

Supporting Information

for

A Facile and Practical Synthesis of *N*-Acetyl Enamides

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General Methods. All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere. Acetic anhydride and acetic acid were purchased from Aldrich and used directly. THF (<0.02% water content) was purchased from J. T. Baker and used directly without further purifications. Anhydrous ferrous acetate was purchased from Strem Chemicals, Inc. All the ketoximes substrates **1a-o** were prepared from corresponding ketones and hydroxylamine hydrochloride following reported procedures.^{1,8} ¹H and ¹³C NMR data were recorded on a Bruker-Biospin DRX500 or DRX400 NMR Spectrometer with DMSO-*d*₆ as the solvent. Melting points were determined on a Fisher-Johns melting-point apparatus.

General procedure for the synthesis of *N*-acetyl aryl enamides: Acetic anhydride (8 mmol, 2 equiv) and acetic acid (12 mmol, 3 equiv) were added to a solution of ketoxime **1a-o** (4 mmol, 1 equiv, 0.2 M) in THF (20 mL). The solution was purged with nitrogen for 15 minutes. Iron (II) acetate (8 mmol, 2 equiv) was then added and the resulting mixture was stirred at reflux under nitrogen for 5-12 hours and then cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (20 mL) and neutralized with 10% NaHCO₃ solution (~ 10 mL) until the pH was approximately 5.0. The mixture was then extracted twice with EtOAc (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic solution was washed sequentially with 10% NaHCO₃ solution (20 mL) and brine (20 mL), dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated. The pure desired compound **2a-o** was obtained by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes as eluent).

N-(1-(4-Bromophenyl)vinyl)acetamide (**2a**):¹ 90% yield; mp 112-113 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.38 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 169.0, 140.6, 137.1, 131.1, 128.3, 121.3, 102.9, 23.6.

N-(1-Phenylvinyl)acetamide (**2b**):^{2,3} 78% yield; mp 82-84 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.32 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 3H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H).

N-(1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)vinyl)acetamide (**2c**):^{3,4} 82% yield; mp 94-95 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.22 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H).

N-(1-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)vinyl)acetamide (**2d**):^{3,4} 87% yield; mp 113-115 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.51 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H).

N-(1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)vinyl)acetamide (**2e**):⁵ 77% yield; mp 124-125 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.15 (s, 1H), 7.33 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, ³*J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H).

N-(1-(4-Nitrophenyl)vinyl)acetamide (**2f**):⁶ 45% yield; mp 148-149 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (brs, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H).

N-(1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)vinyl)acetamide (**2g**):² 77% yield; mp 123-124 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87-7.82 (m, 5H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 2H), 6.91 (br s, 1H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H).

N-(1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)prop-1-enyl)acetamide (**2h**, 1/1.5 *E/Z* mixtures):³ 80% yield; *Z* isomer: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.03-8.99 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.97 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.77-3.73 (m, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.65-

1.58 (m, 3H); *E* isomer: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 9.03-8.99 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.77 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77-3.73 (m, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.65-1.58 (m, 3H).

N-(2-Methyl-1-phenylprop-1-enyl)acetamide (**2i**):^{1,7} 66% yield; mp 82-83 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 9.00 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.69 (s, 3H).

N-(Cyclohexylidene(phenyl)methyl)acetamide (**2j**):^{1,7} 67% yield; mp 130-131 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 8.98 (s, 1H), 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.18 (m, 2H), 2.17-2.11 (m, 4H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.57-1.52 (m, 4H), 1.50-1.46 (m, 2H).

N-(3,4-Dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)acetamide (**2k**):^{1,7,8} 80% yield; mp 133-134 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 9.11 (s, 1H), 7.22-7.14 (m, 4H), 6.16 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.29-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.02 (s, 3H).

N-(1*H*-inden-3-yl)acetamide (**2l**):^{1,7,8} 50% yield; mp 126-127 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 9.72 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H).

N-(2-Methyl-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)acetamide (**2m**):^{7,8} 55% yield; mp 153-154 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 8.93 (s, 1H), 7.15-7.07 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H).

N-(6-Methoxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)acetamide (**2n**):⁷ 82% yield; mp 126-128 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 9.03 (s, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79-6.71 (m, 2H), 6.03 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.68-2.63 (m, 2H), 2.26-2.20 (m, 2H), 2.00 (s, 3H).

N-(5,7-Dimethyl-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)acetamide (**2o**):⁷ 74% yield; mp 162-163 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 9.01 (s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.14 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.25-2.18 (m, 8H), 2.01 (s, 3H).

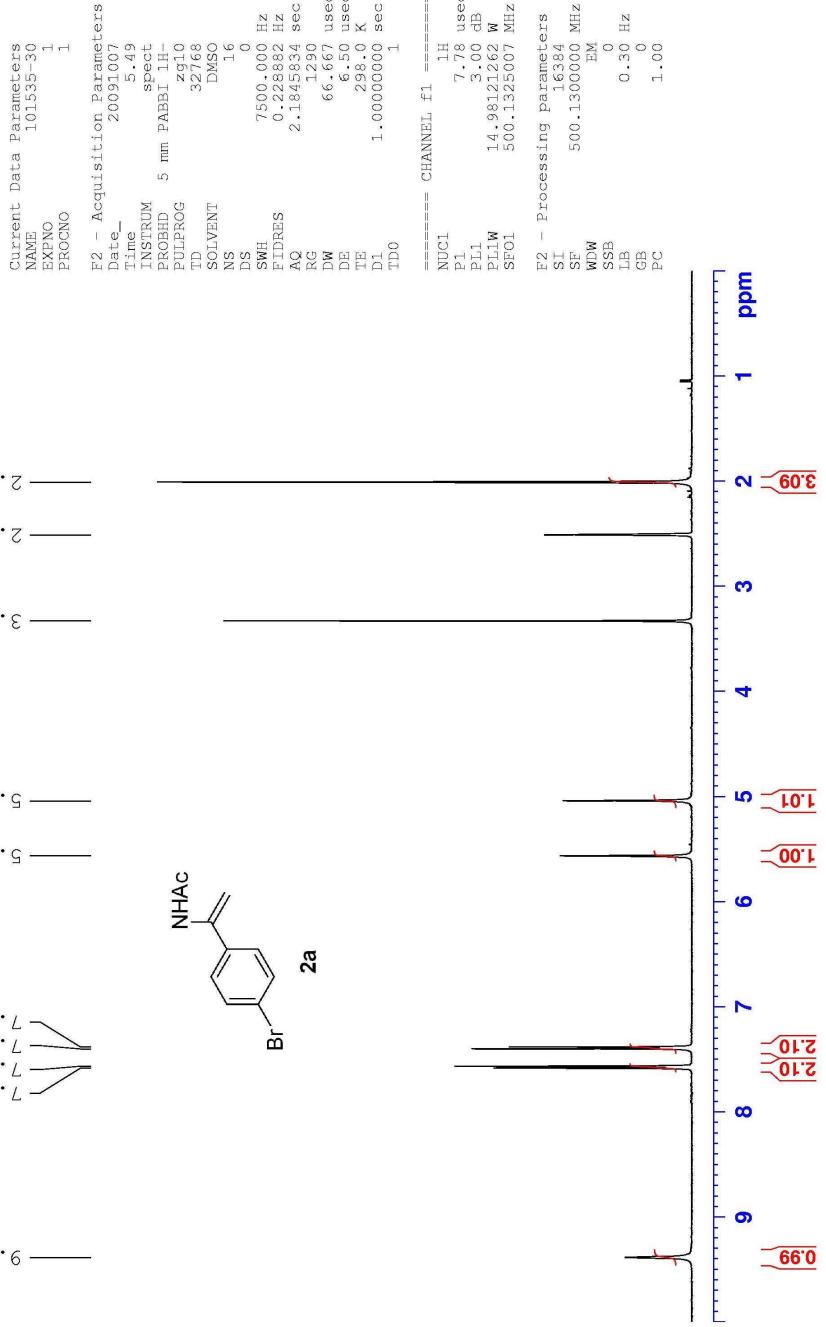
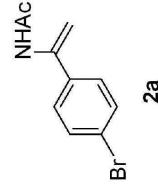
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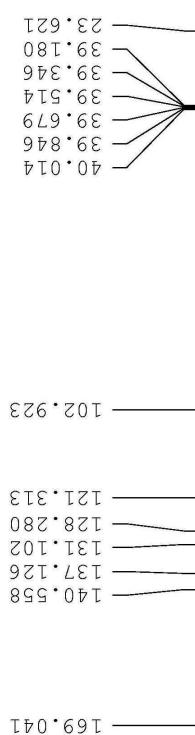
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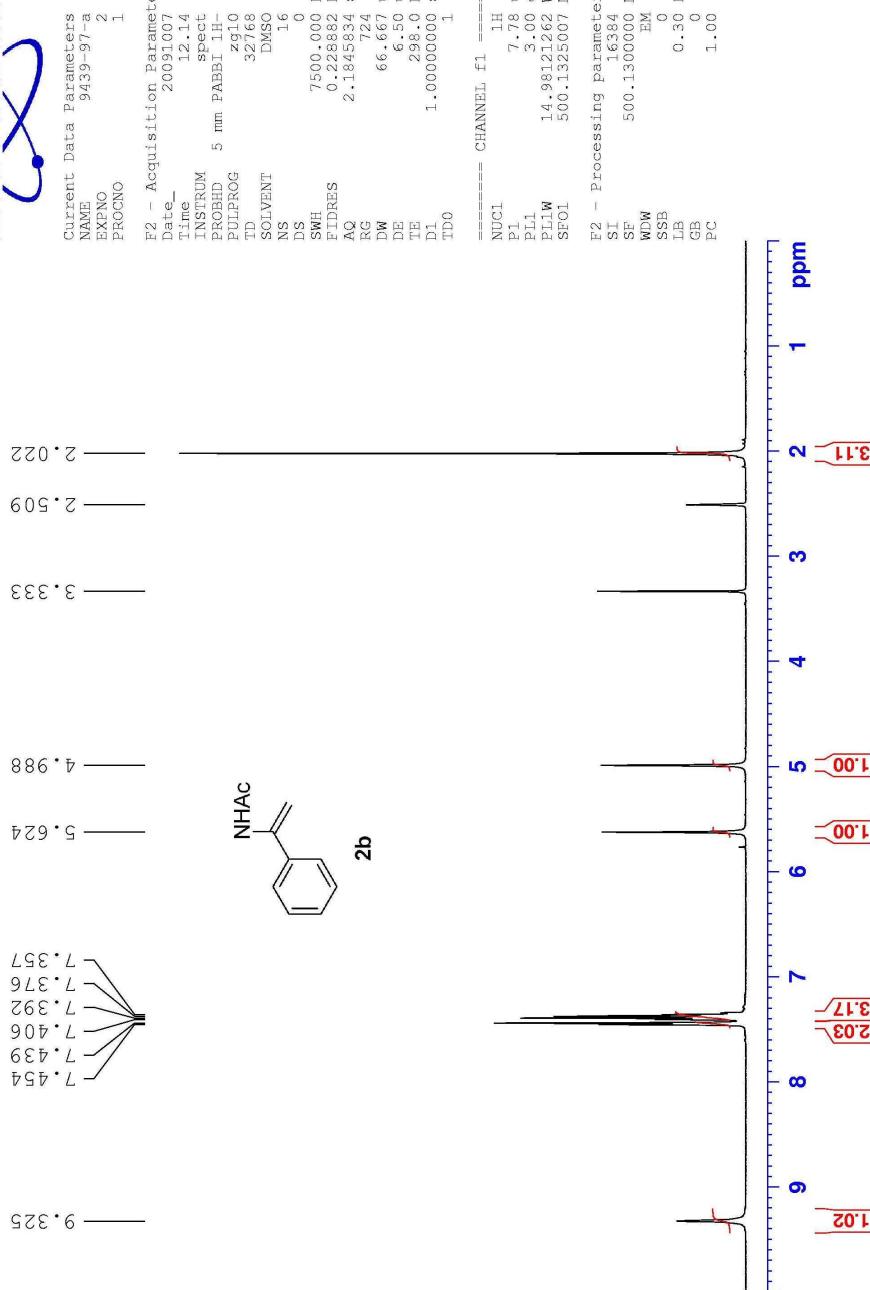
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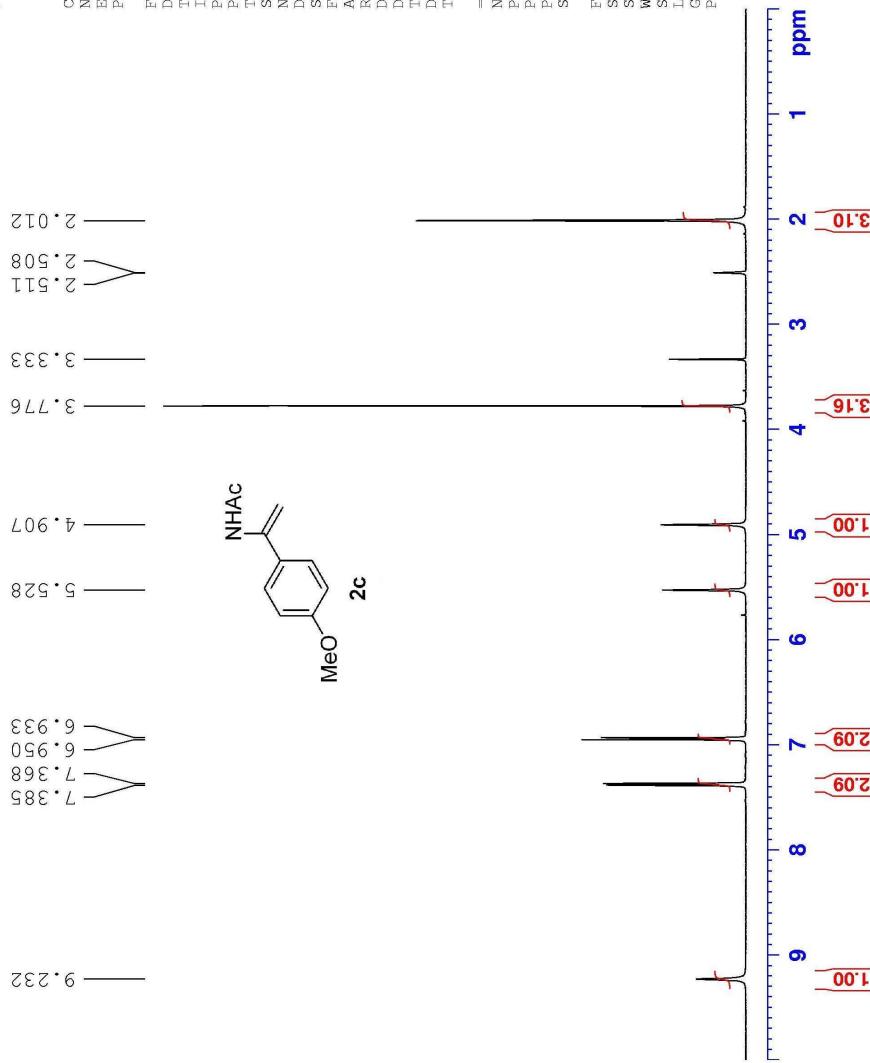


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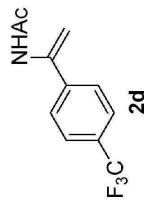
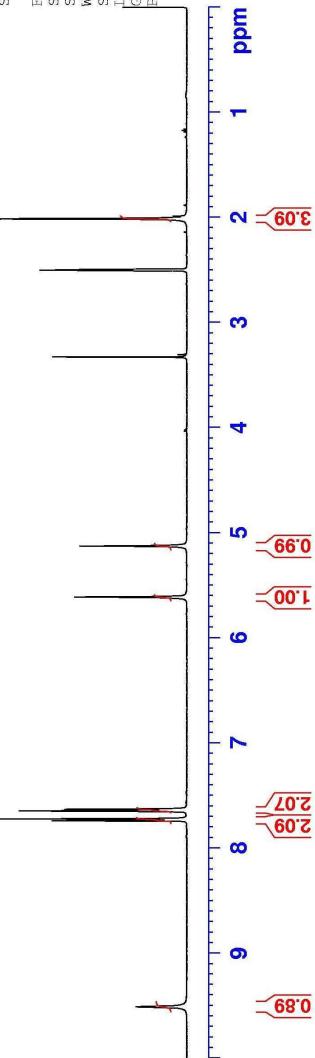
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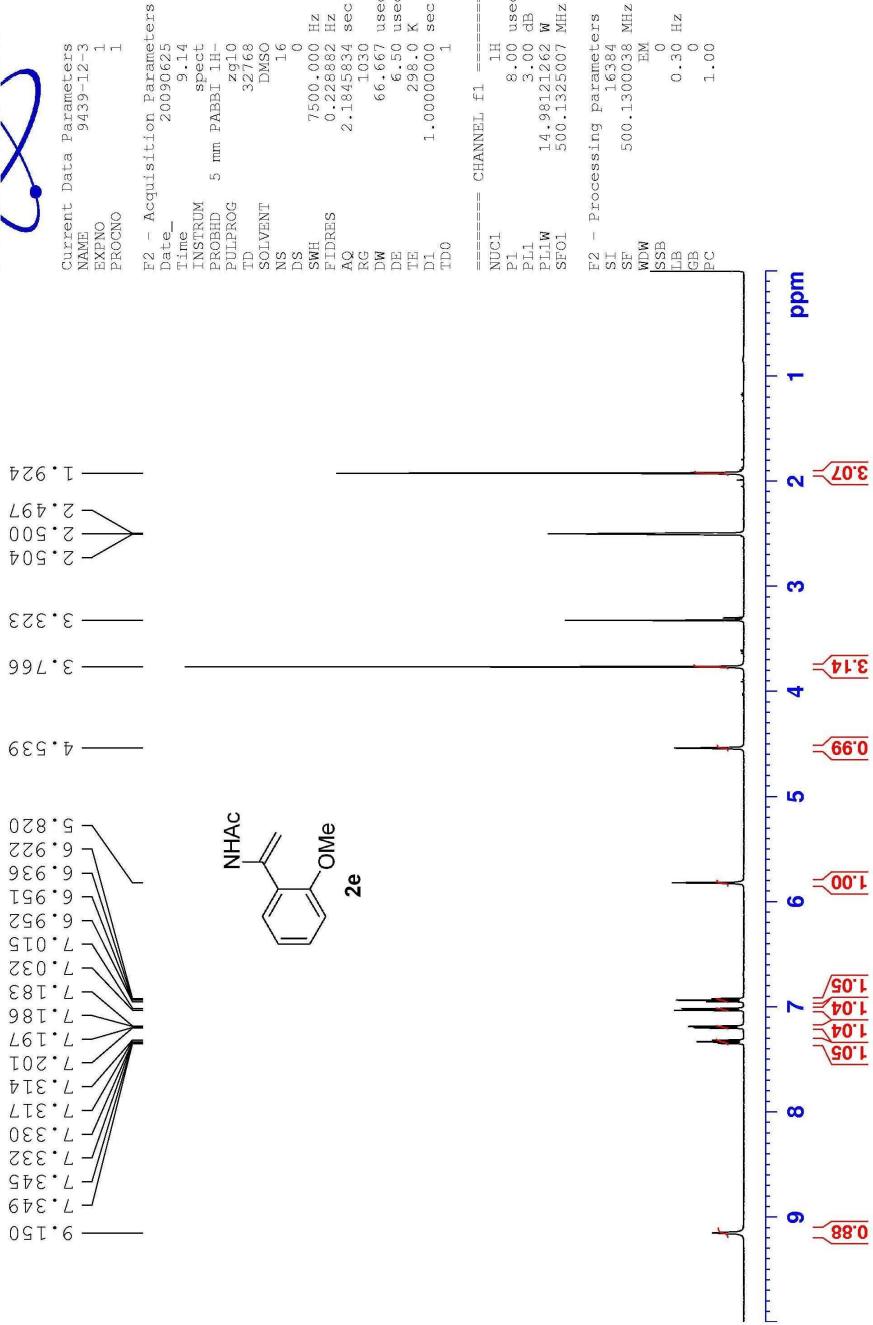
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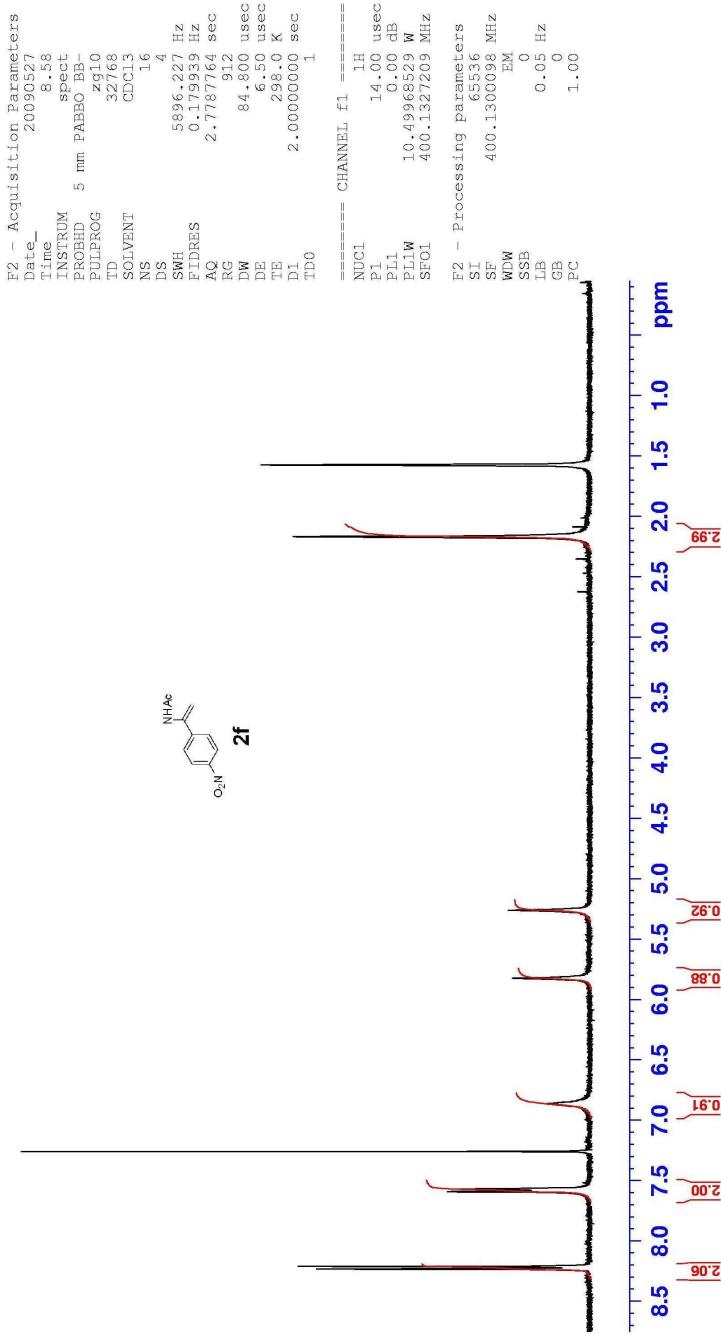


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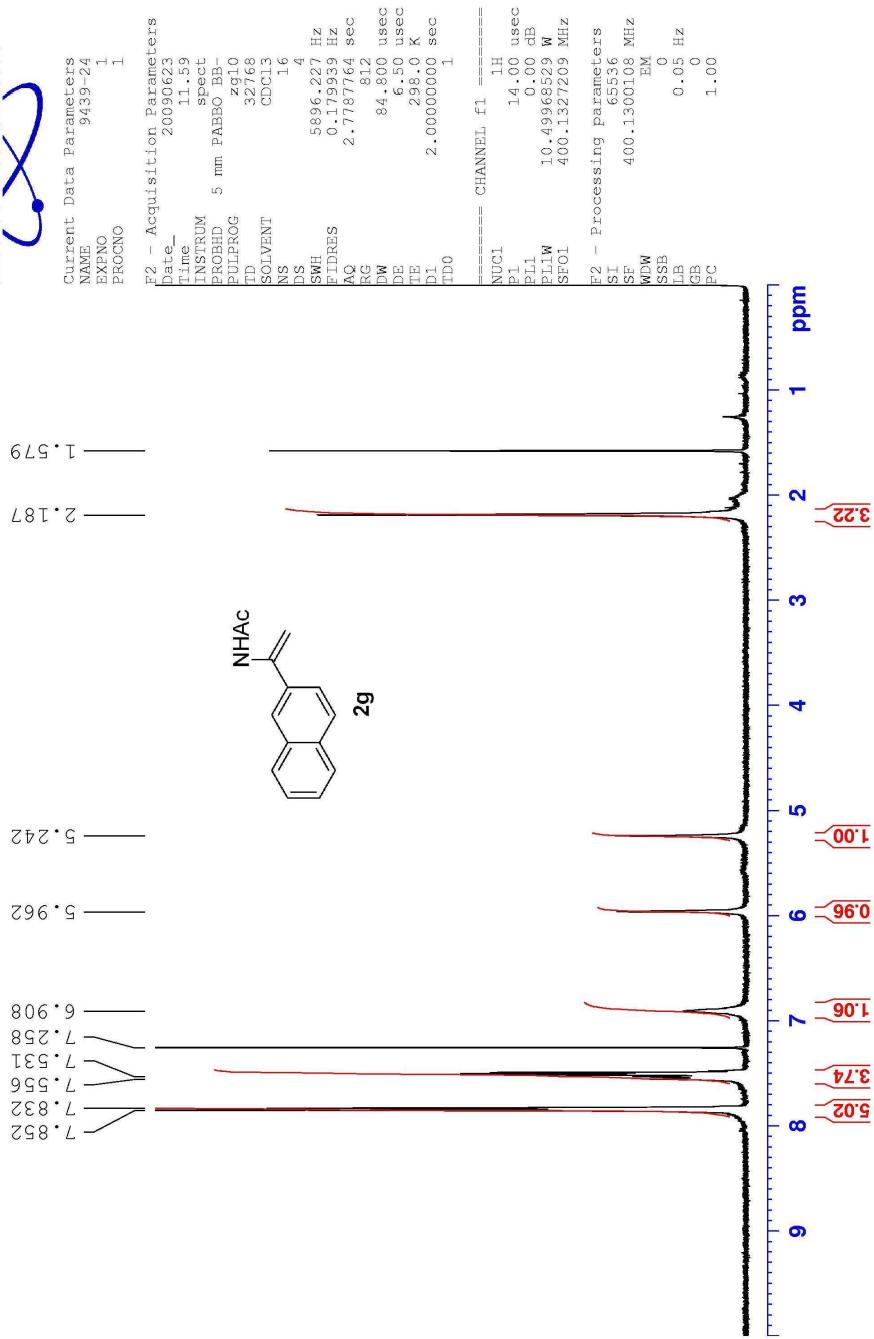
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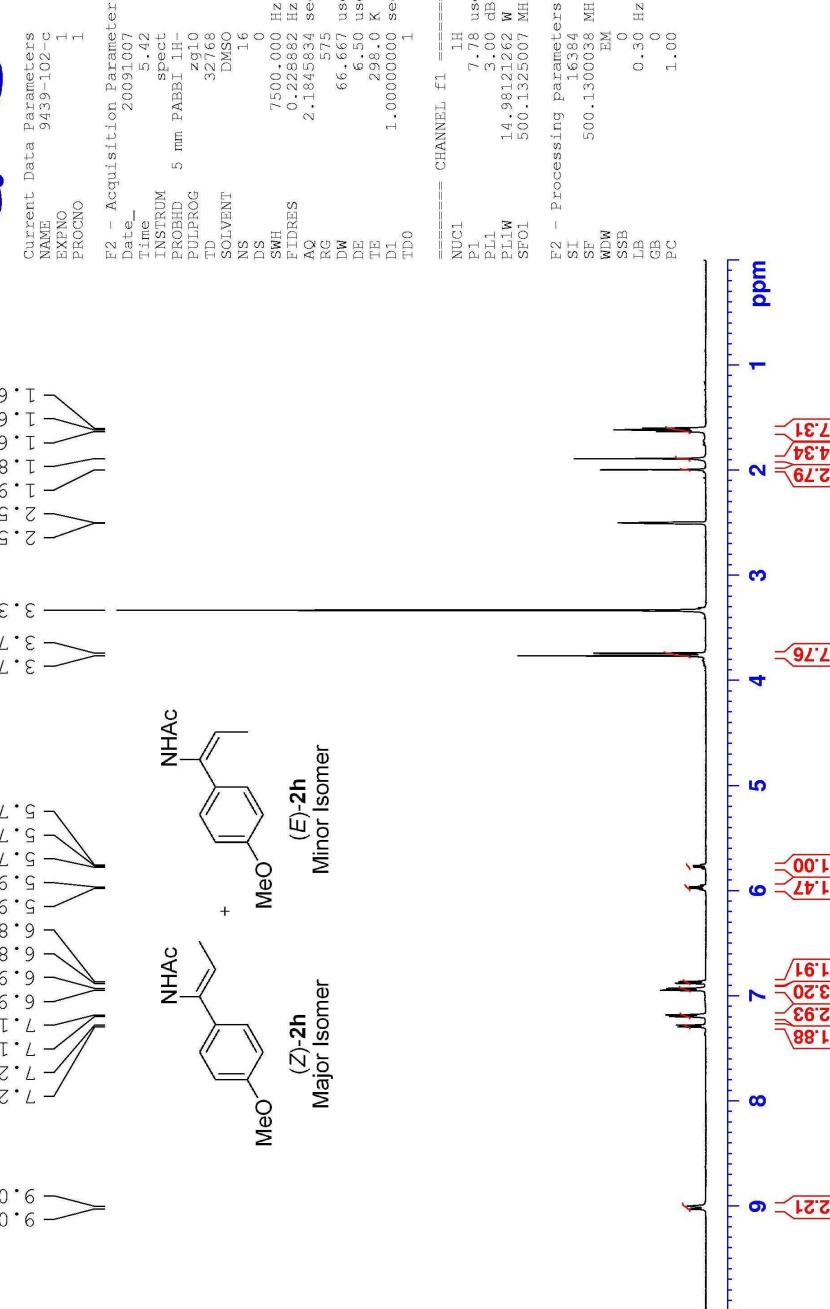
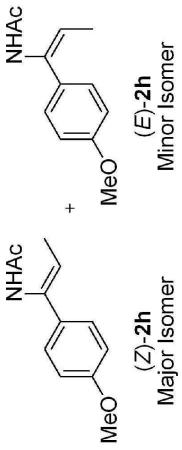
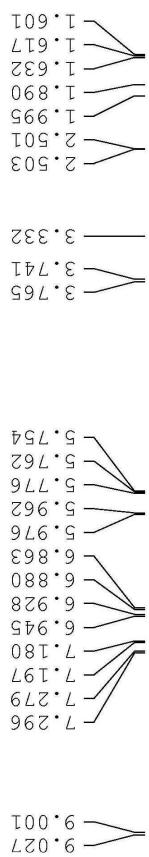
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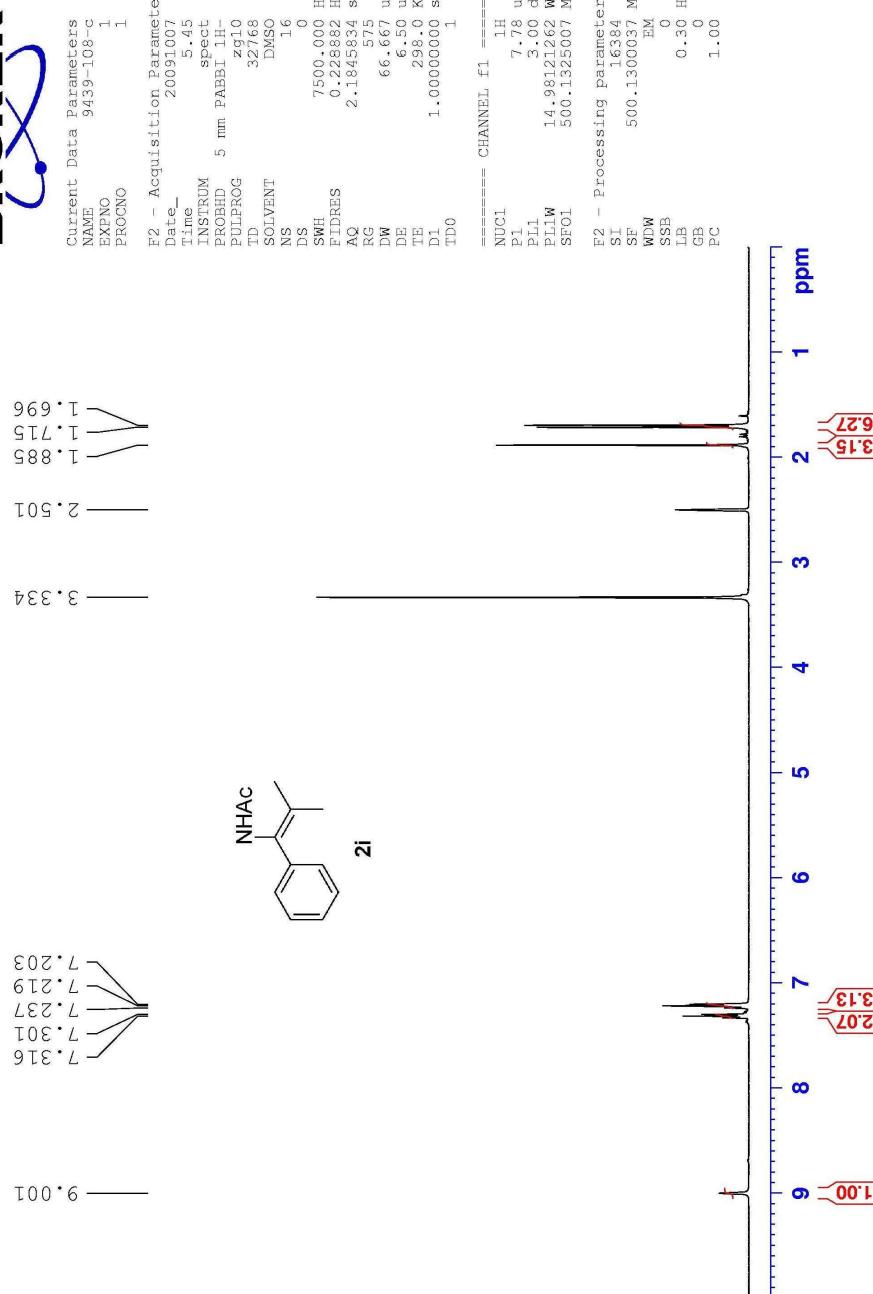
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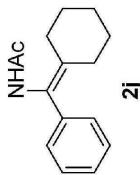
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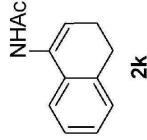
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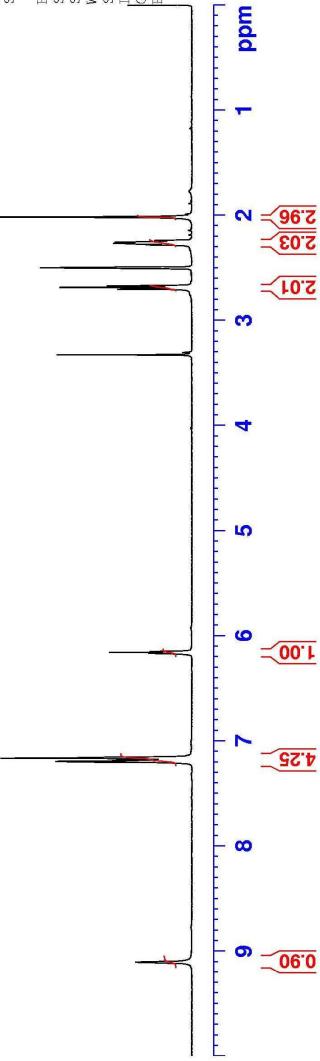
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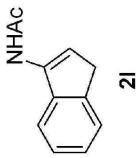
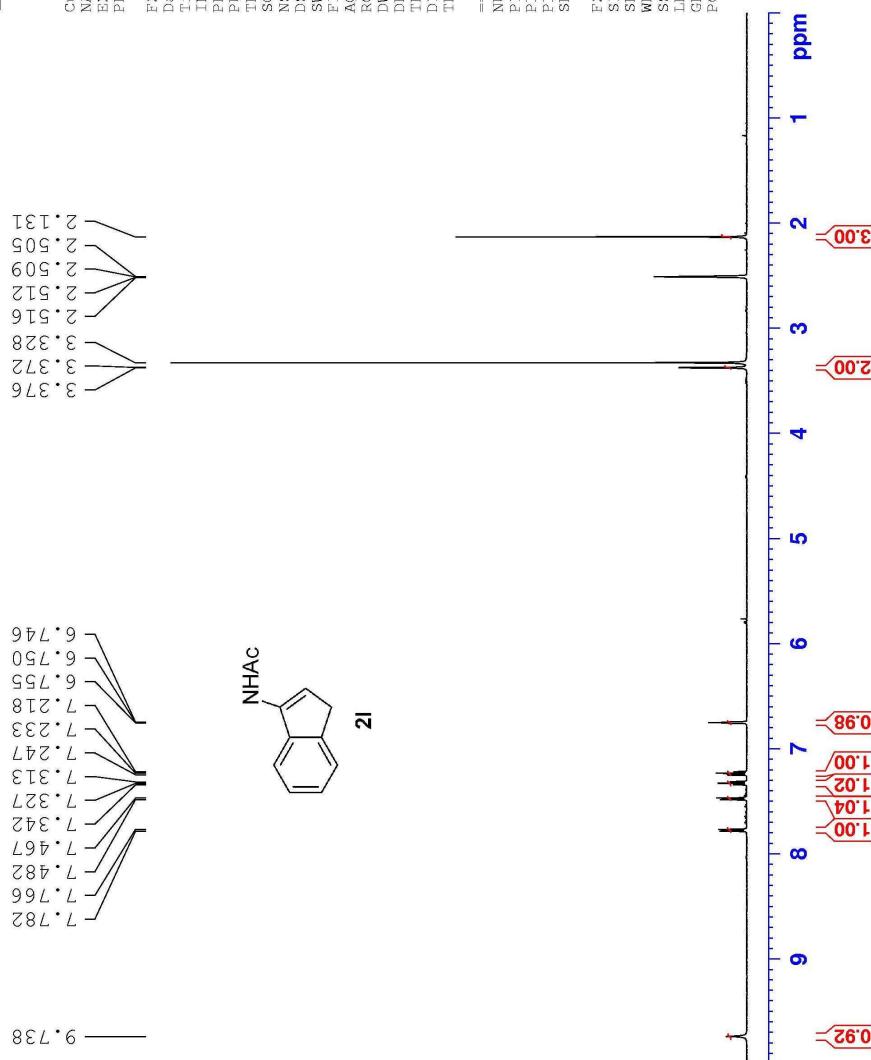
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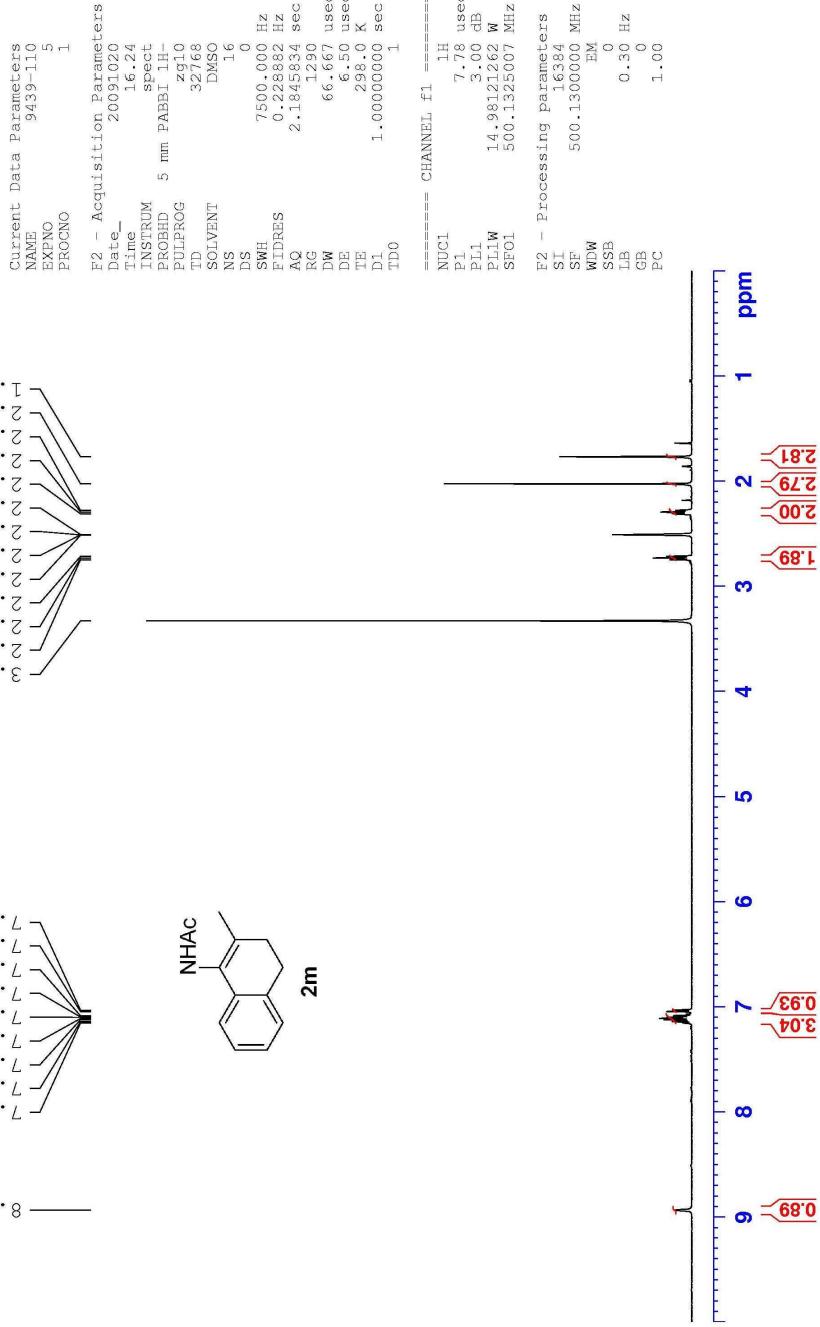
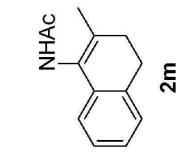
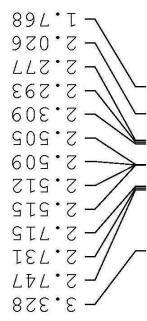
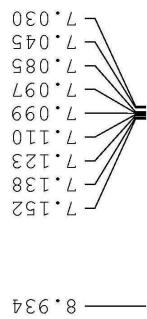


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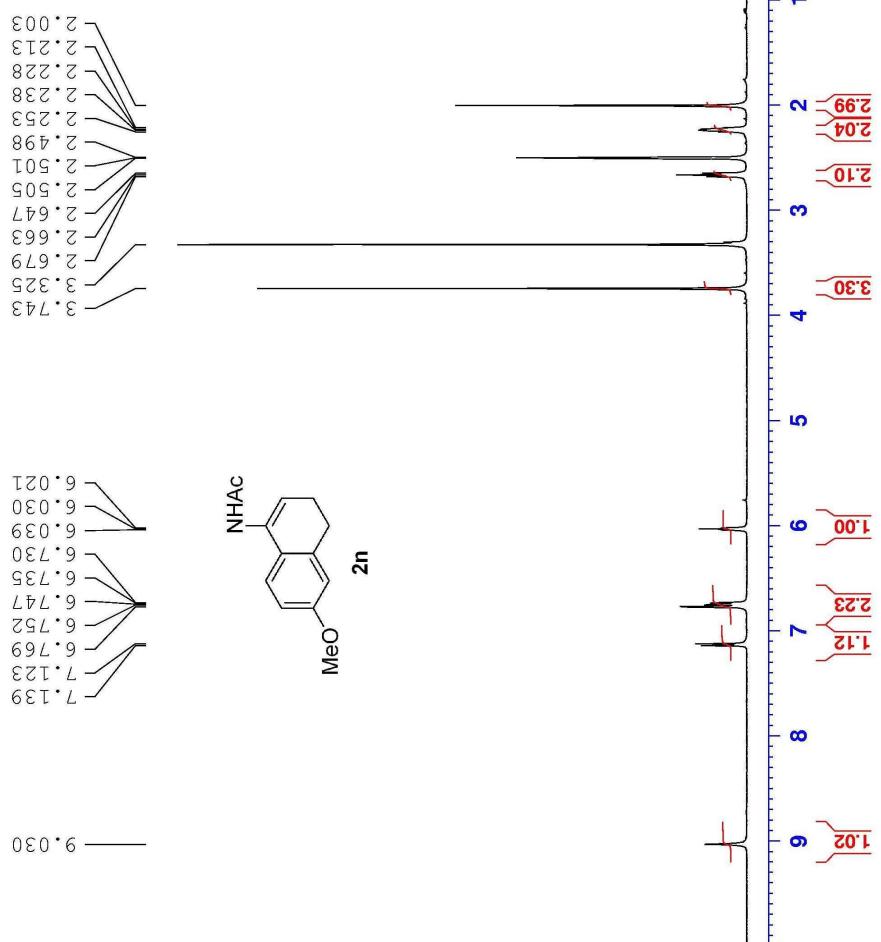
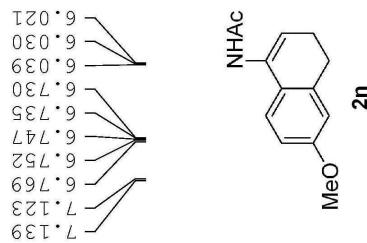


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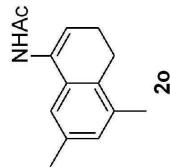
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Date_	20090821
Time	9:45
INSTRUM	spect
PROBHD	5 mm PABB1
PULPROG	1H- zg10 32768
TD	DMSO
SOLVENT	NS DS
	16
SWH	0
FIDRES	7500.000 Hz
ACQ	0.248882 Hz
RFC	2.184583 sec
	575

===== CHANNEL f1 =====

CHANNEL 1	
NUCI	1H
P1	7.78 usec
PLI1	3.00 dB
PLIW	14.981262 W
SF01	500.1325007 MHz

500.1300048 MH2 SF

EM	0	H
WDW	0.30	H
SSB	0	O
LB	0	O
GB	1.00	
PC		

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Current Data Parameters
NAME 9439-93-b
EXPNO 1
PROCNO 1

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Date 20090821
Time 9:45
INSTRUM spect
PROBHD 5 mm PABBT 1H-
PULPROG zg10
TD 32768
SOLVENT DMSO
NS 16
DS 0
SWH 7500.000 Hz
FIDRES 0.2238824 s
AQ 2.1845834 s
RG 575
DW 66.667 μ s
DE 6.50 μ s
TE 298.0 K
D1 1.0000000 s
TDO 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====
NUC1 1H
P1 7.78 μ s
PL1 3.00 d
PLW 14.99121262 W
SF01 500.13230007 M

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ST 113384
SF 500.1300048 M
WDW EM
SSB 0
LB 0.30 H
GB 0
PC 1.00

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