

Asymmetric aldol reactions in ketone/ketone systems catalyzed by ionic liquid-supported C_2 -symmetrical organocatalyst

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1. Experimental Section

1.1. General Information: The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded by Bruker AM 300 in CDCl_3 and $[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$. The chemical shifts of ^1H and ^{13}C were measured relative to Me_4Si or CDCl_3 , respectively. The high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured with a Bruker microTOF II spectrometer by using electrospray ionization (ESI). The measurements were taken either in the positive ion mode (interface capillary voltage 4500 V) or in the negative ion mode (3200 V) in the mass range from $m/z = 50\text{--}3000$ Da; external or internal calibration was done with electrospray calibrant solution (Fluka). Syringe injection was used for solution in methanol (flow rate 3 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$). Nitrogen was applied as a dry gas and the interface temperature was set at 180°C . ¹ Elemental analysis was carried out on a microanalyzer Perkin Elmer 2400. The IR spectra (KBr pellets) were recorded by a Specord M82 spectrometer. Silica gel 0.060–0.200 (Acros) was used for column chromatography. The solvents were purified by standard procedures.

1.2. Catalysts preparation

(3*R*,3'*R*,5*S*,5'*S*)-dibenzyl 5,5'-((((1*S*,2*S*)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diyl)bis(azanediyl))-bis-(carbonyl))bis(3-hydroxypyrrolidine-1-carboxylate) (5a).

A solution of ethylchloroformate (2.00 ml, 21 mmol) in THF (10 ml) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of (2*S*)-*N*-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)-4-hydroxyproline **3** (5.56 g, 21 mmol) and Et_3N (2.93 ml, 21 mmol) in THF (60 ml) at 0°C for 15 min. After 30 min, (1*S*,2*S*)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diamine **4a** (2.12 g, 10 mmol) was added to the mixture and the resulting solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 18 h. The precipitate was filtered off and washed successively with water (3 \times 30 ml) and THF (3 \times 30 ml). The resulting white solid was dried under reduced pressure (0.5 Torr) at 50°C for 2 h to afford amide **5a** as colorless solid. Yield 6.31 g (90%), mp $181\text{--}182^\circ\text{C}$. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -31.47$ (c 0.17, CH_3CN). ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$): $\delta = 1.23\text{--}1.48$ (m, 2H, CH_2CH), $1.65\text{--}1.89$ (m, 2H, CH_2CH), $3.25\text{--}3.40$ (m, 4H, CH_2N), $4.08\text{--}4.31$ (m, 4H,

OH, CHOH), 4.57-4.70 (m, 1H, *CHN*), 4.95-5.10 (m, 5H, *CH₂Ar, CHN*), 5.34-5.52 (m, 2H, *CHNH*), 7.02-7.45 (m, 20H, *Ar*), 8.21-8.42 (m, 2H, *NH*) ppm. ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ = 38.29, 55.69, 56.05, 59.00, 65.88, 68.46, 126.91, 127.44, 127.74, 128.10, 128.68, 128.33, 136.89, 140.08, 154.14, 171.35 ppm. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3443, 3409, 3308, 3064, 3035, 2946, 1694, 1653, 1539, 1421, 1359 cm⁻¹. C₄₀H₄₂N₄O₈. calcd: C 67.97, H 5.99, N 7.93; found: C 68.01, H 6.02, N 7.86. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₄₀H₄₂N₄O₈: 707.3075; found 707.3068.

(3*R*,3'*R*,5*S*,5'*S*)-dibenzyl 5,5'-((((1*R*,2*R*)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diyl)bis(azanediy)))-bis(carbonyl))bis(3-hydroxypyrrolidine-1-carboxylate) (5b).

Compound **5b** was prepared similarly from **3** and **4b**. Yield 6.80 g (97%), mp 115-116°C. [α]_D²⁰ -46.12 (*c* 0.5, CH₃CN). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 1.35-1.66 (m, 2H, *CH₂CH*), 1.86-2.08 (m, 2H, *CH₂CH*), 3.35-3.49 (m, 4H, *CH₂N*), 4.11 (s, 2H, *OH*), 4.15-4.28 (m, 2H, *CHOH*), 4.73-4.85 (m, 1H, *CHN*), 4.95-5.11 (m, 5H, *CH₂Ar, CHN*), 5.11-5.50 (m, 2H, *CHNH*), 7.07-7.45 (m, 20H, *Ar*), 8.35-8.60 (m, 2H, *NH*) ppm. ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ = 38.48, 55.43, 59.10, 66.10, 67.83, 68.48, 126.50, 127.60, 127.77, 127.86, 128.33, 128.33, 137.03, 140.23, 154.53, 171.69 ppm. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3410, 3330, 3063, 3033, 2947, 1671, 1649, 1528, 1421, 1358 cm⁻¹. C₄₀H₄₂N₄O₈. calcd: C 67.97, H 5.99, N 7.93; found: C 68.03, H 6.04, N 7.88. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₄₀H₄₂N₄O₈: 707.3075; found 707.3066.

(3*R*,3'*R*,5*S*,5'*S*)-dibenzyl 5,5'-((((1*S*,2*S*)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diyl)bis(azanediy)))-bis(carbonyl))bis(3-((5-bromopentanoyl)oxy)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate) (6a).

Amide **5a** (5.09 g, 7.2 mmol), 5-bromovaleric acid (2.61 g, 14.4 mmol), DCC (2.97 g, 14.4 mmol), and DMAP (cat.) in CH₂Cl₂ (60 ml) were stirred at 25 °C for 12 h. The precipitate was filtered off and washed with CH₂Cl₂ (3×25 ml). The combined organic washings were evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: CHCl₃) to afford the ester **6a** as colorless solid. Yield 5.55 g (75%), mp 118-120 °C. [α]_D²⁰ -26.40 (*c* 0.5, CH₃CN). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 1.50-1.88 (m, 10H, *CH₂CH, CH₂*), 1.90-2.17 (m, 2H,

CH_2CH), 2.22-2.41 (m, 4H, CH_2CO), 3.40-3.65 (m, 8H, CH_2N , CH_2Br), 4.20-4.38 (m, 2H, CHO), 4.60-4.71 (m, 1H, CHN), 4.95-5.15 (m, 5H, CH_2Ar , CHN), 5.35-5.49 (m, 2H, $CHNH$), 7.07-7.40 (m, 20H, Ar), 8.31-8.52 (m, 2H, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6) δ = 24.41, 31.37, 32.45, 34.47, 36.31, 52.49, 56.12, 58.58, 66.10, 72.36, 126.94, 127.43, 127.74, 127.80, 128.08, 128.33, 136.61, 139.88, 153.81, 170.71, 172.15 ppm. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3319, 3063, 3033, 2937, 1735, 1708, 1645, 1518, 1416, 1358 cm^{-1} $C_{50}H_{56}Br_2N_4O_{10}$. calcd: C 58.15, H 5.47, N 5.42; found: C 58.21, H 5.44, N 5.53. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{50}H_{56}Br_2N_4O_{10}$: 1031.2436; found 1031.2423.

(3*R*,3'*R*,5*S*,5'*S*)-dibenzyl 5,5'-((((1*R*,2*R*)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diyl)bis(azanediy))bis(carbonyl))bis(3-((5-bromopentanoyl)oxy)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate) (6b).

Compound **6b** was prepared similarly from **5b**. Yield 5.18 g (70%), mp 147-149 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -32.31 (c 0.5, CH_3CN). 1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ = 1.40-2.00 (m, 10H, CH_2CH , CH_2), 2.21-2.36 (m, 6H, CH_2CH , CH_2CO), 3.45-3.70 (m, 8H, CH_2N , CH_2Br), 4.20-4.37 (m, 2H, CHO), 4.75-4.85 (m, 1H, CHN), 5.00-5.20 (m, 5H, CH_2Ar , CHN), 5.20-5.50 (m, 2H, $CHNH$), 7.05-7.42 (m, 20H, Ar), 8.40-8.70 (m, 2H, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6) δ = 23.01, 31.43, 33.40, 35.38, 36.69, 47.58, 52.63, 58.88, 66.29, 71.80, 127.06, 127.40, 127.59, 127.82, 127.94, 128.29, 136.86, 139.99, 154.24, 170.91, 172.28 ppm. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3326, 3064, 3032, 2933, 1726, 1708, 1647, 1528, 1419, 1355, 1358 cm^{-1} $C_{50}H_{56}Br_2N_4O_{10}$. calcd: C 58.15, H 5.47, N 5.42; found: C 58.19, H 5.42, N 5.49. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{50}H_{56}Br_2N_4O_{10}$: 1031.2436; found 1031.2427.

3,3'-((((3*R*,3'*R*,5*S*,5'*S*)-5,5'-((((1*S*,2*S*)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diyl)bis(azanediy))bis(carbonyl))bis(1-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)pyrrolidine-5,3-diyl))bis(oxy))bis(5-oxopentane-5,1-diyl))bis(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium) bromide (7a).

A mixture of ester **6a** (2.20 g, 2.1 mmol) and 1-methyl-1*H*-imidazole (1.23 g, 15 mmol) was heated at 80 °C for 5 min, cooled to rt and washed thoroughly with Et_2O (5×10 ml). The residue

was dissolved in MeOH (1 ml), then Et₂O (20 ml) was added to the solution. The separated oil was washed with Et₂O (5×10 ml) again and dried under reduced pressure (0.5 Torr) for 1 h to afford bromide **7a** as colorless solid. Yield 2.1 g (84%), mp 95-98 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -16.10 (*c* 0.5, CH₃CN). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 1.39-1.70 (m, 6H, CH₂CH, CH₂), 1.70-1.88 (m, 4H, CH₂), 1.95-2.20 (m, 2H, CH₂CH), 2.30-2.42 (m, 4H, CH₂CO), 3.32-3.60 (m, 4H, CH₂N), 3.82 (s, 6H, CH₃), 4.10-4.26 (m, 4H, CH₂N), 4.34-4.60 (m, 2H, CHO), 4.69-4.80 (m, 1H, CHN), 4.92-5.07 (m, 5H, CH₂Ar, CHN), 5.38-5.55 (m, 2H, CHNH), 7.04-7.52 (m, 20H, Ar), 7.70 (s, 2H, NCHCHN), 7.78 (s, 2H, NCHCHN), 8.65-8.96 (m, 2H, NH), 9.16 (s, 2H, NCHN) ppm. ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ = 20.80, 22.92, 28.63, 32.61, 35.70, 36.46, 48.28, 52.57, 56.32, 58.27, 65.82, 72.44, 122.15, 123.54, 126.82, 127.29, 127.53, 127.74, 128.00, 128.30, 136.47, 136.66, 139.98, 153.59, 170.84, 172.09 ppm. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3436, 3213, 3056, 2947, 1732, 1703, 1655, 1537, 1419, 1355 cm⁻¹. C₅₈H₆₈Br₂N₈O₁₀. calcd: C 58.20, H 5.73, N 9.36; found: C 58.18, H 5.77, N 9.29. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M]²⁺ calcd for C₅₈H₆₈N₈O₁₀: 518.2524; found 518.2518.

3,3'-((((3*R*,3'*R*,5*S*,5'*S*)-5,5'-((((1*R*,2*R*)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diyl)bis(azanediyl))bis(carbonyl))bis(1-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)pyrrolidine-5,3-diyl))bis(oxy))bis(5-oxopentane-5,1-diyl))bis(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium) bromide (7b).

Compound **7b** was prepared similarly from **6b**. Yield 2.02 g (81%), mp 97-100 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -29.96 (*c* 0.5, CH₃CN). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 1.39-1.90 (m, 10H, CH₂CH, CH₂), 2.00-2.35 (m, 6H, CH₂CH, CH₂CO), 3.45-3.70 (m, 4H, CH₂N), 3.82 (s, 6H, CH₃), 4.10-4.20 (m, 4H, CH₂N), 4.22-4.38 (m, 2H, CHO), 4.71-4.85 (m, 1H, CHN), 5.00-5.50 (m, 7H, CH₂Ar, CHN, CHNH), 7.04-7.40 (m, 20H, Ar), 7.68 (s, 2H, NCHCHN), 7.73 (s, 2H, NCHCHN), 8.52-8.79 (m, 2H, NH), 9.11 (s, 2H, NCHN) ppm. ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 20.75, 28.61, 32.56, 35.71, 36.62, 48.26, 52.55, 56.83, 58.52, 66.12, 72.42, 122.17, 123.56, 126.65, 126.99, 127.43, 127.66, 128.10, 128.34, 136.47, 136.71, 140.07, 154.10, 170.84, 172.08 ppm. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3433, 3229, 3034, 2946, 1733, 1703, 1529, 1416, 1355 cm⁻¹. C₅₈H₆₈Br₂N₈O₁₀. calcd: C 58.20, H 5.73, N 9.36;

found: C 58.16, H 5.78, N 9.27. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M]^{2+}$ calcd for $C_{58}H_{68}N_8O_{10}$: 518.2524; found 518.2519.

3,3'-((((3*R*,3'*R*,5*S*,5'*S*)-5,5'-((((1*S*,2*S*)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diyl)bis(azanediyl))bis(carbonyl))bis(1-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)pyrrolidine-5,3-diyl))bis(oxy))bis(5-oxopentane-5,1-diyl))bis(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium) hexafluorophosphate(V) (8a).

A solution of KPF_6 (1.25 g, 6.8 mmol) in water (15 ml) was added to a stirred solution of bromide **7a** (2.00 g, 1.7 mmol) in water (15 ml). The precipitate was filtered off, washed with water (3×15 ml) and dried under reduced pressure (0.5 Torr) for 1 h to afford hexafluorophosphate **8a** as colorless solid. Yield 2.06 g (93%), mp 103-105 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{20} -18.30$ (c 0.5, CH_3CN). 1H NMR ($DMSO-d_6$): $\delta = 1.40-1.90$ (m, 10H, CH_2CH , CH_2), 1.90-2.20 (m, 2H, CH_2CH), 2.30-2.43 (m, 4H, CH_2CO), 3.35-3.70 (m, 4H, CH_2N), 3.88 (s, 6H, CH_3), 4.12-4.35 (m, 6H, CH_2N , CHO), 4.65-4.75 (m, 1H, CHN), 4.96-5.13 (m, 5H, CH_2Ar , CHN), 5.35-5.51 (m, 2H, $CHNH$), 7.10-7.40 (m, 20H, Ar), 7.73 (d, $J=11.0$ Hz, 4H, $NCHCHN$), 8.30-8.50 (m, 2H, NH), 9.10 (s, 2H, $NCHN$) ppm. ^{13}C NMR ($DMSO-d_6$) $\delta = 20.75, 28.59, 32.46, 34.96, 35.68, 36.15, 48.32, 52.43, 56.00, 58.60, 66.14, 72.26, 122.15, 123.59, 126.78, 126.92, 127.44, 127.74, 128.09, 128.34, 136.57, 139.70, 153.82, 170.70, 172.10$ ppm. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3418, 3325, 3166, 2952, 1734, 1706, 1645, 1521, 1419, 1357, 841, 558 cm^{-1} . $C_{58}H_{68}F_{12}N_8O_{10}P_2$. calcd calcd: C 52.49, H 5.16, N 8.44; found: C 52.41, H 5.14, N 8.46. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[M]^{2+}$ calcd for $C_{58}H_{68}N_8O_{10}$: 518.2524; found 518.2516.

3,3'-((((3*R*,3'*R*,5*S*,5'*S*)-5,5'-((((1*R*,2*R*)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diyl)bis(azanediyl))bis(carbonyl))bis(1-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)pyrrolidine-5,3-diyl))bis(oxy))bis(5-oxopentane-5,1-diyl))bis(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium) hexafluorophosphate(V) (8b).

Compound **8b** was prepared similarly from **7b**. Yield 2.02 g (91%), mp 90-92 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{20} -18.37$ (c 0.3, CH_3CN). 1H NMR ($DMSO-d_6$): $\delta = 1.38-2.00$ (m, 10H, CH_2CH , CH_2), 2.10-2.36 (m, 6H, CH_2CH , CH_2CO), 3.45-3.70 (m, 4H, CH_2N), 3.82 (s, 6H, CH_3), 4.10-4.20 (m, 4H, CH_2N), 4.22-

4.35 (m, 2H, CHO), 4.73-4.85 (m, 1H, CHN), 4.96-5.50 (m, 7H, CH₂Ar, CHN, CHNH), 7.00-7.45 (m, 20H, Ar), 7.70 (d, J=11.0 Hz, 4H, NCHCHN), 8.45-8.72 (m, 2H, NH), 9.09 (s, 2H, NCHN) ppm. ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 20.74, 28.59, 32.50, 35.69, 48.29, 52.57, 57.05, 58.76, 66.21, 72.42, 122.17, 123.59, 126.69, 127.02, 127.68, 128.17, 128.38, 136.46, 139.77, 154.20, 172.10 ppm. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3412, 3325, 3166, 2949, 1735, 1705, 1525, 1419, 1356, 841, 558 cm⁻¹. C₅₈H₆₈F₁₂N₈O₁₀P₂. calcd calcd: C 52.49, H 5.16, N 8.44; found: C 52.43, H 5.13, N 8.48. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M]²⁺ calcd for C₅₈H₆₈N₈O₁₀: 518.2524; found 518.2518.

3,3'-((((3R,3'R,5S,5'S)-5,5'-((((1S,2S)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diyl)bis(azanediy))bis(carbonyl))bis(pyrrolidine-5,3-diyl))bis(oxy))bis(5-oxopentane-5,1-diyl))bis(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-3-ium) hexafluorophosphate(V) (2a).

The hexafluorophosphate **8a** (1.33 g, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in CH₃OH (20 ml) and Pd/C (100 mg) was added to the solution. The resulting suspension was stirred under H₂ (1 bar) for 9 h, filtered, the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure (40 Torr) and the residue was dried *in vacuo* (0.5 Torr) for 2 h to afford catalyst **2a** as light yellow solid. Yield 1.03 g (97%), mp 101-104 °C. [α]_D²⁰ -5.97 (*c* 0.5, CH₃CN). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 1.40-1.59 (m, 4H, CH₂), 1.59-2.05 (m, 8H, CH₂, CHCH₂CH), 2.33 (t, J=7.33Hz, 4H, CH₂CO₂), 2.86 (d, J=12.5Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.01 (d, J=12.5Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.32 (br s, 2H, NH), 3.65 (t, J=7.7Hz, 2H, CHCO), 3.85 (s, 6H, CH₃), 4.17 (t, 4H, J=7.6 Hz, CH₂Im), 5.02 (br s, 2H, CHO), 5.29 (d, J=6.6Hz, 2H, CHPh) 7.10-7.28 (m, 10H, Ar), 7.72 (d, J=15.5 Hz, 4H, NCHCHN), 8.64 (d, J=7.33 Hz, 2H, NH), 9.09 (s, 2H, NCHN) ppm. ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ = 20.81, 28.68, 32.68, 35.70, 36.54, 48.41, 52.20, 56.51, 59.16, 75.11, 122.20, 123.60, 127.13, 127.44, 127.90, 128.23, 128.40, 128.61, 136.50, 139.75, 171.68, 172.18 ppm. IR (KBr,cm⁻¹): 3399, 3307, 3171, 2949, 1730, 1658, 1513, 840, 558 cm⁻¹. C₄₂H₅₆F₁₂N₈O₆P₂. calcd: C 47.64, H 5.33, N 10.58; found: C 47.59 H 5.30, N 11.02. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₄₂H₅₆N₈O₆PF₆: 913.3959; found 913.3955; *m/z* [M]²⁺ calcd for C₄₂H₅₆N₈O₆: 384.2156; found 384.2155.

3,3'-((((3*R*,3'*R*,5*S*,5'*S*)-5,5'-((((1*R*,2*R*)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diyl)bis(azanediyl))bis-(carbonyl))bis(pyrrolidine-5,3-diyl))bis(oxy))bis(5-oxopentane-5,1-diyl))bis(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium) hexafluorophosphate(V) (2b**).**

Compound **2b** was prepared similarly from **8b**. Yield 1.02 g (96%), mp 107-110 °C. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ -0.4 (*c* 0.5, CH₃CN). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 1.40-1.85 (m, 12H, CH₂, CHCH₂CH), 2.30 (t, *J*=7.40Hz, 4H, CH₂CO₂), 2.80-3.05 (m, 4H, NCH₂), 3.65-3.75 (m, 2H, CHCO), 3.84 (s, 6H, CH₃), 4.18 (t, 4H, *J*=6.6 Hz, CH₂Im), 5.01 (br s, 2H, CHO), 5.32 (d, *J*=5.8Hz, 2H, CHPh) 7.10-7.32 (m, 10H, *Ar*), 7.71 (d, *J*=15.5 Hz, 4H, NCHCHN), 8.72 (s, 2H, NH), 9.10 (s, 2H, NCHN) ppm. ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 20.89, 28.77, 32.71, 35.79, 36.61, 48.47, 52.02, 56.50, 59.03, 75.13, 122.29, 123.68, 126.94, 127.04, 127.19, 127.93, 127.99, 136.58, 139.84, 171.59, 172.29 ppm. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3400, 3306, 3171, 2940, 1732, 1671, 1522, 841, 558 cm⁻¹. C₄₂H₅₆F₁₂N₈O₆P₂. calcd: C 47.64, H 5.33, N 10.58; found: C 47.60 H 5.29, N 10.98. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₄₂H₅₆N₈O₆PF₆: 913.3959; found 913.3956; *m/z* [M]²⁺ calcd for C₄₂H₅₆N₈O₆: 384.2156; found 384.2153.

1.3. General procedure for asymmetric aldol reaction between **9** and **10**

A mixture of catalyst **2a** (20 mg, 19 μmol), ketone **10** (95 μmol), AcOH (2.8 μl, 48 μmol, 0.5 equiv. with respect to **10**) and water (3.5 μl, 200 μmol, 2 equiv. with respect to **10**) was cooled to -30°C, then acetone **9** (35 μl, 475 μmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at -30°C for 24 h. Aldol **11** was extracted with Et₂O (2 x 3 ml), the combined extracts were filtered through a silica gel pad (1 g) and evaporated under reduced pressure (15 Torr). Conversions and *dr* values of aldols **11a-g** were measured by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Compounds **11a** and **11c** were purified by column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc/*n*-hexane 1:2) to afford corresponding aldols in 93% and 91% yield, respectively. *Ee* values of aldols **11a-g** were determined by HPLC, chiral phases: *Chiralcel OD-H*, *OJ-H*, or *Chiralpak AD-H*. NMR spectra and HPLC data for aldols **11a,b,d-g** are available in the cited articles.^{2,3}

Methyl 2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-oxopentanoate (**11c**)

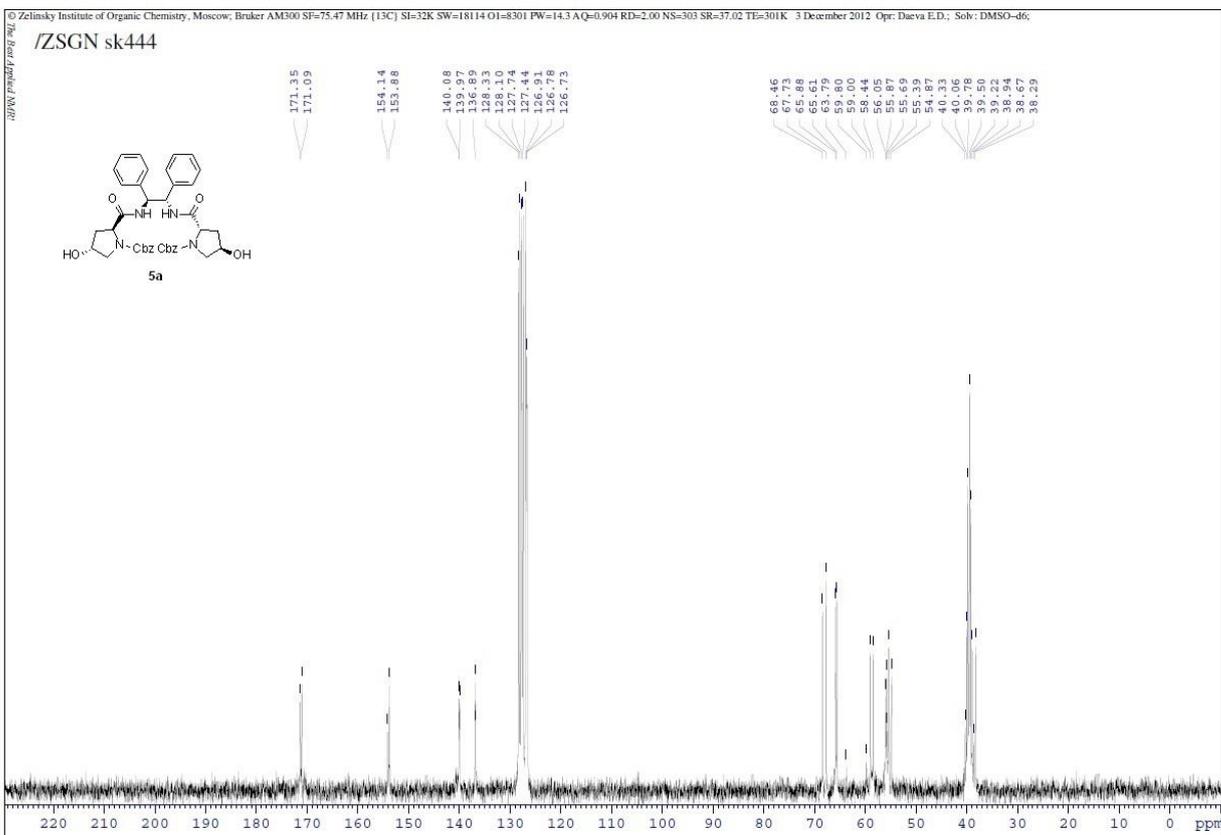
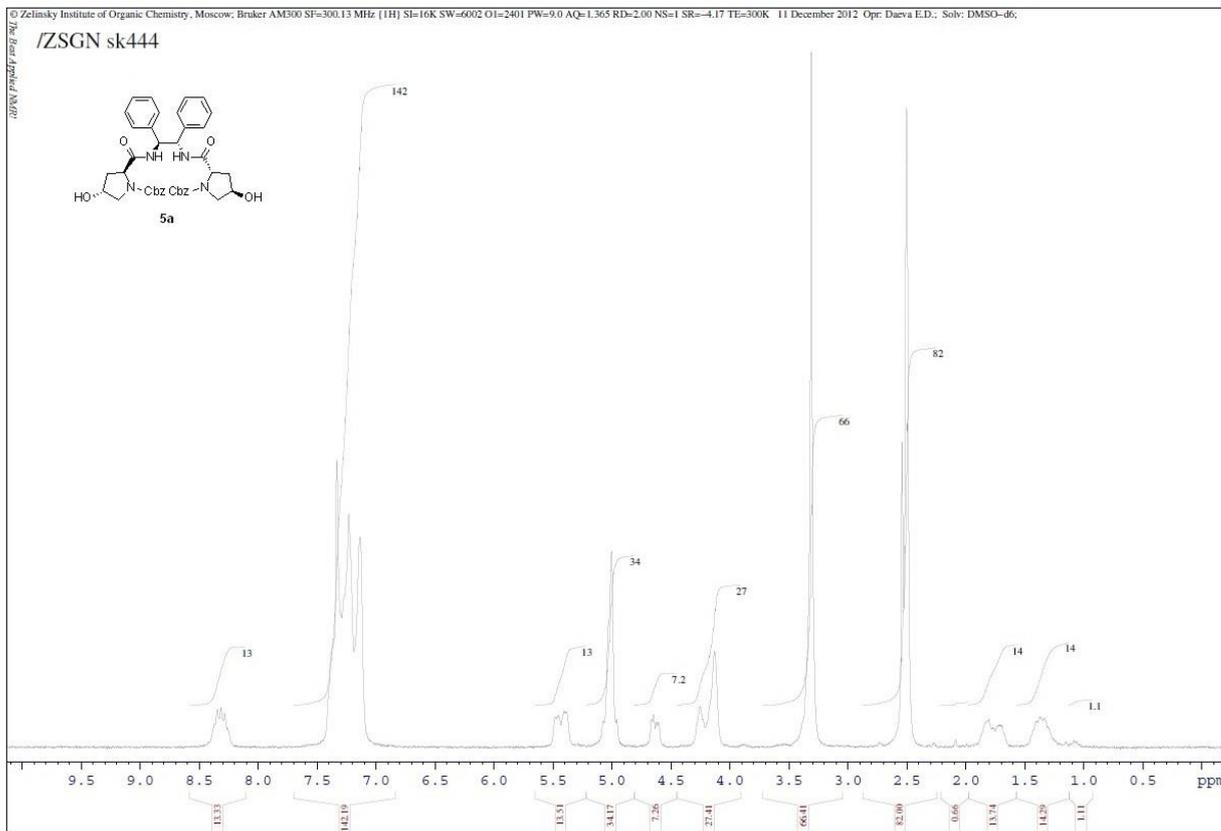
Yield 91%. Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.48$ (hexan-EtOAc, 2:1). HPLC analysis (OD-H, hexane : *i*-PrOH = 9:1; 220 nm; 0.9 ml/min): $t_1=9.48$ min (major), $t_2=10.43$ min (minor). $[\alpha]_D^{20} -29.36$ (c 0.2, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = 2.35$ (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.71 (d, $J=20.50\text{Hz}$, 1H, CH_2), 3.29 (d, $J=20.50\text{Hz}$, 1H, CH_2), 3.77 (s, 3H, CH_3), 4.69 (s, 1H, OH), 7.20-7.45 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.85-7.97 (m, 1H, Ar) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = 32.09, 46.36, 53.15, 78.50, 127.40, 127.59, 129.46, 130.36, 130.64, 138.75, 172.58, 211.71$ ppm. $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClO}_4$ calcd: C 56.15, H 5.10; found: C 56.47, H 4.98.

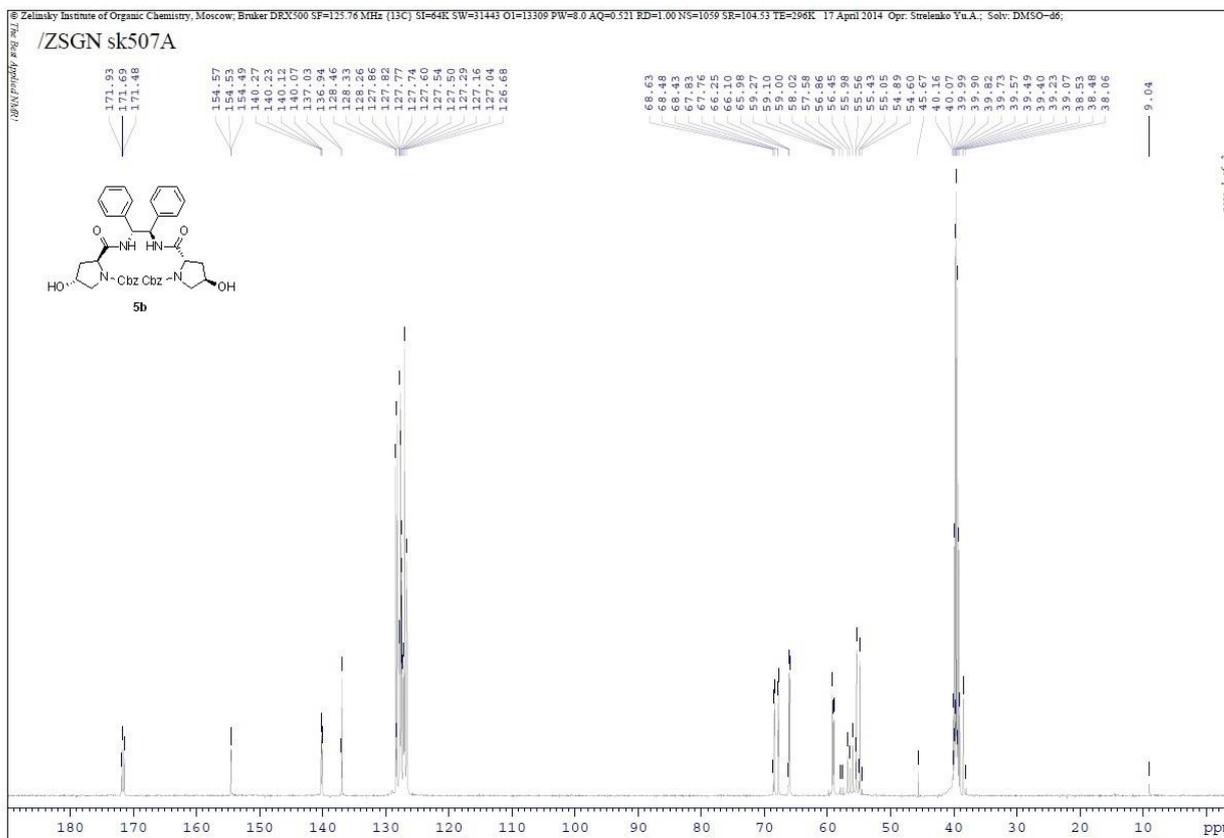
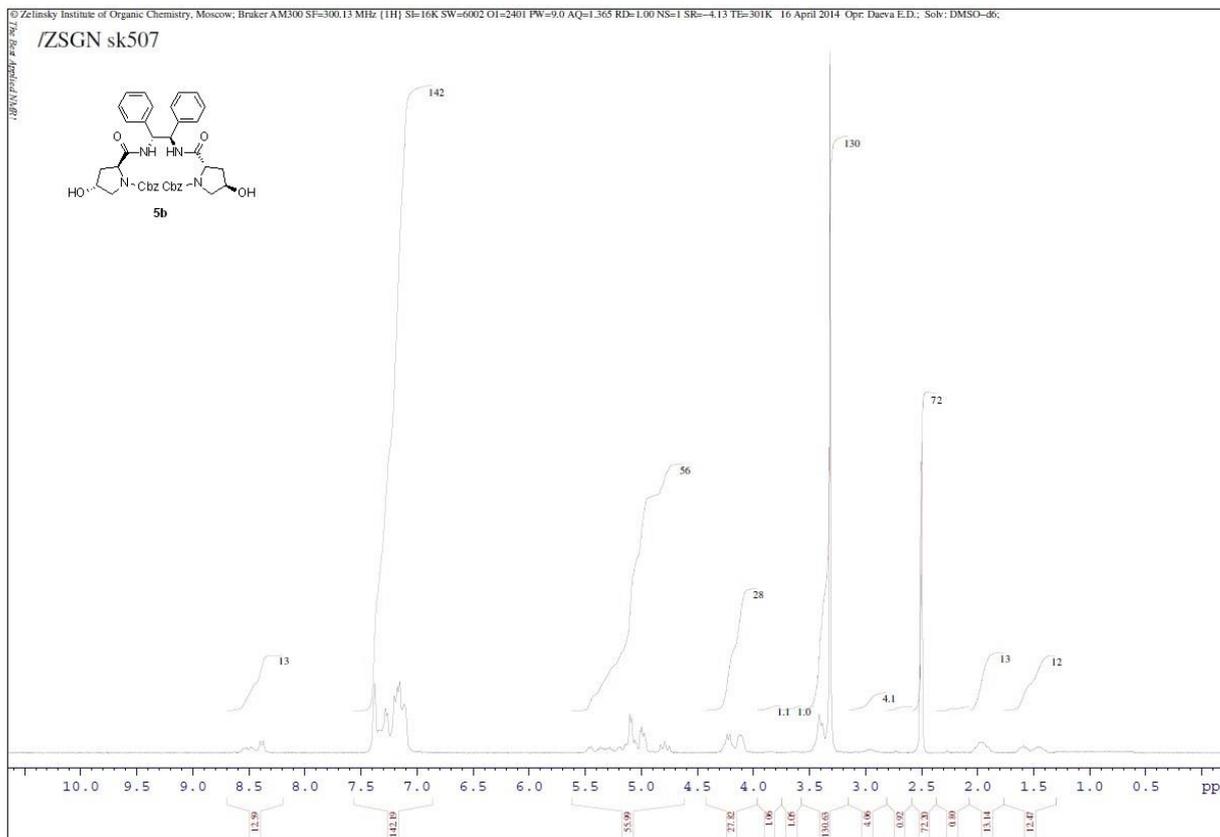
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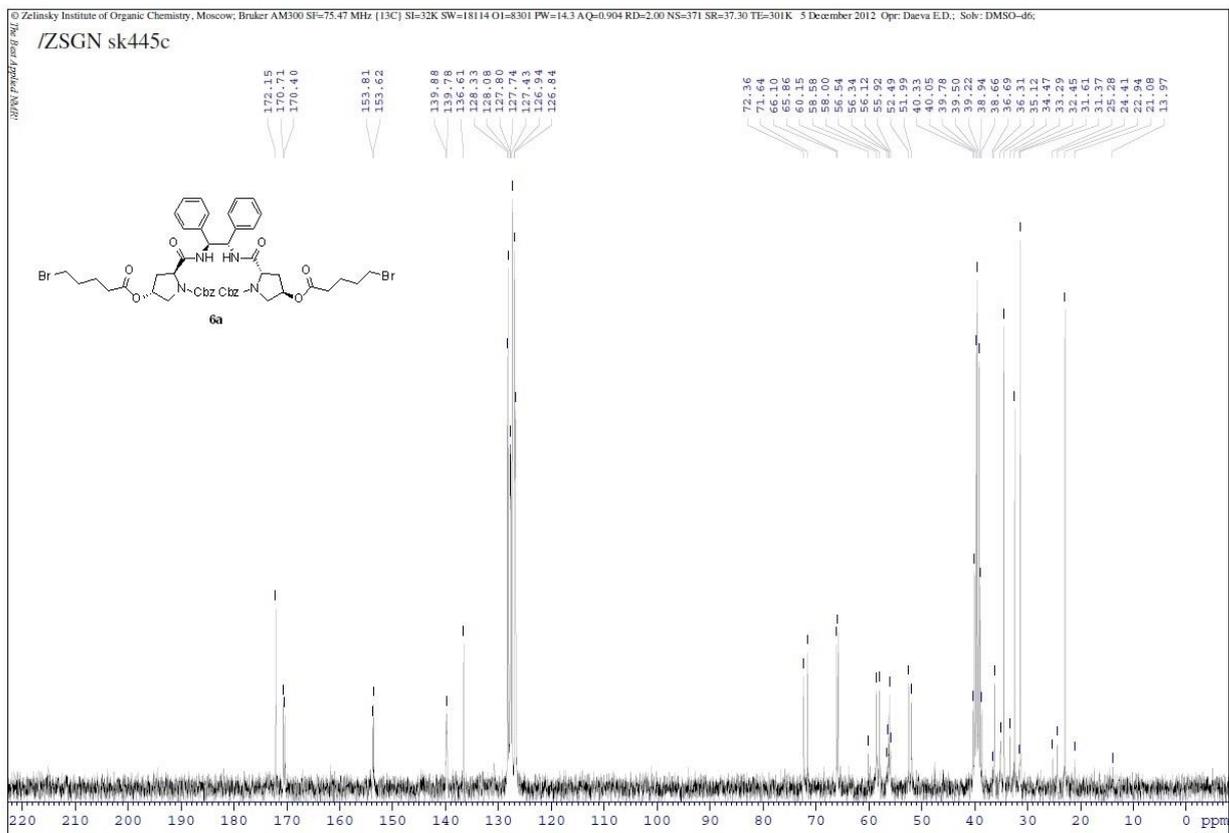
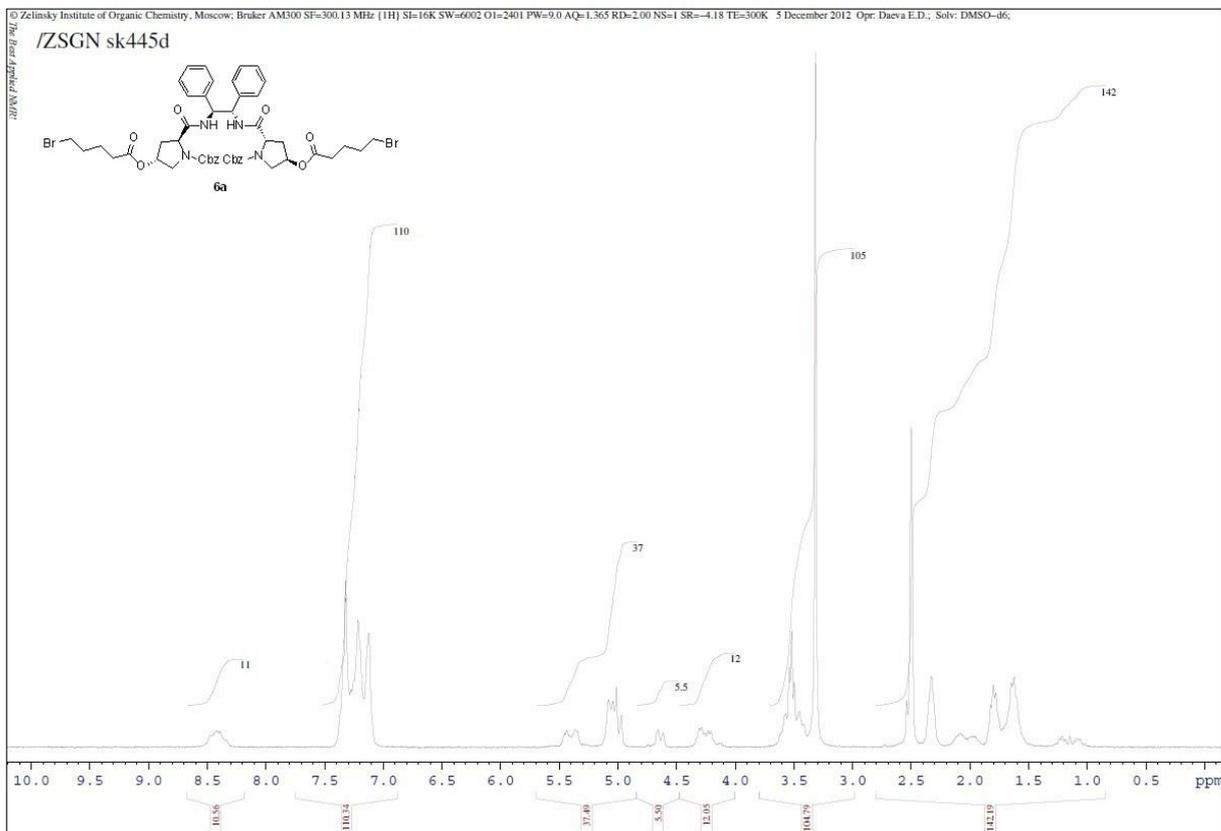
After the extraction of product **11a**, the remaining catalyst **2a** was dried *in vacuo* (1 Torr) for 1 h, fresh portions of corresponding reagents, water and AcOH were added and the reaction was re-performed as described above.

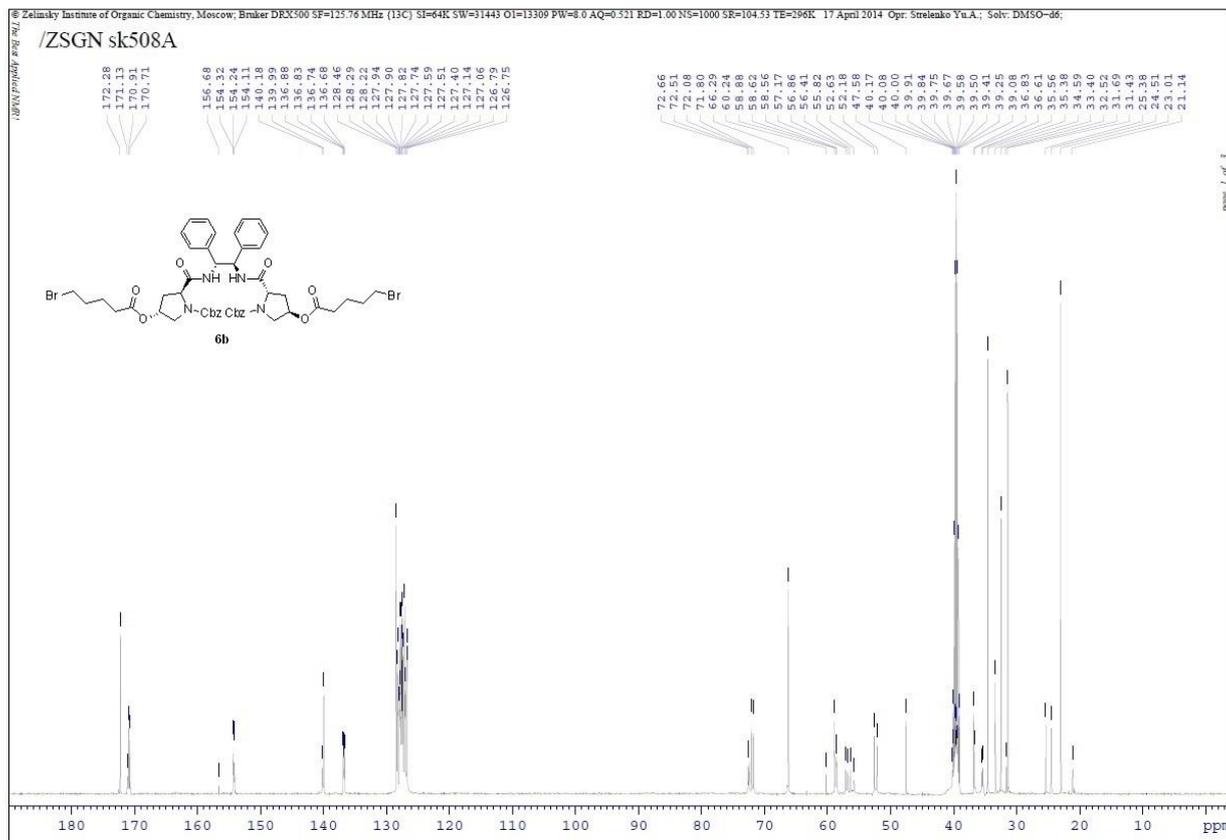
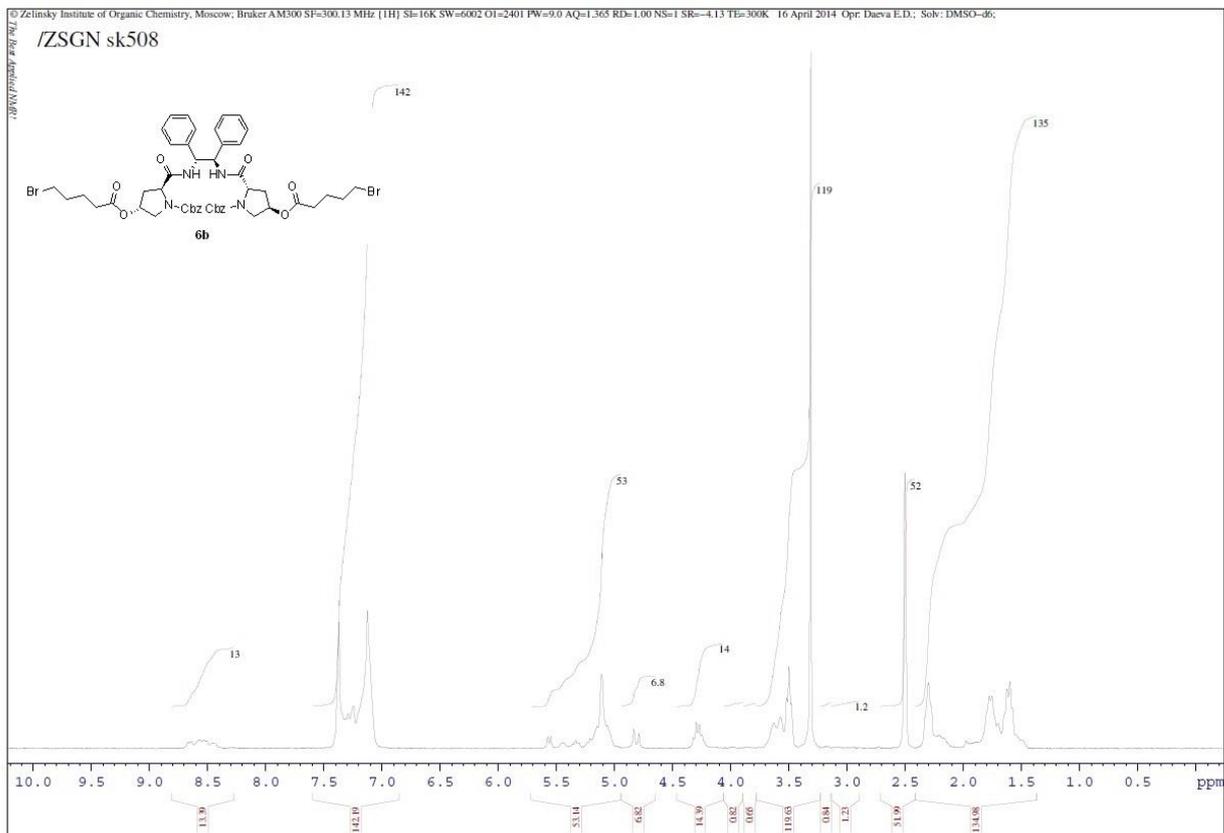
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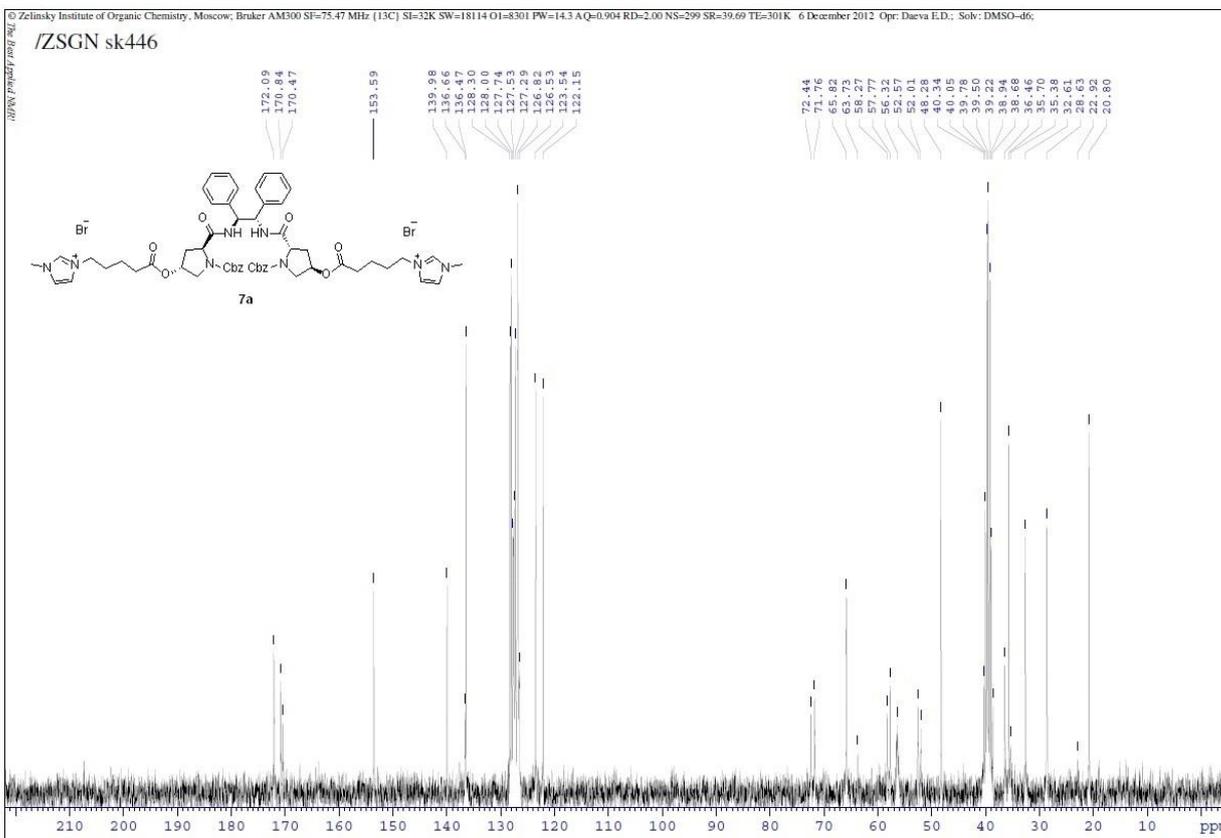
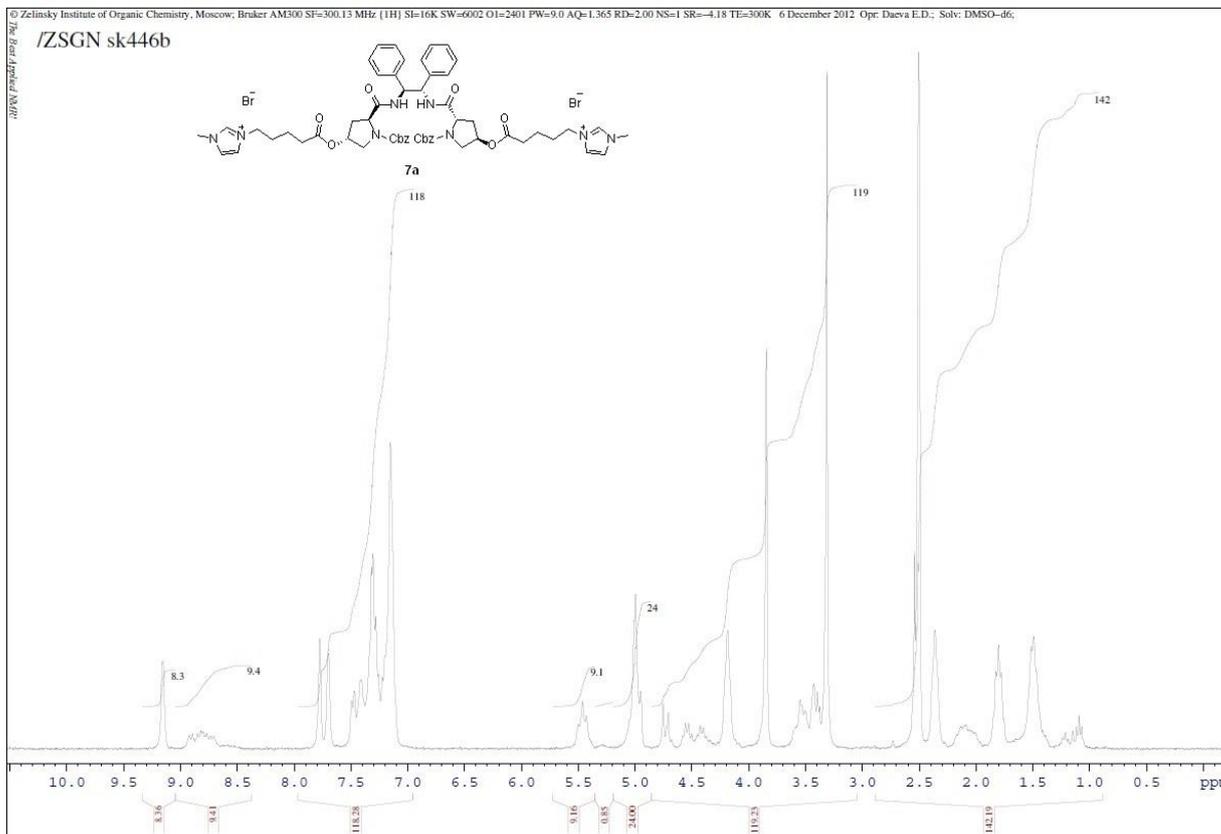
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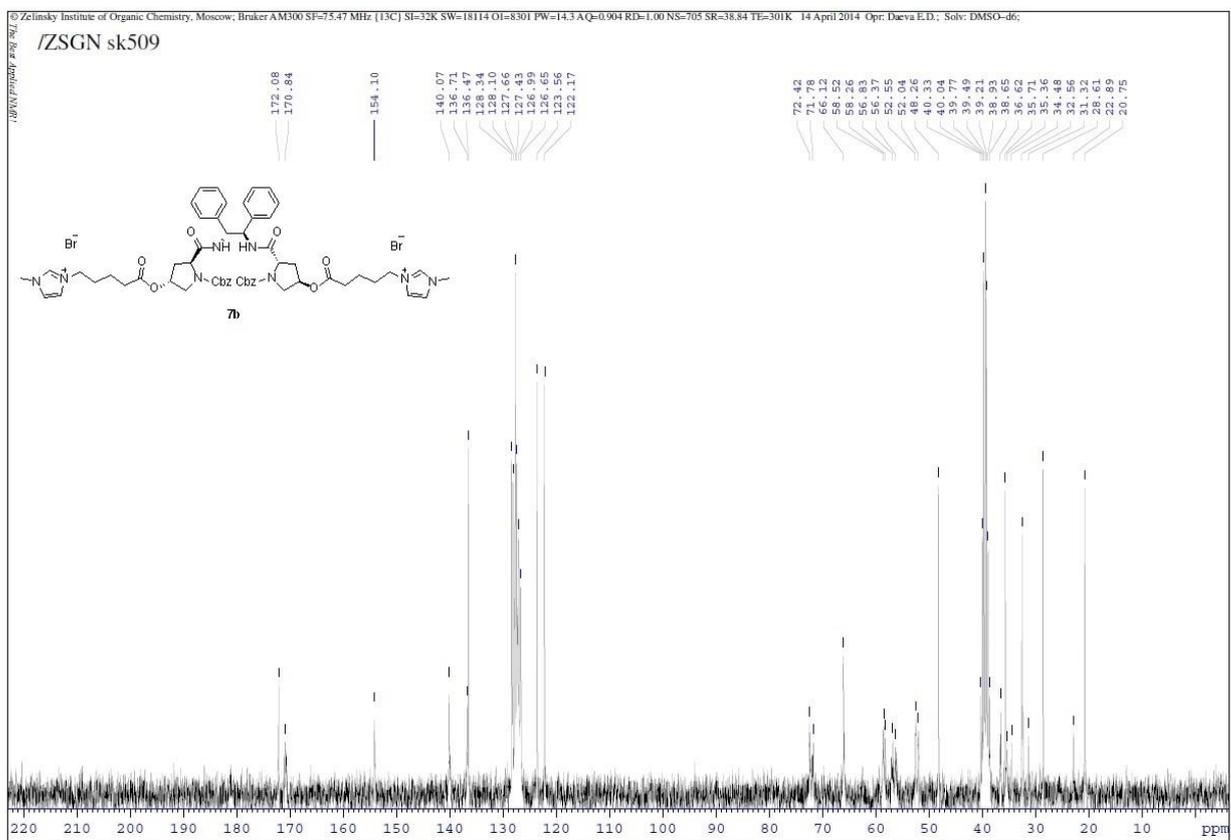
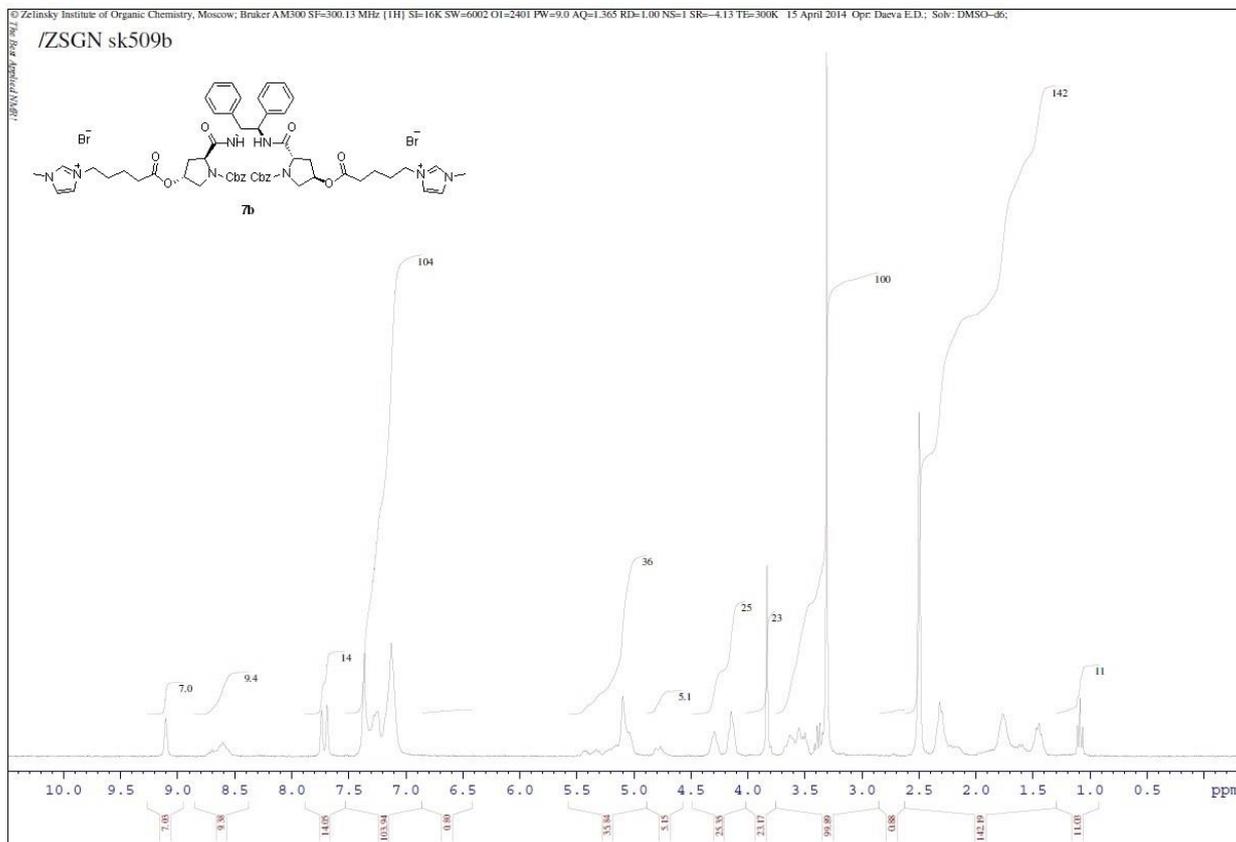


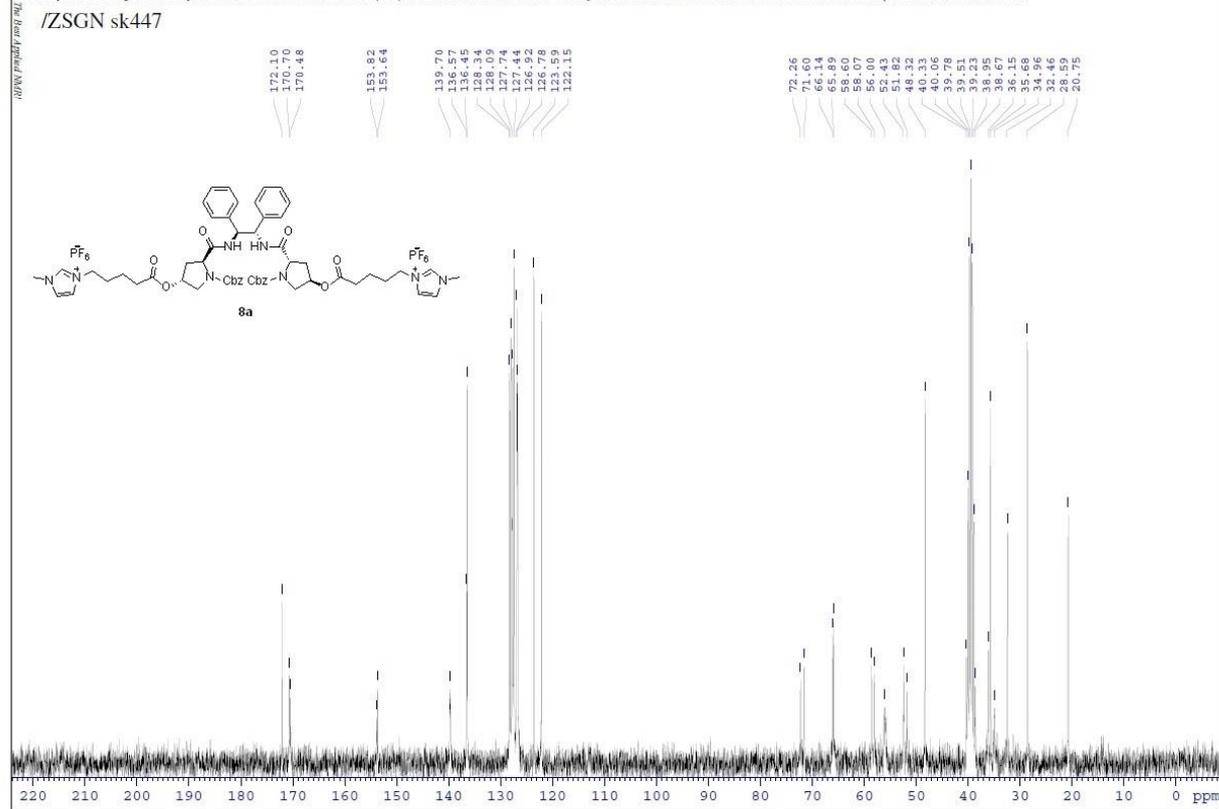
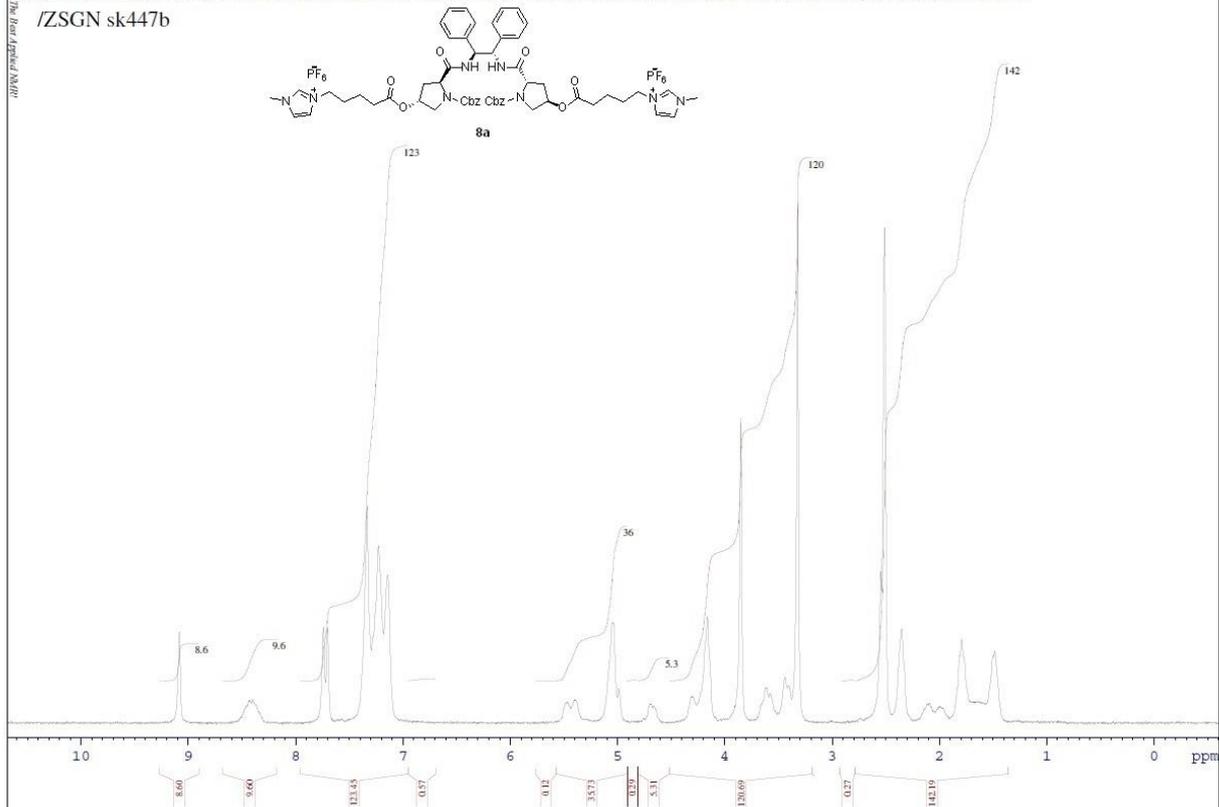


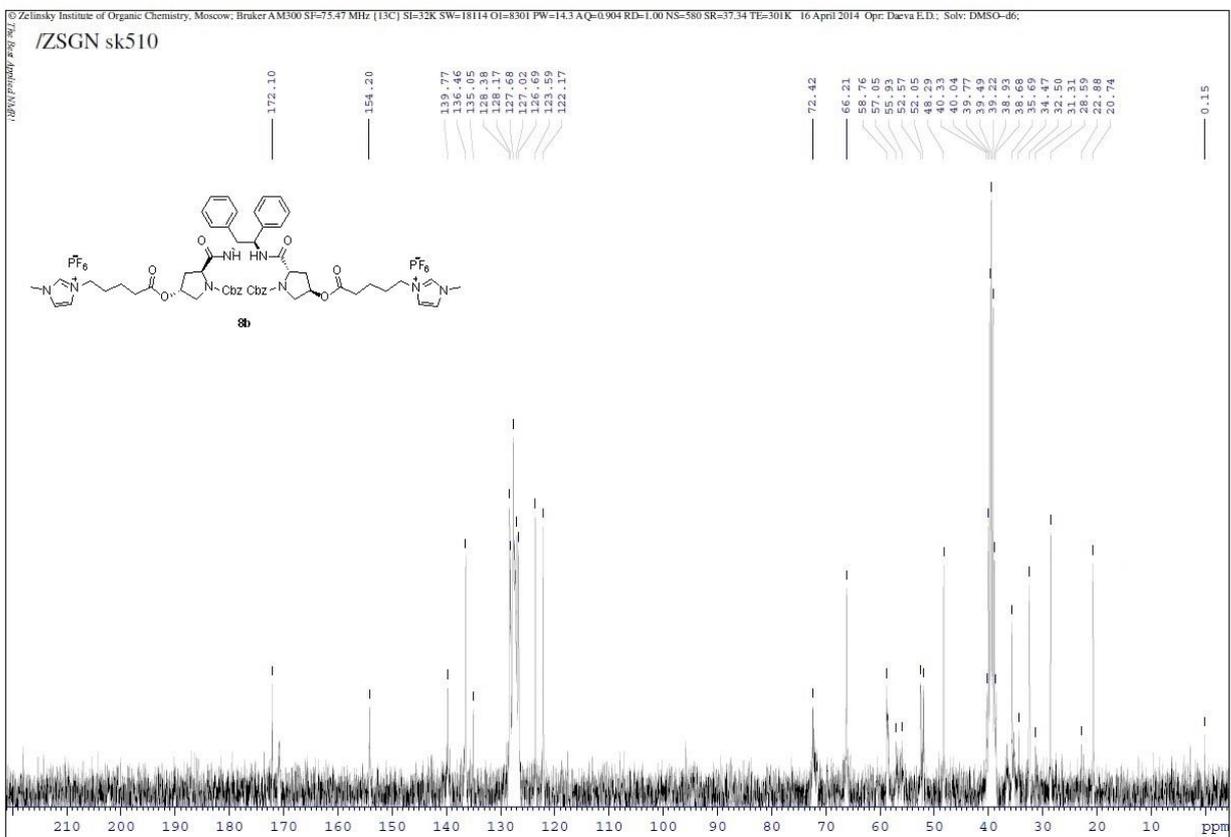
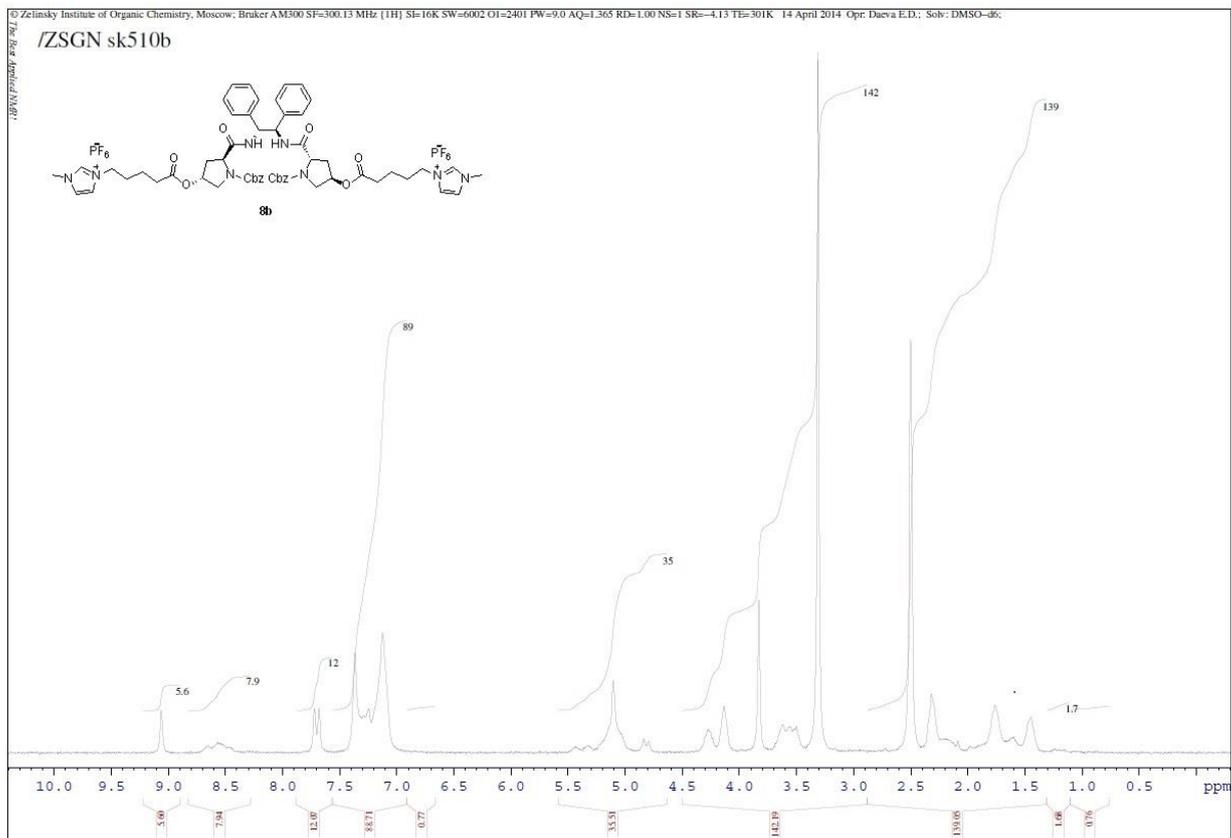


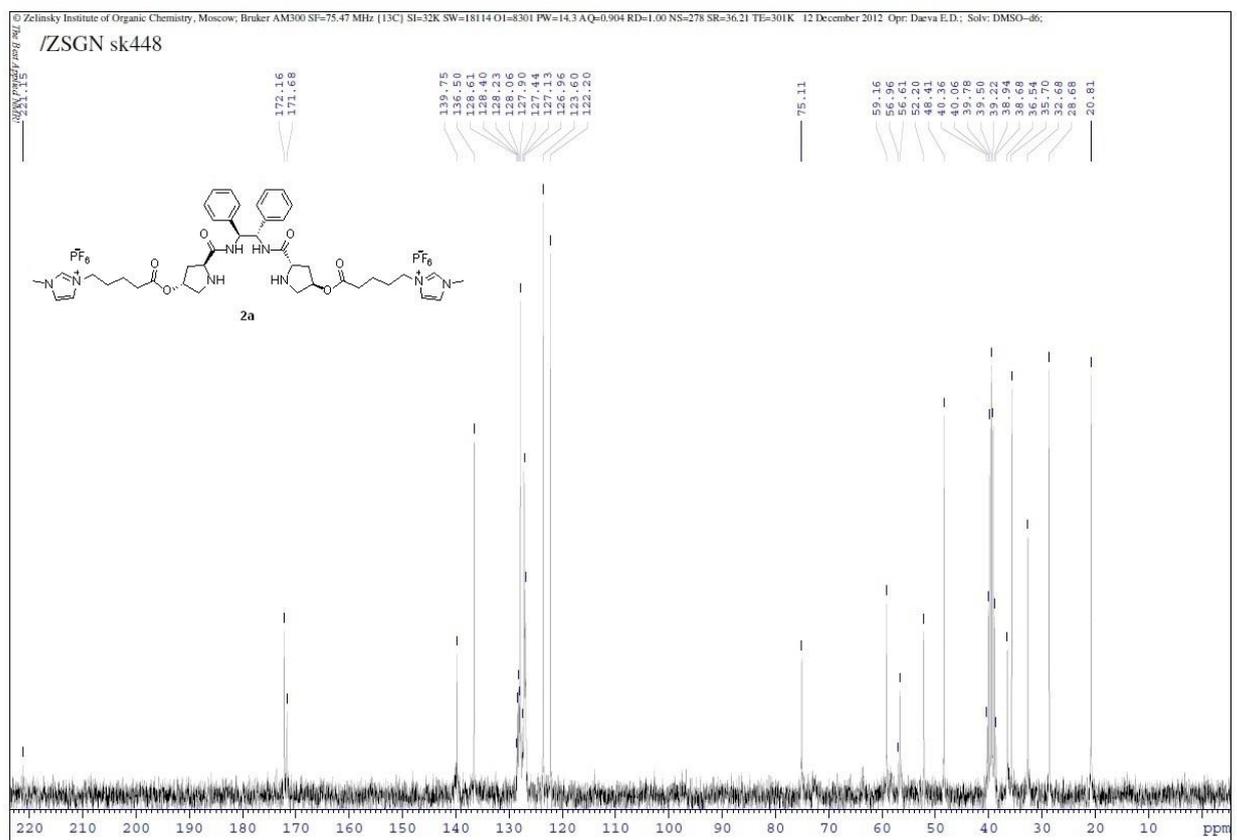
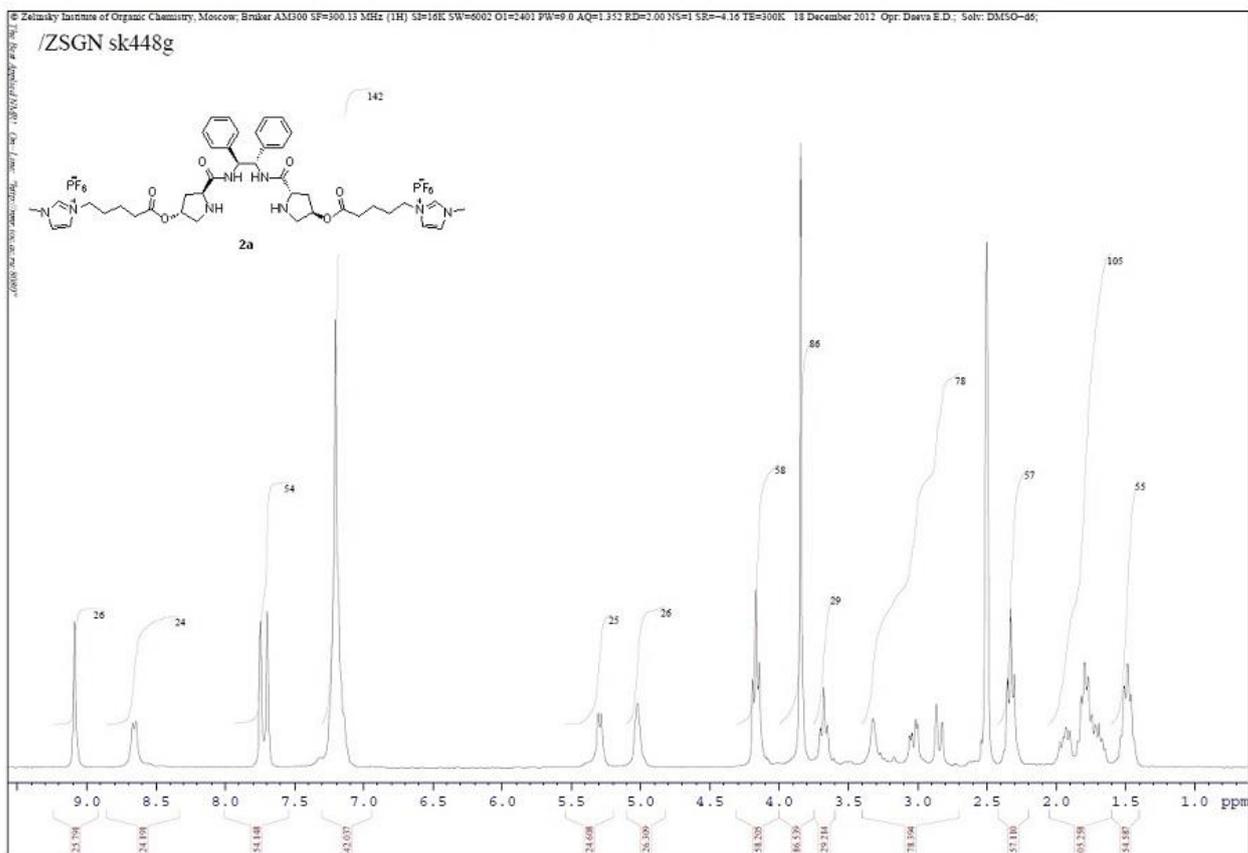




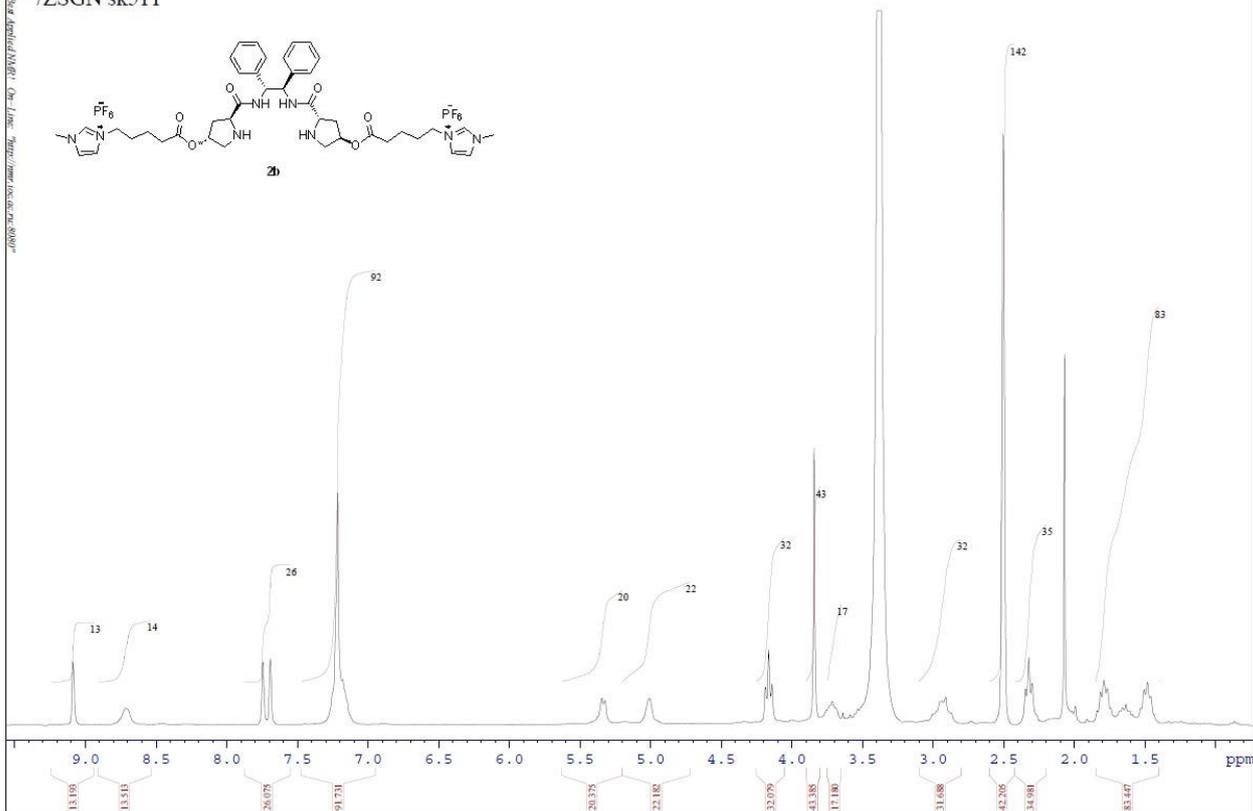




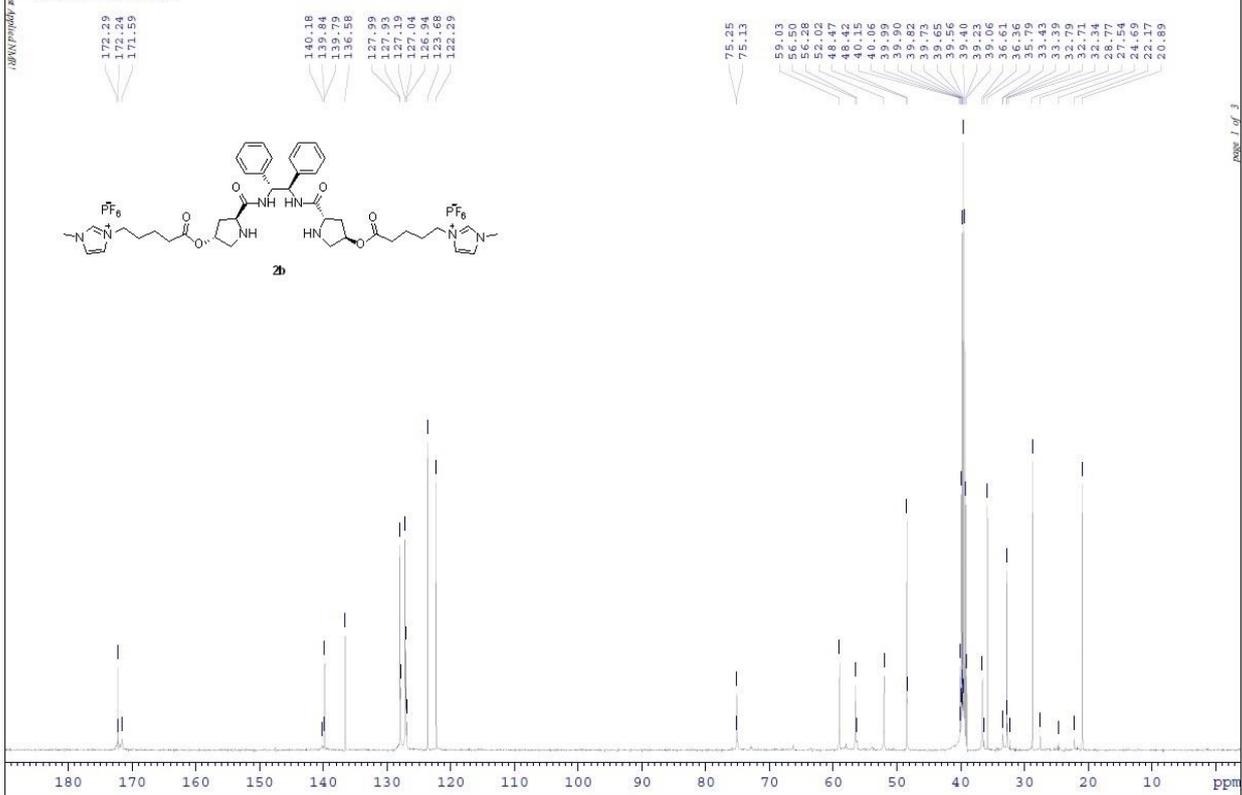




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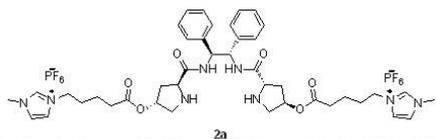


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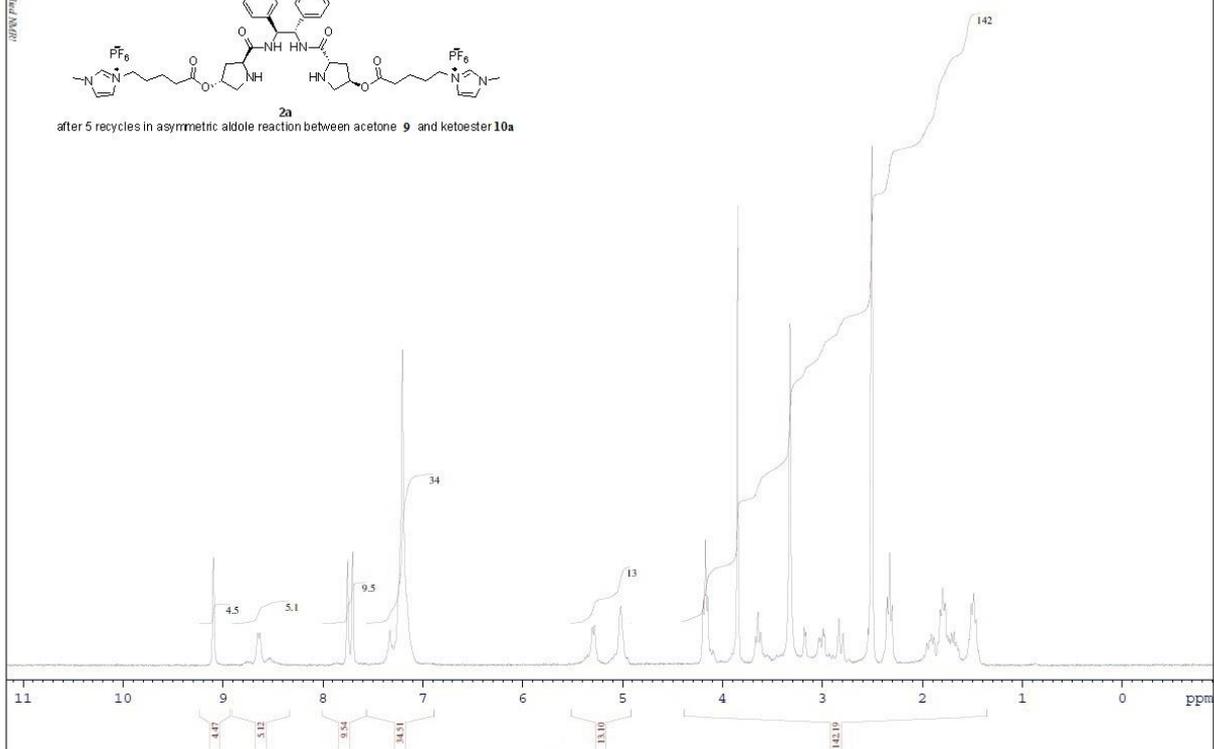


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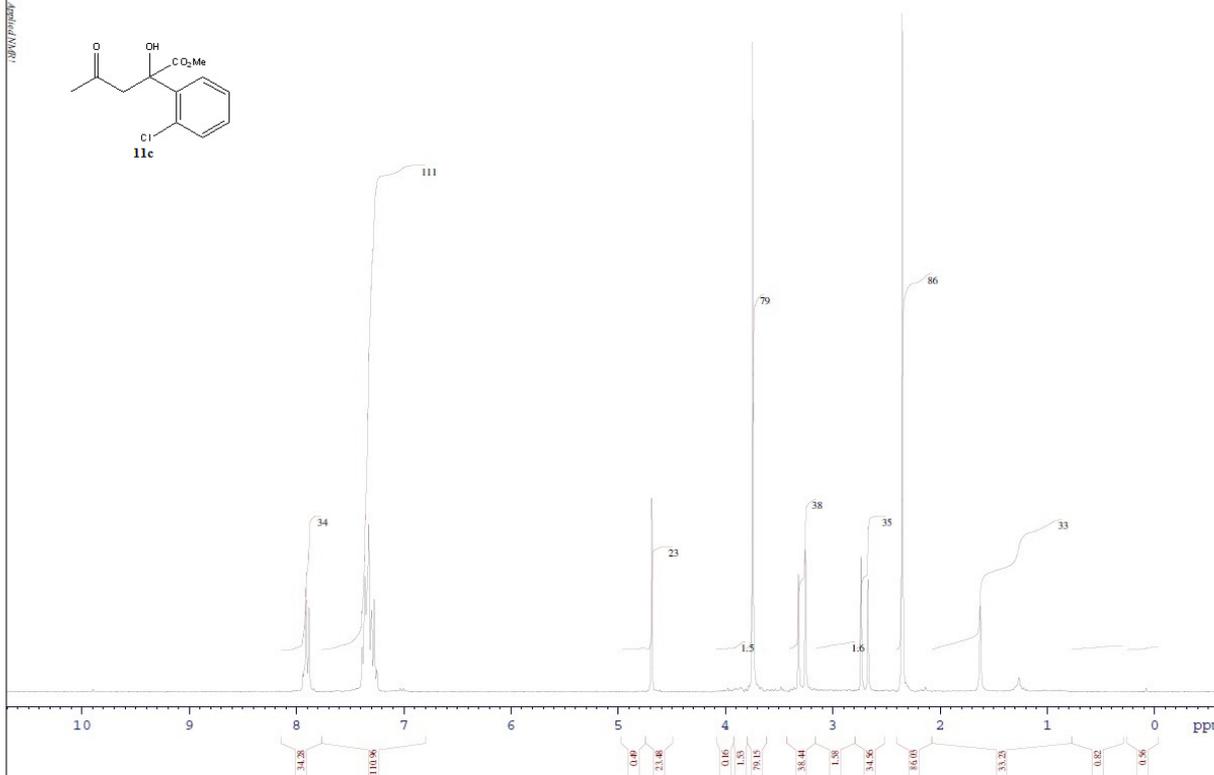
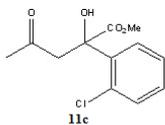


after 5 recycles in asymmetric aldol reaction between acetone **9** and ketoester **10a**



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