

## Supplementary Information for

### Photoredox catalysed synthesis of amino alcohol

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**General Information:** Melting points were determined by an open glass capillary method and are uncorrected. All chemicals used were reagent grade and were used as received. IR spectra in KBr/neat were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 993 IR spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE DPX (400 MHz and 75 MHz) FT spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> using TMS as an internal reference (chemical shift in δ, ppm). Mass spectra were recorded on JEOL SX-303 (FAB) mass spectrophotometer. Elemental analyses were carried out using a Coleman automatic C, H, N analyser.

**General Procedure for the photocatalysed synthesis of substituted amino alcohol (Table 2):** A round bottom flask was charged with α, β - unsaturated aldehydes 1(a-l) (1.0 mmol), eosin Y (2 mol%), aminating reagent (1.0 mmol) and CH<sub>3</sub>OH (3 mL) and the contents were stirred in open air under irradiation with Luxeon Rebel high power green LEDs [2.50 W, λ = 535 nm] at room temperature for 40-180 min. After the completion of reaction (as indicated by TLC), it was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 5 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude product, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a mixture of EtOAc-Hexane to give the pure product 2(a-l) in high yields (62-92%) in table 2.

**Gram Scale Reaction:** A round bottom flask was charged with α, β - unsaturated aldehydes 1 (1.0g), eosin Y (2 mol%), aminating reagent (1.0 equiv.) and CH<sub>3</sub>OH (3 mL) and the contents were stirred in open air under irradiation with Luxeon Rebel high power green LEDs [2.50 W, λ = 535 nm] at room temperature for 40-180 min. After the completion of reaction (as indicated by TLC), it was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 5 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude product, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a mixture of EtOAc-Hexane to give the pure product 2.

**(2S,3S,4R)-4-(dibenzylamino)-3-methyl-4-phenylbutan-2-ol (2a):** m.p. 220°C, m/z: 331.19; Mol. Wt: 331.46. IR (thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2972, 1452, 907, 731, 698; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.44 – 7.06 (m, 15H), 4.70 (br, s, 1H, -OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 4.44 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 2.50 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 0.87 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.40 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 149.1, 140.5, 129.6, 128.5, 128.1, 125.9, 121.9, 119.1, 71.3, 71.1, 42.9, 22.6, 14.6. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO: C, 83.34; H, 7.60; N, 4.23. Found: C, 83.32; H, 7.58; N, 4.20.

**(2S,3S,4R)-4-(dibenzylamino)-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylbutan-2-ol (2b):** m.p. 260°C, m/z: 361.20; Mol. Wt: 361.49. IR (thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2970, 1492, 1258, 910, 576; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.40 – 6.91 (m, 14H), 4.70 (br, s, 1H, -OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 4.44 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.50 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 0.87 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.40 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 160.4, 149.1, 141.5, 129.6, 129.5, 121.9, 120.4, 119.1, 113.2, 111.5, 71.3, 55.8, 42.9, 22.6, 14.6. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 79.74; H, 7.53; N, 3.87. Found: C, 79.72; H, 7.51; N, 3.85.

**(2S,3S,4R)-4-(dibenzylamino)-4-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-methylbutan-2-ol (2c):** m.p. 230°C, m/z: 349.18; Mol. Wt: 349.45. IR (thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2972, 1486, 1452, 750, 699; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.71 – 7.06 (m, 14H), 4.70 (br, s, 1H, -OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 4.44 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 2.50 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 0.87 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.40 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 160.6, 149.1, 129.6, 127.5, 124.1, 121.9, 119.1, 105.8, 71.3, 64.3, 42.9, 22.6, 14.6. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NFO: C, 79.05; H, 6.92; N, 4.01, F, 5.44. Found: C, 79.03; H, 6.90; N, 4.00, F, 5.41.

**(2S,3S,4R)-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-4-(dibenzylamino)-3-methylbutan-2-ol (2d):** m.p. 258°C, m/z: 365.15; Mol. Wt: 365.90. IR (thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2972, 1453, 907, 733, 698; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.46 – 7.06 (m, 14H), 4.70 (br, s, 1H, -OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 4.44 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 2.50 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 0.87 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.40 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 149.1, 141.9, 134.1, 129.9, 129.6, 127.9, 126.2, 126.0, 121.9, 119.1, 71.3, 70.6, 42.9, 22.6, 14.6. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NClO: C, 75.50; H, 6.61; N, 3.83; Cl, 9.69. Found: C, 75.48; H, 6.59; N, 3.81, Cl, 9.67.

**(2S,3S,3R)-(dibenzylamino)(phenyl)methylpentan-2-ol (2e):** m.p. 258°C, m/z: 345.21; Mol. Wt: 373.49. IR (thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2967, 1493, 1453, 733, 698; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.40 – 7.06 (m, 15H), 4.70 (br, s, 1H, -OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 4.44 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 2.25 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.40 (m, 2H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.40 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 149.1, 140.5, 129.6, 128.5, 128.1, 125.9, 121.9, 119.1, 68.8, 68.6, 48.6, 22.9, 17.2, 12.2. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO: C, 83.44; H, 7.88; N, 4.05. Found: C, 83.41; H, 7.86; N, 4.03.

**(2S,4R)-4-(dibenzylamino)-4-phenylbutan-2-ol (2f):** m.p. 220°C, m/z: 361.20; Mol. Wt: 361.49. IR (thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1493, 1452, 1073, 747, 697; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.40 – 7.06 (m, 15H), 4.70 (br, s, 1H, -OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 4.50 – 4.15 (m, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (dd, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 0.70 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 149.1, 140.5, 129.6, 128.5, 128.1, 125.9, 121.9, 119.1, 72.3, 66.5, 44.7, 23.5. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO: C, 83.24; H, 7.30; N, 4.41. Found: C, 83.22; H, 7.28; N, 4.38.

**(2S,3R)-3-(diphenylamino)-3-(4-(1-hydroxyethyl)phenyl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (2g):** m.p. 275°C, m/z: 389.24; Mol. Wt: 389.54. IR (thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3340, 2967, 1453, 1028, 733, 698; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.40 – 7.06 (m, 14H), 5.00–4.90 (m, 1H), 4.70 (br, s, 2H, -OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 3.10 – 3.40 (dd, 1H, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 2.60 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 1.50 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 3H), 0.40 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 149.1, 142.9, 141.1, 129.6, 127.2, 125.1, 121.9, 119.1, 73.6, 69.9, 65.5, 38.3, 22.8, 12.1. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 79.74; H, 7.53; N, 3.87. Found: C, 79.72; H, 7.51; N, 3.85.

**(2S,3R)-3-(dibenzylamino)-2-methyl-3-phenylpropan-1-ol (2h):** m.p. 218°C, m/z: 317.18; Mol. Wt: 317.43. IR (thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3027, 2926, 1452, 908, 729, 697; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.40 – 7.06 (m, 15H), 4.70 (br, s, 1H, -OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 3.10 – 3.40 (dd, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 2.60 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 0.40 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 149.1, 142.2, 129.6, 128.5, 127.8, 125.5, 121.9, 119.1, 73.6, 65.5, 38.3, 12.1. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO: C, 83.24; H, 7.30; N, 4.41. Found: C, 83.22; H, 7.28; N, 4.38.

**(2S,3R)-2-cyclopropyl-3-(dibenzylamino)-3-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)propan-1-ol (2i):** m.p. 310°C, m/z: 427.18; Mol. Wt: 427.47. IR (thin film, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1256, 1221, 1163, 748, 699; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.40 – 6.89 (m, 14H), 4.70 (br, s, 1H, -OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 3.10 – 3.40 (dd, J = 10.3 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 2.40 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 0.10–1.10 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 149.1, 144.8, 132.8, 129.7, 129.6, 127.8, 121.9, 119.1, 68.6, 60.5, 48.6,

4.1, 3.2. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{25}H_{24}F_3NO_2$ : C, 70.25; H, 5.66; N, 3.28; F, 13.33. Found: C, 70.23; H, 5.63; N, 3.26; F, 13.30.

**(1R,2S)-3-(3-hydroxy-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)**

**(methyl)(phenyl)amino)propylphenol (2j):** m.p. 390°C, m/z: 400.22; Mol. Wt: 400.52. IR (thin film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3010, 2915, 1587, 1097, 753;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) : 9.30 (br, s, 1H, -OH), 7.54 – 6.35 (m, 14H), 4.70 (br, s, 1H, -OH, exchangeable with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.59 (d,  $J = 11.3$  Hz, 2H), 3.10 – 3.40 (dd,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 1H ), 2.60 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 0.40 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 156.1, 149.6, 143.6, 137.5, 129.6, 127.7, 126.5, 121.9, 121.7, 119.8, 118.8, 114.3, 114.2, 112.5, 71.4, 65.5, 38.7, 34.0, 12.1. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{26}H_{28}N_2O_2$ : C, 77.97; H, 7.05; N, 6.99. Found: C, 77.95; H, 7.03; N, 6.96.

**(1R,2S)-methyl-2-hydroxy-5-(3-hydroxy-1-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-2-methylpropyl)**

**(phenyl)amino)methylbenzoate (2k):** m.p. 450°C, m/z: 436.21; Mol. Wt: 436.51. IR (thin film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 1676, 1601, 1498, 1204, 751;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) : 15.20 (br, s, 1H), 7.78 – 6.58 (m, 11H), 4.70 (br, s, 1H, -OH, exchangeable with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ), 4.60 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.59 (d,  $J = 11.3$  Hz, 2H), 3.10 – 3.40 (dd,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 1H ), 2.60 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 0.40 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.7, 163.9, 149.6, 146.3, 138.2, 136.2, 130.4, 129.6, 127.4, 121.9, 116.7, 114.3, 111.7, 110.3, 71.1, 65.5, 54.1, 53.5, 51.5, 38.7, 12.1. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{25}H_{28}N_2O_5$ : C, 68.79; H, 6.47; N, 6.42. Found: C, 68.76; H, 6.45; N, 6.40.

**(2S,3R)- 2-methyl-3-phenyl-3-(phenyl(1-phenylethyl)amino)propan-1-ol (2l):** m.p. 210°C, m/z: 345.21; Mol. Wt: 345.49. IR (thin film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 1493, 1451, 1216, 752, 576;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) : 7.36 – 6.80 (m, 15H), 4.70 (br, s, 1H, -OH, exchangeable with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ), 4.05-3.98 (m, 1H), 3.60 (d,  $J = 11.3$  Hz, 2H), 3.10 – 3.40 (dd,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 1H ), 2.60 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 1.10 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.40 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 144.9, 144.7, 138.3, 129.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.0, 125.5, 121.9, 116.8, 68.6, 65.5, 39.0, 12.1. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{24}H_{27}NO$ : C, 83.44; H, 7.88; N, 4.05. Found: C, 83.42; H, 7.86; N, 4.03.

### <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>CNMR Spectra of Compounds

Figure S1a: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 4-(dibenzylamino)-3-methyl-4-phenylbutan-2-ol (**2a**)

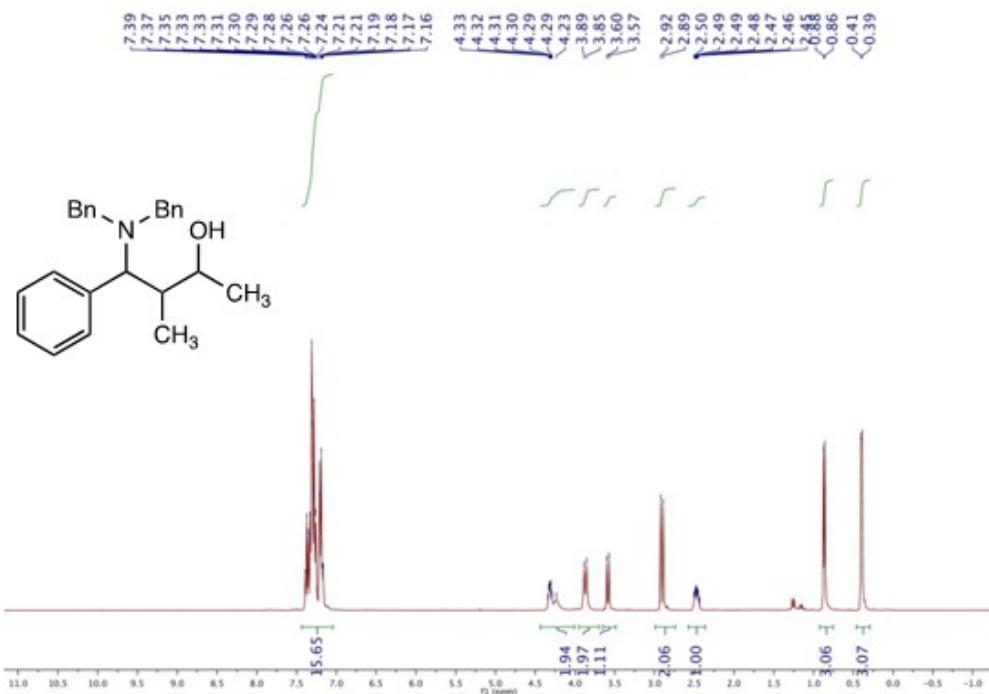


Figure S1b: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 4-(dibenzylamino)-3-methyl-4-phenylbutan-2-ol (**2a**)

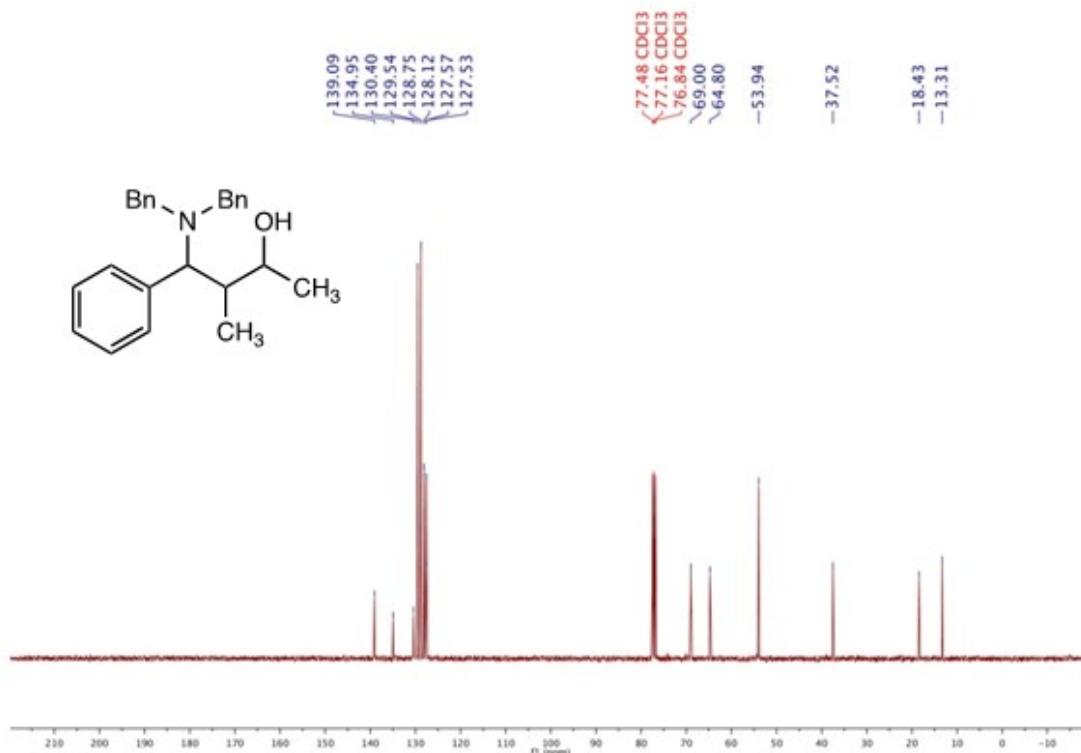


Figure S2a:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 4-(dibenzylamino)-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylbutan-2-ol (**2b**)

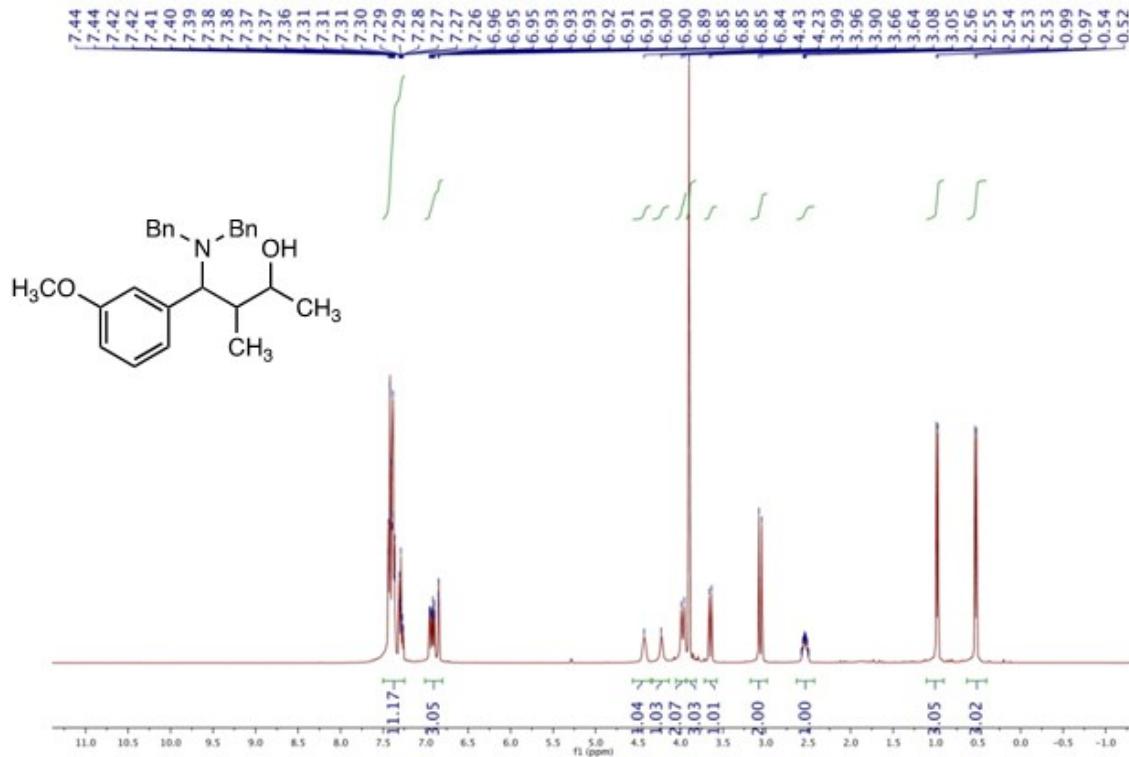


Figure S2b:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 4-(dibenzylamino)-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylbutan-2-ol (**2b**)

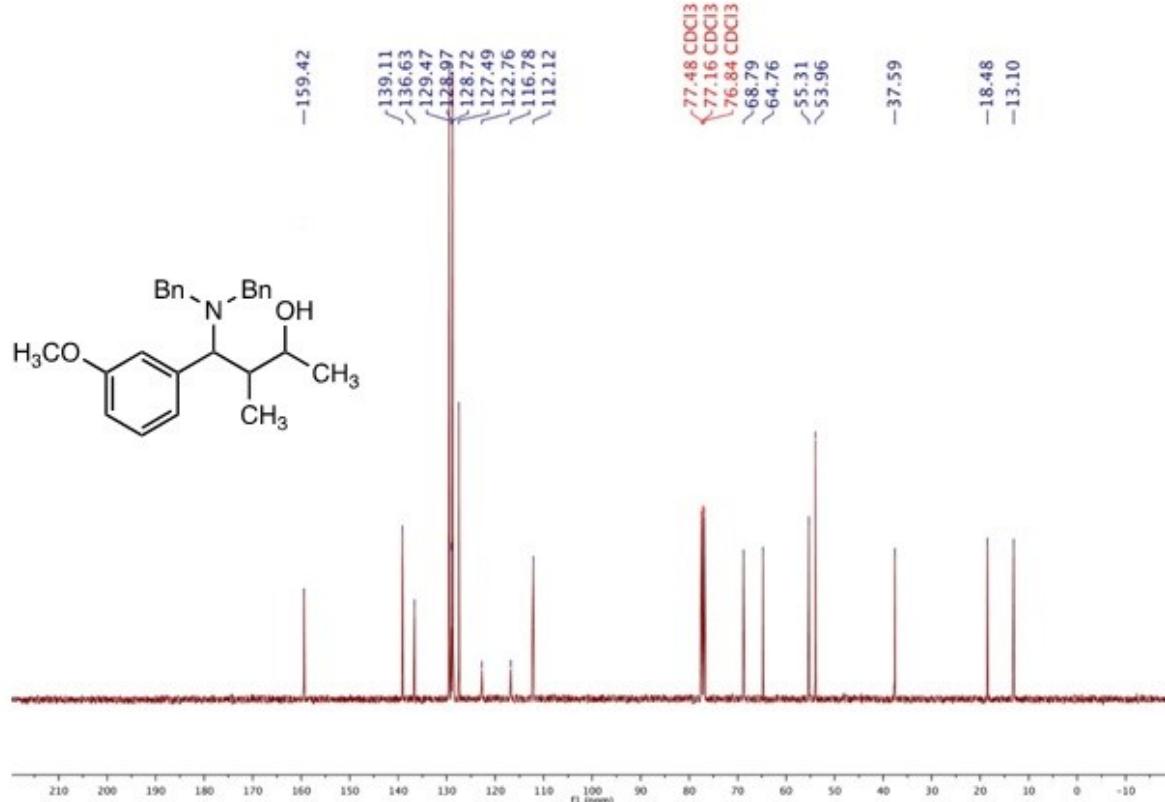


Figure S3a:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 4-(dibenzylamino)-4-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-methylbutan-2-ol (**2c**)

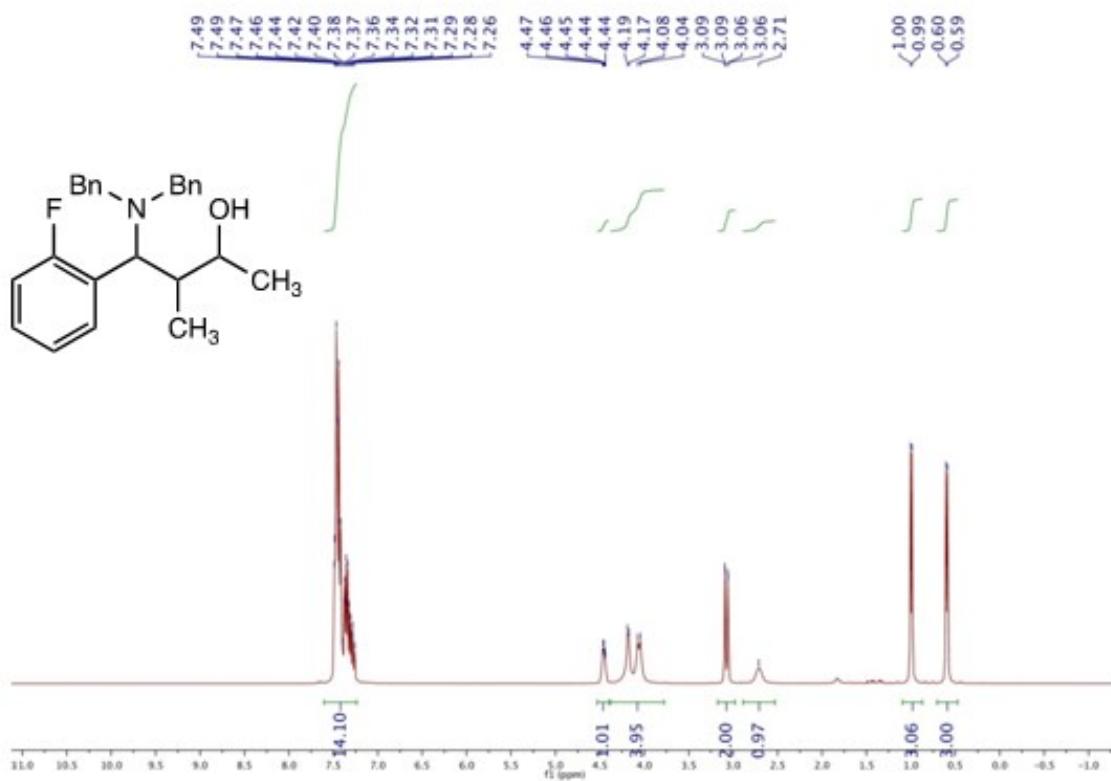


Figure S3b:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 4-(dibenzylamino)-4-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-methylbutan-2-ol (**2c**)

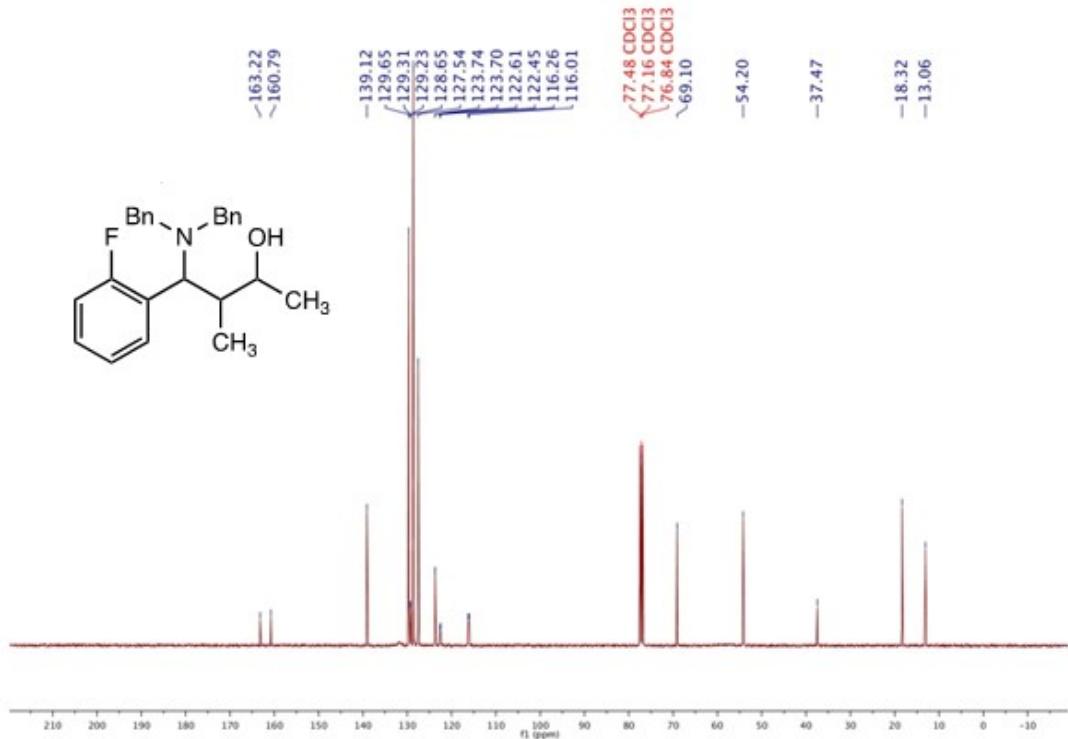


Figure S4a:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 4-(3-chlorophenyl)-4-(dibenzylamino)-3-methylbutan-2-ol (**2d**)

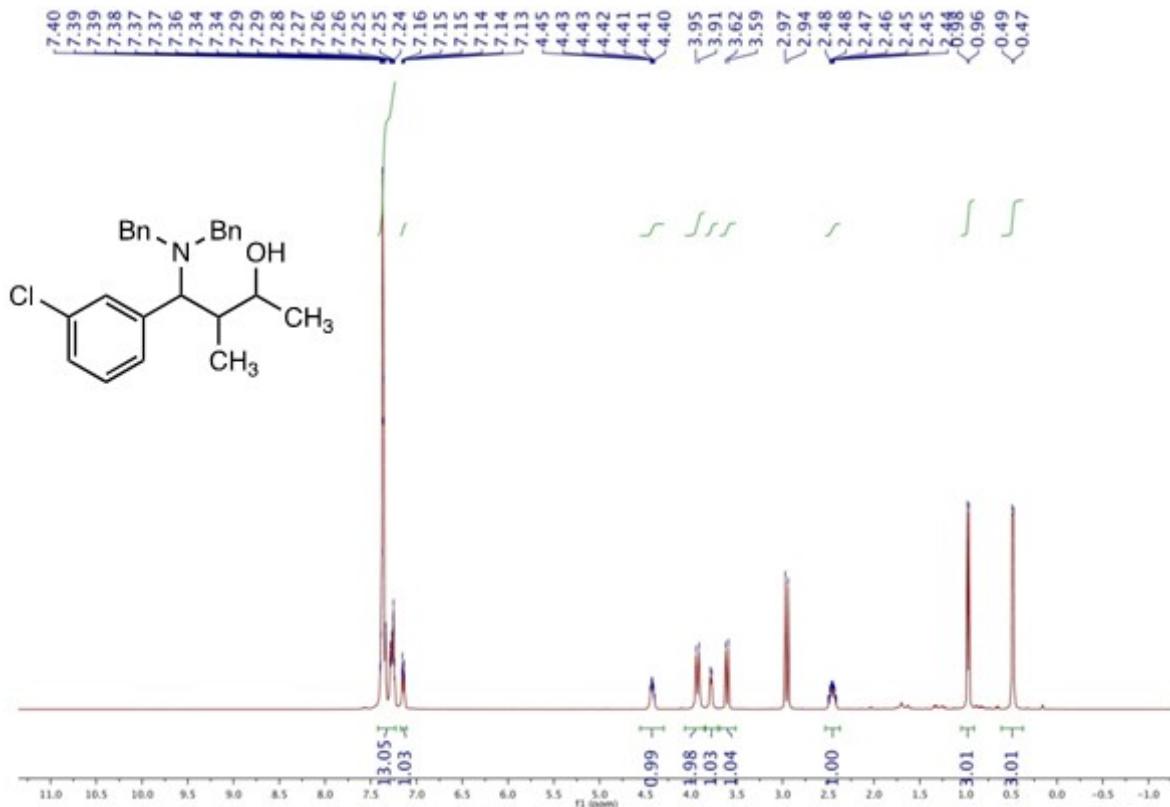


Figure S4b:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 4-(3-chlorophenyl)-4-(dibenzylamino)-3-methylbutan-2-ol (**2d**)

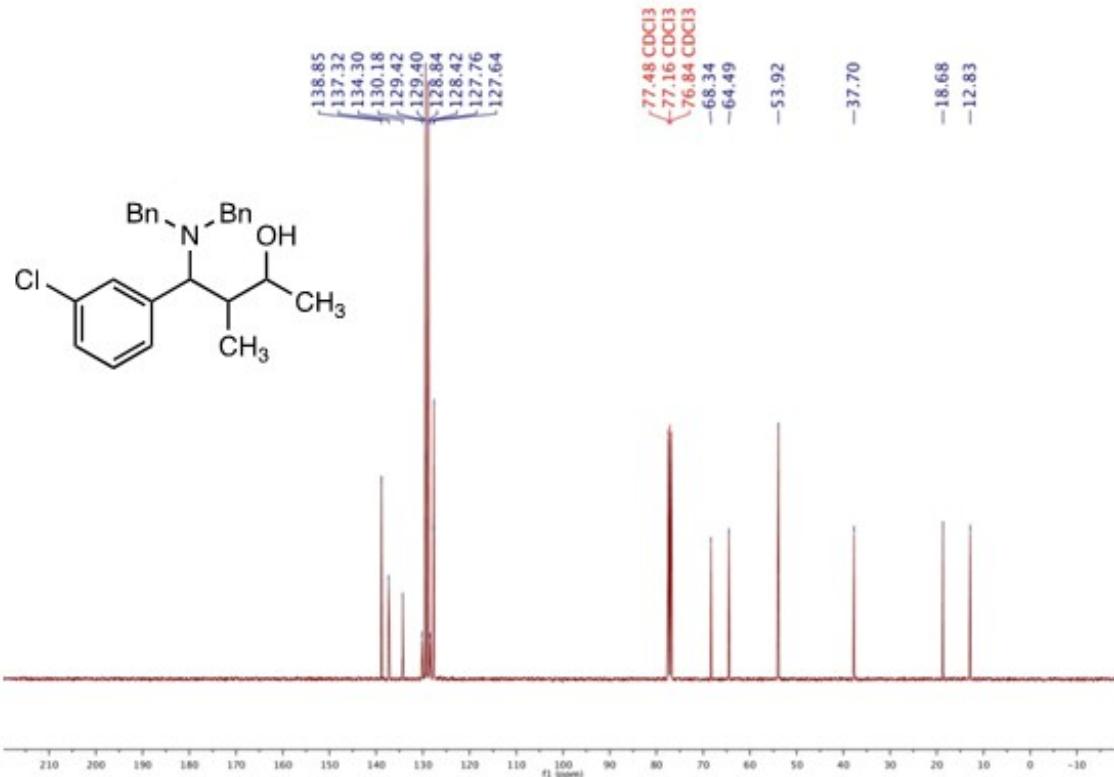


Figure S5a:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-(dibenzylamino) phenyl methyl pentan-2-ol (**2e**)

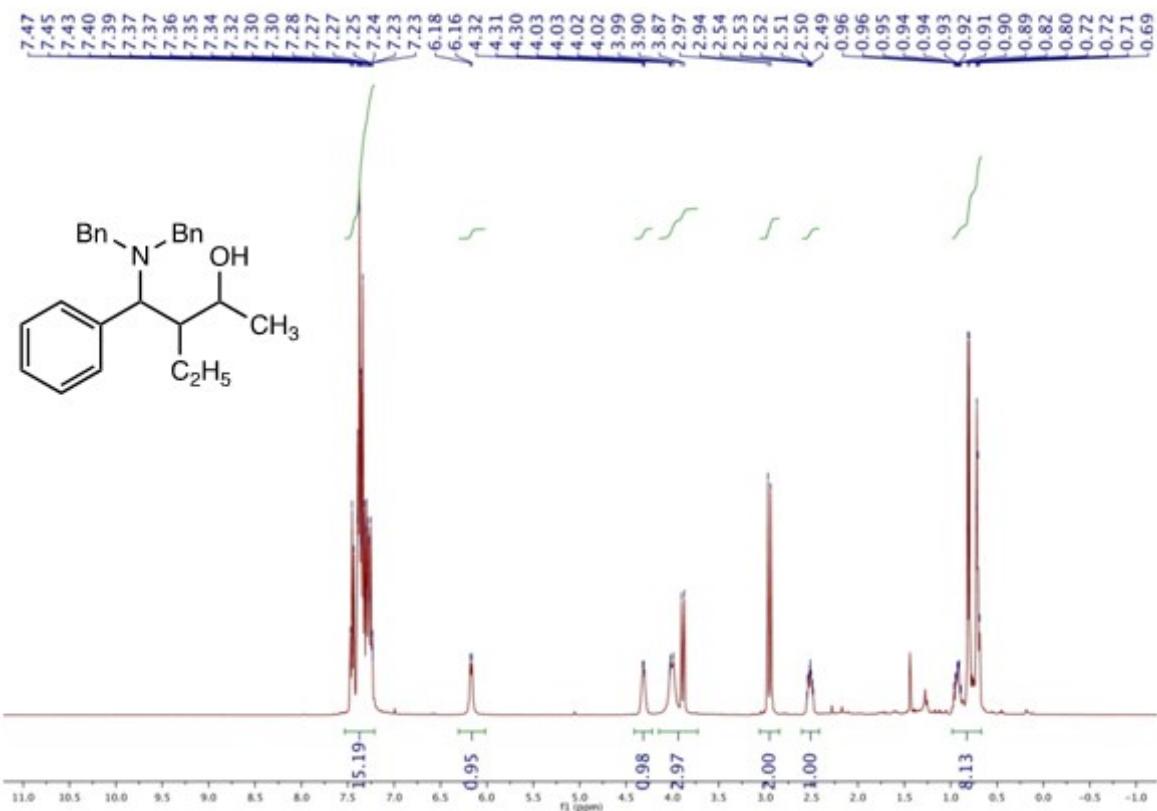


Figure S5b:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-(dibenzylamino) phenyl methyl pentan-2-ol (**2e**)

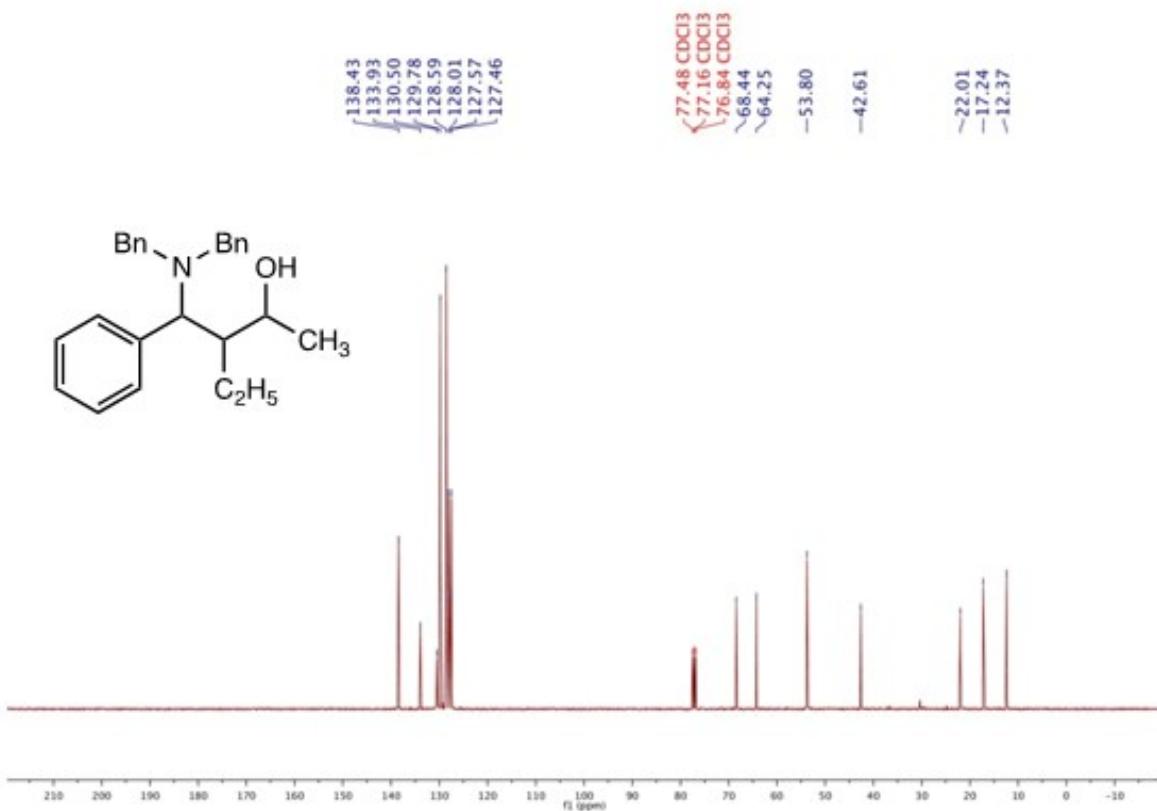


Figure S6a:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 4-(dibenzylamino)-4-phenylbutan-2-ol (**2f**)

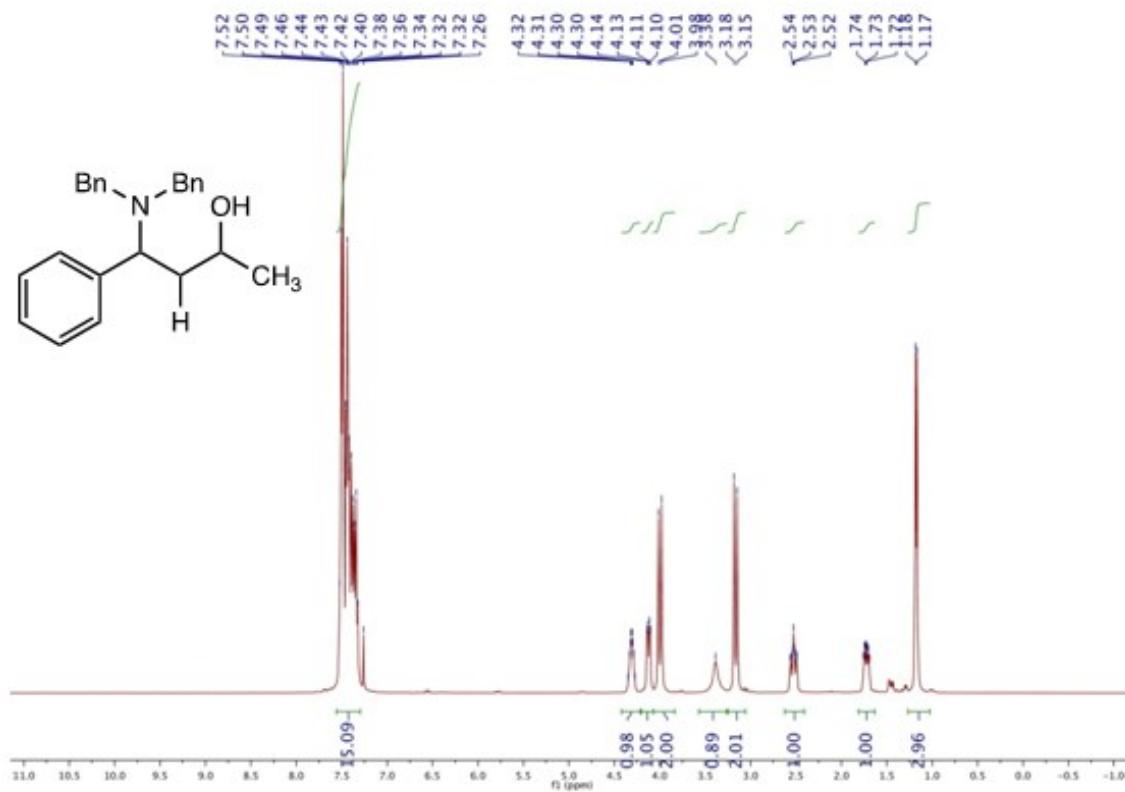


Figure S6b:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 4-(dibenzylamino)-4-phenylbutan-2-ol (**2f**)

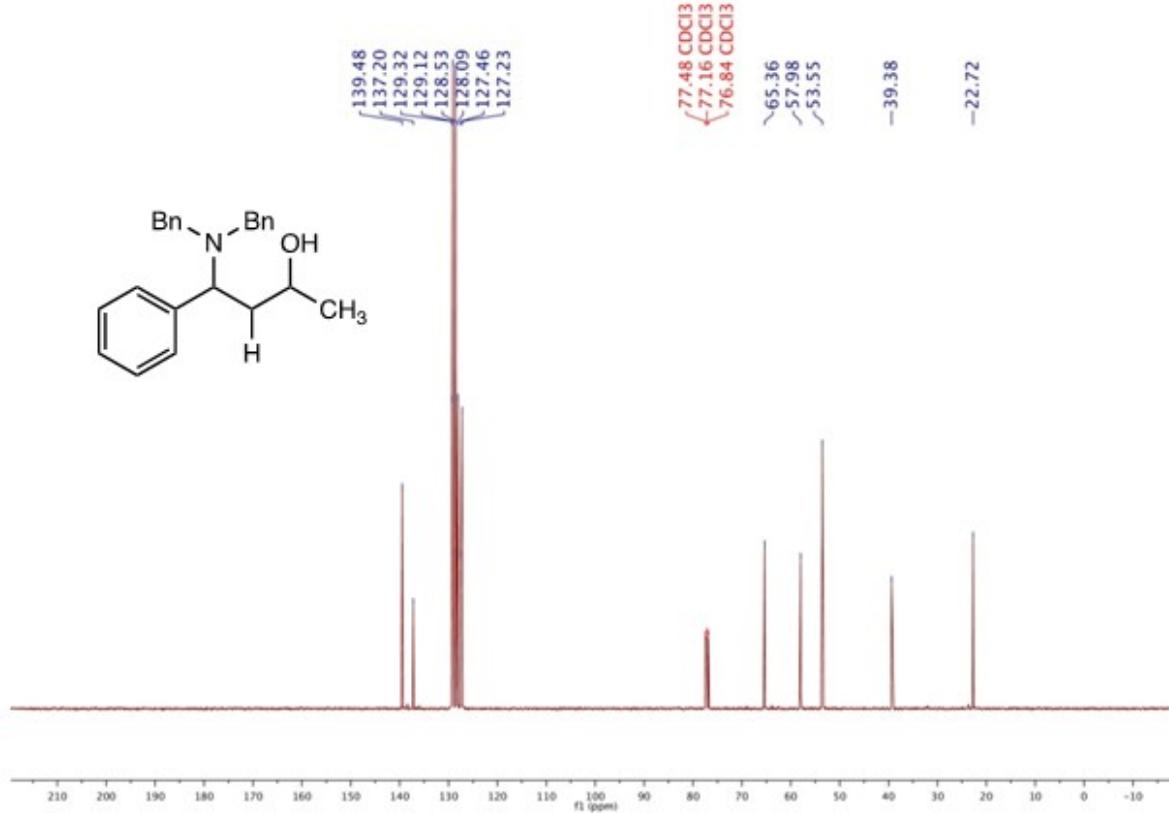


Figure S7a:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-(diphenylamino)-3-(4-(1-hydroxyethyl)phenyl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (**2g**)

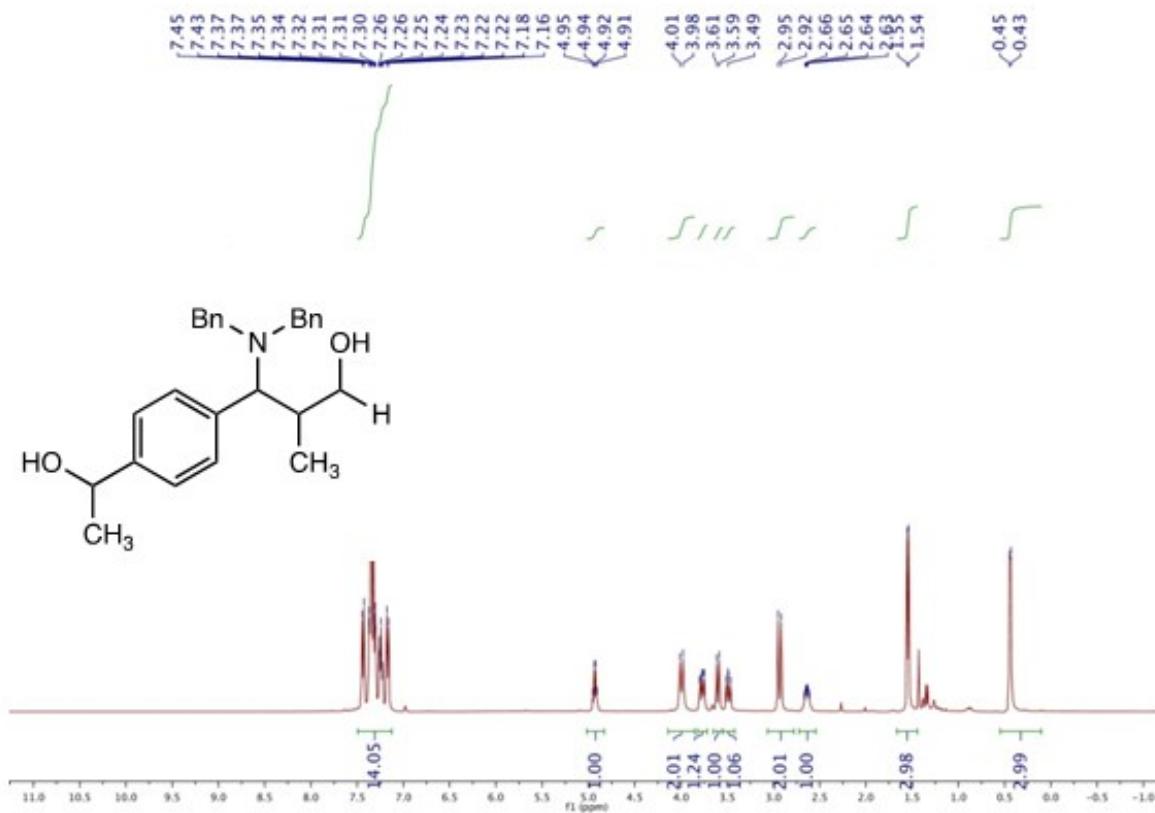


Figure S7b:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-(diphenylamino)-3-(4-(1-hydroxyethyl)phenyl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (**2g**)

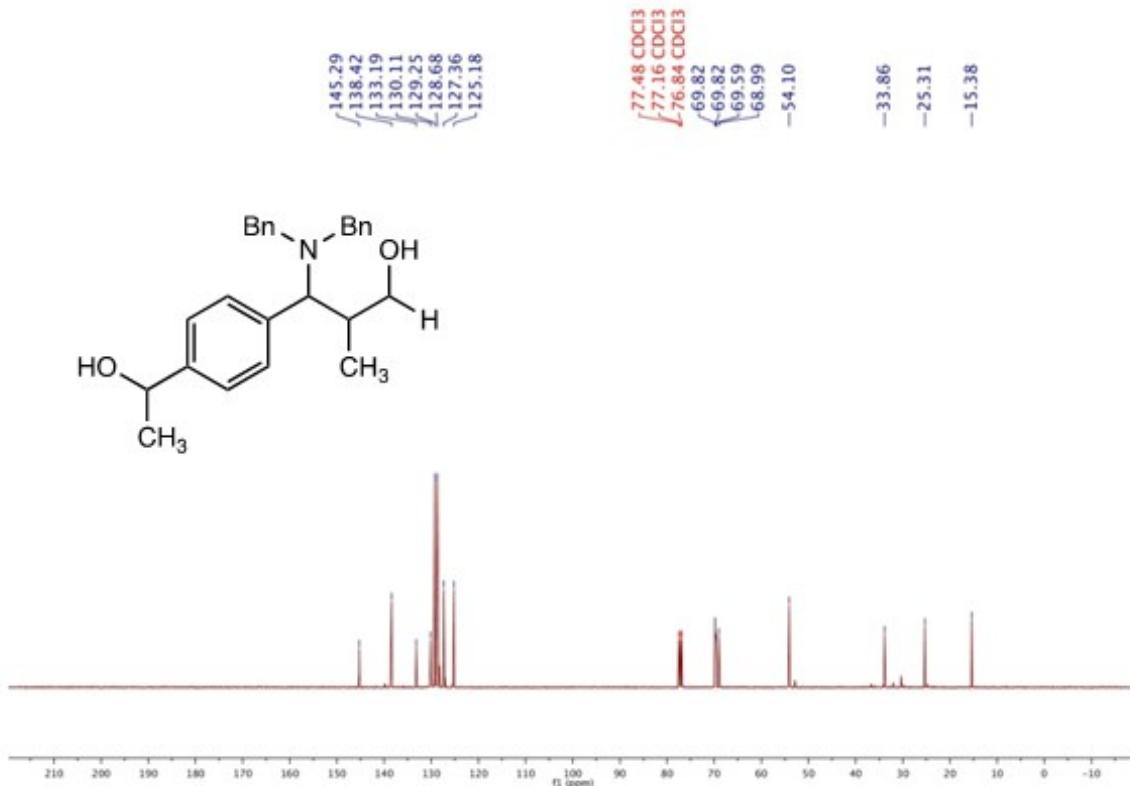


Figure S8a:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-(dibenzylamino)-2-methyl-3-phenylpropan-1-ol (**2h**)

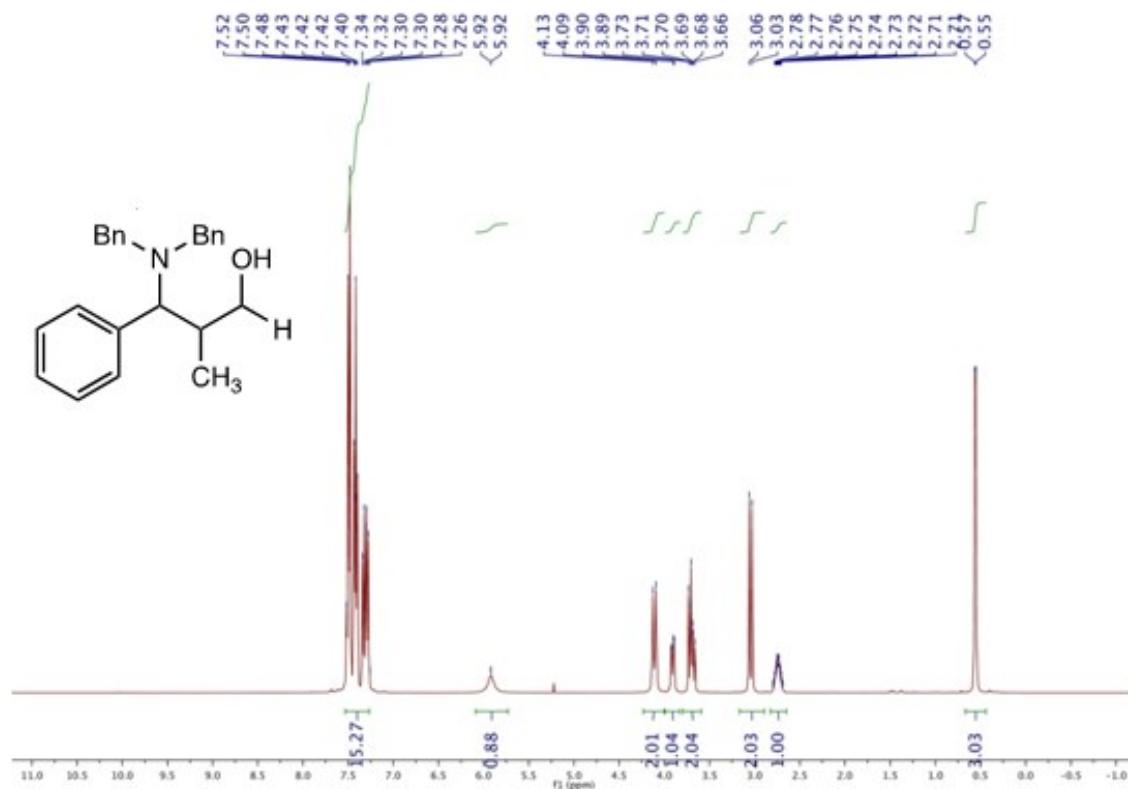


Figure S8b:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-(dibenzylamino)-2-methyl-3-phenylpropan-1-ol (**2h**)

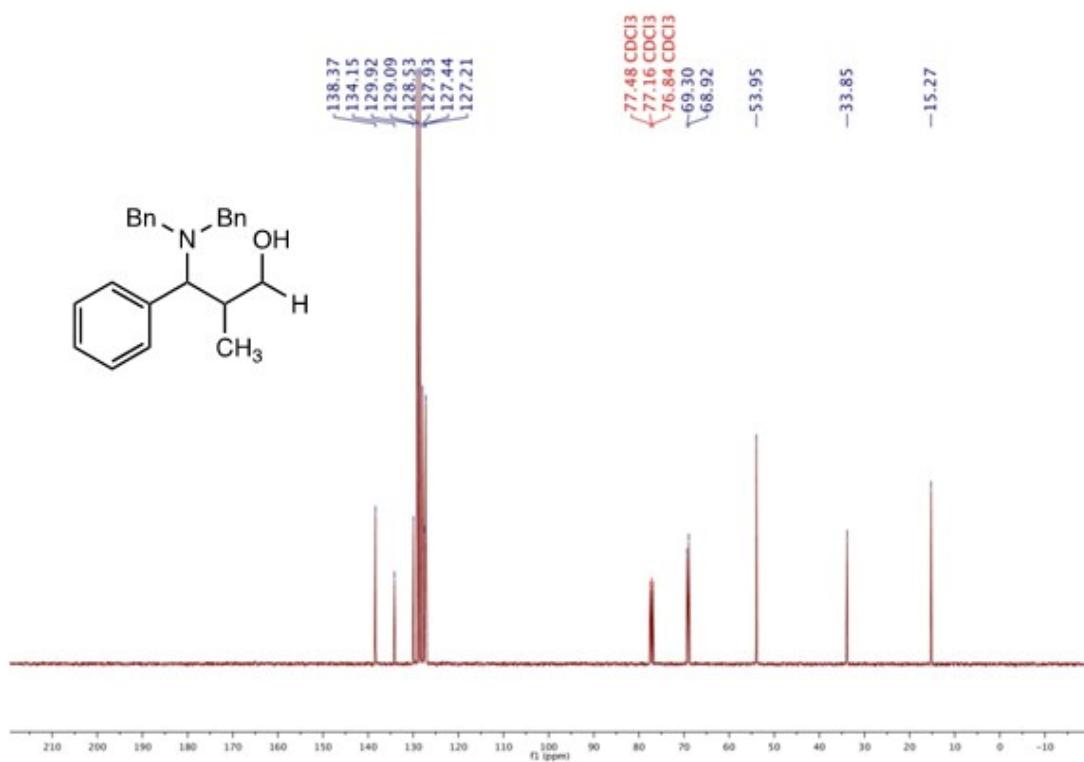


Figure S9a:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 2-cyclopropyl-3-(dibenzylamino)-3-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)propan-1-ol (**2i**)

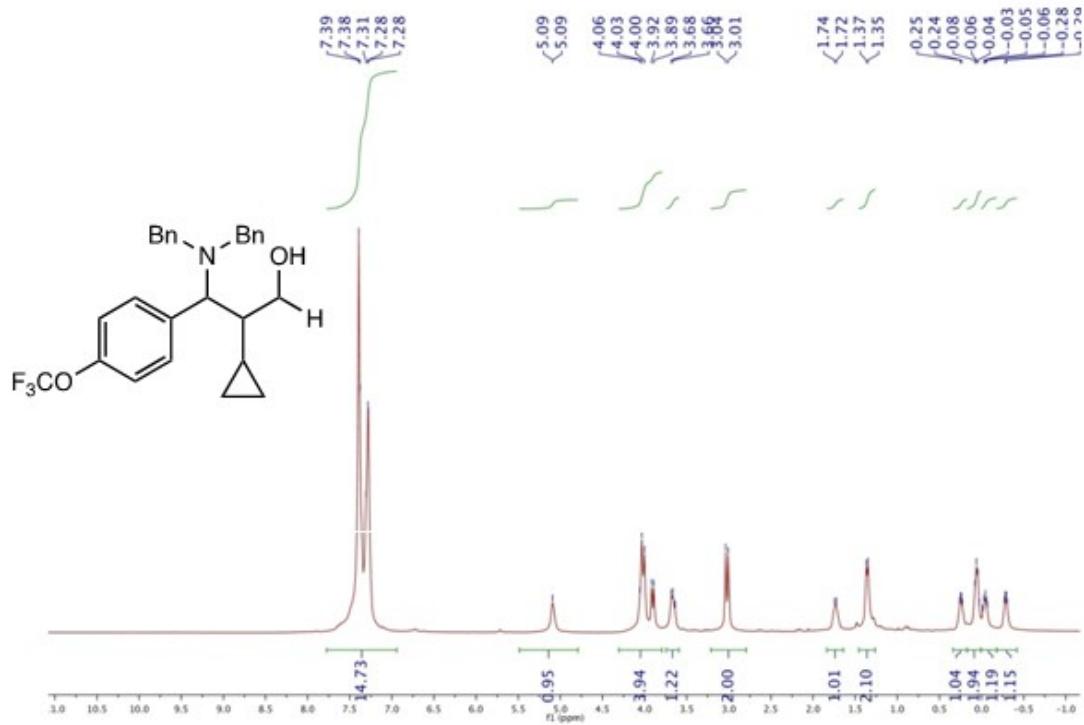


Figure S9b:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 2-cyclopropyl-3-(dibenzylamino)-3-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)propan-1-ol (**2i**)

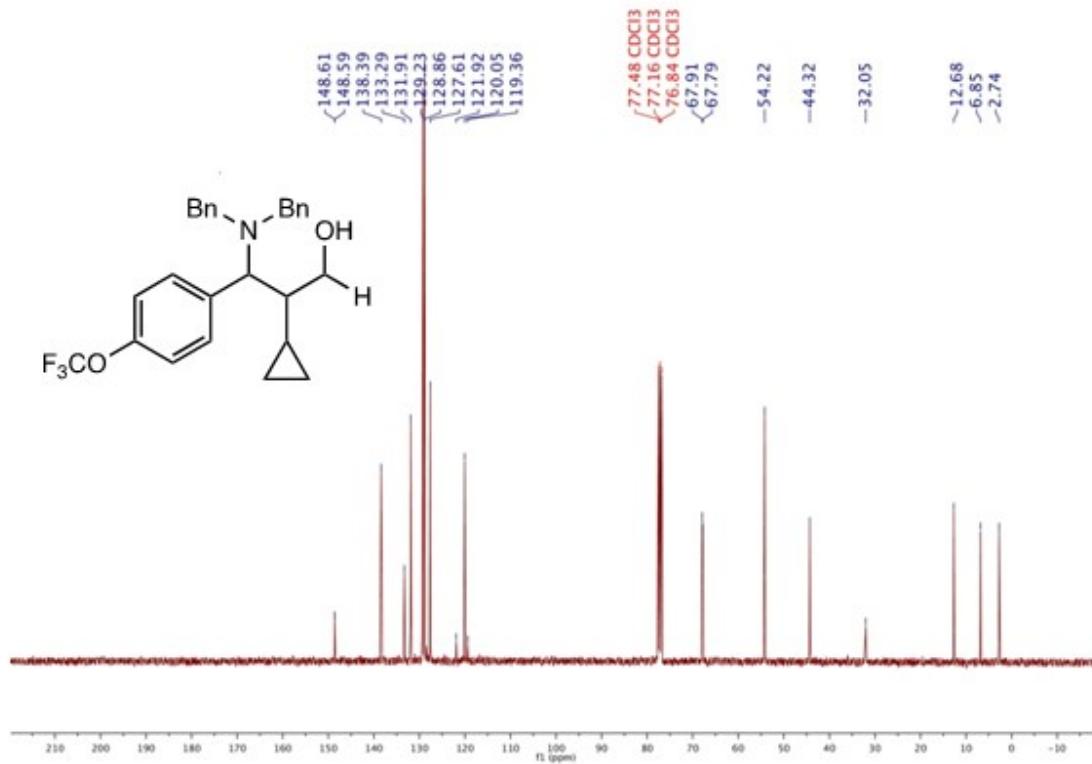


Fig S10a:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-(3-hydroxy-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl) methyl) (phenyl)amino)propyl)phenol (**2j**)

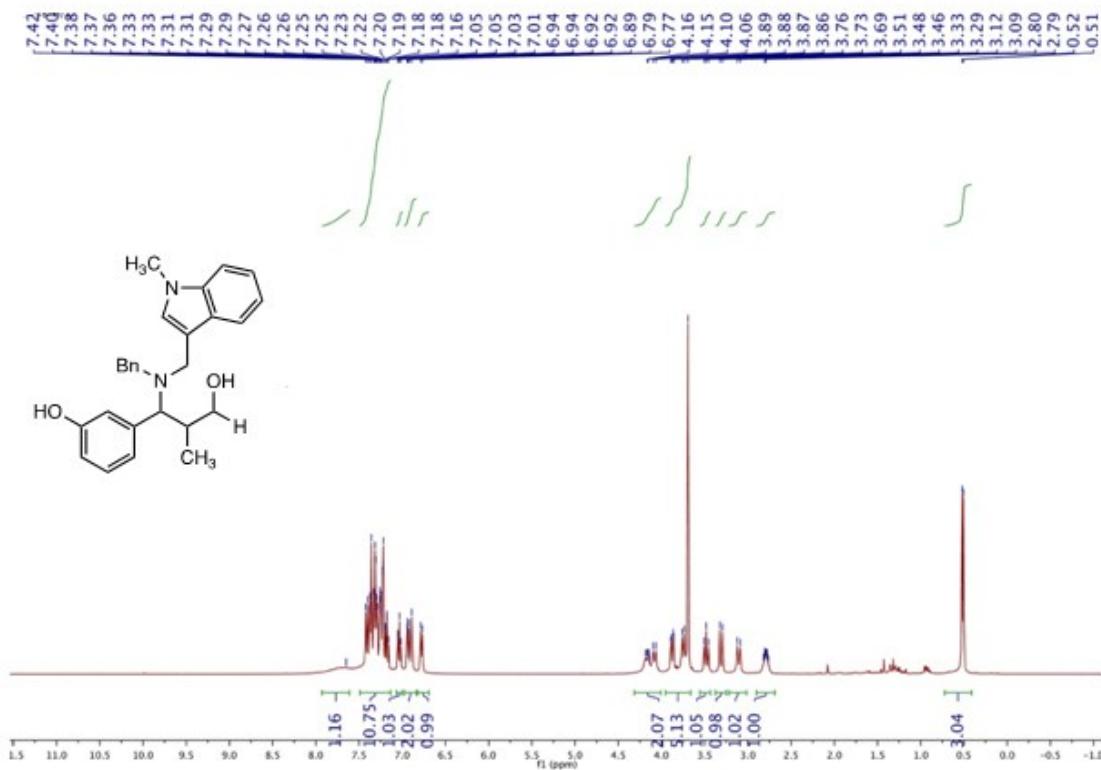


Fig S10b:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 3-(3-hydroxy-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl) methyl) (phenyl) amino)propyl)phenol (**2j**)

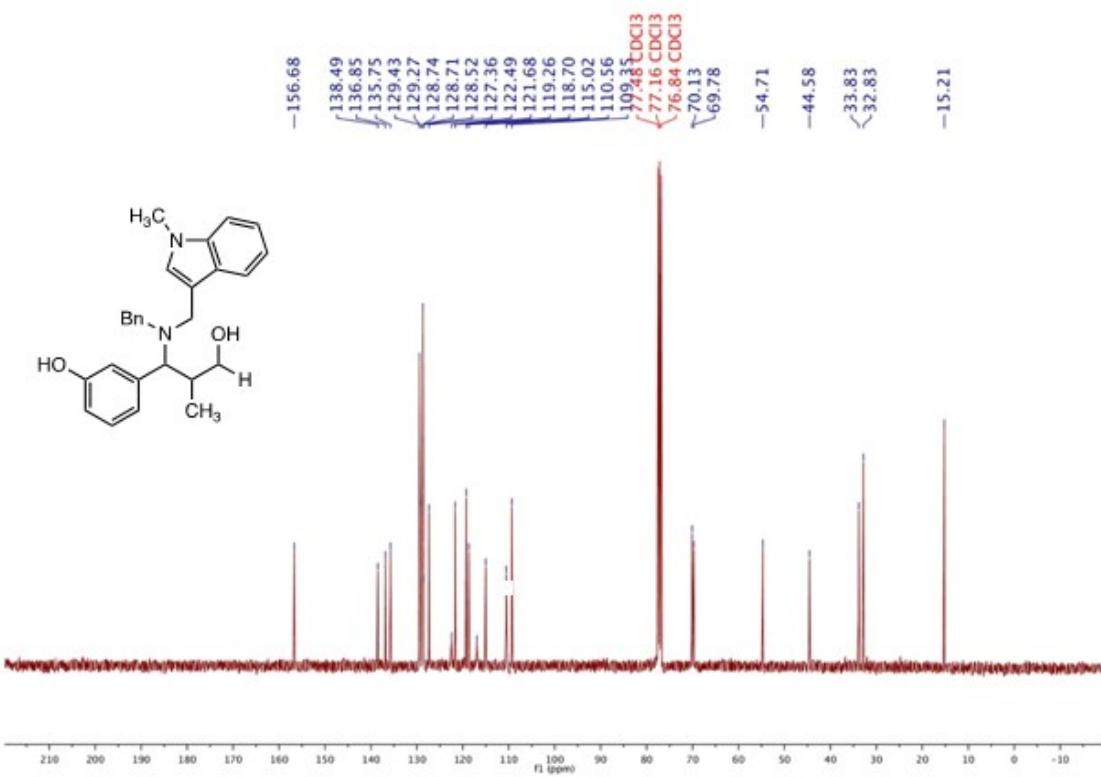


Fig S11a:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of methyl 2-hydroxy-5-(3-hydroxy-1-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-2-methylpropyl)(phenyl)amino)methyl)benzoate (**2k**)

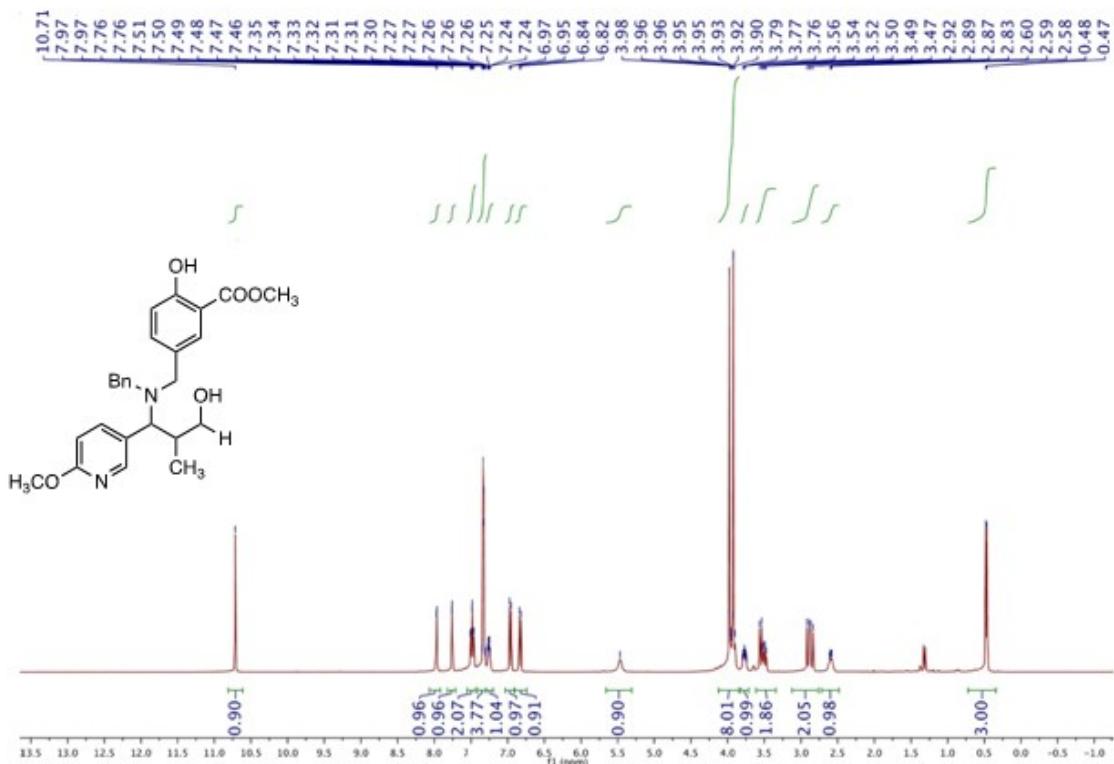


Fig S11b:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of methyl 2-hydroxy-5-(3-hydroxy-1-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-2-methylpropyl)(phenyl)amino)methyl)benzoate (**2k**)

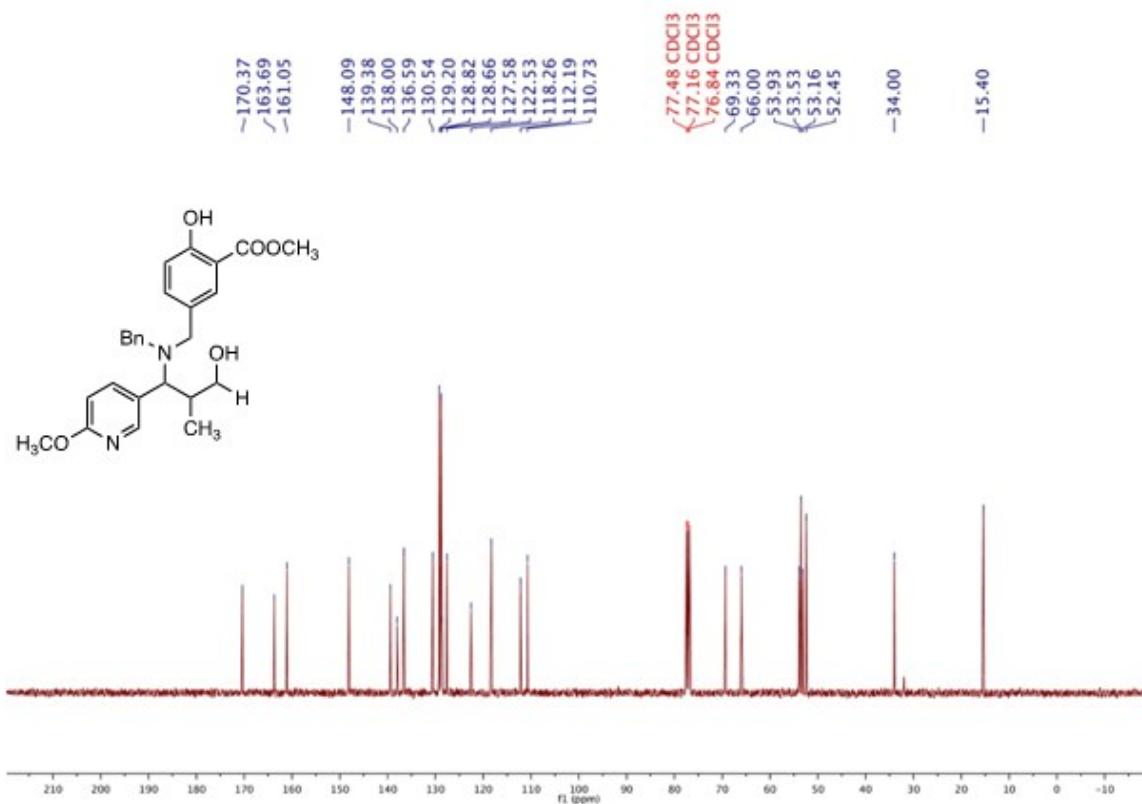


Fig S12a:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 2-methyl-3-phenyl-3-(phenyl(1-phenylethyl)amino)propan-1-ol (**2l**)

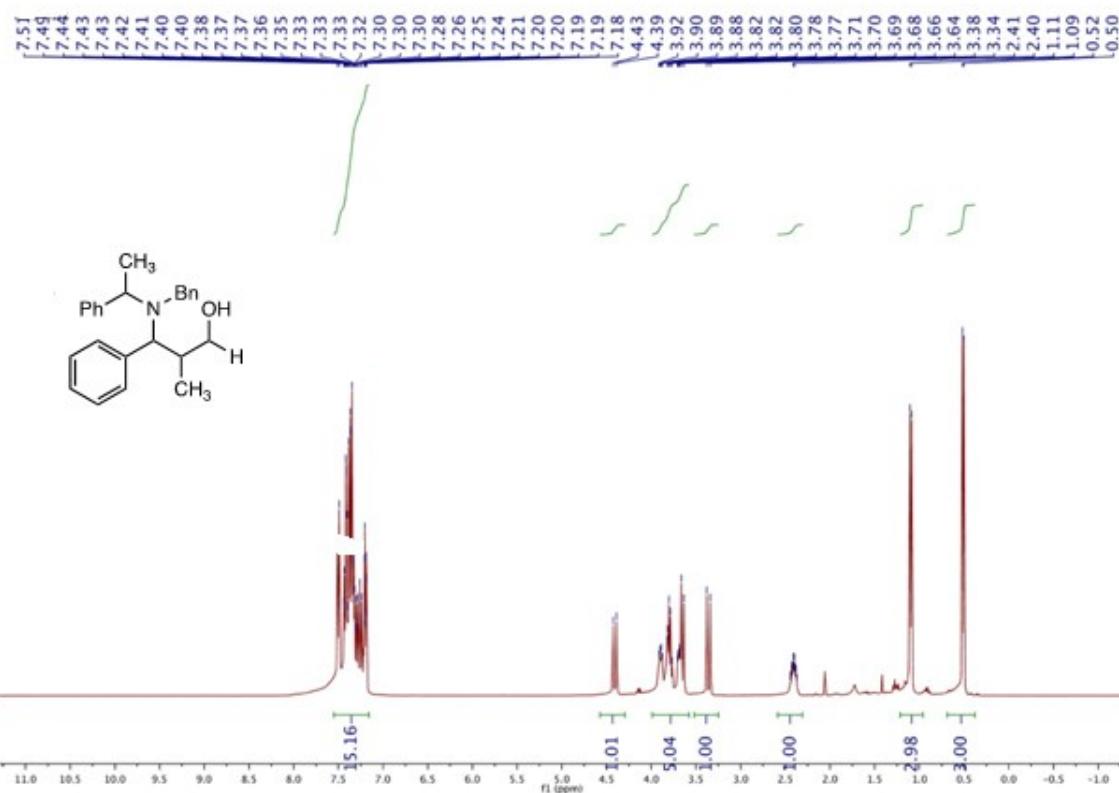


Fig S12b:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of 2-methyl-3-phenyl-3-(phenyl(1-phenylethyl)amino)propan-1-ol (**2l**)

