

# **Supporting Information**

for

# Regioselective addition of Grignard reagents to *N*-acylpyrazinium salts: synthesis of substituted 1,2dihydropyrazines and $\Delta^5$ -2-oxopiperazines

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**Experimental section and NMR spectra** 

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### **Experimental section**

All solvents and reagents were obtained from commercial sources and were used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Toluene and THF were dried using a solvent purification system. Anhydrous dichloromethane and all acylating agents were pretreated with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and 4 Å molecular sieves. All reactions were performed in oven-dried glassware (either in roundbottomed flasks or 25 mL vials fitted with rubber septa) under an atmosphere of nitrogen, and the reaction progress was monitored by thin-layer chromatography, GC-MS (EI) and/or LC-MS (ESI-APCI). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on precoated 250 µm layer thickness silica gel 60 F254 plates and precoated 170–220 µm layer thickness neutral aluminum oxide Si 60 F254 plates. Visualization was done by ultraviolet light and/or by staining with phosphomolybdic acid (PMA). Purifications were carried out on flash silica gel columns (230– 400 mesh) with EtOAc/hexanes mixtures as the eluent. The eluent was basified with 0.5-1.5%triethylamine for the purification of all Grignard adducts. Melting points were measured on a capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) spectra and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) spectra were recorded on a 500 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) for protons are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to it (TMS,  $\delta = 0.0$  ppm). Coupling constants (J) are reported in hertz. Multiplicities are reported using the following abbreviations: br = broad; s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quartet; m = multiplet. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) for carbon are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to residual solvent peaks (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta = 77.0$  ppm). Rotameric ratios of all compounds were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra. HRMS data was recorded on a LC-TOF.

Synthesis of mono- and disubsituted pyrazines: Compound 1a was purchased from a commercial supplier. The known compound 1b and unknown compound 1c were prepared by

following the general procedure reported in the literature [1]. The known compounds **1d** [2], **1e** [2] and **1j** [2] are prepared by adopting the procedure reported by Yang and coworkers [3]. Compounds **1f** [4] and **1g** [5] were prepared as reported. The known compound **1h** was obtained by a slightly modified procedure [6].

2-(4-Methoxybenzyloxy)pyrazine (1c). To a suspension of NaH (0.645 g, 26.875 mmol) in anhydrous dimethoxyethane (30 mL) was slowly added dropwise 4-methoxybenzyl alcohol (3.34 mL, 26.907 mmol) at 0 °C over a period of 5 min and stirring continued for 15 min. Then, 2-chloropyrazine (2 mL, 22.405 mmol) was added at 0 °C and the mixture heated at 45 °C overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with slow addition of water (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (100 mL), washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulted crude syrup was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (Combiflash Rf) using EtOAc–hexanes (1:9) to obtain **1c** (4.650 g, 99%) as a white solid: mp: 69–71 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.25 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 8.08–8.10 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.91 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 5.32 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  160.1, 159.6, 140.4, 136.6, 136.1, 130.0, 128.3, 113.9, 67.7, 55.2; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 217.09772, found 217.09715.

2-*Methoxy-6-phenylpyrazine* (1*d*). Starting with 2,6-dichloropyrazine, intermediate 2-chloro-6methoxypyrazine was prepared as a colorless crystalline solid in 86% yield by adopting the procedure as described above: mp: 26–27 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  8.14 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1 H), 3.99 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  159.6, 145.5, 135.1, 133.1, 54.6; MS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>6</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 144.01, found 145.10. The compound 1d was prepared from 2-chloro-6-methoxypyrazine, phenylboronic acid, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> and K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>•H<sub>2</sub>O in 61% yield as a white solid: mp: 46–48 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.60 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.56–7.40 (m, 3H), 4.07 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125MHz)  $\delta$  159.8, 148.9, 136.3, 133.7, 133.0, 129.7, 128.9, 126.8, 53.4; APCI/ESI-MS *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 186.08, found 187.10.

2-*Methoxy*-6-(4-*methoxyphenyl*)*pyrazine* (1*e*). The compound 1*e* was prepared from 2-chloro-6methoxypyrazine, 4-methoxyphenylboronic acid, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> and K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O in 65% yield as a white solid: mp: 92–93 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.54 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ 160.9, 159.6, 148.5, 132.5, 132.2, 128.7, 128.0, 114.2, 55.2, 53.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 217.09715, found 217.09715.

2-(*Benzyloxy*)-6-*ethylpyrazine* (1*h*). To a suspension of NaH (0.081 g, 3.375 mmol) in anhydrous dimethoxyethane (10 mL) was slowly added dropwise benzyl alcohol (0.35 mL, 3.379 mmol) at 0 °C and stirring continued for 15 min. Then, 2,6-dichloropyrazine (0.500 g, 3.356 mmol) was added at 0 °C and the mixture heated at 45 °C for 8 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with slow addition of water (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (50 mL), washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulted crude syrup was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (Combiflash Rf) using EtOAc–hexanes (1:19) to obtain 2-(benzyloxy)-6-chloropyrazine (0.560 g, 76%) as a colorless liquid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.17 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.34 (m, 3H), 5.39 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  159.0, 145.3, 142.4, 135.5, 135.4, 133.3, 128.6, 128.4, 68.8; HRMS (ESI)

*m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 221.0476, found 221.0484. Next, to a solution of 2-(benzyloxy)-6-chloropyrazine (1.000 g, 4.532 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (20 mL) were added first 1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane nickel(II) chloride (0.050 g, 0.092 mmol) and then diethyl zinc (1.5 M in toluene, 3.4 mL, 5.510 mmol) at 0 °C slowly (dropwise), and stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with aq. NH<sub>4</sub>OH solution (5 mL), extracted with EtOAc (50 mL), washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude material was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (Combiflash Rf, 0–10% EtOAc/hexanes) to obtain **1h** (0.920 g, 95%) as a colorless liquid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.08 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.48–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.30 (m, 1H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 2.74 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 1.30 (dt, 3H, *J* = 1.0, 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  159.3, 155.0, 136.7, 135.0, 132.6, 128.4, 128.0, 128.2, 67.5, 28.0, 13.1; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 215.11789, found 215.11782.

2-*Benzyl-6-benzyloxypyrazine* (1*i*). To a solution of 2-(benzyloxy)-6-chloropyrazine (0.200 g, 0.906 mmol) in anhydrous THF (4 mL) were added first 1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane nickel(II) chloride (0.010 g, 0.018 mmol) and then benzylmagnesium chloride solution (2M in THF, 0.5 mL, 0.994 mmol) at 0 °C slowly (dropwise), and stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (4 mL), extracted with EtOAc (20 mL), washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulted crude material was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (Combiflash Rf, 0–10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **1i** (0.130 g, 52%) as a colorless syrup: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.09 (s, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.42–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.22 (m, 8H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 4.04 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  159.3, 152.4, 138.4 (2), 136.6, 135.6, 133.1, 129.2, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 126.6, 67.7, 41.4; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 277.13354, found 277.13347.

2-Benzyloxy-6-phenylpyrazine (**1***j*). To a solution of 2-(benzyloxy)-6-chloropyrazine (0.600 g, 2.719 mmol) in 2-propanol (5 mL) were added phenylboronic acid (0.500 g, 4.101 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.030 g, 0.134 mmol, 5 mol %), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (1.200 g, 5.211 mmol) and water (5 mL), and the mixture heated at 80 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL), washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulted crude syrup was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (Combiflash Rf, 0–10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **1***j* (0.700 g, 98%) as a white solid: mp: 58–60 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.61 (s, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.43 (m, 5H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.32 (m, 1H), 5.51 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  159.2, 148.8, 136.6, 136.2, 133.8, 133.3, 129.7, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 126.8, 67.8; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 263.1179, found 263.1180.

*Benzyl* 6-(*benzyloxy*)*pyrazine-2-carboxylate* (*1k*). A stirred mixture of benzyl 4hydroxypyrazine-2-carboxylate (2.000 g, 8.69 mmol) in 10 mL of thionyl chloride was heated at 80 °C for 10 h. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, then the residue was

quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 × 30 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated under reduced pressure and then purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (Combiflash Rf, 0-10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford benzyl 6-chloropyrazine-2carboxylate (1.700 g, 79%) as a white solid: mp: 64–65 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  9.19 (s, 1H), 8.76 (s, 1H), 7.52–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.33 (m, 3H), 5.47 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 162.4, 149.1, 147.9, 143.5, 142.5, 134.7, 128.6, 128.5(2), 67.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClNaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]+ 271.02448, found 271.02494. Next, to a suspension of sodium hydride (0.106 g, 2.65 mmol) in anhydrous dimethoxyethane (5 mL) was slowly added (dropwise) benzyl alcohol (0.274 mL 2.65 mmol) at 0 °C and stirring continued for 15 min. Then, benzyl 6-chloropyrazine-2-carboxylate (0.500 g, 2.01 mmol) was added at 0 °C and the mixture was heated at 45 °C for 12 h. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (Combiflash Rf, 0-50% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 1k (0.354 g, 55%) as clear colorless syrup: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.86 (s, 1H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.54–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.45–7.28 (m, 6H), 5.47 (s, 2H), 5.44 (s, 2H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  164.0, 159.3, 139.8, 139.4, 138.2, 135.8, 135.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 68.6, 67.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]+ 321.12337, found 321.12332.

General procedure for the Grignard addition to 3-substituted N-acylpyrazinium salts to synthesize substituted 1,2-dihydropyrazines 3a-3j, 4a,b, 5, 6, 7a,b, 8, 9a,b, 10, 11, 12, 13. Representative procedure for the preparation of 1-phenoxycarbonyl-2-phenyl-3-methoxy-1,2dihydropyrazine (3a). To a stirred solution of 2-methoxypyrazine (0.200 g, 1.816 mmol) in anhydrous THF (5 mL) was added phenylchloroformate (0.28 mL, 2.225 mmol) at 0 °C and stirring was continued under nitrogen atmosphere until salt formation was completed (15 min, as determined by TLC on neutral alumina, EtOAc/hexanes 1:19). The reaction mixture was cooled to -41 °C, a 1 M solution of phenylmagnesium bromide in THF (2.4 mL, 2.4 mmol) was added and the mixture stirred until reaction completion (40 min, as determined by TLC on neutral SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc/hexanes 1:9), and then quenched with 2 mL of aqueous 20% NH<sub>4</sub>OH/NH<sub>4</sub>Cl 1:1 (w/w). The mixture was extracted with dichloromethane  $(2 \times 15 \text{ mL})$ , dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude mixture by flash silica gel column chromatography (0-15% EtOAc/hexanes) afforded 3a (0.488 g, 87%) as a white solid (3:2 mixture of rotamers): mp: 81-82 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 7.49-7.27 (m, 7H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67 and 6.63 (2d due to rotamers, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.16 and 6.14 (2d due to rotamers, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.89 and 5.87 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 3.84 and 3.83 (2s due to rotamers, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ 160.2, 160.0, 151.6, 151.5, 150.7, 150.4, 136.8, 135.9, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.2, 126.6, 125.9, 125.8, 121.3, 118.2, 118.1, 112.5, 111.8, 56.0, 54.6, 54.0, 53.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $C_{18}H_{17}N_2O_3[M + H]^+$  309.12337, found 309.123554.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-methyl-3-methoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (**3b**). Compound **3b** was prepared in 67% yield as a yellowish syrup (3:2 mixture of rotamers): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ 7.43–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.14 (dd, J = 1.0, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.50 and 6.46 (2d due to rotamers, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.13 and 6.07 (2d due to rotamers, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.91 and 4.86 (2m due to rotamers, 1H), 3.83 and 3.82 (2s due to rotamers, 3H), 1.35 and 1.28 (2d due to rotamers, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  162.3, 161.9, 151.2, 150.9, 150.7, 150.5, 129.4, 129.3 (2), 125.8, 125.7, 121.4, 121.3, 121.1, 118.4, 118.1, 111.1, 110.7, 53.7, 53.6, 48.6, 47.7, 15.5, 14.6; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 247.10772, found 247.10770.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-ethyl-3-methoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (*3c*). Compound *3c* was prepared in 73% yield as a white solid (3:2 mixture of rotamers): mp: 80–82 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.45–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.53 and 6.49 (2d due to rotamers, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.13. and 6.07 (2d due to rotamers, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.81 and 4.76 (2t due to rotamers, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 and 3.82 (2s due to rotamers, 3H), 1.81–1.61 (m, 2H), 1.01 and 0.96 (2t due to rotamers, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  161.9, 161.4, 151.8, 151.7, 150.9, 150.6, 129.5, 129.4, 125.9, 125.8, 121.5, 121.4, 119.2, 118.7, 111.9, 111.4, 54.0, 53.7, 53.6, 53.0, 23.7, 23.3, 9.7; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 283.10531, found 283.10509.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-isopropyl-3-methoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (*3d*). Compound **3d** was prepared in 48% yield as an off-white solid (3:2 mixture of rotamers): mp: 45–47 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.43–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.16–7.10 (m, 2H), 6.55 and 6.52 (2dd due to rotamers, J = 1.5, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.17 and 6.09 (2d due to rotamers, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 and 3.82 (2s due to rotamers, 3H), 2.15–2.00 (m, 1H), 1.05–0.99 (m, 1H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  161.1, 160.6, 152.2, 152.1, 151.0, 150.9, 150.6, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 126.3, 125.9, 125.8, 121.5, 121.4, 120.9, 120.0, 119.5, 112.2, 111.8, 58.2, 57.1, 53.6, 53.5, 30.0, 29.9, 19.4, 19.3, 18.6; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 275.13902, found 275.13901.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-cyclopentyl-3-methoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (**3***e*). Compound **3***e* was prepared in 65% yield as a white solid (3:2 mixture of rotamers): mp: 78–80 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.45–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.53 and 6.50 (2d due to rotamers, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.19 and 6.12 (2d due to rotamers, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.70 and 4.67 (2dd due to rotamers, J = 1.5, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 and 3.83 (2s due to rotamers, 3H), 2.37–2.19 (m, 1H), 1.82–1.60 (m, 4H), 1.60–1.41(m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  161.7, 161.2, 152.1, 152.0, 151.0, 150.9, 150.6, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 126.3, 125.9, 125.7, 121.5, 121.4, 120.9, 120.0, 119.5, 112.0, 111.5, 56.2, 55.0, 53.7, 53.6, 40.9, 40.8, 29.6, 29.5, 28.6 (2), 24.9, 24.7, 24.3, 24.2; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 301.15467, found 301.15502.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-benzyl-3-methoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (*3f*). Compound **3f** was prepared in 54% yield as a colorless syrup (1:1 mixture of rotamers): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.41–7.08 (m, 8H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.55 and 6.22 (2d due to rotamers, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.49 and 6.04 (2d due to rotamers, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.11–4.99 (m, 1H), 3.82 and 3.74 (2s due to rotamers, 3H), 3.02–2.80 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  161.0, 160.8, 151.5, 151.2, 150.7, 150.1, 135.8, 135.7, 129.5, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 128.2, 126.9, 126.7, 125.6, 121.3, 121.2, 119.6, 118.6, 111.3, 111.1, 53.9, 53.8, 53.5, 52.8, 35.3, 35.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 323.13902, found 323.13932.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-(2-bromobenzyl)-3-methoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine (3g).* Compound **3g** was prepared in 49% yield as a white solid (1:1 mixture of rotamers): mp: 124–126 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.52 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.08 (m, 3H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.26 and 6.09 (2d due to rotamers, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.34–5.27 (m) and 5.21 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz), (total 1H), 3.82 and 3.77 (2s due to rotamers, 3H), 3.21 and 3.18 (2d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.14 and 3.11 (2d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.07–2.96 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  160.7, 160.6, 151.4, 151.3, 150.7, 150.2, 135.5, 135.3, 132.9, 131.9, 131.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 127.6, 127.2, 125.8, 125.6, 125.3, 125.2, 121.4, 121.1, 119.7, 118.7, 111.5, 111.3, 53.9, 53.8, 51.8, 51.3, 35.2, 35.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 401.04953, found 401.05022.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine (3h).* Compound **3h** was prepared in 62% yield as a colorless syrup (3:2 mixture of rotamers): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.46–7.28 (m, 6H), 7.28–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67 and 6.63 (2d due to rotamers, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.16 and 6.14 (2d due to rotamers, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 3.85 and 3.84 (2s due to rotamers, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  159.8, 159.7, 151.6, 151.5, 150.7, 150.4, 135.5, 134.7, 134.6, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.2, 126.1, 126.0, 121.4, 118.2, 118.1, 112.5, 111.8, 55.5, 54.2, 54.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>CIN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 343.08440, found 343.08453.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (*3i*). Compound **3i** was prepared in 74% yield as a white solid (3:2 mixture of rotamers): mp: 102–104 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.40–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 6.64 and 6.61 (2d due to rotamers, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.17 and 6.14 (2d due to rotamers, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.83 and 5.82 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 3.85 and 3.84 (2s due to rotamers, 3H), 3.81 and 3.79 (2s due to rotamers, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  160.6, 160.5, 159.9, 151.7, 151.6, 150.8, 150.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 126.0, 125.9, 121.5, 118.3, 118.2, 114.2, 112.5, 111.8, 55.5, 55.3, 54.2, 54.1, 54.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 339.13393, found 339.13412.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-3-methoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine (3j).* Compound **3j** was prepared in 76% yield as a colorless syrup (3:2 mixture of rotamers): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.44 and 7.37 (2d due to rotamers, 1H), 7.34–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.21–6.91 (m, 4H), 6.84–6.72 (m), 6.56 (br s) and 6.32 (br s), (total 2H), 6.10 (dd, J = 1.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.99–5.92 (m, 1H), 3.76–3.69 (m, 3H), 2.52 (s), 2.46–2.41 (m) and 2.31–2.25 (m) (total 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  161.7, 161.4, 151.4, 151.3, 150.6, 150.3, 138.2, 138.0, 135.9, 135.6, 134.9, 134.3, 131.1, 130.8, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 127.6 (2), 127.2, 126.4, 126.3, 125.6 (2), 121.4, 121.1, 117.1, 116.6, 113.7, 113.2, 112.6, 53.7, 52.5, 51.5, 20.9, 20.2, 19.3, 19.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 337.15467, found 337.15505.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-methyl-3-benzyloxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (*4a*). Compound **4a** was prepared in 68% yield as a white solid (3:2 mixture of rotamers): mp: 60–62 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.45–7.32 (m, 7H), 7.29–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.11 (m, 2H), 6.53 and 6.48 (2d due to rotamers, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.15 and 6.09 (2d due to rotamers, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.24 and 5.23 (2s due to rotamers, 2H), 4.98 and 4.92 (2q due to rotamers, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.38 and 1.31 (2d due to rotamers, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  161.6, 161.2, 151.3, 151.0, 150.7, 150.5, 136.0, 135.9, 129.4 (2), 128.5 (2), 128.2 (2), 128.1, 128.0, 125.8 (2), 121.5, 121.4, 118.4, 118.1, 111.4, 110.9, 68.3, 68.1, 48.8, 47.9, 15.6, 14.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 323.13902, found 323.13861.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-phenyl-3-benzyloxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (**4b**). Compound **4b** was prepared in 88% yield as a white solid (3:2 mixture of rotamers): mp: 95–96 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.46–7.26 (m, 12H), 7.26–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.10 (m, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.70 and 6.65 (2d due to rotamers, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.18 and 6.15 (2d due to rotamers, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.95 and 5.94 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 5.38–5.18 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  159.4, 159.3, 151.8, 151.7, 150.8, 150.5, 136.9, 136.0, 135.9, 129.4, 128.9 (2), 128.7, 128.5 (2), 128.2 (2), 128.1, 128.0, 127.3, 126.7, 126.0, 125.9, 121.5 (2), 118.4, 118.2, 112.8, 112.1, 68.6, 68.4, 56.1, 54.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 385.15467, found 385.15394.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-phenyl-3-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (5). Compound 5 was prepared in 68% yield as a white solid (3:2 mixture of rotamers): mp: 90–91 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.44–7.29 (m, 7H), 7.29–7.17 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90–6.82 (m, 2H), 6.69 and 6.63 (2d due to rotamers, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.18 and 6.15 (2d due to rotamers, *J* = 5.5Hz, 1H), 5.92 and 5.91 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 5.30–5.11 (m, 2H), 3.79 (2s due to rotamers, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  159.6, 159.5, 159.4, 159.3, 151.7, 151.6, 150.7, 150.4, 136.7, 135.9, 129.9, 129.8, 129.3 (2), 128.7 (2), 128.6 (2), 127.9 (2), 127.2, 126.6, 125.9, 125.8, 121.4 (2), 118.4, 118.2, 113.8 (2), 112.6, 111.9, 68.3, 68.2, 56.0, 55.2, 54.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 415.16523, found 415.16468.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2,5-diphenyl-3-methoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (**6**). Compound **6** was prepared in 93% yield as an yellow solid (3:2 mixture of rotamers): mp: 118–120 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.85–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.27 (m, 9H), 7.27–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.11 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.95 and 5.93 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 3.99 and 3.98 (2s due to rotamers, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  159.4, 151.8, 150.7, 150.5, 136.7, 136.4, 136.3, 135.8, 129.3 (2), 128.8 (2), 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.3 (2), 127.2, 126.7, 125.9, 125.8, 124.5, 124.4, 121.4, 121.3, 108.1, 107.3, 55.5, 54.3, 54.0, 53.9; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 385.15467, found 385.15462.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-phenyl-3-methoxy-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (7*a*). Compound 7*a* was prepared in 78% yield as a yellow solid (3:2 mixture of rotamers): mp: 48–50 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 7.80–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.28 (m, 8H), 7.26–7.20 (m, 1H), 7.18–7.11 (m, 1H), 7.05 and 7.03 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 6.96–6.89 (m, 2H), 5.94 and 5.92 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 3.98 and 3.97 (2s due to rotamers, 3H), 3.83 (2s due to rotamers, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 159.6, 159.5, 159.3, 159.2, 152.0, 151.9, 150.9, 150.7, 136.8, 135.9, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9 (2), 128.7(3), 128.4, 127.5, 126.9, 126.0, 125.9 (2), 125.8, 121.6, 121.5, 114.0, 113.9, 106.6, 105.9, 55.6, 55.4, 54.4, 54.2, 54.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for  $C_{25}H_{23}N_2O_4$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 415.16523, found 415.16442.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-methyl-3-methoxy-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (7*b*). Compound 7**b** was prepared in 88% yield as a colorless syrup (3:2 mixture of rotamers): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.77–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 2H), 6.96–6.89 (m, 3H), 4.96 and 4.91 (2q due to rotamers, J = 6.5 Hz, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.96 and 3.95 (2s due to rotamers, 3H), 3.83 and 3.82 (2s due to rotamers, 3H), 1.37 and 1.30 (2d due to rotamers, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  161.7, 161.4, 159.2, 159.1, 151.6, 151.4, 150.9, 150.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3 (2), 128.5, 128.3, 125.9, 125.8, 125.7 (2), 121.5, 121.4, 113.9, 113.8, 105.4, 104.9, 55.3, 53.8, 53.7, 48.3, 47.4, 16.1, 15.2; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 353.14958, found 353.14900.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-phenyl-3,5-dimethoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (8). Compound 8 was prepared in 45% yield as a colorless syrup (3:2 mixture of rotamers): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.43–7.30 (m, 6H), 7.27–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.98 and 5.89 (2s due to rotamers 1H), 5.93 and 5.92 (2s due to rotamers 1H), 6.01–5.87 (m, 2H), 3.91 (2s due to rotamers, 3H), 3.69 (2s due to rotamers, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  161.6, 161.4, 152.2, 151.5, 150.8, 150.6, 148.0, 147.8, 135.7, 135.0, 129.3 (2), 128.8, 128.7 (3), 127.1, 126.6, 125.7 (2), 121.5, 121.4, 87.5, 87.1, 55.6, 55.1 (2), 54.6, 54.5, 54.4; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 361.11588, found 361.11560.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-phenyl-3,5-dibenzyloxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (*9a*). Compound **9a** was prepared in 88% yield as a colorless syrup (3:2 mixture of rotamers): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.39–7.24 (m, 17H), 7.22–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.13–7.09 (m) and 7.04–6.99 (m) (total 2H), 6.14 and 6.10 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 5.94 and 5.91 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 5.41–5.27 (m, 2H), 5.02–4.90 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  160.5, 160.3, 152.1, 151.5, 150.9, 150.6, 145.9, 145.6, 136.5, 136.4, 135.8, 135.5, 135.4, 135.2, 129.3 (2), 128.8, 128.7, 128.6 (2), 128.5, 128.4 (2), 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.1, 126.6, 125.7, 125.6, 121.5, 121.4, 91.2, 90.9, 69.8, 69.7, 69.2, 69.0, 55.7, 54.6; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 491.19653, found 491.19661.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,5-dibenzyloxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (**9b**). Compound **9b** was prepared in 77% yield as a colorless syrup (3:2 mixture of rotamers): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.38–7.29 (m, 11H), 7.24–6.96 (m, 6H), 6.83 and 6.78 (2d due to rotamers, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.10 and 6.07 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 5.88 and 5.85 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 5.40–5.27 (m, 2H), 5.04–4.93 (m, 2H), 3.81 and 3.78 (2s due to rotamers, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  166.8, 160.7, 159.8, 152.1, 151.5, 151.0, 150.8, 146.0, 145.7, 136.6, 136.5, 135.6 (2), 132.2, 129.4 (2), 128.7, 128.6, 128.5 (2), 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1 (3), 127.4, 125.8, 125.7, 121.6, 121.5, 114.2, 114.1, 113.5, 91.0, 90.8, 69.8, 69.7, 69.2, 69.0, 55.3(2), 55.2, 54.1; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 521.20710, found 521.20718.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-methyl-3-(benzyloxy)-5-ethyl-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (10). Compound 10 was prepared in 81% yield as a colorless syrup (3:2 mixture of rotamers): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.46–7.30 (m, 7H), 7.30–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.10 (m, 2H), 6.29 and 6.24 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 5.26 and 5.25 (2s due to rotamers, 2H), 4.91 and 4.86 (2q due to rotamers, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.33–2.21 (m, 2H), (2d due to rotamers, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.20–1.10 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  161.3, 160.9, 151.4, 151.3, 151.0 (2), 150.8, 136.3, 132.5, 132.2, 129.6, 129.4 (2), 128.5 (2), 128.4, 128.2 (2), 128.1, 126.3, 125.7 (2), 121.6, 121.5, 120.9, 105.2, 104.7, 68.1, 67.9, 48.3, 47.5, 26.9, 15.7, 14.8, 12.4 (2); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 351.17032, found 351.17015.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-phenyl-3-benzyloxy-5-benzyl-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (11). Compound 11 was prepared in 81% yield as a colorless syrup (3:2 mixture of rotamers): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.44–7.08 (m) and 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz) (total 20H), 6.52 and 6.46 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 5.89 and 5.86 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 5.33–5.15 (m, 2H), 3.65–3.49 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  158.9, 151.8, 150.8, 150.6, 139.0, 136.0, 135.5, 130.4, 130.2, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1 (2), 128.7, 128.6, 128.5 (2), 128.4, 128.3 (2), 128.2 (2), 128.0 (2), 127.4, 126.8, 126.2 (2), 125.8, 125.7, 121.5, 121.4, 108.2, 107.4, 68.3, 68.2, 55.4, 54.0, 40.0 (2); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 475.20162, found 475.20297.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2,5-diphenyl-3-benzyloxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (**12**). Compound **12** was prepared in 100% yield as an yellow syrup (3:2 mixture of rotamers): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.80 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47–7.20 (m, 16H), 7.20–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.00 and 5.99 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 5.53–5.37 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  158.7, 151.9, 150.8, 150.6, 136.6, 136.4 (2), 136.1, 135.8, 129.2 (2), 128.9, 128.8, 128.7 (2), 128.5, 128.4 (2), 128.2 (2), 128.1, 127.2 (2), 127.3, 126.8, 126.0, 125.9, 124.6, 124.5, 121.5, 121.4, 108.4, 107.6, 68.6, 68.5, 55.7, 54.4; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 461.18597, found 461.18689.

*1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-phenyl-3-benzyloxy-5-(benzyloxycarbonyl)-1,2-dihydropyrazine* (13). Compound **13** was prepared in 49% yield as a white solid (3:2 mixture of rotamers): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.97 and 7.90 (2br s due to rotamers, 1H), 7.48–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.22 (m, 16H), 7.14–7.09 (m, 1H), 6.96–6.92 (m, 1H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 5.45–5.31 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  164.6, 158.7, 158.6, 151.4, 151.1, 150.4, 150.2, 136.6, 136.1, 135.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.5 (2), 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.3, 126.7, 126.3, 122.1, 121.3, 121.2, 120.2, 69.0, 66.5, 56.3, 55.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 519.19145, found 519.19150.

General procedure for the conversion of substituted 1,2-dihydropyrazines to  $\Delta^5$ -2oxopiperazines using 1 M HCl<sub>(aa</sub>/methanol. Representative procedure for the preparation of phenyl 3-oxo-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydropyrazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (14a). To a solution of phenyl 3-(benzyloxy)-2-phenylpyrazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (4b, 0.100 g, 0.260 mmol) in anhydrous THF (1 mL) was added 1M HCl<sub>(ao)</sub> in methanol (1 mL) at 0 °C. Stirring was continued under nitrogen for 45 minutes until hydrolysis was completed as determined by TLC (silica gel, EtOAc/hexanes 2:3). The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 mL), extracted with dichloromethane ( $3 \times 10$  mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude mixture by flash silica gel column chromatography (10-75% EtOAc/hexanes) afforded **15a** as a white solid (0.058 g, 61%, 1:1 mixture of rotamers): mp: 164–166 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.28 and 8.02 (2br s due to rotamers, 1H), 7.58–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.29 (m, 5H), 7.29–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.96 and 5.93 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 5.83–5.68 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  166.1, 165.8, 151.8, 151.4, 150.6, 150.4, 136.5, 135.9, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 126.9, 126.4, 126.0, 125.9, 121.3, 108.9, 108.7, 108.2, 60.9, 59.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 317.08966, found 317.08968.

*Ring-opened side product methyl* 2-((2-oxoethyl)(phenoxycarbonyl)amino)-2-phenylacetate (**16**). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 4:1 mixture of rotamers)  $\delta$  3.81 and 3.84 (2s due to rotamers, 3H),

3.91–4.17 (m, 2H), 6.22 and 6.27 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 7.12–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.28–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.44 (m, 5H), 9.40 and 9.49 (2s due to rotamers, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, mixture of rotamers)  $\delta$  52.5, 52.6, 53.8, 54.0, 62.0, 62.7, 121.4, 125.8 (2), 128.8 (2), 129.3 (2), 133.3, 133.6, 150.7, 150.8, 154.4, 154.8, 170.8, 171.0, 197.7, 197.9; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 328.11795, found 328.11758.

General procedure for the conversion of substituted 1,2-dihydropyrazines to  $\Delta^{5}$ -2-oxopiperazines using 4 M HCl/dioxane. Representative procedure for the preparation of phenyl 3-oxo-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydropyrazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (14a). To a solution of of phenyl 3-(benzyloxy)-2-phenylpyrazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (4b, 0.100 g, 0.260 mmol) in anhydrous THF (1 mL) was added 4 M HCl in dioxane (1 mL) at 0 °C. Stirring was continued under nitrogen for 20 minutes until hydrolysis was completed as determined by TLC (silica gel, EtOAc/hexanes 2:3). The reaction mixture was quenched with water (2 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 15 mL). The organic phase was washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (25 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude mixture by flash silica gel column chromatography (10–75% EtOAc/hexanes) afforded 14a as a white solid (0.259 g, 100%).

*Phenyl* 2-*benzyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydropyrazine-1(2H)-carboxylate* (14b). Compound 14b was prepared in 95% yield as a white crystalline solid (3:2 mixture of rotamers): mp: 128–130 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.44 and 8.39 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 7.43–7.10 (m, 8H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.20–5.05 (m, 1H), 5.80 and 5.60 (2d due to rotamers, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.21–2.97 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.0, 166.9, 151.7, 151.2, 150.6, 150.1, 135.7, 135.5, 129.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 127.1, 127.0, 125.8, 125.7, 121.3, 121.2, 110.4, 109.1, 108.0, 107.8, 59.1, 57.8, 36.0, 35.9; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 331.10531, found 331.10499.

*Phenyl 2-(2-bromobenzyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydropyrazine-1(2H)-carboxylate* (**14***c*). Compound **14***c* was prepared in 85% yield as a white solid (1:1 mixture of rotamers): mp: 40–42 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.34 and 8.30 (2br s due to rotamers, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.10 (m) and 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz) (total 5H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.48–6.40 (m, 1H), 5.86 and 5.65 (2t due to rotamers, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.38–5.32 (m) and 5.29–5.24 (m) (total 1H), 3.79–3.74 (m) and 3.68–3.61 (m) (total 1H), 3.42 and 3.39 (dt, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 3.35 and 3.34 (dd, *J* = 4.0 Hz, (total 1H), 3.17–3.08 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  166.6, 166.4, 151.5, 151.2, 150.6, 150.1, 135.3, 135.2, 133.0,132.9, 131.8, 131.7, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 127.6, 127.2, 125.8, 125.7, 125.4,125.3, 121.4, 121.3, 121.0, 110.4, 109.2, 108.1, 108.0, 72.2, 71.1, 61.6, 57.1, 56.5, 42.8, 36.0, 35.7; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 387.03388, found 387.03360.

*Phenyl* 5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxo-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydropyrazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (15a). Compound **15a** was prepared in 73% yield as a white solid (1:1 mixture of rotamers): mp: 206–208 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.87 and 7.70 (2br s due to rotamers, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41–7.30 (m, 7H), 7.26–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.84 and 6.77 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 6.02 (d, *J* =11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  166.0, 165.8, 160.1 (2), 152.0, 151.8, 150.8, 150.6, 136.3, 135.8, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 126.9, 126.4, 126.1, 126.0 (2), 124.6, 122.1 (2), 121.5, 121.4, 114.5, 104.7, 104.2, 60.6, 59.5, 55.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 400.14958, found 400.14878.

General procedure for the one-pot Grignard addition/hydrolysis reaction to synthesize substituted  $\Delta^5$ -2-oxopiperazines 15b-d. Representative procedure for the preparation of phenyl 5-ethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydropyrazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (15b). To a solution of 2-(benzyloxy)-6-ethylpyrazine (0.100 g, 0.467 mmol) in anhydrous THF (4 mL) was added phenyl chloroformate (0.07 mL, 0.556 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred under a nitrogen atmosphere until salt formation was completed (15 min, as determined by TLC on neutral alumina, EtOAc/hexanes 1:19). The reaction mixture was cooled to -41 °C, phenylmagnesium bromide solution (1 M in THF, 0.56 mL, 0.556 mmol) was added and the mixture stirred for 2 h. Then, the reaction was quenched with 1 M HCl solution in MeOH (2 mL) at -41 °C, allowed to reach room temperature and stirred for 1 h. The reaction mixture was neutralized with aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, extracted with EtOAc (20 mL), washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulted crude material was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (Combiflash Rf) using EtOAc/hexanes 1:3 to obtain 15b (0.120 g, 80%) as a colorless syrup (1:1 mixture of rotamers): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.58 and 7.82 (2br s due to rotamers, 1H, NH), 7.42 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32–7.40 (m, 5H), 7.18–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.31 and 6.35 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 5.94 and 5.96 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 2.18–2.26 (m, 2H), 1.12–1.18 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  166.6, 166.5, 151.8, 151.7, 150.7, 150.5, 136.3, 135.8, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5 (2), 126.8, 126.3, 125.8, 125.7, 123.9, 123.8, 121.4, 121.3, 103.4, 103.0, 60.2, 59.0, 23.3, 11.5, 11.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 323.13902, found 323.13895.

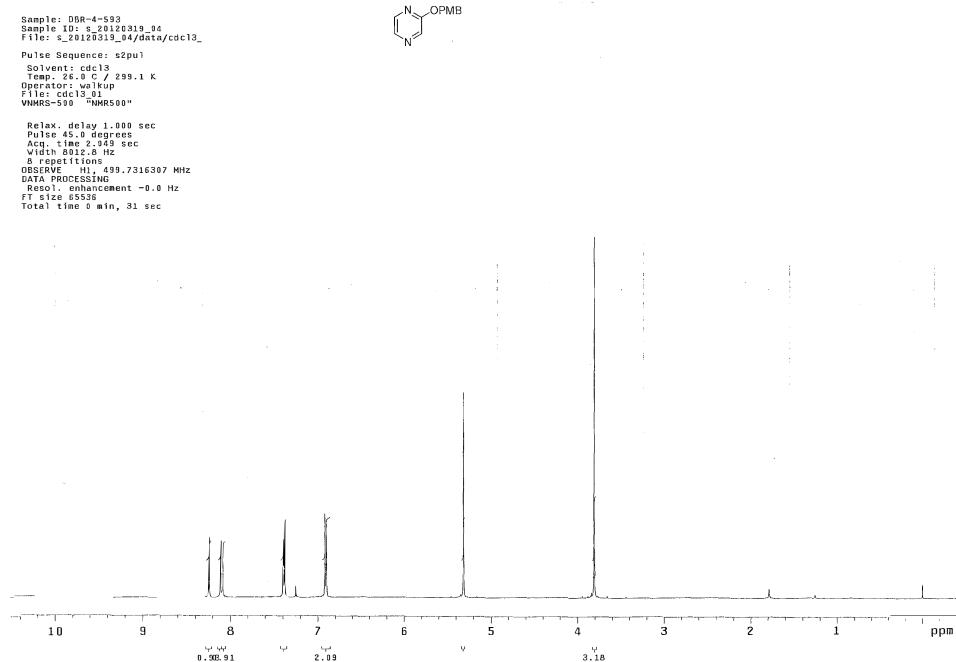
*Phenyl 5-benzyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydropyrazine-1(2H)-carboxylate* (**15***c*). Compound **15***c* was prepared in 72% yield as an orange solid (1:1 mixture of rotamers): mp: 88–90 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.49 and 8.14 (2br s due to rotamers, 1H), 7.40–7.13 (m, 14H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.50 and 6.47 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 5.90 (d, 1H, J = 4.5 Hz), 3.48–3.54 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  165.9, 165.6, 151.8, 151.6, 150.7, 150.5, 136.0, 135.8, 135.7, 135.5, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7 (3), 128.6, 128.5, 127.2, 126.9, 126.3, 125.9, 125.8, 121.4 (2), 121.2, 105.5, 104.9, 60.3, 59.1, 36.4 (2); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 407.13661, found 407.13640.

*Phenyl 3-oxo-2,5-diphenyl-3,4-dihydropyrazine-1(2H)-carboxylate* (**15d**). Compound **15d** was prepared in 71% yield as a white solid (1:1 mixture of rotamers): mp: 208–210 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.63–7.34 (m, 13H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17 and 7.01 (2d due to rotamers, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97 and 6.90 (2s due to rotamers, 1H), 6.03 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  59.7, 60.8, 105.5, 106.0, 121.4, 121.5, 121.8 (2), 124.4, 124.5, 126.0, 126.1, 126.3, 126.8, 128.8, 129.0 (2), 129.3, 129.5, 132.2, 135.8, 136.2, 148.7, 150.5, 150.7, 151.7, 152.0, 165.2, 165.3; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 393.1215, obsd 393.1206.

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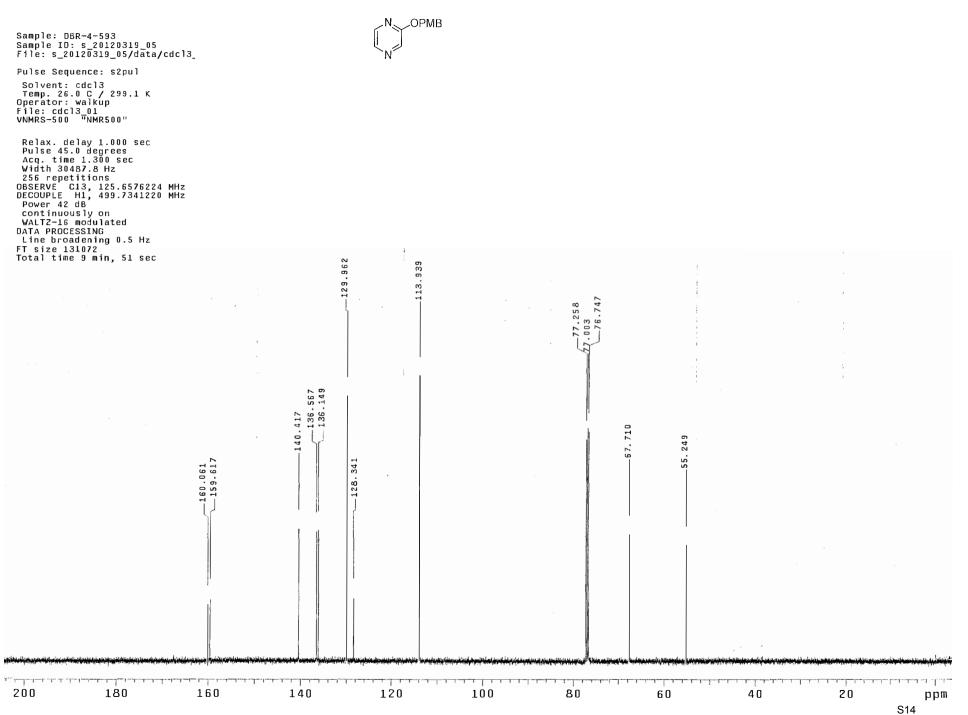


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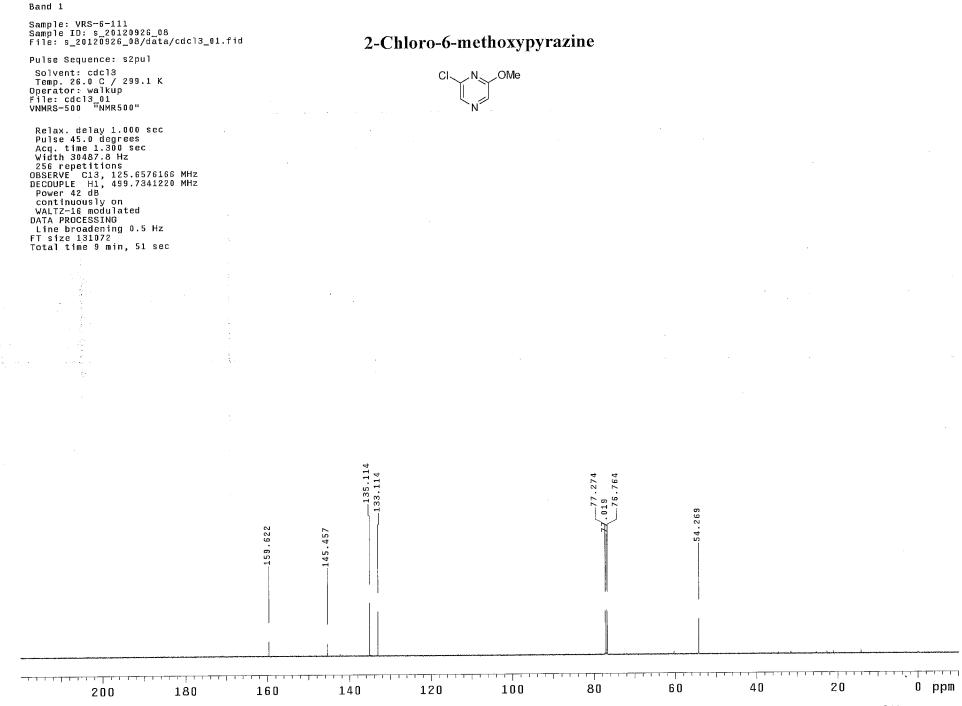
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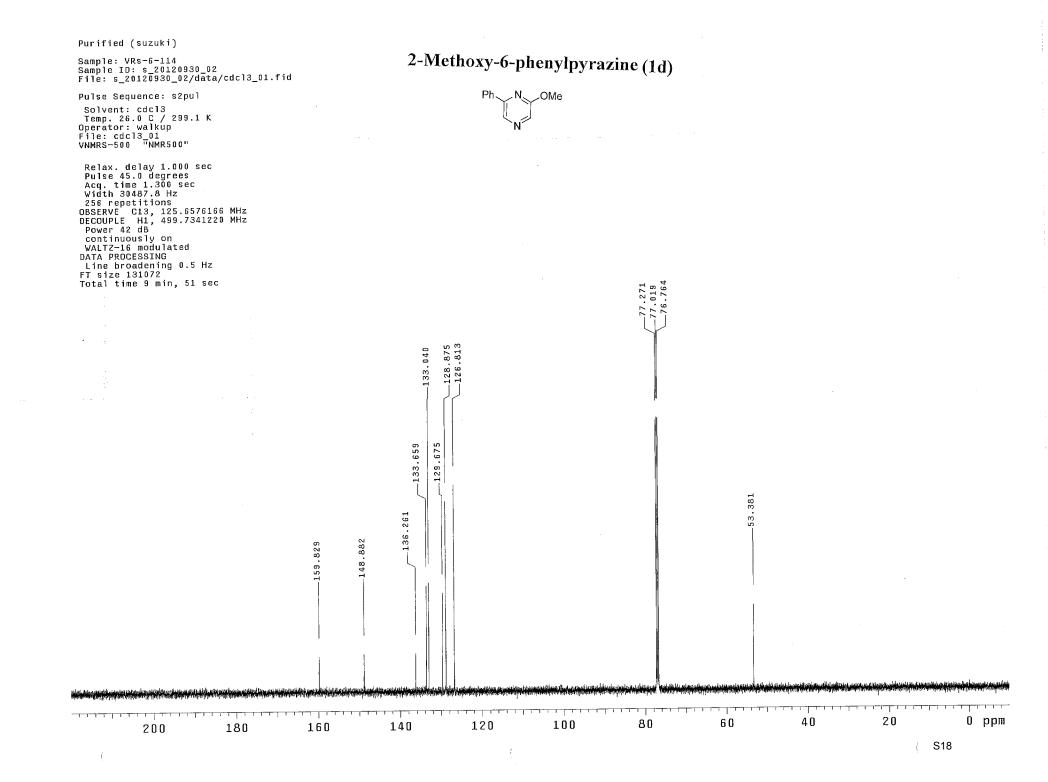
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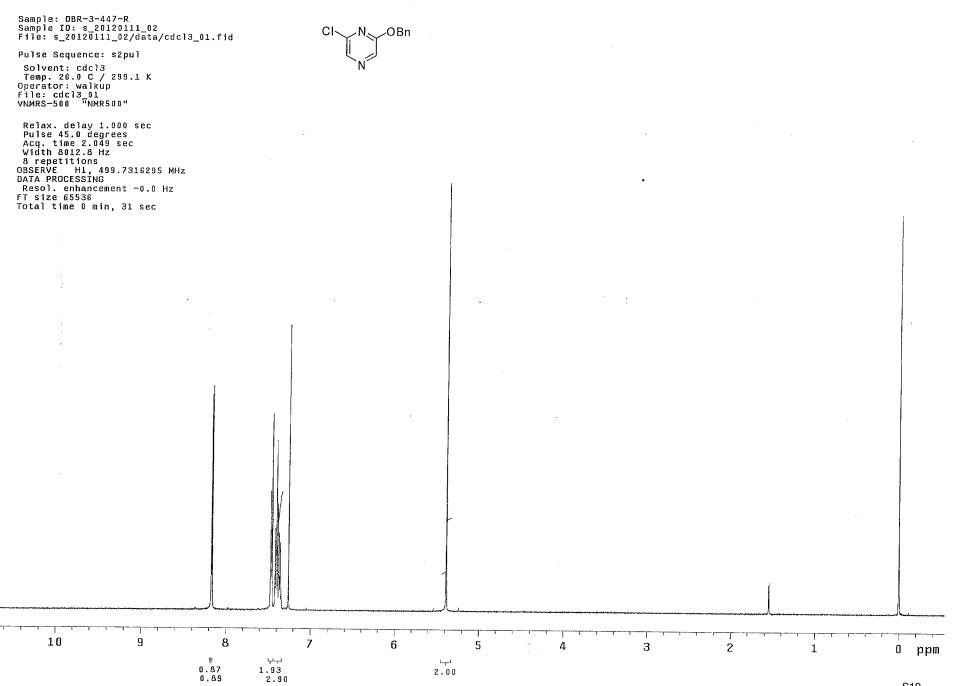
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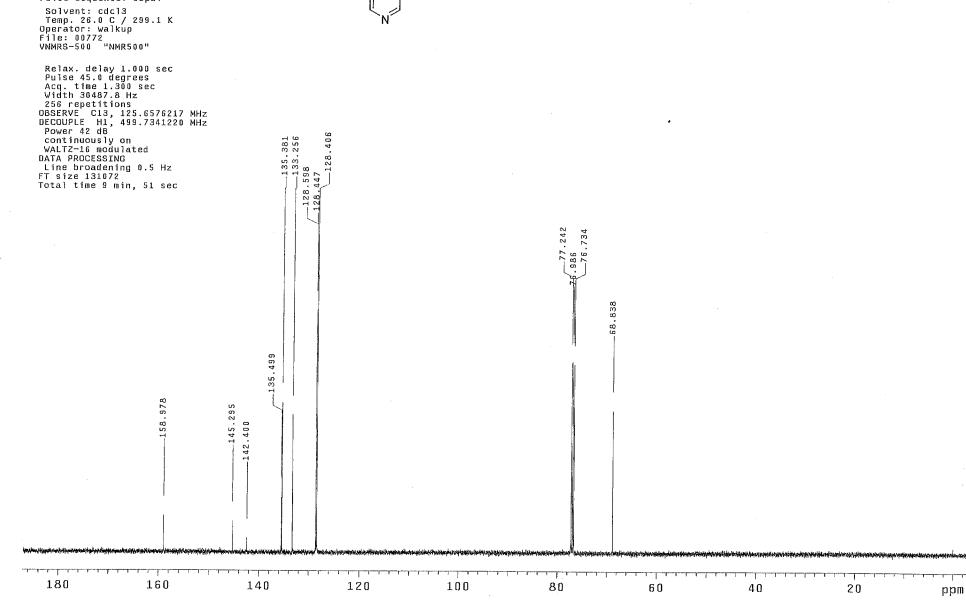


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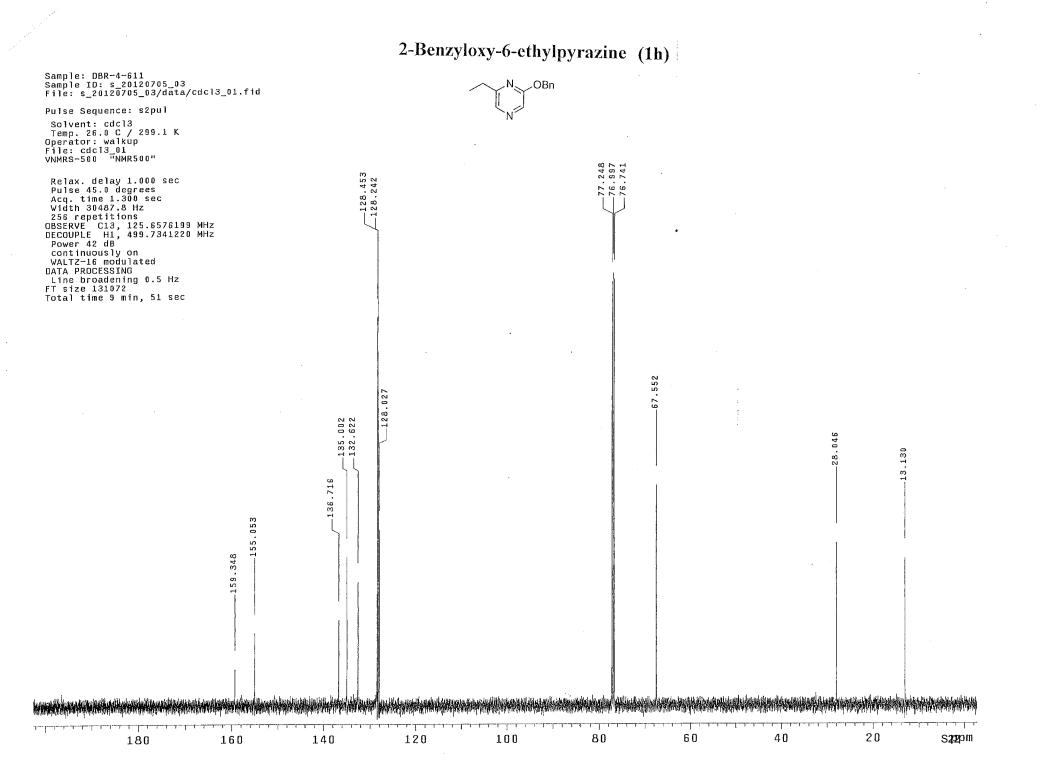
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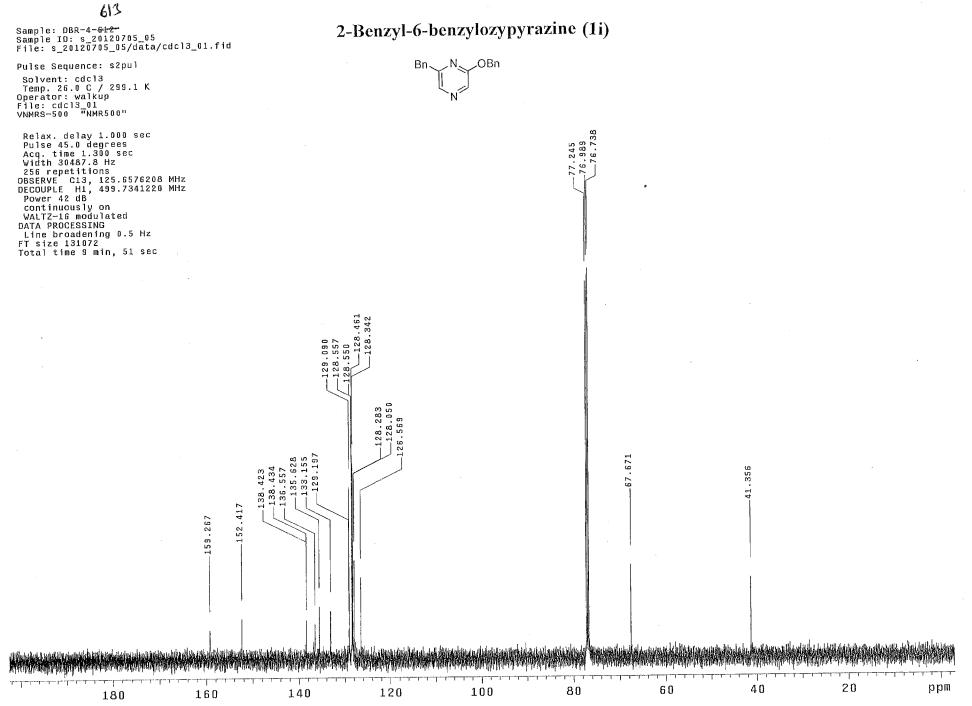
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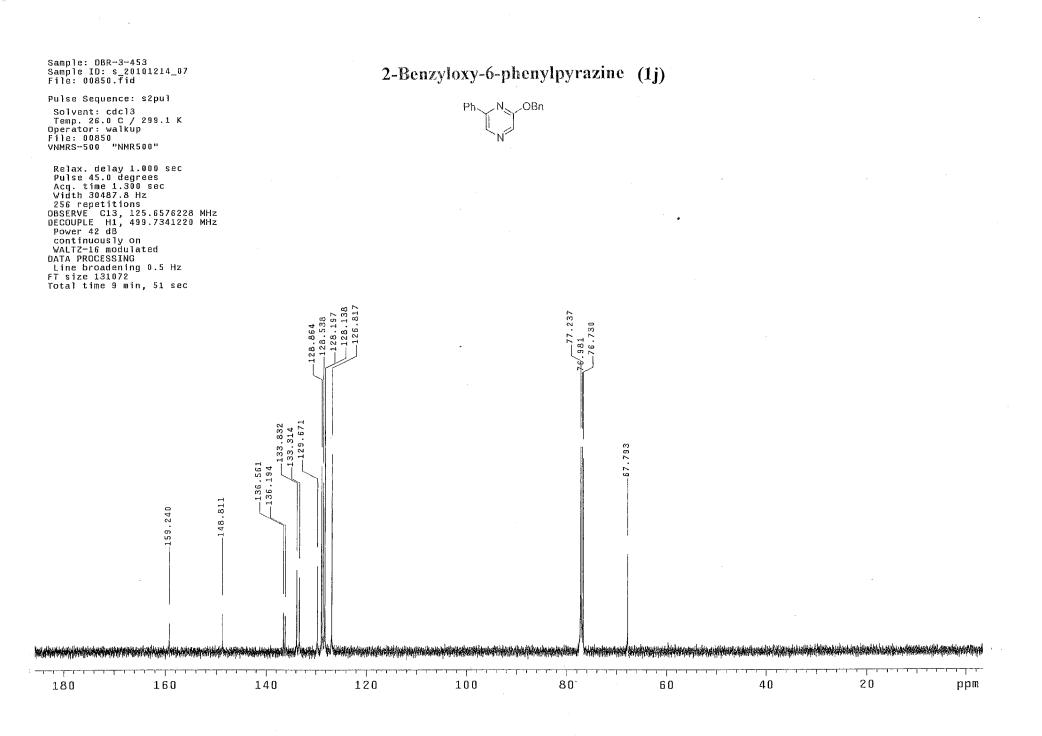
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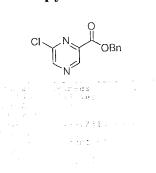
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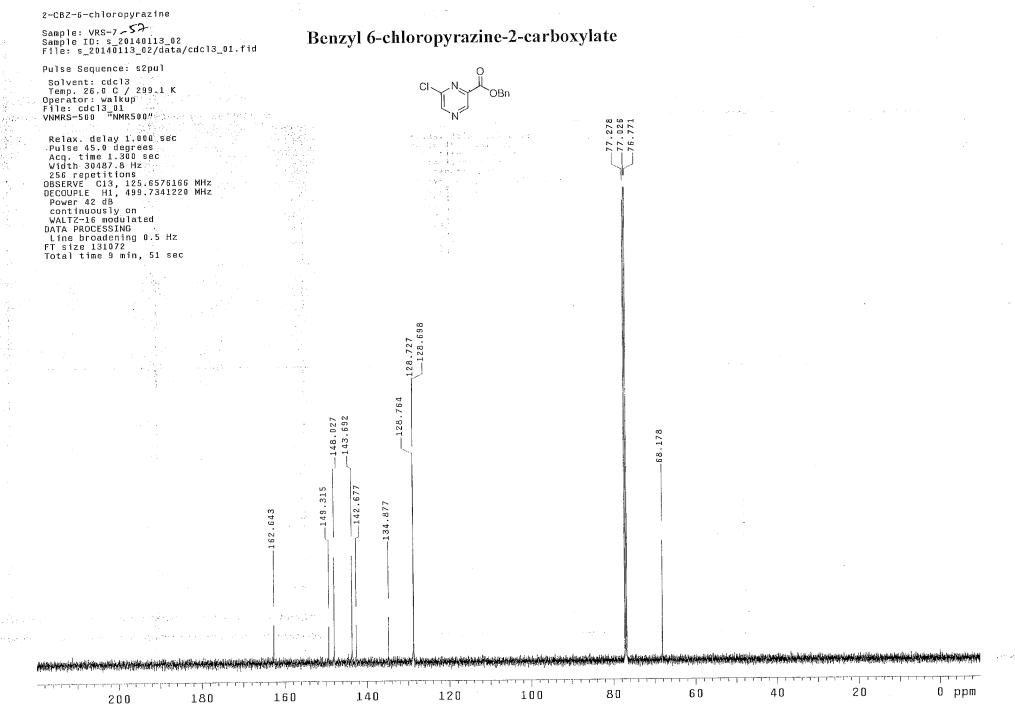
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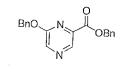
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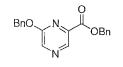
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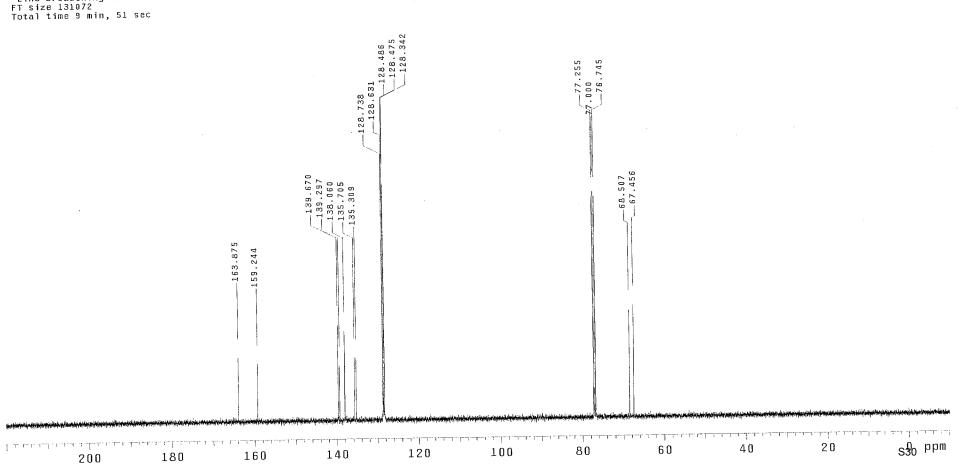
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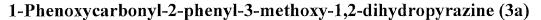




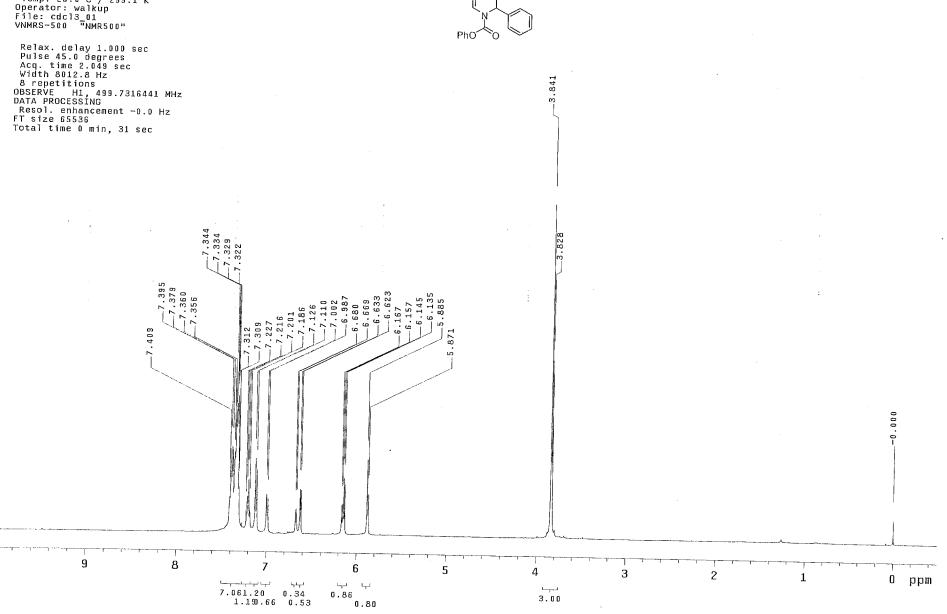
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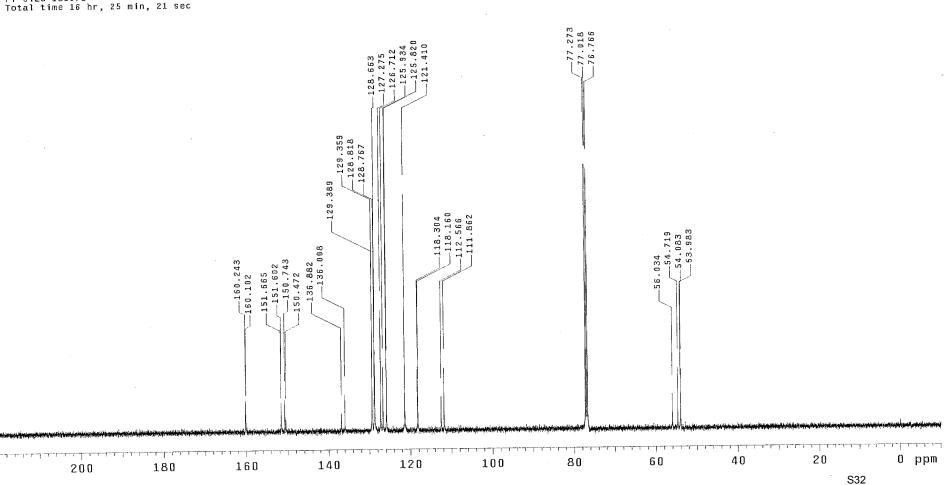
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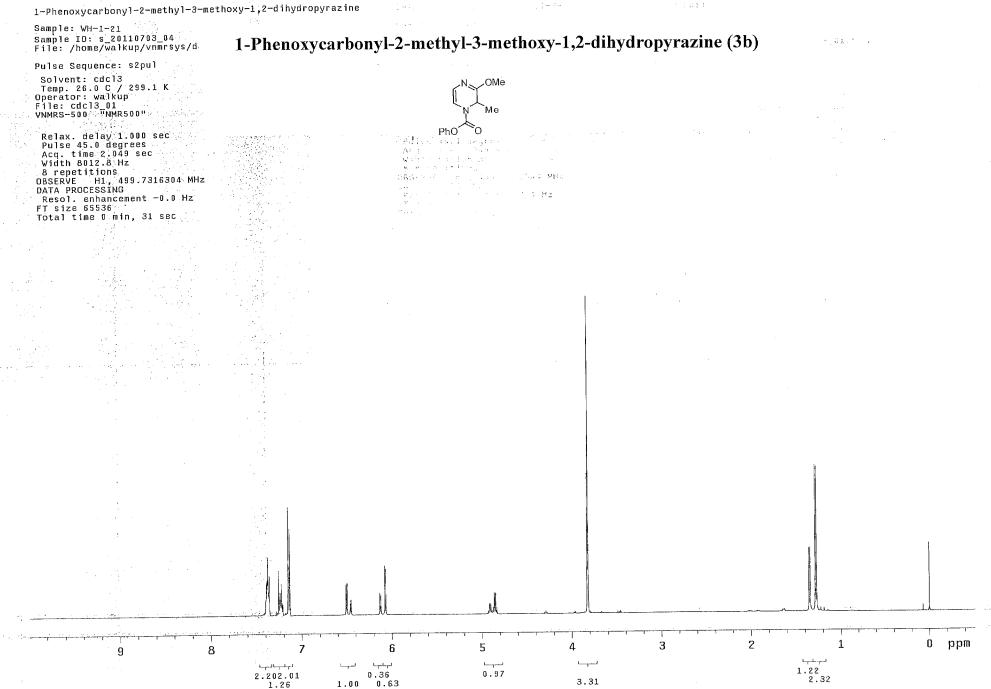
Solvent: cdcl3 Temp. 26.0 C / 299.1 K Operator: walkup VNMRS-500 "NMR500"

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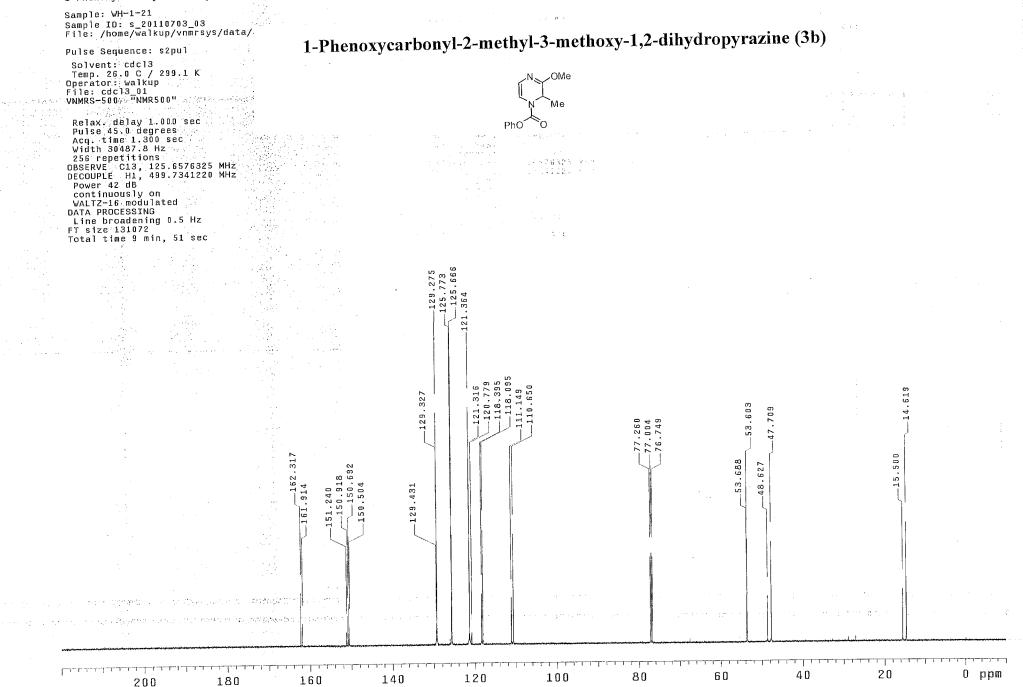
# 1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-phenyl-3-methoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine (3a)

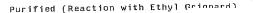






1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-methyl-3-methoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine



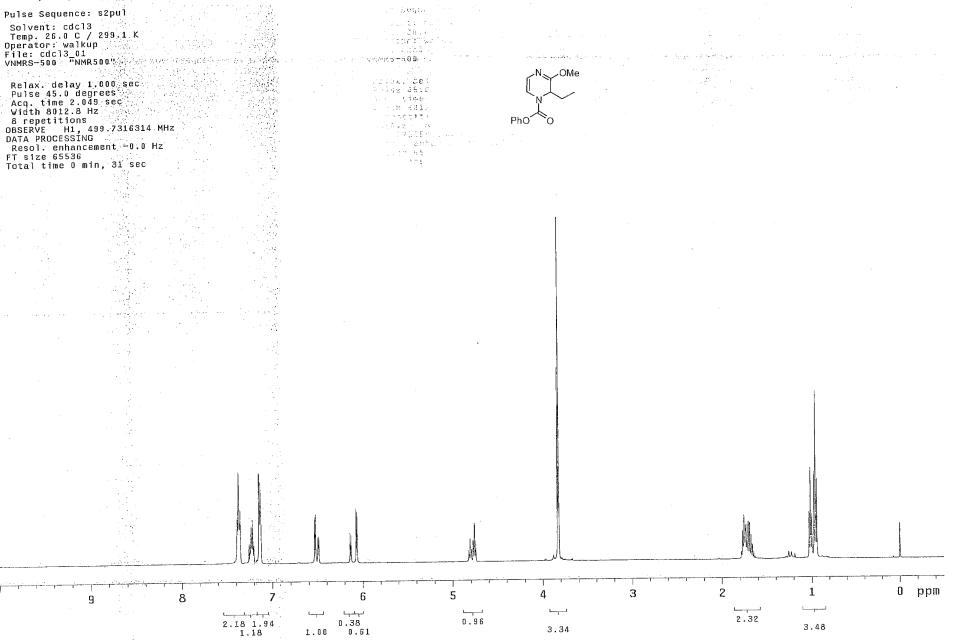


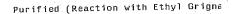
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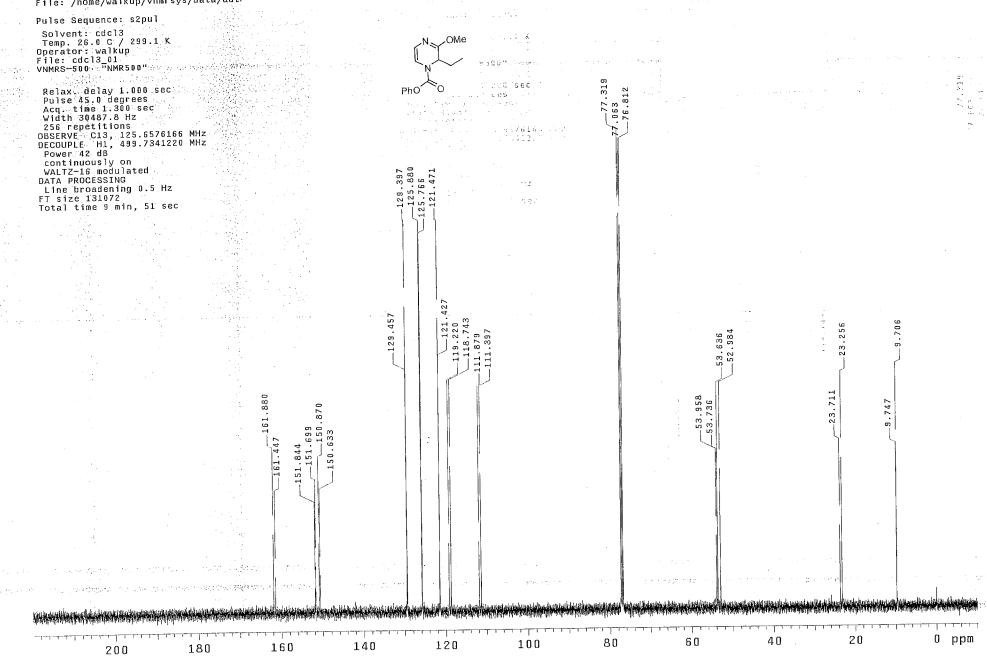






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# 1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-ethyl-3-methoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine (3c)



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Pulse Sequence: s2pul Solvent: cdcl3 Temp. 26.0 C / 299.1 K Operator: walkup File: cdcl3\_01 VMMRS-500 "NMR500" Relax. delay 1.000 sec Pulse 45.0 degrees Acq. time 2.049 sec Width 8012.8 Hz 8 repetitions OBSERVE H1, 499.7316334 MHz DATA PROCESSING Resol. enhancement -0.0 Hz FT size 65536 Total time 0 min, 31 sec.

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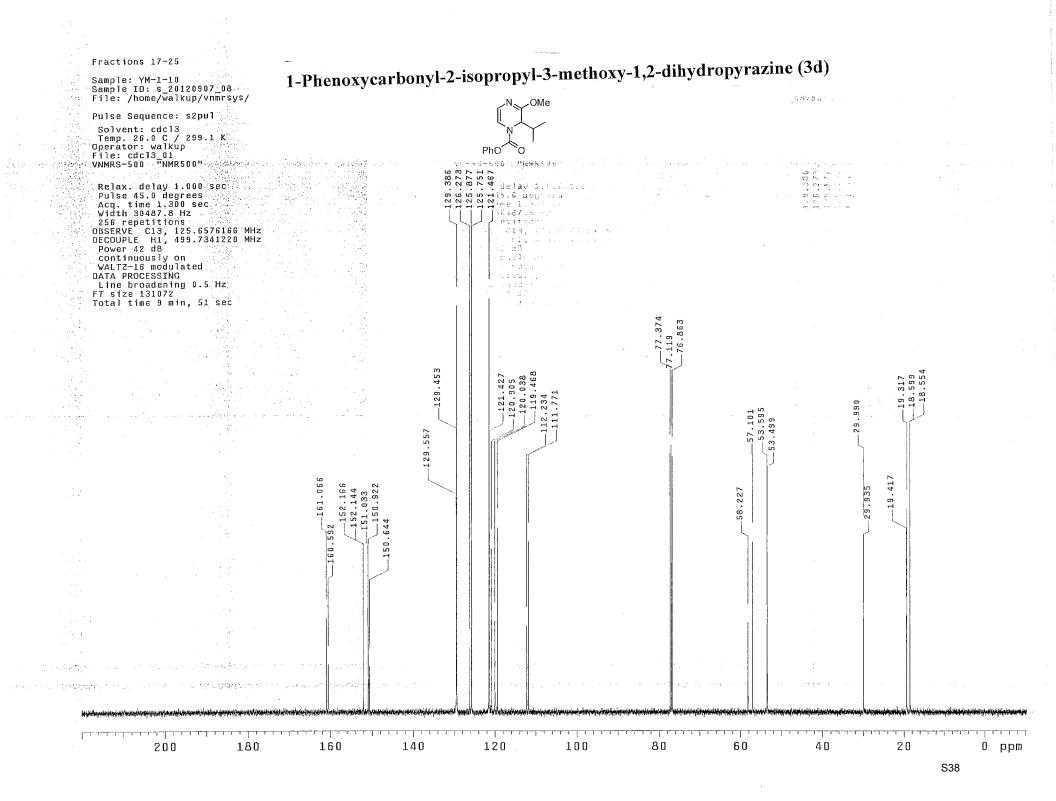
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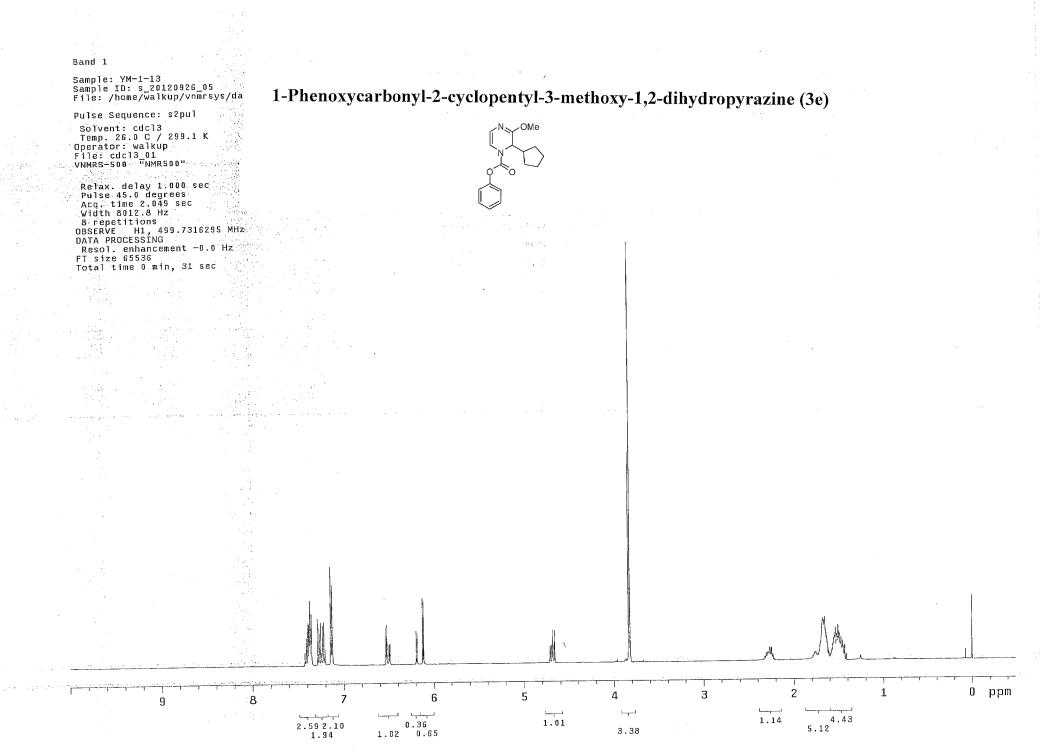
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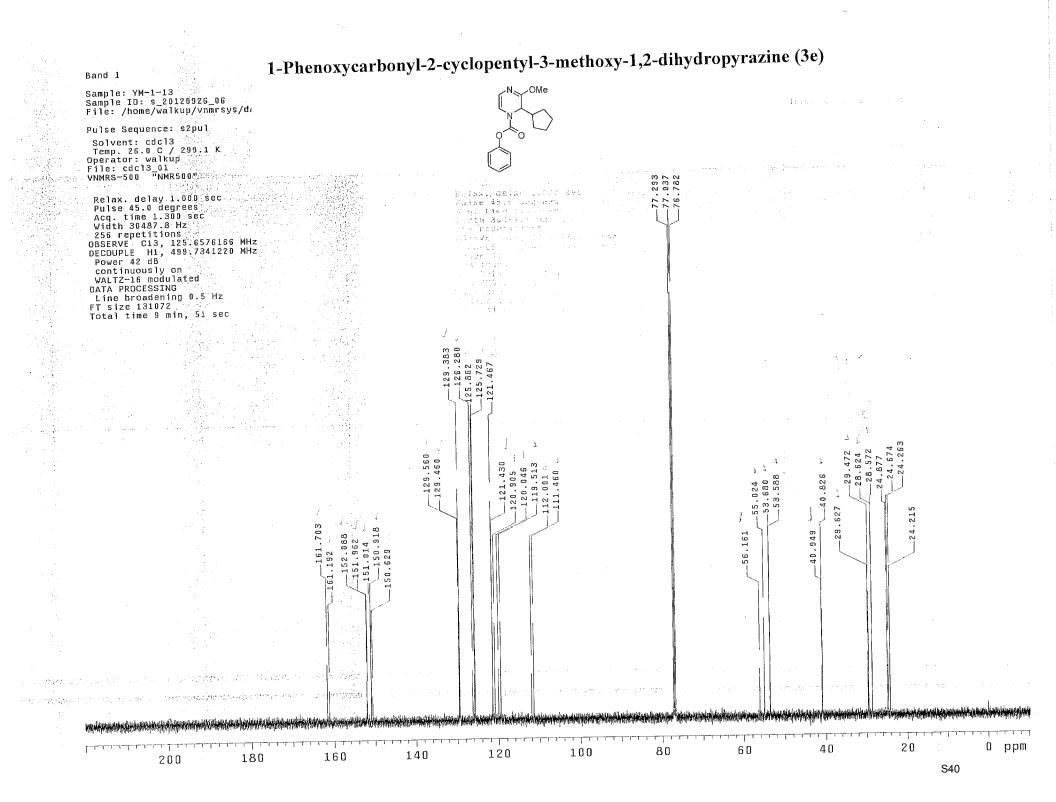
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Relax. delay 1.000 sec Pulse 45.0 degrees Acq. time 2.049 sec Width 8012.8 Hz 8 repetitions OBSERVE H1, 499.7316502 MHz DATA PROCESSING Resol. enhancement -0.0 Hz FT size 65536 Total time 0 min, 31 sec 1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-benzyl-3-methoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine (3f)

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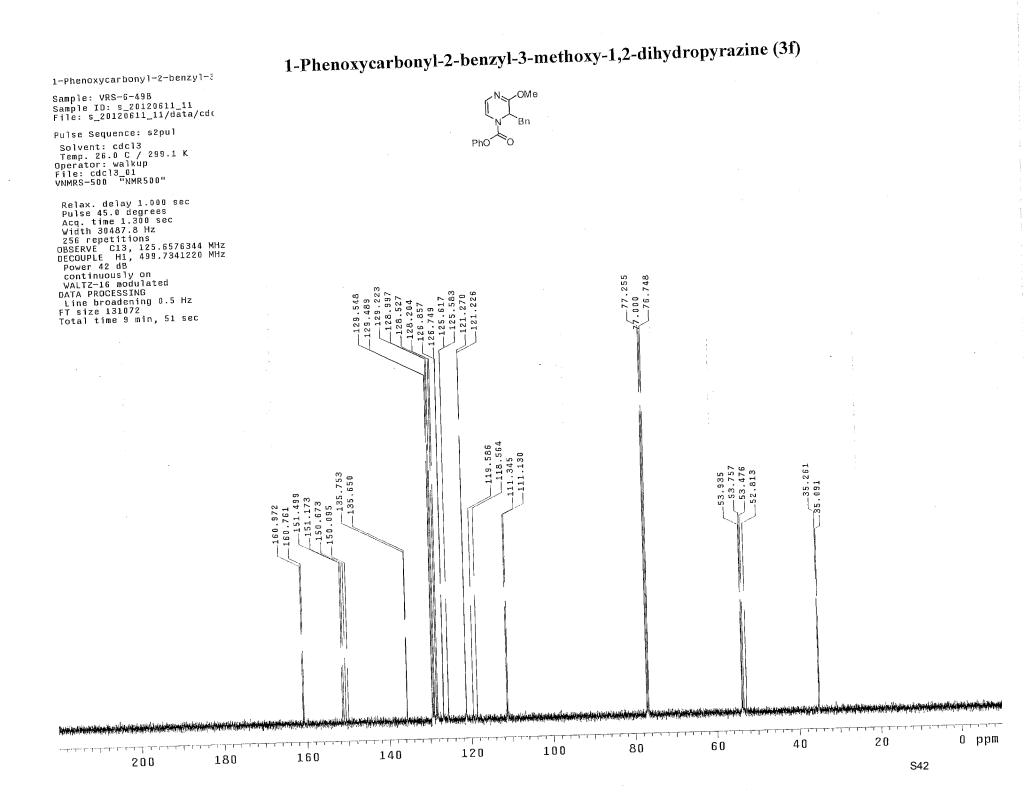
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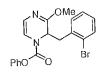
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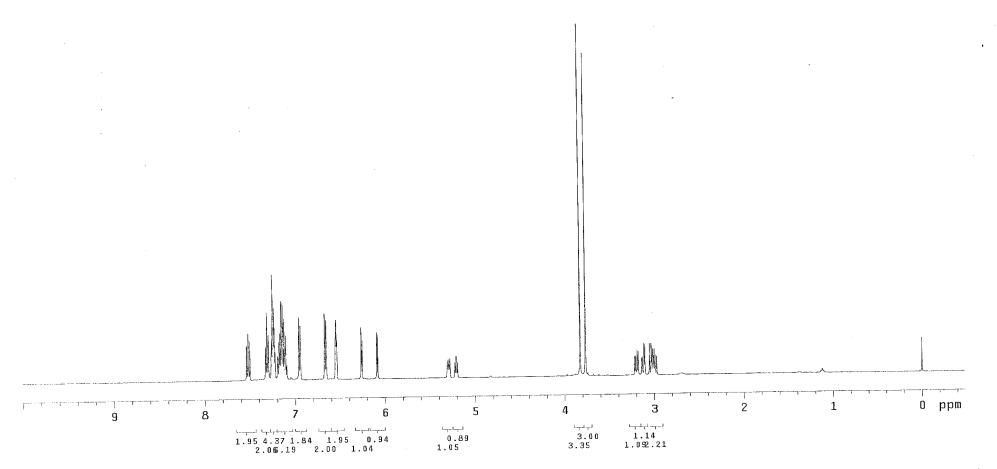
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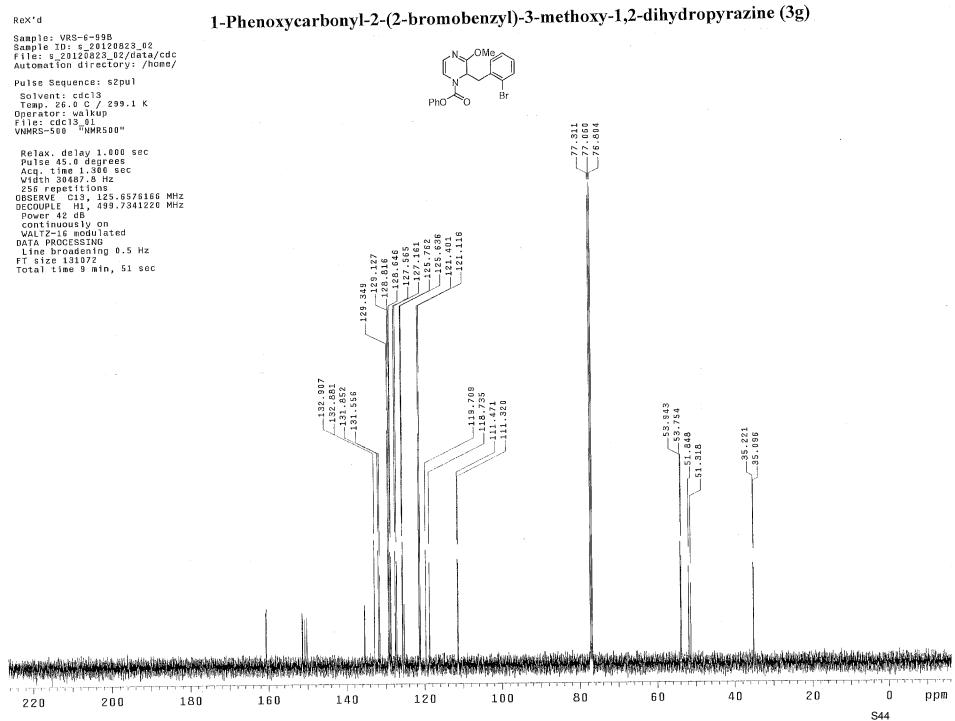
Solvent: cdcl3 Temp. 26.0 C / 299.1 K Operator: walkup File: cdcl3\_01 VNMRS-500 "NMR50D"

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# 1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-(2-bromobenzyl)-3-methoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine (3g)







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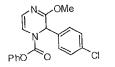
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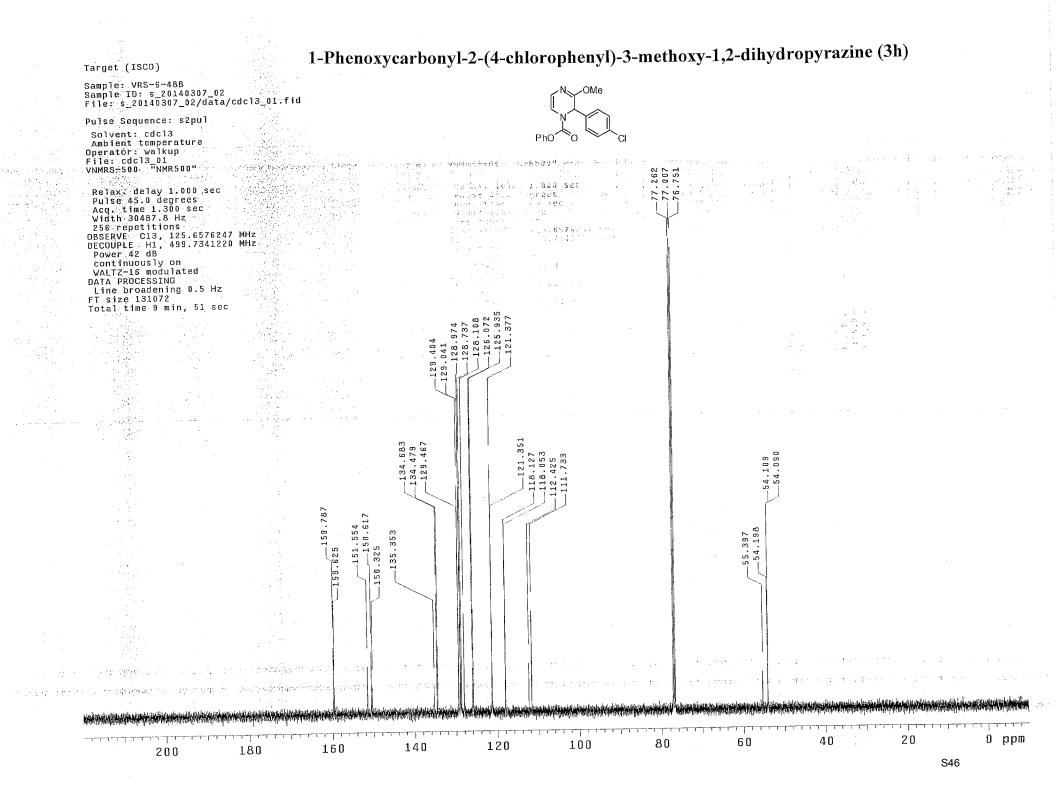
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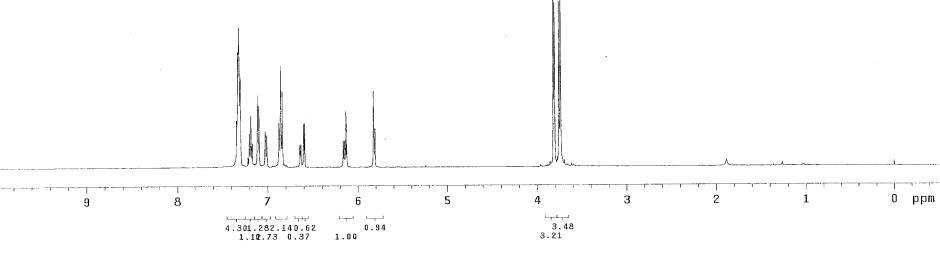
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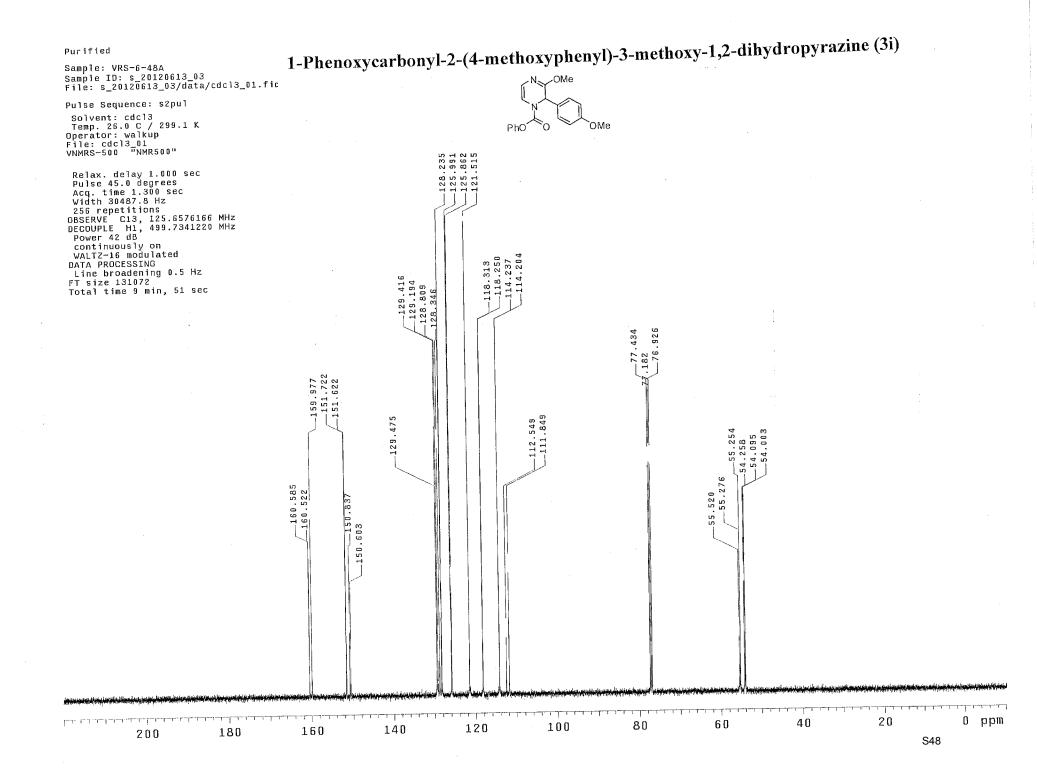
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# 1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine (3i)

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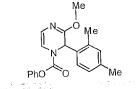
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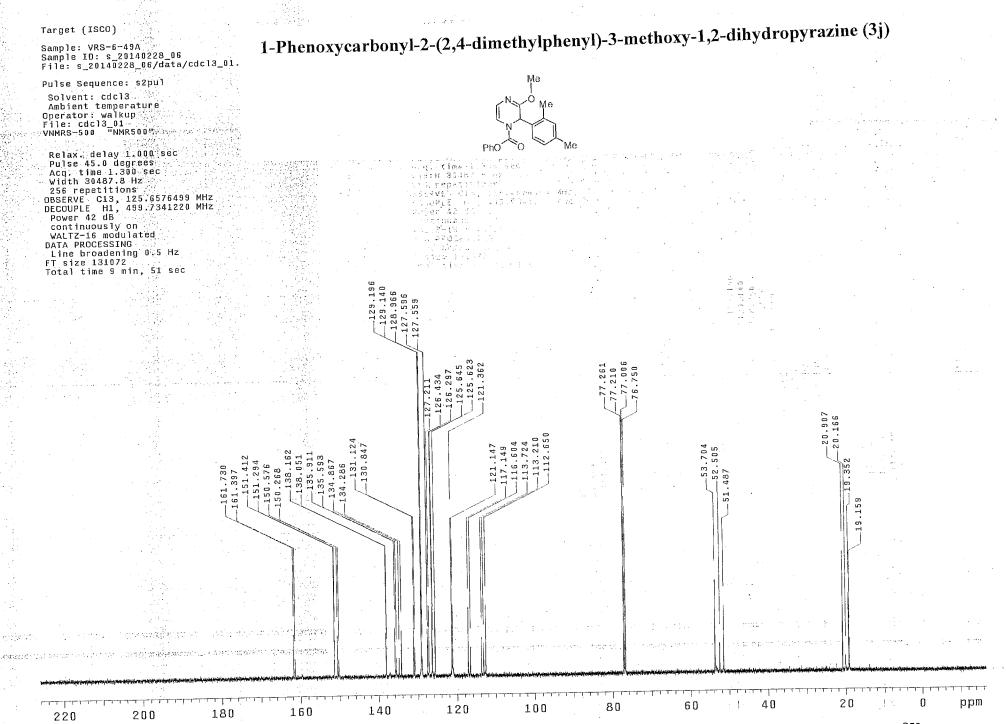
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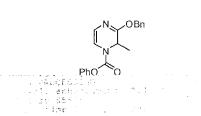
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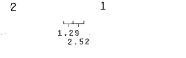


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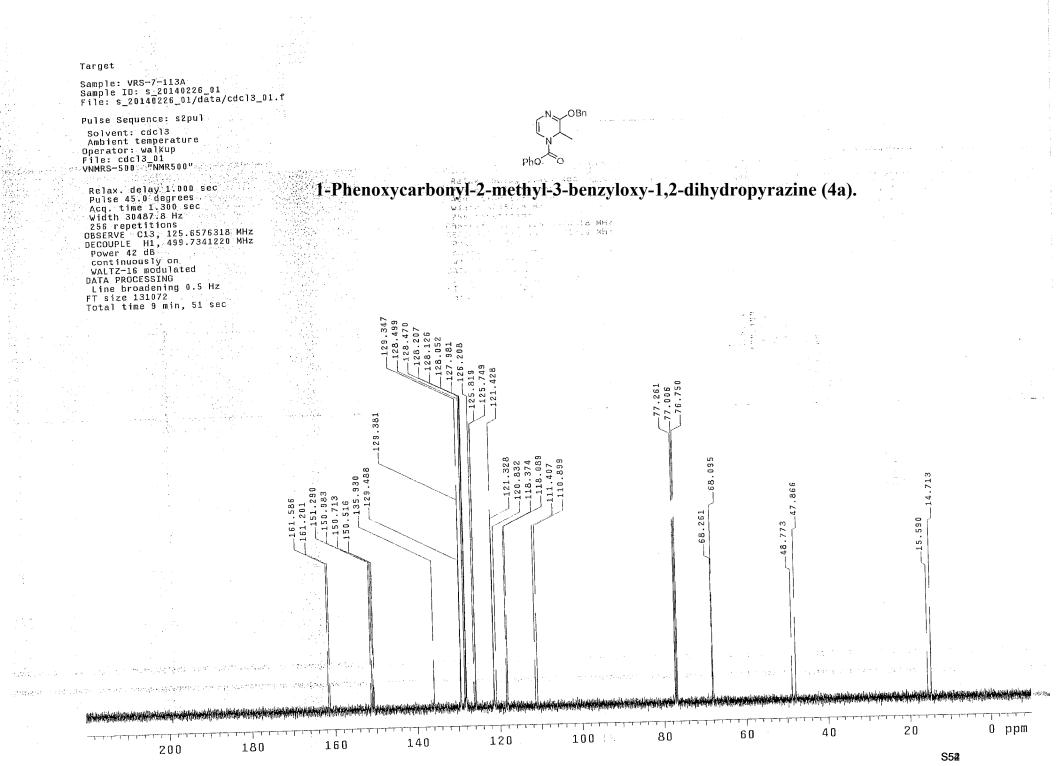
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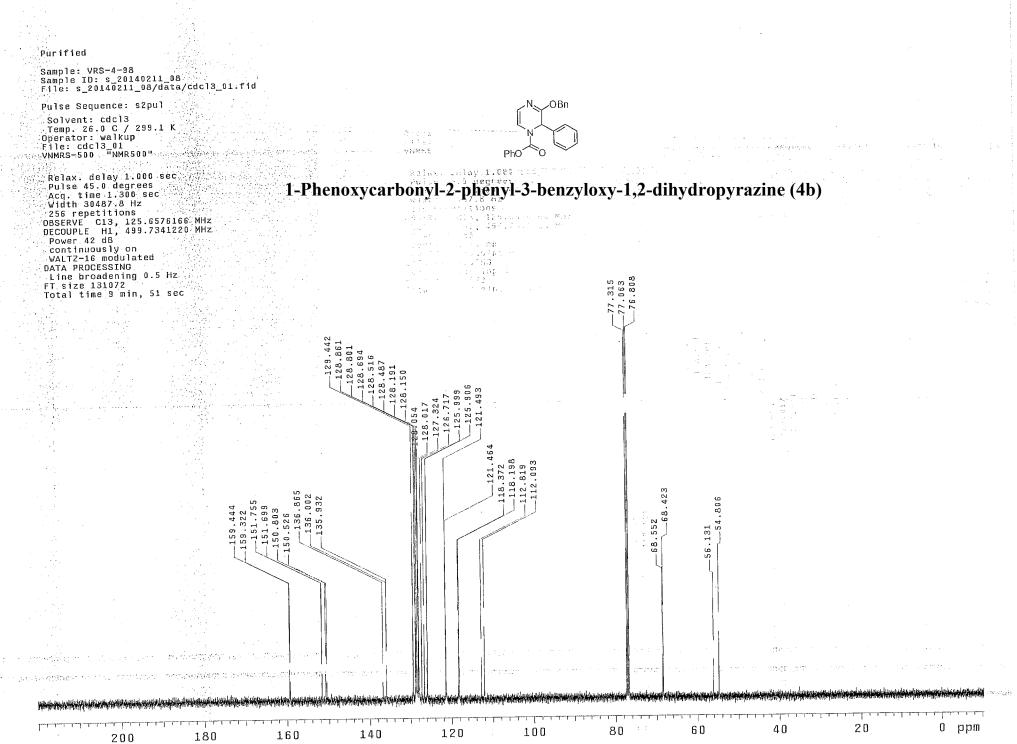


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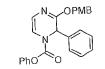
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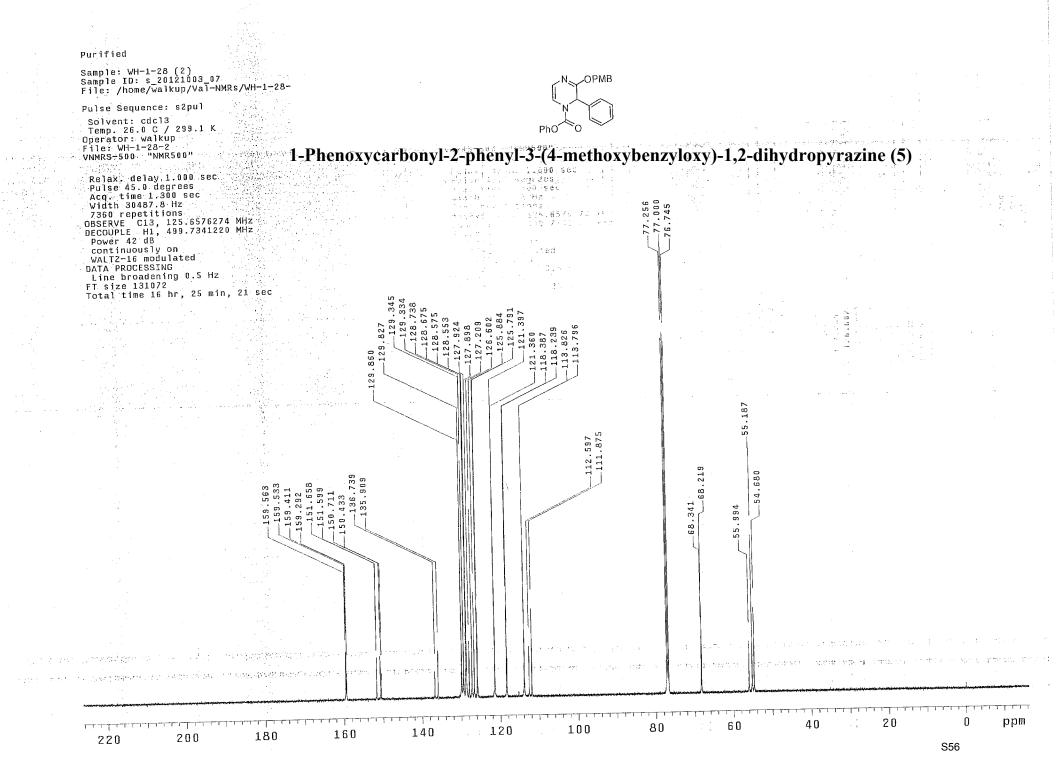
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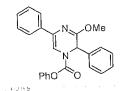


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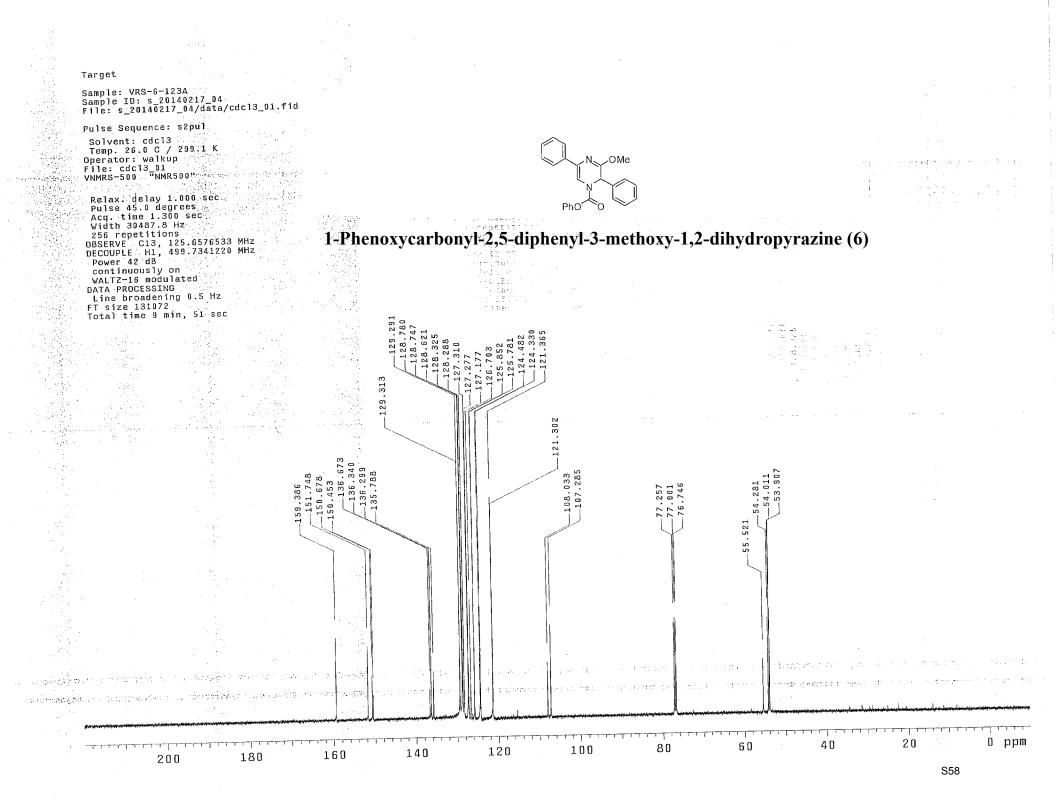
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Sample: VRS-6-126A File: exp

Pulse Sequence: s2pul Solvent: cdcl3 Ambient temperature

Operator: walkup VNMRS-500 "NMR500"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec Pulse 45.0 degrees Acq. time 1.300 sec Width 30487.8 Hz 1856 repetitions OBSERVE C13, 125.6576166 MHz DECOUPLE H1, 499.7341220 MHz Power 42 dB continuously on WALTZ-16 modulated DATA PROCESSING DATA PROCESSING Line broadening 0.5 Hz

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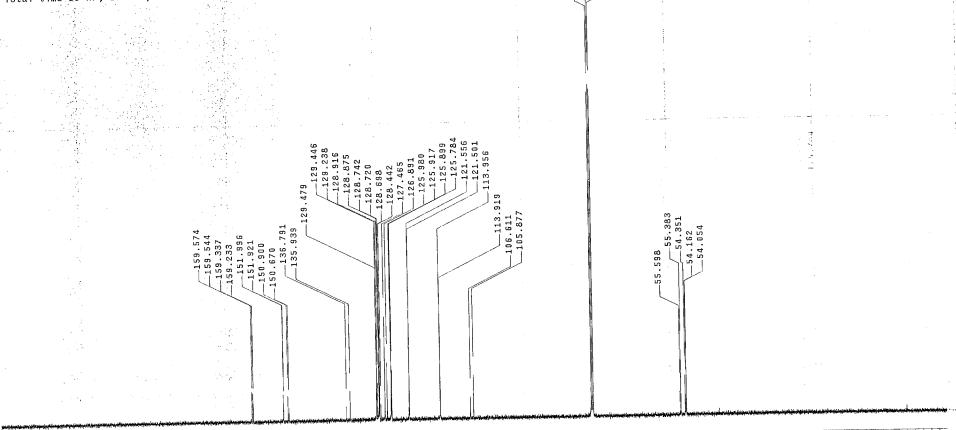
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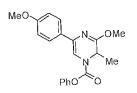
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Sample: VRS-7-125B Sample ID: s\_20140531\_01 File: s\_20140531\_01/data/cdcl3\_0

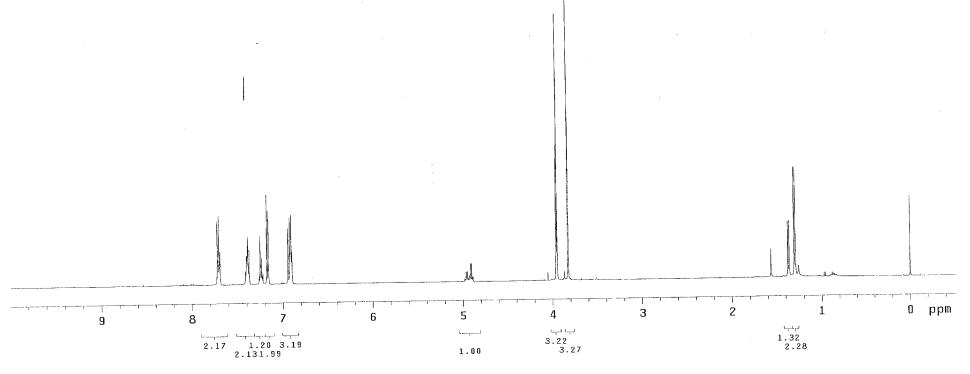
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Operator: walkup File: cdcl3\_01 VNMRS-500 "NMR500"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec Pulse 45.0 degrees Acq. time 2.049 sec Width 8012.8 Hz 8 repetitions OBSERVE H1, 499.7316334 MHz DATA PROCESSING Resol. enhancement -0.0 Hz FT size 65536 Total time 0 min, 31 sec



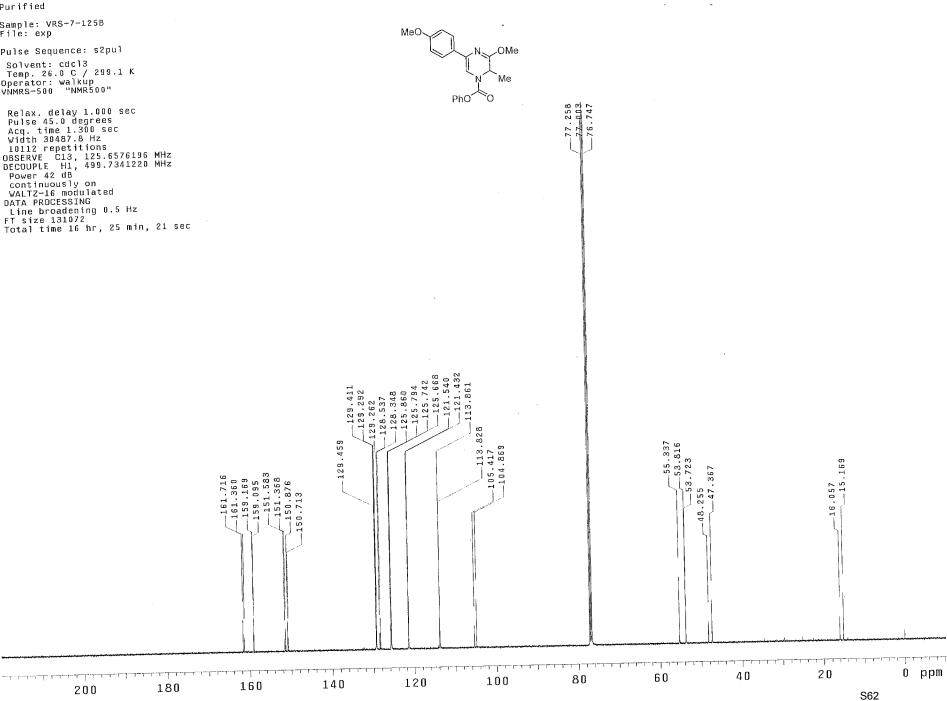
1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-methyl-3-methoxy-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2-dihydropyrazine (7b)





Sample: VRS-7-125B File: exp Pulse Sequence: s2pul Solvent: cdcl3 Temp. 26.0 C / 299.1 K Operator: walkup VNMRS-500 "NMR500" Relax. delay 1.000 sec Pulse 45.0 degrees Acq. time 1.300 sec Width 30487.8 Hz 0112 repetitions OBSERVE C13, 125.6576196 MHz DECOUPLE H1, 499.7341220 MHz Power 42 dB continuously on WALTZ-16 modulated DATA PROCESSING Line broadening 0.5 Hz FT size 131072

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Sample: VRS-6-108 Sample ID: s\_20140416\_05 File: s\_20140416\_05/data/cdcl3\_01.fid

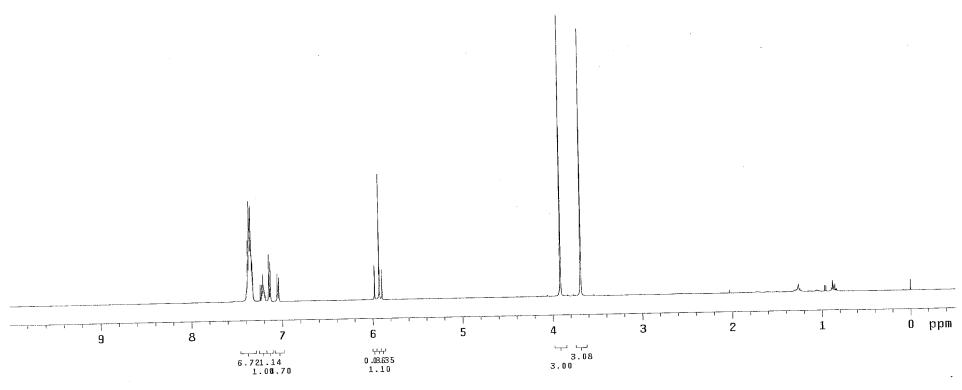
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Relax. delay 1.000 sec Pulse 45.0 degrees Acq. time 2.049 sec Width 8012.8 Hz 8 repetitions OBSERVE H1, 499.7316392 MHz DATA PROCESSING Resol. enhancement -0.0 Hz FT size 65536 Total time 0 min, 31 sec

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# 1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-phenyl-3,5-dimethoxy-1,2-dihydropyrazine (8)



Sample: VRS-6-108 Sample ID: s\_20140416\_04 File: s\_20140416\_04/data/cdcl3\_01.fid

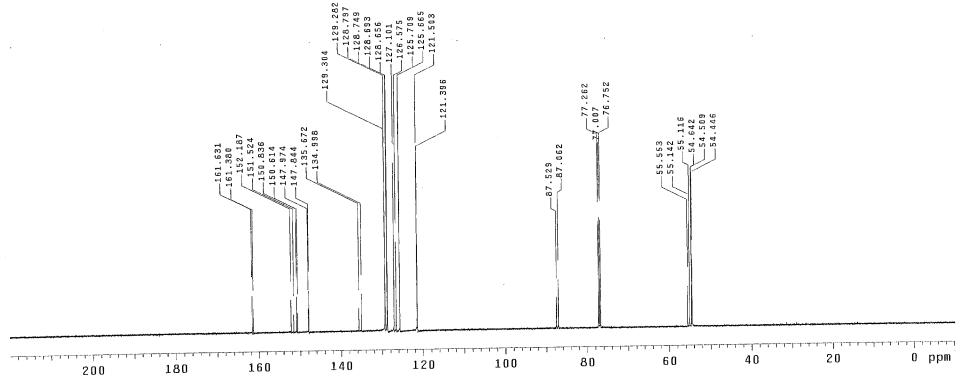
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Solvent: cdcl3 Ambient temperature Operator: walkup File: cdcl3\_01 VNMRS-500 "NMR500"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec Pulse 45.0 degrees Acq. time 1.300 sec Width 30487.8 Hz 256 repetitions OBSERVE C13, 125.6576335 MHz DECOUPLE H1, 499.7341220 MHz Power 42 dB continuously on WALTZ-16 modulated DATA PROCESSING Line broadening 0.5 Hz FT size 131072 Total time 9 min, 51 sec

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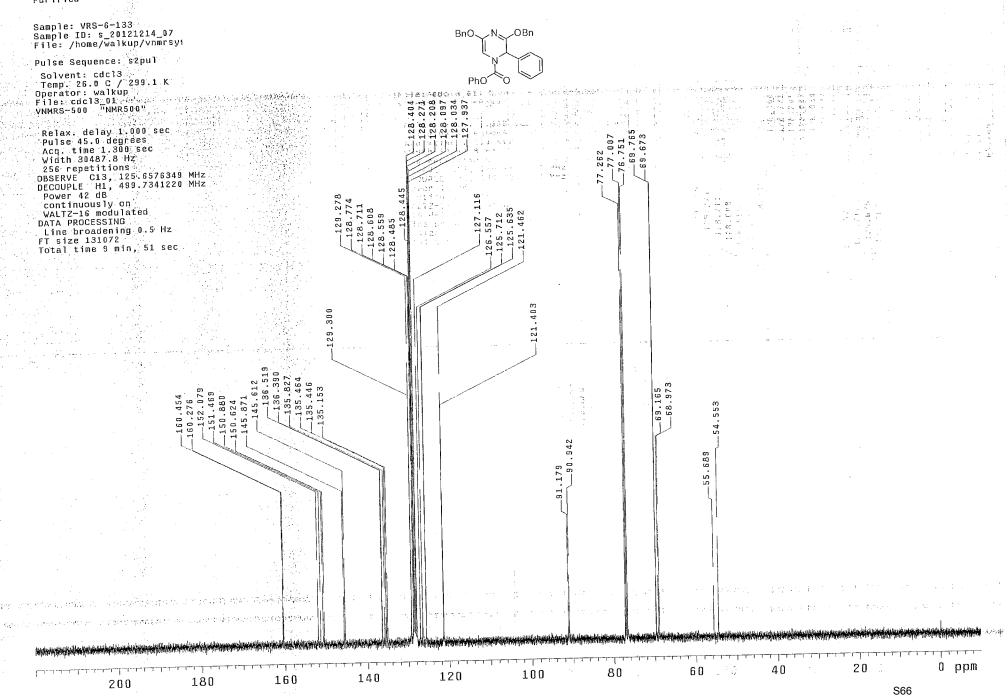
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#### Sample: VRS-7-109A Sample ID: s\_20140227\_10 File: s\_20140227\_10/data/cdcl3\_0

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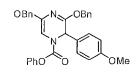
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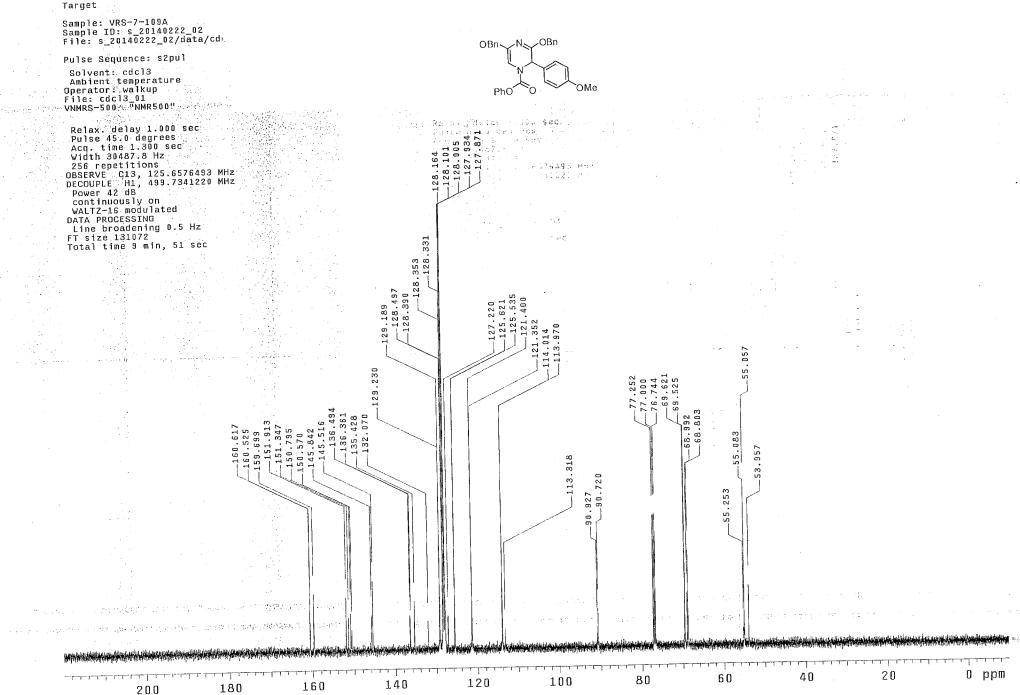
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Pulse Sequence: s2pul Solvent: cdcl3 Temp. 26.0 C / 299.1 K Operator: walkup File: cdcl3\_01 VNMRS-500 "NMR500" Relax. delay 1:000 sec pulse 45.0 degrees Acq. time 2.049 sec Width 8012.8 Hz 8 repetitions OBSERVE H1, 499.7316405 MHz DATA PROCESSING Resol. enhancement -0.0 Hz FT size 65536 Total time 0 min, 31 sec 1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-methyl-3-(benzyloxy)-5-ethyl-1,2-dihydropyrazine (10)



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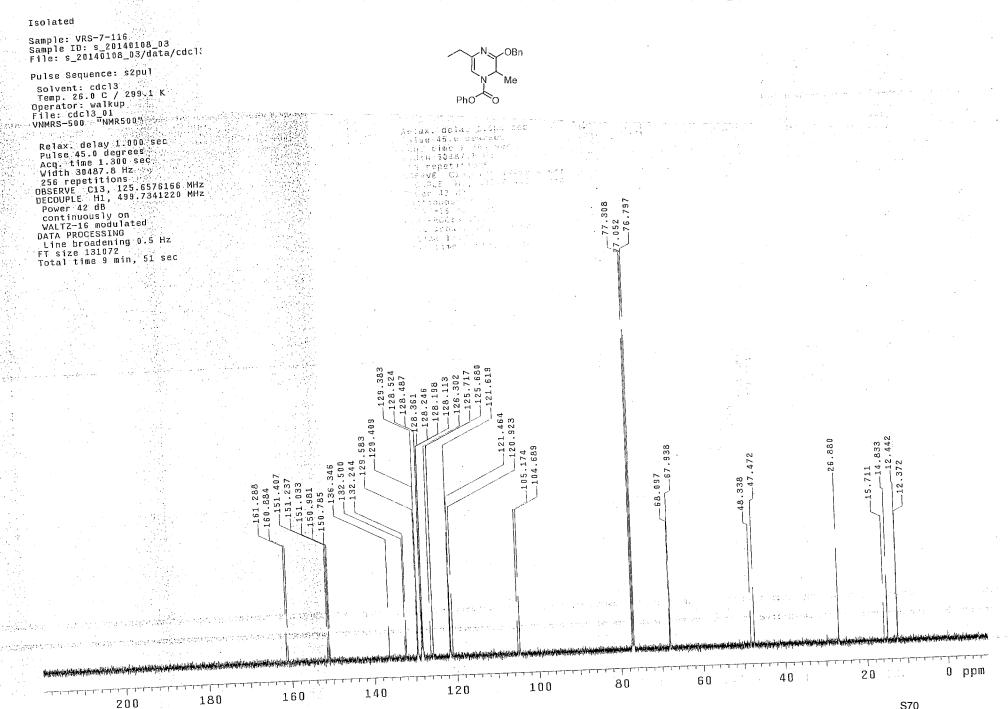
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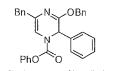
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# 1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-phenyl-3-benzyloxy-5-benzyl-1,2-dihydropyrazine (11)

#### Sample: VRS-6-126B Sample ID: s\_20140317\_06 File: s\_20140317\_06/data/cdc]3\_01.f

Pulse Sequence: s2pul Solvent: cdcl3 Temp. 26.0 C / 299.1 K Operator: walkup File: cdcl3\_01 VNMRS-500 "NMR500" Relax, delay 1.000 sec Pulse 45.0 degrees Acq. time 2.049 sec Width 8012.8 Hz 8 repetitions OBSERVE H1, 499.7316617 MHz DATA PROCESSING Resol. enhancement -0.0 Hz FT size 65536 Total time 0 min, 31 sec



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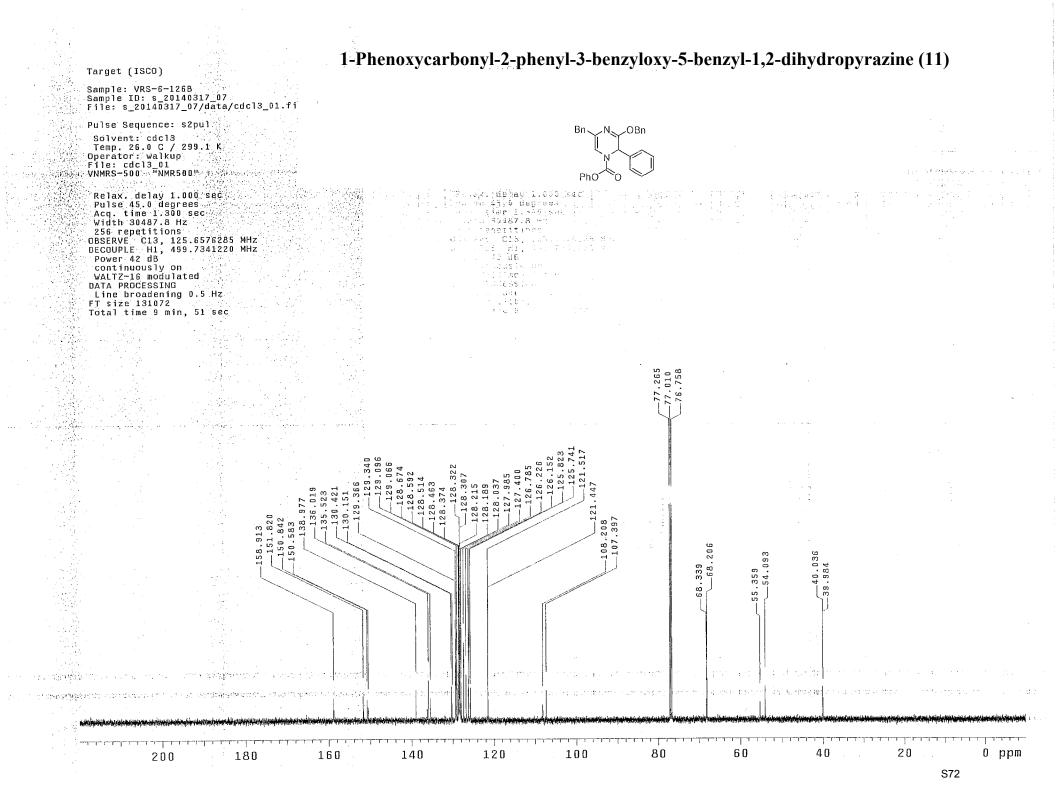
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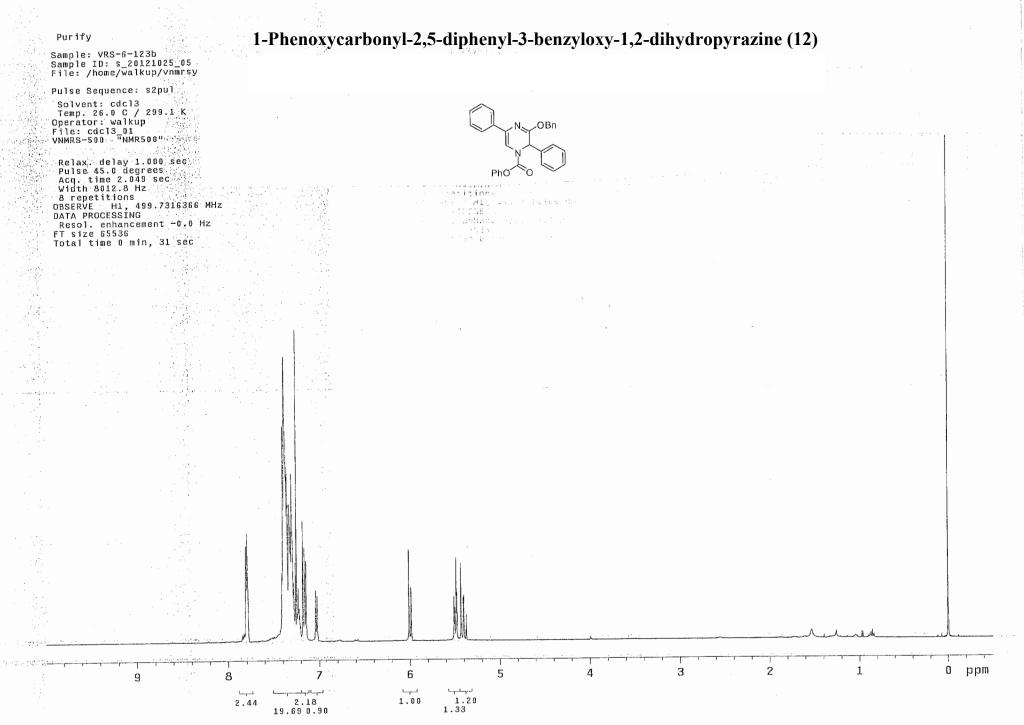
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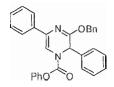
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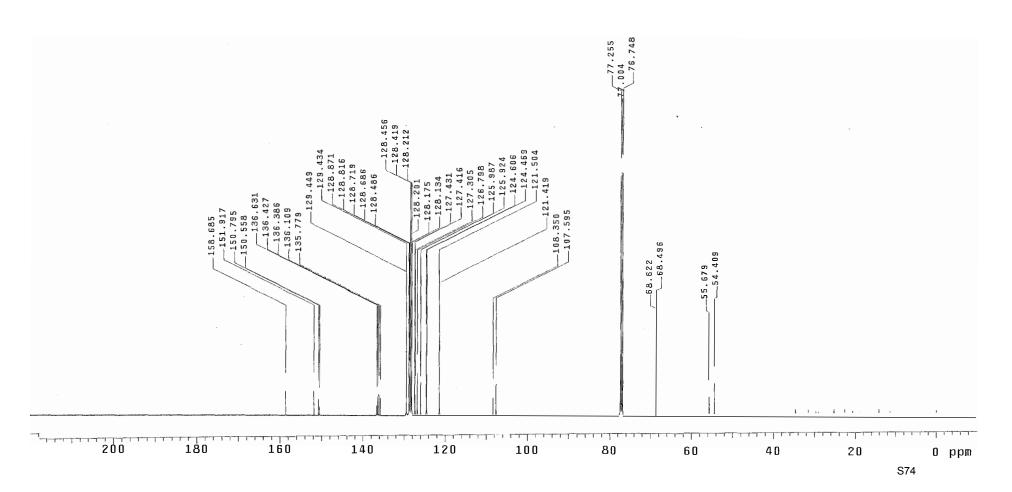
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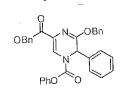
# 1-Phenoxycarbonyl-2-phenyl-3-benzyloxy-5-(benzyloxycarbonyl)-1,2-dihydropyrazine (13)

Sample: VRS-7-60 Sample ID: s\_20140313\_01 File: /home/walkup/vnmrsys/stuc

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Solvent: cdcl3 Ambient temperature Operator: walkup File: cdcl3\_01 VNMRS~500 "NMR500"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec Pulse 45.0 degrees Acq. time 2.049 sec Width 8012.8 Hz 8 repetitions OBSERVE H1, 499.7316331 MHz DATA PROCESSING Resol. enhancement -0.0 Hz FT size 65536 Total time 0 min, 30 sec



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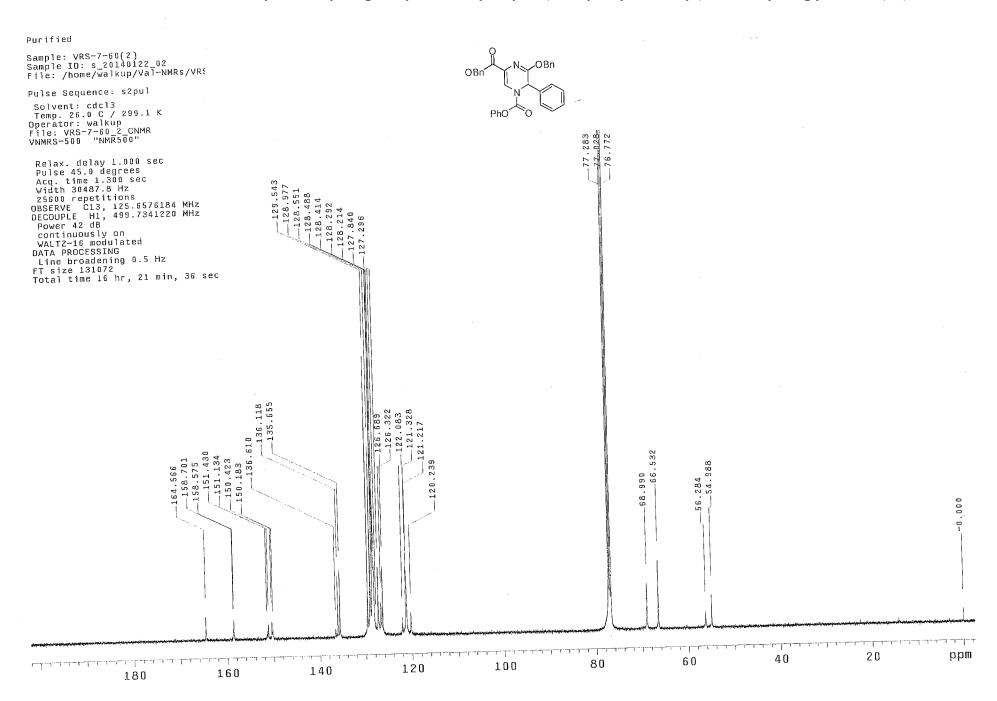
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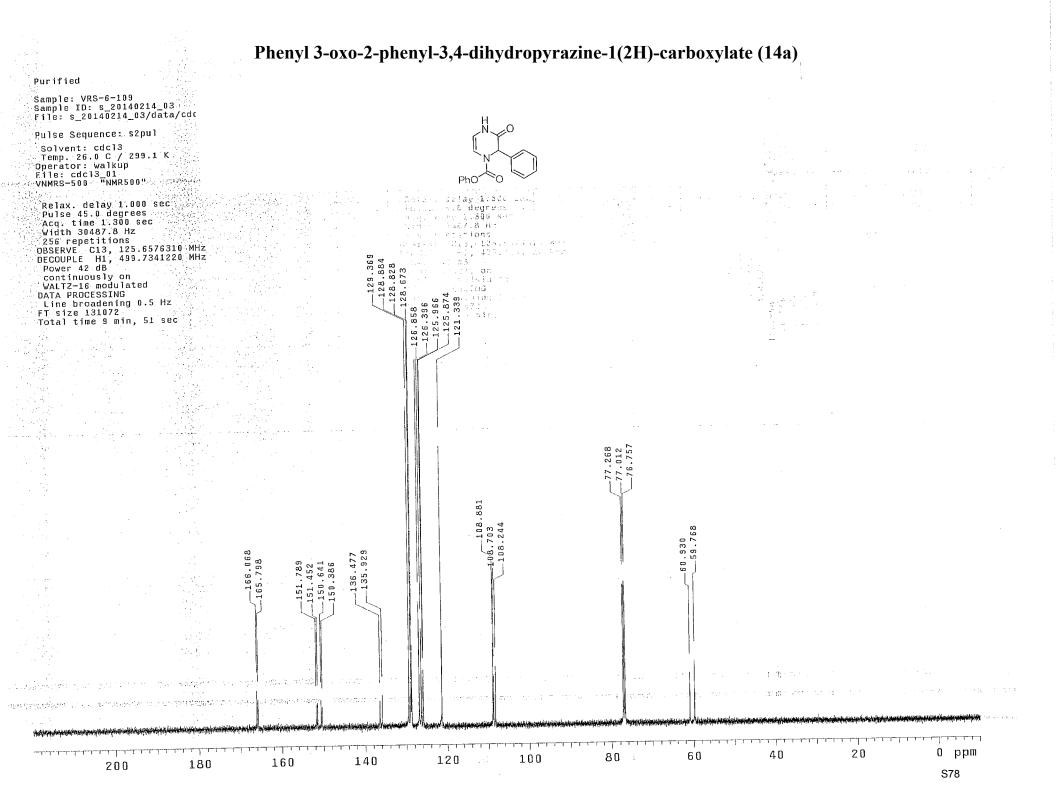
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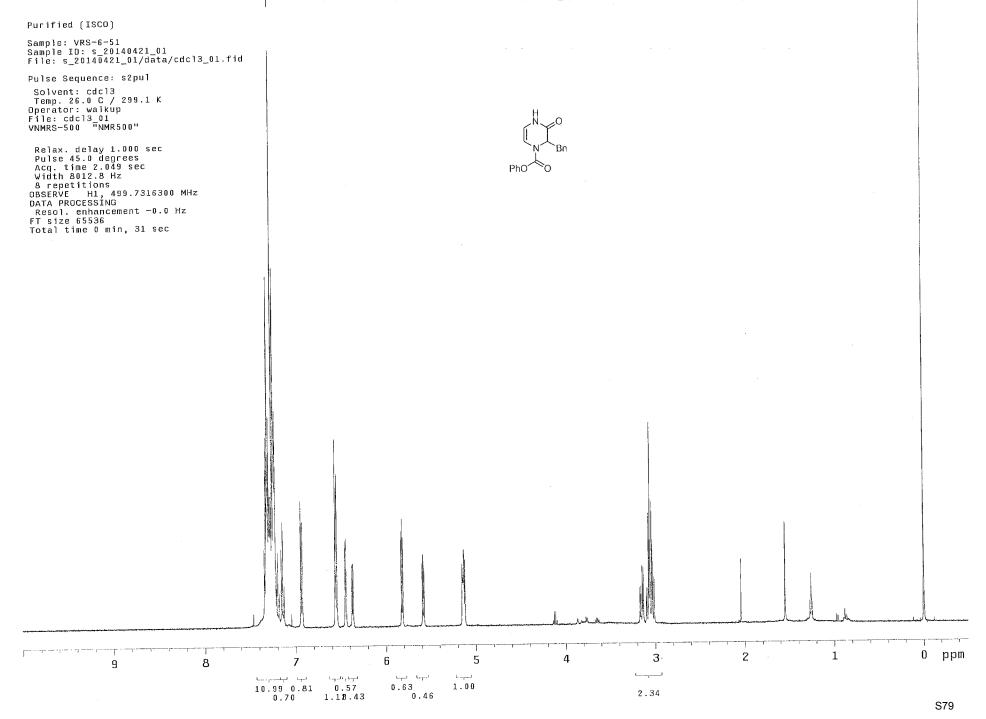


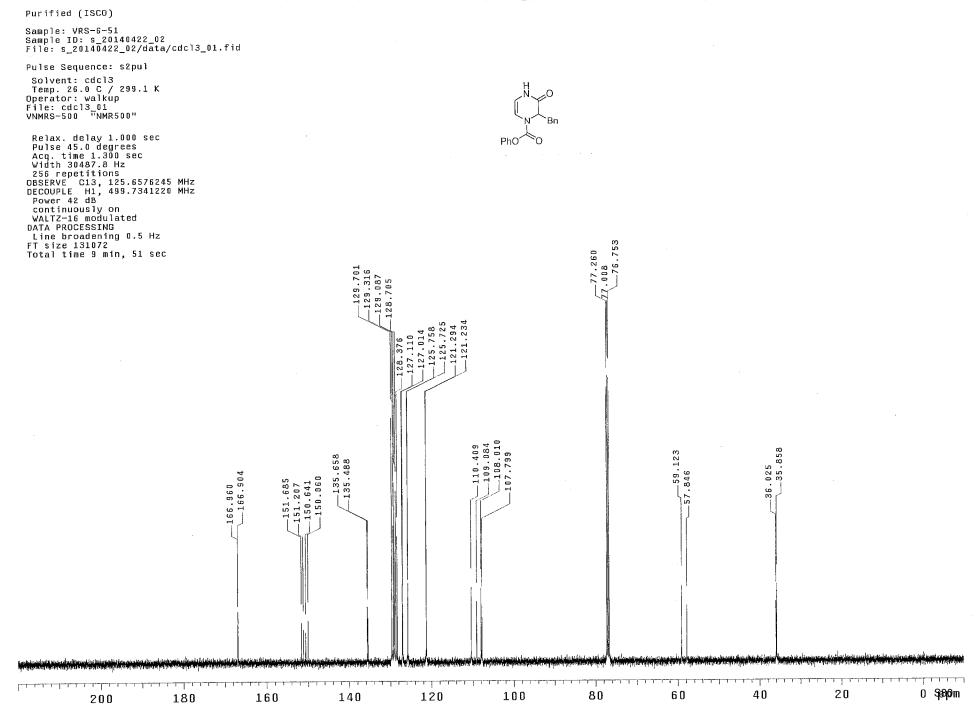
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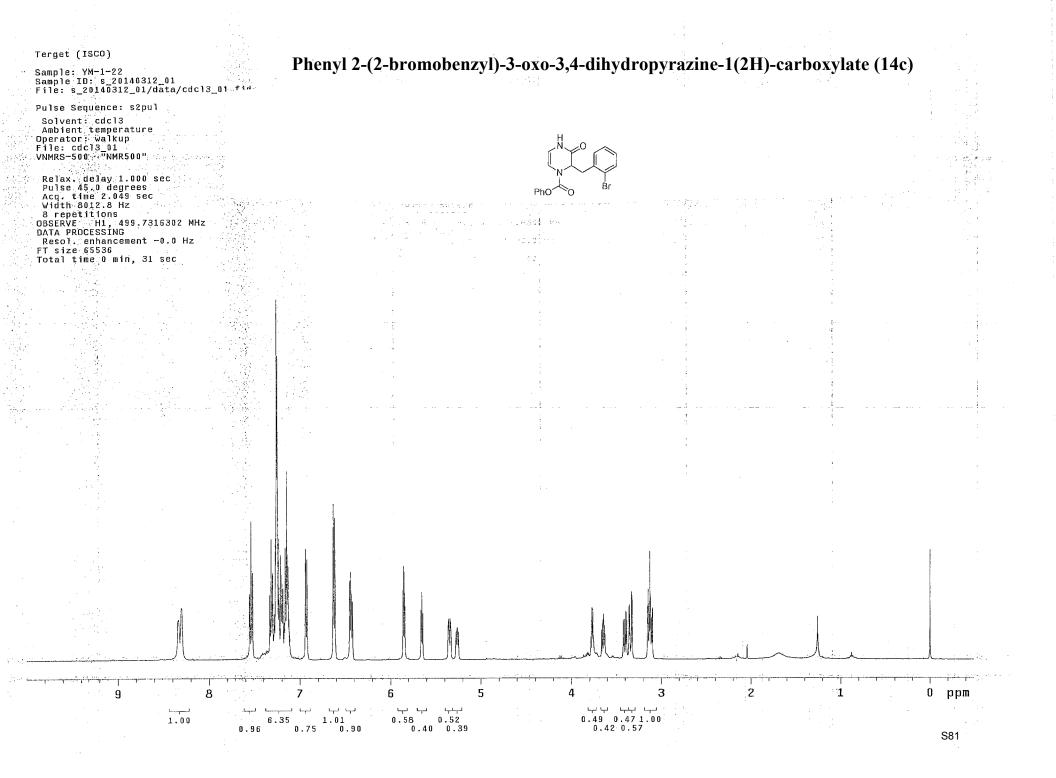
#### Phenyl 3-oxo-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydropyrazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (14a)

Sample: VRS-6-1A Sample ID: s\_20120226\_03 File: /home/walkup/vnmrsys/data/auto 2000 COLLER OF CAL Pulse Sequence: s2pul Solvent: cdc13 Temp. 26.0 C / 299.1 K Operator: walkup File: cdc13\_01 VNMRS-500 "NMR500" Relax. delay 1.000 sec. Pulse 45.0 degrees Acq. time 2.049 sec Width 8012.8 Hz PhO and the B repetitions DBSERVE H1, 499.7316326 MHz DATA PROCESSING rions -Dékiar .9.,1493.2864.57€ %82 115183 Resol. enhancement -0.0 Hz FT size 65536 nhanko€menti kistisi 5 6 Total time 0 min, 31 sec 1.1 jano, H. V 11. Î. P 2 5 4 3 1 0 րրա 7 6 9 `8 لسيب السيسا المستوجعة والأقرب ومستع المتوجعة الموجعة ـــــ 1.07 2.10 2.33 0.60 1.00 0.90 0.54 4.99 0.93

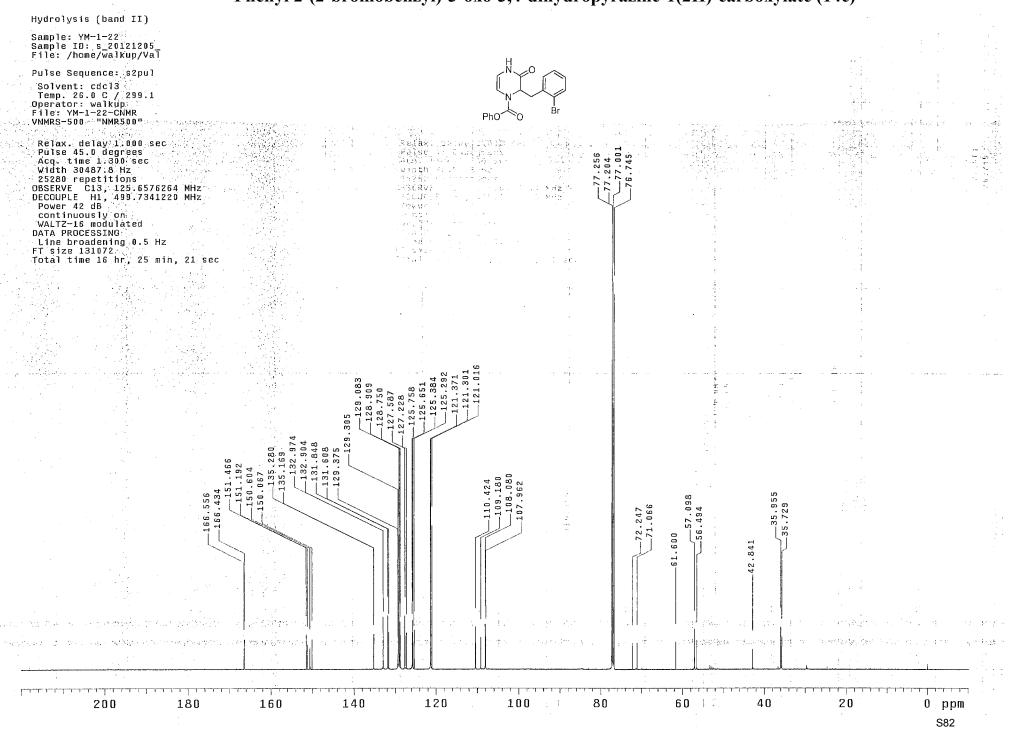




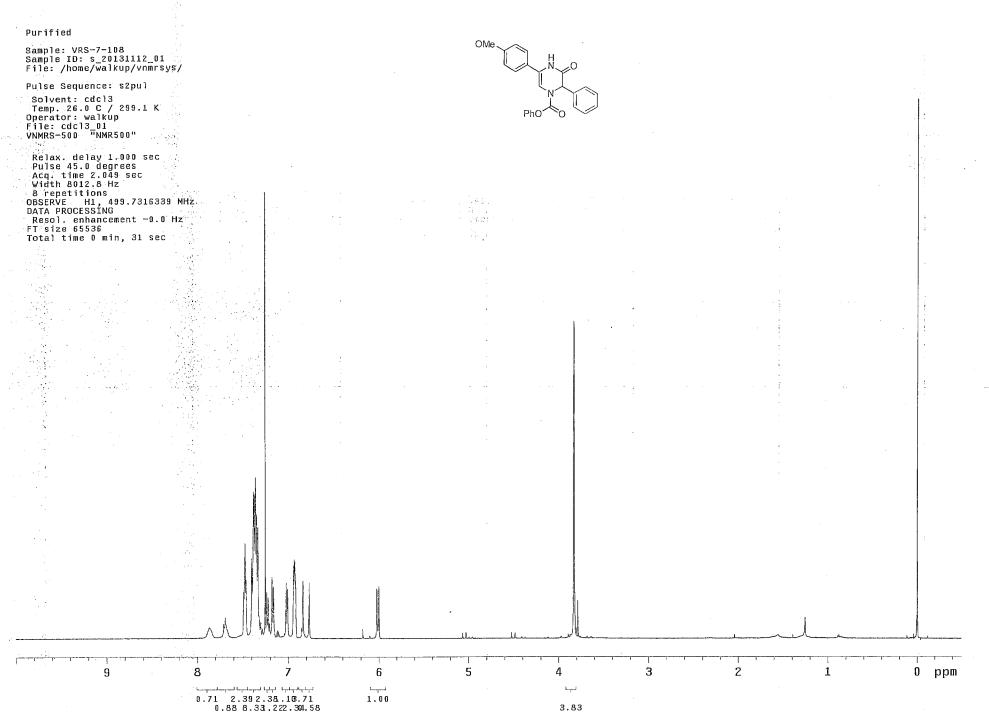




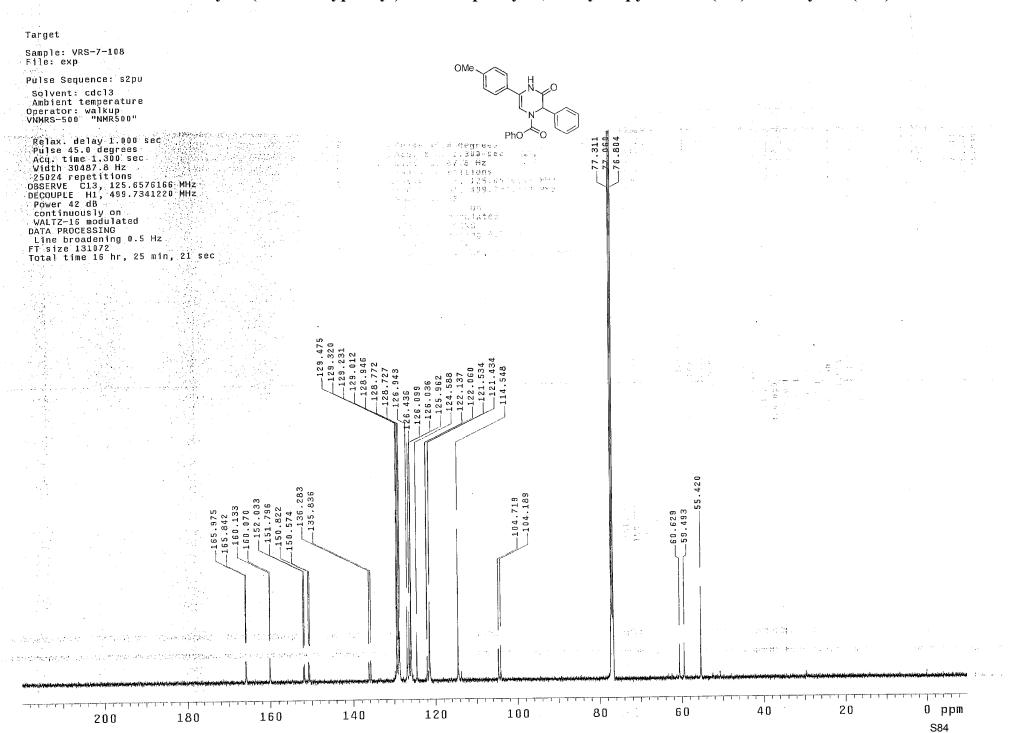
#### Phenyl 2-(2-bromobenzyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydropyrazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (14c)



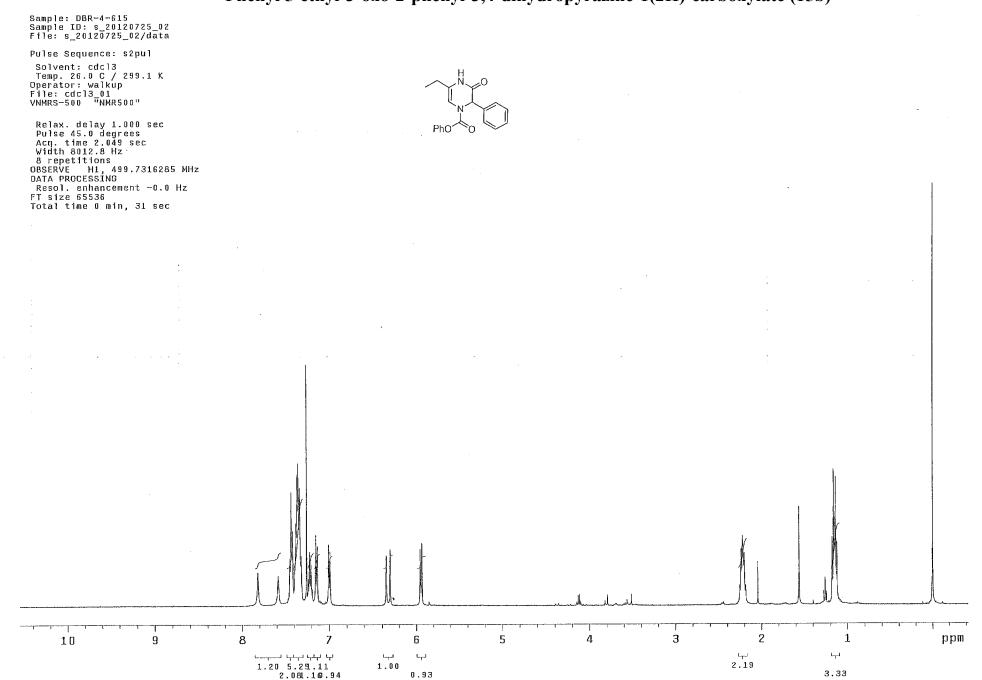
## Phenyl 5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxo-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydropyrazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (15a)

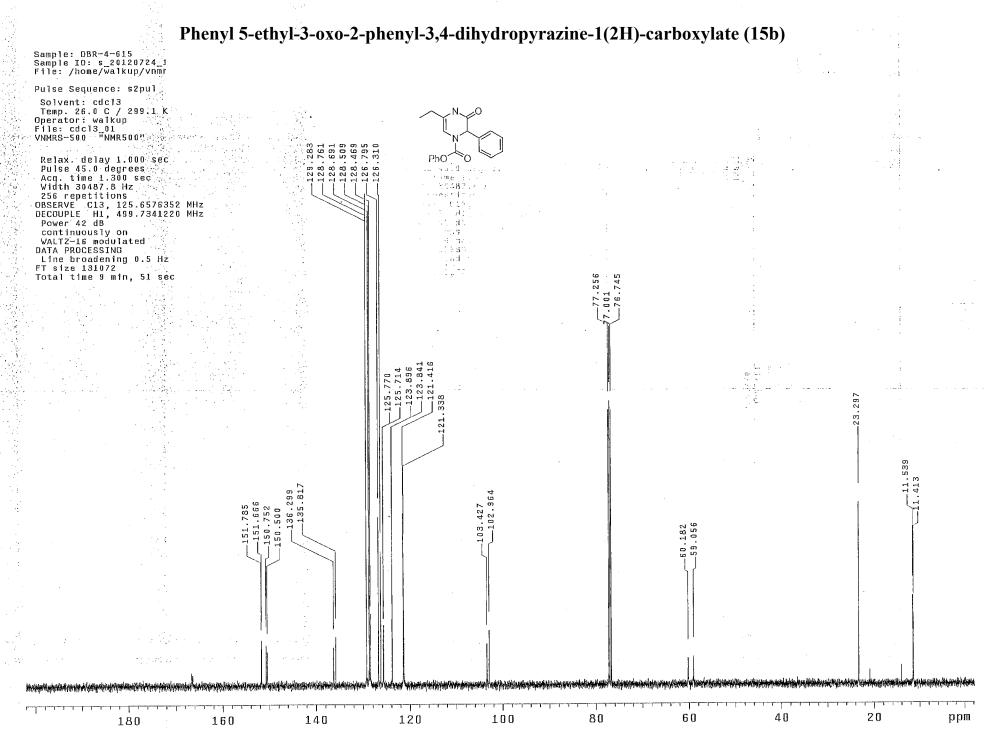


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## Phenyl 5-ethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydropyrazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (15b)

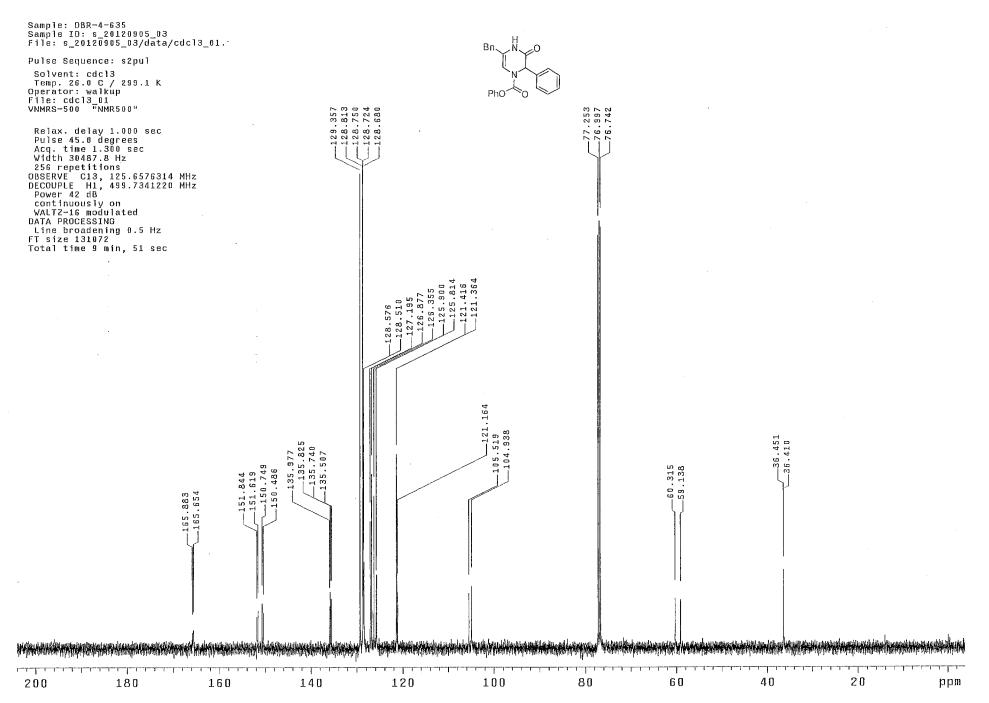


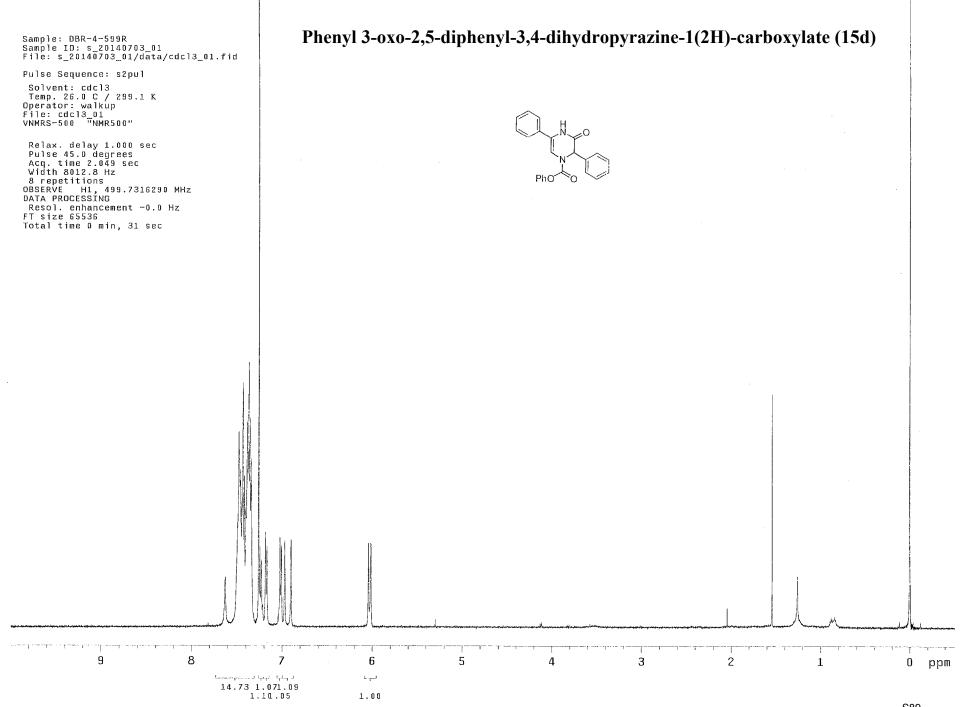


# Phenyl 5-benzyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydropyrazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (15c)

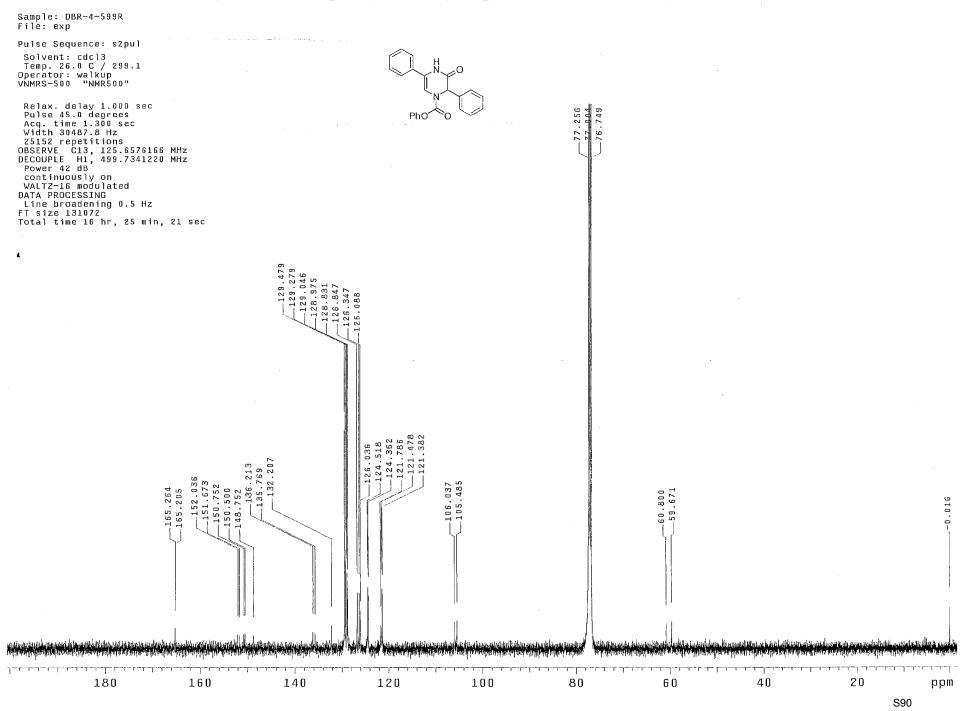
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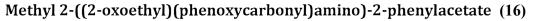
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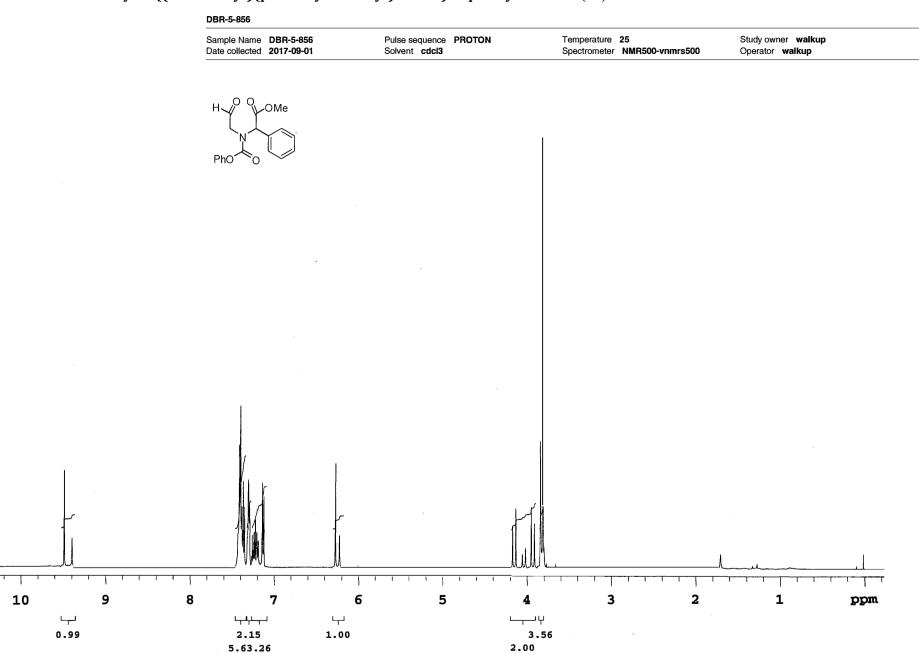




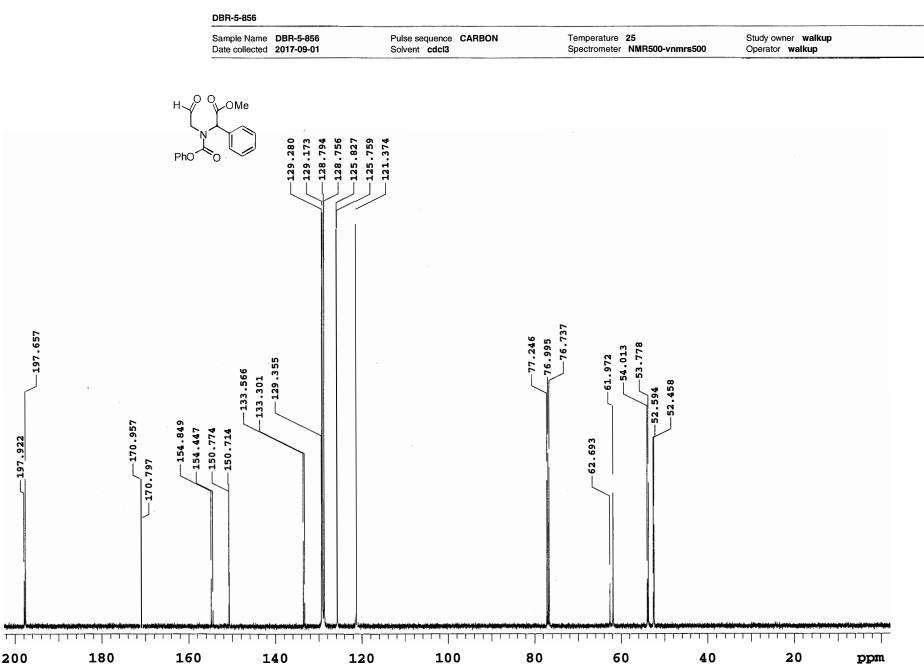
## Phenyl 3-oxo-2,5-diphenyl-3,4-dihydropyrazine-1(2H)-carboxylate (15d)







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#### Methyl 2-((2-oxoethyl)(phenoxycarbonyl)amino)-2-phenylacetate (16)

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