

Iron-Mediated C-H Coupling of Arenes and Unactivated Terminal Alkenes Directed by Sulfur

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General Experimental

THF was distilled from sodium/benzophenone and CH₂Cl₂ was distilled from CaH₂. All other solvents and reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used as supplied.

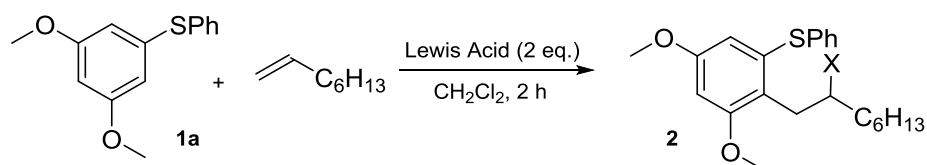
Crude yields were determined by ¹H NMR using MeNO₂ standard. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a 300, 400 or 500 MHz spectrometer, ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a 75, 100 or 125 MHz spectrometer. All chemical shift values are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the solvent signal and were determined in CDCl₃, with coupling constant (*J*) values reported in Hz. The notation of signals is: Proton: δ *chemical shift in ppm (number of protons, multiplicity, J value (s), proton assignment)*. Carbon: δ *chemical shift in ppm (carbon assignment)*.

Column chromatography was carried out using 35 – 70 μm, 60A silica gel. Routine TLC analysis was carried out on silica gel 60 Å F254 coated aluminium sheets of 0.2 mm thickness. Plates were viewed using a 254 nm ultraviolet lamp.

Low resolution and high resolution mass spectra were obtained using either positive and/or negative electrospray ionisation (ES), electron impact ionisation (EI) and chemical ionisation (CI) techniques.

IR spectra were recorded on a FTIR spectrometer as evaporated films (from CH₂Cl₂) using sodium chloride windows or neat.

Lewis Acid Screen



The corresponding Lewis acid (0.40 mmol) was added to a stirred mixture of **1a** (50.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 1-octene (160 μL, 1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) under N₂ atmosphere. The mixture was stirred for 2 h. The reaction mixture was then quenched with H₂O (2 ml) and diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL). The organic layer was then washed twice more with H₂O (2 ml). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 2 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered and solvent removed *in vacuo*.

Table 1 Screen of Lewis Acids with **1a** and 1-octene

Lewis Acid	Yield ^a
InCl ₃	>95% 1a
Sc(OTf) ₃	>95% 1a
BF ₃ ·Et ₂ O	>95% 1a
In(OTf) ₃	>95% 1a
CeCl ₃	>95% 1a

^aYield by NMR

Cyclic Voltammetry

All voltammetry was performed in a 5 mL water jacketed glass cell at 25°C under Ar, following purging with Ar (MeCN saturated with Ar for MeCN solutions), using CH Instruments CHI600B Electrochemical Analyser with 3 mm diameter glassy carbon working electrode and platinum wire counter electrode. Reference electrodes used were Ag/AgCl 3 M KCl(aq) and a pseudo-reference electrode consisting of Ag wire coated in AgCl (Ag wire dipped in concentrated HCl for a few minutes) in 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (TBAHFP) separated from the analyte solution via a glass frit.

The condition of the Ag/AgCl 3 M KCl(aq) reference electrode was tested by measuring the formal potential of 1mM $K_4Fe(CN)_6 \cdot 3H_2O$ in 0.1 M KCl at pH 7. The pseudo-reference electrode was calibrated by measuring the formal potential of 1 mM ferrocene in 0.1M TBAHFP MeCN vs. Ag/AgCl 3 M KCl(aq) then measuring the formal potential of 1 mM ferrocene in 0.1 M TBAHFP in MeCN vs. the pseudo-reference electrode. The stability of the pseudo-reference electrode was checked by repeating the ferrocene formal potential measurement after measurement of analyte solutions had been completed.

Potassium ferrocyanide and ferrocene formal potentials were calculated by taking the value at the mid-point between reduction and oxidation peaks. The formal potentials of (3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide and (3-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide were calculated by fitting an EC mechanism model to the experimental data and finding the best fit over all scan rates investigated (using 'sensible' values for the EC model parameters).

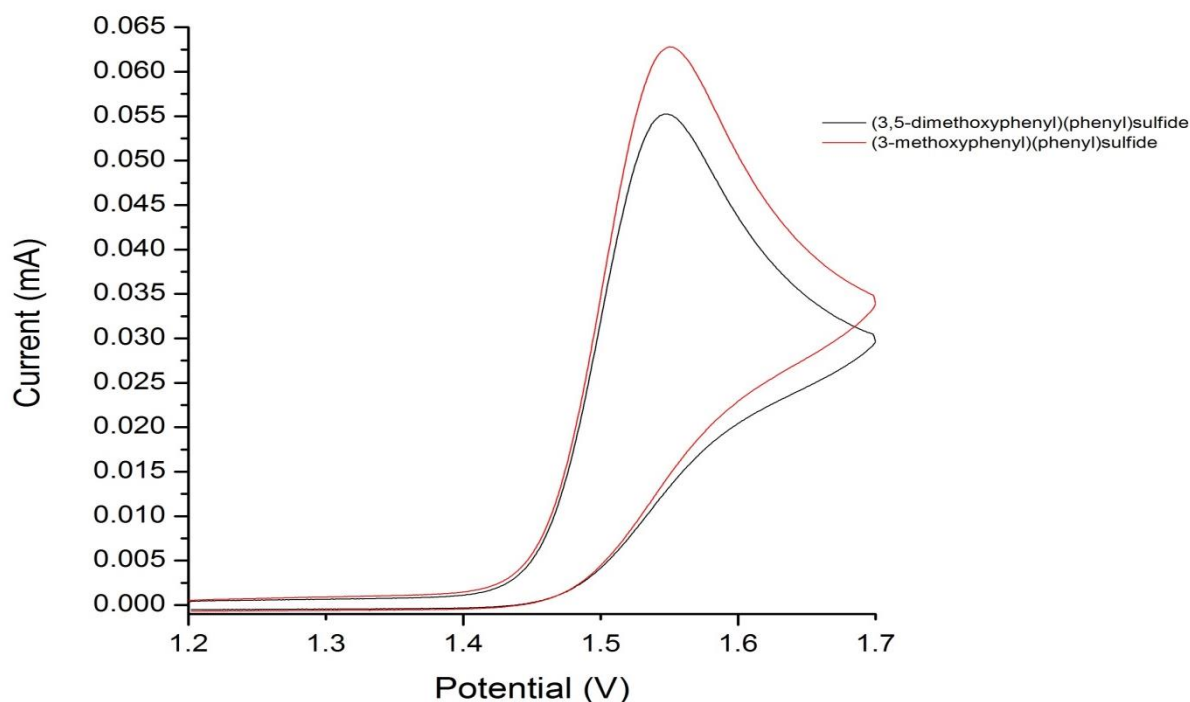
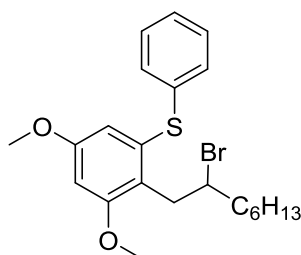


Figure 1 Voltammogram for sulfides vs reference electrode

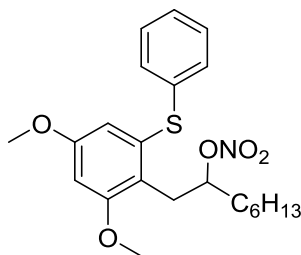
Products Using FeBr₃ and CAN As Oxidants

(2-(2-Bromooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide



FeBr₃ (130 mg, 0.44 mmol) was added to a stirred mixture of **1a** (50.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 1-octene (160 μ L, 1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) under N₂ atmosphere. The mixture was stirred for 1.5 h. The reaction mixture was then quenched with H₂O (2 ml) and diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL). The organic layer was then washed twice more with H₂O (2 ml) and the combined aqueous washes extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 \times 2 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was then passed through a silica plug with CHCl₃ eluent. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (30% CHCl₃ in hexanes) to give (2-(2-bromooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide (17.4 mg, 20 %) as a clear oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.89 (3 H, t, *J* 6.9 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 1.20 - 1.43 (7 H, m, CH₂), 1.56 - 1.67 (1 H, m, CH₂), 1.72 - 1.81 (1 H, m, CH₂), 1.81 - 1.89 (1 H, m, CH₂), 3.37 (1 H, dd, *J* 13.9, 7.6 Hz, ArCH₂CHBr), 3.47 (1 H, dd, *J* 13.9, 7.3 Hz, ArCH₂CHBr), 3.69 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 3.84 (3 H, m, OCH₃), 4.38 - 4.45 (1 H, m, CH₂CHBrCH₂), 6.42 (1 H, d, *J* 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 6.45 (1 H, d, *J* 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 7.20 - 7.32 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 14.1 (CH₃), 22.6 (CH₂), 27.8 (CH₂), 28.6 (CH₂), 31.7 (CH₂), 37.0 (ArCH₂CHBr), 38.1 (CH₂), 55.3 (OCH₃), 55.6 (OCH₃), 57.4 (CHBr), 98.3 (aryl C-H), 108.9 (aryl C-H), 121.9 (aryl C), 126.7 (aryl C-H), 129.1 (aryl C-H), 130.0 (aryl C-H), 136.3 (aryl C), 136.5 (aryl C), 159.0 (aryl C), 159.3 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 1047 (s), 1156 (s), 1196 (s), 1459 (w), 1596 (s), 2856 (w), 2920 (w); MS (ES⁺) *m/z* 437.3 (M+H); HRMS C₂₂H₃₀O₂BrS (M+H) Expected 437.1144, Found 437.1143.

1-(2,4-Dimethoxy-6-(phenylsulfanyl)phenyl)octan-2-yl nitrate



Ceric ammonium nitrate (223 mg, 0.40 mmol) was added to a stirred mixture of **1a** (50.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 1-octene (160 μ L, 1 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) and stirred for 2 h. The reaction mixture was

then quenched with H₂O (2 ml) and diluted with EtOAc (5 mL). The organic layer was then washed twice more with H₂O (2 ml). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 2 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered and solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (50% CHCl₃ in hexanes) to give 1-(2,4-dimethoxy-6-(phenylthio)phenyl)octan-2-yl nitrate (39.8 mg, 47%) as a clear oil; δ_H (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.88 (3 H, t, *J* 6.9 Hz, CH₃), 1.19 - 1.38 (7 H, m, CH₂), 1.43 (1 H, m, CH₂), 1.63 - 1.70 (2 H, m, CH₂), 3.14 (1 H, dd, *J* 14.2, 5.4 Hz, ArCH₂CH(ONO₂)), 3.21 (1 H, dd, *J* 14.2, 7.6 Hz, ArCH₂CH(ONO₂)CH₂), 3.68 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 3.83 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 5.31 - 5.39 (1 H, m, CH(ONO₂)), 6.40 (1 H, d, *J* 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 6.42 (1 H, d, *J* 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 7.19 - 7.32 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_C (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 14.0 (CH₃), 22.5 (CH₂), 25.3 (CH₂), 29.0 (CH₂), 30.6 (ArCH₂CH(ONO₂)), 31.7 (CH₂), 32.5 (CH₂), 55.3 (OCH₃), 55.6 (OCH₃), 84.5 (CH(ONO₂)), 98.2 (aryl C-H), 108.9 (aryl C-H), 119.2 (aryl C), 126.7 (aryl C-H), 129.2 (aryl C-H), 130.1 (aryl C-H), 136.0 (aryl C), 136.7 (aryl C), 159.3 (aryl C), 159.5 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 1046 (s), 1147 (s), 1196 (m), 1274 (s), 1459 (m), 1571 (s), 1596 (s), 1620 (s), 2857 (w), 2930 (w); MS (ES⁺) *m/z* 420.4 (M+H); HRMS C₂₂H₂₉O₂S (M-NO₃) Expected 357.1888, Found 357.1879.

Sulfide Synthesis

*General Procedure A: Pd-catalysed sulfide formation*¹

Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (58.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), (S)-BINAP (62 mg, 0.10 mmol), potassium hydroxide (1.12 g, 20.0 mmol), arylbromide (10.0 mmol), 2-propanol (10.3 mL) and thiol (10.0 mmol) were charged to a metal-capped, oven-dried test tube with Teflon-lined septum, pre-flushed with N₂ at room temperature. The mixture was heated to 80 °C and stirred for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then allowed to cool to rt before the addition of H₂O (5 mL) and dilution with EtOAc (5 mL). The organic layer was separated and washed twice more with H₂O (2 × 5 mL). The combined aqueous extracts were then further extracted with EtOAc (2 × 10 mL) and the combined aqueous layer washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with 50:1 petroleum ether : EtOAc to yield the product.

*General Procedure B: Cu-catalysed sulfide formation*²

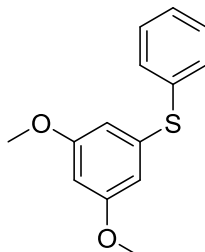
Cu(I) iodide (19.0 mg, 0.10 mmol), potassium carbonate (553 mg, 4.00 mmol) and aryl iodide (2.00 mmol) were charged to a metal-capped, oven-dried test tube with Teflon-lined septum. The tube was then evacuated and backfilled with argon three times. 2-Propanol (2 mL), ethylene glycol (220 μL, 4.00 mmol) and thiol (1 mmol) were added and the mixture heated to 80 °C for 24 h with stirring. The

¹ T. Norris and K. Leeman, *Org. Process Res. Dev.*, 2008, **12**, 869.

² F. Y. Kwong and S. L. Buchwald, *Org. Lett.*, 2002, **4**, 3517.

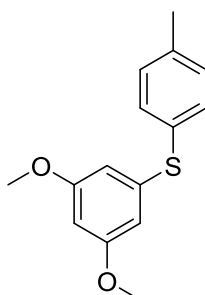
mixture was then cooled, passed through a plug of Celite® 545 with EtOAc eluent and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography.

(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide 1a



As described in general procedure A, 1-bromo-3,5-dimethoxybenzene (2.19 g, 10.0 mmol) and thiophenol (1 mL, 10.0 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (50:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave **1a** (2.21 g, 90% yield) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 3.74 (6 H, s, OCH_3), 6.34 (1 H, t, J 2.3, aryl H), 6.47 (1 H, d, J 2.3, aryl H), 7.25 - 7.36 (3 H, m, aryl H), 7.38 - 7.43 (2 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 55.8 (OCH_3), 99.6 (aryl C-H), 108.4 (aryl C-H), 127.6 (aryl C-H), 129.4 (aryl C-H), 122.1 (aryl C-H), 135.3 (aryl C), 138.3 (aryl C), 161.4 (aryl C).³

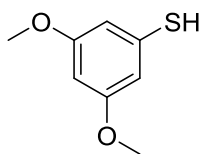
(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)(p-tolyl)sulfide 1b



As described in general procedure A, 1-bromo-3,5-dimethoxybenzene (2.19 g, 10.0 mmol) and *p*-thiocresol (1.24 g, 10.0 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (50:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave **1b** (2.53 g, 91 %) as a white solid; m.p. 64.7-67.4 °C, δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 2.37 (3 H, s, ArCH_3), 3.74 (6 H, s, OCH_3), 6.30 (1 H, t, J 2.3 Hz, aryl H), 6.40 (2 H, d, J 2.3 Hz, aryl H), 7.17 (2 H, d, J 7.8 Hz, aryl H), 7.36 (2 H, d, J 7.8 Hz, aryl H); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 21.1 (ArCH_3), 55.3 (OCH_3), 98.6 (aryl C-H), 107.0 (aryl C-H), 130.0 (aryl C-H), 130.2 (aryl C), 132.9 (aryl C-H), 138.0 (aryl C), 139.5 (aryl C), 161.0 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1044 (s), 1103 (s), 1203 (s), 1280.2 (w), 1418 (m), 1581 (s), 2833 (w), 2936 (s); MS (ES^+) m/z 261.1 (M+H); HRMS $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ (M+H) Expected 261.0949, Found 261.0945.

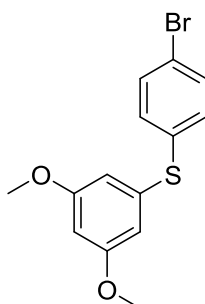
³ H. Wang, L. Jiang, T. Chen and Y. Li, *Eur. J. Org. Chem.*, 2010, **12**, 2324.

3,5-Dimethoxybenzenethiol



Dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (7.90 g, 64 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) was added slowly to a mixture of 3,5-dimethoxyphenol (5.00 g, 32 mmol) and 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (7.18 g, 64 mmol) in DMF (30 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and 10 % aqueous solution LiCl (40 mL) and ether (150 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated and washed with 10 % aqueous solution LiCl (3 × 40 mL) and brine (20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) to give O-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl dimethylcarbamothioate (7.54 g, 98 %) as a white solid; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 3.33 (3 H, s, C(O)N(CH₃)₂), 3.46 (3 H, s, C(O)N(CH₃)₂), 3.79 (6 H, s, OCH₃), 6.26 (2 H, d, *J* 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 6.37 (1 H, t, *J* 2.2 Hz, aryl H). The solid was heated to 260 °C for 3 h under nitrogen to give a brown oil after cooling, which was dissolved in MeOH (100 mL). KOH (11.60 g, 0.2 mol) was added and the mixture was refluxed for 2 h with stirring. After cooling, the mixture was concentrated and EtOAc (150 mL) and 1N HCl (30 mL) were added. The organic layer was washed with brine (3 × 40 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10 % EtOAc in hexanes) to give 3,5-dimethoxybenzenethiol (3.48 g, 64 % over 3 steps) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 3.47 (1 H, s, SH), 3.77 (6 H, s, OCH₃), 6.27 (1 H, t, *J* 2.3 Hz, aryl H), 6.43 (2 H, d, *J* 2.3 Hz, aryl H).⁴

(4-Bromophenyl)(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)sulfide **1c**

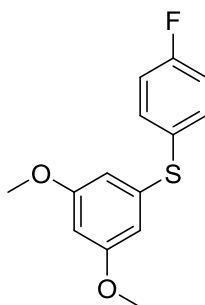


As described in general procedure B, 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene (566 mg, 2.00 mmol) and 3,5-dimethoxybenzenethiol (340 mg, 2 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (50:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave **1c** (534 mg, 80 %) as a white solid; m.p. 54.2-56.2 °C δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 3.76 (6 H, s, OCH₃), 6.37 (1 H, t, *J* 2.1 Hz, aryl H), 6.48 (2 H, d, *J* 2.1 Hz, aryl H), 7.23 (2 H, d, *J* 8.5

⁴ M, Lloyd; Aquinox Pharmaceuticals Inc., U.S. Patent, US20110136802, 2011.

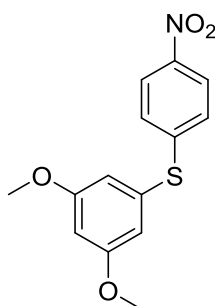
Hz, aryl H), 7.43 (2 H, d, J 8.5 Hz, aryl H); δ_C (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 55.4 (OCH_3), 99.7 (aryl C-H), 108.7 (aryl C-H), 121.3 (aryl C), 132.3 (aryl C-H), 132.7 (aryl C-H), 134.5 (aryl C), 137.0 (aryl C), 161.1 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1044 (m), 1154 (s), 1204 (m), 1281 (w), 1418 (m), 1581 (s), 2833 (w), 2936 (w), 3001 (w); MS (ES^+) m/z 325.0 (M+H); HRMS $C_{14}H_{14}BrO_2S$ (M+H) Expected 325.9878, Found 325.9886.

(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)(4-fluorophenyl)sulfide 1d



As described in general procedure B, 1-bromo-3,5-dimethoxybenzene (2.19 g, 10.0 mmol) and 4-fluorobenzenethiol (1.10 mL, 10.0 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (50:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave **1d** (1.40 g, 53 %) as a colourless oil; δ_H (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 3.74 (6 H, s, OCH_3), 6.31 (1 H, t, J 2.3 Hz, aryl H), 6.38 (2 H, d, J 2.3 Hz, aryl H), 7.06 (2 H, t, J 8.8 Hz, aryl H), 7.44 (2 H, dd, J 8.8, 5.3 Hz, aryl H); δ_C (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 55.3 (OCH_3), 98.8 (aryl C-H), 107.1 (aryl C-H), 116.4 (d, J 22.1 Hz, aryl C-H), 129.2 (d, J 3.7 Hz, aryl C), 134.8 (d, J 8.1 Hz, aryl C-H), 139.0 (aryl C), 161.1 (aryl C), 163.0 (d, J 248.4 Hz, C-F); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1043 (m), 1152 (s), 1203 (s), 1281 (w), 1418 (m), 1453 (m), 1488 (s), 1581 (s), 2834 (w), 2938 (w); MS (ES^+) m/z 265.2 (M+H); HRMS $C_{14}H_{14}FO_2S$ (M+H) Expected 265.0699, Found 265.0711.

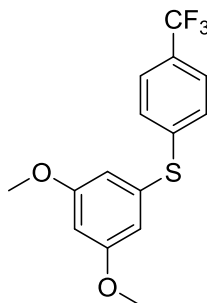
(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)(4-nitrophenyl)sulfide 1e



As described in general procedure B, 1-iodo-4-nitrobenzene (498 mg, 2.00 mmol) and 3,5-dimethoxybenzenethiol (340 mg, 2.00 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (10 % EtOAc in hexanes) gave **1e** (591 mg, 93 %) as a yellow solid; δ_H (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 3.80 (6 H, s, OCH_3), 6.53 (1 H, t, J 2.3 Hz, aryl H), 6.68 (2 H, d, J 2.3 Hz, aryl H), 7.24 (2 H, d, J 8.8 Hz, aryl H),

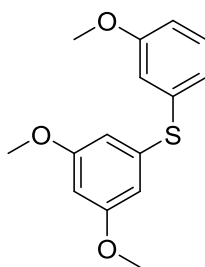
8.09 (2 H, d, *J* 8.8 Hz, aryl H); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 55.6 (OCH_3), 101.9 (aryl C-H), 112.0 (aryl C-H), 124.0 (aryl C-H), 127.0 (aryl C-H), 132.0 (aryl C), 145.4 (aryl C), 148.0 (aryl C), 161.6 (aryl C).⁵

(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfide 1f



As described in general procedure B, 4-iodobenzotrifluoride (295 μL , 2.00 mmol) and 3,5-dimethoxybenzenethiol (340 mg, 2.00 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (50:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave **1f** (465 mg, 68 %) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 3.78 (6 H, m, OCH_3), 6.47 (1 H, t, *J* 2.4 Hz, aryl H), 6.62 (2 H, d, *J* 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 7.34 (2 H, d, *J* 8.2 Hz, aryl H), 7.51 (2 H, d, *J* 8.2 Hz, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 55.5 (OCH_3), 100.9 (aryl C-H), 110.7 (aryl C-H), 124.1 (q, *J* 271.6 Hz, CF_3), 125.8 (q, *J* 4.5 Hz, aryl C-H), 128.5 (q, *J* 32.7 Hz, aryl C), 128.8 (aryl C-H), 134.4 (aryl C), 142.2 (aryl C), 161.3 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1013 (s), 1043 (s), 1061 (s), 1061 (s), 1088 (s), 1119 (s), 1154 (s), 1205 (m), 1321 (s), 1419 (w), 1581 (s), 2940 (w); MS (ES^+) *m/z* 315.3 (M+H); HRMS $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ (M+H) Expected 315.0667, Found 315.0671.

(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)(3-methoxyphenyl)sulfide 1g

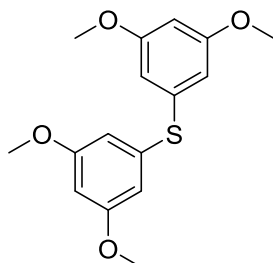


As described in general procedure A, 1-bromo-3,5-dimethoxybenzene (2.19 g, 10 mmol) and 3-methoxythiophenol (1.2 mL, 10 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (50:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave **1g** (2.39 g, 86% yield) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 3.75 (6 H, s), 3.78 (3 H, s), 6.35 (1 H, t, *J* 2.2 Hz), 6.50 (2 H, d, *J* 2.2 Hz), 6.81 (1 H, ddd, *J* 8.4, 2.5, 0.8 Hz), 6.94 (1 H, t, *J* 1.9 Hz), 6.98 (1 H, dt, *J* 7.6, 0.8 Hz), 7.24 (1 H, t, *J* 7.9 Hz); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 55.3 (OCH_3), 55.4 (OCH_3), 99.6 (aryl C-H), 108.5 (aryl C-H), 113.2 (aryl C-H), 116.6 (aryl C-H), 123.7 (aryl C-H), 130.0 (aryl C-H), 136.2, 138.7, 160.0, 161.05; ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1039 (s), 1152 (s),

⁵ B, Michael; Hoffman-La Roche Inc., U.S. Patent, US005990105A.

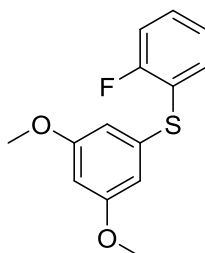
1203 (m), 1281 (m), 1417 (m), 1574 (s), 2832 (w), 2936 (w), 3000 (w); MS (ES⁺) *m/z* 277.2 (M+H); HRMS C₁₅H₁₇O₃S (M+H) Expected 277.0898, Found 277.0903.

Bis(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)sulfide 1h



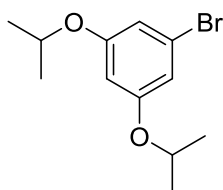
As described in General Procedure A, 1-bromo-3,5-dimethoxybenzene (2.19 g, 10 mmol) and 3,5-dimethoxybenzenethiol (1.70 g, 10 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (50:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) gave **1h** (2.25 g, 74%) as a white solid; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 3.76 (12 H, s, OCH₃), 6.36 (2 H, t, *J* 2.3 Hz, aryl H), 6.53 (4 H, d, *J* 2.3 Hz, aryl H); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 55.4 (OCH₃), 99.7 (aryl C-H), 108.8 (aryl C-H), 137.0 (aryl C), 161.0 (aryl C).⁵

(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)(2-fluorophenyl)sulfide 1i



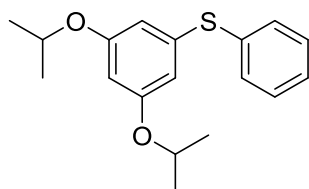
As described in general procedure A, 1-bromo-3,5-dimethoxybenzene (2.19 g, 10 mmol) and 2-fluorothiophenol (1.49 mL, 10 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (50:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave **1i** (1.53 g, 58% yield) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 3.78 (6 H, s, OCH₃), 6.40 (1 H, t, *J* 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 6.51 (2 H, d, *J* 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 7.10 - 7.19 (2 H, m, aryl H), 7.28 - 7.42 (2 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 55.3 (OCH₃), 99.4 (aryl C-H), 108.0 (aryl C-H), 115.9 (d, *J* 22.7 Hz, aryl C-H), 121.7 (d, *J* 18.2 Hz, aryl C), 124.7 (d, *J* 3.6 Hz, aryl C-H), 129.7 (d, *J* 8.2 Hz, aryl C-H), 134.0 (aryl C-H), 136.3 (aryl C), 161.0 (aryl C), 161.2 (d, *J* 247 Hz, aryl C-F); ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 1042 (m), 1153 (s), 1203 (s), 1281 (w), 1418 (m), 1454 (m), 1471 (s), 1581 (s), 2834 (w), 2938 (w); MS (ES⁺) *m/z* 265.2 (M+H); HRMS C₁₄H₁₄FO₂S (M+H) Expected 265.0699, Found 265.0705.

1-Bromo-3,5-diisopropoxybenzene



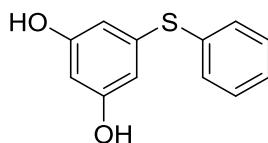
A solution of 1-bromo-3,5-dimethoxybenzene (2.50 g, 0.012 mol) in CH_2Cl_2 (7 mL) was cooled to 0°C and a 1 M BBr_3 solution in CH_2Cl_2 (25 mL) was added dropwise. The ice bath was removed and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 18 h. The reaction was quenched with MeOH and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc (100 mL) and washed with H_2O (50 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give 5-bromobenzene-1,3-diol as an orange oil; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 5.10 (2 H, br s), 6.30 (1 H, t, J 2.1 Hz), 6.60 (2 H, d, J 2.3 Hz). 5-bromobenzene-1,3-diol (2 g) was dissolved in DMF (40 mL) and K_2CO_3 (6 g, 0.044 mol) was added at room temperature, followed by 2-bromopropane (4 mL, 0.044 mol). The mixture was heated to 60°C and stirred for 18 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, quenched with water (120 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3×50 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 1-bromo-3,5-diisopropoxybenzene (2.48 g, 85%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 1.25 (12 H, d, J 6.0 Hz), 4.40 (2 H, sept., J 6.0 Hz), 6.27 (1 H, t, J 2.2 Hz), 6.54 (2 H, d, J 2.2 Hz).⁴

(3,5-Diisopropoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **1j**



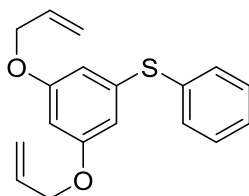
As described in general procedure A, 1-bromo-3,5-diisopropoxybenzene (2.19 g, 8.00 mmol) and thiophenol (0.80 mL, 8.00 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (50:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave **1j** (1.84 g, 76% yield) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 1.31 (12 H, d, J 6.0 Hz, ($\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$)), 4.46 (2 H, sept., J 6.0 Hz, ($\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$)), 6.33 (1 H, t, J 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 6.46 (2 H, d, J 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 7.25 - 7.29 (1 H, m, aryl H), 7.31 - 7.36 (2 H, m, aryl H), 7.39 - 7.43 (2 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 22.0 ($\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 70.0 ($\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 102.8 (aryl C-H), 109.9 (aryl C-H), 127.2 (aryl C-H), 129.1 (aryl C-H), 131.5 (aryl C-H), 135.2 (aryl C), 137.6 (aryl C), 159.3 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1033 (m), 1112 (s), 1151 (s), 1182 (m), 1277 (w), 1428 (w), 1575 (s), 2931 (w), 2975 (w); MS (ES^+) m/z 303.3 (M+H); HRMS $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ (M+H) Expected 303.1419, Found 303.1425.

5-(Phenylsulfanyl)benzene-1,3-diol



A 1 M BBr₃ solution in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL, 10.0 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of **1a** (0.62 g, 2.5 mmol) in dichloromethane (6 mL) at 0 °C under N₂. When addition was complete, the mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. This was then quenched with MeOH (4 mL) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc (5 mL) and extracted with H₂O (2 × 5 mL). The combined organic layers were then washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (30% EtOAc in hexanes) to give 5-(phenylsulfanyl)benzene-1,3-diol (0.45 g, 82%) as an off-white crystalline solid; m.p. 136.0 – 140.0 °C (from CHCl₃); δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 4.68 (2 H, s, OH), 6.20 (1 H, t, *J* 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 6.32 (2 H, d, *J* 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 7.29 - 7.38 (3 H, m, aryl H), 7.42 - 7.46 (2 H, m, aryl H); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 101.2 (aryl C-H), 108.9 (aryl C-H), 127.9 (aryl C-H), 129.4 (aryl C-H), 132.7 (aryl C-H), 133.9 (aryl C), 139.3 (aryl C), 156.9 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 996 (s), 1066 (w), 1155 (s), 1200 (w), 1265 (w), 1300 (w), 1328 (w), 1344 (w), 1439 (w), 1471 (s), 1587 (s), 1620 (s), 2853 (w), 2923 (w), 2956 (w), 3055 (w), 3233 (w, br); MS (ES⁻) *m/z* 217 (M-H); HRMS C₁₂H₁₀O₂S (M-H) Expected 217.0323 Found 217.0324.

(3,5-bis(Allyloxy)phenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **1k**



Allyl bromide (0.7 mL, 8.0 mmol) was added to a solution of 5-(phenylsulfanyl)benzene-1,3-diol (0.42 g, 2.0 mmol) and potassium carbonate (0.82 g, 6.0 mmol) in acetone (2 mL) at room temperature under N₂. The resulting mixture was stirred for 48 h, before adding H₂O until the disappearance of the precipitate. The crude product was then extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H₂O (2 × 5 mL) and brine (5 mL), dried over magnesium sulfate, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (25% CH₂Cl₂ in hexanes) to give **1k** (0.32 g, 58%) as a colourless oil; δ_H (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 4.45 (4 H, dt, *J* 5.4, 1.5 Hz, OCH₂), 5.27 (2 H, dq, *J* 10.5, 1.5 Hz, CH=CH₂), 5.37 (2 H, dq, *J* 17.3, 1.5 Hz, CH=CH₂), 6.00 (2 H, ddt, *J* 17.3, 10.5, 5.4 Hz, CH=CH₂), 6.37 (1 H, t, *J* 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 6.47 (2 H, d, *J* 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 7.28 - 7.36 (3 H, m, aryl H), 7.38 - 7.42 (2 H, m, aryl H); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 68.9 (CH₂), 100.7 (CH=CH₂), 108.9 (aryl C-H), 118.1 (C=CH₂), 127.5 (aryl C-

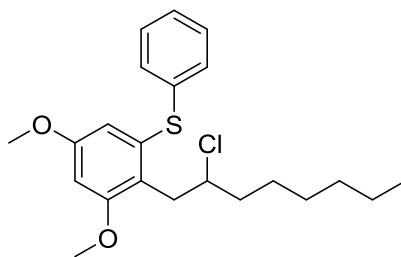
H), 129.3 (aryl C-H), 131.9 (aryl C-H), 132.9 (aryl C-H), 134.6 (aryl C), 138.1 (aryl C), 159.9 (aryl C); ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 924 (w), 997 (w), 1023 (w), 1084 (w), 1149 (s), 1278 (w), 1419 (w), 1439 (s), 1578 (s), 2862 (w), 2918 (w), 2983 (w), 3019 (w), 3076 (w); MS (ES⁺) m/z 299 (M+H); HRMS C₁₈H₁₈O₂SNa (M+Na) Expected 321.0925 Found 321.0921.

Fe(III)-Mediated C-H Coupling of Arylsulfides and Terminal Alkenes

General Procedure C

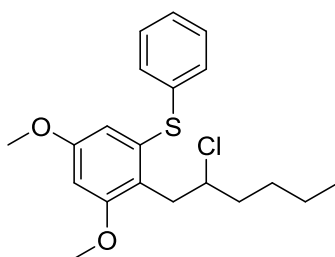
A solution of FeCl₃ (0.8 mmol) in MeNO₂ (1 mL) was added dropwise over 1 h to a stirred solution of the corresponding sulphide (0.2 mmol) and alkene (1.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL). The mixture was then left to stir for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then quenched with H₂O (2 ml), diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) and 2,2'-bipyridine (127 mg, 0.8 mmol) was added. The organic layer was then washed with H₂O (2 × 2 ml) and the combined aqueous was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 2 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered and solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was then passed through a silica plug with CHCl₃ eluent.

(2-(2-Chlorooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **2a**



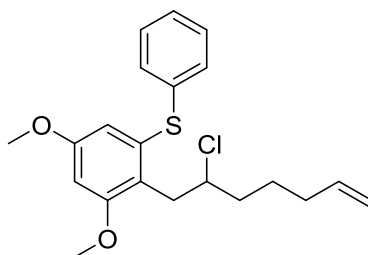
As described in general procedure C, **1a** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol), octene (160 μ l, 1 mmol) and FeCl₃ (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl₃ in hexanes) gave **2a** (51.2 mg, 64%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.79 (3 H, t, J 6.9, CH₂CH₃), 1.11 - 1.34 (7 H, m, CH₂), 1.44 - 1.56 (1 H, m, CH₂), 1.60 - 1.68 (2 H, m, CH₂), 3.14 (1 H, dd, J 13.9, 7.3, ArCH₂CHCl), 3.24 (1 H, dd, J 13.9, 7.3 Hz, ArCH₂CHCl), 3.59 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 3.74 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 4.18 (1 H, dt, J 12.9, 7.3, CH₂CHClCH₂), 6.32 (1 H, d, J 2.5, aryl H), 6.35 (1 H, d, J 2.5, aryl H), 7.09 - 7.22 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 14.1 (CH₃), 22.6 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH₂), 28.8 (CH₂), 31.7 (CH₂), 36.3 (ArCH₂CHCl), 37.7 (CH₂), 55.3 (OCH₃), 55.6 (OCH₃), 63.4 (CHCl), 98.3 (aryl C-H), 108.8 (aryl C-H), 121.3 (aryl C), 126.6 (aryl C-H), 129.1 (aryl C-H), 130.0 (aryl C-H), 136.4 (aryl C), 136.6 (aryl C), 159.1 (aryl C), 159.3 (aryl C); ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 1046 (s), 1163 (s), 1198, 1459 (w), 1570 (s), 1596 (s), 2856 (w), 2929 (w), 2954 (w); MS (ES⁺) m/z 393.3 (M+H); HRMS C₂₂H₃₀O₂ClS (M+H) Expected 393.1650 Found 393.1651.

(2-(2-Chlorohexyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **2b**



As described in general procedure C, **1a** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol), hexene (127 μ l, 1 mmol) and FeCl_3 (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl_3 in hexanes) gave **2b** (46.0 mg, 62%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.90 (3 H, t, J 7.3 Hz, CH_2CH_3), 1.23 - 1.43 (3 H, m, CH_2), 1.54 - 1.65 (1 H, m, CH_2), 1.71 - 1.78 (2 H, m, CH_2), 3.24 (1 H, dd, J 13.9, 7.3 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.34 (1 H, dd, J 13.9, 7.3 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.69 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.84 (3 H, m, OCH_3), 4.28 (1 H, m, $\text{CH}_2\text{CHClCH}_2$), 6.42 (1 H, d, J 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 6.45 (1 H, d, J 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 7.20 - 7.32 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 14.0 (CH_3), 22.2 (CH_2), 28.9 (CH_2), 36.3 (ArCH_2CHCl), 37.5 (CH_2), 55.3 (OCH_3), 55.6 (OCH_3), 63.3 (CHCl), 98.3 (aryl C-H), 108.9 (aryl C-H), 121.3 (aryl C), 126.6 (aryl C-H), 129.1 (aryl C-H), 130.1 (aryl C-H), 136.4 (aryl C), 136.7 (aryl C), 159.2 (aryl C), 159.3 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1048 (s), 1156 (s), 1198, 1459 (w), 1581 (s), 1598 (s), 2856 (w), 2935 (w); MS (ES^+) m/z 365.2 (M+H); HRMS $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{ClS}$ (M+H) Expected 365.1337 Found 365.1334

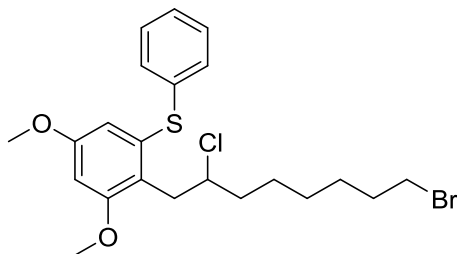
(2-(2-Chlorohept-6-en-1-yl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **2c**



As described in general procedure C, **1a** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol), 1,6-heptadiene (138 μ l, 1 mmol) and FeCl_3 (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl_3 in hexanes) gave **2c** (42.2 mg, 55%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 1.43 - 1.54 (1 H, m, CH_2), 1.67 - 1.80 (3 H, m, CH_2), 1.96 - 2.12 (2 H, m, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 3.24 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.3 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.34 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.3 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.69 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.84 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 4.29 (1 H, m, $\text{CH}_2\text{CHClCH}_2$), 4.93 - 4.97 (1 H, m, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 5.00 (1 H, dq, J 17.1, 1.8 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 5.79 (1 H, ddt, J 17.1, 10.4, 6.6 Hz, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 6.42 (1 H, d, J 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 6.44 (1 H, d, J 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 7.21 - 7.32 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 25.9 (CH_2), 33.2 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 36.3 (ArCH_2CHCl), 37.1 (CH_2), 55.3 (OCH_3), 55.6 (OCH_3), 63.0 (CHCl), 98.3 (aryl C-H), 108.9 (aryl C-H), 114.7 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 121.2 (aryl C), 126.6 (aryl C-H), 129.1 (aryl C-H), 130.1 (aryl C-H), 136.3

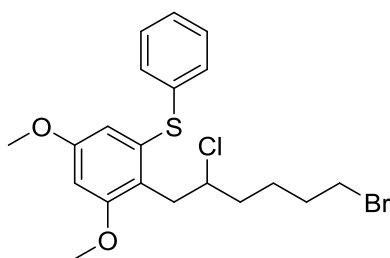
(aryl C), 136.7 (aryl C), 138.5 (CH=CH₂), 159.1 (aryl C), 159.3 (aryl C); ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 1047 (s), 1144 (s), 1198 (s), 1295 (w), 1460 (m), 1571 (s), 1597 (s), 2835 (w), 2936 (w); MS (ES⁺) m/z 377 (M+H); HRMS C₂₁H₂₆O₂ClS (M+H) Expected 377.1337, Found 377.1339.

(2-(8-Bromo-2-chlorooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **2d**



As described in General Procedure C, **1a** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol), 8-bromo-1-octene (171 μ L, 1 mmol) and FeCl₃ (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30% CHCl₃ in hexanes) gave **2d** (53.8 mg, 56%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.19 - 1.47 (5 H, m, CH₂), 1.58 - 1.67 (1 H, m, CH₂), 1.68 - 1.76 (2 H, m, CH₂), 1.84 (2 H, quin, J 7.1 Hz, CH₂CH₂CH₂Br), 3.23 (1 H, dd, J 13.8, 7.3 Hz, ArCH₂CHCl), 3.33 (1 H, dd, J 13.8, 7.3 Hz ArCH₂CHCl), 3.40 (2 H, t, J 7.1 Hz, CH₂CH₂Br), 3.68 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 3.83 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 4.20 - 4.31 (1 H, m, CHCl), 6.42 (2 H, m, aryl H), 7.18 - 7.32 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 26.5 (CH₂), 28.0 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₂), 32.7 (CH₂CH₂Br), 34.0 (CH₂Br), 36.2 (ArCH₂CHCl), 37.4 (CH₂), 55.3 (OCH₃), 55.6 (OCH₃), 63.1 (CHCl), 98.3 (aryl C-H), 108.8 (aryl C-H), 121.1 (aryl C), 126.6 (aryl C-H), 129.1 (aryl C-H), 130.0 (aryl C-H), 136.3 (aryl C), 136.5 (aryl C), 159.1 (aryl C), 159.3 (aryl C); ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 1046 (s), 1146 (s), 1198 (s), 1296 (w), 1461 (m), 1571 (s), 1596 (s), 2856 (w), 2933.67 (w); MS (ES⁺) m/z 471 (M+H); HRMS C₂₂H₂₈BrO₂S (M-Cl) Expected 435.0993, Found 435.1008.

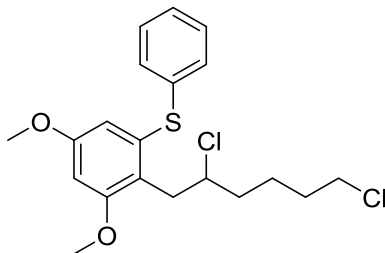
(2-(6-Bromo-2-chlorohexyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **2e**



As described in General Procedure C, **1a** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol), 6-bromo-1-octene (136 μ L, 1 mmol) and FeCl₃ (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl₃ in hexanes) gave **2e** (47.9 mg, 53%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.46 - 1.56 (1 H, m, CH₂), 1.69 - 1.91 (5 H, m, CH₂), 3.24 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.3 Hz, ArCH₂CHCl), 3.33 (1 H, dd, J 13.9, 7.3 Hz, ArCH₂CHCl), 3.38 (2 H, t, J 6.8 Hz, CH₂CH₂Br), 3.69 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 3.83 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 4.22 - 4.30 (1 H, m, CHCl), 6.41 (1 H, d, J 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 6.44 (1 H, d, J 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 7.20 - 7.32 (5 H,

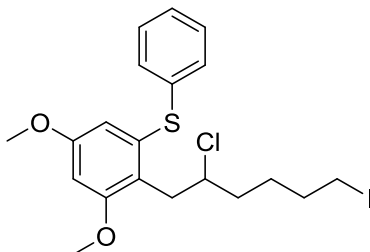
m, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 25.5 (CH_2), 32.3 (CH_2), 33.5 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$), 36.2 (ArCH_2CHCl), 36.6 (CH_2), 55.3 (OCH_3), 55.6 (OCH_3), 62.6 (CHCl), 98.3 (aryl C-H), 108.9 (aryl C-H), 120.9 (aryl C), 126.7 (aryl C-H), 129.2 (aryl C-H), 130.0 (aryl C-H), 136.2 (aryl C), 136.6 (aryl C), 159.1 (aryl C), 159.4 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1046 (s), 1146 (s), 1197 (s), 1295 (w), 1459 (m), 1571 (s), 1596 (s), 2835 (w), 2937 (w), 3001 (w); MS (ES^+) m/z 442.8 (M+H); HRMS $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{BrS}$ (M-Cl) Expected 407.0680 Found 407.0663.

(2-(2,6-Dichlorohexyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **2f**



As described in general procedure C, **1a** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol), 6-chloro-1-hexene (135 μl , 1 mmol) and FeCl_3 (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl_3 in hexanes) gave **2f** (36.8 mg, 45%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 1.39 - 1.46 (1 H, m, CH_2) 1.61 - 1.73 (5 H, m, CH_2), 3.16 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.3 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.25 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.3 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.42 (2 H, t, J 6.3 Hz, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$), 3.60 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.75 (3 H, m, OCH_3), 4.18 (1 H, m, $\text{CH}_2\text{CHClCH}_2$), 6.33 (1 H, d, J 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 6.35 (1 H, d, J 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 7.11 - 7.23 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 24.2 (CH_2), 32.2 (CH_2), 36.2 (ArCH_2CHCl), 36.8 (CH_2), 44.8 (CH_2Cl), 55.3 (OCH_3), 55.7 (OCH_3), 62.6 (CHCl), 98.4 (aryl C-H), 109.0 (aryl C-H), 121.0 (aryl C), 126.7 (aryl C-H), 129.2 (aryl C-H), 130.0 (aryl C-H), 136.3 (aryl C), 136.6 (aryl C), 159.1 (aryl C), 159.4 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1046 (s), 1148 (s), 1198 (s), 1295 (w), 1460 (m), 1477 (m), 1571 (s), 1596 (s), 2835 (w), 2938 (w); MS (ES^+) m/z 399.2 (M+H); HRMS $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{ClS}$ (M-Cl) Expected 363.1186, Found 363.1201.

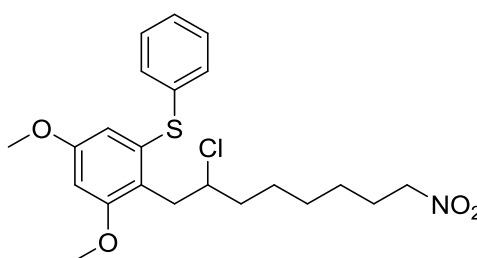
(2-(2-Chloro-6-iodohexyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **2g**



As described in general procedure C, **1a** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol), 6-iodo-1-hexene (135 μl , 1 mmol) and FeCl_3 (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl_3 in hexanes) gave **2b** (49.1 mg, 49%) as a yellow oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 1.49 (1 H, m, CH_2), 1.66 - 1.89 (5 H,

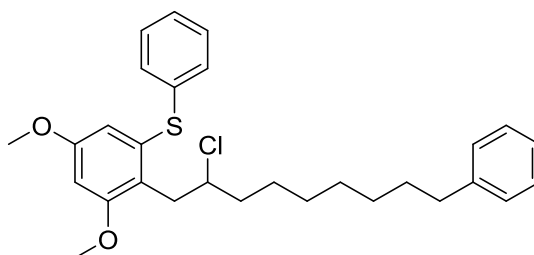
m, CH_2), 3.15 (2 H, m, CH_2CH_2I), 3.24 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.3 Hz, $ArCH_2CHCl$), 3.33 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.3 Hz, $ArCH_2CHCl$), 3.69 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.84 (3 H, m, OCH_3), 4.26 (1 H, dt, J 12.3, 7.3 Hz, $CH_2CHClCH_2$), 6.42 (1 H, d, J 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 6.44 (1 H, d, J 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 7.20 - 7.32 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_C (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 6.4 (CH_2I), 27.8 (CH_2), 33.1 (CH_2), 36.3 ($ArCH_2CHCl$), 36.4 (CH_2), 55.3 (OCH_3), 55.7 (OCH_3), 62.3 ($CHCl$), 98.4 (aryl C-H), 109.0 (aryl C-H), 121.0 (aryl C), 126.7 (aryl C-H), 129.2 (aryl C-H), 130.0 (aryl C-H), 136.3 (aryl C), 136.6 (aryl C), 159.1 (aryl C), 159.4 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1045 (s), 1147 (s), 1198 (s), 1295 (w), 1437 (m), 1458 (m), 1478 (m), 1571 (s), 1595 (s), 2834 (w), 2936 (w), 3000 (w); MS (ES^+) m/z 491.2 (M+H); HRMS $C_{20}H_{25}IO_2ClS$ (M+H) Expected 491.0303 Found, 491.0298.

(2-(2-Chloro-8-nitrooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **2h**



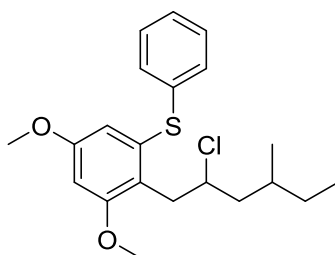
As described in general procedure C, **1a** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol), 6-nitro-1-octene (160.4 mg, 1 mmol) and $FeCl_3$ (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) gave **2h** (42.1 mg, 47%) as a yellow oil; δ_H (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 1.23 - 1.44 (5 H, m, CH_2), 1.56 - 1.66 (1 H, m, CH_2), 1.67 - 1.77 (2 H, m, CH_2), 1.99 (2 H, quin, J 7.2 Hz, $CH_2CH_2CH_2NO_2$), 3.23 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.3 Hz, $ArCH_2CHCl$), 3.33 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.3 Hz, $ArCH_2CHCl$), 3.69 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.83 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 4.26 (1 H, m, $CH_2CHClCH_2$), 4.36 (2 H, t, J 7.2 Hz, $CH_2CH_2NO_2$), 6.41 (1 H, d, J 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 6.44 (1 H, d, J 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 7.19 - 7.32 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_C (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 26.1 (CH_2), 26.3 (CH_2), 27.3 ($CH_2CH_2NO_2$), 28.3 (CH_2), 36.3 ($ArCH_2CHCl$), 37.3 (CH_2), 55.3 (OCH_3), 55.7 (OCH_3), 62.9 ($CHCl$), 75.6 (CH_2NO_2), 98.4 (aryl C-H), 108.9 (aryl C-H), 121.1 (aryl C), 126.7 (aryl C-H), 129.2 (aryl C-H), 130.0 (aryl C-H), 136.3 (aryl C), 136.6 (aryl C), 159.1 (aryl C), 159.4 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1046 (s), 1144 (s), 1198 (s), 1295 (w), 1390 (m), 1458 (m), 1560 (s), 2844 (w), 2926 (m); MS (ES^+) m/z 438.2 (M+H); HRMS $C_{22}H_{28}NO_4S$ (M-Cl) Expected 402.1739, Found 402.1741.

(2-(2-Chloro-9-phenylnonyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **2i**



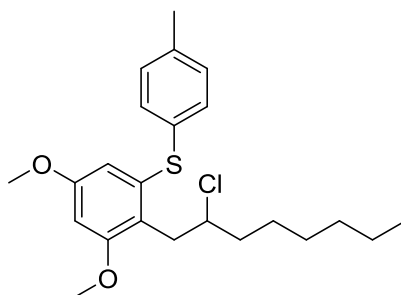
As described in general procedure C, **1a** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol), 9-phenyl-1-nonene (206.4 mg, 1 mmol) and FeCl₃ (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl₃ in hexanes) gave **2i** (61.9 mg, 63%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.18 - 1.44 (7 H, m, CH₂), 1.59 - 1.67 (3 H, m, CH₂), 1.69 - 1.78 (2 H, m, CH₂), 2.61 (2 H, t, *J* 7.5 Hz, CH₂CH₂Ph), 3.24 (1 H, dd, *J* 13.8, 7.5 Hz, ArCH₂CHCl), 3.34 (1 H, dd, *J* 13.8, 7.5 Hz, ArCH₂CHCl), 3.69 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 3.83 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 4.28 (1 H, m, CH₂CHClCH₂), 6.42 (1 H, d, *J* 2.3 Hz, aryl H), 6.45 (1 H, d, *J* 2.3 Hz, aryl H), 7.16 - 7.33 (10 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 26.8 (CH₂), 29.1 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 31.6 (CH₂), 36.0 (CH₂CH₂Ph), 36.3 (ArCH₂CHCl), 37.7 (CH₂), 55.4 (OCH₃), 55.7 (OCH₃), 63.4 (CHCl), 98.3 (aryl C-H), 108.8 (aryl C-H), 121.3 (aryl C), 125.6 (aryl C-H), 126.6 (aryl C-H), 128.3 (aryl C-H), 128.5 (aryl C-H), 129.2 (aryl C-H), 130.0 (aryl C-H), 136.4 (aryl C), 136.6 (aryl C), 142.9 (aryl C), 159.1 (aryl C), 159.3 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 1047 (s), 1146 (s), 1198 (s), 1296 (w), 1454 (m), 1495 (m), 1571 (s), 1596 (s), 2854 (m), 2928 (s); MS (ES⁺) *m/z* 483.4 (M+H); HRMS C₂₉H₃₅O₂S (M-Cl) Expected 447.2358, Found 447.2323.

(2-(2-Chloro-4-methylpentyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide 2j



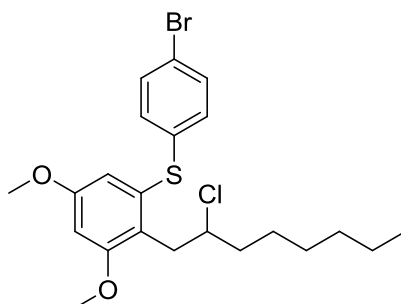
As described in general procedure C, **1a** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4-methyl-1-hexene (142 μ L, 1 mmol) and FeCl₃ (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl₃ in hexanes) gave **2j** (35.7 mg, 46% as a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.75 - 0.93 (6 H, m, CH₃), 0.98 - 1.58 (3 H, m, CH₂), 1.60 - 1.88 (2 H, m, CH₂), 3.17 - 3.40 (2 H, m, ArCH₂CHCl), 3.69 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 3.83 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 4.31 - 4.44 (1 H, m, CH₂CHClCH₂), 6.42 (1 H, app. s, aryl H), 6.45 (1 H, app. s, aryl H), 7.17 - 7.32 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 10.7 + 11.4 (CH₃), 18.0 + 19.4 (CH₃), 27.9, 30.0, 31.5, 31.7, 36.3 + 36.8 (ArCH₂CHCl), 44.7 + 45.2 (alkyl H), 55.3 (OCH₃), 55.6 (OCH₃), 61.3 + 61.4 (CHCl), 98.4 (aryl C-H), 109.0 (aryl C-H), 121.4 + 121.5 (aryl C), 126.5 (aryl C-H), 129.1 (aryl C-H), 129.8 (aryl C-H), 136.4 (aryl C), 136.5 + 136.6 (aryl C), 159.1 (aryl C), 159.2 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 1047 (s), 1146 (s), 1199 (s), 1296 (w), 1461 (m), 1477 (m), 1571 (s), 1597 (s), 2931 (m), 2959 (m); MS (ES⁺) *m/z* 379.3 (M+H); HRMS C₂₁H₂₇O₂S (M-Cl) Expected 343.1732, Found 343.1729.

(2-(2-Chlorooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(p-tolyl)sulfide **2k**



As described in general procedure C, **1b** (52.9 mg, 0.2 mmol), octene (160 μ L, 1 mmol) and FeCl_3 (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl_3 in hexanes) gave **2k** (43.6 mg, 53%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.89 (3 H, t, J 6.9 Hz, CH_2CH_3), 1.20 - 1.43 (7 H, m, CH_2), 1.60 (1 H, m, CH_2), 1.70 - 1.77 (2 H, m, CH_2), 2.34 (3 H, s, ArCH_3), 3.24 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.3 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.32 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.3 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.66 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.82 (3 H, m, OCH_3), 4.29 (1 H, m, $\text{CH}_2\text{CHClCH}_2$), 6.34 (1 H, d, J 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 6.36 (1 H, d, J 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 7.12 (2 H, d, J 7.9 Hz, aryl H), 7.21 (2 H, d, J 7.9 Hz, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 14.1 (CH_2CH_3), 21.1 (ArCH_3), 22.6 (CH_2), 26.7 (CH_2), 28.8 (CH_2), 31.7 (CH_2), 36.2 (ArCH_2CHCl), 37.7 (CH_2), 55.3 (OCH_3), 55.6 (OCH_3), 63.3 (CHCl), 97.6 (aryl C-H), 107.9 (aryl C-H), 120.3 (aryl C), 130.0 (aryl C-H), 131.3 (aryl C-H), 131.9 (aryl C), 137.1 (aryl C), 138.0 (aryl C), 159.0 (aryl C), 159.2 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1048 (s), 1145 (s), 1199 (s), 1295 (w), 1460 (m), 1572 (s), 1596 (s), 2867 (w), 2929 (m); MS (ES^+) m/z 407.3 (M+H); HRMS $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_2\text{ClS}$ (M+H) Expected 407.1808, Found 407.1806.

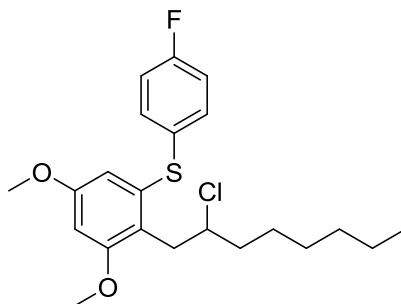
(4-Bromophenyl)(2-(2-chlorooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)sulfide **2l**



As described in general procedure C, **1c** (66 mg, 0.2 mmol), octene (160 μ L, 1 mmol) and FeCl_3 (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl_3 in hexanes) gave **2l** (62.7 mg, 65%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.88 (3 H, t, J 6.8 Hz, CH_2CH_3) 1.17 - 1.43 (7 H, m, CH_2), 1.51 - 1.64 (1 H, m, CH_2), 1.65 - 1.77 (2 H, m, CH_2), 3.20 (1 H, dd, J 13.7, 6.7 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.30 (1 H, dd, J 13.7, 7.7 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.71 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.83 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 4.24 (1 H, m, $\text{CH}_2\text{CHClCH}_2$), 6.44 (1 H, d, J 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 6.45 (1 H, d, J 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 7.08 (2 H, d, J 8.4 Hz, aryl H), 7.39 (2 H, d, J 8.4 Hz, aryl H); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 14.1 (CH_2CH_3), 22.6

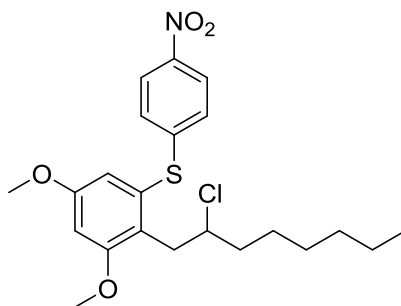
(CH₂), 26.7 (CH₂), 28.8 (CH₂), 31.8 (CH₂), 36.3 (ArCH₂CHCl), 37.8 (CH₂), 55.4 (OCH₃), 55.7 (OCH₃), 63.3 (CHCl), 98.8 (aryl C-H), 109.3 (aryl C-H), 120.2 (aryl C), 121.9 (aryl C), 130.9 (aryl C-H), 132.1 (aryl C-H), 135.6 (aryl C), 136.2 (aryl C), 159.2 (aryl C), 159.4 (aryl C); ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 1007 (s), 1047 (s), 1144 (s), 1198 (s), 1295 (m), 1434 (m), 1471 (s), 1570 (s), 1596 (s), 2856 (w), 2929 (m); MS (ES⁺) m/z 471.1 (M+H); HRMS C₂₂H₂₉BrO₂ClS (M+H) Expected 471.0755, Found 471.0751.

(2-(2-Chlorooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(4-fluorophenyl)sulfide 2m



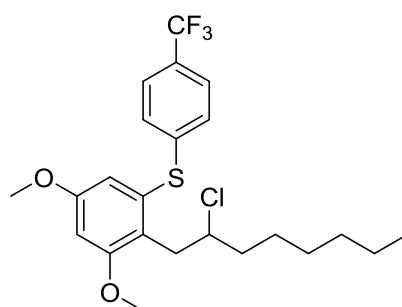
As described in general procedure C, **1d** (53.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), octene (160 μ L, 1 mmol) and FeCl₃ (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl₃ in hexanes) gave **2m** (55.9 mg, 66%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.89 (3 H, t, J 6.8 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 1.20 - 1.45 (7 H, m, CH₂), 1.54 - 1.67 (1 H, m, CH₂), 1.68 - 1.78 (2 H, m, CH₂), 3.22 (1 H, dd, J 13.8, 6.8 Hz, ArCH₂CHCl), 3.31 (1 H, dd, J 13.8, 7.5 Hz, ArCH₂CHCl), 3.67 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 3.83 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 4.28 (1 H, m, CH₂CHClCH₂), 6.30 (1 H, d, J 2.3 Hz, aryl H), 6.38 (1 H, d, J 2.3 Hz, aryl H), 7.02 (2 H, t, J 8.7 Hz, aryl H), 7.25 - 7.33 (2 H, dd, J 8.7, 5.3 Hz, aryl H); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 14.1 (CH₃), 22.6 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH₂), 28.8 (CH₂), 31.7 (CH₂), 36.2 (ArCH₂CHCl), 37.8 (CH₂), 55.3 (OCH₃), 55.6 (OCH₃), 63.3 (CHCl), 97.7 (aryl C-H), 107.8 (aryl C-H), 116.4 (d, J 22.0 Hz, aryl C-H), 120.3 (aryl C), 130.8 (d, J 2.9 Hz, aryl C), 133.2 (d, J 8.1 Hz, aryl C-H), 137.7 (aryl C), 159.1 (aryl C), 159.3 (aryl C), 162.2 (d, J 247.2 Hz, C-F); ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 1047 (s), 1145 (s), 1198 (m), 1226 (m), 1295 (w), 1460 (w), 1488 (s), 1571 (m), 1590 (m), 2856 (w), 2929 (w); MS (ES⁺) m/z 411.2 (M+H); HRMS C₂₂H₂₉O₂ClFS (M+H) Expected 411.1555, Found 411.1556.

(2-(2-Chlorooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(4-nitrophenyl)sulfide 2n



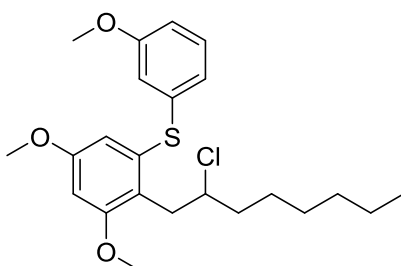
As described in general procedure C, **1e** (59.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), octene (160 μ L, 1 mmol) and FeCl_3 (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl_3 in hexanes) gave **2n** (66.9 mg, 75%) as a yellow solid; m.p 50.2-52.6 $^\circ\text{C}$, δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.87 (3 H, t, J 6.8 Hz, CH_2CH_3), 1.14 - 1.42 (7 H, m, CH_2), 1.47 - 1.62 (1 H, m, CH_2), 1.65 - 1.75 (2 H, m, CH_2), 3.17 (1 H, dd, J 13.7, 6.1 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.26 (1 H, dd, J 13.7, 8.2 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.78 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.87 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 4.21 (1 H, m, $\text{CH}_2\text{CHClCH}_2$), 6.57 (1 H, d, J 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 6.66 (1 H, d, J 2.2 Hz, aryl H), 7.13 (2 H, d, J 8.9 Hz, aryl H), 8.06 (2 H, d, J 8.9 Hz, aryl H); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 14.0 (CH_3), 22.6 (CH_2), 26.6 (CH_2), 28.7 (CH_2), 31.6 (CH_2), 36.5 (ArCH_2CHCl), 38.0 (CH_2), 55.5 (OCH_3), 55.7 (OCH_3), 63.1 (CHCl), 100.6 (aryl C-H), 111.3 (aryl C-H), 123.9 (aryl C), 124.0 (aryl C-H), 126.2 (aryl C-H), 131.6 (aryl C), 145.1 (aryl C), 148.6 (aryl C), 159.5 (aryl C), 159.8 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1044 (m), 1086 (m), 1144 (m), 1198 (m), 1298 (w), 1334 (s), 1460 (w), 1513 (m), 1595 (m), 2855 (w), 2929 (w); MS (ES^+) m/z 438.2 (M+H); HRMS $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_4\text{ClS}$ (M+H) Expected 438.1506, Found 438.1500.

(2-(2-Chlorooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfide **2o**



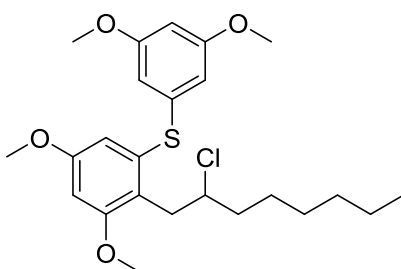
As described in general procedure C, **1f** (63.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), octene (160 μ L, 1 mmol) and FeCl_3 (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl_3 in hexanes) gave **2o** (69.8 mg, 75%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.88 (3 H, t, J 6.9 Hz, CH_2CH_3), 1.16 - 1.42 (7 H, m, CH_2), 1.50 - 1.63 (1 H, m, CH_2), 1.63 - 1.78 (2 H, m, CH_2), 3.20 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 6.5 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.30 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 8.0 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.75 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.86 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 4.23 (1 H, m, $\text{CH}_2\text{CHClCH}_2$), 6.52 (1 H, d, J 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 6.61 (1 H, d, J 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 7.18 (2 H, d, J 8.3 Hz, aryl H), 7.47 (2 H, d, J 8.3 Hz, aryl H); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 14.1 (CH_3), 22.6 (CH_2), 26.7 (CH_2), 28.8 (CH_2), 31.7 (CH_2), 36.4 (ArCH_2CHCl), 37.9 (CH_2), 55.5 (OCH_3), 55.7 (OCH_3), 63.3 (CHCl), 99.9 (aryl C-H), 110.8 (aryl C-H), 123.3 (aryl C), 124.3 (q, J 271.4 Hz, CF_3), 125.7 (q, J 3.7 Hz, aryl C-H), 127.3 (aryl C-H), 128.3 (q, J 32.3 Hz, aryl C), 133.3 (aryl C), 143.3 (aryl C), 159.4 (aryl C), 159.6 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1013 (m), 1047 (m), 1063 (m), 1123 (m), 1163 (m), 1324 (s), 1461 (w), 1570 (m), 1598 (m), 2857 (w), 2931 (w); MS (ES^+) m/z 461.5 (M+H); HRMS $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{F}_3\text{S}$ (M-Cl) Expected 425.1757, Found 425.1755.

(2-(2-Chlorooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(3-methoxyphenyl)sulfide **2p**



As described in general procedure C, **1g** (56.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), octene (160 μ L, 1 mmol) and FeCl_3 (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl_3 in hexanes) gave **2p** (52.7 mg, 60%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.90 (3 H, t, J 7.1 Hz, CH_3), 1.20 - 1.44 (7 H, m, CH_2), 1.56-1.66 (1 H, m, CH_2), 1.70 - 1.78 (2 H, m, CH_2), 3.26 (1 H, dd, J 13.9, 6.9 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.35 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.3 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.71 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.77 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.84 (3 H, m, OCH_3), 4.30 (1 H, m, CHCl), 6.44 (1 H, d, J 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 6.52 (1 H, d, J 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 6.76 (1 H, ddd, J 8.0, 2.5, 0.9 Hz, aryl H), 6.80 (1 H, dd, J 3.5, 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 6.82 - 6.85 (1 H, m, aryl H), 7.20 (1 H, t, J 8.0 Hz, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 14.1 (CH_3), 22.6 (CH_2), 26.7 (CH_2), 28.8 (CH_2), 31.8 (CH_2), 36.3 (ArCH_2CHCl), 37.8 (CH_2), 55.26 (OCH_3), 55.4 (OCH_3), 55.6 (OCH_3), 63.4 (CHCl), 98.6 (aryl C-H), 109.4 (aryl C-H), 112.2 (aryl C-H), 115.0 (aryl C-H), 121.7 (aryl C), 122.0 (aryl C-H), 129.9 (aryl C-H), 136.0 (aryl C), 138.0 (aryl C), 159.2 (aryl C), 159.4 (aryl C), 160.1 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1045 (s), 1144 (m), 1199 (m), 1247 (m), 1462 (m), 1476 (m), 1572 (s), 1585 (s), 2856 (w), 2930 (m), 3000 (w); MS (ES^+) m/z 422.9 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$); HRMS $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}-\text{Cl}$) Expected 387.1994, Found 387.1992.

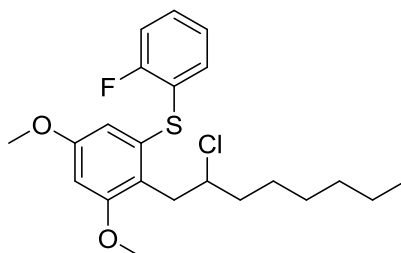
(2-(2-Chlorooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)sulfide **2q**



As described in general procedure C, **1h** (62.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), octene (160 μ L, 1 mmol) and FeCl_3 (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (50 % CHCl_3 in hexanes) gave **2q** (43.0 mg, 47%) as a white solid; m.p 62.1-64.3 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.88 (3 H, t, J 6.9 Hz, CH_2CH_3), 1.16 - 1.41 (7 H, m, CH_2), 1.51-1.64 (1 H, m, CH_2), 1.65 - 1.76 (2 H, m, CH_2), 3.21 (1 H, dd, J 13.8, 7.0 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.31 (1 H, dd, J 13.8, 7.5 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.72 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.74 (6 H, s, OCH_3), 3.83 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 4.25 (1 H, m, $\text{CH}_2\text{CHClCH}_2$), 6.27 - 6.31 (1 H, m, aryl H), 6.35 (2 H, d, J 2.0 Hz, aryl H), 6.43 (1 H, d, J 2.3 Hz, aryl H), 6.55 (1 H, d, J 2.3 Hz, aryl H); δ_{C} (100

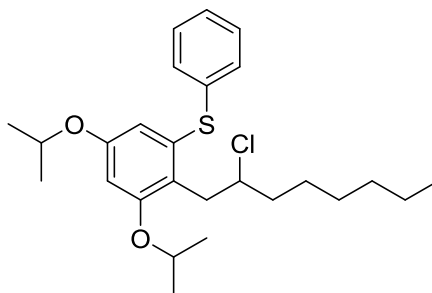
MHz, CDCl₃) 14.2 (CH₃), 22.7 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH₂), 28.8 (CH₂), 31.2 (CH₂), 36.3 (ArCH₂CHCl), 37.8 (CH₂), 55.4 (OCH₃), 55.4 (OCH₃), 55.6 (OCH₃), 63.5 (CHCl), 98.6 (aryl C-H), 98.9 (aryl C-H), 107.0 (aryl C-H), 109.7 (aryl C-H), 122.0 (aryl C), 135.3 (aryl C), 139.0 (aryl C), 159.1 (aryl C), 159.3 (aryl C), 161.0 (aryl C); ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 1044 (s), 1154 (s), 1202 (s), 1279 (m), 1417 (m), 1454 (m), 1570 (s), 1585 (s), 2856 (w), 2930 (m); MS (ES⁺) m/z 453.4 (M+H); HRMS C₂₄H₃₄O₄ClS (M+H) Expected 453.1866, Found 453.1873.

(2-(2-Chlorooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(2-fluorophenyl)sulfide 2r



As described in general procedure C, **1j** (53.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), octene (160 μ L, 1 mmol) and FeCl₃ (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl₃ in hexanes) gave **2r** (53.5 mg, 64%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.89 (3 H, t, J 6.9 Hz, CH₃), 1.19 - 1.44 (7 H, m, CH₂), 1.55-1.64 (1 H, m, CH₂), 1.68 - 1.80 (2 H, m, CH₂), 3.25 (1 H, dd, J 13.9, 6.9 Hz, ArCH₂CHCl), 3.35 (1 H, dd, J 13.9, 7.6 Hz, ArCH₂CHCl), 3.69 (3 H, m, OCH₃), 3.83 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 4.29 (1 H, m, CH₂CHClCH₂), 6.39 (1 H, d, J 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 6.42 (1 H, d, J 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 7.03 - 7.15 (3 H, m, aryl H), 7.21 - 7.26 (1 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 14.1 (CH₃), 22.6 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH₂), 28.9 (CH₂), 31.7 (CH₂), 36.3 (ArCH₂CHCl), 37.7 (CH₂), 55.3 (OCH₃), 55.6 (OCH₃), 63.2 (CHCl), 98.4 (aryl C-H), 108.6 (aryl C-H), 115.8 (d, J 21.8 Hz, aryl C-H), 121.4 (aryl C), 123.4 (d, J 17.3 Hz, aryl C), 124.7 (d, J 3.6 Hz, aryl C-H), 128.8 (d, J 7.3 Hz, aryl C-H), 132.4 (aryl C-H), 135.2 (aryl C), 159.2 (aryl C), 159.4 (aryl C), 160.7 (d, J 246.1 Hz, C-F); ν_{\max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 1047 (s), 1145 (s), 1221 (m), 1297 (w), 1472 (s), 1572 (s), 1597 (s), 2857 (w), 2930 (m); MS (ES⁺) m/z 411.3 (M+H); HRMS C₂₂H₂₉O₂ClFS (M+H) Expected 411.1555, Found 411.1557.

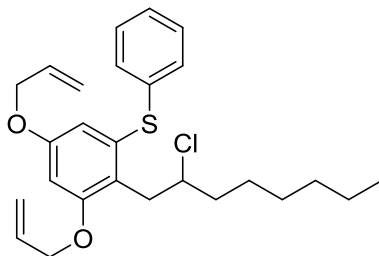
(2-(2-Chlorooctyl)-3,5-diisopropoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide 2s



As described in general procedure C, **1k** (61.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), octene (160 μ L, 1 mmol) and FeCl₃ (131 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl₃ in hexanes) gave **2s**

(59.5 mg, 65%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.89 (3 H, t, J 6.8 Hz, CH_3), 1.20 - 1.33 (12 H, m, $\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.33 - 1.41 (7 H, m, CH_2), 1.50 - 1.65 (1 H, m, CH_2), 1.68-1.77 (2 H, q, J 7.4 Hz, CH_2), 3.23 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.3 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.30 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.3 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 4.23 - 4.40 (2 H, m, $\text{CHCl} + \text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 4.53 (1 H, spt, J 6.0 Hz, $\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 6.36 (2 H, s, aryl H), 7.17 - 7.32 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 14.2 (CH_3), 21.9 ($\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 22.0 ($\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 22.1 ($\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 22.7 (CH_2), 26.8 (CH_2), 28.8 (CH_2), 31.8 (CH_2), 36.6 (ArCH_2CHCl), 37.8 (CH_2), 63.6 (CHCl), 69.8 ($\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 69.9 ($\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 101.3 (aryl C-H), 110.1 (aryl C-H), 121.6 (aryl C), 126.5 (aryl C-H), 129.1 (aryl C-H), 130.1 (aryl C-H), 136.6 (aryl C), 136.7 (aryl C), 157.3 (aryl C), 157.4 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1037 (m), 1113 (s), 1135 (s), 1179 (m), 1273 (w), 1373 (w), 1384 (w), 1464 (m), 1566 (s), 1593 (w), 2857 (w), 2929 (m), 2975 (m); MS (ES^+) m/z 449.3 (M+H); HRMS $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_2\text{ClS}$ (M+H) Expected 449.2281, Found 449.2293.

(3,5-bis(Allyloxy)-2-(2-chlorooctyl)phenyl)(phenyl)sulfide 2t



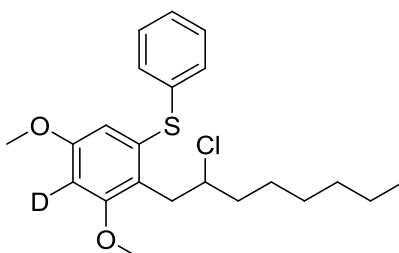
As described in general procedure C, **1k** (59.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), octene (160 μL , 1.0 mmol) and FeCl_3 (130 mg, 0.8 mmol), after purification by column chromatography (30% CHCl_3 in hexanes) gave **2t** (46.7 mg, 50%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.88 (3 H, t, J 6.8 Hz, CH_3), 1.20 - 1.42 (7 H, m, CH_2), 1.53 - 1.65 (1 H, m, CH_2), 1.70 - 1.78 (2 H, m, CH_2), 3.26 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.2 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.36 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.2 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 4.30 (1 H, m, CHCl), 4.37 (2 H, dt, J 5.4, 1.3 Hz, OCH_2), 4.53 (2 H, dt, J 5.0, 1.5 Hz, OCH_2), 5.23 (1 H, dq, J 10.5, 1.3 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 5.29 (1 H, dq, J 6.7, 1.5 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 5.32 (1 H, q, J 1.3 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 5.45 (1 H, dq, J 17.3, 1.5 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 5.95 (1 H, ddt, J 17.2, 10.7, 5.5 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 6.06 (1 H, ddt, J 17.2, 10.4, 5.1 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 6.42 (1 H, d, J 2.4 Hz, aryl H), 6.43 (1 H, d, J 2.4 Hz, aryl H), 7.19 - 7.33 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 14.1 (CH_3), 22.6 (CH_2), 26.7 (CH_2), 28.7 (CH_2), 31.7 (CH_2), 36.4 (ArCH_2CHCl), 37.8 (CH_2), 63.3 (CHCl), 68.9 (OCH_2), 69.0 (OCH_2), 99.9 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 109.7 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 117.3 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 118.0 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 121.4 (aryl C), 126.7 (aryl C-H), 129.1 (aryl C-H), 130.3 (aryl C-H), 132.8 (aryl C-H), 132.9 (aryl C-H), 136.2 (aryl C), 136.8 (aryl C), 158.0 (aryl C), 158.1 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}); 924 (s), 1023 (s), 1044 (s), 1140 (w), 1172 (s), 1274 (w), 1416 (w), 1455 (w), 1569 (s), 1595 (s), 2856 (w), 2926 (w), 2953 (w), 3060 (w), 3074 (w); MS (ES^+) m/z 455 (M+H⁺); HRMS $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ (M-Cl) Expected 409.2201 Found 409.2193.

Manipulation of Products

General Procedure D

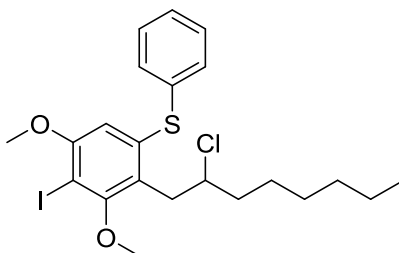
A solution of *n*-butyllithium (1.6 M in hexanes, 1.2 equiv.) was added to a solution of **2a** (0.1 M) precooled to -78 °C. The mixture was warmed to room temperature, quenched and left to stir for 10 min. NH₄Cl (2 mL) and EtOAc (2 mL) were then added. The organic layer was then washed twice more with NH₄Cl (2 ml). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 2 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered and solvent removed *in vacuo*.

(2-(2-Chlorooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl-4-d)(phenyl)sulfide **3a**



As described in general procedure D, the reaction of **2a** (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) was quenched with MeOD (48 μL) and, after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl₃ in hexanes), gave **3a** (51 mg, 100%) as a colourless oil; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.88 (3 H, t, *J* 6.9 Hz, CH₃), 1.16 - 1.44 (7 H, m, CH₂), 1.53 - 1.65 (1 H, m, CH₂), 1.66 - 1.77 (2 H, m, CH₂), 3.23 (1 H, dd, *J* 13.8, 7.0 Hz, ArCH₂CHCl), 3.33 (1 H, dd, *J* 13.8, 7.5 Hz, ArCH₂CHCl), 3.68 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 3.83 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 4.23 - 4.32 (1 H, m, ArCH₂CHCl), 6.44 (1 H, s, aryl H), 7.17 - 7.33 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 14.1 (CH₃), 22.7 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH₂), 28.8 (CH₂), 31.8 (CH₂), 36.3 (ArCH₂CHCl), 37.7 (CH₂), 55.3 (OCH₃), 55.6 (OCH₃), 63.4 (CHCl), 98.0 (t, *J* 24.2 Hz, aryl C-D), 108.8 (aryl C-H), 121.3 (aryl C), 126.6 (aryl C-H), 129.2 (aryl C-H), 130.0 (aryl C-H), 136.4 (aryl C), 136.5 (aryl C), 159.0 (aryl C), 159.2 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 1046 (s), 1094 (s), 1146 (m), 1199 (s), 1295 (m), 1387 (m), 1458 (m), 1565 (s), 1587 (s), 2856 (w), 2929 (m); MS (ES⁺) *m/z* 394.3 (M+H); HRMS C₂₂H₂₉DO₂ClS (M+H) Expected 394.1718, Found 394.1703.

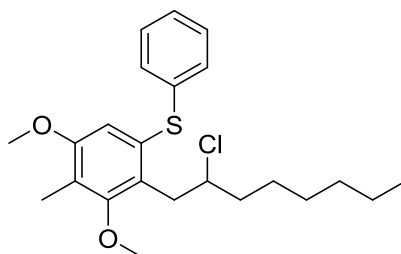
(2-(2-Chlorooctyl)-4-iodo-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **3b**



As described in general procedure D, the reaction of **2a** (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) was quenched with I₂ (1.17 mL, 1.17 M in THF) and, after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl₃ in

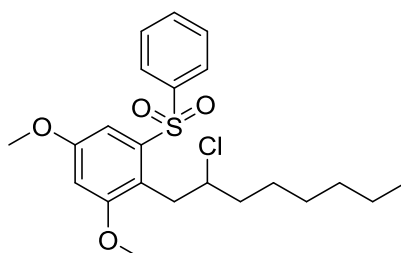
hexanes), gave **3b** (64 mg, 95%) as a yellow oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.88 (3 H, t, J 6.9, CH_3), 1.19 - 1.43 (7 H, m, CH_2), 1.53 - 1.63 (1 H, m, CH_2), 1.67 - 1.80 (2 H, m, CH_2), 3.24 (1 H, dd, J 13.9, 6.6 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.36 (1 H, dd, J 14.0, 7.7 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.68 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.85 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 4.31 - 4.39 (1 H, m, $\text{CH}_2\text{CHClCH}_2$), 6.51 (1 H, s, aryl H), 7.24 - 7.36 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 14.1 (CH_3), 22.6 (CH_2), 26.7 (CH_2), 28.7 (CH_2), 31.7 (CH_2), 37.7 (CH_2), 37.9 (ArCH_2CHCl), 56.5 (OCH_3), 61.1 (OCH_3), 62.9 (CHCl), 83.5 (aryl C), 110.9 (aryl C-H), 126.4 (aryl C), 127.3 (aryl C-H), 129.4 (aryl C-H), 130.7 (aryl C-H), 135.4, (aryl C), 138.0 (aryl C), 158.2 (aryl C), 160.3 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1018 (w), 1086 (s), 1136 (m), 1198 (w), 1372 (m), 1456 (m), 1567 (m), 2855 (w), 2930 (m); MS (ES^+) m/z 541.2 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$); HRMS $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2\text{ClIS}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) Expected 519.0616, Found 519.0610.

(2-(2-Chlorooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxy-4-methylphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide 3c



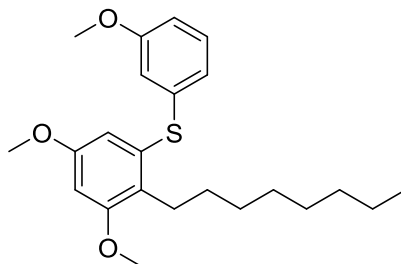
As described in general procedure D, the reaction of **2a** (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) was quenched with MeI (73 μL) and, after purification by column chromatography (30 % CHCl_3 in hexanes), gave **3c** (46.1 mg, 87%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.88 (3 H, t, J 6.9 Hz, CH_3) 1.18 - 1.41 (7 H, m, CH_2), 1.51-1.63 (1 H, m, CH_2), 1.66 - 1.78 (2 H, m, CH_2), 2.19 (3 H, s, ArCH_3), 3.19 (1 H, dd, J 13.7, 6.8 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.31 (1 H, dd, J 13.9, 7.6 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.70 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.75 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 4.28 - 4.36 (1 H, m, CHCl), 6.70 (1 H, s, aryl H), 7.15 - 7.21 (3 H, m, aryl H), 7.24 - 7.29 (2 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 9.6 (ArCH_3), 14.1 (CH_3), 22.6 (CH_2), 26.7 (CH_2), 28.7 (CH_2), 31.7 (CH_2), 37.1 (ArCH_2CHCl), 37.8 (CH_2), 55.6 (OCH_3), 60.1 (OCH_3), 63.6 (CHCl), 112.2 (aryl C-H), 120.5 (aryl C), 126.0 (aryl C-H), 126.6 (aryl C), 128.6 (aryl C-H), 129.0 (aryl C-H), 131.6 (aryl C), 137.4 (aryl C), 157.6 (aryl C), 158.5 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1024 (m), 1120 (s), 1192 (w), 1268 (w), 1388(w), 1438 (m), 1464 (m), 1583 (m), 2856 (w), 2929 (m); MS (ES^+) m/z 407.4 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$); HRMS $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}-\text{Cl}$) Expected 371.2045, Found 371.2039.

2-(2-Chlorooctyl)-1,5-dimethoxy-3-(phenylsulfonyl)benzene 3d



m-CPBA ($\leq 77\%$) (67.3 mg, 0.39 mmol) was added to a solution of **2a** (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL). The mixture was stirred under reflux for 18 hr and then quenched with aqueous NaHCO_3 (2 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with CH_2Cl_2 (3×2 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried with MgSO_4 , filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexanes) to give **3d** (52.6 mg, 95%) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.87 (3 H, t, J 7.1 Hz, CH_3), 1.11 - 1.36 (7 H, m, CH_2), 1.45 - 1.58 (3 H, m, CH_2), 3.21 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.3 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.28 (1 H, dd, J 13.6, 7.6 Hz, ArCH_2CHCl), 3.80 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.89 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 4.25 - 4.34 (1 H, m, $\text{CH}_2\text{CHClCH}_2$), 6.67 (1 H, d, J 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 7.40 (1 H, d, J 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 7.50 (2 H, t, J 7.3 Hz, aryl H), 7.58 (1 H, t, J 7.3 Hz, aryl H), 7.86 (2 H, d, J 7.3 Hz, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 14.1 (CH_3), 22.6 (CH_2), 26.8 (CH_2), 28.7 (CH_2), 31.7 (CH_2), 34.5 (ArCH_2CHCl), 37.4 (CH_2), 55.8 (OCH_3), 55.9 (OCH_3), 63.0 (CHCl), 103.4 (aryl C-H), 105.5 (aryl C-H), 119.6 (aryl C), 127.4 (aryl C-H), 129.2 (aryl C-H), 133.2 (aryl C-H), 141.1 (aryl C), 141.9 (aryl C), 159.1 (aryl C), 160.1 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1041 (m), 1057 (w), 1154 (s), 1204 (m), 1305 (s), 1461 (m), 1600 (m), 2856 (w), 2930 (m); MS (ES^+) m/z 389.3 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$); HRMS $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_4\text{SNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) Expected 447.1385, Found 447.1373.

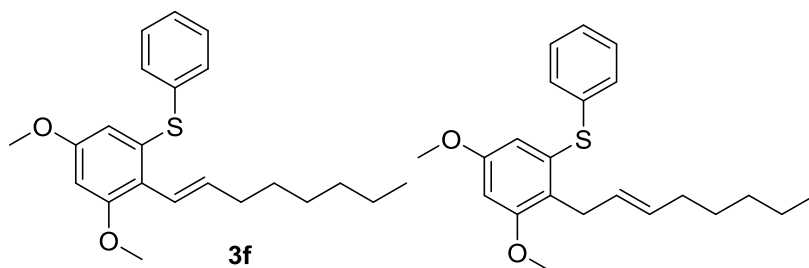
(3,5-Dimethoxy-2-octylphenyl)(3-methoxyphenyl)sulfide **3e**



AIBN (1.6 mg, 0.01 mmol) and Bu_3SnH (65 μL , 0.24 mmol) were added to a solution of **2p** (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in benzene (1 mL). The solution was stirred under reflux for 18 h, then cooled to room temperature and solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product mixture was then passed through a plug of 10% K_2CO_3 /silica using hexane, then EtOAc as eluents. The solvent was then removed *in vacuo* and the resultant crude product purified by column chromatography (30% CHCl_3 in hexanes) to give **3e** (27.9 mg, 86% brsm) as a colourless oil; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 0.83 - 0.92 (3 H, t, J 7 Hz, CH_3), 1.18 - 1.38 (10 H, m, CH_2), 1.39 - 1.51 (2 H, m, ArCH_2CH_2), 2.69 - 2.78 (2 H, m, ArCH_2CH_2), 3.70 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.76 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 3.81 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 6.41 (1 H, d, J 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 6.46 (1 H, d, J 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 6.71 - 6.76 (1 H, m, aryl H), 6.79 (1 H, t, J 2.0 Hz, aryl H), 6.82 (1 H, d, J 7.8 Hz, aryl H), 7.18 (1 H, t, J 8.0 Hz, aryl H); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 14.1 (CH_3), 22.7 (CH_2), 27.3 (ArCH_2CH_2), 29.3 (CH_2), 29.4 (CH_2), 29.8 (CH_2), 29.9 (CH_2), 31.9 (CH_2), 55.2 (OCH_3), 55.2 (OCH_3), 55.6 (OCH_3), 98.6 (aryl C-H), 108.8 (aryl C-H), 112.0 (aryl C-H), 114.9 (aryl C-H), 121.9 (aryl C-H), 126.4 (aryl C), 129.8 (aryl C-H), 134.4 (aryl C), 138.2 (aryl C), 158.4 (aryl C), 158.8 (aryl C), 159.9 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/ cm^{-1}) 1047 (s), 1147 (s), 1195 (w), 1230 (w), 1245 (w), 1282 (w), 1462 (m),

1476 (m), 1570 (s), 1590 (s), 2853 (w), 2925 (m), 2954 (m), 2999 (w); MS (ES⁺) *m/z* 389.3 (M+H); HRMS C₂₃H₃₃O₃S (M+H) Expected 389.2162, Found 389.2150.

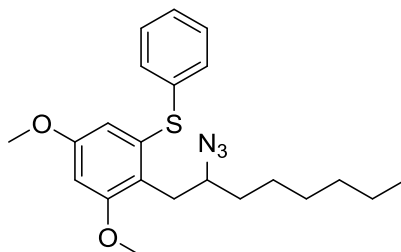
(*E*)-(3,5-Dimethoxy-2-(*oct-1-en-1-yl*)phenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **3f** and (*E*)-(3,5-dimethoxy-2-(*oct-2-en-1-yl*)phenyl)(phenyl)sulfide



A solution of NaOEt in EtOH (21 wt%, 100 μ L, 0.26 mmol) was added to a solution of **2a** (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in EtOH (1.2 mL). The solution was stirred under reflux for 18 h, then cooled to room temperature and quenched with H₂O (2 mL) and diluted with EtOAc (5 mL). The organic phase was washed with H₂O (3 \times 2 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes) to give **3f** (24.6 mg, 53 %) and (*E*)-(3,5-dimethoxy-2-(*oct-2-en-1-yl*)phenyl)(phenyl)sulfide (15.3 mg, 33%) as colourless oils; For **3f**, δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.89 (3 H, t, *J* 6.6 Hz, CH₃), 1.23 - 1.37 (6 H, m, CH₂), 1.37 - 1.45 (2 H, m, CH₂), 2.19 (2 H, qd, *J* 6.9, 1.3 Hz, CH=CHCH₂CH₂), 3.66 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 3.83 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 6.27 (1 H, dt, *J* 16.1, 6.9 Hz, ArCH=CHCH₂), 6.35 (1 H, d, *J* 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 6.39 (1 H, d, *J* 2.5 Hz, aryl H), 6.53 (1 H, dt, *J* 16.1, 1.3 Hz, ArCH=CHCH₂), 7.21 - 7.33 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 14.2 (CH₃), 22.7 (CH₂), 28.9 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 31.8 (CH₂), 34.1 (CH=CHCH₂CH₂), 55.3 (OCH₃), 55.6 (OCH₃), 98.0 (aryl C-H), 107.8 (aryl C-H), 121.0 (aryl C), 122.7 (ArCH=CHCH₂), 126.9 (aryl C-H), 129.1 (aryl C-H), 131.1 (aryl C-H), 135.7 (aryl C), 136.1 (aryl C), 136.6 (ArCH=CHCH₂), 158.6 (aryl C), 158.7 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 1046 (s), 1153 (s), 1200 (m), 1210 (m), 1298 (m), 1407 (w), 1434 (w), 1459 (m), 1563 (s), 1593 (s), 2854 (w), 2925 (m), 2954 (w), 3000 (w); MS (ES⁺) *m/z* 357.3 (M+H); HRMS C₂₂H₂₉O₂S (M+H) Expected 357.1883, Found 357.1887; For (*E*)-(3,5-dimethoxy-2-(*oct-2-en-1-yl*)phenyl)(phenyl)sulfide, δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.82 - 0.92 (3 H, t, *J* 7 Hz, CH₃), 1.16 - 1.36 (6 H, m, CH₂), 1.91 (2 H, q, *J* 6.6 Hz, CHCHCH₂CH₂), 3.49 (2 H, d, *J* 5.8 Hz, ArCH₂CHCH), 3.68 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 3.82 (3 H, s, OCH₃), 5.30 - 5.50 (2 H, m, ArCH₂CHCHCH₂), 6.42 (2 H, q, *J* 2.1 Hz, aryl H), 7.16 - 7.31 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 14.1 (CH₃), 22.5 (CH₂), 29.1 (CH₂), 30.2 (ArCH₂CHCH), 31.4 (CH₂), 32.5 (CHCHCH₂), 55.3 (OCH₃), 55.7 (OCH₃), 98.4 (aryl C-H), 108.6 (aryl C-H), 123.8 (aryl C), 126.4 (aryl C-H), 127.3 (CH₂CH=CHCH₂), 129.0 (aryl C-H), 130.1 (aryl C-H), 131.2 (CH₂CH=CHCH₂), 135.5 (aryl C), 136.6 (aryl C), 158.7 (aryl C), 158.8 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 1050 (s), 1144 (s), 1166 (w), 1205 (m) 1274 (w), 1296 (w), 1409 (w), 1437 (w), 1460 (m), 1477 (m), 1572 (s), 1596 (s), 2854 (w), 2925

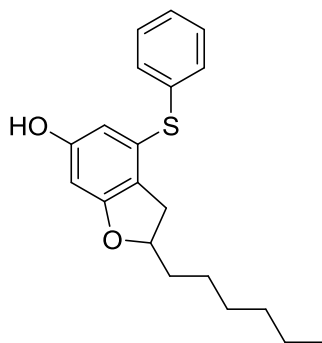
(m), 2955 (w); MS (ES⁺) *m/z* 357.3 (M+H); HRMS C₂₂H₂₉O₂S (M+H) Expected 357.1883, Found 357.1886.

(2-(2-Azidooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide 3g



NaN₃ (42.3 mg, 0.65 mmol) was added to a solution of **2a** (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in DMF (1.3 mL) and heated to 80 °C for 18 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with EtOAc (5 mL). An aqueous solution of LiCl (10% wt) (5 mL) was added and the organic phase was extracted with aqueous LiCl (3 × 5 mL). The organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude was purified by column chromatography (10 % EtOAc in hexanes) to give **3g** (22.9 mg, 44 %) as a colourless oil; δ_H (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.89 (t, *J* 6.9 Hz, 3 H, CH₃), 1.21 - 1.38 (m, 7 H, CH₂), 1.44 - 1.60 (m, 3 H, CH₂), 2.98 (dd, *J* 13.6, 6 Hz, 1 H, ArCH₂CH(N₃)), 3.09 (dd, *J* 13.6, 8.2 Hz, 1 H, ArCH₂CH(N₃)), 3.50 - 3.58 (m, 1 H, ArCH₂CH(N₃)CH₂), 3.69 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.84 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 6.42 (d, *J* 2.5 Hz, 1 H, aryl H), 6.43 (d, *J* 2.5 Hz, 1 H, aryl H), 7.19 - 7.32 (m, 5 H, aryl H); δ_C (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 14.1 (CH₃), 22.6 (CH₂), 26.2 (CH₂), 29.0 (CH₂), 31.7 (CH₂), 32.3 (ArCH₂CH(N₃)), 34.2 (CH₂), 55.3 (OCH₃), 55.6 (OCH₃), 62.9 (CH(N₃)), 98.2 (aryl C-H), 108.8 (aryl C-H), 121.0 (aryl C), 126.6 (aryl C-H), 129.1 (aryl C-H), 130.0 (aryl C-H), 136.2 (aryl C), 136.3 (aryl C), 159.1 (aryl C), 159.3 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 1048 (s), 1146 (s), 1197 (m), 1276 (w), 1460 (m), 1571 (s), 1597 (s), 2100 (s), 2856 (w), 2929 (m); MS (ES⁺) *m/z* 400.2 (M+H); HRMS C₂₂H₃₀O₂N₃S (M+H) Expected 400.2053, Found 400.2056.

2-Hexyl-4-(phenylsulfanyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-6-ol 3h



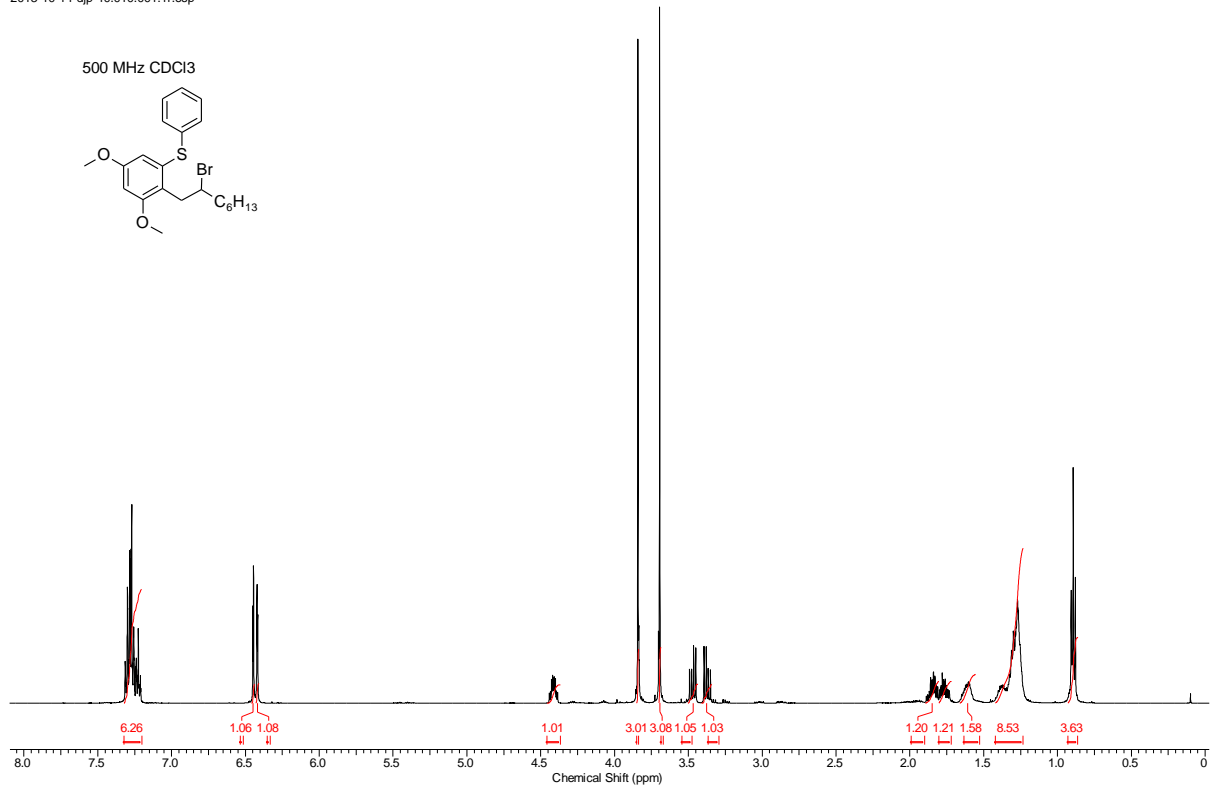
Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (25.3 mg, 0.02 mmol) was added to a solution of **2t** (85.6 mg, 0.20 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) under N₂. After 5 minutes of stirring, potassium carbonate (170.8 mg, 1.20 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred for 4 h. The mixture was then

concentrated *in vacuo*, before treating with 1M HCl (2 mL), extracting with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 2 mL), washing with brine (3 × 2 mL), drying over MgSO₄ and concentrating *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexanes) to give **3h** (33.4 mg, 53%) as a yellow oil; δ_H (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.89 (3 H, t, *J* 6.5 Hz, CH₃), 1.23 - 1.37 (7 H, m, CH₂), 1.41 - 1.49 (1 H, m, CH₂), 1.59 - 1.68 (1 H, m, CH₂), 1.74 - 1.84 (1 H, m, CH₂), 2.64 (1 H, dd, *J* 15.5, 7.6 Hz, ArCH₂CH(O)), 3.08 (1 H, dd, *J* 15.5, 8.9 Hz, ArCH₂CH(O)), 4.66 (1 H, s, OH) 4.74 - 4.83 (1 H, m, CH(O)), 6.14 (1 H, s, aryl H), 6.19 (1 H, s, aryl H), 7.24 - 7.38 (5 H, m, aryl H); δ_C (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 14.1 (CH₃), 22.6 (CH₂), 25.2 (CH₂), 29.1 (CH₂), 31.7 (CH₂), 34.3 (ArCH₂CH(O)), 36.1 (CH₂), 84.6 (CH₂CH(O)), 96.4 (aryl C-H), 108.5 (aryl C-H), 120.4 (aryl C), 127.2 (aryl C-H), 129.2 (aryl C-H), 131.2 (aryl C-H), 132.3 (aryl C) 133.9 (aryl C) 156.2 (aryl C) 161.0 (aryl C); ν_{max} (thin film/cm⁻¹) 994 (w), 1025 (s), 1113 (w), 1174 (w), 1262 (s), 1377 (s), 1439 (w), 1478 (w), 1585 (s), 1609 (s), 2853 (w), 2923 (w), 3367 (w, br); MS (ES⁻) *m/z* 327 (M-H); HRMS C₂₀H₂₃O₂S (M-H) Expected 327.1419 Found 327.1419.

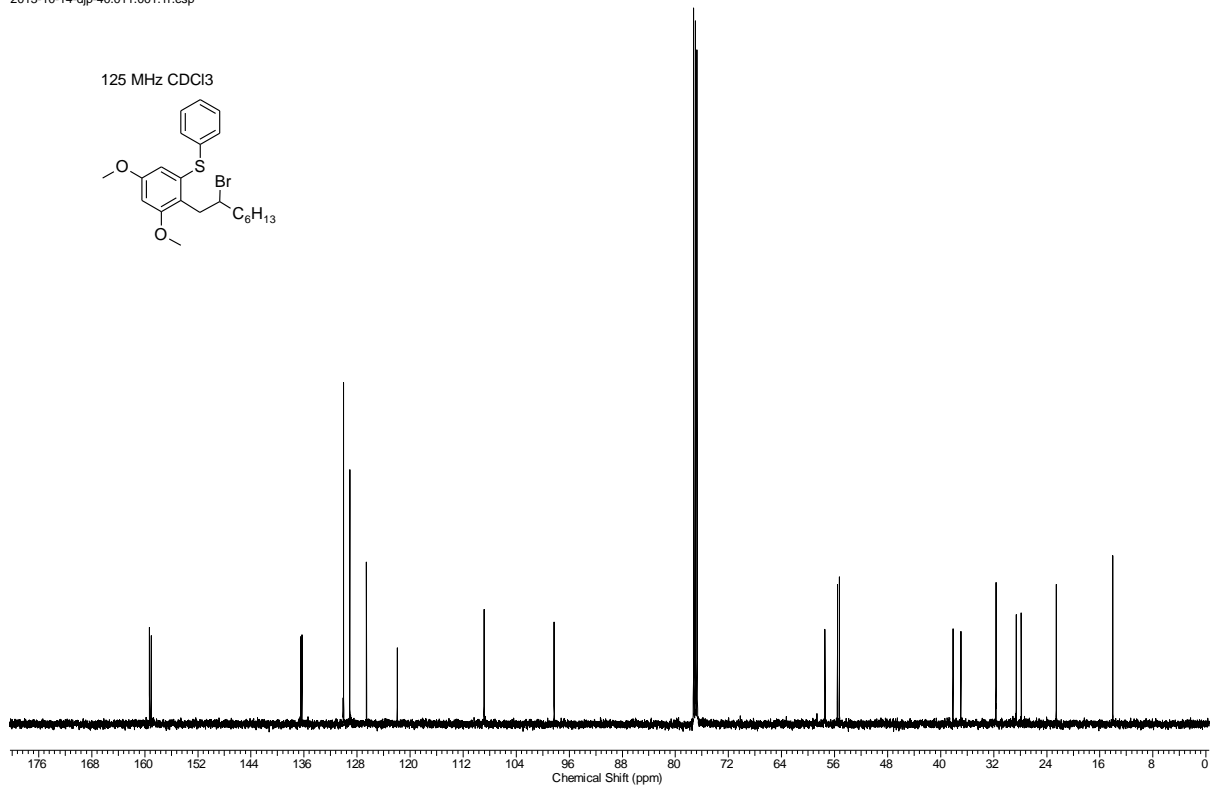
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(2-(2-Bromooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide

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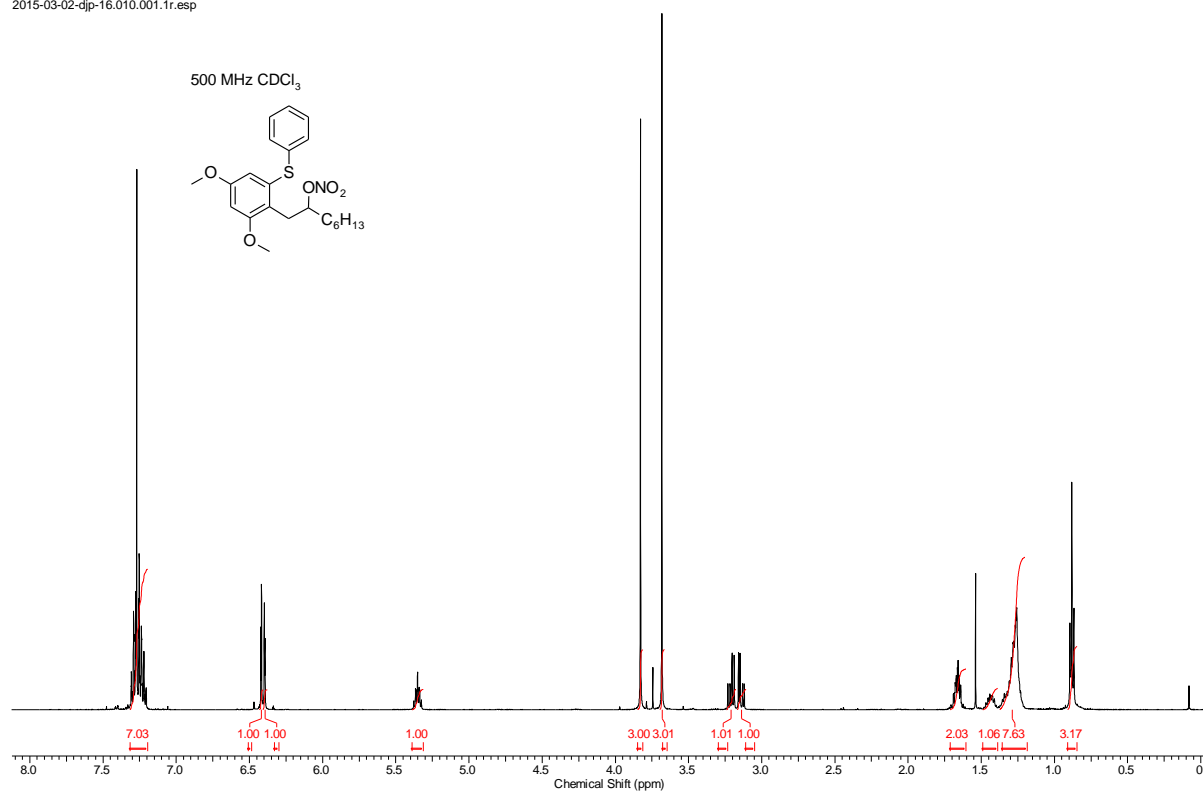


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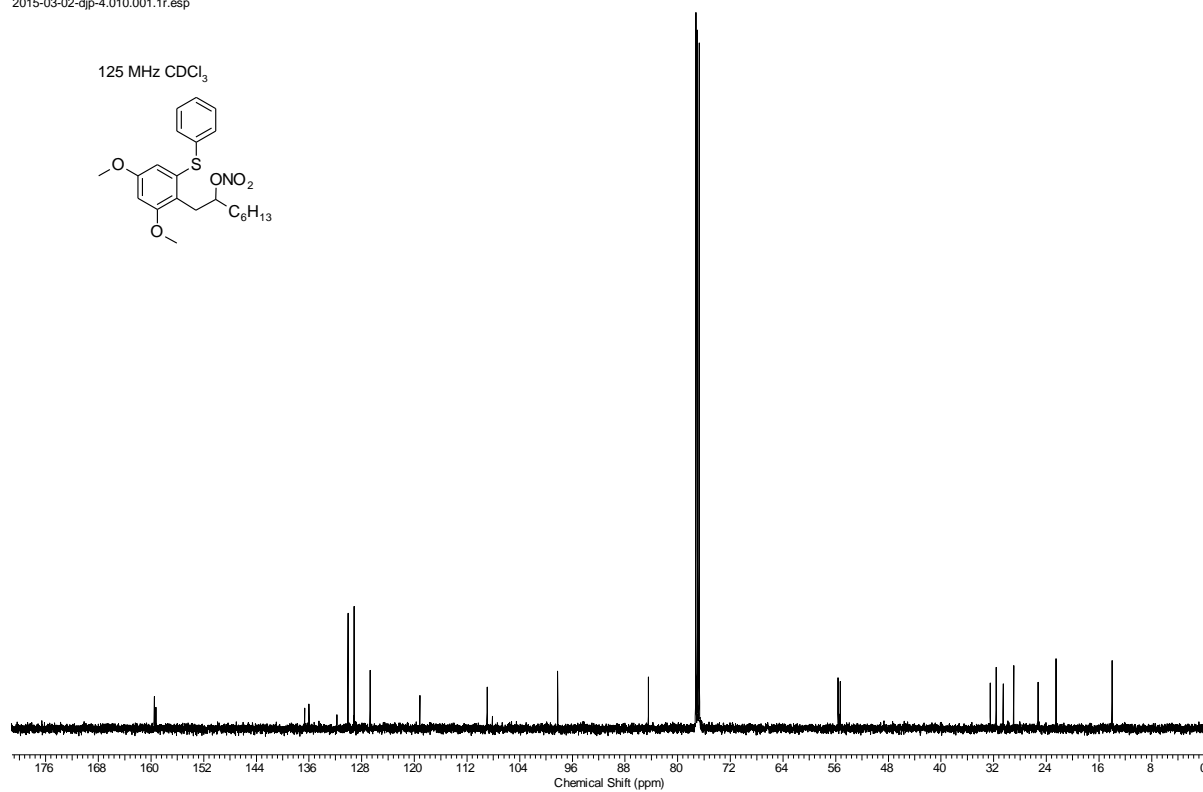


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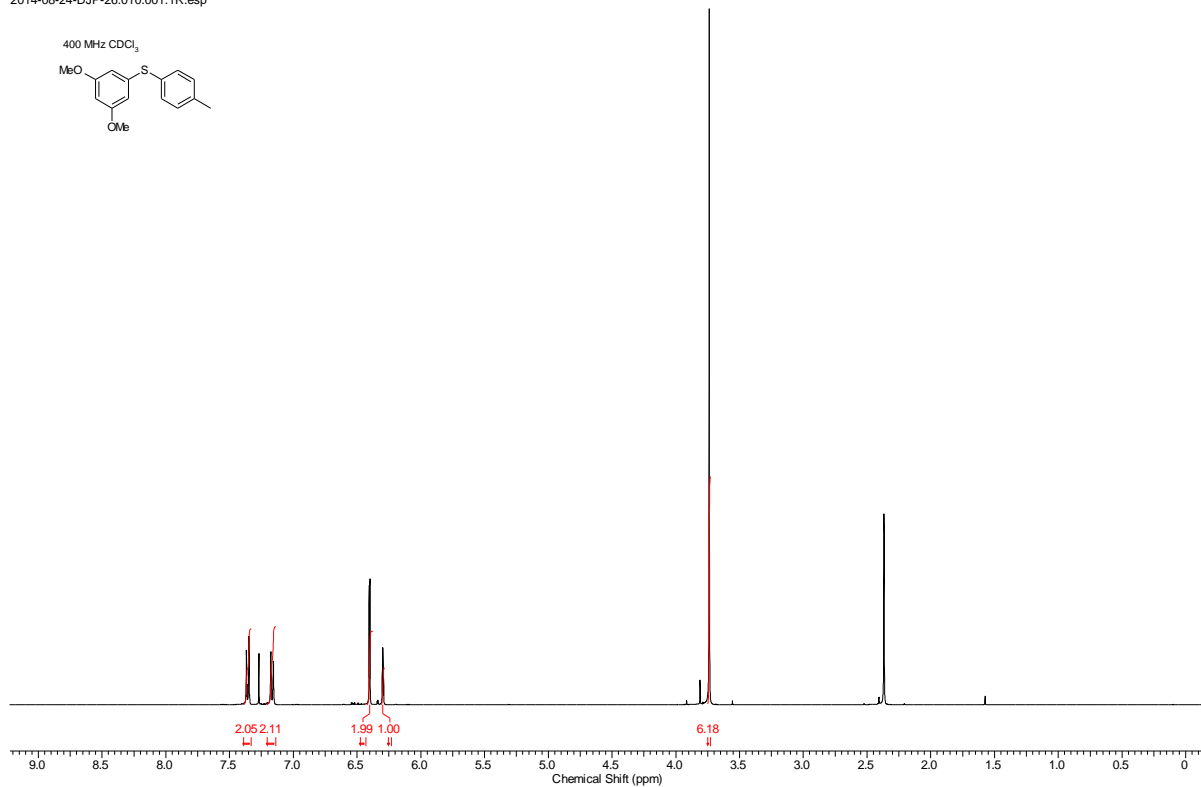


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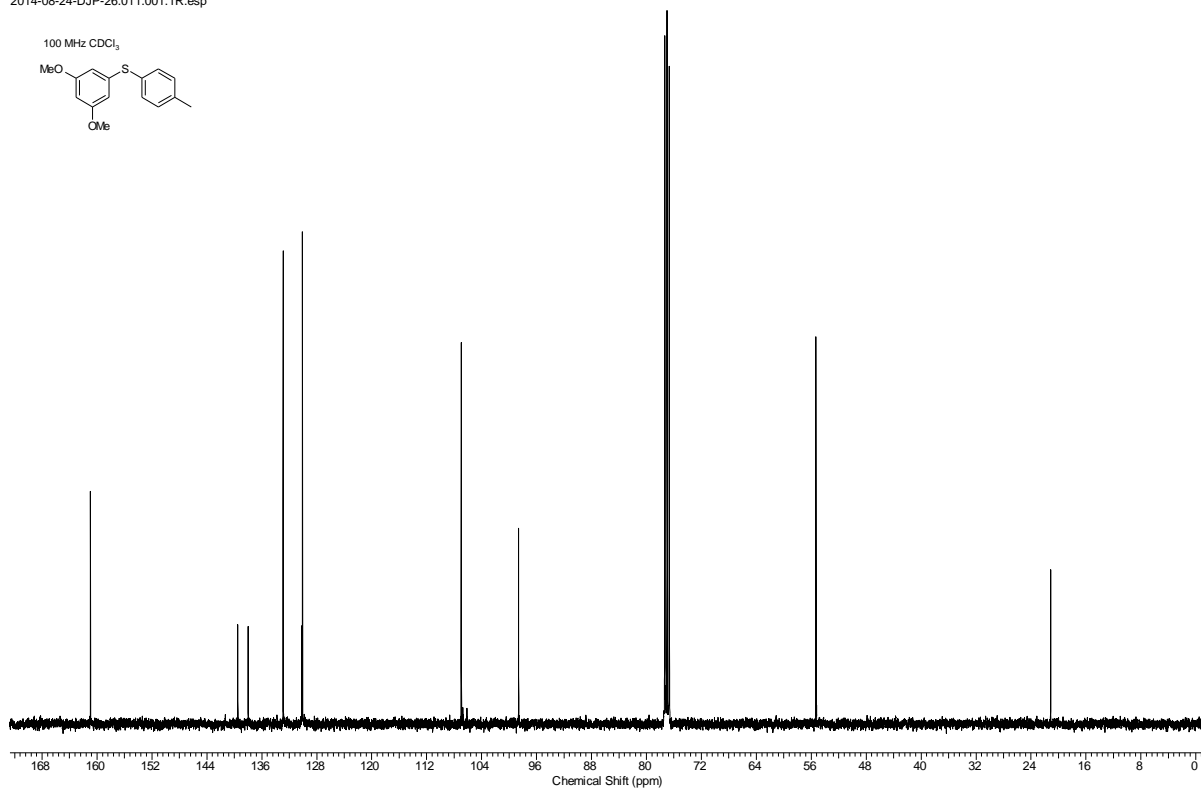


(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)(p-tolyl)sulfide 1b

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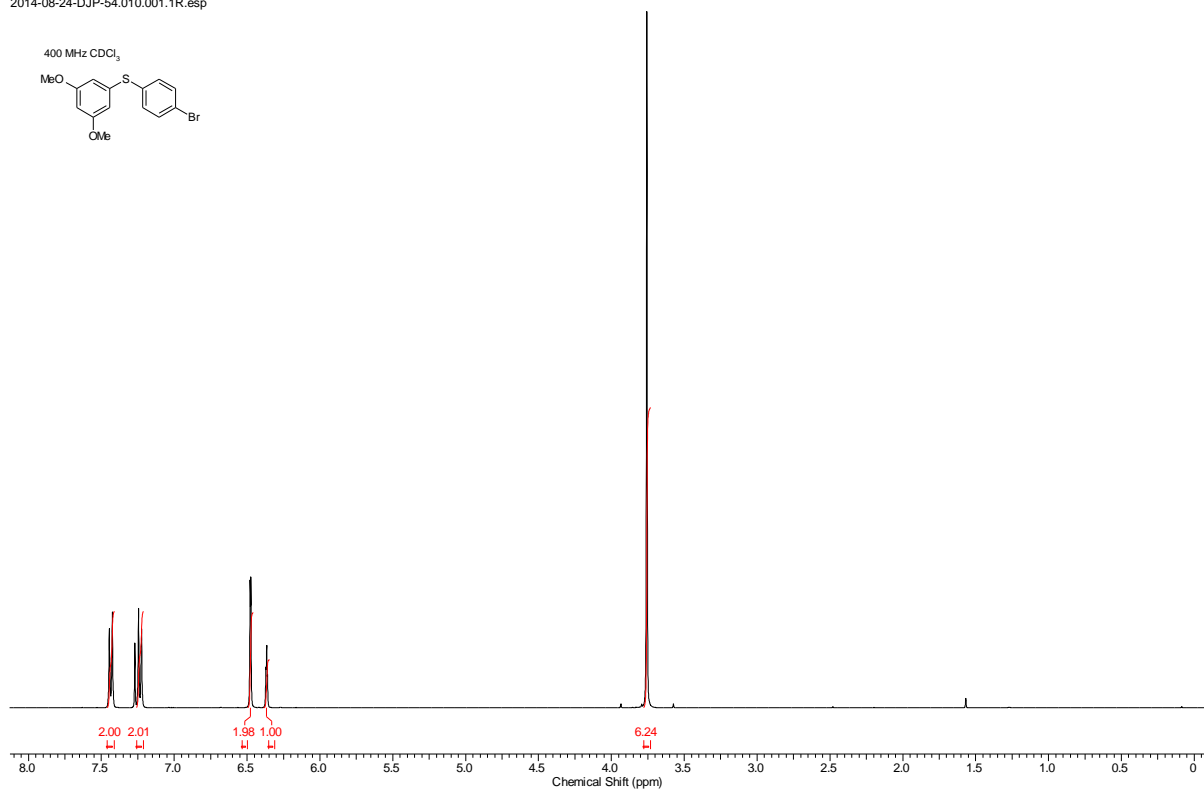


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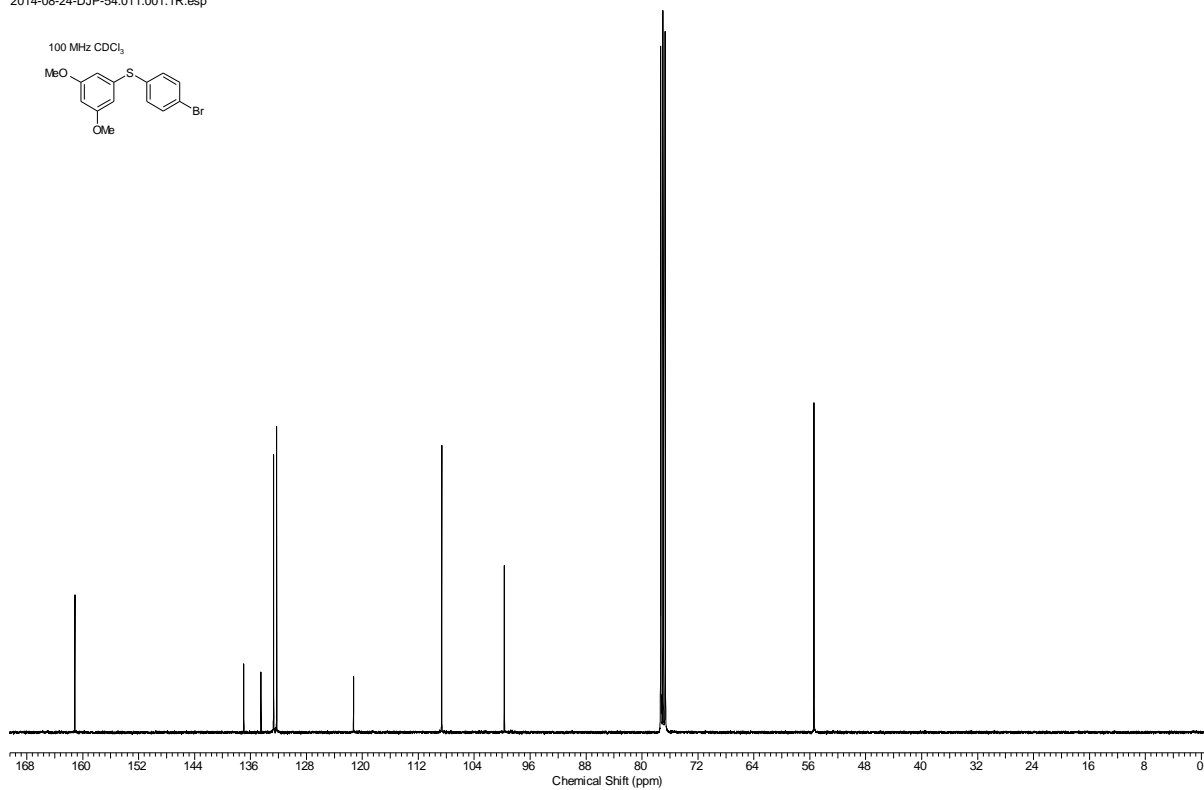


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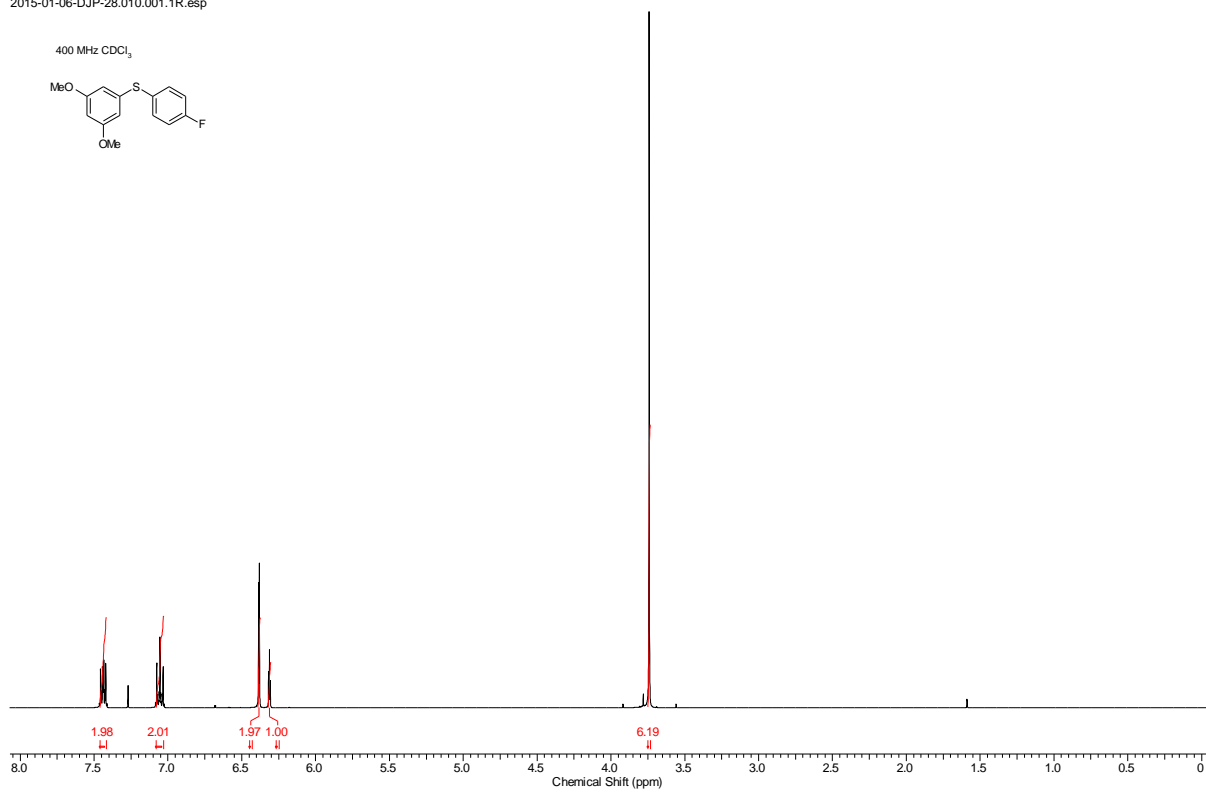


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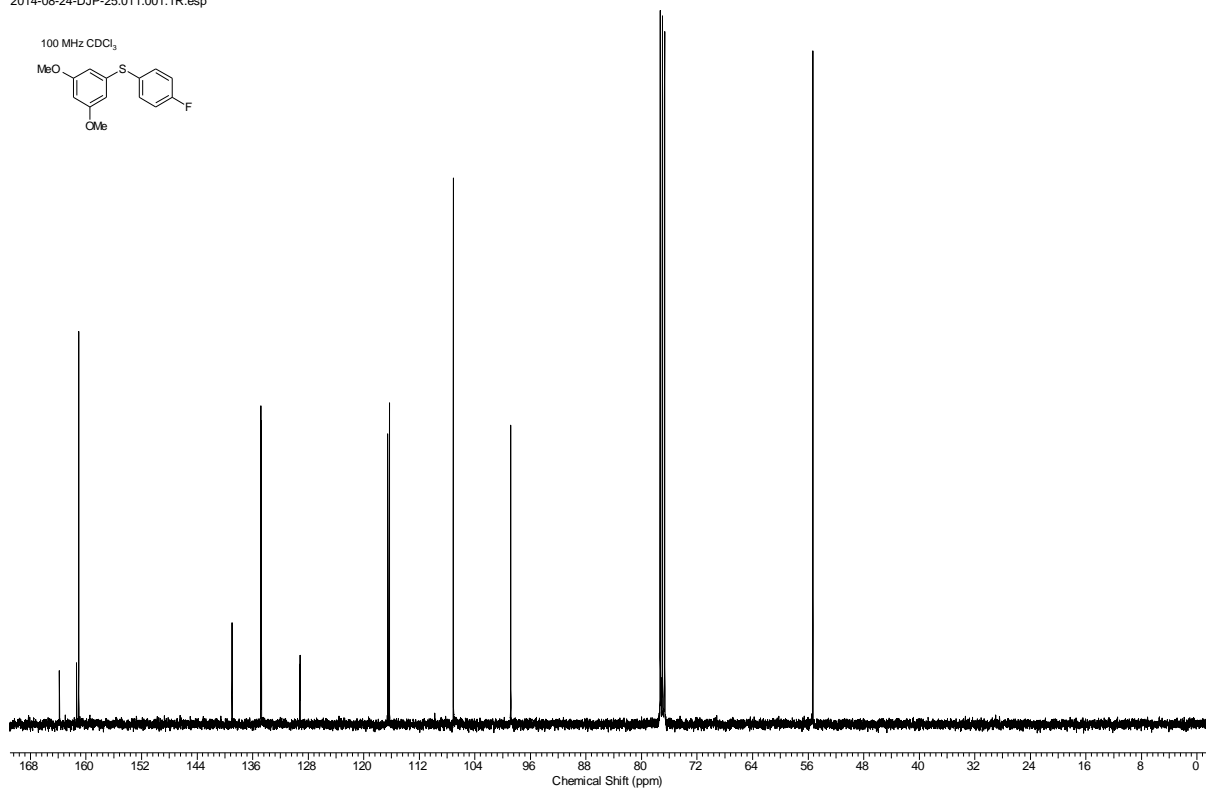


(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)(4-fluorophenyl)sulfide 1d

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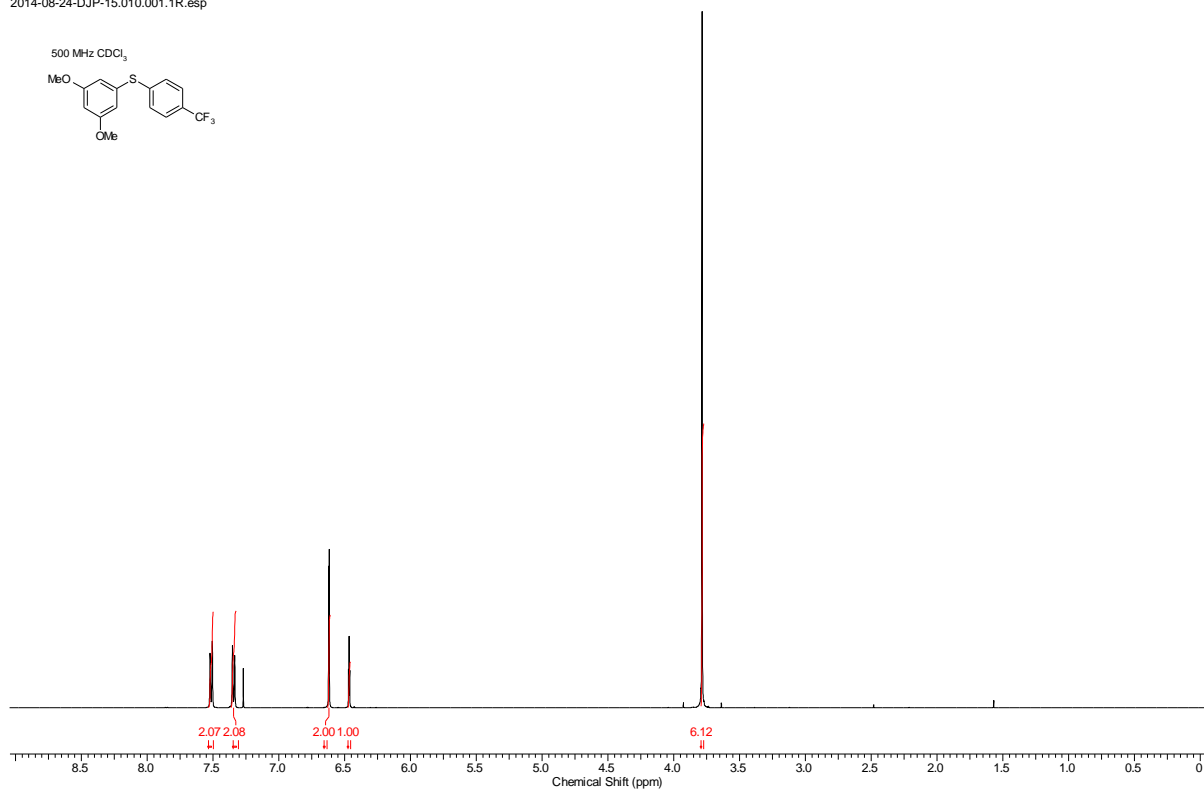


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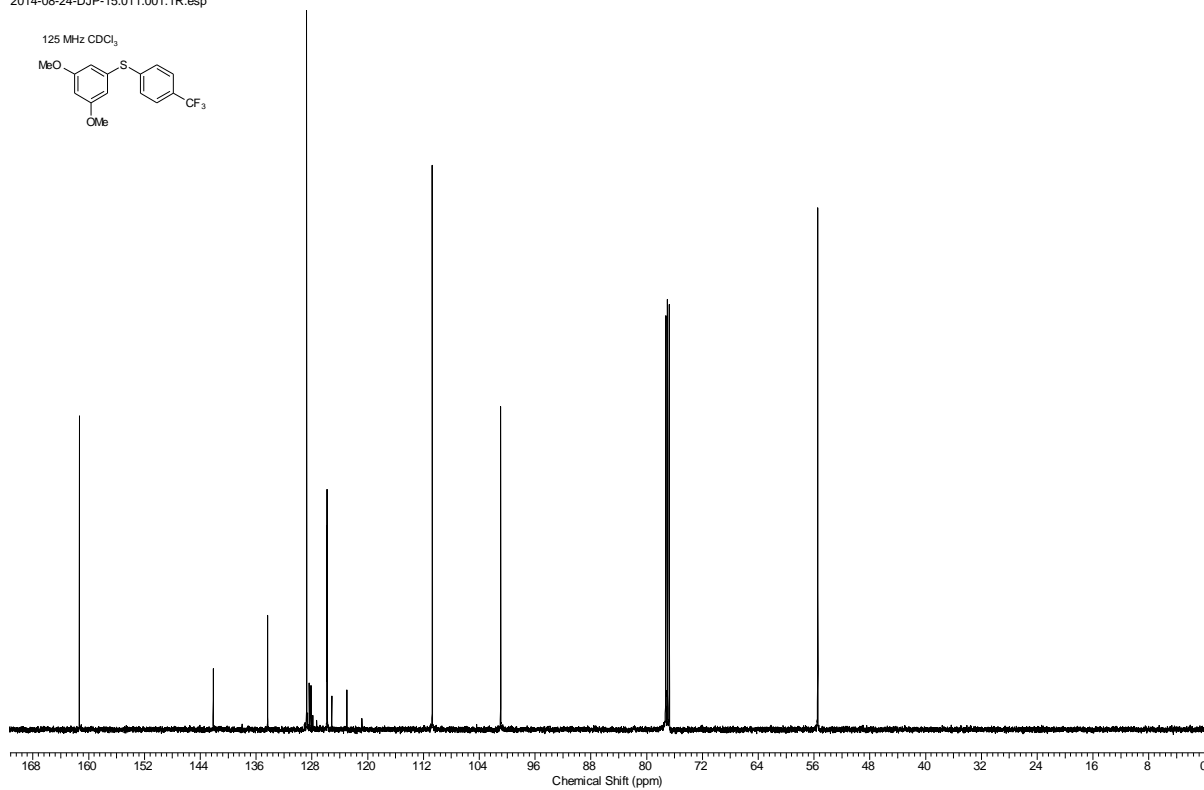


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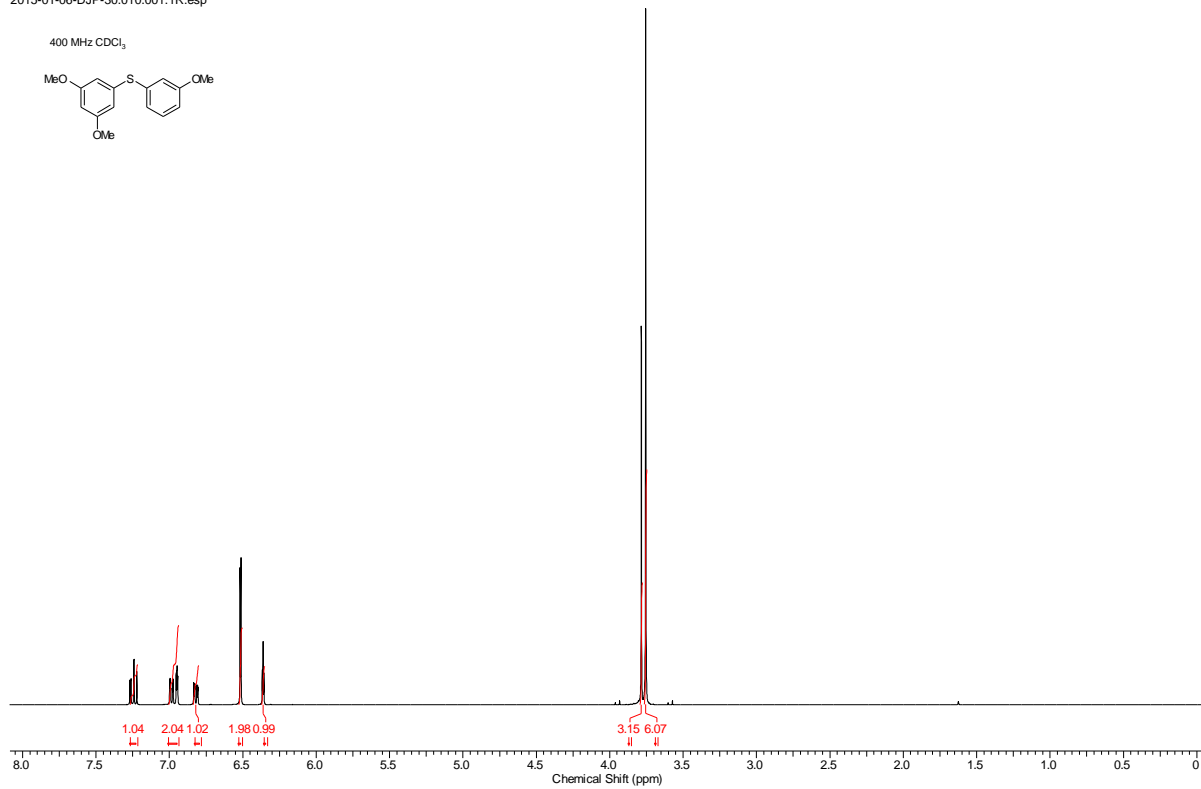


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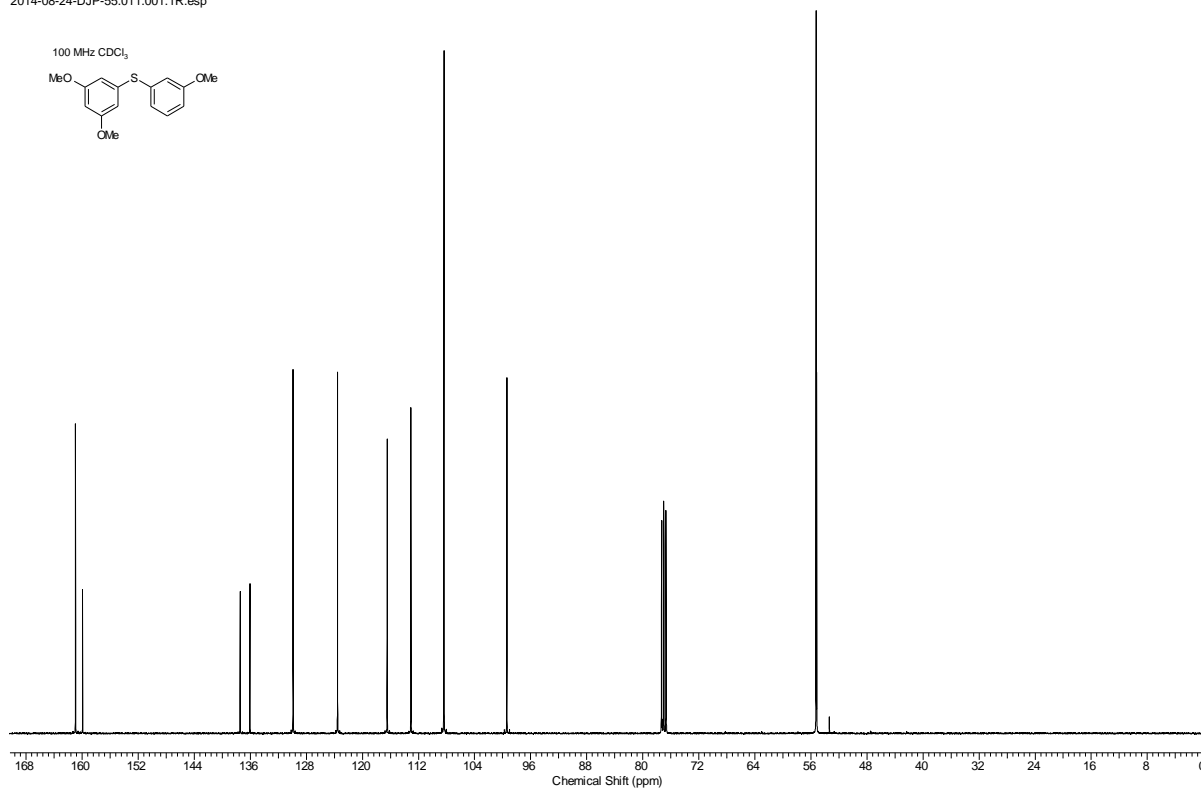


(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)(3-methoxyphenyl)sulfide 1g

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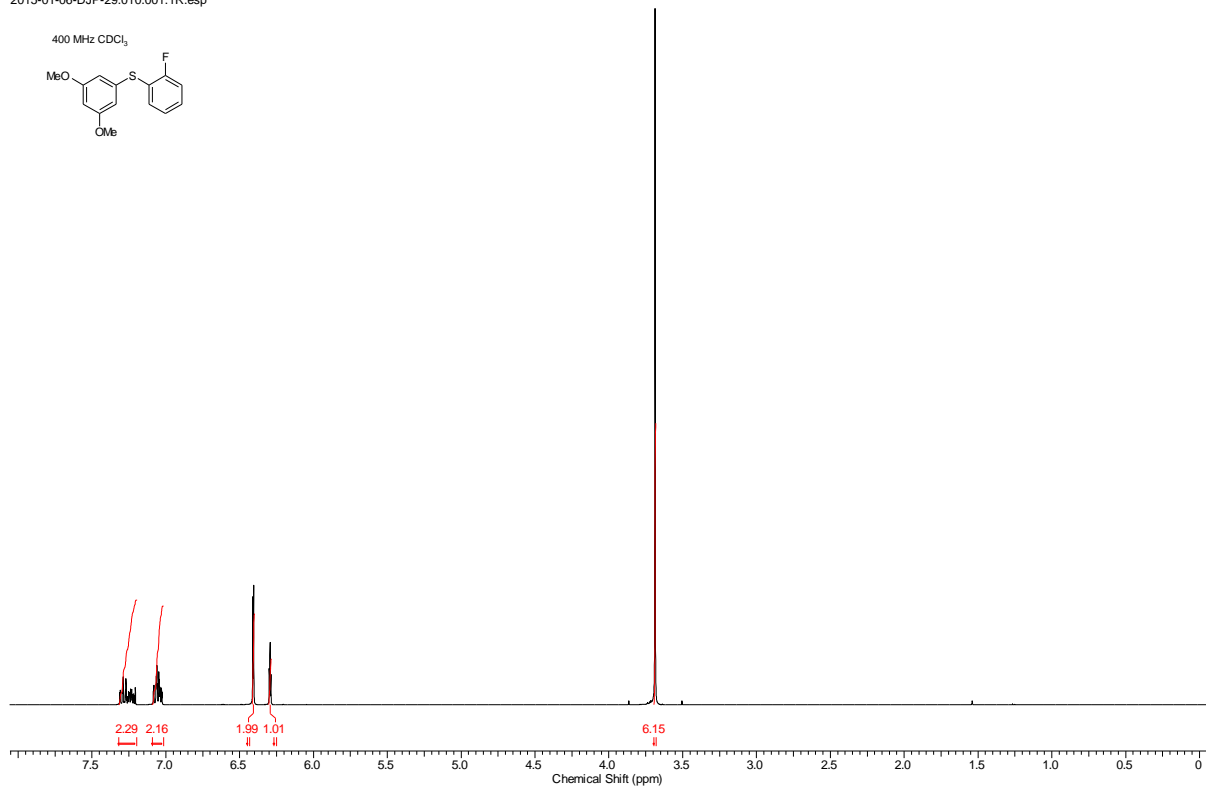


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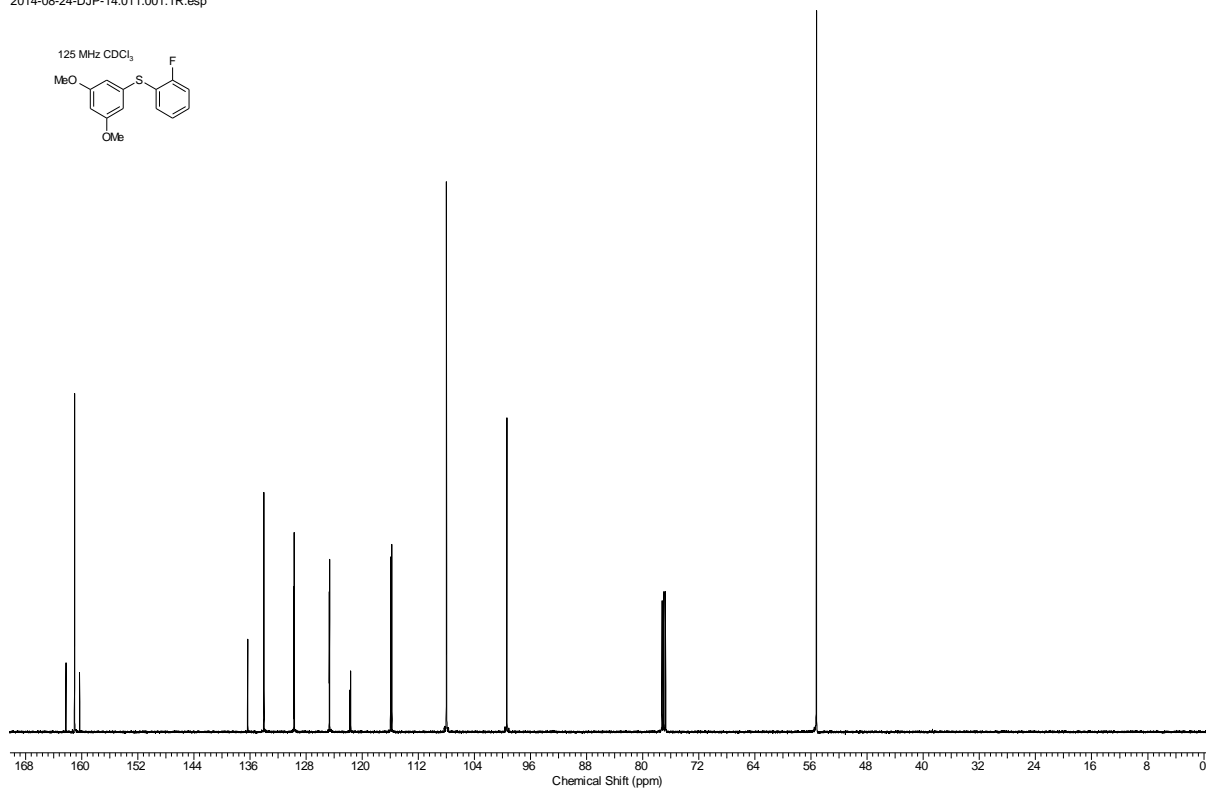


(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)(2-fluorophenyl)sulfide 1i

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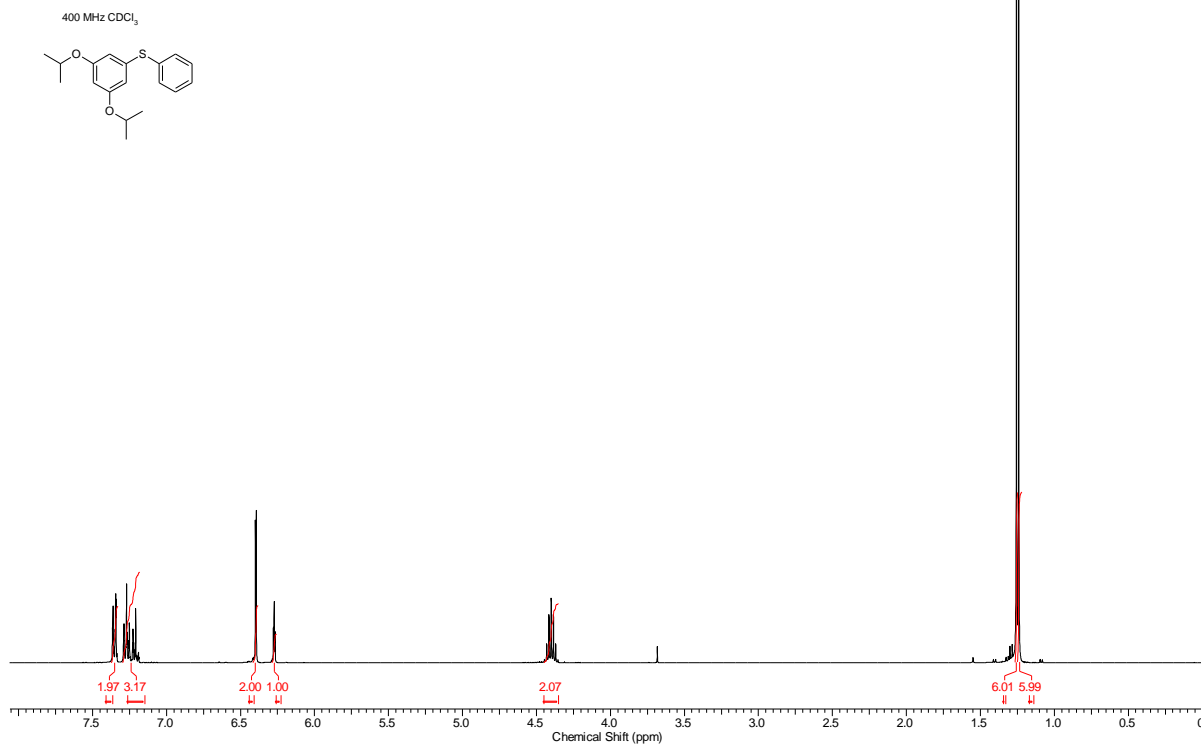


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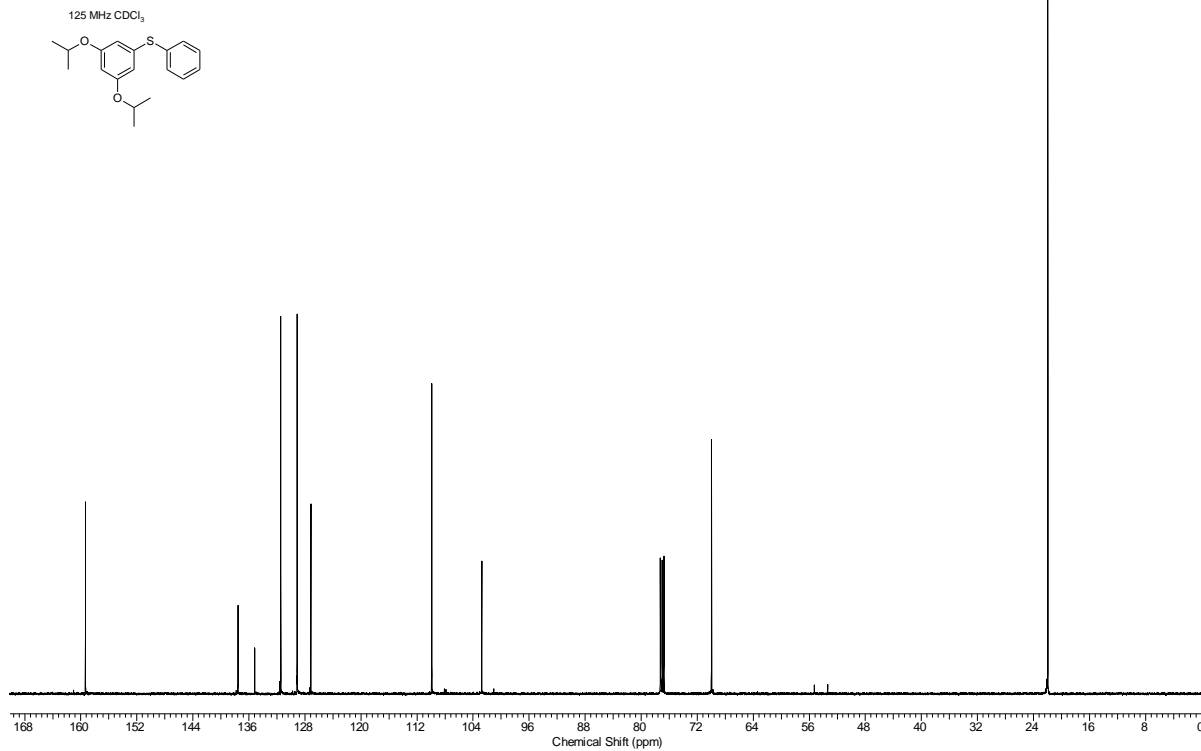


(3,5-Diisopropoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide 1j

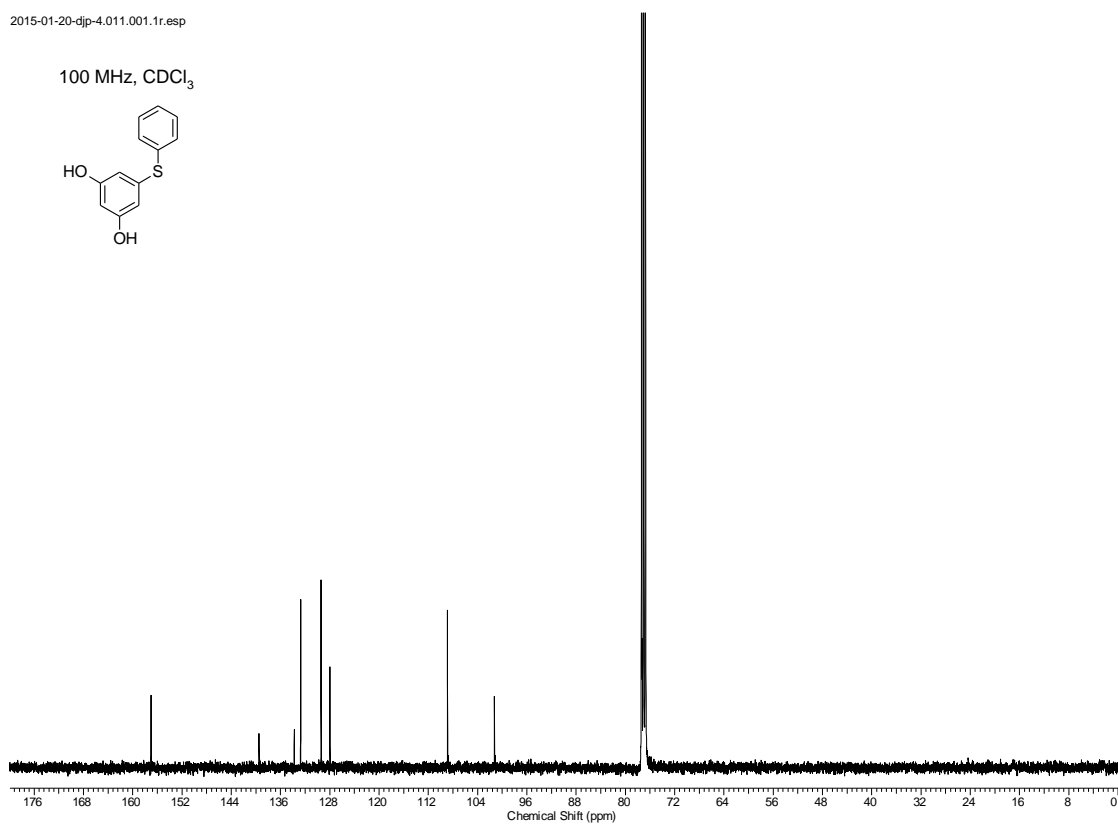
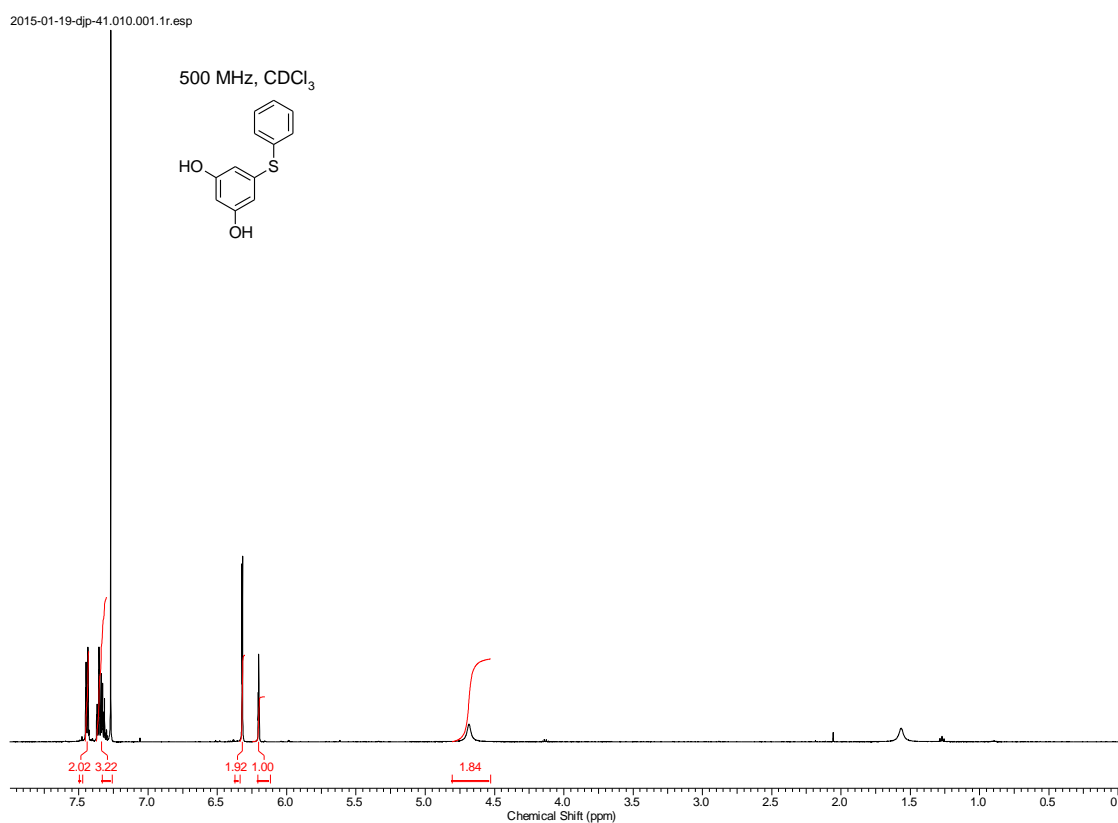
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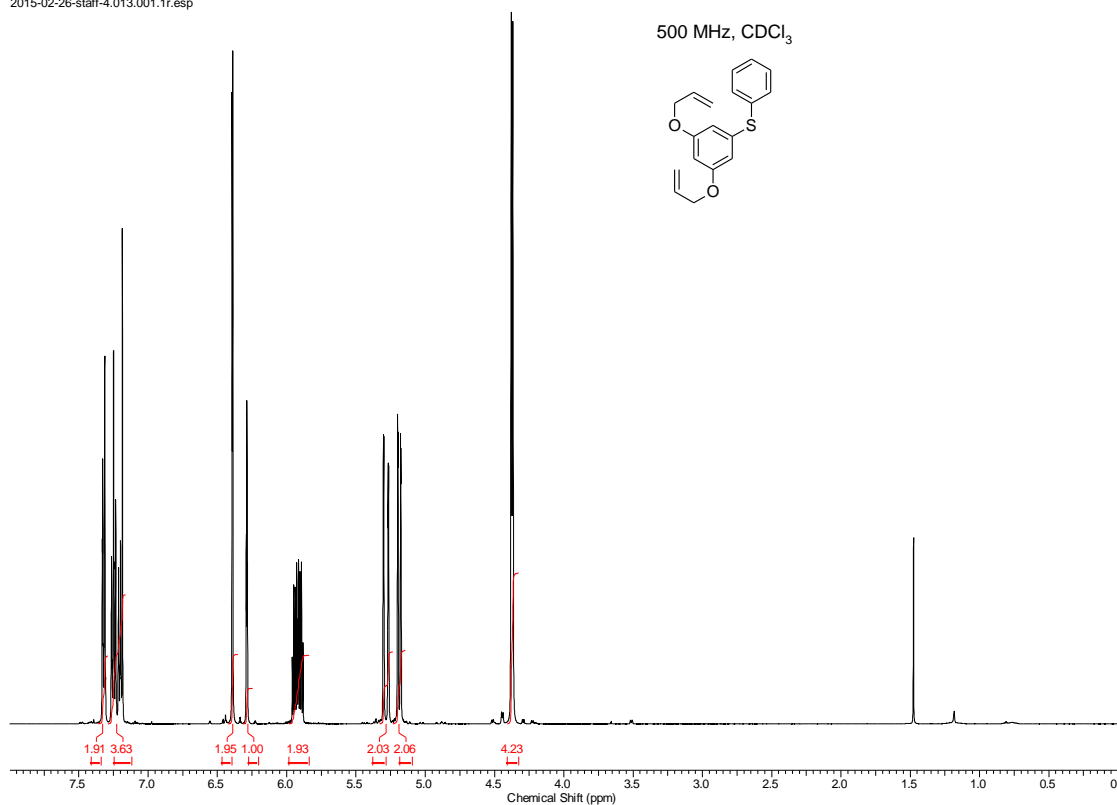


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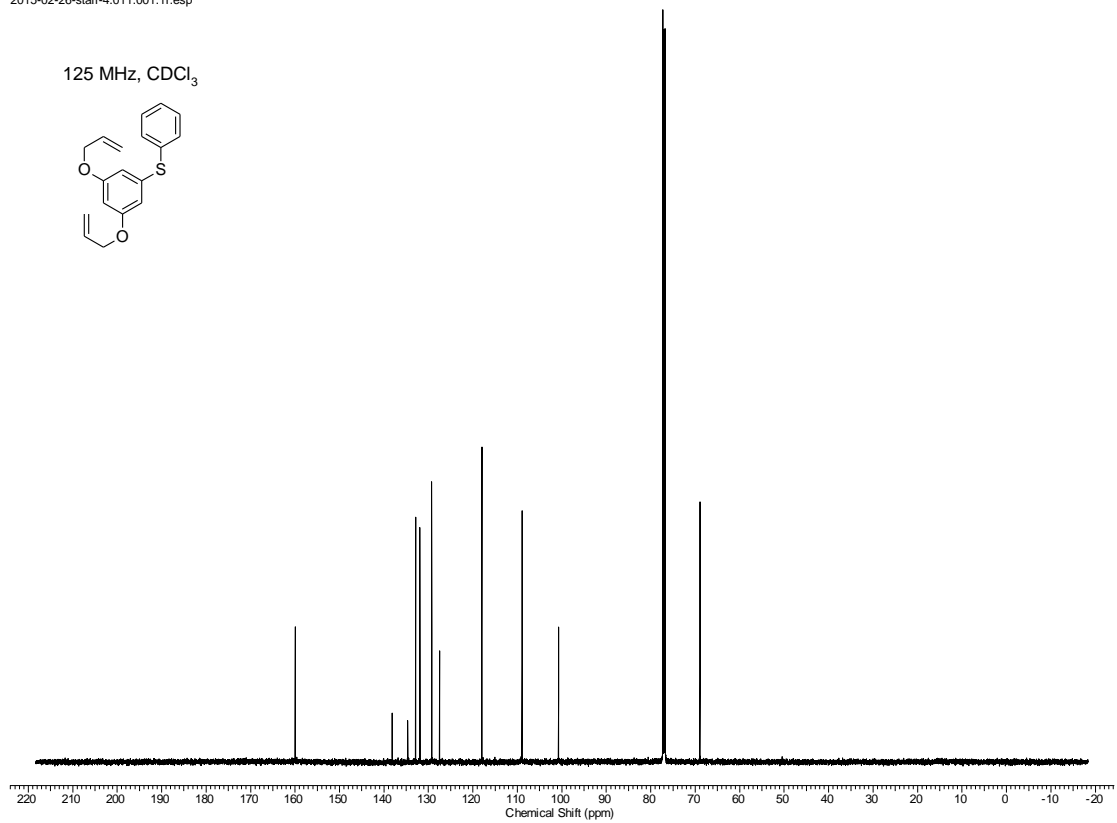


(3,5-bis(Allyloxy)phenyl)(phenyl)sulfide 1k

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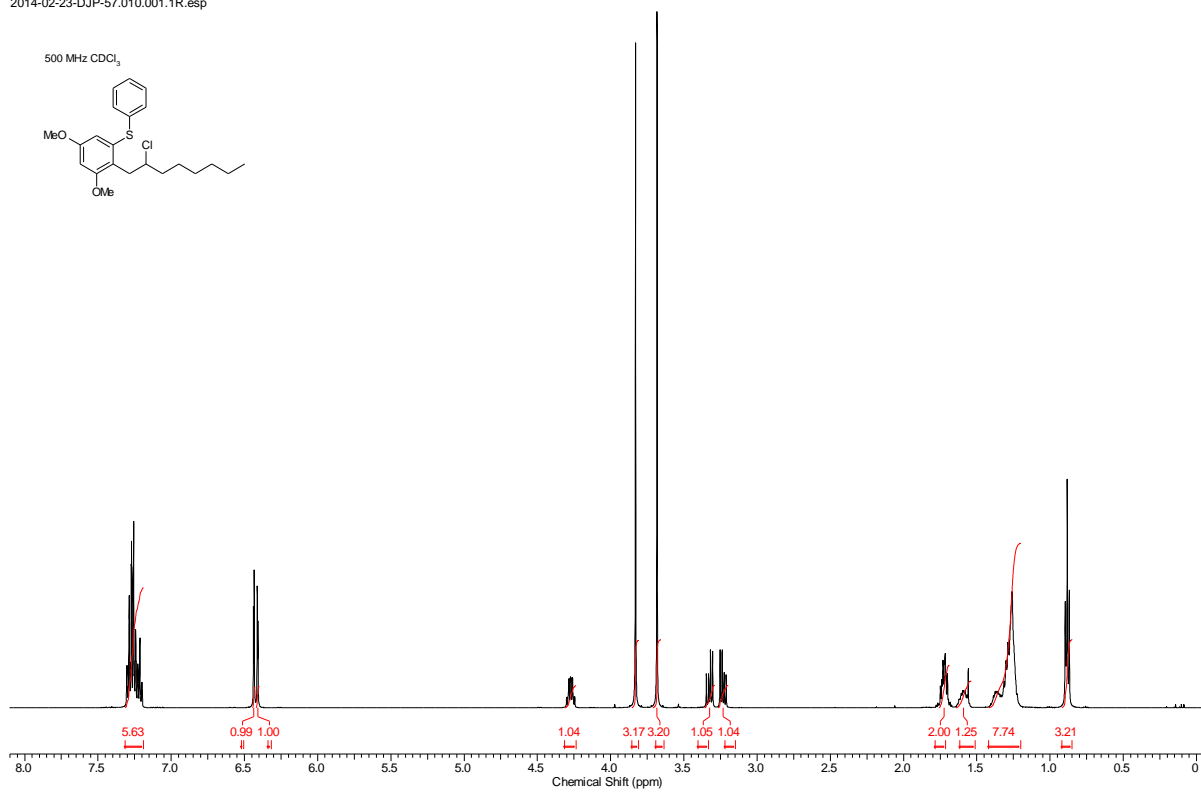


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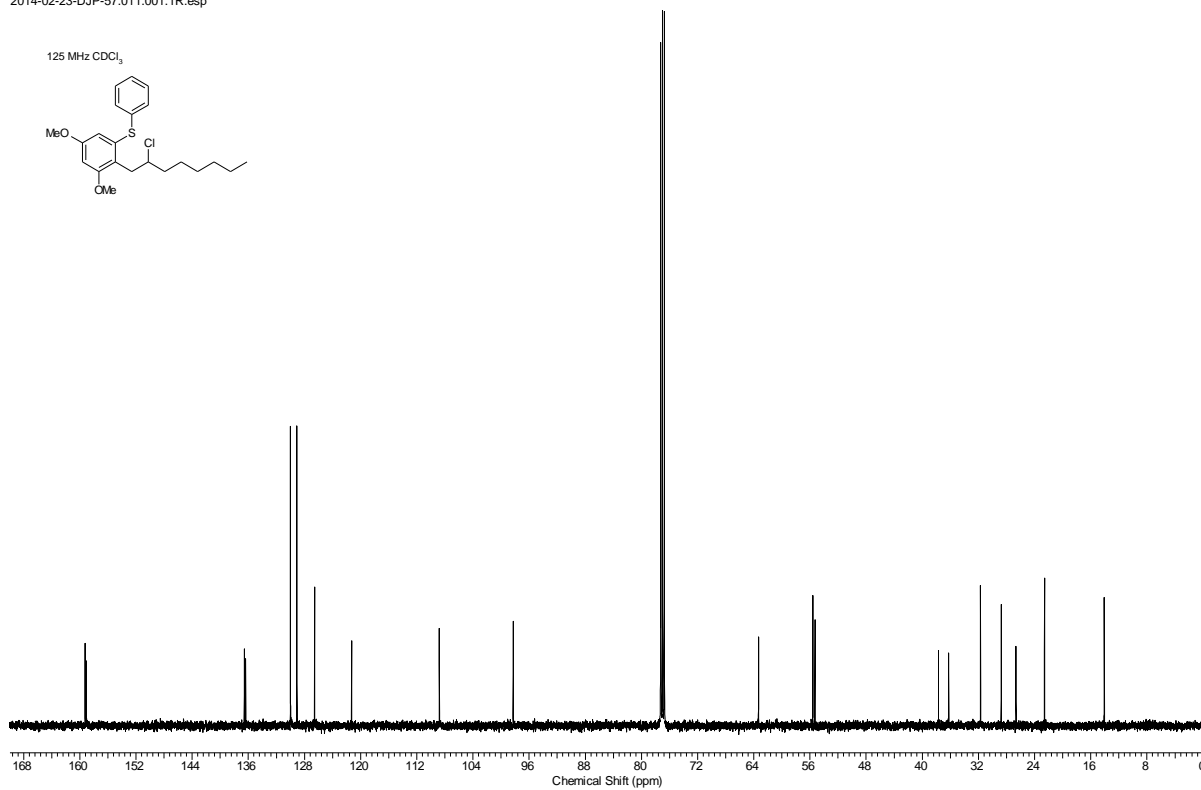


(2-(2-Chlorooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **2a**

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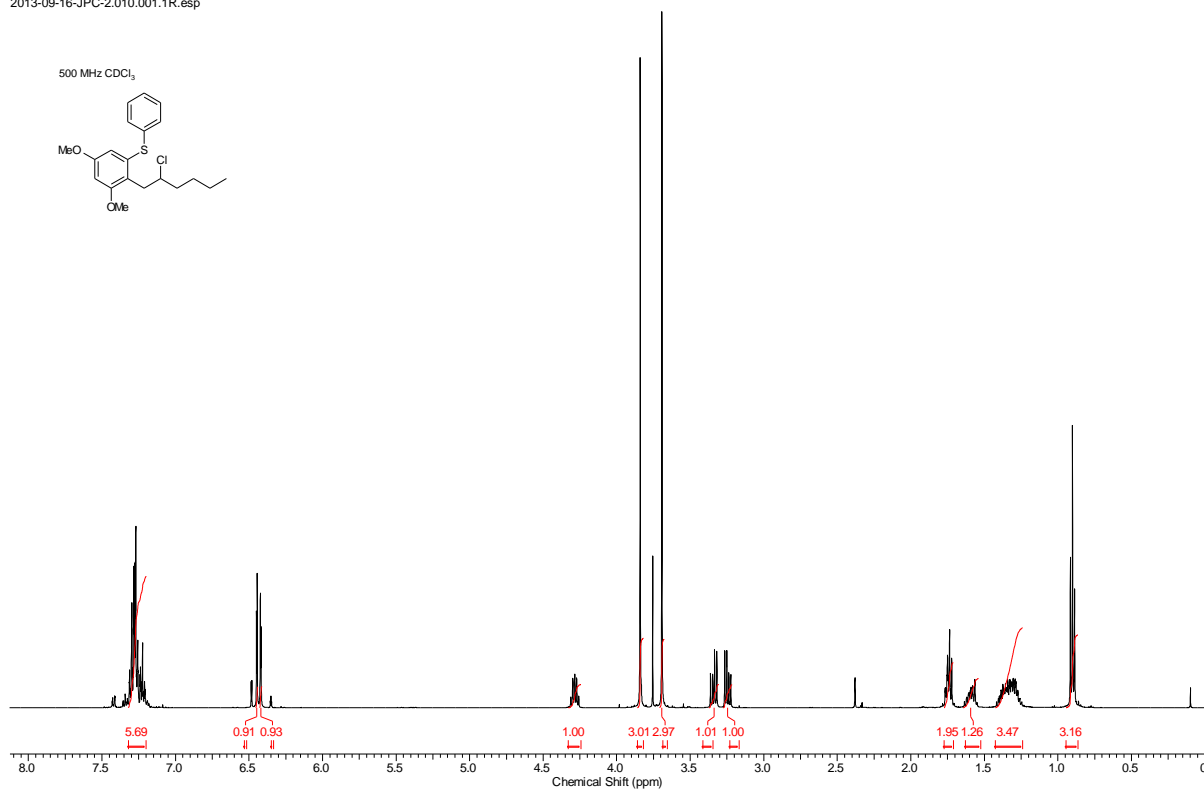


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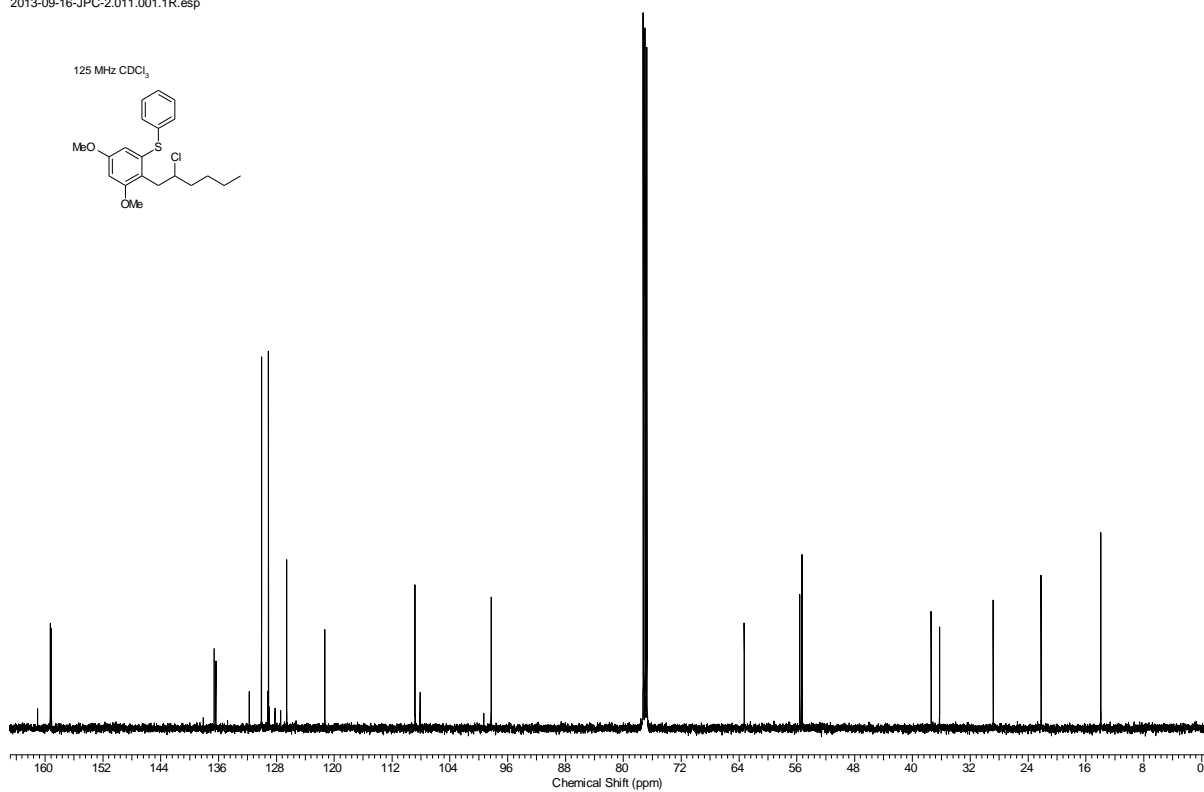


(2-(2-Chlorohexyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **2b**

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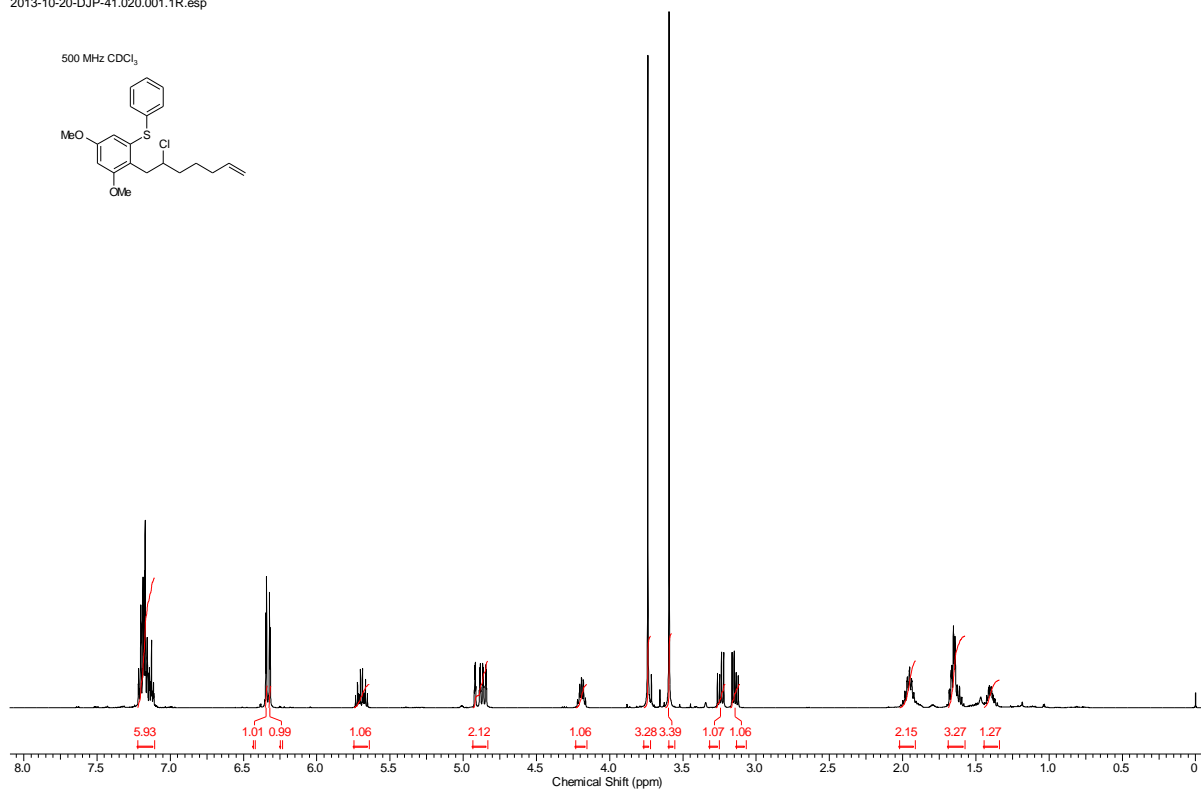


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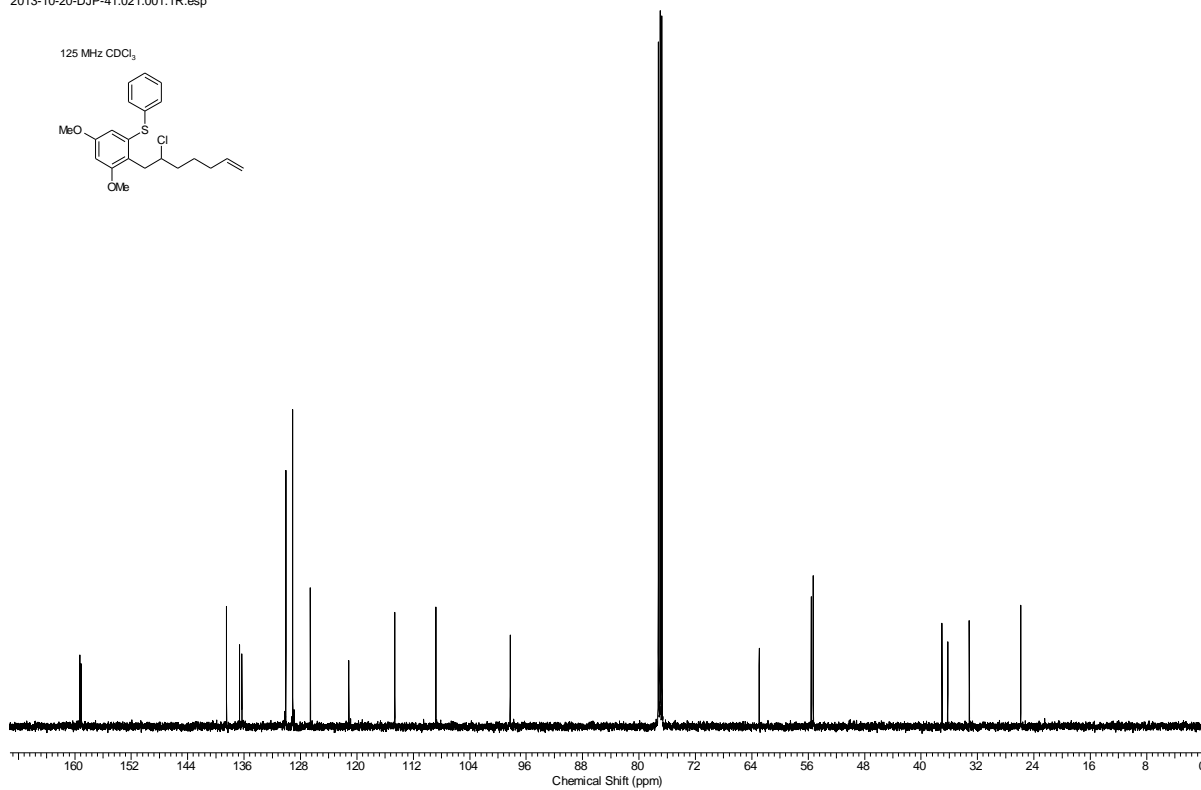


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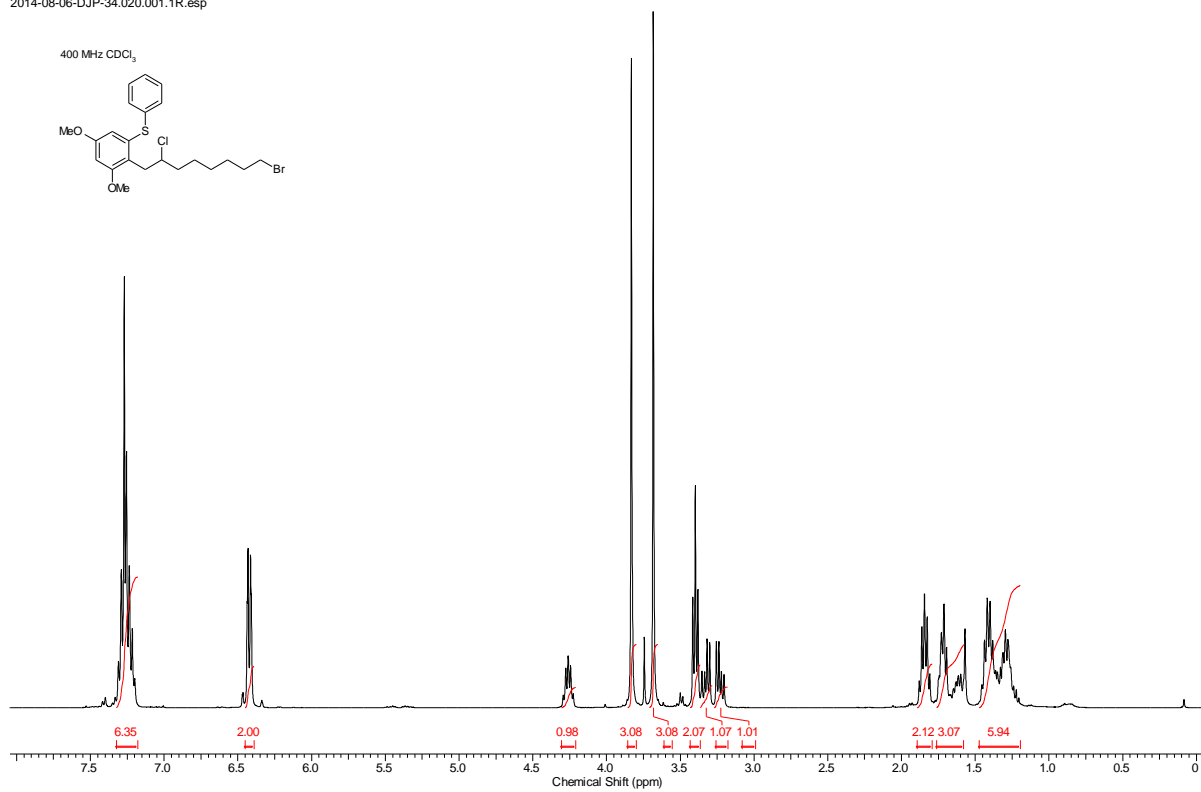


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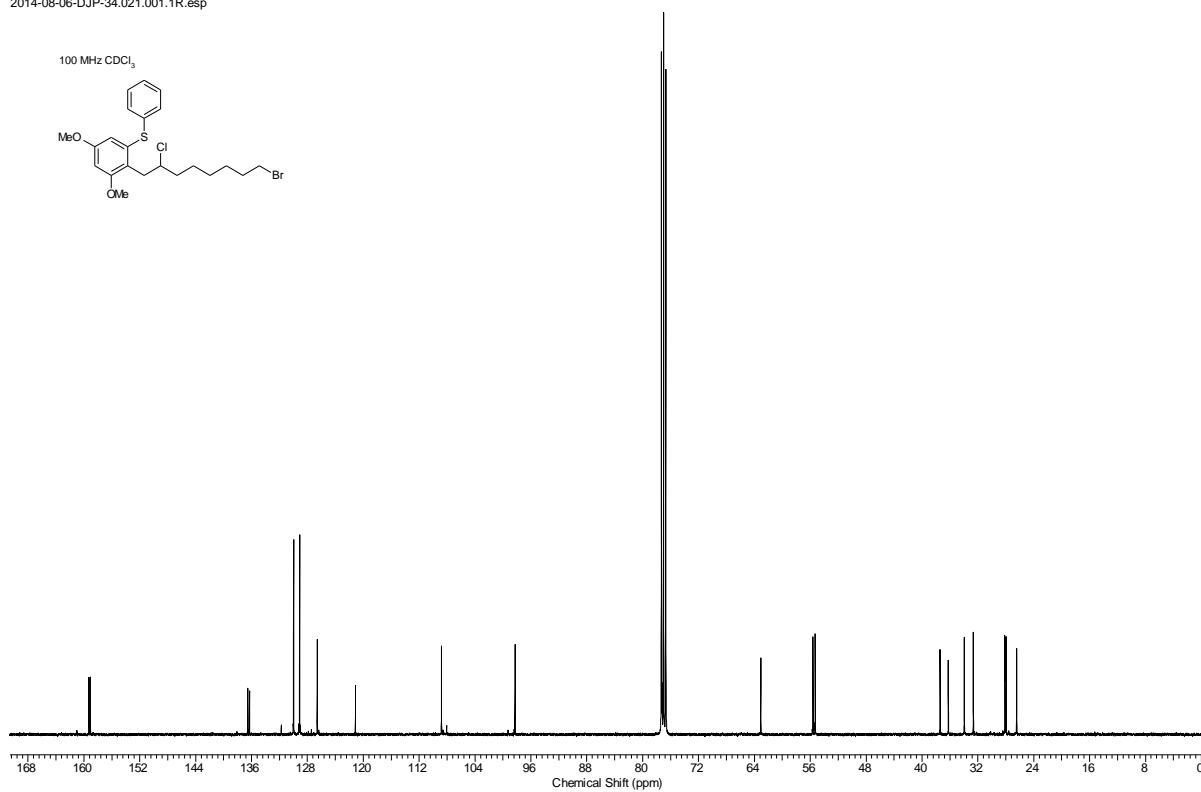


(2-(8-Bromo-2-chlorooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **2d**

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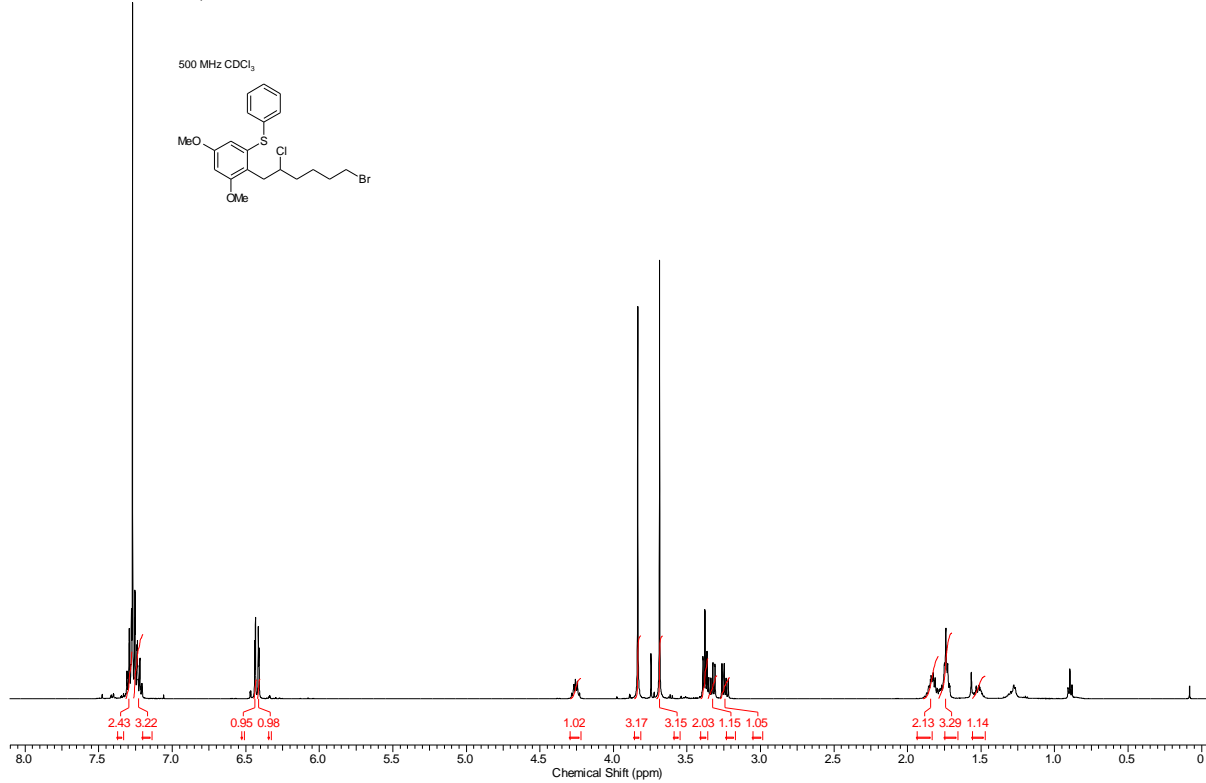


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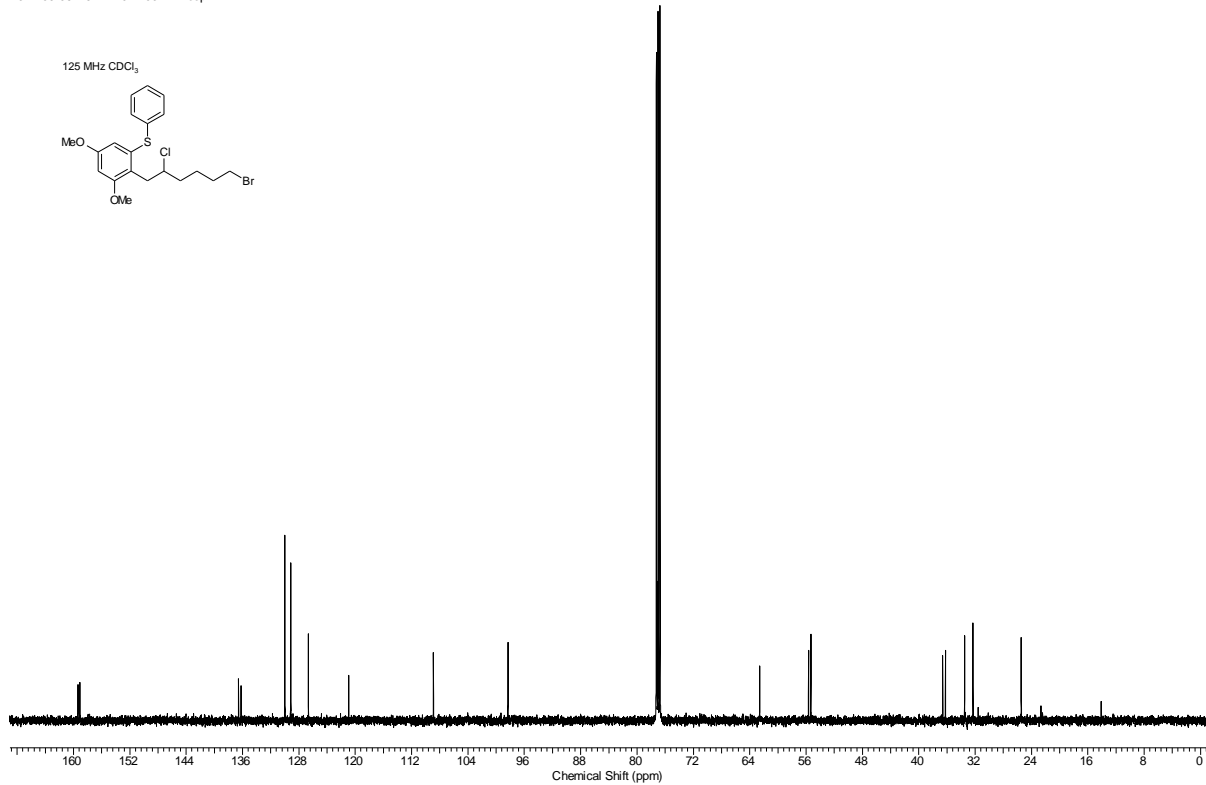


(2-(6-Bromo-2-chlorohexyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **2e**

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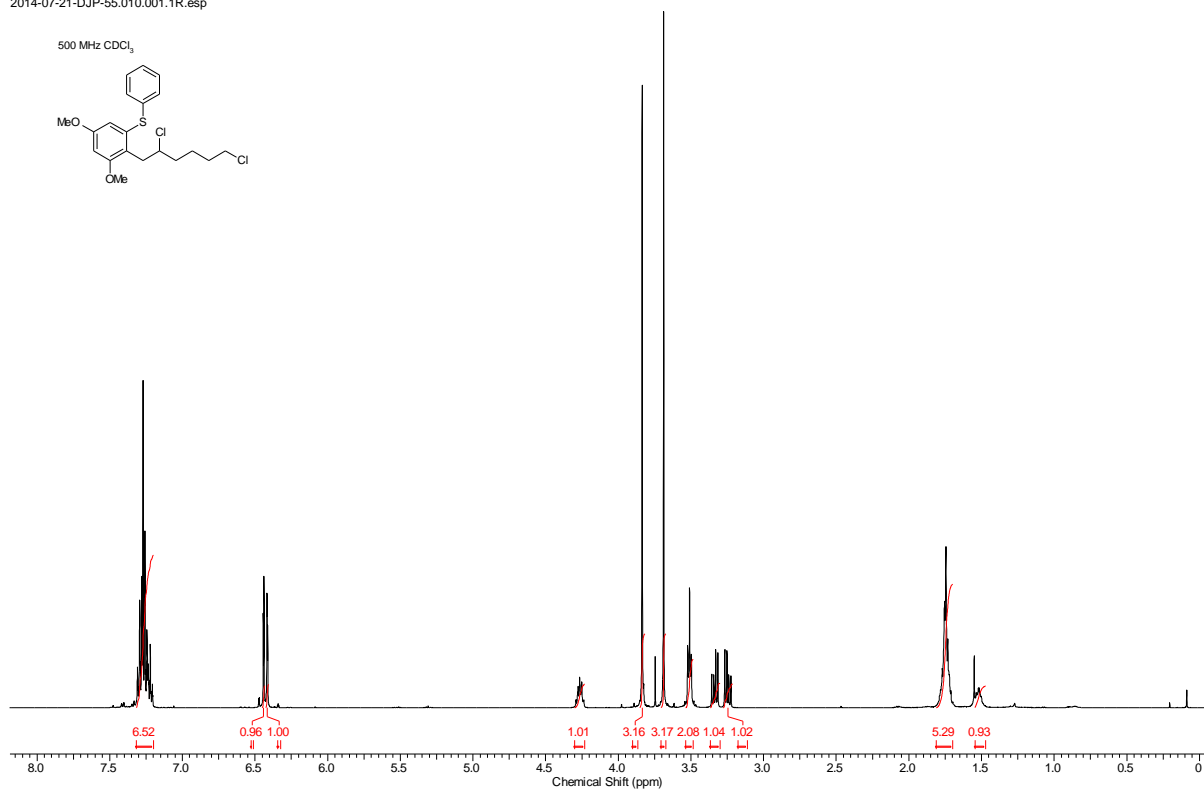


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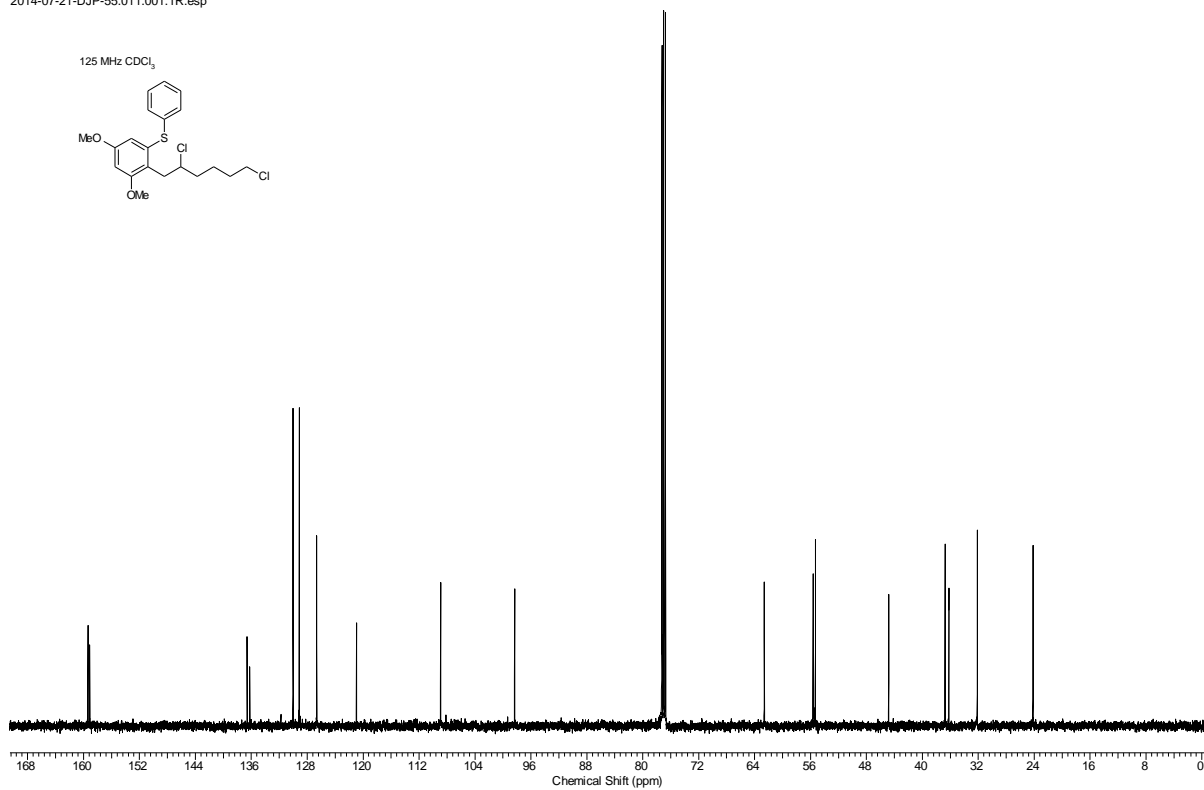


(2-(2,6-Dichlorohexyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide 2f

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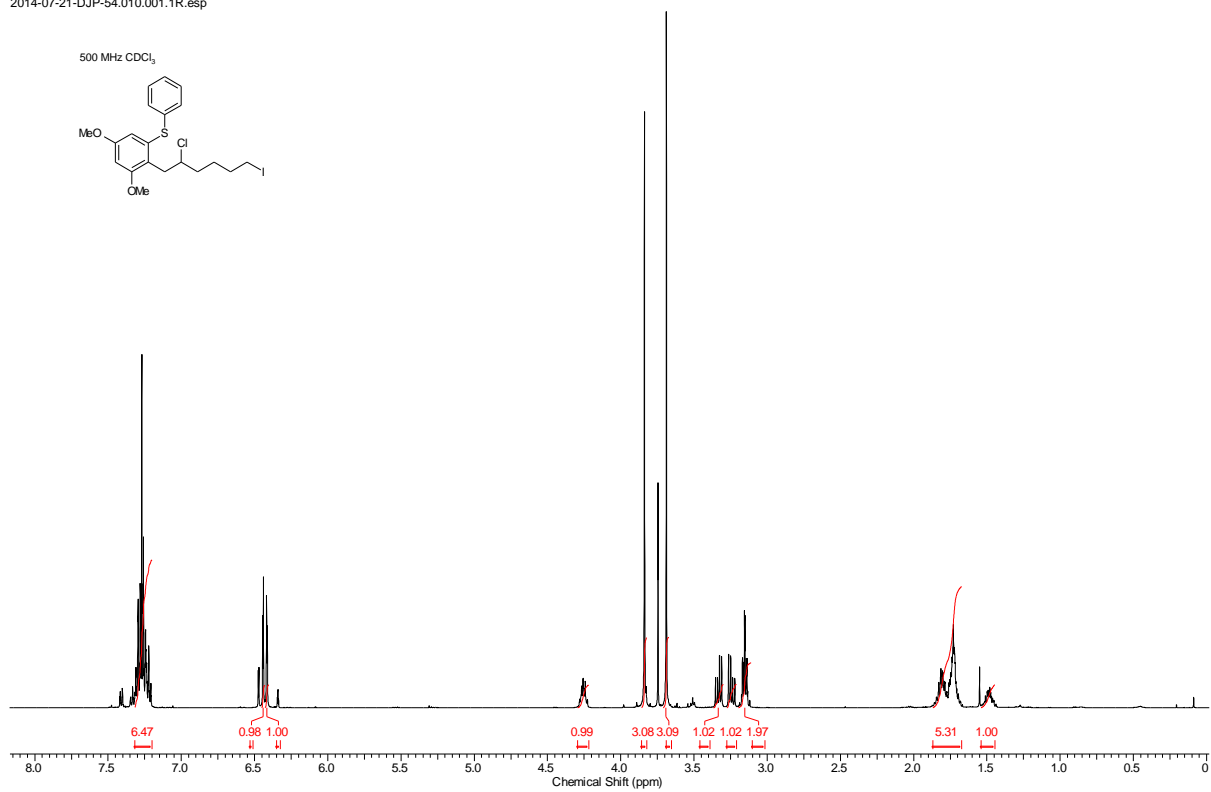


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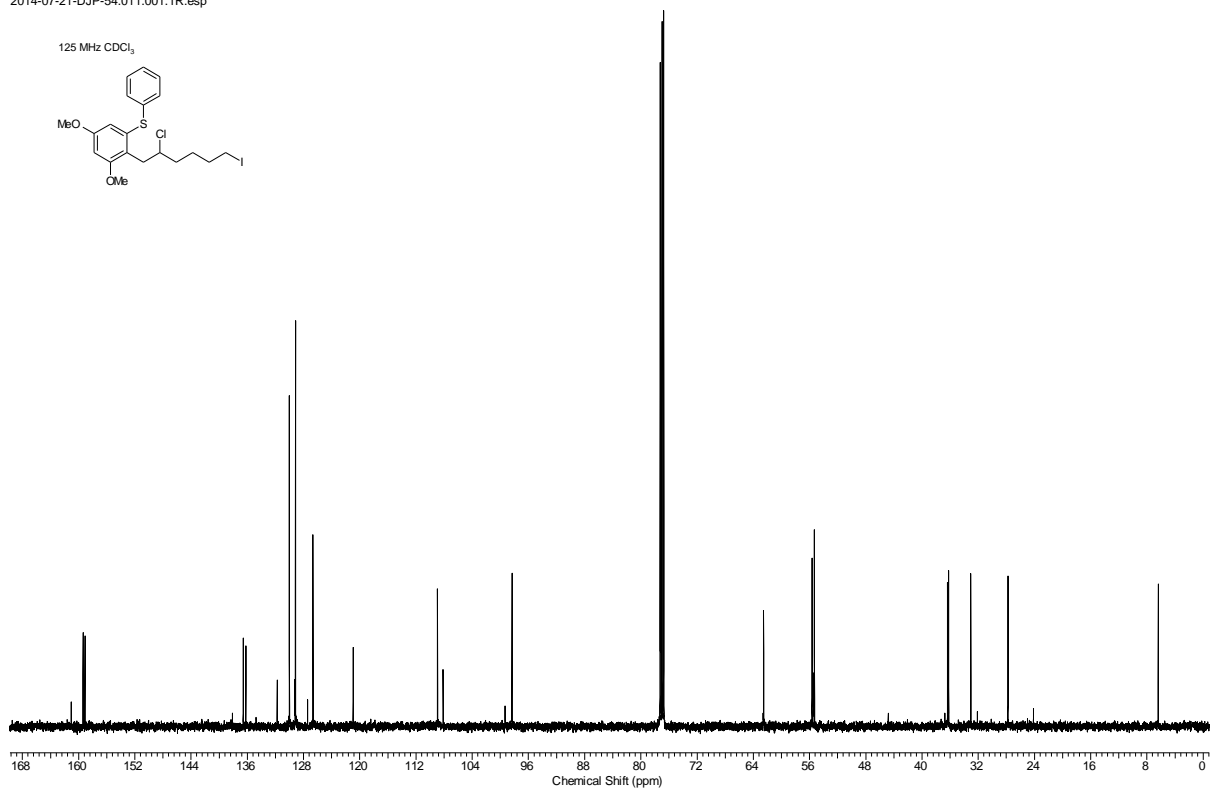


(2-(2-Chloro-6-iodohexyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)sulfide **2g**

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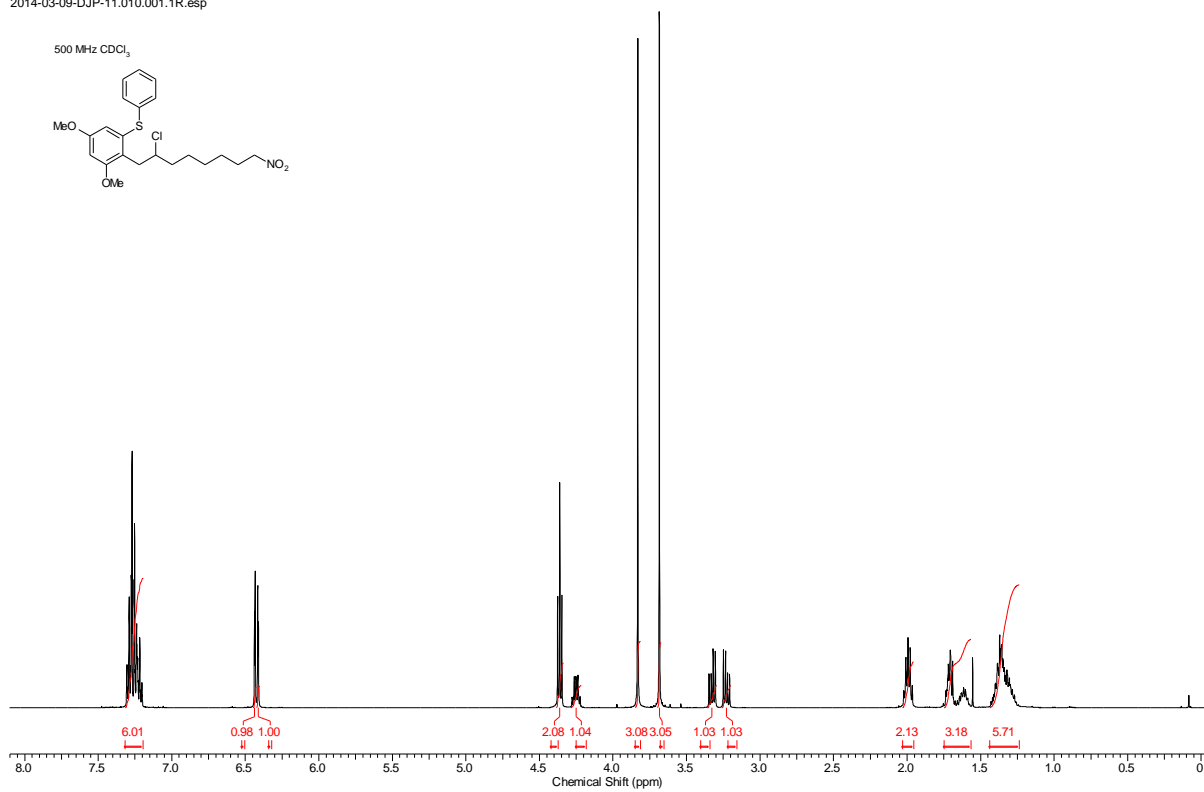


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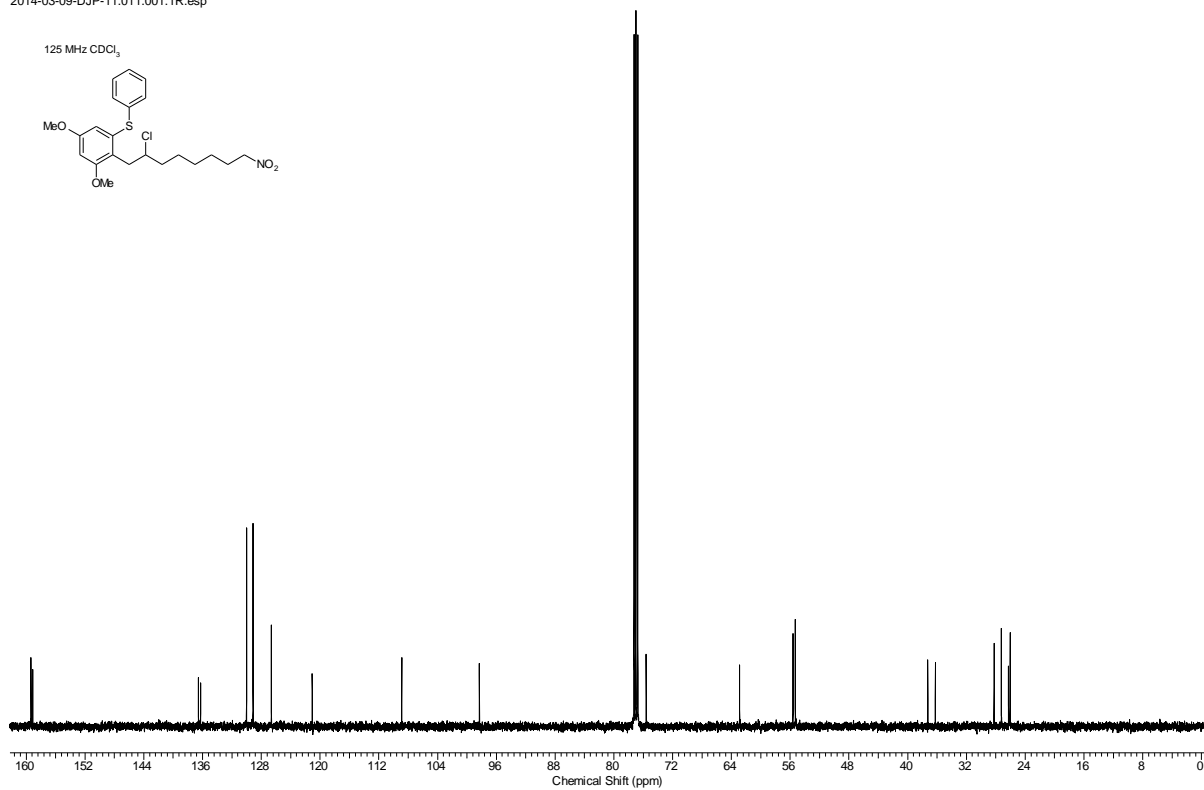


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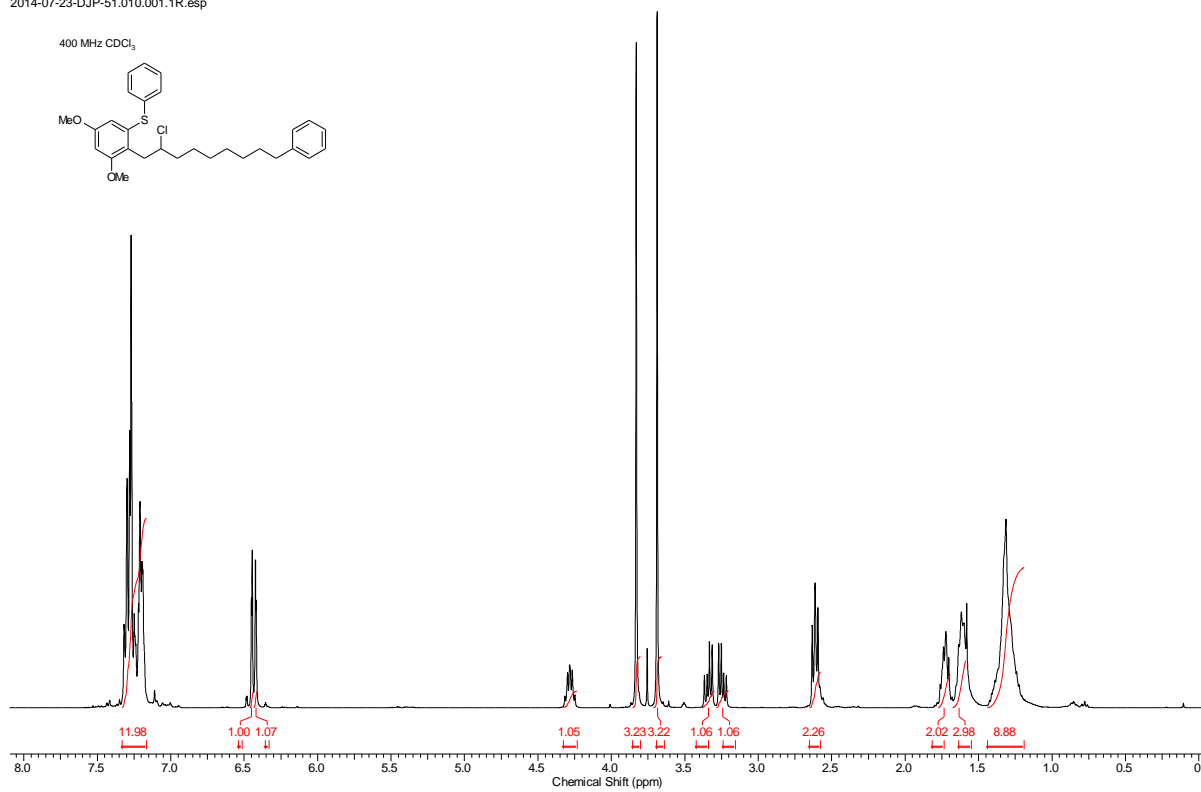


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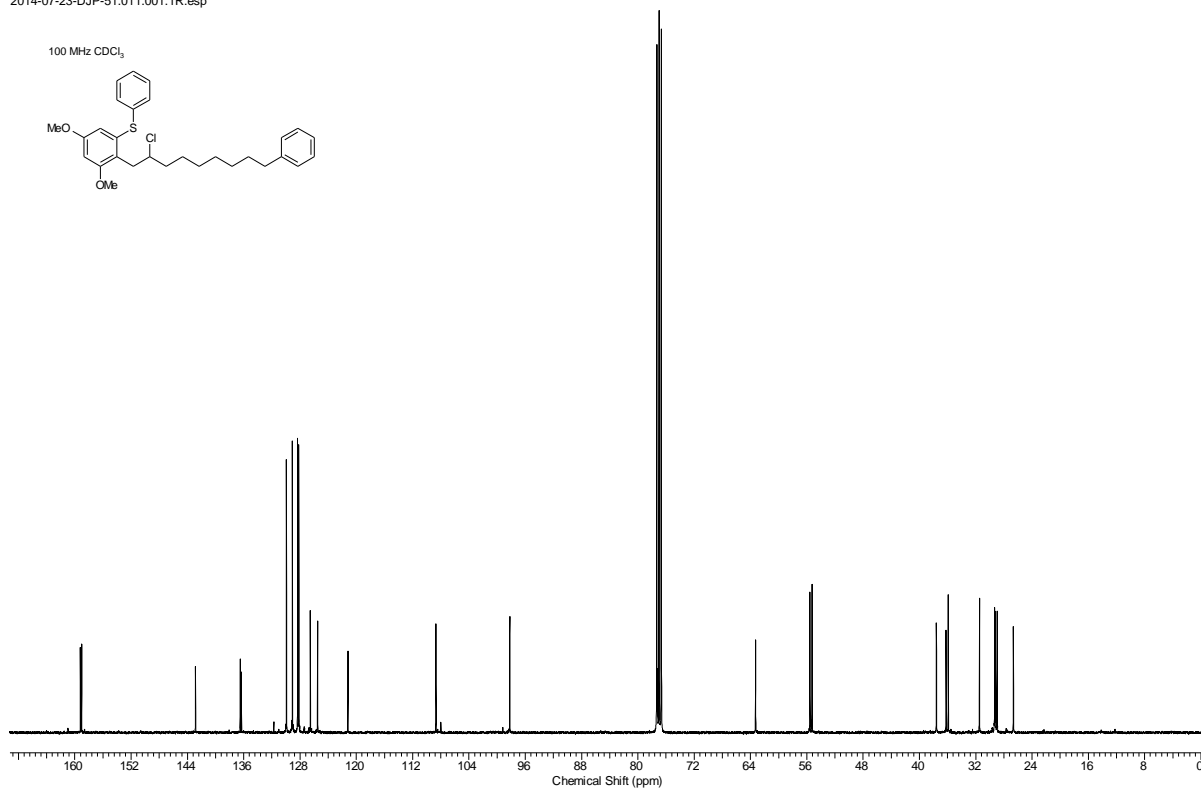


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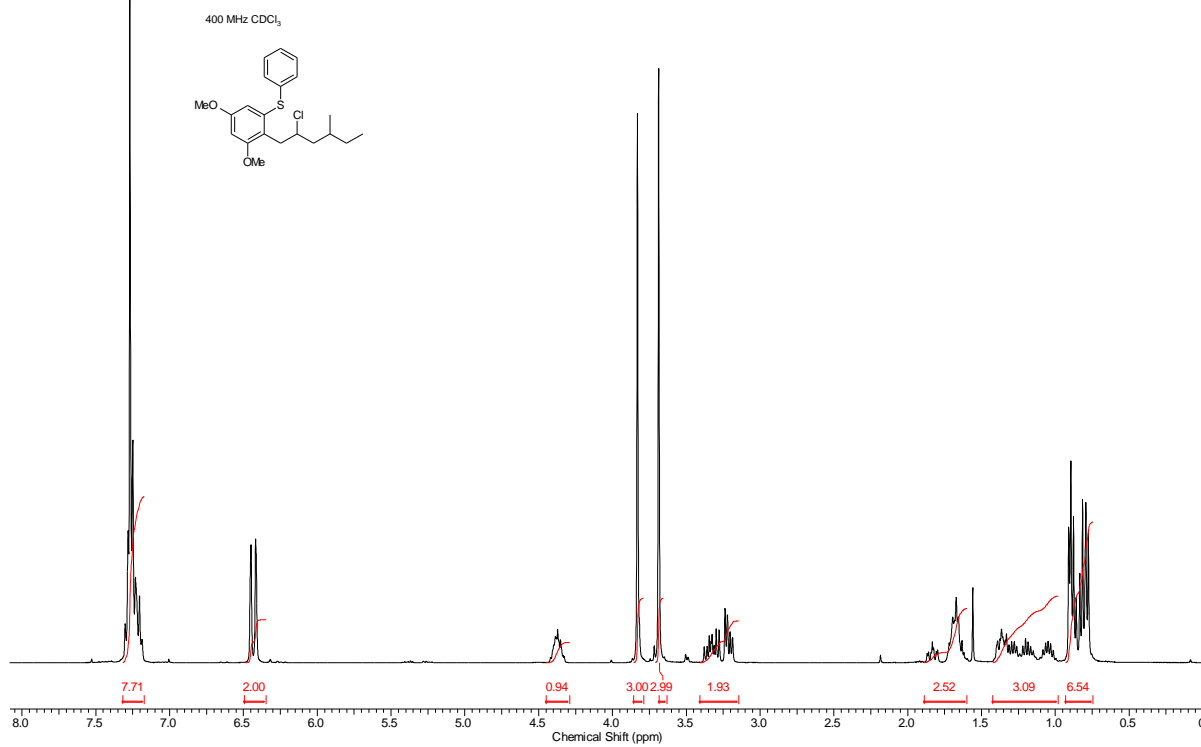


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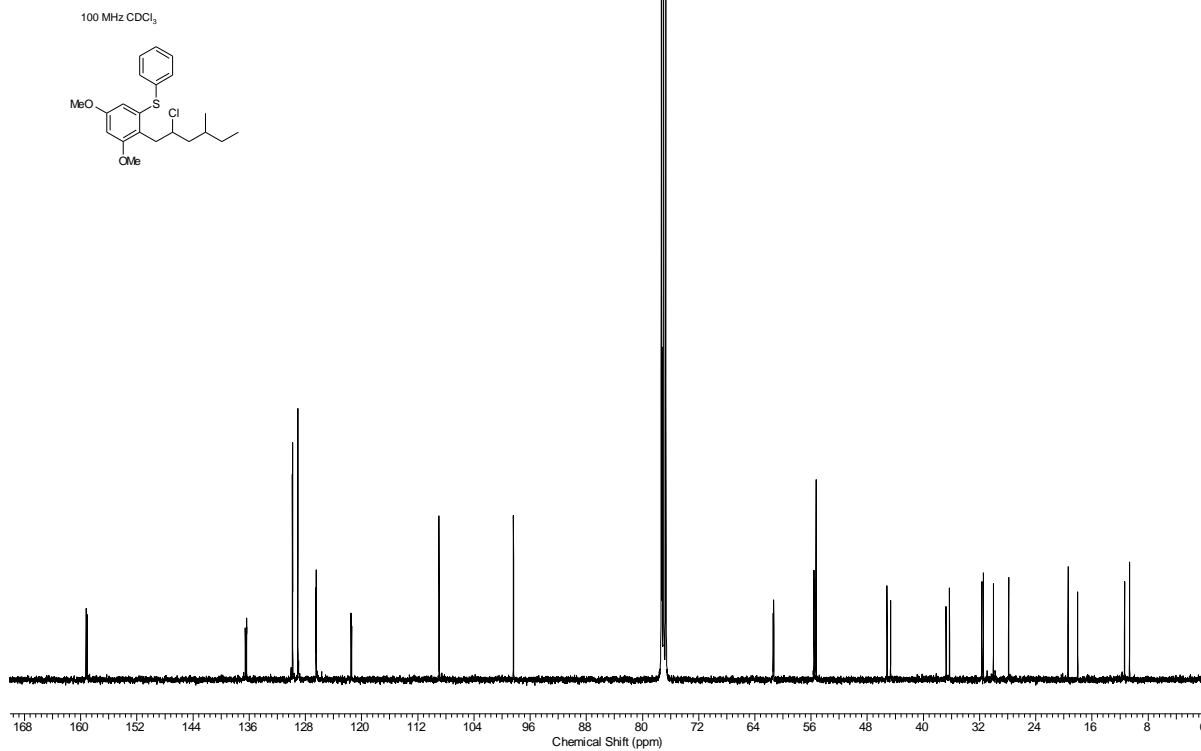


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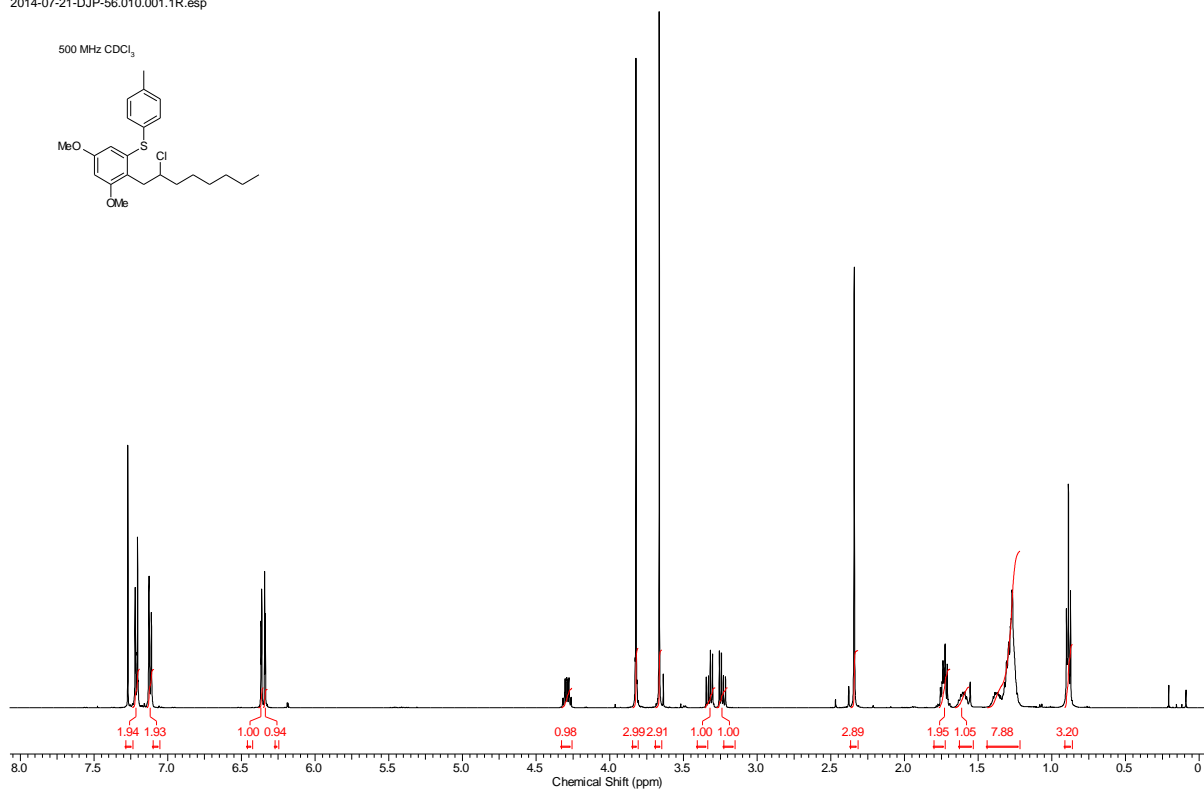


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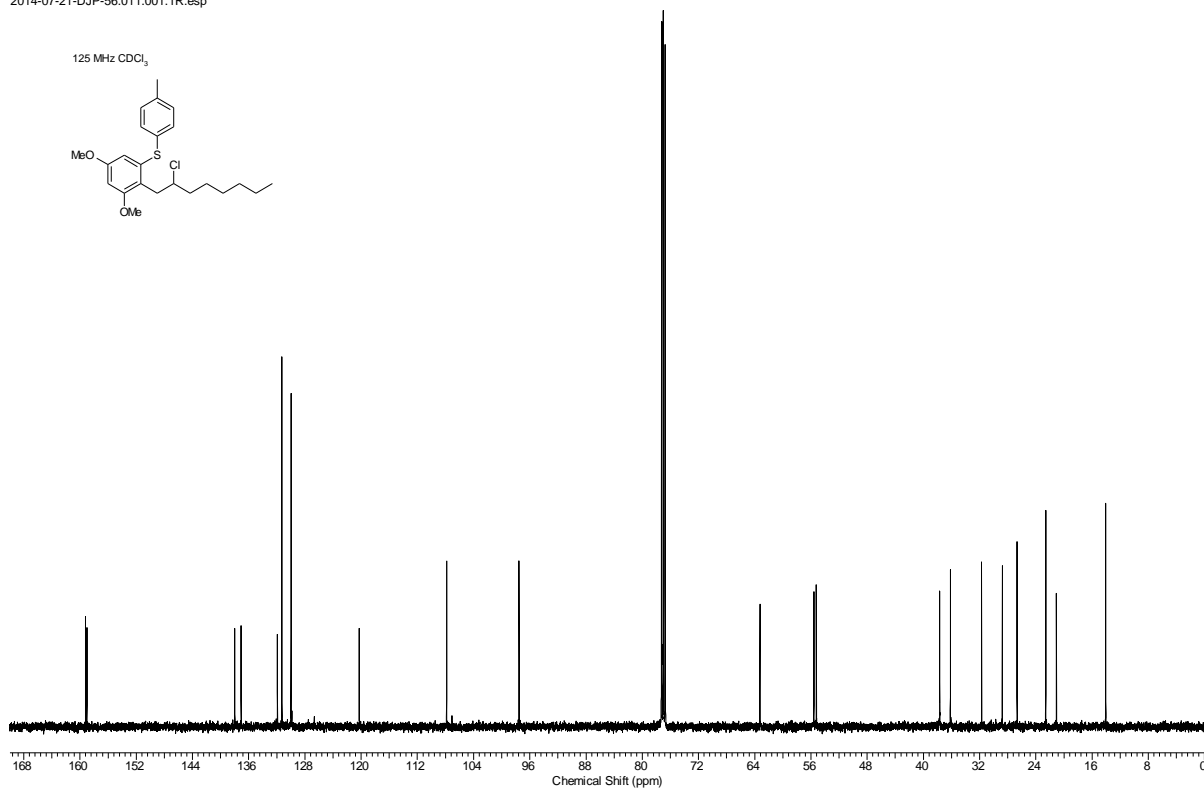


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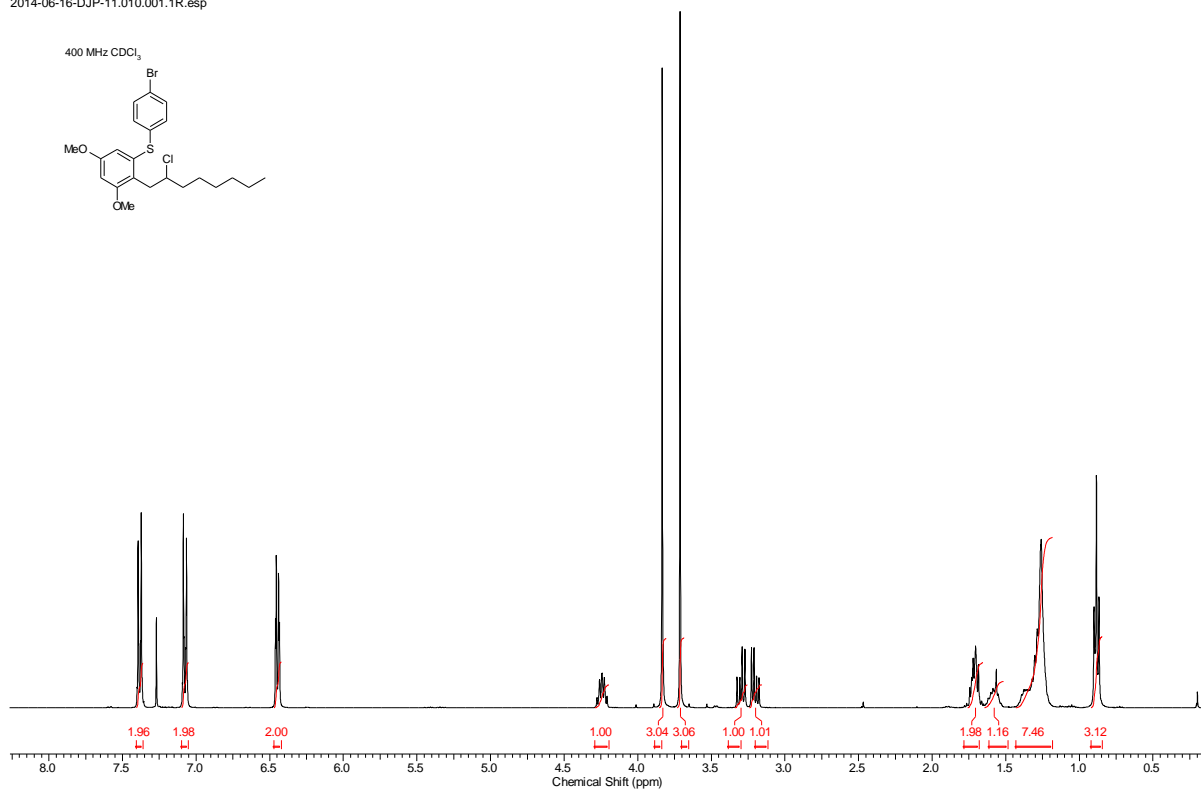


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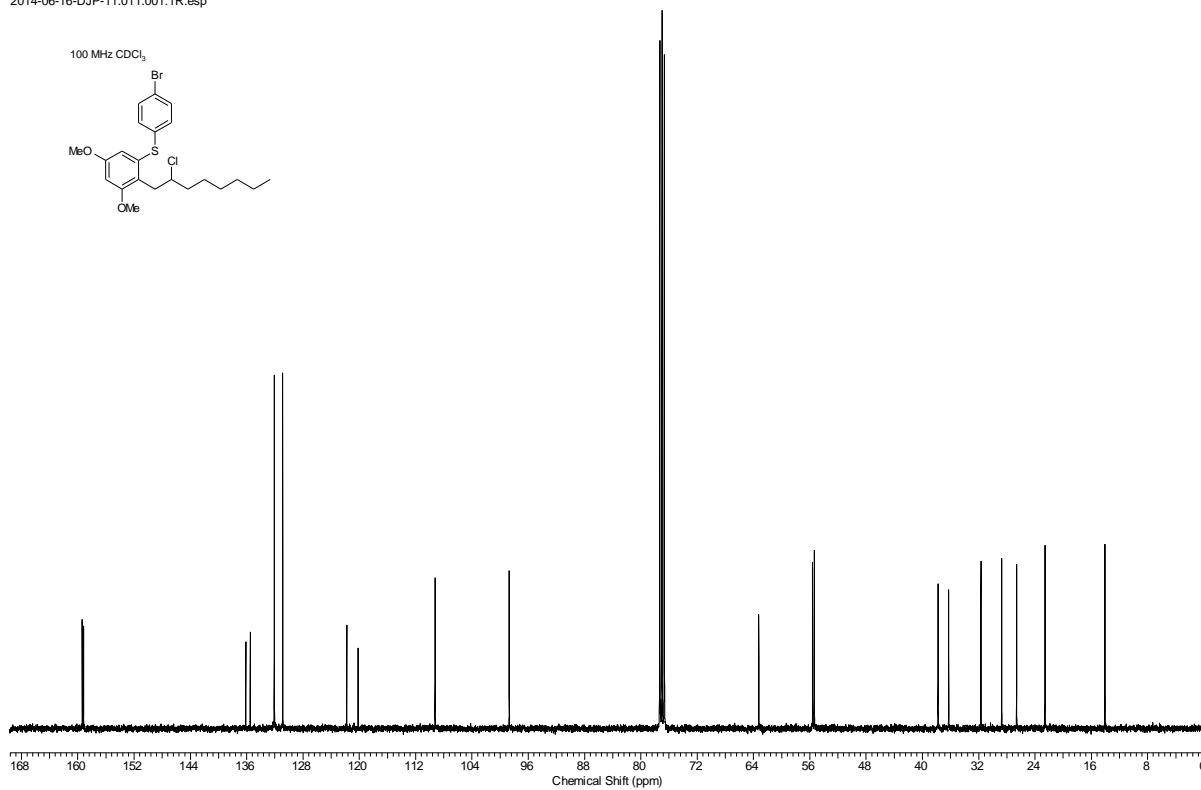


(4-Bromophenyl)(2-(2-chlorooctyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)sulfide 2l

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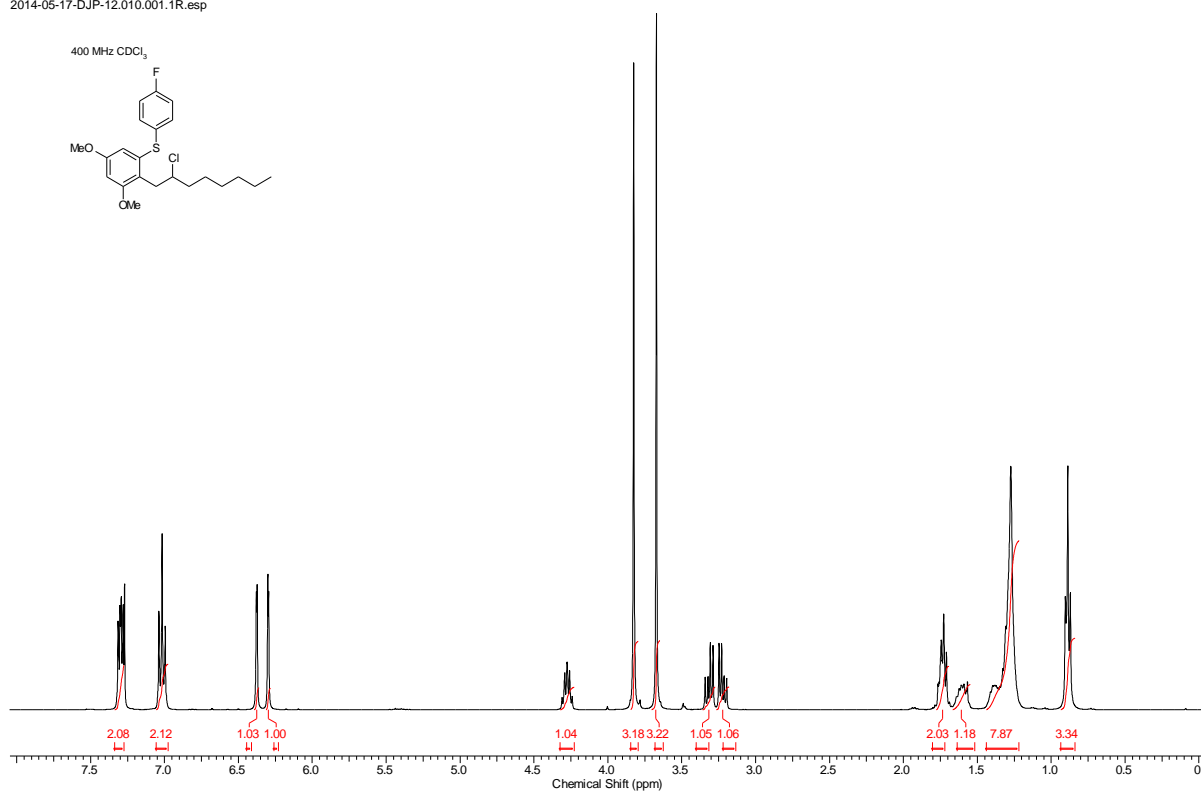


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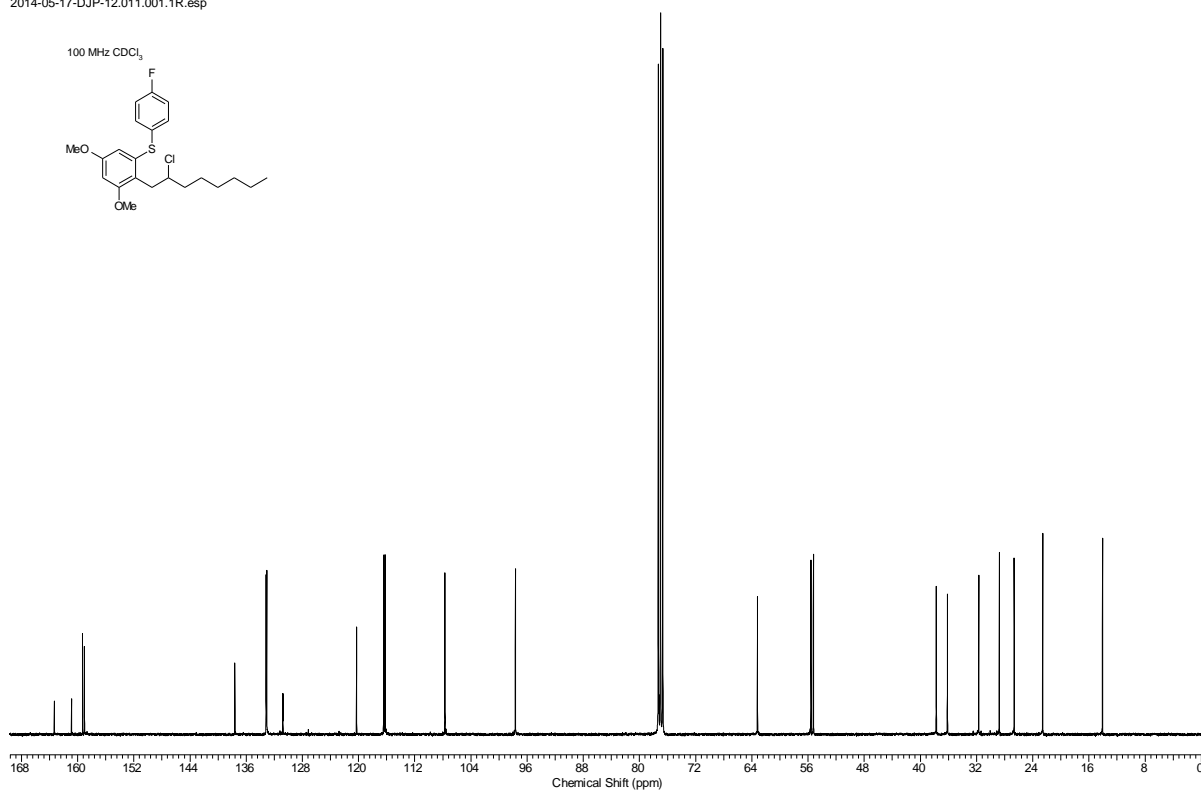


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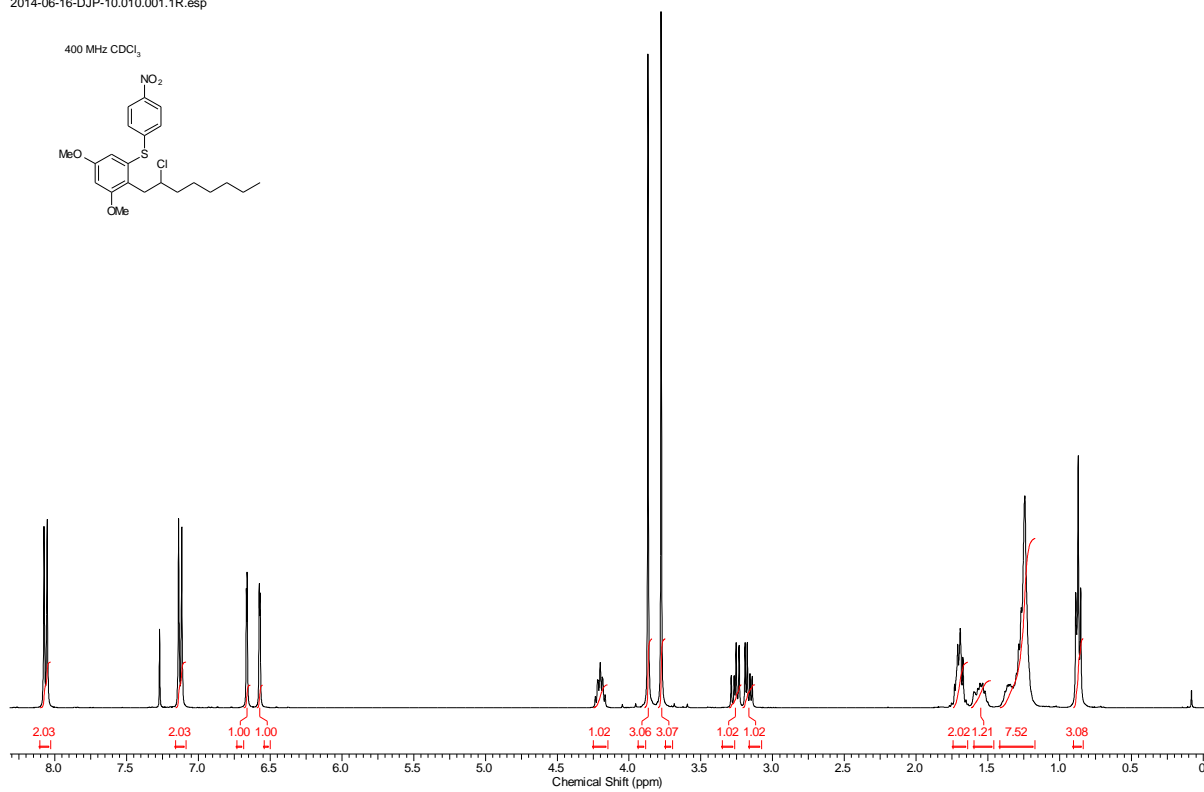


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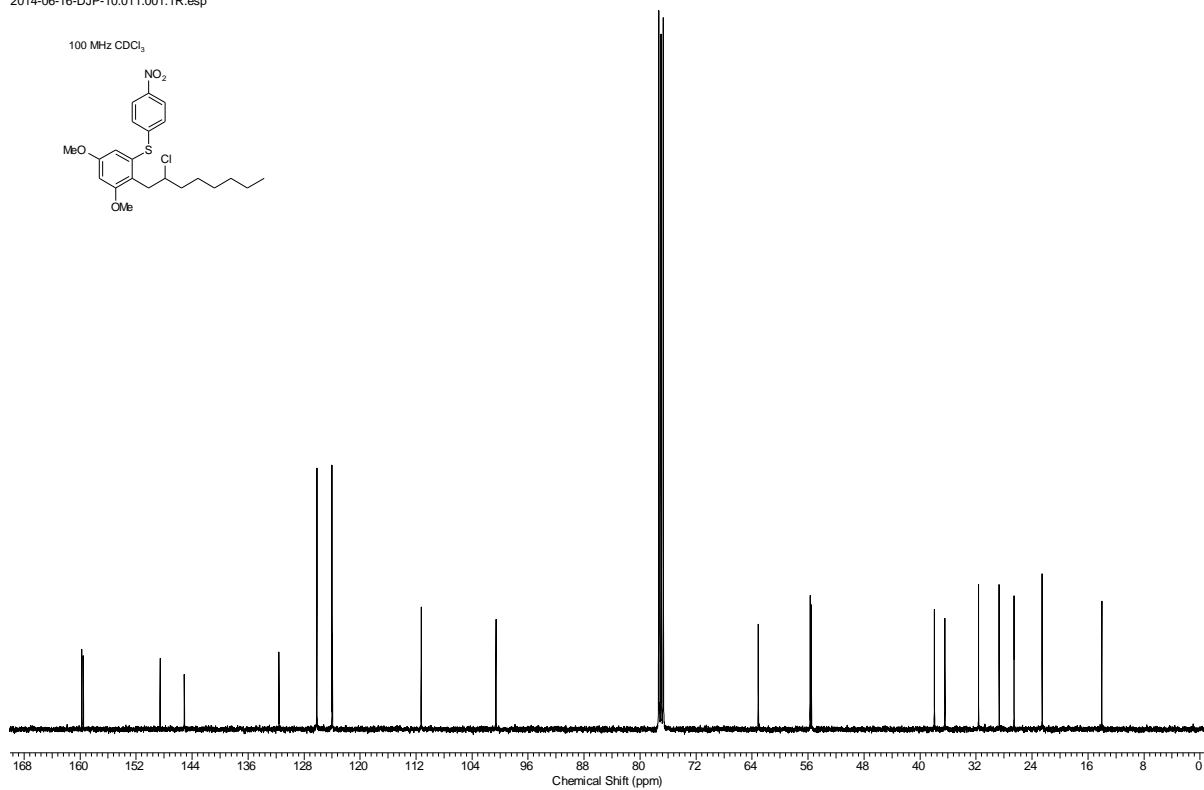


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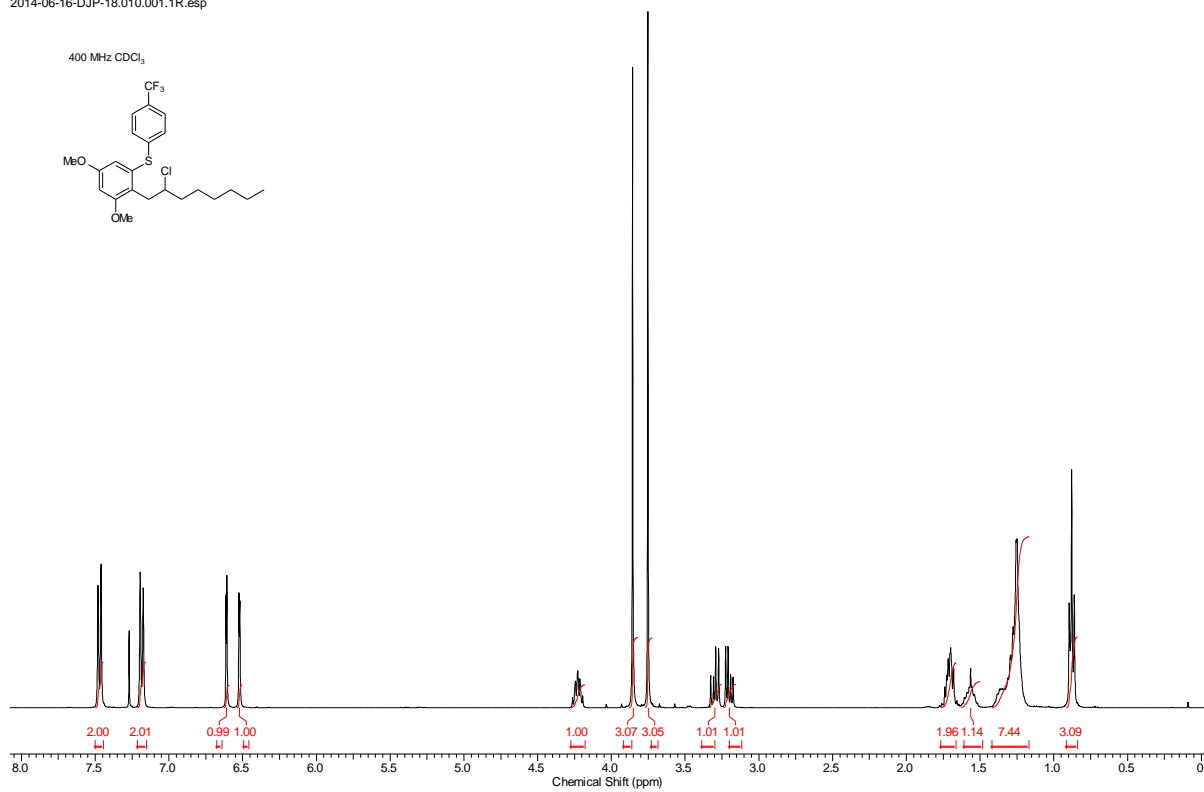


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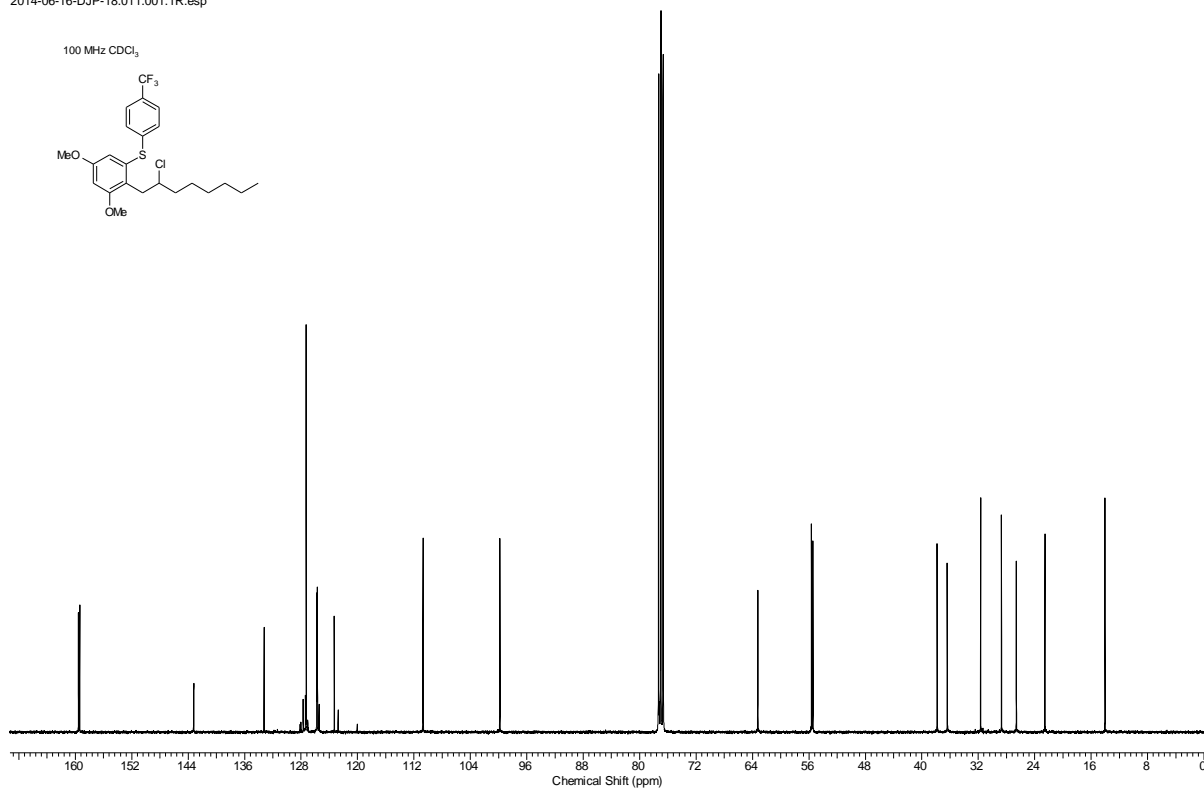


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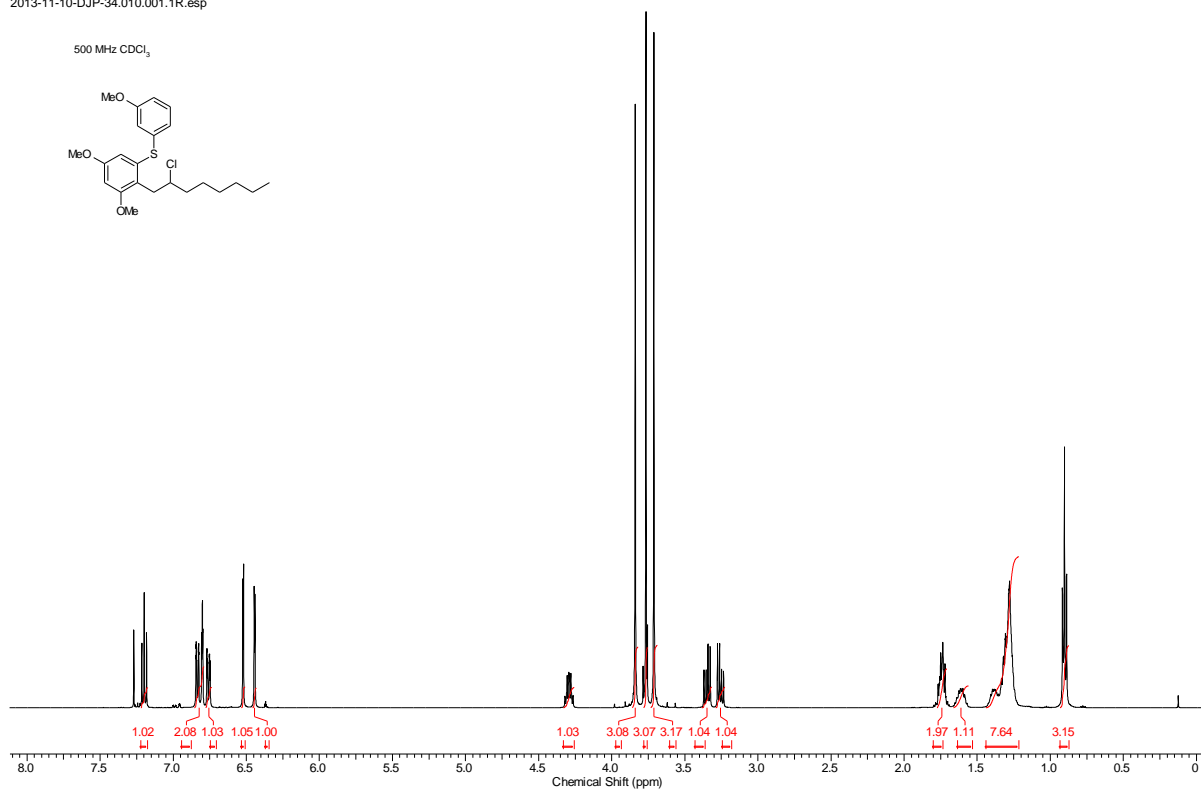


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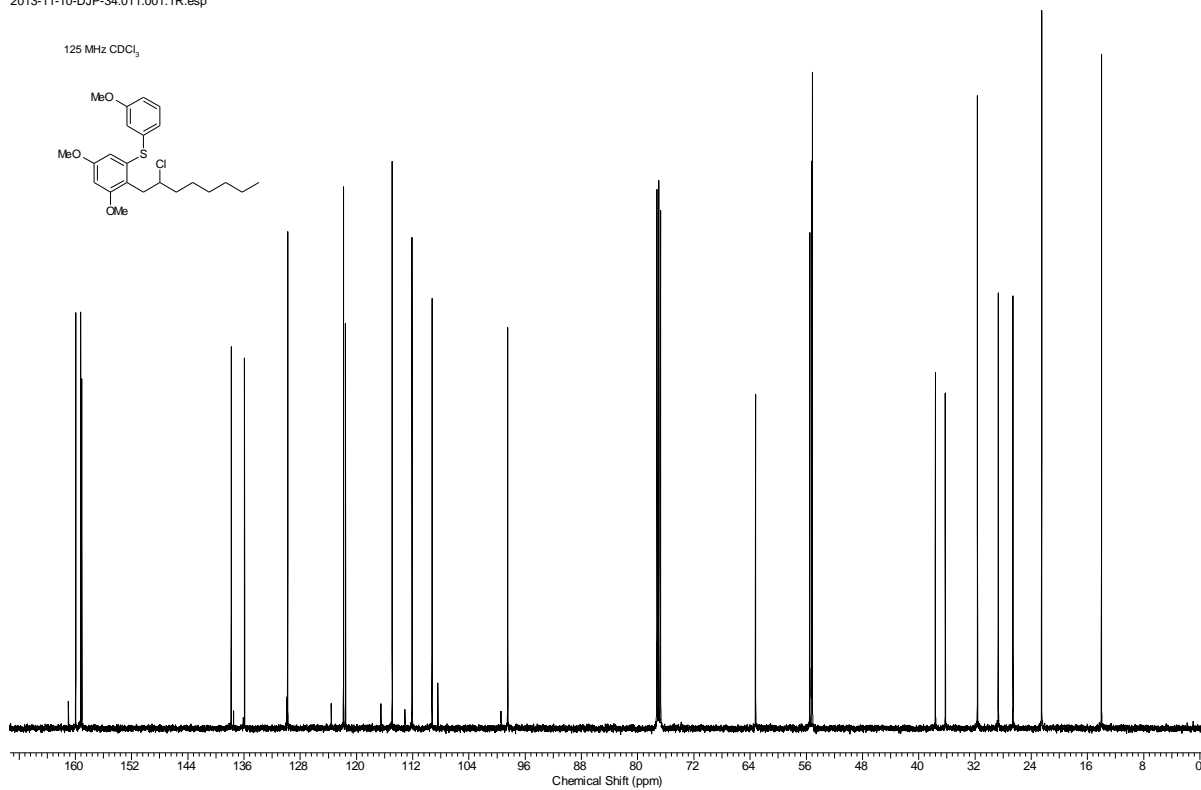


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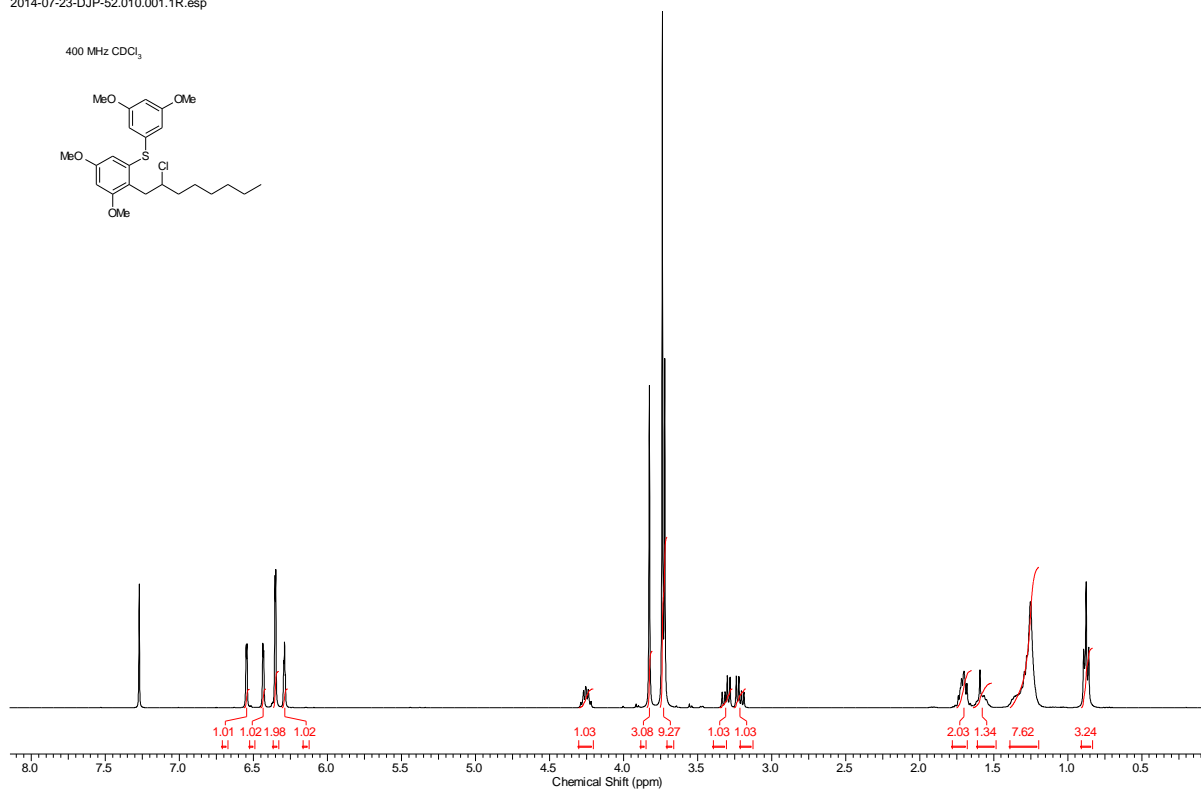


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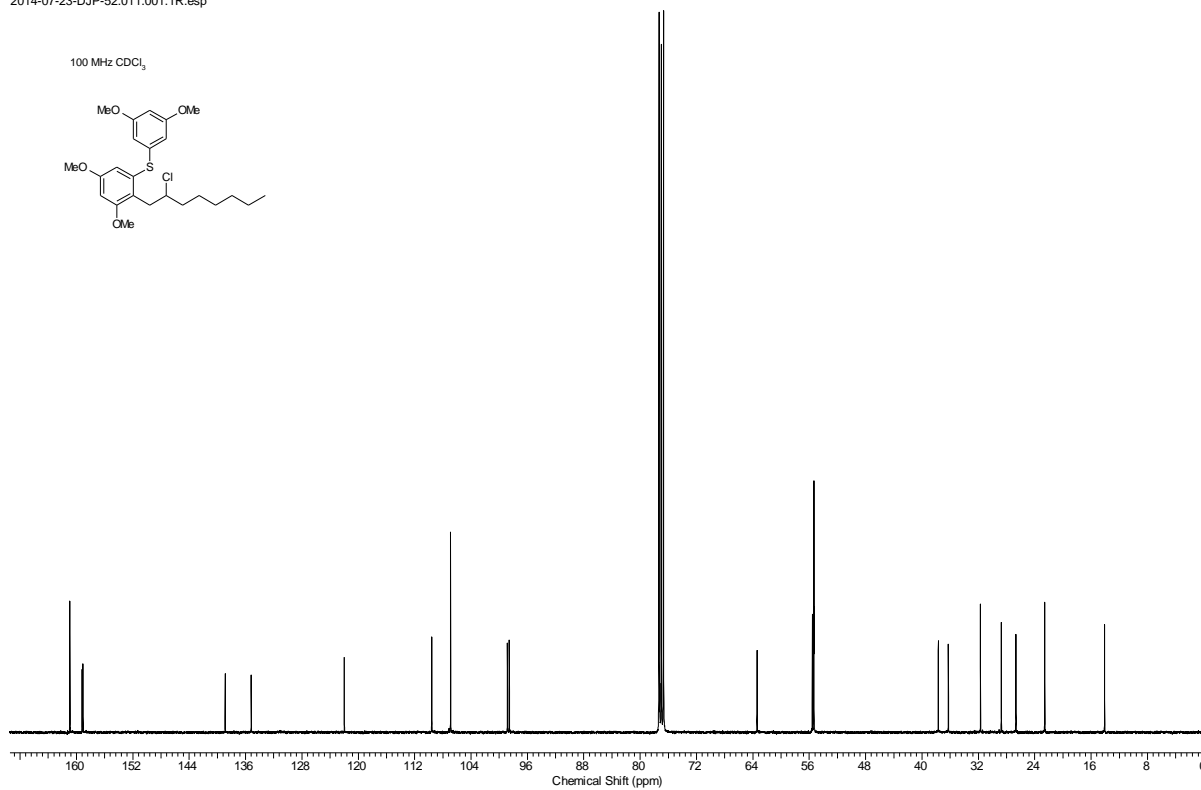


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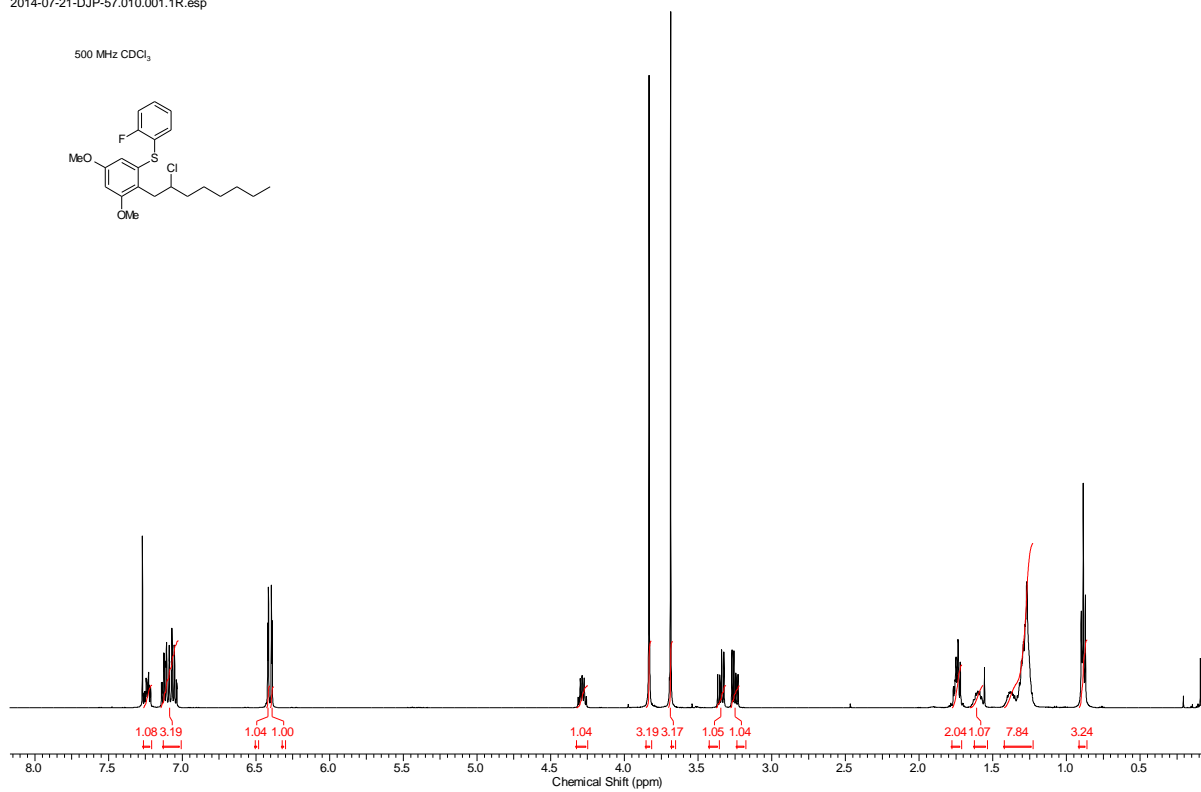


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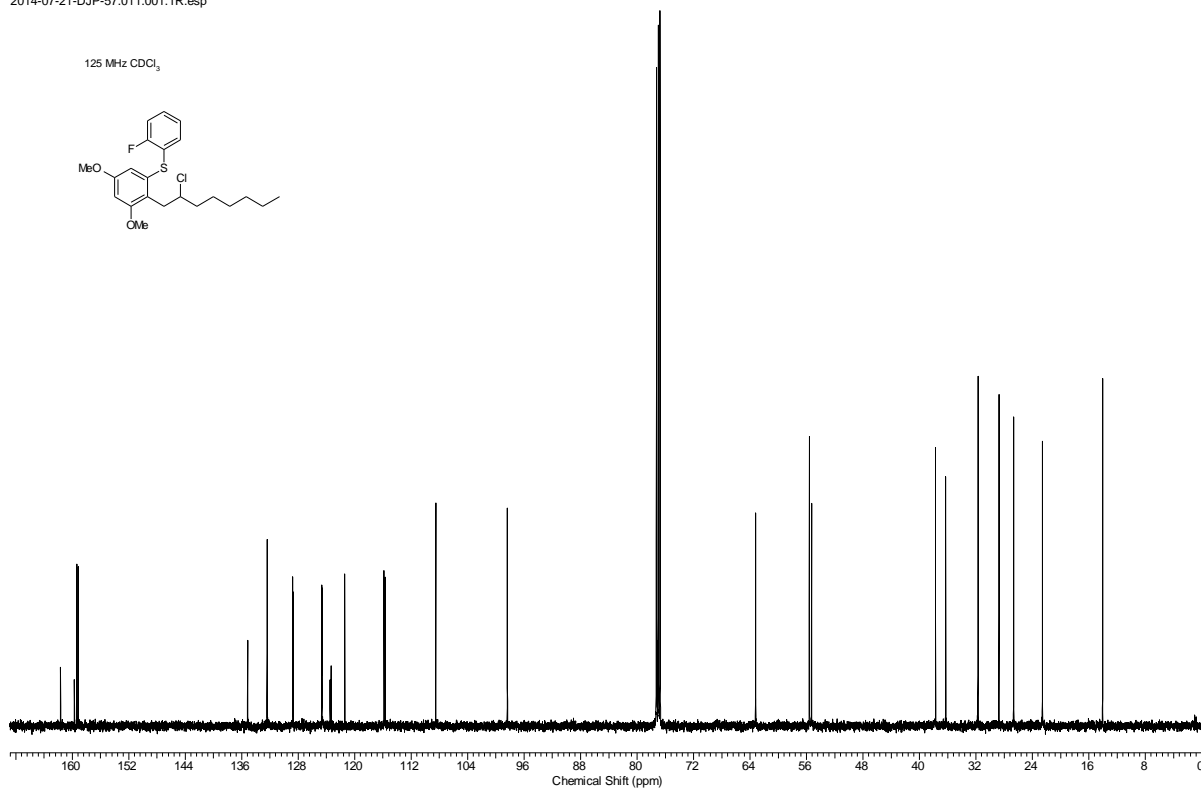


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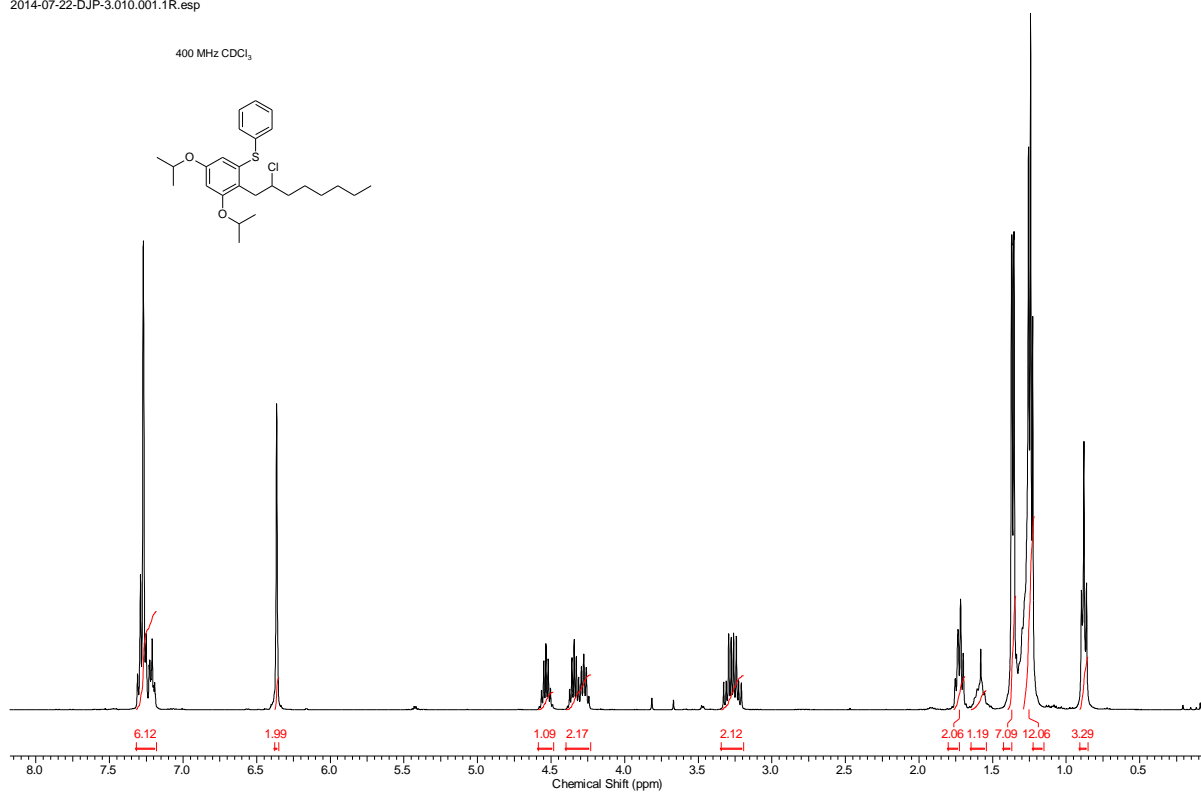


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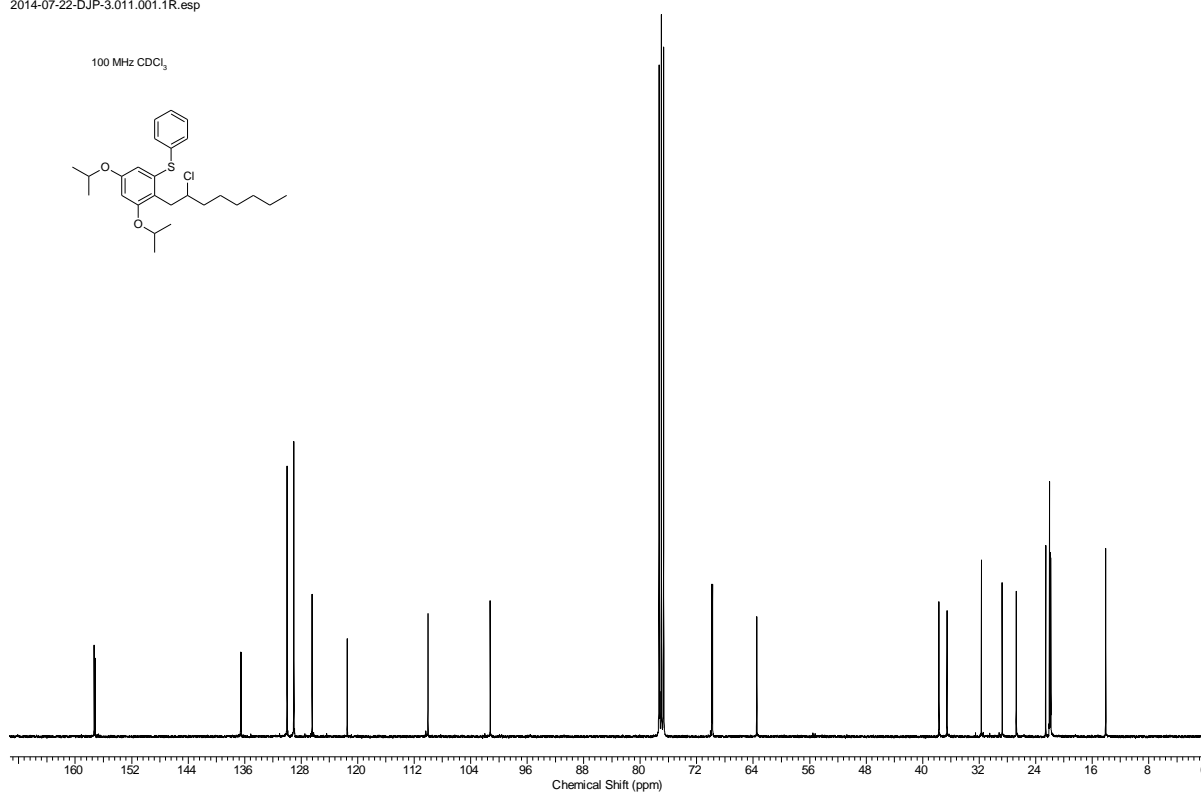


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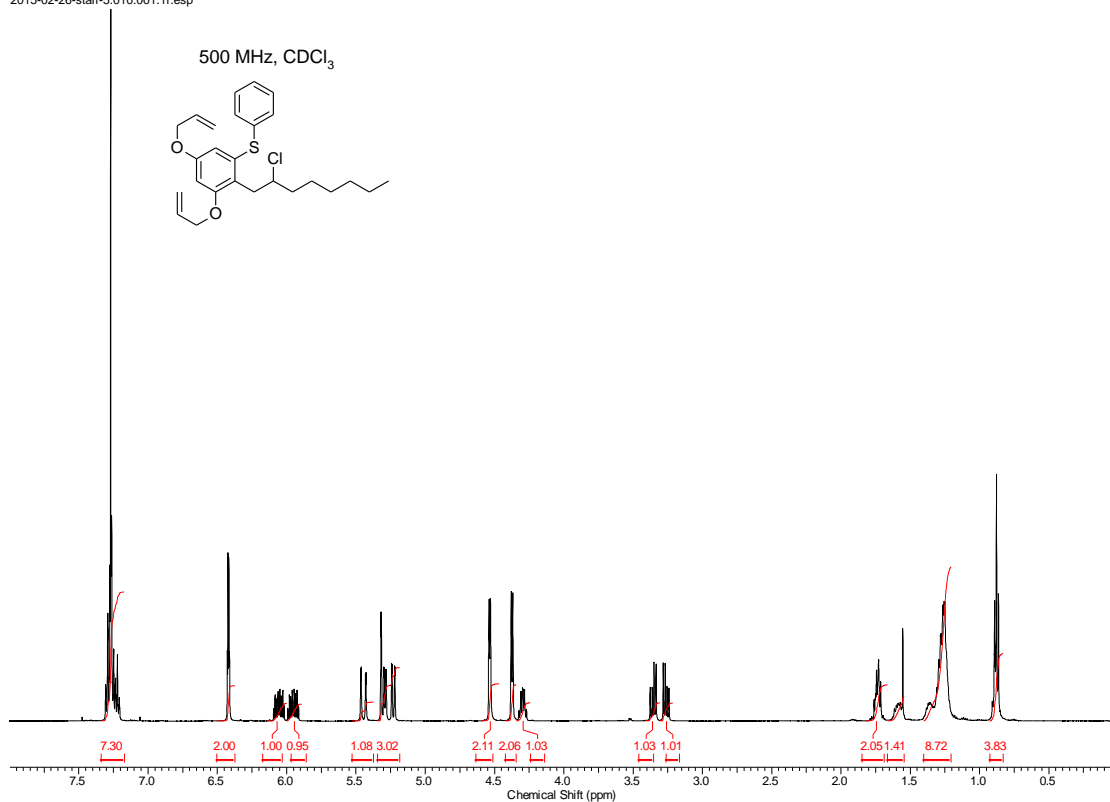


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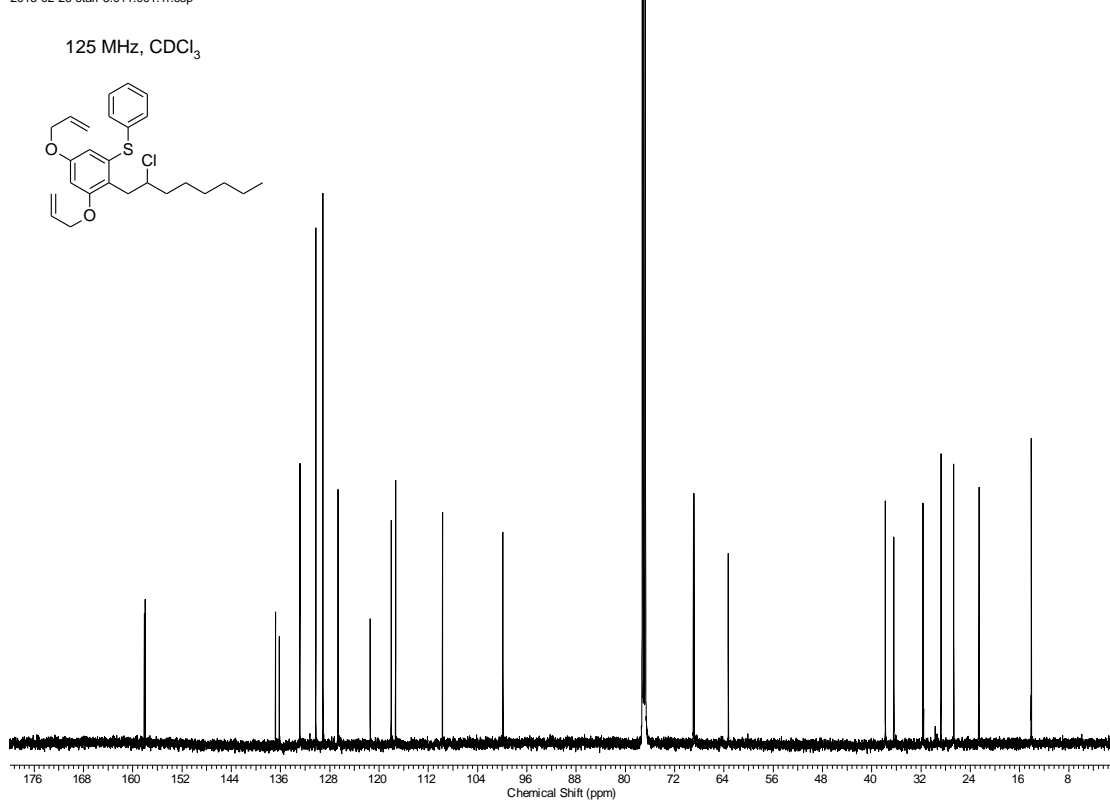


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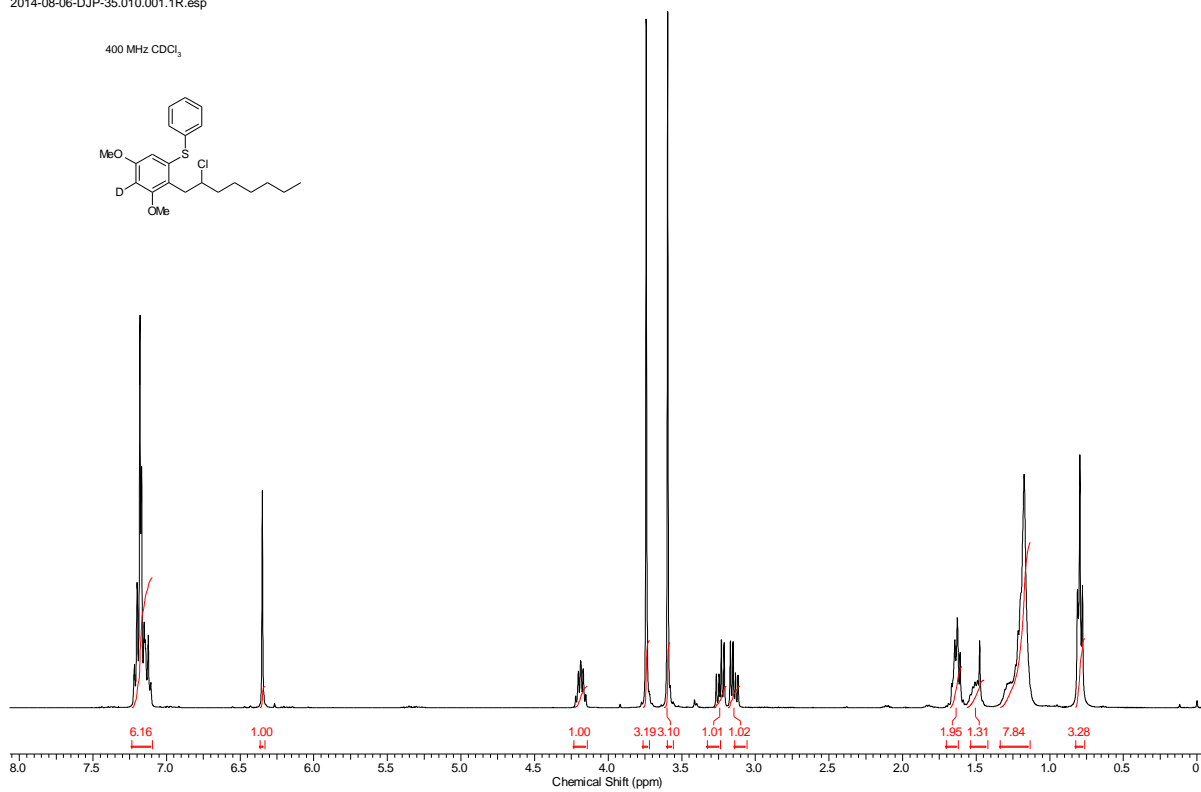


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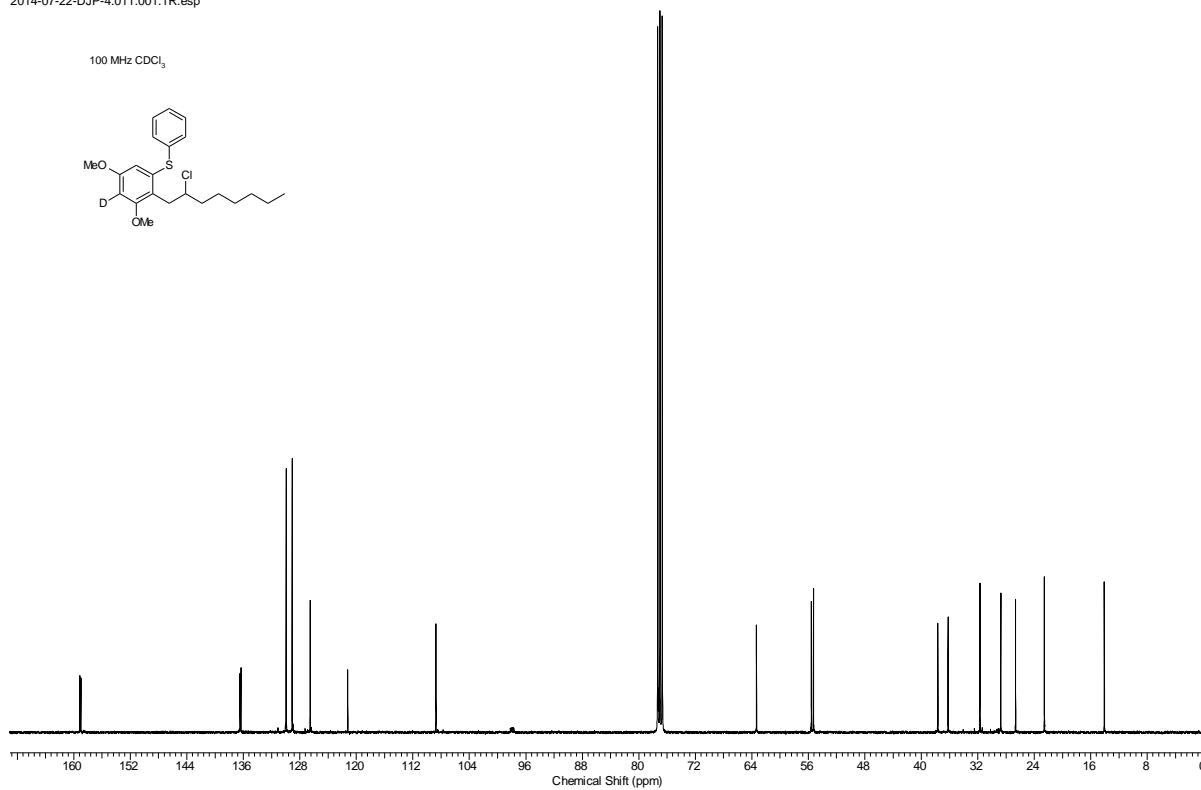


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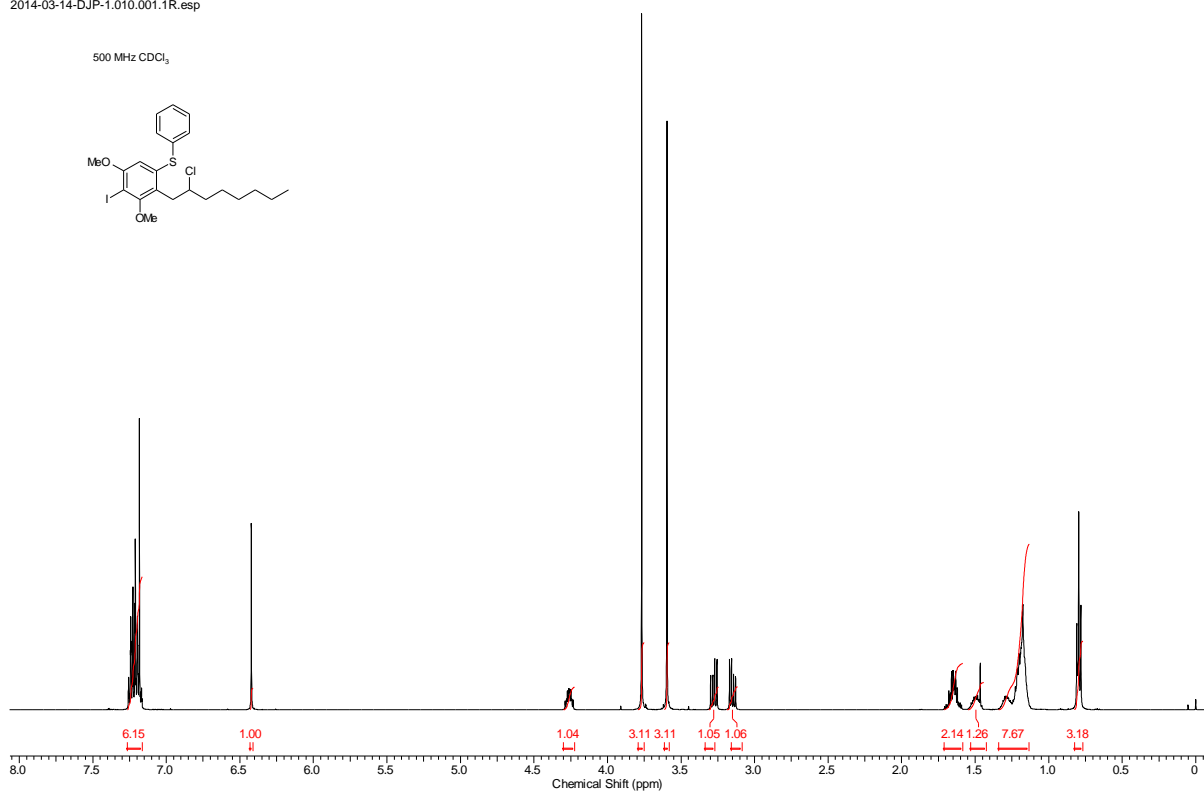


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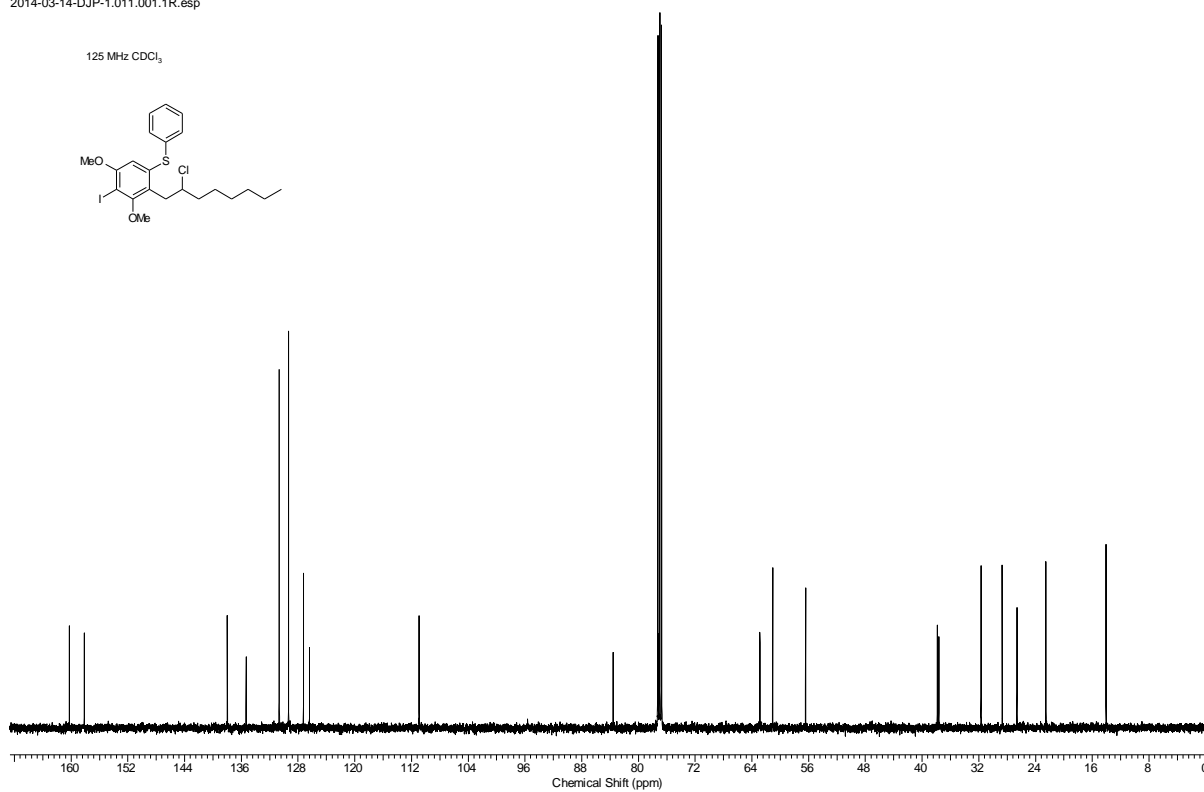


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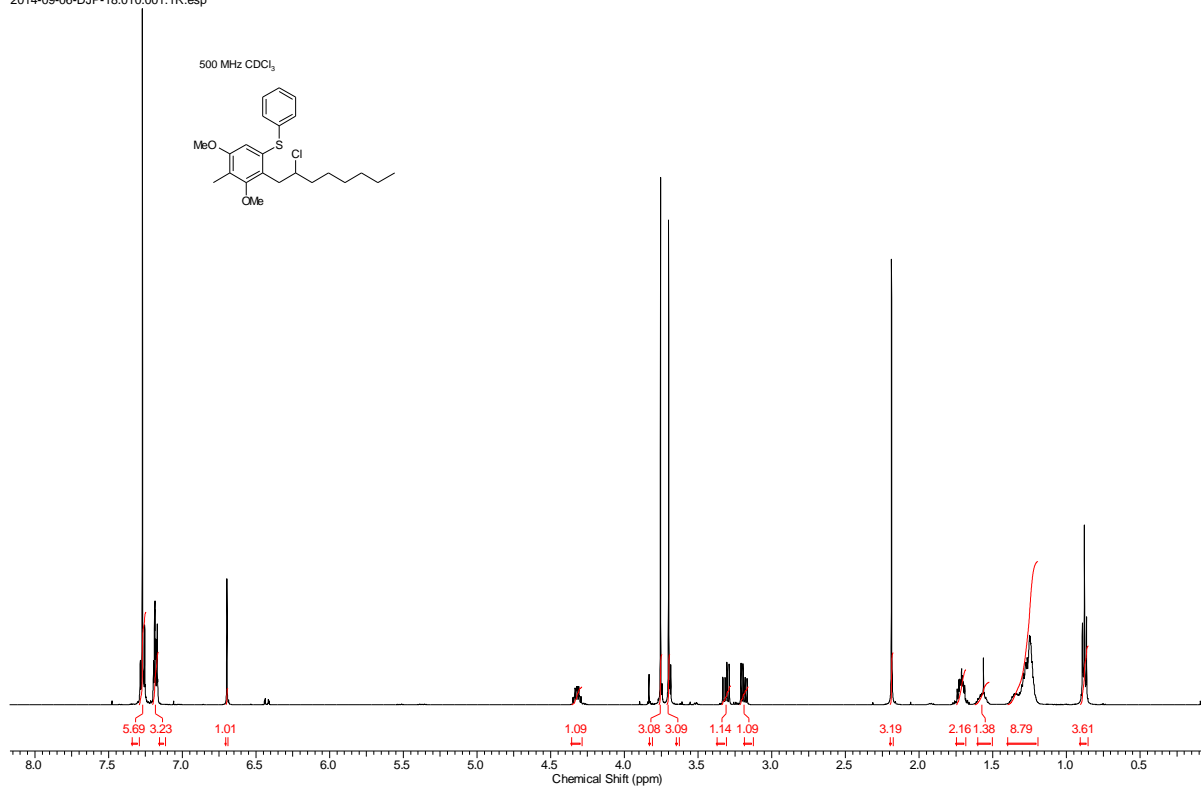


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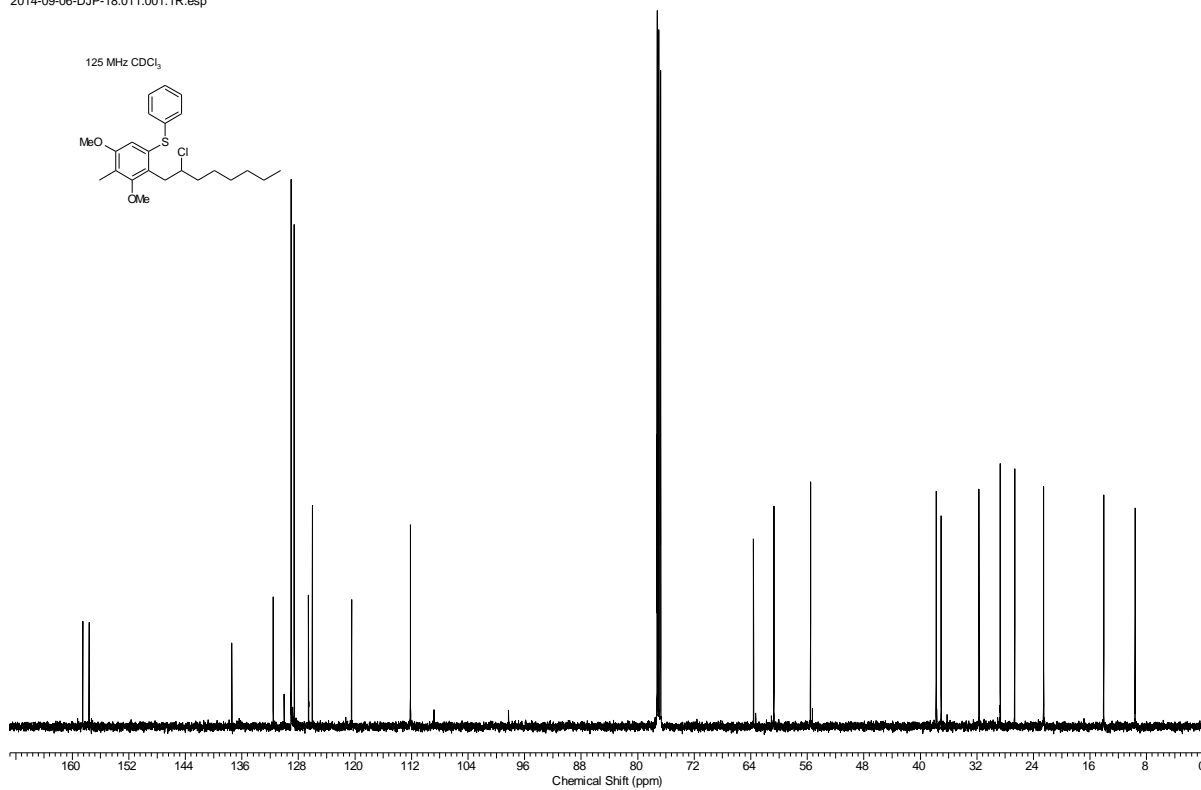


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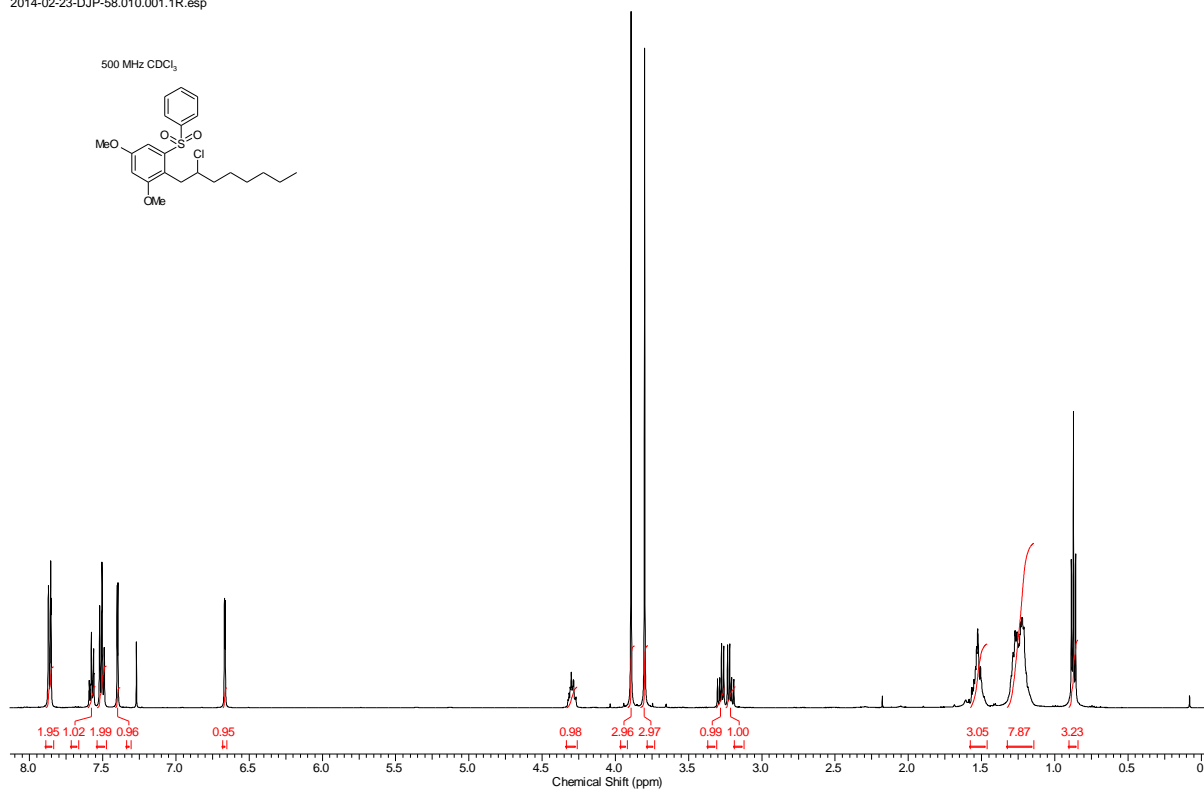


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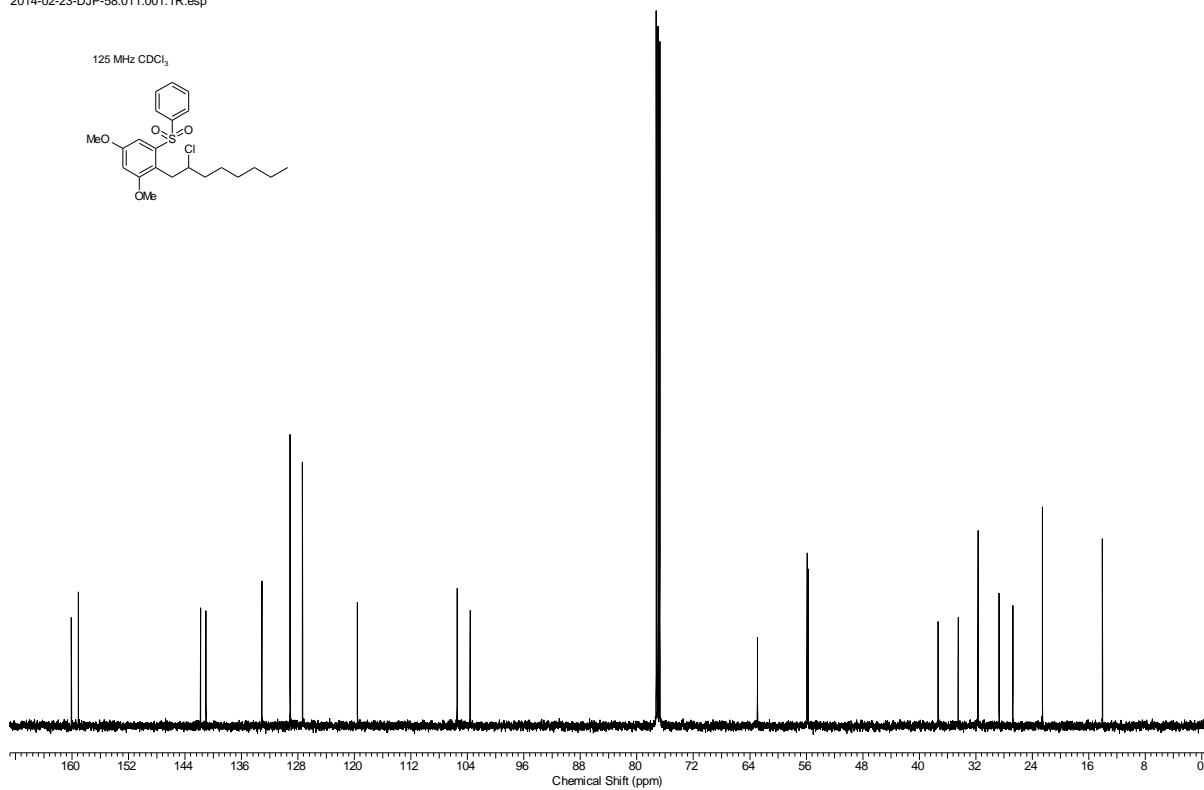


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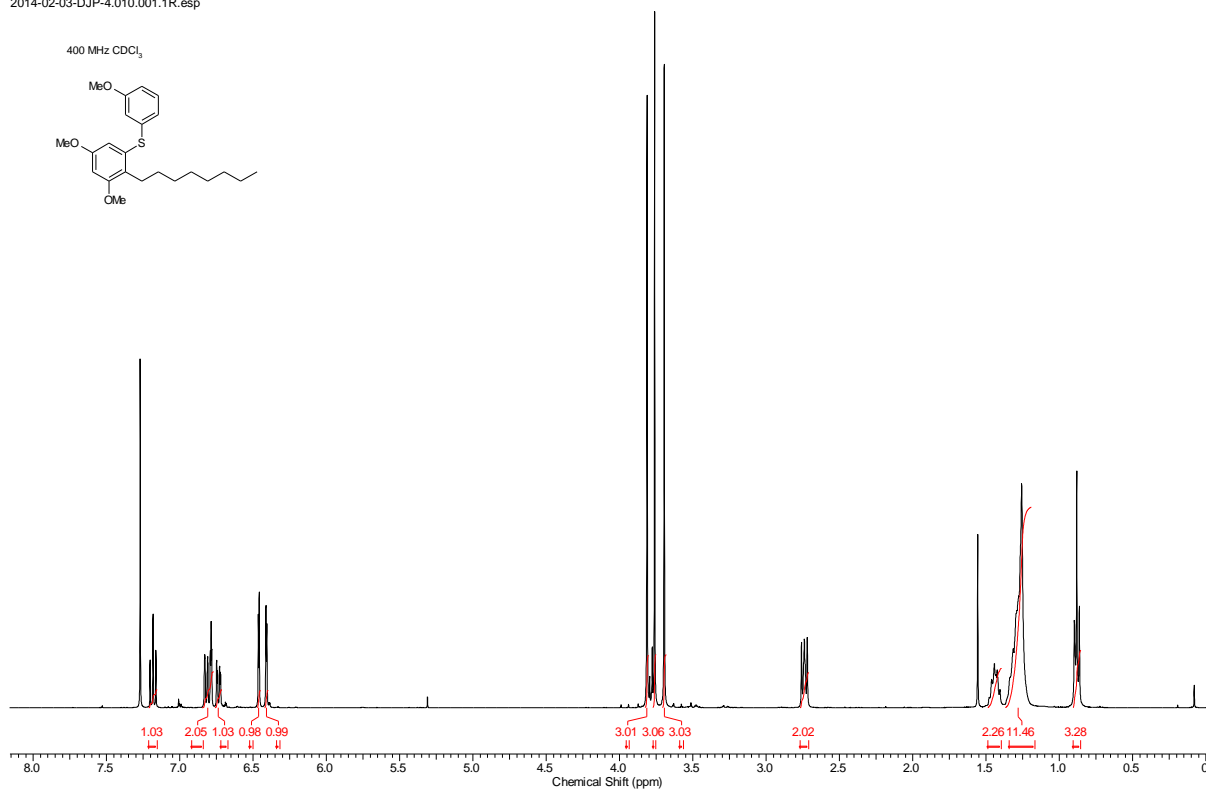


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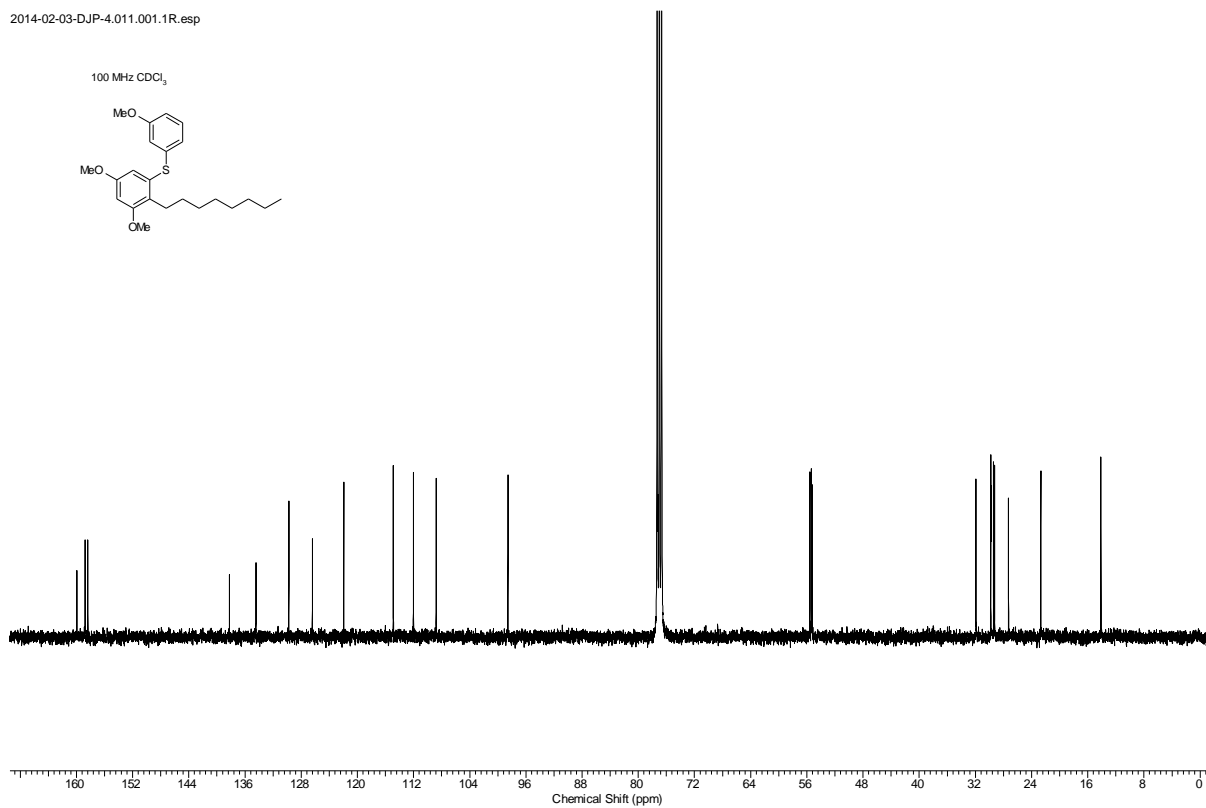


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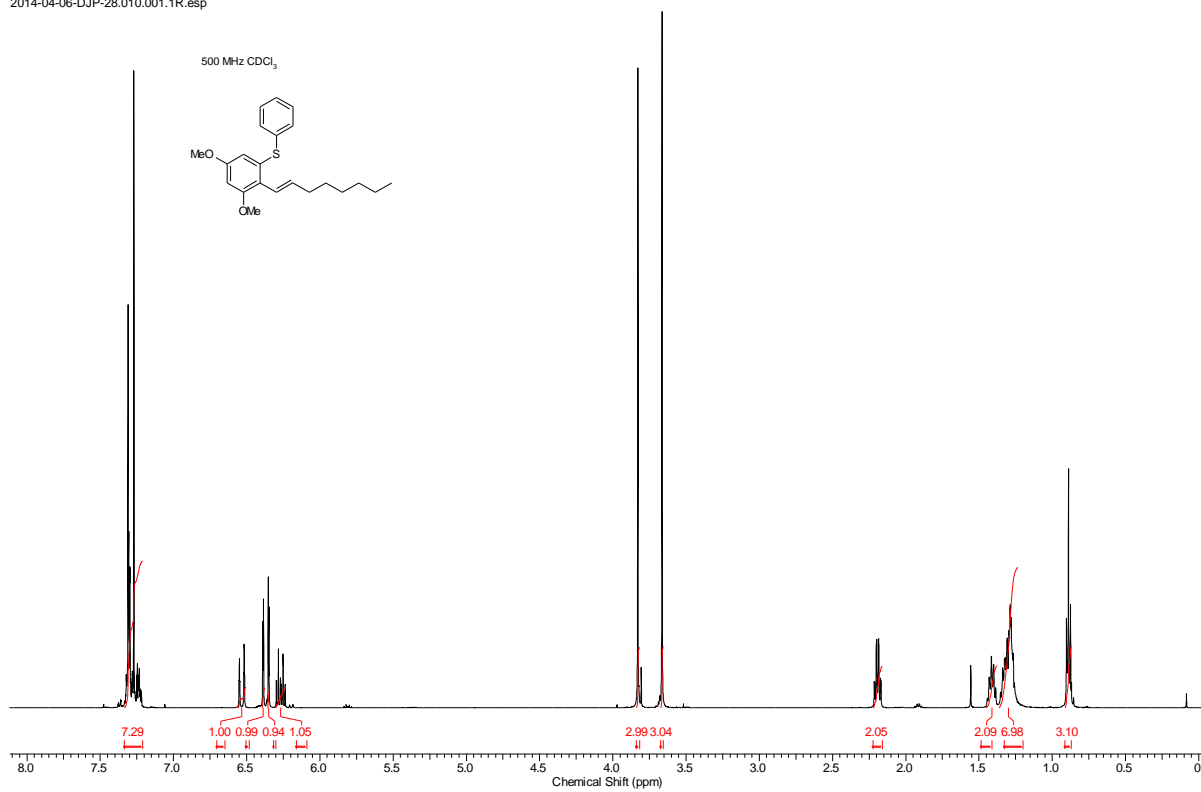


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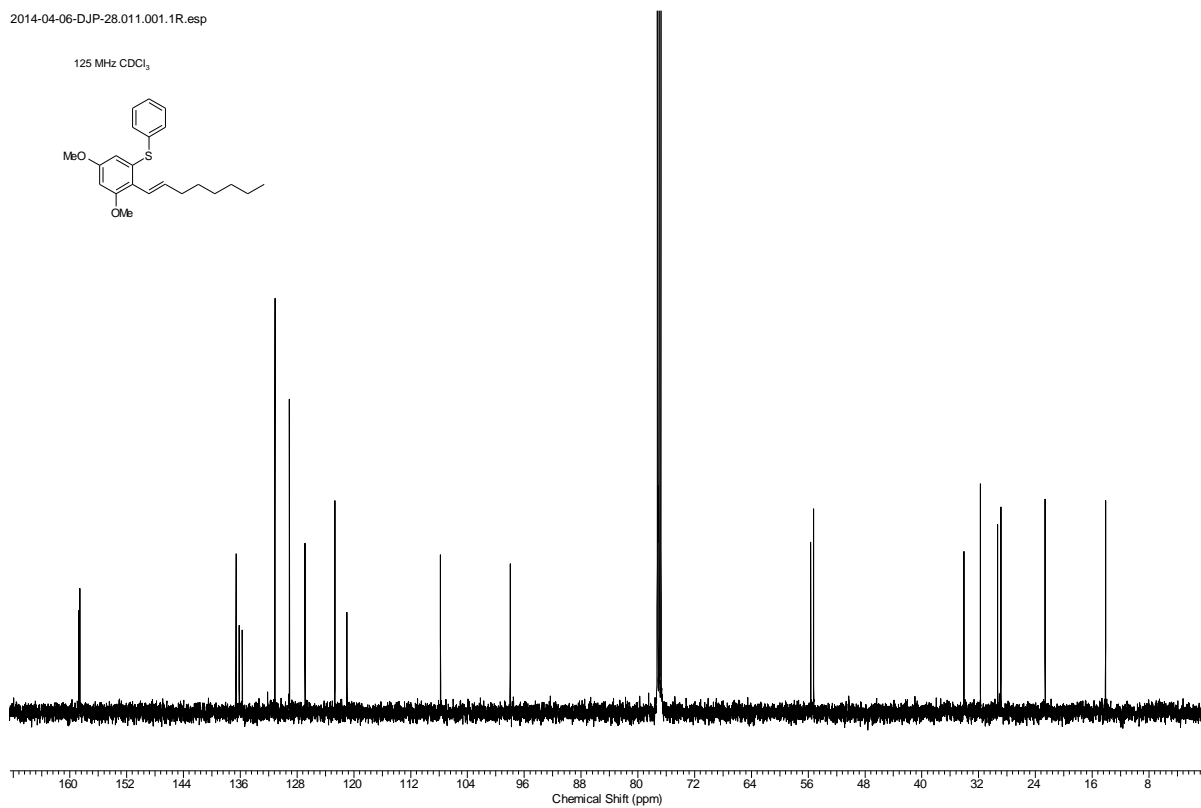


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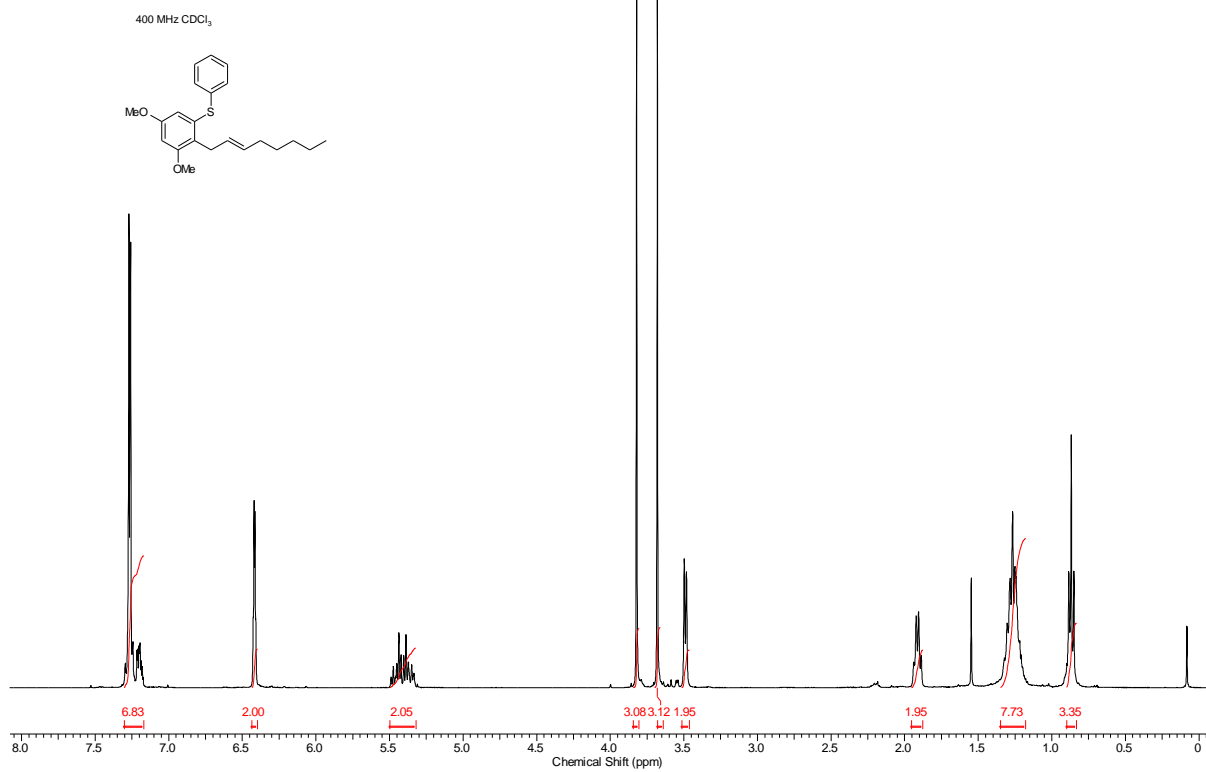


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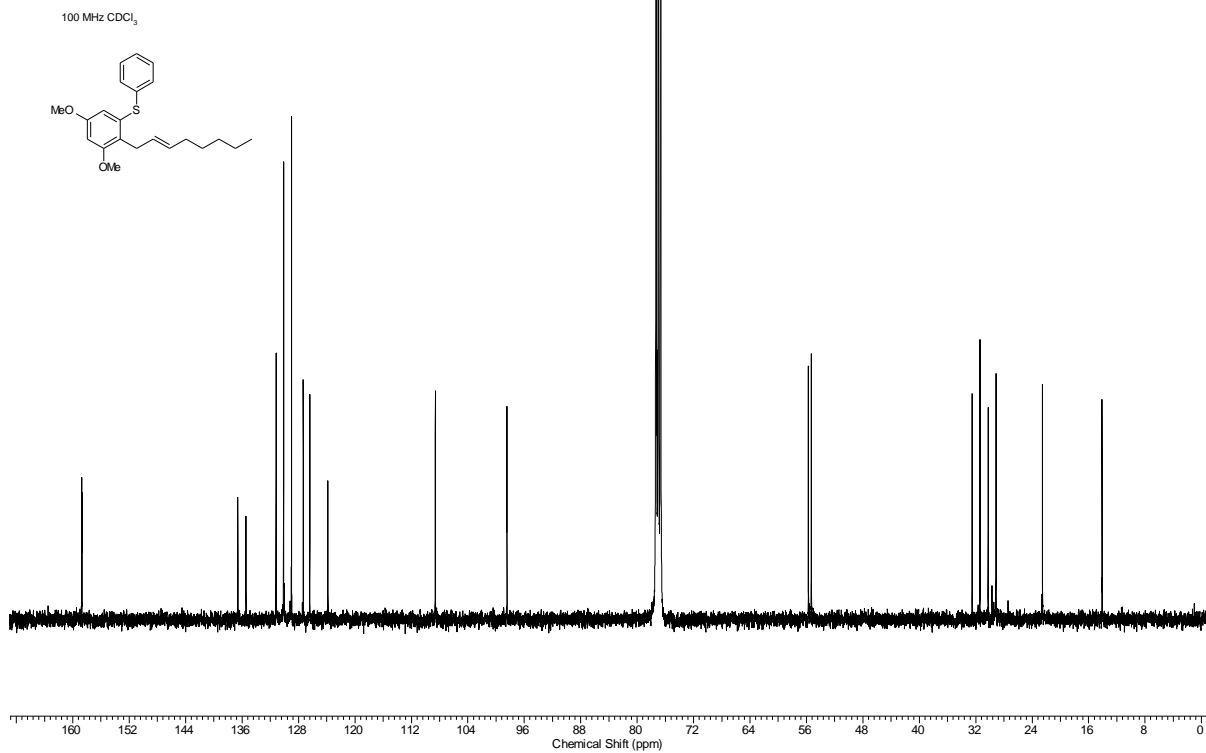


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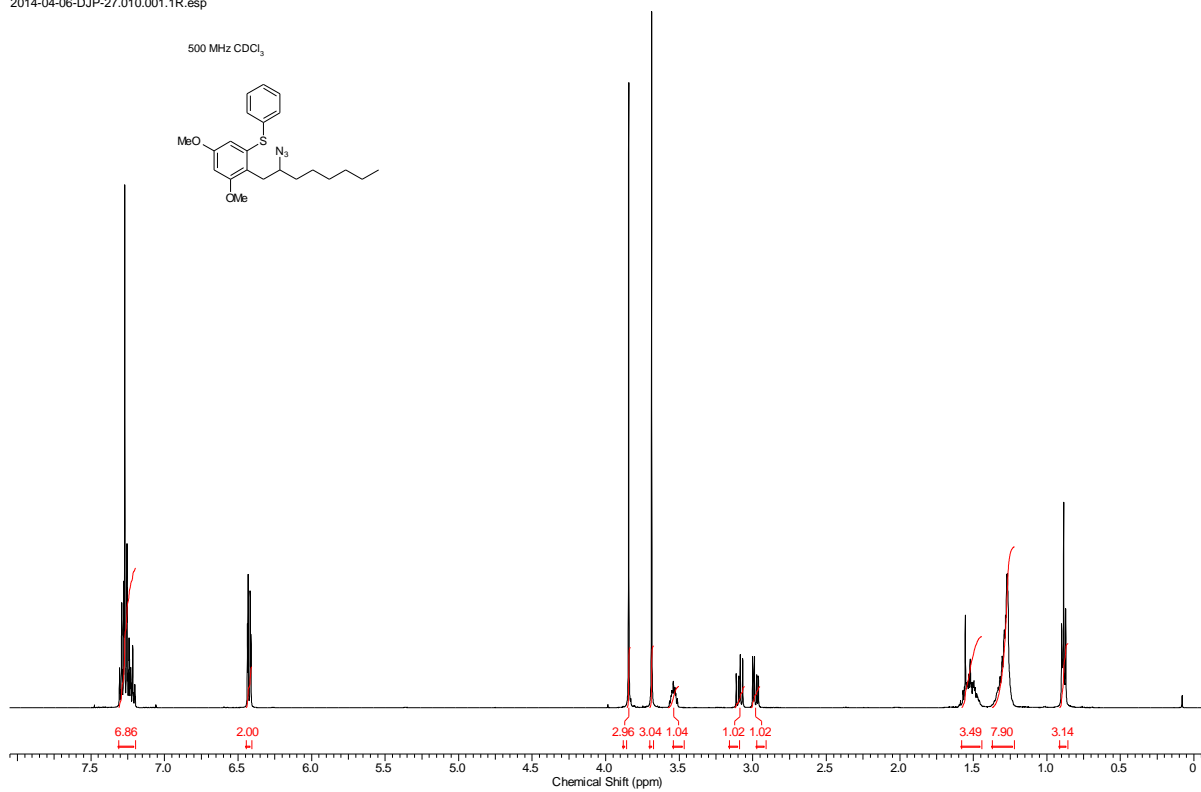


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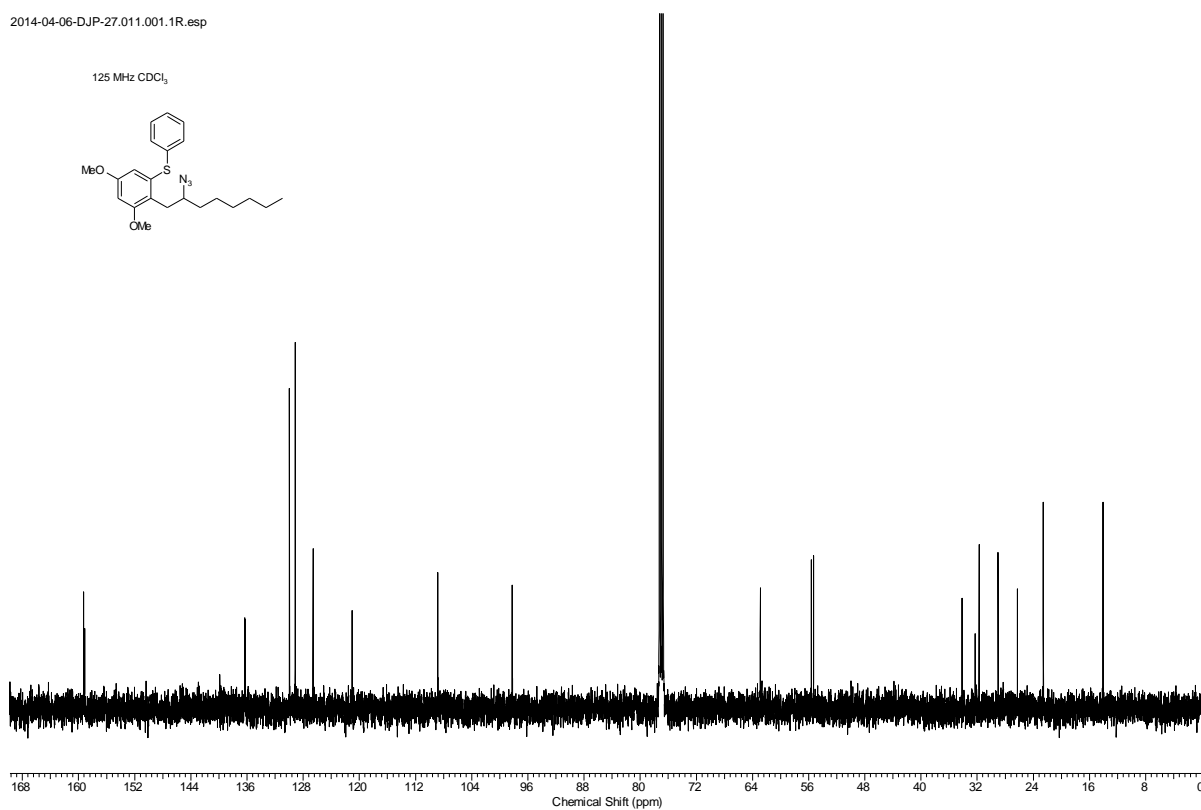


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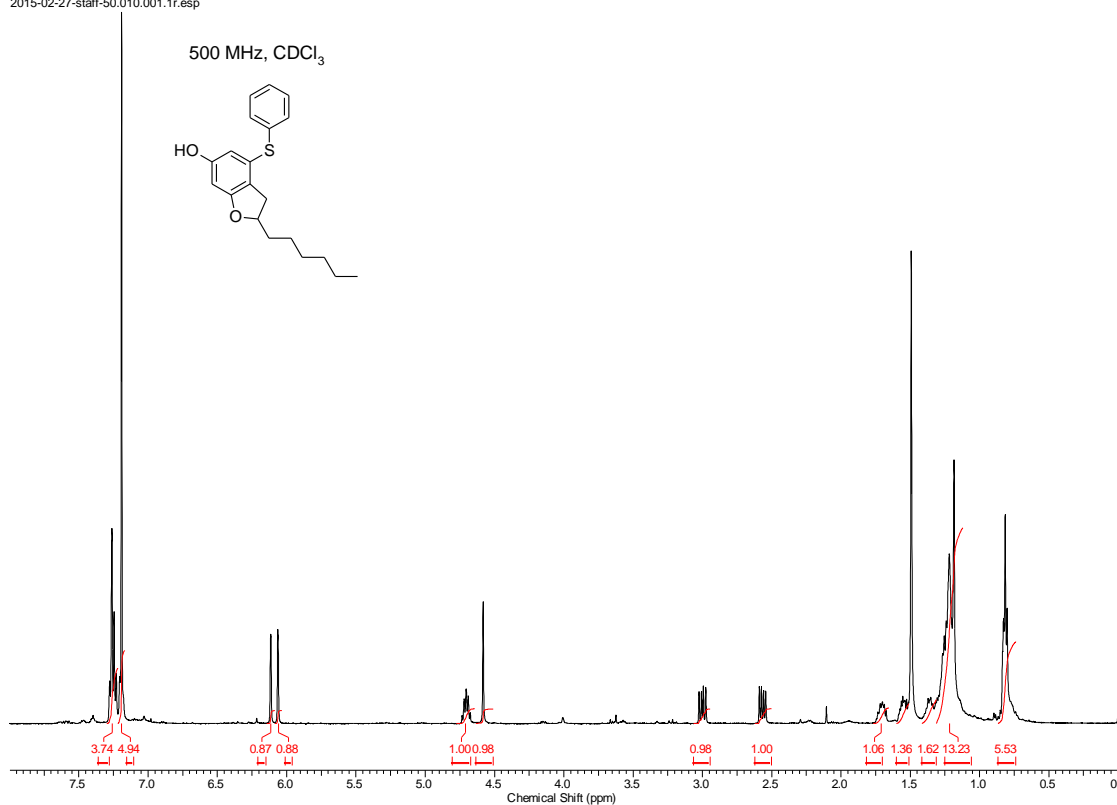


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