

Development of Organocatalytic Darzens Reactions Exploiting the Cyclopropenimine Superbase

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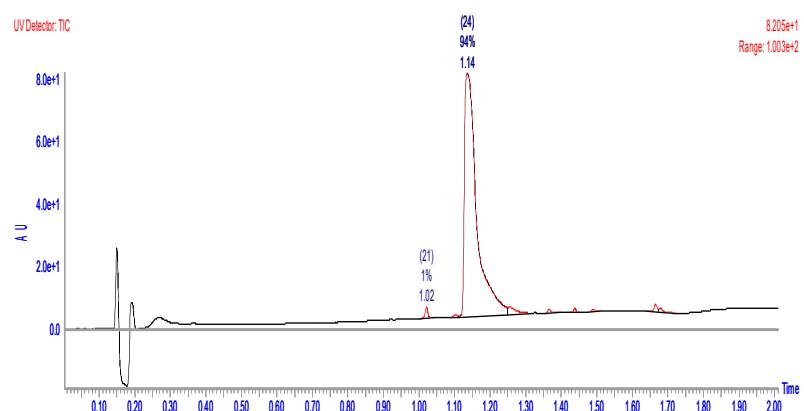
Analytical and spectroscopic data of catalyst **I·HCl**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H, NH), 7.25-7.12 (m, 5H, ArH), 5.2 (bs, 1H, -OH), 4.05-3.78 (m, 3H, NCHBnCH₂OH), 3.27 (ddd, *J* = 11.9, 8.4, 3.8 Hz, 4H, NCyH), 3.16-3.00 (m, 2H, -CH₂Ph), 1.98-1.00 (m, 40H, CyH).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.43 (1C, C=N), 129.52 (2C, Ar), 128.24 (2C, Ar), 126.33 (1C, Ar), 117.41 (Cq), 114.83 (Cq), 64.08 (1C, NCHBnCH₂OH), 61.9 (1C, NCHBnCH₂OH), 59.43 (4C, -NCy), 38.61 (1C, -CH₂Ph), 32.41 (4C, Cy), 32.24 (4C, Cy), 25.73 (4C, Cy), 25.67 (4C, Cy), 24.68 (4C, Cy).

MS (ESI, 5600eV): Calcd.: [M+H⁺]: 546.85; Found: [M+H⁺]: 546.28.

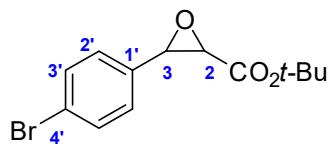
Ultra Performance LC analysis:



Rt (minutes)	Area (%)
1.14	94

Analytical and spectroscopic data for **3aa**

(67% yield, *cis/trans*= 1/0.7, white solid):



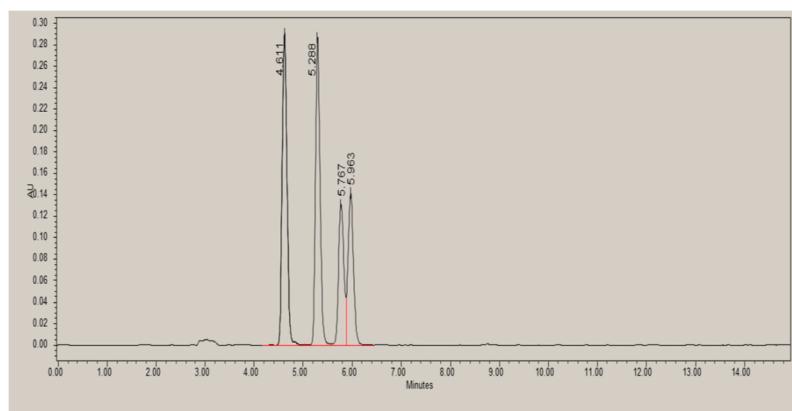
Trans ^1H NMR (400 M MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.5 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H, H-3'), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H, H-2'), 3.99 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.36 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H, H-2), 1.54 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.86 (1C, C=O), 134.44 (1C, C-1'), 131.78 (2C, C-3'), 127.5 (2C, C-2'), 122.86 (1C, C-4'), 82.9 (1C, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 57.39 (1C, C-2), 57.01 (1C, C-3), 28.00 (3C, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_3$).

Cis ^1H NMR (400 M MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.48 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H, H-3'), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H, H-2'), 4.17 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.72 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H, H-2), 1.23 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.45 (1C, C=O), 132.32 (1C, C-1'), 131.04 (2C, C-3'), 128.5 (2C, C-2'), 122.3 (1C, C-4'), 82.63 (1C, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 56.56 (1C, C-3), 55.89 (1C, C-2), 27.74 (3C, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_3$).

MS (ESI, 5600eV): Calcd:[M+H $^+$]: 258.08; Found: [M+H $^+$]: 258.8

R_f : 0.35 (18/2 Cyclohexane/EtOAc).

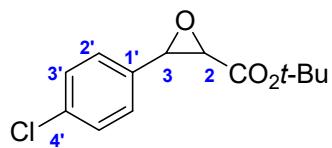
Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak IA (25 × 0.46 cm), 5 μm , *n*-hexane/EtOH = 85/15, 1 ml/min, 220 nm.



Rt (minutes)	Area (%)
4.6	33.8
5.2	31.2
5.7	16.7
5.9	18.3

Analytical and spectroscopic data for **3ab**

(65% yield, *cis/trans* = 1/0.7, white solid):



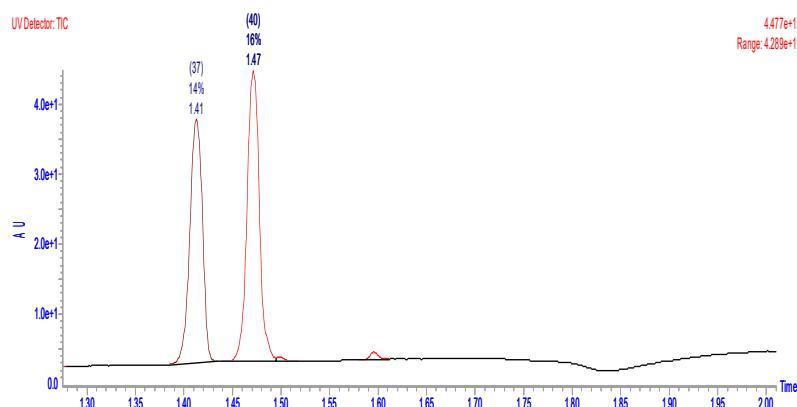
Trans ^1H NMR (400 M MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.43-7.2 (m, 4H), 4.02 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.38 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-2), 1.57 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu). ^2C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.91 (1C, C=O), 134.75 (1C, Cq), 133.9 (1C, Cq) 128.84 (2C, C-3'), 127.22 (2C, C-2'), 82.9 (1C, $C(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 57.44 (1C, C-2), 56.97 (1C, C-3), 28.00 (3C, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_3$).

Cis ^1H NMR (400 M MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.43-7.2 (m, 4H), 4.21 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.74 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, H-2), 1.24 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu). ^2C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.48 (1C, C=O), 134.17 (1C, Cq), 131.78 (1C, Cq) 128.19 (2C, C-3'), 128.1 (2C, C-2'), 82.61 (1C, $C(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 56.51 (1C, C-2), 55.96 (1C, C-3), 27.73 (3C, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_3$).

MS (ESI, 5600eV): Calcd.: [M+H $^+$]: 255.71; Found: [M+H $^+$]: 255.02.

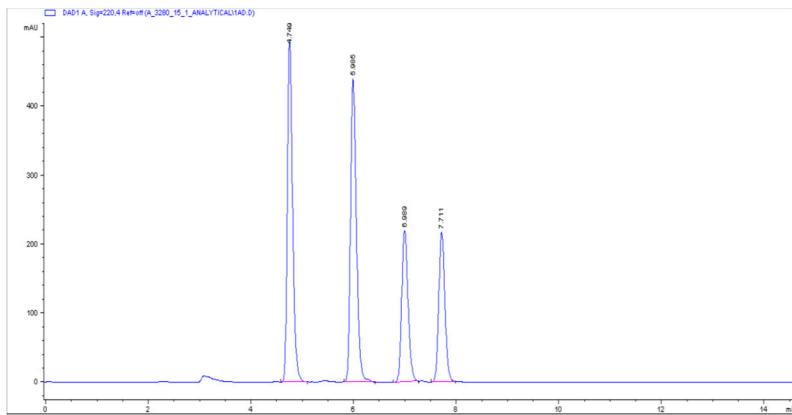
R_f : 0.36 (18/2 Cyclohexane/EtOAc).

Ultra Performance LC analysis:



Rt (minutes)	Area (%)
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1.47	16

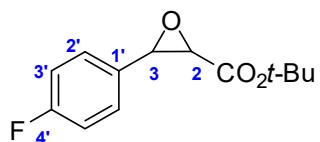
Chiral HPLC: Chiraldpak IA (25 × 0.46 cm), 5 μm, *n*-hexane/EtOH = 90/10, 1 ml/min, 220 nm.



Rt (minutes)	Area (%)
4.7	32.9
5.9	32.7
7.0	17.6
7.7	16.8

Analytical and spectroscopic data for 3ac

(32% yield, *cis/trans* = 1/0.9, white solid):



Trans ^1H NMR (400 M MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.31–7.22 (m, 2H, H-2'), 7.09–7.01 (m, 2H, H-3'), 4.01 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.37 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, H-2), 1.52 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.03 (1C, C=O), 163.08 (d, J = 245 Hz, C-4'), 131.1 (d, J = 2 Hz, C-1'), 127.6 (d, J = 8 Hz, C-2'), 115.65 (d, J = 21 Hz, C-3'), 82.82 (1C, $C(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 57.41 (1C, C-2), 57.05 (1C, C-3), 28.00 (3C, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_3$). Error! Bookmark not defined.

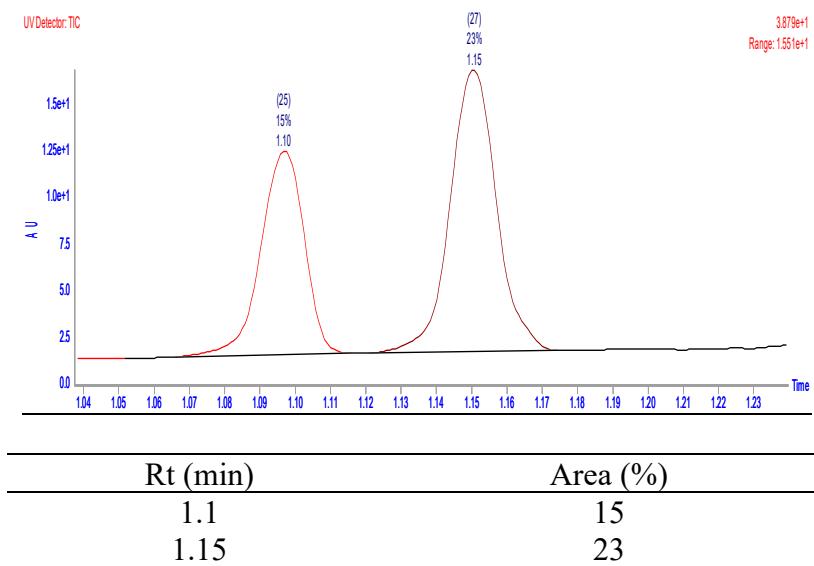
Cis ^1H NMR (400 M MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.44–7.36 (m, 2H, H-2'), 7.09–7.01 (m, 2H, H-3'), 4.2 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.7 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H, H-2), 1.22 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.6 (1C, C=O), 162.7 (d, J = 245 Hz, C-4'), 129.01 (d, J = 3 Hz, C-1'), 128.5 (d, J

δ = 8 Hz, C-2'), 114.89 (d, J = 22 Hz, C-3'), 82.51 (1C, $C(CH_3)_3$), 56.53 (1C, C-2), 55.98 (1C, C-3), 27.71 (3C, $CH(CH_3)_3$).

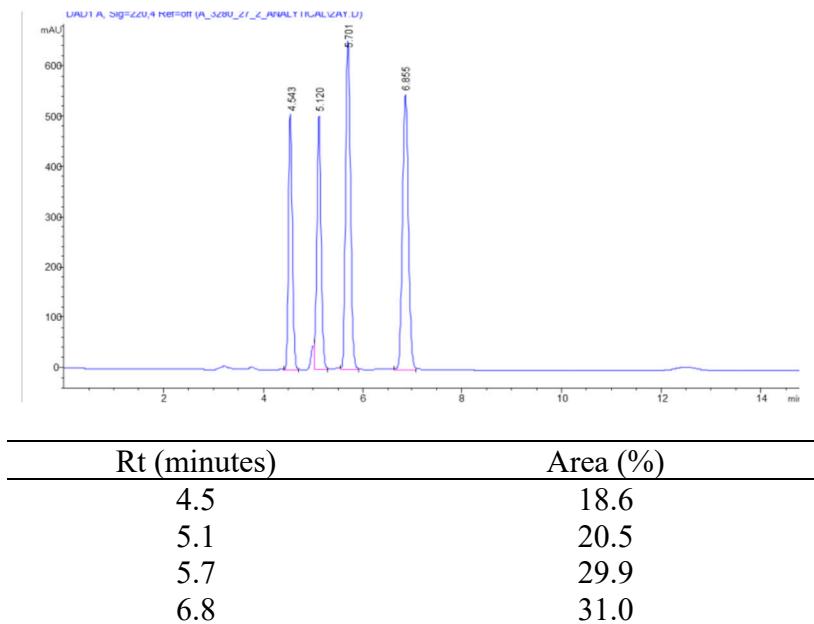
MS (ESI, 5600eV): Calcd.: [M+H⁺]: 239.25; Found: [M+H⁺]: 238.95

R_f : 0.32 (18/2 Cyclohexane/EtOAc).

Ultra Performance LC analysis:

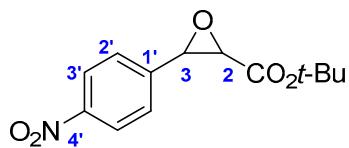


Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak AY-H (25 \times 0.46 cm), 5 μ m, *n*-hexane/EtOH = 85/15, 1 ml/min, 220 nm.



Analytical and spectroscopic data for 3ad

(47% yield, *cis/trans* = 1/0.7, white solid):



Trans ^1H NMR (400 M MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.27–8.17 (m, 2H, H-3'), 7.50 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, H-2'), 4.13 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.39 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H, H-2), 1.54 (s, 9H).

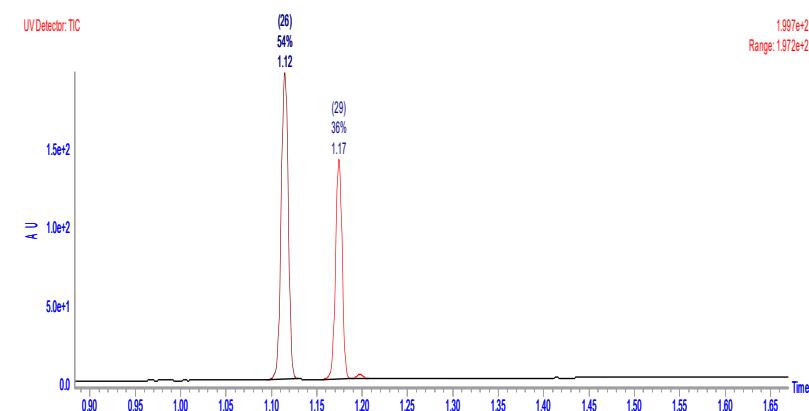
Cis ^1H NMR (400 M MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.27–8.17 (m, 2H, H-3'), 7.62 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, H-2'), 4.3 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.8 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H, H-2), 1.22 (s, 9H).³

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.28 (1C, C=O), 164.91 (1C, C=O), 142.64 (1C), 140.48 (1C), 130.47 (1C), 127.87 (1C, C-2', *cis*), 126.7 (1C, C-2', *trans*), 124.31 (1C), 123.89 (1C, C-3', *trans*), 123.11 (1C, C-3', *cis*), 83.36 (1C), 83.04 (1C), 57.7 (1C, *trans*), 56.42 (1C, *trans*), 56.25 (1C, *cis*), 55.96 (1C, *cis*), 27.98 (3C, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_3$, *trans*), 27.75 (3C, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_3$, *cis*).³

MS (ESI, 5600eV): Calcd.: [M+H $^+$]: 266.26; Found: [M+H $^+$]: 266.04.

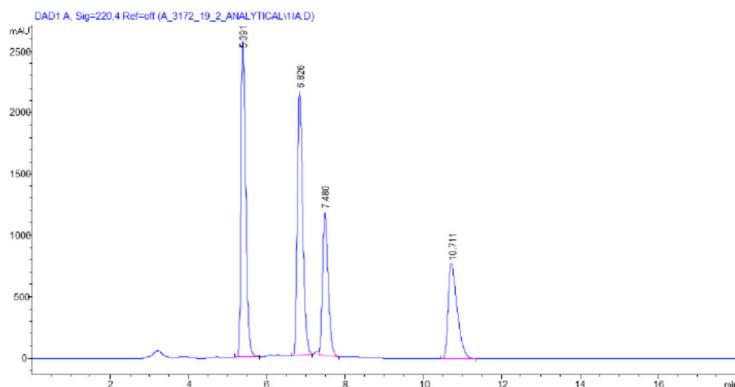
R_f : 0.29 (18/2 Cyclohexane/EtOAc).

Ultra Performance LC analysis:



Rt (min)	Area (%)
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1.17	36

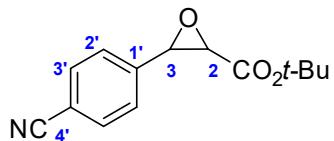
Chiral HPLC: Chiraldpak IA (25×0.46 cm), $5 \mu\text{m}$, *n*-hexane/EtOH = 70/30, 1 ml/min, 220 nm.



Rt (minutes)	Area (%)
5.3	32
6.8	32.3
7.4	17.2
10.7	18.5

Analytical and spectroscopic data for **3ae**

(78% yield, *cis/trans* = 1/0.7, white solid):



Trans ^1H NMR (400 M MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71–7.63 (m, 2H, H-3'), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, H-2'), 4.09 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.37 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, H-2), 1.56 (s, 9H).²

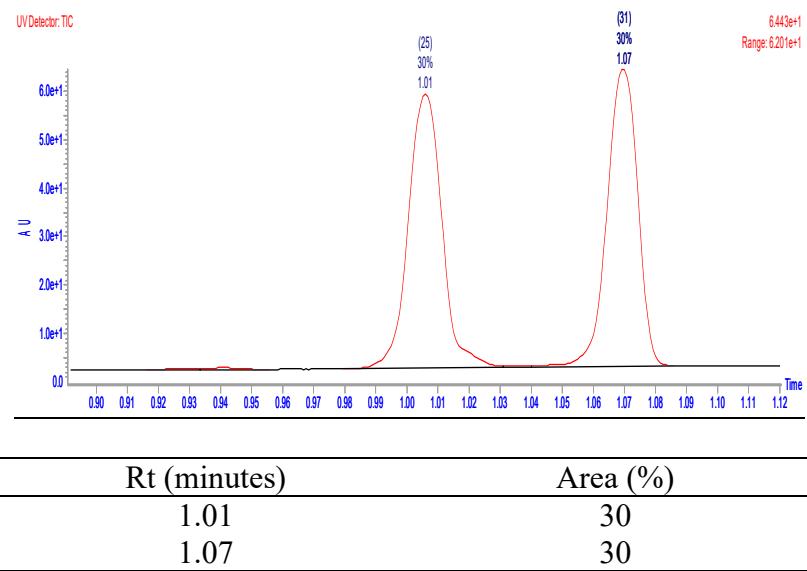
Cis ^1H NMR (400 M MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71–7.63 (m, 2H, H-3'), 7.56 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, H-2'), 4.25 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.78 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, H-2), 1.21 (s, 9H).²

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.38 (1C, C=O), 165.00 (1C, C=O), 140.74 (1C), 138.58 (1C), 132.43 (2C), 131.69 (2C), 127.65 (2C, C-2', *cis*), 126.53 (2C, C-2', *trans*), 118.52 (1C), 118.36 (1C), 112.71 (1C), 112.19 (1C), 83.28 (1C), 82.96 (1C), 57.65 (1C, C-3, *trans*), 56.61 (1C, C-2, *trans*), 56.34 (1C, C-3, *cis*), 55.93 (1C, C-2, *cis*), 27.98 (3C, CH(CH₃)₃, *trans*), 27.71 (3C, CH(CH₃)₃, *cis*).

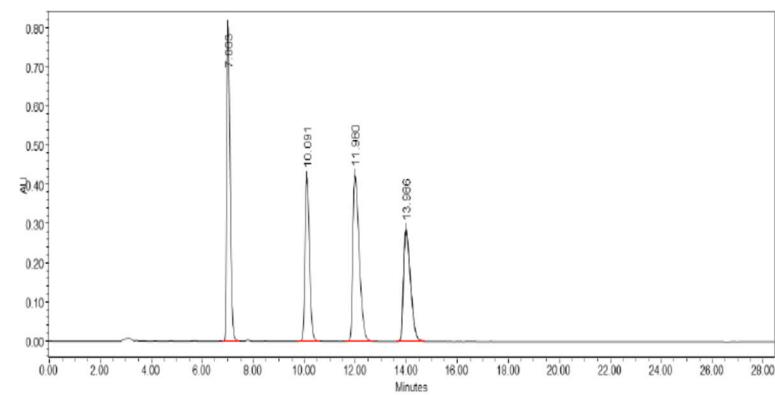
MS (ESI, 5600eV): Calcd.: [M+H⁺]: 246.27; Found: [M+H⁺]: 245.99

R_f : 0.35 (18/2 Cyclohexane/EtOAc).

Ultra Performance LC analysis:



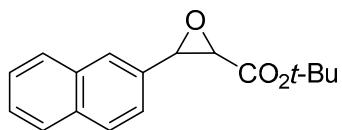
Chiral HPLC: Chiraldpak IA (25×0.46 cm), $5 \mu\text{m}$, *n*-hexane/EtOH = 85/15, 1 ml/min, 220 nm.



Rt (minutes)	Area (%)
7.0	29.4
11.9	28.8
10.1	20.5
13.9	21.3

Analytical and spectroscopic data for **3af**

(41% yield, *cis/trans* = 1/0.6, white solid):



Trans ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.65-7.32 (m, 7H, Ar), 4.2 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (s, 9H).

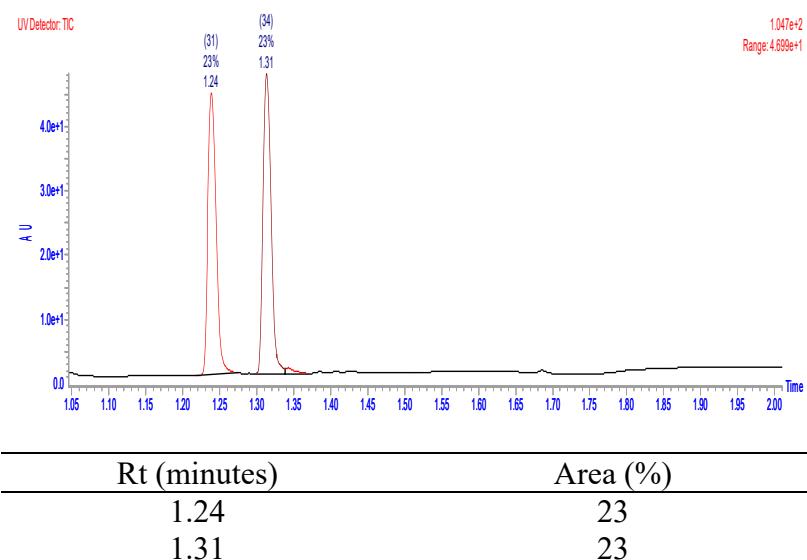
Cis ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.65-7.32 (m, 7H, Ar), 4.39 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.8 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (s, 9H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.23 (1C, C=O, trans), 165.84 (1C, C=O, cis), 133.57 (1C), 133.2 (1C), 133.04 (1C), 132.73 (1C), 130.72 (1C), 128.57 (1C), 127.96 (1C), 127.85 (1C), 127.8 (1C), 127.73 (1C), 127.64 (1C), 126.56 (1C), 126.47 (1C), 126.28 (1C), 126.17 (1C), 126.08 (1C), 125.96 (1C), 124.24 (1C), 122.59 (1C), 82.77 (1C, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_3$, *trans*), 82.43 (1C, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_3$, *cis*), 57.92 (1C, *trans*), 57.51 (1C, *trans*), 57.31 (1C, *cis*), 56.24 (1C, *cis*), 28.03 (1C, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_3$, *trans*), 27.64 (1C, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_3$, *cis*).

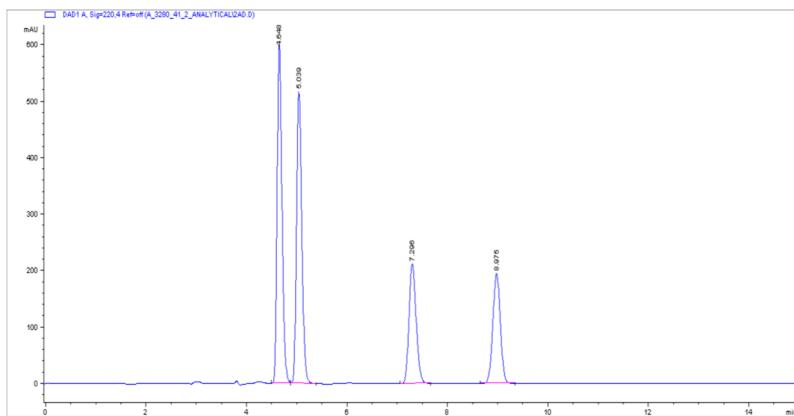
MS (ESI, 5600eV): Calcd.: [M+H $^+$]: 271.32; Found: [M+H $^+$]: 271.04.

R_f : 0.25 (18/2 Cyclohexane/EtOAc).

Ultra Performance LC analysis:



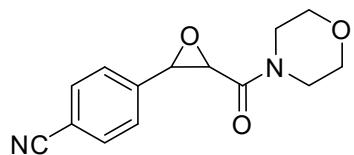
Chiral HPLC: Chiraldak AD-H (25 x 0.46 cm) 5 μ m, *n*-hexane/EtOH = 80/20, 1 ml/min, 220 nm.



Rt (minutes)	Area (%)
4.6	34
5.0	31.5
7.3	17.5
8.9	17

Analytical and spectroscopic data for 3ce

(32% yield, *cis/trans* = 1/0.9, white solid):



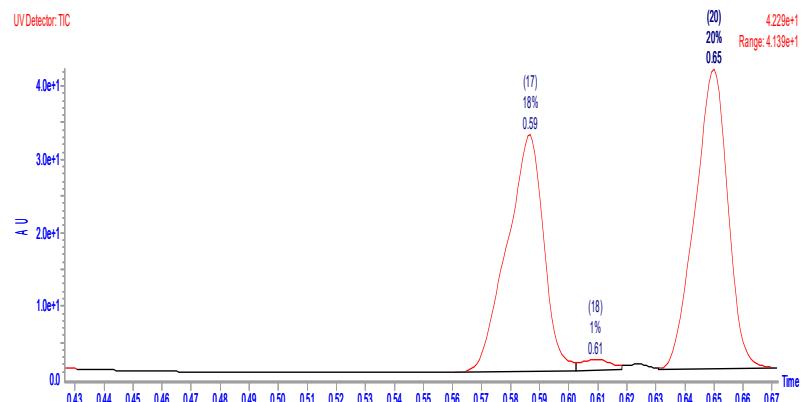
Trans ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6): 7.87 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.67-2.68 (m, 8H). *Cis* ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6): 7.84 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.67-2.68 (m, 8H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*6): δ 164.85 (1C, C=O), 163.16 (1C, C=O), 142.02 (1C), 140.62 (1C), 132.89 (2C), 132.5 (2C), 127.71 (2C), 127.65 (2C), 119.1 (1C), 119.08 (1C), 111.7 (1C), 111.42 (1C), 66.53 (1C), 66.5 (1C), 66.39 (1C), 66.37 (1C), 58.32 (1C, *cis*), 56.8 (1C, *trans*), 56.58 (1C, *cis*), 56.31 (1C, *trans*), 45.4 (1C), 44.88 (1C), 42.44 (1C), 41.62 (1C).

MS (ESI, 5600eV): Calcd.: [M+H $^+$]: 259.27; Found:[M+H $^+$]: 259.08.

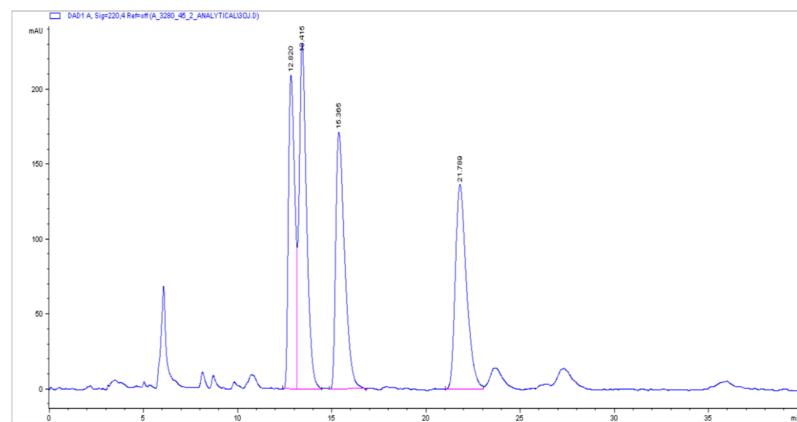
R_f : 0.15 (18/2 Cyclohexane/EtOAc).

Ultra Performance LC analysis:



Rt (minutes)	Area (%)
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0.65	20

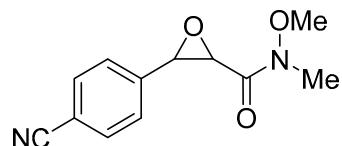
Chiral HPLC: Chiralcel OJ-H (25 x 0.46 cm) 5 μ m *n*-hexane/ethanol 60/40, 1 ml/min, 220 nm.



Rt (minutes)	Area (%)
12.8	22
13.4	28
15.3	25
21.7	25

Analytical and spectroscopic data for **3de**

(86% yield, *cis/trans* = 1/0.75, white solid):



Trans ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6): δ 7.87 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.6 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H, Me), 3.18 (s, 3H, Me).

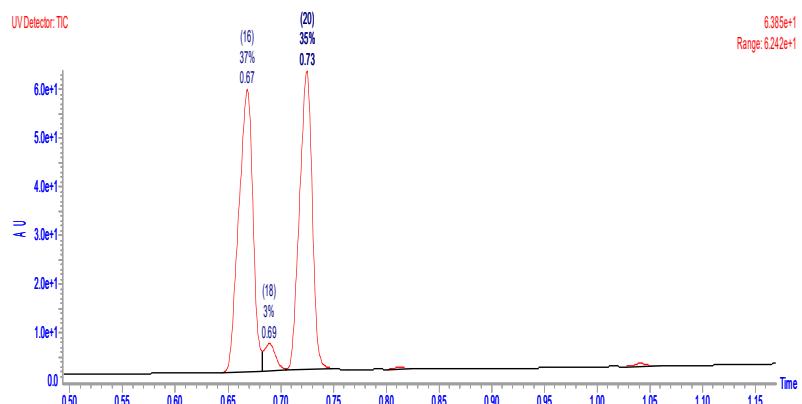
Cis ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6): δ 7.81 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (d, J = 5 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (bs, 1H), 3.57 (bs, 3H, Me), 2.91 (bs, 3H, Me).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*6): δ 166.53 (1C, C=O), 165.83 (1C, C=O), 141.91 (1C), 140.34 (1C), 132.97 (2C, *trans*), 132.39 (2C, *cis*), 128.11 (2C, *cis*), 127.59 (2C, *trans*), 119.08 (1C), 119.06 (1C), 111.8 (1C), 111.37 (1C), 62.36 (1C), 62.11 (1C), 57.72 (1C, *cis*), 56.47 (1C, *cis*), 56.27 (1C, *trans*), 56.13 (1C, *trans*), 32.58 (1C), 32.35 (1C).

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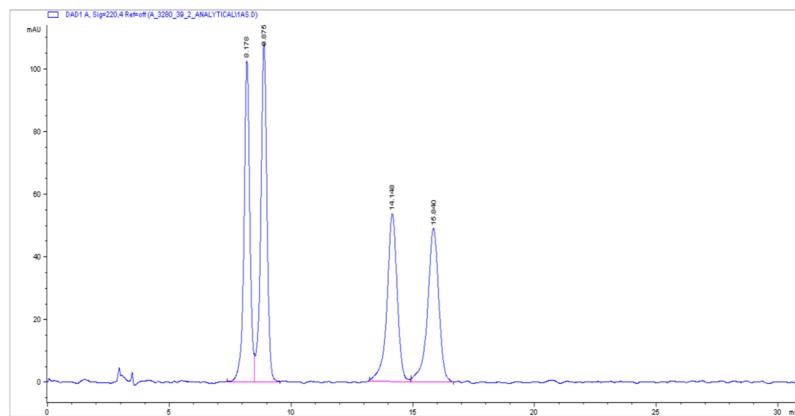
R_f : 0.23 (18/2 Cyclohexane/EtOAc).

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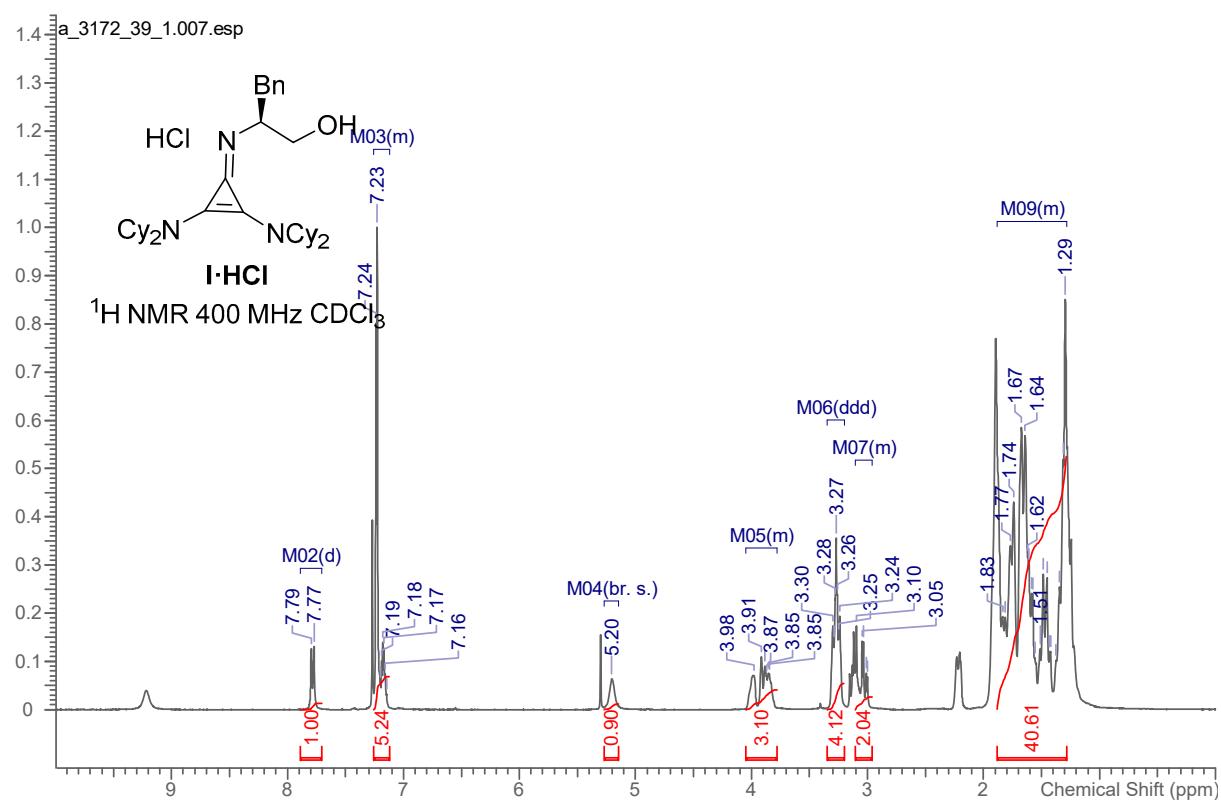
Rt (minutes)	Area (%)
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0.73	35

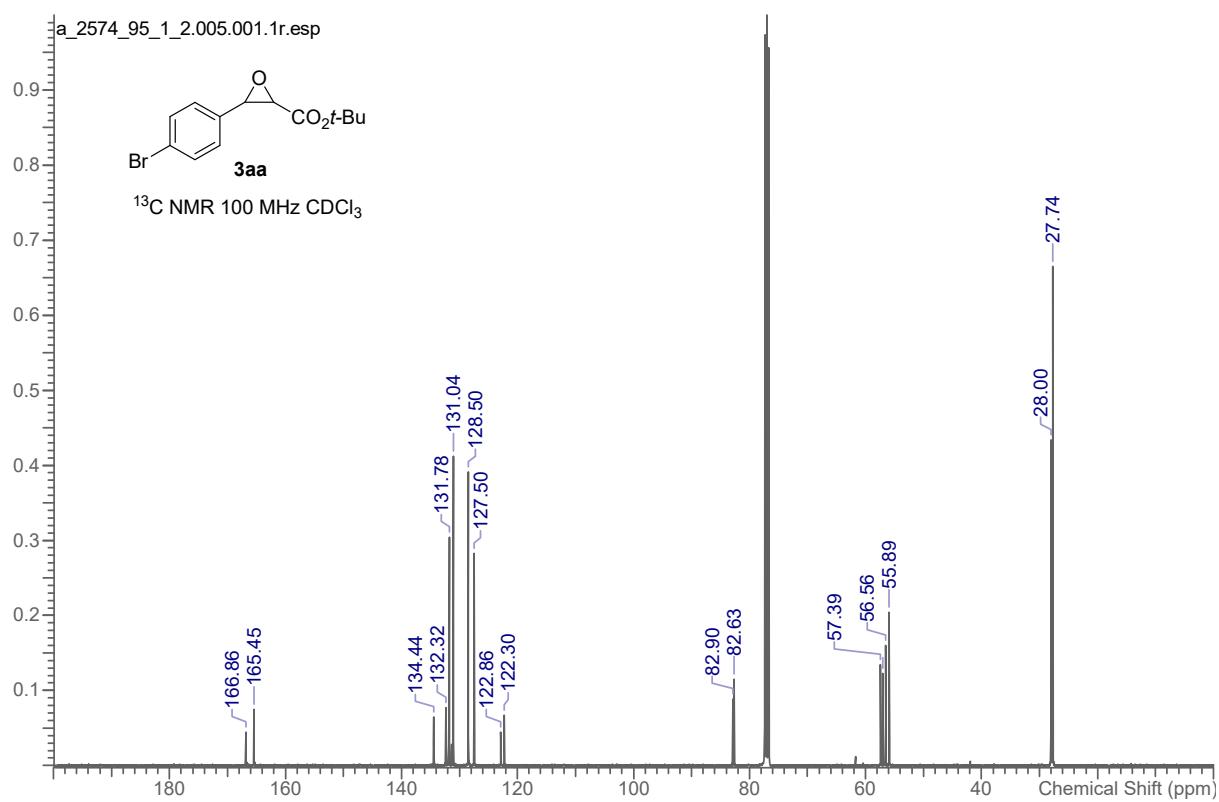
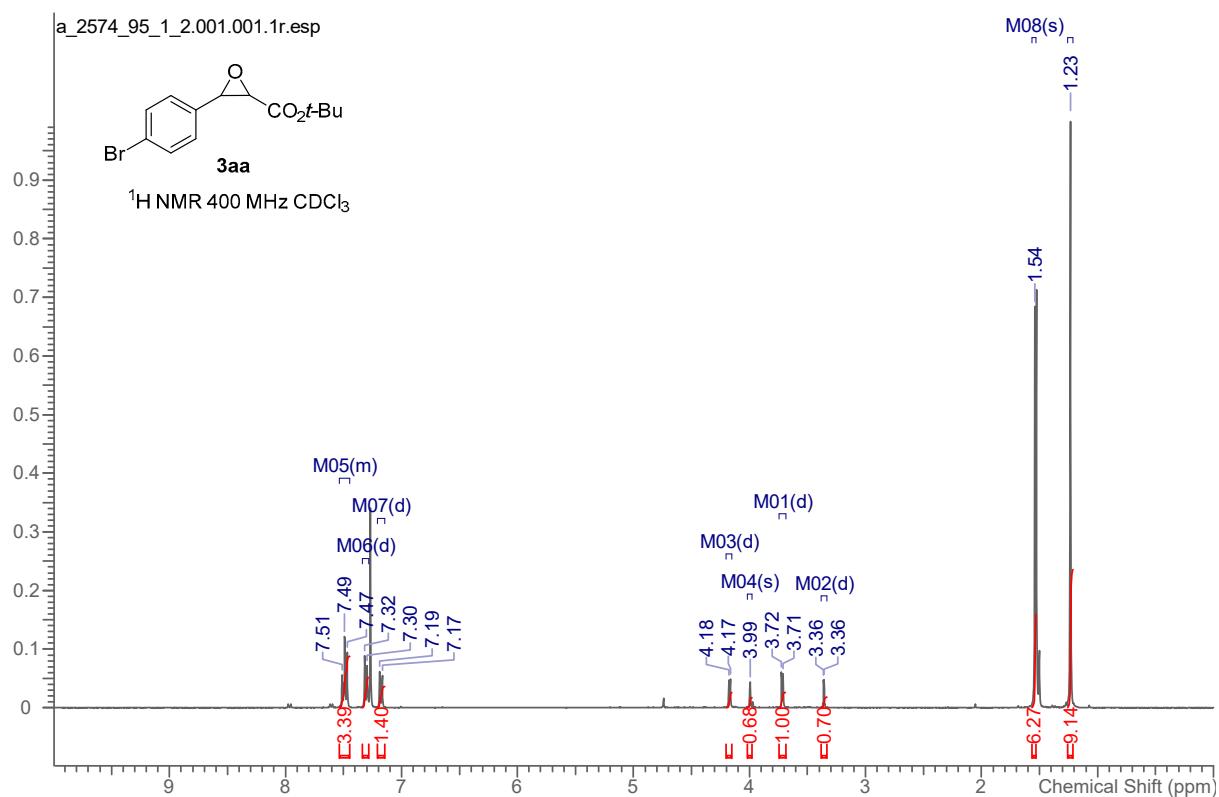
Chiral HPLC: Chiraldpak AS-H (25 x 0.46 cm) 5 μ m, *n*-hexane/ethanol 70/30, 1 ml/min, 220 nm.

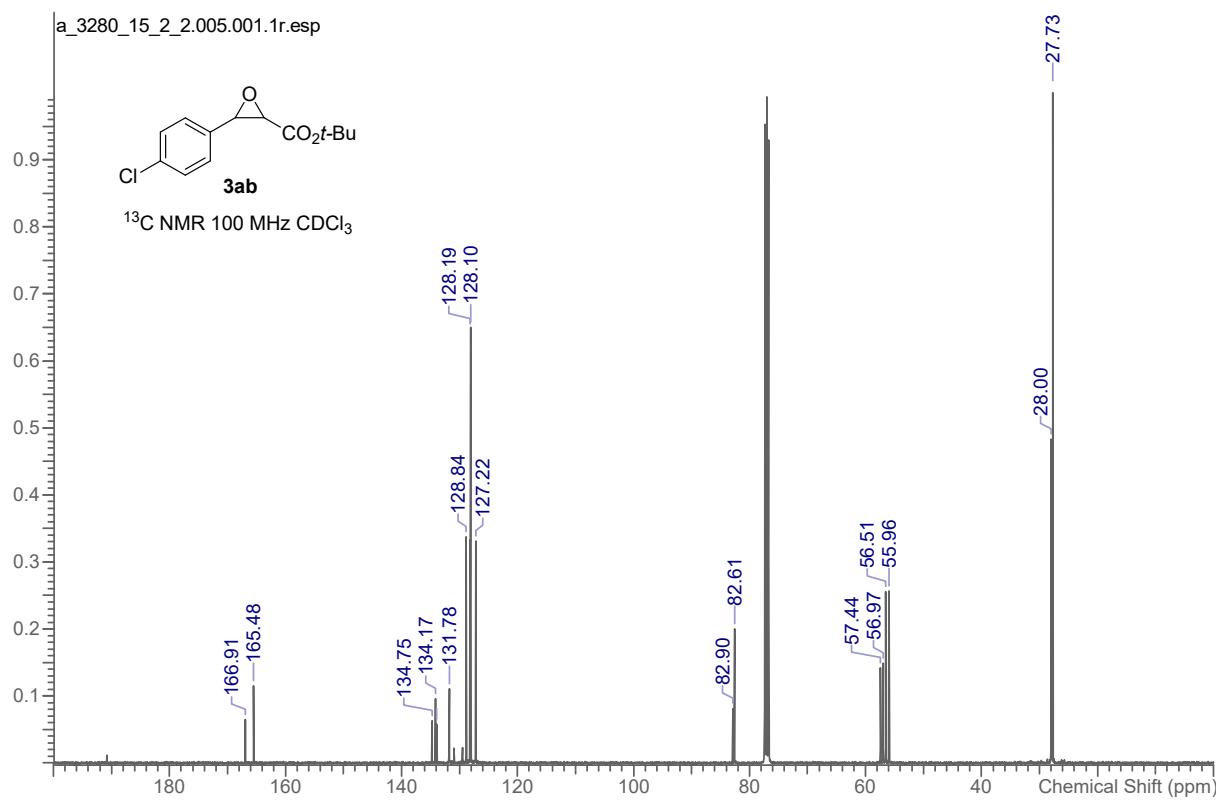
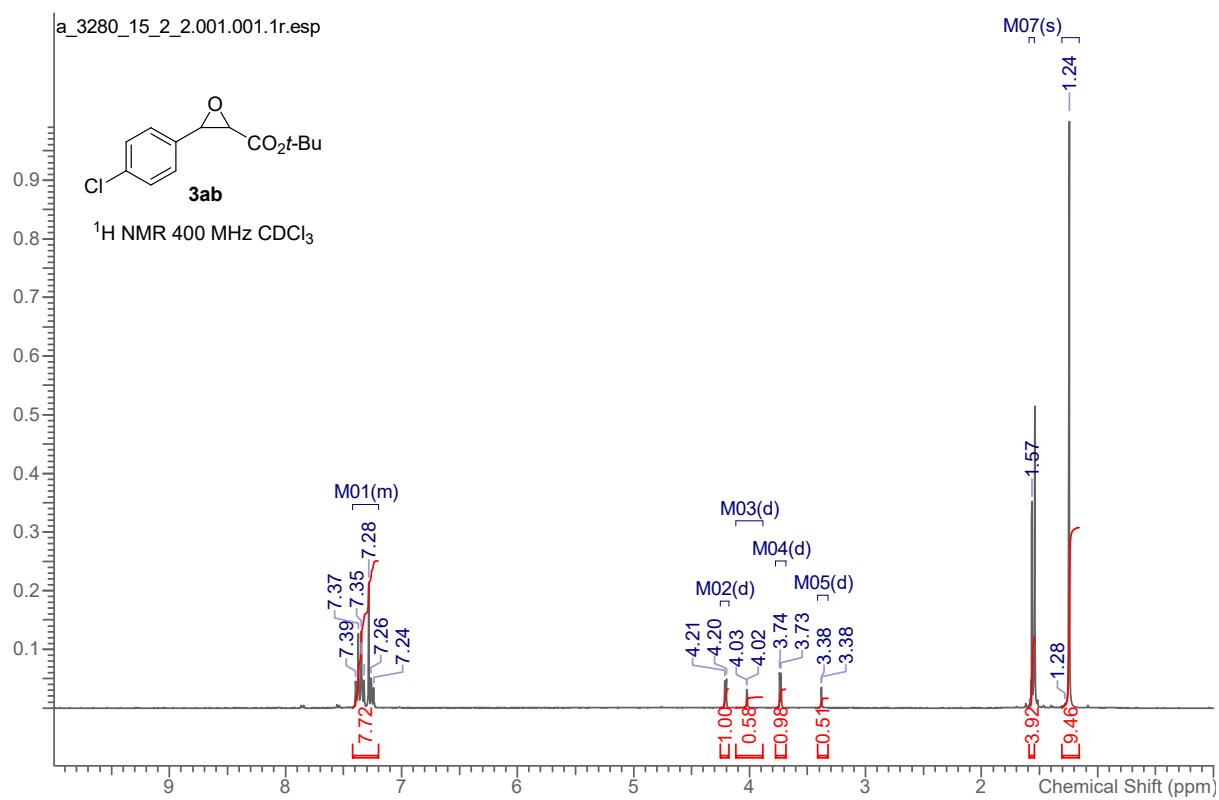


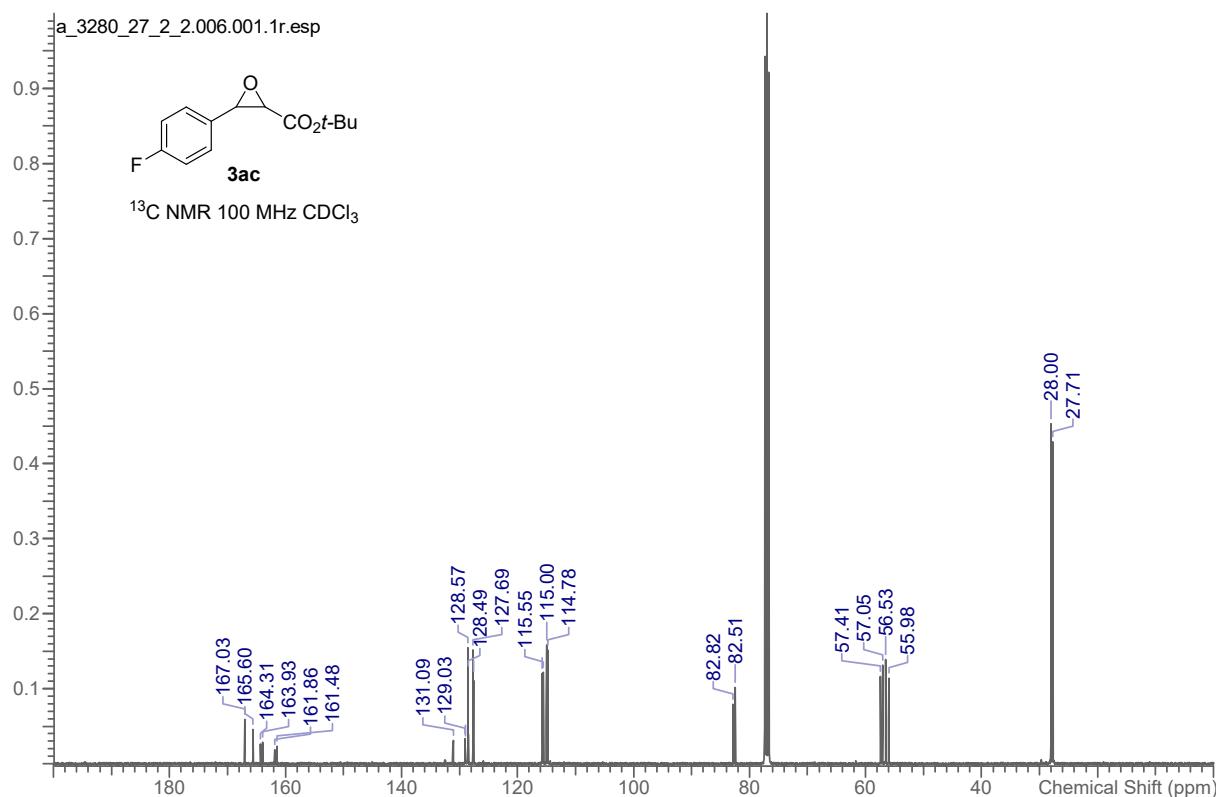
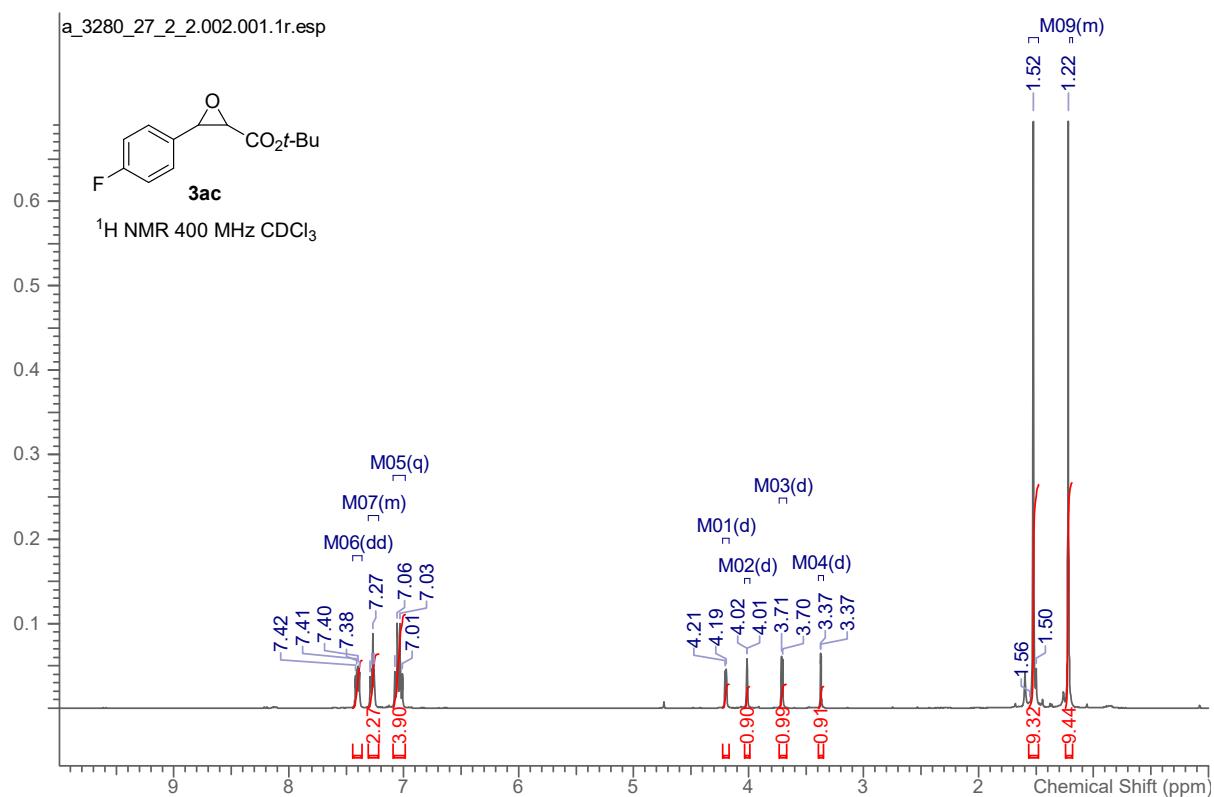
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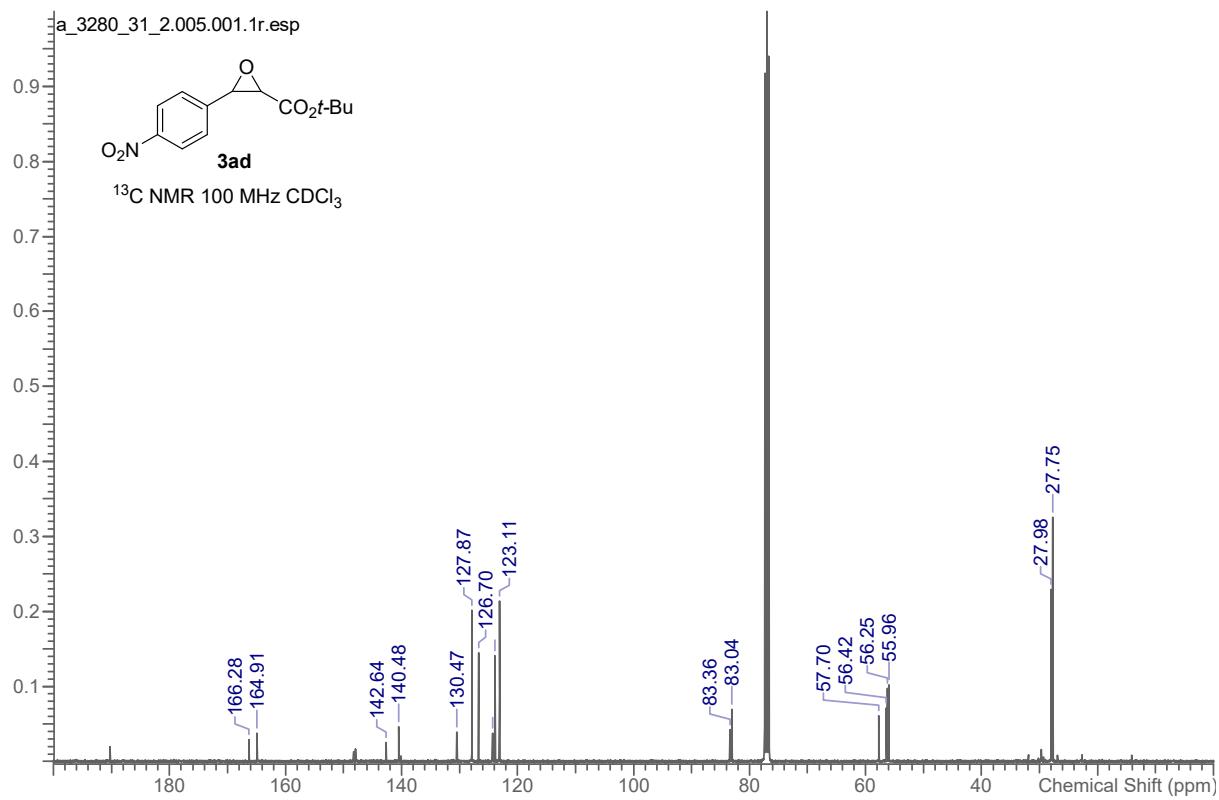
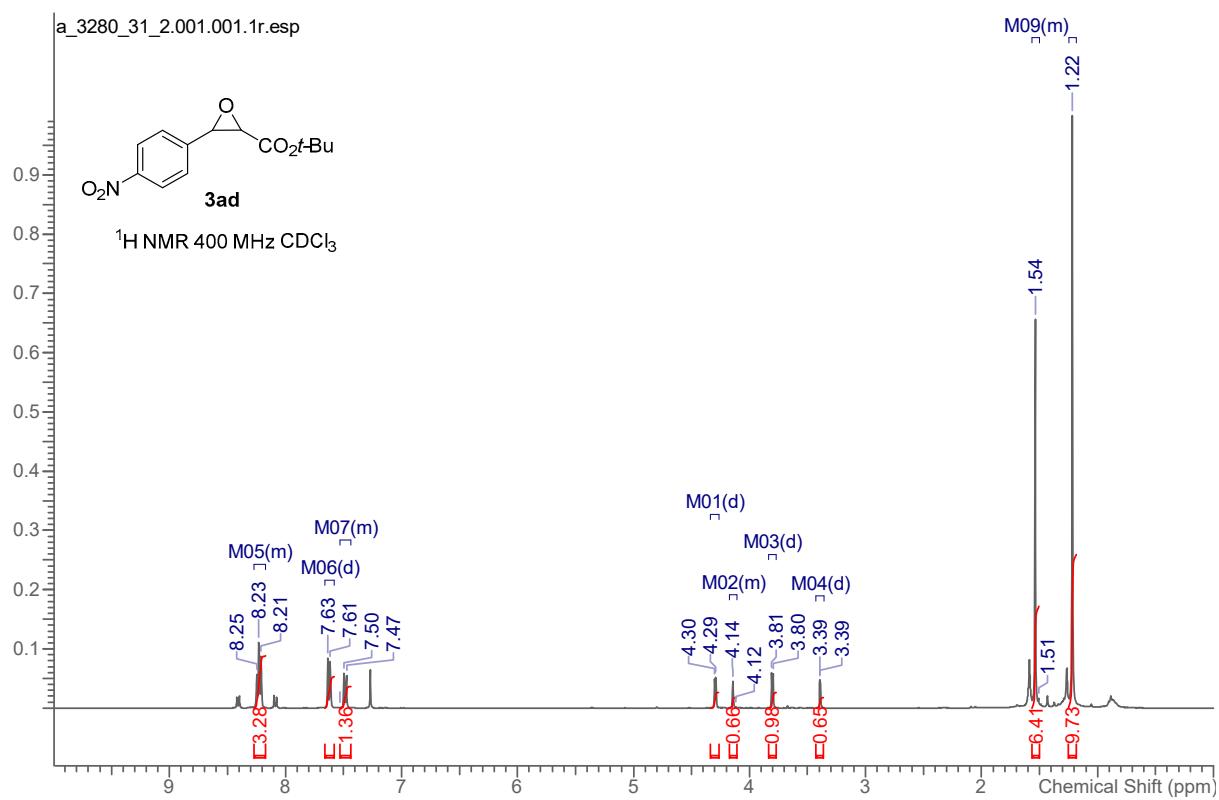
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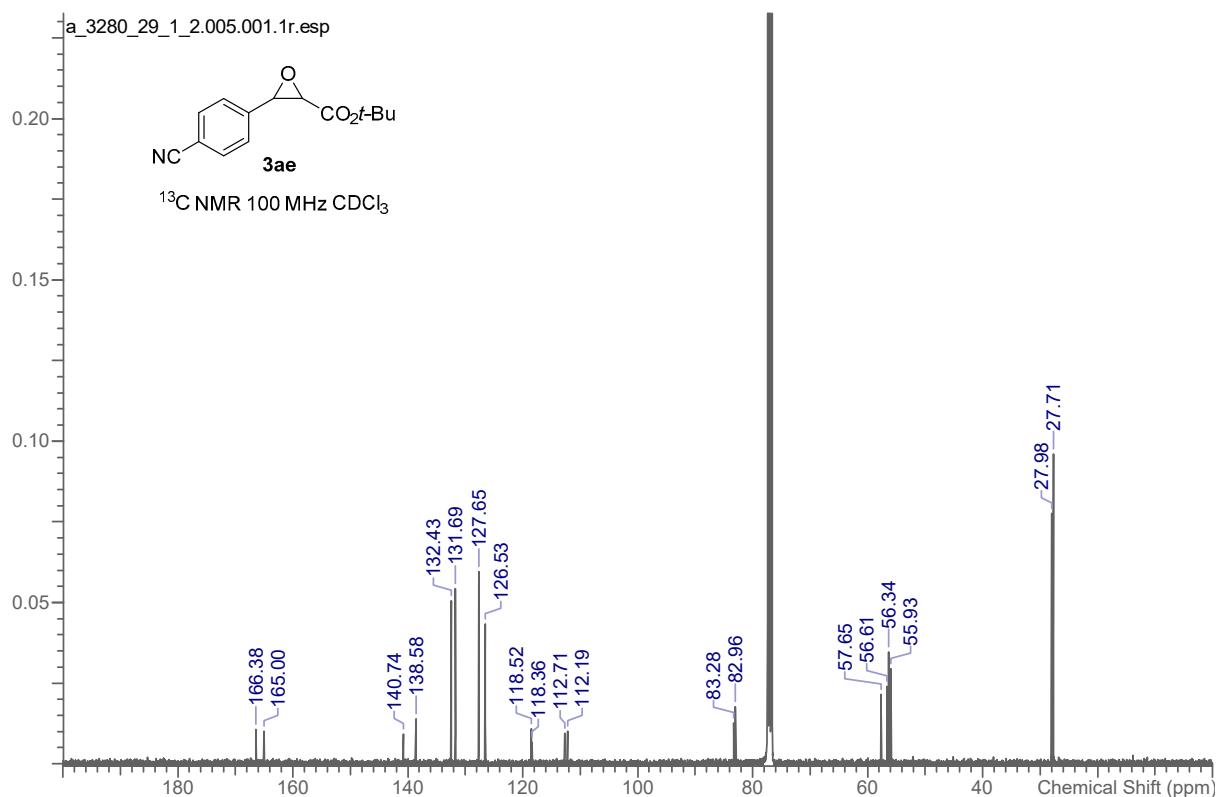
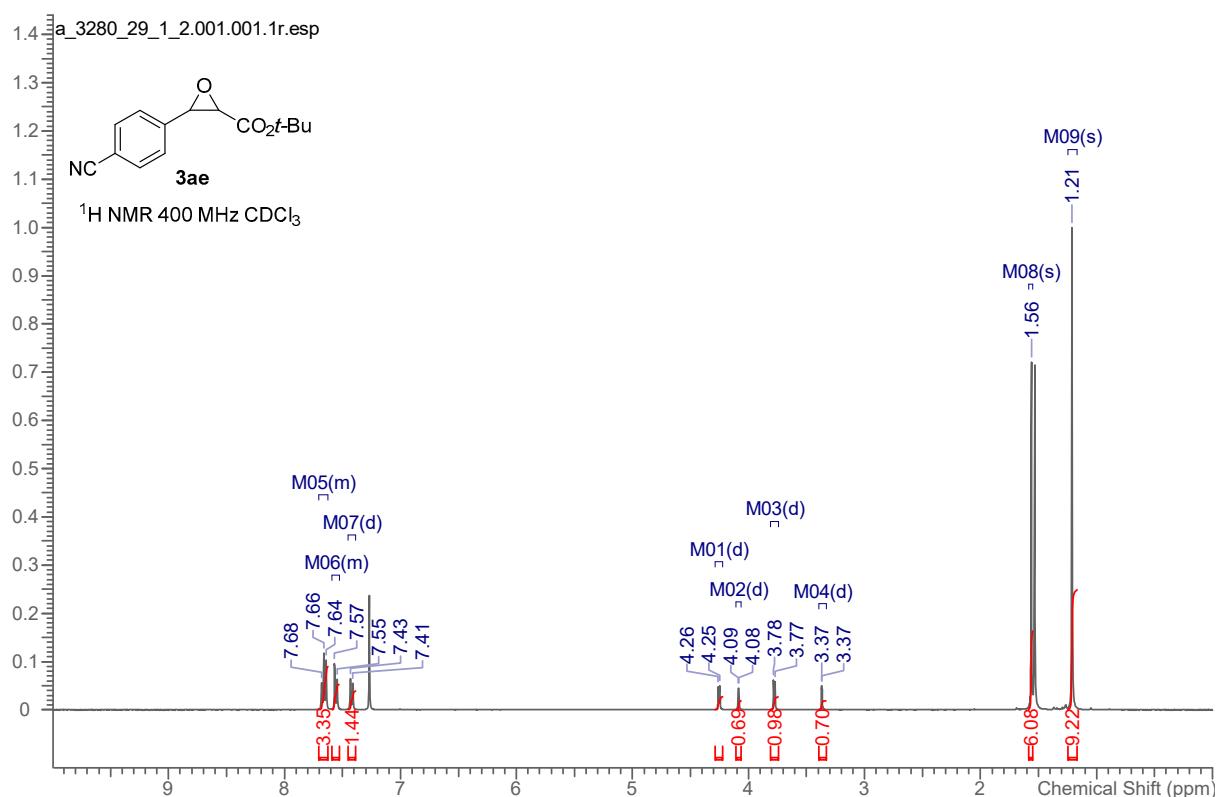


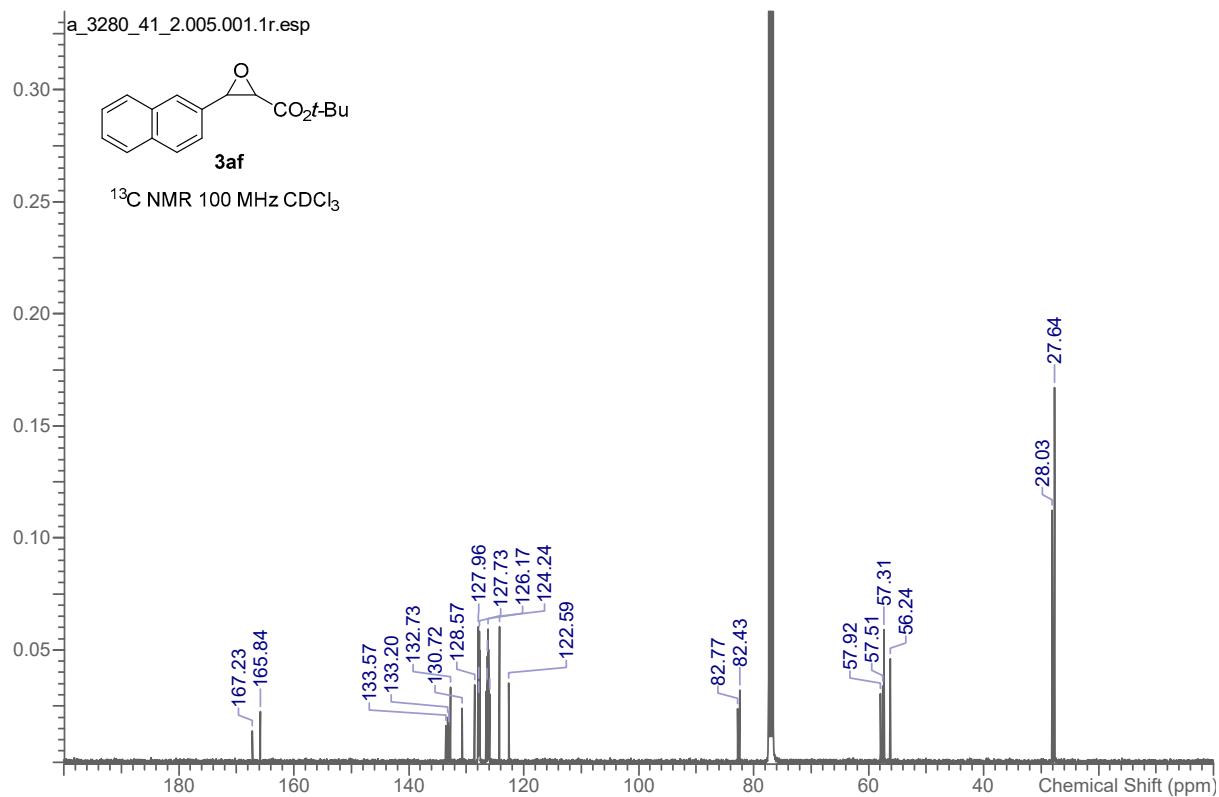
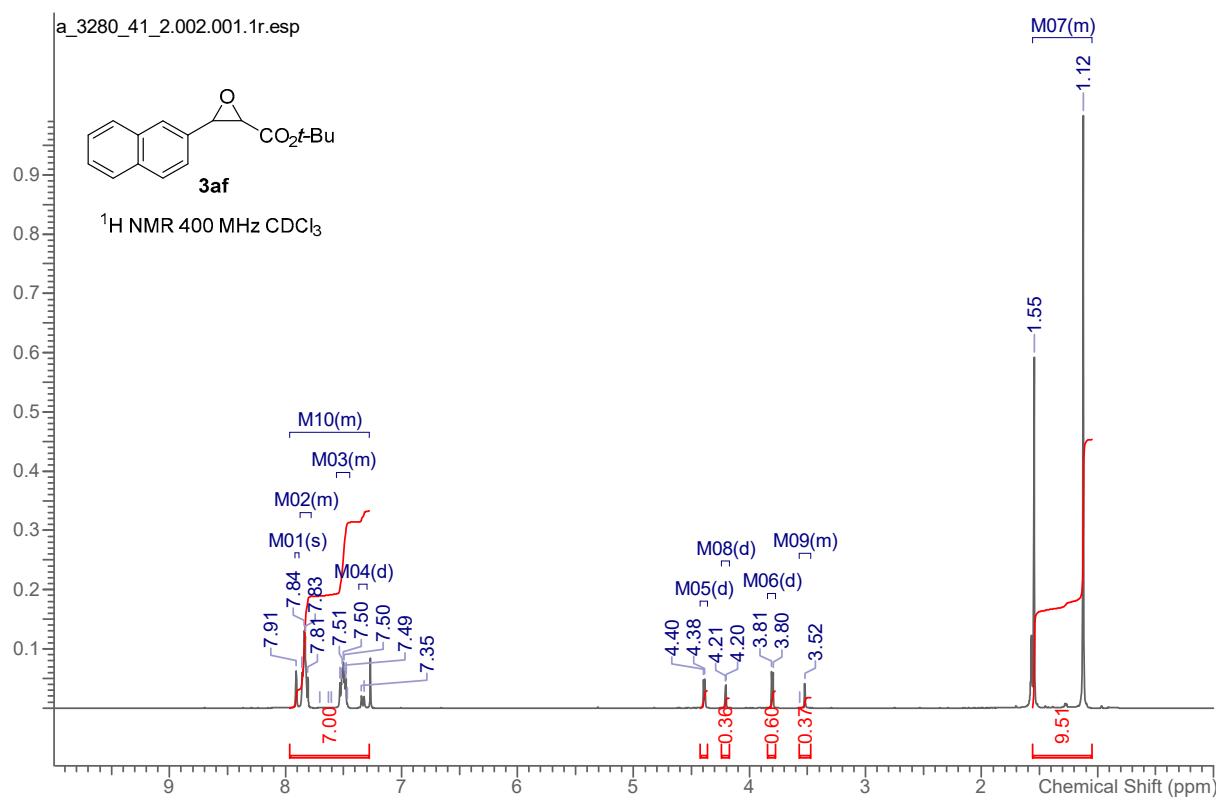


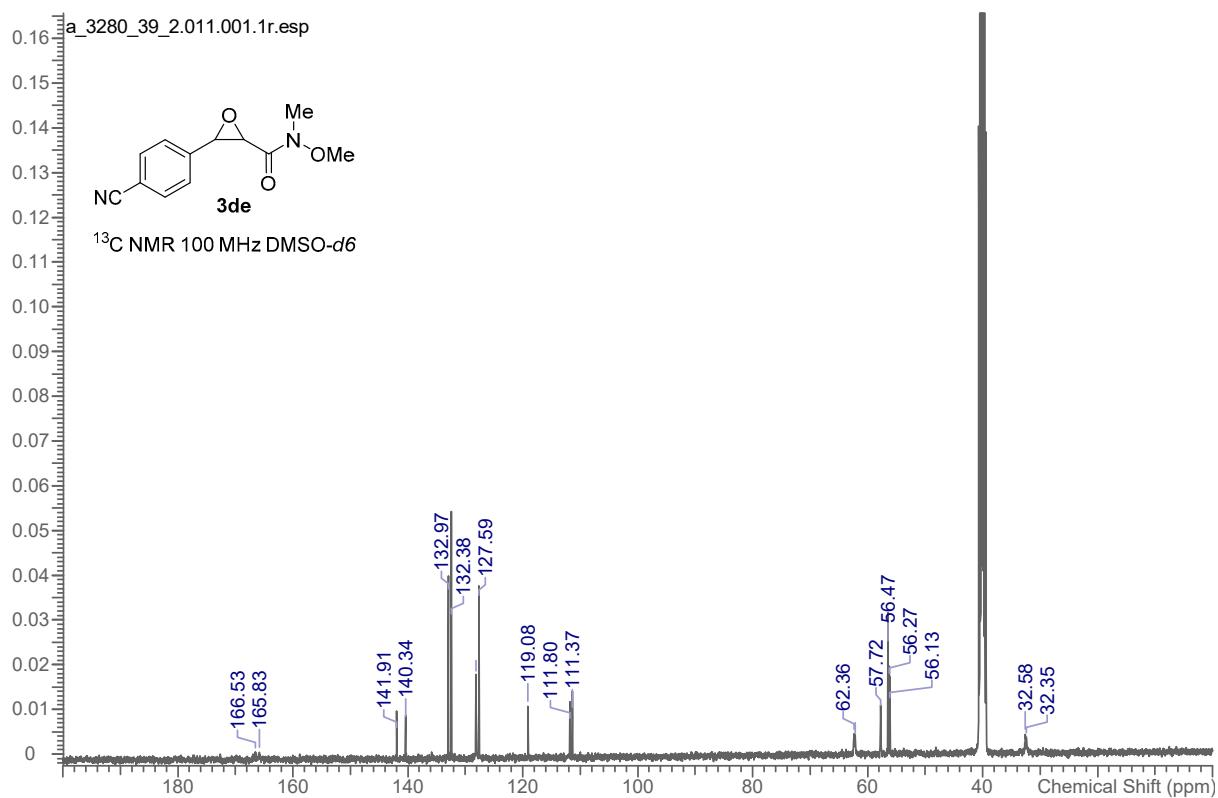
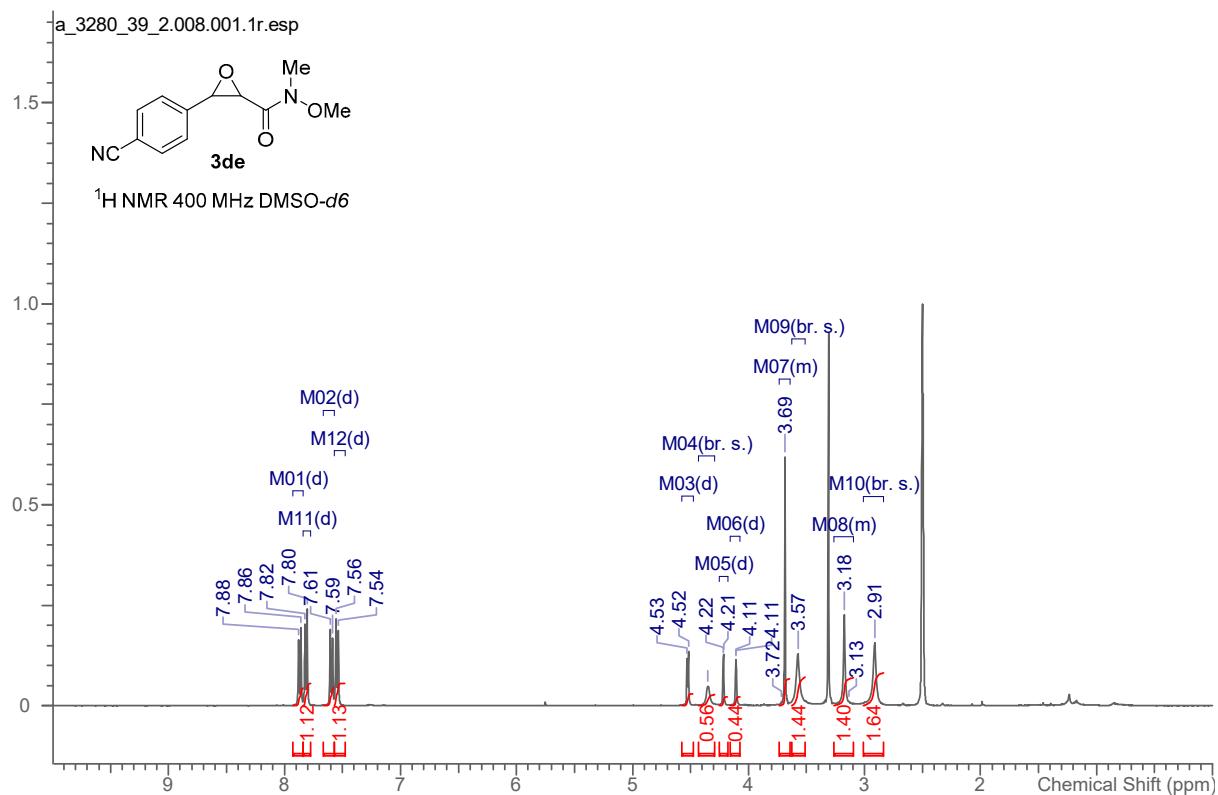


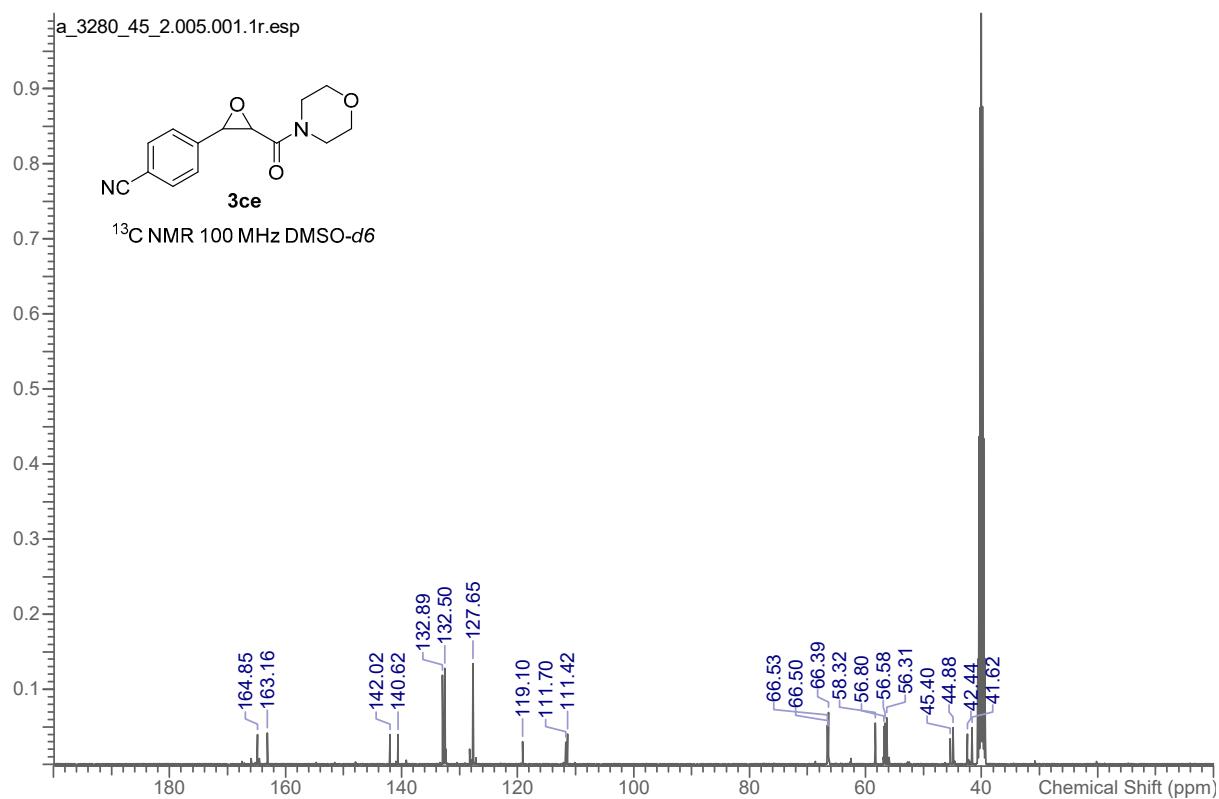
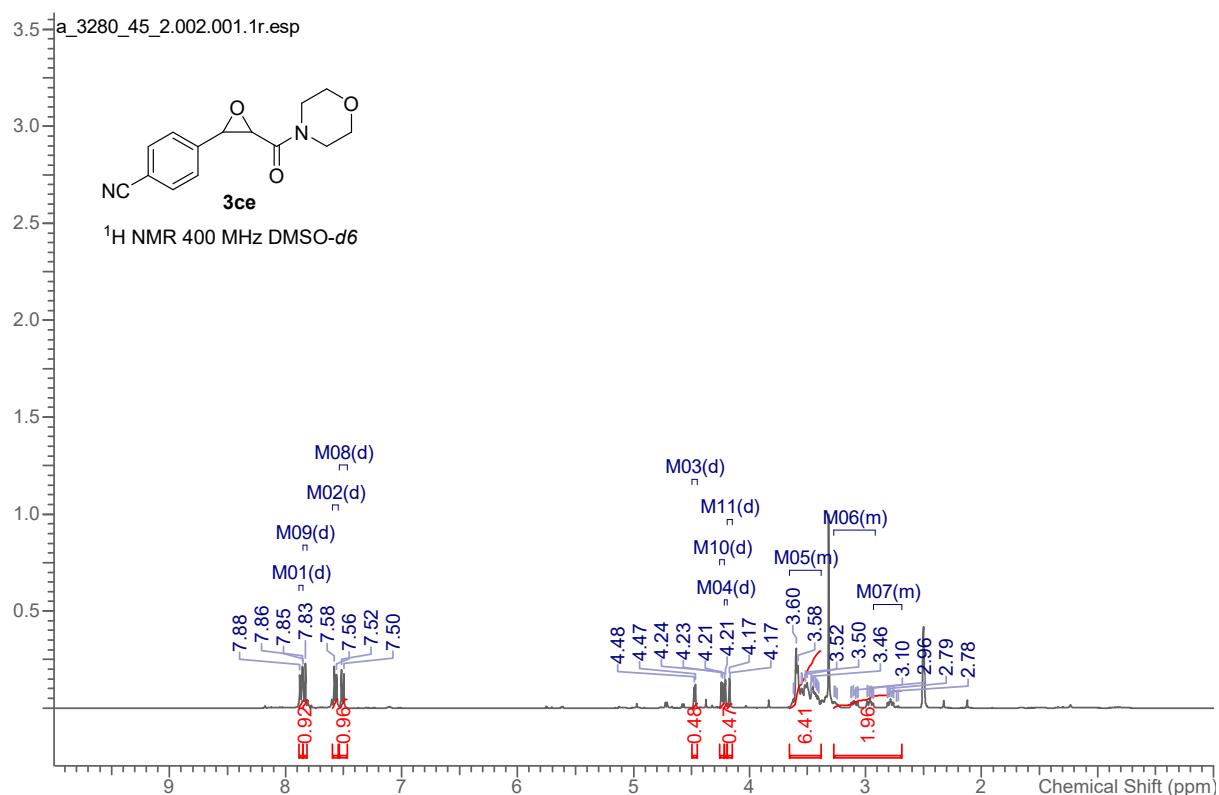












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