

## Supporting Information

### **Manganese-Catalyzed Regiospecific sp<sup>3</sup> C-S Bond Formation through C-C Bond Cleavage of Cyclobutanols**

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## 1. General experimental details

All reactions were maintained under a nitrogen atmosphere unless otherwise stated. Commercially available reagents were used without further purification. Infrared (FT-IR) spectra were recorded on a BRUKER VERTEX 70,  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra were recorded on a BRUKER AVANCE III HD (400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as internal standard ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ :  $\delta$  7.26). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quadruplet, br = broad, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  spectra were recorded on a BRUKER AVANCE III HD (100 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ :  $\delta$  77.16).  $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$  spectra were recorded on a BRUKER AVANCE III HD (376 MHz) spectrometer. Mass spectra were measured with an Agilent Technologies 6120 Quadrupole LC/MS. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) were measured with a GCT Premier<sup>TM</sup> and BRUKER micrOTF-Q III. Melting points were measured using INESA WRR and values are uncorrected.

Tertiary cyclobutanols were prepared by the addition of Grignard reagent to the corresponding cyclobutanones according to the reported procedures.<sup>1</sup>

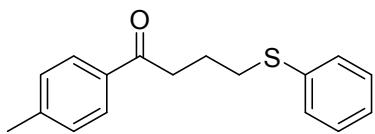
## 2. General procedure for the synthesis of thioethers

Cyclobutanol **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{Mn(OAc)}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv), Bipy (0.044 mmol, 0.22 equiv), ArSSAr (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and BI-OH (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were loaded in a flask which was subjected to evacuation/flushing with nitrogen three times.  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (1.5 mL) was added to the mixture via syringe and the mixture was then stirred at 25 °C for about 1 h. Subsequently, the reaction which was allowed for stirring at 70 °C until the starting material had been consumed as determined by TLC. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3× 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed by brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, concentrated, and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to give the product **2**.

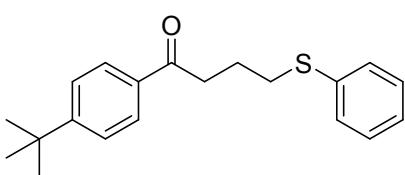
## 3. Characterization of products

**2a:** yellow solid, m.p. 36-37 °C.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.96-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 1H), 3.14 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.13-2.06 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  199.0, 136.4, 135.7, 132.6, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.6, 125.5, 36.5, 32.6, 23.0. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3050, 2954, 2917, 1676, 1595, 1470, 1448, 1368, 1191. HRMS [ESI] ~~calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{OS} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  257.1000, found 257.1001.~~

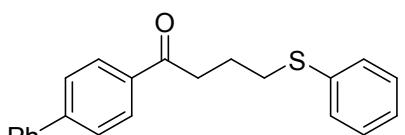
<sup>1</sup> (a) B. M. Casey, C. A. Eakin and R. A. Flowers, II, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, **2009**, *50*, 1264-1266; (b) H.-J. Xu, F.-F. Zhu, Y.-Y. Shen, X. Wan and Y.-S. Feng, *Tetrahedron*, **2012**, *68*, 4145-4151; (c) D. Rosa, A. Chtchemelinine and A. Orellana, *Synthesis*, **2012**, *12*, 1885-1891.



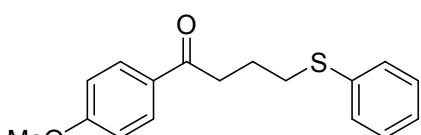
**2b:** yellow solid, m.p. 46-47 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 7.84 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 1H), 3.11 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.12-2.04 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 198.6, 143.4, 135.7, 133.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 125.5, 36.4, 32.7, 23.1, 21.2. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3061, 2918, 2850, 1670, 1605, 1478, 1307, 1230, 1180. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{OS}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  271.1157, found 217.1153.



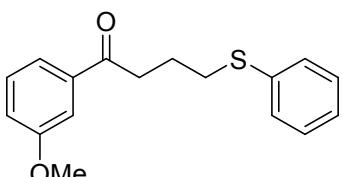
**2c:** yellow solid, m.p. 55-56 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 1H), 3.12 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.12-2.04 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 198.6, 156.3, 135.7, 133.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.5, 125.5, 125.1, 36.4, 34.6, 32.7, 30.6, 23.1. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3061, 2958, 2850, 1676, 1603, 1584, 1479, 1190, 1107. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{OSNa}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  335.1446, found 335.1430.



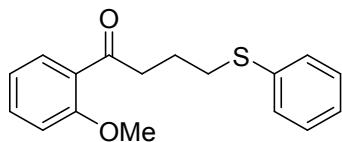
**2d:** white solid, m.p. 73-75 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 8.03-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 1H), 3.17 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.06 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.16-2.08 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 198.5, 145.3, 139.4, 135.7, 135.1, 128.8, 128.5, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 126.8, 126.8, 125.5, 36.5, 32.7, 23.0. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3052, 2920, 2850, 1663, 1602, 1480, 1260, 1190. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{OS}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  333.1313, found 333.1316.



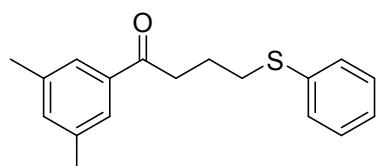
**2e:** yellow solid, m.p. 44-46 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 7.95-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 1H), 6.94-6.90 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.09 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.12-2.04 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 197.5, 163.0, 135.7, 129.8, 129.5, 128.7, 128.4, 125.5, 113.2, 55.0, 36.1, 32.7, 23.2. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2956, 2920, 2851, 1670, 1597, 1508, 1439, 1370, 1263. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  287.1106, found 287.1097.



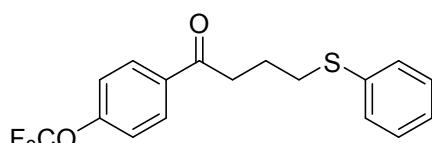
**2f:** yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.47 (dd,  $J = 2.4, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.10 (ddd,  $J = 8.0, 2.8, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.12 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.13-2.05 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 199.2, 159.8, 138.2, 136.2, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 126.0, 120.7, 119.6, 112.2, 55.5, 37.1, 33.1, 23.5. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3058, 2921, 2850, 1682, 1582, 1429, 1256, 1165. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  309.0925, found 309.0915.



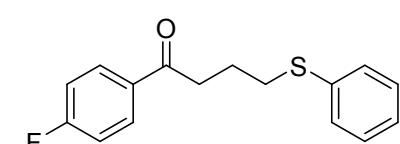
**2g:** yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.67 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.2, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.99 (ddd,  $J = 7.6, 7.2, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.13 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.08-2.01 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  201.8, 158.5, 136.6, 133.5, 130.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 125.8, 120.7, 111.5, 55.5, 42.5, 33.1, 23.9. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3058, 2918, 2848, 1669, 1596, 1482, 1436, 1243. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  309.0925, found 309.0921.



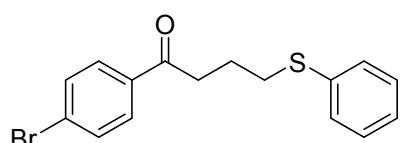
**2h:** yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.54 (s, 2H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 2H), 3.11 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 6H), 2.12-2.04 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  199.4, 137.7, 136.5, 135.7, 134.2, 128.7, 128.5, 125.5, 125.4, 36.6, 32.7, 23.1, 20.8. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3054, 2918, 2858, 1679, 1604, 1480, 1438, 1317, 1297. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{OSNa}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  307.1133, found 307.1124.



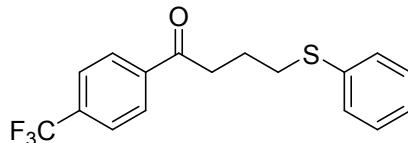
**2i:** yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.01-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 1H), 3.13 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.13-2.05 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.8, 152.6 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 1.7$  Hz), 136.0, 135.0, 130.0, 129.3, 129.0, 126.1, 120.4 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 0.7$  Hz), 120.3 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 257.1$  Hz), 36.9, 33.1, 23.3;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -57.6 (s). FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3061, 2926, 2855, 1687, 1602, 1481, 1439, 1253, 1208, 1162. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  363.0643, found 363.0645.



**2j:** yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.91-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.06 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.00 (m, 2H), 3.03 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.05-1.96 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.3, 165.3 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 253.1$  Hz), 135.6, 132.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.0$  Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 9.2$  Hz), 128.8, 128.5, 125.6, 115.2 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 21.7$  Hz), 36.3, 32.6, 22.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -105.3 (s). FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3060, 2926, 2855, 1684, 1596, 1505, 1480, 1225, 1156. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{FO}_2\text{SNa}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  297.0725, found 297.0734.

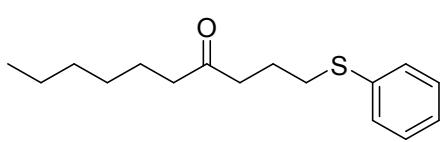


**2k:** yellow solid, m.p. 35-36 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 1H), 3.10 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.12-2.04 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.9, 135.5, 135.0, 131.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 127.8, 125.6, 36.4, 32.6, 22.8. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3054, 2918, 2849, 1676, 1583, 1479, 1315, 1194. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrOSNa}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  356.9925, found 356.9921.

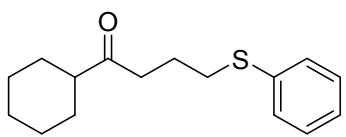


**2l:** yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.96 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H),

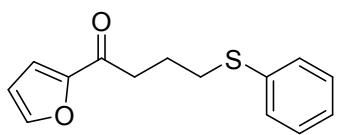
7.23-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 1H), 3.10 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.98 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.08-1.99 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.9, 138.9 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 1.0$  Hz), 135.4, 133.9 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.5$  Hz), 128.8, 128.5, 127.9, 125.7, 125.2 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.6$  Hz), 123.1 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 271.0$  Hz), 36.7, 32.5, 22.7;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -63.1 (s). FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3062, 2960, 2853, 1683, 1581, 1481, 1365, 1326. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{OSNa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  347.0693, found 347.0695.



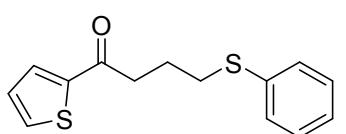
**2m:** yellow solid, m.p. 33-34 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.07 (m, 1H), 2.87 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.49 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.88-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.23-1.19 (m, 6H), 0.81 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  210.0, 135.7, 128.7, 128.4, 125.5, 42.5, 40.4, 32.5, 31.1, 28.4, 23.3, 22.5, 22.0, 13.6. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3057, 2927, 2870, 1698, 1583, 1479, 1381, 1230. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{OSNa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  287.1446, found 287.1440.



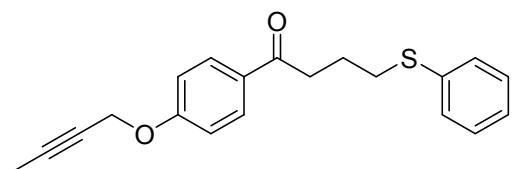
**2n:** yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28-7.24 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.07 (m, 1H), 2.86 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.27-2.20 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.66 (m, 4H), 1.62-1.54 (m, 1H), 1.30-1.12 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  212.9, 135.8, 128.7, 128.4, 125.5, 50.4, 38.3, 32.6, 28.0, 25.4, 25.2, 22.4. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3058, 2926, 2852, 1704, 1584, 1480, 1406, 1290. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{OSNa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  285.1289, found 285.1282.



**2o:** yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.57 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.52 (dd,  $J = 3.6, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.02 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.11-2.03 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  188.1, 152.2, 145.8, 135.6, 128.8, 128.4, 125.5, 116.5, 111.7, 36.4, 32.6, 22.9. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3131, 2924, 2852, 1671, 1568, 1467, 1394, 1251. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{SNa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  269.0612, found 269.0595.

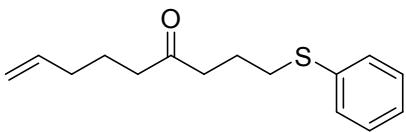


**2p:** yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62 (dd,  $J = 4.0, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd,  $J = 4.8, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.07 (m, 1H), 7.04 (dd,  $J = 4.8, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.01 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.06-1.98 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.9, 143.7, 135.6, 133.1, 131.4, 128.8, 128.5, 127.6, 125.6, 37.2, 32.6, 23.3. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3075, 2924, 2855, 1656, 1582, 1518, 1414, 1234. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{OS}_2\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  285.0384, found 285.0373.

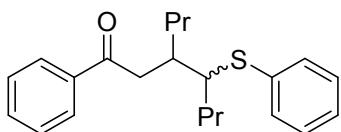


**2q:** yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.01-6.97 (m, 2H),

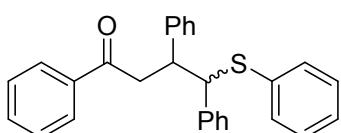
4.71 (q,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.12-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.87 (t,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.5, 161.1, 135.7, 129.9, 129.7, 128.7, 128.4, 125.5, 114.1, 84.0, 72.8, 56.1, 36.2, 32.7, 23.1, 3.2. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3058, 2921, 2853, 1674, 1599, 1508, 1480, 1439, 1309, 1223. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  325.1262, found 325.1268.



**2r:** yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 1H), 5.80-5.70 (m, 1H), 5.04-4.94 (m, 2H), 2.94 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.56 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.39 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.04 (dd,  $J = 14.4$ , 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.95-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.62 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  209.6, 137.5, 135.7, 128.8, 128.4, 125.5, 114.8, 41.5, 40.5, 32.6, 32.5, 22.5, 22.3. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3075, 2919, 2850, 1710, 1640, 1584, 1481, 1439, 1371, 1302. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{OS}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  249.1313, found 249.1301.

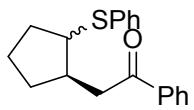


**2s** ( $dr = 1.2:1$ ): yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95-7.88 (m, 4H, two isomers), 7.57-7.49 (m, 2H, two isomers), 7.46-7.34 (m, 6H, two isomers), 7.32-7.27 (m, 2H, two isomers), 7.25-7.07 (m, 6H, two isomers), 3.48 (dd,  $J = 16.8$ , 6.4 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 3.35-3.31 (m, 1H, one isomer), 3.29-3.25 (m, 1H, one isomer), 3.06 (dd,  $J = 16.8$ , 7.2 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 2.99 (dd,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 5.6 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 2.79 (dd,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 2.55-2.44 (m, 2H, two isomers), 1.72-1.37 (m, 16H, two isomers), 0.95-0.82 (m, 12H, two isomers);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  200.0 & 199.4 (two isomers), 136.8 & 136.7 (two isomers), 136.1 & 136.0 (two isomers), 132.5 & 132.4 (two isomers), 130.7 & 130.6 (two isomers), 128.4 & 128.3 (two isomers), 128.1 & 128.0 (two isomers), 127.6 & 127.6 (two isomers), 125.9 & 125.8 (two isomers), 52.7 & 52.4 (two isomers), 39.9 & 39.7 (two isomers), 37.2 & 37.1 (two isomers), 34.5 & 33.7 (two isomers), 33.6 & 32.2 (two isomers), 20.7 & 20.4 (two isomers), 20.3 & 20.1 (two isomers), 13.7 & 13.7 (two isomers), 13.5 & 13.4 (two isomers). FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3059, 2956, 2926, 2855, 1683, 1581, 1478, 1363, 1286. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{OSNa}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  363.1759, found 363.1749.

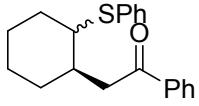


**2t** ( $dr = 1.3:1$ ): yellow solid, m.p. 90-92 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95-7.91 (m, 2H, two isomers), 7.82-7.77 (m, 2H, two isomers), 7.58-7.49 (m, 2H, two isomers), 7.48-7.43 (m, 2H, two isomers), 7.42-7.32 (m, 2H, two isomers), 7.27-7.17 (m, 14H, two isomers), 7.15-7.05 (m, 16H, two isomers), 4.58 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H, one isomer), 4.56 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H, one isomer), 4.07 (ddd,  $J = 8.4$ , 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 4.00 (ddd,  $J = 8.4$ , 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 3.93 (dd,  $J = 17.2$ , 5.2 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 3.55 (dd,  $J = 17.2$ , 9.2 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 3.49 (dd,  $J = 16.8$ , 5.2 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 3.40 (dd,  $J = 17.2$ , 8.8 Hz, 1H, one isomer);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.9 & 197.8 (two isomers), 140.7 & 140.5 (two isomers), 140.1, & 139.8 (two isomers), 136.6 & 136.5 (two isomers), 134.6 & 134.6 (two isomers), 132.5 & 132.5 (two isomers), 131.7 & 131.4 (two isomers), 128.3 & 128.2 (two isomers), 128.2 & 128.2 (two isomers), 128.1 & 128.1 (two isomers), 128.1 & 128.0 (two isomers), 127.7 & 127.7 (two isomers), 127.6 & 127.5 (two isomers), 127.4 & 127.3 (two isomers),

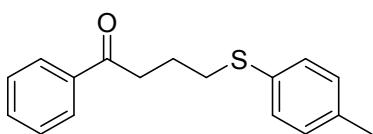
126.8 & 126.6 (two isomers), 126.5 & 126.4 (two isomers), 126.4 & 126.1 (two isomers), 59.1 & 58.8 (two isomers), 46.4 & 45.9 (two isomers), 42.5 & 42.1 (two isomers). FT-IR:  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3029, 2918, 2851, 1677, 1602, 1561, 1449, 1367. HRMS [ESI] calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub>OSNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 431.1446, found 431.1436.



**2u** (*dr* = 1.2:1): colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95-7.90 (m, 2H, two isomers), 7.90-7.85 (m, 2H, two isomers), 7.58-7.50 (m, 2H, two isomers), 7.47-7.38 (m, 6H, two isomers), 7.36-7.32 (m, 2H, two isomers), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H, two isomers), 7.25-7.18 (m, 3H, two isomers), 7.14-7.08 (m, 1H, one isomer), 3.90 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 3.42 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 2.95 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 10.0 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 2.88-2.78 (m, 1H, one isomer), 2.42-2.31 (m, 1H, one isomer), 2.22-2.17 (m, 1H, one isomer), 2.13-2.07 (m, 2H, two isomers), 1.94-1.78 (m, 3H, two isomers), 1.74-1.63 (m, 4H, two isomers), 1.31-1.26 (m, 2H, two isomers); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.2 & 199.0 (two isomers), 136.6 & 136.5 (two isomers), 136.0 & 135.6 (two isomers), 132.5 & 132.4 (two isomers), 130.6 & 129.7 (two isomers), 128.4 & 128.4 (two isomers), 128.1 & 128.0 (two isomers), 127.7 & 127.6 (two isomers), 126.0 & 125.6 (two isomers), 51.8 & 51.2 (two isomers), 42.8 & 41.8 (two isomers), 39.5 & 39.1 (two isomers), 33.4 & 32.2 (two isomers), 31.1 & 29.6 (two isomers), 22.8 & 21.4 (two isomers). FT-IR:  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3017, 2926, 2855, 1681, 1598, 1452, 1276. HRMS [ESI] calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OSNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 319.1133, found 319.1146.

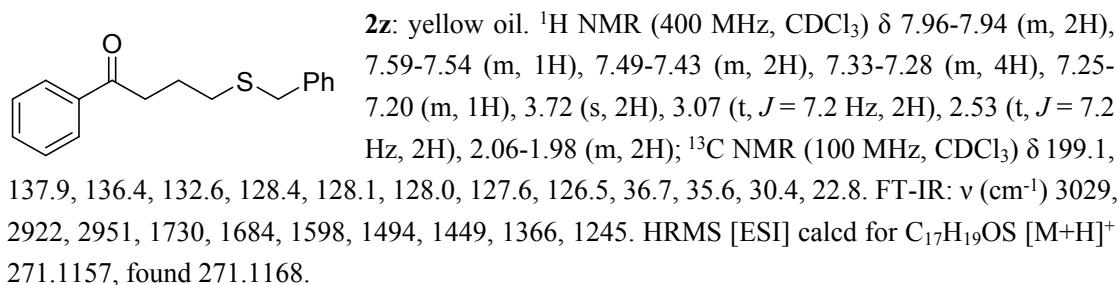
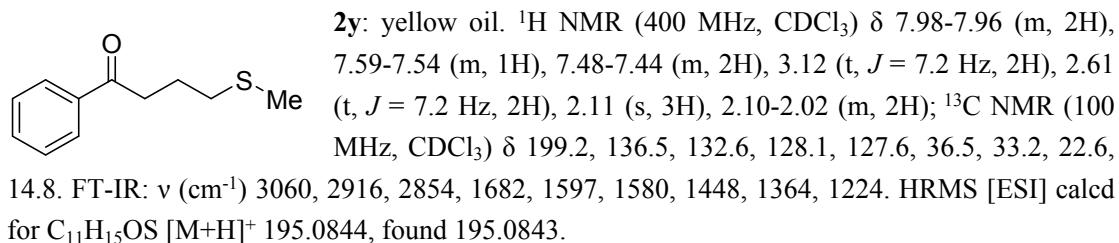
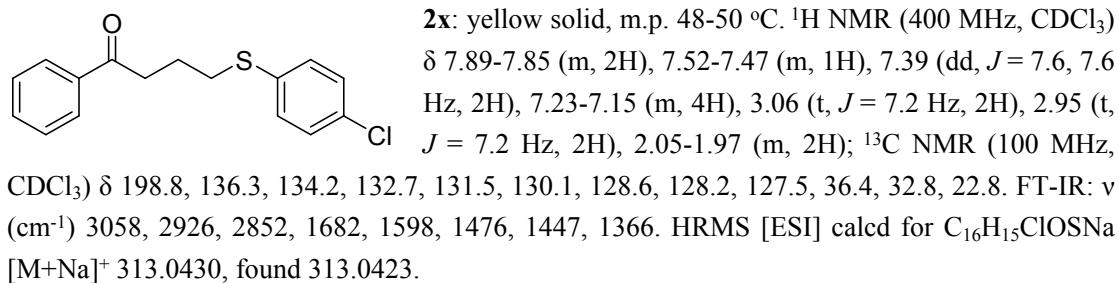


**2v** (*dr* = 1:1): yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99-7.94 (m, 2H, two isomers), 7.92-7.88 (m, 2H, two isomers), 7.58-7.50 (m, 2H, two isomers), 7.48-7.38 (m, 6H, two isomers), 7.35-7.16 (m, 7H, two isomers), 7.14-7.08 (m, 1H, one isomer), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 3.65 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 3.37 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 2.95 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 2.89 (ddd, *J* = 11.2, 11.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 2.80 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H, one isomer), 2.62-2.53 (m, 1H, one isomer), 2.20-2.08 (m, 2H, two isomers), 1.97-1.60 (m, 7H, two isomers), 1.55-1.35 (m, 5H, two isomers), 1.34-1.05 (m, 3H, two isomers); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.4 & 199.3 (two isomers), 136.8 & 136.8 (two isomers), 135.6 & 134.4 (two isomers), 132.4 & 132.4 (two isomers), 131.9 & 130.8 (two isomers), 128.4 & 128.4 (two isomers), 128.1 & 128.0 (two isomers), 127.7 & 127.6 (two isomers), 126.4 & 125.9 (two isomers), 52.4 & 51.3 (two isomers), 43.5 & 38.5 (two isomers), 36.3 & 34.2 (two isomers), 32.7 & 30.8 (two isomers), 28.2 & 28.2 (two isomers), 26.1 & 25.0 (two isomers), 24.2 & 21.5 (two isomers). FT-IR:  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3058, 2925, 2853, 1682, 1581, 1447, 1403, 1249. HRMS [ESI] calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OSNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 333.1289, found 333.1278.

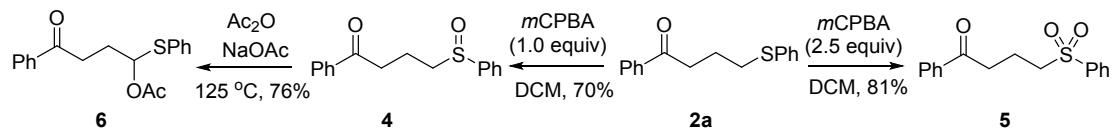


**2w**: yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.13 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.10-2.02 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 199.0, 136.4, 135.7, 132.6, 131.8, 129.7, 129.2, 128.1, 127.6, 36.5, 33.4, 23.0, 20.5. FT-IR: ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3058, 3022, 2922, 1683, 1597, 1492, 1448, 1223. HRMS [ESI] calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>OSNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 293.0976, found 293.0981.



### Preparation of the compound 4, 5, and 6:

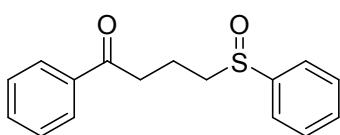


To a solution of **2a** (100 mg, 0.39 mmol) in DCM (10 mL) was added dropwise *m*CPBA (75wt%, 90 mg, 0.39 mmol) at 0°C. After the mixture was stirred for 1 h, aqueous sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (10 mL) was slowly added. The mixture was extracted with DCM (10 mL×3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried and concentrated to give a crude residue, which was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EA/PE = 1:1) to afford the product **4** (74 mg, 70%).

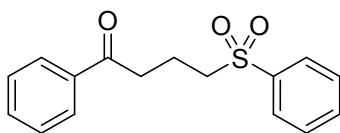
To a solution of **2a** (100 g, 0.39 mmol) in DCM (30 mL) was added dropwise *m*CPBA (75wt%, 225 mg, 0.98 mmol) at 0°C. After the mixture was stirred for 1 h, aqueous sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (10 mL) was slowly added. The mixture was extracted with DCM (10 mL×3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried and concentrated to give a crude

residue, which was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EA/PE = 1:2) to afford the product **5** (91mg, 81%).

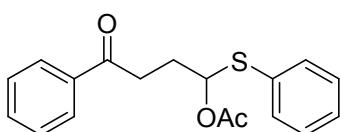
$\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  (1.0 mL) and  $\text{NaOAc}$  (90 mg, 1.1 mmol) was added to a flask, which was loaded with the compound **4** (30 mg, 0.11 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to 125 °C and stirred for 12 h. After being cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered and washed with DCM (5 mL $\times$ 3). The solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EA/PE = 1:6) to afford the product **6** (26 mg, 76%).



**4:** white solid, m.p. 75-77 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.92 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.42 (m, 6H), 3.16 (ddd,  $J$  = 6.8, 6.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.01-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.29-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.05 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  198.2, 143.2, 136.1, 132.8, 130.5, 128.8, 128.2, 127.5, 123.5, 55.7, 36.4, 16.5. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3035, 2925, 2859, 1678, 1592, 1456, 1351, 1282. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  295.0769, found 295.0765.

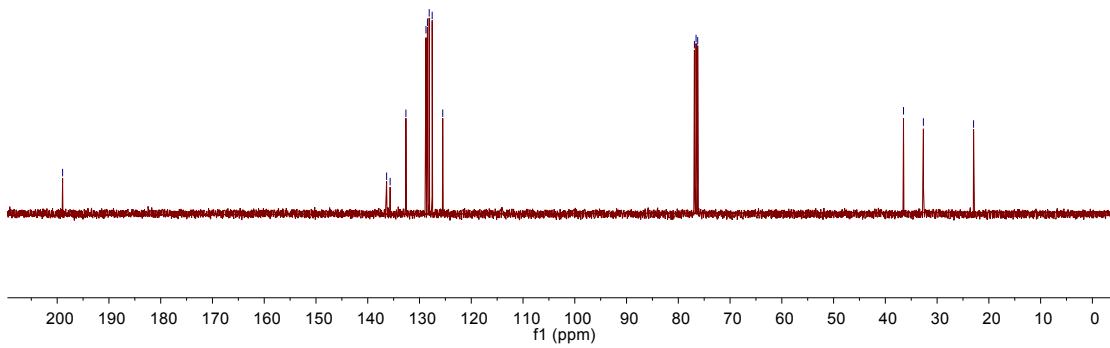
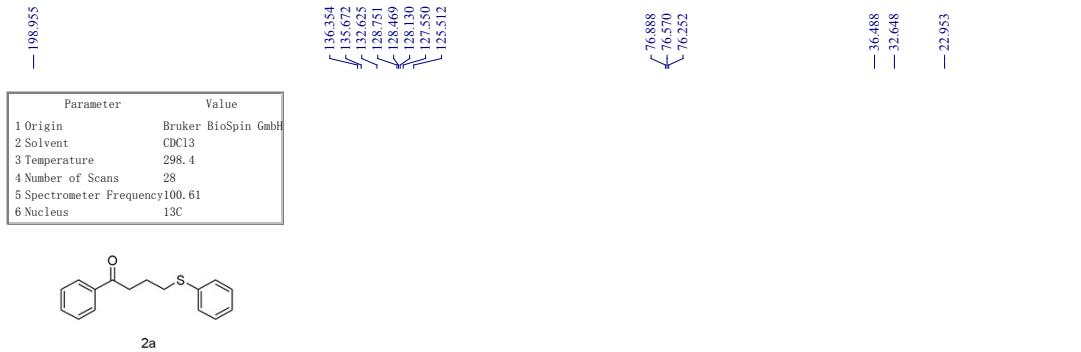
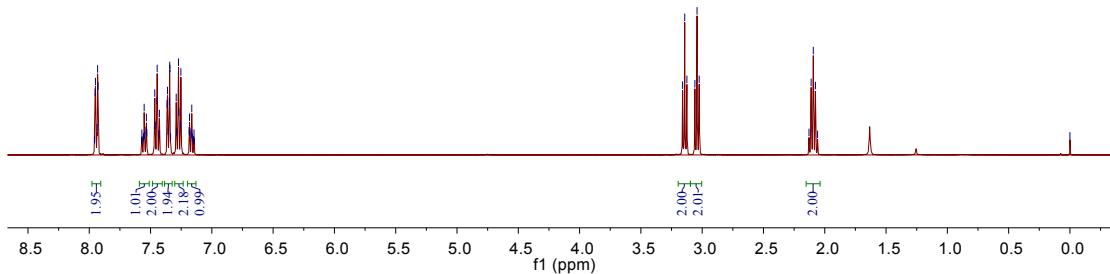
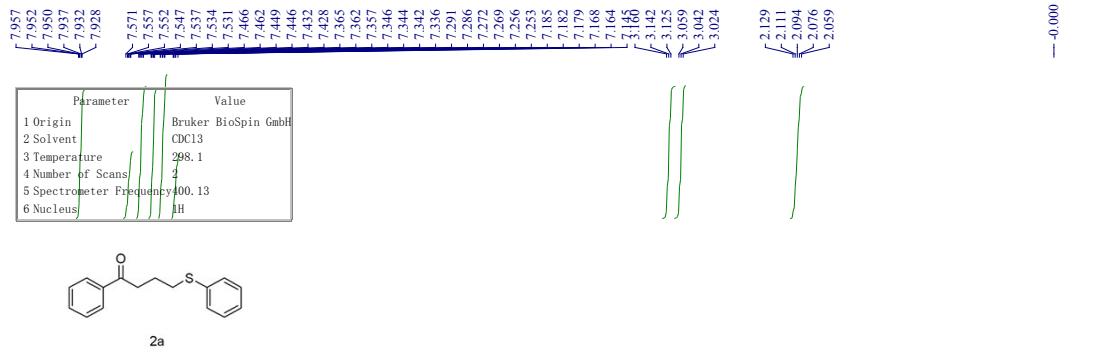


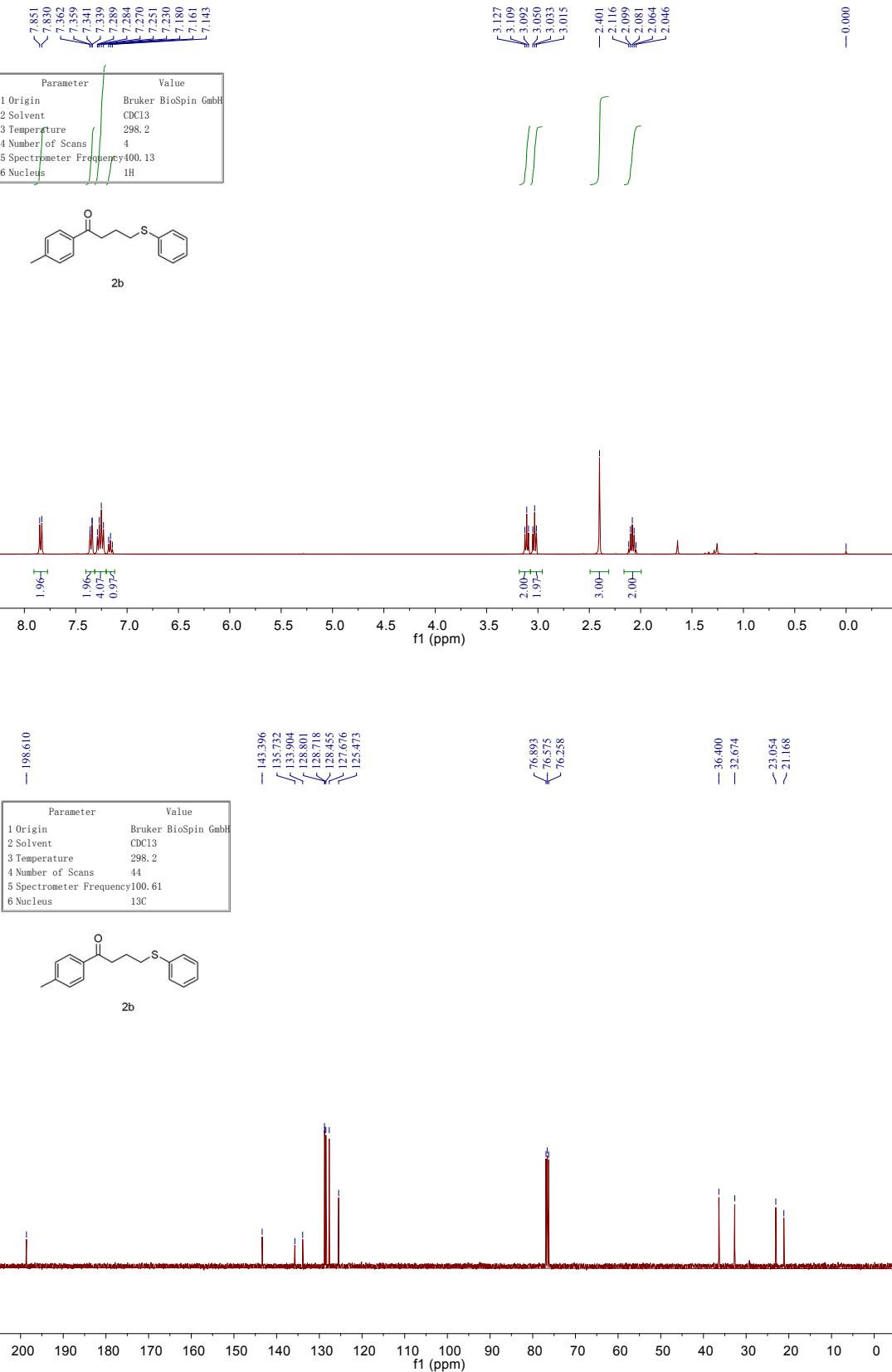
**5:** white solid, m.p. 83-85 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.94-7.89 (m, 4H), 7.68-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.44 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.21-2.12 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.9, 138.6, 135.9, 133.3, 132.9, 128.9, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 54.7, 35.8, 16.9. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3026, 2928, 2842, 1670, 1587, 1452, 1350, 1280. HRMS [ESI] calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  311.0718, found 311.0729.

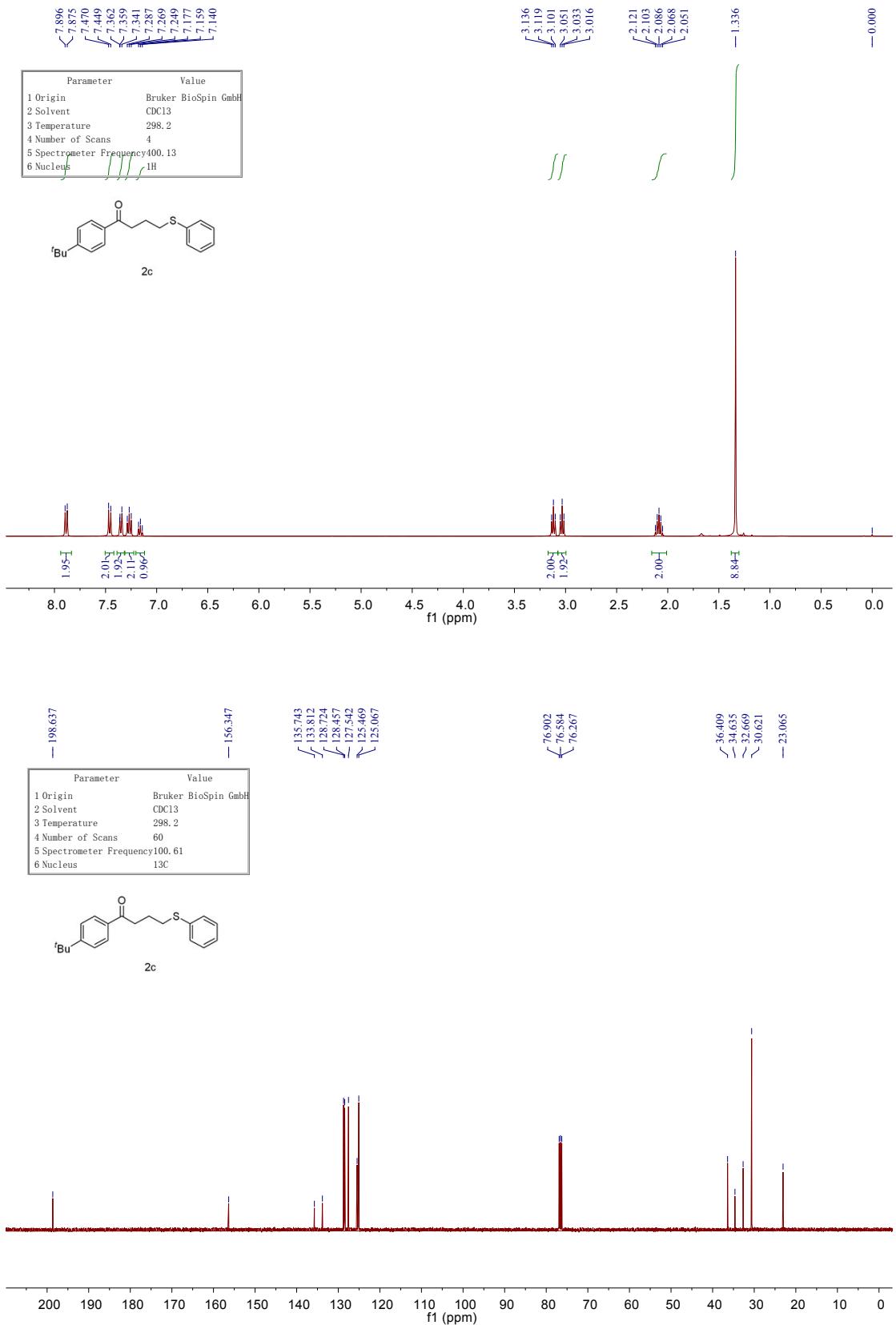


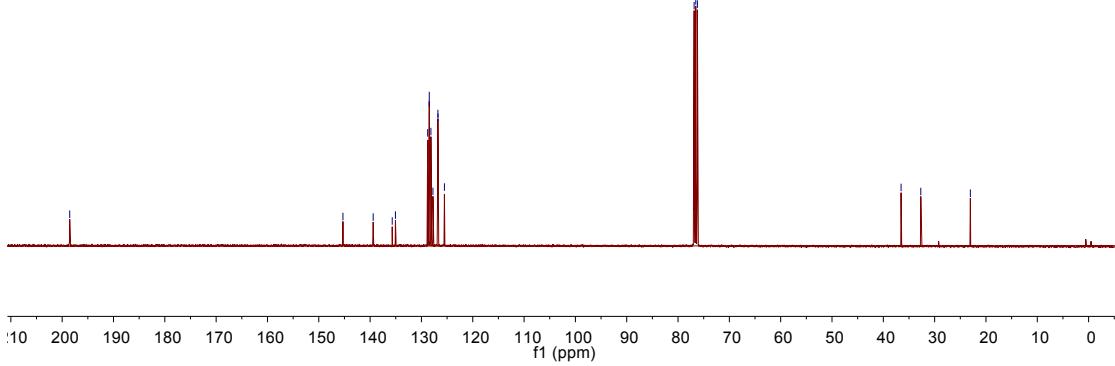
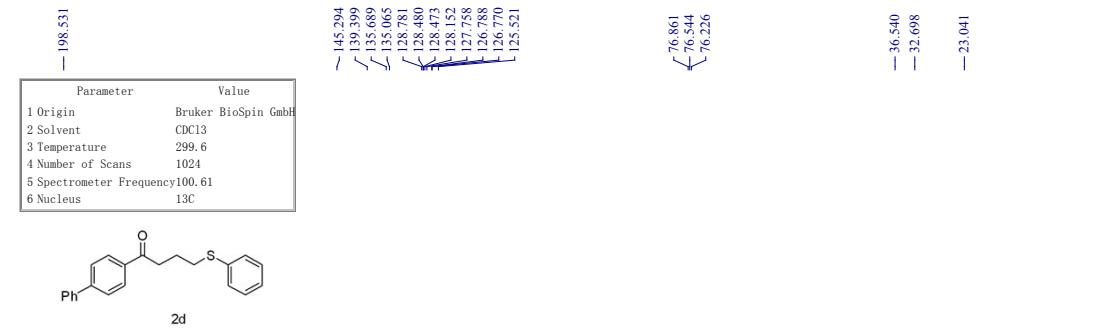
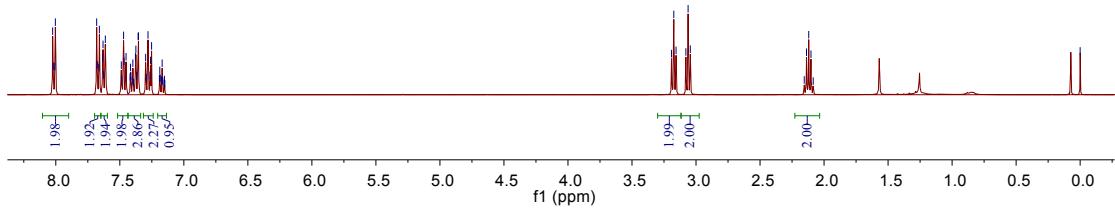
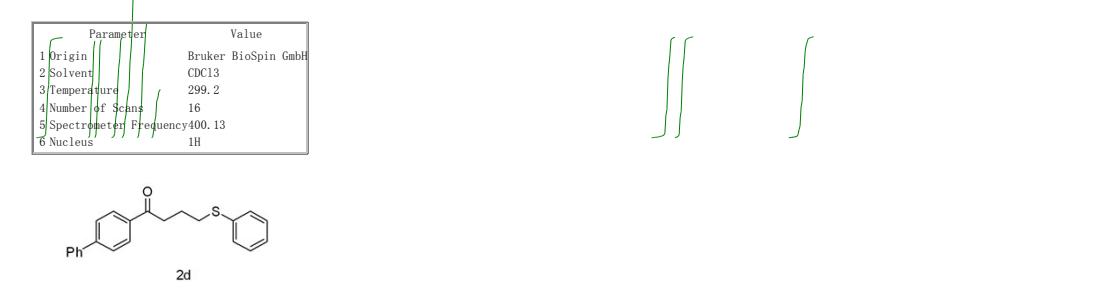
**6:** colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.94 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (dd,  $J$  = 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 3H), 6.21 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.16-3.10 (m, 2H), 2.28 (ddd,  $J$  = 14.8, 6.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.8, 169.2, 136.1, 133.4, 132.7, 130.7, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 79.3, 34.1, 28.5, 20.6. FT-IR:  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3046, 2949, 2837, 1682, 1590, 1456, 1353, 1280.

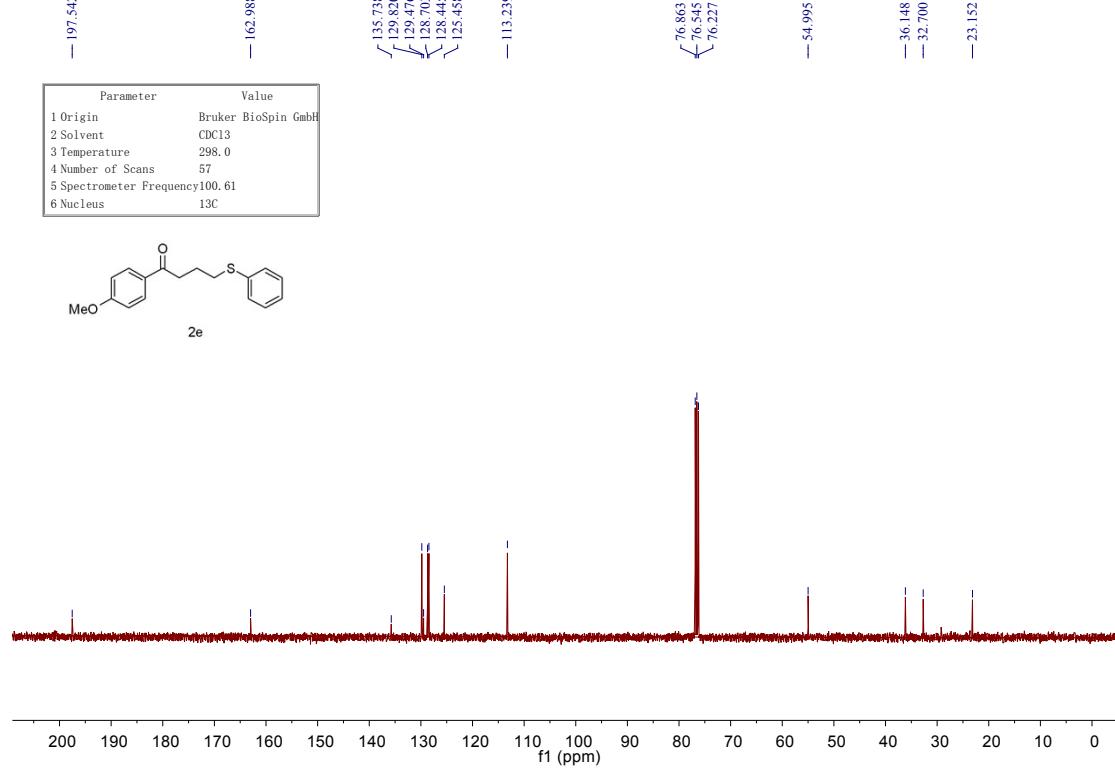
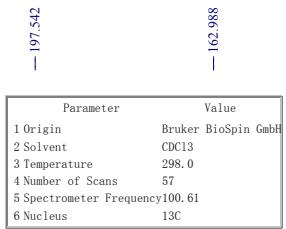
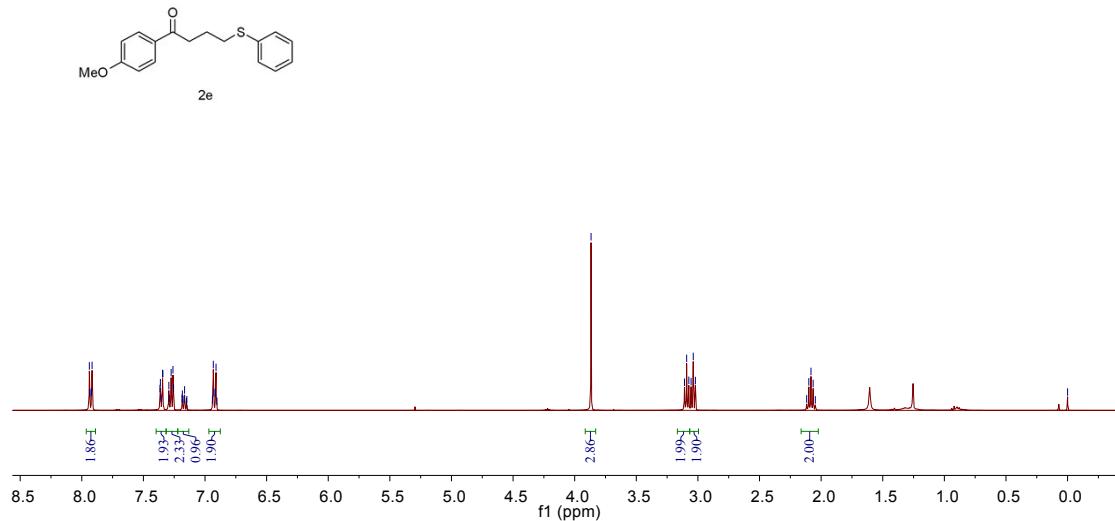
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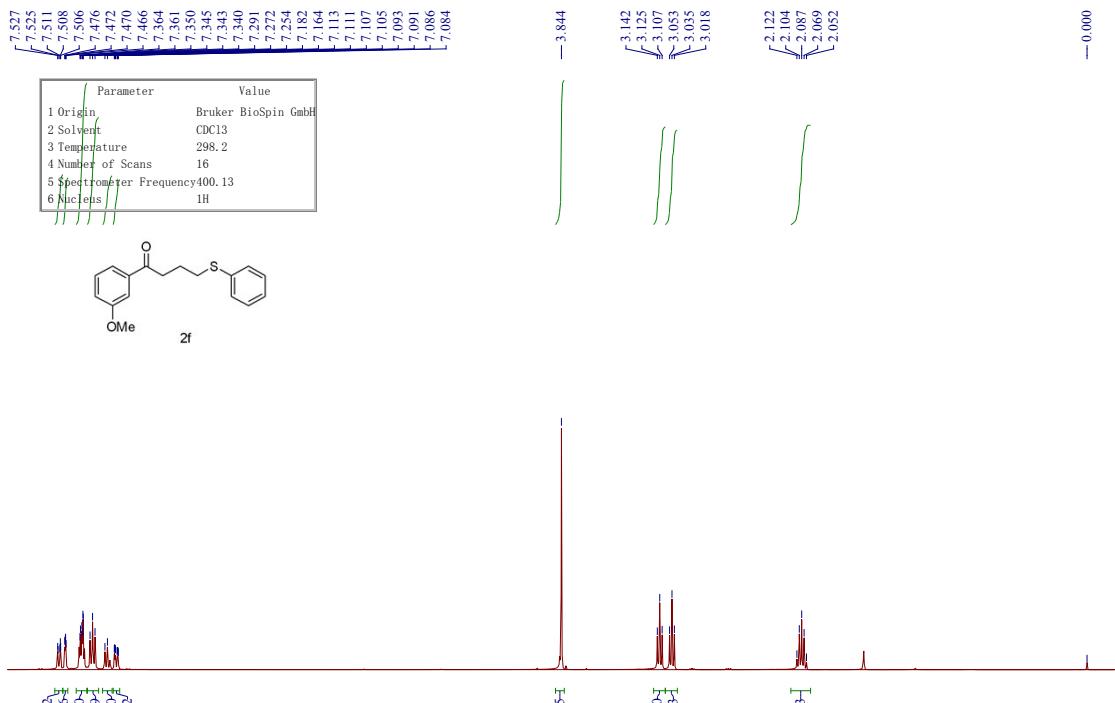


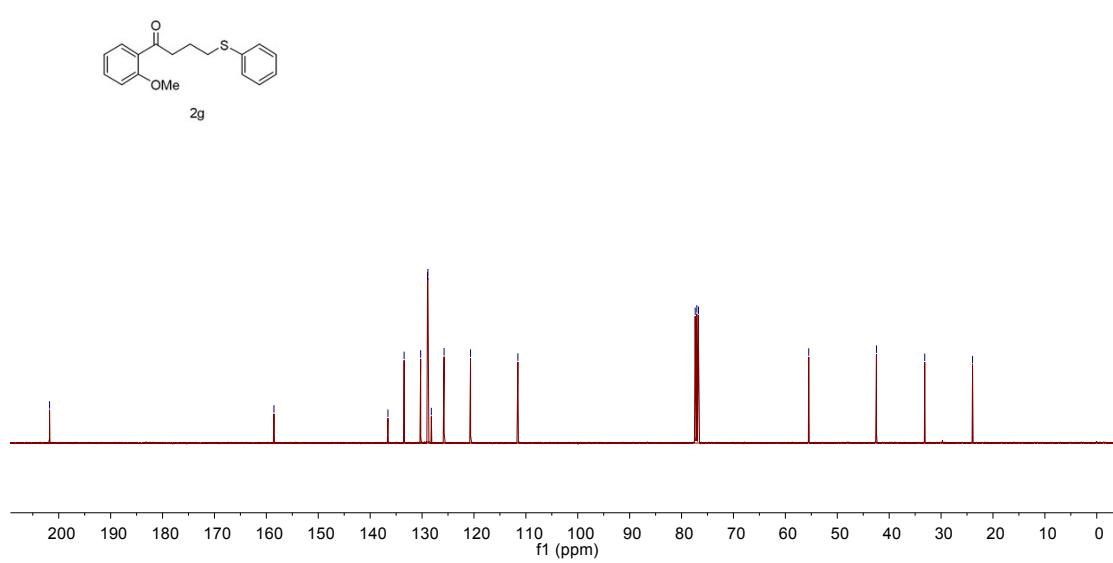
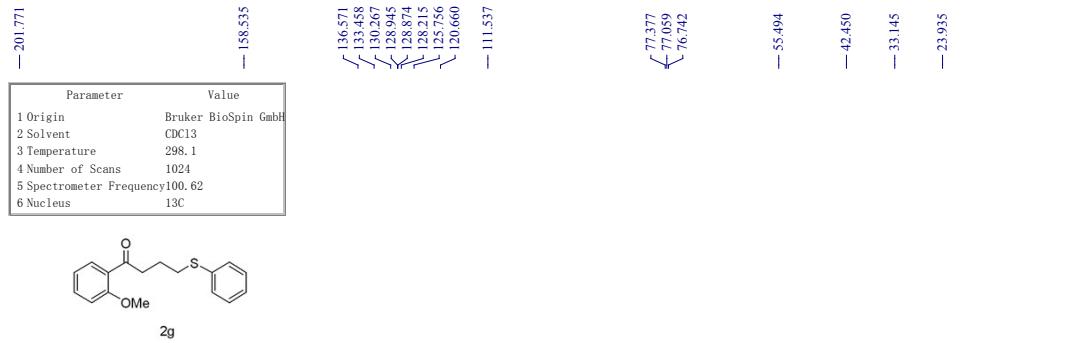
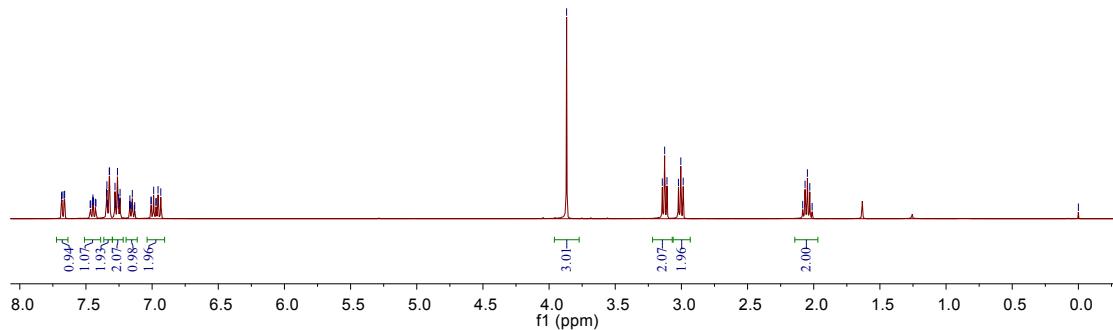
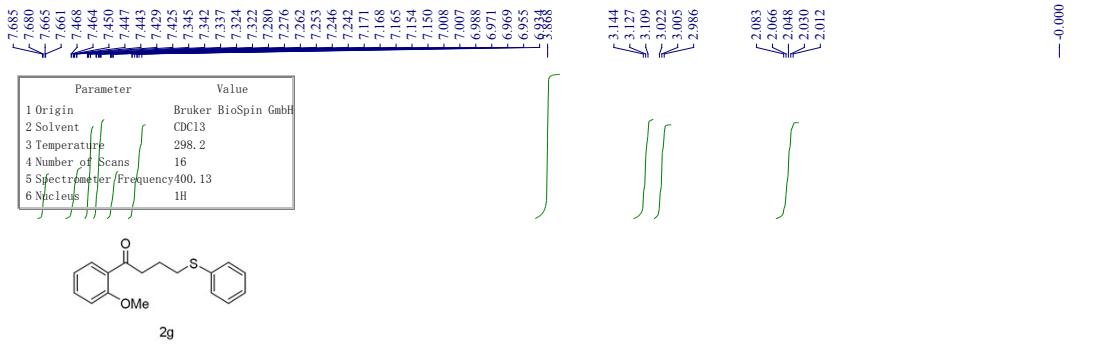


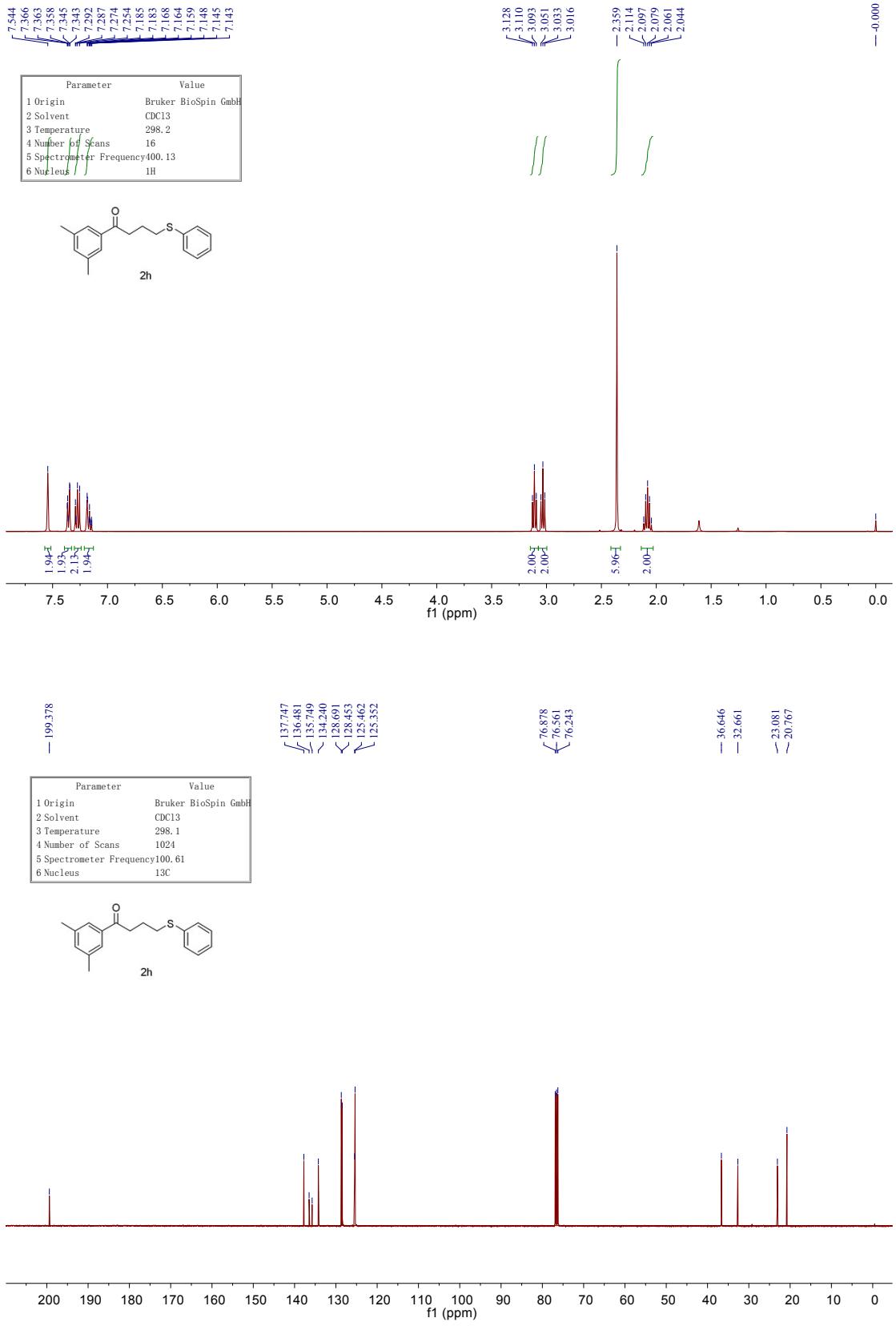


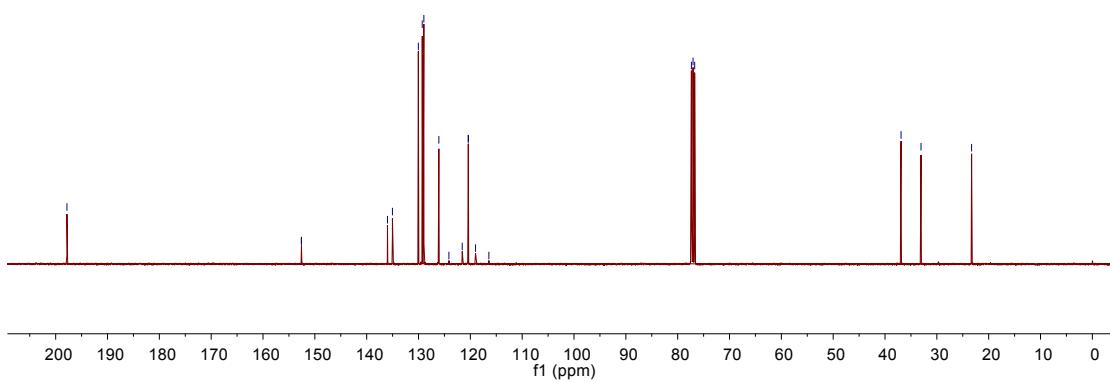
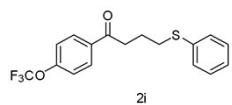
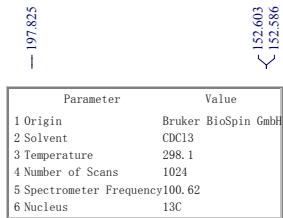
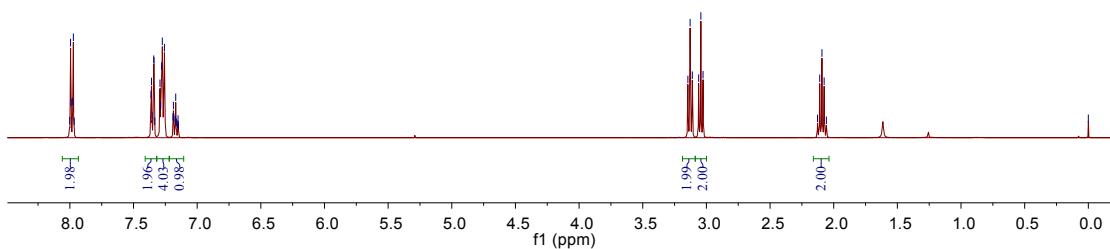
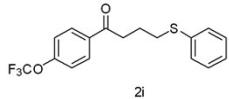


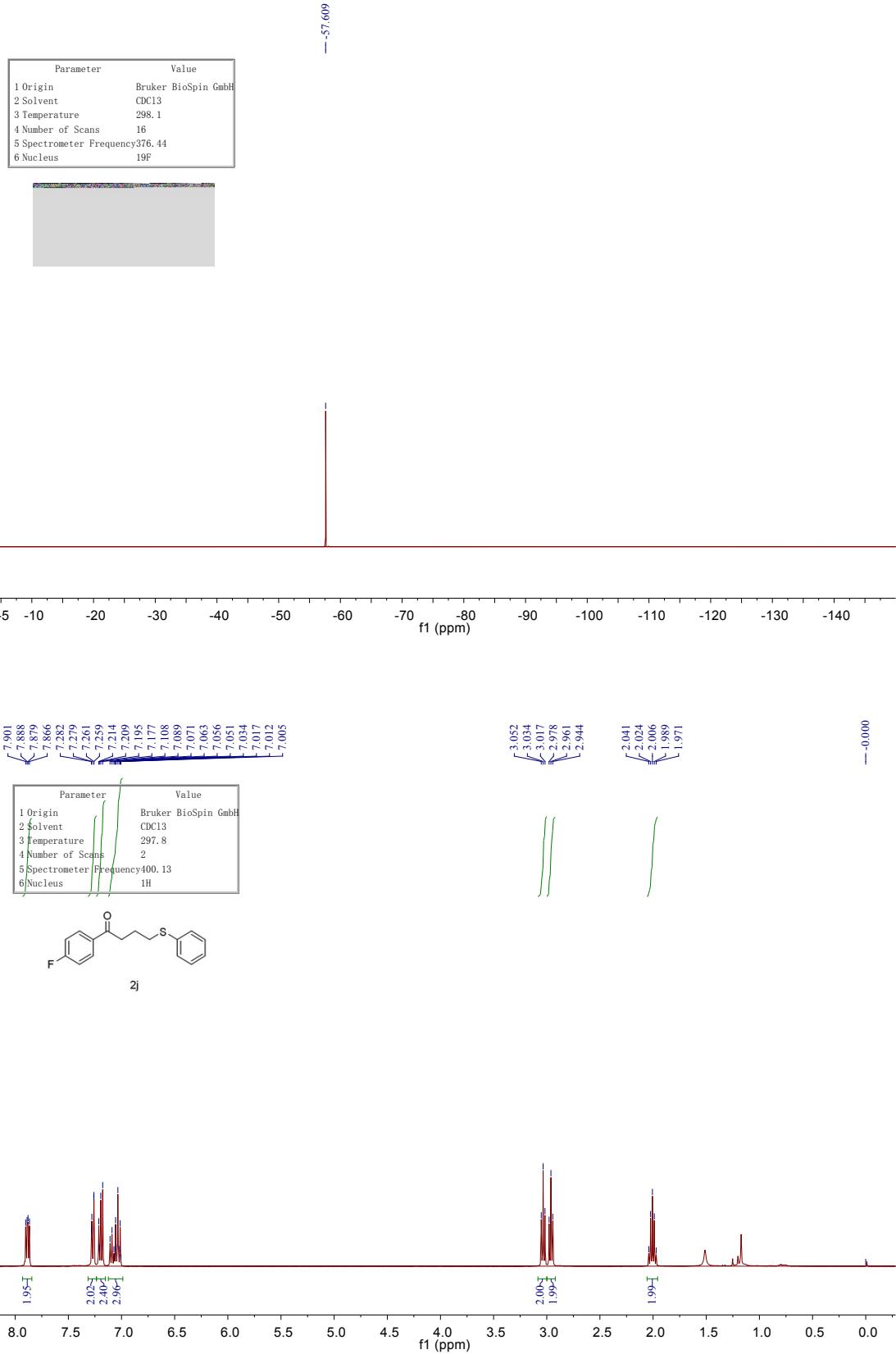


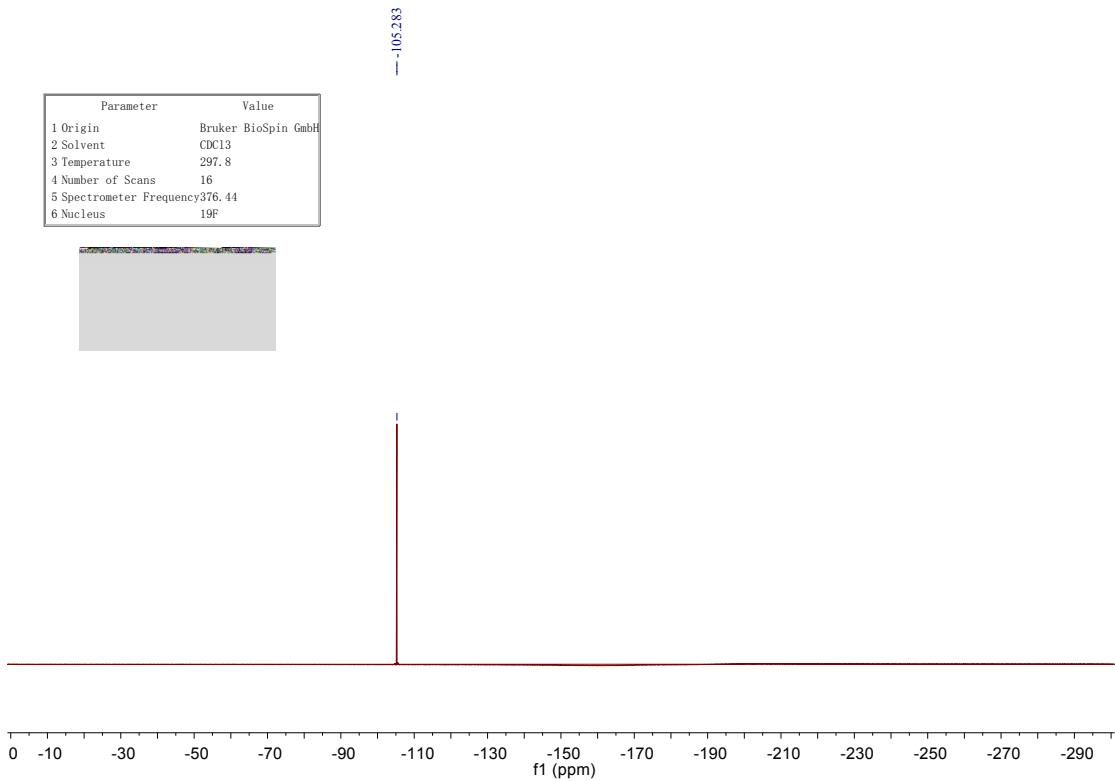
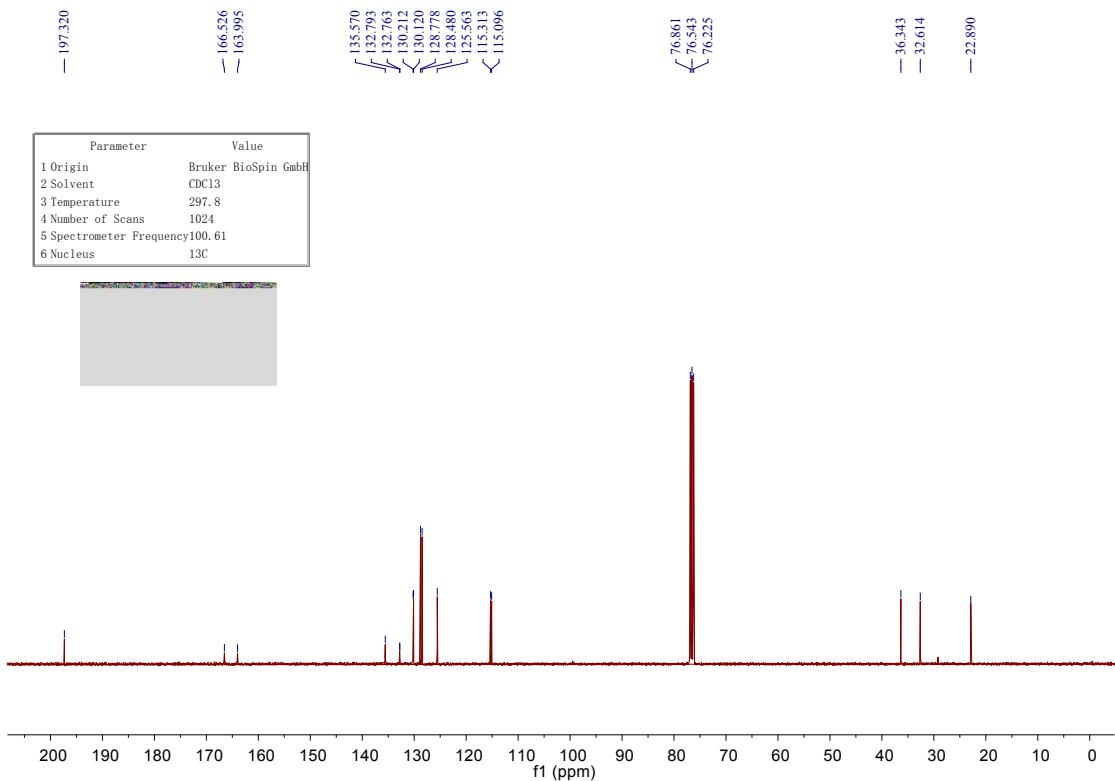


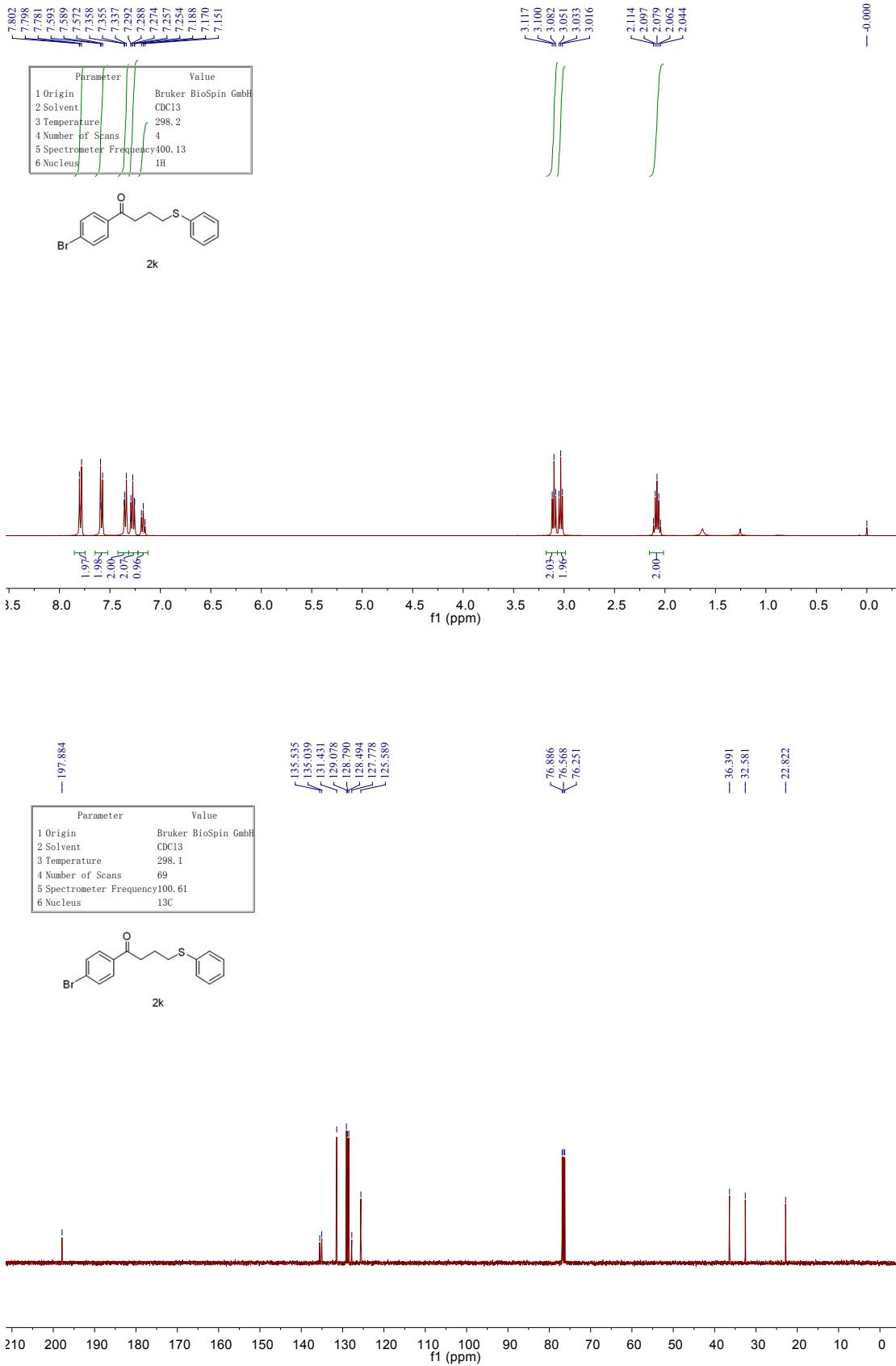


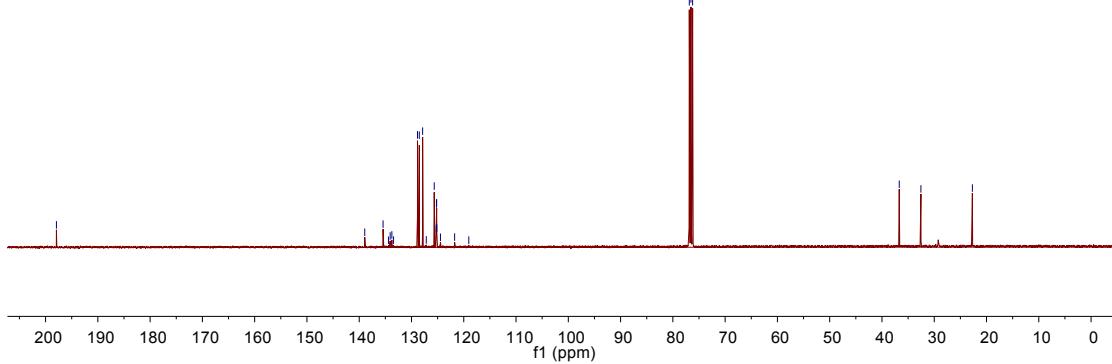
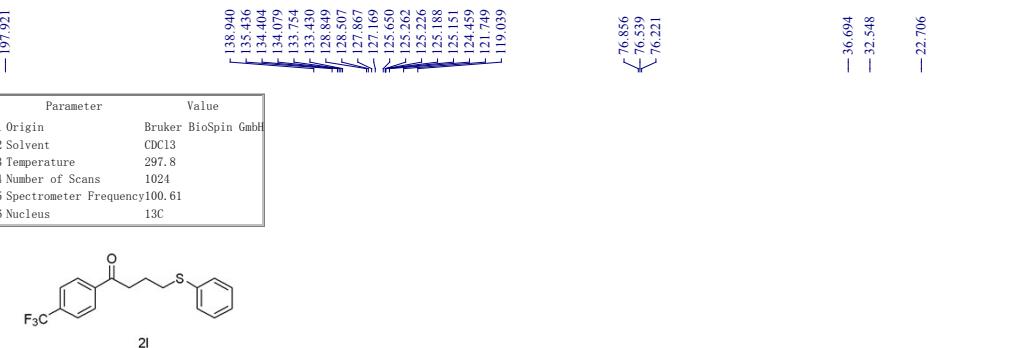
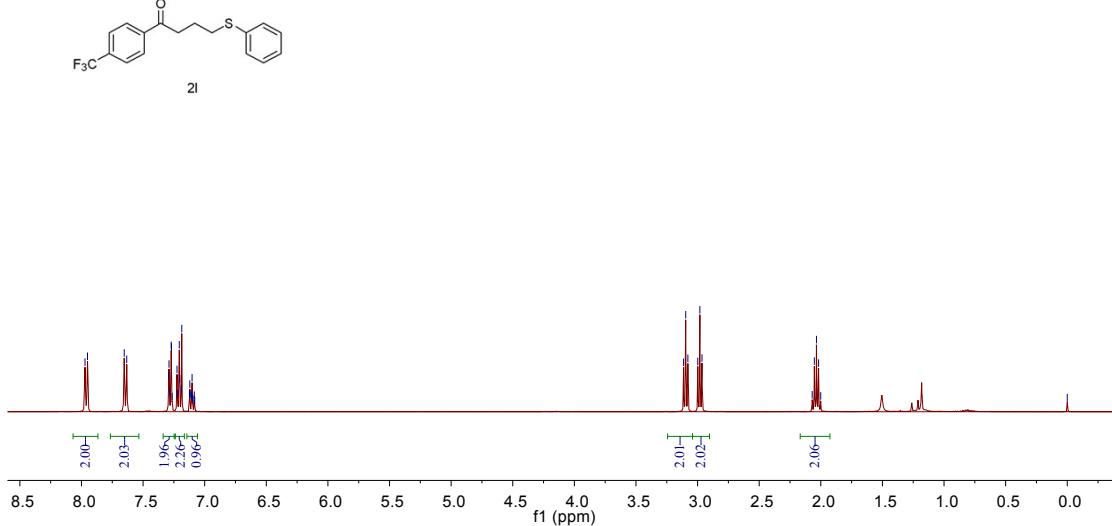
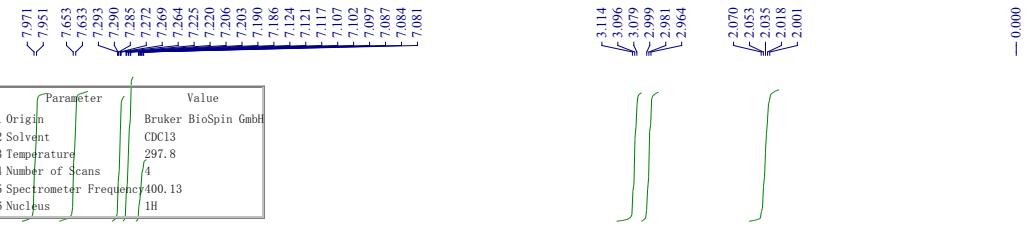


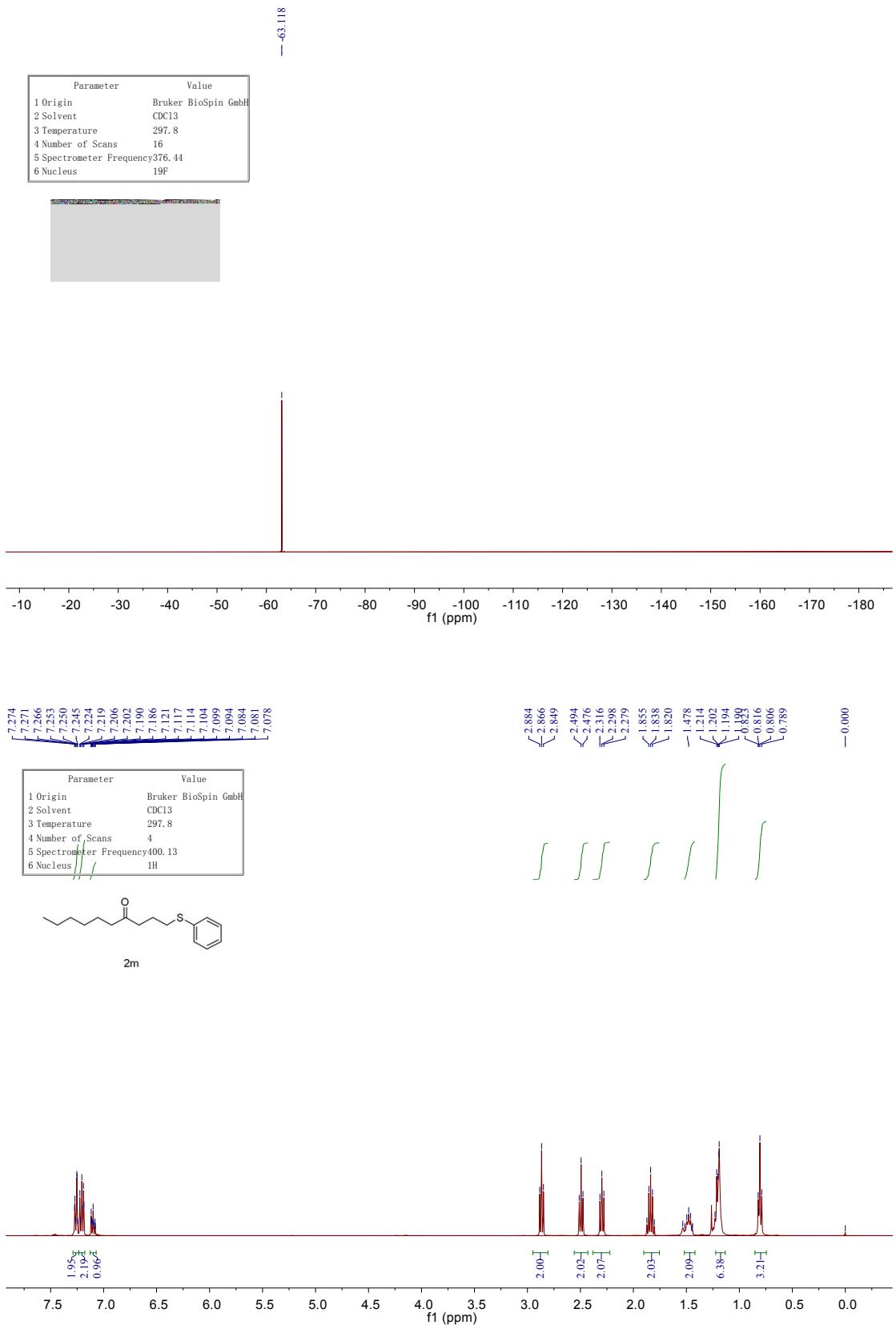


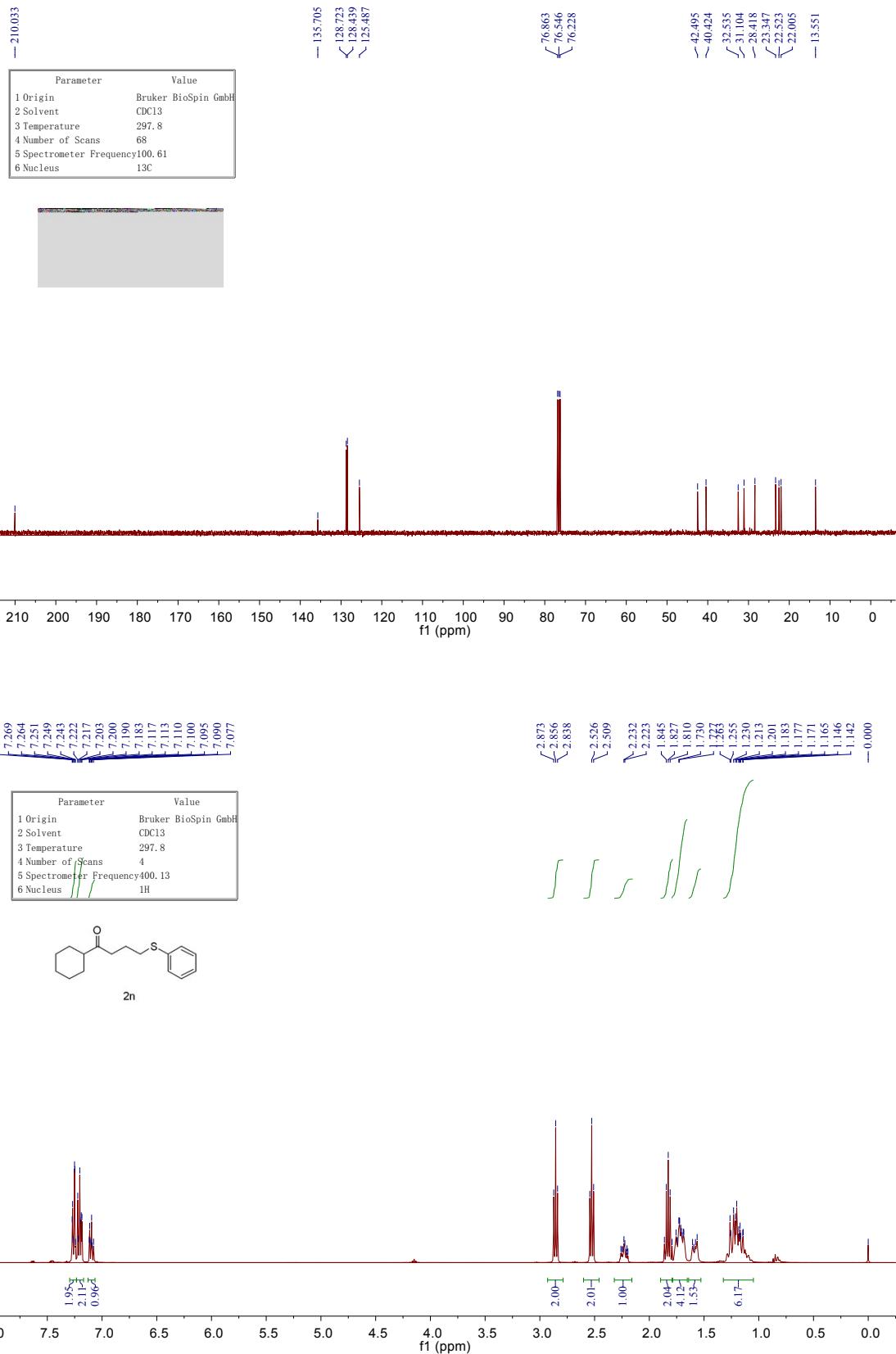


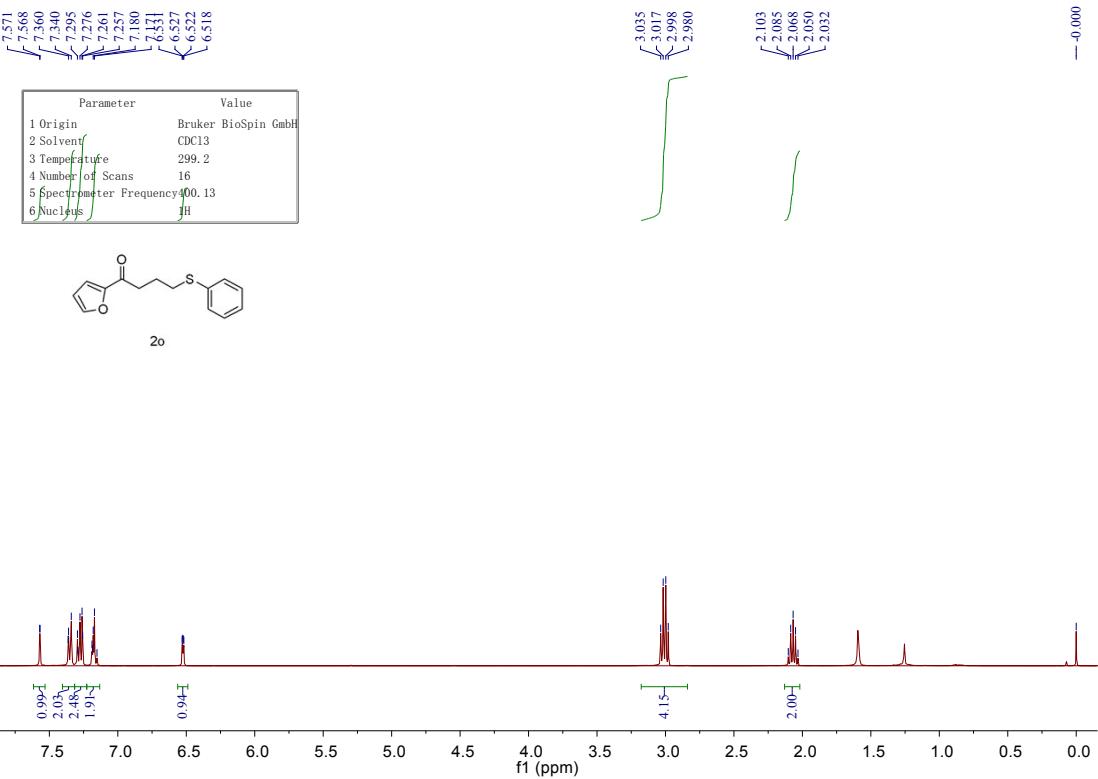
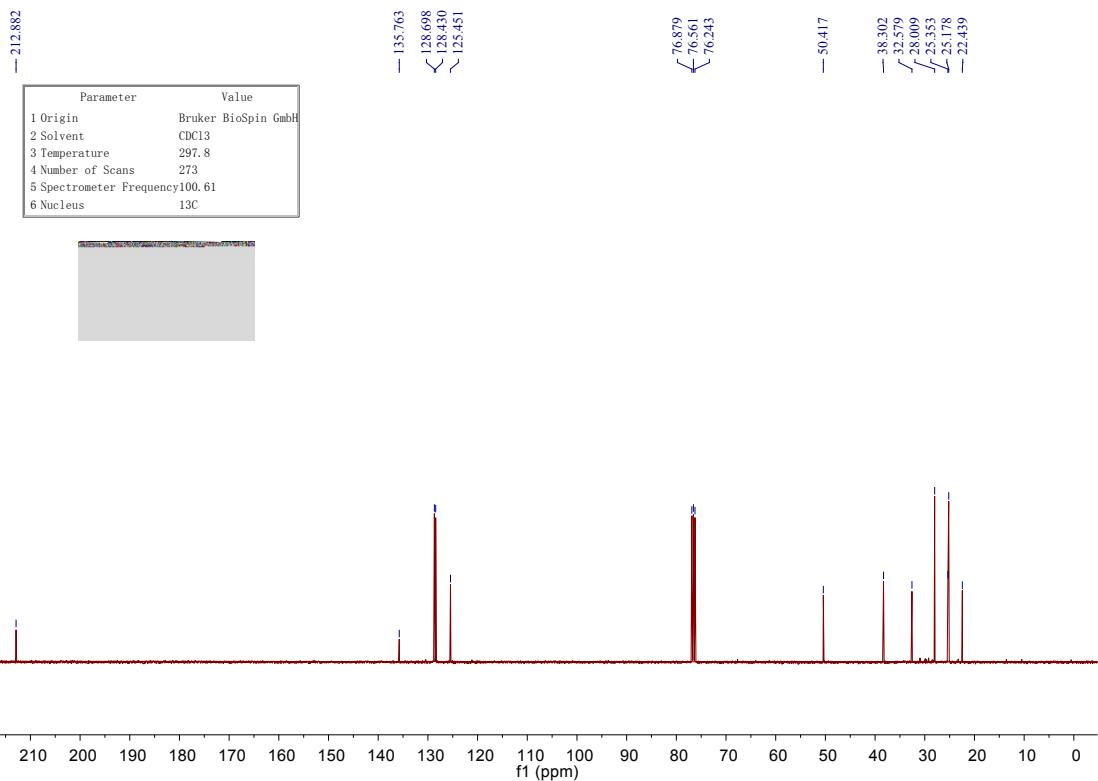


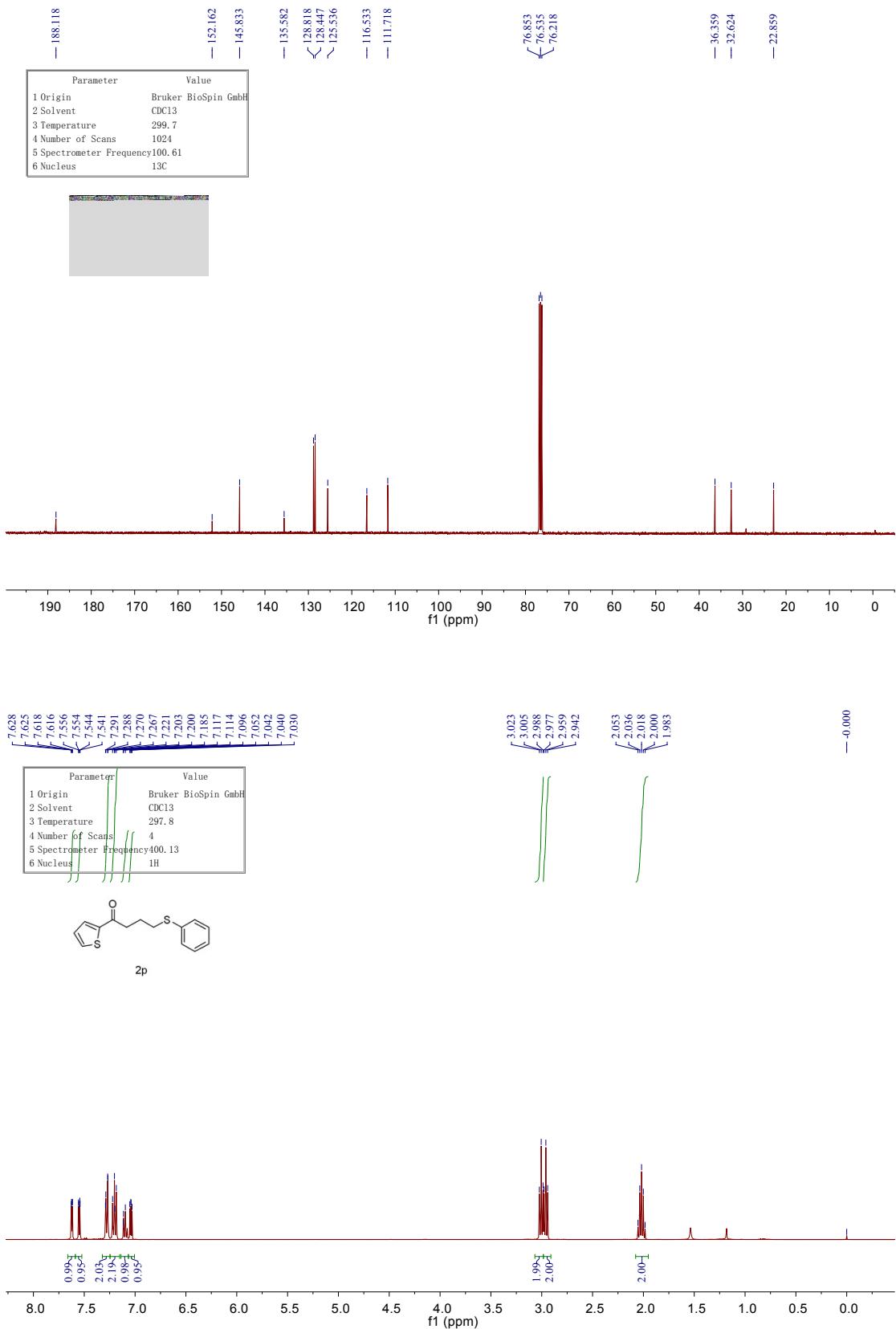


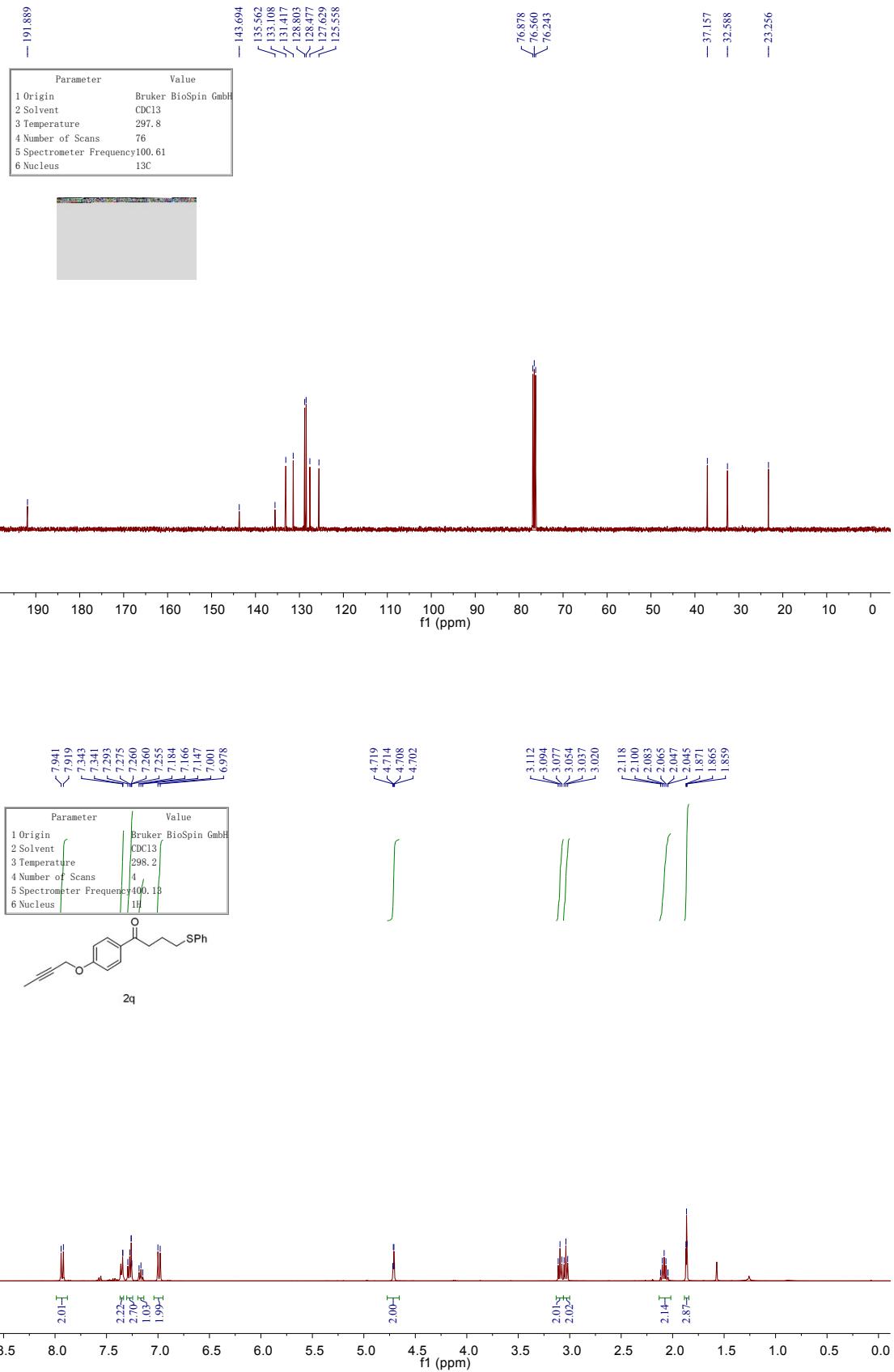


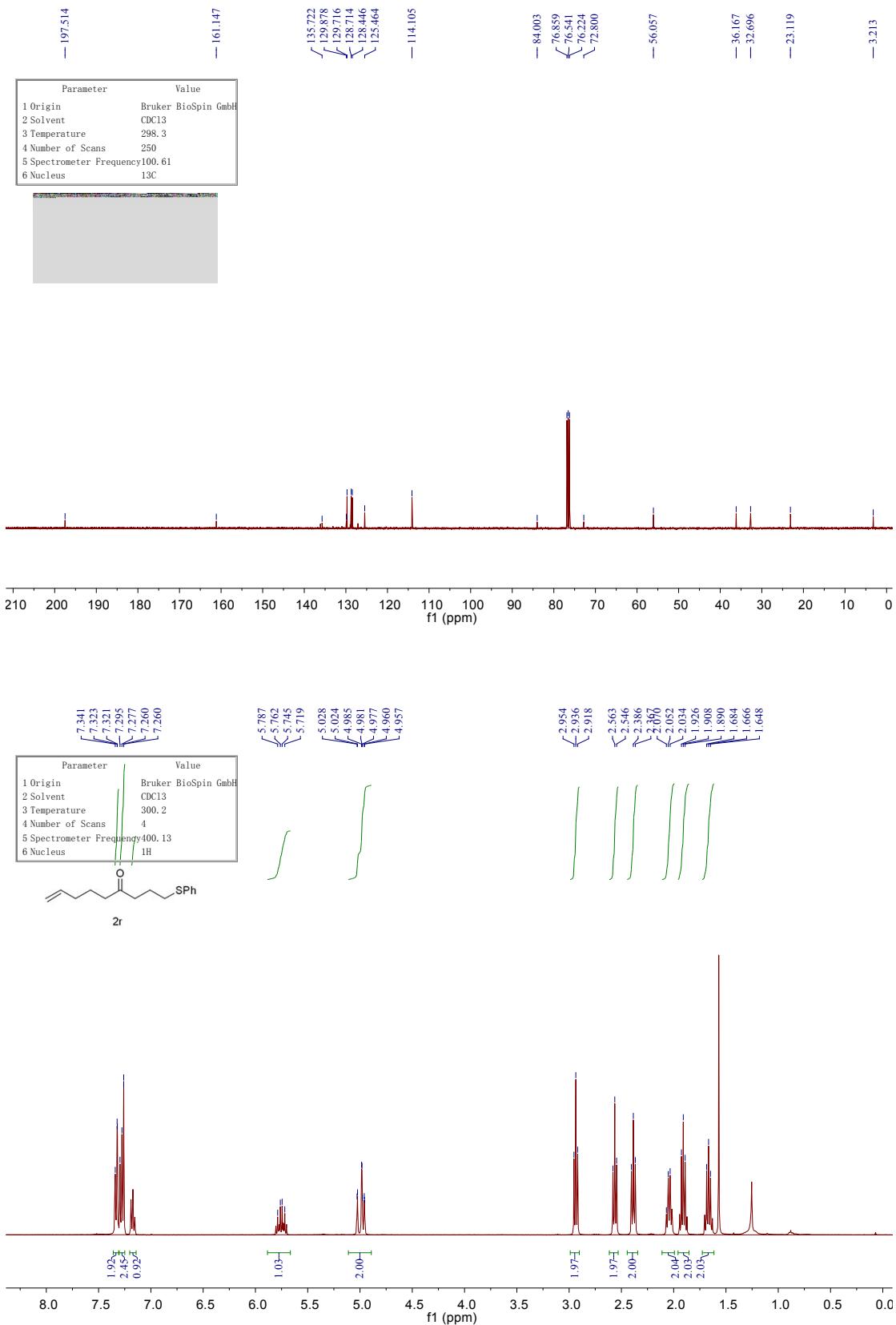


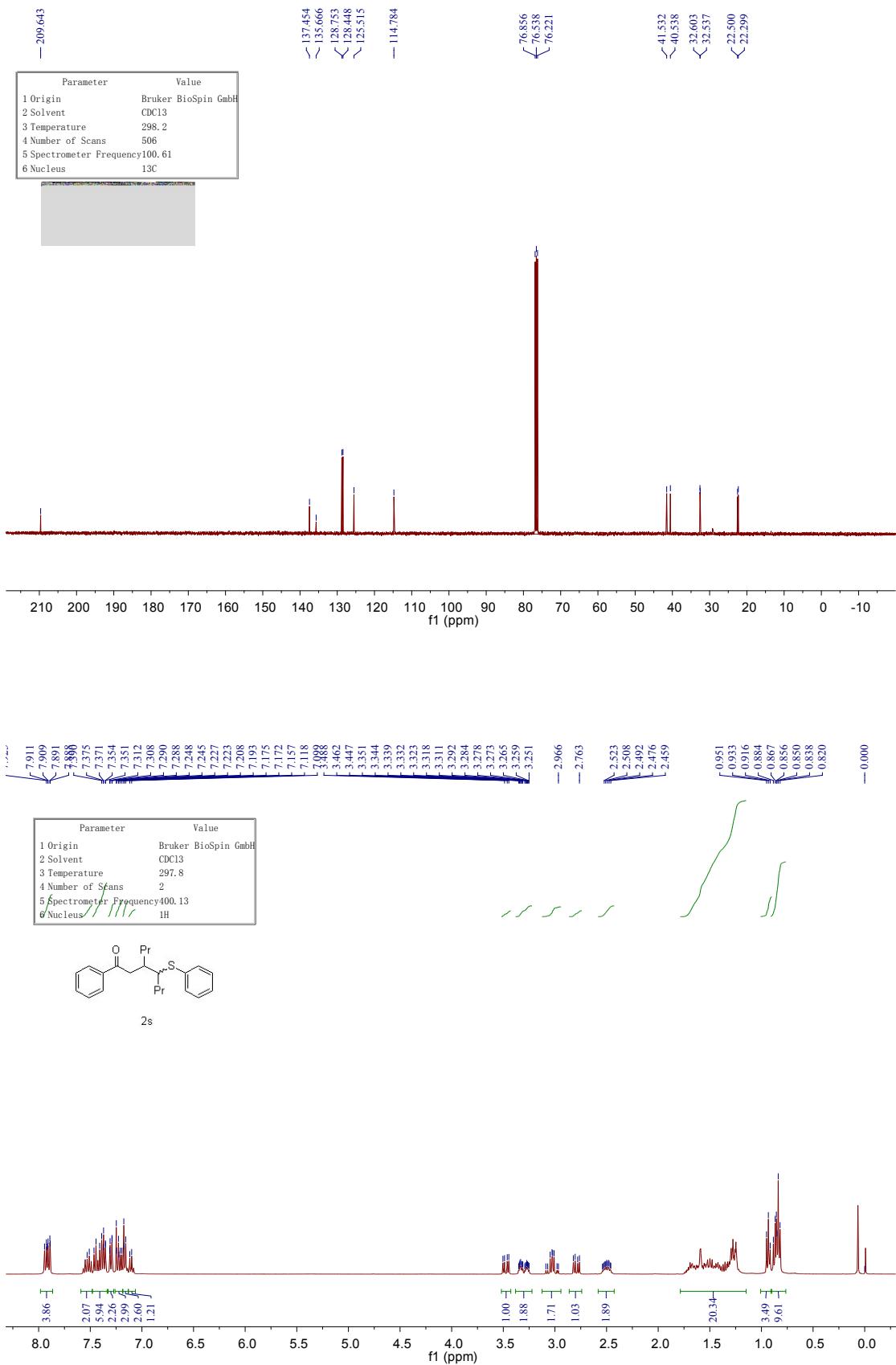


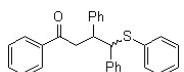
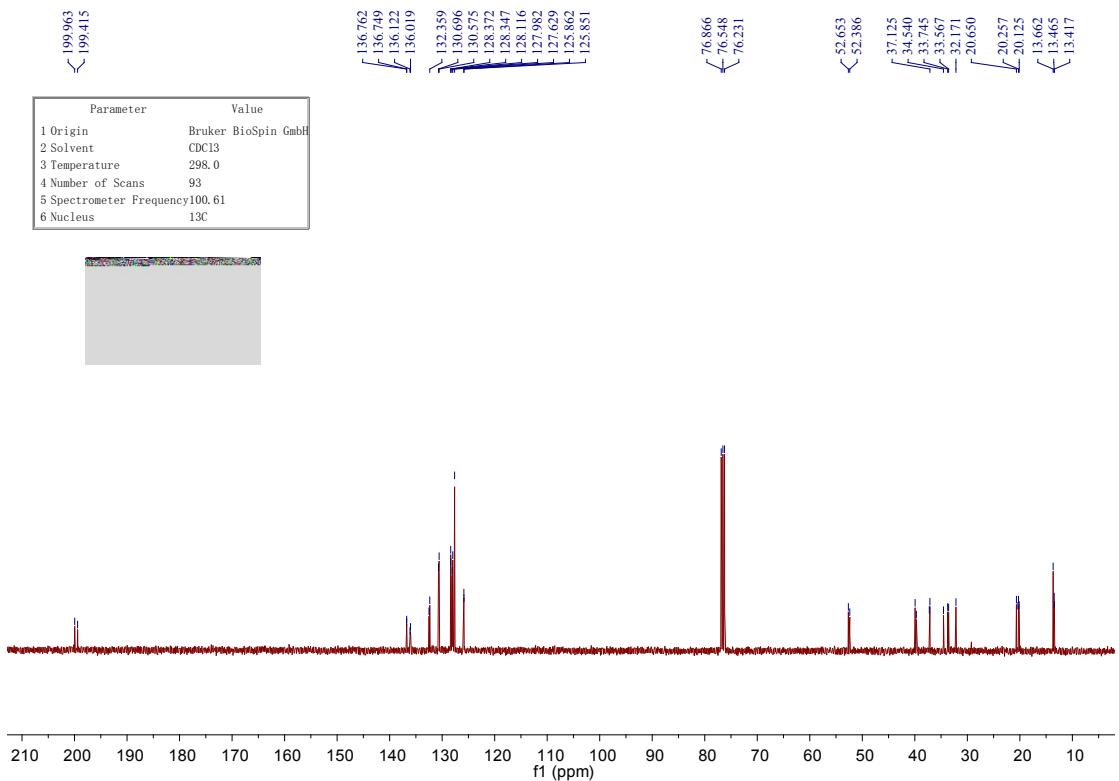












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