

Organocatalytic Synthesis of Polysubstituted Tetrahydrofurans from Alkenes

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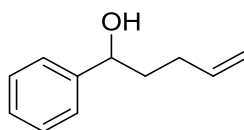
General Remarks

Chromatographic purification of products was accomplished using forced-flow chromatography on Merck[®] Kieselgel 60 F₂₅₄ 230-400 mesh. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on aluminum backed silica plates (0.2 mm, 60 F₂₅₄). Visualization of the developed chromatogram was performed by fluorescence quenching using phosphomolybdic acid, anisaldehyde or potassium permanganate stains. Melting points were determined on a Buchi[®] 530 hot stage apparatus and are uncorrected. Mass spectra (ESI) were recorded on a Finningan[®] Surveyor MSQ LC-MS spectrometer. HRMS spectra were recorded on Bruker[®] Maxis Impact QTOF spectrometer. ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on Varian[®] Mercury (200 MHz, 50 MHz and 188 MHz respectively), and are internally referenced to residual solvent signals. Data for ¹H NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, bs = broad signal, bs m = broad signal multiplet), coupling constant and assignment. Data for ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ ppm). Mass spectra and conversions of the reactions were recorded on a Shimadzu[®] GCMS-QP2010 Plus Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer utilizing a MEGA[®] column (MEGA-5, F.T : 0.25μm, I.D. : 0.25mm, L : 30m, T_{max} : 350 °C, Column ID# 11475).

General Procedure for the synthesis of alcohols 1a-1q

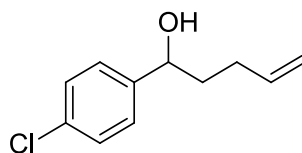
To a stirring solution of the magnesium (84 mg, 7.00 mmol) and I₂ (small crystal), 4-bromo-1-butene (0.71 mL, 7.00 mmol) in anhydrous THF (2 mL) was added slowly at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at the same temperature. Aldehyde (2.00 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (1 mL) and added to the reaction mixture at 0 °C. The resulting suspension was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C and then overnight at 65 °C. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl carefully at 0 °C, filtered and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (5-20% EtOAc in Pet. Ether).

1-Phenylpent-4-en-1-ol (1a)¹

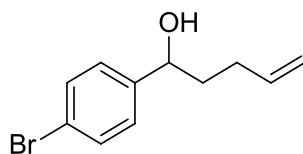


Colorless oil; 71% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 7.37-7.22 (5H, m, ArH), 5.84 (1H, ddt, *J* = 16.8, 10.2 and 6.5 Hz, =CH), 5.11-4.92 (2H, m, =CH₂), 4.71-4.63 (1H, m, CHPh), 2.28-1.67 (5H, m, OH and 2 x CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 144.5, 138.1, 128.4, 127.5, 125.8, 114.9, 73.9, 38.0, 30.0.

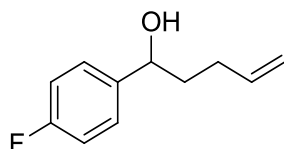
1-(4-Chlorophenyl)pent-4-en-1-ol (1b)²



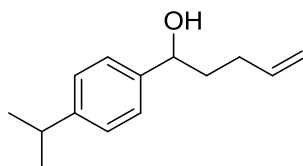
Colorless oil; 76% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 7.27 (2H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, ArH), 7.19 (2H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, ArH), 5.78 (1H, ddt, *J* = 16.8, 10.2 and 6.5 Hz, =CH), 5.07-4.92 (2H, m, =CH₂), 4.63-4.53 (1H, m, CHPh), 2.86 (1H, br s, OH), 2.12-1.92 (2H, m, CH₂) 1.90-1.65 (2H, m, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 142.9, 137.8, 133.0, 128.4, 127.2, 115.1, 73.1, 37.9, 29.8.

1-(4-Bromophenyl)pent-4-en-1-ol (1c)³

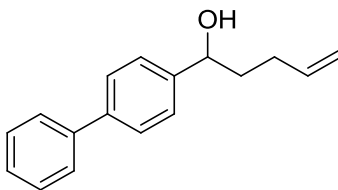
Colorless oil; 70% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.46 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 7.20 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 5.81 (1H, ddt, J = 16.8, 10.2 and 6.5 Hz, =CH), 5.09-4.93 (2H, m, =CH₂), 4.70-4.61 (1H, m, CHPh), 2.22-1.64 (5H, m, OH and 2 x CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 143.4, 137.7, 131.3, 127.5, 121.1, 115.0, 73.0, 37.8, 29.7.

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)pent-4-en-1-ol (1d)⁴

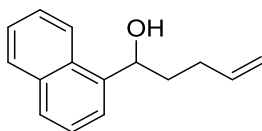
Colorless oil; 68% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.30-7.18 (2H, m, ArH), 7.05-6.93 (2H, m, ArH), 5.79 (1H, ddt, J = 16.8, 10.1 and 6.5 Hz, =CH), 5.07-4.92 (2H, m, =CH₂), 4.64-4.52 (1H, m, CHPh), 2.68 (1H, br s, OH), 2.17-1.60 (4H, m, 2 x CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 162.0 (d, J = 244.9 Hz), 140.19 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 137.9, 127.4 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 115.1 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 115.0, 73.1, 38.0, 29.9; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃) δ : -35.8.

1-(4-Isopropylphenyl)pent-4-en-1-ol (1e)

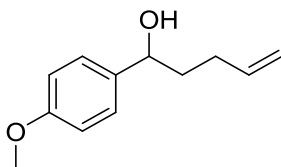
Colorless oil; 68% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.27 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 7.20 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 5.84 (1H, ddt, J = 16.8, 10.1 and 6.4 Hz, =CH), 5.10-4.93 (2H, m, =CH₂), 4.71-4.61 (1H, m, CHPh), 2.90 [1H, sept, J = 6.9 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂], 2.23-1.98 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.96-1.71 (3H, m, OH and CH₂), 1.24 (6H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2 x CH₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 148.0, 141.9, 138.2, 126.3, 125.8, 114.7, 73.6, 37.8, 33.7, 30.0, 23.9.

1-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)pent-4-en-1-ol (1f)⁵

White solid; mp 68-70 °C; 58% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.67-7.52 (4H, m, ArH), 7.50-7.29 (5H, m, ArH), 5.85 (1H, ddt, J = 16.8, 10.1 and 6.5, =CH), 5.15-4.94 (2H, m, =CH₂), 4.81-4.68 (1H, m, CHPh), 2.28-2.07 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.02-1.76 (3H, m, OH and 1 x CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 143.5, 140.7, 140.5, 138.1, 128.7, 127.2, 127.2, 127.0, 126.3, 115.0, 73.7, 38.0, 30.1.

1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)pent-4-en-1-ol (1g)³

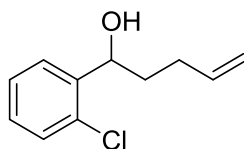
Colorless oil; 65% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 8.12-8.03 (1H, m, ArH), 7.92-7.81 (1H, m, ArH), 7.79 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 7.63 (1H, d, J = 6.7 Hz, ArH), 7.55-7.42 (3H, m, ArH), 5.91 (1H, ddt, J = 16.7, 10.1 and 6.5 Hz, =CH), 5.45 (1H, t, J = 5.5 Hz, CHPh), 5.17-4.96 (2H, m, =CH₂), 2.36-2.20 (3H, m, OH and 1 x CH₂), 2.08-1.92 (2H, m, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 140.3, 138.1, 133.7, 130.2, 128.8, 127.8, 125.9, 125.4, 125.4, 123.1, 122.8, 115.1, 70.4, 37.2, 30.3.

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)pent-4-en-1-ol (1h)³

Colorless oil; 85% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.20 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz, ArH), 6.83 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz, ArH), 5.80 (1H, ddt, J = 16.8, 10.2 and 6.4 Hz, =CH), 5.07-4.91 (2H, m, =CH₂), 4.54 (1H, t, J = 6.6 Hz, CHPh), 3.76 (3H, s, CH₃O), 2.76 (1H, br s,

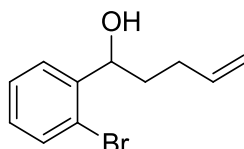
OH), 2.18-1.58 (4H, m, 4 x CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 158.7, 138.1, 136.6, 127.0, 114.6, 113.5, 73.2, 55.0, 37.7, 29.9.

1-(2-Chlorophenyl)pent-4-en-1-ol (1i)



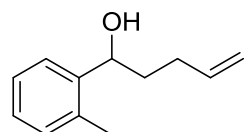
Colorless oil; 69% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 7.51 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, ArH), 7.34-7.11 (3H, m, ArH), 5.86 (1H, ddt, *J* = 15.9, 9.9 and 6.5 Hz, =CH), 5.20-4.93 (3H, m, CHPh and =CH₂), 2.34-2.15 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.03 (1H, br s, OH), 1.95-1.65 (2H, m, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 142.0, 138.0, 131.6, 129.3, 128.3, 127.0, 126.9, 115.0, 70.0, 36.5, 29.9; HRMS exact mass calculated for [M+Na]⁺ (C₁₁H₁₃ClNaO) requires *m/z* 219.0547, found *m/z* 219.0550.

1-(2-Bromophenyl)pent-4-en-1-ol (1j)



Colorless oil; 66% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (2H, m, ArH), 7.31 (1H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, ArH), 7.10 (1H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, ArH), 5.86 (1H, ddt, *J* = 16.0, 10.2 and 6.5 Hz, =CH), 5.13-4.95 (3H, m, CHPh and =CH₂), 2.51 (1H, s, OH), 2.37-2.05 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.96-1.60 (2H, m, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 144.5, 138.0, 132.5, 128.7, 127.6, 127.2, 121.8, 115.0, 72.3, 36.5, 30.0; HRMS exact mass calculated for [M+Na]⁺ (C₁₁H₁₃BrNaO) requires *m/z* 263.0042, found *m/z* 263.0041.

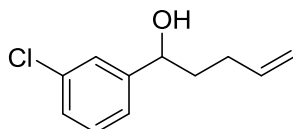
1-(o-Tolyl)pent-4-en-1-ol (1k)⁶



Colorless oil; 79% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 7.47 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0 and 1.5 Hz, ArH), 7.31-7.11 (3H, m, ArH), 5.95-5.81 (1H, m, =CH), 5.17-5.00 (2H, m, =CH₂), 4.89 (1H,

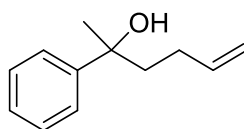
t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, CHAr), 2.96 (1H, br s, OH), 2.33 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.29-2.08 (2H, m, 1 x CH₂), 1.88-1.72 (2H, m, 1 x CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 142.6, 138.0, 134.1, 130.0, 126.8, 126.0, 125.1, 114.7, 69.6, 36.8, 30.0, 18.8.

1-(3-Chlorophenyl)pent-4-en-1-ol (1l)⁷



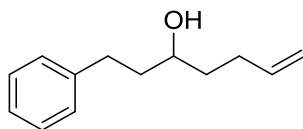
Colorless oil; 89% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.40-7.07 (4H, m, ArH), 5.75 (1H, dt, $J = 16.7, 10.1$ and 6.5 Hz, =CH), 5.06-4.89 (2H, m, =CH₂), 4.52 (1H, t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, CHAr), 3.46 (1H, br s, OH), 2.15-1.94 (2H, m, 1 x CH₂), 1.85-1.67 (2H, m, 1 x CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 146.6, 137.7, 134.0, 129.5, 127.3, 125.9, 123.9, 114.9, 72.9, 37.8, 29.6.

2-Phenylhex-5-en-2-ol (1m)⁸



Colorless oil; 63% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.48-7.18 (5H, m, ArH), 5.79 (1H, ddt, $J = 16.8, 10.1$ and 6.5 Hz, =CH), 5.05-4.87 (2H, m, =CH₂), 2.11-1.85 (5H, m, OH and 2 x CH₂), 1.56 (3H, s, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 147.5, 138.6, 128.1, 126.5, 124.7, 114.5, 74.6, 42.9, 30.2, 28.4.

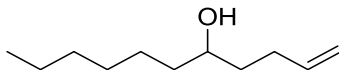
1-Phenylhept-6-en-3-ol (1n)⁹



Colorless oil; 45% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.36-7.15 (5H, m, ArH), 5.85 (1H, ddt, $J = 16.9, 10.1$ and 6.6 Hz, =CH), 5.12-4.92 (2H, m, =CH₂), 3.74-3.59 (1H, m, OCH), 2.93-1.59 (2H, m, CH₂Ph), 2.28-2.03 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.86-1.51 (5H, m, OH and 2 x

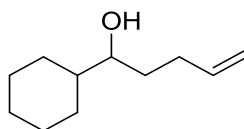
CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 142.0, 138.4, 128.3, 125.7, 114.8, 70.8, 39.0, 36.5, 32.0, 30.0.

Undec-1-en-5-ol (1o)¹⁰



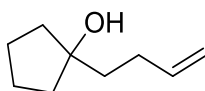
Colorless oil; 52% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 5.82 (1H, ddt, *J* = 16.8, 10.1 and 6.6 Hz, =CH), 5.09-4.89 (2H, m, =CH₂), 3.68-3.53 (1H, m, OCH), 2.25-2.00 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.65-1.12 (13H, m, OH and 6 x CH₂), 0.86 (3H, t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 138.6, 114.6, 71.4, 37.4, 36.4, 31.8, 30.0, 29.3, 25.6, 22.6, 14.0.

1-Cyclohexylpent-4-en-1-ol (1p)¹¹

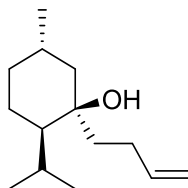


Colorless oil; 80% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 5.77 (1H, ddt, *J* = 16.7, 10.1 and 6.6 Hz, =CH), 5.05-4.84 (2H, m, =CH₂), 3.36-3.17 (1H, m, OCH), 2.29-1.91 (2H, m, OH and CH₂), 1.65-1.12 (13H, m, CH and 6 x CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 138.7, 114.3, 75.3, 43.5, 33.0, 30.2, 29.0, 27.7, 26.4, 26.2, 26.1.

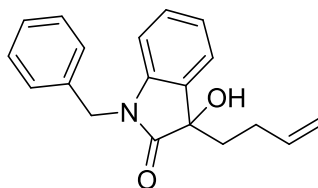
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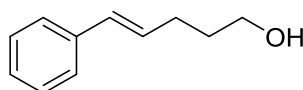
Colorless oil; 48% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 5.83 (1H, ddt, *J* = 16.8, 10.1 and 6.6 Hz, =CH), 5.07-4.83 (2H, m, =CH₂), 2.24-2.05 (2H, =CHCH₂), 1.90-1.42 (11H, m, OH and 5 x CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 139.2, 114.2, 82.3, 40.4, 39.5, 29.2, 23.6; HRMS exact mass calculated for [M+Na]⁺ (C₉H₁₆NaO) requires *m/z* 163.1093, found *m/z* 163.1093.

(1R,2R,5S)-1-(But-3-en-1-yl)-2-isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexan-1-ol (1r)

Colorless oil; 52% yield; $[\alpha]_D = +3.1$ ($c=1.0$, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 5.79 (1H, ddt, $J = 16.6, 10.0$ and 6.4 Hz, $=\text{CH}$), 5.07-4.83 (2H, m, $=\text{CH}_2$), 2.14-1.94 (3H, OH and $=\text{CHCH}_2$), 1.79-1.20 (8H, m, 3 x CH and 5 x CHH), 1.12-0.73 (12H, m, 3 x CHH and 3 x CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 138.9, 114.2, 74.9, 47.8, 46.6, 40.1, 35.0, 28.3, 27.9, 25.4, 23.5, 22.4, 20.4, 18.1; HRMS exact mass calculated for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{26}\text{NaO}$) requires m/z 233.1876, found m/z 233.1881.

1-Benzyl-3-(but-3-en-1-yl)-3-hydroxyindolin-2-one (1s)

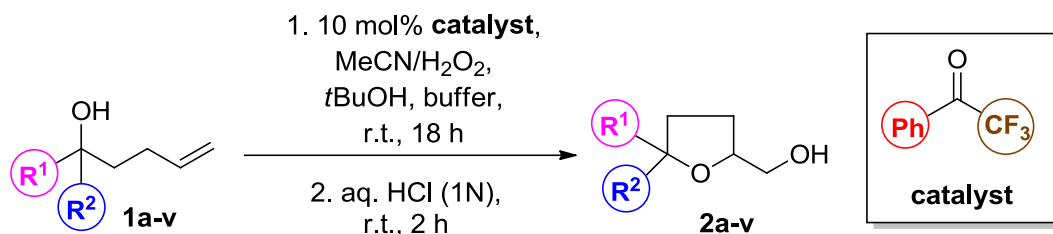
Yellow solid; mp 92-95 °C; 34% yield; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 7.45-7.00 (8H, m, ArH), 6.72 (1H, d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, ArH), 5.71 (1H, ddt, $J = 12.6, 10.2$ and 6.3 Hz, $=\text{CH}$), 5.03-4.62 (4H, m, PhCH_2 and $=\text{CH}_2$), 3.90 (1H, s, OH), 2.21-1.84 (4H, m, 2 x CH_2); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 180.1, 142.3, 138.6, 138.5, 134.3, 129.1, 128.2, 127.6, 127.6, 125.6, 123.9, 114.3, 111.0, 73.9, 44.2, 38.1, 30.3; HRMS exact mass calculated for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_2$) requires m/z 316.1318, found m/z 316.1310.

(E)-5-phenylpent-4-en-1-ol (1v)¹²

^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 7.43-7.13 (5H, m, ArH), 6.43 (1H, d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, PhCH), 6.23 (1H, dt, $J = 15.9$ and 6.8 Hz, $=\text{CH}$), 3.70 (2H, t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, OCH_2), 2.30 (2H, q, $J =$

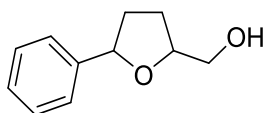
6.8 Hz, =CHCH₂), 1.84-1.67 (3H, m, OH and 1 x CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 137.6, 130.3, 130.0, 128.5, 126.9, 125.9, 62.4, 32.2, 29.3.

One-pot Organocatalytic Oxidative Synthesis of Tetrahydrofuranyl derivatives from Alkenes



Alkene (0.50 mmol) was placed in a round bottom flask and dissolved in *tert*-butanol (0.4 mL). 2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-phenylethanone (8.7 mg, 0.05 mmol), aqueous buffer solution (0.4 mL, 0.6M K₂CO₃ - 4x10⁻⁴M EDTA disodium salt), acetonitrile (0.40 mL, 8.00 mmol) and 30% aqueous H₂O₂ (0.84 mL, 8.00 mmol) were added consecutively. The reaction mixture was left stirring for 18 hours at room temperature and then aqueous HCl 1N (1.0 mL, 1.00 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hours. Then, EtOAc (20 mL) was added into the mixture and the organic layer was washed with HCl 1N (10 mL) and brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. If the product required further purification, filtration through a short silica plug was performed (30-50% EtOAc in Pet. Ether).

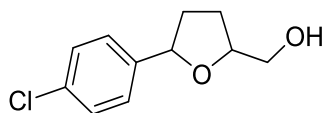
(5-Phenyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2a)¹³



Colorless oil; 94% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.43-7.17 (5H, m, ArH), 5.04-4.86 (1H, m, CHPh), 4.44-4.29 (0.5H, m, OCH), 4.27-4.13 (0.5H, m, OCH), 3.85-3.53 (2H, m, OCH₂), 2.45-2.23 (1H, m, CHH), 2.17-1.96 (1H, m, CHH), 1.95-1.74 (2H, m, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 142.4, 141.9, 128.3, 128.3,

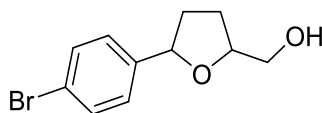
127.5, 127.4, 125.9, 125.6, 81.6, 81.0, 80.3, 80.1, 65.3, 65.0, 35.2, 34.0, 27.7, 27.4;
MS (ESI) 201 [(M+Na)⁺, 100%].

(5-(4-Chlorophenyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2b)

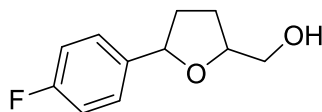


Colorless oil; 81% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 7.33-7.17 (4H, m, ArH), 4.96-4.79 (1H, m, CHPh), 4.40-4.23 (0.5H, m, OCH), 4.22-3.88 (1.5H, m, OH and OCH), 3.78-3.47 (2H, m, OCH₂), 2.40-2.18 (1H, m, CHH), 2.13-1.93 (1H, m, CHH), 1.89-1.65 (2H, m, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 141.2, 140.7, 133.0, 132.8, 128.4, 128.4, 127.2, 126.9, 80.7, 80.3, 80.2, 80.1, 65.1, 64.8, 35.4, 34.2, 27.7, 27.3; HRMS exact mass calculated for [M+Na]⁺ (C₁₁H₁₃ClNaO₂) requires *m/z* 235.0496, found *m/z* 235.0491.

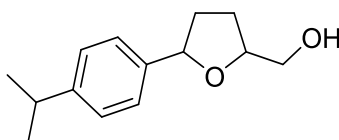
(5-(4-Bromophenyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2c)



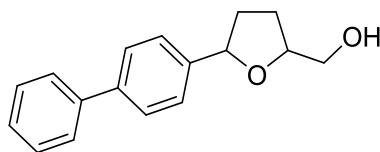
Colorless oil; 90% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 7.57-7.38 (2H, m, ArH), 7.23-7.12 (2H, m, ArH), 4.96-4.77 (1H, m, CHPh), 4.38-4.22 (0.5H, m, OCH), 4.21-4.05 (0.5H, m, OCH), 3.80-3.45 (2H, m, OCH₂), 2.47 (1H, br s, OH), 2.36-2.18 (1H, m, CHH), 2.11-1.91 (1H, m, CHH), 1.90-1.65 (2H, m, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 141.9, 141.4, 131.3, 131.3, 127.5, 127.2, 121.1, 120.9, 80.7, 80.2, 80.4, 80.1, 65.2, 64.9, 35.4, 34.2, 27.7, 27.3; HRMS exact mass calculated for [M+Na]⁺ (C₁₁H₁₃BrNaO₂) requires *m/z* 278.9991, found *m/z* 278.9990.

(5-(4-Fluorophenyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2d)¹³

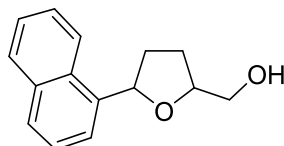
Colorless oil; 85% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.46-7.18 (2H, m, ArH), 7.08-6.91 (2H, m, ArH), 4.99-4.78 (1H, m, CHPh), 4.38-4.22 (0.5H, m, OCH), 4.21-4.06 (0.5H, m, OCH), 3.81-3.45 (2H, m, OCH₂), 2.70 (1H, br s, OH), 2.40-2.17 (1H, m, CHH), 2.12-1.89 (1H, m, CHH), 1.85-1.67 (2H, m, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 162.1 (d, J = 245.0 Hz), 162.0 (d, J = 245.0 Hz), 138.4 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 137.9 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 127.5 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 127.2 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 115.1 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 115.1 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 80.9, 80.3, 80.2, 80.0, 65.2, 64.9, 35.4, 34.2, 27.8, 27.4; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃) δ : -35.67 – -25.93 (m), -35.96 – -35.22 (m); MS (ESI) 219 [(M+Na)⁺, 100%].

(5-(4-Isopropylphenyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2e)

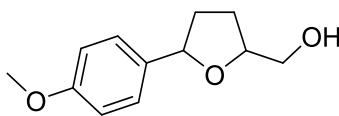
Colorless oil; 91% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.32-7.14 (4H, m, ArH), 5.00-4.83 (1H, m, CHPh), 4.42-4.27 (0.5H, m, OCH), 4.23-4.15 (0.5H, m, OCH), 3.85-3.49 (2H, m, OCH₂), 2.90 [1H, sept, J = 6.9 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂], 2.71 (1H, br s, OH), 2.39-2.19 (1H, m, CHH), 2.13-1.68 (3H, m, CH₂ and CHH), 1.23 (6H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2 x CH₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 148.1, 148.0, 139.9, 139.3, 126.3, 126.3, 126.0, 125.7, 81.4, 80.8, 80.0, 79.8, 65.2, 65.0, 35.1, 33.9, 33.7, 27.8, 27.5, 23.9; HRMS exact mass calculated for [M+Na]⁺ (C₁₄H₂₀NaO₂) requires m/z 243.1356, found m/z 243.1351.

(5-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2f)¹³

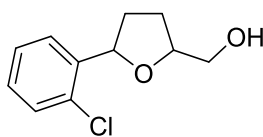
Colorless oil; 88% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.70-7.53 (4H, m, ArH), 7.51-7.30 (5H, m, ArH), 5.10-4.92 (1H, m, CHPh), 4.47-4.33 (0.5H, m, OCH), 4.29-4.15 (0.5H, m, OCH), 3.89-3.55 (2H, m, OCH₂), 2.72 (1H, br s, OH), 2.47-2.26 (1H, m, CHH), 2.16-1.75 (3H, m, CH₂ and CHH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 141.8, 141.2, 140.7, 140.7, 140.3, 140.1, 128.6, 128.6, 127.1, 127.1, 127.0, 127.0, 126.9, 126.9, 126.3, 126.0, 81.2, 80.6, 80.2, 80.0, 65.2, 64.9, 35.3, 34.1, 27.8, 27.4; MS (ESI) 277 [(M+Na)⁺, 100%].

(5-(Naphthalen-1-yl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2g)¹³

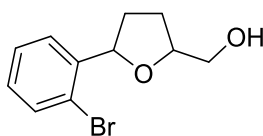
Orange oil; 55% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 8.03-7.57 (4H, m, ArH), 7.56-7.26 (3H, m, ArH), 5.89-5.57 (1H, m, CHPh), 4.56-4.40 (0.5H, m, OCH), 4.35-4.20 (0.5H, m, OCH), 3.92-3.57 (2H, m, OCH₂), 2.68-2.47 (1H, m, CHH), 2.31 (1H, br s, OH), 2.18-1.75 (3H, m, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 138.7, 138.1, 133.6, 133.6, 130.4, 128.8, 128.7, 127.7, 127.5, 125.8, 125.8, 125.4, 125.4, 123.3, 123.3, 121.9, 121.6, 80.0, 78.3, 78.2, 65.3, 65.1, 34.3, 33.3, 27.6, 27.4; MS (ESI) 251 [(M+Na)⁺, 100%].

(5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2h)¹³

Colorless oil; 57% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 7.32-7.15 (2H, m, ArH), 6.90-6.72 (2H, m, ArH), 4.97-4.75 (1H, m, CHPh), 4.39-4.23 (0.5H, m, OCH), 4.22-4.03 (0.5H, m, OCH), 3.87-3.46 (5H, m, OCH₂ and CH₃), 2.36-2.13 (1H, m, CHH), 2.36-1.65 (4H, m, 3 x CHH, and OH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 158.9, 158.8, 134.4, 133.9, 127.3, 127.0, 113.6, 113.6, 81.3, 80.6, 79.9, 79.7, 65.1, 64.9, 55.2, 35.2, 33.9, 27.8, 27.4; MS (ESI) 231 [(M+Na)⁺, 100%].

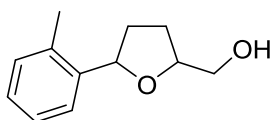
(5-(2-Chlorophenyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2i)

Colorless oil; 94% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 7.58-7.46 (1H, m, ArH), 7.33-7.09 (3H, m, ArH), 5.33-5.17 (1H, m, CHPh), 4.47-4.32 (0.5H, m, OCH), 4.24-4.09 (0.5H, m, OCH), 3.87-3.44 (2H, m, OCH₂), 2.76 (1H, br s, OH), 2.62-2.41 (1H, m, CHH), 2.12-1.55 (3H, m, CHH and CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 140.8, 140.4, 138.8, 138.5, 129.2, 129.2, 128.2, 128.1, 126.8, 126.8, 126.3, 126.1, 80.5, 80.2, 78.1, 78.0, 65.2, 64.9, 33.6, 32.8, 27.5, 27.2; HRMS exact mass calculated for [M+Na]⁺ (C₁₁H₁₃ClNaO₂) requires *m/z* 235.0496, found *m/z* 235.0489.

(5-(2-Bromophenyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2j)

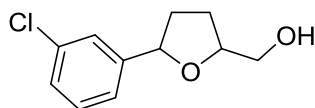
Colorless oil; 75% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 7.59-7.45 (2H, m, ArH), 7.36-7.24 (1H, m, ArH), 7.15-7.04 (1H, m, ArH), 5.30-5.13 (1H, m, CHPh), 4.49-4.25 (0.5H, m, OCH), 4.26-4.12 (0.5H, m, OCH), 3.88-3.53 (2H, m, OCH_2), 2.68-2.43 (1H, m, CHH), 2.31 (1H, br s, OH), 2.13-1.55 (3H, m, CHH and CH_2); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 142.5, 142.0, 132.5, 132.5, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 127.4, 126.6, 126.4, 121.5, 121.2, 80.6, 80.2, 80.1, 80.1, 65.3, 65.0, 33.8, 33.1, 27.5, 27.2; HRMS exact mass calculated for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrNaO}_2$) requires m/z 278.9991, found m/z 278.9987.

(5-(*o*-Tolyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2k)



Colorless oil; 79% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 7.49-7.38 (1H, m, ArH), 7.26-7.00 (3H, m, ArH), 5.24-5.04 (1H, m, CHPh), 4.48-4.34 (0.5H, m, OCH), 4.25-4.11 (0.5H, m, OCH), 3.87-3.54 (2H, m, OCH_2), 2.93 (1H, br s, OH), 2.50-2.19 (4H, m, CHH and CH_3), 2.14-1.58 (3H, m, CHH and CH_2); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 140.6, 139.9, 130.2, 127.2, 127.0, 126.1, 124.6, 124.4, 80.1, 79.9, 78.5, 78.3, 65.3, 64.9, 33.6, 32.6, 27.6, 27.3, 19.1; HRMS exact mass calculated for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_2$) requires m/z 215.1043, found m/z 215.1042.

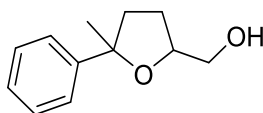
(5-(3-Chlorophenyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2l)



Colorless oil; 89% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 7.35-7.12 (4H, m, ArH), 4.98-4.79 (1H, m, CHPh), 4.39-4.26 (0.5H, m, OCH), 4.22-4.08 (0.5H, m, OCH), 3.80-3.49 (2H, m, OCH_2), 2.56-2.20 (1H, m, OH and CHH), 2.12-1.57 (3H, m, CHH and CH_2); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 144.9, 144.3, 134.1, 134.0, 129.6, 127.5, 127.3, 125.8, 125.5, 124.0, 123.6, 80.7, 80.40, 80.2, 80.1, 65.1, 64.8, 35.2, 34.0, 27.6,

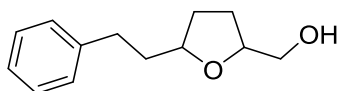
27.2; HRMS exact mass calculated for $[M+Na]^+$ ($C_{11}H_{13}ClNaO_2$) requires m/z 235.0496, found m/z 235.0490.

(5-Methyl-5-phenyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2m)¹⁴



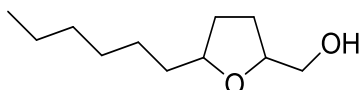
Colorless oil; 98% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 7.46-7.17 (5H, m, ArH), 4.38-4.25 (0.5H, m, OCH), 4.24-4.05 (0.5H, m, OCH), 3.87-3.47 (2H, m, OCH_2), 2.35-1.96 (3H, m, 3 x CHH), 1.79-1.62 (1H, m, CHH), 1.54 (1.5H, s, CH_3), 1.52 (1.5H, s, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 148.0, 147.4, 128.3, 127.9, 126.3, 126.3, 124.4, 124.4, 85.2, 84.9, 79.5, 79.1, 65.4, 65.1, 39.1, 39.1, 30.2, 29.4, 27.4, 27.2; MS (ESI) 215 $[(M+Na)^+, 100\%]$.

(5-Phenethyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2n)¹⁵



Yellow oil; 84% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 7.33-7.10 (5H, m, ArH), 4.21-3.82 (2H, m, 2 x OCH), 3.77-3.60 (1H, m, OCHH), 3.53-3.42 (1H, m, OCHH), 2.84-2.56 (2H, m, CH_2Ph), 2.17-1.42 (7H, m, OH and 3 x CH_2); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 141.8, 128.3, 125.7, 79.4, 79.0, 78.7, 65.2, 64.9, 37.4, 37.2, 32.4, 31.9, 31.2, 27.4, 26.9; MS (ESI) 229 $[(M+Na)^+, 100\%]$.

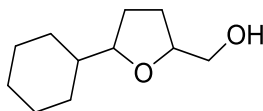
(5-Hexyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2o)¹⁶



Colorless oil; 92% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 4.15-3.76 (2H, m, 2 x OCH), 3.71-3.40 (2H, m, OCH_2), 2.44 (1H, br s, OH), 2.06-1.10 (14H, m, 7 x CH_2), 0.84 (3H, t, J = 6.5 Hz, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 80.2, 79.5, 79.2, 78.9,

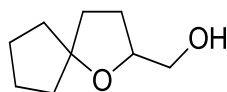
65.2, 65.0, 35.8, 35.7, 31.9, 31.7, 31.3, 29.3, 27.5, 27.0, 26.1, 26.1, 22.5, 14.0; MS (ESI) 209 [(M+Na)⁺, 100%].

(5-Cyclohexyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2p)



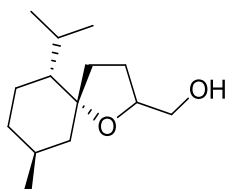
Colorless oil; 78% yield; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 4.13-3.91 (1H, m, OCH), 3.71-3.38 (3H, m, OCH and OCH₂), 2.22-0.81 (16H, m, OH, CH and 7 x CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 84.4, 83.8, 79.1, 78.9, 65.1, 64.7, 42.8, 42.8, 29.7, 29.4, 28.7, 28.6, 27.5, 27.0, 26.3, 25.8, 25.7; HRMS exact mass calculated for [M+Na]⁺ (C₁₁H₂₀NaO₂) requires *m/z* 207.1356, found *m/z* 207.1352.

(1-Oxaspiro[4.4]nonan-2-yl)methanol (2q)¹⁴



Pale yellow oil; 70% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 4.13-3.97 (1H, m, OCH), 3.65 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.7, 3.2 Hz, OCHH), 3.48 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.7, 6.1 Hz, OCHH), 2.03-1.38 (13H, m, OH and 6 x CH₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 92.4, 78.8, 65.4, 38.6, 37.9, 36.3, 27.5, 23.8; MS (ESI) 179 [(M+Na)⁺, 100%].

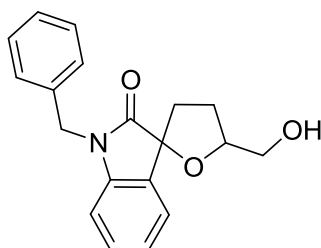
((5*R*,6*R*,9*S*)-6-Isopropyl-9-methyl-1-oxaspiro[4.5]decan-2-yl)methanol (2r)



Colorless oil; 1:1 mixture of diastereomers; 85% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 4.11-3.88 (1H, m, OCH), 3.75-3.33 (2H, m, OCH₂), 2.23-1.35 (12H, m, OH and 3 x CH and 8 x

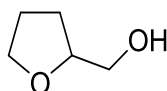
CHH), 1.15-0.97 (2H, m, CHH), 0.93-0.75 (9H, m, 3 x CH₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 86.2, 85.9, 79.7, 77.8, 65.3, 50.5, 49.2, 48.8, 47.2, 35.9, 35.2, 35.2, 34.9, 28.9, 28.7, 28.1, 27.3, 26.0, 25.9, 24.0, 23.7, 22.4, 22.3, 22.3, 21.9, 18.7, 17.7; HRMS exact mass calculated for [M+Na]⁺ (C₁₄H₂₆NaO₂) requires *m/z* 249.1825, found *m/z* 249.1818.

1'-Benzyl-5-(hydroxymethyl)-4,5-dihydro-3H-spiro[furan-2,3'-indolin]-2'-one (2s)

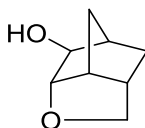


Yellow solid; 62% yield; (insoluble to reaction mixture; 0.2 mL EtOAc was added); mixture of diastereomers; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 7.45-6.97 (8H, m, ArH), 6.76-6.64 (1H, m, ArH), 5.03-4.62 (3H, m, CH₂Ph and OCH), 4.05-3.36 (2H, m, OCH₂), 2.72-1.48 (5H, m, 2 x CH₂ and OH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 180.3, 180.3, 142.3, 142.3, 135.7, 135.5, 129.9, 129.9, 129.1, 129.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 123.8, 123.8, 123.6, 123.5, 109.9, 109.7, 83.9, 83.8, 83.7, 82.1, 65.1, 64.4, 44.1, 43.9, 38.1, 36.3, 27.8, 27.3; HRMS exact mass calculated for [M+Na]⁺ (C₁₉H₁₉NNaO₃) requires *m/z* 332.1257, found *m/z* 332.1247.

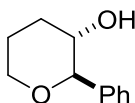
(Tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (2t)¹⁷



Colorless oil; 98% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 4.47 (1H, br s, OH), 3.95 (1H, ddd, *J* = 13.1, 6.2, 3.3 Hz, OCH), 3.87-3.65 (2H, m, OCH₂), 3.60 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.7, 3.3 Hz, OCHH), 3.44 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.7, 6.3 Hz, OCHH), 1.93-1.75 (3H, m, CH₂ and 1 x CHH), 1.66-1.47 (1H, m, CHH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 79.5, 68.1, 64.6, 27.0, 25.8; MS (ESI) 125 [(M+Na)⁺, 100%].

Hexahydro-2H-3,5-methanocyclopenta[b]furan-6-ol (2u)¹⁸

Colorless oil; 49% yield (only *endo* stereoisomer cyclized); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 3.93 (1H, d, J = 4.4 Hz, OCH), 3.77 (1H, dd, J = 3.8, 1.7 Hz, OCH), 3.75-3.70 (1H, m, OCHH), 3.60 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, OCHH), 3.42 (1H, s, OH) 2.61-2.51 (1H, m, CH), 2.38-2.19 (1H, m, CH), 2.09-2.01 (1H, m, CH), 1.91 (1H, d, J = 10.2 Hz, CHH), 1.84-1.73 (1H, m, CHH), 1.45 (1H, d, J = 10.6 Hz, CHH), 0.93 (1H, dd, J = 12.8 and 1.7 Hz, CHH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 87.5, 80.8, 75.1, 44.5, 40.1, 37.2, 33.7, 33.5; MS (ESI) 163 [(M+Na)⁺, 100%].

2-Phenyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-3-o (2v)¹⁹

Colorless oil; 66% yield; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.46-7.27 (5H, m, ArH), 4.08-4.03 (1H, m, OCH), 3.90 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz, PhCH), 3.56-3.39 (2H, m, OCH₂), 2.23-2.07 (1H, m, 1 x CHH), 1.94-1.72 (3H, m, 1 x CH₂ and OH), 1.68-1.41 (1H, m, 1 x CHH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 139.4, 128.4, 128.2, 127.4, 85.3, 71.1, 68.0, 31.7, 25.5; MS (ESI) 175 [(M-H)⁻, 100%].

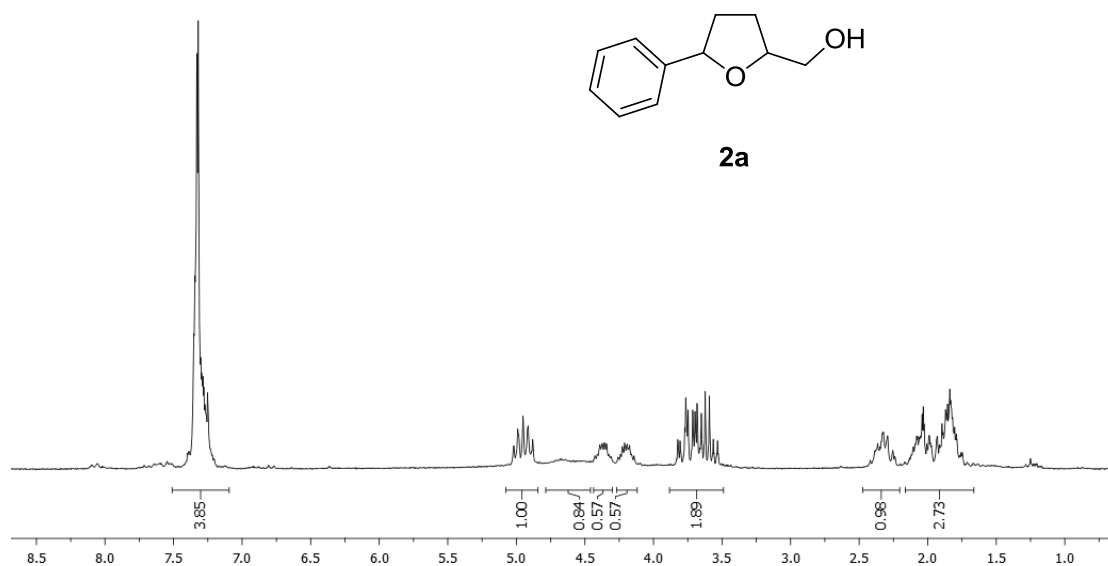
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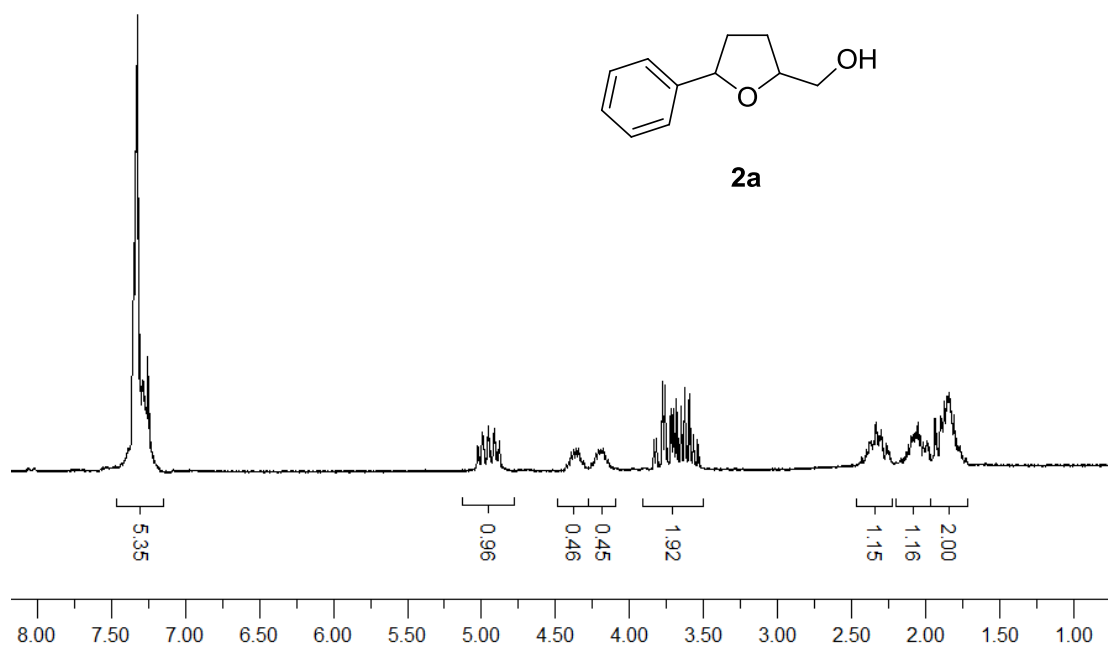
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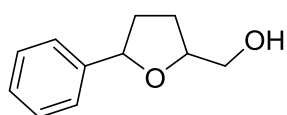
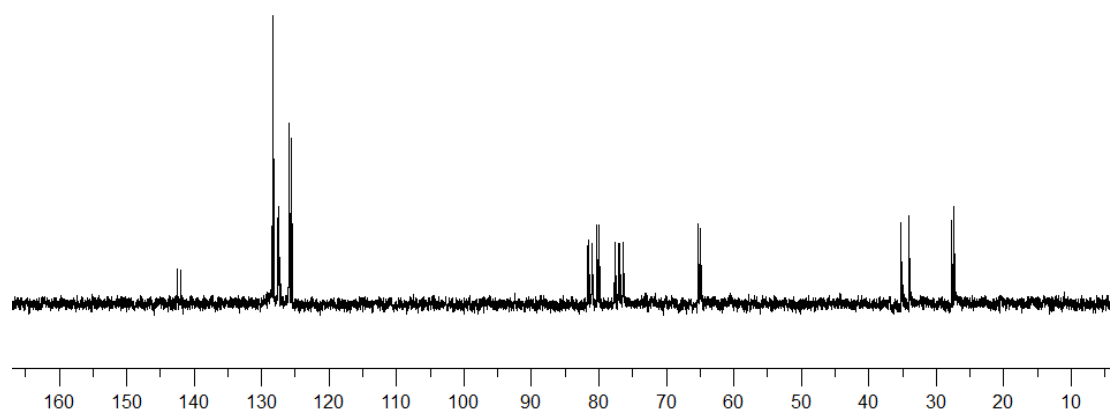
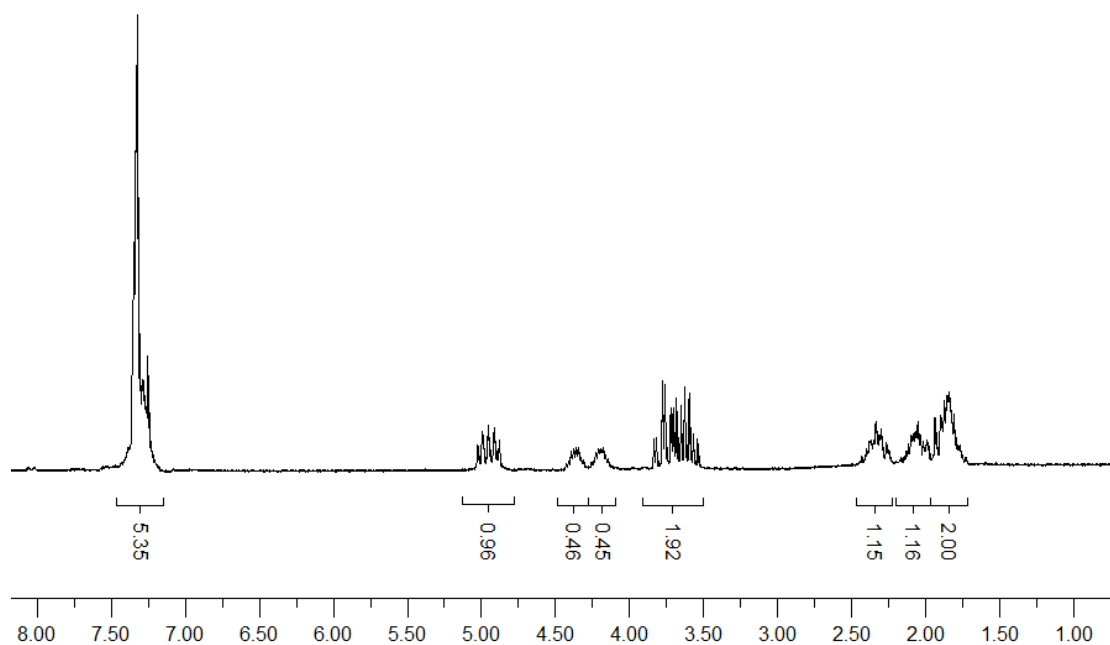
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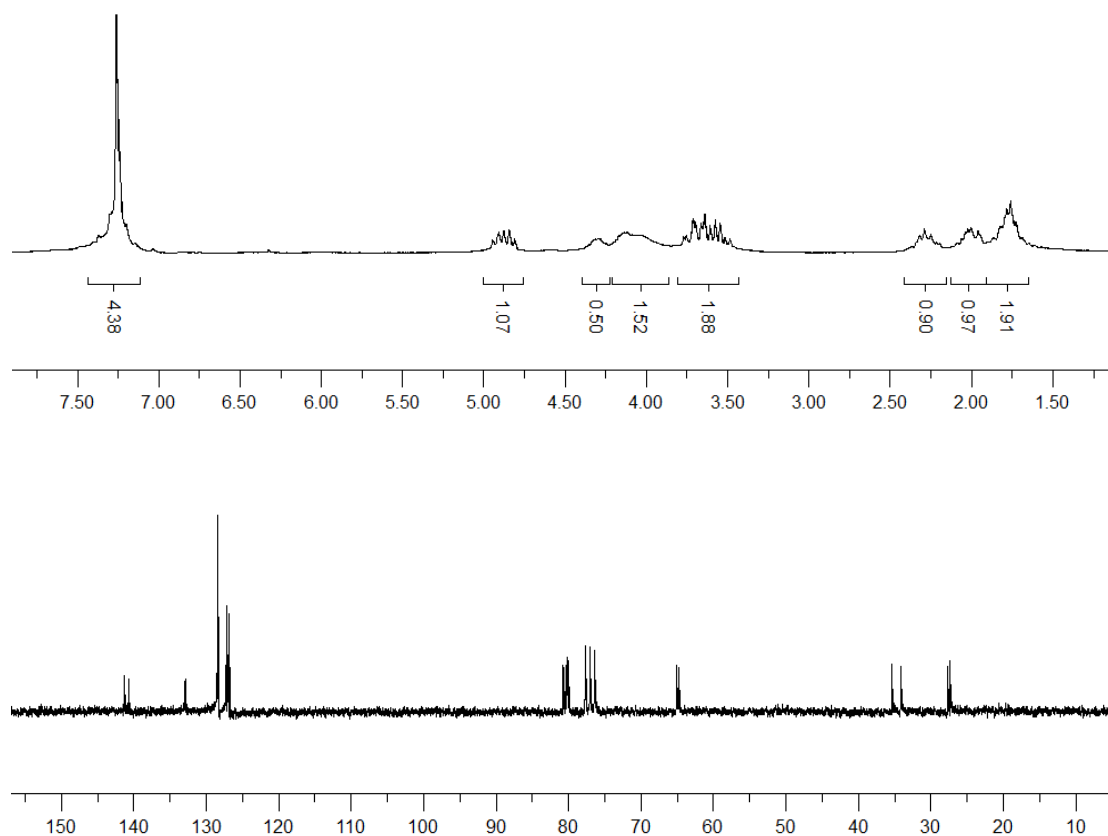
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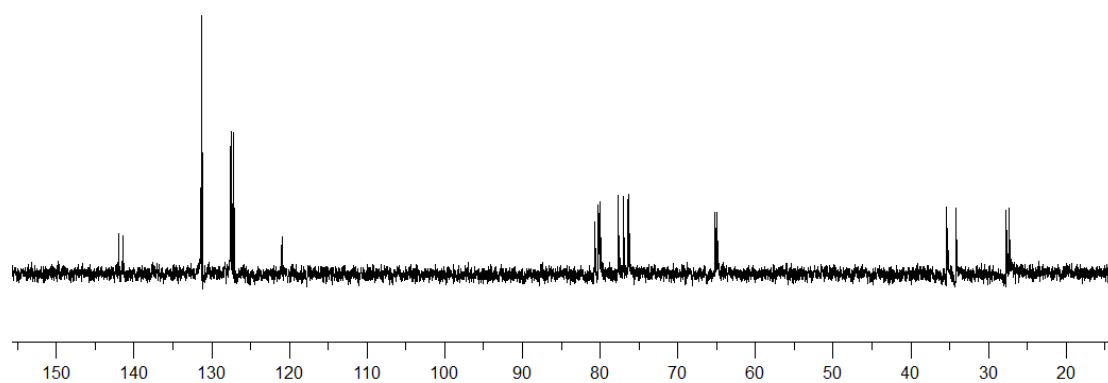
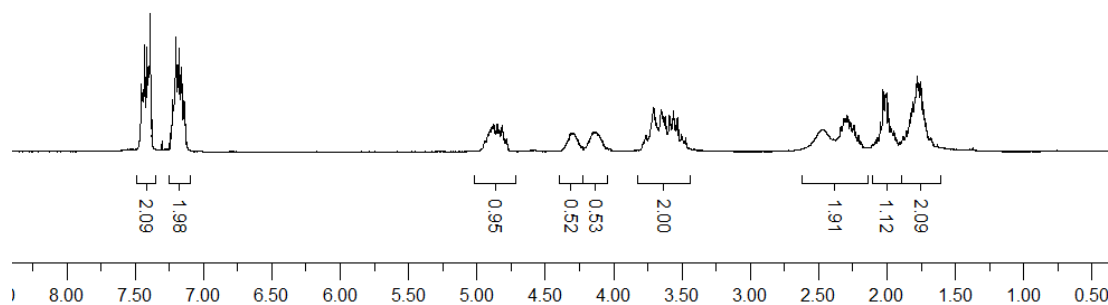
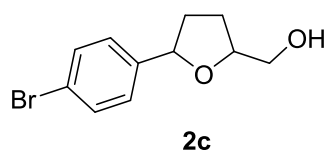


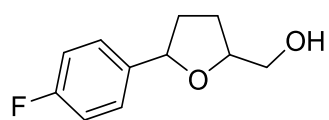
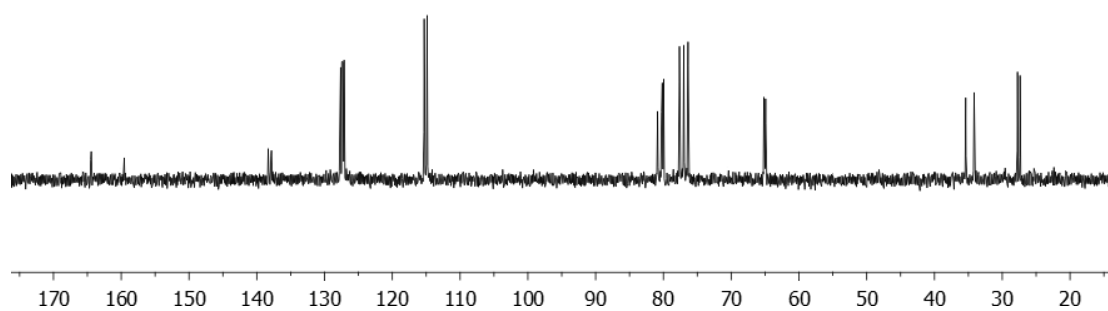
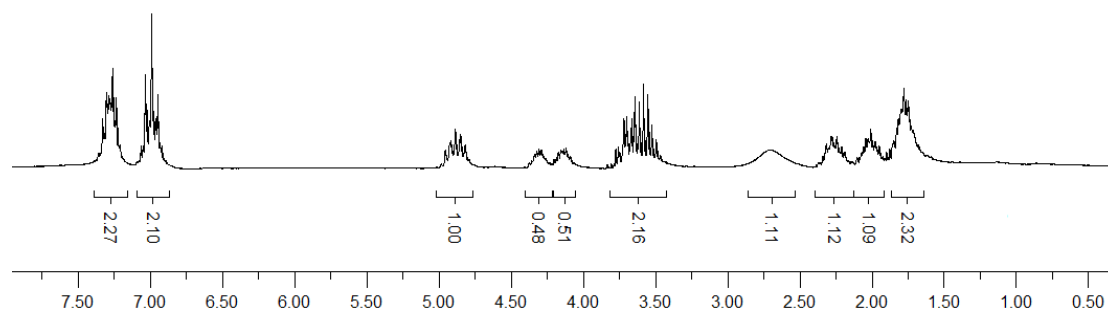
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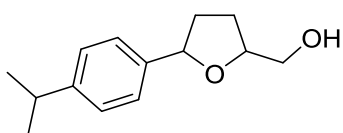
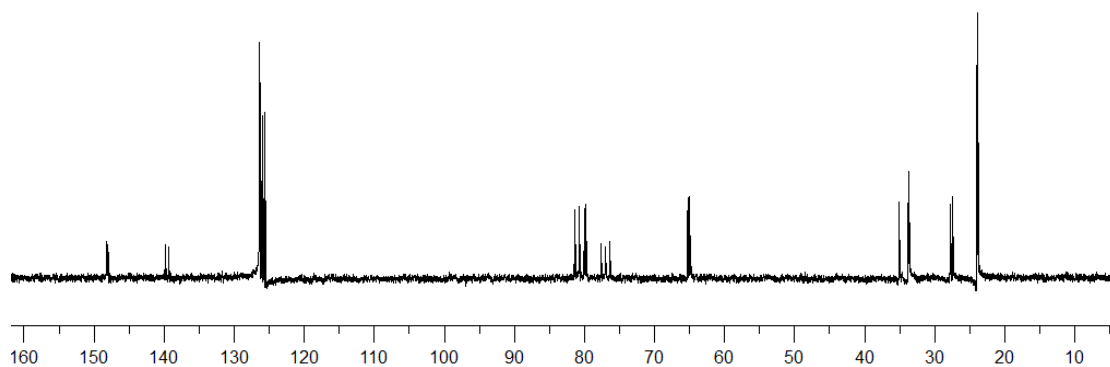
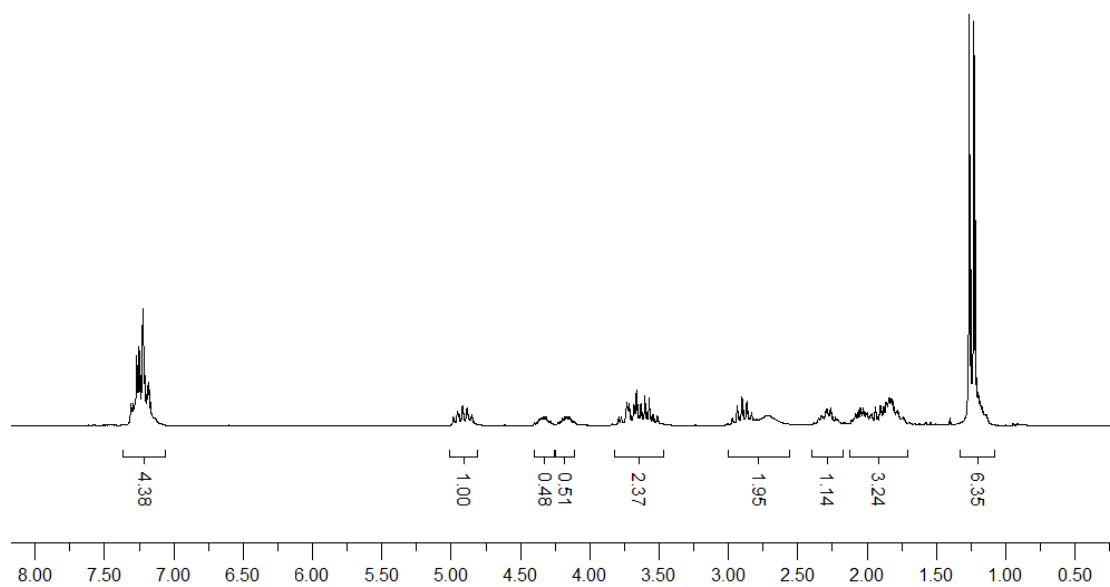


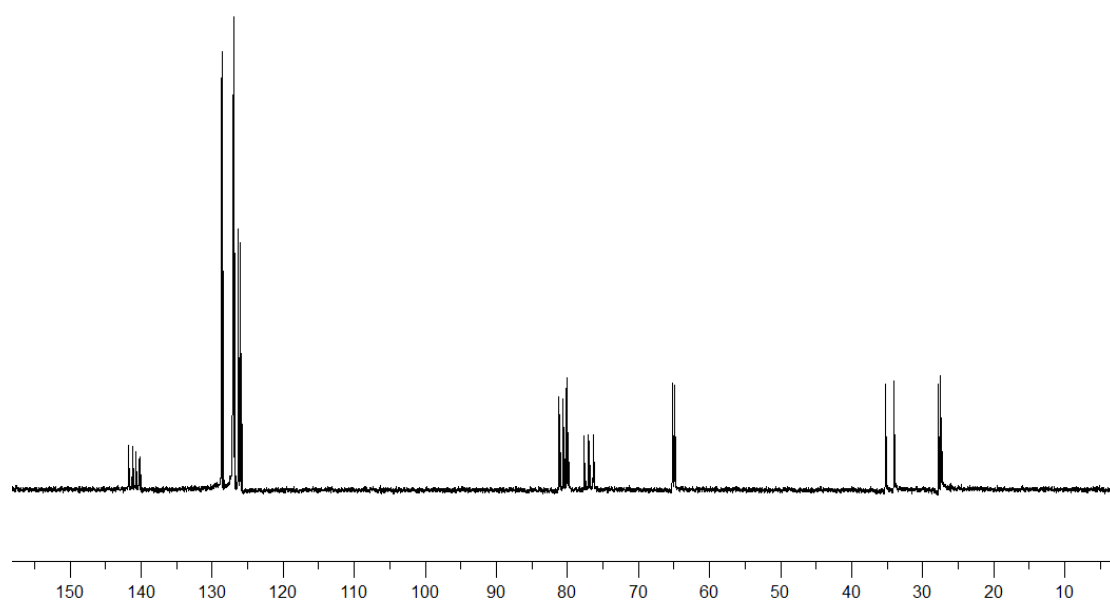
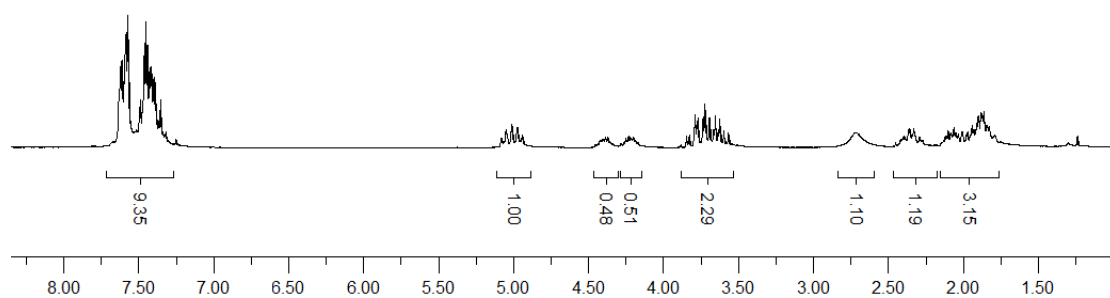
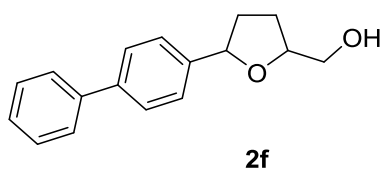
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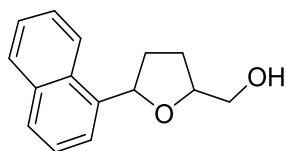
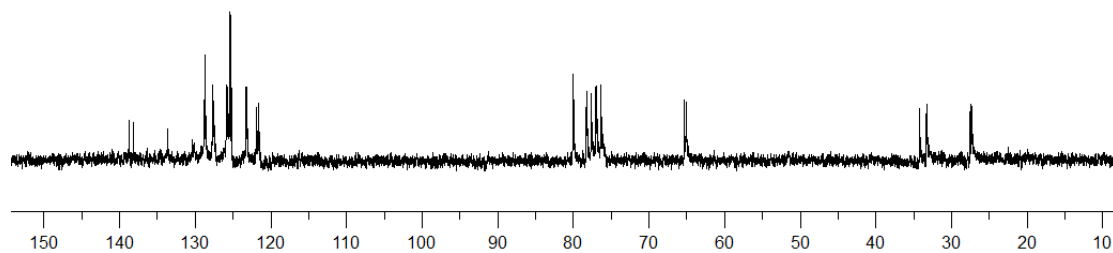
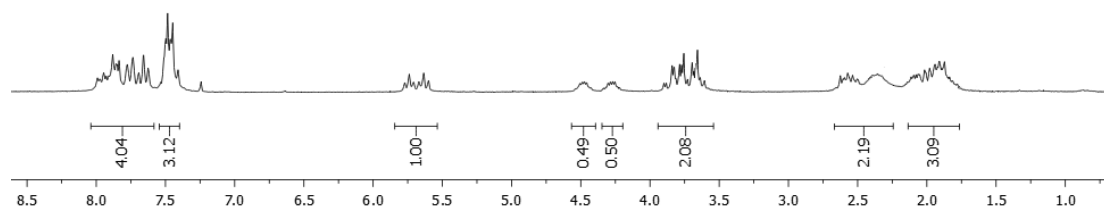


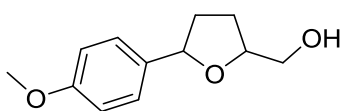
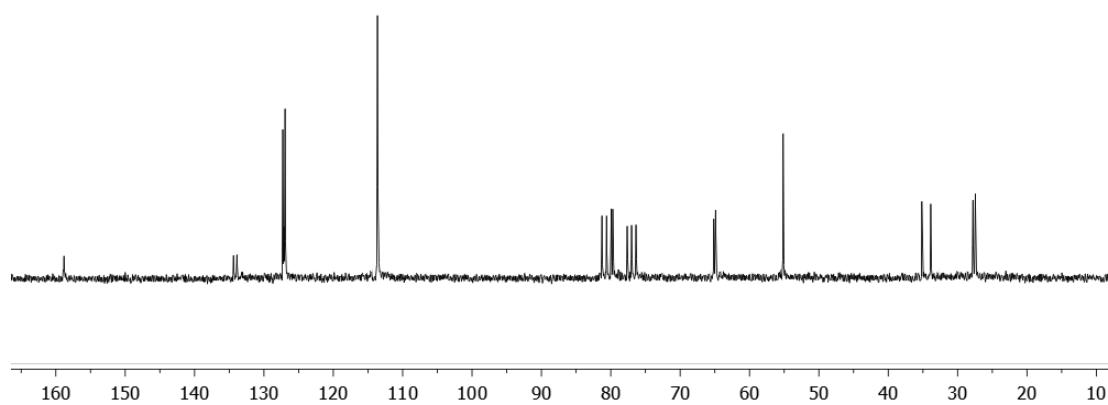
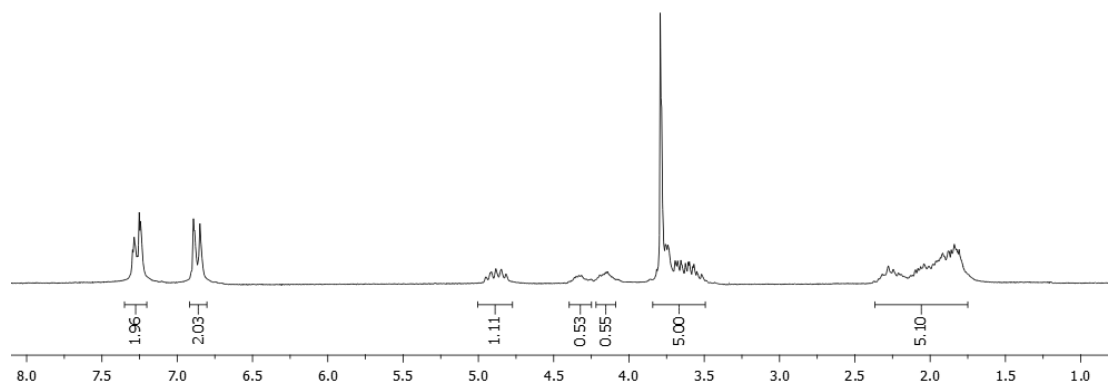


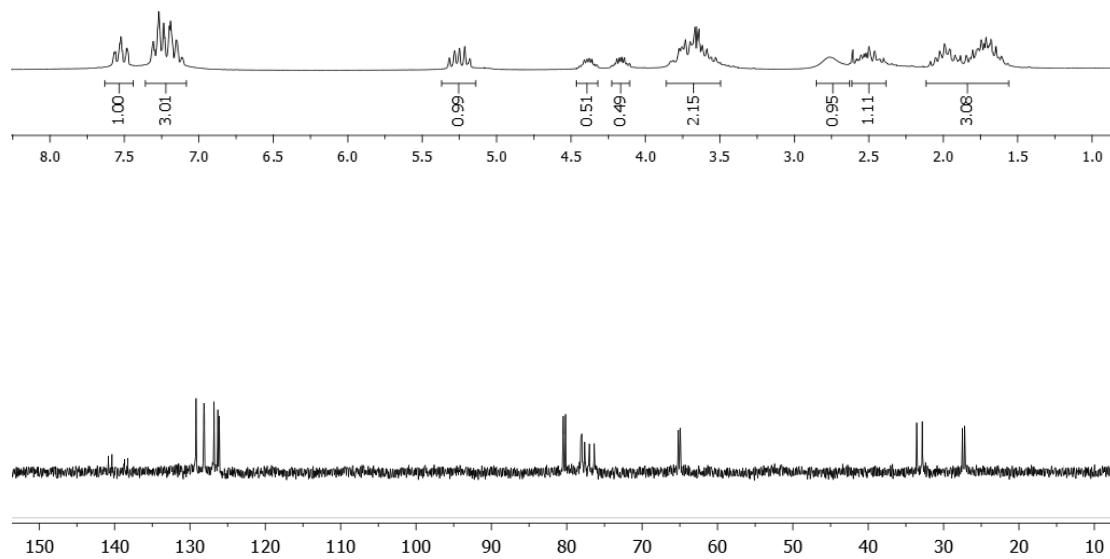
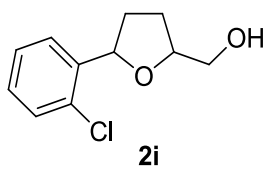
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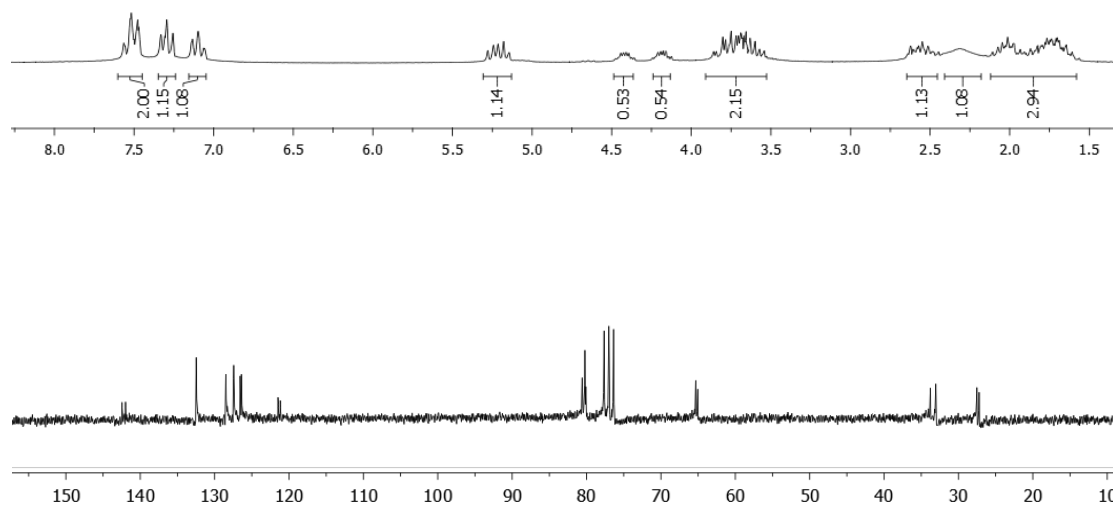
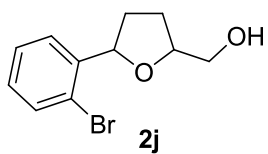
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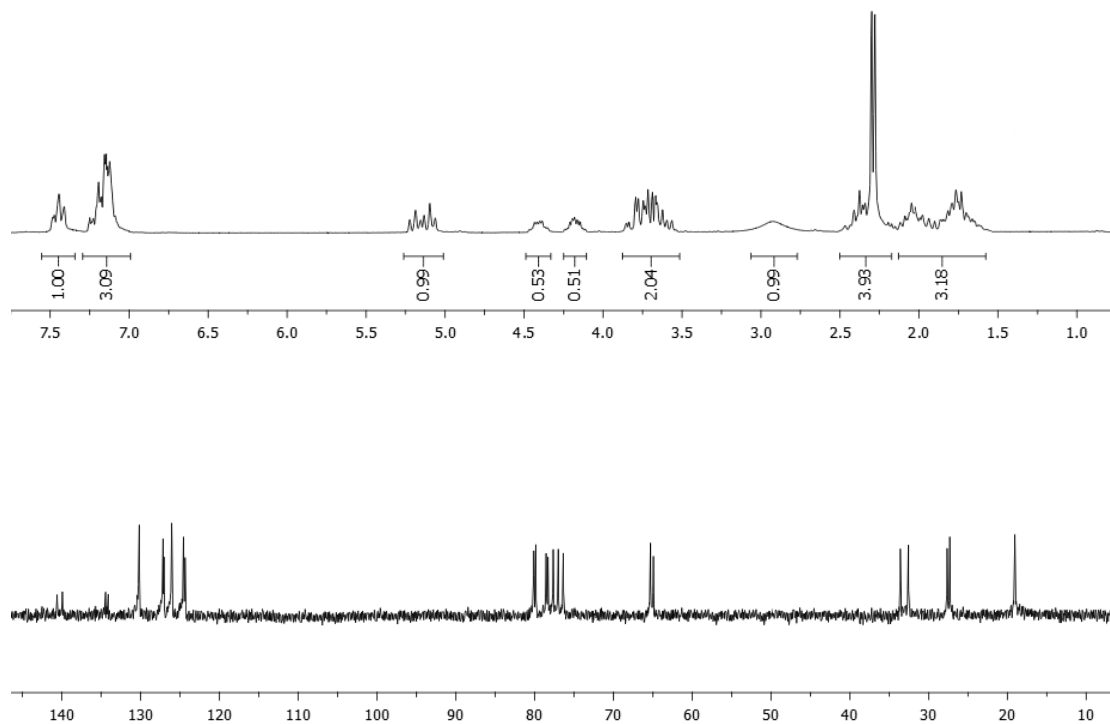
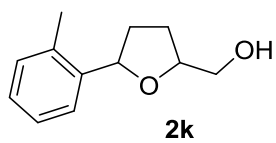


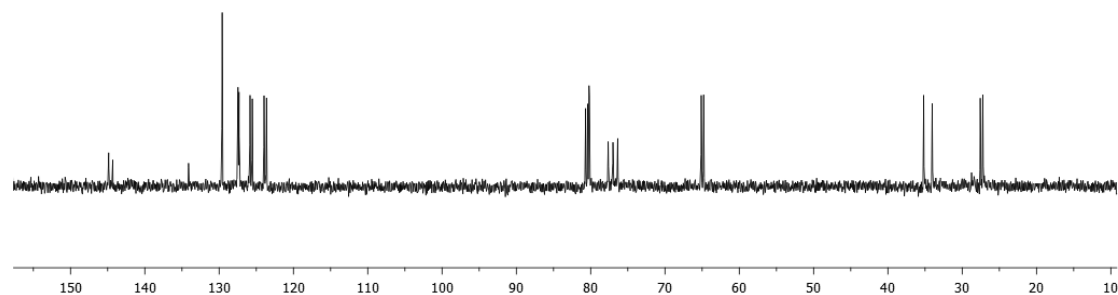
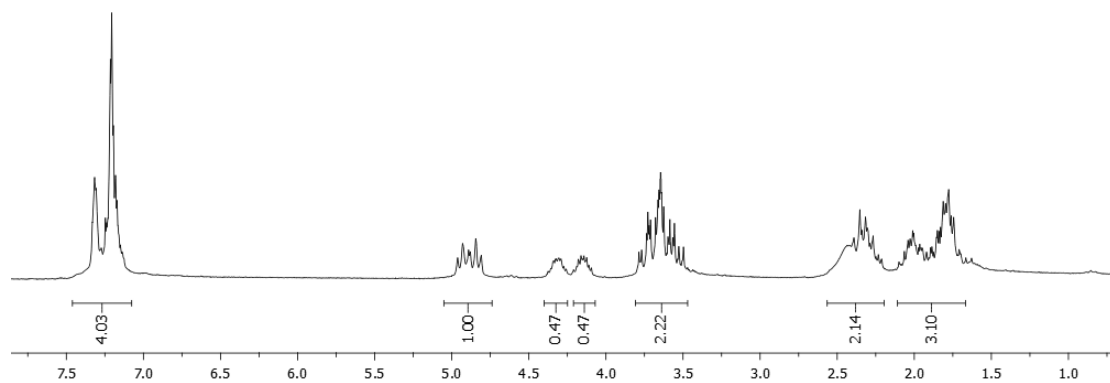
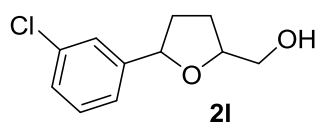
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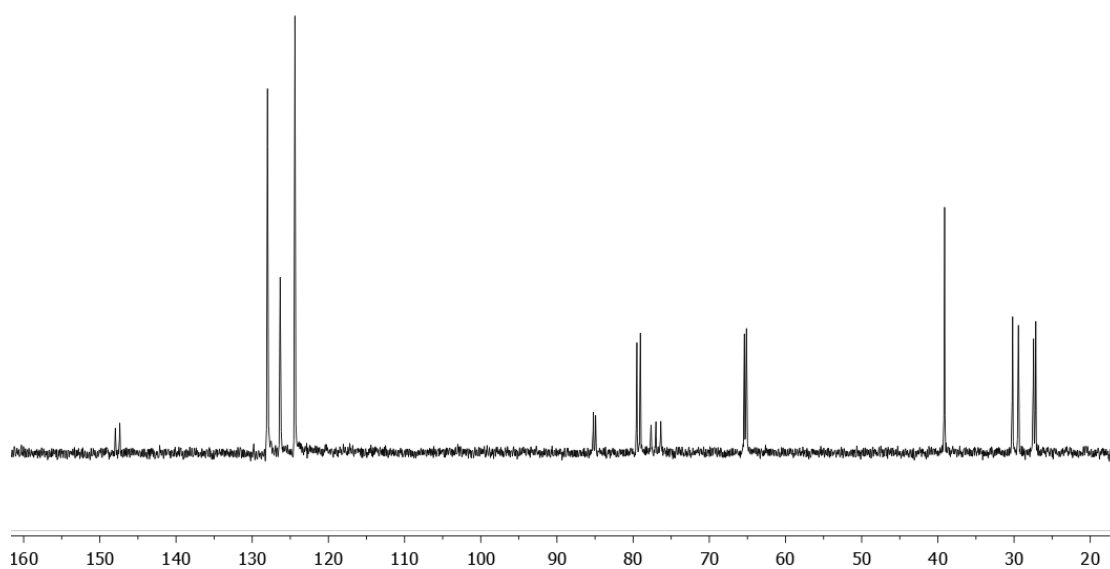
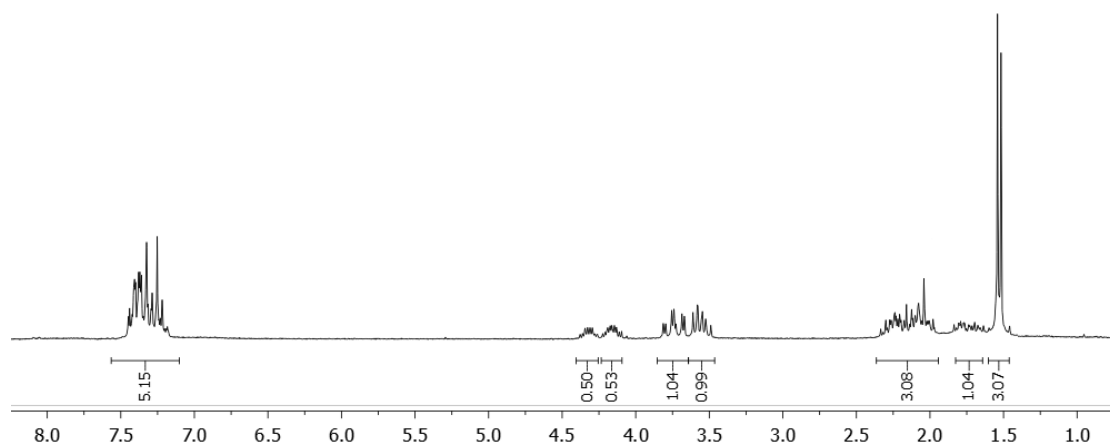
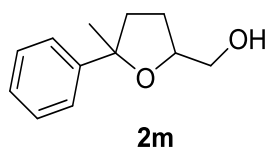
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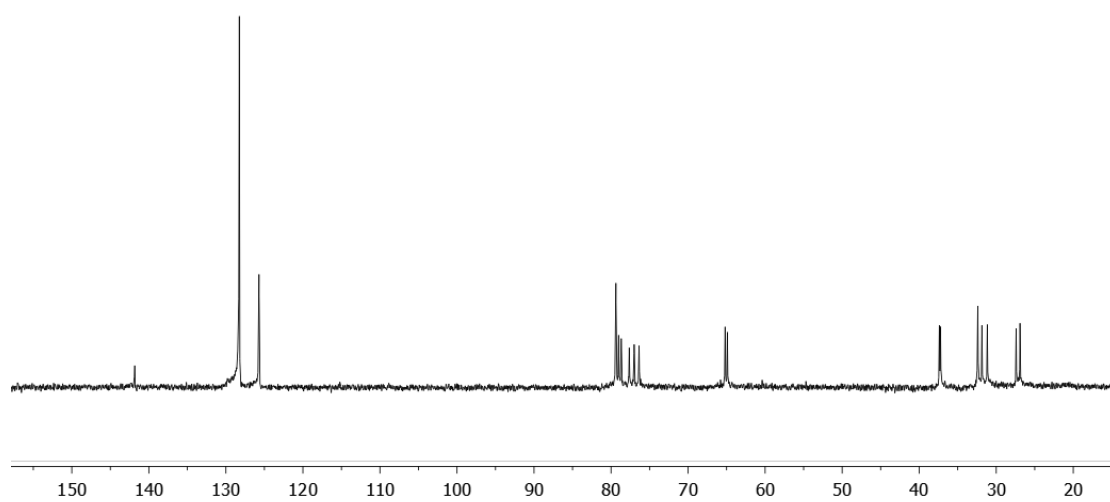
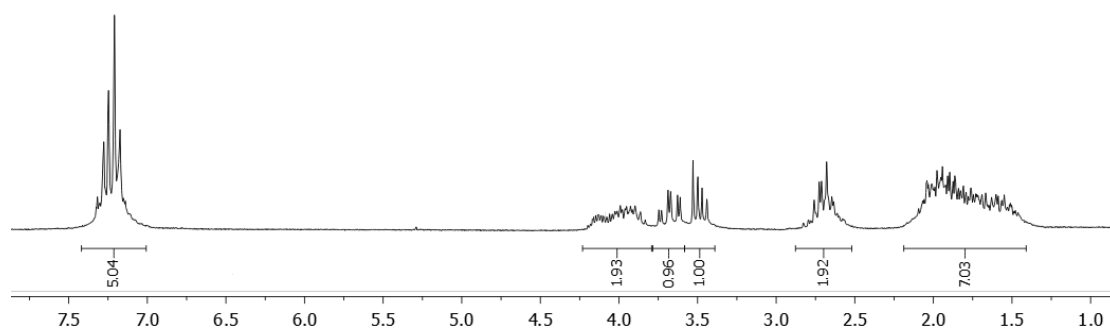
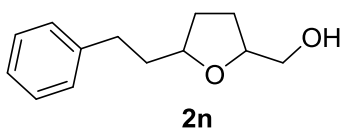


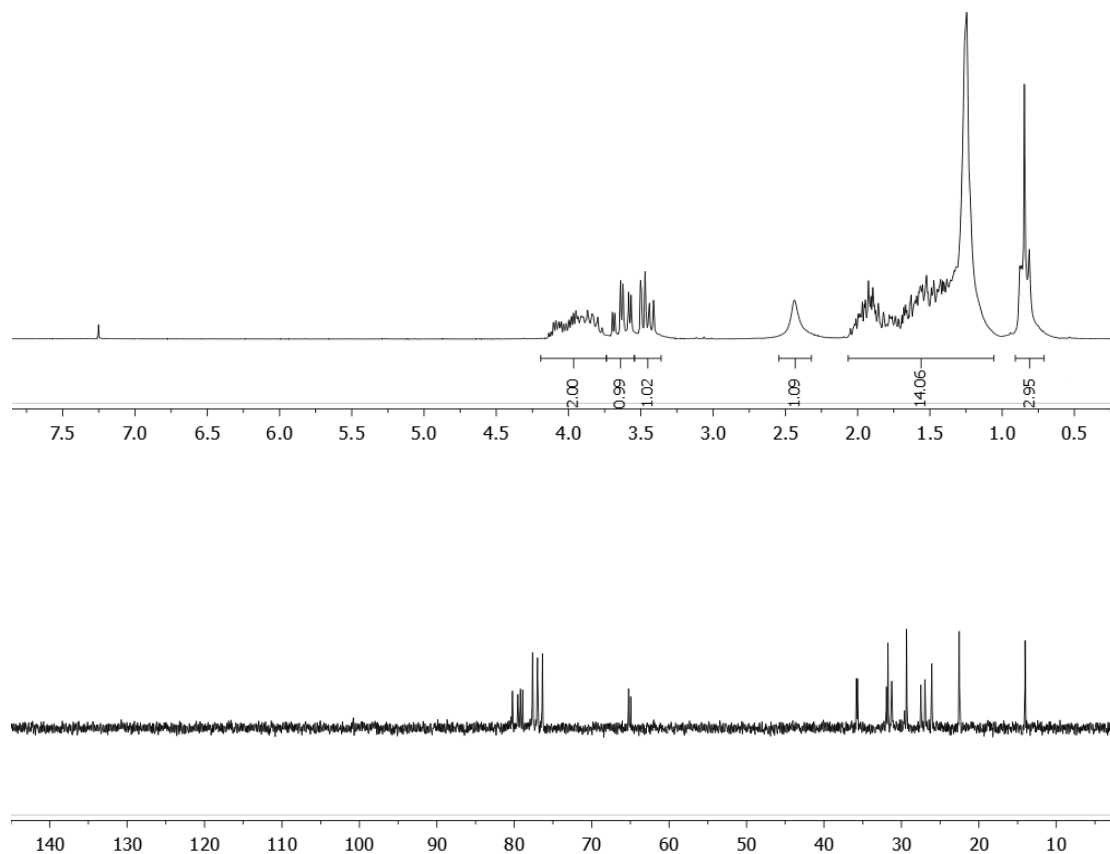
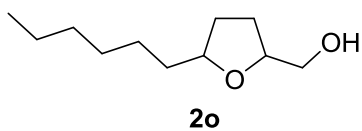


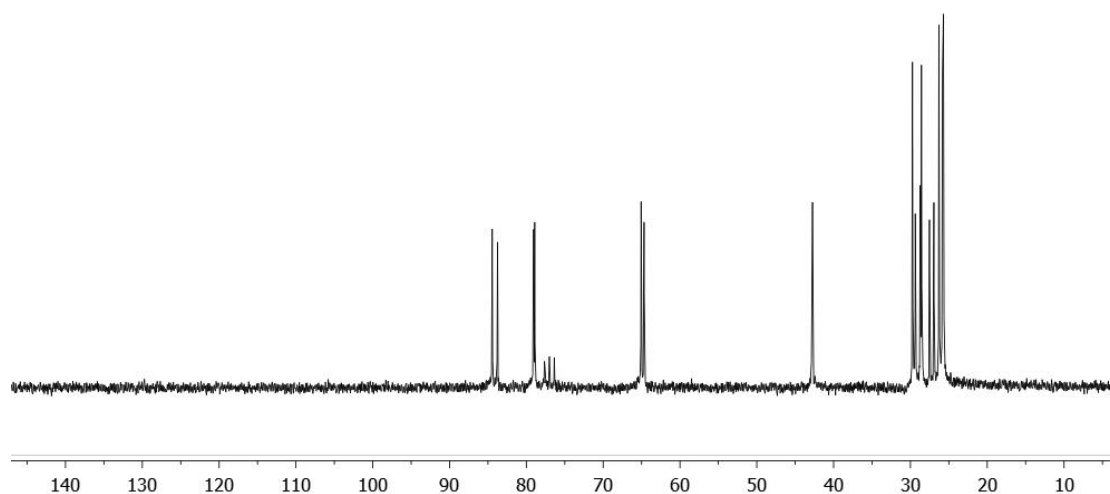
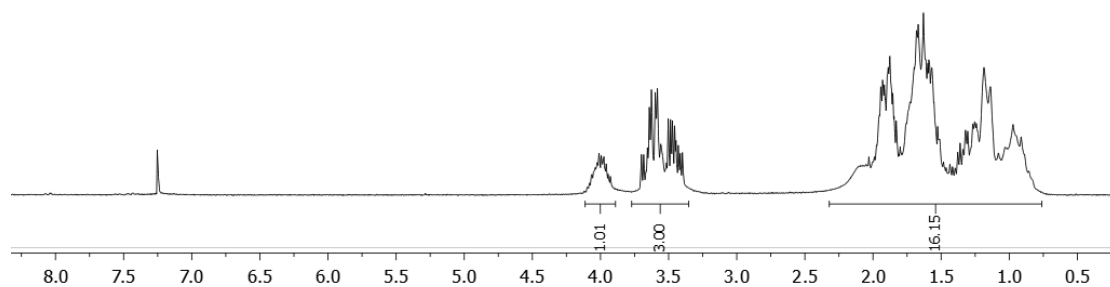
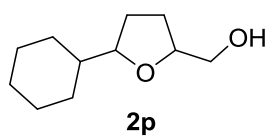


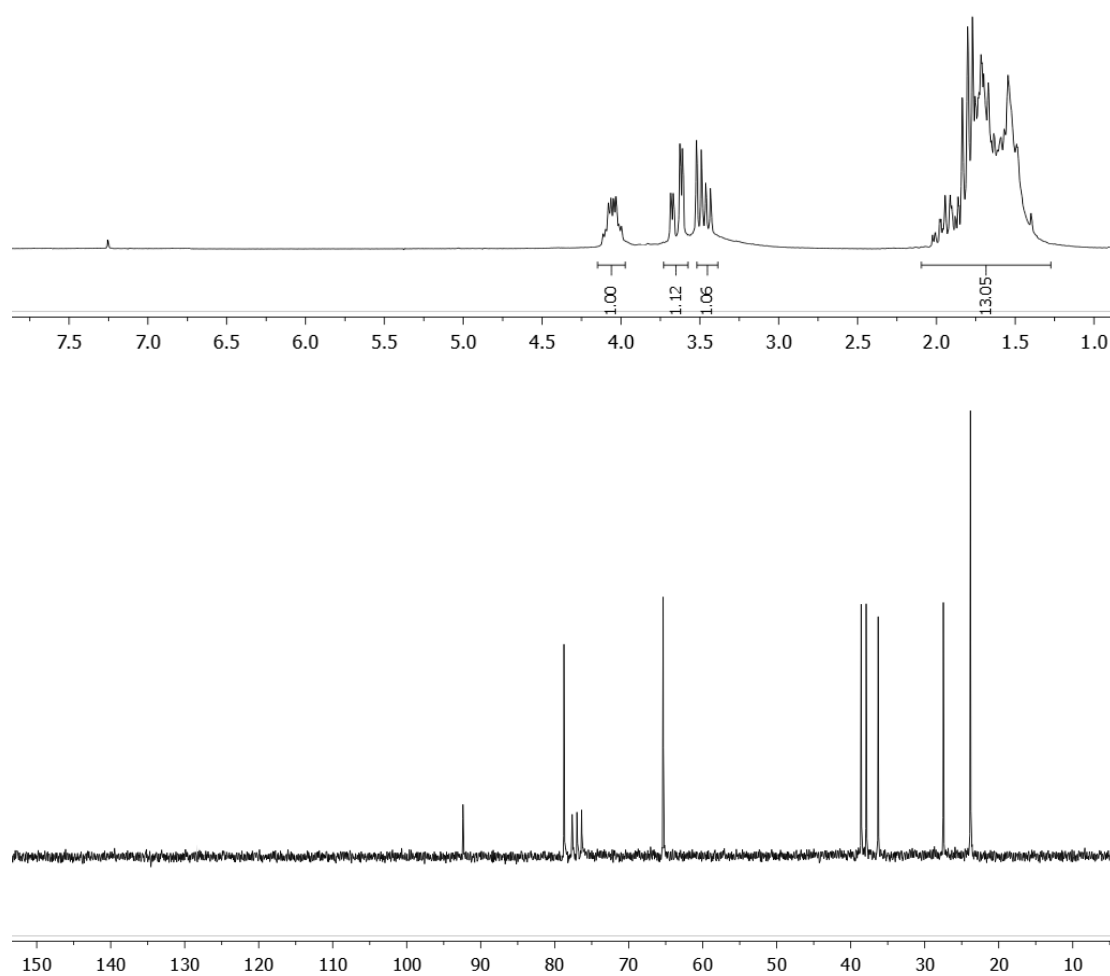
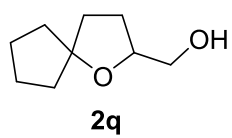


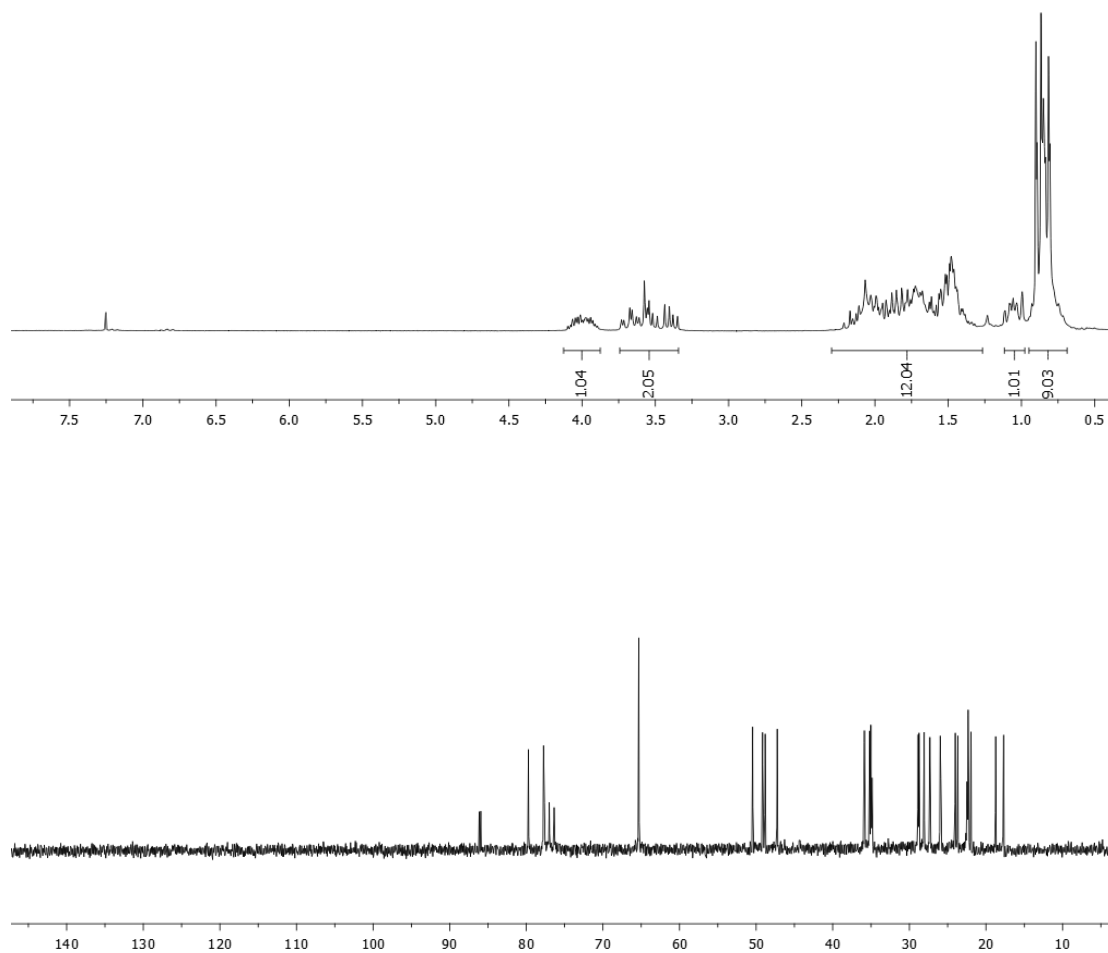
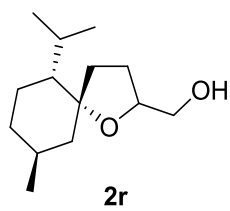


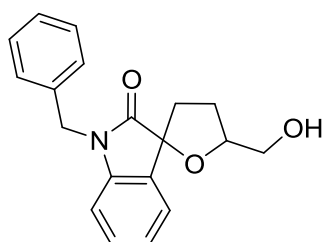
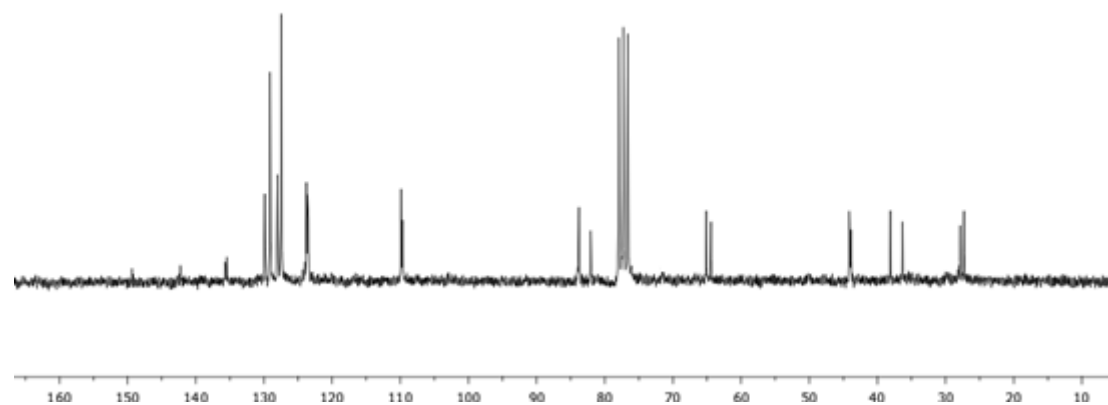
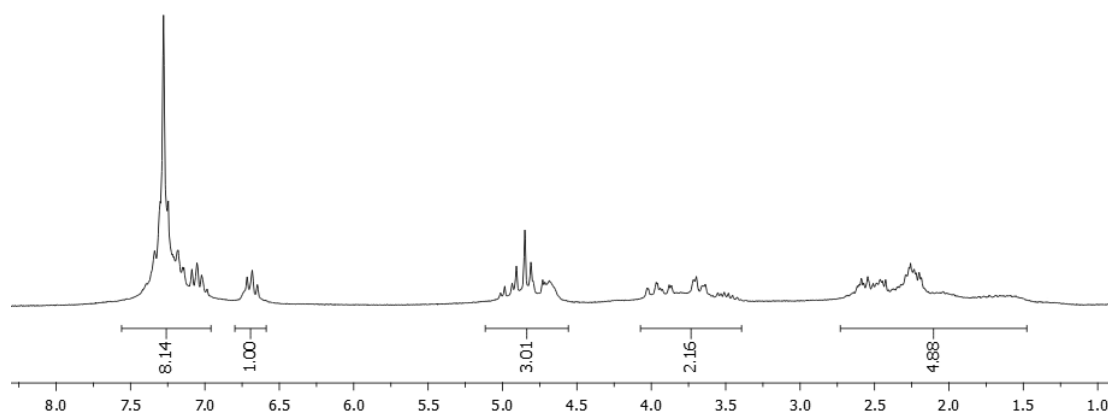


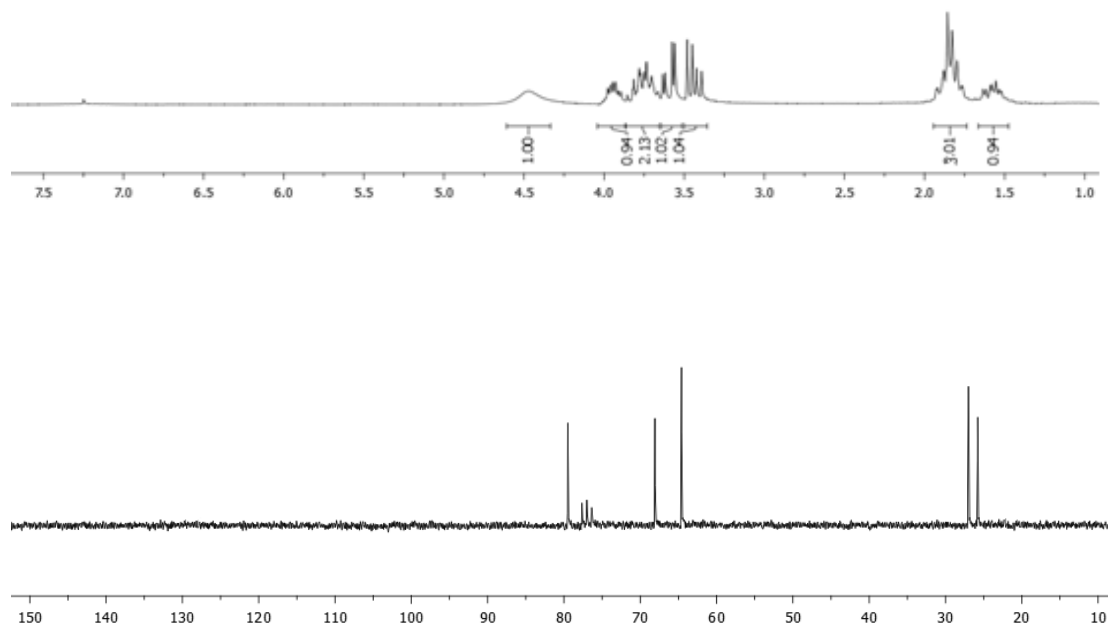
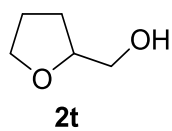


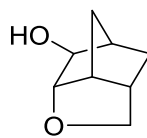
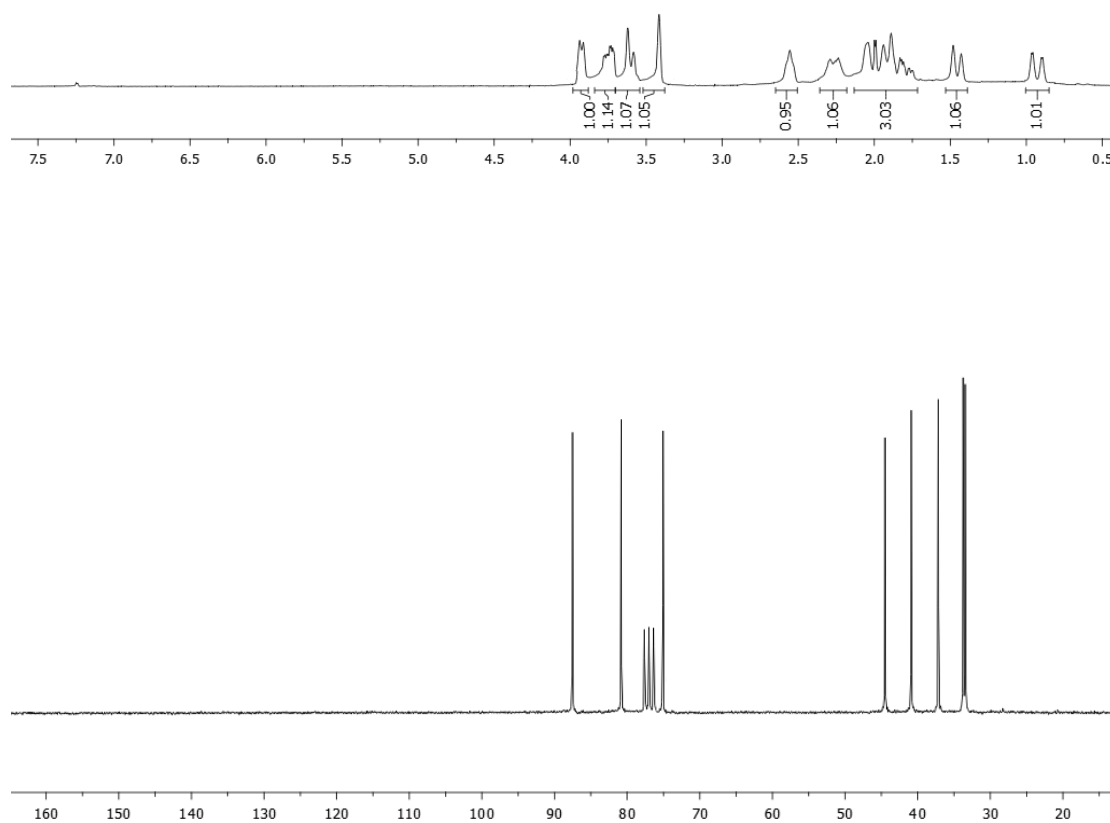


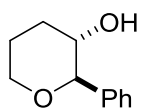




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