# Supporting Information

# The Use of Halogen to Promote Regioselective Gold-Catalyzed Rearrangement of Propargylic Carboxylates: Efficient Synthesis of (1Z, 3E)-1-Halo-2-Carboxy-1,3 Dienes from Terminally Halogenated Propargyl Carboxylates

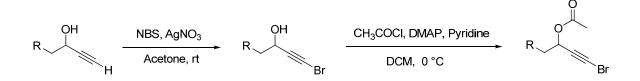
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**General.** Ethyl acetate (ACS grade), hexanes (ACS grade) and diethyl ether (ACS grade) were purchased from Fisher Scientific and used without further purification. Anhydrous 1, 2-dichloroethane (HPLC grade) was purified by distillation over calcium hydride. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran in Pure-Pac<sup>™</sup> from Aldrich was used directly without further purification. Commercially available reagents were used without further purification. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silicycle pre-coated silica gel plates. Flash column chromatography was performed over silicycle silica gel (230-400 mesh). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 500 MHz Unity plus spectrometer and a Varian 400 MHz spectrometer using residue solvent peaks as internal standards. Residue solvent peaks as internal standards (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, <sup>1</sup>H: 7.26 ppm; <sup>13</sup>C: 77.2 ppm). Infrared spectra were recorded with a Perkin Elmer FT-IR spectrum 2000 spectrometer and are reported in reciprocal centimeter (cm<sup>-1</sup>). Mass spectra were recorded with Micromass QTOF2 Quadrupole/Time-of-Flight Tandem mass spectrometer using electron spray ionization.

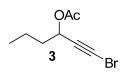
#### General procedure A: preparation of bromopropargyl alcohols and acetates



A solution of a propargyl alcohol (10 mmol) and AgNO<sub>3</sub> (2 mmol) in acetone (1.0 M) was stirred at rt for 25 min, which was followed by the addition of NBS (11 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt until no starting material was left as indicated by TLC. The reaction mixture was filtered through a small pad of celite. The filtrate was concentrated under *vacuum* and the crude bromopropargyl alcohol was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography.

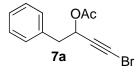
To a solution of the above bromopropargyl alcohol (2.0 mmol), pyridine (20.0 mmol) and DMAP (0.2 mmol) in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (6 mL) at 0 °C was slowly added acetyl chloride (0.29 mL, 4 mmol). The reaction was stired at the same temperature for 30 min before being diluted with hexanes (30 mL). The solid precipitates were filtered off and the filtrate obtained was concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give desired bromopropargyl acetates.

#### 1-Bromohex-1-yn-3-yl acetate



Compound **3** was prepared in 81 % yield according to the general procedure **A** (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 70). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.35 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.76 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.1, 77.9, 64.7, 45.9, 36.8, 21.1, 18.5, 13.8; IR (neat): 2962, 2875, 2220, 1747, 1651, 1373, 1230, 1020; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 219.0; Found: 219.0.

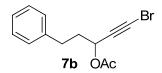
#### 4-Bromo-1-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl acetate



Compound **7a** was prepared in 76 % yield according to the general procedure **A** (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 100). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 5.52 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 3.06 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.04 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.9, 135.7, 129.8, 128.6, 127.3, 77.3, 65.3, 47.1, 41.2, 21.1;

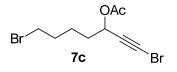
IR (neat): 3448, 2933, 2220, 1747, 1373, 1228, 1022; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for  $[C_{12}H_{11}BrNa O_2]^+$ : 289.0; Found: 289.0.

#### 1-Bromo-5-phenylpent-1-yn-3-yl acetate



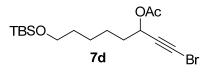
Compound **7b** was prepared in 86 % yield according to the general procedure **A** (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 100). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 5.36 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 2.78 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 2.09 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.0, 140.7, 128.7, 128.6, 126.4, 77.6, 64.3, 46.6, 36.3, 31.4, 21.1; IR (neat): 3428, 2217, 1739, 1643, 1371, 1228, 1022, 700; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrNaO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 303.0; Found: 303.0.

# 1, 7-Dibromohept-1-yn-3-yl acetate



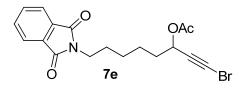
Compound **7c** was prepared in 89 % yield according to the general procedure **A** (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 50). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.36 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 3.41(t, 2H, *J* = 7.0Hz), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.88 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.62 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.0, 64.5, 46.5, 33.9, 33.3, 32.3, 23.8, 21.1; IR (neat): 2218, 1747, 1643, 1371, 1228, 1020; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 332.9; Found: 332.9.

# 1-Bromo-8-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)oct-1-yn-3-yl acetate



Compound **7d** was prepared in 80 % yield according to the general procedure **A** (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 100). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.34 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 3.60 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.73 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.1, 77.8, 64.8, 63.1, 45.9, 34.8, 32.7, 26.1, 25.5, 24.9, 21.1, 18.5, -5.1; IR (neat): 2931, 2858, 2218, 1747, 1651, 1373, 1230, 1097, 835; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BrNaO<sub>3</sub>Si]<sup>+</sup>: 399.1; Found: 399.1.

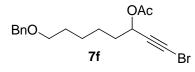
#### 1-Bromo-8-N-phth-oct-1-yn-3-yl acetate



Compound **7e** was prepared in a 72 % yield according the following procesure: To a stirred solution of **7d** (5 mmol) in THF (30mL) is added TBAF (6 mmol, 1M in THF) at rt and leave the reaction overnight. The reaction was concentrated under *vacuum* and the residue was purified through silica gel flash column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1). To a solution of the alcohol above (1.33 mmol), phthalimide (1.463 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.463 mmol) in anhydrous THF (0.3M) were added DEAD (1.463 mmol) dropwise at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 2h. After all staring material was consumed, the mixture was concentrated under *vacuum* and the residue silica gel flash column chromatography (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1:15). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 5.33 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 3.68(t, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.74 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.72(m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.40 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.1, 168.6,

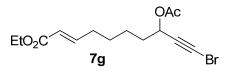
134.1, 132.3, 123.4, 77.7, 64.7, 64.6, 46.1, 38.0, 34.6, 28.6, 26.6, 21.1; IR (neat): 3461, 2939, 2218, 1747, 1709, 1396, 1373, 1230, 721; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for  $[C_{18}H_{18}BrNNaO_4]^+$ : 414.0; Found: 414.0.

#### 8-(Benzyloxy)-1-bromooct-1-yn-3-yl acetate



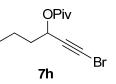
Compound **7f** was prepared in 91 % yield according to the general procedure **A** (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 100). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 5.34 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 4.50 (s, 2h), 3.47 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.74 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.46 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.1, 138.8, 128.6, 127.8, 127.7, 77.8, 73.1, 70.4, 64.8, 46.0, 34.8, 29.8, 26.0, 25.0, 21.2.; IR (neat): 2860, 2935, 2860, 2216, 1747, 1371, 1230, 1101, 1022; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrNaO<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 375.1; Found: 375.1.

# (E)-Ethyl 8-acetoxy-10-bromodec-2-en-9-ynoate



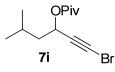
Compound **7g** was prepared in overall 72 % yield via routine deprotection, oxidation and subsequent HWE reaction. The residue was purified through silica gel flash column chromatography (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.94 (dt, 1H, *J* = 15.5, 7.0 Hz), 5.81 (dt, 1H, *J* = 15.5, 1.5 Hz), 5.34 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 4.18 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 2.19 – 2.24 (m, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.74 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.51 (m, 4H), 1.28 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.1, 166.9, 148.8, 121.9, 77.7, 64.6, 60.4, 46.3, 34.5, 32.1, 27.7, 24.6, 21.1, 14.5; IR (neat): 2938, 2218, 1747, 1718, 1651, 1371, 1230, 1022; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrNaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 353.0; Found: 353.0.

# 1-Bromohex-1-yn-3-yl pivalate



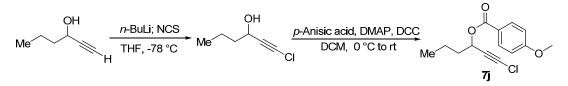
Compound **7h** was prepared in 81 % yield according to the general procedure **A** using pivaloyl chloride instead as the acylating reagent (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 50). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.33 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.71 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.20 (s, 9H), 0.94 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  177.4, 78.1, 64.4, 45.4, 39.0, 36.9, 27.3, 18.5, 13.9; IR (neat): 3445, 2956, 2874, 2213, 1729, 1642, 1276, 1143; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrNaO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 283.03; Found: 283.06.

#### 1-Bromo-5-methylhex-1-yn-3-yl pivalate



Compound **7i** was prepared in 77 % yield according to the general procedure **A** using pivaloyl chloride instead as the acylating reagent (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 50). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.38 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.61 – 1.79 (m, 3H), 1.21 (s, 9H), 0.94 (d, 3H, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 0.93(d, 3H, *J* = 5.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  177.6, 78.2, 63.4, 45.4, 43.5, 38.9, 27.2, 24.9, 22.7, 22.5; IR (neat): 2960, 2220, 1738, 1458, 1281, 1153, 1138, 1034; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrNaO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 297.1; Found: 297.1.

#### 1-Chlorohex-1-yn-3-yl 4-methoxybenzoate



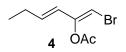
To a solution of hex-1-yn-3-ol in THF (0.2 M) was added *n*-BuLi (1.6 M in hexane) (2.2 equiv) at -78 °C; after stirring for 10 min, NCS (2.2 equiv) was added into the mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h, and the dry ice/acetone bath was

removed to allow the reaction to warm to room temperature. The resulting mixture was then diluted with  $H_2O$  (20 mL) and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (150 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give 1-chlorohex-1-yn-3-ol as the desired product.

To a stirred solution of anisic acid (10 mmol) in 10 mL anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added DMAP (1 mmol) and 1-chlorohex-1-yn-3-ol (10 mmol). DCC (11 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture at 0 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The precipitated urea was then filtered off and the filtrate evaporated in *vacuum*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to yield product **7j** in 64% yield (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexane = 1: 100). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.92 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 5.56 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.86 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.35 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.4, 163.8, 132.1, 122.4, 113.9, 67.5, 64.6, 64.2, 55.7, 35.0, 31.5, 24.9, 22.7, 14.2; IR (neat): 2956, 2931, 2243, 1718, 1606, 1510, 1257, 1169, 1095, 1031, 769; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClNaO<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 317.1; Found: 317.1.

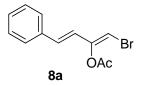
General procedure for gold catalysis: A haloproparpargyl acetate or pivalate (0.30 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous DCM (1.5 mL) at room temperature and then PPh<sub>3</sub>AuNTf<sub>2</sub> (5 mol %) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reactions typically took 10 min but for **7j** 3 h was necessary. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched by Et<sub>3</sub>N and then the mixture was concentrated under *vacuum*. The residue was purified through silica gel flash column chromatography to afford the desired product.

#### (1Z, 3E)-1-Bromohexa-1, 3-dien-2-yl acetate



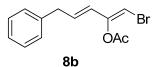
Compound **4** was prepared in 85 % yield according to the general procedure (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 100). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.04 (s, 1H), 5.98 (d, 1H, J = 15.0 Hz), 5.86 (dt, 1H, J = 15.0, 6.0 Hz), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.07 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.02 (t, 3H, J = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.2, 150.0, 135.0, 121.4, 97.7, 25.5, 20.7, 13.0; IR (neat): 2972, 2937, 1770, 1699, 1373, 1196; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrNaO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 241.0; Found: 241.0.

#### (1Z, 3E)-1-Bromo-4-phenylbuta-1, 3-dien-2-yl acetate



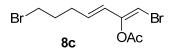
Compound **8a** was prepared in 85 % yield according to the general procedure (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 40). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 6.63 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.1, 150.1, 135.8, 130.4, 129.0, 128.8, 127.1, 120.6, 100.3, 20.7; IR (neat): 3502, 3084, 1770, 1371, 1190, 1016, 945; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrNaO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 289.0; Found: 289.0.

# (1Z, 3E)-1-Bromo-5-phenylpenta-1, 3-dien-2-yl acetate



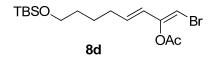
Compound **8b** was prepared in 91 % yield according to the general procedure (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 40). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 5.97 – 6.03 (m, 2H), 3.43 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 2.28 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.1, 149.7, 139.0, 131.7, 128.9, 128.8, 126.7, 123.6, 98.8, 38.6, 20.7; IR (neat): 3419, 1768, 1653, 1643, 1633, 1196, 700; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrNaO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 303.0; Found: 303.0.

# (1Z, 3E)-1, 7-Dibromohepta-1, 3-dien-2-yl acetate



Compound **8c** was prepared in 96 % yield according to the general procedure (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 40). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.09 (s, 1H), 6.06 (d, 1H, J = 16.0 Hz), 5.76 (dt, 1H, J = 16.0, 7.0 Hz), 3.39 (t, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.25 – 2.28 (m, 2H), 1.94 – 1.99 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.1, 149.6, 131.0, 123.7, 98.7, 33.0, 31.6, 30.7, 20.7; IR (neat): 2920, 1770, 1702, 1432, 1371, 1194, 1016, 937; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>KO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 348.9; Found: 348.9.

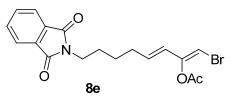
# (1Z, 3E)-1-Bromo-8-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)octa-1, 3-dien-2-yl acetate



Compound **8d** was prepared in 86 % yield according to the general procedure (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 50). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.04 (s, 1H), 5.99 (d, 1H, J = 15.5Hz), 5.81 (dt, 1H, J = 15.5, 6.5 Hz), 3.59 (t, 2H, J = 5.8 Hz), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.11 (q, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.43 – 1.52 (m, 4H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.2, 149.9, 133.5, 122.4, 97.8, 63.1, 32.5, 32.3, 26.2, 25.2, 20.7, 18.6, -5.1;

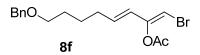
IR (neat): 2939, 1736, 1651, 1240, 1198, 1045; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for  $[C_{16}H_{29}BrNaO_3Si]^+$ : 399.1; Found: 399.1.

# (1Z, 3E)-1-Bromo-8-(2, 5-dioxo-2, 5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl) octa-1, 3-dien-2-yl acetate

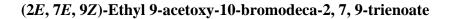


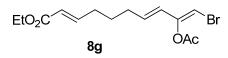
Compound **8e** was prepared in 88 % yield according to the general procedure (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 30). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81–7.85 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 5.98 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 5.78 (dt, 1H, *J* = 16.0, 7.0 Hz), 3.68 (t, 2H, *J* = 7 Hz), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.11 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.42 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.6, 167.1, 149.7, 134.1, 132.7, 132.3, 123.4, 122.8, 98.1, 37.8, 31.9, 28.2, 26.0, 20.7; IR (neat): 3460, 1768, 1709, 1396, 1371, 1188, 721; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrNNaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 414.0; Found: 414.0.

# (1Z, 3E)-8-(Benzyloxy)-1-bromoocta-1, 3-dien-2-yl acetate



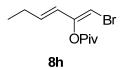
Compound **8f** was prepared in 90 % yield according to the general procedure (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 30). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.33 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 6.00 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 5.81 (dt, 1H, *J* = 15.5, 7.0 Hz), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.47 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.09 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.54 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.1, 149.8, 138.7, 133.3, 128.6, 127.8, 127.7, 122.5, 73.1, 70.2, 32.2, 29.4, 25.5, 20.7; IR (neat): 2918, 2850, 1770, 1718, 1371, 1194; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrNaO<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 352.1; Found: 352.1.





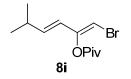
Compound **8g** was prepared in 88 % yield according to the general procedure (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 60). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.92 (dt, 1H, *J* = 15.5, 7.0 Hz), 6.06 (s, 1H), 5.99 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 5.74 – 5.82 (m, 2H), 4.18 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.17 – 2.21 (m, 2H), 2.10 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.1, 166.8, 149.7, 148.5, 132.4, 123.0, 122.0, 60.4, 31.8, 31.6, 27.1, 20.7, 14.5; IR (neat): 2929, 1770, 1716, 1651, 1371, 1190, 1043; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrNaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 353.0; Found: 353.0.

# (1Z, 3E)-1-Bromohexa-1, 3-dien-2-yl pivalate



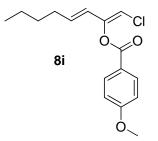
Compound **8h** was prepared in 88 % yield according to the general procedure (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 40). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.03 (s, 1H), 5.99 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 5.74 (dt, 1H, J = 15.6, 6.4 Hz), 2.08 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.5, 149.8, 134.5, 121.7, 101.8, 97.5, 39.6, 27.6, 25.5, 13.1; IR (neat): 3424, 2966, 1760, 1642, 1265, 1108; Calculated for [C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrNaO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 283.03; Found: 283.06.

# (1Z, 3E)-1-bromo-5-methylhexa-1, 3-dien-2-yl pivalate



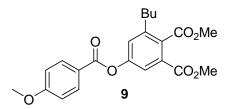
Compound **8i** was prepared in 90 % yield according to the general procedure (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 40). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.04 (s, 1H), 5.95 (dd, 1H, J = 16.0, 1.5 Hz), 5.74 (dd, 1H, J = 16.0, 6.5 Hz), 2.32 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.5, 149.9, 139.7, 119.9, 97.6, 39.6, 30.9, 27.5, 22.0; IR (neat): 2962, 2871, 1759, 1479, 1265, 1107, 962, 748; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrNaO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 297.1; Found: 297.1.

# (1Z, 3E)-1-chloroocta-1, 3-dien-2-yl 4-methoxybenzoate



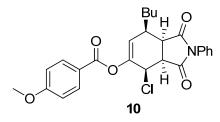
Compound **8i** was prepared in 85 % yield according to the general procedure (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1: 80). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.13 – 8.16 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.04 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 6.03 (s, 1H), 5.86 (dt, 1H, J = 16.0, 7.2 Hz), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.08 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.19 – 1.39 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.2, 162.7, 148,1, 133.4, 132.6, 121.8, 121.1, 114.1, 108.9, 55.7, 332.2, 31.0, 22.4, 14.0; IR (neat): 1738, 1604, 1510, 1246, 1167, 1072, 845.; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClNaO<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 317.1; Found: 317.1.

# Dimethyl 3-butyl-5-(4-methoxybenzoyloxy) phthalate



An oven-dried vial was charged with diene **8j** (0.1mmol) and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (0.2 mmol). Anisole (0.25 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 185 °C for 10 h and then cooled to room temperature. After removed solvent under *vacuum* and the residue was purified to give **9** in 75% yield through silica gel flash column chromatography (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes = 1:15). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.13 – 8.16 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 7.30 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 6.97 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.63 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 1.58 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.39 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.6, 165.7, 164.6, 164.4, 151.3, 142.6, 132.7, 132.6, 129.5, 127.0, 121.4, 121.3, 114.1, 55.7, 52.8, 52.7, 33.3, 33.1, 22.7, 14.0; IR (neat): 3450, 2954, 1738, 1730, 1510, 1252, 1169, 1134, 1057, 847; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>7</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 423.1; Found: 423.1.

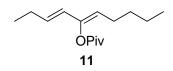
# 7-Butyl-4-chloro-1, 3-dioxo-2-phenyl-2, 3, 3a, 4, 7, 7a-hexahydro-1H-isoindol-5-yl 4methoxybenzoate



An oven-dried vial was charged with diene **8j** (0.1 mmol) and *N*-phenylmaleimide (0.15 mmol). Anisole (0.25 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 18 h and then cooled to room temperature. After removed solvent under *vacuum*, the residue was purified to give cycloadduct **10** in 77% yield through silica gel flash column flash chromatography (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes =1:8). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.06 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.51(m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.05 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 5.10 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 3.94 (dd, 1H, J = 10.4, 6.4Hz), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.54 – 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.11 – 3.16 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.31 – 1.49 (m, 3H), 0.92 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

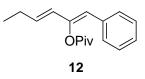
 $\delta$  175.8, 173.6, 165.3, 164.5, 146.9, 132.6, 131.9, 129.4, 129.0, 126.8, 123.7, 120.9, 114.2, 55.8, 51.2, 46.9, 40.5, 33.9, 31.3, 30.3, 22.9, 14.2; IR (neat): 3450, 1716, 1604, 1510, 1384, 1257, 1169; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) Calculated for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>ClNNaO<sub>5</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 490.1; Found: 490.1.

# (3E, 5Z)-Deca-3, 5-dien-5-yl pivalate



To a mixture of NiCl<sub>2</sub>(dppp) (11mg, 8 mol %) and pivalate **8h** (50 mg) in dry THF (2mL) was added n-BuMgCl (0.2 mL, 2N in THF, 2eq) dropwise at 0 °C under N<sub>2</sub>. After stirred for 6h at room temperture, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C. Another n-BuMgCl (0.2mL, 2N in THF, 2eq) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and then quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. After extracted with ether, dried and concentrated, the residue was purified to give product **11** (30 mg) in 67% yield through flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes =1: 20). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.92 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 5.54 – 5.61 (m, 1H), 5.21 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.06 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.06 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 1.91– 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.27– 1.34 (m, 4H), 1.32 (s, 9H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.87(t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  175.9, 145.7, 130.8, 124.1, 120.0, 39.4, 31.2, 27.6, 25.6, 25.4, 22.7, 14.1, 13.5.; IR (neat): 3423, 3002, 1751, 1128, 1287, 952; Calculated for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 216.2; Found: 216.2.

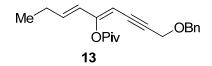
#### (1Z, 3E)-1-Phenylhexa-1,3-dien-2-yl pivalate



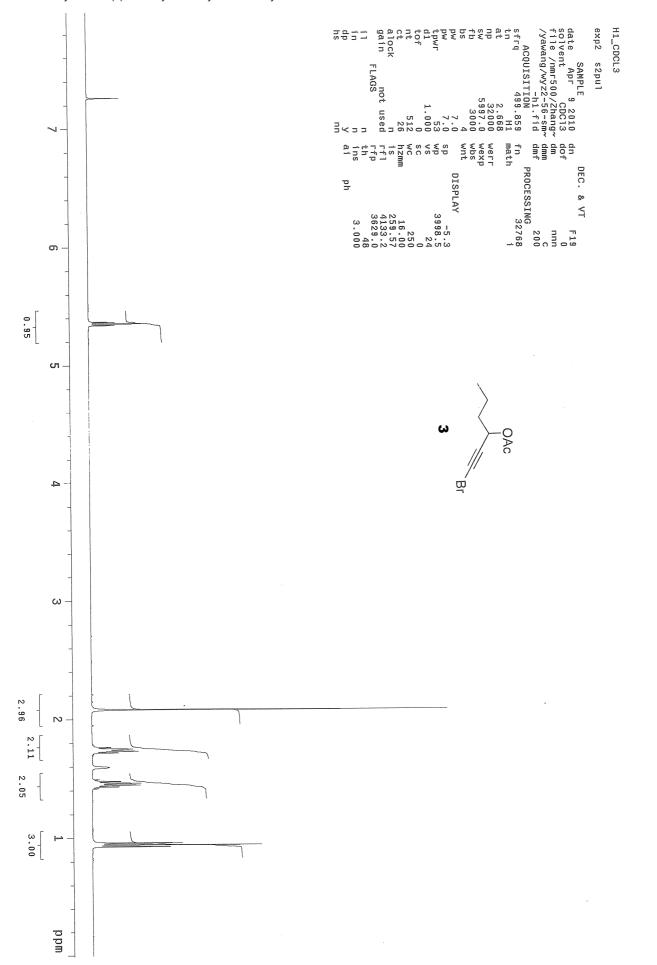
An oven-dried Schlenk tube was charged with SPhos (6.7 mg, 8 mol %)),  $Pd_2(dba)_3$  (7.5mg, 4mol %)), phenylboronic acid (50 mg, 2eq)) and anhydrous  $K_3PO_4$  (130 mg, 3eq). The mixture was evacuated and flushed with  $N_2$  for 3 times. A solution of pivalate **8h** 

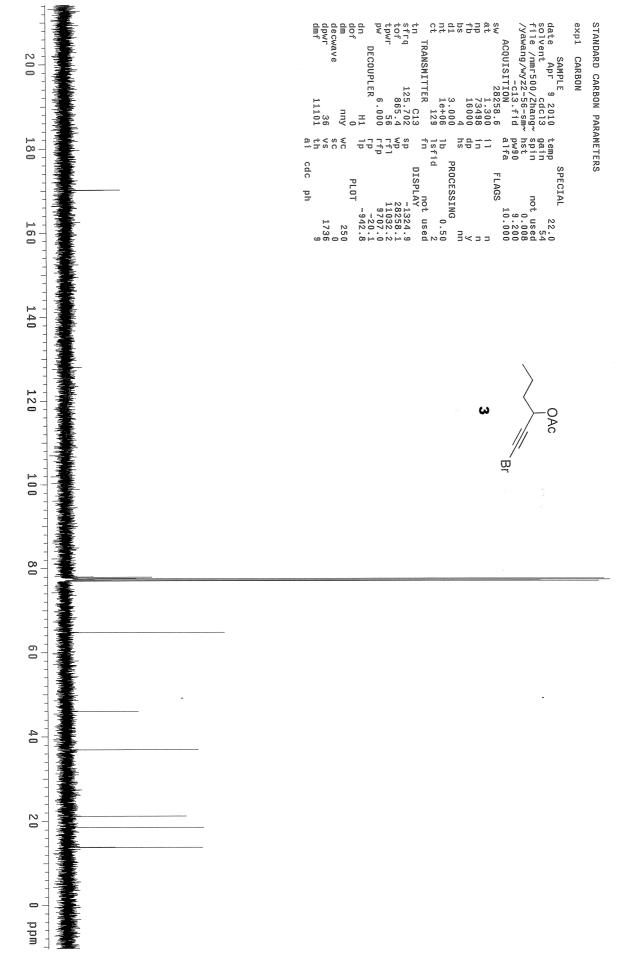
(50 mg) in dry toluene (1.5 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 8 h and then cooled to room temperature. After filtered through a small pad of celite and removed solvent under *vacuum*, the residue was purified to give product **12** (31mg) in 63% yield through flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes =1: 20). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 5.99 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 5.79 (dt, 1H, *J* = 15.6, 6.4 Hz), 2.14 – 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  175.4, 146.2, 134.6, 133.1, 128.8, 128.3,127.4, 124.9, 118.8, 39.4, 27.7, 25.6, 13.4; IR (neat): 3705, 2966, 2874, 1749, 1586, 1107, 956; Calculated for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 281.2; Found: 281.2.

#### (4Z,6E)-1-(Benzyloxy)nona-4,6-dien-2-yn-5-yl pivalate



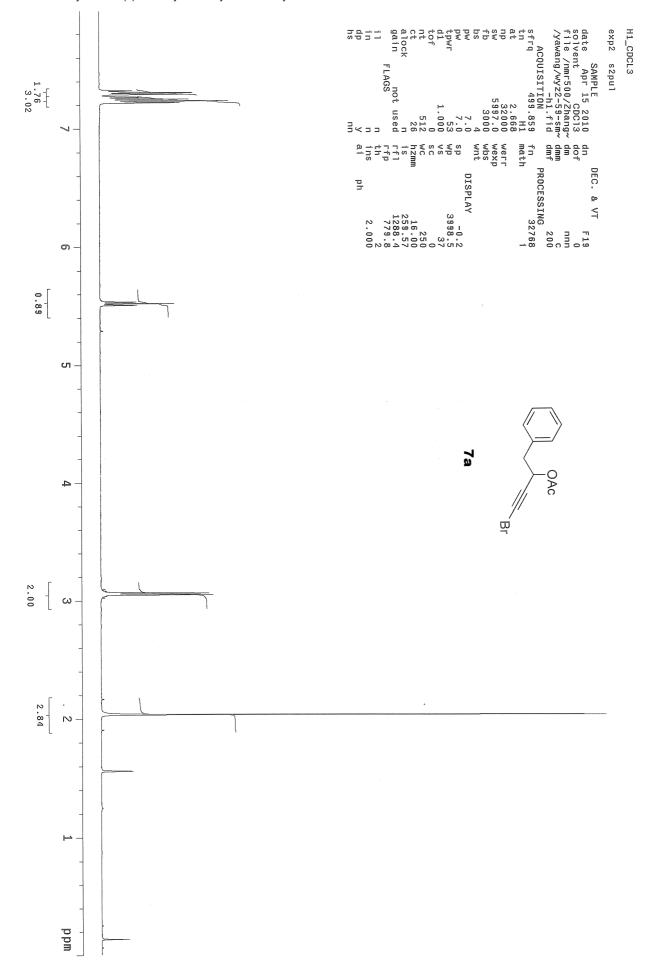
To a mixture of PdCl<sub>2</sub>(Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub> (10 mg, 7.5 mol %), CuI (9.7 mg, 25 mol%) and Et<sub>2</sub>NH (0.2mL) was added a solution of pivalate **8h** (50 mg) and (prop-2-ynyloxy) methylbenzene (1.5eq) in dry THF (2mL) under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 18 h and then cooled to room temperature. After filtered through a small pad of Celite<sup>TM</sup> and removed solvent under *vacuum*, the residue was purified to give product **13** (47mg) in 76% yield through flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluents: ethyl acetate: hexanes =1: 20). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30 –7.35 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 6.02 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 5.81 (dt, 1H, *J* = 15.6, 6.4 Hz), 5.35 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 4.29 (d, 2H, *J* = 2.4Hz), 2.13 – 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.35(s, 9H), 1.01(t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  175.1, 155.8, 137.6, 136.3, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 123.1, 98.4, 92.7, 81.3, 71.6, 58.1, 39.5, 27.5, 25.6, 13.1; IR (neat): 3419, 2971, 2213, 1754, 1642, 1352, 1113, 736; Calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 349.2; Found: 349.2.



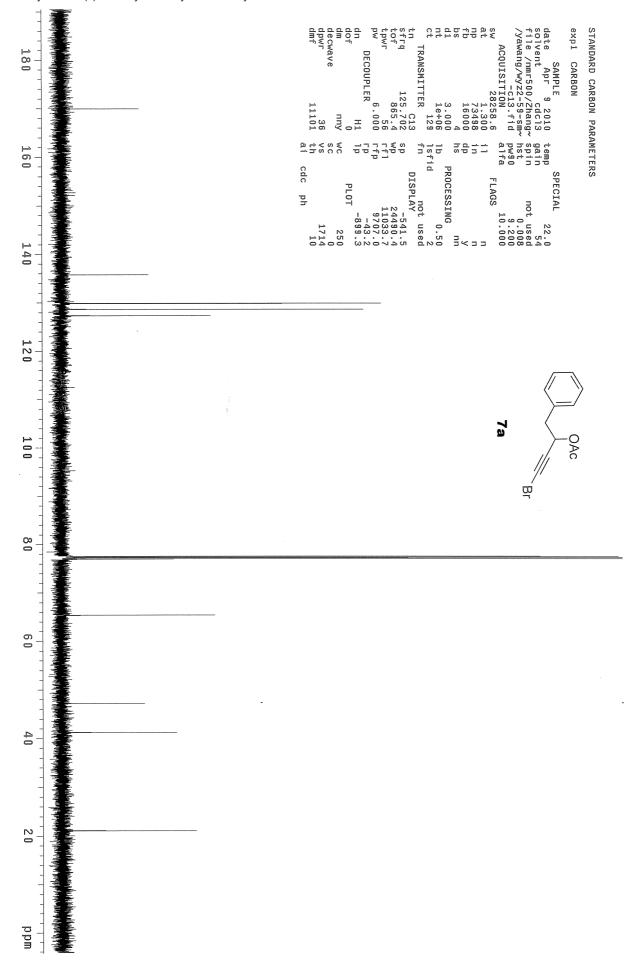


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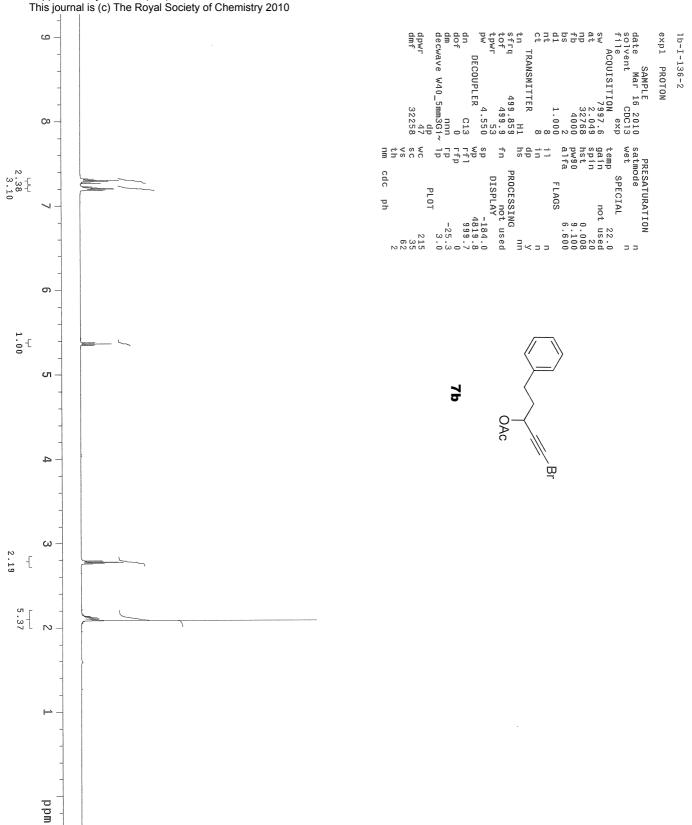
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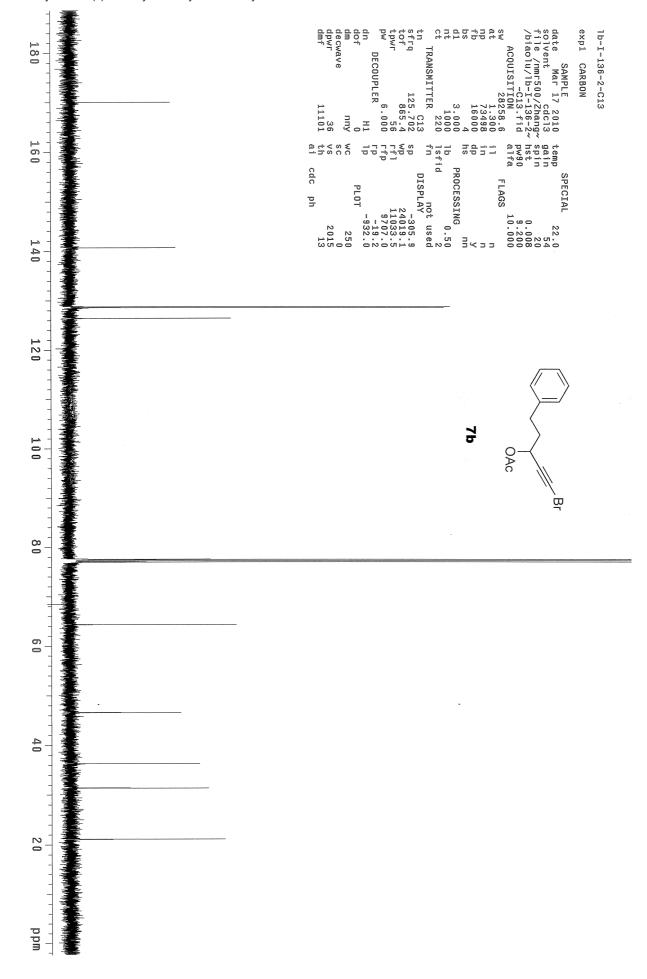


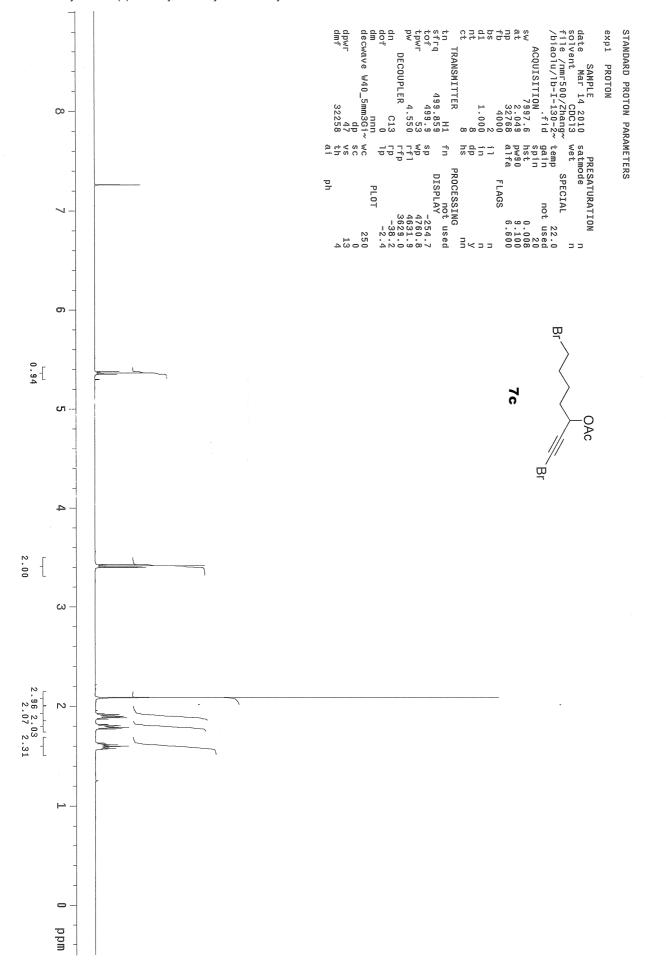
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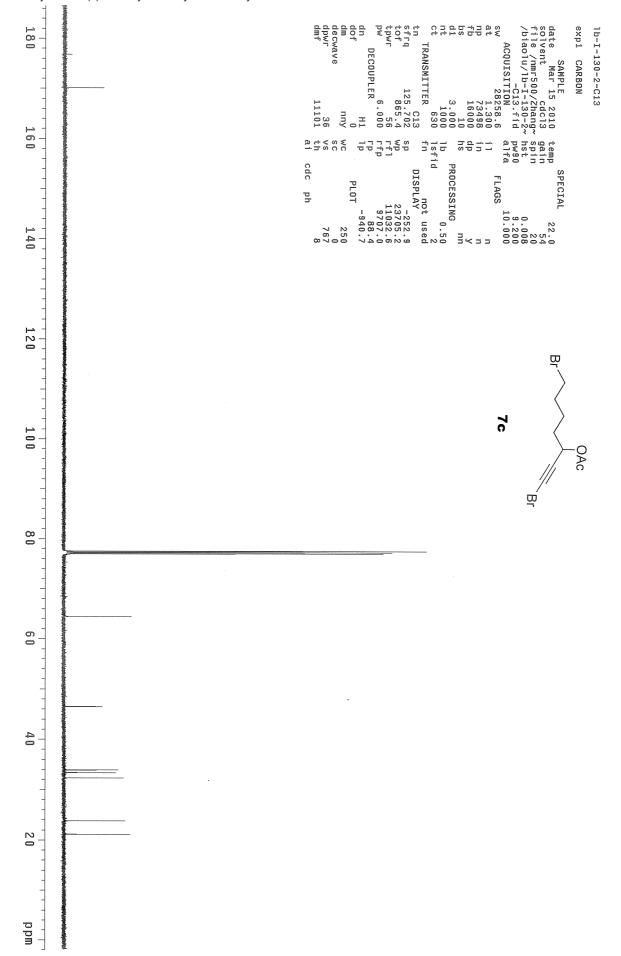
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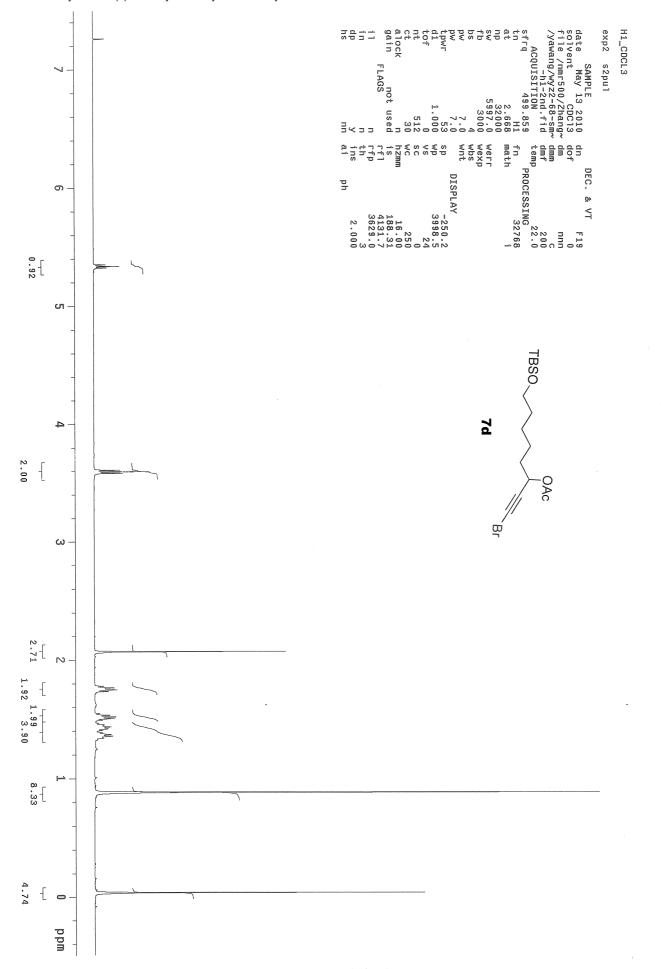


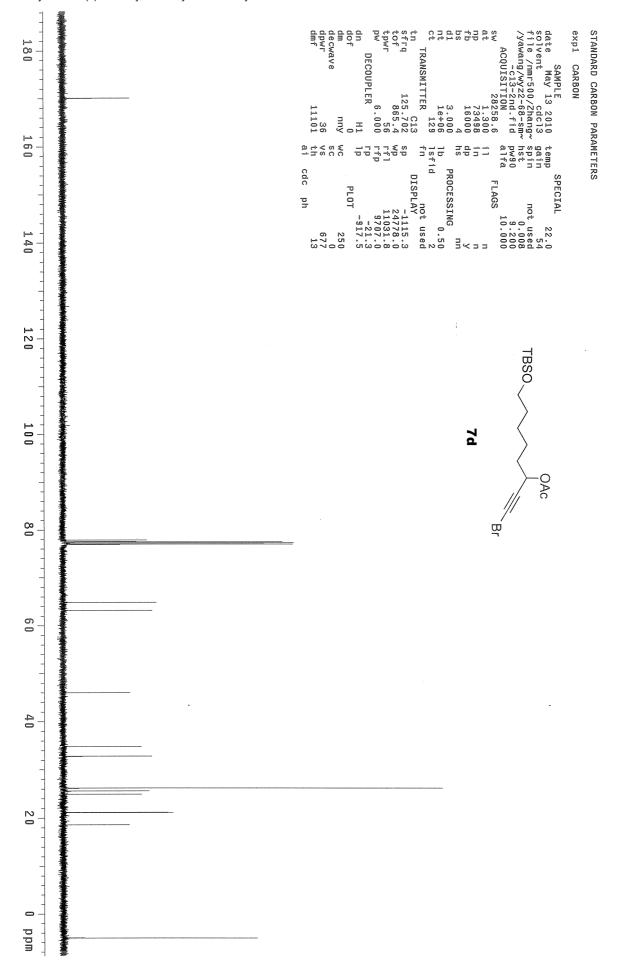


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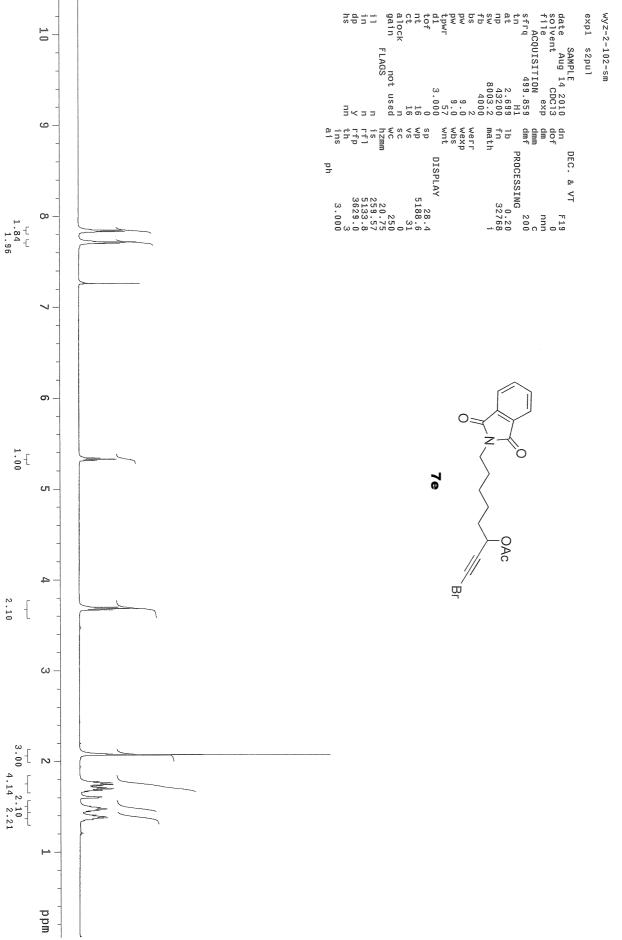


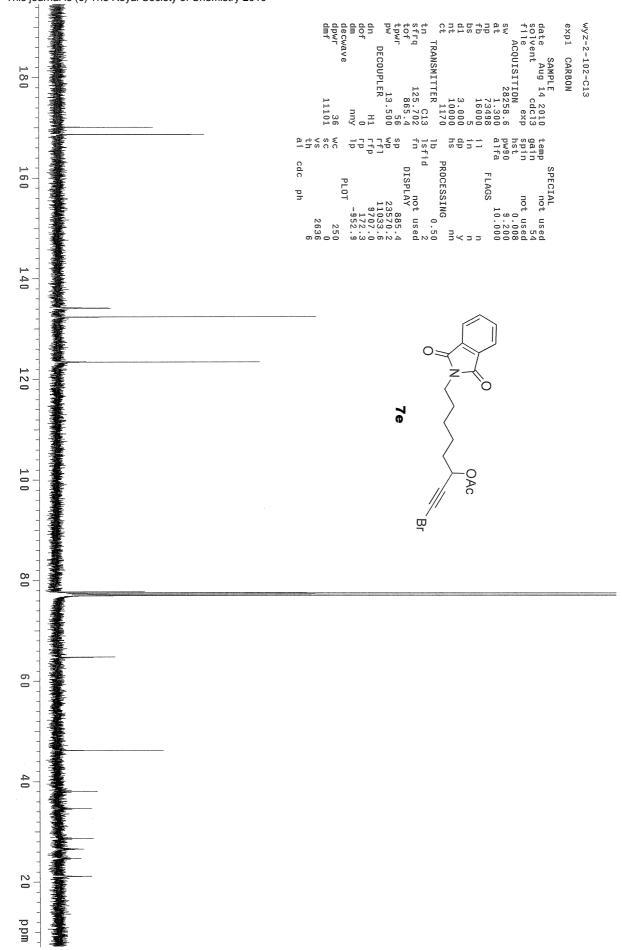
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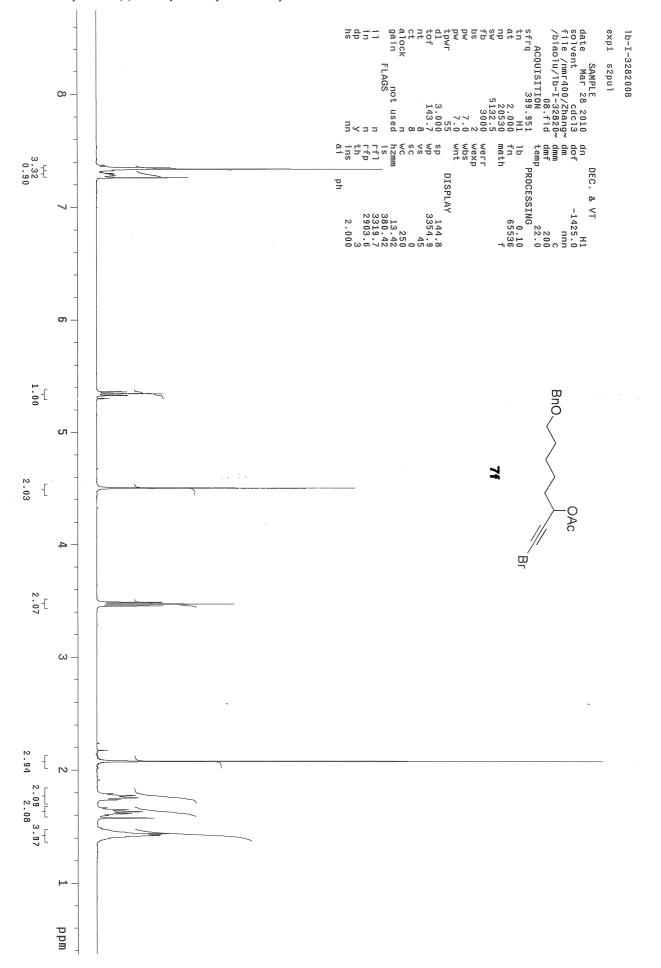


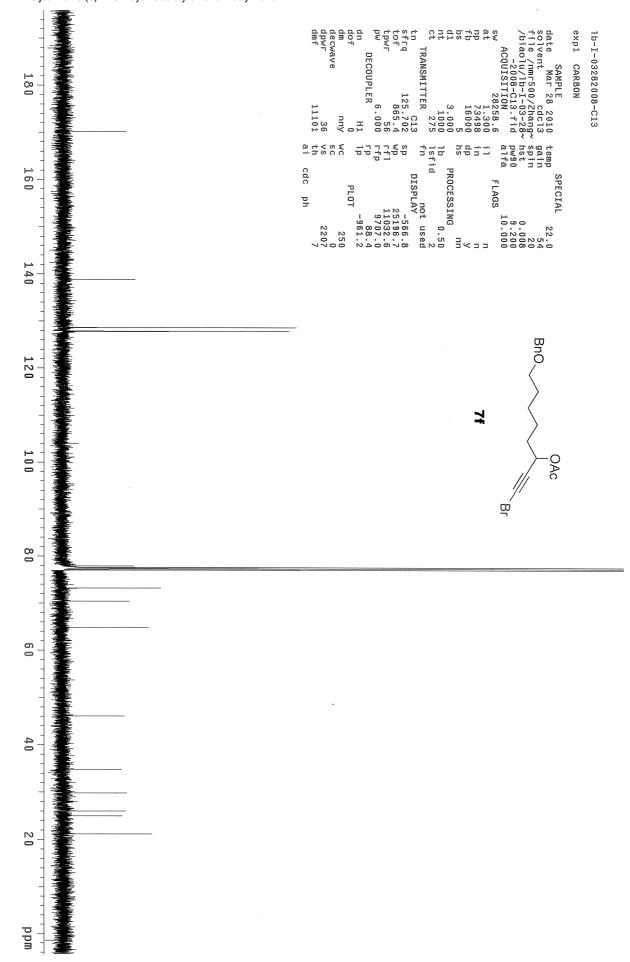
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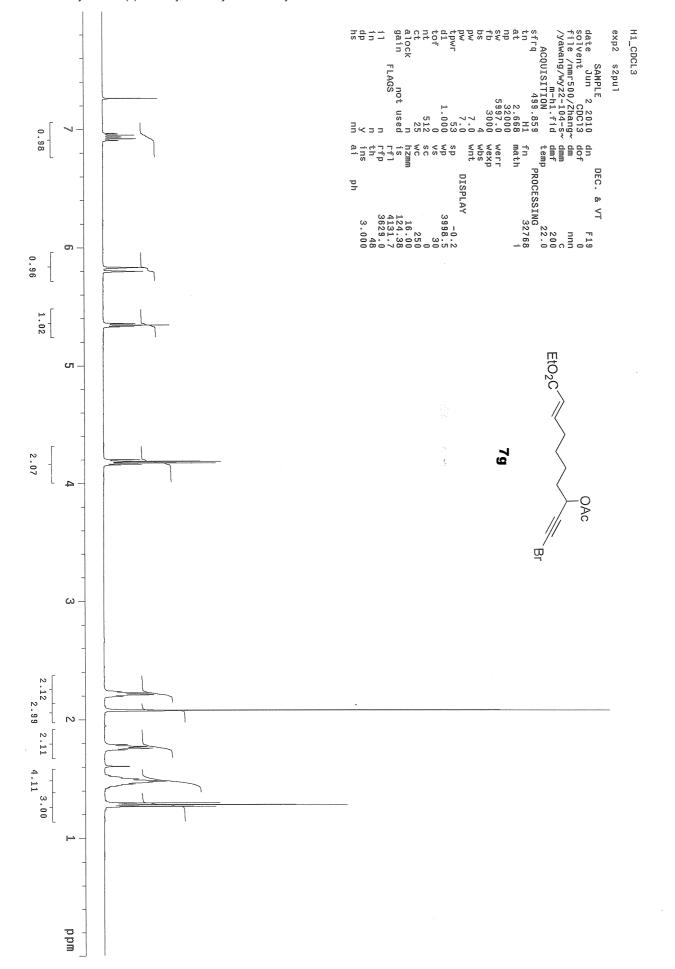


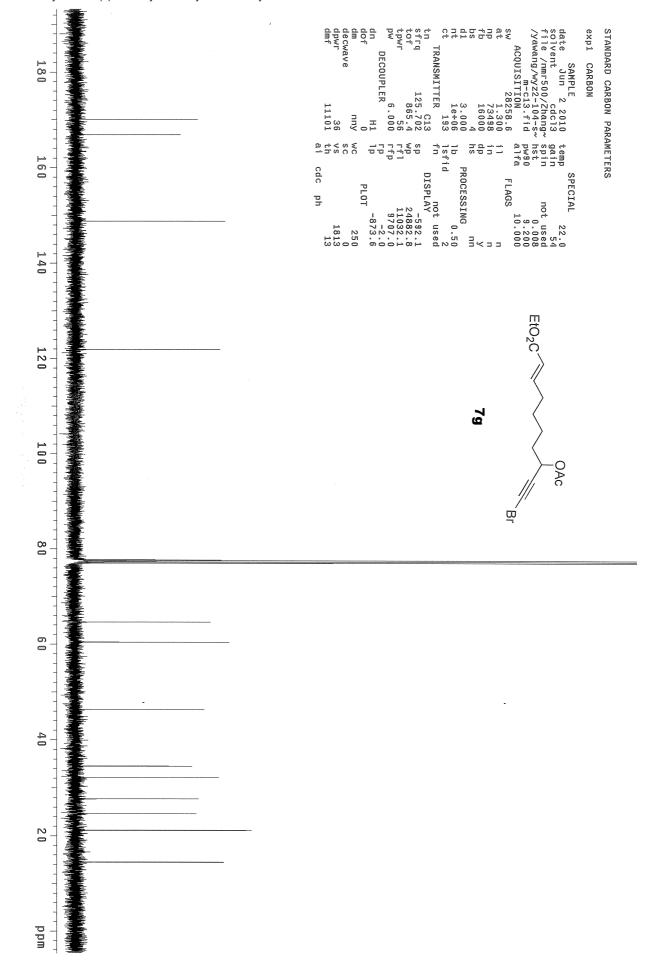
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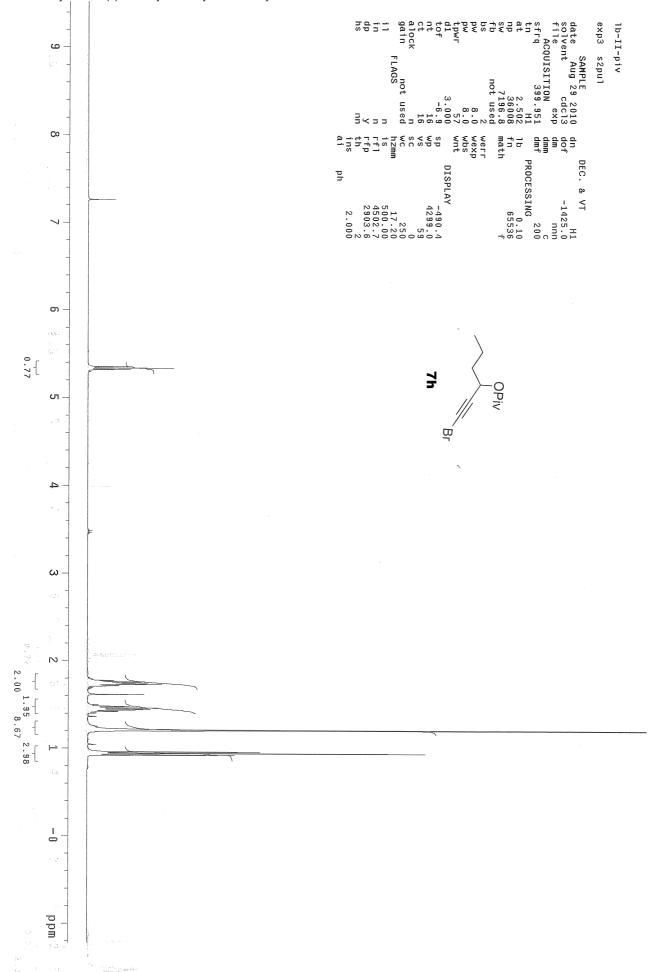


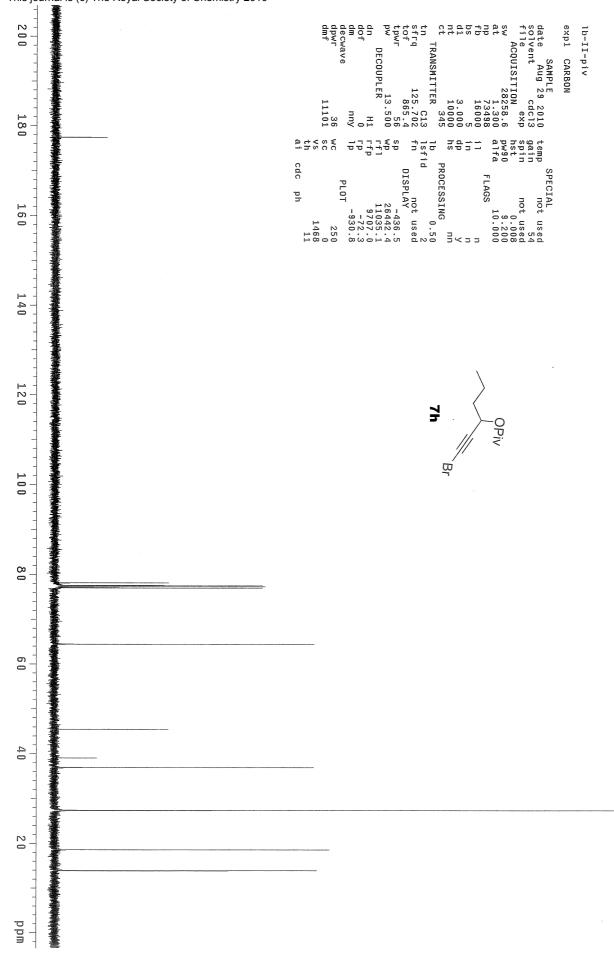
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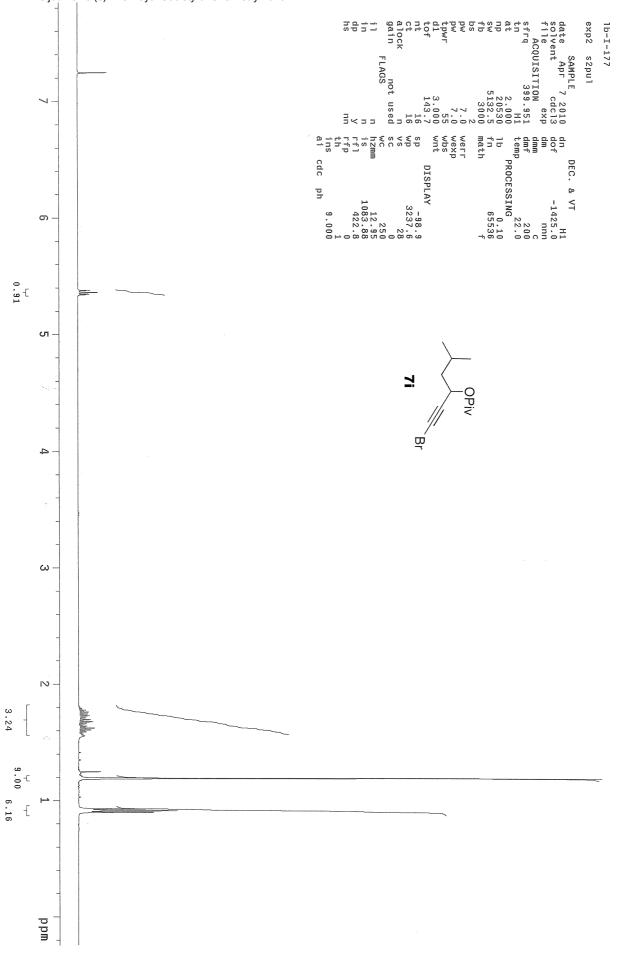


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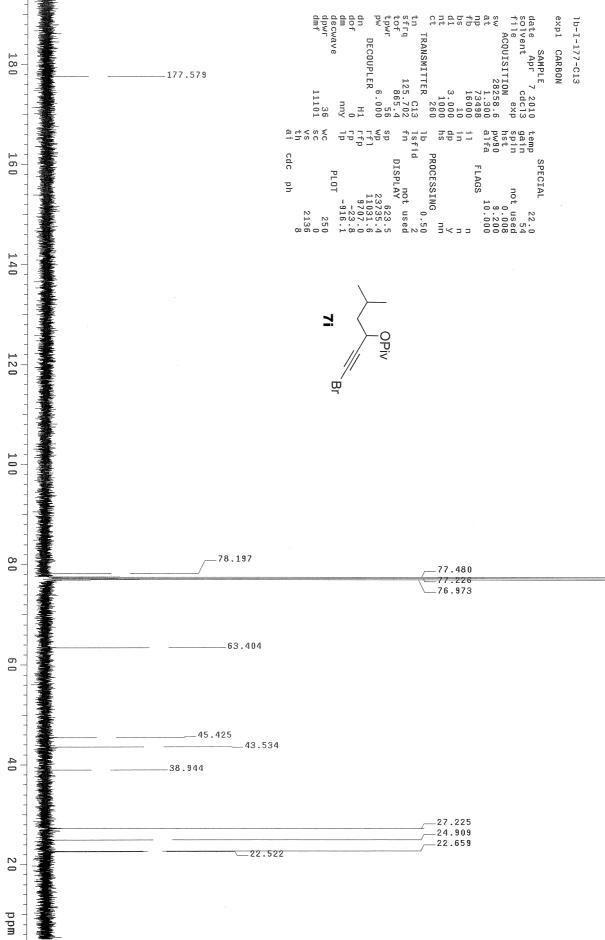


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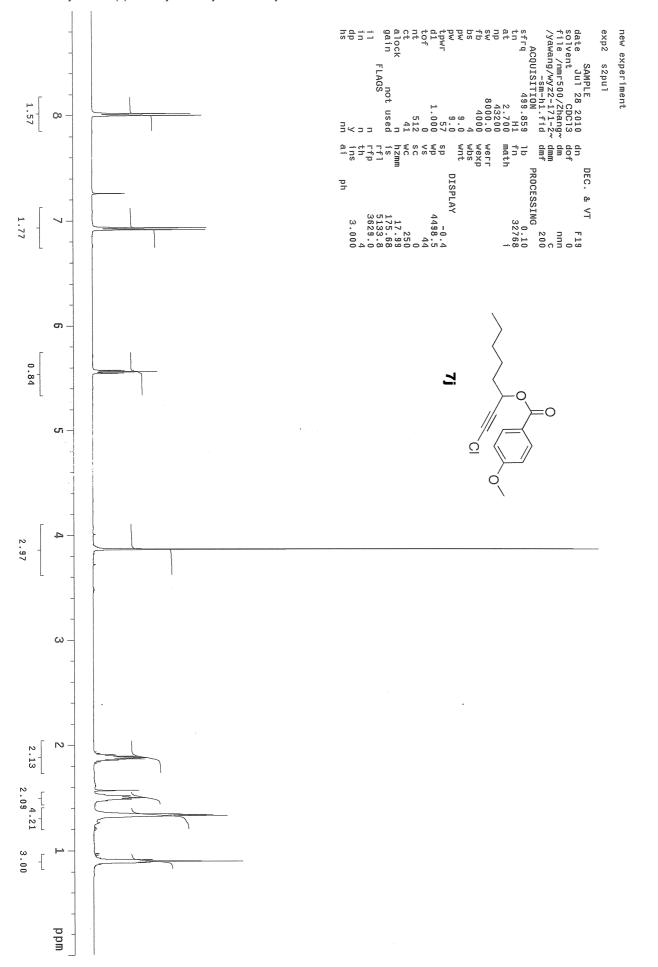


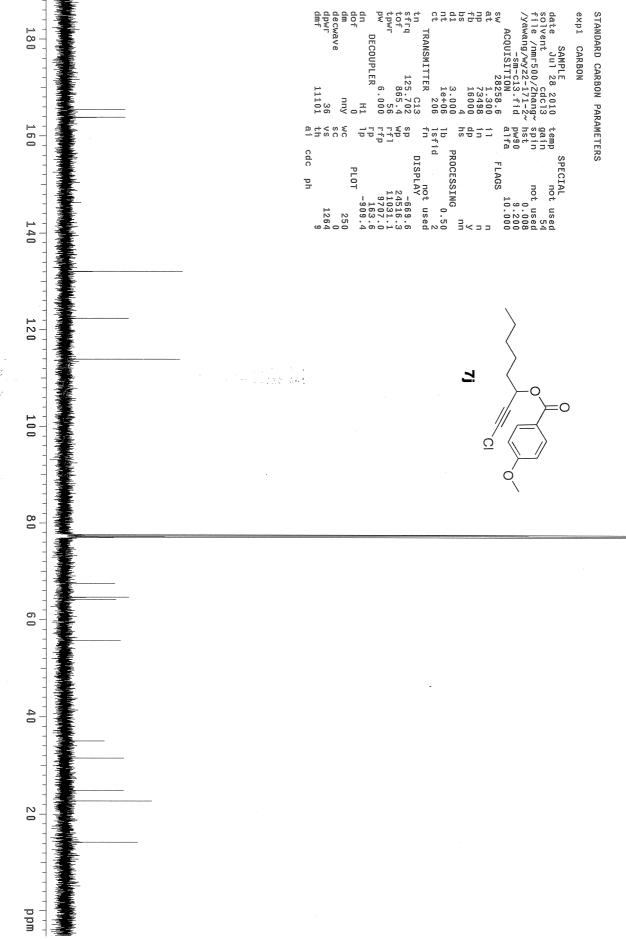
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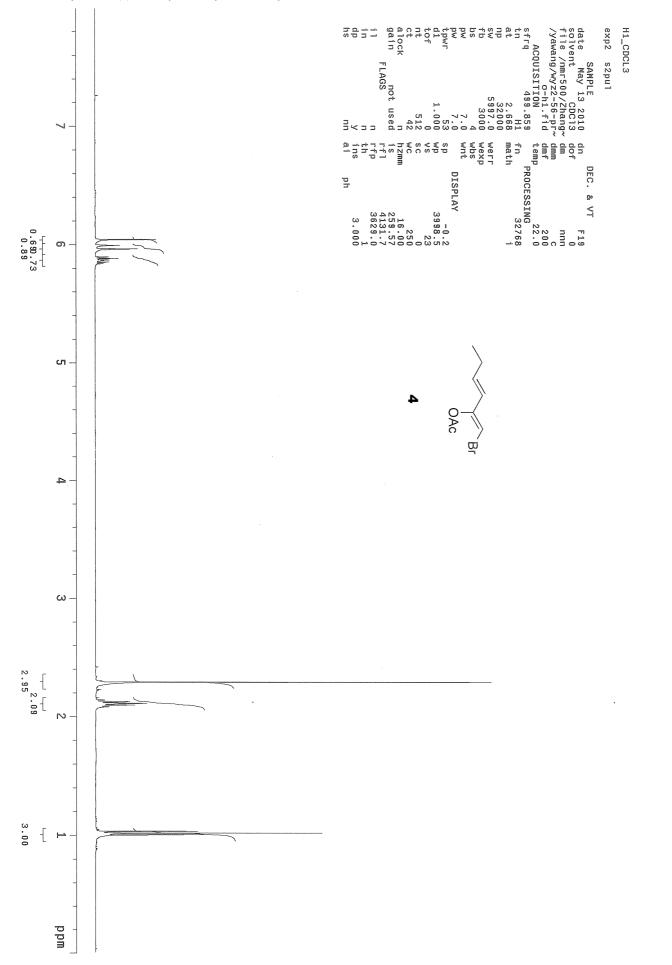


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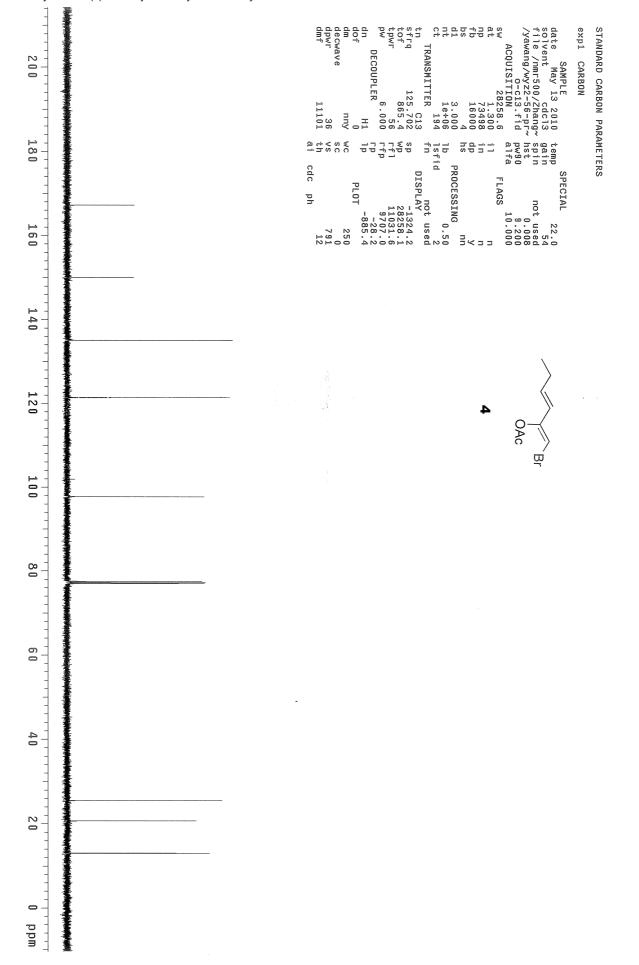


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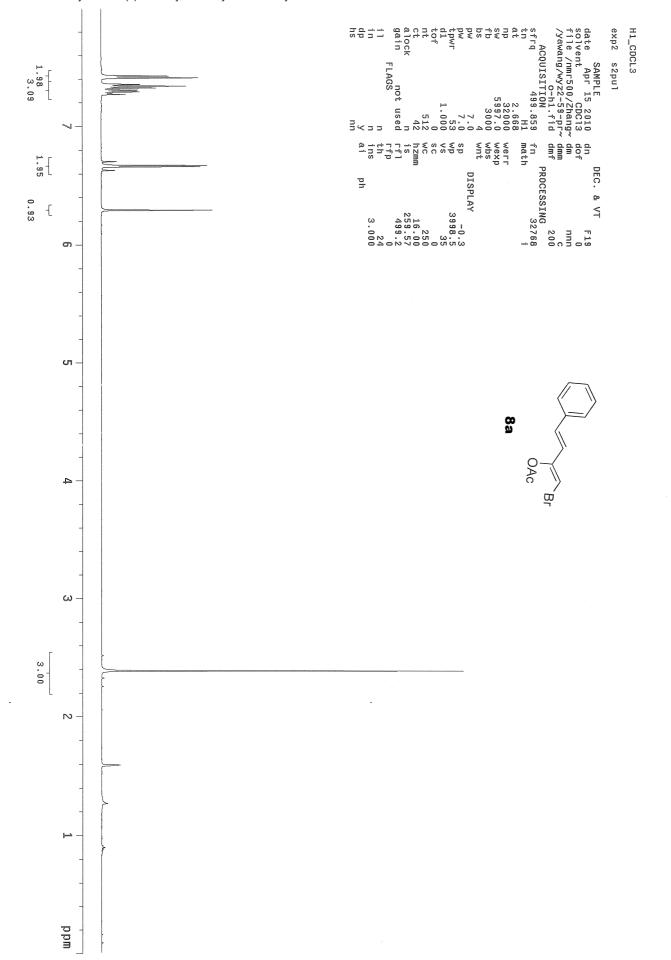


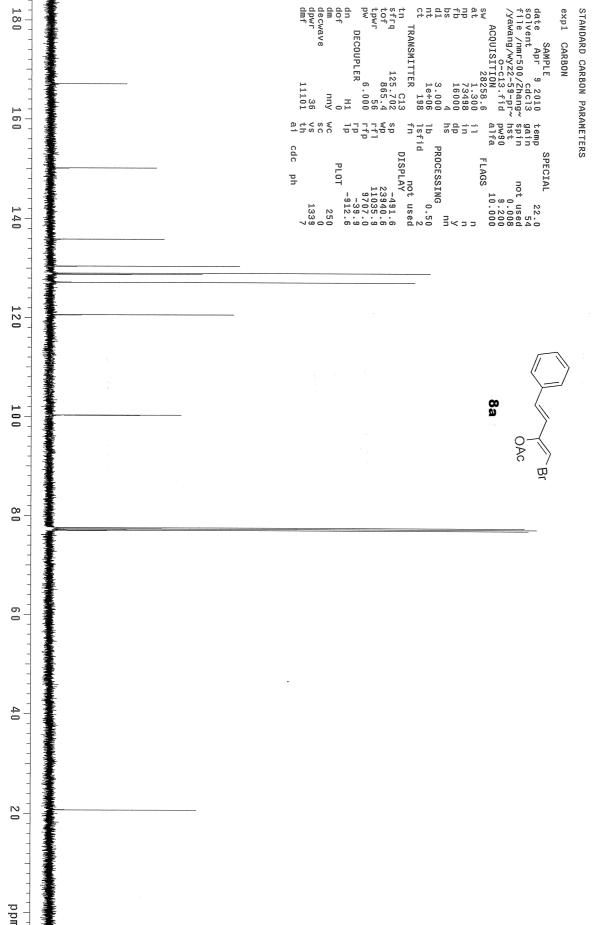
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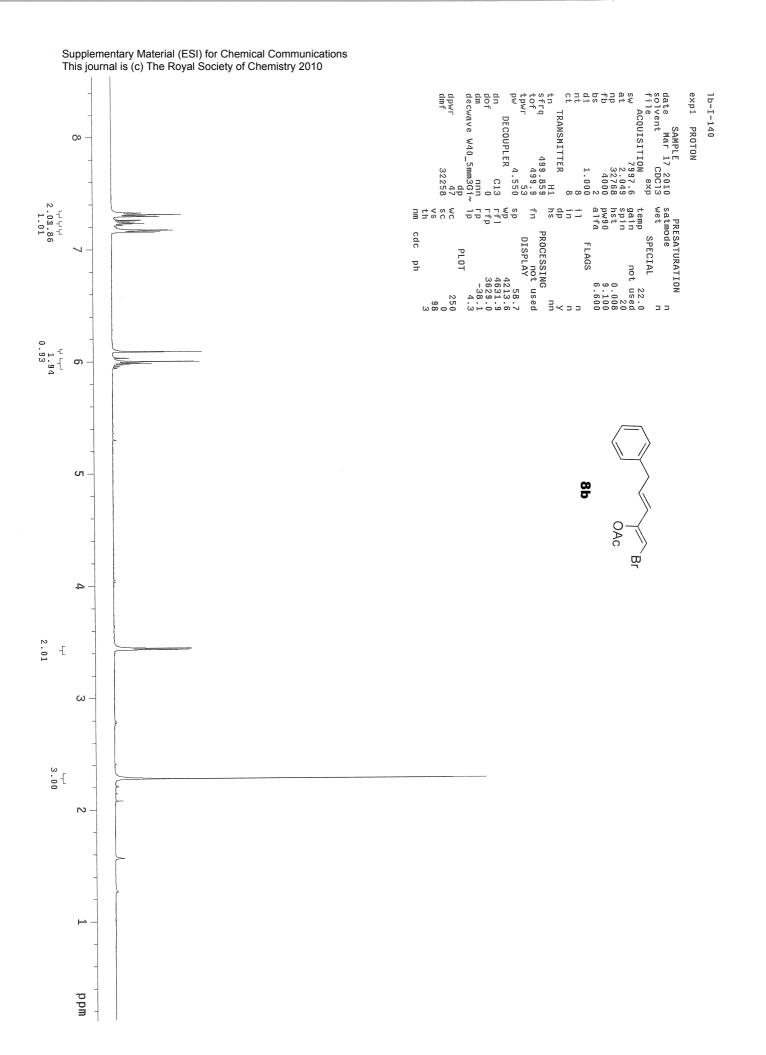


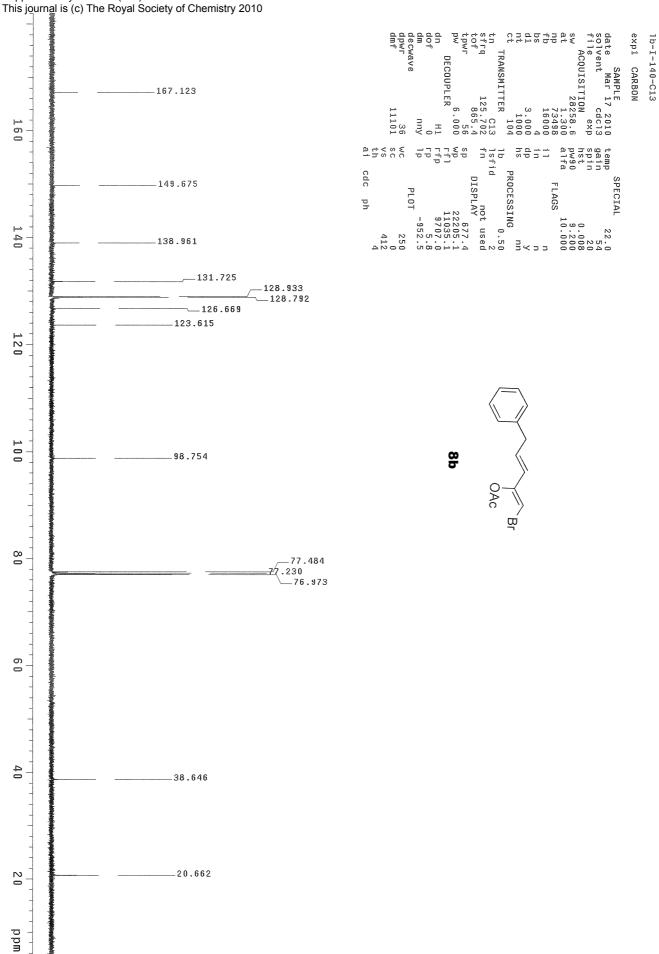
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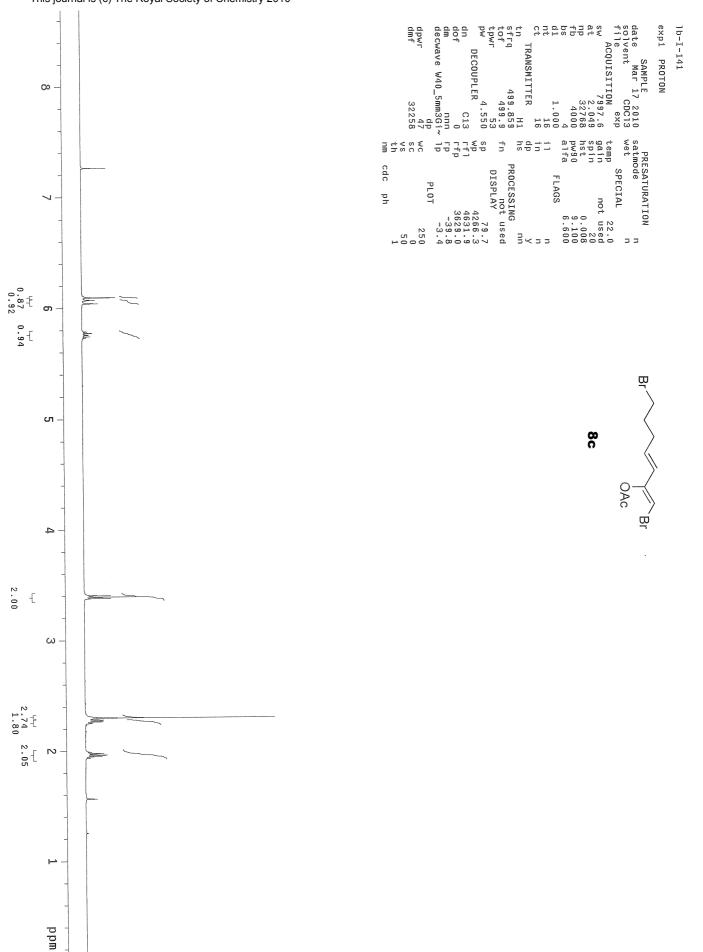
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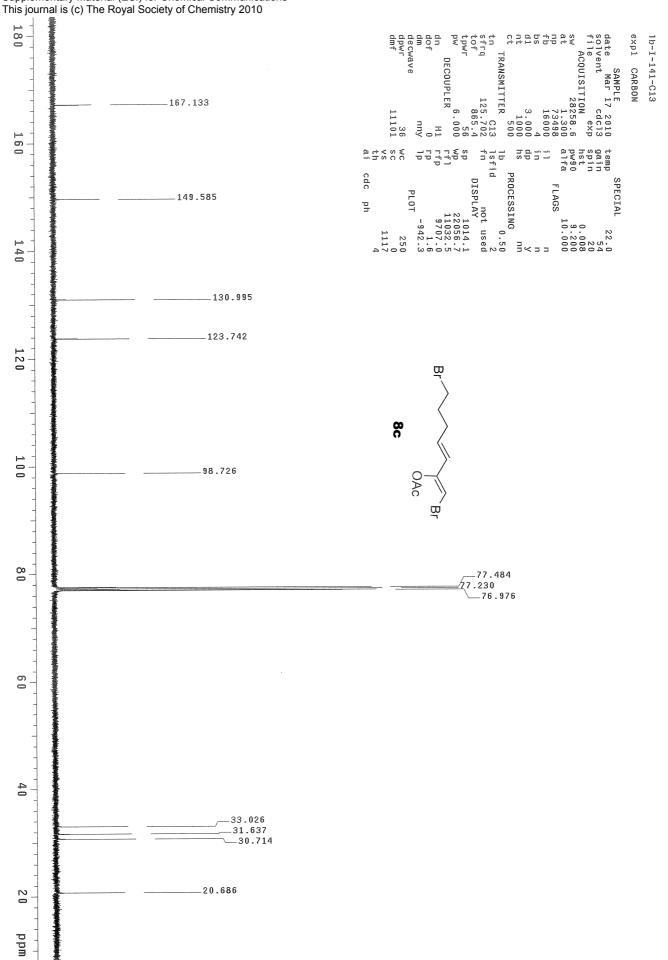




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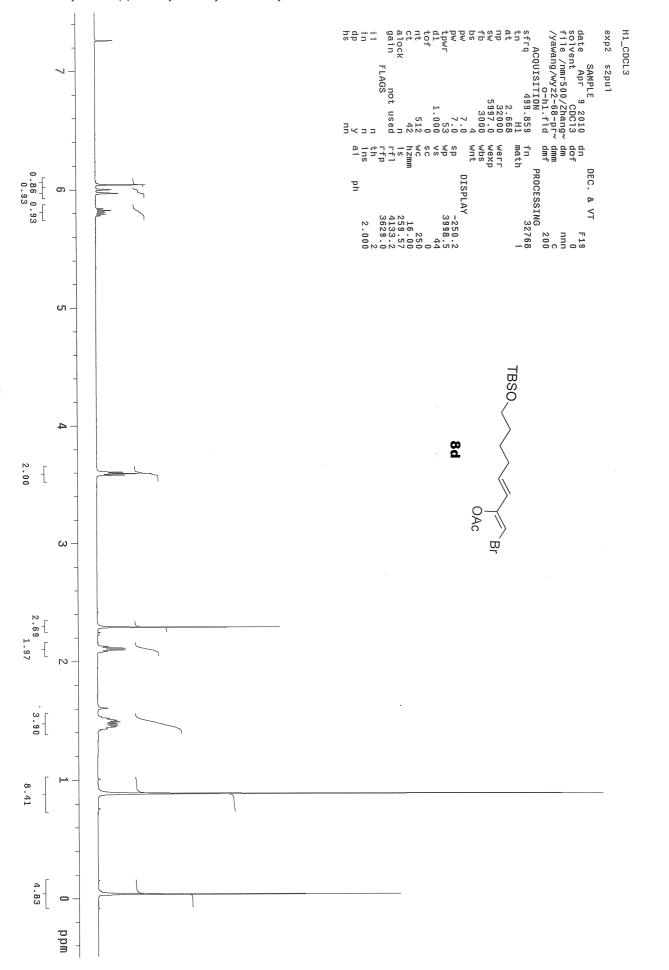
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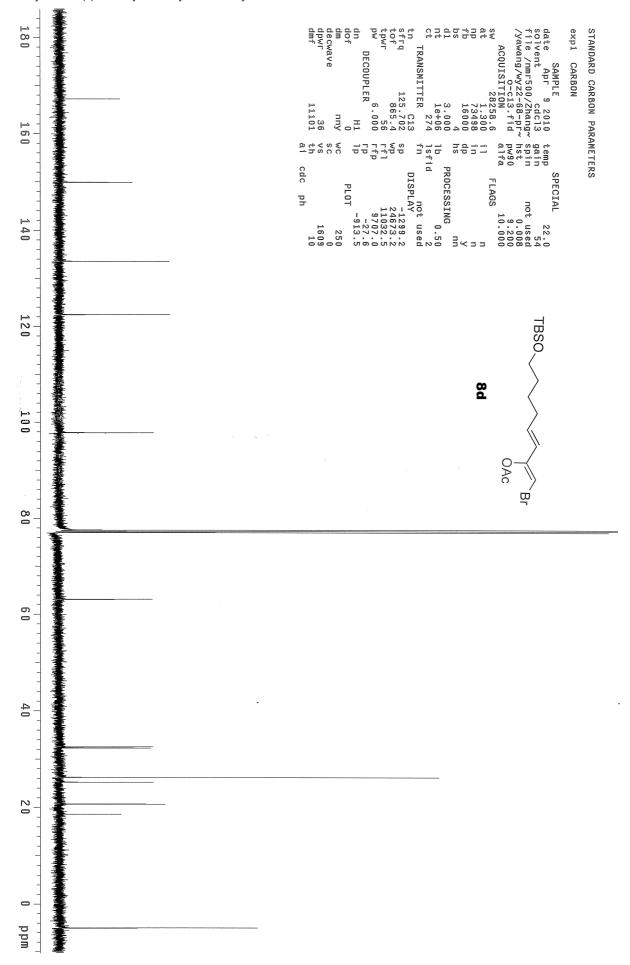


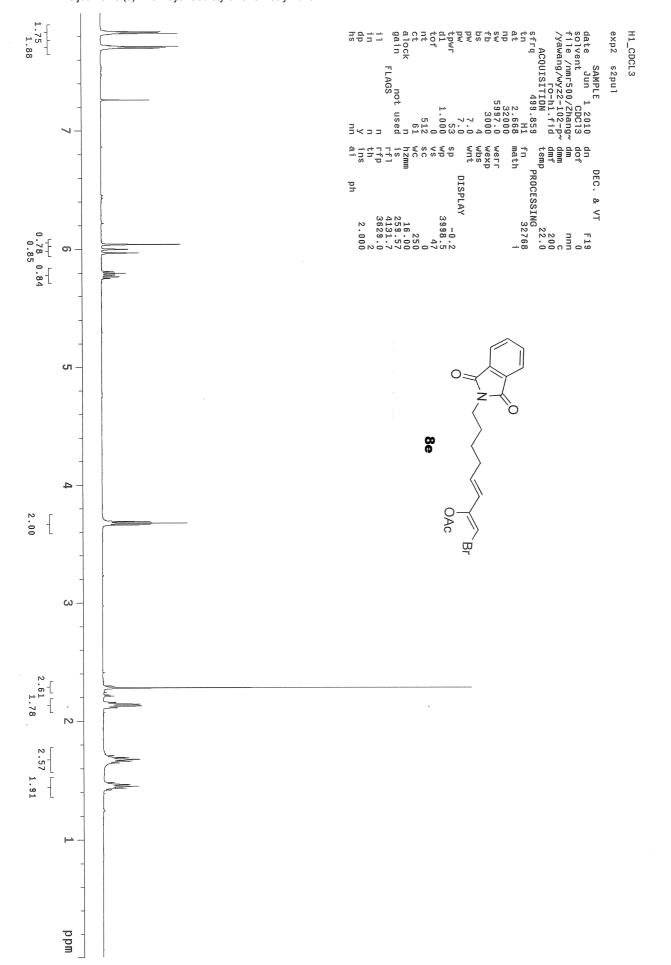


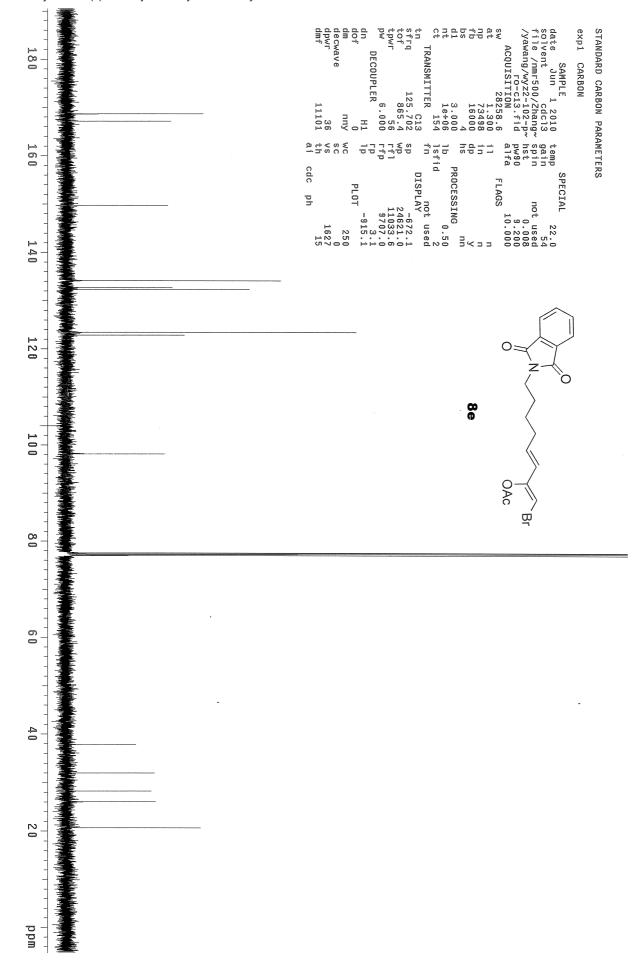
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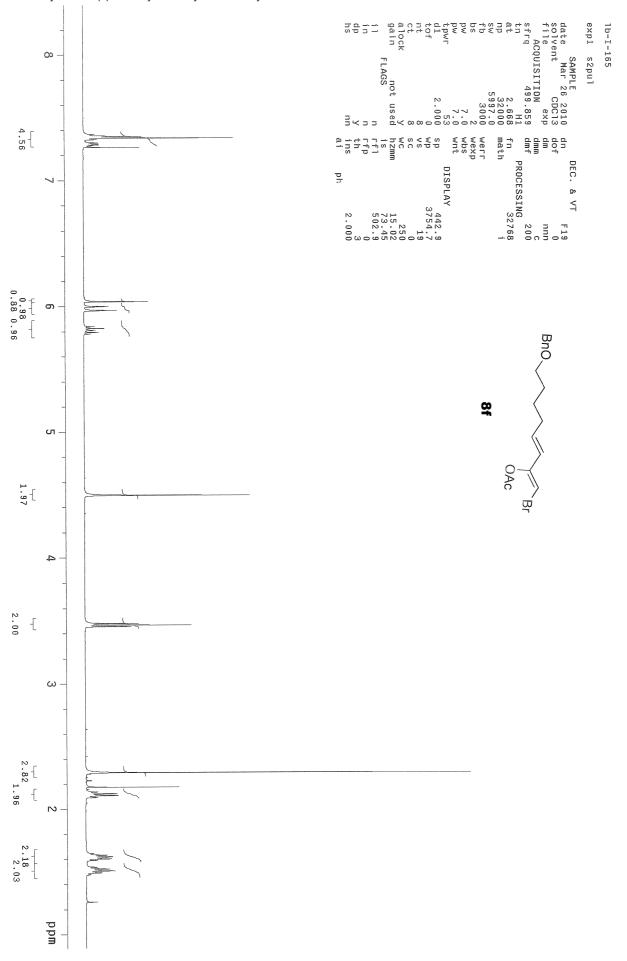


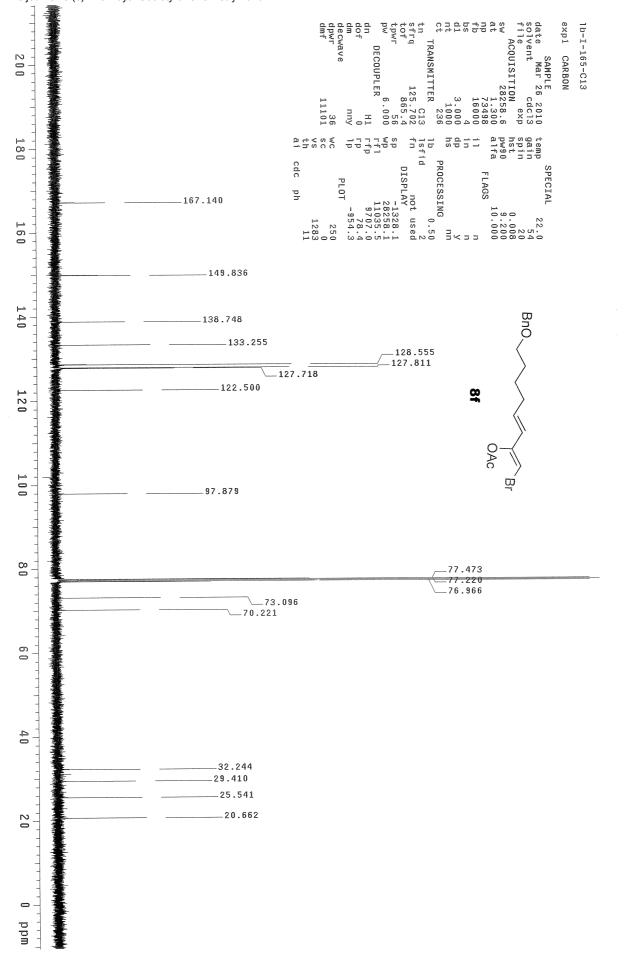




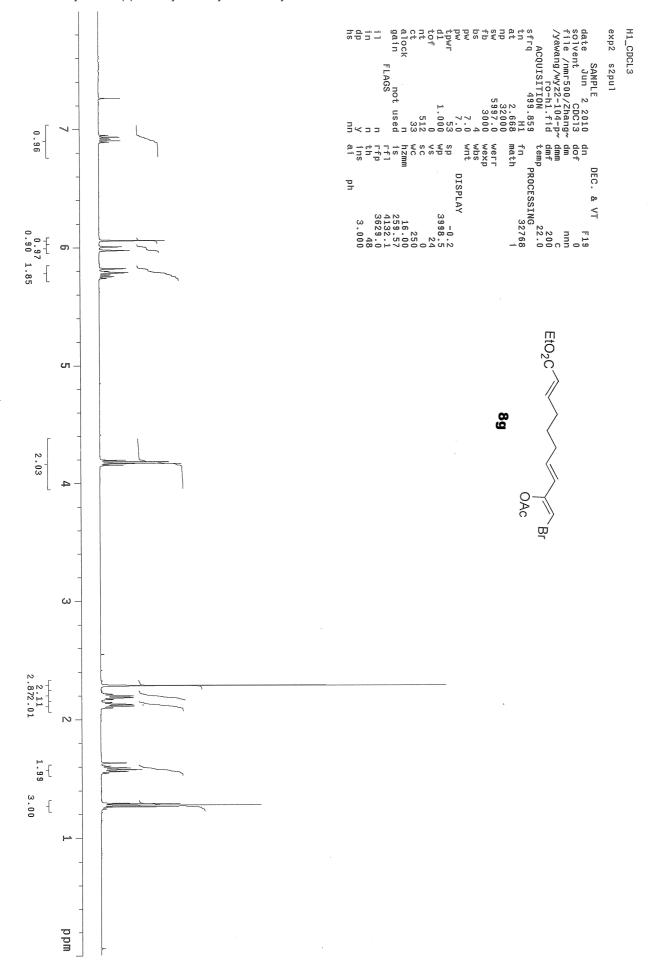


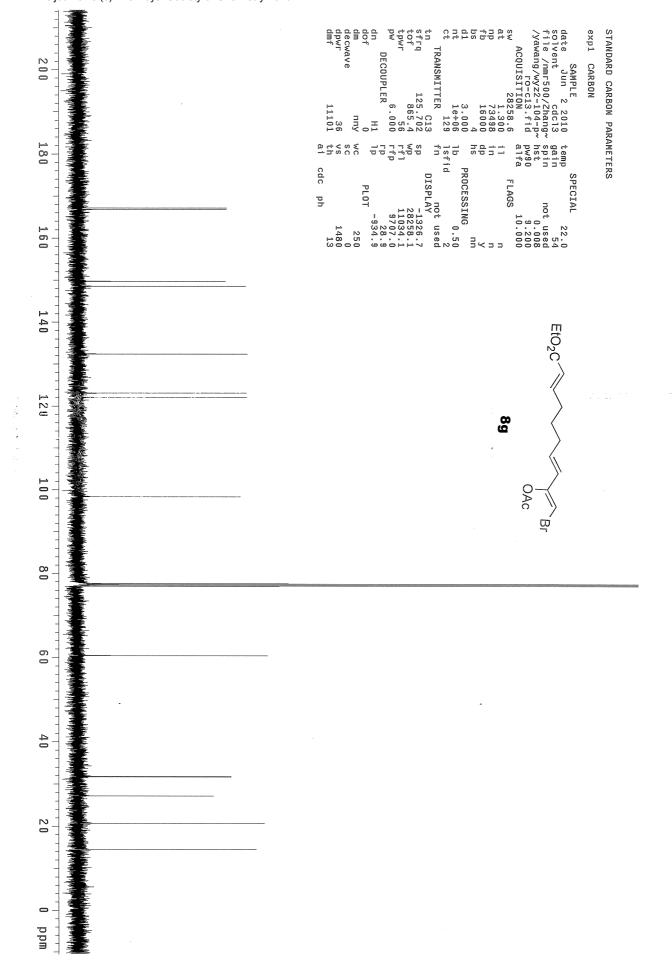
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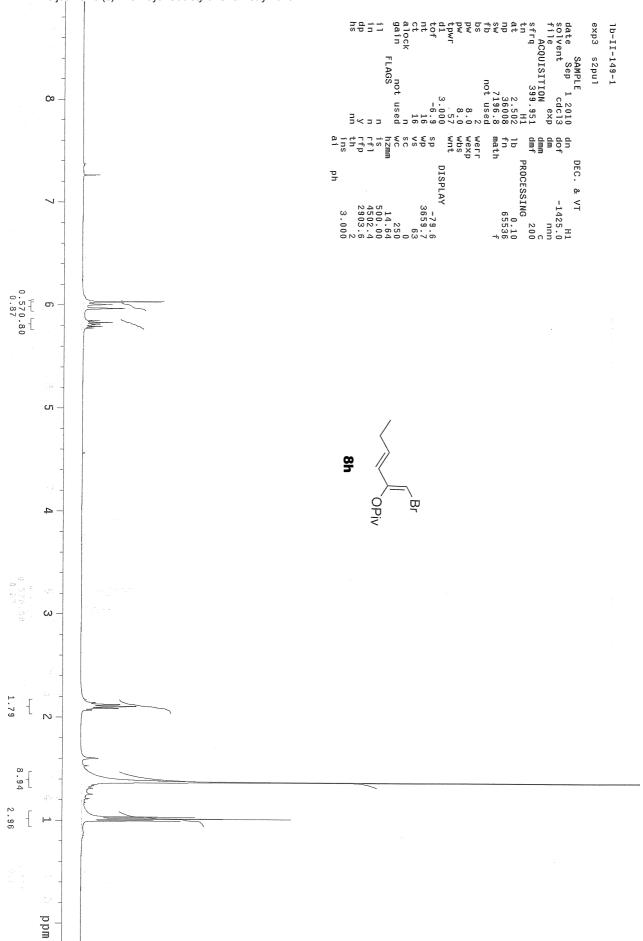


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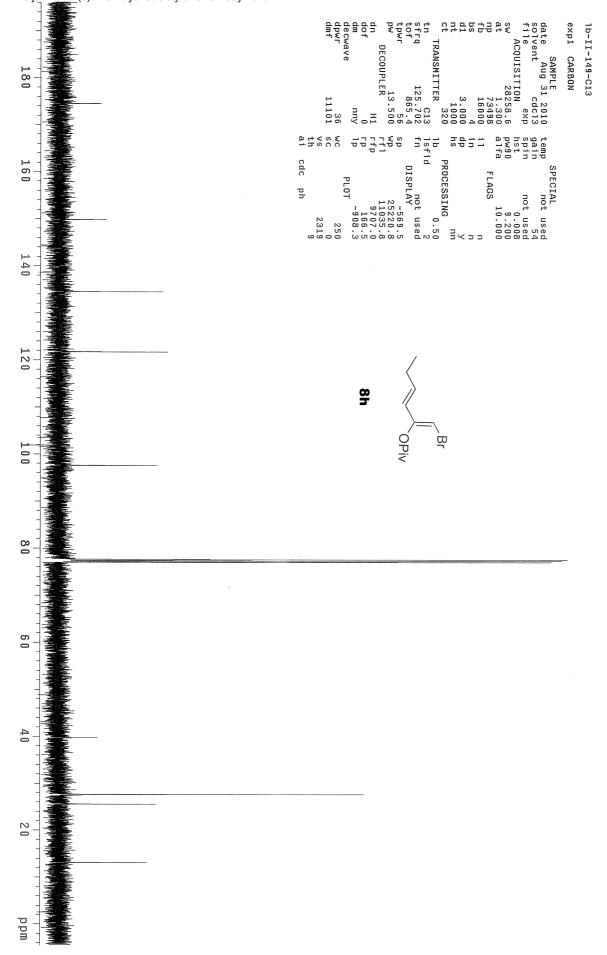


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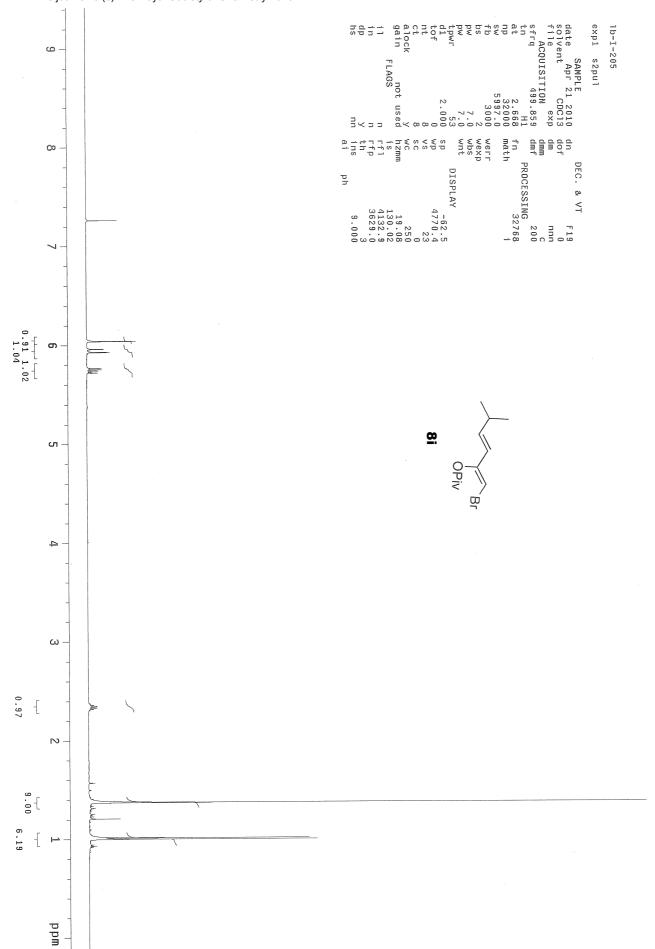


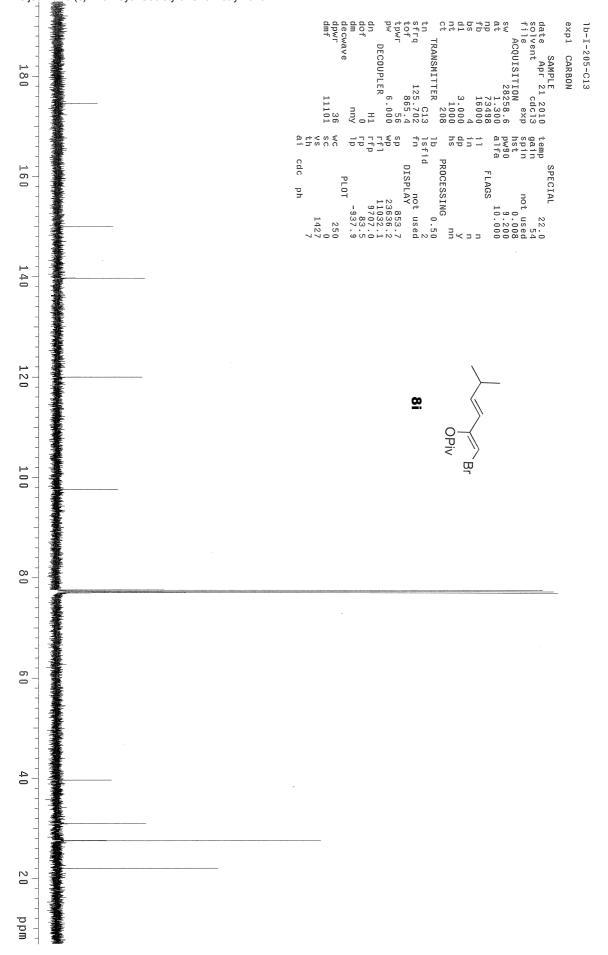
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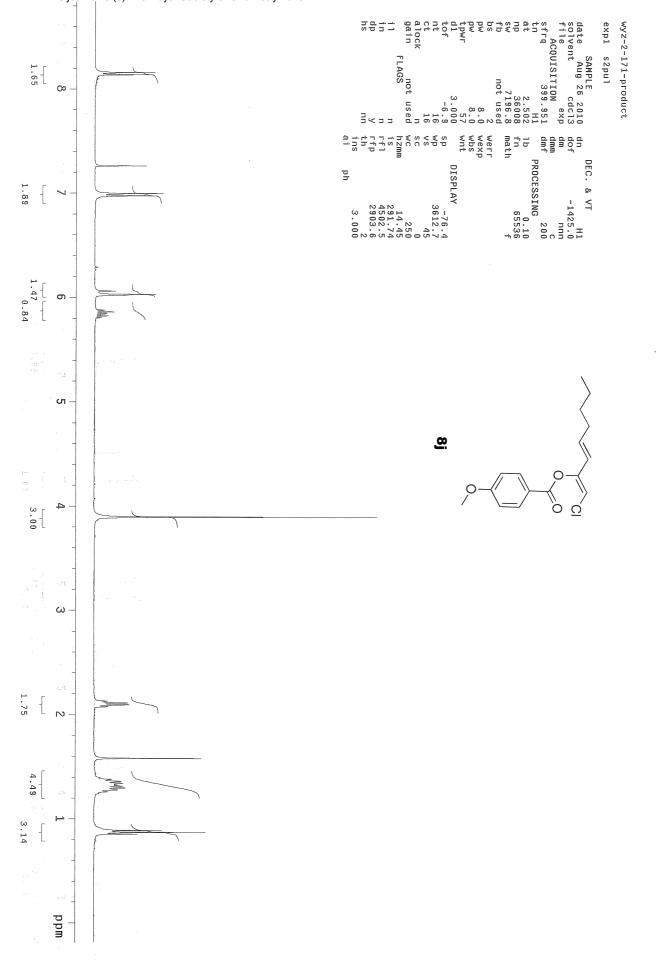
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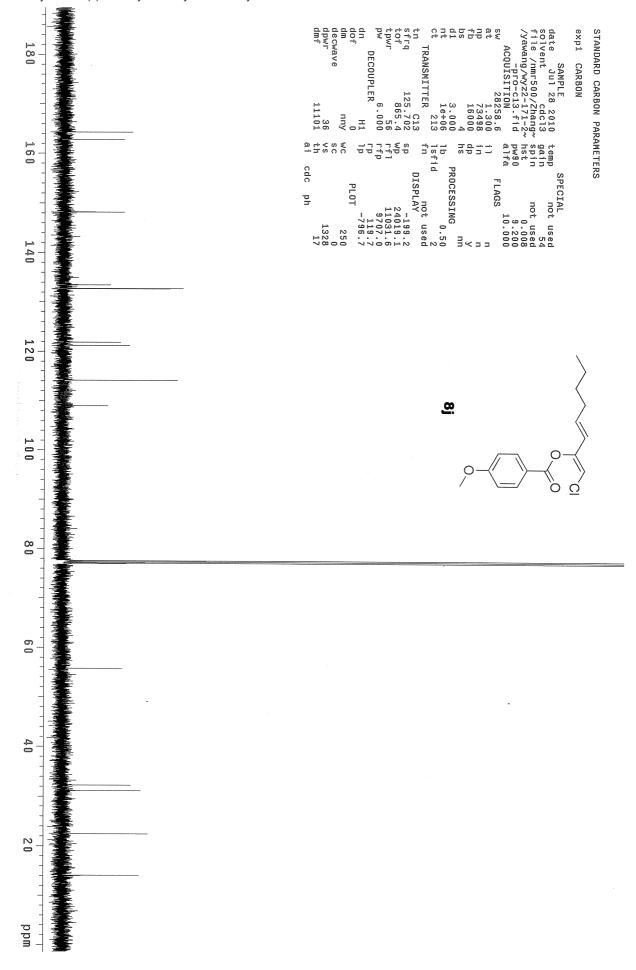


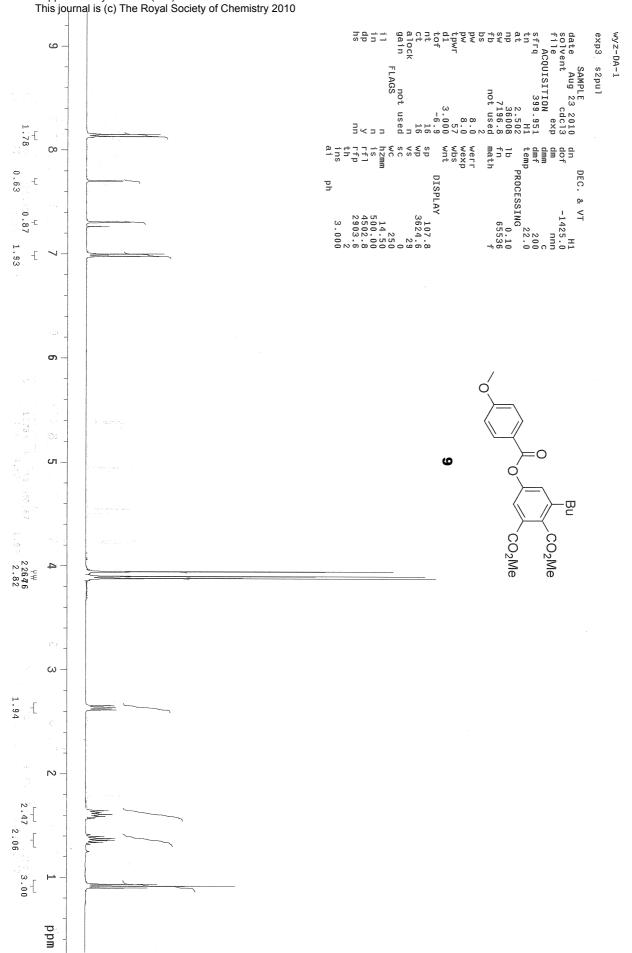


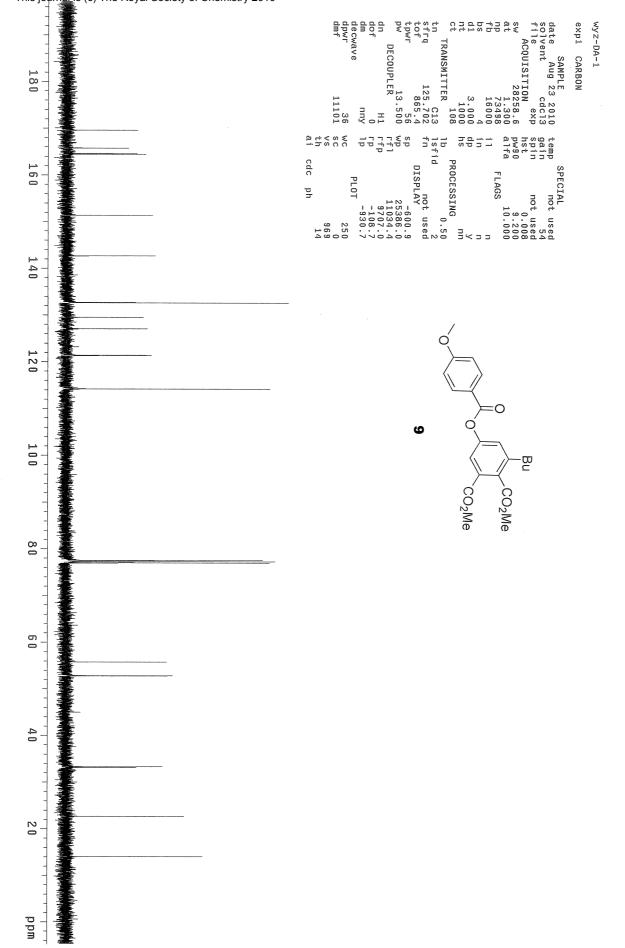
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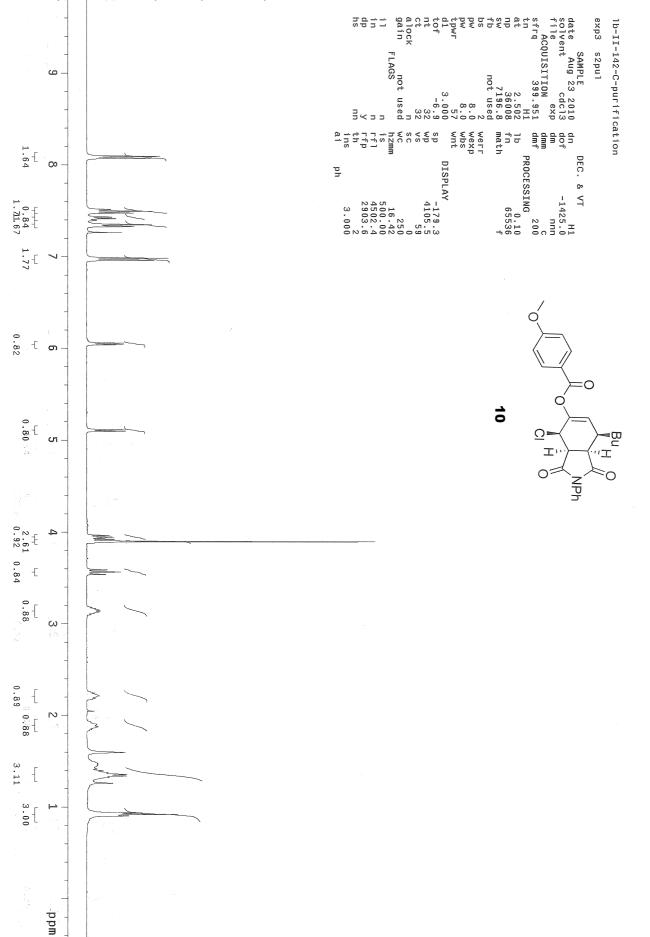
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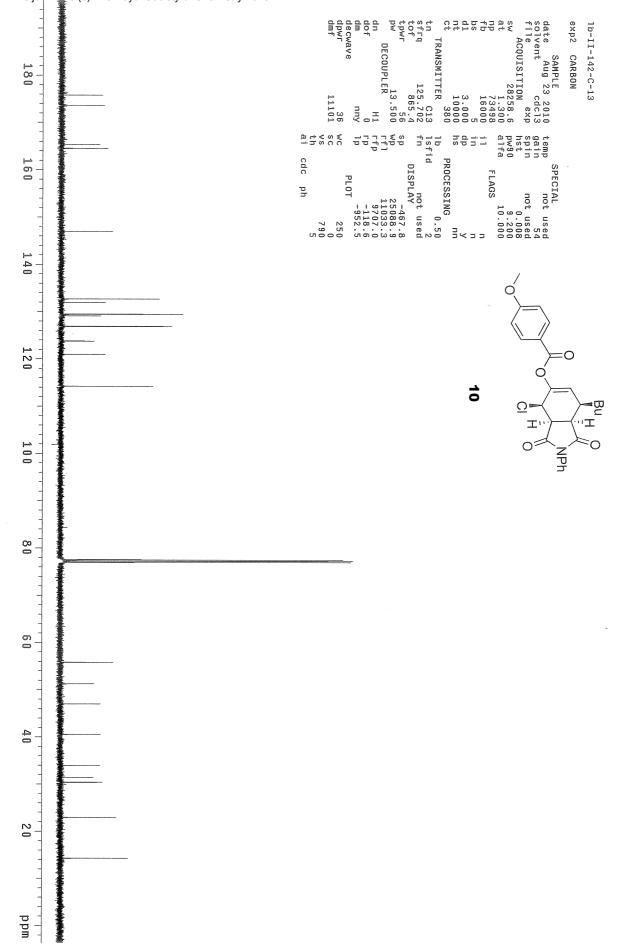


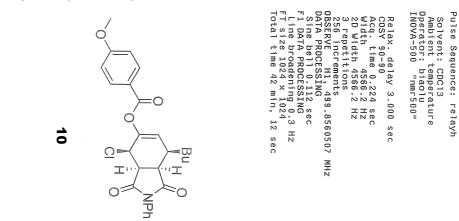






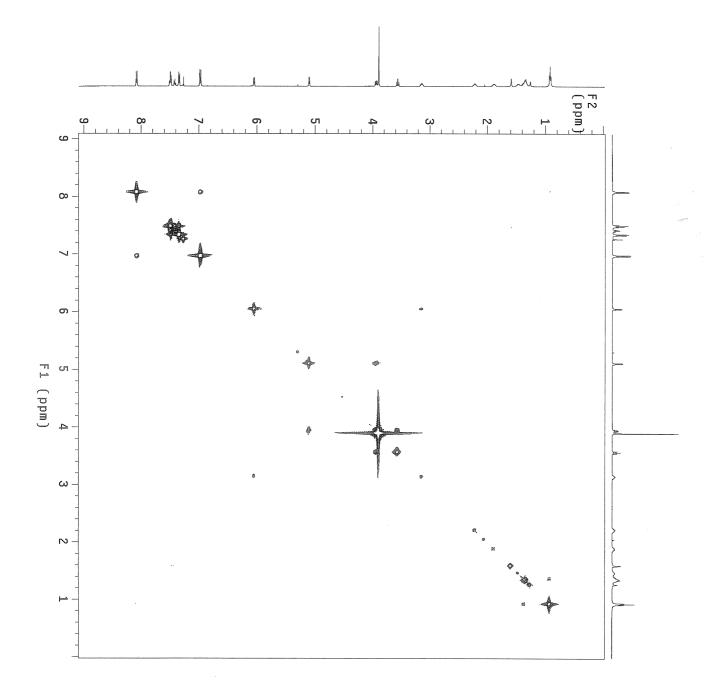


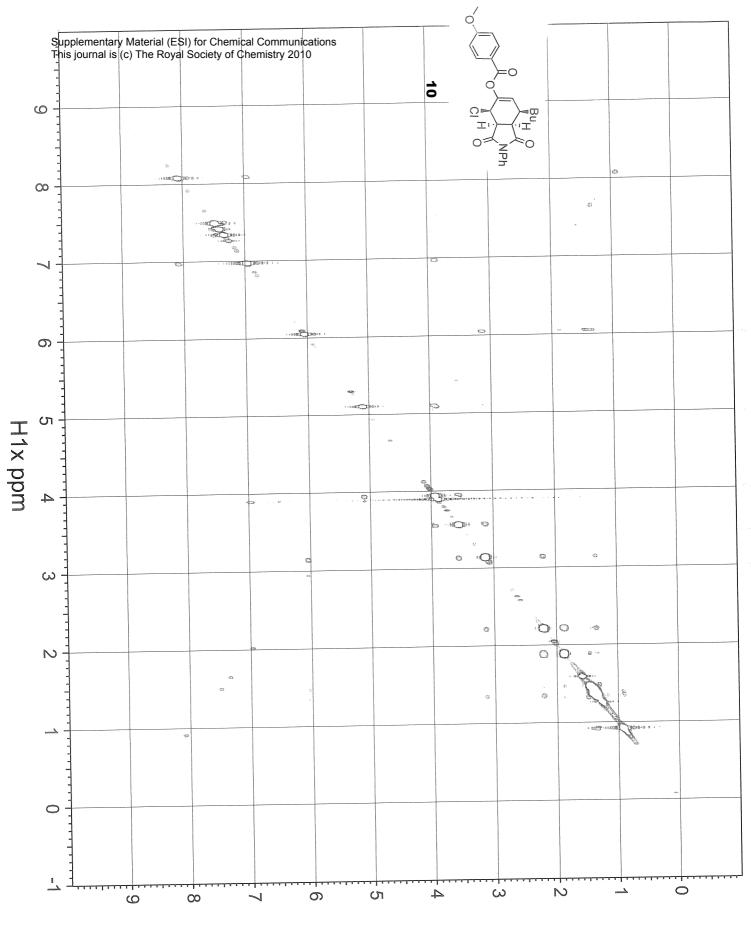




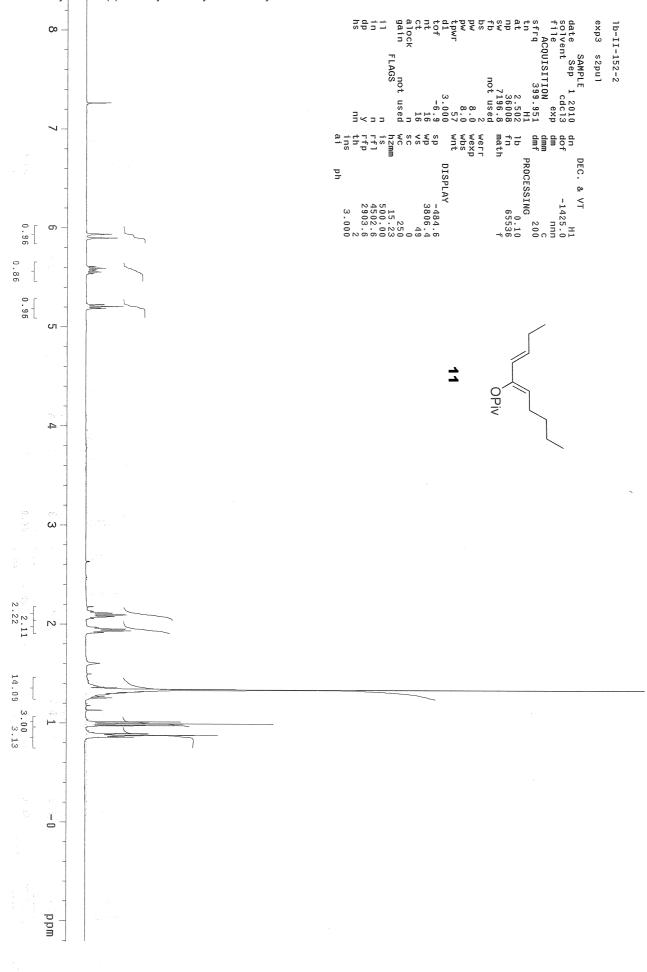
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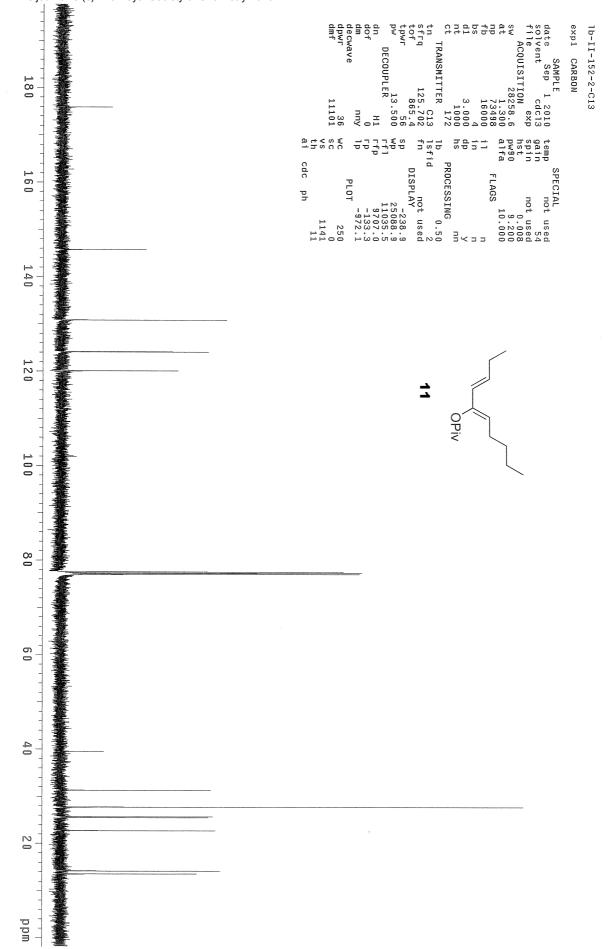


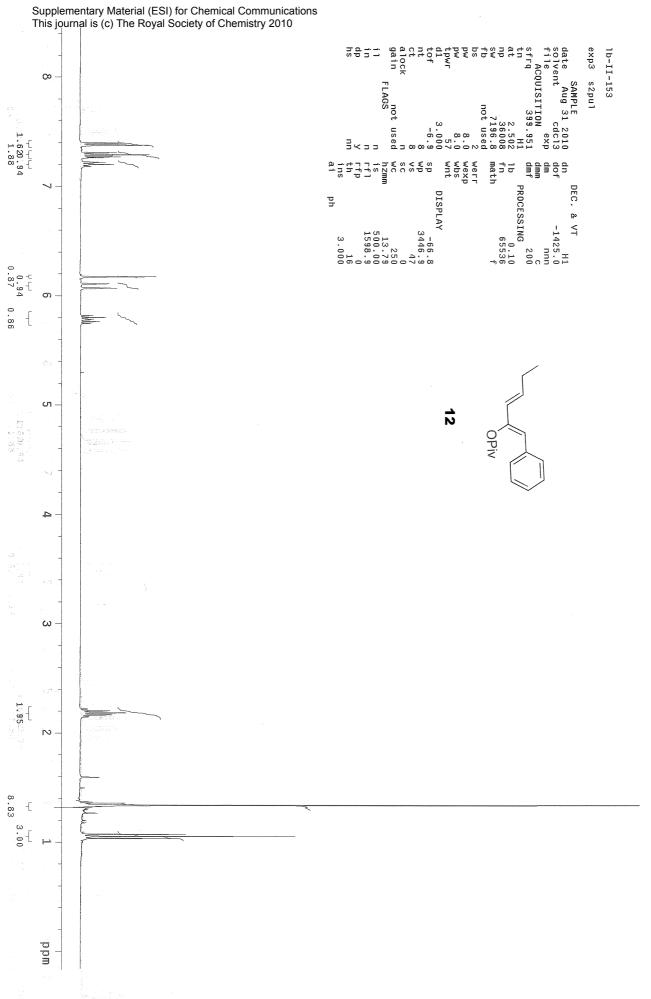


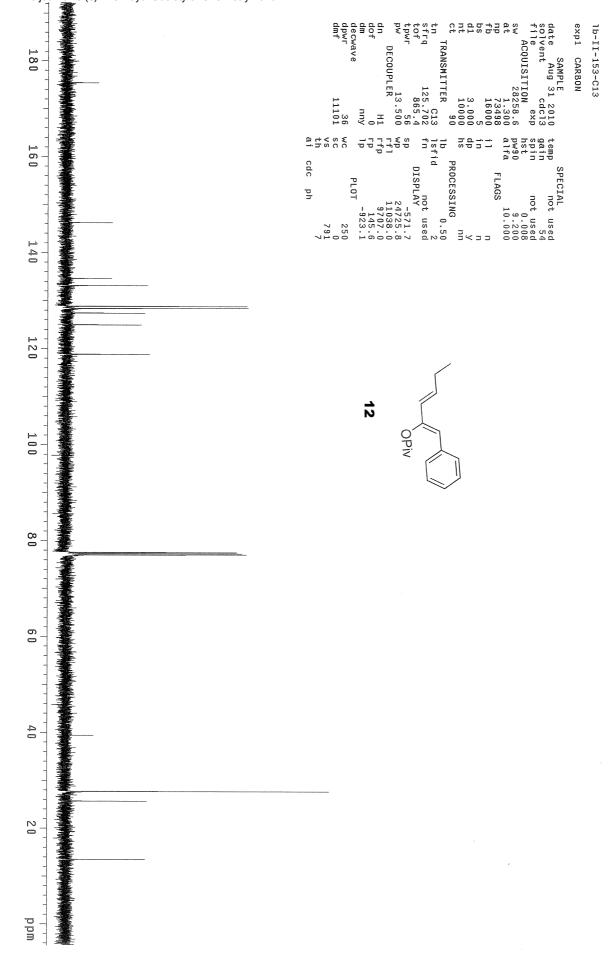
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