

Supporting Information for:

β -C(sp³)-H Arylation of α -Hydroxy Acid Derivatives Utilizing Amino Acid as a Directing Group

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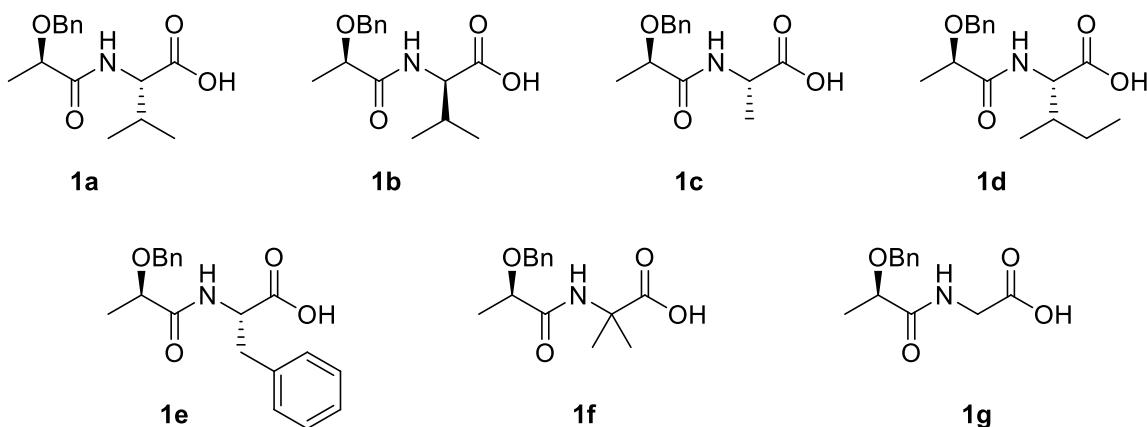
General Information

Solvents were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa-Aesar and Acros and used directly without further purification. Amino acids and derivatives were obtained from commercial sources. EDCI (*N*-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-*N'*-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride), silver acetate, HFIP (hexafluoro-2-propanol) and aryl iodides were commercially available and used without any purification. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on 0.25 mm silica gel 60-F254. ¹H spectra were recorded on Bruker AMX-400 instrument (400 MHz), and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-600 instrument (150 MHz) and were fully decoupled by broadband proton decoupling. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm referenced to tetramethylsilane. The following abbreviations (or combinations thereof) were used to describe multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. Coupling constants, *J*, were reported in Hertz unit (Hz). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Agilent Mass spectrometer using ESI-TOF (electrospray ionization-time of flight). HPLC profiles were obtained on a Hitachi LaChrom Elite HPLC system using commercially available chiral columns.

Experimental Procedures and Characterization of Compounds

General Procedure for the Preparation of Substrates

To a solution of *O*-benzyl-lactic acid (1.0 equiv), amino acid ester hydrochloride (1.4 equiv), 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate (1.05 equiv) and 4-methylmorpholine (1.8 equiv) in DMF (0.3 M) was added 1-ethyl-3-[3-(dimethylamino)- propyl]carbodiimide hydrochloride (1.2 equiv) at 0 °C. After 1 h at 0 °C and 3 h at room temperature, the mixture was partitioned between EtOAc and H₂O. The EtOAc extract was washed successively with H₂O, 0.5 N HCl, H₂O, saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and brine and then dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give the corresponding esters as oil. To a solution of the intermediate ester in methanol (4 mL/mmol), lithium hydroxide monohydrate (4.0 equiv) was added. After 4 h at room temperature, methanol was removed under reduced pressure. H₂O was added to the crude residue and was subsequently neutralized by the addition of 0.5 N HCl. The aqueous solution was then extracted three times with EtOAc, and the combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product which was recrystallized from EtOAc/hexane to give the desired substrates (**1a-1g**).



N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)propionyl]-L-valine (**1a**)

White solid. ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.34-2.24 (m, 1H), 1.44 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.9, 173.9, 137.2, 128.6, 128.1, 127.6, 75.9, 72.0, 56.7, 30.6, 19.2, 18.4, 17.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₁₅H₂₂NO₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 280.1543, found 280.1558.

N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)propionyl]-D-valine (**1b**)

Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.35-2.24 (m, 1H), 1.44 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.4, 174.1, 137.1, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 76.2, 72.3, 56.4, 30.9, 19.1, 19.1, 17.5;

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for $C_{15}H_{22}NO_4^+ ([M+H]^+)$ 280.1543, found 280.1537.

N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)propionyl]-L-alanine (**1c**)

White solid. 1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.59-4.51 (m, 2H), 4.02 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.44 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.8, 173.9, 137.1, 128.7, 128.2, 127.9, 75.8, 72.1, 47.7, 18.4, 17.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for $C_{13}H_{18}NO_4^+ ([M+H]^+)$ 252.1230, found 252.1244.

N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)propionyl]-L-isoleucine (**1d**)

White solid. 1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.60-4.54 (m, 2H), 4.02 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.04-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.43 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.22-1.10 (m, 1H), 0.98-0.90 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.3, 173.7, 137.2, 128.6, 128.1, 127.7, 75.9, 72.0, 56.1, 37.3, 25.0, 18.4, 15.7, 11.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for $C_{16}H_{24}NO_4^+ ([M+H]^+)$ 294.1700, found 294.1702.

N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)propionyl]-L-phenylalanine (**1e**)

White solid. 1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.12 (m, 4H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dt, J = 7.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd, J = 14.2, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 14.2, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.4, 174.1, 137.0, 135.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.6, 127.3, 75.6, 71.7, 52.7, 37.0, 18.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for $C_{19}H_{22}NO_4^+ ([M+H]^+)$ 328.1543, found 328.1551.

(*R*)-2-[2-(benzyloxy)propanamido]-2-methylpropanoic acid (**1f**)

White solid. 1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 6H), 1.43 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.6, 174.4, 137.1, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 76.1, 72.3, 56.6, 25.0, 24.8, 18.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for $C_{14}H_{20}NO_4^+ ([M+H]^+)$ 266.1387, found 266.1393.

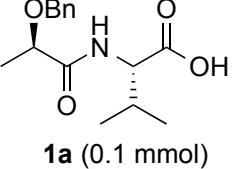
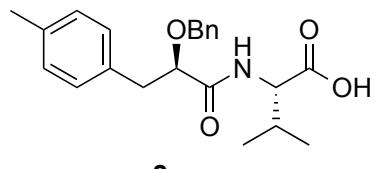
N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)propionyl]-glycine (**1g**)

Pale brown oil. 1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.21 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 4.15 (dd, J = 18.3, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.10-3.97 (m, 2H), 1.44 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.4, 173.0, 137.1, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 75.8, 72.1, 40.8, 18.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for $C_{12}H_{16}NO_4^+ ([M+H]^+)$ 238.1074, found 238.1084.

General Procedure for the Optimization of the Amino Acid Auxiliary and the Reaction Conditions for the Pd-Catalyzed C–H Arylation of the *O*-benzyl-lactic acid with Amino Acid derivatives

A mixture of **1** (0.1 mmol) and designated amounts of 4-iodotoluene, $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$, AgOAc , KF in HFIP (1.0 mL) in a sealed vial was stirred at 100°C for 24 h. After cooling down to room temperature, EtOAc (1.5 mL) and acetic acid (0.3 mL) were added and the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of Celite®. The Celite® was washed thoroughly with EtOAc (4×1.5 mL), and the filtrate was concentrated to dryness.

Table S1. Optimization of solvent

 1a (0.1 mmol)	4-Me-C ₆ H ₄ -I (2 equiv) $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (10 mol %) AgOAc (2 equiv) KF (3 equiv) Solvent, 100 °C, 24 h	 2a
entry	solvent	yield (%) ^a
1	Hexane	18
2	Toluene	13
3	PhCF ₃	15
4	1,2-Dichloroethane	16
5	1,4-Dioxane	17
6	MeCN	38
7	DMF	71
entry	solvent	yield (%) ^a
8	<i>i</i> -PrOH	2
9	<i>t</i> -BuOH	44
10	<i>t</i> -AmylOH	31
11	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	64
12	CF ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ OH	17
13	CF ₃ CH(CH ₃)OH	43
14	HFIP	79

^a The yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude products using CH_2Br_2 as an internal standard.

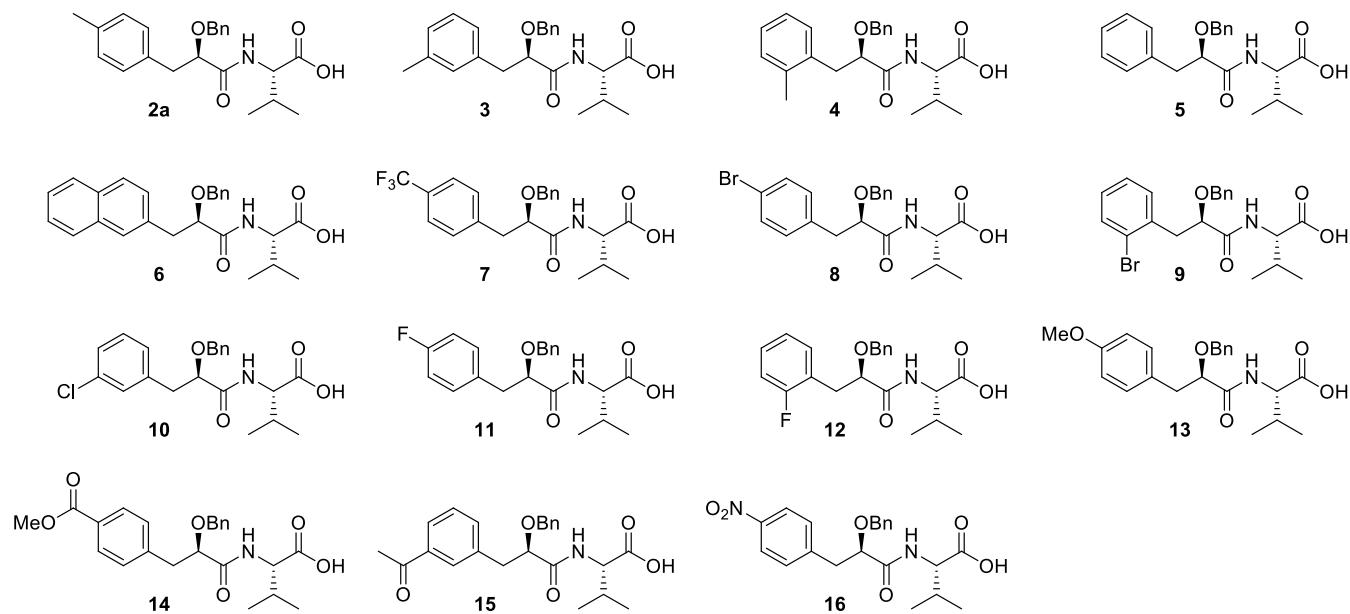
Table S2. Optimization of Pd/Ag/Base

entry	[Pd]	[Ag]	[base]	yield (%) ^a
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	KF	79
2	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	KF ^b	71
3	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	KOAc	48
4	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	KHCO ₃	70
5	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	K ₂ CO ₃	76
6	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	KH ₂ PO ₄	56
7	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	tBuOK	60
8	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	K ₂ HPO ₄	21
9	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	LiF	58
10	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	Li ₂ CO ₃	51
11	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	NaHCO ₃	51
12	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	Na ₂ HPO ₄	12
13	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	CsF	75
14	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	CsOAc	60
15	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	(None)	59
16	Pd(OAc) ₂ ^c	AgOAc	KF	77
17	Pd(OCOCF ₃) ₂	AgOAc	KF	72
18	PdCl ₂	AgOAc	KF	58
19	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc ^d	KF	69
20	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc ^e	KF	69
21	Pd(OAc) ₂	Ag ₂ CO ₃	KF	68
22	Pd(OAc) ₂	Ag ₂ O	KF	31
23	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgF	KF	76
24	Pd(OAc) ₂	Ag ₃ PO ₄	KF	7
25	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOTf	KF	66
26	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	KF	0
27 ^f	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	KF	66
28 ^g	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	KF	76
29 ^h	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	KF	78
30 ^h	Pd(OAc)₂	AgOAc^e	KF	85
31 ^h	Pd(OAc) ₂ ^c	AgOAc ^e	KF	81

^a The yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude products using CH₂Br₂ as an internal standard. ^b 2 equiv ^c 5 mol %. ^d 1.5 equiv ^e 3 equiv ^f 16 h. ^g 120 °C. ^h 4-Me-C₆H₄I (3 equiv).

General Procedure for Pd(OAc)₂-Catalyzed C–H Arylation of *O*-Benzyl Acid Substrates Using Valine as a Directing Group

A mixture of substrate (55.9 mg, 0.2 mmol), aryl iodide (0.6 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol), AgOAc (100 mg, 0.6 mmol), KF (34.9 mg, 0.6 mmol) and HFIP (2.0 mL) in a sealed vial was stirred at 100°C for 24 h. After cooling down to room temperature, EtOAc (3 mL) and acetic acid (0.6 ml) were added and the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of Celite®. The Celite was washed thoroughly with EtOAc (4 × 1.5 mL). To the combined filtrate was added 2 N HCl (4.5 mL), the layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 1.5 mL). Combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography using mixture of hexane, EtOAc and AcOH as eluents (ratios of solvents were varied for different substrates, typically hexane:EtOAc:AcOH = 100:100:0.2 to 100:100:1).



N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(*p*-tolyl)propionyl]-L-valine (**2a**)

Light yellow oil, 57.9 mg (77% from 56.5 mg of substrate **1a**)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.11 (m, 4H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.24 (qd, *J* = 11.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.4, 172.7, 136.9, 136.1, 134.1, 129.5, 129.0, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 81.0, 73.2, 56.8, 38.8, 30.5, 21.1, 19.2, 17.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₂₂H₂₈NO₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 370.2013, found 370.2016.

N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(*m*-tolyl)propionyl]-L-valine (**3**)

Light yellow oil, 59.6 mg (80% from 56.0 mg of substrate **1a**)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.09-6.99 (m, 4H), 4.52 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.29-2.20 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.0, 172.7, 137.8, 137.1, 136.8, 130.4, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.3, 126.6, 80.9, 73.2, 56.8, 39.2, 30.5, 21.3, 19.2, 17.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₂₂H₂₈NO₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 370.2013, found 370.2016.

N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(*o*-tolyl)propionyl]-L-valine (**4**)

Light yellow oil 9.4 mg (13% from 56.1 mg of substrate **1a**)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.26-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.16-7.05 (m, 5H), 4.53 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.30-2.22 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.1, 172.9, 136.8, 136.7, 135.8, 130.5, 130.3, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 126.8, 125.8, 80.5, 73.5, 56.8, 36.9, 30.6, 19.6, 19.2, 17.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₂₂H₂₈NO₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 370.2013, found 370.2013.

N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-phenylpropionyl]-L-valine (**5**)

Light yellow oil 48.7 mg (68% from 55.9 mg of substrate **1a**)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.29-2.19 (m, 1H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.9, 172.5, 137.2, 136.8, 129.6, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 126.6, 80.9, 73.2, 56.8, 39.3, 30.6, 19.2, 17.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₂₁H₂₆NO₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 356.1856, found 356.1857.

N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)propionyl]-L-valine (**6**)

Light brown oil 39.4 mg (48% from 56.1 mg of substrate **1a**)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.29-2.19 (m, 1H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.7, 172.5, 136.7, 134.8, 133.5, 132.3, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.6, 125.9, 125.4, 80.9, 73.3, 56.7, 39.5, 30.6, 19.2, 17.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₂₅H₂₈NO₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 406.2013, found 406.2016.

N-{(R)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]propionyl}-L-valine (**7**)

Light yellow oil 57.1 mg (y. 67% from 56.1 mg of substrate **1a**)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.56-4.47 (m, 2H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.31-2.20 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.9, 172.0, 141.3, 136.4, 130.0, 128.9 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 125.1 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 124.3 (d, *J* = 271.8 Hz), 80.2, 73.2, 56.6, 38.9, 30.7, 19.2, 17.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₂₂H₂₅F₃NO₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 424.1730, found 424.1739.

N-[(R)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(4-bromophenyl)propionyl]-L-valine (**8**)

Light yellow oil 63.6 mg (y. 73% from 55.9 mg of substrate **1a**)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.56-4.45 (m, 2H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.0, 172.2, 136.5, 136.1, 131.4, 131.3, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 120.6, 80.5, 73.2, 56.7, 38.5, 30.7, 19.2, 17.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅BrNO₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 434.0961, found 434.0966.

N-[(R)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(2-bromophenyl)propionyl]-L-valine (**9**)

Light orange oil 27.7 mg (y. 32% from 55.9 mg of substrate **1a**)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.53 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.05 (m, 4H), 4.56 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.34-2.21 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.9, 172.3, 136.7, 136.7, 132.8, 132.3, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.2, 124.8, 79.0, 73.5, 56.7, 39.7, 30.6, 19.2, 17.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅BrNO₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 434.0961, found 434.0970.

N-[(R)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(3-chlorophenyl)propionyl]-L-valine (**10**)

Light yellow oil 58.9 mg (y. 75% from 56.0 mg of substrate **1a**)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.22-7.14 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.56-4.48 (m, 2H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.8, 172.1, 139.2, 136.5, 134.0, 129.8, 129.5, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 126.8, 80.4, 73.3, 56.7, 38.8, 30.6, 19.2, 17.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅ClNO₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 390.1467, found 390.1474.

N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)propionyl]-L-valine (**11**)

Light yellow oil 56.3 mg (y. 75% from 56.0 mg of substrate **1a**)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.14 (m, 4H), 7.01-6.90 (m, 3H), 4.53-4.45 (m, 2H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.7, 172.3, 161.8 (d, *J* = 244.3 Hz), 136.7, 132.7 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 131.1 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 115.0 (d, *J* = 20.9 Hz), 80.7, 73.2, 56.7, 38.3, 30.6, 19.2, 17.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅FNO₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 374.1762, found 374.1771.

N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(2-fluorophenyl)propionyl]-L-valine (**12**)

Light yellow oil 47.3 mg (y. 63% from 56.0 mg of substrate **1a**)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.10 (m, 4H), 7.10-6.95 (m, 3H), 4.52 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.30-2.22 (m, 1H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.9, 172.3, 161.4 (d, *J* = 246.5 Hz), 136.7, 132.0 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 128.5, 128.5 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 128.1, 127.8, 124.1 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz), 123.9 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 115.2 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 79.5, 73.1, 56.7, 32.3, 30.6, 19.2, 17.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅FNO₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 374.1762, found 374.1771.

N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propionyl]-L-valine (**13**)

Light yellow oil 45.9 mg (y. 60% from 55.9 mg of substrate **1a**)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 4H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.29-2.19 (m, 1H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.6, 172.6, 158.4, 136.9, 130.6, 129.2, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 113.7, 81.1, 73.2, 56.8, 55.2, 38.4, 30.6, 19.2, 17.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₂₂H₂₈NO₅⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 386.1962, found 386.1959.

N-{(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-[4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl]propionyl}-L-valine (**14**)

Light brown oil 56.1 mg (y. 68% from 55.9 mg of substrate **1a**)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.97-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.30-2.19 (m, 1H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.8, 172.1, 167.3, 142.7, 136.5, 129.7, 129.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 80.4, 73.3, 56.7, 52.1, 39.2, 30.7, 19.2, 17.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₂₃H₂₈NO₆⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 414.1911, found 414.1911.

N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(3-acetylphenyl)propionyl]-L-valine (**15**)

Light yellow oil 40.7 mg (y. 51% from 56.1 mg of substrate **1a**)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.44 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.28-2.18 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.7, 174.6, 172.1, 137.6, 137.1, 136.5, 134.6, 129.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 126.6, 80.4, 73.2, 56.7, 38.9, 30.7, 26.7, 19.2, 17.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₂₃H₂₈NO₅⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 398.1962, found 398.1966.

N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)propionyl]-L-valine (**16**)

Light yellow oil 30.9 mg (y. 39% from 55.9 mg of substrate **1a**)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.12-8.06 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.31-2.17 (m, 1H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.2, 171.5, 146.9, 144.7, 136.3, 130.7, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 123.3, 79.6, 73.2, 56.5, 38.5, 30.6, 19.2, 17.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅N₂O₆⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 401.1707, found 401.1715.

Gram-scale Synthesis of **2a**

A mixture of **1a** (1.12 g, 4.0 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (2.62 g, 12.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (89.6 mg, 0.41 mmol), AgOAc (2.01 g, 12.0 mmol), KF (712.6 mg, 12.3 mmol) and HFIP (40 mL) in a sealed vial was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h. After cooling down to room temperature, EtOAc (40 mL) and acetic acid (12 ml) were added and the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of Celite®. The Celite was washed thoroughly with EtOAc (4 × 30 mL). To the combined filtrate was added 2 N HCl (60 mL), the layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL). Combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc:AcOH = 100:100:0.2 to 100:100:0.8) to give **2a** as an off-white solid (1.04 g, 70%).

Removal of Amino Acid Auxiliary from **2a**

Methyl (*S*)-2-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(*p*-tolyl)propanamido]-3-methylbutanoate (**18**)

To a solution of **2a** (77.4 mg, 0.21 mmol) in toluene (0.75 mL) and MeOH (0.25 mL) was added dropwise a solution of 2 M TMSCHN₂ in hexane (300 μL, 0.6 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h. Silica gel (ca. 500 mg) was added to quench the reaction, and the mixture was filtered through a cotton plug and the silica gel was washed with EtOAc:MeOH=1:1 solution (10 mL). The eluent was

concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 4:1) to yield **18** as a yellow oil (78.2 mg, 97%)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 4H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.20-2.11 (m, 1H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.0, 171.8, 137.0, 136.0, 134.3, 129.5, 128.9, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 81.2, 73.2, 56.6, 52.1, 39.0, 31.1, 21.1, 19.1, 17.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₂₃H₃₀NO₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 384.2169, found 384.2183.

(R)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(*p*-tolyl)propanoic acid (**19**)

To a solution of above **18** (78.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) in AcOH:Ac₂O (1:2 v/v) solution (2.0 mL) was added NaNO₂ (281.0 mg, 4.1 mmol) portionwise at 0°C. After 1 h of stirring, additional AcOH:Ac₂O (1:2 v/v) solution (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred for another 2 h at 0 °C, then gradually allowed to warm to rt overnight. Most the volatiles were then removed under reduced pressure, and to the residue was added saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and 2 N NaOH at 0 °C to adjust to pH 8. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 45 min. and at rt for 1 h. The mixture was acidified with 2 N HCl, extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc:AcOH = 100:100:1) to give **19** as a pale yellow oil (39.6 mg, 72% or 91% based on recovered **18**).

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 4H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.7, 136.5, 136.4, 133.2, 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 78.8, 73.0, 38.2, 21.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇O₃⁻ ([M-H]⁻) 269.1183, found 269.1173; HPLC CHIRALPAK AD-H (2% 2-PrOH + 0.2% TFA in hexane; 0.5 mL/min) t_r = 50.587 min (major), 46 min (minor): 99.7% ee.

(R)-2-hydroxy-3-(*p*-tolyl)propanoic acid (**17**)

To a solution of **2a** (37.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) was added conc. HCl (1.0 mL, ca. 12 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at 80°C for 24 h. Water (ca. 4.5 mL) was added, and the reaction was extracted with EtOAc (5 × 1.5 mL). Combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc:MeOH = 100:200:0 to 100:200:4.5) to yield **17** as an off-white solid (12.7 mg, y. 70%)

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.13 (s, 4H), 4.46 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.9, 136.8, 132.6, 129.4, 129.4, 71.1, 39.7, 21.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₁₀H₁₁O₃⁻ ([M-H]⁻) 179.0714, found 179.0718; HPLC CHIRALPAK AD-H (10% 2-PrOH + 0.2% TFA in hexane; 0.5 mL/min) t_r = 15.973 min (major), 20.593 min (minor): 98.8% ee.

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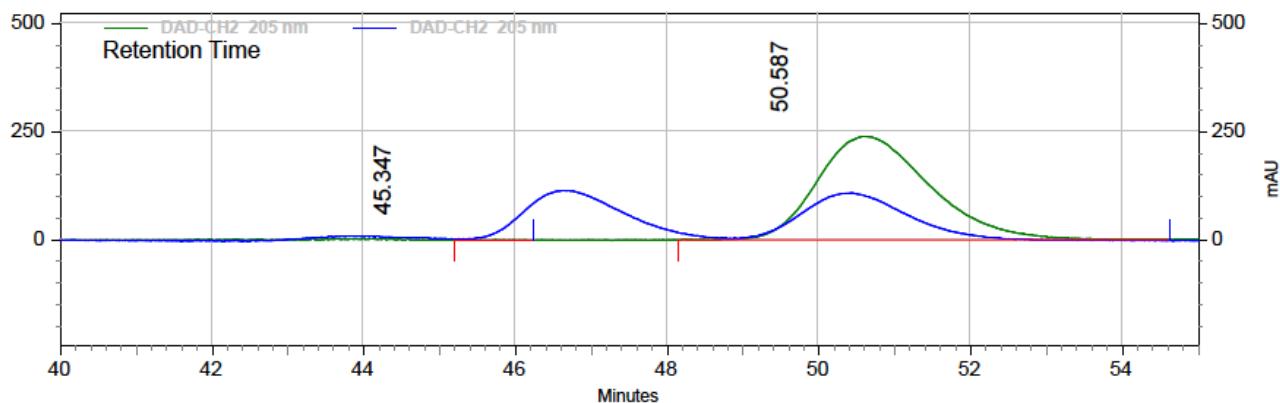
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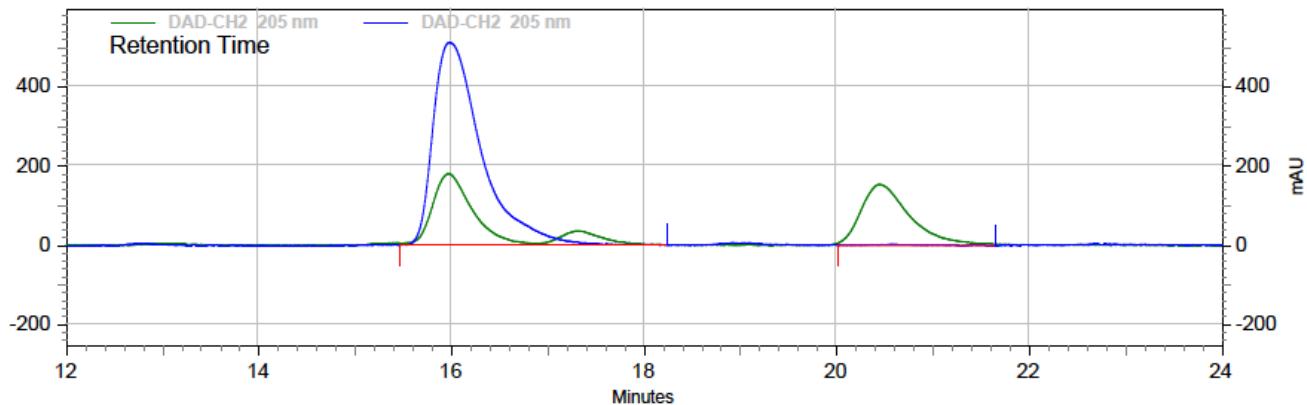
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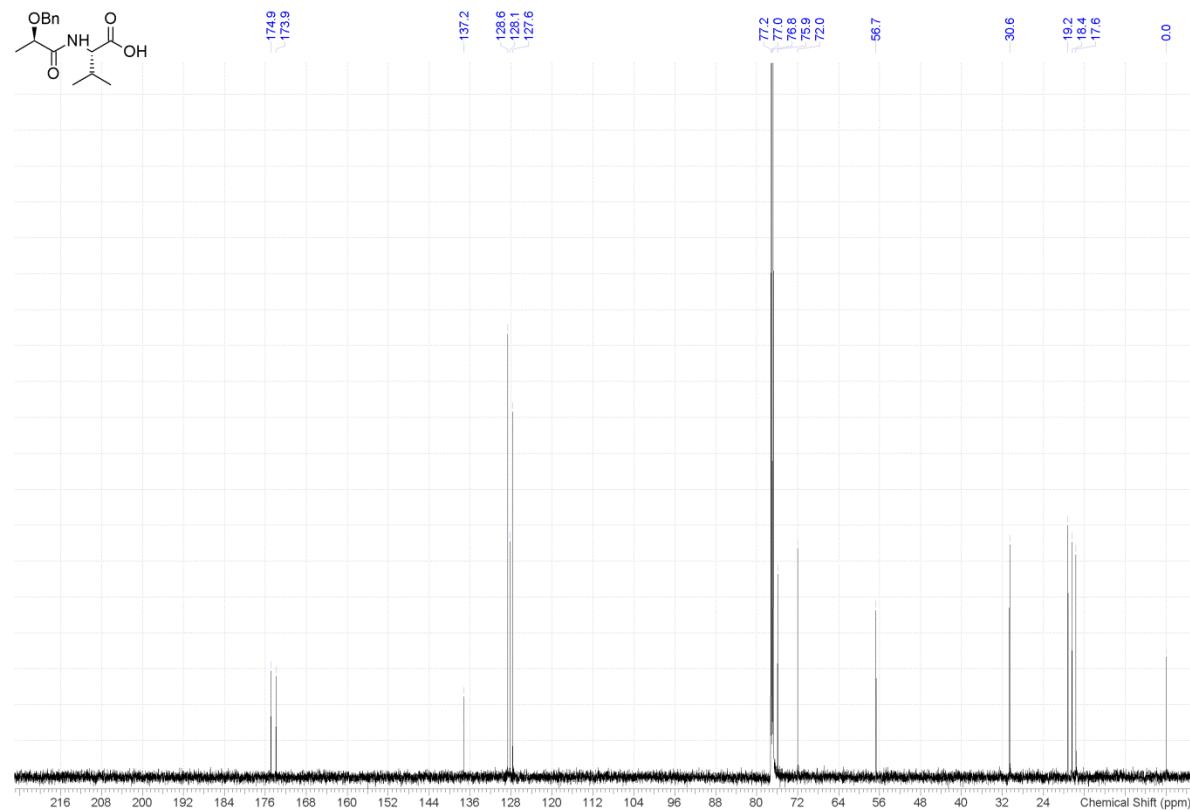
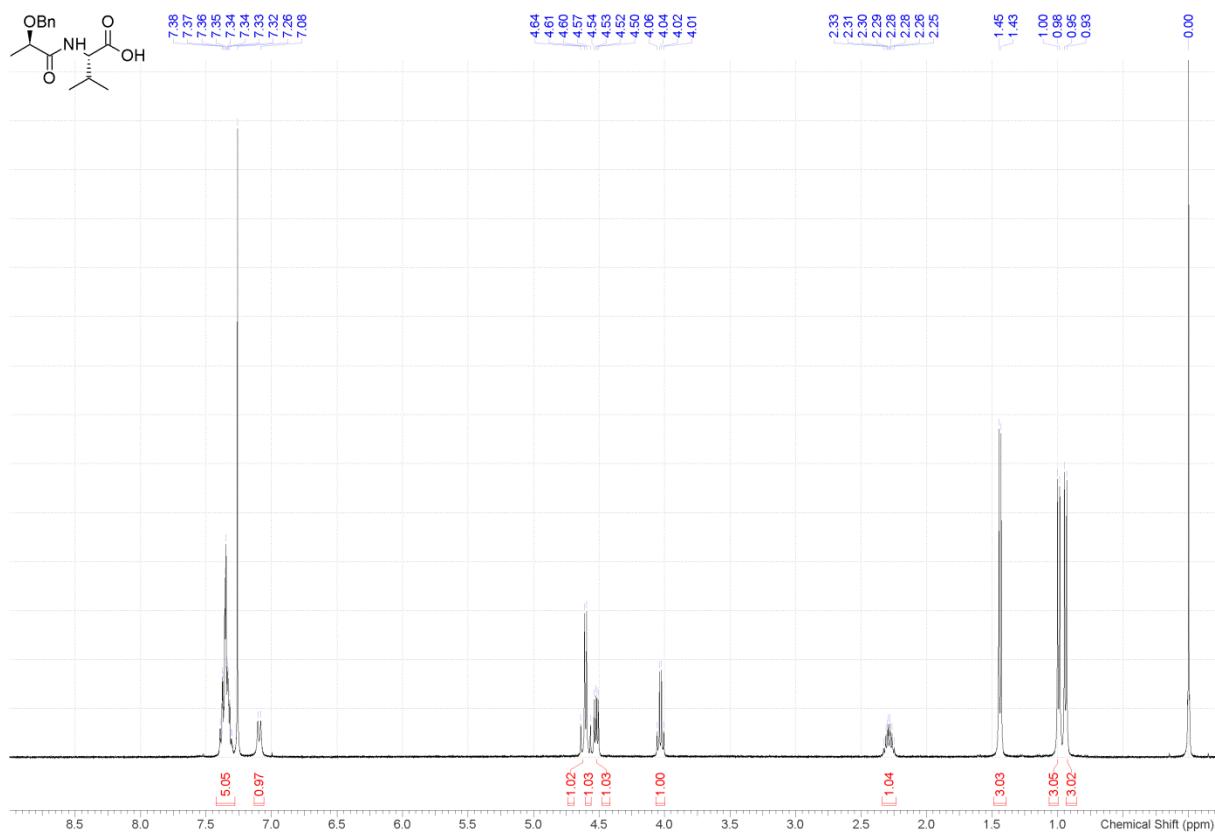
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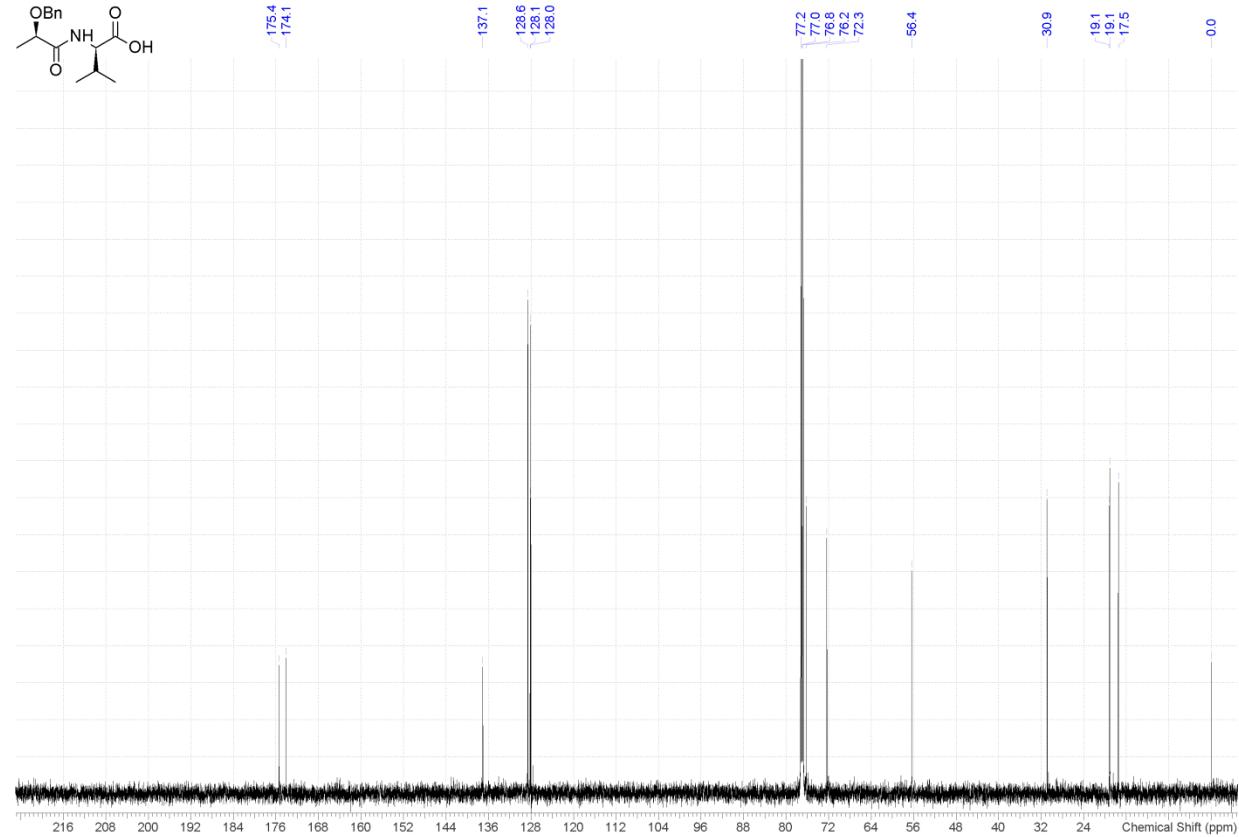
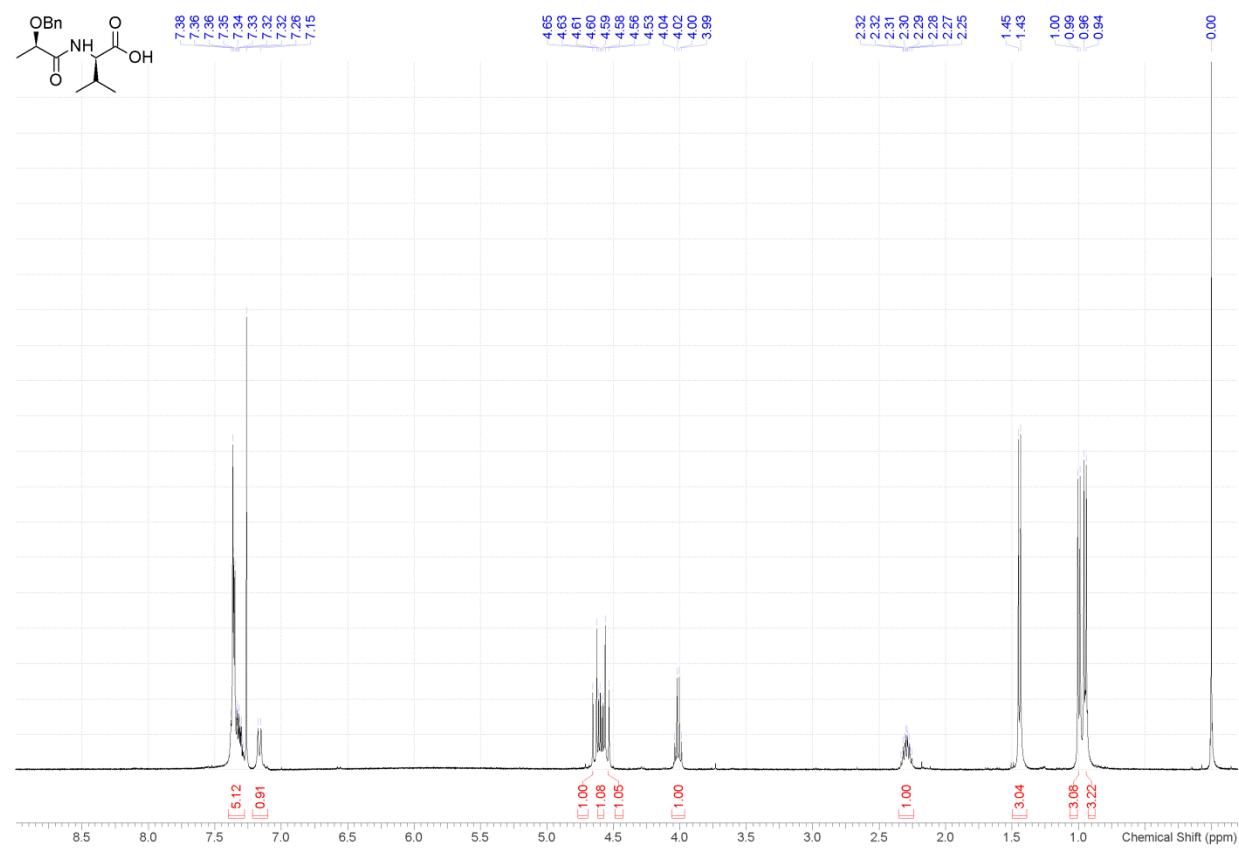
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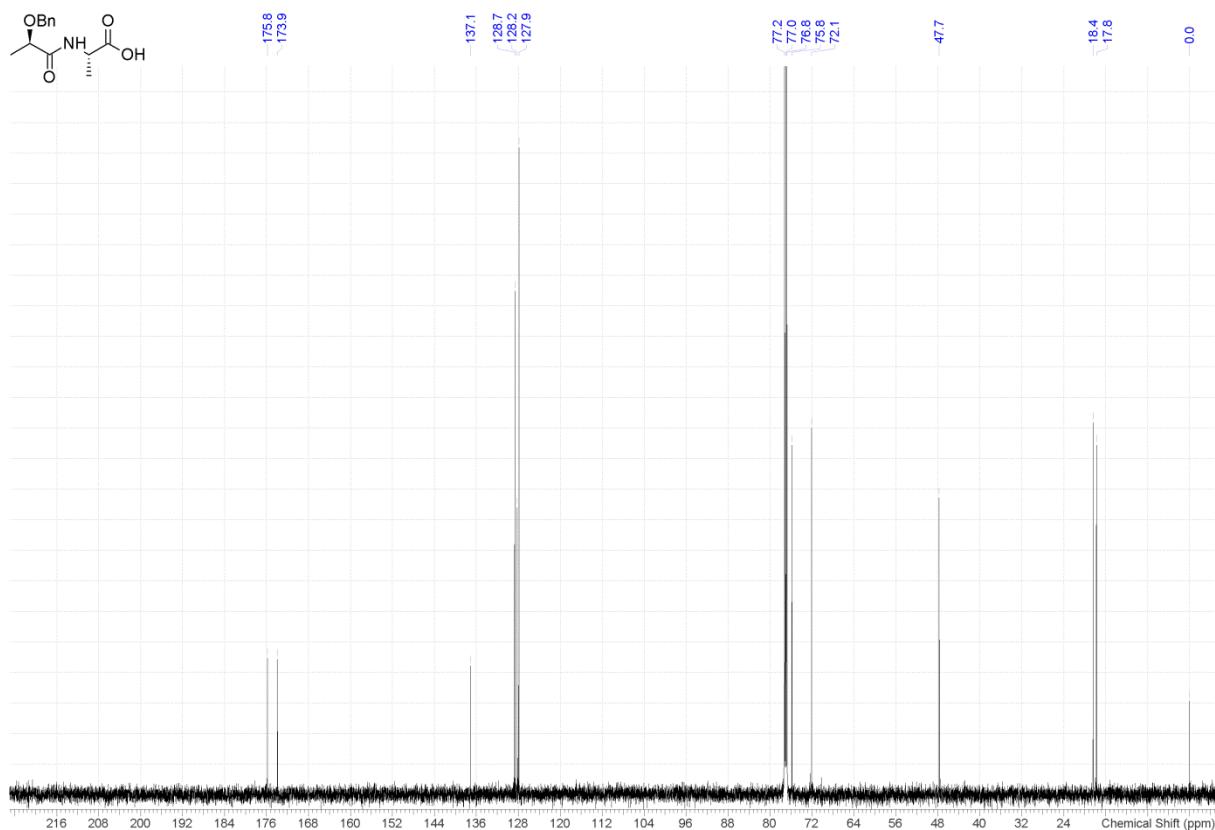
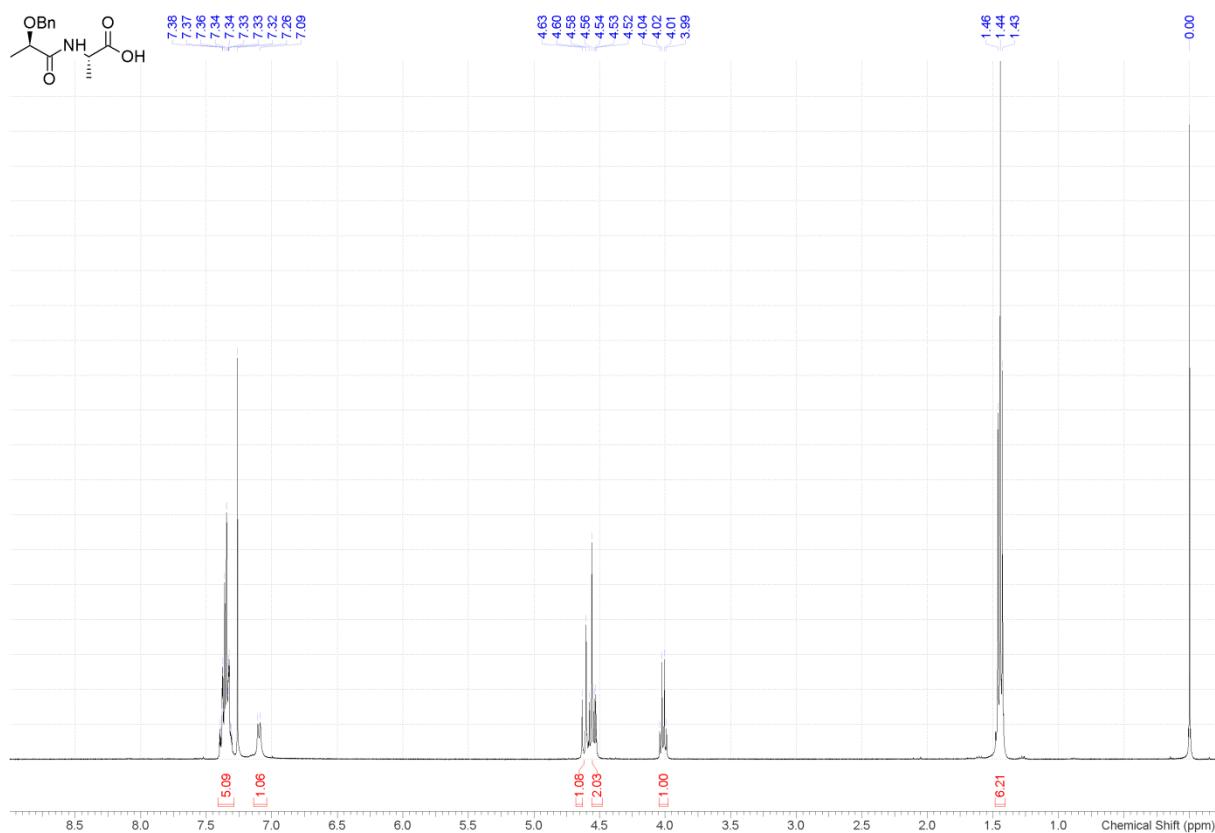
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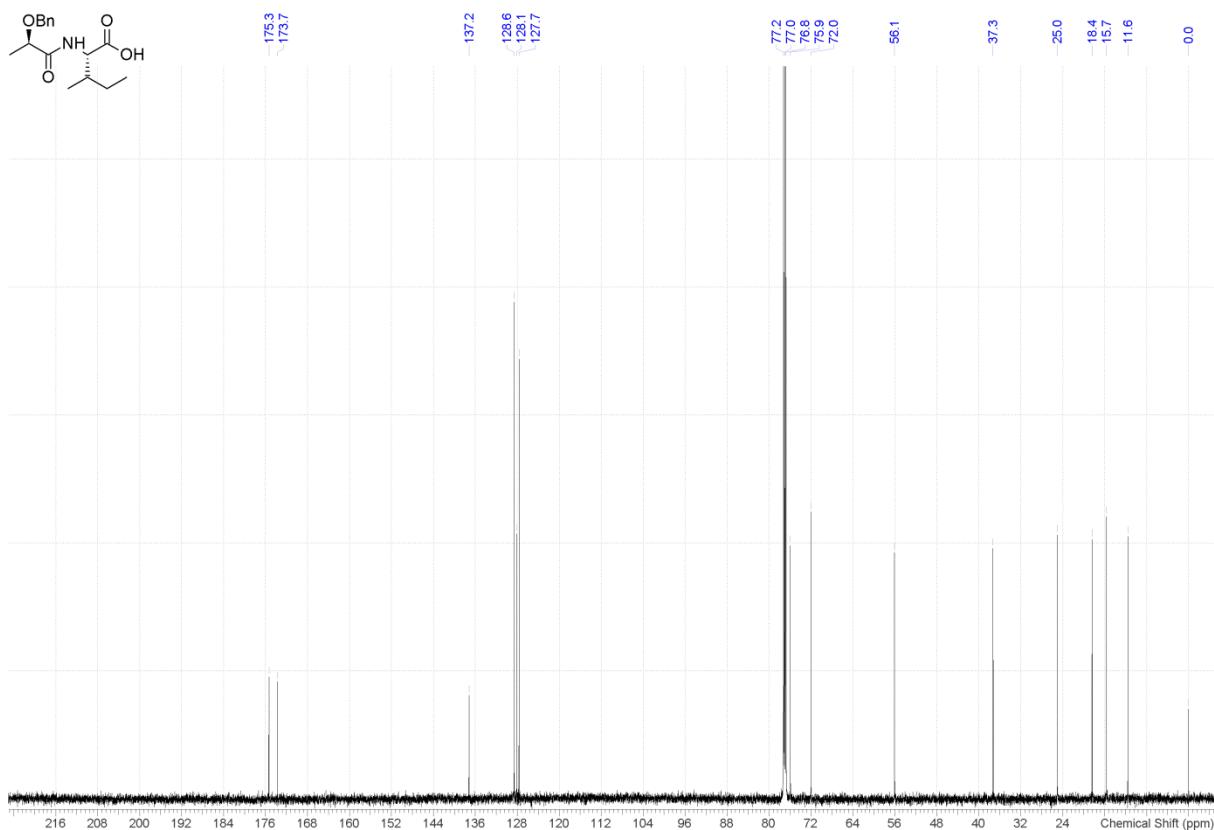
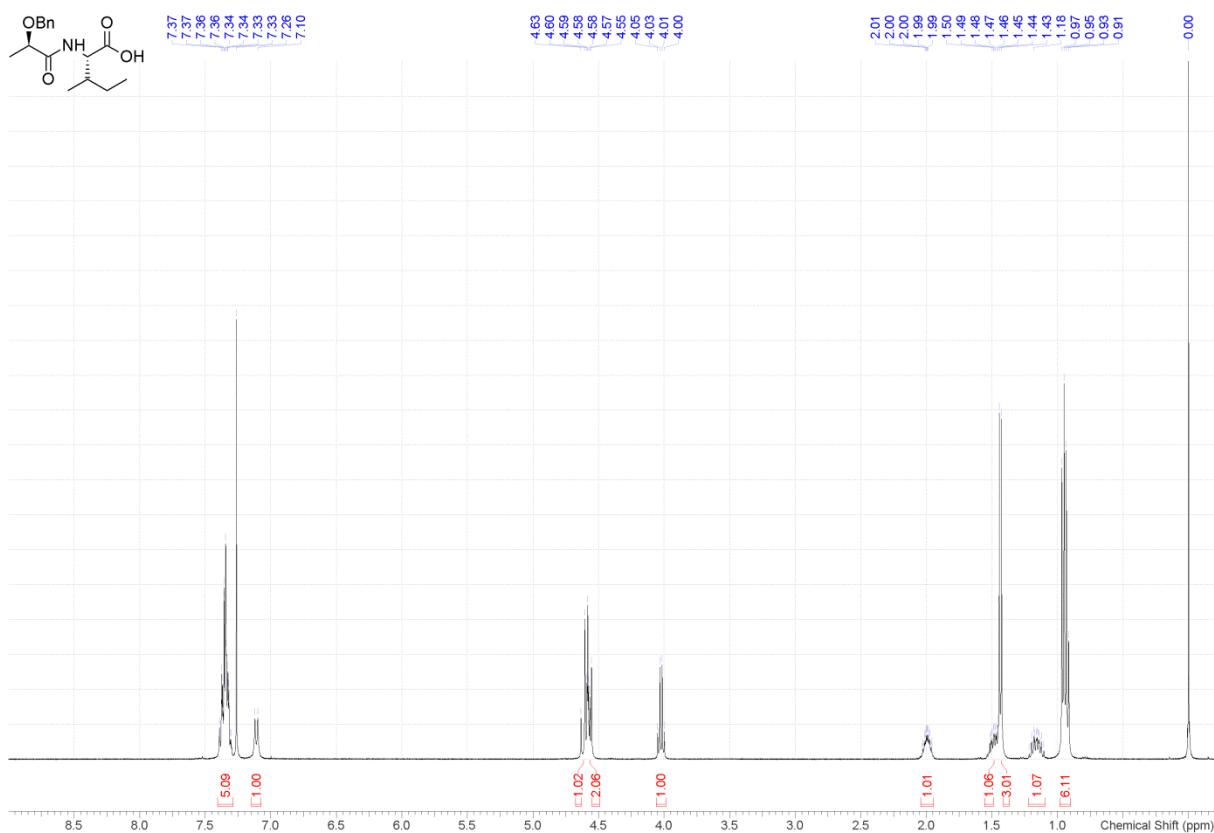
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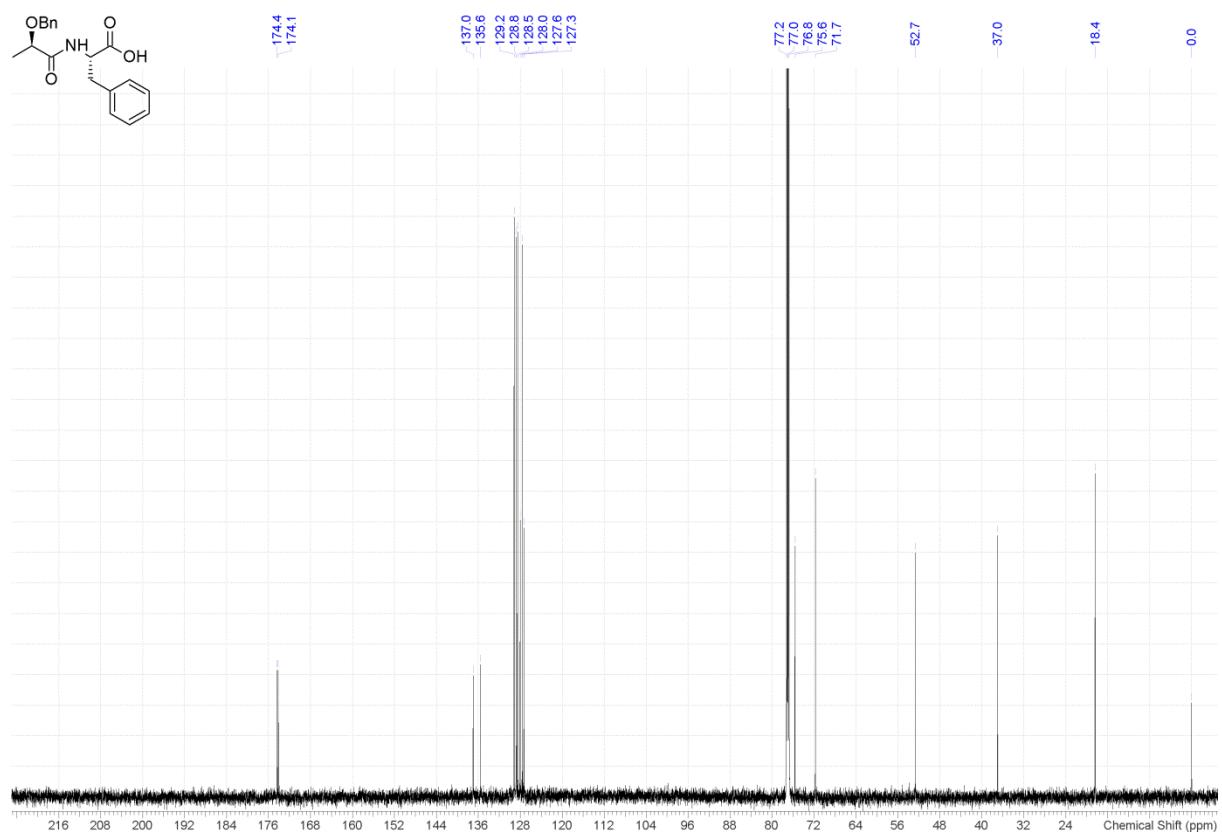
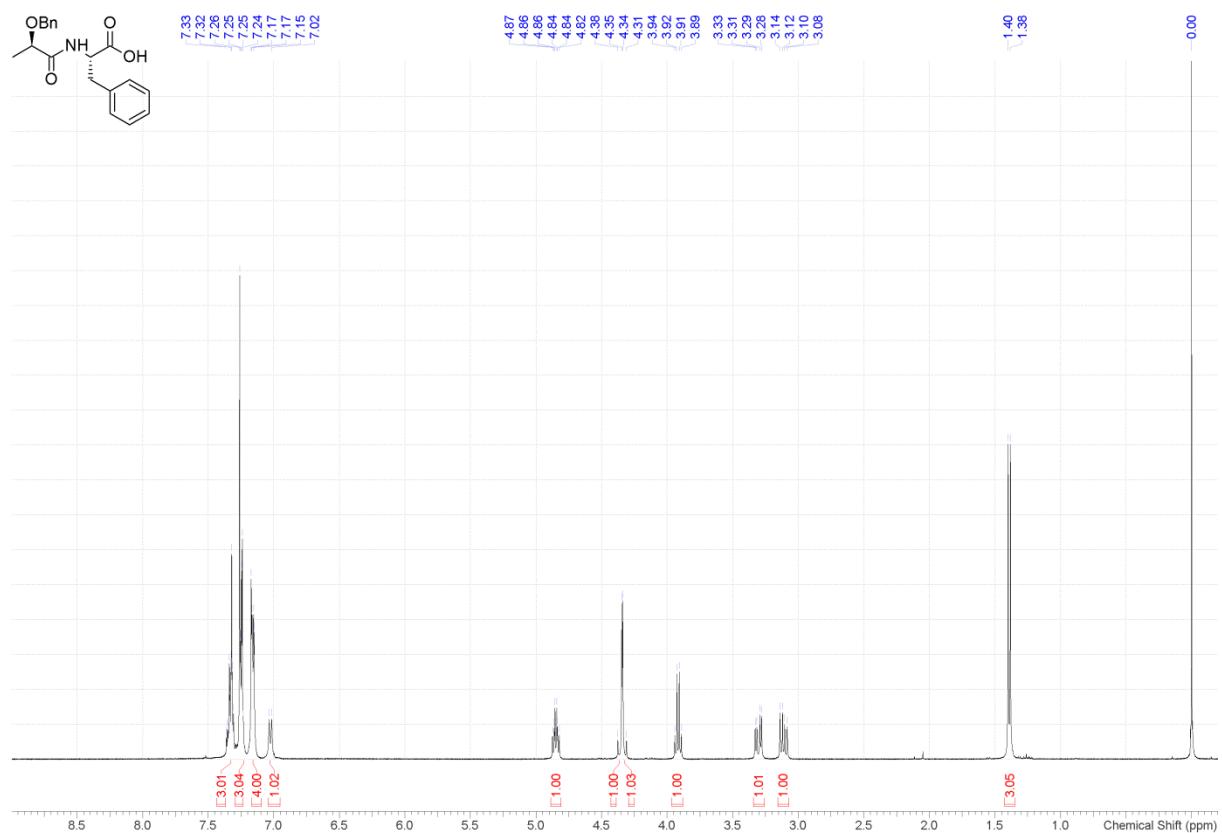
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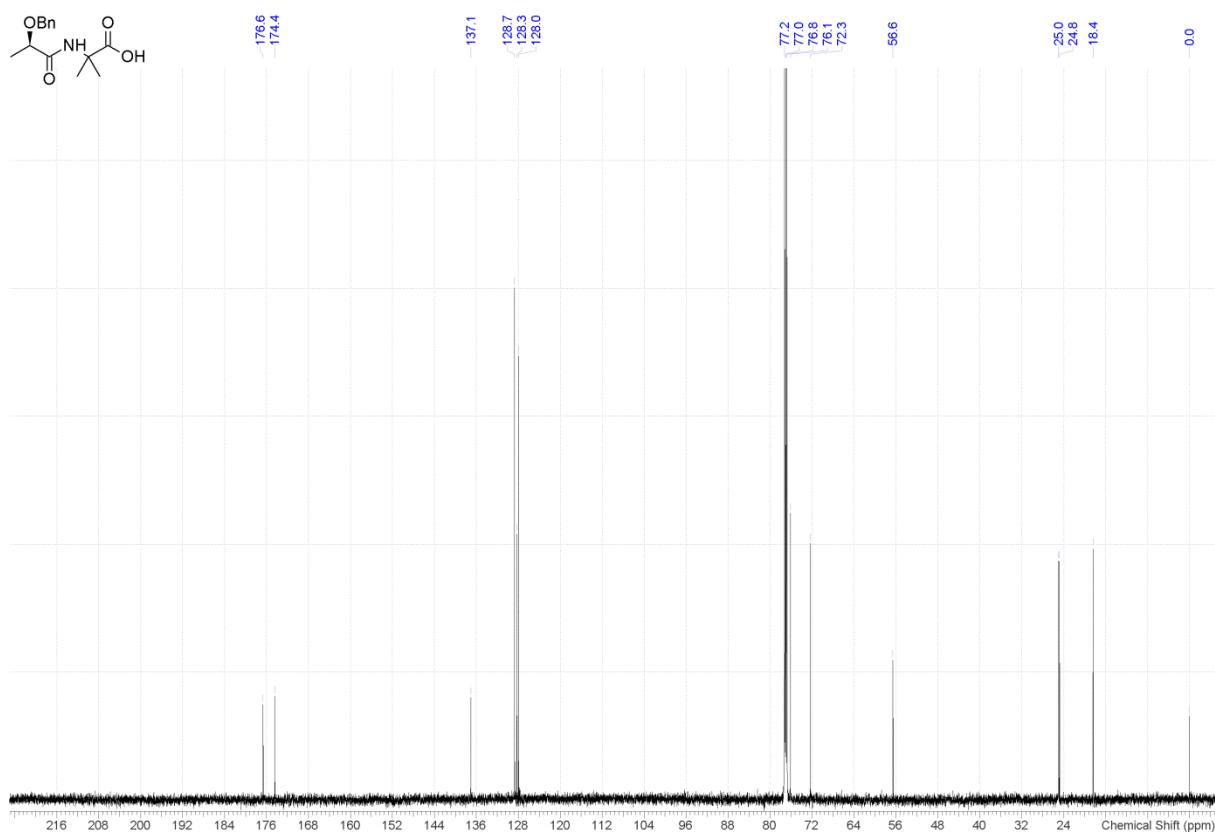
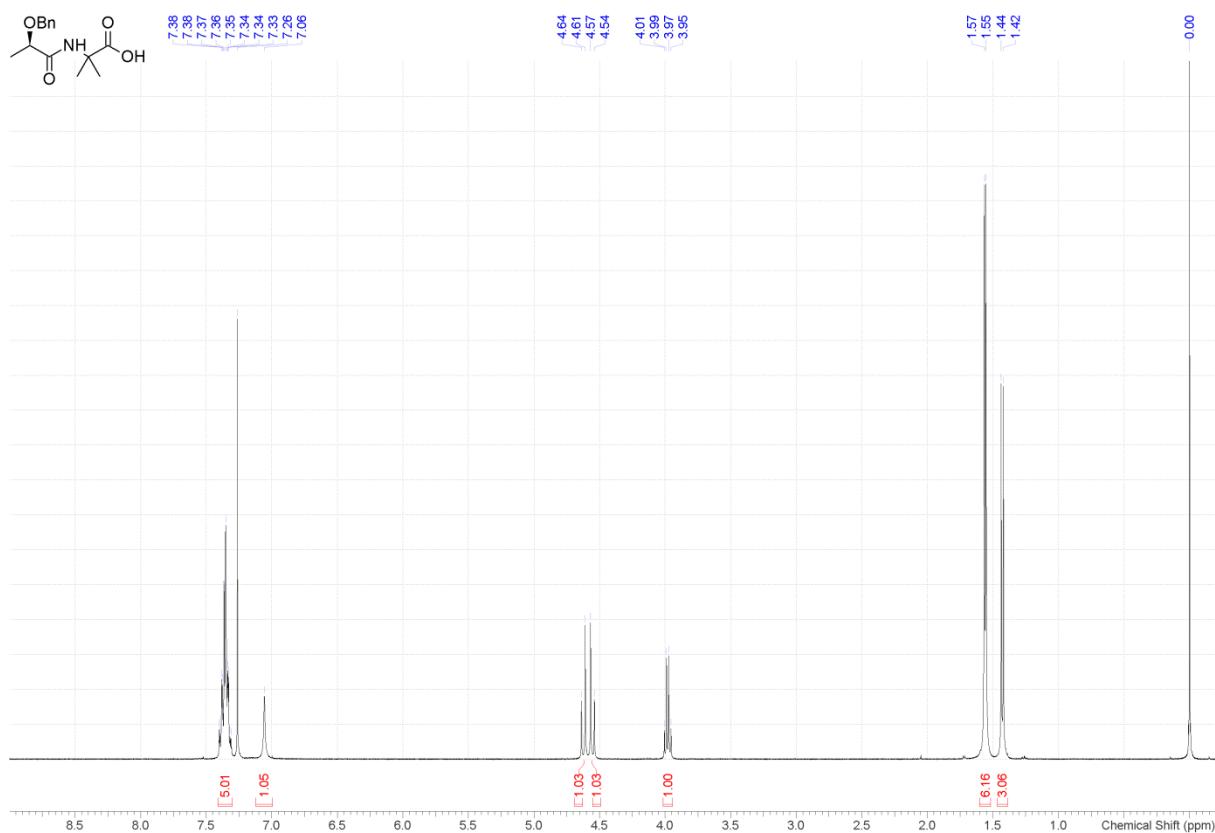
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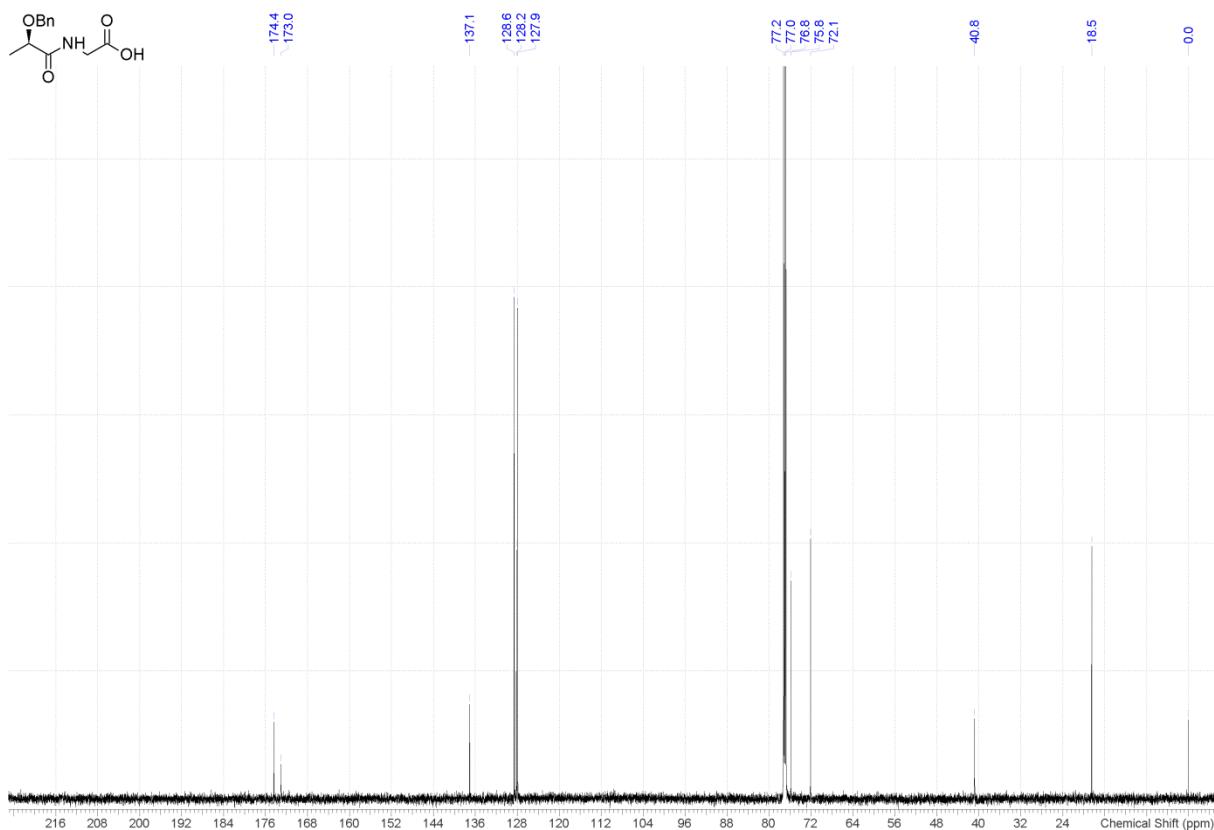
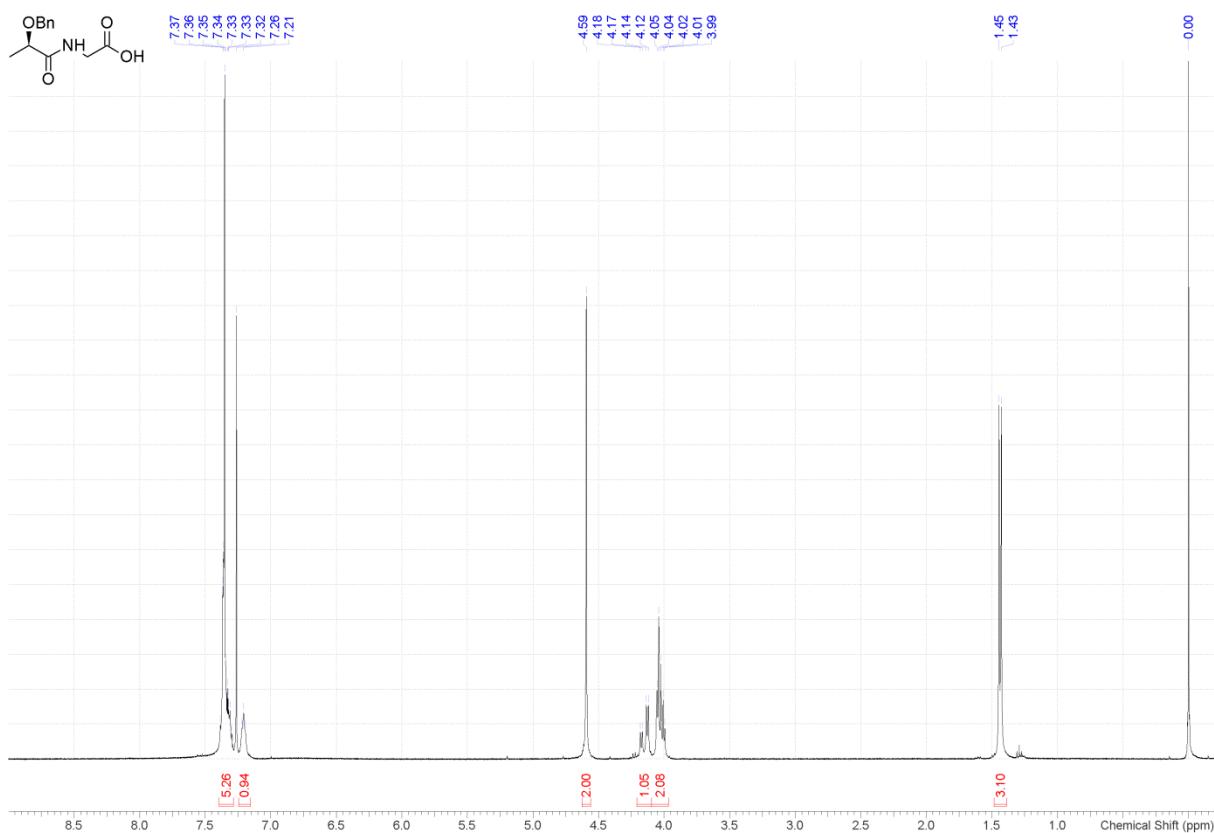
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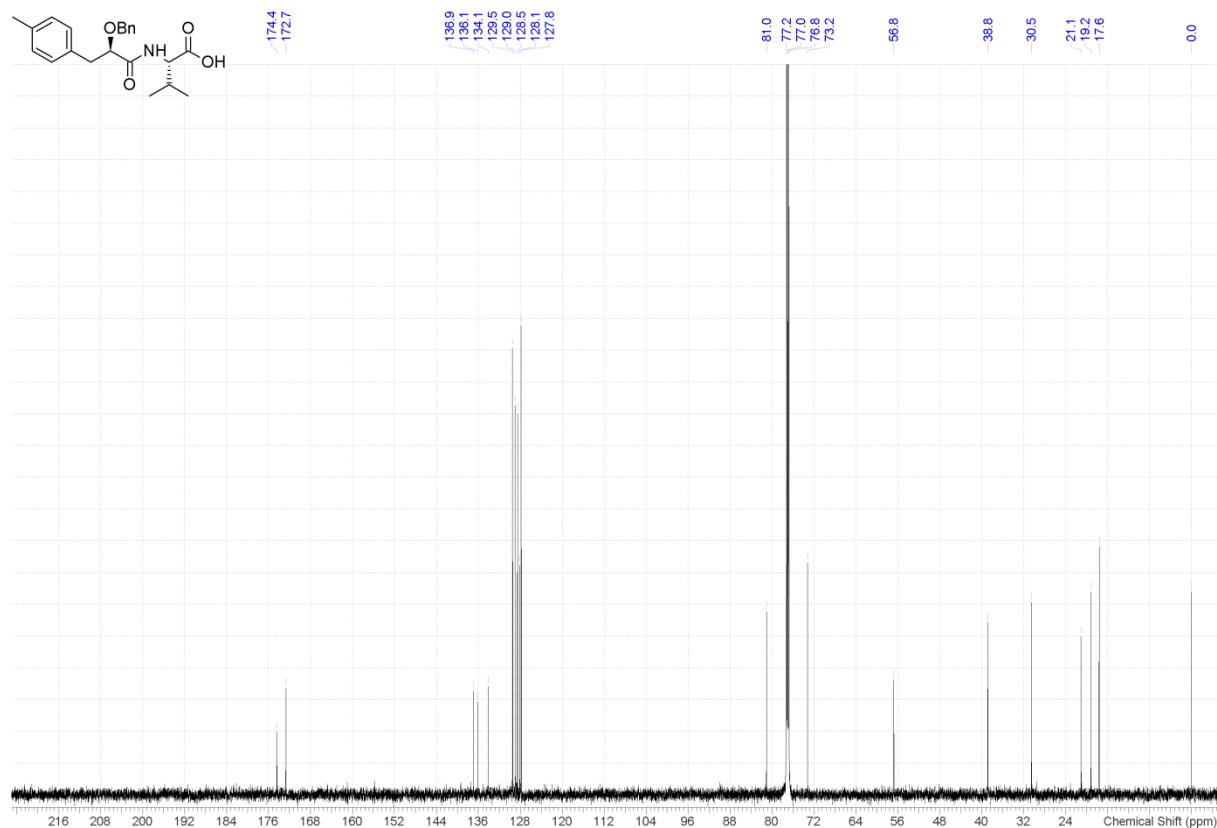
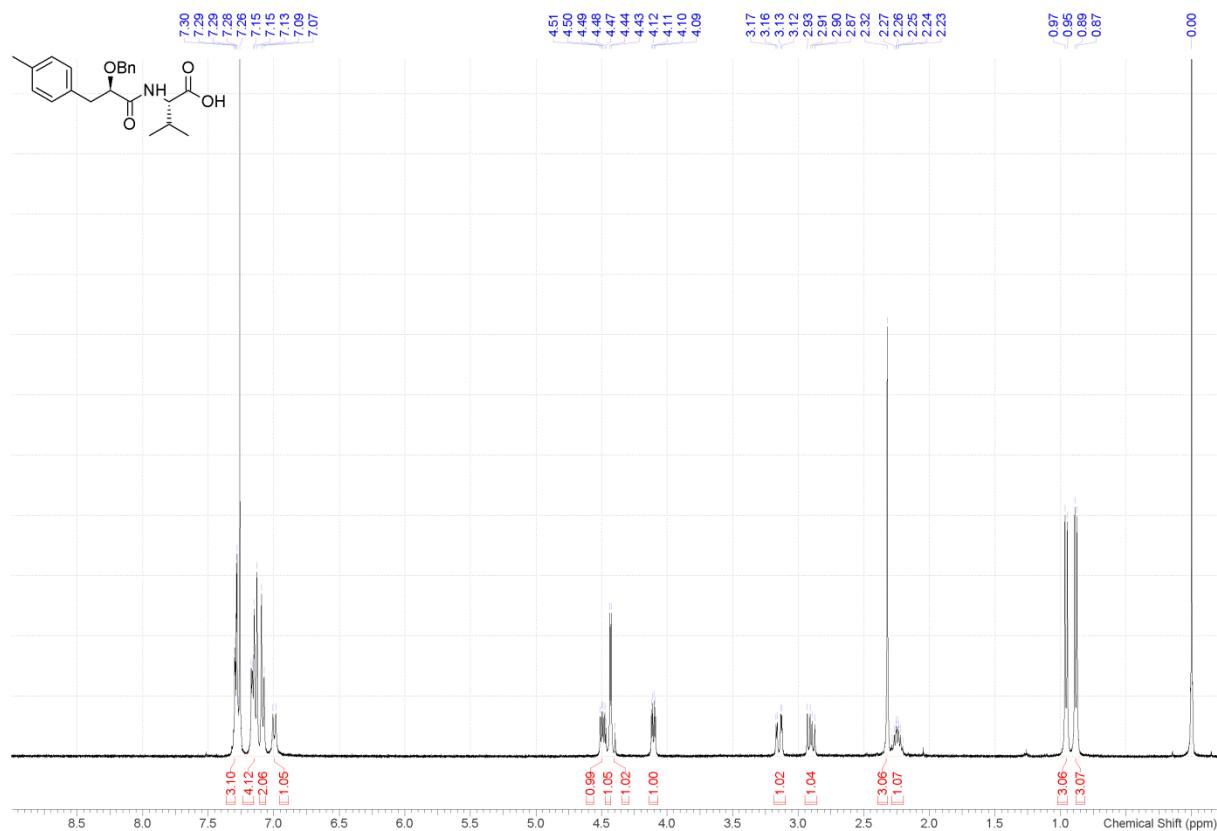
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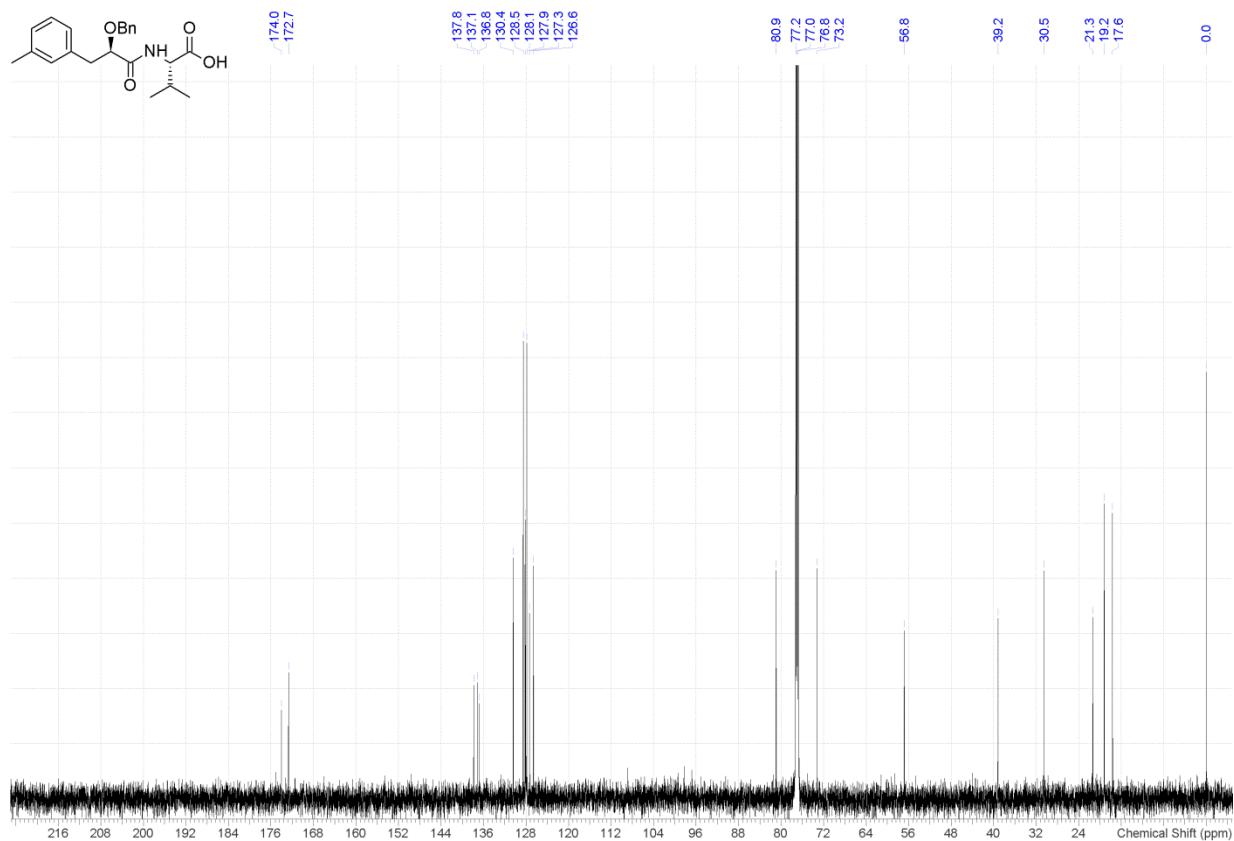
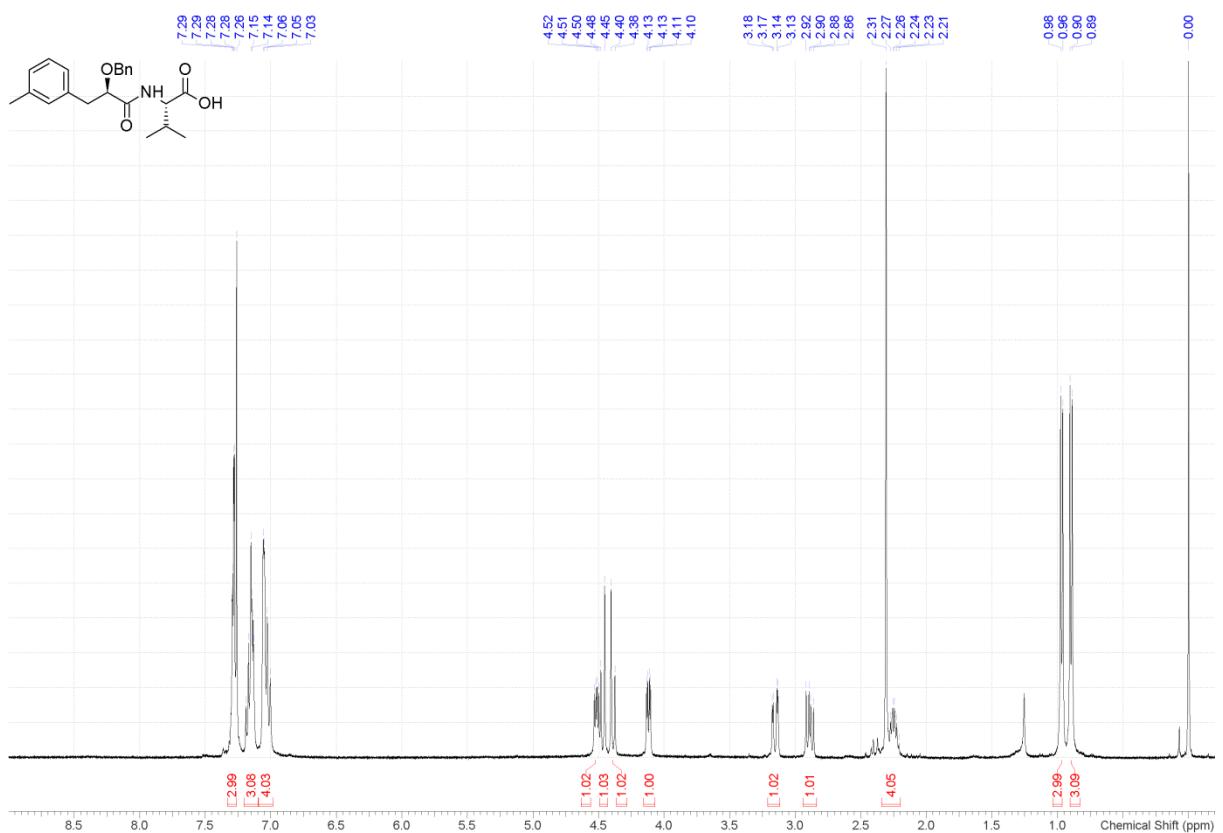
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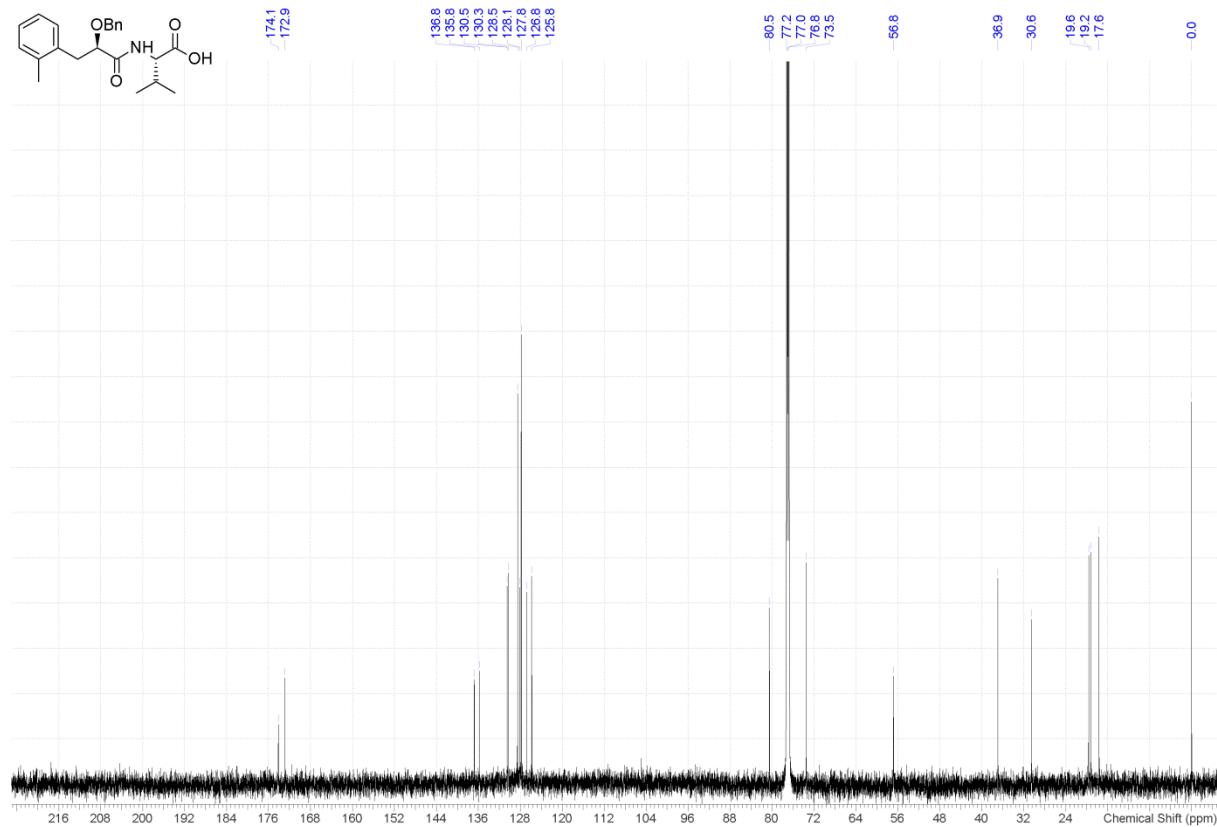
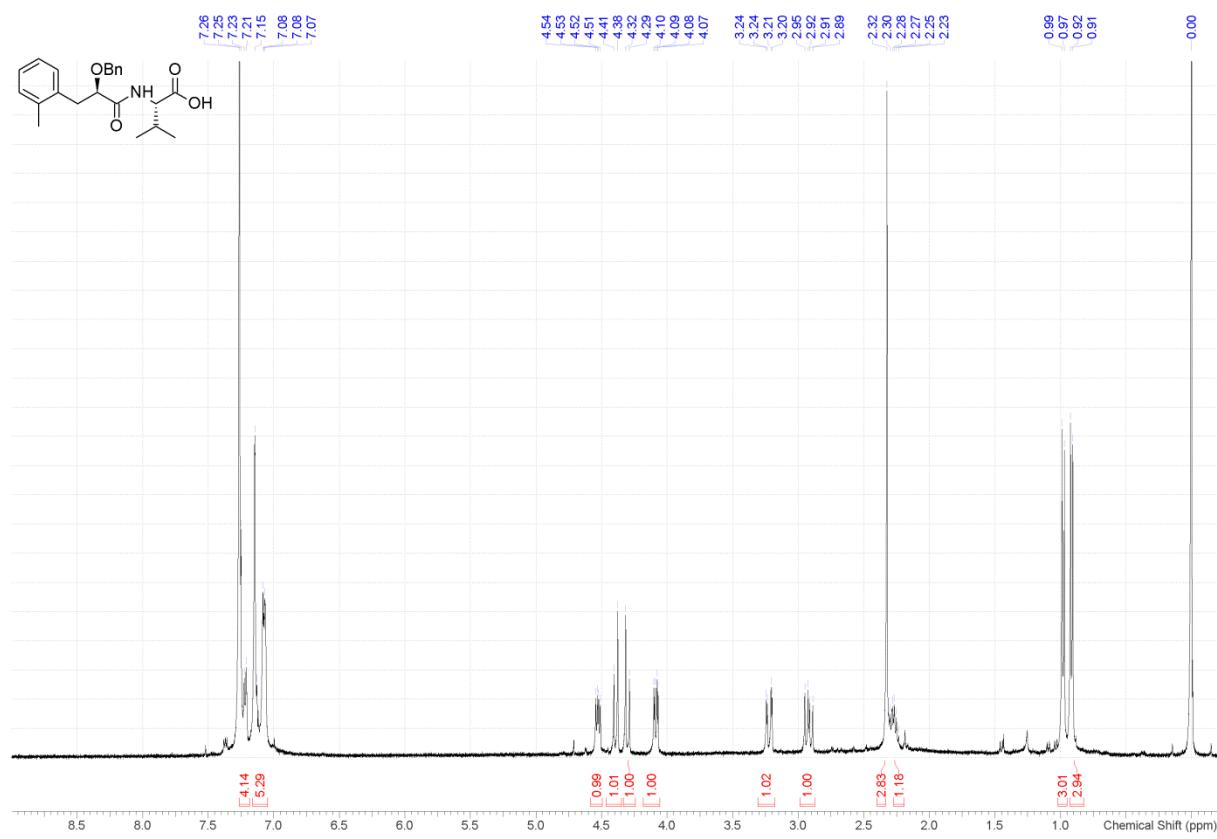
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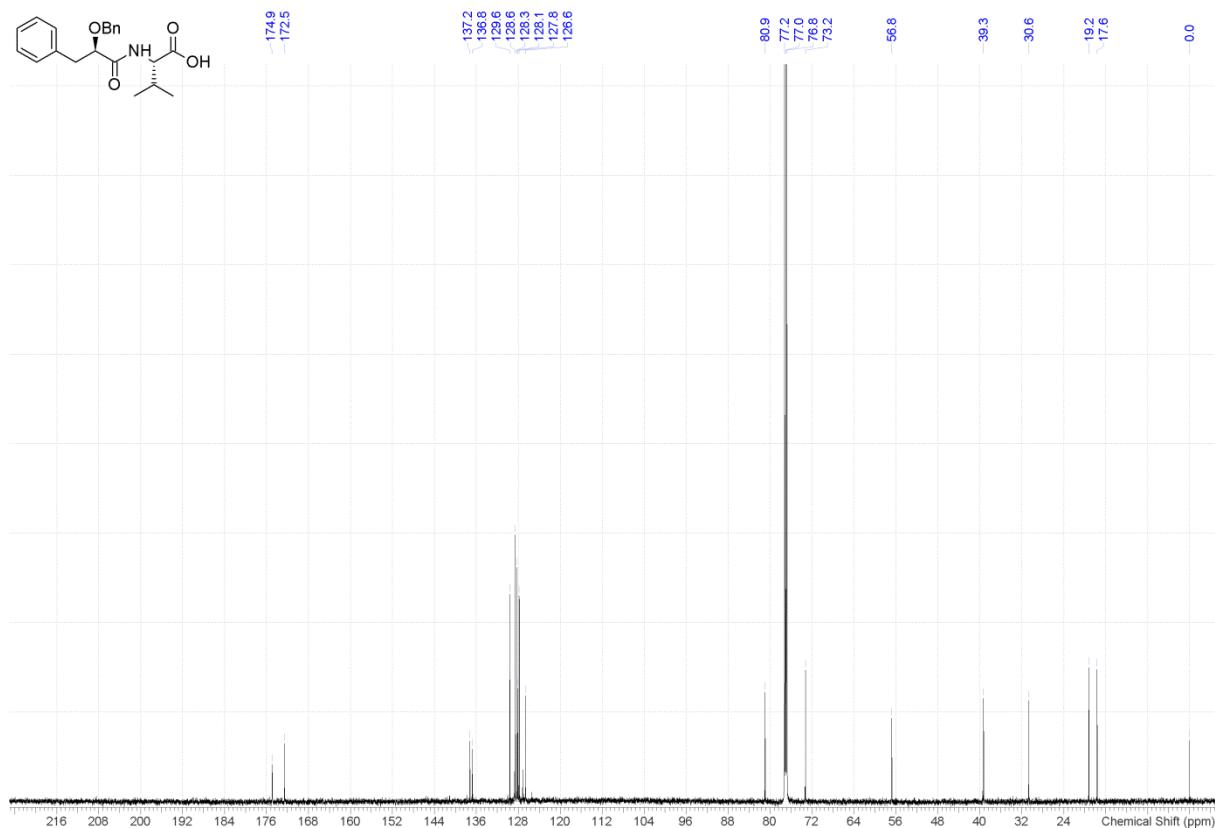
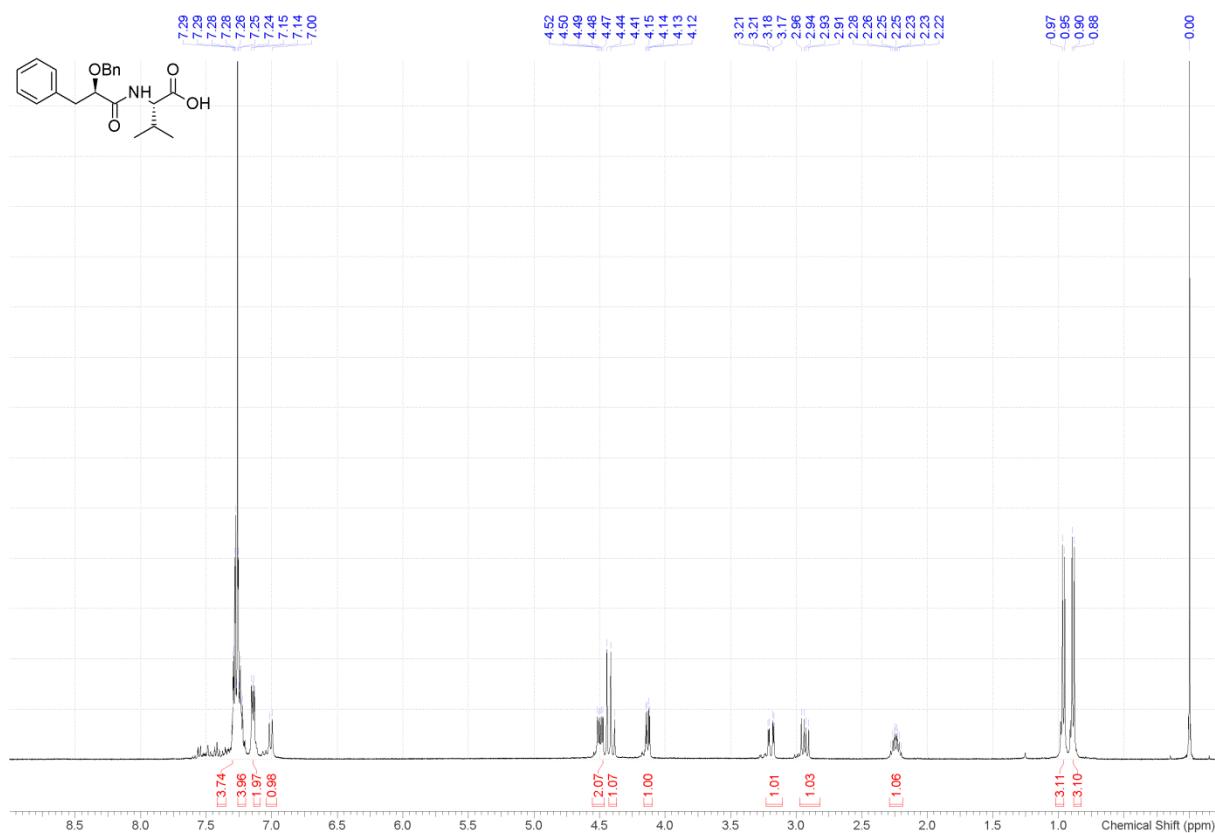
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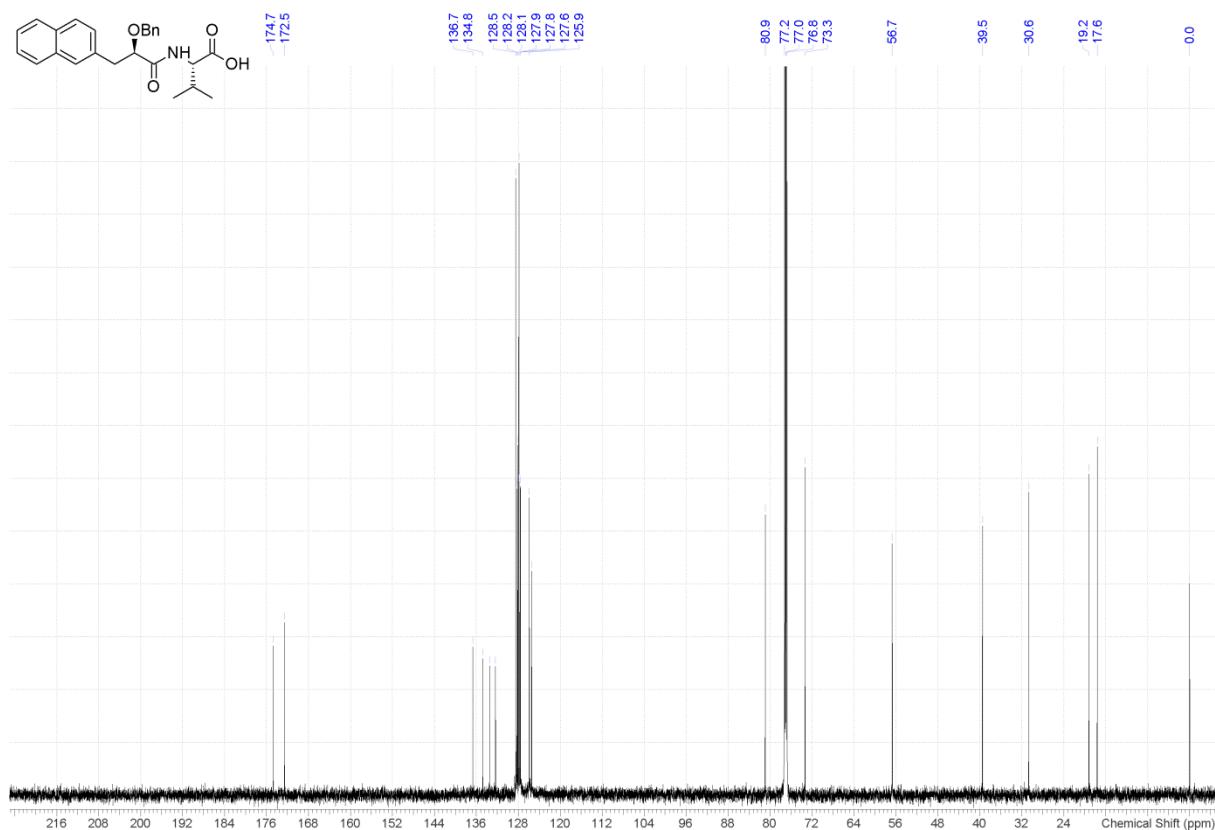
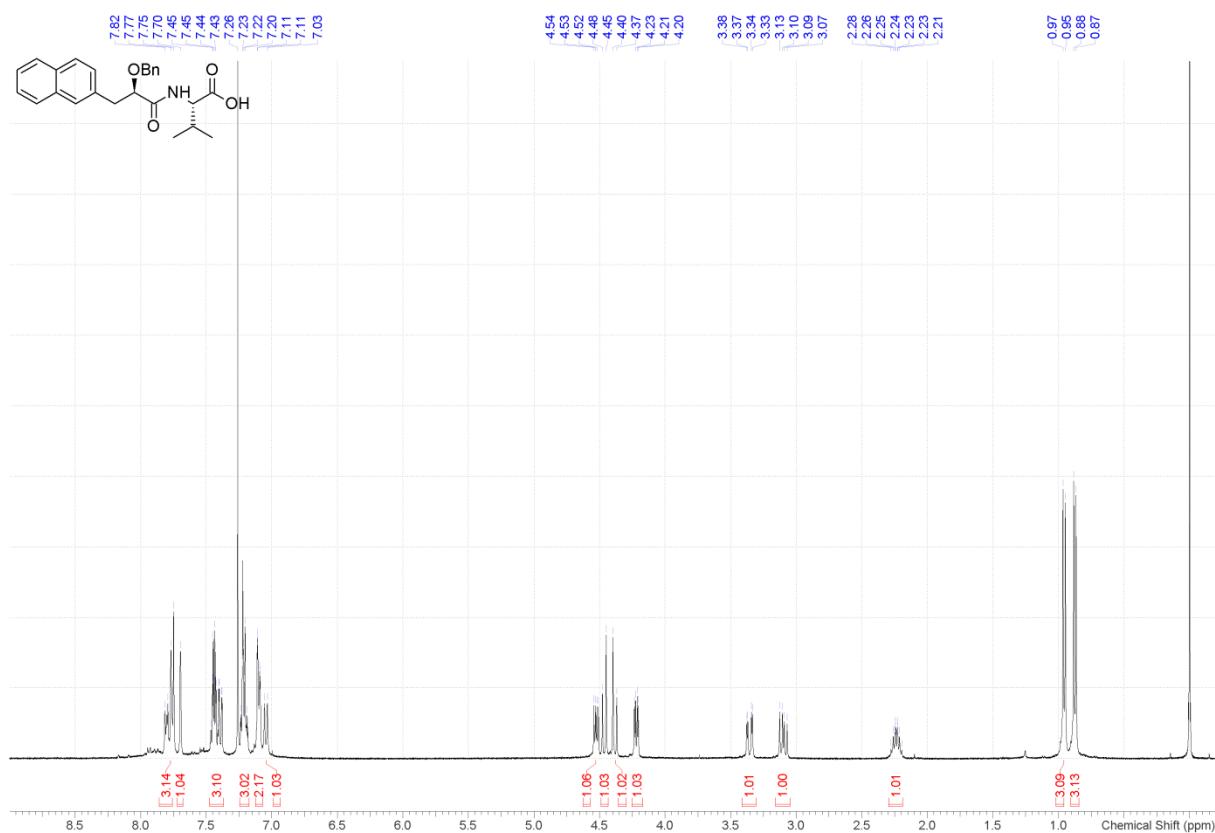
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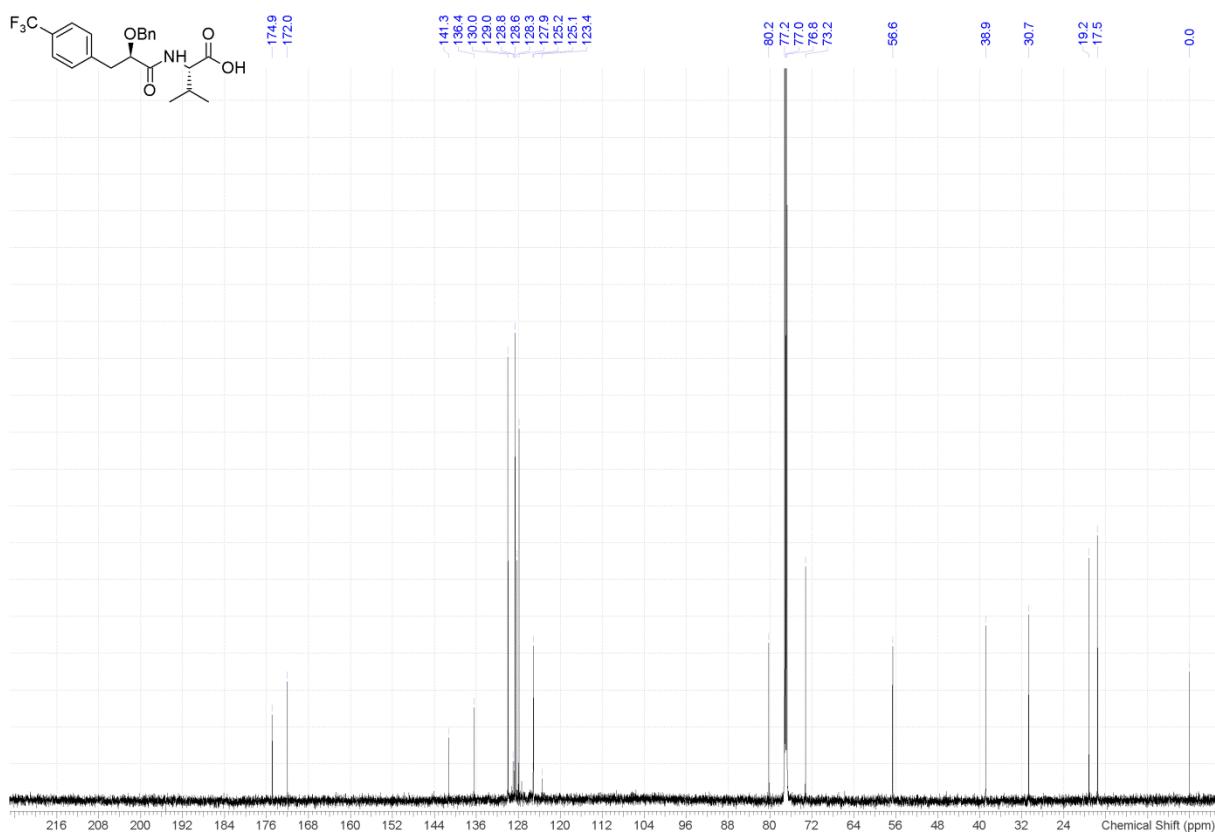
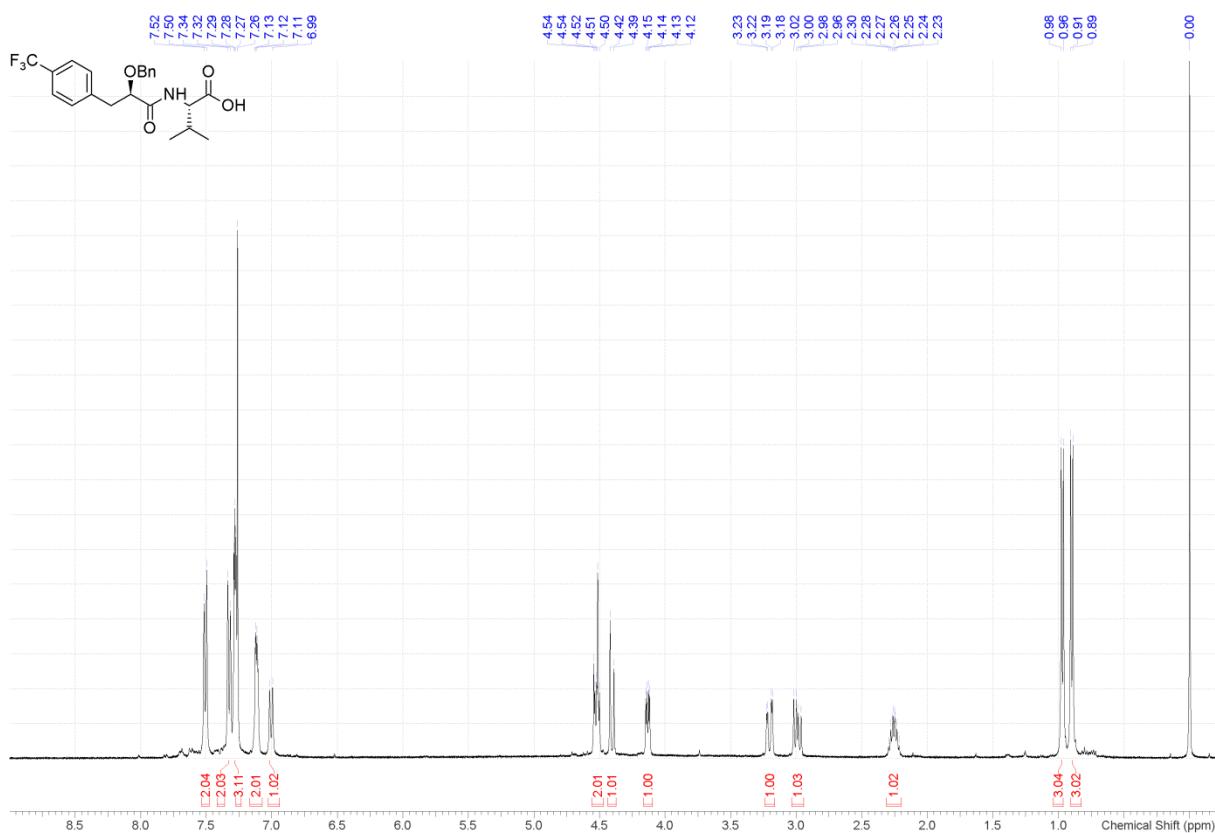
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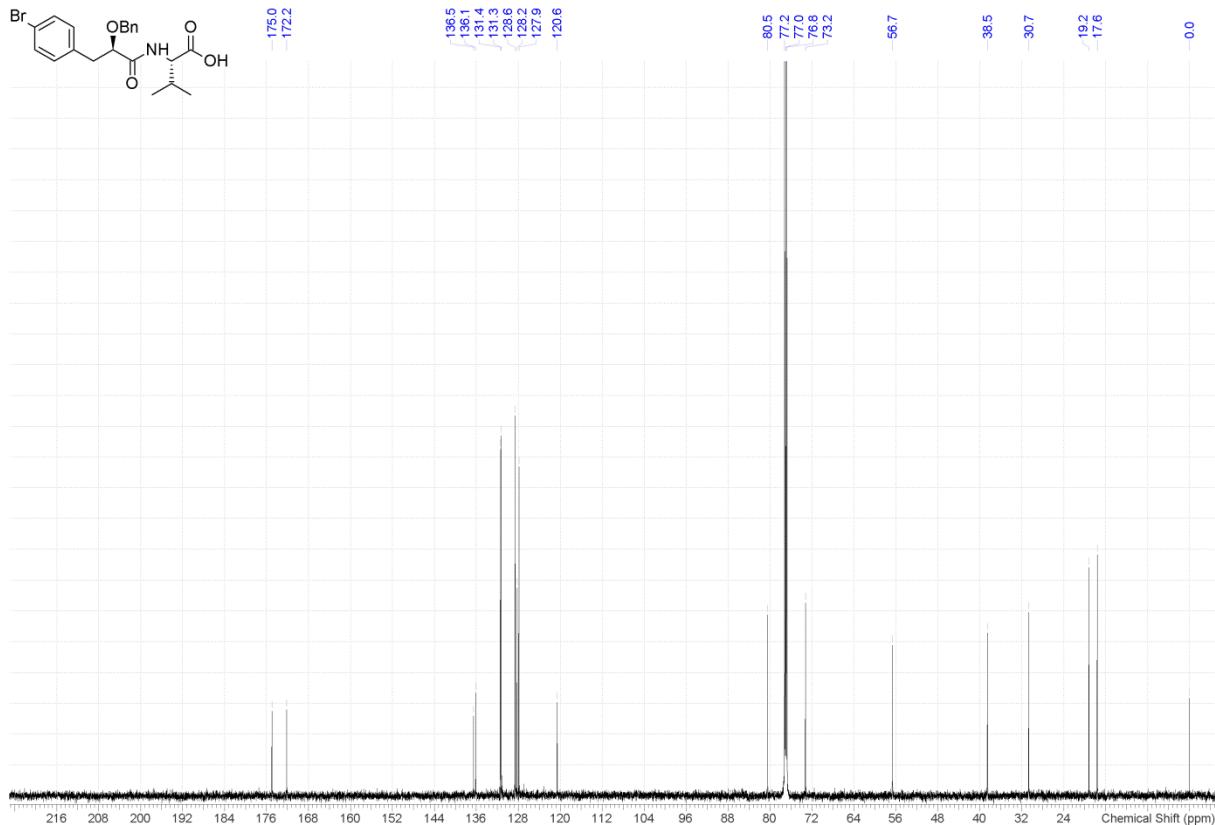
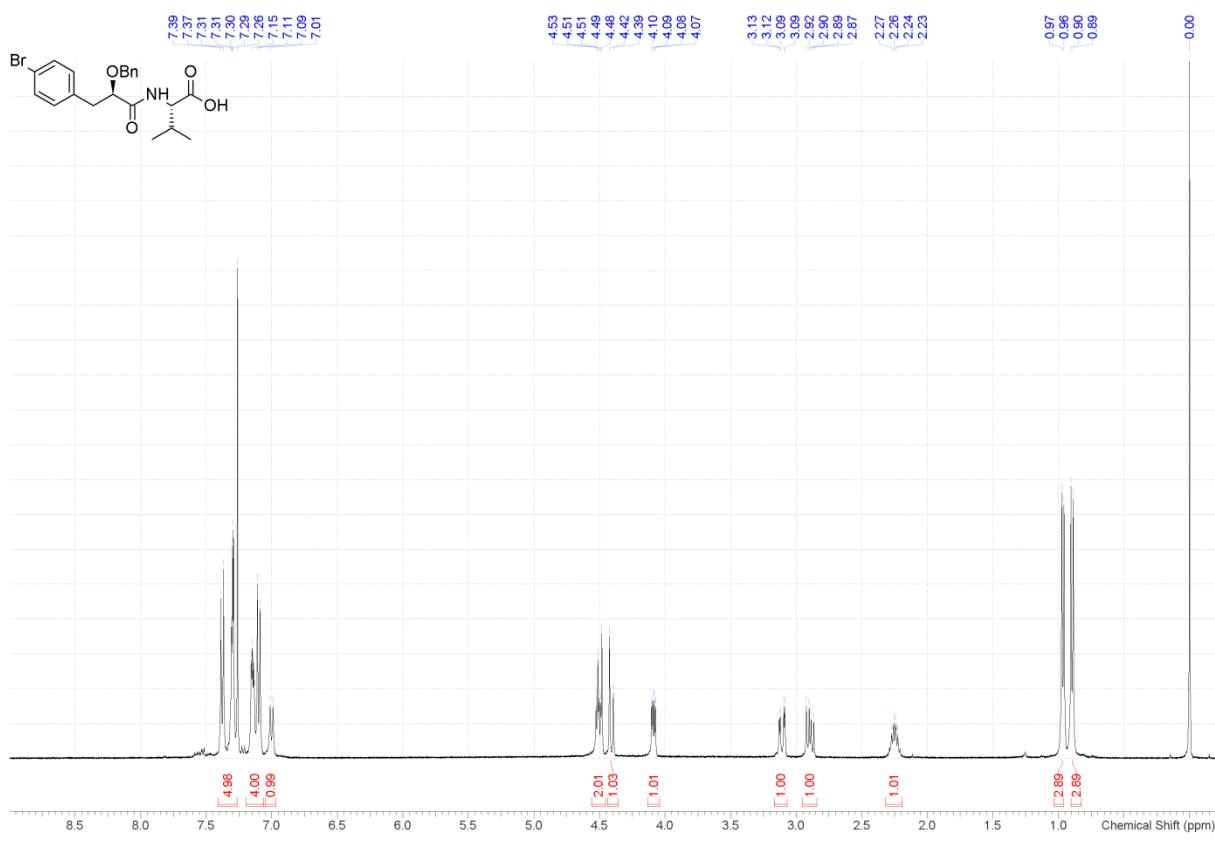
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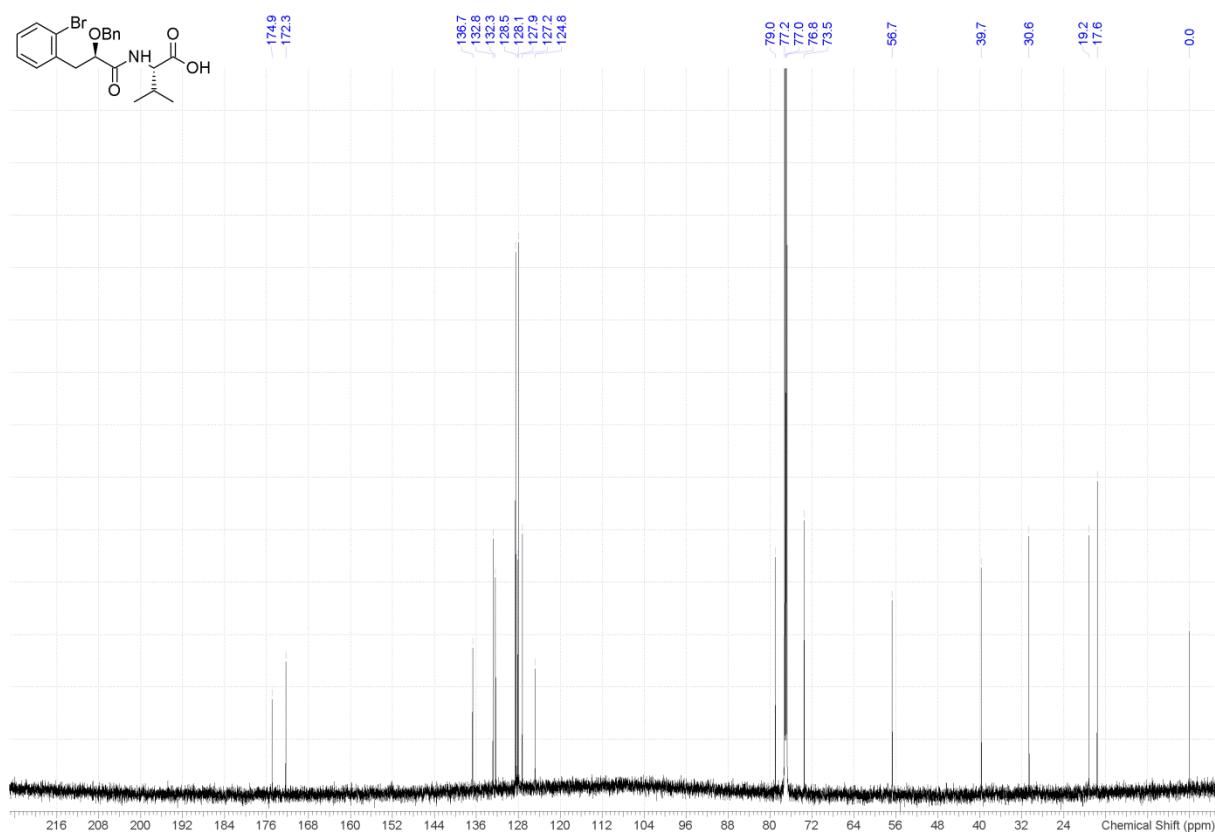
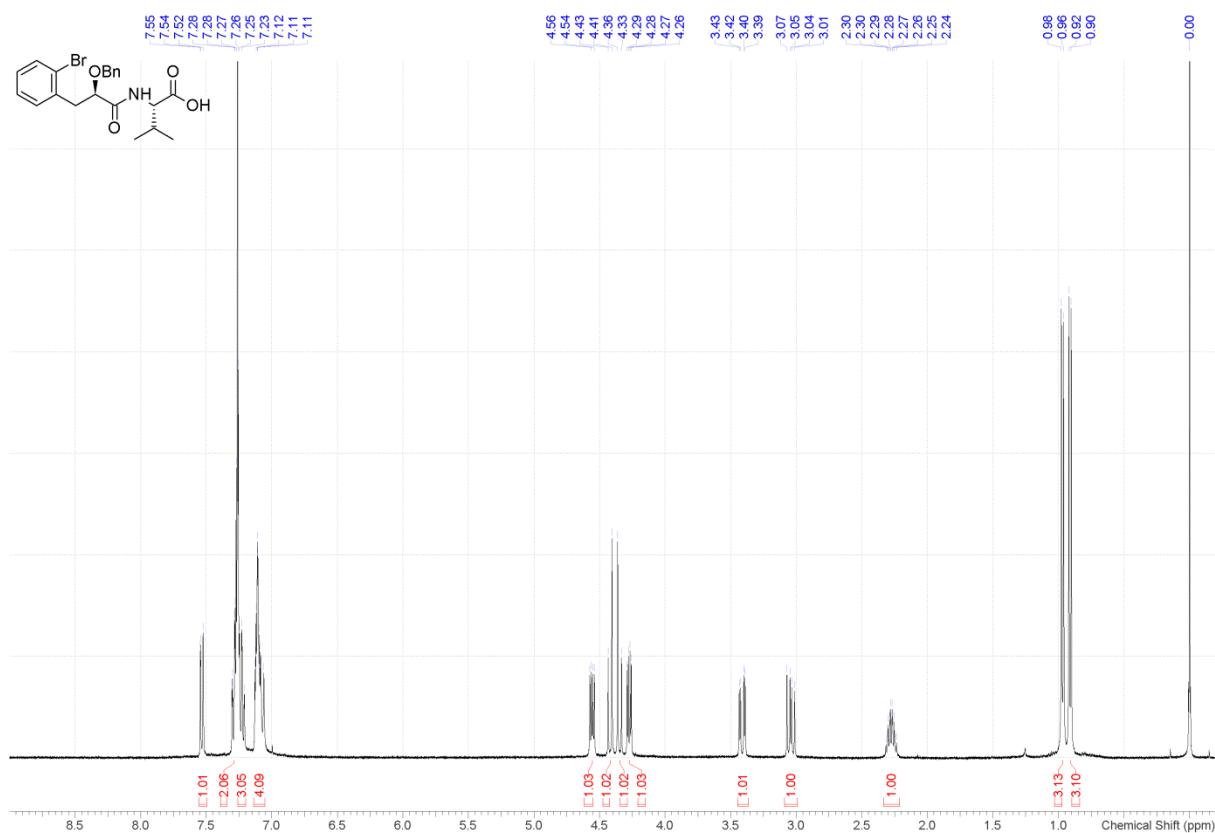
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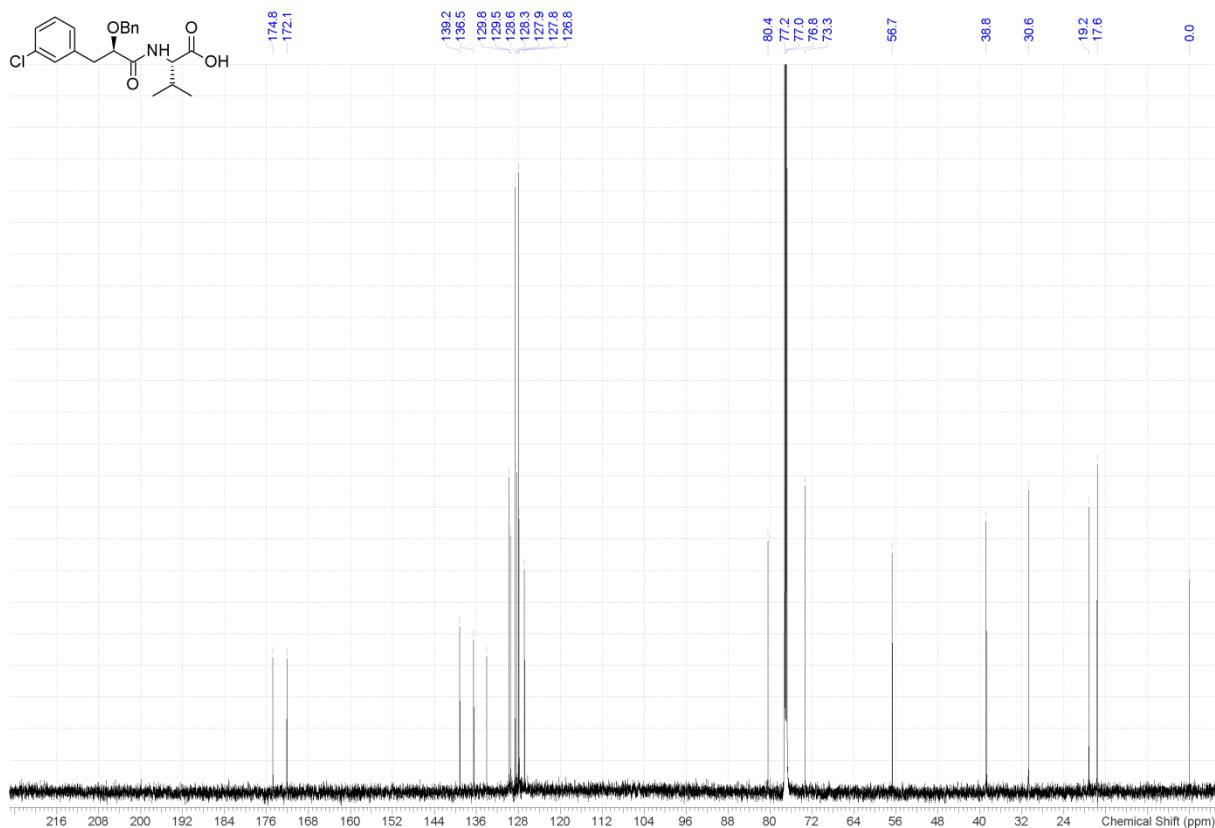
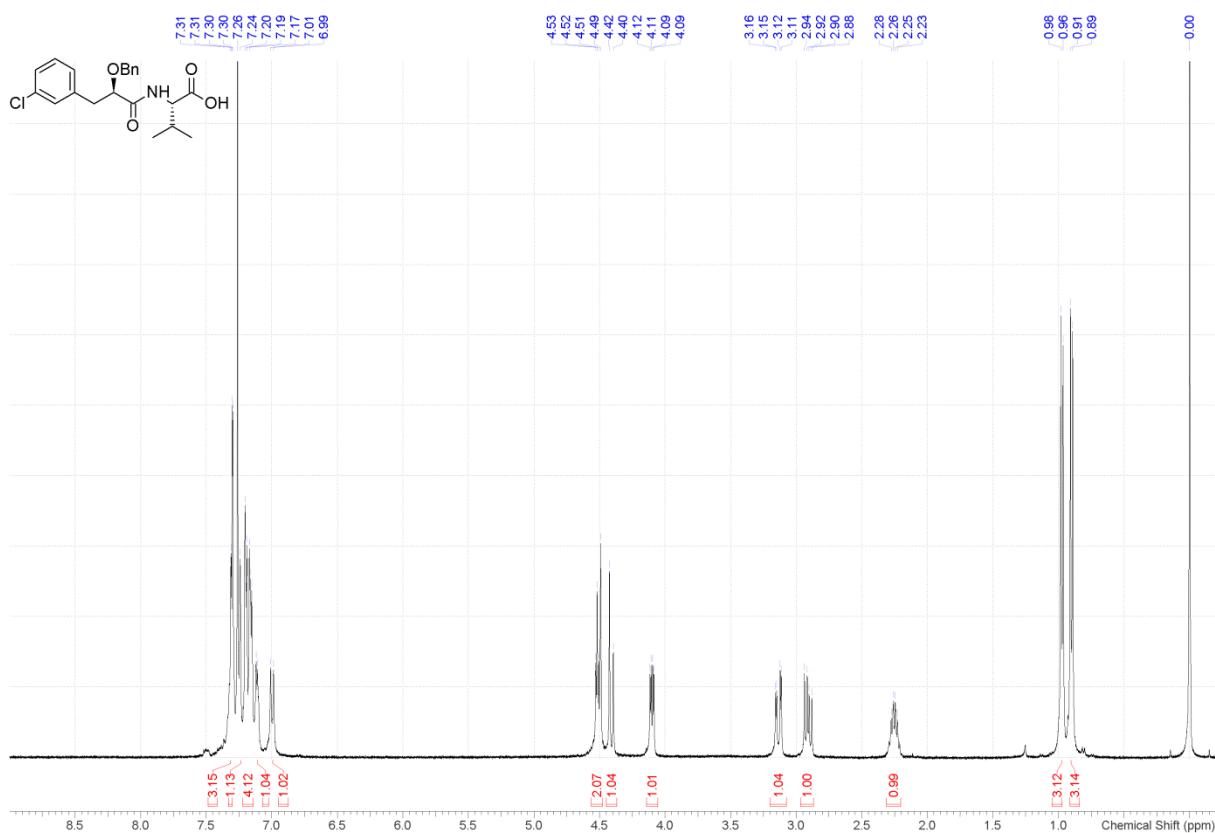
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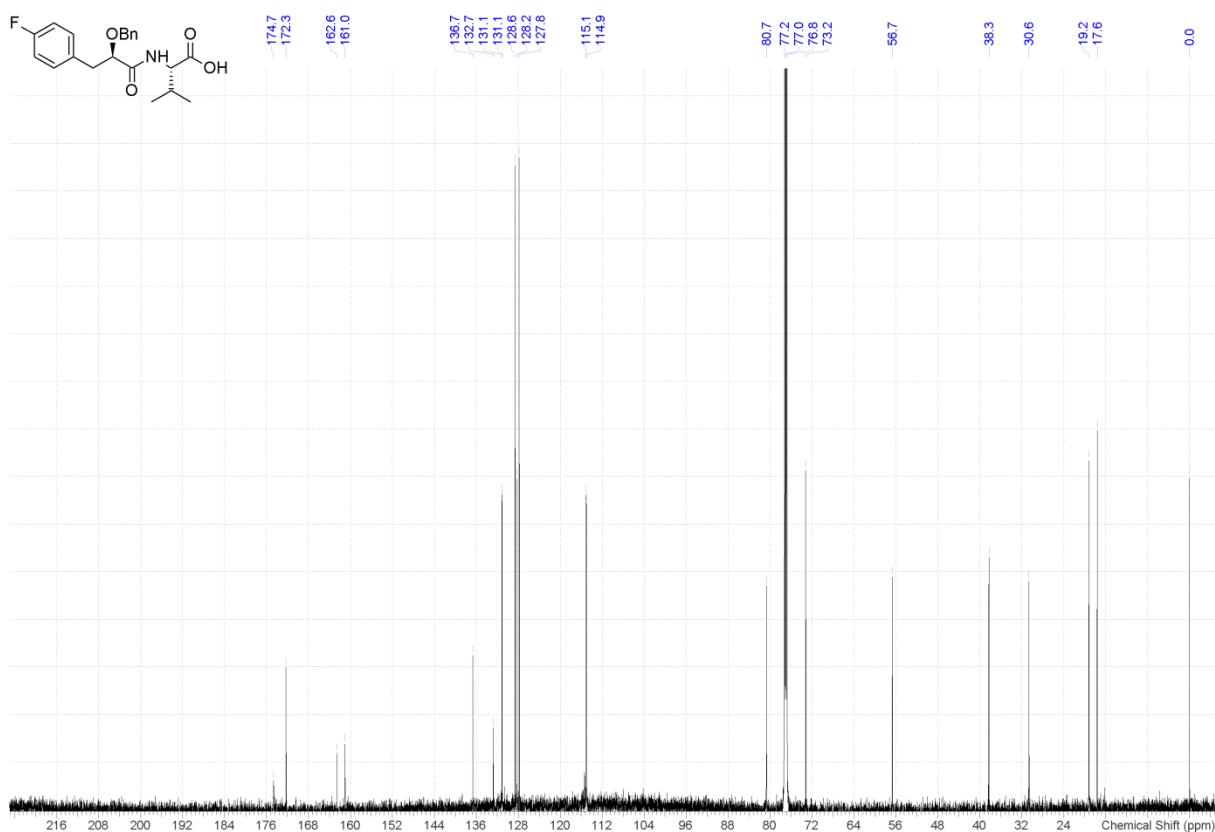
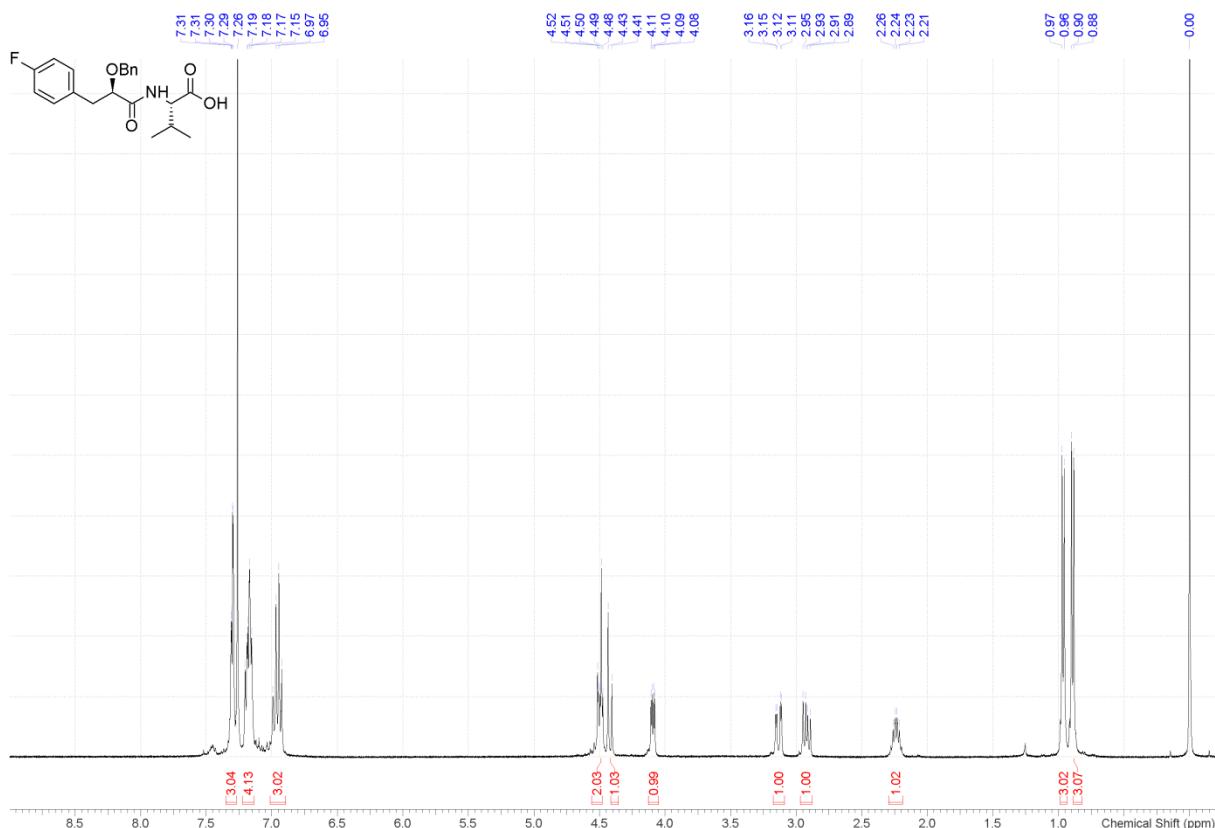
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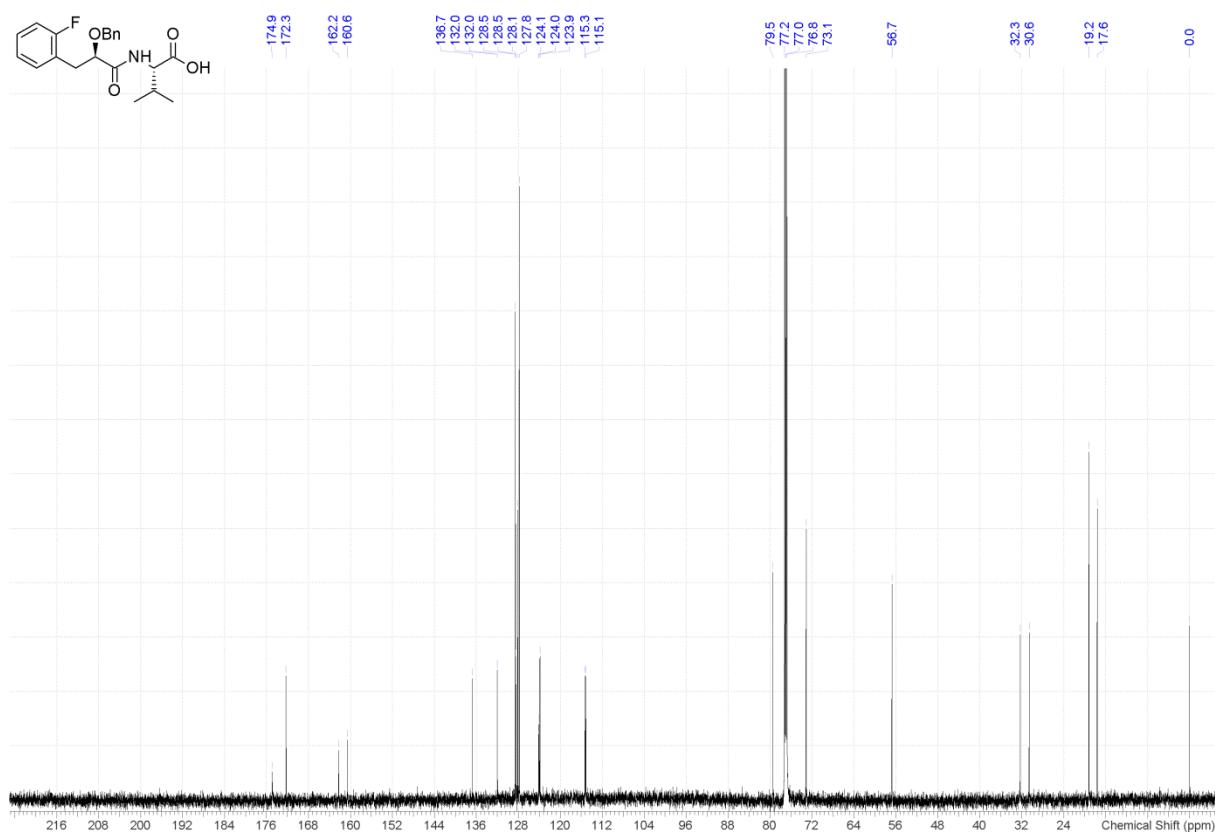
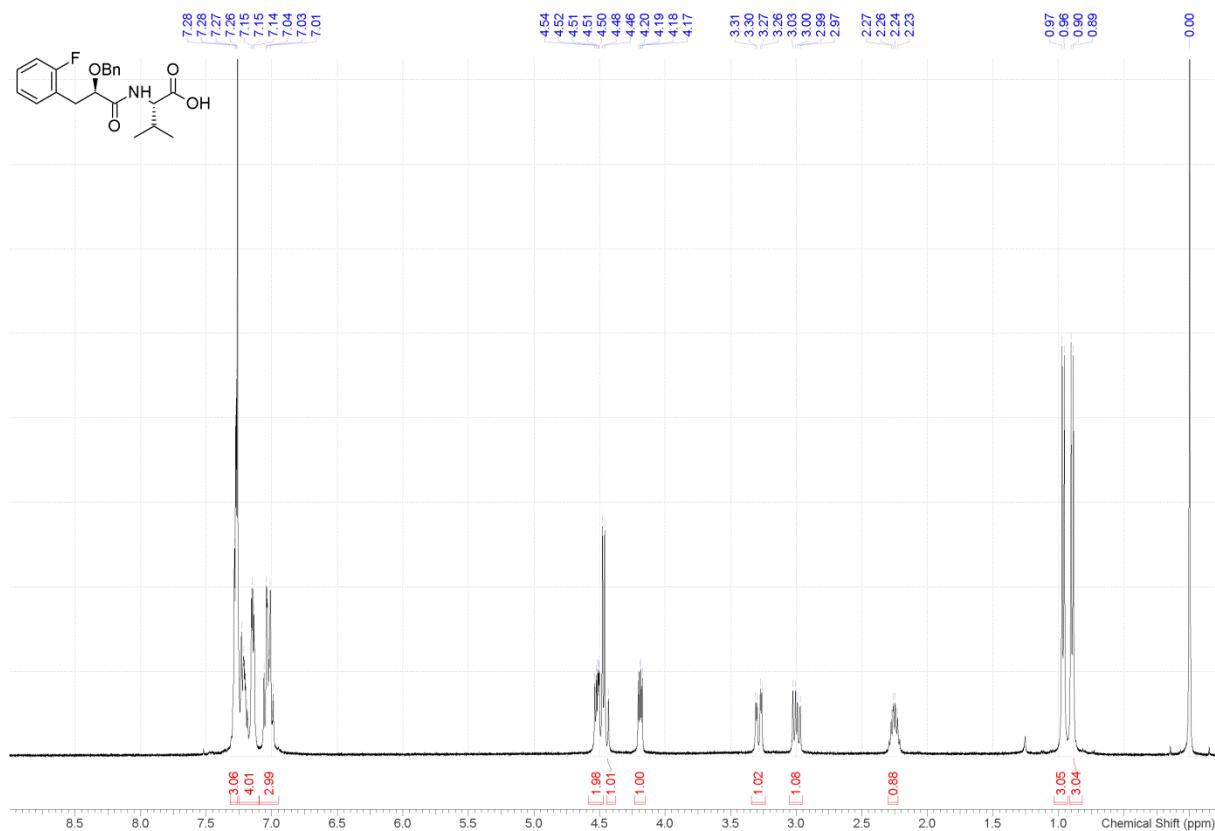
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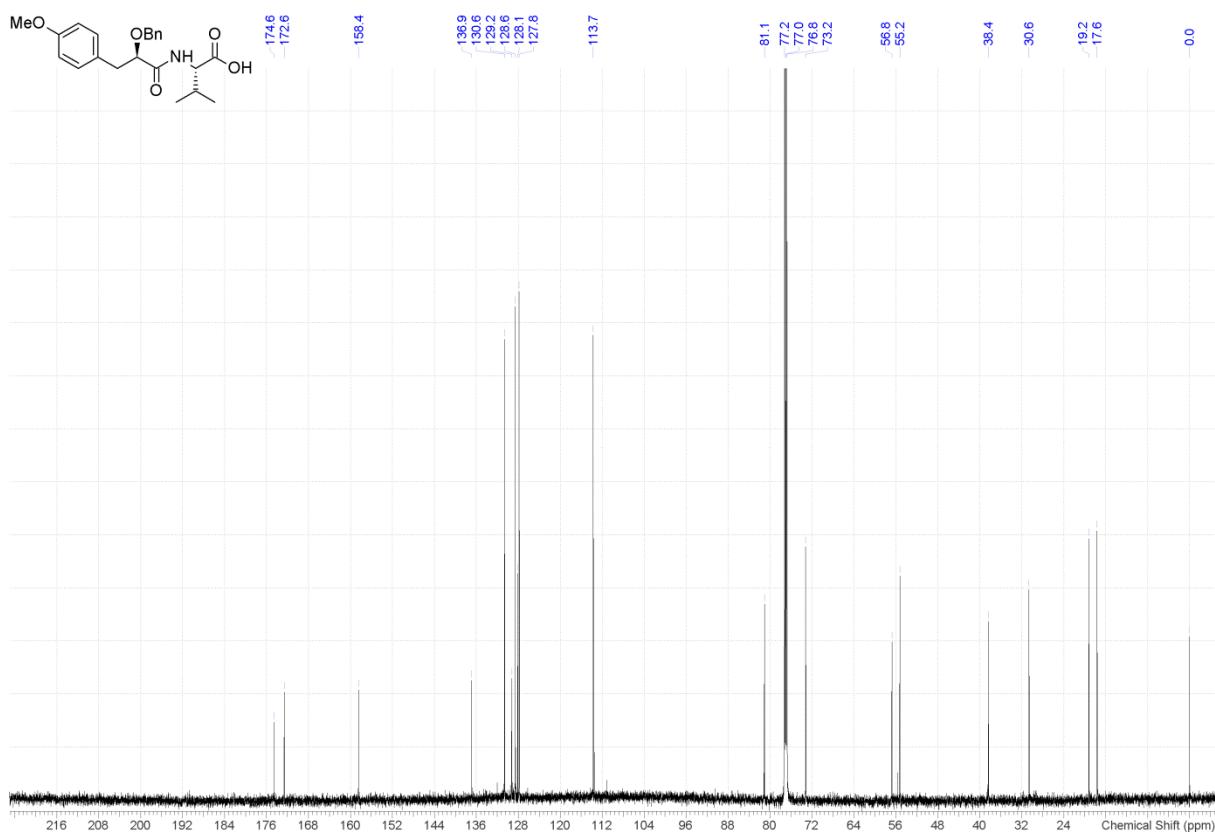
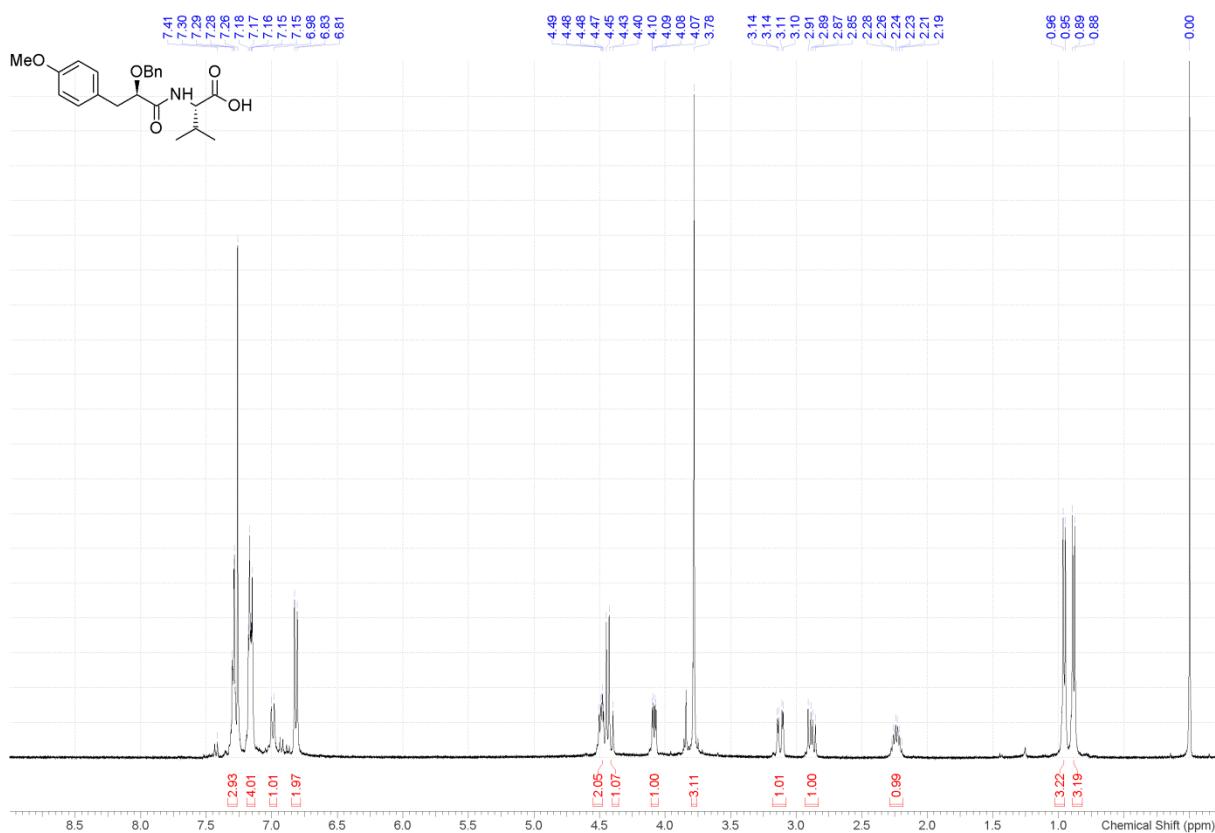
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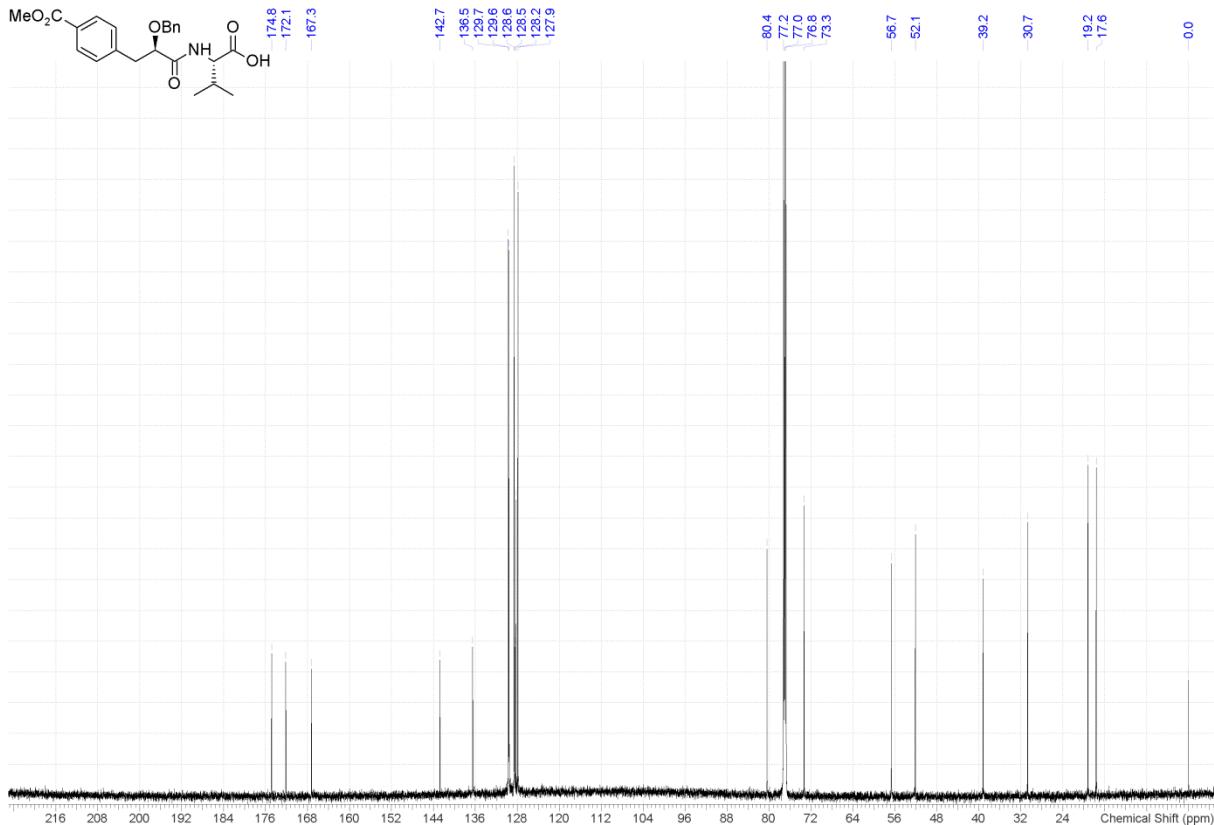
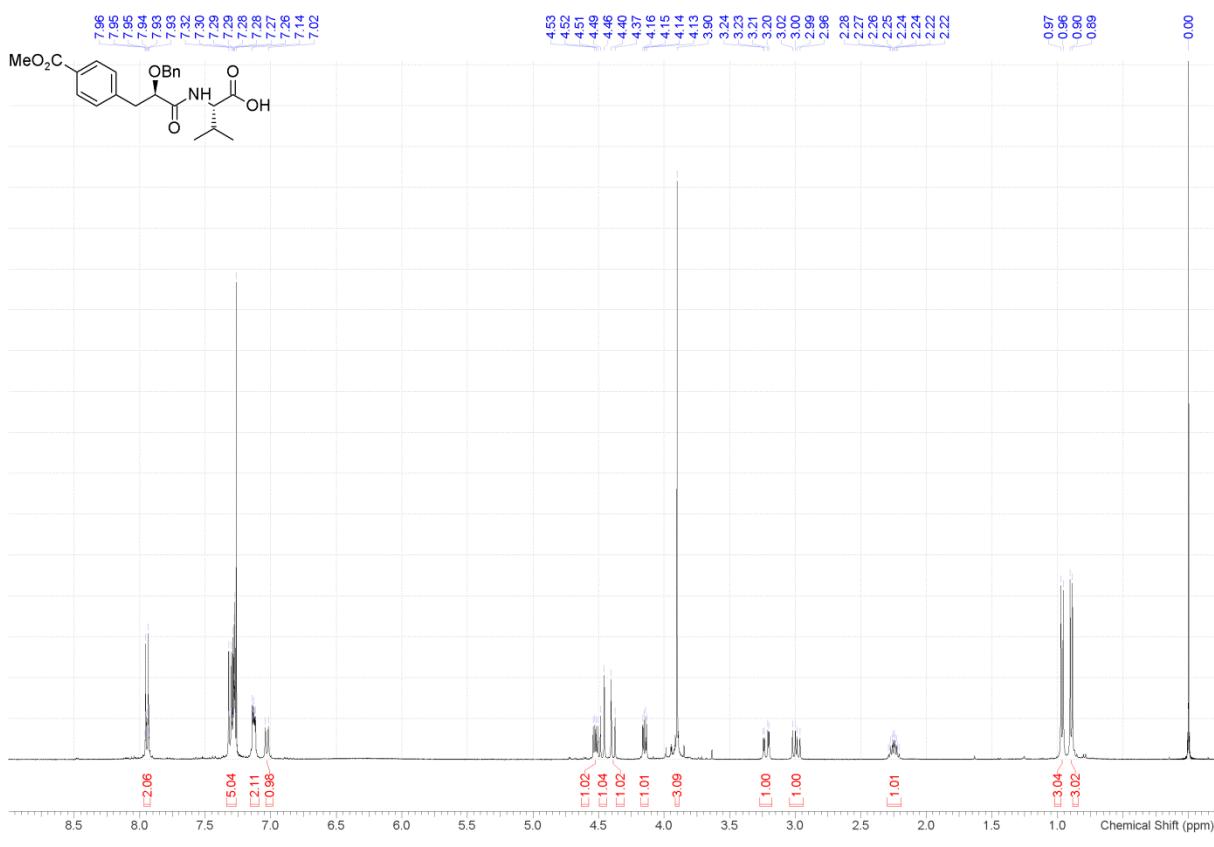
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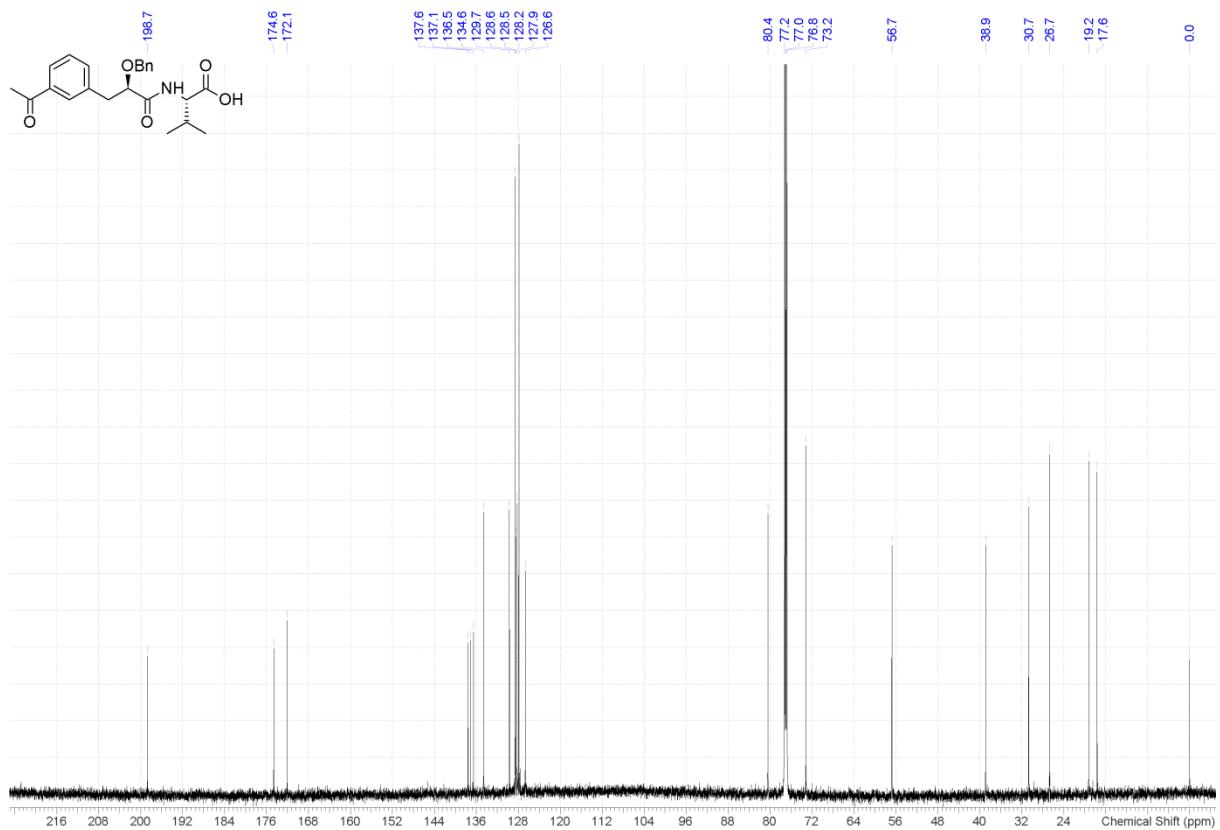
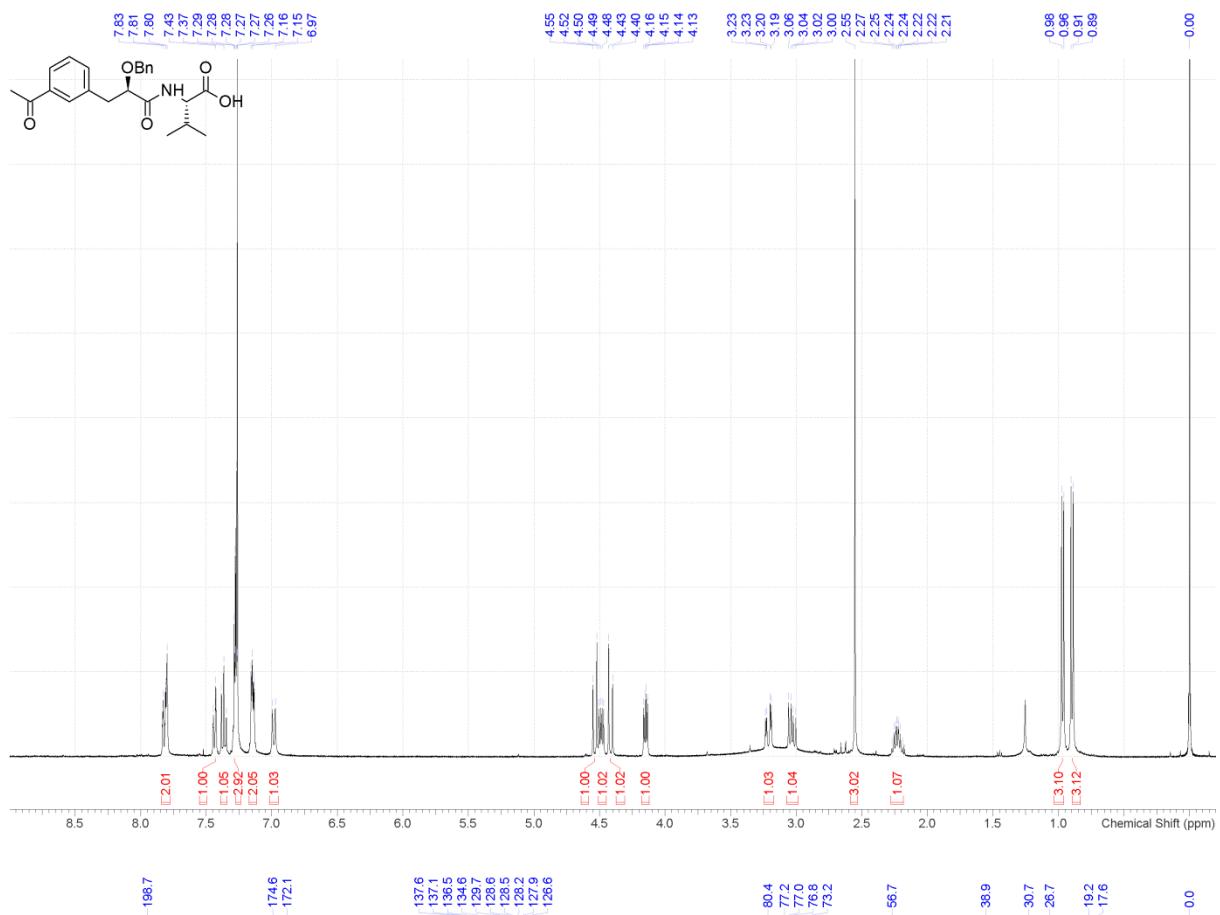
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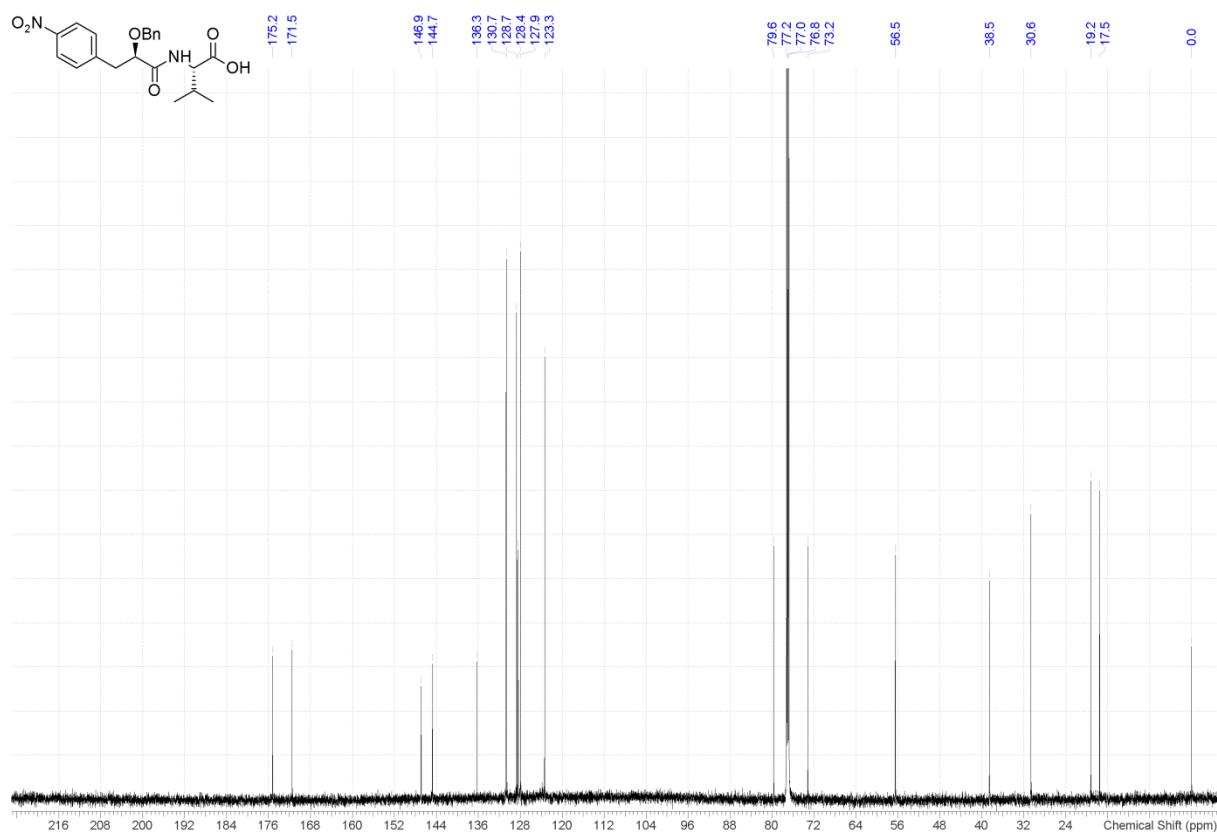
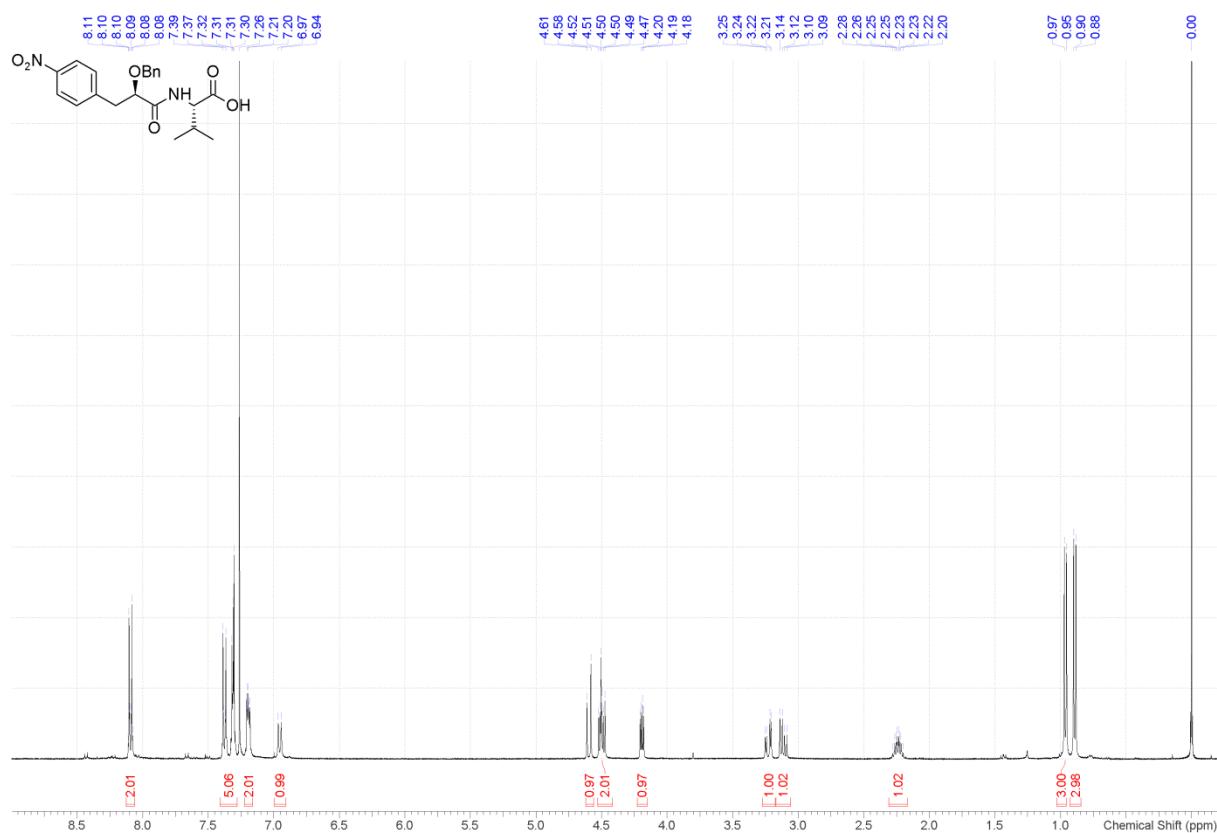
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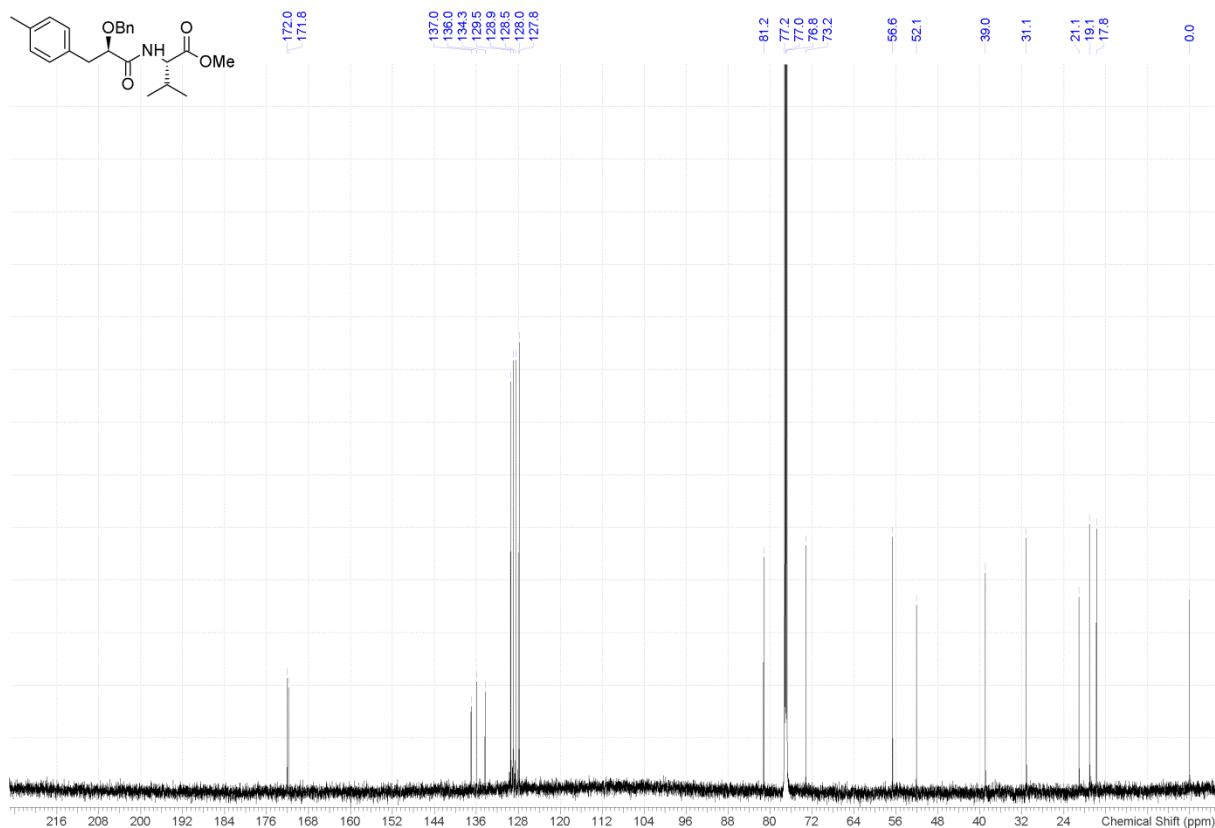
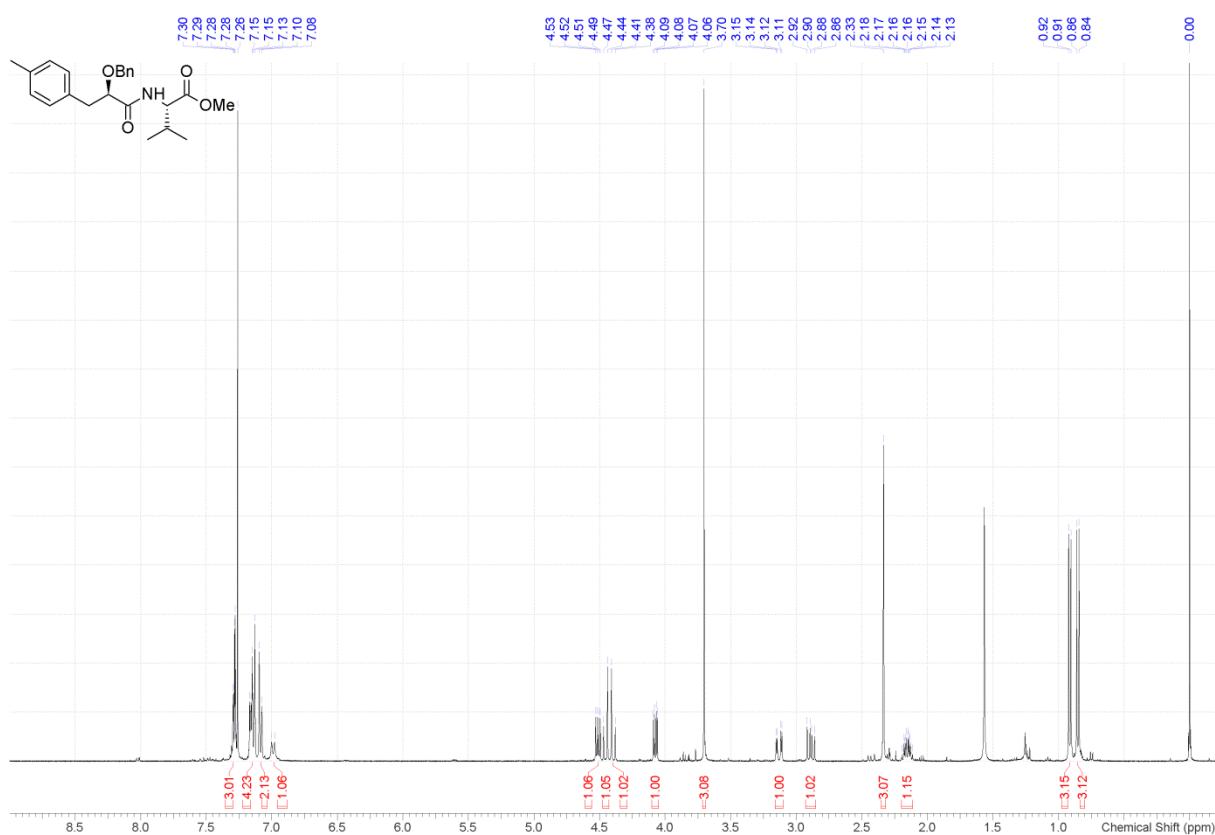
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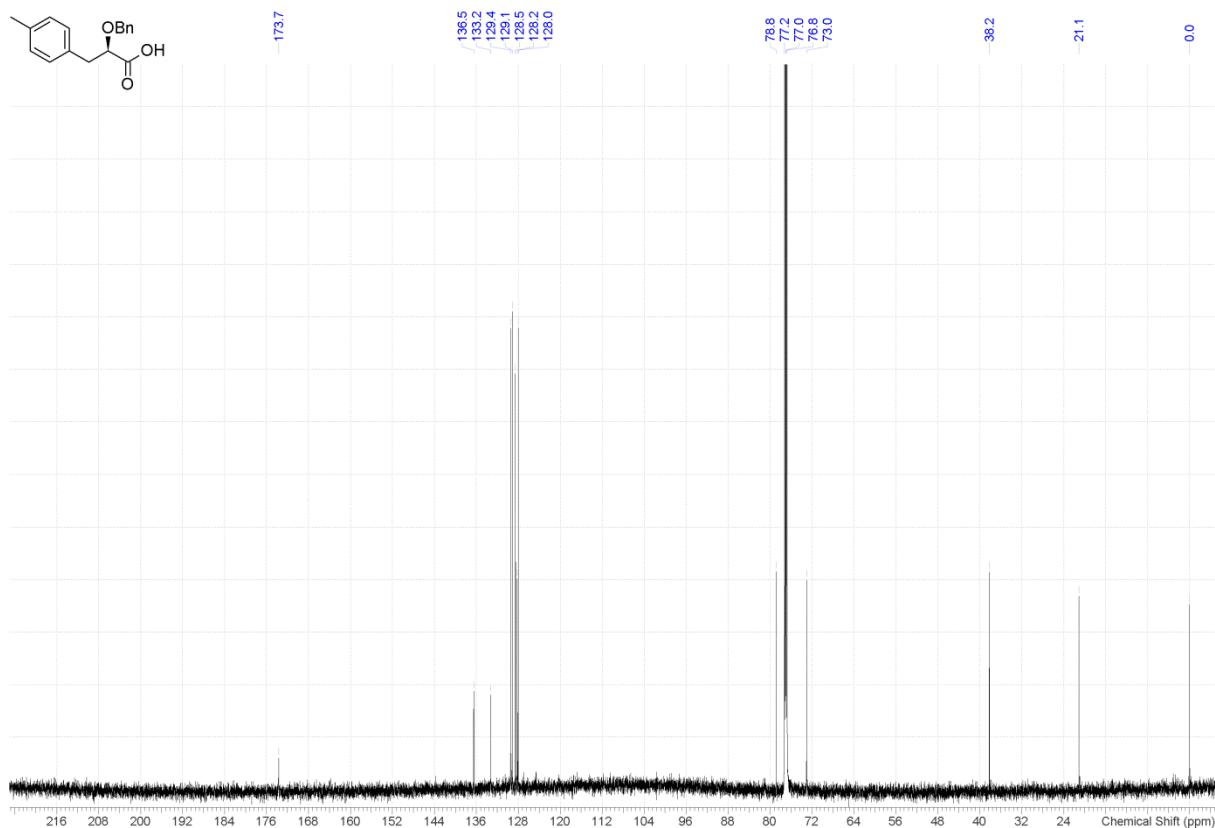
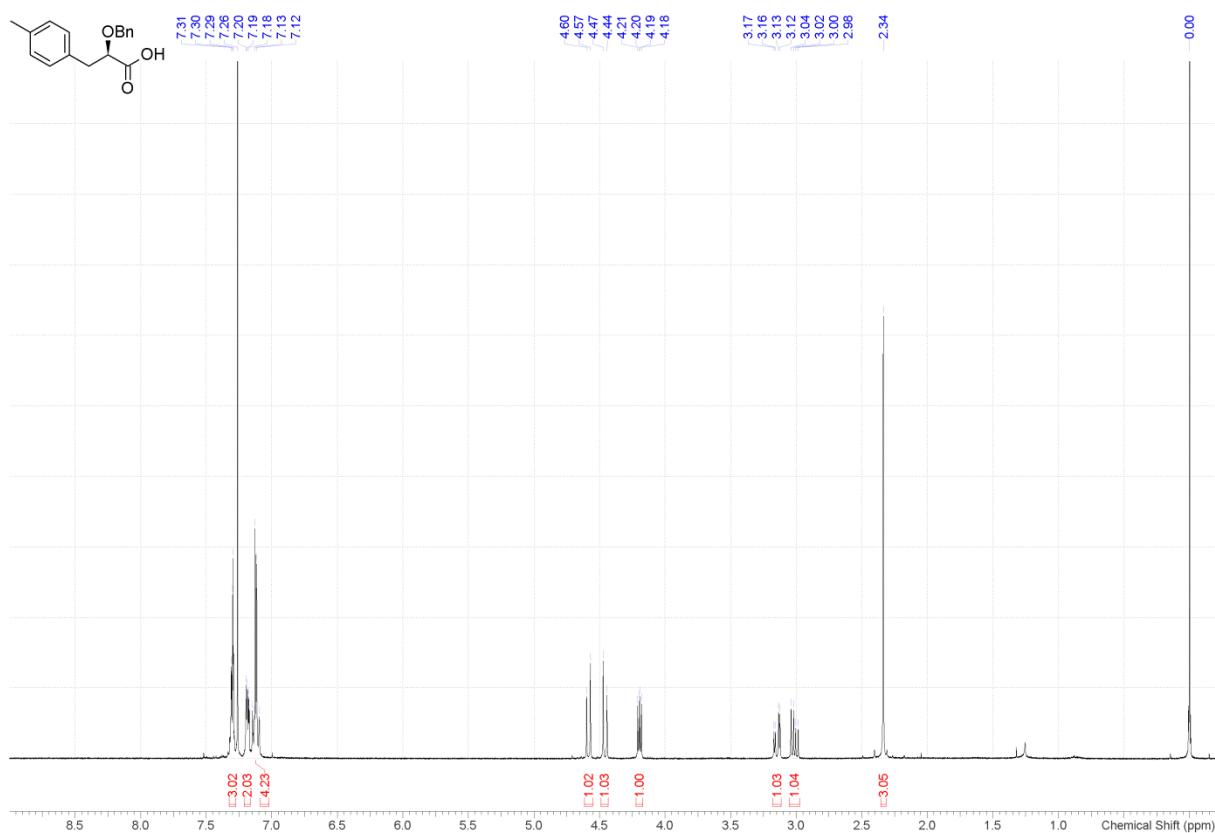
N-[(*R*)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)propionyl]-L-valine (16)



Methyl (*S*)-2-[*(R*)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(*p*-tolyl)propanamido]-3-methylbutanoate (**18**)



(R)-2-(benzyloxy)-3-(*p*-tolyl)propanoic acid (**19**)



(*R*)-2-hydroxy-3-(*p*-tolyl)propanoic acid (**17**)

