# Enzymatic Dynamic Kinetic Resolution of (±)-cis-N-(Alkoxycarbonyl)cyclopentane-1,2-diamines based on Spontaneous Racemization

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## **General Spectroscopic and Experimental Data**

Lipase B from *Candida antarctica* (CAL-B, available immobilized on polyacrylamide as Novozyme 435, 7300 PLU/g) was supplied by Novo Nordisk Co. For the enzymatic reactions, ethyl acetate of spectrophotometric grade (stored with 4 Å molecular sieves), other anhydrous solvents and ( $\pm$ )-1-phenylethyl acetate were used. Thin-layer chromatography was performed on precoated TLC plates of Merck silica gel  $60F_{254}$ , using a potassium permanganate solution as developing reagent. Merck silica gel 60 (particle size, 40 - 63  $\mu$ m) was used for column chromatography. Optical rotations were measured at the sodium D line at 20 °C. Mass spectra (m/z) were recorded in ElectronSpray Ionisation (ESI) and Electron Impact (EI). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and proton-decoupled <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions) were recorded using AC-300 or DPX-300 (<sup>1</sup>H, 300.13 MHz and <sup>13</sup>C, 75.5 MHz) and AV-400 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H, 400.13 MHz and <sup>13</sup>C, 100.63 MHz) spectrometers using the  $\delta$  scale (ppm) for chemical shifts; calibration was made on the CDCl<sub>3</sub> (<sup>13</sup>C, 76.95 ppm) or the residual CHCl<sub>3</sub> (<sup>1</sup>H, 7.26 ppm).

## **Experimental Procedures**

tert-Butyl (±)-trans-(2-hydroxycyclopentyl)carbamate, (±)-2a. (±)-trans-2-Aminocyclopentanol hydrochloride (12.0 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (40 mL) and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (12.0 mmol) and di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (14.0 mmol) were added to the solution. After stirring 24 h at room temperature, solvent was evaporated and the residue extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The usual work-up of the organic phase gave pure (±)-2a with 83% yield. M.p.: 105.6-106.8 °C (Lit. m.p.: 103 °C). Spectroscopic data are in good agreement with those previously published. 1

General procedure for the synthesis of carbamates  $(\pm)$ -2b-d.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Page, M. F. Z.; Jalisatgi, S. S.; Maderna, A.; Hawthorne, M. F. Synthesis **2008**, 555-563.

To a solution of 2-aminocyclopentanol hydrochloride (7.3 mmol) in water (15 mL), sodium carbonate (14.6 mmol) and the corresponding alkyl chloroformate (8.7 mmol) were added. After 24 h stirring at room temperature, the reaction mixture was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (20 mL), dried with  $Na_2SO_4$ , and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the corresponding pure product, except in the case of ( $\pm$ )-2b.

**Benzyl** (±)-*trans*-(2-hydroxycyclopentyl)carbamate, (±)-2b. The solid crude material was repeatedly washed with warm hexane to remove benzylic alcohol. Thus, pure product was isolated as a white solid. Yield: 94%; m.p.: 59.1-60.4 °C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> m.p.: 57-59 °C). Spectroscopic data were in good agreement with the literature.<sup>2</sup>

Allyl (±)-trans-(2-hydroxycyclopentyl)carbamate, (±)-2c. Yield: 97%; colourless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 1.38 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.82 (m, 3H), 1.90-2.16 (m, 2H), 3.58-3.80 [m + br s, 2H, CH-NH + OH (3.75)], 4.00 (q, 1H,  ${}^{3}J$  = 6.3 Hz, CH-OH), 4.55 (d, 2H,  ${}^{3}J$  = 5.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 4.93 (br s, 1H, NH), 5.21 (dd, 1H,  ${}^{3}J_{cis}$  = 10.4 Hz,  ${}^{2}J$  = 1.0 Hz, =CHH), 5.30 (dd, 1H,  ${}^{3}J_{trans}$  = 17.2 Hz,  ${}^{2}J$  = 1.0 Hz, =CHH), 5.90 (m, 1H, HC=); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 20.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.9 (CH), 65.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 78.2 (CH), 117.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 132.4 (CH), 156.9 (C=O); MS (ESI), m/z (%) = 186 (100) [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis (%) calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 58.36; H, 8.16; N, 7.56; found: C, 58.15; H, 8.34; N, 7.49.

Ethyl (±)-trans-(2-hydroxycyclopentyl)carbamate, (±)-2d. Yield: 92%; colourless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 1.23 (t, 3H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.1 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.28-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.57-1.83 (m, 3H), 1.89-2.17 (m, 2H), 3.66 (m, 1H, CH-N), 3.88 (br s, 1H, OH), 3.98 (q, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.3 Hz, CH-O), 4.10 (q, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.1 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 4.87 (br s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.0 (CH), 60.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 78.6 (CH), 157.4 (C=O); MS (ESI), m/z (%) = 174 (100) [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 258 (48) [2M – NHCOOEt]<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis (%) calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 55.47; H, 8.73; N, 8.09; found: C, 55.21; H, 8.45; N, 8.38.

## Alkyl (±)-cis-(2-azidocyclopentyl)carbamates. General Procedure.

Triethylamine (30.0 mmol) and the corresponding alkyl ( $\pm$ )-trans-(2-hydroxycyclopentyl)carbamate ( $\pm$ )-**2a-d** (10.0 mmol) were dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (12 mL). The solution was coolded at 0 °C, and methanesulfonyl chloride (16.0 mmol) was added, under a nitrogen atmosphere, during 10 min. After 3 h at 0 °C (for **2a**) or 50 min at rt (for **2b-d**), the solvent was eliminated under reduced pressure. The crude

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Maestro, A.; Astorga, C.; Gotor, V. Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 1997, 8, 3153-3159.

was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the resulting organic solution successively washed with 1 M aq. NaHSO<sub>4</sub>, water and brine. After dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure yielding the corresponding (±)-*trans*-mesylate, which was used without purification in the following reaction. Thus, a mixture of the crude mesylate and NaN<sub>3</sub> (30.0 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous DMF (17 mL) and the solution was heated at 50 °C for 24 h. After this time, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added and the organic solution repeatedly washed with water. The organic layer was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, the solvents were eliminated, and the resulting crude was purified by flash chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate 6:1) to yield the pure product.

*tert*-Butyl (±)-*cis*-(2-azidocyclopentyl)carbamate, (±)-3a. Yield: 54%; m.p.: 75.3-76.4 °C. Spectroscopic data are in good agreement with those previously published for optically active 3a.<sup>3</sup>

Benzyl (±)-*cis*-(2-azidocyclopentyl)carbamate, (±)-3b. Yield: 69%; colourless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.72-2.06 (m, 4H), 4.03 (m, 2H, H-1 and H-2), 5.03 (br s, 1H, NH), 5.11 (AB system, 2H, |<sup>2</sup>J| = 12.3 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 7.36 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 19.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.9 (CH), 64.0 (CH), 66.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 127.89 (CH), 127.92 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 136.2 (C), 155.7 (C=O); MS (ESI), *m/z* (%) = 283 (92) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 233 (45) 102 (100); elemental analysis calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 59.99; H, 6.20; N, 21.52; found: C, 60.27; H, 6.03; N, 21.80.

**Allyl** (±)-*cis*-(2-azidocyclopentyl)carbamate, (±)-3c. Yield: 67%; colourless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.56-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.72-2.11 (m, 4H), 4.01 (br s, 2H, H-1 and H-2), 4.56 (d, 2H,  ${}^{3}J = 5.4$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 5.00 (br s, 1H, NH), 5.20 (dd, 1H,  ${}^{3}J_{cis} = 10.4$  Hz,  $|{}^{2}J| = 1.4$  Hz, =C*H*H), 5.30 (dd, 1H,  ${}^{3}J_{trans} = 17.2$  Hz,  $|{}^{2}J| = 1.4$  Hz, =CH*H*), 5.91 (m, 1H, HC=); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 19.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.9 (CH), 64.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 65.4 (CH), 117.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 132.6 (CH), 155.6 (C=O); MS (ESI), m/z (%) = 211 (60) [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 183 (100); elemental analysis calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 51.42; H, 6.71; N, 26.65; found: C, 51.26; H, 6.97; N, 26.43.

Ethyl (±)-*cis*-(2-azidocyclopentyl)carbamate, (±)-3d. Yield: 68%; colourless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 1.21 (t, 3H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.1 Hz), 1.36-1.48 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.96 (m, 4H), 3.98 (m, 2H), 4.08 (q, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.1 Hz), 4.99 (br s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 14.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.9 (CH), 60.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 64.1 (CH), 156.0 (C=O); MS (ESI), m/z (%) = 199 (58) [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 171 (100); elemental analysis calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 48.47; H, 7.12; N, 28.26; found: C, 48.25; H, 7.00; N, 28.39.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Govindaraju, T.; Kumar, V. A.; Ganesh, K. N. J. Org. Chem. 2004, 69, 5725-5734.

tert-Butyl (±)-cis-(2-aminocyclopentyl)carbamate, (±)-5a. A suspension of (±)-3a (2.20 mmol) and Pd-C (10%, 230 mg) in deoxygenated methanol (30 mL) was stirred for 23 h under a hydrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup>, and the filtrate was evaporated to yield a crude, which was purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate and ethyl acetate:methanol 4:1 were successively used as eluents). Yield: 79%; colourless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 1.30-1.55 (m + s, 12H. Singlet to 1.39 corresponds to Bu<sup>t</sup>), 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.89 (m, 2H), 2.23 (br s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 3.29 (q, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J = 5.7 Hz, H-2), 3.76 (br m, 1H, H-1), 5.14 (br s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 20.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.2 (3×CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.0 (CH), 54.6 (CH), 78.9 (C), 155.8 (C=O); MS (ESI), m/z (%) = 201 (100) [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 59.97; H, 10.07; N, 13.99; found: C, 60.23; H, 10.33; N, 13.81.

# General procedure for the Staudinguer reduction of (±)-cis-(2-azidocyclopentyl)carbamates 3b-d.

Triphenylphosphine (4.32 g, 16.5 mmol) was added to a solution of the corresponding azidocarbamate ( $\pm$ )-**3b-d** (13.8 mmmol) in THF-H<sub>2</sub>0 (10:1, 55 mL). After stirring at room temperature during 72h, solvents were eliminated under reduced pressure and the resulting crude was purified by flash chromatography (a gradient of ethyl acetate to ethyl acetate-methanol was used as eluent).

**Benzyl** (±)-*cis*-(2-aminocyclopentyl)carbamate, (±)-5b. Yield: 89%; white solid; m.p.: 61.6-63.0 °C;  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 1.30-1.62 [m + s, 5H. Singlet corresponds to NH<sub>2</sub> (1.45)], 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.84-2.02 (m, 2H), 3.34 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.84 (m, 1H, H-1), 5.09 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 5.38 (br d, 1H,  ${}^{3}J$  = 6.5 Hz, NH), 7.20-7.40 (m, 5H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (75 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 19.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.5 (CH), 54.6 (CH), 65.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 127.2 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 136.0 (C), 155.7 (C=O); MS (ESI), m/z (%) = 235 (100) [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 257 (40) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 469 (60) [2M + H]<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 66.64; H, 7.74; N, 11.96; found: C, 66.39; H, 7.98; N, 12.15.

**Allyl** (±)-*cis*-(2-aminocyclopentyl)carbamate, (±)-5c. Yield: 84%; colourless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.45-1.59 (m, 4H, NH<sub>2</sub> + 2H), 1.64-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.98 (m, 2H), 3.35 (q, 1H,  ${}^{3}J$  = 5.6 Hz, H-2), 3.81 (br m, 1H, H-1), 4.55 (br s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 5.19 (d, 1H,  ${}^{3}J_{cis}$  = 10.3 Hz, =CHH), 5.29 (dd, 1H,  ${}^{3}J_{trans}$  = 17.2 Hz,  ${}^{2}J$  = 1.3 Hz, =CHH), 5.35 (br s, 1H, NH), 5.91 (ddt, 1H,  ${}^{3}J_{trans}$  = 17.2 Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{cis}$  = 10.3 Hz,  ${}^{3}J$  = 5.6 Hz, HC=);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (100.6 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 19.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.4 (CH), 54.4 (CH), 64.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 116.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 132.3 (CH), 155.5 (C=O); MS (ESI), *m/z* (%) = 185 (100) [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 58.67; H, 8.75; N, 15.21; found: 58.39; H, 8.97; N, 15.45.

Ethyl (±)-*cis*-(2-aminocyclopentyl)carbamate, (±)-5d. Yield: 79%; colourless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 1.22 (t, 3H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.1 Hz), 1.37 (m, 1H), 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.80 [br s + m, 3H, br s corresponds to NH<sub>2</sub> (1.66)], 1.94 (m, 2H), 3.33 (q, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J = 5.6 Hz, H-2), 3.81 (br m, 1H, H-1), 4.08 (q, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.1 Hz), 5.25 (br d, 1H, NH, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.1 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.8 (CH), 54.8 (CH), 60.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 156.2 (C=O); MS (ESI), m/z (%) = 173 (100) [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 55.79; H, 9.36; N, 16.27; found: C, 55.68; H, 9.59; N, 16.08.

## Enzymatic kinetic resolution of *tert*-butyl ( $\pm$ )-(2-aminocyclopentyl)carbamate, ( $\pm$ )-5a.

tert-Butyl methyl ether (5.0 mL) and ( $\pm$ )-1-phenylethyl acetate (3.0 mmol) were added under nitrogen atmosphere to a mixture of racemic amino carbamate ( $\pm$ )-5a (200 mg, 1.0 mmol), CAL-B (100 mg) and 4 Å molecular sieves (25 mg). The suspension was shaken at 28 °C and 200 rpm during 6 days. The solvent was removed under vacuum, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added to the suspension and the enzyme filtered. After, the enzyme was successively washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and aq. 3N NaOH. Both layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> ( $2 \times 15$  mL). All the organic layers were combined, dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo to give a residue. Flash chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate 1:1, ethyl acetate and ethyl acetate:methanol 4:1 were successively used as eluents) of the residue yielded pure enantioenriched compounds 5a and 6a.

*tert*-Butyl (1*R*,2*S*)-(2-aminocyclopentyl)carbamate, (1*R*,2*S*)-5a. Yield: 41%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +7.8$ , ee = 97%.

tert-Butyl (1*S*,2*R*)-[(2-acetylamino)cyclopentyl]carbamate, (1*S*,2*R*)-6a. Yield: 45%; white solid; m.p.: 118.9-120.2 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +11.4$  (*c* 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>), ee = 98%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz): δ (ppm) = 1.40-1.85 [m + s, 13H. Singlet corresponds to Bu<sup>t</sup> (1.44)], 1.90-2.20 [m + s, 5H. Singlet corresponds to CH<sub>3</sub> (1.96)], 3.94 (quintet, 1H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.2 Hz, H-1), 4.13 (br m, 1H, H-2), 4.76 (br s, 1H, NH), 6.11 (br s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz): δ (ppm) = 20.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.2 (3×CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.9 (CH), 53.4 (CH), 79.2 (C), 156.2 (C=O) 170.4 (C=O, Ac); MS (ESI), m/z (%) = 243 (45) [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 485 (100) [2M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (EI) calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M - (CH<sub>2</sub>=C=O) - (NH<sub>3</sub>)]<sup>•+</sup>: 183.1259; found: 183.1255. Elemental analysis calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 59.48; H, 9.15; N, 11.56; found: C, 59.63; H, 9.02; N, 11.79.

### Enzymatic dynamic kinetic resolution of alkyl (±)-(2-aminocyclopentyl)carbamates (±)-5a-d.

To a mixture of racemic amino carbamate (±)-**5a-d** (1.2 mmol) and CAL-B (120 mg) under a nitrogen atmosphere, a mixture of anhydrous TBME-Et<sub>3</sub>N (10:1; 7.2 mL) and (±)-1-phenylethyl acetate (575 μL,

3.6 mmol) were added. The suspension was circularly shaken at 50 °C and 200 rpm during 9 days. After, the enzyme was filtered and washed with methanol. Once solvents were eliminated, the crude was submitted to flash chromatography (a gradient of hexane-ethyl acetate 10:1 to ethyl acetate was used as eluent) to yield pure the corresponding acetamide.

Benzyl (1*S*,2*R*)-[(2-acetylamino)cyclopentyl]carbamate, (1*S*,2*R*)-6b. Yield: 94%; white solid; m.p.: 143.3-144.7 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +61.2$  (*c* 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>), ee = 96%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz): δ (ppm) = 1.42-1.75 (m, 4H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 2.07 (m, 2H), 4.02 (quintet, 1H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 5.8 Hz), 4.18 (quintet, 1H, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 5.8 Hz), 5.02 (br s, 1H, NH), 5.10 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 5.98 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.35 (m, 5H, Ph); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz): δ (ppm) = 20.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.0 (CH), 54.1 (CH), 66.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 128.0 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 136.3 (C), 156.6 (C=O), 170.6 (C=O, Ac); MS (ESI), *m/z* (%) = 277 (100) [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 553 (38) [2M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (EI) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>•+</sup>): 276.1474; found: 276.1479.

**Allyl** (**1S,2***R*)-[(**2-acetylamino**)cyclopentyl]carbamate, (**1S,2***R*)-6c. Yield: 85%; white solid; m.p.: 107.2-108.5 °C;  $[α]_D^{20} = +20.4$  (*c* 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>), ee = 97%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz): δ (ppm) = 1.42-1.78 (m, 4H), 1.90-2.20 [m + s, 5H. Singlet corresponds to CH<sub>3</sub> (2.00)], 4.01 (br s, 1H, H-1), 4.19 (br m, 1H, H-2), 4.56 (d, 2H,  ${}^3J_1 = 5.5$  Hz), 5.02 (br s, 1H, NH), 5.22 (dd, 1H,  ${}^3J_{cis} = 10.4$  Hz,  $|{}^2J_1 = 1.4$  Hz, =CHH), 5.32 (dd, 1H,  ${}^3J_{trans} = 17.2$  Hz,  $|{}^2J_1 = 1.4$  Hz, =CHH), 5.92 (m, 1H, =CH), 6.13 (br s, 1H, NH);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (75.5 MHz): δ (ppm) = 20.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.0 (CH), 54.0 (CH), 65.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 117.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 132.7 (CH), 156.5 (C=O), 170.7 (C=O, Ac); MS (ESI), m/z (%) = 249 (80) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 475 (100) [2M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (EI) calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M – (CH<sub>2</sub>=C=O) – (NH<sub>3</sub>)]<sup>•+</sup>: 167.0946; found: 155.0949. Elemental analysis calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 58.39; H, 8.02; N, 12.38; found: C, 58.12; H, 8.31; N, 12.09.

Ethyl (1*S*,2*R*)-[(2-acetylamino)cyclopentyl]carbamate, (1*S*,2*R*)-6d. Yield: 72%; white solid; m.p.: 125.6-127.3 °C; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +19.9 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>), ee = 95%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz):  $\delta$ (ppm) = 1.24 (t, 3H,  $^3J$  = 7.1 Hz), 1.42-1.80 (m, 3H), 1.90-2.18 [m + s, 5H. Singlet corresponds to CH<sub>3</sub> (1.97)], 3.99 (quintet, 1H,  $^3J$  = 6.1 Hz), 4.10-4.30 [q + m, 3H. Quartet corresponds to CH<sub>2</sub>-O (4.11 ppm,  $^3J$  = 7.2 Hz)], 5.03 (br s, 1H, NH), 6.10 (br s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz):  $\delta$ (ppm) = 14.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>) 23.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.8 (CH), 53.8 (CH), 60.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 156.9 (C=O), 170.7 (C=O, Ac); MS (ESI), m/z (%) = 237 (100) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (EI) calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M - (CH<sub>2</sub>=C=O) - (NH<sub>3</sub>)]<sup>•+</sup>: 155.0946; found: 155.0951. Elemental analysis calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 56.06; H, 8.47; N, 13.07; found: C, 56.29; H, 8.53; N, 12.89.

## **Determination of the enantiomeric excesses.**

The ee for each optically active compound involved in the enzymatic reactions was determined by chiral HPLC using Chiralpak IA ( $25 \text{ cm} \times 4.6 \text{ mm i.d.}$ ) or Chiralpak AS ( $25 \text{ cm} \times 4.6 \text{ mm i.d.}$ ) columns.

The products isolated from the enzymatic reactions, that is, acetamides, were directly analyzed:

For *tert*-butyl ( $\pm$ )-2-[(acetylamino)cyclopentyl]carbamate: Chiralpak AS, hexane/ethanol 93:7, 0.8 mL/min, 20 °C;  $t_R = 10.0$  (1*S*,2*R*) and 11.4 (1*R*,2*S*) min;  $R_S = 1.3$ .

For benzyl (±)-2-[(acetylamino)cyclopentyl]carbamate: Chiralpak AS, hexane/ethanol 90:10, 0.8 mL/min, 20 °C;  $t_R = 13.9 \ (1S,2R)$  and 18.7 (1R,2S) min;  $R_S = 2.3$ . At 30 °C;  $t_R = 13.0 \ (1S,2R)$  and 16.4 (1R,2S) min;  $R_S = 2.9$ .

For allyl ( $\pm$ )-2-[(acetylamino)cyclopentyl]carbamate: Chiralpak IA, hexane/ethanol 94:6, 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C;  $t_R = 14.3 \ (1S,2R)$  and 15.9 (1R,2S) min;  $R_S = 1.5$ .

For ethyl (±)-2-[(acetylamino)cyclopentyl]carbamate: Chiralpak IA, hexane/ethanol 96:4, 0.9 mL/min, 25 °C;  $t_R = 24.3$  (1*S*,2*R*) and 26.3 (1*R*,2*S*) min;  $R_S = 1.3$ .

In order to analyze the ee of the remaining substrate isolated in the reaction of amino-Boc **5a**, it was previously transformed into the acetamide (acetyl chloride, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). For the other remaining amino carbamates, see below.

## Monitorization of the enzymatic DKRs of alkyl $(\pm)$ -cis-2-(aminocyclopentyl)carbamates $(\pm)$ -5b-d:

Aliquots of 50 μL were taken periodically and treated with di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (Boc<sub>2</sub>O). After 5 min, organic solvents were eliminated obtaining a crude, which consisted of a mixture of four compounds: 1-phenylethyl acetate, 1-phenylethanol, biscarbamate (alkyl *tert*-butyl cyclopentane-1,2-diylbiscarbamate proceeding from the reaction of the remaining amino carbamate with Boc<sub>2</sub>O) and acetamide (see below).

Ph HO Ph 
$$\frac{2}{NHBOc}$$
 NHBOC  $\frac{2}{NHCO_2R}$  NHCO<sub>2</sub>R b: R = Bn; **c**: R = Allyl; **d**: R = Et

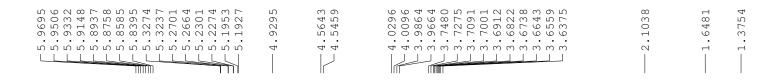
These crudes were analyzed by chiral HPLC and conditions and reaction times were as follows:

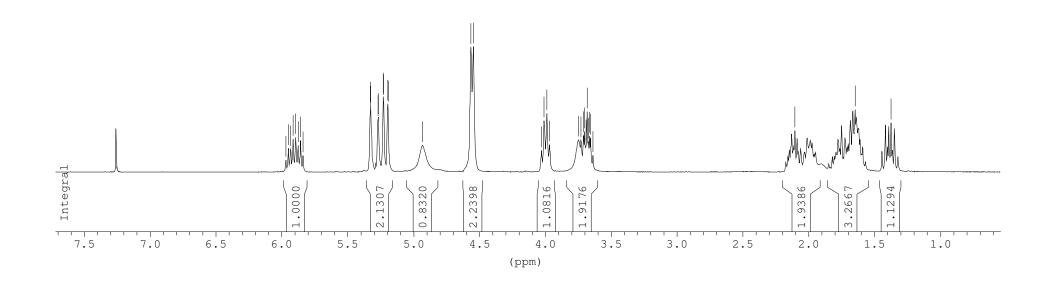
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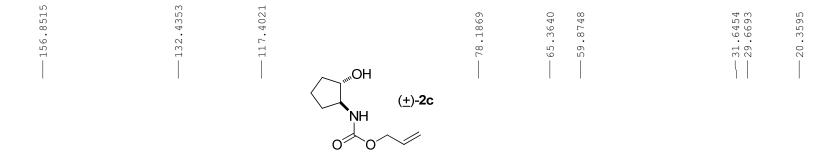
9.2 (*R*) and 9.7 (*S*) min;  $R_S = 1.5$ . ( $\pm$ )-Biscarmate:  $t_R = 13.6$  (1*S*,2*R*) and 18.8 (1*R*,2*S*) min;  $R_S = 11.3$ . ( $\pm$ )-Acetamide:  $t_R = 16.4$  (1*S*,2*R*) and 17.0 (1*R*,2*S*) min;  $R_S = 1.5$ .

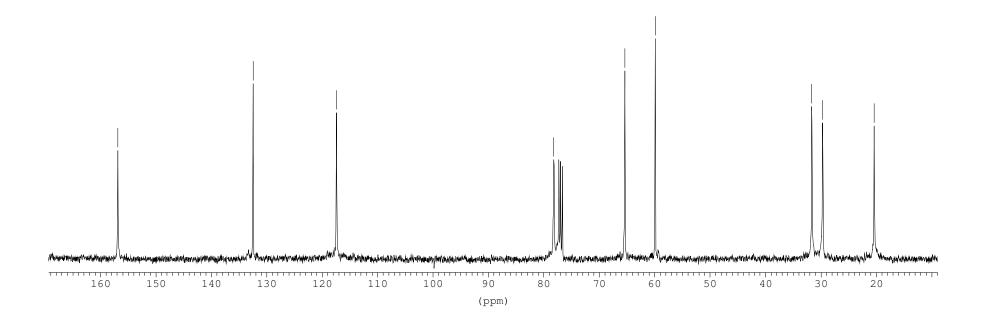
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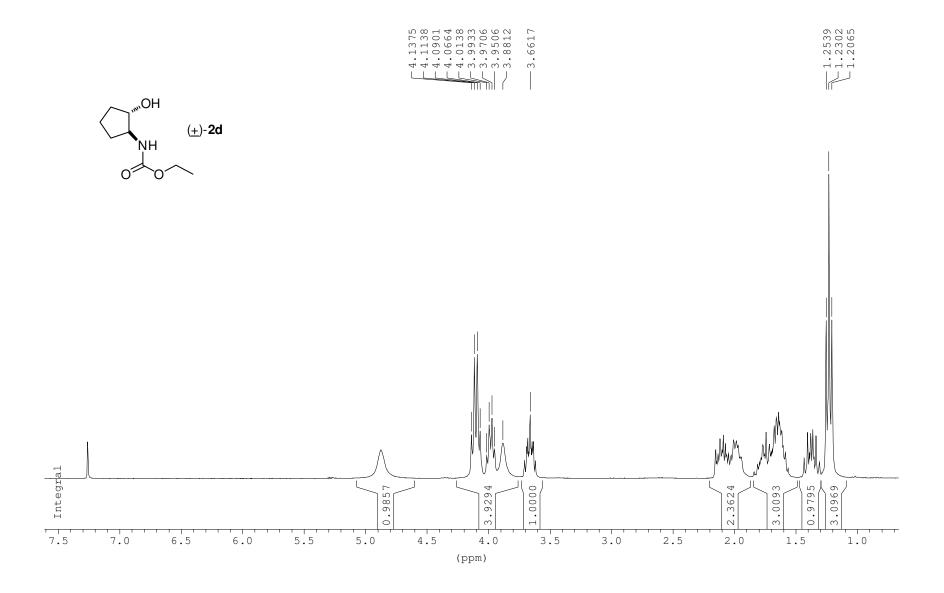
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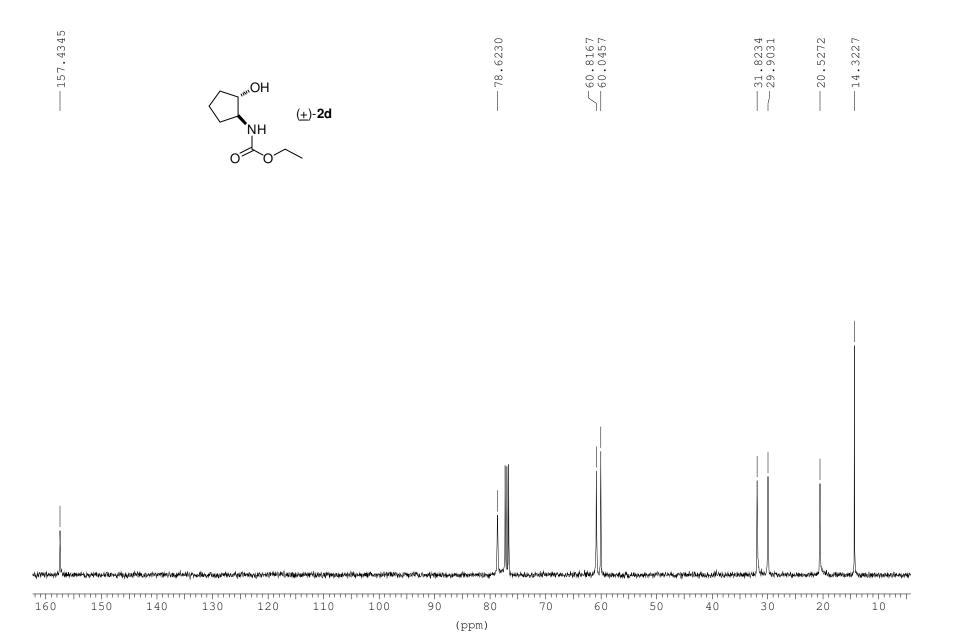


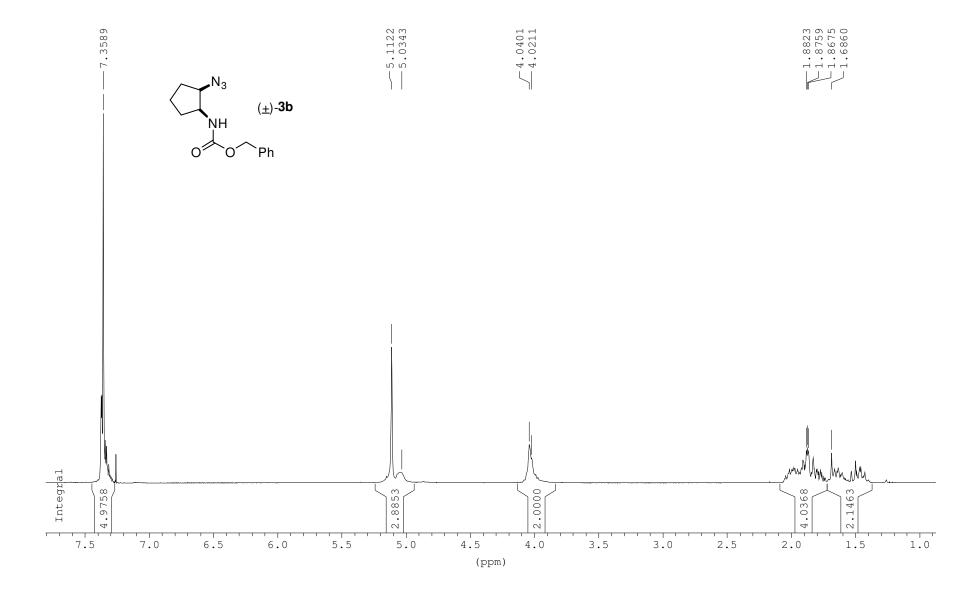


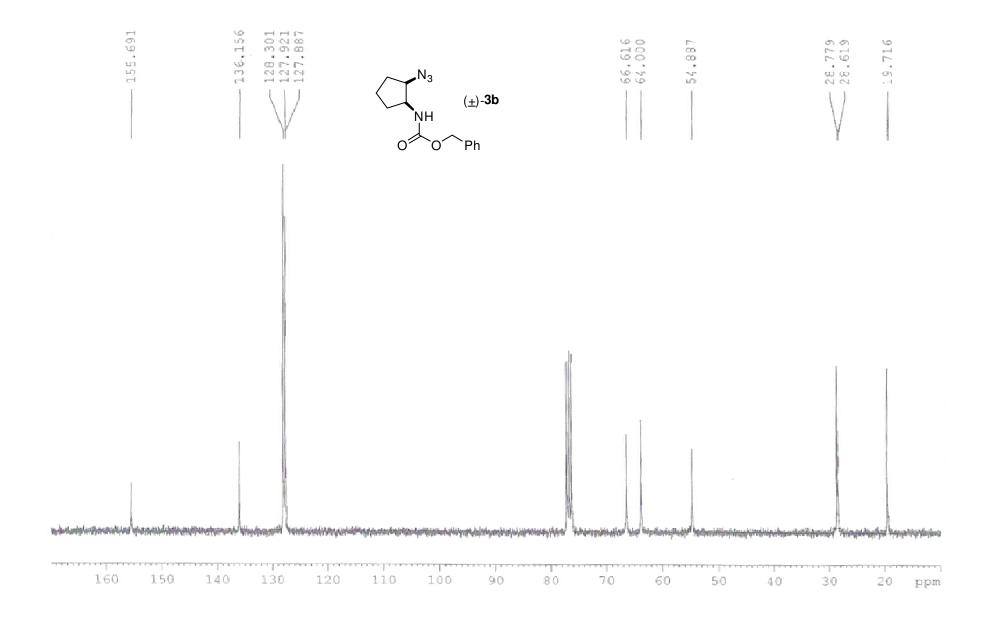


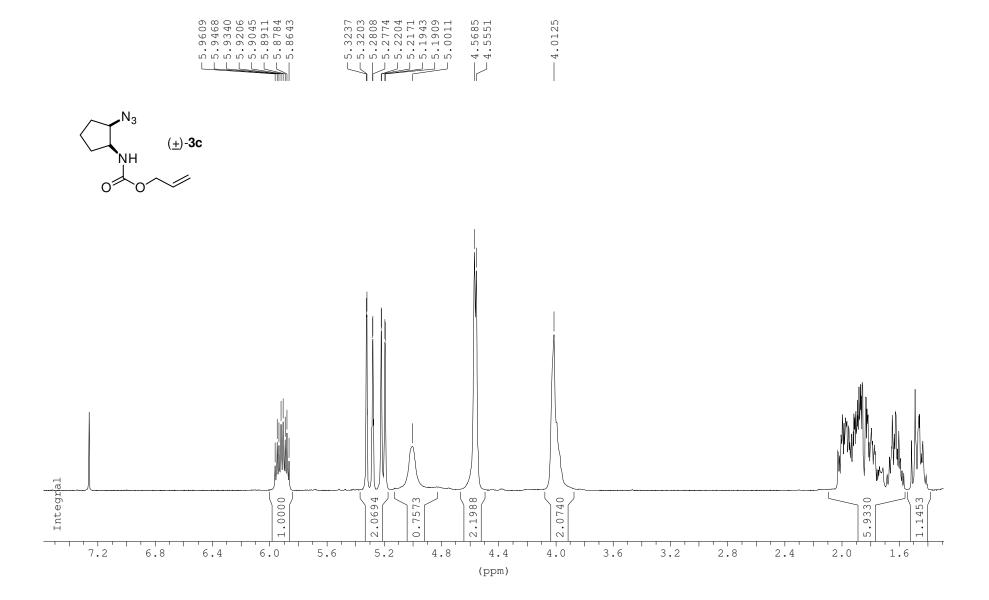


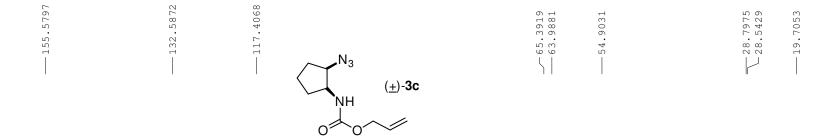


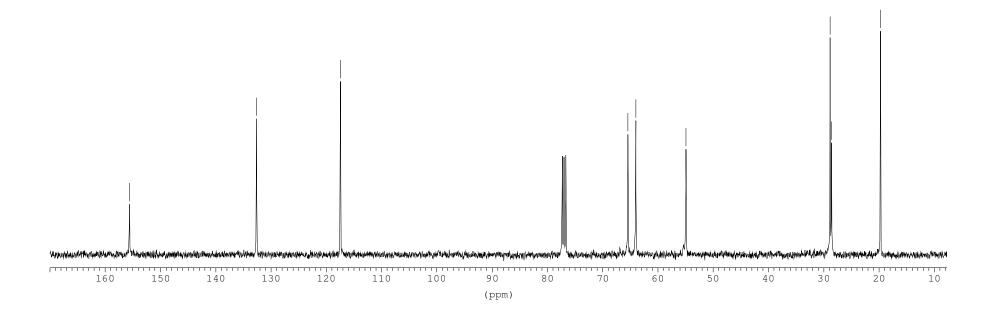


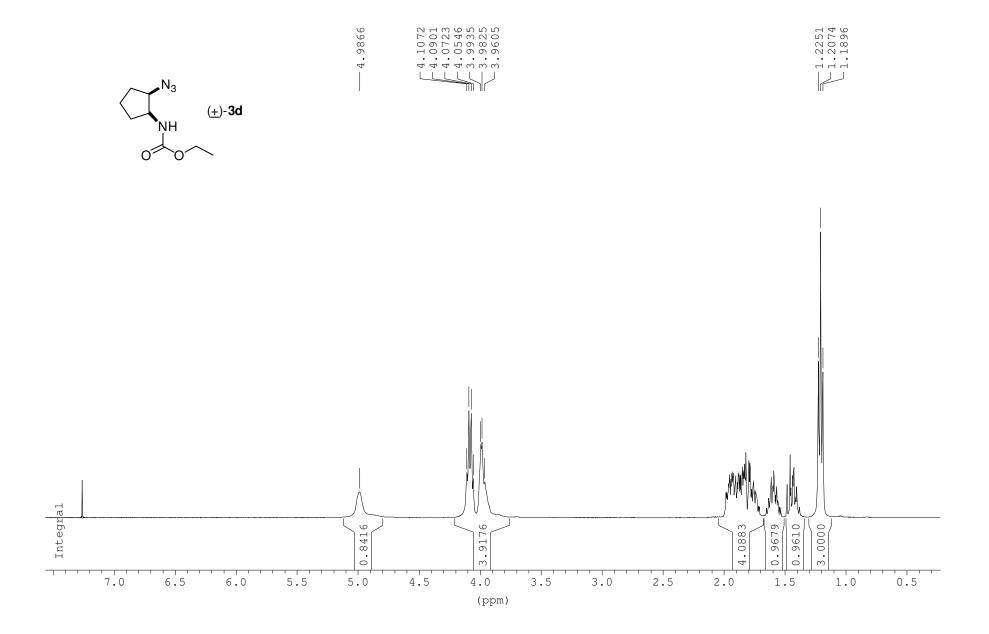


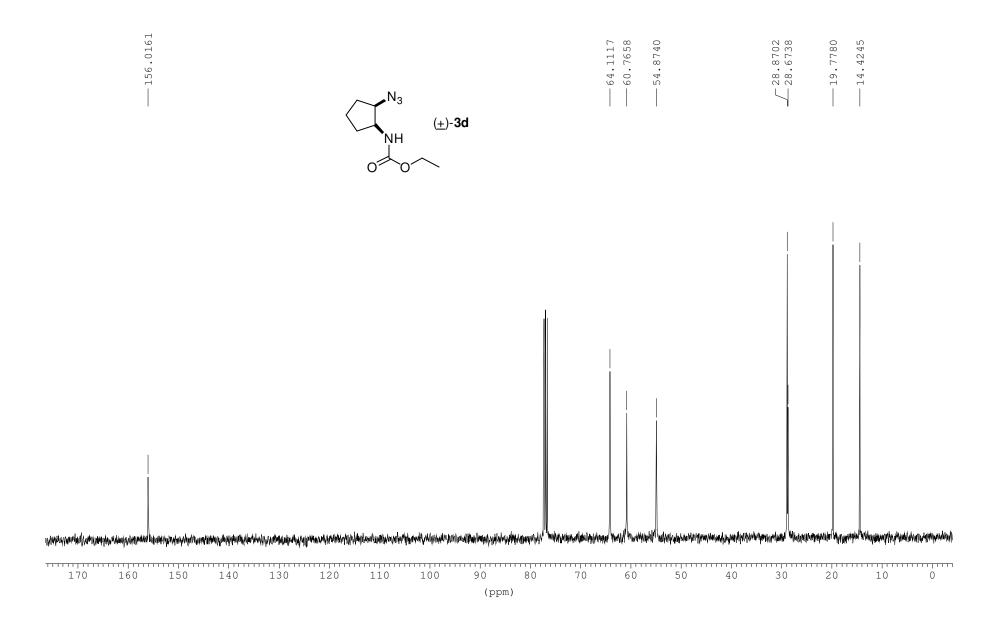


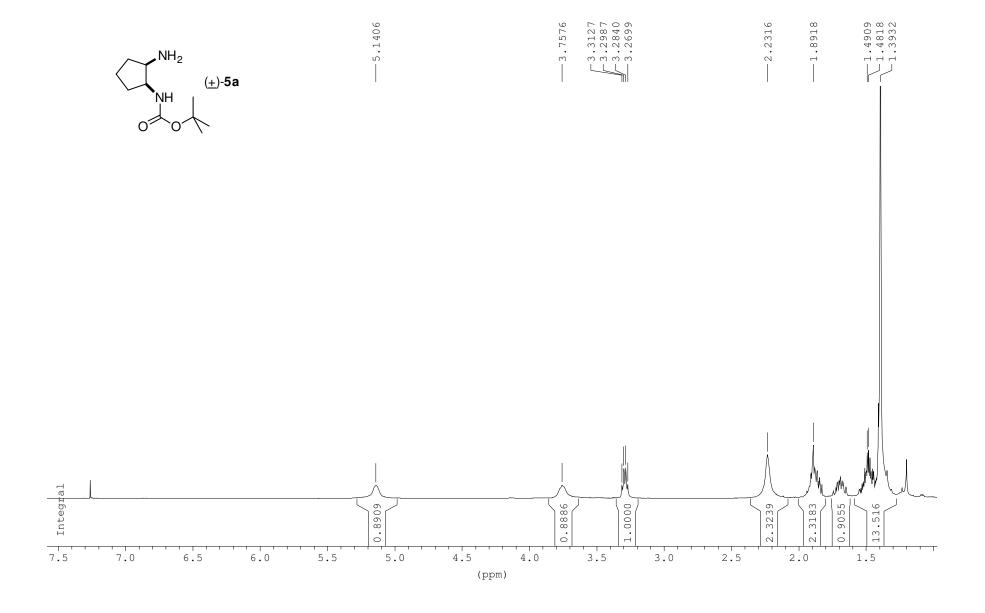


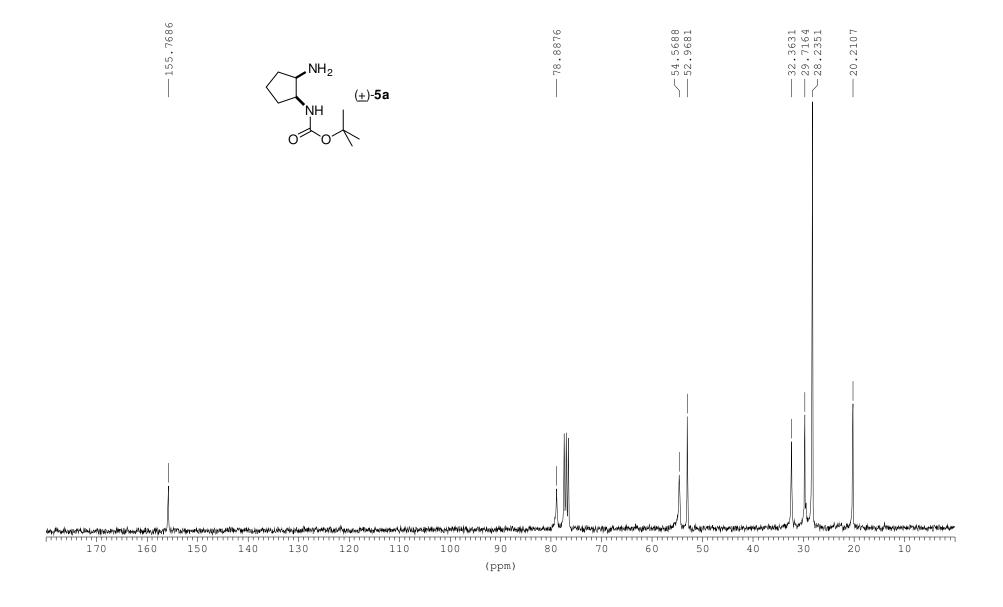


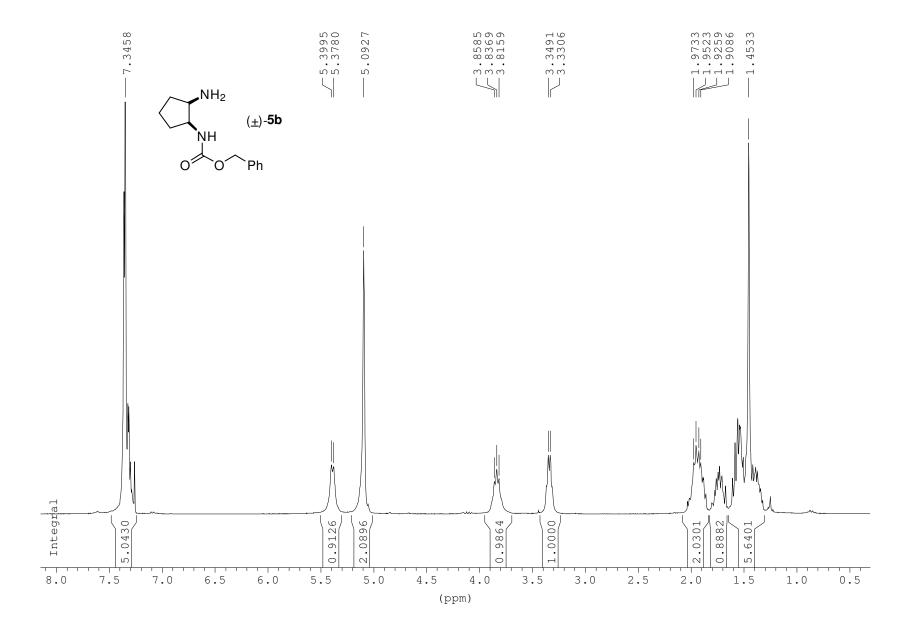


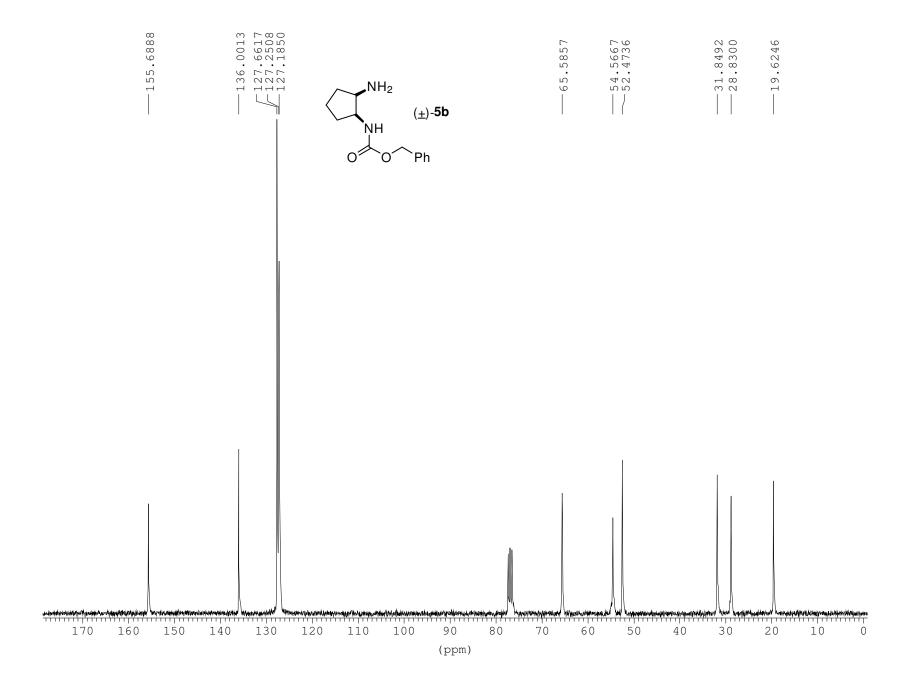


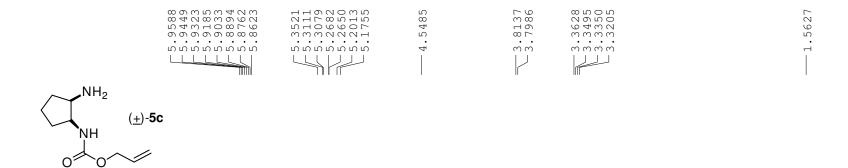


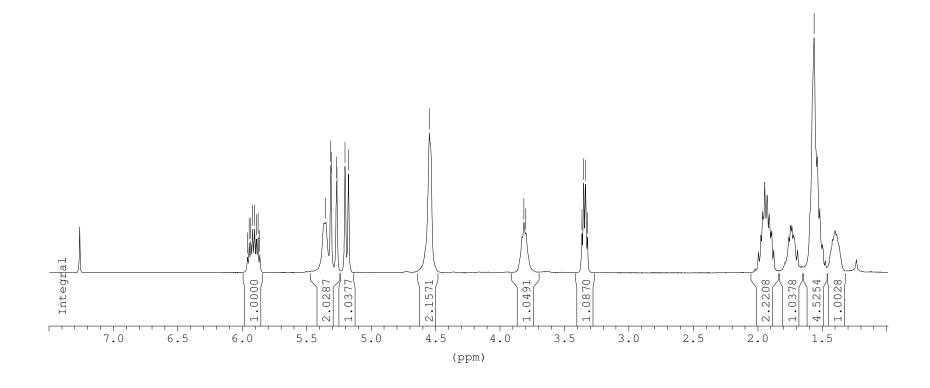


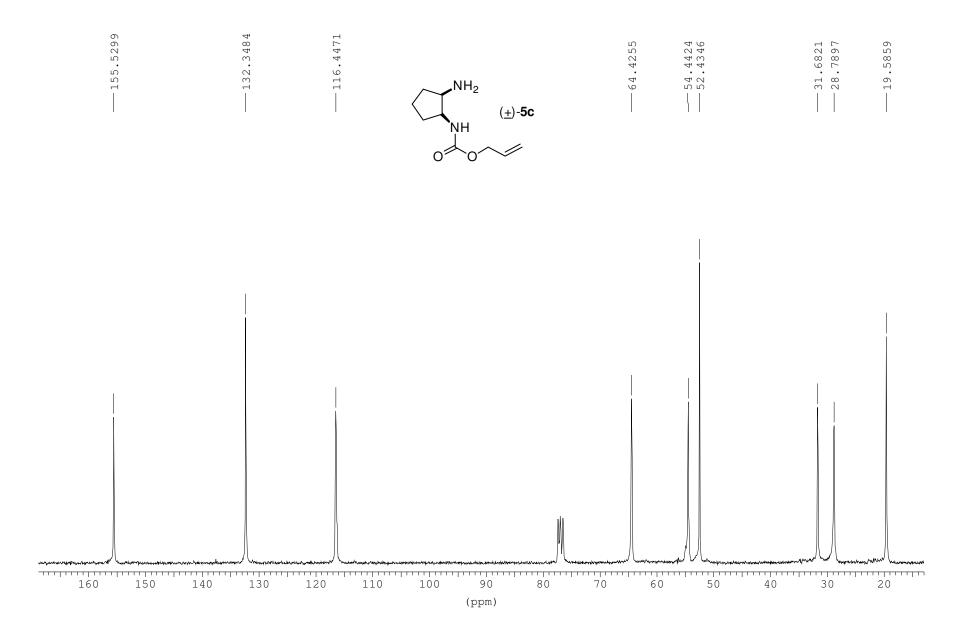


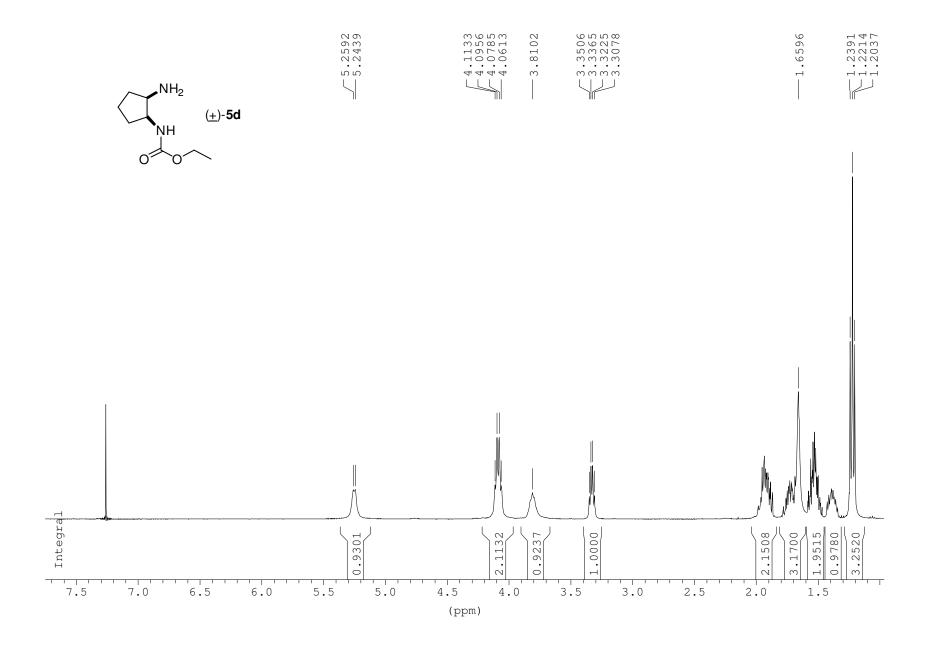




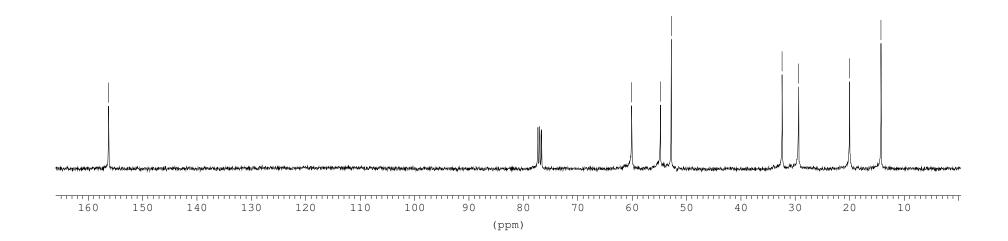


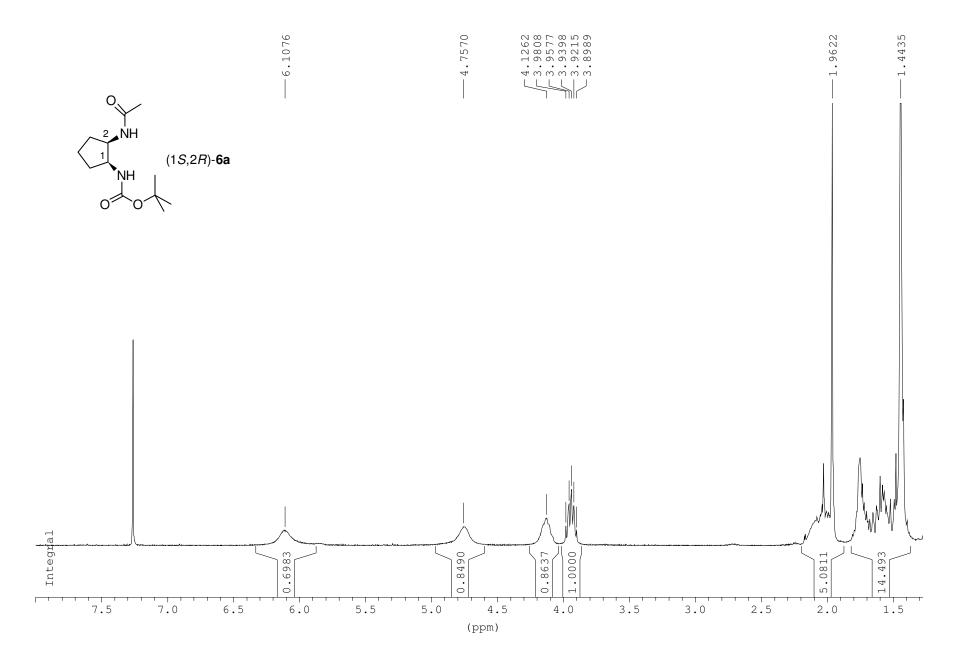


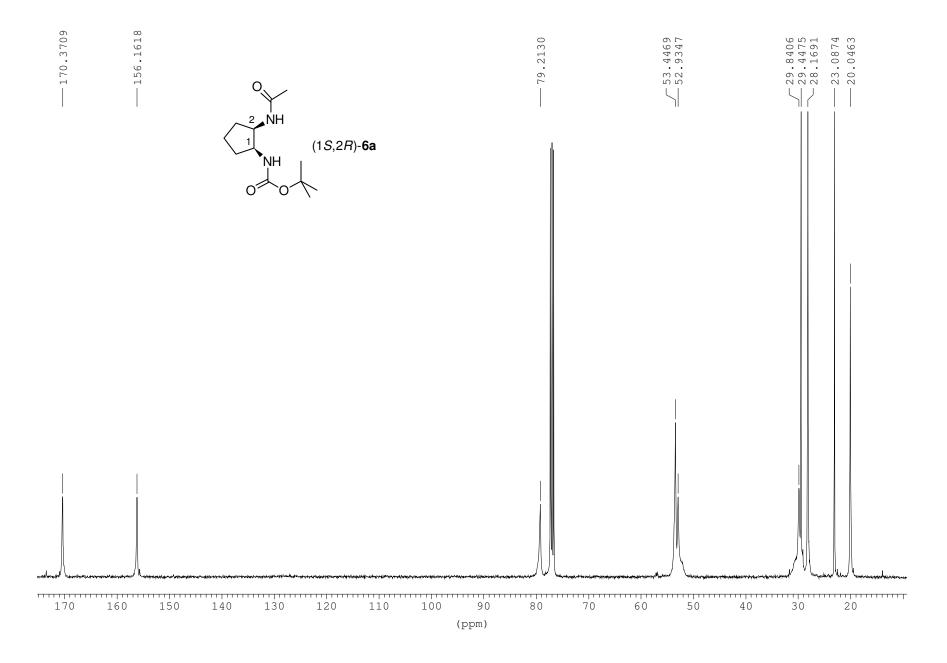


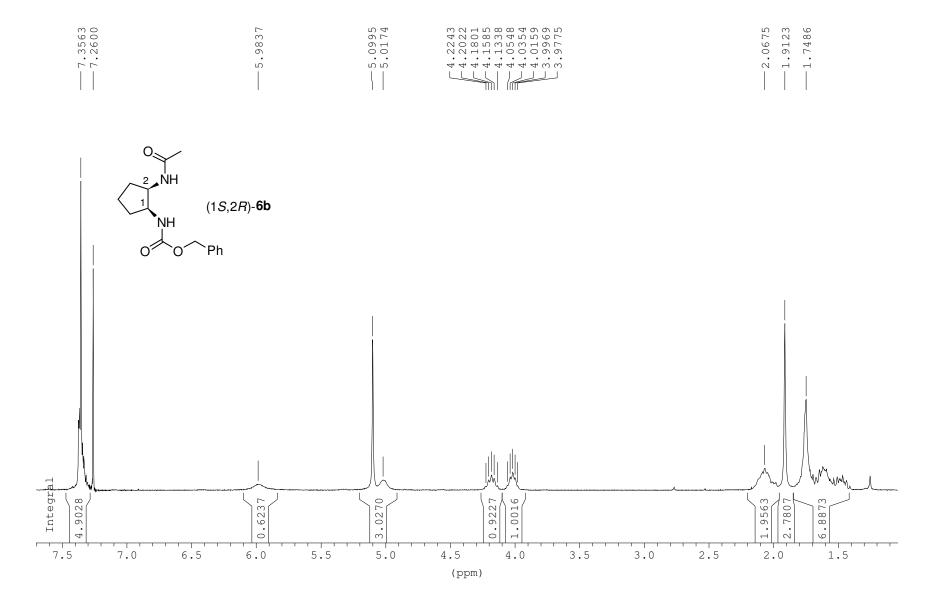


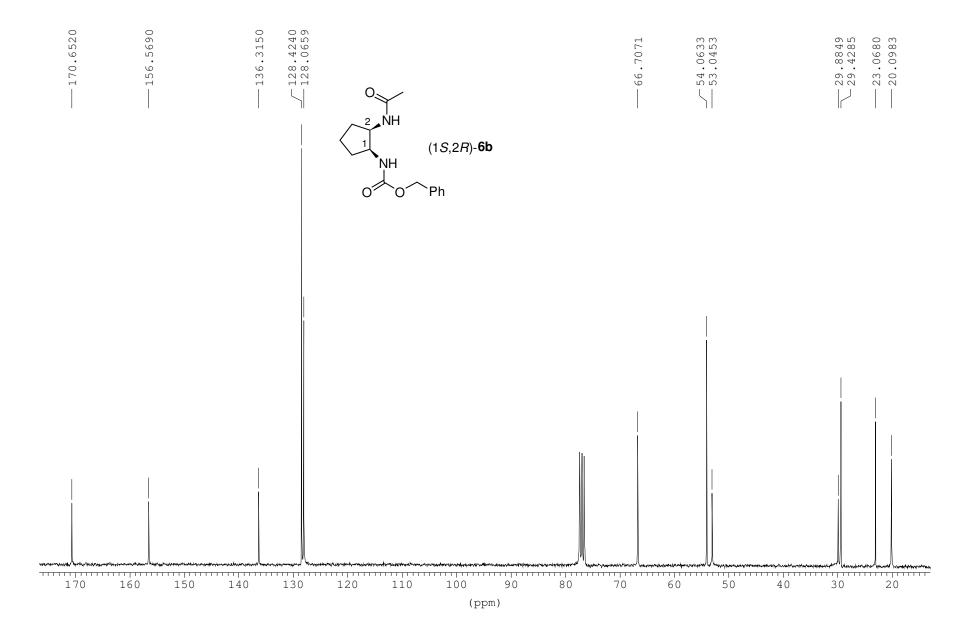
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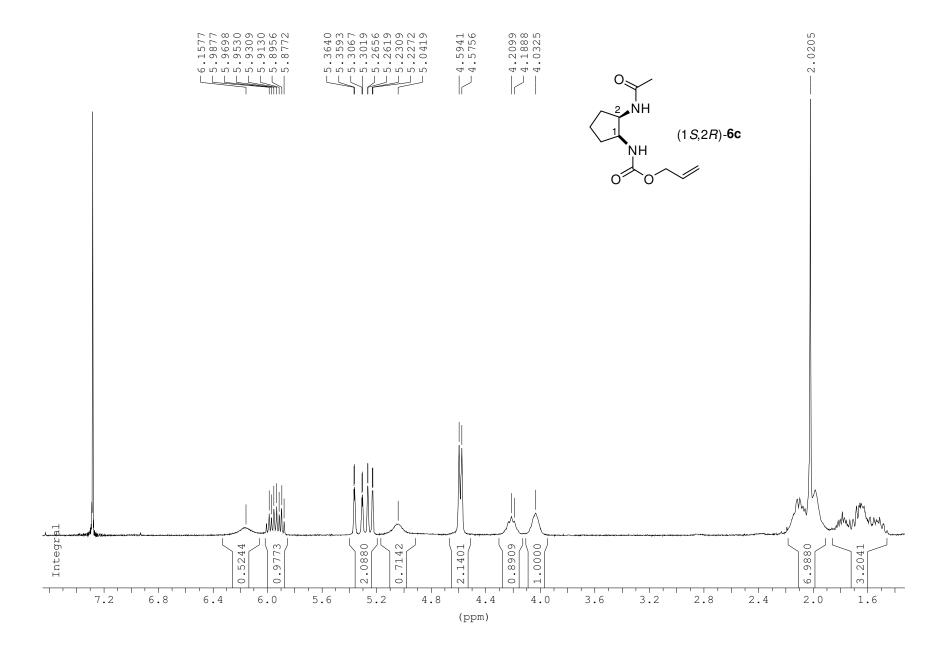


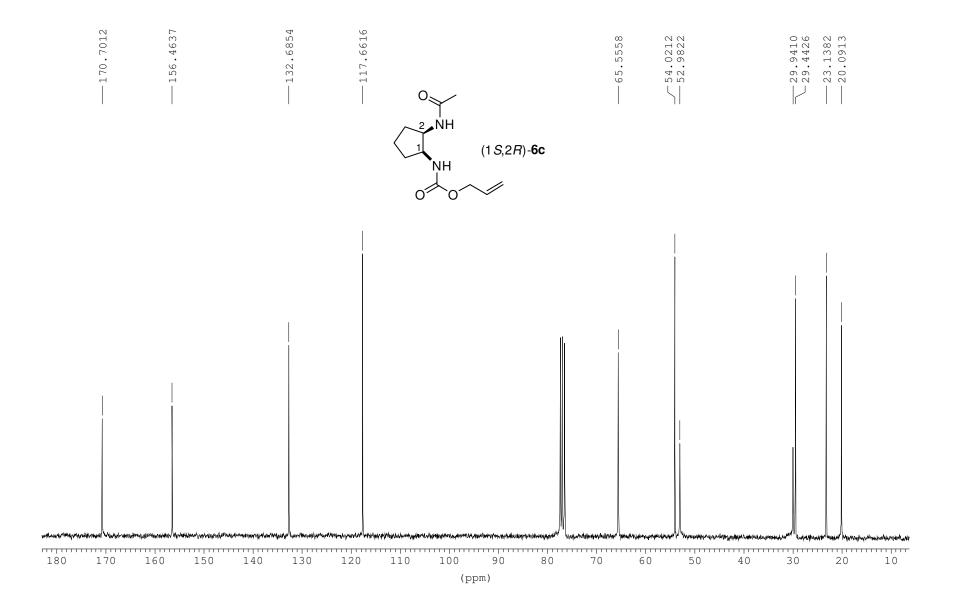


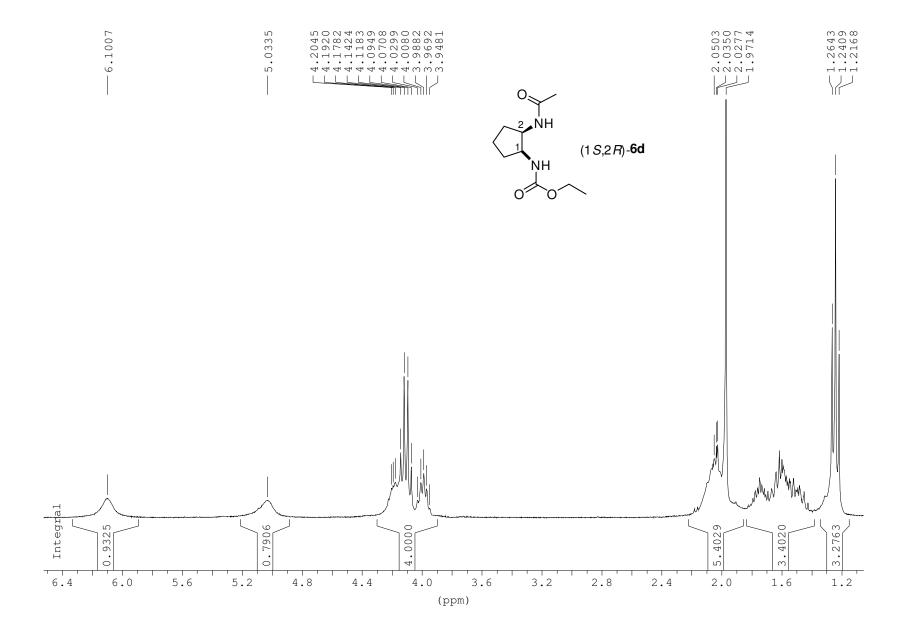


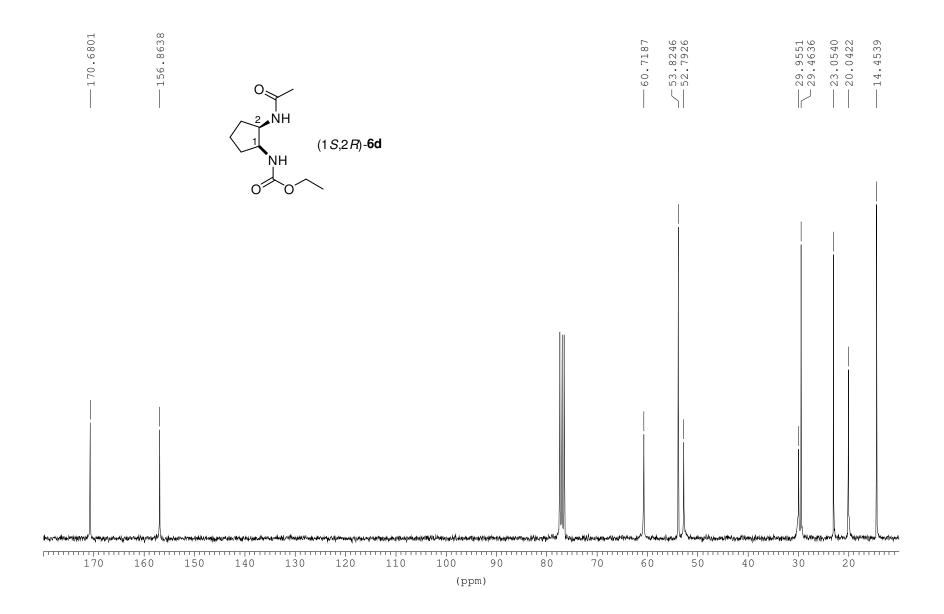


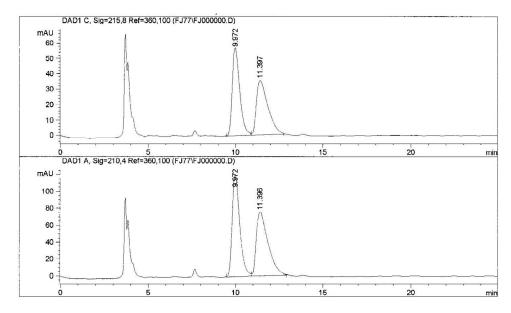




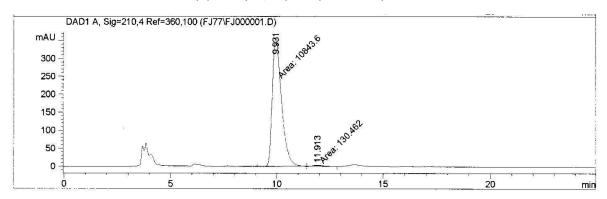




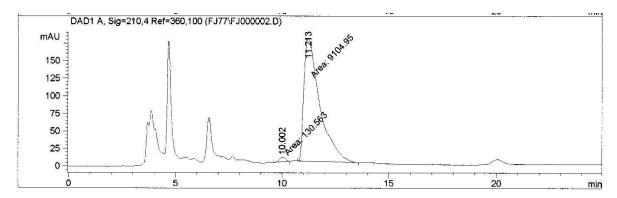




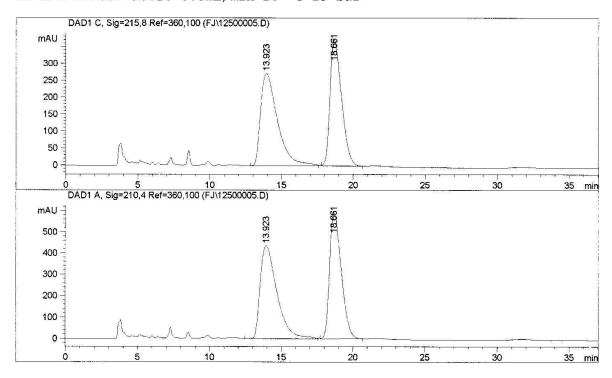
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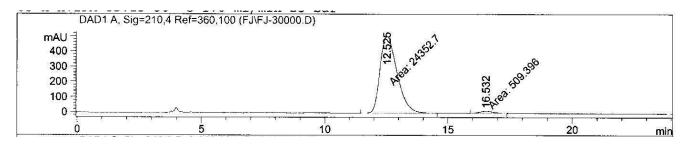
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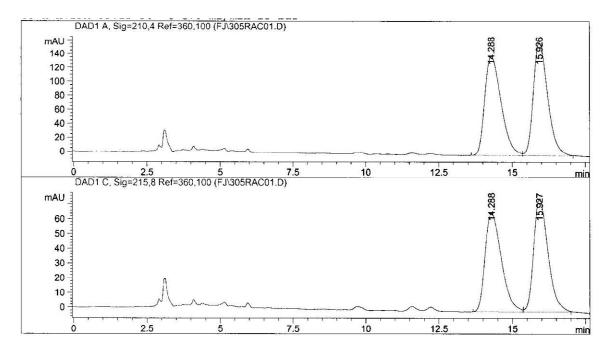
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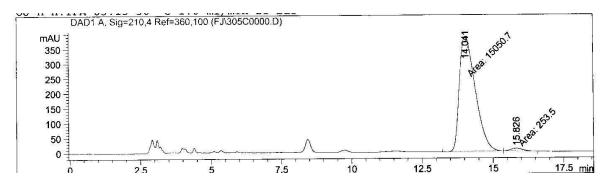
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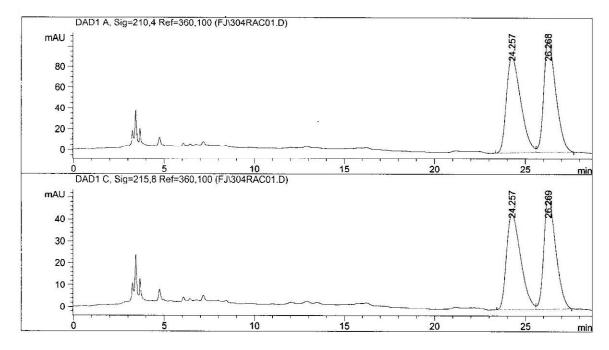


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Product isolated in the DKR of  $(\pm)$ -5c: (1S,2R)-6c (ee = 97%).





Product isolated in the DKR of  $(\pm)$ -5d: (1S,2R)-6d (ee = 95%).

