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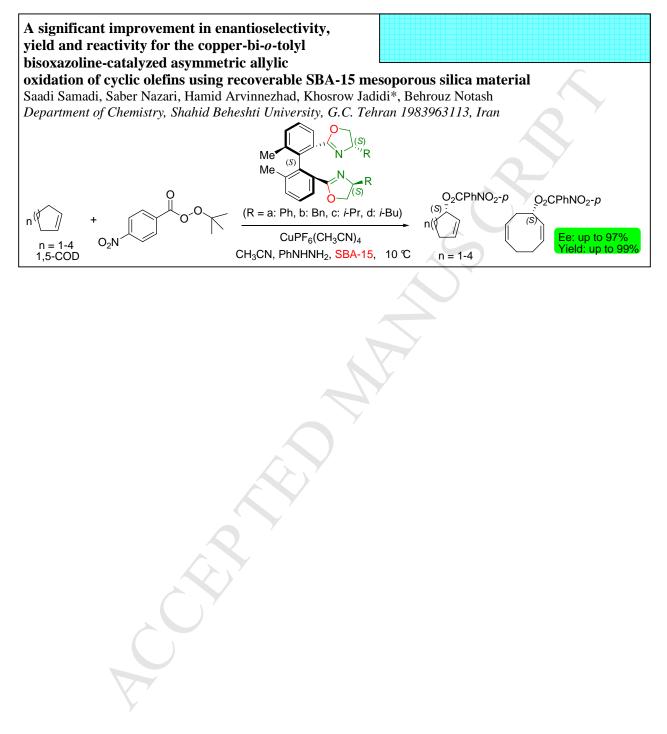
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1. Introduction

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The copper-catalyzed allylic oxidation of olefins with peresters has been the subject of numerous synthetic investigations. This reaction provides access to chiral allylic alcohols that are key intermediates in natural product synthesis.¹ Chiral C_2 -symmetric bisoxazolines (Box's) are one of the most effective and popular classes of chiral ligands used for various metal-catalyzed asymmetric processes,² such as allylic oxidation.³ Among these various ligands, the enantioselectivity of the chiral biarylbisoxazolines can often be enhanced by a synergistic effect of matched chiralities on the oxazoline ring and the biaryl backbone.

The first synthesis of chiral biarylbisoxazoline ligands and chiral copper-bi-*o*-tolyl bisoxazoline complexes was reported by Corey for a highly selective interamolecular cyclopropanation reaction leading to (–)-sirenin.⁴ Andrus et al. used bi-*o*-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands in the copper-catalyzed allylic oxidation of cyclohexene and cyclopentene, and the corresponding *S*-allylbenzoates were obtained in up to 73% *ee* and 78% yield in 5 days.^{3c,j} Recently we reported improvements in the results of this reaction in terms of enantioselectivity, yield and reactivity by using chiral biphenylbisoxazoline ligands in the presence of mesoporous SBA-15.^{3z} Herein, we report a substantial improvement in the efficiency of bi-*o*-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands

in asymmetric allylic oxidation of cycloolefins by utilizing mesoporous SBA-15 in comparison to the earlier report. $^{3\rm e,\,j}$

We discovered that the chiral copper (I) complexes of these ligands allowed the reactions to gain much higher rates, yields and enantiomeric excesses for numerous cycloolefins in the presence of mesoporous SBA-15. Furthermore, a new method was developed for the synthesis of a series of chiral bi-*o*-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands with modifications to the previously reported procedure.^{3e,j}

2. Results and discussion

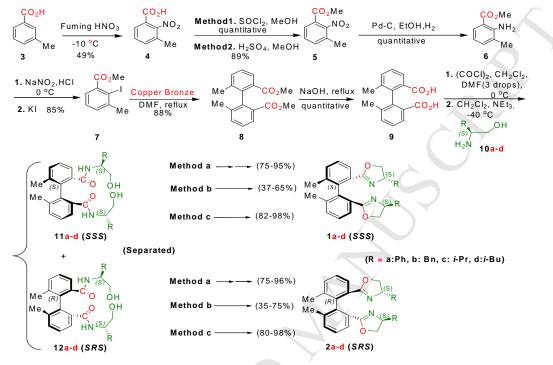
Our study commenced with the synthesis of a series of chiral bi-*o*-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands **1** and **2** on a gram scale from inexpensive and commercially available 3-methyl benzoic acid **3** in eight steps with excellent enantiomeric excess (Scheme 1). The synthesis started with the preparation of 3-methyl-2-nitro benzoic acid **4** by nitration of *m*-toluic acid **3** with fuming nitric acid.^{5a} Next, esterification of **4** by two methods, CH₃OH/H₂SO₄ or CH₃OH/SOCl₂, afforded methyl ester **5** in quantitative yield. Methyl 2- amino-3-methyl benzoate **6** was obtained by reduction of methyl 3-methyl-2-nitro benzoate **5** with Pd-C/H₂ resulting in the formation of the amino group.^{5b} Various reducing agents such as Fe/HCl, Fe/HOAc, Sn/HCl,^{5a} Pd-C/NH₂NH₂ and Pd-C/H₂ were trialled, with Pd-C/H₂ being the reagent of choice. Next, diazotization of **6** with a NaNO₂/HCl mixture followed by

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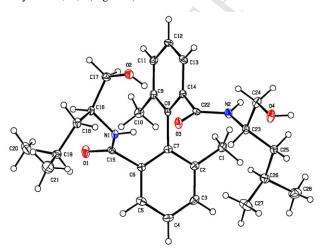
reaction with KI provided methyl 2-iodo-3-methylbenzoate 7.^{5a,c} Ullmann coupling of methyl ester 7 in the presence of activated copper bronze led to symmetrical bitoluyl diester 8.^{5a,3j} Hydrolysis of bitolyl diester 8 with NaOH gave bitolyl diacid 9 that was then treated with oxalyl chloride in the presence of a catalytic amount of DMF, forming the required diacid chloride. The treatment of diacid chloride with four individual *S*-amino alcohols 10a-d resulted in the formation of *S*,a*S*,*S* and *S*,a*R*,*S* bishydroxylamides 11a-d and 12a-d before the final cyclization

presence of DMAP and Et₃N (method **c**) induced the cyclization step at room temperature to a higher yield in a shorter period of time compared to method **a**, the Andrus procedure, ^{3e,j} and method **b**, which uses Ph₃P/CCl₄/Et₃N as a cyclization reagent (see the Experimental section for more details).^{3r,s} Treatment of 1.1 equivalent of **1b** with 1 equivalent of CuCl₂ in dichloromethane and *n*-hexane afforded suitable crystals for single-crystal X-ray analysis. The absolute configuration of the diastereoisomer **1b** was also determined to be *S*,*a*,*S*,*S* (Figure 2).^{7,6c}



Scheme 1. Synthesis of chiral ligands 1 and 2

step. The diastereoisomers **11** and **12** were readily separated using column chromatography.^{3j} The structures of the bishydroxylamide precursors **11** and **12** were assigned from elemental and spectroscopic analyses, including ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and mass spectral data. The absolute configuration of chiral diamide **11d** was determined by single-crystal X-ray analysis as S_{AS} , S (Figure 1).^{6a-c}



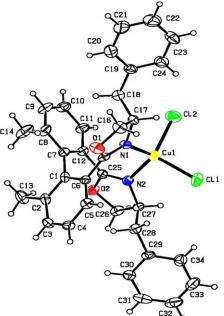


Figure 2. ORTEP diagram of copper (I)-bi-*o*-tolyl-bisoxazoline complex **1b**. The solvent molecules (CHCl₃) have been omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are at the 30% probability level.

Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of bishydroxylamide precursor **11d**. Thermal ellipsoids are at the 30% probability level.

To improve the cyclization step, we sought to use three different activating agents, forming the required bi-o-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands 1 and 2 in high yields (Scheme 1). Activating the bishydroxylamides 11 and 12 with p-TsCl; in the

Both crystal structures of **1b** and **11d** confirmed that the chiral centers remained unchanged without any racemization over the course of the reaction (Figures 1 & 2).

Encouraged by the efficient and high yielding protocol for the synthesis of ligands **1a-d** and **2a-d**, we sought to investigate the effect of these ligands in conjunction with various nano-sized

additives in the copper-catalyzed allylic oxidations of cycloolefins. In a typical experimental procedure, the reactions were carried out by using cyclohexene as a substrate in the presence of various ligands **1-2** (10 mol%) and [Cu(CH₃CN)₄]PF₆ (10 mol%) as a catalyst at different temperatures in acetonitrile. The reactions were monitored by TLC for the consumption of perester and were stopped at the given time. A series of results is

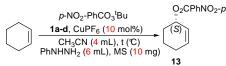


 Table 1: Effect of catalyst on enantioselectivity, yield and reactivity at different temperatures

Entry	Catalyst	$T(^{o}C)$	Time (h)	Yield (%)	<mark>e</mark> e (%)
1	1a	Reflux	0.25	70	21
2	1 a	40	2	65	35
3	1 a	25	3.5	92	60
4	1 a	10	43	68	68
5	1 a	0	101	70	72
6	1a	<mark>-10</mark>	200	85	80
7	1 a	<mark>-</mark> 16	350	69	82
8	1 a	<mark>-</mark> 20	415	68	82
9	2a	<mark>-</mark> 10	200	85	30
10	1b	<mark>-10</mark>	190	80	70
11	2b	<mark>-</mark> 10	220	76	20
12	1c	<mark>-</mark> 10	185	80	43
13	2c	<mark>-</mark> 10	200	63	12
14	1d	<mark>-</mark> 10	168	78	17
15	2d	<mark>-</mark> 10	176	76	5

summarized in Table 1.

The temperature dependency on both yield and enantiomeric excess of the products was also investigated. A decrease in the reaction temperature from -10 to -20 °C did not lead to a favorable *ee* and decreased the reaction yield substantially, while the enantioselectivity dropped dramatically as the temperature increased from -10 to 40 °C (entries 1-8, Table 1). The stereocontrol induction observed for the (*S*,*aS*,*S*)-ligands **1** was much better than that for the related (*S*,*aR*,*S*)-ligands **2**. The phenyl or benzyl substituted oxazolines **1a** and **1b** resulted in considerably higher enantioselectivities in comparison to the other two ligands **1c** and **1d**, carrying alkyl substitutions (entries 6 and 10 vs. 12, 14). The highest enantioselectivities and yields were achieved by employing ligand **1a** at -10 °C (entry 6).

Considering ligand **1a** to be the ligand of choice, we next examined the effects of solvent, copper salts and molecular sieves (MS) in the reaction at -10 °C to achieve optimal reaction conditions. A series of results is summarized in Table 2.

Table 2: Effect of solvents, MS and counter anions on the reaction

Entry	Cu salt (10 mol%)	Solvent	Time (h)	Yield (%)	<mark>e</mark> e (%)
1^{a}	CuPF ₆	CH ₃ CN	215	66	46
2	CuPF ₆	CH ₃ CN	200	85	80
3	CuOTf	CH ₃ CN	215	90	63
4	CuCl	CH ₃ CN	420	58	29
5	CuI	CH ₃ CN	275	54	28
6	CuPF ₆	Acetone	210	87	66
7	CuPF ₆	CH_2Cl_2	300	55	37

a) In the absence of MS.

It was observed that the reaction rate, yield and *ee* values of the products were generally improved when CuPF_6 salts and molecular sieves were used simultaneously (entry 2 vs. entry 1). The effect of various Cu salts was also investigated and in all cases, CuPF_6 proved to be the best copper source (Table 2), while other Cu salts such as CuOTf, CuCl and CuI led to *ee* values that were decreased by 17-52% and to longer reaction times (entry 2 versus entries 3-5). Three different solvents were examined under various conditions, and the best results were obtained in MeCN (entry 2 versus entries 6-7).

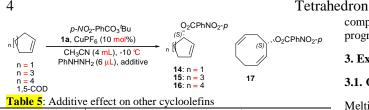
The effects of catalyst loading were also investigated, and the results are summarized in Table 3. The best results were obtained when 10 mol % catalyst loading was used. Changing the catalyst loading to lower or higher amounts led to sharp decreases in the reaction results (Table 3).

	O ₂ CPhN	О ₂ -р		
Table	3: Effect of catalyst	loading on	13 the reaction	
Entry	Catalyst (mol%)	Time (h)	Yield (%)	ee (%)
1	1	452	22	18
2	2.5	305	42	28
3	5	285	48	48
4	10	200	85	80
5	15	220	54	62
6	20	175	45	56

Although the use of molecular sieves led to formation of the desired product **13** in good yield and enantioselectivity, a longer reaction time was required. Therefore, further optimization of the reaction conditions could be achieved by exploring the effect of various additives in this reaction. For this purpose, we prepared and examined activated silica gel,⁸ mesoporous MCM-41⁹ and SBA-15 silica,¹⁰ nanocrystalline MgO¹¹, CuO¹² and TiO₂¹³. A series of results is presented in Table 4; as can be seen from these data, the reaction is generally faster in the presence of these nanoparticles than when molecular sieves were used. Much to our surprise, mesoporous SBA-15 (10 mg/mmol) showed the greatest effect among these additives. The enantioselectivity of the reaction markedly improved (up to 93%), and the reaction was completed in only 36 h, providing the chiral allylic ester **13** in quantitative yield (entry 3 versus entry 1).

ρ-NO2-PhCO3'Bu 1a. CuPF ₆ (10 mol%) CH ₃ CN (4 mL), -10 °C , PhNHNH ₂ (6 μL), additive			0 ₂ CPhNO ₂ -	ρ
Table 4:	Effects of additive on the	he reaction		
Entry	Additive (10 mg)	Time (h)	Yield (%)	<mark>e</mark> e (%)
1	Ms	200	85	80
2	Activated silica gel	225	65	62
3	SBA-15	36	96	93
4	MCM-41	68	85	65
5	Nano MgO	48	90	83
6	Nano TiO ₂	45	86	77
7	Nano CuO	41	90	79

In a similarly reported reaction with using the same ligands and without any mesoporous materials, the experiment leads to only 73% *ee* and 78% yield of products in 5 days.^{3j} Similarly, when the reaction has performed with chiral biphenylbisoxazoline ligands in the presence of mesoporous SBA-15, yield of the reaction remarkable improved (99%) but enantioselectivity of products and reactivity of the reaction slightly increased (81% *ee* in 72 h).^{3z} Mesoporous MCM-41 silica also exhibited higher yields and reactivity, yet the enantioselectivity values decreased considerably in contrast to those for MS (compare entry 4 with entry 1). It was also found that utilizing metal oxide additives resulted in comparable



Entry		1	2	3	4^{a}	5	6
Additive (10	Omg)	SBA 15	Activated silica gel	MCM- 41	Nano MgO	Nano TiO ₂	Nano CuO
Time (h)		100	200	120	85	95	76
Yield (%)	14	90	70	90	92	88	75
<mark>e</mark> e (%)		81	54	71	73	70	74
Time (h)		80	205	110	78	66	88
Yield (%)	15	94	70	88	84	85	92
<mark>e</mark> e (%)		93	73	85	76	77	86
Time (h)		150	200	165	90	112	85
Yield (%)	16	84	62	70	76	74	80
<mark>e</mark> e (%)		70	39	64	53	66	68
Time (h)		46	180	88	66	70	82
Yield (%)	17	95	73	90	96	97	99
e (%)		97	74	85	84	87	92
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a) 2.5 mg Nano MgO

enantioselectivity with higher rates and better yields in comparison to when MS were used (entries 5-7).

The drastic effect of these additives in the allylic oxidation of cyclohexene encouraged us to examine this effect on other substrates. We extended the reaction to several cycloolefins and in all cases, allylic esters 14-17 were obtained in high yields and ees; the best results were achieved in the presence of SBA-15 (10 mg) (Table 5).

The SBA-15 was recycled and reused at least three times without a significant loss of efficiency. The XRD, SEM and IR results clearly demonstrated that the mesoporous structure of SBA-15 was preserved after three uses (See SEM image in Supplementary Material). To demonstrate the effect of the mesoporous structure on catalytic activity, we carried out the reaction in the presence of activated silica gel (amorphous system) under similar reaction conditions. As shown by the results in Table 4 and Table 5, a drastic attenuation in values was observed in terms of yields, enantioselectivities and reactivities. The temperature dependency and effect of various ligands 1 on yield, enantiomeric excess and reactivity of the reaction were also investigated in optimized condition for each of above mentioned cycloolefins. (See Table 6 in Supplementary Material for details) In most of cases, the best results were obtained with ligand 1a at -10 °C.

Conclusions

In conclusion, a series of chiral bi-o-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands 1 and 2 were conveniently synthesized on a gram scale from inexpensive and commercially available 3-methyl benzoic acid in eight steps with modifications to an earlier reported procedure. The catalytic potential of these ligands for copper-catalyzed allylic oxidations of cycloolefins was investigated by utilizing numerous nano-sized additives. By optimizing the reaction conditions in the presence of SBA-15, and chiral bi-o-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands 1, allylic benzoates were obtained in up to 97% ee and 99% yield in a reasonably short period of time. The obtained results in this work clearly show significant improvement in efficiency of bi-o-tolyl bisoxazoline ligands in asymmetric allylic oxidation reaction of cycloolefins, especially for cyclohexene, cycloheptene and 1,5-cyclooctadiene, by utilizing mesoporous SBA-15 as an additive. To the best of our knowledge, ees, yields and rates achieved in this work are superior for the allylic oxidation of cycloolefins in comparison with earlier report. Efforts to extend the utility of the mesoporous

compounds in other asymmetric transformations are still in progress in our laboratory.

3. Experimental

3.1. General

Melting points were measured on an Elecrtothermal 9100 apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured with a Perkin-Elmer 341 polarimeter at 589 nm. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a BRUKER DRX-300 AVANCE spectrometer at 300.13 and 75.47 MHz in CDCl₃, DMSO-d₆ and acetone- d_6 using TMS ($\delta = 0.0$ ppm) as internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on a Bomen FT-IR-MB-series instrument. Enantiomeric excess (ee) of the allylic esters 13-17 were determined by HPLC analysis using EC 250/4.6 Nucleocel Alpha S column. All reactions were performed under an atmosphere of dry, oxygen-free nitrogen. All reagents and starting materials were purchased from Aldrich, Merck and Fluka. Olefins were distilled from calcium hydride before use. All solvents were of reagent grade and were dried and distilled immediately before use as follows: acetonitrile and acetone from P2O5, methylene chloride from calcium hydride. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (230±400 mesh) eluting with ethyl acetate: n-hexane. TLC was performed using silica gel 60 F_{256} plates with visualization by UV.

3.2. The procedure for synthesis of 2,2'-bitolyl bisoxazoline ligands 1 and 2:

Step 1: Synthesis of 3-methyl-2-nitro benzoic acid (4):^{5a} 2-Toluic acid (1 g, 7.35 mmol) was added slowly with stirring to fuming nitric acid (4 mL) in -10° C, then the mixture was stirred at this temperature for 1 h. TLC analysis of the reaction (n-hexane /EtOH) confirmed the formation of a new compound. After the reaction was judged to be completed, the mixture was filtered and precipitated solid was washed with cold water. Compound 4 (0.66 g, 50 %) was obtained after drying, m.p. 217- 219 °C (lit. 217- 219 °C)^{5a}; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz acetone- d_6) 2.33 (3H, s, Me), 7.60 (1H, t, J 7.7 Hz, Ph), 7.70 (1H, d, J 7.6 Hz, Ph), 7.94 (1H, d, J 7.6 Hz, Ph), 10.15 (1H, br s, CO₂H); δ_C (75 MHz DMSO-d₆) 16.7, 124.1, 129.0, 130.3, 131.0, 136.1, 150.5, 165.1.

Step 2: Synthesis of methyl 3-methyl-2-nitrobenzoate (5):^{14a,b}

Method 1: H₂SO₄/CH₃OH: Concentrated sulfuric acid (1 mL) was added to a solution of 2-nitro-3-toluicacid (1 g, 5.49 mmol) in methanol (4 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred and heated to reflux for 5 h. After completion of the reaction (was determined by TLC analysis), the crystalline product was filtered and washed with cold water and dried (0.95 g, 89%).

Method 2: CH₃OH/SOCl₂: 2-Nitro-3-toluic acid (1 g, 5.49 mmol) was placed in a round bottom flask (25 mL) containing methanol (4 mL). The reaction solution was cooled to 0 °C and thionyl chloride (1 mL, 13.83 mmol) was added to the reaction flask. The solution was allowed to warm slowly to r.t. and was stirred for 10 h. After completion of the reaction (was determined by TLC analysis), aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate (5 mL, 5%) was added and the crystalline product was collected and washed with cold water and then dried. The product 5 was afforded as a white solid (1.05 g, 99%); m.p. 73-74 °C (lit.^{14b} 72-73 °C); δ_H (300 MHz CDCl₃) 2.35 (3H, s, Me), 3.88 (3H, s, CO₂Me) 7.63 (1H, t, J 7.7 Hz, Ph), 7.73 (1H, d, J 7.6 Hz, Ph), 7.90(1H, d, J 7.6 Hz, Ph); δ_C (75 MHz CDCl₃) 16.8, 53.5, 122.9, 129.0, 130.7, 131.2, 136.6, 150.2, 164.3.

Step 3: Synthesis of methyl 2-amino-3-methyl benzoate (6) using Pd-C/H₂ reagent.⁵

Methyl 3-methyl-2-nitro benzoate (1 g, 5.2 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (40 mL) and then 10% palladium on charcoal (0.1 g)

was added to the reaction mixture and stirred at r.t. for 10 h. Then the mixture was filtrated, and evaporation of solvent under reduced pressure afforded the light yellow oil product. (0.85 g, 99%); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz CDCl₃) 2.18 (3H, s, Me), 3.88 (3H, s, CO₂Me), 5.84 (2H, br s, NH₂), 6.61 (1H, t, *J* 7.7 Hz, Ph), 7.22 (1H, d, *J* 7.3 Hz, Ph), 7.79 (1H, d, *J* 7.7 Hz, Ph); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (75 MHz CDCl₃) 17.4, 51.5, 110.1, 115.6, 123.0, 129.1, 134.9, 149.0, 169.0.

Step 4: Synthesis of methyl 2-iodo-3-methyl benzoate (7):^{5a,c}

A suspension of compound **6** (1 g, 6 mmol) in a mixture of HCl (2.2 mL, %37) and ice was stirred for 15 min at 0 °C. Then a solution of NaNO₂ (0.4 g, 6 mmol) in cold water (3 mL) was added slowly at 0 °C to the reaction mixture. Then the mixture was stirred until it became homogeneous. Another round- bottom flask was charged with potassium iodide (3.46 g, 20 mmol) and water (8 mL). The freshly prepared solution containing the diazonium salt was added to this mixture by funnel at 0 °C. The solution was allowed to warm slowly to r.t. and stirred for further 20 h. The product was extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 8 mL), the organic layer was washed with sodium thiosulfate (5 mL) and the solvent was evaporated to afford compound **7** (1.41 g, 85%); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz CDCl₃) 2.52 (3H, s, Me), 3.92 (3H, s, CO₂Me), 7.25-7.38 (3H, m, Ph); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (75 MHz CDCl₃) 29.7, 52.6, 100.0, 127.1, 127.8, 131.8, 138.4, 143.4, 168.8.

Step 5: Synthesis of bitoluyl diester (8): ^{5a,3j}

To a solution of compound **7** (1 g, 3.7 mmol) in *N*,*N*-dimethyl formamide (3.3 mL) was added activated copper bronze powder (0.55 g) with stirring. The reaction was then slowly refluxed under inert atmosphere. It was stopped after 5 h and cool to r.t. and the copper was filtered off and washed with methylene chloride (3 × 5 mL). Then organic layer was washed with HCl (1M, 2mL), aqueous potassium hydrogen carbonate (3 mL) and brine (3 mL) and then dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was evaporated to afford a crude residue. Purification using column chromatography (5-20% EtOAc/hexane), produced dimethyl 6,6-dimethylbiphenyl-2,2 dicarboxylate **8** (0.97 g, 88%) as a light yellow oil. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz CDCl₃) 1.92 (6H, s, Me), 3.57 (6H, s, CO₂Me), 7.31-7.37 (2H, t, *J* 7.6 Hz, Ph), 7.45 (2H, d, *J* 7.5 Hz, Ph), 7.87 (2H, d, *J* 7.7 Hz, Ph).

Step 6: Synthesis of bitoluyl diacid (9):^{5a,3j}

Compound **8** (0.4 g, 1.34 mmol) was added to NaOH (0.92 g, 2.3 mmol) in water (2.88 mL). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 4.5 h. The solution was cooled to r.t. and then acidified by the addition of HCl (4 M) until pH = 3 achieved. The mixture was filtered and the residue was washed with cold water and dried at room temperature. The pure product **9** (0.35 g, 96%) as a light yellow crystal was achieved by recrystallization from ethanol. m.p. 234-236 °C; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz DMSO- d_6) 1.80 (6H, s, Me), 7.30 (2H, t, *J* 7.6 Hz, Ph), 7.44 (2H, d, *J* 7.5 Hz, Ph), 7.71 (2H, d, *J* 7.6 Hz, Ph), 12.23 (2H, br s, CO₂H); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (75 MHz DMSO- d_6) 20.2, 127.1, 127.7, 131.0, 133.3, 136.4, 141.1, 168.6.

Step 7: Typical procedure for the synthesis of bishydroxylamide (11a-d and 12a-d):^{3j}

To a solution of diacid **9** (0.8 g, 3.0 mmol) in anhydrous methylene chloride (10 mL) were added oxalyl chloride (1.25 mL, 12 mmol) and then DMF (3 drops) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 8 h at r.t. under N₂. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the acyl chloride as a light yellow solid (0.91 g, 99%). This solid residue was then dissolved in anhydrous methylene chloride (10 mL) and cooled to -40 °C and slowly added to a stirred solution of (*S*)-phenyl glycinol (0.9 g, 6.5 mmol) and Et₃N (1 mL) in anhydrous methylene chloride (15 mL) over 30 min. The solution was allowed to warm slowly to r.t. with stirring overnight under N₂. TLC analysis of the reaction (90%/10% EtOAc/*n*-hexan)

confirmed the formation of two compounds **11a** and **12a**. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate $(3 \times 5 \text{ mL})$; the organic layer was washed with saturated brine (5 mL), dried over magnesium sulfate, and concentrated. Two diastereomers **11a** and **12a** (1.37 g, 90%) as white solid were separated by flash chromatography (55-95% EtOAc/*n*-hexanes). Compounds **11b-d** and **12b-d** were synthesized in the similar method. The total yields for compounds **11b/12b**, **11c/12c**, and **11d/12d** were 95% (1.53 g), 85% (1.12 g) and 99% (1.39 g) respectively.

(S,R,S)-6,6-Dimethyl-biphenyl-2,2-dicarboxylic acid bis-[(2hydroxy-1-benzyl-ethyl)-amide] (12b):^{3j} m.p. 113-115 °C; R_f (100% EtOAc) 0.35; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz CDCl₃) 1.96 (6H, s, Me), 2.44-2.60 (4H, m, CHC<u>H</u>₂Ph), 3.36 (2H, dd, J 11.3, 3.0 Hz, C<u>H</u>₂OH), 3.53 (2H, dd, J 11.3, 3.0 Hz, C<u>H</u>₂OH), 4.40 (2H, m, C<u>H</u>CH₂Ph), 7.18-7.31 (16H, m, Ph), 7.47 (2H, d, J 7.9 Hz, NH); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (75 MHz CDCl₃) 20.0, 36.4, 53.0, 63.5, 125.2, 126.5, 128.1, 128.5, 129.1, 132.1, 136.1, 136.4, 136.5, 137.7, 170.5.

(S,S,S)-6,6'-Dimethyl-biphenyl-2,2'-dicarboxylic acid bis-[(2hydroxy-1-i-butyl-ethyl)-amide] (11d): m.p. 57-60 °C; [Found: C, 71.71; H, 8.57; N, 6.03. $C_{28}H_{40}N_2O_4$ requires C, 71.76; H, 8.60; N, 5.98%]; R_f (100% EtOAc) 0.50; v_{max} (KBr) 3380, 3226,1647, 1560, 1460 cm⁻¹; δ_H (300 MHz CDCl₃) 0.75 (6H, d, J 6.4 Hz, CHMe₂), 0.81 (6H, d, J 6.4 Hz, CHMe₂), 1.12-1.16 (m, 2H, CH₂CHMe₂), 1.20- 1.25 (2H, m, CH₂CHMe₂), 1.39-1.41 (2H, m, CHMe₂), 1.93 (6H, s, PhMe), 3.18-3.27 (4H, m, CH₂OH), 3.86 (2H, m, NHCH), 7.27 (6H, m, Ph), 7.61 (2H, d, J 8.2 Hz, NH); δ_C

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Tetrahedron 24.7, 39.6, 49.8, 65.3, 124.3, 13.8,

(75 MHz CDCl₃) 20.1, 22.0, 23.1, 24.7, 39.6, 49.8, 65.3, 124.3, 127.8, 131.4, 136.1, 136.8, 137.1, 171.1; *m/z* (%): 470 (5.5, M+2), 438(35.5), 352 (40), 209(100), 165(17), 55(13).

Step 8: Cyclization of diamides were performed in three methods:

Method a: Cyclization procedures of bishydroxylamides **11a-d** and **12a-d** were performed according to Andrus procedure.^{3e, j}

Method b:^{3r,s} A solution of diamide **11a** or **12a** (236 mg, 0.5 mmol), triphenylphosphane (0.14 g, 5.2 mmol), triethylamine (69 μ L, 0.44 mmol) and tetrachloromethane (50 μ L, 0.44 mmol) in dry acetonitrile (3 mL) was stirred over nigh at room temperature for 19 h. After being concentrated in vacuum, the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), washed with water (3 mL), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and then concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (5:30% EtOAc/*n*-hexanes) to afford light yellow products **1a** (76 mg, 65%) or **2a** (71 mg, 60%). Compounds **1b-d** and **2b-d** were synthesized in the similar method.

Method c:3k, 3w-y A flame-dried round-bottom flask with a stirrer bar was charged with diamide 11a or 12a (1.77 g, 3.5 mmol), p-(dimethylamino) pyridine (0.043 g, 0.3 mmol) and CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) under N₂. The flask was placed in ice and triethylamine (2.1 mL, 15.4 mmol) and a solution of p-toluensulfonyl chloride (1.34 g, 7 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. The light yellow clear solution was stirred at room temperature for 18 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and washing with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (10 mL), two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ $(3 \times 8 \text{ mL})$. The extracted organic layers were combined and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO3 (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The light yellow oil **1a** achieved and purified by column chromatography (5-25% EtOAc/n-hexanes) to afford pure light yellow products 1a (1.58 g, 96 %) and 2a (1.48 mg, 90%). Compounds 1b-d or 2b-d were synthesized in the similar method.

 $\begin{array}{ll} (S,S,S)\mbox{-}2,2'\mbox{-}Bi\mbox{-}o\mbox{-}to\mbox{-}ly\mbox{-}l,1'\mbox{-}d\mbox{-}d\mbox{-}p\mbox{-}to\mbox{-}to\mbox{-}ly\mbox{-}k\mbox{-}m\mbox{-}to\m$

 $\begin{array}{ll} (S,S,S)\mbox{-}2,2'\mbox{-}Bi\mbox{-}o\mbox{-}to\mbox{-}ly\mbox{-}l,1'\mbox{-}d\mbox{-}b\mbox{-}c\mbox{-}ly\$

13.8, 5.1 Hz, C<u>H</u>₂Ph), 3.73 (2H, t, *J* 8.9 Hz, OCH₂), 3.93 (2H, t, *J* 8.9 Hz, OCH₂), 4.26-4.31 (2H, m, NCH), 7.12-7.38 (14H, m, Ph), 7.72 (2H, d, *J* 7.3 Hz, Ph). $\delta_{\rm C}$ (75 MHz CDCl₃) 20.2, 41.5, 67.8, 71.7, 126.2, 126.8, 126.9, 127.8, 128.4, 129.2, 131.9, 136.8, 138.4, 139.8, 164.7.

 $\begin{array}{ll} (S,R,S)\mbox{-}2,2'\mbox{-}Bi\mbox{-}o\mbox{-}t$

(S,R,S)-2,2'-Bi-o-tolyl-1,1'-di *i*-butyl bisoxazoline (**2d**): [Found: C, 77.77; H, 8.36; N, 6.46. C₂₈H₃₆N₂O₂ requires C, 77.74; H, 8.39; N, 6.48%]; R_f (65:35; *n*-hexane/EtOAc) 0.21; ν_{max} (KBr) 3406, 3060, 1655, 1625 cm⁻¹; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz CDCl₃) 0.80 (6H, d, J 6.6 Hz, CH<u>Me₂</u>), 0.83 (6H, d, J 6.6 Hz, CH<u>Me₂</u>), 1.15-1.32 (2H, m, CH₂CHMe₂), 1.45-1.55 (2H, m, CH₂CHMe₂), 2.00 (6H, s, MePh), 3.50 (2H, t, J 6.4 Hz, NCH), 3.97-4.14 (4H, m, OCH₂), 7.23-7.36 (4H, m, Ph), 7.58 (2H, d, J 6.8 Hz, Ph); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (62 MHz CDCl₃) 22.5, 22.7, 22.9, 25.2, 45.2, 64.9, 73.2, 125.9, 127.0, 128.7, 129.6, 130.0, 141.0, 165.3; *m*/z (%): 433 (100, M+1), 418(35), 306 (42), 234 (29), 91(9), 55(23).

Synthesis of tert-butyl 4-nitrobenzoperoxoate:^{3k}

p-Nitrobenzoyl chloride (3.2 g, 17.2 mmol) was dissolved in a round bottom flask (100 mL) containing CH₂Cl₂ (35 mL). The solution was cooled to -20 °C and stirred under nitrogen for 15 min. Pyridine (1.7 mL, 20.0 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min. Then, *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (3.5 mL, 20.0 mmol) was added dropwise to the reaction at -20 °C, and was stirred for 4 h. Then the reaction solution was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL), and washed with water (10 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO₄, and evaporated to obtained crude yellow solid product. Purification using flash chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc; 90:10) afforded the light yellow solid product. (3.9 g, 98%). m.p. 75-78 °C; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz CDCl₃) 1.45 (9H, s, Me), 8.14-8.35 (4H, m, Ph).

3.3. General Procedure for enantioselective allylic oxidation of cycloolefin using tert-butyl 4-nitrobenzoperoxoate:^{3k}

To a flame-dried round bottom flask (25 mL), a light yellow solution of the bisoxazoline ligand 1 (0.065 mmol) and copper copper salt (0.55 mmol) were stirred in CH₃CN (4 mL) and stirred for 3 h at ambient temperature. In this case, TLC analysis indicated the formation of a single spot ($R_f = 0.0$ in 50% EtOAc/ hexanes). After addition of phenyl hydrazine (6 µl, 0.06 mmol) colour of the solution was changed from blue-green to red. Then, 4 Å molecular sieves, MCM-41 or SBA-15 (or other nano particles) (10 mg) were added. After a few min, cycloolefin (5 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was cooled to -10 °C and then *tert*-butyl *p*-nitrobenzoperoxoate (0.203 g, 0.85 mmol) was added dropwise to the reaction solution under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was kept at -10 °C until TLC showed to complete disappearance of perester. The reaction mixture was dissolved in %10 NH₄OH, extracted with EtOAc (3×5 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Removal of solvent in vacuo afforded a yellow residue that was chromatographed over silica gel to provide the pure white solid product (yield up to 99%), and recovered bisoxazoline ligand in 85-92% yield.

Cyclohex-2-en-1-yl 4-*nitrobenzoate* (13):^{3k} m.p. 68-71°C (lit.^{3k} 75-76 °C); R_f (*n*-hexane/EtOAc; 90: 10) 0.64; $[\alpha]_{20}^{D}$ -146.2 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz CDCl₃) 1.76-2.14 (6H, m, CH₂), 5.54 (1H, m, OCH), 5.84 (1H, d, *J* 9.8 Hz, CH=), 6.04 (1H d, *J* 9.8 Hz, CH=), 8.21-8.31 (4H, m, Ph); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (300 MHz CDCl₃) 18.8, 25.0, 28.2, 69.8, 123.4, 125.0, 130.7, 133.6, 136.2; The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC (EC 250/4.6 Nucleocel Alpha S column, *iso*-propyl alcohol/hexane; 99.5:0.5; flow rate 0.5 ml/min; t_R = 29.0 min (R), 31.5 min (S), (maximum *ee* = 93% (*S*)).

Cyclopent-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (14):^{3k} m.p. 77-79 °C (lit.^{3k} 81- 83 °C); R_f (90: 10, n-Hexane/EtOAc) 0.57; $[\alpha]_{20}^{D}$ -159.3 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz CDCl₃) 1.97-2.04 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.38-2.50 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.59-2.63 (1 H, m, CH₂), 5.98 (2H, m, OCH and CH=), 6.22 (1H, m, CH=), 8.20 (d, 2H, *J* 8.5 Hz, Ph), 8.28 (d, 2H, *J* 8.5 Hz, Ph); The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC (EC 250/4.6 Nucleocel Alpha S column, *iso*-propyl alcohol/hexane; 99.5:0.5; flow rate 0.4 ml/min; t_R = 35.1 min (R), 36.7 min (S), (maximum *ee* = 80% (*S*)).

Cyclohept-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (15):^{3k} m.p. 72-75 °C; R_f (n-Hexane/EtOAc; 90: 10) 0.57; $[\alpha]_{20}^{D}$ –83.7 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); δ_{H} (300 MHz CDCl₃) 1.66-1.72 (4H, m, CH₂), 2.02-2.12 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.07-2.40 (2H, m, CH₂), 5.58-5.64 (1H, m, OCH), 5.75-5.82 (1H, m, CH=), 5.92-5.98 (1H, m, CH=), 8.22-8.28 (4H, m, Ph); The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC (EC 250/4.6 Nucleocel Alpha S column, *iso*-propyl alcohol/ hexane; 99.5:0.5; flow rate 0.4 ml/min; t_R = 25.9 min (R), 27.9 min (S), (maximum ee = 92% (S)).

Cyclooct-2-en-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (**16**):^{3t} m.p. 71-74 °C; R_f (*n*-Hexane/EtOAc; 90: 10) 0.67; $[\alpha]_{20}^{D}$ –39.4 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.46-1.72 (7H, m, CH₂), 2.07-2.40 (3H, m, CH₂), 5.60-5.66 (1H, m, OCH), 5.73-5.82 (1H, m, CH=), 5.92-5.96 (1H, m, CH=), 8.22-8.32 (4H, m, Ph); The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC (EC 250/4.6 Nucleocel Alpha S column, *iso*-propyl alcohol/hexanes; 99.5:0.5; flow rate 0.4 ml/min; t_R = 24.4 min (R), 27.0 min (S), (maximum *ee* = 75% (S)).

Cycloocta-2,6-dien-1-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (17):^{3k} m.p. 74-76 °C (lit.^{3k} 78- 80 °C); R_f(*n*-Hexane/ EtOAc; 90: 10) 0.62; $[\alpha]_{20}^{D}$ – 27.5 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz CDCl₃) 2.21-2.41 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.54-2.68 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.85-2.95 (2H, m, OCHC<u>H₂</u>), 5.57-5.84 (4H, m, CH=), 6.17-6.26 (1H, m, OCH), 8.23 (2H, d, *J* 8.5 Hz, Ph), 8.30 (2H, d, *J* 8.5 Hz, Ph); The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC (EC 250/4.6 Nucleocel Alpha S column, *iso*-propyl alcohol/hexanes, 99.5:0.5; flow rate 0.4 ml/min; t_R = 38.2 min (R), 40.4 min (S), (maximum *ee* = 97% (S)).

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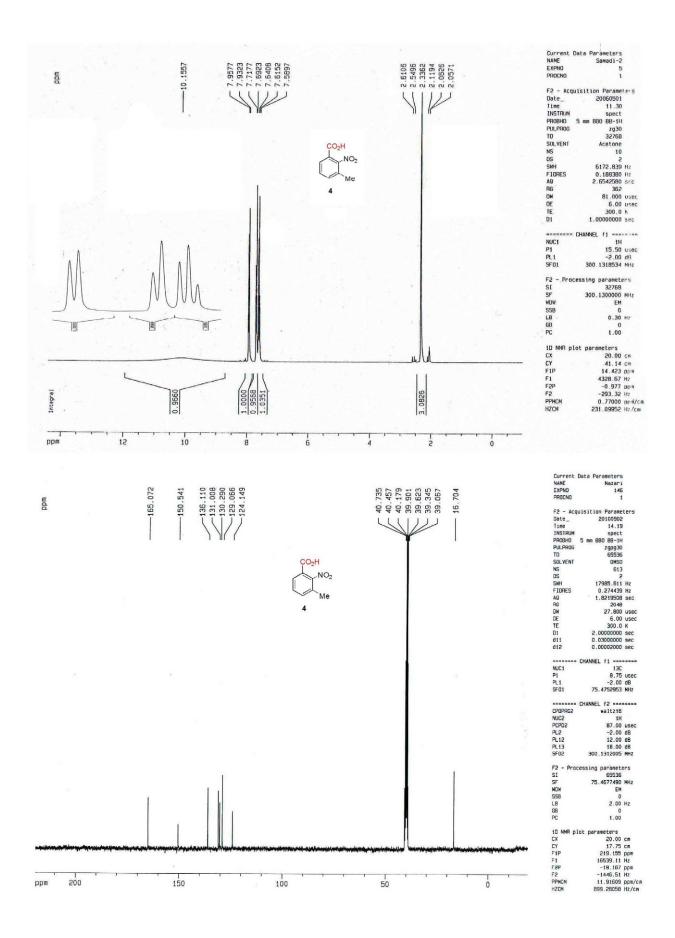
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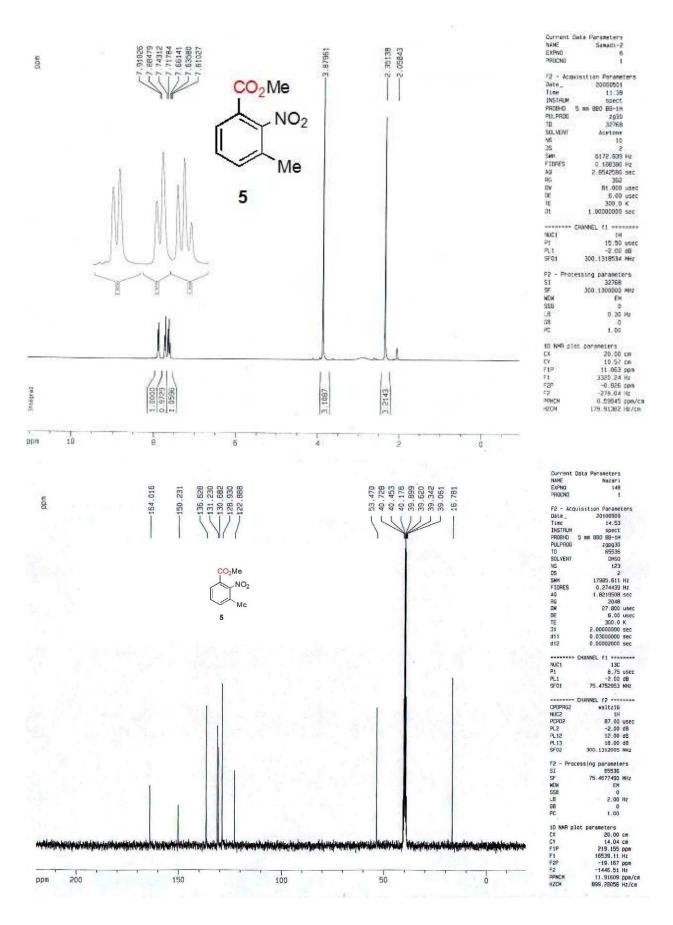
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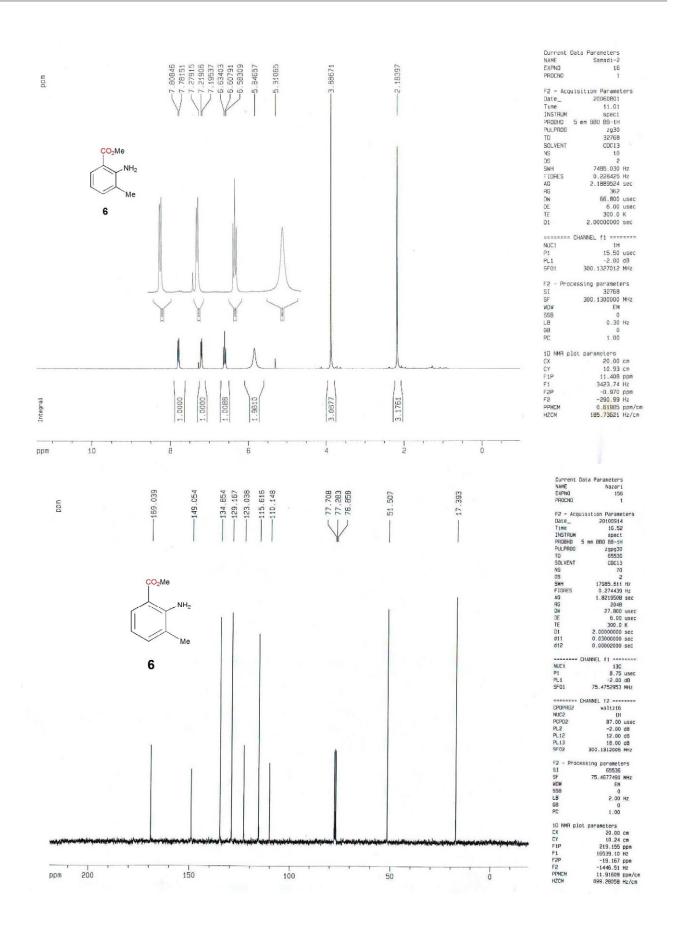
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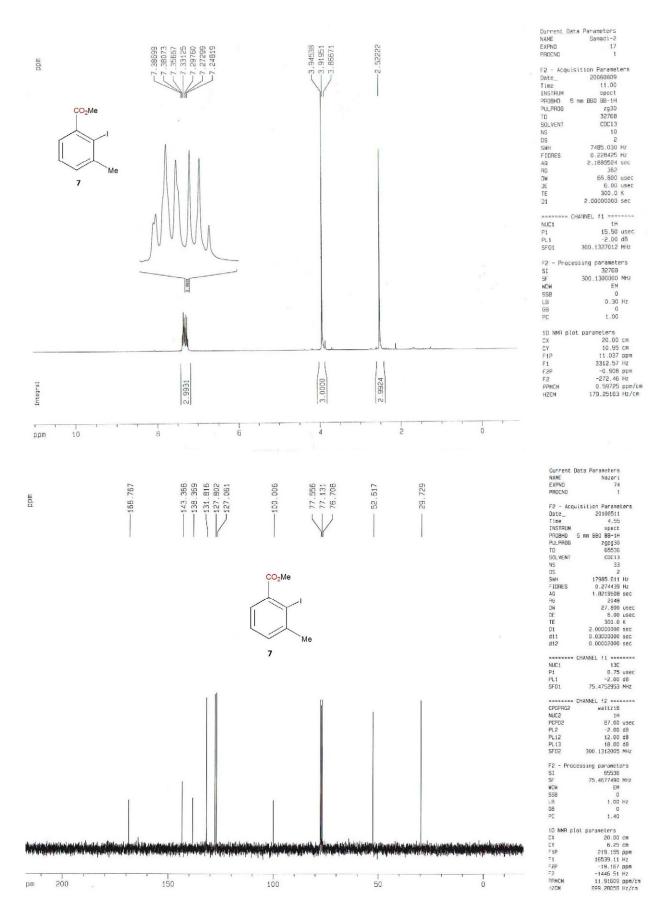
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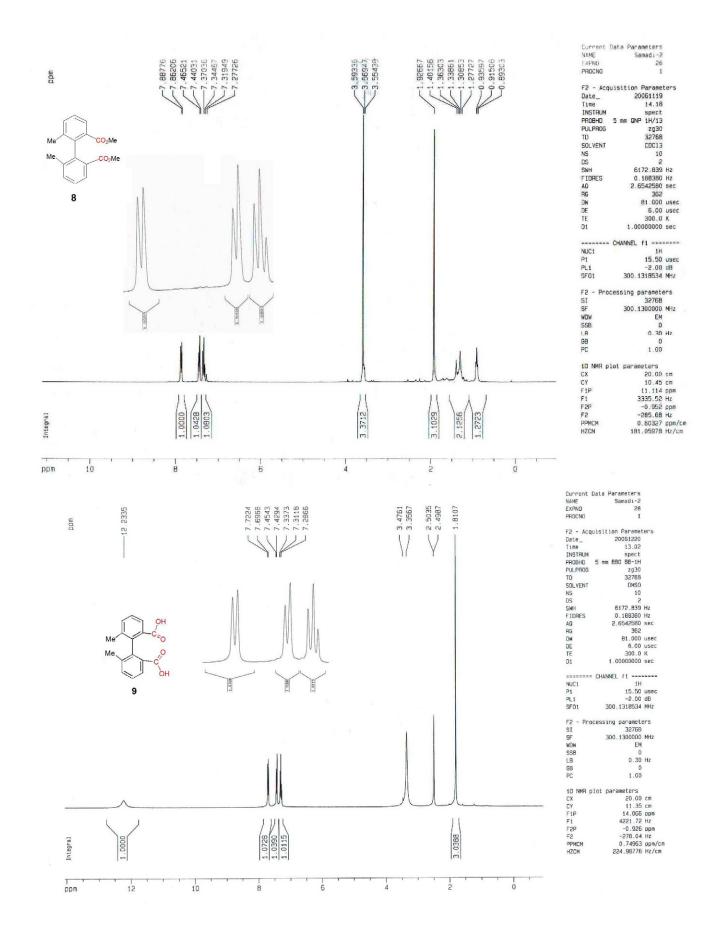
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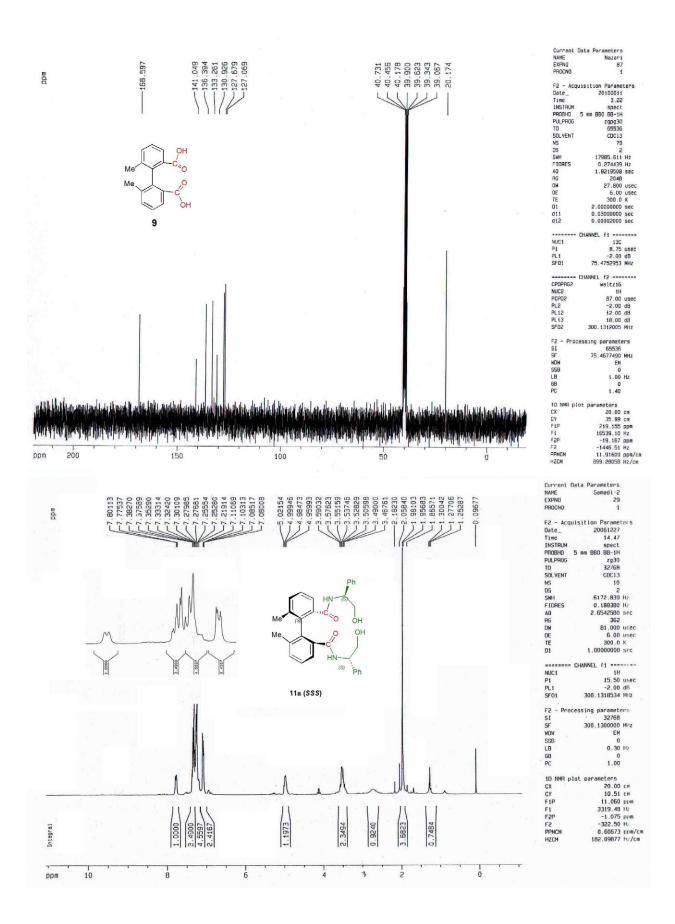


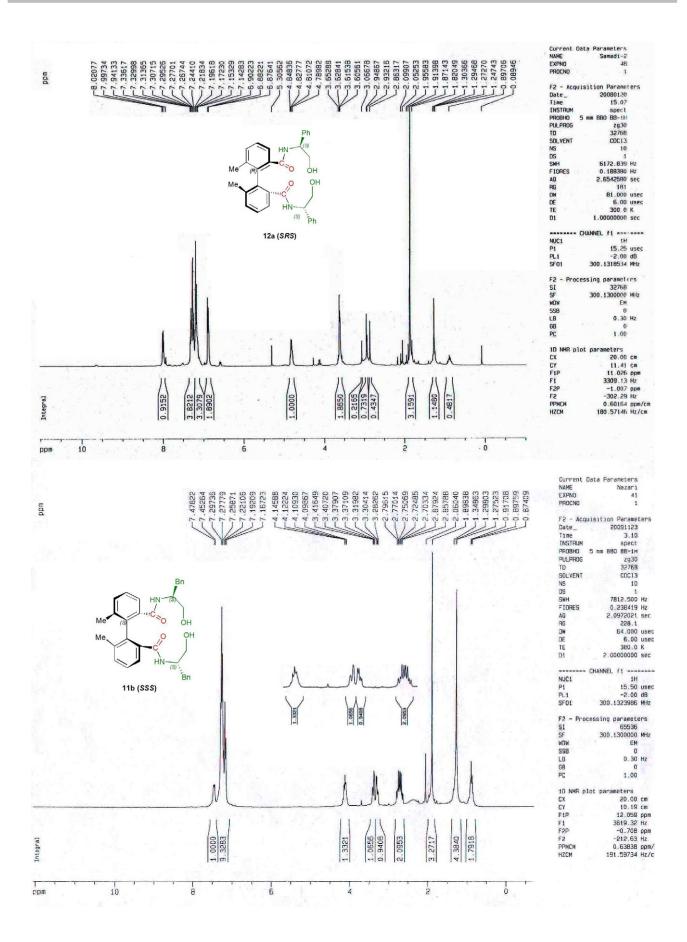


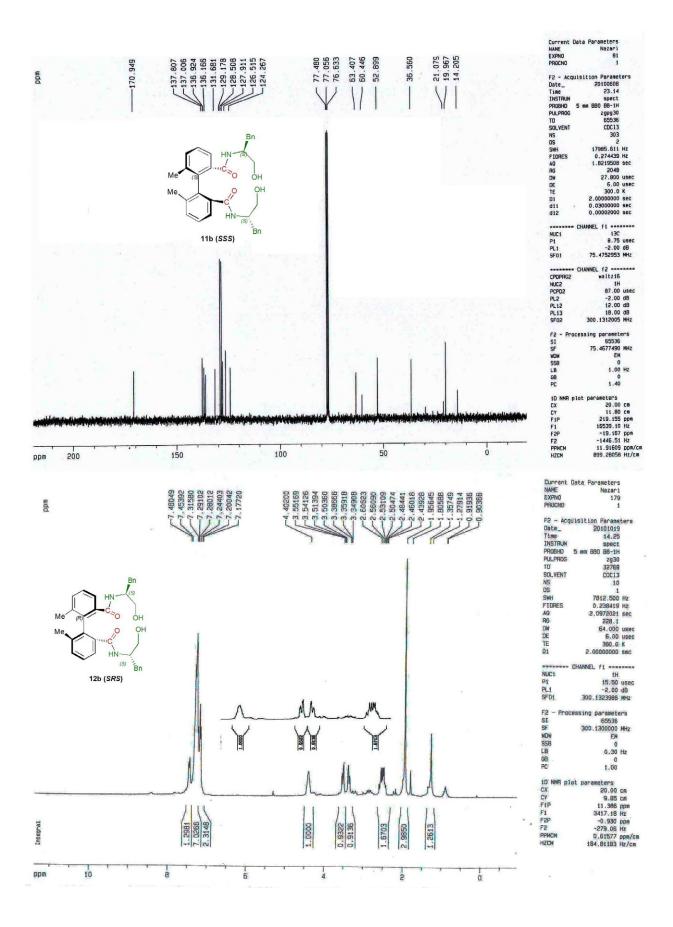


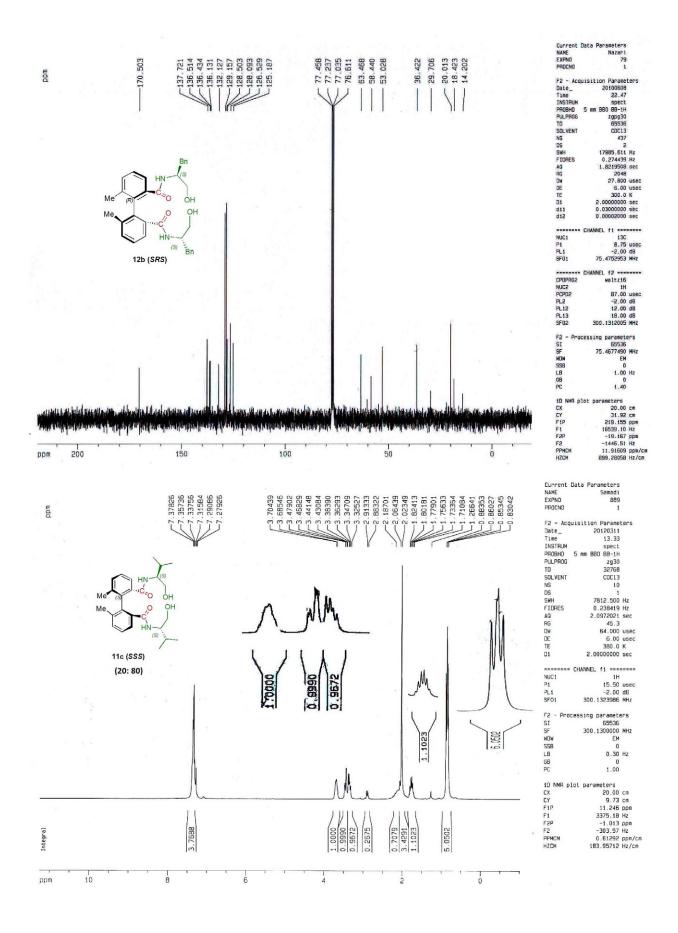


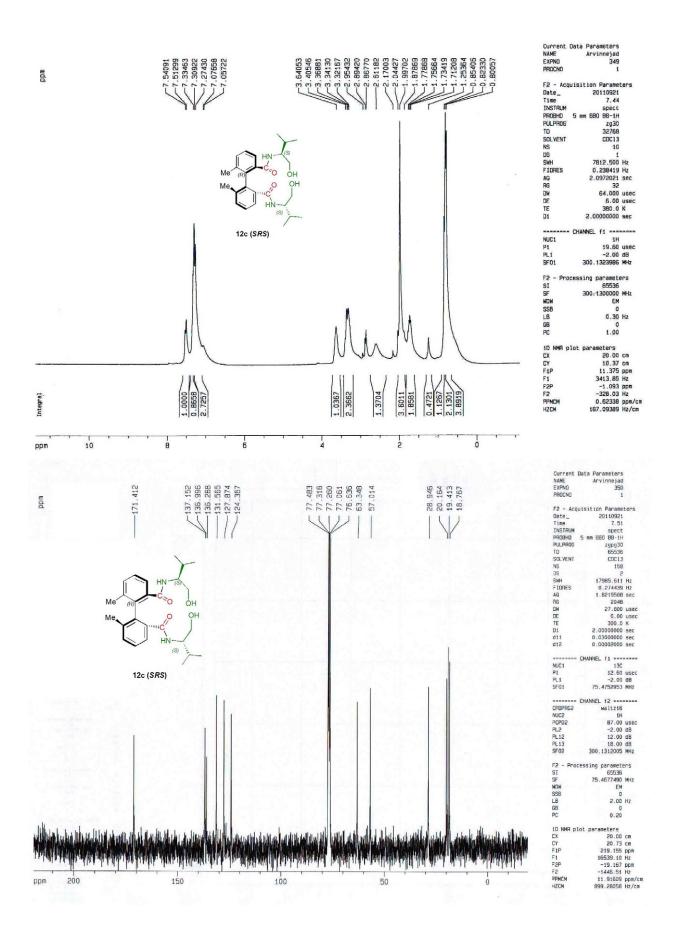


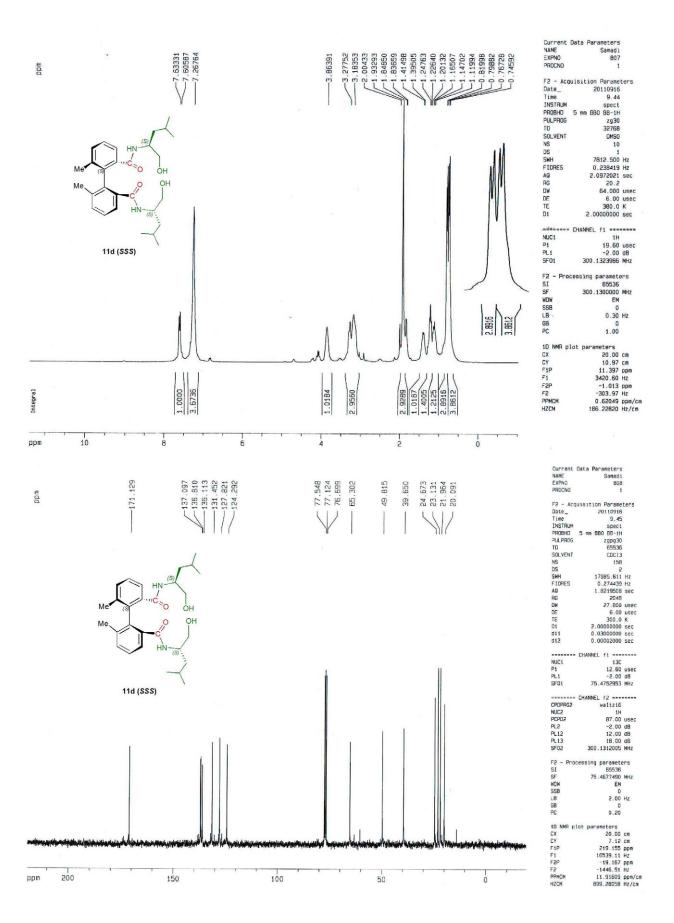


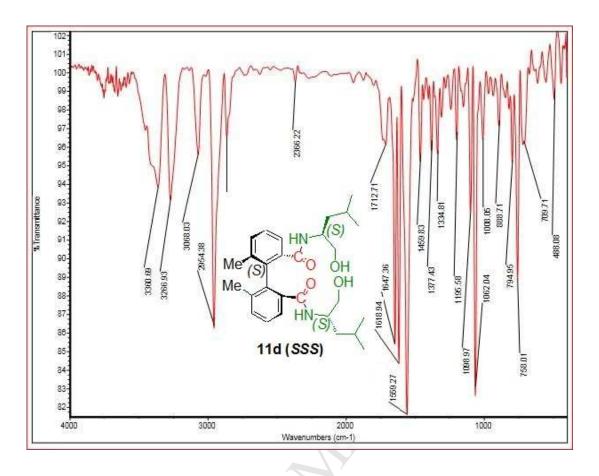


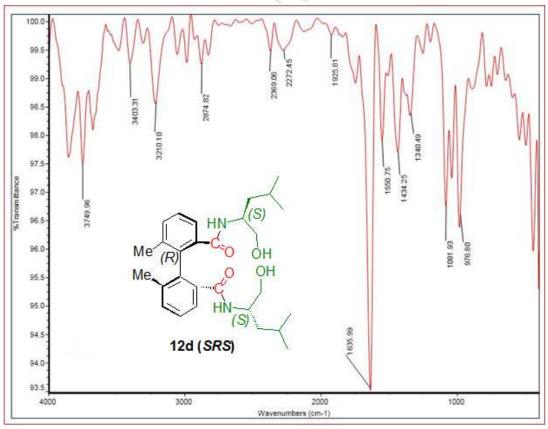


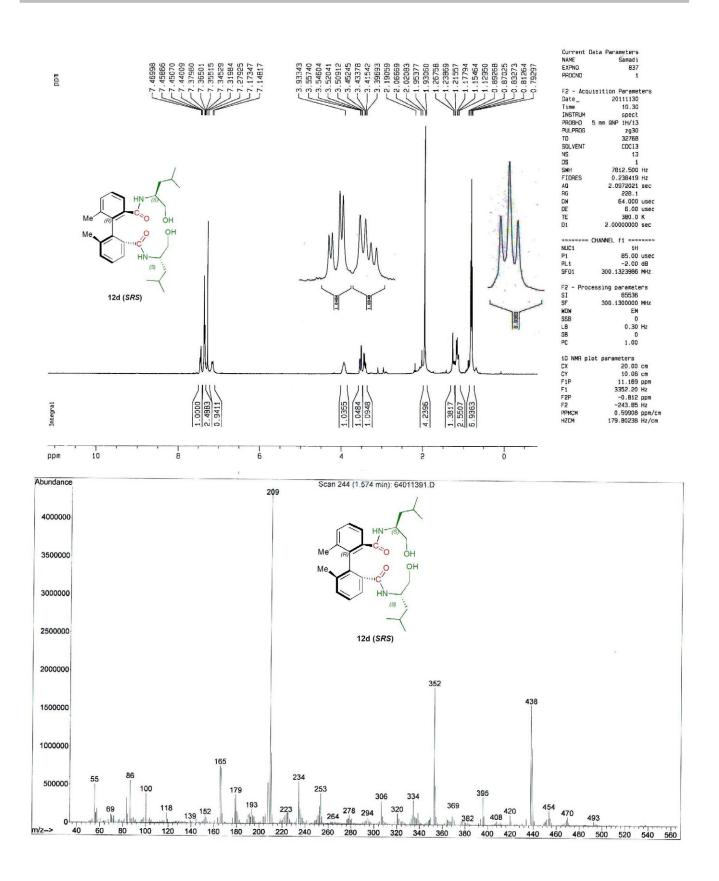


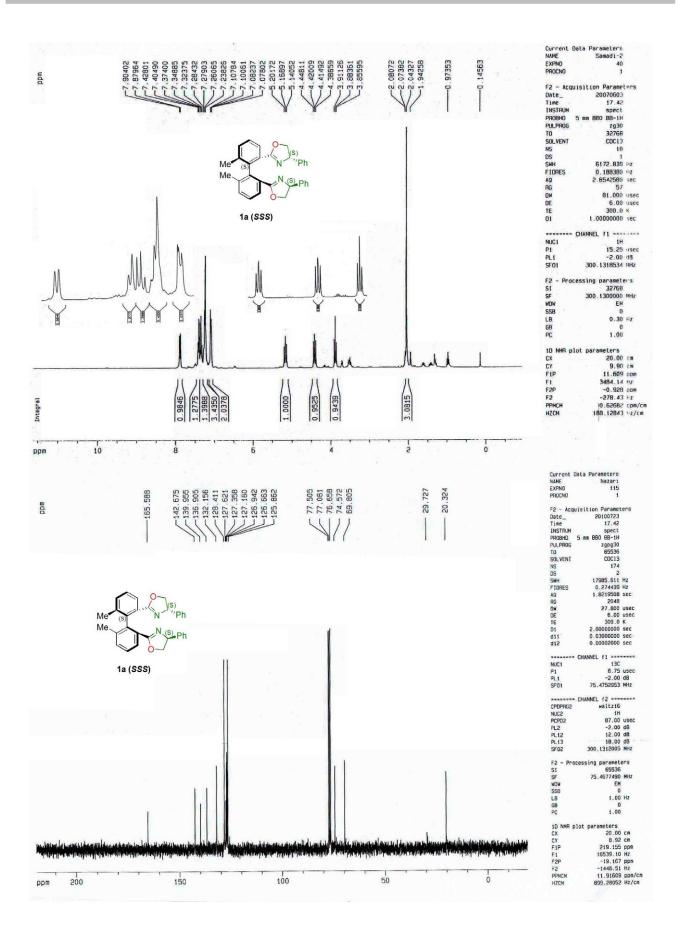


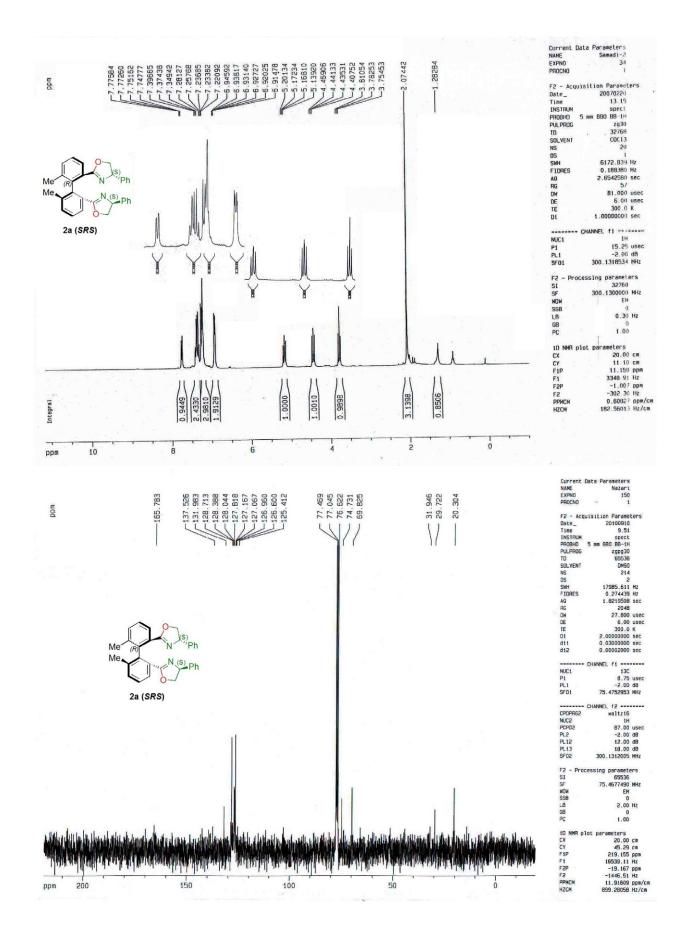


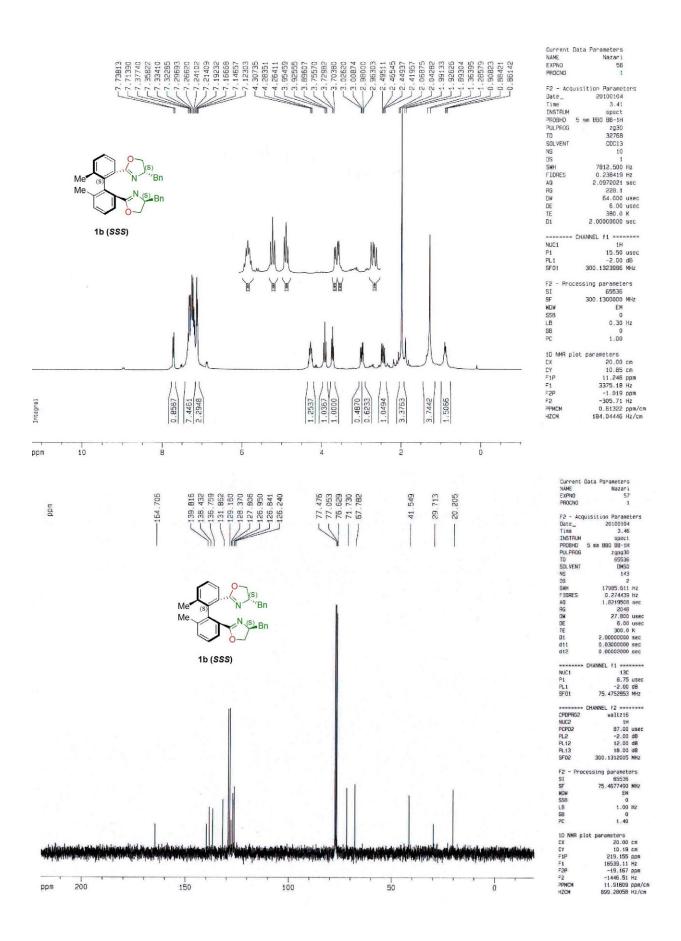


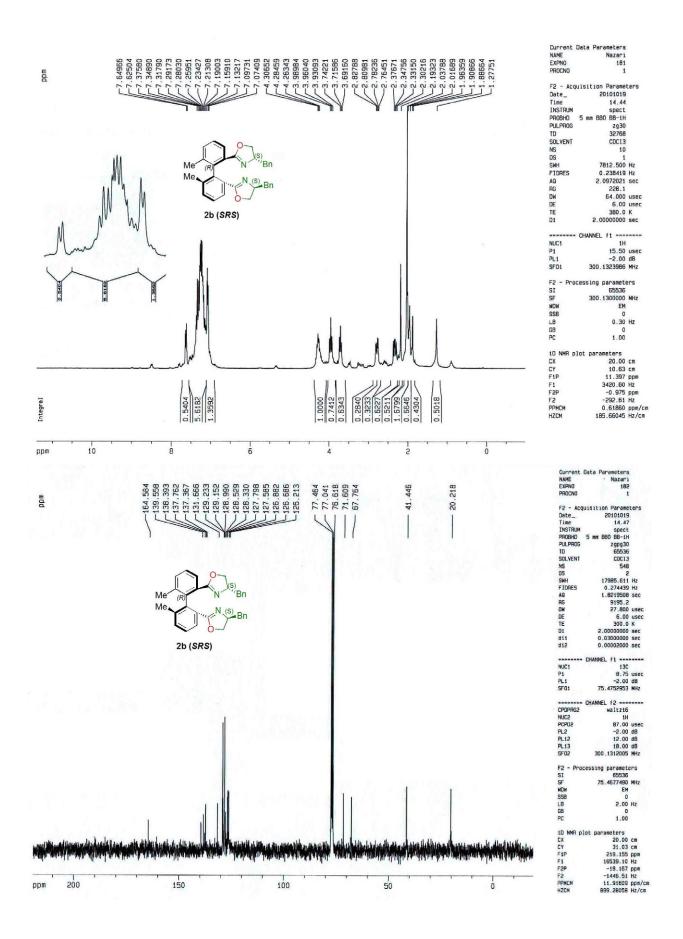


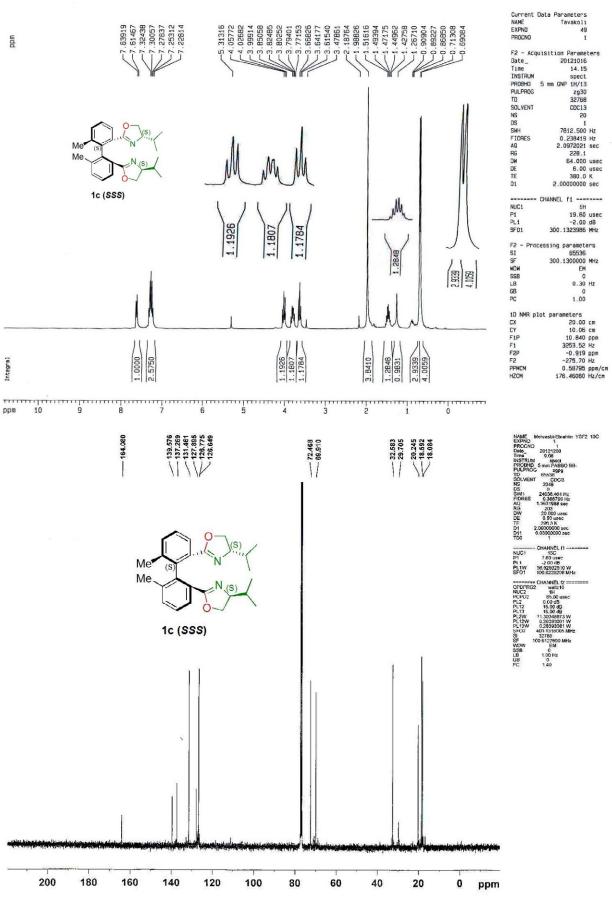




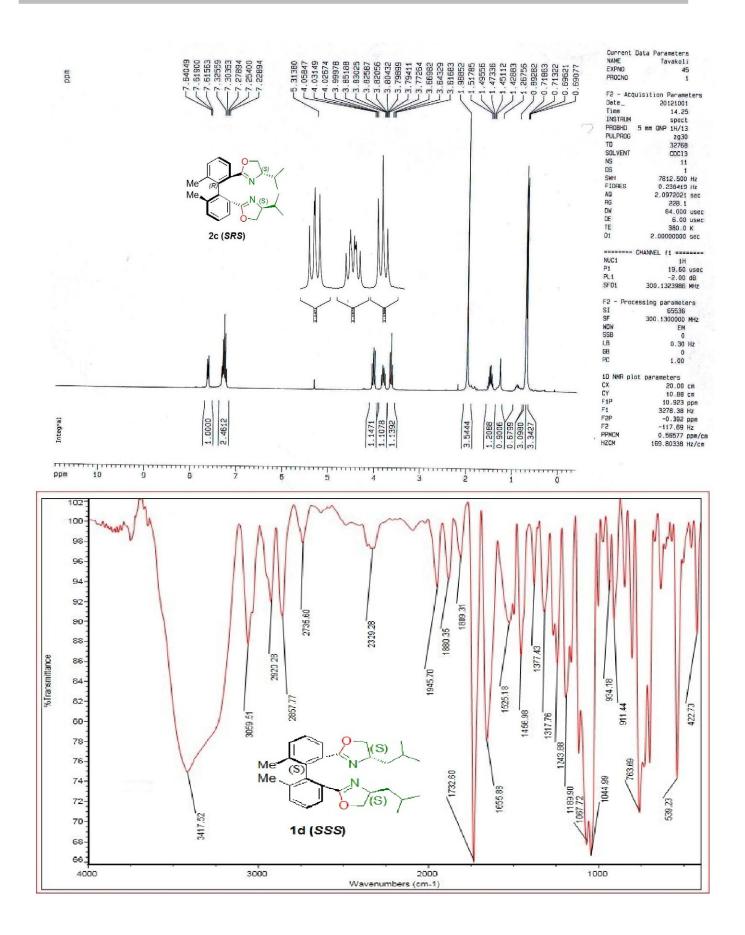


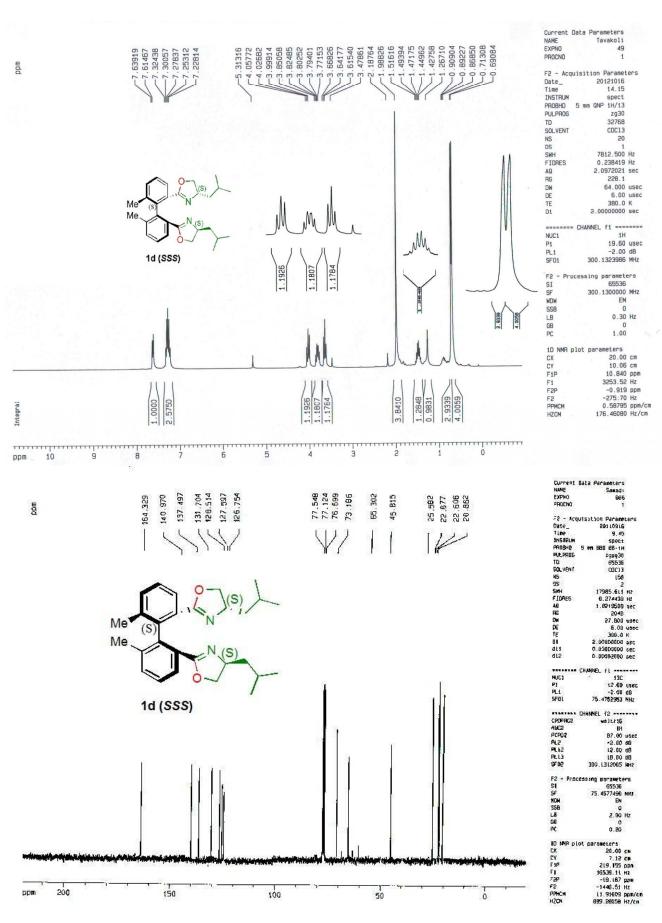




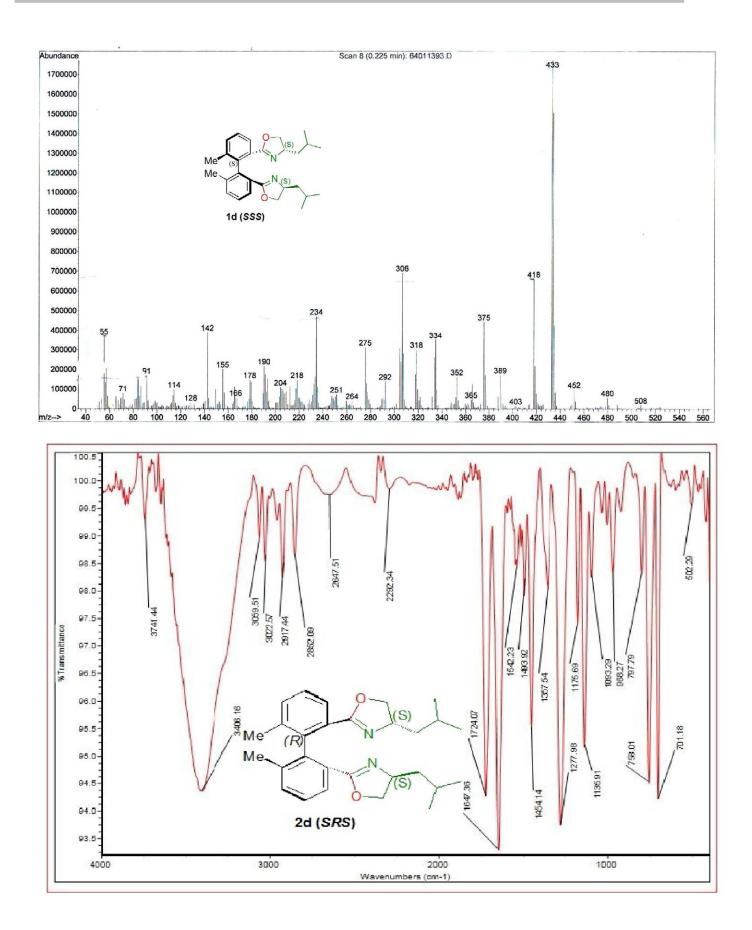


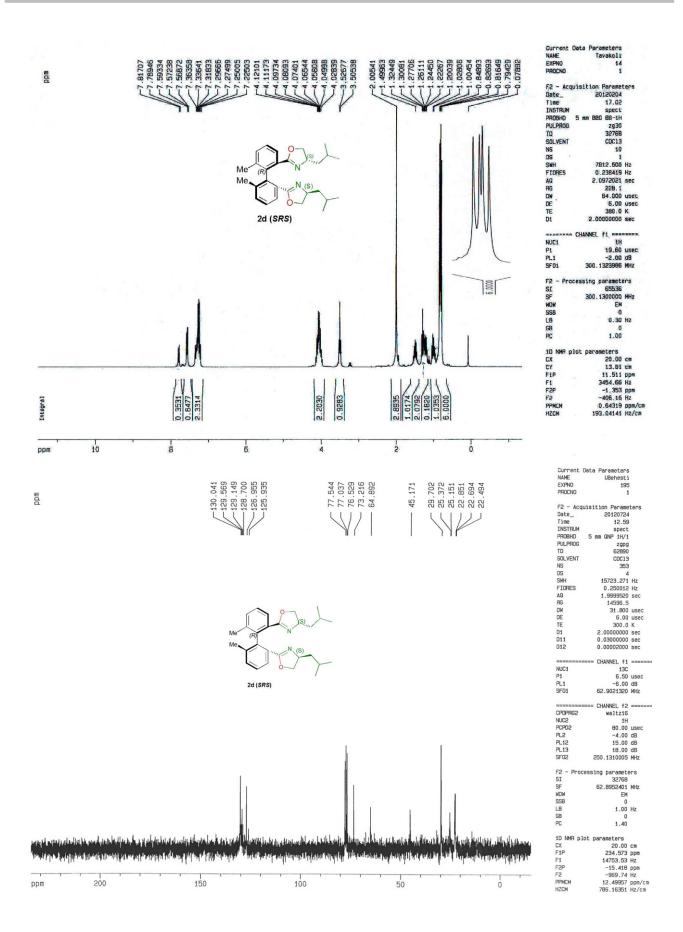
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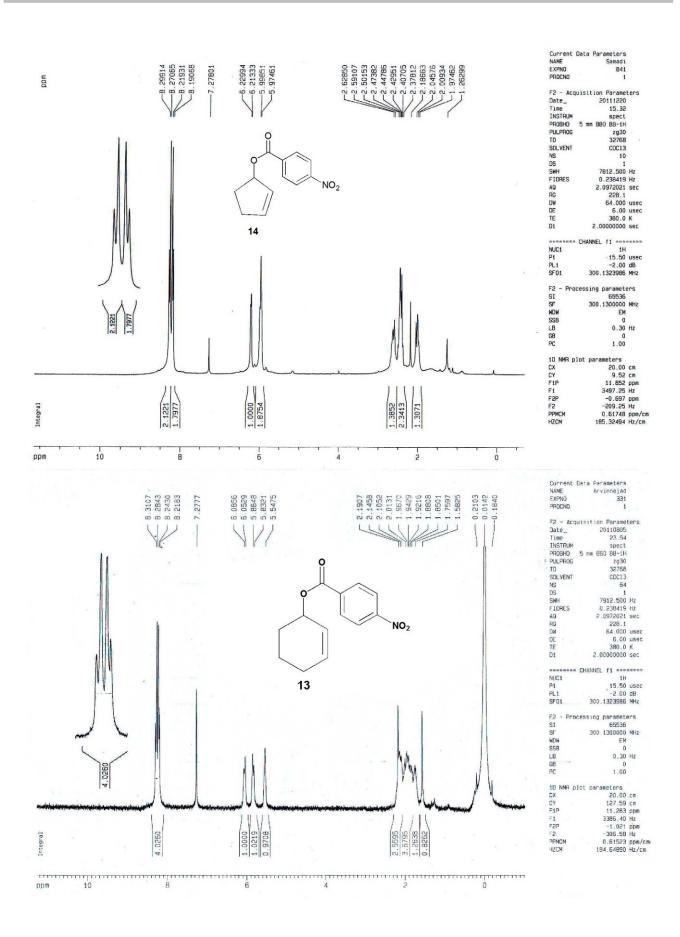


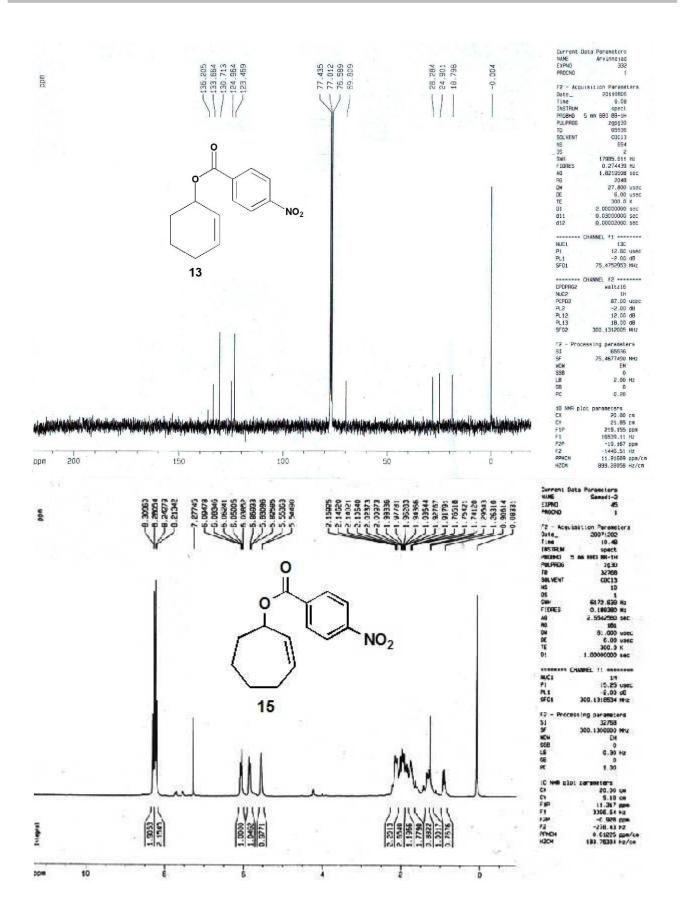


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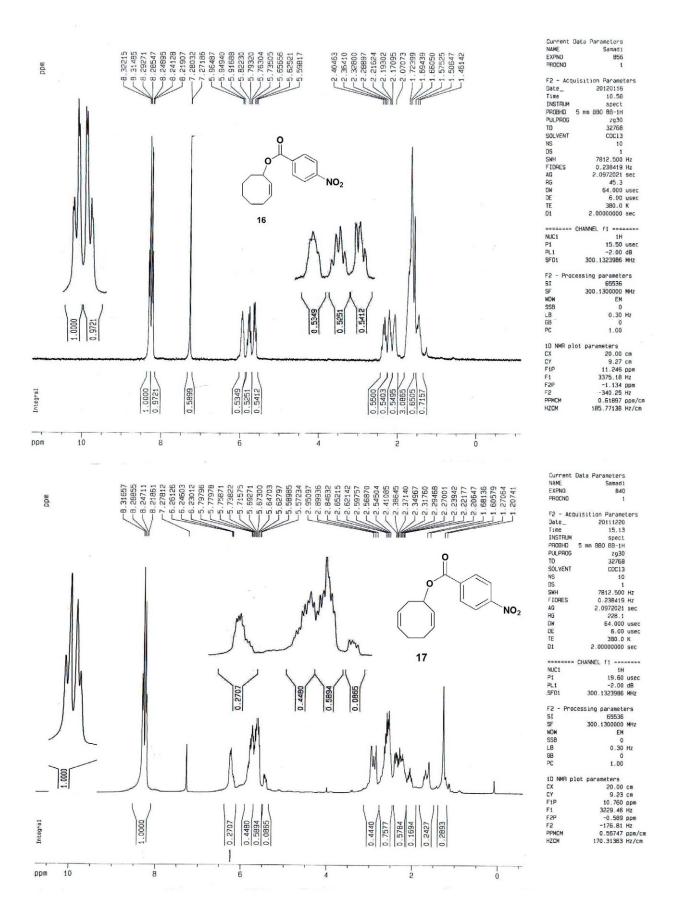




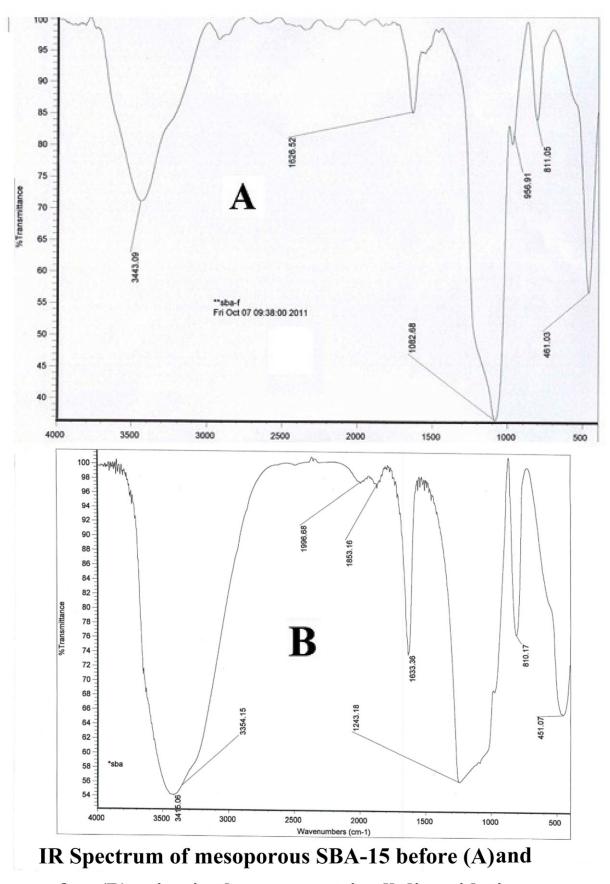




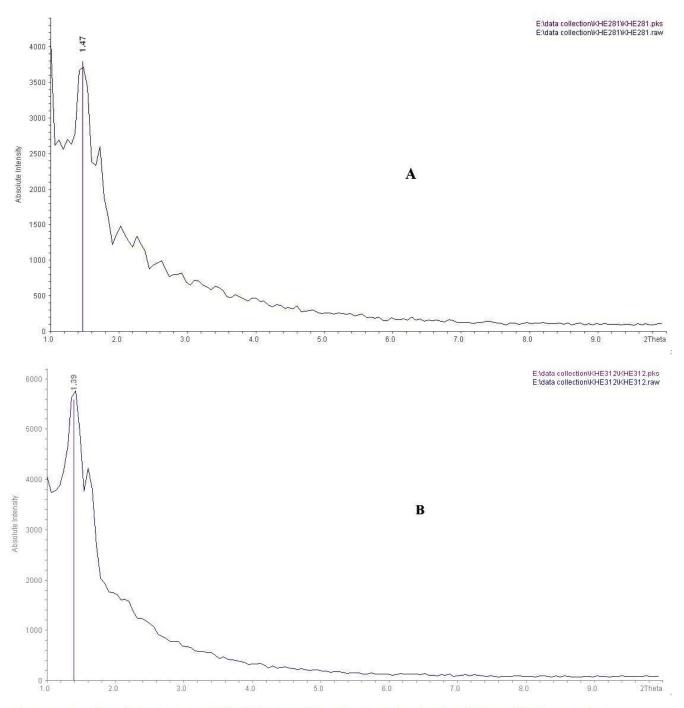
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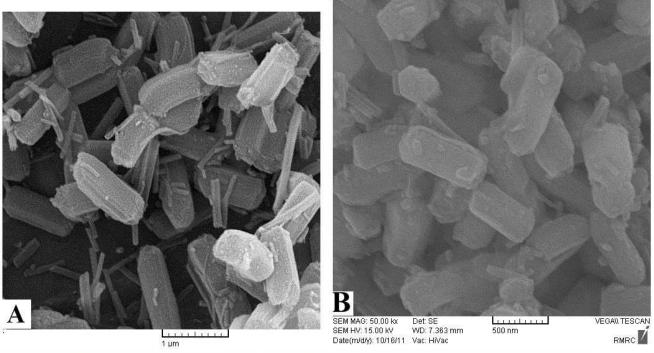
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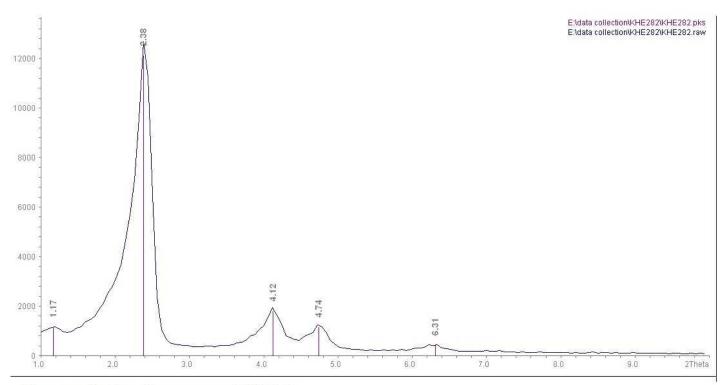
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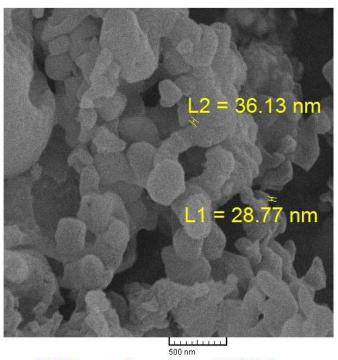
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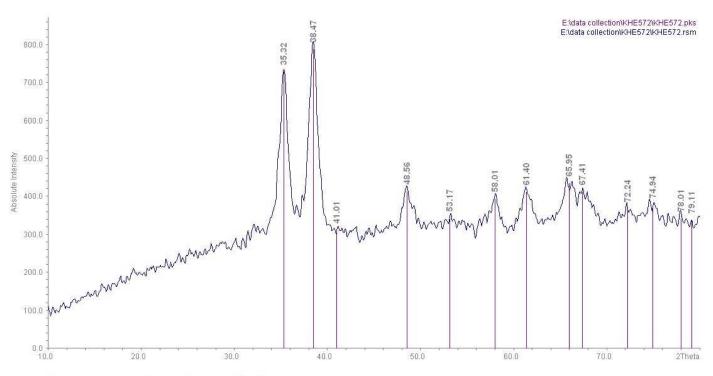
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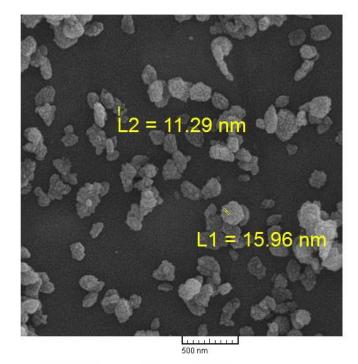
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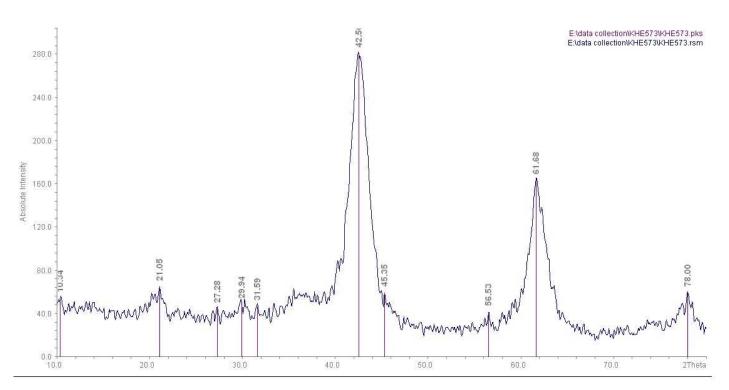
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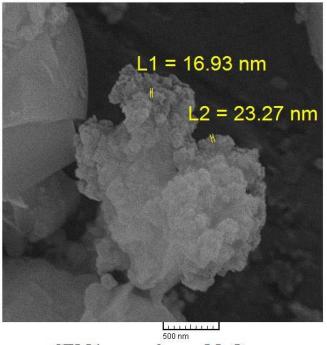
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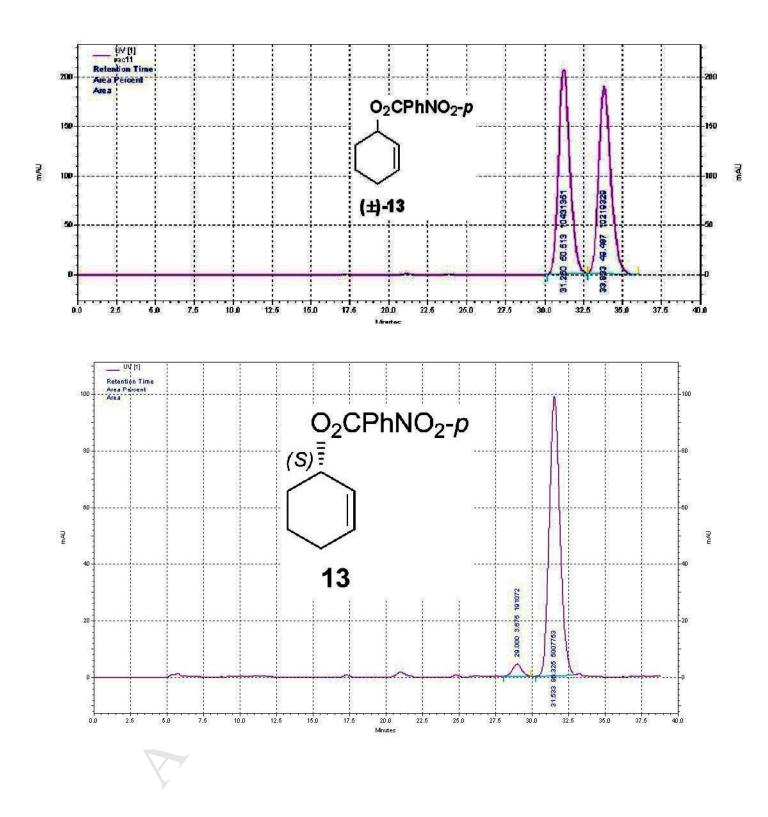
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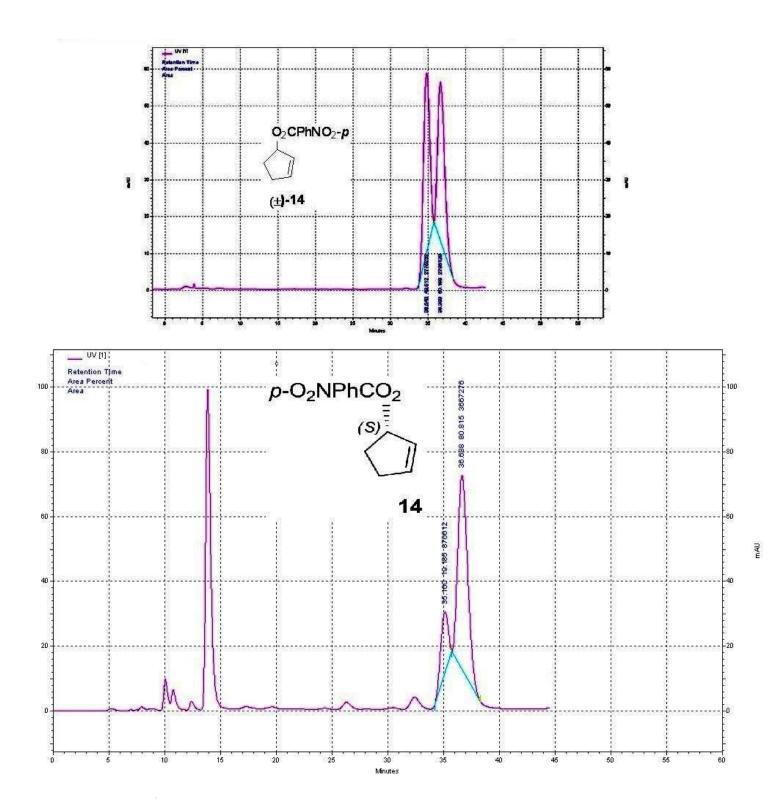
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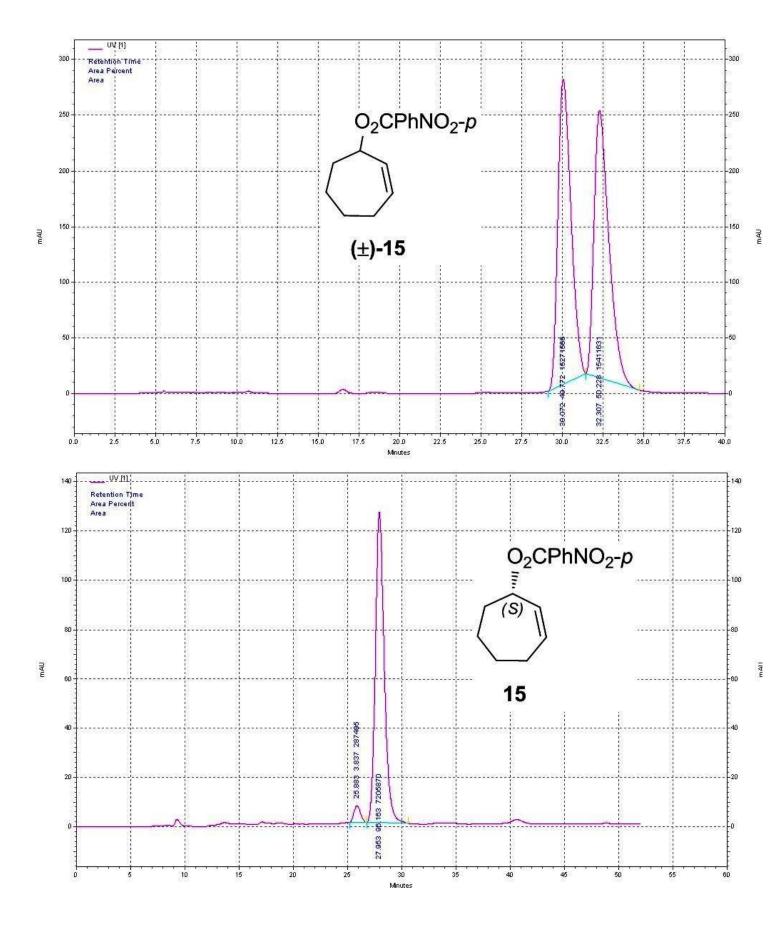


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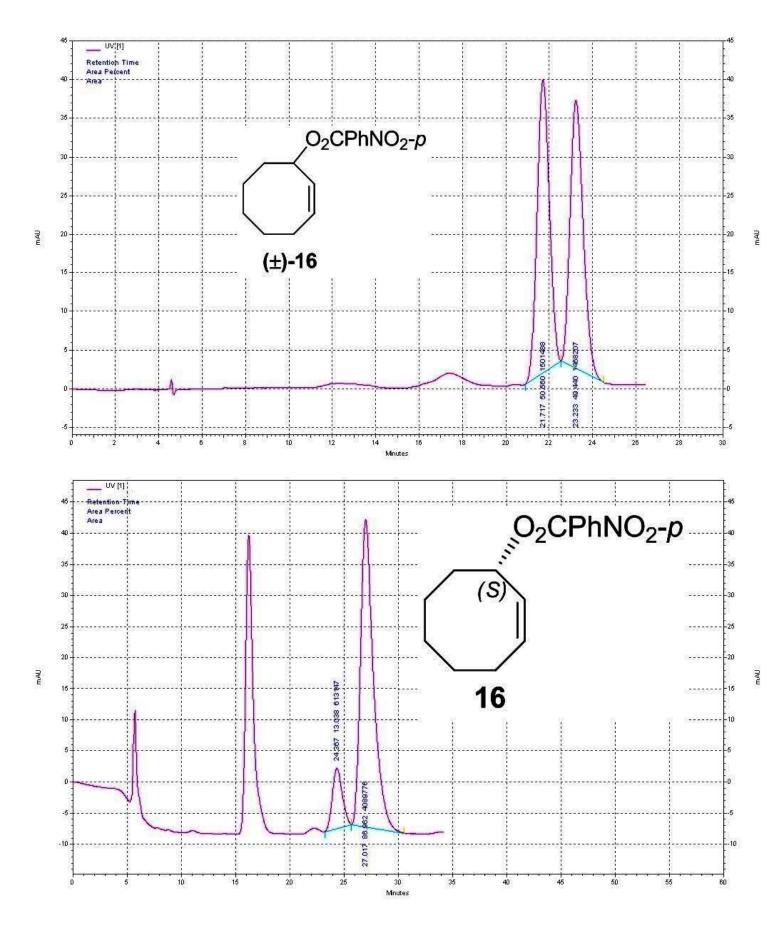


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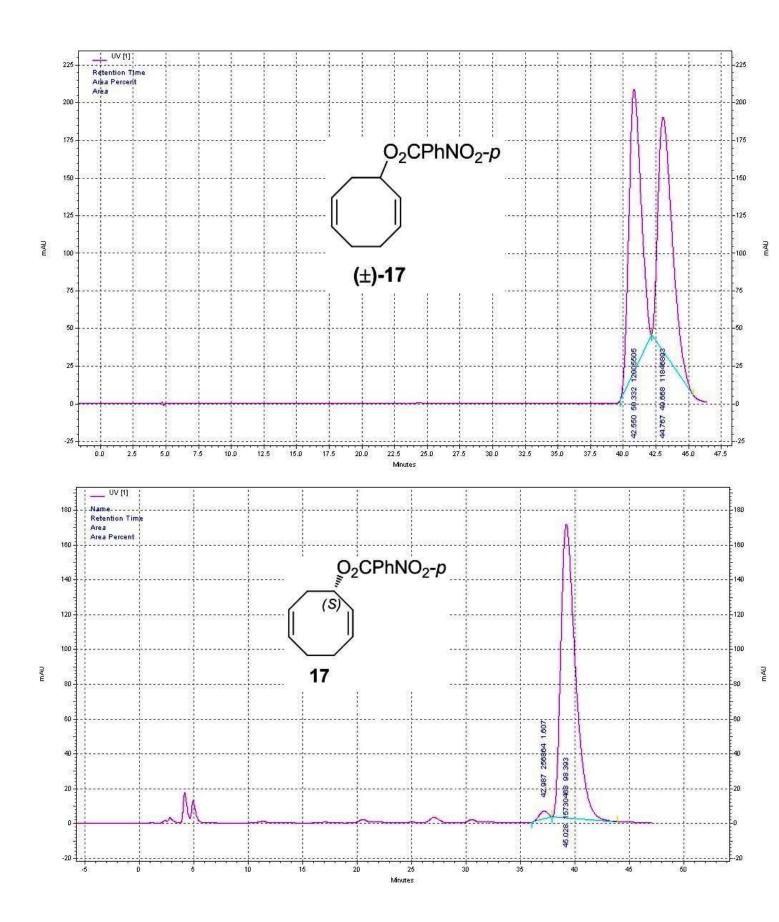




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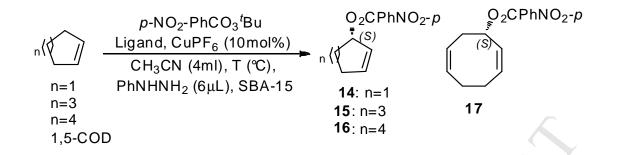


Table 6:	Effect	of ligand	and t	temperature	on	other	cycloolefins
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				14			15			16			17	
1	1a	25	4	95	56	8	99	43	10	94	30	1.5	99	62
2	1a	10	17	92	62	21	96	50	26	91	44	12	99	78
3	1a	0	36	90	67	44	92	60	61	88	53	30	98	85
4	1a	-10	100	90	81	80	94	93	150	84	70	46	95	97
5	1b	25	5	99	57	6	99	54	10	98	30	2	99	64
6	1b	10	18	94	65	17	94	61	52	93	42	10.5	95	73
7	1b	0	34	90	70	40	93	66	56	91	60	25	90	83
8	1b	-10	80	99	75	92	87	71	109	86	72	60	99	95
9	1c	25	6	97	14	11	95	8	17	85	2	4.5	90	9
10	1c	10	17	90	22	18	88	12	21	85	15	11	85	16
11	1c	0	32	88	-24	36	81	21	55	60	20	38	85	34
12	1c	-10	95	84	39	110	79	28	140	32	20	90	80	37
13	1d	25	8	92	7	9	96	5	12	86	0	3.5	95	12
14	1d	10	13	88	18	20	92	11	28	63	3	14	90	21
15	1d	0	34	81	19	41	70	22	52	78	7	42	92	27
16	1d	-10	109	82	32	145	58	22	160	48	17	100	87	38