Asymmetric Synthesis of Telcagepant, a CGRP Receptor Antagonist for the Treatment of Migraine

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1. Enantioselective 1,4-addition of MeNO₂: Optimization, mechanistic consideration, and plausible pathways for the formation of byproducts

Table S-1. Selected Results of Asymmetric 1,4-Addition of MeNO₂^a

Entry	Co-catalysts	MeNO ₂ (equiv)	Solvents	Conditions	Conversion ^b (%)	Yield ^b (%)	ee ^b (%)	Byproducts (%)
1	20 mol% PhCO ₂ H	6	МеОН	10 °C, 17 h	99	~50-75	95	16a (varied from 2-20%), 18 (<0.5%), 19 (1%), 20 (2%)
2	10 mol% PhCO ₂ H	6	i-PrOH	20 °C, 25 h	98	~55-70	94	16b (varied from 1-15%), 18 (<1%), 19 (1%), 20 (7.9%)
3	10 mol% PhCO ₂ H	6	MeCN	20 °C, 14 h	99	~20	N/A	18 (<1%), 19 (3.9%), 20 (72%)
4	-	3	10% H ₂ O- THF	20 °C, 63 h	96	58	95	18 (<1%), 20 (2.9%)
5	10 mol% PhCO ₂ H	6	25% H ₂ O- THF	20 °C, 14 h	31	N/A	N/A	
6	15 mol% t- BuCO ₂ H	6	25% H ₂ O- THF	20 °C, 14 h	93.7	65	96	18 (<1%), 19 (1.0%), 20 (7.2%)
7	100 mol% B(OH) ₃	5	25% H ₂ O- THF	20 °C, 67 h	85	61	95	18 (<1%), 19 (1%), 20 (0.7%)
8	5 mol% t- BuCO ₂ H, 50 mol% B(OH) ₃	6	17% H ₂ O- THF	20 °C, 29 h	94	73	95	18 (<0.1%), 19 (1.0%), 20 (2.8%)
9	5 mol% t- BuCO ₂ H, 25 mol% B(OH) ₃	6	25% H ₂ O- THF	20 °C, 23 h	88	72	95	18 (<0.1%), 19 (0.8%), 20 (4.4%)
10	5 mol% t- BuCO ₂ H, 100 mol% B(OH) ₃	6	25% H ₂ O- THF	20 °C, 23 h	92	71	95	18 (<0.1%), 19 (0.9%), 20 (2.9%)
11	5 mol% t- BuCO ₂ H, 50 mol% B(OH) ₃	4	25% H ₂ O- THF	20 °C, 22 h	97	66	95	18 (<0.1%), 19 (0.9%), 20 (3.5%)
12	5 mol% <i>t</i> - BuCO ₂ H, 50 mol% B(OH) ₃	8	25% H ₂ O- THF	20 °C, 39 h	96	74	95	18 (<0.1%), 19 (1.6%), 20 (2.9%)
13	5 mol% LiOAc,	3	10% H ₂ O- THF	20 °C, 24 h	72	16	N/A	18 (17%), 20 (5.7%)

^a All the reactions were carried out in the presence of 5 mol% of **15**. ^b The enantiomeric excess (ee) was determined by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis: ChiralPak AD-RH column, 4.6 x 150 mm, 5 μm particle size, 45 °C, isocratic 0.1% aq $H_3PO_4/MeCN/MeOH$ (30:45:25); flow rate: 0.5 mL/min. The yield and Z:E ratio were determined by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis: Ascentis Express C18 column, 4.6 x 100 mm, 2.7 μm particle size, 60 °C, mobile phase: 0.1% aq $HCIO_4/MeCN$; flow rate: 2.5 mL/min. HPLC sample preparation: **12** was converted to the corresponding hydrazone by treatment with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine in aq H_3PO_4-MeCN at 40 °C for 5 min.

The use of t-BuCO₂H led to a higher reaction rate and conversion; however, overcharging t-BuCO₂H had an adverse effect on the stability of product **12**, giving rise to a higher level of impurities including **20**. In contrast, the use of B(OH)₃ alone resulted in a much slower reaction

rate. Interestingly, the use of a combination of B(OH)₃ and *t*-BuCO₂H allowed for reducing the *t*-BuCO₂H charge from 15 mol% to 5 mol% without sacrificing the reaction rate or conversion, while the formation of impurities, especially **20**, was successfully suppressed to improve the yield significantly.

In addition, with a reduced amount of nitromethane (4 equiv), the reaction yield was decreased to 66%. Increasing the nitromethane charge to 8 equiv improved the yield to 74%; however, the reaction became sluggish. As a result, the use of a combination of proper weak acids t-BuCO₂H (5 mol%)/B(OH)₃ (50 mol%) allowed for the balance of the reaction efficiency and product stability. The formation of the byproducts, such as **19** and **20**, was thus suppressed significantly.

Figure S-1. Identified Byproducts Formed During the Asymmetric Addition of MeNO₂ to 14.

OR
$$O_2N$$
 OR $R = Me, i-Pr$

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OH O OH O

Many low level impurities were formed during the reaction. The impurity profile varied as the reactions were changed. Several significant impurities were isolated and characterized (Figure S-1). The plausible pathways for the formation of the desired aldehyde product 12 as well as byproducts 16-20 are depicted in Scheme S-1.

The formation of alcohol **18** could be via 1.2 addition of MeNO₂ to **14**. **19** could be a product of further condensation of the desired product **12** with MeNO₂. Similarly, the desired aldehyde product **12** could react with starting aldehyde **14** or the intermediate **II** followed by a intramolecular condensation to give **20**, which was the major byproduct. The use of the combination of t-BuCO₂H/B(OH)₃ significantly suppressed the formation of these byproducts and improved the reaction rate. The function of the co-catalysts t-BuCO₂H/B(OH)₃ is also believed to accelerate both of the formation of iminium ion intermediate **I** and hydrolysis of the enamine intermediate **II**.

Scheme S-1. Plausible Pathways to Form Aldehyde 12 as well as Byproducts 16-20

Various catalysts were screened to identify an optimal catalyst for this transformation. For example, modification on the structure on **15**, including replace the TMS group with TBS or TES and studying the electronic effects as well as the steric effects by replacing the phenyl group with various aromatic rings, was explored. Other types of organocatalysts outside the pyrrolidine skeleton were also screened. To date, the use of TMS-prolinol **15** was optimal.

2. Preparation of sodium 2-acetamidomalonate (32b)

Scheme S-2. Preparation of Sodium 2-Acetamidomalonate (32b)

The literature procedure for the preparation of acid 32a by hydrolysis of ethyl 2-acetamidomalonate (S1) in EtOH is not ideal. The isolation of 32a was laborious and the purity of the isolated solid was poor. Treatment of S1 with 2 equiv of NaOH (50 wt% aqueous solution) in EtOH under literature conditions gave the corresponding sodium salt as an

S1 For example, see: (a) Hellmann, H.; Teichmann, K.; Lingens, F. *Chem. Ber.* **1958**, *91*, 2427. (b) Hellmann, H.; Olson, W. H., Jr.; Piechota, H. J. Liebigs Annalen der Chemie **1960**, *631*, 76.

amorphous slurry, which was then treated with 2 equiv of 37% HCl. As such, the di-acid **32a** could be dissolved in EtOH as NaCl precipitated in this "slurry-to-slurry" operation. The NaCl was removed through filtration and the resulting EtOH solution of **32a** was concentrated to remove EtOH and H_2O , and solvent-switched to *i*-PrOAc in order to crystallize acid **32a**. Unfortunately, **32a** was not suitable for large scale preparation due to safety concerns of its decomposition. In contrast, the corresponding di-sodium salt **32b** is quite stable.

However, the amorphous di-Na salt **32b** obtained under literature conditions^{S1} was hygroscopic and contaminated with both NaOH residue and the sodium salt of the mono acid **S2**. Fortunately, we found that the dihydrate of the di-sodium salt **32b** is a highly crystalline, non-hygroscopic solid. Thus, saponification of **S1** was carried out by using 5N aq NaOH. The resulting dihydrate **32b** was directly crystallized with high quality control from aq MeOH during the reaction. The process was scaled up to 100 kg scale and gave 98.6% isolated yield.

The di-Na salt **32b** is a stable solid, which has no safety concerns regarding its preparation or storage. In order to dehydrate **32b** dihydrate efficiently, it is necessary and crucial to dry the dihydrate in a 70-80 °C vacuum oven with dry N_2 sweeping.

Sodium 2-acetamidomalonate dihydrate (32b). To a solution of NaOH (40.5 g, 1.013 mol) in water (155 mL) and MeOH (5 vol, 500 mL) at 40-45 C was added a solution of malonate (100 g, 0.46 mol) in MeOH (3 vol, 300 mL) dropwise. The batch was seeded (~100 mg seeds) right after ~15% of the SM MeOH solution (~75 mL) wad added over 30 min dropwise. The seeded batch was aged 1 h at 40 -45 °C. Then, the rest of the methanol solution was added over 2 h at 40-45 C. After 30 min age, by LC no SM was left. The batch was gradually cooled to ambient temperature and aged 2 h before filtration. The wet cake was displacement washed with 5% water in MeOH (200 mL) followed by a slurry wash with 5% water in MeOH (200 mL, 2 vol). Suction dry gave 109 g of di Na salt dihydrate 32b. 98% yield. 1 H-NMR (400 MHz, 2 D₂O): 3 4.64 (s, 1 H), 2.12 (s, 3 H). 13 C-NMR (100 MHz, 3 D₂O): 3 174.2, 173.0, 62.0, 22.0. Anal calc'd for 3 C₅H₉NNa₂O₇: C, 24.91; H, 3.76; N, 5.81. Found: C, 24.97; H, 3.47; N, 5.82.

3. Hydrogenation of acid 34a

As the reaction proceeds, the corresponding hydrogenation intermediates, shown in Scheme S-3, could be observed by HPLC (Ascentis Express C18, 4.6x100 mm, 2.7 μ m particle size, 40 °C, mobile phase: 0.1% HClO₄/MeCN; flow rate: 2.0 mL/min.).

Scheme S-3. Hydrogenation of **34b** n-Bu₃N Salt in the Presence of 10% Pd(OH)₂-C and H₂SO₄ in i-PrOH

Table S-2. Selected Results for Optimization of Hydrogenation in Attempts to Minimize Defluorination.^a

Entry	Catalysts (10 wt% loading)	Additives	H ₂ (psig)	Temp (°C)	Isomers of 43 (%)	Conversion (%)
1	10% Pd(OH) ₂ -C with 50% water	-	50	50	1.06-2.5%	>99
2		_	100	35	1.06-2.5	>98
3		LiCl, 0.25 equiv	100	50	0.05, 0.13	98
4		LiCl, 0.3 equiv	<i>75</i>	35	0.03, 0.09	98^d
5		LiCl, 0.3 equiv	100	35	0.03, 0.09	98
6		35% HCl, 0.3 equiv	100	35	0.06, 0.11	97
7		n-Bu ₃ NH ⁺ Cl ⁻ , 0.3 equiv	100	35	0.04, 0.08	94
8		Et ₃ NH ⁺ Cl ⁻ , 0.3 equiv	100	35	0.07, 0.08	92
9		ZnCl ₂ , 0.5 equiv	100	50	0.28, 0.33	95
10		NaCl, 0.5 equiv	100	50	0.26, 0.52	99
11		CuCl, 0.5 equiv	100	50	Complicated read	ction profile
12		CsF, 0.5 equiv	100	50	0.8, 1.2	90
13	5% Pd/C shell	LiCl, 0.5 equiv	100	50	<0.02, <0.02	65
14	Pd/BaSO ₄	LiCl, 1.0 equiv	100	50	<0.02, <0.02	20

^a Unless otherwise mentioned, hydrogenation of **34b** n-Bu₃N salt was carried out in the presences of H₂SO₄ (2.5 equiv) and 10wt % of 10% Pd(OH)₂-C in i-PrOH. Full conversion was typically obtained after 20 h.

4. Alternative preparation of caprolactam 2 via an epimerization catalyzed by aldehyde 8

Scheme S-4. Alternative Preparation of Caprolactam via Epimerization of III

An alternative preparation of caprolactam 2 via epimerization of S3 is depicted in Scheme S-4. A mixture of cis/trans isomers 46 was hydrolyzed to give a mixture of diastereomers III, which were then isolated as the corresponding HCl salt. Epimerization of the deacylated caprolactam epimers III in the presence of 2 mol% ArCHO in aq MeOH was very efficient and gave a ratio of 97:3 (trans/cis) in the crude reaction solution, although this epimerization was previously carried out in dry MeOH in the presence of 10 mol% aldehyde 8.9 The final isolated HCl salt MTBE solvate 2 from 20% MTBE in *i*-PrOH (preferred) or 70% MTBE in MeOH gave 99.9 A% purity of HCl salt 2 MTBE solvate with no impurity >0.1A% and 100% ee.

5. Experimental

$$O_2N$$
 H
 NO_2
 NO_2

(S,E)-1-(3-(2,3-difluorophenyl)-4-nitrobutylidene)-2-(2,4-

dinitrophenyl)hydrazine. Aldehyde 12 (1 equiv) could be treated with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine (1.4 equiv) in the presence of 15 mol% of HOAc in MeCN at ambient temperature overnight to give the corresponding hydrazone derivative, which could be isolated as a

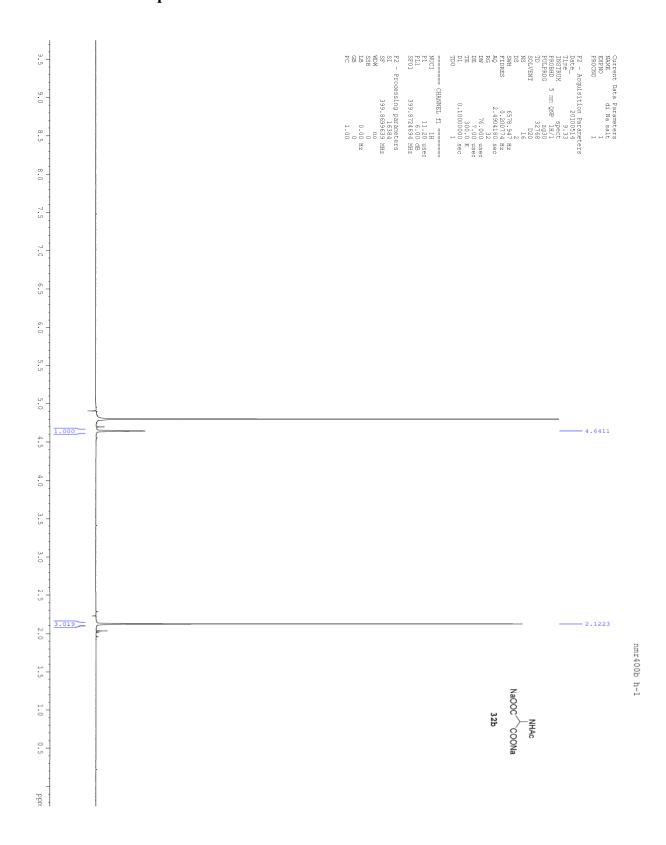
stable crystalline solid from heptane/EtOAc (1:4) for further characterization. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO): δ 11.33 (s 1H), 8.80 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.29 (dd, J = 9.6, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.93 (t, J = 9.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.69 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (m, 1 H), 7.31 (m, 1 H), 7.23 (m, 1 H), 5.09 (dd, J = 13.6, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.01 (dd, J = 13.6, 9.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.20 (m, 1 H), 2.83 (m, 2 H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, d_6 -DMSO): δ 150.9, 149.7 (dd, J = 245.6, 13.2 Hz), 148.1 (dd, J = 246.4, 12.9 Hz), 144.5, 136.7, 129.6, 129.0 (d, J = 10.4 Hz), 128.9, 125.1 (dd, J = 7.2, 4.8 Hz), 124.1 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 122.9, 116.4 (d, J = 16.8 Hz), 116.0, 78.1, 34.7, 33.8. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, d_6 -DMSO): δ -138.6 (d, J = 22.6 Hz), -143.2 (d J = 22.6 Hz). Anal calc'd for $C_{16}H_{13}F_2N_5O_6$: C, 46.95; H, 3.20; N, 17.11. Found: C, 46.81; H, 3.01; N, 16.95.

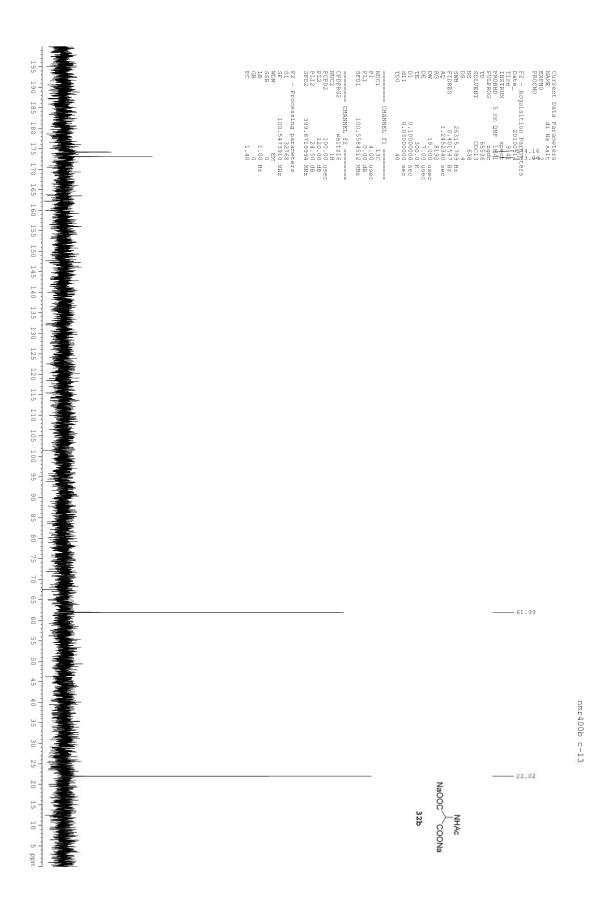
(S)-2-(Diphenyl(trimethylsilyloxy)methyl)pyrrolidine (15). To a slurry of prolinol **24** (10 kg, 39.5 mol) and imidazole (4.57 kg, 67.1 mol) in THF (100 L) was added chlorotrimethylsilane (5.57 kg, 51.3 mol) dropwise over 1 h while the

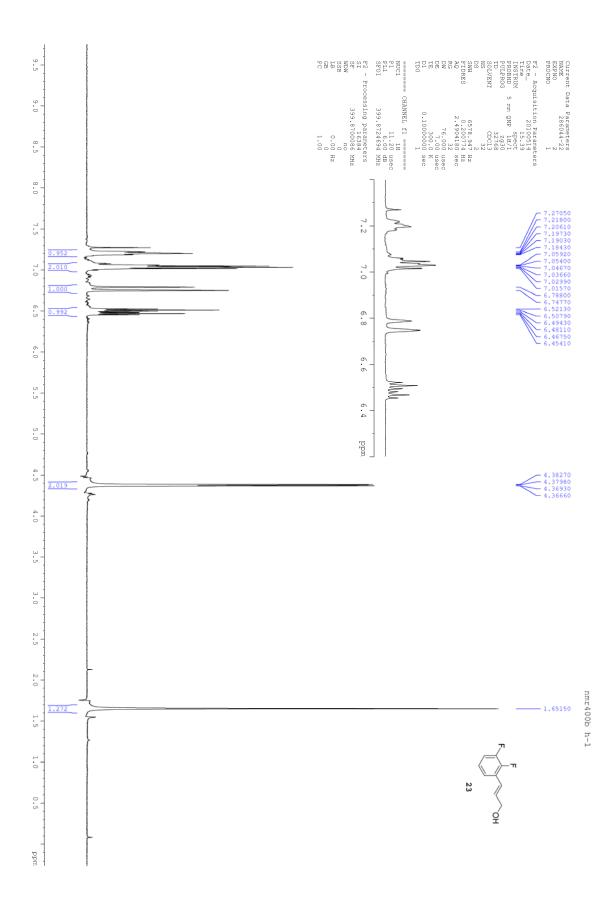
internal temperature was maintained below 30 °C with external cooling. The resulting slurry was was then agitated at 50 °C for additional 5 h. The batch was cooled to ambient temperature and quenched by addition of MTBE (50 L) and 15% NaCl (100 L). The organic phase was washed with 15% NaCl (50 L). HPLC assay: 12.47 kg of **15**. 98% yield.

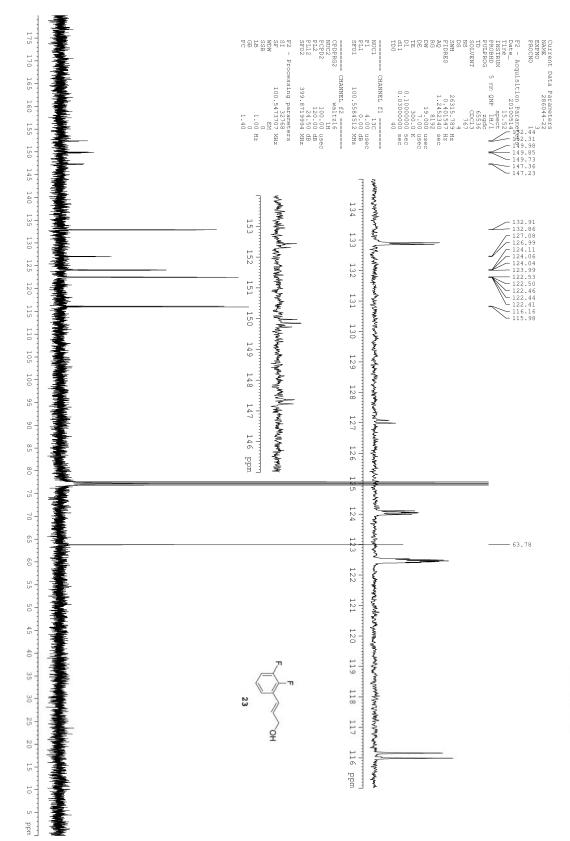
The solution was directly used for the nitromethane addition and could be stored at 5 °C for several months. In addition, the crude reaction mixture without any aqueous workup could also be directly used for the nitromethane addition; however, the chemical yield could drop by 2-3%.

6. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra

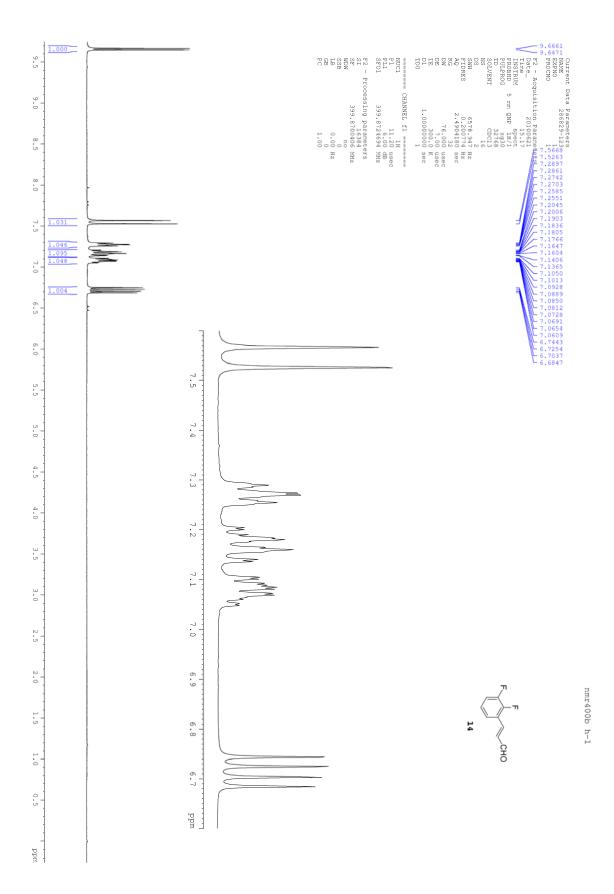


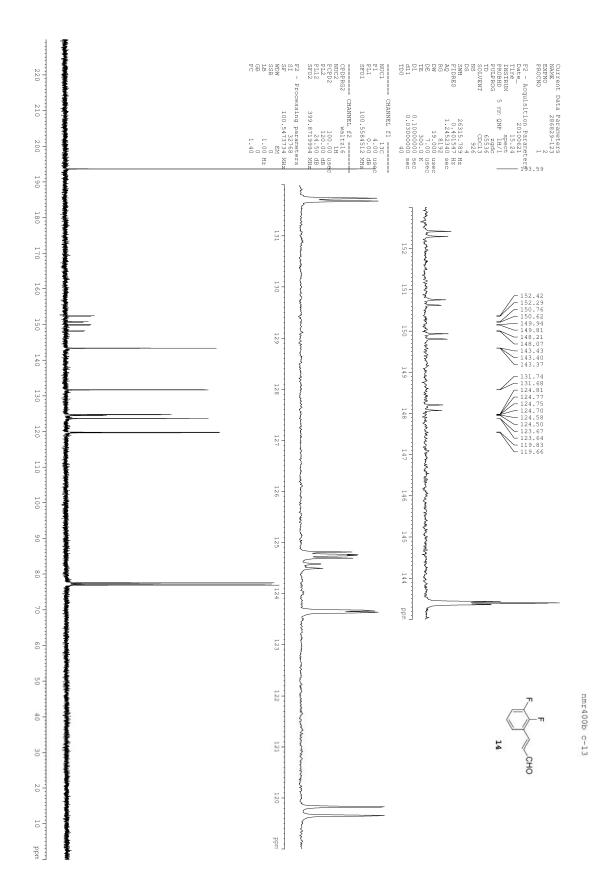


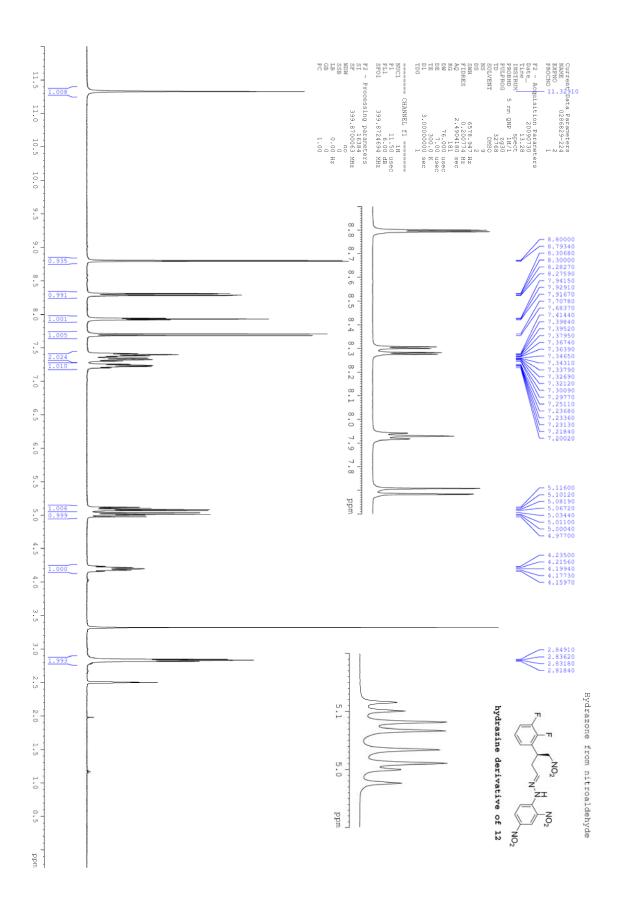


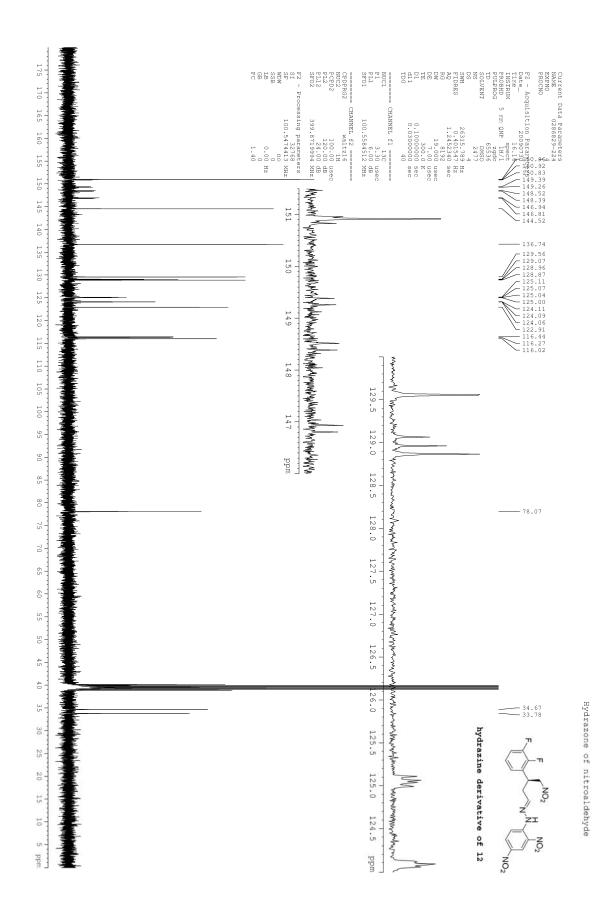


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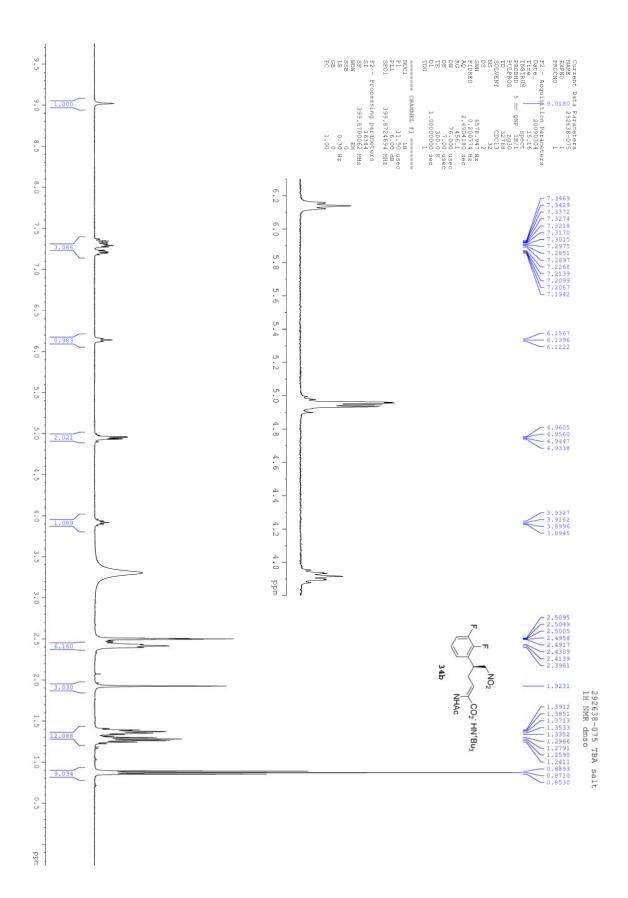
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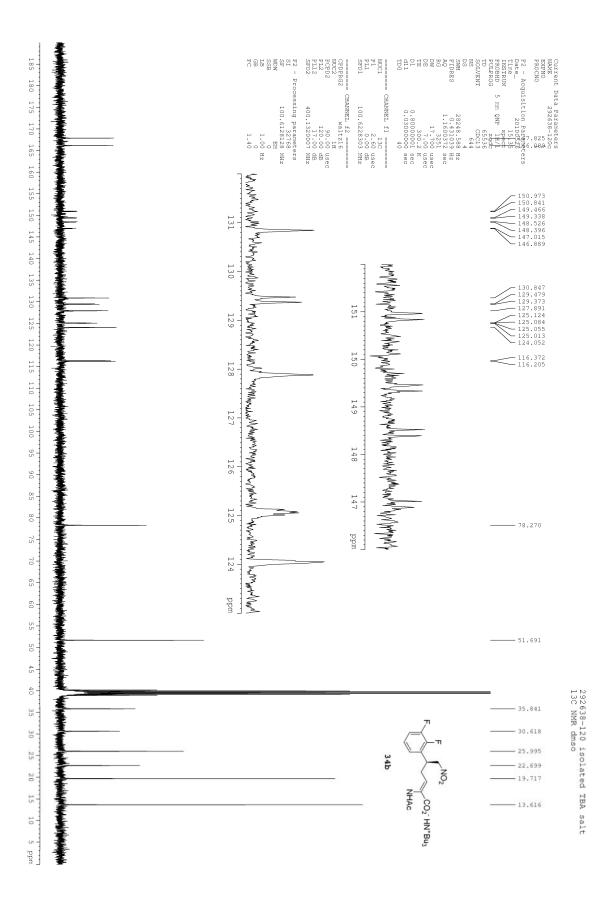
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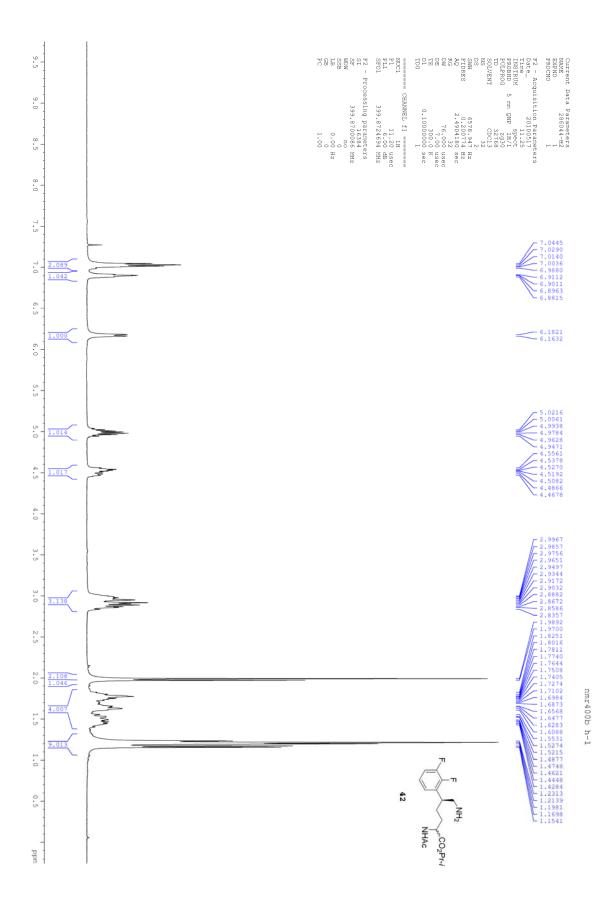
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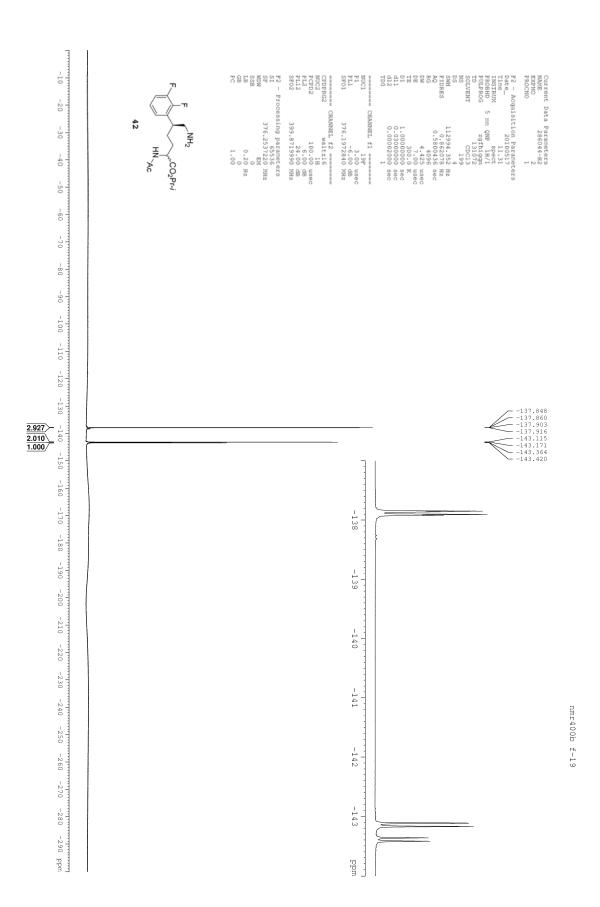
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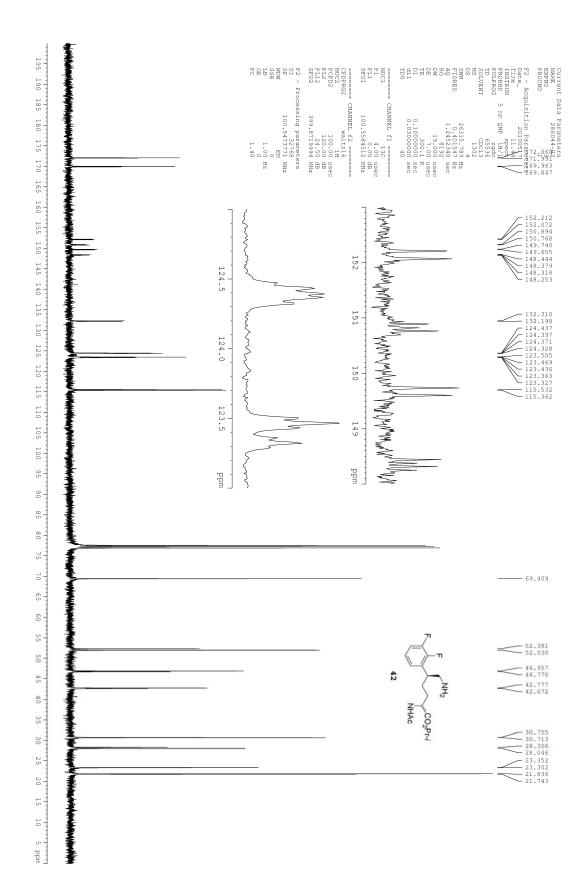
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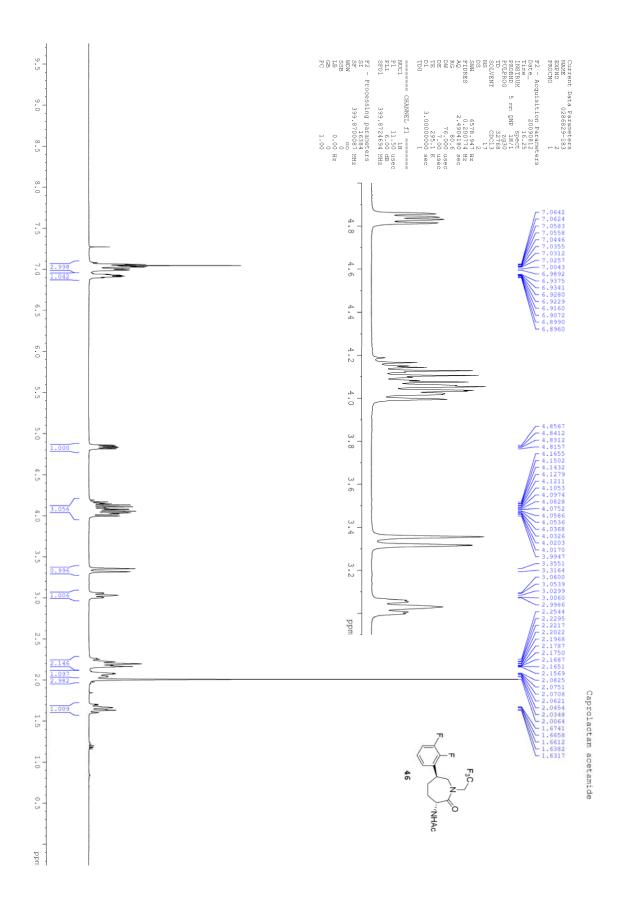


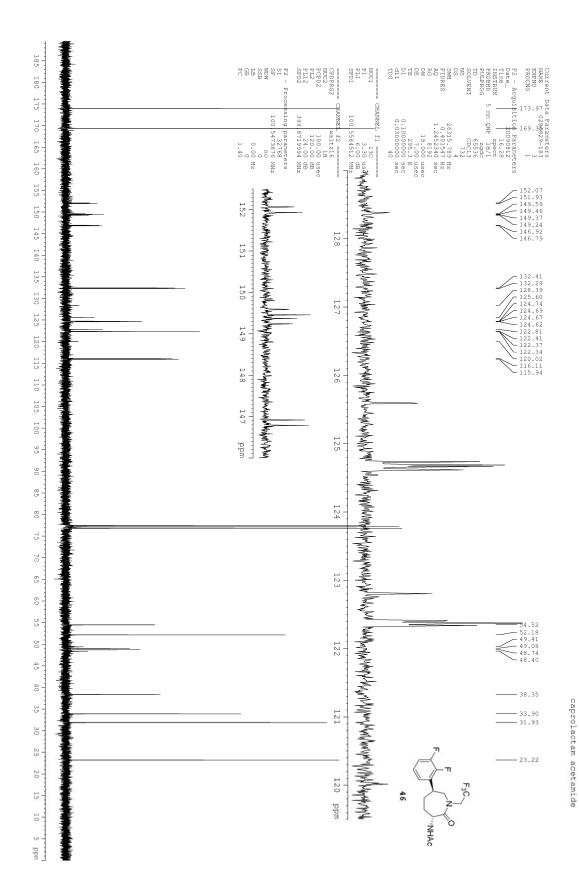


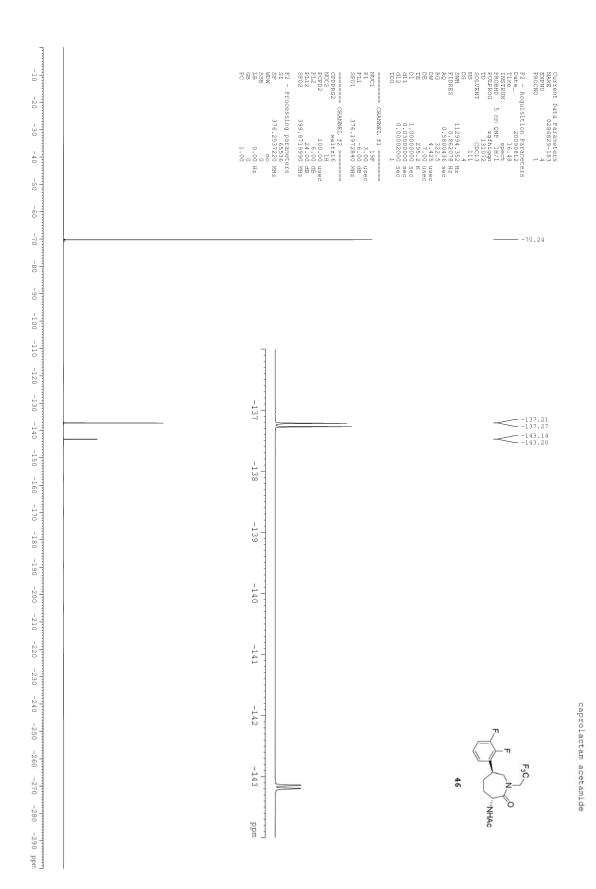


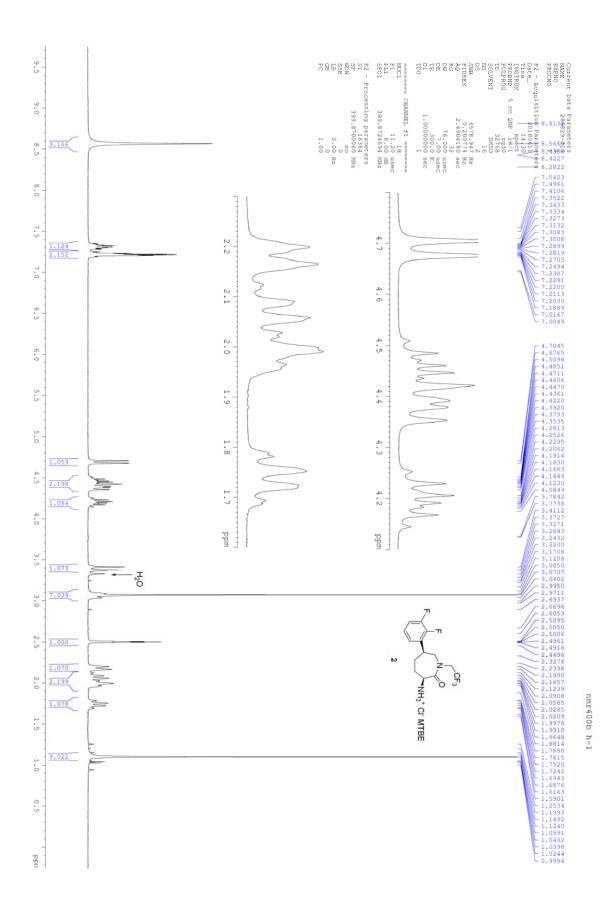
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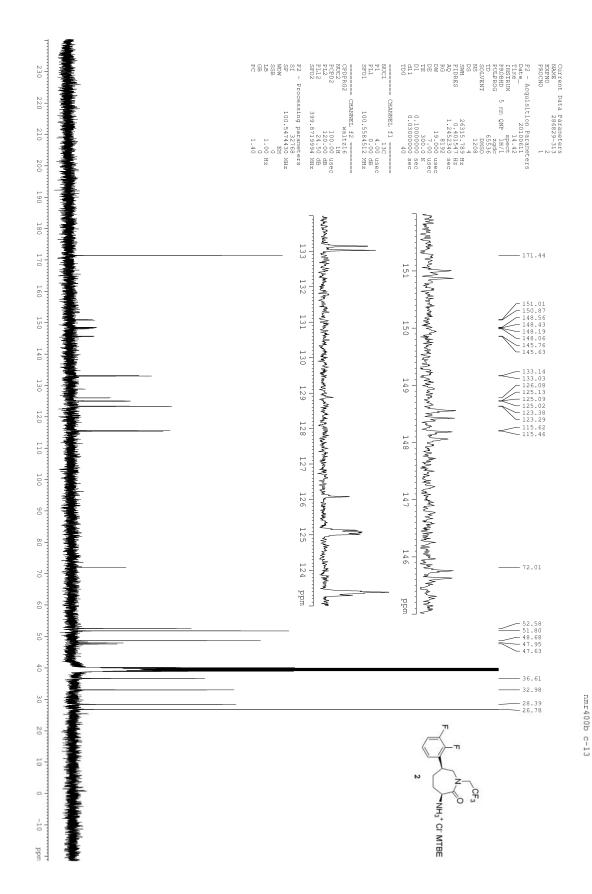
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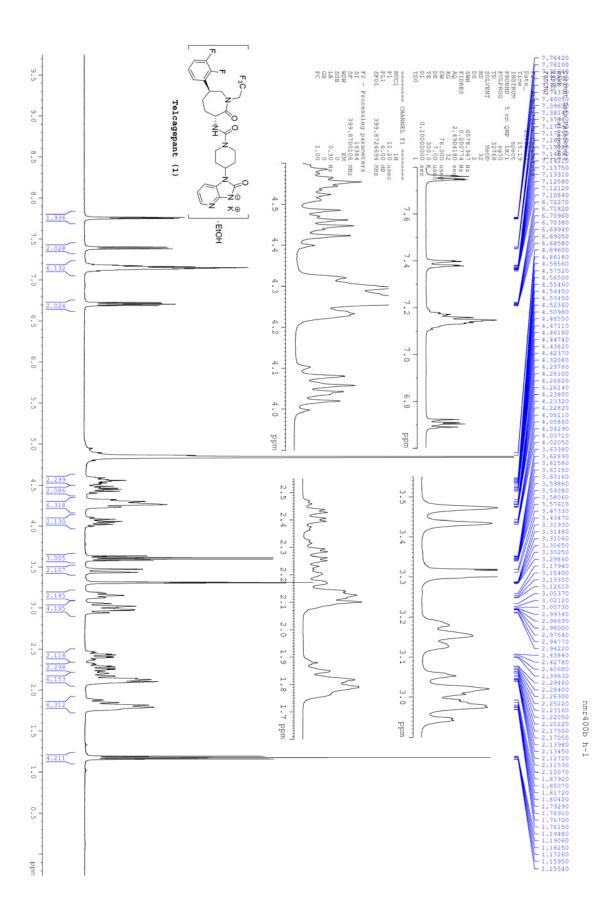


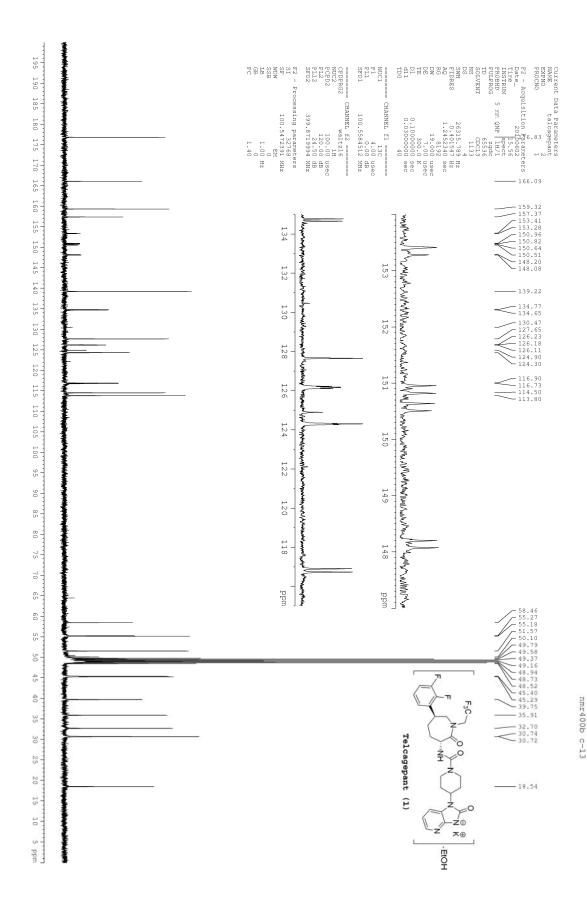






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