Rh(III)-Catalyzed Intramolecular Redox-Neutral Cyclization of Alkenes via C-H Activation† (Supporting Information)

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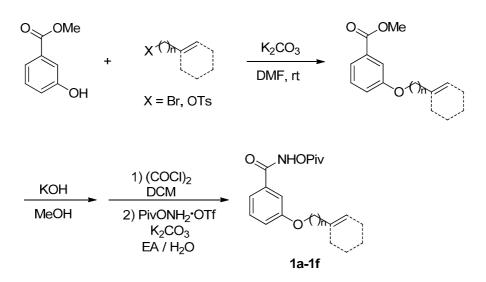
1. General Information.

All reactions were carried out in flame-dried reaction vessels with Teflon screw caps under argon. All new compounds were fully characterized. NMR-spectra were recorded on a Bruker ARX-300, AV-300, AV-400 MHz or on a Varian Associated, Varian 600 unity plus. ESI mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker Daltonics MicroTof. [Cp*RhCl₂]₂, CsOPiv were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Unless otherwise noted, materials obtained from commercial suppliers were used without further purification. The configuration of compounds **2d** and **2f** were determined by NOE.

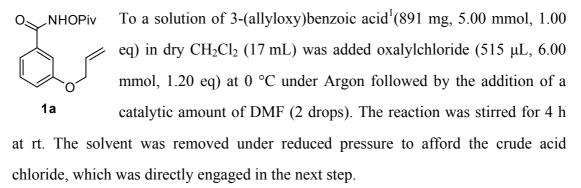
2. Experimental Procedures and Characterization of Substrates

1a-1f were generated according to the following route:

Route A:



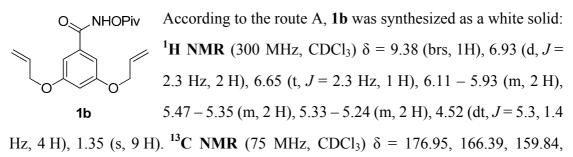
3-(Allyloxy)-N-(pivaloyloxy)benzamide (1a)



O-pivaloylhydroxamine (1.60 g, 6.00 mmol, 1.20 eq) was added to a biphasic mixture of Na₂CO₃ (1.06 g, 10.0 mmol, 2.00 eq) in EtOAc (33 mL) and H₂O (17 mL). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, whereupon the unpurified acid chloride was added dropwise as a solution in EtOAc (5 mL). The reaction was allowed to reach rt overnight. After the separation of the organic layer, the aqueos layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica (Pentane:EtOAc, 5:1) to afford 1.27 g (92%) of **1a** as a white solid: ¹H **NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.43 (brs, 1 H), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 3 H), 7.03 (dt, *J* = 6.8, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.08 – 5.87 (m, 1 H), 5.39 – 5.31 (m, 1 H), 5.26 – 5.21 (m, 1 H), 4.49 (dt, *J* = 5.3,

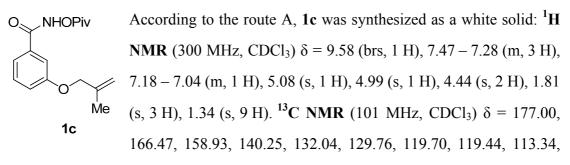
1.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.29 (s, 9 H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.95, 166.47, 158.77, 132.61, 132.06, 129.80, 119.76, 119.45, 118.01, 113.21, 68.87, 38.42, 26.99. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₉NO₄Na (M + Na)⁺ 300.1212, found 300.1209.

3,5-Bis(allyloxy)-N-(pivaloyloxy)benzamide (1b)



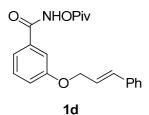
132.65, 132.57, 118.06, 106.35, 106.08, 69.04, 38.43, 27.00. **ATR-FTIR** (cm⁻¹): **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₂₃NO₅Na (M + Na)⁺ 356.1468, found 356.1456.

3-((2-Methylallyl)oxy)-N-(pivaloyloxy)benzamide (1c)



113.00, 71.78, 38.42, 26.98, 19.32. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for $C_{16}H_{21}NO_4Na$ (M + Na)⁺ 314.1363, found 314.1367.

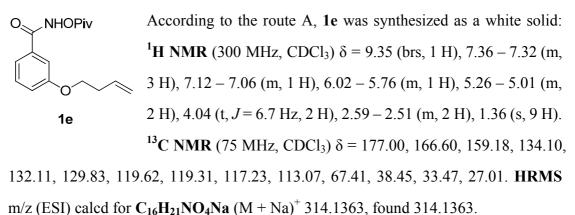
3-(cinnamyloxy)-N-(pivaloyloxy)benzamide (1d)



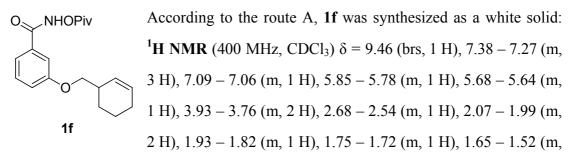
According to the route A, **1d** was synthesized as a white solid: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.46 (brs, 1H), 7.40 – 7.13 (m, 8H), 7.05 (dt, *J* = 7.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (dt, *J* = 16.0, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.76 – 4.51 (m, 2H), 1.27 (s,

9H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.92, 166.44, 158.81, 136.19, 133.38, 132.10, 129.85, 128.55, 127.96, 126.56, 123.65, 119.76, 119.51, 113.25, 68.73, 38.41, 26.98. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₃NO₄Na (M + Na)⁺ 376.1525, found 3376.1519.

3-(But-3-en-1-yloxy)-N-(pivaloyloxy)benzamide (1e)



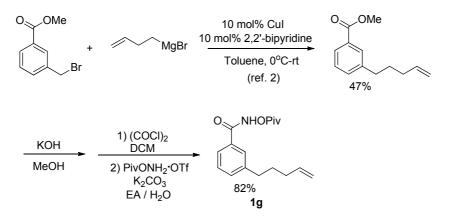
3-(Cyclohex-2-en-1-ylmethoxy)-N-(pivaloyloxy)benzamide (1f)



1 H), 1.52 - 1.39 (m, 1 H), 1.35 (s, 9 H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 176.96$, 166.59, 159.40, 132.05, 129.76, 129.43, 127.17, 119.57, 119.20, 113.04, 72.05, 38.42, 35.26, 26.99, 25.70, 25.23, 20.64. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₅NO₄Na (M + Na)⁺ 354.1676, found 354.1674.

1g was generated according to the following route:

Route B:

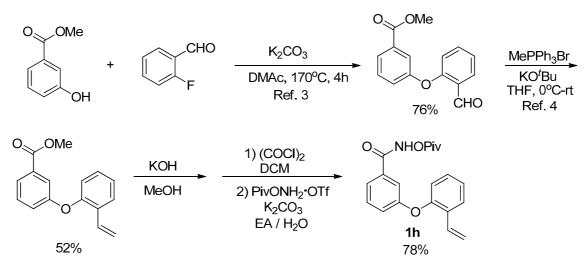


3-(Pent-4-en-1-yl)-N-(pivaloyloxy)benzamide (1g)

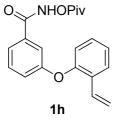
According to the route B, **1g** was synthesized as a white solid: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.34 (brs, 1H), 7.72 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 5.91 – 5.71 (m, 1H), 5.16 – 4.88 **1g** (m, 2H), 2.72 – 2.60 (m, 2H), 2.17 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.72 (p, J =7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.06, 167.00, 143.33, 138.18, 132.91, 130.85, 128.72, 127.54, 124.73, 115.01, 38.44, 35.02, 33.13, 30.35, 27.01. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₂₃NO₃Na (M + Na)⁺ 312.1576, found 312.1570.

1h was generated according to the following route:

Route C:



N-(Pivaloyloxy)-3-(2-vinylphenoxy)benzamide (1h)

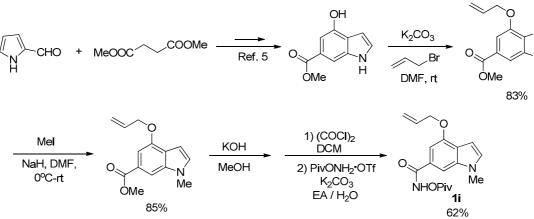


According to the route C, **1g** was synthesized as a white solid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.22 (brs, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dt, J = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 5.72 (ddd, J = 17.7, 4.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (dd, J = 11.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.93, 158.49, 152.50, 132.50, 130.53, 130.22, 129.26, 126.86, 124.92, 121.55, 121.23, 120.63, 116.19, 115.93, 38.43, 26.99. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for **C**₂₀**H**₂₁**NO**₄**Na** (M + Na)⁺ 362.1368, found 362.1363.

1i was generated according to the following route:



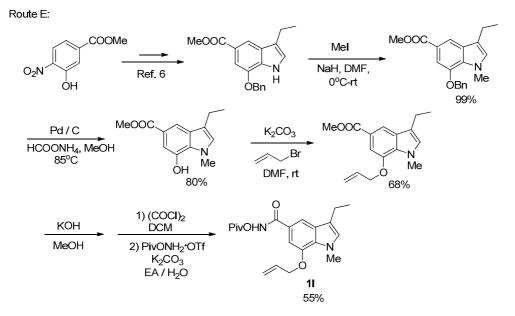


4-(Allyloxy)-1-methyl-N-(pivaloyloxy)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide (1i)

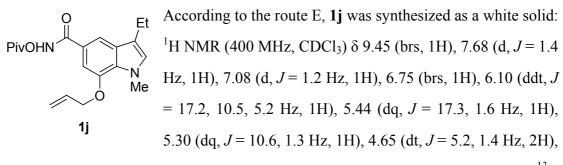
According to the route D, **1i** was synthesized as a white solid: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.53 (brs, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.65 - 6.58 (m, 1H), 6.17 - 6.06 (m, 1H), 5.47 (dd, J = 17.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dd, J = 10.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80 - 3.73 (m, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.44, 168.24, 152.11, 137.17, 133.15, 130.24, 124.48, 122.74, 117.53, 103.46, 99.04, 99.01, 68.89, 38.47, 33.15, 27.05. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $C_{18}H_{22}N_2O_4Na$ (M + Na)⁺ 353.1477, found 353.1472.

1j was generated according to the following route:



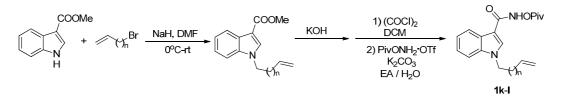
7-(Allyloxy)-3-ethyl-1-methyl-*N*-(pivaloyloxy)-1H-indole-5-carboxamide (1j)



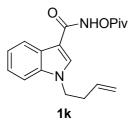
4.02 (s, 3H), 2.71 (qd, J = 7.5, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.41, 168.45, 146.49, 132.95, 129.32, 129.07, 127.92, 121.51, 118.85, 117.54, 112.59, 102.38, 69.19, 38.44, 36.28, 27.05, 18.00, 14.55. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₆N₂O₄Na (M + Na)⁺ 381.1790, found 381.1785.

1k-l were generated according to the following route:

Route F:



1-(but-3-en-1-yl)-N-(pivaloyloxy)-1H-indole-3-carboxamide (1k)



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According to the route F, **1k** was synthesized as a white solid: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.69 (brs, 1H), 7.58 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 6.91 – 6.70 (m, 4H), 5.30 – 5.13 (m, 1H), 4.61 – 4.48 (m, 2H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 0.87 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 167.32, 159.05, 135.82,

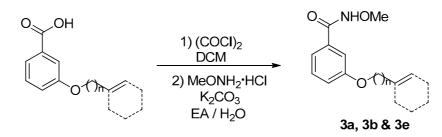
128.91, 121.90, 121.66, 121.13, 121.03, 110.56, 99.36, 49.46, 47.90, 35.57, 31.93. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $C_{18}H_{22}N_2O_3Na$ (M + Na)⁺ 337.1528, found 337.1523

1-(pent-4-en-1-yl)-N-(pivaloyloxy)-1H-indole-3-carboxamide (11)

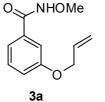
According to the route F, 11 was synthesized as a white solid: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.74 (brs, 1H), 7.54 (dt, *J* = 6.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 - 6.65 (m, 4H), 5.25 (ddd, J = 17.5, 6.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.60 - 4.48 (m, 2H), 3.64 - 3.52 (m, 2H), 1.55 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 0.86 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.65, 165.64, 136.67, 136.38, 132.43, 125.60, 122.91, 122.01, 121.15, 116.12, 110.23, 106.69, 46.14, 38.45, 30.58, 28.68, 27.08. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O_3Na (M + Na)^+ 351.1685$, found 351.1679.

3a, **3b** & **3e** were generated according to the following route:

Route G:



3-(Allyloxy)-N-methoxybenzamide (3a)



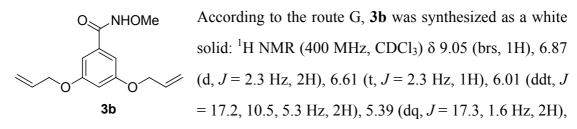
To a solution of 3-(allyloxy)benzoic acid (4.45 g, 25.0 mmol, 1.0 eq) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (60 mL) was added oxalylchloride (2.6 mL, 30.0 mmol, 1.2 eq) at 0 °C under Argon followed by the addition of a catalytic amount of DMF (2 drops). The reaction was stirred for 4 h at rt. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude acid

chloride, which was directly engaged in the next step.

Methoxylamine hydrochloride (2.3 g 27.5 mmol, 1.10 eq) was added to a biphasic mixture of K₂CO₃ (6.9 g, 50.0 mmol, 2.00 eq) in EtOAc (80 mL) and H₂O (40 mL). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, whereupon the unpurified acid chloride was added dropwise as a solution in EtOAc (5 mL). The reaction was allowed to reach rt overnight. After the separation of the organic layer, the aqueos layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude material was purified by column chromatography on silica (Pentane:EtOAc, 1:1) to afford 4.95 g (96%) of 3a as a white solid: 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.20 (brs, 1H), 7.39 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.10 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.22 – 5.83 (m, 1H), 5.34 (dd, J = 46.0, 13.9 Hz, 2H), 4.54 (d, J = 4.3

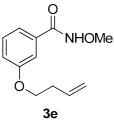
Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.24, 158.73, 133.08, 132.68, 129.67, 119.02, 118.95, 117.92, 113.06, 68.85, 64.44. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for **C**₁₁**H**₁₃**NO**₃**Na** (M + Na)⁺ 230.0793, found 230.0788.

3,5-Bis(allyloxy)-N-methoxybenzamide (3b)



5.28 (dq, J = 10.5, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 4.51 (dt, J = 5.3, 1.5 Hz, 4H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.78, 132.62, 117.98, 105.73, 105.54, 69.00, 64.46. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for **C**₁₄**H**₁₇**NO**₄**Na** (M + Na)⁺ 286.1055, found 286.1050.

3-(But-3-en-1-yloxy)-N-methoxybenzamide (3e)

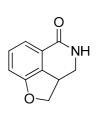


According to the route G, **3e** was synthesized as a white solid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.89 (brs, 1H), 7.38 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 5.89 (ddt, J = 17.0, 10.2, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.24 – 5.07 (m, 2H), 4.04 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.54 (qt, J = 6.6, 1.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.14, 134.16,

129.71, 118.80, 118.76, 117.20, 112.90, 67.38, 64.48, 33.49. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for $C_{12}H_{15}NO_3Na$ (M + Na)⁺ 244.0950, found 244.0944.

3. Experimental Procedures and Characterization of Products

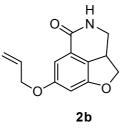
3,4-Dihydro-2*H*-furo[4,3,2-*de*]isoquinolin-5(2a*H*)-one (2a)



To a 10 mL Schlenk tube was added 3-(allyloxy)-N-(pivaloyloxy)benzamide (1a) (55.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), [Cp^{*}RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %), CsOPiv (94.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and the tube was purged with Ar for three times, followed by addition of

^{2a} CH₃CN(4.0 mL). The formed mixture was stirred at room temperature under Ar for 12 h as monitored by TLC. The solution was then removed under vaccum directly. The crude material was subjected to column chromatography on silica (Pent:EtOAc, 2:1) and afforded 25.0 mg (72%) of **2a** as a white solid: ¹H **NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.40$ (dd, J = 7.7, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 (dt, J = 7.7, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.97 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.90 (brs, 1 H), 4.92 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.28 – 4.22 (m, 1 H), 4.07 – 3.88 (m, 1 H), 3.85 – 3.73 (m, 1 H), 3.61 – 3.52 (m, 1 H). ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 166.12, 157.80, 132.00, 129.45, 126.19, 117.60, 112.82, 77.03, 45.79, 36.13.$ **HRMS**m/z (ESI) calcd for**C**₁₀H₉NO₂Na (M + Na)⁺ 198.0525, found 198.0530.

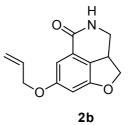
7-(Allyloxy)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-furo[4,3,2-*de*]isoquinolin-5(2a*H*)-one (2b)



The reaction of **1b** (67.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 eq), $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol%) and CsOPiv (94.0 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.00 eq) in acetonitrile (4.0 mL) at rt under Ar was finished by the addition of 1 M NaOH. The phases were separated,

the organic layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude material was subjected to column chromatography on silica (Pent:EtOAc, 2:1) and afforded 40 mg (87%) of **2b** as a white solid: ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 6.88$ (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.55 (d, J = 1.9Hz, 1 H), 6.52 (brs, 1 H), 6.10 – 5.95 (m, 1 H), 5.44 – 5.35 (m, 1 H), 5.31 – 5.24 (m, 1 H), 4.86 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.56 – 4.49 (m, 2 H), 4.24 – 4.18 (m, 1 H), 3.99 – 3.78 (m, 1 H), 3.74 – 3.67 (m, 1 H), 3.53 – 3.45 (m, 1 H). ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta =$ 166.02, 160.85, 158.87, 132.81, 125.77, 124.89, 117.83, 102.18, 102.04, 77.73, 69.50, 46.18, 35.49. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for $C_{13}H_{13}NO_3Na$ (M + Na)⁺ 354.0788, found 354.0792.

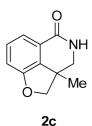
7-(Allyloxy)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-furo[4,3,2-*de*]isoquinolin-5(2a*H*)-one (2b)



The reaction of **1b** (67.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 eq), $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol%) and CsOPiv (94.0 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.00 eq) in acetonitrile (4.0 mL) at rt under Ar was finished by the addition of 1 M NaOH. The phases were separated, the organic layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL), dried

over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude material was subjected to column chromatography on silica (Pent:EtOAc, 2:1) and afforded 40 mg (87%) of **2b** as a white solid: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 6.88$ (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.55 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.52 (brs, 1 H), 6.10 – 5.95 (m, 1 H), 5.44 – 5.35 (m, 1 H), 5.31 – 5.24 (m, 1 H), 4.86 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.56 – 4.49 (m, 2 H), 4.24 – 4.18 (m, 1 H), 3.99 – 3.78 (m, 1 H), 3.74 – 3.67 (m, 1 H), 3.53 – 3.45 (m, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 166.02$, 160.85, 158.87, 132.81, 125.77, 124.89, 117.83, 102.18, 102.04, 77.73, 69.50, 46.18, 35.49. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₃NO₃Na (M + Na)⁺ 354.0788, found 354.0792.

2a-Methyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-furo[4,3,2-*de*]isoquinolin-5(2a*H*)-one (2c)



The reaction of **1c** (58 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 eq), $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$ (6.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol%) and CsOPiv (93.6 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.00 eq) in acetonitrile (2.0 mL) at rt under Ar was finished by the addition of 1 M NaOH. The phases were separated, the organic layer was extracted

with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated.

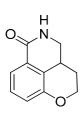
The crude material was subjected to column chromatography on silica (Pent:EtOAc, 2:1) and afforded 31 mg (81%) of **2c** as a white solid: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.35 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 0.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.13 (brs, 1 H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 11.9)

Hz, 1 H), 3.50 (dd, J = 11.8, 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.47 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.63, 157.12, 136.62, 129.35, 125.34, 117.72, 113.07, 84.11, 51.38, 39.58, 22.42. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₁NO₂Na (M + Na)⁺ 212.0682, found 212.0687.

3-Phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-furo[4,3,2-*de*]isoquinolin-5(2a*H*)-one (2d)

The reaction of 1d (36 mg, 0.10 mmol), $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$ (1.6 mg, 2.5 mol %) and CsOPiv (47 mg, 2.0 equiv) in MeCN (2.0 mL) at room temperature under Ar led to full conversion of the starting material after 12 hours. The residue was then purified by silica gel chromatography (pentane / ethyl acetate 1.5:1) affording 22.0 mg (88%) of 2d as white solid: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 6H), 7.29 (td, J = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 4.76 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd, J = 11.3, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.03 – 3.98 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 158.2, 138.8, 131.4, 129.8, 129.6, 129.4, 126.6, 118.1, 113.3, 76.5, 63.3, 44.6. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₃NO₂Na (M + Na)⁺ 274.0838, found 274.0846.

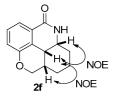
3,3a,4,5-tetrahydropyrano[4,3,2-*de*]isoquinolin-6(2*H*)-one (2e)



The reaction of **1e** (58 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 eq), $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol%) and CsOPiv (93.6 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.00 eq) in acetonitrile (2.0 mL) at rt under Ar was finished by the addition of 1 M NaOH. The phases were separated, the organic layer was extracted with

EtOAc (3 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude material was subjected to column chromatography on silica (Pent:EtOAc, 2:1) and afforded 29 mg (77%) of **2e** as a white solid: ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.63 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 1 H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1 H), 6.96 (brs, 1 H), 4.54 – 4.47 (m, 1 H), 4.23 – 4.13 (m, 1 H), 3.64 – 3.51 (m, 1 H), 3.39 – 3.22 (m, 2 H), 2.19 – 2.01 (m, 1 H), 1.93 – 1.79 (m, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.40, 152.53, 128.78, 128.09, 123.00, 120.00, 119.89, 65.50, 45.56, 30.56, 25.28. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for **C**₁₁**H**₁₁**NO**₂**Na** (M + Na)⁺ 212.0682, found 212.0688.

5a,6,7,8,8a,9-Hexahydro-5*H*-pyrano[2,3,4,5-lmn]phenanthridin-10(5a1*H*)-one (2f)



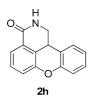
The reaction of **1f** (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 eq), $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$ (6.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol%) and CsOPiv (93.6 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.00 eq) in acetonitrile (4.0 mL) at rt under Ar was finished by the addition of 1 M NaOH. The phases were separated, the organic

layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude material was subjected to column chromatography on silica (Pent:EtOAc, 2:1) and afforded 23 mg (50%) of **2f** as a white foam: ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.59$ (dd, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1 H), 7.16 (brs, 1 H), 6.95 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.28 – 4.10 (m, 2 H), 3.62 – 3.59 (m, 2 H), 2.05 – 2.01 (m, 1 H), 1.78 – 1.55 (m, 3 H), 1.43 – 1.12 (m, 3 H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 165.35$, 152.82, 128.83, 127.76, 120.04, 119.86, 119.71, 70.06, 52.10, 33.39, 32.13, 28.94, 23.36, 22.93. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for **C**₁₄**H**₁₅**NO**₂**Na** (M + Na)⁺ 252.0995, found 252.0999.

2,3,3a,4,5,6-Hexahydro-1*H*-benzo[*de*]isoquinolin-1-one (2g)

The reaction of 1g (58 mg, 0.20 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (6.2 mg, 5 mol %) and CsOPiv (94 mg, 2.0 equiv) in MeCN (4.0 mL) at room temperature under Ar led to full conversion of the starting material after 12 hours. The residue was then purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate 100%) affording 15 mg (40%) of 2g as white solid: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (brs, 1H), 3.45 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.20 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.97 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.15 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.47 – 1.29 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.31, 137.78, 135.43, 132.92, 126.55, 125.72, 46.09, 34.54, 28.44, 26.39, 21.99. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₃NONa (M + Na)⁺ 210.0895, found 210.0901.

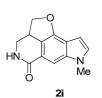
1,11b-Dihydrochromeno[4,3,2-*de*]isoquinolin-3(2*H*)-one (2h)



The reaction of **1h** (68 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 eq), $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol%) and CsOPiv (93.6 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.00 eq) in acetonitrile (4.0 mL) at rt under Ar was finished by the addition of 1 M NaOH. The phases were separated, the organic layer was

extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude material was subjected to column chromatography on silica (Pent:EtOAc, 2:1) and afforded 26.0 mg (56%) of **2h** as a white solid: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.32 (brs, 1H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dt, *J* = 11.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 11.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.37, 151.49, 150.08, 128.85, 128.48, 125.87, 123.70, 122.75, 121.77, 120.10, 119.68, 117.15, 44.75, 30.31. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for **C**₁₅**H**₁₁**NO**₂**Na** (M + Na)⁺ 260.0687, found 260.0682.

7-Methyl-2,2a,3,4-tetrahydrofuro[4,3,2-*de*]pyrrolo[3,2-*g*]isoquinolin-5(7*H*)-one (2i)



The reaction of **1i** (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 eq), $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol%) and CsOPiv (93.6 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.00 eq) in acetonitrile (4.0 mL) at rt under Ar was finished by the

²ⁱ addition of 1 M NaOH. The phases were separated, the organic layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude material was subjected to column chromatography on silica (Pent:EtOAc, 2:1) and afforded 40.0 mg (88%) of **2i** as a white solid: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (brs, 1H), 6.50 – 6.42 (m, 1H), 4.99 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (tdd, *J* = 11.6, 8.3, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.75 (dt, *J* = 11.0, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.60 – 3.46 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.51, 149.88, 139.48, 131.18, 119.41, 119.24, 116.99, 100.27, 97.15, 77.88, 46.63, 36.84, 33.65. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for **C**₁₃**H**₁₂**N**₂**O**₂**Na** (M + Na)⁺ 251.0796, found 252.0791.

7-Ethyl-9-methyl-2,2a,3,4-tetrahydrofuro[4,3,2-*de*]pyrrolo[2,3-*g*]isoquinolin-5(9 *H*)-one (2j)

The reaction of **1j** (71.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 eq), [Cp^{*}RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol%) and CsOPiv (93.6 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.00 eq) in acetonitrile (4.0 mL) at rt under Ar was finished by the addition of 1 M NaOH. The phases were separated, the organic layer

was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude material was subjected to column chromatography on silica (Pent:EtOAc, 2:1) and afforded 46 mg (90%) of **2j** as a white solid: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (s, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.40 (brs, 1H), 4.96 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.16 – 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.74 (dt, *J* = 10.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (t, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.67, 142.18, 131.00, 126.24, 125.44, 123.06, 120.81, 116.86, 110.69, 77.97, 46.46, 37.27, 34.75, 18.39, 14.60. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for **C**₁₅**H**₁₆**N**₂**O**₂**Na** (M + Na)⁺ 279.1109, found 279.1104.

3,3a,4,5-Tetrahydrobenzo[b]pyrido[3,4,5-gh]pyrrolizin-1(2H)-one (2k)



The reaction of **1k** (63 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 eq), $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol%) and CsOPiv (93.6 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.00 eq) in acetonitrile (4.0 mL) at rt under Ar was finished by the addition of 1 M

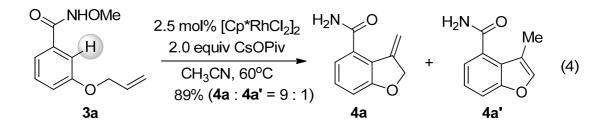
NaOH. The phases were separated, the organic layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude material was subjected to column chromatography on silica (Pent:EtOAc, 2:1) and afforded 26.6 mg (63%) of **2k** as a white solid: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 5.22 (brs, 1H), 4.53 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.99 – 3.60 (m, 2H), 3.34 (t, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dt, *J* = 12.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (dq, *J* = 12.7, 9.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.32, 159.05, 135.80, 128.88, 121.89, 121.65, 121.01, 110.57, 49.45, 47.89, 35.57, 31.91. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for **C**₁₃**H**₁₂**N**₂**ONa** (M + Na)⁺ 235.0847, found 235.0842.

2,3,3a,4,5,6-Hexahydro-1*H*-indolo[3,2,1-*ij*][1,6]naphthyridin-1-one (2l)



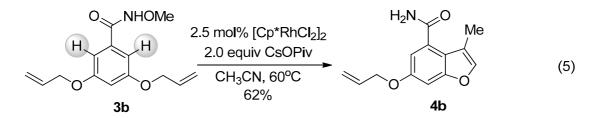
The reaction of **11** (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 eq), [Cp^{*}RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol%) and CsOPiv (93.6 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.00 eq) in acetonitrile (4.0 mL) at rt under Ar was finished by the addition of 1 M NaOH. The phases were separated, the organic layer was extracted

with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude material was subjected to column chromatography on silica (Pent:EtOAc, 2:1) and afforded 27.0 mg (60%) of **2l** as a white solid: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.22 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (td, J = 12.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.62 – 3.46 (m, 1H), 3.42 – 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.32 (dd, J = 13.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.25 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.28 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.21, 145.72, 136.76, 125.50, 122.03, 121.95, 120.62, 109.30, 102.93, 47.22, 41.47, 32.02, 23.65, 22.56. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for **C**₁₄**H**₁₄**N**₂**ONa** (M + Na)⁺ 249.1004, found 249.1001.

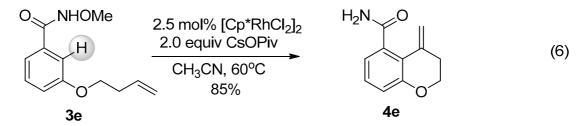


To a 10 mL Schlenk tube was added 3-(allyloxy)-*N*-methoxybenzamide (**3a**) (41.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %), CsOPiv (94.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and the tube was purged with Ar for three times, followed by addition of CH₃CN(4.0 mL). The formed mixture was stirred at 60°C under Ar for 12 h as monitored by TLC. The isomer ratio (**4a** : **4a'** = 9 :1) was determined by crude ¹H NMR. The pure product **4a** can be formed via recrystallization from Pent/EtOAc in 89% yield (31.0 mg) as a light gray solid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 6.14(s, 1H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 5.81 (t, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (t, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.28, 164.84, 141.34, 131.51, 130.44, 121.99, 119.75, 112.90,

105.47, 75.63. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for $C_{10}H_9NO_2Na$ (M + Na)⁺ 198.0531, found 198.0525.

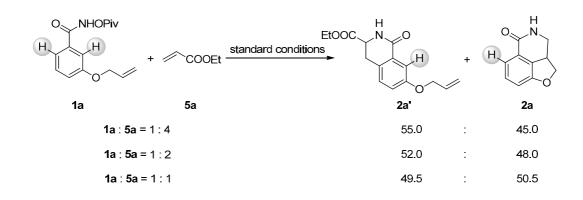


To a 10 mL Schlenk tube was added 3,5-bis(allyloxy)-*N*-methoxybenzamide (**3b**) (52.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %), CsOPiv (94.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and the tube was purged with Ar for three times, followed by addition of CH₃CN(4.0 mL). The formed mixture was stirred at 60°C under Ar for 12 h as monitored by TLC The crude material was subjected to column chromatography on silica (Pent:EtOAc, 1:1) and afforded 28.0 mg (62%) of **4b** as a brown solid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 6.10-6.00 (m, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 5.43 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dt, *J* = 5.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.15, 157.08, 155.83, 142.36, 132.75, 129.20, 119.53, 118.04, 115.71, 111.05, 99.26, 69.48, 10.01. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for **C**₁₃**H**₁₃**NO**₃**Na** (M + Na)⁺ 254.0793, found 254.0788.

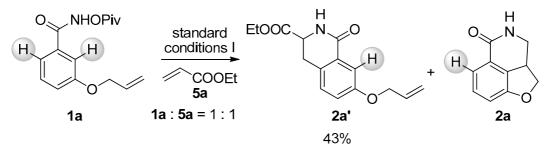


To a 10 mL Schlenk tube was added 3-(but-3-en-1-yloxy)-*N*-methoxybenzamide (**3e**) (44.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %), CsOPiv (94.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and the tube was purged with Ar for three times, followed by addition of CH₃CN(4.0 mL). The formed mixture was stirred at 60°C under Ar for 12 h as monitored by TLC The crude material was subjected to column chromatography on

silica (Pent:EtOAc, 1:1) and afforded 32.0 mg (85%) of **4e** as a white solid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.94 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (brs, 1H), 5.83 (brs, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 4.31 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.92, 154.85, 135.12, 135.05, 128.91, 120.06, 119.19, 118.72, 113.91, 67.68, 32.36. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for **C**₁₁**H**₁₁**NO**₂**Na** (M + Na)⁺ 212.0687, found 212.0682.



The ratios were determined directly by analysis of the crude ¹H NMR. The product **2a**' can be isolated according to the following procedure.



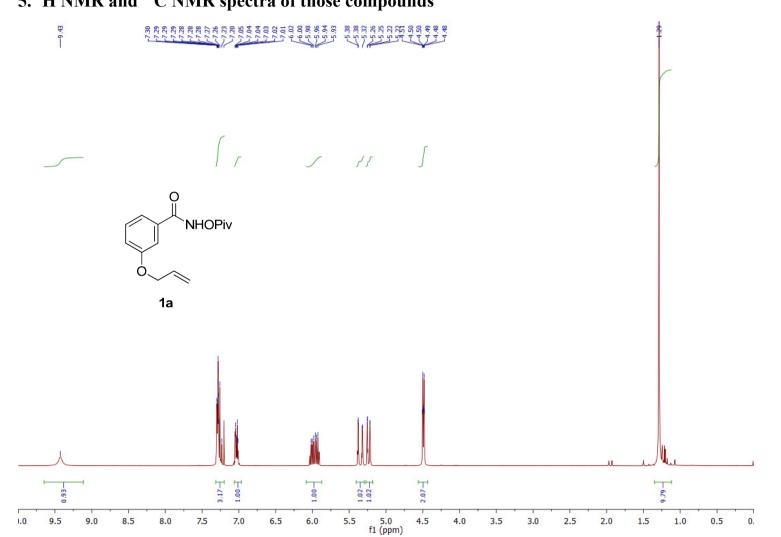
To a 10 mL Schlenk tube was added 3-(allyloxy)-*N*-(pivaloyloxy)benzamide (**1a**) (55.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), ethyl acrylate (22.0 μ L, 0.20 mmol), [Cp^{*}RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %), CsOPiv (94.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and the tube was purged with Ar for three times, followed by addition of CH₃CN (4.0 mL). The formed mixture was stirred at room temperature under Ar for 12 h as monitored by TLC. The solution was then removed under vaccum directly. The crude material was subjected to column chromatography on silica (Pent:EtOAc, 1:1) and afforded 23.6 mg (43%) of **2a**' as a white solid: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.04 (ddt, *J* = 17.2, 10.5, 5.3 Hz,

1H), 5.41 (dd, J = 17.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (dd, J = 10.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dt, J = 5.2, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (ddd, J = 10.2, 5.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.36 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.28, 165.22, 158.01, 132.80, 129.30, 128.60, 128.51, 120.70, 117.87, 112.19, 68.96, 62.06, 53.29, 30.42, 14.09. **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for **C**₁₅**H**₁₇**NO**₄**Na** (M + Na)⁺ 298.1055, found 298.1050

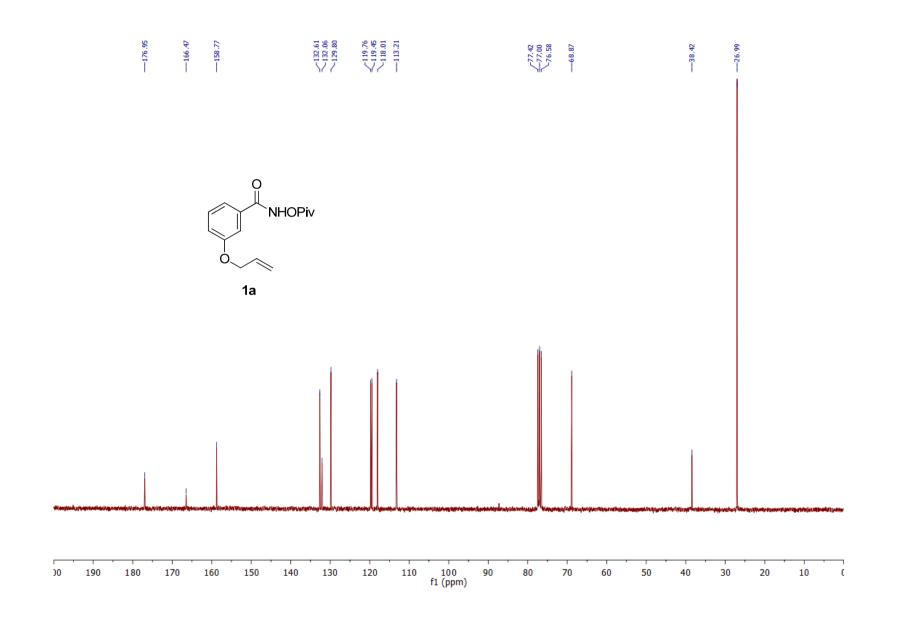
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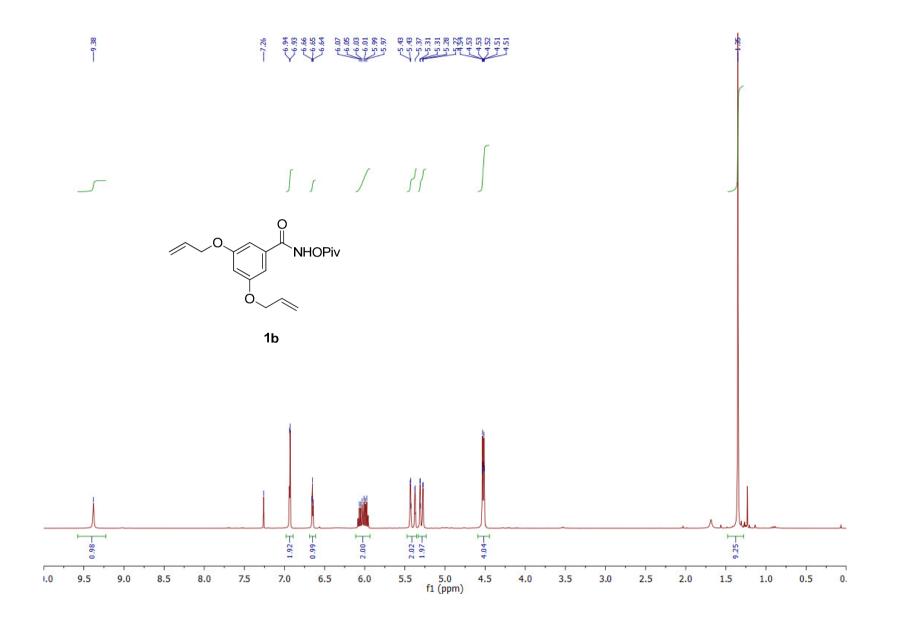
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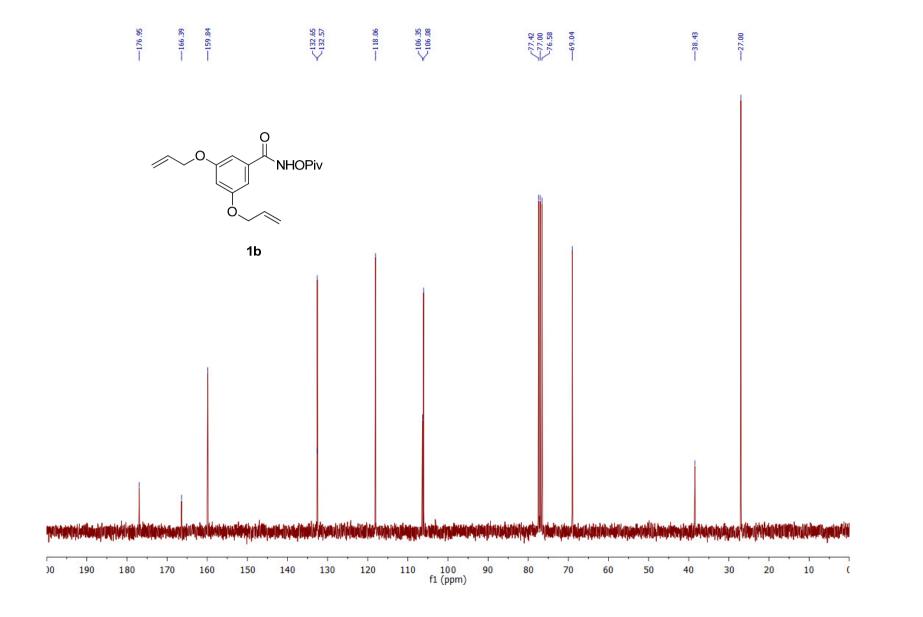


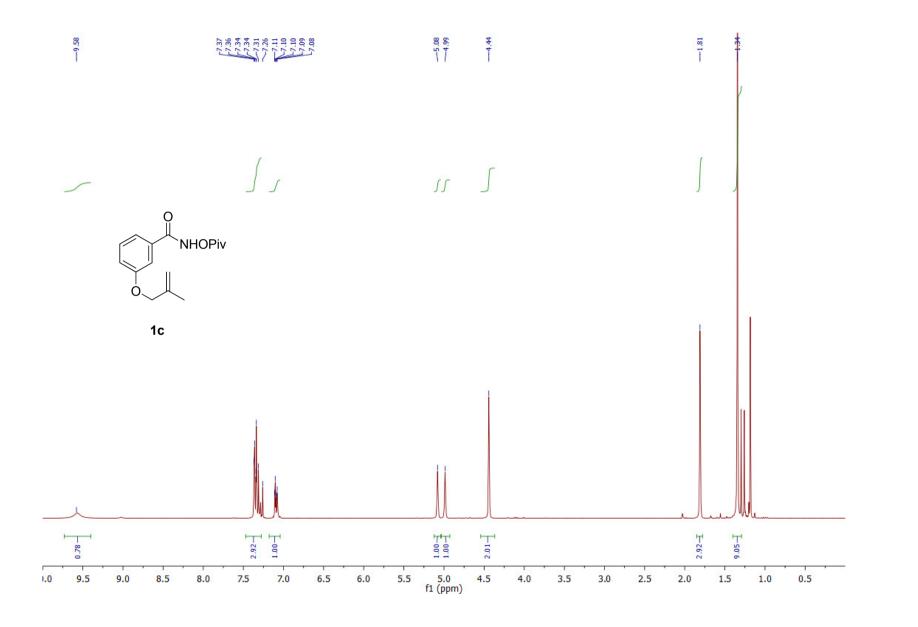
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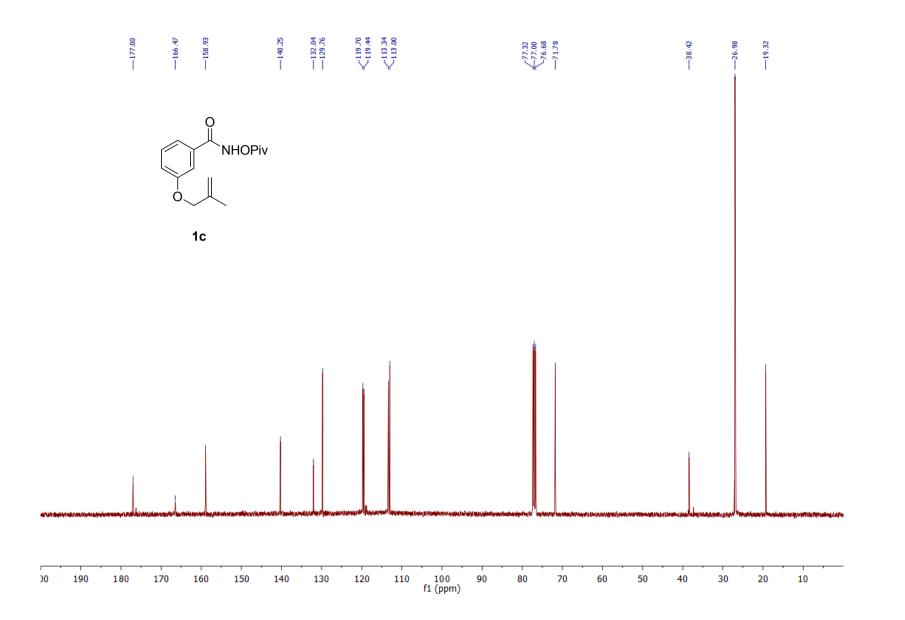


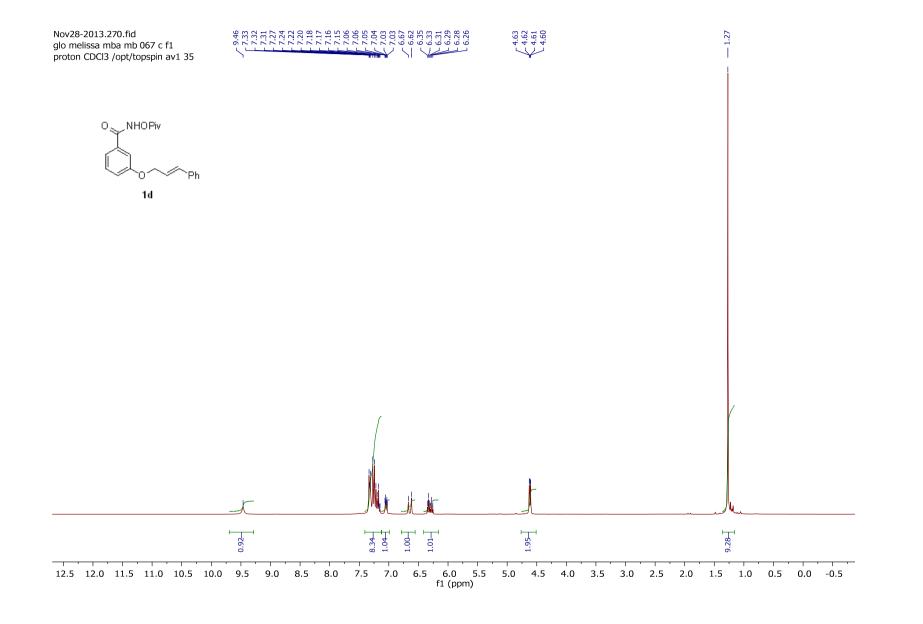
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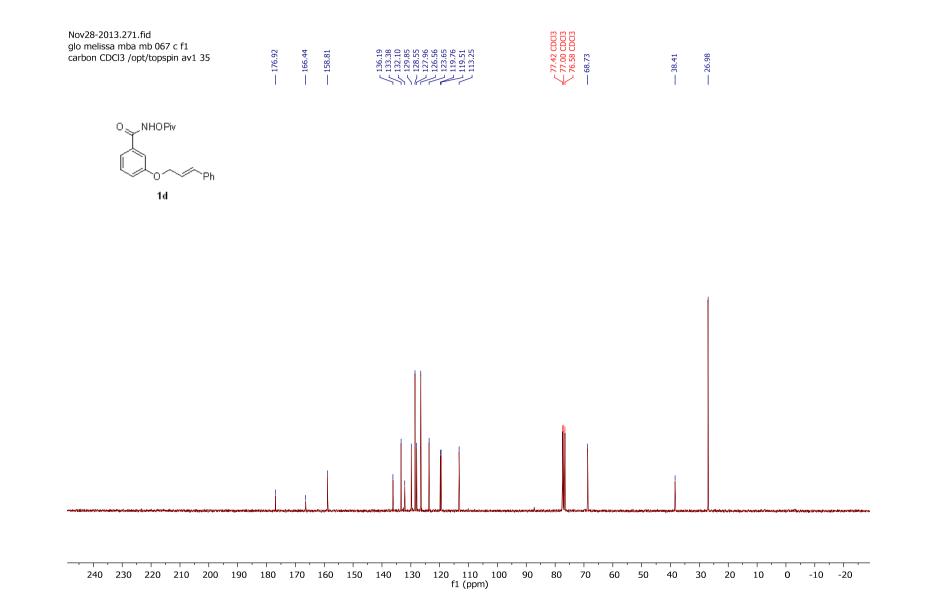


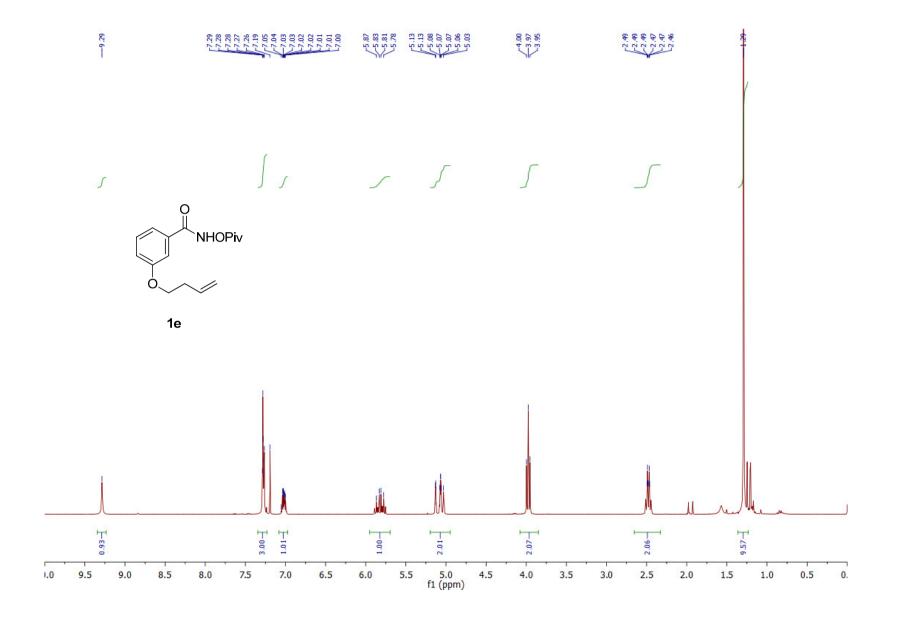




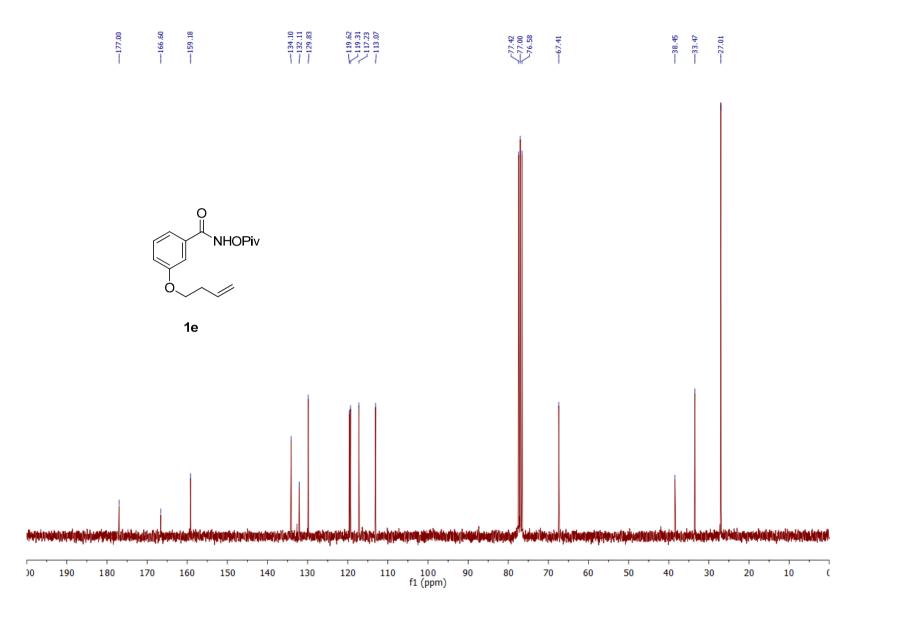


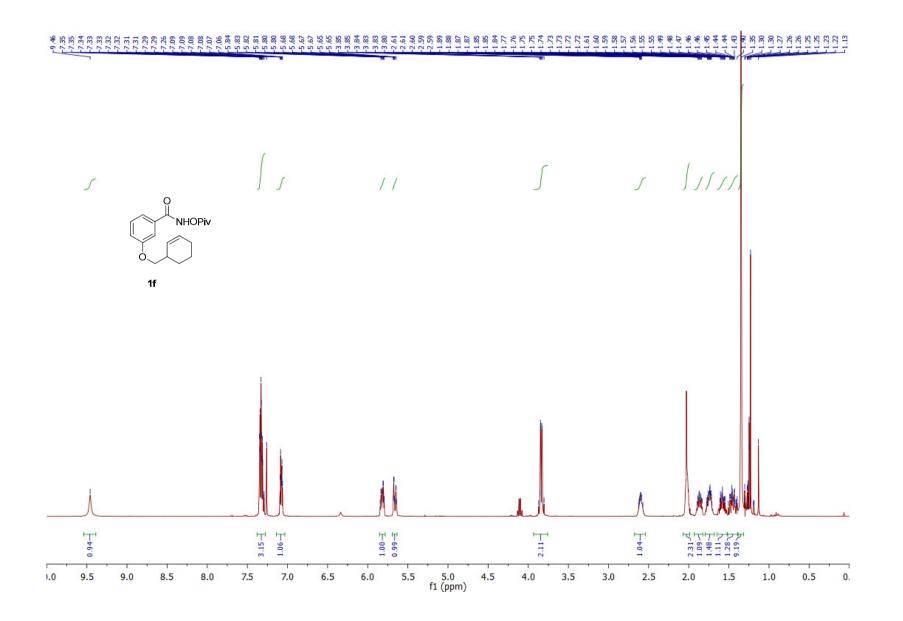


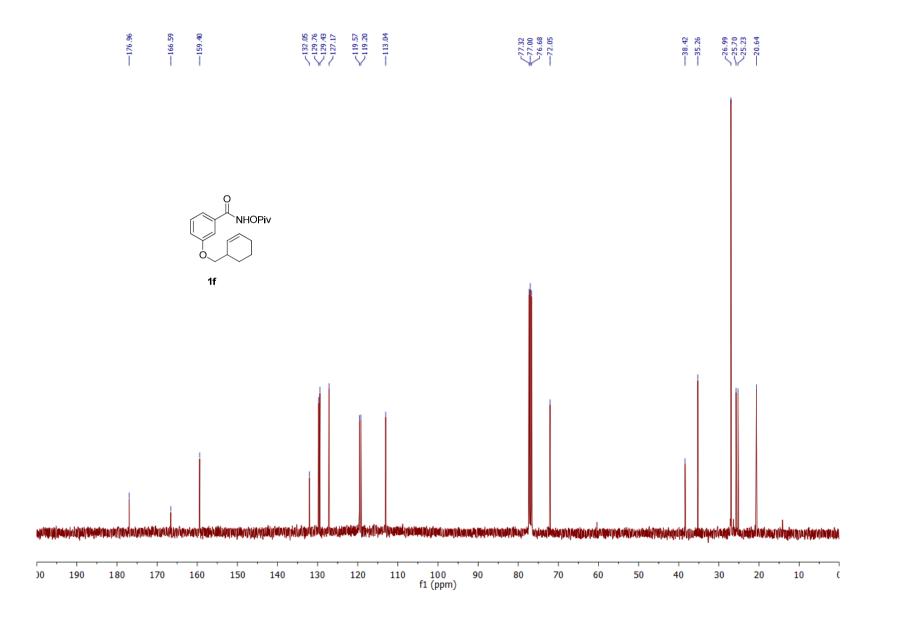




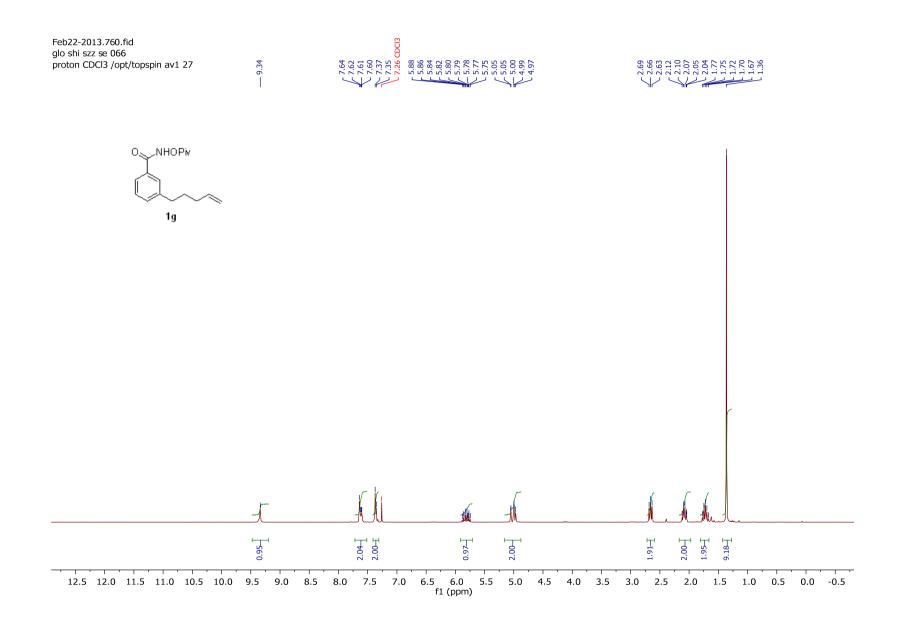
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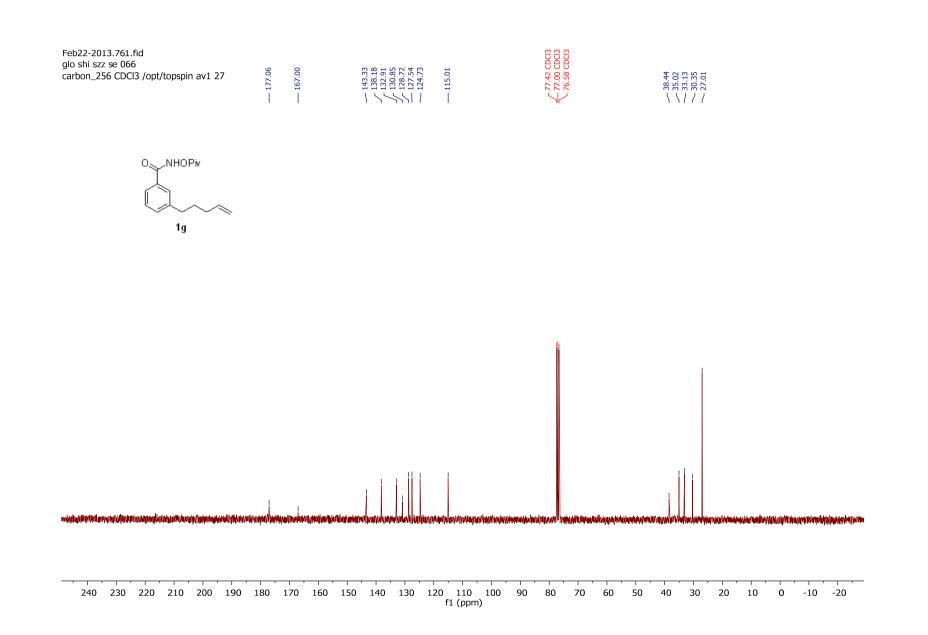


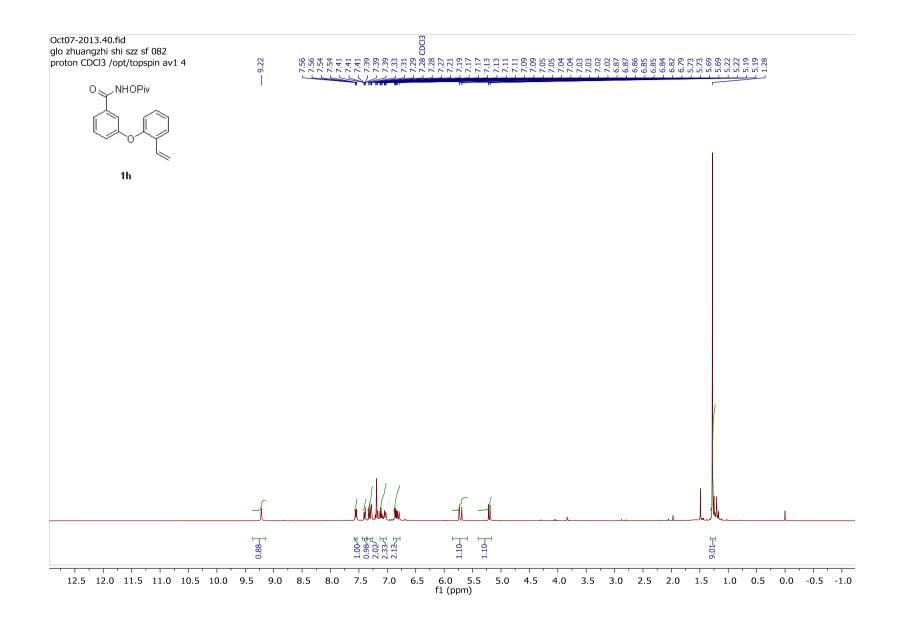


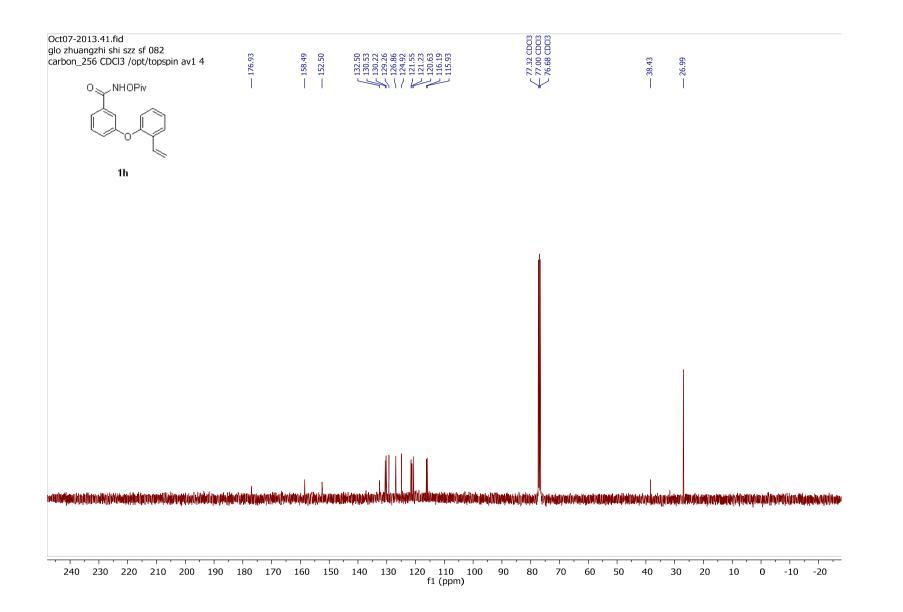


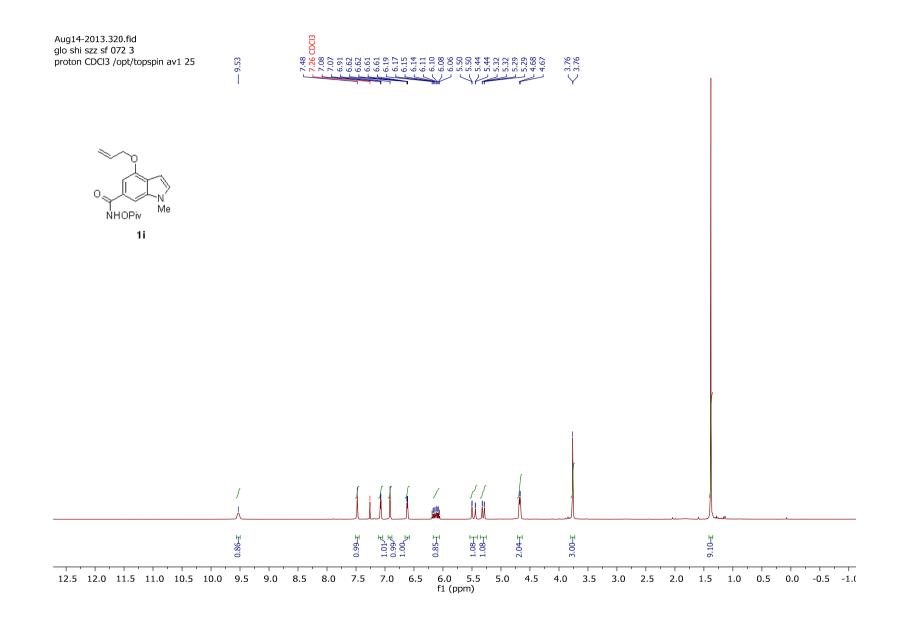
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