Supplementary data as an aid to the referees

Hydrogenation of aromatic ketones, aldehydes, and epoxides with hydrogen and Pd(0)EnCatTM 30NP.

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General: The compounds described in this paper were prepared according to the procedure discussed in the text by the authors. All starting materials were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used without further purification. All reaction products were identified by comparison with their ¹H NMR spectra versus authentic ¹H NMR obtained from Sigma-Aldrich database and/or the authentic sample. Conversions were calculated from the ¹H NMR spectrum based on the disappearance of the starting material. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX300 300 MHz NMR spectrometer at room temperature. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm on the δ scale relative to the internal standard TMS.

Table (1)

- 4-Methoxybenzyl alcohol: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.28 (2H, m, Ar), 6.89 (2H, m, Ar), 4.61 (2H, s, CH₂), 3.81 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.71 (1H, broad s, OH). In agreement with Sigma Aldrich database http://www.sigmaaldrich.com/catalog/search/ProductDetail/ALDRICH/136905
- 4-Methylanisole: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.01 (2H, m, Ar), 6.80 (2H, m, Ar), 3.78 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.27 (3H, s, CH₃). In agreement with Sigma Aldrich database http://www.sigmaaldrich.com/catalog/search/ProductDetail/FLUKA/61050
- 4-Methoxy-alpha-methylbenzyl alcohol: 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.30 (2H, m, Ar), 6.88 (2H, m, Ar), 4.86 (1H, q, J = 6.44 Hz, CH), 3.81 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.70 (1H, broad s, OH), 1.48 (3H, d, J = 6.44 Hz, CH₃). In agreement with commercially available sample.

Table (2)

2-Methoxy benzylalcohol: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.29-7.23 (2H, m, Ar), 6.96-6.86 (2H, m, Ar), 4.67 (2H, s, CH₂), 3.84 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.47 (1H, s, OH) in agreement with the Sigma Aldrich database. http://www.sigmaaldrich.com/catalog/search/ProductDetail/ALDRICH/M10808

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- 2,3-Methylenedioxy benzylalcohol: 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 6.86-6.75 (3H, m, Ar), 5.95 (2H, s, CH₂), 4.66 (2H, s, CH₂), 2.16(1H, bs, OH) in agreement with data published by Roesch KR, Larock RC, *J Org Chem* 2002, **67**: 86.
- 2,4-Bistrifluoromethyl benzylalcohol: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.96-7.84 (3H, m, Ar), 4.97 (2H, s, CH₂), 2.11 (1H, bs, 2H).
- 4-Fluorobenzaldehyde: 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (2H, m), 7.00 (2H,m), 4.58 (2H, s), 3.88 (1H, bs, OH) in agreement with the Sigma Aldrich database.

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4-Fluorobenzoic acid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (2H, m), 7.09 (2H, m) in agreement with the Sigma Aldrich database. http://www.sigmaaldrich.com/catalog/search/ProductDetail/FLUKA/46600

Table (3)

2-phenyl-1-phenylethanol: 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.40-7.15 (10H, m, Ar), 4.89 (1H, m,CH), 3.10-2.90 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.95 (1H, broad s OH) In agreement with data published by Blake AJ, Cunningham A, Ford A, Teat SJ, Woodward S, *Chem Eur J* 2000, **6**:3586.

Dibenzyl: 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.35-7.25 (10H, m, Ar), 2.92 (4H, s, 2xCH₂). In agreement with Sigma Aldrich database.

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Table (4)

2-Phenylethanol: 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.21 (5H, m, Ar), 3.85 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz, CH₂), 2.86 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz, CH₂), 1.55 (1H, bs, OH) in agreement with data published by Ley, SV, Mitchell C, Pears D, Ramaro C, Yu J-Q, Zhou W, *Org Lett*, 2003, **5**:4665.

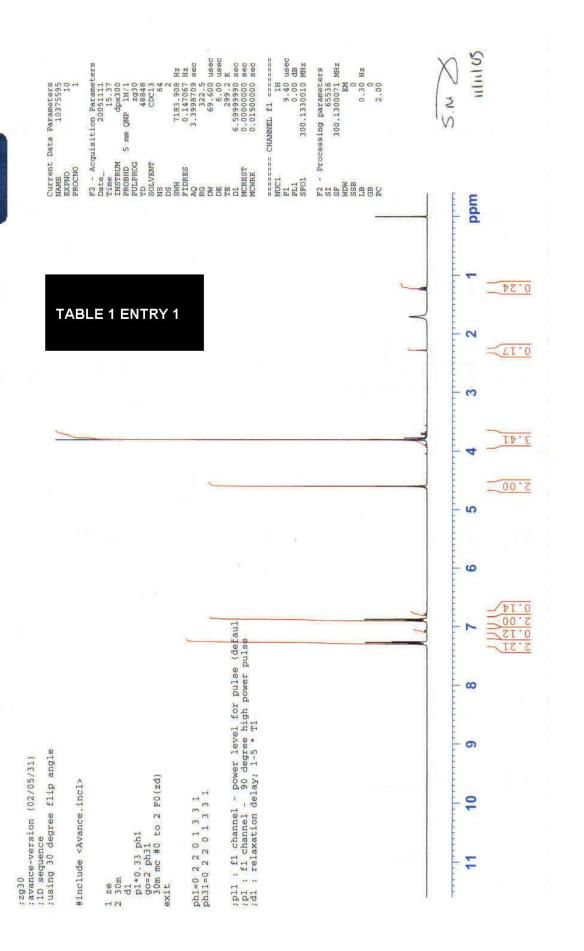
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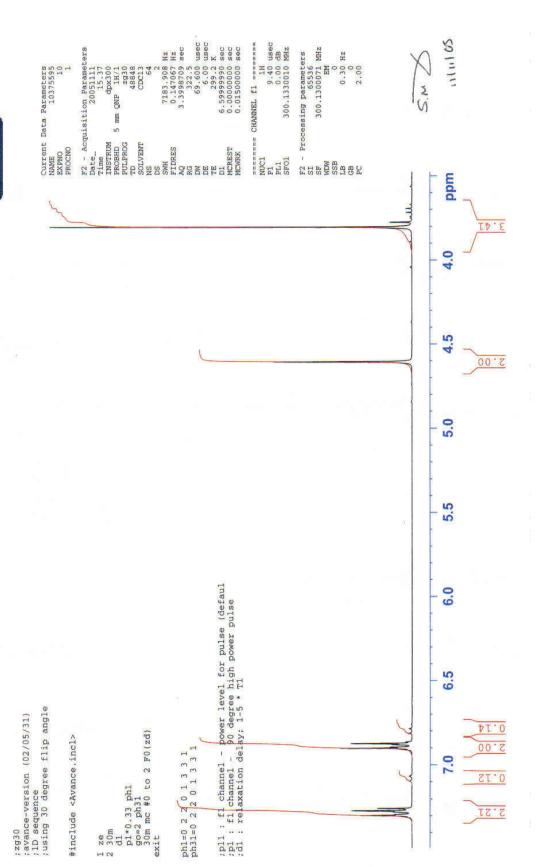
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3-Phenyl propane-1,2-diol: 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.20 (5H, m, Ar), 3.96-3.88 (m, 1H, CHOH), 3.66 (1H, dd, J = 11.1, 3.0 Hz, CHH), 3.49 (1H, dd, J = 11.1, 6.9 Hz, CHH), 2.82-2.69 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.47 (2H, bs, 2 × OH) in agreement data published by Ley, SV, Mitchell C, Pears D, Ramaro C, Yu J-Q, Zhou W, *Org Lett*, 2003, **5**:4665.

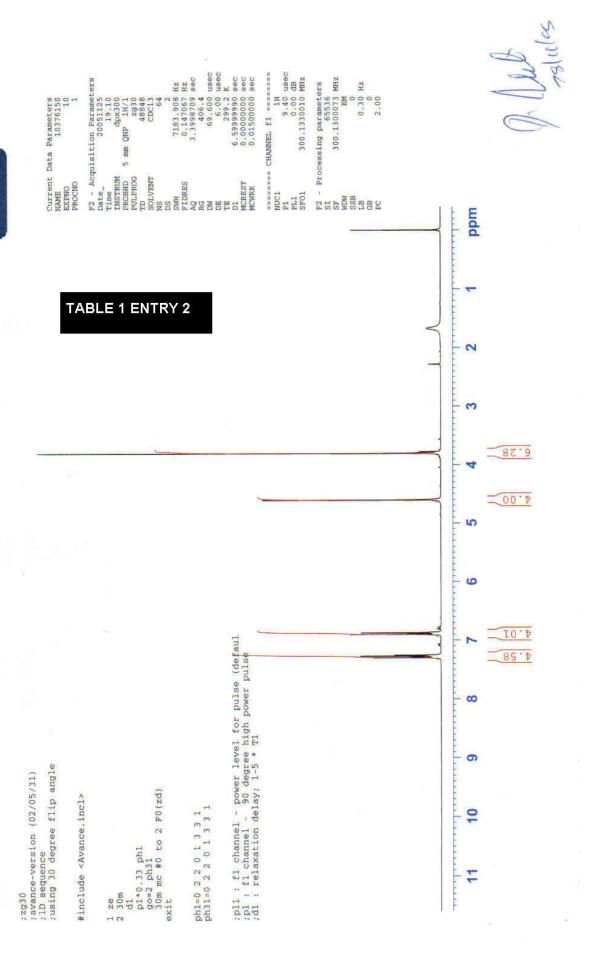
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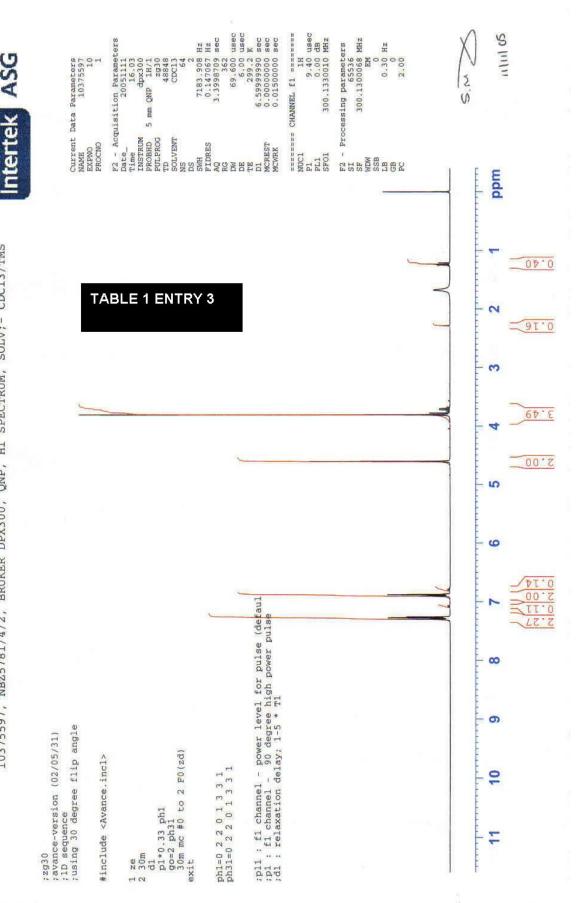




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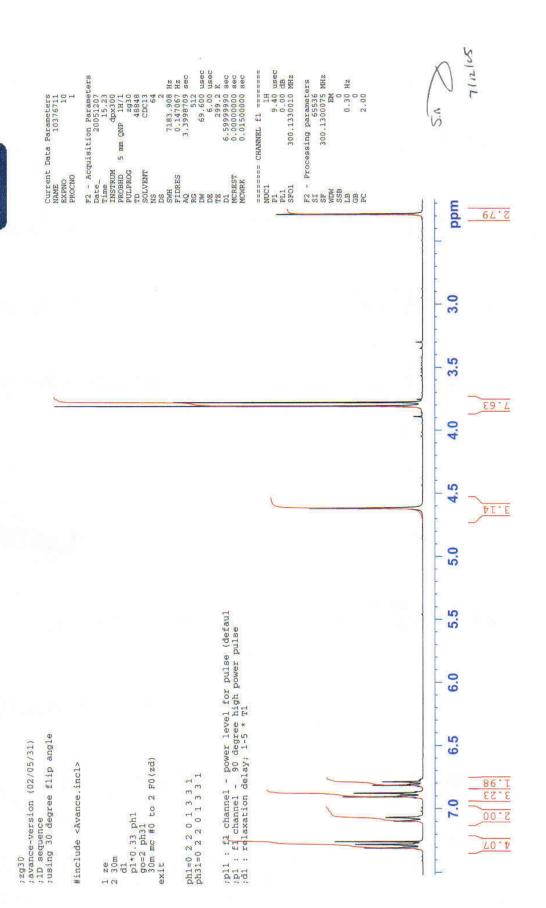


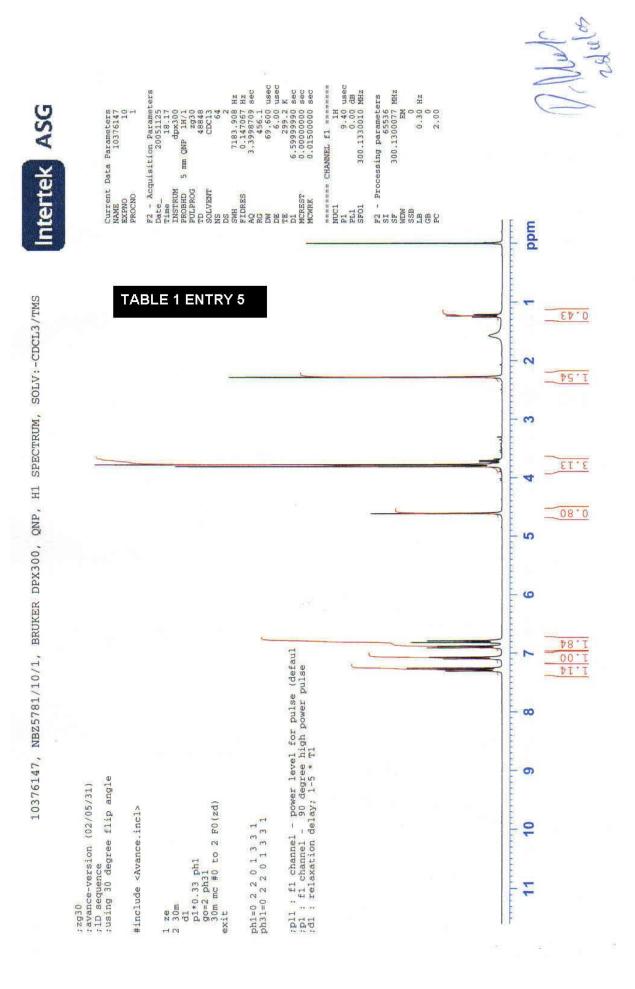


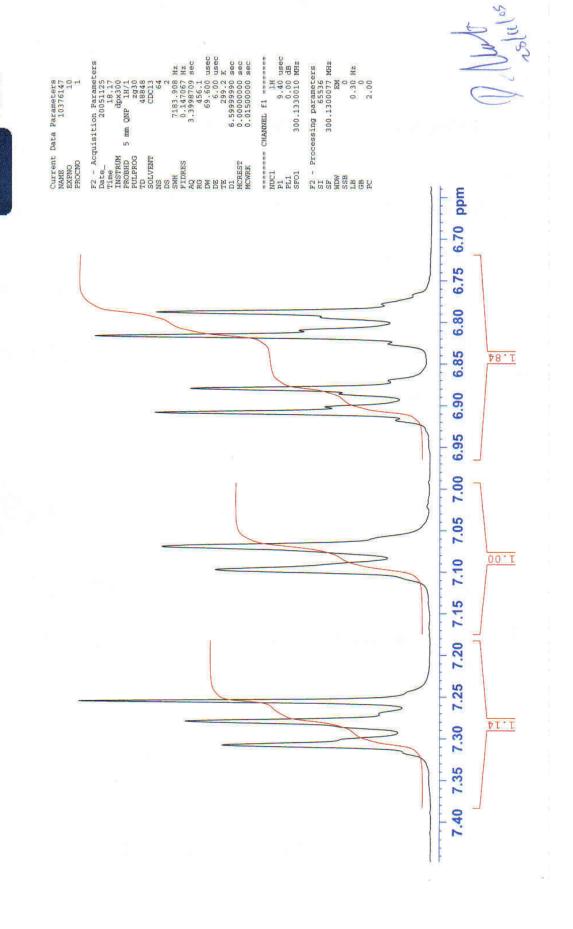


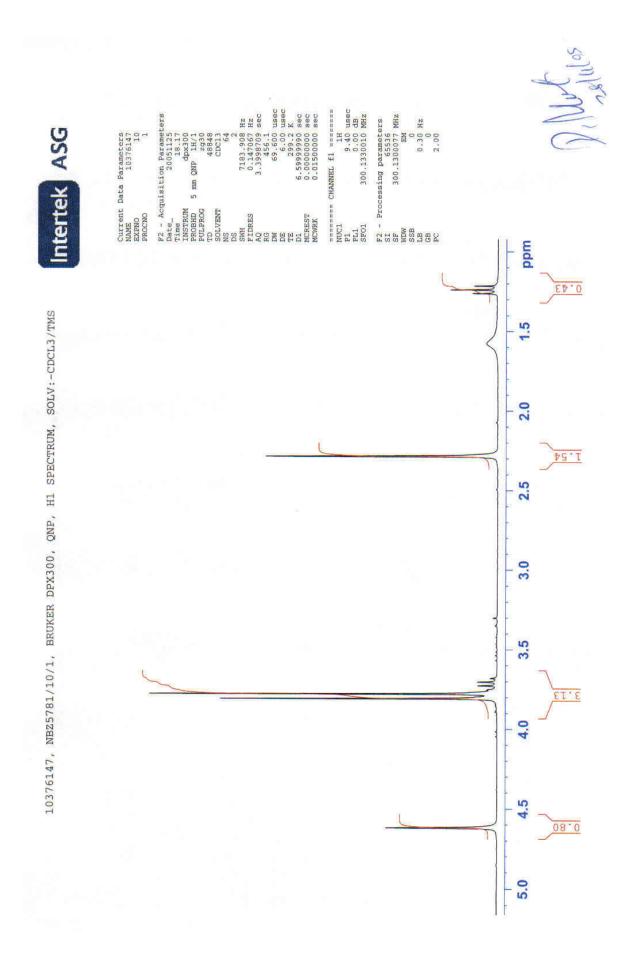
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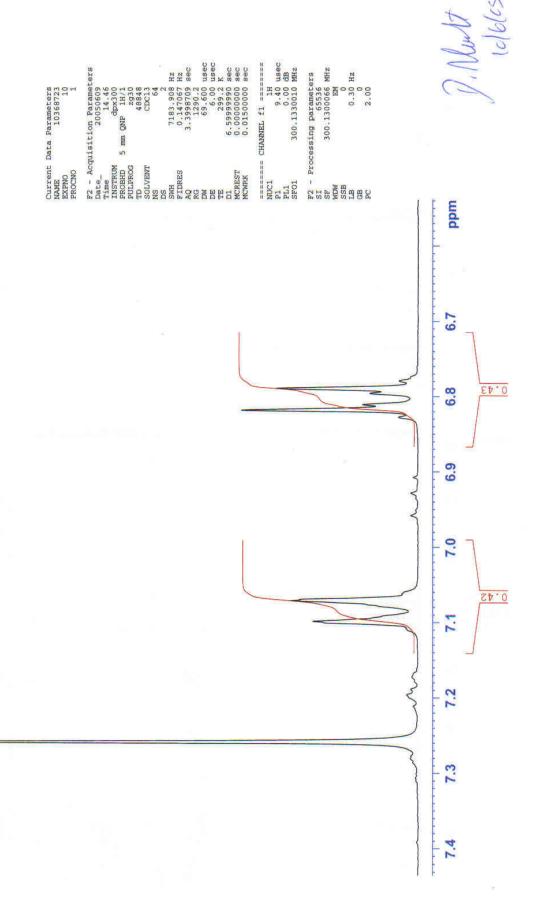


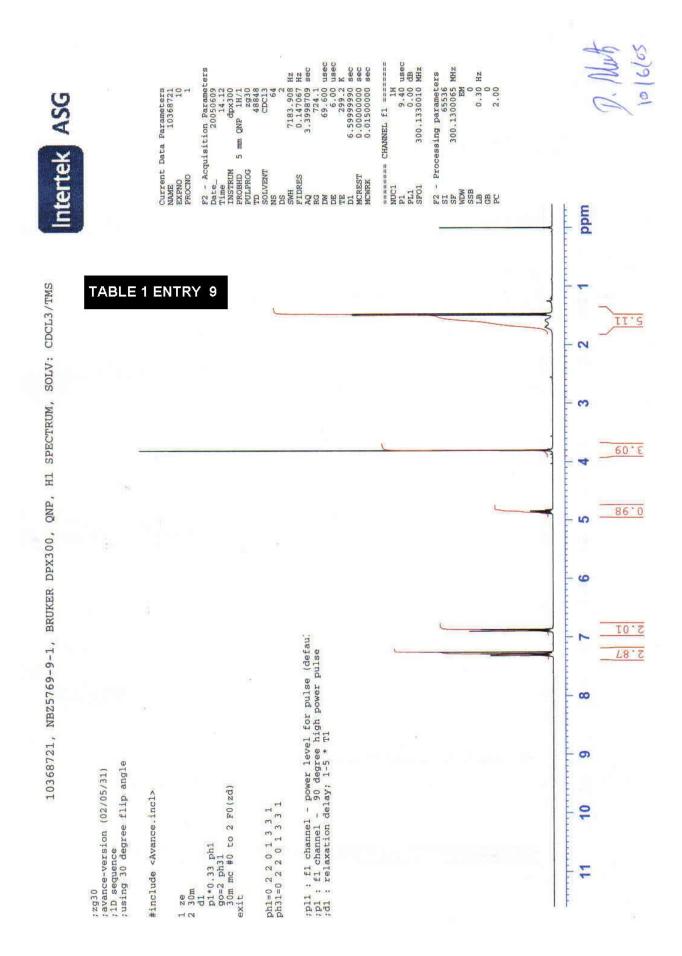


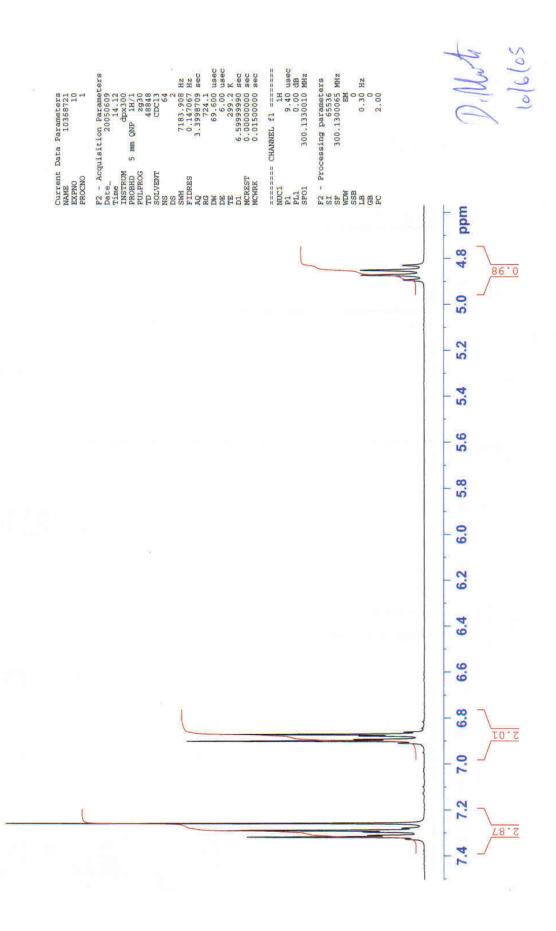


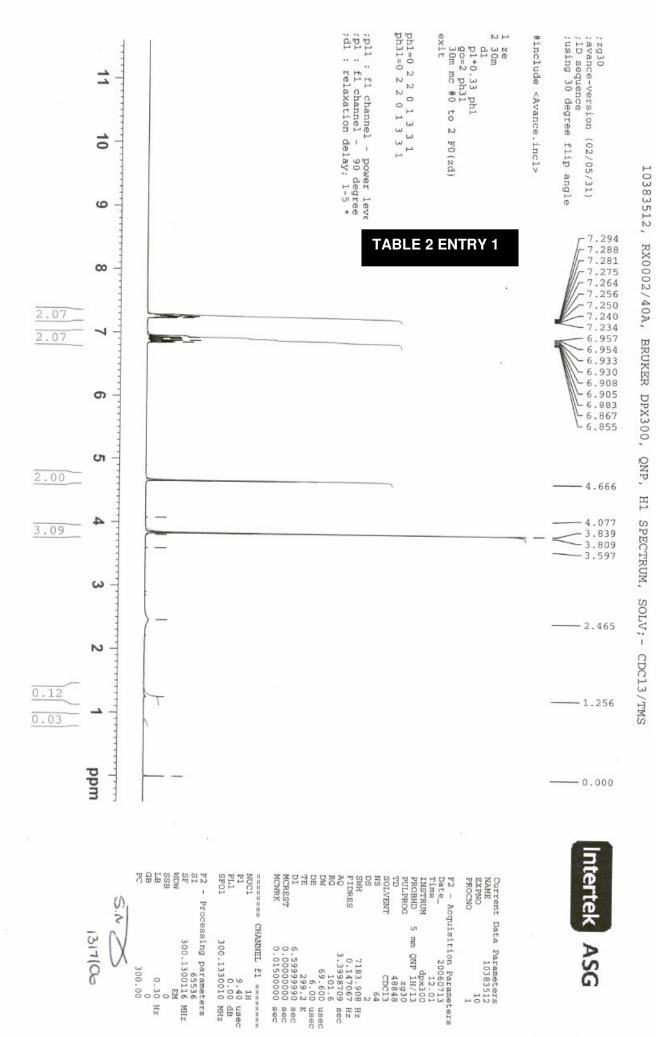


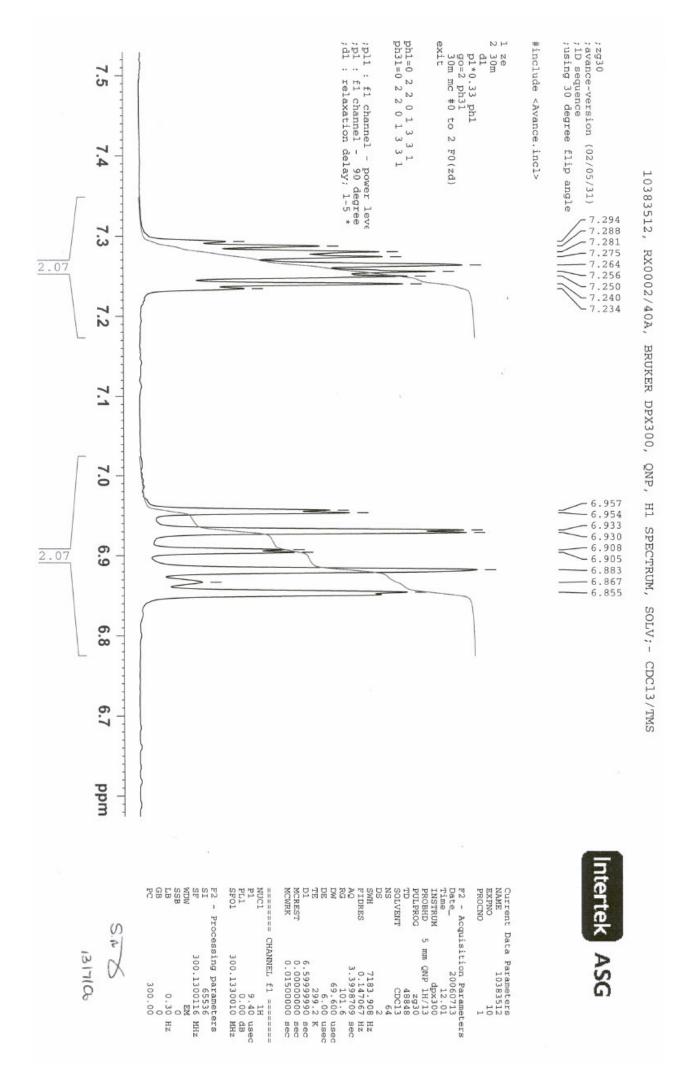


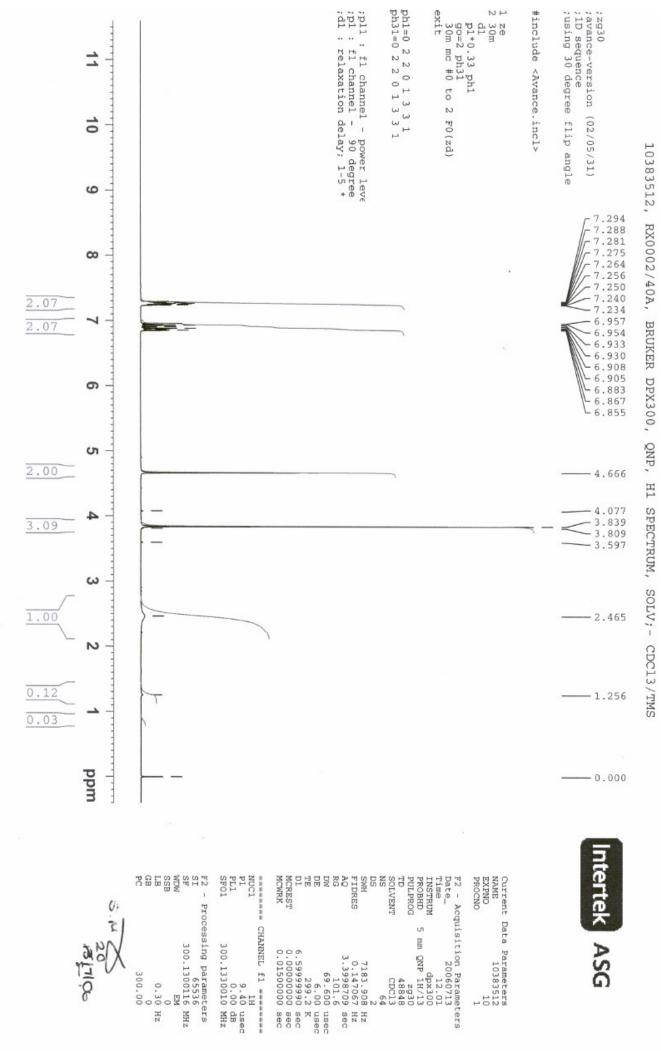


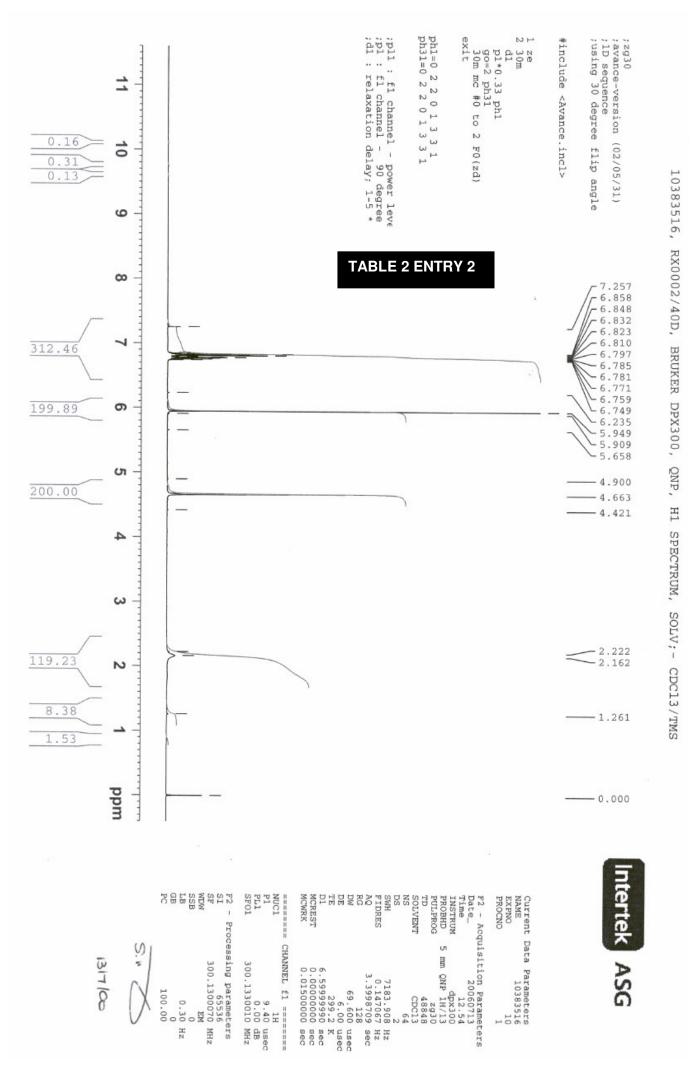


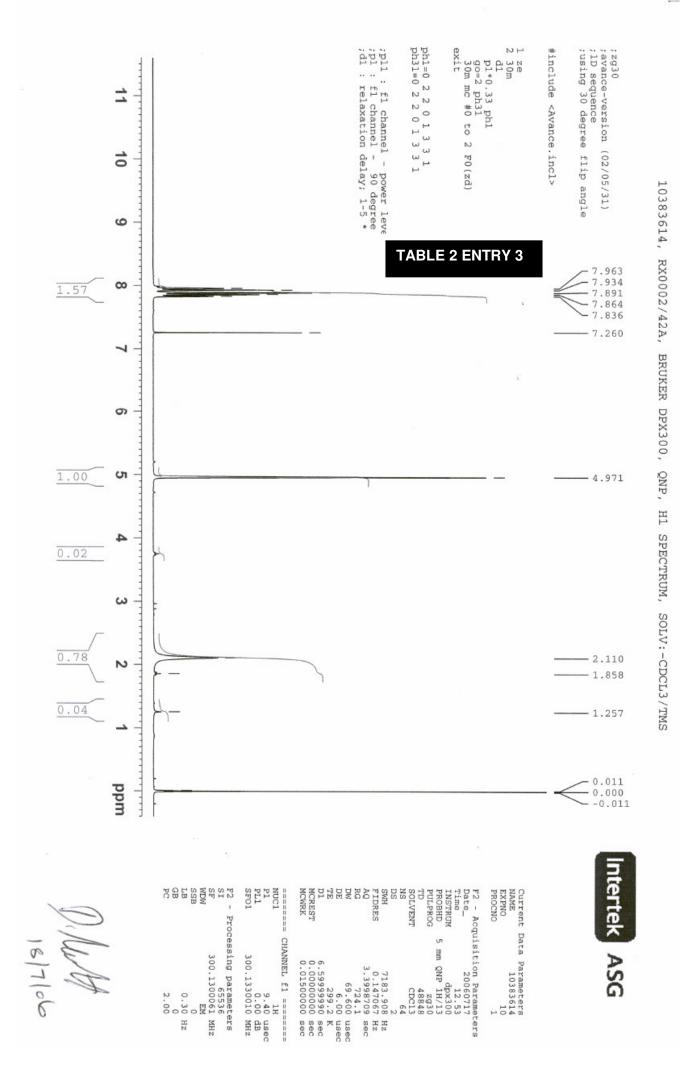


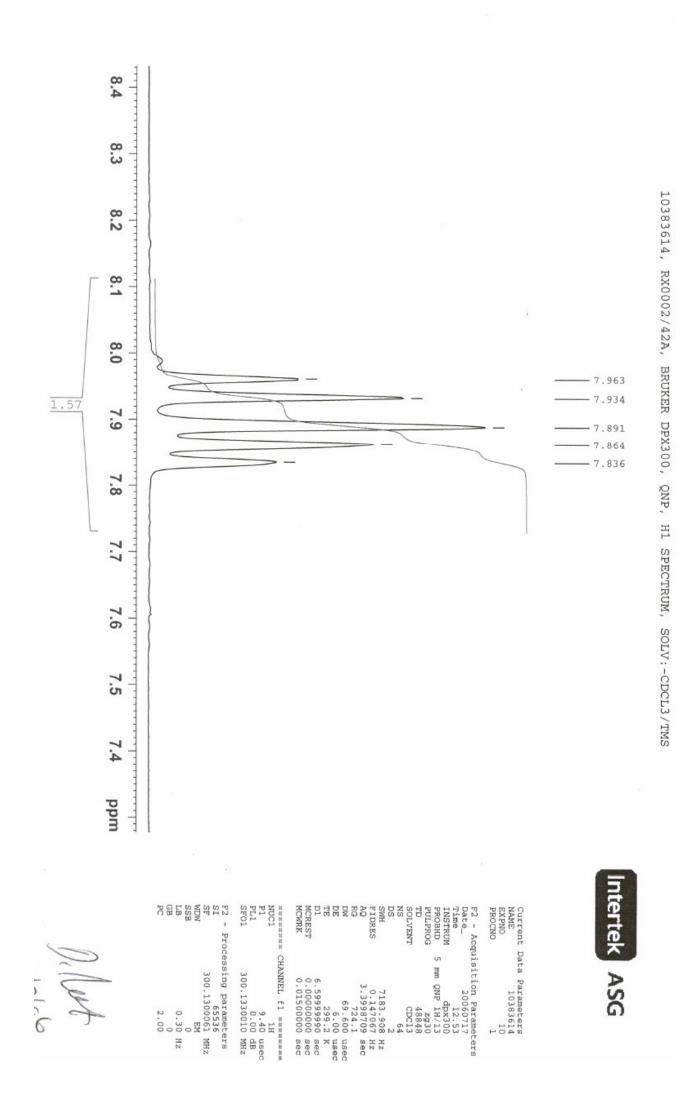


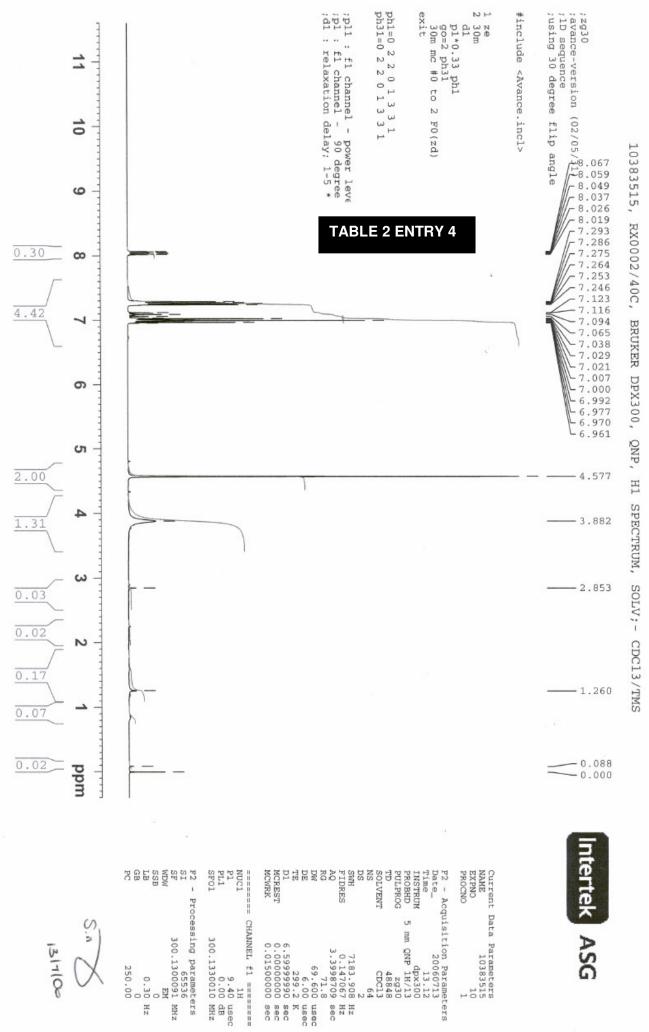


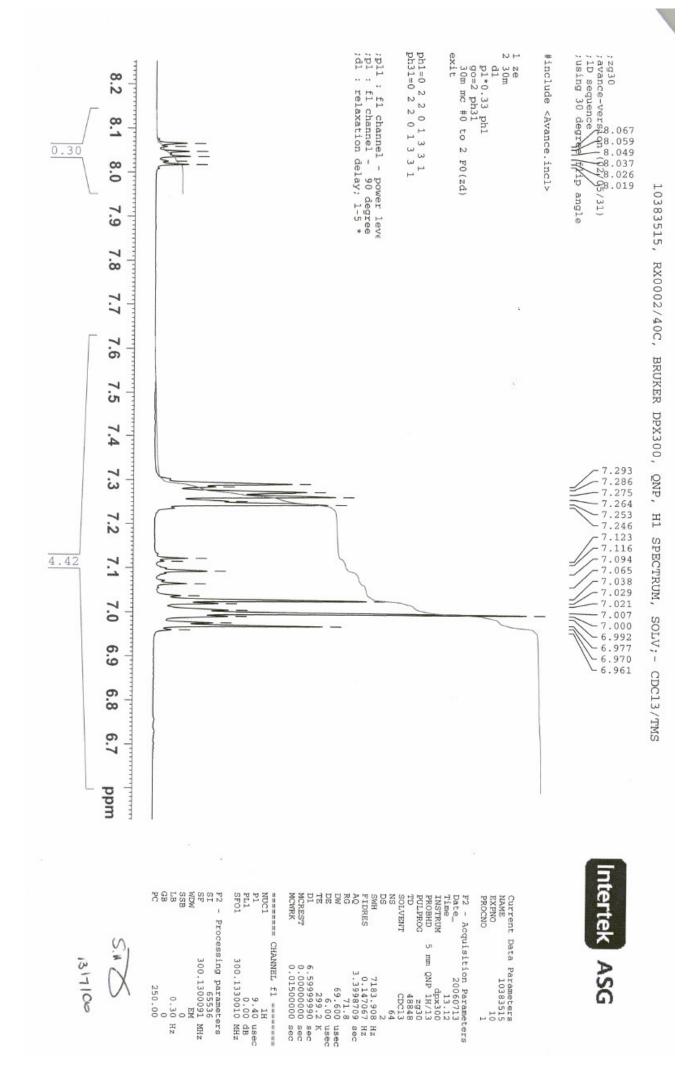




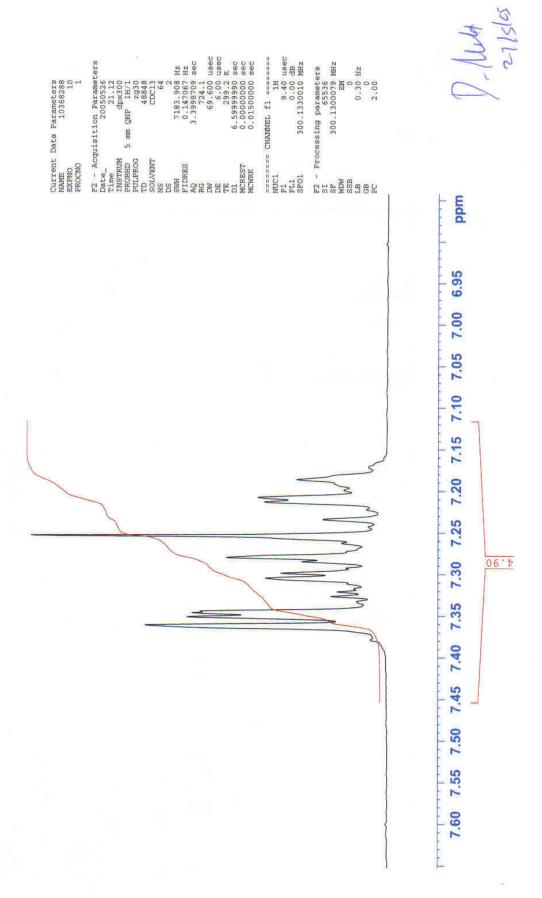


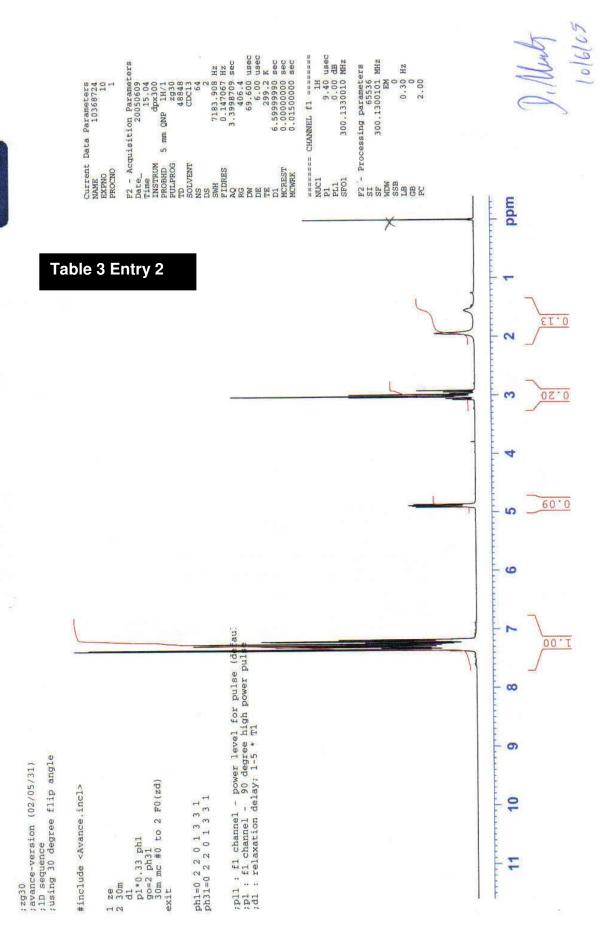


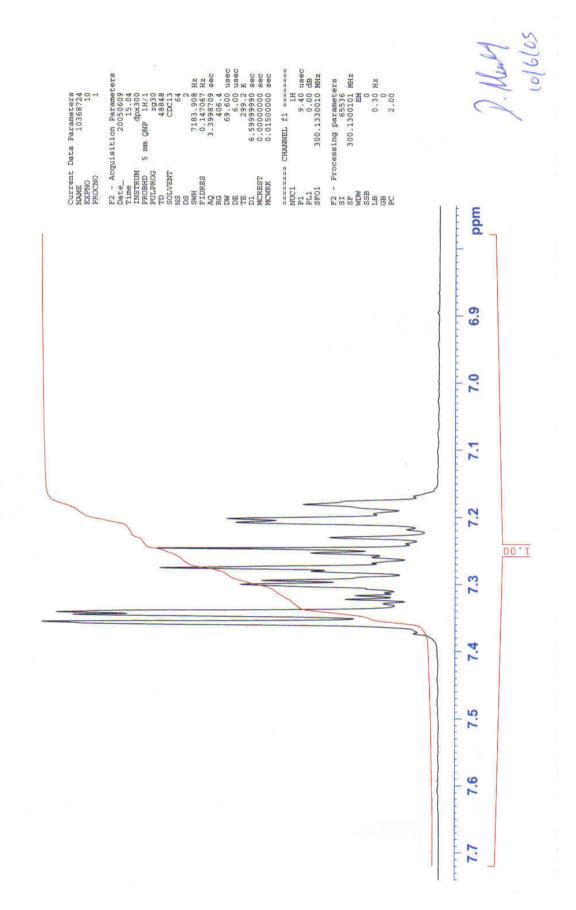


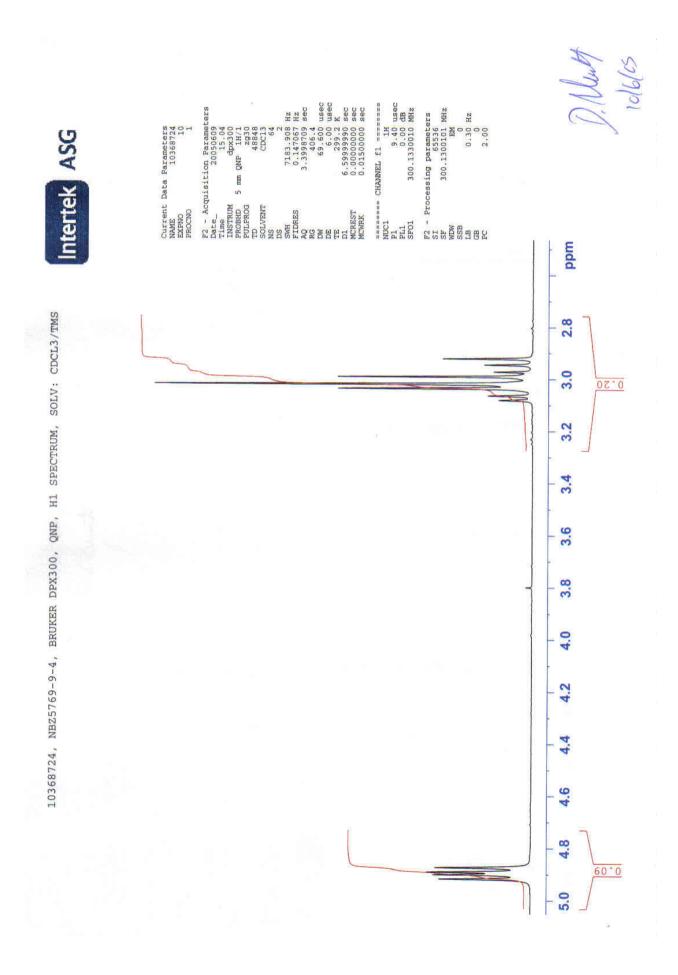


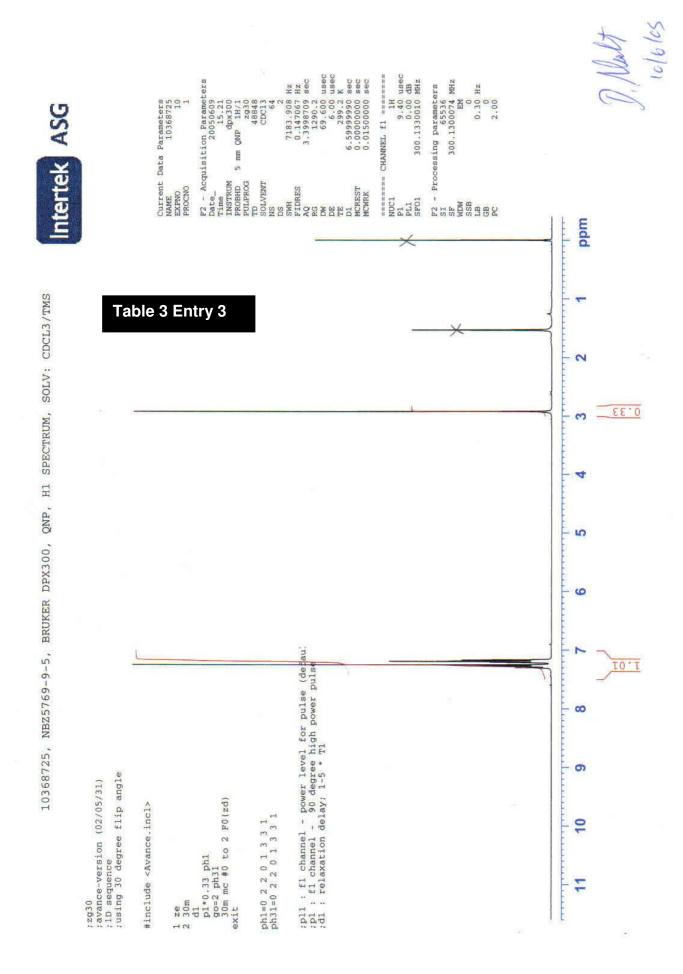
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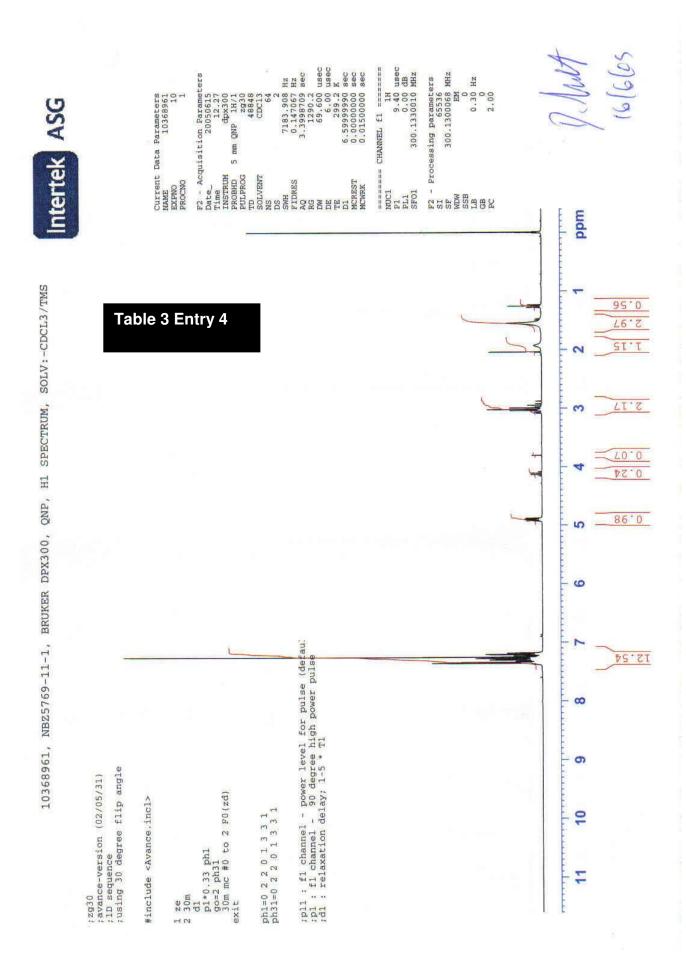


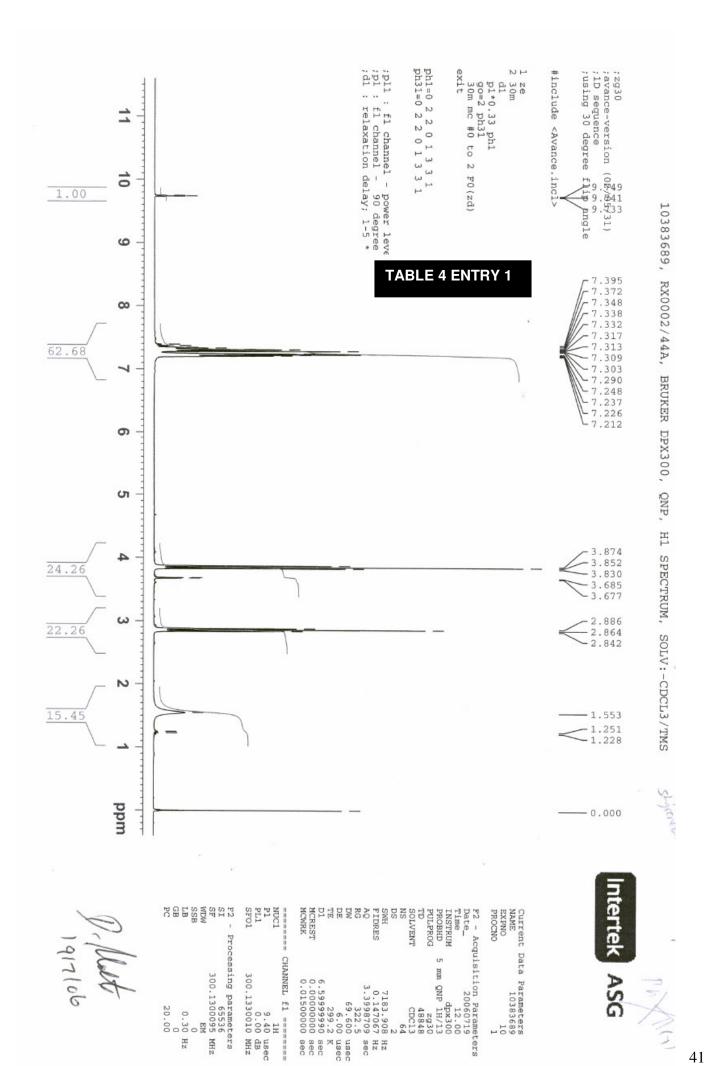


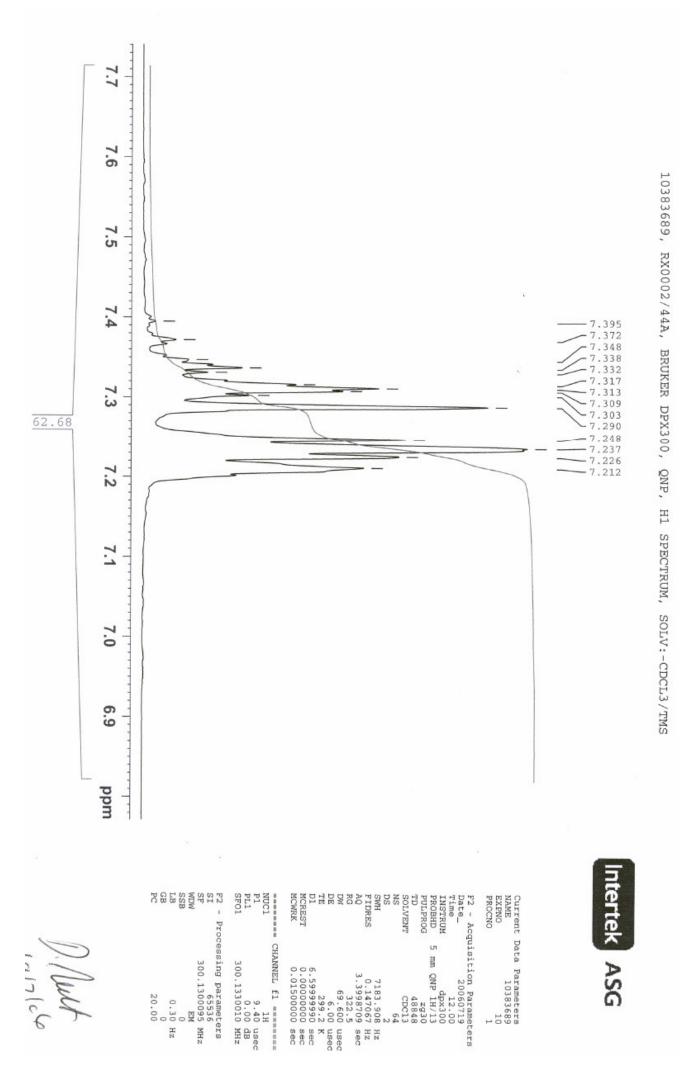


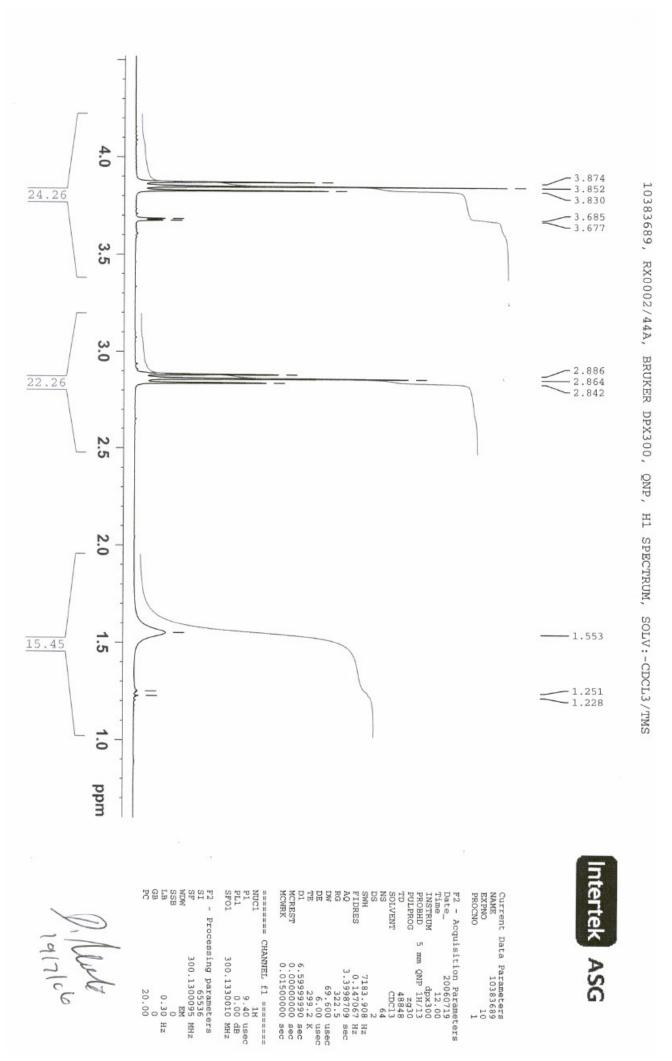


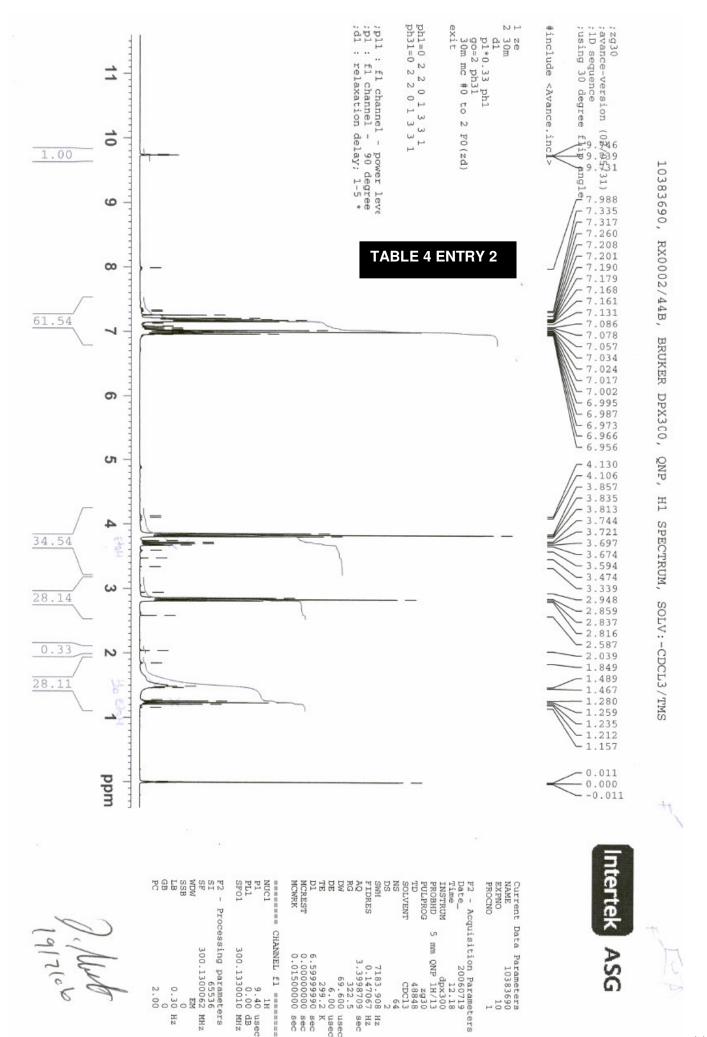
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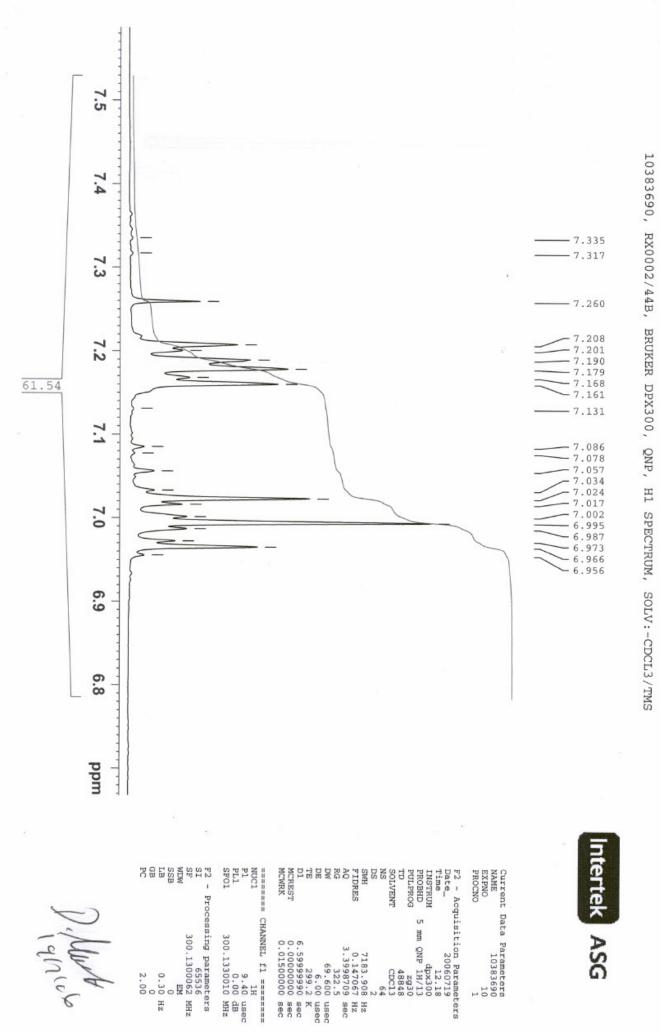


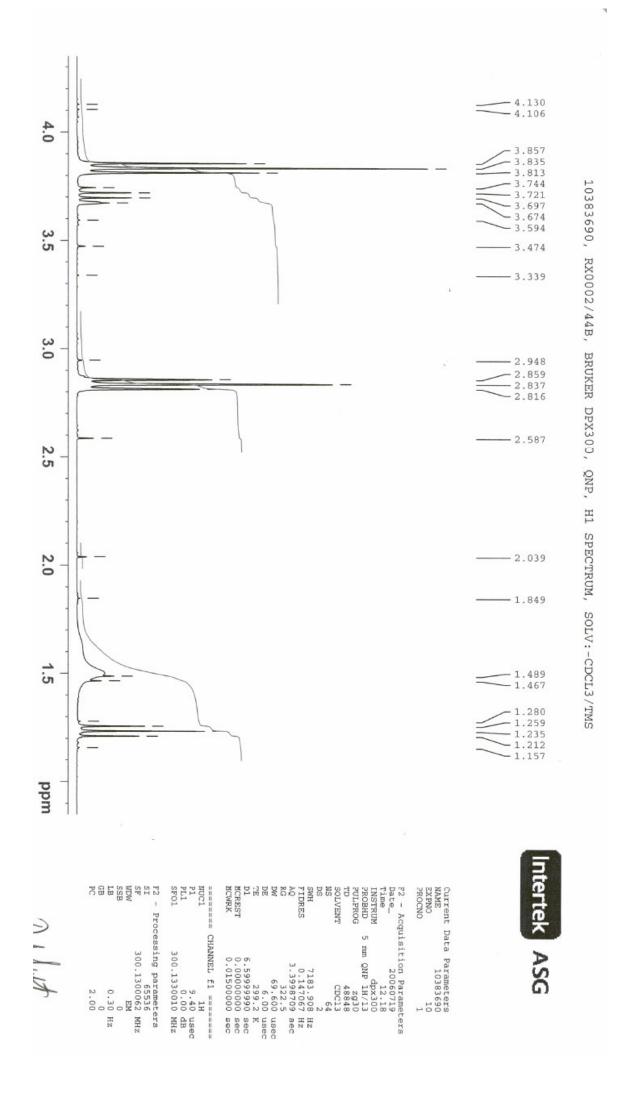


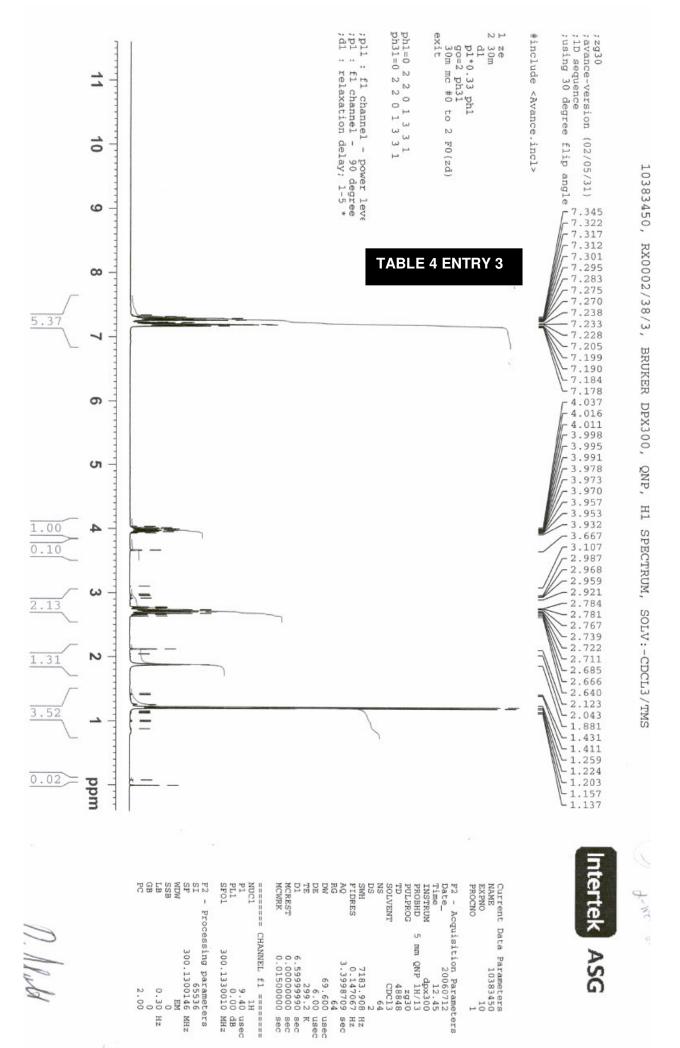












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