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## Hydrogen Bonding Phase-Transfer Catalysis with Potassium Fluoride: Enantioselective Synthesis of $\beta$ -Fluoroamines

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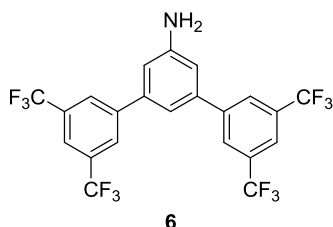
## General Information

Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers (Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, Fluorochem and Apollo Scientific) and used without further purification. Unless otherwise stated, solvents were used without prior drying/degassing. Reactions requiring anhydrous conditions are clearly stated and were conducted after flame-drying of the appropriate reaction vessel (round-bottom two-neck flasks or Schlenk) and under an inert atmosphere of nitrogen. Dry solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers. The dry chloroform employed in the fluorination was purchased from Acros and passed on a column of basic alumina prior to use (to ensure absence of HCl impurities). KF (99.9% trace metal basis from Alfa Aesar) was used as provided by the supplier (fine powder) and used without pre-drying. CsF (99.9% trace metal basis from Sigma-Aldrich) was ground prior to the reaction and used without pre-drying. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel pre-coated aluminium sheets (Merck Kieselgel 60 F<sub>254</sub> plates). Visualization was accomplished by irradiation with UV light at 254 nm, and/or phosphomolybdic acid (PMA) stain, and/or cerium ammonium molybdate (CAM) stain, and/or permanganate stain. Flash column chromatography (FCC) was performed on Merck silica gel (60, particle size 0.040-0.063 mm). Optical rotations were measured on an Autopol L 2000 (Schmidt-Haensch) at 589 nm, 25 °C. Data are reported as:  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ , concentration (*c* in g/100 mL), and solvent. The absolute configuration of the stilbene-derived products was determined by X-ray analysis of compound **2g** and further confirmed by comparing the optical rotation values of compound **8** (derived from compound **4**) to literature values. The configuration of the other stilbene-derived products was assigned by analogy to **2g**. The absolute configuration of **2t** was determined by comparing the optical rotation values of the corresponding  $\beta$ -fluoropicolinamide derivative to literature values. The configuration of the other cyclic products (**2u–2v**) was assigned by analogy to **2t**. All NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVIIIHD 400, AVIIIHD 500 or VII 500. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data are reported as chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) in parts per million (ppm) relative to the solvent peak using the Bruker internal referencing procedure (edlock). <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra are referenced relative to CFCl<sub>3</sub>. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, pent = pentet, sept = septet, br = broad, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. NMR spectra were processed with MestReNova 11.0 or Toppsin 3.5. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS, *m/z*) were recorded on a Thermo Exactive mass spectrometer equipped with Waters Acquity liquid chromatography system using either the heated electrospray (HESI-II) probe for positive electrospray ionization (ESI<sup>+</sup>) or the atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI) probe. Infrared spectra were recorded as the neat compound or in solution using a Bruker tensor 27 FT-IR spectrometer. Absorptions are reported in wavenumber (cm<sup>-1</sup>). Melting points of solids were measured on a Griffin apparatus and are uncorrected. The enantiomeric ratios were determined by HPLC analysis on a Shimadzu *i*-Prominence LC-2030 (PDA detector) employing a chiral stationary phase column specified in the individual experiment by comparing the samples with the appropriate racemic mixtures.

## Catalyst Synthesis and Characterization

Catalysts **3a–d** were prepared according to literature procedures and their analytical data were in agreement with the literature values.<sup>1</sup> Catalysts **3e–g** and their precursor aniline **6** were unknown: their synthesis and characterization is therefore described herein.

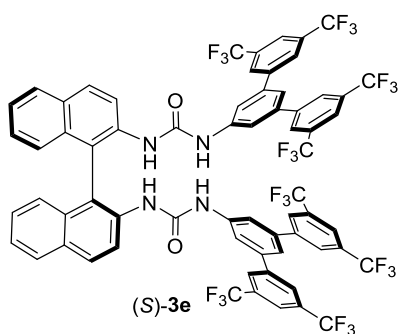
### 3,3'',5,5''-tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3,1''-terphenyl]-5'-amine (**6**)



A two-neck round bottom flask equipped with a stirring bar and a condenser was charged with 3,5-dibromoaniline (2.79 g, 11.11 mmol, 1 equiv.), (3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)boronic acid (10.00 g, 38.91 mmol, 3.50 equiv.), S-Phos (455 mg, 1.11 mmol, 10 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (7.67 g, 55.55 mmol, 5 equiv.) under inert atmosphere. Degassed THF (110 mL) and degassed H<sub>2</sub>O

(27 mL) were added followed by Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (124 mg, 0.55 mmol, 5 mol%). The reaction mixture was then stirred overnight under nitrogen at reflux. After cooling to r.t., the mixture was diluted with water and extracted three times with DCM. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by FCC (Pentane:DCM = 70:30) to afford a white solid (4.63 g, 81% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.03 (s, 4H), 7.90 (s, 2H), 7.12 (br t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (br s, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -62.82 (s, 12F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 148.1, 143.2, 140.9, 132.3 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 33.3 Hz), 127.5, 123.5 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 273.0), 121.5, 116.5, 114.1; IR (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3407, 1624, 1602, 1400, 1309, 1170, 1124, 899, 842, 753, 705; MP 123 – 124 °C; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>12</sub>N<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 518.07726, found 518.07727.

### 1,1'-([1,1'-binaphthalene]-2,2'-diyl)bis(3-(3,3'',5,5''-tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3,1''-terphenyl]-5'-yl)urea) (**3e**)

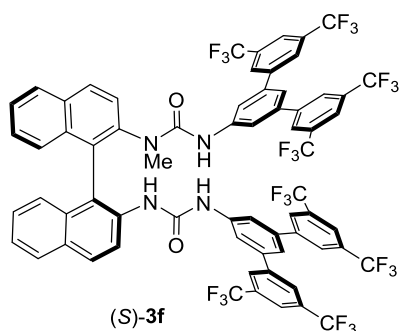


In a flame-dried two-neck flask under inert atmosphere, triphosgene (874 mg, 2.95 mmol, 0.7 equiv.) was dissolved in DCM (5 mL). To this solution, a 0.2 M solution of aniline **6** (4.36 g, 8.45 mmol, 2 equiv.) in DCM (37 mL) was added at 0 °C. Then NEt<sub>3</sub> (2.35 mL, 16.88 mmol, 4 equiv.) was added dropwise at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at r.t. for 2 h under a flow of nitrogen. (*S*)-(-)-1,1'-binaphthyl-2,2'-diamine (1.2 g, 4.22 mmol, 1 equiv.) was then added as a solid and the reaction stirred at r.t. for 24 h (until TLC showed no

further conversion). The reaction was then quenched by addition of water and the aqueous phase was extracted with DCM three times. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was then purified by FCC (Pentane:DCM = 80:20 to 0:100, gradient) to afford a white solid (4.23 g, 73% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 9.33 (br s, 2H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (s, 8H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (s, 4H), 7.64 (s, 4H), 7.61 (s, 2H), 7.52 (s, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376

MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = -61.4 (s, 24F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 153.0, 142.2, 141.0, 138.2, 136.2, 132.9, 130.8 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 33.0 Hz), 130.3, 128.9, 128.2, 127.3, 126.7, 124.8, 124.6, 123.1 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 272.8 Hz), 122.8, 121.1, 119.6, 119.4, 117.2; IR (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3361, 1691, 1599, 1569, 1505, 1428, 1396, 1367, 1278, 1220, 1177, 1131, 1107, 900, 866, 844, 824, 747, 705, 682, 638; MP not determined (decomposition at T >200 °C); HRMS (APCI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>66</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>F<sub>24</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 1371.2371, found 1371.2368; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> °C = -96.7 ° (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

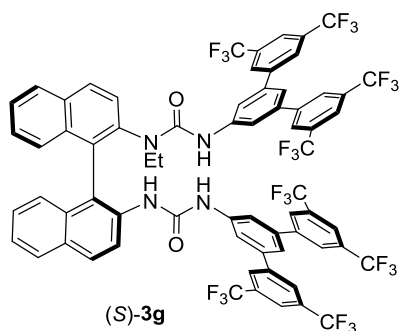
**1-methyl-3-(3,3'',5,5''-tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-5'-yl)-1-(2'-(3-(3,3'',5,5''-tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-5'-yl)ureido)-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-2-yl)urea (3f)**



In a flame-dried two-neck flask under inert atmosphere, triphosgene (257 mg, 0.87 mmol, 0.7 equiv.) was dissolved in DCM (3 mL). To this solution, a solution of aniline **6** (1.28 g, 2.48 mmol, 2 equiv.) in DCM (9 mL) was added at 0 °C. Then NEt<sub>3</sub> (692  $\mu$ L, 4.96 mmol, 4 equiv.) was added dropwise at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at r.t. for 2 h under a flow of nitrogen. (*S*)-N<sup>2</sup>-methyl-[1,1'-binaphthalene]-2,2'-diamine<sup>1</sup> (363.8 mg, 1.24 mmol, 1 equiv.) was then added as a solid and the reaction stirred at r.t. for 24 h (until TLC showed no further

conversion). The reaction was then quenched by addition of water and the aqueous phase was extracted with DCM three times. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was then purified by FCC (Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 80:20) to afford a white solid (929.6 mg, 54% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.77 (br s, 1H), 8.73 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (s, 5H), 7.90 – 7.71 (m, 10H), 7.69 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.38 (br t,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 7.12 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (br d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = -61.5 (two overlapped singlets, 24F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) [overlapping signals]  $\delta$  = 154.0, 152.3, 142.2, 141.8, 140.6, 140.0, 138.0, 137.4, 136.1, 133.7, 133.0, 132.7, 131.9, 131.4, 130.6 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 32.9 Hz), 130.5 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 32.9 Hz), 129.5, 128.9, 128.2, 127.7, 127.4, 127.1, 126.9, 126.7, 125.8, 124.8, 124.3, 123.1 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 273.2 Hz), 123.0 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 272.9 Hz), 120.9 (m), 120.7, 120.5, 119.8 (overlapped), 119.3, 118.6, 116.4, 36.2; IR (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3330, 1599, 1551, 1507, 1468, 1428, 1397, 1367, 1279, 1180, 1132, 900, 865, 844, 825, 751, 705, 683, 639; MP not determined (decomposition at T >200 °C); HRMS (APCI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>67</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>F<sub>24</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 1385.2578, found 1385.2525; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> °C = -106.9 ° (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**1-ethyl-3-(3,3'',5,5''-tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-5'-yl)-1-(2'-(3-(3,3'',5,5''-tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-5'-yl)ureido)-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-2-yl)urea (3g)**



To a solution of **3e** (4.05 g, 2.95 mmol, 1 equiv.) in acetone (0.1 M, 29 mL) were added iodoethane (4.74 mL, 59 mmol, 20 equiv.) and  $K_2CO_3$  (4.076 g, 29.5 mmol, 10 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 72 h. After filtration on celite, the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. To the crude mixture were added DCM and  $H_2O$ . The aqueous phase was then extracted with DCM three times. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over  $MgSO_4$  and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by FCC (Pentane:EtOAc = 100:0

to 80:20, gradient) to afford a white solid (2.10 g, 51% yield).  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.49 (br s, 1H), 8.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 4H), 7.77 (s, 2H), 7.74 (s, 2H), 7.72 (s, 4H), 7.64 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (s, 2H), 7.56 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 3H), 7.21 (s, 3H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 3.44 – 3.33 (m, 1H), 3.07 (br s, 1H), 1.05 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H);  $^{19}F$  NMR (470 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = –62.9 (s, 12F), –63.0 (s, 12F);  $^{13}C$  NMR (126 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) [overlapping signals]  $\delta$  = 156.1, 152.7, 142.2, 141.6, 140.1, 139.9, 139.8, 139.7, 138.6, 135.3, 133.9, 133.4, 133.3, 132.3 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 33.0 Hz), 132.0 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 33.0 Hz), 131.9, 130.8, 130.3, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 127.4, 127.1, 127.0, 126.7, 125.3, 123.2 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 273.0 Hz), 123.1 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 272.9 Hz), 121.6 (m), 121.5 (m), 121.3, 120.7, 120.3, 120.0, 119.9, 118.2, 44.4, 13.6; IR (thin layer film)  $\nu$  ( $cm^{-1}$ ) = 3323, 2929, 1600, 1756, 1507, 1469, 1367, 1279, 1179, 1132, 901, 845, 706, 683; MP not determined (decomposition at  $T > 200$  °C); HRMS (APCI $^+$ )  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{68}H_{39}O_2N_4F_{24}$   $[M+H]^+$  1399.2684, found 1399.2690;  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  ° = –116.1 ° ( $c$  = 0.5,  $CHCl_3$ ).

N. B. When the same procedure used for the synthesis of catalyst **3f** was used to prepare **3g**, only very poor yields were obtained (<10% yield).

## Optimization of Reaction Conditions

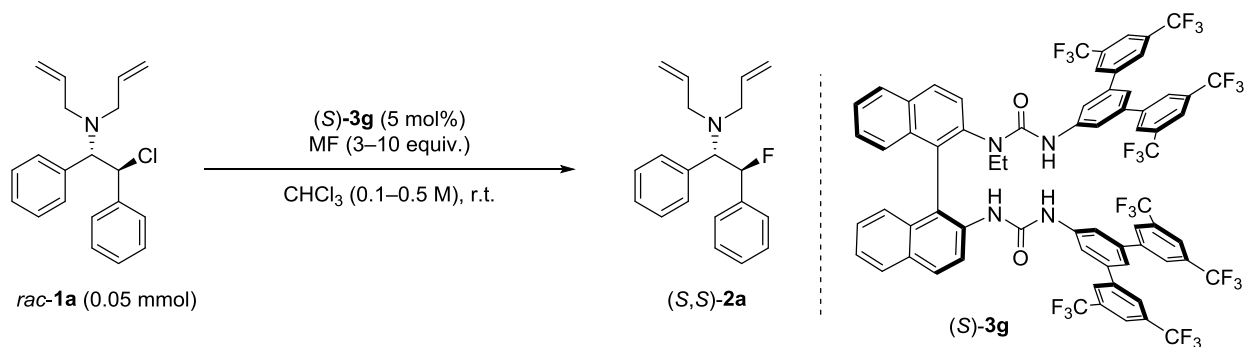
Despite our efforts, the isolation of alternative starting materials based on the stilbene backbone (bromides or mesylates) proved to be challenging due to their instability. We therefore focused our investigation on chlorides.

**Table S1:** Catalyst Screening

<p style="text-align: center;"> <math>\text{rac-1a (0.05 mmol)} \xrightarrow[\text{DCM (0.25 M), 24 h}]{\text{(S)-3a-g (5 mol\%), KF (3 equiv.)}} \text{(S,S)-2a}</math> </p>			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>(S)-<b>3a</b>: R=H              (S)-<b>3b</b>: R=Me              (S)-<b>3c</b>: R=Et              (S)-<b>3d</b>: R=iPr</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>(S)-<b>3e</b>: R=H              (S)-<b>3f</b>: R=Me              (S)-<b>3g</b>: R=Et</p> </div> </div>			
Entry	Catalyst	Yield <sup>a</sup>	e.r. <sup>b</sup>
1	(S)- <b>3a</b>	>99%	55:45
2	(S)- <b>3b</b>	98%	85:15
3	(S)- <b>3c</b>	>99%	86:14
4	(S)- <b>3d</b>	83%	86:14
5	(S)- <b>3e</b>	77%	55:45
6	(S)- <b>3f</b>	72%	88:12
7	(S)- <b>3g</b>	80%	90.5:9.5

**Reaction conditions:** 0.05 mmol of *rac*-**1a**, KF (3 equiv.) and (S)-**3** (5 mol%) were stirred in DCM at 900 rpm at r.t. for 24h. <sup>a</sup> Determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR using 4-fluoroanisole as internal standard; <sup>b</sup> e.r.= enantiomeric ratio, determined by HPLC using a chiral stationary phase.

**Table S2:** Concentration and Nucleophile Equivalents Screening

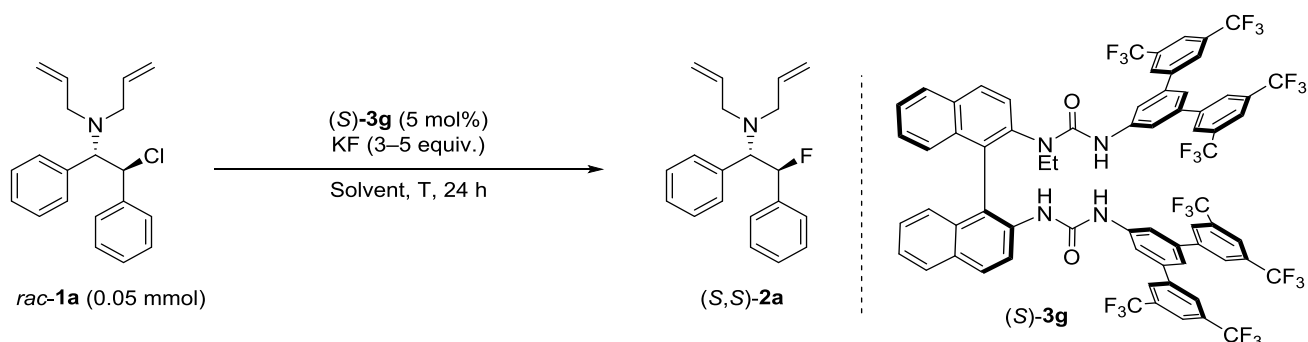


Entry	MF	MF (equiv.)	Concentration (M)	Time (h)	Yield <sup>a</sup>	e.r. <sup>b</sup>
1	KF	3	0.25	5	14%	89.5:10.5
2	KF	5	0.25	5	18%	90.5:9.5
3	KF	10	0.25	5	55%	90.5:9.5
4	KF	3	0.1	24	20%	90:10
5	KF	3	0.5	5	59%	90:10
6	KF	5	0.5	5	87%	90.5:9.5
7	KF	5	0.5	24	>99%	90.5:9.5
8	CsF	3	0.25	24	>99%	91:9

**Reaction conditions:** 0.05 mmol of *rac*-**1a**, MF, (*S*)-**3g** (5 mol%) in dry  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (filtered on basic alumina to remove residual HCl), stirring at 900 rpm at r.t. for the indicated time. <sup>a</sup> Determined by  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR using 4-fluoroanisole as internal standard; <sup>b</sup> e.r.= enantiomeric ratio, determined by HPLC using a chiral stationary phase.



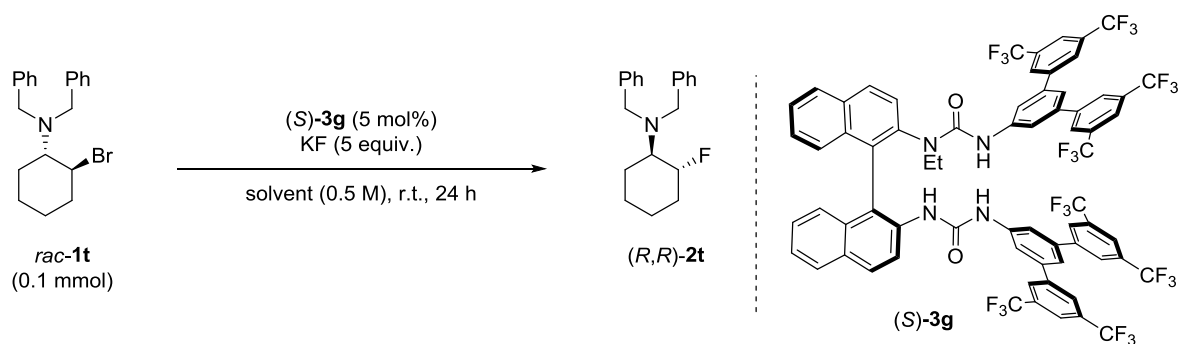
**Table S3:** Solvent and Temperature Screening



Entry	Solvent (Concentration/M)	KF (equiv.)	Temperature (°C)	Yield <sup>a</sup>	e.r. <sup>b</sup>
1	CH <sub>3</sub> CN (0.25)	3	r.t.	9%	-
2	1,2-difluorobenzene(0.25)	3	r.t.	95%	93:7
3	$\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -trifluorotoluene (0.25)	3	r.t.	98%	93:7
4	DCM (0.25)	3	r.t.	80%	90.5:9.5
5	Chlorobenzene (0.25)	3	r.t.	17%	93:7
6	CHCl <sub>3</sub> (0.25) <sup>c</sup>	3	r.t.	80%	90.5:9.5
7	CHCl <sub>3</sub> (0.25)	3	r.t.	52%	85:15
8	Toluene (0.25)	3	r.t.	36%	93:7
9	1,2-difluorobenzene (0.5)	5	0	58%	94:6
10	$\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -trifluorotoluene (0.5)	5	0	77%	94:6
11	DCM (0.5)	5	0	80%	93:7
12	CHCl <sub>3</sub> (0.5) <sup>c</sup>	5	0	98%	93.5:6.5
13	CHCl <sub>3</sub> (0.5) <sup>c,d</sup>	5	-10	72%	94.5:5.5
14	CHCl <sub>3</sub> (0.5) <sup>c,d</sup>	5	-15	71% <sup>e</sup>	95:5

**Reaction conditions:** 0.05 mmol of *rac*-**1a**, KF (3-5 equiv., as reported), (*S*)-**3g** (5 mol%), stirring at 900 rpm at the indicated temperature for 24 h. <sup>a</sup> Determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR using 4-fluoroanisole as internal standard; <sup>b</sup> e.r.= enantiomeric ratio, determined by HPLC using a chiral stationary phase; <sup>c</sup> Dry CHCl<sub>3</sub>, filtered on basic alumina to remove residual HCl; <sup>d</sup> 10 mol% of (*S*)-**3g** were used; <sup>e</sup> isolated yield after 72 h.

**Table S4:** Optimization of Reaction Conditions for Aliphatic Substrates



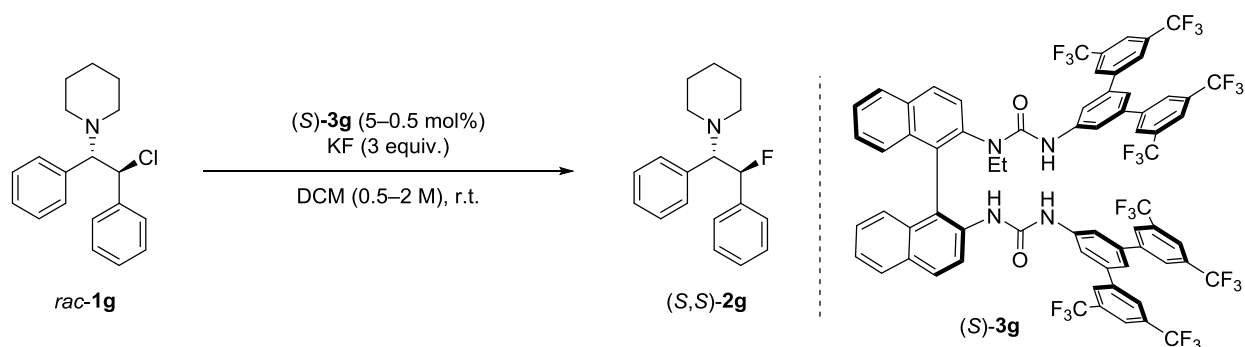
Entry	Solvent	Yield <sup>a</sup>	e.r. <sup>b</sup>
1	1,2-difluorobenzene	28%	83.5:16.5
2	$\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -trifluorotoluene	47%	85.5:14.5
3	DCM	25%	84.5:15.5
4	Chlorobenzene	12%	-
5	$\text{CHCl}_3^c$	20%	83.5:16.5
6	Toluene	traces	-

**Reaction conditions:** 0.1 mmol of *rac*-**1t**, KF (5 equiv.), (*S*)-**3g** (5 mol%) stirring at 900 rpm at r.t. for 24 h.

<sup>a</sup> Determined by  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR using 4-fluoroanisole as internal standard; <sup>b</sup> e.r.= enantiomeric ratio, determined by HPLC using a chiral stationary phase; <sup>c</sup> Dry  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , filtered on basic alumina to remove residual HCl.

N. B. Under similar conditions, the corresponding aliphatic chloride starting materials were unreactive. We therefore selected  $\beta$ -aminobromides as substrates.

**Table S5:** Optimization of the Reaction Conditions for the Multi-Decagram Scale

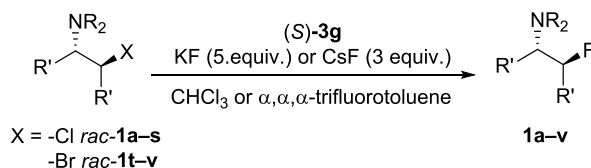


Entry	Mass of <b>1g</b> (mmol of <b>1g</b> )	Concentration (M)	Catalyst Loading	Time (h)	Yield <sup>a</sup>	e.r. <sup>b</sup>
1	0.017 g (0.05)	0.25	5	48	>99%	92.5:7.5
2	0.017 g (0.05)	0.25	2	48	>99%	92:8
3	0.017 g (0.05)	0.25	1	48	>99%	92:8
4	0.017 g (0.05)	0.25	0.5	72	95%	91:9
6	0.167 g (0.5)	0.5	0.5	13	23%	91.5:8.5
7	0.167 g (0.5)	1	0.5	13	64%	92.5:7.5
8	0.167 g (0.5)	2	0.5	13	85%	92:8
9	1.0 g (3.34)	2	0.5	24	83%	91:9
10	5.5 g (18.3)	2	0.5	72	95%	92:8
11	50.0 g (167.2)	2	0.5	72	95% (66%) <sup>c</sup>	92:8 (97:3) <sup>c</sup>

**Reaction conditions:** *rac*-**1g**, KF (3 equiv.), (*S*)-**3g**, in DCM stirring at 900 rpm at r.t. for the indicated time.

<sup>a</sup> Determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR using 4-fluoroanisole as internal standard; <sup>b</sup> e.r.= enantiomeric ratio, determined by HPLC using a chiral stationary phase; <sup>c</sup> In parenthesis: yield and e.r. after a single recrystallization.

## General Procedure for the Asymmetric Nucleophilic Fluorination of Aziridinium Ions



**Method A, fluorination with KF:** In a vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar were sequentially added the substrate (1 equiv.), the catalyst, KF (5 equiv.) and dry  $\text{CHCl}_3$  or  $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -trifluorotoluene (0.5 M, pre-cooled at the same temperature as the reaction). The vial was sealed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 900 rpm at the appropriate temperature for the indicated time. The crude mixture was then filtered through a small plug of silica (and eluted with cold  $\text{DCM/EtOAc} = 1:1$ ), evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure and directly purified by FCC. For reaction optimization the crude mixture was analyzed by  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (4-fluoroanisole as internal standard) to determine the yield; an aliquot of the reaction mixture was purified by preparative TLC and analyzed by HPLC (chiral stationary phase) to determine the e.r.

**Method B, fluorination with CsF:** In a vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar were sequentially added the substrate (1 equiv.), catalyst **3g**, CsF (3 equiv.) and dry  $\text{CHCl}_3$  or  $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -trifluorotoluene (0.25 M, pre-cooled at the same temperature as the reaction). The vial was sealed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 900 rpm at the appropriate temperature for the indicated time. The crude mixture was then filtered through a small plug of silica (and eluted with cold  $\text{DCM/EtOAc} = 1:1$ ), evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure and directly purified by FCC.

**Note:** KF (99.9% trace metal basis from Alfa Aesar) was used as provided (fine powder) by the supplier and used without pre-drying. CsF (99.9% trace metal basis from Sigma-Aldrich) was ground prior to the reaction and used without pre-drying. The dry chloroform was passed on a column of basic alumina prior to use to ensure absence of HCl impurities.  $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -trifluorotoluene was used as provided by the supplier without further drying/purification.

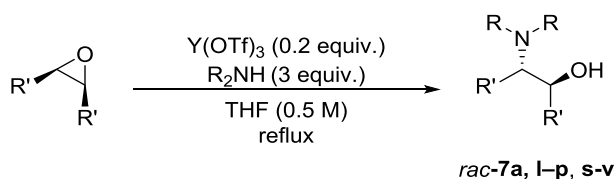
**Racemate synthesis:** The racemic reference products for HPLC analysis were obtained using the same procedure as above (KF or CsF, 3 equiv.) and Schreiner's urea catalyst (r.t.). Alternatively, the starting material was reacted with  $\text{AgF}$  (1.2 equiv.) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  at  $60^\circ\text{C}$  for 2 h.

## Substrates Synthesis and Characterization

### $\beta$ -Aminoalcohols

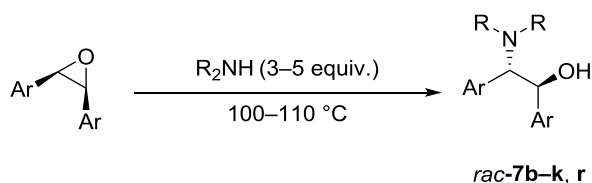
$\beta$ -Aminoalcohols **7a–v** were prepared by heating the corresponding *meso* epoxides<sup>2</sup> in the presence of the appropriate secondary amine either with a Lewis acid (**7a**, **l–q**, **s–v**) (*method A*) or neat (**7b–k**, **r**) (*method B*). For the synthesis of **7b** and **7i**, the hydrochloride salt of the amine was used and details for the release of the free amine are given in the single experiment.

#### General Procedure for the Synthesis of $\beta$ -Aminoalcohols: Method A



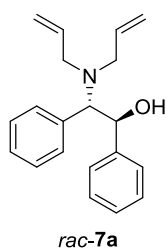
Following a slightly modified procedure from the one reported by Yamamoto,<sup>3</sup> in a flame-dried two-neck round bottom flask, the *cis*-epoxide (1 equiv.), the amine (3 equiv.) and Y(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.2 equiv.) were refluxed in anhydrous THF (0.5 M) under inert atmosphere until complete conversion of the epoxide (14–72 h, monitored by TLC). The reaction mixture was then cooled to r.t. and the solvent evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was re-dissolved in EtOAc washed with a saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted twice with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by FCC over silica gel.

#### General Procedure for the Synthesis of $\beta$ -Aminoalcohols: Method B



In a pressure tube, the *cis*-epoxide was dissolved in 3–5 equivalents of the amine and stirred at 100–110 °C until complete conversion of the starting material (14–48 h, monitored by TLC). The excess amine was then removed by evaporation under reduced pressure and the crude product was directly purified by FCC over silica gel.

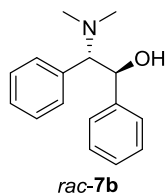
#### *rac*-2-(diallylamino)-1,2-diphenylethan-1-ol (**7a**)



Alcohol **7a** was prepared following the general procedure (*method A*, 48 h), from *cis*-stilbene oxide (3.5 g, 17.8 mmol, 1 equiv.) and diallylamine (6.6 mL, 53.5 mmol, 3 equiv.). Purification by FCC(Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2) afforded the title compound as a pale yellow solid (3.26 g, 63% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.36 – 7.06 (m, 10H), 5.92 (tdd, *J* = 14.0, 8.6, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 5.25 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 4H), 5.09 – 5.04 (m, 2H), 3.92 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (ddt, *J* =

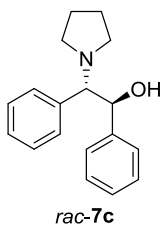
13.9, 4.1, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (dd,  $J = 14.0, 8.6$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 141.6, 136.3, 133.6, 130.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 127.5, 118.3, 71.1, 69.8, 52.8$ ; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3356, 3064, 3030, 2824, 1642, 1493, 1451, 1400, 1335, 1081, 1053, 972, 757, 698, 607; **MP** 44 – 46 °C; **HRMS** ( $\text{ESI}^+$ )  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  294.18524, found 294.18507.

#### ***rac*-2-(dimethylamino)-1,2-diphenylethan-1-ol (7b)**



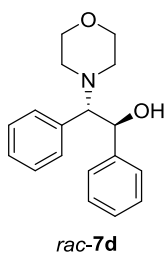
In a pressure tube, dimethylamine hydrochloride (2.45 g, 30 mmol, 5 equiv.) and sodium hydroxide (2.4 g, 60 mmol, 10 equiv.) were dissolved in 30 mL of MeOH/Water (1:1) and stirred at 0 °C for 10 min before addition of *cis*-stilbene oxide (1.2 g, 6.0 mmol, 1 equiv.). The pressure tube was sealed, and the reaction stirred at 65 °C overnight. The reaction mixture was then allowed to cool to r.t. and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried on  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and evaporated to dryness. Purification by FCC (Pentane:EtOAc = 90:10 to 80:20, gradient) afforded **7b** as a white solid (1.20 g, 83% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.23 - 7.10$  (m, 5H), 7.10 – 6.90 (m, 5H), 4.91 (d,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 141.5, 132.4, 130.2, 128.0, 127.8, 127.8, 127.4, 127.4, 75.9, 71.1, 40.9$ ; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3291, 3030, 2941, 2903, 2869, 2835, 2789, 1602, 1493, 1474, 1079, 1051, 1036, 877, 700; **MP** 88 – 91 °C; **HRMS** ( $\text{ESI}^+$ )  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  242.15394, found 242.15385.

#### ***rac*-1,2-diphenyl-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethan-1-ol (7c)**



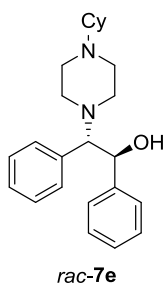
Alcohol **7c** was prepared following the general procedure (*method B*, 14 h), from *cis*-stilbene oxide (2.0 g, 10.2 mmol, 1 equiv.) and pyrrolidine (4.0 mL, 51 mmol, 5 equiv.). Purification by FCC (DCM:MeOH = 98:2) afforded the title compound as a white solid (2.27 g, 83% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.40 - 7.24$  (m, 5H), 7.22 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 5.29 (br s, 1H), 5.02 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.72 – 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.57 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.64 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 141.9, 133.5, 130.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 72.1, 71.8, 48.1, 22.8$ ; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3370, 3027, 2954, 2925, 1620, 1452, 1261, 1081, 1056, 701; **MP** 80 – 81 °C; **HRMS** ( $\text{ESI}^+$ )  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  268.16959, found 268.16949. Spectroscopic data were in agreement with the ones previously reported in literature.<sup>4</sup>

#### ***rac*-2-morpholino-1,2-diphenylethan-1-ol (7d)**



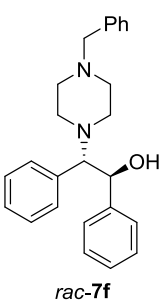
Alcohol **7d** was prepared following the general procedure (*method B*, 24 h), from *cis*-stilbene oxide (1.00 g, 5.0 mmol, 1 equiv.) and morpholine (2.2 mL, 25 mmol, 5 equiv.). Purification by FCC (Hexane:EtOAc = 100:0 to 60:40, gradient) afforded the title compound as a white solid (1.22 g, 86% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.35 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 5.13 (br s, 1 H), 5.11 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.8, 6.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (ddd,  $J$  = 11.0, 6.4, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 3.61 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.81 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.49 – 2.39 (m, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) [overlapped signals]  $\delta$  = 141.2, 132.7, 130.0, 128.0 (overlapped), 127.6, 127.4, 76.9, 70.4, 67.4, 49.3 (br); **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3352, 3030, 2912, 2851, 1452, 1402, 1115, 1028, 994, 912, 873, 700; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 284.16451, found 284.16437. Spectroscopic data were in agreement with the ones previously reported in literature.<sup>5</sup>

#### ***rac*-2-(4-cyclohexylpiperazin-1-yl)-1,2-diphenylethan-1-ol (7e)**



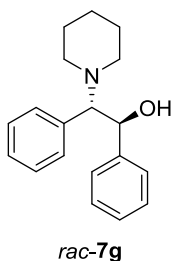
Alcohol **7e** was prepared following the general procedure (*method B*, 14 h), dissolving *cis*-stilbene oxide (1.00 g, 5.0 mmol, 1 equiv.) and 1-cyclohexylpiperazine (2.50 g, 15 mmol, 3 equiv.) in 5 mL of EtOH. Purification by FCC (Pentane:EtOAc = 80:20 with 3% NEt<sub>3</sub>) afforded the title compound as a white solid (1.57 g, 86% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 70 °C)  $\delta$  = 7.48 – 7.27 (m, 10H), 5.29 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (br s, 1H), 3.87 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.85 – 2.69 (m, 6H), 2.57 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.40 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 2.00 – 1.86 (m, 4H), 1.77 (dt,  $J$  = 12.8, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.48 – 1.23 (m, 5H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 70 °C)  $\delta$  = 142.0, 133.7, 129.5, 127.2, 127.2, 127.0, 126.8, 126.5, 74.7, 69.6, 62.1, 48.8, 48.6, 28.2, 25.6, 24.8; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3335, 2922, 2851, 1405, 1187, 1148, 1000, 977, 703; **MP** 153 – 157 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 365.25984, found 365.25830.

#### ***rac*-2-(4-benzylpiperazin-1-yl)-1,2-diphenylethan-1-ol (7f)**



Alcohol **7f** was prepared following the general procedure (*method B*, 14 h), from *cis*-stilbene oxide (1.00 g, 5.0 mmol, 1 equiv.) and 1-benzylpiperazine (2.6 mL, 15 mmol, 3 equiv.). Purification by FCC (Pentane:EtOAc = 95:5 to 90:10, gradient) afforded the title compound as a pale yellow solid (1.40 g, 75% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.37 – 7.23 (m, 10H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 5.24 (br s, 1H), 5.09 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.57 – 3.50 (m, 2H), 2.90 – 2.31 (m, 8H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 141.5, 138.0, 133.1, 130.0, 129.3, 128.3, 128.0, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 76.4, 70.5, 63.2, 53.6, 49.6 (br); **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3327, 3030, 2934, 2853, 1725, 1452, 1408, 1271, 1091, 1052, 1025, 700; **MP** 135 – 137 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 373.22744, found 373.22736.

#### ***rac*-1,2-diphenyl-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethan-1-ol (7g)**



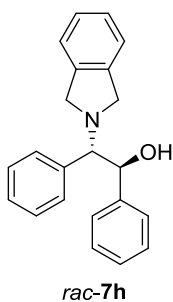
Alcohol **7g** was prepared following the general procedure (*method B*, 14 h), from *cis*-stilbene oxide (2.32 g, 11.8 mmol, 1 equiv.) and piperidine (6.0 mL, 59 mmol, 5 equiv.).

Purification by FCC (Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 100:0 to 90:10, gradient with 4% of NEt<sub>3</sub>) afforded the title compound as a white solid (2.22 g, 67% yield). **For the multi-decagram scale**

**reaction:** *cis*-stilbene (91.7 g, 0.47 mol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in piperidine (184 mL, 1.4 mol, 4 equiv.) and refluxed for 24 h. The reaction was then cooled to r.t. and the excess

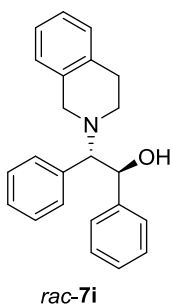
amine was removed under vacuum. Hexane was added and after stirring for 15 min, the solution was filtered and the solid was washed with cold hexane. The brown solid was then dried overnight under vacuum and directly used for the successive step without any further purification (111.7 g, 0.40 mol, 85% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.20 – 7.09 (m, 5H), 5.36 (br s, 1H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (br s, 2H), 2.31 (br s, 2H), 1.81 – 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.48 – 1.25 (m, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 141.8, 133.5, 130.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 127.4, 77.2, 70.5, 50.4, 26.7, 24.4; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3320, 3030, 2933, 2852, 1452, 1407, 1217, 1195, 1156, 1088, 1052, 1025, 984, 875, 758, 745, 700; **MP** 96 – 97 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 282.18524, found 282.18495.

#### ***rac*-2-(isoindolin-2-yl)-1,2-diphenylethan-1-ol (7h)**



In an extraction funnel, isoindoline hydrochloride (2.1 g, 13.5 mmol, 3 equiv.) was dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O and washed with NaOH (1 M). Phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted twice with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic phases were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in 3 mL of EtOH and transferred into a pressure tube. *Cis*-stilbene oxide (785 mg, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added and the pressure tube sealed. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C overnight. Volatiles were evaporated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by FCC (Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 100:0 to 90:10, gradient) to afford **7h** as a brown solid (1.18 g, 94% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.25 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.14 – 7.03 (m, 10H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.03 – 3.90 (m, 5H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 141.5, 139.2, 134.3, 130.2, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 127.3, 126.8, 122.4, 72.4, 72.1, 54.0; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3366, 3029, 2894, 2803, 1493, 1453, 1398, 1188, 1112, 1075, 909, 741, 700; **MP** 131 – 132 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 316.16959, found 316.16907.

#### ***rac*-2-(3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)-1,2-diphenylethan-1-ol (7i)**



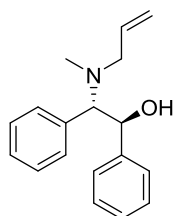
Alcohol **7i** was prepared following the general procedure (*method B*, 14 h), from *cis*-stilbene oxide (1.0 g, 5.0 mmol, 1 equiv.) and tetrahydroisoquinoline (3.2 mL, 25 mmol, 5 equiv.).

Purification by FCC (Pentane:EtOAc = 100:0 to 97:3, gradient) afforded the title compound as an ivory solid (1.55 g, 94% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.35 – 7.12 (m, 13H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (br s, 1H), 4.00 – 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.19 – 3.09 (m, 1H), 3.10 – 2.96 (m, 2H), 2.59 (ddd, *J* = 11.8, 7.3,



5.1 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) [overlapping signals]  $\delta$  = 141.4, 134.7, 134.1, 133.0, 130.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5 (overlapped), 126.7, 126.3, 125.8, 76.3, 70.9, 52.1, 46.6, 29.9; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3350, 3028, 2916, 2832, 1495, 1453, 1403, 1193, 1127, 1086, 1048, 909, 760, 739, 700; **MP** 117 – 121  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; **HRMS** ( $\text{ESI}^+$ )  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  330.18634, found 330.18497.

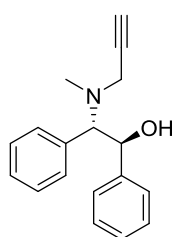
***rac*-2-(allyl(methyl)amino)-1,2-diphenylethan-1-ol (7j)**



*rac*-7j

Alcohol **7j** was prepared following the general procedure (*method B*, 48 h), from *cis*-stilbene oxide (1.0 g, 5.0 mmol, 1 equiv.) and *N*-Allylmethylamine (2.4 mL, 25 mmol, 5 equiv.). Purification by FCC (Pentane:EtOAc = 98:2 to 90:10, gradient) afforded the title compound as a white solid (1.16 g, 87% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 6.00 – 5.87 (m, 1H), 5.25 – 5.23 (m, 1H), 5.22 – 5.20 (m, 1H), 5.06 (d,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd,  $J$  = 13.5, 5.6, Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd,  $J$  = 13.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 141.6, 136.1, 133.0, 130.2, 128.0, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 127.5, 118.1, 73.8, 71.0, 57.5, 37.0; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3329, 3030, 2881, 1643, 1493, 1452, 1399, 1335, 1274, 1185, 1127, 1081, 1034, 1013, 921, 757, 699. **MP** 63 – 64  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; **HRMS** ( $\text{ESI}^+$ )  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  268.16959, found 268.16915.

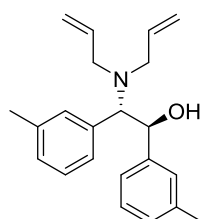
***rac*-2-(methyl(prop-2-yn-1-yl)amino)-1,2-diphenylethan-1-ol (7k)**



*rac*-7k

Alcohol **7k** was prepared following the general procedure (*method B*, 48 h), from *cis*-stilbene oxide (750 mg, 3.8 mmol, 1 equiv.) and *N*-Methylpropargylamine (1.3 mL, 15 mmol, 4 equiv.). Purification by FCC (Pentane:EtOAc = 98:2 to 90:10, gradient) afforded the title compound as a white solid (500 mg, 49% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.31 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 5H), 5.08 (d,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (br s, 1H), 3.98 (d,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd,  $J$  = 16.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd,  $J$  = 16.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.32 (t,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.4, 132.4, 130.2, 128.1 (overlapped), 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 80.2, 73.1, 73.0, 71.2, 44.0, 34.0; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3364, 3291, 3031, 2879, 2803, 1423, 1357, 1302, 1186, 1016, 759, 670; **MP** 58 – 60  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; **HRMS** ( $\text{ESI}^+$ )  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  266.15394, found 266.15396.

***rac*-2-(diallylamino)-1,2-di-*m*-tolylethan-1-ol (7l)**

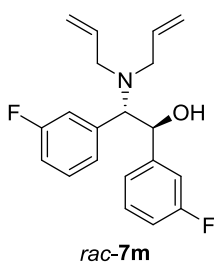


*rac*-7l

Alcohol **7l** was prepared following the general procedure (*method A*, 48 h), from *cis*-2,3-di-*m*-tolylloxirane (1.10 g, 4.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) and diallylamine (1.7 mL, 14 mmol, 3 equiv.). Purification by FCC (Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 100:0 to 98:2, gradient) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (1.00 g, 70% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.15 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 7.04 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.95 – 6.91 (m, 3H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 5.94 – 5.86 (m, 2H), 5.23 (d,  $J$  = 13.3 Hz, 4H), 5.07 (br s, 1H), 5.02 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d,  $J$  = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 14.0 Hz, 2H), 2.3 (s, 3H), 2.2 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 141.5, 137.5, 137.4, 136.4, 133.5, 131.0, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.1, 124.7, 118.2, 70.9, 69.4, 52.8, 21.7, 21.5; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3356, 3025, 2977, 2921, 2826,

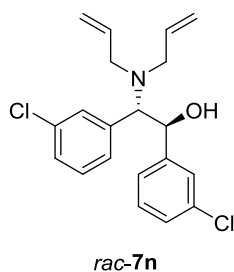
1642, 1607, 1489, 1448, 1398, 1318, 1245, 1153, 1093, 1055, 994, 972, 920, 885, 848, 782, 703; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 322.2165, found 322.2164.

***rac*-2-(diallylamino)-1,2-bis(3-fluorophenyl)ethan-1-ol (7m)**



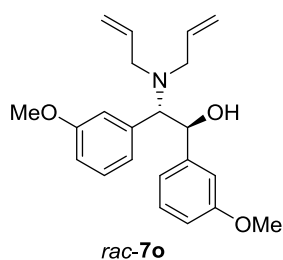
Alcohol **7m** was prepared following the general procedure (*method A*, 24 h), from *cis*-2,3-bis(3-fluorophenyl)oxirane (800 mg, 3.4 mmol, 1 equiv.) and diallylamine (1.2 mL, 10.3 mmol, 3 equiv.). Purification by FCC (Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 100:0 to 95:5 gradient) afforded the title compound as a white solid (1.00 g, 88% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$  = 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.99 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 6.80 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 5.90 – 5.79 (m, 2H), 5.29 – 5.18 (m, 4H), 4.96 (d,  $J$  = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (br s, 1H), 3.82 (d,  $J$  = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d,  $J$  = 14 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (dd,  $J$  = 9.3, 14 Hz, 2H); **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>); -112.6 (m, 1F), -113.4 (m, 1F); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>); 162.78 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 245 Hz), 162.6 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 245 Hz), 144.05 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 8 Hz), 136.02 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 8.0 Hz), 135.84, 129.75 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 8.5 Hz), 129.54 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 8.5 Hz), 125.78 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 2.8 Hz), 123.23 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 2.8 Hz), 118.73, 116.81 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 21.3 Hz), 115.04 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 21.3 Hz), 114.6 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 21.3 Hz), 114.11 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 21.3 Hz), 70.60, 69.35, 52.84; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3366, 3080, 2826, 1643, 1614, 1589, 1488, 1447, 1398, 1314, 1247, 1137, 1079, 1054, 995, 958, 923, 878, 782, 759, 705, 696; **MP** 60 – 63 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 330.1664, found 330.1663.

***rac*-1,2-bis(3-chlorophenyl)-2-(diallylamino)ethan-1-ol (7n)**



Alcohol **7n** was prepared following the general procedure (*method A*, 24 h), from *cis*-2,3-bis(3-chlorophenyl)oxirane (1.00 g, 3.7 mmol, 1 equiv.) and diallylamine (1.3 mL, 11 mmol, 3 equiv.). Purification by FCC (Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 100:0 to 90:10 gradient) afforded the title compound as colorless oil (0.98 g, 70% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$  = 7.27 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 7.00 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 5.90 – 5.80 (m, 2H), 5.28 – 5.21 (m, 4H), 4.95 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d,  $J$  = 14 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 14 Hz, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 143.4, 135.8, 135.4, 134.3, 134.2, 130.0, 129.5, 129.4, 128.3, 128.6, 127.9, 127.4, 125.8, 118.8, 70.5, 69.4, 52.8; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3358, 3077, 2825, 1643, 1596, 1572, 1477, 1431, 1127, 1394, 1311, 1259, 1191, 1096, 1081, 1058, 996, 973, 922, 885, 836, 785, 733; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NOCl<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 362.1073, found 362.1071.

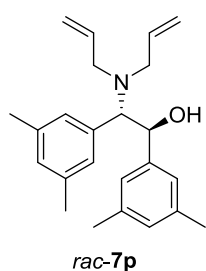
***rac*-2-(diallylamino)-1,2-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-ol (7o)**



Alcohol **7o** was prepared following the general procedure (*method A*, 24 h), from *cis*-2,3-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)oxirane (800 mg, 3.12 mmol, 1 equiv.) and diallylamine (1.16 mL, 9.37 mmol, 3 equiv.). Purification by FCC (Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 90:10 to 80:20, gradient) afforded the title compound as a pale yellow oil (788 mg, 71% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.19 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.81 – 6.75 (m, 3H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.63

(s, 1H), 5.95 – 5.83 (m, 2H), 5.27 – 5.18 (m, 4H), 5.04 (br s, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.54 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 2.68 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 8.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 159.3 (overlapped), 143.3, 136.3, 135.2, 129.0, 129.0, 122.5, 120.0, 118.3, 116.6, 113.1, 112.9, 112.6, 70.9, 69.1, 55.3, 55.2, 52.9. IR (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3350, 2936, 2835, 1600, 1585, 1490, 1260, 1154, 1046, 877. HRMS could not be recorded as the compound did not ionize and/or decomposed under any standard technique.

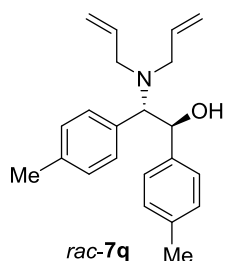
***rac*-2-(diallylamino)-1,2-bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)ethan-1-ol (7p)**



Alcohol **7p** was prepared following the general procedure (*method A*, 24 h), *cis*-2,3-bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)oxirane (1.00 g, 4 mmol, 1 equiv.) and diallylamine (1.5 mL, 12 mmol, 3 equiv.). Purification by FCC (Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 100:0 to 98:2 gradient) afforded the title compound as a white solid (550 mg, 40% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.81 (s, 2H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.70 (s, 2H), 5.93 – 5.85 (m, 2H), 5.22 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 4H), 4.95 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.50 – 3.43 (m, 2H), 2.65 (dd, *J*

= 8.7, 14 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 6H), 2.17 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 141.5, 137.3, 137.2, 136.6, 133.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.0, 125.5, 118.1, 70.8, 69.0, 52.8, 21.6, 21.4; IR (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3363, 3078, 3008, 2976, 2918, 1642, 1605, 1448, 1416, 1399, 1377, 1311, 1291, 1158, 1114, 1064, 994, 974, 919, 860, 849, 748, 704; MP 99 – 102 °C; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 350.2478, found 350.2479.

***rac*-2-(diallylamino)-1,2-di-*p*-tolylethan-1-ol (7q)**

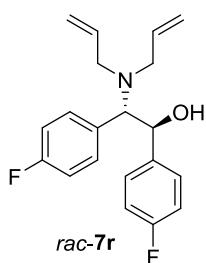


*cis*-2,3-di-*p*-tolylloxirane (900 mg, 4.02 mmol, 1 equiv.), diallylamine (1.48 mL, 12.0 mmol, 3 equiv.) and ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (1.1 g, 8.04 mmol, 2 equiv.) were stirred in DMF (8 mL, 0.5 M) at 70 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to r.t., diluted with water and extracted three times with DCM. The combined organic layers were washed twice with LiCl (10% w/v solution), dried on MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated *in vacuo*. Purification by FCC (Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 100:0 to 95:5, gradient) afforded the title compound as a

yellow oil (410 mg, 31% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.11 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.02 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.89 (dddd, *J* = 18.1, 9.8, 8.6, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 5.28 – 5.23 (m, 2H), 5.22 – 5.20 (m, 2H), 5.07 (br s, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.53 – 3.47 (m, 2H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 8.6 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 138.6, 137.3,

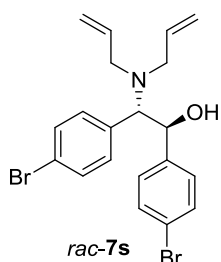
136.9, 136.5, 130.5, 130.0, 128.8, 128.8, 127.4, 118.2, 70.8, 69.2, 52.8, 21.2 (overlapped). **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3364, 3008, 2978, 2922, 1643, 1448, 1396, 1327, 1057, 920, 814; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 322.21654, found 322.21658.

***rac*-2-(diallylamino)-1,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)ethan-1-ol (7r)**



Alcohol **7r** was prepared following the general procedure (*method B*, 72 h), from *cis*-2,3-bis(4-fluorophenyl)oxirane (1.03 g, 4.44 mmol, 1equiv.) and diallylamine (13 mL, 13.3 mmol, 3 equiv.). Purification by FCC(Pentane:EtOAc = 100:0 to 90:10) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (1.053 g, 73% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 5.88 (dddd,  $J$  = 16.9, 10.4, 8.6, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 5.28 – 5.18 (m, 4H), 4.99 (br s, 1H), 4.97 (d,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.53 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 2.63 (dd,  $J$  = 13.9, 8.7 Hz, 2H); **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -114.00 – -114.09 (m, 1F), -115.02 – -115.16 (m, 1F); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 162.4 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 246.0 Hz), 162.2 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 245.8 Hz), 137.1 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.4 Hz), 136.1, 131.5 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 7.9 Hz), 129.3 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.6 Hz), 129.0 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 8.1 Hz), 118.5, 115.2 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 21.1 Hz), 115.0 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 21.4 Hz), 70.8, 69.3, 52.8; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3367, 3078, 2826, 1644, 1605, 1510, 1224, 924, 835; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>FNO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 330.16640, found 330.16594.

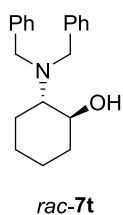
***rac*-1,2-bis(4-bromophenyl)-2-(diallylamino)ethan-1-ol (7s)**



Alcohol **7s** was prepared following the general procedure (*method A*, 24h), from *cis*-2,3-bis(4-bromophenyl)oxirane (540 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) and diallylamine (0.55 mL, 4.5 mmol, 3 equiv.). Purification by FCC(Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 100:0 to 80:20, gradient) afforded the title compound as a white solid (450 mg, 67% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.40 (d,  $J$  = 8.3, 2H), 7.26 (d,  $J$  = 8.3, 2H), 7.02 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.92 – 5.78 (m, 2H), 5.29 – 5.49 (m, 4H), 4.92 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H),

3.76 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d,  $J$  = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 14.0 Hz, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 140.5, 136.0, 132.4, 131.7, 131.6, 131.4, 129.2, 122.3, 121.6, 118.8, 70.6, 69.4, 52.9; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3372, 3068, 3015, 2973, 2916, 2830, 2810, 1486, 1446, 1389, 1353, 1340, 1324, 1286, 1103, 1008, 998, 974, 87, 799, 727; **MP** 119 – 120 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NOBr<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 450.00736, found 450.00641.

***rac*-2-(dibenzylamino)cyclohexan-1-ol (7t)**



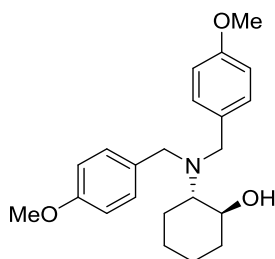
Alcohol **7t** was prepared following the general procedure (*method A*, overnight) from cyclohexene oxide (5 mL, 50 mmol, 1 equiv.) and dibenzylamine (18.5 mL, 100 mmol, 2 equiv.).

Purification by FCC (Pentane: EtOAc = 95:5 to 80:20, gradient) afforded the title compound as a white solid (11.32 g, 78% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.36 – 7.20 (m, 10H), 3.85

(d,  $J$  = 13.3 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (br s, 1H), 3.51 (td,  $J$  = 10.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d,  $J$  = 13.3 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (ddd,  $J$  = 11.9, 9.7, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.12 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.32 – 1.03 (m, 4H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 139.5, 129.0, 128.5, 127.2, 69.1, 64.2,

53.6, 33.3, 25.5, 24.2, 22.1; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3449, 3061, 3027, 1494, 1452, 1129, 1093, 987, 751, 736, 699; **MP** 86 – 87 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 296.20089, found 296.20081. Spectroscopic data were in agreement with the ones previously reported in literature.<sup>6</sup>

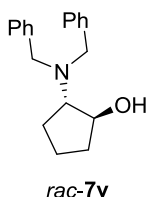
***rac*-2-(bis(4-methoxybenzyl)amino)cyclohexan-1-ol (7u)**



*rac*-7u

Alcohol **7u** was prepared following the general procedure (*method A*, overnight) from cyclopentene oxide (384  $\mu$ l, 3.8 mmol, 1 equiv.) and bis(4-methoxybenzyl)amine<sup>7</sup> (2.00 g, 7.75 mmol, 2 equiv.). Purification by FCC (Pentane: EtOAc = 95:5 to 80:20, gradient) afforded the title compound as a pale-yellow oil (1.35 g, 99% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 3.82 – 3.74 (m, 9H), 3.49 (td,  $J$  = 10.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (ddd,  $J$  = 11.8, 9.7, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.13 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.98 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.34 – 1.03 (m, 4H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 158.8, 131.7, 130.1, 113.9, 69.0, 63.9, 55.3, 52.8, 33.3, 25.6, 24.2, 22.2; **IR** (thin layer film):  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 2918, 2850, 2361, 1736, 1612, 1512, 1463, 1302, 1248, 1174, 1089, 1036, 808, 617; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 356.22202, found 356.22178.

***rac*-2-(dibenzylamino)cyclopentan-1-ol (7v)**

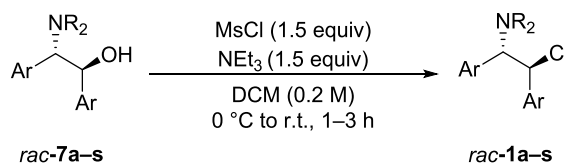


*rac*-7v

Alcohol **7v** was prepared following the general procedure (*method A*, overnight) from cyclopentene oxide (872  $\mu$ l, 10 mmol, 1 equiv.) and dibenzylamine (3.8 mL, 20 mmol, 2 equiv.). Purification by FCC (Pentane: EtOAc = 95:5 to 80:20, gradient) afforded the title compound as a white solid (2.51 g, 90% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 4.09 (q,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d,  $J$  = 13.8 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (d,  $J$  = 13.8 Hz, 2H), 2.99 – 2.92 (m, 1H), 1.98 (br s, 1H), 1.94-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.55 (m, 3H), 1.49 – 1.39 (m, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 140.2, 128.7, 128.4, 127.0, 73.8, 68.8, 55.1, 31.7, 22.1, 20.1; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3391, 3061, 3027, 2954, 2872, 1493, 1453, 1362, 1248, 1105, 978, 737, 697; **MP** 47 – 50 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 282.18524 found 282.18514.

## $\beta$ -Chloro and $\beta$ -Bromoamines

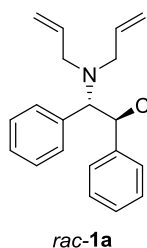
### General Procedure for the Synthesis of $\beta$ -Chloroamines:



Following the procedure reported by Nelson,<sup>4</sup> the appropriate aminoalcohol (1 equiv.) was dissolved in anhydrous DCM (0.2 M) and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. NEt<sub>3</sub> (1.5 equiv.) was added at once, followed by dropwise addition of MsCl (1.5 equiv.) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. and stirred for 1–3 h. After disappearance of both the starting material and the mesylate intermediate (monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), the reaction mixture was washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (sat.) and brine. The organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was then purified with a short silica plug.

N.B. No degradation was observed when silica plugs were employed for purification, however extended contact with silica led to hydrolysis of these compounds.

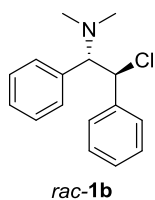
### ***rac*-N, N-diallyl-2-chloro-1,2-diphenylethan-1-amine (1a)**



*rac*-1a

Chloride **1a** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7a** (2.50 g, 8.5 mmol) followed by purification through a silica pad using toluene as eluent. White solid (2.40 g, 90% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.24 – 7.06 (m, 8H), 7.01 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 5.97 (dddd,  $J$  = 17.3, 10.2, 8.1, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 5.41 (d,  $J$  = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.32 – 5.25 (m, 2H), 5.24 – 5.17 (m, 2H), 4.37 (d,  $J$  = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.56 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 2.73 (dd,  $J$  = 14.2, 8.1 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 140.2, 137.3, 135.2, 129.3, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 128.0, 127.3, 117.2, 68.8, 63.8, 53.1. IR (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3065, 3030, 2813, 1641, 1494, 1453, 1417, 1211, 1030, 920, 720, 696; MP 47 – 49 °C; HRMS (APCI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 312.15135, found 312.15100.

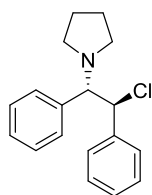
### ***rac*-1-(2-chloro-N,N-dimethyl-1,2-diphenylethan-1-amine (1b)**



*rac*-1b

Chloride **1b** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7b** (1.00 g, 4.0 mmol) followed by purification through a silica pad using DCM:EtOAc 1:1 as eluent. Ivory solid (710 mg, 68% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.27 – 7.09 (m, 8H), 7.02 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 5.39 (d,  $J$  = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (d,  $J$  = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 139.8, 133.6, 129.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.5, 74.8, 63.2, 41.1. IR (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3030, 2968, 2936, 2826, 2783, 1493, 1452, 1267, 1174, 1047, 784, 717, 704; MP 51 – 55 °C; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 260.12005, found 260.12015. Spectroscopic data were in agreement with the ones previously reported in literature.<sup>8</sup>

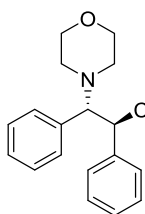
#### ***rac*-1-(2-chloro-1,2-diphenylethyl)pyrrolidine (1c)**



*rac*-1c

Chloride **1c** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7c** (2.27 g, 8.5 mmol) followed by purification through a silica pad using Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (96:4 to 80:20, gradient) as eluent. Ivory solid (1.73 g, 71% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.21 – 7.03 (m, 8H), 7.05 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 5.44 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.79 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.64 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.67 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 139.1, 136.4, 130.0, 128.5, 127.9, 127.9, 127.5, 127.4, 74.5, 64.4, 50.9, 23.4. IR (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3061, 2956, 2798, 1994, 1452, 1358, 1312, 1127, 1075, 1031, 702; MP 42 – 43 °C; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>ClN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 286.13570, found 286.13539. Spectroscopic data were in agreement with the ones previously reported in literature.<sup>4</sup>

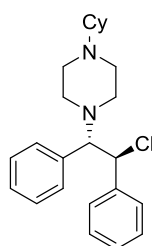
#### ***rac*-4-(2-chloro-1,2-diphenylethyl)morpholine (1d)**



*rac*-1d

Chloride **1d** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7d** (600 mg, 2.12 mmol) followed by purification through a silica pad using Hexane:EtOAc (100:0 to 90:10, gradient) as eluent. Pale pink solid (562.6 mg, 88% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.27 – 7.11 (m, 8H), 7.02 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 5.42 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (ddd, *J* = 11.0, 6.3, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (ddd, *J* = 11.0, 6.1, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (ddd, *J* = 9.9, 6.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (ddd, *J* = 10.7, 6.3, 3.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 139.6, 134.4, 129.3, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 75.3, 67.4, 62.4, 49.7; IR (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3030, 2957, 2855, 2818, 1494, 1451, 1114, 697; MP 142 – 145 °C; HRMS (APCI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>ClNO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 3012.13062, found 3012.13062.

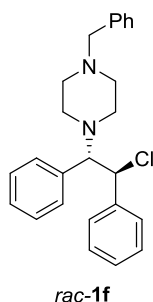
#### ***rac*-1-(2-chloro-1,2-diphenylethyl)-4-cyclohexylpiperazine (1e)**



*rac*-1e

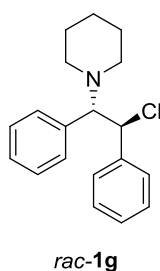
Chloride **1e** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7e** (750 mg, 2.00 mmol) followed by purification through a silica pad using DCM:EtOAc (100:0 to 80:20, gradient) as eluent. White solid (541 mg, 71% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.04 (m, 8H), 5.88 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.65 – 2.06 (m, 9H), 1.73 – 1.61 (m, 4H), 1.57 – 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.23 – 0.94 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 140.3, 133.9, 129.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 126.9, 72.5, 62.6, 62.0, 48.7, 48.3, 28.2, 25.9, 25.2; IR (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 2928, 2853, 2817, 1494, 1452, 1376, 1287, 1145, 1005, 703; MP 103 – 105 °C; HRMS (APCI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>32</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 383.22485, found 383.22513.

#### ***rac*-1-benzyl-4-(-2-chloro-1,2-diphenylethyl)piperazine (**1f**)**



Chloride **1f** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7f** (660 mg, 1.77 mmol) followed by purification through a silica pad using Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 85:15, gradient) as eluent. White solid (458 mg, 66% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 7H), 7.16 – 7.06 (m, 6H), 6.96 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 2.64–2.42 (m, 8H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 139.9, 138.3, 134.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 127.1, 74.8, 63.3, 62.7, 53.6, 49.1 (br); **IR** (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3062, 2934, 2813, 1494, 1453, 1137, 1007, 733, 698; **MP** 112 – 114 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>28</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 391.19355, found 391.19302.

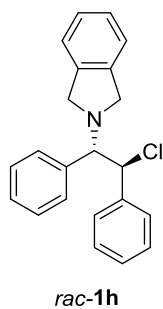
#### ***rac*-1-(2-chloro-1,2-diphenylethyl)piperidine (**1g**)**



Chloride **1g** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7g** (2.22 g, 7.9 mmol) followed by purification through a silica pad using Pentane:EtOAc = 90:10 as eluent. White solid (1.45 g, 61% yield). **For the multi-decagram scale reaction:** The alcohol **7g** (111.7 g, 0.4 mol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in DCM (0.5 M, 800 mL) and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. MsCl (46 mL, 0.6 mol, 1.5 equiv.) followed by dry NEt<sub>3</sub> (83 mL, 0.6 mol, 1.5 equiv.) were slowly added (dropping funnel) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was then stirred at r.t. for 2 h.

After quenching at 0 °C by addition of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (sat.), the aqueous phase was extracted three times with Et<sub>2</sub>O and the combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was quickly passed through a silica plug (Pentane:EtOAc = 70:30). Finally, the light brown solid was washed with small amounts of Et<sub>2</sub>O to afford a white solid (85.3 g, 71% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.06 (m, 6H), 6.98 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 5.39 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.57 – 2.48 (m, 2H), 2.41 – 2.33 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 140.0, 134.9, 129.2, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 127.2, 75.4, 62.8, 50.4, 26.4, 24.6; **IR** (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3030, 2932, 2851, 2802, 1493, 1452, 1306, 1200, 1161, 1102, 990, 869, 718, 696, 658; **MP** 93 – 95 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 300.15135, found 300.15118.

#### ***rac*-2-(-2-chloro-1,2-diphenylethyl)isoindoline (**1h**)**

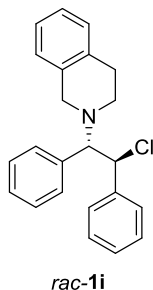


Chloride **1h** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7h** (530 mg, 1.68 mmol) followed by purification by FCC using Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 98:2, gradient) as eluent. Due to the limited stability of the compound, the solvent was evaporated under a flow of nitrogen without evaporation *in vacuo* (thus avoiding warm water baths). White solid (200 mg, 34% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 12H), 7.10 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 5.53 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) [overlapping signals] δ = 139.4, 138.5, 136.5, 130.1, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 126.9, 122.4, 74.9, 64.3, 57.1; **IR** (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3030, 2939, 2892, 2793,



1493, 1464, 1363, 1314, 1133, 1077, 909, 742, 702; **MP** 84 – 86 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>ClN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 334.13570, found 334.13528.

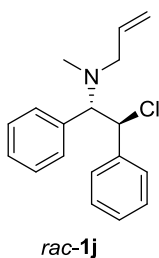
***rac*-2-(2-chloro-1,2-diphenylethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (1i)**



Chloride **1i** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7i** (750 mg, 2.3 mmol) followed by purification through a silica pad using Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 95:5, gradient) as eluent. White solid (628 mg, 78% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.08 (m, 11H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 5.58 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.22 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.96 (dt, *J* = 16.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (ddd, *J* = 10.4, 8.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 139.8, 135.2, 134.8, 134.7, 129.3, 128.8, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 126.6, 126.0, 125.6,

74.7, 62.9, 52.7, 46.1, 30.0; **IR** (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3028, 2916, 2805, 1495, 1454, 1134, 1099, 1001, 936, 730, 697. **MP** 85 – 87 °C; **HRMS** (APCI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 348.15135, found 348.15155. Spectroscopic data were in agreement with the ones previously reported in literature.<sup>8</sup>

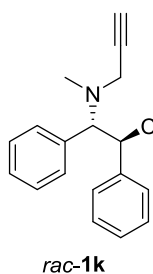
***rac*-N-(2-chloro-1,2-diphenylethyl)-N-methylprop-2-en-1-amine (1j)**



Chloride **1j** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7j** (700 mg, 2.6 mmol) followed by purification through a silica pad using Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 90:10, gradient) as eluent. White solid (581 mg, 83% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.24 – 7.06 (m, 8H), 6.99 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 5.99 (dddd, *J* = 17.5, 10.2, 7.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.28 – 5.18 (m, 2H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (ddt, *J* = 13.7, 5.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 140.0, 136.8, 134.3,

129.4, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.4, 117.5, 72.2, 63.4, 57.3, 37.6; **IR** (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3063, 3030, 2974, 2853, 2793, 1642, 1493, 1451, 1205, 1156, 1020, 998, 921, 758, 720, 697. **MP** 60 – 61 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>ClN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 286.13570, found 286.13580.

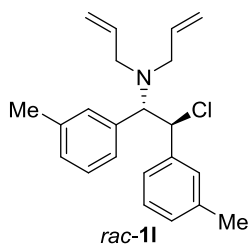
***rac*-N-(2-chloro-1,2-diphenylethyl)-N-methylprop-2-yn-1-amine (1k)**



Chloride **1k** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7k** (500 mg, 1.88 mmol) followed by purification through a silica pad using Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 90:10, gradient) as eluent. White solid (420 mg, 79% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 6H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 16.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.32 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 139.5, 134.0, 129.7, 128.2 (overlapped), 128.1,

127.9, 127.8, 80.0, 73.2, 71.9, 62.9, 44.2, 37.8; **IR** (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3293, 3030, 2796, 1493, 1452, 1208, 1122, 1076, 1059, 1022, 757, 696; **MP** 45–46 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 284.12005, found 284.11990.

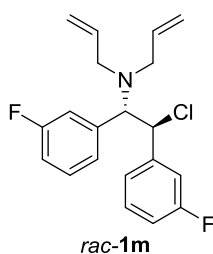
***rac*-N-allyl-N-(2-chloro-1,2-di-*m*-tolylethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (1l)**



Chloride **1l** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7l** (480 mg, 2.8 mmol) followed by purification through a silica pad using toluene as eluent. White solid (280 mg, 55% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.10 – 6.95 (m, 4H), 6.95 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.06 – 5.88 (m, 2H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 2H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 2H), 4.30 (d, *J* = 11, 1H), 3.48 (d, *J* = 14.5, 2H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 14.5 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ =

140.2, 137.9, 137.4, 137.3, 135.1, 130.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 126.3, 125.2, 117.1, 68.4, 64.0, 53.2, 21.6, 21.4; **IR** (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3022, 2920, 2813, 1641, 1605, 1489, 1445, 1417, 1378, 1344, 1262, 1155, 1123, 1093, 1042, 997, 973, 918, 883, 791, 775, 708; **MP** 54 – 56 °C **HRMS** (APCI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>ClN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 340.1826, found 340.1826.

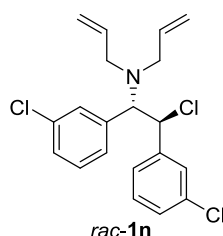
***rac*-N-allyl-N-2-chloro-1,2-bis(3-fluorophenyl)ethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (1m)**



Chloride **1m** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7m** (500 mg, 1.5 mmol) followed by purification through a silica pad using toluene as eluent. White solid (350 mg, 65% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.19 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.00 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.88 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H) 5.99 – 5.87 (m, 2H), 5.35 – 5.17 (m, 5H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 8.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -112.6 (m, 1F), -112.7 (m, 1F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 162.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 246.6 Hz), 162.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 246.6 Hz),

141.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8 Hz), 139.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.0 Hz), 136.8, 130.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.5 Hz), 129.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.5 Hz), 124.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.8 Hz), 123.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.8 Hz), 178.6, 115.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.7 Hz), 115.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.7 Hz), 115.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.3 Hz), 114.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.3 Hz), 68.3, 62.4, 53.1; **IR** (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3078, 2926, 2814, 1641, 1612, 1590, 1488, 1446, 1418, 1344, 1258, 1140, 1077, 998, 976, 922, 878, 782, 767, 734, 703; **MP** 65 – 66 °C; **HRMS** (APCI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>ClF<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 348.1325, found 348.1323.

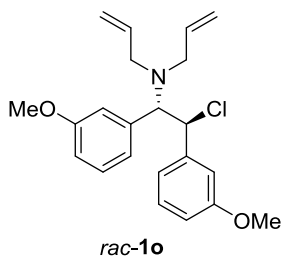
***rac*-N-allyl-N-2-chloro-1,2-bis(3-chlorophenyl)ethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (1n)**



Chloride **1n** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7n** (540 mg, 1.5 mmol) followed by purification through a silica pad using toluene as eluent. White solid (540 mg, 90% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.18 – 7.02 (m, 5H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.86 – 6.82 (s, 1H), 5.92 (dddd, *J* = 17.9, 10.1, 8.0, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 5.35 – 5.16 (m, 5H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.53 – 3.42 (m, 2H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 14.6, 5.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 141.8, 137.0, 136.7, 134.3, 134.2, 129.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 128.3,

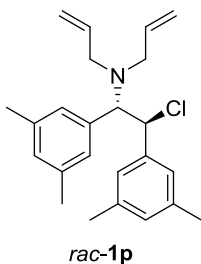
127.8, 127.3, 126.4, 117.7, 68.4, 62.3, 53.1; **IR** (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3076, 3008, 2977, 2925, 2814, 1641, 1593, 1573, 1476, 1430, 1344, 1265, 1210, 1195, 1155, 1124, 1096, 1080, 1049, 998, 975, 922, 883, 845; **MP** 67 – 68 °C; **HRMS** (APCI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 382.0705, found 382.0702.

***rac*-*N*-allyl-*N*-(2-chloro-1,2-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (1o)**



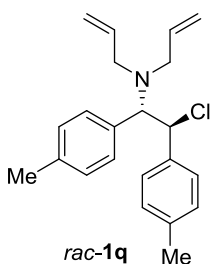
Chloride **1o** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7o** (750 mg, 2.12 mmol) followed by purification through a silica pad using Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O 80:20 as eluent. White solid (592 mg, 79% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.14 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.84 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.77 (t,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.69 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 6.60 (dt,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.53 – 6.50 (m, 1H), 5.95 (dddd,  $J$  = 17.2, 10.1, 8.1, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 5.35 (d,  $J$  = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.31 – 5.24 (m, 2H), 5.21 – 5.17 (m, 2H), 4.31 (d,  $J$  = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.50 (ddt,  $J$  = 14.3, 4.2, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (ddt,  $J$  = 14.2, 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 159.4, 159.2, 141.7, 137.3, 136.8, 129.4, 128.9, 121.6, 120.6, 117.2, 115.5, 114.1, 113.4, 112.3, 68.5, 63.6, 55.3, 55.2, 53.2. **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3076, 3004, 2936, 2834, 1600, 1585, 1491, 1436, 1261, 1154, 1046, 921, 730; **MP** 69 – 70 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 372.17248, found 372.17236.

***rac*-*N*-allyl-*N*-2-chloro-1,2-bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)ethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (1p)**



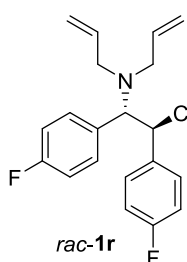
Chloride **1p** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7p** (450 mg, 1.3 mmol) followed by purification through a silica pad using toluene as eluent. White solid (300 mg, 61% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 6.82 (s, 2H), 6.74 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (s, 2H), 6.03 – 5.90 (m, 2H), 5.35 (d,  $J$  = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d,  $J$  = 17.3 Hz, 2H), 5.19 (d,  $J$  = 10 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (d,  $J$  = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.50 – 3.42 (m, 2H), 2.70 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 6H), 2.18 (s, 6H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 140.1, 137.7, 137.6, 137.0, 134.9, 129.8, 128.8, 127.2, 126.0, 117.2, 68.1, 64.1, 53.2, 21.5, 21.3; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3075, 3010, 2918, 2812, 1640, 1604, 1446, 1416, 1376, 1344, 1288, 1265, 1206, 1123, 1038, 997, 975, 916, 850, 774, 727, 698, 689, 660; **MP** 109 – 110 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>ClN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 368.2139, found 368.2141.

***rac*-*N*-allyl-*N*-(2-chloro-1,2-di-*p*-tolylethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (1q)**



Chloride **1q** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7q** (380 mg, 1.18 mmol) followed by purification by FCC using Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (95:5 to 90:10, gradient) as eluent. White solid (346 mg, 86% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.02 – 5.90 (m, 2H), 5.39 (d,  $J$  = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d,  $J$  = 17.3 Hz, 2H), 5.19 (d,  $J$  = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (d,  $J$  = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (ddd,  $J$  = 14.3, 4.3, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (dd,  $J$  = 14.3, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 137.7, 137.5, 137.4, 136.8, 132.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.0, 117.1, 68.1, 63.8, 53.1, 21.2, 21.1; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3008, 2977, 2922, 2812, 1641, 1513, 1344, 1263, 1042, 919, 811, 739; **MP** 55 – 56 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>ClN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 340.18265, found 340.18288.

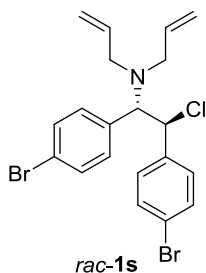
***rac*-N-allyl-N-(2-chloro-1,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (1r)**



Chloride **1r** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7r** (900 mg, 2.73 mmol) followed by purification by FCC using pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 98:2, gradient) as eluent.

White solid (776 mg, 82% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.95 – 6.81 (m, 6H), 5.94 (dddd,  $J$  = 17.2, 10.2, 8.0, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 5.33 (d,  $J$  = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (dtd,  $J$  = 17.3, 2.0, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 5.20 (dtd,  $J$  = 10.2, 1.9, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (d,  $J$  = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (ddt,  $J$  = 14.2, 4.1, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.77 – 2.63 (m, 2H); **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -113.41 – -113.49 (m, 1F), -114.52 – -114.62 (m, 1F); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 162.1 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 247.6 Hz), 162.0 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 245.6 Hz), 137.0, 136.0 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.3 Hz), 131.0 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.4 Hz), 130.7 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 7.8 Hz), 129.8 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 8.2 Hz), 117.5, 115.4 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 21.6 Hz), 115.1 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 21.1 Hz), 68.4, 62.8, 53.1; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 307, 278, 2814, 1604, 1509, 1230, 1159, 922, 833, 750; **MP** 81 – 83 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>2</sub>ClN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 348.13251, found 348.13226.

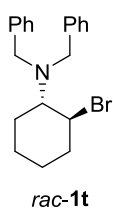
***rac*-N-allyl-N-2-chloro-1,2-bis(4-bromophenyl)ethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (1s)**



Chloride **1s** was prepared according to the general procedure from **7s** (450 mg, 1.0 mmol) followed by purification through a silica pad using toluene as eluent. White solid (320 mg, 68% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.37 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.10 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.01 – 5.84 (m, 2H), 5.34 – 5.16 (m, 5H), 4.26 (d,  $J$  = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.52 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 2.67 (dd,  $J$  = 8, 14.8 Hz, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 139.0, 136.8, 133.9, 131.7, 131.4, 130.7, 129.8, 122.2, 121.6, 117.6, 68.2, 62.4, 53.1;

**IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3077, 3007, 2976, 2924, 2814, 1641, 1590, 1521, 1488, 1447, 1416, 1405, 1183, 1125, 1106, 1074, 1010, 975, 921, 881, 834, 752, 726, 704; **MP** 83 – 86 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>ClNBr<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 467.9724, found 467.9728.

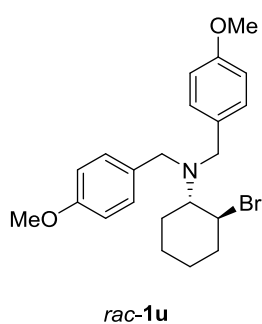
***rac*-N,N-dibenzyl-2-bromocyclohexan-1-amine (1t)**



Following the procedure reported by Chong,<sup>9</sup> alcohol **7t** (3.49 g, 12 mmol, 1 equiv.) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (3.78 g, 14.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) were dissolved in anhydrous CHCl<sub>3</sub> (60.0 mL, 0.2 M). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and NBS (2.56 g, 14.4 mmol, 1.2 mmol) was added portionwise. The reaction was stirred at r.t. until disappearance of the starting material (monitored by TLC). The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by FCC

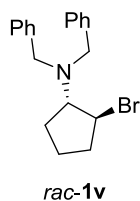
(Pentane:EtOAc = 100:0 to 95:5, gradient). White solid (1.96 g, 45%). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 4.16 (td,  $J$  = 11.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d,  $J$  = 13.7 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (d,  $J$  = 13.7 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (td,  $J$  = 11.3, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.47 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.17 – 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.06 (m, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 140.0, 129.2, 128.2, 126.9, 63.3, 55.8, 53.7, 38.9, 27.7, 26.3, 25.3; **IR** (thin layer film):  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3061, 3026, 2933, 2856, 2802, 1494, 1452, 1141, 745, 697; **MP** 93 – 95 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BrN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 358.11649, found 358.11694.

***rac*-2-bromo-*N,N*-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)cyclohexan-1-amine (1u)**



Alcohol **7u** (1.5 g, 4.2 mmol, 1 equiv.), CBr<sub>4</sub> (1.39 g, 4.2 mmol, 1 equiv.) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.10 g, 4.2 mmol, 1 equiv.) were stirred in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN at r.t. for 24 h. Then Et<sub>2</sub>O was added causing the precipitation of a white solid. The mixture was filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. Purification by FCC (Pentane:EtOAc= 99:1 to 96:4, gradient) afforded the title compound as a white solid (662 mg, 38% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 4.14 (td, *J* = 11.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 – 3.76 (m, 8H), 3.38 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (td, *J* = 11.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.46 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.11 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.68– 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.37 – 1.07 (m, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 158.6, 132.1, 130.2, 113.6, 63.0, 56.0, 55.4, 52.8, 38.9, 27.7, 26.2, 25.3; **IR** (thin layer film):  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 2932, 2856, 2833, 1611, 1509, 1245, 1170, 1035; **MP** 69 – 72 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 418.13762, found 418.13770.

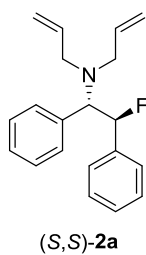
***rac*-*N,N*-dibenzyl-2-bromocyclopentan-1-amine (1v)**



Alcohol **7v** (750 mg, 2.66 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in anhydrous DCM (6.7 mL, 0.2 M) and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. NEt<sub>3</sub> (403  $\mu$ L, 3.99 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added at once, followed by dropwise addition of MsBr (634  $\mu$ L, 3.99 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. and stirred for 6 h. After disappearance of both the starting material and the mesylate intermediate (monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), the reaction mixture was washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (sat.). The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was then purified with a short silica plug (Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2) to afford the title compound as a pale yellow solid (647 mg, 71% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 4.33 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d, *J* = 14.0, 2H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 14.0, 2H), 3.56 – 3.50 (m, 1H), 2.22 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.88 – 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.78 – 1.56 (m, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 138.9, 128.8, 128.3, 127.1, 69.6, 54.7, 51.5, 36.6, 25.4, 22.6; **IR** (thin layer film):  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3027, 2961, 2801, 1493, 1453, 1363, 1028, 743, 698; **MP** 40 – 42 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BrN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 344.10084, found 344.10092.

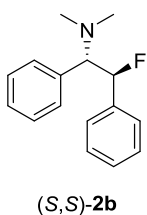
## Product Characterization

### *N*-allyl-*N*-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-1,2-diphenylethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (**2a**)



Fluoride **2a** was prepared from **1a** (62.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at –15 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99.6:0.4, gradient). Colorless oil, 42.0 mg, 71% yield, e.r. = 95:5. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at –15 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99.6:0.4, gradient). Colorless oil, 56.3 mg, 95% yield, e.r. = 95:5. **Gram scale reaction:** In a round bottom flask, **1a** (1.1 g, 3.53 mmol, 1 equiv.), catalyst (*S*)-**3g** (148 mg, 0.105 mmol, 3 mol%) and KF (1.025 g, 17.6 mmol, 5 equiv.) were stirred at +5 °C in dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> at 900 rpm. After 96 h the reaction mixture was filtered through a silica plug eluting with DCM/EtOAc = 1:1. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99.6:0.4, gradient) to elute the pure product (colorless oil, 794 mg, 76% yield, e.r. = 93:7); then Hexane:EtOAc (95:5 to 80:20, gradient) to recover the catalyst (140 mg, 94% catalyst recovery). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.19 – 7.06 (m, 10H), 5.82 (dd, *J* = 47.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (dddd, *J* = 17.5, 10.1, 7.6, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 5.11 – 4.99 (m, 4H), 4.15 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.47 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 2.83 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 7.6 Hz, 2H); **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -179.25 (dd, *J* = 47.2, 18.2 Hz, 1F); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 138.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.3 Hz), 137.1, 136.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.5 Hz), 129.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.2 Hz), 128.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 128.1, 128.0, 127.4, 127.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.7 Hz), 117.1, 95.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 178.6 Hz), 67.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.9 Hz), 54.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.1 Hz); **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3066, 3031, 2923, 2814, 1641, 1495, 1453, 1418, 1205, 1124, 1080, 1031, 918, 759, 698, 607; **HRMS** (APCI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>FN<sup>+</sup> [*M*+*H*]<sup>+</sup> 296.18090, found 296.18069; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> °C = +27.5 ° (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 95:5); **HPLC separation:** DAICEL CHIRALPAK® IA-3, Heptane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 99.75:0.25, 1 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 3.37 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 3.61 min (major).

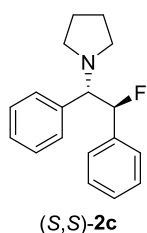
### (1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-*N,N*-dimethyl-1,2-diphenylethan-1-amine (**2b**)



Fluoride **2b** was prepared from **1b** (52.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at +5 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Toluene:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 95:5, gradient +2% NEt<sub>3</sub>). Colorless oil, 34.2 mg, 65% yield, e.r. = 95:5. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC eluent = Toluene:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 95:5, gradient +2% NEt<sub>3</sub>). Colorless oil, 41.3 mg, 85% yield, e.r. = 97:3. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.14 – 7.02 (m, 8H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 5.76 (dd, *J* = 47.5, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 6H); **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -172.86 (dd, *J* = 47.6, 12.3 Hz, 1F); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 138.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.1 Hz), 135.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.8 Hz), 129.6, 128.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.3 Hz), 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.2 Hz), 94.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 177.3 Hz), 74.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.1 Hz), 42.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.8 Hz); **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3032, 2967, 2825, 2781, 1603, 1494, 1309, 992, 758, 697; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FN<sup>+</sup> [*M*+*H*]<sup>+</sup> 244.14960, found 244.14951. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> °C = -22.7 ° (c = 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 97:3); **HPLC separation:**

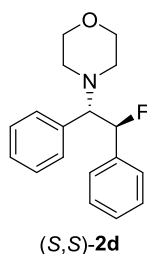
DAICEL CHIRALPAK® ID-3, Heptane: <sup>i</sup>PrOH = 99.6:0.4 + 0.1% Et<sub>2</sub>NH, 1 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 4.05 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 4.44 min (minor).

#### (1*S*,2*S*)-(2-fluoro-1,2-diphenylethyl)pyrrolidine (**2c**)



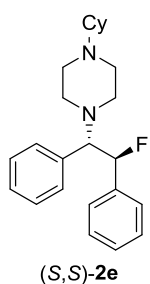
Fluoride **2c** was prepared from **1c** (57.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 72 h. **Purification:** FCC, eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (98:2 to 95:5, gradient). White solid, 49.5 mg, 92% yield, e.r. = 94.5:5.5. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at -20 °C for 36 h. **Purification:** FCC, eluent = Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (98:2 to 96:4, gradient). White solid, 48.5 mg, 90% yield, e.r. = 97:3. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 6H), 7.04–6.98 (m, 4H), 5.75 (dd, *J* = 46.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.80 – 2.68 (m, 2H), 2.62 – 2.53 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.72 (m, 4H); **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -170.81 (dd, *J* = 47.3, 13.4 Hz, 1F); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 138.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.5 Hz), 138.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.7 Hz), 129.3, 128.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 127.9, 127.8, 127.4, 126.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.6 Hz), 97.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 177.6 Hz), 74.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 23.0 Hz), 53.4 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.4 Hz), 23.4; **IR** (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3032, 2966, 2793, 1493, 1454, 1131, 996, 763, 698; **MP** 58 – 60 °C; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 270.16525, found 270.16513; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25 °C</sup> = -25.5 ° (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 97:3); **HPLC separation:** DAICEL CHIRALPAK® IC-3, Heptane:EtOH = 99.75:0.25 + 0.2% <sup>n</sup>BuNH<sub>2</sub>, 1 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 3.30 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 3.49 min (major).

#### 4-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-1,2-diphenylethyl)morpholine (**2d**)



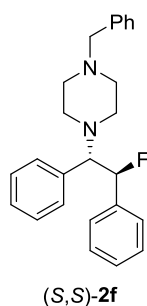
Fluoride **2d** was prepared from **1d** (60.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. **Method A:** 15 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at +10 °C for 72 h. **Purification:** FCC, eluent = DCM: Pentane = 95:5 to DCM:EtOAc = 97:3, gradient. White solid, 46.6 mg, 81% yield, e.r. = 94:6. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at +5 °C for 72 h. **Purification:** FCC eluent = DCM:Pentane = 95:5 to DCM:EtOAc = 97:3, gradient. White solid, 43.0 mg, 75 % yield, e.r. = 94.5:5.5. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 6H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 5.83 (dd, *J* = 47.1, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.9 Hz, 4H), 2.64 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 3.5 Hz, 4H); **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -171.87 (dd, *J* = 47.2, 15.0 Hz, 1F); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 138.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.6 Hz), 136.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.9 Hz), 129.4, 128.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.1 Hz), 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 126.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.4 Hz), 95.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 178.1 Hz), 74.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.9 Hz), 67.3, 51.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.9 Hz); **IR** (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3032, 2957, 2852, 2815, 1494, 1452, 1117, 993, 881, 760, 699; **MP** 59 – 62 °C; **HRMS** (APCI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FNO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 286.16017, found 286.16010; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25 °C</sup> = -29.4 ° (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 94.5:5.5); **HPLC separation:** DAICEL CHIRALPAK® IC-3, Heptane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH:<sup>n</sup>BuNH<sub>2</sub> = 99.0: 0.9: 0.1, 1 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 9.89 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 10.97 min (minor).

### 1-cyclohexyl-4-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-1,2-diphenylethyl)piperazine (**2e**)



Fluoride **2e** was prepared from **1e** (76.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using  $\text{CHCl}_3$  as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at +5 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = DCM:Pentane = 95:5 to DCM:MeOH = 98:2, gradient. White solid, 66.6 mg, 90% yield, e.r. = 94:6. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC eluent = DCM:Pentane = 95:5 to DCM:MeOH = 98:2, gradient. White solid, 67.4 mg, 94% yield, e.r. = 96:4.  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 8H), 7.04 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 5.82 (dd,  $J$  = 47.3, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd,  $J$  = 13.7, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.84 – 2.61 (m, 7H), 2.33 (br s, 1H), 1.95 (br s, 2H), 1.85 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.28 – 1.17 (m, 5H), 1.15 – 1.05 (m, 1H);  **$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR** (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = -172.48 (d,  $J$  = 49.1 Hz, 1F);  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 138.0 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 20.4 Hz), 135.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 6.7 Hz), 129.4, 128.2 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 2.1 Hz), 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 126.9 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 6.3 Hz), 94.6 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 178.0 Hz), 74.0 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 21.8 Hz), 63.9, 50.3, 49.2, 28.6, 26.1, 25.7; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3062, 3031, 2918, 2853, 2814, 1494, 1452, 1282, 1153, 994, 759, 699; **MP** 92 – 95 °C; **HRMS** ( $\text{ESI}^+$ )  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{FN}_2^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] $^+$  367.25440, found 367.25519 [ $\alpha$ ] $_{\text{D}}^{25}$  °C = -21.1 ° (c = 0.5,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , e.r. = 94:6); **HPLC separation:** DAICEL CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> IA-3, Heptane:EtOH = 99:1 +0.2%  $n\text{BuNH}_2$ , 1 mL/min;  $t_1$  = 6.29 min (minor),  $t_2$  = 7.19 min (major).

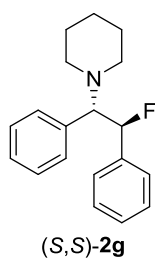
### 1-benzyl-4-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-1,2-diphenylethyl)piperazine (**2f**)



Fluoride **2f** was prepared from **1f** (78.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using  $\text{CHCl}_3$  as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = DCM:EtOAc (100:0 to 50:50, gradient). White solid, 51.8 mg, 69% yield, e.r. = 95:5. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 48 h. *Purification:* FCC eluent = DCM:EtOAc (100:0 to 50:50, gradient), white solid, 63.0 mg, 84% yield, e.r. = 95.5:4.5.  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.32 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 8H), 7.06 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 5.84 (dd,  $J$  = 47.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd,  $J$  = 14.1, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 2.76 – 2.60 (m, 4H), 2.57-2.45 (m, 4H);  **$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR** (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = -173.21 (dd,  $J$  = 47.3, 14.1 Hz, 1F);  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 138.2 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 18.3 Hz), 138.1, 135.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 6.3 Hz), 129.5, 129.3, 128.1, 128.1 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 1.9 Hz), 127.9 (overlapped), 127.4, 127.0, 126.9 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 6.5 Hz), 94.3 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 178.1 Hz), 74.1 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 21.8 Hz), 63.1, 53.5, 50.5. **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3030, 2932, 2811, 1494, 1454, 1289, 1137, 1006, 759, 698; **MP** 56 – 58 °C; **HRMS** ( $\text{ESI}^+$ )  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{FN}_2^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] $^+$  375.22310, found 375.22314. [ $\alpha$ ] $_{\text{D}}^{25}$  °C = -22.7 ° (c = 0.5,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , e.r. = 95.5:4.5); **HPLC separation:** DAICEL CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> IA-3, Heptane:EtOH = 99.5:0.5 +0.2%  $\text{Et}_2\text{NH}$ , 1 mL/min;  $t_1$  = 6.40 min (major),  $t_2$  = 8.55 min (minor).



### 1-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-1,2-diphenylethyl)piperidine (**2g**)

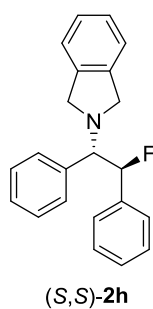


Fluoride **2g** was prepared from **1g** (60.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at -10 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 97:3, gradient). White solid, 36.3 mg, 56% yield, e.r. = 96:4. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at -10 °C for 24 h. *Purification:* FCC eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 94:6, gradient).

White solid, 51.0 mg, 90% yield, e.r. = 95:5. **Multi-Decagram scale reaction:** A 250 mL

round-bottom flask was charged with chloride **1g** (50.0 g, 300 mmol, 1 equiv.), catalyst (*S*)-**3g** (1.169 g, 0.836 mmol, 0.5 mol%) and KF (29.10 g, 501.7 mmol, 3 equiv.). DCM was added (84 mL, 2 M) and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 72 h. After filtration on a celite pad (eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O), the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude mixture was re-dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O. A 1 M solution of HCl was added and the product was counter-extracted from the organic phase into the aqueous phase three times (as the HCl salt). The organic phase (containing the catalyst) was evaporated *in vacuo* and after purification by FCC (Pent:EtOAc 100:0 to 80:20, gradient), 1.157 g of catalyst were recovered (99% recovery). The pH of the combined aqueous phases was then raised to 8–9 with a 3 M NaOH solution. EtOAc was added and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product (45.1 g, e.r. = 92:8) was purified by recrystallization from warm MeOH (45.1 mL, reflux to r.t.) to afford **2g** as a white solid (31.1 g, 66% yield, e.r. = 97:3). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 8H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 5.88 (dd, *J* = 47.4, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (ddd, *J* = 11.1, 7.0, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (ddd, *J* = 11.0, 7.0, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 1.72 – 1.53 (m, 4H), 1.42–1.34 (m, 2H); **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -174.27 (dd, *J* = 47.3, 13.6 Hz, 1F); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 138.4 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.2 Hz), 135.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.4 Hz), 129.6, 128.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.2 Hz), 127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 127.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.4 Hz), 93.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 177.9 Hz), 74.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.8 Hz), 51.5, 26.2, 24.6; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3031, 2932, 2802, 1494, 1452, 1160, 988, 758, 698; **MP** 63 – 65 °C; **HRMS** (APCI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>FN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 284.18090, found 284.18103. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25 °C</sup> = -33.8 ° (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 95:5); **HPLC separation:** DAICEL CHIRALPAK® IC-3 Heptane:EtOH:"BuNH<sub>2</sub> = 99.5:0.1:0.4, 1 mL/min: t<sub>1</sub> = 3.40 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 4.01 min (minor).

### 2-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-1,2-diphenylethyl)isoindoline (**2h**)

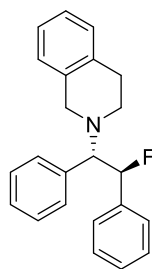


Fluoride **2h** was prepared from **1h** (68.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 97:3, gradient). White solid, 48.0 mg, 76% yield, e.r. = 92:8. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at -10 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 97.5:2.5, gradient). White solid, 39.0 mg, 61% yield, e.r. = 93:7. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.21

– 7.13 (m, 10H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 5.79 (dd, *J* = 47.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.11 (m, 2H), 4.10 – 4.00 (m, 3H); **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -170.50 (dd, *J* = 47.1, 13.2 Hz,

1F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 139.9, 138.2 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 7.8 Hz), 137.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 20.8 Hz), 129.4, 128.3, 128.2 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 2.1 Hz), 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 126.8, 122.3, 98.1 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 178.0 Hz), 74.6 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 22.7 Hz), 59.0 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 3.9 Hz); **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3031, 2940, 2790, 1490, 1454, 1337, 1264, 1137, 1075, 992, 764, 745, 700; **MP** 79 – 80 °C; **HRMS** ( $\text{ESI}^+$ )  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{FN}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  318.16525, found 318.16501.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}}$  =  $-16.8^\circ$  ( $c$  = 0.5,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , e.r. = 92:8); **HPLC separation**: DAICEL CHIRALPAK® IA-3, Heptane: $^i\text{PrOH}$  = 99:1, 1 mL/min;  $t_1$  = 4.52 min (minor),  $t_2$  = 5.54 min (major).

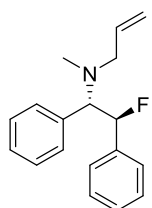
## 2-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-1,2-diphenylethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (2i)



(*S,S*)-2i

Fluoride **2i** was prepared from **1i** (66.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using  $\text{CHCl}_3$  as solvent. **Method A**: 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 72 h. **Purification**: FCC eluent = Pentane: $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (100:0 to 98:2, gradient). Colorless oil, 60.5 mg, 91% yield, e.r. = 96:4. **Method B**: 5 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 72 h. **Purification**: FCC, eluent = Pentane: $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (100:0 to 98:2, gradient). Colorless oil, 63.6 mg, 96% yield, e.r. = 96:4.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.22 – 7.08 (m, 13H), 7.03 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 5.97 (dd,  $J$  = 47.1, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd,  $J$  = 14.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d,  $J$  = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d,  $J$  = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dt,  $J$  = 10.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (ddd,  $J$  = 16.2, 8.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.92 – 2.76 (m, 2H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (471 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = -172.35 (dd,  $J$  = 47.4, 14.3 Hz, 1F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 138.3 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 20.5 Hz), 136.4 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 6.5 Hz), 135.3, 134.7, 129.6, 128.8, 128.3 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 2.1 Hz), 128.1, 128.1, 127.7, 127.0 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 6.4 Hz), 126.8, 126.1, 125.6, 95.0 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 178.1 Hz), 73.9 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 22.0 Hz), 53.9 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 3.2 Hz), 48.2 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 2.2 Hz), 29.7; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3030, 2919, 2803, 1586, 1496, 1454, 1133, 1087, 995, 935, 742, 698; **HRMS** ( $\text{ESI}^+$ )  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{FN}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  332.18090, found 332.18057.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}}$  =  $-45.6^\circ$  ( $c$  = 0.5,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , e.r. = 96:4); **HPLC separation**: DAICEL CHIRALPAK® IF-3, Heptane: $^i\text{PrOH}$  = 99:1, 1 mL/min;  $t_1$  = 4.77 min (major),  $t_2$  = 5.83 min (minor).

## *N*-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-1,2-diphenylethyl)-*N*-methylprop-2-en-1-amine (2j)

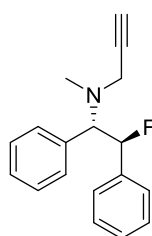


(*S,S*)-2j

Fluoride **2j** was prepared from **1j** (53.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using  $\text{CHCl}_3$  as solvent. **Method A**: 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at -10 °C for 72 h. **Purification**: FCC, eluent = Pentane: $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (100:0 to 95:5, gradient). Colorless oil, 48 mg, 89% yield, e.r. = 95.5:4.5. **Method B**: 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at -15 °C for 72 h. FCC, eluent = Pentane: $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (100:0 to 95:5, gradient). Colorless oil, 38.5 mg, 72% yield, e.r. = 95.5:4.5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 8H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 5.97 – 5.81 (m, 1H), 5.88 (dd,  $J$  = 47.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.23 – 5.09 (m, 2H), 4.10 (dd,  $J$  = 13.8, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd,  $J$  = 13.7, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd,  $J$  = 13.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (471 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = -174.62 (dd,  $J$  = 47.5, 13.8 Hz, 1F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 138.3 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 20.1 Hz), 136.6, 135.5 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 6.2 Hz), 129.7, 128.3 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 2.3 Hz), 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.1 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 6.5 Hz), 117.5, 94.4 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 177.5 Hz), 71.4 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 21.8 Hz), 58.4, 38.7 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 2.1 Hz); **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3065, 3032, 2928, 2794, 1494, 1453, 1207, 996, 919, 759, 698; **HRMS** ( $\text{ESI}^+$ )  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NF}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  270.16525, found 270.16501.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}}$  =  $-5.0^\circ$  ( $c$  = 0.5,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , e.r. = 95.5:4.5); **HPLC separation**:

DAICEL CHIRALPAK® IA, Heptane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH:<sup>n</sup>BuNH<sub>2</sub> = 99.5:0.4:0.1, 1 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 5.47 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 6.00 min (major).

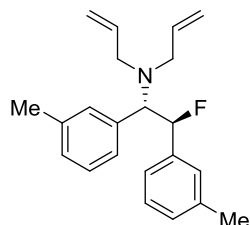
***N*-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-1,2-diphenylethyl)-*N*-methylprop-2-yn-1-amine (2k)**



(*S,S*)-2k

Fluoride **2k** was prepared from **1k** (56.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 95:5, gradient). Colorless oil, 39.3 mg, 73% yield, e.r. = 94:6. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 95:5, gradient). Colorless oil, 36.9 mg, 69% yield, e.r. = 96:4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = δ 7.17–7.13 (m, 6H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 5.81 (dd, *J* = 47.0, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 3H), 2.27 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -170.82 (dd, *J* = 47.2, 14.2 Hz, 1F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 138.11 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.6 Hz), 136.67 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.0 Hz), 129.54, 128.22 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.2 Hz), 128.13, 127.96, 127.71, 126.95 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.4 Hz), 95.77 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 177.7 Hz), 79.42, 73.33, 71.26 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.7 Hz), 45.16 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.1 Hz), 40.23 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.0 Hz); **IR** (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3296, 2924, 1454, 1019, 759, 699, 625; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 268.14960, found 268.14926. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> °C +48.5 ° (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 94:6); **HPLC separation:** DAICEL CHIRALPAK® IC-3, Heptane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 99:1, 1 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 4.15 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 4.63 min (minor).

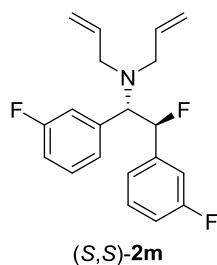
***N*-allyl-*N*-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-1,2-di-*m*-tolylethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (2l)**



(*S,S*)-2l

Fluoride **2l** was prepared from **1l** (68.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. **Method A:** 5 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99:1, gradient). Colorless oil, 56.3 mg, 87% yield, e.r. = 96:4. **Method B:** 5 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 24 h. *Purification:* FCC eluent = Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 98.7:1.3, gradient). Colorless oil, 53.5 mg, 83% yield, e.r. = 96:4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 6.96 (m, 6H), 5.86 (dd, *J* = 47.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.83–5.72 (m, 2H), 5.22 – 5.06 (m, 4H), 4.18 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (ddt, *J* = 14.3, 5.0, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -179.33 (dd, *J* = 47.3, 18.6 Hz, 1F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 138.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.1 Hz), 137.6, 137.3, 136.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.4 Hz), 130.5, 128.9, (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 128.1, 127.9, 127.9, 127.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.6 Hz), 126.7, 124.1, 124.0, 117.0, 95.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 178.3 Hz), 67.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.7 Hz), 54.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.1 Hz), 21.7, 21.5; **IR** (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3009, 2921, 2813, 1641, 1607, 1489, 1447, 1417, 1159, 997, 917, 787, 703; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>FN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 324.21220, found 324.21282. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> °C = +24.0 ° (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 96:4); **HPLC separation:** DAICEL CHIRALPAK® IA-3, Heptane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 99:1, 1 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 2.51 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 2.88 min (major).

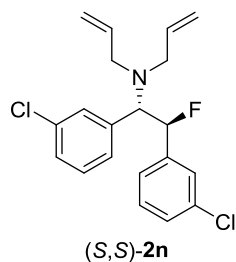
***N*-allyl-*N*-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-1,2-bis(3-fluorophenyl)ethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (2m)**



Fluoride **2m** was prepared from **1m** (69.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at +10 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99.6:0.4, gradient). Colorless oil, 48.2 mg, 73% yield, e.r. = 94:6. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99.5:0.5, gradient). Colorless oil, 46.5 mg, 70% yield, e.r. =

95.5:4.5. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.27 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.90 (m, 6H), 5.85 (dd, *J* = 46.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (dddd, *J* = 17.5, 10.1, 7.6, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 5.19 – 5.06 (m, 4H), 4.16 (dd, *J* = 20.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (ddt, *J* = 14.2, 4.8, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 2.96 – 2.85 (m, 2H); **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -112.83 (td, *J* = 9.3, 6.0 Hz, 1F), -113.12 (td, *J* = 9.0, 5.6 Hz, 1F), -181.74 (dd, *J* = 46.8, 20.5 Hz, 1F); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 162.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 247.6 Hz), 162.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 246.4 Hz), 140.1 (dd, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0, 7.2 Hz), 139.1 (dd, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.4, 3.8 Hz), 136.6, 129.7 (dd, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.2, 2.7 Hz), 125.2 (dd, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.8, 1.3 Hz), 122.4 (dd, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.1, 2.9 Hz), 117.4, 116.4 (dd, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.5, 1.7 Hz), 115.2 (dd, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.1, 1.7 Hz), 114.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0 Hz), 113.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.6 Hz), 113.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.5 Hz), 94.7 (dd, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 180.8, 1.9 Hz), 66.6 (dd, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.7, 1.6 Hz), 54.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.4 Hz); **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3077, 2816, 1642, 1591, 1489, 1449, 1251, 1243, 923, 788, 767, 700; **HRMS** (APCI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> [*M*+*H*]<sup>+</sup> 332.16206, found 332.16168. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> °C = +23.8 ° (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 95.5:4.5); **HPLC separation:** DAICEL CHIRALPAK® IB-3, Heptane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 99.5:0.5, 1 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 3.23 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 3.90 min (major).

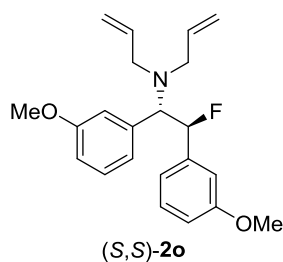
***N*-allyl-*N*-((1*S*,2*S*)-1,2-bis(3-chlorophenyl)-2-fluoroethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (2n)**



Fluoride **2n** was prepared from **1n** (76.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at +10 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99.68:0.32, gradient). Colorless oil, 55.8 mg, 77% yield, e.r. = 94:6. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99.5:0.5, gradient). Colorless oil, 55.0 mg, 76% yield, e.r. =

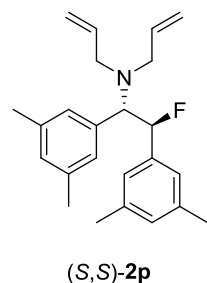
97.5:2.5. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.29 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 7.08 (dt, *J* = 6.5, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 5.82 (dd, *J* = 46.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (dddd, *J* = 17.6, 10.2, 7.6, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 5.18 – 5.08 (m, 4H), 4.12 (dd, *J* = 21.5, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (ddt, *J* = 14.4, 4.9, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.6 Hz, 2H); **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -182.86 (dd, *J* = 46.8, 21.5 Hz, 1F); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 140.4 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0 Hz), 138.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.4 Hz), 136.5, 134.3, 134.1, 129.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.8 Hz), 129.5, 129.4, 128.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.7 Hz), 127.9, 127.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.5 Hz), 126.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.6 Hz), 124.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.1 Hz), 117.5, 94.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 181.1 Hz), 66.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.6 Hz), 54.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.4 Hz); **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3076, 2925, 2817, 1596, 1572, 1477, 1431, 1205, 1082, 999, 922, 787, 706; **HRMS** (APCI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>FN<sup>+</sup> [*M*+*H*]<sup>+</sup> 364.10296, found 364.10324. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> °C = +15.8 ° (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 97.5:2.5); **HPLC separation:** DAICEL CHIRALPAK® IA-3, Heptane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 99.5:0.5, 1 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 3.04 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 3.32 min (major).

***N*-allyl-*N*-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-1,2-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (2o)**



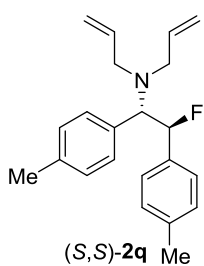
Fluoride **2o** was prepared from **1o** (74.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at +10 °C for 36 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (96:4). Colorless oil, 61.3 mg, 86% yield, e.r. = 95.5. **Method B:** 5 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 36 h. *Purification:* FCC eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (96:4). Colorless oil, 69.0 mg, 97% yield, e.r. = 97.5:2.5. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.67 (m, 6H), 5.96 – 5.73 (m, 3H), 5.22 – 5.05 (m, 4H), 4.19 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.51 (ddt, *J* = 14.2, 4.8, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 7.6 Hz, 2H); **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -179.64 (dd, *J* = 47.2, 18.3 Hz, 1F); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 159.2, 159.2, 140.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.3 Hz), 138.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.4 Hz), 137.0, 129.0, 128.9, 121.9, 119.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.8 Hz), 117.0, 115.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.3 Hz), 113.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.9 Hz), 112.5, 112.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.2 Hz), 95.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 179.3 Hz), 67.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.7 Hz), 55.2, 55.1, 53.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.1 Hz); **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3076, 3004, 2936, 2835, 1601, 1491, 1455, 1264, 1158, 1047, 997, 920, 788, 700; **HRMS** (APCI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [*M*+*H*]<sup>+</sup> 356.20203, found 356.20133. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> °C = +13.0 ° (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 97.5:2.5); **HPLC separation:** DAICEL CHIRALPAK® IA-3, Heptane: *i*PrOH:Et<sub>2</sub>NH = 99.2:0.7:0.1, 1 mL/min; *t*<sub>1</sub> = 3.74 min (minor), *t*<sub>2</sub> = 4.49 min (major).

***N*-allyl-*N*-((1*S*,2*S*)-1,2-bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-2-fluoroethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (2p)**



Fluoride **2p** was prepared from **1p** (73.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at -15 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99.55:0.45, gradient). Colorless oil, 40.9 mg, 58% yield, e.r. = 90:10. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at -20 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99.55:0.45, gradient). Colorless oil, 59.6 mg, 85% yield, e.r. = 91:9. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 6.87 (s, 4H), 6.82 (s, 2H), 5.91 – 5.71 (m, 3H), 5.16 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 19.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (ddd, *J* = 14.4, 4.8, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 6H), 2.27 (s, 6H); **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -179.64 (dd, *J* = 47.6, 19.3 Hz, 1F); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 138.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.8 Hz), 137.5, 137.3, 137.3, 136.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.0 Hz), 129.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.1 Hz), 128.9, 127.6, 124.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.7 Hz), 116.8, 95.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 178.0 Hz), 66.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.4 Hz), 54.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.2 Hz), 21.6, 21.4; **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3076, 3009, 2919, 2813, 1641, 1607, 1448, 1417, 1163, 1125, 1037, 917, 851, 710; **HRMS** (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>FN<sup>+</sup> [*M*+*H*]<sup>+</sup> 352.24350, found 352.24319. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> °C = +16.5 ° (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 90:10); **HPLC separation:** DAICEL CHIRALPAK® IA-3 Heptane: *i*PrOH = 99:1, 1 mL/min; *t*<sub>1</sub> = 2.30 min (minor), *t*<sub>2</sub> = 2.69 min (major).

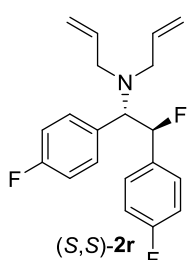
### *N*-allyl-*N*-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-1,2-di-*p*-tolylethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (**2q**)



Fluoride **2q** was prepared from **1q** (68.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at -10 °C for 60 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99.4:0.6, gradient).

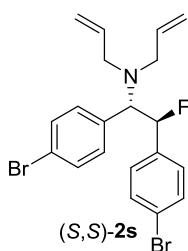
Colorless oil, 50 mg, 71% yield, e.r. = 95:5. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at -10 °C for 24 h. *Purification:* FCC eluent = Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99.2:0.8, gradient). Colorless oil, 48.1 mg, 74% yield, e.r. = 95:5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0, Hz, 2H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 6H), 5.96 – 5.73 (m, 3H), 5.22 – 5.07 (m, 4H), 4.22 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (ddt, *J* = 14.3, 5.0, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 2.95 – 2.81 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -176.66 (dd, *J* = 47.3, 16.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 137.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.3 Hz), 137.4, 136.9, 135.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.3 Hz), 133.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.9 Hz), 129.5, 128.8, 127.1 (overlapped), 116.9, 95.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 177.5 Hz), 66.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.1 Hz), 54.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 21.3, 21.2; IR (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3076, 3008, 2923, 2813, 1641, 1515, 1447, 1417, 1115, 997, 918, 814; HRMS (APCI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>FN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 324.21220, found 324.21213; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> °C = +21.0 ° (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 95:5); HPLC separation: DAICEL CHIRALPAK® OJ-H Heptane: *i*PrOH = 99.2:0.8, 1 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 5.30 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 6.12 min (major).

### *N*-allyl-*N*-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-1,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (**2r**)



Fluoride **2r** was prepared from **1r** (69.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at -5 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99.69:0.31, gradient). Colorless oil, 44.7 mg, 67% yield, e.r. = 95:5. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at -10 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99.65:0.35, gradient). Colorless oil, 52.8 mg, 80% yield, e.r. = 95:5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 6.90 (m, 4H), 5.93 – 5.68 (m, 3H), 5.21 – 5.08 (m, 4H), 4.17 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (ddt, *J* = 14.3, 4.9, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -113.54 – -113.66 (m, 1F), -114.59 – -114.72 (m, 1F), -177.78 (dd, *J* = 46.6, 18.5 Hz, 1F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 162.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 247.5 Hz), 162.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 246.4 Hz), 136.7, 134.4 (dd, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0, 3.3 Hz), 132.3 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.0 Hz), 131.1 (dd, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.9, 1.3 Hz), 128.7 (dd, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.3, 6.5 Hz), 117.4, 115.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.9 Hz), 115.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.2 Hz), 94.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 179.1 Hz), 66.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.4 Hz), 53.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.2 Hz); IR (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3078, 2926, 2814, 1606, 1511, 1227, 1159, 921, 834; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 332.16206, found 332.16180. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> °C = +23.7 ° (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 95:5); HPLC separation: DAICEL CHIRALPAK® OJ-H Heptane: *i*PrOH = 99:1, 1 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 6.16 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 7.66 min (major).

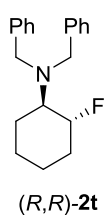
### *N*-allyl-*N*-((1*S*,2*S*)-1,2-bis(4-bromophenyl)-2-fluoroethyl)prop-2-en-1-amine (**2s**)



Fluoride **2s** was prepared from **1s** (93.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at +5 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99:1, gradient). Colorless oil, 64 mg, 71% yield, e.r. = 91:9. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at -5 °C for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99:1, gradient). Colorless oil, 68.0 mg, 73% yield, e.r. = 90.5:9.5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.41–

7.37 (m, 4H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.80 (dd, *J* = 47.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H) 5.88 – 5.65 (m, 2H), 5.18 – 5.08 (m, 4H), 4.12 (dd, *J* = 19.4, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (ddd, *J* = 14.3, 4.6, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -180.69 (dd, *J* = 47.0, 19.6 Hz, 1F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 137.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.9 Hz), 136.5, 135.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.0 Hz), 131.3, 131.2, 131.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.3 Hz), 128.4 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.8 Hz), 122.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.3 Hz), 121.6, 117.4, 94.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 179.9 Hz), 66.4 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.1 Hz), 53.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.2 Hz); IR (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3077, 2977, 2924, 2814, 1164, 1594, 1488, 1405, 1073, 1010, 920, 819, 804; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>FN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 452.00193, found 452.00165; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -8.4 ° (c = 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 90.5:9.5); HPLC separation: DAICEL CHIRALPAK® OJ-H, Heptane:EtOH:Et<sub>2</sub>NH = 98.9:1.0:0.1, 1 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 6.23 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 10.97 min (major).

### (*R,R*)-*N,N*-dibenzyl-2-fluorocyclohexan-1-amine (**2t**)



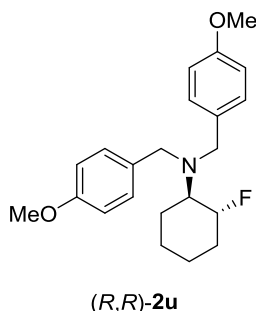
Fluoride **2t** was prepared from **1t** (72 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using α,α,α-trifluorotoluene as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at r.t. for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99.6:0.4, gradient). White solid, 40.7 mg, 68% yield, e.r. = 85.5:14.5. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at r.t. for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O (100:0 to 99.6:0.4, gradient).

White solid, 35.5 mg, 60% yield, e.r. = 85:15. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.42 – 7.07 (m, 10H), 4.55 (dddd, *J* = 50.7, 10.4, 10.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 2.68 – 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.12 – 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.91 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.17 (m, 2H), 1.15 – 0.93 (m, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -174.71 (d, *J* = 50.6 Hz, 1F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 140.7, 128.6, 128.1, 126.6, 93.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 177.9 Hz), 61.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 14.8 Hz), 54.4, 32.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 17.5 Hz), 27.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.8 Hz), 24.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.2 Hz), 24.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 11.4 Hz). IR (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3026, 2937, 2860, 1602, 1494, 1453, 1030, 989, 773, 746, 698; MP 69 – 71 °C; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>FN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 298.19655, found 298.19650; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -9.0 ° (c = 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 85.5:14.5); HPLC separation: DAICEL CHIRALPAK® IB-3, Heptane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH = 99:1, 1 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 3.02 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 3.66 min (major). Spectroscopic data were in agreement with the ones previously reported in literature.<sup>9</sup>

The absolute configuration was assigned by derivatizing **2t** to its corresponding β-fluoropicolinamide (debenzylation with Pearlman's catalyst followed by amide formation). The reported value for *N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-fluorocyclohexyl)picolinamide was [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>21</sup> = -36.5 ° (c = 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 92:8).<sup>12</sup> Our measured value was

$[\alpha]_D^{25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}} = -13.5\text{ }^\circ$  ( $c = 0.5$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , e.r. = 85.5:14.5) indicating (*R,R*) configuration for **2t**. The configuration of the other cyclic products was assigned by analogy.

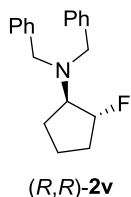
**(1*R*,2*R*)-2-fluoro-*N,N*-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)cyclohexan-1-amine (2u)**



Fluoride **2u** was prepared from **1u** (83.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using  $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -trifluorotoluene as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at r.t. for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Hexane:Toluene (50:50 to 35:65, gradient). White solid, 45.3 mg, 63% yield, e.r. = 84:16. **Method B:** 15 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at r.t. for 72 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Hexane:Toluene (50:50 to 35:65, gradient). White solid, 37.3 mg, 52% yield, e.r. = 85.5:14.5. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.38 - 7.32$  (m,

4H), 6.93 – 6.81 (m, 4H), 4.64 (dddd,  $J = 50.7, 10.5, 10.5, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 6H), 3.77 (d,  $J = 13.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.69 (d,  $J = 13.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.75 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.20 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.27 (m, 2H), 1.24 – 1.05 (m, 2H); **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = -174.75$  (d,  $J = 50.7$  Hz, 1F); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 158.4, 132.8, 129.6, 113.5, 93.3$  (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 177.7$  Hz), 60.9 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 15.0$  Hz), 55.2, 53.6, 32.7 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 17.5$  Hz), 27.6 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.8$  Hz), 24.9 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.2$  Hz), 24.0 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 11.5$  Hz); **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 2936, 2834, 1611, 1510, 1245, 823; **MP** 50 – 53  $^\circ\text{C}$ ; **HRMS** ( $\text{ESI}^+$ )  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{29}\text{FNO}_2^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] $^+$  358.21768, found 358.21794;  $[\alpha]_D^{25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}} = -11.9\text{ }^\circ$  ( $c = 0.44$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , e.r. = 85.5:14.5); **HPLC separation:** DAICEL CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> IA-3, Heptane:*i*PrOH = 99:1, 1 mL/min,  $t_1 = 6.04$  min (major),  $t_2 = 7.01$  min (minor).

**(1*R*,2*R*)-*N,N*-dibenzyl-2-fluorocyclopentan-1-amine (2v)**



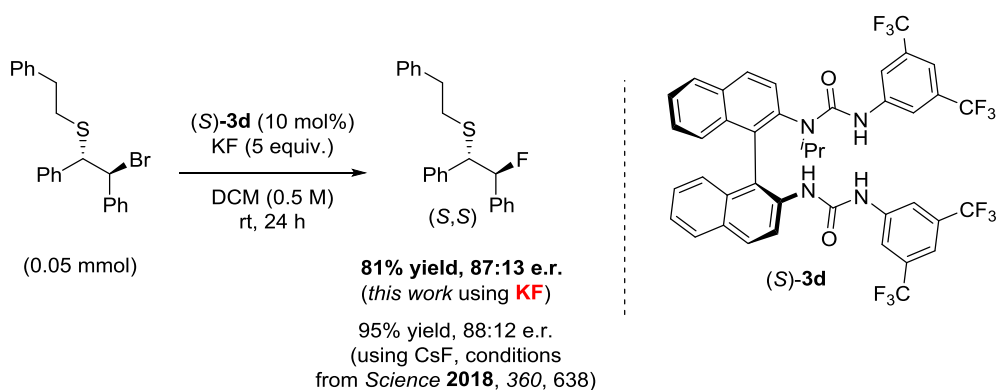
Fluoride **2v** was prepared from **1v** (68.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) according to the general procedure using  $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -trifluorotoluene as solvent. **Method A:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at r.t. for 24 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Pentane:  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (100:0 to 99.4:0.6, gradient). Colorless oil, 40.0 mg, 70% yield, e.r. = 74.5:25.5. **Method B:** 10 mol% of catalyst (*S*)-**3g**. The reaction was stirred at r.t. for 24 h. *Purification:* FCC, eluent = Pentane:  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (100:0 to 99.4:0.6, gradient).

Colorless oil, 38.7 mg, 68% yield, e.r. = 75:25; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.41 - 7.36$  (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 5.15 (ddt,  $J = 54.0, 6.9, 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d,  $J = 14.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.63 (d,  $J = 14.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.37 (dtd,  $J = 28.5, 8.5, 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.01 – 1.72 (m, 3H), 1.72 – 1.48 (m, 3H); **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = -172.99$  (dtd,  $J = 53.5, 28.3, 23.5$  Hz, 1F); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 139.9, 128.8, 128.3, 127.0, 97.1$  (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 176.9$  Hz), 68.1 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.3$  Hz), 55.5, 32.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.8$  Hz), 27.4 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.8$  Hz), 22.0 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.1$  Hz); **IR** (thin layer film)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3062, 3028, 2959, 2875, 1603, 1494, 1454, 1363, 1110, 1075, 1028, 956, 745, 698; **HRMS** ( $\text{ESI}^+$ )  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{FN}^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] $^+$  284.18090, found 284.18088;  $[\alpha]_D^{25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}} = -10.0\text{ }^\circ$  ( $c = 0.5$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , e.r. = 74.5:25.5); **HPLC separation:** DAICEL CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> IF-3, Heptane:MTBE = 99:1, 1 mL/min;  $t_1 = 5.15$  min (major),  $t_2 = 5.66$  min (minor).



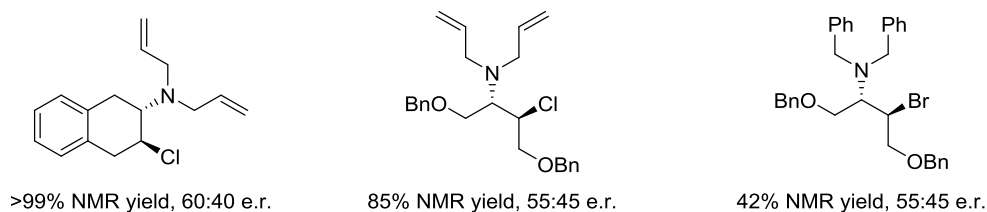
## Additional substrates tested

### Desymmetrization of episulfonium ions with KF



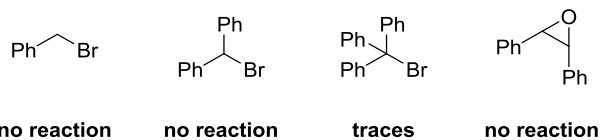
### Additional aziridinium precursors

Aziridiniums precursors which were suitable substrates to fluorination but that didn't show high selectivity:



Conditions: 5 mol% of (S)-**3g**,  $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -trifluorotoluene, r.t., 24 h

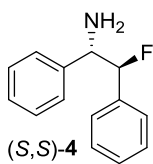
### Additional electrophiles tested for nucleophilic fluorination with KF



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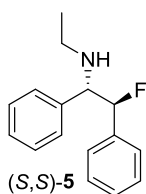
## Deprotection and Further Modifications

### (1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-1,2-diphenylethan-1-amine (**4**)



Fluoride **4** was synthesized *via* a slightly modified version of the deprotection protocol previously reported by Cossy *et al.*<sup>10</sup> In a flame-dried two-neck round bottom flask, Pd(dba)<sub>2</sub> (154 mg, 0.27 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and 1,4-bis(diphenylphosphino)butane (dppb, 115 mg, 0.27 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) were stirred at r.t. in degassed THF (20 mL) for 15 min. Then (*S,S*)-**2a** (794 mg, 2.7 mmol, 1 equiv.; e.r. = 93:7) was added as a solution in THF (6 mL) followed by thiosalicylic acid (1.036 g, 6.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C overnight, then it was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O and acidified with HCl 1 M (checked with pH paper). The layers were separated and the aqueous one was washed 3 times with Et<sub>2</sub>O prior of being neutralized with NaOH 2.5 M (checked with pH paper). The aqueous layer was extracted three times with EtOAc, dried on MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by FCC (DCM:EtOAc = 100:0 to 80:20, gradient) to afford **4** as a white solid (489.2 mg, 84% yield, e.r. = 93:7). Recrystallization of 450 mg of the obtained compound from warm hexane (1 drop of CHCl<sub>3</sub>) afforded **4** in > 99.8:0.2 e.r. (370.0 mg, 72% recrystallization yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.24 – 6.97 (m, 10H), 5.36 (dd, *J* = 47.3, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (s, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -182.68 (dd, *J* = 47.4, 14.6 Hz, 1F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 140.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.1 Hz), 137.4 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.3 Hz), 128.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.7 Hz), 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 126.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.0 Hz), 98.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 177.6 Hz), 61.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 23.1 Hz). IR (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3388, 3064, 3032, 2918, 2849, 1604, 1495, 1454, 1074, 1027, 1018, 834, 764, 698; MP 47 – 50 °C; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FN<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 216.11830, found 216.11813. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> ° = -96.2 ° (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. > 99.8:0.2); HPLC separation: DAICEL CHIRALPAK® IB-3, Heptane:<sup>i</sup>PrOH:EtOH = 97:2:1 + 0.1% ethanol amine, 1 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 5.28 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 6.94 min (minor). Spectroscopic data were in agreement with the ones previously reported in literature.<sup>11</sup>

### (1*S*,2*S*)-N-ethyl-2-fluoro-1,2-diphenylethan-1-amine (**5**)

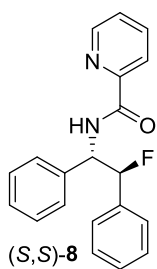


In a round bottom flask, CH<sub>3</sub>CHO (294 μL, 5 mmol, 5 equiv.) was dissolved in MeOH (5 mL, 0.2 M). (*S,S*)-**4** (1 equiv, 1 mmol, 215 mg; e.r. > 99.8:0.2) and NaBH(OAc)<sub>3</sub> (635mg, 3 mmol, 3 equiv.) were subsequently added as solids. The reaction was stirred at r.t. for 3 h then quenched with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (sat.) and extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude brown oil was purified by FCC (Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O 100:0 to 90:10, gradient) to afford a pale yellow oil (137.1 mg, 56% yield, e.r. > 99.9:0.1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.25 – 7.14 (m, 6H), 7.13 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 5.40 (dd, *J* = 47.7, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.59 – 2.40 (m, 2H), 1.91 (s br, 1H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -177.82 (dd, *J* = 47.7, 10.7 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 138.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.7 Hz), 137.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.9 Hz), 128.7, 128.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.9 Hz), 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 126.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.7 Hz), 98.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 177.9 Hz), 69.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.6 Hz), 41.8, 15.5; IR (thin layer film) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3032, 2967, 2818, 1454, 1340, 1208, 1151, 1062, 1032, 758, 698; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FN<sup>+</sup>

[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 244.14960, found 244.14954.  $[\alpha]_D^{25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}} = -68.3\text{ }^\circ$  (c = 0.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. > 99.9:0.1); **HPLC separation**: DAICEL CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> OJ-H Hept:EtOH = 96:4, 1 mL/min; t<sub>1</sub> = 5.09 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 6.22 min (minor).

N.B. Attempts to access this compound *via* asymmetric fluorination from the corresponding chloride were unsuccessful as the synthesis of the chloride precursor proved to be very challenging (mixture of products, poor yields).

#### ***N*-((1*S*,2*S*)-2-fluoro-1,2-diphenylethyl)picolinamide (**8**)**



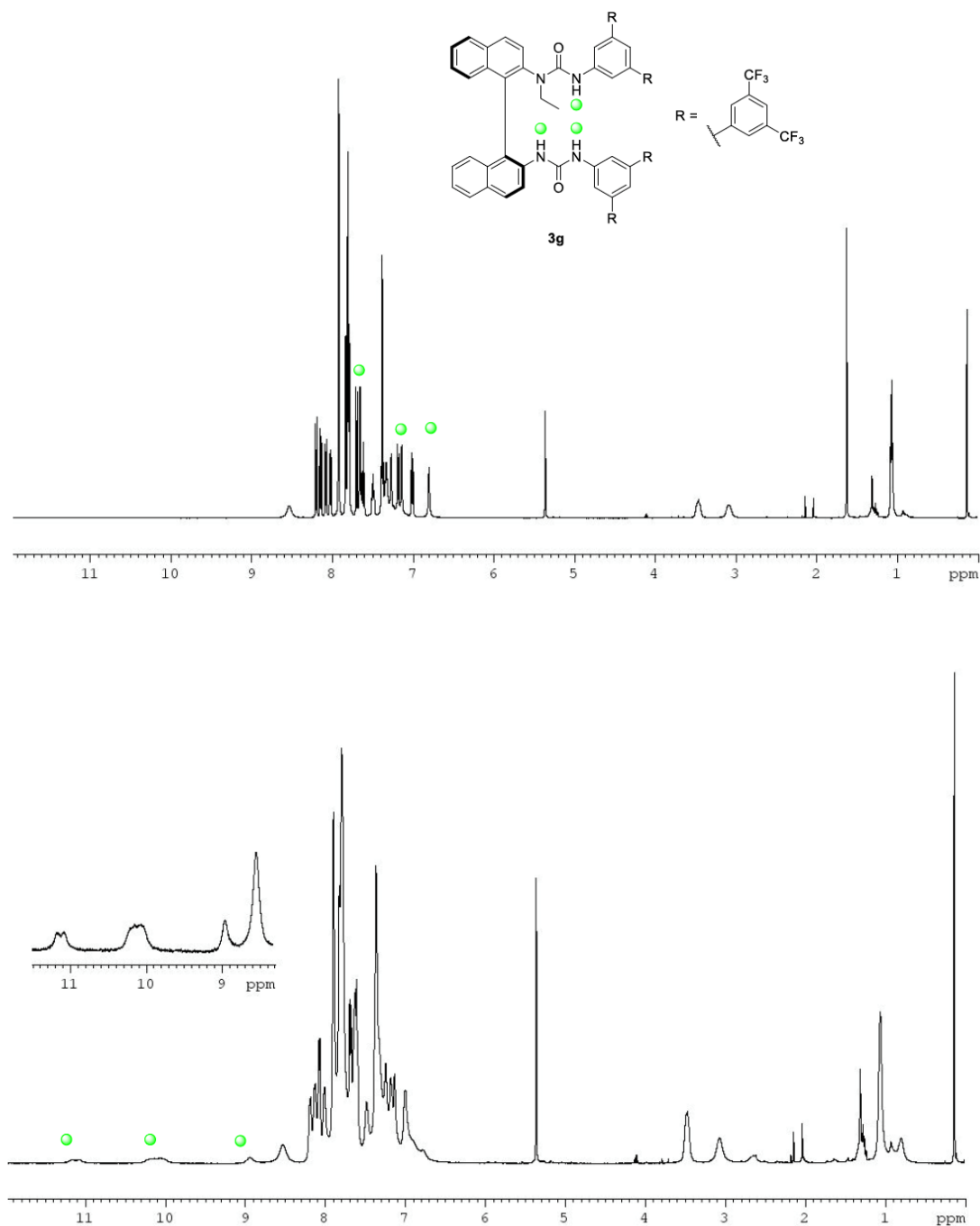
$\beta$ -Fluoroamide **8** was synthesized according to the procedure reported by Doyle.<sup>12</sup> In a flame-dried Schlenk tube,  $\beta$ -fluoroamine **4** (80.0 mg, 0.37 mmol, 1 equiv., 78:22 e.r.) was dissolved in anhydrous DCM. Picolinic acid (45.8 mg, 0.37 mmol, 1 equiv.), DMAP (50.0 mg, 0.41 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) and *N,N'*-diisopropylcarbodiimide (63.5 mg, 0.41 mmol, 1 equiv.) were added and the reaction stirred overnight at r.t.. After disappearance of the starting material (monitored by TLC), hexane was added and the solid removed by filtration. The

filtrate was evaporated *in vacuo* and the crude product purified by FCC (Pentane:EtOAc = 90:10 to 70:30, gradient). White solid (80 mg, 67% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.84 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 4.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.20 (m, 10H), 5.81 (dd, *J* = 46.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (ddd, *J* = 21.4, 9.1, 4.4 Hz, 1H); **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -188.34 (dd, *J* = 45.9, 21.4 Hz); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 163.9, 149.6, 148.3, 138.4 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 137.4, 136.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.7 Hz), 128.7 (overlapped), 128.4, 128.0, 127.6, 126.4, 126.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.3 Hz), 122.5, 95.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 180.9 Hz), 57.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.6 Hz). Spectroscopic data were in agreement with the ones previously reported in literature.<sup>12</sup>

The reported value for the (*R,R*)-enantiomer was  $[\alpha]_D^{25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}} = -4.5\text{ }^\circ$  (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 74:26).<sup>12</sup> Our measured value was  $[\alpha]_D^{25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}} = +4.7\text{ }^\circ$  (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, e.r. = 77.5:22.5) indicating (*S,S*) configuration for **8** (and consequently for its precursors **4** and **2a**). The configuration of the other stilbene-derived products was assigned by analogy. Finally, this assignment was further confirmed by single crystal x-ray diffraction analysis of **2g**.

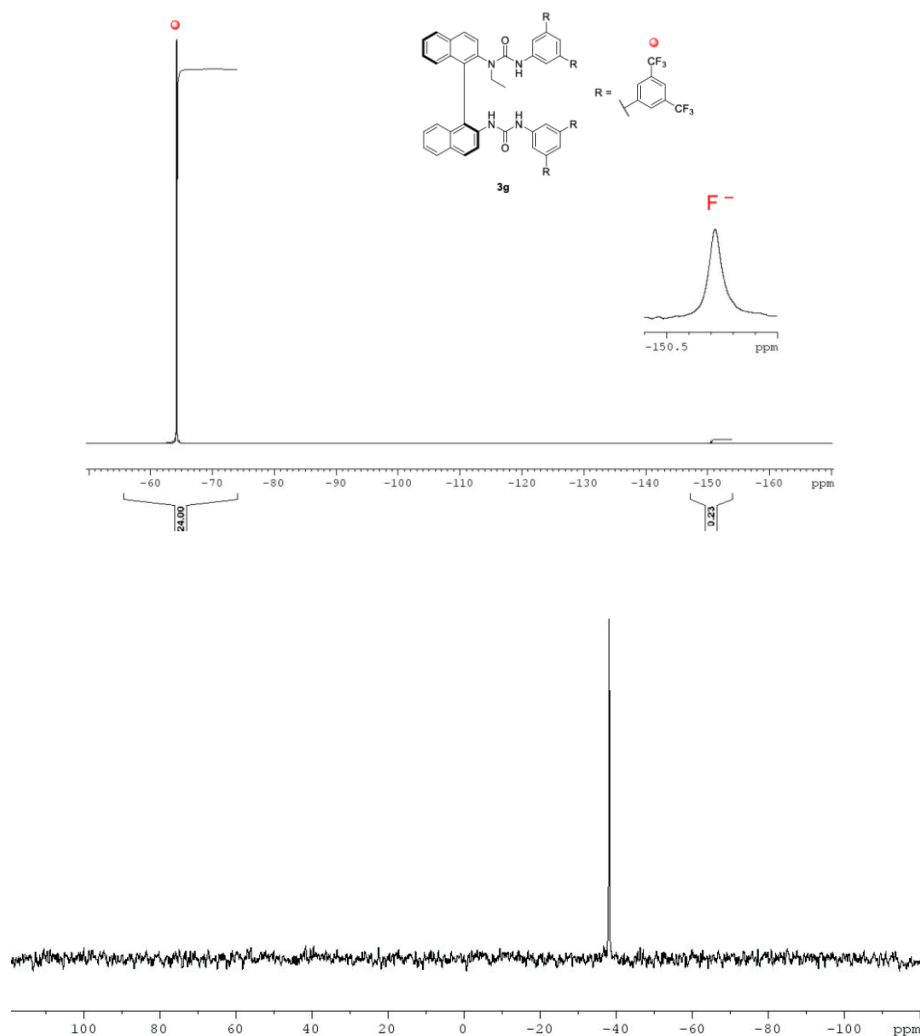
## NMR studies

In order to gain insights into the anion binding interaction of the urea catalyst (*S*)-**3g** with alkali metal fluorides, a mixture of CsF (114 mg, 0.75 mmol) and (*S*)-**3g** (20 mg, 0.014 mmol) were stirred in DCM-*d*<sub>2</sub> (0.6 mL). After 2 h the mixture was filtered through a syringe filter (0.45 μm PTFE membrane) and analyzed by NMR. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum suggests an interaction between catalyst and fluoride, indicated by significant line broadening and downfield shifting of NH protons (Fig. S1). We noted that F<sup>-</sup> resonance does not appear in <sup>19</sup>F NMR, presumably due to extensive broadening of the signal.



**Figure S1:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of (*S*)-**3g** in DCM-*d*<sub>2</sub> (top); <sup>1</sup>H NMR of (*S*)-**3g** after stirring with CsF in DCM-*d*<sub>2</sub> (bottom); deshielded NH protons (bottom insert).

To overcome this problem we did the following experiments: after stirring (*S*)-**3g** and CsF in DCM-*d*<sub>2</sub> (2 h) and syringe filtration, the solution was evaporated to dryness, dissolved in 1 mL of CD<sub>3</sub>OD and analyzed by NMR. <sup>19</sup>F NMR and <sup>133</sup>Cs NMR showed the corresponding signals for F<sup>-</sup> (-150 ppm) and Cs<sup>+</sup> (-38 ppm) proving the presence of CsF in solution (Fig. S2), as the chemical shifts are identical to the ones of an independently prepared sample of CsF in CD<sub>3</sub>OD. A control experiment, in which CsF was stirred in DCM in the absence of catalyst then filtered and re-dissolved in CD<sub>3</sub>OD as described above, shows no trace of either Cs<sup>+</sup> or F<sup>-</sup>, thus indicating that (*S*)-**3g** acts as a phase-transfer catalyst.



**Figure S2:** <sup>19</sup>F-NMR (top) and <sup>133</sup>Cs-NMR (bottom) in CD<sub>3</sub>OD of (*S*)-**3g** after stirring with CsF in DCM.

## **Computational Methods**

All calculations were performed using *N,N*-dimethyl compounds **1–2b**, catalyst **3g**, in chloroform solvent, with Gibbs free energies evaluated at 298.15 K and 1 M concentration unless otherwise stated. Molecular dynamics simulations were used for conformational sampling of ion pairs<sup>13</sup> in explicit chloroform. The methods used are based upon those in our previous work.<sup>1</sup> Structures were visualized using Pymol.<sup>14</sup>

### **Density Functional Theory (DFT)**

Density functional theory (DFT) geometry optimizations and frequency calculations were performed in Gaussian 09, Revision D.01<sup>15</sup> using the M06-2X hybrid functional<sup>16</sup> and mixed basis set, referred to as def2-SVP(TZVPPD), comprising def2-TZVPPD on non-catalyst heteroatoms and def2-SVP otherwise.<sup>17–20</sup> The ultrafine (99,590) integration grid was used<sup>21</sup> and calculations were performed in chloroform solvent using the conductor like polarizable continuum model (CPCM).<sup>22–24</sup> Stationary points were classified by vibrational frequencies; those with no imaginary frequencies being classified as minima, and those with a single imaginary frequency, transition states (TS). Thermochemistry was evaluated using the *Goodvibes* python script, with free-rotor cutoff of 100 cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>25, 26</sup> The non-covalent interaction index was used to visualize non-covalent interactions from the optimization density.<sup>27, 28</sup>

A single point energy correction was performed in ORCA 3.0.3<sup>29</sup> using the  $\omega$ B97X-D3 hybrid functional<sup>30, 31</sup> and (ma)-def2-TZVPP basis set, referring to ma-def2-TZVPP<sup>32</sup> on heteroatoms and def2-TZVPP otherwise, with ECP on Cs.  $\omega$ B97X-D3 incorporates Grimme's D3 dispersion correction.<sup>33</sup> The conductor-like screening model (COSMO)<sup>34</sup> was used to model solvation in chloroform.

Reference to the intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) refers to a projection of the IRC onto a new coordinate, defined as breaking C-N bond distance minus forming C-F distance.<sup>35, 36</sup>

Truncated models (fragmentation), used to rationalize the energy difference between major and minor transition states (TSs), were performed by deleting part of the TS structure in both major and minor TS, followed by a single point energy evaluation (i.e. no re-optimization). Any unsatisfied valance was satisfied by adding a hydrogen atom, in a consistent geometry. Comparison at the TSs, as opposed to over the IRC, introduces negligible error as the difference in TS position is small (TS energy changes by ~0.2 kJ/mol).

### **Molecular Dynamics (MD)**

Molecular dynamics (MD) simulations were performed using the GROMACS 5.1.4 package,<sup>37–42</sup> with the optimized potential for liquid simulations (OPLA-AA 2005) forcefield<sup>43, 44</sup> and restrained electrostatic potential charges (RESP).<sup>45, 46</sup> Compatible parameters were generated using Schrödinger Maestro software (ffld\_server utility, version 14)<sup>47</sup> and RESP charges fitted to HF/6-31G(d) potential using Ambertools.<sup>48</sup> Simulations were performed in explicit chloroform solvent with topology obtained from virtualchemistry.org.<sup>49, 50</sup>

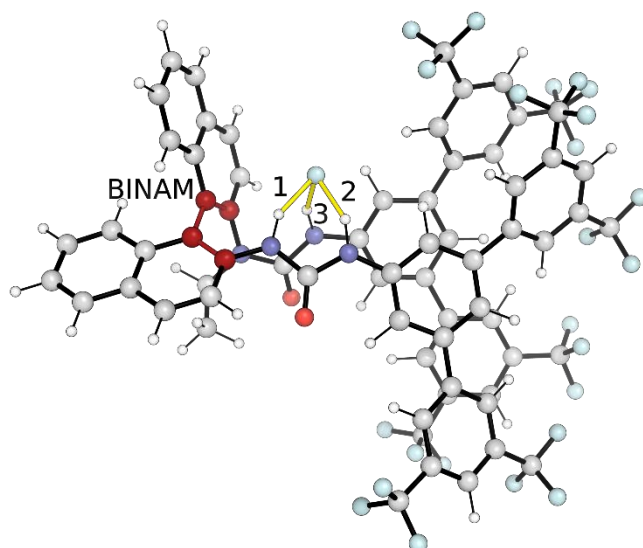
The system for simulation was centered in a cubic box, with minimum distance to the boundary of 15 Å, and 3-dimensional periodic boundary conditions (PBC). The velocity rescaling method was used to maintain system temperature (time constant = 100 fs);<sup>51</sup> system pressure was maintained using the Parrinello-Rahman barostat (time constant = 2 ps, reference pressure = 1 bar, compressibility =  $4.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ bar}^{-1}$ ).<sup>52, 53</sup> Van der Waals interactions and the particle mesh Ewald method used a 1 nm cut-off. Simulations used the linear constraint solver algorithm (LINCS).<sup>54</sup>

Each simulation was equilibrated by steepest-descents minimization of 5000 steps, followed by constant volume (NVT) simulation under heavy atom position restraints, with 1 fs timestep and velocities initiated according to a Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution at 173 K. Over the course of the 200 ps simulation, system temperature was raised to reaction temperature and allowed to equilibrate. After NVT equilibration, the system was equilibrated under constant pressure (NPT) for 400 ps, with 2 fs timestep and the stability of the system volume verified. Data was derived from a continuation of NPT simulation for a further 300 ns.

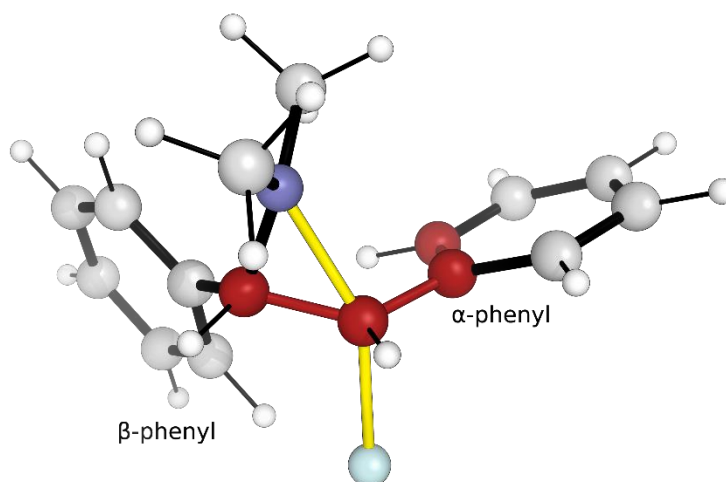
MD trajectories were clustered using the GROMOS algorithm,<sup>55</sup> accounting for molecular symmetry, with RMSD matrix calculated using an in-house python script. The framework used for calculating RMSD, and the cut-off used for clustering, are given in each case. Geometries were saved every 10 ps. Catalyst conformations and catalyst-cesium fluoride binding modes were investigated at elevated temperature of 373 K. Simulations of the reactive ion pair were performed at 298 K.

#### Naming and Definitions

The naming and numbering conventions for catalyst **3g** (Fig. S3) and aziridinium substrate (Fig. S4) are defined, along with dihedral angles of interest.



**Figure S3** Conventions for catalyst **3g**. Numbering of hydrogen bonds (1–3) is shown. The atoms used to measure the BINAM dihedral angle are highlighted in dark red.



**Figure S4** Conventions for aziridinium ion. The phenyl rings are identified by their positioning relative to the forming and breaking bonds. The atoms used to measure the dihedral of the  $\alpha$ -phenyl ring ( $\alpha$ -dihedral) are highlighted in dark red. The  $\beta$ -dihedral is defined analogously. Sign convention is used such that, as shown in the figure, clockwise rotation of the  $\alpha$ -dihedral and counter-clockwise rotation of the  $\beta$ -dihedral corresponds to a more positive dihedral angle.



### Computation – MF Solubilization

The relative thermodynamic favorability of solubilizing CsF and KF in dichloromethane was calculated by combining experimental thermodynamic data with computed values in a thermodynamic cycle. Data by Chase *et al.*<sup>56</sup> were obtained from the NIST Chemistry WebBook SRD 69.<sup>57</sup> “MF” refers to a giant ionic lattice in solid state and an ion paired formula unit in gas and solution phases (Tables S6-S8).

**Table S6:** Standard enthalpy and entropy changes at 298.15 K

	Source	$\Delta H$ (kJ/mol)	$\Delta S$ (J/K/mol)
$\Delta_f$ (CsF <sub>(s)</sub> )	Ref (56)	-554.7	-
$\Delta_f$ (KF <sub>(s)</sub> )	Ref (56)	-568.6	-
$\Delta_f$ (CsF <sub>(g)</sub> )	Ref (56)	-356.5	-
$\Delta_f$ (KF <sub>(g)</sub> )	Ref (56)	-326.8	-
$\Delta_{solv}$ (CsF)	Computed	-122.8	-22.3
$\Delta_{solv}$ (KF)	Computed	-130.8	-23.1

Gas phase entropies evaluated at 1 bar pressure. Solution phase at 1 M concentration

**Table S7:** Standard molar entropies at 298.15 K

	Source	$\Delta S$ (J/K/mol)
CsF <sub>(s)</sub>	Ref (56)	88.3
CsF <sub>(g)</sub>	Ref (56)	243.2
KF <sub>(s)</sub>	Ref (56)	66.6
KF <sub>(g)</sub>	Ref (56)	226.6

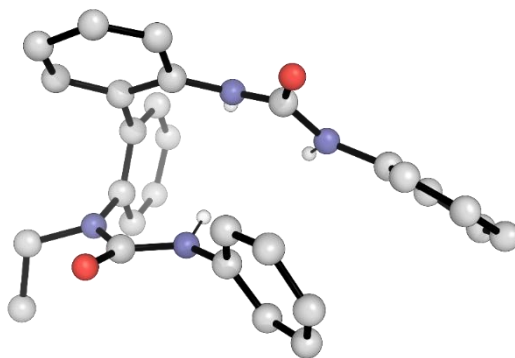
**Table S8:** Derived Gibbs free energies at 298.15 K

Process	$\Delta G$ (kJ/mol)
CsF <sub>(s)</sub> → CsF <sub>(g)</sub>	152
KF <sub>(s)</sub> → KF <sub>(g)</sub>	194
CsF <sub>(g)</sub> → CsF <sub>(DCM)</sub>	-116
KF <sub>(g)</sub> → KF <sub>(DCM)</sub>	-124
CsF <sub>(s)</sub> → CsF <sub>(DCM)</sub>	35.8
KF <sub>(s)</sub> → KF <sub>(DCM)</sub>	70.2
<b>3b</b> <sub>(DCM)</sub> + CsF <sub>(DCM)</sub> → <b>3bFC</b> <sub>(DCM)</sub>	-35.4
<b>3b</b> <sub>(DCM)</sub> + KF <sub>(DCM)</sub> → <b>3bFK</b> <sub>(DCM)</sub>	-37.2
<b>3b</b> <sub>(DCM)</sub> + CsF <sub>(s)</sub> → <b>3bFC</b> <sub>(DCM)</sub>	0.4
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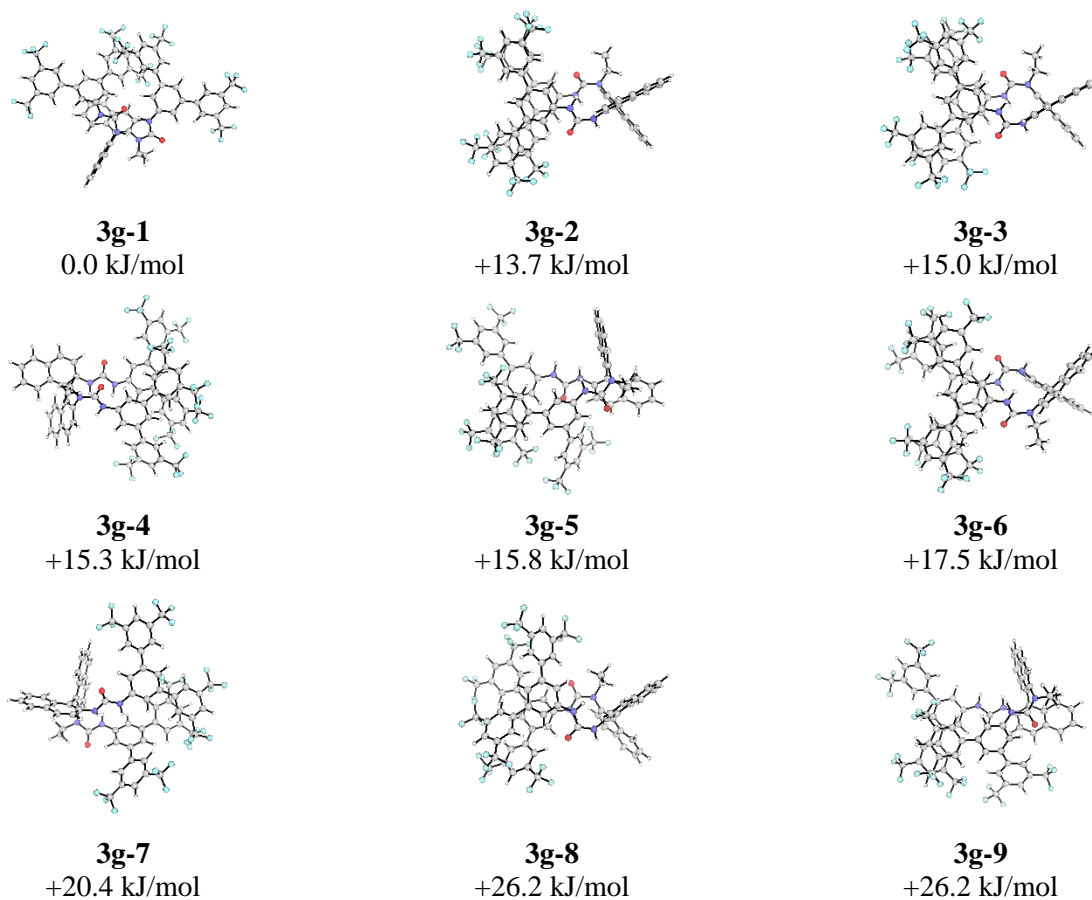
## Computation – Asymmetric Catalytic System

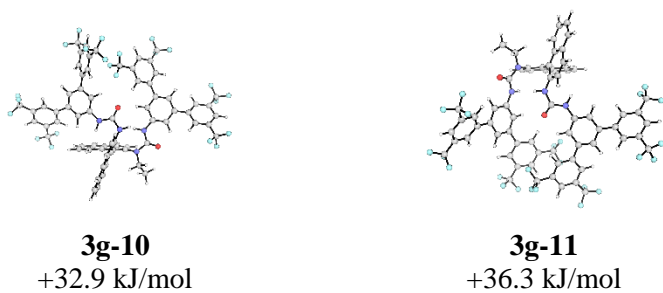
### Catalyst 3g

Catalyst **3g** MD simulation was performed in chloroform for 300 ns. The framework used for RMSD calculation (Fig. S5) was chosen to prioritize urea conformation. All frames from the trajectory were used for clustering with RMSD cut-off of 0.7 Å. The 11 highest weighted clusters (> 0.5 % weight) were optimized using DFT (Fig. S6).



**Figure S5** Molecular framework used for RMSD clustering of frames in trajectory of uncoordinated catalyst, **3g**.

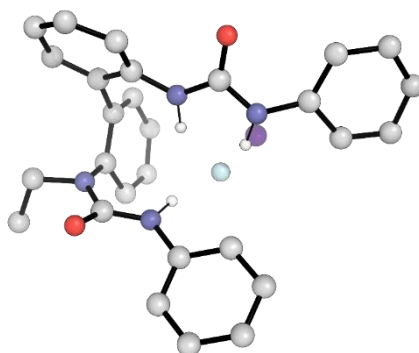




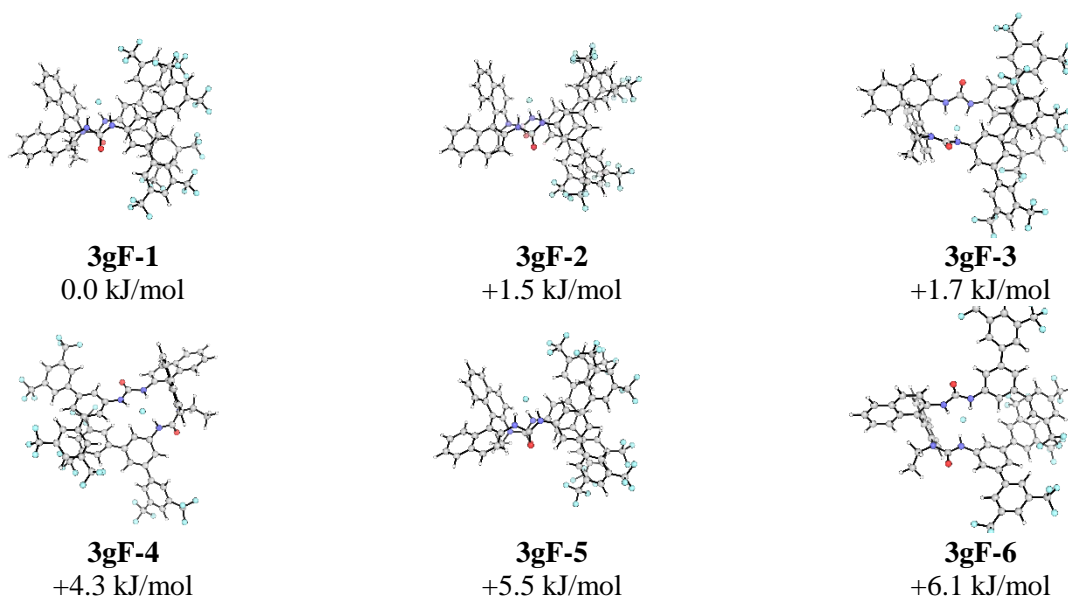
**Figure S6** Conformers of **3g** with relative Gibbs free energies.

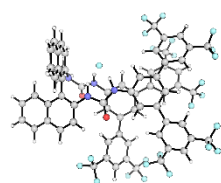
### 3g-Fluoride Complexes

Catalyst **3g** complexed with cesium fluoride was simulated using MD for 300 ns. The framework used for RMSD calculation is shown in Figure S7. All frames from the trajectory were used for clustering with RMSD cut-off of 0.6 Å. The 11 highest weighted clusters were optimized by DFT, with potassium cation (replacing cesium) and without cation.

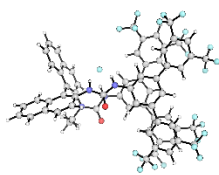


**Figure S7** Molecular framework used for RMSD clustering of frames in trajectory of catalyst **3g** with CsF.

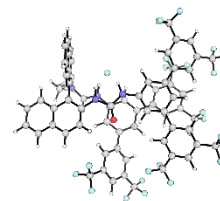




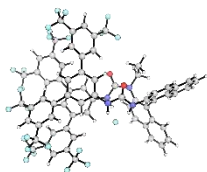
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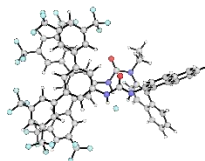
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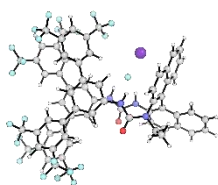


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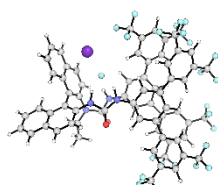


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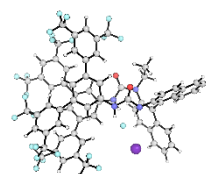
**Figure S8** Conformers of **3gF** complex, with relative Gibbs free energies.



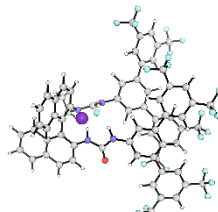
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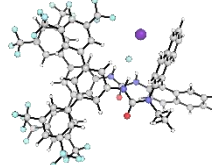
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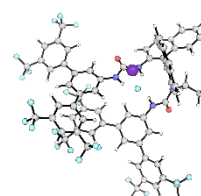
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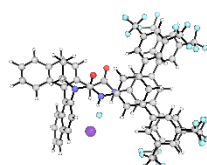
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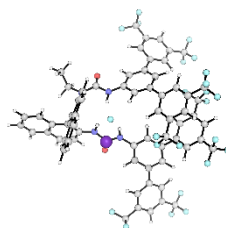
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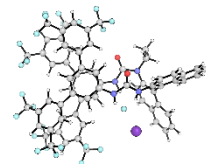
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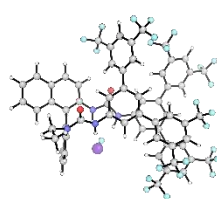
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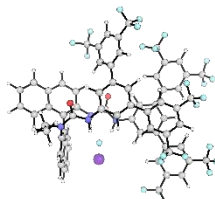
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**3gF•K-9**  
+13.6 kJ/mol



**3gF•K-10**  
+22.6 kJ/mol



**3gF•K-11**  
+23.2 kJ/mol

**Figure S9** Conformers of **3gF•K** complex, with relative Gibbs free energies.

**Table S9:** Key geometric parameters for complexes of **3g** with fluoride

	Key Distances (Å)			M-F	Key Angles (°)	
	H-Bond 1	H-Bond 2	H-Bond 3		H-Bond 3	Backbone
<b>3gF-1</b>	1.719	1.693	1.733	-	153.8	71.5
<b>3gF-2</b>	1.812	1.576	1.709	-	156.7	73.2
<b>3gF-3</b>	1.862	1.514	1.589	-	168.9	79.2
<b>3gF-4</b>	1.785	1.544	1.619	-	164.8	86.4
<b>3gF-5</b>	1.740	1.670	1.712	-	155.0	70.4
<b>3gF-6</b>	1.792	1.603	1.597	-	164.7	79.9
<b>3gF-7</b>	1.874	1.539	1.698	-	155.3	105.1
<b>3gF-8</b>	1.696	1.699	1.798	-	155.7	72.6
<b>3gF-9</b>	1.852	1.566	1.708	-	155.4	108.6
<b>3gF-10</b>	1.714	1.748	1.670	-	161.7	71.6
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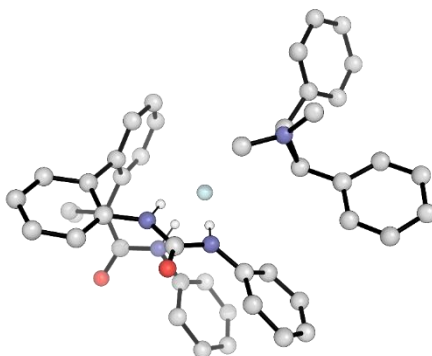
**Table S10:** Key geometric parameters for complexes of **3g** with potassium fluoride

	Key Distances (Å)			M-F	Key Angles (°)	
	H-Bond 1	H-Bond 2	H-Bond 3		H-Bond 3	Backbone
<b>3gF•K 1</b>	1.744	1.794	1.872	2.427	153.0	72.6
<b>3gF•K 2</b>	1.729	1.811	1.895	2.427	151.4	74.4
<b>3gF•K 3</b>	1.732	1.858	1.804	2.433	160.8	74.7
<b>3gF•K 4</b>	1.845	1.650	1.696	2.442	168.0	77.5
<b>3gF•K 5</b>	1.743	1.785	1.939	2.424	153.6	74.4
<b>3gF•K 6</b>	1.808	1.637	1.714	2.461	166.1	85.4
<b>3gF•K 7</b>	1.801	1.698	1.827	2.429	153.9	74.8
<b>3gF•K 8</b>	1.803	1.731	1.715	2.444	162.3	83.7
<b>3gF•K 9</b>	1.734	1.878	1.810	2.429	159.9	69.5
<b>3gF•K 10</b>	1.837	1.643	1.851	2.449	150.3	107.7
<b>3gF•K 11</b>	1.820	1.662	1.870	2.447	151.2	110.0

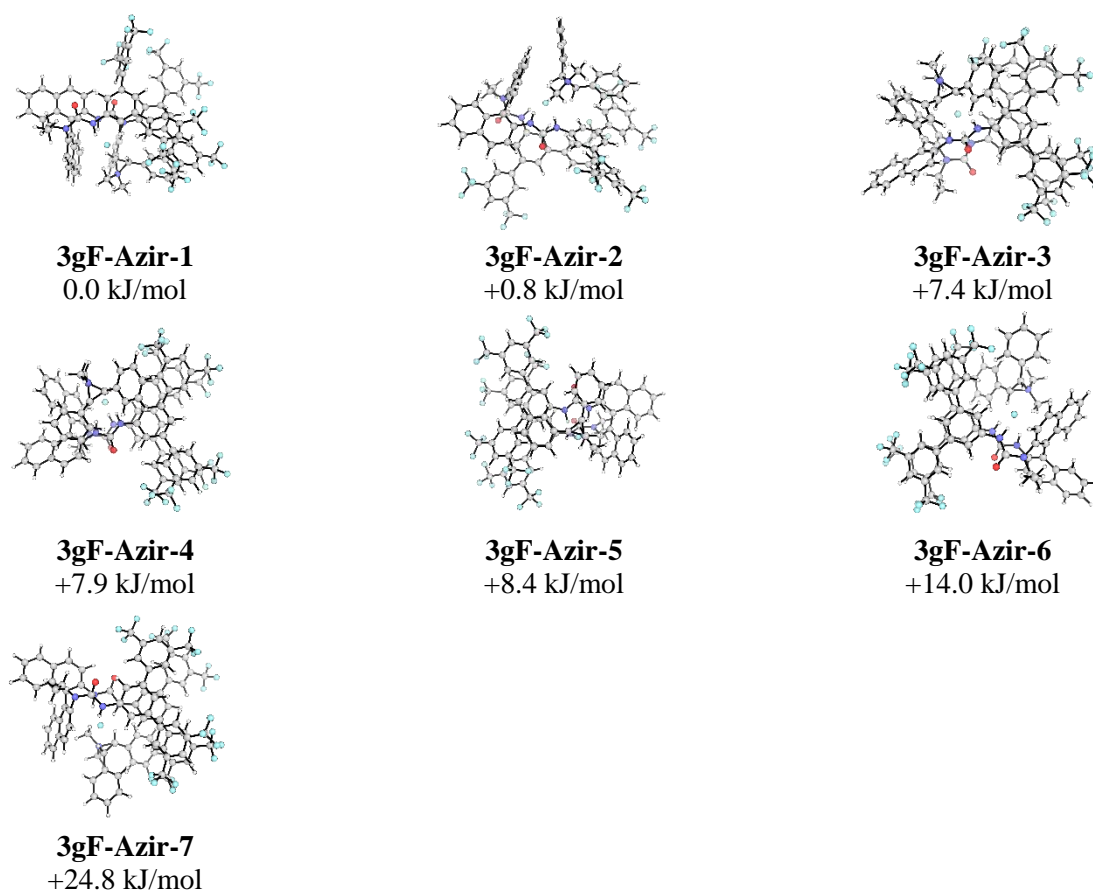
### 3g-Aziridinium Ion Pairs

Catalyst complexed with fluoride and aziridinium ion (“reactive ion pair”) was simulated using MD for 300 ns. The framework used for RMSD calculation is shown in Figure S10. All frames from the trajectory were used for clustering with RMSD cut-off of 0.8 Å. The 7 highest weighted clusters (> 1 % weighting) were optimized using DFT. Cluster weightings at half simulation time (150 ns) compare favorably with those at 300 ns;

additionally, a duplicate simulation was run with different starting point and was verified to produce comparable high-weighted clusters after 300 ns.



**Figure S10** Molecular framework used for RMSD clustering of frames in trajectory of the reactive ion pair.



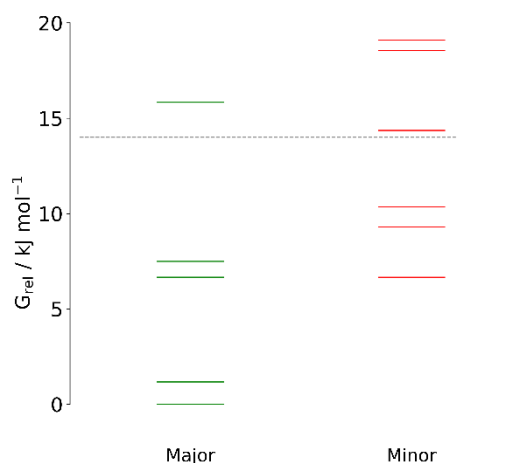
**Figure S11** Conformers of **3g-F** aziridinium reactive ion pair, with relative Gibbs free energies.

### Computation – Transition State Structures and Enantioselectivity

The reactive ion pairs were used to generate transition structure (TS) guesses by aligning the substrate C-N  $\sigma^*$  with fluoride, resulting in an ensemble of 11 TSs (with (*S*) catalyst: 5 to (*S,S*) product and 6 to (*R,R*) product). Ethyl group rotation was checked for the 4 TSs within a 14 kJ/mol window, generating a further 3 conformers within the window. This ensemble of 7 low energy TSs is used for further analysis.

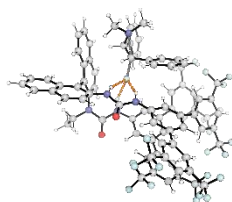
The TS ensemble indicates that (*S*)-catalyst affords (*S,S*) product in 95:5 e.r. in chloroform at 278.15 K. The major enantiomer is in agreement with experimental data, and the e.r. compares favorably with the experimental enantioselectivity of 95:5 e.r with potassium fluoride.

The Gibbs free energy distribution of the lowest energy TSs is shown in Figure S12. TS geometries and relative Gibbs free are given in Figure S13. Key geometric data are tabulated in Table S11. All TS Gibbs free energies are evaluated at 278.15 K.

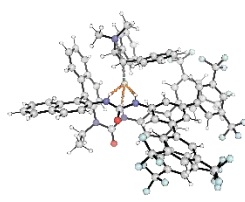


**Figure S12** Distribution of TS Gibbs free energies at 278.15 K, to major and minor product.

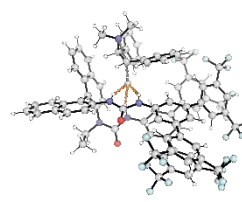
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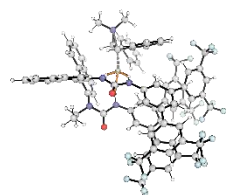
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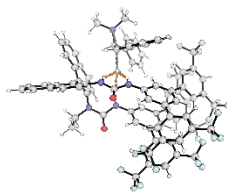
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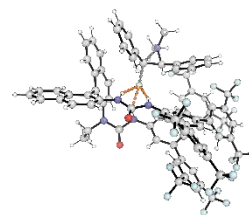
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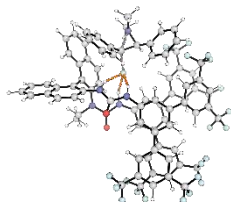
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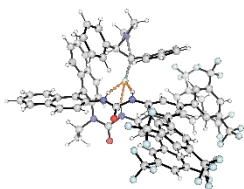


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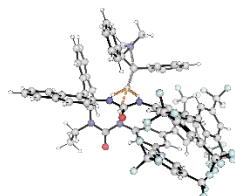


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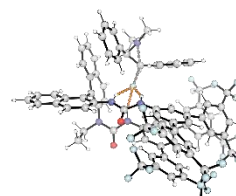
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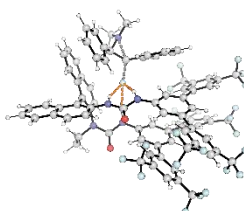
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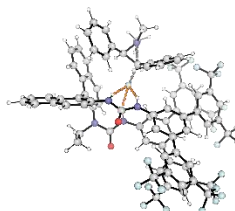
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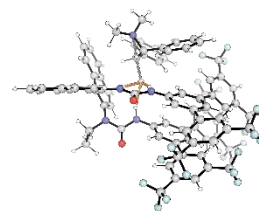
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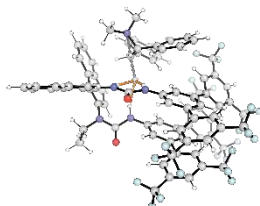
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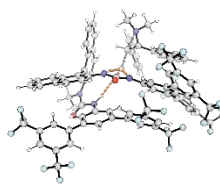
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**TS\_3g-F-Azir-minor6**  
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+20.5 kJ/mol



**TS\_3g-F-Azir-minor8**  
+46.4 kJ/mol

**Figure S13** Transition state structures to major and minor product, with relative Gibbs free energies at 278.15 K.



Table S11: Key geometric parameters for TSs

TS	Freq. imag.	Key Distances / Å					Key Angles / °			
		C-F	C-N	H bond 1	H bond 2	H bond 3	H bond 3	$\alpha$ -Dihedral <sup>†</sup>	$\beta$ -Dihedral <sup>†</sup>	Backbone
TS_3gF-Azir-major1	-553.0	1.914	1.932	1.801	1.813	2.012	142.5	-34.5	-43.5	70.7
TS_3gF-Azir-major2	-553.0	1.912	1.935	1.790	1.823	1.987	145.3	-34.2	-44.1	71.3
TS_3gF-Azir-major3	-553.1	1.916	1.940	1.738	1.860	2.053	152.0	-27	-34.0	67.3
TS_3gF-Azir-major4	-553.1	1.915	1.940	1.737	1.867	2.045	154.7	-27.2	-34.1	68.5
TS_3gF-Azir-major5	-554.0	1.915	1.942	1.857	1.775	1.976	151.2	-21.2	-43.4	68.4
TS_3gF-Azir-major6	-580.6	1.896	1.876	1.857	1.810	1.875	144.5	-86.3	-21.8	70.9
TS_3gF-Azir-major7	-569.6	1.891	1.892	1.925	1.724	1.990	149.0	-72.5	-38.1	65.4
TS_3gF-Azir-minor1	-567.3	1.908	1.904	1.887	1.739	2.115	139.9	-54.2	-46.4	67.5
TS_3gF-Azir-minor2	-566.1	1.906	1.898	1.827	1.794	2.022	145.0	-49.8	-43.1	69.4
TS_3gF-Azir-minor3	-565.5	1.904	1.899	1.820	1.799	1.992	148.3	-50.7	-43.0	70.4
TS_3gF-Azir-minor4	-562.8	1.910	1.922	1.894	1.692	2.281	150.9	-42.6	-43.5	69.6
TS_3gF-Azir-minor5	-570.7	1.890	1.895	1.837	1.785	2.061	145.7	-65.6	-42.2	67.5
TS_3gF-Azir-minor6	-571.9	1.897	1.892	1.960	1.680	2.012	145.8	-71.8	37.4	68.7
TS_3gF-Azir-minor7	-571.9	1.897	1.892	1.959	1.679	2.014	145.8	-71.8	37.5	68.8
TS_3gF-Azir-minor8	-579.6	1.915	1.872	1.873	1.642	3.035	169.9	-78.3	26.0	112.3

<sup>†</sup>Phenyl ring dihedrals measured relative to C-C bond. See Fig. S4 for definition.

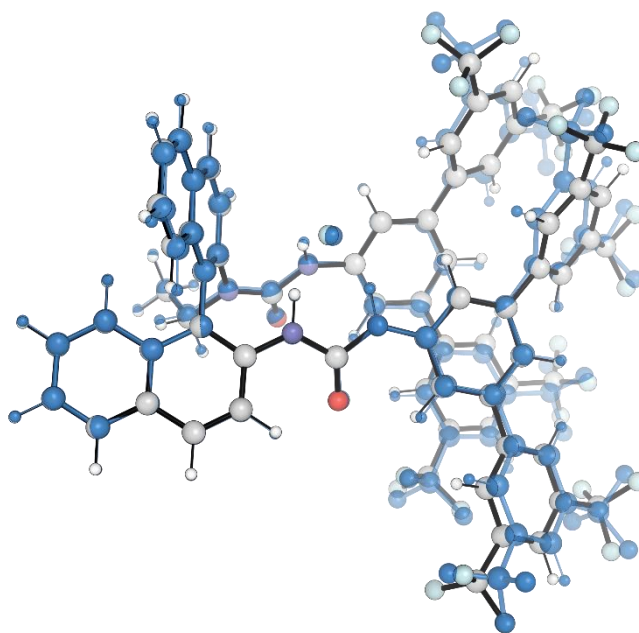
<sup>†</sup>Phenyl ring dihedrals measured relative to C-C bond. See Fig. S4 for definition.

### Origins of Enantioselectivity

The remainder of this analysis focuses on the two most important TSs, the lowest energy TS to major product (TS\_3gF-Azir-major1, referred to as TS<sub>Major</sub>), and the lowest energy TS to minor product (TS\_3gF-Azir-minor1, referred to as TS<sub>Minor</sub>), with  $\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger = -6.7$  kJ/mol and  $\Delta\Delta E^\ddagger = -7.1$  kJ/mol.

### Catalyst Conformation

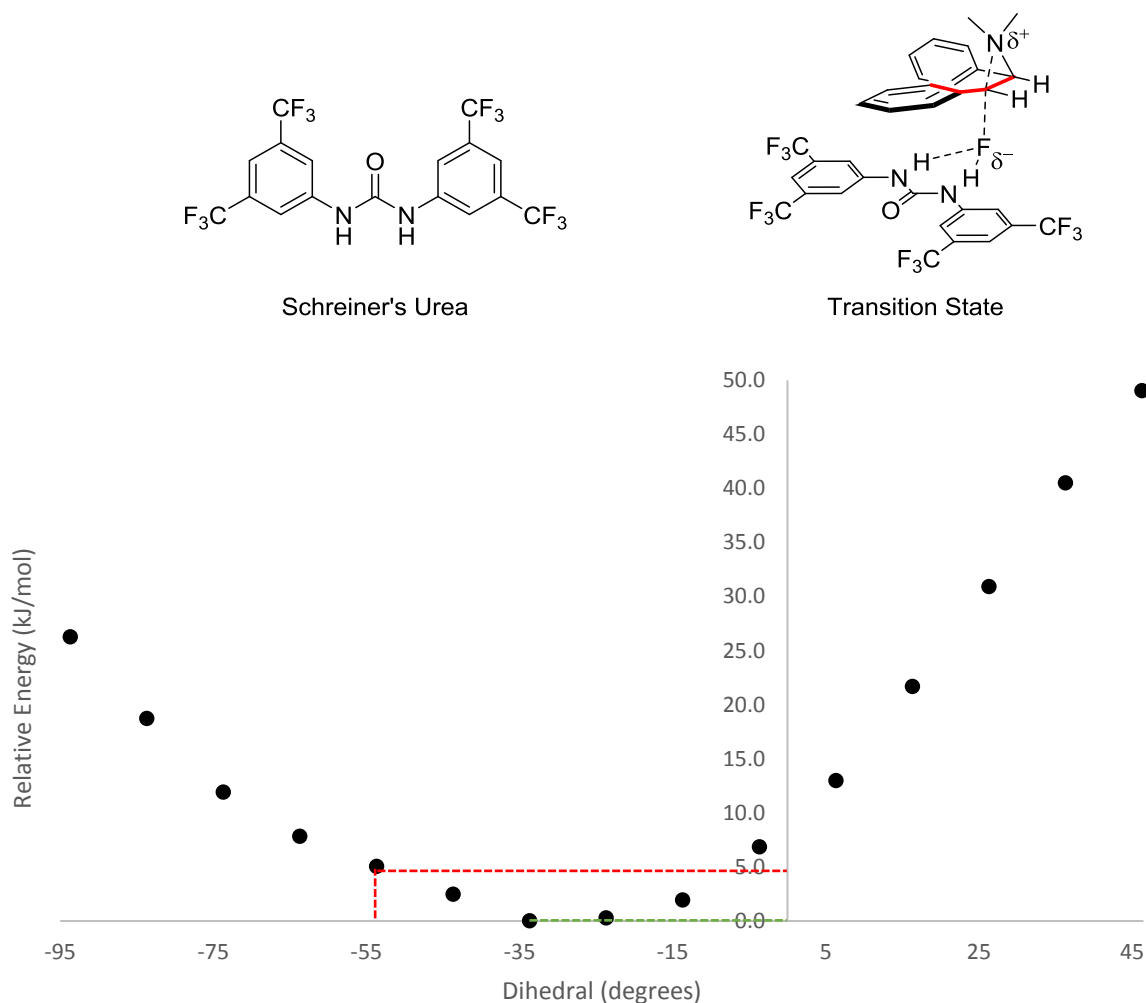
Catalyst **3g** forms extensive intramolecular sandwich  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking, reducing conformational freedom. TS<sub>Major</sub> and TS<sub>Minor</sub> have the same catalyst conformation, eliminating this as a significant factor in determining enantioselectivity (Fig. S14).



**Figure S14** Superposition of TS<sub>Major</sub> (conventional coloring) and TS<sub>Minor</sub> (blue), showing close agreement of catalyst conformation. Substrate was removed for clarity.

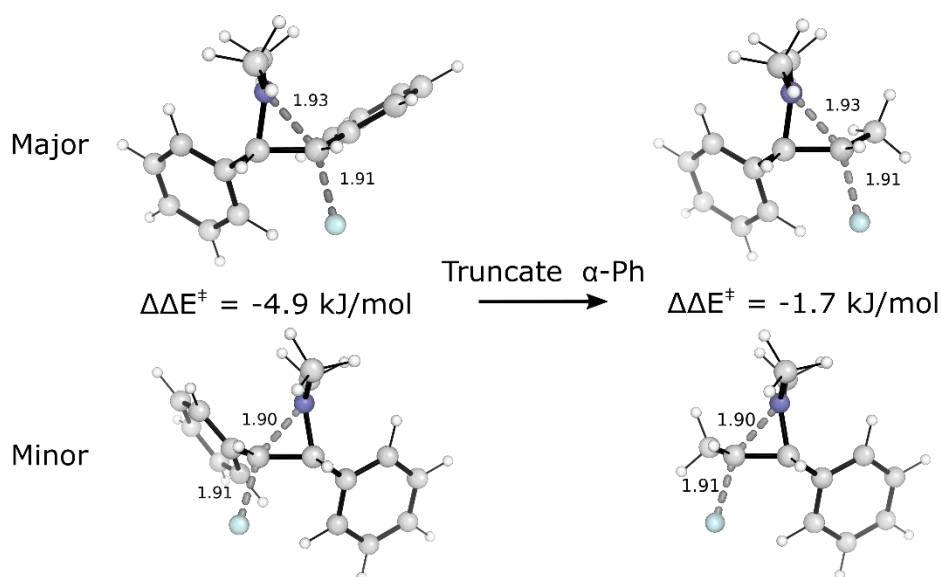
### Substrate Conformation

Substrate conformation favors conjugation of phenyl ring with the forming and breaking bonds, as typical for a benzylic substitution. In TS<sub>Major</sub>, this ring has dihedral of  $-34.5^\circ$ , whereas in TS<sub>Minor</sub> it is further from conjugation at  $-54.2^\circ$ . A dihedral scan of the  $\alpha$ -phenyl ring in the fluoride delivery TS with achiral Schreiner's urea was used to estimate this contribution as  $\sim 4$  kJ/mol (Fig. S15. See Fig. S4 for dihedral definition). Fitting of a quartic polynomial to the 9 points  $-65^\circ < \text{dihedral} < 25^\circ$  estimates that the minimum of the curve is at  $-27.6^\circ$ , thus TS<sub>Major</sub> is approximately  $7^\circ$  from optimum and TS<sub>Minor</sub>  $27^\circ$  from optimum.



**Figure S15** Dihedral scan of  $\alpha$ -phenyl ring in TS with achiral Schreiner's urea. The dihedral angles of TS<sub>Major</sub> (green) and TS<sub>Minor</sub> (red) are indicated on the energy plot.

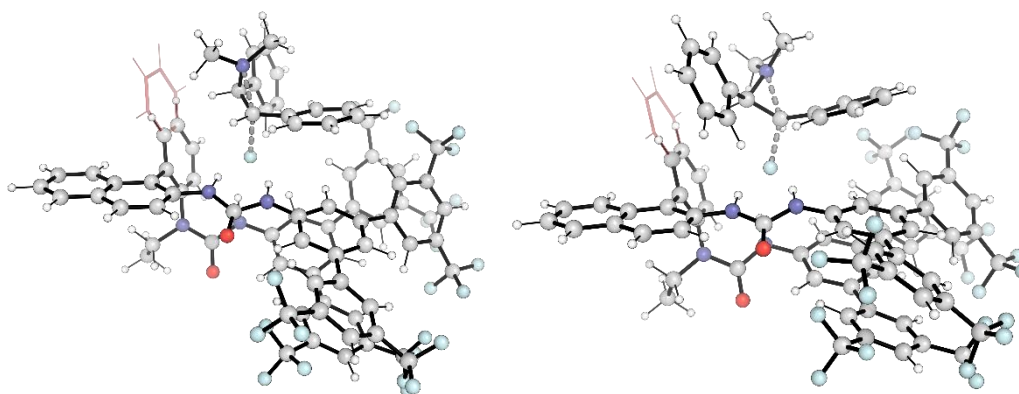
Single point energy evaluation of TS<sub>Major</sub> and TS<sub>Minor</sub> with catalyst removed (*i.e.* aziridinium + fluoride) favors TS<sub>Major</sub> by 4.9 kJ/mol, consistent with  $\alpha$ -phenyl conjugation as the main factor in substrate distortion. TS<sub>Major</sub> is looser than TS<sub>Minor</sub>, with both C–F and C–N bonds longer. If the  $\alpha$ -phenyl ring of the aziridinium + fluoride TS units is replaced by methyl, the energetic preference for the major drops to 1.7 kJ/mol, further supporting that conjugation of the  $\alpha$ -phenyl ring is key to stabilizing TS<sub>Major</sub> (Fig. S16).



**Figure S16** Truncated  $\text{TS}_{\text{Major}}$  and  $\text{TS}_{\text{Minor}}$ . LHS: TS geometries and energetic preference with catalyst removed. RHS: Energetic preference with conjugating  $\alpha$ -phenyl truncated to methyl group. The drop in energetic preference for major over minor by 3.2 kJ/mol is consistent with a key role for  $\alpha$ -phenyl conjugation is stabilizing the major.

### Non-covalent Interactions

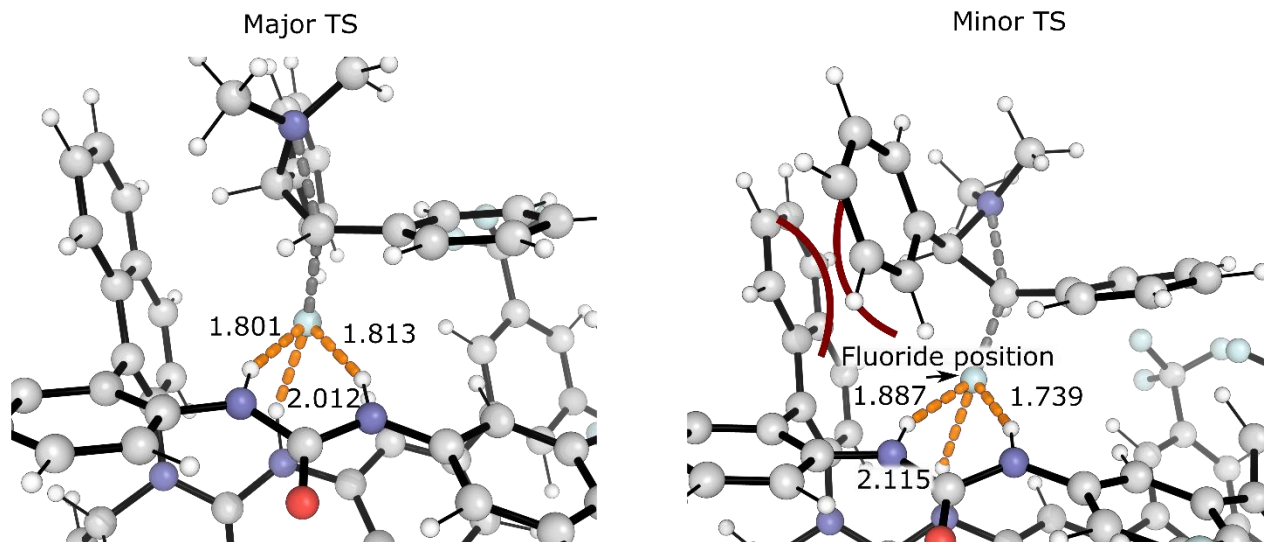
Aziridinium substrate docks into the catalyst, forming a cation- $\pi$  interaction with one of the BINAM aromatic rings ( $\text{TS}_{\text{Major}}$ : 2.26 Å,  $\text{TS}_{\text{Minor}}$ : 2.41 Å). To estimate the difference in cation- $\pi$  strength, the BINAM aromatic ring was truncated, suggesting a difference in strength of approximately 1.5 kJ/mol (Fig. S17).



**Figure S17** Truncated  $\text{TS}_{\text{Major}}$  (LHS) and  $\text{TS}_{\text{Minor}}$  (RHS), with key BINAM aromatic ring removed (red wireframe).  $\Delta E^\ddagger$  is reduced from -7.1 kJ/mol to -5.5 kJ/mol suggesting a stronger cation- $\pi$  interaction in  $\text{TS}_{\text{Major}}$  by approximately 1.5 kJ/mol.

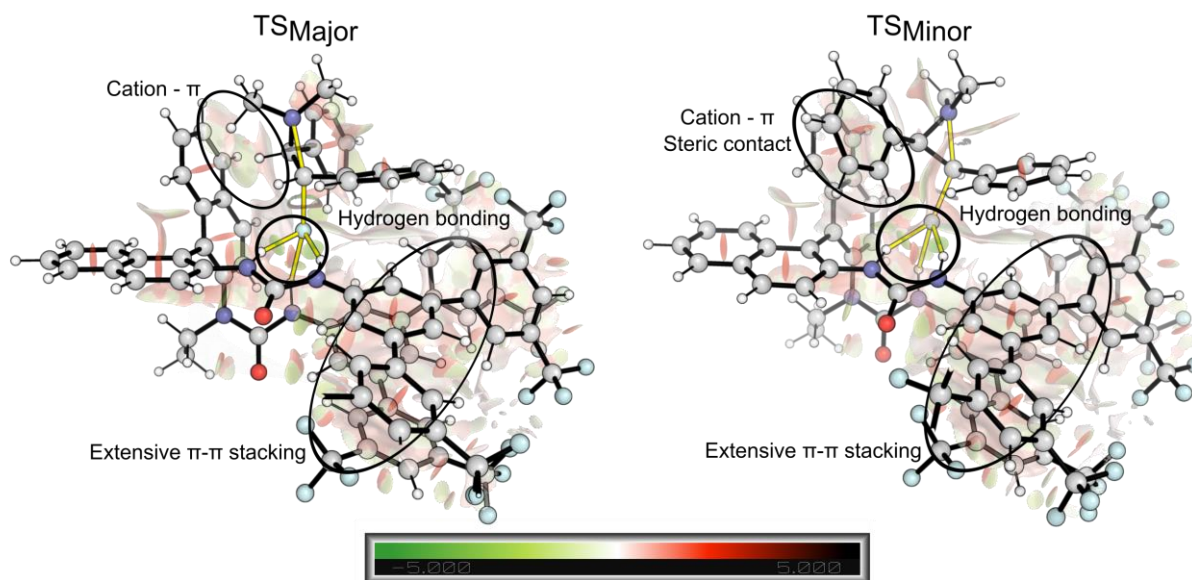
All low energy TSs feature 3 hydrogen bonds from catalyst to fluoride (though H Bond 3 is relatively elongated). Hydrogen bond lengths demonstrate that in  $\text{TS}_{\text{Minor}}$ , fluoride is bound further away from the

BINAM core (H bonds 1 and 3, longer; H bond 2, shorter). Analysis of the geometry of TS<sub>Minor</sub> suggests that this is due to lack of room for the substrate, caused by the proximity of the BINAM backbone (Fig. S18, see also IRC analysis). Single point energy of catalyst binding fluoride in the TS geometries (*i.e.* aziridinium removed) favors TS<sub>Major</sub> by 2.5 kJ/mol, consistent with slightly preferential fluoride binding in TS<sub>Major</sub>.



**Figure S18** Comparison of fluoride binding environment in TS<sub>Major</sub> and TS<sub>Minor</sub>. Distances are consistent with steric congestion in TS<sub>Minor</sub>.

Non-covalent interaction (NCI) plots were calculated for TS<sub>Major</sub> and TS<sub>Minor</sub> from the optimization density, highlighting the extensive non-covalent interactions in the TSs (Fig. S19).



**Figure S19** Visualization of non-covalent interactions in TS<sub>Major</sub> and TS<sub>Minor</sub> using the non-covalent interaction index. Key NCIs are highlighted.

### Substituent Tolerance

Diverse substituents are tolerated on aziridinium nitrogen, without substantial change in enantioselectivity (11 examples (**2a-2k**) each with KF and CsF, ranging from 92:8 e.r. to 97:3 e.r.). Substrate **2h**, with isoindoline motif, suffers the lowest enantioselectivity at 92:8 e.r.; however, this corresponds to an energy change on the order of 1 kJ/mol, which is not easily attributable. Substituent tolerance on nitrogen is consistent with the computed TSs, as the nitrogen substituents point outward of the catalyst pocket in both TS<sub>Major</sub> and TS<sub>Minor</sub>.

### Non Stilbene-derived Cyclic Substrates

Cyclic substrates not derived from stilbene are fluorinated with lower enantioselectivity and produce the opposite enantiomer (*R,R*) of product. The key substrate-catalyst cation- $\pi$  interaction is retained, continuing to orient the substrate such that substituents on nitrogen point out of the catalyst pocket. However, the S<sub>N</sub>2 is no longer benzylic; a factor that contributes approximately half of  $\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger$  for stilbene-derived substrates. This factor, along with minor rearrangements of the catalyst pocket and substrate docking pose are the expected origin of reversal of enantioselectivity.

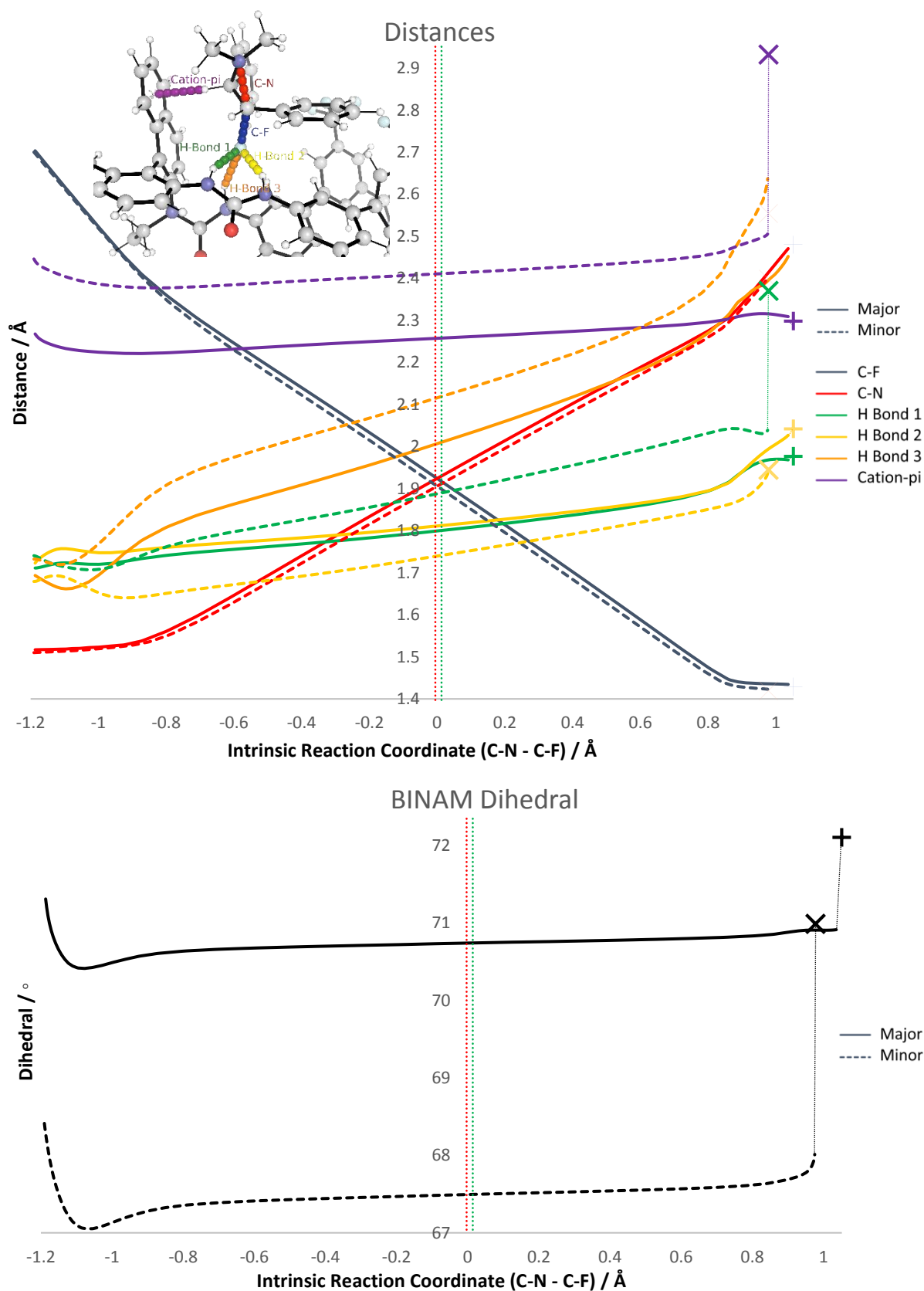
## Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate (IRC) Analysis

The intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) pathway was followed for the two TSs, with the IRC pathway to major and minor products referred to as IRC<sub>Major</sub> and IRC<sub>Minor</sub> respectively. Geometries were monitored over the IRCs (Fig. S20). The main bond forming and breaking occurs in the region  $-0.9 < \text{IRC} < 0.9$ , after which substrate relaxation occurs. The IRC is plotted from a value of -1.2, where C–F distance is 1.3 Å longer than equilibrium, but fluoride is aligned with the C–N  $\sigma^*$ . Geometric parameters of the optimized product complex are plotted as points.

Summary:

- IRC<sub>Major</sub> is consistently looser in the main bond forming and breaking region than IRC<sub>Minor</sub>, consistent with conjugation of the  $\alpha$ -phenyl ring with the forming and breaking bonds.
- Both begin tridentate, however H-bond 3 is substantially elongated by the TSs, exceeding 2.11 Å in the case of IRC<sub>Minor</sub>.
- At IRC = -1.2, all hydrogen bonds are similar lengths, both within each IRC pathway and between each pathway.
- In both IRC<sub>Major</sub> and IRC<sub>Minor</sub>, H-bond 3 elongates rapidly over the IRC. In IRC<sub>Minor</sub>, H Bond 3 is consistently  $\sim 0.1$  Å longer during main bond forming and bond breaking.
- In IRC<sub>Minor</sub>, fluoride moves away from the BINAM backbone over the IRC (H Bond 1 elongates, H Bond 2 shortens). H Bond 1 is broken in the product complex.
- Both cation- $\pi$  interactions lengthen as they transition to CH- $\pi$  interactions, with the interaction in IRC<sub>Minor</sub> consistently longer. As bond forming begins, both cation- $\pi$  interactions shorten as the substrate is pulled towards the catalyst. In the minor product complex, the substrate moves significantly away from the aromatic ring, in contrast to the major where the CH- $\pi$  remains at roughly consistent length.
- As bond forming begins, both BINAM dihedrals decrease, corresponding to an opening of the catalytic site. Once bond formation is complete, both dihedrals increase, however to a much greater degree in IRC<sub>Minor</sub> ( $1.5^\circ$  vs  $3.5^\circ$ ).

The latter 3 points are consistent with steric clash of substrate and BINAM backbone over IRC<sub>Minor</sub>, building up as the TS is approached and is relieved after the TS, into the product complex.



**Figure S20** Plot of distances and BINAM backbone angle over the intrinsic reaction coordinate pathway to major (solid lines) and minor (dashed lines) product. Axes are drawn at the position of  $\text{TS}_{\text{Major}}$  (green) and  $\text{TS}_{\text{Minor}}$  (red). Relevant optimized product complex geometries are plotted (major: +, minor: X) – note that steep vertical displacement of these points should not be interpreted as rapid change.



## Computation – Thermochemical Data

Table S12: Catalyst **3b**

	Energies (Ha)				
	E (opt)	G (opt)	G-qh (opt)	E (sp)	G-qh (sp)
<b>3b</b>	-3064.986424	-3064.490460	-3064.476912	-3068.773763	-3068.264251
<b>3bF•Cs</b>	-3185.082340	-3184.585204	-3184.572779	-3188.943228	-3188.433667
<b>3bF•K</b>	-3764.904108	-3764.406820	-3764.394299	-3768.696028	-3768.186219

Table S13: Uncoordinated **3g**

	Energies (Ha)				
	E (opt)	G (opt)	G-qh (opt)	E (sp)	G-qh (sp)
<b>3g-1</b>	-5374.209878	-5373.382114	-5373.356062	-5380.855333	-5380.001517
<b>3g-2</b>	-5374.228039	-5373.389687	-5373.369400	-5380.854932	-5379.996293
<b>3g-3</b>	-5374.230811	-5373.390093	-5373.370810	-5380.855792	-5379.995791
<b>3g-4</b>	-5374.212056	-5373.381566	-5373.357044	-5380.850705	-5379.995693
<b>3g-5</b>	-5374.214784	-5373.381662	-5373.358268	-5380.852000	-5379.995484
<b>3g-6</b>	-5374.223051	-5373.386103	-5373.364819	-5380.853067	-5379.994835
<b>3g-7</b>	-5374.201461	-5373.374535	-5373.348240	-5380.846975	-5379.993755
<b>3g-8</b>	-5374.227783	-5373.389910	-5373.368635	-5380.850705	-5379.991556
<b>3g-9</b>	-5374.213794	-5373.380408	-5373.357475	-5380.847852	-5379.991532
<b>3g-10</b>	-5374.193262	-5373.366071	-5373.339738	-5380.842507	-5379.988984
<b>3g-11</b>	-5374.190779	-5373.367488	-5373.339304	-5380.839176	-5379.987700

Table S14: **3g**-fluoride Complexes

	Energies (Ha)				
	E (opt)	G (opt)	G-qh (opt)	E (sp)	G-qh (sp)
<b>3gF-1</b>	-5474.244879	-5473.410096	-5473.387919	-5480.881541	-5480.024581
<b>3gF-2</b>	-5474.246598	-5473.409569	-5473.389287	-5480.881334	-5480.024023
<b>3gF-3</b>	-5474.228022	-5473.400973	-5473.374906	-5480.877042	-5480.023925
<b>3gF-4</b>	-5474.219531	-5473.392783	-5473.366686	-5480.875802	-5480.022957
<b>3gF-5</b>	-5474.247213	-5473.408169	-5473.388308	-5480.881400	-5480.022495
<b>3gF-6</b>	-5474.224673	-5473.399835	-5473.372668	-5480.874245	-5480.022240
<b>3gF-7</b>	-5474.236455	-5473.403109	-5473.380553	-5480.877899	-5480.021998
<b>3gF-8</b>	-5474.248257	-5473.409339	-5473.389425	-5480.880066	-5480.021234
<b>3gF-9</b>	-5474.238684	-5473.403568	-5473.381433	-5480.878410	-5480.021160
<b>3gF-10</b>	-5474.243694	-5473.405371	-5473.384767	-5480.879874	-5480.020947
<b>3gF-11</b>	-5474.248476	-5473.408220	-5473.388610	-5480.877945	-5480.018079
<b>3gF•K-1</b>	-6074.138225	-6073.302407	-6073.280984	-6080.776963	-6079.919723
<b>3gF•K-2</b>	-6074.136304	-6073.300721	-6073.278988	-6080.776652	-6079.919336
<b>3gF•K-3</b>	-6074.132760	-6073.298404	-6073.275528	-6080.774851	-6079.917620
<b>3gF•K-4</b>	-6074.115471	-6073.289652	-6073.262649	-6080.770231	-6079.917409
<b>3gF•K-5</b>	-6074.139953	-6073.303028	-6073.281797	-6080.775534	-6079.917379
<b>3gF•K-6</b>	-6074.106044	-6073.284670	-6073.255697	-6080.767244	-6079.916896
<b>3gF•K-7</b>	-6074.134805	-6073.298567	-6073.277711	-6080.773858	-6079.916764
<b>3gF•K-8</b>	-6074.114247	-6073.290510	-6073.262567	-6080.767683	-6079.916002
<b>3gF•K-9</b>	-6074.138144	-6073.300149	-6073.279590	-6080.773103	-6079.914550
<b>3gF•K-10</b>	-6074.123575	-6073.287110	-6073.265514	-6080.769170	-6079.911108
<b>3gF•K-11</b>	-6074.125895	-6073.291268	-6073.268698	-6080.768092	-6079.910894

**Table S15:** 3g-F-Aziridinium Ion Pairs

	E (opt)	G (opt)	Energies (Ha)		G-qh (sp)
			G-qh (opt)	E (sp)	
<b>3gF-Azir-1</b>	-6148.639173	-6147.519998	-6147.491095	-6156.073614	-6154.925536
<b>3gF-Azir-2</b>	-6148.636685	-6147.520388	-6147.489509	-6156.072391	-6154.925215
<b>3gF-Azir-3</b>	-6148.658183	-6147.527920	-6147.504483	-6156.076418	-6154.922719
<b>3gF-Azir-4</b>	-6148.653838	-6147.524558	-6147.500643	-6156.075710	-6154.922515
<b>3gF-Azir-5</b>	-6148.646573	-6147.521140	-6147.495077	-6156.073840	-6154.922343
<b>3gF-Azir-6</b>	-6148.649583	-6147.524317	-6147.498962	-6156.070828	-6154.920208
<b>3gF-Azir-7</b>	-6148.644443	-6147.519600	-6147.493603	-6156.066932	-6154.916092

**Table S16:** 3g-F-Aziridinium Transition State Structures (278.15 K)

TS_3gF-Azir-	E (opt)	G (opt)	Energies (Ha)		G-qh (sp)
			G-qh (opt)	E (sp)	
<b>major1</b>	-6148.620859	-6147.482565	-6147.459223	-6156.047669	-6154.886032
<b>major2</b>	-6148.621222	-6147.482462	-6147.459606	-6156.047206	-6154.885590
<b>major3</b>	-6148.620397	-6147.478730	-6147.457556	-6156.046317	-6154.883475
<b>major4</b>	-6148.621335	-6147.478758	-6147.458213	-6156.046283	-6154.883160
<b>major5</b>	-6148.615643	-6147.476561	-6147.454183	-6156.041464	-6154.880004
<b>major6</b>	-6148.608842	-6147.470890	-6147.447411	-6156.039741	-6154.878311
<b>major7</b>	-6148.614400	-6147.469990	-6147.449556	-6156.032544	-6154.867700
<b>minor1</b>	-6148.616610	-6147.478326	-6147.455128	-6156.044981	-6154.883498
<b>minor2</b>	-6148.617157	-6147.478132	-6147.455271	-6156.044371	-6154.882485
<b>minor3</b>	-6148.617085	-6147.477681	-6147.455286	-6156.043888	-6154.882090
<b>minor4</b>	-6148.620942	-6147.479131	-6147.458279	-6156.043213	-6154.880551
<b>minor5</b>	-6148.619145	-6147.478918	-6147.456607	-6156.041499	-6154.878961
<b>minor6</b>	-6148.618055	-6147.475814	-6147.454514	-6156.042275	-6154.878734
<b>minor7</b>	-6148.618091	-6147.475443	-6147.454226	-6156.042070	-6154.878205
<b>minor8</b>	-6148.592956	-6147.458077	-6147.432952	-6156.028361	-6154.868357

**Table S17:** Miscellaneous

	E (opt)	G (opt)	Energies (Ha)		G-qh (sp)
			G-qh (opt)	E (sp)	
CsF <sub>(g)</sub>	-120.001129	-120.021281	-120.021283	-120.088507	-120.108661
CsF <sub>(DCM)</sub>	-120.040461	-120.061200	-120.061202	-120.135181	-120.155922
KF <sub>(g)</sub>	-699.816535	-699.834673	-699.834674	-699.839431	-699.857570
KF <sub>(DCM)</sub>	-699.866799	-699.885504	-699.885506	-699.889109	-699.907816

### **Computation – Coordinates and MD Input Files**

Coordinates for DFT stationary points (in .xyz format) are provided and uploaded separately. MD topology and input files are also provided.

### **Determination of the Absolute Configuration (Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction Studies)**

The absolute configuration was determined both by comparison of the optical rotation of compound **8** (see characterization section) to known literature values<sup>12</sup> and by single crystal X-ray diffraction.

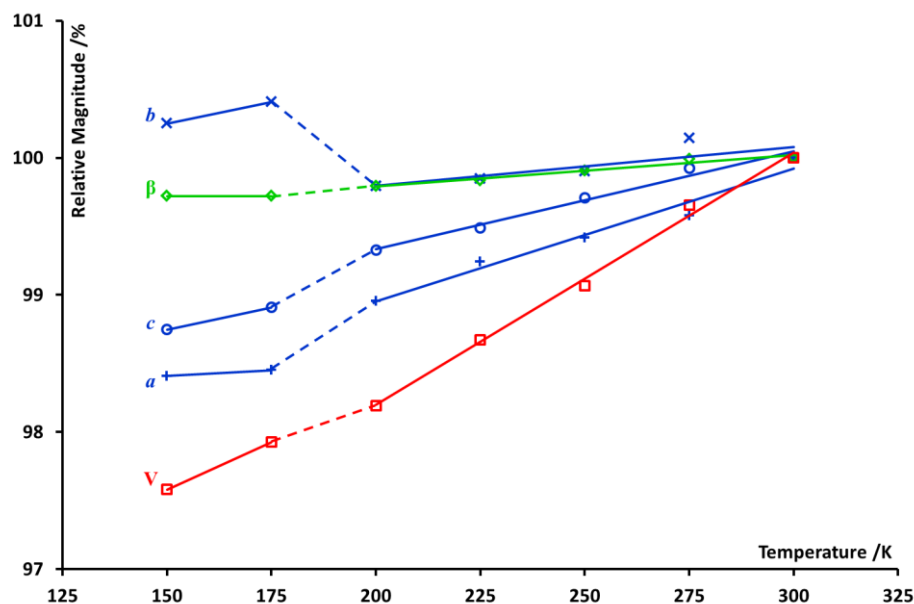
Four attempts were made to grow single crystals of **2g** and its **2g·HCl** salt from 1) heptane/THF (vial 1), 2) heptane/THF (vial 2), 3) EtOH (vial 3) and 4) Heptane/EtOAc (vial 4).

Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected using a (Rigaku) Oxford Diffraction Supernova diffractometer ( $\lambda_{\text{Cu}} = 1.54184 \text{ \AA}$ ;  $\lambda_{\text{Mo}} = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) fitted with an Oxford CryoSystems 700 Series CryoStream.<sup>58</sup> In general, a suitable crystal was chosen and was mounted on a 200  $\mu\text{m}$  MiTeGen loop using perfluoropolyether oil. The CrysAlisPro software was used for data collection, as well as peak hunting, indexing reflections in reciprocal space, integration of the raw frames and application of corrections including interframe scaling, Lorentz, flood field and dark current corrections. The CrysAlisPro suite was also used to examine raw images, study harvested peaks in reciprocal space and produce reconstructions of reciprocal lattice layers. All structures were solved *ab initio* from the integrated intensities using ShelXS,<sup>59</sup> and refined using full-matrix least-squares refinement with CRYSTALS.<sup>60, 61</sup> For ease of comparison, for isomorphous structures, the results reported here were based on the same starting model which was modified and refined as appropriate. In some cases, the displacement ellipsoids were found to be prolate, so these structures were modelled as disordered with a split-site and competitive occupancy refinement. Hydrogen atoms were usually clearly visible in the difference Fourier map. The hydrogen atoms were positioned at geometrically sensible positions and refined using soft restraints prior to inclusion in the refinement using a riding model.<sup>62</sup> While most hydrogen atoms were visible in the difference Fourier maps, some were not, in particular those for data collected at room temperature; these were positioned based on hydrogen bonding interactions. It is highly possible that some of these are dynamic which may explain the unusual contacts.

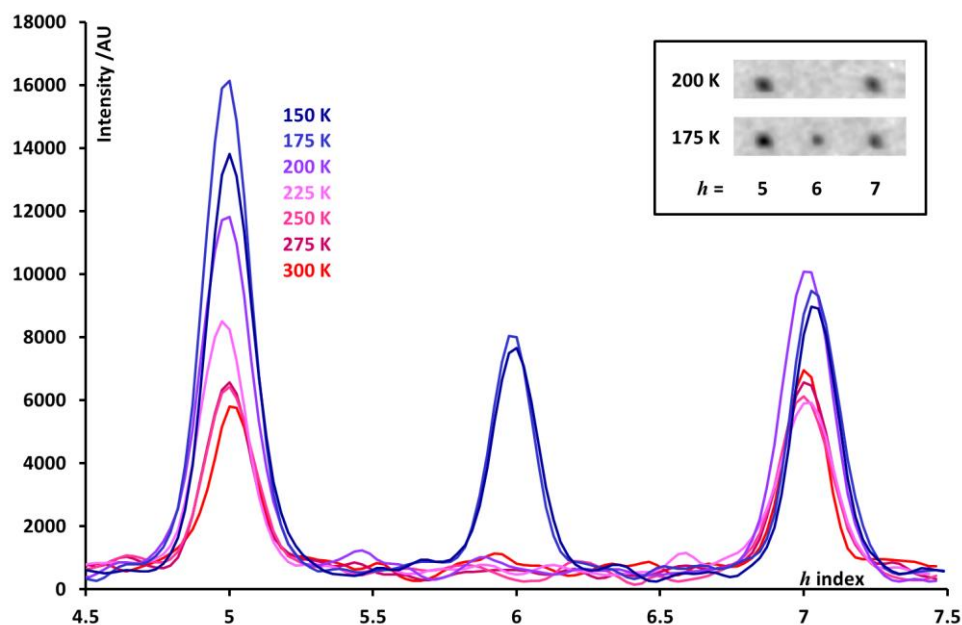
Initial studies at 150 K indicated the presence of two distinct compounds, both monoclinic: 13.50  $\text{\AA}$ , 18.04  $\text{\AA}$ , 15.82  $\text{\AA}$ ,  $\beta = 107.1^\circ$ ,  $V = 3683 \text{ \AA}^3$ , and 8.47  $\text{\AA}$ , 11.66  $\text{\AA}$ , 16.09  $\text{\AA}$ ,  $\beta = 100.5^\circ$ ,  $V = 1562 \text{ \AA}^3$ . Preliminary structure determination showed these to be the HCl salt (**2g·HCl**) and the neutral molecule respectively. The data collected on the **2g·HCl** solved in the space group  $P2_1$  with an approximate *c*-glide plane and giving a structure with four formula units in the asymmetric unit. Significant systematic absence violations in the *h0l* class suggested this was a pseudo-glide as well as the high degree of enantiopurity (the crystals came from a 95:5 e.r. mixture). The neutral species also solved in the space group  $P2_1$ , this time with two molecules in the asymmetric unit partially related by an approximate inversion centre.

Crystals were tested at 300 K from the four different crystallisations. Multiple crystals from samples 1, 3 & 4 were found to contain the neutral species with no indication of a phase change. Crystals from sample 2 were also tested at 300 K and found to exhibit a different cell, 8.85  $\text{\AA}$ , 17.94  $\text{\AA}$ , 12.01  $\text{\AA}$ ,  $\beta = 99.7^\circ$ ,  $V = 1880 \text{ \AA}^3$ , which corresponds to a B-centred cell in the original setting seen for **2g·HCl**. The structure solved in the space group  $P2_1$  with two molecules in the asymmetric unit. In order to confirm the relationship between the two

phases, a variable temperature data collection was carried out with full data collections at 300 K and 150 K and unit cells recorded at 25 K intervals. The unit cell parameters were determined (based on the original cell) and plotted as a function of temperature (Fig. S21). There was a clear discontinuity between 200 K and 175 K indicative of a phase transition. This was also visible when following the 6 1 7 reflection (Fig. S22) which was clearly absent at 200 K (and above), and present at 175 K (and below).



**Figure S21.** Unit cell parameters relative to the values at 300 K plotted as a function of temperature. Trend-lines are shown above and below the transition with a broken line in between to guide the eye.



**Figure S22.** Intensity for the  $h\ 1\ 7$  region where  $4.5 < h < 7.5$  as a function of temperature showing the appearance of the 6 1 7 reflection between 200 K and 175 K on cooling and a reconstruction of the relevant part of the  $h\ 1\ l$  layer is shown inset.

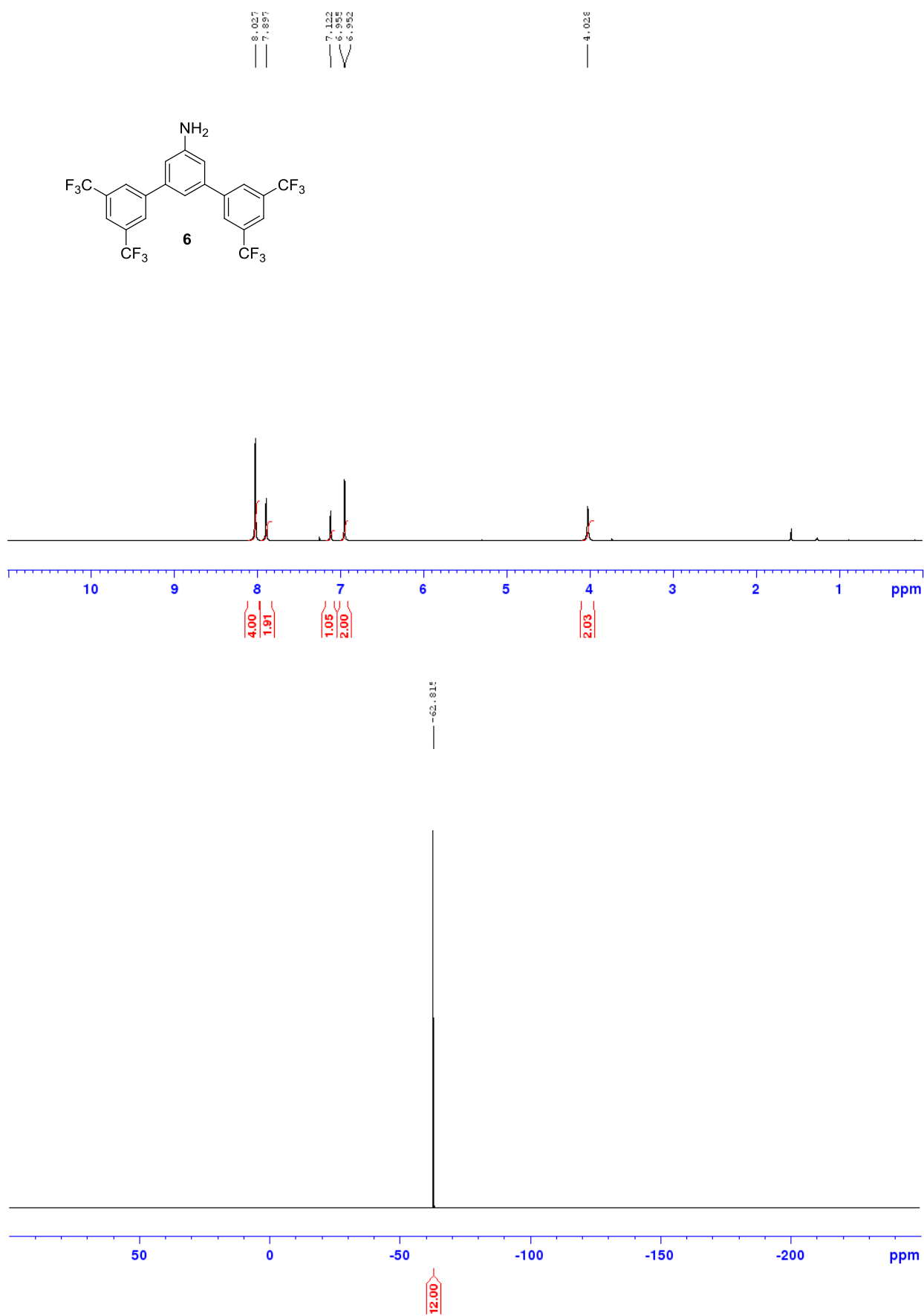
**Table S18.** Values for the absolute structure determination for **2g** and **2g·HCl**. P2 probability that the configuration as refined is correct given the binary condition that the crystal is enantiopure, while P3 is the probability allowing for the additional racemic possibility. The configuration determination is poor for the VT experiment particularly after the crystal has undergone the phase transition which visibly degraded the data quality.

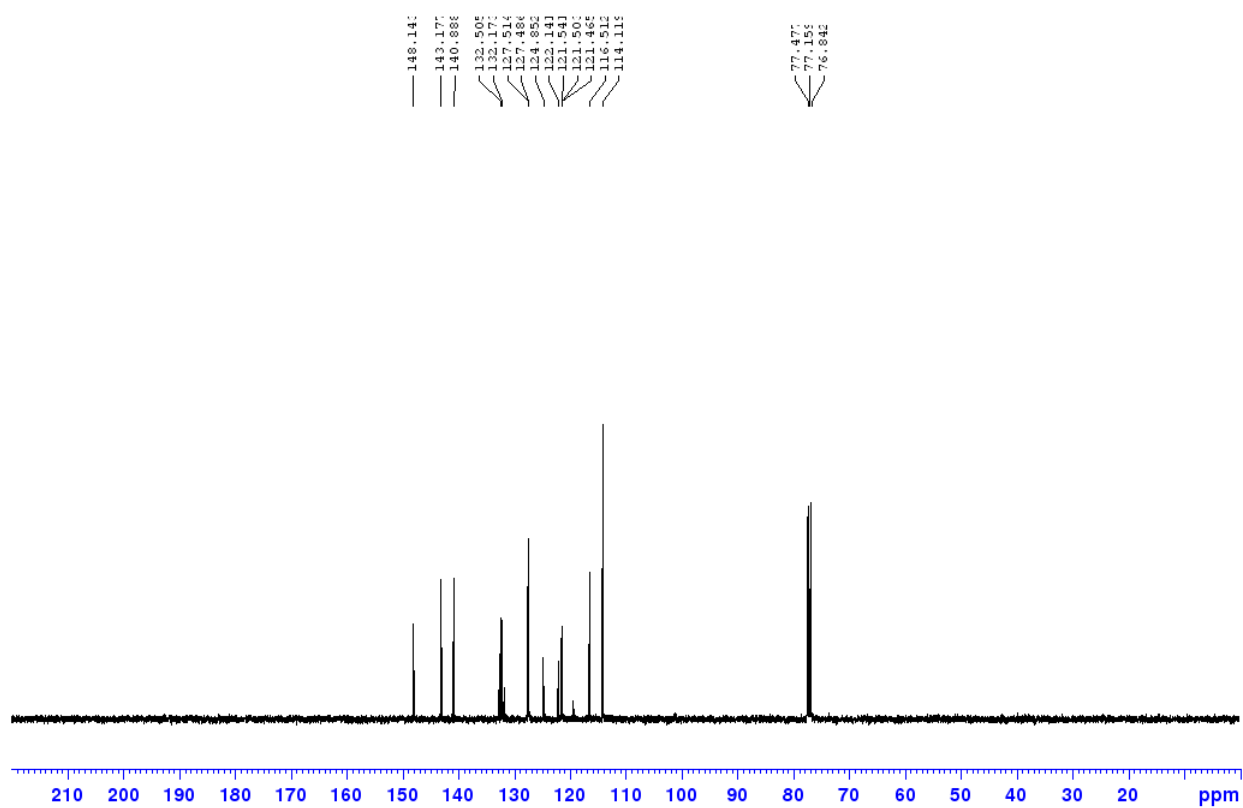
<b>Form (vial)</b>	<b>Temp./K</b>	<b>Flack <i>x</i></b>	<b>P2 (correct)</b>	<b>P3 (correct)</b>	<b>P3 (racemic)</b>	<b>Configuration</b>
<b>2g (3)</b>	150 K	-0.02(11)	>0.999999	>0.999999	<0.38 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	100% “SS”
<b>2g·HCl (2)</b>	150 K-Q	0.03(3)	>0.999999	>0.999999	<0.01 x 10 <sup>-12</sup>	~75% “SS”
<b>2g·HCl (2)</b>	300 K-VT	0.16(13)	>0.999999	0.999694	<0.31 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	~75% “SS”
<b>2g·HCl (2)</b>	150 K-VT	0.29(10)	-	>0.56 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	>0.999943	>50% “SS”

Single crystal diffraction data collected with copper data on the neutral species and on **2g·HCl** quench-cooled to 150 K were examined in detail, as were data for **2g·HCl** collected at 300 K and 150 K as part of the variable temperature study using molybdenum radiation. In the case of the neutral species, both molecules in the asymmetric unit exhibited the same conformation and the Flack *x* parameter<sup>63–65</sup> was found to be -0.02(11). In the case of **2g·HCl** the situation was more complex with half of the molecules (two at 300 K and four at 150 K) exhibiting prolate ellipsoids. The most affected carbon atoms were the stereo centres, but the two adjacent phenyl rings were also affected though to a lesser extent. Modelling this as disorder led to an inversion at both centres. Competitively refining the occupancy the disordered components indicated the disorder was approximately 50% in each case, leading to an overall 3:1 ratio of the two configurations, “SS” and “RR”. Flack *x* parameters were refined in each case and Bayesian analysis<sup>66</sup> of the probabilities carried out. The Friedel differences were smaller for the molybdenum data leading to a marked loss of precision, and the data suggested that crystals suffer damage when cooled slowly through the transition. Nevertheless, these values were in keeping with the major configuration agreeing with that seen for the neutral species (Table S18).

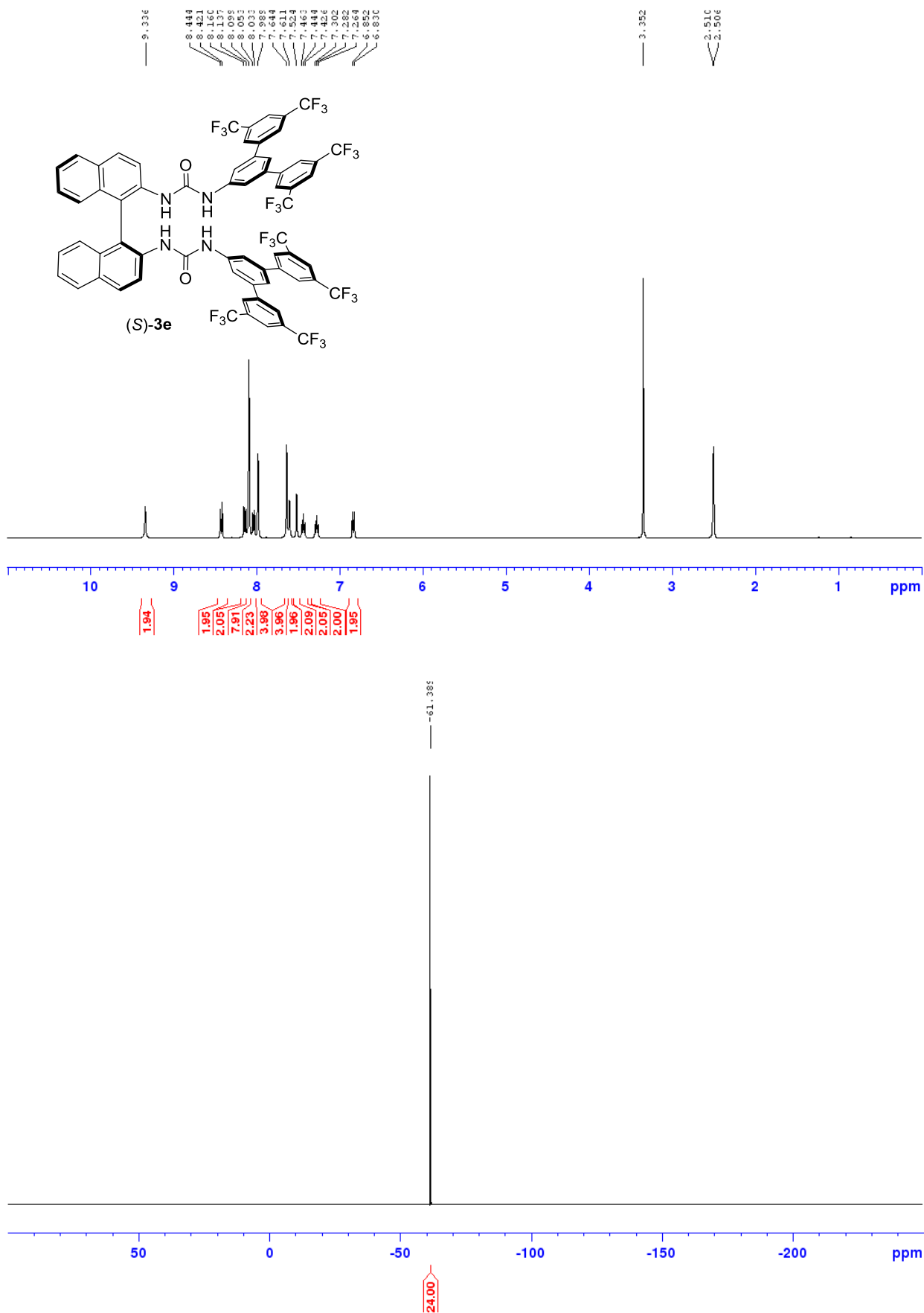
For further details see the full crystallographic data (in CIF format) which are available as associated content and have been deposited with Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (reference codes CCDC 1880527-1880530); these data can also be obtained free of charge *via* [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

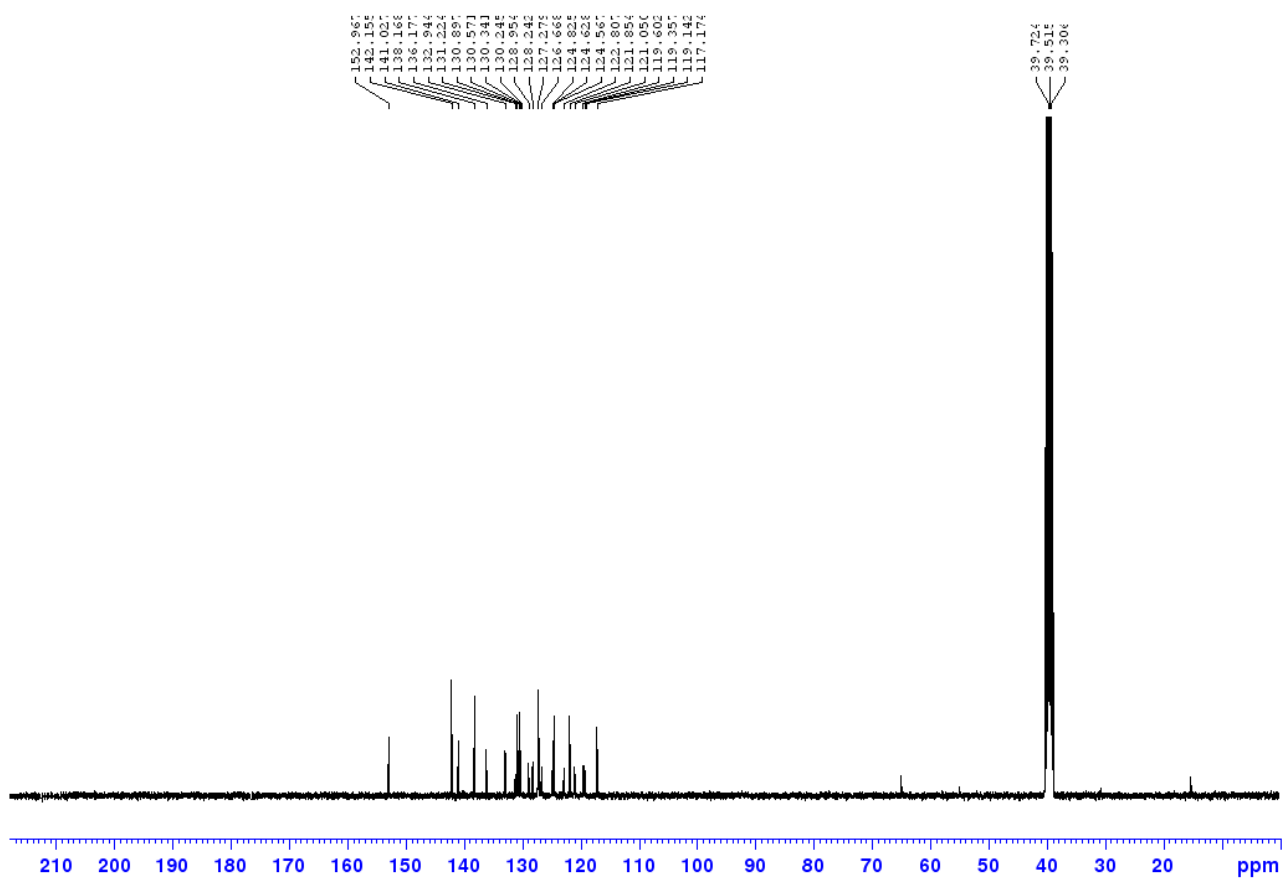
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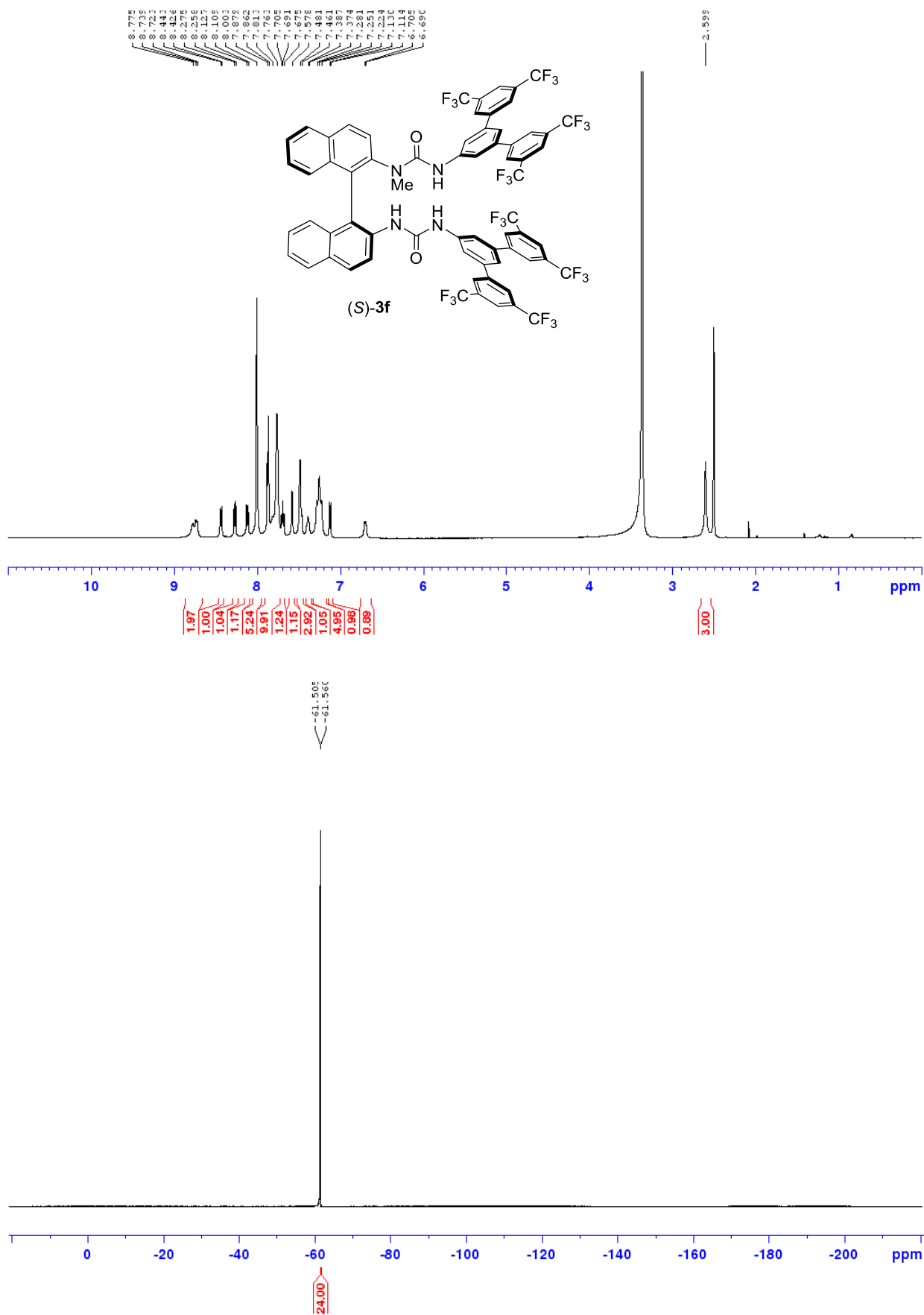


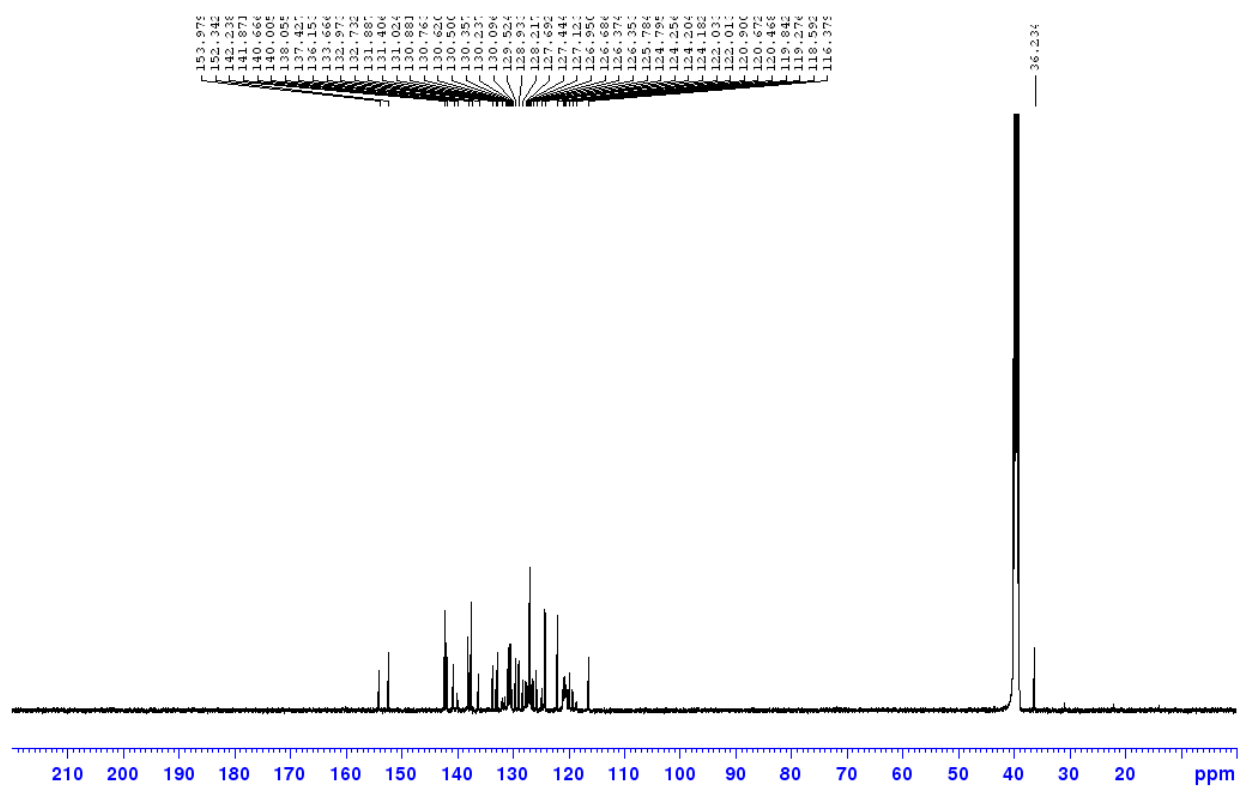


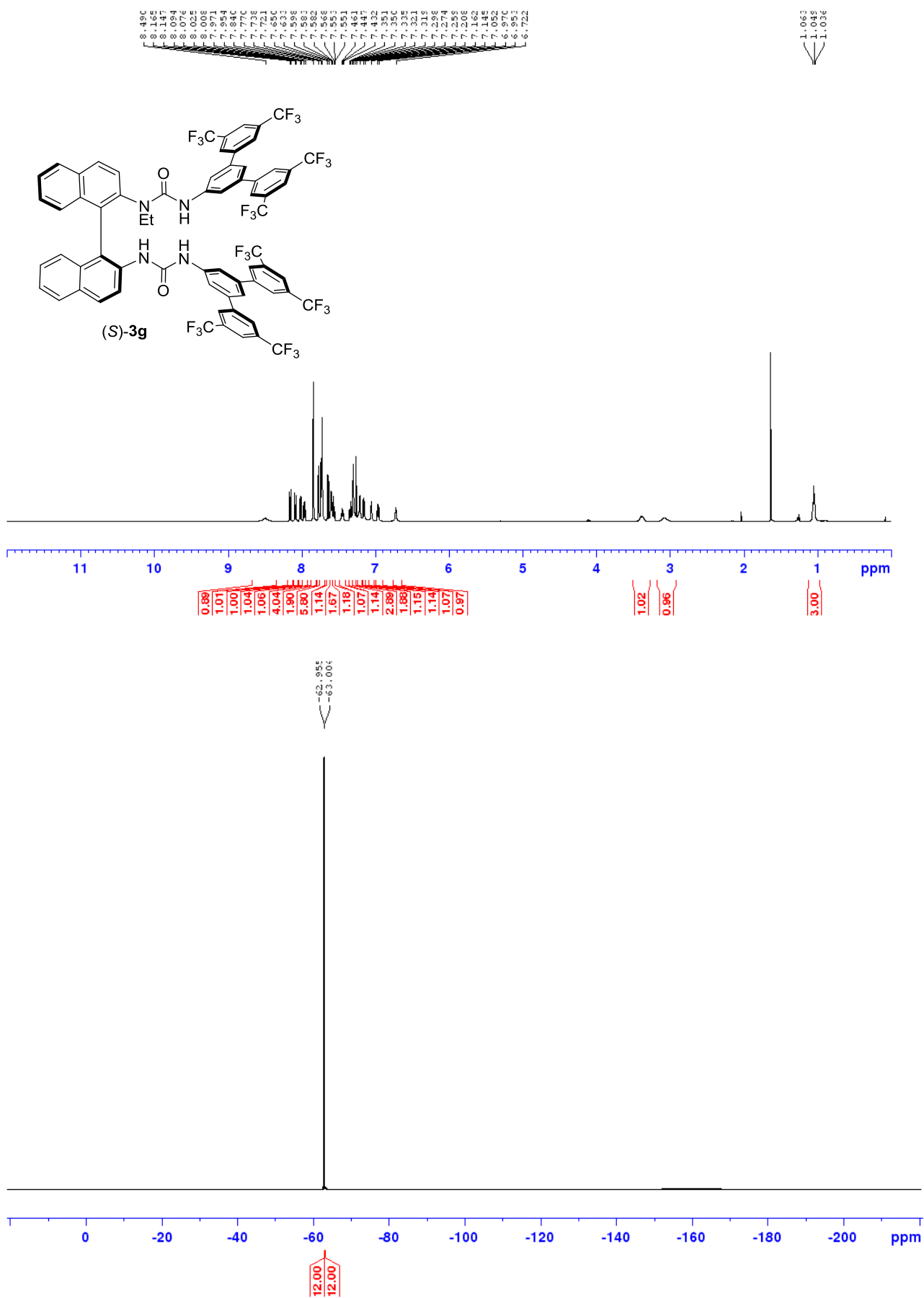


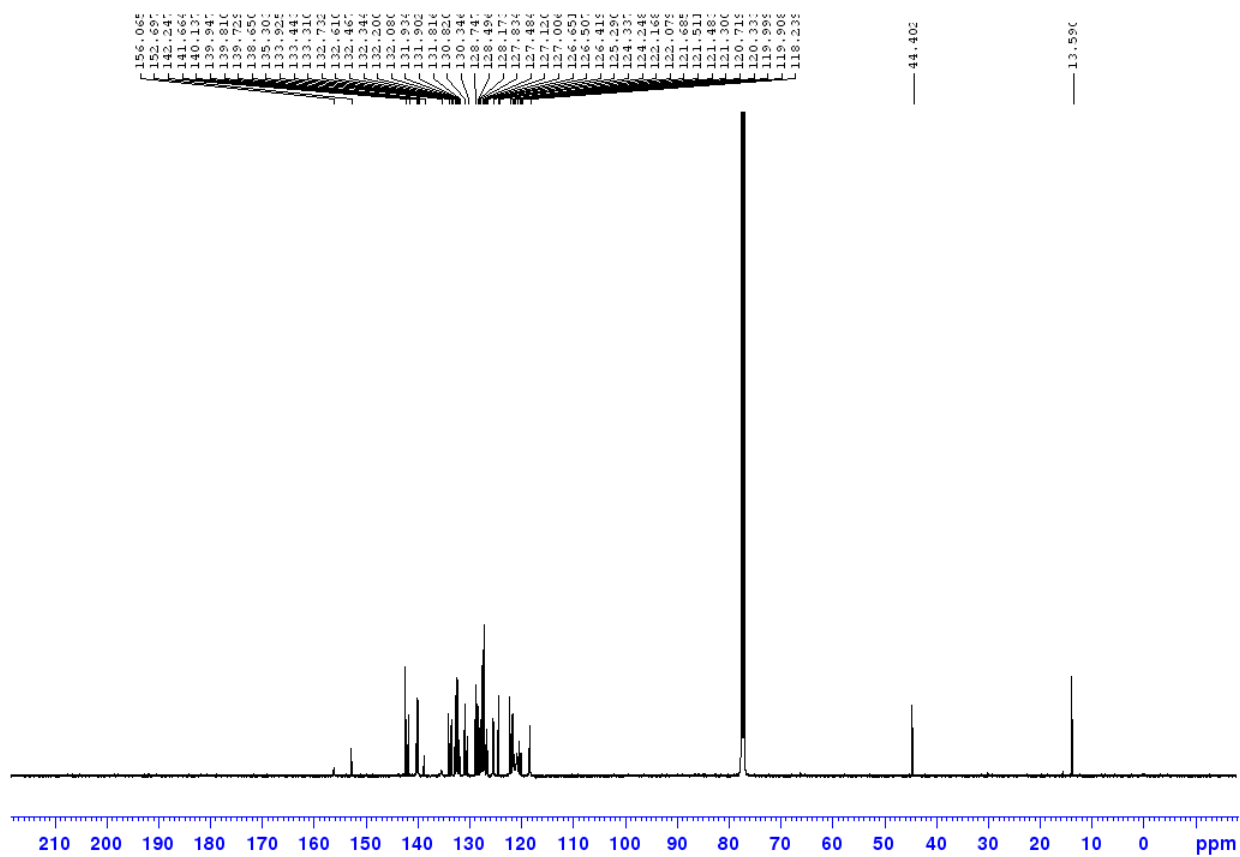




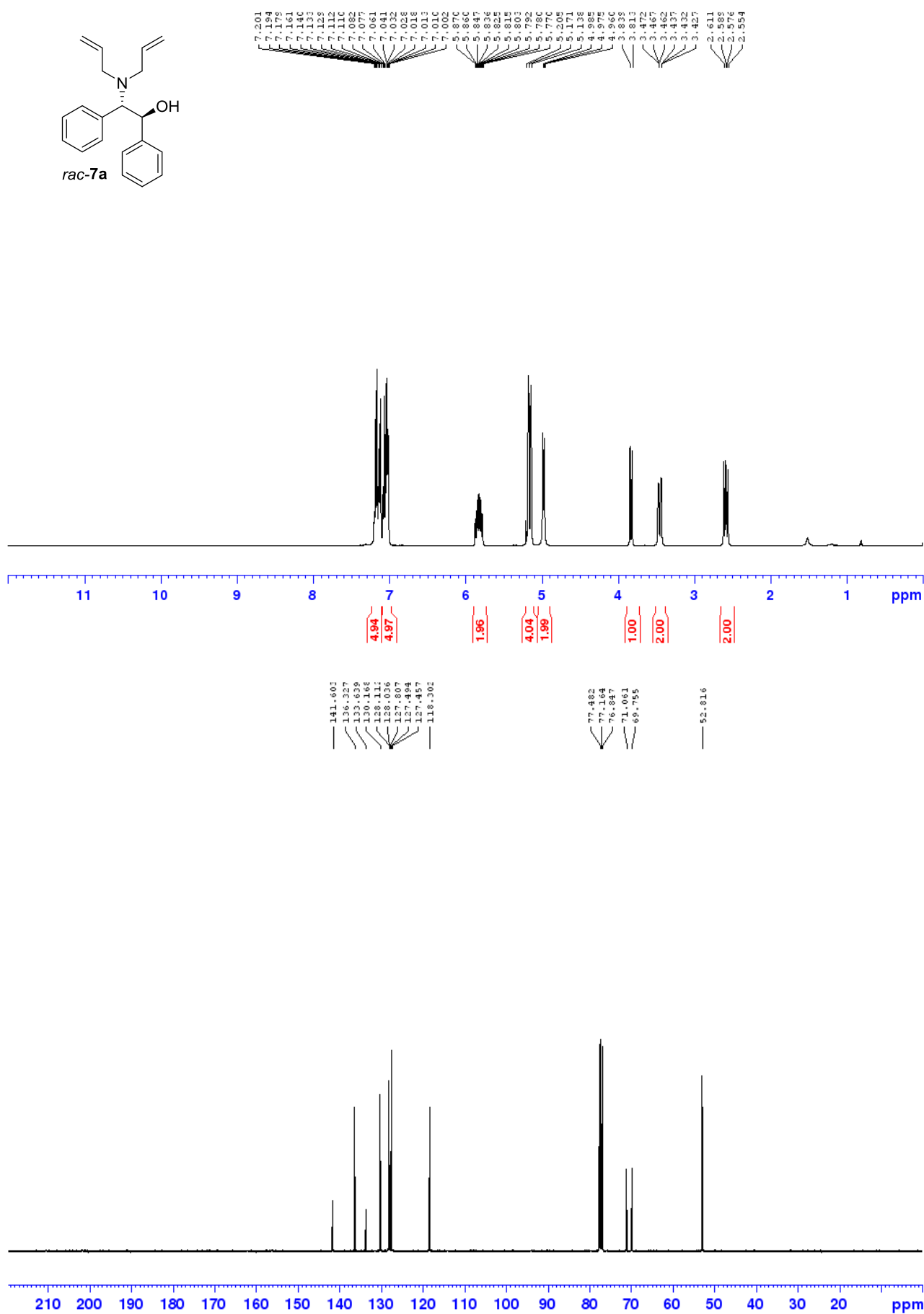
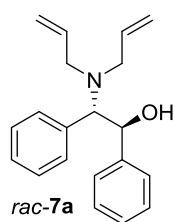


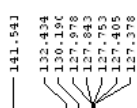
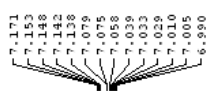




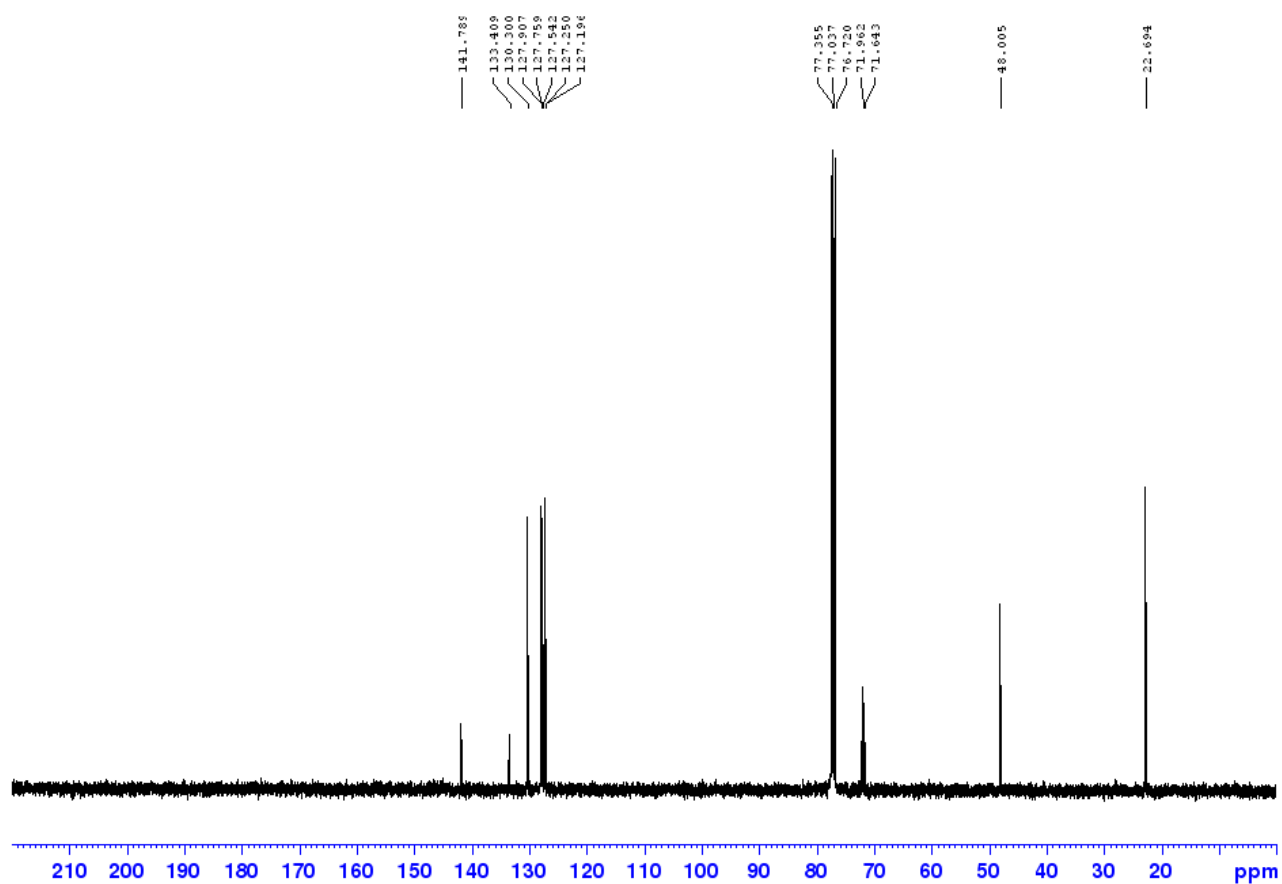
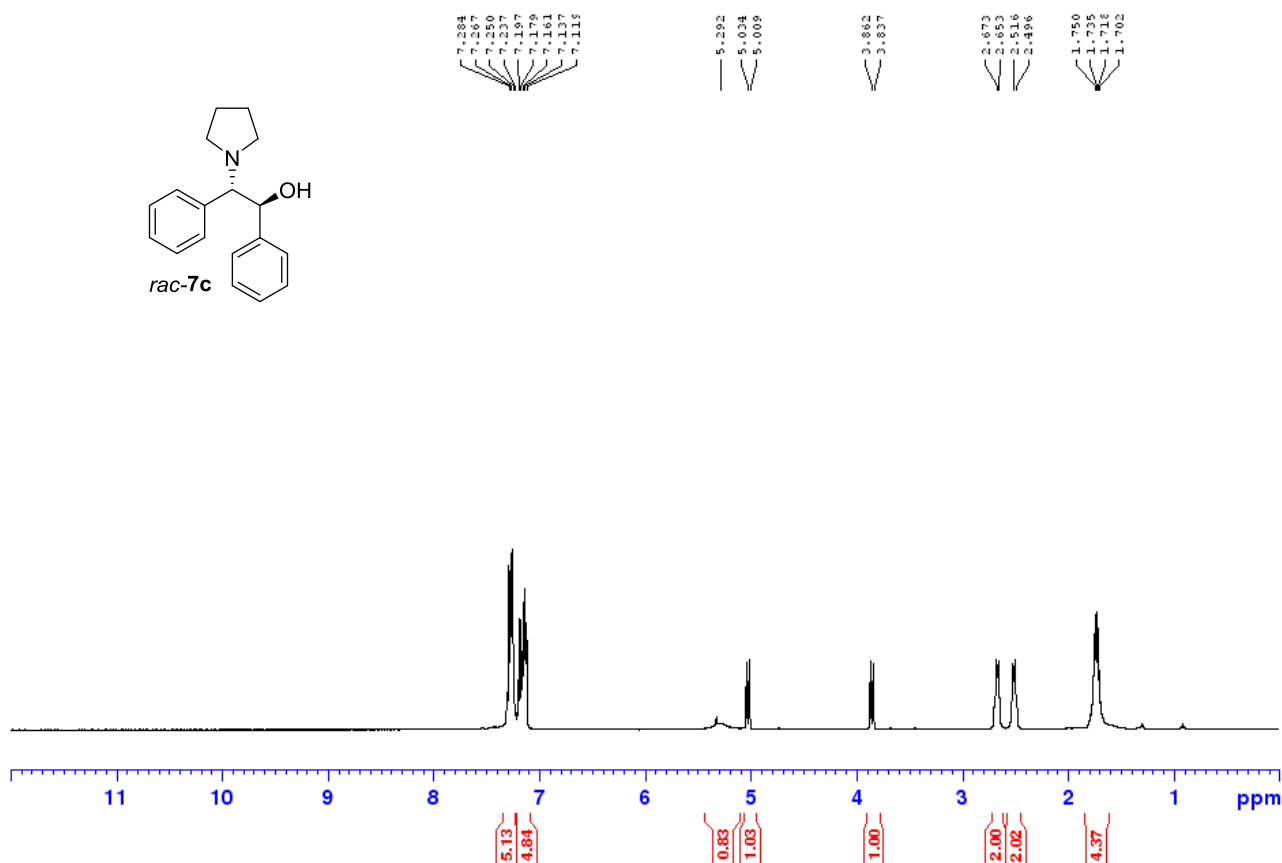
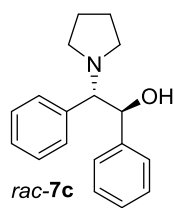


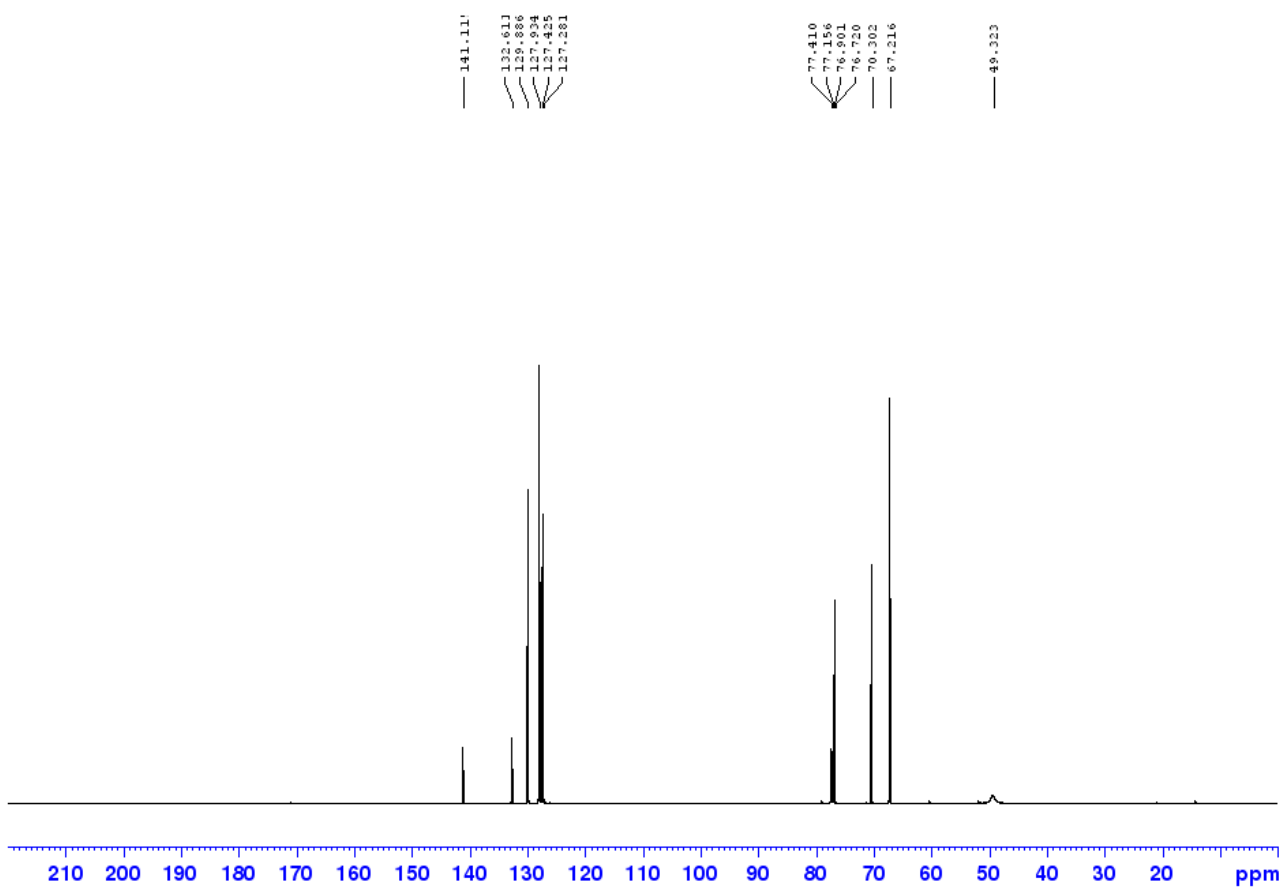
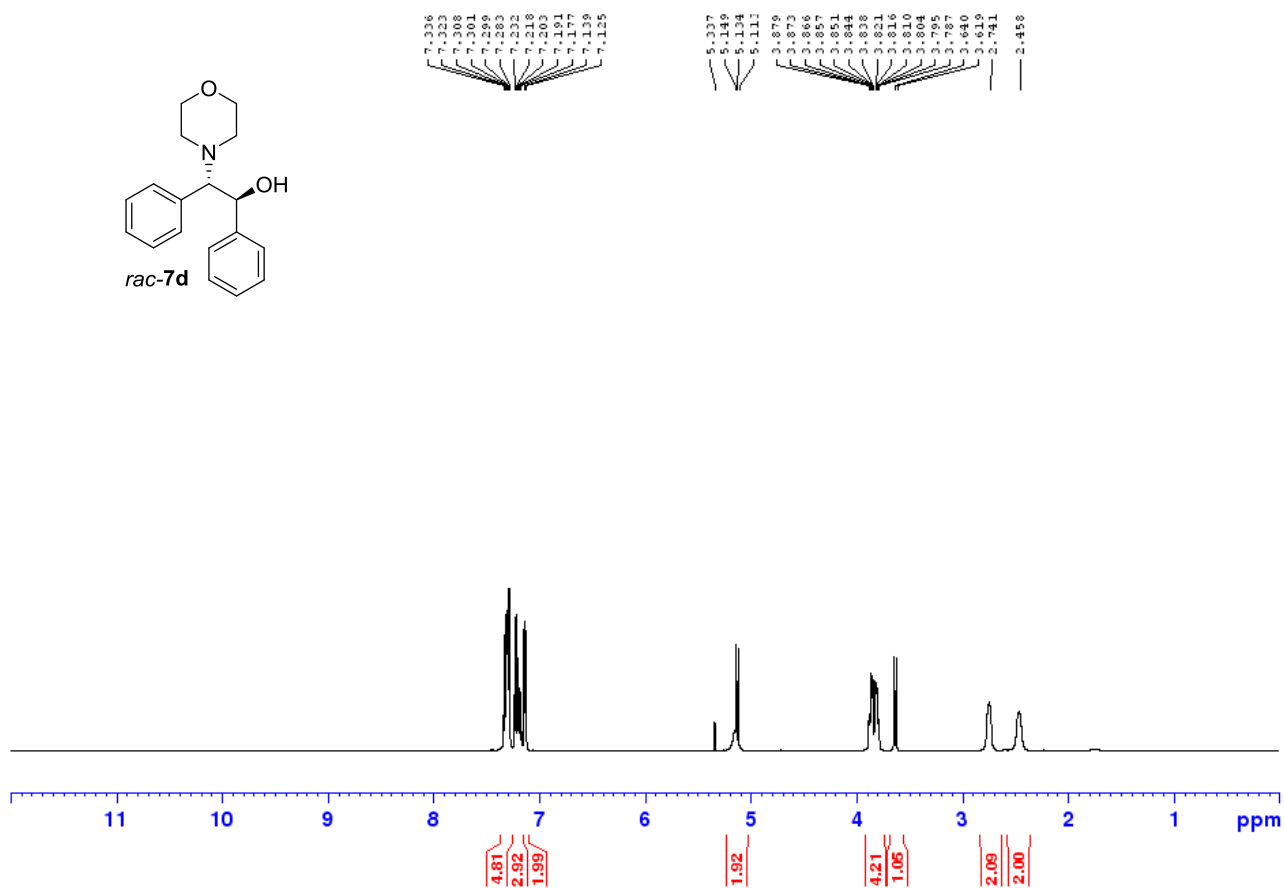
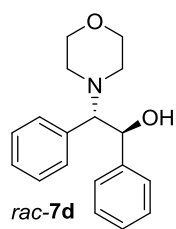
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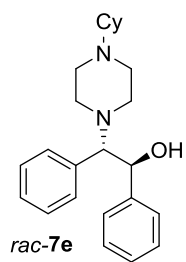




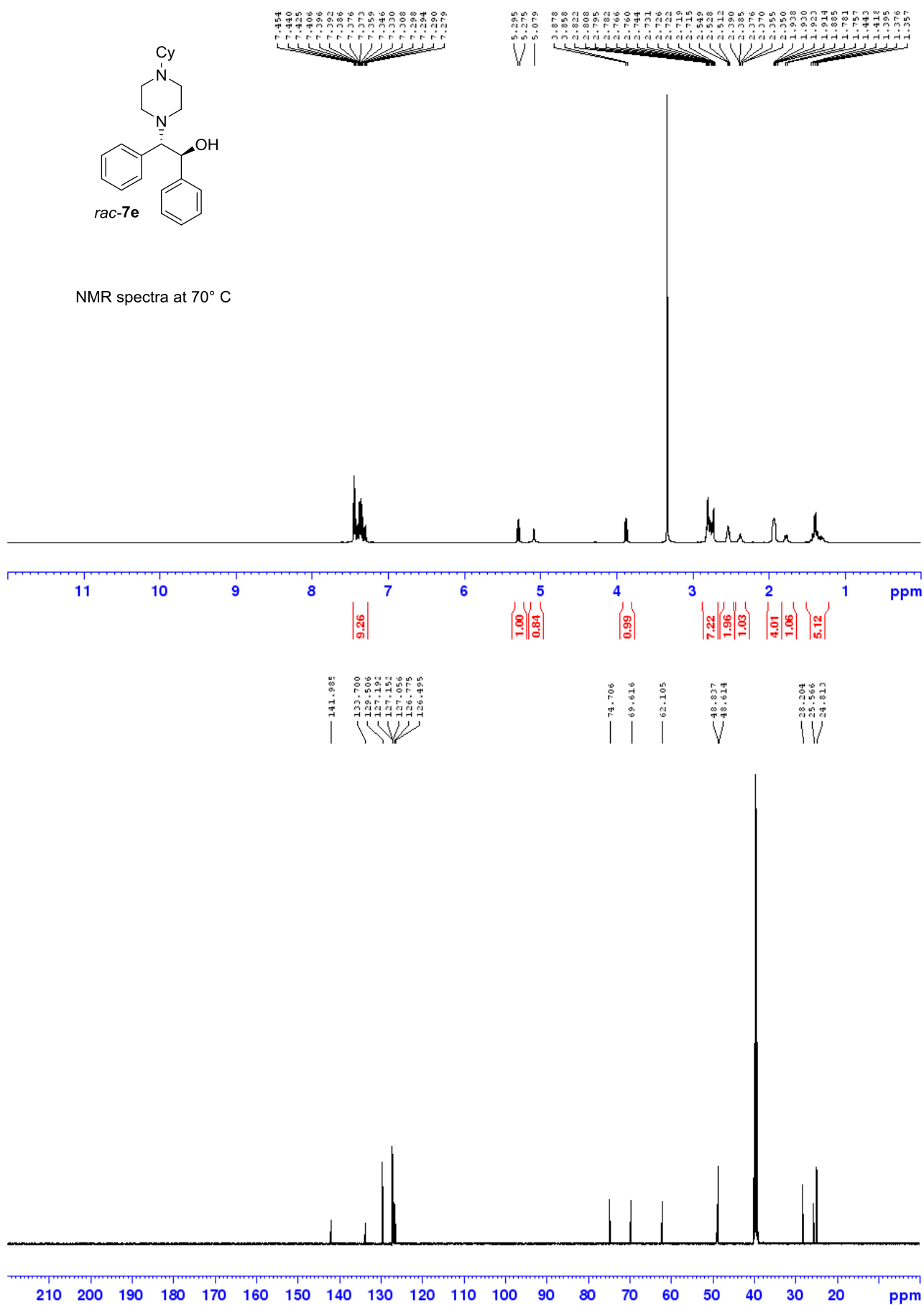


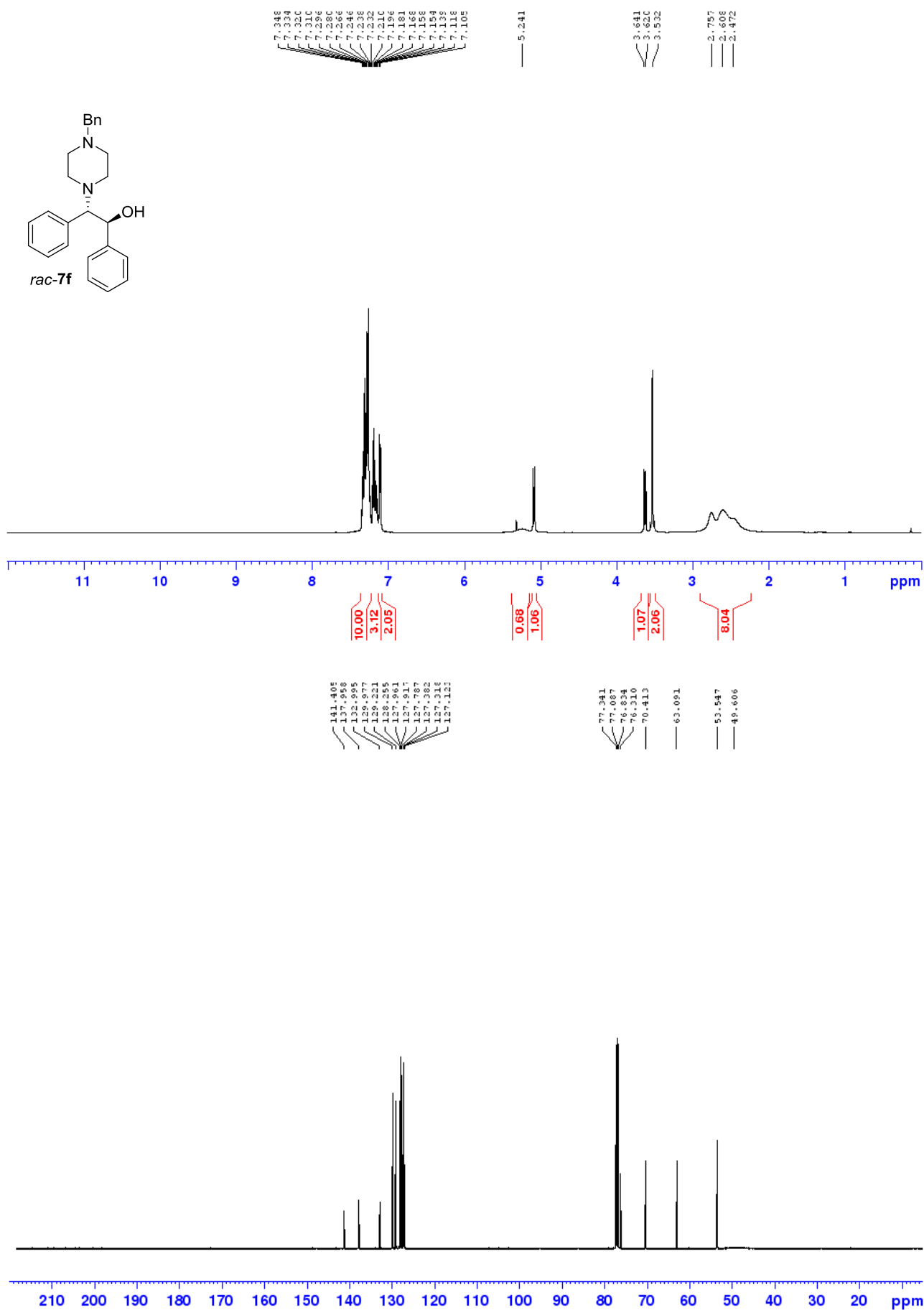


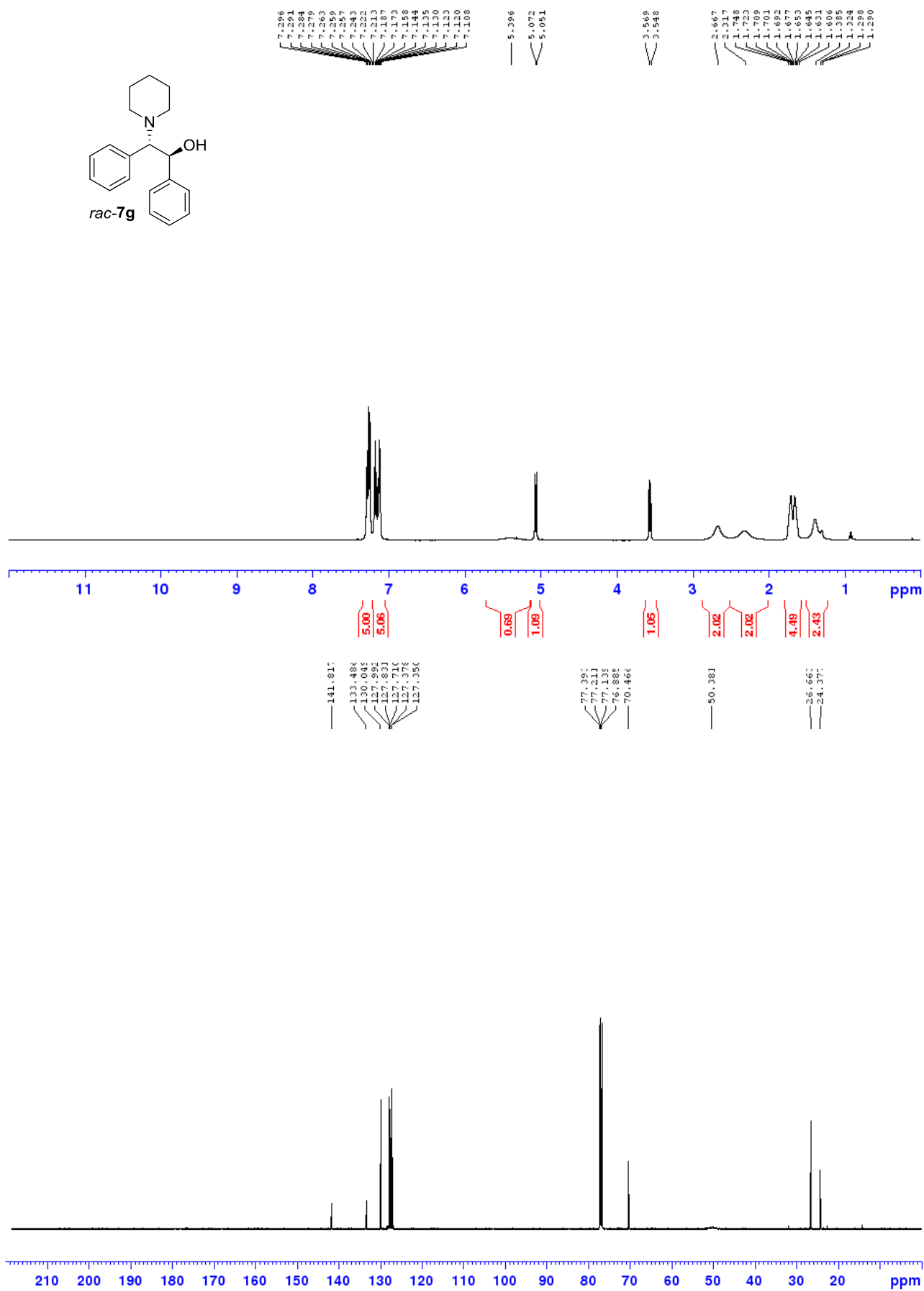
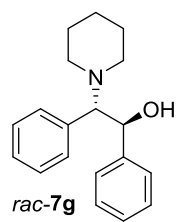


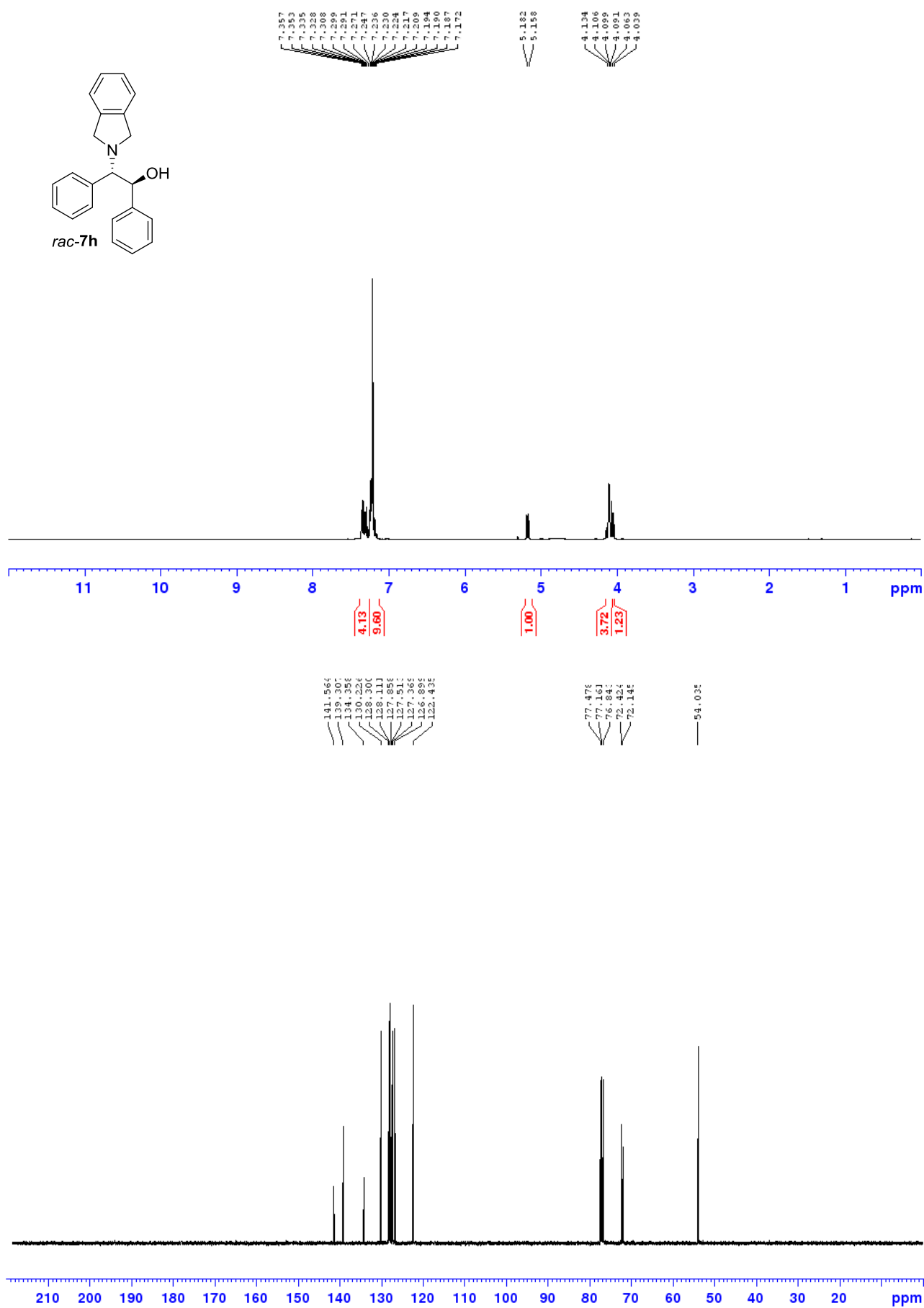


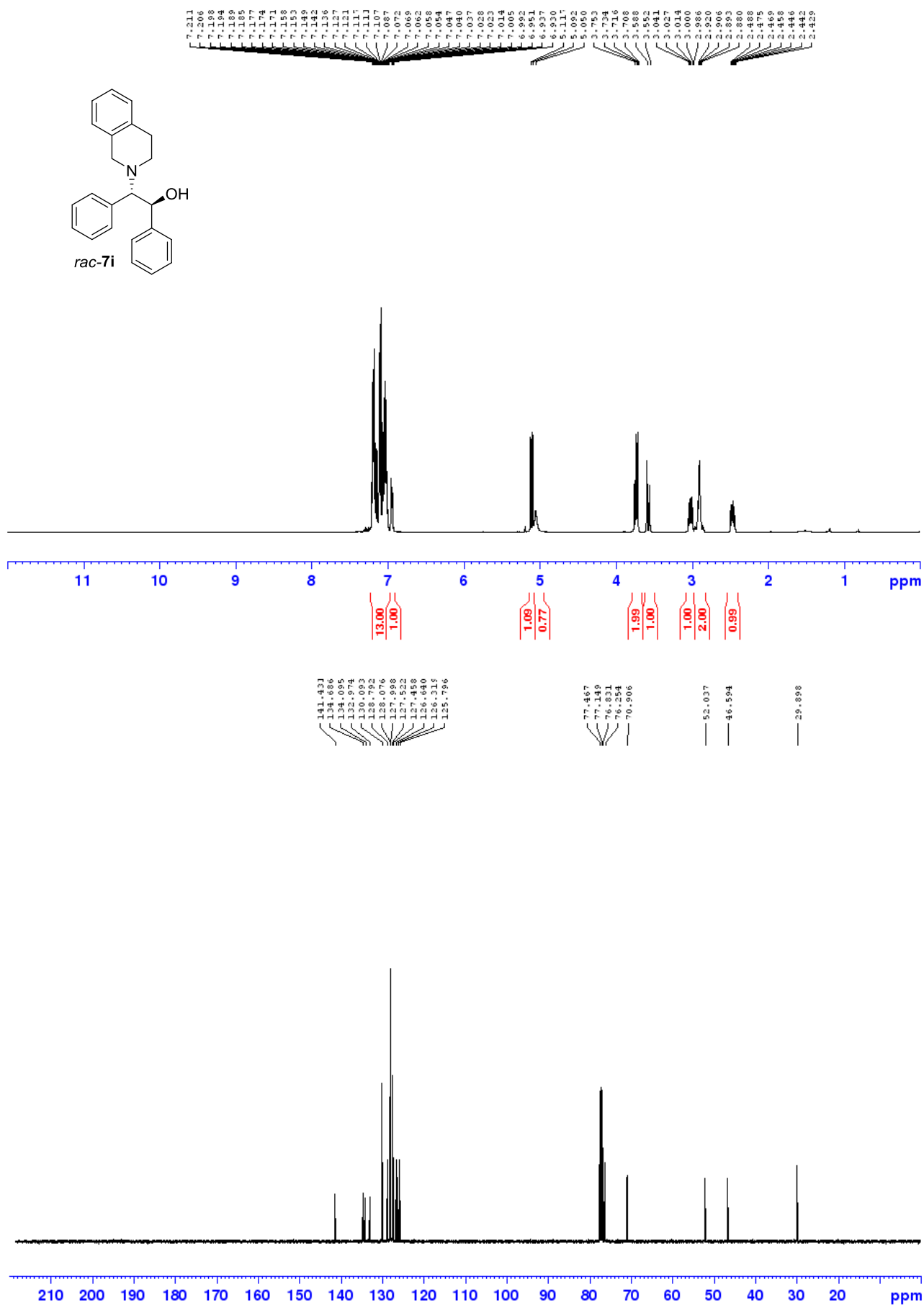
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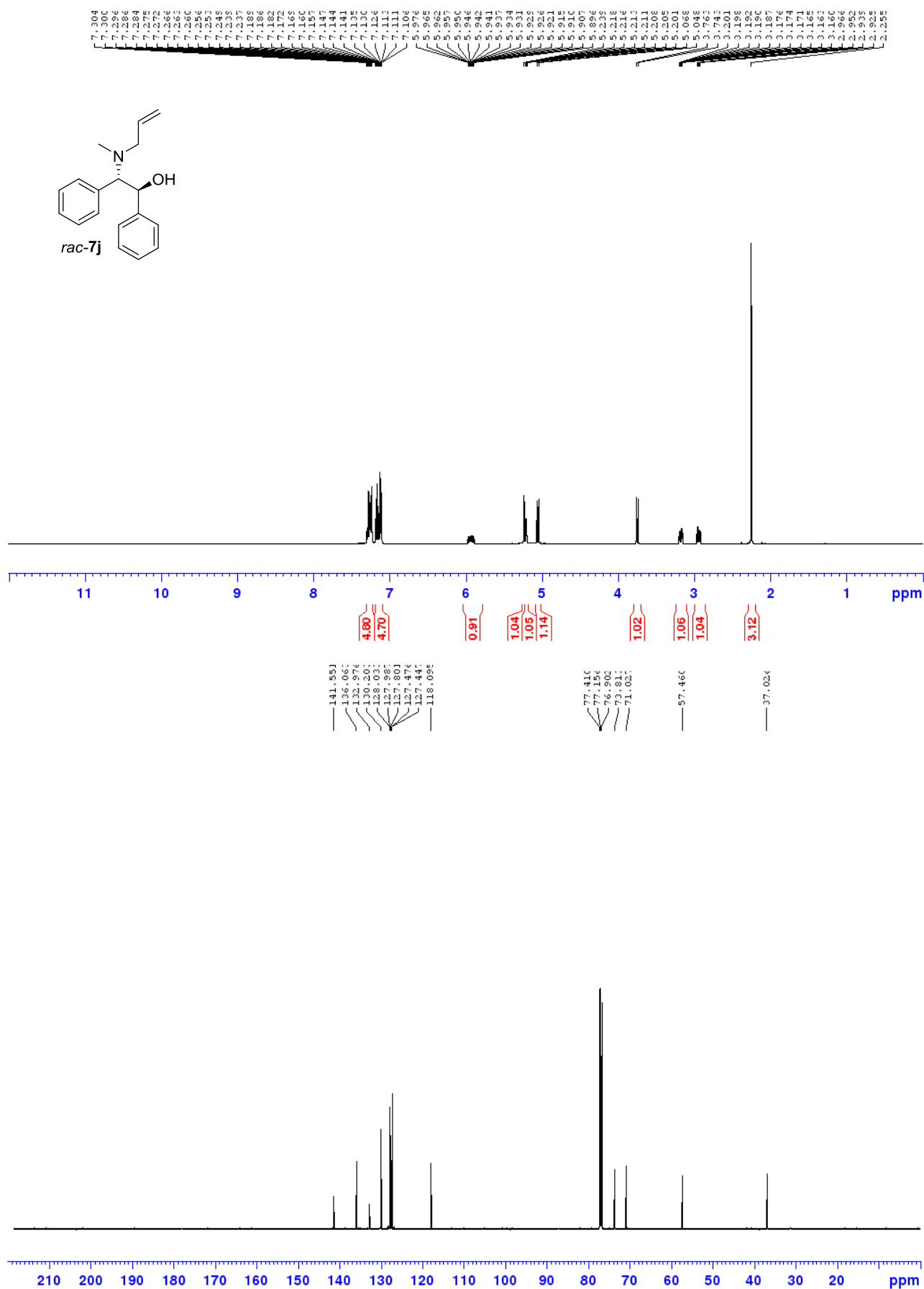




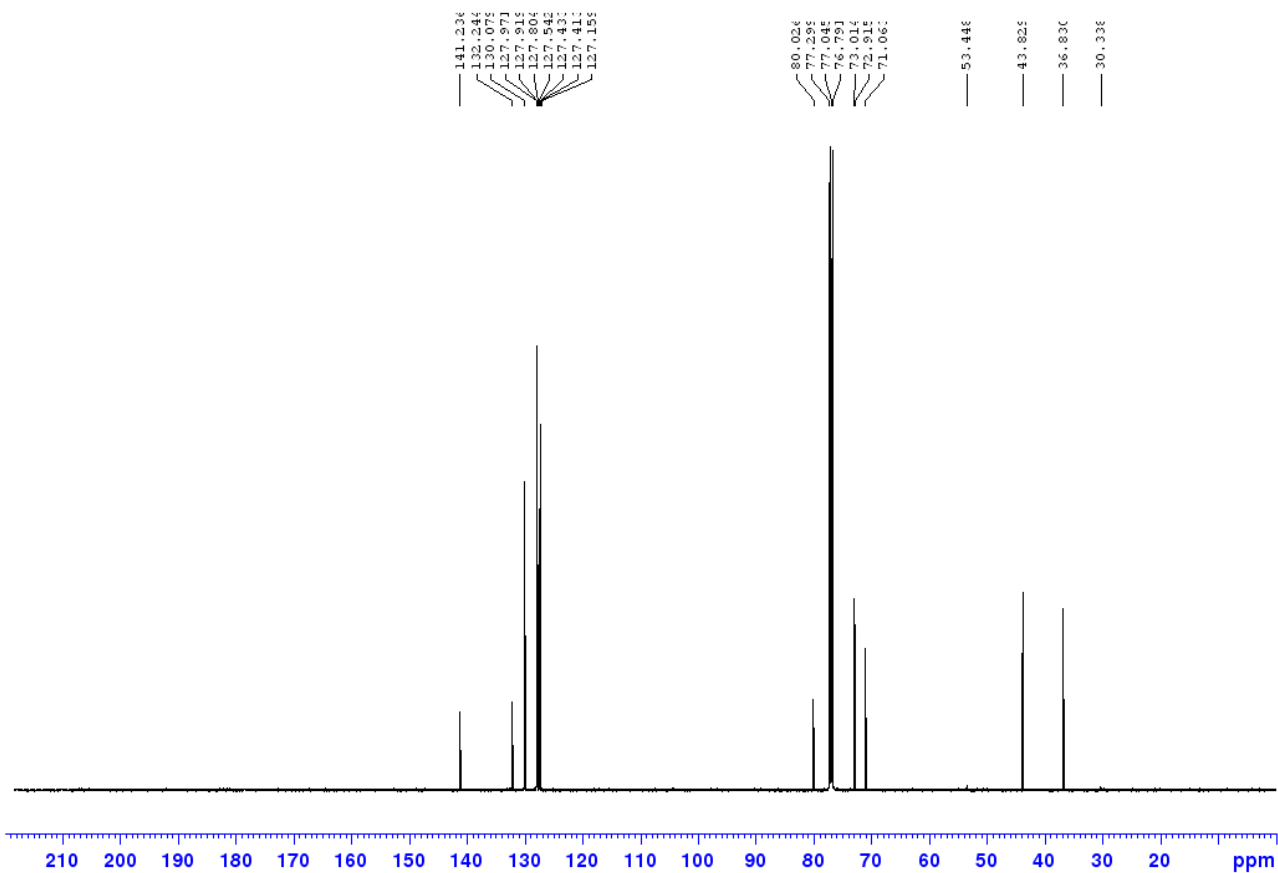
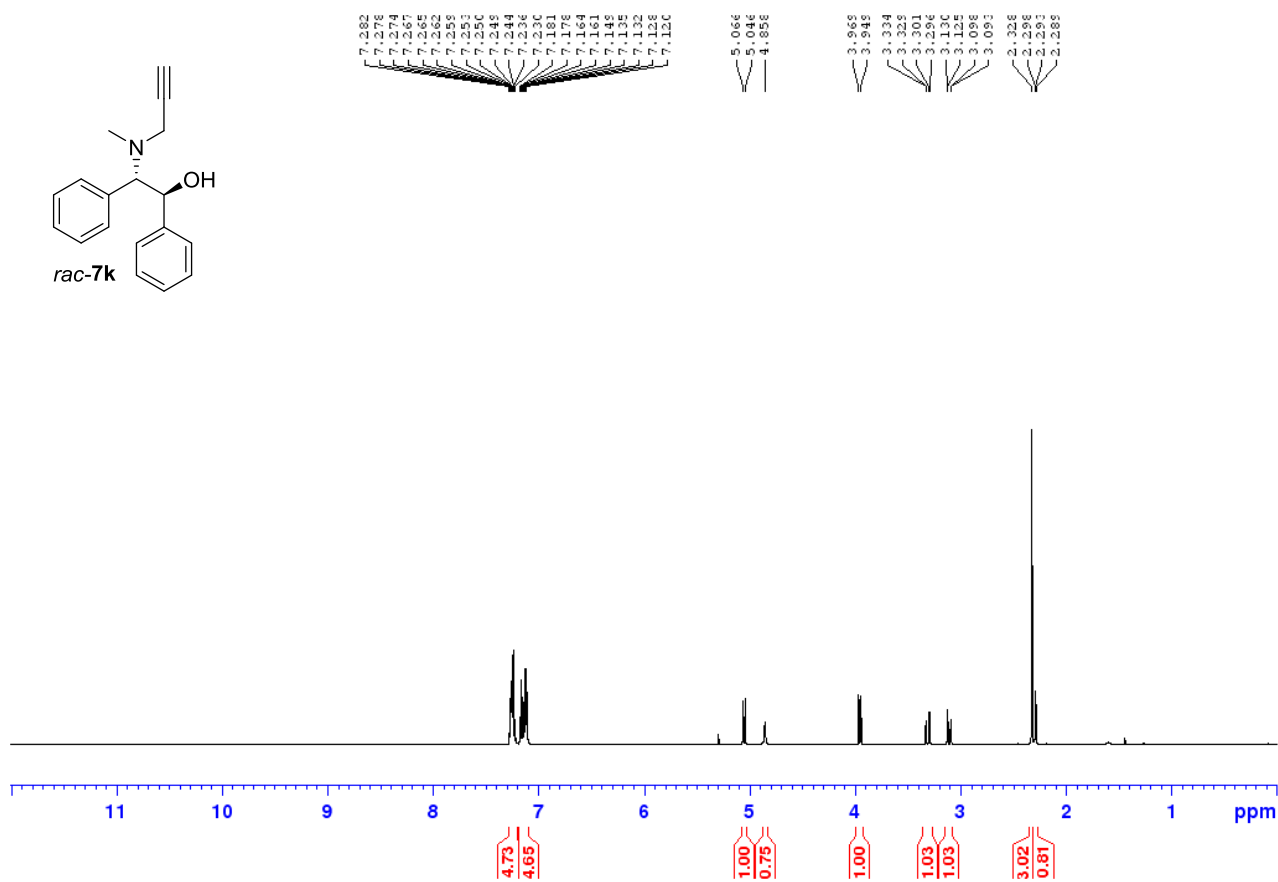
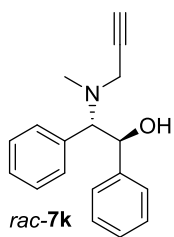


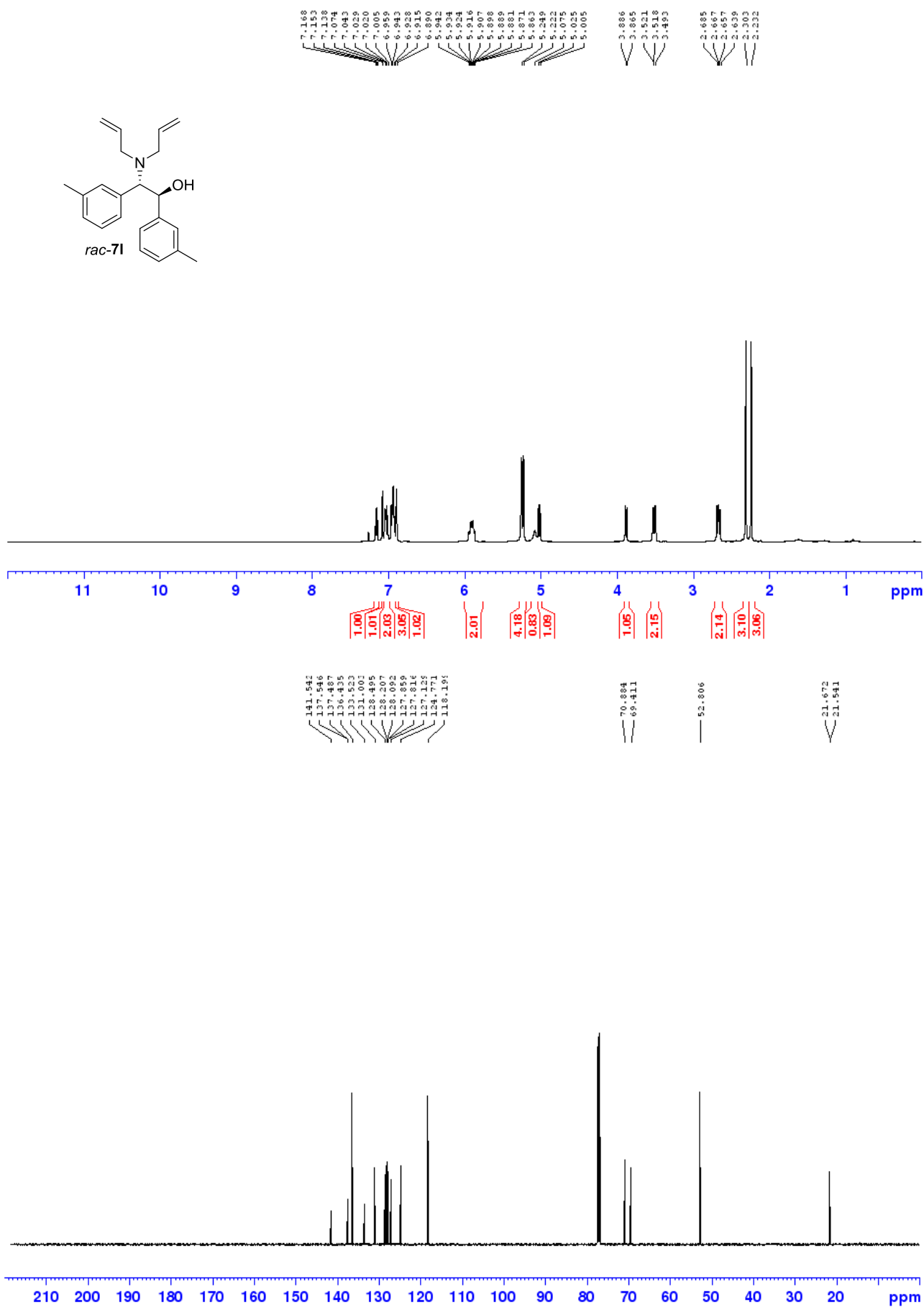
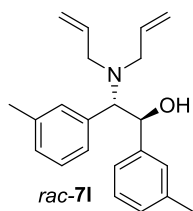


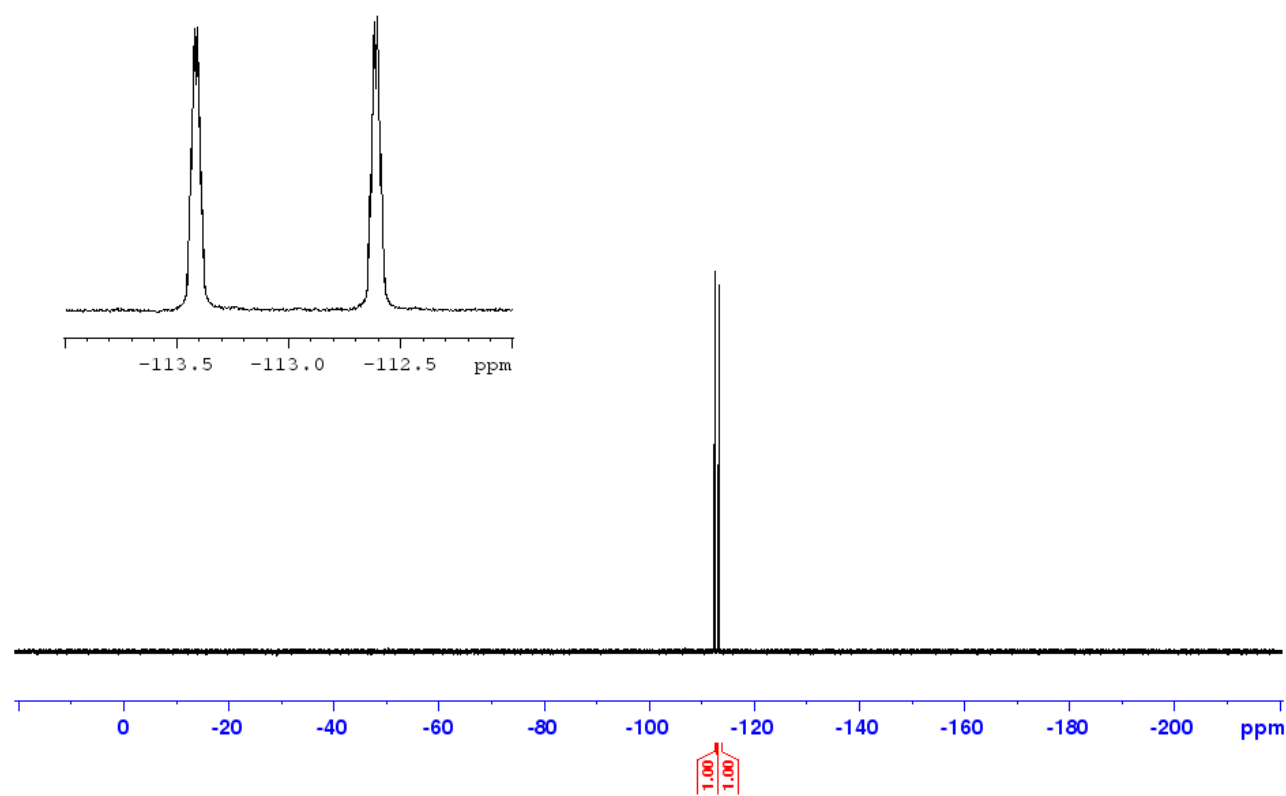
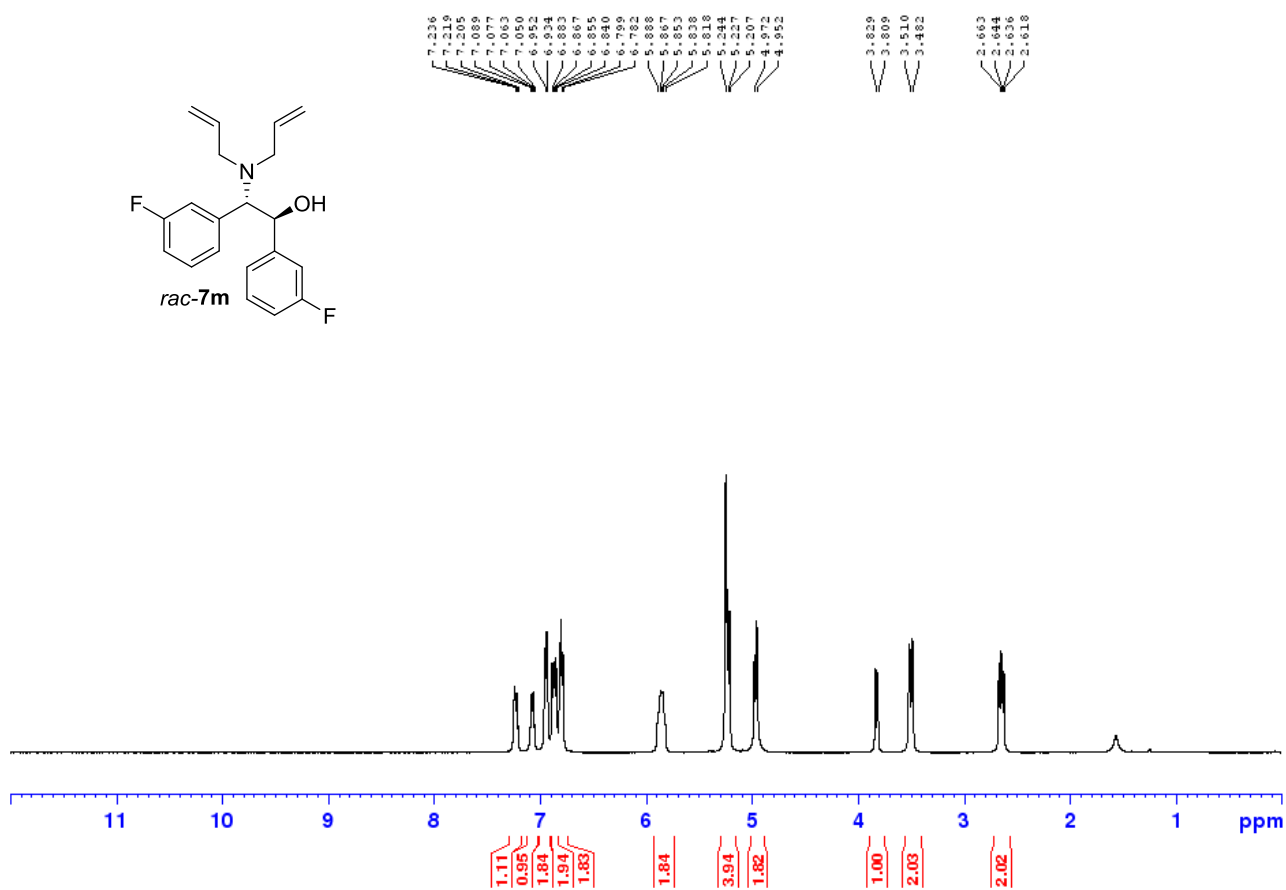
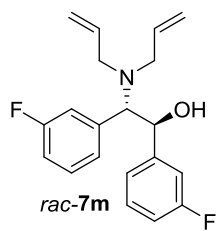


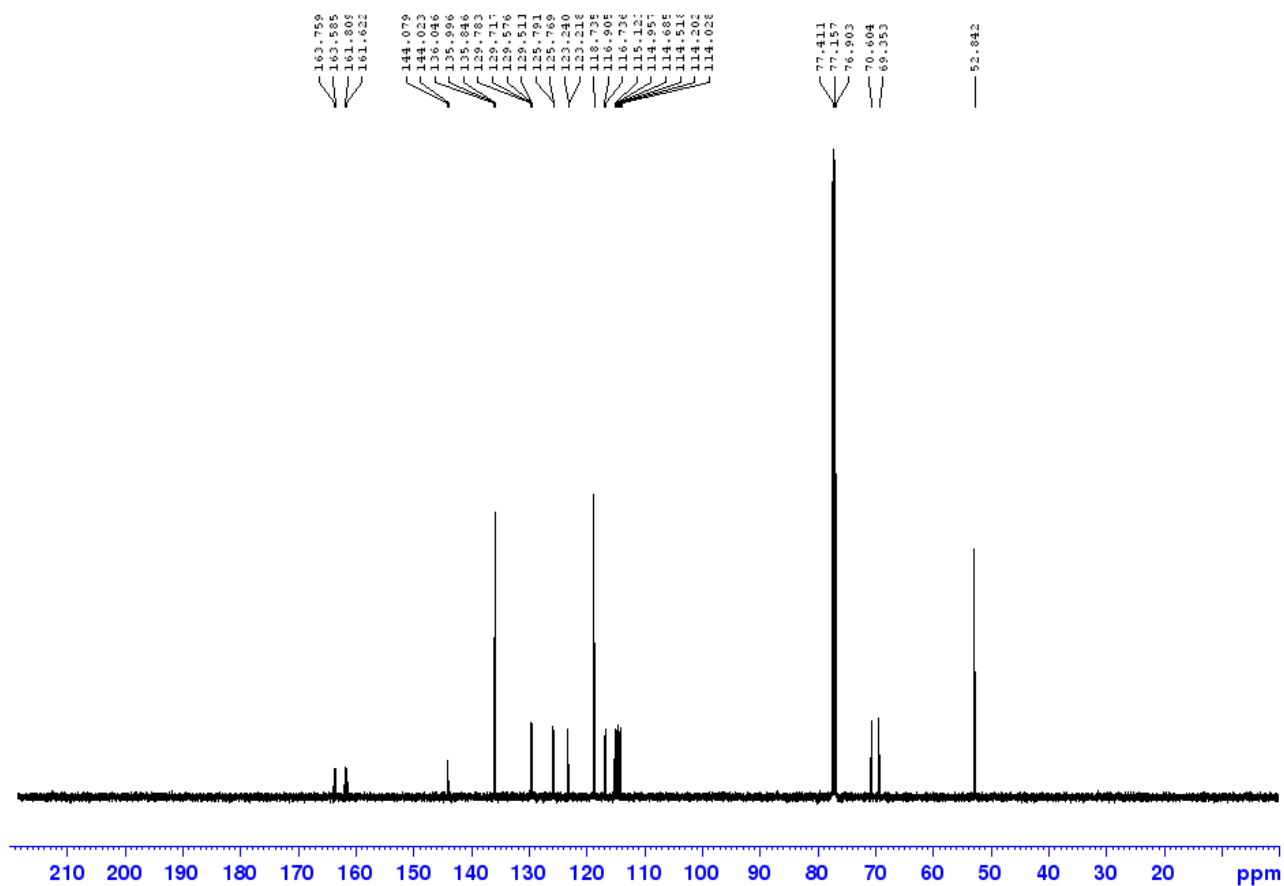


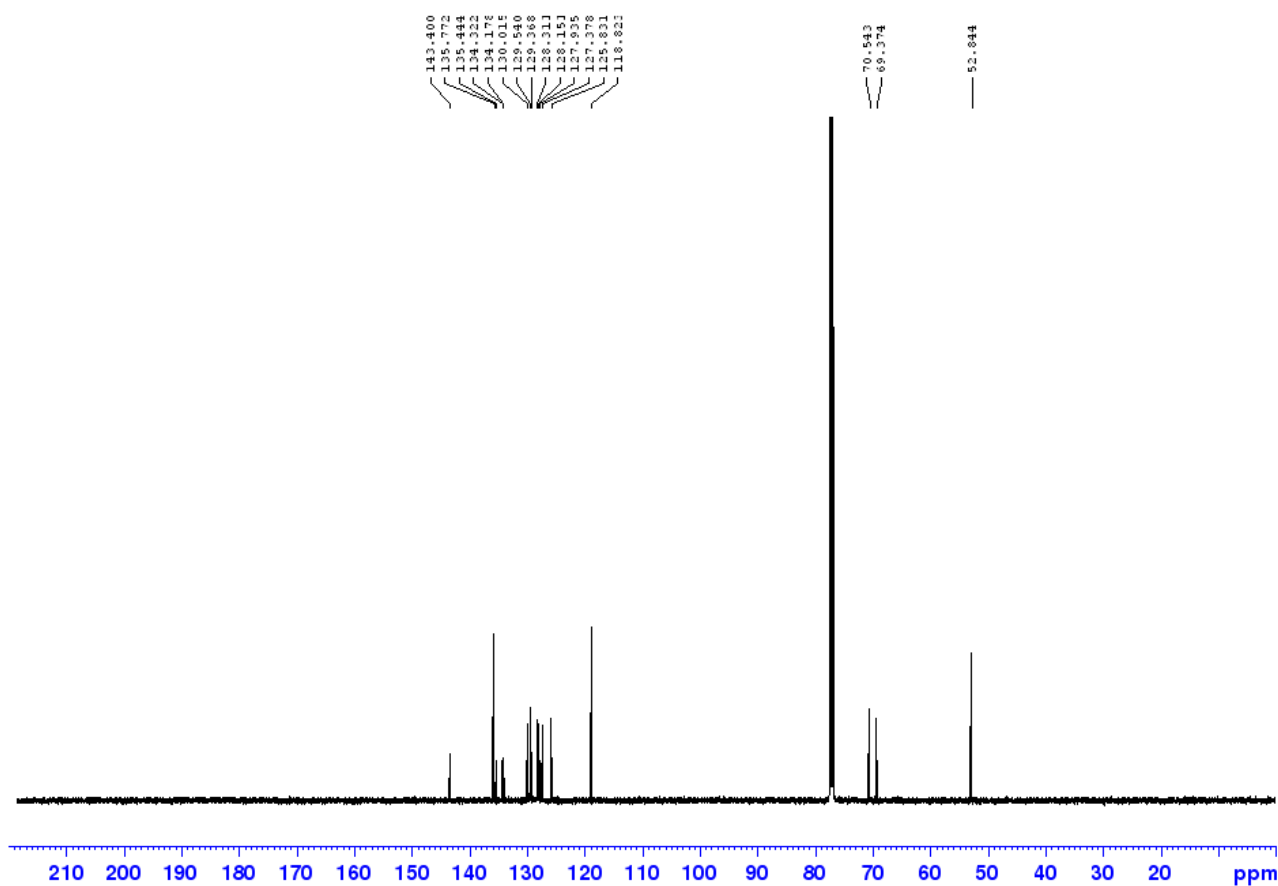
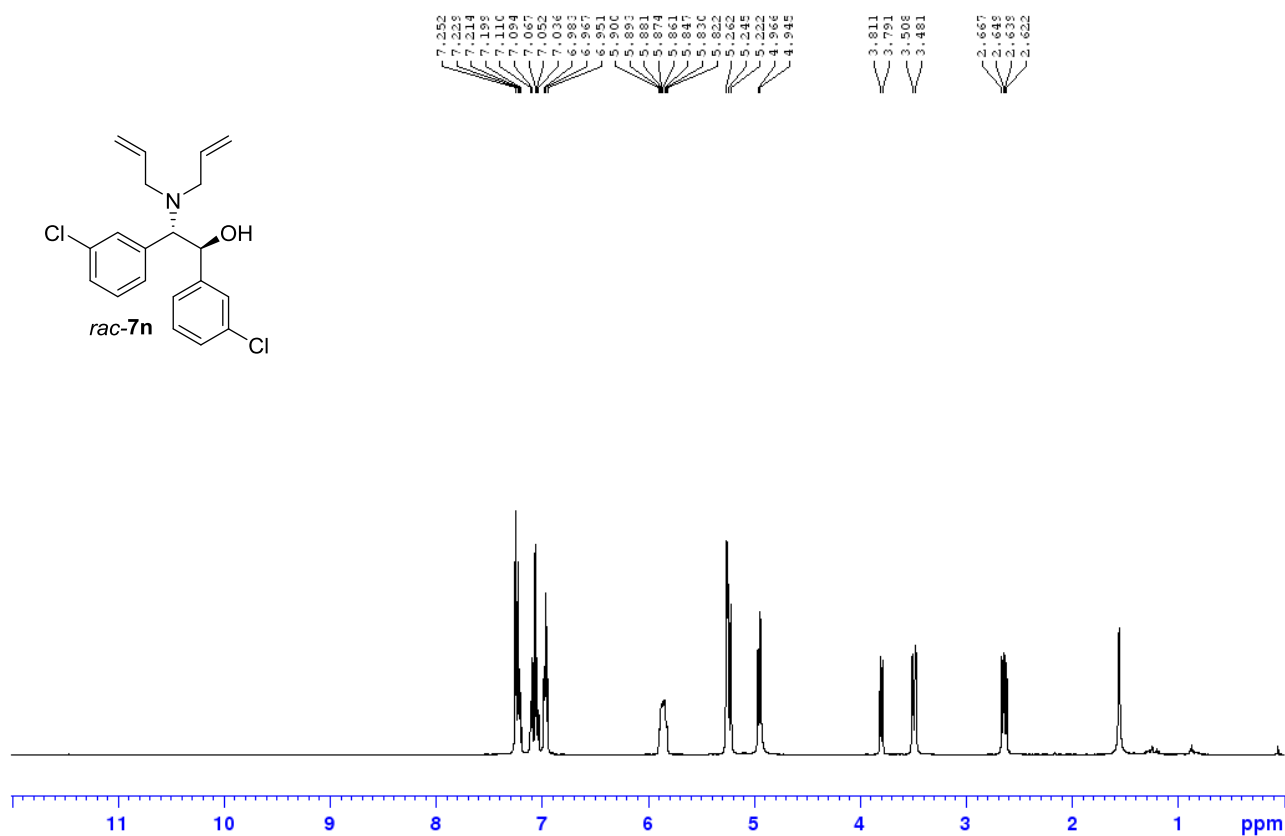
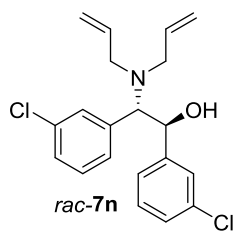


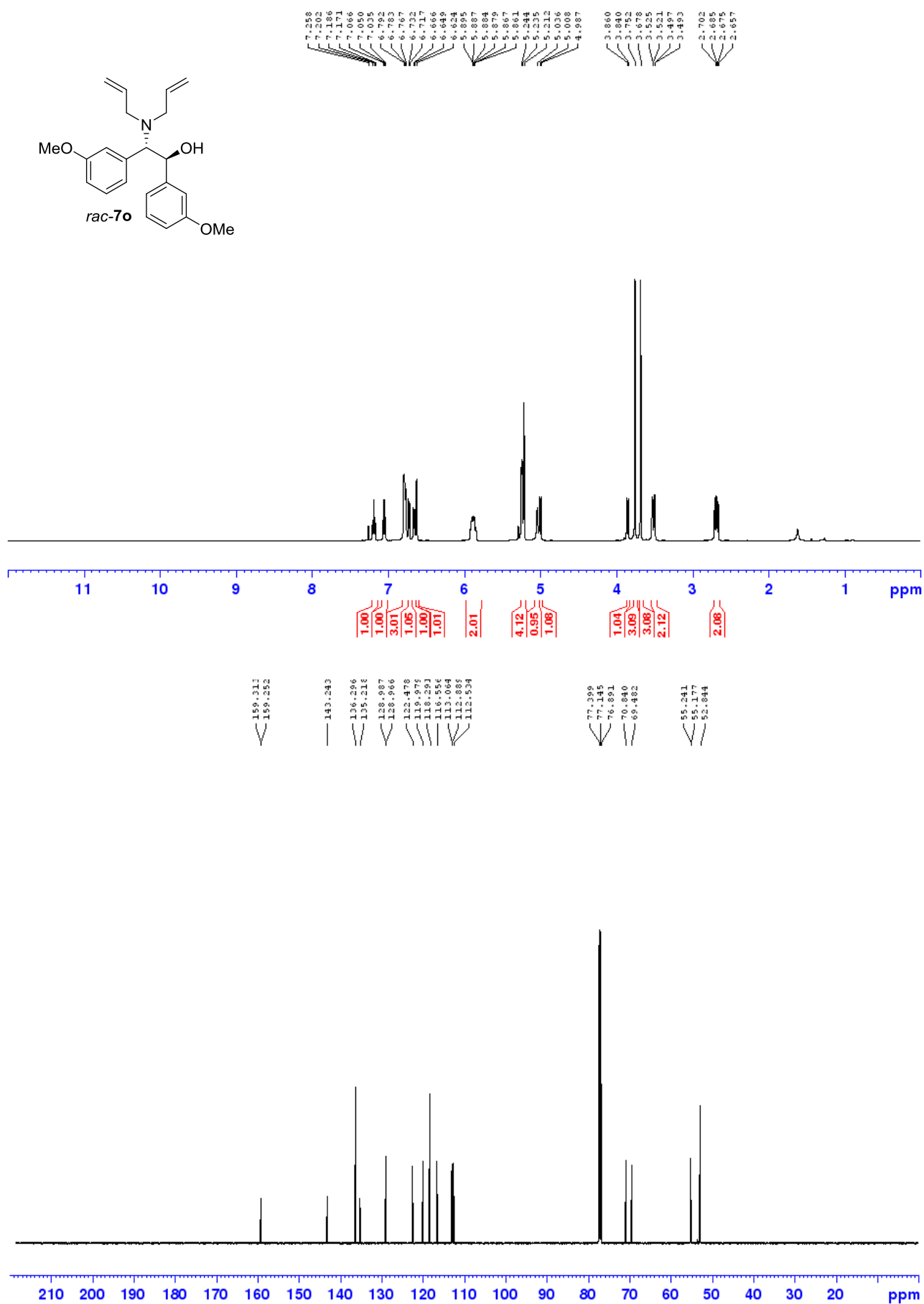


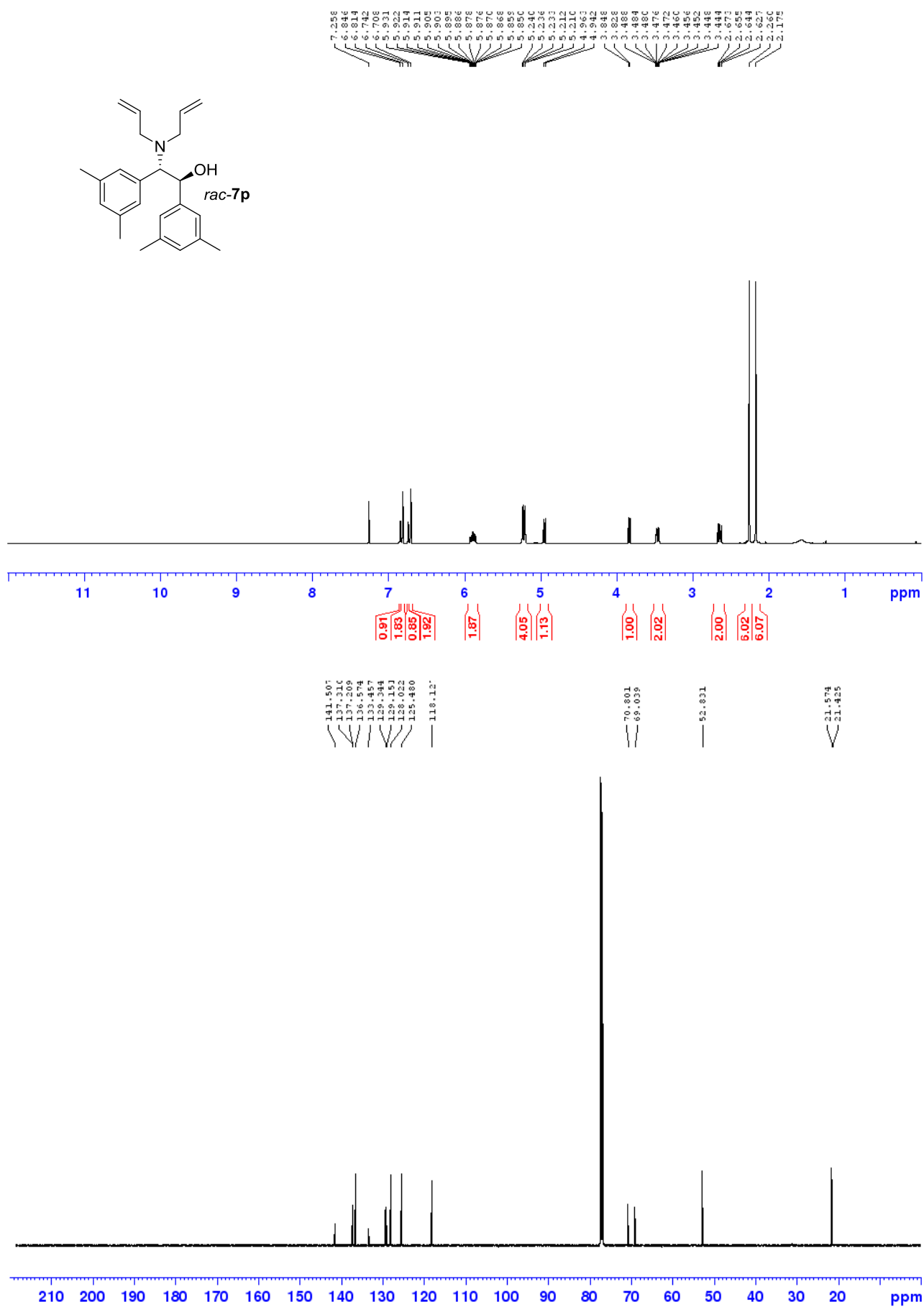


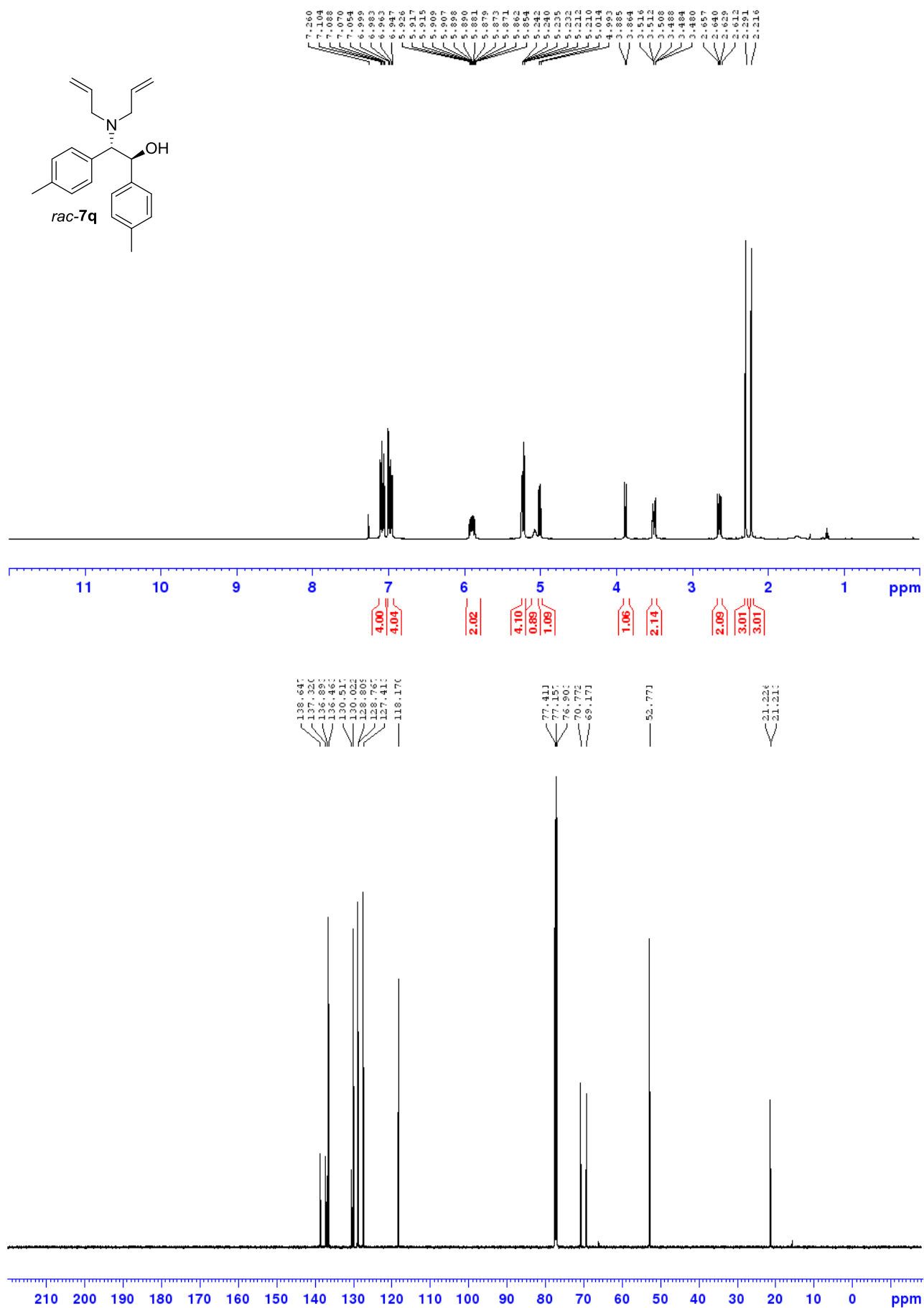




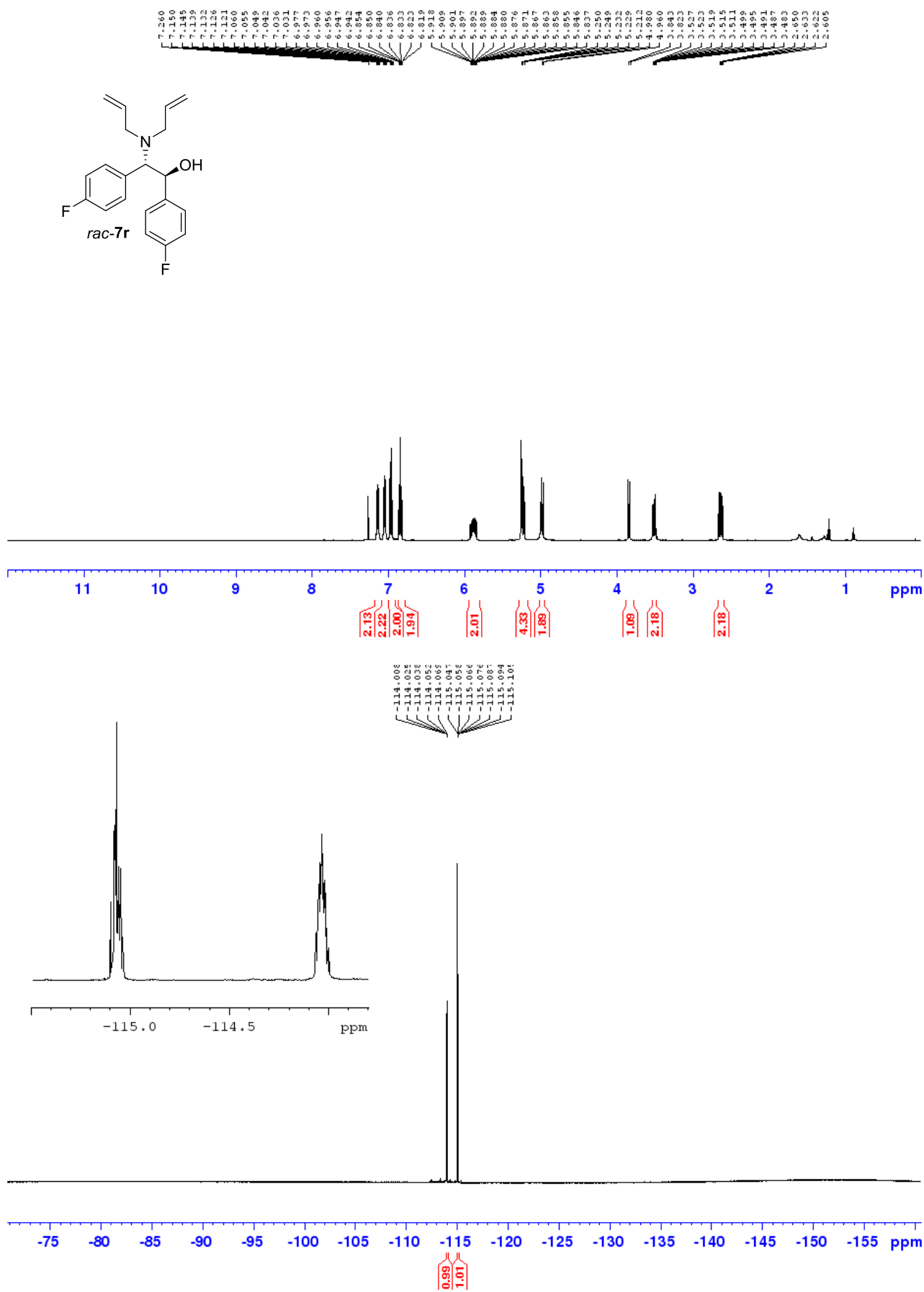


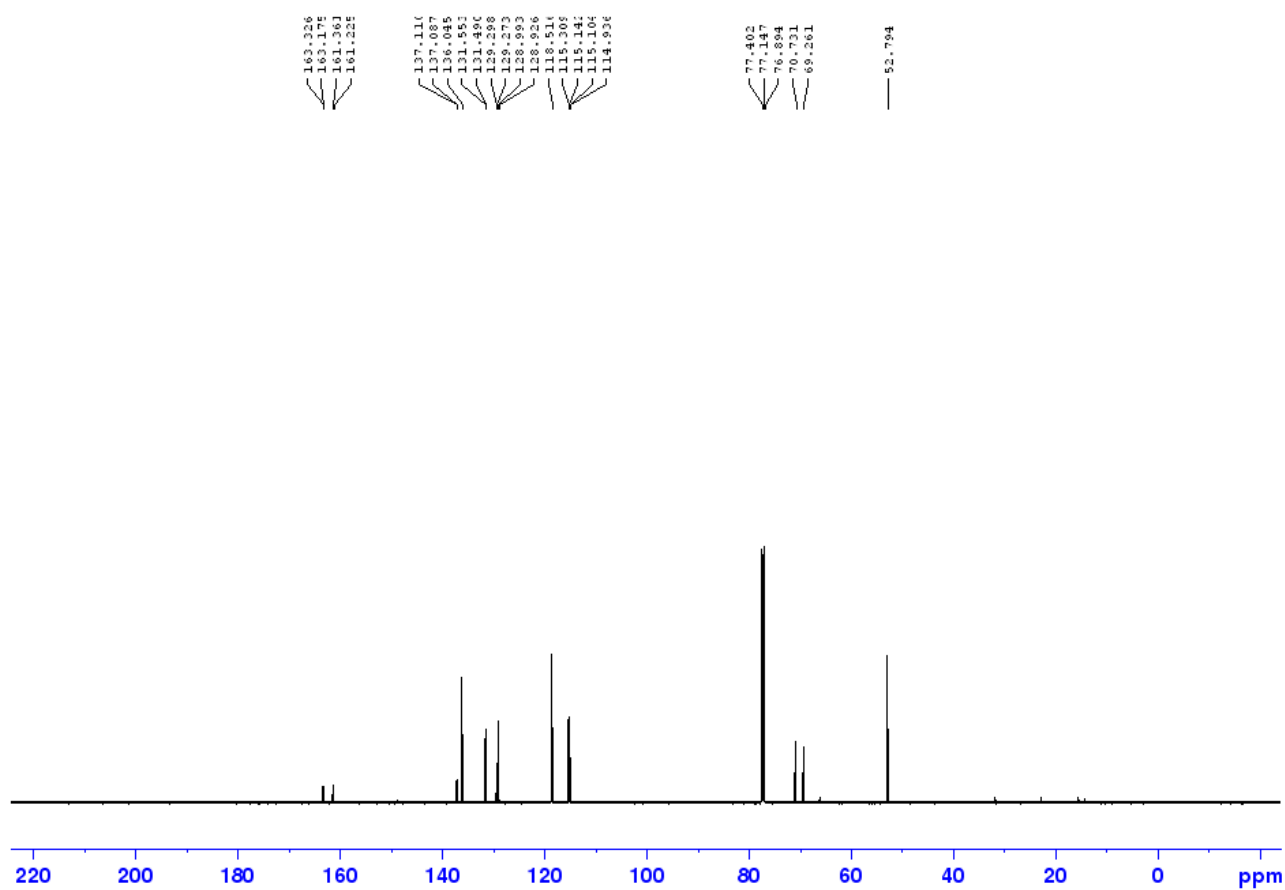


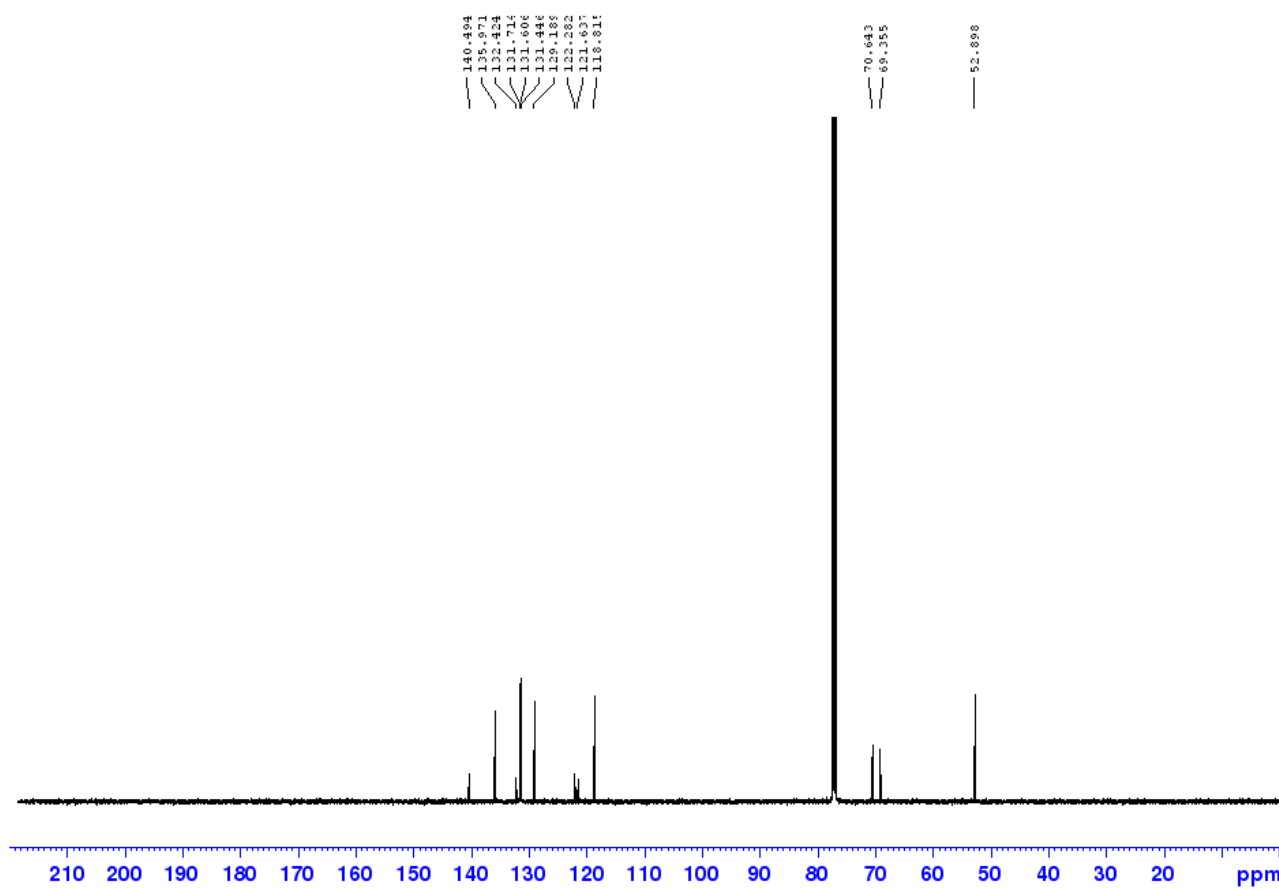
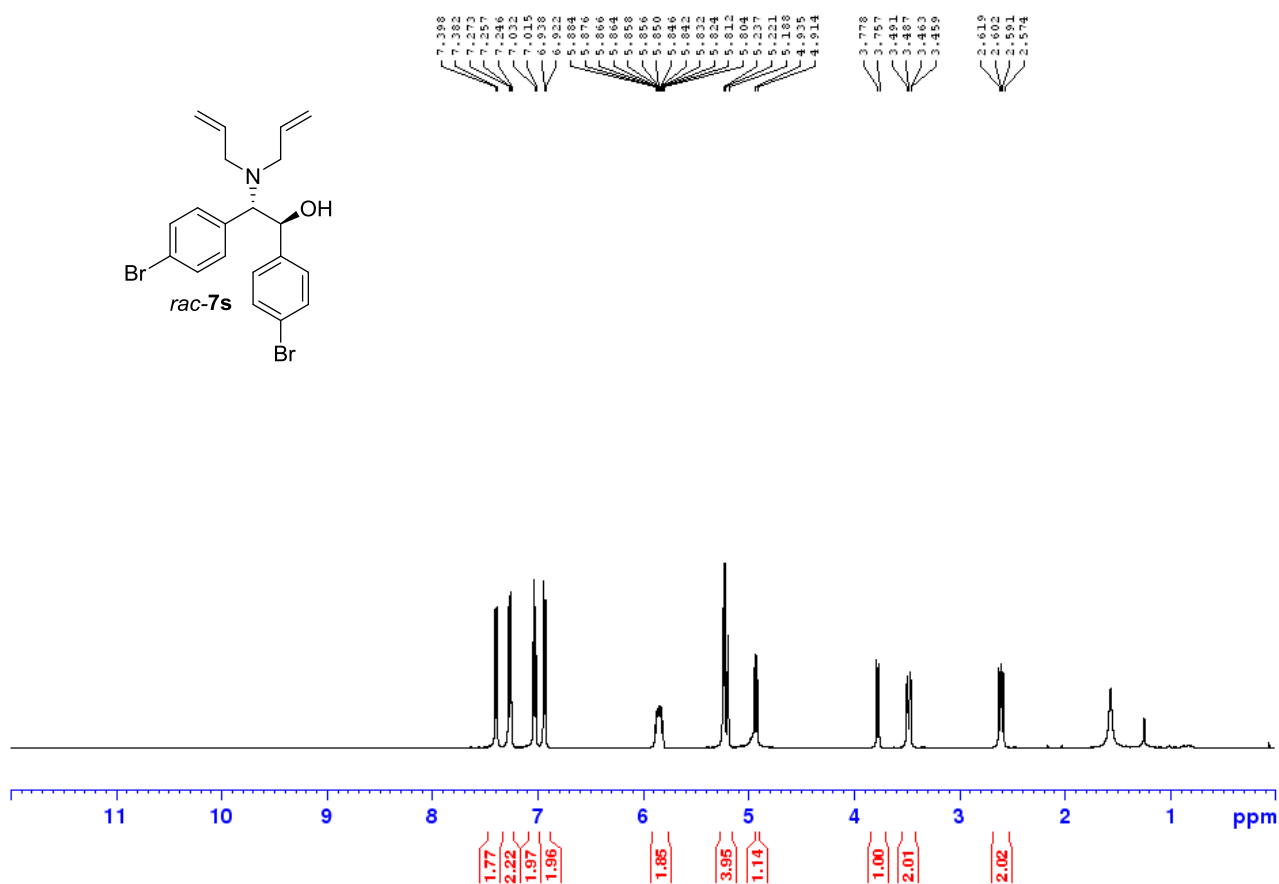
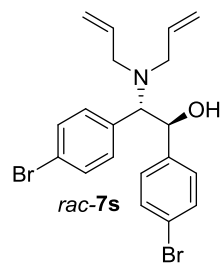


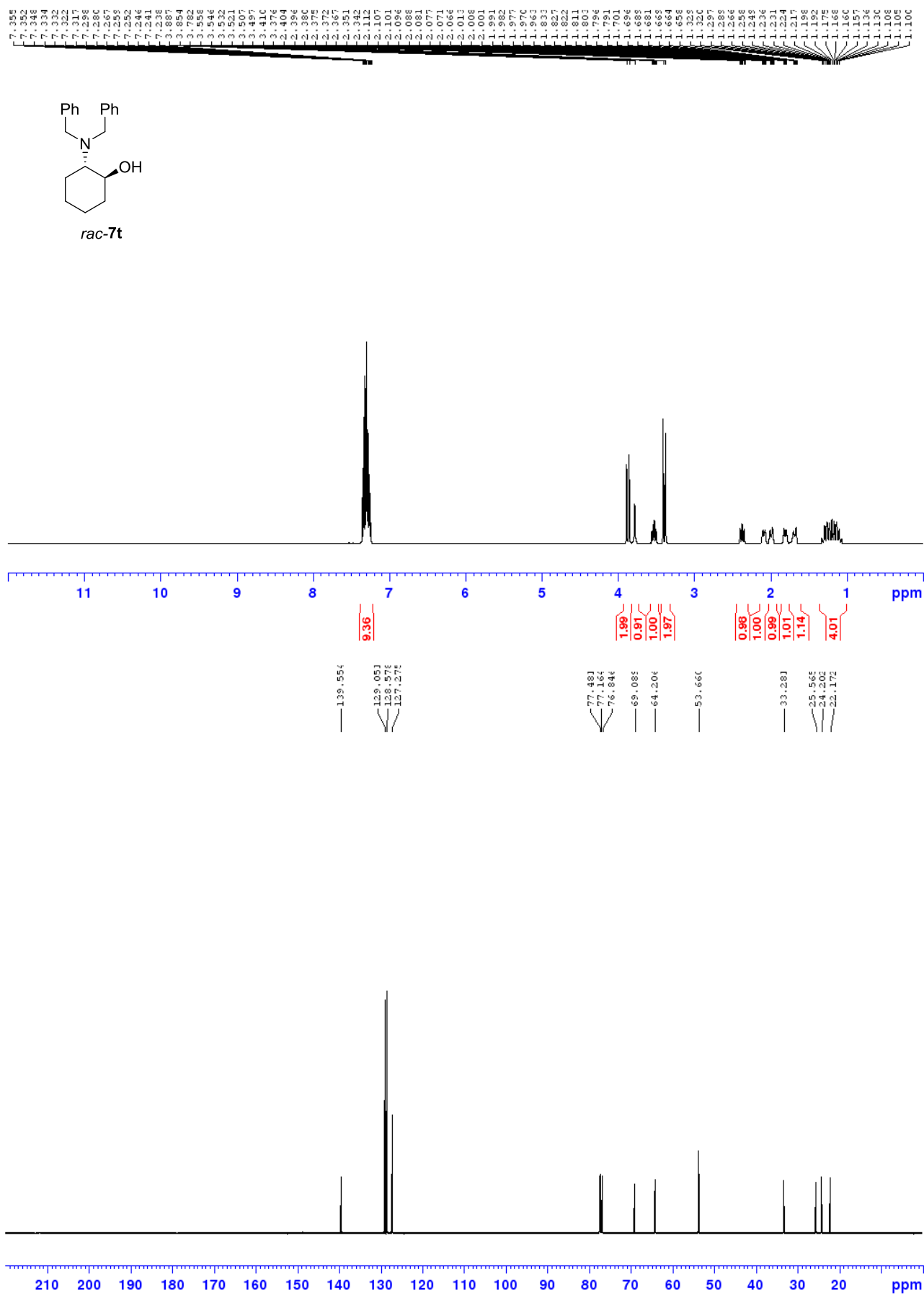


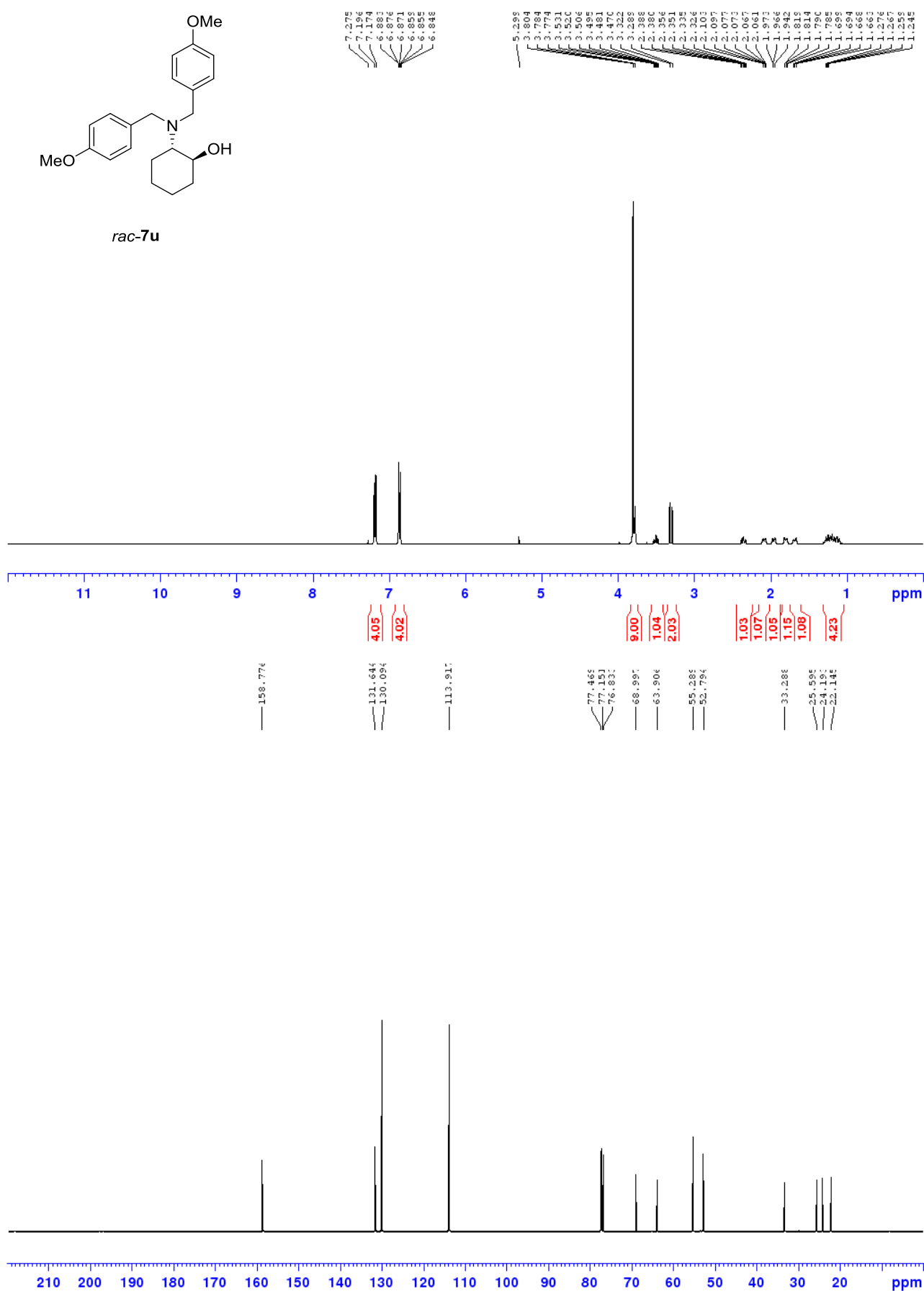
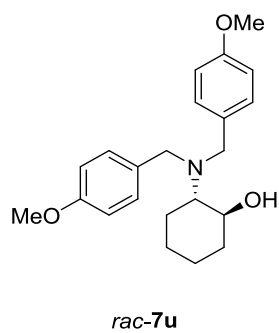


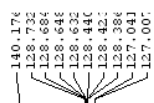




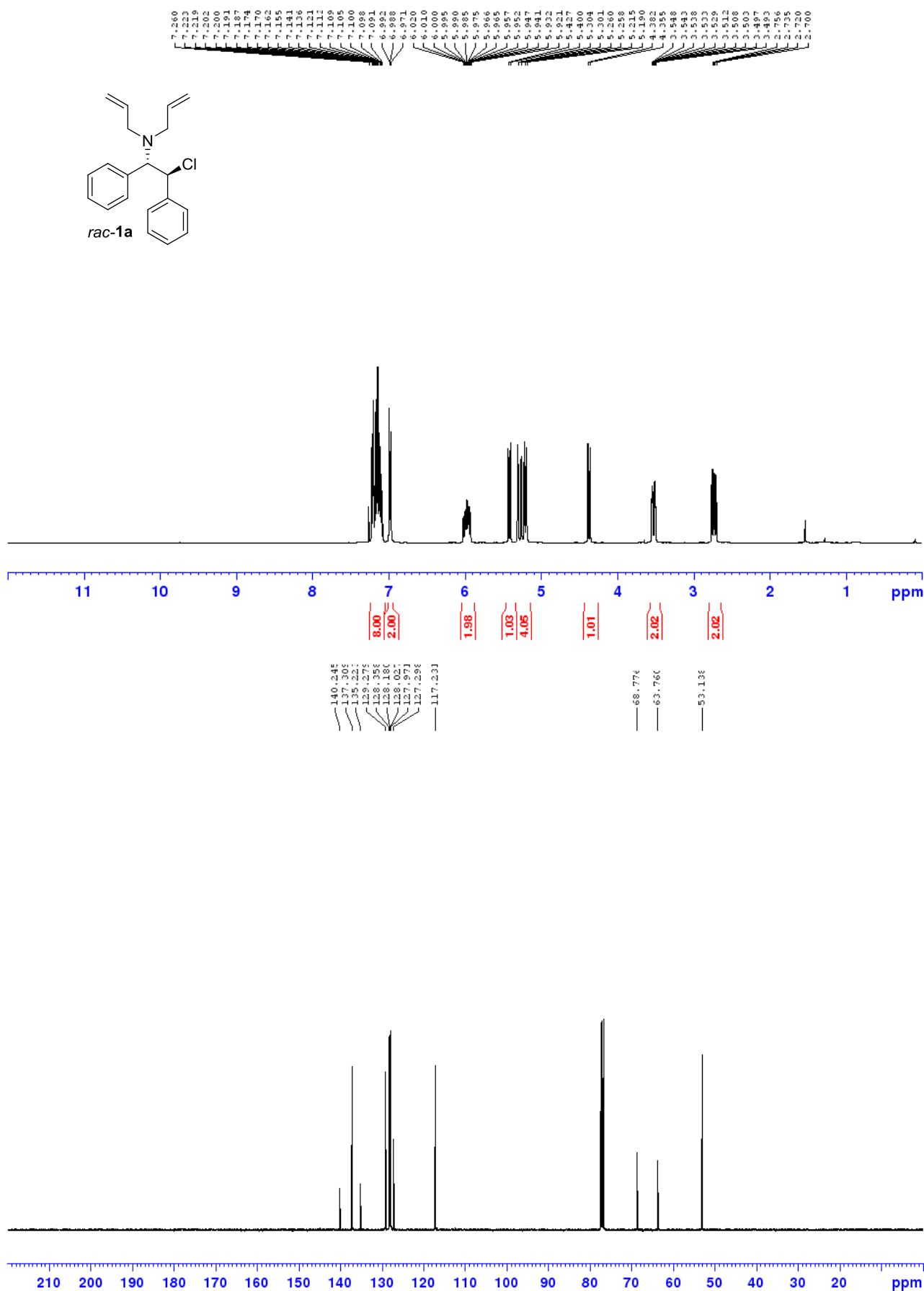
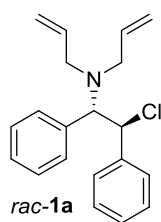


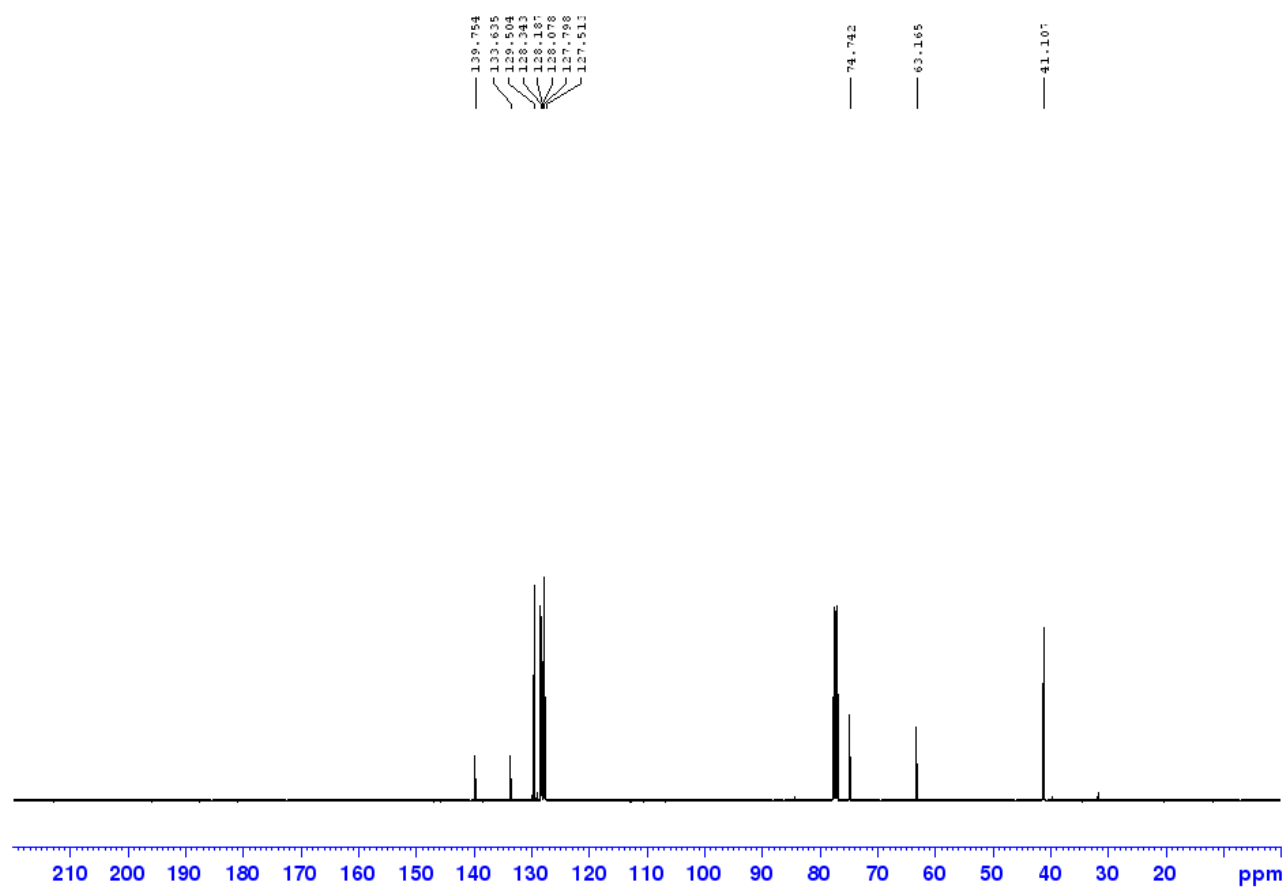
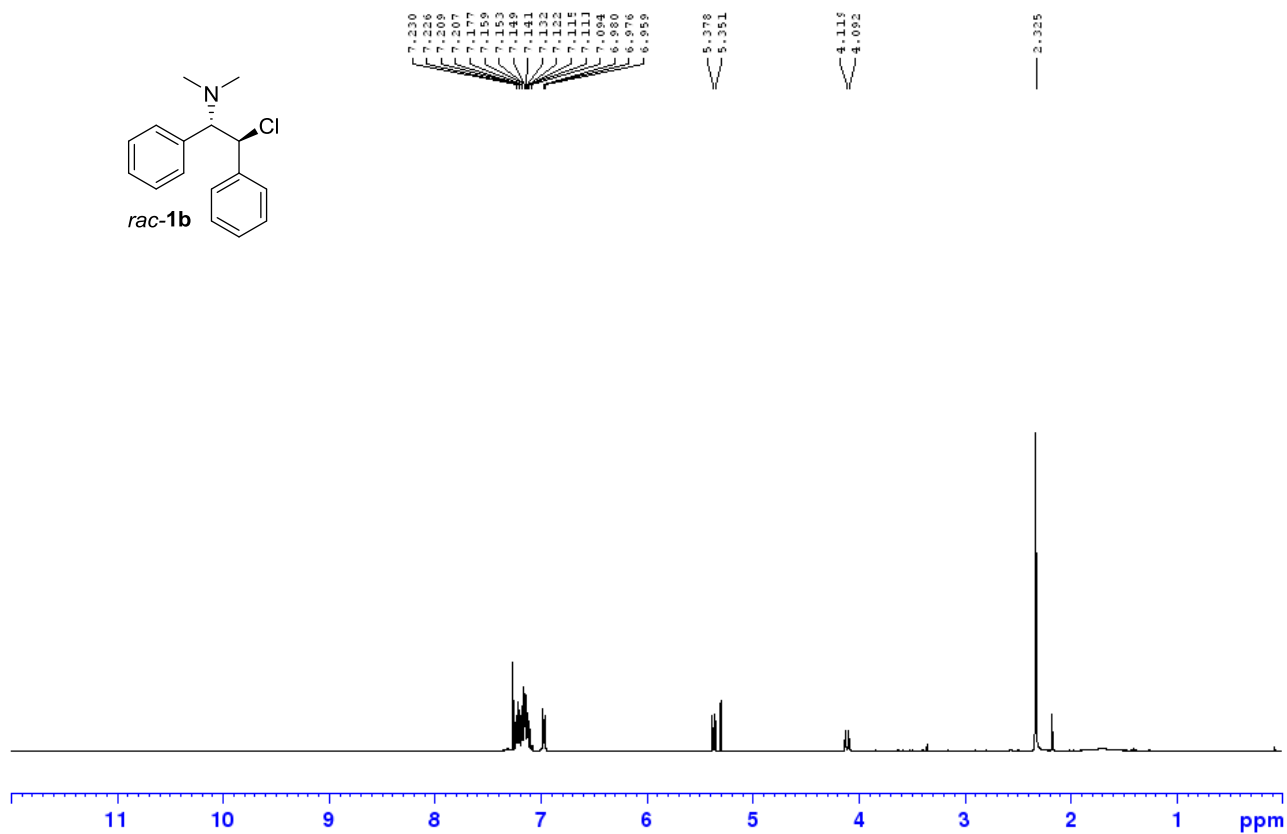
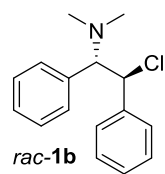




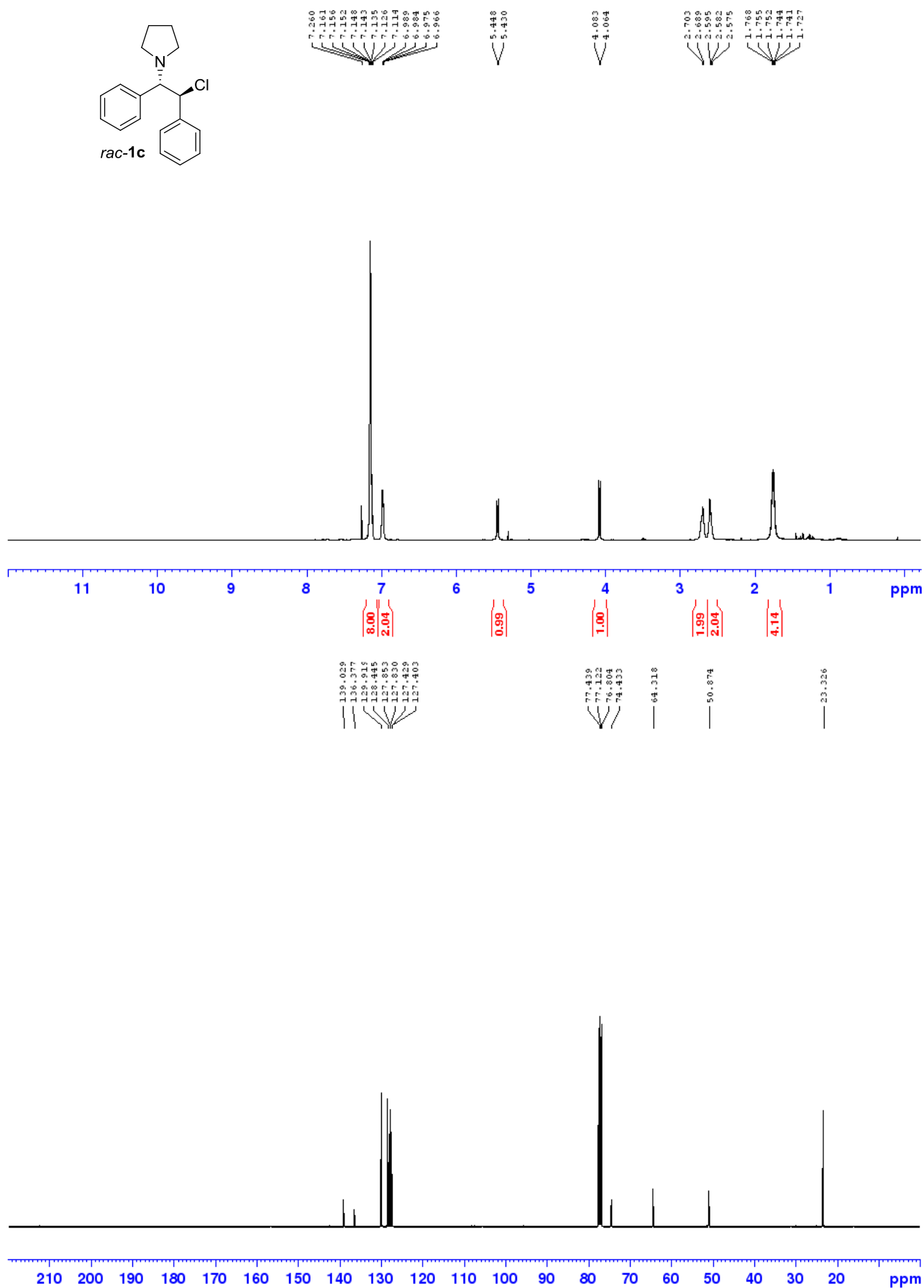
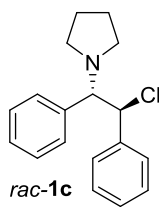


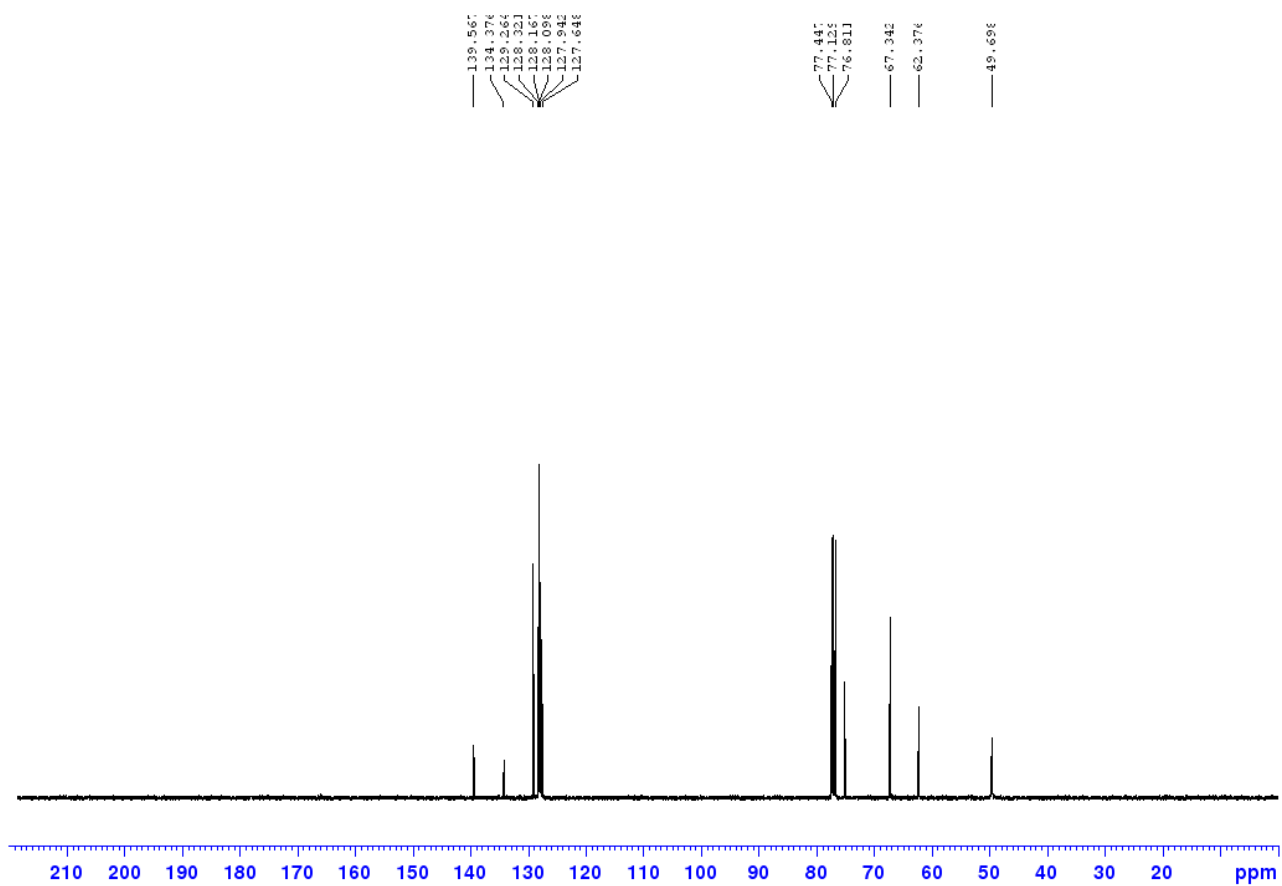
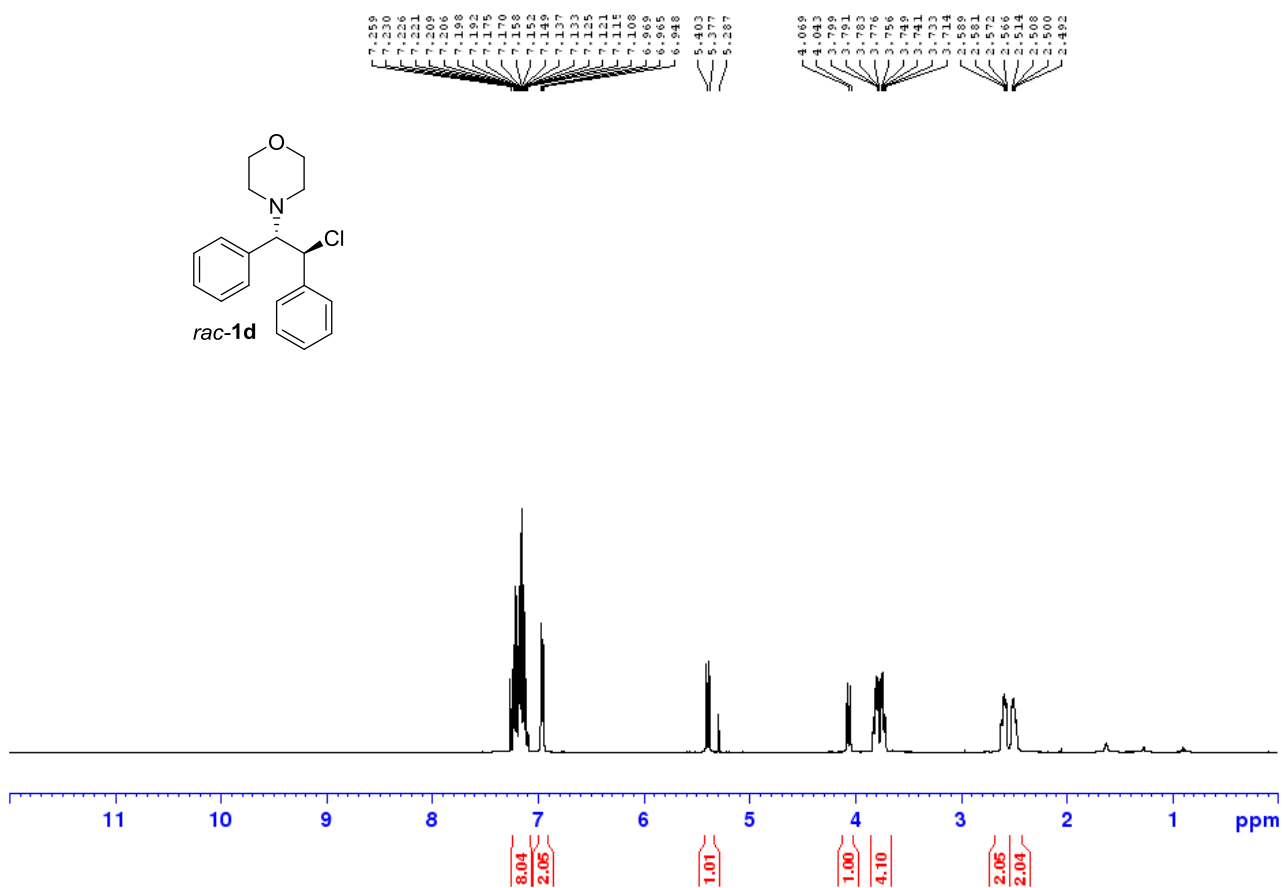
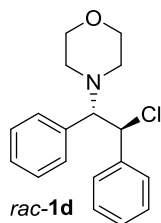
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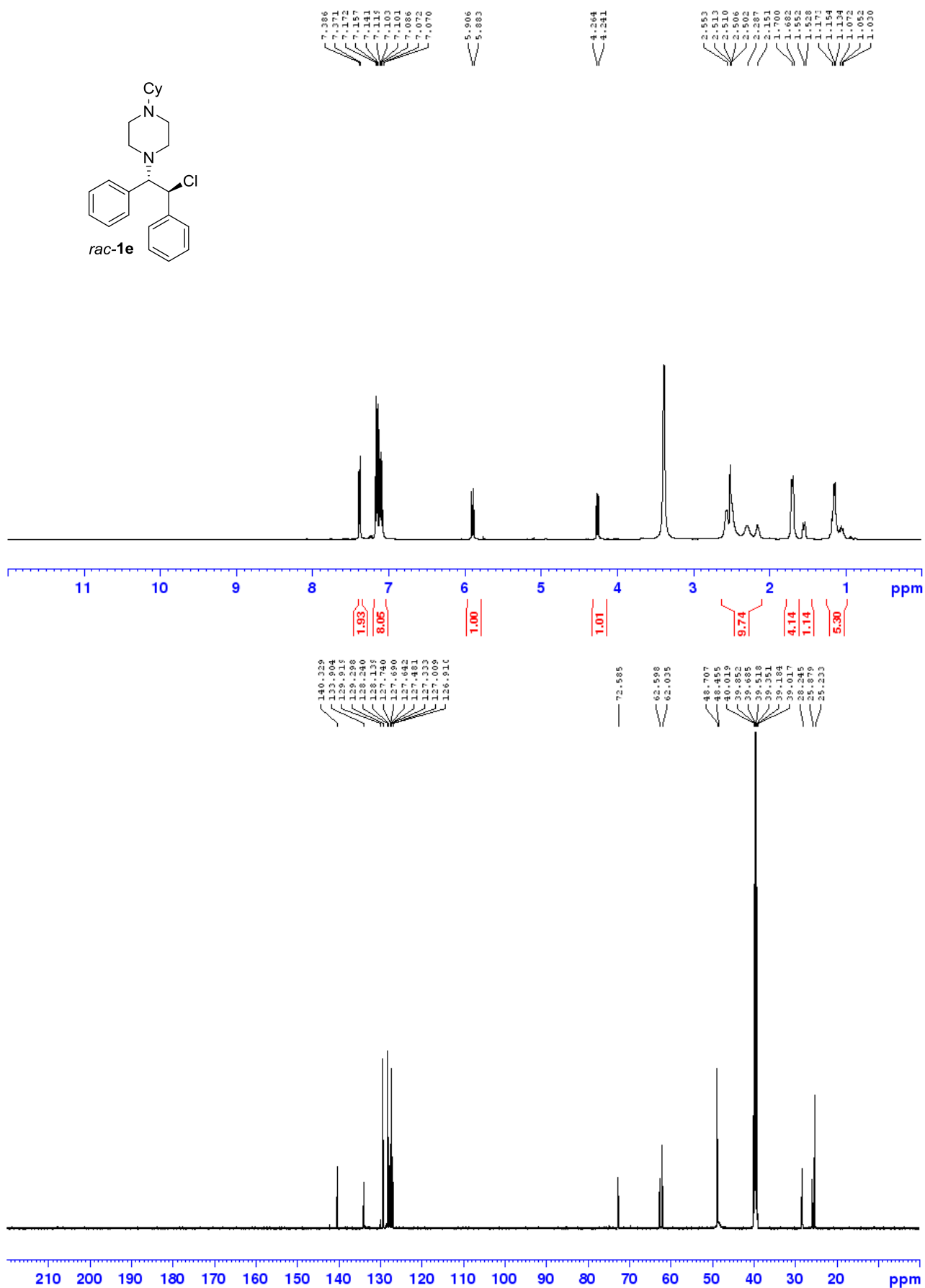
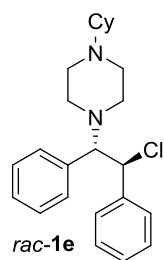


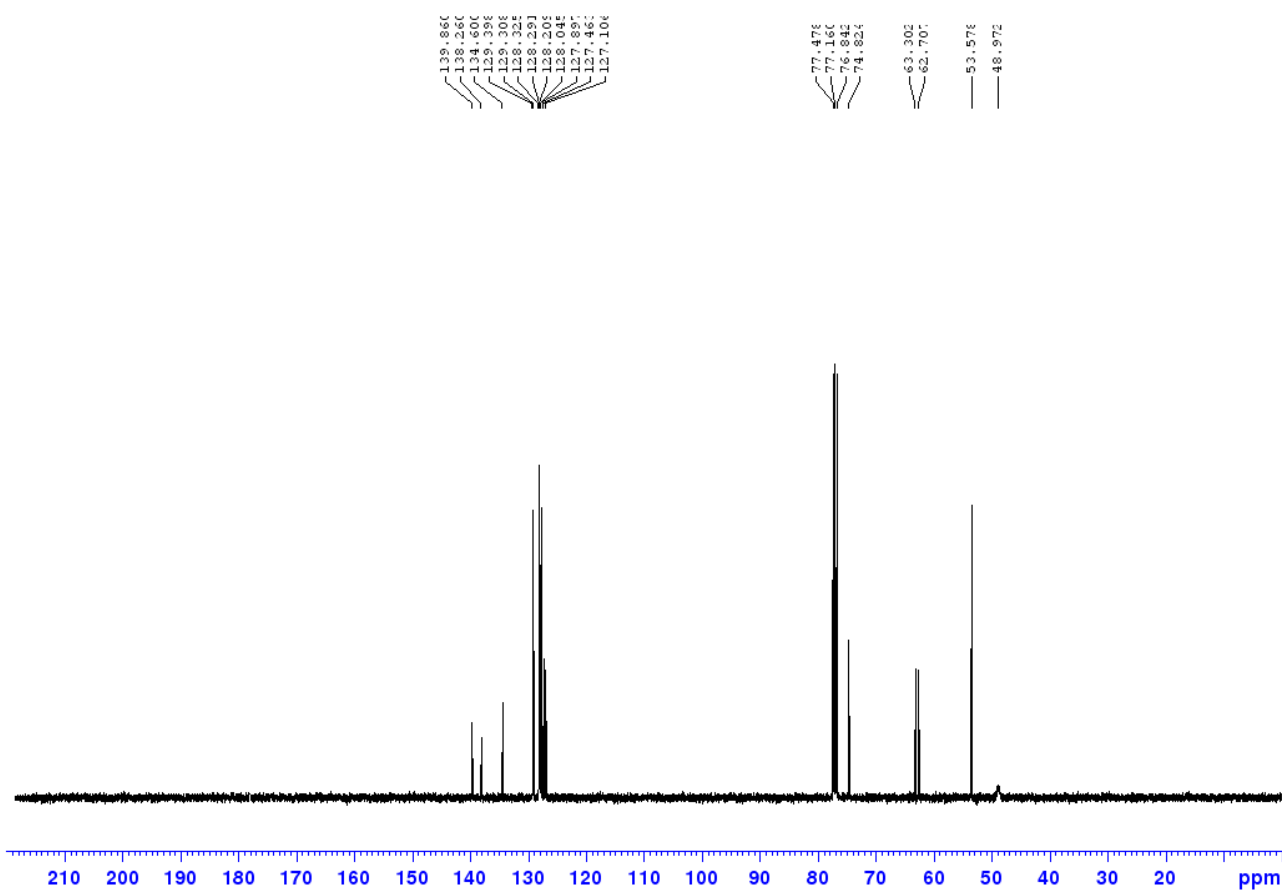
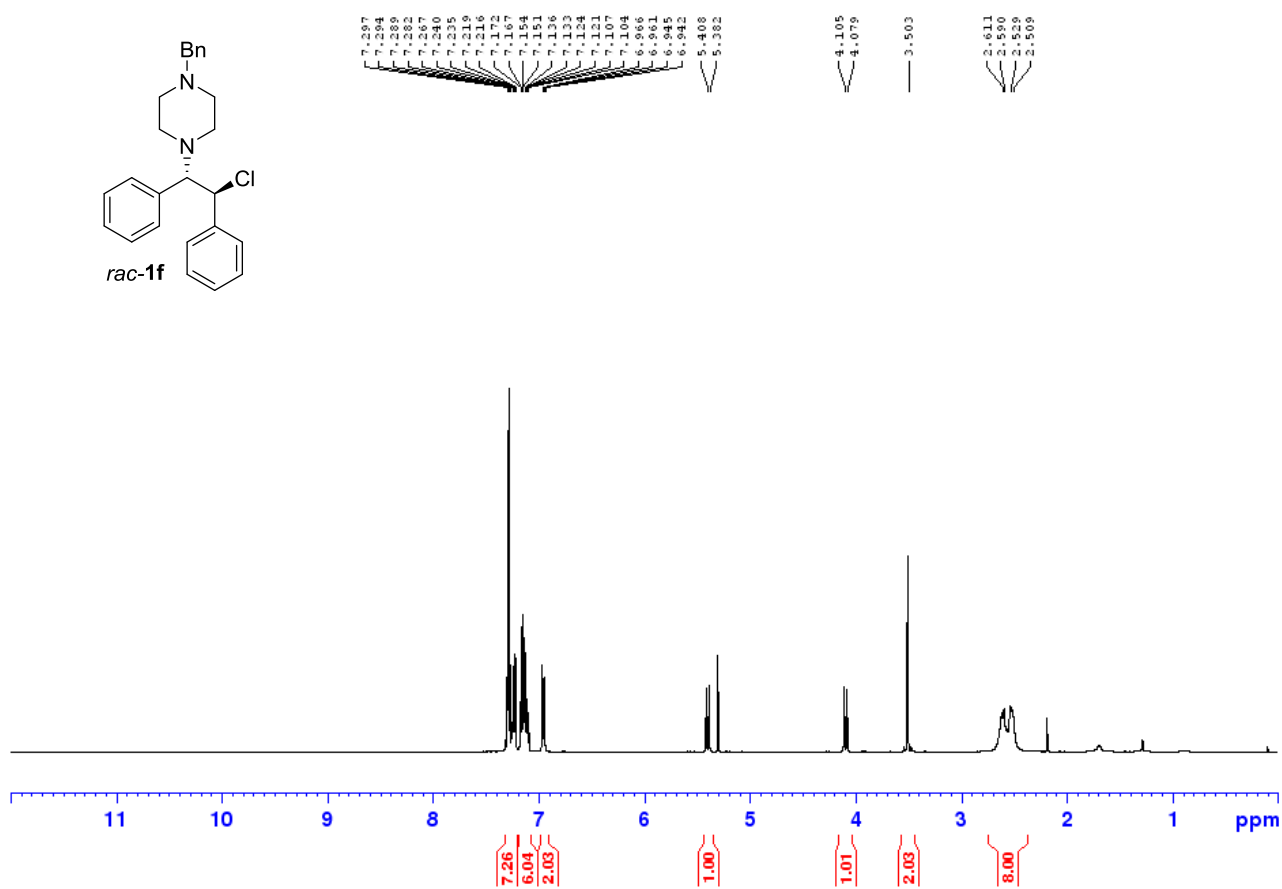
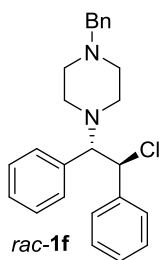


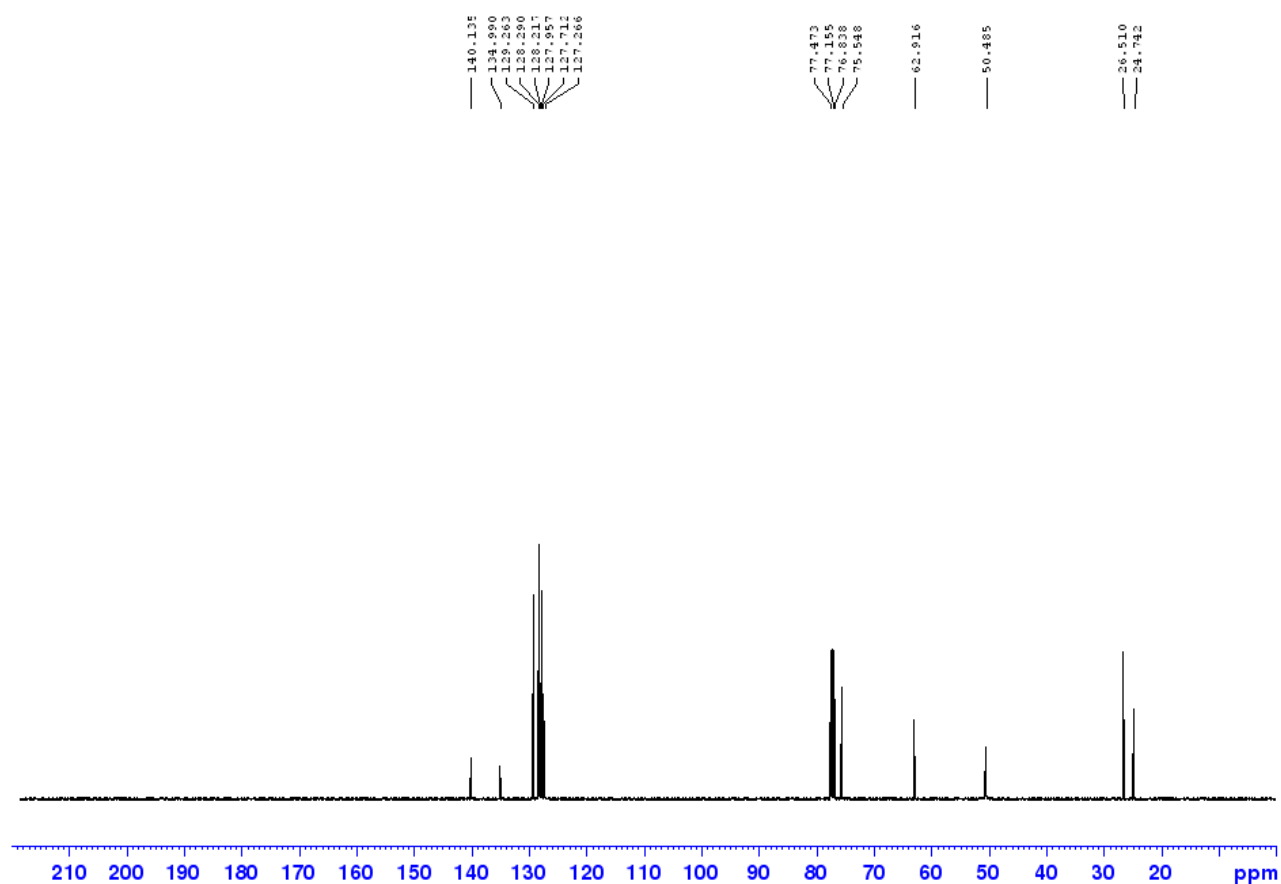
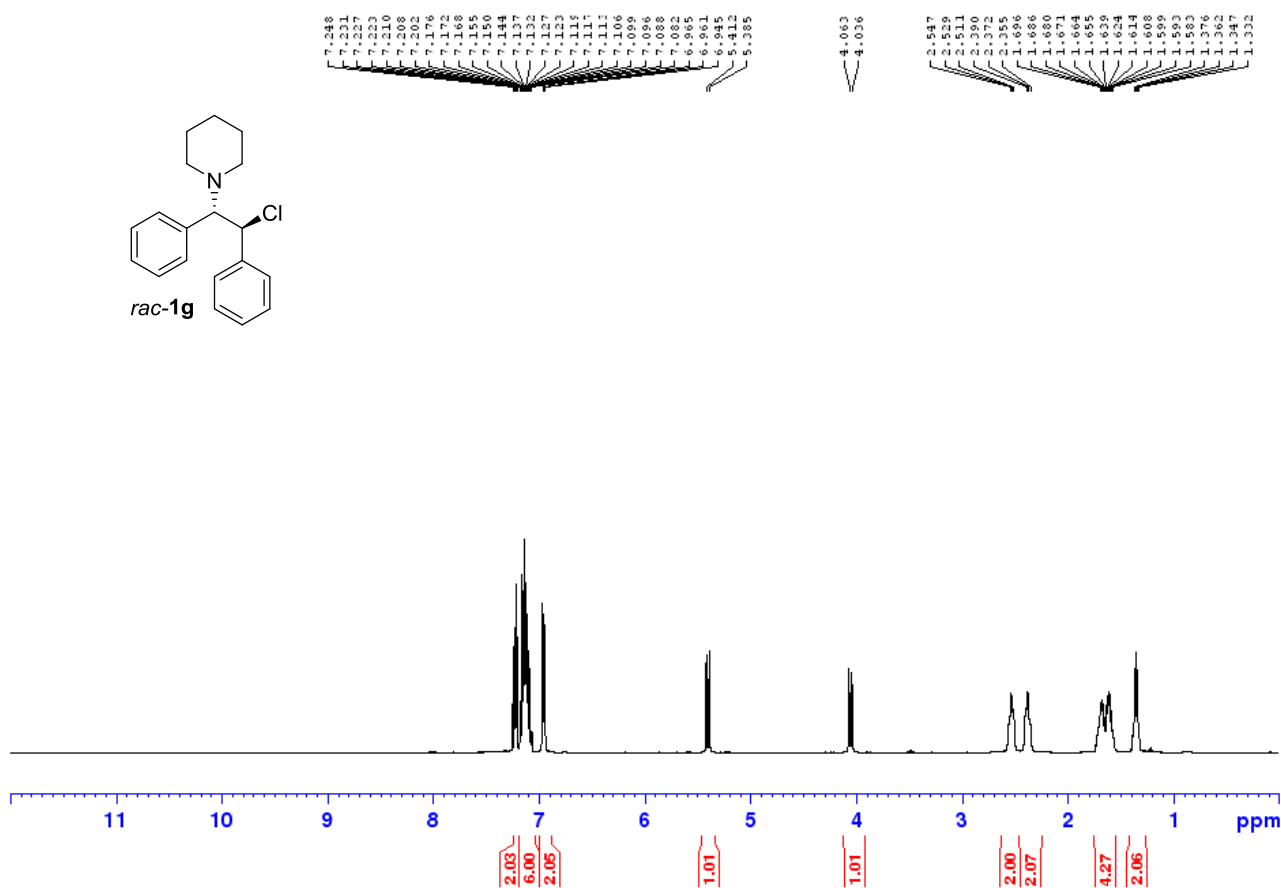
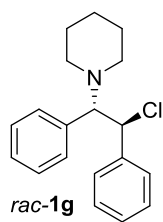


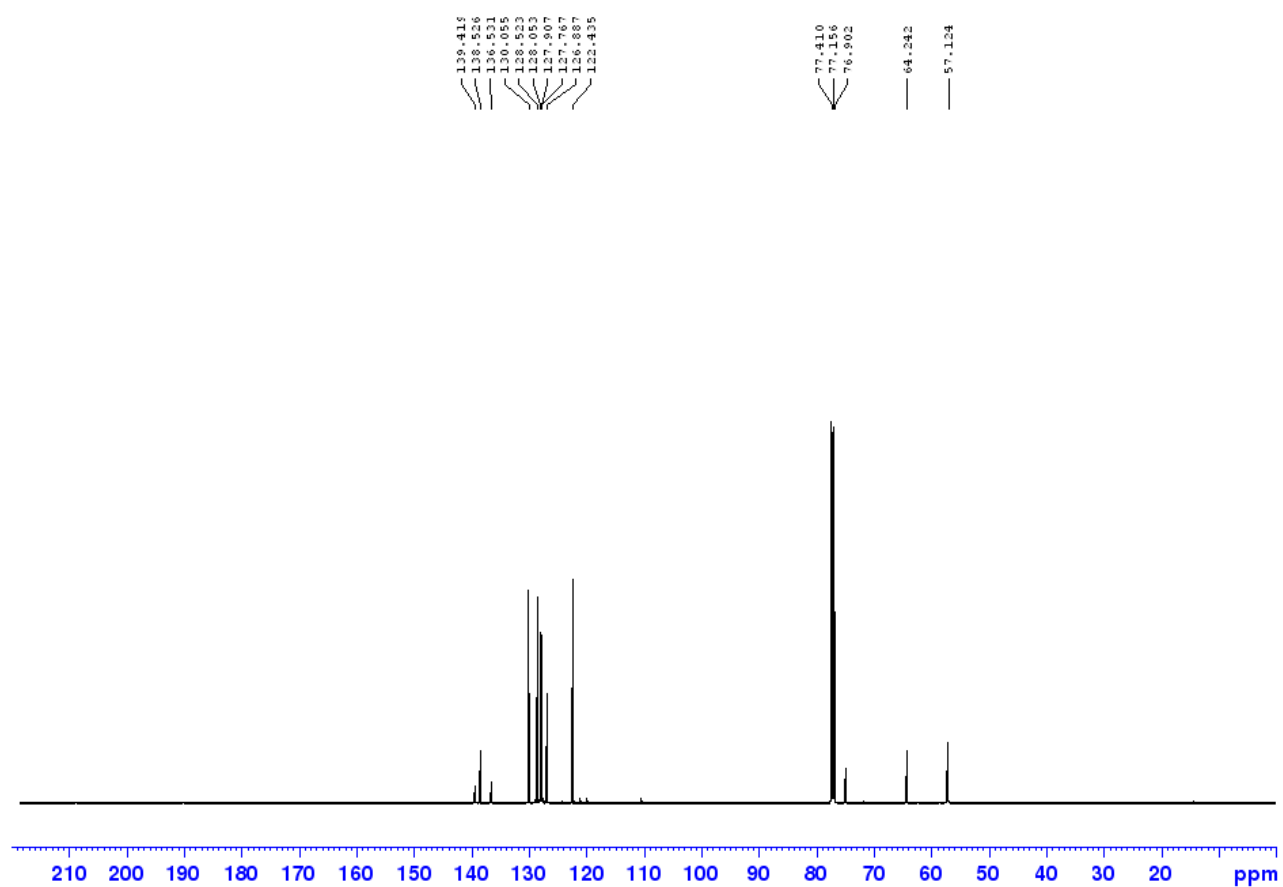
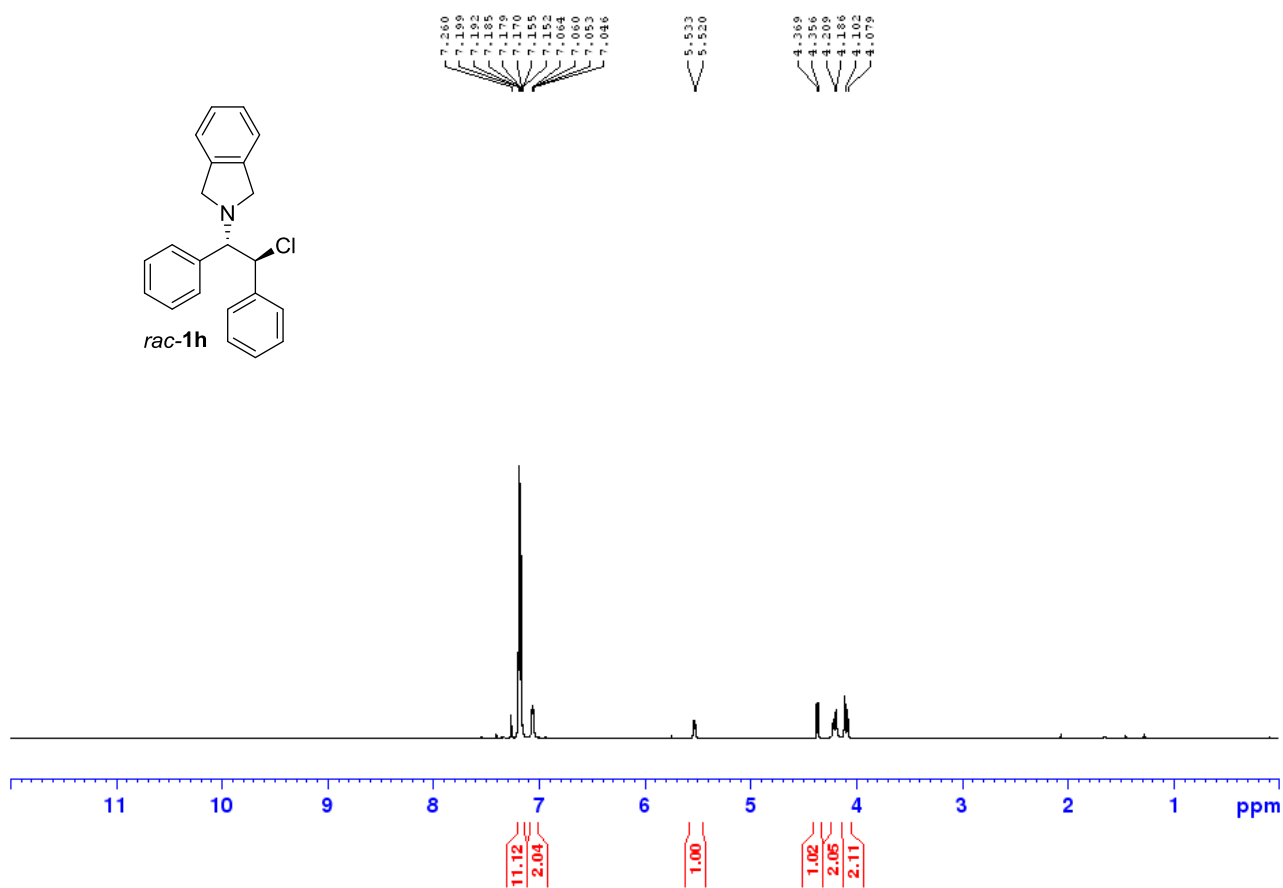
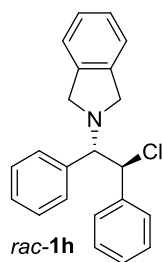


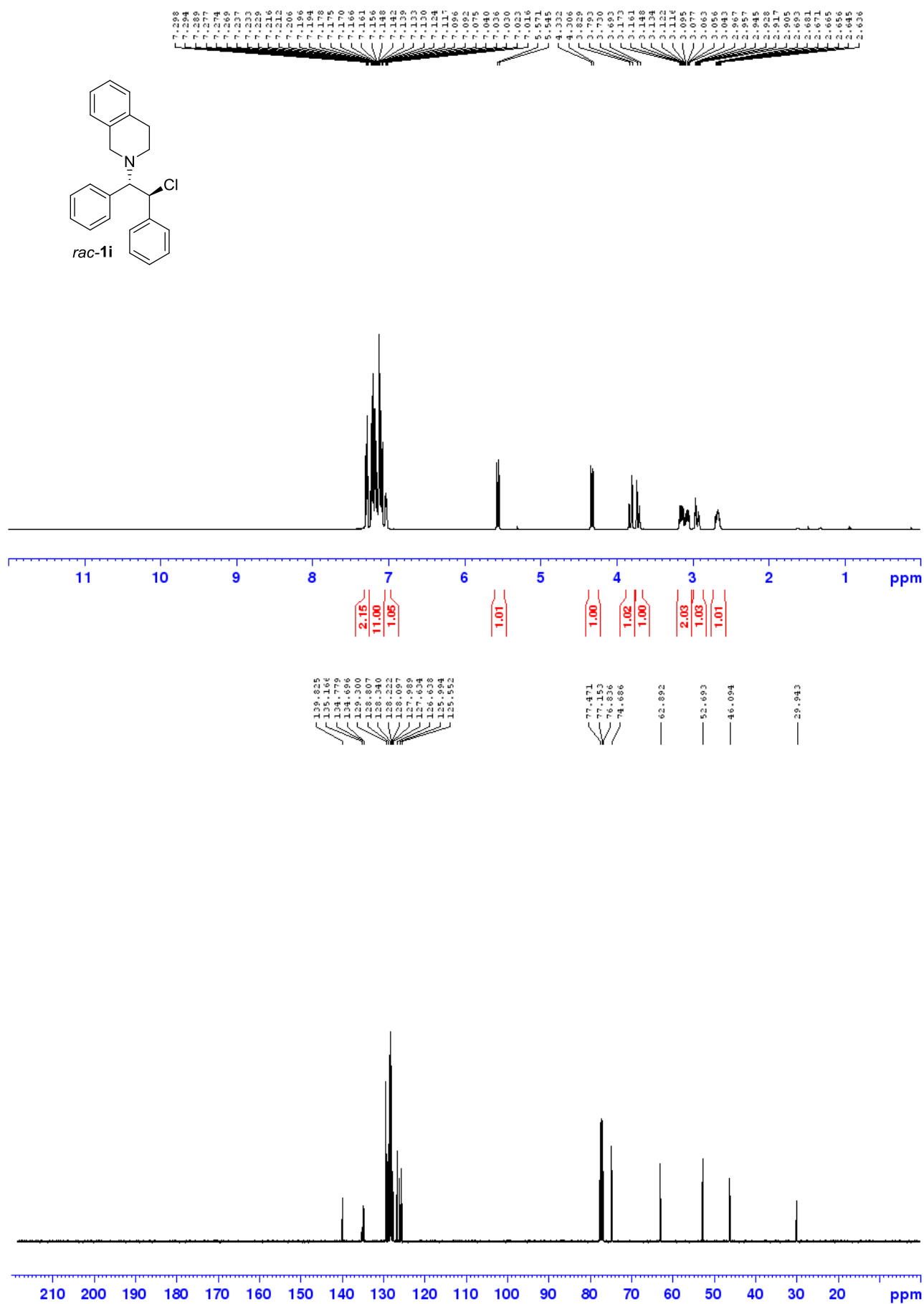


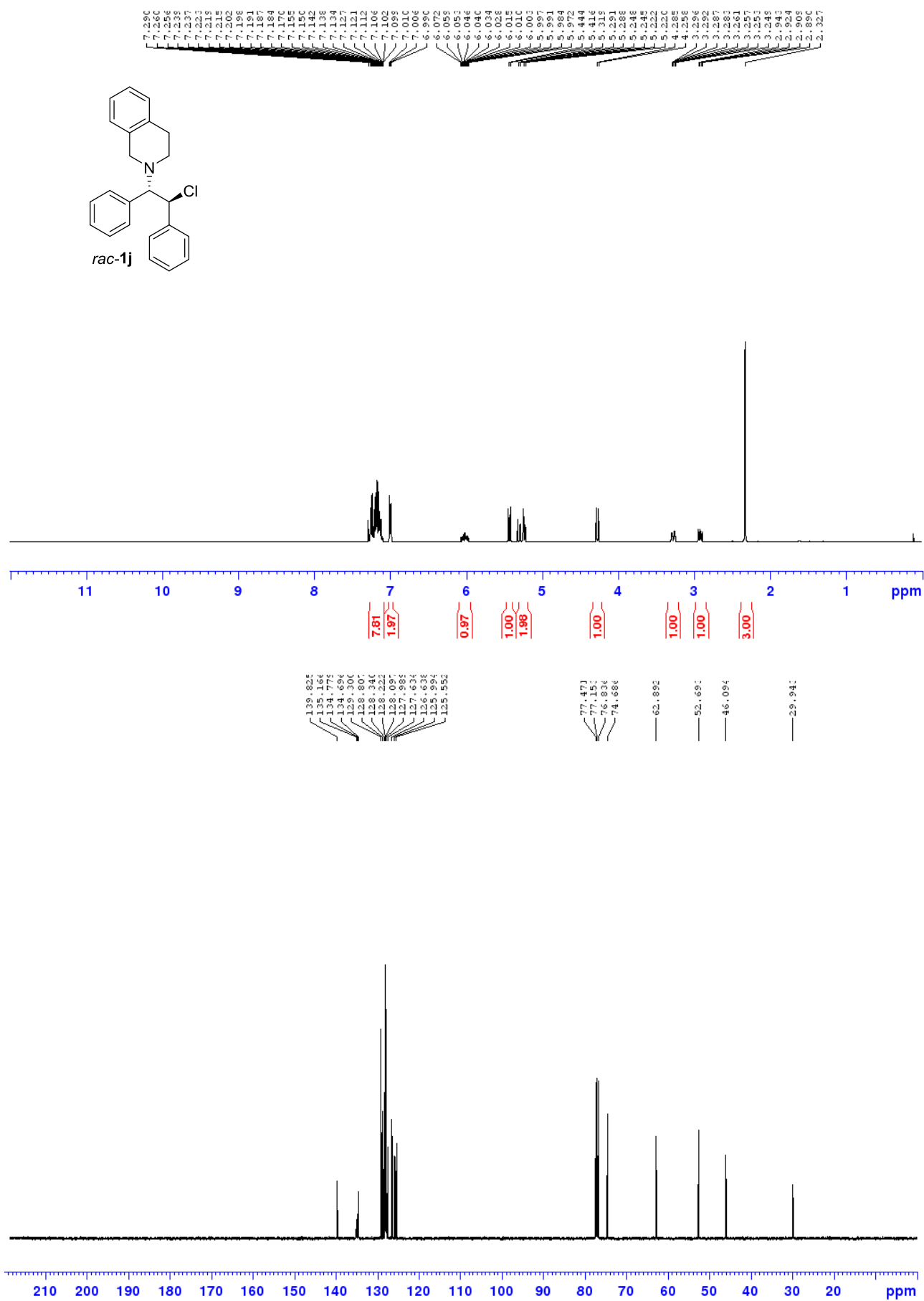




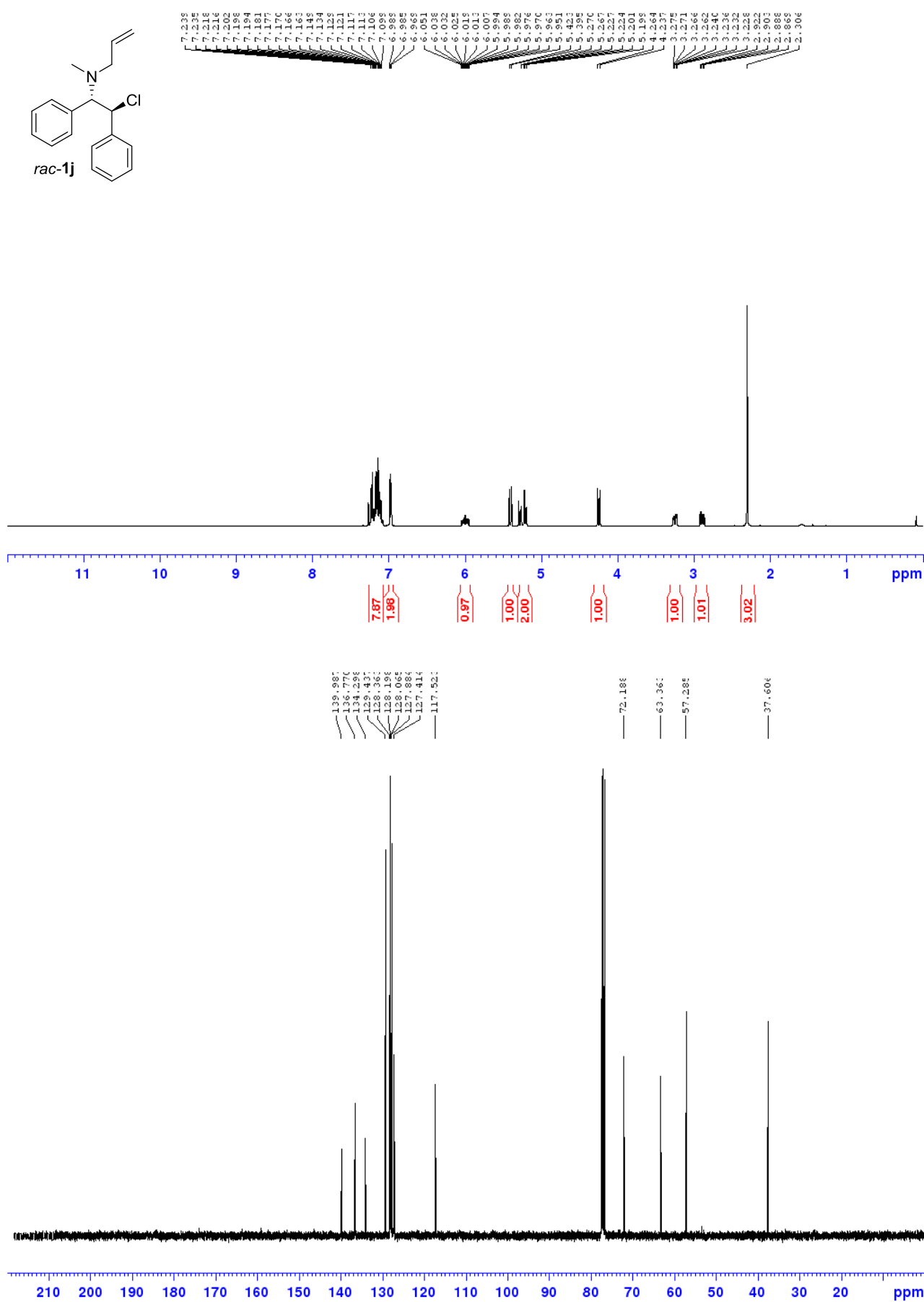
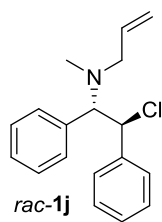


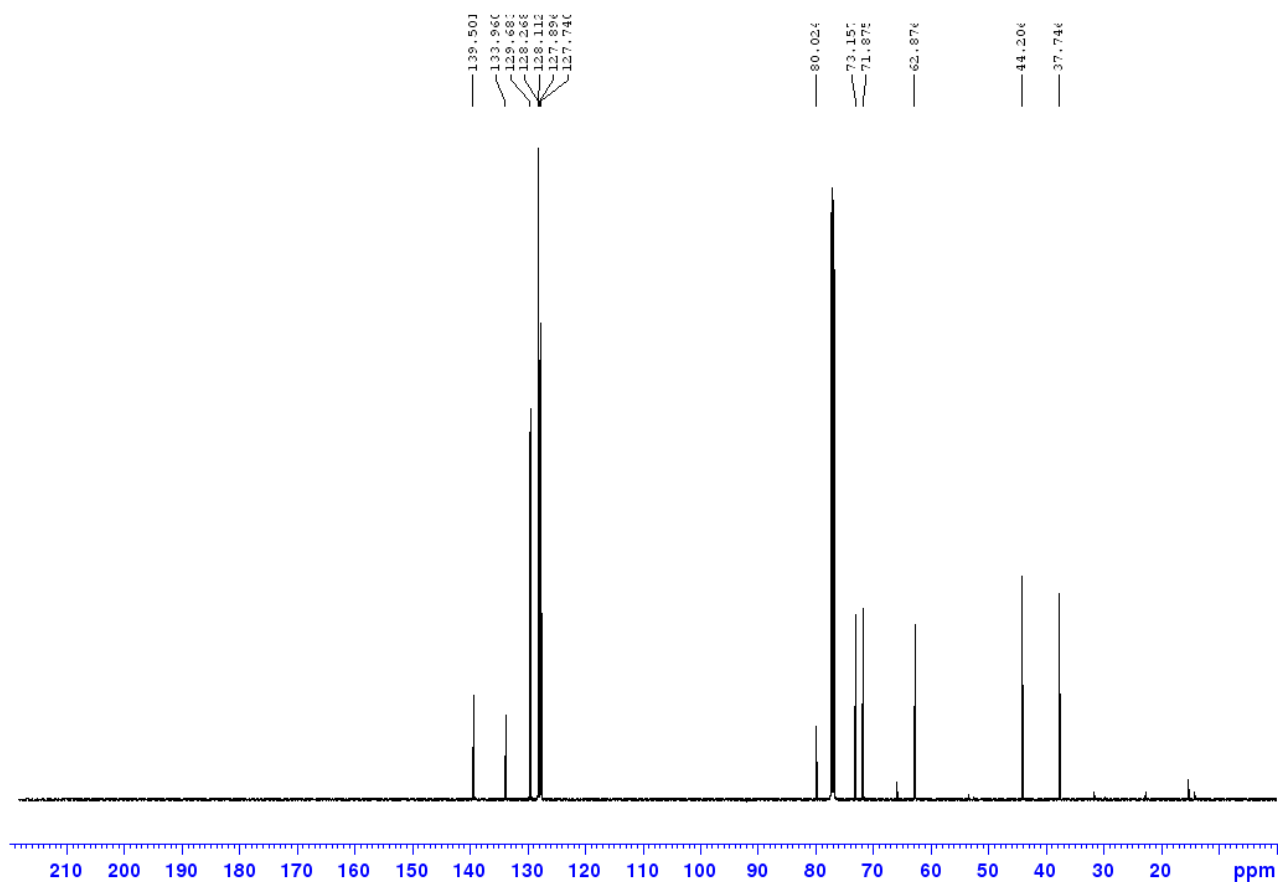
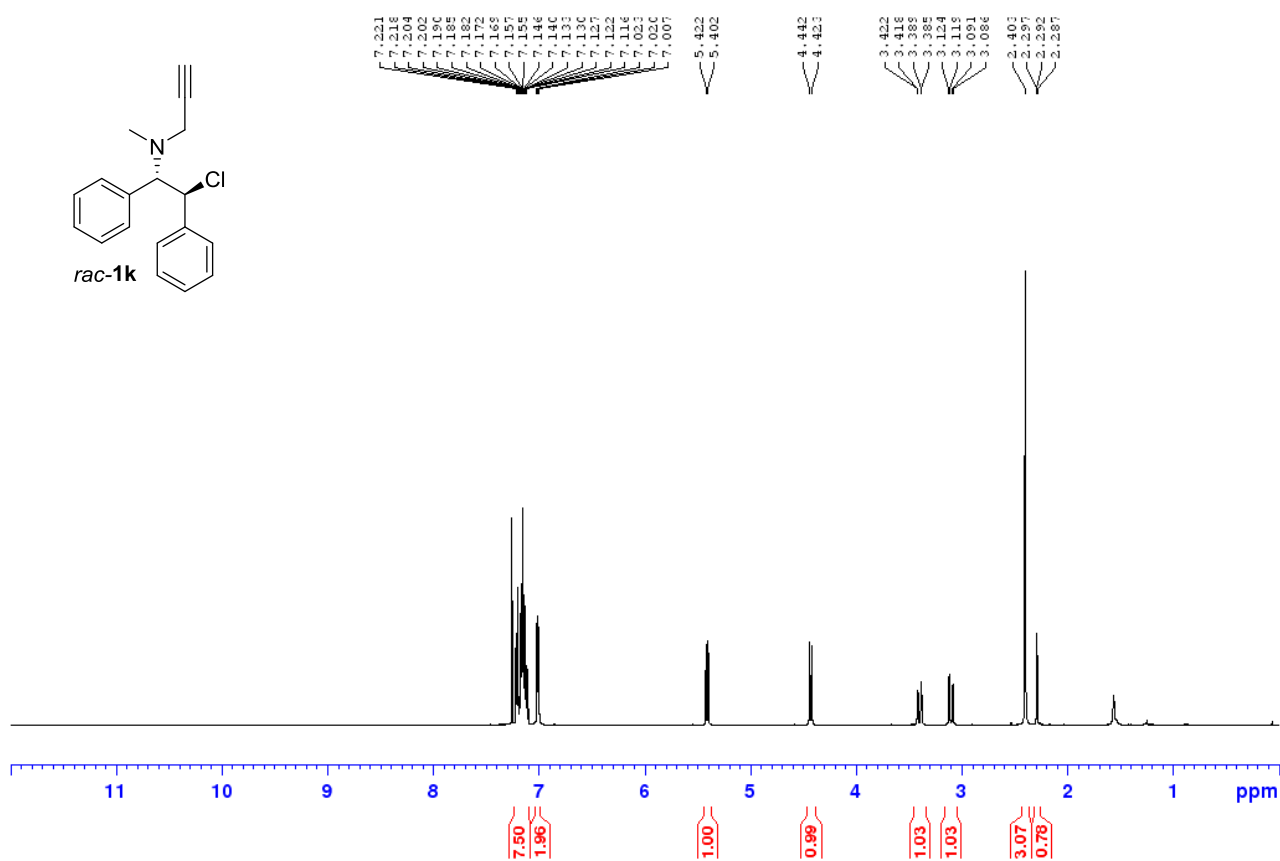
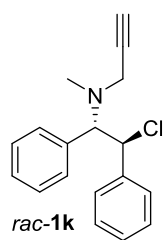


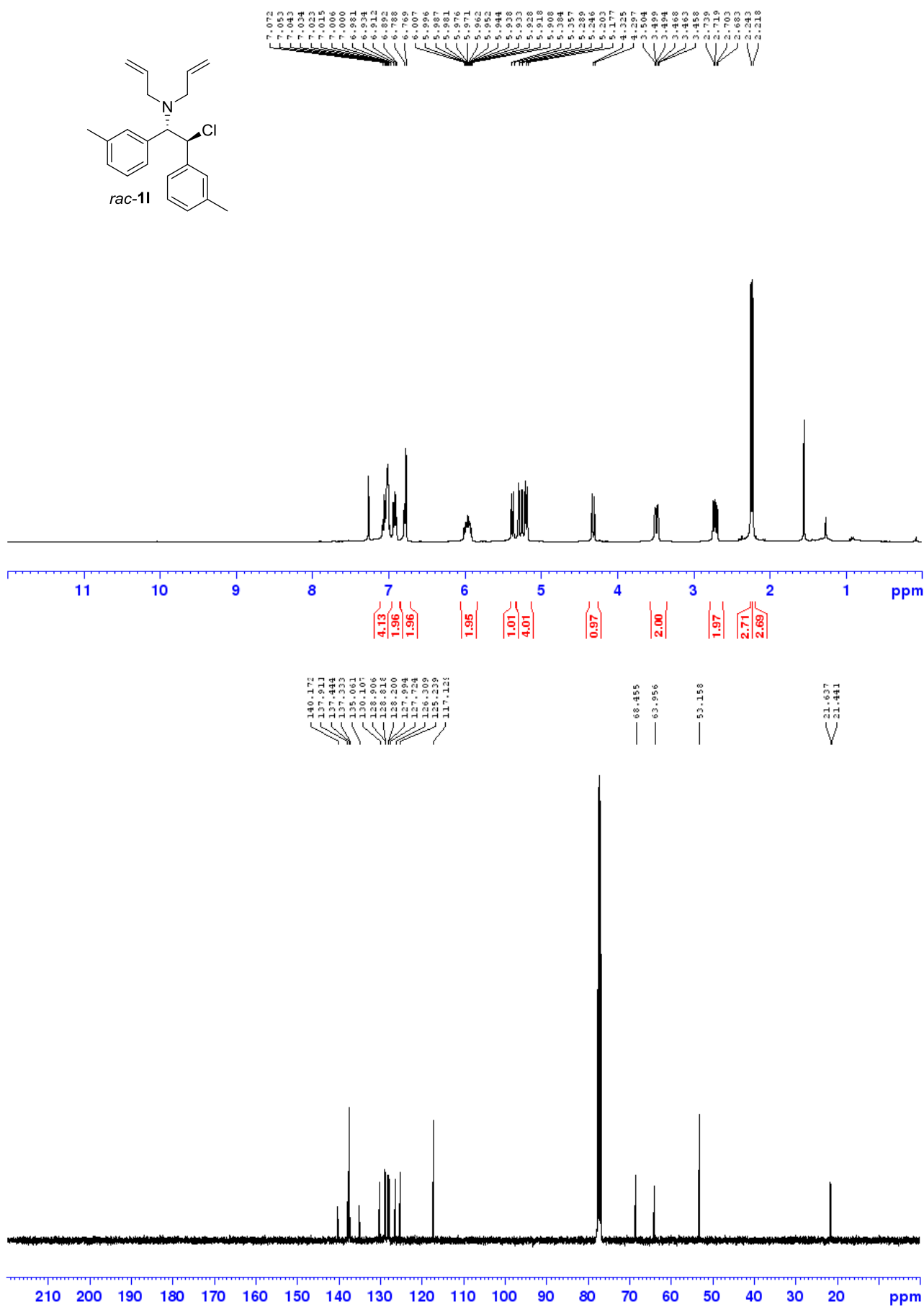
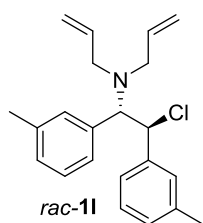


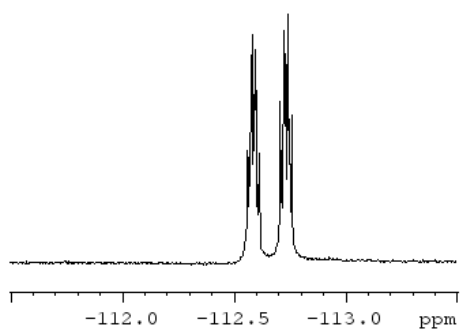
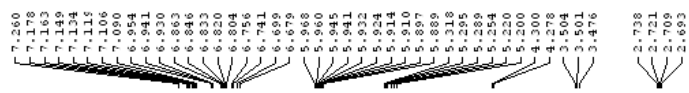


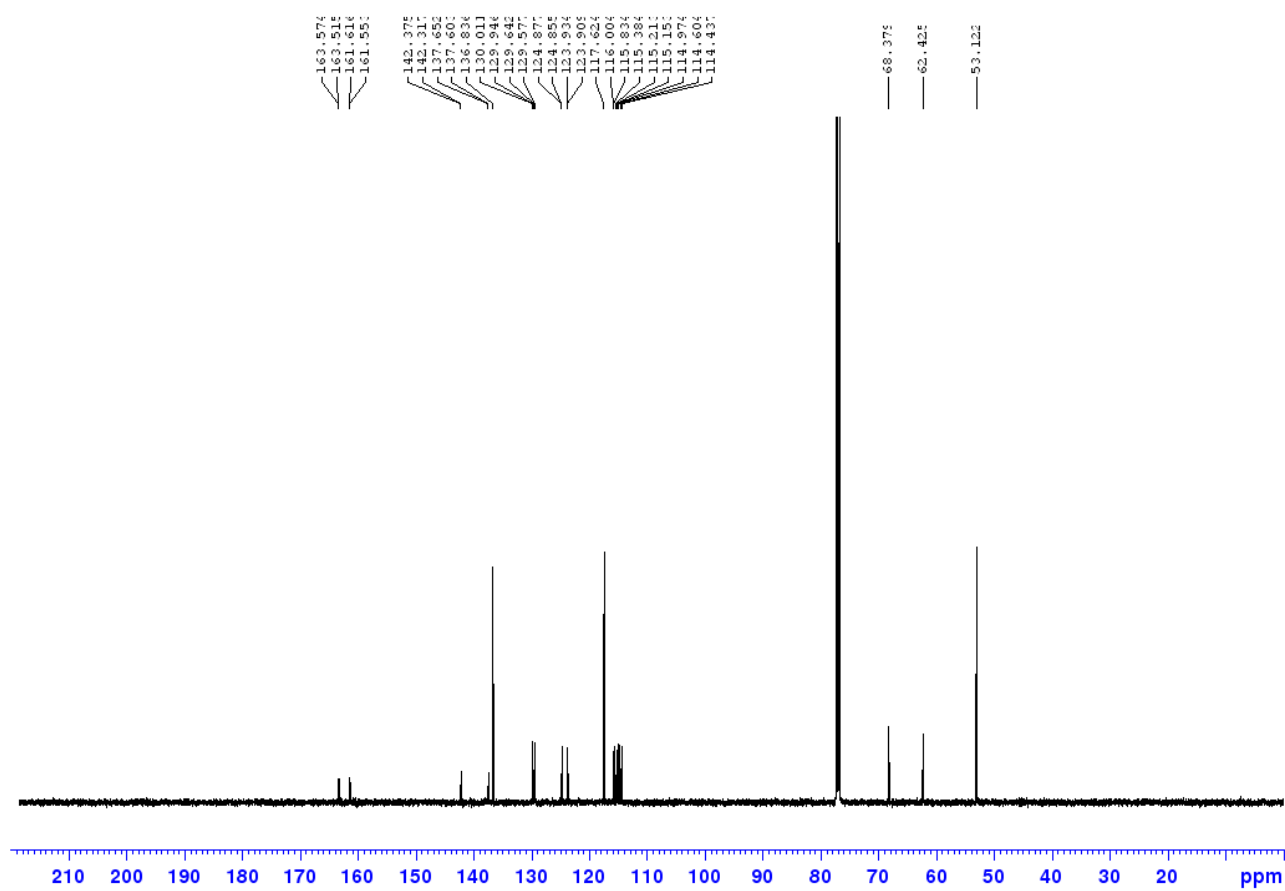


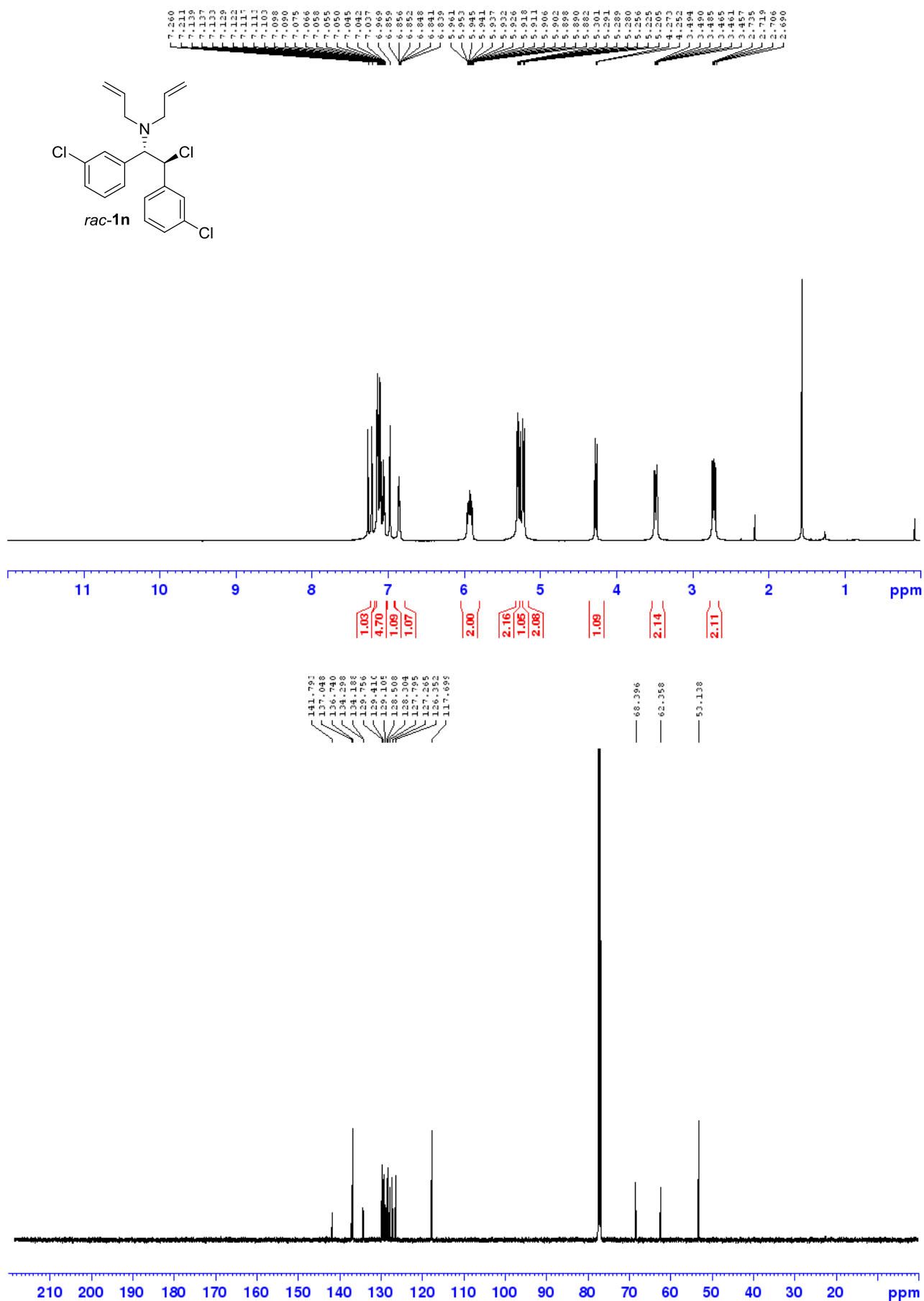


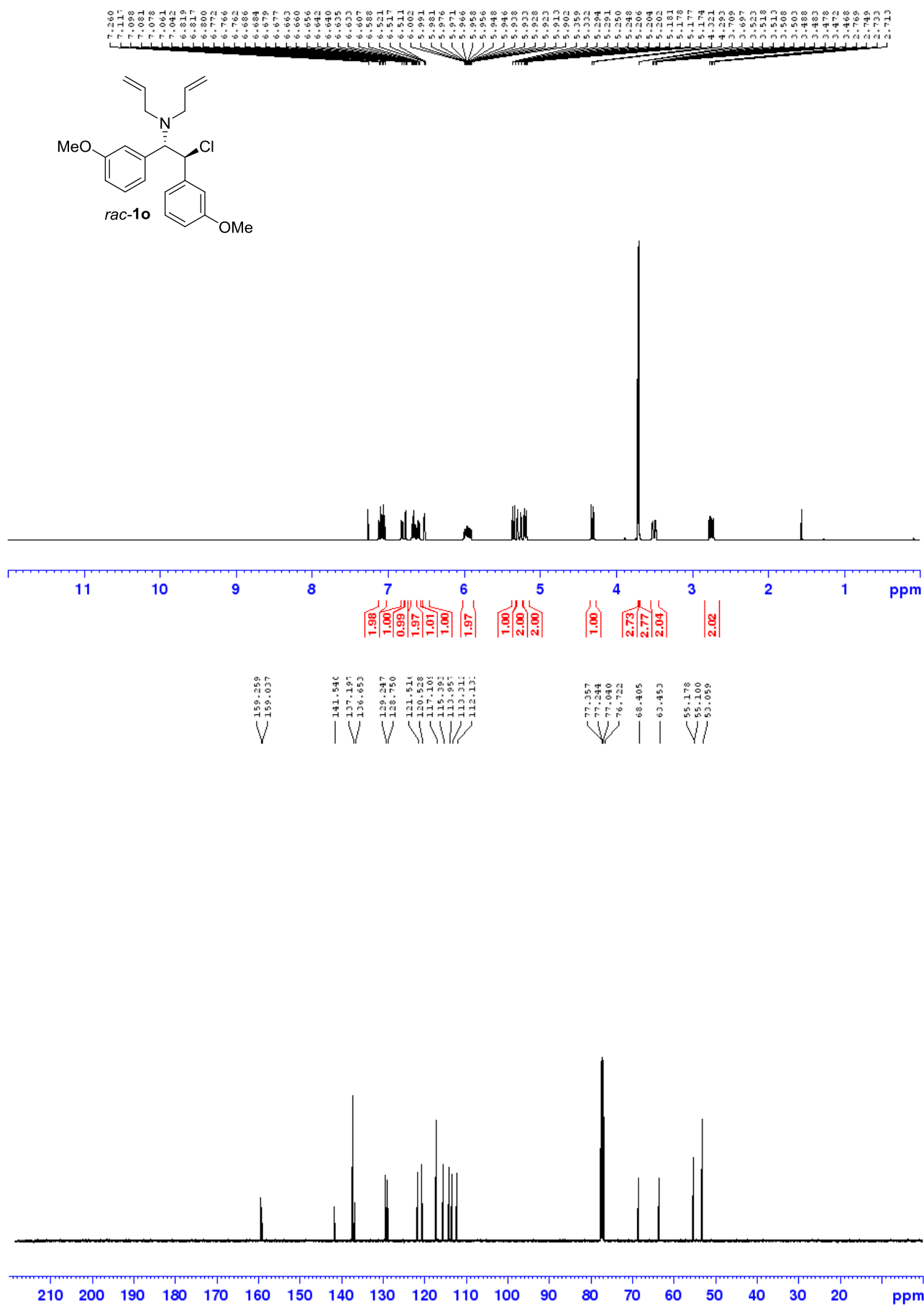


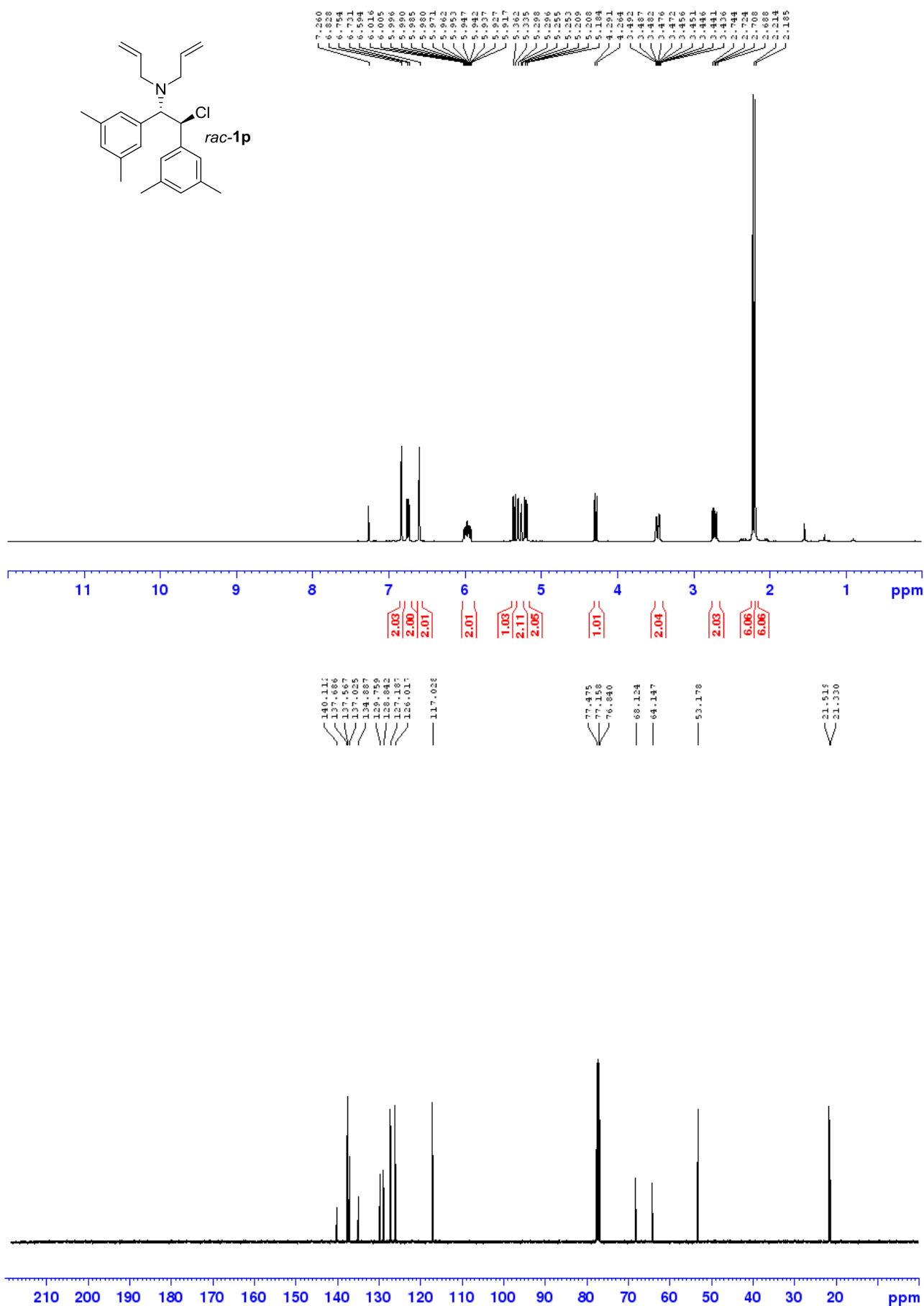
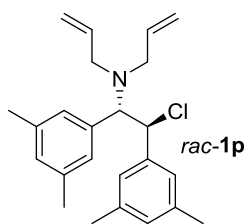




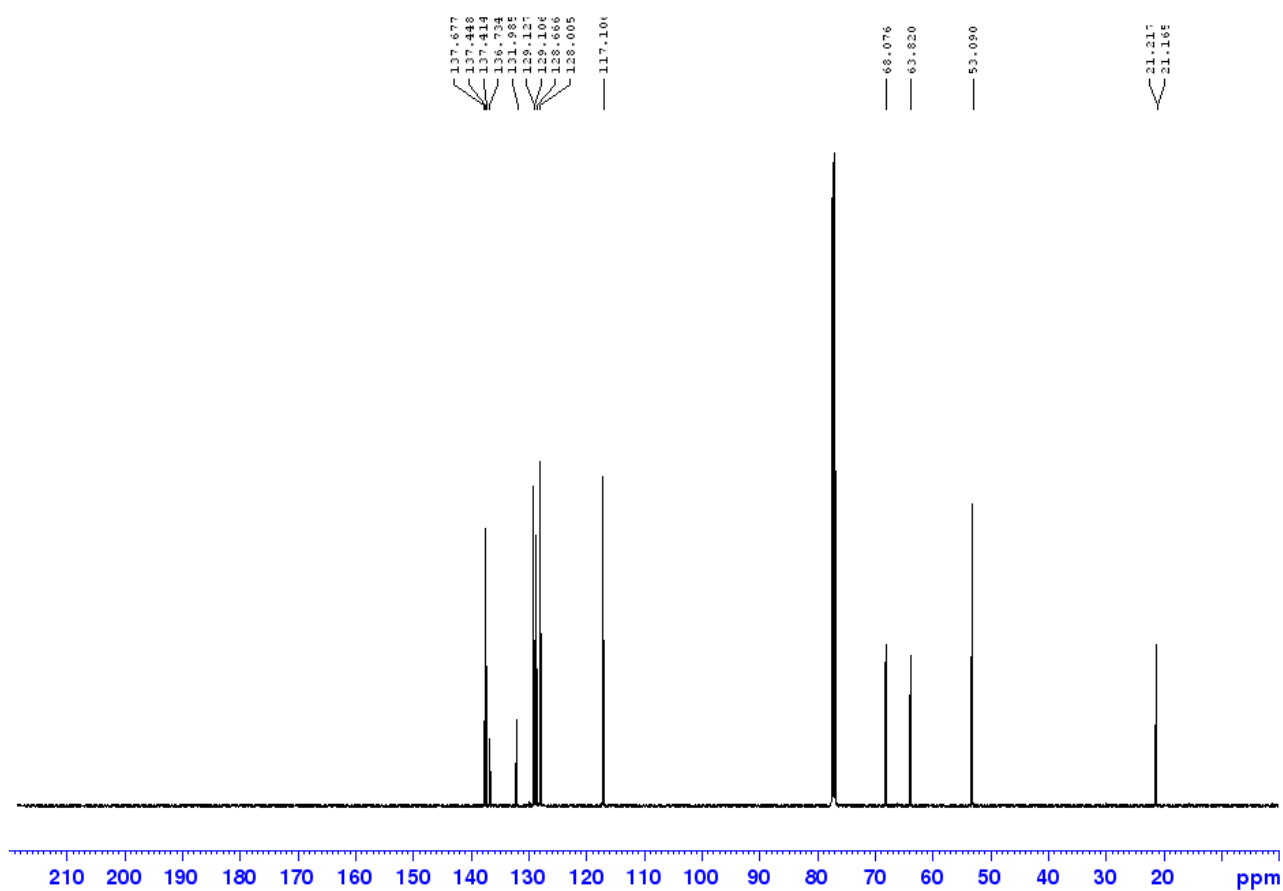
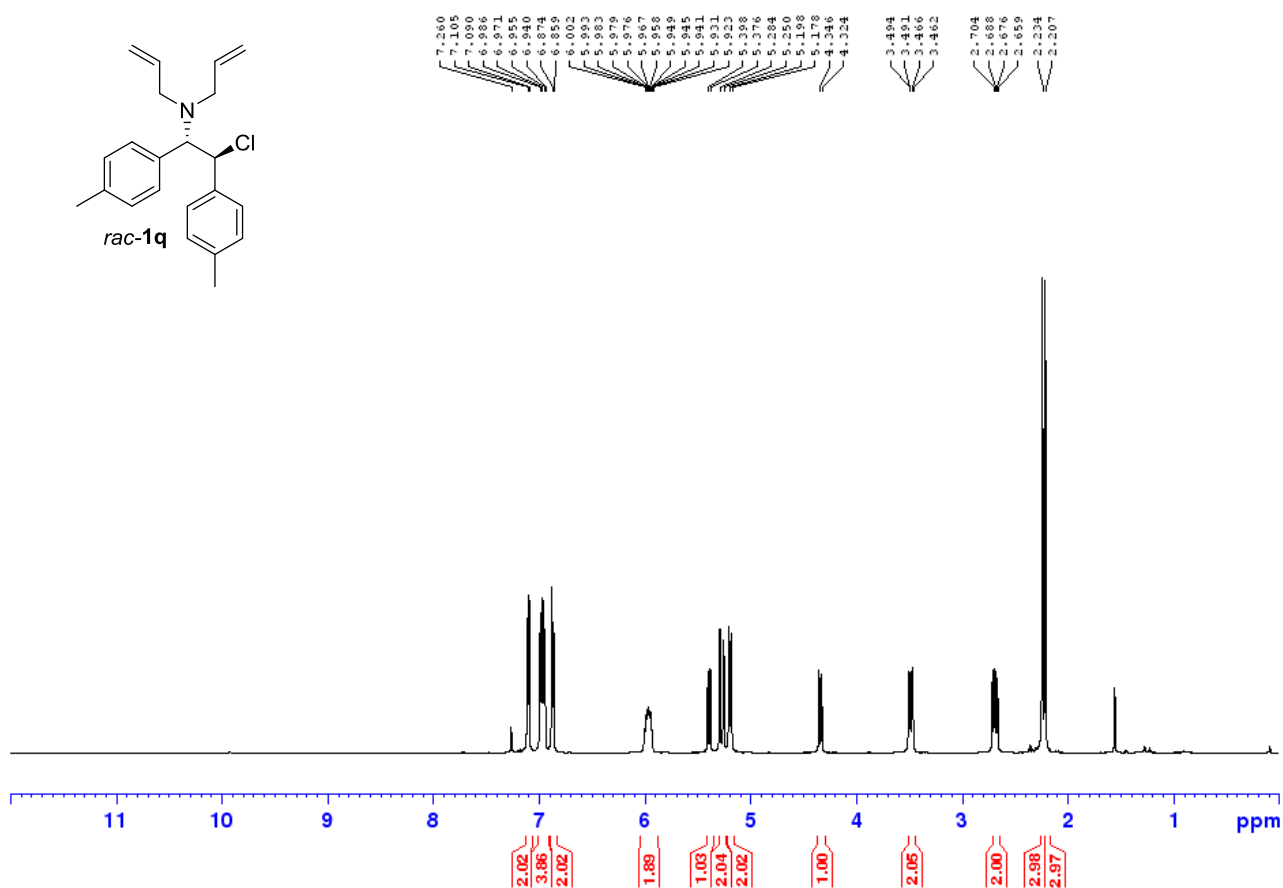
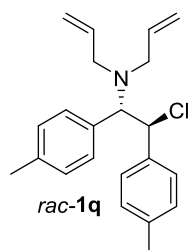




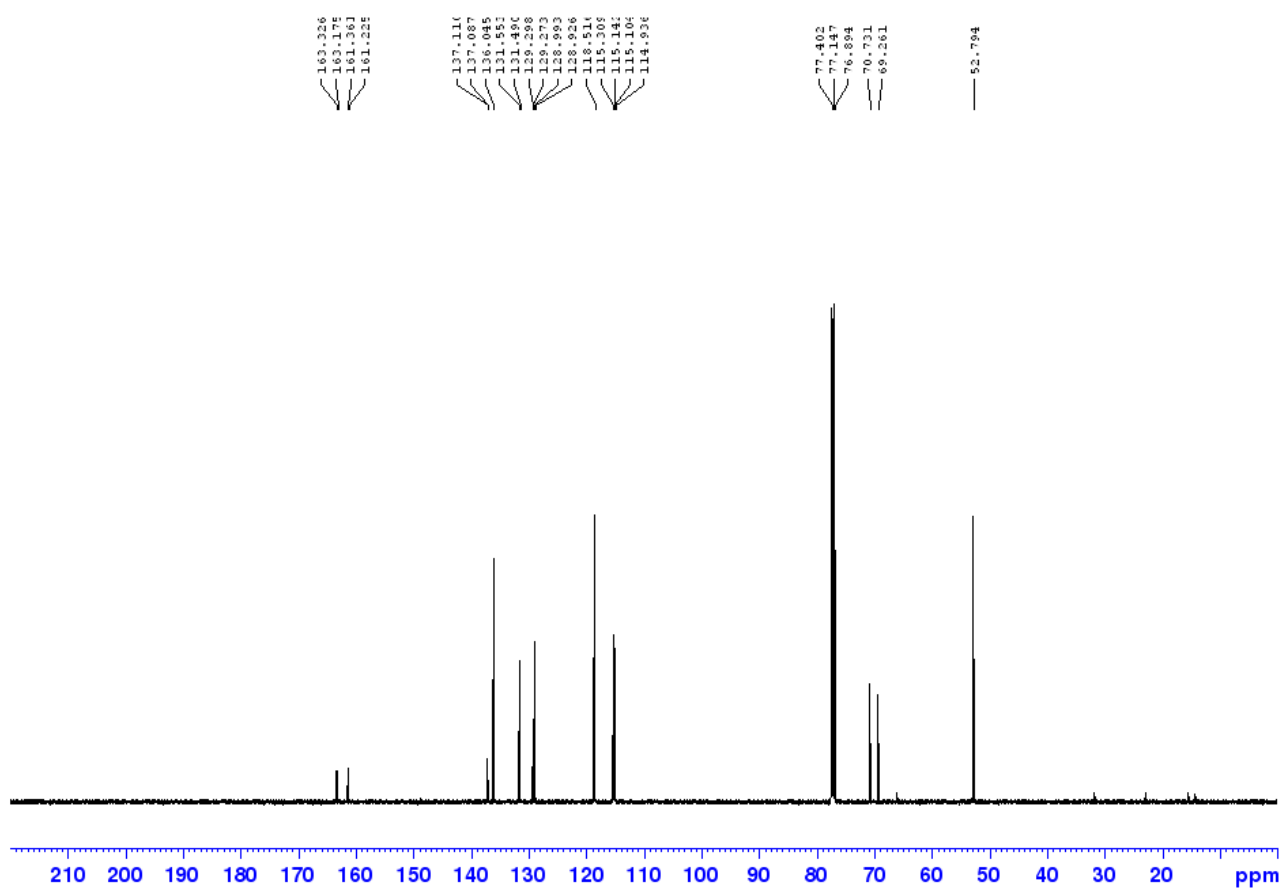


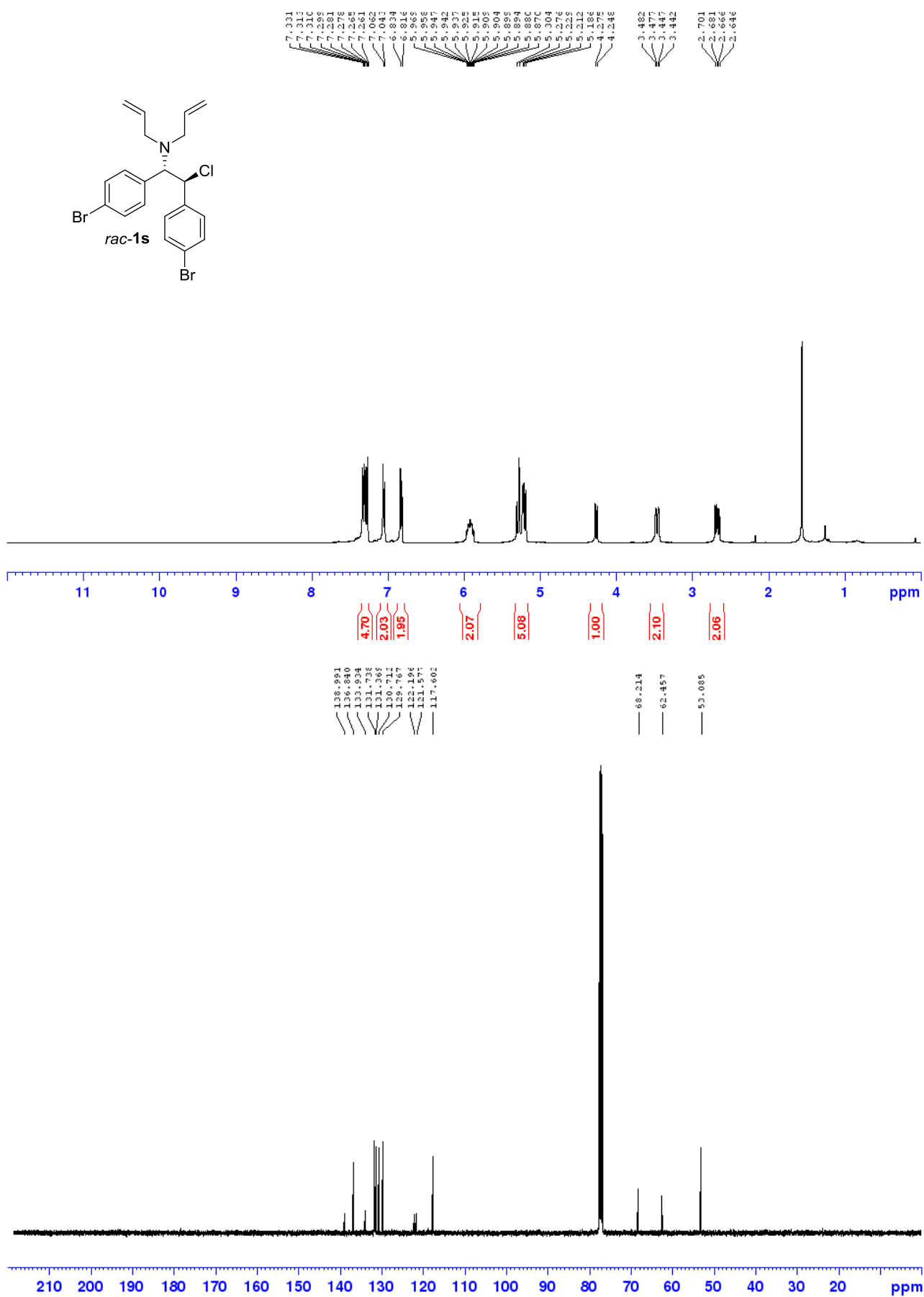


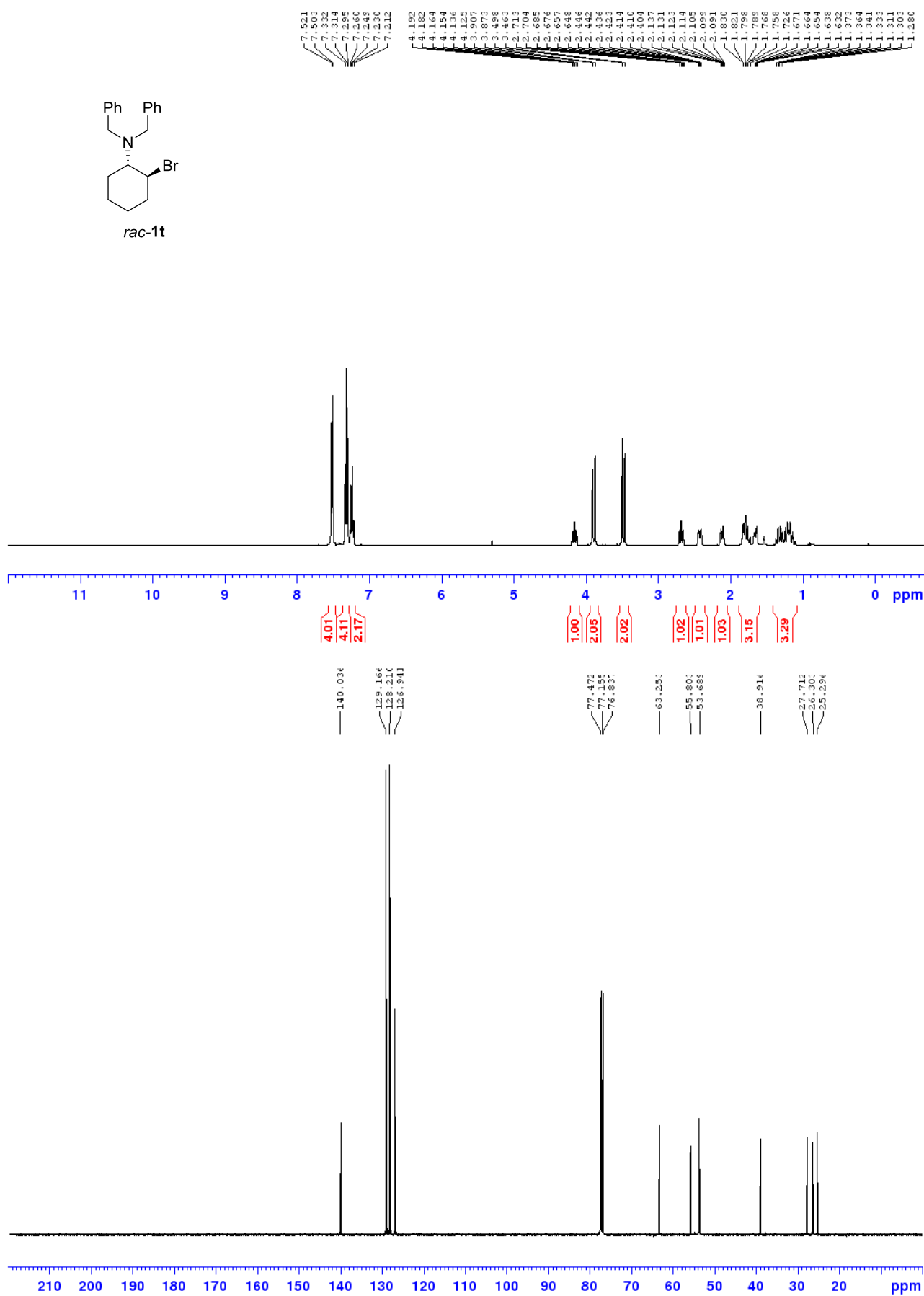


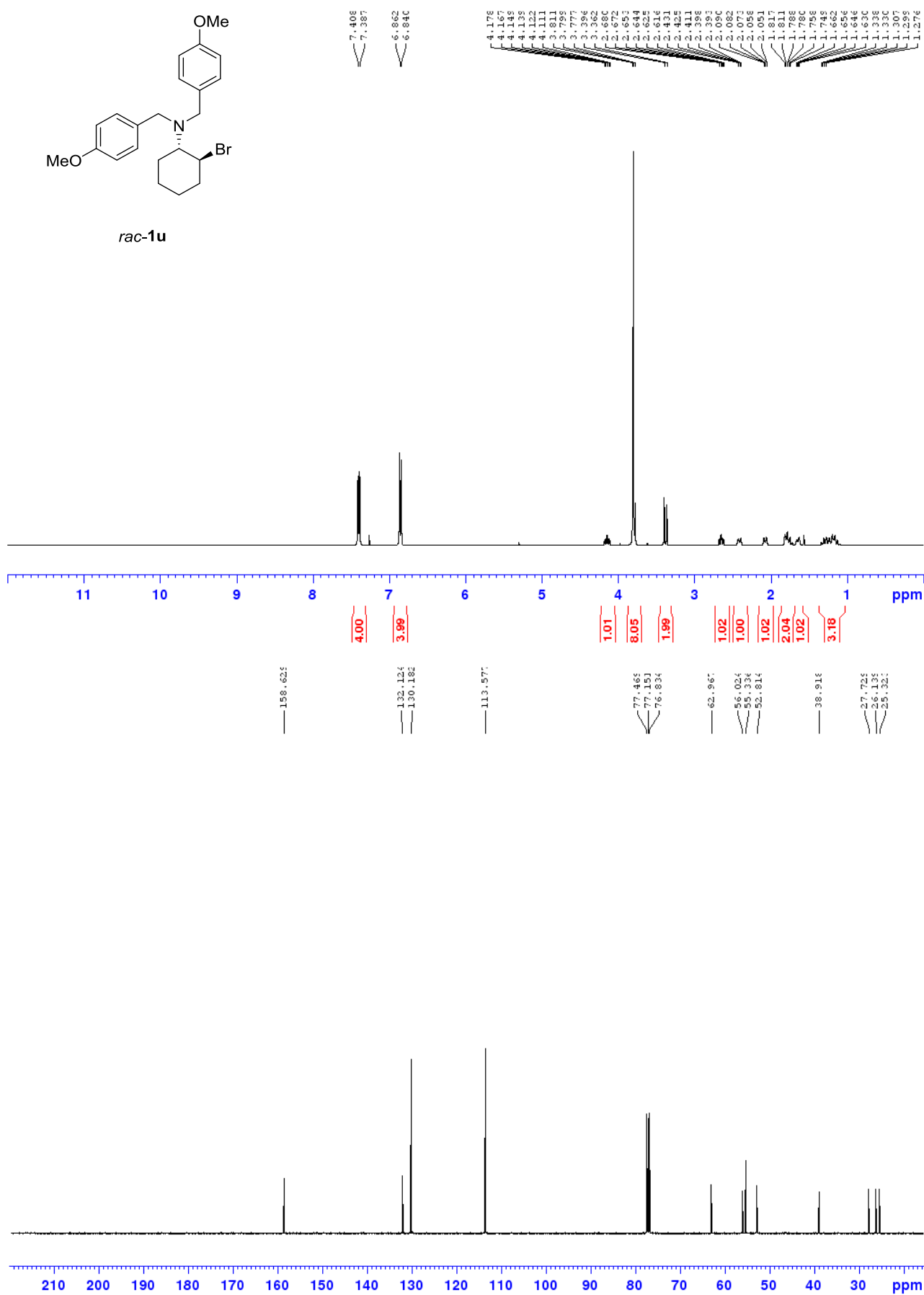
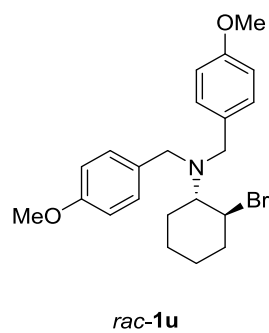


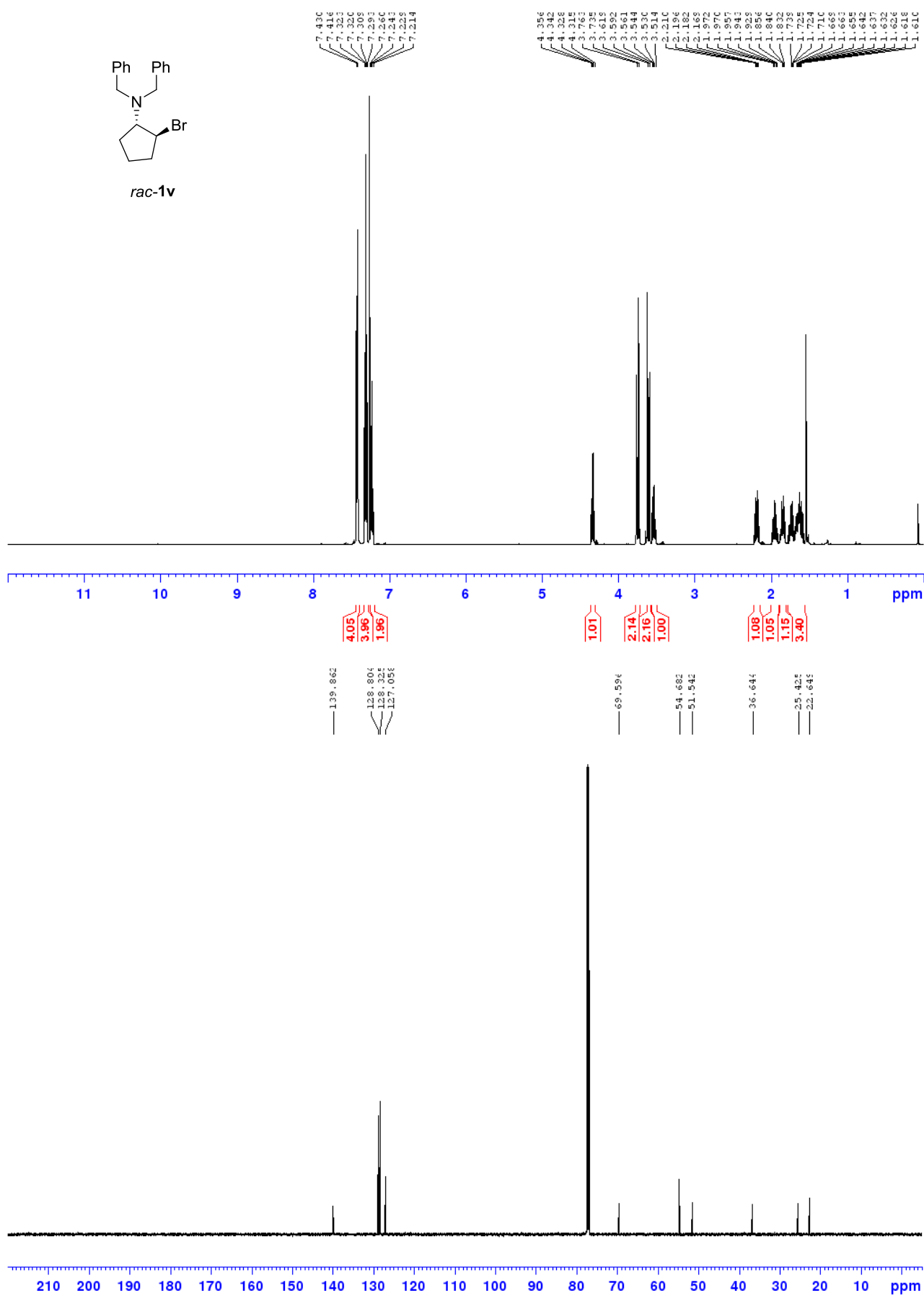




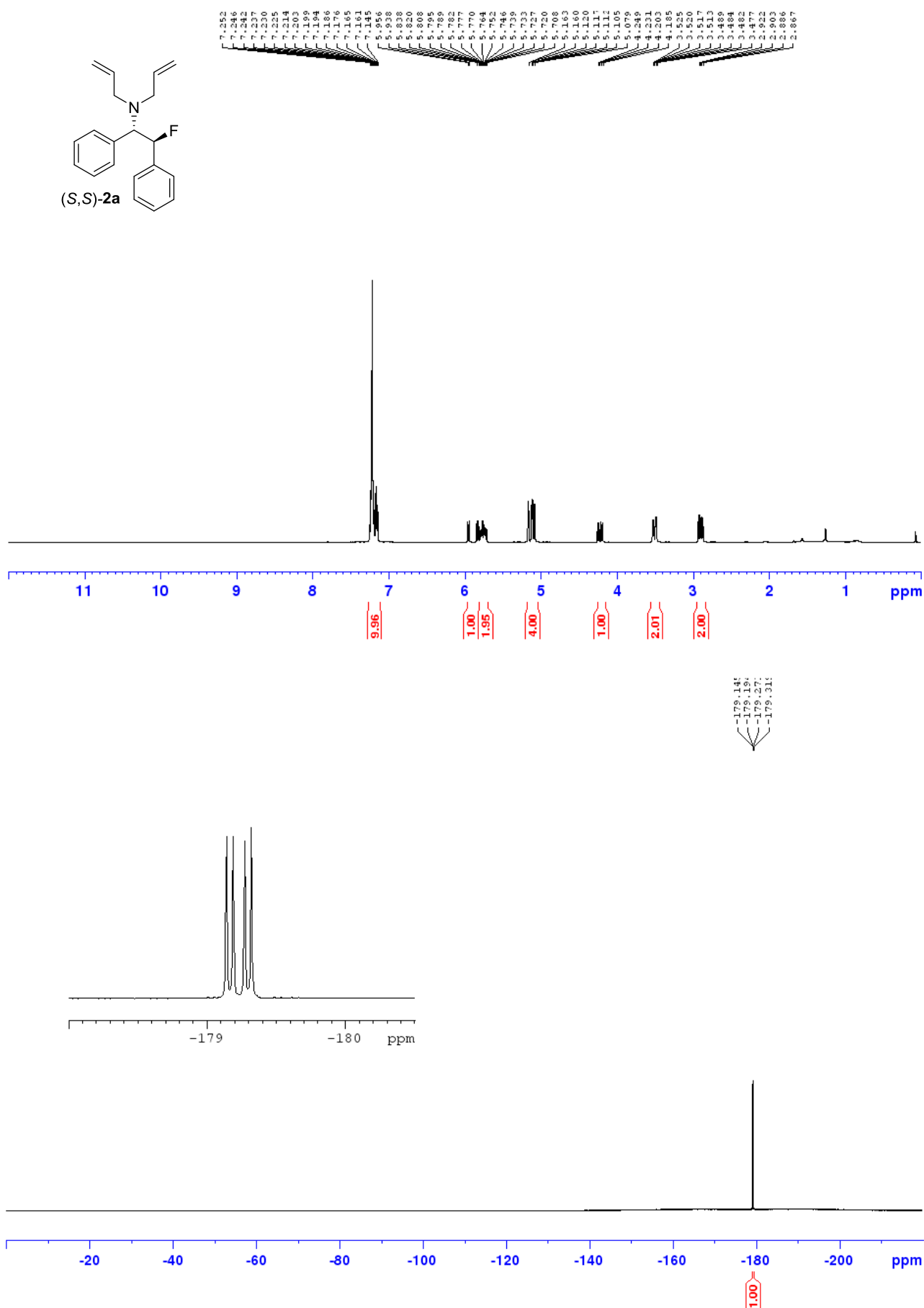
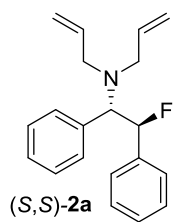




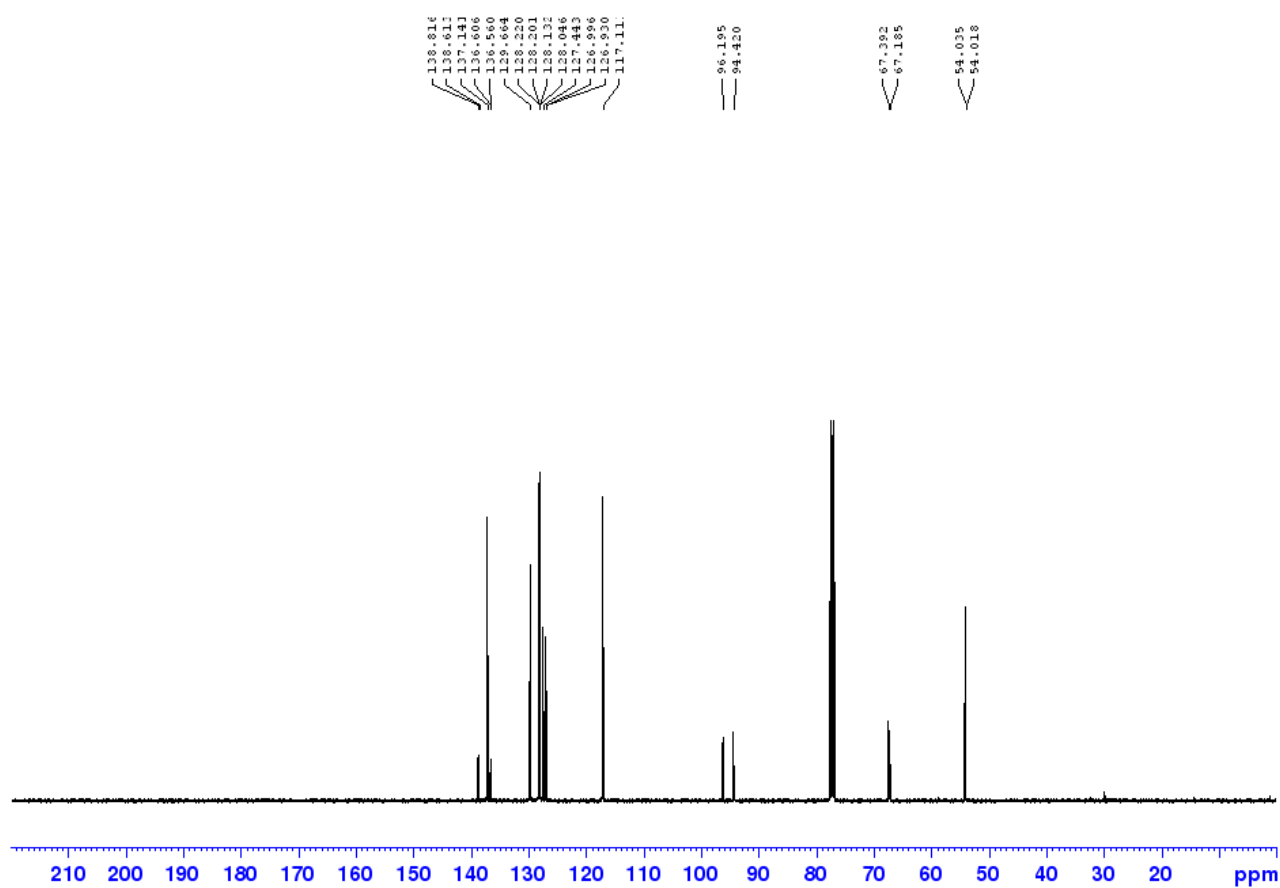


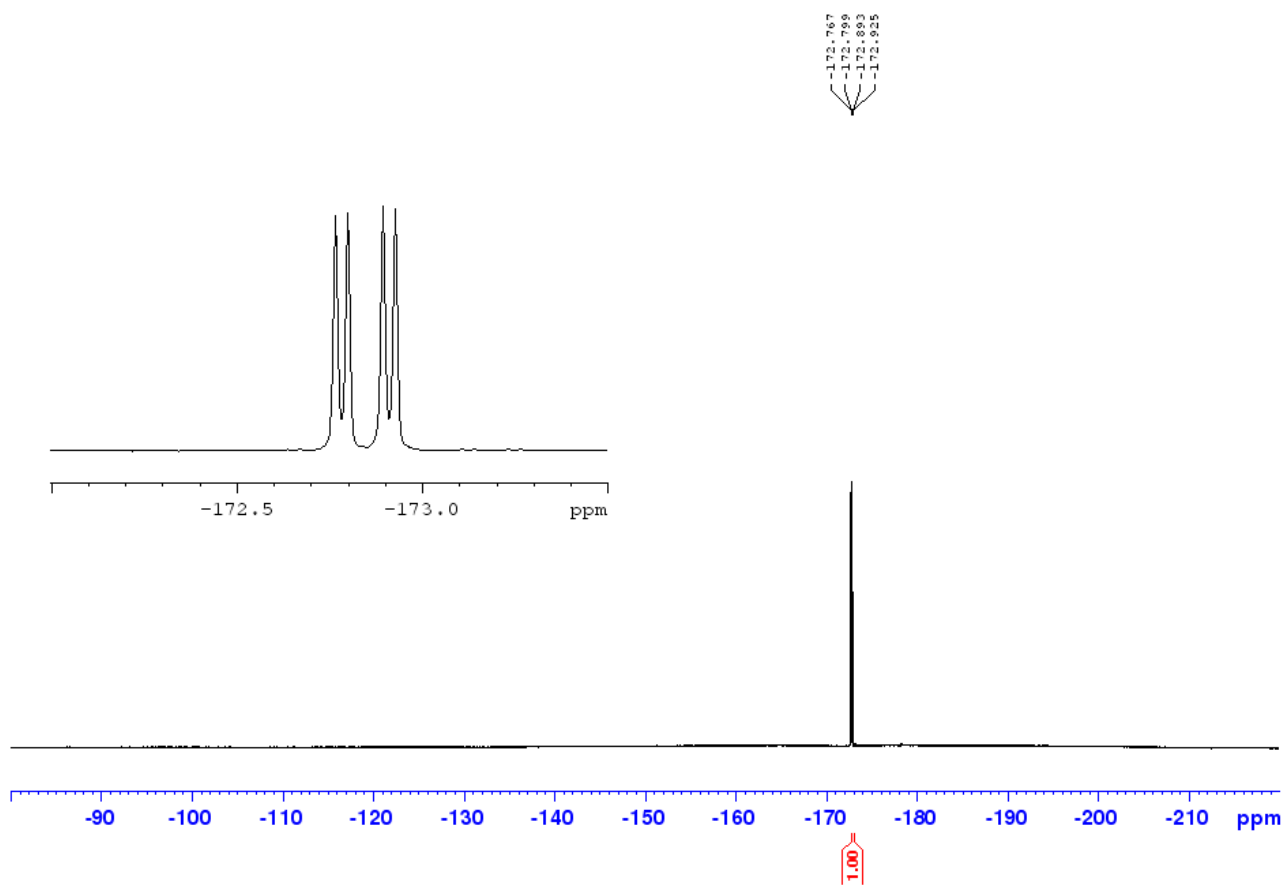
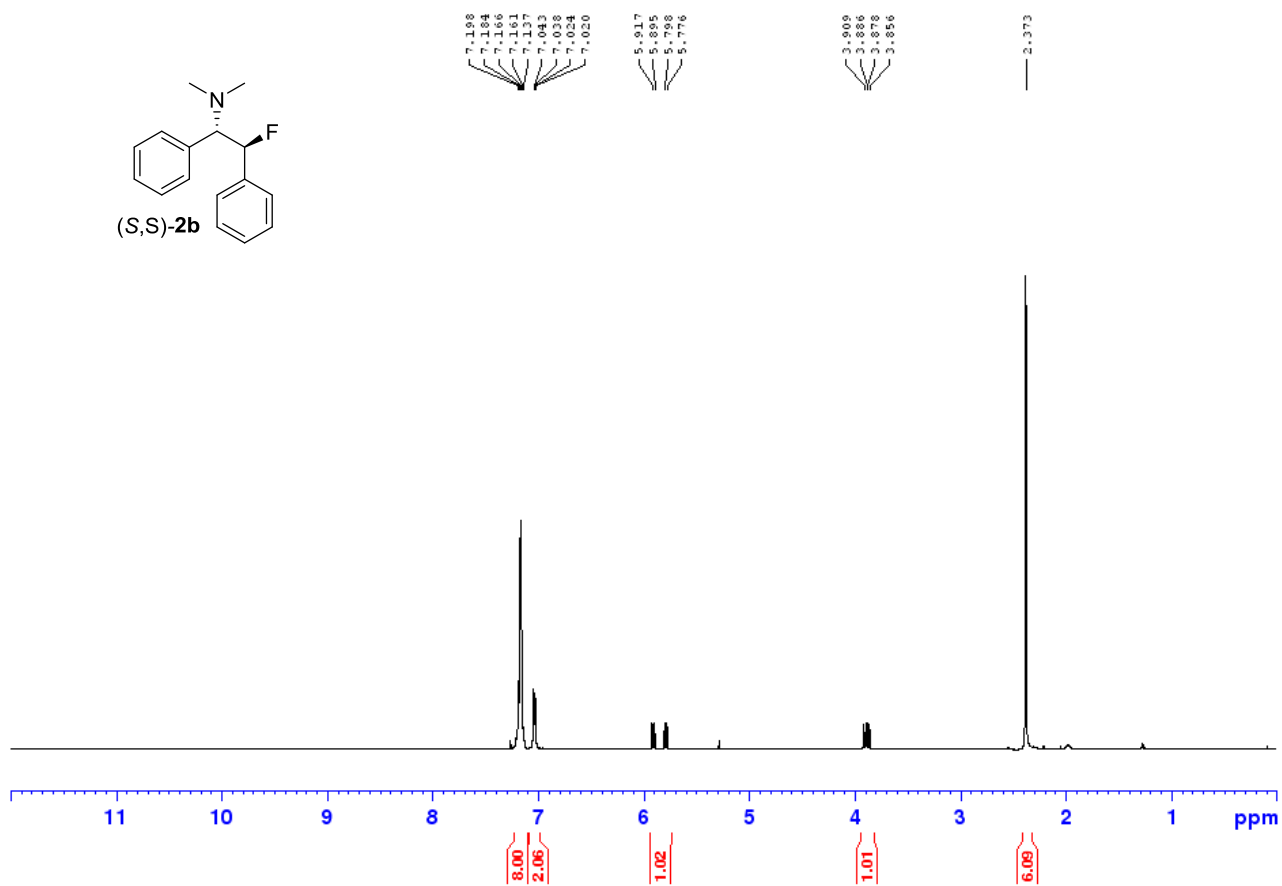
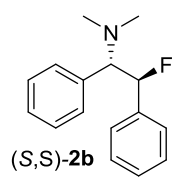


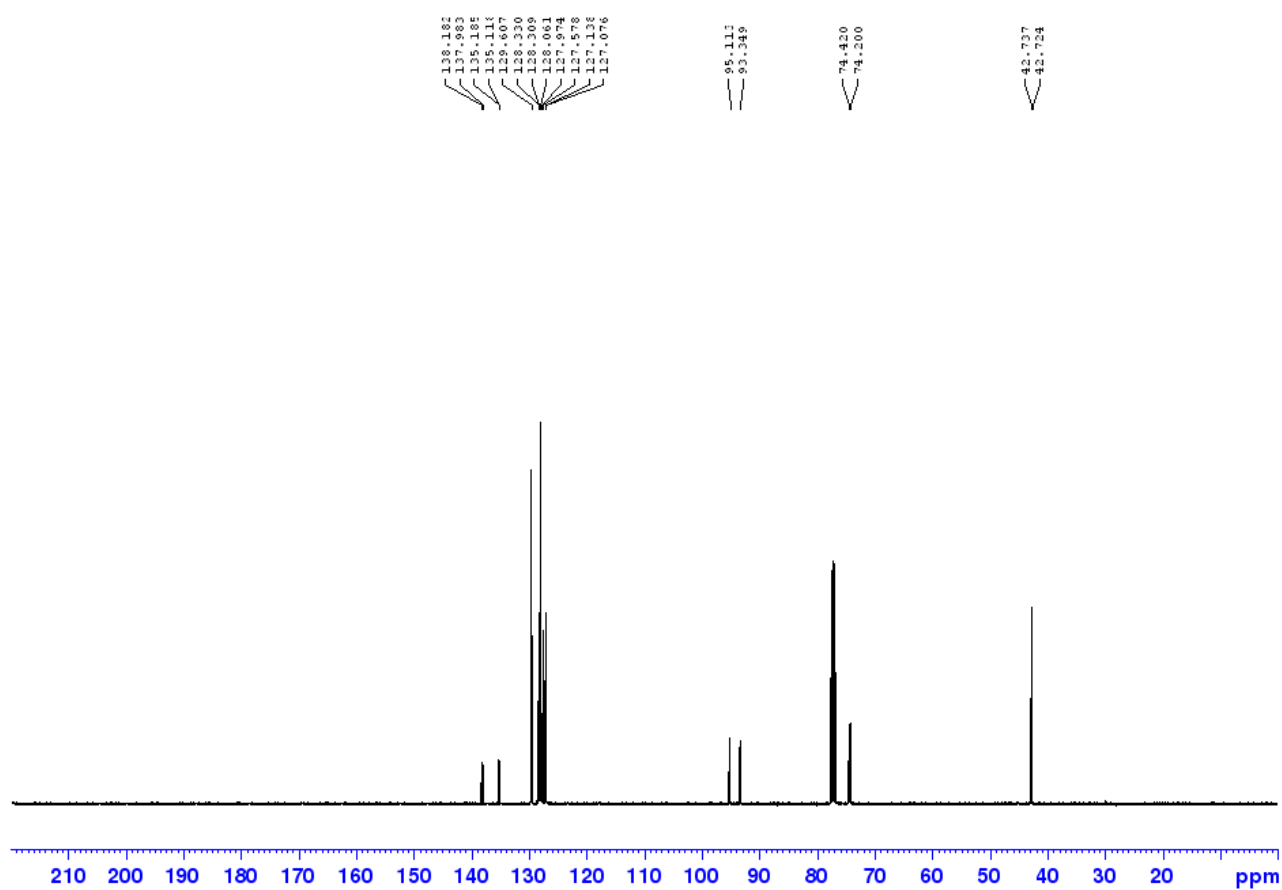
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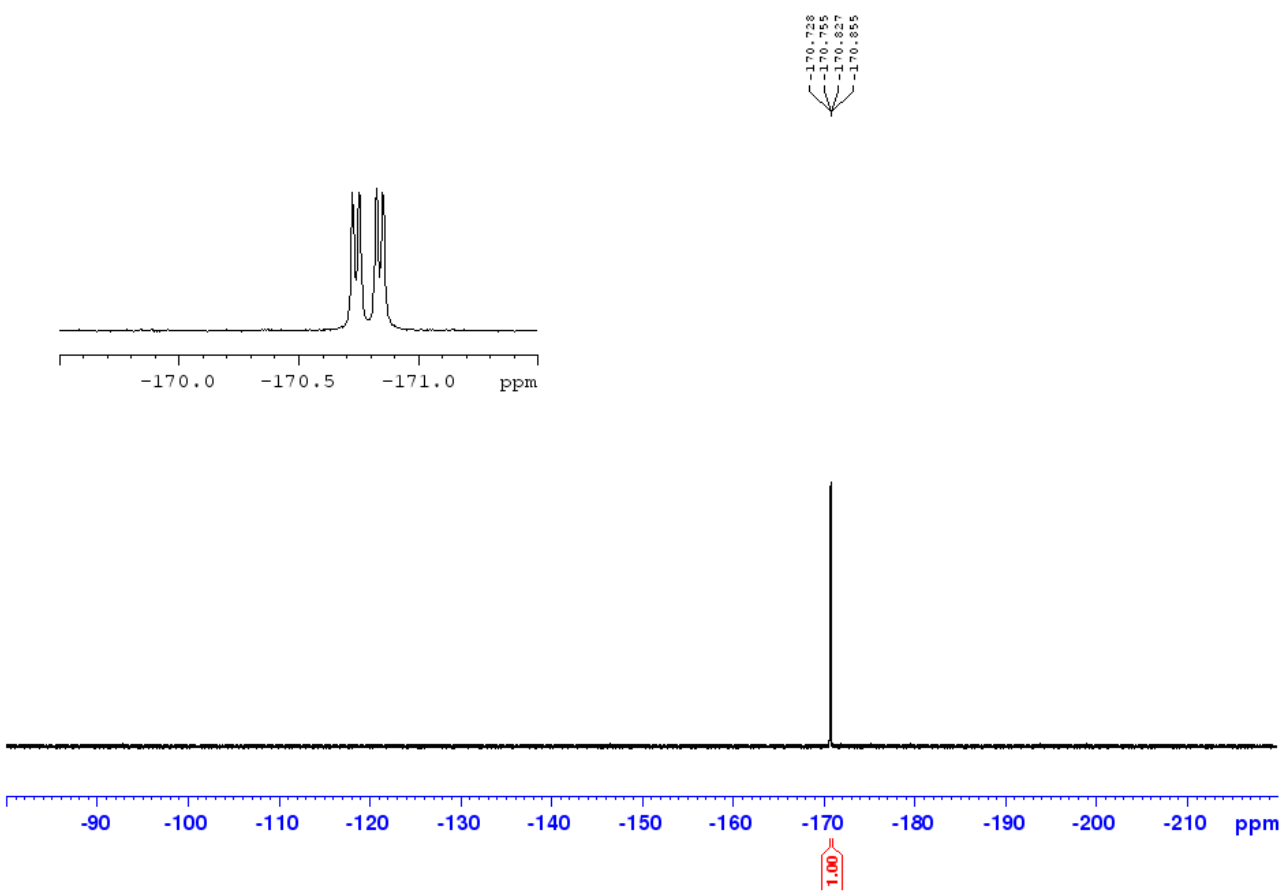
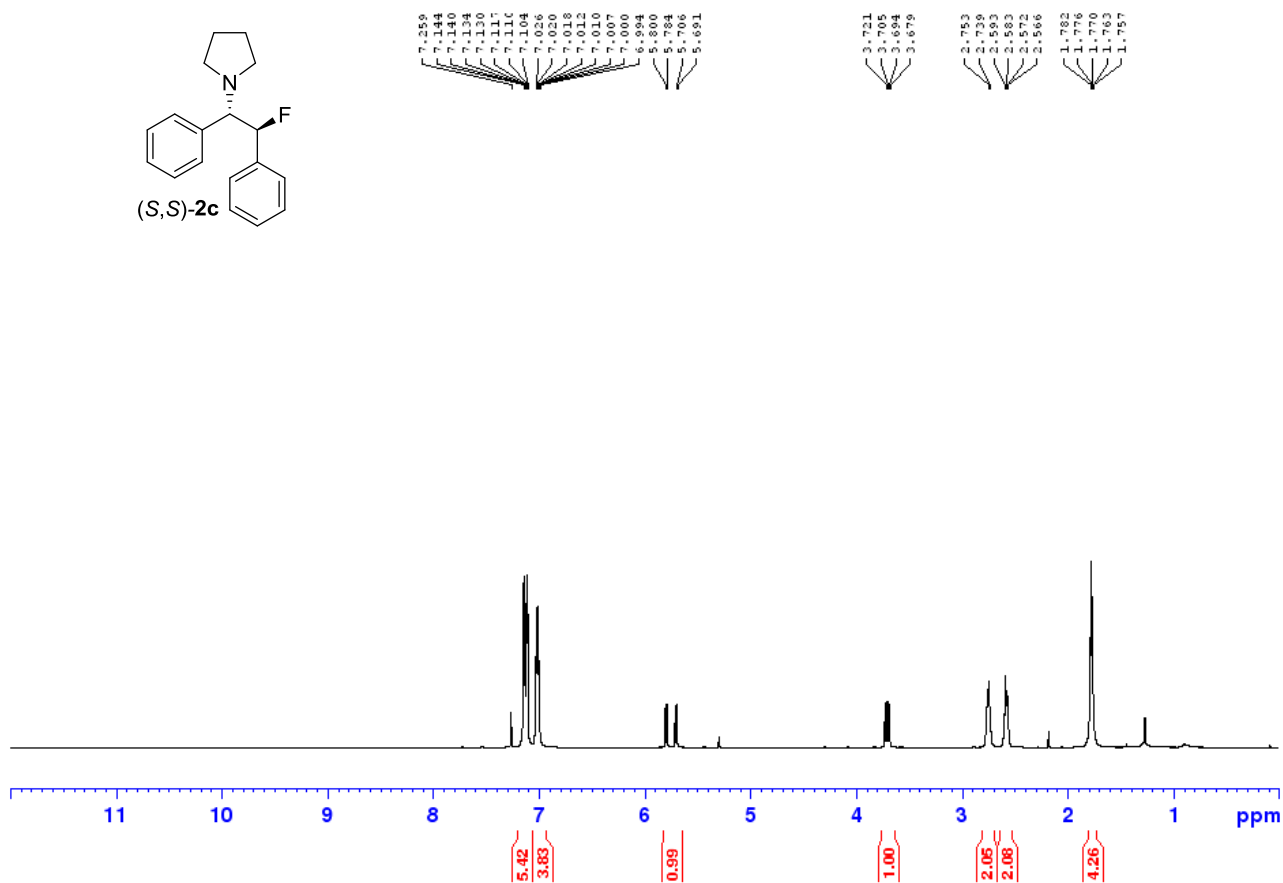
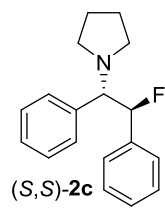


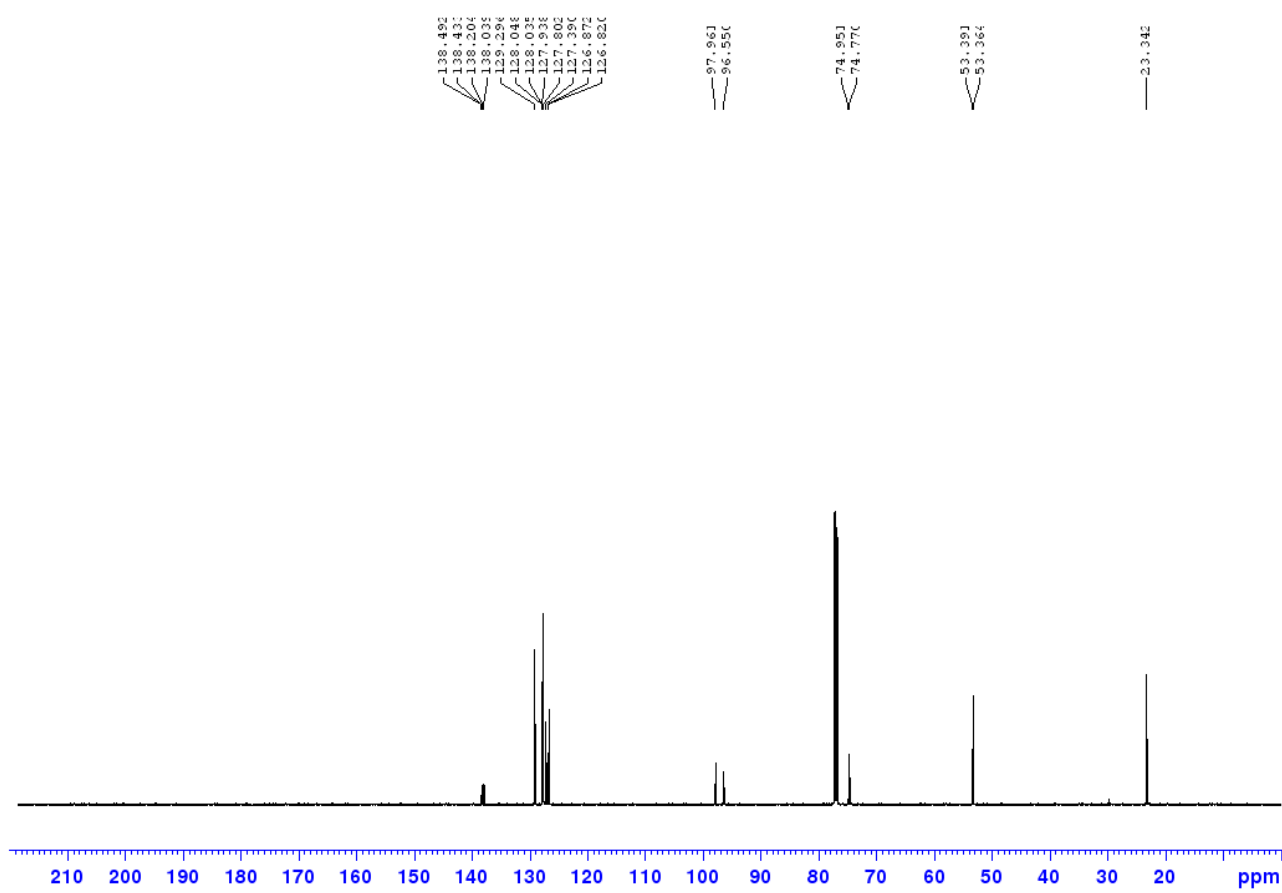


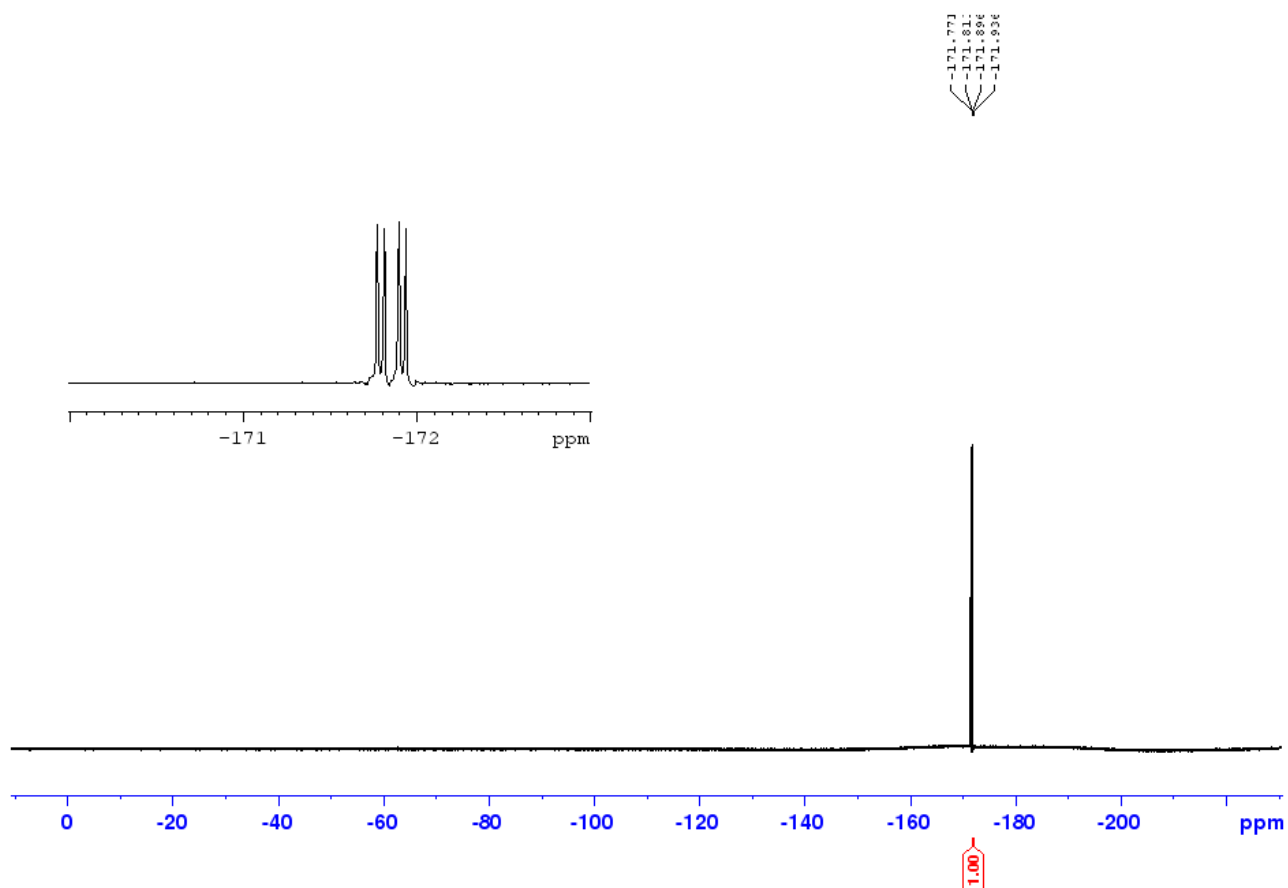
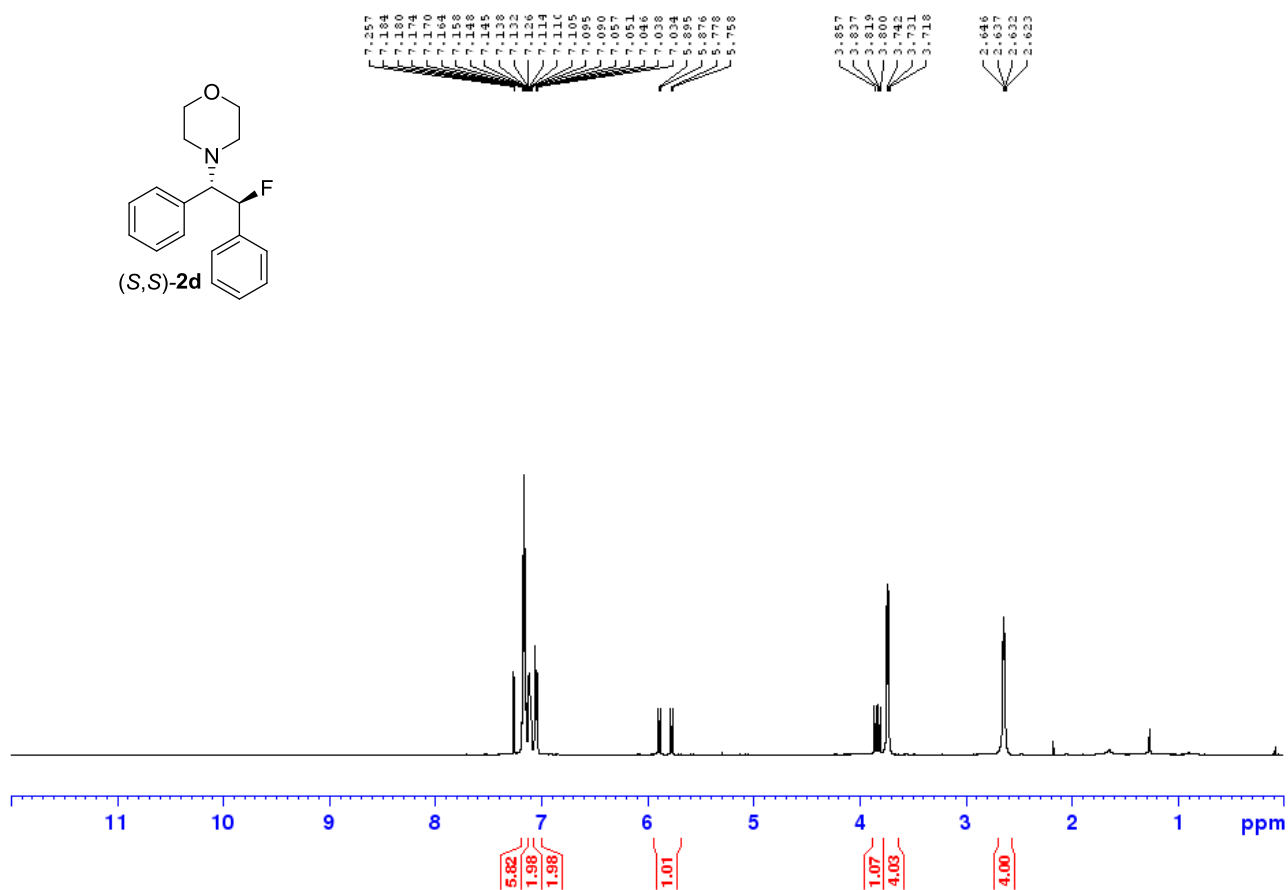
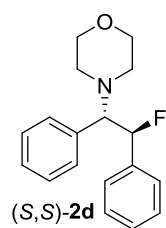


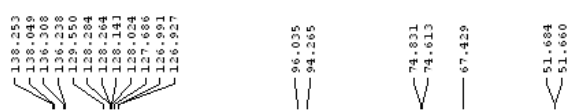


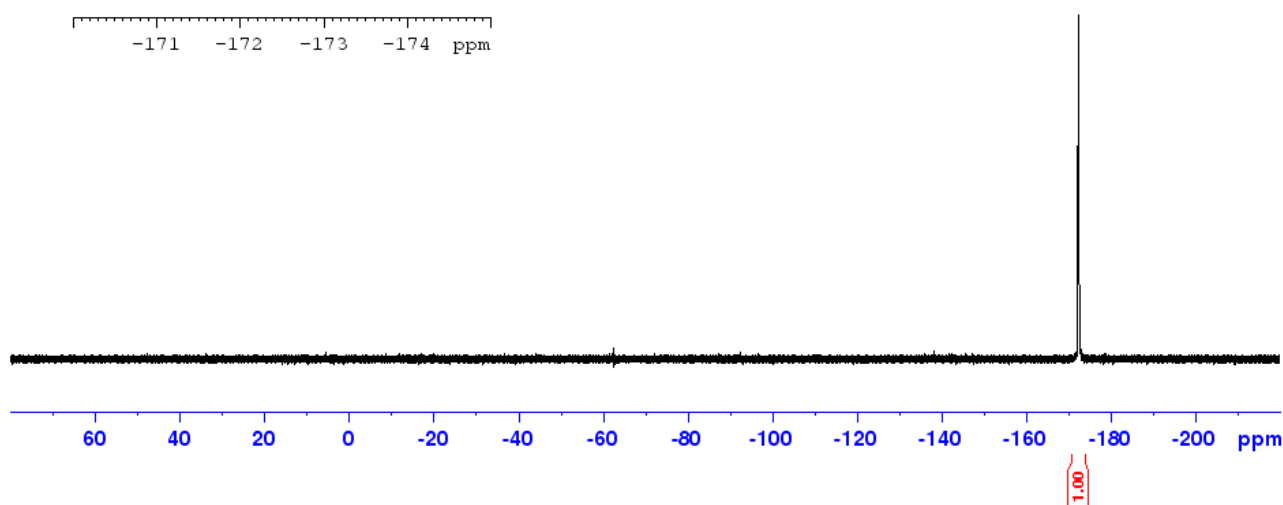
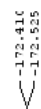




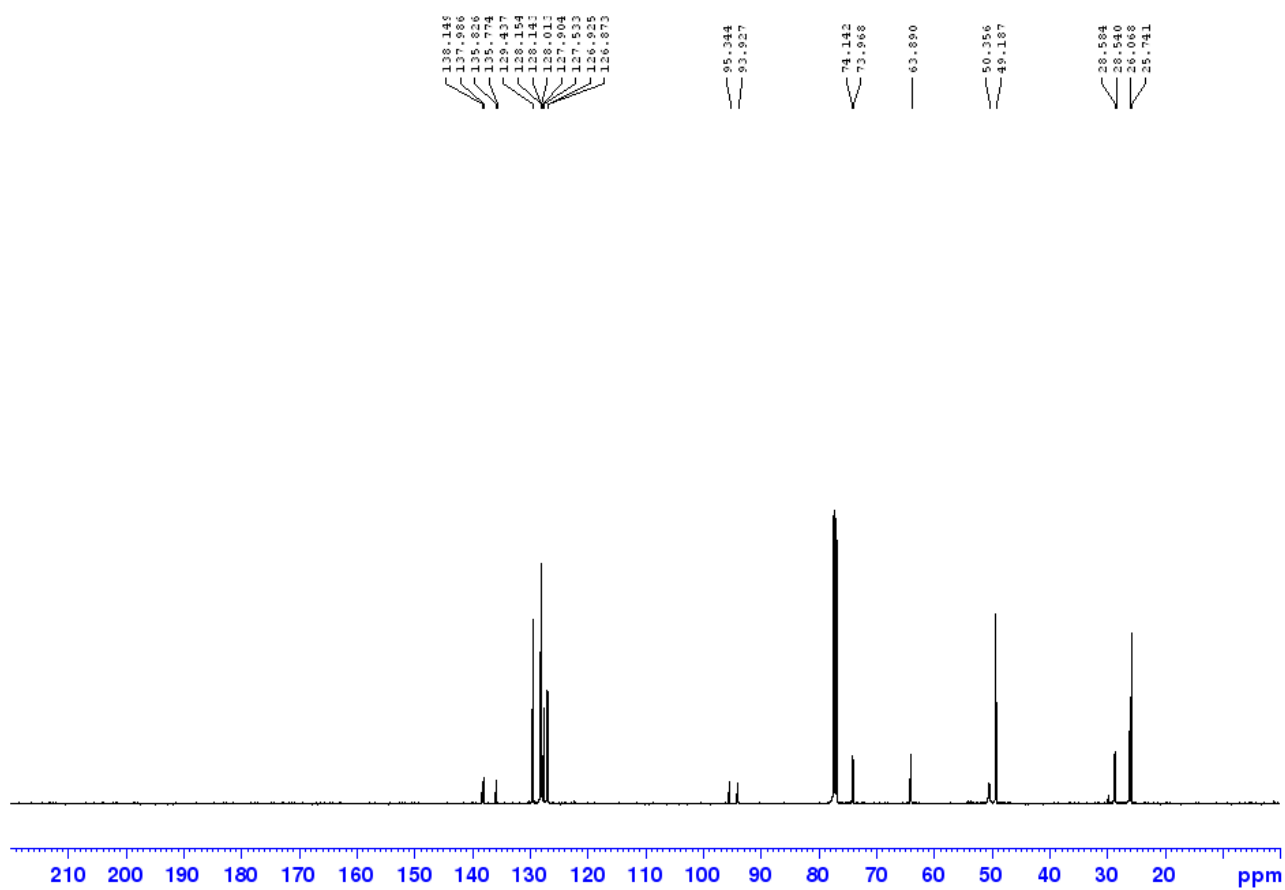


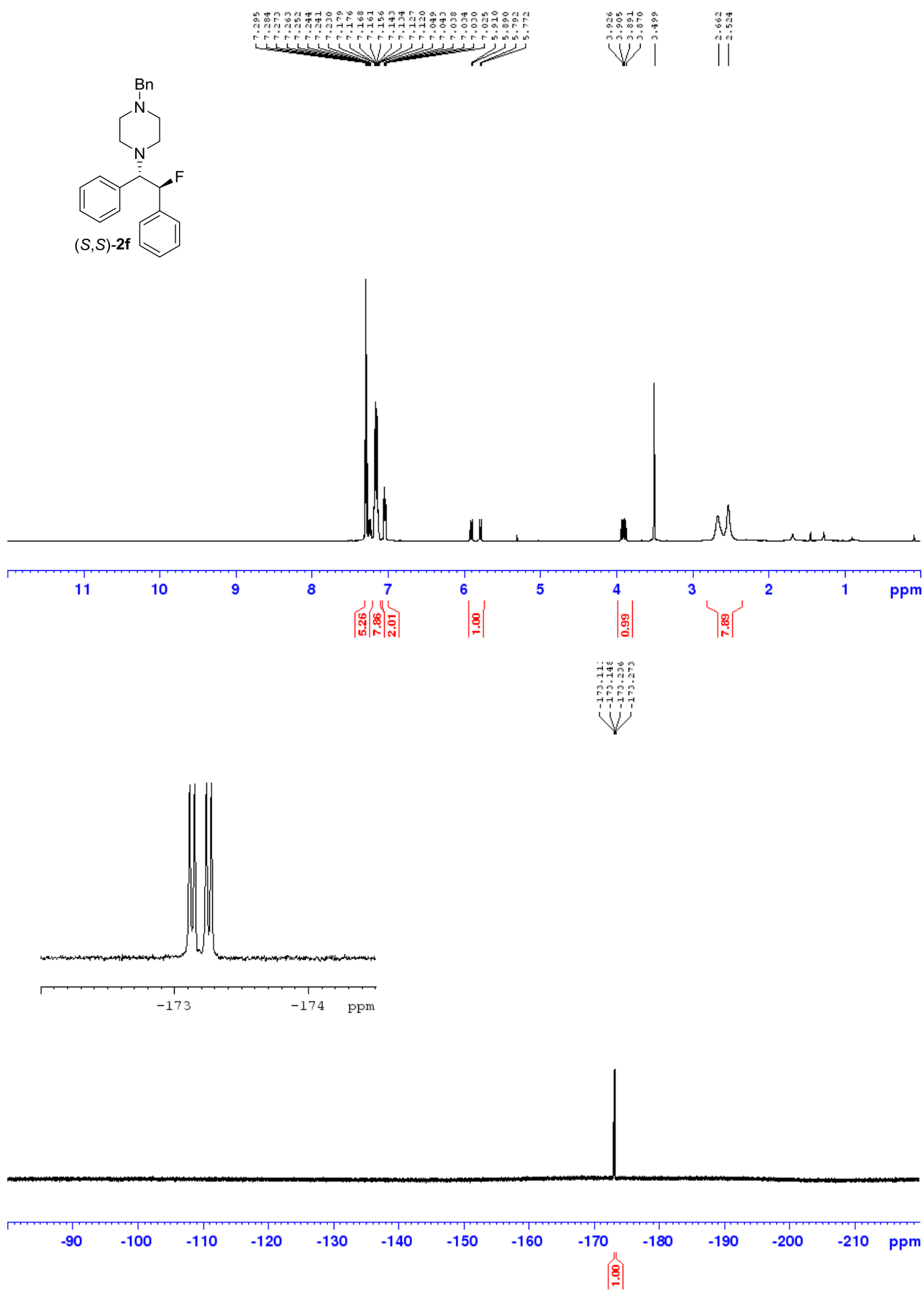


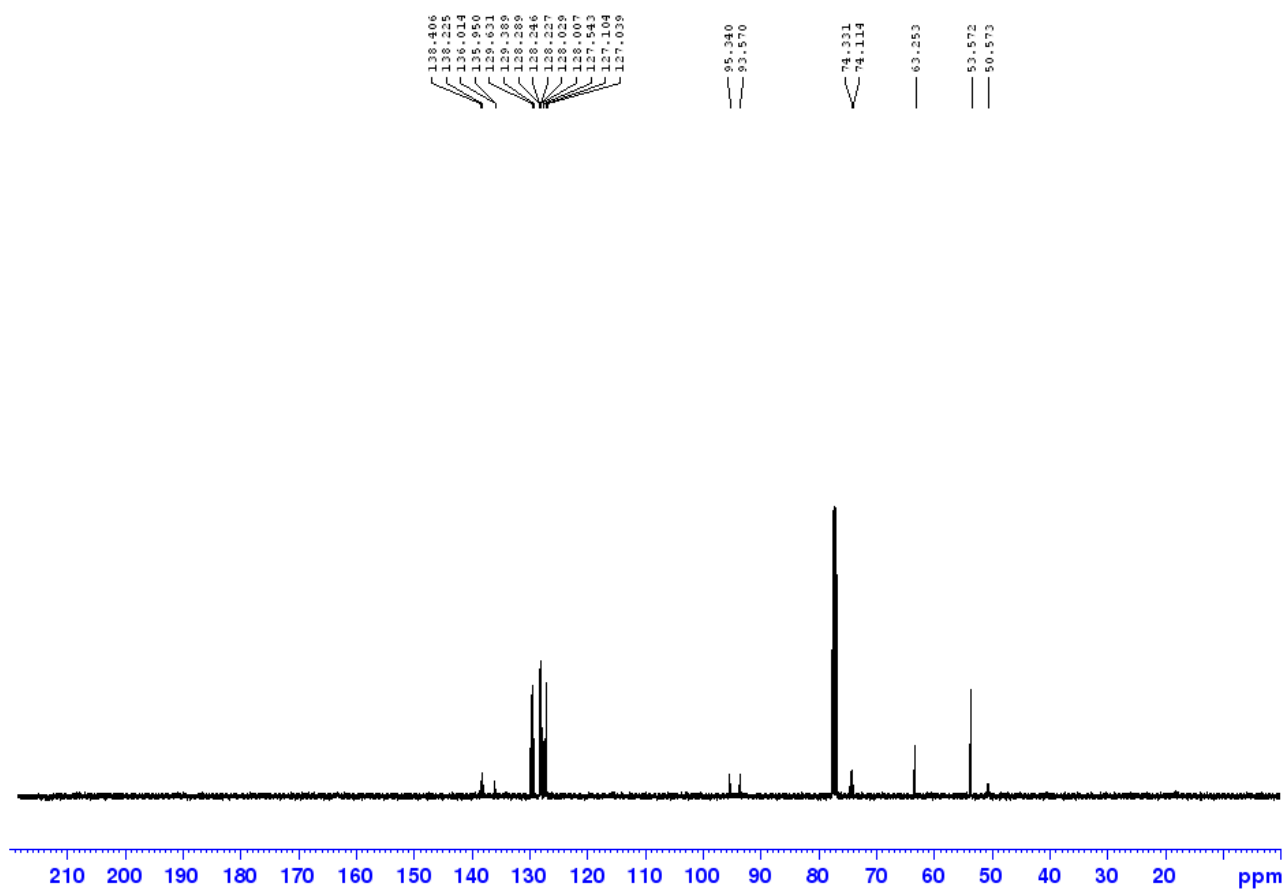


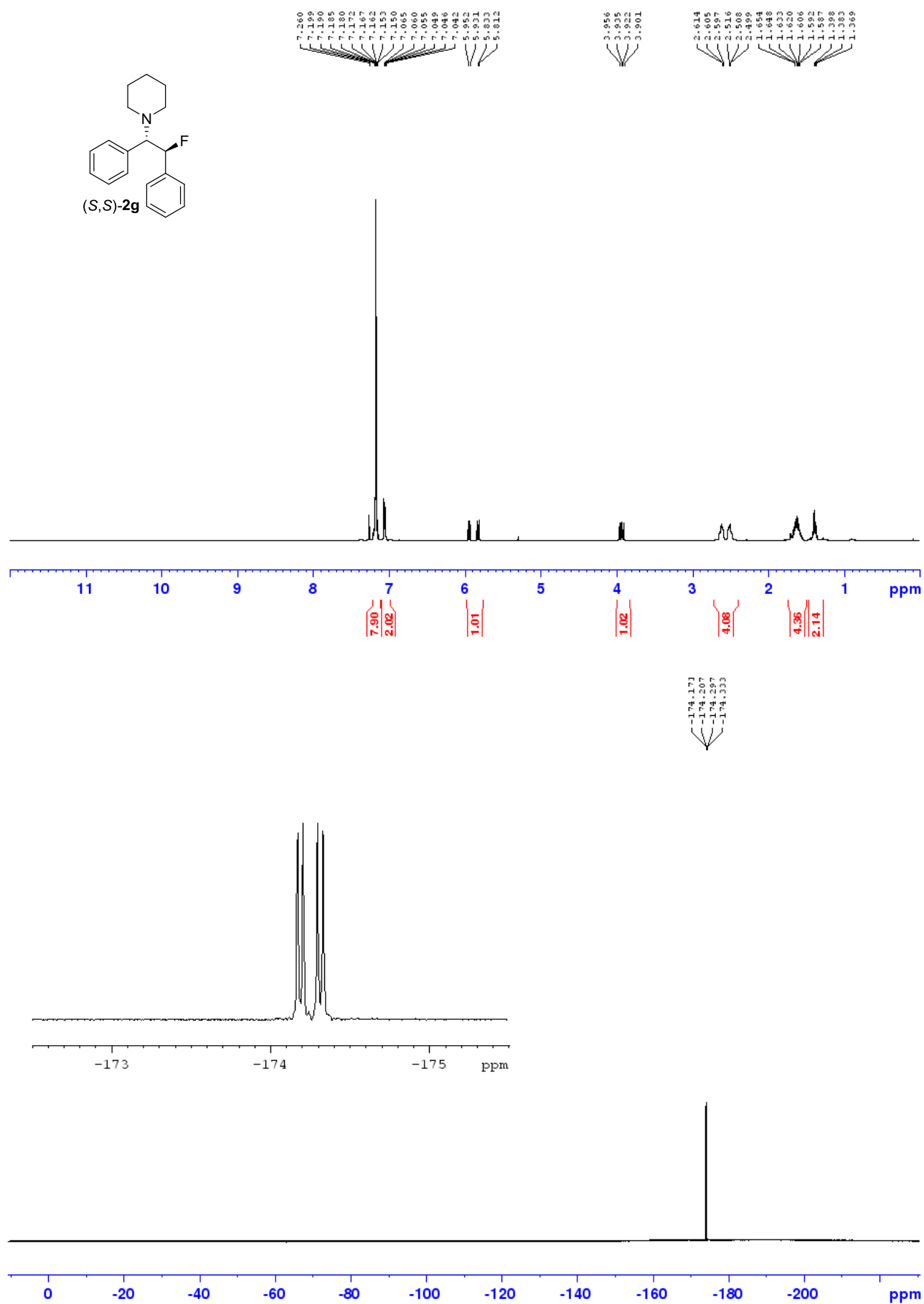


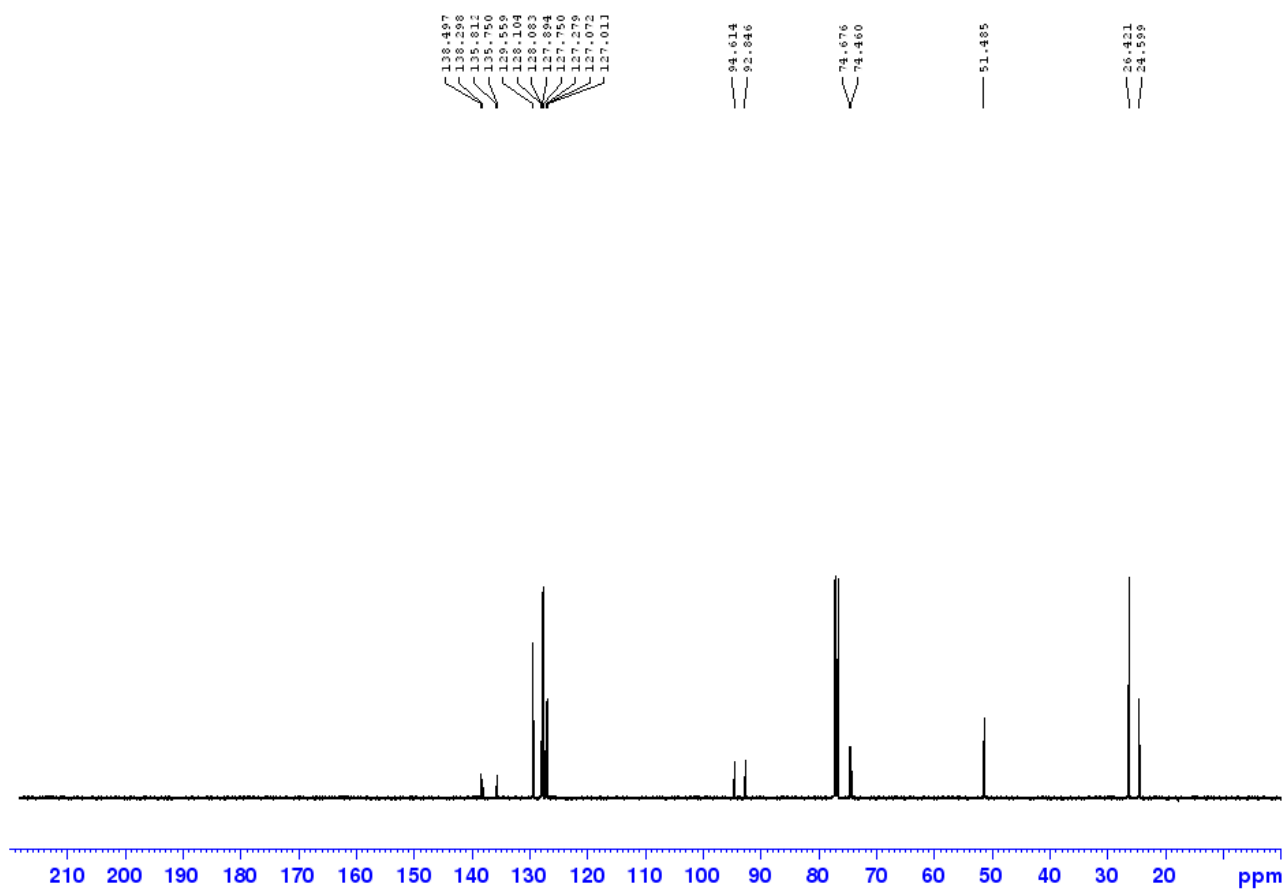


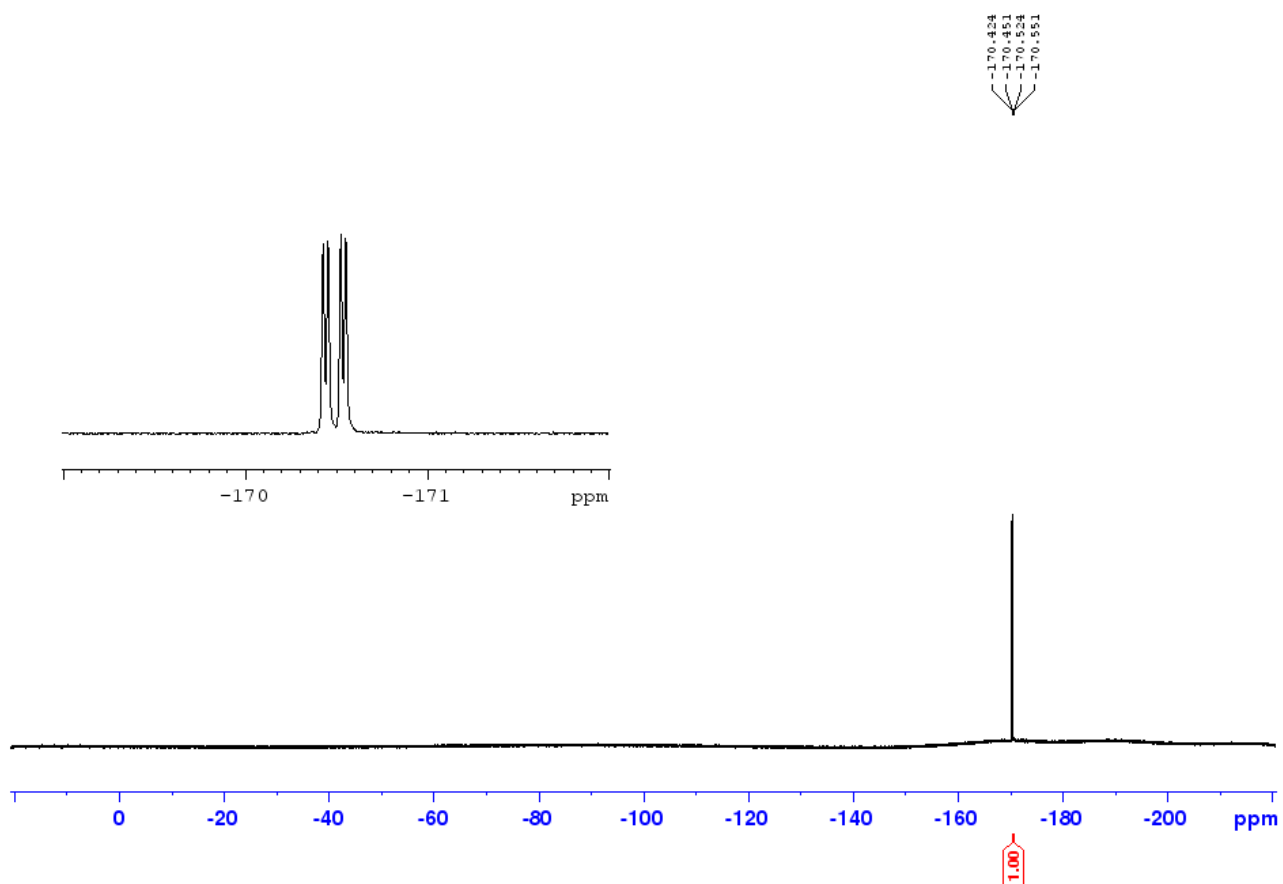
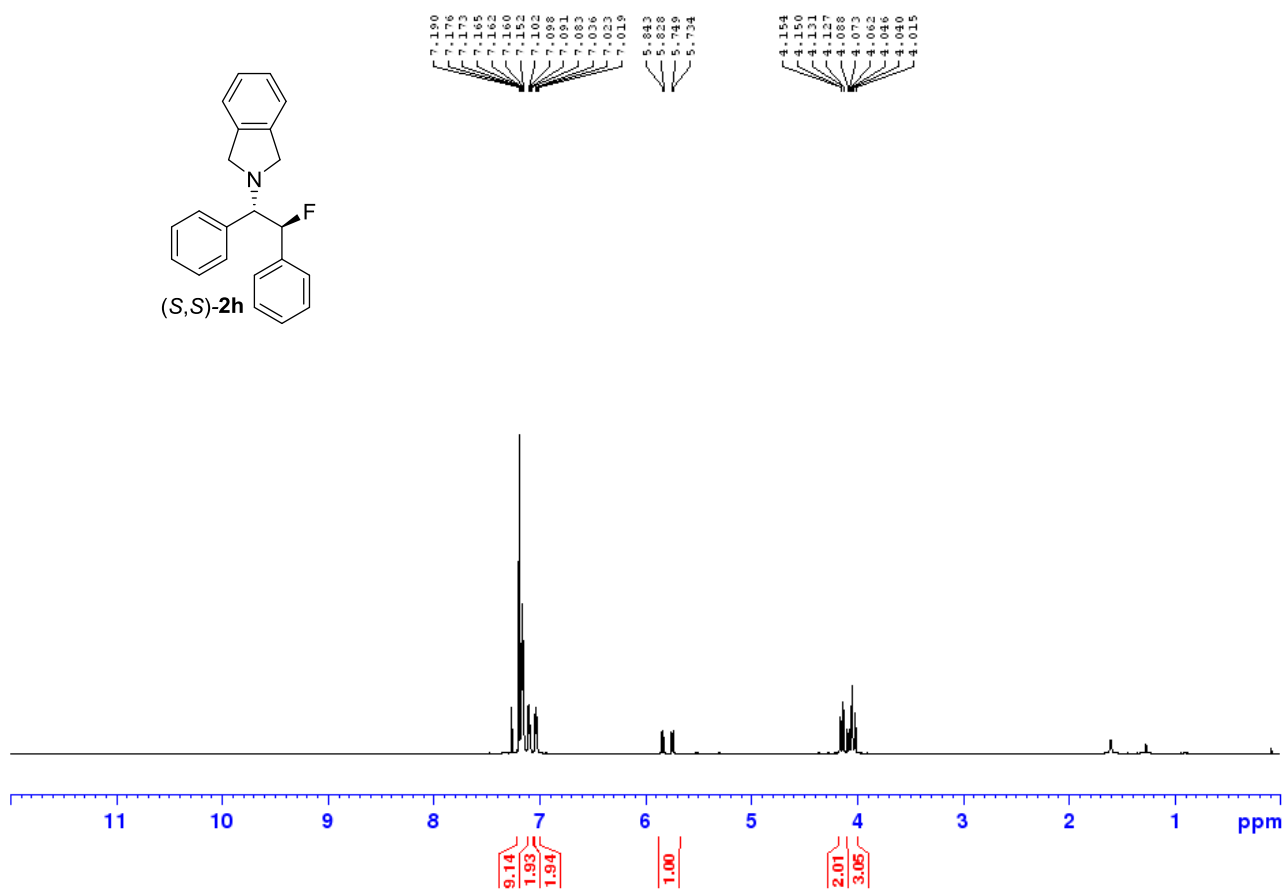
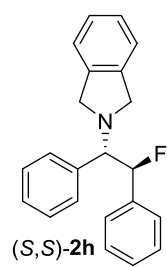


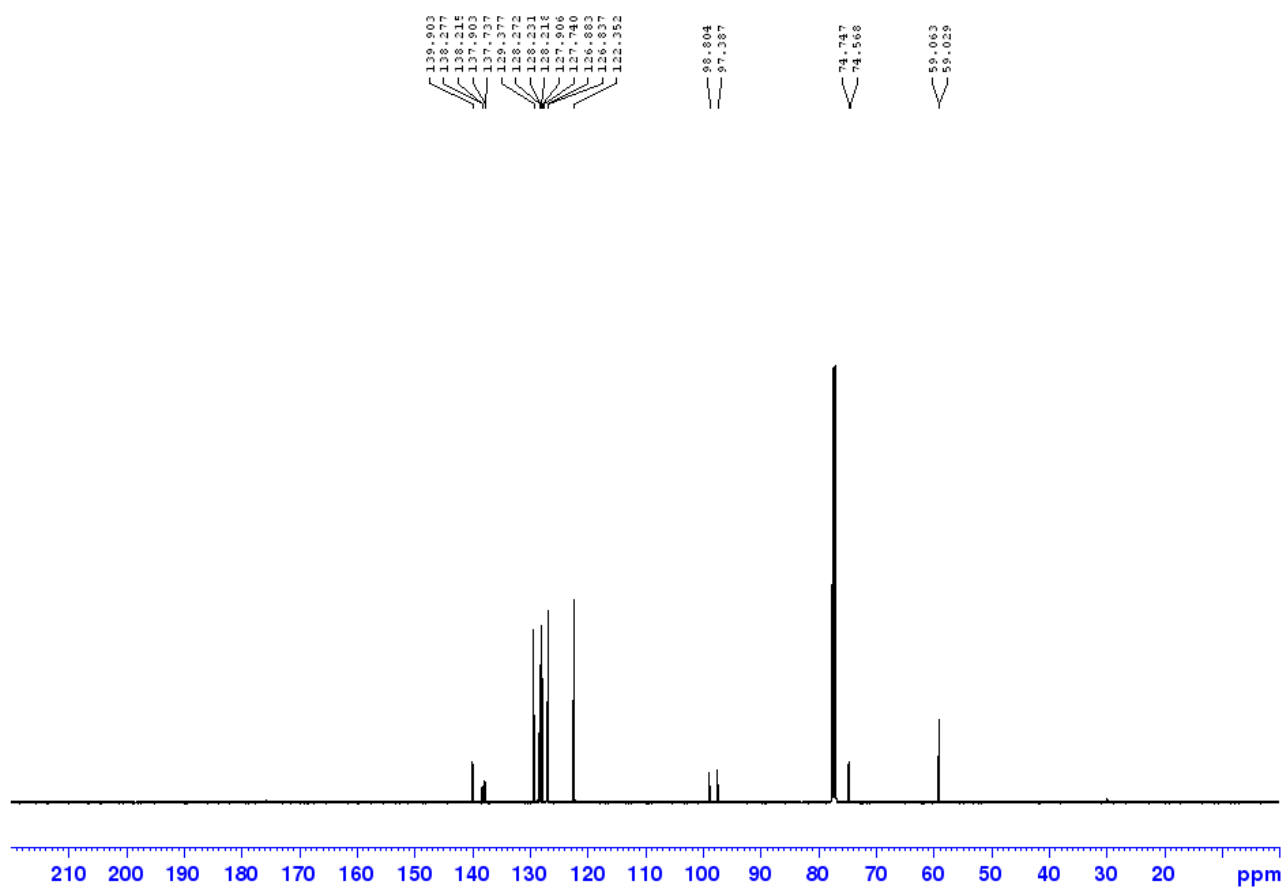


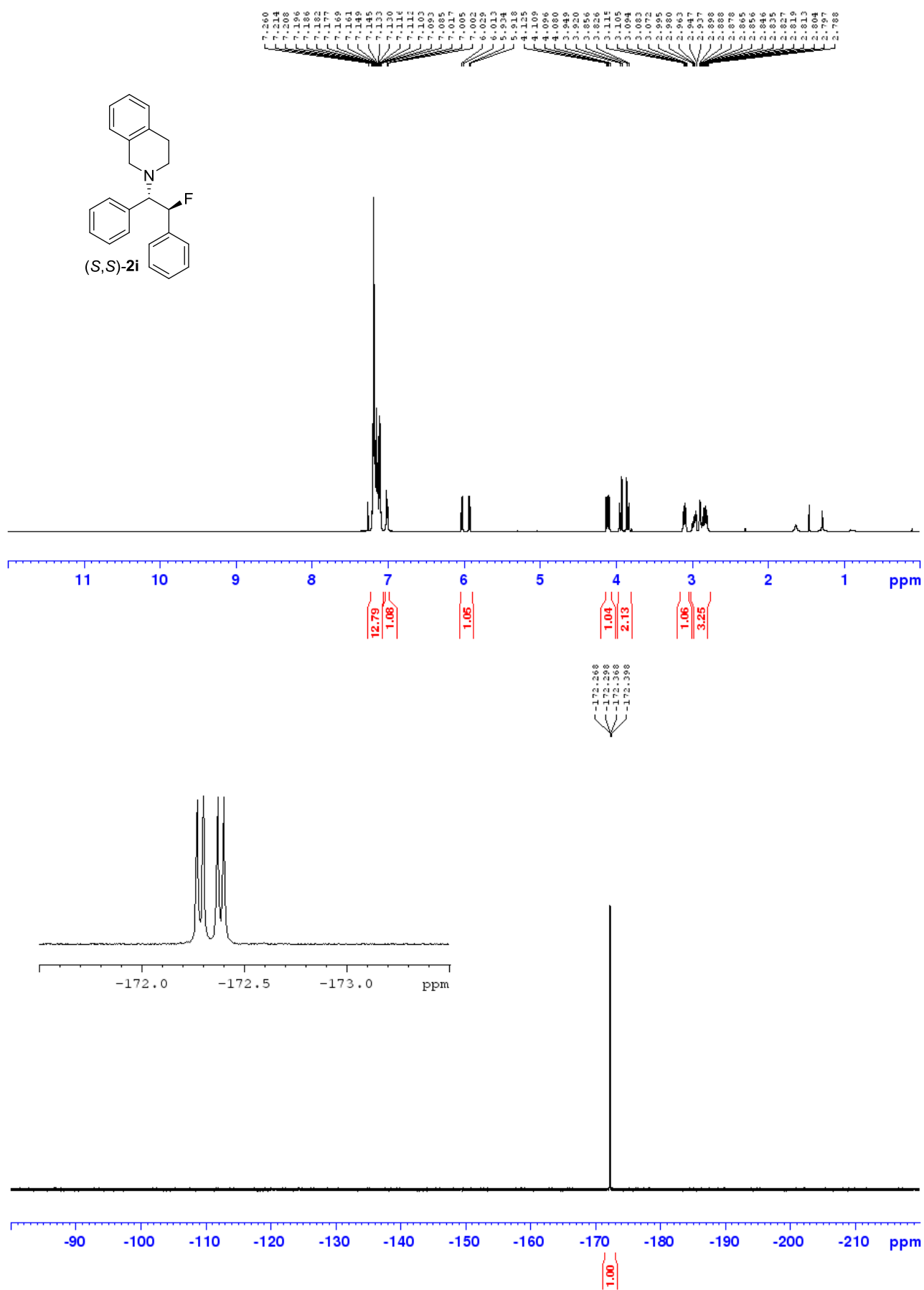




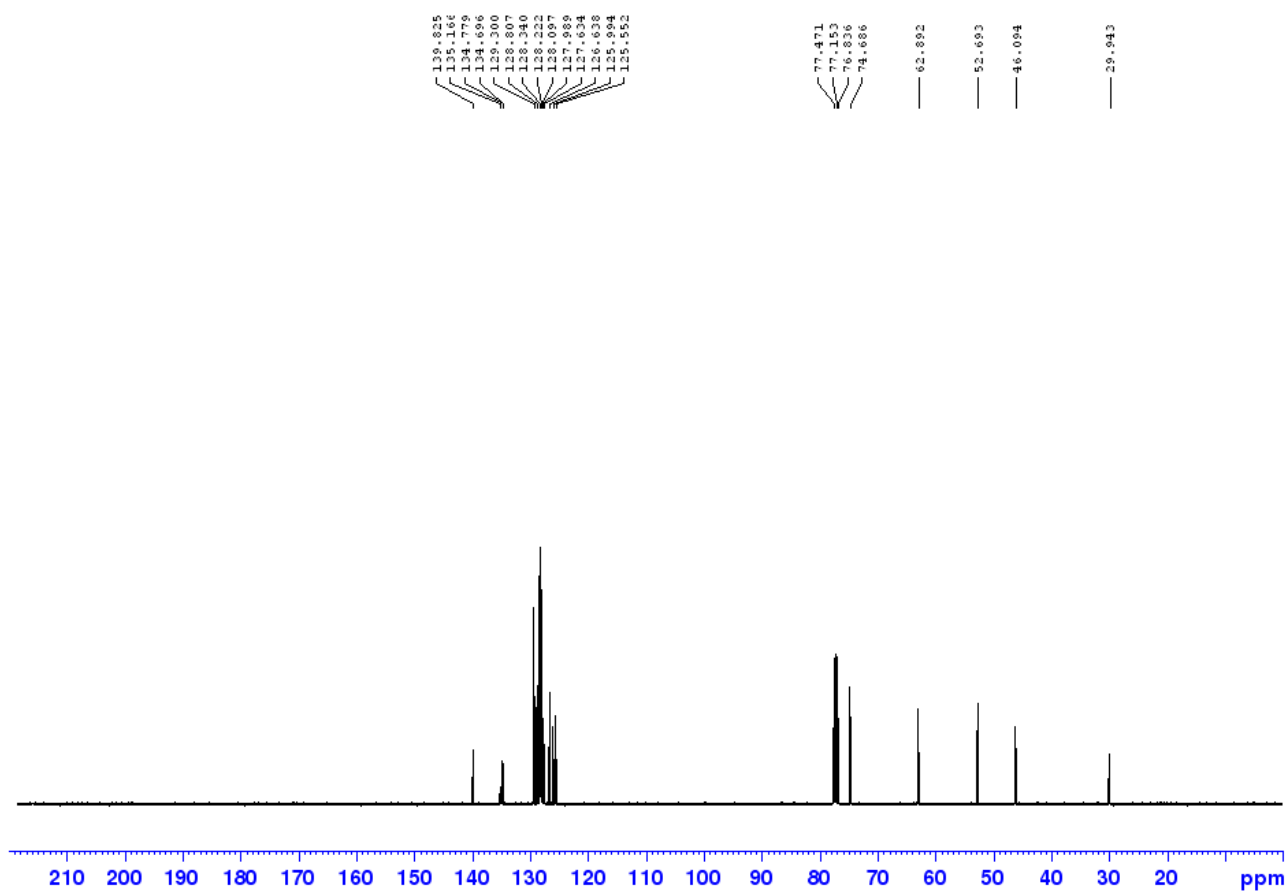


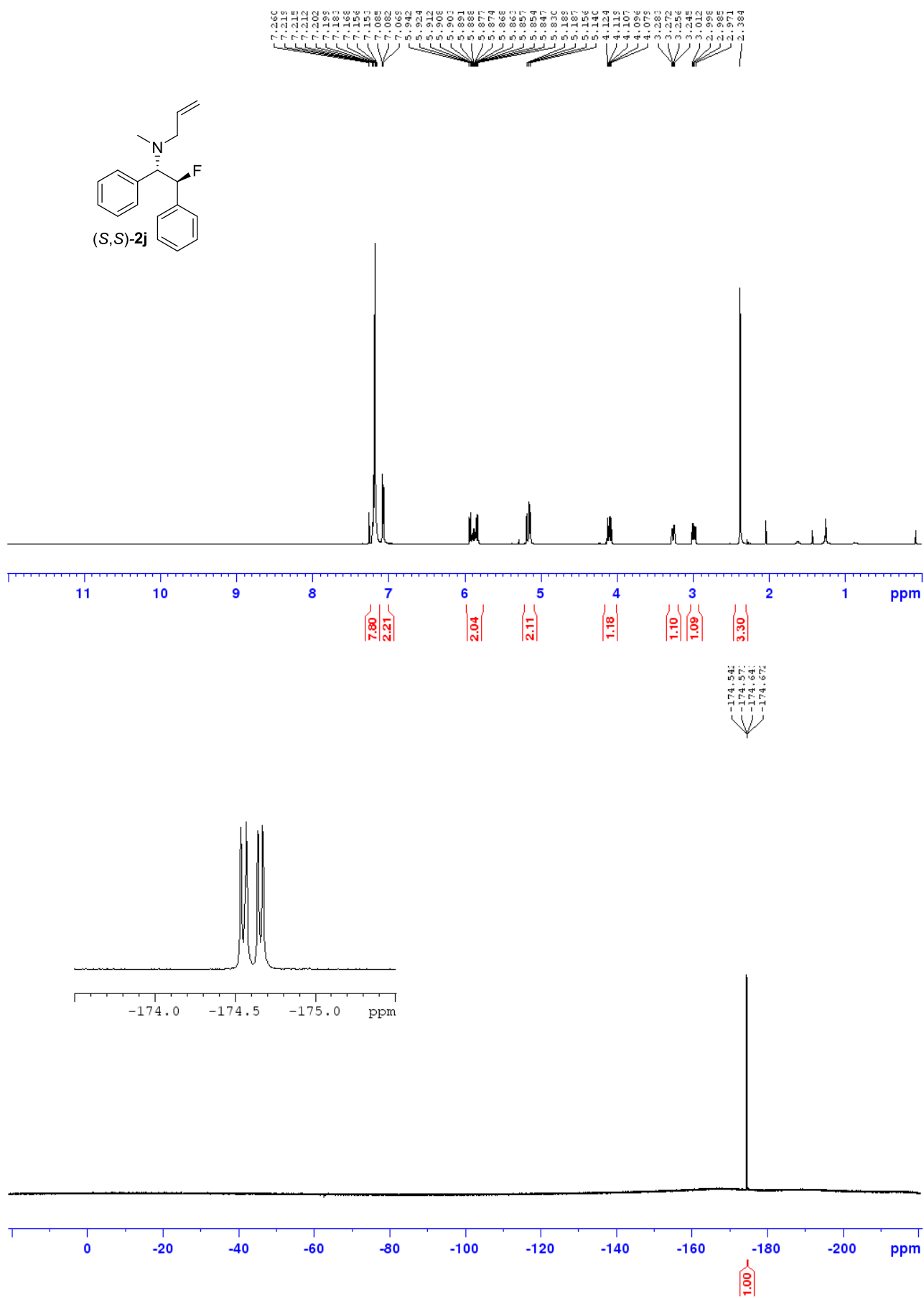


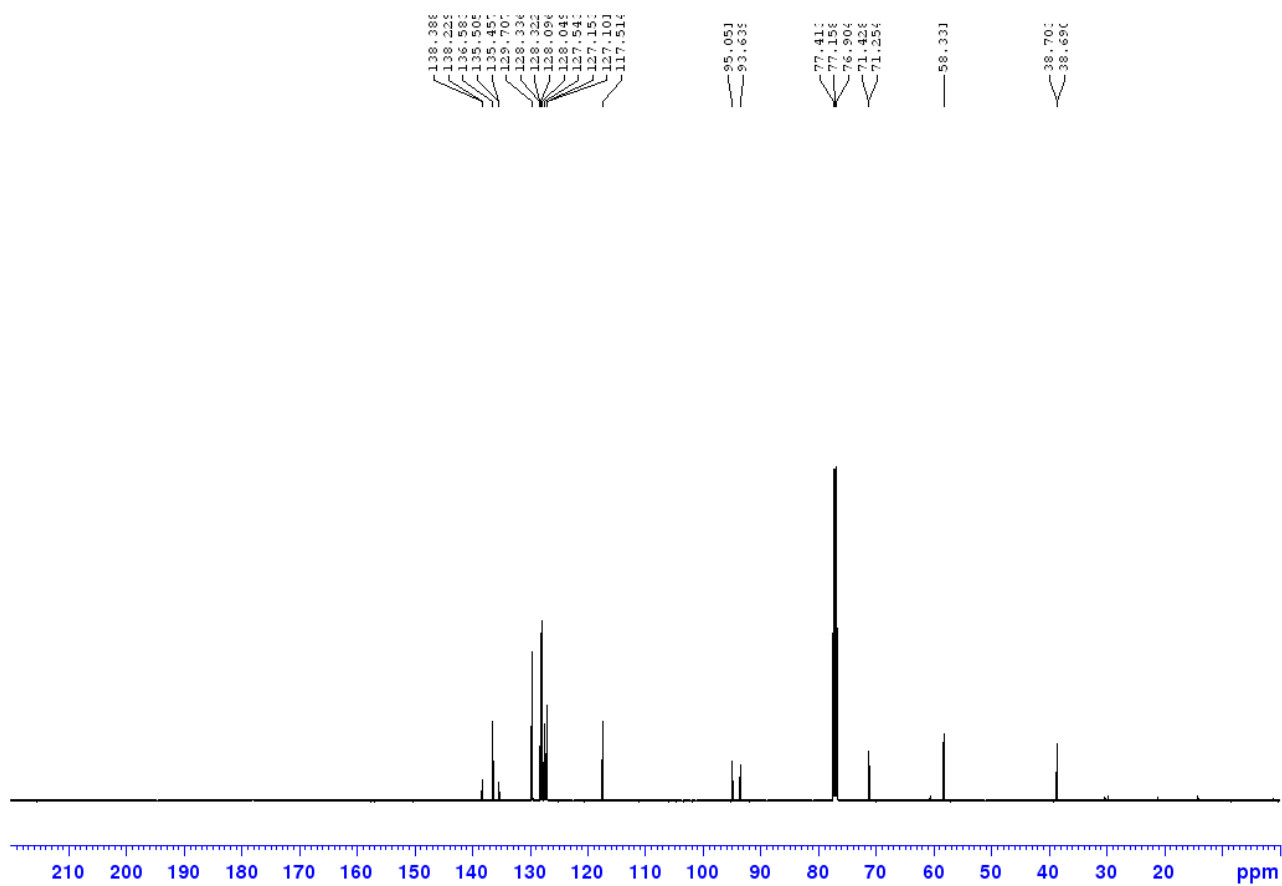


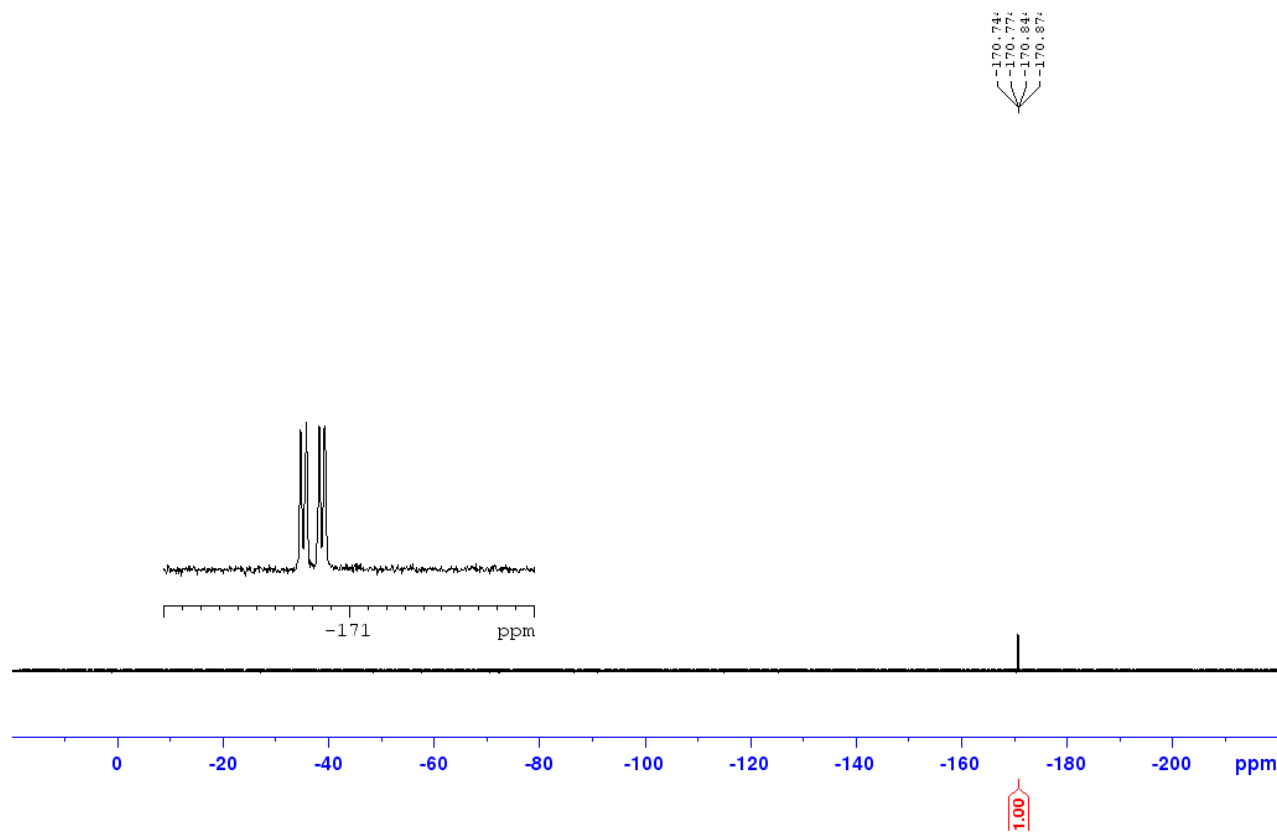
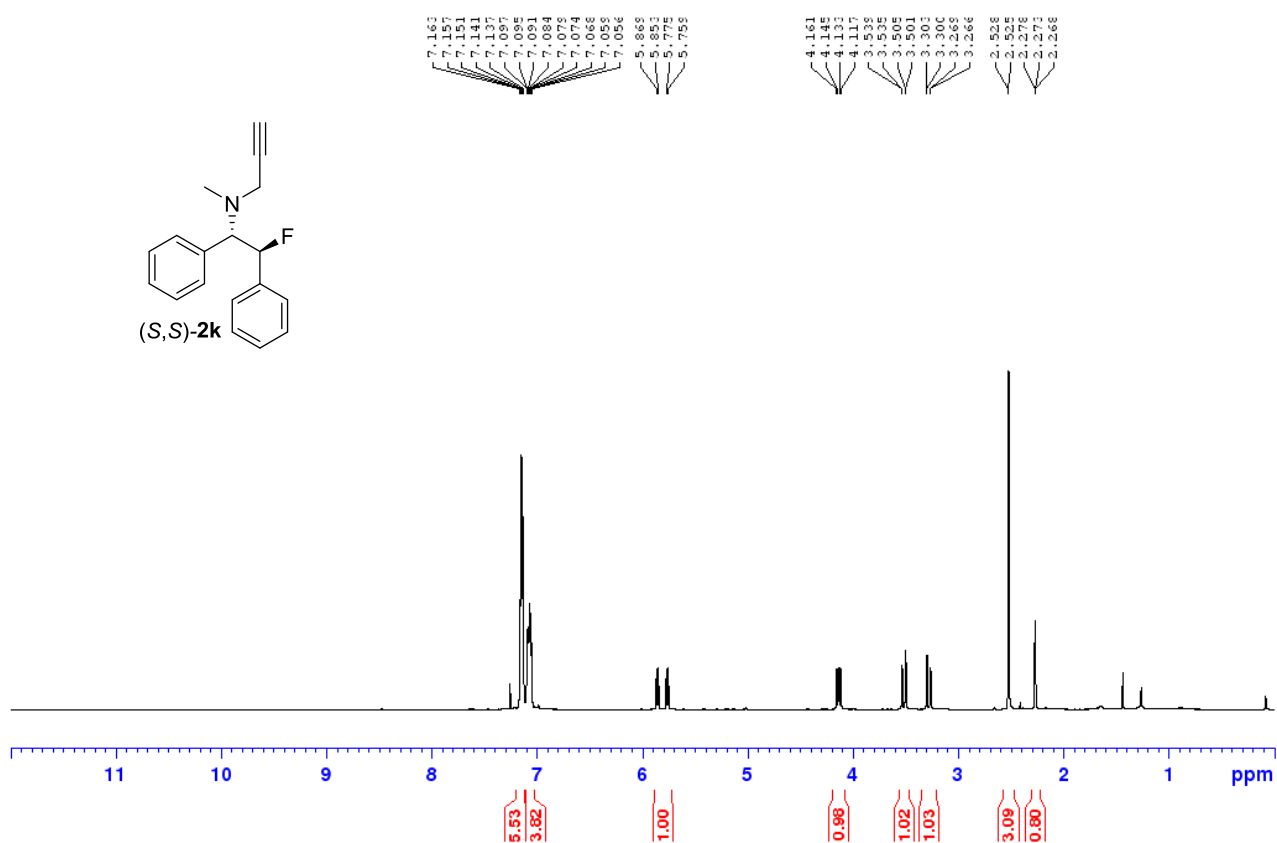
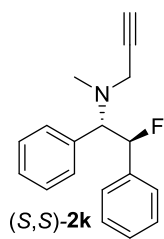


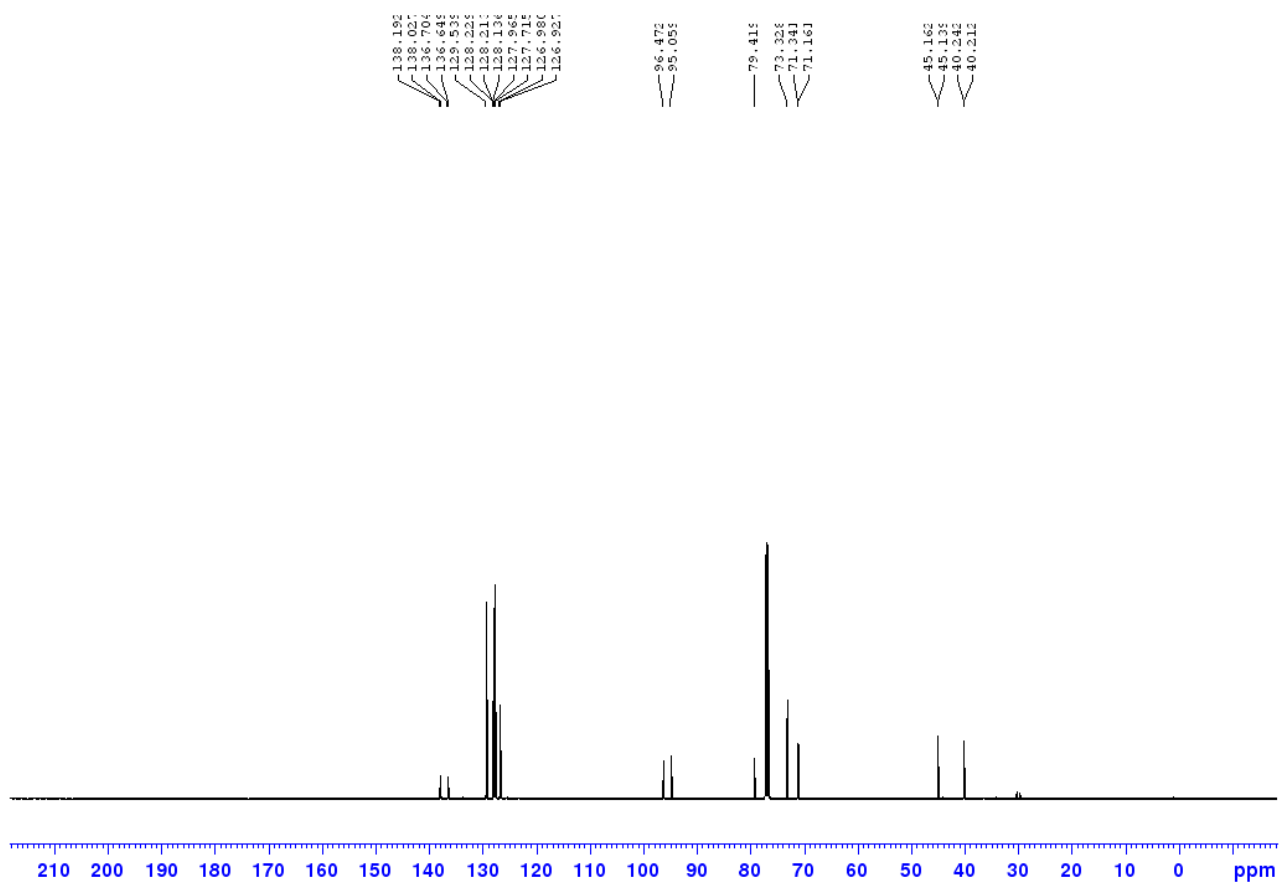


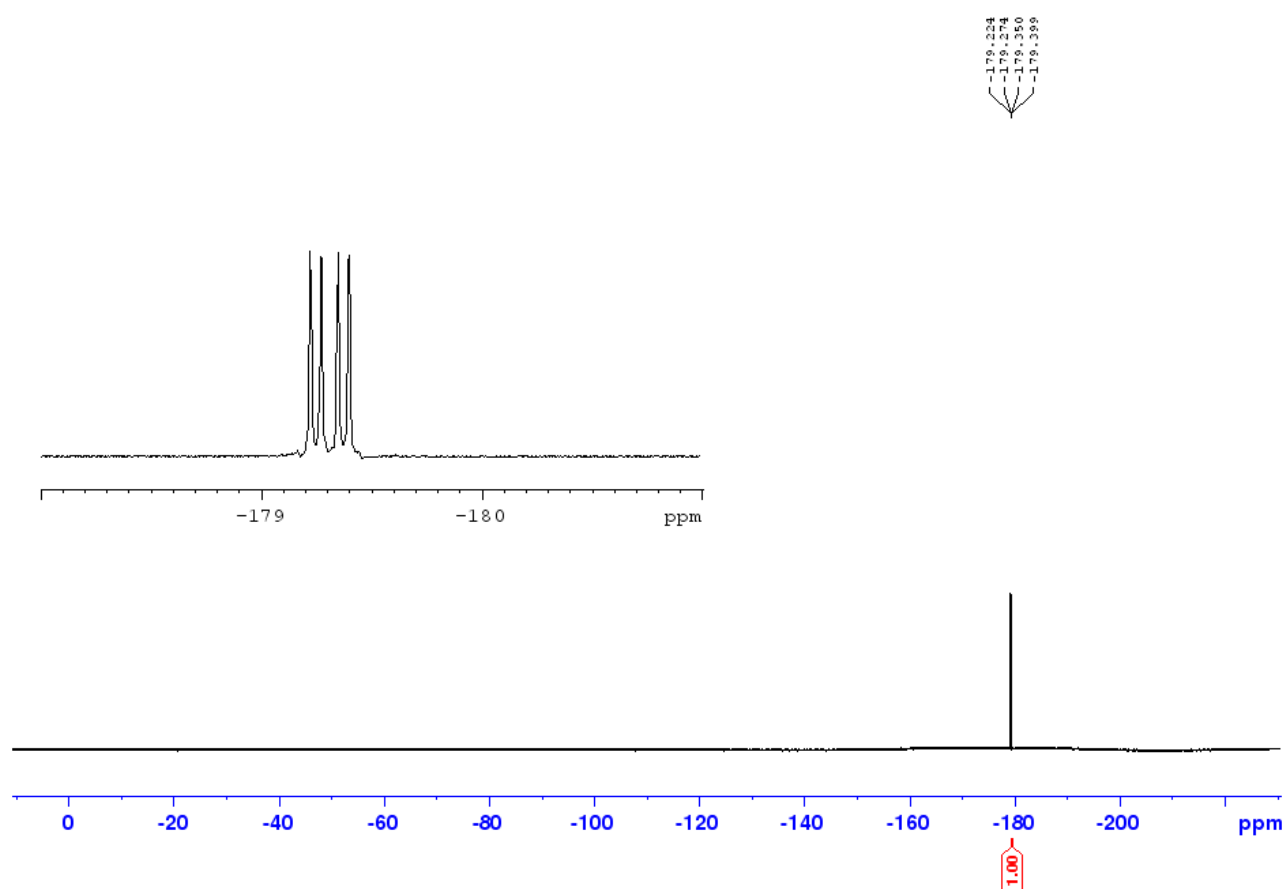
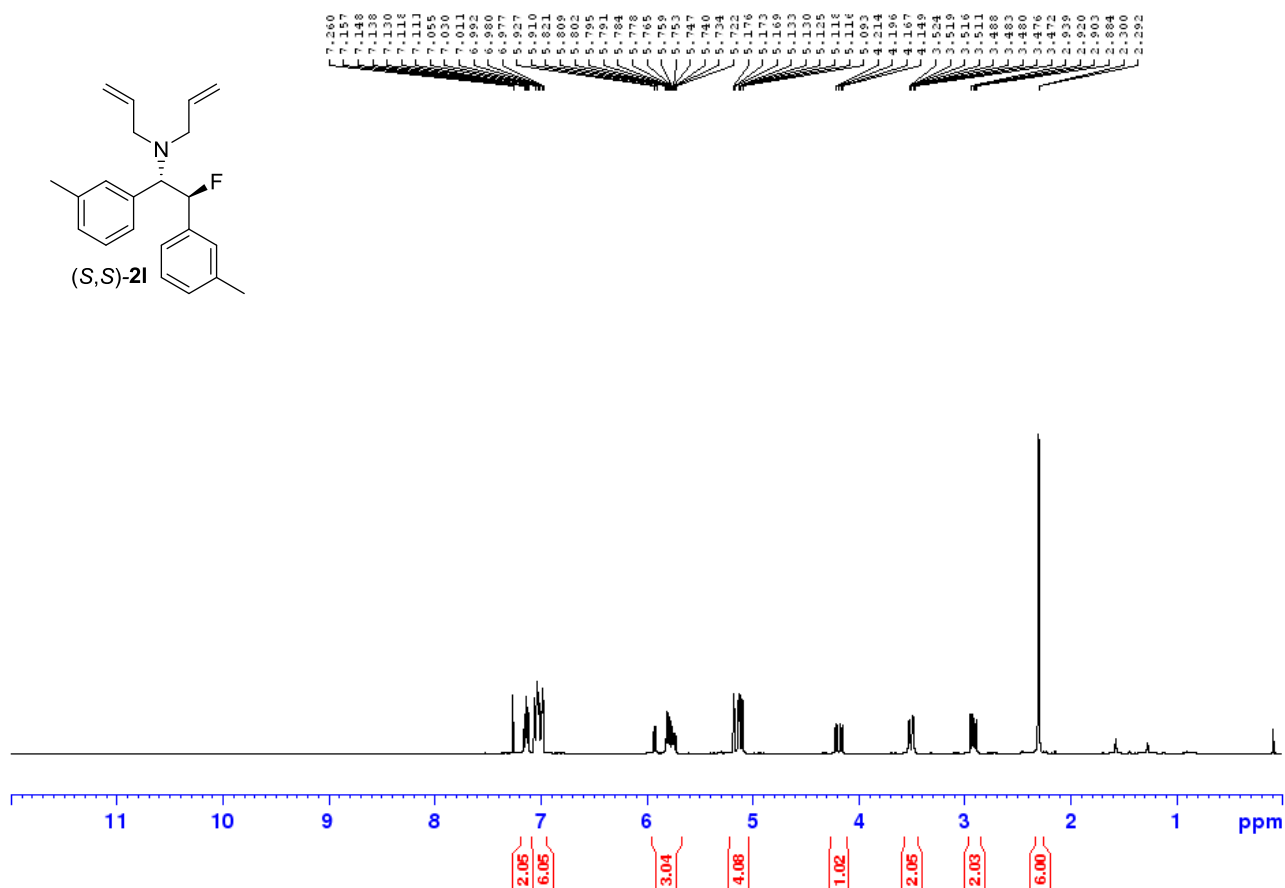
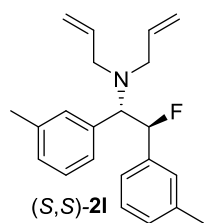


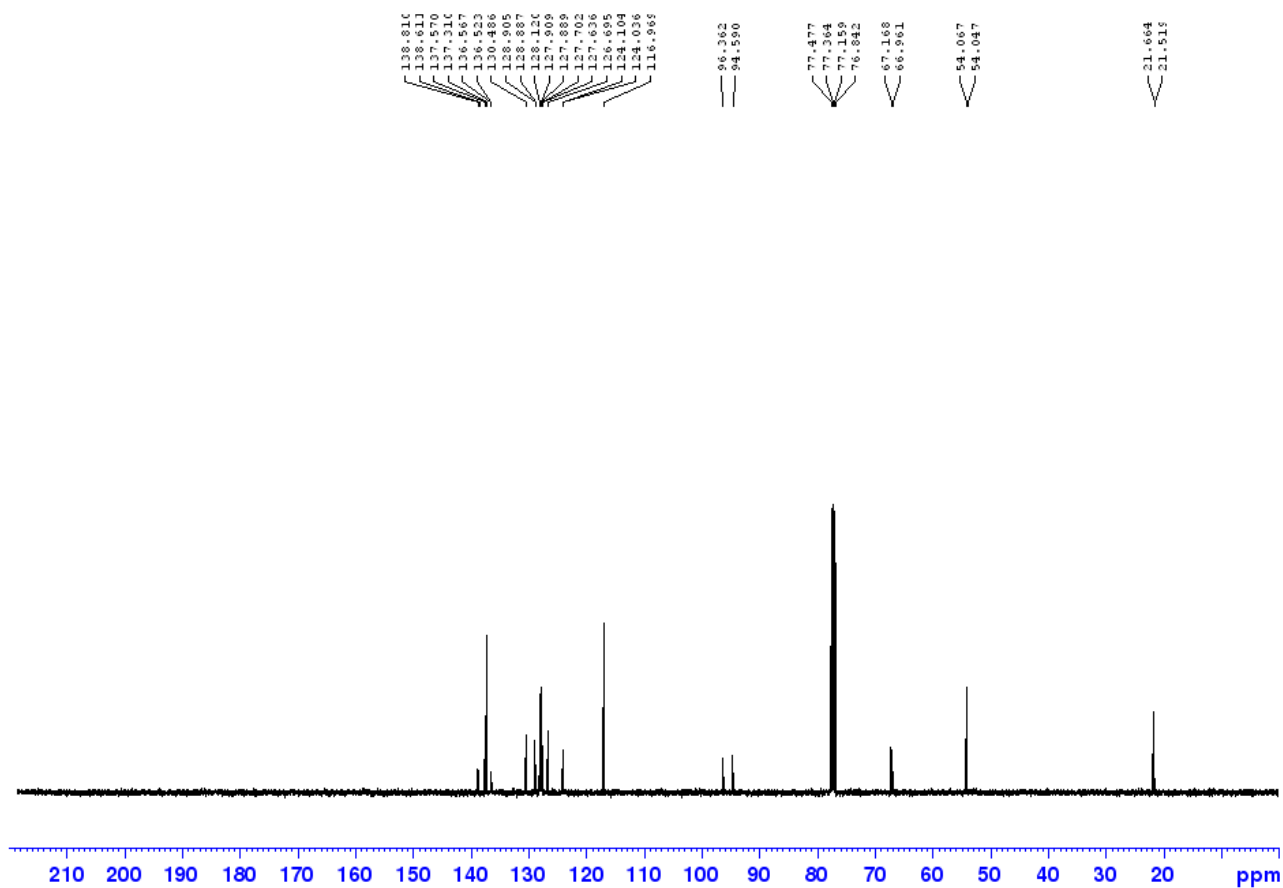


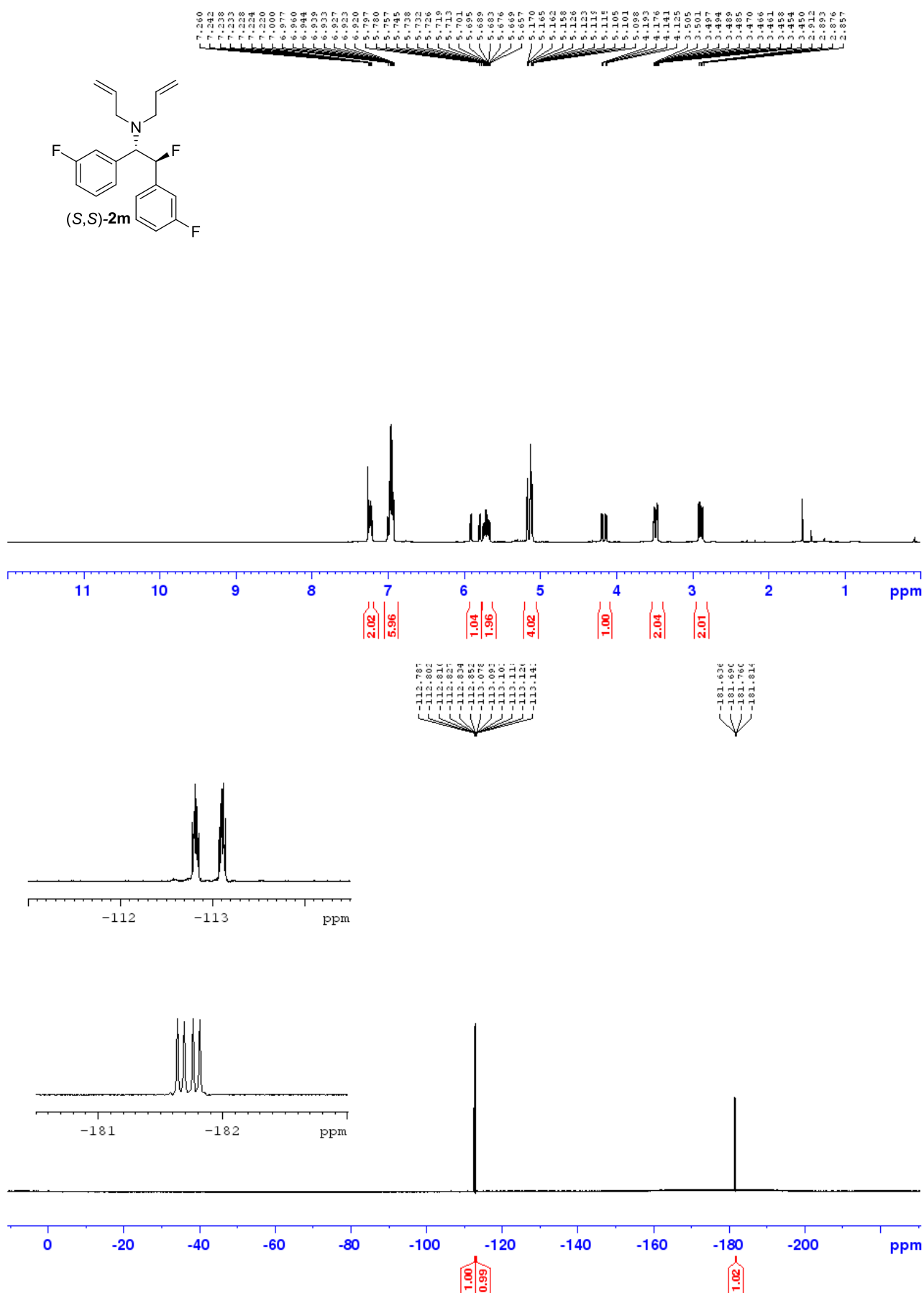






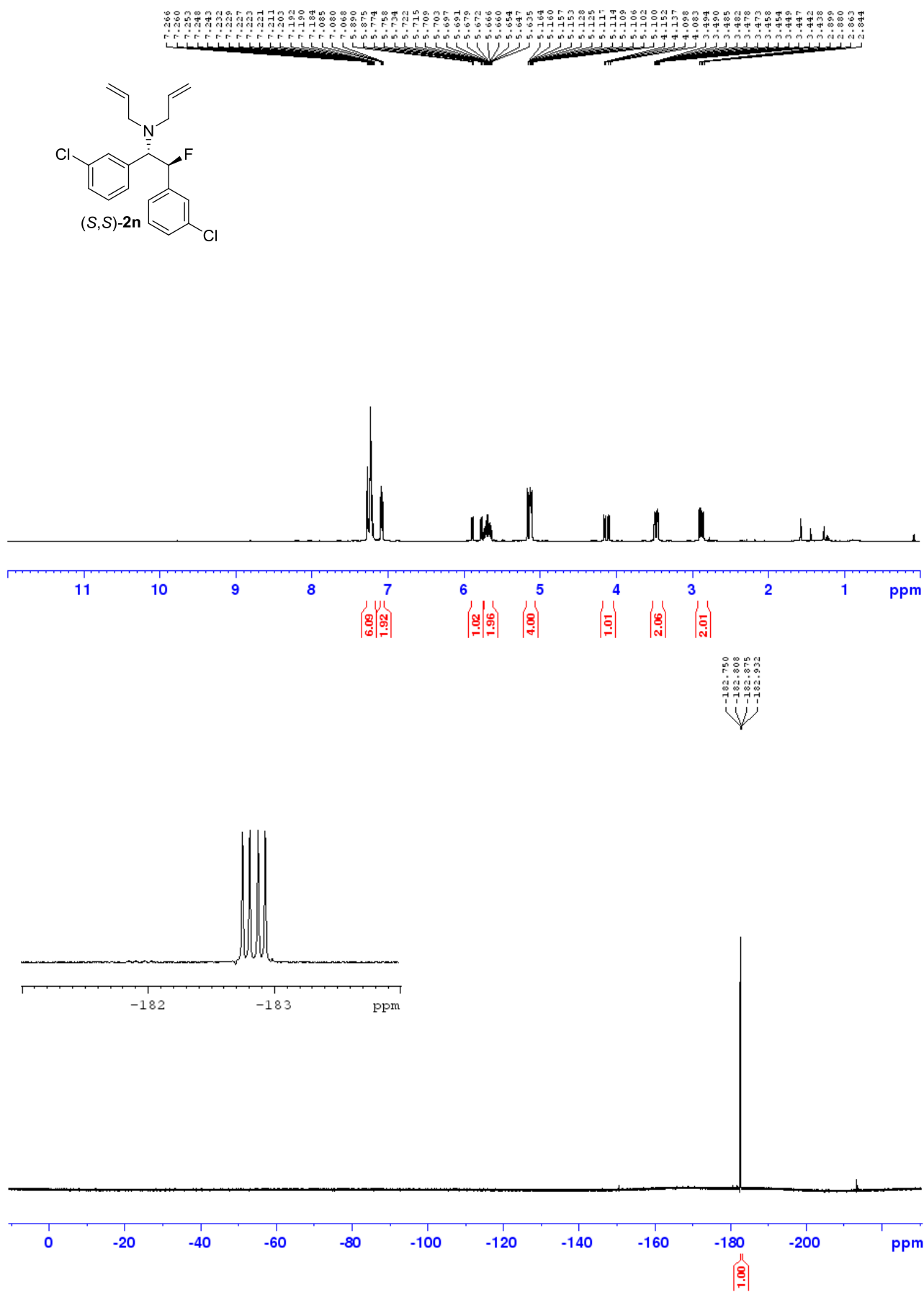


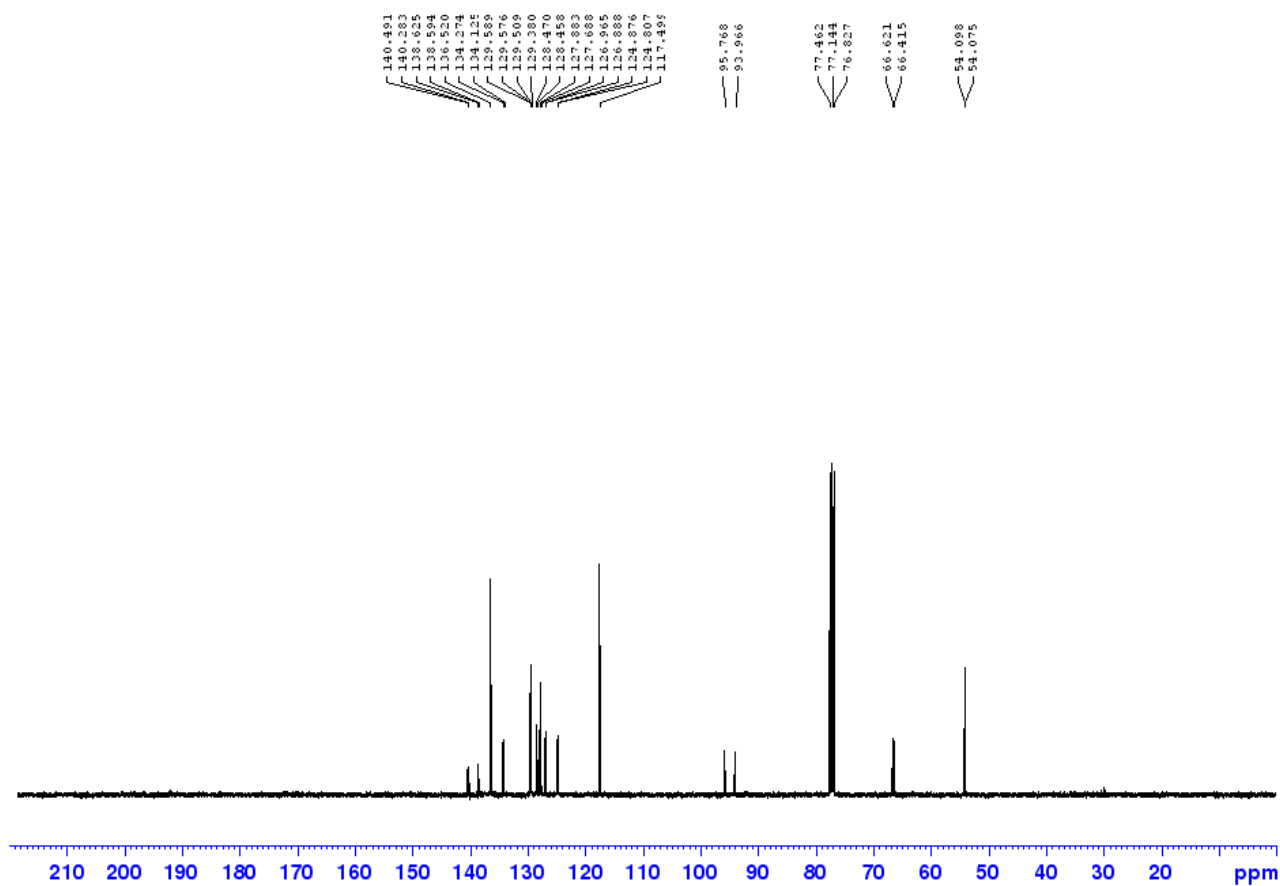


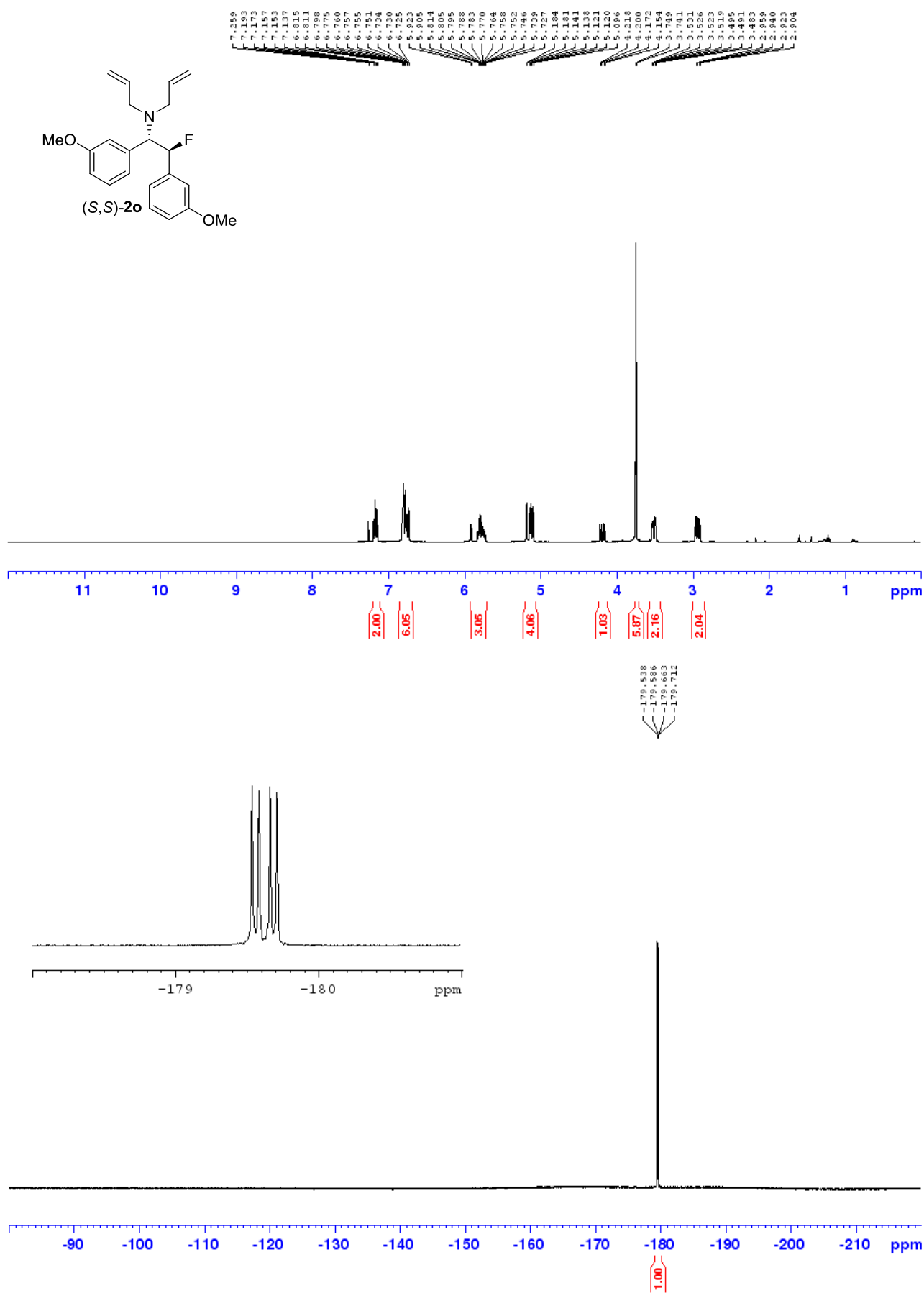


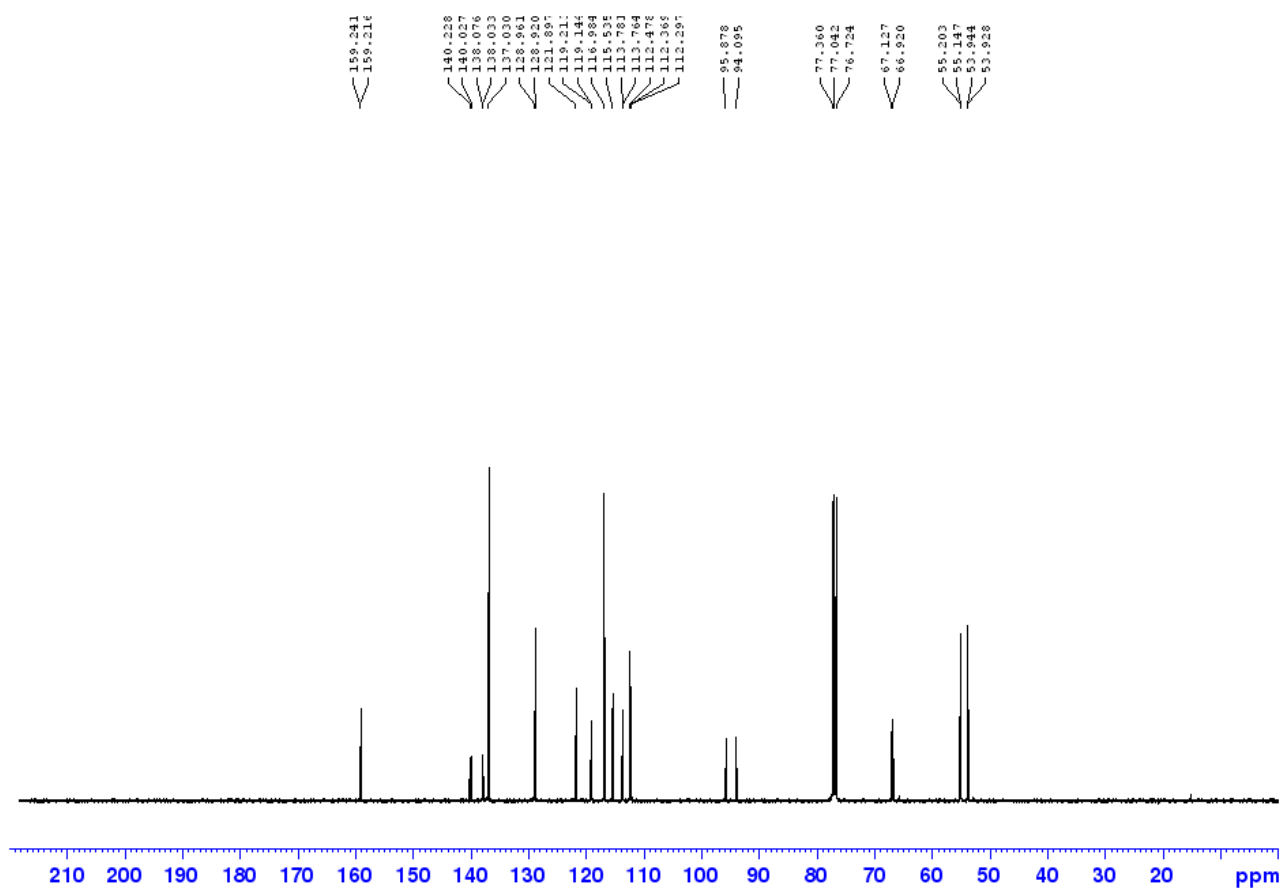


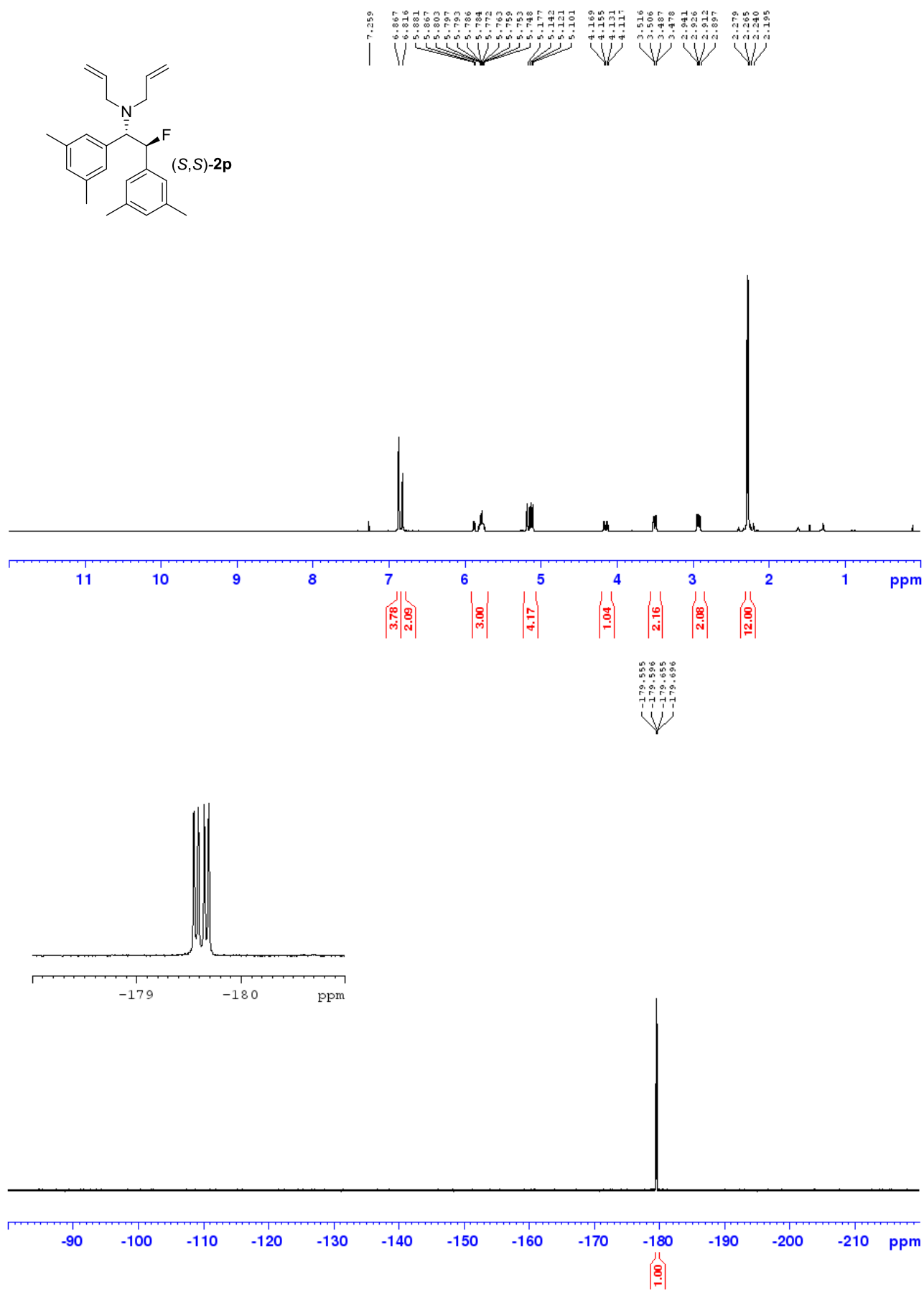


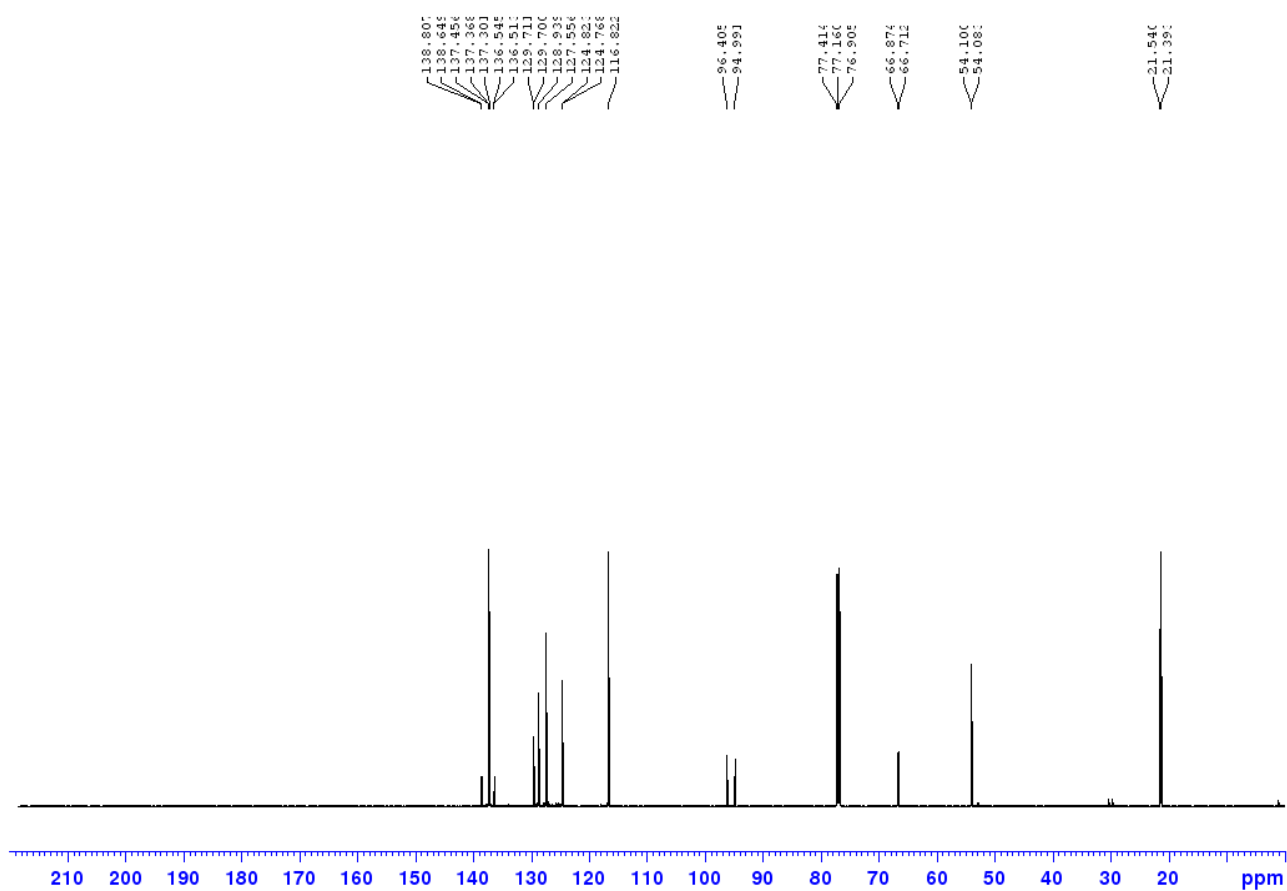


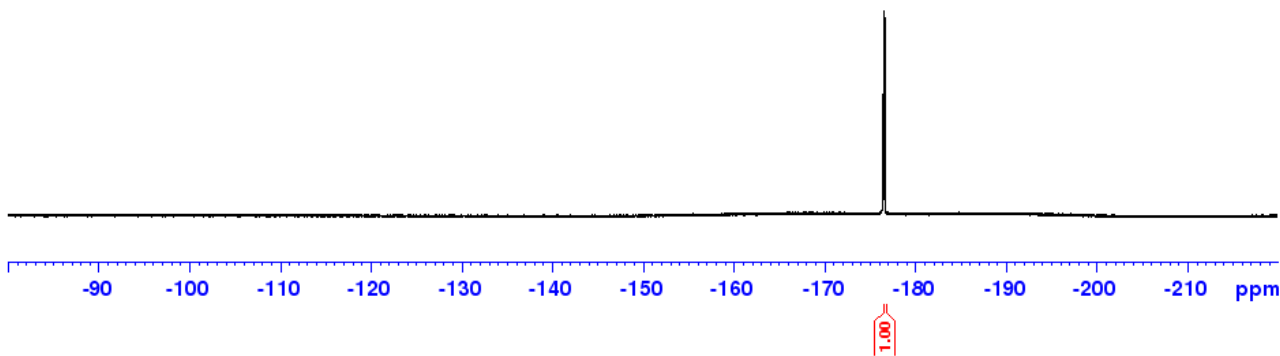
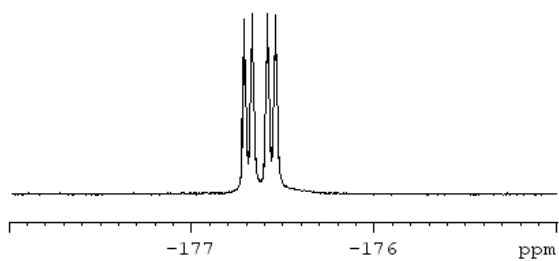
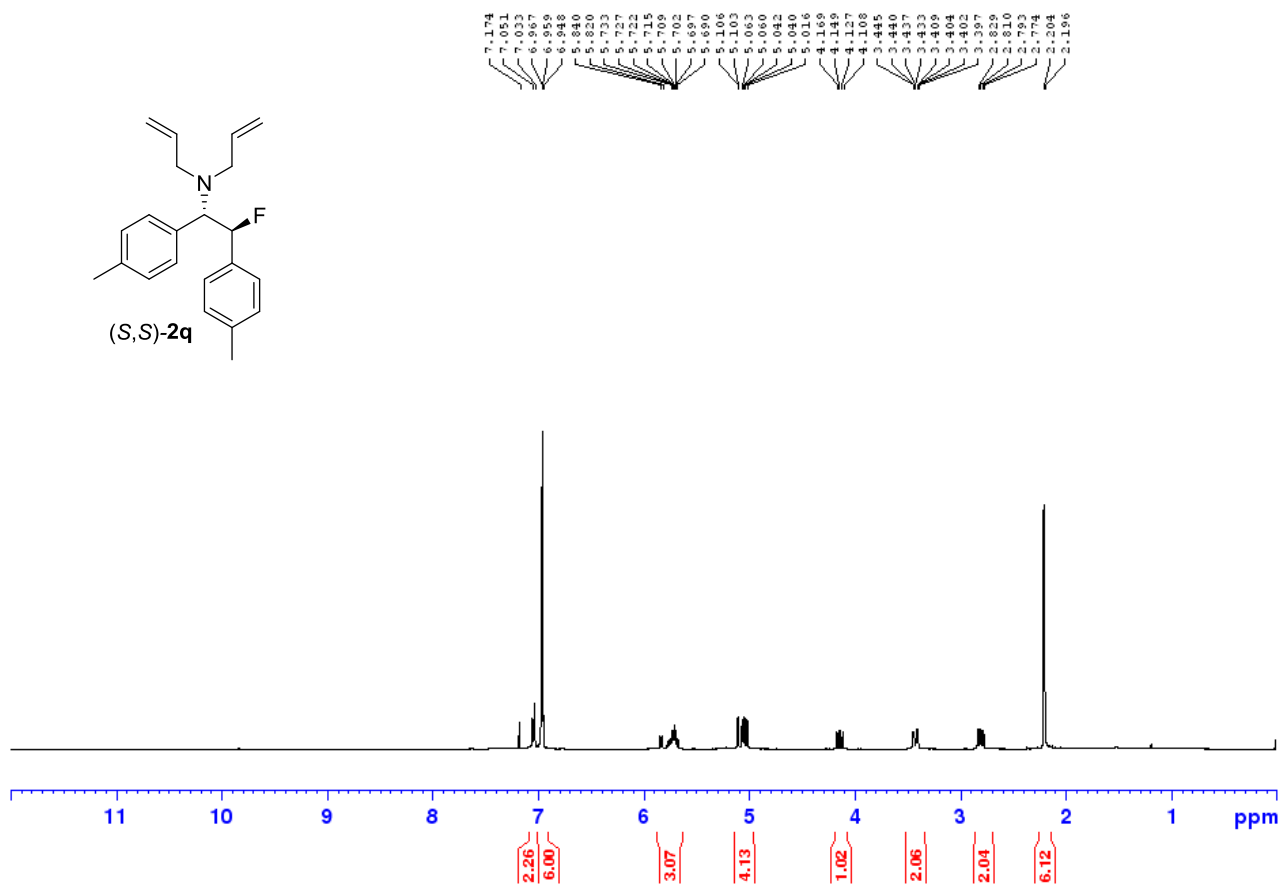
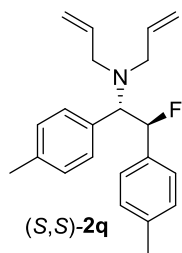




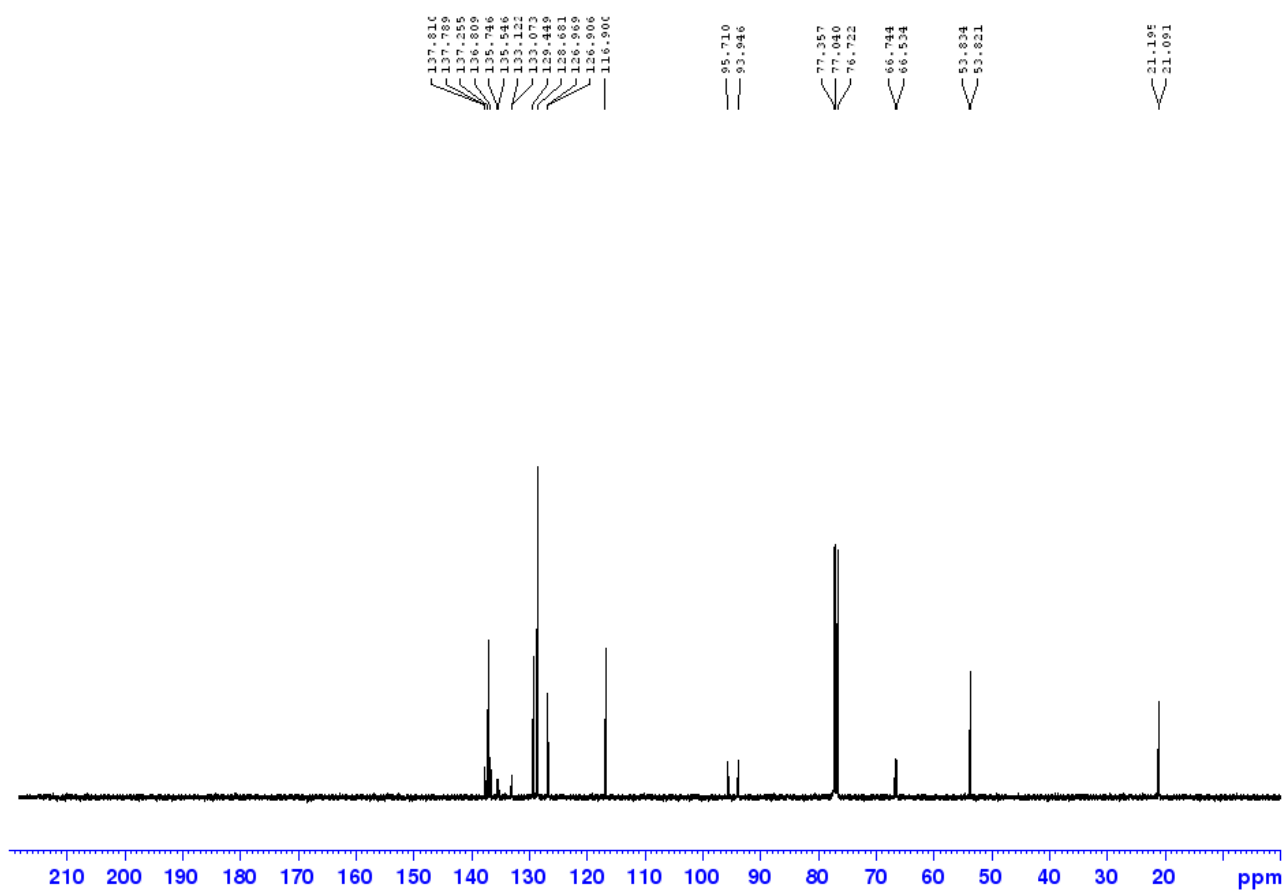


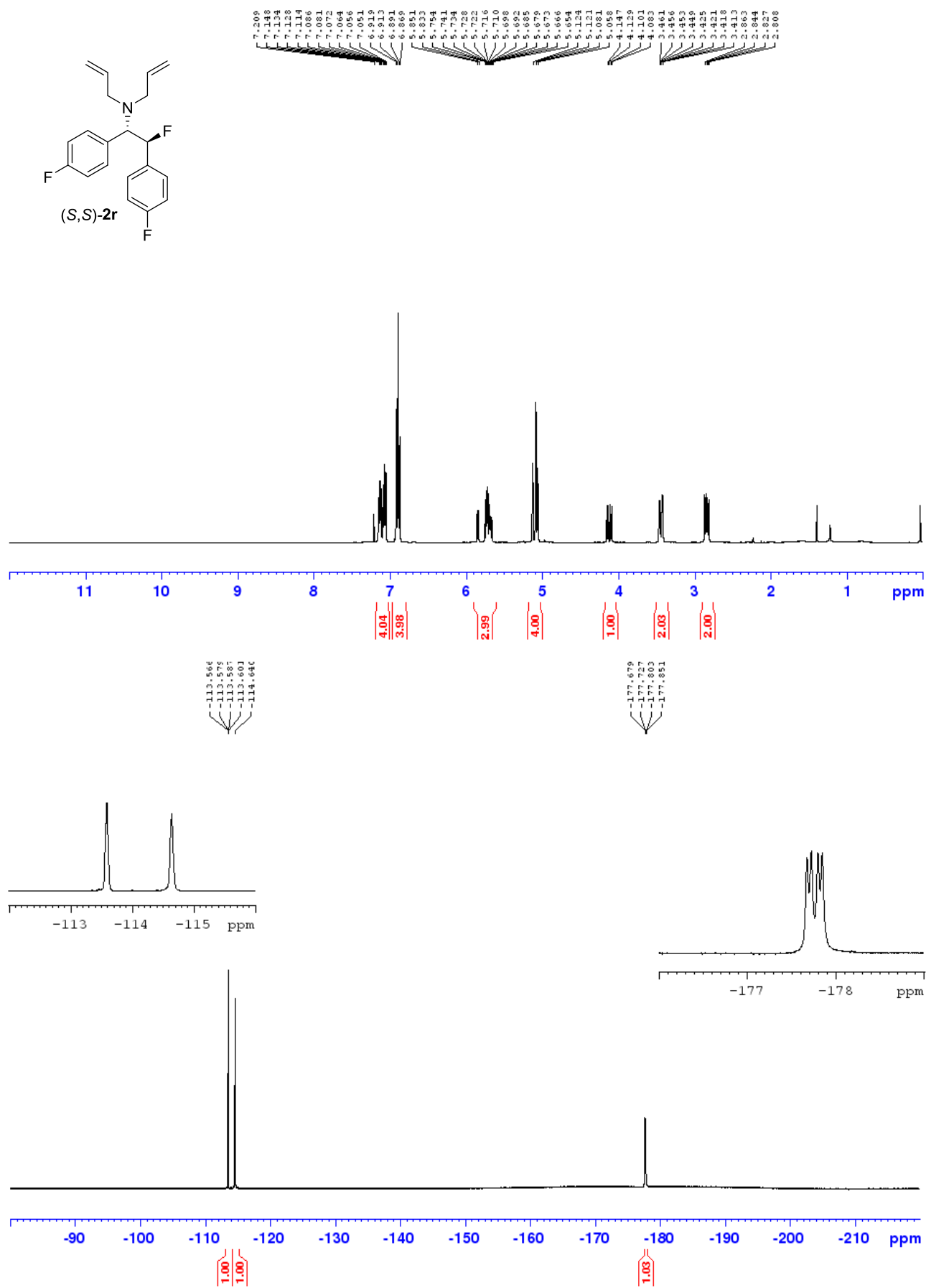


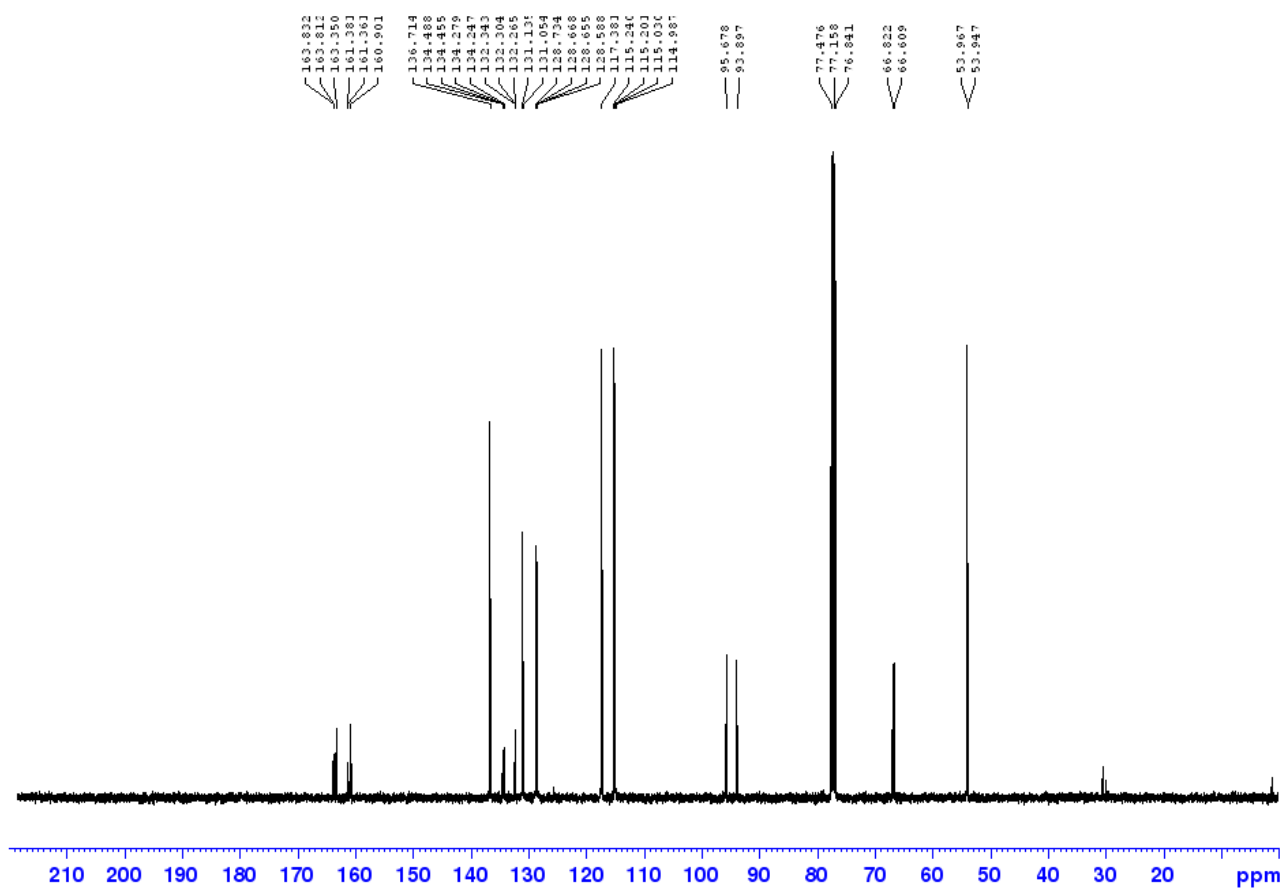


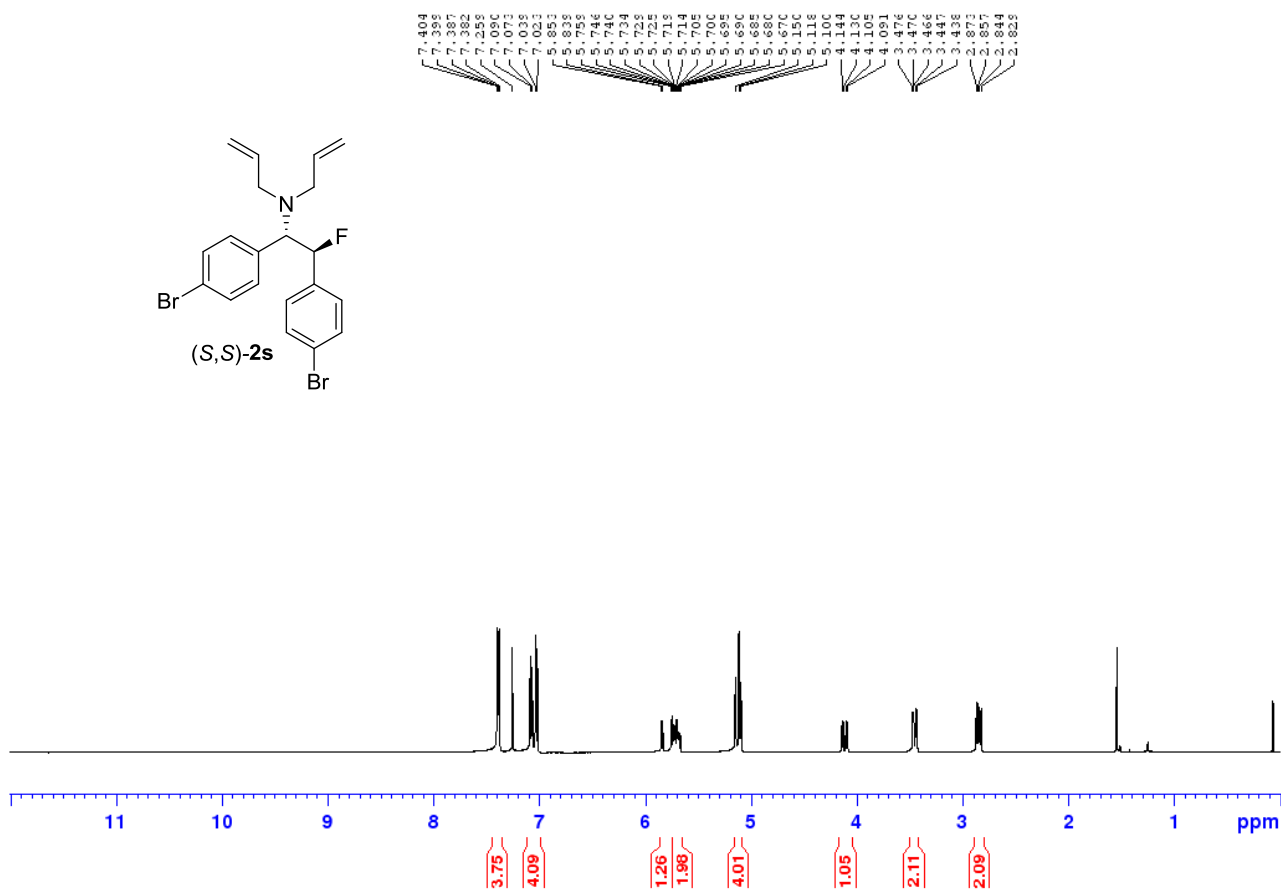
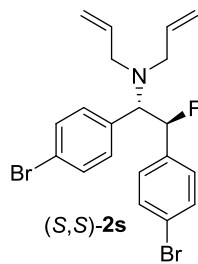


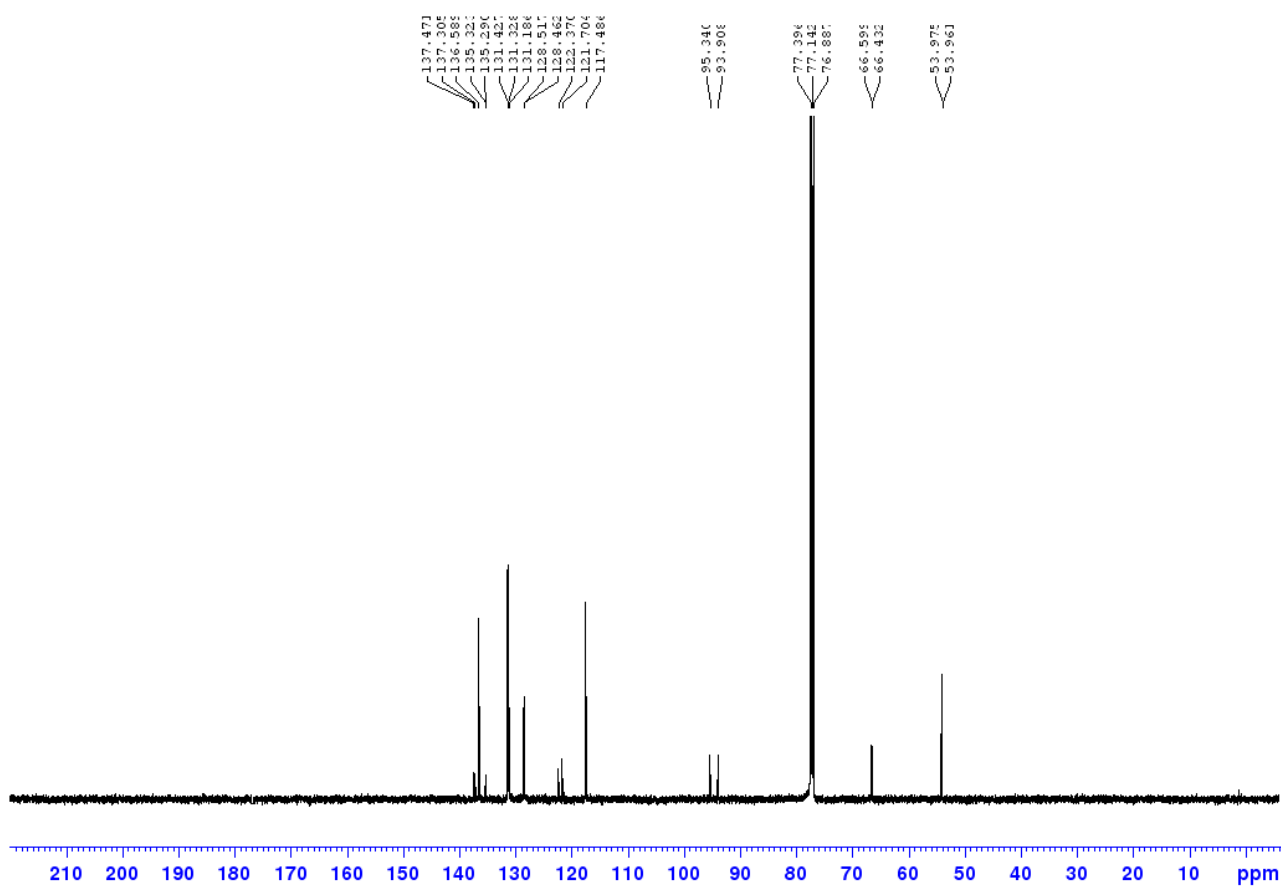


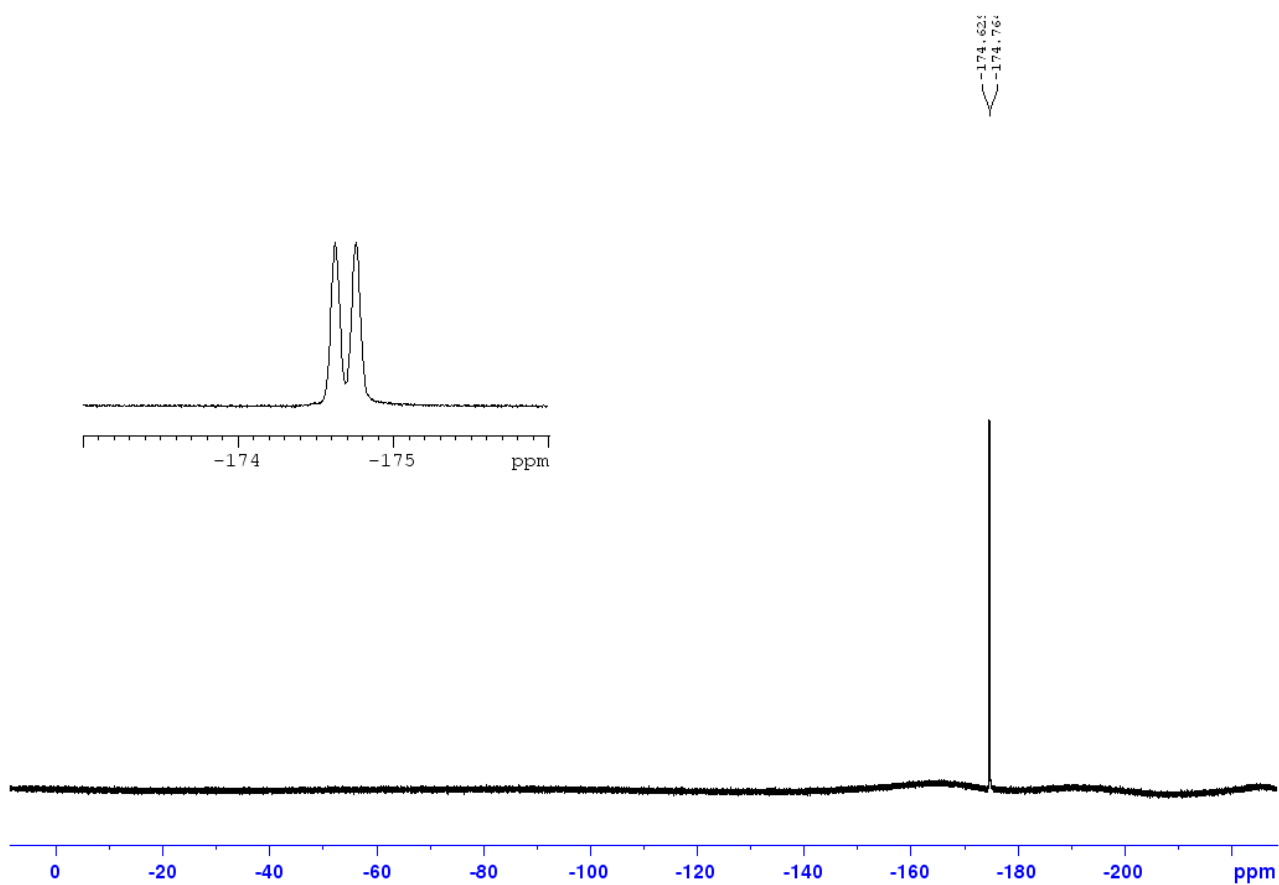
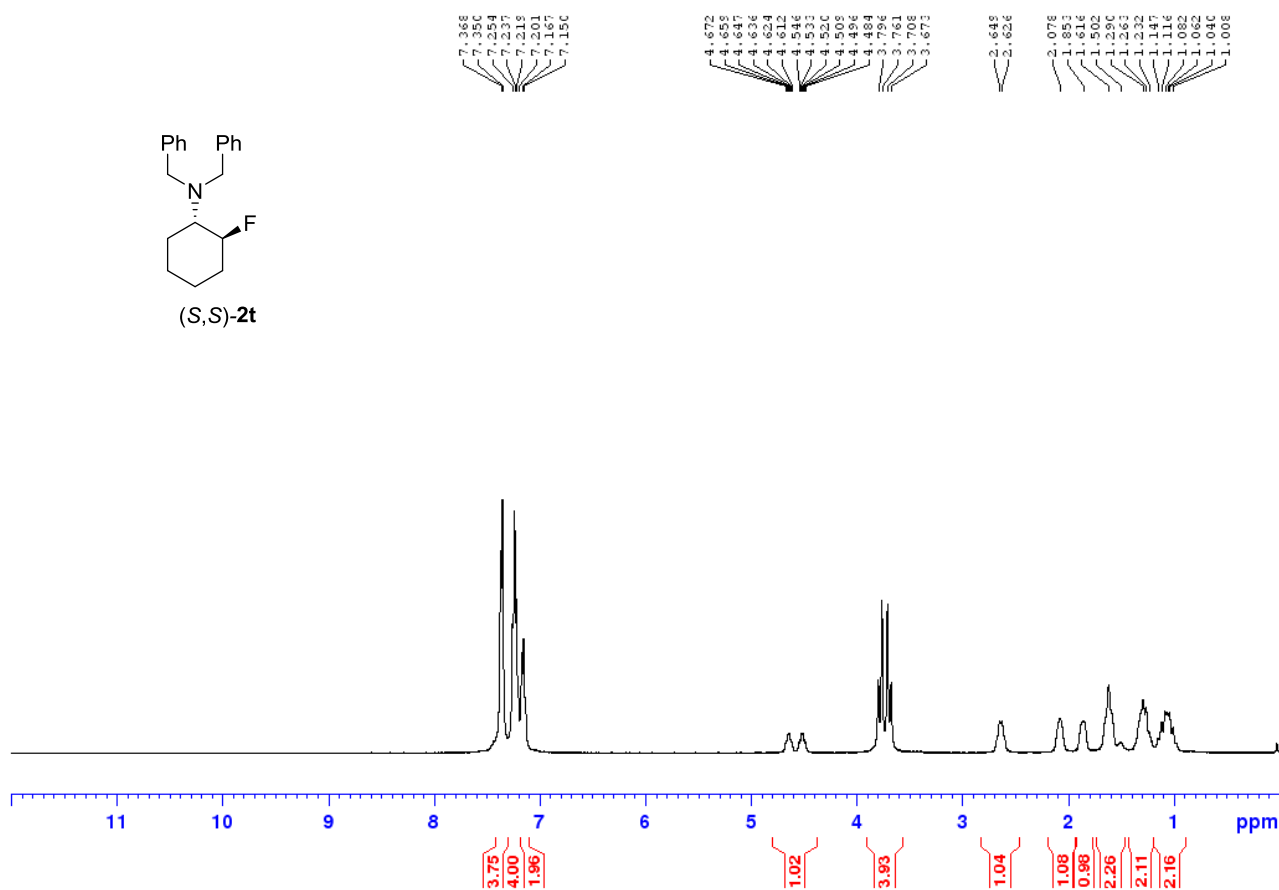
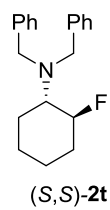


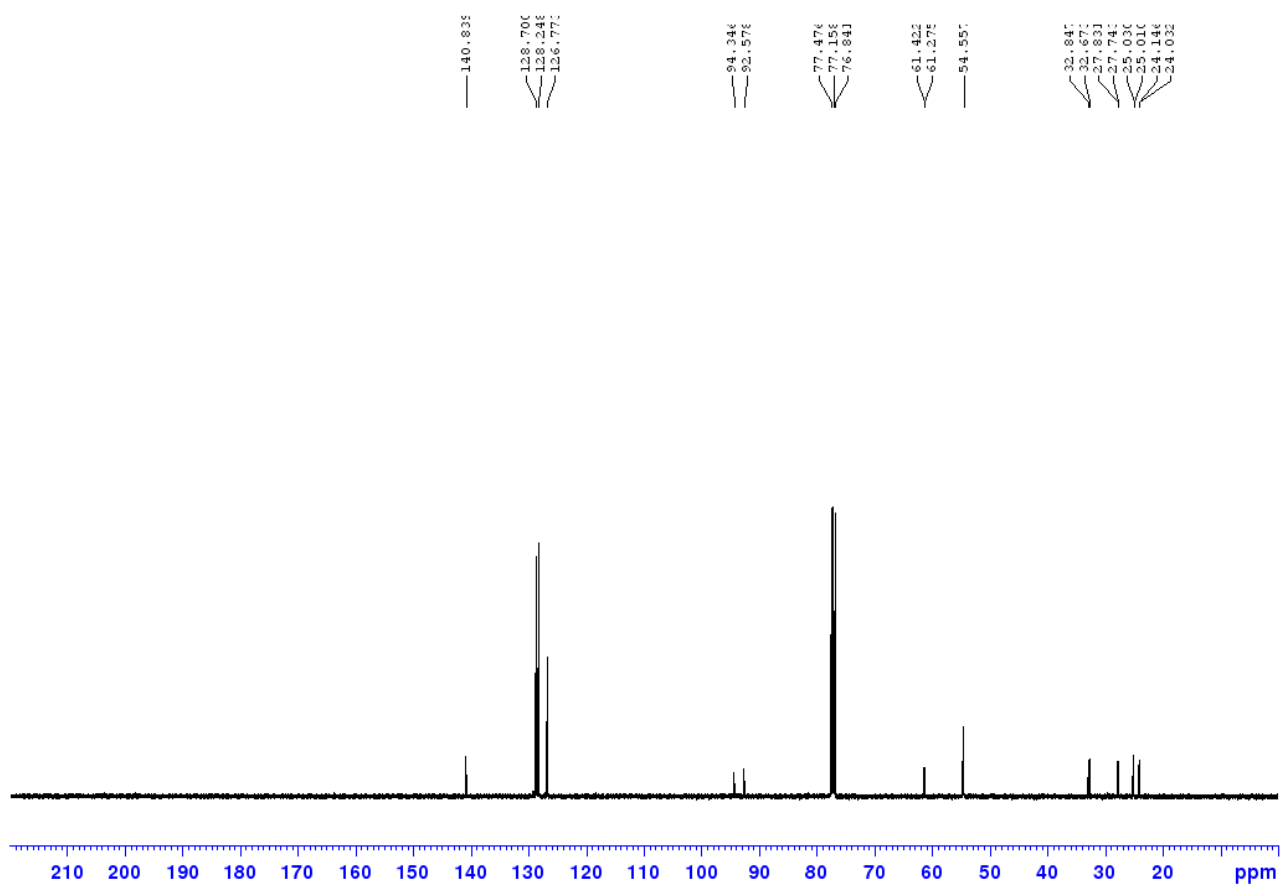


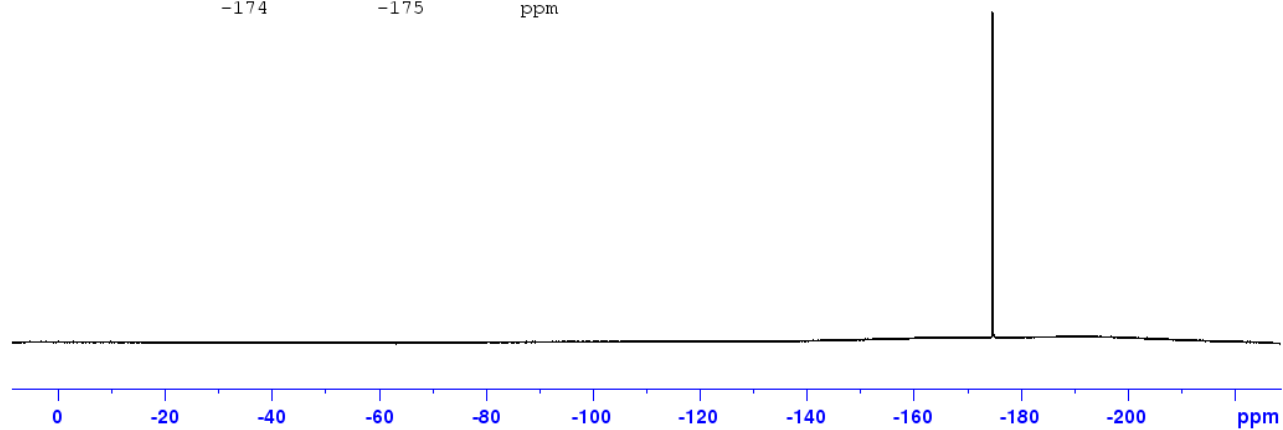
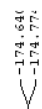
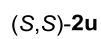




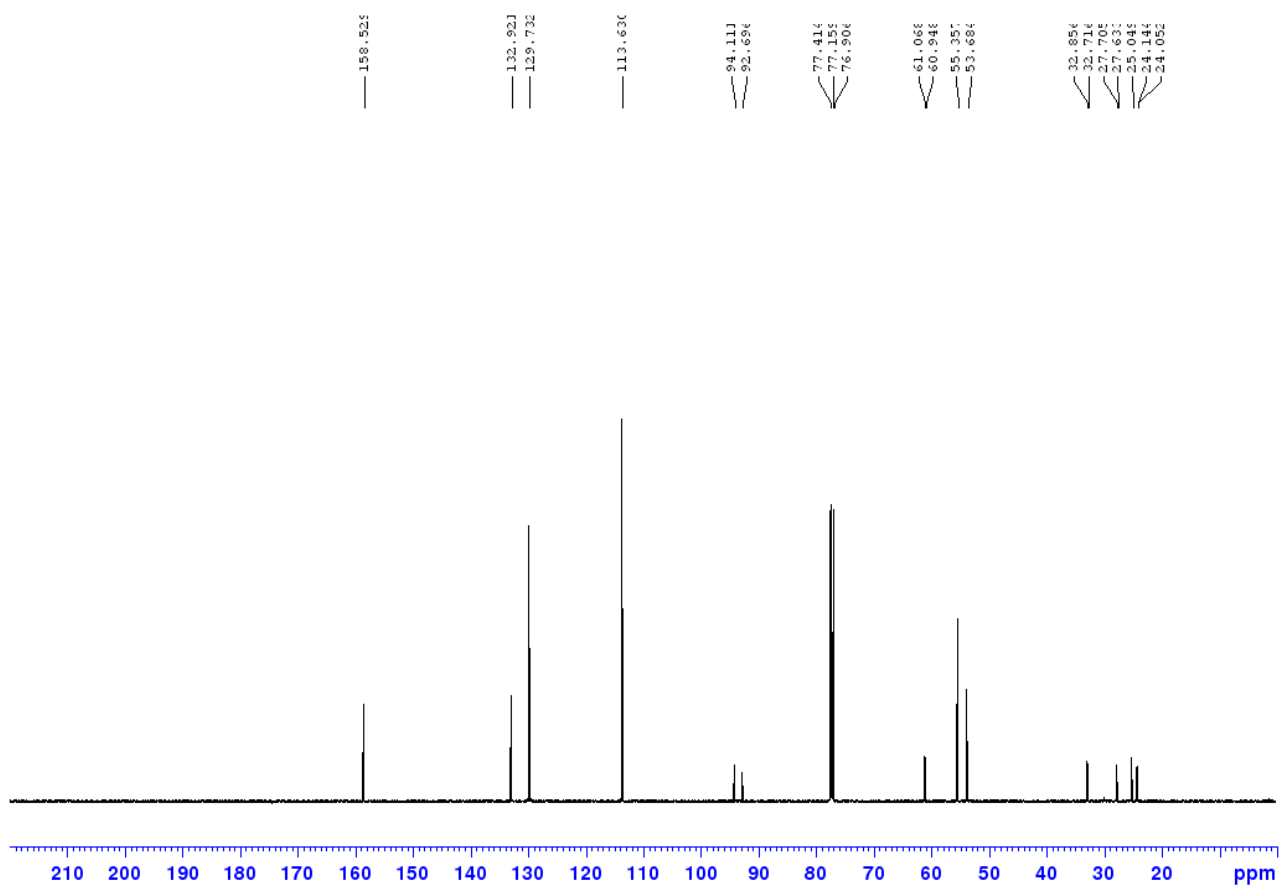


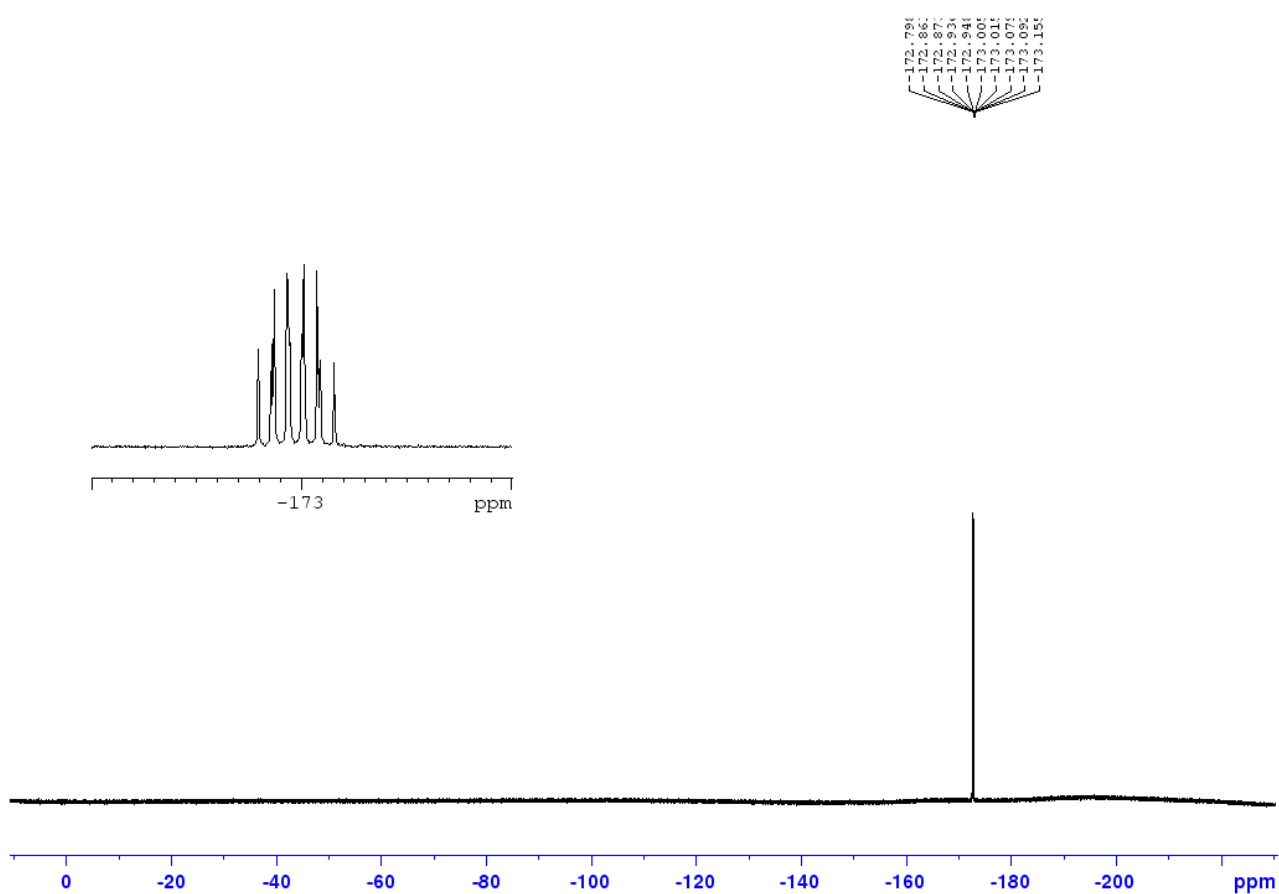
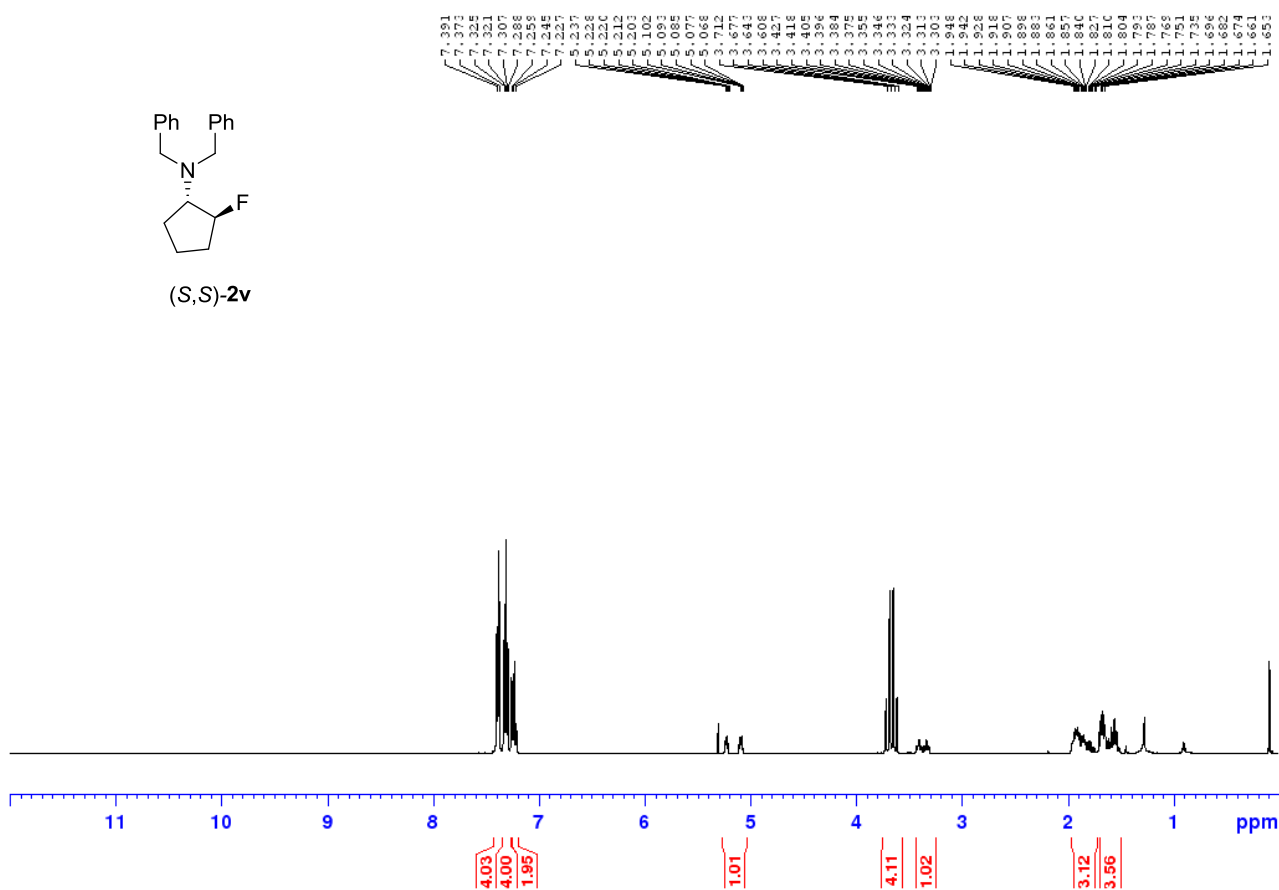
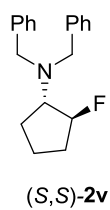


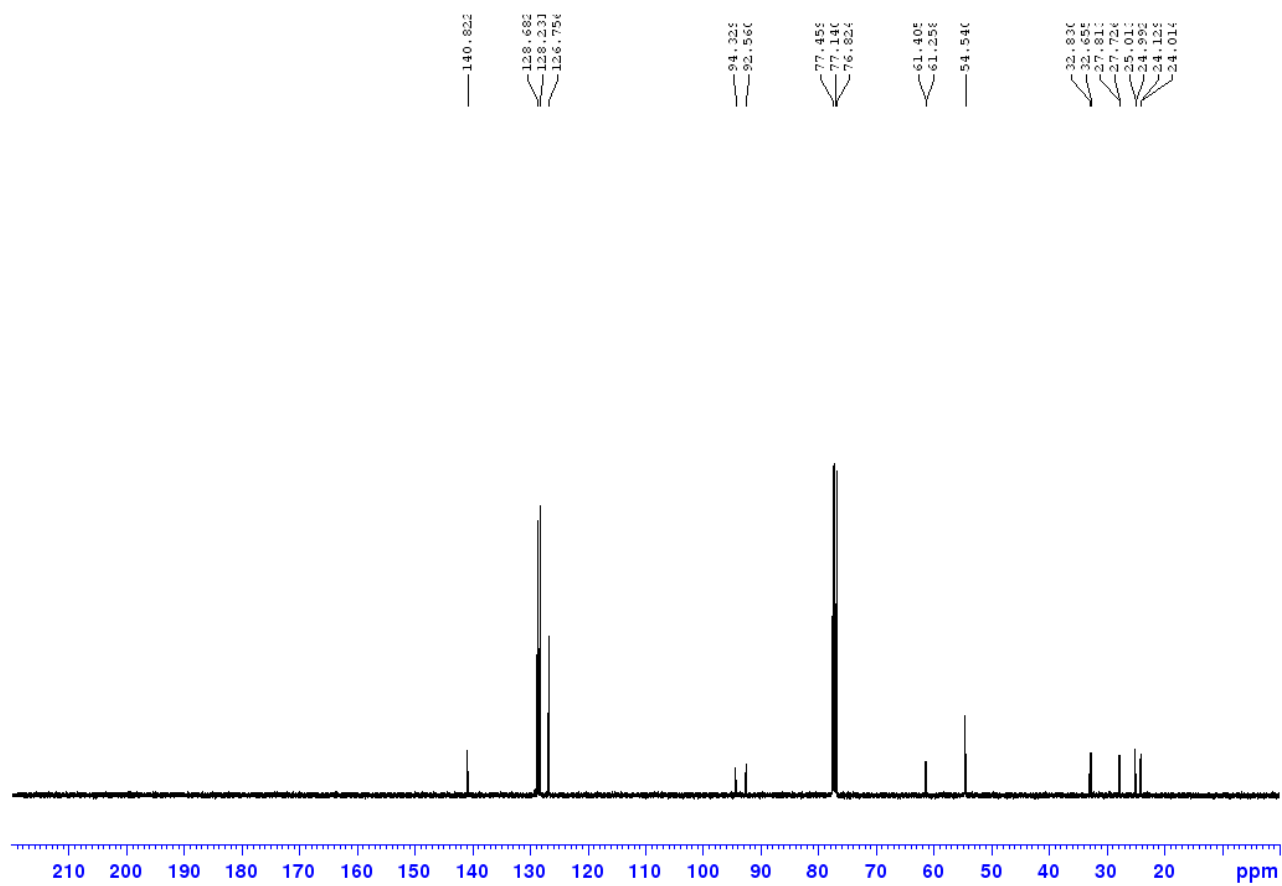


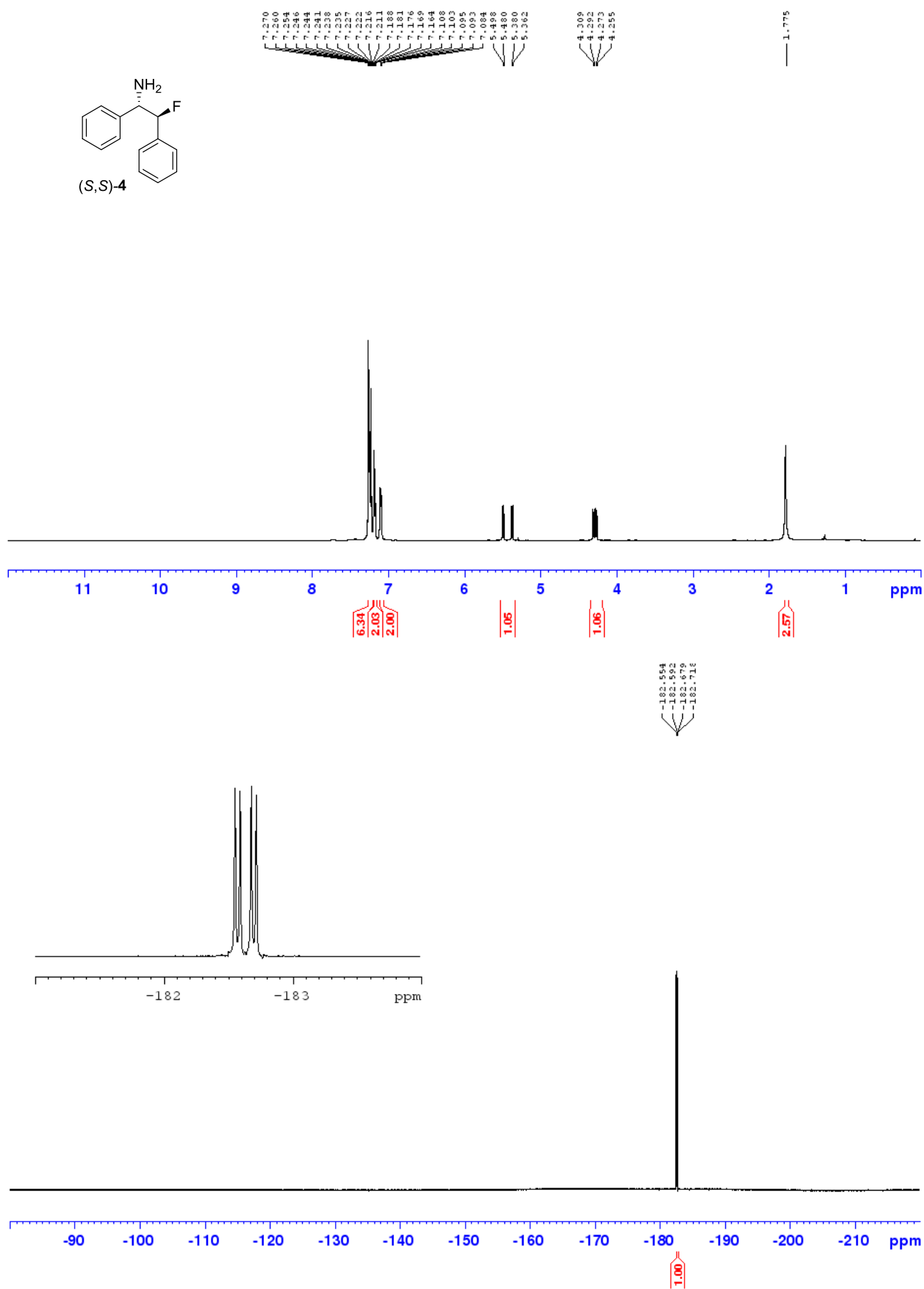


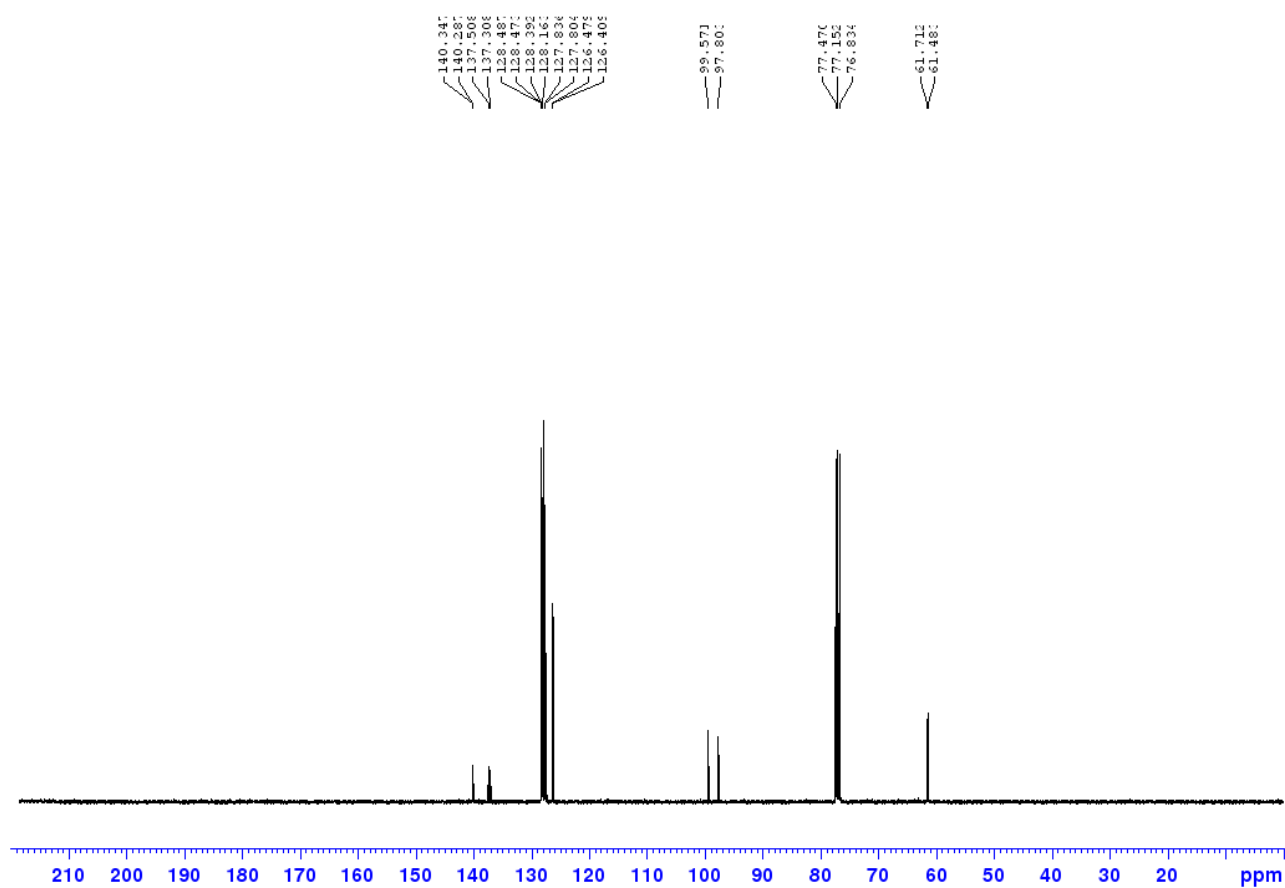


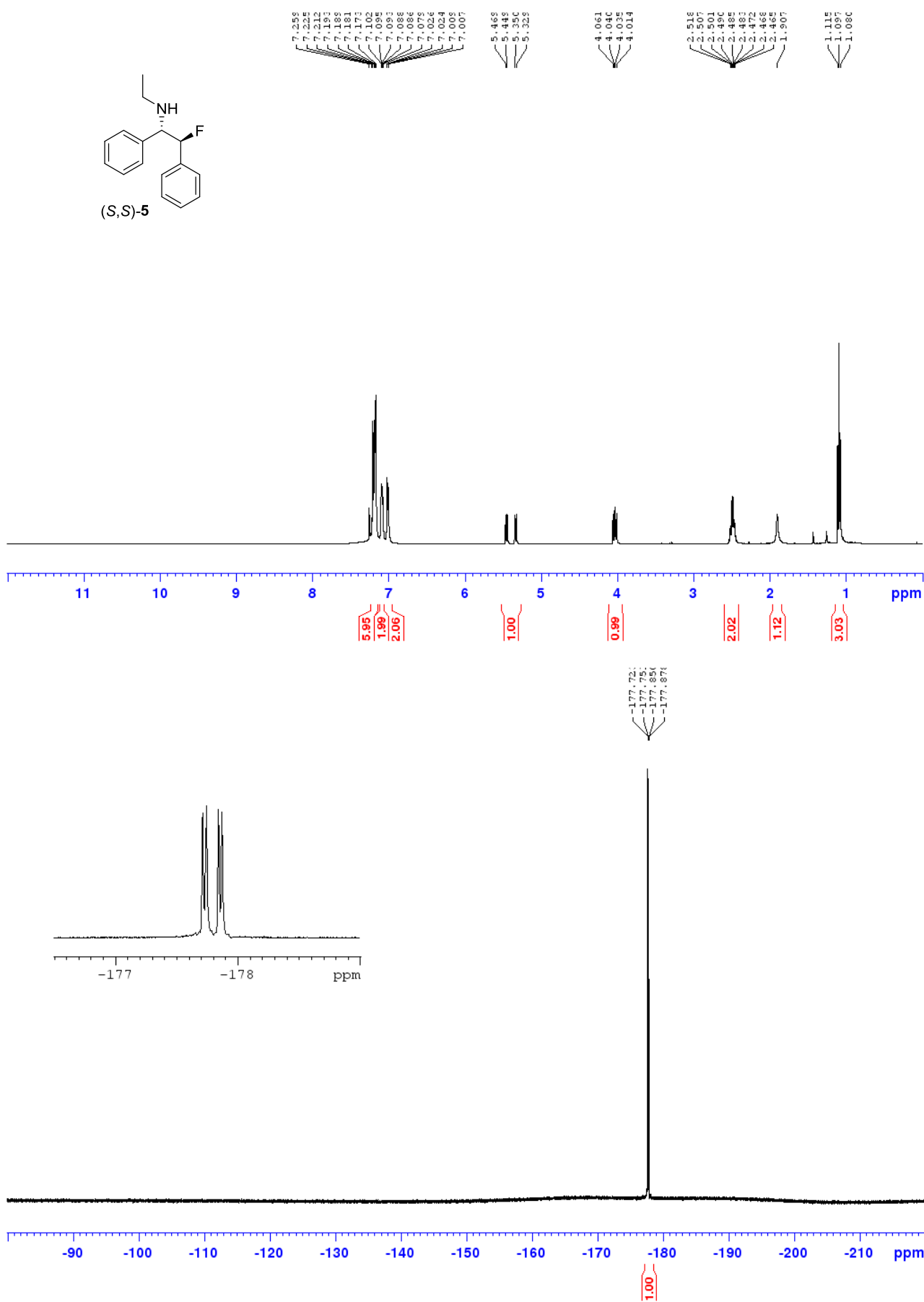
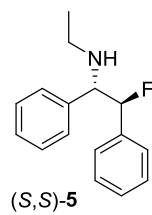


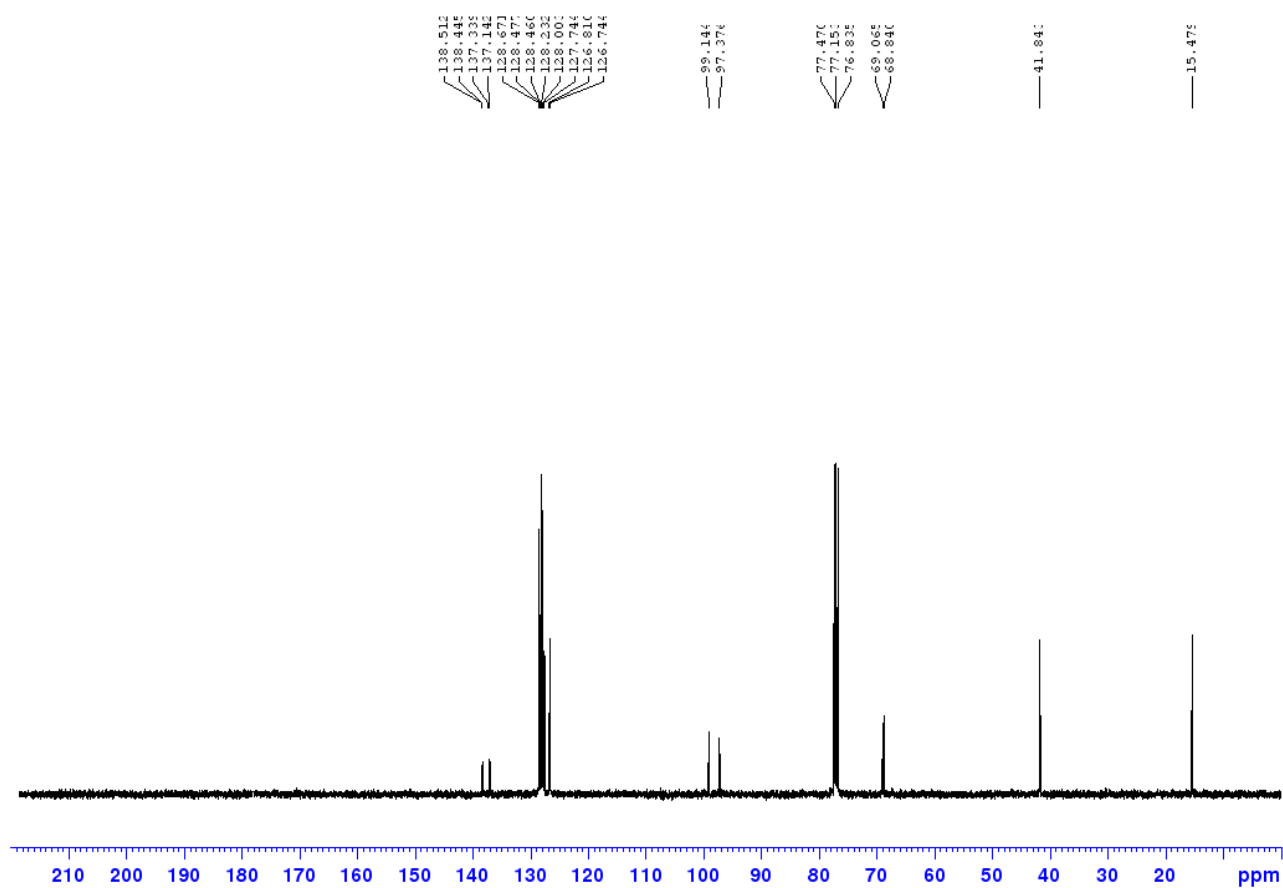


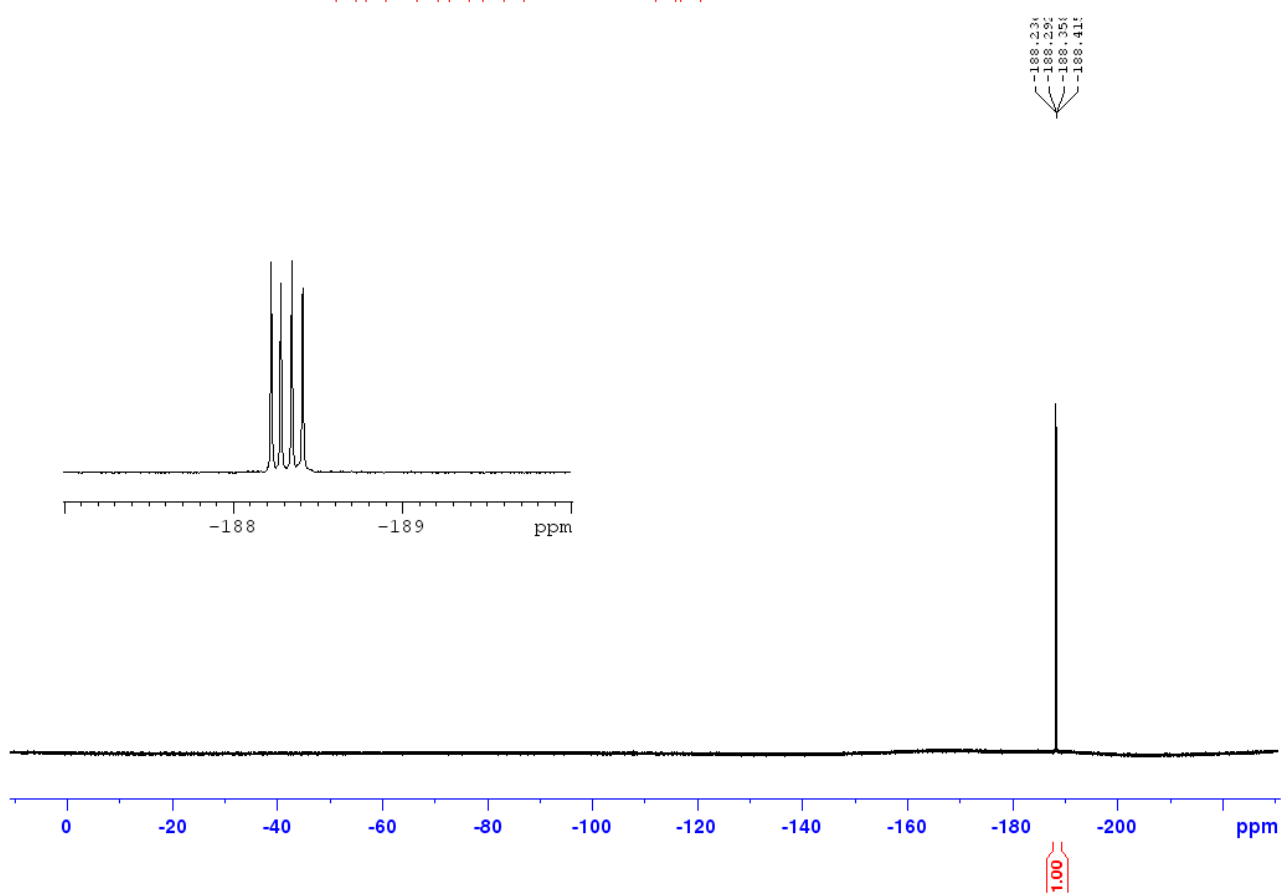
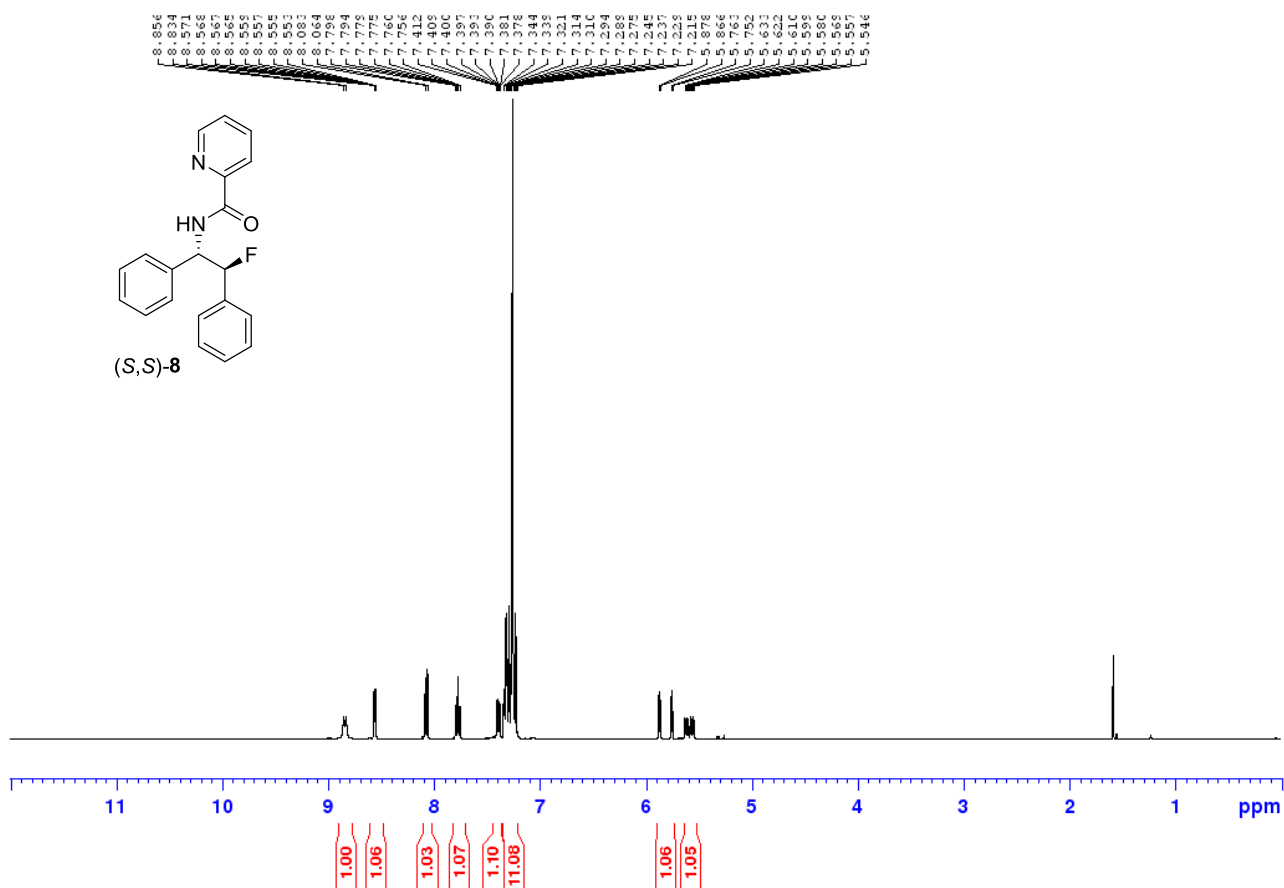




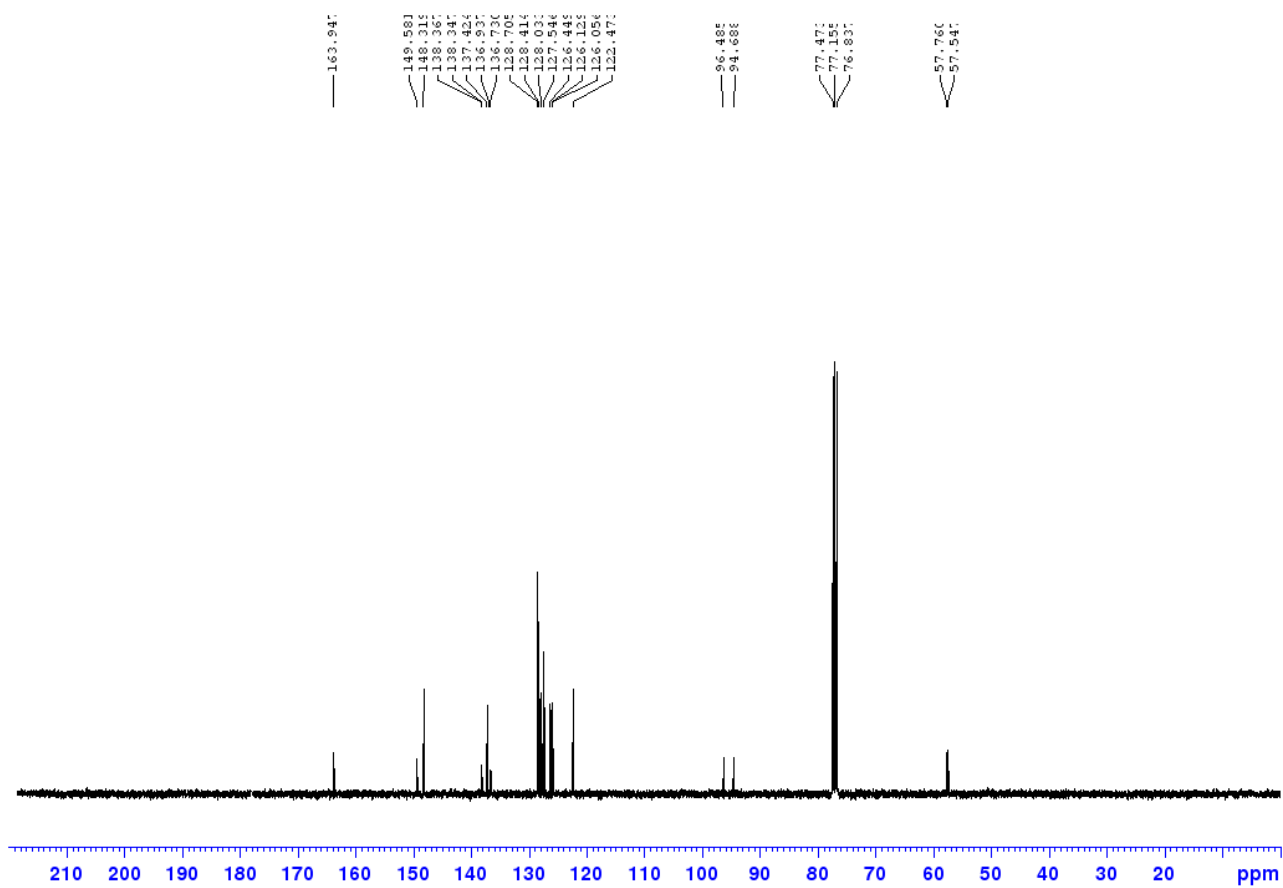




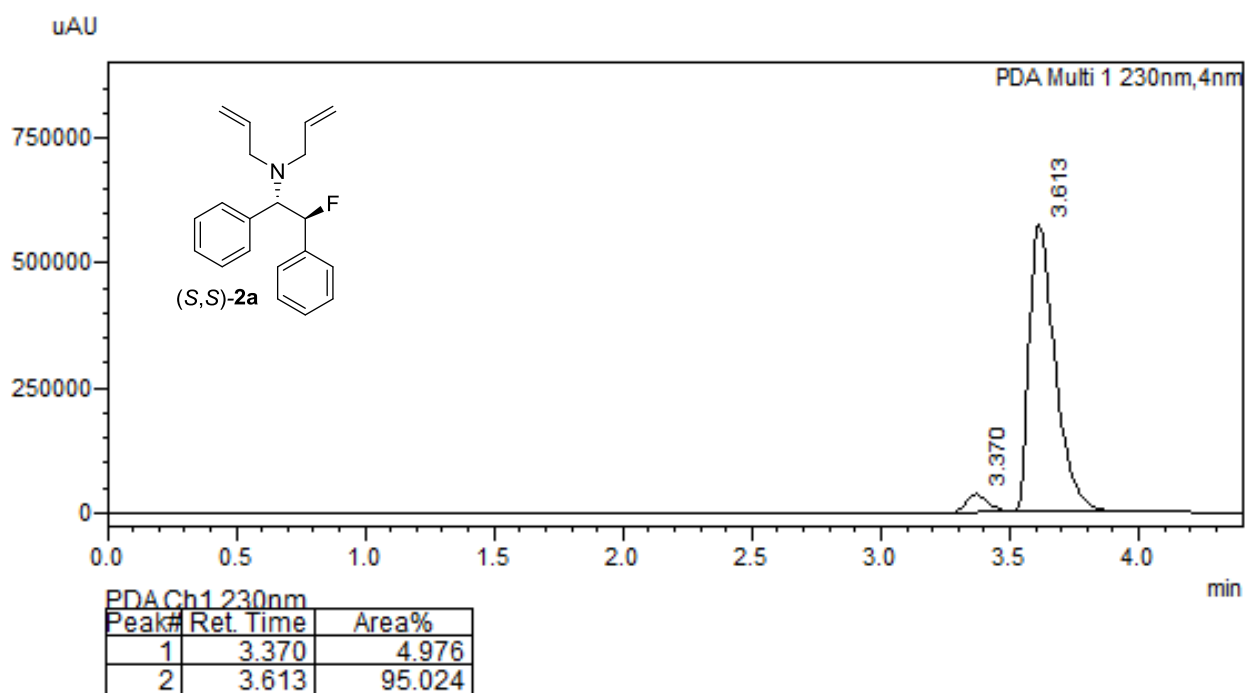
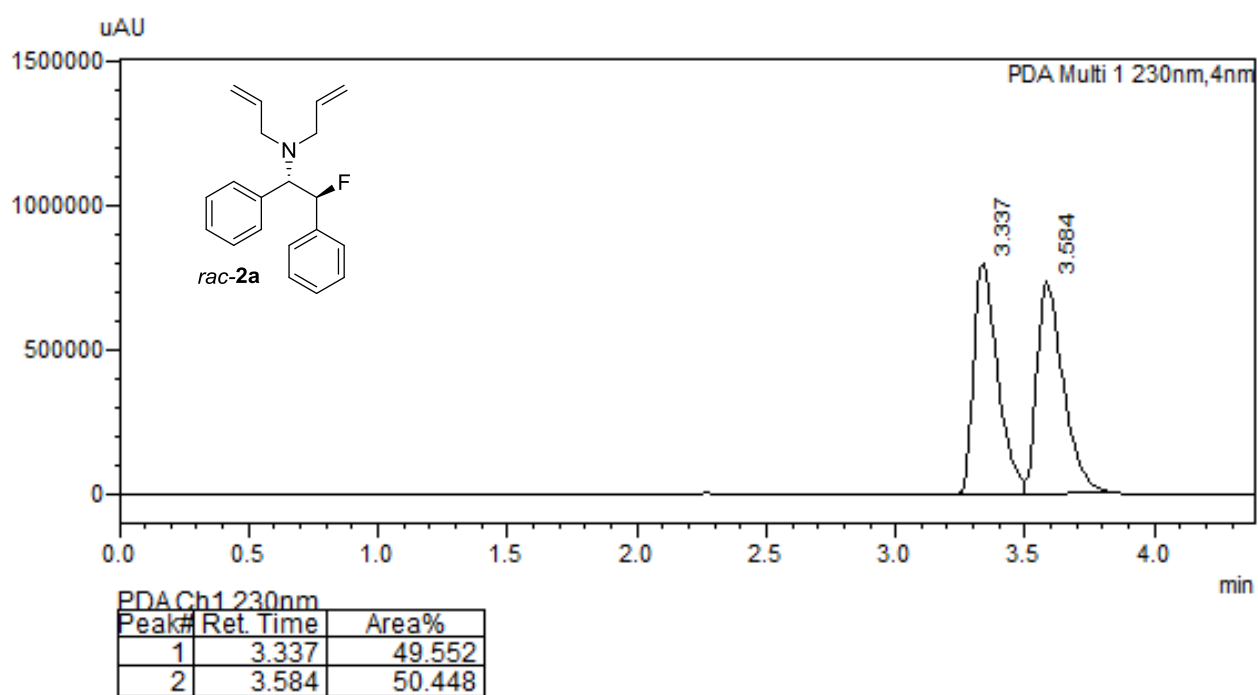


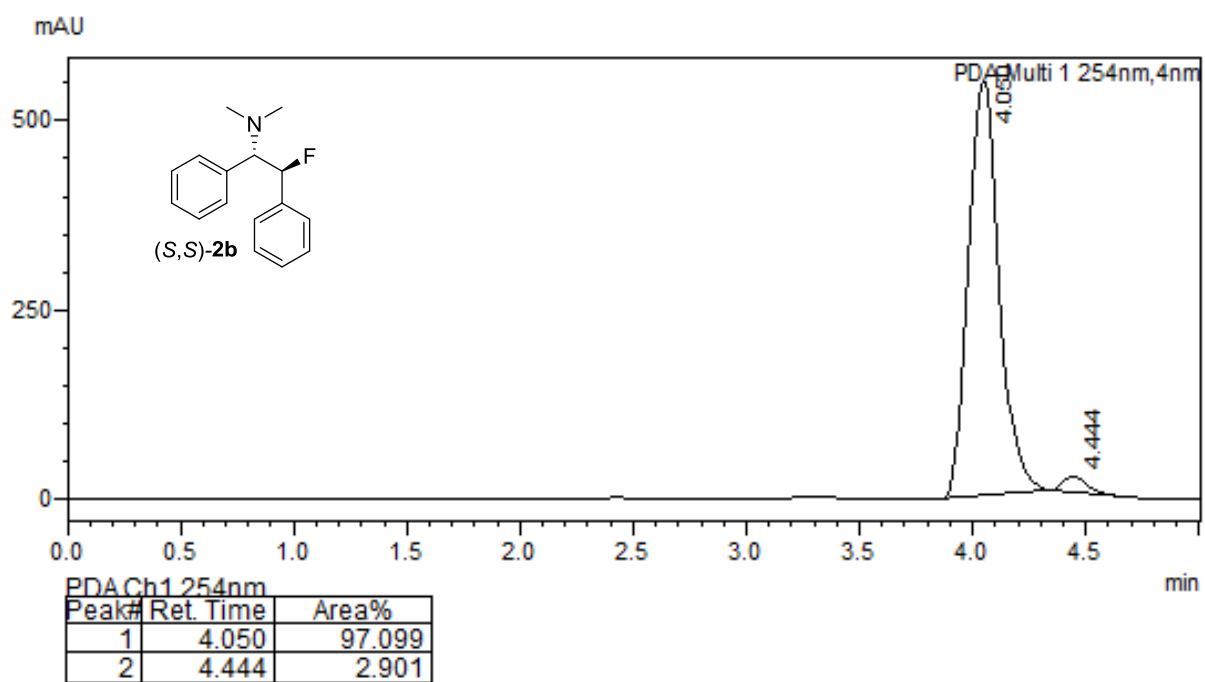
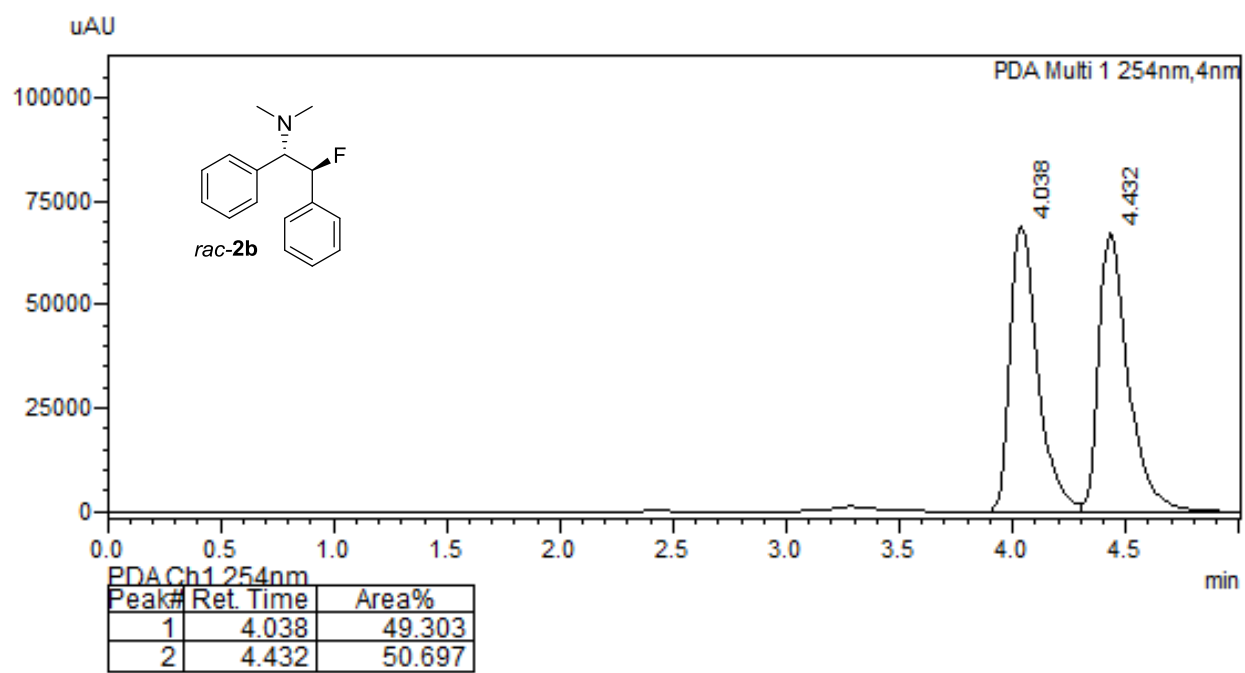


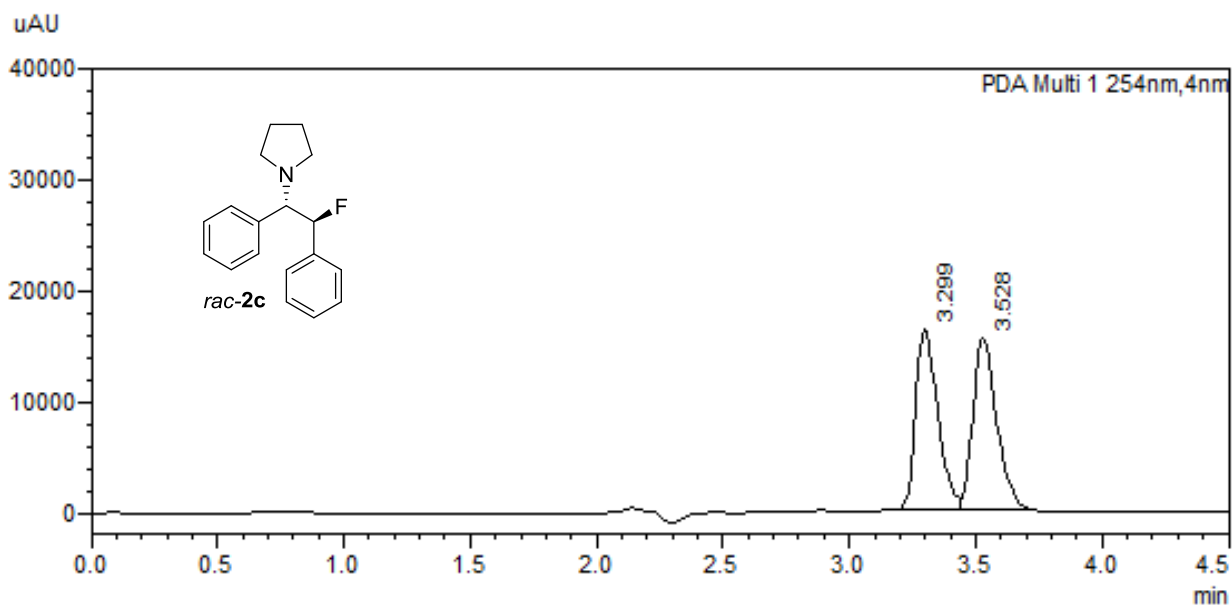




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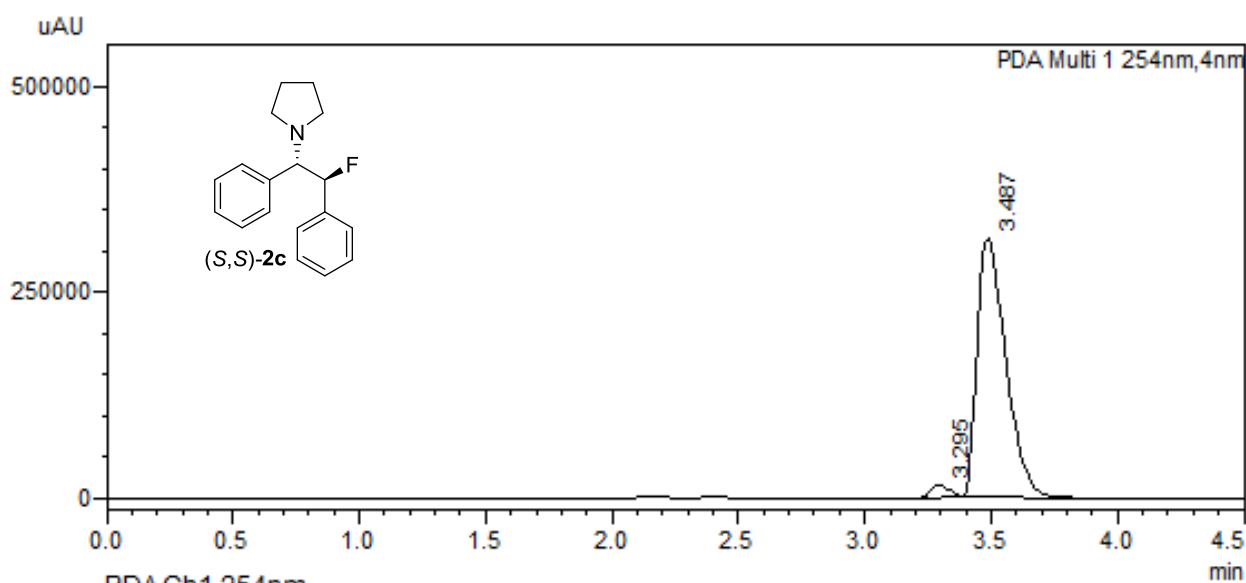






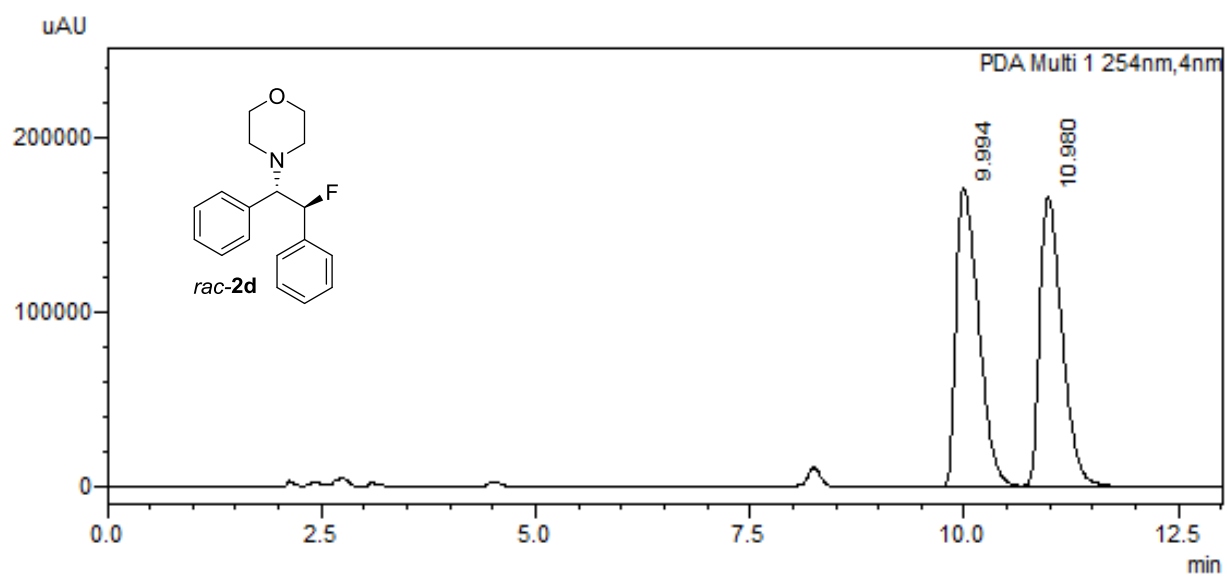
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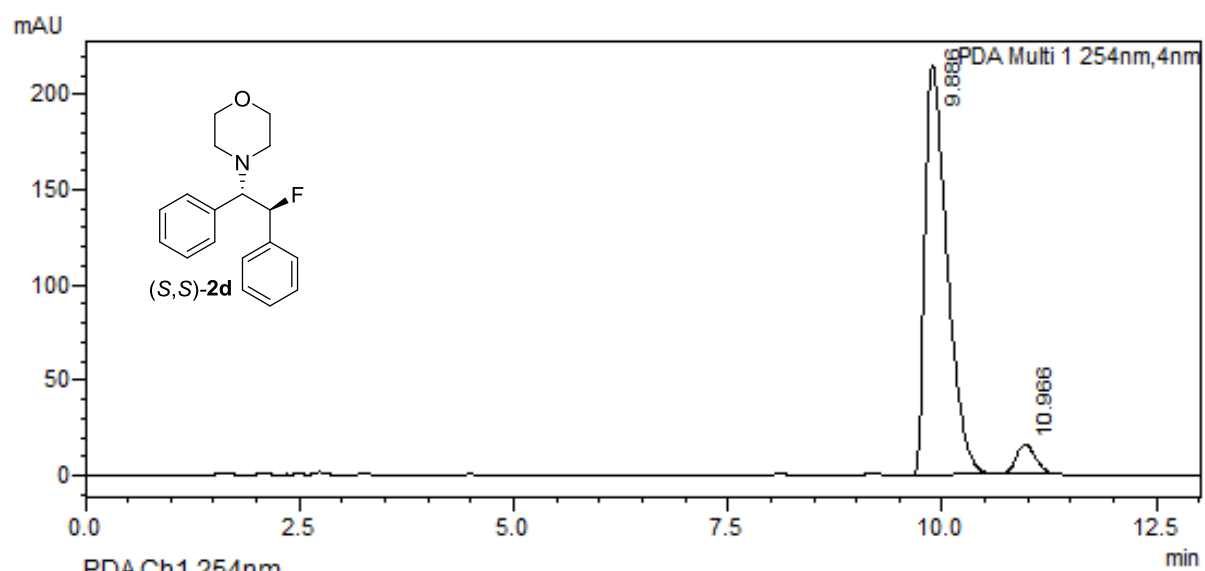
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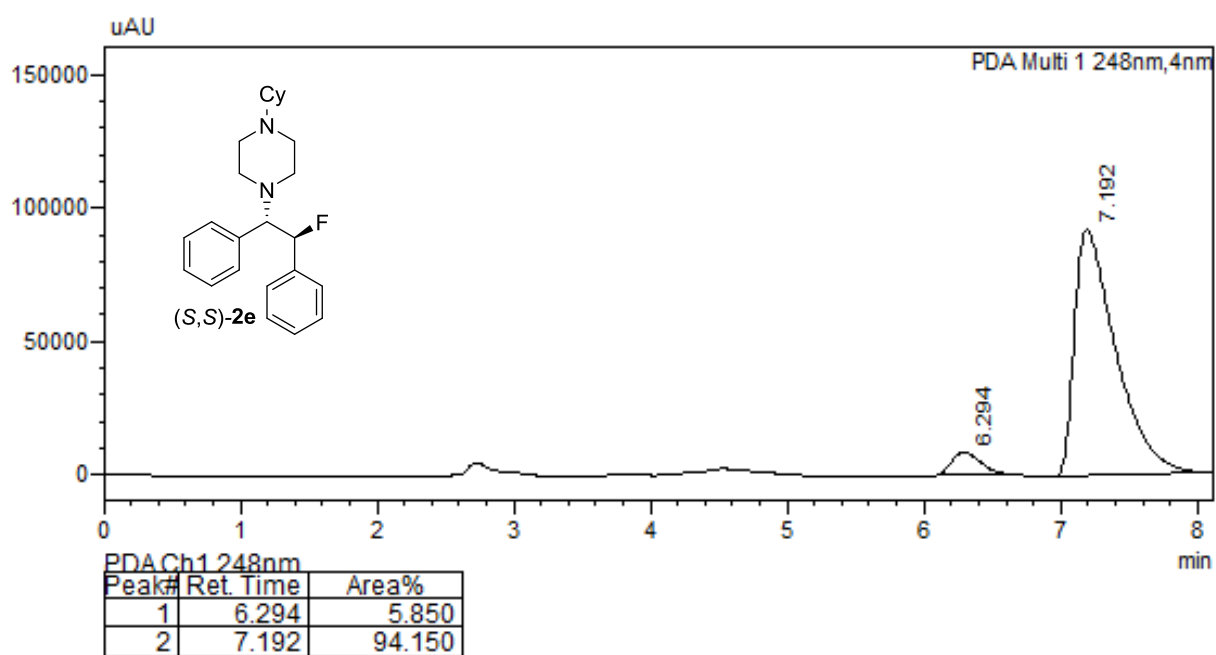
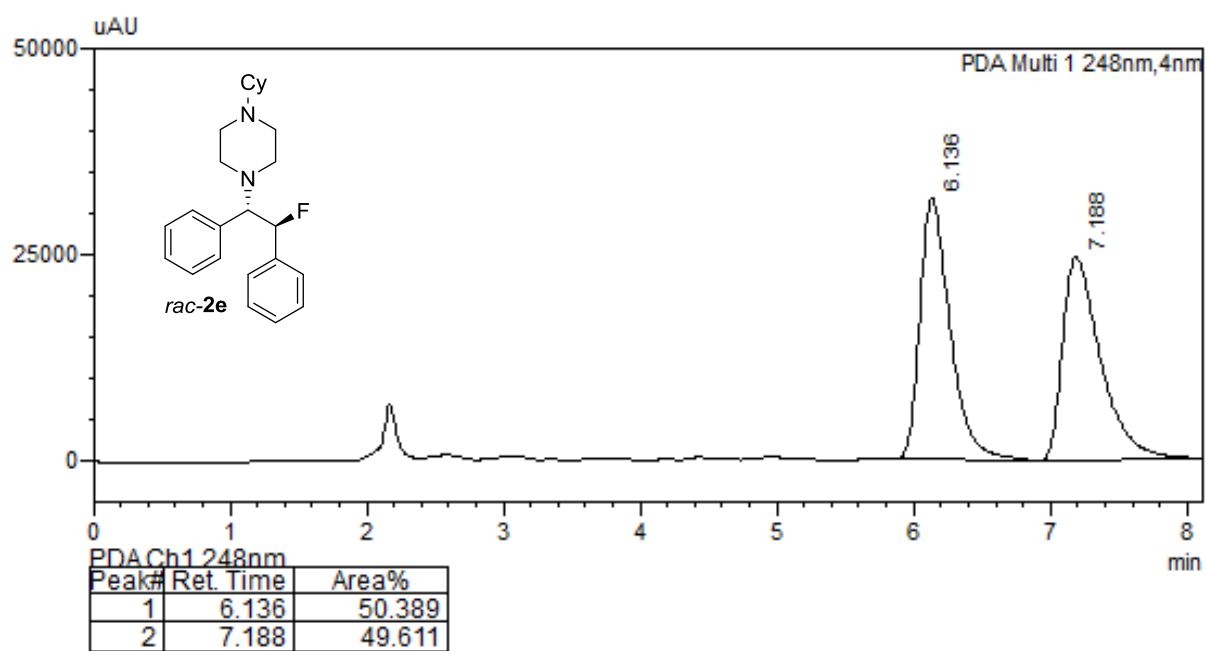
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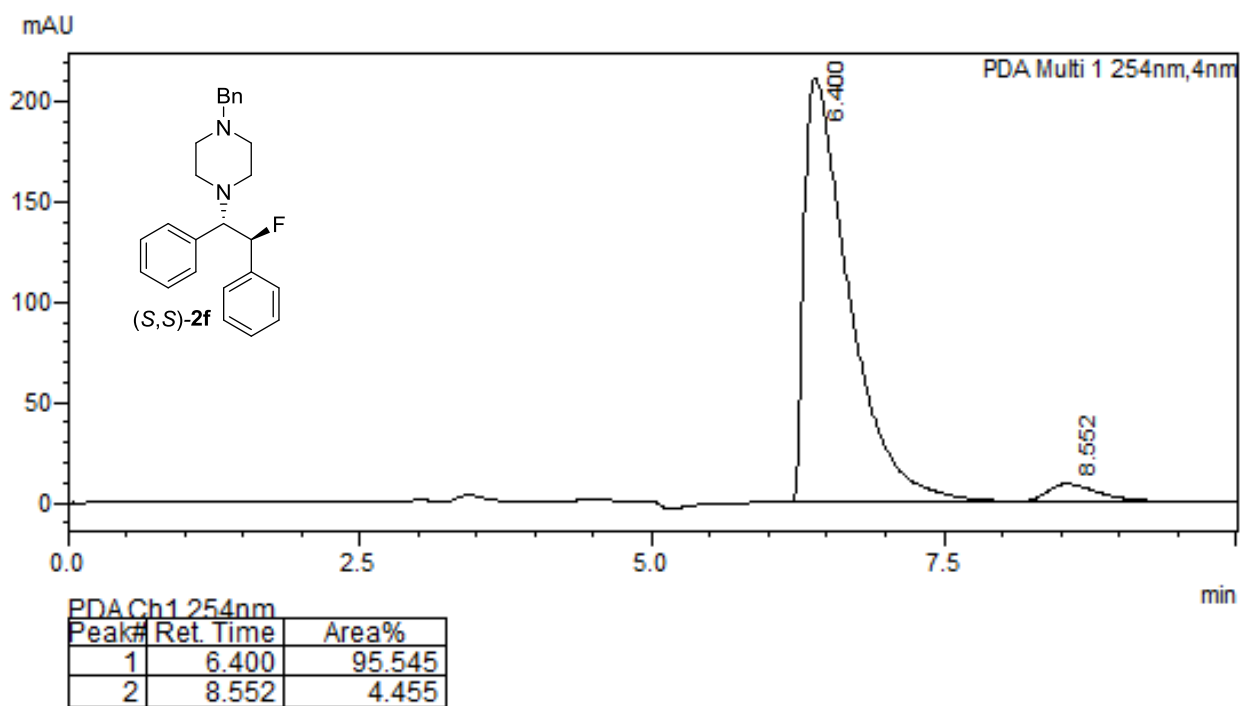
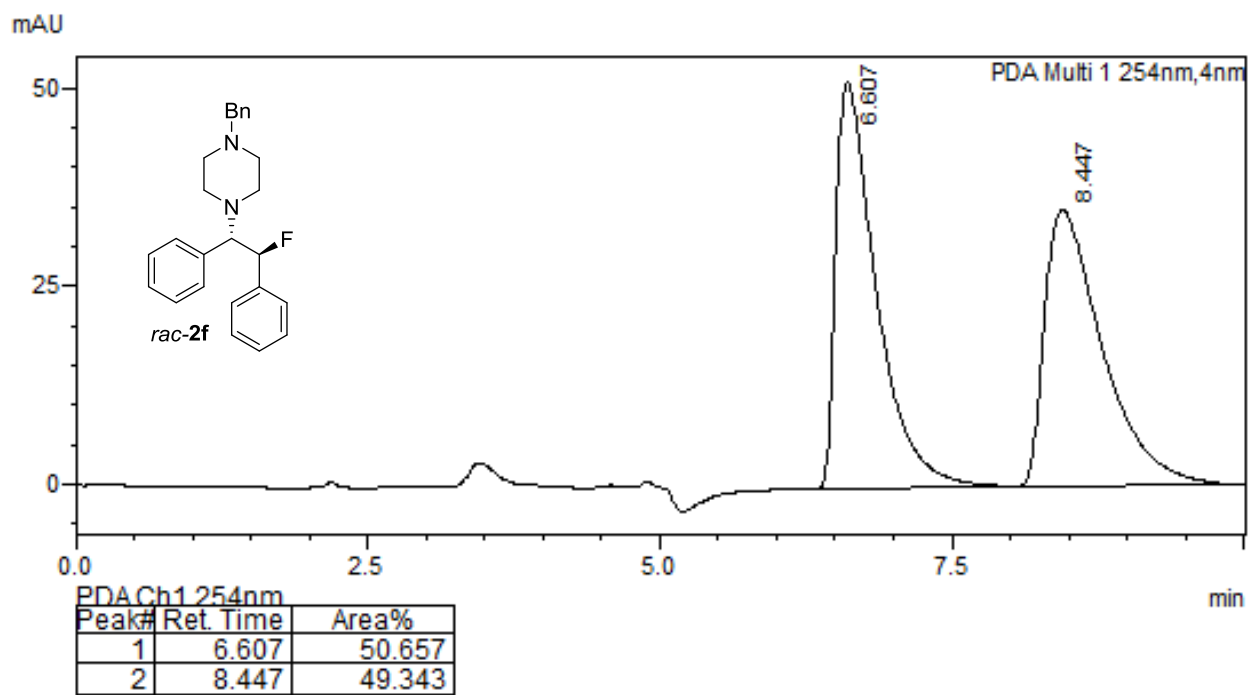
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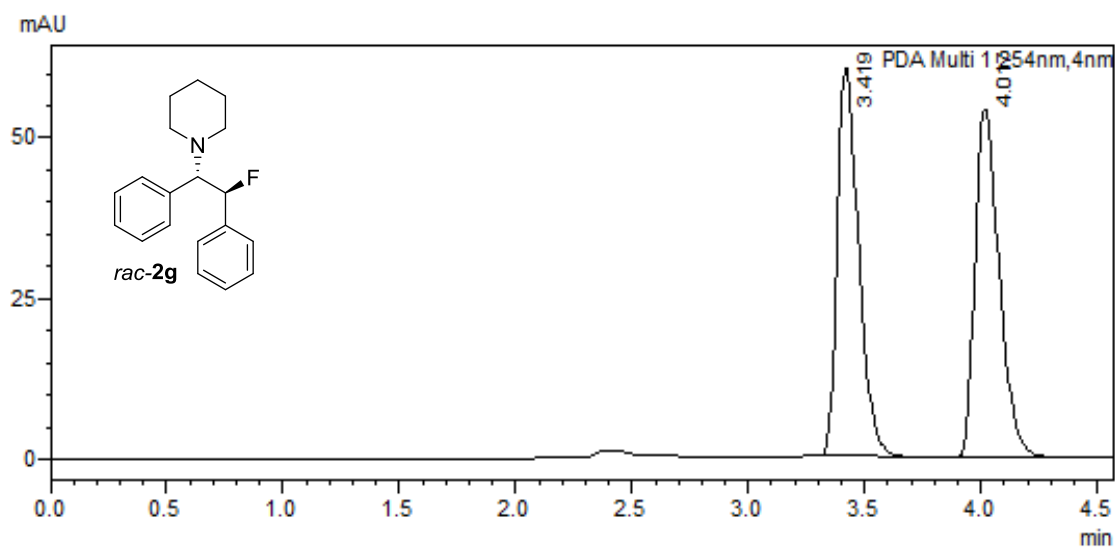


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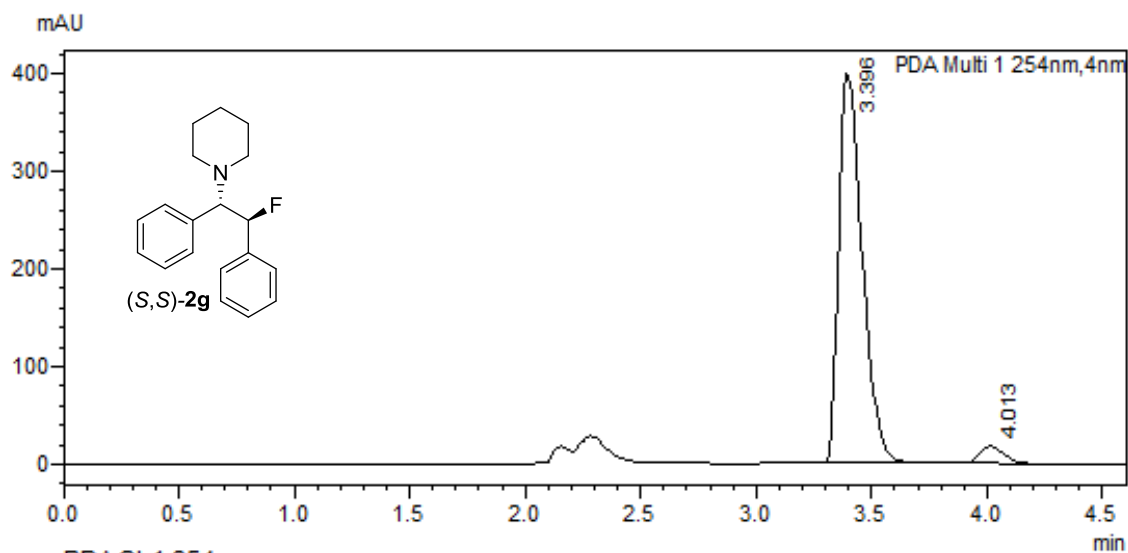
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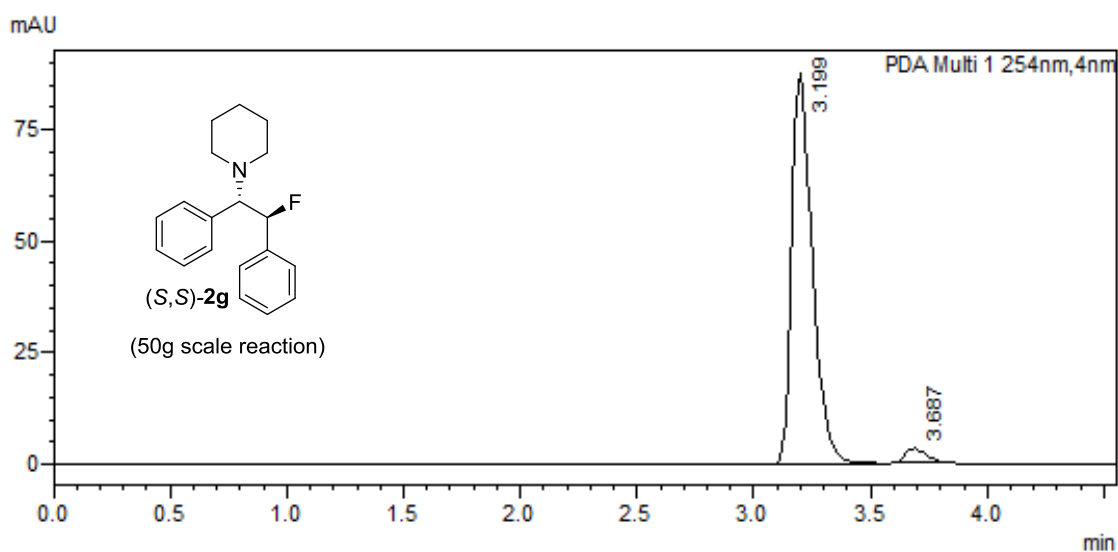




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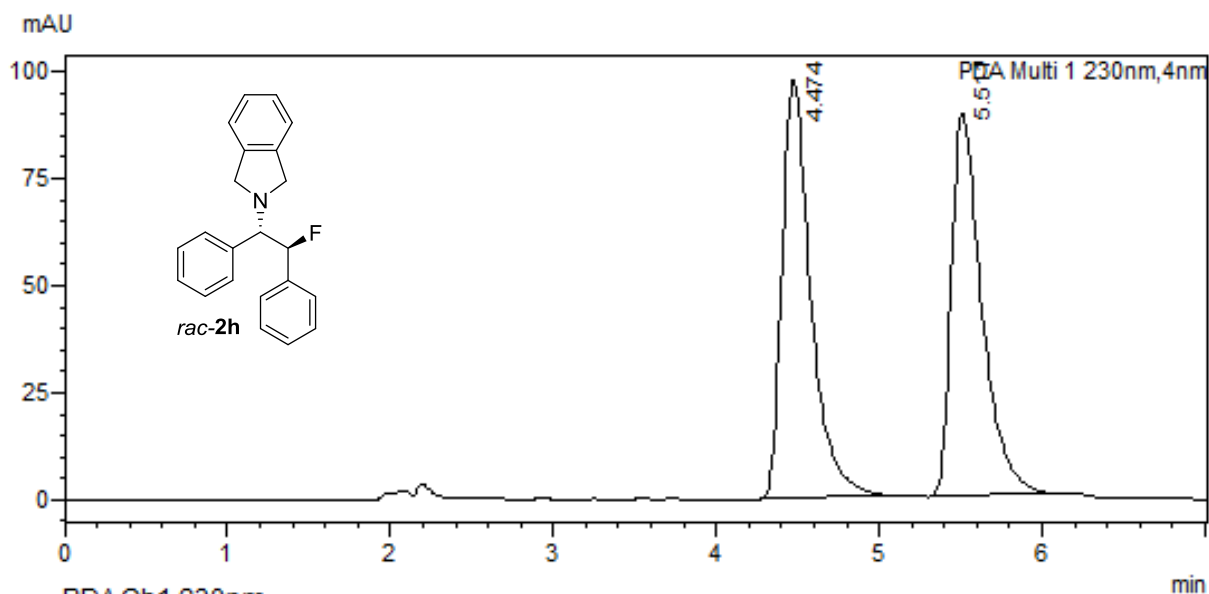


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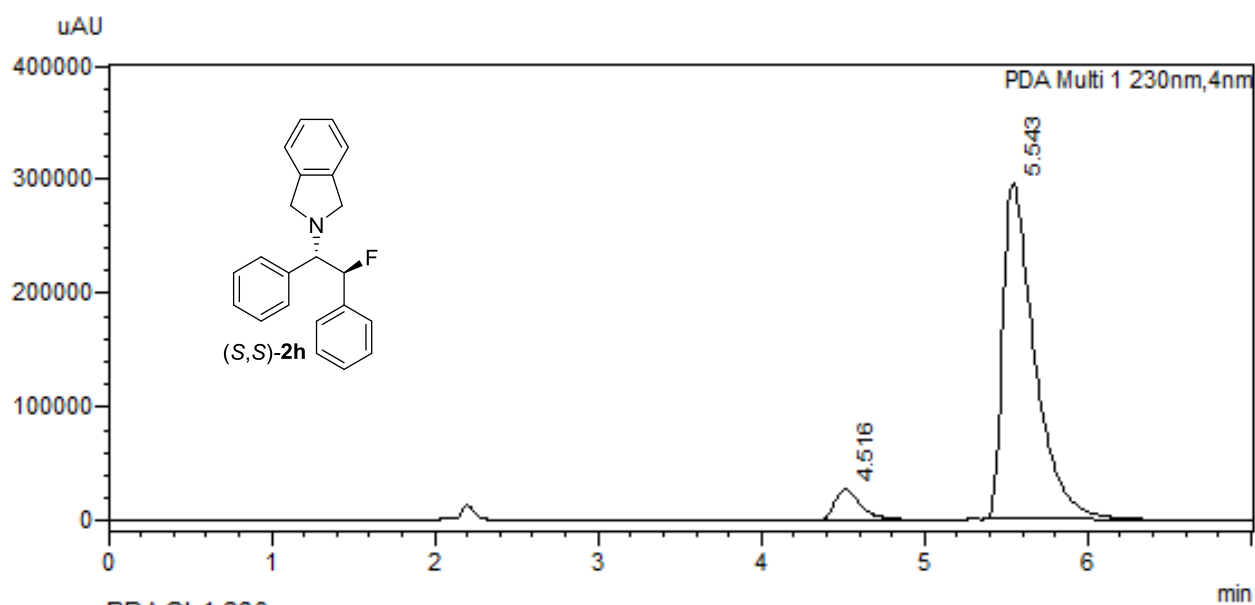


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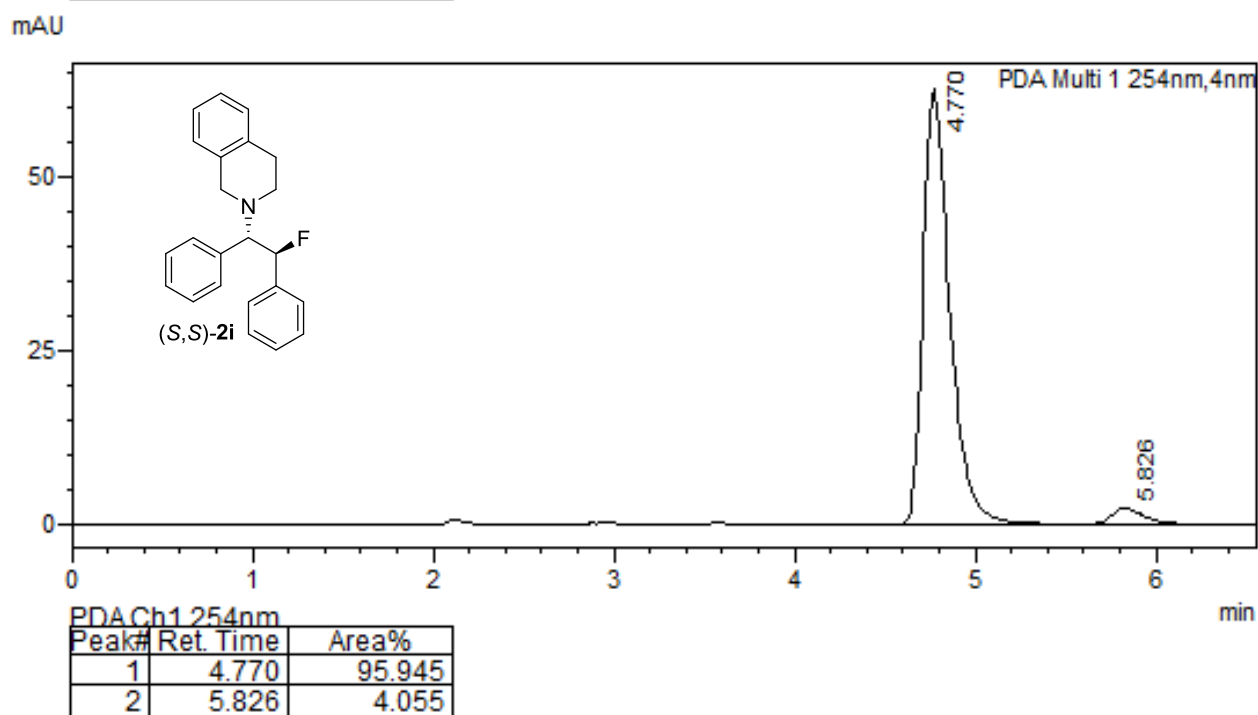
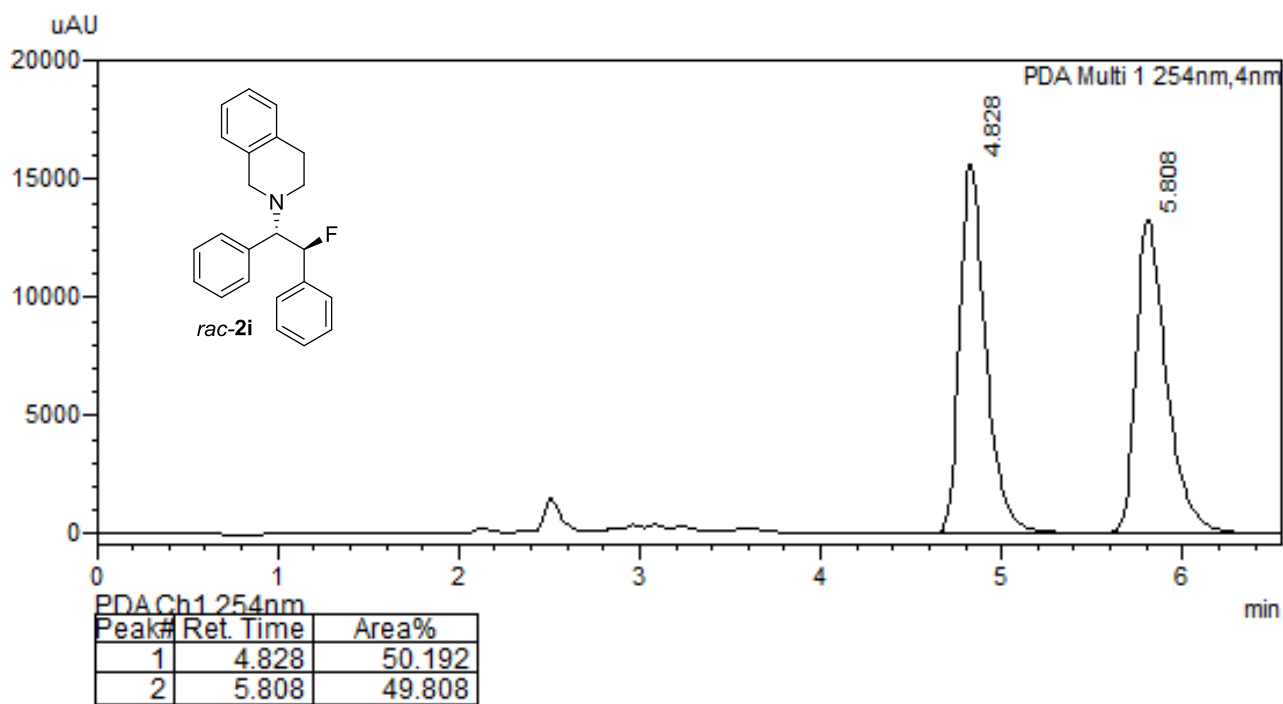


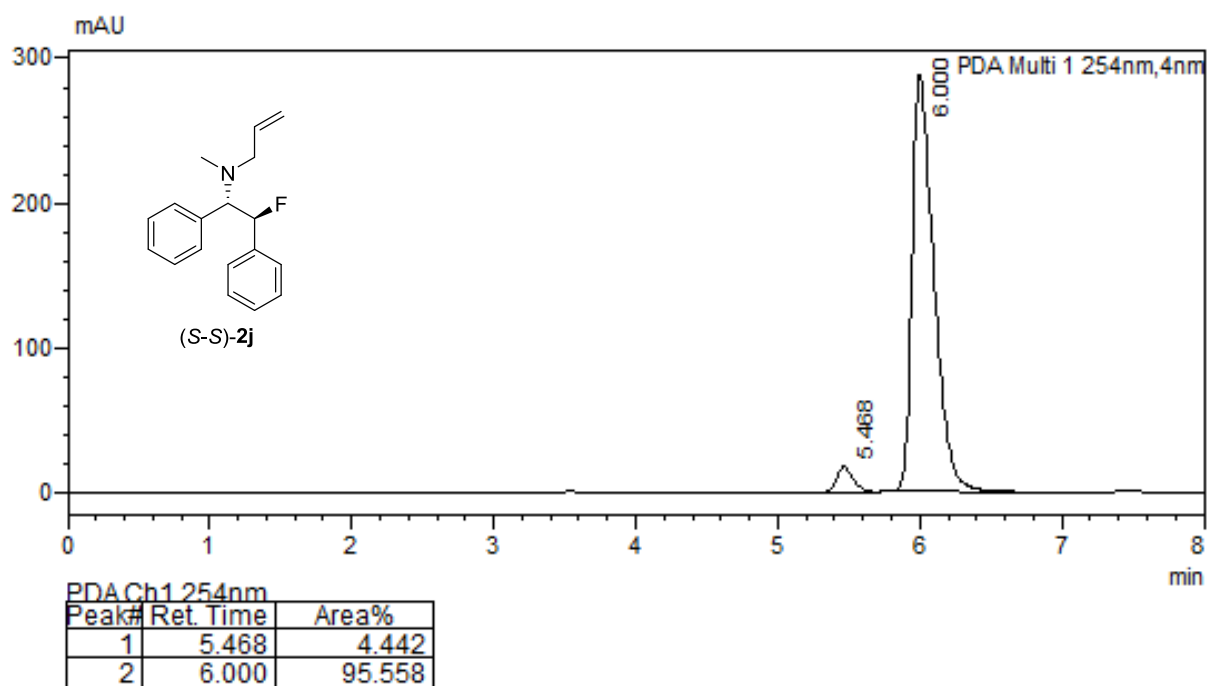
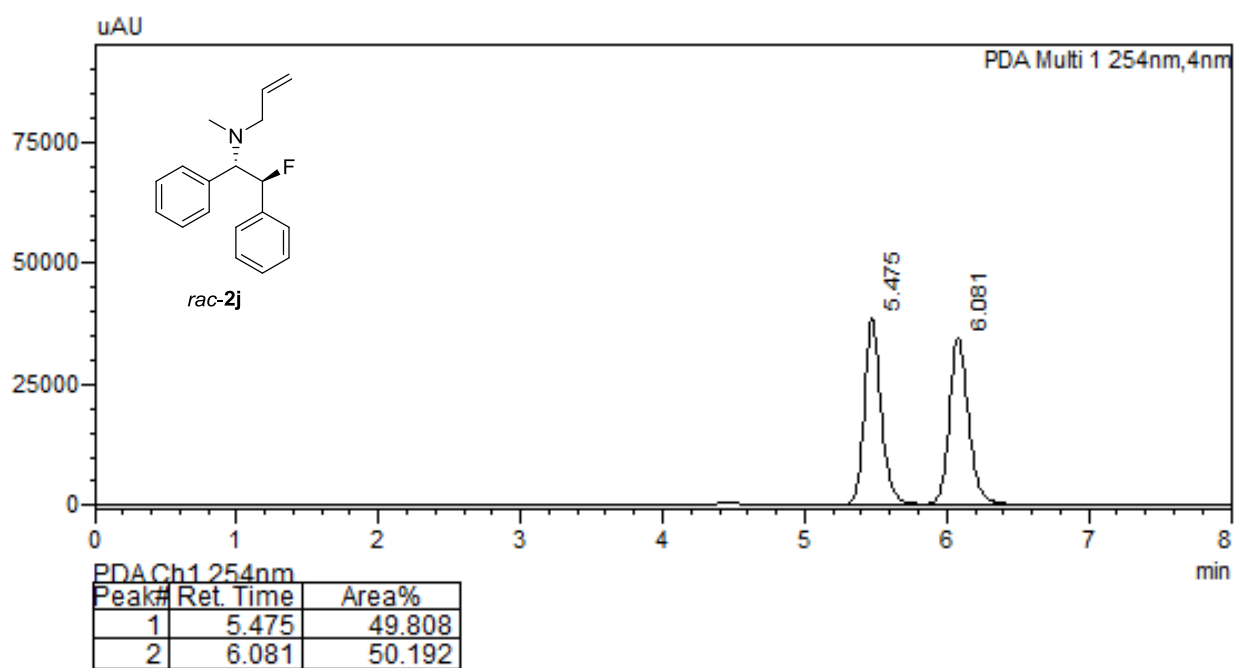


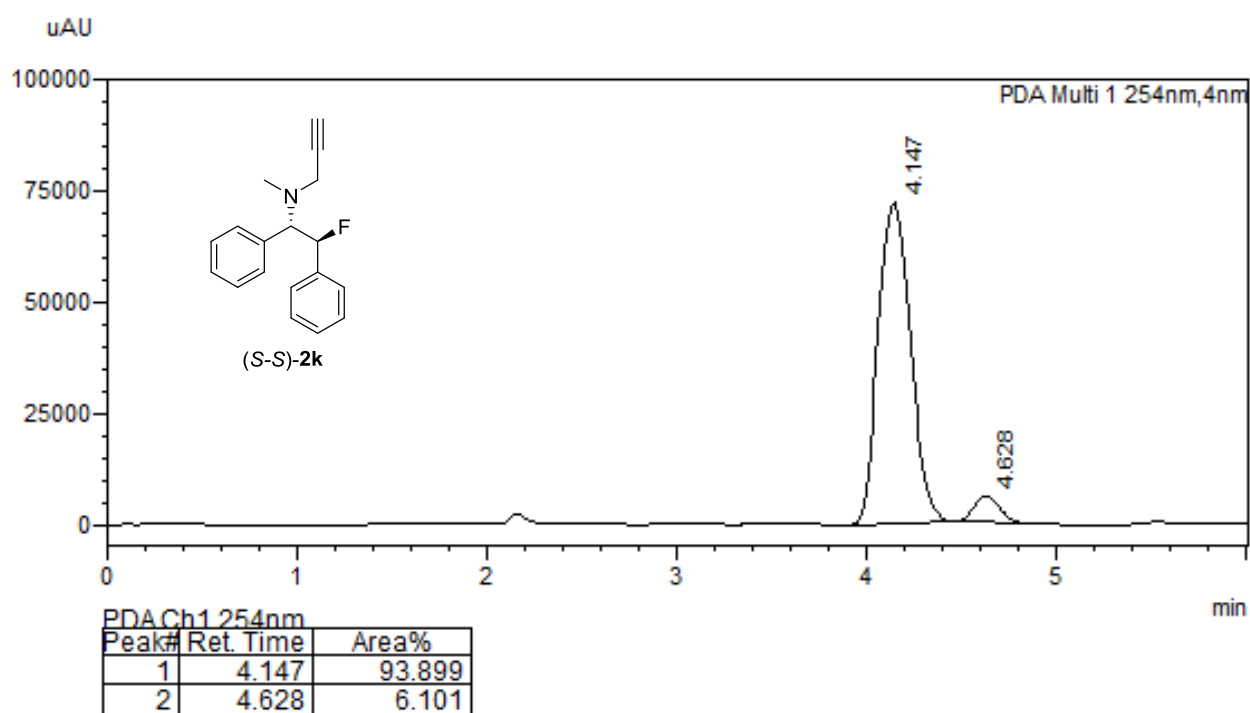
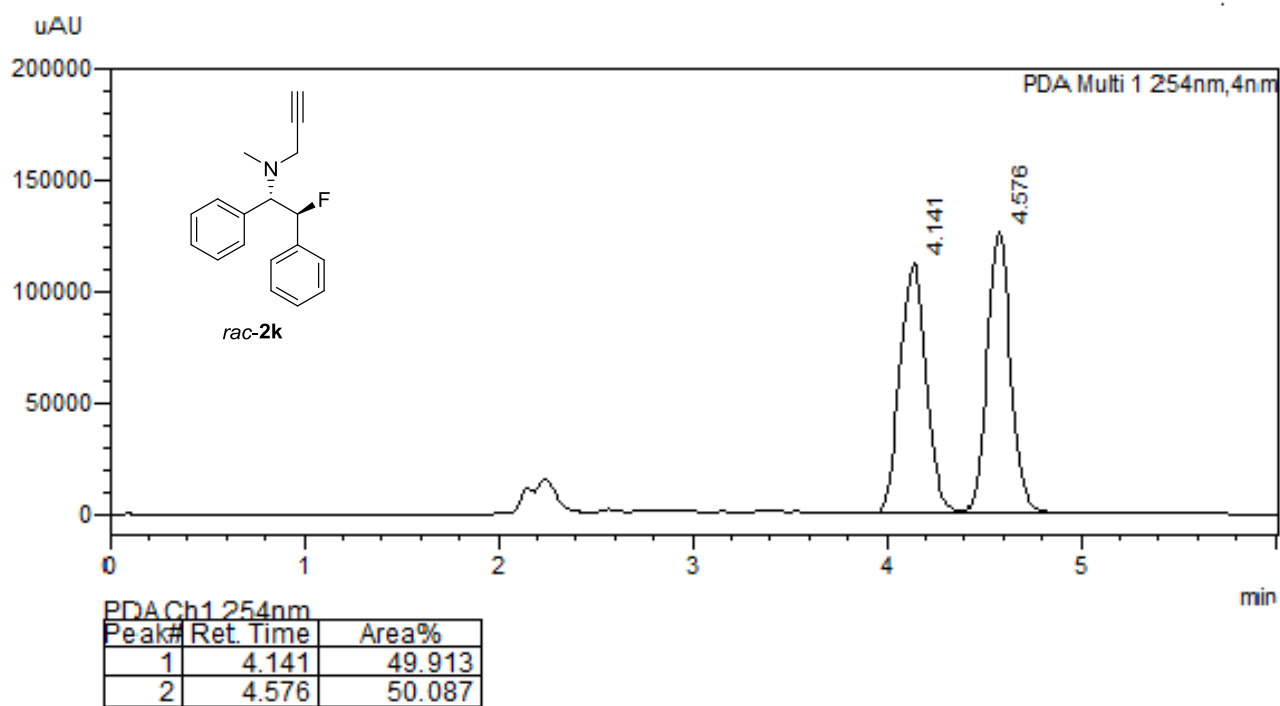
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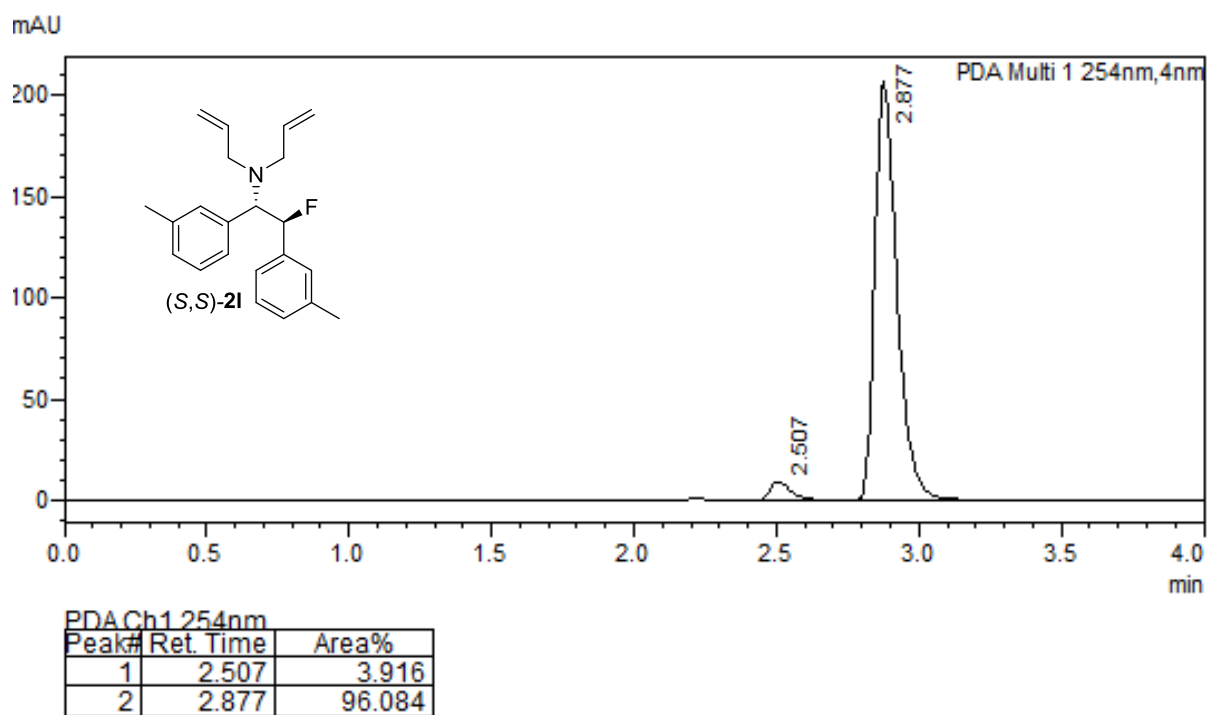
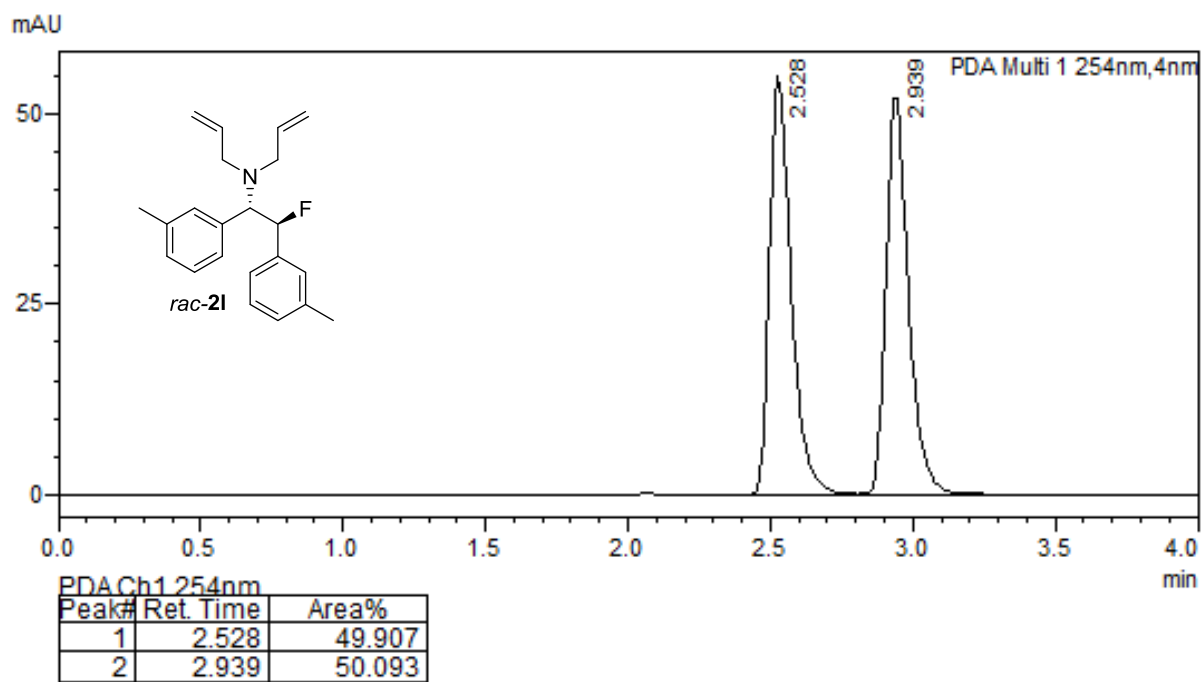


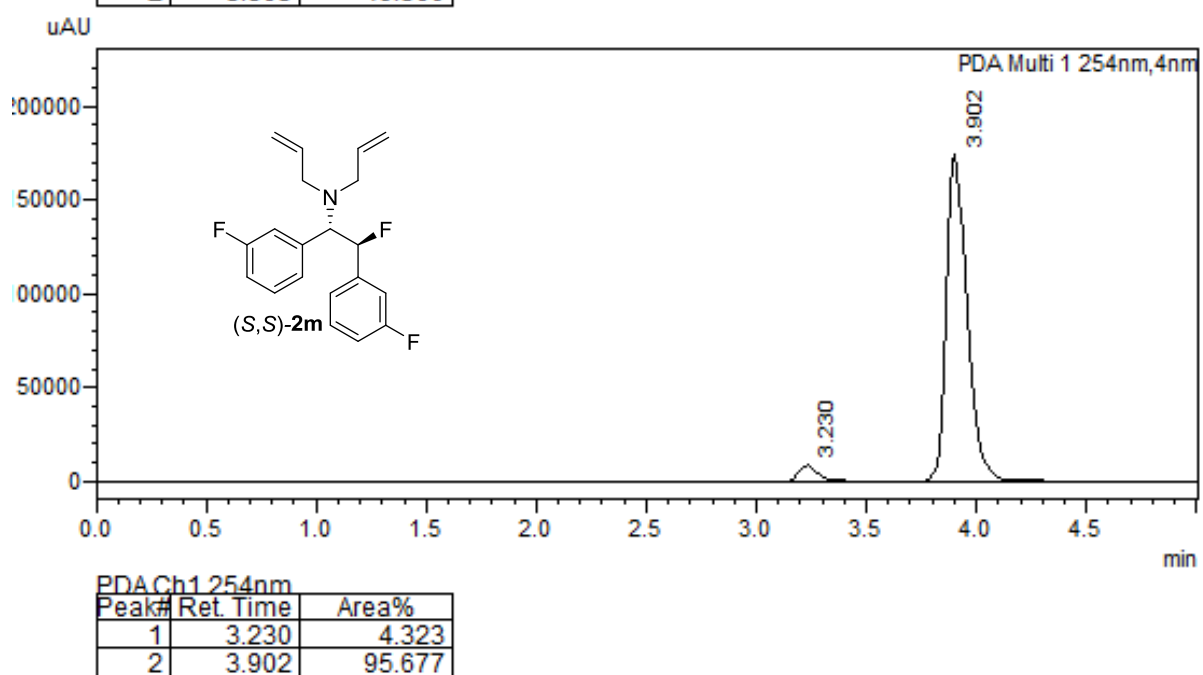
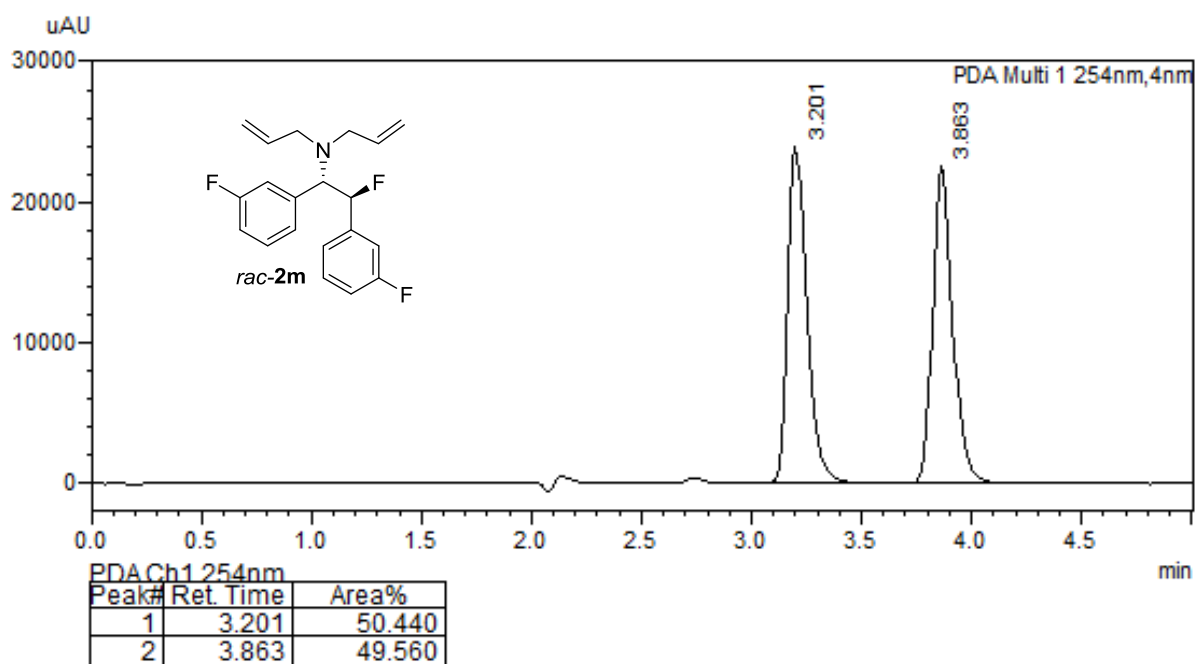
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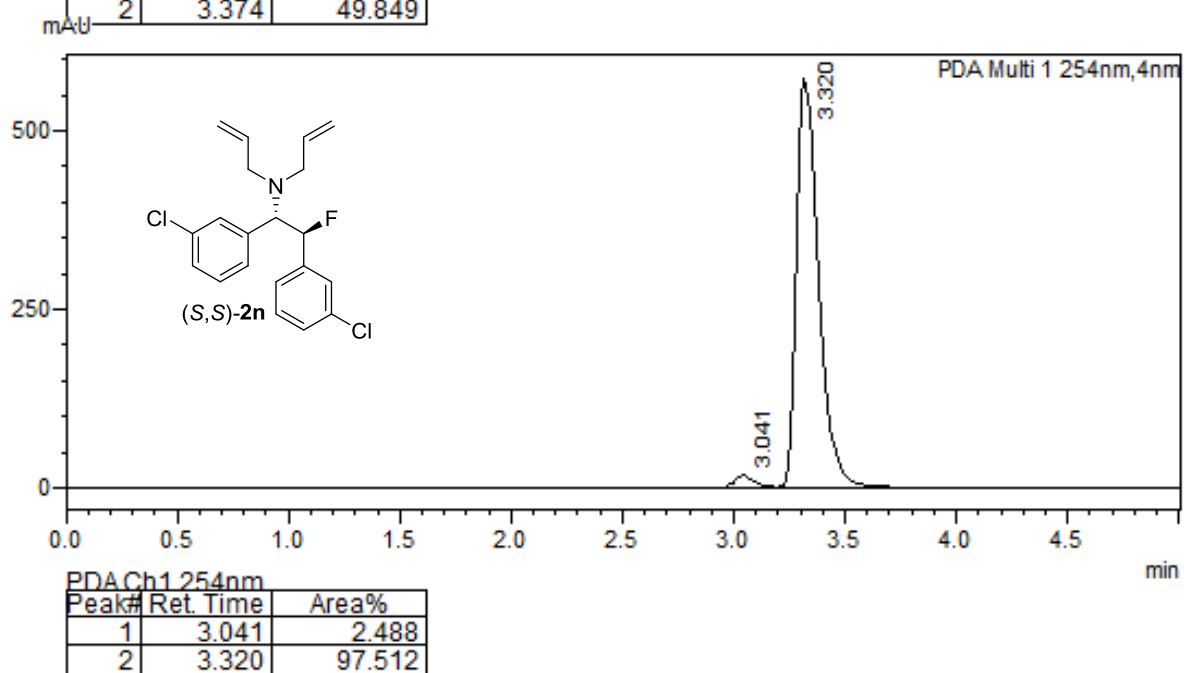
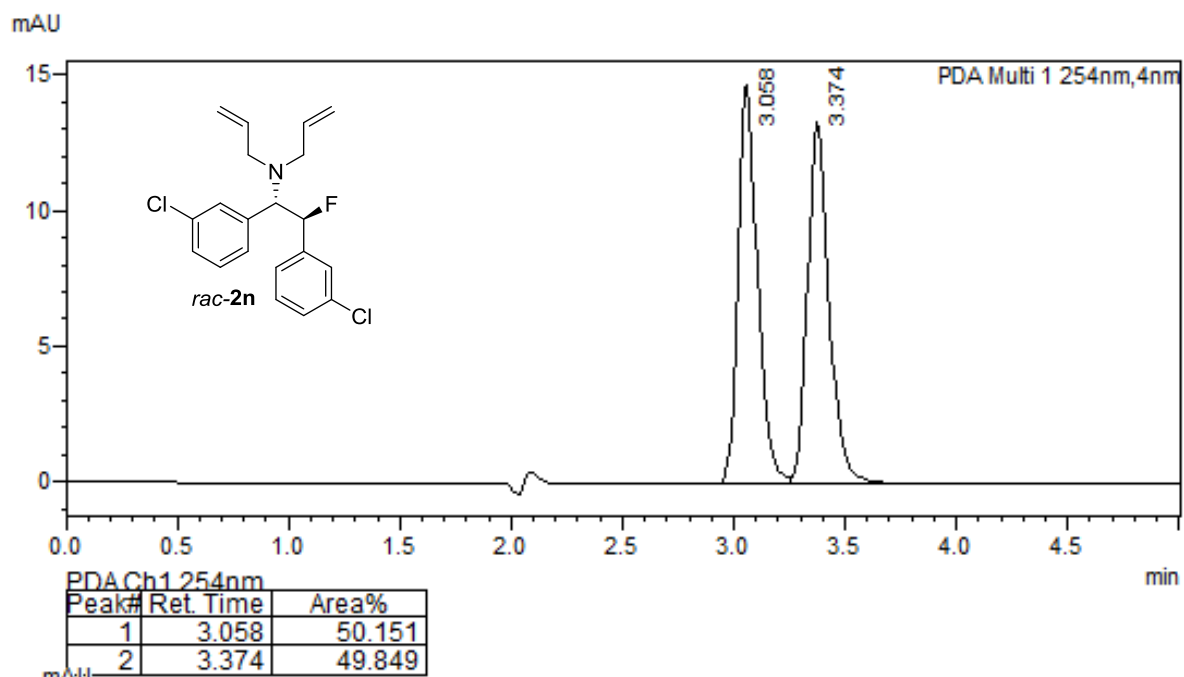


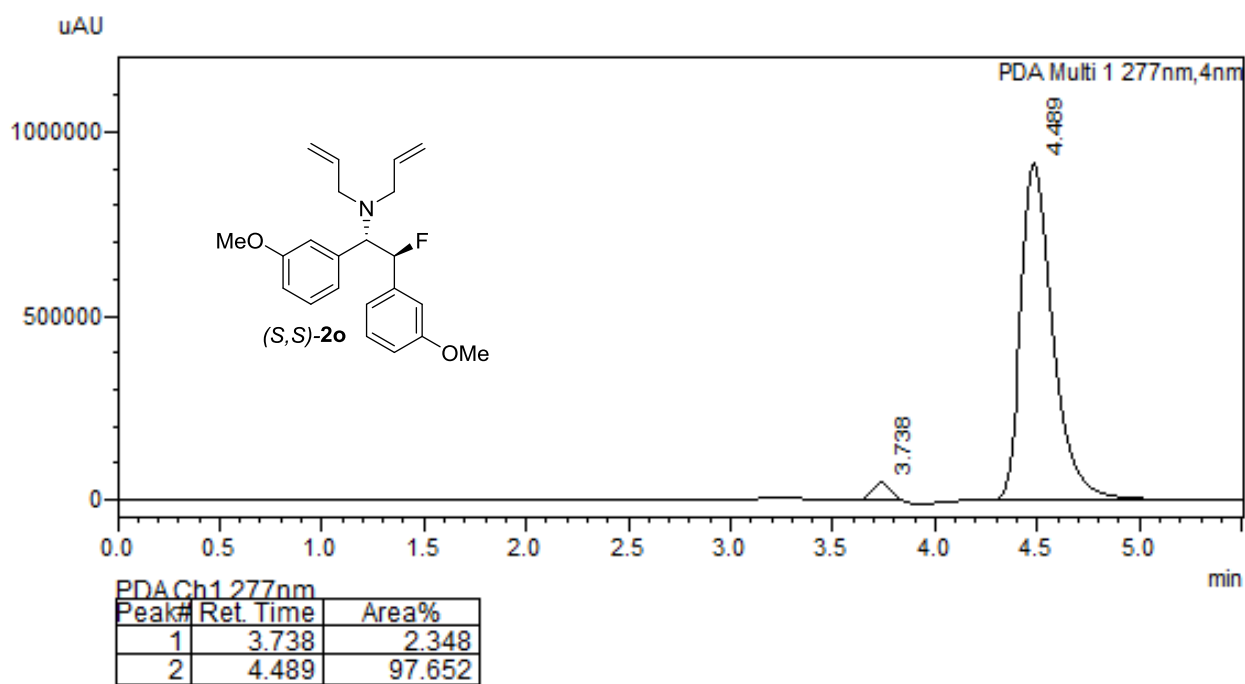
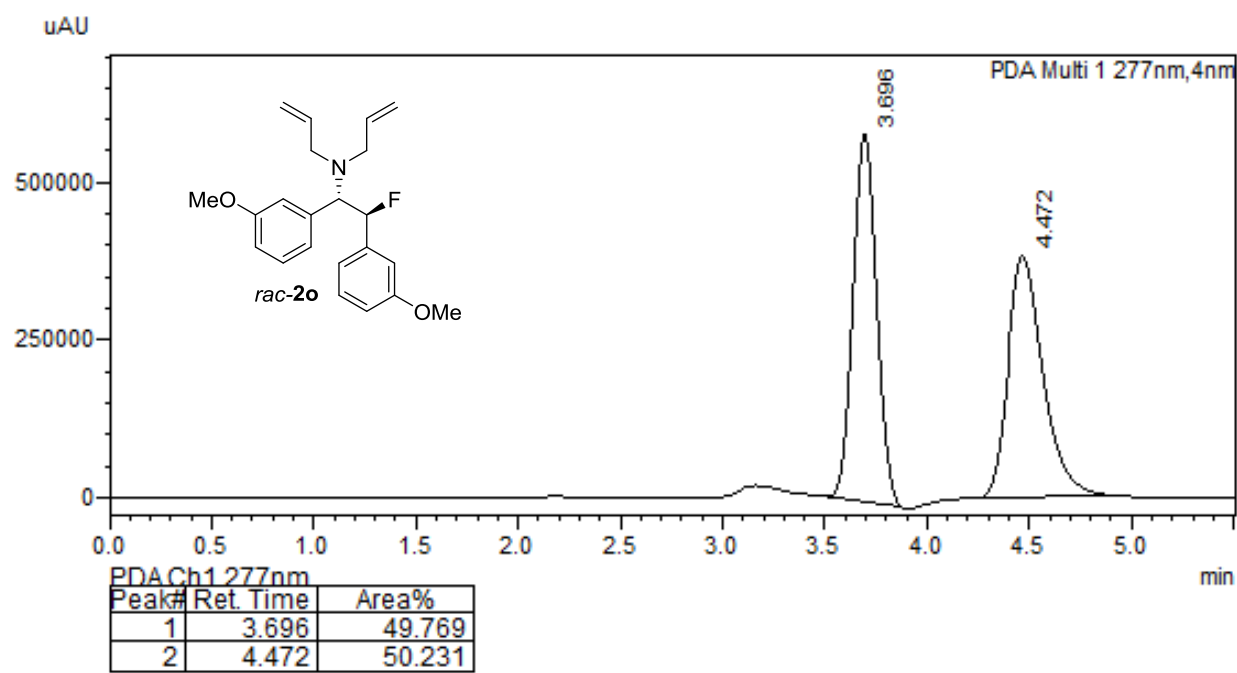




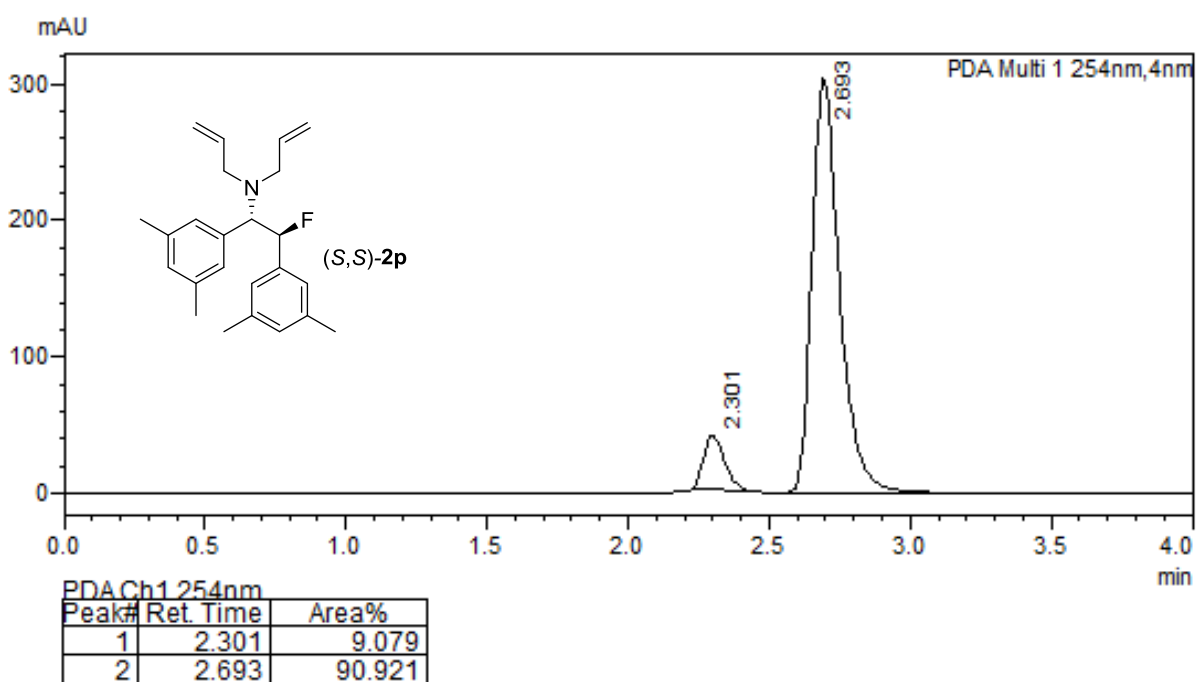
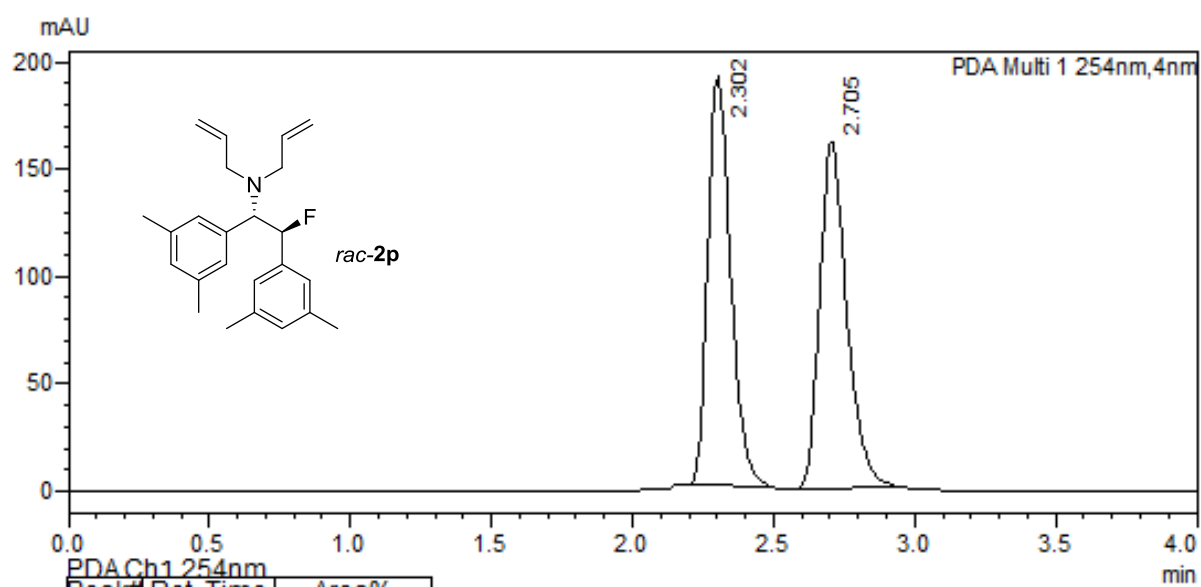


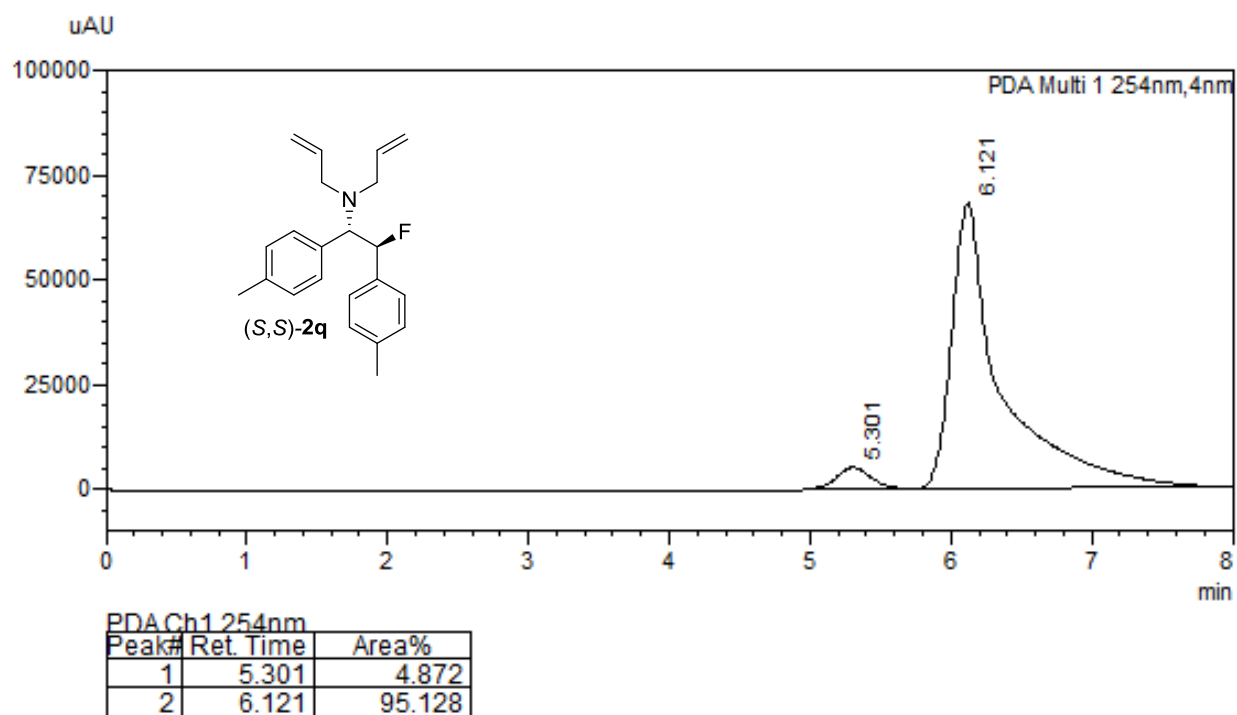
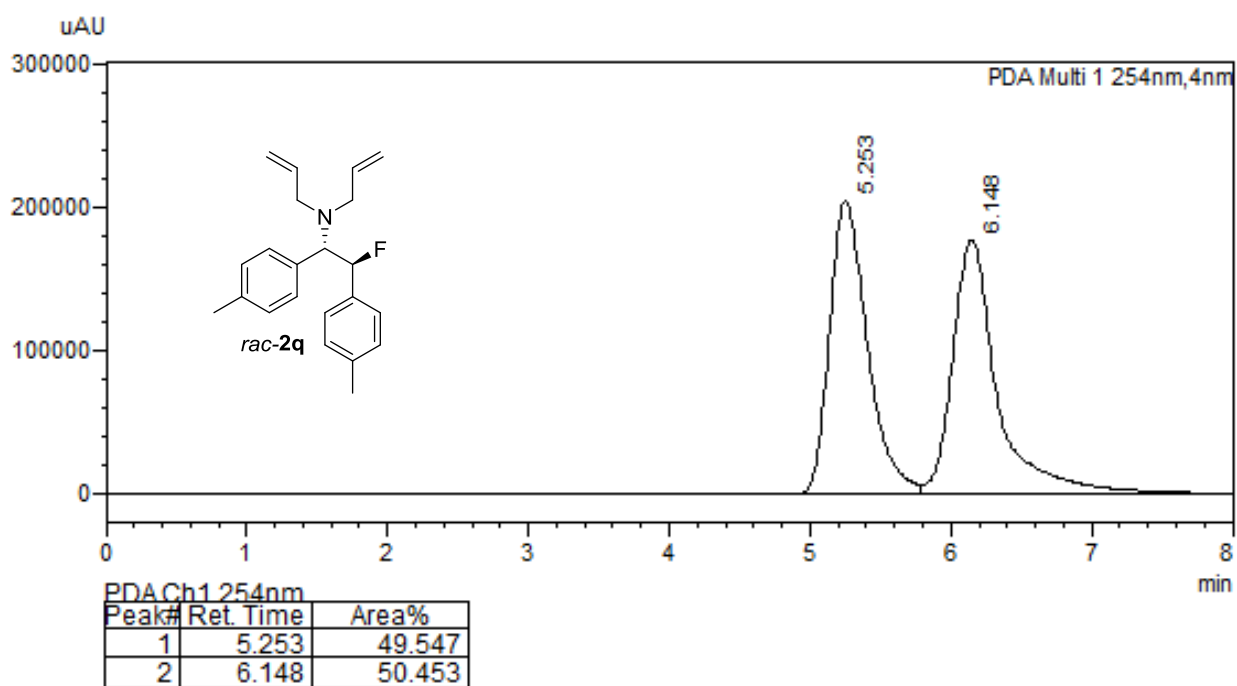




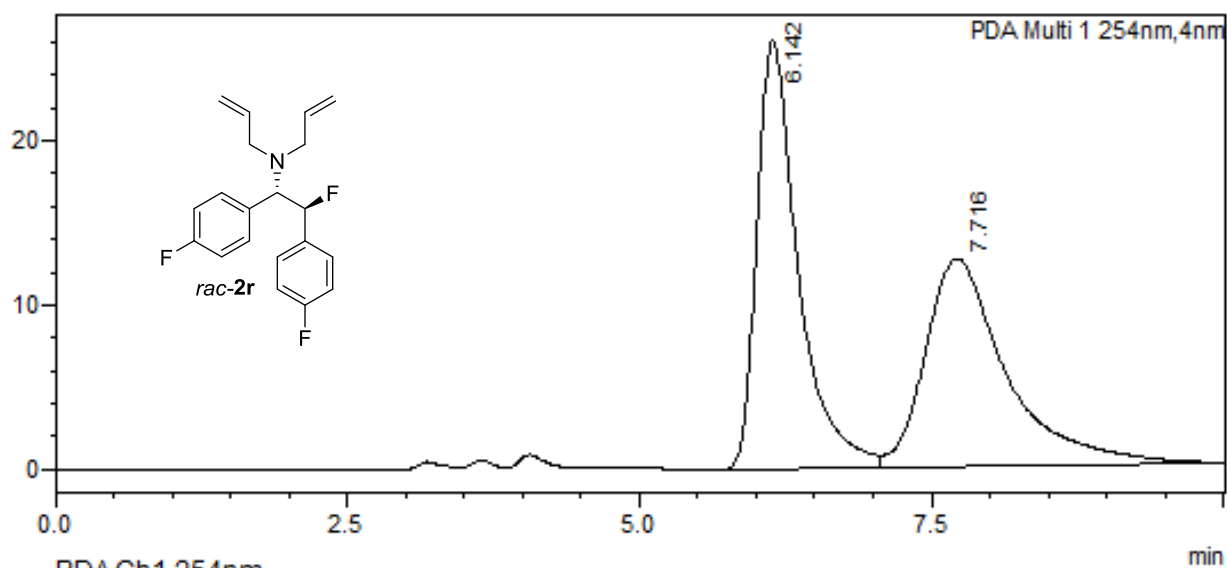




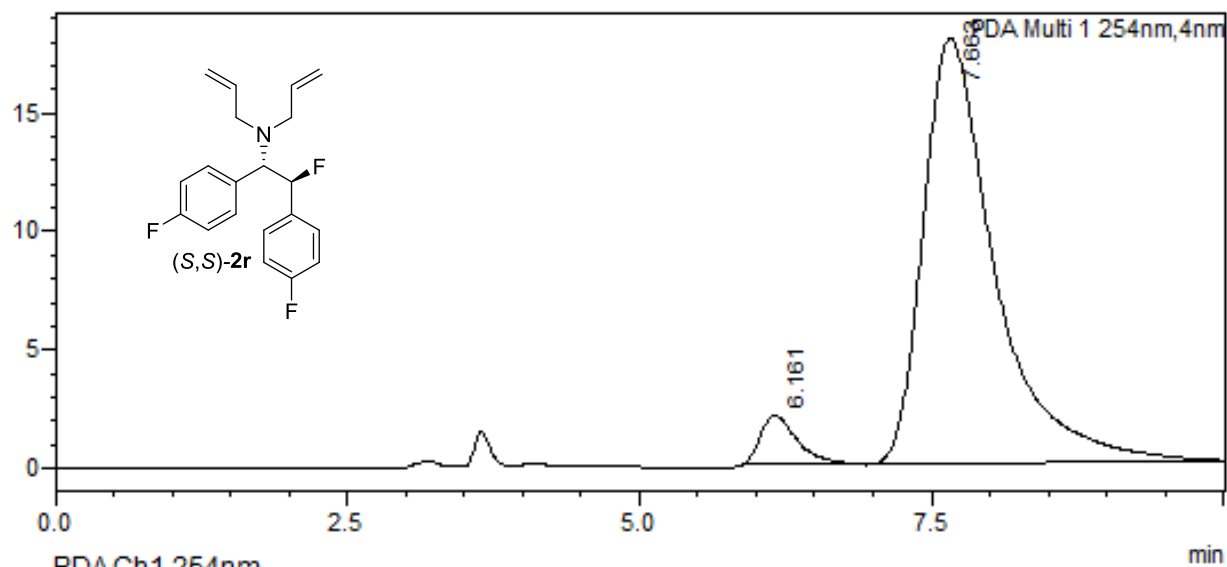


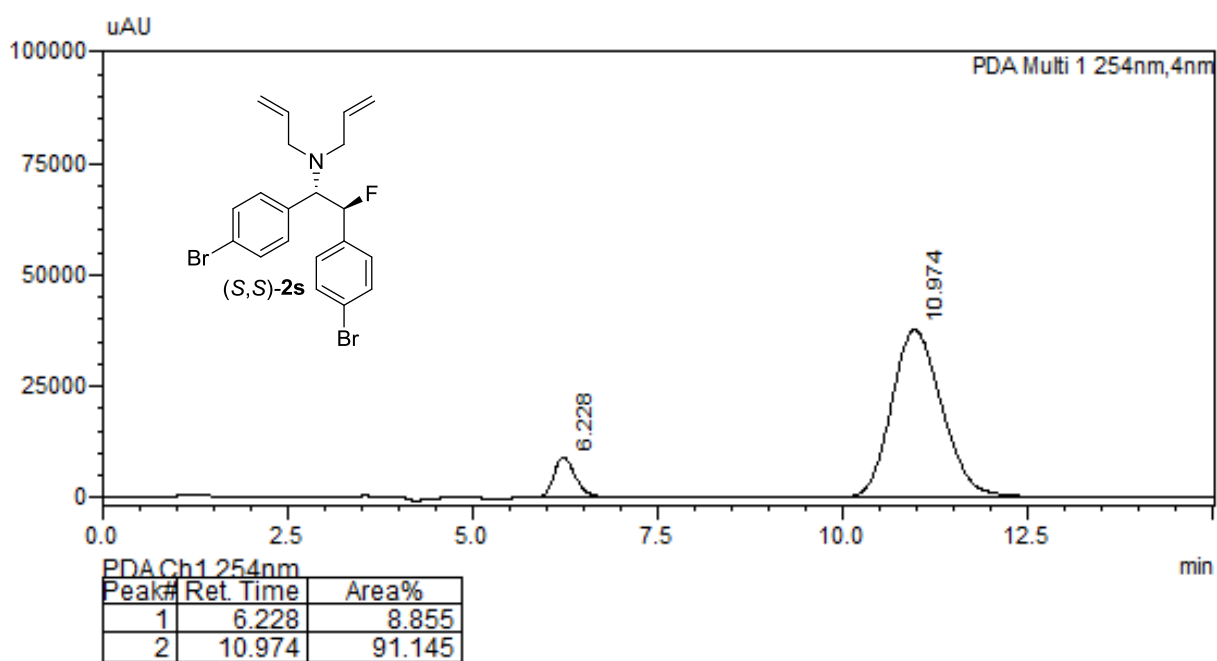
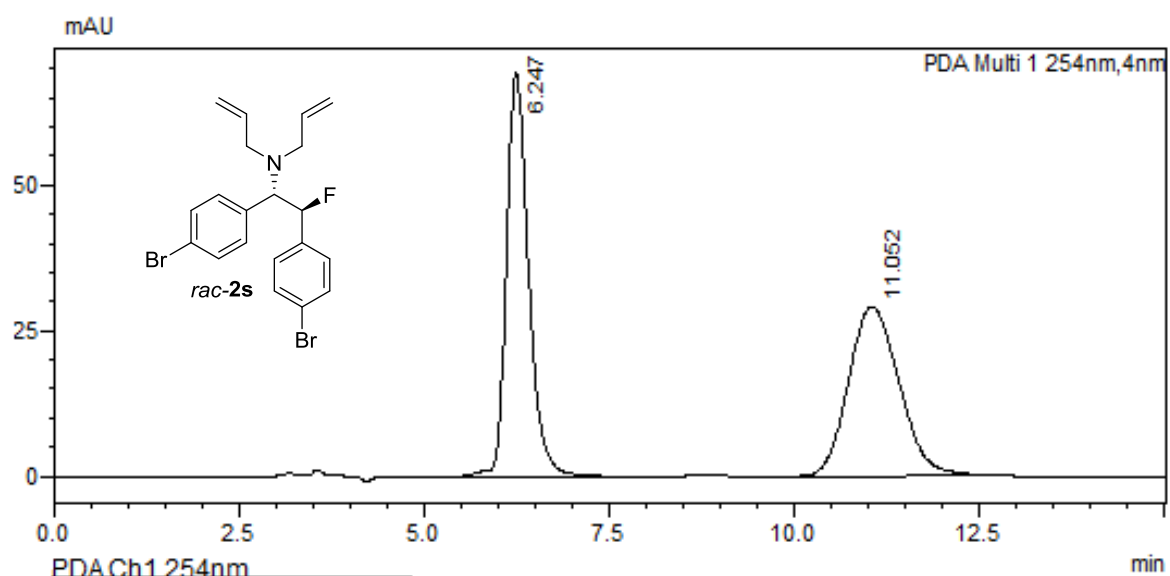


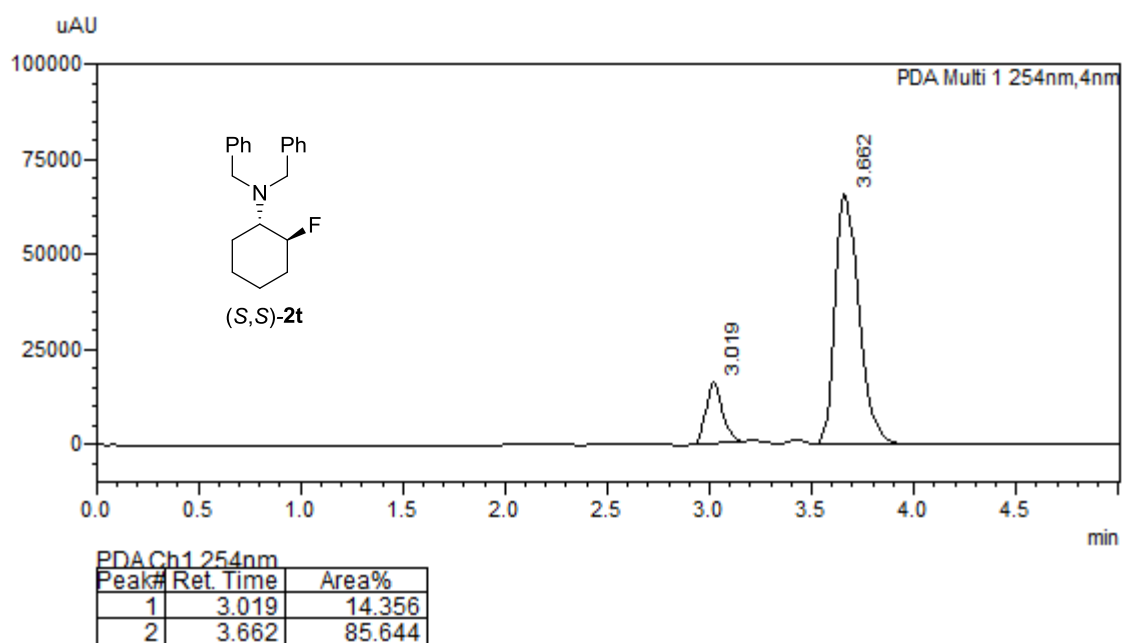
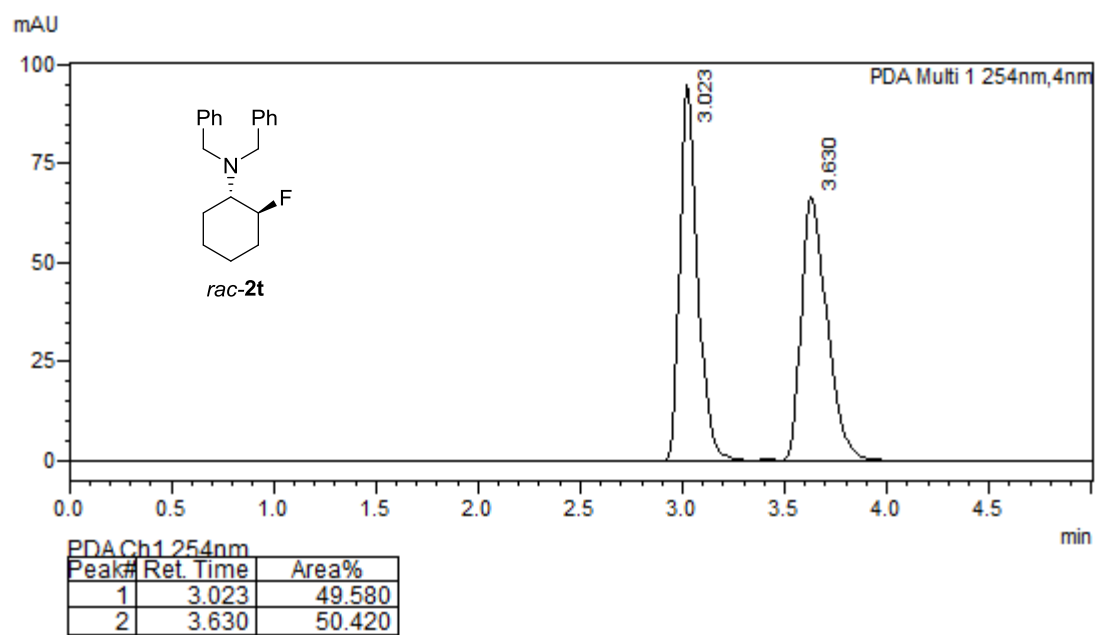
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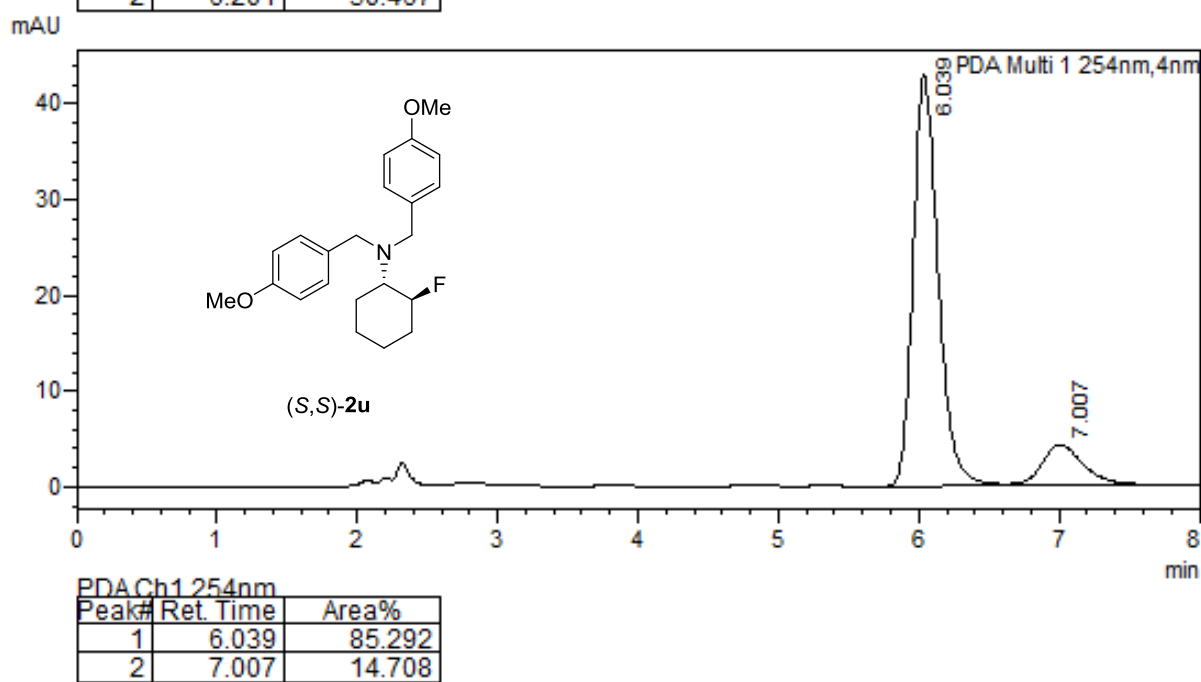
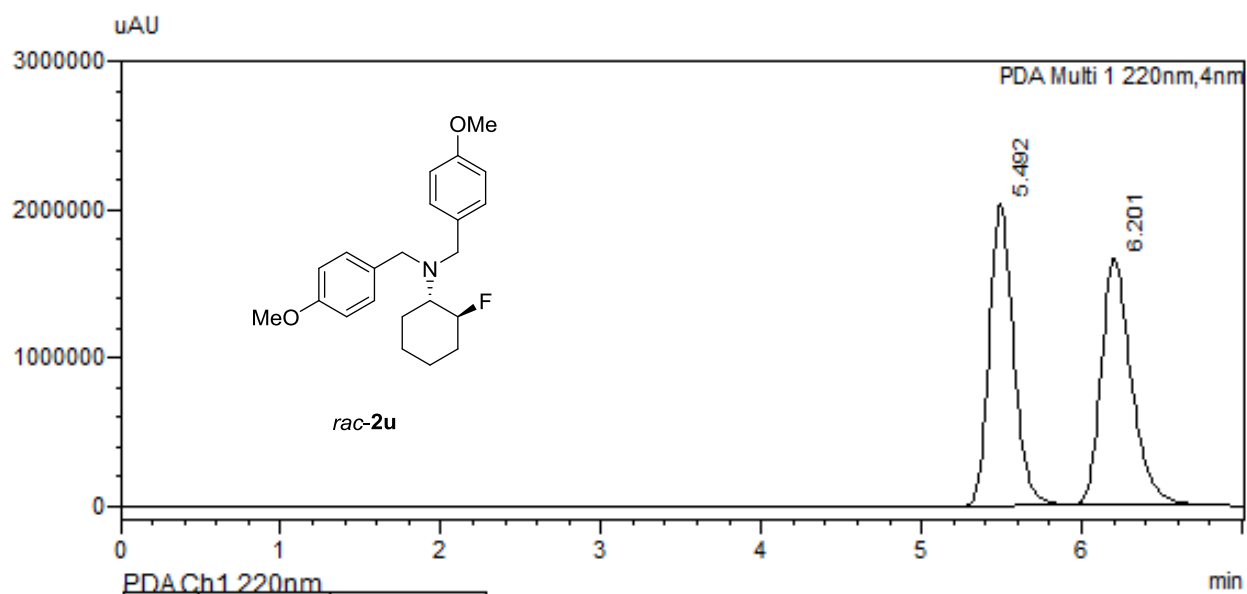


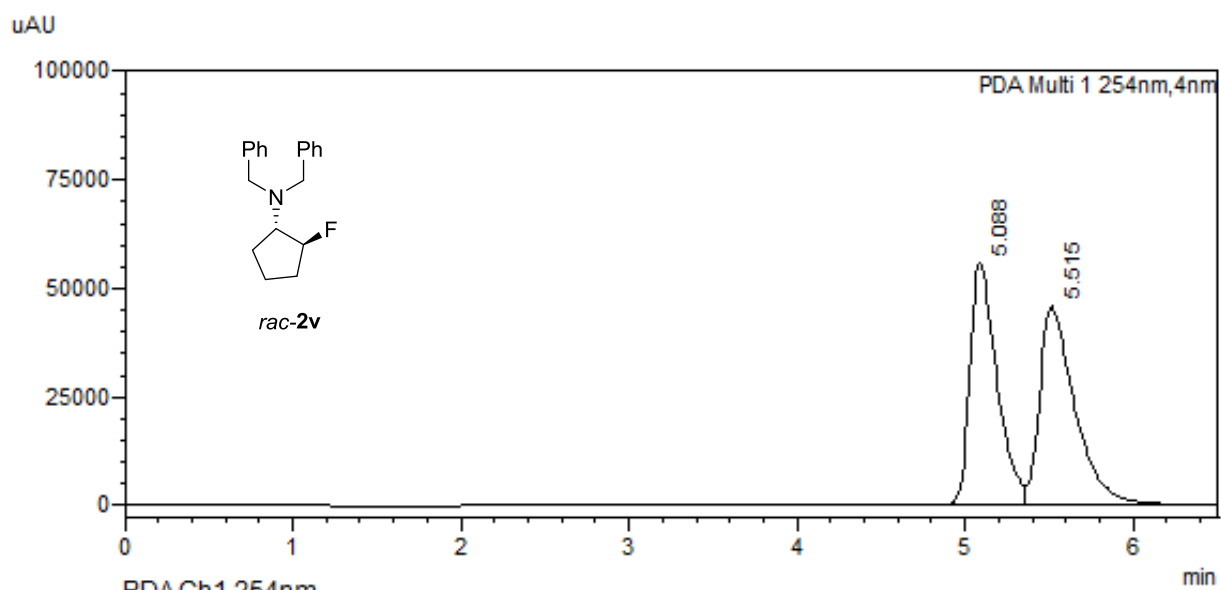
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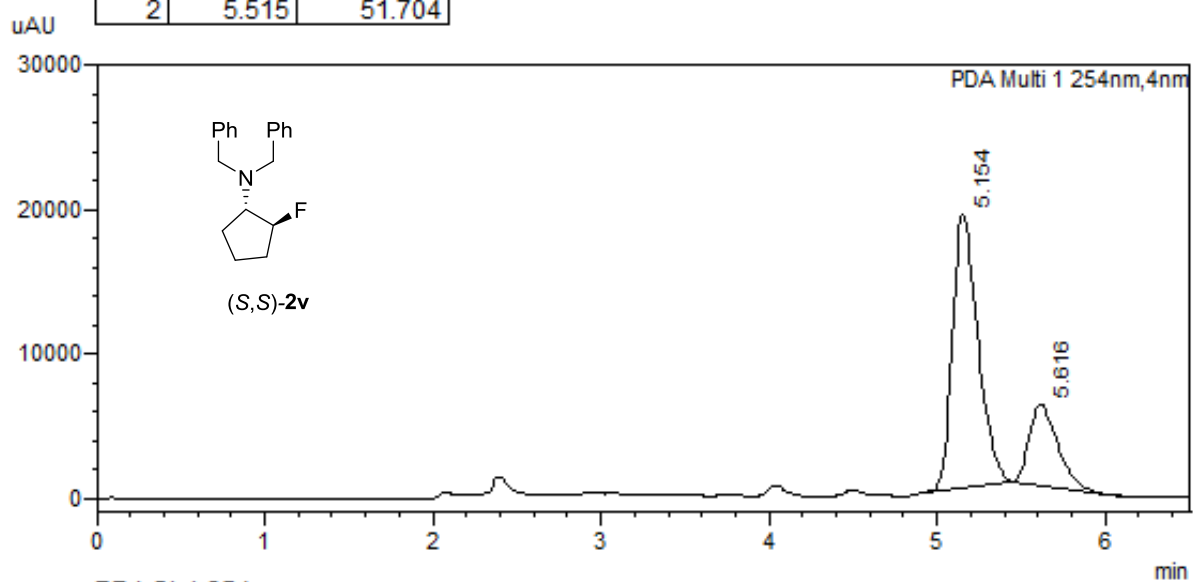




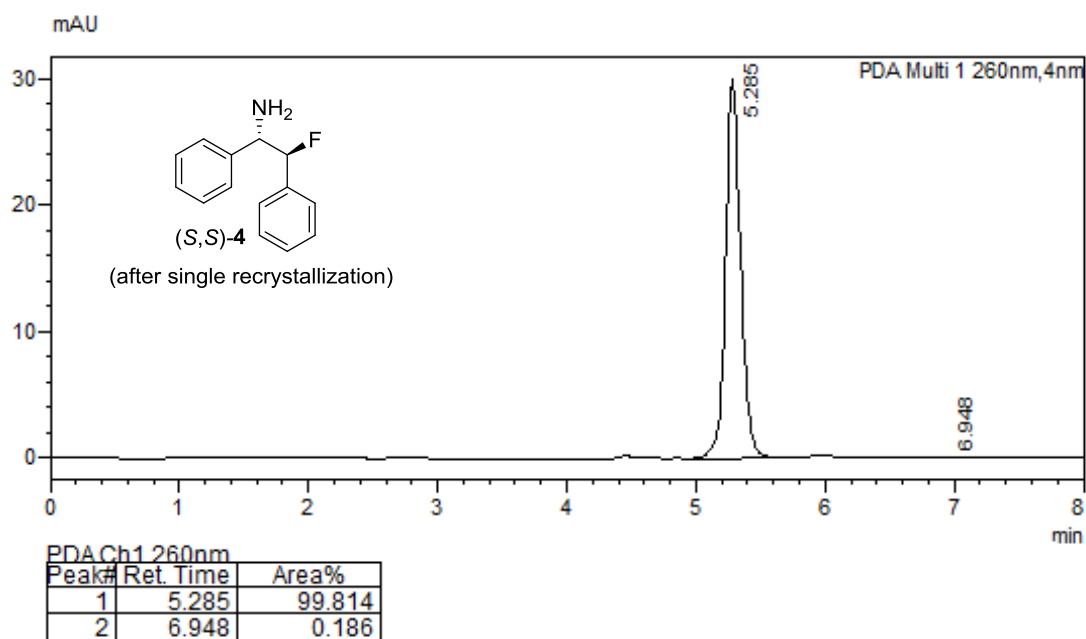
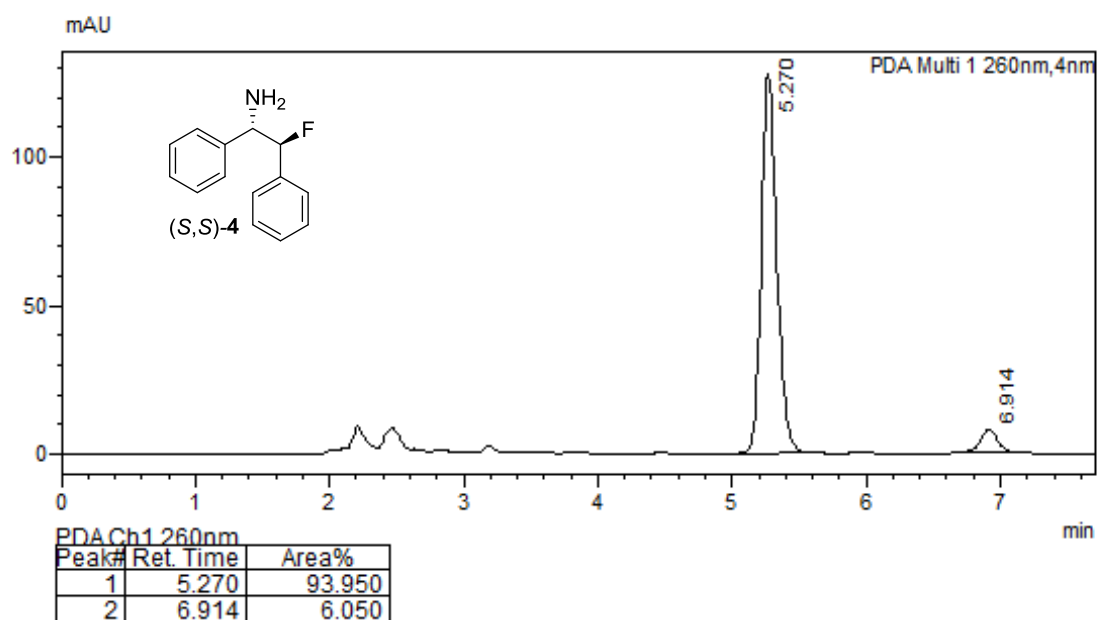
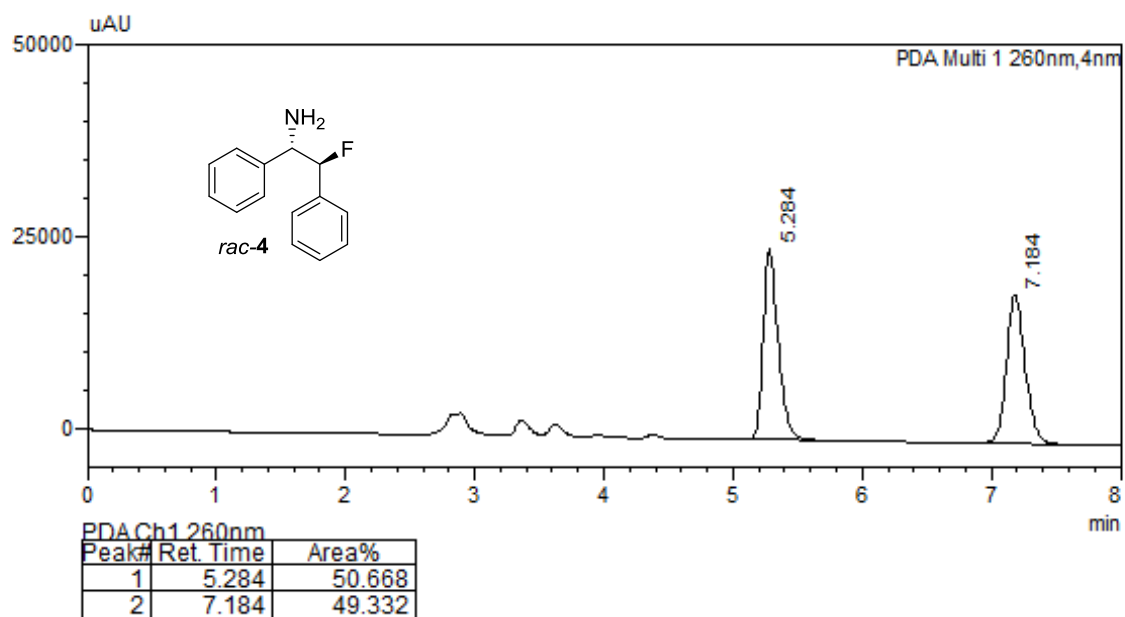




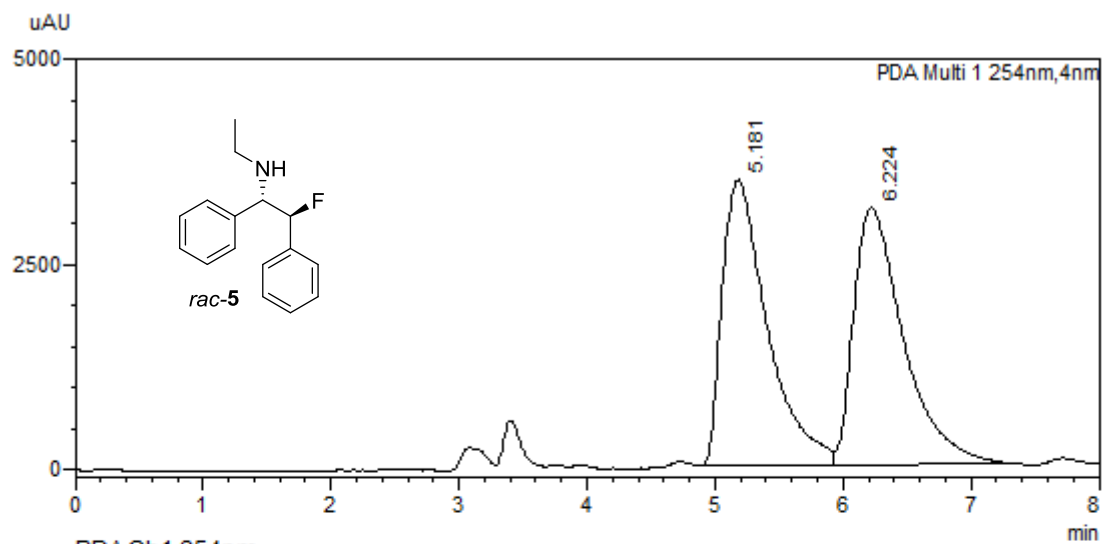
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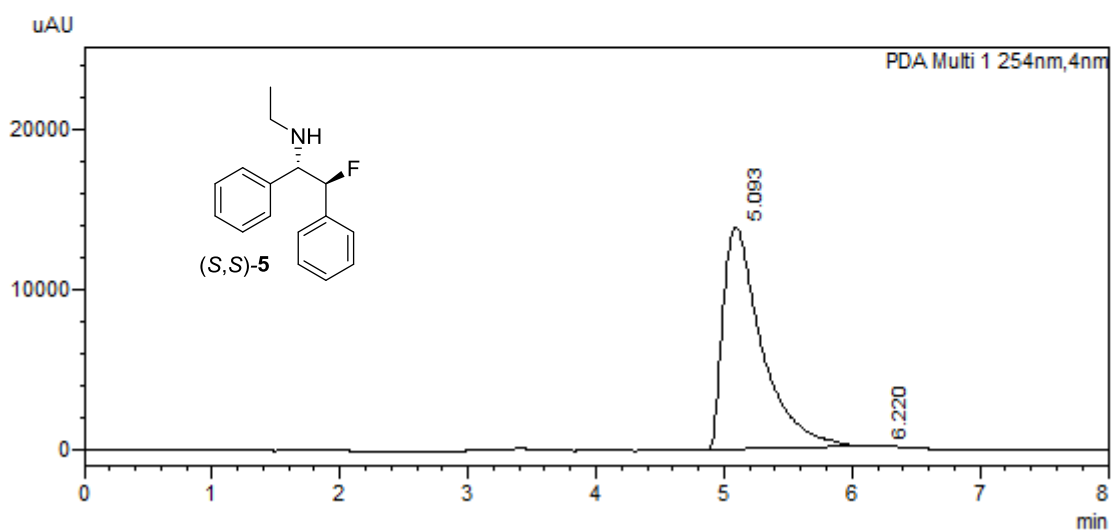






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