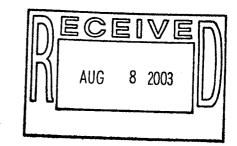
SYNTHESIS OF 4-TRIFLUOROMETHYLATED 2-ALKYL AND 2,3-DIALKYLAZETIDINES

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Supporting Information

Experimental

N-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-4-trifluoromethyl lactam 2. 4-Trifluoromethyl-β-actam was prepared from commercially available carboxylic acid 1(10 g, 64 mmol) following the literature procedure in 45% yield (3.95 g, 28.4 mmol) as a crude product. The lactam thus obtained was stirred with di-*tert*-butyl bicarbonate (9.2 g, 42.6 mmol) and 4-*N*,*N*-dimethylpyridine (0.34 g, 2.84 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ at r.t. for 2 h. The solvent was removed and the crude material was purified by column chromatograph (7:1 hexane: ethyl acetate) to give *N*-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl lactam 2 (3.85 g, 25.2 % from acid). 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.44-4.40 (1 H, m), 3.28 (1 H, dd, J_1 = 16.3 Hz, J_2 = 6.7 Hz), 3.09 (1 H, dd, J_1 = 16.3 Hz, J_2 = 2.3 Hz), 1.50 (9 H, s). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 146.8, 123.9 (q, J = 278 Hz), 84.9, 50.4 (q, J = 35.9), 38.9, 28.1. Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₂F₃NO₃: C, 45.19; H, 5.06; N, 5.86. Found: C, 45.38; H, 4.90; N, 5.79.

Representative procedure for preparation of Wittig adducts 3: *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-2-(methoxycarbonymethylene)-4-trifluoromethylazetidine (3a). *N*-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-4-trifluoromethyl lactam (2, 0.25 g, 1.05 mmol) and (methoxycarbonylmethylene)triphenylphosphorane (0.46 g, 1.36 mmol) were heated

under nitrogen at reflux in dry toluene (50 ml) for 16 h. The toluene was removed *in vacuo* and the crude material was purified by column chromatography (9:1 hexane: ethyl acetate) to give *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-2-(methoxycarbonylmethylene)-4-trifluoromethylazetidine (**3a**) as an oil (0.26 g, 85% yield). 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.83 (1 H, br s), 4.70-4.60 (1 H, m), 3.69 (3 H, s), 3.42 (1 H, dd, J_{1} = 16.9 Hz, J_{2} = 6.9 Hz), 3.19 (1 H, dd, J_{1} = 16.9 Hz, J_{2} = 3.7 Hz), 1.52 (9 H, s). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 156.3, 150.3, 123.8 (q, J = 279.3), 46.1, 81.6, 59.2 (q, J = 37.9), 51.2, 29.6, 28.2. Anal. Calcd for $C_{12}H_{16}F_{3}NO_{4}$: C, 48.81; H, 5.46; N, 4.74. Found: C, 48.62; H, 5.28; N, 4.76.

N-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-(cyanomethylene)-4-trifluoromethylazetidine (3b) was obtained in 82% yield by refluxing in dry toluene for 24 h and was purified by column chromatography (9:1 hexane:ethyl acetate). 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.42 (1 H, br s), 4.73-4.68 (1 H, m), 3.29 (1 H, dd, J = 10.0 Hz, J₂ = 5.7 Hz), 3.28 (1 H, dd, J₁ = 7.1 Hz, J₂ = 1.8 Hz), 1.53 (9 H, s). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 157.7, 149.5, 123.1 (q, J = 279.3 Hz), 116.4, 84.3, 74.7, 58.2 (q, J = 38.3 Hz), 28.2, 27.7. Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₃F₃N₂O₂: C, 50.38; H, 5.00; N, 10.68. Found: C, 50.46; H, 5.02; N, 10.62.

N-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-(1-ethoxycarbonylethylene)-4-

trifluoromethylazetidine (**3c**) was obtained in 78% yield by refluxing in dry toluene for 48 h and was purified by column chromatography (9:1 hexane:ethyl acetate). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.60-4.55 (1 H, m), 4.18 (2 H, q, J = 7.1 Hz), 3.50 (1 H, dd, J₁ = 16.8 Hz, J₂ = 1.5 Hz), 3.11 (1 H, dd, J₁ = 16.8 Hz, J₂ = 2.1 Hz), 2.06 (3 H, s), 1.52 (9 H, s), 1.30 (3 H, t, J = 7.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 151.0, 150.7, 124.4 (q, J = 279.3 Hz), 106.9, 83.4, 60.5, 59.7 (q, J = 34.6 Hz), 31.7, 28.2, 14.6, 14.1. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₀F₃NO₄: C, 52.01; H, 6.24; N, 4.33. Found: C, 51.72; H, 6.24; N, 4.24.

Representative procedure for preparation of azetidines 4: N-(tert-

Butoxycarbonyl)-2-(methoxycarbonylmethylene)-4-trifluoromethylazetidine (**3a**) was hydrogenated (45 psi H₂) over Pd on carbon (10% mol) for 12 h. The catalyst was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (9:1 hexane: ethyl acetate) to give *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-2-(methoxycarbonylmethyl)-4-trifluoromethylazetidine (**4a**) in 92% yield. 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.48-4.40 (2 H, m), 3.70 (3 H, s), 3.00 (1 H, dd, J_1 = 6.2 Hz, J_2 = 4.1 Hz), 2.72-2.65 (1 H, m), 2.09-2.03 (1 H, m), 1.47 (9 H, s). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 156.3, 124.1 (q, J = 278.3 Hz), 81.5, 58.1 (q, J = 37.4 Hz), 56.3, 52.0, 40.1, 28.4, 23.7. The *cis* relationship between 2-alkyl substituent and the 4- CF₃ group was confirmed by noediff 1 H NMR of 2-vinyl compound **7** in which the 2-H and 4-H signals do not overlapped each other. Irradiation of one of 3-protons of olefin 7 resulted in positive noe signals of both 2-H and 4-H. Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₈F₃NO₄: C, 49.48; H, 6.10; N, 4.71. Found: C, 49.28; H, 6.27; N, 4.70.

N-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-(1-ethoxycarbonylethyl)-4-

trifluoromethylazetidine (**4b**) was obtained in 78% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.45-4.37 (2 H, m), 4.18-4.10 (2 H, m), 3.0-2.93 (1 H, m), 2.47-2.40 (1 H, m), 2.21-2.15 (1 H, m), 1.46 (9 H, s), 1.26 (3 H, t, J = 7.1 Hz), 1.22 (3 H, d, J = 7.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 173.9, 157.0, 124.4 (q, J = 279.3 Hz), 81.4, 60.8, 57.7 (q, J = 34.5 Hz), 43.0, 28.6, 20.0, 14.4, 11.0. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₂F₃NO₄: C, 51.69; H, 6.82; N, 4.31. Found: C, 51.95; H, 6.82; N, 4.35.

Representative procedure for preparation of azetidines 5: N-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-(methoxycarbonylmethylene)-4-trifluoromethyl lactam (3a, 0.20 g,

0.68 mmol) was stirred with lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (0.60 mL, 0.90 mmol, 1.5 M in toluene) under nitrogen at -78 °C for 10 min. Iodomethane (0.11 mL, 1.8 mmol) was added by injection. The resultant solution was stirred for 2 h at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was quenched with water at -78 °C, allowed to warm up to r.t. and diluted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined extract was dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (5:1 hexane : ethyl acetate) to give N-(tertbutoxycarbonyl)-2-(methoxycarbonylmethylene)-3-methyl-4-trifluoromethylazetidine (5a, 0.16 g, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 6.00-5.80 (1 H, br s), 4.24-4.19 (1 H, m), 3.70 (3 H, s), 3.55-3.48 (1 H, m), 1.55 (3 H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.53 (9 H, s). ¹³C NMR $(CDCl_3) \delta 167.5$, 161.0, 150.2, 123.9 (q, J = 279.7 Hz), 95.5, 83.9, 66.0 (q, J = 33.5 Hz), 51.2, 38.0, 28.1, 16.0. The positive noe ¹H NMR signal of the 3-CH₃ group resulted from irradiation of 4-H suggests the trans relationship between the 4-CF₃ group and the 3methyl group. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₈F₃NO₄: C, 50.48; H, 5.87; N, 4.53. Found: C, 50.68; H, 5.89; N, 4.41.

N-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-(methoxycarbonylmethylene)-3-(2,4-difluorobenzyl)-4-trifluoromethylazetidine (5b) was obtained from 2,4-difluorobenzyl bromide and compound 3a in 68% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 6.80 (2 H, d, J = 6.6 Hz), 6.73 (1 H, t, J = 8.9 Hz), 5.85 (1 H, br s), 4.25-4.22 (1 H, m), 3.75 (3 H, s), 3.71 (1 H, dd, J = 7.8 Hz, J = 2.5 Hz), 3.63 (1 H, dd, J = 4.2 Hz, J = 2.1 Hz), 2.92 (1 H, dd, J = 14.3 Hz, J = 9.5 Hz), 1.51 (9 H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 167.7, 163.4 (d, J = 242.1 Hz), 163.3 (d, J = 242.1 Hz), 149.8, 141.0 (t, J = 9.3 Hz), 123.4 (q, J = 279.7 Hz), 112.1 (dd, J = 18.0 Hz, J = 6.3 Hz), 102.9 (t, J = 25.7 Hz), 96.3, 84.2, 63.4 (q, J = 22.6 Hz), 51.5,

43.5, 35.3, 28.2. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀F₃NO₄: C, 54.16; H, 4.78; N, 3.32. Found: C, 54.29; H, 4.74; N, 3.07.

N-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-(methoxycarbonylmethylene)-3-(α-hydroxybenzyl)-4-trifluoromethylazetidine (5c) was obtained from benzaldehyde and compound 3a in 71% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.47–7.30 (5 H, m), 6.10-6.00 (1 H, br s), 5.53-5.42 (1 H, br s), 5.17 (2 H, d, J = 8.2 Hz), 4.22-4.18 (1 H, m), 3.80 (1 H, dd, $J_1 = 15.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.4$ Hz), 3.78 (3 H, s), 1.47 (9 H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 158.1, 139.9, 128.9, 128.8, 125.5, 123.5 (q, J = 281.2 Hz), 97.0, 84.4, 74.2, 61.5 (q, J = 35.4 Hz), 52.1, 49.9, 28.1. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₂F₃NO₅: C, 56.86; H, 5.52; N, 3.49. Found: C, 57.07; H, 5.42; N, 3.28.

Representative procedure for preparation of 3-substituted azetidine 6: *N*-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-(methoxycarbonylmethylene)-4-trifluoromethyl lactam (**5a**, 0.10 g, 0.32 mmol) was hydrogenated (45 psi H_2) over Pd on carbon (10% mol) for 12 h. The catalyst was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (9:1 hexane: ethyl acetate) to give *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-2-(methoxycarbonylmethyl)-3-methyl-4-trifluoromethylazetidine (**6a**, 0.091 g, 90% yield). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.01-3.94 (2 H, m). 3.68 (3 H, s), 2.98 (1 H, dd, J_1 = 16.4 Hz, J_2 = 4.3 Hz), 2.65 (1 H, dd, J_1 = 16.4 Hz, J_2 = 9.9 Hz), 2.41-2.35 (1 H, m), 1.44 (9 H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 171.0, 156.4, 124.3 (q, J = 278.1 Hz), 81.3, 64.7 (q, J = 34.3 Hz), 51.8, 39.6, 33.4, 28.4, 18.3. Positive noe signals of 3-H resulted from irradiation of 2-CH₂ protons indicate that the 3-CH₃ group and 2-CH₂CO₂Me group have the *trans* relationship. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₂₀F₃NO₄: C, 50.16; H, 6.48; N, 4.50. Found: C, 49.89; H, 6.35; N, 4.55.

N-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-(methoxycarbonylmethyl)-3-(2,4-difluorobenzyl)-4-trifluoromethylazetidine (6b) was obtained in 93% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 6.78-6.70 (3 H, m), 4.18-4.11 (2 H, m), 3.68 (3 H, s), 3.15 (1 H, dd, J_1 = 15.8 Hz, J_2 = 5.9 Hz), 2.98 (1 H, dd, J_1 = 16.1 Hz, J_2 = 4.2 Hz), 2.87 (1 H, dd, J_1 = 13.9 Hz, J_2 = 8.9 Hz), 2.69 (1 H, dd, J_1 = 16.2 Hz, J_2 = 9.8 Hz), 1.46 (9 H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 163.2 (dd, J_1 = 249.5, J_2 = 13.4), 156.2, 141.3 (t, J = 8.6), 123.9 (q, J = 279.3 Hz), 112.1 (dd, J_1 = 19.2, J_2 = 5.7 Hz), 102.7 (t, J = 25.9 Hz), 81.75, 62.7 (q, J = 34.5 Hz), 61.4, 52.0, 39.5, 39.1, 38.5, 28.4. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₂F₅NO₄: C, 53.91; H, 5.24; N, 3.31. Found: C, 54.06; H, 5.30; N, 3.18.

N-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-(methoxycarbonylmethyl)-3-(α-hydroxybenzyl)-4-trifluoromethylazetidine (6c) was obtained in 87% yield. 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.30-7.21 (5 H, m), 4.86 (1 H, d, J = 8.2 Hz), 4.44-4.42 (1 H, m), 4.43-4.08 (1 H, m), 3.90 (1 H, br s), 3.70 (3 H, s), 3.00 (1 H, dd, J_1 = 7.1 Hz, J_2 = 3.7 Hz), 2.75 (1 H, dd, J_1 = 16.7 Hz, J_2 = 10.0 Hz), 2.68-2.60 (1 H, m), 1.47 (9 H, s). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 172.6, 156.2, 140.1, 128.9, 126.8, 125.7, 123.8 (q, J = 279.3 Hz), 60.2 (q, J = 35.3 Hz), 52.5, 45.1, 39.0, 28.4. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₄F₃NO₅: C, 56.57; H, 6.00; N, 3.47. Found: C, 56.79; H, 6.22; N, 3.47.

Preparation of N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-2-vinyl-4-trifluoromethylazetidine (7): N-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-(methoxycarbonylmethyl)-4-trifluoromethylazetidine (4a, 1.5 g, 5.1 mmol) was stirred in a mixture of methanol (20 mL) and aqueous solution of NaOH (20 mL, 2 N) for 4 h. The methanol was removed and the aqueous was acidified with saturated KHSO₄ aqueous solution to pH = 3-4 and was extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL x 3). The combined organic extract was washed with brine and dried

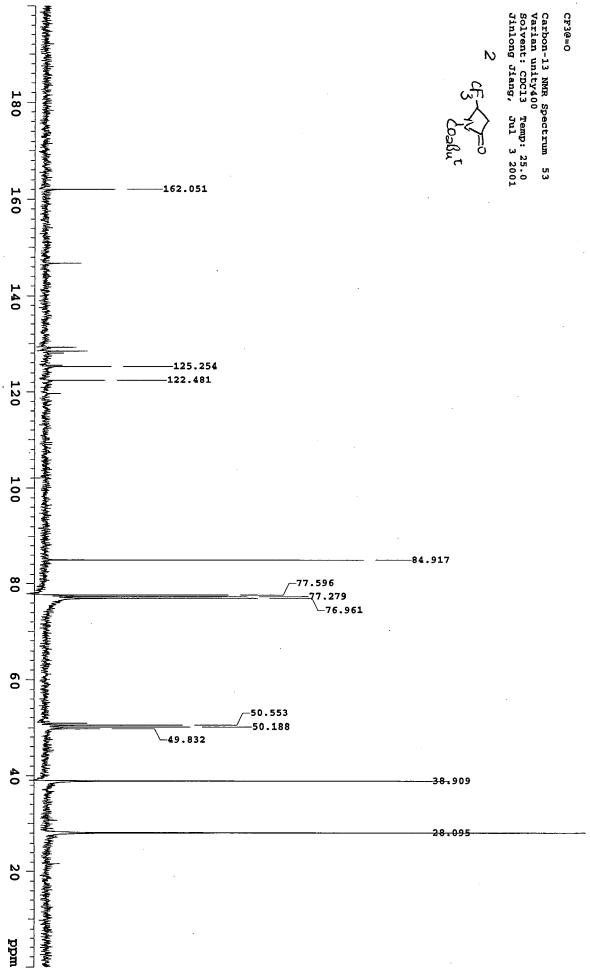
(MgSO₄). The crude material thus obtained was treated with isobutyl chloroformate (0.85 g, 6.2 mmol) and trimethyl amine (1 mL, 7.2 mmol) in THF (20 mL) at -10 °C for 0.5 h then at r.t. for 2 h. The white solid was filtered off and the filtrate was reacted at r.t. with aqueous suspension of NaBH₄ (obtained by adding 0.75 g of NaBH₄ to 10 mL of water) for 16 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with ether and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous was extracted with ether (25 mL x 3) and the combined organic extract was washed with brine. The solvent was removed to give crude *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-2-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4-trifluoromethylazetidine that was directly used for the next step.

To a solution of the alcohol obtained above and o-nitrophenyl selenocyanate (3.4 g, 15.1 mmol) in THF (25 mL) was added tri-n-butylphosphine (3.1 g, 15.4 mmol) at 0 °C in 3 min. The mixture was stirred at 20 °C for 1 h and 30% aqueous hydrogen peroxide (20 mL) was added at 0 °C. The resultant mixture was stirred at 20 °C for 3 h, diluted with ether and quenched with saturated sodium bicarbonate. The aqueous was extracted with ether. The combined organic extract was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (9:1 hexane: ethyl acetate) to give compound **7** as an oil (0.53 g, 43% overall yield). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 6.04-5.97 (1 H, dd, J_1 = 17.1 Hz, J_2 = 10.3 Hz), 5.31 (1 H, J = 17.1 Hz), 5.22 (1 H, d, J = 10.3 Hz), 4.60-4.50 (1 H, m), 4.48-4.40 (1 H, m), 2.69-2.60 (1 H, m), 2.13-1.57 (1 H, m), 1.46 (9 H, s). Irradiation of one of 3-protones resulted in positive noe signals of both 2-H and 4-H. This confirmed that the 4-CF₃ group and the 2-substituent have a cis relationship. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 156.6, 137.3, 124.2 (q, J = 278.3), 117.1,

81.2, 61.3, 57.5 (q, J = 32.4), 28.4, 23.9. Anal. Calcd for $C_{11}H_{16}F_3NO_2$: C, 52.59; H, 6.42; N, 5.57. Found: C, 52.68; H, 6.32; N, 5.98.

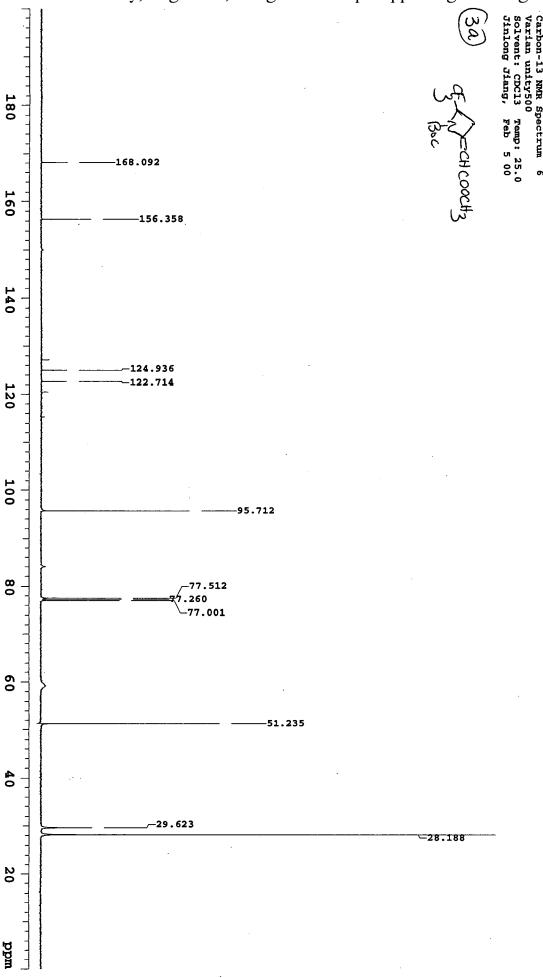
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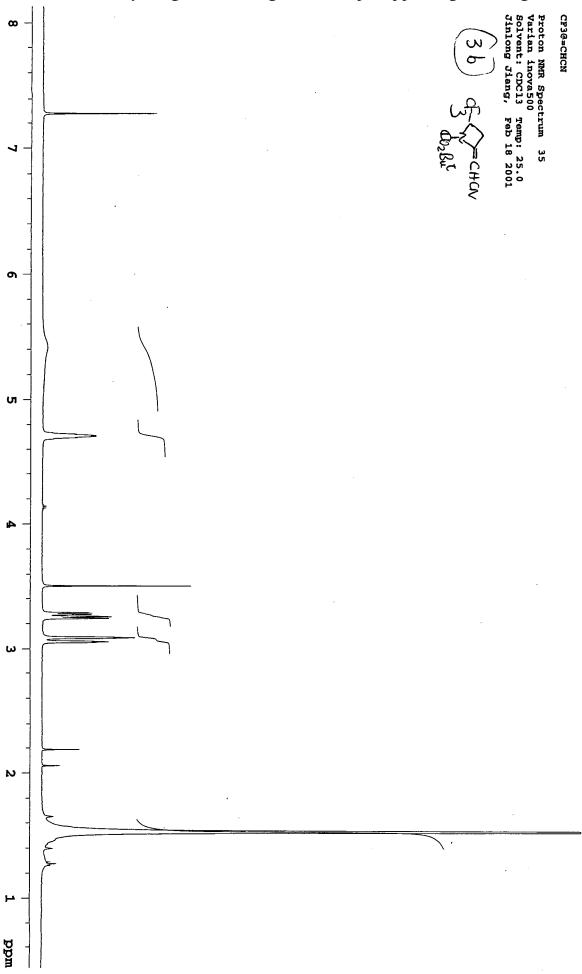
trifluoromethylazetidine (8). NaIO₄ (0.70 g, 3.32 mmol) and RuCl₃.H₂O (4.3 mg, 0,017 mmol) were added to a vigorously stirred solution of *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-2-vinyl-4-trifluoromethyl azetidine 7, 0.20 mg, 0.80 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂-CH₃CN-H₂O (2:2:3, 1.2 mL). After 2 h, an additional NaIO₄ (0.70 mg, 3.32 mmol) was added, and the stirring was continued for 2 h. The mixture was diluted with H₂O and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic extract was dried (MgSO₄ and was concentrated. The residue was subjected to flash chromatography (5% acetic acid in 1:1 hexane:ethyl acetate) to give acid 8 (0.17, 80% yield): 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.72-4.68 (1 H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 4.57-4.51 (1 H, m), 2.86-2.60 (2 H, m), 1.51 (9 H, s). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 123.6 (q, J = 279.3 Hz), 84.5, 58.6, 58.0 (q, J = 38.3 Hz), 28.3, 21.0. Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₄F₃NO₄: C, 44,61; H, 5.24; N, 5.20. Found: C, 44.35; H, 5.14; N, 5.11.

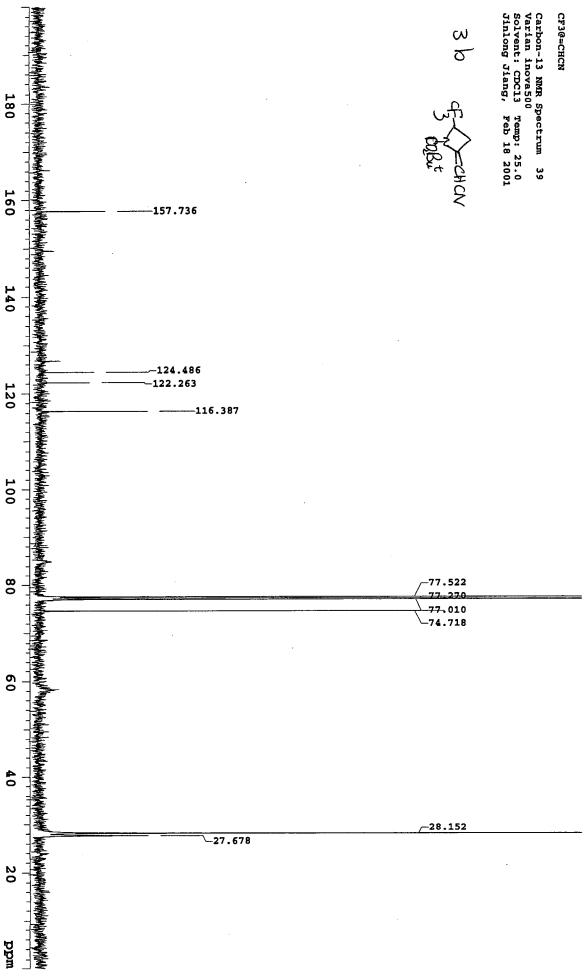


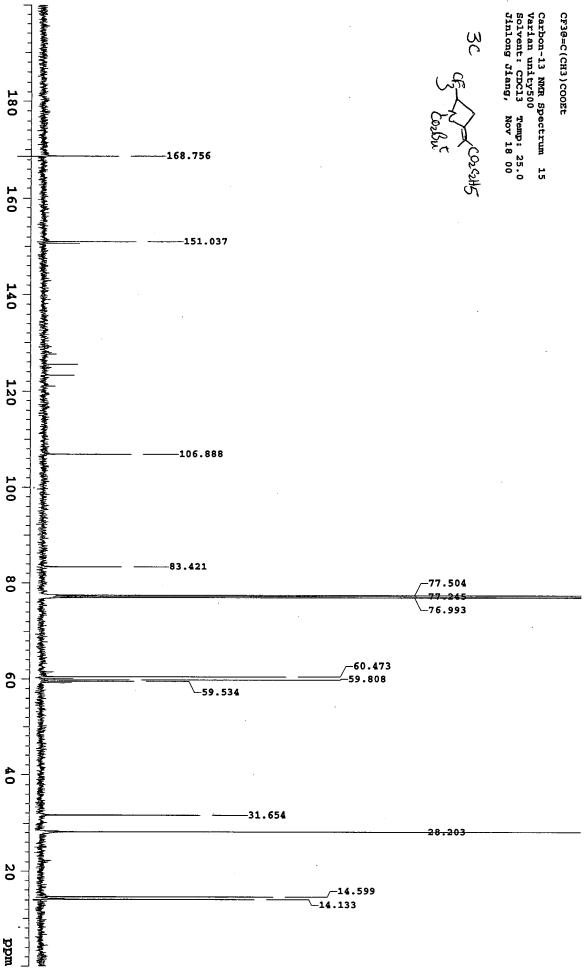
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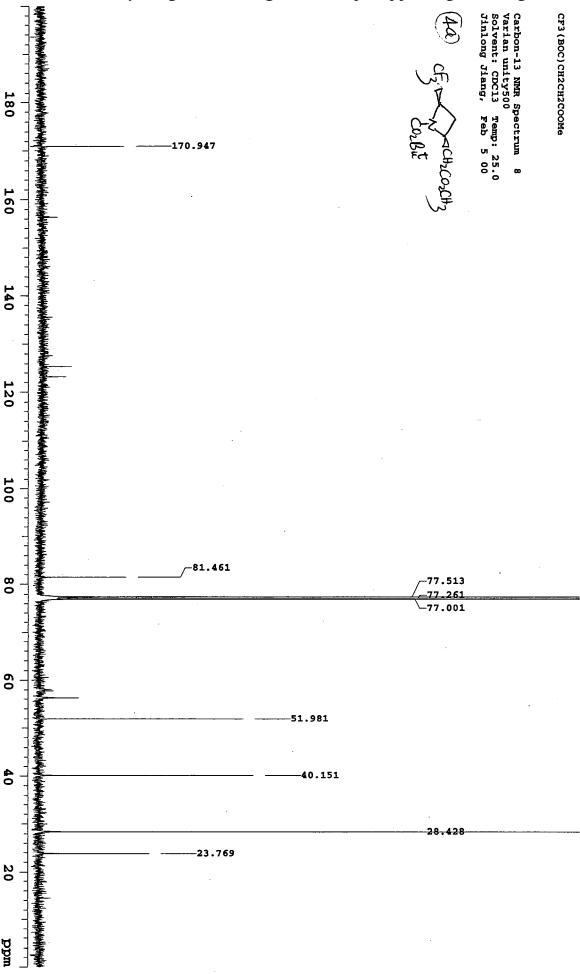


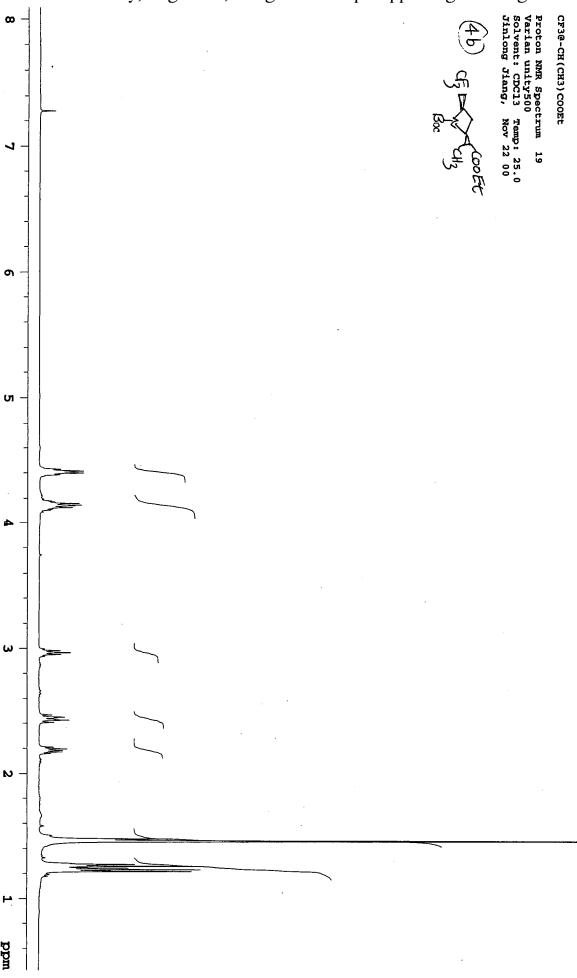


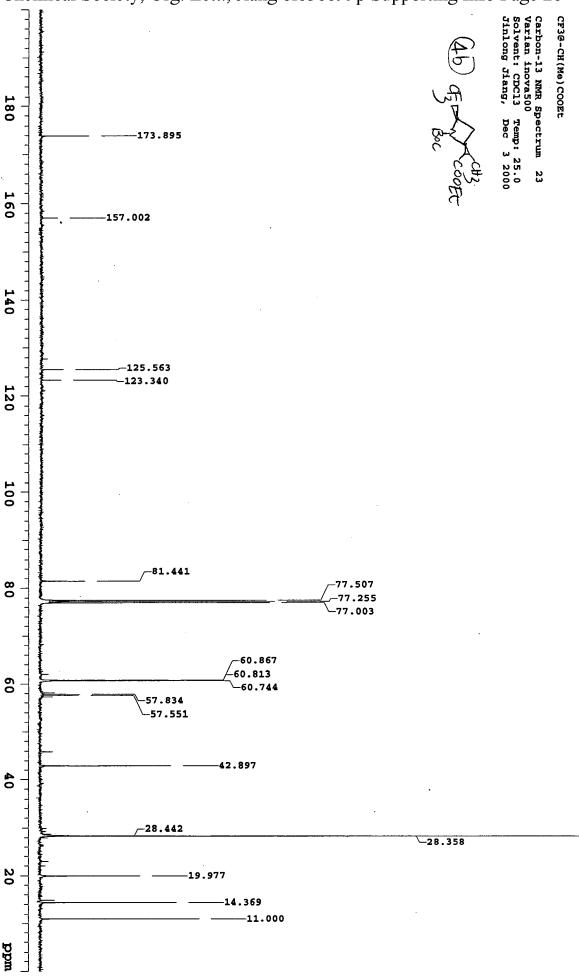




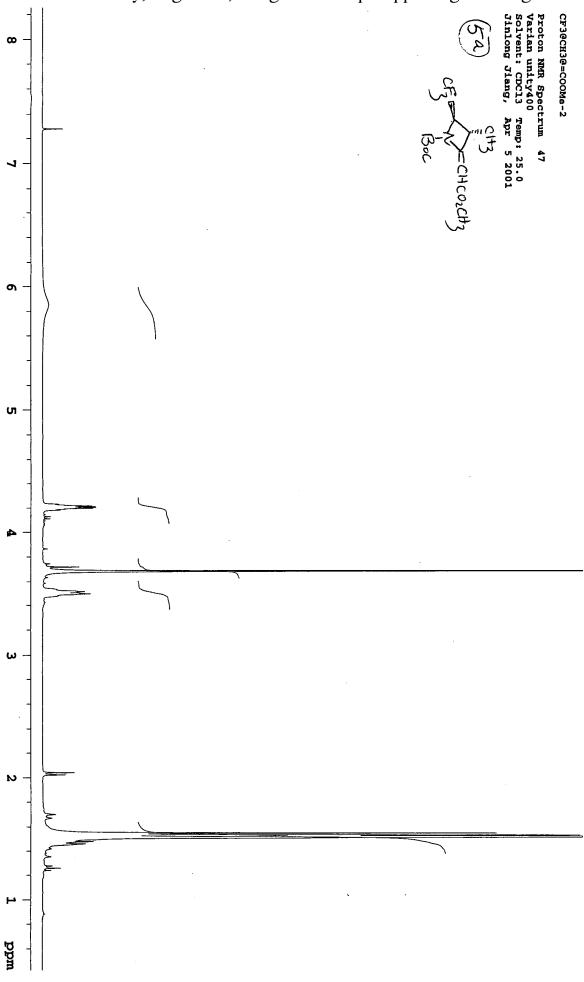
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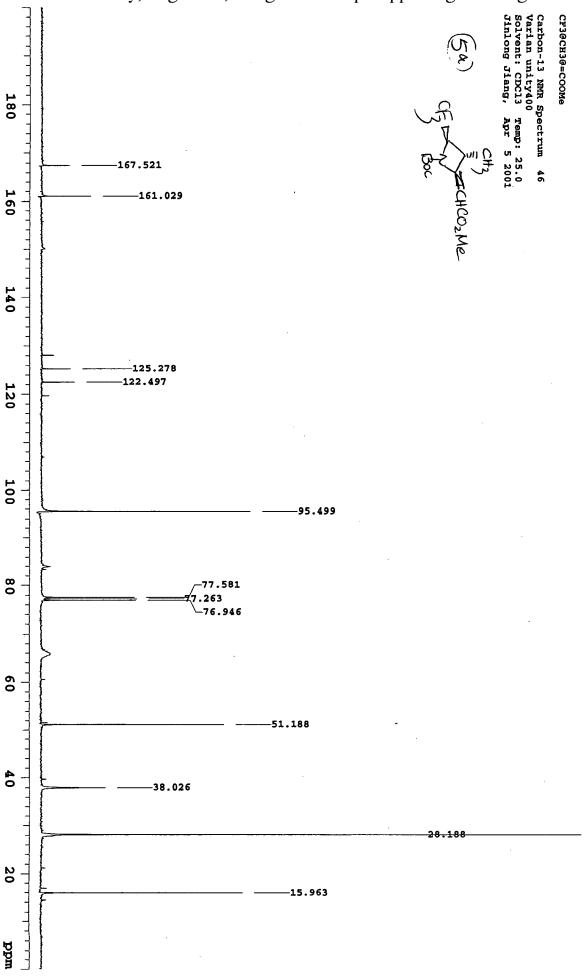


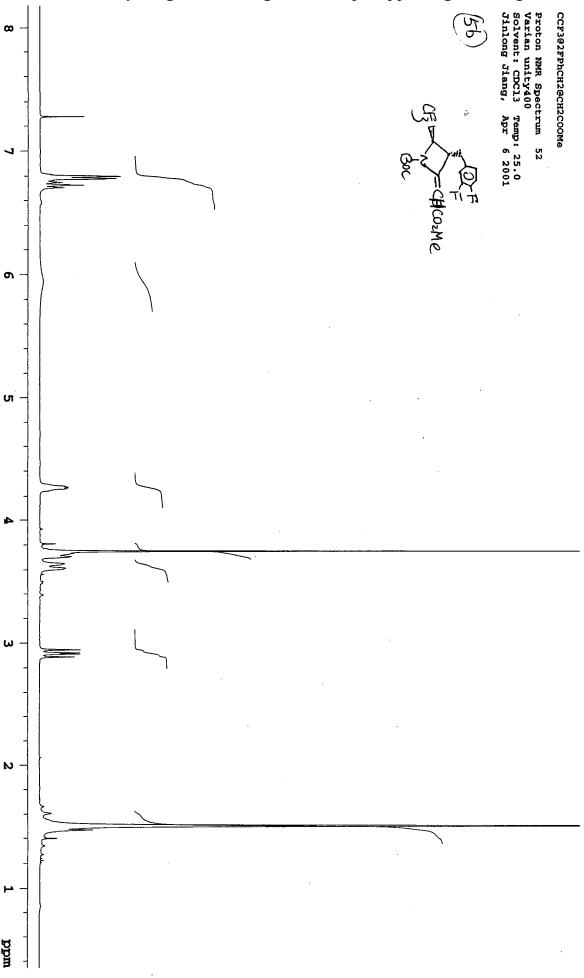


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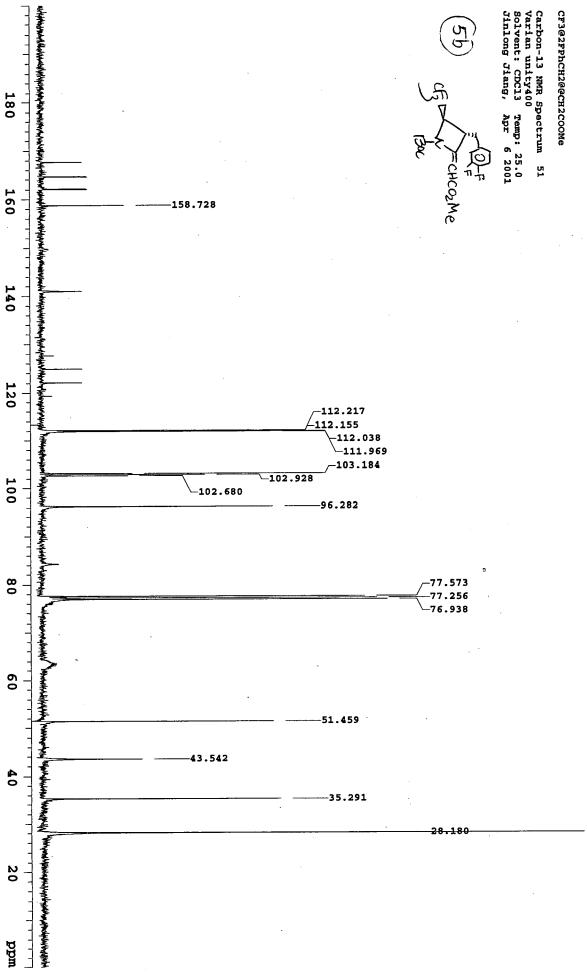


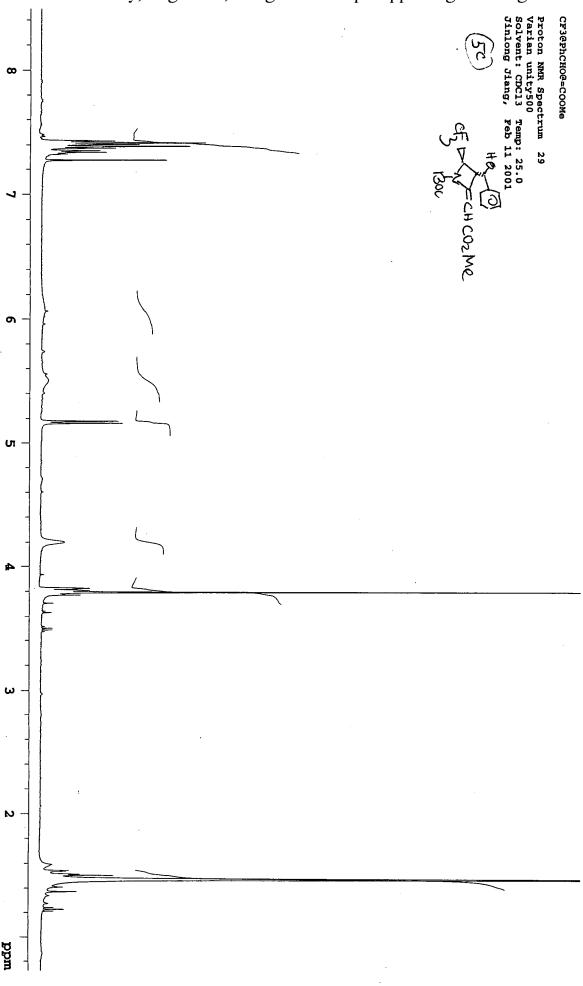
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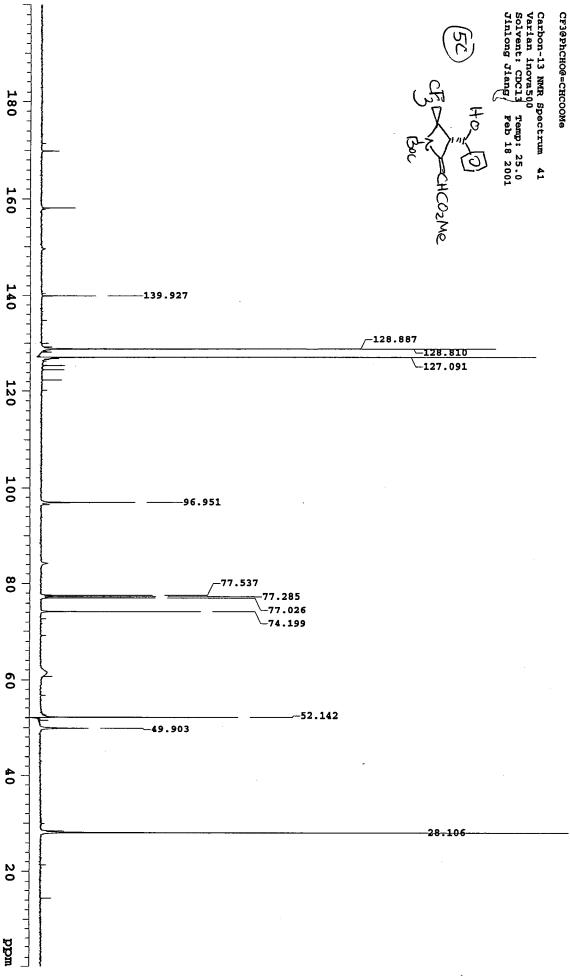




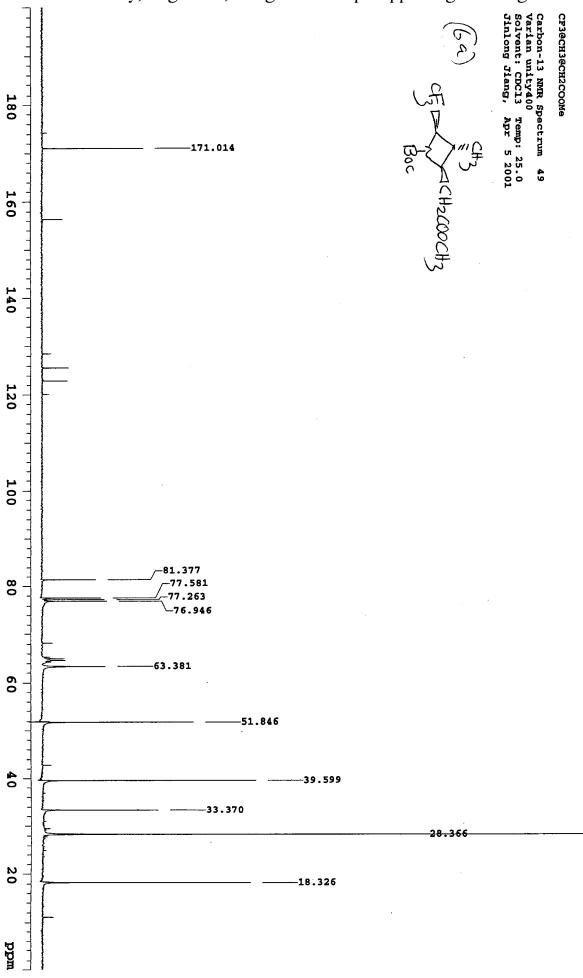
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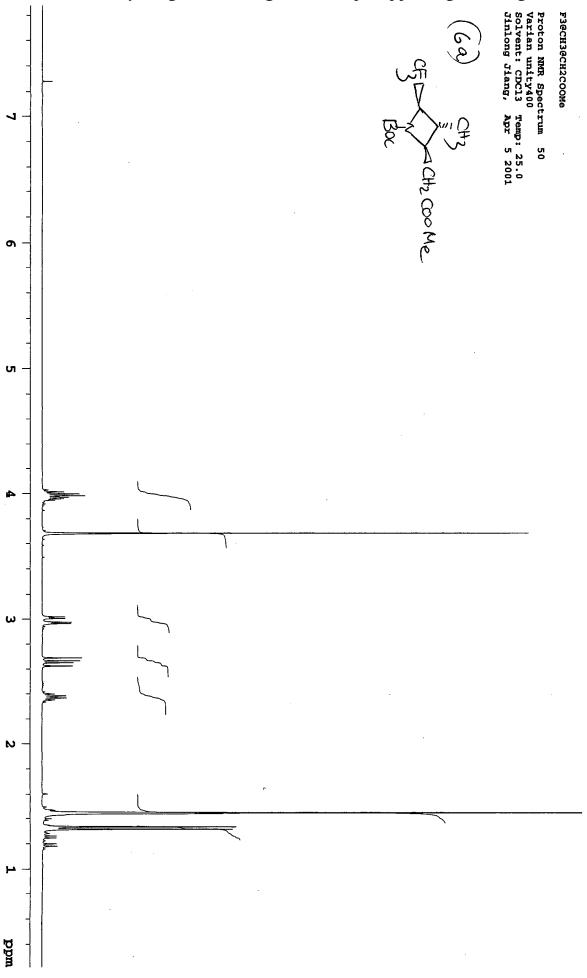


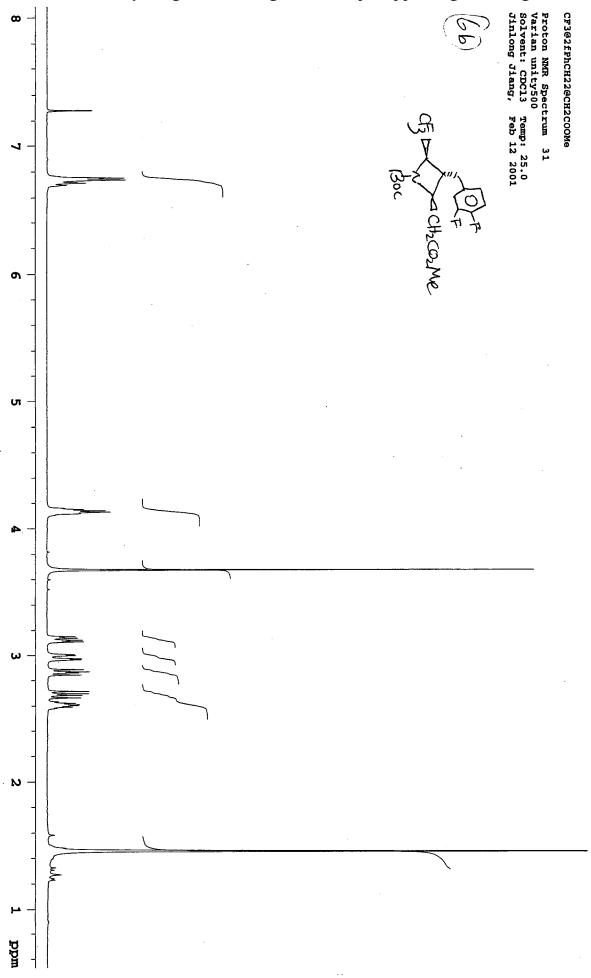




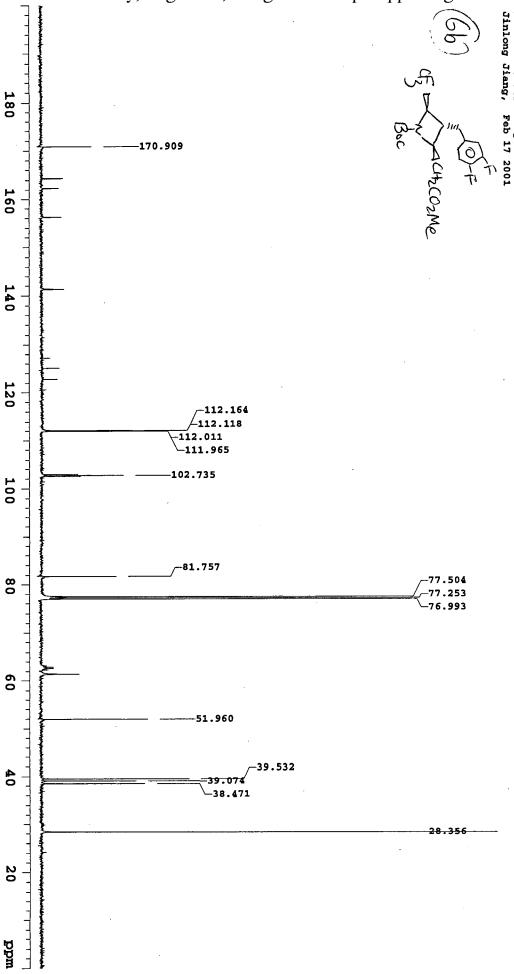
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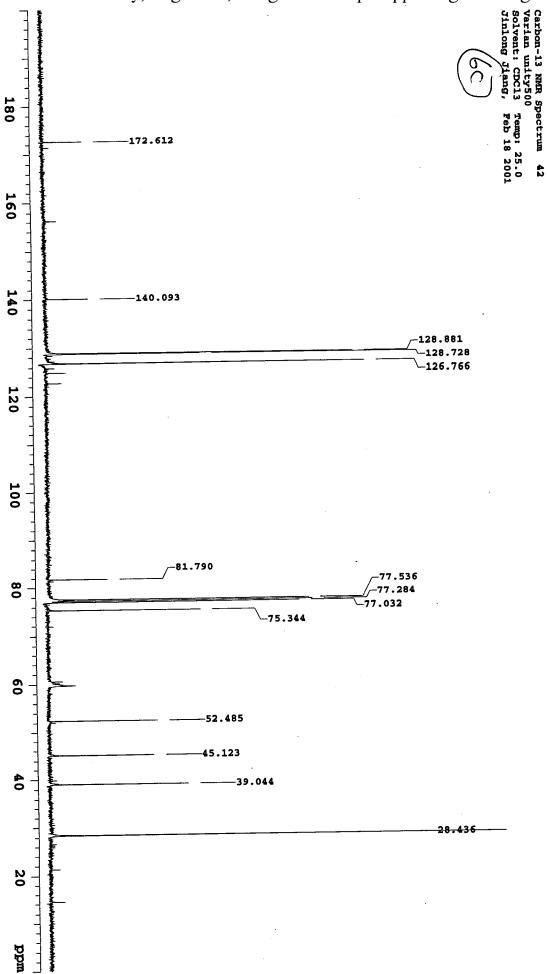




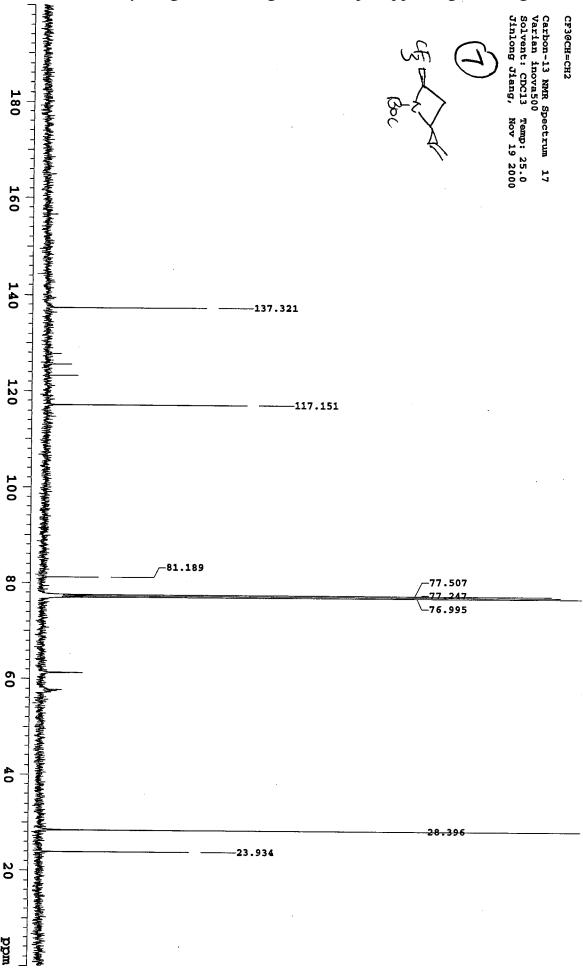
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