

## *N*-Functionalized Organolithium Compounds *via* Tellurium/Lithium Exchange Reaction

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Um conjunto de amino teluretos foram preparados e testados em reações de troca telúrio/lítio. Os compostos de organolítio contendo nitrogênio foram facilmente preparados utilizando *N*-Bz teluroaminas e uma combinação de *n*-butyllítio/naftaleto de lítio nas reações de troca. Os correspondentes intermediários dilítiados foram capturados com vários eletrófilos, levando à formação dos respectivos produtos em bons rendimentos. A reação foi empregada na síntese de fenetilaminas.

A set of tellurium amines have been evaluated in the tellurium/lithium exchange reaction. The nitrogen-containing organolithium compounds were efficiently prepared by using *N*-Bz tellurium amines and a mixture of *n*-butyllithium and lithium naphthalenide (LiNp) for performing the exchange reaction. The corresponding dianion intermediates were trapped with a wide range of electrophiles, furnishing the corresponding products in good to excellent yields. The reaction was also employed in the synthesis of phenethylamines.

**Keywords:** tellurium/lithium exchange reaction, functionalized organolithium, dianion intermediate, phenethylamines

### Introduction

Organolithium compounds are versatile and useful organometallics due to their excellent nucleophilic reactivity and importance in synthetic organic chemistry.<sup>1</sup> Among them, functionalized organolithium compounds represent an important class of intermediates with the ability of transferring the functionality to an electrophilic reagent. In this way, the preparation of functionalized organolithium compounds *via* halogen/lithium<sup>2</sup> and tin/lithium<sup>3</sup> exchange reactions represent an interesting protocol of carbon-carbon bond formation for the synthesis of polyfunctionalized molecules, as well as a wide range of natural products. For years, several groups have been interested in the study and preparation of different  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ -,  $\gamma$ -,  $\delta$ -oxygen or nitrogen-functionalized organolithium intermediates and their reaction with electrophiles.<sup>4,5</sup> However, among these intermediates, the corresponding  $\beta$ -functionalized compounds, showed to be very unstable species, decomposing *via*  $\beta$ -elimination to give olefins.<sup>6</sup>

On the other hand, organotellurium chemistry is a very broad and exciting field with many opportunities for research and development of applications in organic synthesis.<sup>7</sup> Many different classes of organotellurium compounds have been prepared to date and successfully employed in different synthetic applications,<sup>8</sup> as well as in the total synthesis of natural products.<sup>9</sup> Among the several applications of organotellurium compounds, the formation of organolithium compounds *via* tellurium/lithium exchange reaction represents an interesting protocol with a number of advantages over alternative methods.<sup>10,11</sup>

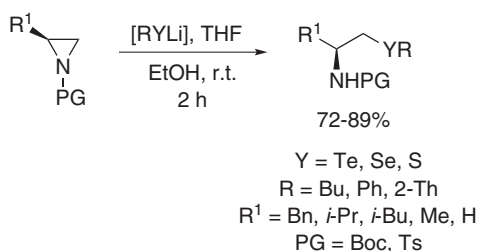
Our research group has been working in the preparation and application of hydroxy alkyl tellurides in the tellurium/lithium exchange reaction.<sup>12</sup> These compounds have been efficiently used as alternative organometallic sources of 1,4-dianion intermediates in the synthesis of diols,<sup>13</sup> spiroketals,<sup>14</sup> bioactive butenolides,<sup>15</sup> and in the synthesis of natural products, such as (+/-)-frontalin<sup>16</sup> and (+)-*endo*-brevicommin.<sup>17</sup> In this way, based on the interesting results obtained with the application of oxygen-containing organotellurium compounds<sup>12-16</sup> and following our current interest concerning the development of functionalized alkyl tellurides in organic synthesis, we decided to explore herein

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the application of nitrogen-containing organotellurium compounds in tellurium/lithium exchange reactions.

## Results and Discussion

The preparation of the corresponding nitrogen-containing organotellurium compounds was described in our previous communication,<sup>18</sup> *via* the ring-opening reaction of aziridines by tellurium nucleophiles generated *in situ*, as depicted in Scheme 1. All the  $\beta$ -organotellurium amines, bearing different steric and electronic characteristics, were obtained in up to 89% yield and under very mild conditions.



**Scheme 1.** Ring-opening reaction of aziridines by chalcogen nucleophiles.

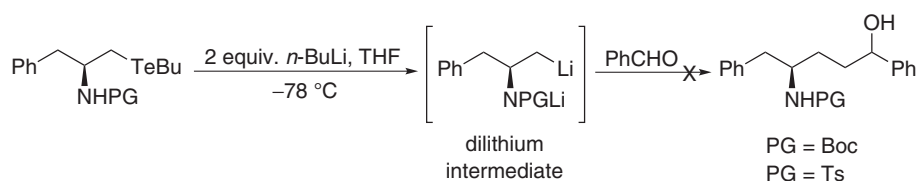
The  $\beta$ -organotellurium compounds derived from L-phenylalanine bearing *t*-butoxycarbonyl and tosyl protecting groups were employed as model substrates in order to evaluate the formation of the nitrogen-functionalized organolithium intermediates by tellurium/lithium exchange reaction (Scheme 2). In this way, the corresponding alkyl tellurides were initially submitted to the conditions successfully employed by our group for hydroxy tellurides, previously used as substrates in the tellurium/lithium exchange reaction.<sup>13</sup>

According to the reaction conditions described in Scheme 2, *n*-BuLi (2 equiv.) was used to generate the dianion intermediate. When *N*-Ts  $\beta$ -tellurium amine was used as substrate, the Te/Li exchange reaction could be followed by TLC (disappearance of the starting material). However, after addition of benzaldehyde to the dilithium intermediate, and even after prolonged reaction time at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  to r.t., the formation of the expected  $\gamma$ -aminoalcohol could not be observed. Flash chromatography of the crude product revealed the presence of *p*-toluenesulphonamide and other side products, probably arising from a  $\beta$ -elimination reaction on the corresponding dilithium intermediate. The

same results were observed, by using different solvents (THF, ether), temperatures ( $-78$ ,  $-20$ ,  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , r.t.), additives such HMPA, TMEDA and LiNp (lithium naphthalenide<sup>19</sup>), as well as *t*-BuLi. Based on these unsuccessful results obtained with the  $\beta$ -tellurium amines derived from L-phenylalanine in Te/Li exchange reactions, we decided to evaluate the behaviour of a very simple class of  $\beta$ -tellurium amines, containing different protecting groups (PG = Boc, Cbz, Bz and Ts) and only a C2 carbon chain between the tellurium and nitrogen moieties, aiming to minimize the possibility of  $\beta$ -elimination. Thus, the *N*-Boc and *N*-Cbz  $\beta$ -telluro amines **1a** and **1b** were prepared in 76 and 78% yields, respectively, by nucleophilic displacement of the mesylate groups of BocHNCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMs<sup>20</sup> and CbzHNCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMs,<sup>21</sup> using *n*-BuLi and elemental tellurium [BuTeLi] in a mixture of THF and ethanol (Scheme 3, path a). On the other hand, the *N*-Ts and *N*-Bz  $\beta$ -telluro amines **1c** and **1d** were easily obtained *via* the ring-opening reaction of the corresponding aziridines,<sup>17,22</sup> using the same tellurium nucleophilic species (Scheme 3, path b).

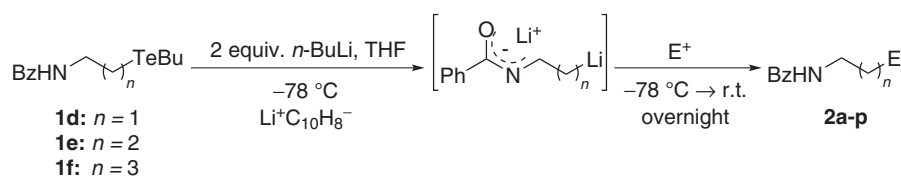
The  $\beta$ -tellurium amines **1a-d** were evaluated in the tellurium/lithium exchange reaction. In this way, when the  $\beta$ -tellurium amines containing carbamate moieties (**1a**, PG = Boc and **1b**, PG = Cbz) were used as substrates, we could not observe the tellurium/lithium exchange reaction by TLC, evidencing that the presence of these groups, attached to nitrogen, have a negative effect on the present exchange reaction. On the other hand, under several reaction conditions, the  $\beta$ -tellurium amine **1c** showed a similar behaviour to the *N*-Ts  $\beta$ -tellurium amine presented in Scheme 2. After the reaction work up, we could only observe the presence of *p*-toluenesulphonamide and additional by-products. However, when the *N*-Bz  $\beta$ -tellurium amine **1d** was employed as starting material, the tellurium/lithium exchange reaction occurred in the presence of a mixture of *n*-butyllithium and lithium naphthalenide (LiNp), developed by Yus *et al.*<sup>23</sup> for chloroamide lithiation. The corresponding  $\beta$ -dilithium intermediate was trapped with benzaldehyde, furnishing the corresponding  $\gamma$ -aminoalcohol **2a** in 79% yield (Scheme 4).

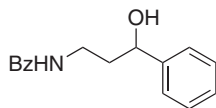
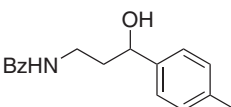
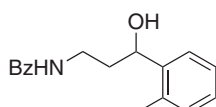
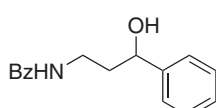
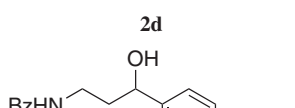
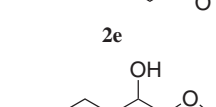
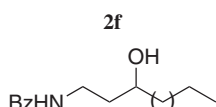
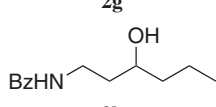
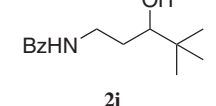
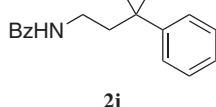
After determining the best experimental conditions to generate the corresponding *N*-Bz  $\beta$ -dilithium intermediate, the tellurium/lithium exchange reaction was further expanded to a broader range of electrophilic species, as



**Scheme 2.** Tellurium/lithium exchange reaction of  $\beta$ -tellurium amines bearing *t*-butoxycarbonyl and tosyl protecting groups.



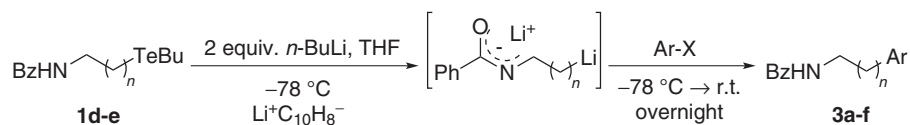
**Table 1.** Tellurium/lithium exchange reaction of *N*-Bz  $\beta$ -tellurium amine **1d-f** with different electrophiles

entry	n	Electrophile	Product	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	1	PhCHO	 <b>2a</b>	79
2	1	4-Me-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHO	 <b>2b</b>	72
3	1	2-Me-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHO	 <b>2c</b>	82
4	1	3-Me-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHO	 <b>2d</b>	72
5	1	4-EtO-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHO	 <b>2e</b>	70
6	1	2-FurylCHO	 <b>2f</b>	68
7	1	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> CHO	 <b>2g</b>	79
8	1	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHO	 <b>2h</b>	75
9	1	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CCHO	 <b>2i</b>	76
10	1	PhC(O)Me	 <b>2j</b>	69

**Table 1.** continuation

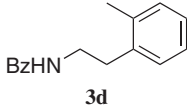
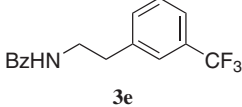
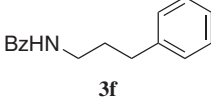
entry	n	Electrophile	Product	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
11	1	4-MeO-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> C(O)CH <sub>3</sub>		65
12	1	PhC(O)Ph		61
13	1	TMSCl		67
14	1	H <sub>2</sub> O		78
15 <sup>b</sup>	2	PhCHO		72
16 <sup>b</sup>	3	PhCHO		70

<sup>a</sup>Isolated yield of the corresponding product. <sup>b</sup>The corresponding  $\gamma$ - and  $\delta$ -tellurium amines **1e** and **1f** were prepared by nucleophilic displacement of BzHNCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMs and BzHNCH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMs with [BuTeLi], respectively.

**Table 2.** Preparation of phenethylamines *via* the tellurium/lithium exchange reaction

entry	n	Ar-X	Product	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	1	PhBr		65
2	1	PhI		66
3	1	PhCl		traces
4	1	4-MeO-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Br		69
5	1	4-Me-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Br		66

Table 2. continuation

entry	n	Ar-X	Product	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
6	1	2-Me-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Br		42
7	1	3-CF <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Br		35
8	2	PhBr		57

<sup>a</sup>Isolated yield of the corresponding product.

dilithium intermediate was conveniently trapped with several electrophiles, furnishing the desired products in good to excellent yields. The reaction was also employed in the synthesis of phenethylamines and their derivatives. To the best of our knowledge this is the first time that nitrogen-containing organotellurium compounds have been successfully used as a source of *N*-functionalized organolithium compounds.

## Supplementary Information

Experimental details and spectra are available free of charge at <http://jbc.sbcq.org.br>, as PDF file.

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### Experimental

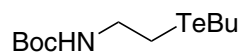
#### General

Elemental tellurium was purchased from Sigma Aldrich. All reagents and solvents were purified and dried using procedures described in the literature.<sup>1</sup> THF was distilled under nitrogen from sodium/benzophenone just before use. *N*-Butyllithium was titrated using 1,10-phenanthroline as indicator prior to use. Lithium-naphthalenide (LiNp) was prepared according to the procedure described in the literature.<sup>2</sup> All operations were carried out in flame-dried glassware. Column chromatographic separations were performed over Acros Organics silica gel (0.035-0.075 mm; pore diameter *ca.* 6 nm). The melting points were determined using a Büchi, model B-545. Optical rotations were determined on a Perkin Elmer 343 polarimeter and IR spectra were recorded on a Bomem MB-100 spectrophotometer. NMR spectra were recorded on Varian-Inova (300 MHz, <sup>1</sup>H; 75 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C) or Bruker model DRX-500 (500 MHz, <sup>1</sup>H; 125 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C) spectrometers using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. The internal references were TMS (<sup>1</sup>H NMR), the central peak of the CDCl<sub>3</sub> signal (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) and a capillary of diphenyl ditelluride 1 mol<sup>-1</sup> (<sup>125</sup>Te NMR). High resolution mass spectroscopy was performed using a LC-MS - Bruker Daltonics instrument at the Microanalytical Laboratory of the Institute of Chemistry, University of São Paulo.

#### General procedure for the preparation of tellurium amines

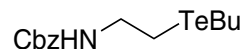
*n*-Butyllithium (1 mmol, 1.5 mol L<sup>-1</sup> in hexane) was slowly added at room temperature to a suspension of elemental tellurium (1.2 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL). Deoxygenated ethanol (2 mL) was added to the light yellow solution of lithium butyl tellurolate so formed, and the resulting red-brown mixture was stirred at room

temperature for 10 min and subsequently cooled to 0 °C. The corresponding aziridine or mesylate (1 mmol) was added in a single portion, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. The mixture was quenched with a saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and the combined organic fractions were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered. The solvent was removed in vacuo, yielding the crude products, which were purified by flash chromatography.



#### tert-Butyl 2-(butyltellanyl)ethylcarbamate (**1a**)

The *N*-Boc β-telluro amine **1a** was prepared according to the general procedure using BocHNCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMs as starting material. Yield: 76%; yellow oil; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film)/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3349, 2962, 1697, 1539, 1249, 1164; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  4.96 (br s, 1H), 3.43-3.41 (m, 2H), 2.72 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t, *J* 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (qui, *J* 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.38 (sex, *J* 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.91 (t, *J* 7.5 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  155.6, 79.1, 42.4, 34.2, 28.4, 24.9, 13.3, 3.1, 2.7; <sup>125</sup>Te NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 157 MHz)  $\delta$  182.6; HRMS-ESI *m/z* calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Te + Na<sup>+</sup> 354.0690, found 354.0703.



#### Benzyl 2-(butyltellanyl)ethylcarbamate (**1b**)

The *N*-Cbz β-telluro amine **1b** was prepared according to the general procedure using CbzHNCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMs as starting material. Yield: 78%; yellow oil; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film)/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3331, 2957, 1701, 1523, 1247; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.33-7.28 (m, 5H), 5.15 (br s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 3.48 (qua, *J* 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, *J* 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, *J* 7.0 Hz, 2H),

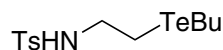
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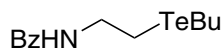


1.68 (qui,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (sex,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 0.90 (t,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  156.0, 136.3, 128.3, 127.9 (2C), 66.5, 42.7, 34.1, 24.8, 13.2, 2.8, 2.7;  $^{125}\text{Te}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 157 MHz)  $\delta$  183.5; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{Te} + \text{Na}^+$  388.0532, found 388.0532.



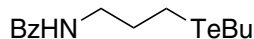
*N*-(2-(Butyltellanyl)ethyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**1c**)

The *N*-Ts  $\beta$ -telluro amine **1c** was prepared according to the general procedure using *N*-Ts aziridine as starting material. Yield: 83%; yellow oil; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3277, 2957, 2926, 2867, 1597, 1455, 1325, 1156;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz)  $\delta$  7.80-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 2H), 3.20 (t,  $J$  7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t,  $J$  7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t,  $J$  7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.83 (qui,  $J$  7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (sex,  $J$  7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.88 (t,  $J$  7.2 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz)  $\delta$  143.5, 137.1, 129.8, 127.1, 44.8, 34.2, 25.0, 21.5, 13.4, 3.3, 2.3;  $^{125}\text{Te}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 157 MHz)  $\delta$  192.2; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{STe} + \text{Na}^+$  408.0253, found 408.0250.



*N*-(2-(Butyltellanyl)ethyl)benzamide (**1d**)

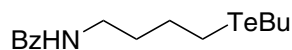
The *N*-Bz  $\beta$ -telluro amine **1d** was prepared according to the general procedure using *N*-Bz aziridine as starting material. Yield: 82%; yellow oil; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3308, 2957, 1642, 1306;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.79-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 2H), 6.80 (br s, 1H), 3.74-3.70 (m, 2H), 2.85 (t,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (qui,  $J$  7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (sex,  $J$  7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.89 (t,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.2, 134.4, 131.5, 128.5, 126.9, 41.3, 34.2, 25.0, 13.3, 3.0, 2.6;  $^{125}\text{Te}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 157 MHz)  $\delta$  184.6; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{NOTe} + \text{Na}^+$  358.0427, found 358.0407.



*N*-(3-(Butyltellanyl)propyl)benzamide (**1e**)

The *N*-Bz  $\gamma$ -telluro amine **1e** was prepared according to the general procedure using *N*-BzNHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMs as starting material. Yield: 75%; yellow oil; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3326, 2955, 1650, 1308;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.79-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 2H), 6.99 (br s, 1H), 3.47 (qua,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 4H), 2.04 (qui,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (qui,  $J$  7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (sex,  $J$  7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.89 (t,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.8, 134.6, 131.6, 128.5, 127.0, 42.0, 34.3, 32.0, 25.1, 13.5, 3.0, -1.3;  $^{125}\text{Te}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 157 MHz)

$\delta$  232.7; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{NOTe} + \text{Na}^+$  372.0583, found 372.0577.

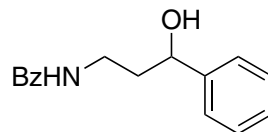


*N*-(4-(Butyltellanyl)butyl)benzamide (**1f**)

The *N*-Bz  $\delta$ -telluro amine **1f** was prepared according to the general procedure using *N*-BzNHCH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMs as starting material. Yield: 80%; yellow oil; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3318, 2956, 1643, 1308;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.77-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 6.41 (br s, 1H), 3.46 (qua,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.66-2.62 (m, 4H), 1.82 (qui,  $J$  7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.74-1.67 (m, 4H), 1.36 (sex,  $J$  7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.90 (t,  $J$  7.5 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.5, 134.6, 131.3, 128.4, 126.8, 39.3, 34.2, 31.9, 29.5, 25.0, 13.3, 2.7, 1.8;  $^{125}\text{Te}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 157 MHz)  $\delta$  225.4; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{NOTe} + \text{Na}^+$  386.0740, found 386.0737.

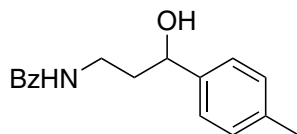
General procedure for the tellurium/lithium exchange reaction

*n*-Butyllithium (2 mmol, 1.5 mol L<sup>-1</sup> in hexane) was slowly added to a solution of telluro amine (1 mmol) in dry THF (12 mL) at -78 °C. The progress of the tellurium/lithium exchange reaction was monitored by TLC. Then, a solution of lithium naphthalenide (LiNp) (2.5 mmol) in THF was added dropwise to the mixture and stirred at -78 °C for 2 h. To the resulting mixture was added a solution of the corresponding electrophile (2 mmol) in THF (1 mL) and then allowed to rise to room temperature overnight. The mixture was quenched with a saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and the combined organic fractions were collected, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered. The solvent was removed in vacuum, yielding the crude products, which were purified by flash chromatography.



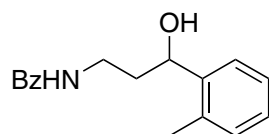
*N*-(3-Hydroxy-3-phenylpropyl)benzamide (**2a**)

Yield: 79%; colorless oil; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3343, 1640, 1541, 1310;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.75-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.05 (br s, 1H), 4.80 (dd,  $J$  8.5 Hz,  $J$  4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84-3.77 (m, 1H), 3.45-3.41 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.93 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  168.2, 144.1, 134.2, 131.4, 128.5, 128.4, 127.4, 126.9, 125.6, 72.5, 38.4, 37.5; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  278.1157, found 278.1152.



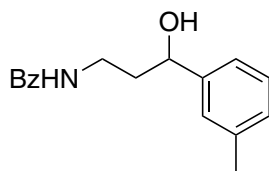
*N*-(3-Hydroxy-3-*p*-tolylpropyl)benzamide (**2b**)

Yield: 72%; orange solid; mp 89.6-91.2 °C; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3359, 1639, 1551, 1075, 927;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d,  $J$  8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (br s, 1H), 4.79 (t,  $J$  6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.85-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.48-3.42 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.98 (qua,  $J$  6.0 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.9, 141.1, 137.0, 134.2, 131.3, 129.0, 128.4, 126.8, 125.5, 72.5, 38.3, 37.5, 21.0; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  292.1313, found 292.1314.



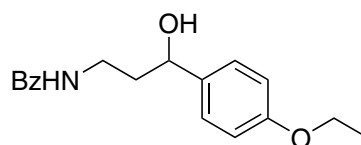
*N*-(3-Hydroxy-3-*o*-tolylpropyl)benzamide (**2c**)

Yield: 82%; white solid; mp 104-106 °C; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$  3309, 1628, 1558, 1050;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.79-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 1H), 6.95 (br s, 1H), 5.11 (dd,  $J$  8.8 Hz,  $J$  3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.94-3.91 (m, 1H), 3.53-3.47 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.02-1.95 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  168.1, 142.1, 134.3, 133.9, 131.4, 130.4, 128.5, 127.2, 126.9, 126.3, 125.0, 69.4, 37.8, 36.9, 18.9; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  292.1313, found 292.1301.



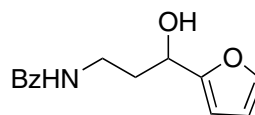
*N*-(3-hydroxy-3-*m*-tolylpropyl)benzamide (**2d**)

Yield: 72%; colorless oil; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (film)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3354, 1644, 1538, 1075;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.06 (m, 1H), 7.03 (br s, 1H), 4.77 (dd,  $J$  8.0 Hz,  $J$  4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83-3.77 (m, 1H), 3.46-3.43 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.98-1.95 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  168.2, 144.1, 137.9, 134.0, 131.3, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 126.9, 126.3, 122.6, 72.3, 38.2, 37.5, 21.3; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  292.1313, found 292.1309.



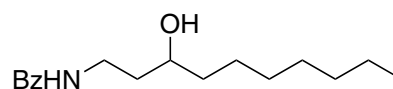
*N*-(3-(4-Ethoxyphenyl)-3-hydroxypropyl)benzamide (**2e**)

Yield: 70%; yellow oil; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (film)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3341, 1642, 1541, 1512, 1304, 1245, 1047;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.75-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H), 6.91 (br s, 1H), 6.87-6.85 (m, 2H), 4.77 (t,  $J$  6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (qua,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.85-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.47-3.41 (m, 1H), 1.97 (qua,  $J$  6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.9, 158.1, 136.1, 134.1, 131.2, 128.3, 126.8, 126.7, 114.2, 72.1, 63.3, 38.1, 37.4, 14.7; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}^+$  322.1419, found 322.1411.



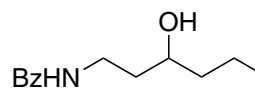
*N*-(3-(Furan-2-yl)-3-hydroxypropyl)benzamide (**2f**)

Yield: 68%; orange oil; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (film)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3335, 1640, 1544, 1310, 1148;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.75-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.45 (td,  $J$  7.0 Hz,  $J$  1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.07 (br s, 1H), 6.30-6.28 (m, 1H), 6.24-6.23 (m, 1H), 4.81 (t,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83-3.80 (m, 1H), 3.50-3.44 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.03 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  168.4, 156.2, 141.7, 134.0, 131.4, 128.5, 126.9, 110.1, 105.7, 65.6, 36.9, 34.8; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}^+$  268.0950, found 268.0948.



*N*-(3-Hydroxydecyl)benzamide (**2g**)

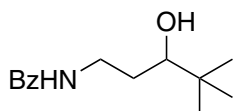
Yield: 79%; colorless oil; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (film)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3305, 2922, 1634, 1549;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.78-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.05 (br s, 1H), 3.86-3.83 (m, 1H), 3.72-3.68 (m, 1H), 3.39-3.34 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.58 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.41 (m, 3H), 1.27-1.23 (m, 9H), 0.87 (t,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  168.2, 134.2, 131.4, 128.5, 127.0, 69.9, 37.5, 36.5, 31.8, 29.6, 29.2, 25.8, 22.6, 14.1; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  300.1939, found 300.1949.



*N*-(3-Hydroxyhexyl)benzamide (**2h**)

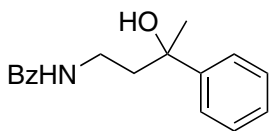
Yield: 75%; yellow oil; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (film)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3334, 2957,

1642, 1545;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.78-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.05 (br s, 1H), 3.87-3.85 (m, 1H), 3.73-3.70 (m, 1H), 3.39-3.34 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.58 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.42 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  168.4, 134.2, 131.4, 128.4, 127.0, 69.4, 39.5, 37.4, 36.4, 18.9, 14.0; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  244.1313, found 244.1307.



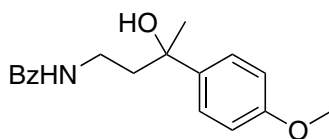
*N*-(3-Hydroxy-4,4-dimethylpentyl)benzamide (**2i**)

Yield: 76%; white solid; mp 143-144 °C; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3329, 2968, 1637, 1549;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.78-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 1H), 6.91 (br s, 1H), 3.96-3.93 (m, 1H), 3.37-3.33 (m, 2H), 1.85-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.57-1.55 (m, 1H), 0.92 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  168.0, 134.4, 131.4, 128.5, 126.9, 78.3, 38.4, 34.8, 30.8, 25.7; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  258.1470, found 258.1456.



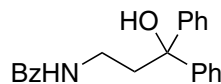
*N*-(3-Hydroxy-3-phenylbutyl)benzamide (**2j**)

Yield: 69%; yellow oil; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3344, 1642, 1540, 1489, 1445, 1312;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.63-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.93 (br s, 1H), 3.59-3.52 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.29 (m, 1H), 2.87 (s, 1H), 2.19-2.13 (m, 1H), 2.09-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.62 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.3, 147.2, 134.4, 131.2, 128.5, 128.3, 126.8, 126.7, 124.6, 74.9, 42.3, 36.3, 31.1. HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  292.1313, found 292.1302.



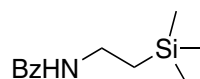
*N*-(3-Hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)butyl)benzamide (**2k**)

Yield: 65%; orange oil; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3355, 1643, 1593, 1511, 1299, 1248, 1179;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.64-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 4H), 6.89 (br s, 1H), 6.86-6.83 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.58-3.53 (m, 1H), 3.36-3.32 (m, 1H), 2.74 (br s, 1H), 2.15-2.10 (m, 1H), 2.07-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.2, 158.1, 139.4, 134.2, 131.1, 128.2, 126.7, 125.7, 113.5, 74.3, 55.1, 42.1, 36.3, 30.9; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}^+$  322.1419, found 322.1420.



*N*-(3-Hydroxy-3,3-diphenylpropyl)benzamide (**2l**)

Yield: 61%; white solid; mp 149-150 °C; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3435, 3331, 1650, 1532, 1219;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.62-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 5H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.74 (br s, 1H), 3.55 (qua,  $J$  6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J$  6.0 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.4, 146.6, 134.3, 131.2, 128.3, 127.0, 126.8, 125.9, 78.2, 40.7, 36.1; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  354.1470, found 354.1458.



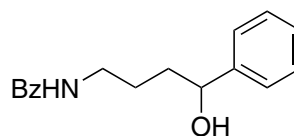
*N*-(2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl)benzamide (**2m**)

Yield: 67%; yellow oil; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3316, 2953, 1638, 1543, 1249;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.75-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 2H), 6.12 (br s, 1H), 3.52-3.47 (m, 2H), 0.93-0.90 (m, 2H), 0.06 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.2, 134.8, 131.2, 128.5, 126.7, 36.5, 17.7, -1.6; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{19}\text{NOSi} + \text{Na}^+$  244.1134, found 244.1136.



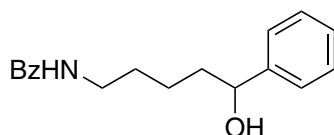
*N*-Ethylbenzamide (**2n**)

Yield: 78%; yellow solid; mp 65.2-65.6 °C; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 1637, 1549, 1310, 1145;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.77-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 2H), 6.18 (br s, 1H), 3.49 (qui,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.4, 134.7, 131.1, 128.3, 126.8, 34.8, 14.7; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{NO} + \text{Na}^+$  172.0738, found 172.0731.



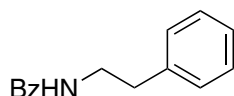
*N*-(4-Hydroxy-4-phenylbutyl)benzamide (**2o**)

Yield: 72%; white solid; mp 75-76 °C; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3327, 1638, 1310, 700;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.72-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 6.79 (br s, 1H), 4.68 (dd,  $J$  7.5 Hz,  $J$  5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.47-3.35 (m, 2H), 1.85-1.52 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.7, 144.6, 134.5, 131.2, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 126.9, 125.7, 73.9, 39.8, 36.1, 25.8; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  292.1313, found 292.1314.



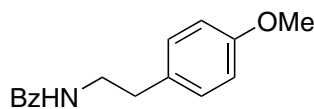
*N*-(5-Hydroxy-5-phenylpentyl)benzamide (**2p**)

Yield: 70%; yellow oil; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (film)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3357, 1643, 1310, 701;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.70-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H), 6.49 (br s, 1H), 4.62 (dd,  $J$  8.0 Hz,  $J$  5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (qua,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.81-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.38-1.29 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.7, 144.7, 134.6, 131.2, 128.4, 128.3, 127.3, 126.8, 125.7, 74.1, 39.7, 38.4, 29.2, 23.0; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  306.1470, found 306.1461.



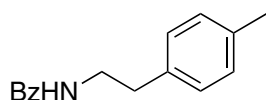
*N*-Phenethylbenzamide (**3a**)

Yield: 65%; yellowish solid; mp 113-114 °C; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3344, 1639, 1544, 1312, 1193, 695;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.69-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 3H), 6.17 (br s, 1H), 3.72 (qua,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.5, 138.7, 134.6, 131.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 126.8, 126.5, 41.1, 35.6; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO} + \text{Na}^+$  248.1051, found 248.1052.



*N*-(4-Methoxyphenethyl)benzamide (**3b**)

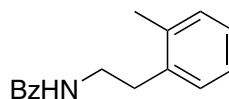
Yield: 69%; yellowish solid; mp 123-124 °C; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3320, 1635, 1538, 1308, 1243, 693;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.70-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.12 (br s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 1H), 3.69 (qua,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (t,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.5, 158.3, 134.7, 131.4, 130.9, 129.8, 128.5, 126.8, 114.1; 55.3, 41.3, 34.8; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  278.1157, found 278.1150.



*N*-(4-Methylphenethyl)benzamide (**3c**)

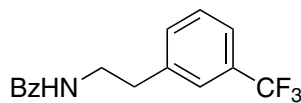
Yield: 66%; yellowish solid; mp 85-86 °C; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3324, 1640, 1544, 1313, 807, 692;  $^1\text{H}$

NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.75-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 4H), 6.15 (br s, 1H), 3.70 (qua,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.4, 136.0, 135.7, 134.6, 131.3, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4, 126.8, 41.2, 35.2, 21.0; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO} + \text{Na}^+$  262.1208, found 262.1197.



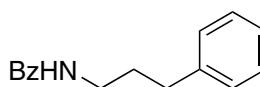
*N*-(2-Methylphenethyl)benzamide (**3d**)

Yield: 42%; yellowish solid; mp 76-77 °C; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3306, 1632, 1536, 1309, 751, 694;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.72-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 4H), 6.25 (br s, 1H), 3.68 (qua,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (t,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.6, 137.0, 136.4, 134.6, 131.4, 130.5, 129.4, 128.5, 126.9, 126.7, 126.1, 40.0, 33.1, 19.3; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO} + \text{Na}^+$  262.1208, found 262.1214.



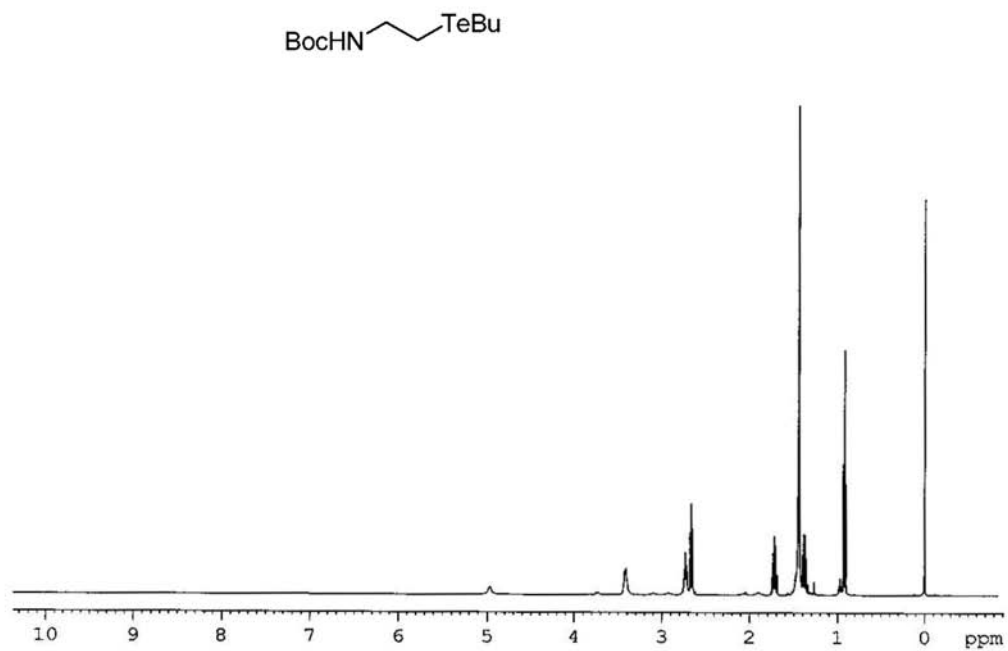
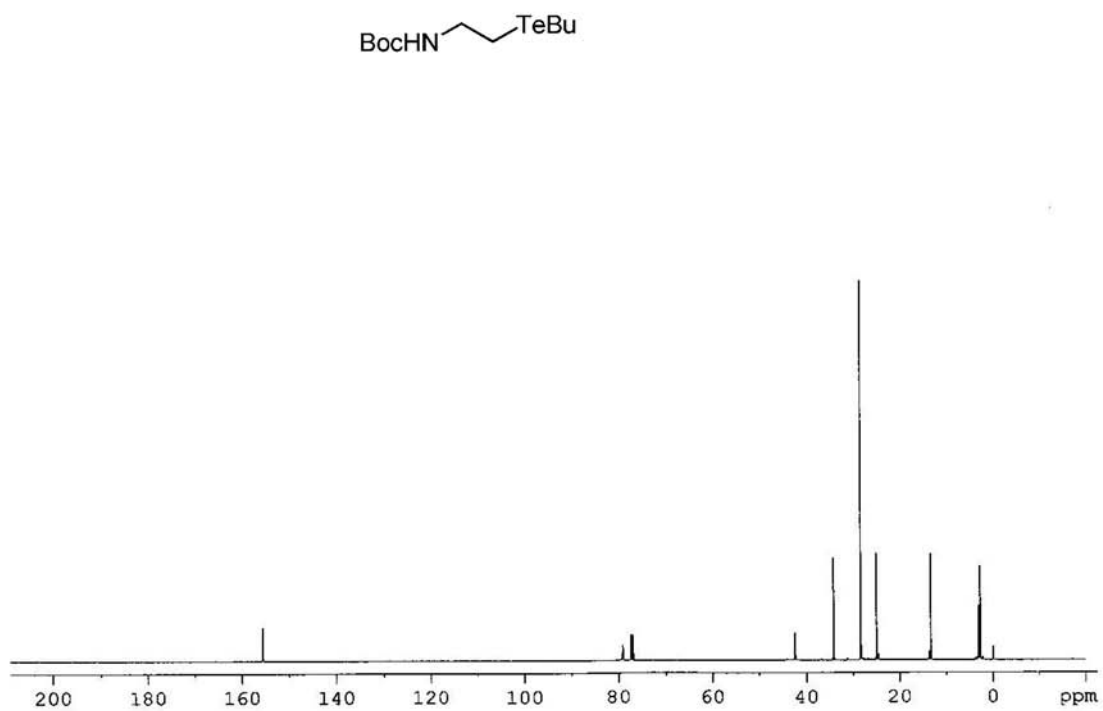
*N*-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenethyl)benzamide (**3e**)

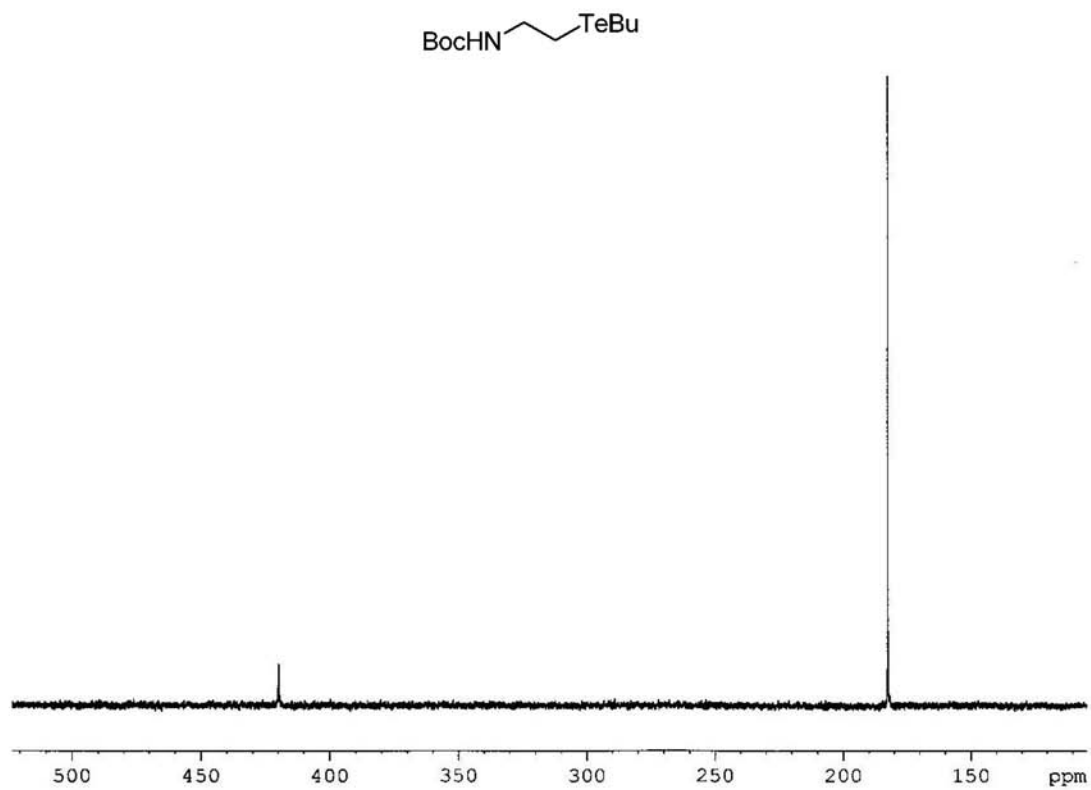
Yield: 35%; yellowish solid, mp 81-82 °C; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3304, 1629, 1555, 1337, 1170, 801, 699;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.71-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 4H), 6.34 (br s, 1H), 3.70 (qua,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.7, 139.9, 134.5, 132.3, 131.6, 131.0 (qua,  $J$  32.0 Hz), 129.2, 128.6, 126.8, 125.6, 125.5, 123.5, 123.4, 41.0, 35.6; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{NO} + \text{Na}^+$  316.0925, found 316.0927.



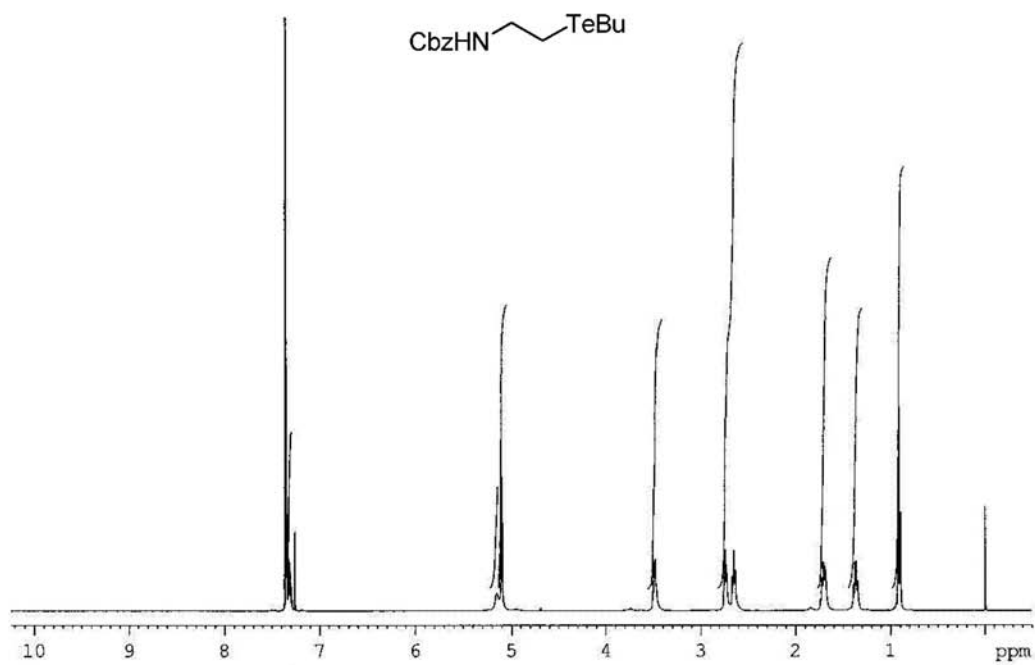
*N*-(3-Phenylpropyl)benzamide (**3f**)

Yield: 35%; yellowish oil, IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (film)/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3318, 1638, 1578, 1309, 1181, 698;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.69-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.16 (m, 3H), 6.43 (br s, 1H), 3.44 (qua,  $J$  6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J$  7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (qui,  $J$  7.5 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  167.5, 141.4, 134.5, 131.1, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 126.8, 125.9, 39.7, 33.4, 31.0; HRMS-ESI  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO} + \text{Na}^+$  262.1208, found 262.1204.

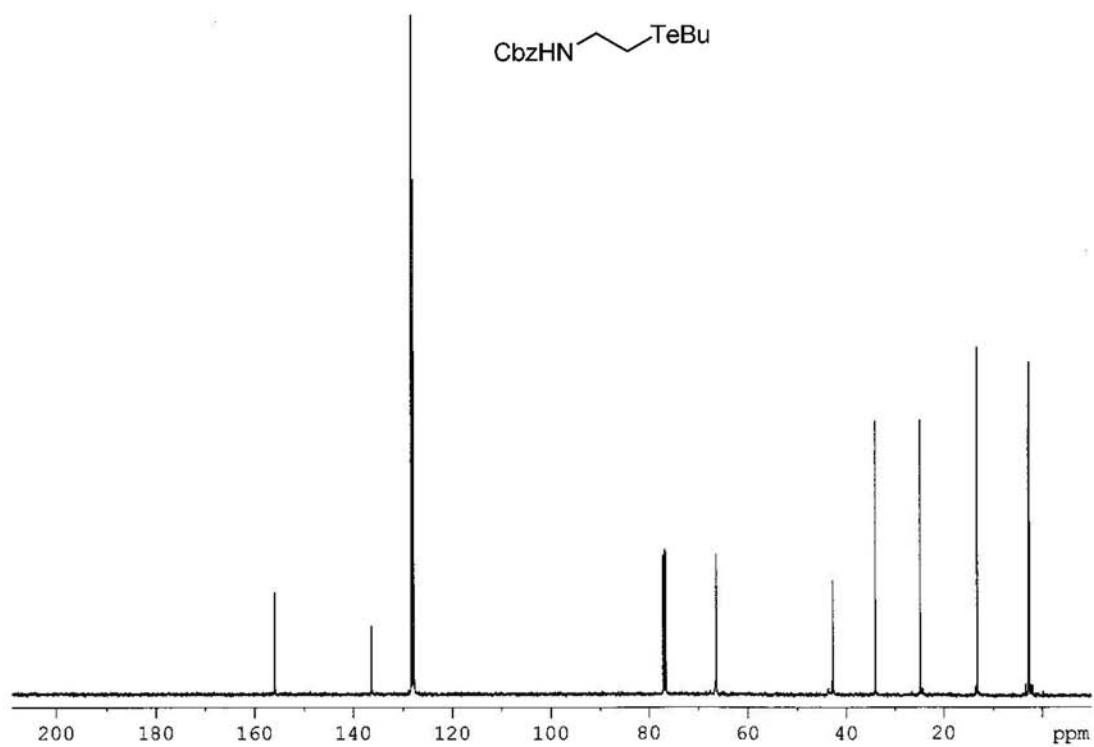
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **1a**.**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **1a**.



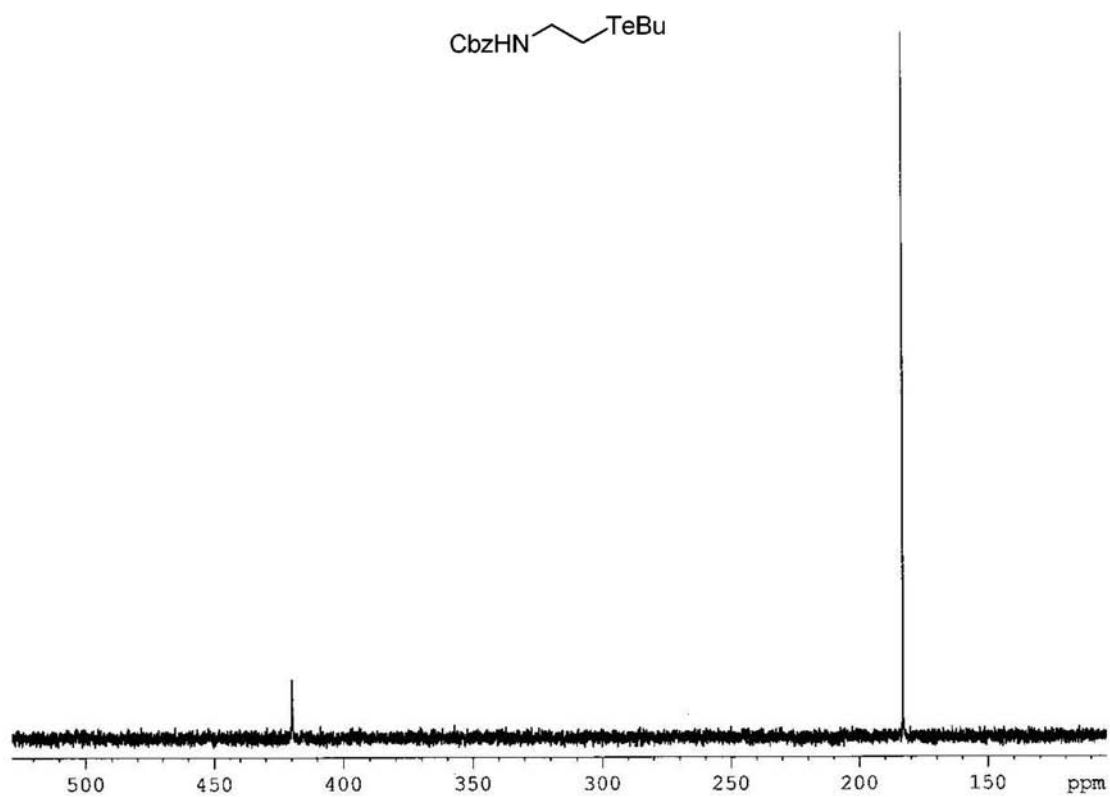
**Figure S3.**  $^{125}\text{Te}$  NMR (157 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **1a**.



**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **1b**.



**Figure S5.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **1b**.



**Figure S6.** <sup>125</sup>Te NMR (157 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **1b**.

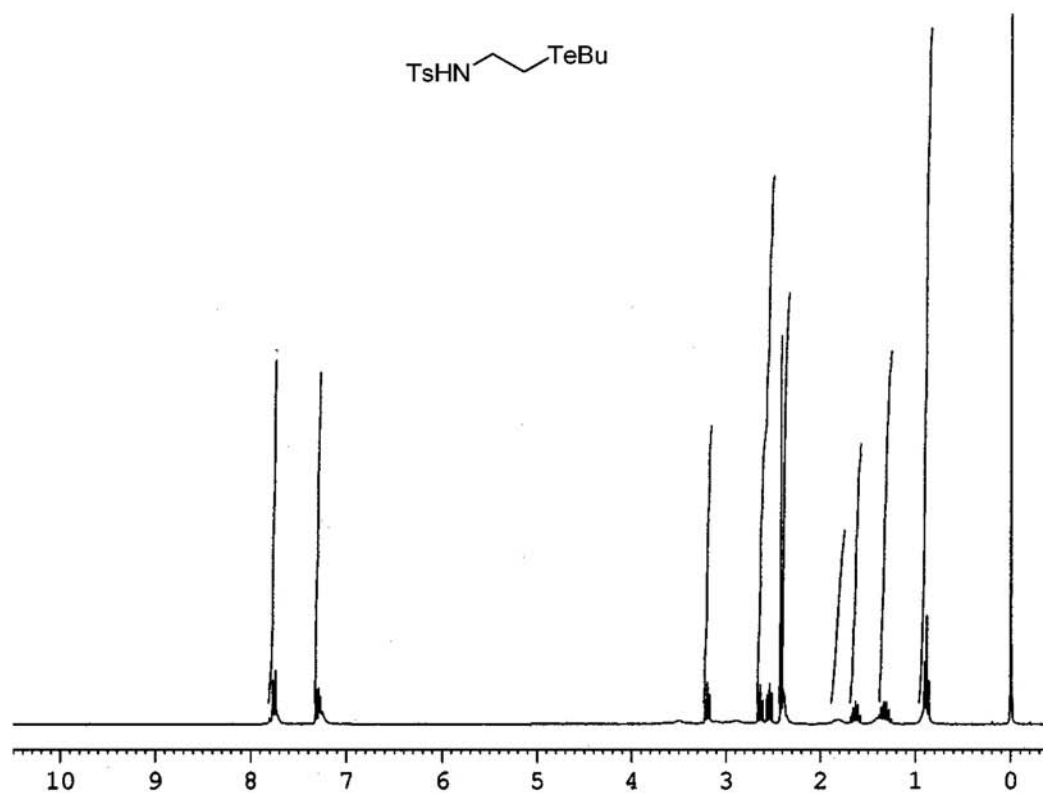


Figure S7.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **1c**.

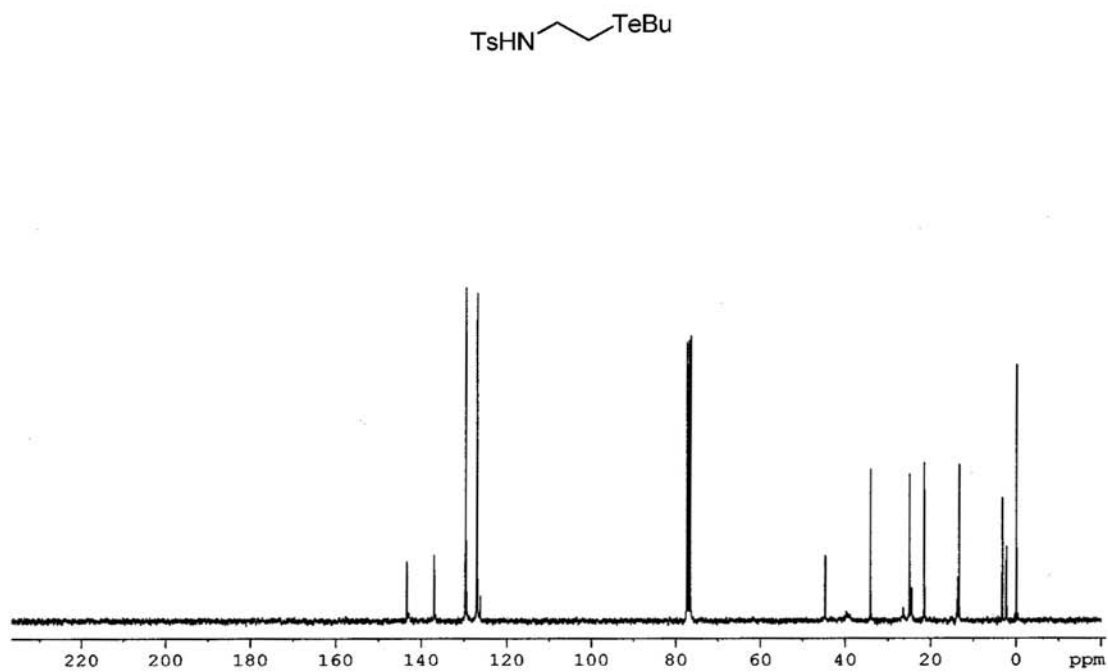
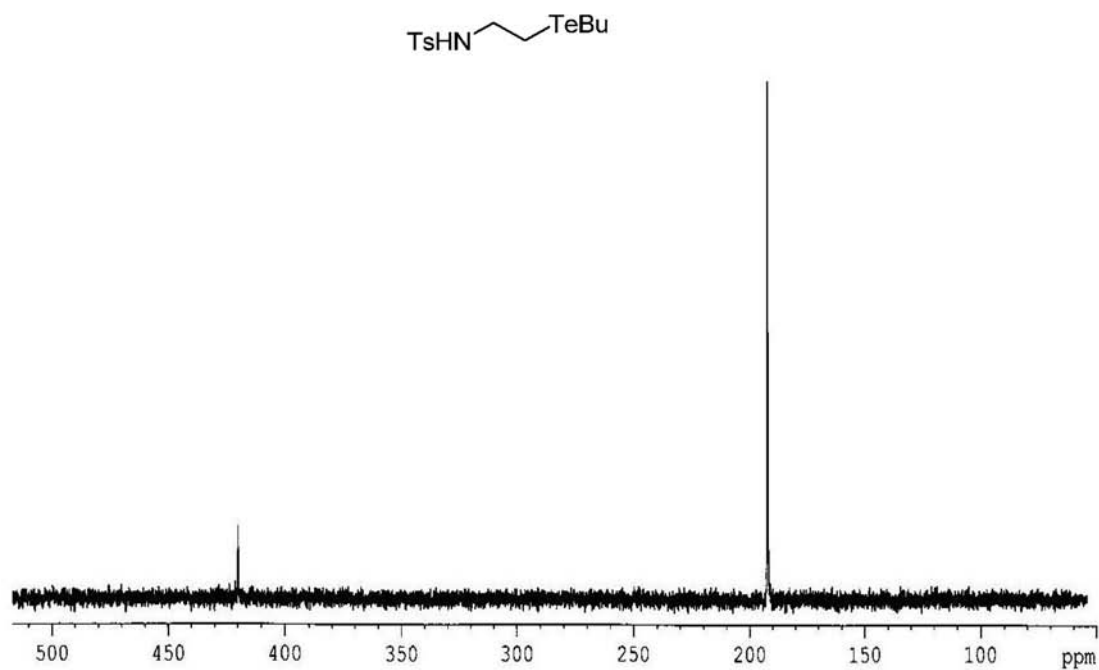
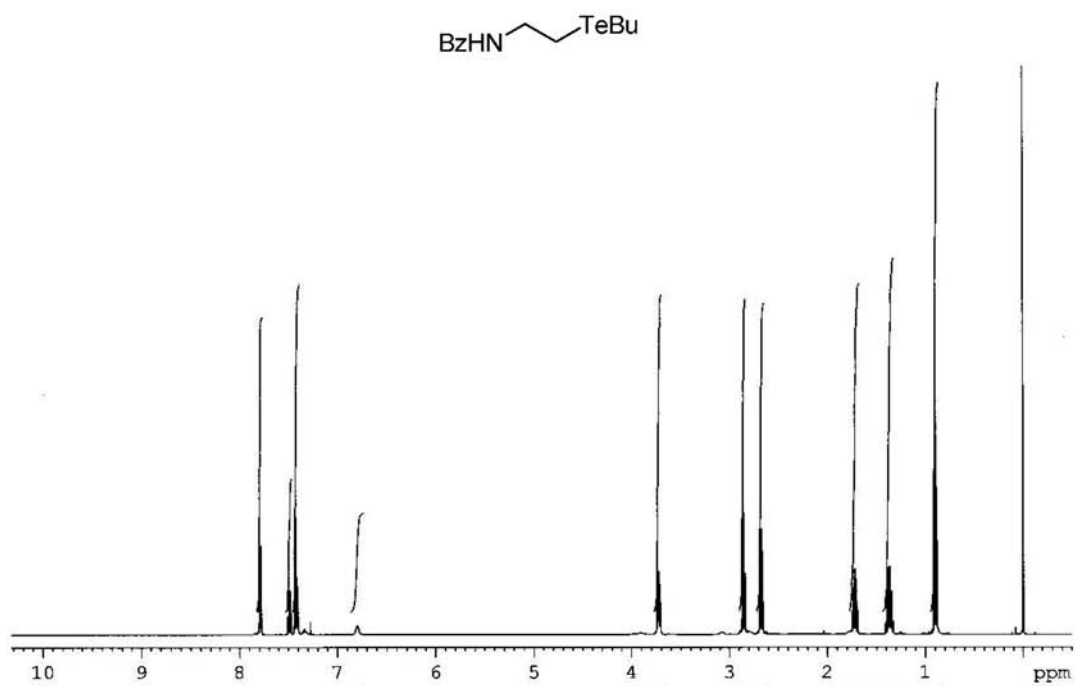
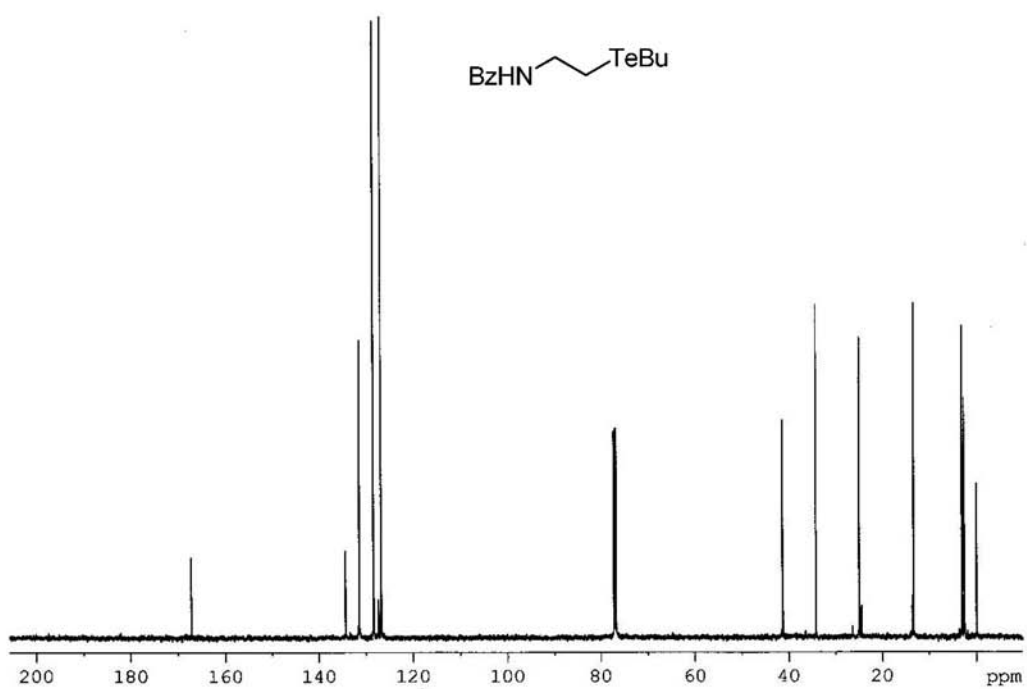


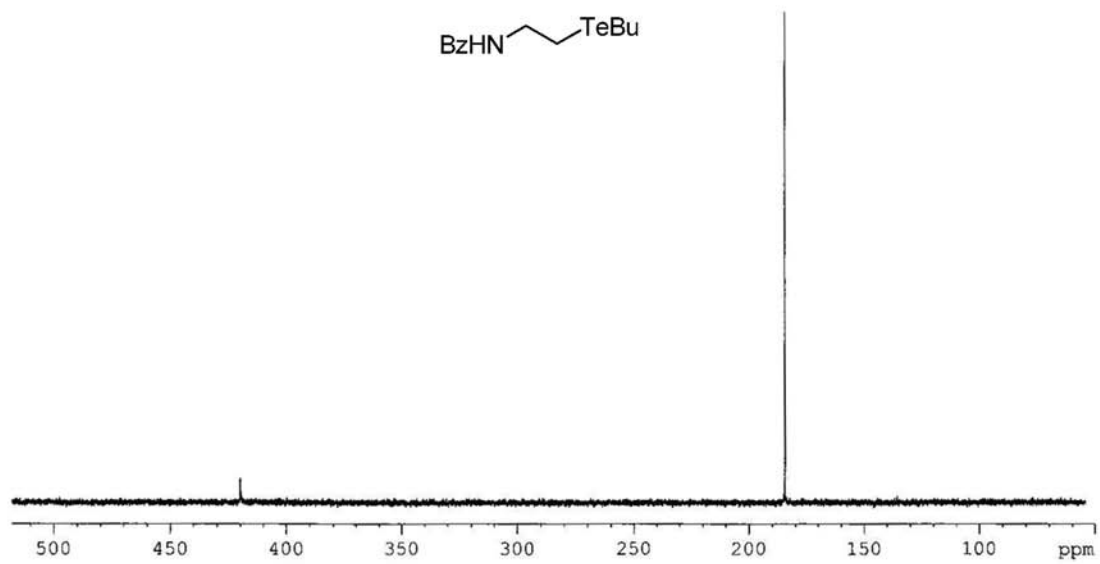
Figure S8.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **1c**.



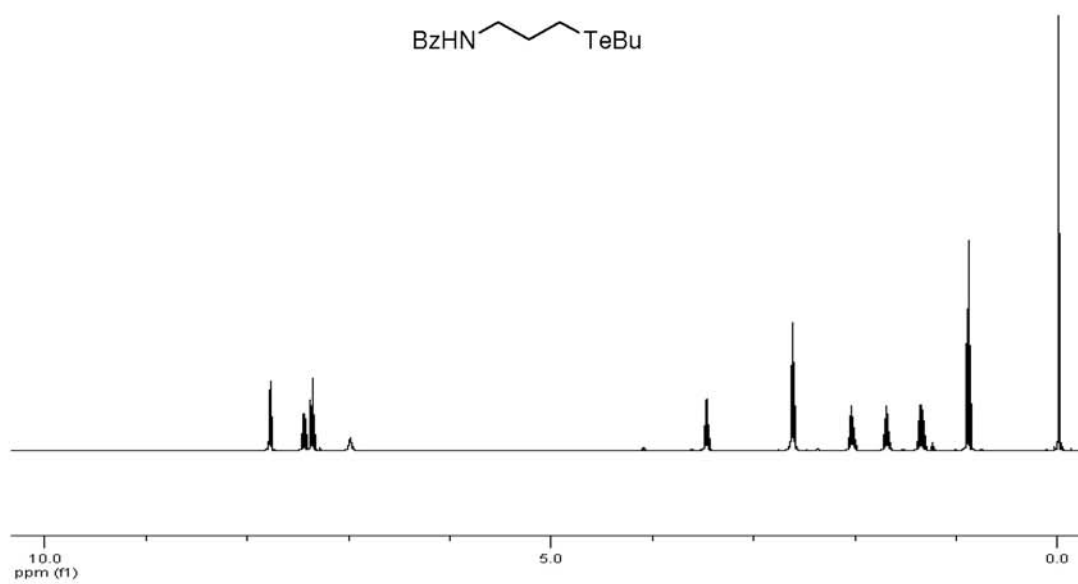
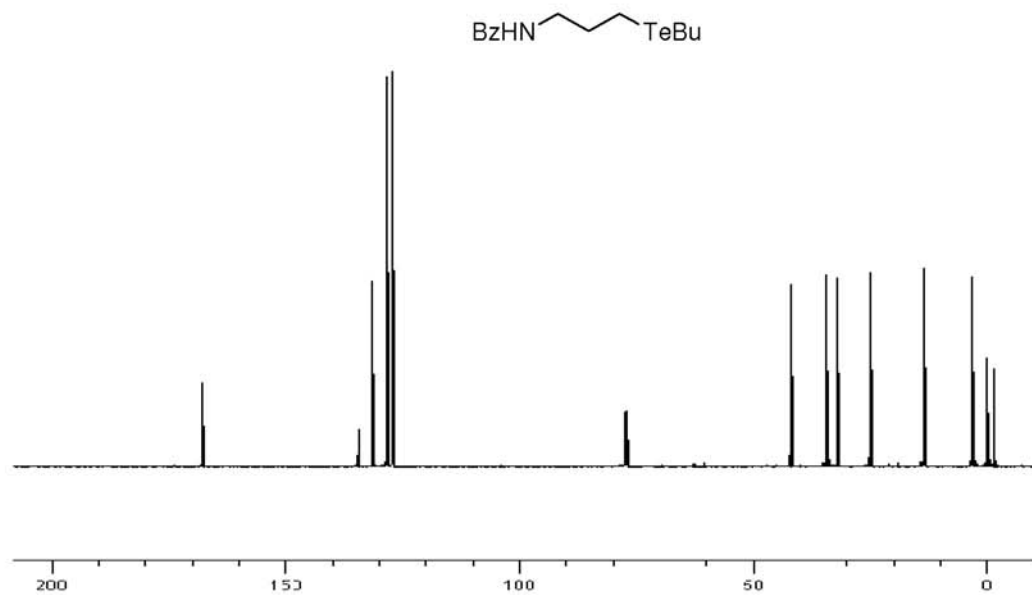
**Figure S9.**  $^{125}\text{Te}$  NMR (157 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **1c**.**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **1d**.

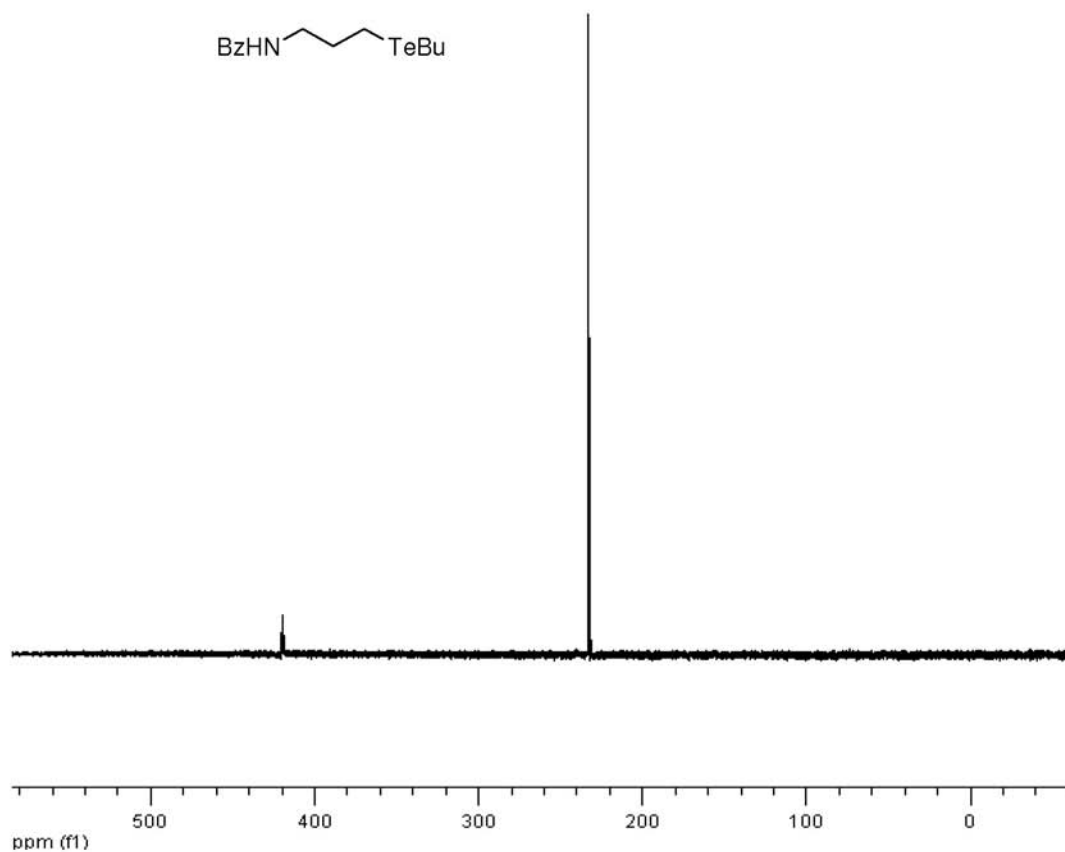


**Figure S11.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **1d**.

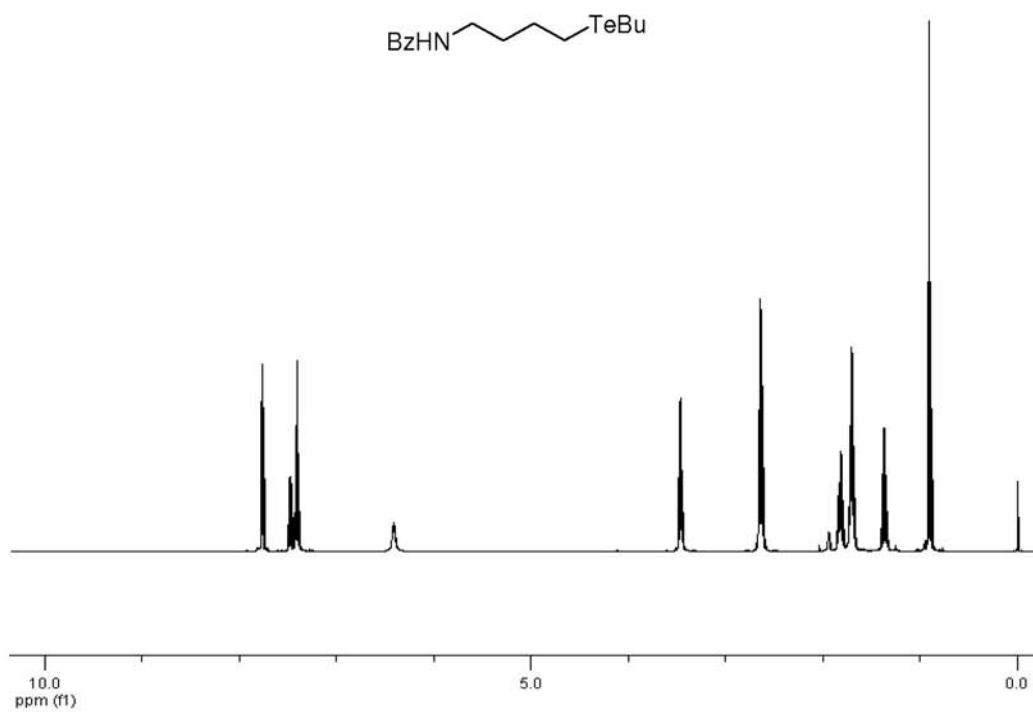


**Figure S12.**  $^{125}\text{Te}$  NMR (157 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **1d**.

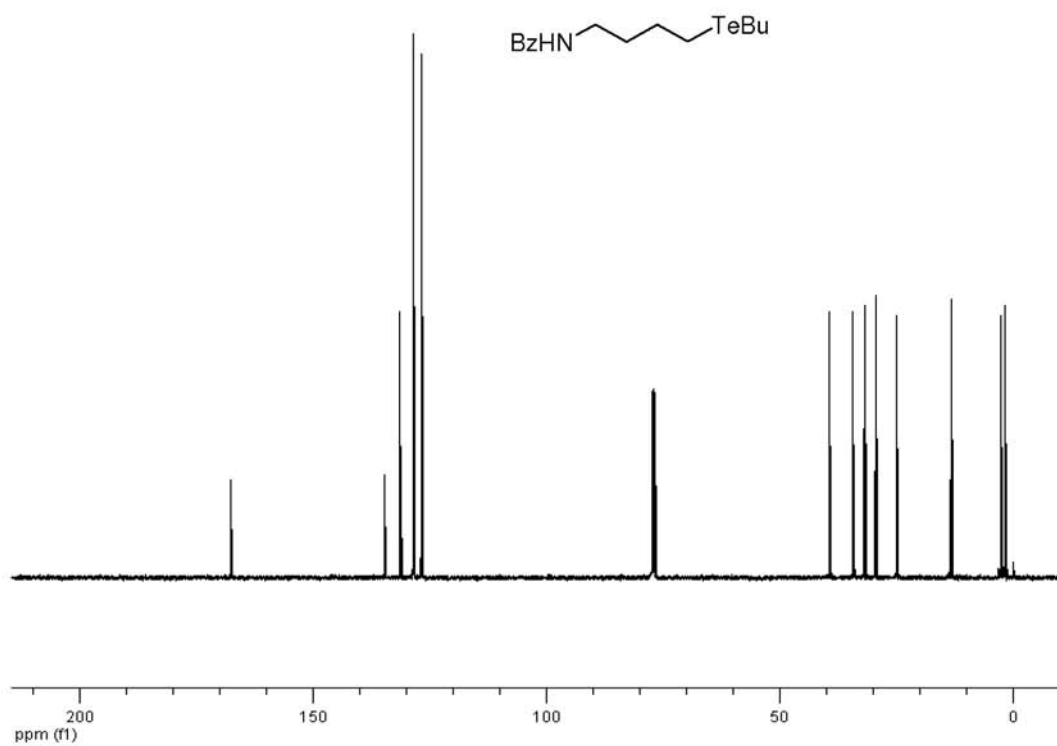
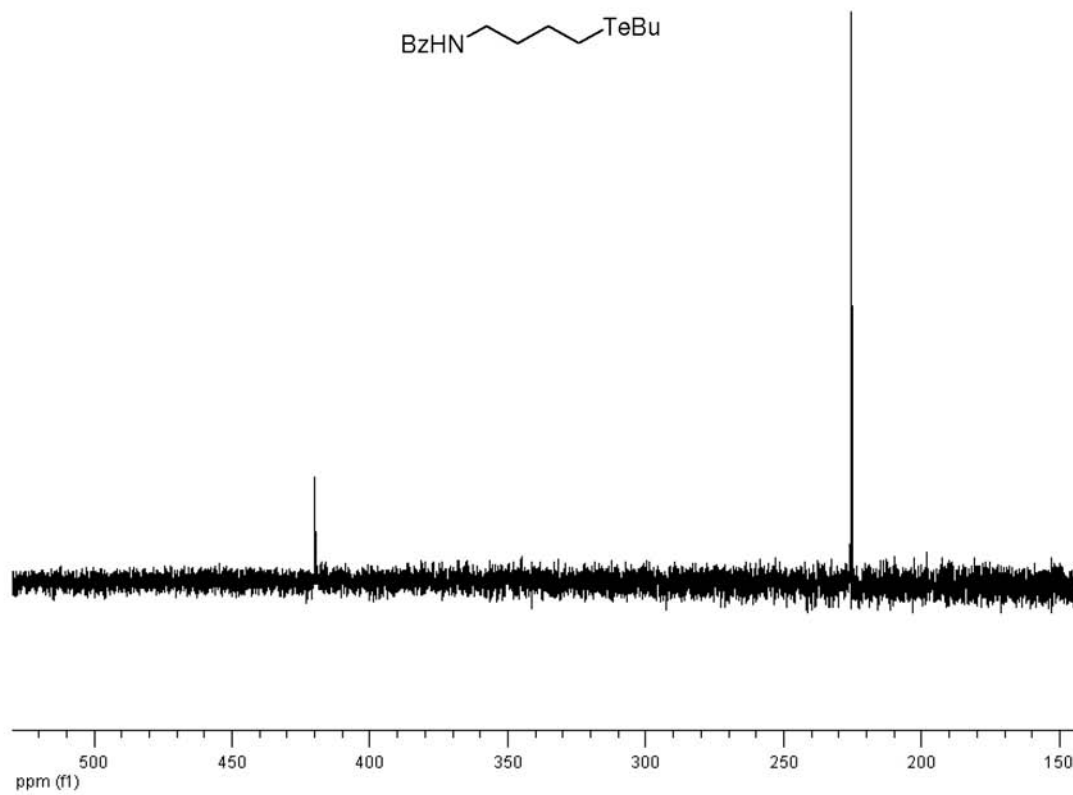
**Figure S13.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **1e**.**Figure S14.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **1e**.

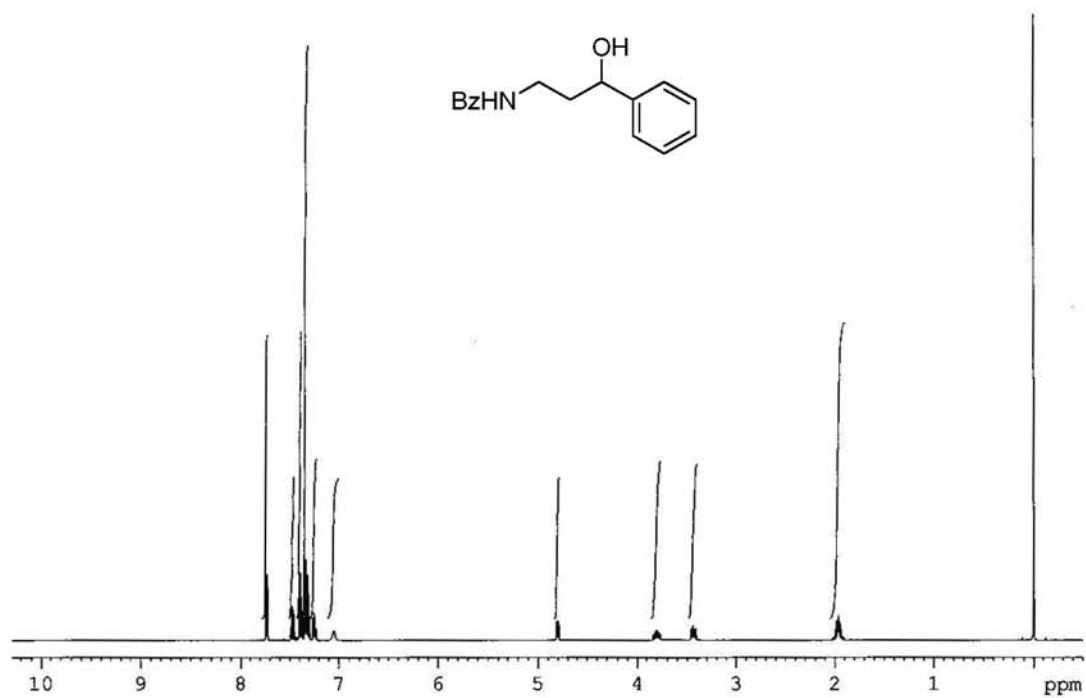


**Figure S15.**  $^{125}\text{Te}$  NMR (157 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **1e**.

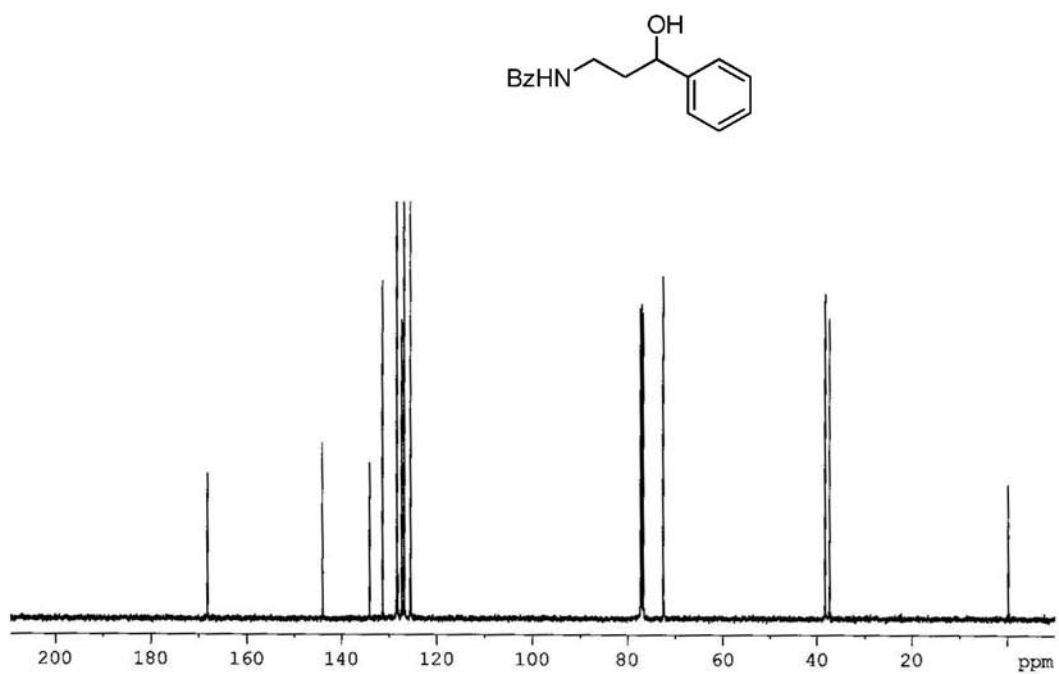


**Figure S16.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **1f**.

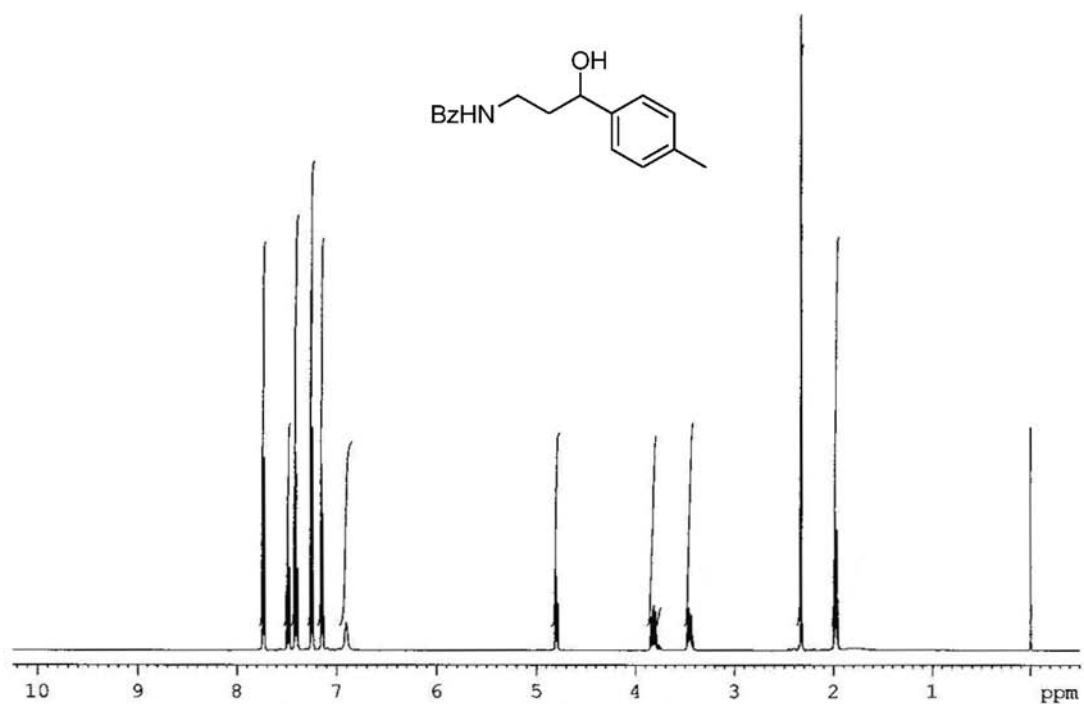
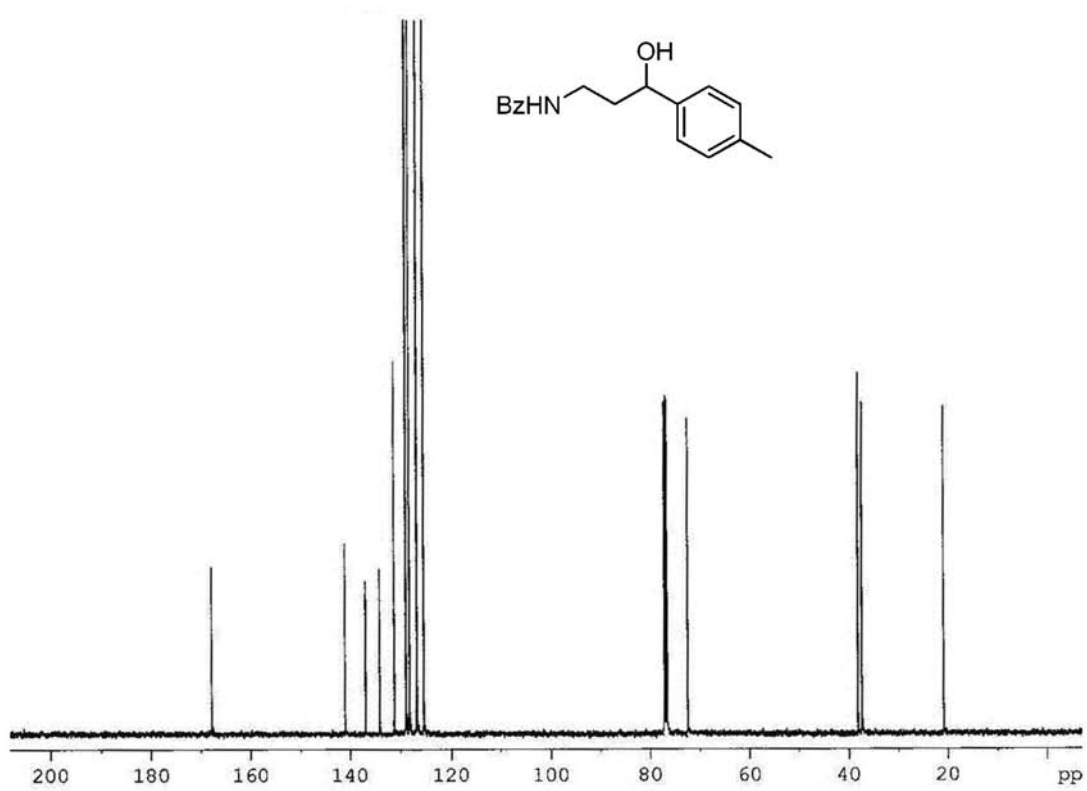
**Figure S17.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **1f**.**Figure S18.**  $^{125}\text{Te}$  NMR (157 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **1f**.

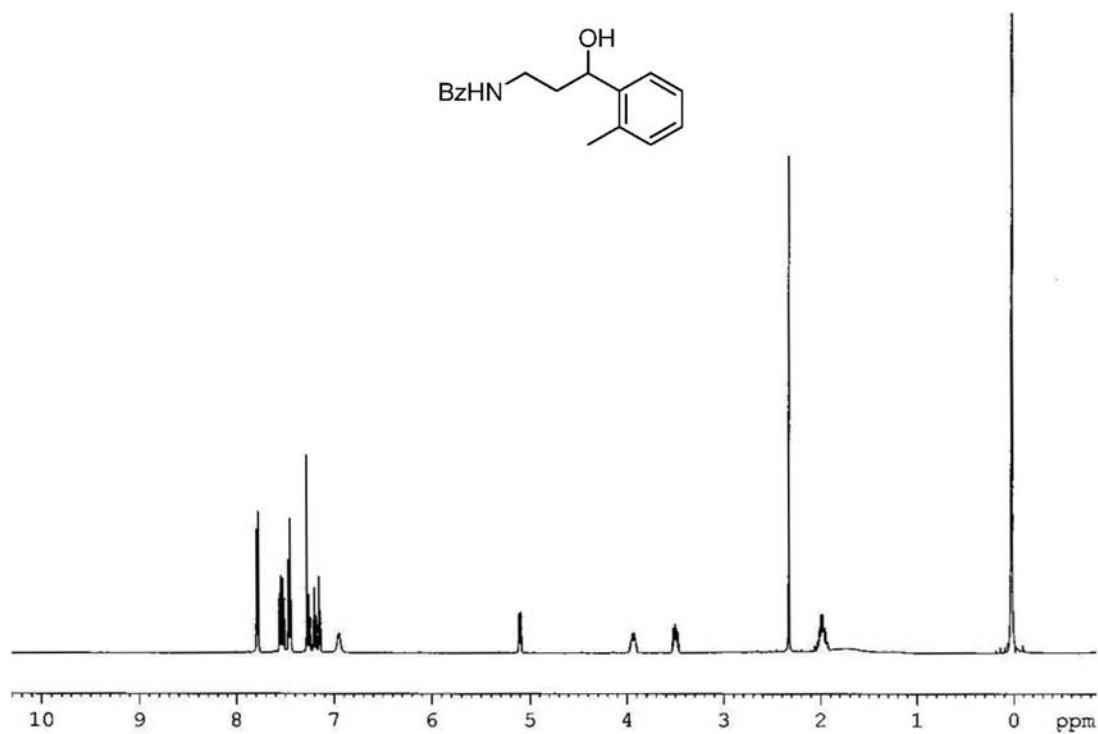


**Figure S19.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2a.

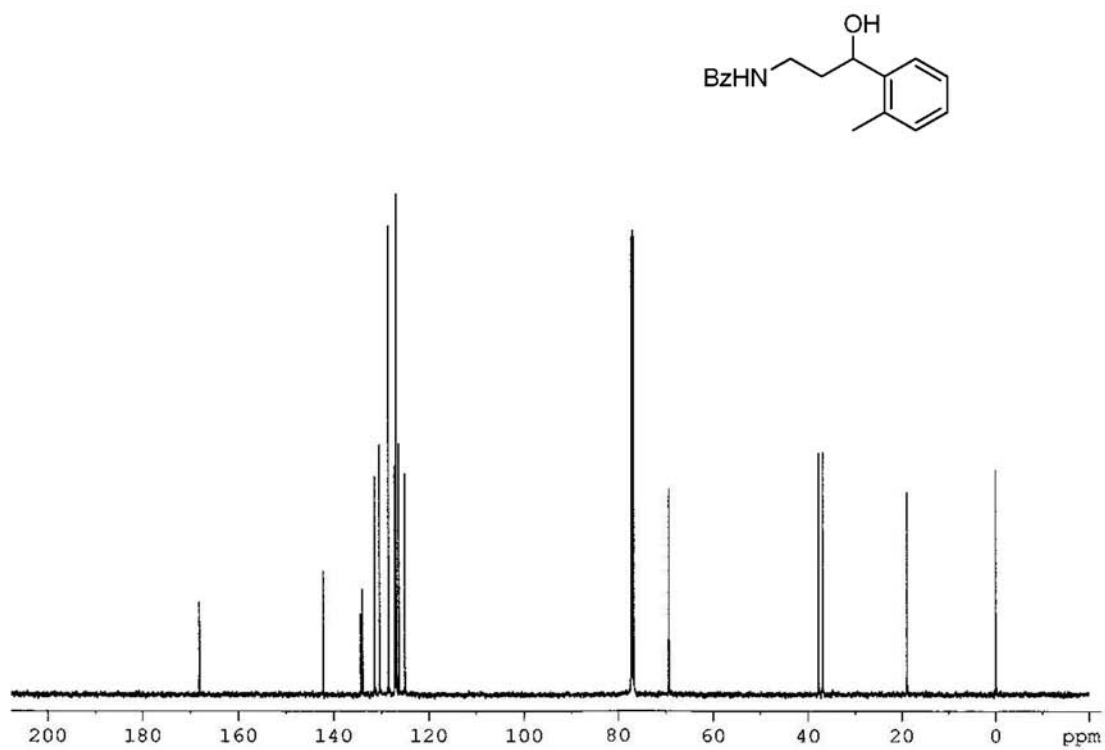


**Figure S20.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2a.

**Figure S21.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **2b**.**Figure S22.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **2b**.

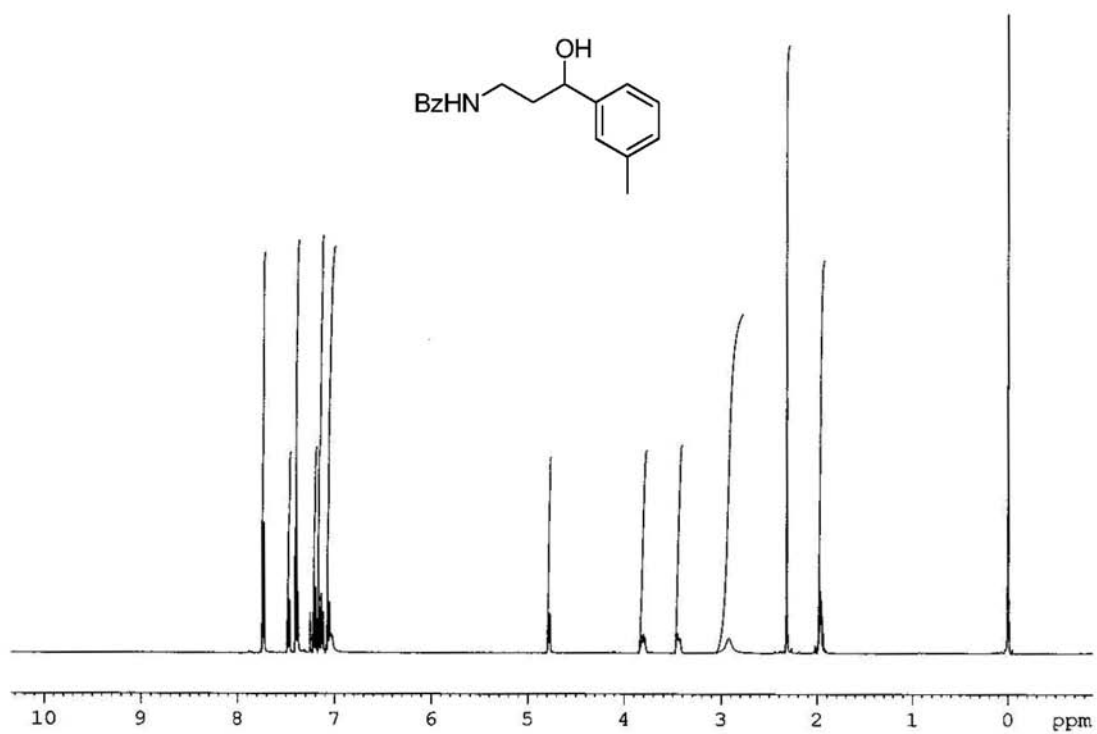
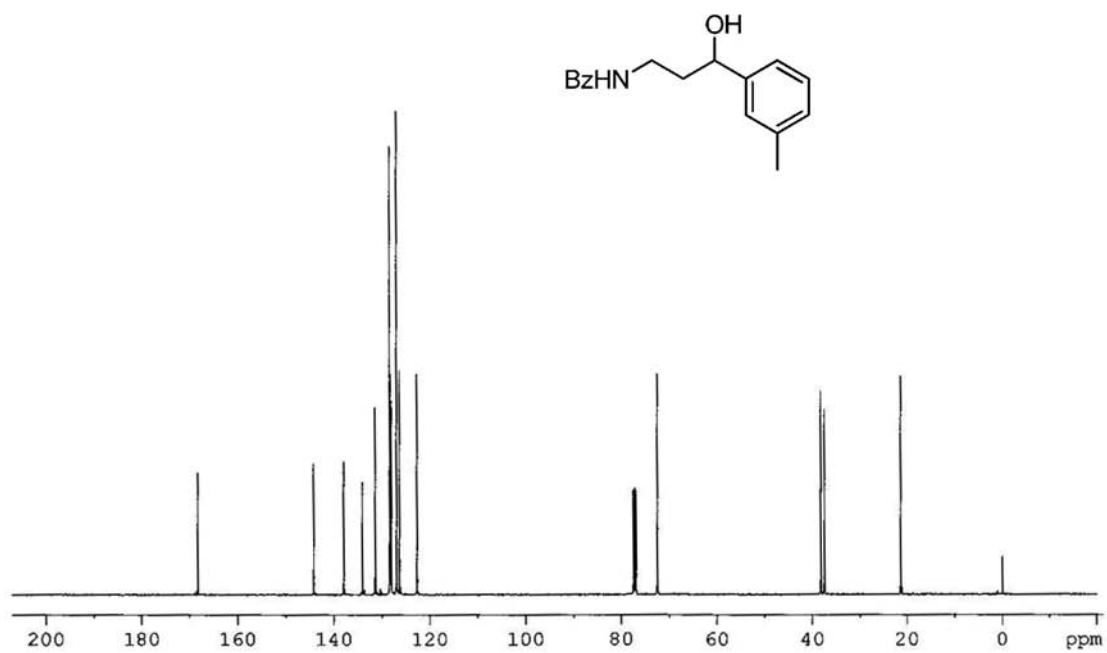


**Figure S23.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2c.



**Figure S24.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2c.



**Figure S25.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **2d**.**Figure S26.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **2d**.

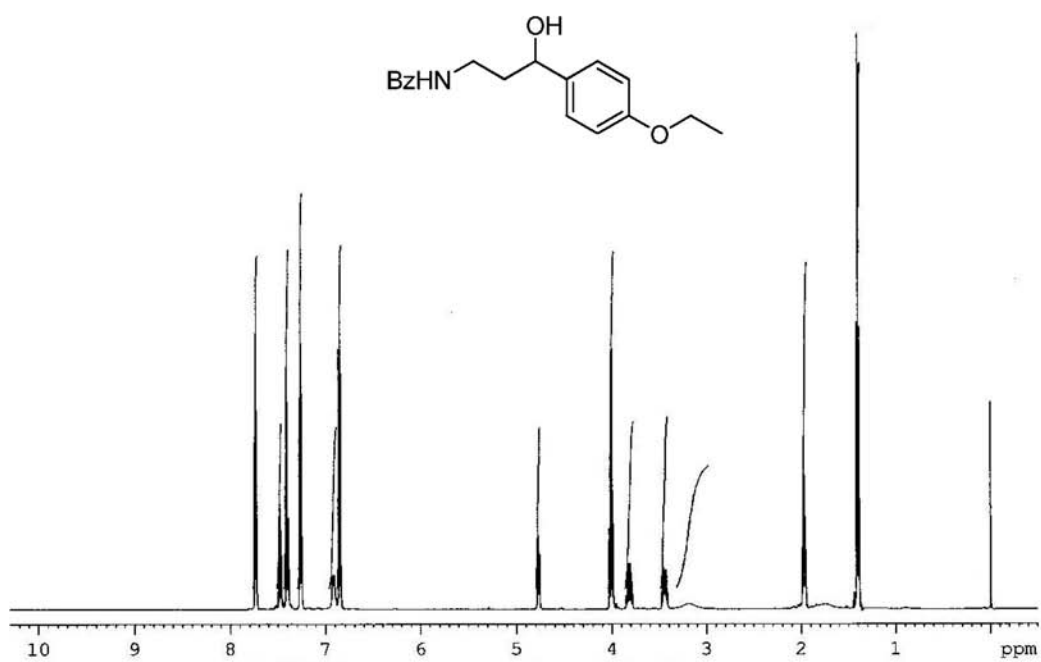


Figure S27. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2e.

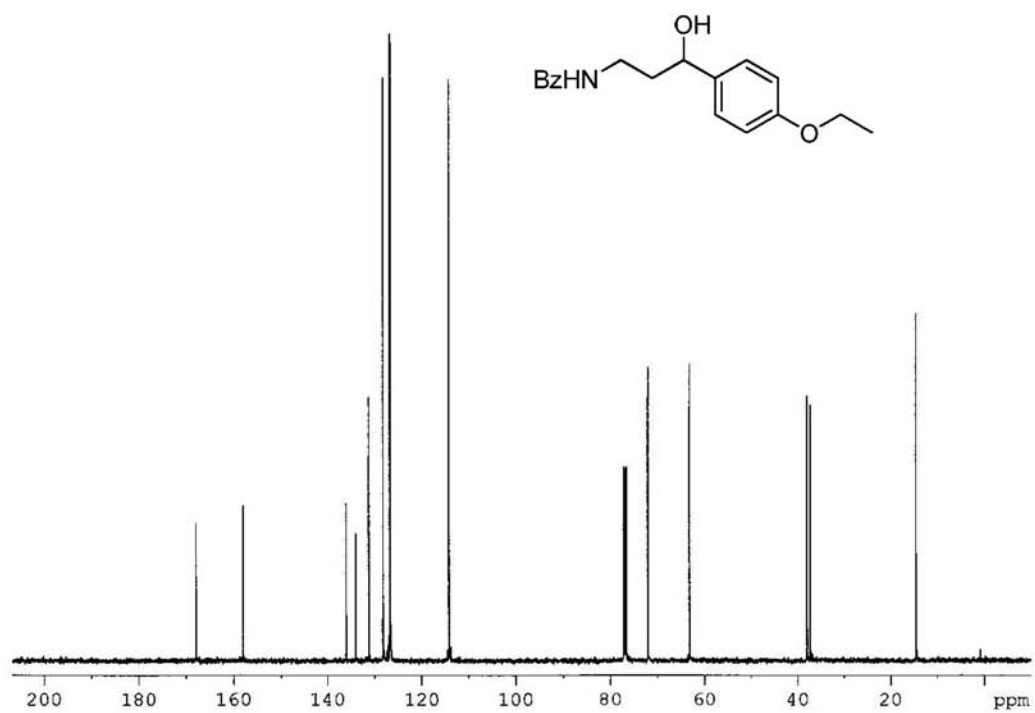
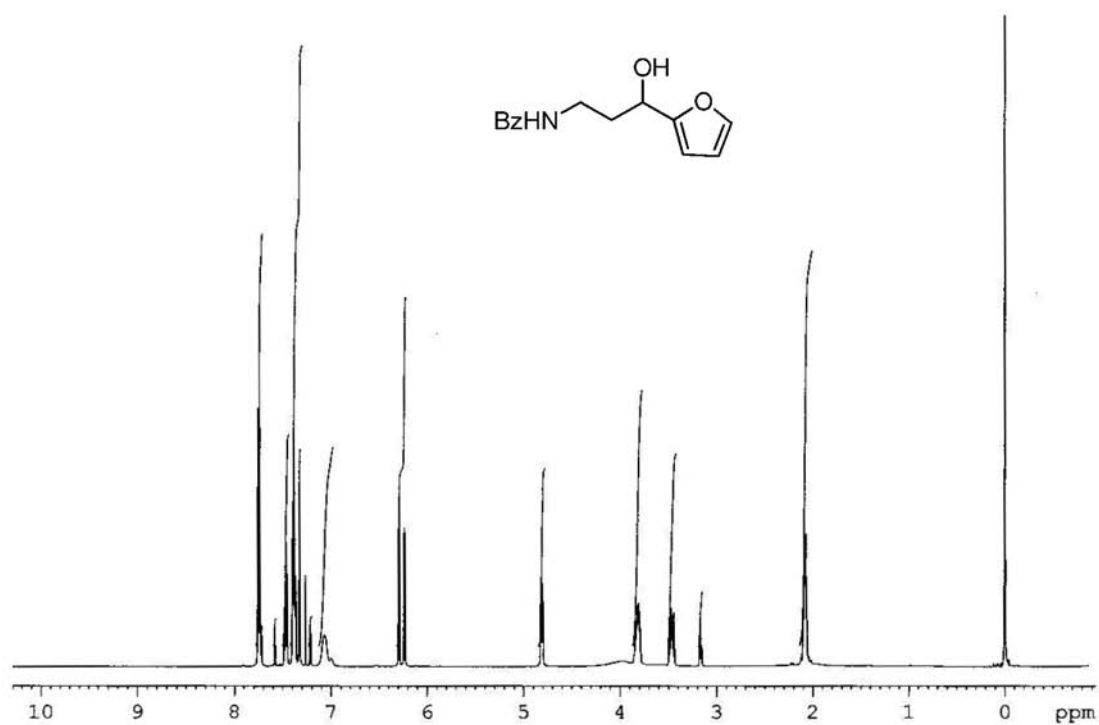
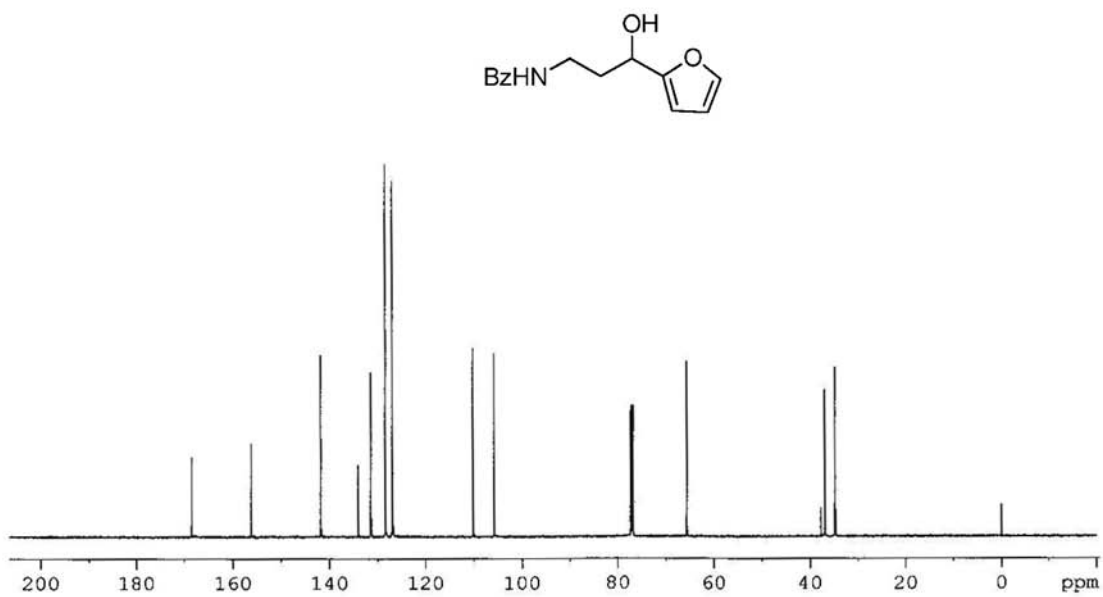


Figure S28. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2e.

**Figure S29.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2f.**Figure S30.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2f.

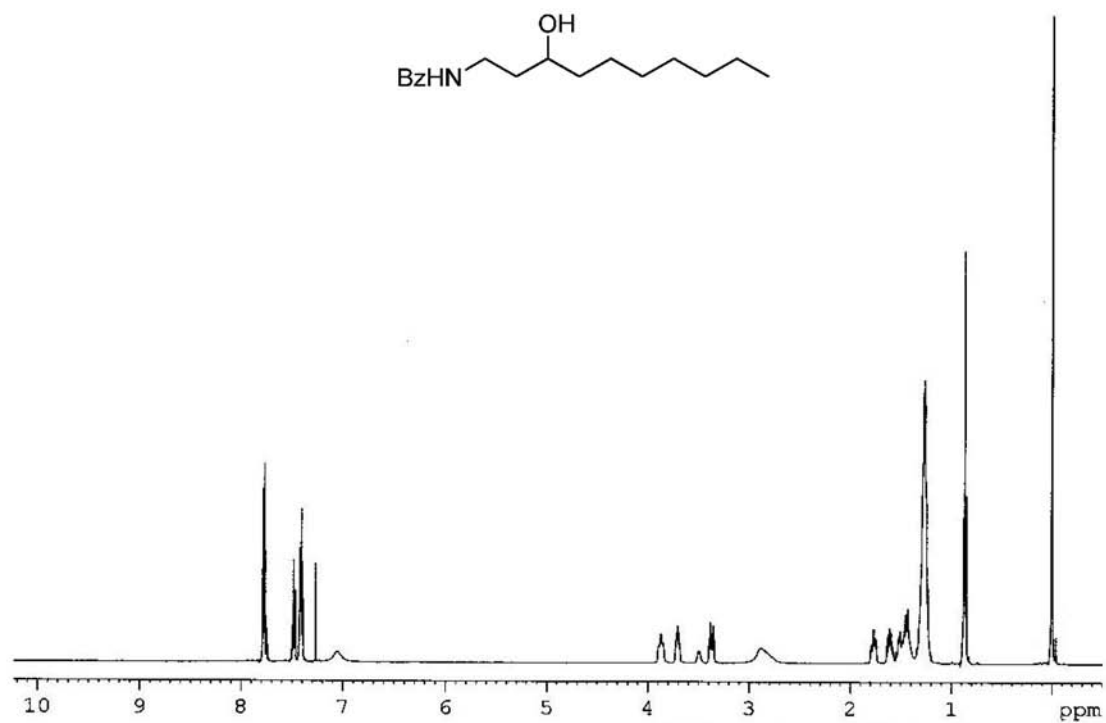


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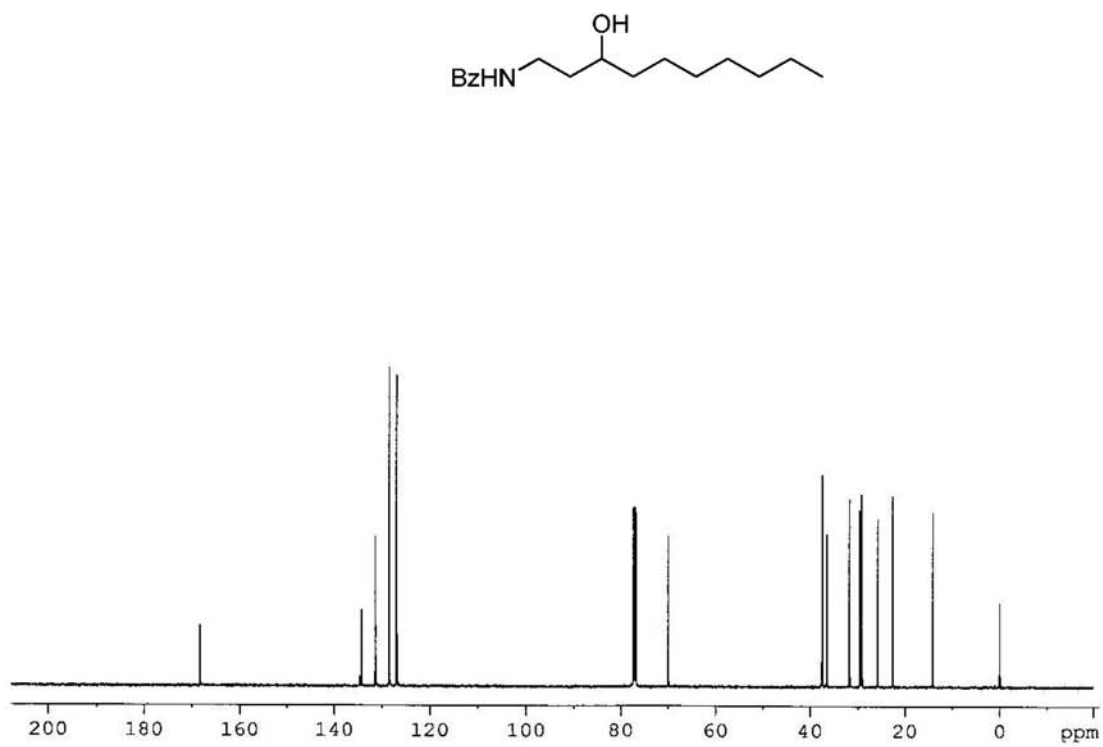


Figure S32. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2g.

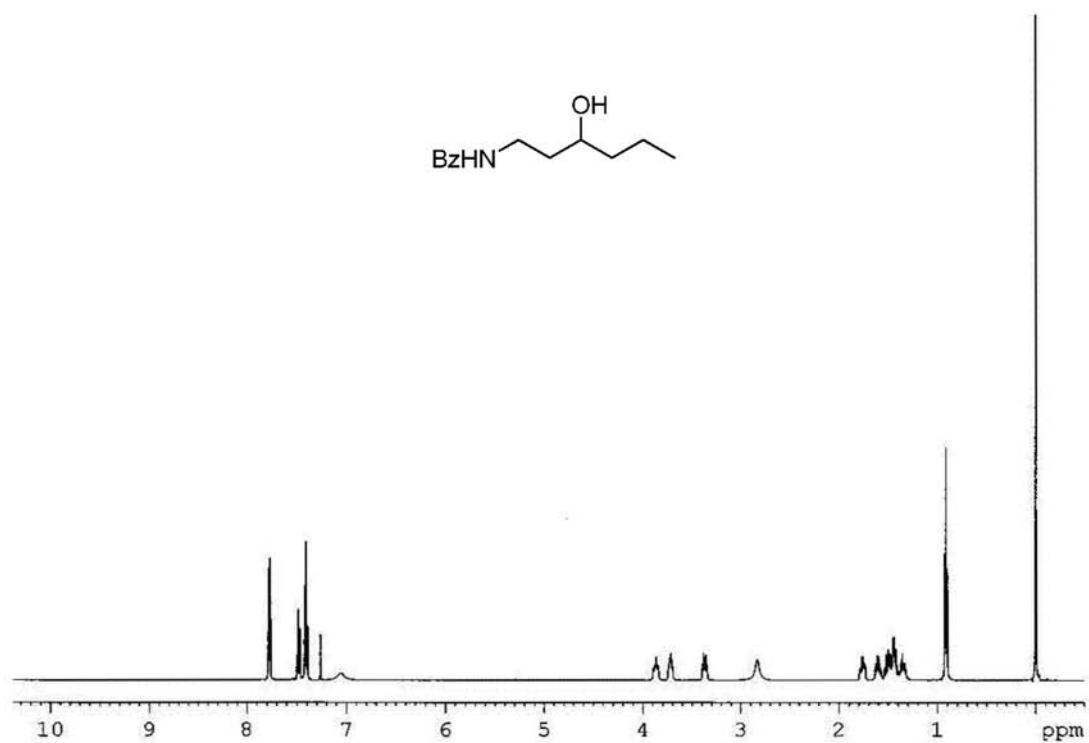


Figure S33. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **2h**.

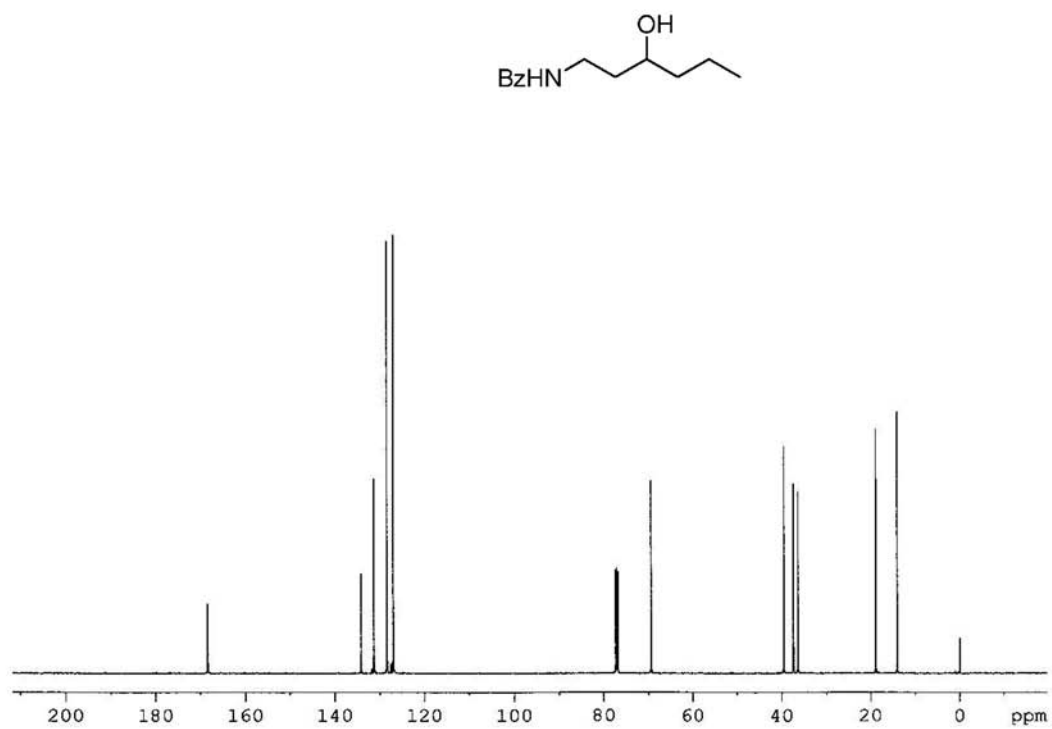
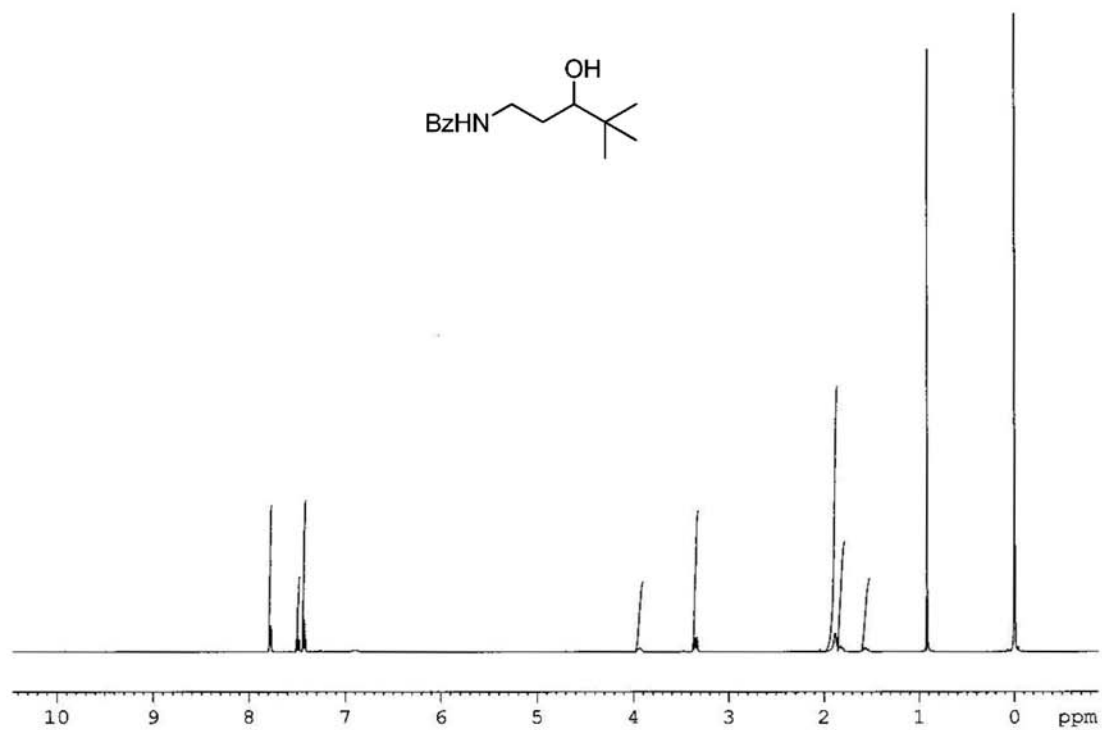
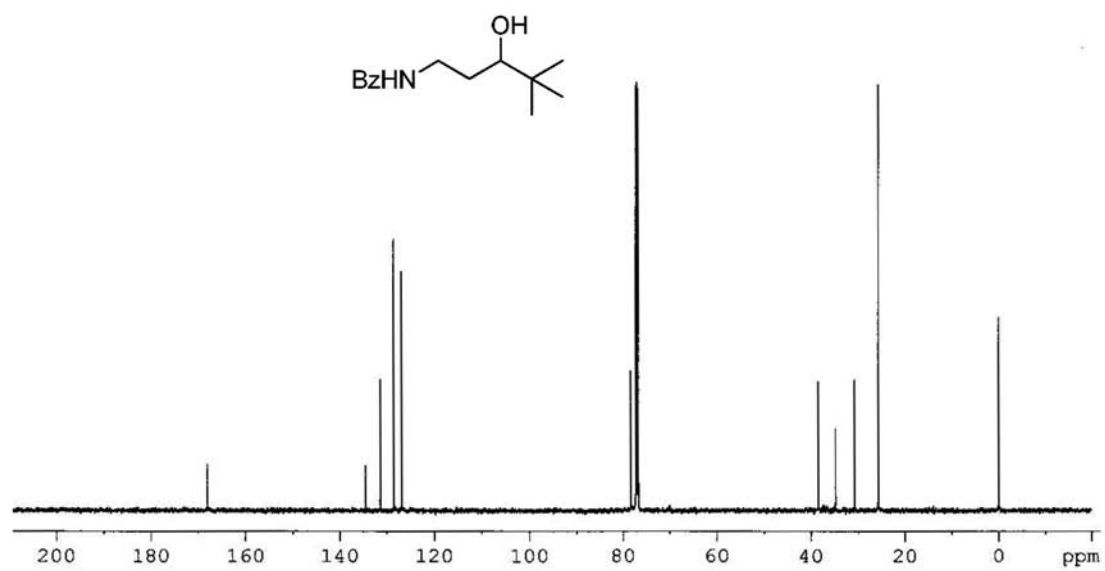


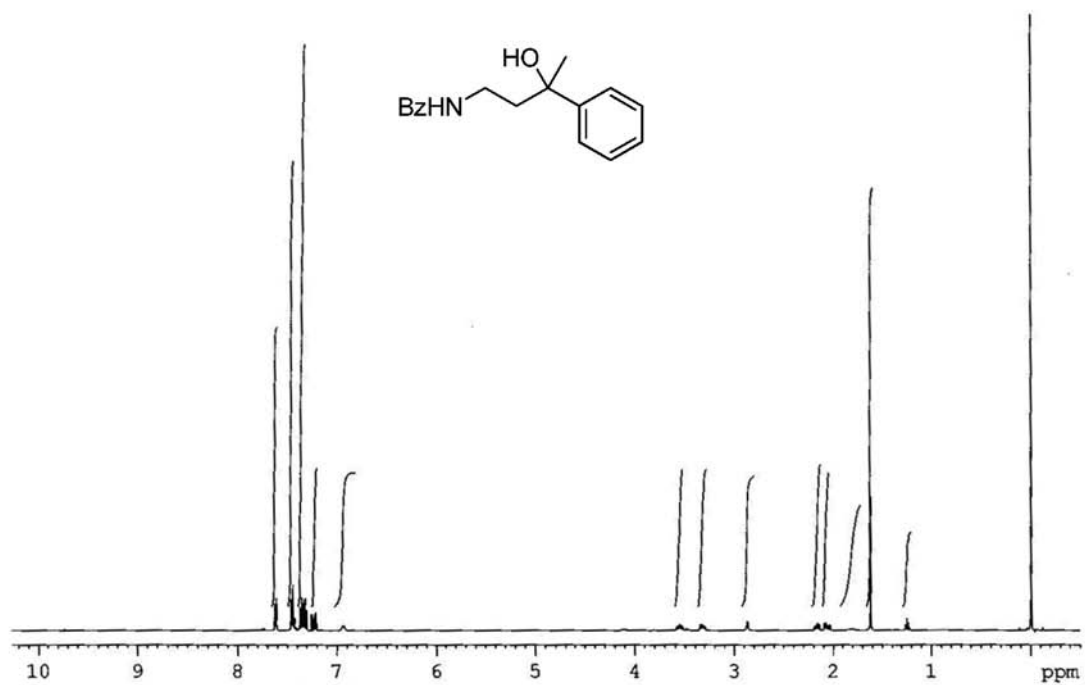
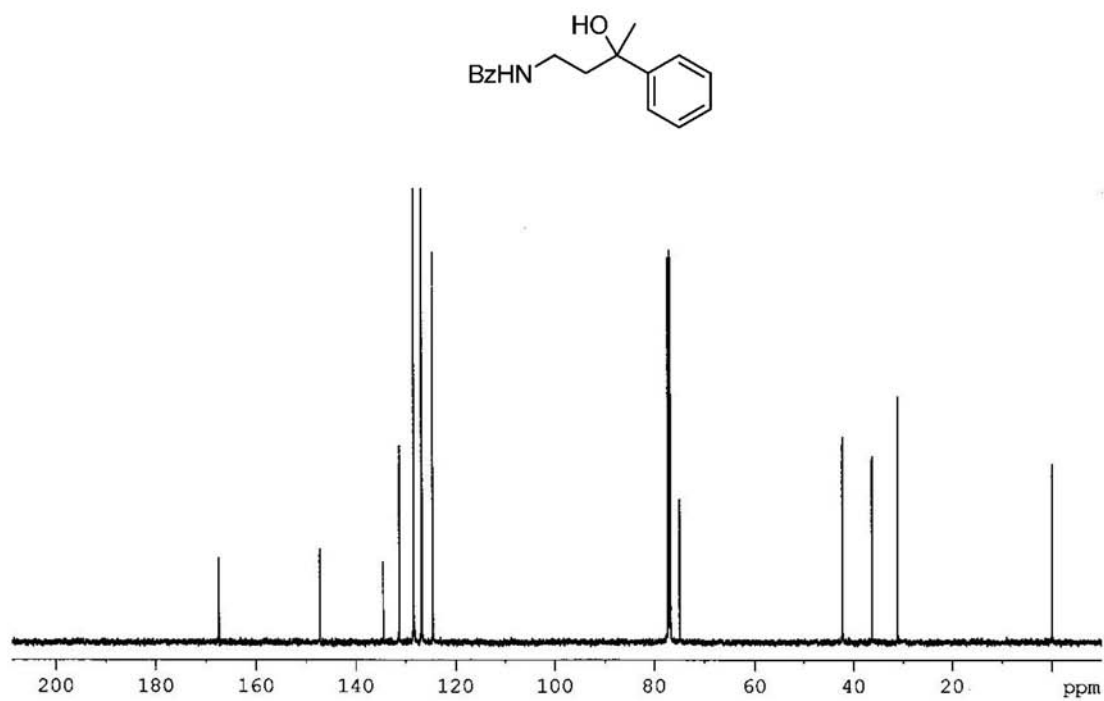
Figure S34. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **2h**.

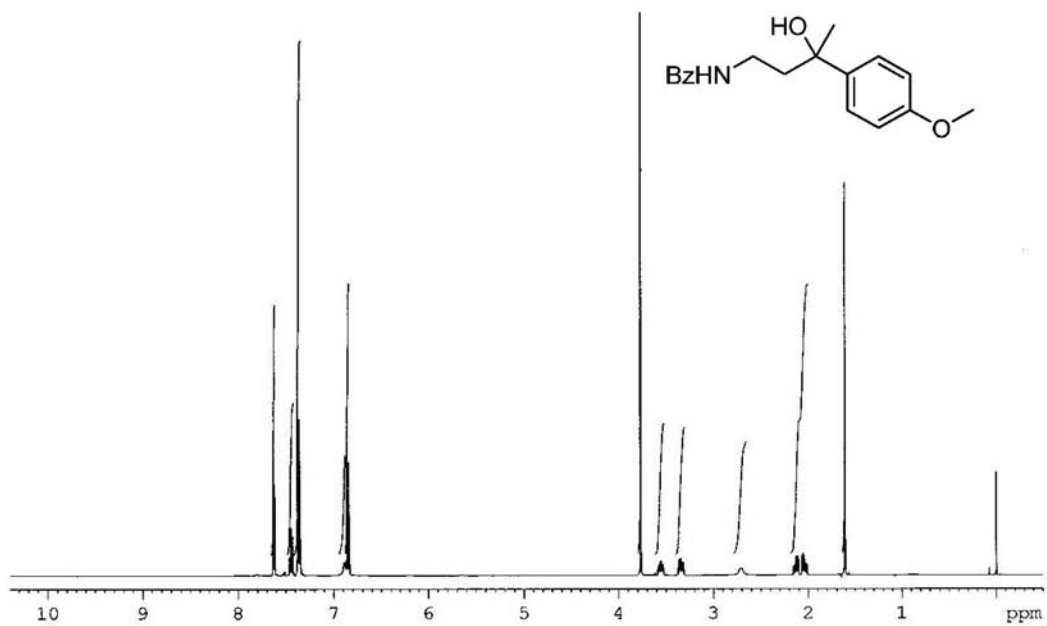


**Figure S35.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **2i**.

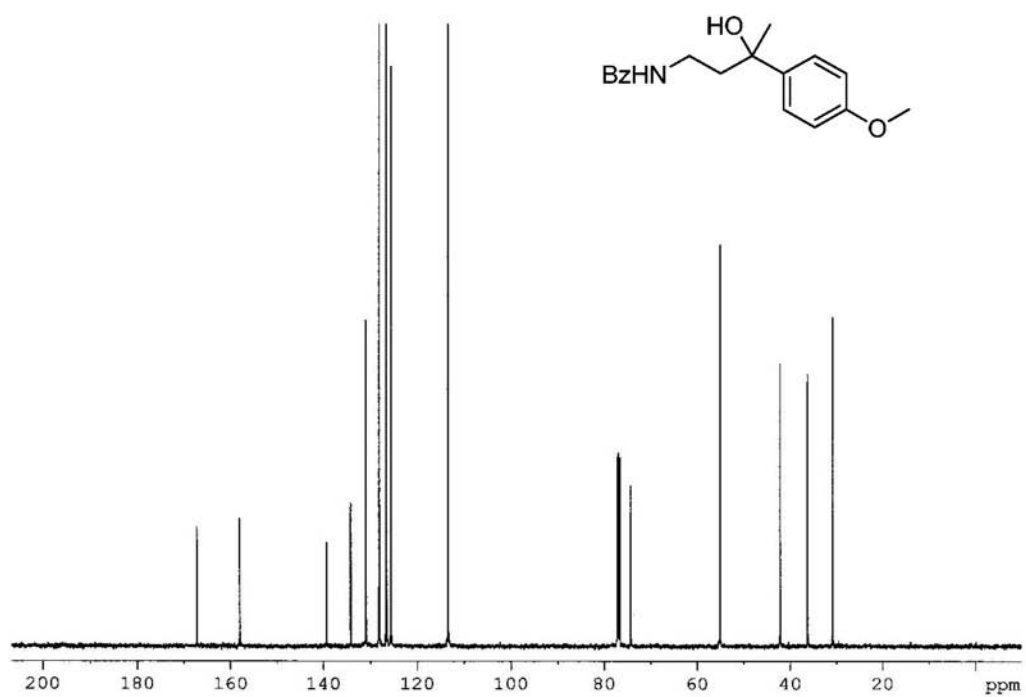


**Figure S36.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **2i**.

**Figure S37.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2j.**Figure S38.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2j.

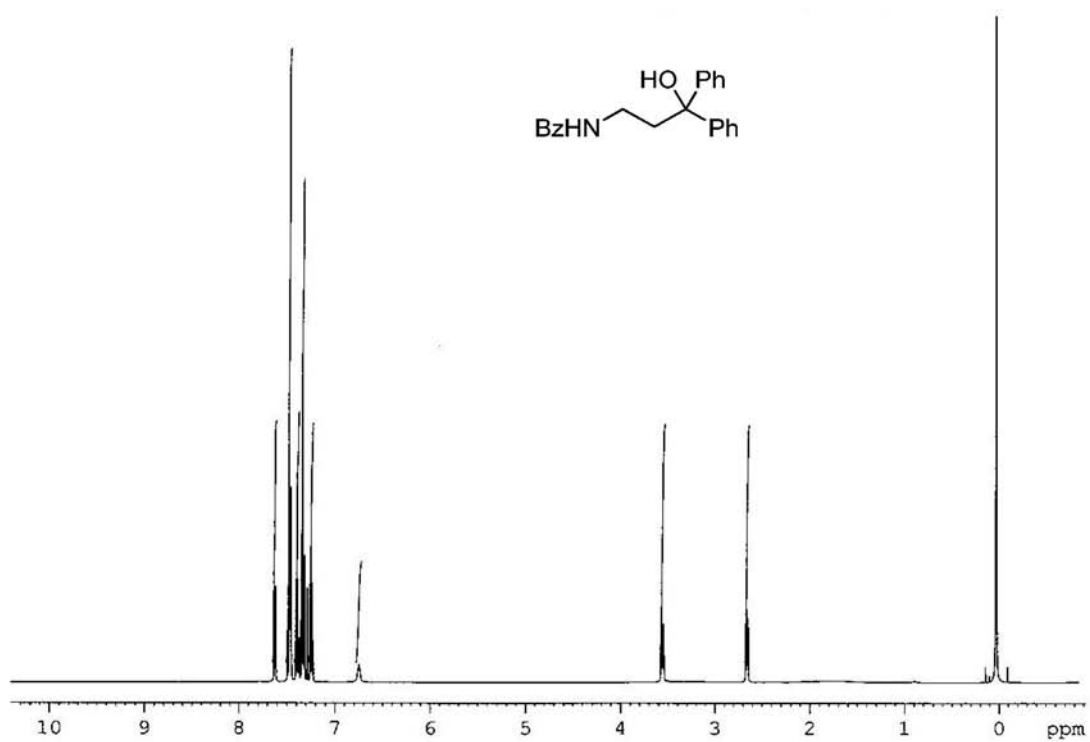
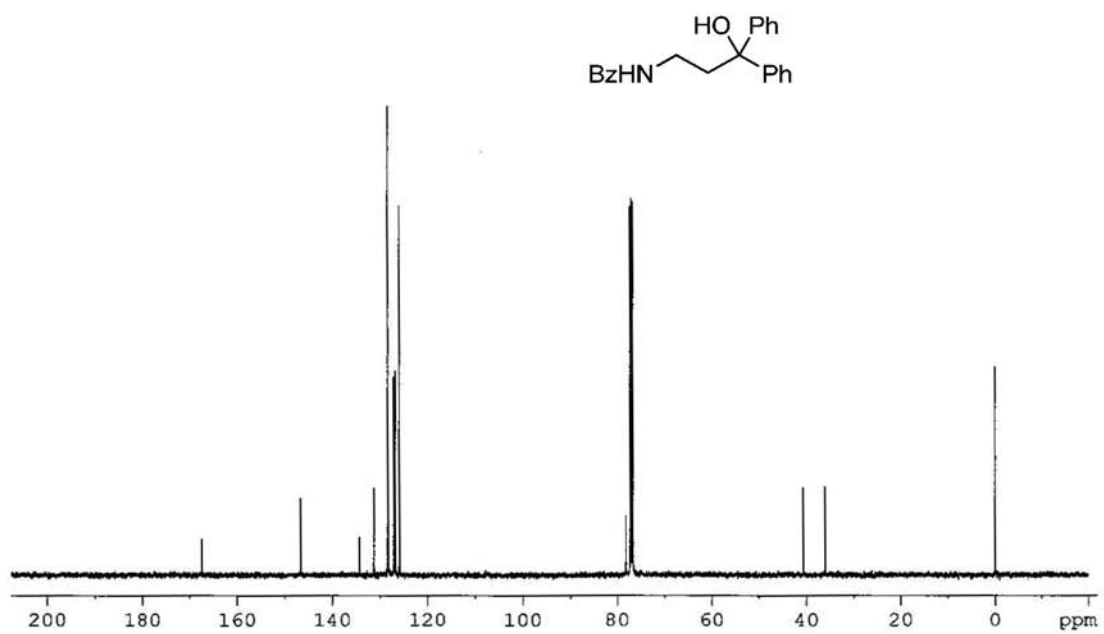


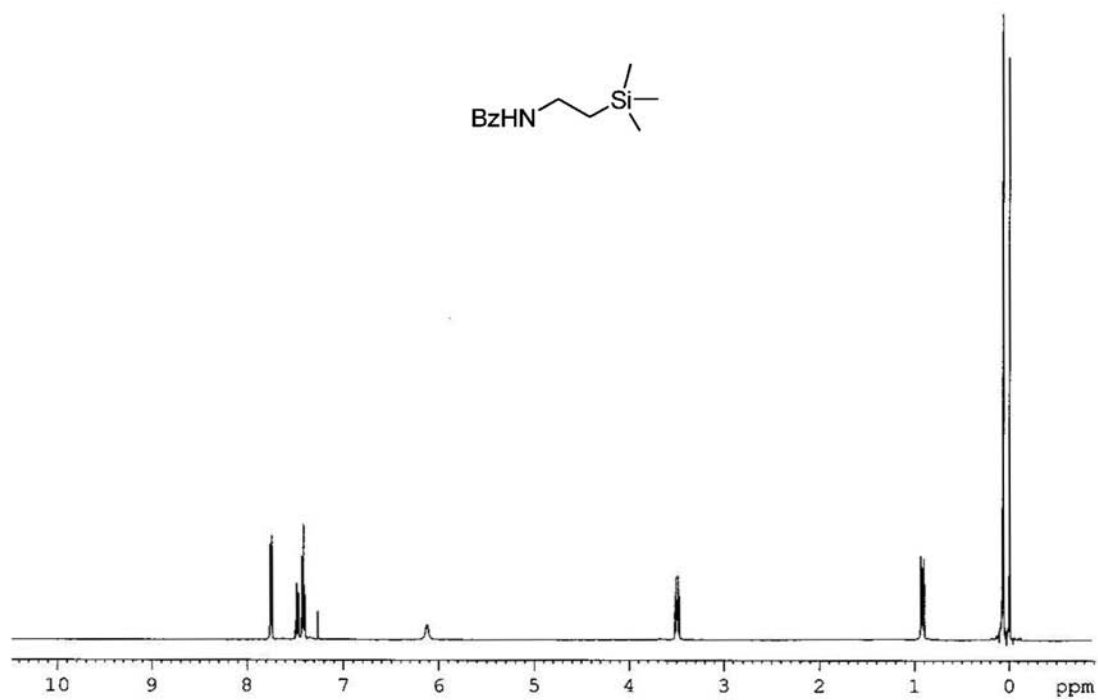
**Figure S39.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2k.



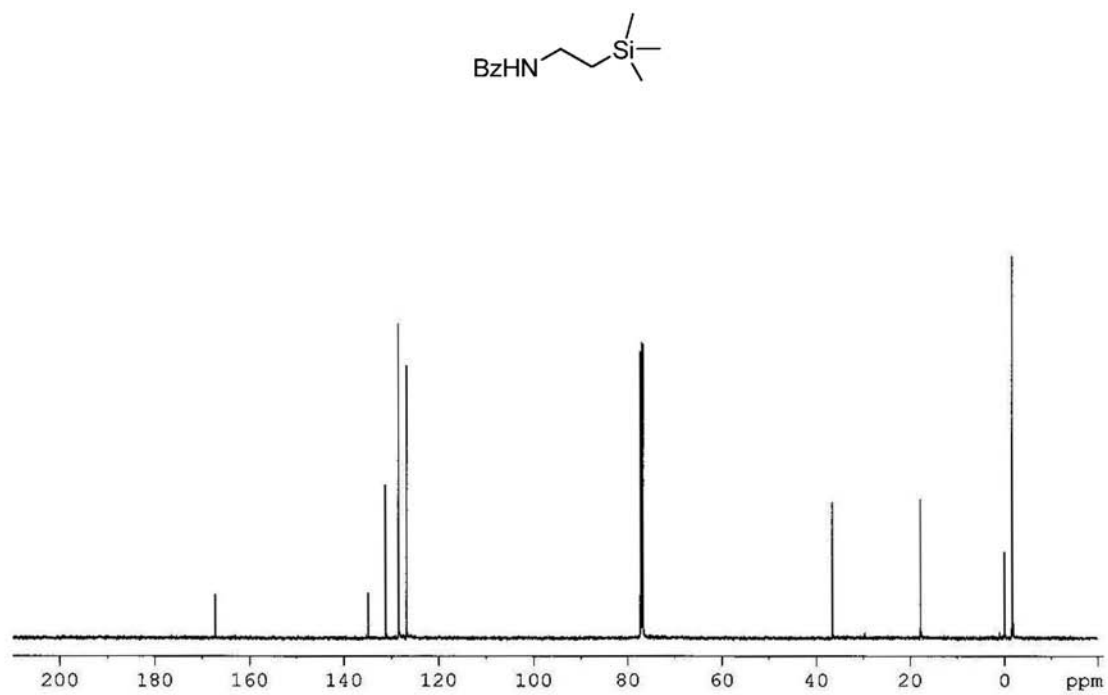
**Figure S40.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2k.



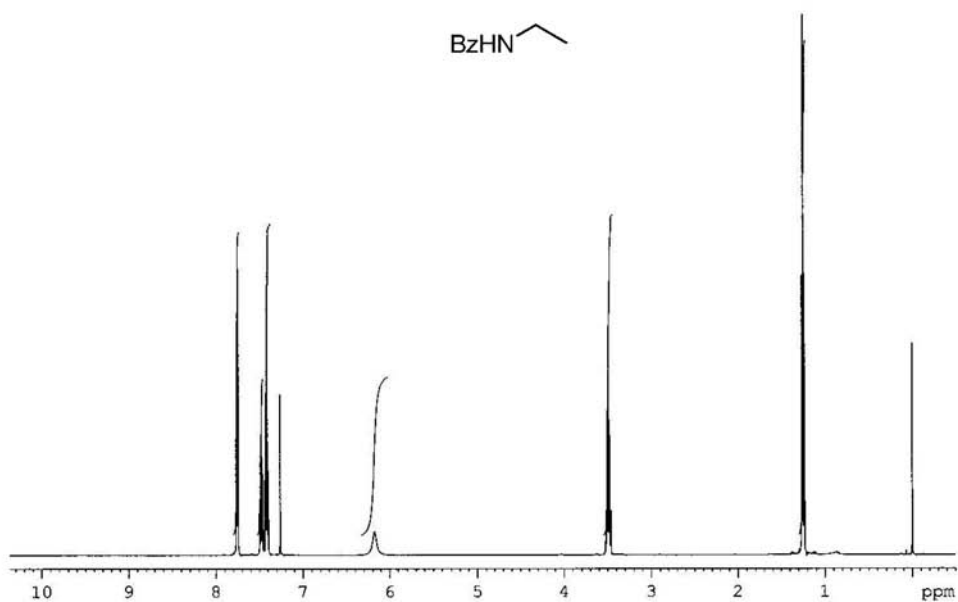
**Figure S41.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **21**.**Figure S42.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **21**.



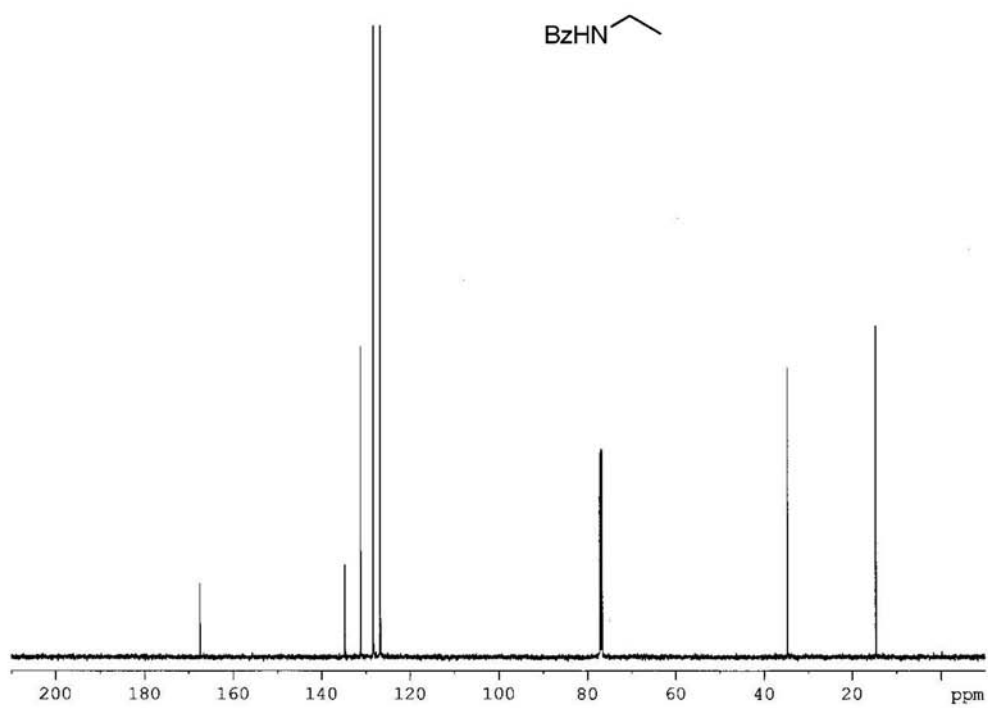
**Figure S43.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **2m**.



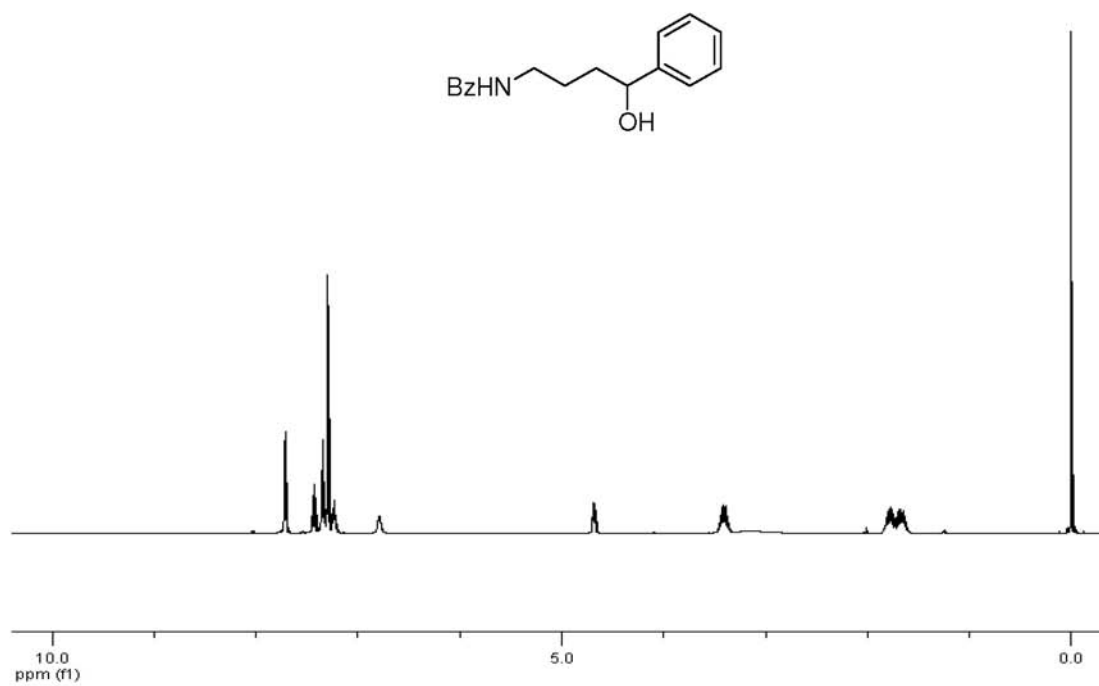
**Figure S44.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **2m**.



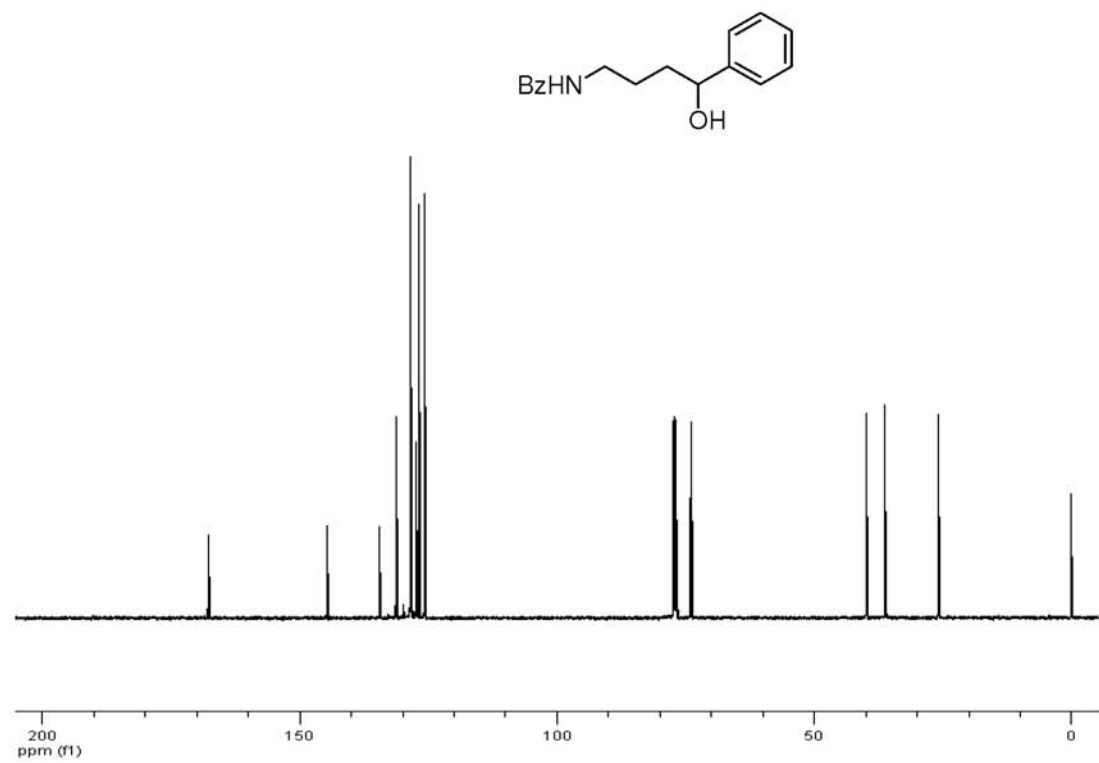
**Figure S45.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **2n**.



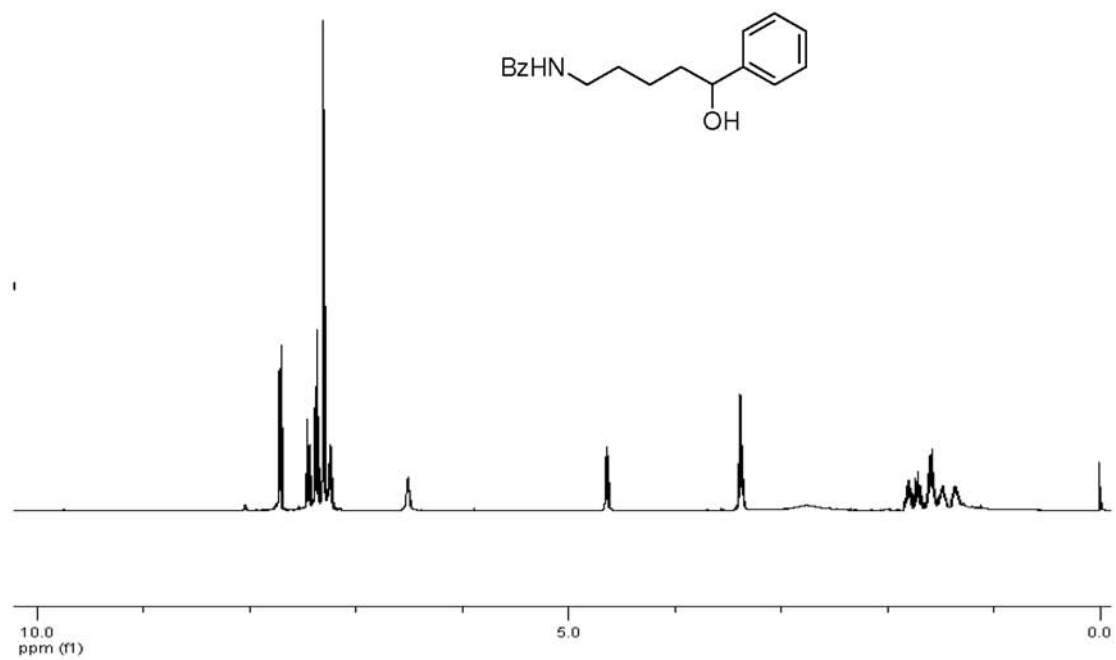
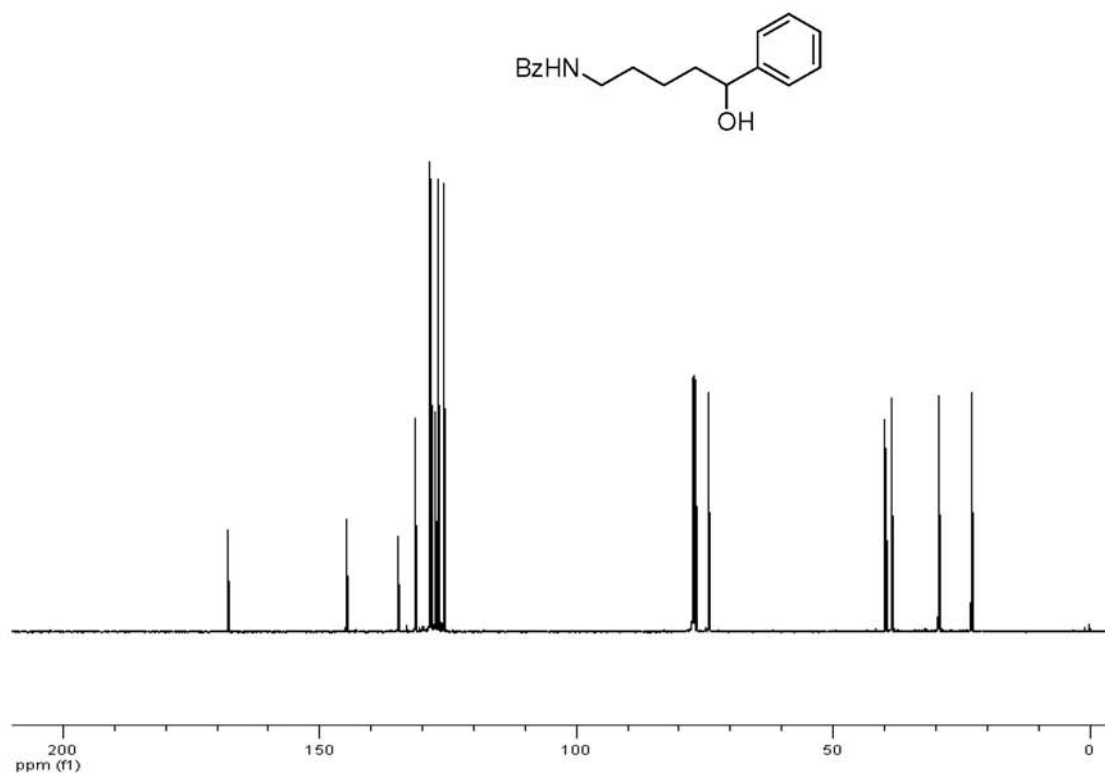
**Figure S46.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **2n**.



**Figure S47.**  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **2o**.



**Figure S48.**  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **2o**.

**Figure S49.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **2p**.**Figure S50.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **2p**.

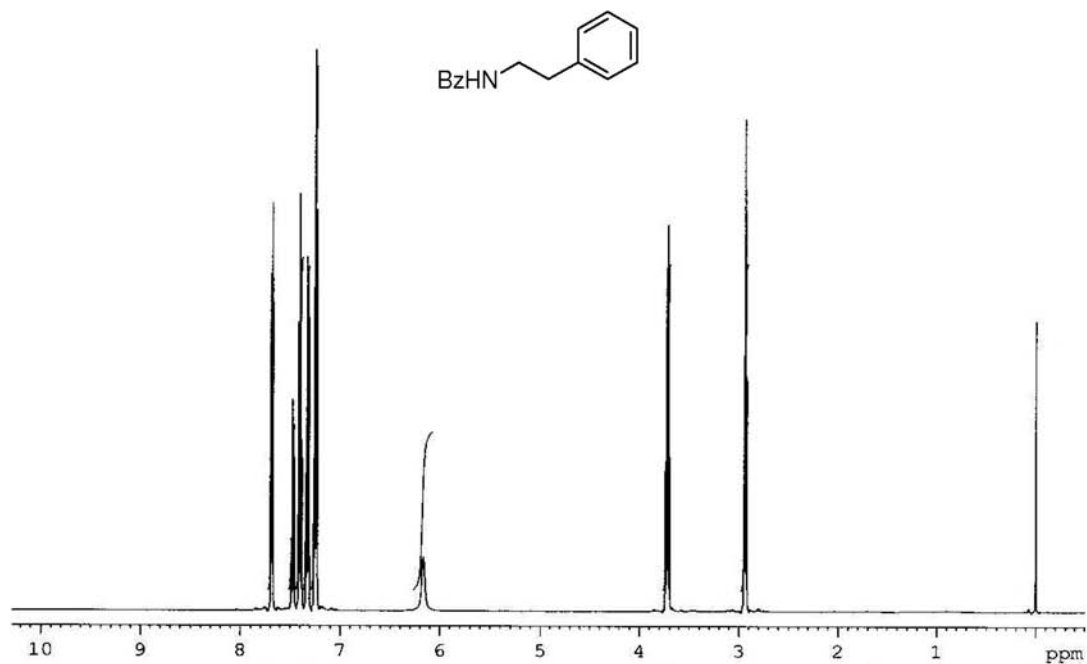


Figure S51. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3a.

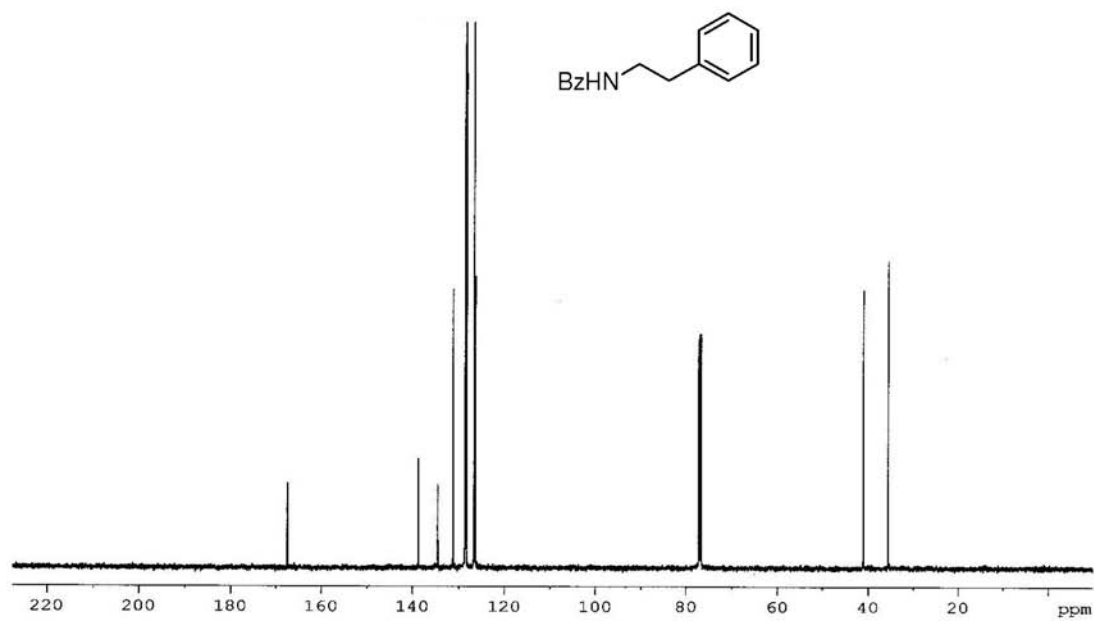
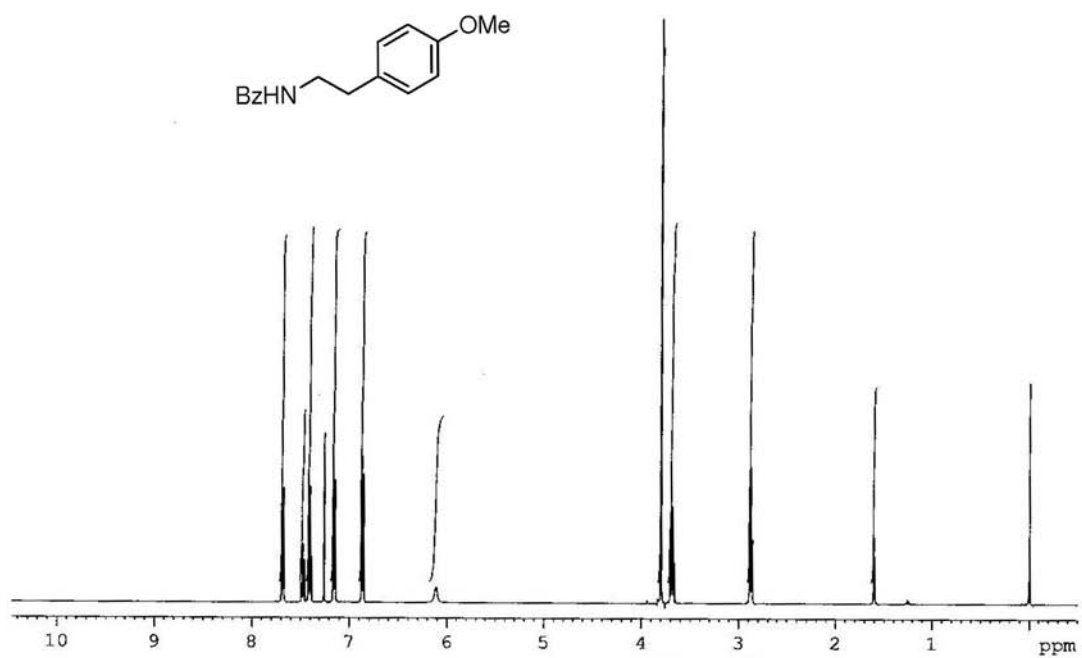
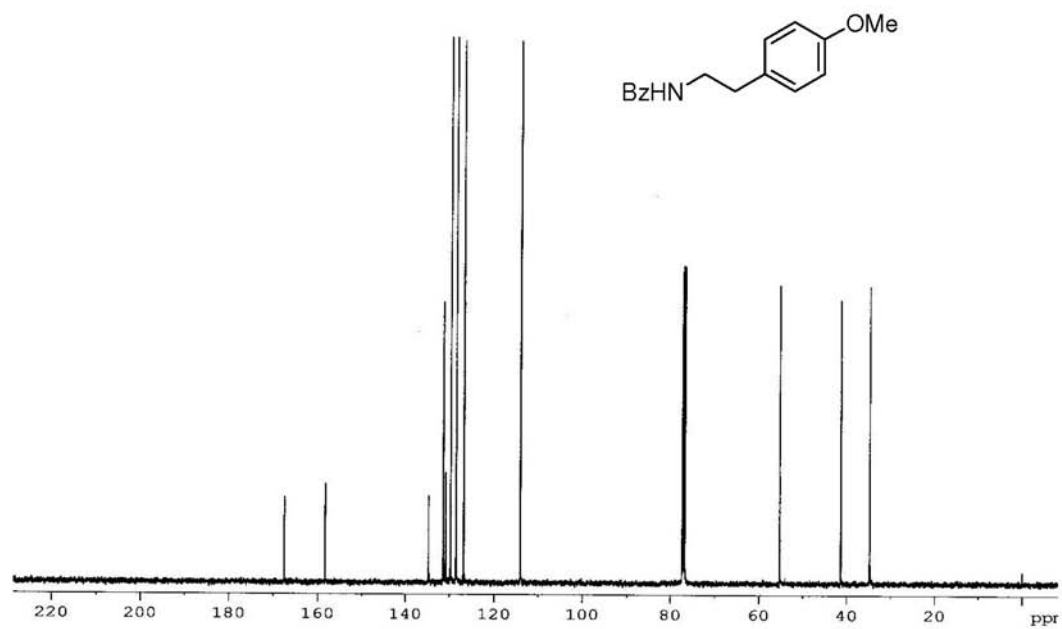


Figure S52. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3a.

**Figure S53.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **2b**.**Figure S54.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **2b**.

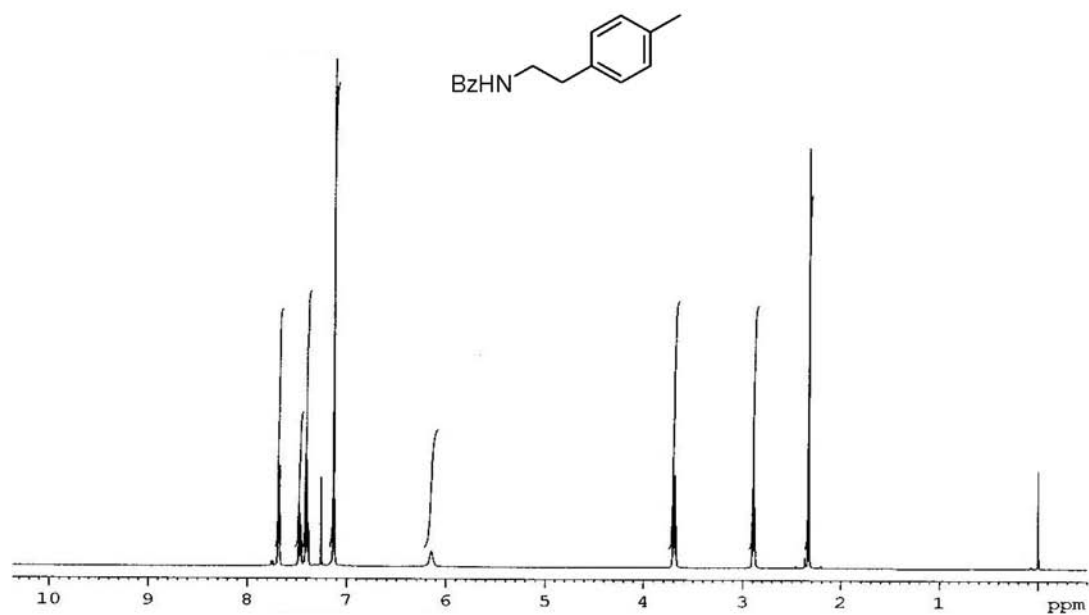


Figure S55. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3c.

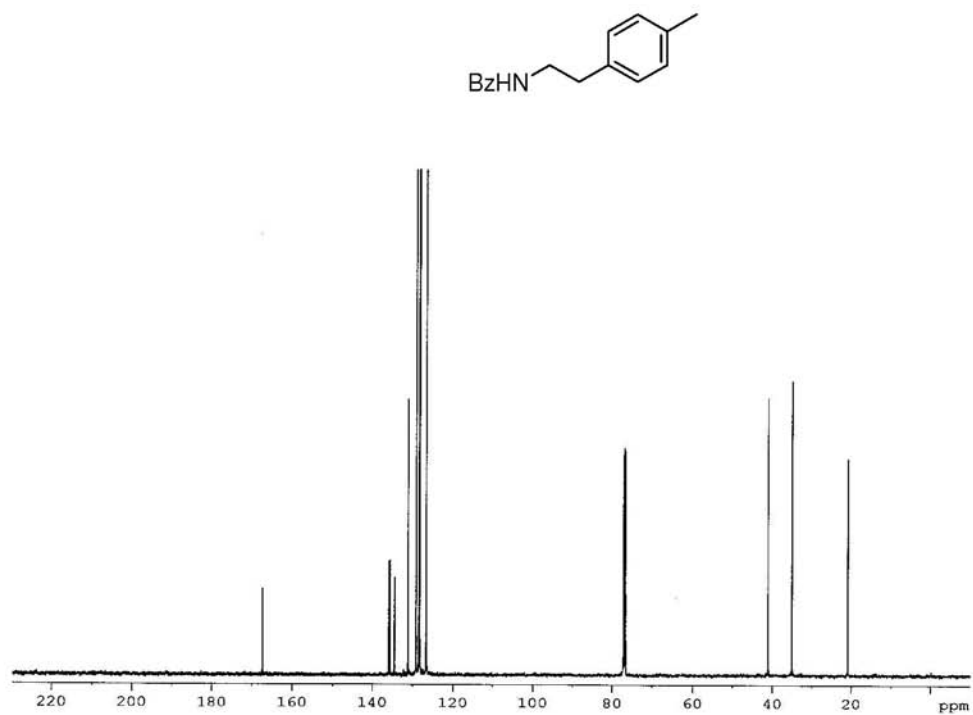
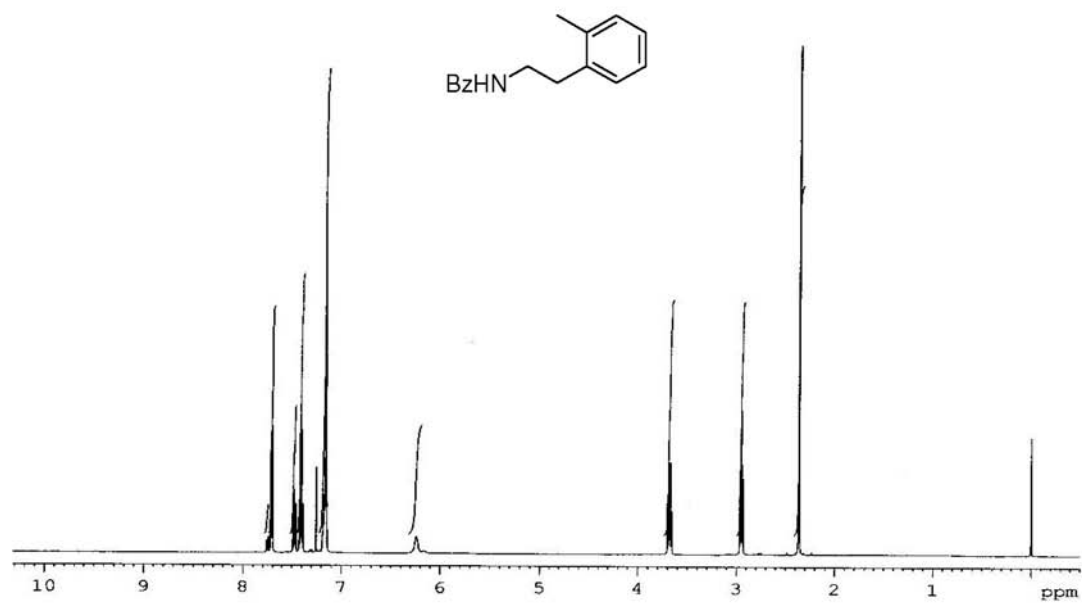
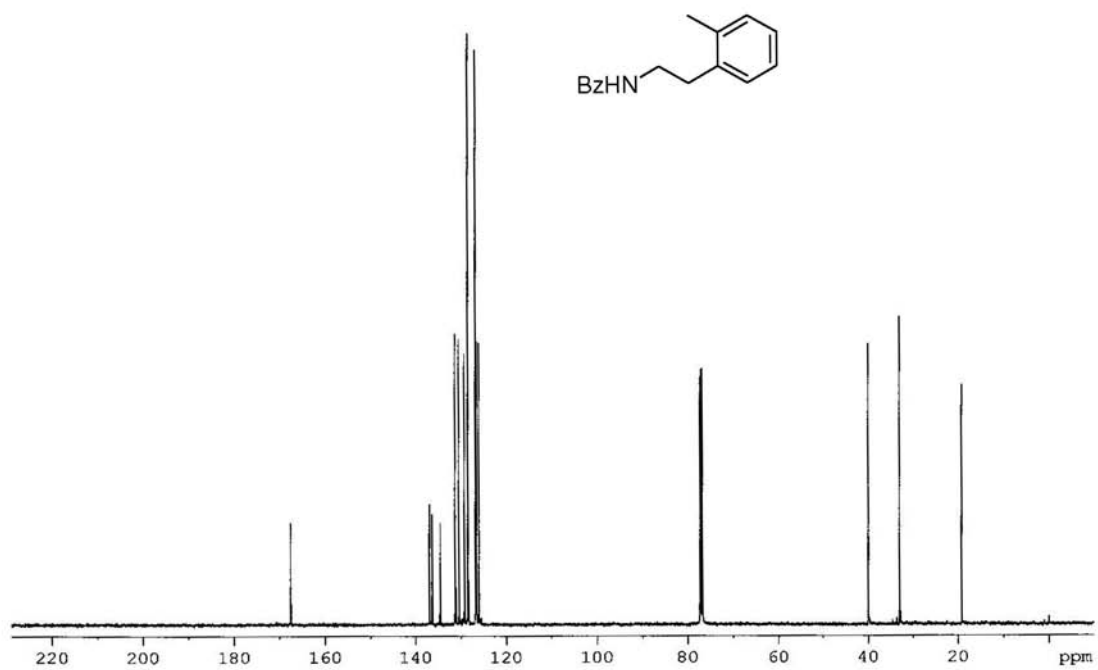


Figure S56. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3c.



**Figure S57.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3d.**Figure S58.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3d.

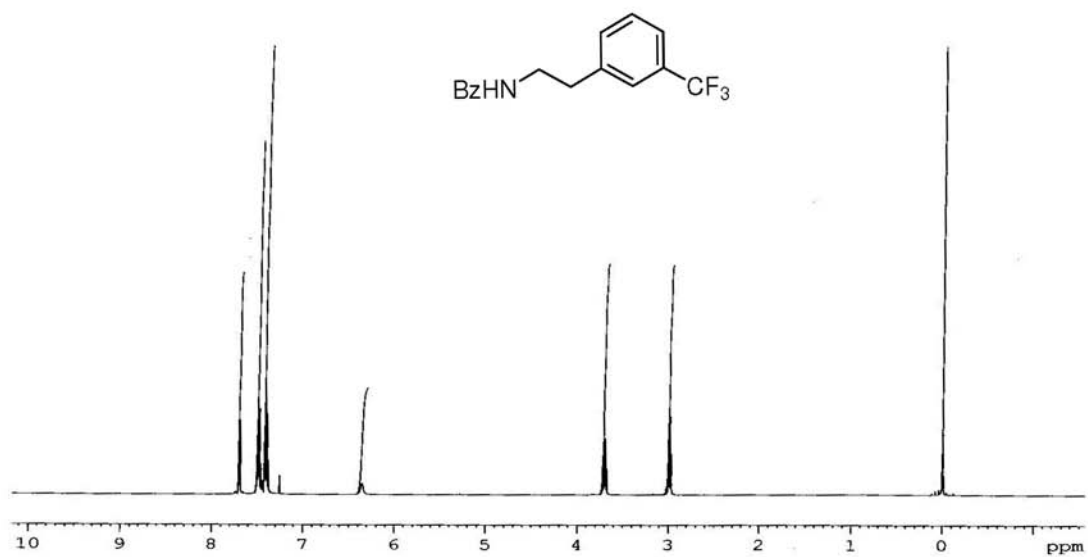


Figure S59. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3e.

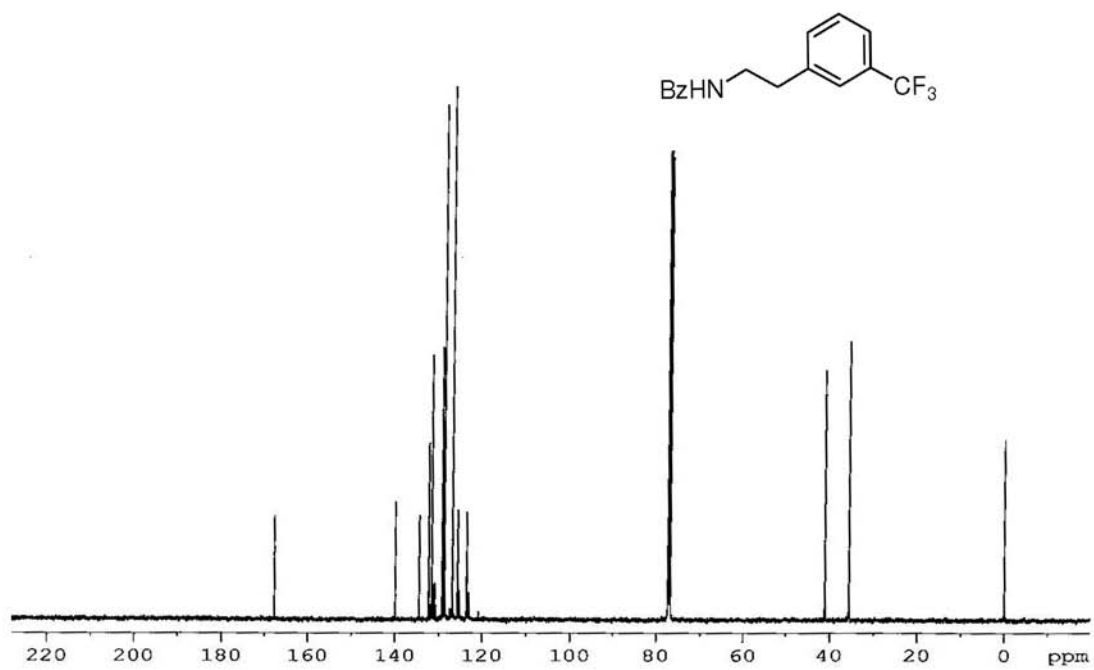
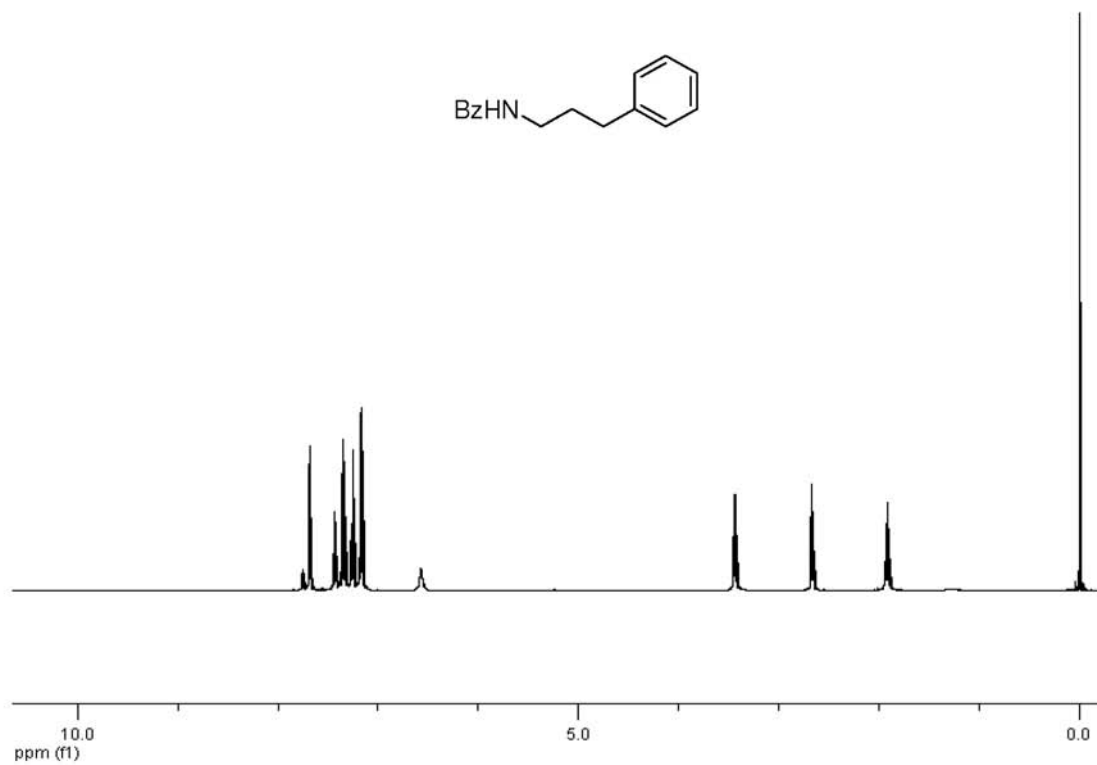
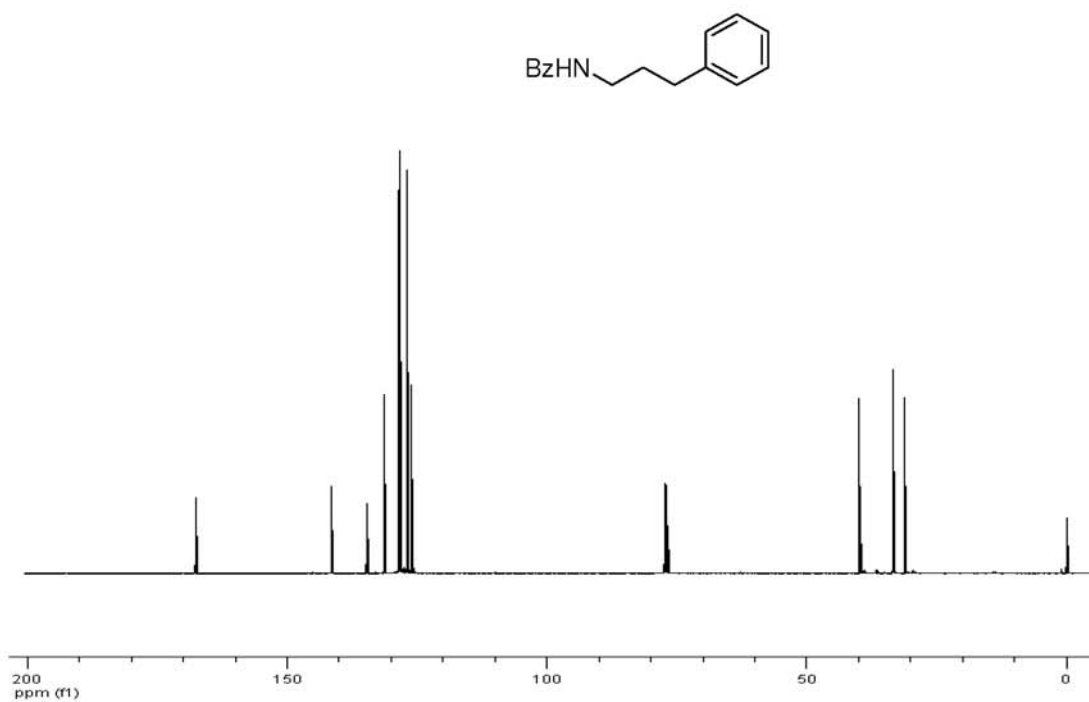


Figure S60. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3e.

**Figure S61.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **3f**.**Figure S62.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **3f**.