

## Supporting Information

### A novel bicyclization for the stereoselective synthesis of indeno[2,1-c]pyran and cyclopenta[c]pyran derivatives

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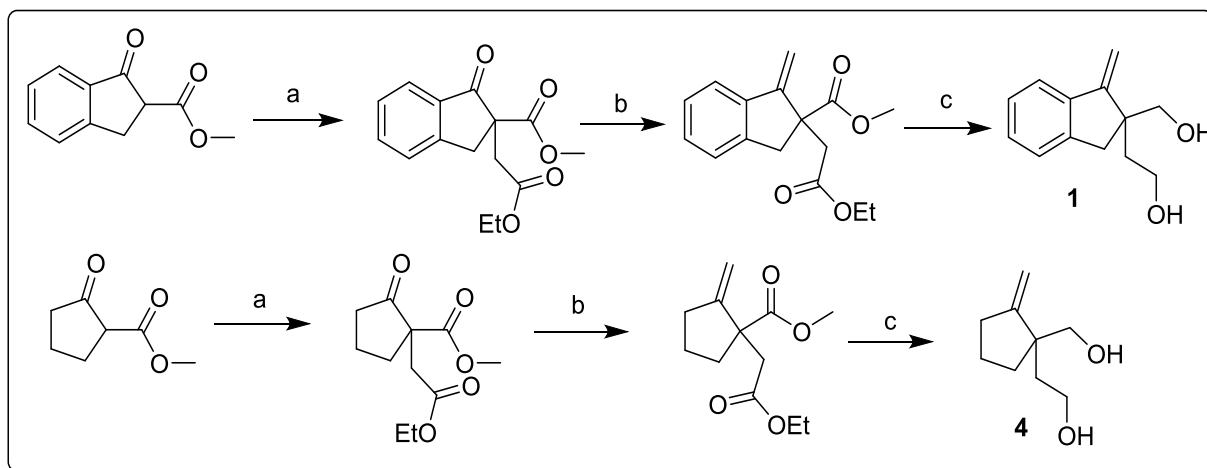
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### General methods

IR spectra were recorded on FT-IR spectrometer (KBr) and reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm<sup>-1</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded at 500 MHz and 600 MHz. <sup>13</sup>C NMR at 125 MHz, 150 MHz. For <sup>1</sup>H NMR, tetramethylsilane (TMS) was used as internal standard ( $\delta = 0$ ) and the values are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), and the coupling constants in Hz. For <sup>13</sup>C NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta = 77.27$ ) was used as internal standard and spectra were obtained with complete proton decoupling. HRMS data were obtained using APCI ionization.

### General procedure:

**Scheme 1.** Synthetic procedure for **1** and **4**:



**Reagents & conditions:** (a) 60% NaH, Ethyl bromoacetate, THF, 0-25 °C, **2**; (b) PPh<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>Br, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>COK, THF, 0-25 °C, 3-4 h; (c) LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, THF, 0-25°C, 1h.

### Typical procedure for Prins bicyclization:

To a mixture of aldehyde (1.1 mmol) and **1** or **4** (1.0 mmol) in dichloromethane (5.0 mL), was added BF<sub>3</sub>.OEt<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%) slowly drop by drop at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at the 25 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for the specified time (Table 1 and 2). After completion of the reaction, the reaction was quenched with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (5 mL) and then extracted with dichloromethane (2x5 mL). The organic phases were washed with brine (3x2 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated on rotary evaporator. The resulting crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (100-200 mesh) using ethyl acetate/hexane gradient mixture (1:19) to afford the pure products **3(a-g)** or **5(a-g)**.

### NMR studies of products **3d** & **5k**:

**Table 1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shift (ppm) and coupling constant (Hz) values of **3d** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (298 K, 600 MHz):

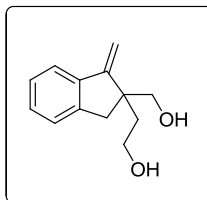
Proton	( $\delta$ ) ppm	multiplicity	$^3J$ values (Hz)
1-H	3.98	dd	$^3J_{1\text{-H}/2\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})} = 12.2$ $^3J_{1\text{-H}/2\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})} = 2.2$
2-H(pro-S)	2.11	dd	$^3J_{1\text{-H}/2\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})} = 12.2$ $^3J_{2\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})/2\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})} = 14.0$
2-H(pro-R)	2.65	dd	$^3J_{1\text{-H}/2\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})} = 2.2$ $^3J_{2\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})/2\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})} = 14.0$
3-H(pro-R)	4.21	d	$^3J_{3\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})/3\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})} = 12.0$
3-H(pro-S)	3.36	d	$^3J_{3\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})/3\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})} = 12.0$
4-H(pro-S)	2.65	d	$^3J_{4\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})/4\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})} = 16.2$
4-H(pro-R)	3.03	d	$^3J_{4\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})/4\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})} = 16.2$
5-H(pro-S)	4.06	ddd	$^3J_{5\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})/6\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})} = 7.2$ $^3J_{5\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})/6\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})} = 9.4$ $^3J_{5\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})/5\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})} = 8.9$
5-H(pro-R)	4.10	td	$^3J_{5\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})/6\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})} = 3.0$ $^3J_{5\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})/6\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})} = 8.9$ $^3J_{5\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})/5\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})} = 8.9$
6-H(pro-R)	2.54	ddd	$^3J_{5\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})/6\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})} = 8.9$ $^3J_{5\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})/6\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})} = 9.4$ $^3J_{6\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})/6\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})} = 12.6$
6-H(pro-S)	2.07	ddd	$^3J_{5\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})/6\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})} = 3.0$ $^3J_{5\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})/6\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})} = 7.2$ $^3J_{6\text{-H}(\text{pro-S})/6\text{-H}(\text{pro-R})} = 12.6$
8-H	2.89	sp	$^3J_{8\text{-H}/(\text{CH}_3)_2} = 7.1$

**Table 2.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shift (ppm) and coupling constant (Hz) values of **5k** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (298 K, 500 MHz):

Proton	( $\delta$ ) ppm	multiplicity	$^3J$ values (Hz)
1-H	4.36	dd	$^3J_{1-H/2-H(\text{pro-S})} = 12.2$ $^3J_{1-H/2-H(\text{pro-R})} = 2.9$
2-H(pro-S)	1.67	dd	$^3J_{1-H/2-H(\text{pro-S})} = 12.2$ $^3J_{2-H(\text{pro-S})/2-H(\text{pro-R})} = 13.8$
2-H(pro-R)	2.04	dd	$^3J_{1-H/2-H(\text{pro-R})} = 2.9$ $^3J_{2-H(\text{pro-S})/2-H(\text{pro-R})} = 13.8$
3-H(pro-S)	4.05	d	$^3J_{3-H(\text{pro-S})/3-H(\text{pro-R})} = 12.0$
3-H(pro-R)	3.43	d	$^3J_{3-H(\text{pro-S})/3-H(\text{pro-R})} = 12.0$
4-H(pro-S)	1.93	m	-----
4-H(pro-R)	1.76	m	-----
5-H(pro-R)	2.01	m	-----
5-H(pro-S)	1.96	m	-----
6-H(pro-S)	1.70	ddd	$^3J_{6-H(\text{pro-S})/5-H(\text{pro-S})} = 9.5$ $^3J_{6-H(\text{pro-S})/5-H(\text{pro-R})} = 5.5$ $^3J_{6-H(\text{pro-R})/6-H(\text{pro-S})} = 13.5$
6-H(pro-R)	1.57	ddd	$^3J_{6-H(\text{pro-R})/5-H(\text{pro-S})} = 6.5$ $^3J_{6-H(\text{pro-R})/5-H(\text{pro-R})} = 8.5$ $^3J_{6-H(\text{pro-R})/6-H(\text{pro-S})} = 13.5$
7-H(pro-S)	3.96	dt	$^3J_{7-H(\text{pro-S})/8-H(\text{pro-R})} = 9.0$ $^3J_{7-H(\text{pro-S})/8-H(\text{pro-S})} = 7.5$ $^3J_{7-H(\text{pro-S})/7-H(\text{pro-R})} = 9.0$
7-H(pro-R)	3.91	dt	$^3J_{7-H(\text{pro-R})/8-H(\text{pro-R})} = 9.0$ $^3J_{7-H(\text{pro-R})/8-H(\text{pro-S})} = 3.6$ $^3J_{7-H(\text{pro-S})/7-H(\text{pro-R})} = 9.0$
8-H(pro-R)	2.34	dt	$^3J_{7-H(\text{pro-R})/8-H(\text{pro-R})} = 9.0$ $^3J_{7-H(\text{pro-S})/8-H(\text{pro-R})} = 9.0$ $^3J_{8-H(\text{pro-S})/8-H(\text{pro-R})} = 12.3$
8-H(pro-S)	1.87	dt	$^3J_{7-H(\text{pro-R})/8-H(\text{pro-S})} = 3.6$ $^3J_{7-H(\text{pro-S})/8-H(\text{pro-S})} = 7.5$ $^3J_{8-H(\text{pro-S})/8-H(\text{pro-R})} = 12.3$

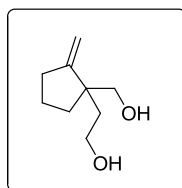
**Characterization data for compounds 1,4 and 3a-g (Table 1) and 5h-n (Table 2):**

**2-(2-(Hydroxymethyl)-1-methylene-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)ethanol (1):**



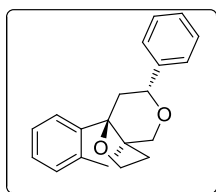
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.47 (d,  $J = 7.1\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 3H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.77-3.68 (m, 2H), 3.06 (d,  $J = 16.6\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 2.88 (d,  $J = 16.6\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 2.04-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.83 (m, 1H), 1.26 (t,  $J = 7.1\text{ Hz}$ , 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  154.7, 143.6, 129.0, 126.7, 125.4, 120.9, 103.8, 69.1, 59.6, 50.7, 40.1, 39.3, 29.7 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3416.3, 2924.3, 1646.3, 1037, 729.3  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$ : 203.1066 (M-H) $^+$ , Found, 203.1068.

**2-(1-(Hydroxymethyl)-2-methylenecyclopentyl)ethanol (4):**



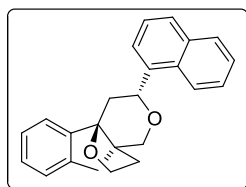
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  4.99 (t,  $J = 1.9\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.81 (t,  $J = 2.1\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.80-3.69 (m, 2H), 3.41 (q,  $J = 11.2\text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 2.43-2.28 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.56 (m, 4H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  157.6, 105.6, 68.1, 59.7, 49.7, 40.5, 34.1, 33.9, 22.7 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  2923.5, 1651.4, 1047.79, 752.8  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI) calculated for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$ : 157.1223 (M+H) $^+$ , Found, 157.1222.

**(3R, 4aR,9aR)-3-Phenyl-1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-4a,9a-(epoxyethano)indeno[2,1-c]pyran (3a):**



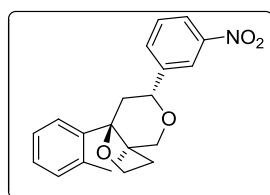
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.40 (d,  $J = 6.9\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 7.37-7.27 (m, 8H), 4.24 (d,  $J = 12.0\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.07 (m, 3H), 3.39 (d,  $J = 12.0\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.06 (d,  $J = 16.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 2.68 (d,  $J = 16.3\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 2.64-2.52 (m, 2H), 2.14-2.06 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  143.3, 142.4, 141.9, 129.3, 128.3, 127.5, 127.2, 125.7, 125.6, 123.3, 90.5, 76.4, 71.4, 67.4, 52.3, 40.1, 37.8, 33.6 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3054.0, 2925.2, 1098.9, 777.7  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2$ : 293.1536 (M+H) $^+$ , Found 293.1536.

**(3R,4aR,9aR)-3-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-4a,9a-(epoxyethano)indeno[2,1-c]pyran (3b):**



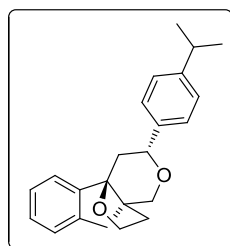
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.96-7.68 (m, 4H), 7.59-7.32 (m, 7H), 4.76 (d,  $J = 11.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d,  $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.06 (m, 2H), 3.56 (d,  $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d,  $J = 16.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.95-2.59 (m, 3H), 2.32-2.11 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  143.4, 142.5, 137.5, 133.6, 130.2, 129.5, 128.8, 128.0, 127.4, 126.0, 125.8, 125.4, 123.2, 122.8, 122.7, 90.8, 73.5, 71.8, 67.4, 52.6, 40.2, 37.1, 33.7 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3024.0, 2925.2, 1092.2, 757.6  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2$ : 343.3420 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ , Found 343.3426.

**(3R,4aR,9aR)-3-(3-Nitrophenyl)-1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-4a,9a-(epoxyethano)indeno[2,1-c]pyran (3c):**



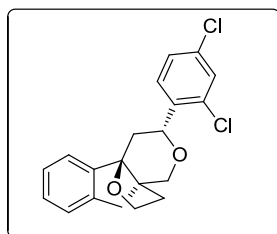
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.36 (d,  $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 (m, 1H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t,  $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.14 (m, 2H), 4.74 (dd,  $J = 10.8, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.41-4.36 (m, 1H), 3.81 (dt,  $J = 1.9, 11.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d,  $J = 3.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.12-3.02 (m, 3H), 2.94-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.66 (d,  $J = 17.1$ Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  148.3, 146.4, 145.7, 143.4, 142.1, 135.7, 131.9, 129.2, 126.2, 124.1, 123.3, 122.3, 120.9, 117.7, 82.0, 70.8, 42.9, 36.6, 33.2, 29.6 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3449.1, 2923.2, 1113.3, 758.7  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4$ : 338.0604 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ , Found, 338.0603.

**(3R,4aR,9aR)-3-(4-Isopropylphenyl)-1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-4a,9a-(epoxyethano)indeno[2,1-c]pyran (3d):**



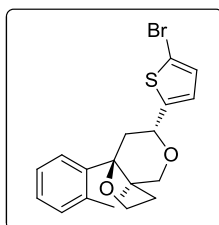
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.38 (d,  $J = 7.3\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 7.34-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 8.1\text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 4.21(d,  $J = 12.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.10 (td,  $J = 3.0, 8.9, 8.9\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.06 (ddd,  $J = 7.2, 9.4, 8.9, \text{Hz}$ , 1H ), 3.98 (dd,  $J = 12.2, 2.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.36 (d,  $J = 12.0\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.03 (d,  $J = 16.2\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 2.89 (sp,  $J = 7.1\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 2.65 (dd,  $J = 2.2, 14.0\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 2.65 (d,  $J = 16.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 2.54 (ddd,  $J = 8.9, 9.4, 12.6\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 2.11 (dd,  $J = 12.2, 14.0\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 2.07 (ddd, d,  $J = 3.0, 7.2, 12.6\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 1.23 (d,  $J = 6.9\text{ Hz}$ , 6H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  148.3, 143.3, 142.5, 139.1, 129.3, 127.2, 126.4, 125.9, 125.6, 123.3, 90.6, 76.3, 71.4, 67.4, 52.3, 40.2, 37.4, 33.8, 33.6, 29.6, 23.9 ppm; DEPT-135:  $\delta$  129.4 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 123.4 (CH), 76.4 (CH), 71.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 67.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 40.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 37.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 33.9 (CH), 33.7 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 24.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ) ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3022.0, 2957, 1100.1, 760.1  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2$ : 335.2005 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ , Found, 335.2001.

**((3*R*,4*aR*,9*aR*)-3-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-4*a*,9*a*(epoxyethano)indeno[2,1-*c*]pyran (3e):**



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.54(d,  $J = 8.3\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 7.0\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 7.38-7.21 (m, 5H), 4.30 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 10.0\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 4.25 (d,  $J = 12.0\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 4.12-4.04 (m, 2H), 3.38 (d,  $J = 12.0\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.06 (d,  $J = 16.1\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 2.76 (dd,  $J = 1.9, 11.9\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 2.65 (d,  $J = 16.1\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 2.59-2.49 (m, 1H), 2.15-2.07 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.72 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  143.2, 142.0, 138.7, 133.4, 131.8, 129.6, 129.1, 127.8, 125.7, 123.7, 90.5, 73.3, 71.5, 67.6, 52.5, 40.2, 36.3, 33.4 ppm; IR (KBr) : $\nu$  3070.1, 2928.5, 1097.2, 757.7  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{Cl}_2$ : 361.0756( $\text{M}$ ) $^+$ , Found, 361.0761.

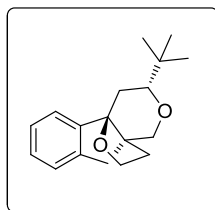
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$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.33-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 3H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 4.4\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 6.69 (d,  $J = 3.8\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.71 (d,  $J = 11.6\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.12 (d,  $J = 9.9\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.04 (q,  $J = 15.6\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.71-3.66 (m, 1H), 3.65 (d,  $J = 9.1\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.19 (d,  $J = 15.7\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 2.90 (d,  $J = 15.7\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 2.54 (d,  $J = 14.5\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 1.87-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.64 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$

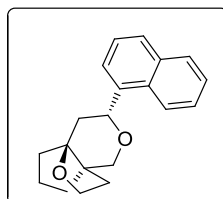
NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  147.0, 146.4, 139.6, 129.2, 128.2, 127.2, 125.6, 123.7, 122.8, 111.3, 90.2, 70.9, 70.7, 66.2, 49.5, 40.1, 38.0, 36.1 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3069.1, 2925.9, 1091.4, 765.6 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>S: 377.0037 (M)<sup>+</sup>, Found, 377.0025.

**(3*R*,4*aR*,9*aR*)-3-(*tert*-Butyl)-1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-4*a*,9*a*-(epoxyethano)indeno[2,1-*c*]pyran (3*g*):**



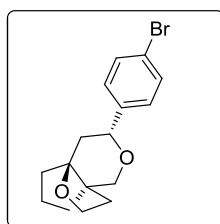
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 4.06 (m, 2H), 4.01-3.95 (m, 1H), 3.17 (d, *J* = 11.8Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, *J* = 16.3Hz, 1H), 2.65-2.53 (m, 2H), 2.42-2.32 (m, 2H), 2.03-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.70 (m, 1H), 0.89 (s, 9H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.2, 142.8, 129.0, 127.1, 125.4, 123.1, 91.0, 81.8, 71.3, 67.2, 52.2, 40.1, 33.9, 33.8, 30.3, 25.7 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3024.0, 2955.2, 1102.3, 759.3 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 273.1849 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, Found, 273.1843.

**(3*R*,4*aS*,7*aR*)-Naphthalen-1-yl)hexahydro-4*a*,7*a*-(epoxyethano)cyclopenta[*c*]pyran (5*h*):**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (m, 3H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.09-3.89 (m, 2H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.57-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.28-2.04 (m, 3H), 2.01-1.55 (m, 6H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  137.6, 133.6, 130.2, 128.8, 127.9, 126.0, 125.4, 125.3, 122.8, 122.6, 90.1, 74.5, 71.9, 65.5, 50.3, 38.2, 35.1, 34.8, 34.6, 22.4 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3027.8, 2925, 1100.0, 759.9 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI) calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 295.1692 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, Found, 295.1692.

**(3*R*,4*aS*,7*aR*)-3-(4-Bromophenyl)hexahydro-4*a*,7*a*-(epoxyethano)cyclopenta[*c*]pyran (5*i*):**

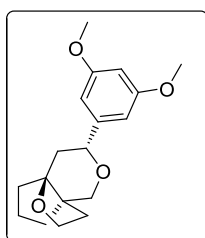


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.46 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.98-3.88 (m, 2H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H),



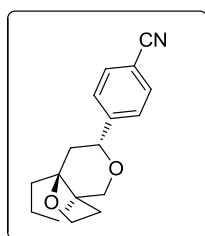
2.40-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.81 (m, 5H), 1.78-1.64 (m, 3H), 1.59-1.51 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  141.3, 131.3, 127.3, 121.1, 89.7, 76.6, 71.4, 65.5, 50.0, 39.1, 35.1, 34.7, 29.6, 22.3 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3071.6, 2954.7, 1183.0, 763.5  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrO}_2$ : 323.0461 ( $\text{M}$ ) $^+$ , Found, 323.0459.

**(3*R*,4*aS*,7*aR*)-3-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)hexahydro-4*a*,7*a*-(epoxyethano)cyclopenta [c]pyran (5j):**



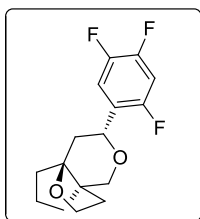
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  6.51 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 4.25 (dd,  $J = 9.4, 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.04 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.89 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.41 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.43-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.06-1.50 (m, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  160.5, 144.5, 103.3, 90.0, 89.6, 76.3, 71.1, 65.2, 55.0, 49.9, 38.8, 34.9, 34.5, 29.4, 22.1 ppm; IR(KBr):  $\nu$  3091.7, 2927.7, 1154.5, 836.2  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4$ : 305.1747 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ , Found, 305.1736.

**4-((3*R*,4*aS*,7*aR*)-Hexahydro-4*a*,7*a*-(epoxyethano)cyclopenta[c]pyran-3-yl)benzonitrile (5k):**



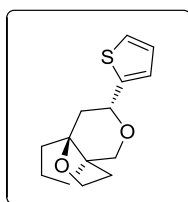
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.64 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.36 (dd,  $J = 12.2, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.05 (d,  $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dt,  $J = 9.0, 7.5, 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dt,  $J = 9.0, 3.6, 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d,  $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.34 (dt,  $J = 9.0, 9.0, 12.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.04 (dd,  $J = 2.9, 13.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.87 (dt,  $J = 3.6, 7.5, 12.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.70 (ddd,  $J = 9.5, 5.5, 13.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.67 (dd,  $J = 12.2, 13.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.57 (ddd,  $J = 6.5, 5.5, 13.5$ Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  148.1, 132.5, 126.3, 118.9, 111.3, 89.5, 71.4, 65.5, 50.2, 39.2, 35.2, 34.7, 29.7, 22.4 ppm; IR(KBr):  $\nu$  3051.9, 2924.9, 2227.6, 1097.4, 833.5  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ : 270.1488 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ , Found, 270.1492.

**(3*R*,4*aS*,7*aR*)-3-(2,4,5-Trifluorophenyl)hexahydro-4*a*,7*a*-(epoxyethano)cyclopenta [c]pyran (5l):**



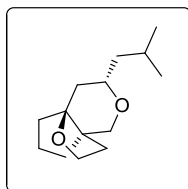
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.42-7.27 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.81 (m, 1H), 4.55 (d,  $J = 10.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.04-3.88 (m, 3H), 3.44 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.41-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.09-1.82 (m, 5H), 1.80-1.52 (m, 4H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  115.2, 115.1, 114.9, 105.6, 105.3, 105.2, 104.9, 89.5, 71.4, 70.6, 65.6, 50.2, 38.2, 35.1, 34.8, 34.7, 29.7, 22.3 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3071.1, 2925.8, 1111.0, 779.4  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$ : 297.1096 (M-H) $^+$ , Found, 297.1095.

**(3R,4aS,7aR)-3-(Thiophen-2-yl)hexahydro-4a,7a-(epoxyethano)cyclopenta[c]pyran (5m):**



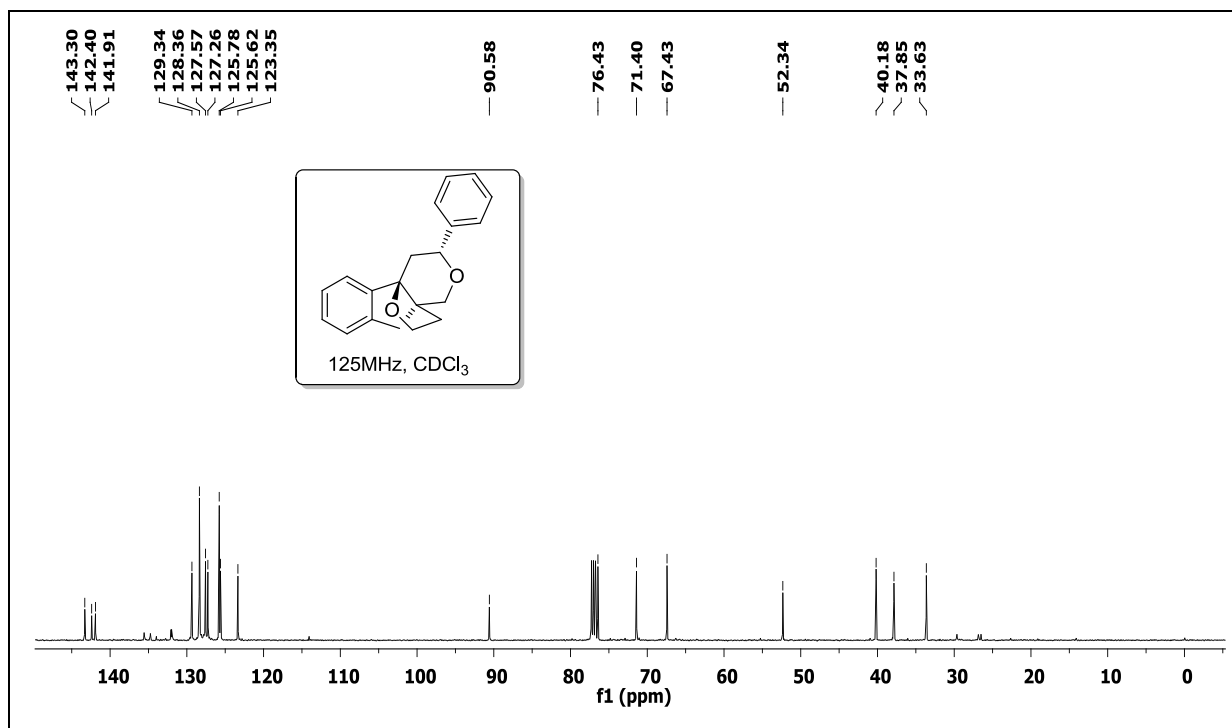
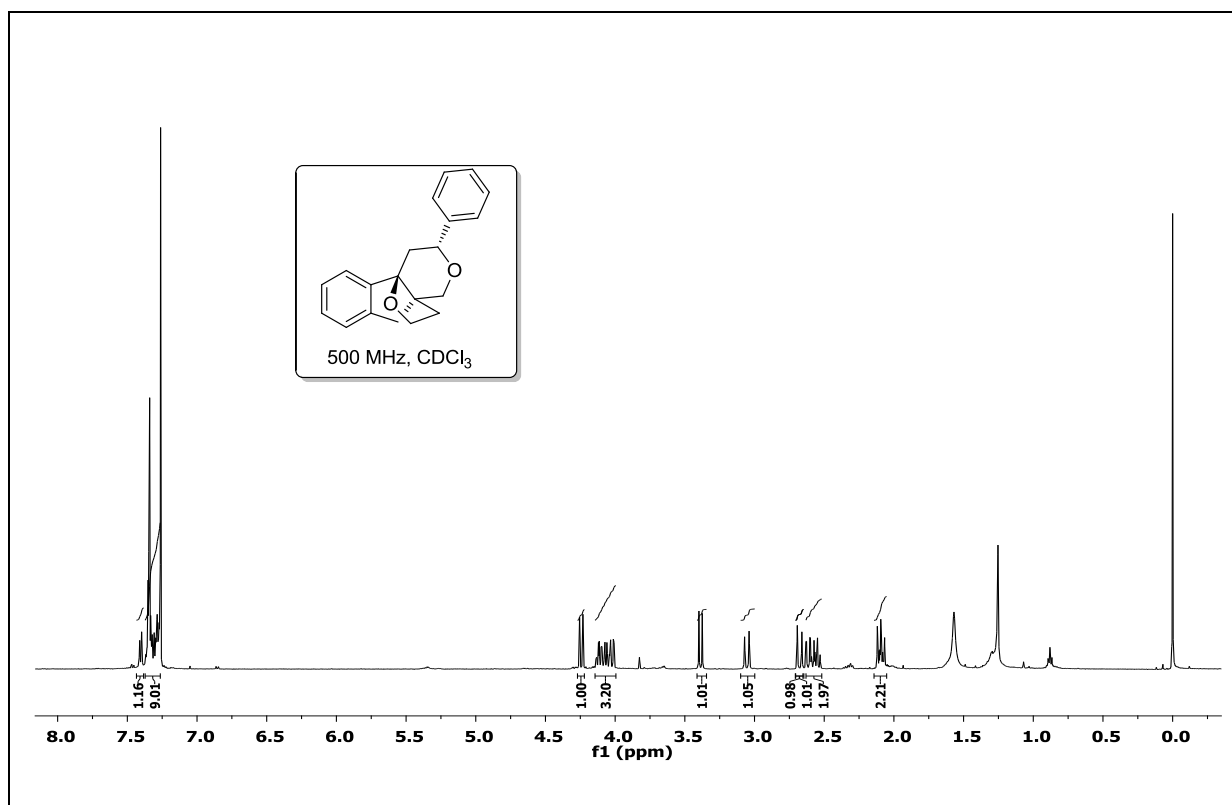
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 2H), 4.57 (dd,  $J = 9.3, 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.02-3.93 (m, 3H), 3.45 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.39-2.27 (m, 1H), 2.19 (dd,  $J = 10.8, 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.0-1.81 (m, 5H), 1.77-1.65 (m, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  126.6, 124.8, 124.3, 123.5, 89.7, 73.2, 71.4, 65.7, 50.4, 39.5, 38.6, 34.8, 32.9, 22.4 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  3051.6, 2925.9, 1088.8, 760.5  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ : 251.1100 (M+H) $^+$ , Found, 251.1099.

**(3S,4aS,7aR)-3-Isobutylhexahydro-4a,7a-(epoxyethano)cyclopenta[c]pyran (5n):**

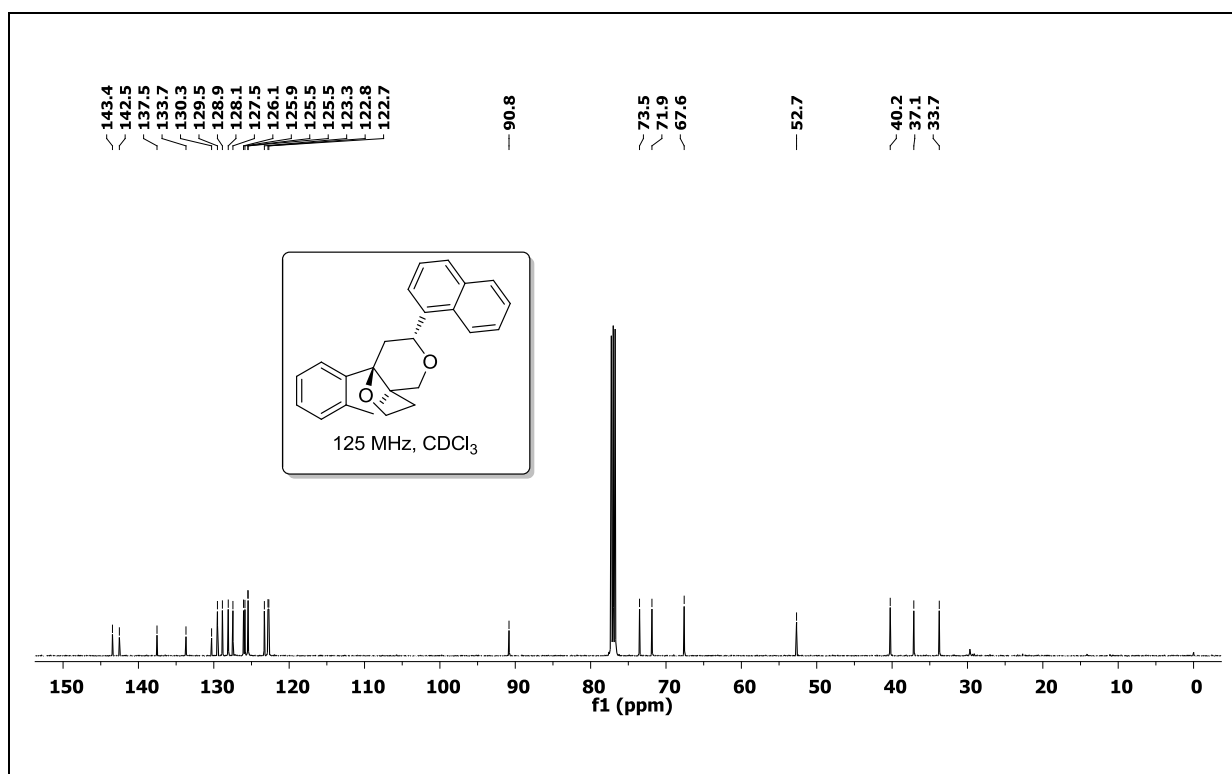
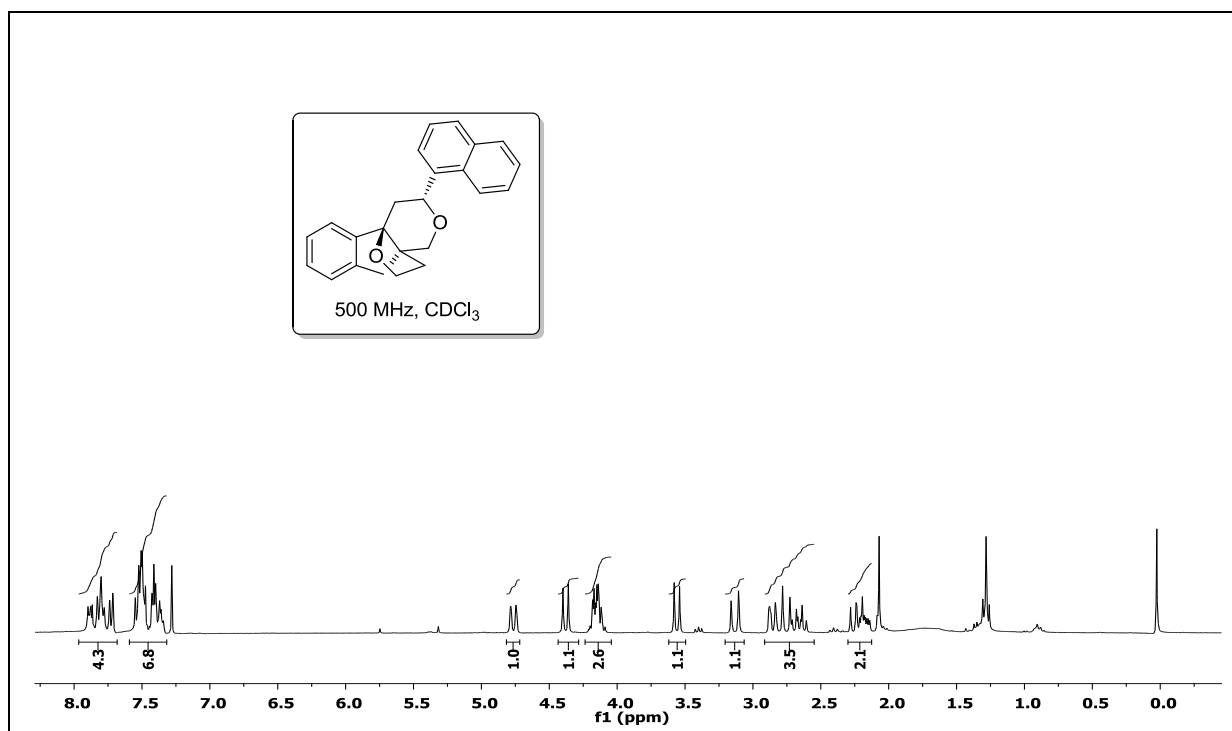


$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.96-3.90 (m, 2H), 3.87 (d,  $J = 12.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.33-3.23 (m, 1H), 3.20 (d,  $J = 11.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.25-2.21 (m, 1H), 1.97-1.57 (m, 8H), 1.55-1.37 (m, 3H), 1.23-1.13 (m, 1H), 0.89 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  89.7, 73.7, 71.2, 65.5, 50.1, 45.3, 37.9, 35.3, 34.8, 29.64, 24.3, 23.1, 22.3 ppm; IR (KBr):  $\nu$  2925.8, 1109.1, 807.7  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2$ : 225.1849 (M+H) $^+$ , Found, 225.1848.

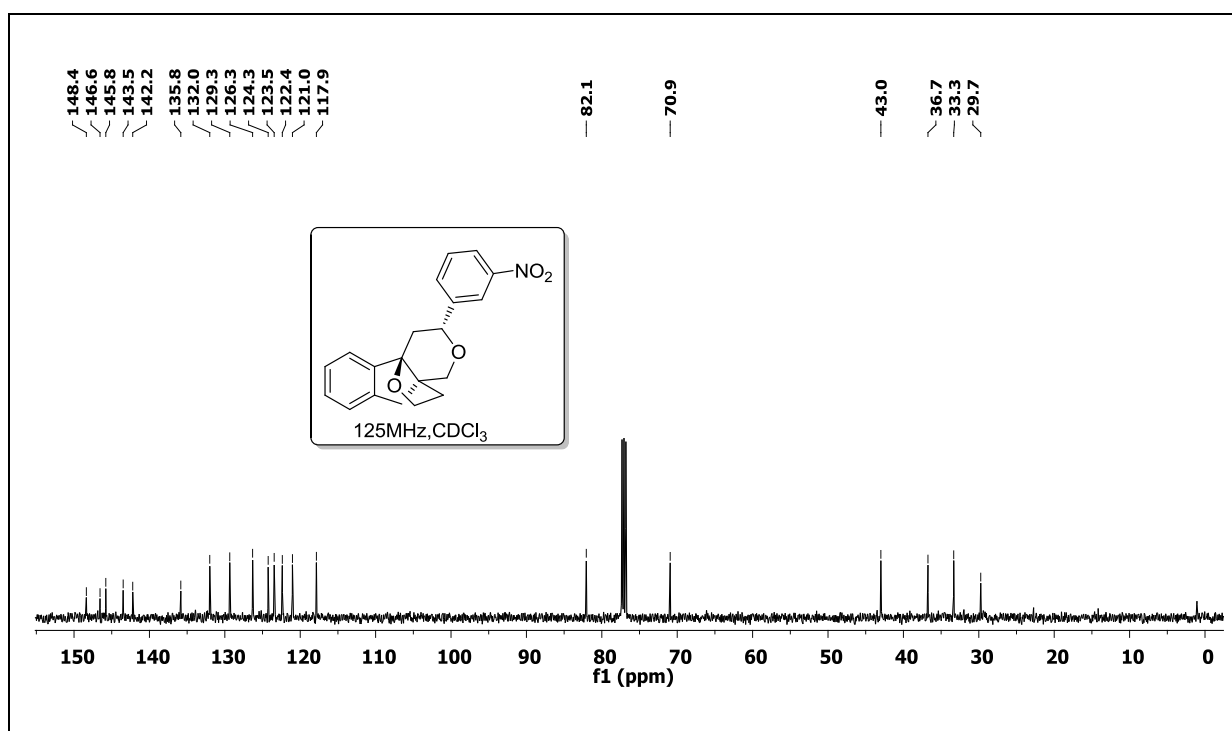
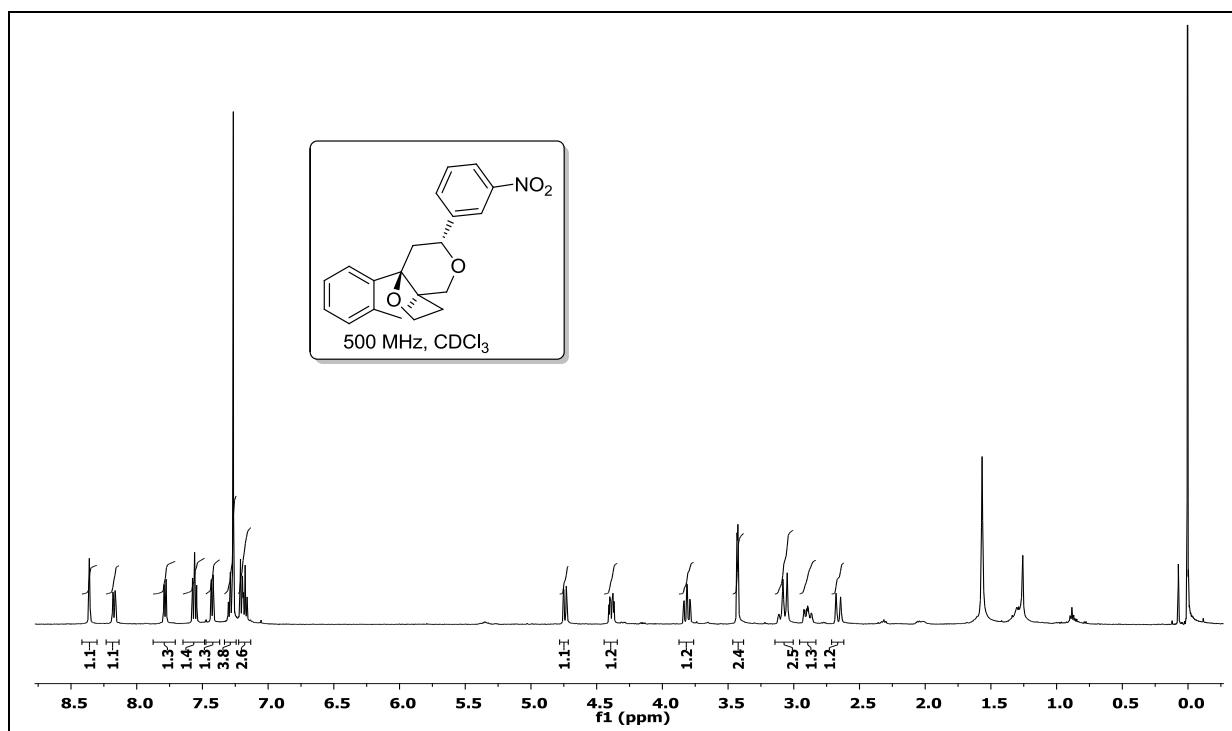
**$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra of compound 3a (Table 1 entry a):**



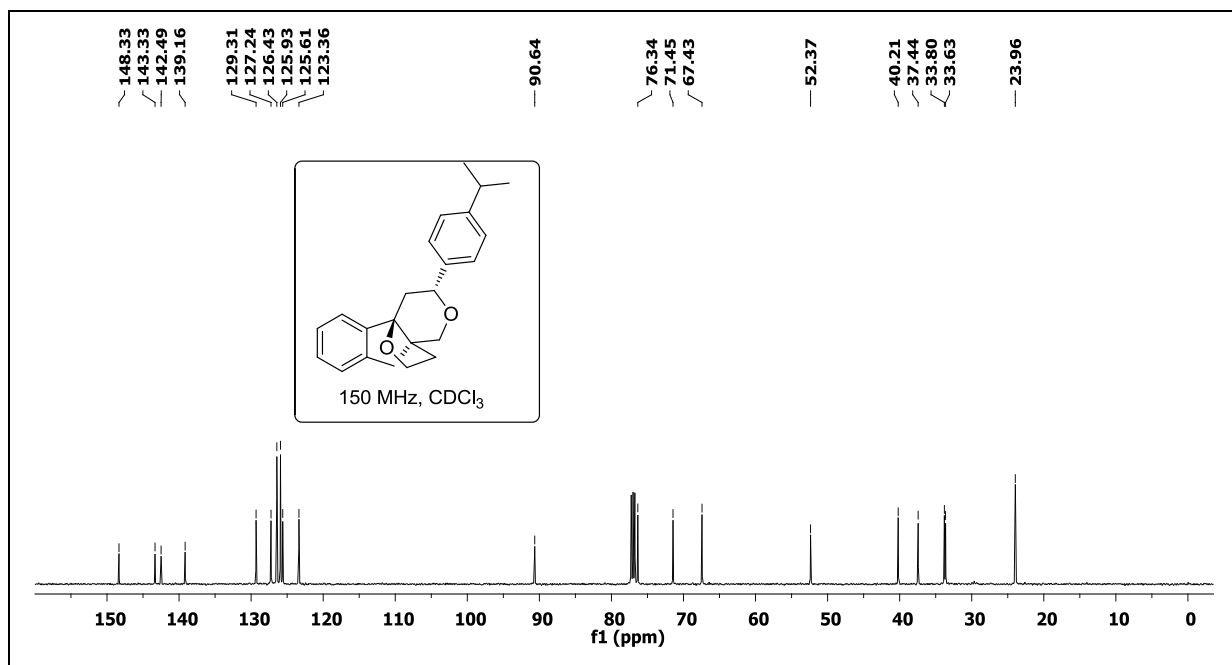
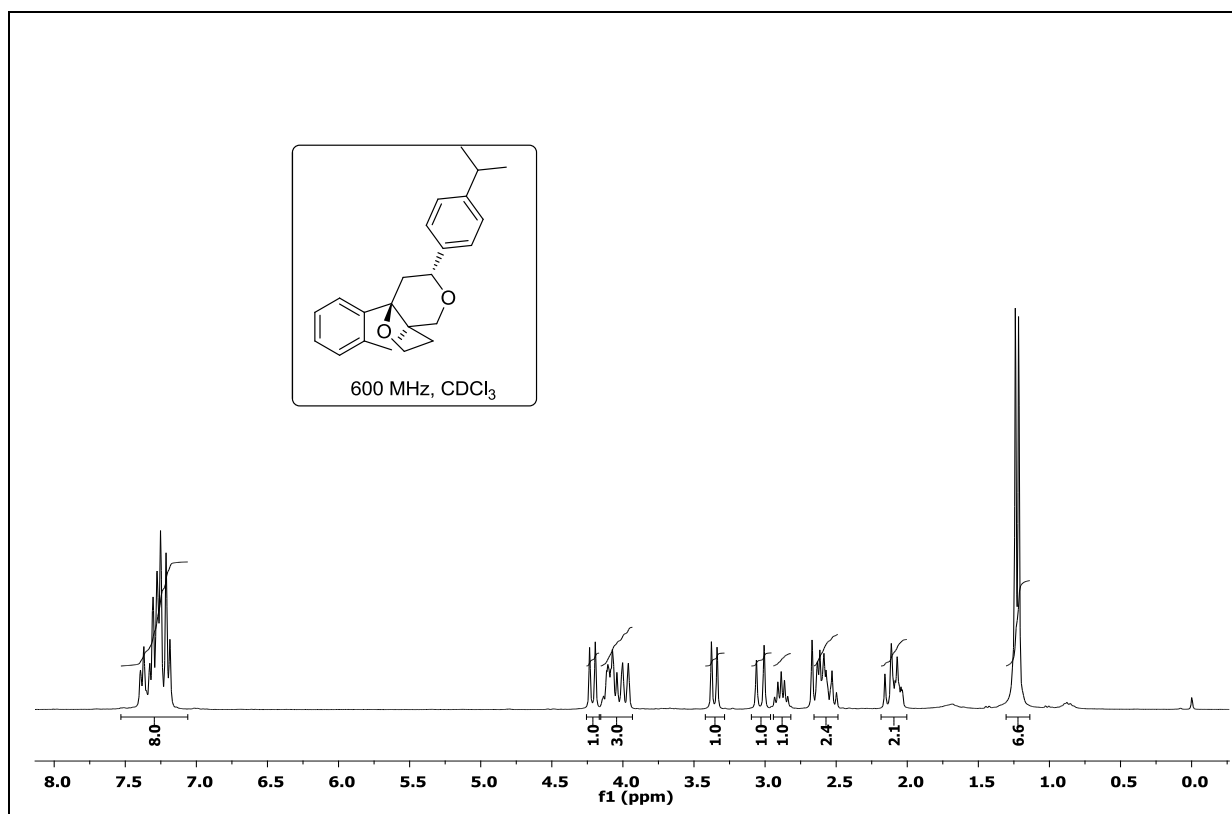
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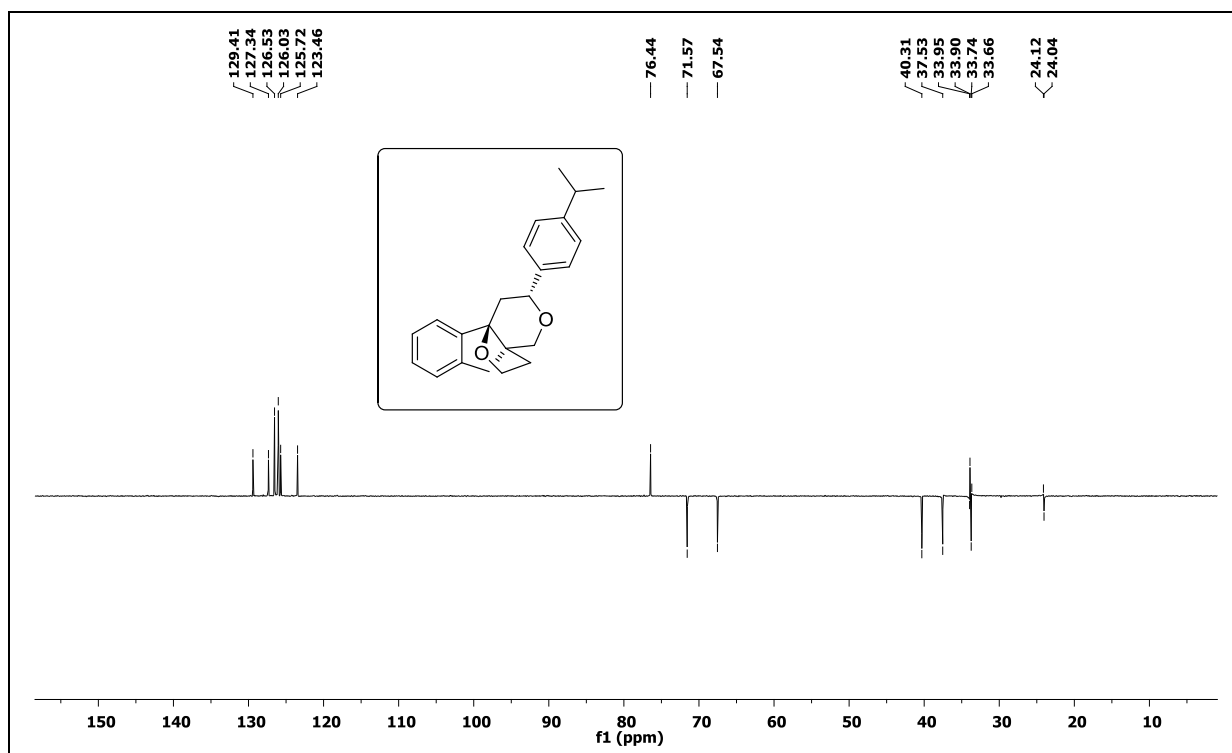
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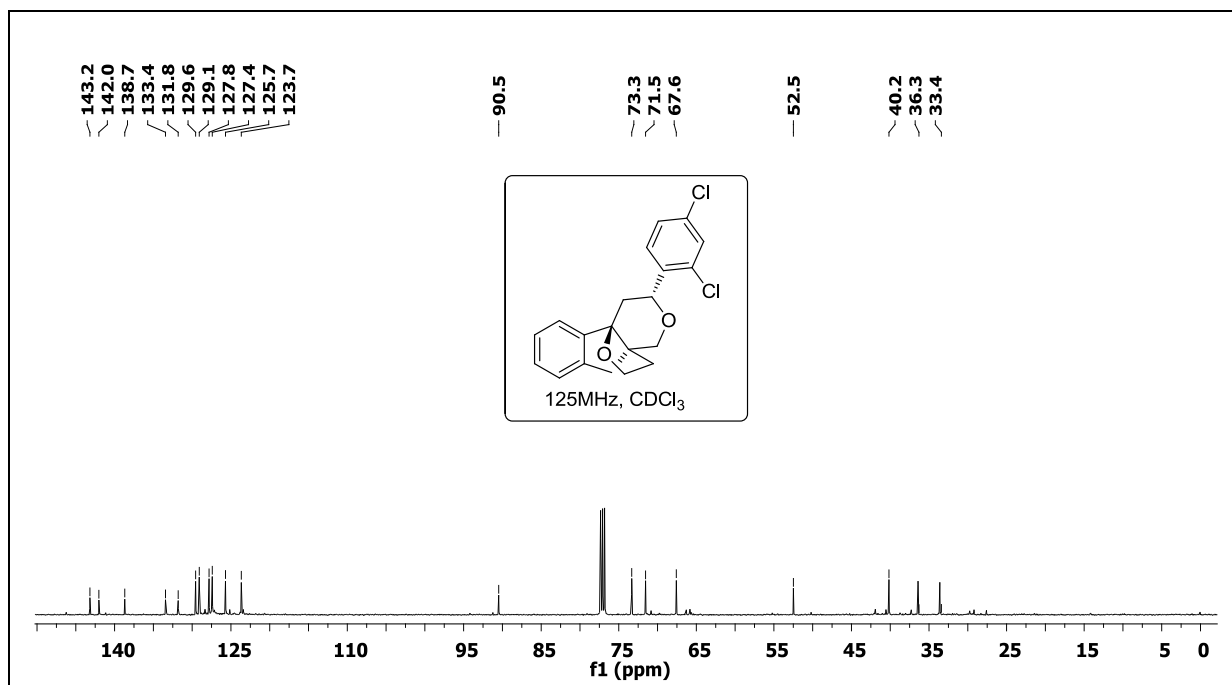
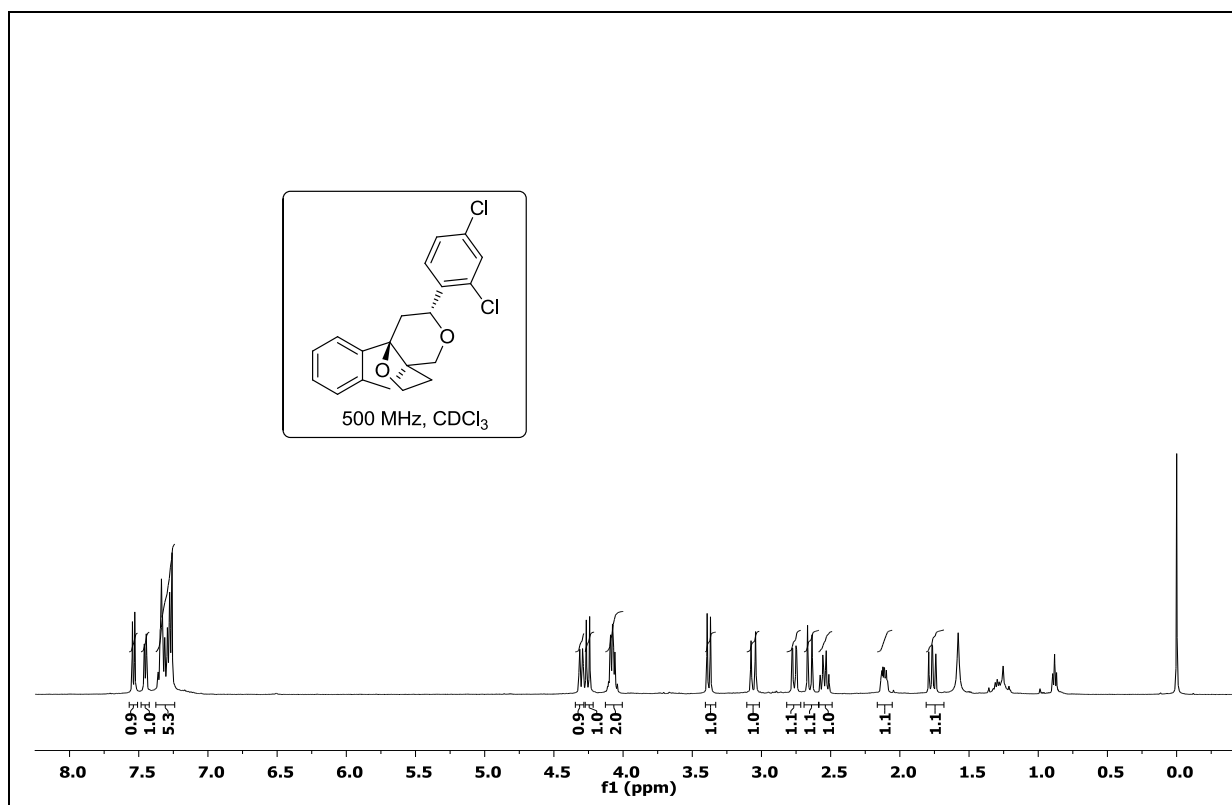
**$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra of compound 3d (Table 1 entry d):**



DEPT-135 NMR Spectra of compound 3d (Table 1 entry d):

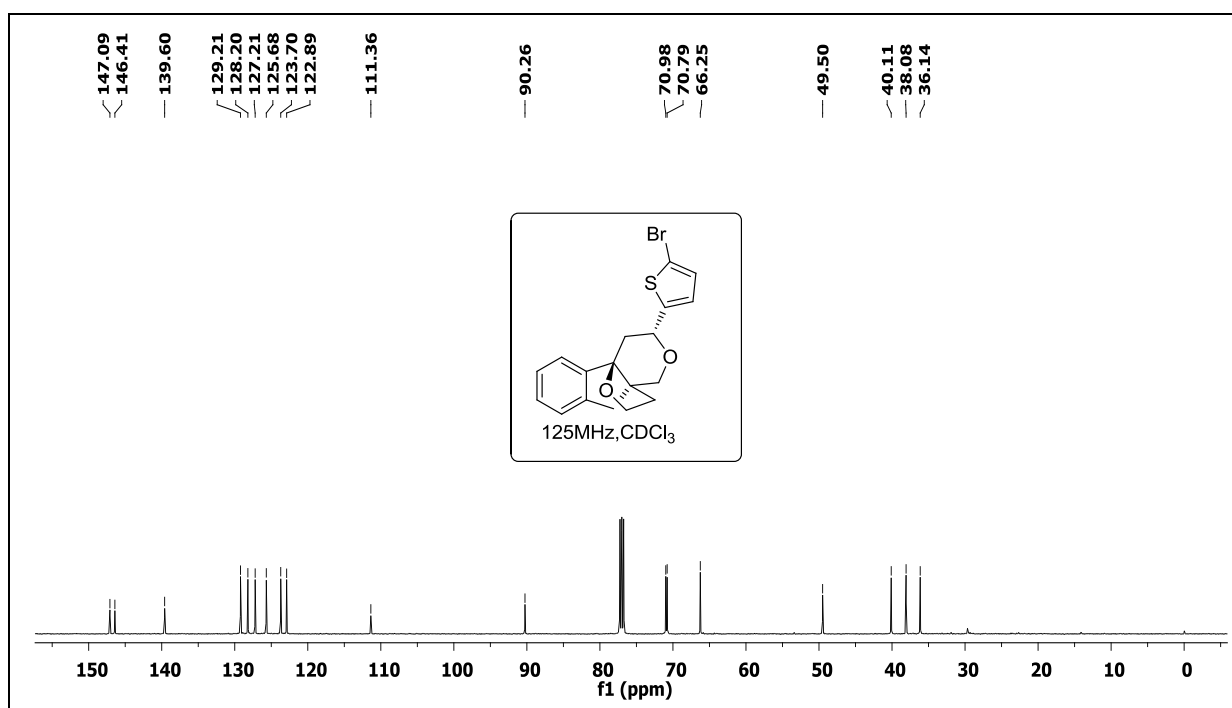
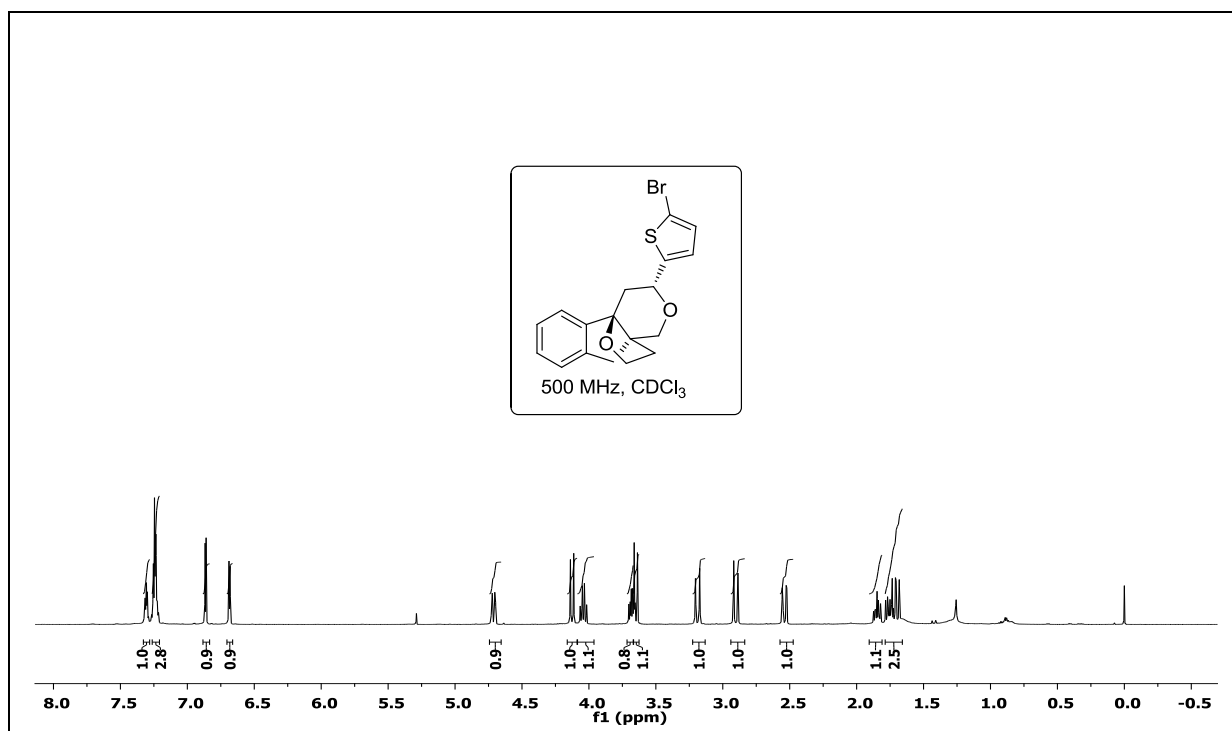


**$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra of compound 3e (Table 1 entry e):**

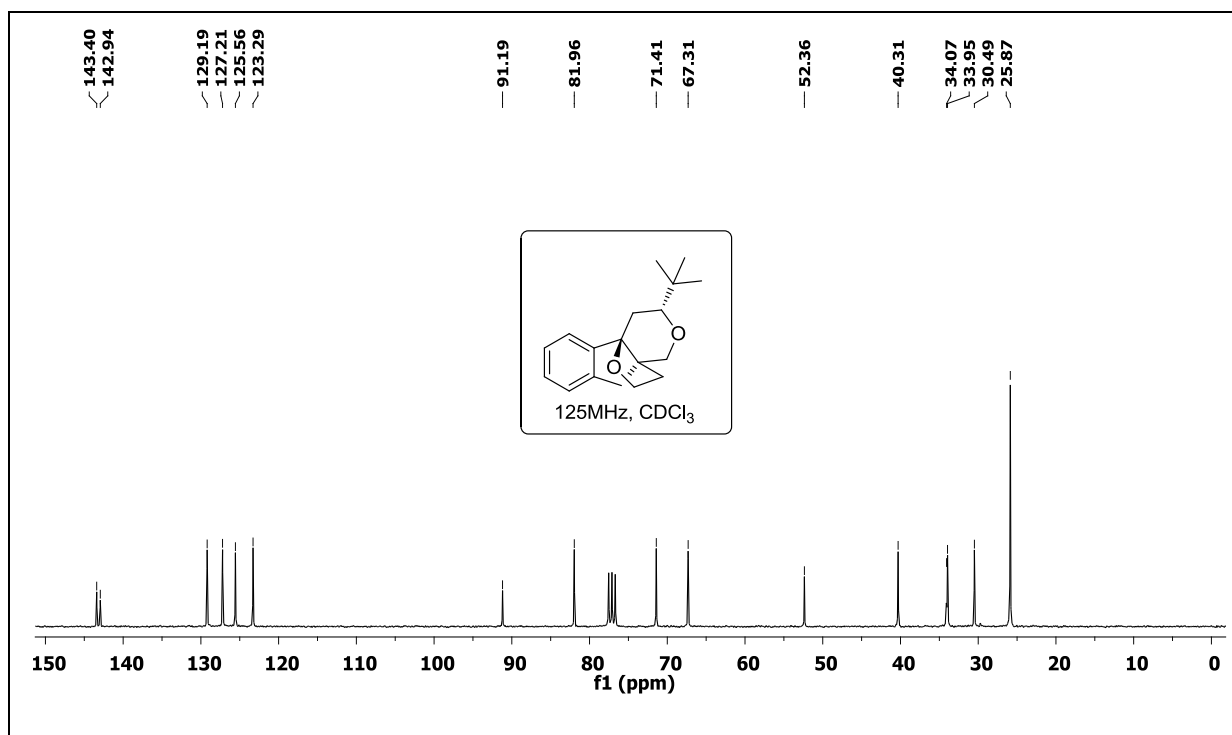
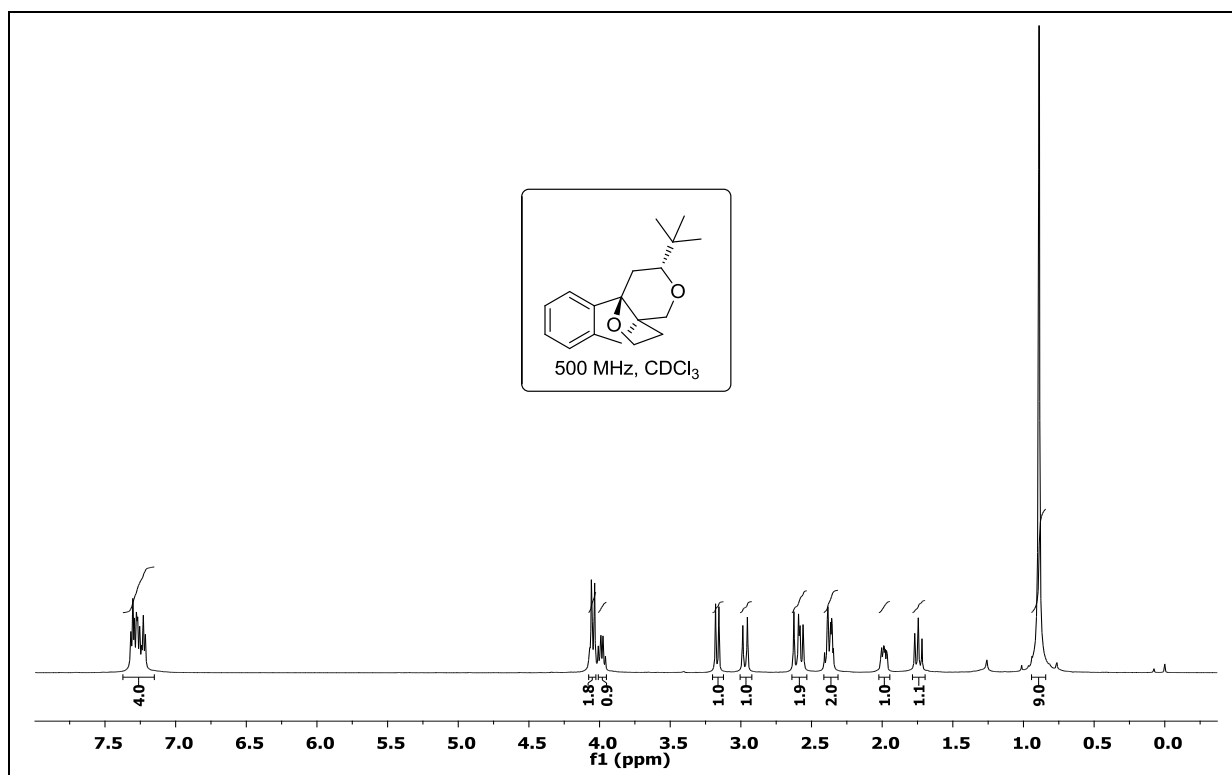




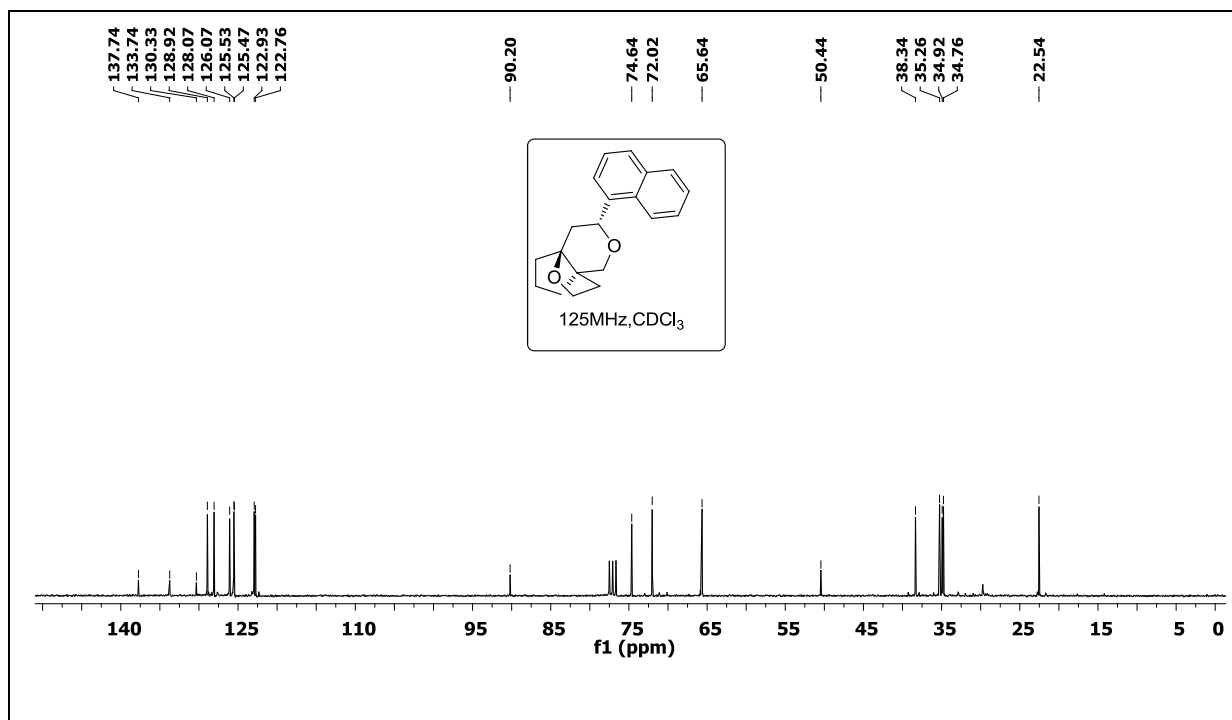
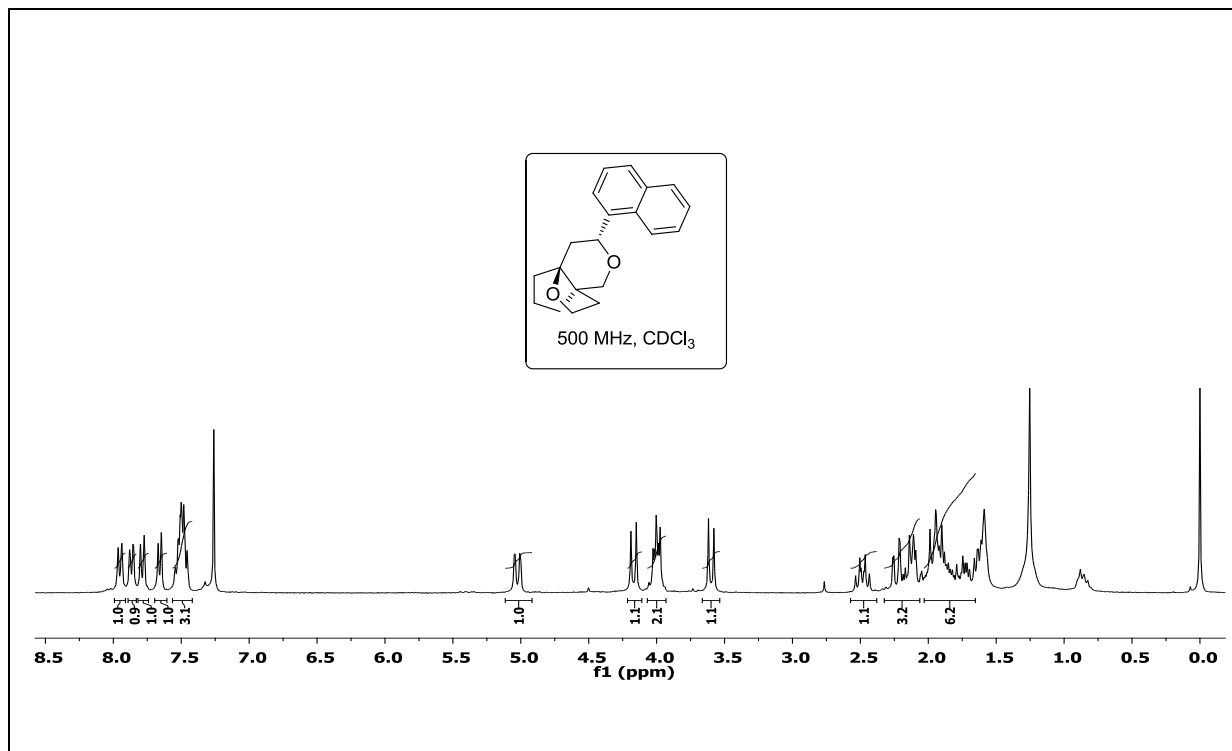
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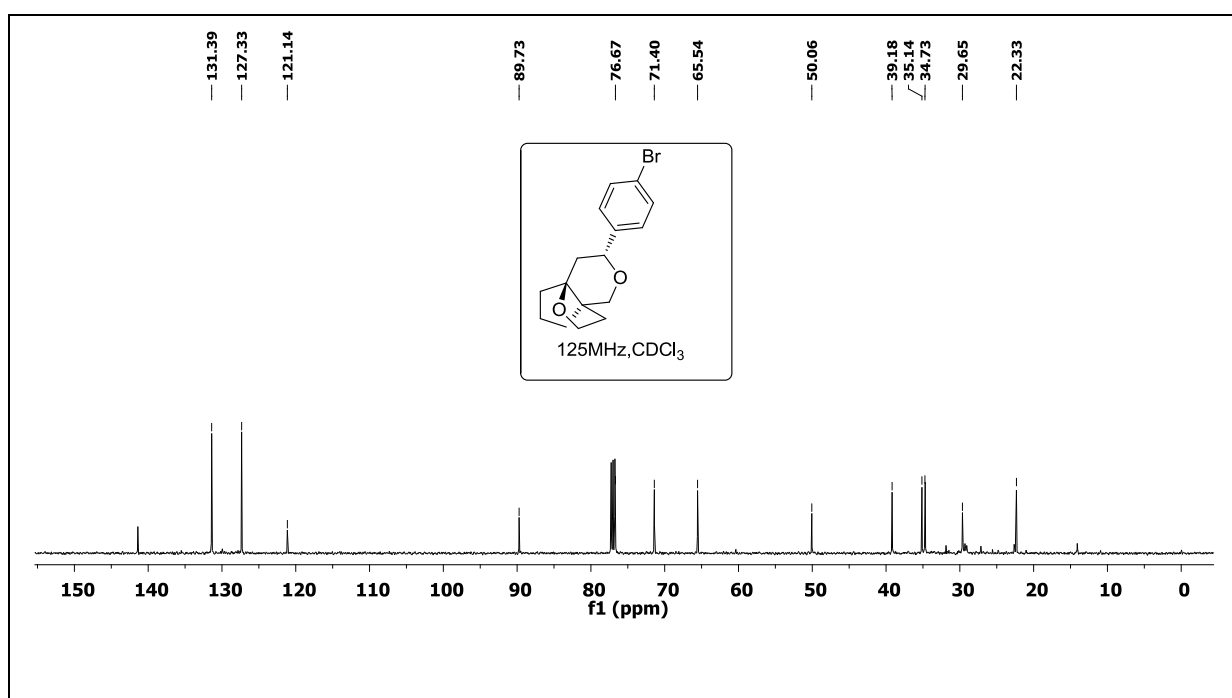
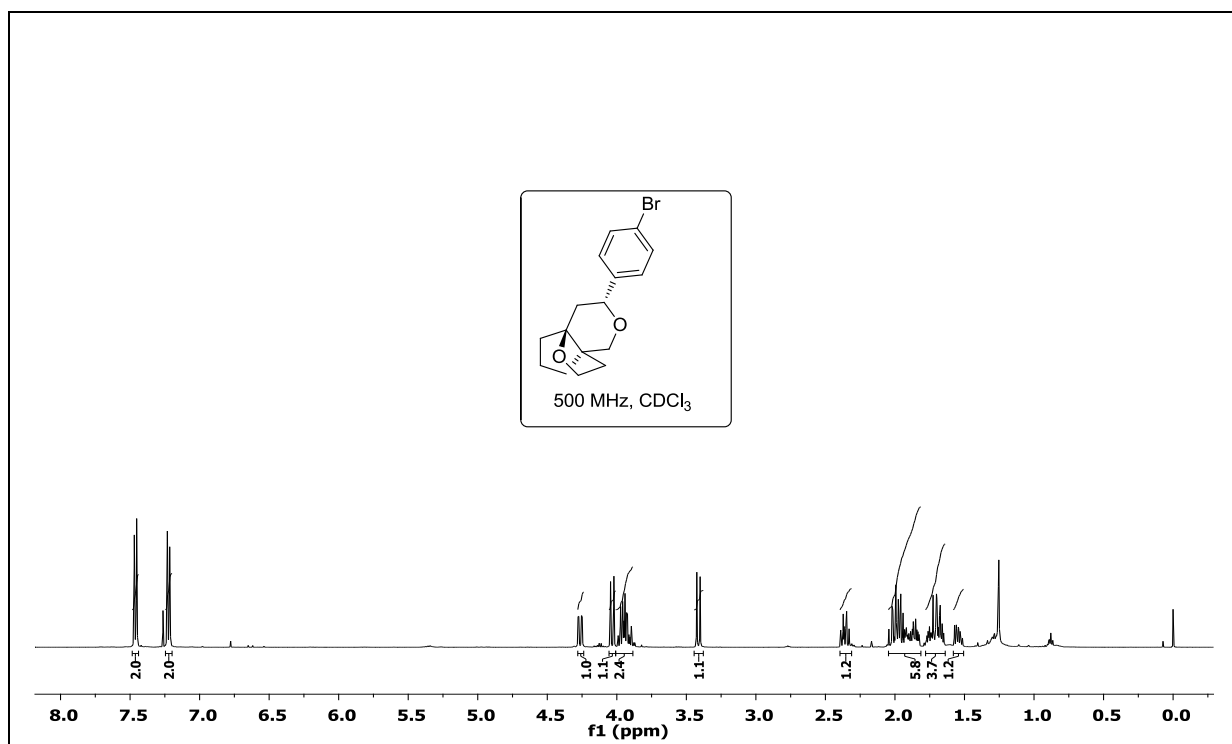
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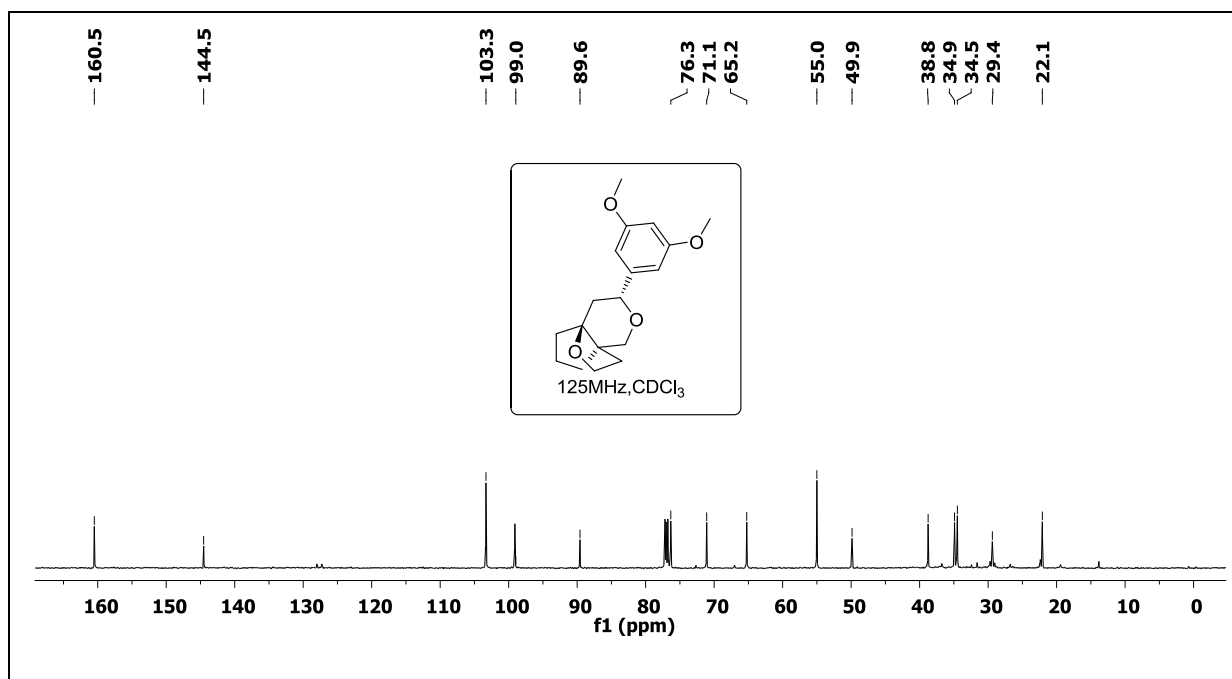
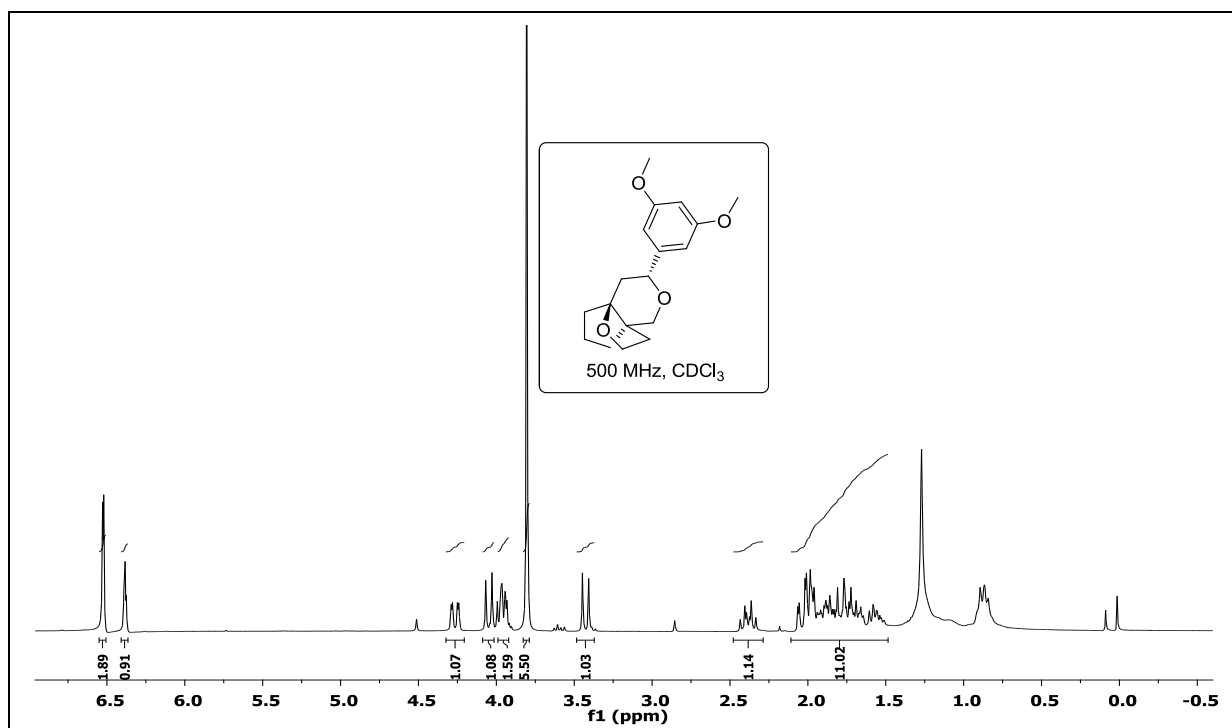
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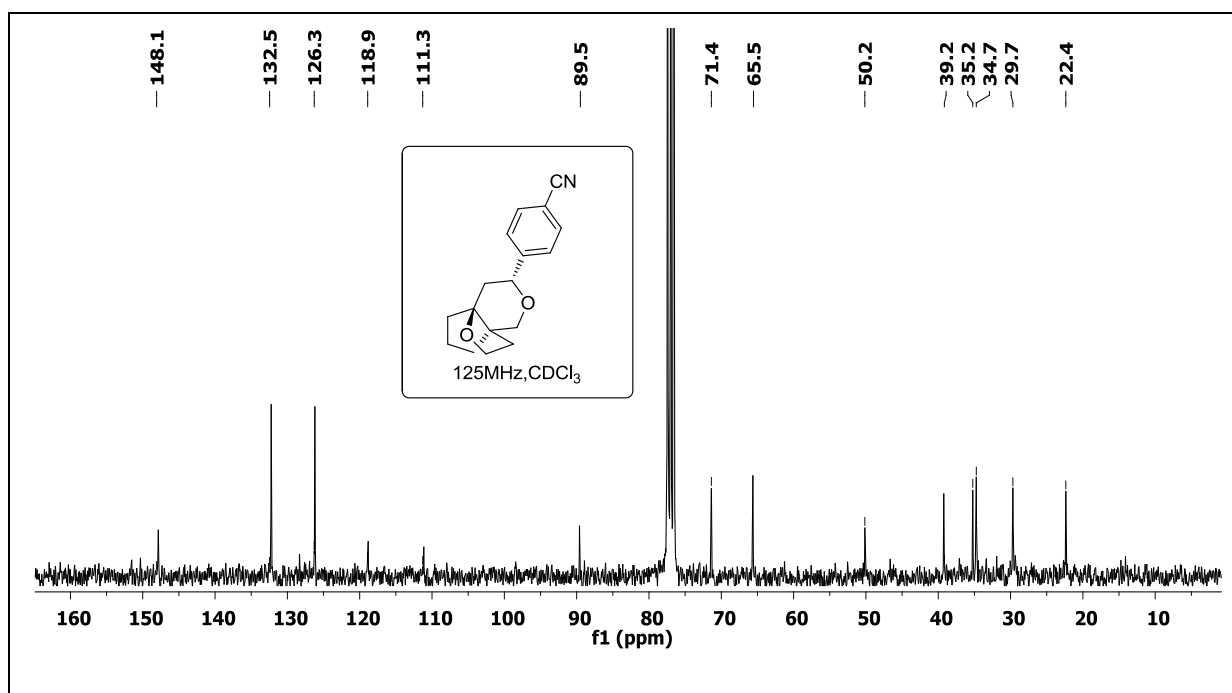
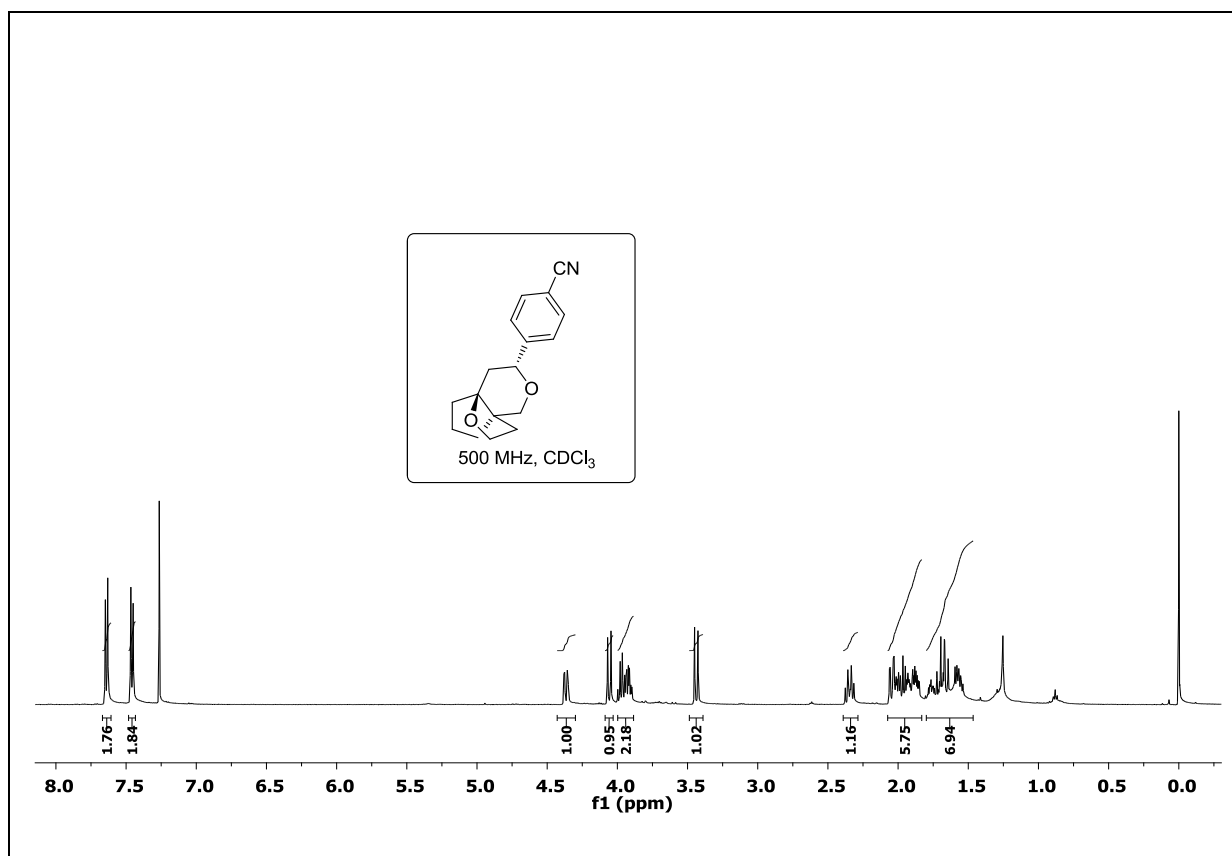
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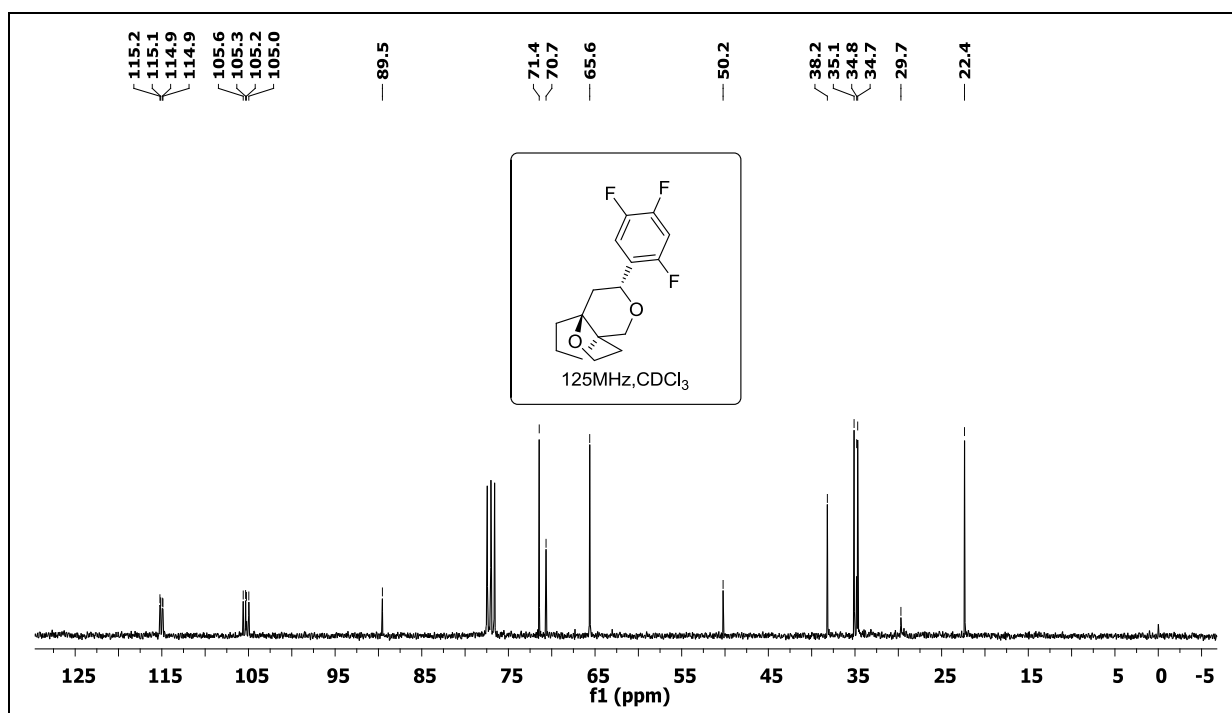
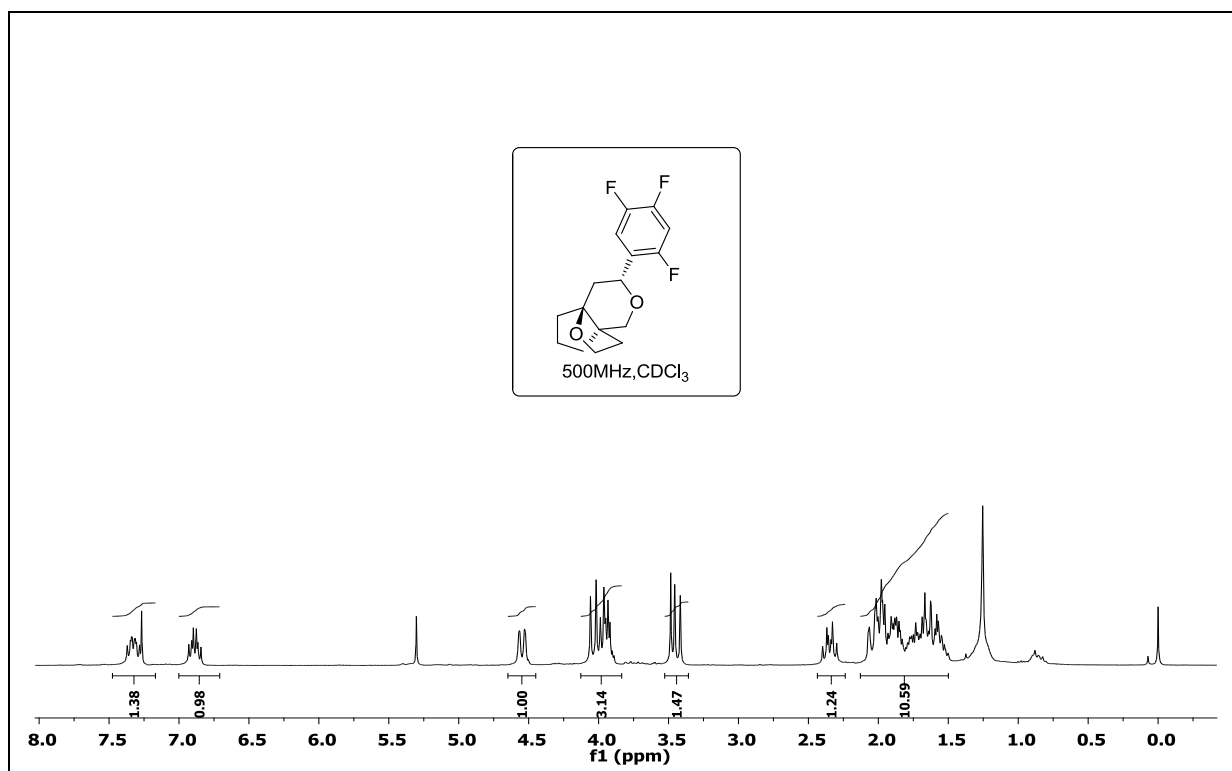
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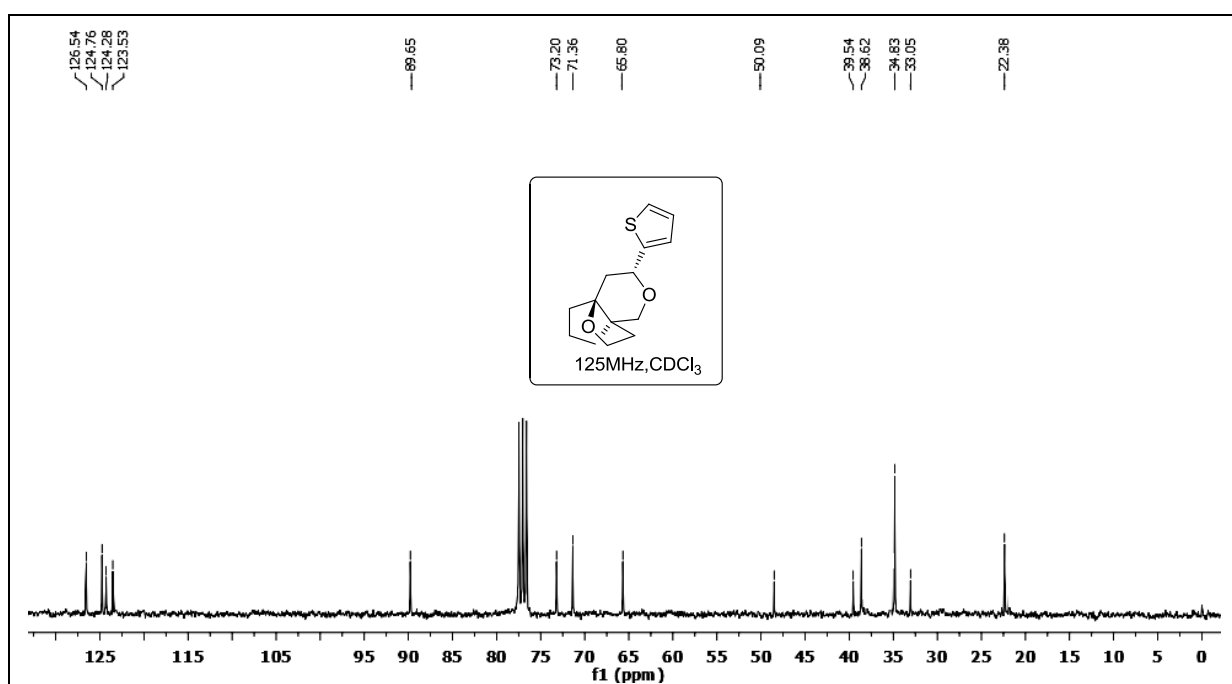
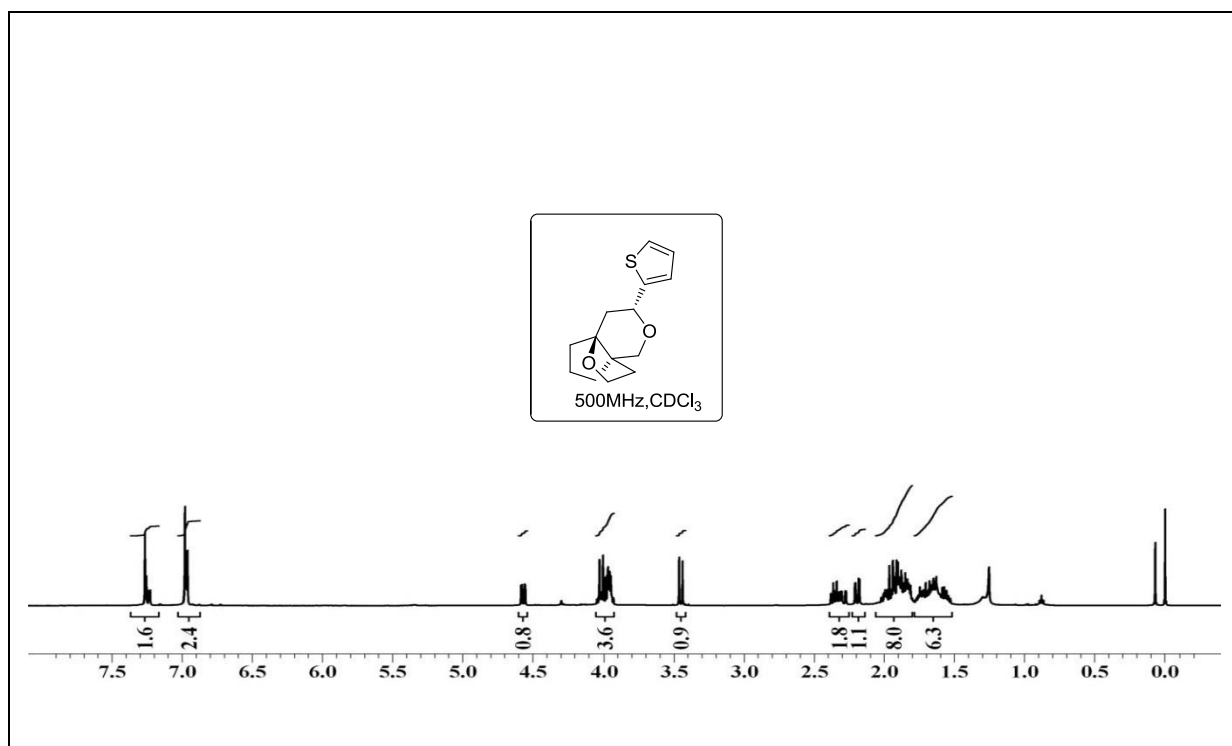
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**$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra of compound 5l (Table 2 entry 1):**

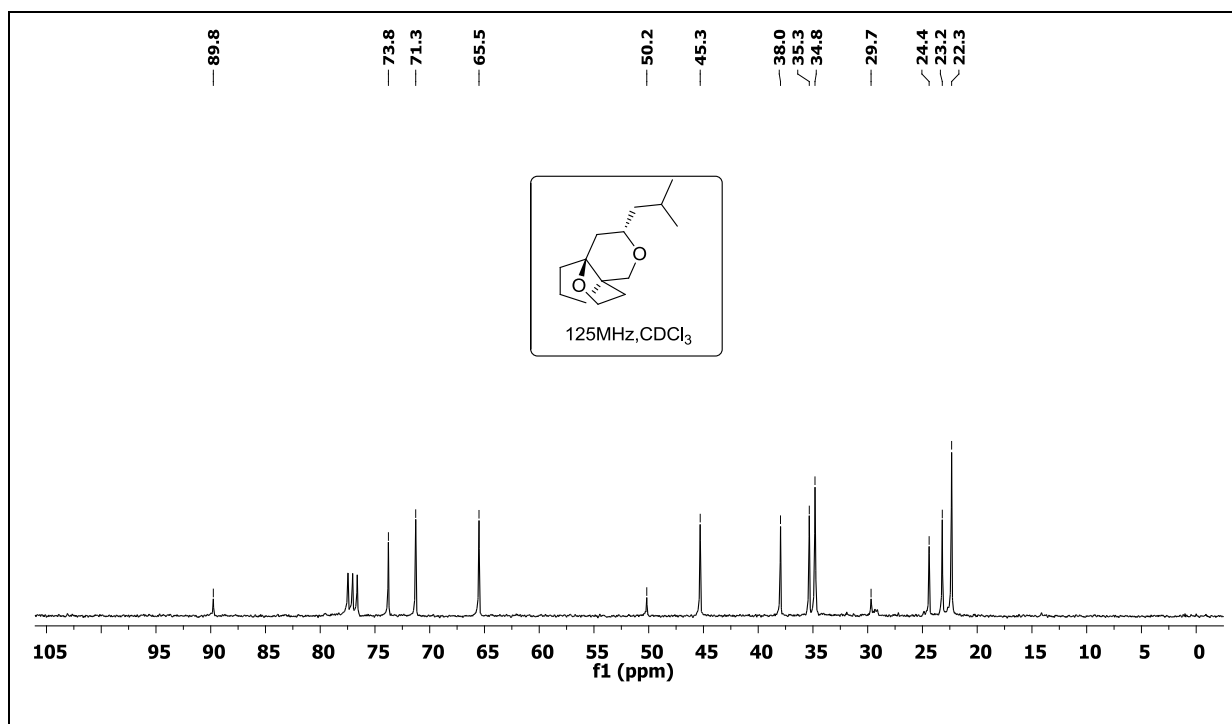
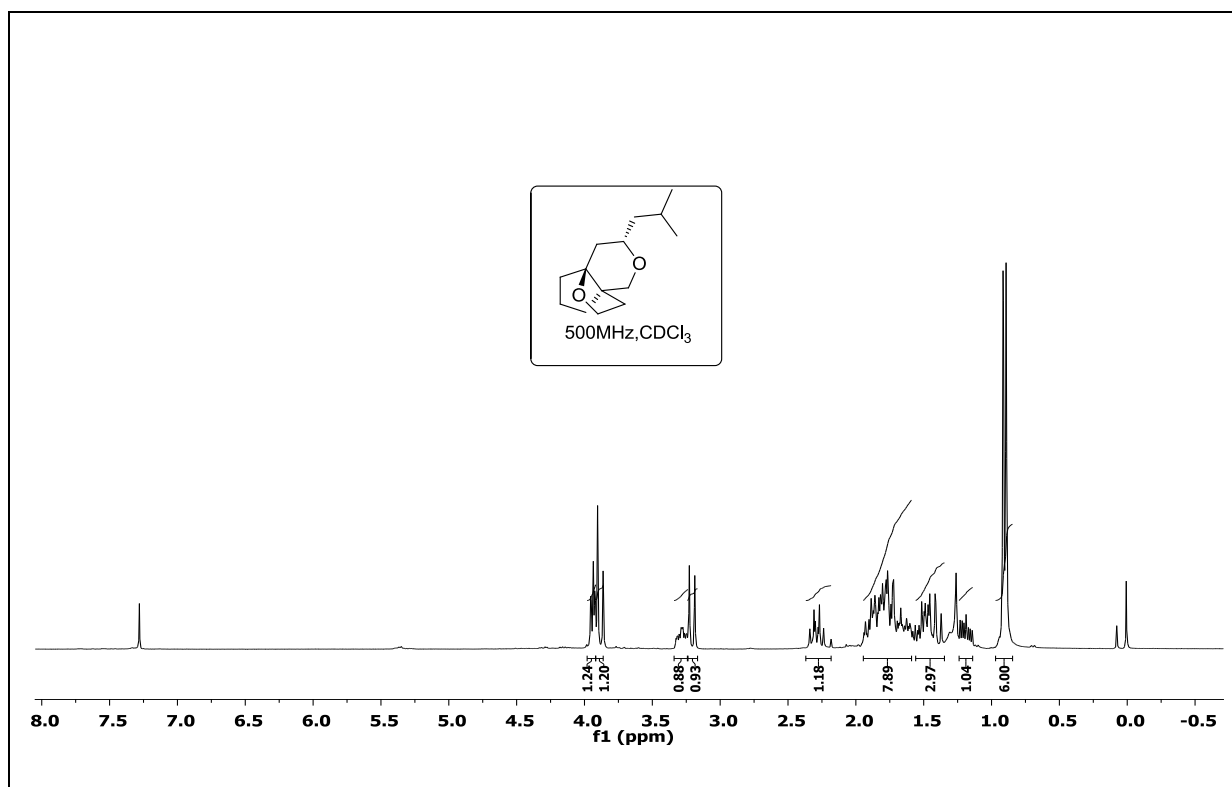


**$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra of compound 5m (Table 2 entry m):**

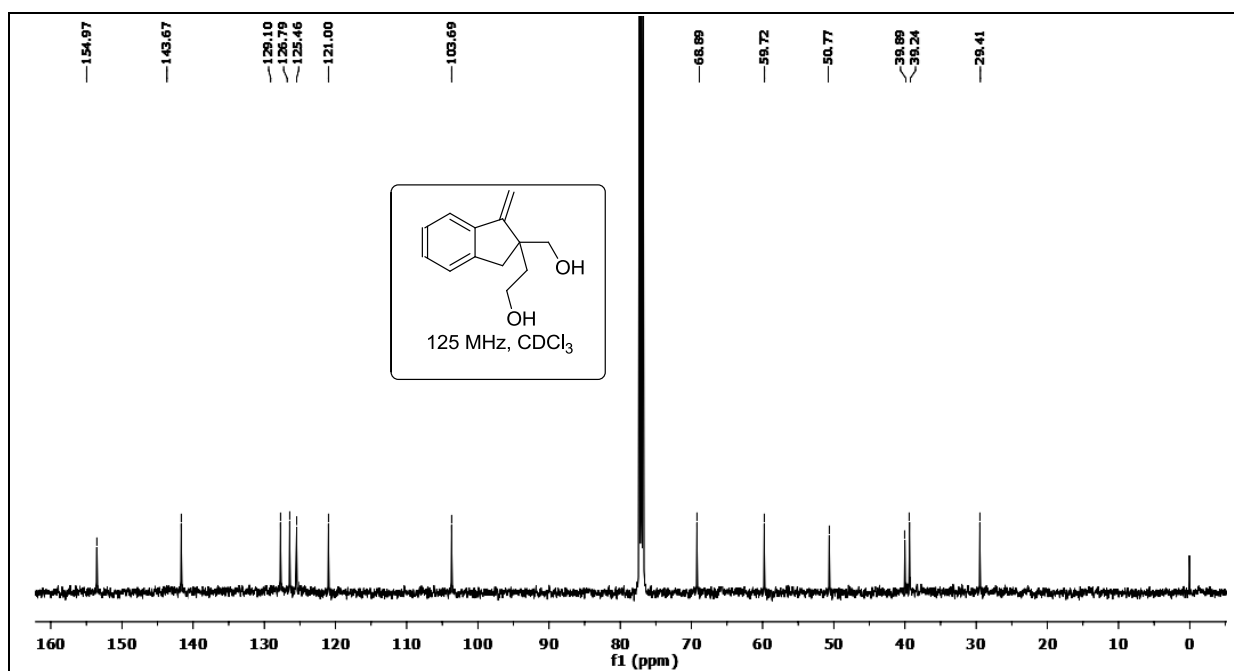
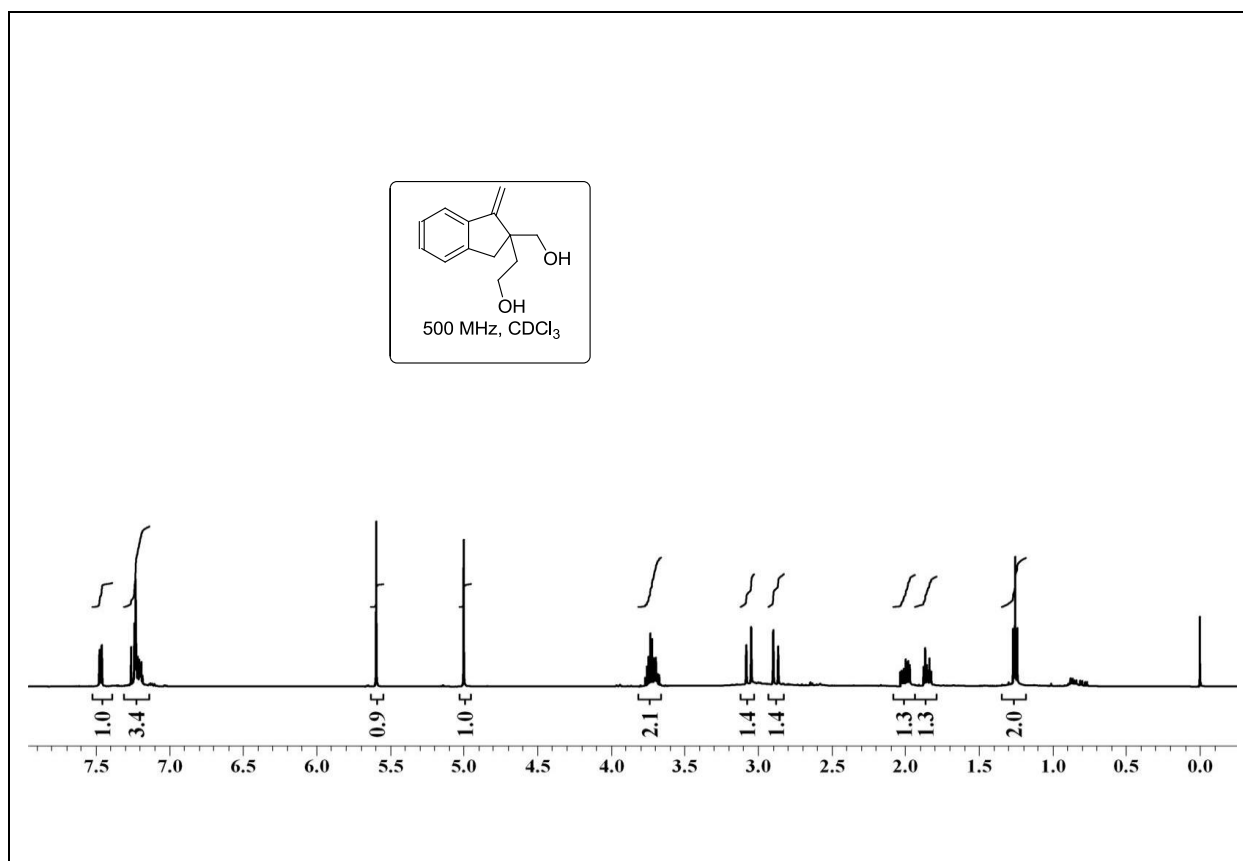




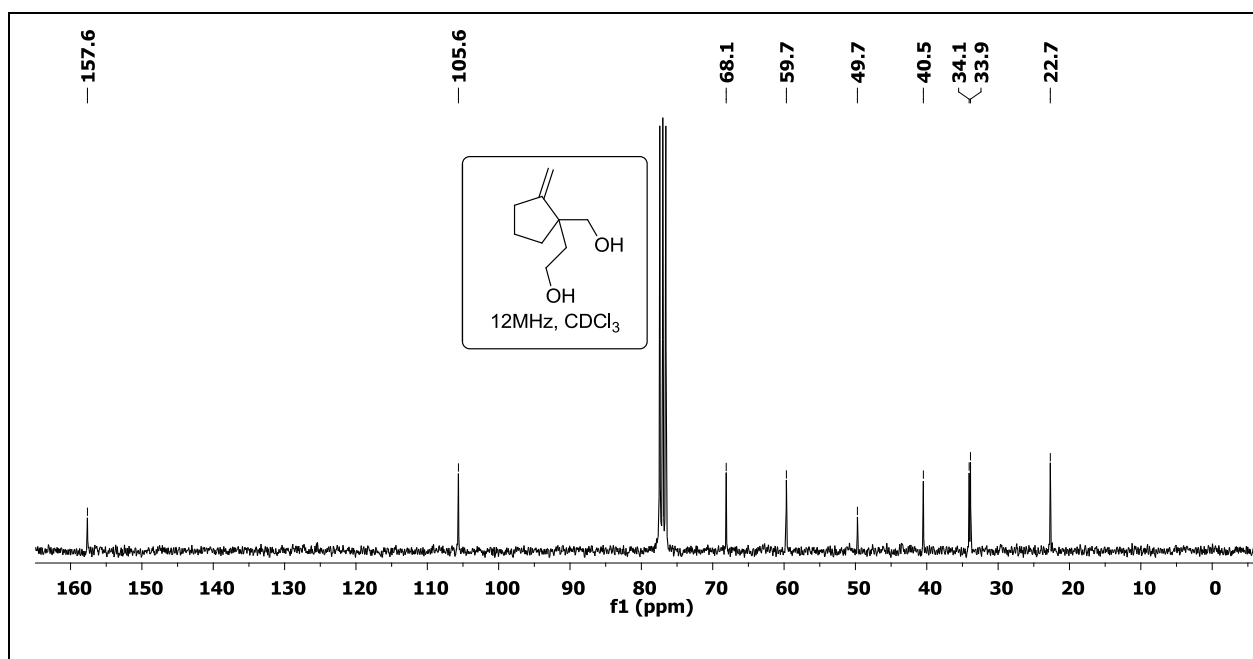
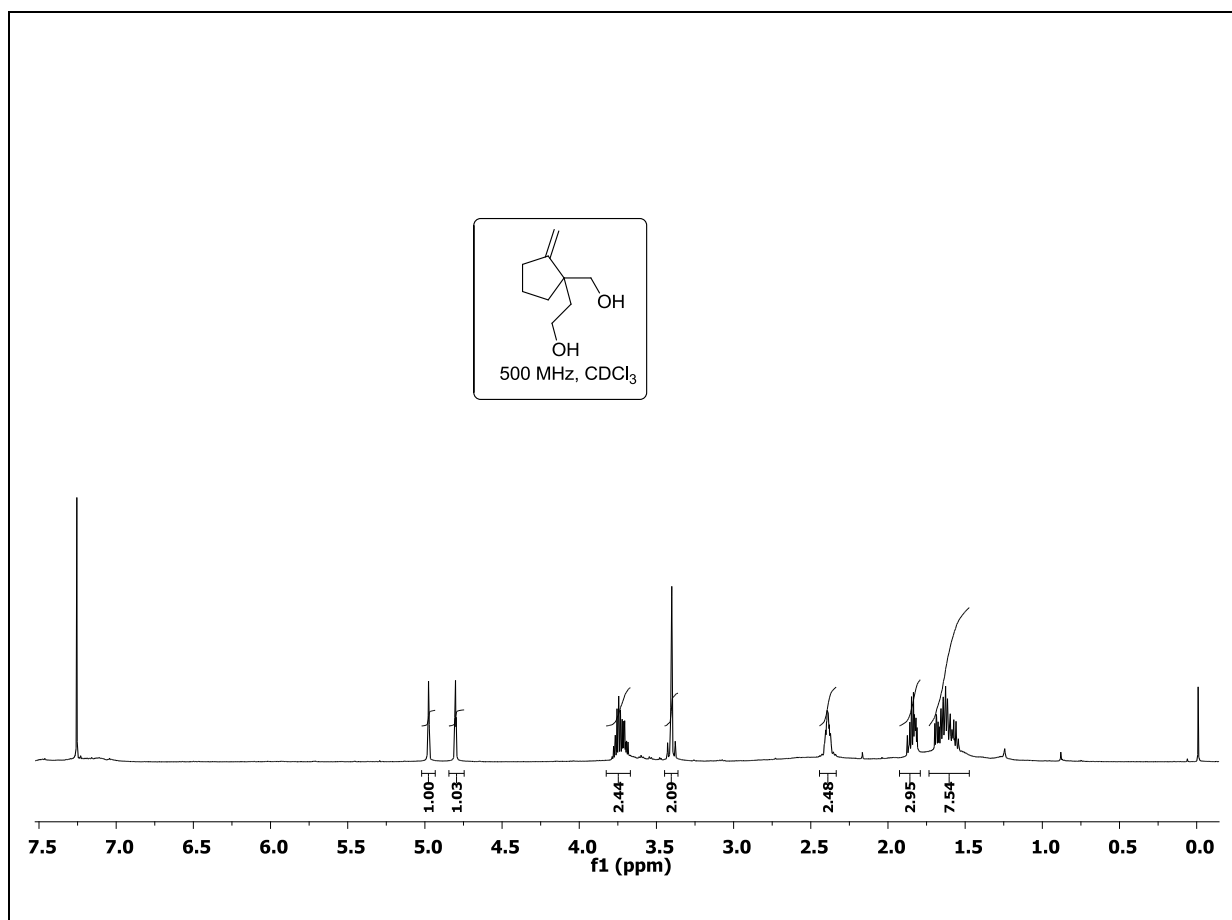
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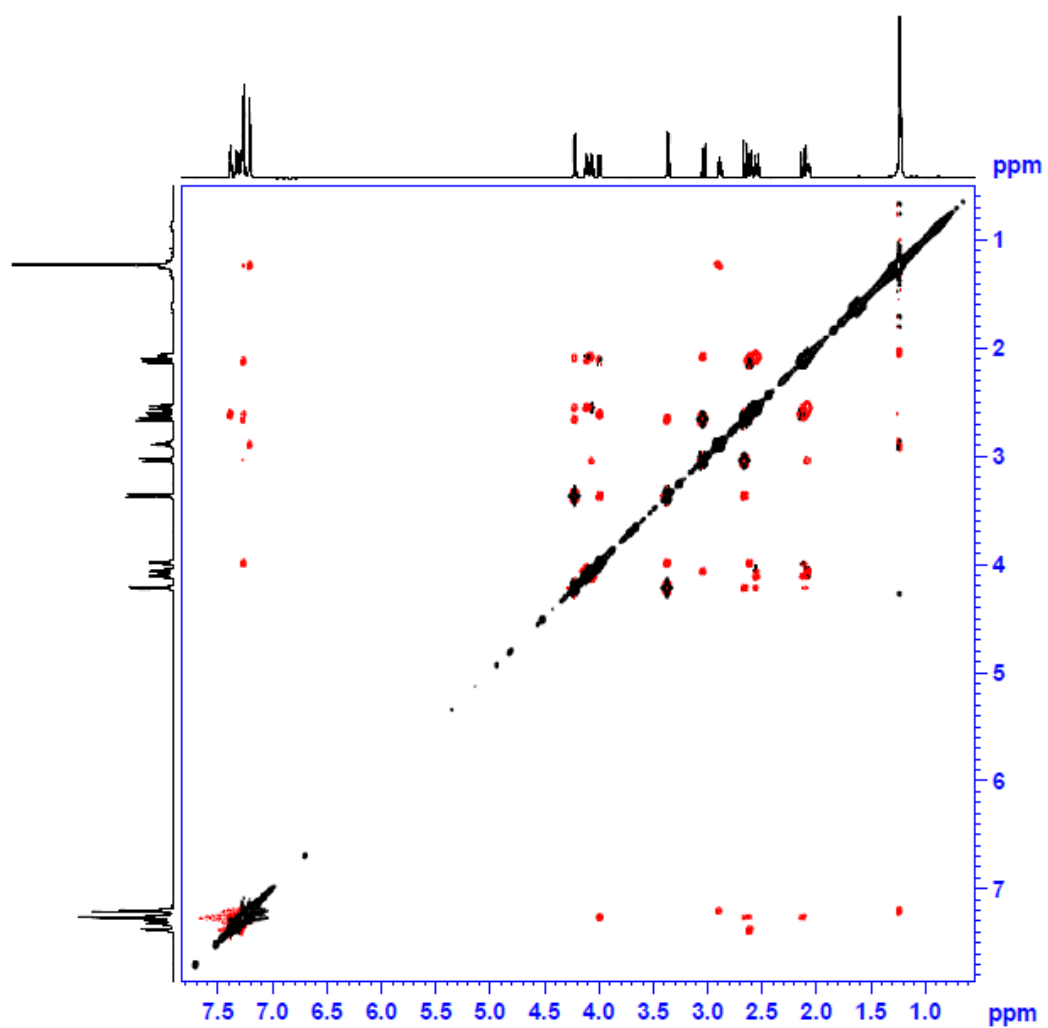
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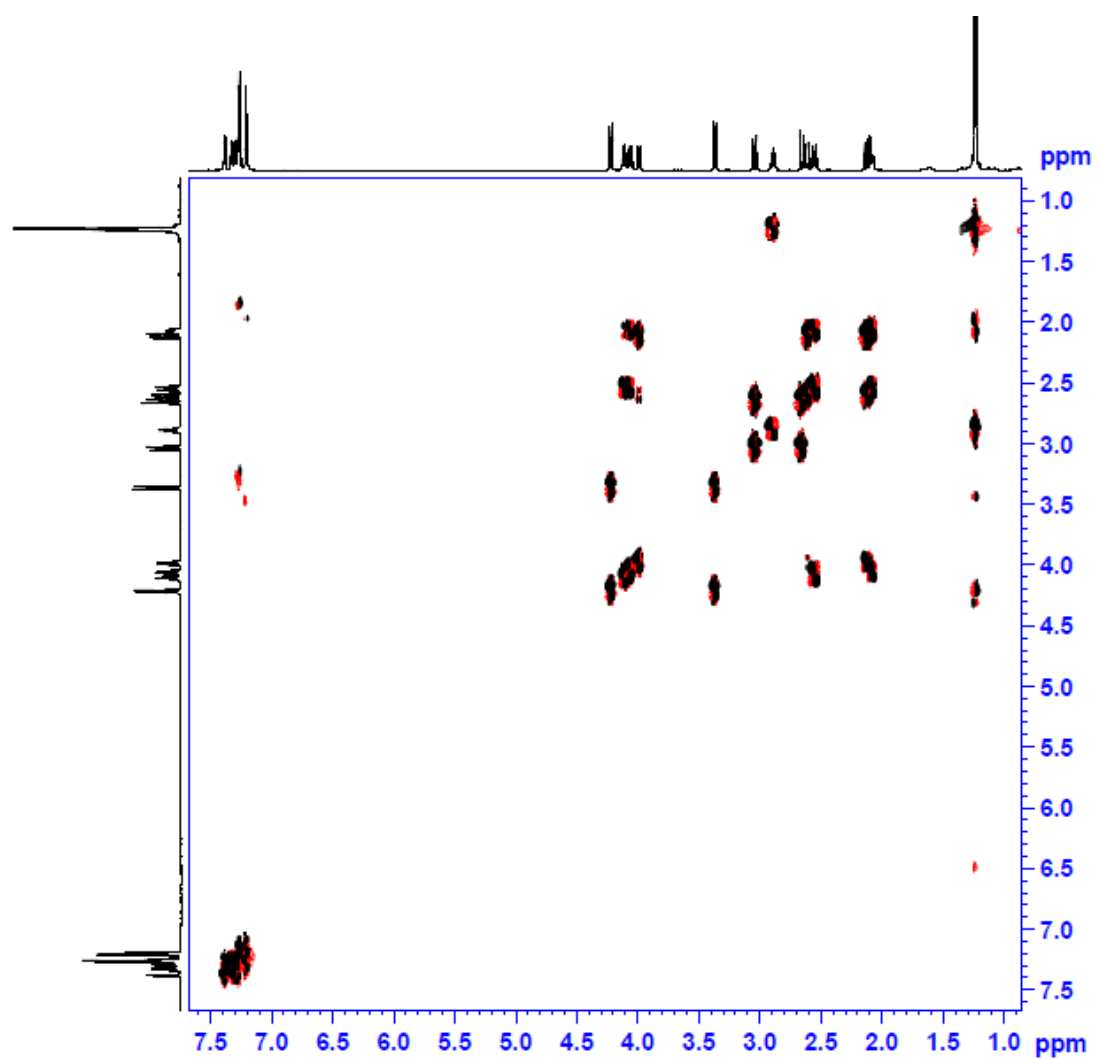
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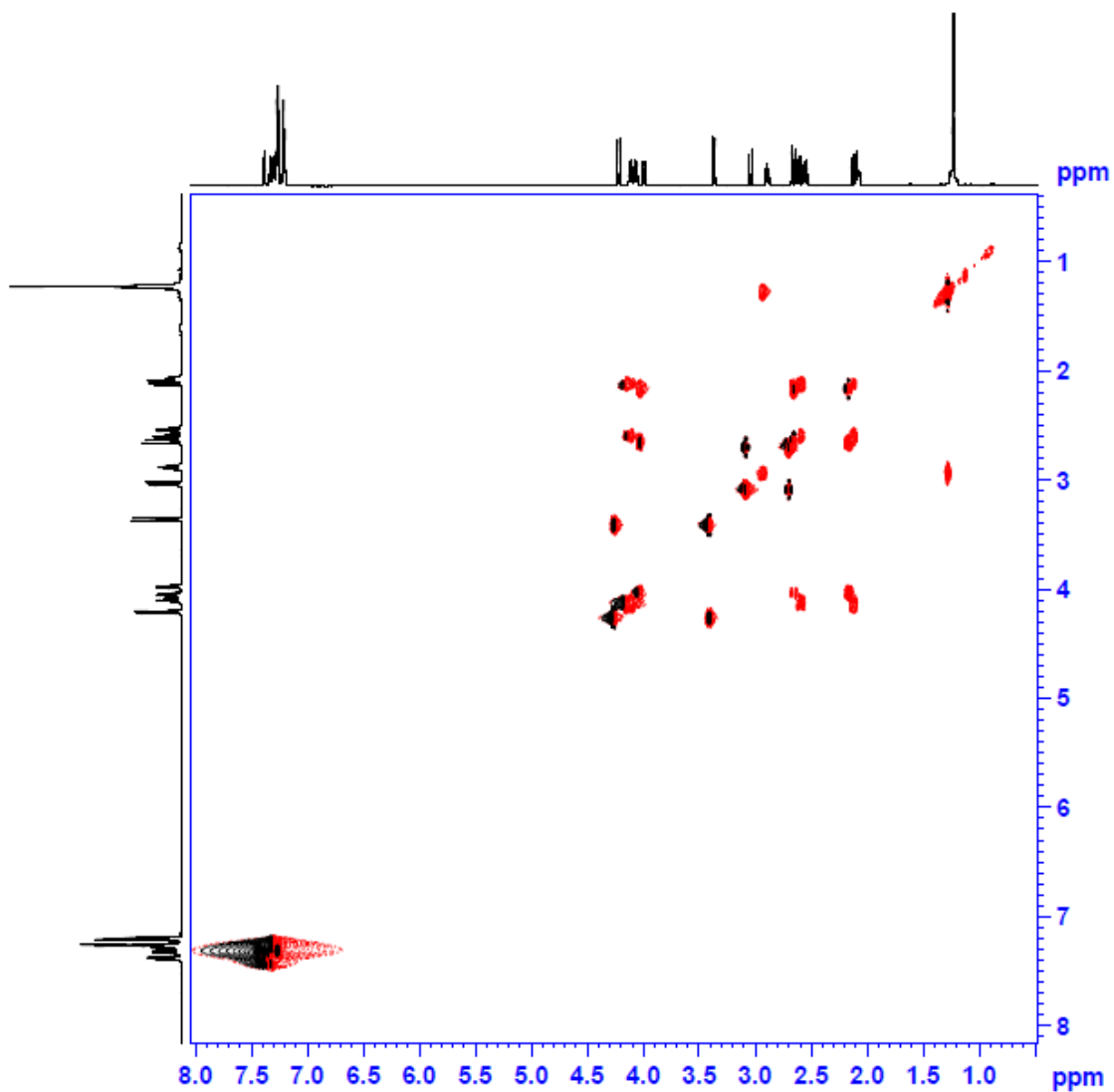
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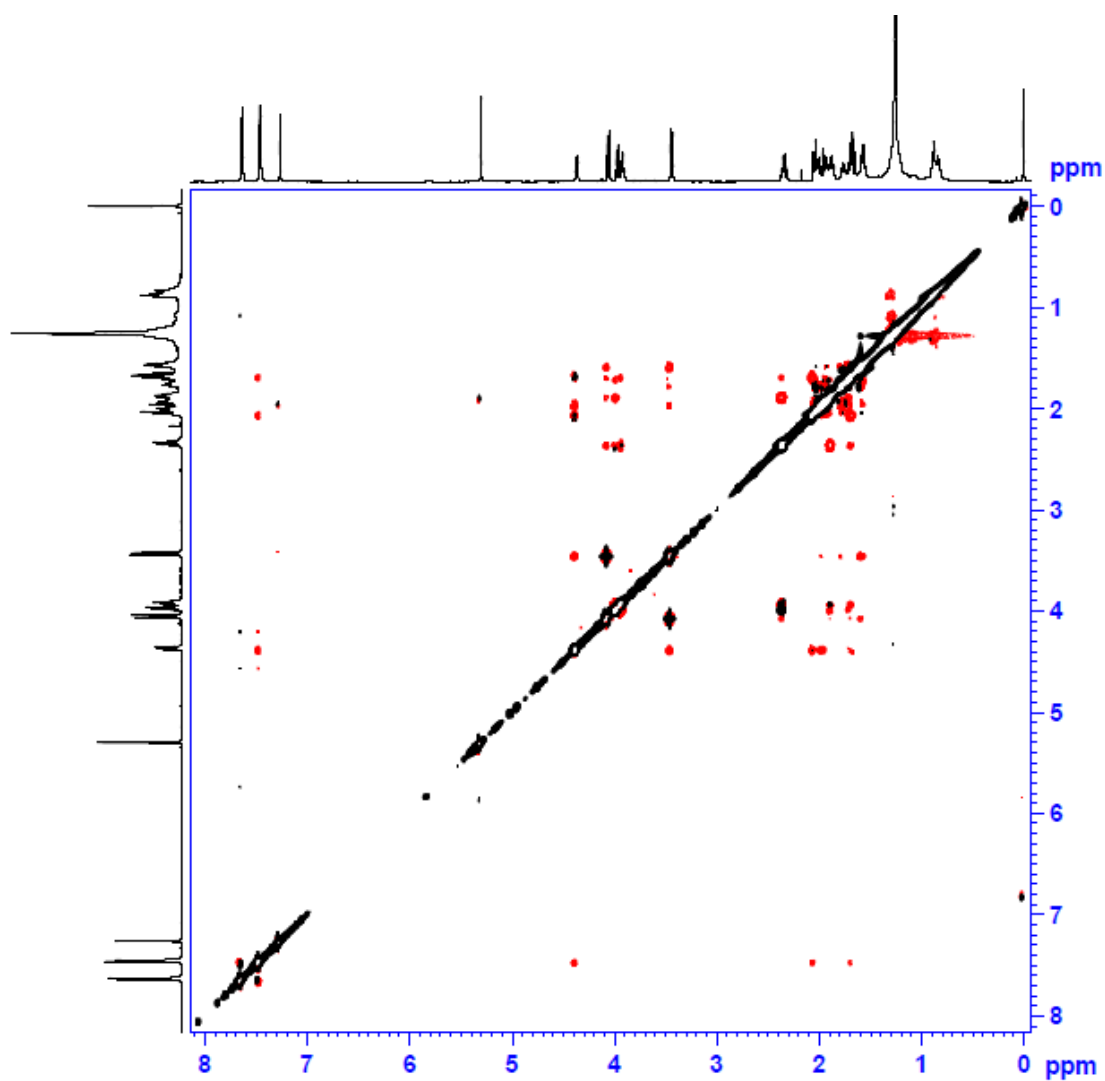
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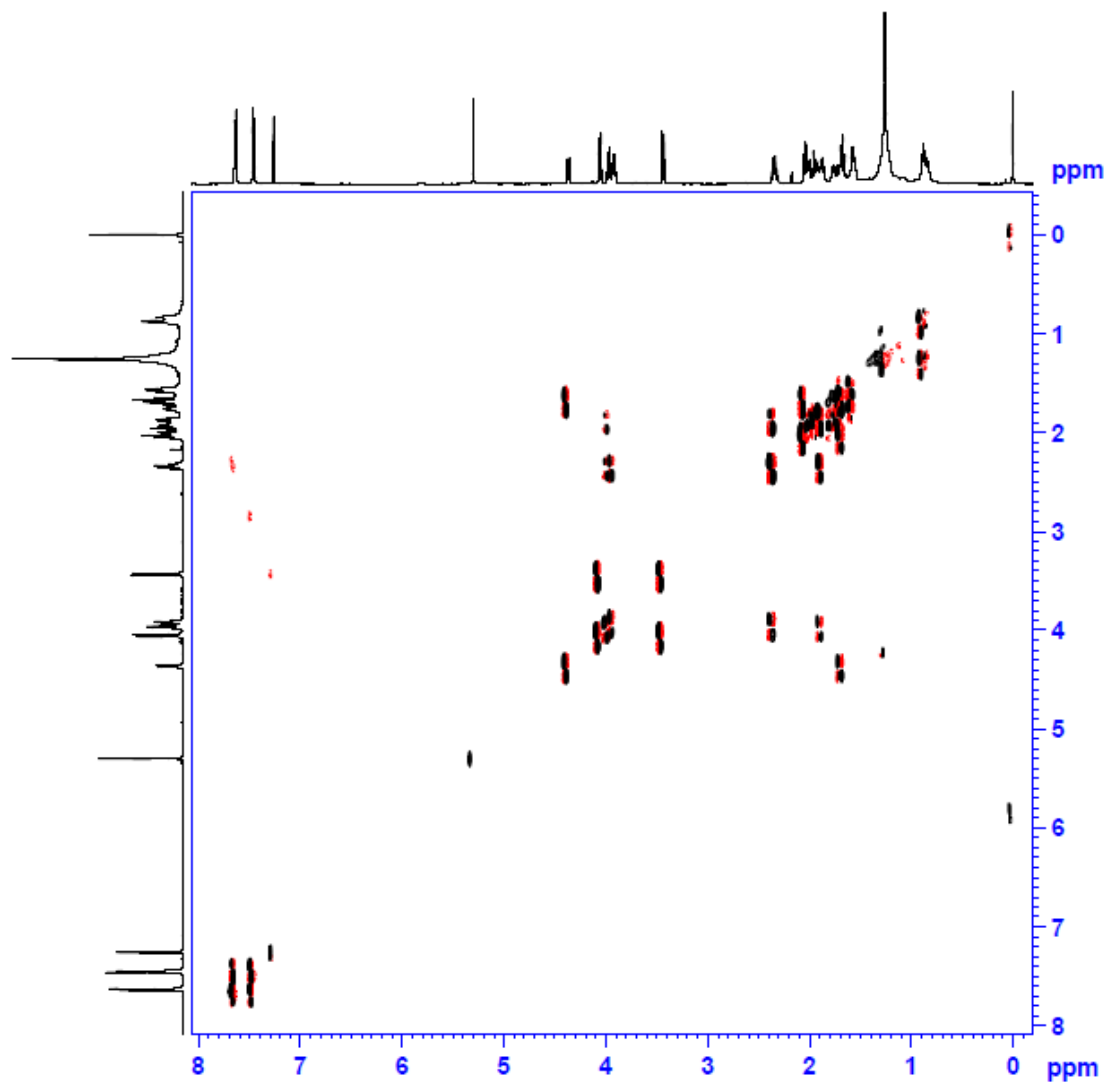
# TOCSY spectrum of 3d



# NOESY spectrum of 5k

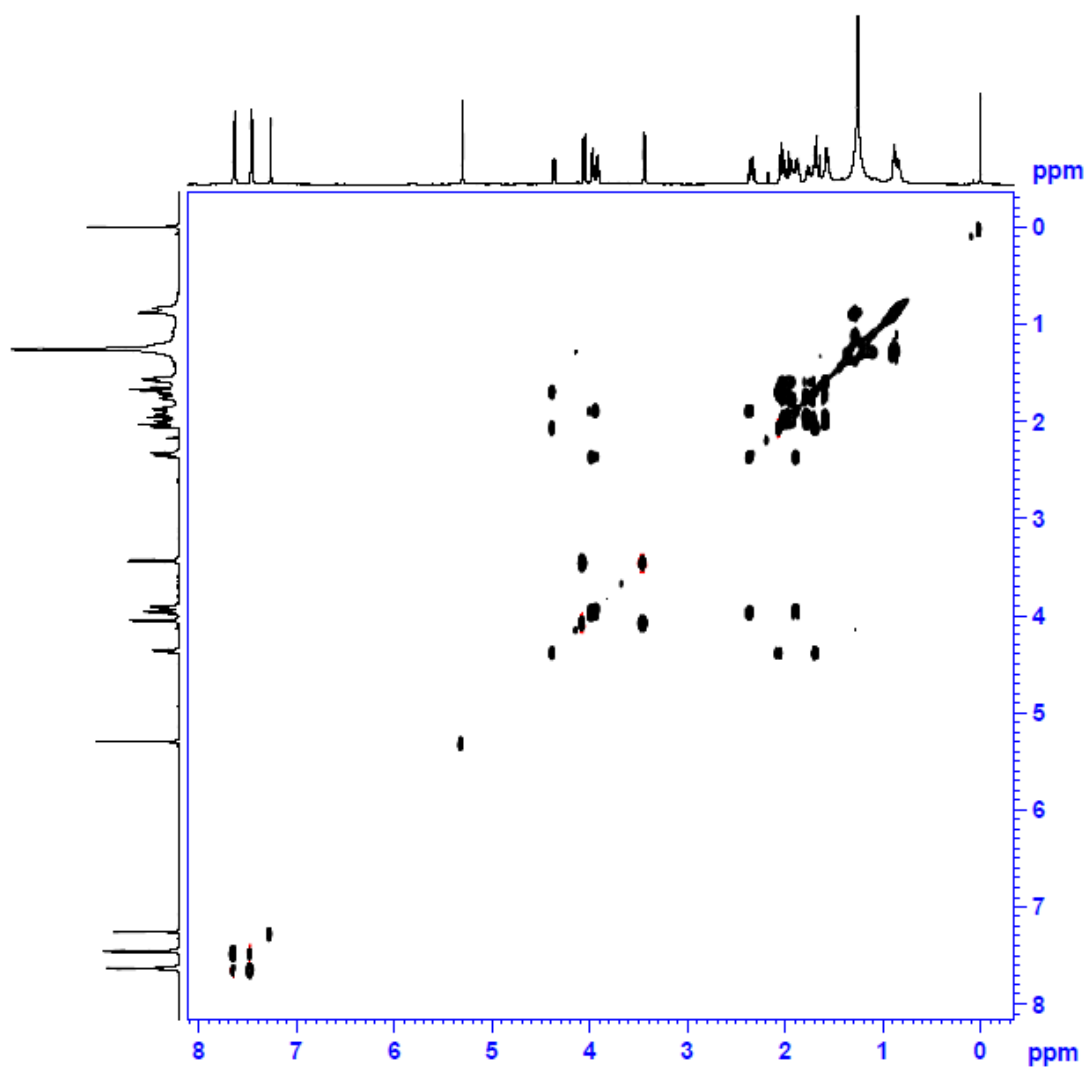


## COSY spectrum of 5k

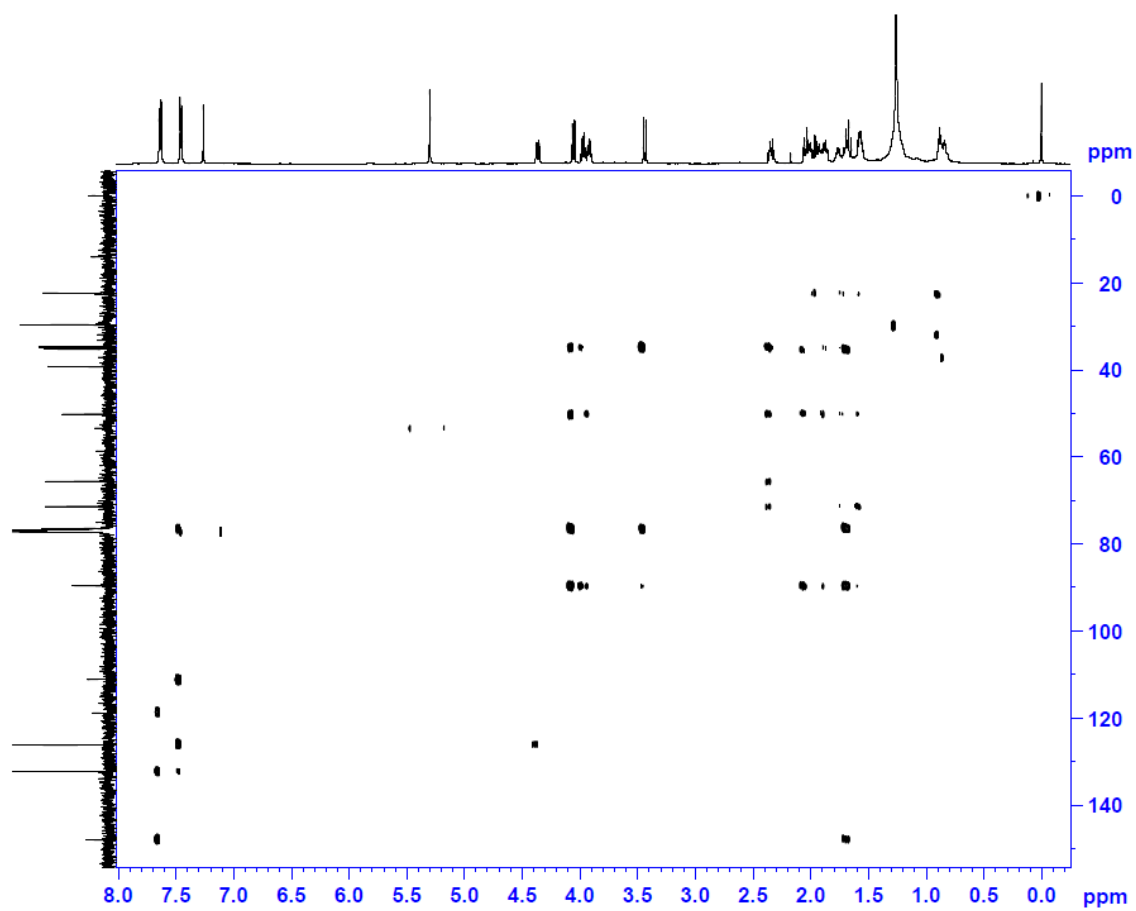




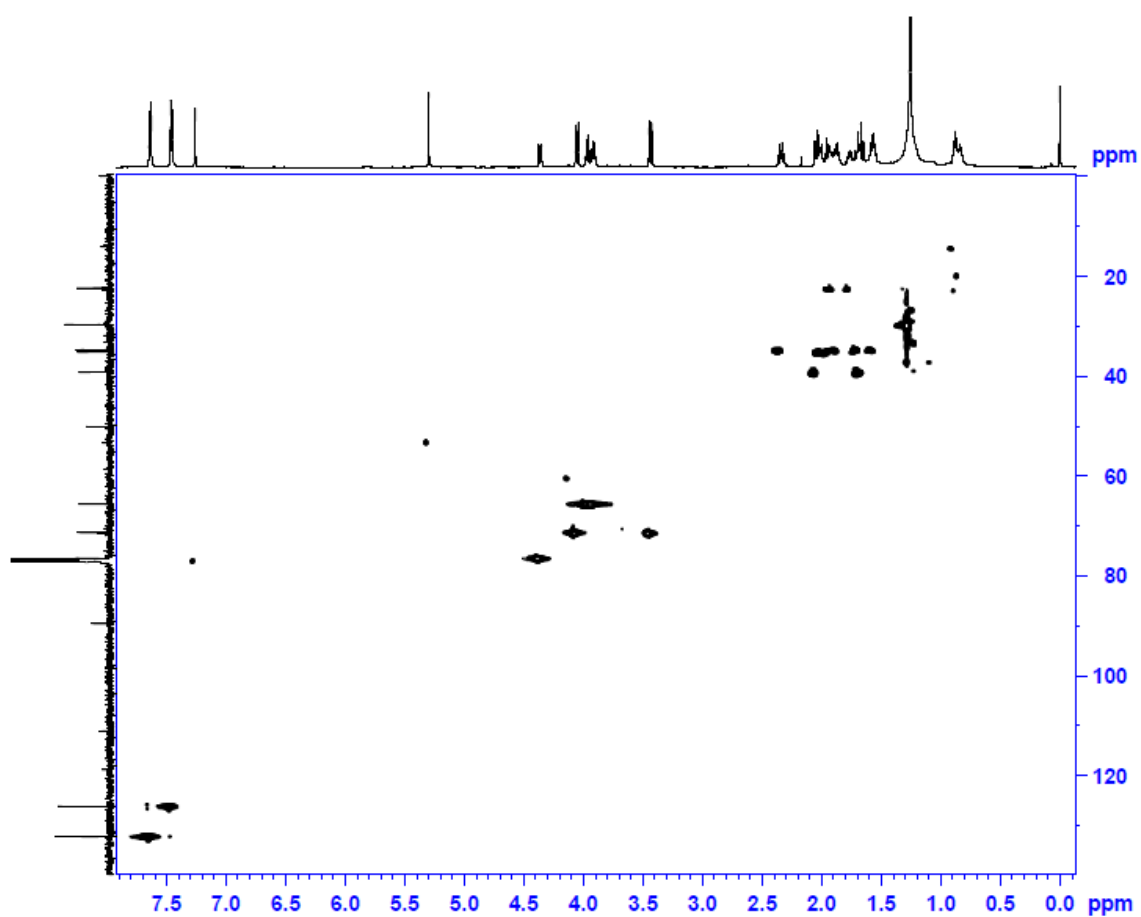
## TOCSY spectrum of 5k



# HMBC spectrum of 5k



## HSQC spectrum of 5k



## Crystal data for 3e:

### X-ray Crystallography.

X-ray data for the compounds were collected at room temperature using a Bruker Smart Apex CCD diffractometer with graphite monochromated MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda=0.71073\text{\AA}$ ) with  $\omega$ -scan method [1]. Preliminary lattice parameters and orientation matrices were obtained from four sets of frames.

Integration and scaling of intensity data were accomplished using SAINT program [1]. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS97 [2] and refinement was carried out by full-matrix least-squares technique using SHELXL97 [2]. Anisotropic displacement parameters were included for all non-hydrogen atoms. All H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding on their parent C atoms [C-H = 0.93-0.97  $\text{\AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ ].

Crystal data for **3e**: C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>,  $M = 361.24$ ,  $0.21 \times 0.17 \times 0.09 \text{ mm}^3$ , monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/n$  (No. 14),  $a = 11.7351(14)$ ,  $b = 10.1832(12)$ ,  $c = 14.5872(18) \text{\AA}$ ,  $\beta = 99.078(2)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1721.3(4) \text{\AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $D_c = 1.394 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ,  $F_{000} = 752$ , MoK $\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{\AA}$ ,  $T = 294(2)\text{K}$ ,  $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 52.5^\circ$ , 17811 reflections collected, 3468 unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0315$ ). Final  $Goof = 1.119$ ,  $R1 = 0.0518$ ,  $wR2 = 0.1187$ ,  $R$  indices based on 2896 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  (refinement on  $F^2$ ), 217 parameters, 0 restraints,  $\mu = 0.386 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ . CCDC 1044784 contains supplementary Crystallographic data for the structure. These data can be obtained free of charge at [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html) [or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC), 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: +44(0) 1223 336 033; email: [deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk](mailto:deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk)].

### Figure Caption

A view of **3e**, showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms are represented by circles of arbitrary radii.

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