

## Boronic acid-mediated ring-opening and Ni-catalyzed arylation of 1-arylcyclopropyl tosylates

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## ***A. General Information***

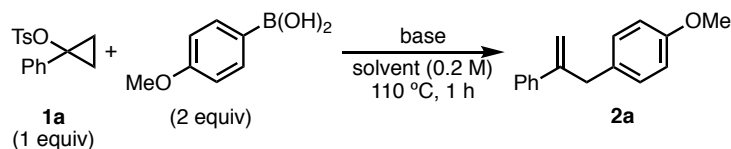
Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were set up on the benchtop and run under an atmosphere of Ar or N<sub>2</sub> using flame-dried glassware and anhydrous solvents. PhMe was purchased as HPLC-grade (inhibitor-free) from Caledon or Sigma–Aldrich, and was dried using a PureSolv MD 5 solvent purification system and used without further manipulation. All other commercial reagents were used as received. Compounds were purified by flash column chromatography using SiliCycle SilicaFlash P60 silica gel. The 8-mL threaded culture tubes used for reactions were purchased from Fisher (catalogue no. 14-957-76A) and were sealed using size 19 rubber septa and electrical tape.

1-Arylcyclopropyl tosylates are known to be sensitive to Lewis acids and silica,<sup>1</sup> so these products were purified by flash column chromatography buffered with 1% NEt<sub>3</sub>.

GC-MS data was obtained on a Shimadzu GCMS-QP2010 SE; yields represent peak areas calibrated against each compound's response factor relative to *n*-dodecane internal standard. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian MercuryPlus 400 MHz, Agilent DD2 500 MHz, or Bruker AvanceIII 400 MHz spectrometers. TLC samples were run on EMD Millipore TLC Silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> plates and were visualized by UV or by staining with standard KMnO<sub>4</sub> or vanillin stains.

## B. Optimization Tables

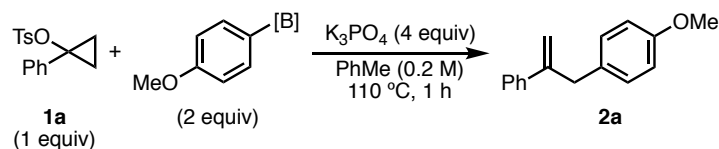
**Table S1.** Evaluation of base and solvent



Entry	Base (equiv)	Solvent	Yield (%)	r.r.
1	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (4)	PhMe	92	8.9:1
2	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	PhMe	92	8.3:1
3	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (2.5)	PhMe	86	7.5:1
4	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (2)	PhMe	83	6.5:1
5	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (1.2)	PhMe	54	6.9:1
6	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (4)	PhMe	81	5.7:1
7	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1.2)	PhMe	36	6.0:1
8	KOt-Bu (4)	PhMe	<5	–
9	KOt-Bu (1.2)	PhMe	35	7.5:1
10	LiOt-Bu (4)	PhMe	14	8.7:1
11	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (4)	PhMe	38	13:1
12	NaOH (1.2)	PhMe	<5	–
13	NaOMe (1.2)	PhMe	20	15:1
14	NaOAc (1.2)	PhMe	<5	–
15	NaHCO <sub>3</sub> (1.2)	PhMe	<5	–
16	NEt <sub>3</sub> (1.2)	PhMe	<5	–
17	TBAF·xH <sub>2</sub> O (1.2)	PhMe	<5	–
18	none	PhMe	<5	–
19	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (4)	1,4-dioxane	38	>20:1
20	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (4)	PhCF <sub>3</sub>	93	9.5:1
21	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (4)	DMF	<5	–
22	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (4)	<i>n</i> -BuOH	<5	–

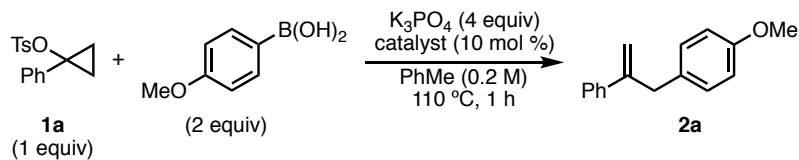
Yields determined by GC-MS using *n*-dodecane as internal standard.

**Table S2.** Evaluation of arylboron reagent



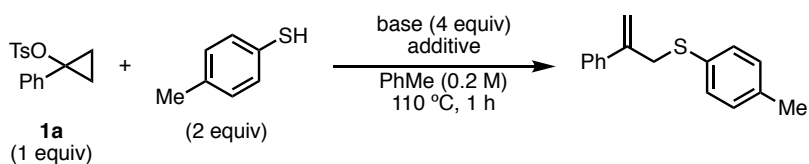
Entry	Ar[B]	Yield (%)	r.r.
1	ArB(OH) <sub>2</sub>	92	8.9:1
2	ArBnep	<5	–
3	Bpin	<5	–
4	(ArBO) <sub>3</sub> (0.67 equiv)	33	7.6:1
5	BF <sub>3</sub> K	<5	–

Yields determined by GC-MS using *n*-dodecane as internal standard.

**Table S3.** Evaluation of catalyst

Entry	Catalyst	Yield (%)	r.r.
1	none	92	8.9:1
2	$NiCl_2(PPh_3)_2$	97	20:1
3	$NiCl_2(PCy_3)_2$	82	>20:1
4	$NiCl_2(dppe)$	84	>20:1
5	$NiCl_2(bpy)$	71	>20:1
6	$PdCl_2(PPh_3)_2$	22	–

Yields determined by GC-MS using *n*-dodecane as internal standard.

**Table S4.** Evaluation of ring-opening functionalization with other nucleophiles

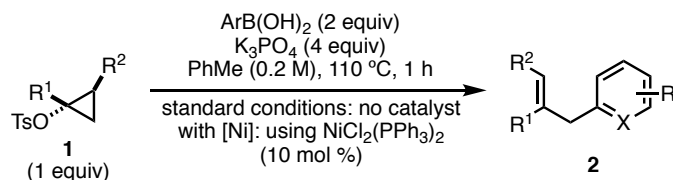
Entry	Base	Additive (equiv)	Relative GC-MS Area (%)
1	$K_3PO_4$	$PhB(OH)_2$ (2)	89
2	$K_3PO_4$	$PhB(OH)_2$ (1)	92
3	$K_3PO_4$	$PhB(OH)_2$ (0.4)	89
4	$K_3PO_4$	$PhB(OH)_2$ (0.1)	25
5	$K_3PO_4$	none	18
6	none	$NiCl_2(PPh_3)_2$ (0.1)	33
7	$K_2HPO_4$	none	16

Areas are uncalibrated compared to *n*-dodecane as an internal standard.

## C. Preparation of Allyl Products

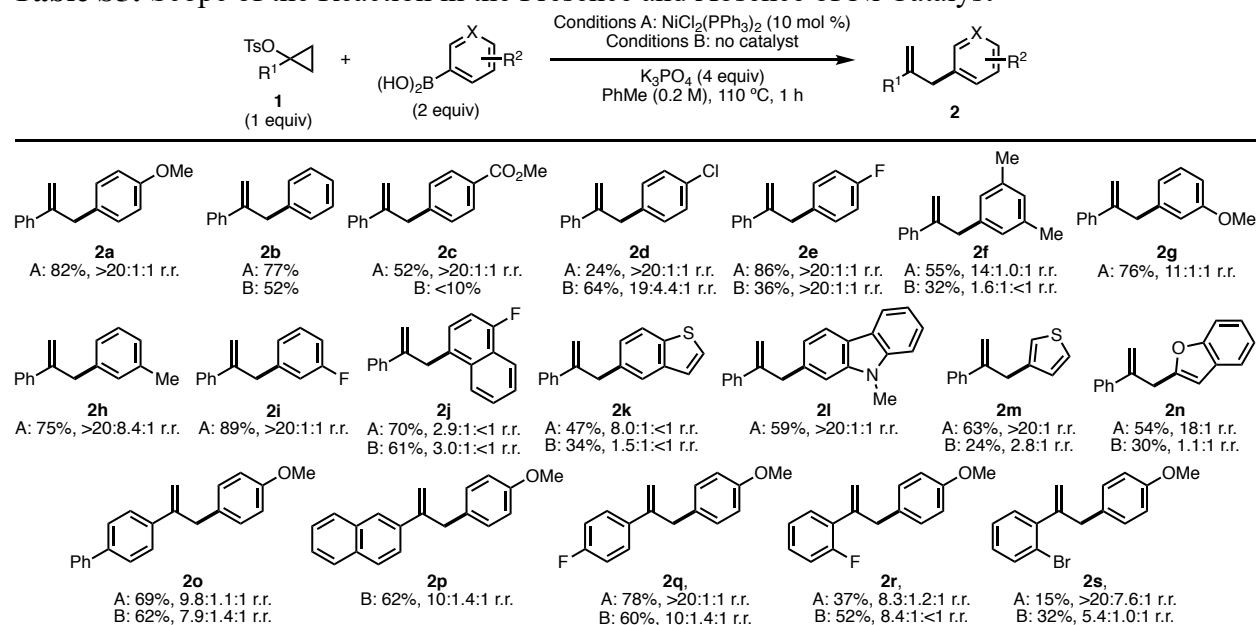
### C.1. Preparation of arylated products

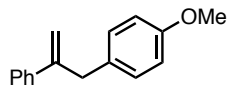
#### General Procedure A: Ring-opening Arylation of 1-Arylcyclopropyl Tosylates



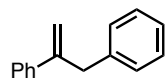
Representative procedure on 0.20-mmol scale: An 8-mL threaded culture tube with a stir bar was fitted with a size 19 septum and was flame-dried under vacuum and cooled under  $\text{N}_2$ . To this tube was added cyclopropyl tosylate substrate (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), arylboronic acid (0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), potassium phosphate (0.17 g, 0.80 mmol, 4.0 equiv), and, for reactions using Ni,  $\text{NiCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$  (13 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol %). (For cyclopropyl tosylate substrates that were oils, they were later added with  $\text{PhMe}$  as 0.20 M stock solutions, 1.0 mL, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) The tube was sealed and evacuated and backfilled with  $\text{N}_2$  ( $\times 3$ ), and  $\text{PhMe}$  (1.0 mL, 0.20 M) was added. The reaction was stirred at r.t. for 1 min, then was placed into an oil bath pre-heated at 110 °C and was stirred at this temperature for 1 h. The reaction was removed from the bath, cooled to r.t., and quenched with sat. aq.  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ . The solution was extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  or  $\text{EtOAc}$  ( $\times 3$ ), and the organic fractions were combined and filtered over a pipette plug of  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and Celite. The crude solution was analyzed by GC-MS to determine regioisomer ratios. The solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography to yield the desired product.

**Table S5:** Scope of the Reaction in the Presence and Absence of Ni Catalyst

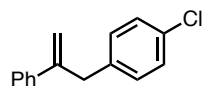




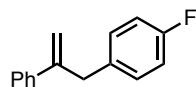
**1-Methoxy-4-(2-phenylallyl)benzene (2a):** Prepared according to General Procedure A on 0.30-mmol scale using  $\text{NiCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 0–10% EtOAc/hexanes) to yield the product as a colourless oil (55 mg, 0.246 mmol, 82%). Analytical data (major regioisomer):<sup>2</sup>  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.50–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.24 (m, 3H), 7.21–7.14 (m, 2H), 6.89–6.81 (m, 2H), 5.50 (app d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.04 (app dd,  $J = 2.8, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.84–3.78 (m, 5H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  158.1, 147.5, 141.0, 131.7, 130.0, 128.4, 127.5, 126.3, 114.4, 113.9, 55.4, 40.9 ppm;  $\text{R}_f$  (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.79.



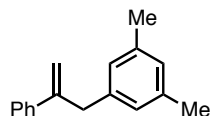
**Prop-2-ene-1,2-diylidibenzene (2b):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale without Ni and on 0.30-mmol scale using  $\text{NiCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 0–30% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a colourless oil (no Ni: 20 mg, 0.103 mmol, 52%; with Ni: 45 mg, 0.232 mmol, 77%). Analytical data:<sup>3</sup>  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.50–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.15 (m, 8H), 5.55–5.49 (m, 1H), 5.06–5.01 (m, 1H), 3.88–3.83 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  147.1, 141.0, 139.7, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 127.6, 126.3, 126.2, 114.7, 41.8 ppm;  $\text{R}_f$  (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.68.



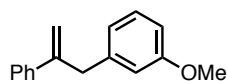
**1-Chloro-4-(2-phenylallyl)benzene (2d):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale without Ni and on 0.20-mmol scale using  $\text{NiCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 0–20% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a colourless oil, which was an inseparable mixture of regioisomers (no Ni: 29 mg, 0.127 mmol, 64%, 19:4.4:1 r.r.; with Ni: 11 mg, 0.048 mmol, 24%, >20:1:1 r.r.). Analytical data (major regioisomer):<sup>4</sup>  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.44–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.18–7.13 (m, 2H), 5.51–5.49 (m, 1H), 5.06–5.02 (m, 1H), 3.83–3.79 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  146.5, 140.4, 138.0, 131.9, 130.2, 128.5, 128.3, 127.6, 126.1, 114.8, 41.0 ppm;  $\text{R}_f$  (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.81.



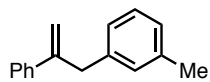
**1-Fluoro-4-(2-phenylallyl)benzene (2e):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale without Ni and on 0.30-mmol scale using  $\text{NiCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 0–40% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a colourless oil (no Ni: 15 mg, 0.071 mmol, 36%, >20:1:1 r.r.; with Ni: 55 mg, 0.259 mmol, 86%, >20:1:1 r.r.). Analytical data (major regioisomer):<sup>5</sup>  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.48–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.24–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.03–6.95 (m, 2H), 5.54–5.50 (m, 1H), 5.05 (td,  $J = 1.3, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.88–3.79 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  –117.3 ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  162.8, 160.4, 147.1, 140.7, 135.2, 135.2, 130.5, 130.4, 128.4, 127.7, 126.3, 115.4, 115.2, 114.8, 41.0 ppm;  $\text{R}_f$  (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.71.



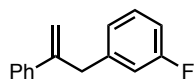
**1,3-Dimethyl-5-(2-phenylallyl)benzene (2f):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale without Ni and on 0.30-mmol scale using  $\text{NiCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 0–30% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a colourless oil (no Ni: 14 mg, 0.063 mmol, 32%, 1.6:1:<1 r.r.; with Ni: 37 mg, 0.166 mmol, 55%, 14:1.0:1 r.r.). Analytical data (major regioisomer):  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.47–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.21 (m, 1H), 6.88–6.85 (m, 2H), 6.84–6.81 (m, 1H), 5.51–5.49 (m, 1H), 5.01 (td,  $J = 1.4, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dd,  $J = 0.7, 0.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.30–2.25 (m, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  147.1, 141.1, 139.5, 137.9, 128.4, 127.9, 127.5, 126.9, 126.2, 114.6, 41.6, 21.4 ppm; **HRMS**  $m/z$  (DART): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}$  (M+H): 223.1481; found: 223.1464; **R<sub>f</sub>** (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.76.



**1-Methoxy-3-(2-phenylallyl)benzene (2g):** Prepared on 0.10-mmol scale using  $\text{NiCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 0–40% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a colourless oil (17 mg, 0.076 mmol, 76%, 11:1:1 r.r.). The chemical shifts and splitting patterns were consistent with a related compound, 1-allyl-3-methoxybenzene.<sup>6</sup> Analytical data (major regioisomer):  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.47–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.15 (m, 4H), 6.86–6.82 (m, 1H), 6.80–6.78 (m, 1H), 6.75–6.71 (m, 1H), 5.52–5.49 (m, 1H), 5.07–5.04 (m, 1H), 3.82 (d,  $J = 1.3$  Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  159.8, 146.8, 141.3, 140.9, 129.4, 128.4, 127.6, 126.3, 121.5, 114.8, 114.8, 111.6, 55.2, 41.8 ppm; **R<sub>f</sub>** (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.71.

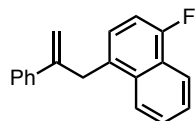


**1-Methyl-3-(2-phenylallyl)benzene (2h):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale using  $\text{NiCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 0–6% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a colourless oil (17 mg, 0.15 mmol, 75%, >20:8.4:1 r.r.). Analytical data (major regioisomer):  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.47–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.08–6.99 (m, 3H), 5.51 (d,  $J = 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.03 (q,  $J = 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  146.9, 140.9, 139.4, 137.9, 129.7, 128.2, 128.2, 127.4, 126.8, 126.1, 125.9, 114.5, 41.5, 21.4 ppm; **HRMS**  $m/z$  (DART): found for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}$  (M+H): 209.1325; found: 209.1325; **R<sub>f</sub>** (9:1 hexanes/PhMe; UV/Vanillin): 0.62.

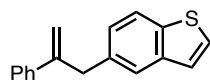


**1-Fluoro-3-(2-phenylallyl)benzene (2i):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale using  $\text{NiCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 0–6% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a colourless oil (38 mg, 0.18 mmol, 89%, >20:1:1 r.r.). Analytical data (major regioisomer):  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.43–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.29 (tt,  $J = 6.6, 1.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.01 (ddq,  $J = 7.6, 1.5, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dt,  $J = 10.0, 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.92–6.83 (m, 1H), 5.52 (dd,  $J = 1.2, 0.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.05 (q,  $J = 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.85–3.82

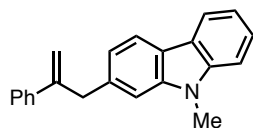
(m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  162.0, 146.6, 142.1, 140.4, 129.7, 128.3, 127.6, 126.1, 124.5, 115.8, 115.0, 113.1, 41.4 ppm;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  -113.69 – -113.82 (m) ppm; HRMS  $m/z$  (DART): found for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}$  (M+H): 213.1074; found: 213.1070;  $R_f$  (9:1 hexanes/PhMe); UV/Vanillin): 0.62.



**1-Fluoro-4-(2-phenylallyl)naphthalene (2j):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale without Ni and on 0.30-mmol scale using  $\text{NiCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 0–20% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a colourless oil, which was an inseparable mixture of regioisomers (no Ni: 32 mg, 0.122 mmol, 61%, 3.0:1:<1 r.r.; with Ni: 55 mg, 0.120 mmol, 70%, 2.0:1:<1 r.r.). Analytical data (major regioisomer):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  8.20–8.11 (m, 1H), 8.03–7.94 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.42–7.23 (m, 4H), 7.07 (dd,  $J$  = 10.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.54–5.49 (m, 1H), 4.81–4.74 (m, 1H), 4.21 (dd,  $J$  = 1.0, 0.89 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  -125.2 ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  146.4, 141.2, 134.0, 133.8, 133.4, 131.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 127.8, 127.0, 127.0, 126.0, 126.0, 124.5, 124.4, 121.3, 121.3, 115.0, 109.1, 108.9, 38.6 ppm; HRMS  $m/z$  (DART): found for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}$  (M+H): 263.1231; found: 263.1231;  $R_f$  (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc); UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.71.



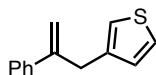
**5-(2-Phenylallyl)benzothiophene (2k):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale in the absence of Ni and on 0.30-mmol scale using  $\text{NiCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 0–40% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a white solid (no Ni: 17 mg, 0.068 mmol, 34%, 1.5:1:<1 r.r.; with Ni: 35 mg, 0.140 mmol, 47%, 8.0:1:<1 r.r.). The NMR chemical shifts and splitting patterns were consistent with a related compound, 5-allylbenzothiophene.<sup>7</sup> Analytical data (major regioisomer):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.79 (dt,  $J$  = 8.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70–7.68 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.21 (m, 5H), 5.54 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dt,  $J$  = 1.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd,  $J$  = 1.0, 1.0 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  147.2, 140.9, 140.1, 137.8, 135.8, 128.4, 127.6, 126.6, 126.3, 125.8, 123.8, 123.8, 122.4, 114.8, 41.7 ppm; HRMS  $m/z$  (DART): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{S}$  (M+H): 251.0889; found: 251.0901;  $R_f$  (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc); UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.70.



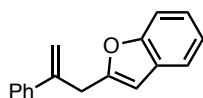
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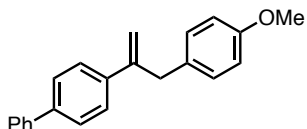
4.07–4.07 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  147.4, 141.4, 141.1, 141.0, 137.5, 128.2, 127.4, 126.2, 125.3, 122.7, 121.1, 120.3, 120.1, 120.0, 118.8, 114.6, 108.6, 108.3, 42.4, 29.0 ppm; HRMS  $m/z$  (DART): found for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}$  (M+H): 298.1590; found: 298.1591;  $R_f$  (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.54.



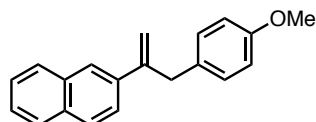
**3-(2-Phenylallyl)thiophene (2m):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale in the absence of Ni and on 0.30-mmol scale using  $\text{NiCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 0–30% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a colourless oil (no Ni: 9.4 mg, 0.047 mmol, 24%, 2.8:1 r.r.; with Ni: 38 mg, 0.190 mmol, 63%, >20:1 r.r.). Analytical data (major regioisomer):<sup>4</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.48–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.21 (m, 4H), 6.99–6.93 (m, 2H), 5.52–5.47 (m, 1H), 5.11–5.07 (m, 1H), 3.87–3.83 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  146.7, 140.9, 140.2, 128.7, 128.4, 127.6, 126.2, 125.4, 121.6, 114.3, 36.4 ppm;  $R_f$  (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.75.



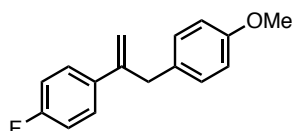
**2-(2-Phenylallyl)benzofuran (2n):** Prepared on 0.30-mmol scale using  $\text{NiCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ , and on 0.20-mmol scale without Ni. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 0–40% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a white solid (no Ni: 14 mg, 0.060 mmol, 30%, 1.1:1 r.r.; with Ni: 38 mg, 0.162 mmol, 54%, 18:1 r.r.). Analytical data (major regioisomer):<sup>4</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.51–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.14 (m, 2H), 6.42–6.39 (m, 1H), 5.58–5.56 (m, 1H), 5.24–5.21 (m, 1H), 3.99 (dd,  $J = 1.2, 1.2$  Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  156.9, 154.9, 143.5, 140.2, 129.0, 128.5, 127.9, 126.1, 123.5, 122.6, 120.5, 115.5, 111.0, 103.9, 34.9 ppm;  $R_f$  (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.74.



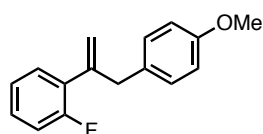
**4-(3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (2o):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 20–90% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a white solid, which was an inseparable mixture of isomers (with Ni: 41 mg, 0.136 mmol, 69%, 9.8:1.2:1 r.r.; no Ni: 37 mg, 0.123 mmol, 62%, 7.9:1.4:1 r.r.). Analytical data (major regioisomer):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.61–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.15 (m, 2H), 6.87–6.80 (m, 2H), 5.55 (d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.05 (td,  $J = 1.4, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.84–3.81 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  158.1, 146.9, 140.8, 140.3, 139.8, 131.6, 130.0, 128.9, 127.4, 127.1, 127.1, 126.7, 114.5, 114.0, 55.4, 40.8 ppm; HRMS  $m/z$  (DART): calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}$  (M+H): 301.1587; found: 301.1591;  $R_f$  (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.48.



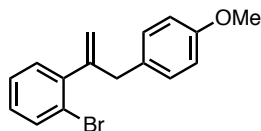
**2-(3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl)naphthalene (2p):** The product was prepared on 0.20-mmol scale. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 30–80% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a white solid (no Ni: 34 mg, 0.124 mmol, 62%, 10:1.4:1 r.r.). Analytical data (major regioisomer):  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.88–7.85 (m, 1H), 7.82–7.76 (m, 3H), 7.66–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.17 (m, 2H), 6.86–6.80 (m, 2H), 5.65–5.62 (m, 1H), 5.13 (td,  $J = 1.5, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.93–3.90 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  158.0, 147.2, 138.1, 133.3, 132.8, 131.5, 129.9, 128.2, 127.8, 127.5, 126.1, 125.8, 124.9, 124.6, 114.9, 113.8, 55.2, 40.8 ppm; **HRMS**  $m/z$  (DART): calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}$  (M+H): 275.1430; found: 275.1434; **R<sub>f</sub>** (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.52.



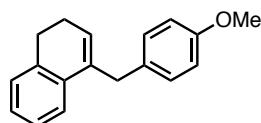
**1-Fluoro-4-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (2q):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 20–70% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a colourless oil, which was an inseparable mixture of isomers (with Ni: 38 mg, 0.157 mmol, 79%, >20:1:1 r.r.; no Ni: 29 mg, 0.120 mmol, 60%, 10:1.4:1 r.r.). Analytical data (major regioisomer):<sup>8</sup>  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.43–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.10 (m, 2H), 7.02–6.93 (m, 2H), 6.86–6.79 (m, 2H), 5.42 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.77–3.74 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  –115.2 ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  163.6, 161.2, 158.2, 146.5, 137.1, 131.4, 130.0, 128.0, 127.9, 115.3, 115.1, 114.3, 114.3, 114.0, 55.3, 41.1 ppm; **HRMS**  $m/z$  (DART): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{OF}$ : 243.1180; found: 243.1176; **R<sub>f</sub>** (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.51.



**1-Fluoro-2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (2r):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 20–70% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a colourless oil (with Ni: 18 mg, 0.074 mmol, 37%, 8.3:1.2:1 r.r.; no Ni: 25 mg, 0.103 mmol, 52%, 8.4:1:<1 r.r.). Analytical data (major regioisomer):  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.23–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.13–7.07 (m, 2H), 7.06–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.82–6.76 (m, 2H), 5.29–5.27 (m, 1H), 5.19–5.16 (m, 1H), 3.81–3.73 (m, 5H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  161.2, 158.8, 158.2, 144.6, 131.4, 130.3, 130.3, 130.1, 128.9, 128.8, 124.0, 124.0, 117.5, 117.5, 115.9, 115.7, 113.8, 55.3, 42.1, 42.0 ppm; **HRMS**  $m/z$  (DART): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{OF}$  (M+H): 243.1180; found: 243.1185; **R<sub>f</sub>** (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.56.

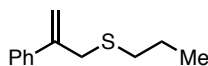
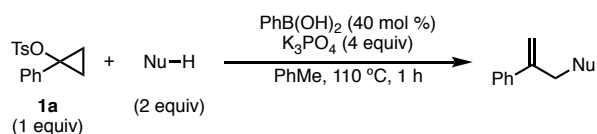


**1-Bromo-2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (2s):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 20–70% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a colourless oil, which was an inseparable mixture of regioisomers (with Ni: 9.1 mg, 0.030 mmol, 15%, >20:7.6:1 r.r.; no Ni: 19 mg, 0.063 mmol, 32%, 5.4:1.0:1 r.r.). Analytical data (major regioisomer):  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.58–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.07 (m, 3H), 7.02–6.98 (m, 1H), 6.84–6.79 (m, 2H), 5.11–5.09 (m, 1H), 5.02–5.00 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.68–3.65 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  158.2, 150.1, 143.7, 132.8, 130.9, 130.7, 130.5, 128.6, 127.1, 122.1, 116.4, 113.8, 55.3, 42.4 ppm; **HRMS**  $m/z$  (DART): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{OBr}$ : 303.0379; found: 303.0387; **R<sub>f</sub>** (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.54.

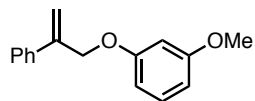


**4-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (2t):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 20–70% PhMe/hexanes) to yield the product as a white solid (no Ni: 25 mg, 0.100 mmol, 50%, 7.9:1:<1 r.r.). Analytical data (major regioisomer):  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.24–7.06 (m, 6H), 6.87–6.79 (m, 2H), 5.80–5.76 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.75–3.71 (m, 2H), 2.78 (td,  $J = 8.2, 1.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.35–2.27 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  158.0, 136.8, 135.8, 135.1, 132.1, 129.8, 127.6, 127.4, 126.8, 126.4, 123.3, 113.9, 55.4, 38.3, 28.5, 23.4 ppm; **HRMS**  $m/z$  (DART): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}$  (M+H): 251.1430; found: 251.1438; **R<sub>f</sub>** (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.52.

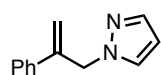
## C.2. Preparation of allyl products from other nucleophiles



**(2-Phenylallyl)(propyl)sulfane (4a):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale using phenylboronic acid as catalyst (10 mg, 0.080 mmol, 40 mol %) and propanethiol (37  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv) as nucleophile. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 0–10% EtOAc/hexanes) to yield the product as a colourless oil (22 mg, 0.114, 57%).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.53–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.28 (m, 1H), 5.46–5.44 (m, 1H), 5.23–5.21 (m, 1H), 3.62–3.58 (m, 2H), 2.49–2.44 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.56 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  143.9, 139.6, 128.4, 127.9, 126.4, 114.9, 36.6, 33.6, 22.6, 13.7 ppm; **R<sub>f</sub>** (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/ $\text{KMnO}_4$ ): 0.77.



**1-Methoxy-3-((2-phenylallyl)oxy)benzene (4b):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale using phenylboronic acid as catalyst (10 mg, 0.080 mmol, 40 mol %) and 3-methoxyphenol (55 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv) as nucleophile. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 0–20% EtOAc/hexanes) to yield the product as a colourless oil (19 mg, 0.079 mmol, 40%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ<sub>H</sub> 7.52–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.22–7.17 (m, 1H), 6.61–6.51 (m, 3H), 5.64–5.61 (m, 1H), 5.49–5.46 (m, 1H), 4.91–4.87 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ<sub>C</sub> 161.0, 160.0, 143.1, 138.5, 130.0, 128.6, 128.2, 126.2, 115.1, 107.1, 106.8, 101.6, 70.0, 55.4 ppm; R<sub>f</sub> (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/KMnO<sub>4</sub>): 0.64.

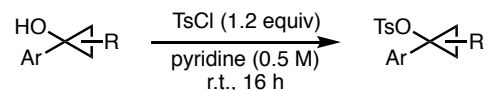


**1-(2-Phenylallyl)-1H-pyrazole (4c):** Prepared on 0.20-mmol scale using phenylboronic acid as catalyst (10 mg, 0.080 mmol, 40 mol %) and pyrazole (27 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv) as nucleophile. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (0–50% EtOAc/hexanes) to yield the product as a colourless oil (14 mg, 0.076, 38%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ<sub>H</sub> 7.52 (dd, *J* = 1.9, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.27 (m, 3H), 6.24 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (td, *J* = 1.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.19–5.17 (m, 2H), 5.05–5.02 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ<sub>C</sub> 143.6, 139.5, 138.3, 129.5, 128.7, 128.3, 126.1, 115.8, 106.0, 56.1 ppm; R<sub>f</sub> (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/KMnO<sub>4</sub>): 0.19.

#### D. Preparation of Cyclopropyl Tosylate Starting Materials

Cyclopropanol intermediates were prepared as previously described<sup>9</sup> or according to literature procedures.<sup>10</sup>

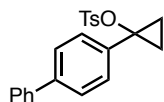
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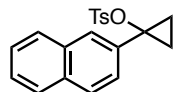
To an appropriate-sized flask with a stir bar were sequentially added cyclopropanol (1.0 equiv), tosyl chloride (1.2 equiv), and pyridine (0.50 M), and the solution was stirred for 16 h. Then, while stirring, the reaction was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O until the solution became heterogeneous. The solution was extracted with EtOAc (×1) and the layers were separated. The organic layer was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (×1) and brine (×1), washed over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica buffered with NEt<sub>3</sub> (1%) to yield the desired product.



**1-Phenylcyclopropyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (1a):** Prepared on 28-mmol scale. The crude material was reprecipitated (pyridine/H<sub>2</sub>O) and the solid was washed with hexanes (×3) and dried under high vacuum to yield the product as an off-white solid (4.4 g, 15 mmol, 44%). Analytical data:<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ<sub>H</sub> 7.52–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.15 (m, 3H), 7.13–7.07 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.66–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.18–1.11 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ<sub>C</sub> 144.2, 137.8, 135.2, 129.4, 128.2, 128.2, 128.2, 127.8, 67.2, 21.7, 13.7 ppm; **R<sub>f</sub>** (5% EtOAc/hexanes; UV): 0.40.

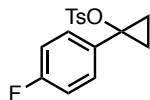


**1-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)cyclopropyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (S1):** Prepared on 1.8-mmol scale. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (99:0:1–79:20:1 hexanes/EtOAc/NEt<sub>3</sub>) to yield the product as a white solid (0.36 g, 0.99 mmol, 55%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ<sub>H</sub> 7.54–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.32 (m, 5H), 7.11–7.06 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.71–1.60 (m, 2H), 1.24–1.14 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ<sub>C</sub> 144.2, 141.2, 140.7, 136.6, 135.2, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 127.6, 127.2, 126.9, 67.1, 21.7, 13.7 ppm; **R<sub>f</sub>** (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/vanillin): 0.28.

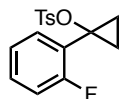


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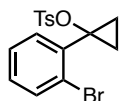
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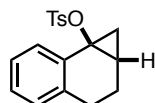
**1-(4-Fluorophenyl)cyclopropyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (S3):** Prepared on 2.5-mmol scale. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (99:0:1–69:30:1 hexanes/EtOAc/ $\text{NEt}_3$ ) to yield the product as a colourless oil (0.26 g, 0.85 mmol, 34%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.49–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.09 (m, 2H), 6.90–6.81 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.65–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.15–1.05 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  –113.2 ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  163.7, 161.3, 144.3, 135.1, 130.5, 130.4, 129.3, 127.6, 115.1, 114.9, 66.5, 21.5, 13.4 ppm;  $\text{R}_f$  (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/vanillin): 0.26.



**1-(2-Fluorophenyl)cyclopropyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (S4):** Prepared on 2.5-mmol scale. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (99:0:1–69:30:1 hexanes/EtOAc/ $\text{NEt}_3$ ) to yield the product as a white solid (0.27 g, 0.88 mmol, 35%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.48–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.23–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.05 (m, 2H), 7.00 (td,  $J = 7.5, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (ddd,  $J = 9.5, 7.2, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.64–1.58 (m, 2H), 1.16–1.10 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  –113.3 ppm;  $\text{R}_f$  (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/vanillin): 0.27.



**1-(2-Bromophenyl)cyclopropyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (S5):** Prepared on 5.4-mmol scale. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (99:0:1–59:40:1 hexanes/EtOAc/ $\text{NEt}_3$ ) and the fractions containing product were combined and concentrated, and the solid was washed with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  to yield the product as a white solid (0.24 g, 0.65 mmol, 12%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.47 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.28 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (td,  $J = 7.5, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.07–7.01 (m, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.71–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.19–1.13 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  143.9, 135.4, 134.8, 133.1, 133.1, 130.4, 129.1, 127.6, 126.9, 126.8, 67.0, 21.7, 13.8 ppm;  $\text{R}_f$  (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/vanillin): 0.29.



**(trans)-1,1a,2,3-Tetrahydro-7bH-cyclopropanaphthalen-7b-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (1b):** Prepared on 1.2-mmol scale. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (99:0:1–79:20:1 hexanes/EtOAc/ $\text{NEt}_3$ ) to yield the product as a white solid

(0.26 g, 0.83 mmol, 69%). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ<sub>H</sub> 7.77–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.07 (m, 2H), 7.05–7.00 (m, 1H), 2.70 (ddd, *J* = 15.7, 5.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.37–2.27 (m, 2H), 2.02–1.89 (m, 2H), 1.48 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (ddd, *J* = 7.2, 6.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ<sub>C</sub> 144.7, 136.1, 135.6, 132.5, 129.8, 128.4, 127.8, 126.4, 126.3, 125.3, 64.2, 25.8, 22.2, 21.8, 18.6, 16.7 ppm; **R<sub>f</sub>** (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc; UV/vanillin): 0.33.

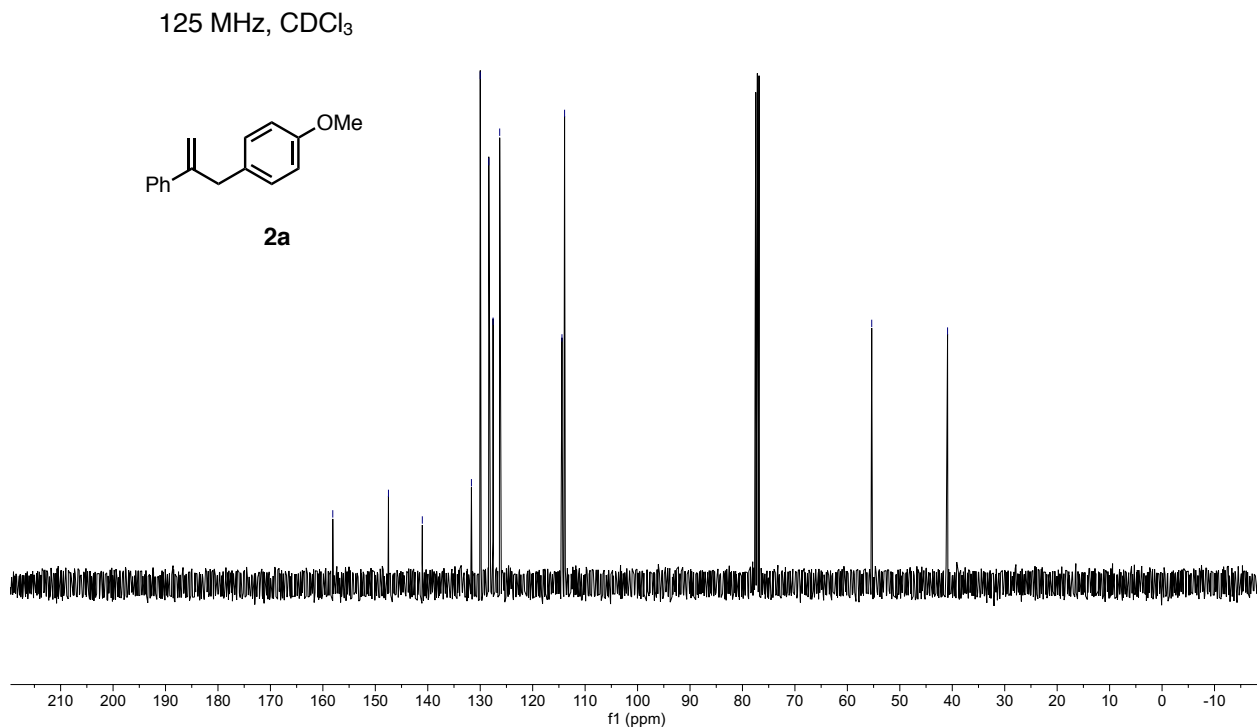
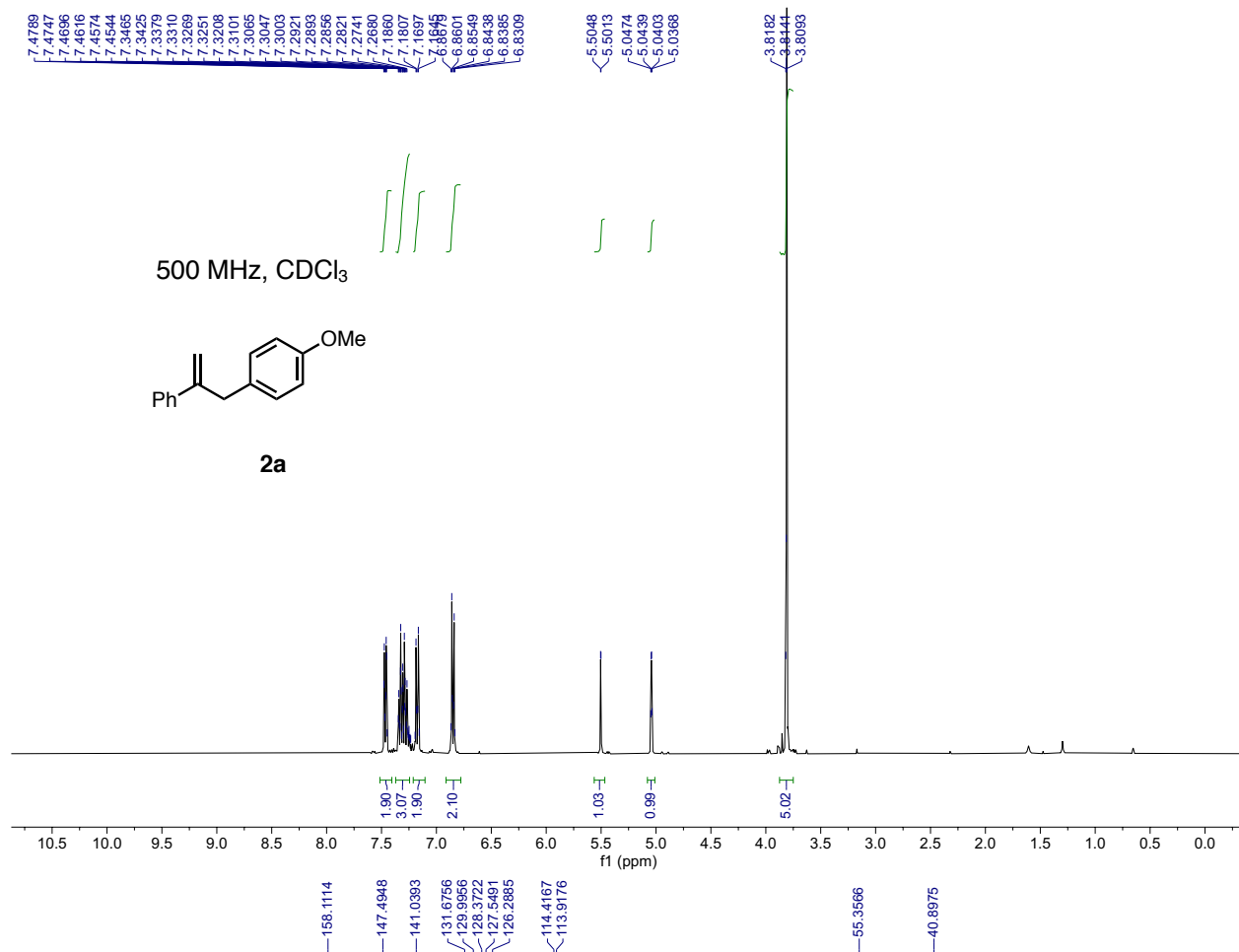
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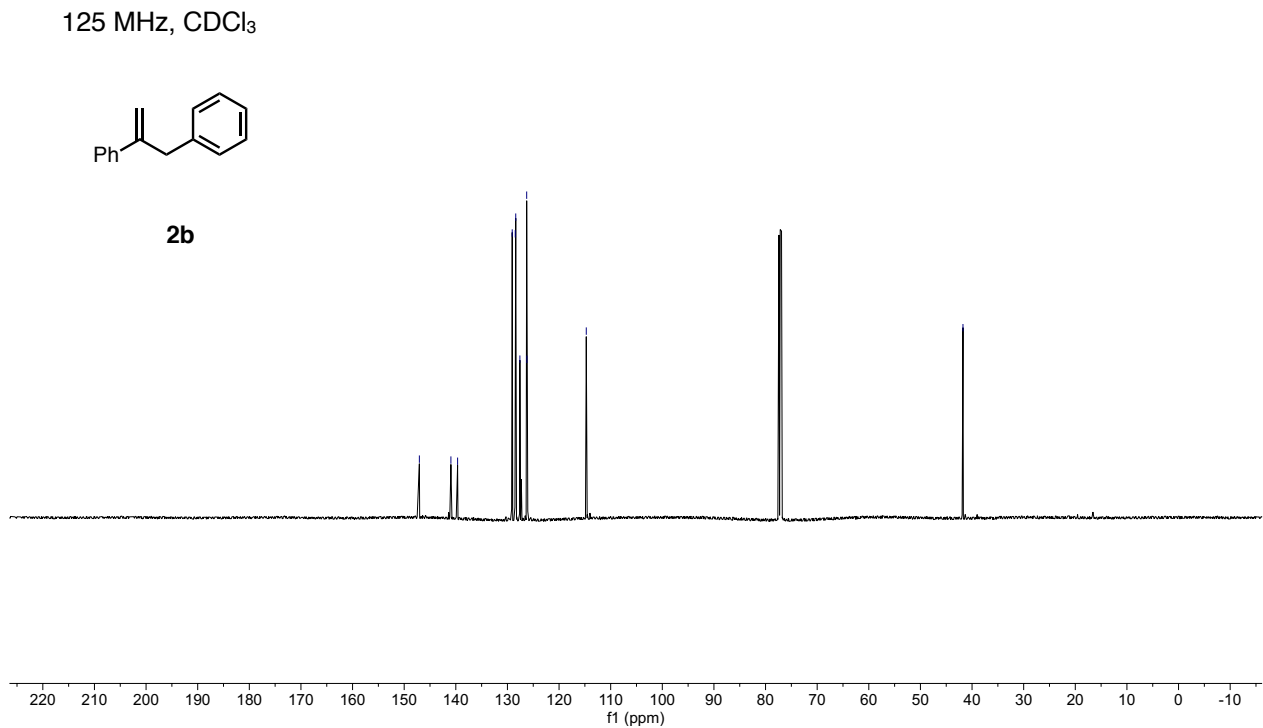
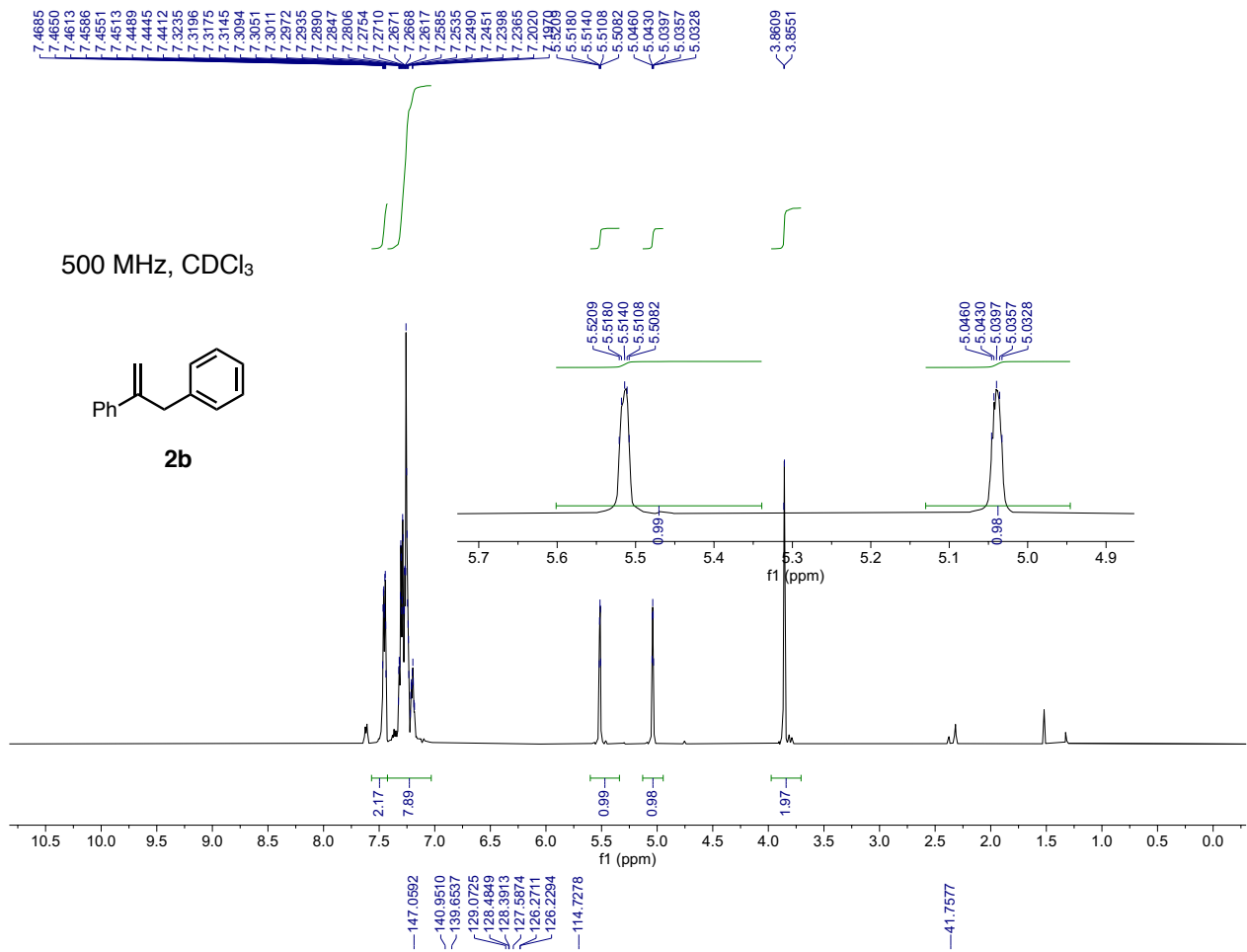
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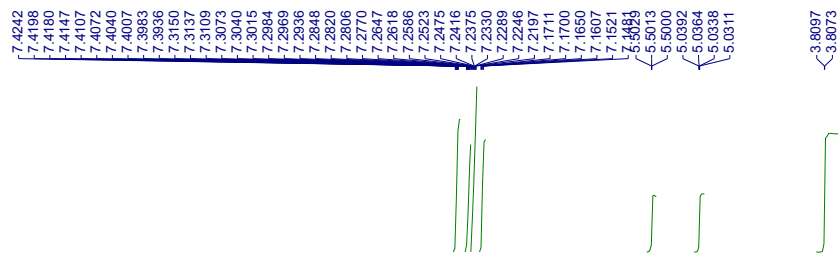
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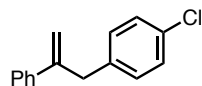
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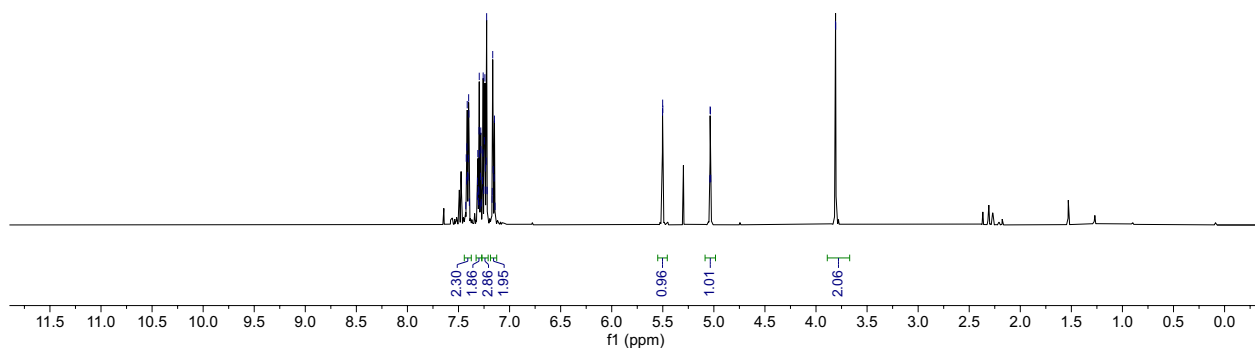




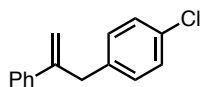
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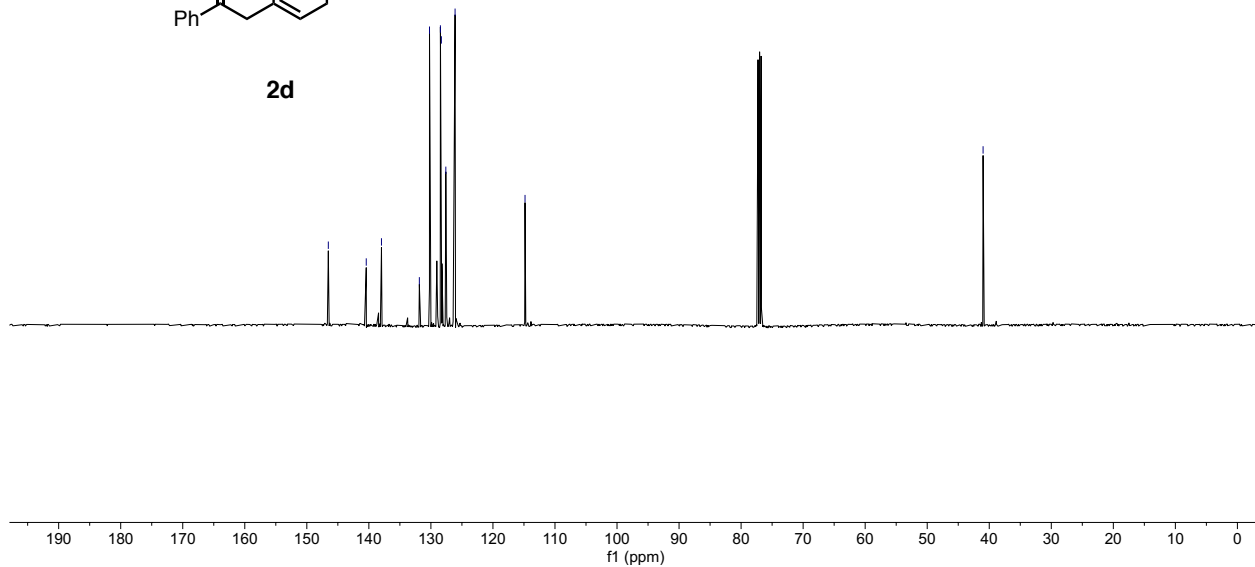
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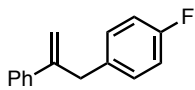


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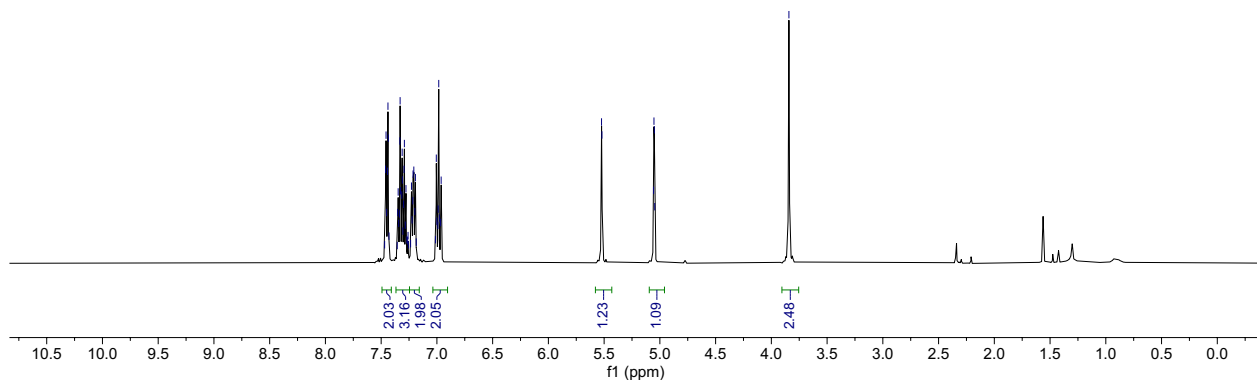


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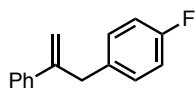


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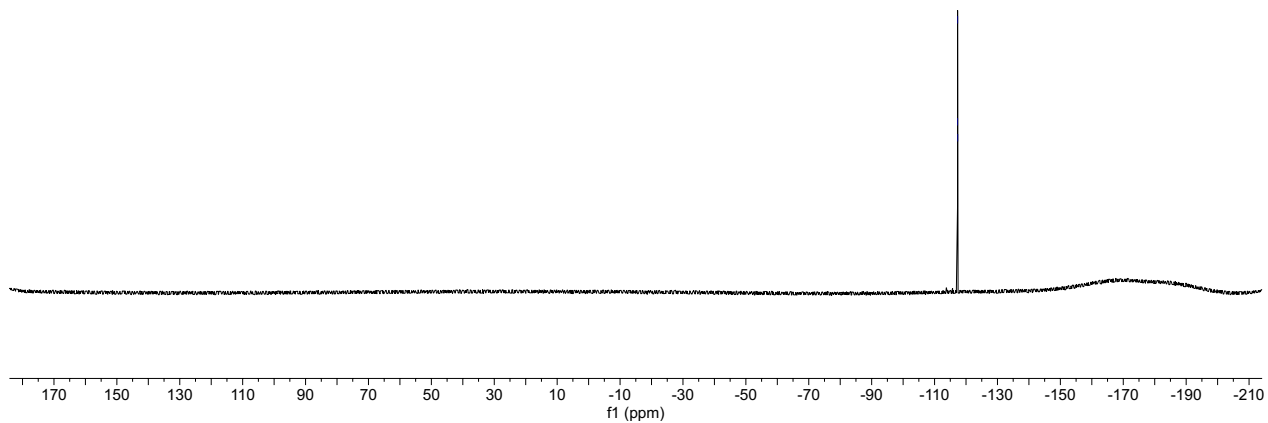


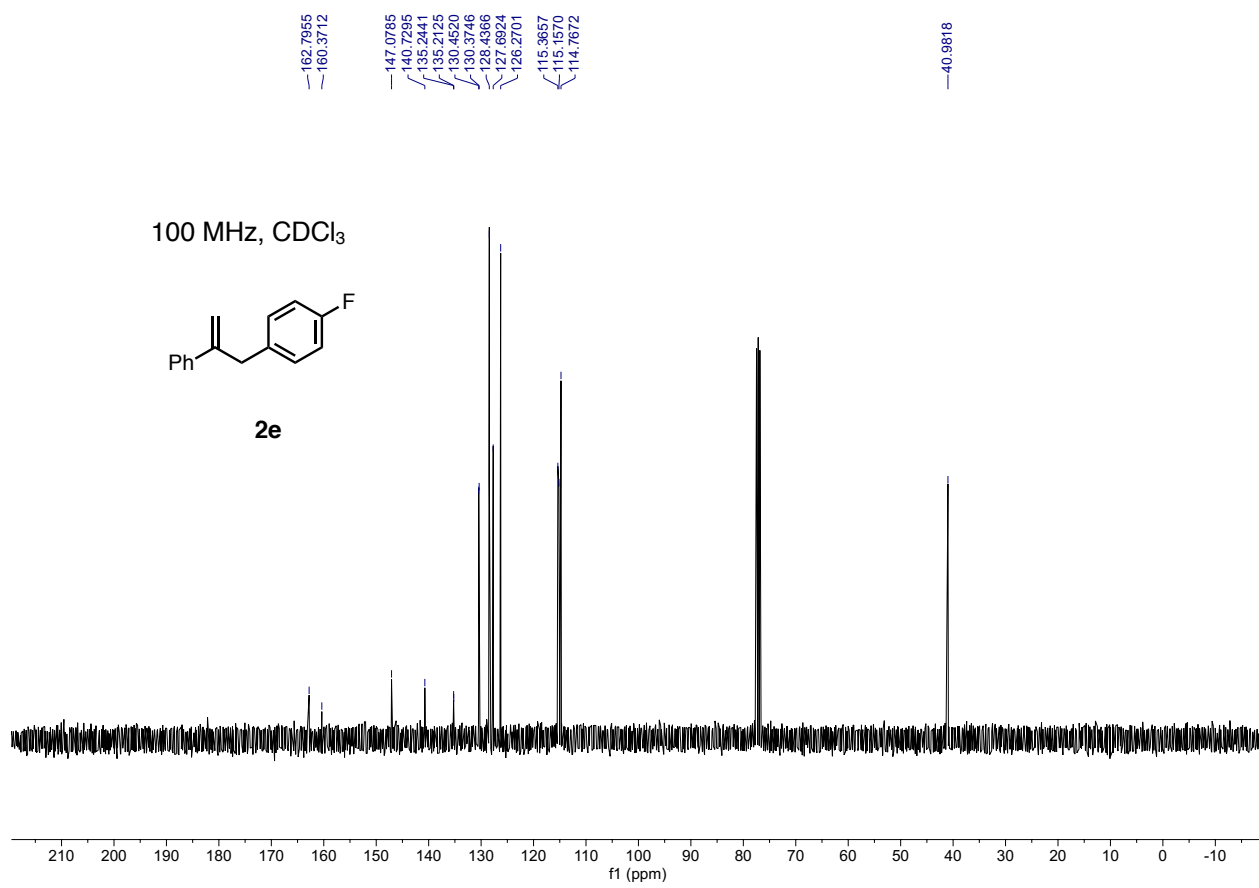
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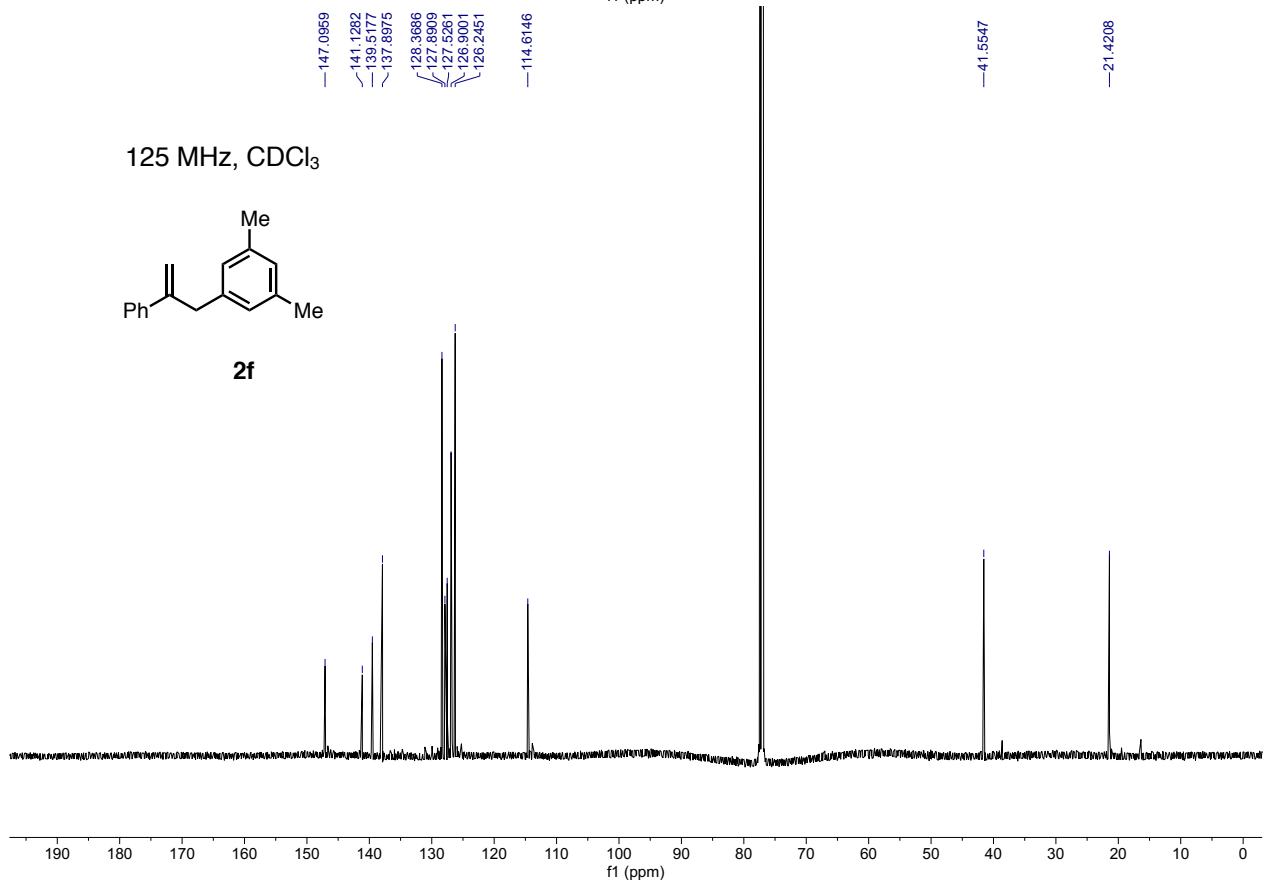
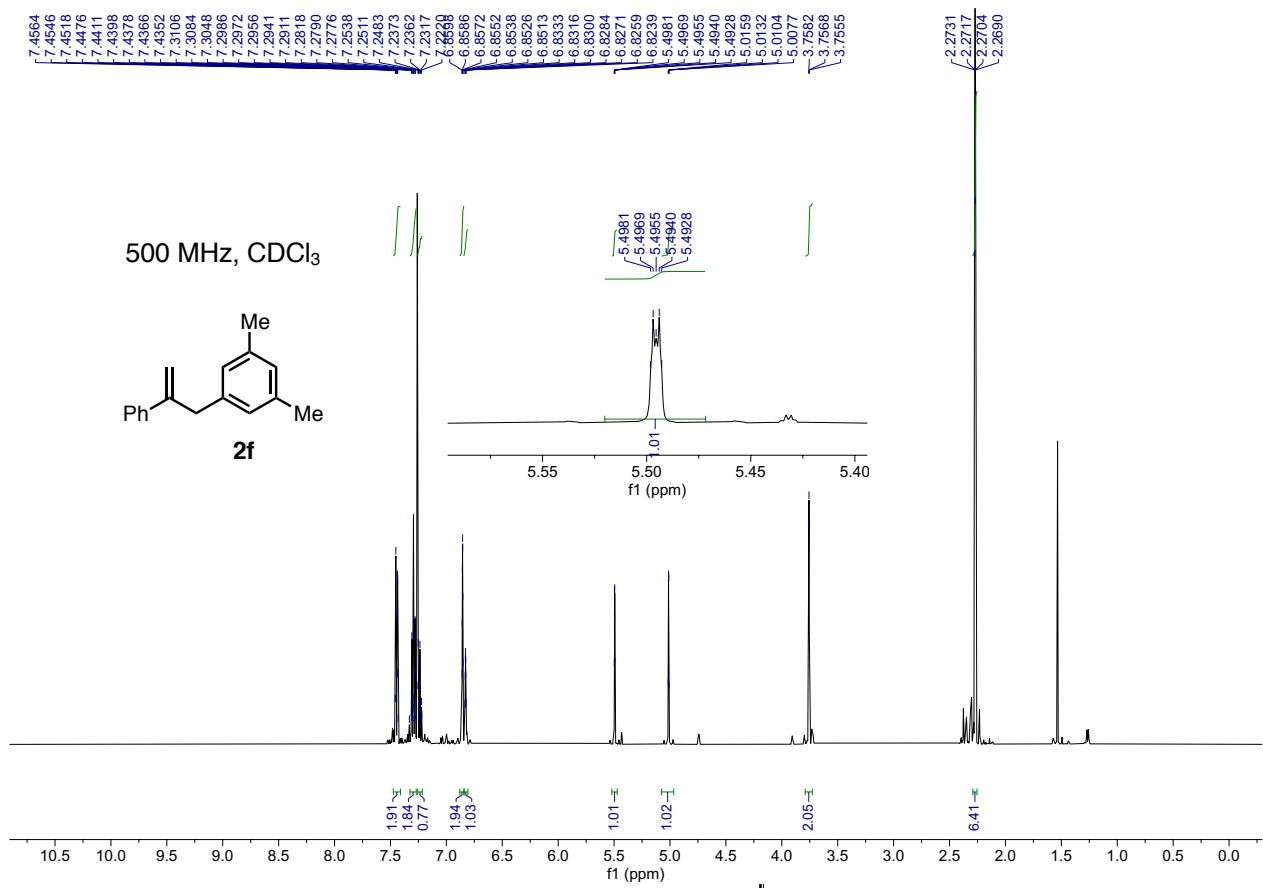
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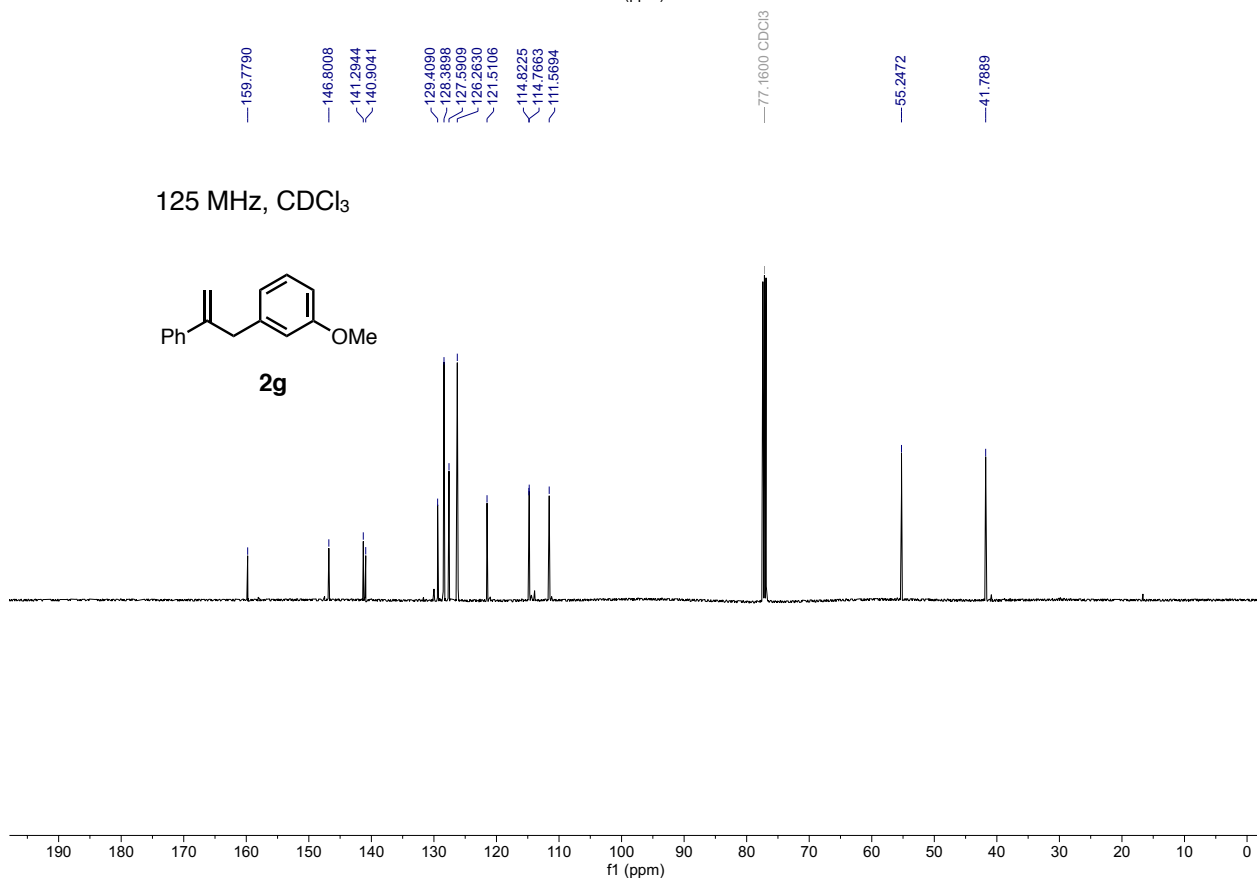
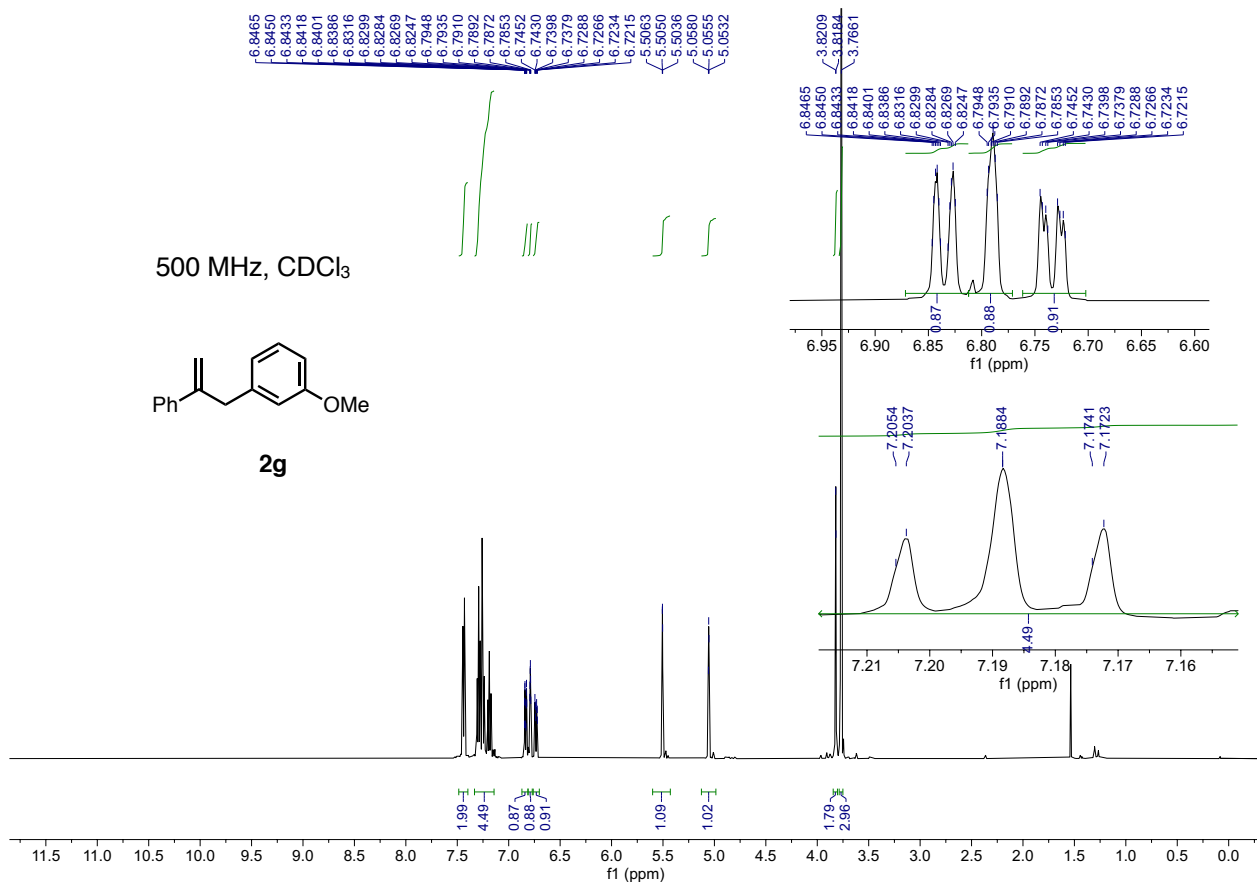


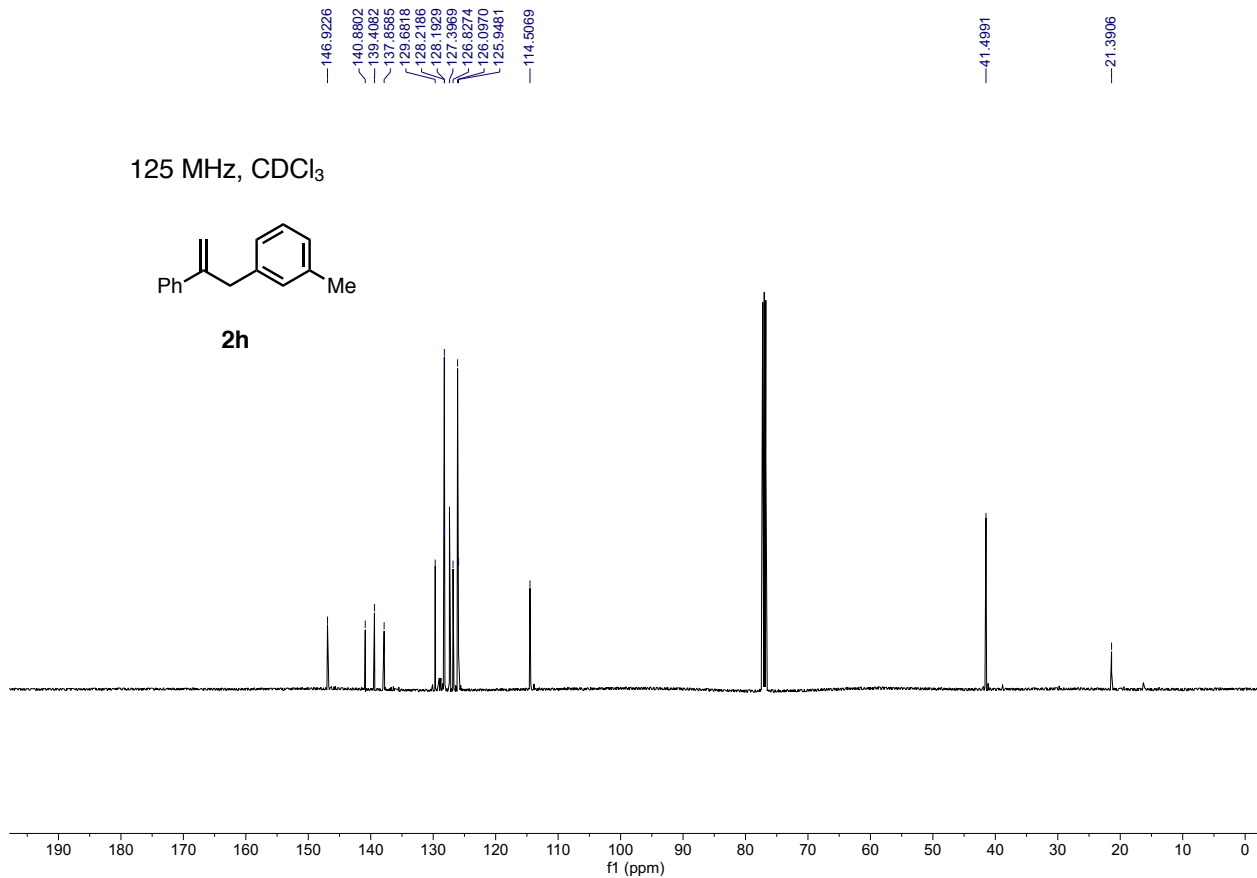
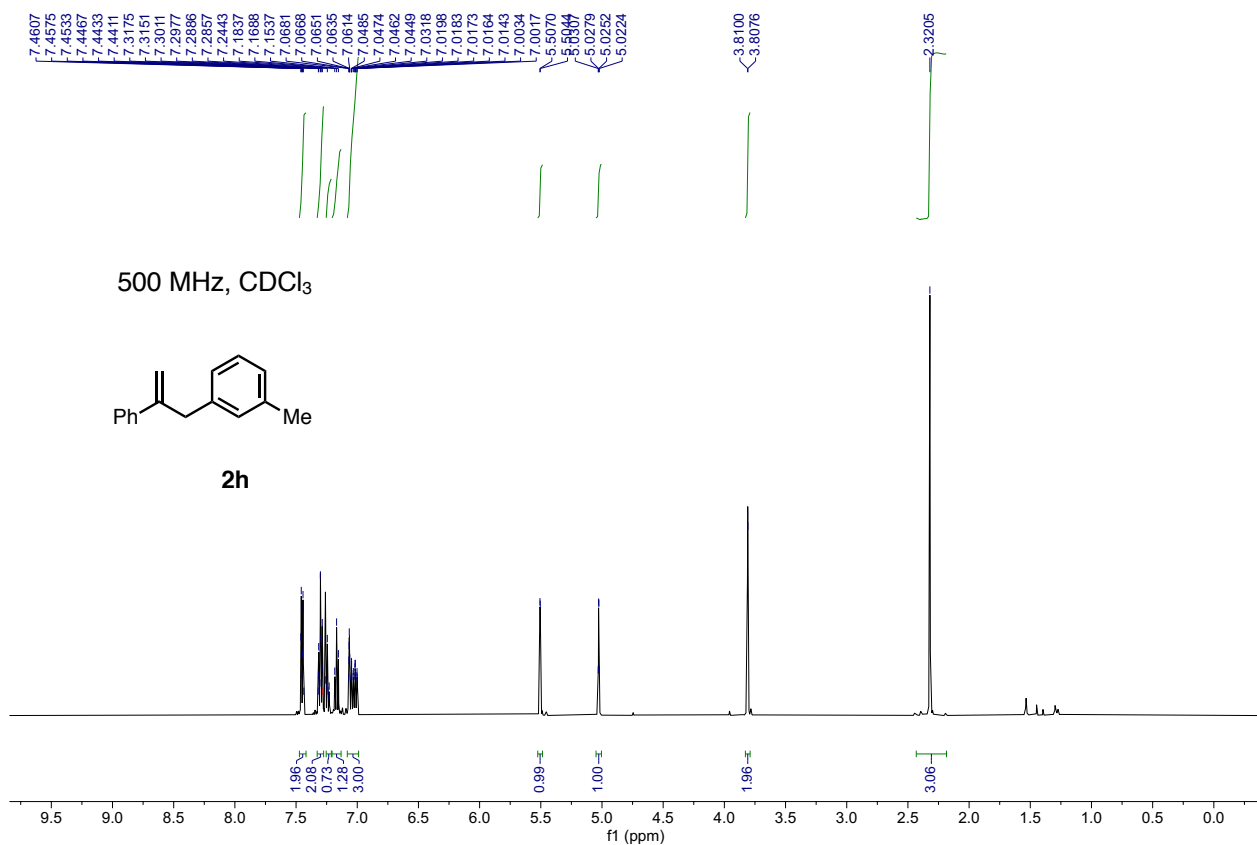
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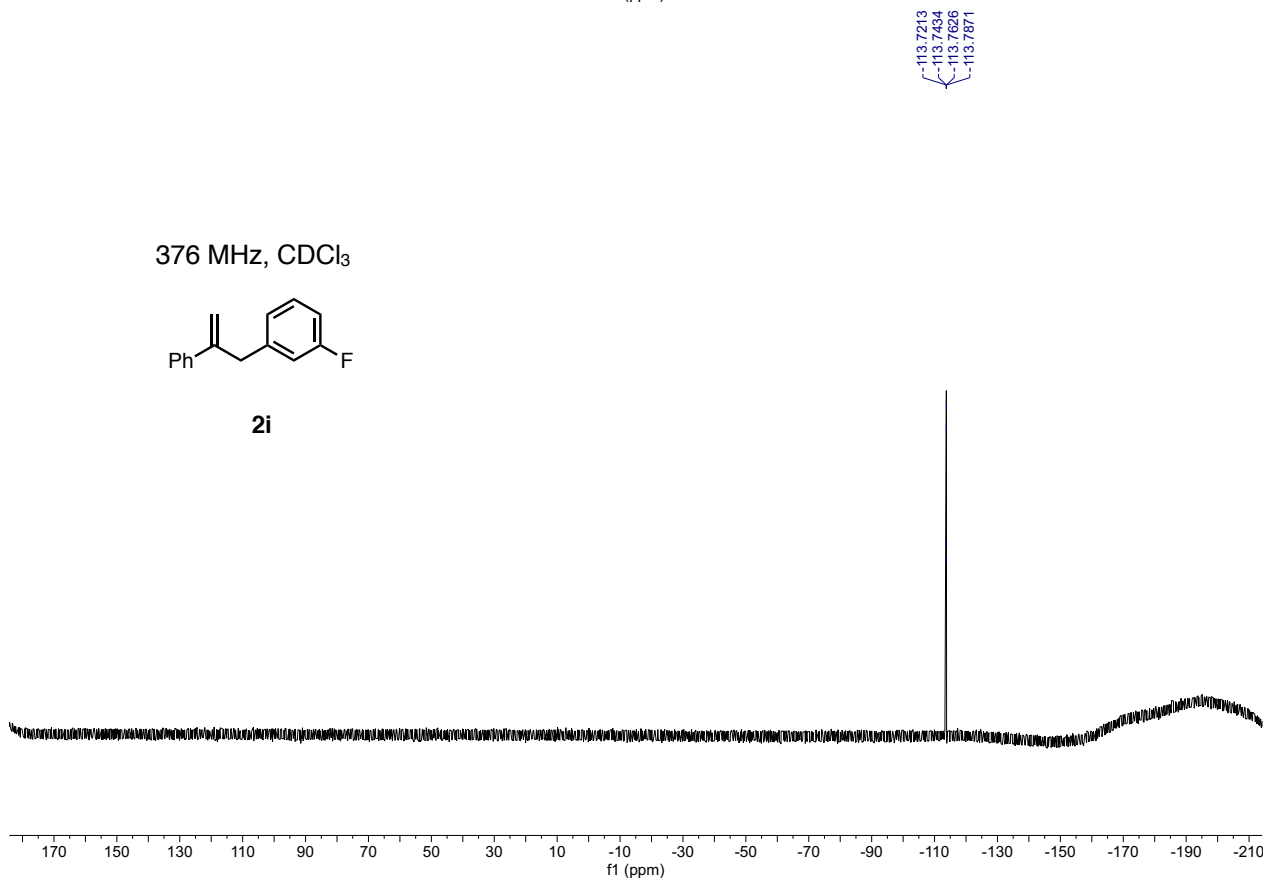
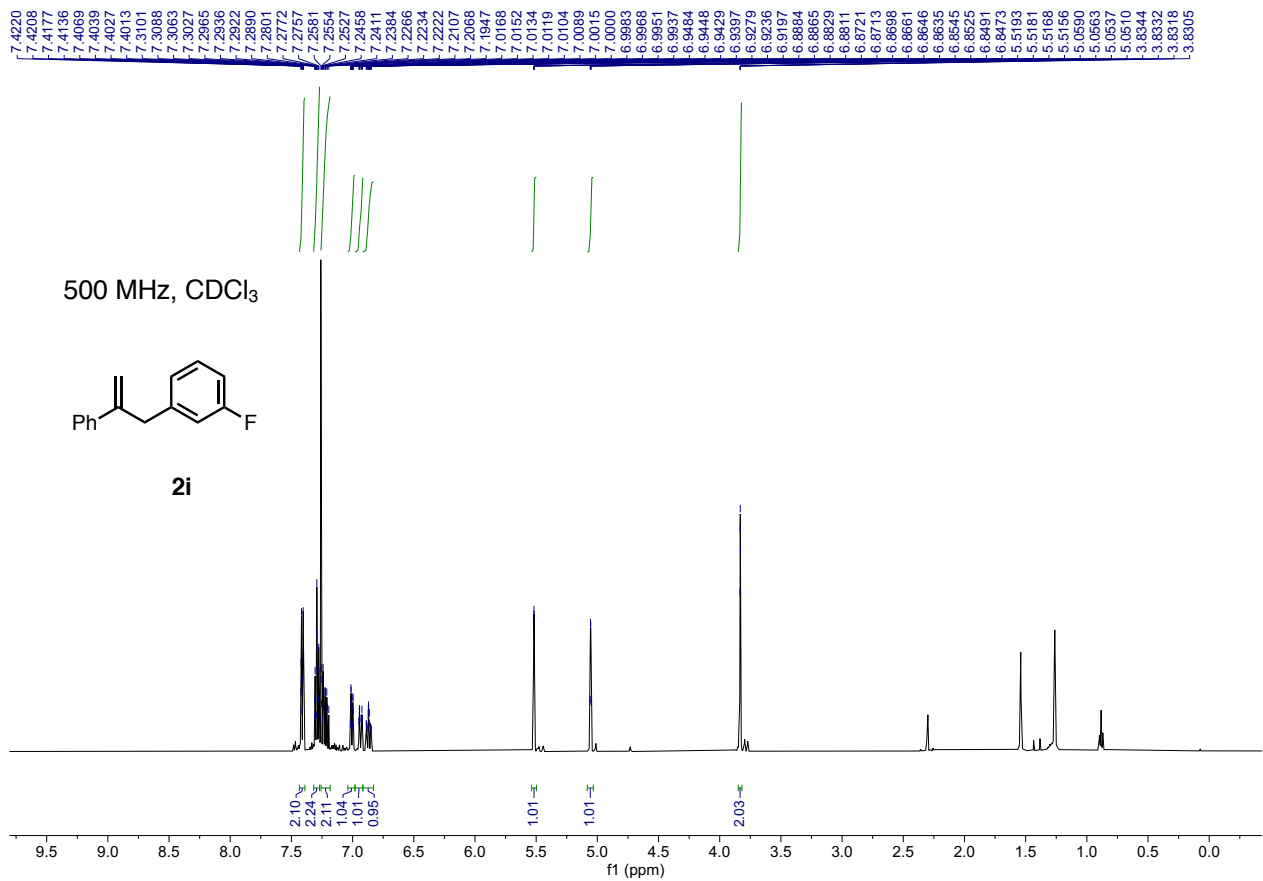




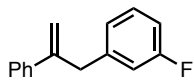




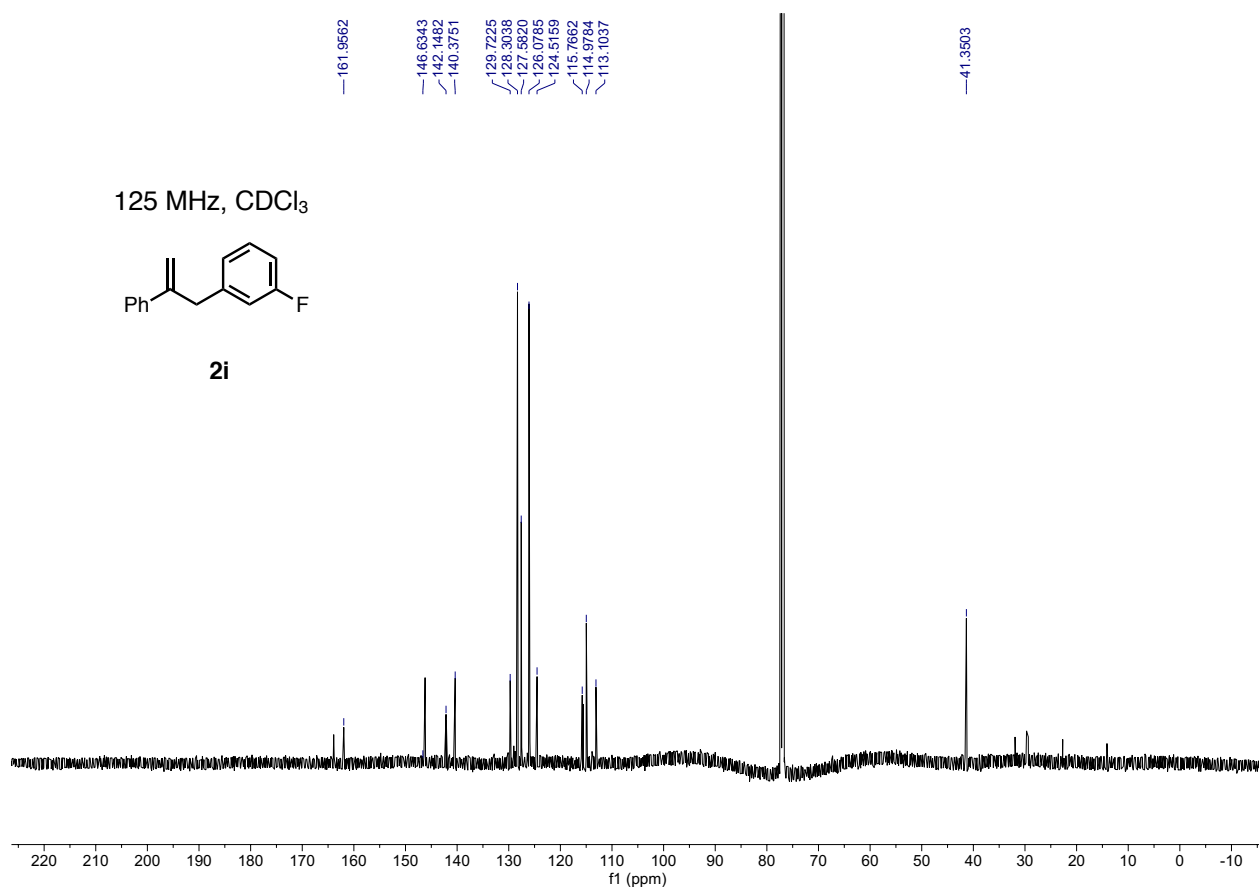


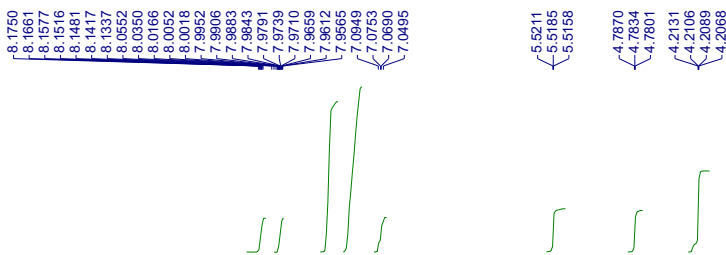


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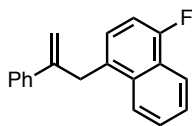


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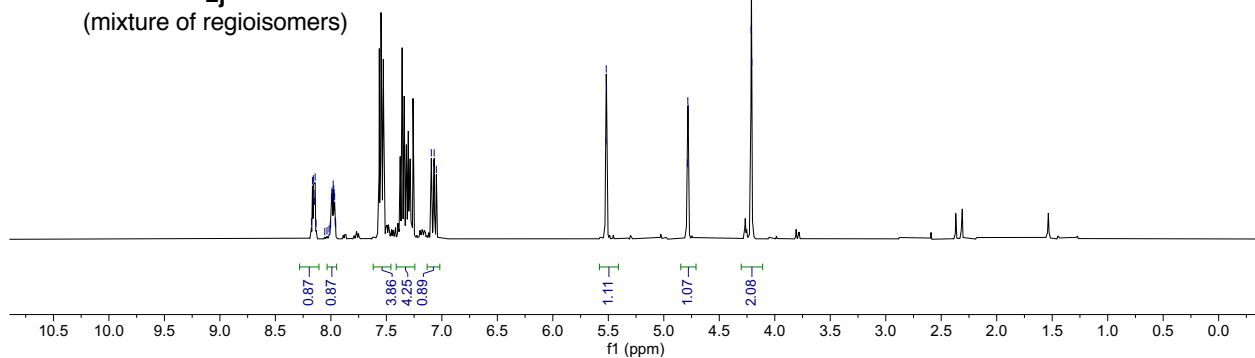




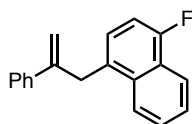
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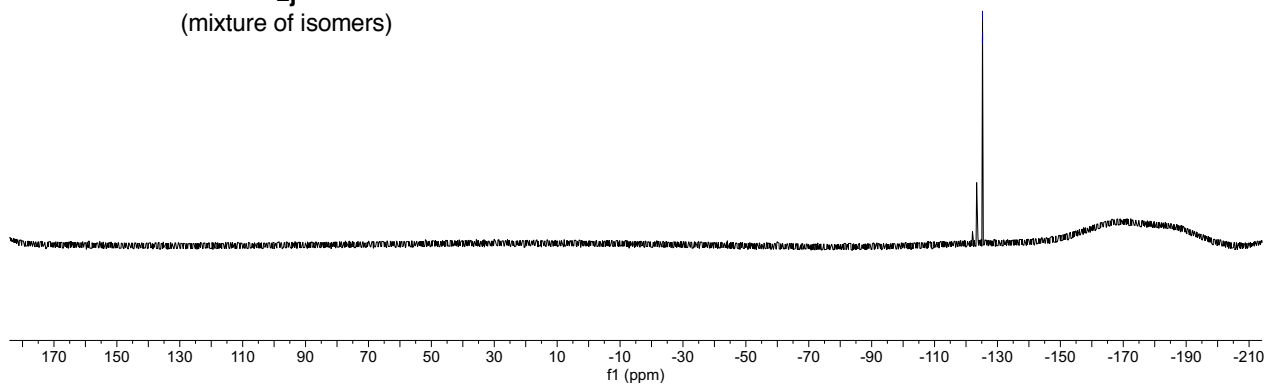
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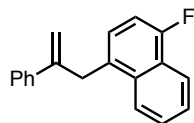
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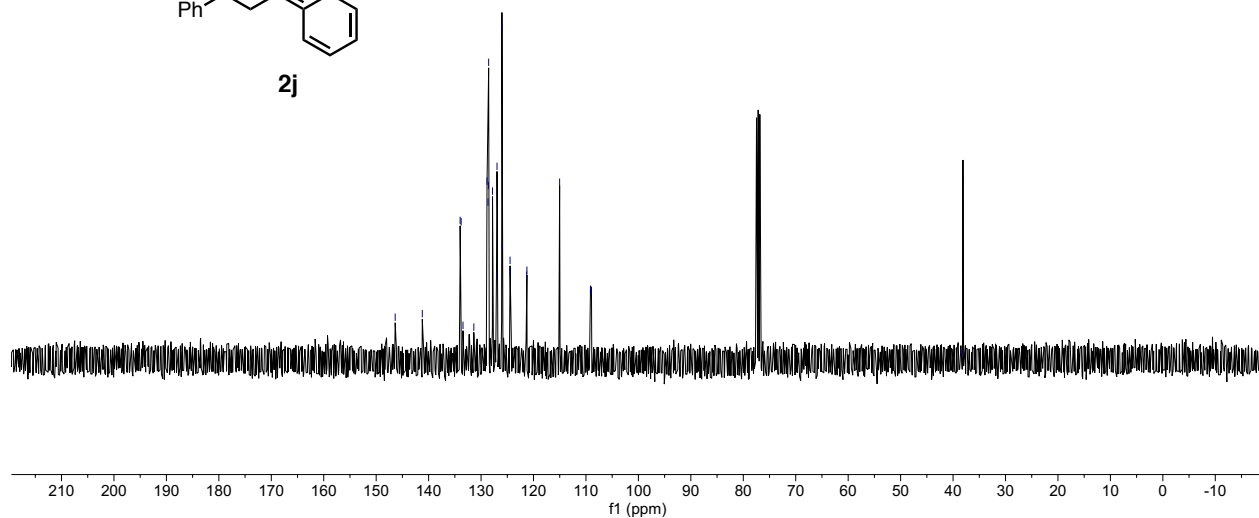
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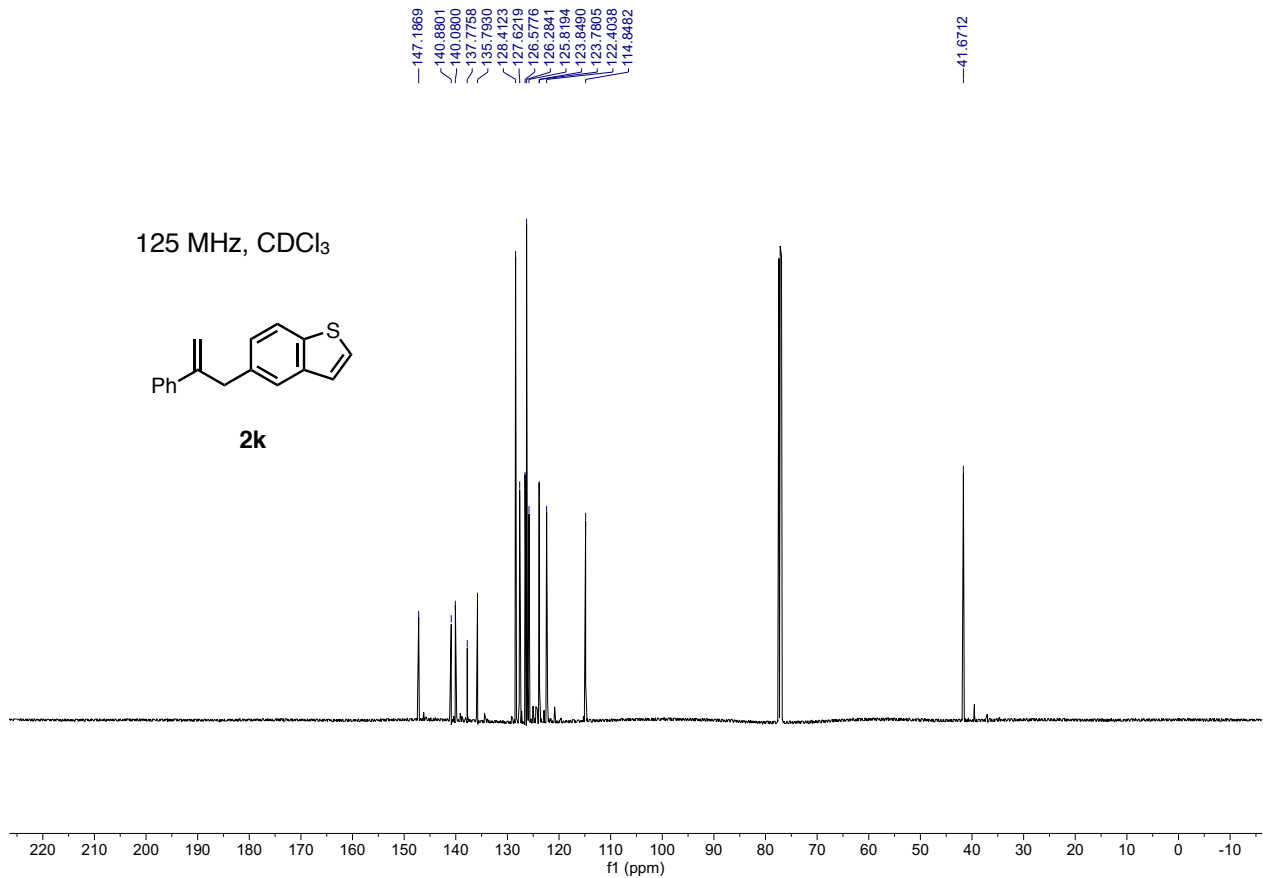
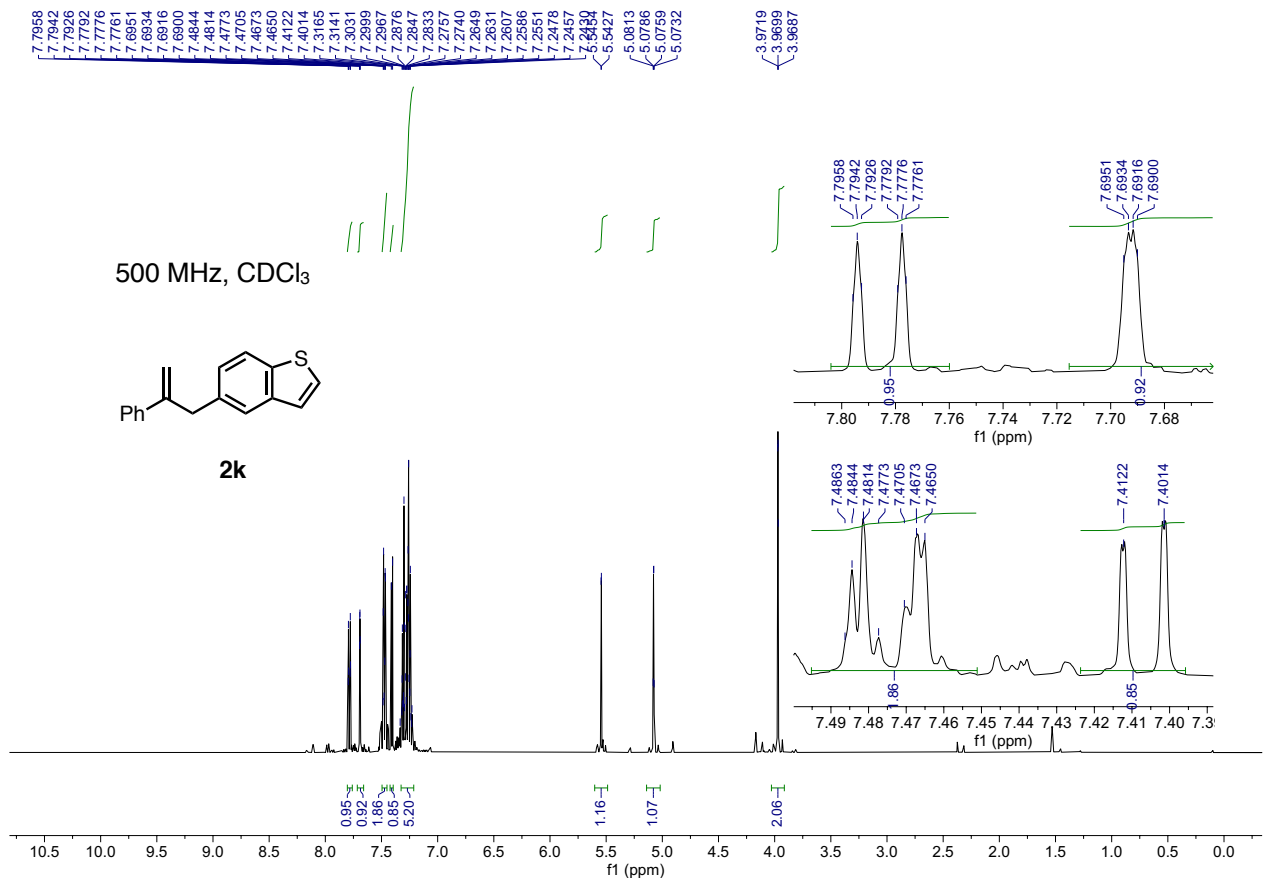
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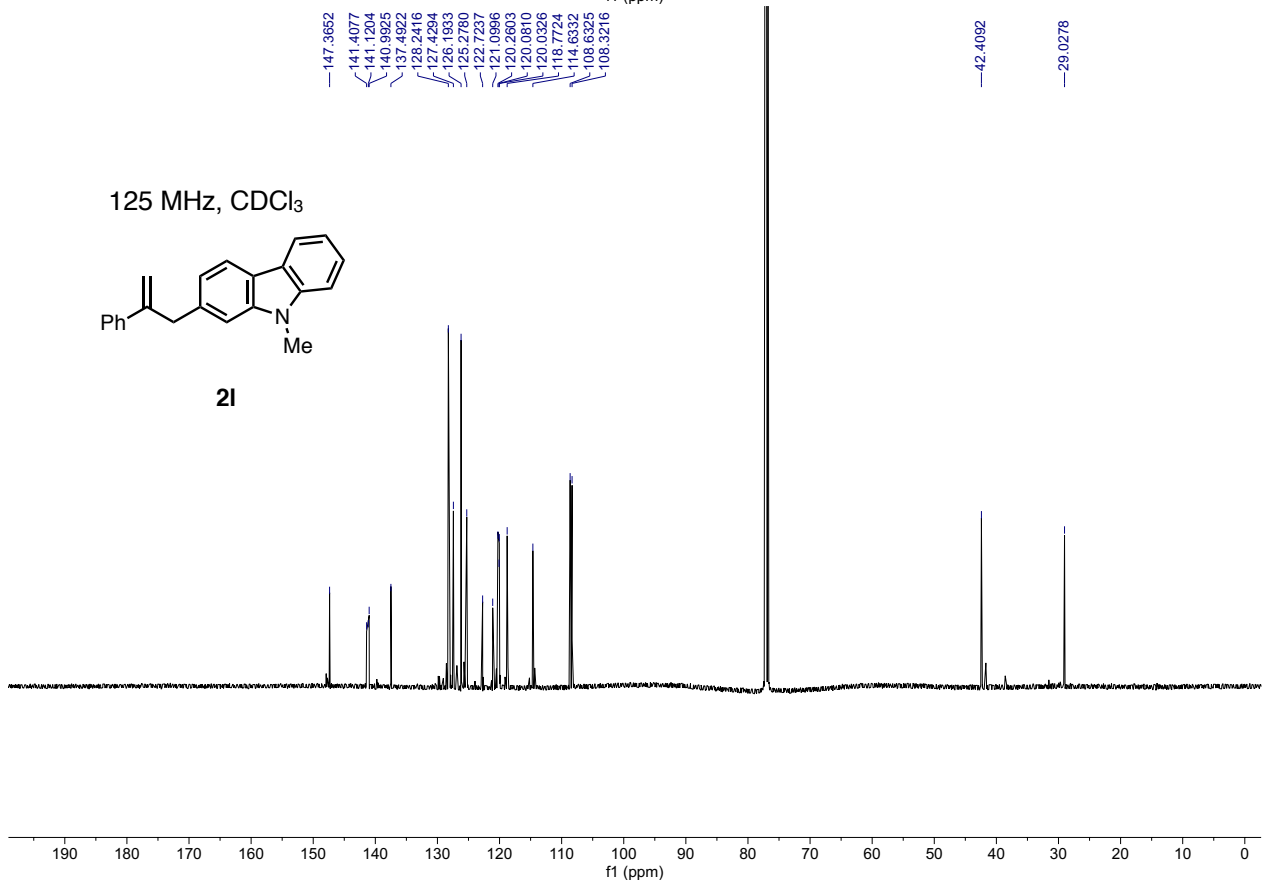
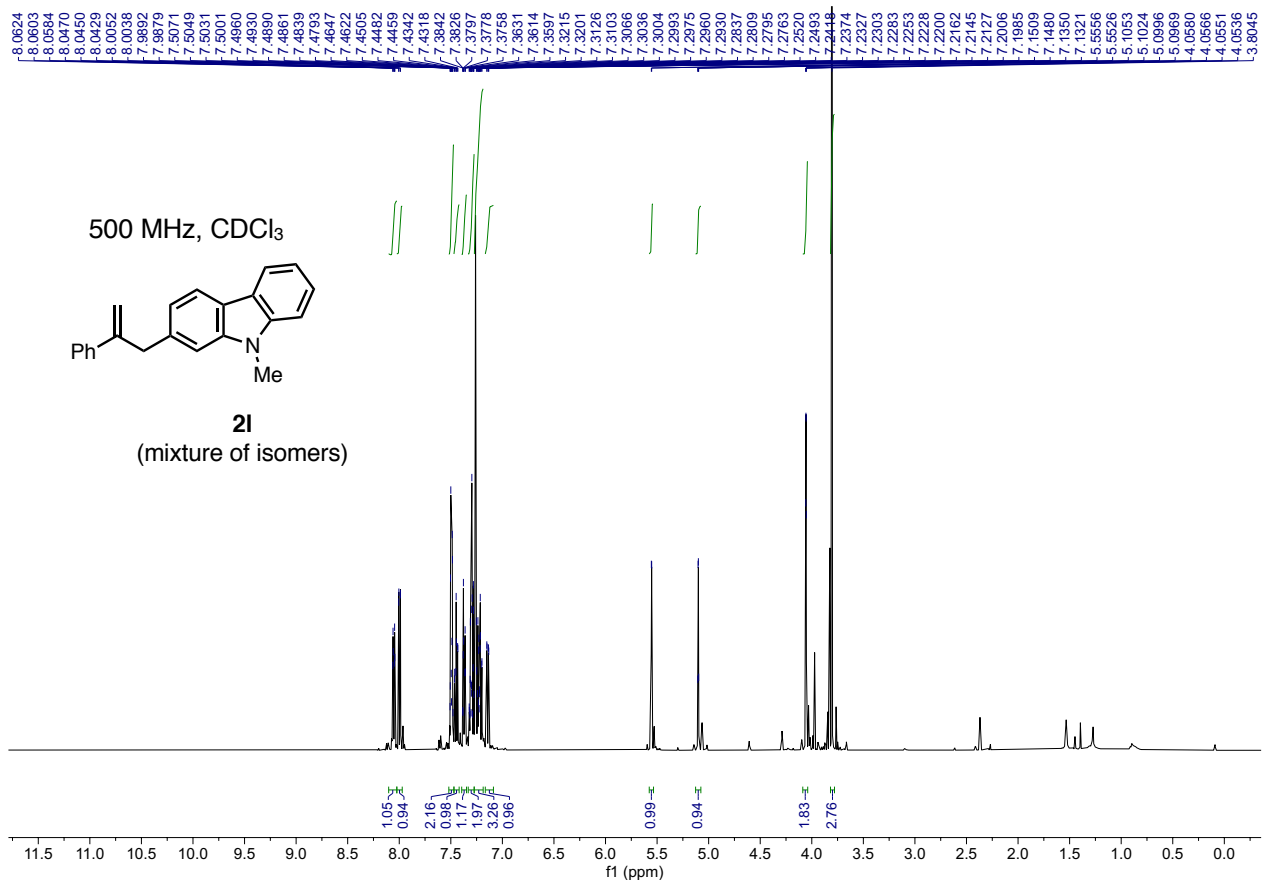
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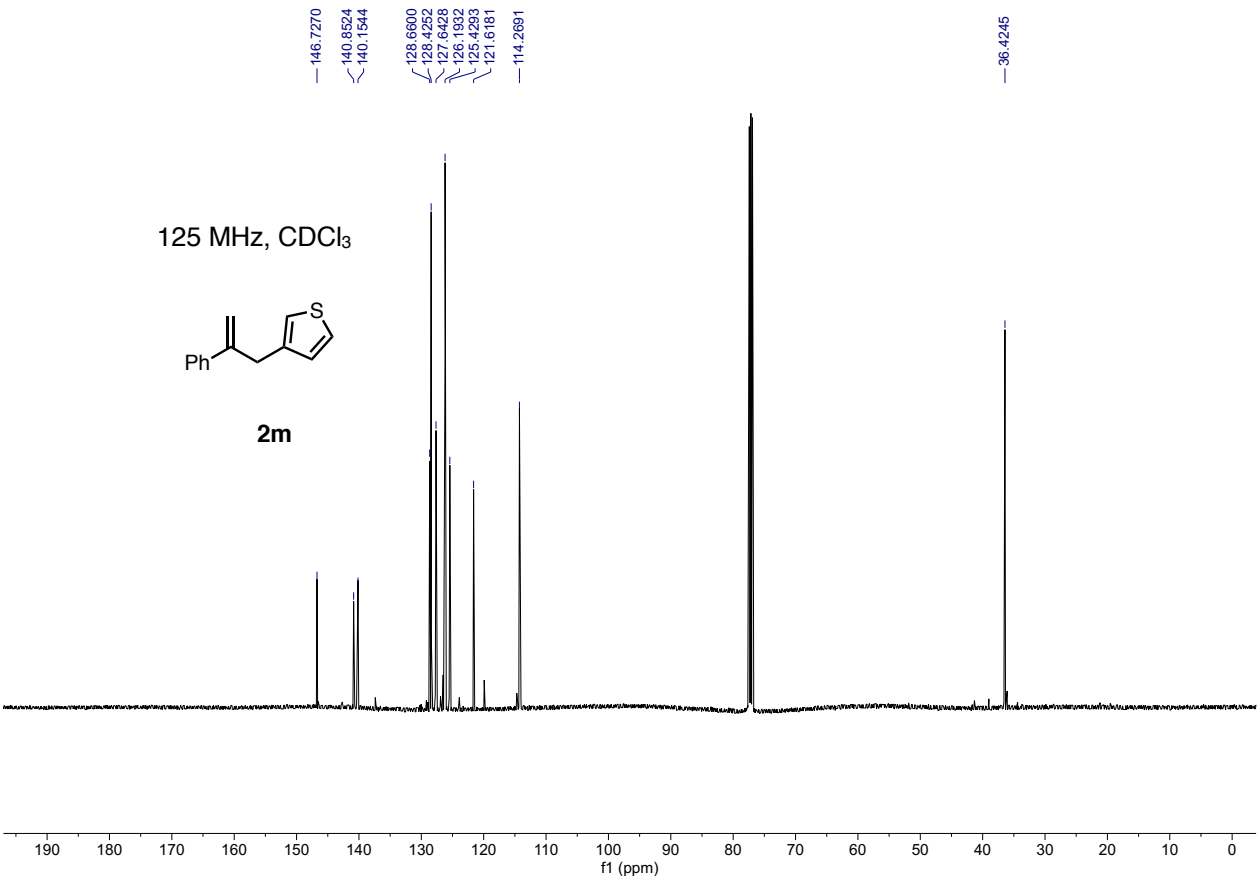
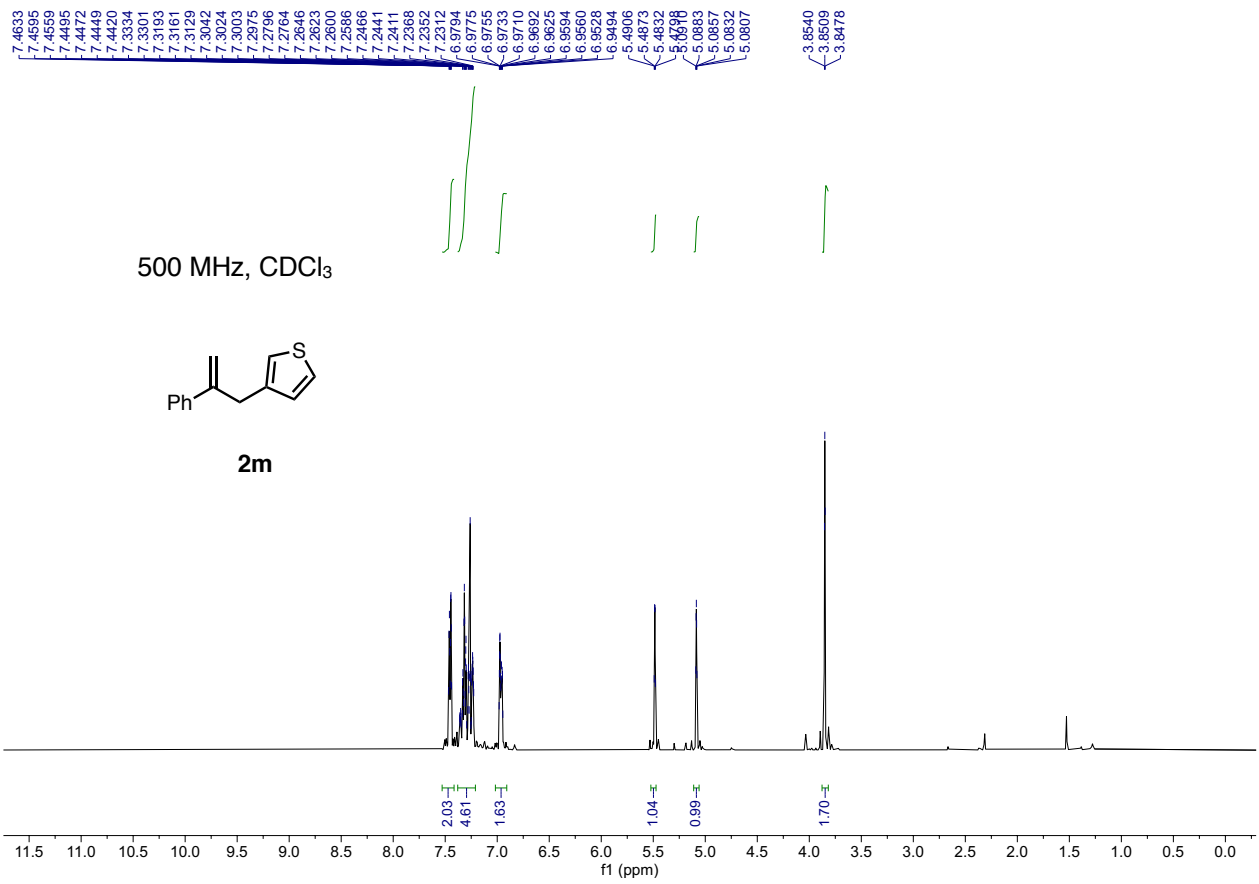


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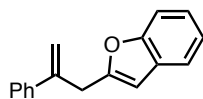




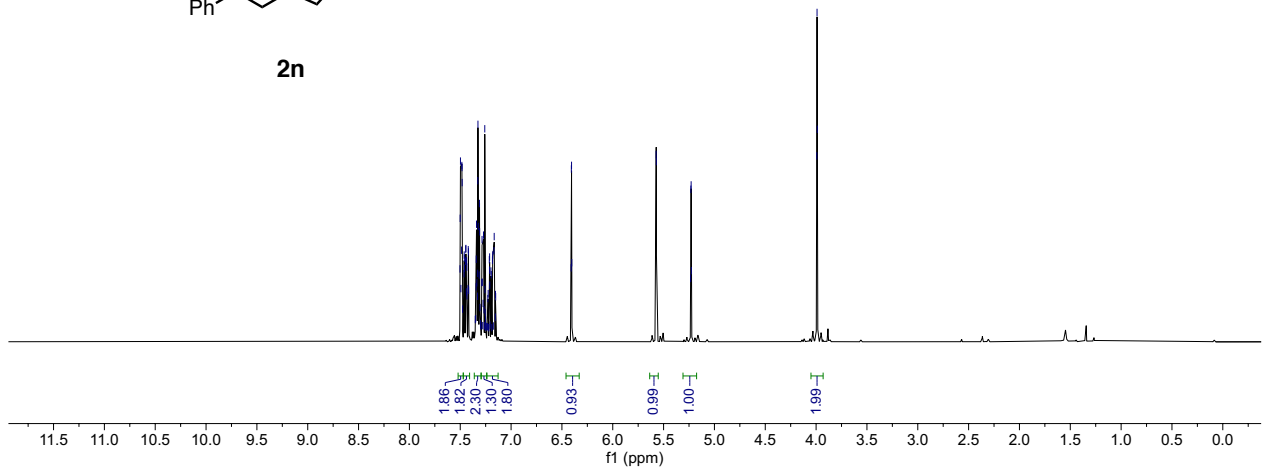


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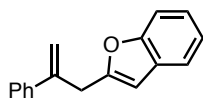


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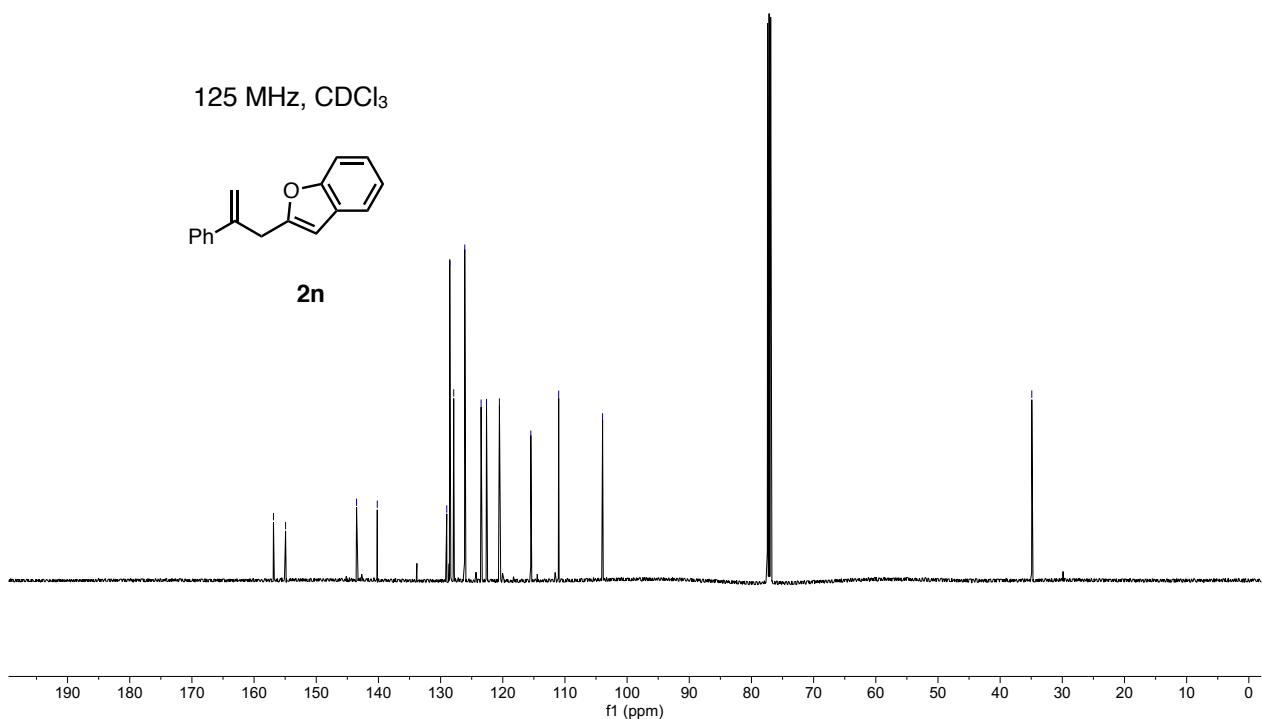


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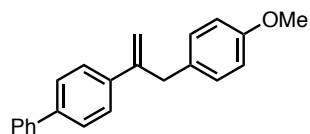
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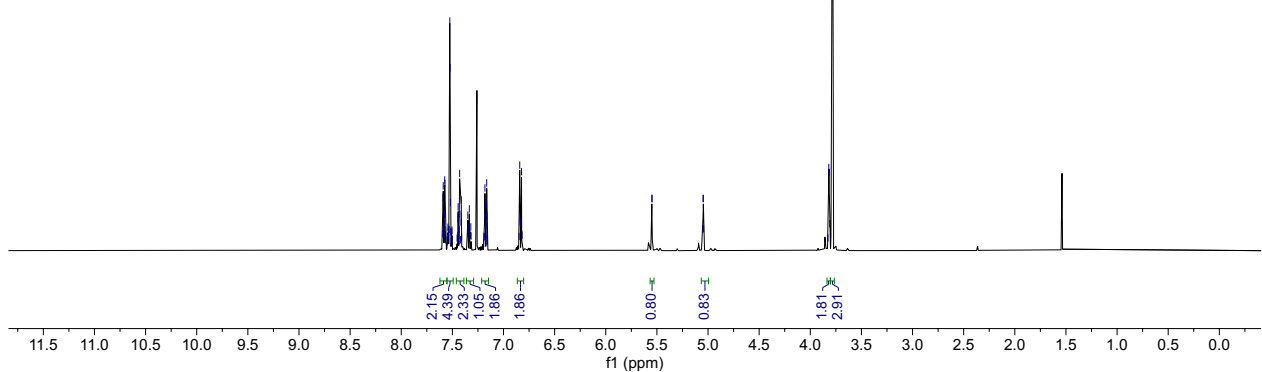


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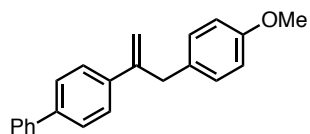


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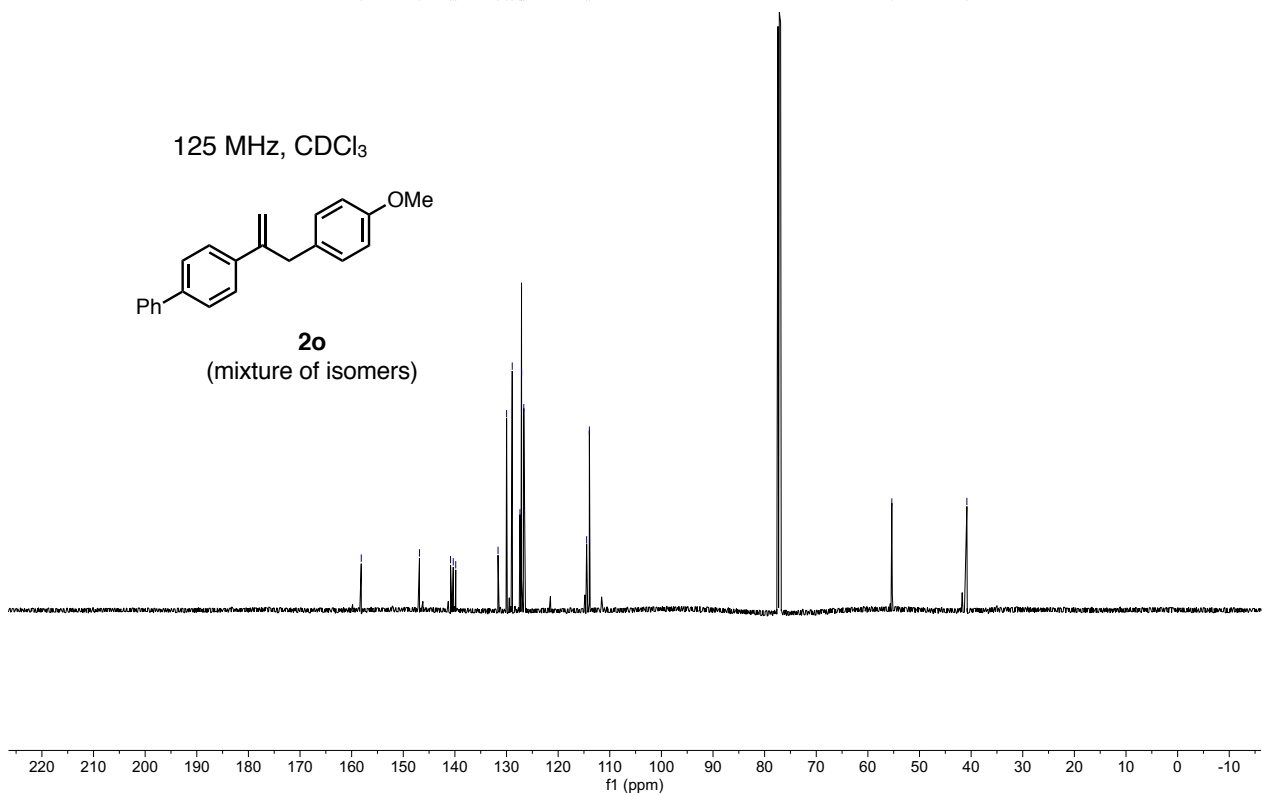
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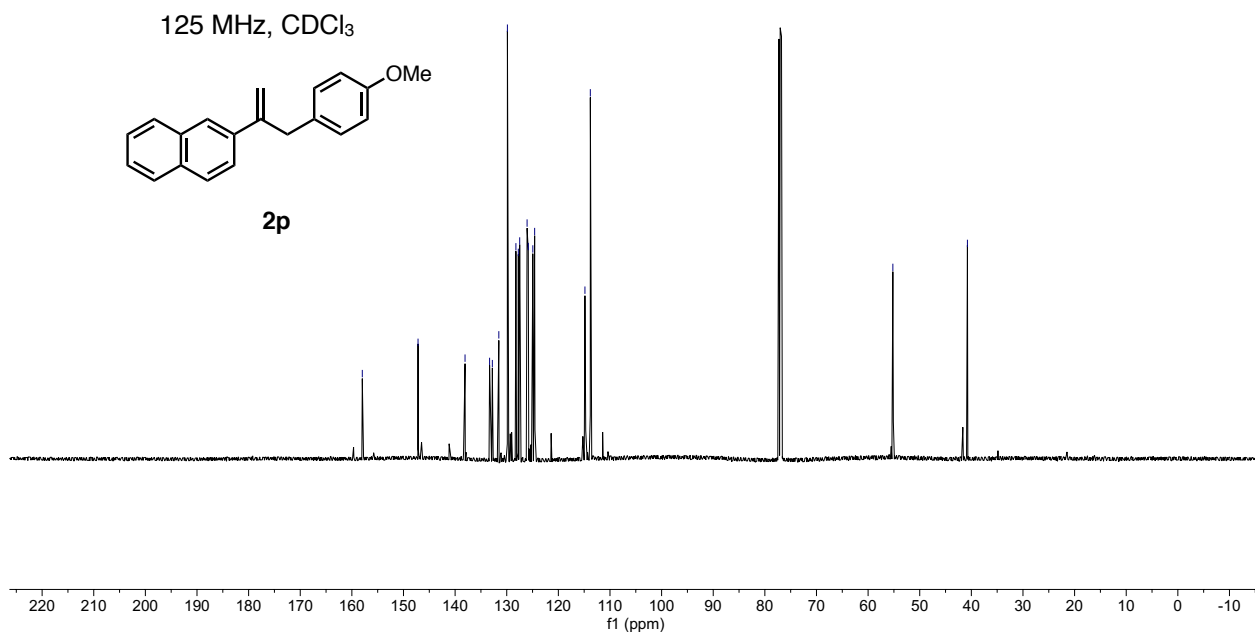
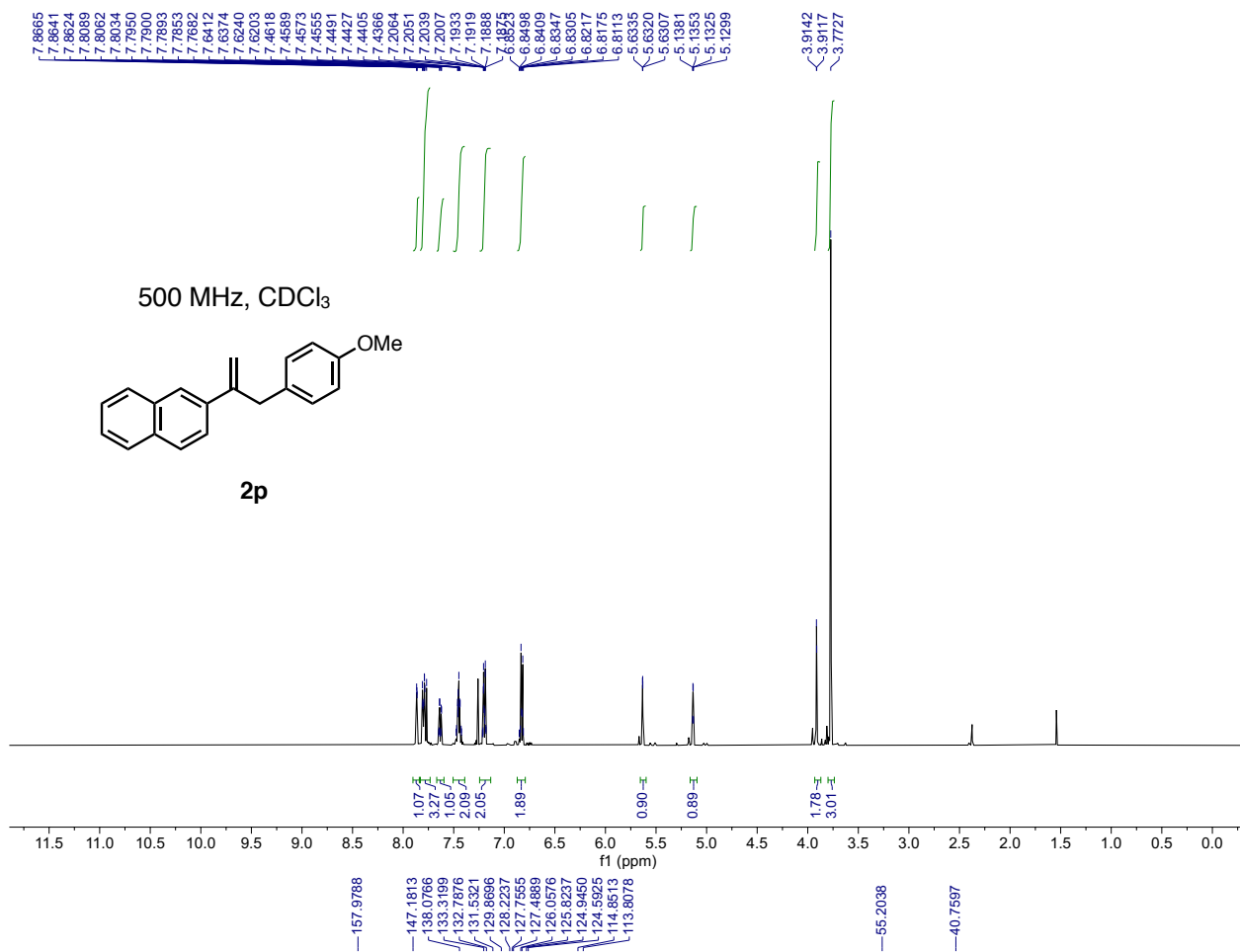
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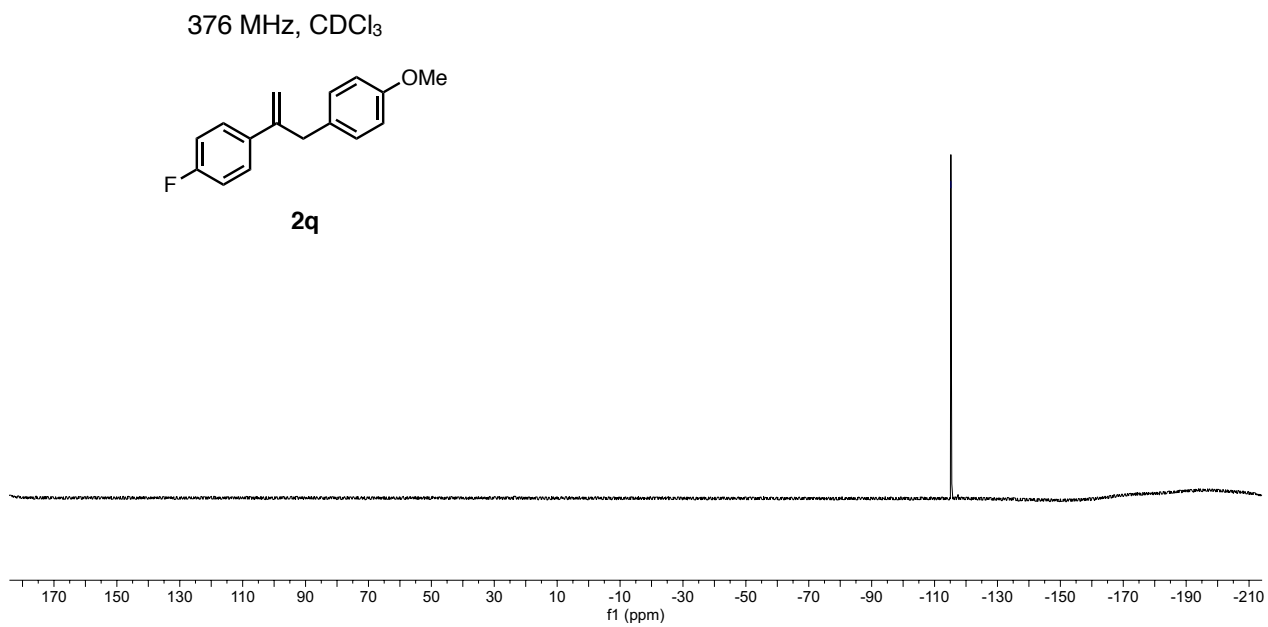
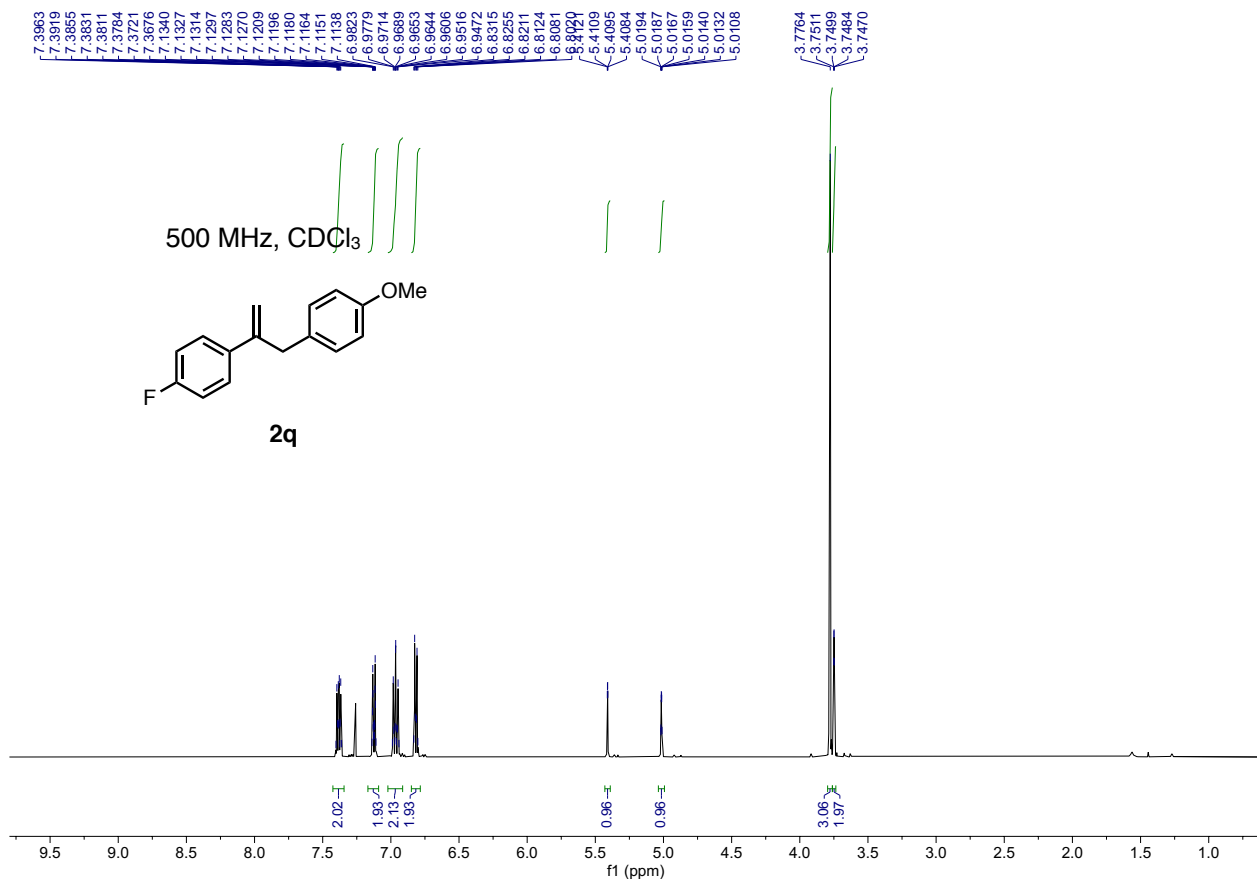
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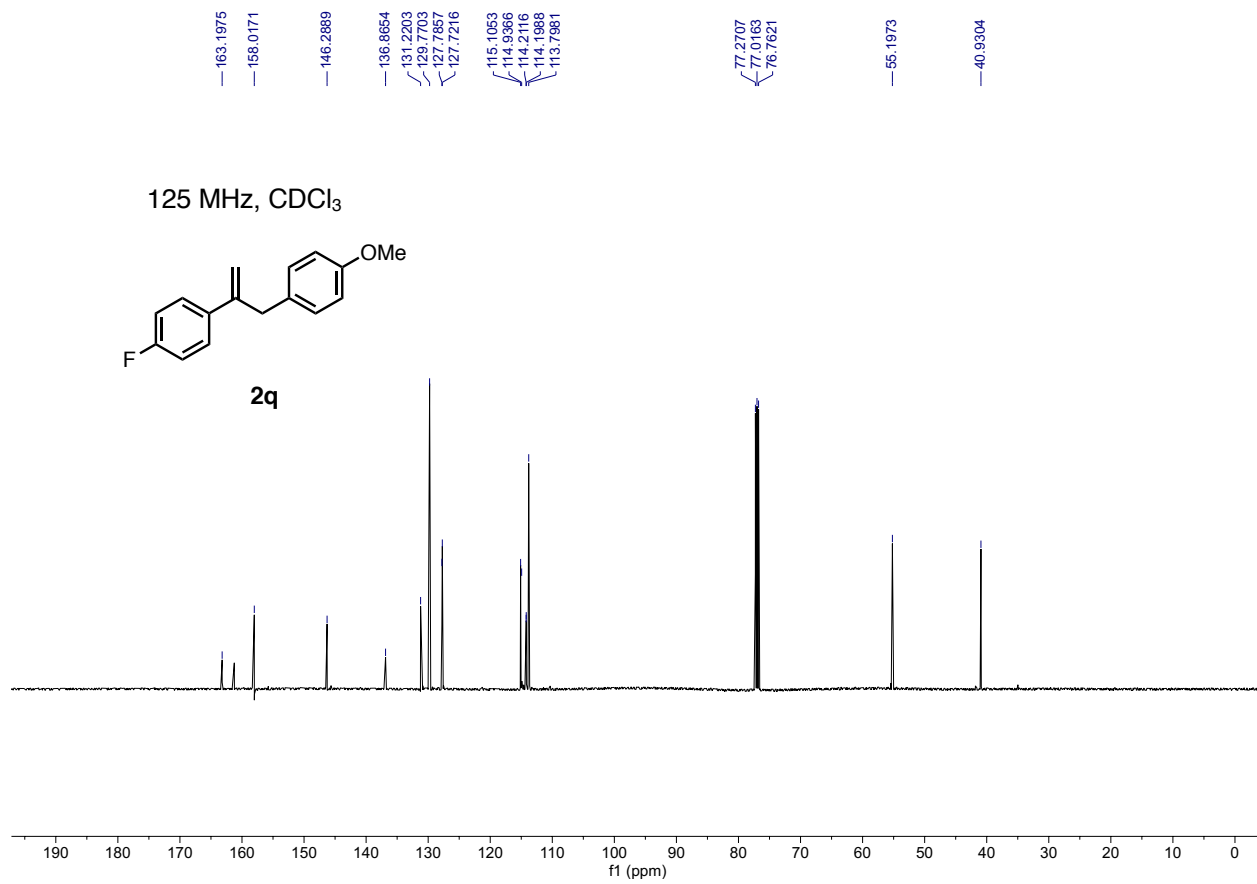


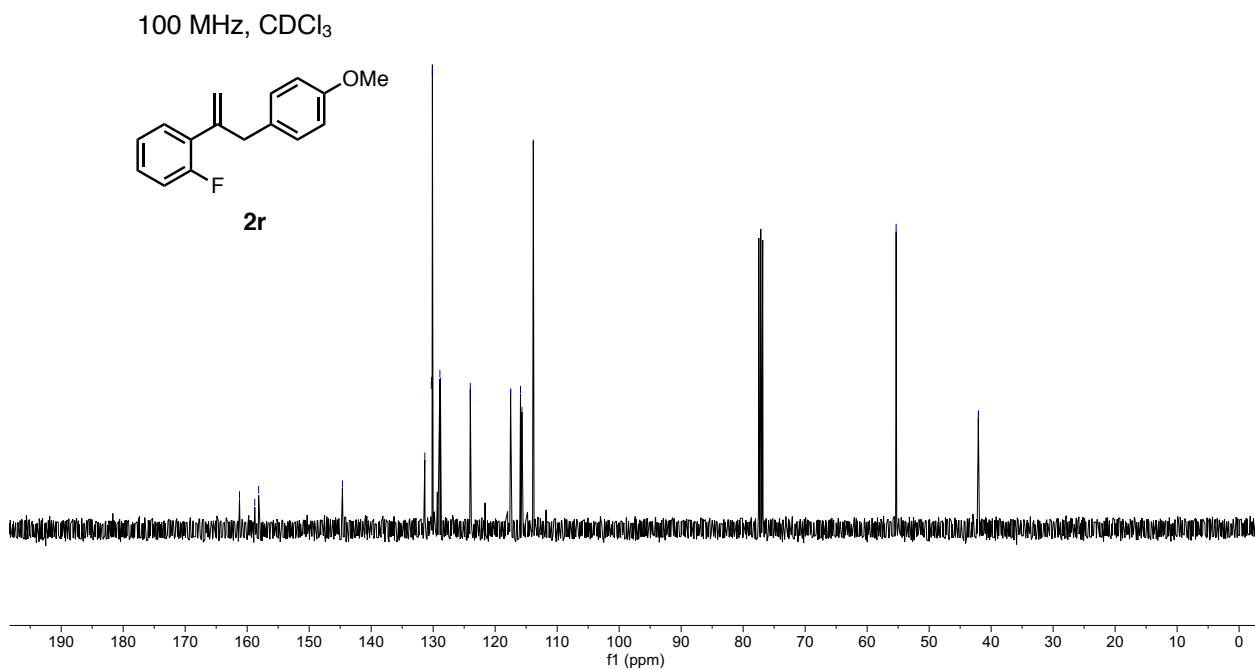
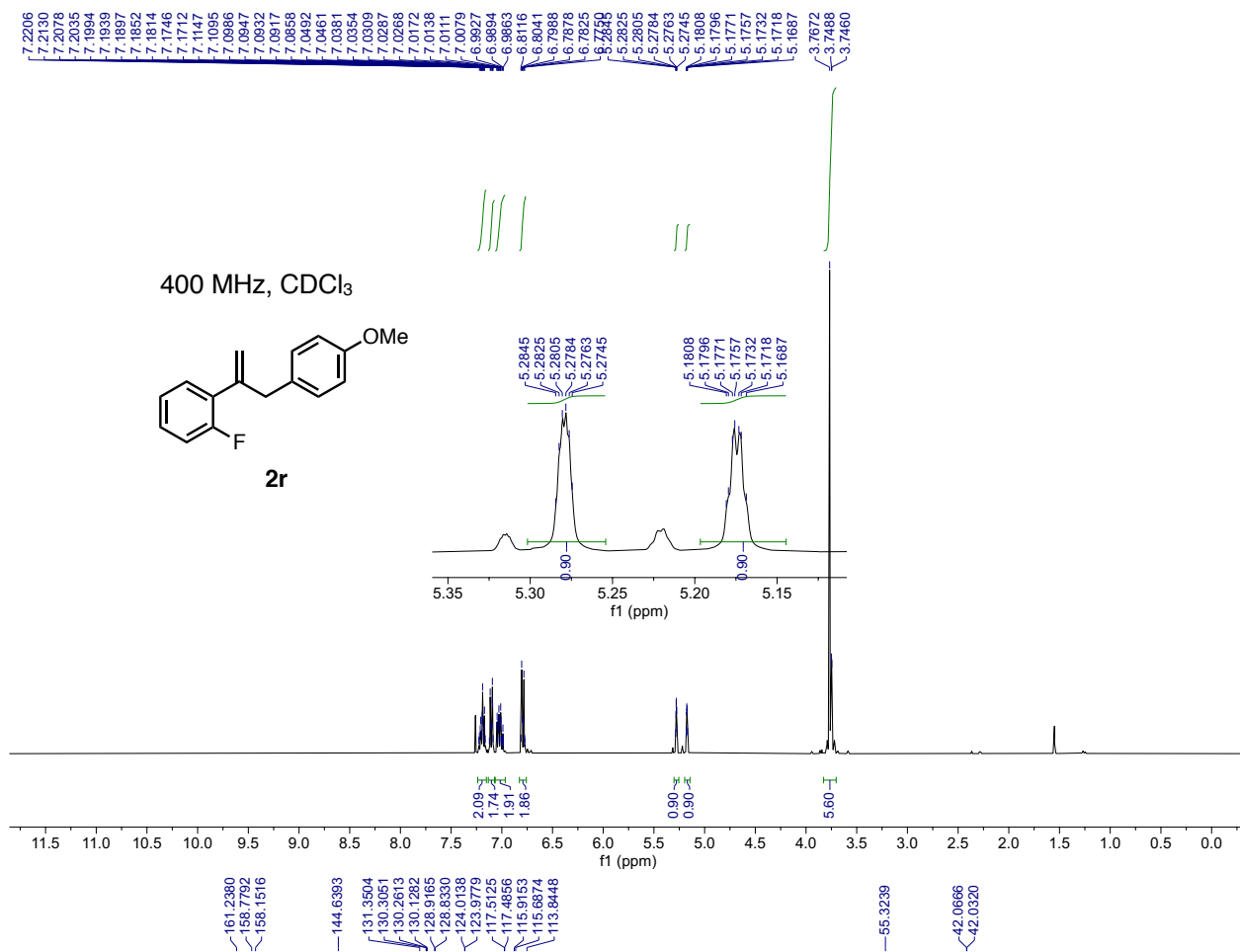
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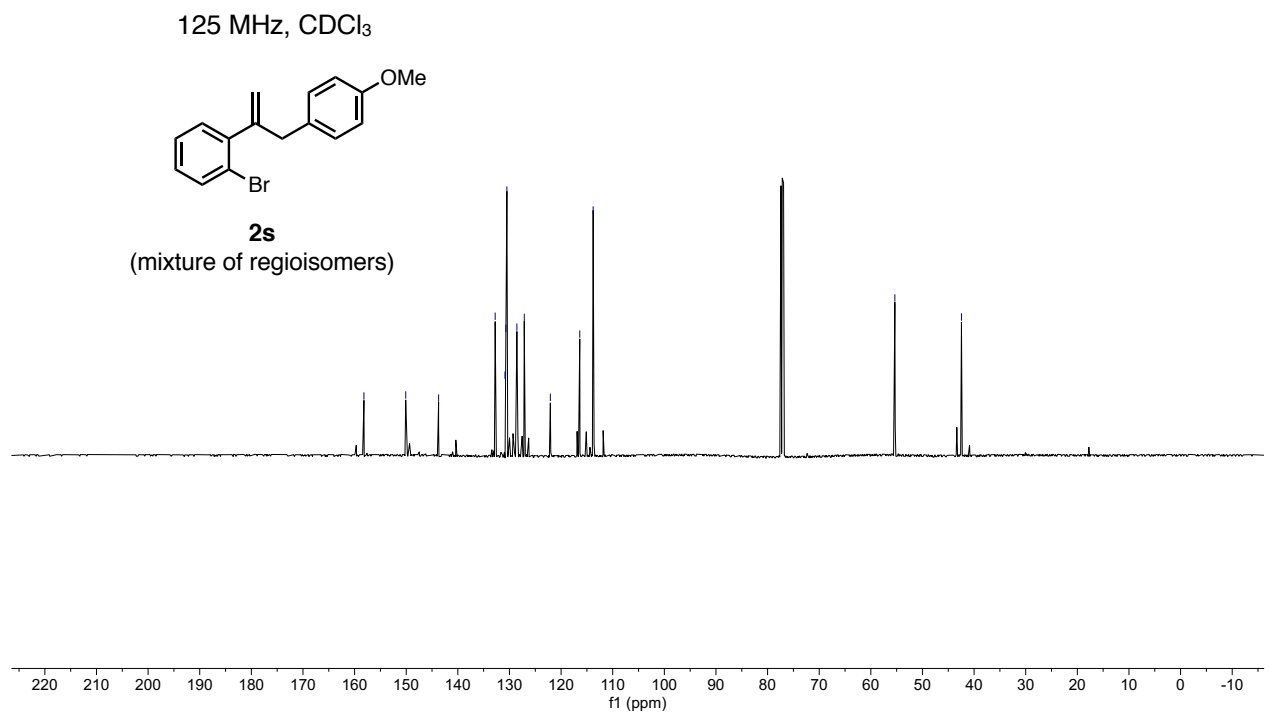
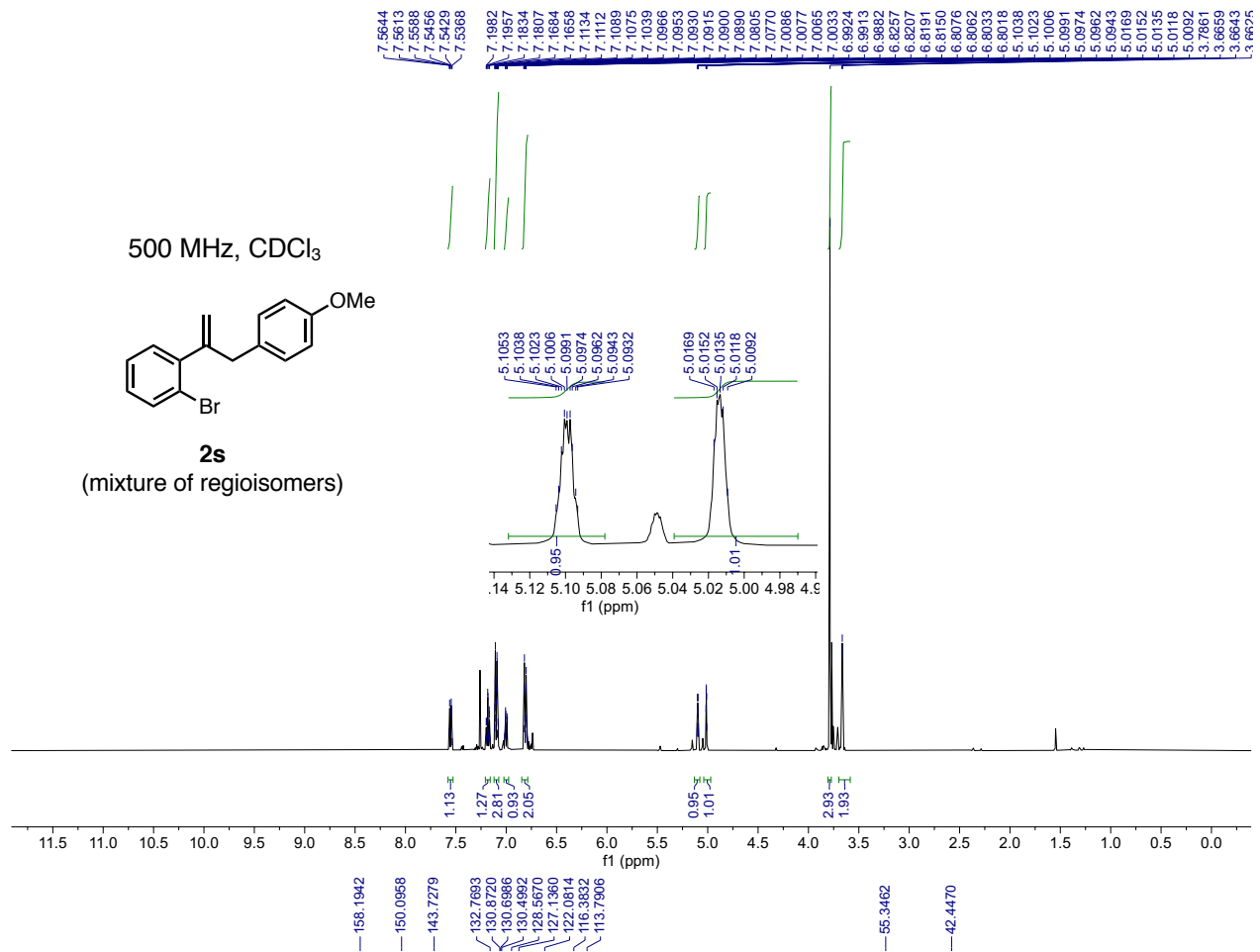


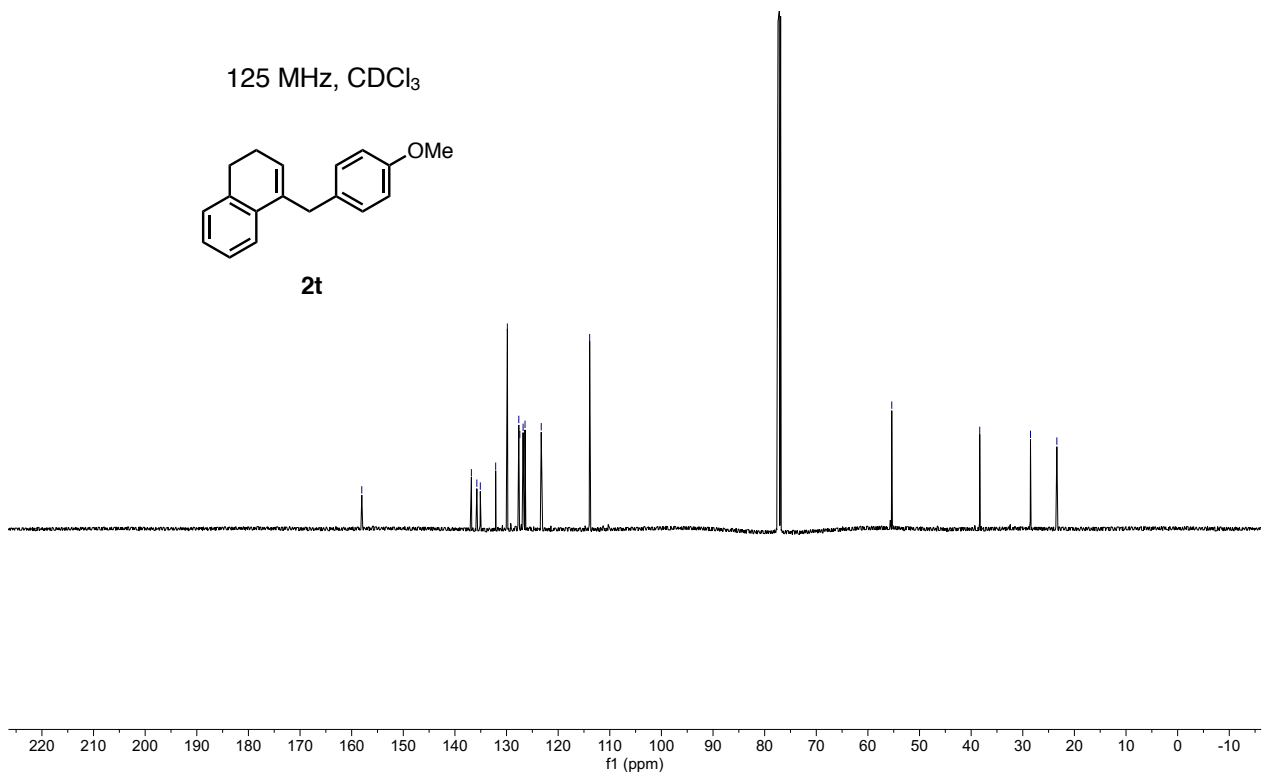
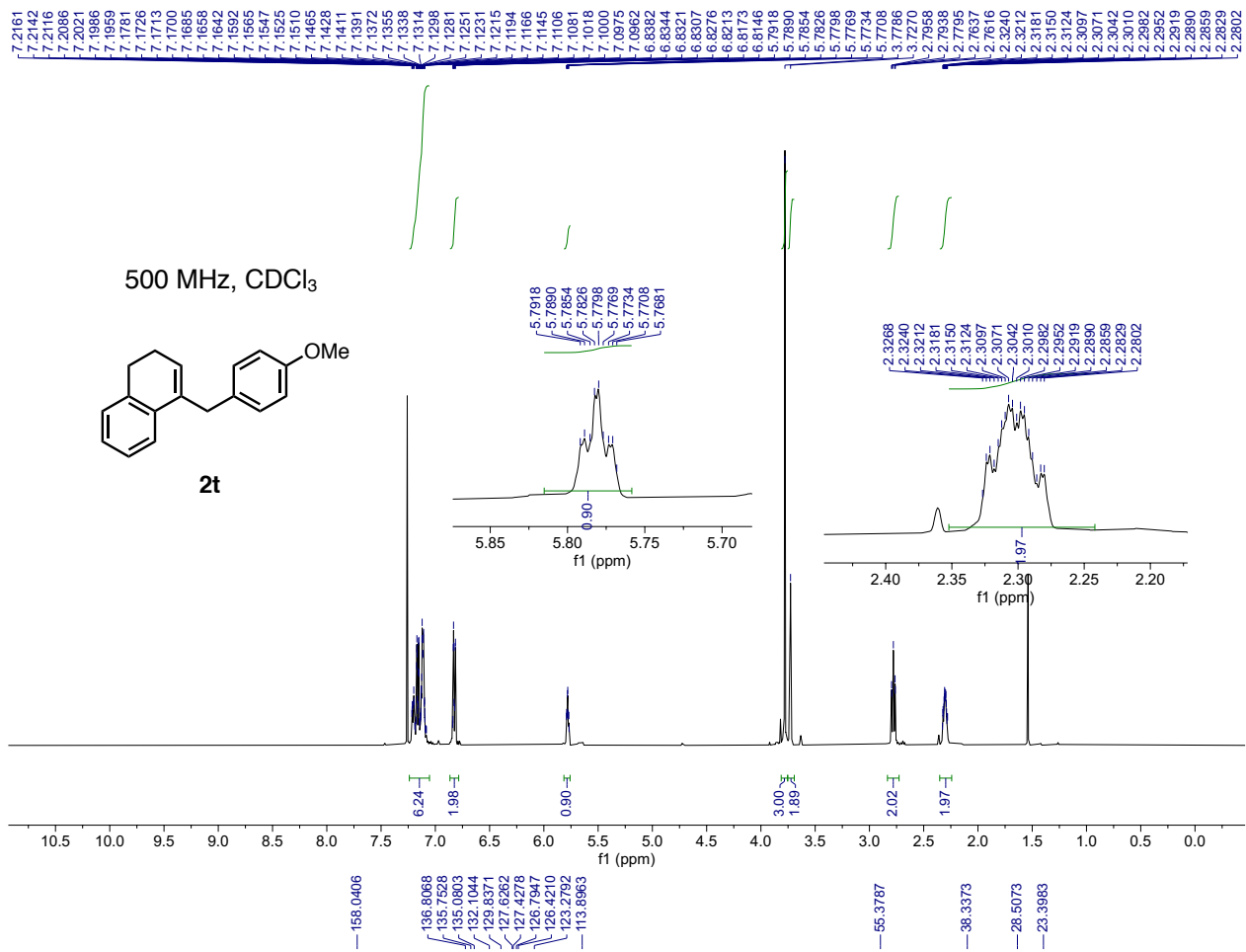






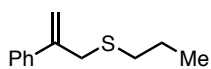




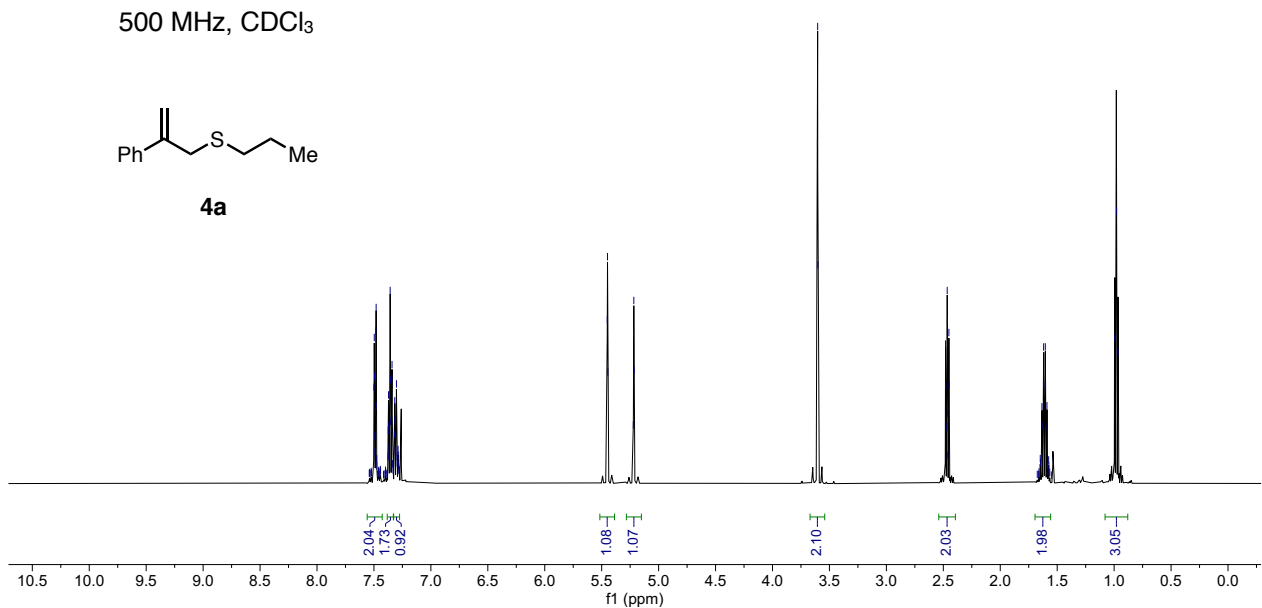


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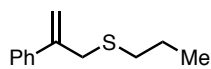


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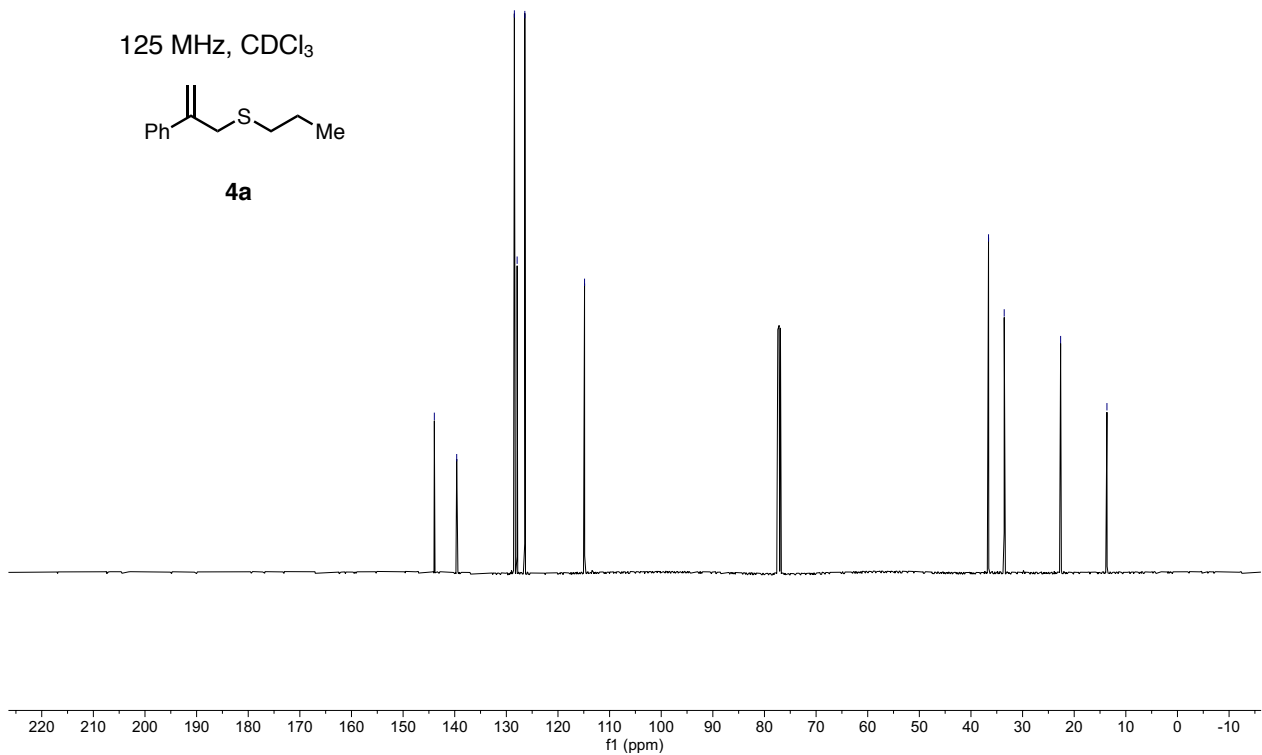


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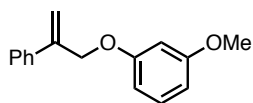
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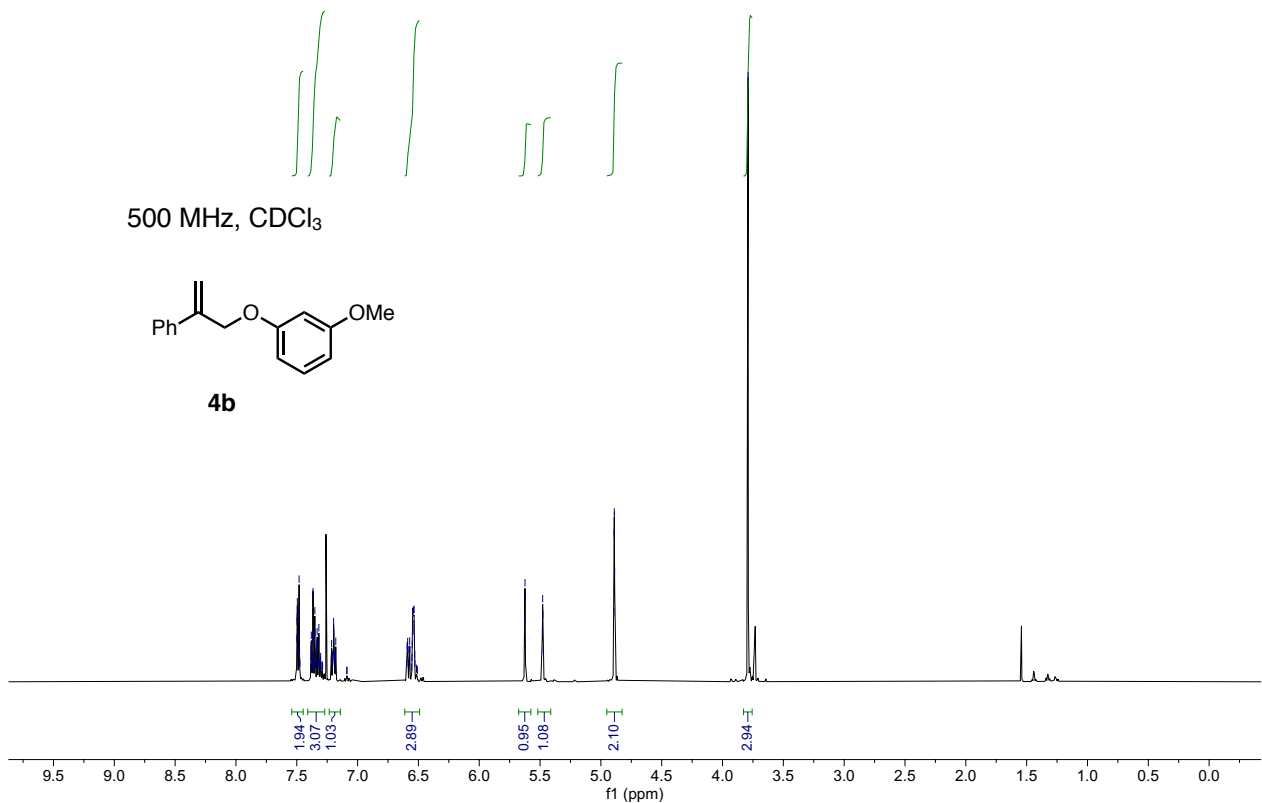


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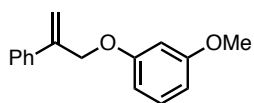
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**4b**



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**4b**

