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ABSTRACT

In contrast to the β - and α/β -peptides, the progress in the γ -, α/γ and β/γ -hybrid peptides is lagging behind. This is probably due to the difficulty in obtaining stereochemically pure double homologated γ^4 -amino acids. In this project, we are describing the synthesis of stereochemically pure γ^4 -amino acids and their utilization in the solid phase synthesis of hybrid octapeptides. The γ^4 -amino acids were synthesized starting from the protected α -amino acids through Wittig reaction. The structural analysis of the peptides is under progress.

INTRODUCTION

The deconstruction of a protein leads to a limited number of secondary structural elements, such as strands, helices, and turns, which are assembled using loosely structured loops. These secondary structures are locally defined, meaning that there can be many different secondary motifs present in one single protein molecule. The helical secondary structures of α -peptides can be recognized as C₁₃-helix (or α -helix), C₁₀-helix (3₁₀-helix) and C₇-helix (or γ -helix) by the nature of the internal hydrogen bonding pattern ^[1, 2]. In all cases, the directionality of the hydrogen bond with respect to the chain direction (C \leftarrow N) is the same. Helices associate to form α -helical hairpins, coiled-coils, or helical bundles. Unlike helical geometries, the extended conformations can be classified as parallel and antiparallel β -sheets ^[1-3]. The two extended sheets are connected by a turn leading to β -hairpin structures. These occur widely in proteins and make up the fundamental building blocks of antiparallel β -sheets. The β -turns are the most economical polypeptide geometry that can link two extended segments of chain with reversal direction. The β -turn is the simplest defined loop structure with conformational characteristics determined by residues at two positions (i+1 and i+2) ^[4]. *De novo* design of existing or novel protein folds demands a thorough understanding of the rules that underlie protein structure and stability. Considerable attention has been paid over the past several decades on polypeptides composed of α -amino acids, with natural proteins and the use of stereochemically constrained amino acids and templates in the design of folded polypeptides ^[5]. Mimicking the protein secondary structures with non-natural amino acids or with organic templates is not only important to understand the protein folding problem but also from the perspective of medicinal chemistry ^[6]. In this regard a great deal of success has been achieved using the backbone homologated α -amino acids ^[7,8].

In the past few years β -peptides composed of β -amino acids emerged as very promising tools in medicinal chemistry ^[9]. The β -amino acids are homologated species of α -amino acids ^[10]. Depending on the position of the side chain, they are classified as β^3 - and β^2 -amino acids (Figure 1). Double homologation of α -amino acids leads to γ^2 ,

γ^3 -, and γ^4 -amino acids [11]. In contrast to α -peptides, β -peptides and higher homologue oligomers have proved the proteolytic and metabolic stability and the prospect of

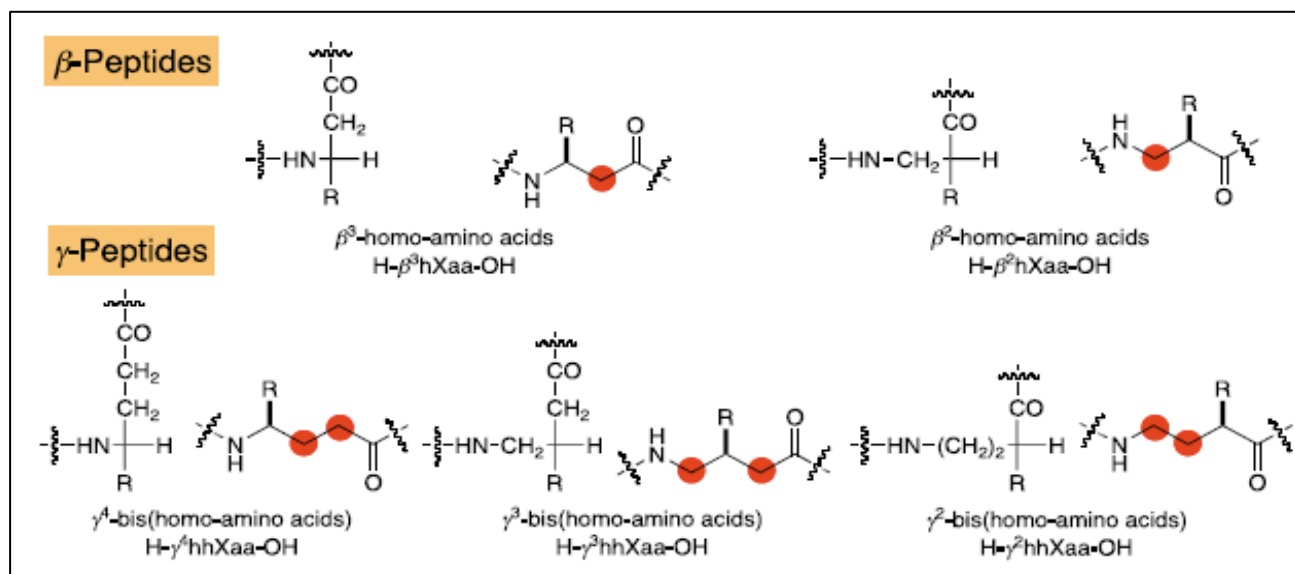


Figure 1: Different types of backbone homologated β - and γ -amino acids. The red circles on the amino acid structures indicating that the sites are free for further substitution and derivatization. The superscript numerical indicates the position of the side-chains.

intracellular delivery [12-14]. These properties make β -peptides and higher homologue oligomers very attractive from a biomedical perspective. β -Peptides have particular appeal for extending our understanding of protein structure and stabilization into the realm of folded, non-biological polymers, because β -amino acids represent the smallest step away from α -amino acids in "backbone space". Oligomers of β - and higher homologue peptides form unique, stable secondary structures [9,15]. Some of the representative examples are shown in Figure 2. The design of heterooligomers composed of α - and backbone homologated amino acids are more attractive compared to homooligomers due to the structural diversity and wide availability of side-chain diversity of α -amino acids. Balaram and colleagues and Gellman et al. showed variety of helical structures by the incorporation of β -amino acids as guests into the host α -peptides as well as 1:1 heterooligomers composed of α - and β -amino acids [16,17]. In contrast to the β -peptides and heterooligomers containing β -amino amino acids, the progress in field of γ -peptides (oligomers of double homologated α - amino acids) is

lagging behind. In addition, very little is known about the heterooligomers containing α - and γ -amino acids. This is probably due to the difficulty of obtaining stereochemically pure γ -amino acids. However, Hofmann and colleagues predicted the wide variety of helical structures heterooligomers containing 1:1 α - and γ -amino acids as well as 1:1 β - and γ -amino acids ^[18]

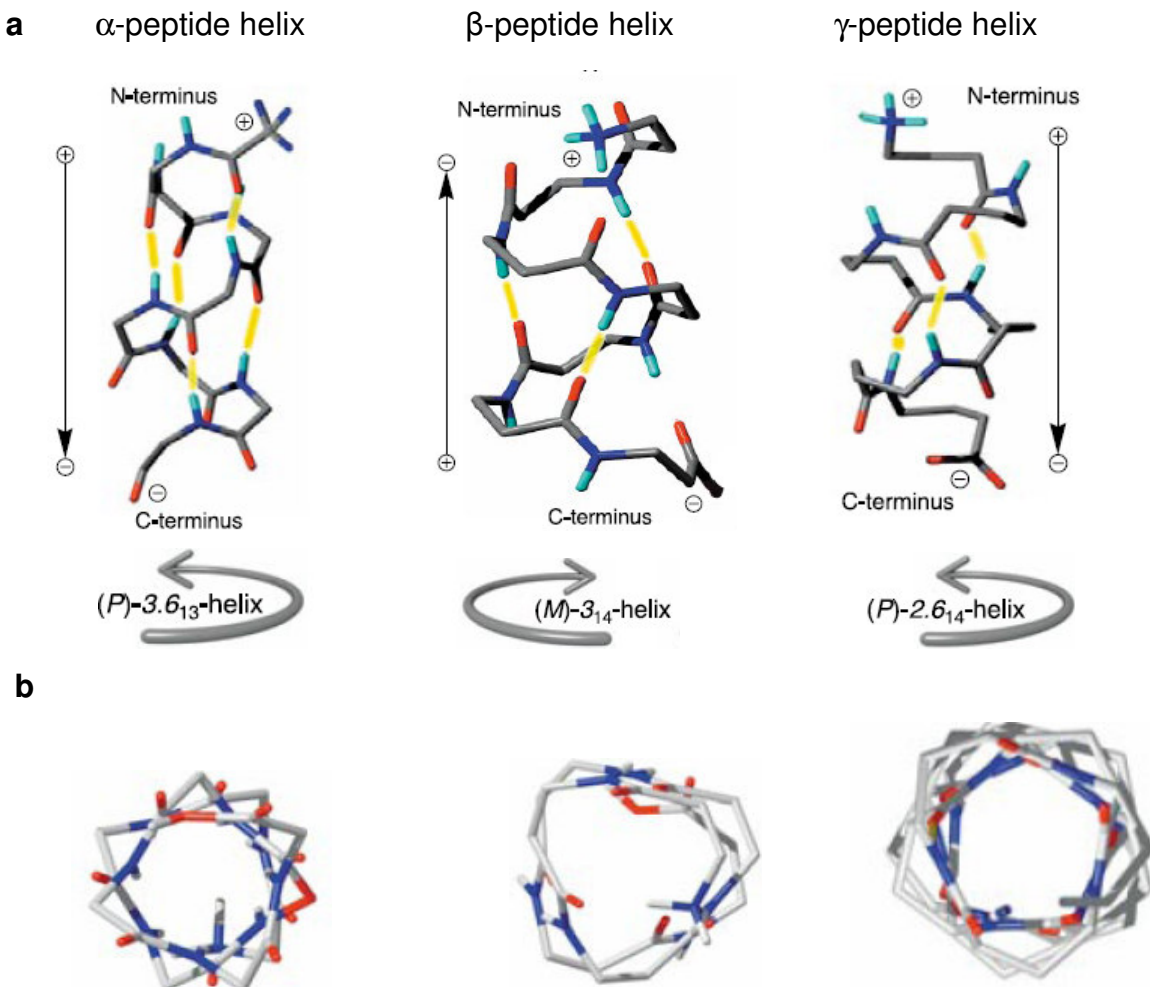


Figure 2a: Comparison of helices from α - , β - and γ -amino acids. The helical direction as well as macrodipole is also shown along with helical structure. **2b:** The top view of the helices from the α -, β -, and γ -amino acids.

using *ab initio* calculations (Figure 3). Intriguingly, theoretical calculations suggests stable C_{12} -helical conformations from 1:1 α/γ -hybrid peptides and C_{13} -helical

conformations from the heterooligomers of 1:1 combinations of β - and γ -amino acids (β/γ -hybrid peptides). According to the calculations α -helix can be generated without using α -amino acids. Recently, Gellman and colleagues reported 13-helix from the combination β - and stereochemically constrained cyclic γ -amino acids^[19]. With this background, we asked whether it is possible to generate C_{12} -helix or the C_{13} -helix using α - and γ^4 -amino acids or β^3 - and γ^4 - amino acids, respectively. In this project, we started the synthesis of stereochemically pure γ^4 -amino acids starting from the α -amino acids and β -amino acids from aspartic acid to generate heterooligomers composed of α - and homologated amino acids. In this connection, two α/γ -hybrid octapeptides were synthesized using the combinations of α - and γ -amino acids. The synthetic details are given following sections.

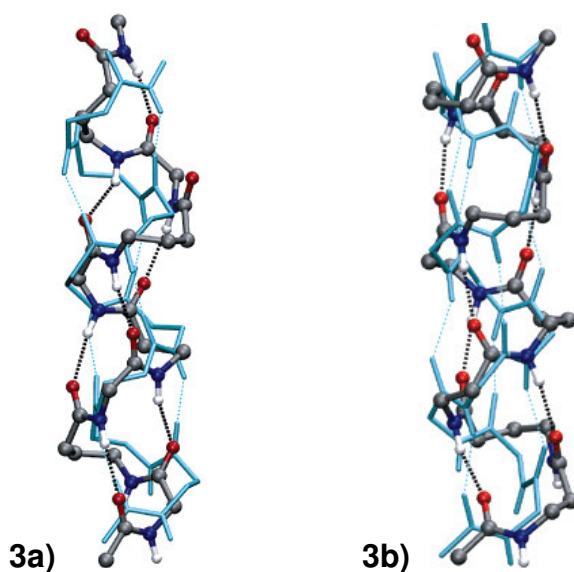
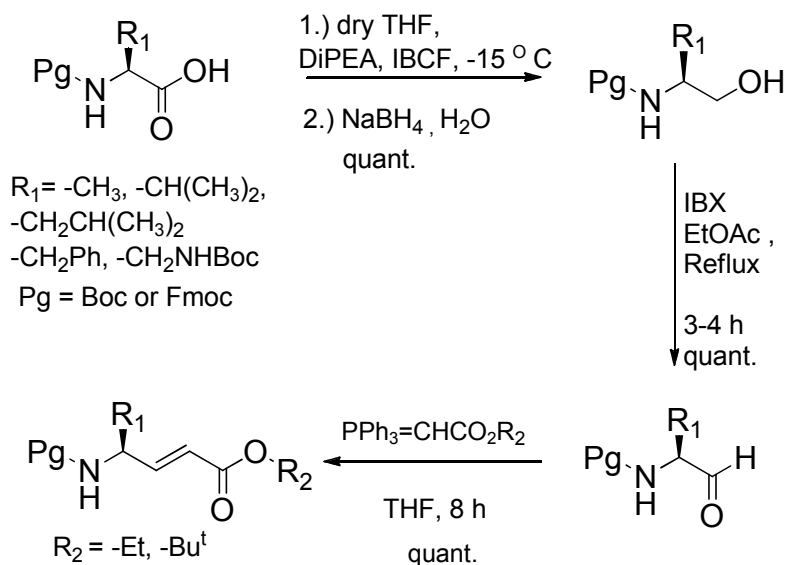


Figure 3a Stereo view 12-helix model of α/γ -hybrid peptide (gray, ball stick) and superimposition of 12-helix from β -peptides (blue). **3b** Stereo view of 13-helix model from β/γ -amino acids and superimposition of α -helix (blue)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To understand the structural properties of α/γ -hybrid peptides, the γ -amino acids were synthesized starting from the α -amino acids. We adopted a well known Wittig reaction to synthesize the α , β -unsaturated γ -amino acids and subsequent transformation of unsaturated amino acids to γ -amino acids using catalytic hydrogenation [20]. The schematic representation of the synthesis of α , β -unsaturated γ -amino acids is shown in **Scheme 1**. Recently, this group has proved the high *E*-selectivity and the stereochemical purity of α , β -unsaturated γ -amino acids using Wittig reaction [21]. This procedure also provides the opportunity to study the conformational properties of unsaturated γ -amino acids, which have not been well characterized [22]. The *N*-protected α , β -unsaturated γ -amino acids were synthesized starting from the α -amino acids. The *N*-protected amino acids were converted to amino alcohols through the mild sodium borohydride reduction of corresponding mixed anhydrides. The mixed carbonic anhydrides were synthesized using isobutyl chloroformate (IBCF) and base DiPEA. The *N*-protected amino alcohols were subjected to oxidation reaction using IBX to get



Scheme 1: Synthesis of Boc/Fmoc-vinylogous amino ester from Boc/Fmoc-amino acid.

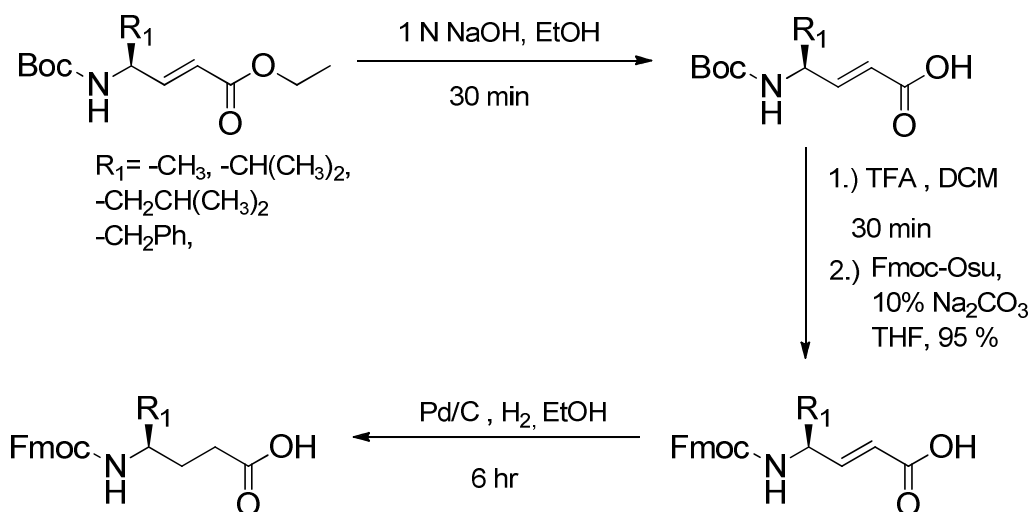
pure amino aldehydes. Further, the *N*-protected amino alcohols were subjected to Wittig reaction using the ylides either ethyl or *tert*-butyl (triphenyl phosphoranylidene) acetate. The Wittig ylides were generated from the reaction between triphenyl phosphine and ethyl bromo acetate or *tert*-butyl bromo acetate. Fmoc-Dap(Boc) aldehyde was synthesized following same protocol from commercially available Fmoc-Dap(Boc)-OH. It was subjected to Wittig reaction using the *tert*-butyl(triphenyl phosphoranylidene) acetate . The pure Wittig products were isolated with excellent *E*-selectivity after column chromatography. Using this protocol five different vinylogous

Table 1: List of α , β -unsaturated γ -amino acids synthesized using Wittig reaction

	R1	R2	Vinylogous amino esters	% Yield
1	-CH ₃	-OEt	Boc-dgA-OEt	88
2	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	-OEt	Boc-dgV-OEt	92
3	-CH ₂ -CH(CH ₃) ₂	-OEt	Boc-dgL-OEt	90
4	-CH ₂ -Ph	-OEt	Boc-dgF-OEt	88
5	-CH ₂ NHBoc	-OBu ^t	Fmoc-dgDap(Boc)-OBu ^t	78

dg= α , β –dehydro γ -amino acid A = Ala, V = Val, L = Leu, and F = Phe.

amino esters were isolated. The list of the unsaturated esters along with their % of yield after the column purification is given in the Table 1. Further, we used these α , β -unsaturated γ -amino esters for the synthesis of γ -amino acids using catalytic hydrogenation. The Schematic representation of the transformation of unsaturated amino acids to saturated γ -amino acids is shown in **Scheme 2**. The pure ethyl esters of the unsaturated γ -amino acids were subjected to saponification using 1(N) NaOH and ethanol. The acid was isolated in pure form after the acidification using 5% HCl and aqueous work-up.



Scheme 2: Synthesis of Fmoc- γ^4 -amino acids from the ethyl ester of Boc-vinylogous amino acid.

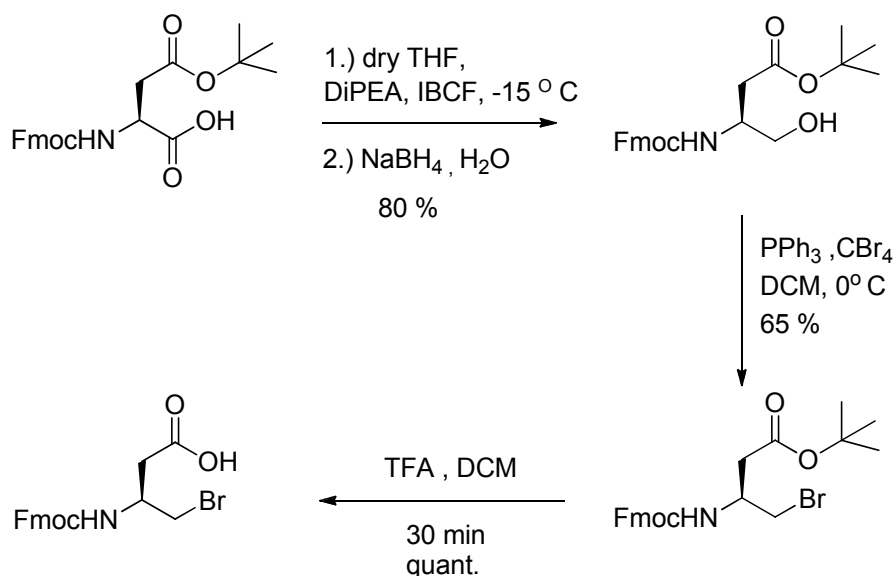
Further, the Boc-deprotection of unsaturated acid was carried out using 50% TFA in dichloromethane. The free unsaturated amino acid was again protected with Fmoc group under basic conditions to get amino acids that are compatible for the solid phase synthesis. The Fmoc-amino acid was further subjected to the catalytic hydrogenation using 10% Pd/C under the Table 2: List of Fmoc- γ -amino acids synthesized using the catalytic hydrogenation

	Vinylogous amino acid	γ -amino acid	% Yield
1	Boc-dgA-OEt	Fmoc- γ Ala-OH	87
2	Boc-dgV-OEt	Fmoc- γ Val-OH	85
3	Boc-dgL-OEt	Fmoc- γ Leu-OH	85
4	Boc-dgF-OEt	Fmoc- γ Phe-OH	81

hydrogen atmosphere to obtain γ -amino acids. Both Fmoc- α , β -unsaturated γ -acids and the Fmoc- γ -amino acids can be used in the solid phase synthesis. The list of amino acids synthesized using this protocol along with the % of yield is given in the Table 2.

Further, in the case of Boc -and *tert*-butyl protected vinylogous amino acids, 50% TFA in DCM was used to remove the protecting groups and the free amine was again protected with solid phase synthesis compatible Fmoc-group under the basic conditions. The Fmoc- protected γ -amino acids and vinylogous amino acids were directly used for the solid phase synthesis.

In addition, to synthesize 13-helical peptides from the combination of β and γ -amino acids, we adopted new route for the synthesis of β -amino acids starting from commercially available Fmoc-Asp(OBu^t)-OH. The Schematic representation is shown **Scheme 3**. We anticipate that the bromine substituted Fmoc- β -Ala-OH can be functionalized to Fmoc- β -Ala-OH either using catalytic hydrogenation or by mild NaBH₄ reduction. This amino acid can be utilized for further derivatization using various nucleophiles such thymine, azide alkyl or aryl amines.



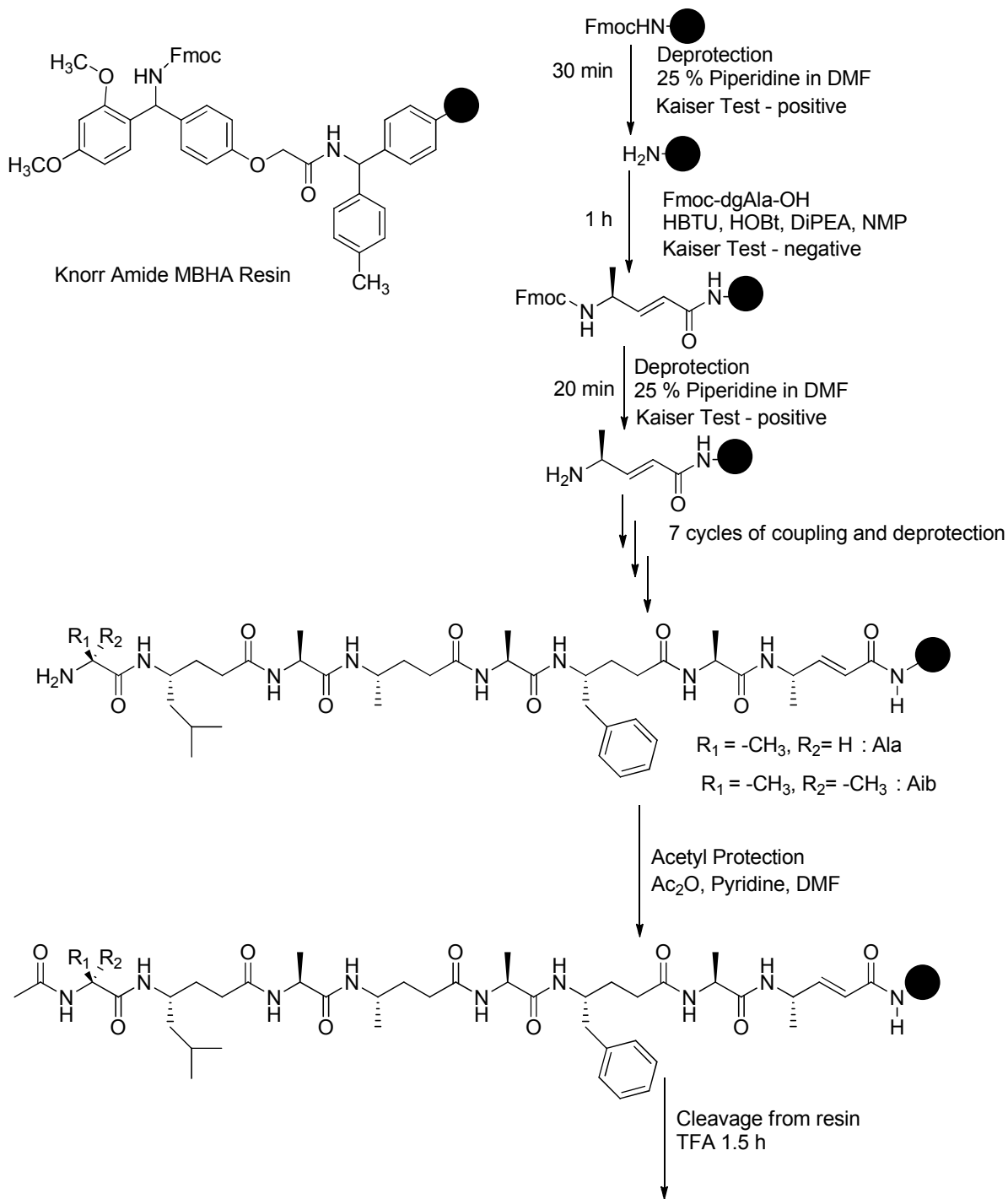
Scheme 3: Synthesis of functionalizable Fmoc-*N*-protected β -amino acid

The Fmoc-amino alcohol was synthesized using the mixed anhydride protocol as described above. The Fmoc-amino alcohol was subjected to the Appel reaction using PPh₃ and CBr₄ to generate alkyl bromide through the nucleophilic substitution reaction [22]. Further, the *tert*-butyl ester was removed using 50% TFA in DCM to get Fmoc- β -

amino acid. The transformation of bromo derivative to alkane is still under investigation. However, the bromo substituted Fmoc- β -amino acid can be directly used in the peptide synthesis.

Further, using the Fmoc- vinylogous amino acids and the Fmoc- γ -amino acids described in the **Scheme 2**, we designed two α/γ -hybrid octapeptides Ac-Ala- γ^4 Leu-Ala- γ^4 -Ala-Ala- γ^4 Phe-Ala-dgAla-NH₂, (**P1**) and Ac-Aib- γ^4 -Leu-Ala- γ^4 -Ala-Ala- γ^4 Phe-Ala-dgAla-NH₂ (**P2**). Our ongoing research in the laboratory, suggests that incorporation of vinylogous amino acids at the C-terminal may lead to the stabilization of the helical peptides with the terminal C-H---O hydrogen bonding and also it can be useful for further derivatization like Michael addition and Diels- Alder reactions. For these reasons we inserted a α, β -dehydro γ -amino acid at the C-terminal of the peptides. The peptides were synthesized using Knorr amide MBHA resin using standard Fmoc chemistry ^[23]. The combination of HBTU/HOBt mixture was used as coupling reactions ^[24] The Fmoc was deprotected on the resin using 25% piperidine in DMF. The completion of the coupling reactions were monitored using Kaiser Test. After the completion of the synthesis, the *N*-terminal was protected with the acetyl group and the peptide was released from the resin using neat TFA. The solid phase synthesis is outlined in the **Scheme 4**. The MALDI-TOF analysis of the crude peptides suggests that **P1** and **P2** are major products in the synthesis. The Mass spectra of both the peptides are shown in Figure 4 and 5, respectively. After the purification of **P1** and **P2** using the reverse-phase HPLC, we will subject them for the structural analysis using both 2D NMR and single crystal X-ray crystallography. We anticipate the 12 membered H-bond stabilized helical structures from both the peptides **P1** and **P2**.

Schematic representation of the solid phase peptide



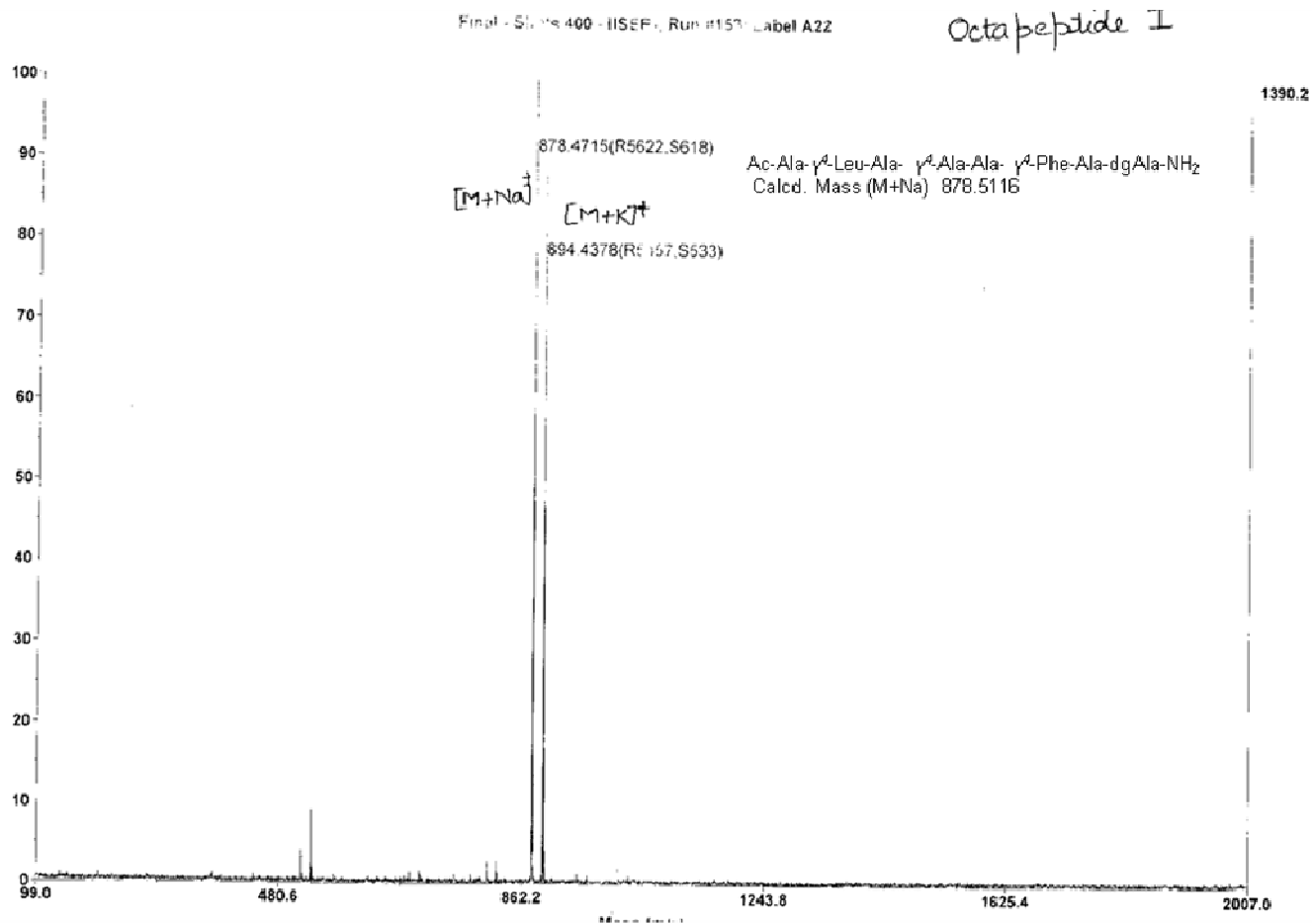
Ac-Ala- γ^4 Leu-Ala- γ^4 -Ala-Ala- γ^4 Phe-Ala-dgAla-NH₂ (**P1**)

Ac-Aib- γ^4 Leu-Ala- γ^4 -Ala-Ala- γ^4 Phe-Ala-dgAla-NH₂ (**P2**)

MALDI TOF/TOF Report of Peptide

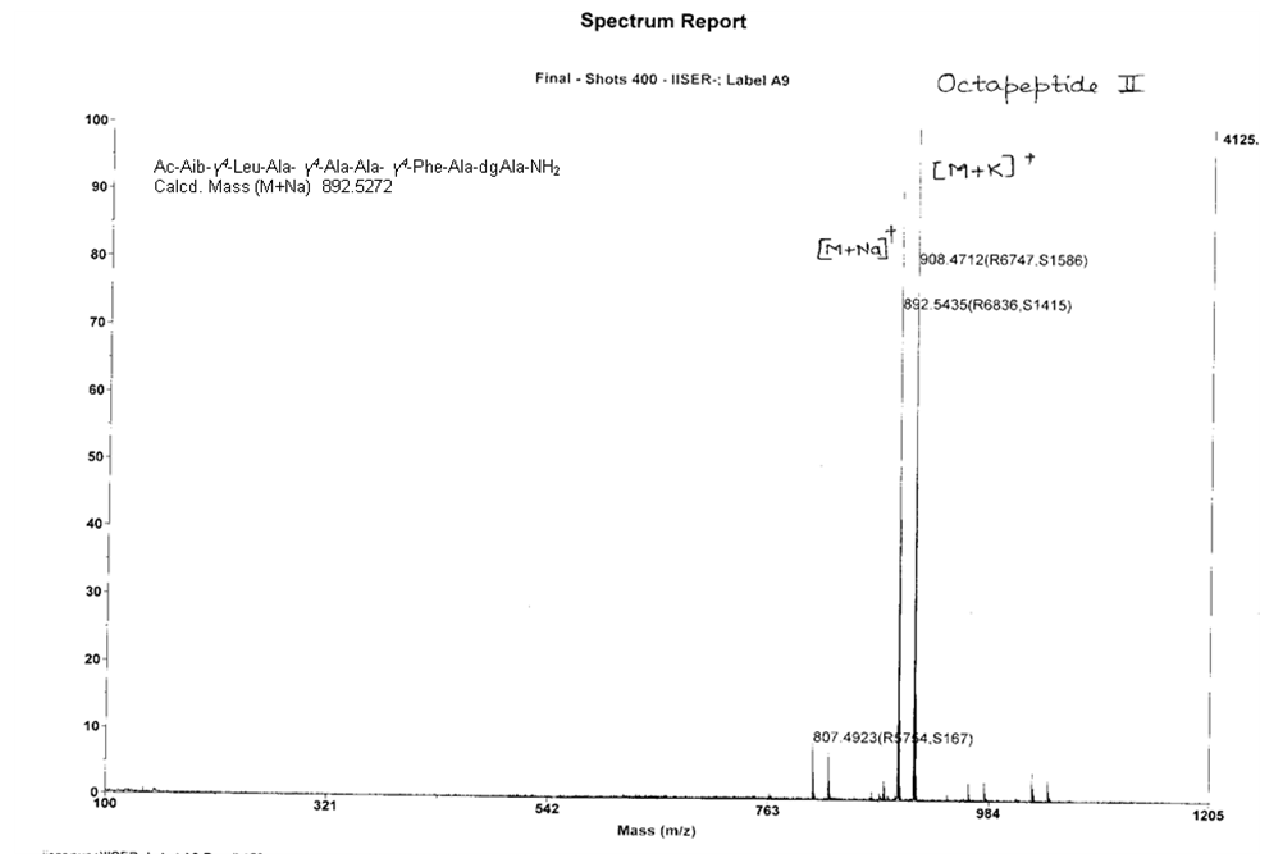
P1: Ac-Ala- γ^4 Leu-Ala- γ^4 -Ala-Ala- γ^4 Phe-Ala-dgAla-NH₂

MALDI.TOF/TOF m/z Calcd. for C₄₉H₆₉N₉O₉ (M+Na)⁺ 878.5116 Observed 878.4715



P2: Ac-Aib- γ^4 Leu-Ala- γ^4 -Ala-Ala- γ^4 Phe-Ala-dgAla-NH₂

MALDI.TOF/TOF m/z Calcd. for C₅₀H₇₁N₉O₉ (M+Na)⁺ 892.5272 Observed 892.5435



CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we demonstrated the synthesis of both Fmoc- vinylogous γ -amino acids as well as Fmoc- γ -amino acids starting from α -amino acids through Wittig reaction. Further, we also demonstrated the synthesis of functionalizable Fmoc-bromo β -alanine from Fmoc-Asp(OBu^t). The vinylogous and γ -amino acids were incorporated in the designed octapeptides containing 1:1 alpha and gamma amino acids. The mass spectral analysis of the crude peptides after the SPPS suggests presence of the peptides as major components. The pure peptides after the HPLC purification will be subjected for the structural analysis. The combination of beta and gamma hybrid peptide is yet to start.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Abbreviations.

1. Ala = Alanine
2. Boc = *tert*-butoxycarbonyl
3. Dap = Dipropionic acid
4. DCM = Dichloromethane
- 5 .DiPEA = diisopropylethyl amine
6. DCE = 1, 2-dichloroethane
7. DMF = *N, N*-dimethylamine
9. Fmoc = 9-fluoronyl methoxy carbonyl
10. HBTU = (O-Benzotriazol-1-yl)-*N,N,N',N'*-tetramethyl uranium hexaphosphate
11. HOBT = Hydroxy benzotriazole
12. IBCF = isobutyl chloroformate
12. Leu = Leucine
- 13 .NMP = N-methyl pyrrolidine
14. Phe = Phenylalanine
- 15 .TFA = Trifluoroacetic acid
17. THF = Tetrahydrofuran
18. Val = Valine

Materials and Methods.

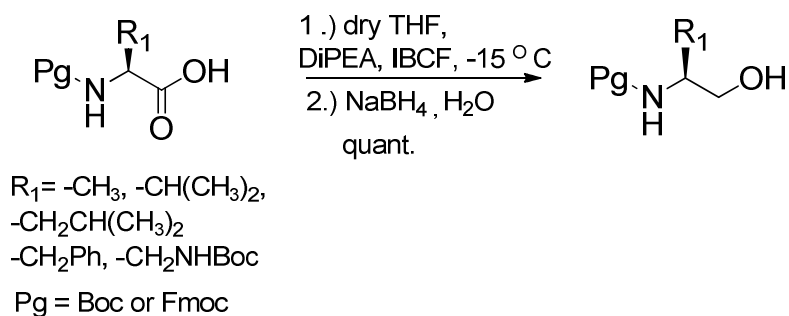
Materials obtained commercially were reagent grade unless otherwise stated. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL 400MHz (100MHz for ¹³C). Preparative scale reverse phase HPLC separations were performed on X Bridge PREP BEH 130 C18 column, using gradient mixtures of water 90% / Methanol 10% / 0.1%TFA (solvent system A) and water 10% / Methanol 90% / TFA 0.1% (solvent system B). Mass spectra were obtained from MALDI-TOF/TOF(Applied Biosystems) mass spectrometer.

Scheme I

Synthesis of Boc-protected Vinylogous Amino Ester:

1a) General procedure for the synthesis of Boc/Fmoc-N-protected amino alcohol:-

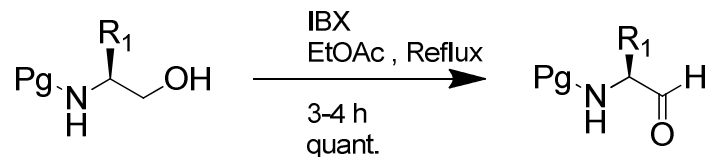
The N-protected amino acid (10 mmol) was dissolved in dry THF (20 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere, and cooled to -15°C , and then treated with DiPEA (10.2 mmol , 1.32 g) followed by isobutyl chloroformate (10 mmol, 1.366 g). White hydrochloride salt of DiPEA was precipitated out immediately after the addition of isobutyl chloroformate. The reaction was continued to stir for another 10 mins. A solution of NaBH_4 (50 mmol, 1.8 g) in 10 mL of water was added with vigorous stirring under ice cold condition. Immediate evolution of gas was observed after the addition. THF was evaporated from the reaction mixture and diluted with EtOAc (150 mL). The organic layer was washed with 5 % HCl (5 % by volume in water , 2 X 50 mL), 5 % Na_2CO_3 solution in water (2 X 50 mL), followed by brine (50 mL). Organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and evaporated under reduced pressure. The alcohol used were used for next step without purification.



1b) General procedure for the synthesis of Boc/Fmoc-N-protected amino aldehyde:-

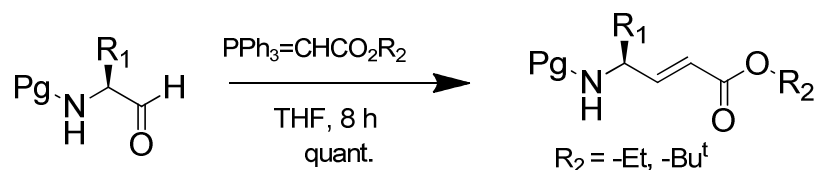
The N-protected amino alcohol (5 mmol) was dissolved in 50 mL of EtOAc and then IBX (10 mmol, 2.8 g) was added to it and refluxed. The reaction was monitored by TLC.

After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate concentrated over reduced pressure to yield N-protected amino aldehyde. It was immediately used for next step without purification.



1c) General procedure for the synthesis of Boc/Fmoc-protected Vinylogous Amino Ester:-

The N-protected amino aldehyde (5 mmol) was dissolved in THF (20 mL). To this solution Wittig ylide (5.5 mmol) was added. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction (8-12 hr) the THF was evaporated and product was purified by column chromatography using 5:95 ethyl acetate / pet ether solvent system.



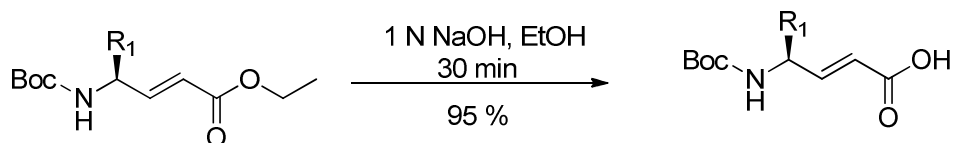
Scheme II

General procedure for the synthesis of Fmoc- γ^4 - amino acids from esters of Boc- α , β - unsaturated γ - amino acids:-

2a) Boc- α , β -unsaturated γ - amino acids :-

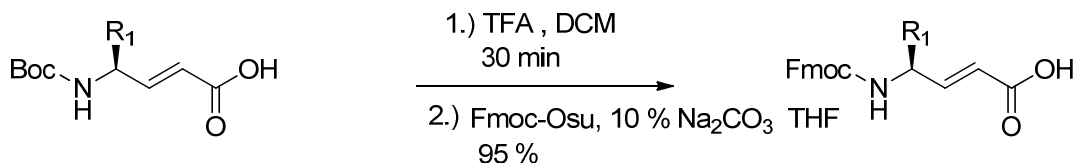
Ethyl ester of Boc- α , β -unsaturated γ - amino acid (2 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of ethanol. Then 5 mL of 1 N NaOH was added slowly to the reaction mixture. After completion of the reaction (~ 30-45 min), ethanol was evaporated from the reaction mixture and the residue was acidified using 5% HCl (5 % volume in water) at cold

condition. The product was extracted with EtOAc (3 X 40 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (30 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was concentrated over reduced pressure to give Boc- α , β -unsaturated γ - amino acid as gummy product in the quantitative yield.



2b) Fmoc- α , β -unsaturated γ - amino acids :-

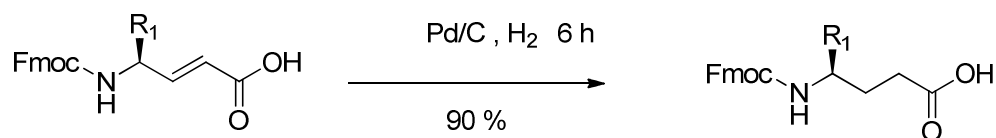
The Boc- α , β -unsaturated γ - amino acid (2 mmol) was dissolved in 5mL of DCM and cooled to 0 °C in the ice bath followed by the addition of 5 mL of neat TFA. After 30 min, TFA was removed from the reaction mixture using reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in 20 mL water and pH was adjusted to ~10 by the slow addition of solid Na₂CO₃. The solution of Fmoc-Osu (2 mmol) in 15 mL of THF was added slowly to the reaction mixture. Reaction mixture was stirred overnight at RT. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was acidified with 30 mL of 20 % HCl (20 % volume in water) in cold condition. Product was extracted with EtOAc (3 X 50 mL) . The combined organic layer was washed with brine (30 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was concentrated over reduced pressure to give gummy product which was recrystallized using EtOAc/ Pet Ether.



2c) Fmoc- γ^4 - amino acids :-

Fmoc- α , β -unsaturated γ - amino acids (1 mmol) was dissolved in EtOH (40 mL) and was treated with 20 weight percentage of Pd/C. The hydrogen gas was supplied

through balloon. The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 hrs. The completion of reaction was monitored by TLC. After the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered on celite and washed with EtOH. The solvent was concentrated over reduced pressure and crude was purified by column chromatography using 35:65 ethyl acetate / pet ether solvent system.

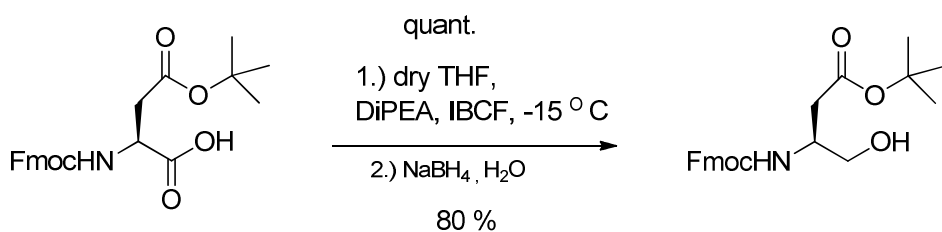


Scheme III

Synthesis of functionalized β -amino acids using Fmoc-Asp(OBu^t)-OH:

Synthesis of (S)-tert-butyl 3-(((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-4-hydroxybutanoate (Fmoc-Asp(OBu^t)-CH₂OH) :-

The product was synthesized following procedure described in 1b. The product was purified by column chromatography using 25:75 ethyl acetate / pet ether solvent system.

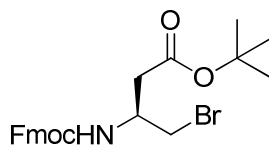


White powder: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.785-7.767 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.610-7.591 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.432- 7.394 (m, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.343-7.306 (m, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 5.500-5.479 (d, J =8.2 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.422-4.405 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, -CH₂(of Fmoc)), 4.244-4.209 (m, 1H, -CH(of Fmoc)), 4.035 (m, NHCHCH₂OH), 3.748-3.725 (m, 2H, NHCHCH₂OH), 2.588-2.559 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H, CH₂CO₂Bu^t), 2.415-2.385 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH₂CO₂Bu^t) 1.457 (s, 9H, -C(CH₃)₃ Boc) ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 169.924, 155.402, 143.742, 141.291, 127.714, 127.047, 125.016, 120.001, 81.652, 66.950, 48.386, 47.147, 38.146, 37.107,

35.934, 28.030; **MALDI TOF/TOF** m/z Calcd. for $C_{23}H_{27}NO_5$ ($M+Na$) 420.1787
Observed 420.2014

Synthesis of (S)-tert-butyl 3-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-4-bromobutanoate (Fmoc-Asp(OBu^t)-CH₂Br) : -

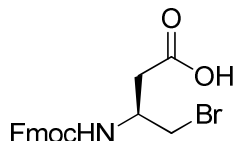
PPh₃ dissolved in 10 mL of DCM was added to a mixture of Fmoc-Asp(OBu^t)-CH₂OH (0.749g, 2 mmol, 1 eq) and CBr₄ (1.326 g, 4mmol, 2 eq) in DCM (15 mL) in ice cold condition. The reaction was stirred for 1 h in ice cold condition and allowed to come to r.t. and stirred for 2 h. Completion of reaction was monitored by TLC. On completion of the reaction solvent is concentrated over reduced pressure and purified by column chromatography with 5:95 ethyl acetate / pet ether solvent system to yield 0.564 g (61 %) of product as white powdered solid. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.787-7.769 (d, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.607-7.589 (d, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.435- 7.397 (m, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.345-7.308 (m, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 5.418-5.397 (d, *J*=8.7 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.456-4.370 (m, 2H, -CH₂(of Fmoc)), 4.252-4.218 (m, 2H, -CH(of Fmoc) & NHCHCH₂OH), 3.749-3.559 (m, 2H, NHCHCH₂Br), 2.706-2.587 (m, 2H, -CH₂CO₂Bu^t), 1.457 (s, 9H, -C(CH₃)₃ Boc) **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 169.924, 155.402, 143.742, 141.291, 127.714, 127.047, 125.016, 120.001, 81.652, 66.950, 48.386, 47.147, 38.146, 37.107, 35.934, 28.030;; **MALDI TOF/TOF** m/z Calcd. for $C_{23}H_{26}BrNO_4$ ($M+Na$)⁺ 482.0943 Observed 482.1720



Synthesis of (S)-3-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-4-bromobutanoic acid (Fmoc-Asp(OH)-CH₂Br) : -

Fmoc-Asp(OBu^t)-CH₂Br (0.92 g, 2 mmol) was dissolved in 5mL of DCM and cooled to 0 °C in the ice bath followed by the addition of 5 mL of neat TFA. After 30 min, TFA was removed from the reaction mixture using reduced pressure. The product was

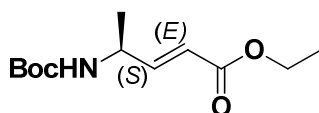
precipitated using pet ether to give a solid mass which is not stable in column chromatography. **MALDI TOF/TOF** m/z Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{18}BrNO_4$ (M+Na) 426.0317 Observed 426.1061



Spectroscopic data for N-protected vinylogous Amino Esters

(S, E)-ethyl 4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)pent-2-enoate (Boc-dgA-OEt): -

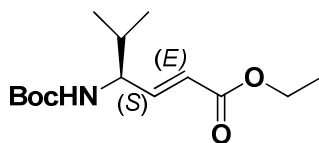
Colourless oil (Yield 2.13 g, 88 %), $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.886-6.835 (dd, $J=15.6$ Hz, 4.6 Hz, 1H, -CH-CH=CH), 5.902-5.886 (d, $J=14.2$ Hz, 1H, -CH-CH=CH), 4.61 (br, 1H, -NH), 4.39 (br, 1H, -NH-CH-CH=CH), 4.202-4.148 (q, $J=$ Hz, 2H, -OCH₂), 1.429 (s, 9H, -C(CH₃)₃ Boc), 1.28-1.24 (m, 6H, -OCH₂CH₃ & -CH₃); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 166.481, 154.992, 149.491, 120.153, 79.793, 60.524, 47.061, 28.421, 20.383, 14.300; MALDI.TOF/TOF m/z Calcd. for $C_{12}H_{21}NO_4$ (M+Na) 266.1368 Observed 266.1047



(S, E)-ethyl 4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methylhex-2-enoate(Boc-dgV-OEt):-

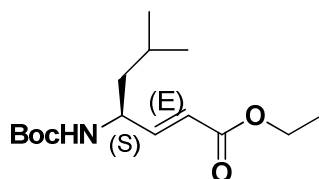
Colourless solid (Yield 2.47 g, 92 %); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.889-6.837 (dd, $J=15.8$ Hz, 5 Hz, 1H, -CH-CH=CH), 5.943-5.900 (d, $J=14.2$ Hz, 1H, -CH-CH=CH), 4.588-4.566 (d, $J=8.7$ Hz, 1H, -NH), 4.224-4.168 (m, 3H, -OCH₂CH₃ & -NH-CH-CH=CH), 1.91-1.83 (m, 1H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.447 (s, 9H, -C(CH₃)₃ Boc), 1.310 (t, $J=7.1$ Hz, 3H, -OCH₂CH₃), 0.95-0.90 (dd, $J=6.9$ Hz, 6H, -CH(CH₃)₂); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 166.272, 155.326, 147.365, 121.431, 79.679, 60.429, 56.615, 32.216,

28.326,18.839, 17.961, 14.214 **MALDI TOF/TOF** m/z Calcd. for C₁₄H₂₅NO₄ (M+Na)
294.1681 Observed 294.1938



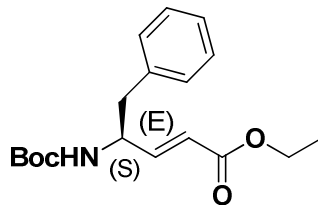
(S, E)-ethyl 4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-6-methylhept-2-enoate (Boc-dgL-OEt):-

White crystalline solid (Yield 2.56 g, 90 %) ; ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.855-6.802 (dd, *J*= 15.6 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 1H, -CH-CH=CH), 5.934-5.895 (d, *J*= 15.6 Hz, 1H, -CH-CH=CH), 4.476-4.458 (d, 7.8 Hz, 1H, -NH), 4.358-4.327 (m, 1H, , -NH-CH-CH=CH), 4.216-4.162 (q, 2H, -OCH₂CH₃), 1.724-1.658 (m, 1H, -CH₂CH(CH₃)₂), 1.442 (s, 9H, -C(CH₃)₃ Boc), 1.400-1.363 (t, *J* =7.3, 2H, CH₂CH(CH₃)₂), 1.305-1.268 (t, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 3H, -OCH₂CH₃), 0.942-0.926 (dd, *J*= 6.4 Hz, 6H, -CH₂CH(CH₃)₂) ; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 166.415, 155.050, 148.890, 120.363, 79.669, 60.419, 49.749, 43.800, 28.326, 24.683, 22.691, 22.157, 14.214 **MALDI TOF/TOF** m/z Calcd. for C₁₅H₂₇NO₄ (M+Na)
308.1838 Observed 308.2026



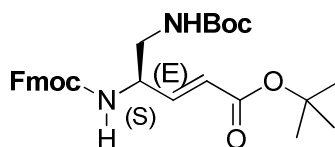
(S,E)-ethyl 4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-phenylpent-2-enoate (Boc-dgF-OEt) :-

White solid (Yield 2.80 g, 88 %) ; ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.373-7.222 (5H, aromatic protons) , 6.988-6.936 (dd, *J*= 15.8 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H, -CH-CH=CH), 5.927-5.887 (d, *J*= 16 Hz, 1H, -CH-CH=CH), 4.670 (br, 1H, -NH), 4.596-4.579 (m, 1H, , -NH-CH-CH=CH), 4.256-4.203 (m, 2H, -OCH₂CH₃), 2.990-2.938 (m, 2H, NH-CHCH₂), 1.440 (s, 9H, -C(CH₃)₃ Boc), 1.342-1.305 (t, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 3H, -OCH₂CH₃) ; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 166.138, 154.897, 147.856, 136.324, 129.363,128.543, 128.448, 126.827, 121.021, 79.803, 60.438, 52.200, 40.797, 28.249,14.186. **MALDI TOF/TOF** m/z Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₅NO₄ (M+Na) 342.1681 Observed 342.2072



(*R, E*)-tert-butyl 4- (((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy) carbonyl) amino)- 5-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl) amino) pent-2-enoate (Fmoc-dgDap(Boc)-OBu^t) :-

Solid (Yield 3.96 g, 78 %) **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.780-7.762 (d, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.615-7.598 (d, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.426- 7.389 (m, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.334-7.299 (m, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 6.761-6.709 (dd, *J*= 15.6 Hz, *J*= 5 Hz, 1H, -CH-CH=CH), 5.950-5.911 (d, *J*= 15.6 Hz, 1H, -CH-CH=CH), 5.730-5.713 (d, *J*=6 Hz, 1H, NH -Fmoc), 4.839 (br, 1H, NH- Boc), 4.401-4.384 (m, 3H, NH-CH-CH=CH, -CH₂(of Fmoc)), 4.235-4.200 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 1H, -CH(of Fmoc)), 3.359 (br, 2H, CH-CH₂-NH-Boc), 1.492 (s, 9H, -C(CH₃)₃ CO₂C(CH₃)₃), 1.454 (s, 9H, -C(CH₃)₃ Boc); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.175, 143.770, 143.446, 127.685, 127.056, 124.092, 124.396, 119.943, 80.785, 80.175, 66.950, 53.630, 47.156, 43.543, 28.259, 28.059. **MALDI TOF/TOF** *m/z* Calcd. for C₂₉H₃₆NO₄ (M+Na) 531.2466 Observed 531.3446

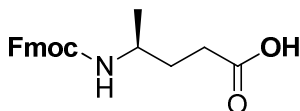


Spectroscopic data for Fmoc-protected homologated γ⁴-Amino Acids

(*S*)-4-(((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)pentanoic acid (Fmoc-γAla-OH):-

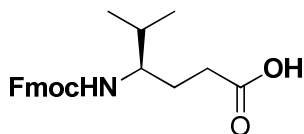
Solid (Yield 0.288 g, 87 %) **¹H NMR**(400 MHz, DMSO d-6) δ 7.897-7.878 (d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.704-7.686 (d, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.427-7.391 (m, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.345- 7.308 (m, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.211-7.190 (d, *J*=8.2 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.332-4.188 (m, 3H, -CH₂ (of Fmoc) & -CH(of Fmoc)), 3.536-

3.467 (m, 1H, -NH-CH-CH₂-CH₂CO₂H), 2.210-2.0173 (m, 2H, -NH-CH-CH₂-CH₂CO₂H), 1.605 (br, 2H, -NH-CH-CH₂-CH₂CO₂H) ; 1.042-1.026 (d, 3H, NH-CH-CH₃) ; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.481, 155.603, 143.970, 140.767, 127.638, 127.085, 125.206, 120.163, 65.100, 46.823, 45.823, 45.945, 31.319, 30.709, 20.889 **MALDI TOF/TOF** m/z Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁NO₄ (M+Na) 362.1368 Observed 362.1680



(R)-4-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-5-methylhexanoic acid (Fmoc-γVal-OH):-

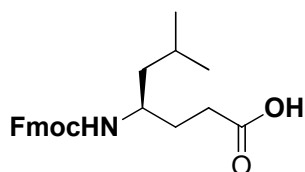
White solid (Yield 0.311 g, 85 %) ¹H NMR(400 MHz, DMSO d-6) δ 12.006 (b, 1H, COOH) 8.96-7.878 (d, J= 7.3 Hz, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.715-7.697 (d, J= 6.9 Hz, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.426- 7.390 (m, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.338- 7.301 (m , 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.120-7.098 (d, J=9.2 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.305-4.280 (m, 2H, -CH₂ (of Fmoc)), 4.213-4.195 (m, 1H, -CH(of Fmoc)), 3.251-3.14 (m, 1H, -NH-CH-CH₂-CH₂CO₂H), 2.244-2.096 (m, 2H, -NH-CH-CH₂-CH₂CO₂H), 1.701-1.472 (m, 3H, -NH-CH-CH₂-CH₂CO₂H) & NH-CHCH(CH₃)₂), 0.833-0.804 (t, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂) ; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.452, 156.280, 143.951, 140.767, 127.628, 127.037, 125.235, 120.143, 65.062, 55.423, 46.889, 31.930, 30.728, 26.457, 19.058, 18.333; **MALDI.TOF/TOF** m/z Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₅NO₄ (M+Na)⁺ 390.1681 Observed 390.2271



(R)-4-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-6-methylheptanoic acid (Fmoc-γLeu-OH):-

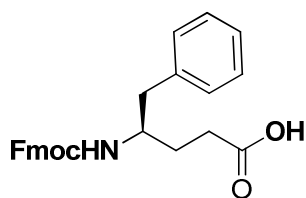
Solid (Yield 0.323 g, 85 %) ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.772-7.302 (m, 8H -Fmoc aromatic), 7.461-7.415 (m, 3H, -CH₂ (of Fmoc) & -CH(of Fmoc)), 4.226-4.160(m, 1H, NH), 3.718-3.672 (m, 1H, -NH-CH-CH₂-CH₂CO₂H), 2.348-2.310 (m, 2H, -NH-CH-CH₂-

$\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$), 2.045-1.545 (m, 5H $-\text{NH}-\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$), $\text{NH}-\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ & $\text{NH}-\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 0.896-0.870 (d, 6H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.676, 156.261, 143.723, 141.291, 127.628, 127.008, 124.596, 120.296, 66.216, 49.006, 47.366, 44.925, 30.671, 29.670, 24.769, 23.005, 22.099; **MALDI TOF/TOF** m/z Calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_4$ (M+Na) 404.1836 Observed 404.1443

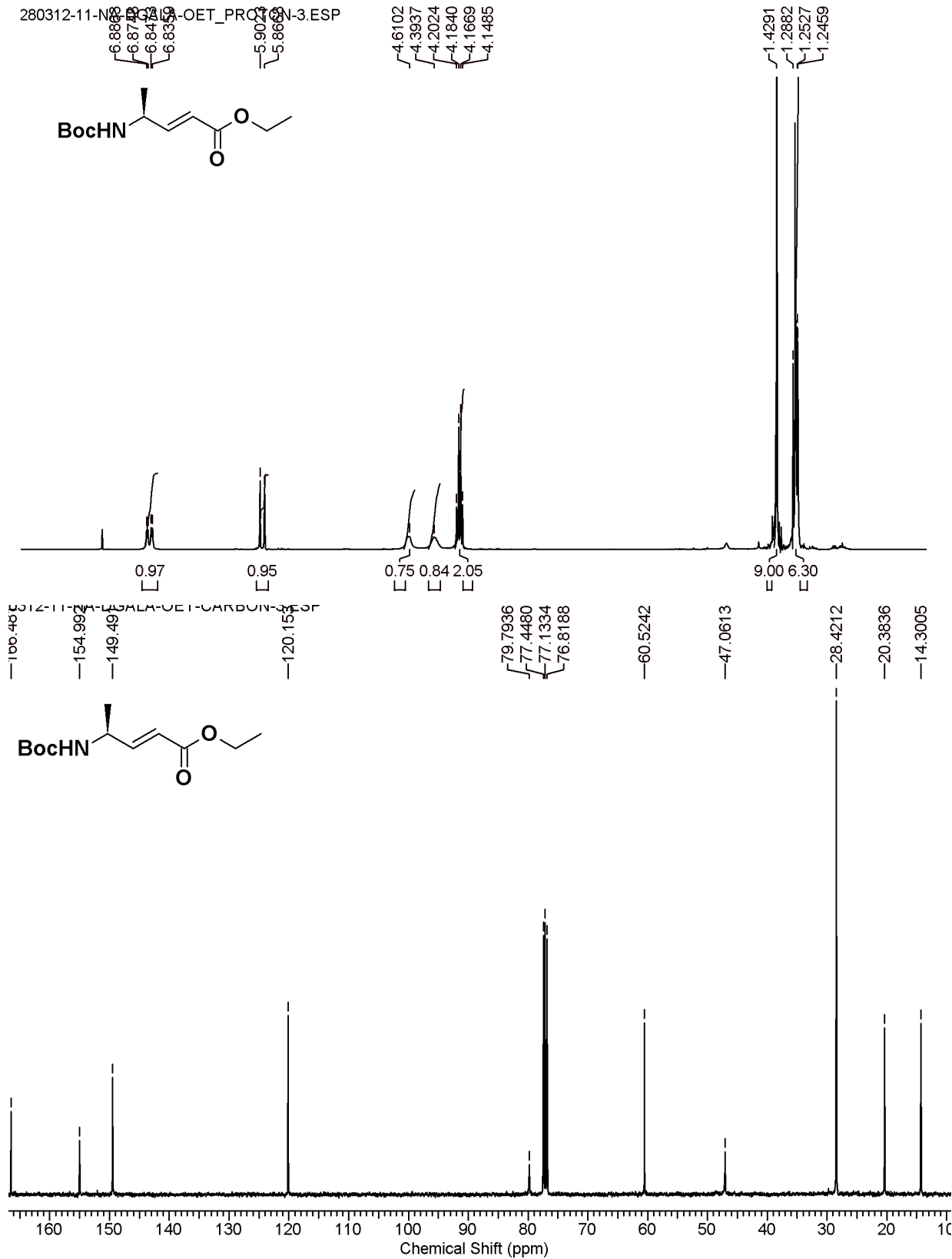


(R)-4-(((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-5-phenylpentanoic acid: (Fmoc- γ Phe-OH) :-

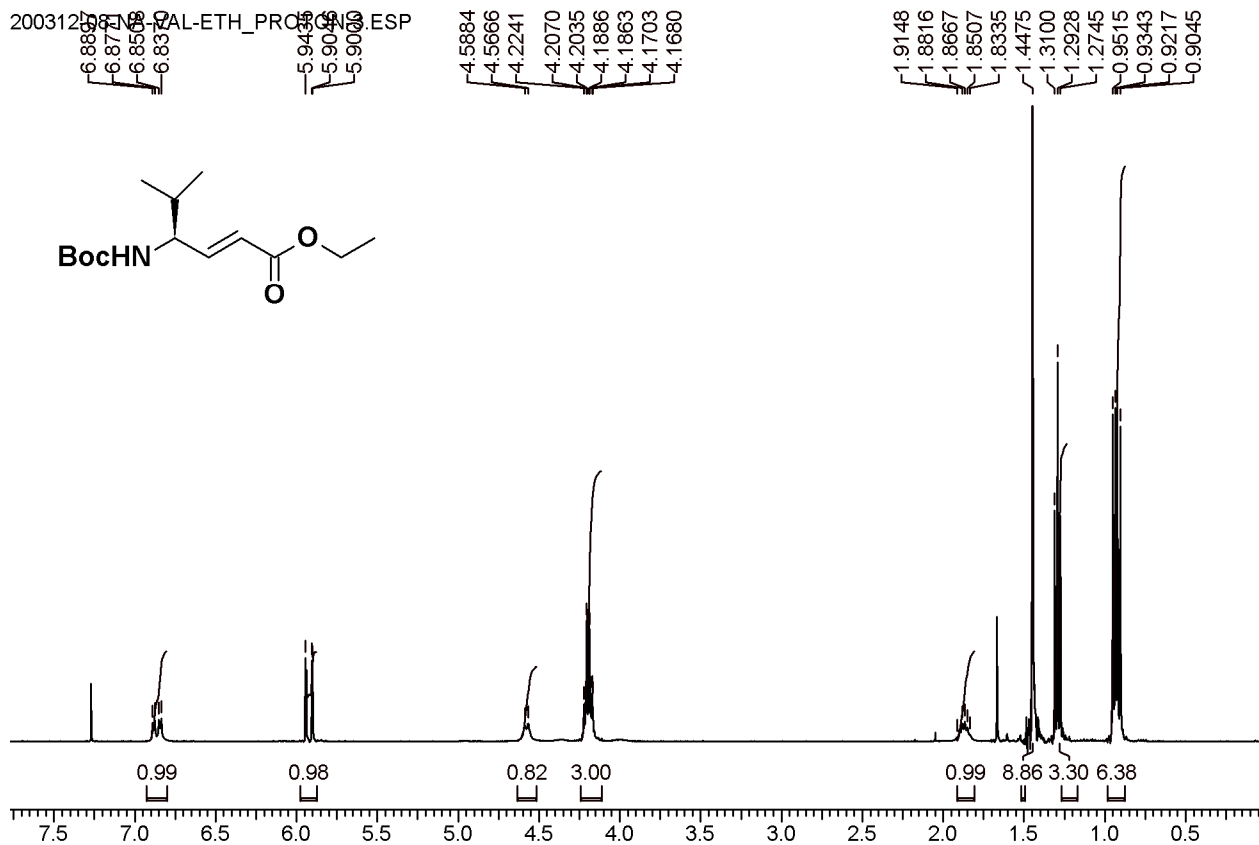
Solid (Yield 0.324 g, 81 %) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, DMSO d-6) δ 11.663 (br, 1H, COOH) 7.894-7.875 (m, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.761-7.632 (d, 2H, -Fmoc aromatic), 7.424-7.170 (m, 10H, -Fmoc aromatic , -Ph protons & NH) , 4.234-4.219 (m, 2H, $-\text{CH}_2$ (of Fmoc)), 4.163-4.131(m,1H, $-\text{CH}$ (of Fmoc)), 3.656 (br, 1H, $-\text{NH}-\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$), 2.697-2.681(d, $J= 6.4$ Hz, 2H, $\text{NHCH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{Ph}$), 2.2930-2.162 (m, 2H, $-\text{NH}-\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$), 1.173-1.556 (m, 2H, $-\text{NH}-\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$)) ; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.395, 155.736, 143.875, 140.748,138,955,129.211,128105,127.628, 127.066, 125.998, 125.244, 120.143, 65.091,51.781, 46.794, 30.528, 29.489 **MALDI TOF/TOF** m/z Calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_4$ (M+Na) 438.1681 Observed 438.1244



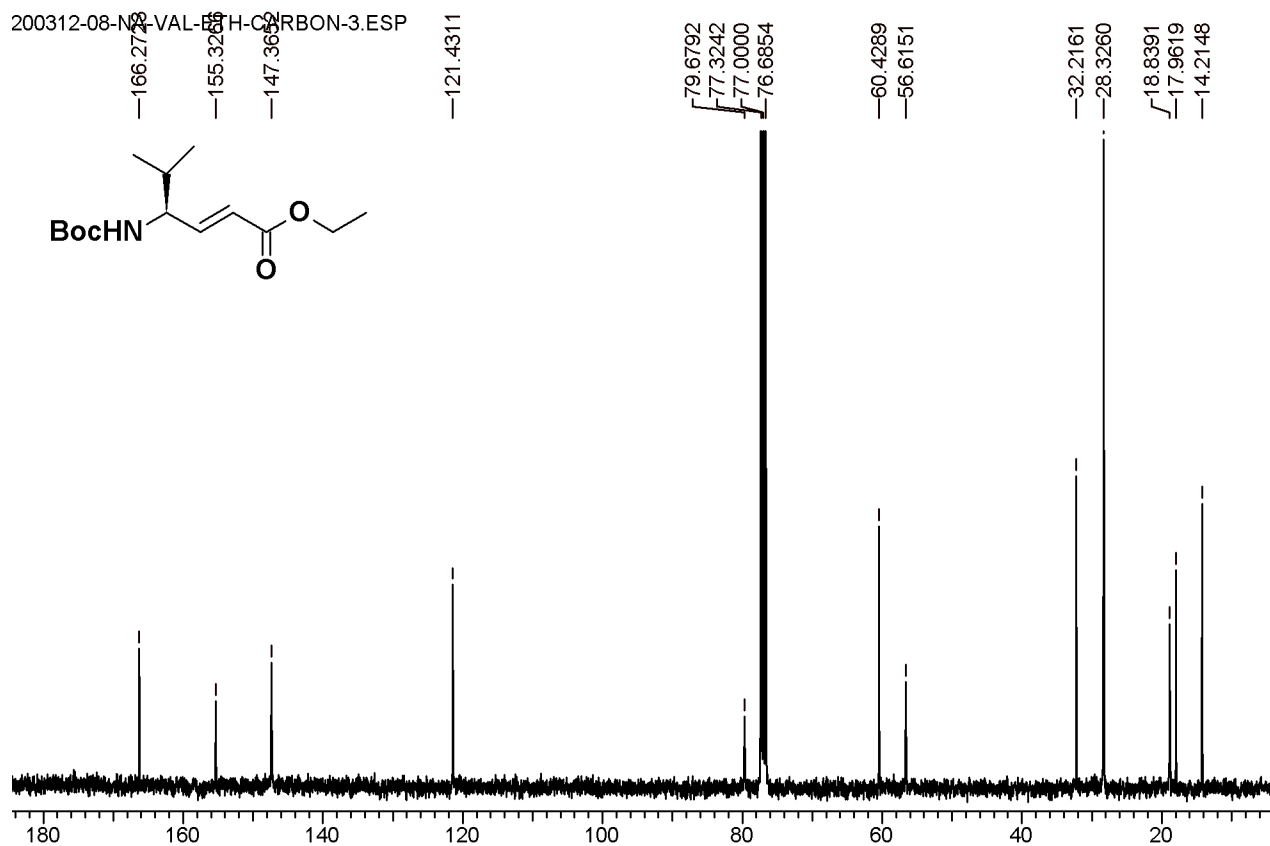
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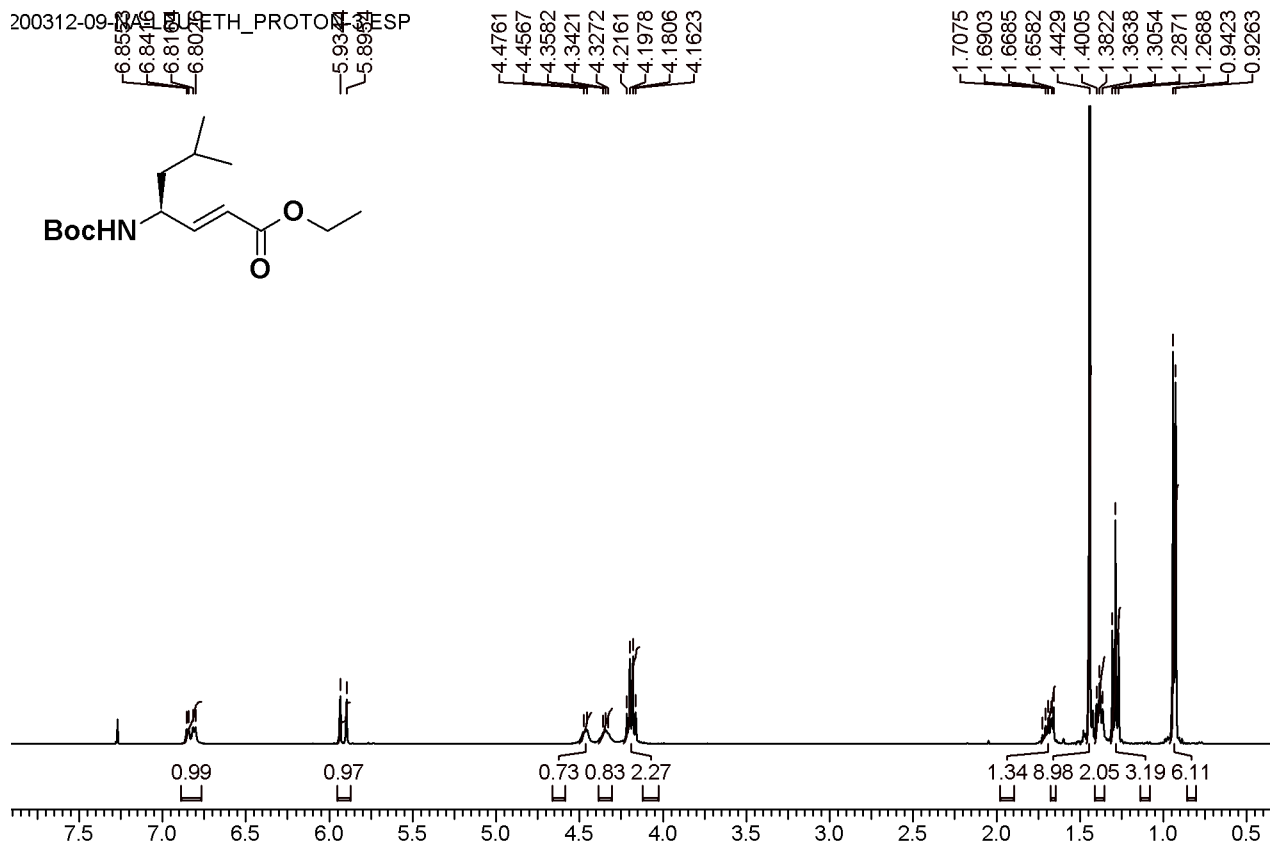
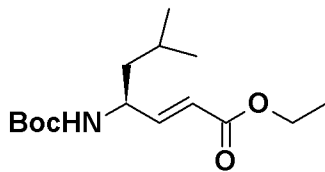
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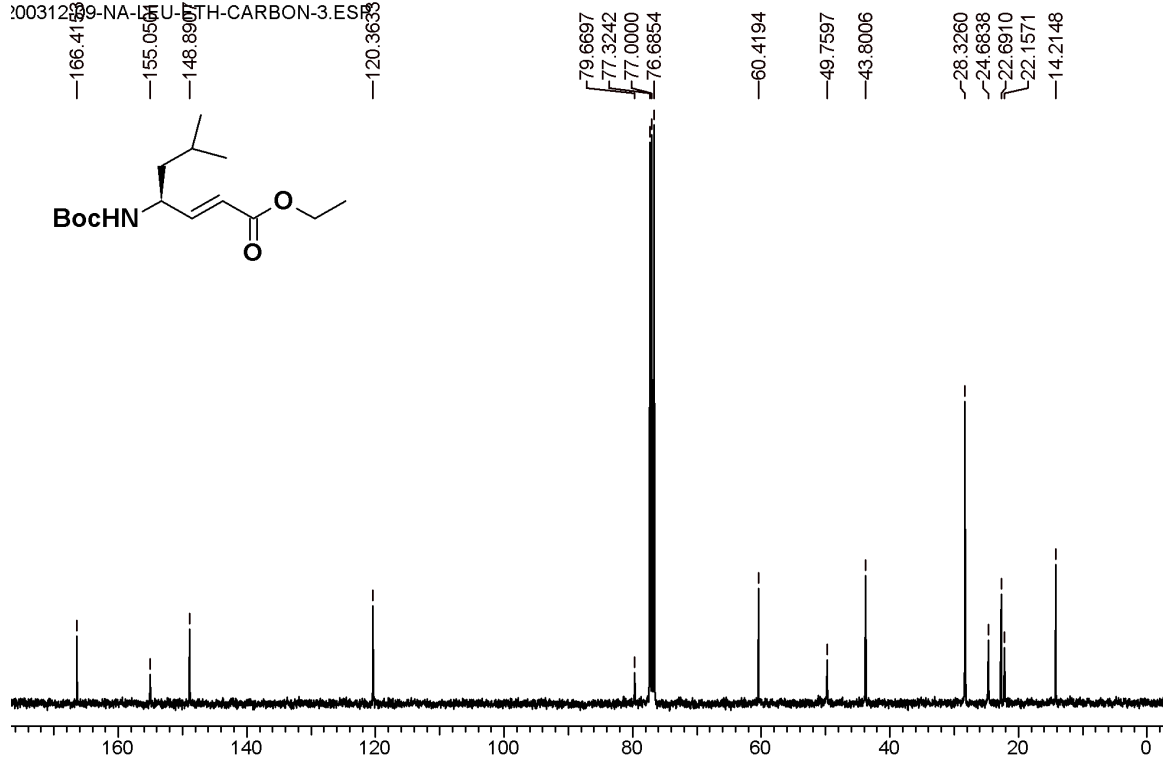
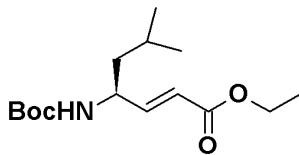
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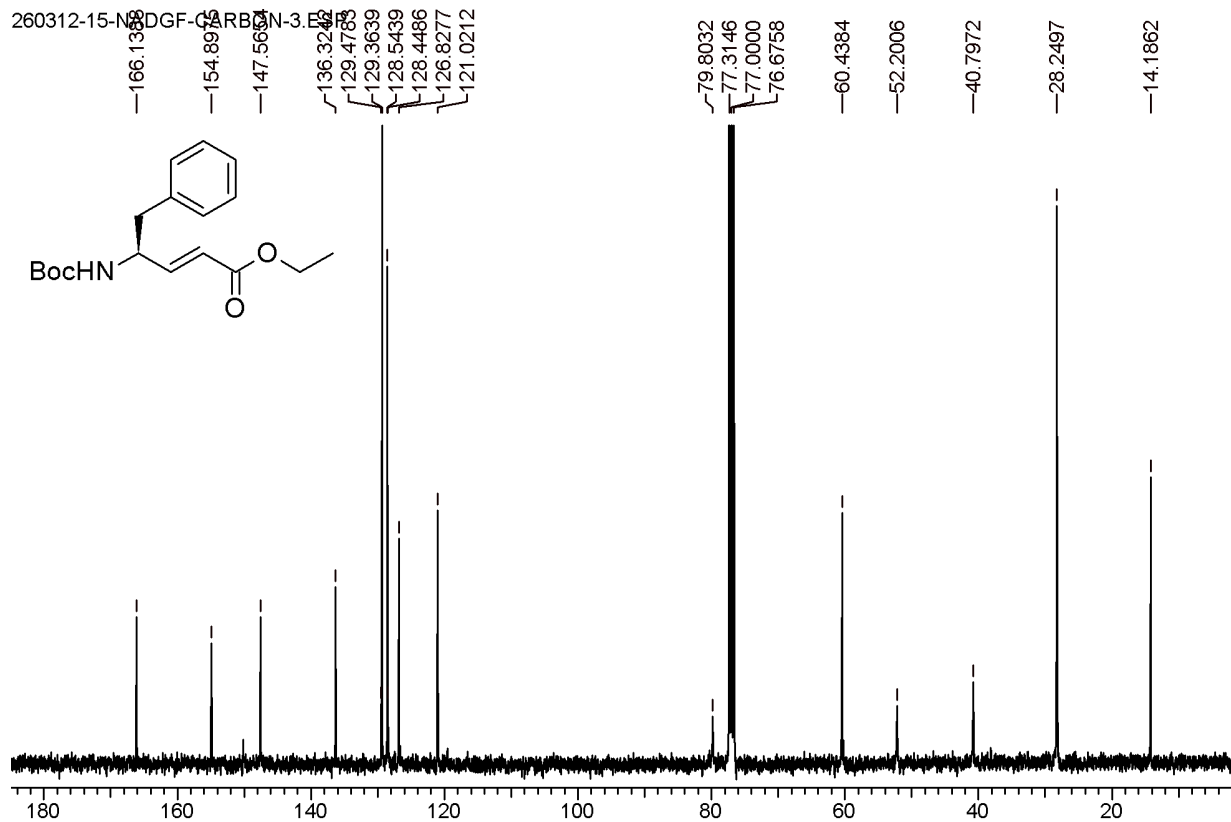
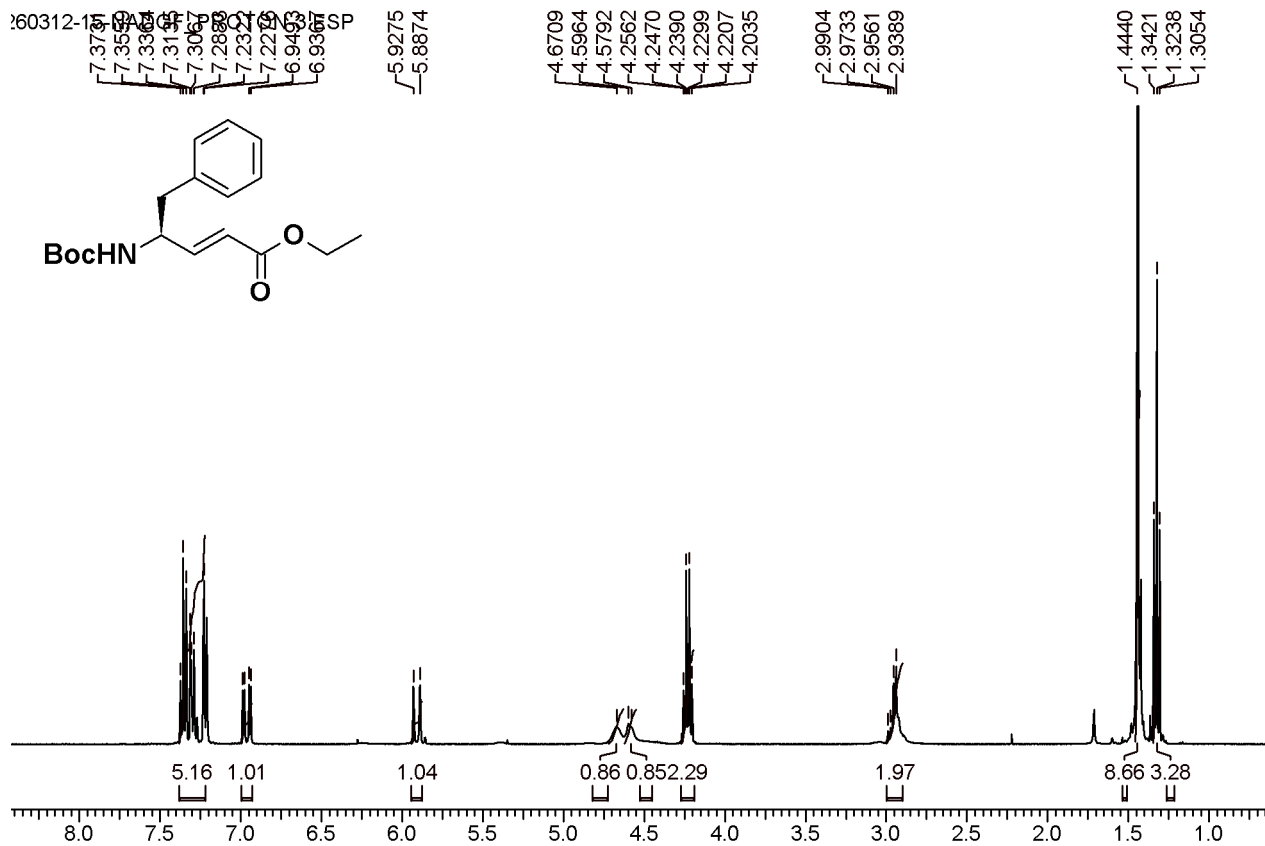


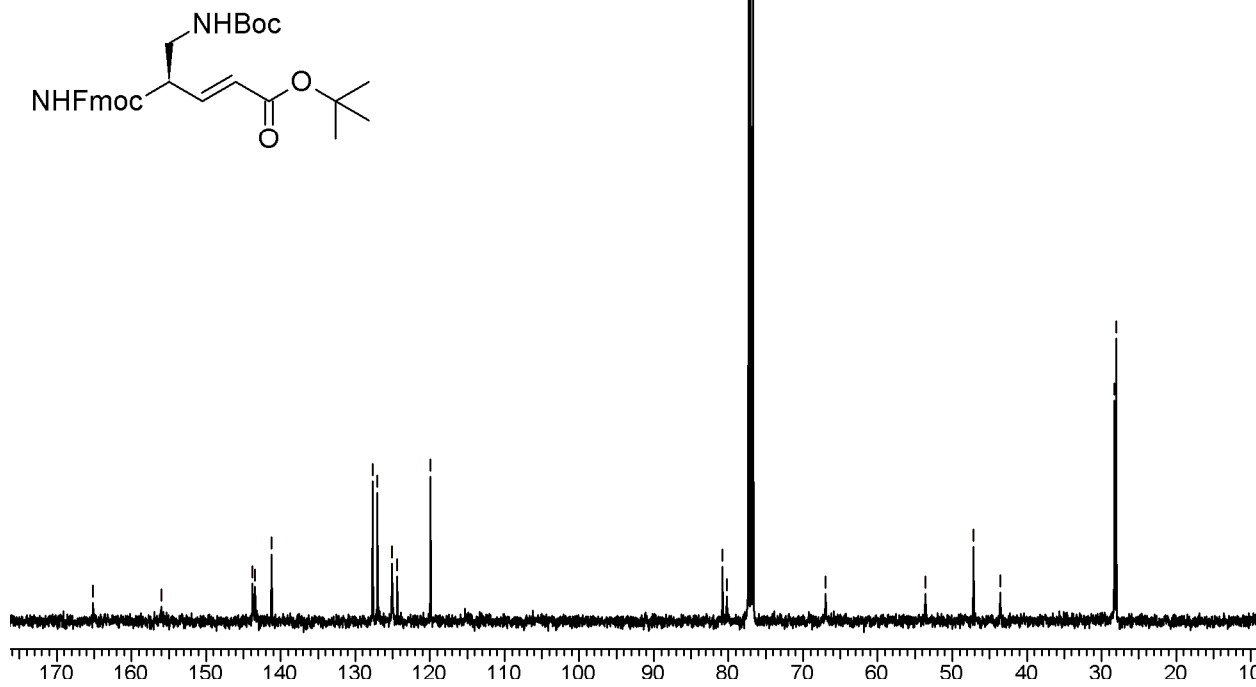
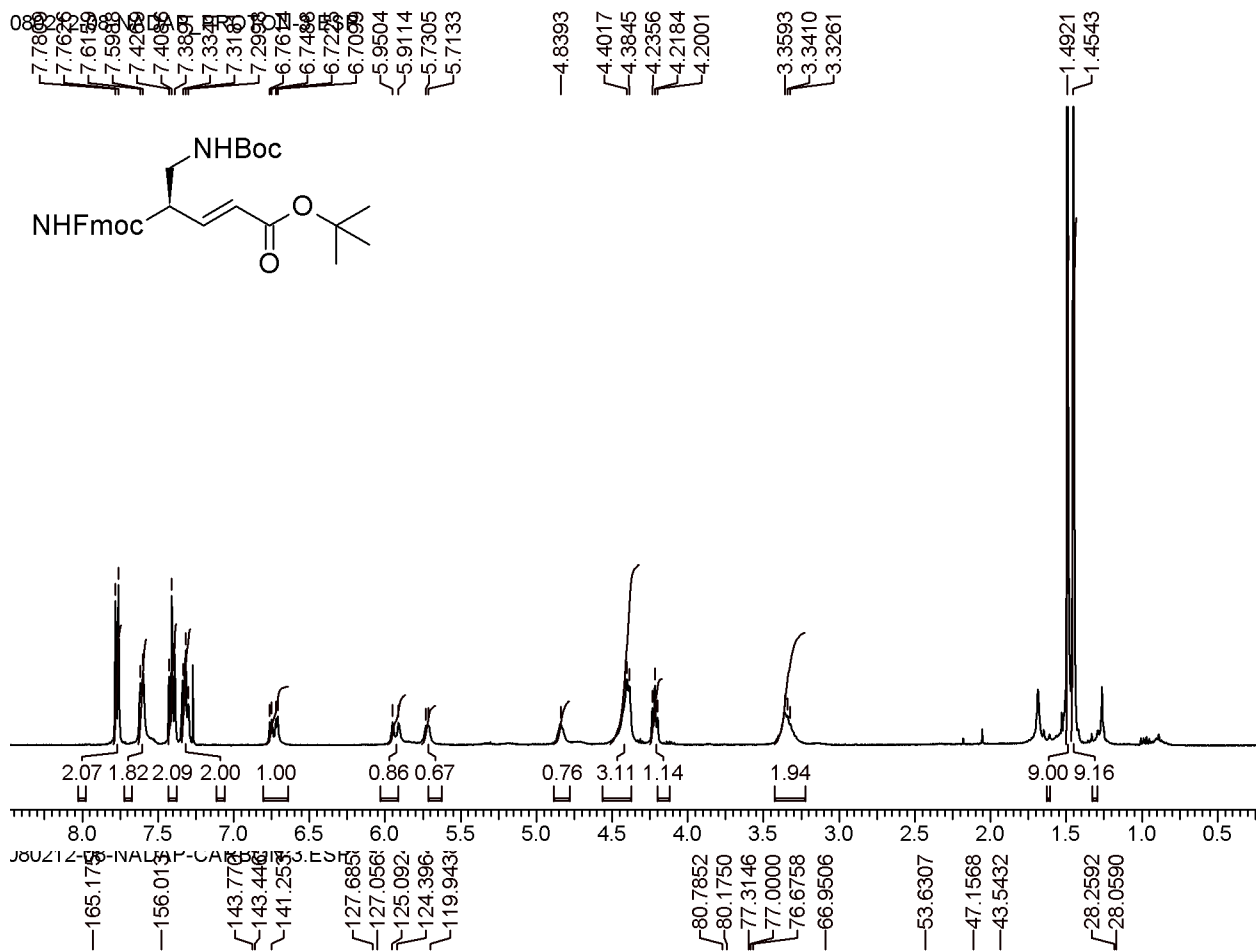
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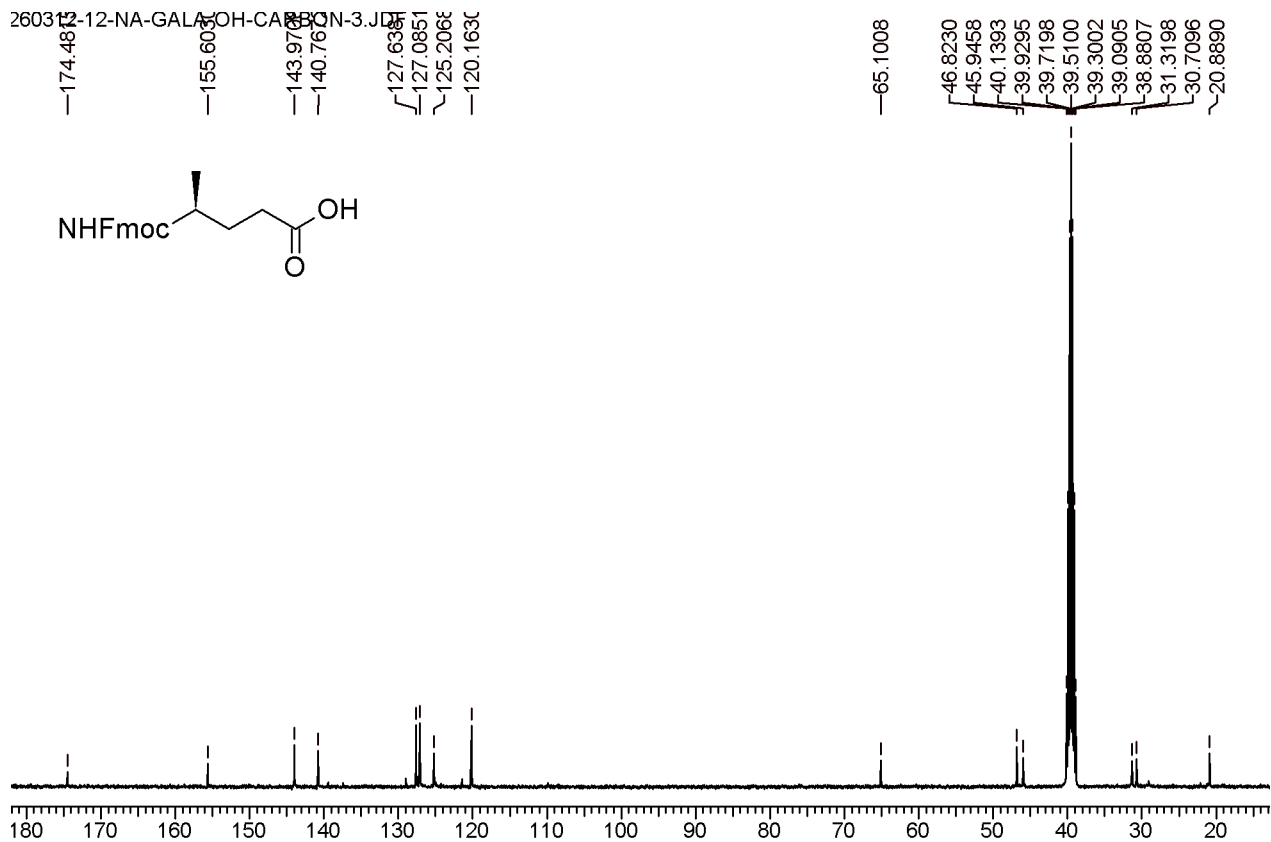
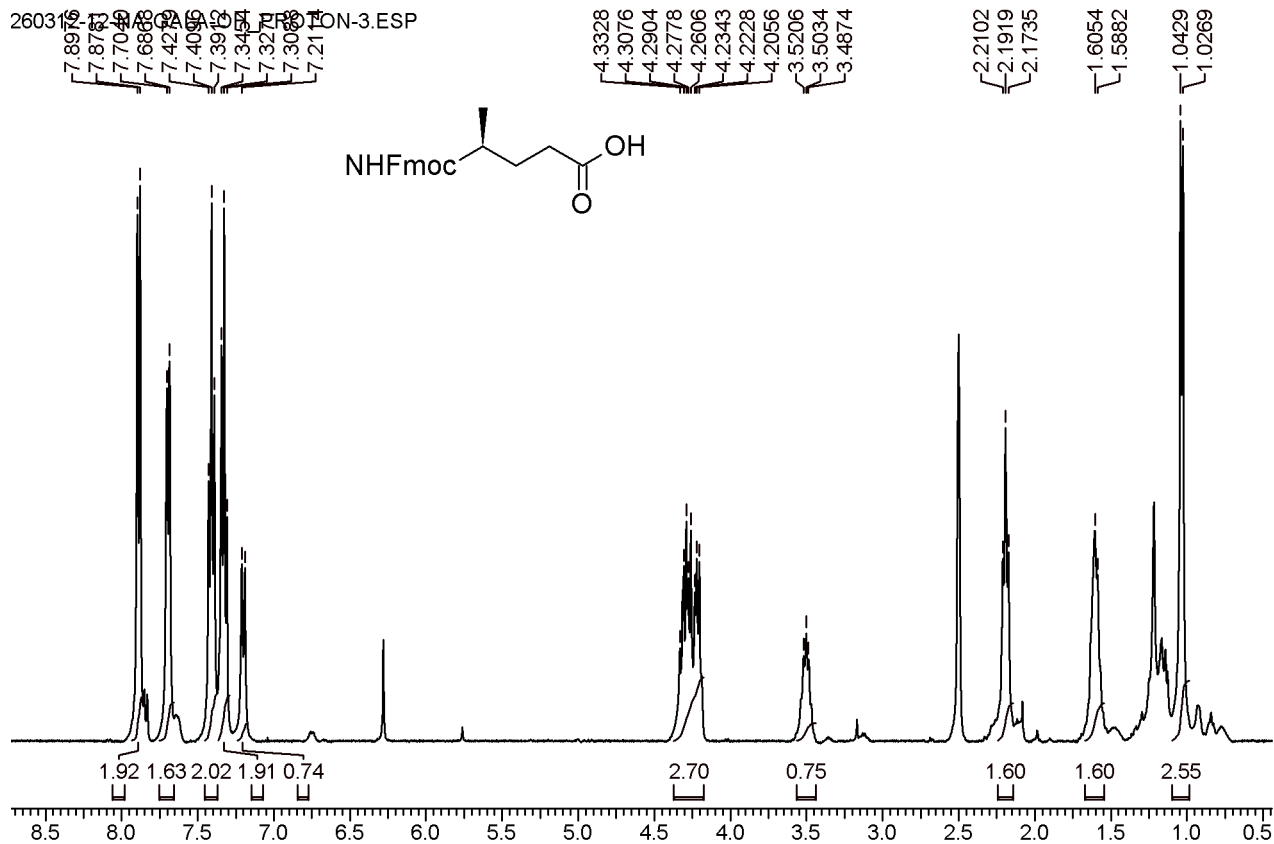


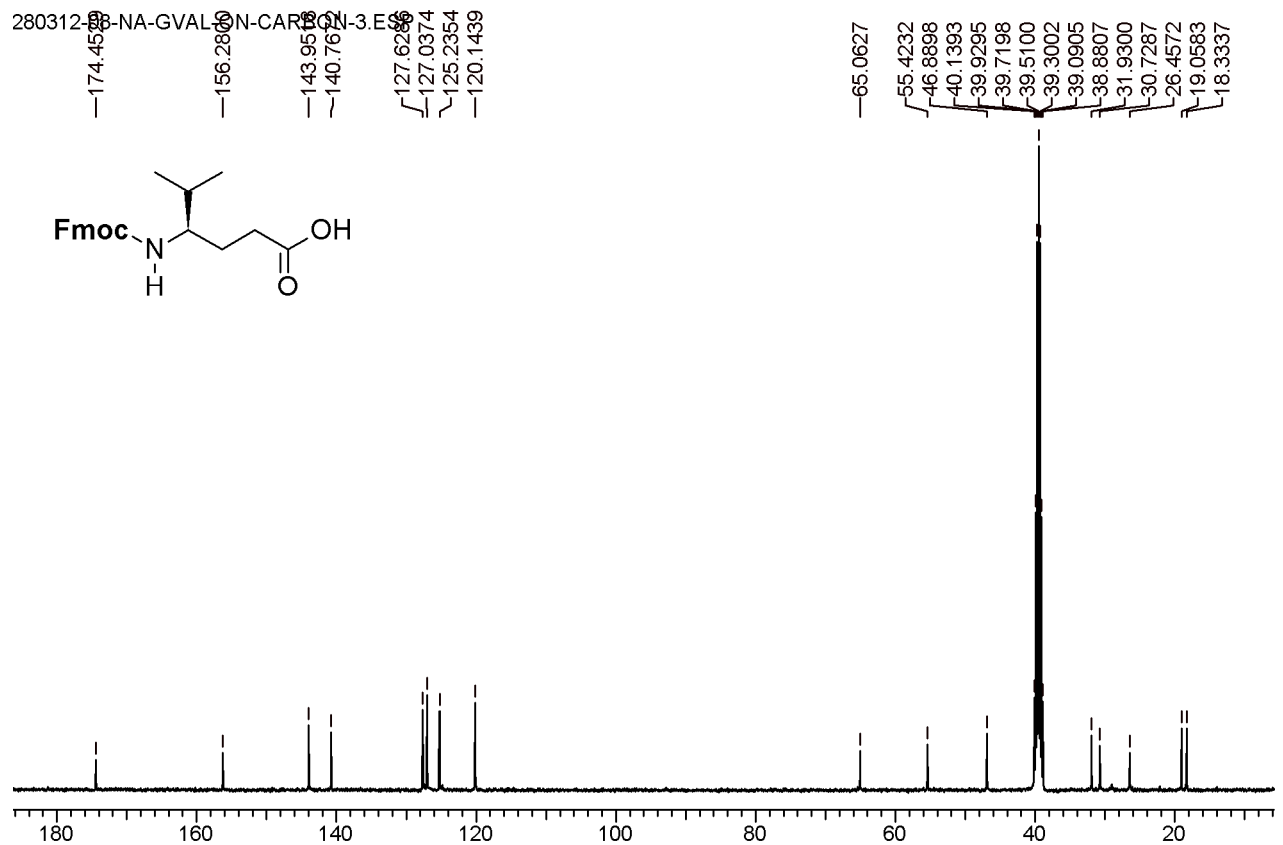
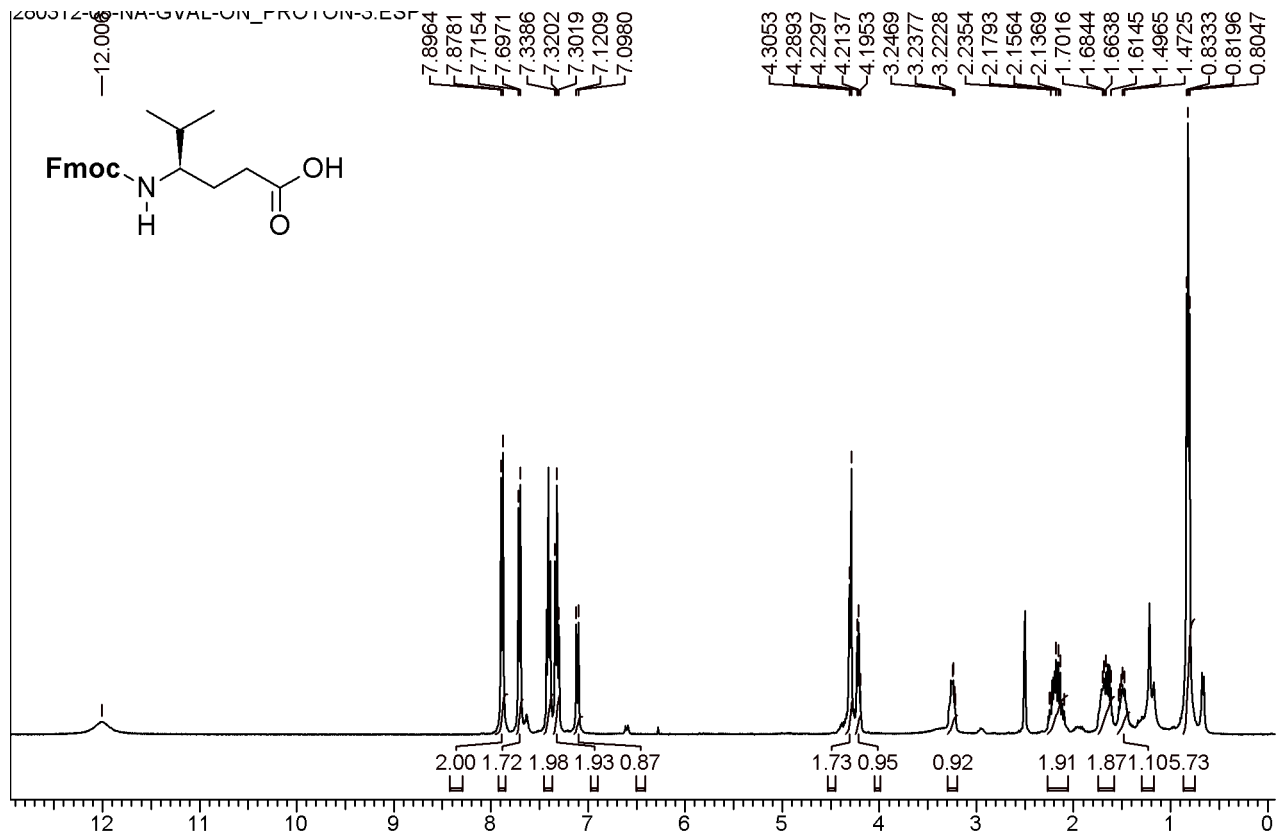
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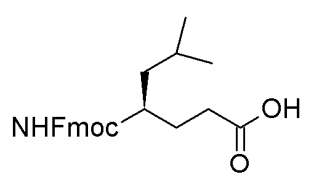
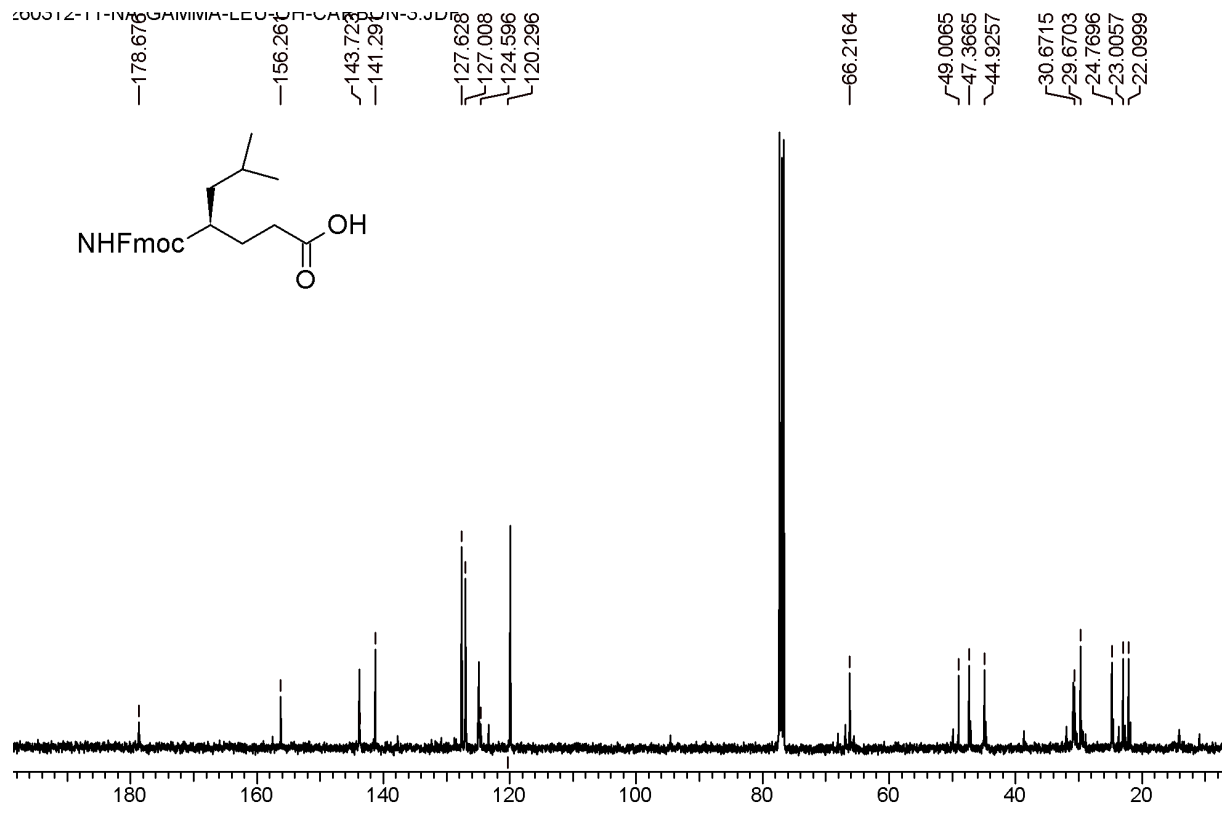
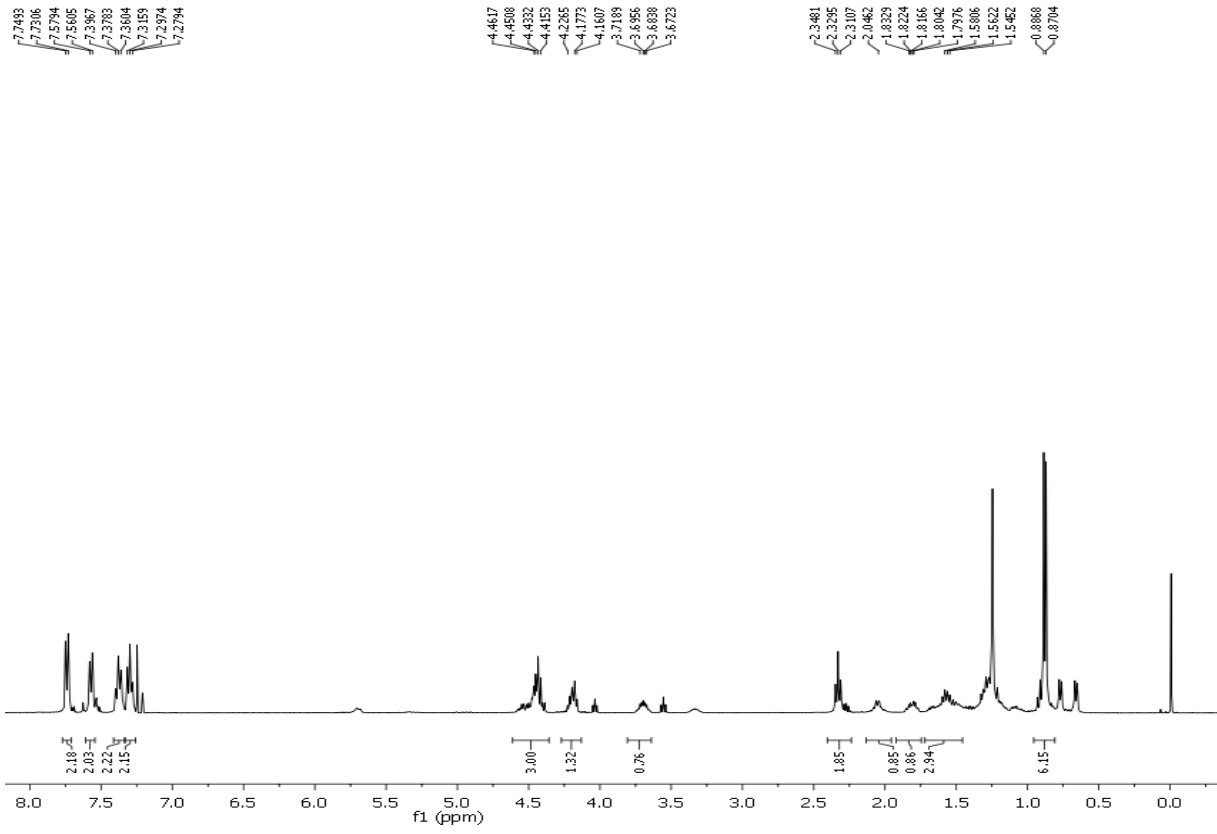




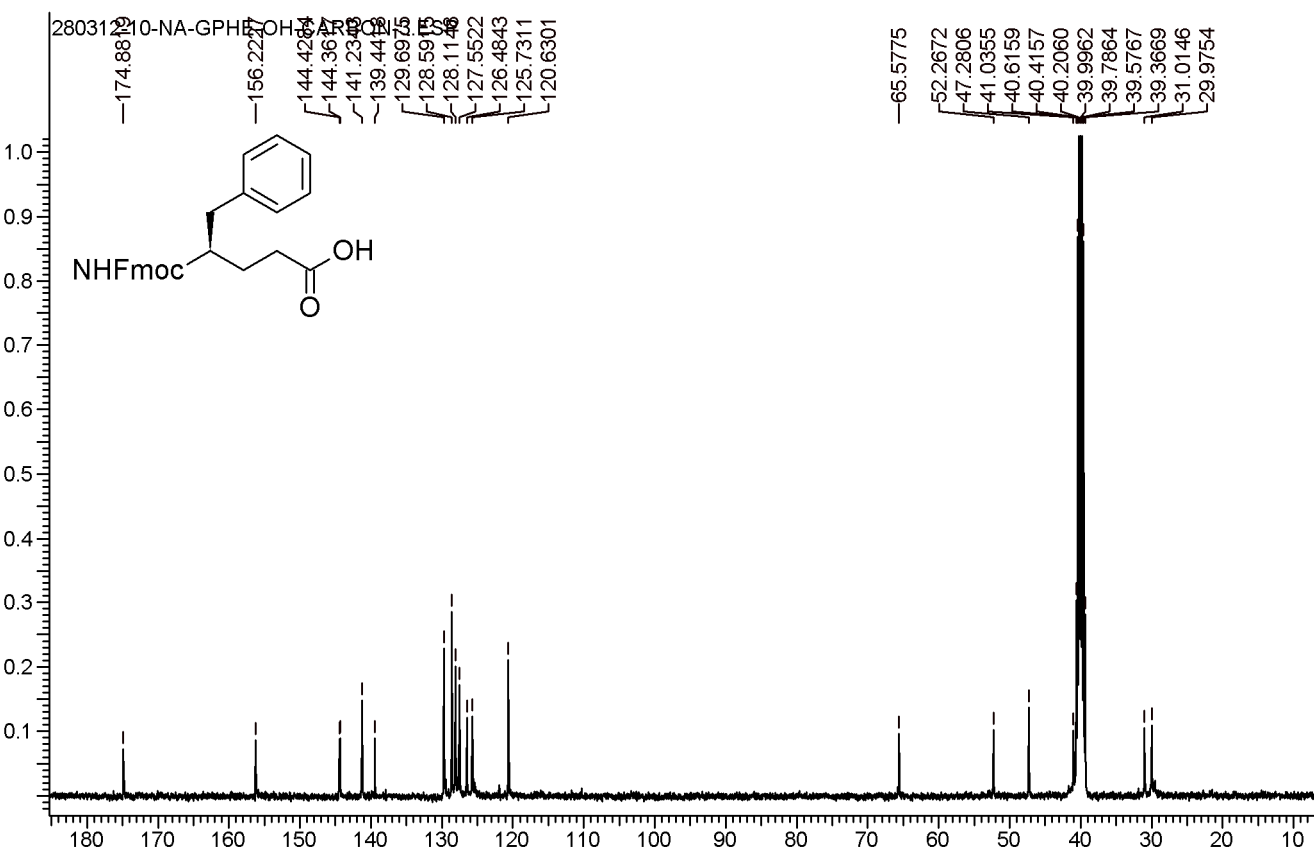
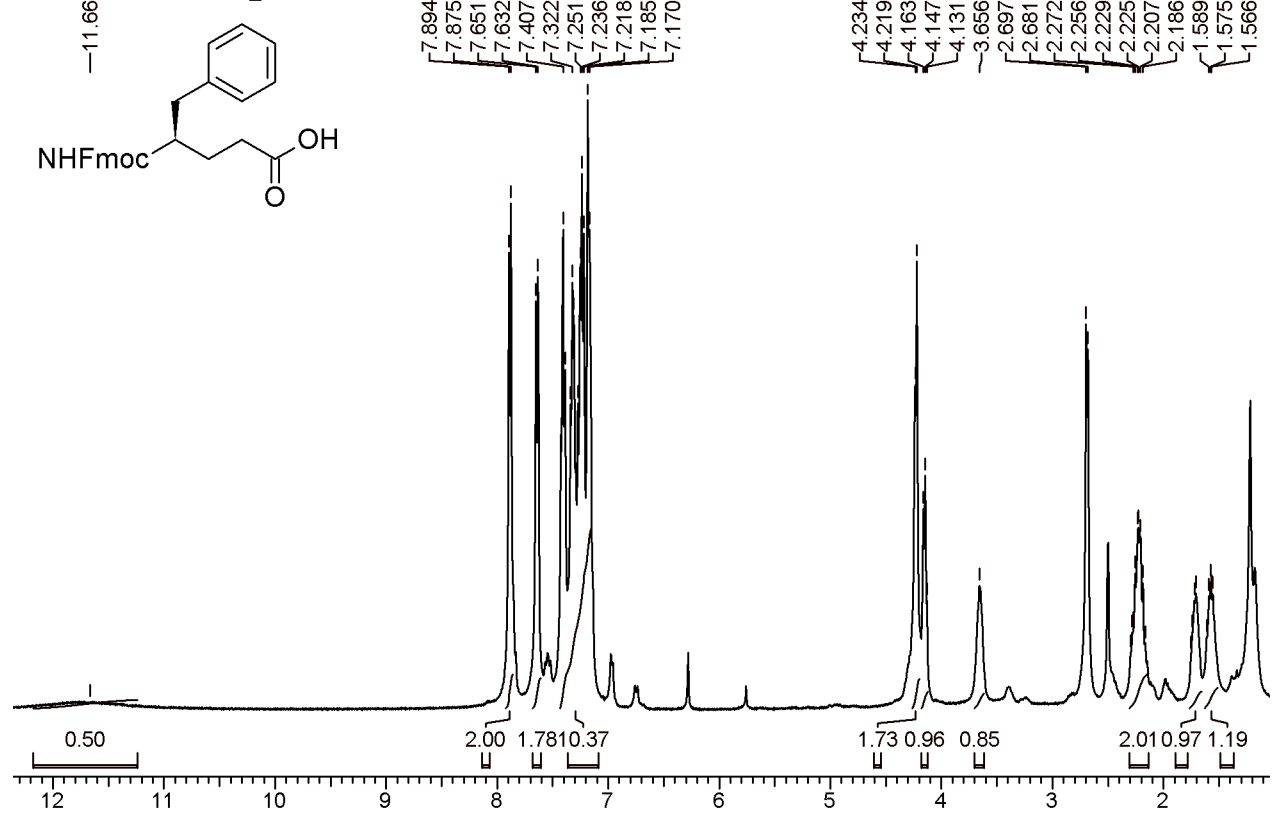




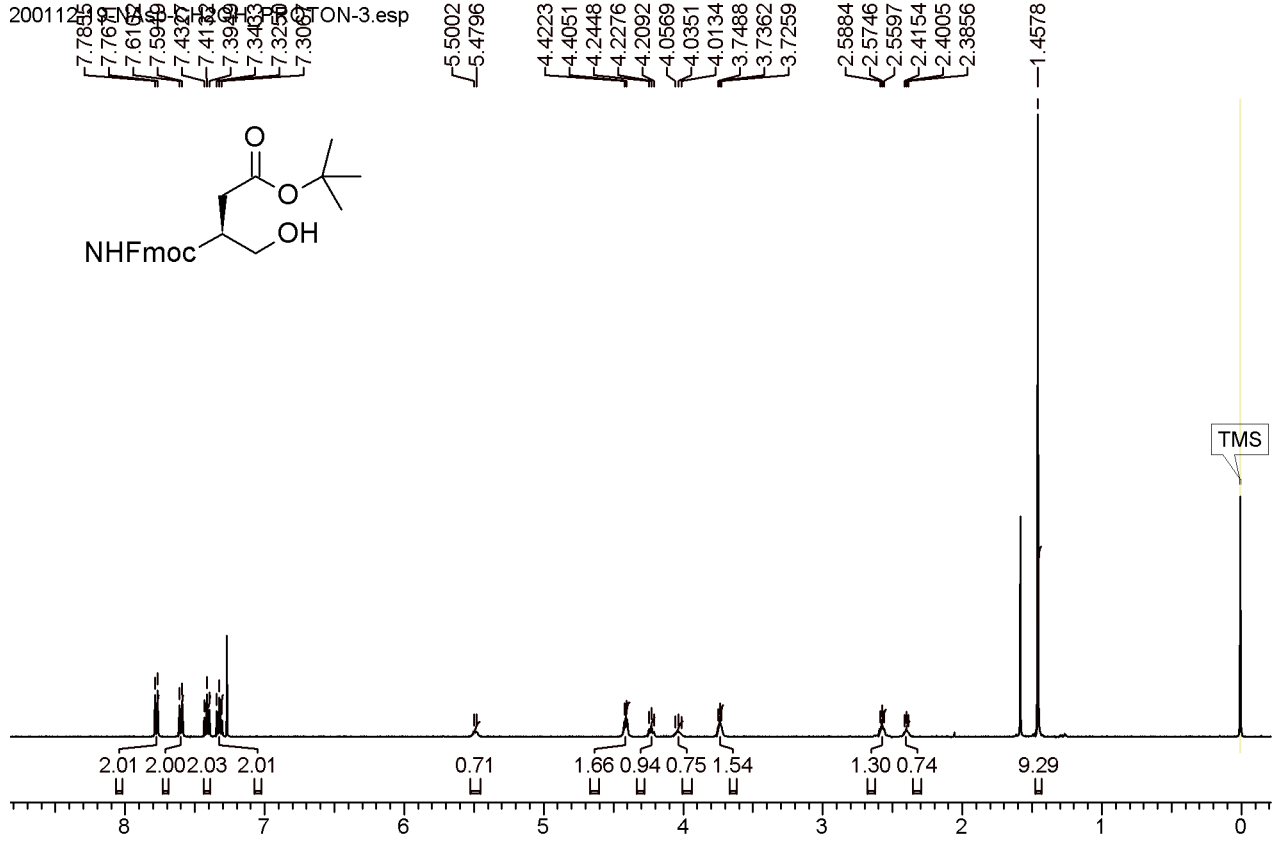
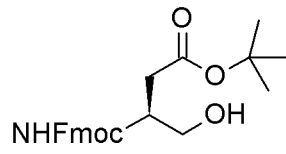




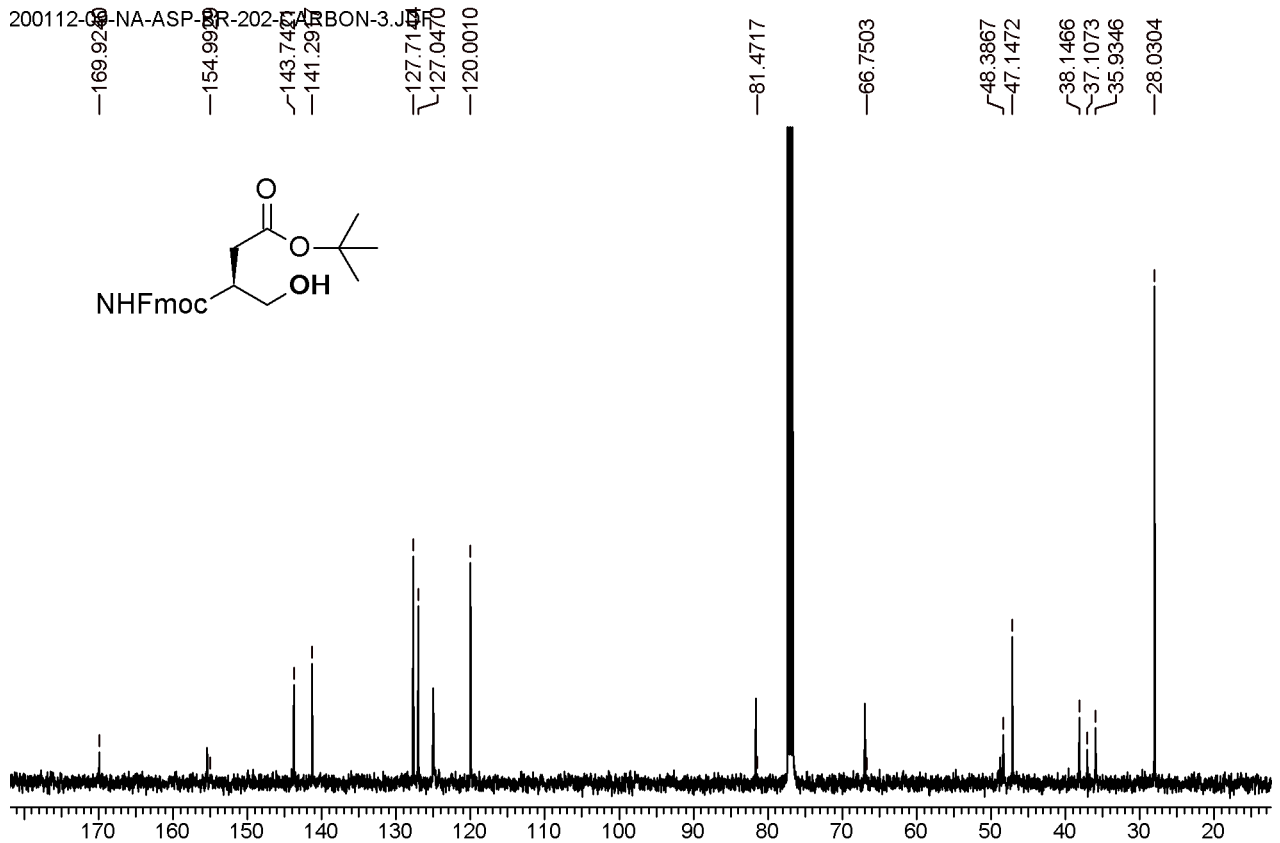
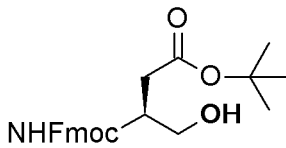
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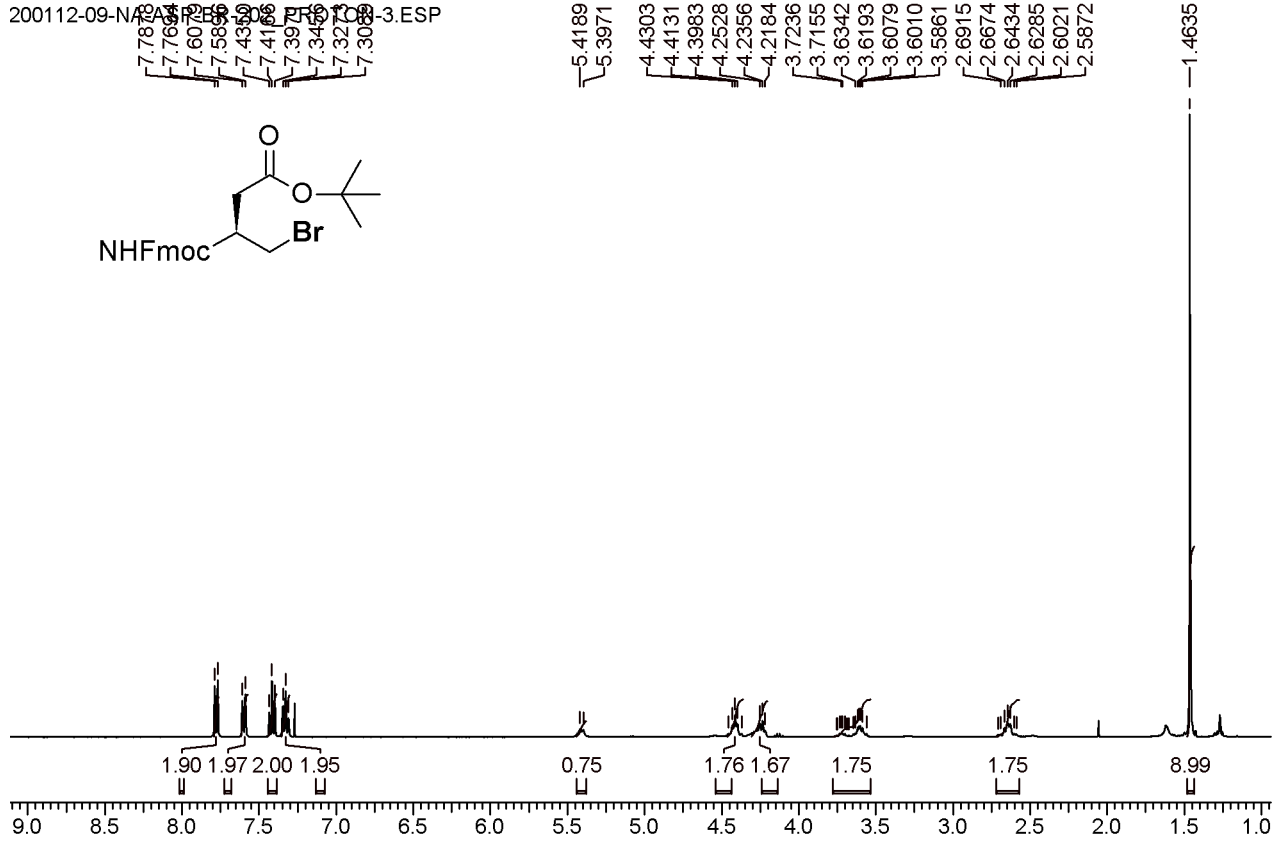
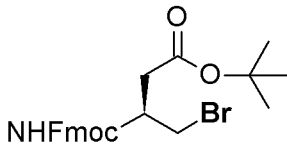
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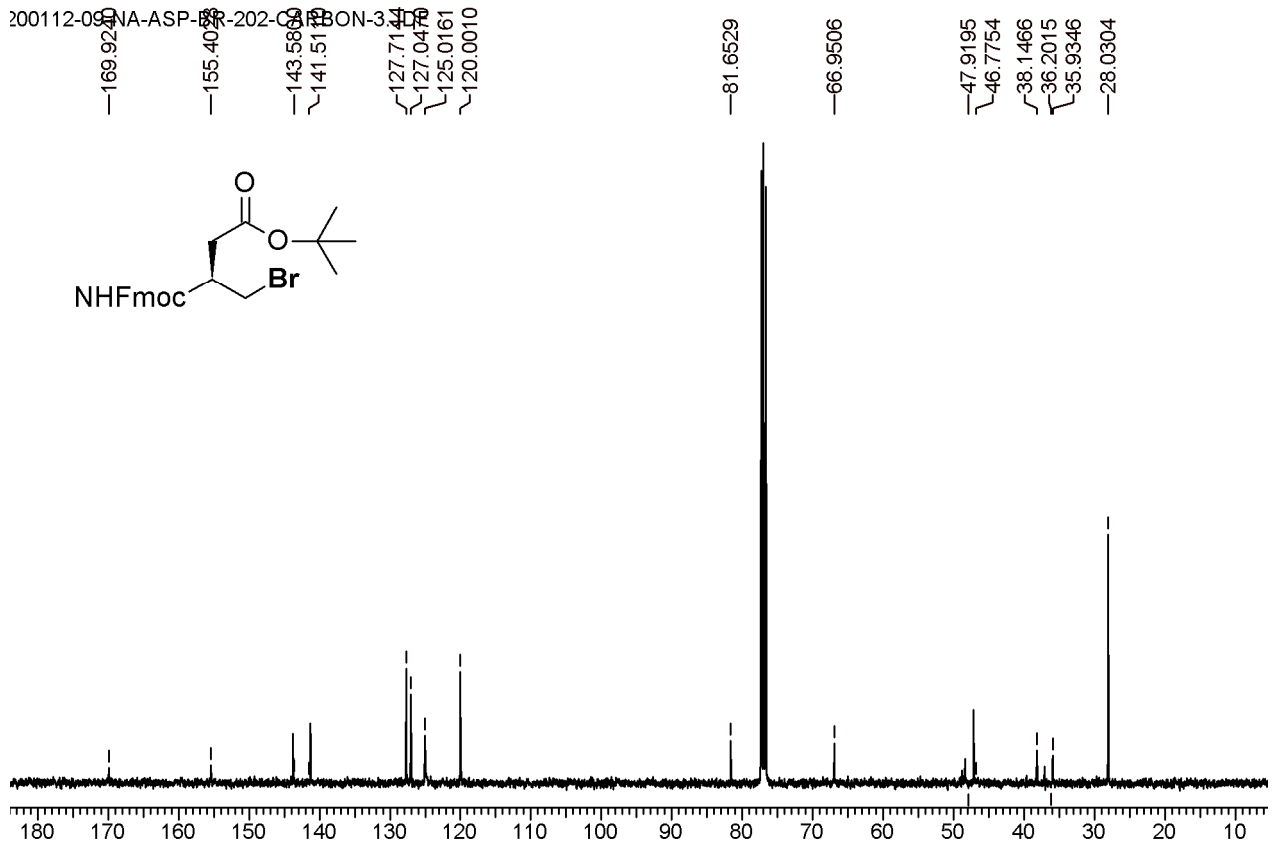
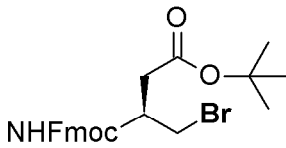
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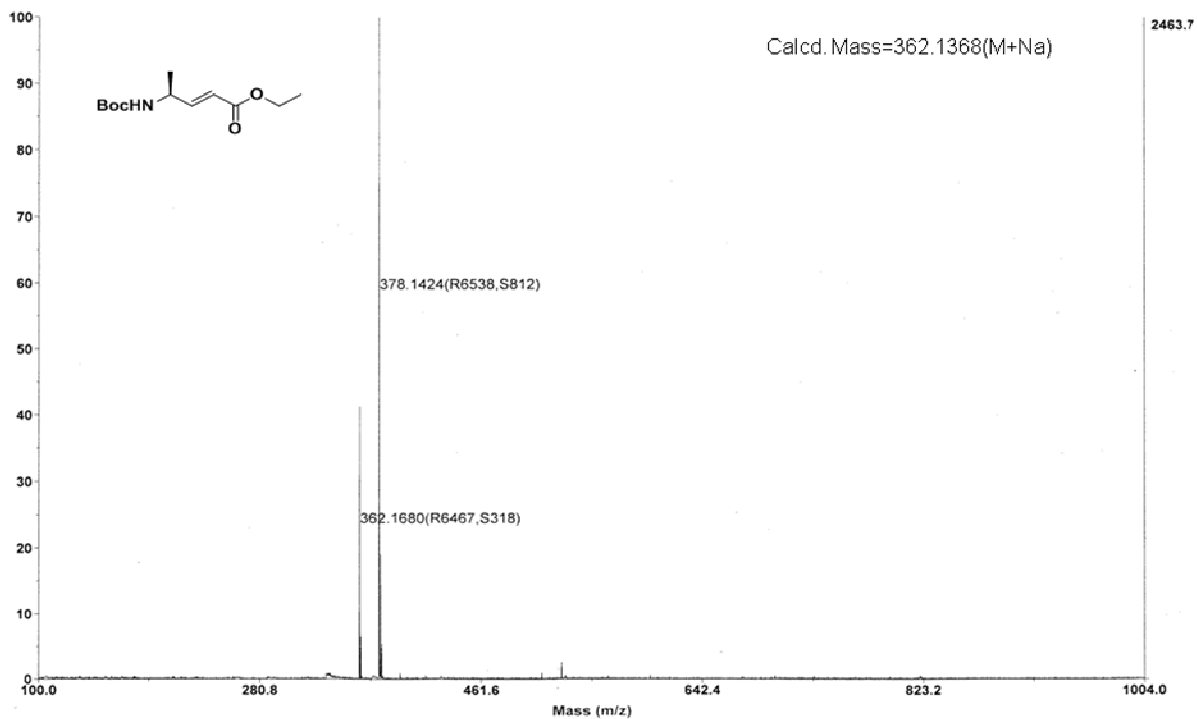
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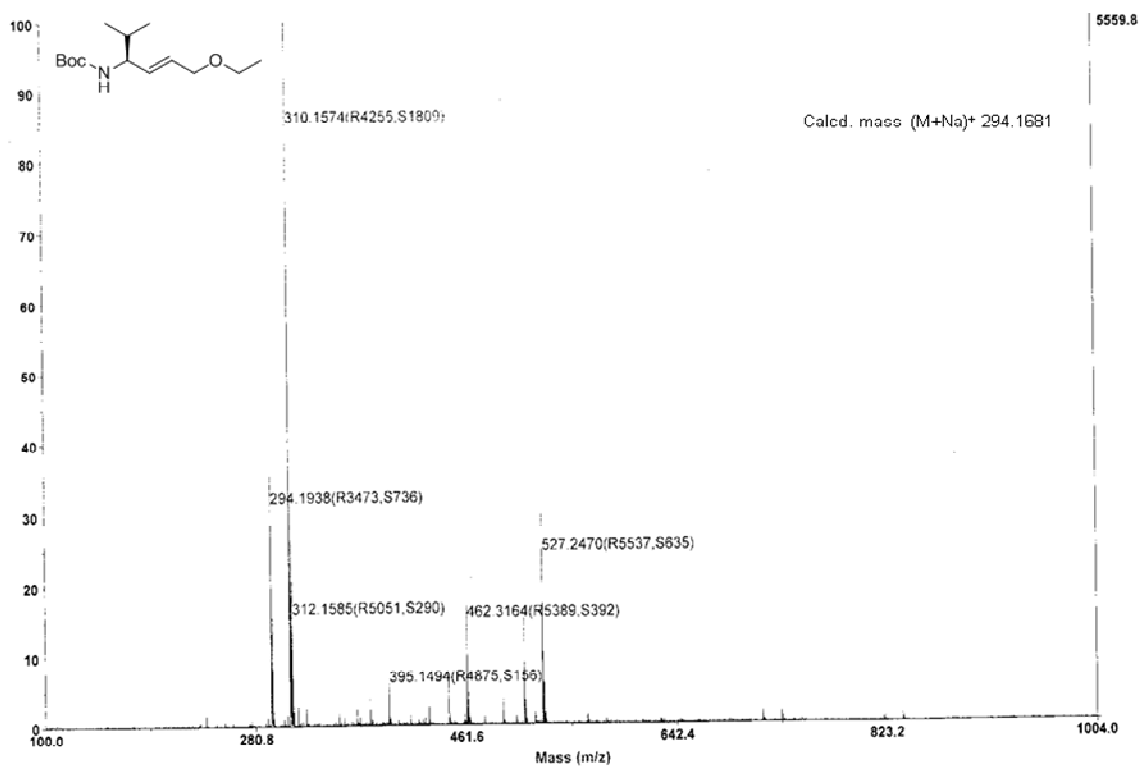
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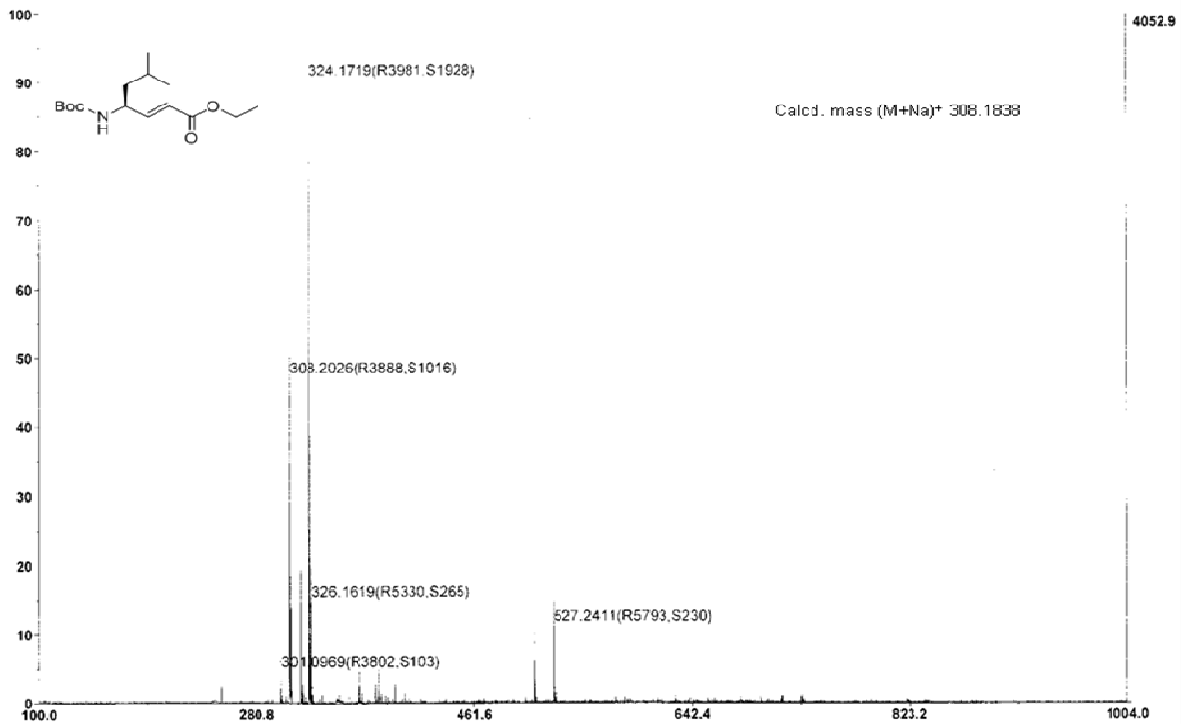
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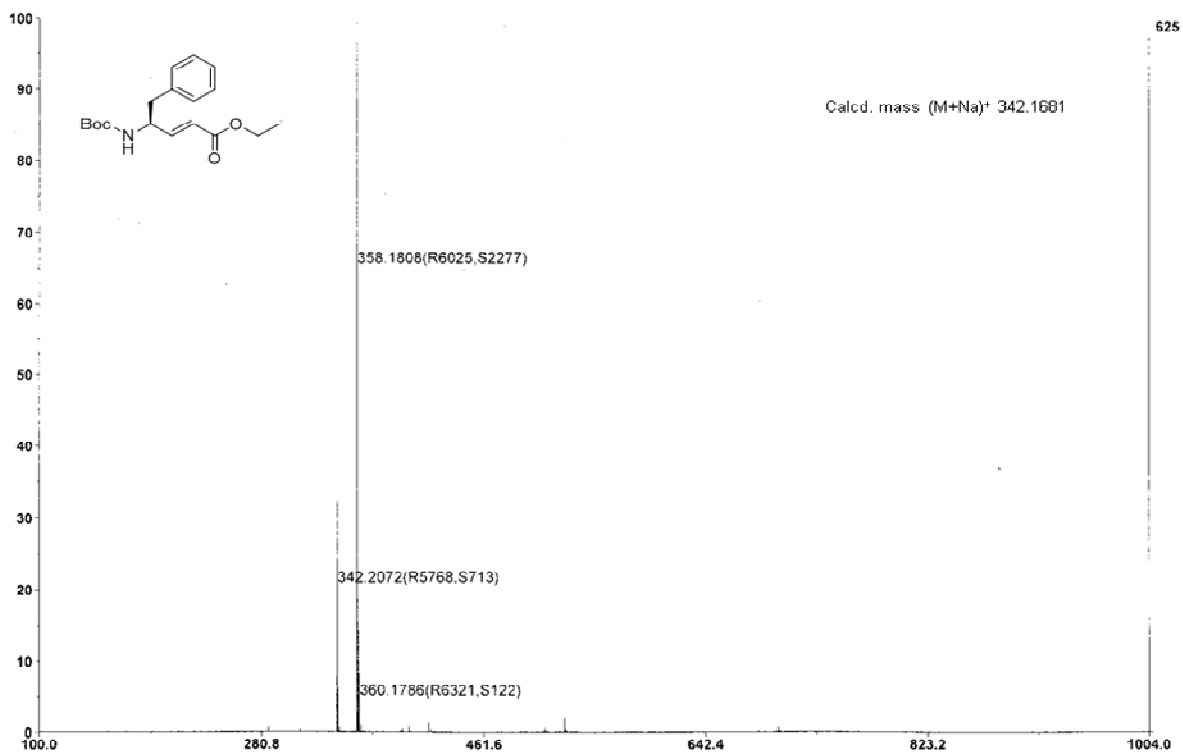
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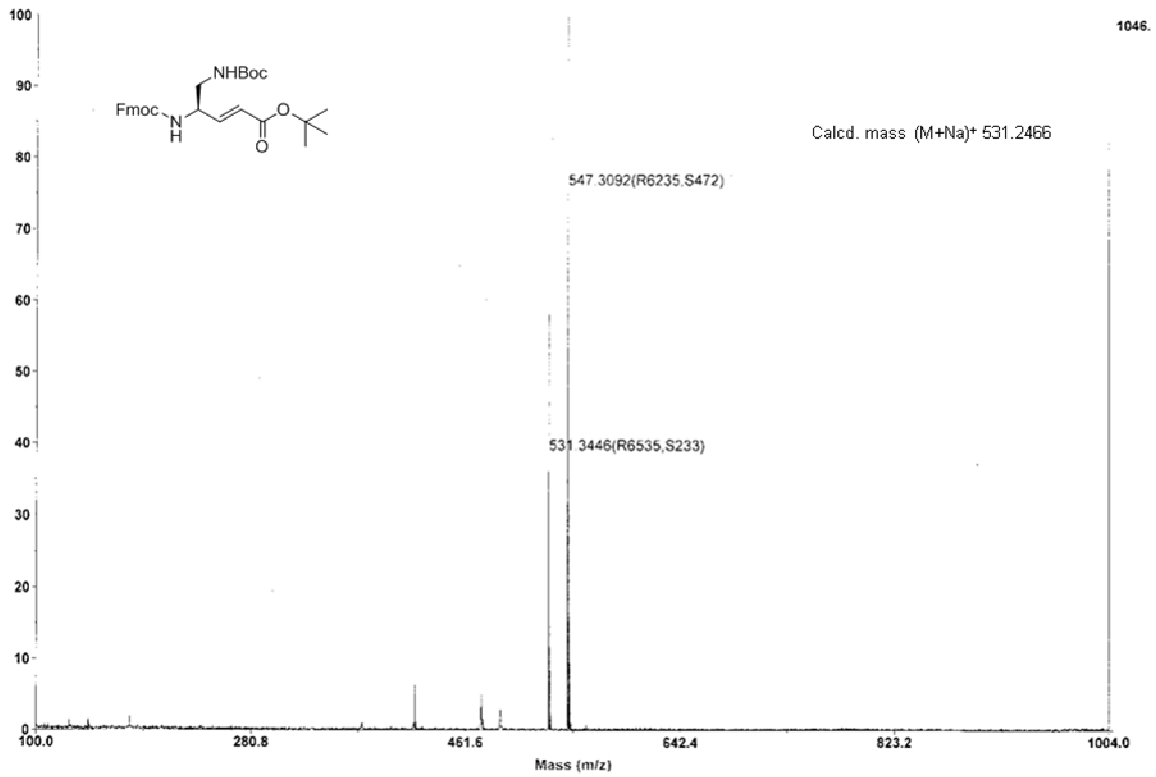
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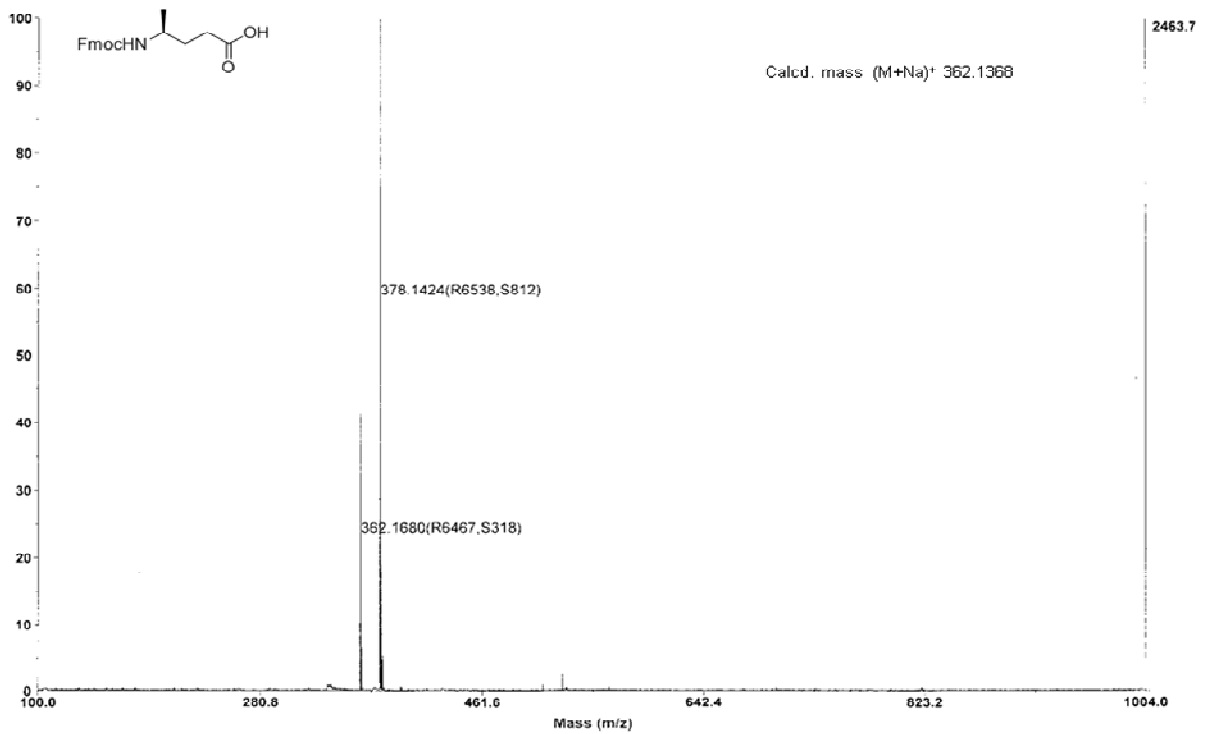
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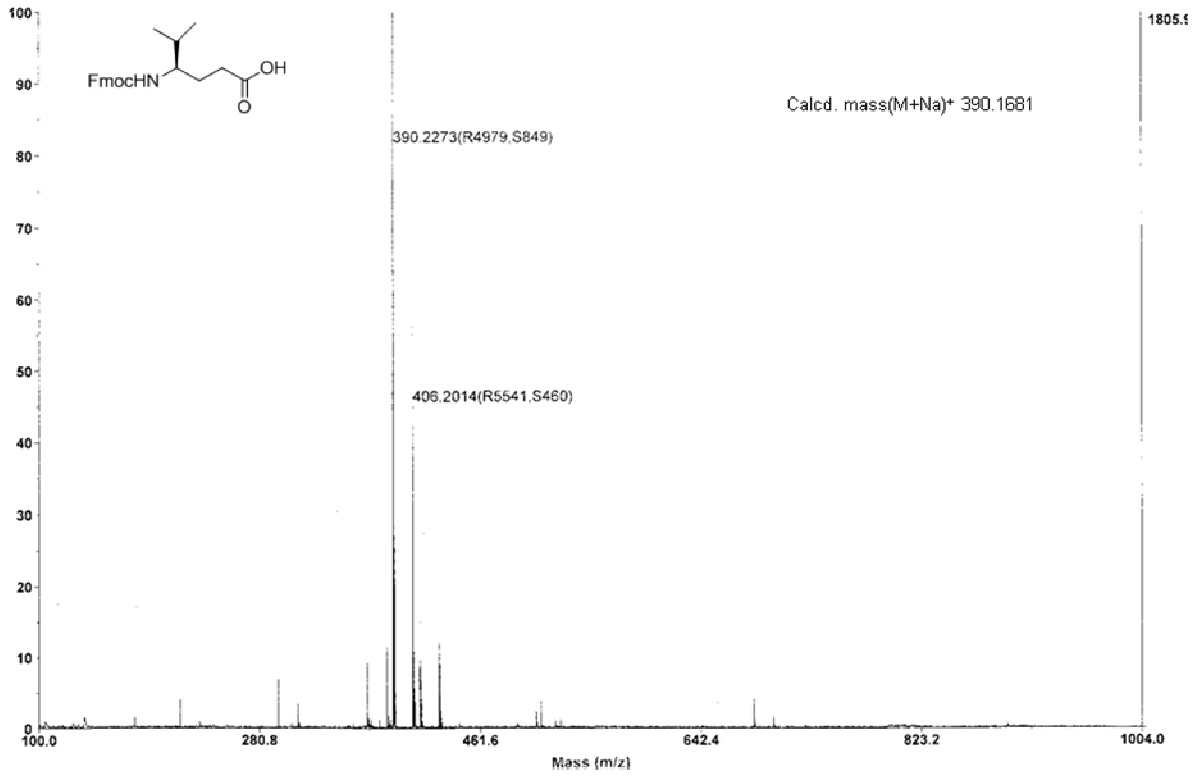


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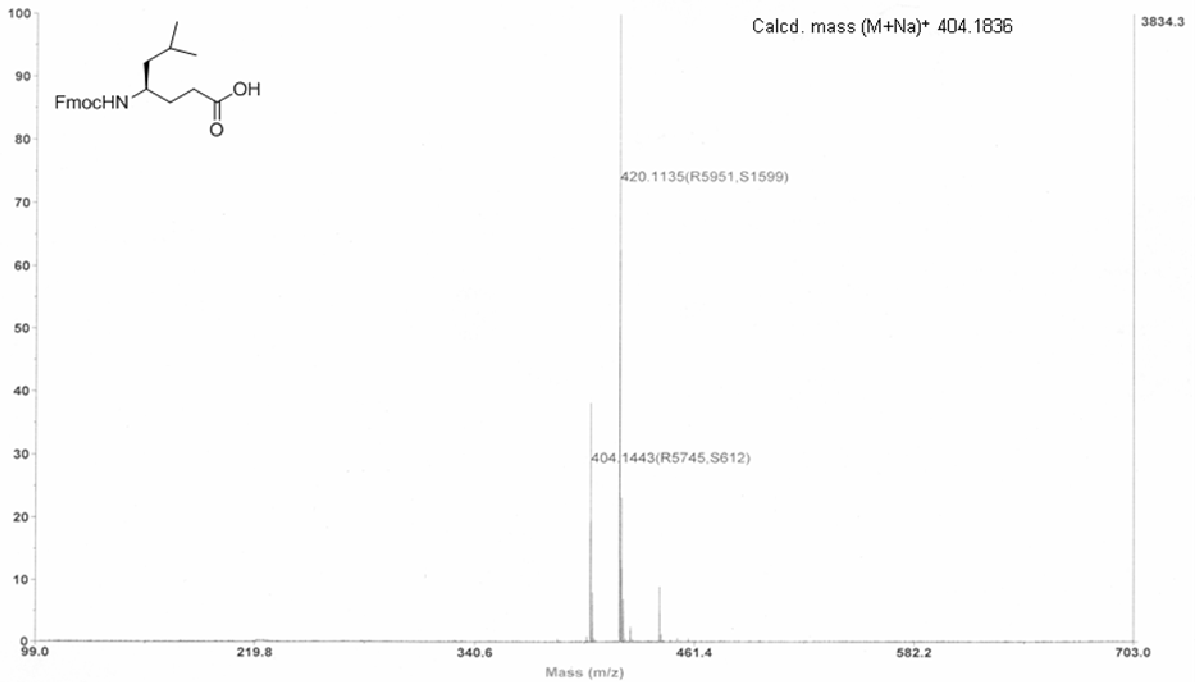


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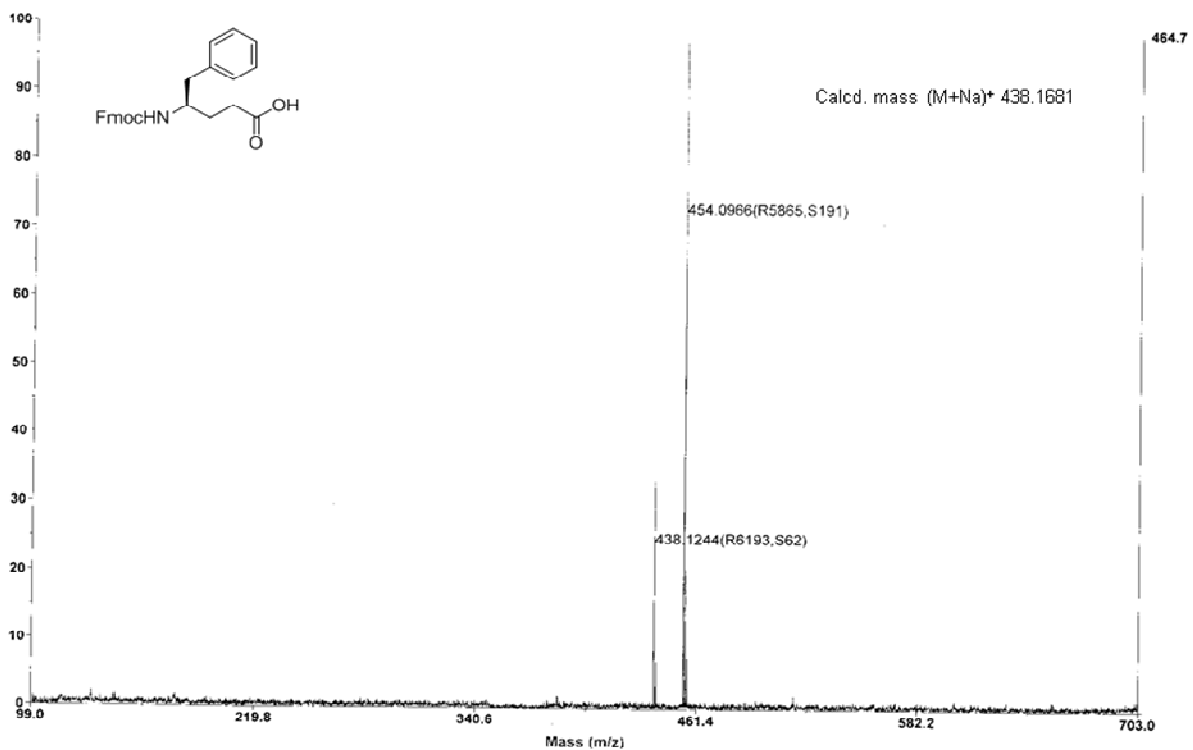




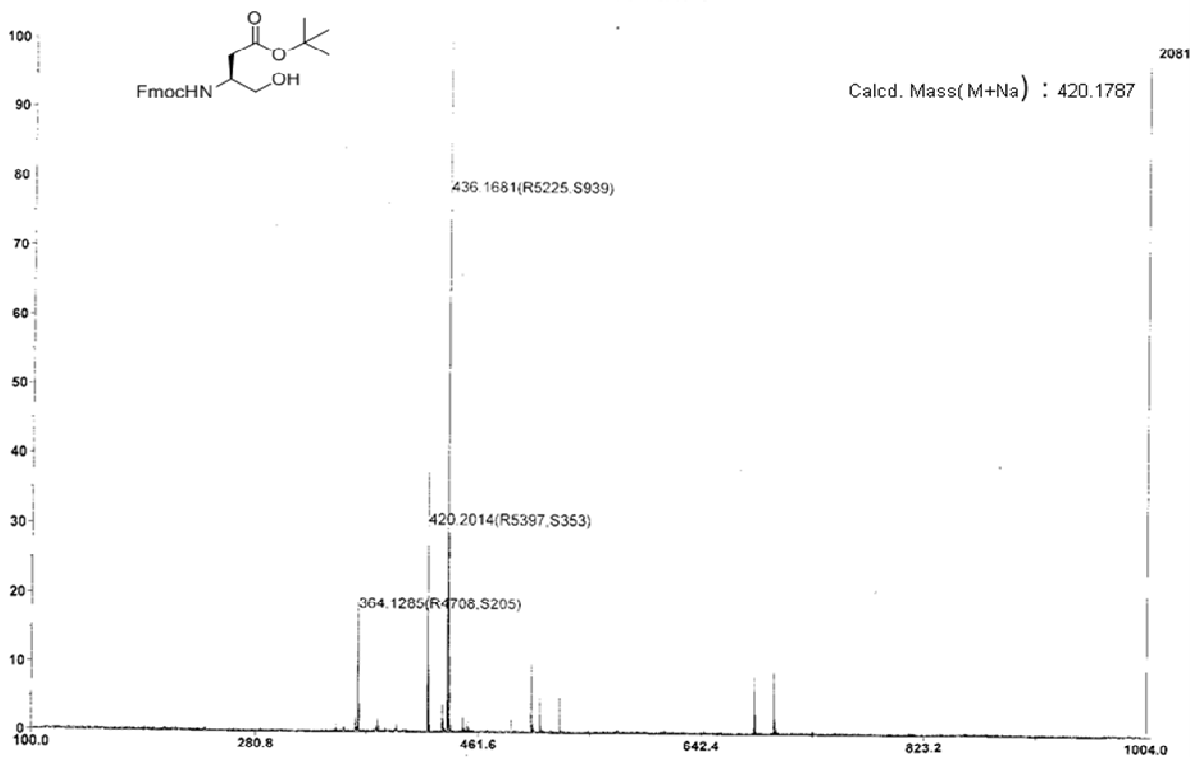
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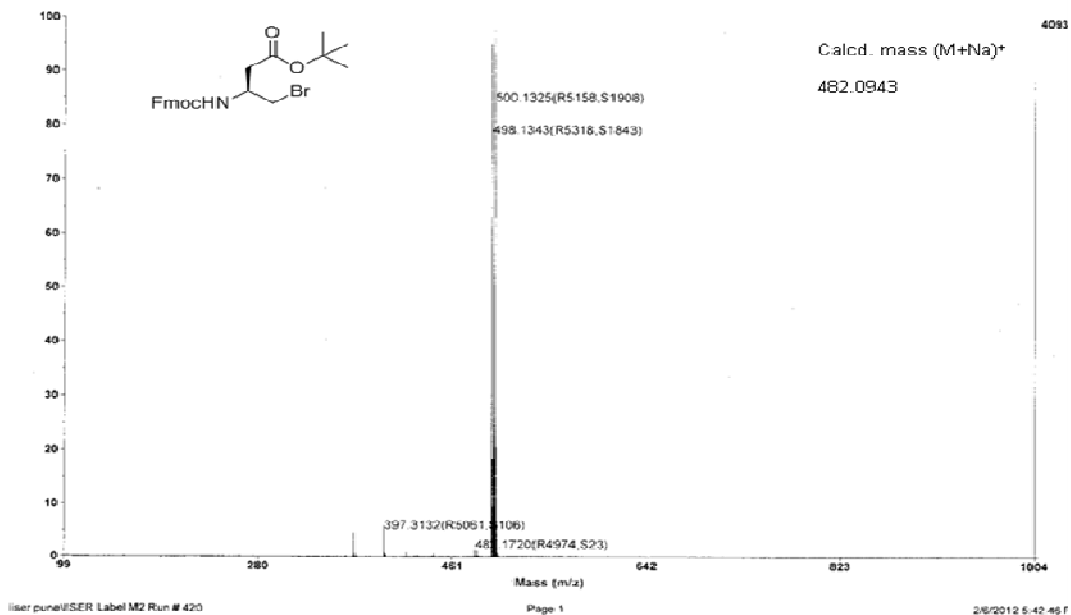


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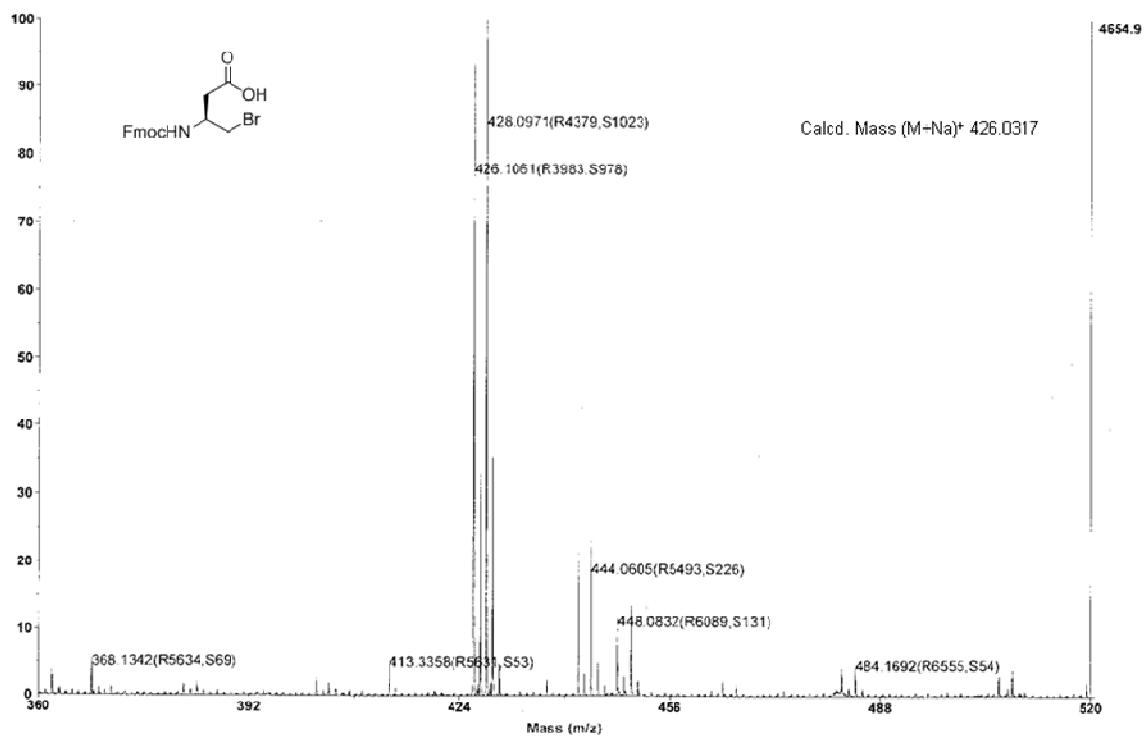


Spectrum Report

Final - Shots 400 - IISER; Label M2



Final - Shots 400 - IISER; Run #455; Label F5



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