

Fe-Catalyzed Dicarbofunctionalization of Electron-Rich Alkenes with Grignard Reagents and (Fluoro)Alkyl Halides

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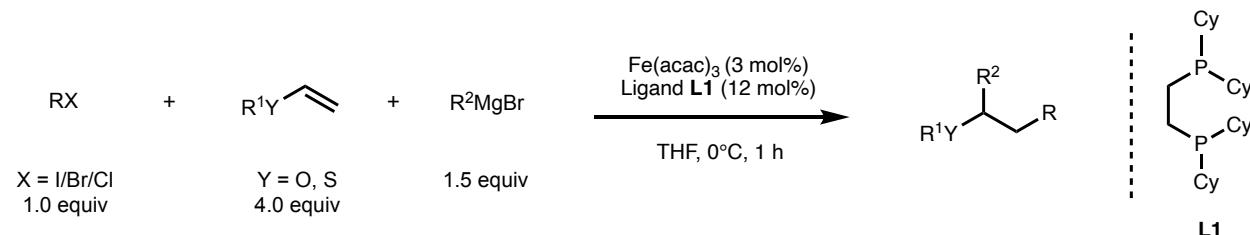
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1. General Considerations

All non-aqueous reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere in oven- (120 °C) or flame-dried glassware. When necessary, solvents and reagents were dried prior to use. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was dried by passage through activated alumina in Inert's PureSolv PS-MD-3 solvent purification system. All reagent grade solvents were purchased from VWR, Sigma-Aldrich, or Fisher and Organometallic reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Silicycle 250 μ m silica-gel F-254 plates. Silica gel (230-400 mesh) was used for column chromatography. NMR (^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F) spectra were recorded on Bruker AV III HD NanoBay (400 MHz) NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the internal residual solvent resonance peak δ 7.26 (CDCl₃) and δ 0.00 (TMS) for all ^1H and δ 77.16 (CDCl₃) and δ 0.00 (TMS) for all ^{13}C . Other data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets), coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz (Hz), and number of protons. High Resolution Mass (HRMS) spectra using DART mode were recorded on JEOL AccuTOF-CS. Agilent 7820A GC system and 5977B MSD was used to measure GC-MS. IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Nicolet NEXUS 670 FTIR and are reported in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). Enantiomeric ratio (er) values were determined by HPLC with the Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H column (Hexane/*i*-PrOH 99.5:0.5, 0.7 mL/min, 214 nm). Melting points were obtained and are uncorrected.

2. General Procedure for Iron-Catalyzed Multicomponent Cross-Coupling Reaction

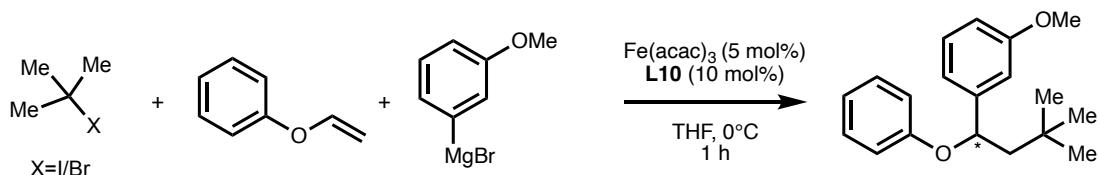
Procedure 1: Iron-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reaction



Standard-scale: A flame-dried 5 mL microwave vial with a stir bar was transferred into an argon-filled glovebox and the vial was charged with Fe(acac)₃ (2.1 mg, 3 mol %), 1,2-bis(dicyclohexylphosphanyl)ethane L1 (10.1 mg, 12 mol %), alkyl halide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and alkene (0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) (using oven-dried glass pipette to transfer alkyl halide and alkene

to the vial). The vial was sealed with a Teflon cap and brought out of the glovebox without solvent. THF (0.2 mL) was then added into the reaction mixture. The resulting red solution was stirred at room temperature for 5 min. The reaction mixture was then cooled to 0 °C and a R²MgBr solution (0.5–1.0 M solution in THF, 1.5 equiv.) was added slowly for 1 h using a syringe pump. Over which time the heterogeneous solution turned from red to colorless or yellow, brown, grass green or orange color (depending on R²MgBr and substrate). The resulting reaction mixture was then stirred at 0 °C for an additional 10 min. After completion, reaction mixture was quenched with a 1.0 M aqueous solution of hydrochloric acid (0.5 mL) and water (0.5 mL) and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 2 mL). The combined organic solution was filtered through a short pad of silica and evaporation of solvent gave a residue that was purified on silica gel column chromatography with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ to obtain product.

Procedure 2: Iron-Catalyzed Enantioselective Cross-Coupling Reaction



A flame-dried 5 mL microwave vial with a stir bar was transferred into an argon-filled glovebox and the vial was charged with Fe(acac)₃ (3.5 mg, 5 mol %), 1,2-bis(*tert*-butyl(methyl)phosphanyl)benzene **L10** (5.6 mg, 10 mol %), alkyl halide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and alkene (0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) (using oven-dried glass pipette to transfer alkyl halide and alkene to the vial). The vial was sealed with a Teflon cap and brought out of the glovebox without solvent. THF (0.2 mL) was then added into the reaction mixture. The resulting red solution was stirred at room temperature for 5 min. The reaction mixture was then cooled to 0 °C and a 3-methoxyphenyl Grignard solution (1.0 M solution in THF, 1.5 equiv.) was added slowly for 1 h using a syringe pump. The resulting reaction mixture was then stirred at 0 °C for an additional 10 min. After completion, reaction mixture was quenched with a 1.0 M aqueous solution of hydrochloric acid (0.5 mL) and water (0.5 mL) and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 2 mL). The combined organic solution was filtered through a short pad of silica and evaporation of solvent gave a residue that was purified on silica gel column chromatography with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ to obtain product.

3. Synthesis of 1-Chloro-4-(vinyloxy)benzene: In an oven dried round bottom flask, 2-bromoethyl 4-chlorophenyl ether (8.5 mmol, 2.0 g) and potassium *tert*-butoxide (12.1 mmol, 1.36 g) were stirred in dimethyl sulfoxide (29 mL) at room temperature for 2 h under nitrogen atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was then diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (25 x 2 mL). The organic solution was successively washed with brine (1 x 15 mL) and water (1 x 15 mL). The resulting organic solution was dried over sodium sulfate and then solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator. The crude residue was then purified on silica gel column chromatography using hexane and dichloromethane (99:1) as an eluent to obtain product (831 mg, 63% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.0 Hz 1H). Spectral data matched with the previously reported compound.¹

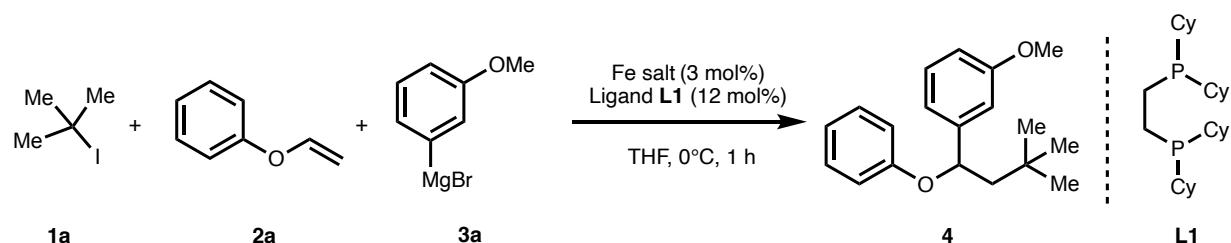
4. Screening of Reaction Conditions

Table S1. Screening of alkene loading

Entry	1a (equiv.)	2a (equiv.)	3a (equiv.)	Yield (%)	Recovered 2a (equiv.)
1	1	14	1.5	89	12.4
2	1	8	1.5	81	5.1
3	1	4	1.5	75	2.4
4	1	3	1.5	44	1.94
5	1	2	1.5	44	0.68
6	2	1	1.5	33	0.48

Reactions were performed with a 0.10 mmol scale, THF (0.1 mL) and Grignard addition for 1 h at 0 °C. Reactions were then stirred additional 10 min after Grignard addition. Yield and recovered **2a** were determined by crude ¹H NMR with CH₂Br₂ as internal standard.

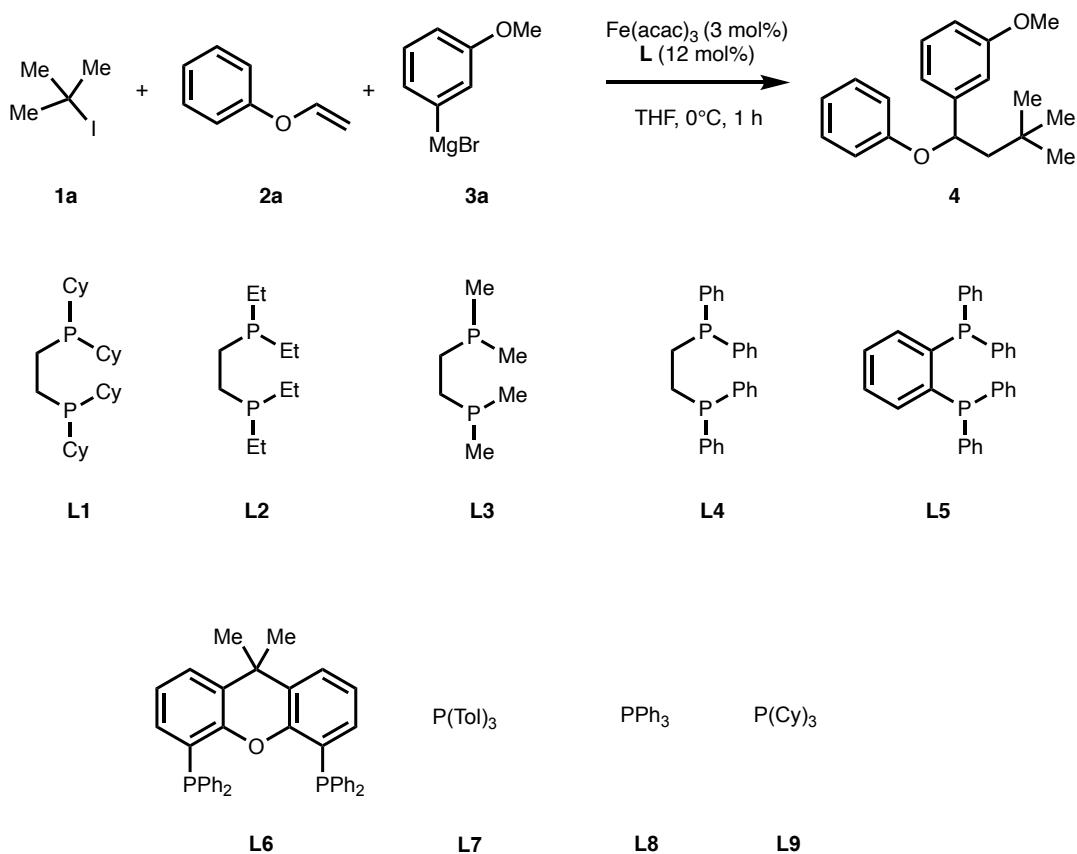
Table S2. Screening of iron salts



Entry	1a (equiv.)	2a (equiv.)	3a (equiv.)	Fe salt	Yield (%)	Recovered 2a (equiv.)
1	1	4	1.5	Fe(acac) ₃	75	2.40
2	1	4	1.5	FeCl ₂	69	2.36
3	1	4	1.5	FeBr ₂	63	2.20
4	1	4	1.5	FeCl ₃	60	2.80
5	1	4	1.5	Fe(OTf) ₂	63	0.28

Reactions were performed with a 0.10 mmol scale, THF (0.1 mL) and Grignard addition for 1 h at 0 °C. Reactions were then stirred additional 10 min after Grignard addition. Yield and recovered **2a** were determined by crude ¹H NMR with CH₂Br₂ as internal standard.

Table S3. Screening of ligands

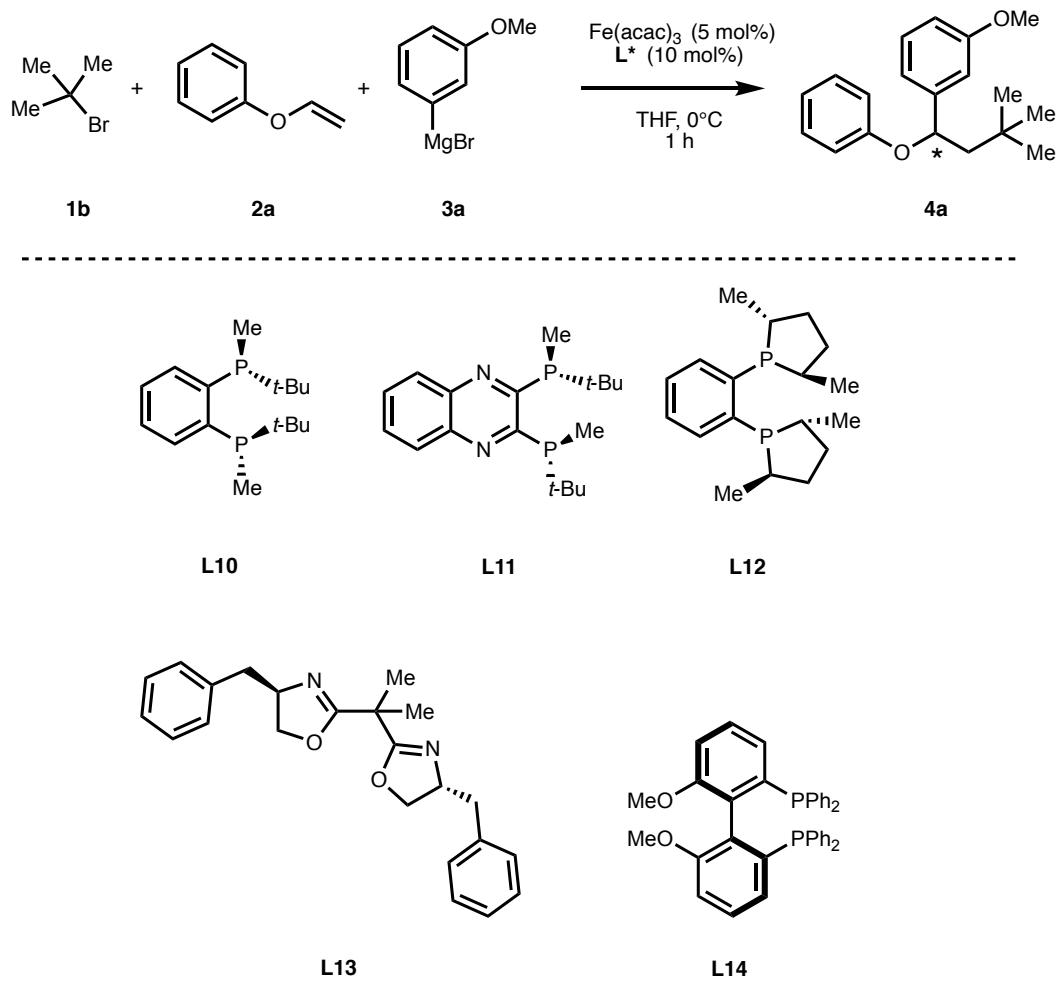


Entry	Ligand (L)	Yield (%)	Recovered 2a (equiv.)
1	L1	75	2.4
2	L2	0	--
3	L3	0	--
4	L4	45	3.1
5	L5	0	--
6	L6	0	--
7	L7	0	--
8	L8	0	--
9	L9	0	--

10	No L	0	--
11	No Fe, No L	0	--
12	neat	67	2.7

Reactions were performed with a 0.10 mmol scale of *tert*-butyl iodide, 4 equiv. of alkene, 1.5 equiv. of Grignard reagent, THF (0.1 mL) and Grignard addition for 1 h at 0 °C. Reactions were then stirred additional 10 min after Grignard addition. Yield and recovered **2a** were determined by crude ¹H NMR with CH₂Br₂ as internal standard.

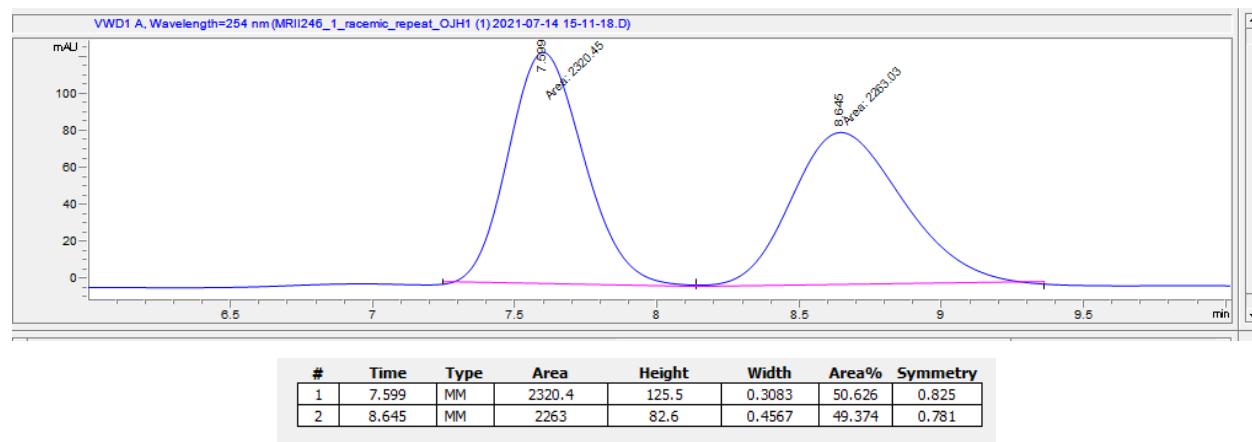
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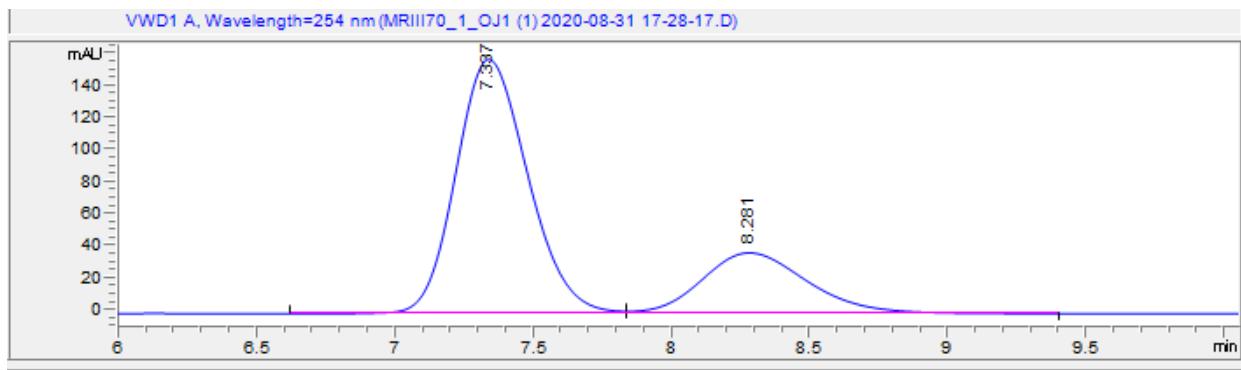
Entry	Ligand (L)	Yield (%)	Enantiomeric Ratio (er)
1	L10	58	75:25
2	L11	22	28:72
3	L12	18	73:27
4	L13	0	--
5	L14	0	--

Reactions were performed with a 0.20 mmol scale of *tert*-butyl bromide, 4 equiv. of alkene, 1.5 equiv. of Grignard reagent, THF (0.2 mL) and Grignard addition for 1 h at 0 °C. Reactions were then stirred additional 10 min after Grignard addition. Yield determined by crude ¹H NMR with CH₂Br₂ as internal standard for all entries except entry 1 (isolated yield as an average of 4 trials). Enantiomeric ratio determined by chiral HPLC. Enantiomeric ratio of entry 2 determined as an average of 4 trials. Enantiomeric ratio of entries 3 and 4 determined as an average of 2 trials. Enantiomeric ratio (er) values were determined by HPLC with the Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H column (Hexane/*i*-PrOH 99.5:0.5, 0.7 mL/min, 214 nm).

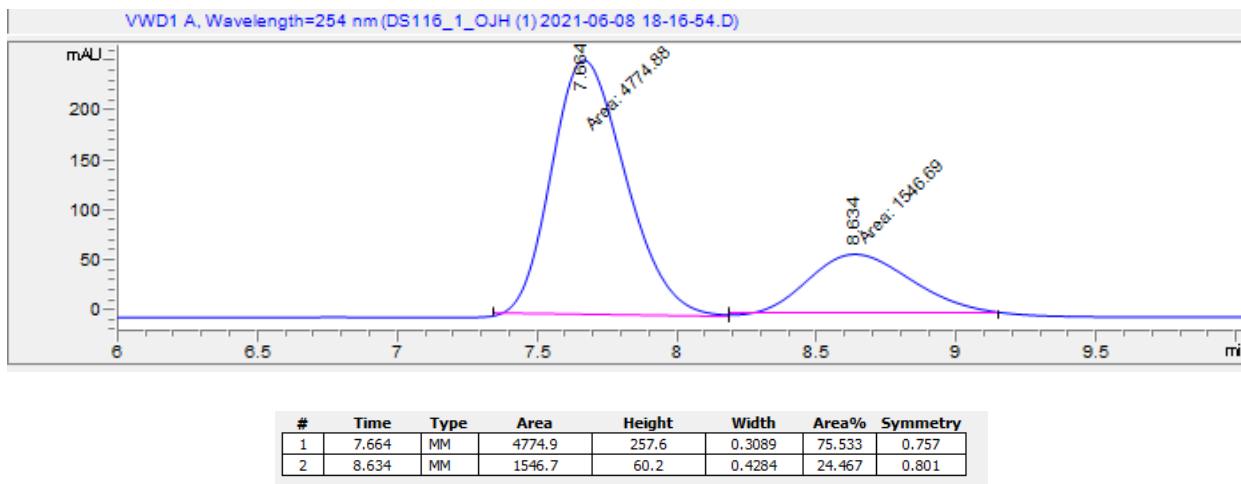
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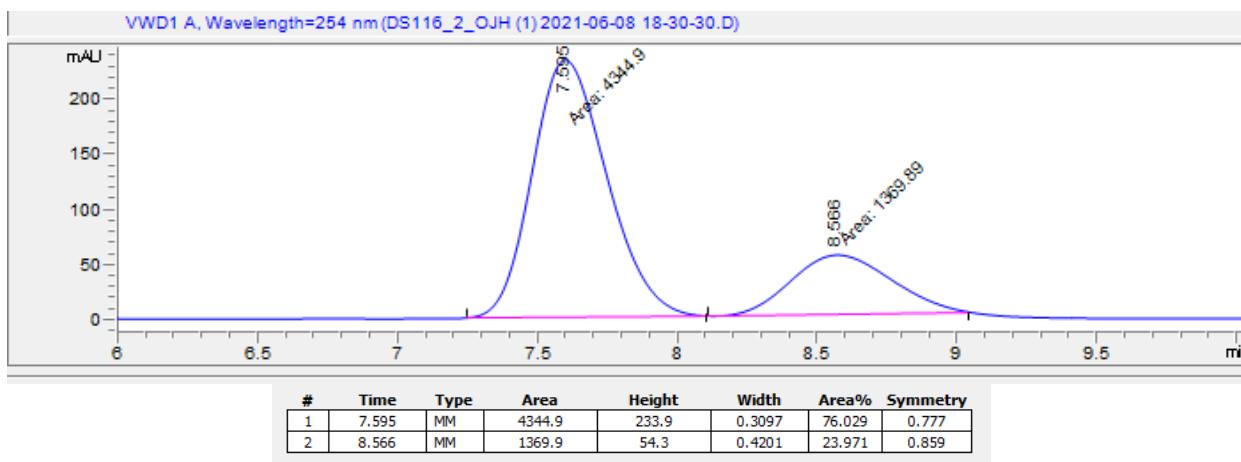
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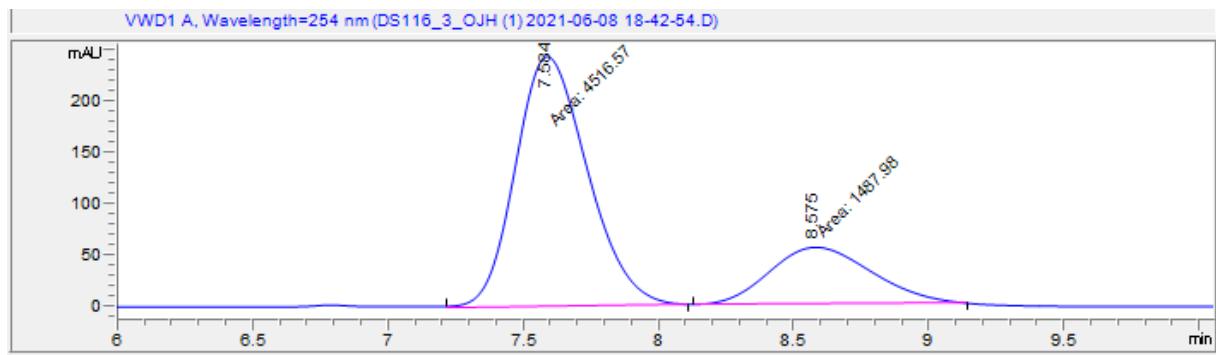
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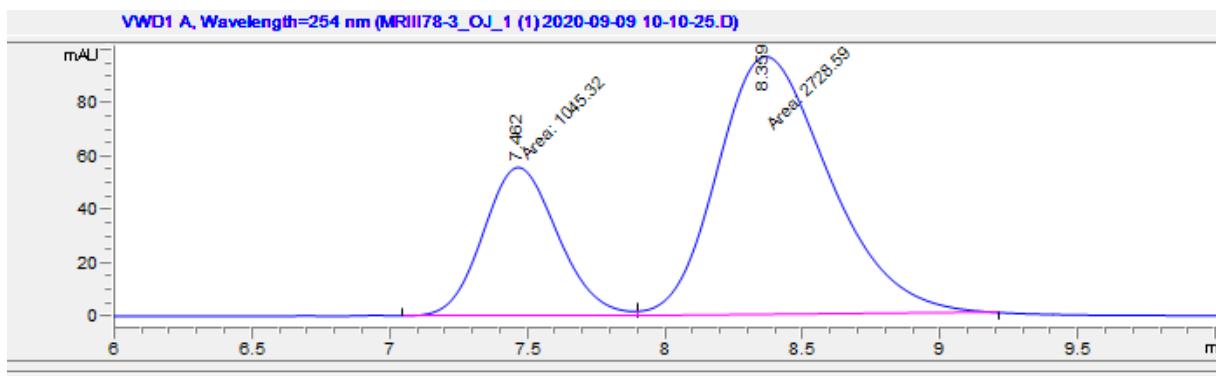


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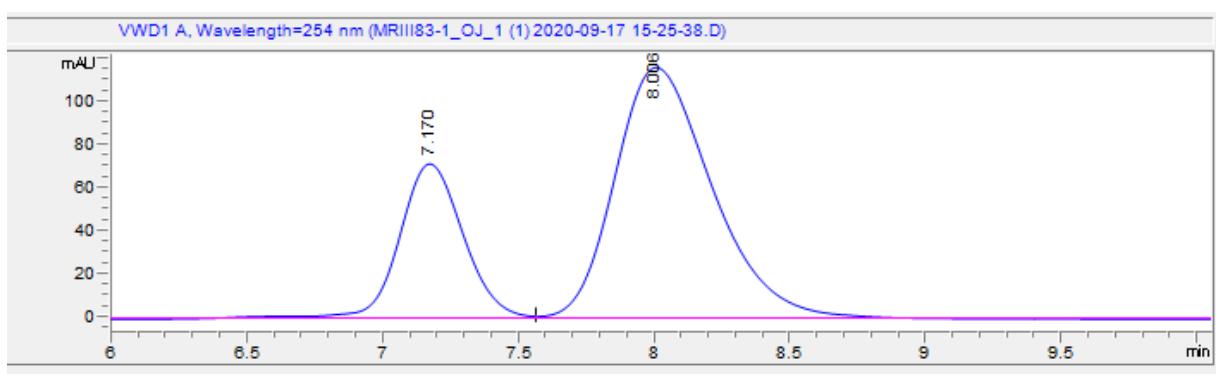
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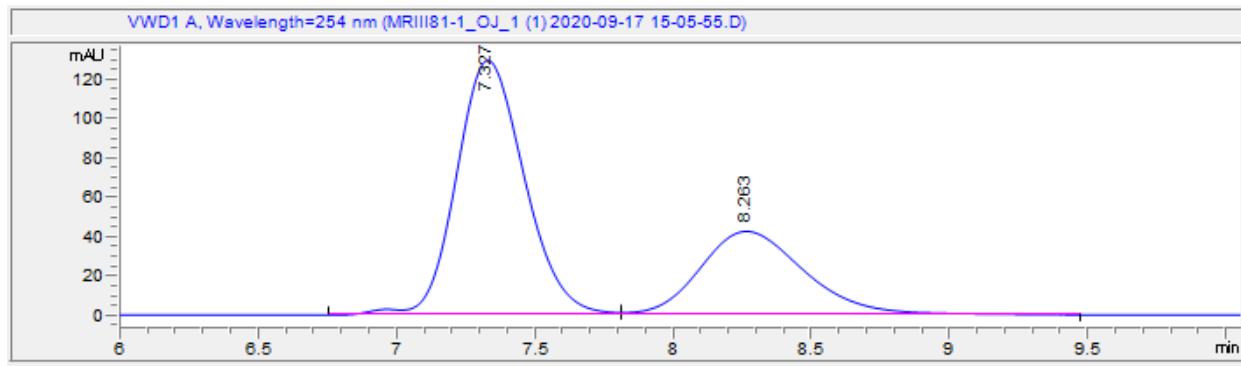
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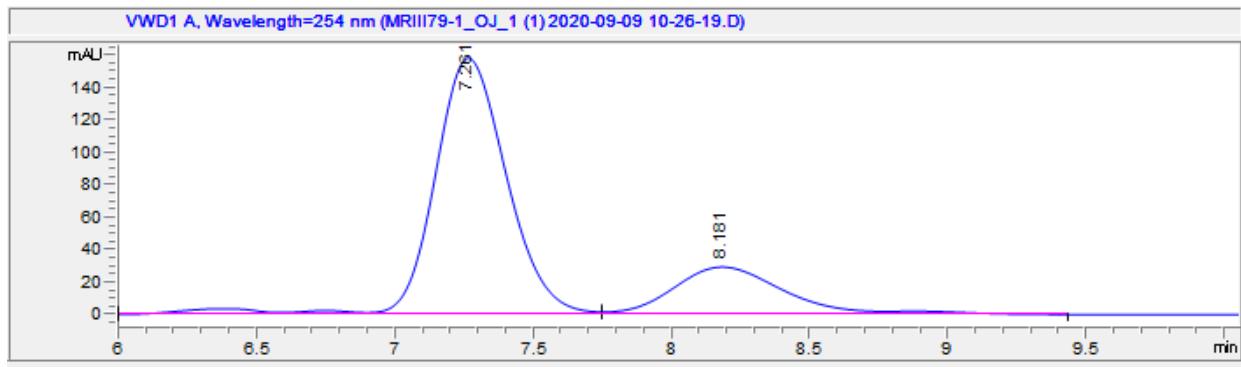


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2	8.006	VB	2952.3	117.1	0.3882	70.798	0.697

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HPLC Trace 9 (entry 3, L12, run 2)



5. Substrate Limitations

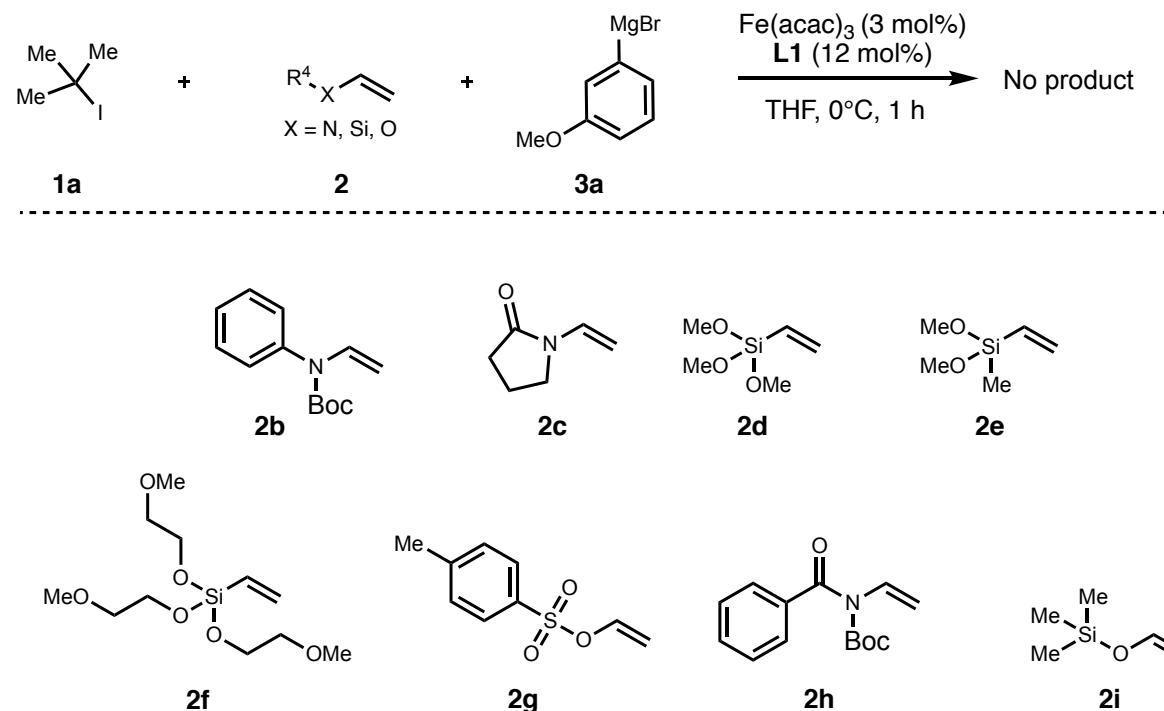


Figure S1. Unsuccessful electron-rich alkenes. All reactions were performed under the optimized conditions (Table 1, entry 1) using 0.2 mmol of alkyl halide and yielded none of the desired product.

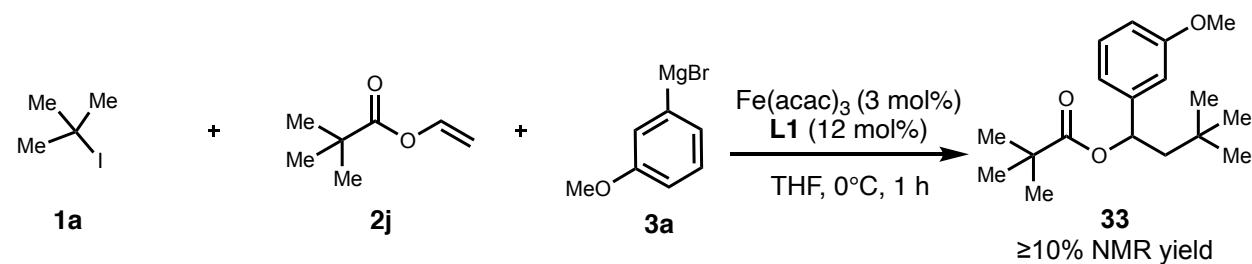


Figure S2. Dicarbofunctionalization of vinyl acetate 2j (4.0 equiv., 0.4 mmol) with *tert*-butyl iodide 1a (1.0 equiv., 0.1 mmol) and 3-methoxyphenyl magnesium bromide 3a (1.5 equiv., 0.15 mmol) to give product 33 ($\geq 10\%$ NMR yield.) The reaction was performed under the optimized conditions (Table 1, entry 1) using 0.1 mmol of alkyl halide.

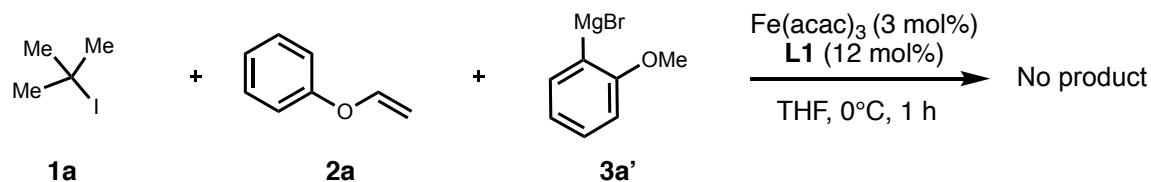
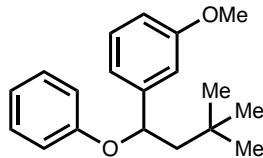


Figure S3. Unsuccessful reaction of phenyl vinyl ether 2a (14.0 equiv., 1.4 mmol) with *tert*-butyl iodide 1a (1.0 equiv., 0.1 mmol) and *ortho*-methoxyphenyl magnesium bromide 3a' (1.5 equiv., 0.15 mmol).

6. Product Characterization Data



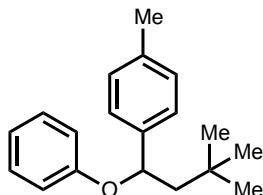
1-(3,3-Dimethyl-1-phenoxybutyl)-3-methoxybenzene (4): Compound **4** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 3-methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide (0.3 mL, 1.0 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **4** was obtained as a colorless liquid (40 mg, 71% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (9:1) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (22:3)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.28-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.95-6.84 (m, 5H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.06 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 160.0, 158.2, 145.7, 129.8, 129.4 (2C), 120.6, 118.1, 115.9 (2C), 112.5, 111.4, 78.0, 53.3, 52.9, 30.9, 30.3 (3C);

IR (film) 2953, 2835, 1598, 1585, 1491, 1364, 1234, 1064, 750, 690 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (DART) calcd for C₁₉H₂₄O₂ [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 302.2120; found: 302.2125.



1-(3,3-Dimethyl-1-phenoxybutyl)-4-methylbenzene (5): Compound **5** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and *p*-tolylmagnesium bromide (0.3 mL, 1.0 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **5** was obtained as a white solid (37 mg, 70% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (99:1).

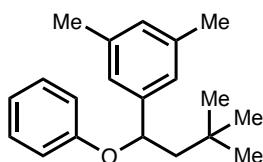
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.23-7.11 (m, 6H), 6.86-6.81 (m, 3H), 5.18 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.03 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 158.2, 140.9, 136.9, 129.4, 129.4 (2C), 125.7 (2C), 120.5, 115.9 (2C), 77.9, 53.0, 30.9 (2C), 30.3 (3C), 21.3;

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HRMS (DART) calcd for C₁₉H₂₄O [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 286.2171; found: 286.2175.



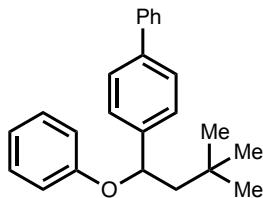
1-(3,3-Dimethyl-1-phenoxybutyl)-3,5-dimethylbenzene (6): Compound **6** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and (3,5-dimethylphenyl) magnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **6** was obtained as a colorless liquid (32 mg, 57% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (99:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.21-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.95 (s, 2H), 6.88-6.83 (m, 4H), 5.13 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 2.03 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 10 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.03 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 158.4, 143.9, 138.2 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 129.0, 123.4 (2C), 120.5, 115.9 (2C), 78.3, 53.1, 31.0, 30.3 (3C), 21.5 (2C);

IR (film) 2952, 2866, 1597, 1586, 1493, 1237, 1057, 847, 751, 689 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (DART) calcd for C₂₀H₂₆O [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 300.2327; found: 300.2319.



4-(3,3-Dimethyl-1-phenoxybutyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (7): Compound **7** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **7** was obtained as a white solid (37 mg, 56% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (49:1) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂(24:1).

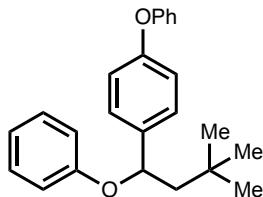
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.58-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 3H), 5.27 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.06 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 158.2, 142.9, 141.0, 140.2, 129.5 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 127.3, 127.2 (2C), 126.2 (2C), 120.6, 115.9 (2C), 77.9, 53.0, 31.0, 30.3 (3C);

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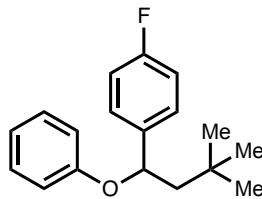
1-(3,3-Dimethyl-1-phenoxybutyl)-4-phenoxybenzene (8): Compound **8** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and (4-phenoxyphenyl) magnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **8** was obtained as a colorless liquid (42 mg, 61% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (43:7) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (21:4).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.34-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.94 (m, 4H), 6.89-6.82 (m, 3H), 5.20 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.03 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 158.1, 157.3, 156.5, 138.6, 129.9 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 127.2 (2C), 123.4, 120.6, 119.1 (2C), 119.0 (2C), 116.0 (2C), 77.6, 52.9, 30.9, 30.3 (3C);

IR (film) 2953, 2866, 1587, 1504, 1487, 1230, 1165, 1052, 871, 750, 689 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (DART) calcd for C₂₄H₂₆O₂ [M-H]⁺ m/z = 345.1845; found: 345.1858.



1-(3,3-Dimethyl-1-phenoxybutyl)-4-fluorobenzene (9): Compound 9 was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-fluorophenylmagnesium bromide (0.3 mL, 1.0 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product 9 was obtained as a colorless liquid (25 mg, 46% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (99:1).

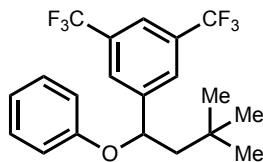
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.84 (m, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 5.19 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (s, 9H);.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 163.2 (*J*_{C-F} = 243.6 Hz), 157.9, 139.55 (*J*_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz), 129.5 (2C), 127.4 (*J*_{C-F} = 8.0 Hz, 2C), 120.8, 115.9 (2C), 115.7 (*J*_{C-F} = 21.3 Hz, 2C), 77.4, 52.9, 30.9, 30.3 (3C);

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -115.530;

IR (film) 2954, 2868, 1598, 1509, 1494, 1365, 1223, 1155, 1053, 834, 752, 690 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (DART) calcd for C₁₈H₂₁FO [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 290.1920; found: 290.1919.



1-(3,3-Dimethyl-1-phenoxybutyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene (10): Compound **10** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **10** was obtained as a white solid (22 mg, 28% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (99:1).

mp: 54-55 °C;

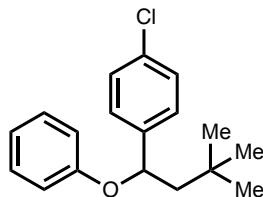
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.78 (s, 2H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.94-6.90 (m, 1H), 6.80-6.77 (m, 2H), 5.32 (dd, *J* = 10, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 10 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.4, 146.7, 132.2 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 33.1 Hz, 2C), 129.7 (4C), 126.0 (2C), 121.5 (2C), 115.8 (2C), 77.2, 52.8, 31.1, 30.3 (3C);

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -105.67, -105.82;

IR (film) 2958, 1590, 1494, 1348, 1276, 1234, 1168, 1130, 895, 752, 682 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (DART) calcd for C₂₀H₂₀F₆O [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 408.1762; found: 408.1769.



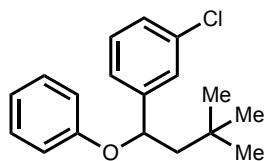
1-Chloro-4-(3,3-dimethyl-1-phenoxybutyl)benzene (11): Compound **11** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and (4-chlorophenyl)magnesium bromide (0.3 mL, 1.0 M solution in diethyl ether, 0.3 mmol). The product **11** was obtained as a colorless liquid (38 mg, 66% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (99:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.30-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.85 (m, 1H), 6.80-6.78 (m, 2H), 5.18 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.9, 142.4, 133.0, 129.5 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 127.2 (2C), 120.8, 115.9 (2C), 77.4, 52.8, 30.9, 30.3 (3C);

IR (film) 2954, 2866, 1598, 1587, 1491, 1235, 1172, 1087, 1053, 883, 822, 751, 690 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (DART) calcd for C₁₈H₂₁ClO [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 306.1624; found: 306.1613.



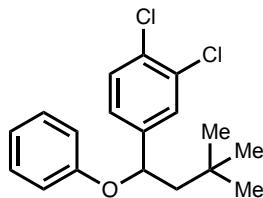
1-Chloro-3-(3,3-dimethyl-1-phenoxybutyl)benzene (12): Compound **12** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and (3-chlorophenyl)magnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **12** was obtained as a colorless liquid (36 mg, 62% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (99:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 5H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.18 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.04 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.8, 146.1, 134.7, 130.1, 129.5 (2C), 127.5, 125.9, 123.9, 120.9, 115.8 (2C), 77.5, 52.8, 31.0, 30.3 (3C);

IR (film) 2954, 2867, 1596, 1586, 1492, 1475, 1234, 1077, 1053, 885, 785, 751, 689 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (DART) calcd for C₁₈H₂₁ClO [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 306.1624; found: 306.1627.



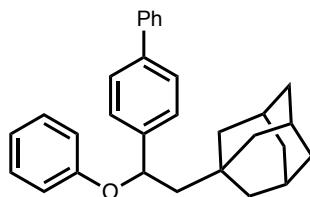
1,2-Dichloro-4-(3,3-dimethyl-1-phenoxybutyl)benzene (13): Compound **13** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and (3,4-dichlorophenyl)magnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **13** was obtained as a colorless liquid (22 mg, 34% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (99:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.42 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 3H), 6.91-6.87 (m, 1H), 6.79-6.77 (m, 2H), 5.14 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.6, 144.3, 132.9, 131.3, 130.8, 129.6 (2C), 127.8, 125.2, 121.1, 115.8 (2C), 77.0, 52.7, 31.0, 30.2 (3C);

IR (film) 2954, 2868, 1598, 1587, 1493, 1472, 1234, 1152, 1055, 1029, 887, 751, 689;

HRMS (DART) calcd for C₁₈H₂₀Cl₂O [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 340.1234; found: 340.1232.



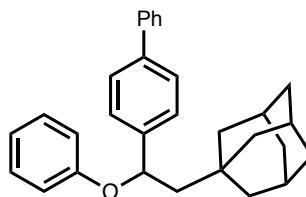
1-(2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-phenoxyethyl)adamantine (14): Compound **14** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using iodoadamantane (52.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **14** was obtained as a white solid (40 mg, 49% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (23:2) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (9:1).

mp: 143-144 °C;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.58-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 3H), 5.32 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.02-1.96 (m, 4H), 1.74-1.64 (m, 12H), 1.49 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 158.1, 143.1, 141.0, 140.1, 129.4 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 127.3, 127.2 (2C), 126.2 (2C), 120.6, 116.0 (2C), 76.3, 54.0, 43.1 (3C), 37.2 (3C), 33.0, 28.9 (3C); **IR (film)** 3027, 2898, 2845, 1598, 1586, 1492, 1448, 1234, 1171, 1007, 751, 691 cm⁻¹;

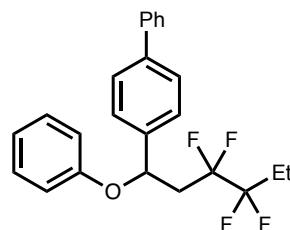
HRMS (DART) calcd for C₃₀H₃₂O [M-H]⁻ m/z = 407.2374; found: 407.2382.



1-(2-((1,1'-Biphenyl)-4-yl)-2-phenoxyethyl)adamantine (15): Compound **15** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using bromoadamantane (43 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **15** was obtained as a white solid (30 mg, 37% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (23:2) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (9:1).

mp: 143-144 °C;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.57-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.84 (m, 3H), 5.30 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.00-1.94 (m, 4H), 1.72-1.62 (m, 12H), 1.47 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H); Spectral data matched compound **14**.



4-(3,3,4,4-Tetrafluoro-1-phenoxyhexyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (16): Compound **16** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using 1-bromo-1,1,2,2-tetrafluorobutane (41.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **16** was obtained as a white solid (70 mg, 87%

yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (24:1) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (47:3).

mp: 88-89 °C;

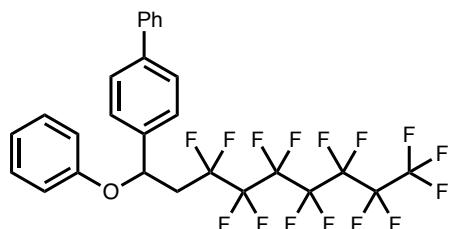
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.60-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.89 (m, 3H), 5.61 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.94-2.79 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.46 (m, 1H), 2.14-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.8, 141.2, 140.7, 140.2, 129.5 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 127.7 (2C), 127.6, 127.2 (2C), 126.5 (2C), 122.2-115.3 (2C), 121.4, 116.3 (2C), 74.1, 39.2 (t, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 23.4 (t, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 5.0 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz);

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -112.84 to -113.58 (m, 1F), -113.96 to -114.70 (m, 1F), -117.33 to -117.36 (m, 2F);

IR (film) 3030, 2991, 2950, 1598, 1492, 1289, 1235, 1172, 1101, 1084, 1003, 851, 752, 689 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (DART) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂F₄O [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 420.1951; found: 420.1954.



4-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,9-Pentadecafluoro-1-phenoxy)phenyl (17):

Compound **17** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using 1-bromo-1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,7-pentadecafluoroheptane (89.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **17** was obtained as a white solid (82 mg, 64% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (9:1) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (22:3).

mp: 95-96 °C;

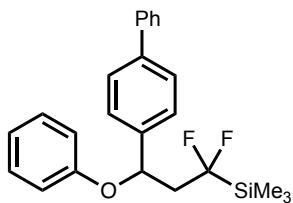
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.61-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.95-6.88 (m, 3H), 5.61 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.02-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.49 (m, 1H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 157.5, 141.5, 140.6, 139.3, 129.6 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 127.7, 127.2 (2C), 126.4 (2C), 121.7, 120.0-108.4 (7C) 116.3 (2C), 73.6, 40.0 (t, J = 20.7 Hz);

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = -111.86 to -113.61 (m, 2F), -121.46 to -123.46 (m, 10F), -126.05 to -126.14 (m, 3F);

IR (film) 3016, 2926, 2862, 2604, 2359, 2337, 2186, 2032, 1215, 771, 667 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (DART) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_{15}\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$]⁺ m/z = 660.1383; found: 660.1364.



(3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-1,1-difluoro-3-phenoxypropyl)trimethylsilane (18): Compound **18** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using (bromodifluoromethyl)trimethylsilane (40.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **18** was obtained as a colorless liquid (52 mg, 65% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/ CH_2Cl_2 (23:2) to hexane/ CH_2Cl_2 (9:1).

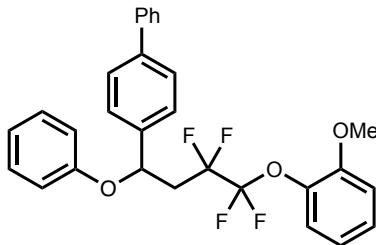
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.58-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.88 (m, 3H), 5.59 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.78-2.61 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.24 (m, 1H), 0.22 (s, 9H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 157.4, 140.8, 140.8 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 127.5, 127.2 (2C), 126.5 (2C), 121.1 (2C), 116.2 (2C), 74.0 (dd, J = 10.4, 4.2 Hz), 45.8 (t, J = 20.4 Hz), -4.2 (3C);

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = -107.82 to -108.69 (m, 1F), -113.16 to -114.02 (m, 1F);

IR (film) 3030, 2959, 1598, 1489, 1232, 1172, 1082, 1063, 1007, 956, 844, 752, 690 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (DART) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{OSi}$ [$\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$]⁺ m/z = 414.2064; found: 414.2059.



4-(3,3,4,4-Tetrafluoro-4-(2-methoxyphenoxy)-1-phenoxybutyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (19):

Compound **19** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using 1-(2-bromo-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)-2-methoxybenzene (60.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **19** was obtained as a colorless liquid (91 mg, 92% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (43:7) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (21:4).

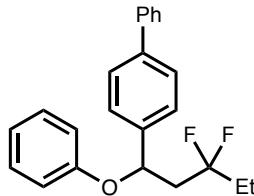
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.61-7.51 (m, 6H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 4H), 6.98-6.89 (m, 5H), 5.73 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.12-2.97 (m, 1H), 2.81-2.67 (m, 1H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.8, 152.5, 141.2, 140.7, 140.1, 137.9, 129.5 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 127.7 (2C), 127.6, 127.6, 127.2 (2C), 126.6 (2C), 124.0, 121.4, 120.7, 120.2-113.6 (2C), 116.4 (2C), 112.9, 74.1, 56.1, 40.3 (t, *J* = 20.9 Hz);

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -114.29 to -115.01 (m, 2F), -116.04 to -116.74 (m, 2F);

IR (film) 3030, 2925, 2841, 1598, 1501, 1493, 1456, 1261, 1237, 1189, 1170, 1105, 1025, 1007, 750, 692 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (DART) calcd for C₂₉H₂₄F₄O₃ [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 514.2005; found: 514.1995.



4-(3,3-Difluoro-1-phenoxypropyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (20): Compound **20** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using 1-bromo-1,1-difluoropropane (31.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **20** was obtained as a colorless liquid (37 mg, 52% yield)

after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (22:3) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (43:7).

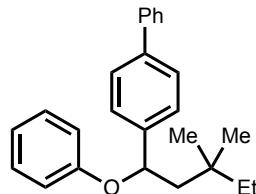
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.58-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.87 (m, 3H), 5.46 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.76-2.61 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.27 (m, 1H), 2.06-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.6, 141.0, 140.7, 140.4, 129.6 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 127.7 (2C), 127.5, 127.2 (2C), 126.4 (2C), 124.5, 121.3, 116.4 (2C), 75.1 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 3.3 Hz), 45.0 (t, *J* = 26 Hz), 30.2 (t, *J* = 25.4 Hz), 6.8 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 4.8 Hz);

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -95.07 (d, *J* = 64.8 Hz, 1F), -97.98 (d, *J* = 64.8 Hz, 1F);

IR (film) 3030, 2941, 2853, 1598, 1492, 1377, 1235, 1007, 965, 887, 754, 691 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (DART) calcd for C₂₃H₂₂F₂O [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 370.1982; found: 370.1996.



4-(3,3-Dimethyl-1-phenoxypropyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (21): Compound **21** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using 2-bromo-2-methylbutane (30.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **21** was obtained as a white solid (35 mg, 51% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (24:1) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (47:3).

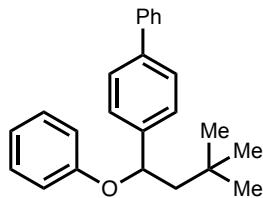
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.58-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.87-6.84 (m, 3H), 5.25 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.46-1.31 (m, 2H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 6H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 158.2, 143.0, 141.0, 140.2, 129.4 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 127.3, 127.2 (2C), 126.1 (2C), 120.6, 115.9 (2C), 77.6, 50.5, 35.1, 33.5, 27.5, 27.5, 8.7;

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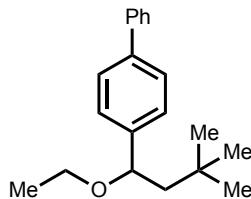
HRMS (DART) calcd for $C_{25}H_{28}O$ $[M+NH_4]^+$ m/z = 362.2483; found: 362.2484.



4-(3,3-Dimethyl-1-phenoxybutyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (22): Compound **22** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl chloride (18.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **22** was obtained as a white solid (26 mg, 39% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (49:1) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (24:1).

mp: 140-141 °C;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.60-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.87 (m, 3H), 5.28 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.08 (s, 9H); Spectral data matched compound **7**.



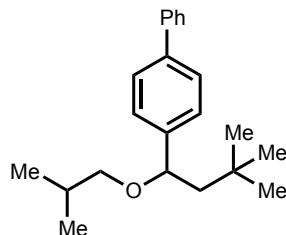
4-(1-Ethoxy-3,3-dimethylbutyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (23): Compound **23** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), ethyl vinyl ether (57.6 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **23** was obtained as a colorless liquid (20 mg, 36% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (23:2) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (9:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.60-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 3H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.40-3.29 (m, 2H), 1.83 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (s, 9H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 143.9, 141.2, 140.2, 128.9 (2C), 127.3, 127.2 (2C), 127.2 (2C), 126.9 (2C), 79.9, 64.1, 52.3, 30.8, 30.4 (3C), 15.6;

IR (film) 2917, 2849, 1486, 1364, 1215, 1091, 838, 751, 697, 668 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (DART) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{O} [\text{M}^+ \text{NH}_4]^+$ m/z = 300.2327; found: 300.2331.



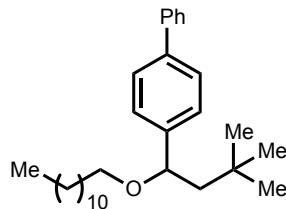
4-(1-Isobutoxy-3,3-dimethylbutyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (24): Compound 24 was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), isobutyl vinyl ether (80.1 mg, 0.4 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product 24 was obtained as a colorless liquid (20 mg, 33% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (24:1) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (47:3).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.61-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 3H), 4.32 (dd, J = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 8.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, J = 8.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.87-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.44 (dd, J = 14.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.90 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.8 Hz, 6H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 144.1, 141.2, 140.1, 128.9 (2C), 127.3, 127.2 (4C), 126.9 (2C), 80.2, 75.9, 52.6, 30.8, 30.4 (3C), 28.9, 19.9, 19.8;

IR (film) 2954, 2917, 2849, 1486, 1472, 1364, 1215, 1099, 838, 754, 697 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (DART) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{30}\text{O} [\text{M}^+ \text{NH}_4]^+$ m/z = 328.2640; found: 328.2632.



4-(1-(Dodecyloxy)-3,3-dimethylbutyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (25): Compound 25 was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol),

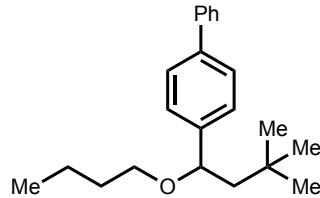
1-(vinyloxy)dodecane (169.6 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **25** was obtained as a colorless liquid (25 mg, 29% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (23:2) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (9:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.61-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 3H), 4.34 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.33-3.19 (m, 2H), 1.83 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.58-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.46 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.30-1.25 (m, 18H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.0, 141.2, 140.1, 128.9 (2C), 127.3, 127.2 (2C), 127.2 (2C), 126.9 (2C), 80.1, 69.0, 52.5, 32.1, 30.8, 30.4 (3C), 30.2, 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.6, 29.5, 26.5, 22.9, 14.3;

IR (film) 3028, 2923, 2853, 1486, 1465, 1363, 1101, 1008, 838, 753, 696 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (DART) calcd for C₃₀H₄₆O [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 440.3892; found: 440.3886.



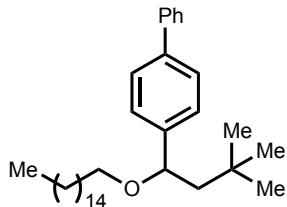
4-(1-Butoxy-3,3-dimethylbutyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (26): Compound **26** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 1-(vinyloxy)butane (80.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **26** was obtained as a colorless liquid (26 mg, 42% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (22:3) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (43:7).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.61-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 3H), 4.34 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.33-3.20 (m, 2H), 1.82 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.57-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.45 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.40-1.34 (m, 2H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.0, 141.2, 140.1, 128.9 (2C), 127.3, 127.2 (2C), 127.2 (2C), 126.9 (2C), 80.1, 68.7, 52.5, 32.4, 30.8, 30.4 (3C), 19.7, 14.1;

IR (film) 3028, 2954, 2929, 2865, 1600, 1486, 1464, 1363, 1098, 1008, 837, 769, 753, 696 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (DART) calcd for C₂₂H₃₀O [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 328.2640; found: 328.2638.



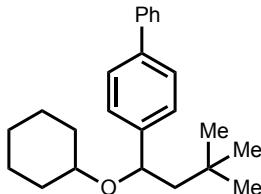
4-(1-(Hexadecyloxy)-3,3-dimethylbutyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (27): Compound **27** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 1-(vinyloxy)hexadecane (214.7 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **27** was obtained as a colorless liquid (28 mg, 29% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (9:1) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (22:3).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.61-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 3H), 4.33 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.32-3.19 (m, 2H), 1.82 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.59 -1.51 (m, 2H), 1.45 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.28-1.25 (m, 26H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.0, 141.2, 140.1, 128.9 (2C), 127.3, 127.2 (4C), 126.9 (2C), 80.1, 69.0, 52.4, 32.1, 30.8, 30.4 (3C), 30.2, 29.9 (4C), 29.8 (2C), 29.8, 29.8, 29.6, 29.5, 26.5, 22.9, 14.3;

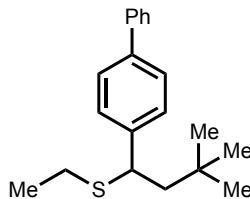
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HRMS (DART) calcd for C₃₄H₅₄O [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 496.4518; found: 496.4529.



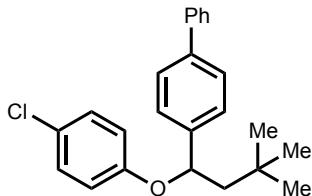
4-(1-(Cyclohexyloxy)-3,3-dimethylbutyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (28): Compound **28** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), (vinyloxy)cyclohexane (100.9 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **28** was obtained as a colorless liquid (28 mg, 41% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (21:4) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (41:9).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.61-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 3H), 4.60 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.17-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.05-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.62 (m, 4H), 1.42 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.37-1.27 (m, 2H), 1.22-1.07 (m, 4H), 1.00 (s, 9H);
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.9, 141.2, 139.9, 128.9 (2C), 127.2, 127.2 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 76.5, 75.1, 52.9, 34.1, 31.8, 30.9, 30.4 (3C), 26.0, 24.6, 24.5;
IR (film) 3027, 2929, 2855, 1600, 1486, 1449, 1362, 1258, 1087, 1064, 838, 754, 696 cm⁻¹;
HRMS (DART) calcd for C₂₄H₃₂O [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 354.2796; found: 354.2796.



(1-((1,1'-Biphenyl)-4-yl)-3,3-dimethylbutyl)(ethyl)sulfane (29): Compound **29** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), ethyl vinyl sulfide (70.5 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **29** was obtained as a colorless liquid (18 mg, 31% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (49:1) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (24:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.61-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 3H), 3.94 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.30-2.17 (m, 2H), 1.98 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H);
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 143.7, 140.9, 139.6, 128.9 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 127.3, 127.1 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 50.1, 45.6, 31.8, 30.2 (3C), 25.4, 14.5;
IR (film) 3027, 2955, 2926, 2865, 1601, 1486, 1364, 1265, 1007, 843, 762, 696 cm⁻¹;
HRMS (DART) calcd for C₂₀H₂₆S [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 316.2099; found: 316.2092.



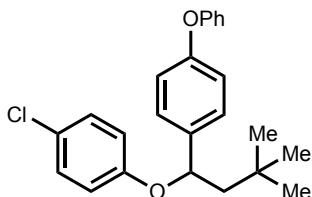
4-(1-(4-Chlorophenoxy)-3,3-dimethylbutyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (30): Compound **30** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 1-chloro-4-(vinyloxy)benzene (123.2 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **30** was obtained as a colorless liquid (52 mg, 71% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (24:1) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (47:3).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.58-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.20 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 156.7, 142.3, 140.9, 140.5, 129.4 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 127.4, 127.2 (2C), 126.1 (2C), 125.6, 117.2 (2C), 78.4, 52.8, 31.0, 30.3 (3C);

IR (film) 3028, 2953, 2866, 1596, 1487, 1364, 1235, 1168, 1052, 1006, 990, 821, 752, 696, 665 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (DART) calcd for C₂₄H₂₅ClO [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 382.1937; found: 382.1935.



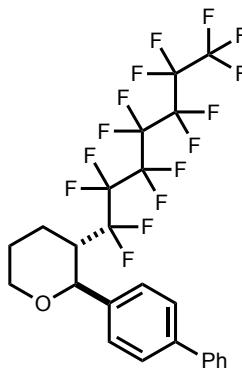
1-Chloro-4-(3,3-dimethyl-1-(4-phenoxyphenyl)butoxy)benzene (31): Compound **31** was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using *tert*-butyl iodide (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 1-chloro-4-(vinyloxy)benzene (123.2 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-Phenoxyphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **31** was obtained as a colorless liquid (50 mg, 66% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (24:1) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (47:3).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.35-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.08 (m, 3H), 7.01-6.94 (m, 4H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.14 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.1, 156.7, 137.9, 129.9 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 125.5, 123.5 (2C), 119.2 (2C), 119.0 (2C), 117.2 (2C), 78.2, 52.8, 30.9, 30.3 (3C);

IR (film) 3038, 2953, 2866, 1589, 1486, 1231, 1165, 1051, 989, 821, 752, 691, 665 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (DART) calcd for C₂₄H₂₅ClO₂ [M-H]⁻ m/z = 379.1464; found: 379.1480.



***trans*-2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-(perfluoroheptyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran (32):** Compound 32 was synthesized following the general procedure 1 (standard-scale), using 1-bromo-1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,7-pentadecafluoroheptane (89.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), 3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran (67.2 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product 32 was obtained as a brown solid (38 mg, 31% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (24:1) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (47:3).

mp: 84-85 °C;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.61-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.13-4.09 (m, 1H), 3.63-3.57 (m, 1H), 2.78-2.71 (m, 1H), 2.29-2.26 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.79 (m, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 141.3, 141.0, 139.7 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 128.9 (3C), 127.8 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 127.4, 127.3 (4C), 121.6-107.7 (7C), 79.5, 68.5, 45.0 (t, *J* = 18.6 Hz), 24.8, 23.7;

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -104.64 to -105.53 (m, 1F), -116.41 to -123.85 (m, 14F);

IR (film) 3062, 2959, 2860, 1990, 1971, 1684, 1558, 1456, 1219, 772, 684, 659 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (DART) calcd for C₂₄H₁₇F₁₅O [M+NH₄]⁺ m/z = 624.1383; found: 624.1398.

The stereochemistry of compound **32** was studied by 2D NOESY Spectrum (spectral data, compound **32**). The absence of ^1H - ^1H interaction between CH proton “a” and CH proton “b” indicates that both vicinal protons are in the *trans* diastereomer.

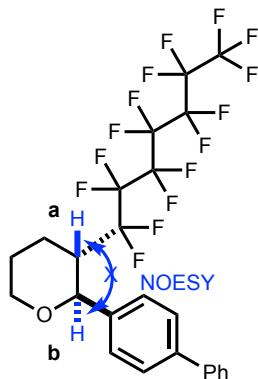
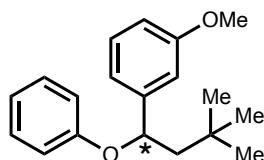
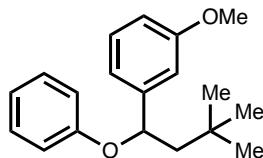


Figure S4: Confirmed the structure of **32** as *trans* based on NOESY NMR.



1-(3,3-Dimethyl-1-phenoxybutyl)-3-methoxybenzene (4a): Compound **4a** was synthesized following the general procedure 2, using *tert*-butyl bromide (27.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (96.1 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 3-methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide (0.3 mL, 1.0 M solution in THF, 0.3 mmol). The product **4a** was obtained as a colorless liquid (33 mg, 58% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (9:1) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (22:3)

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.28-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.95-6.84 (m, 5H), 6.78 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (dd, J = 9.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.06 (dd, J = 14.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (dd, J = 14.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (s, 9H); Spectral data matched compound **4**.



1-(3,3-Dimethyl-1-phenoxybutyl)-3-methoxybenzene (4)-gram-scale: Compound **4** was synthesized following the general procedure 1, using *tert*-butyl iodide (1.0 g, 5.4 mmol), phenyl vinyl ether (2.6 g, 21.7 mmol) and 3-methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide (8.1 mL, 1.0 M solution in THF, 8.1 mmol). The product **4** was obtained as a colorless liquid (1.02 g, 66% yield) after purification by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (9:1) to hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (22:3)

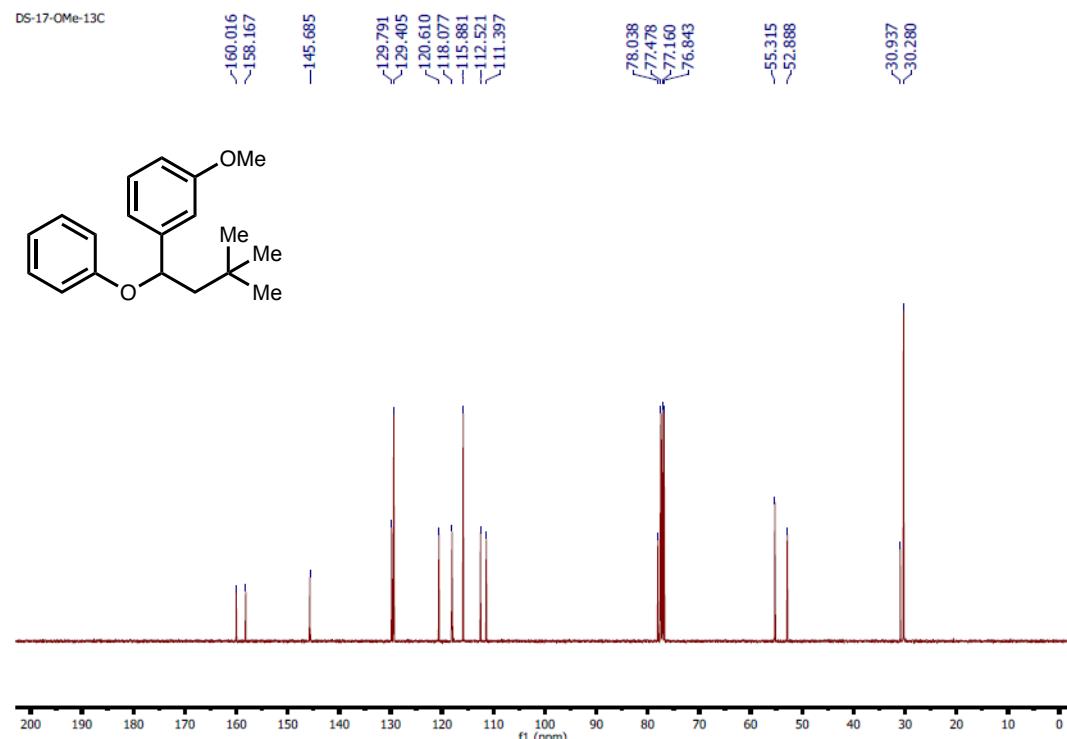
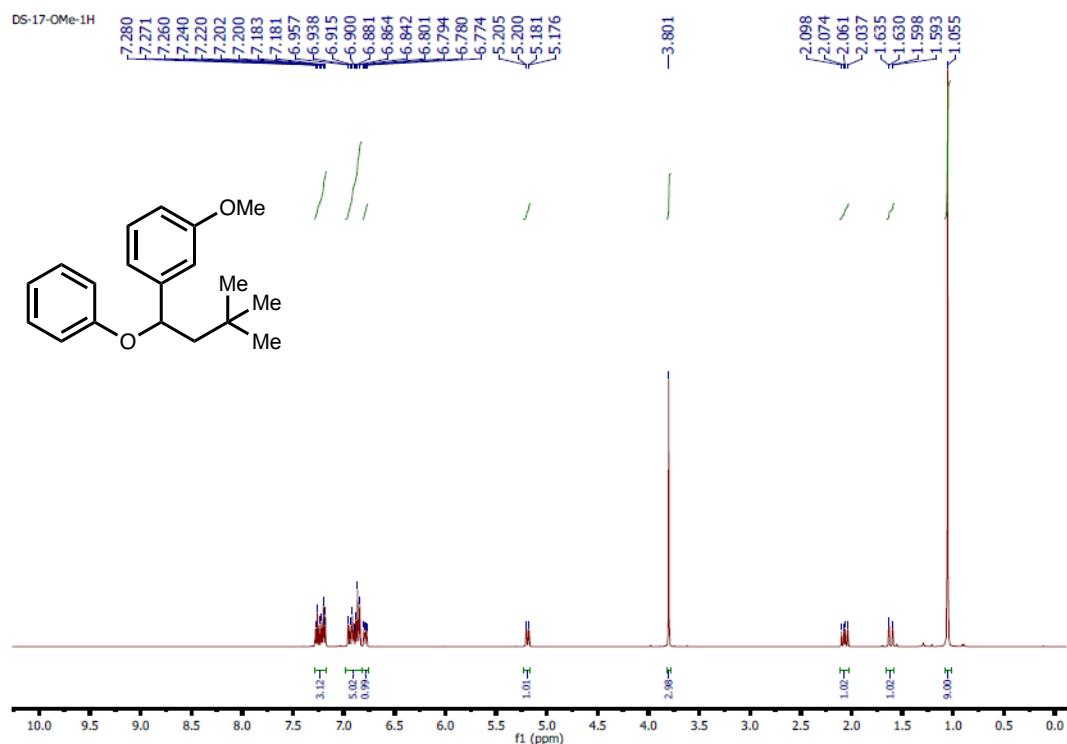
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7. References

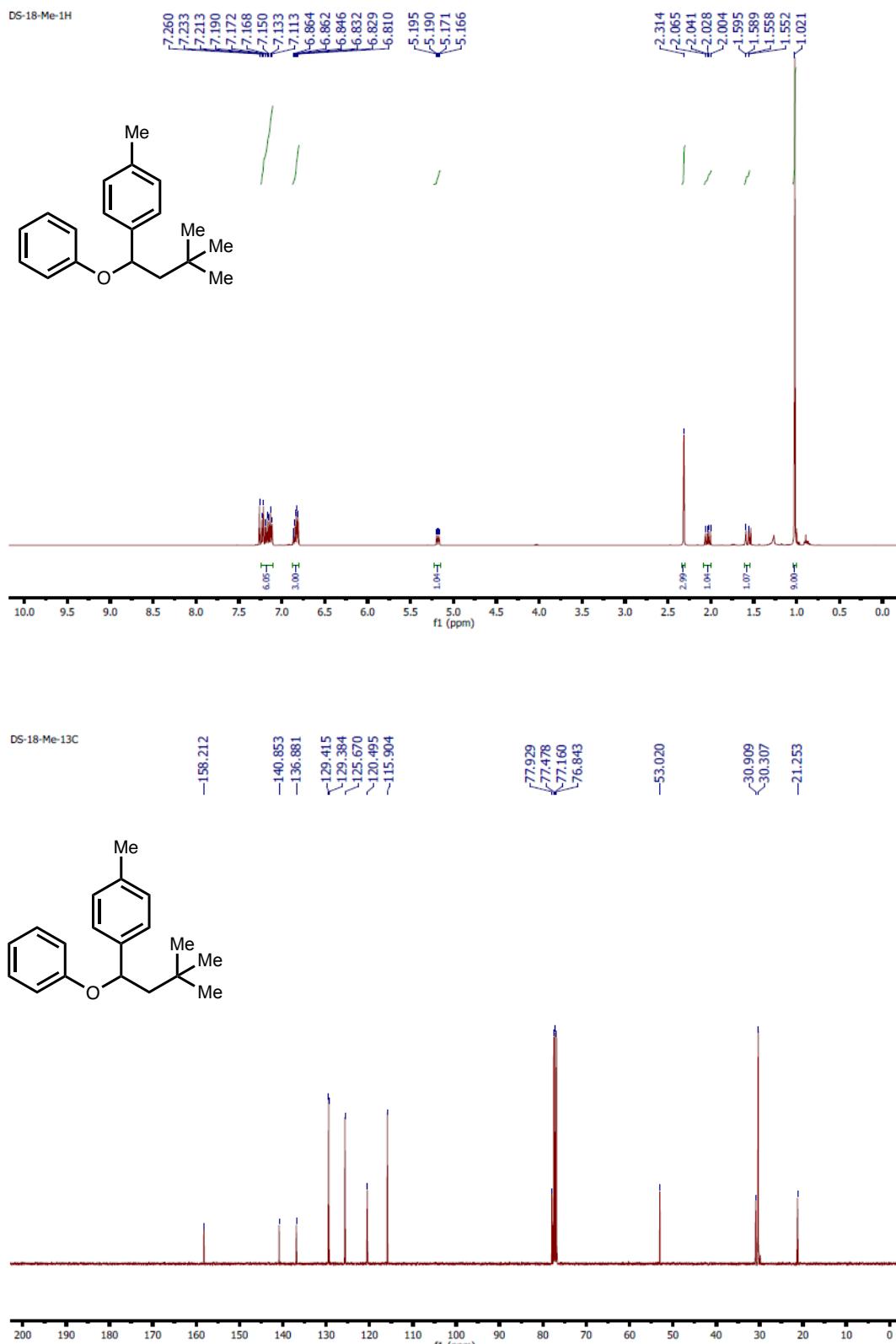
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8. Spectral data

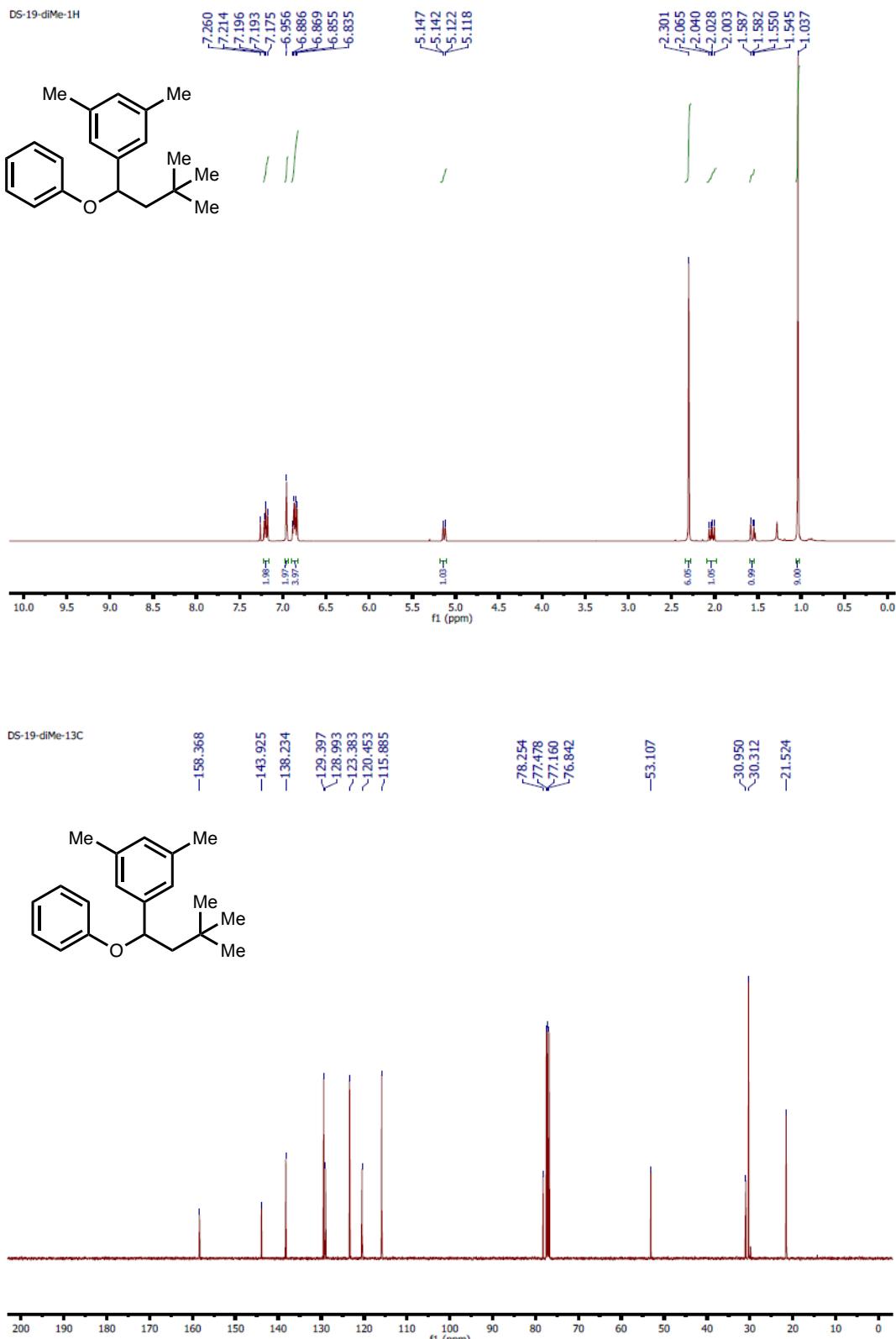
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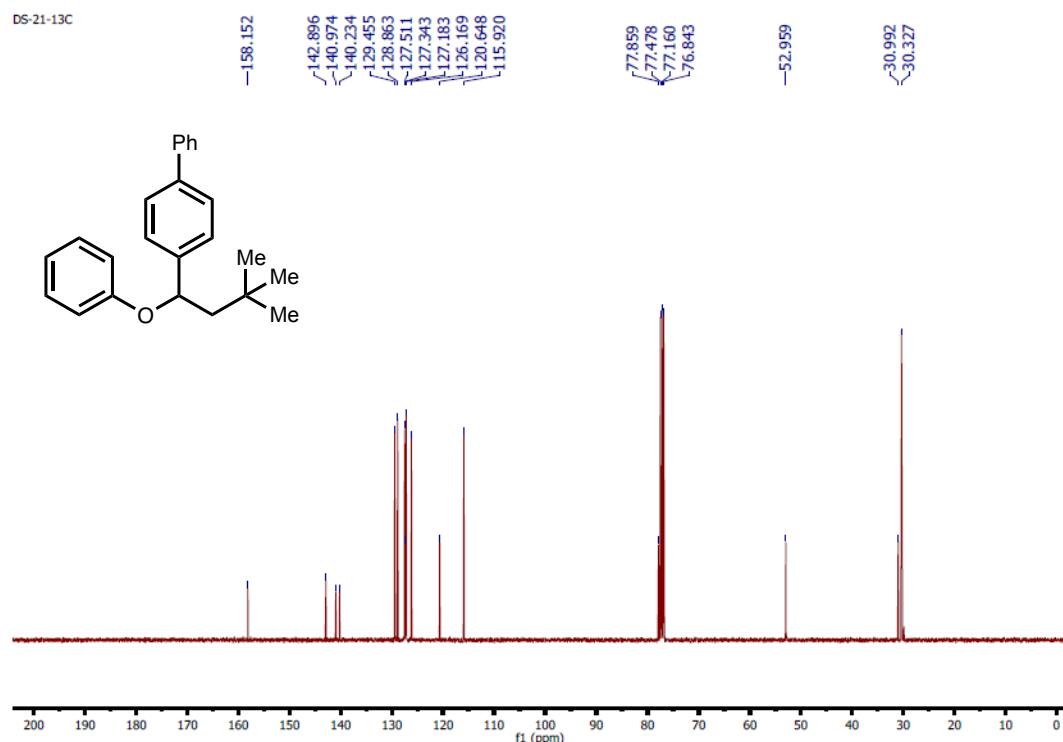
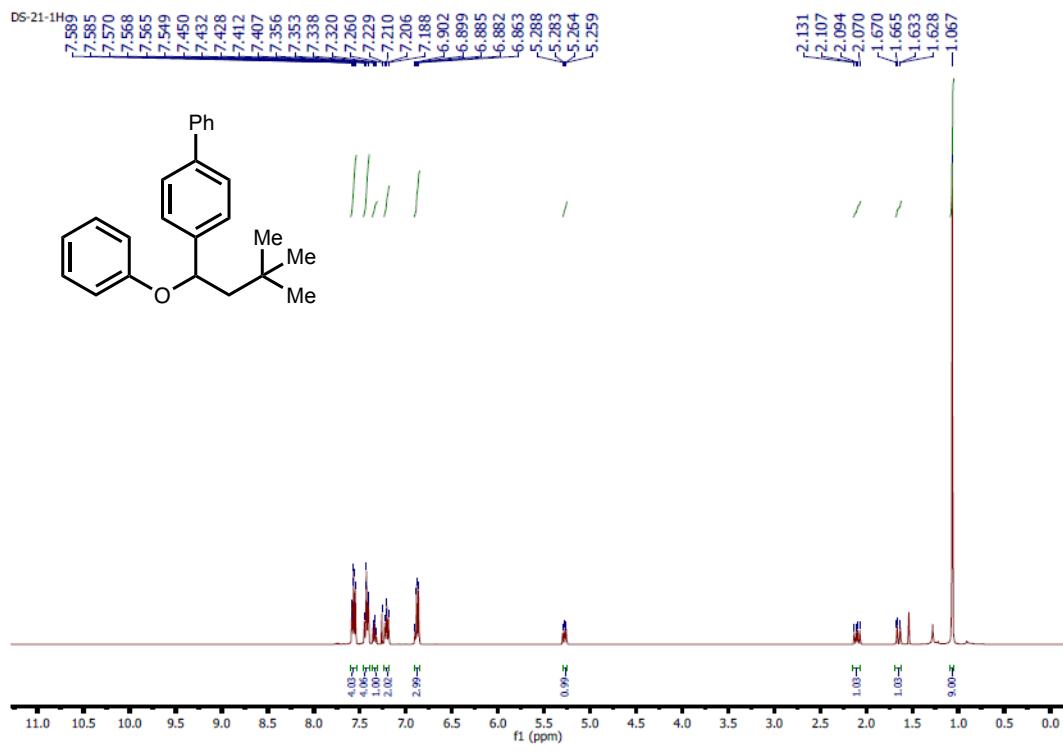
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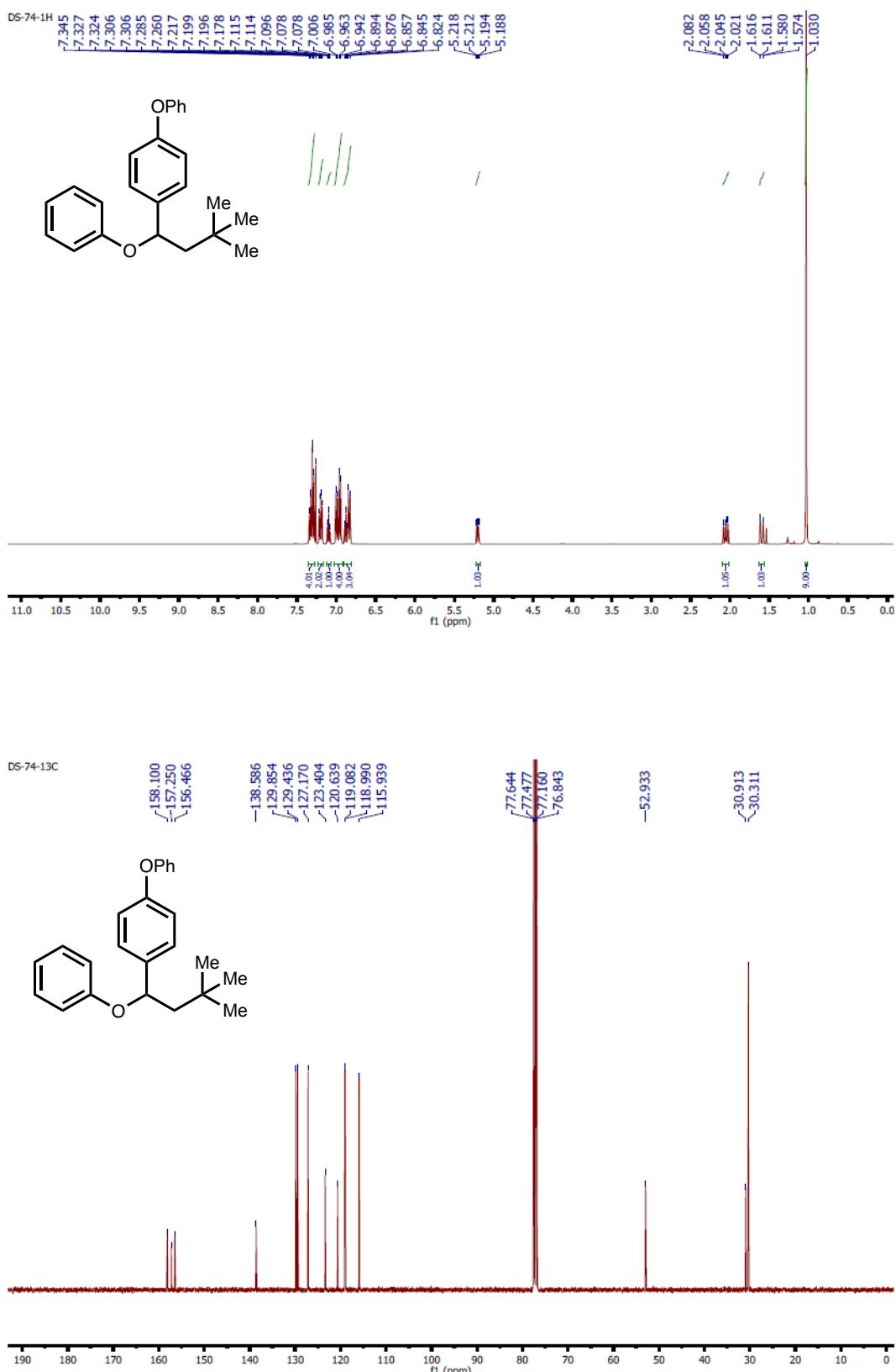
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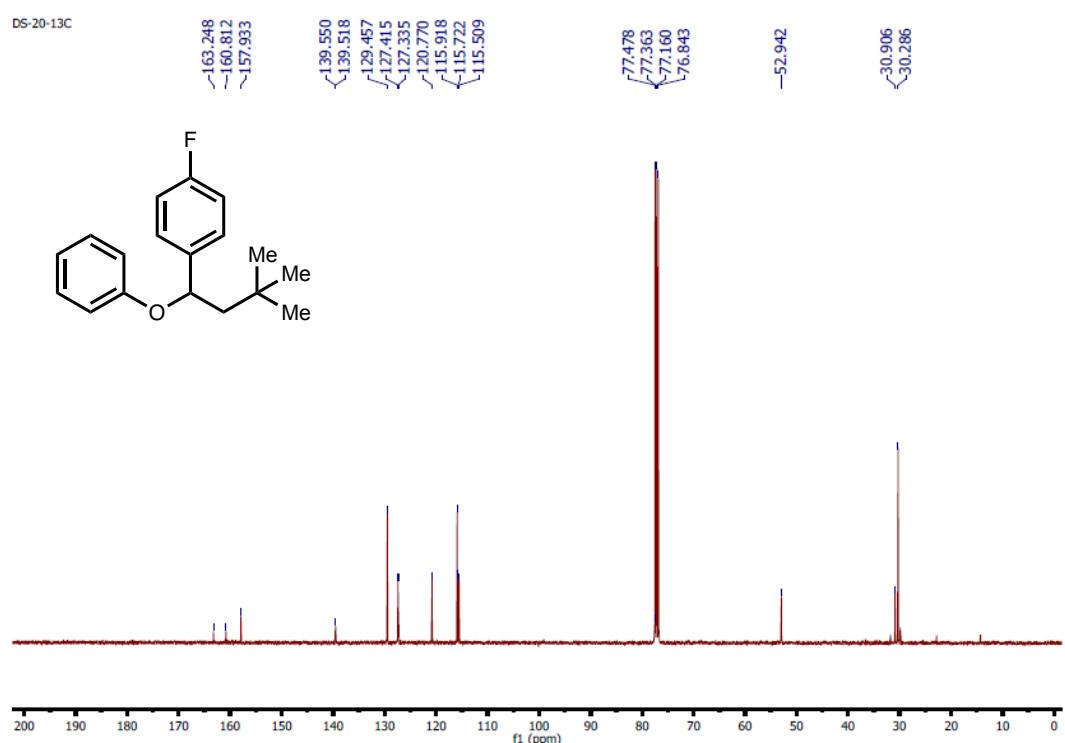
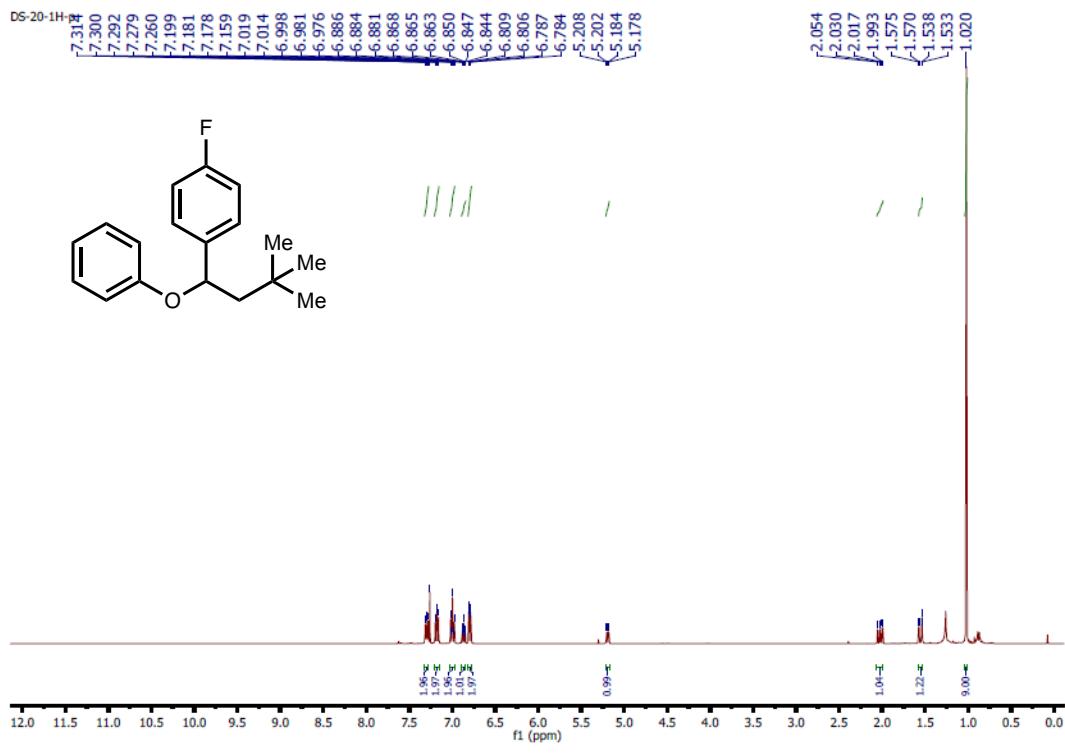
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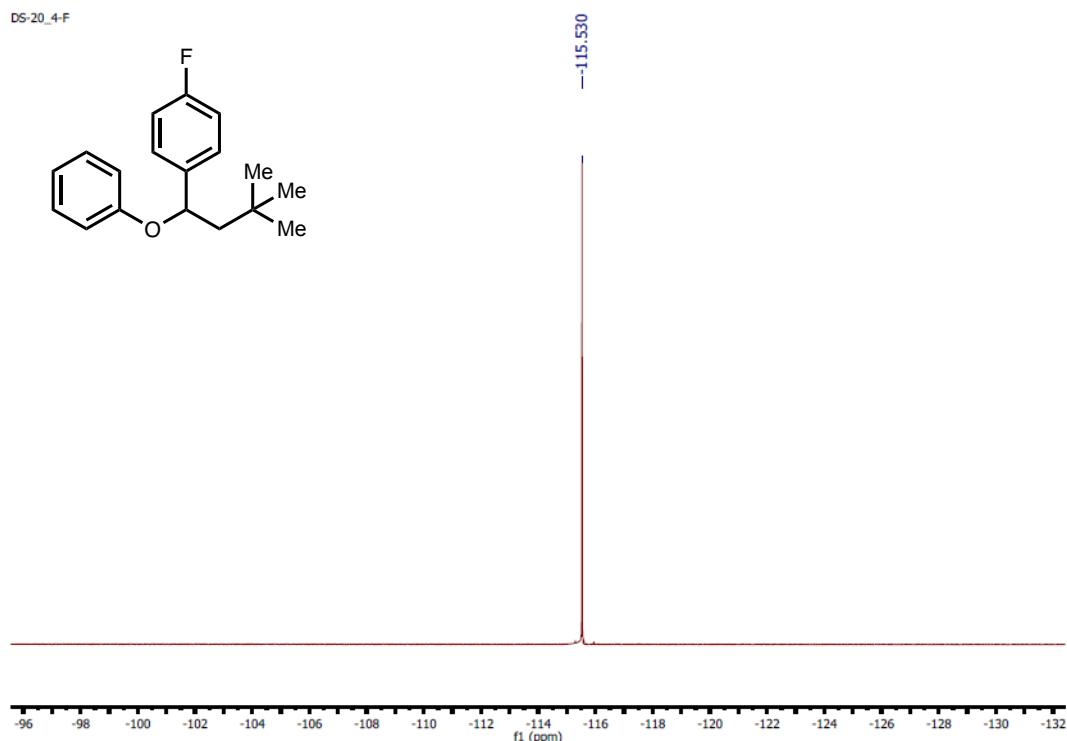
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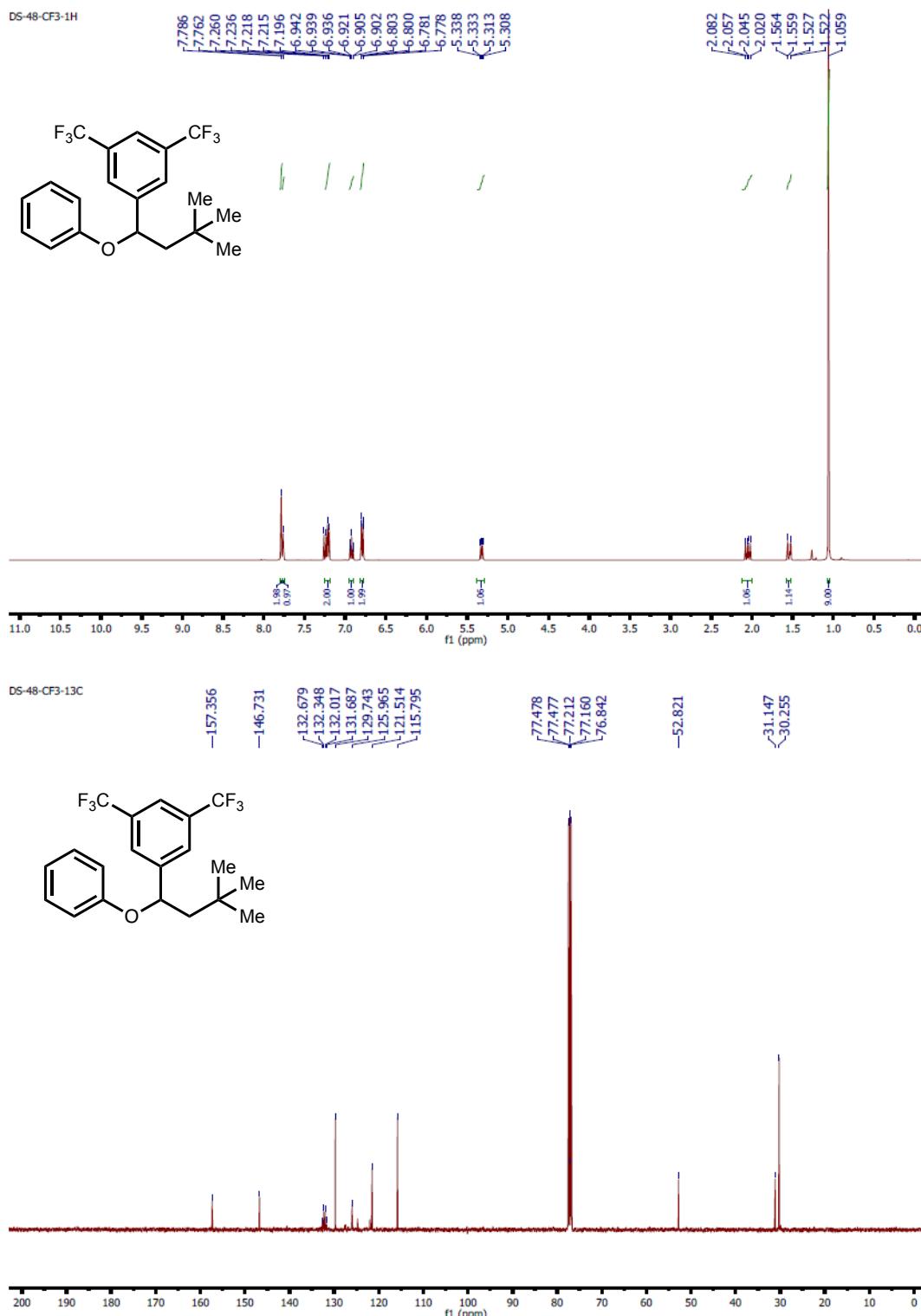
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Compound 9. ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3 , 376 MHz)

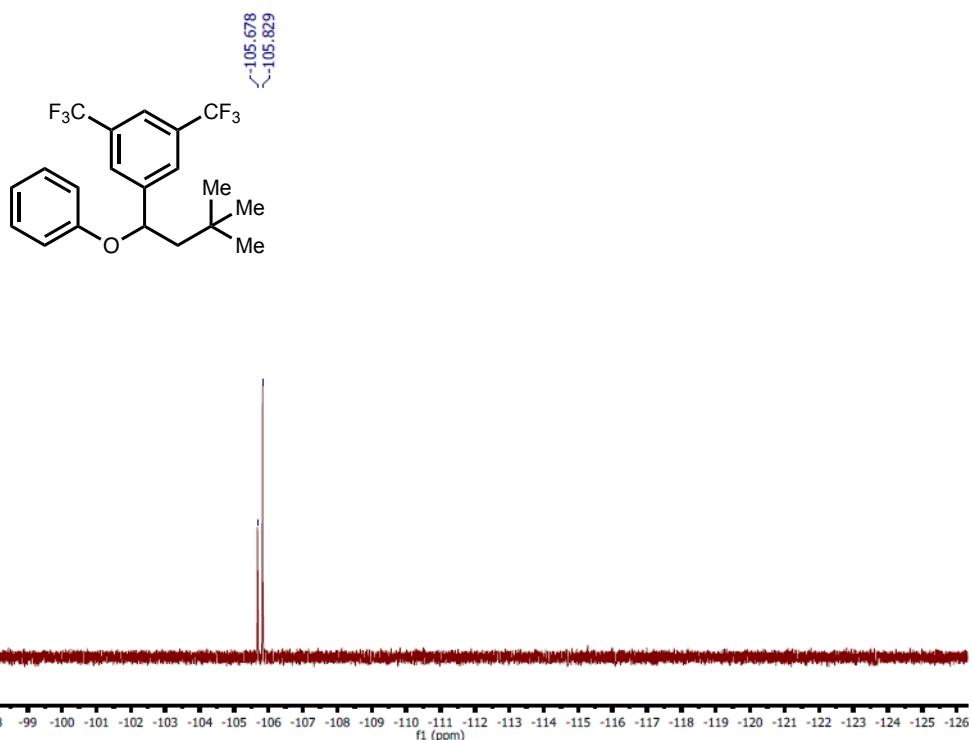


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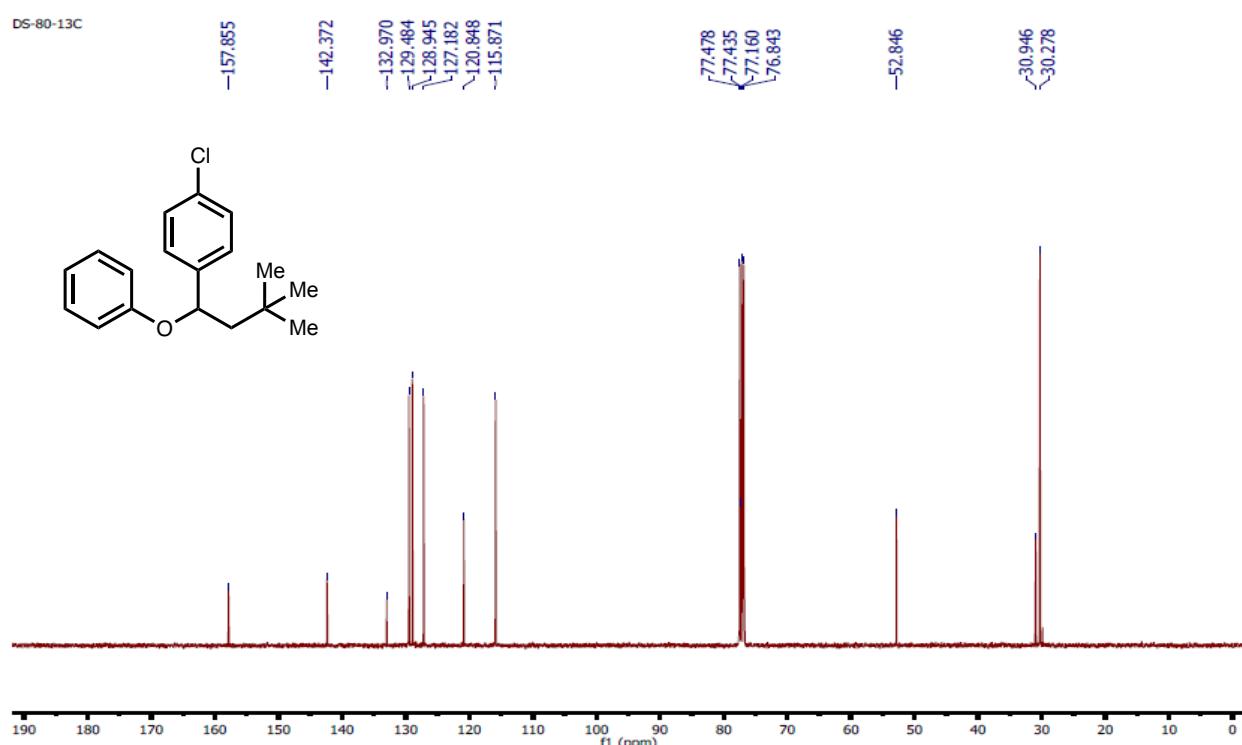
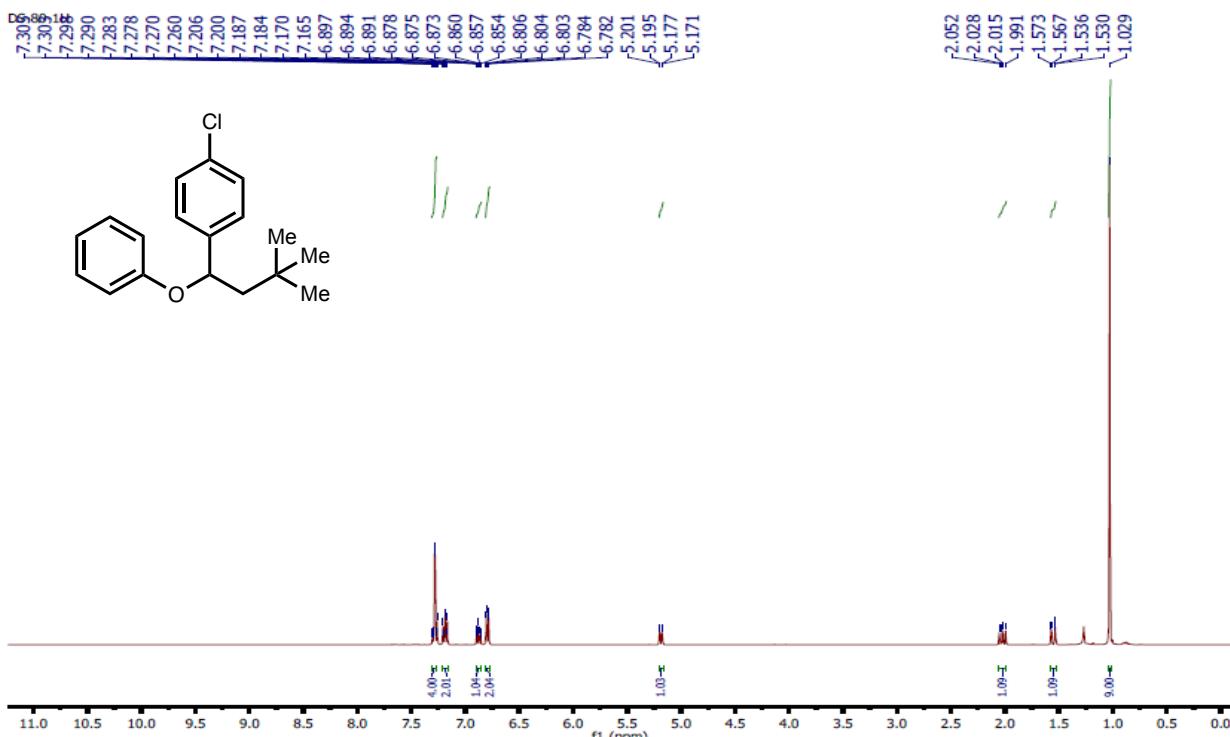


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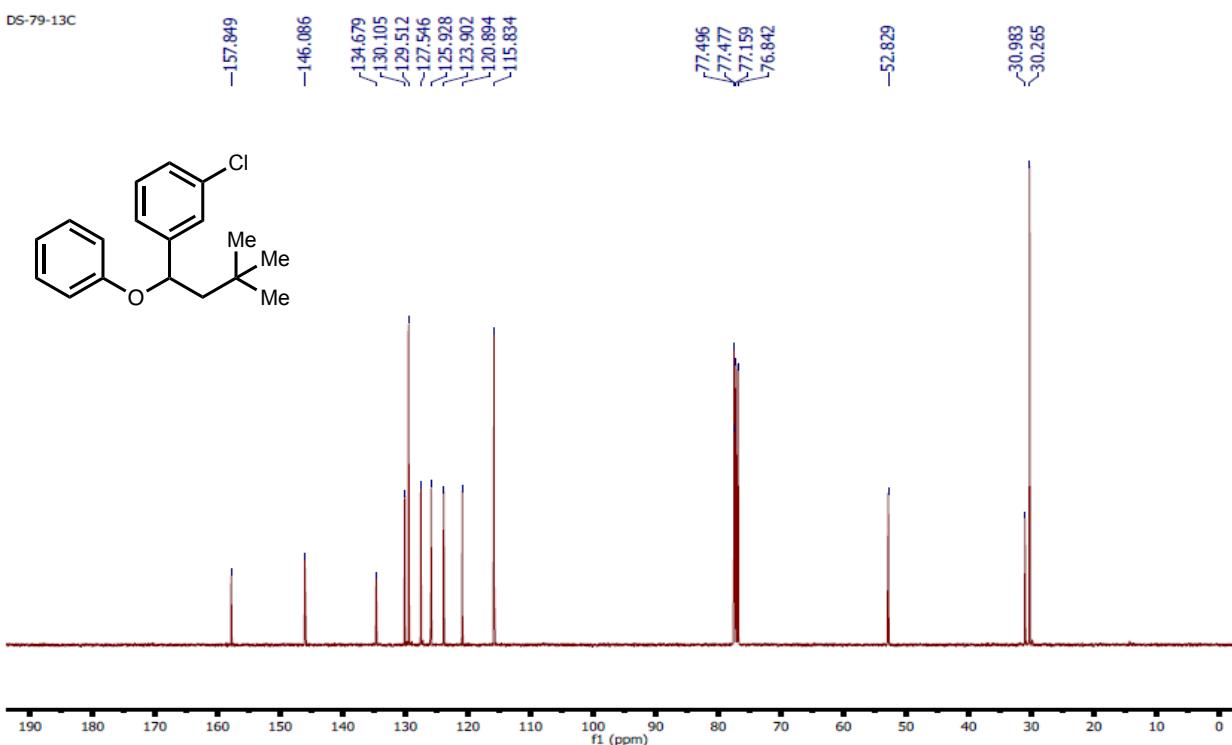
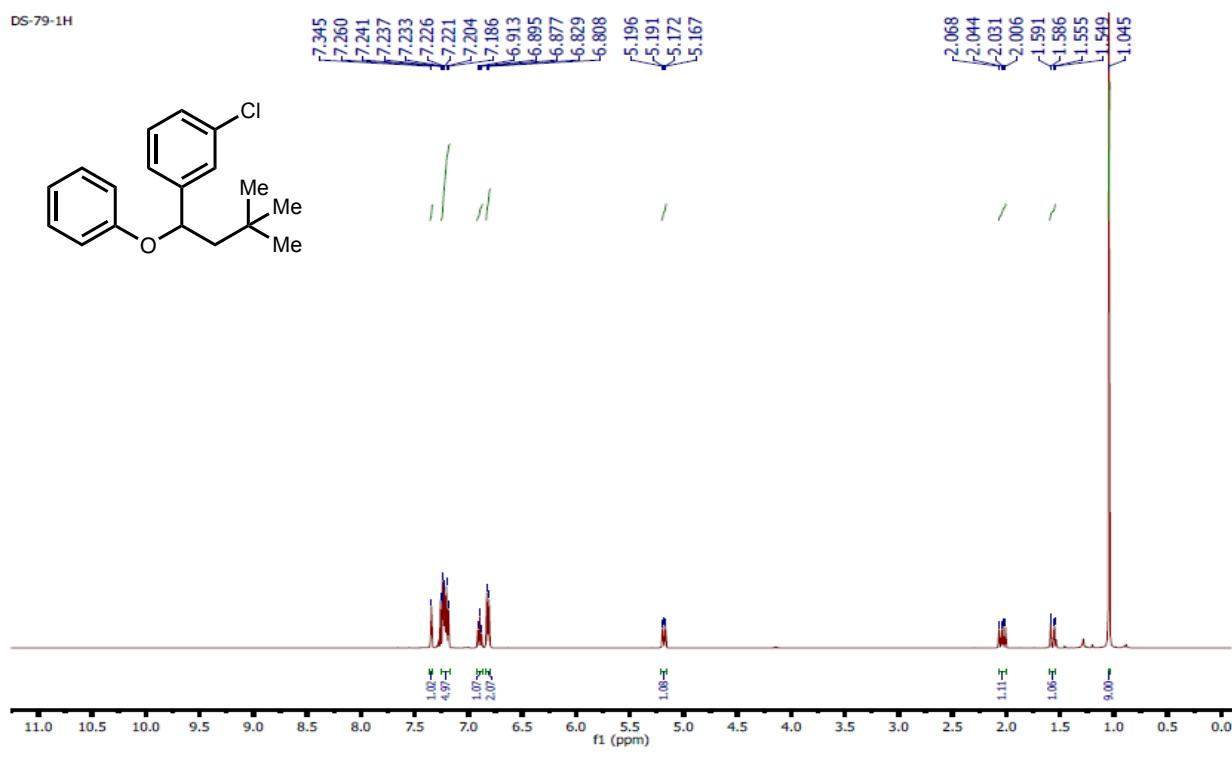
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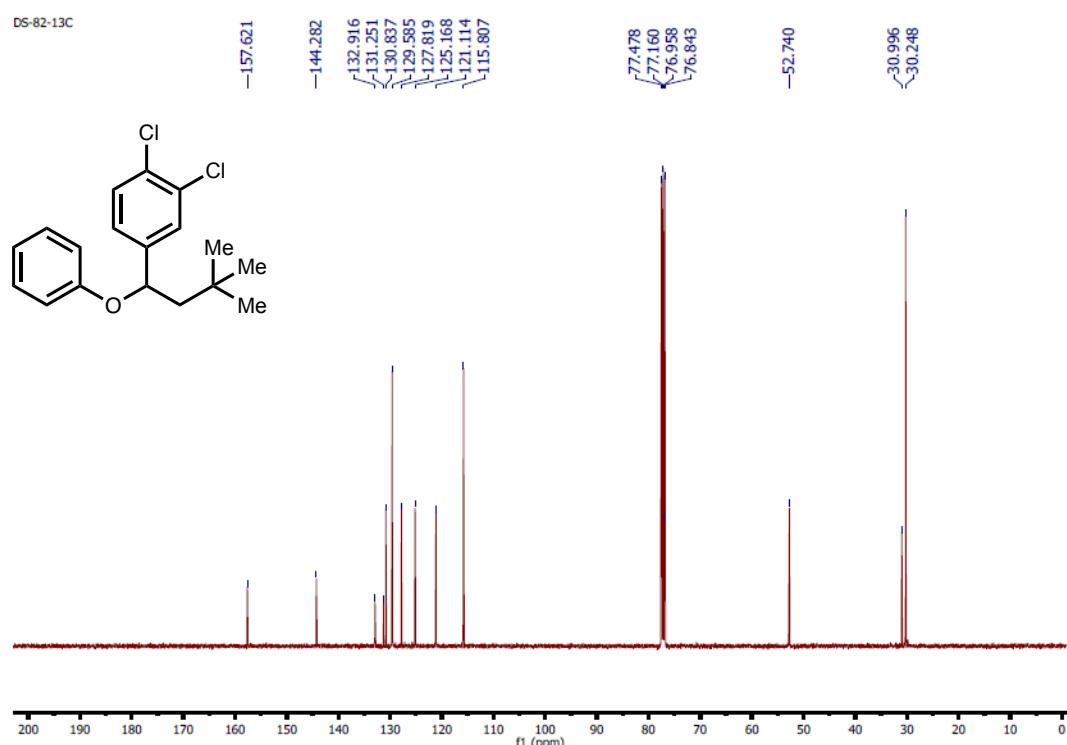
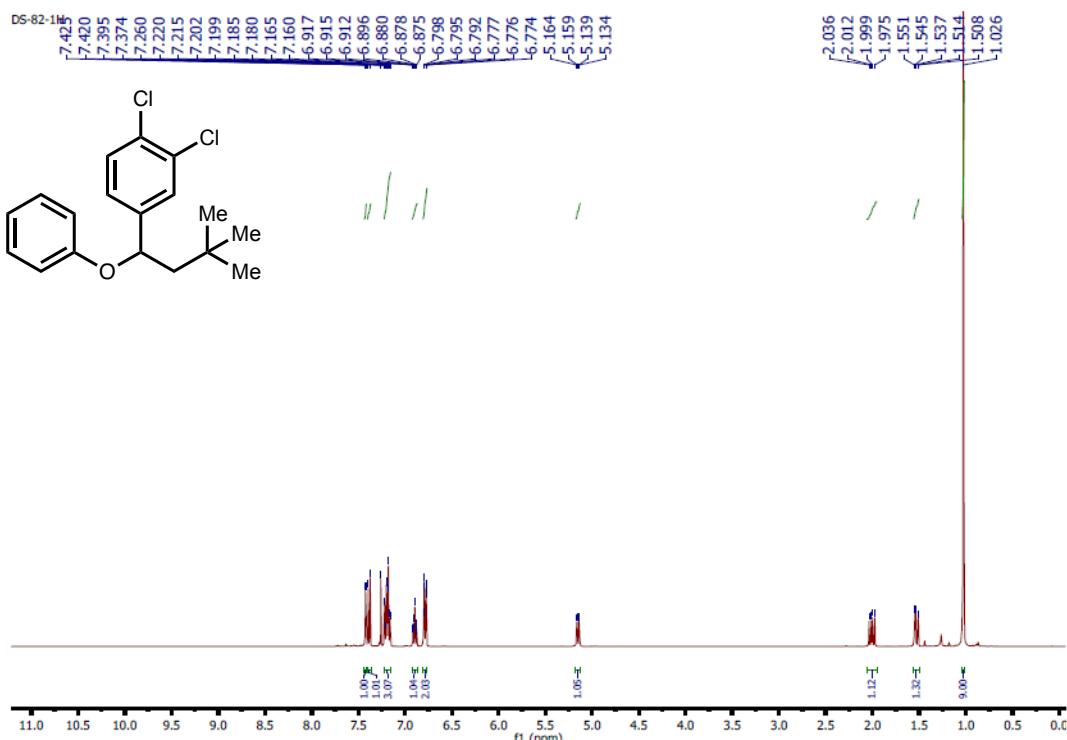
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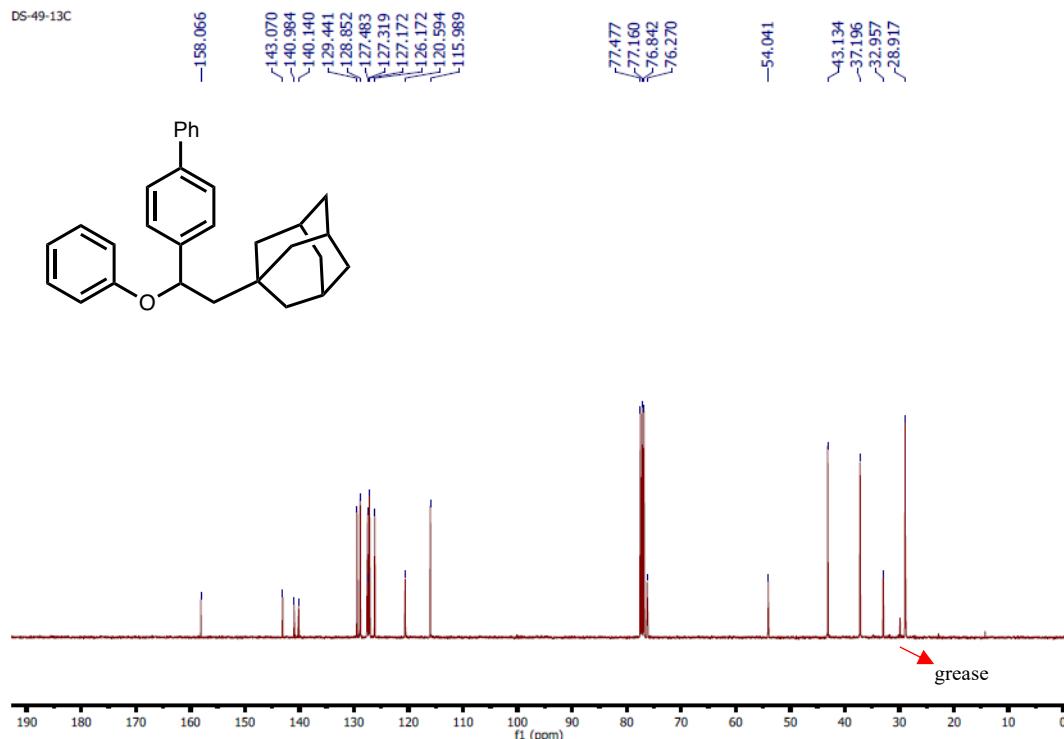
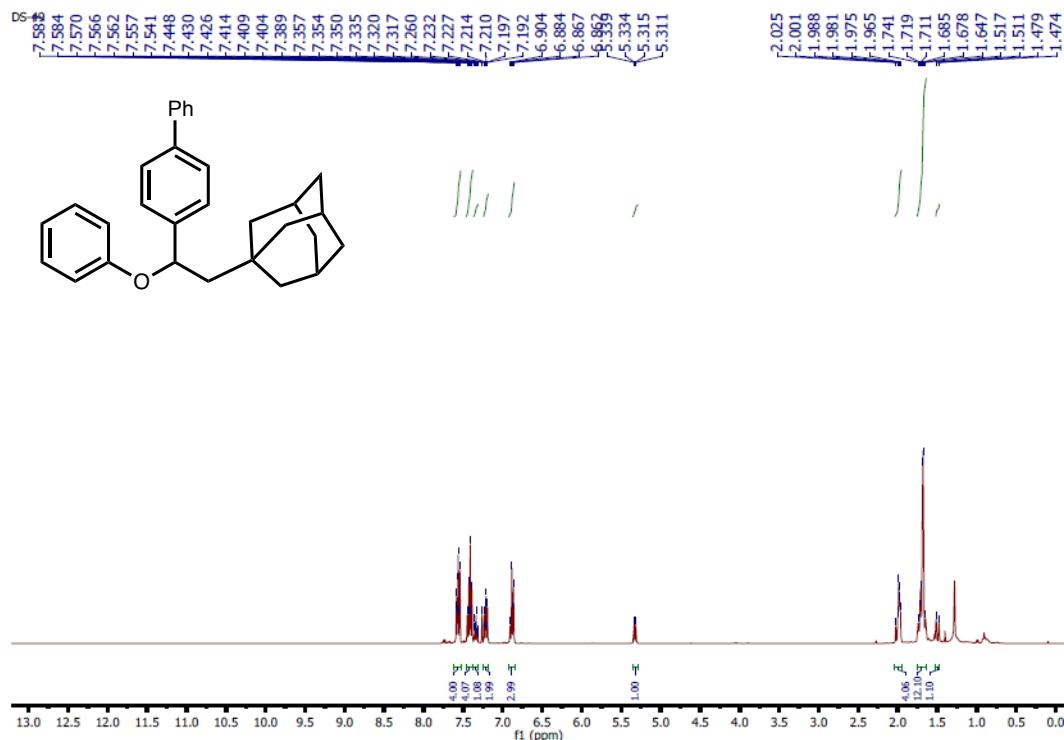
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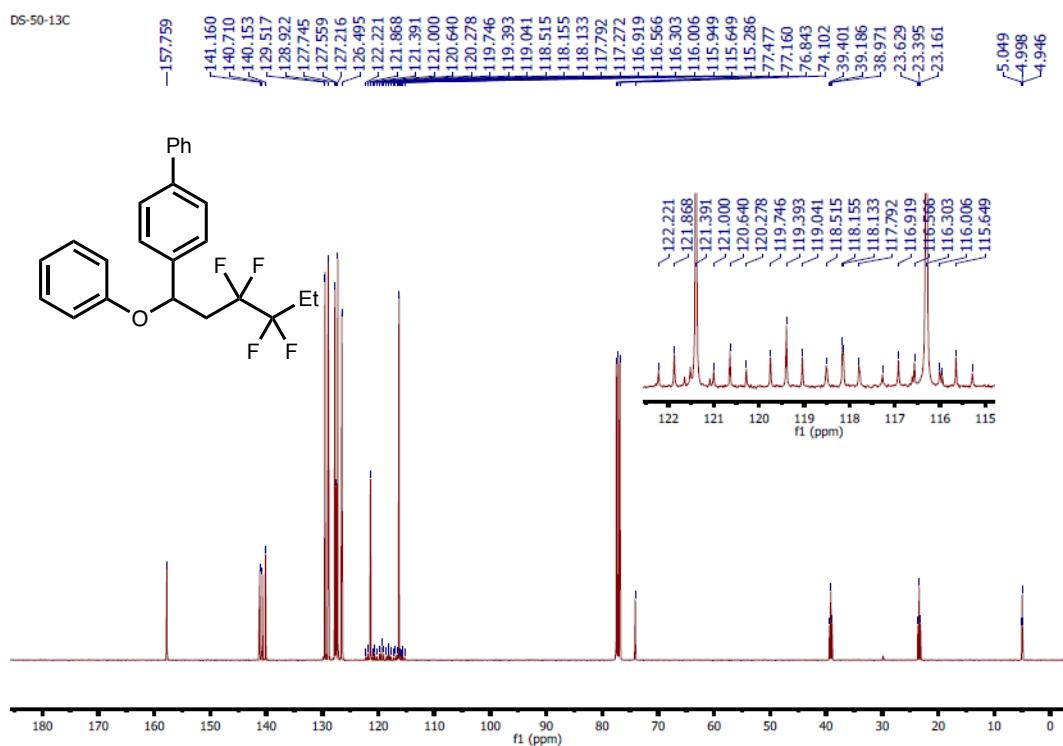
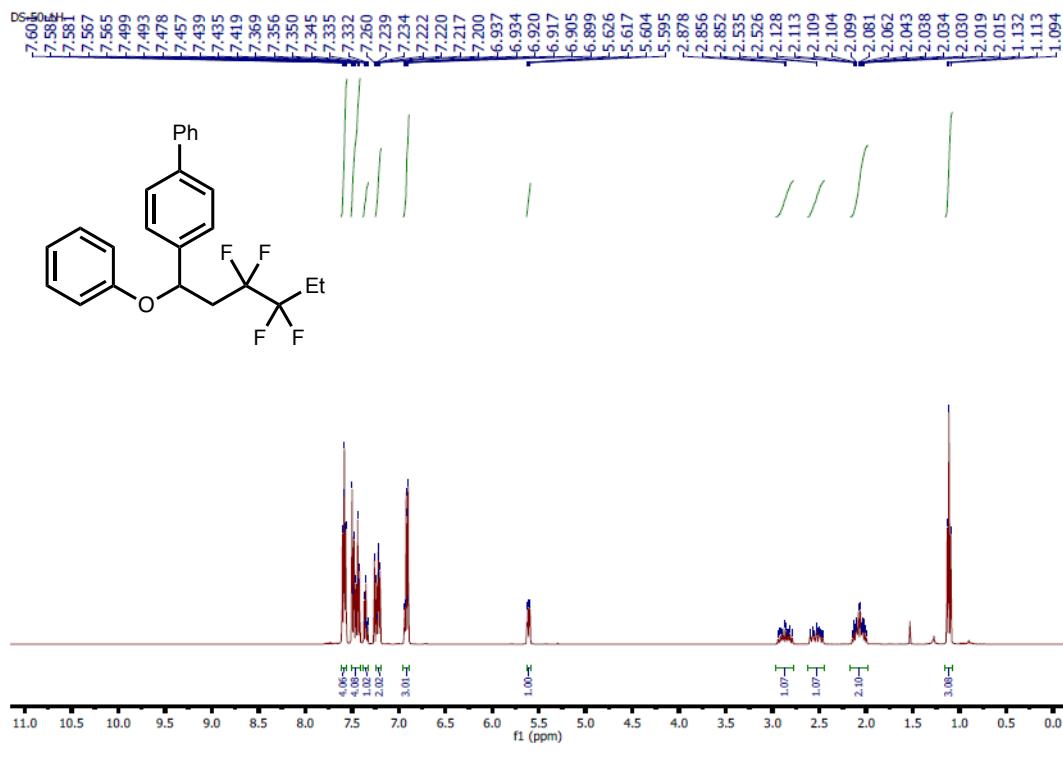
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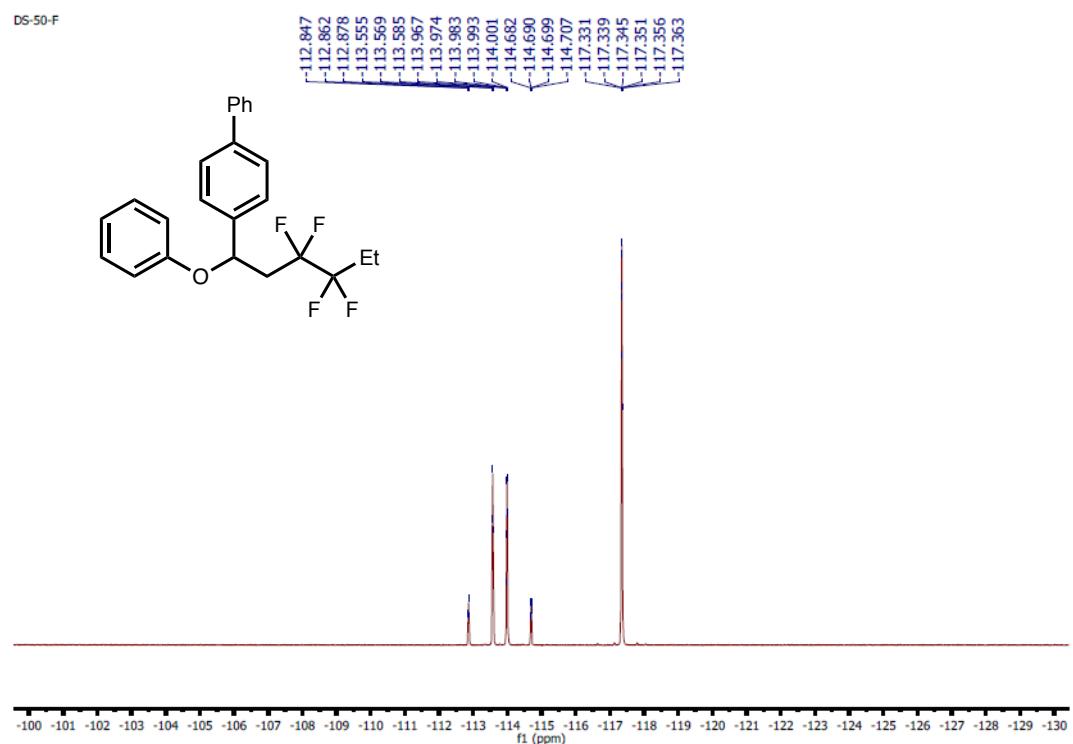
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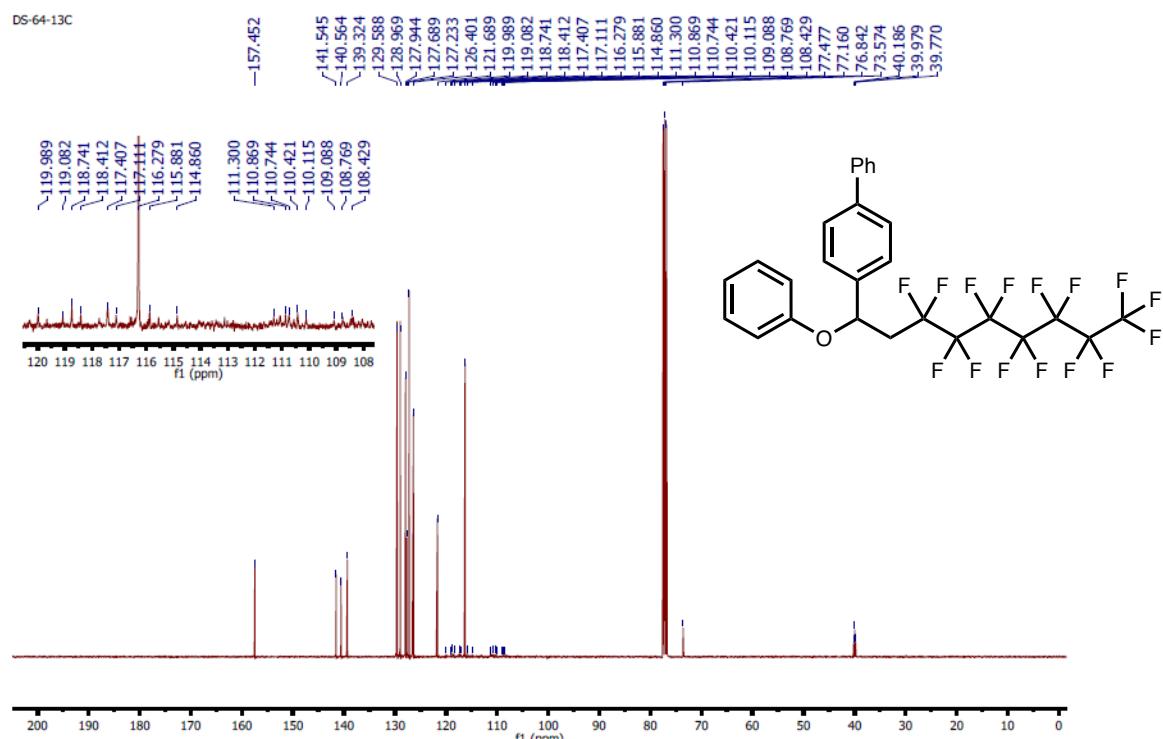
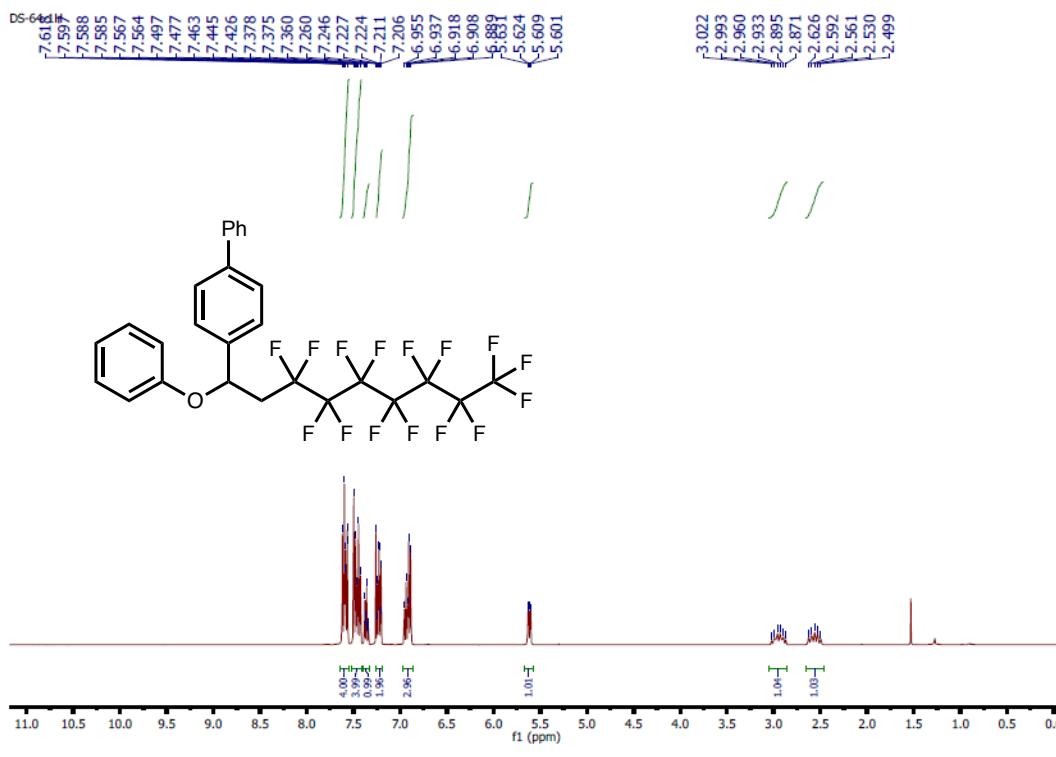
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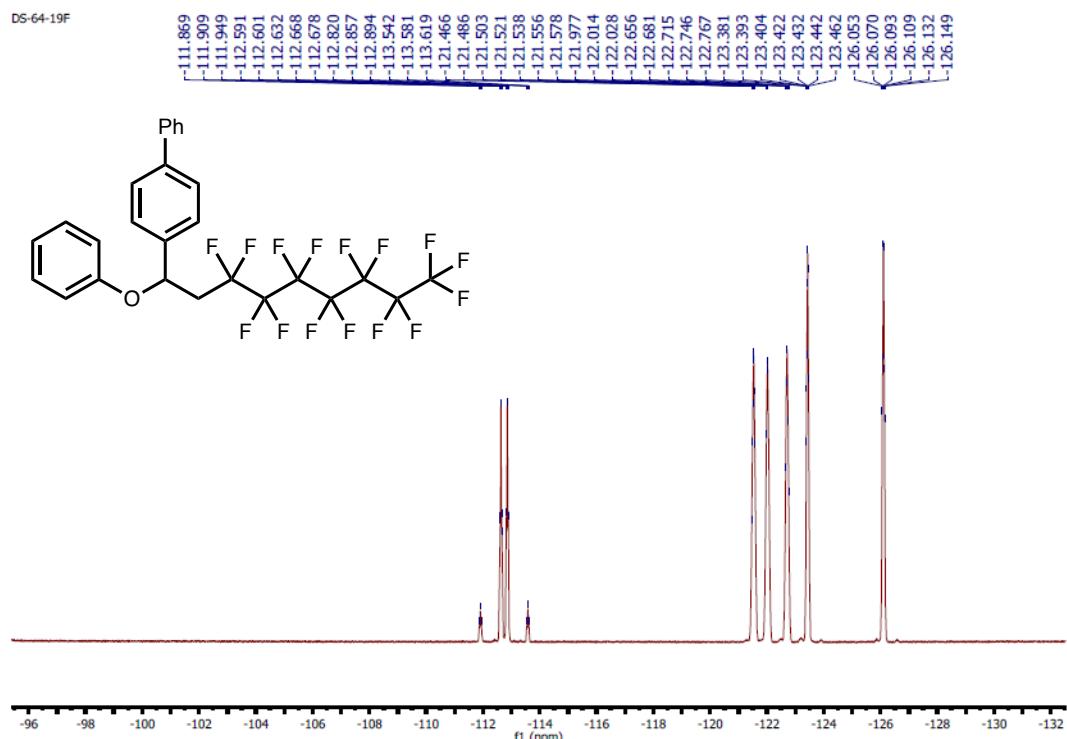
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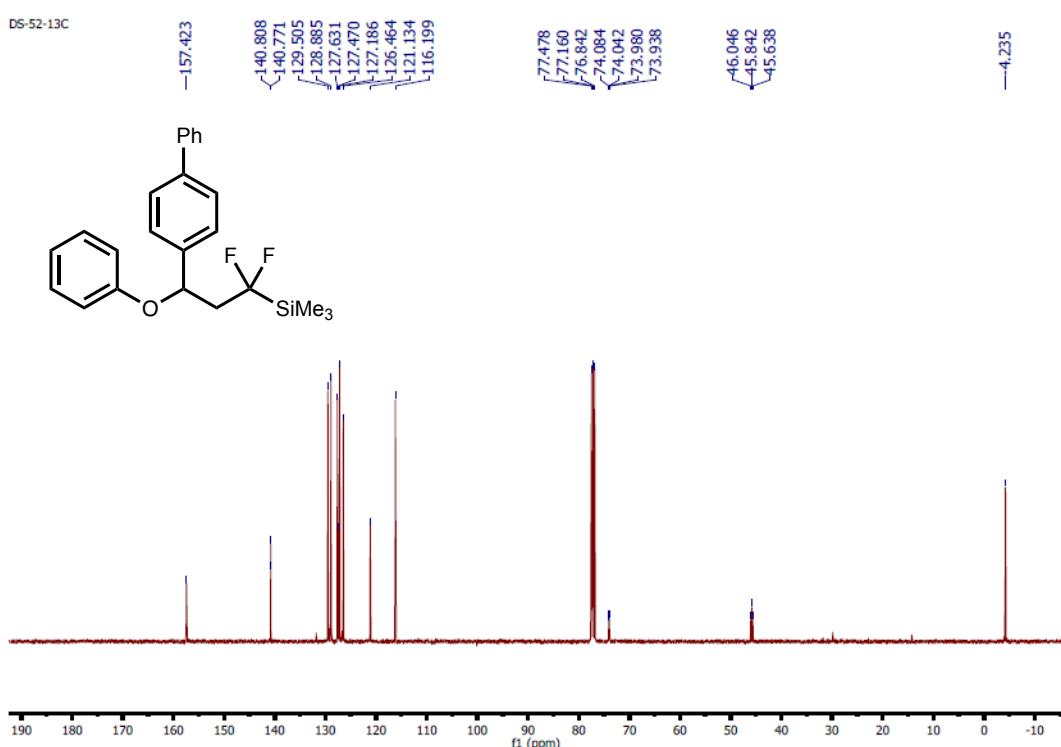
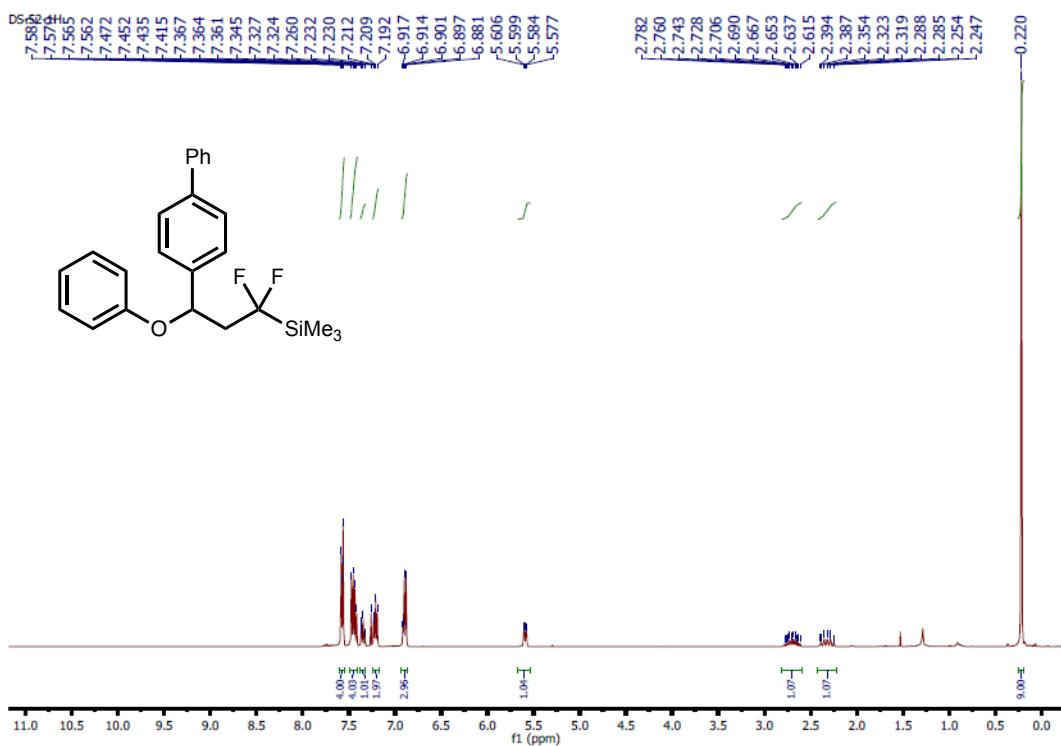
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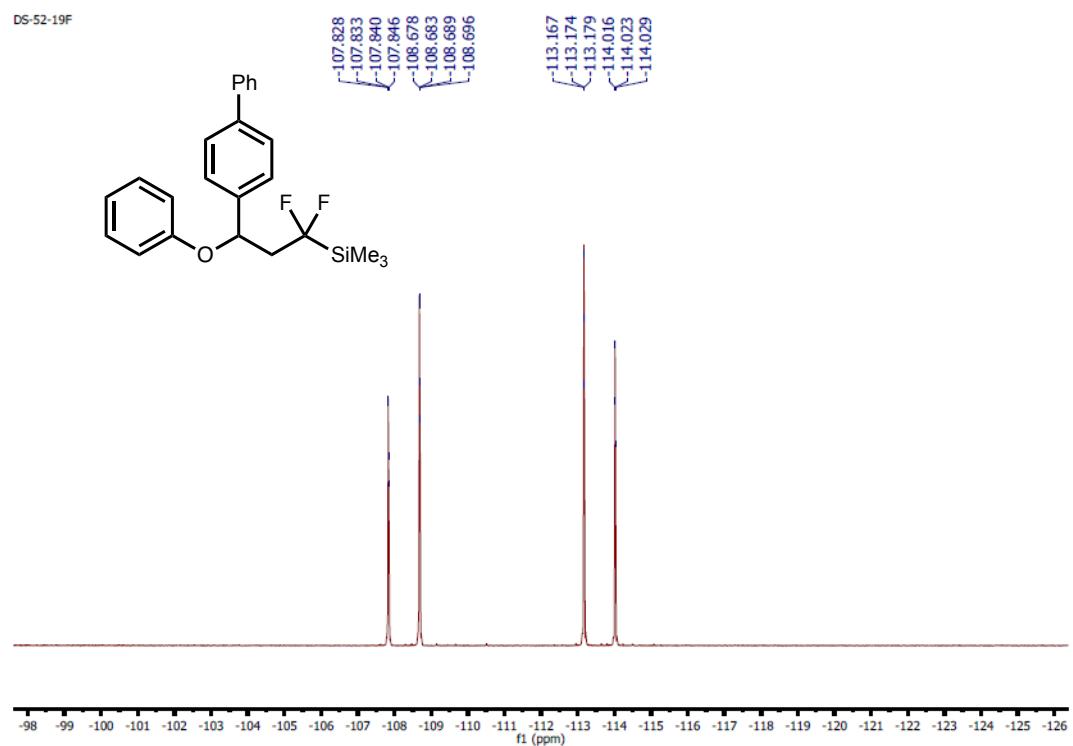
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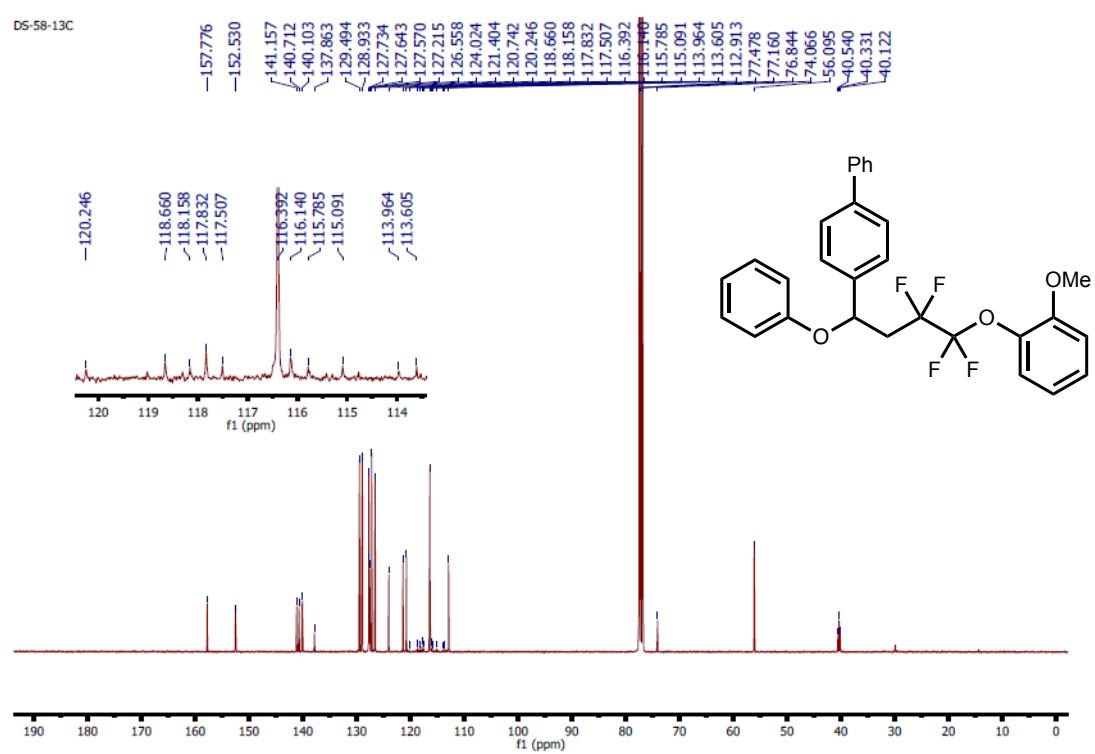
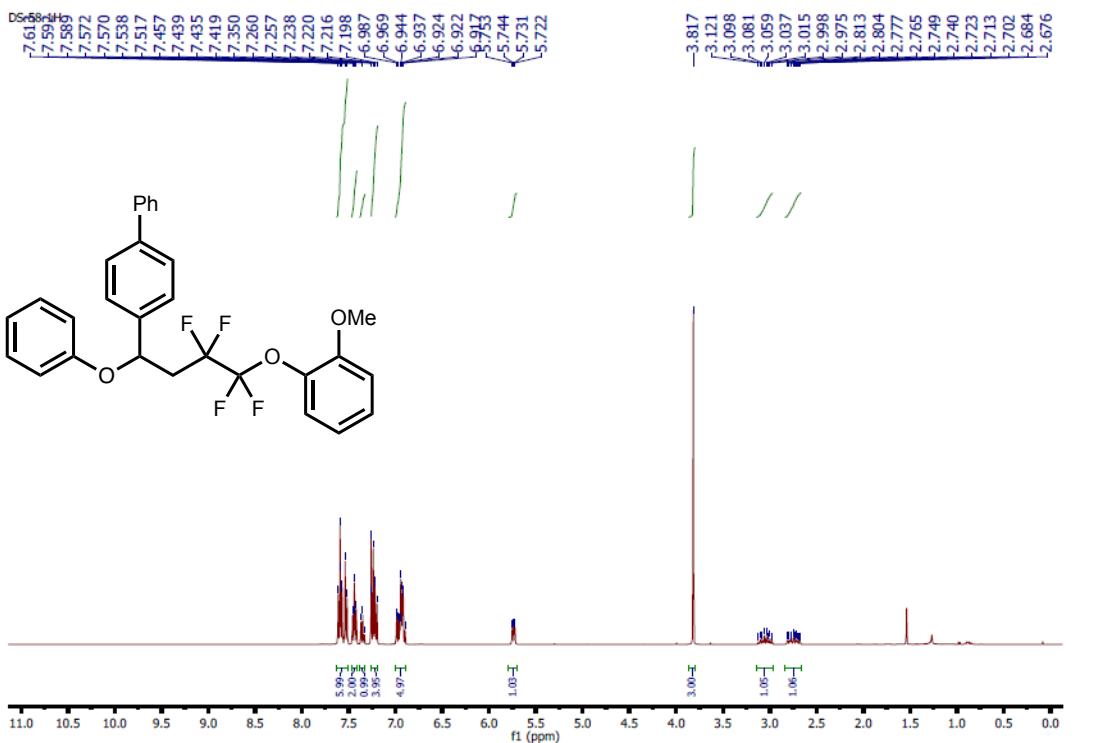
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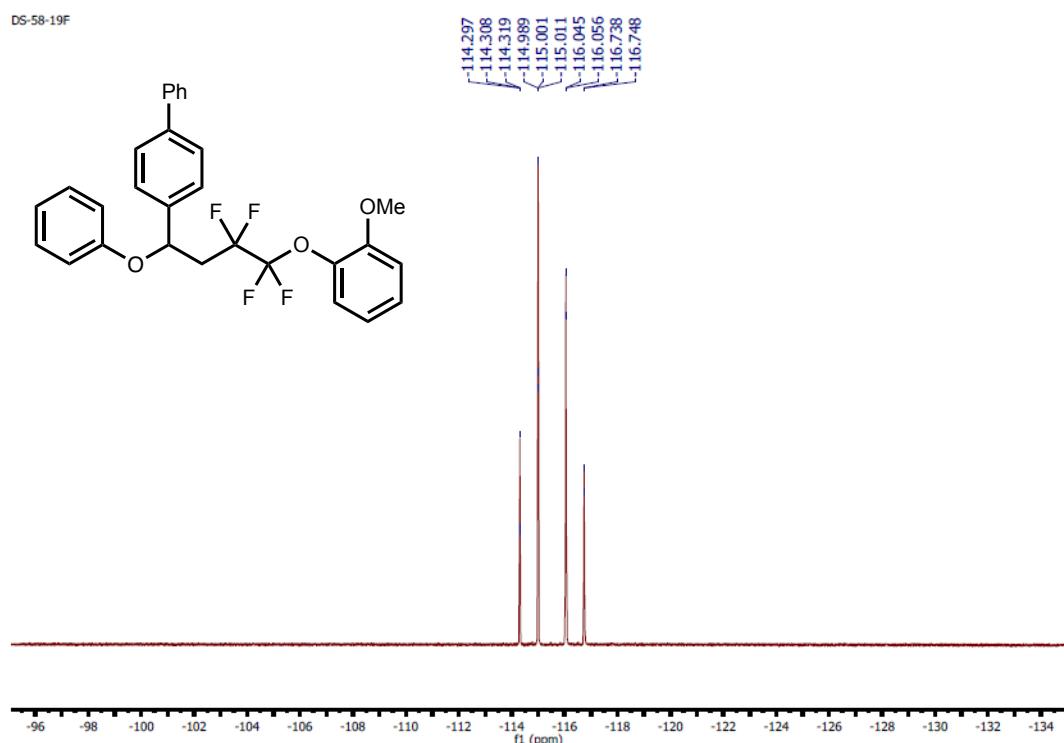
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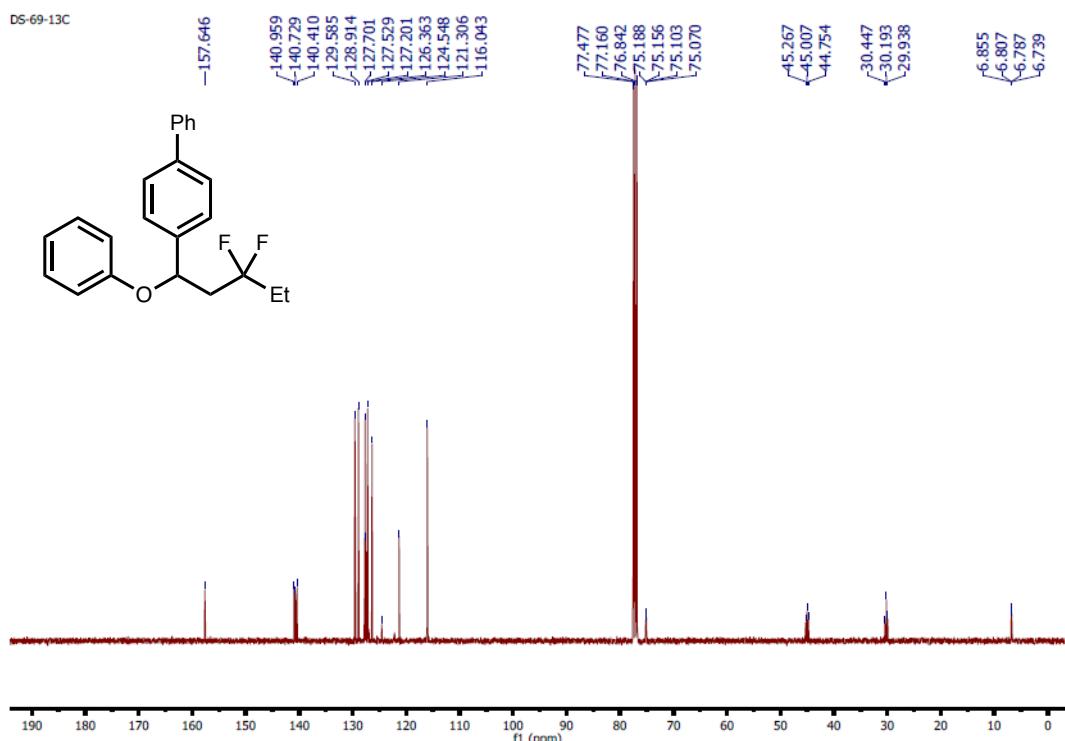
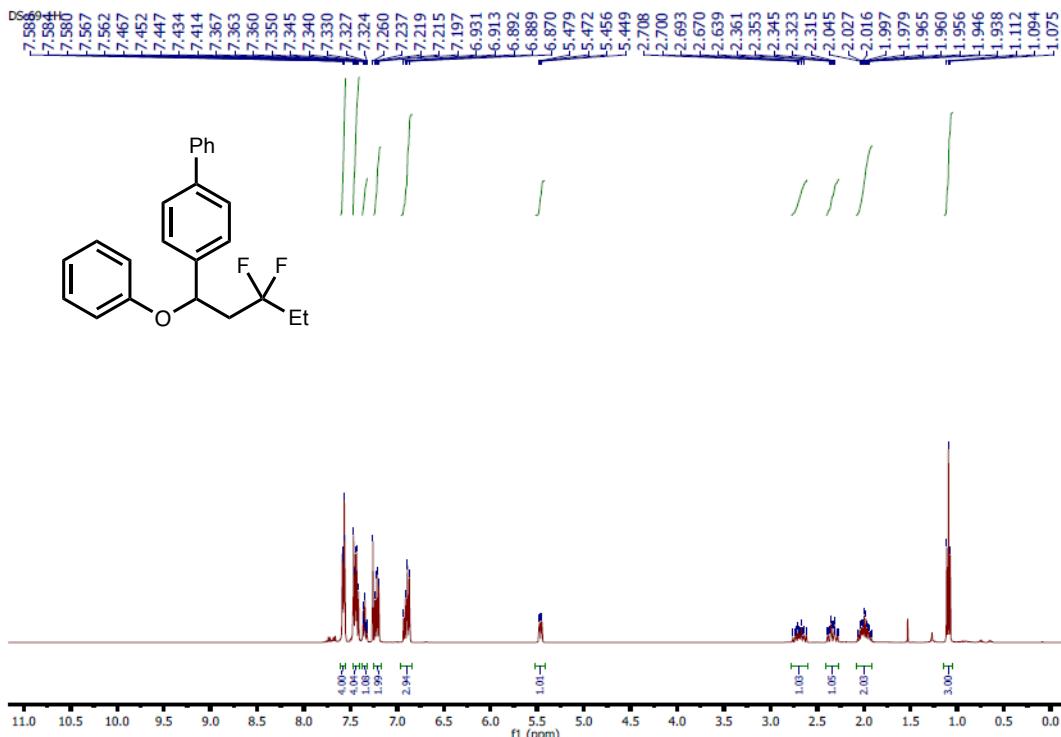
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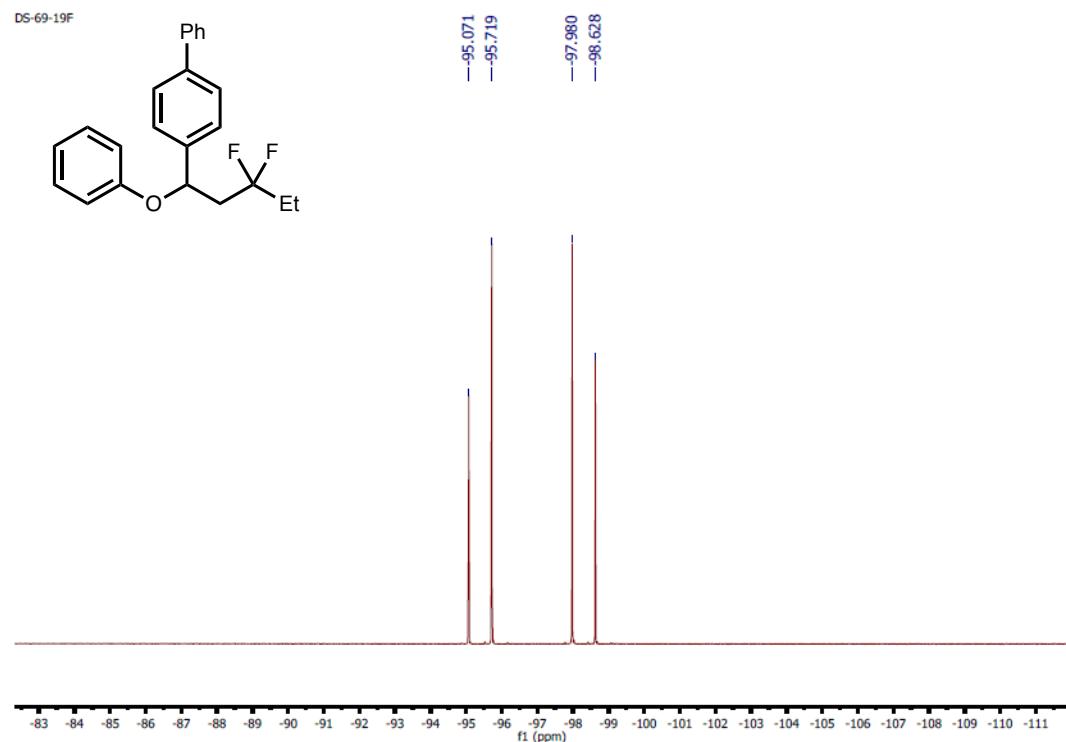
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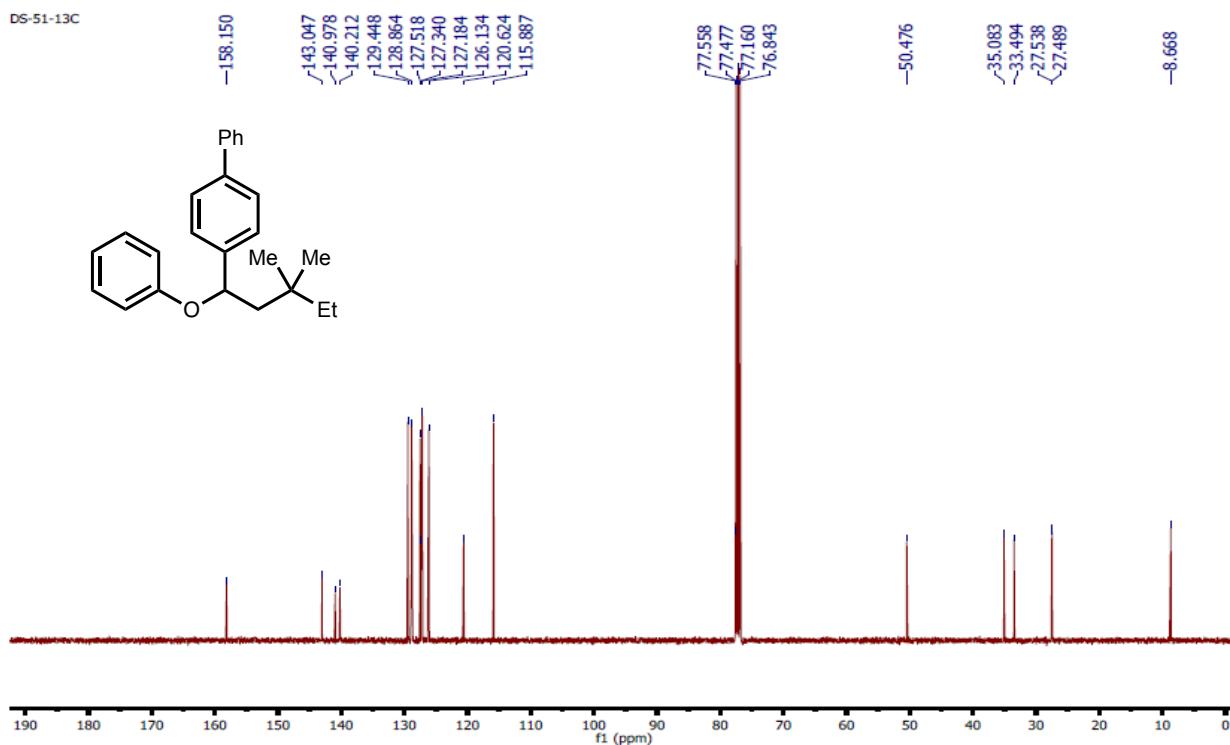
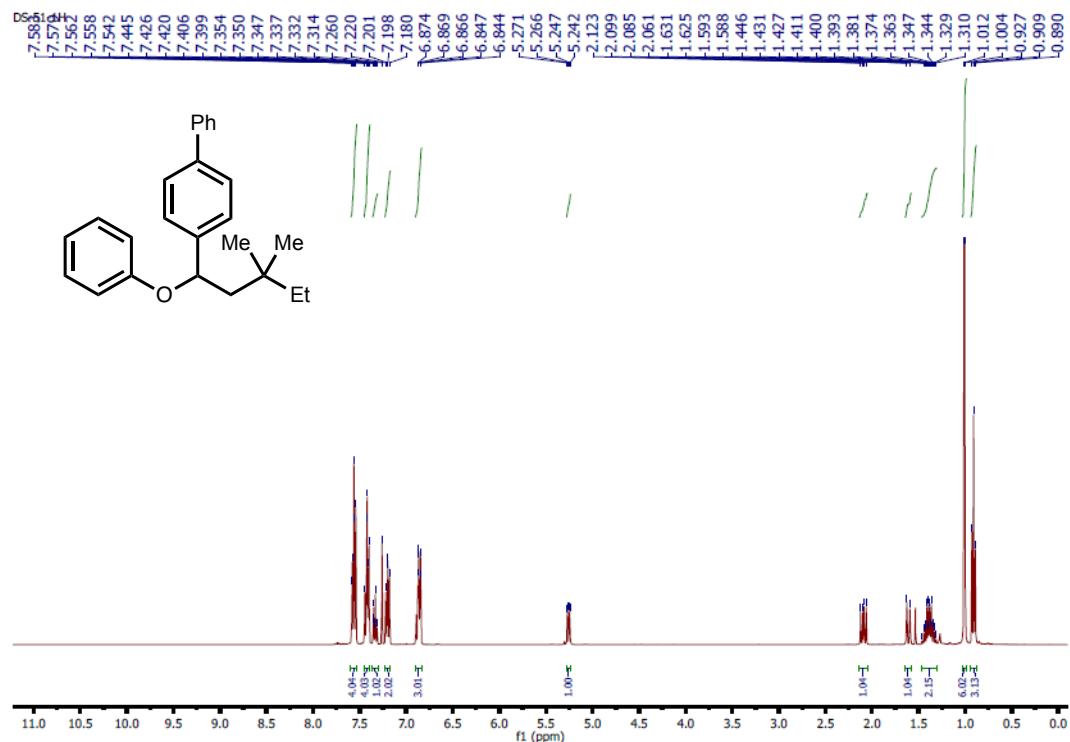
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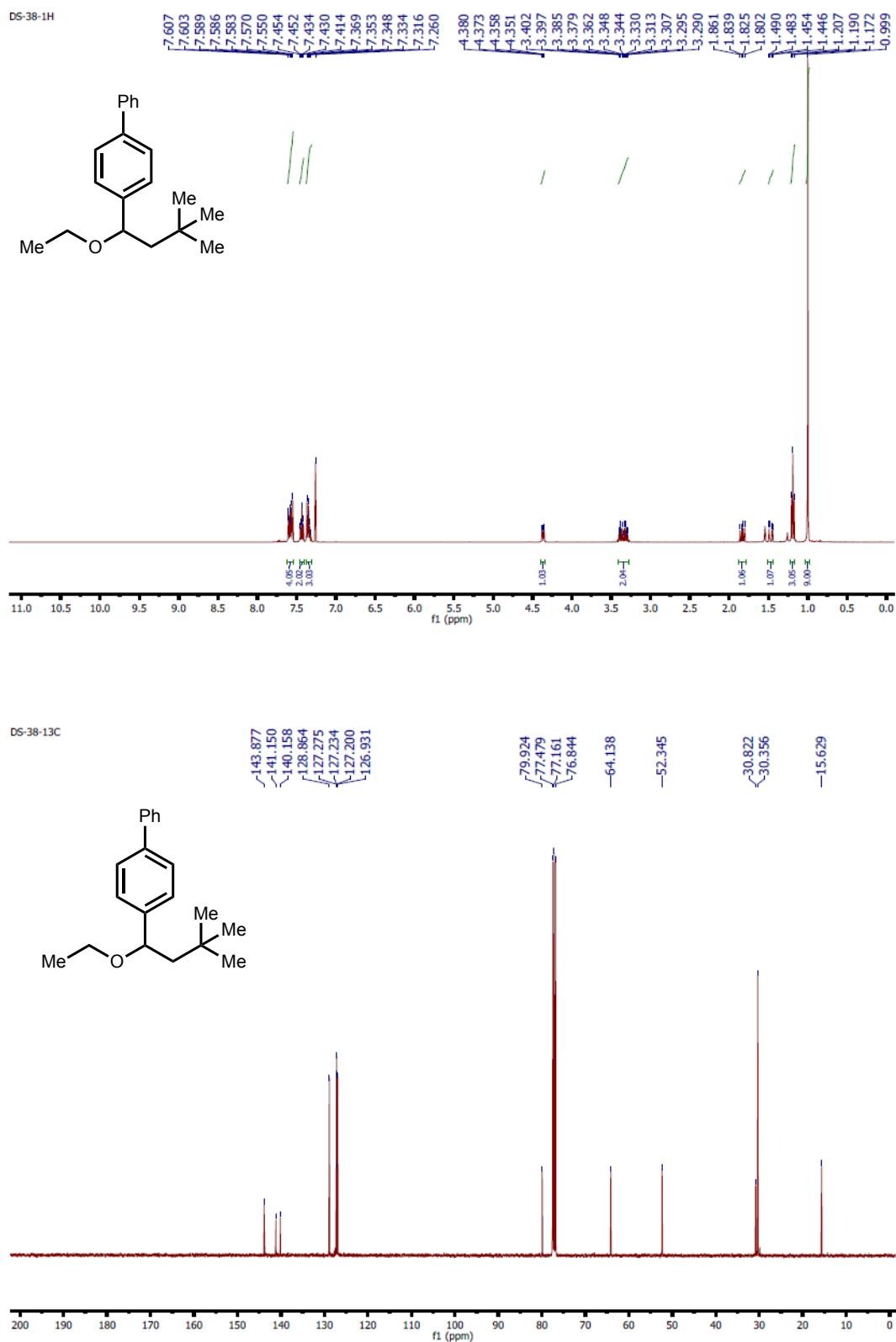
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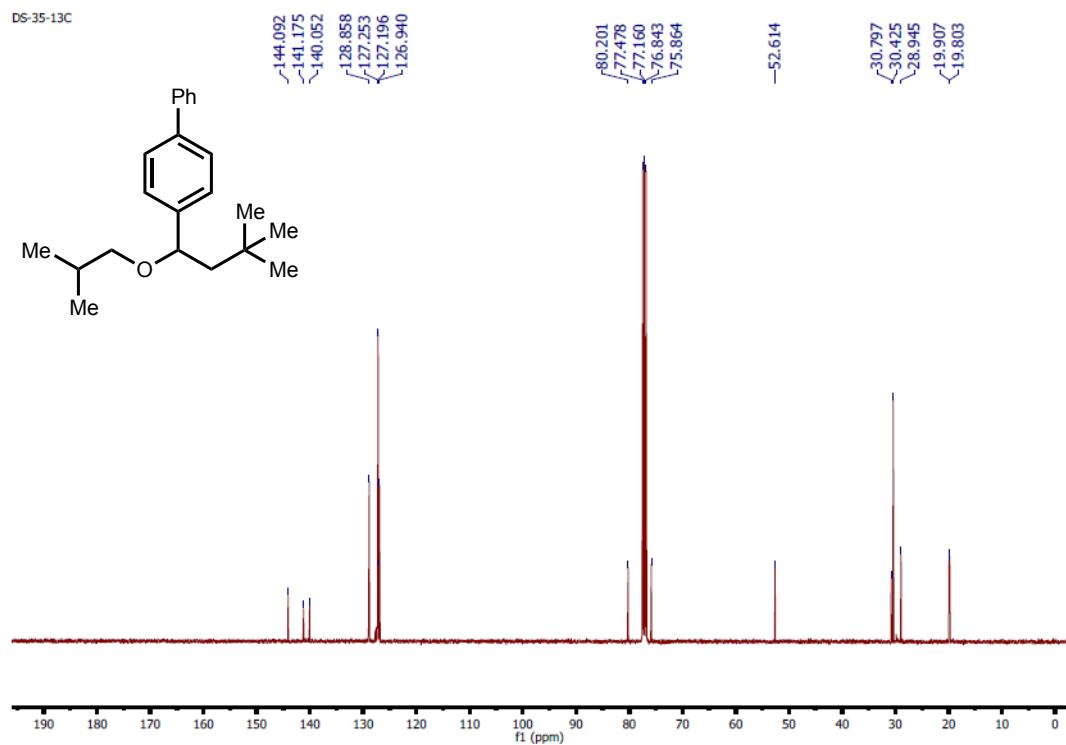
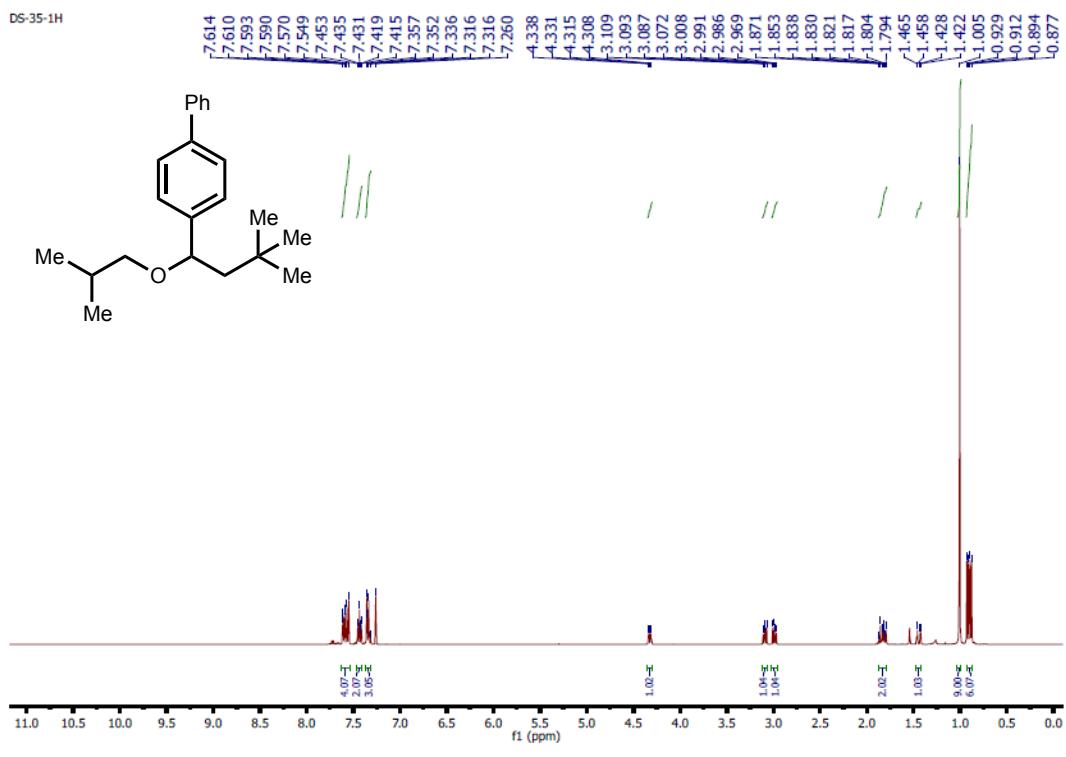
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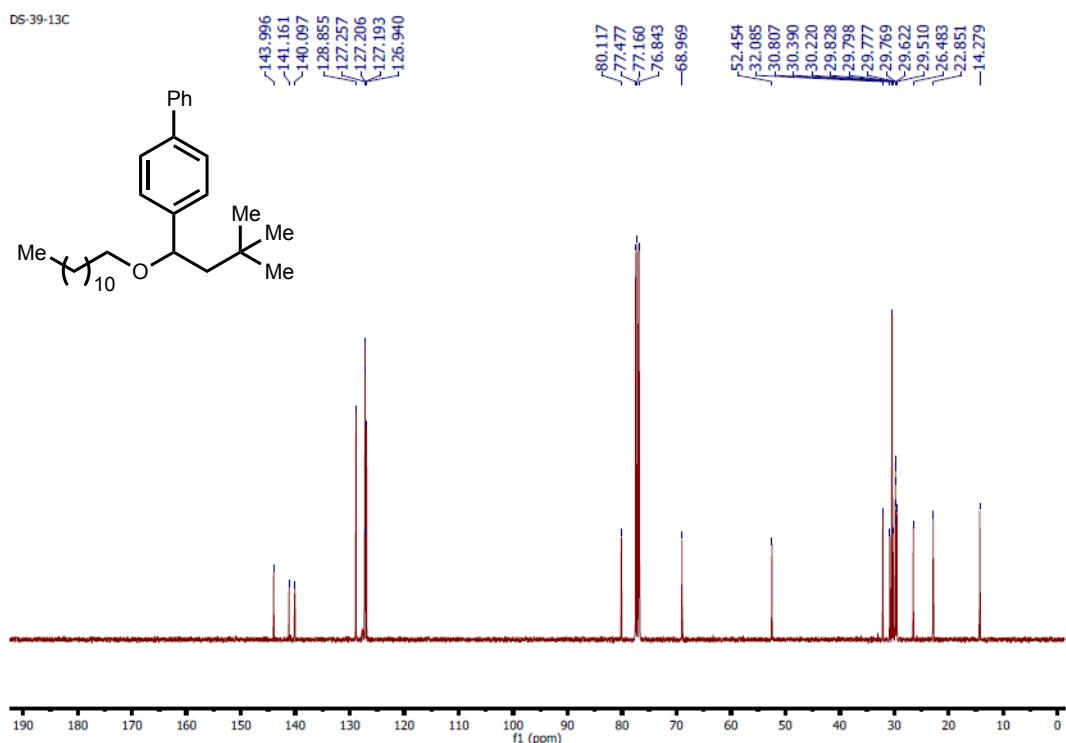
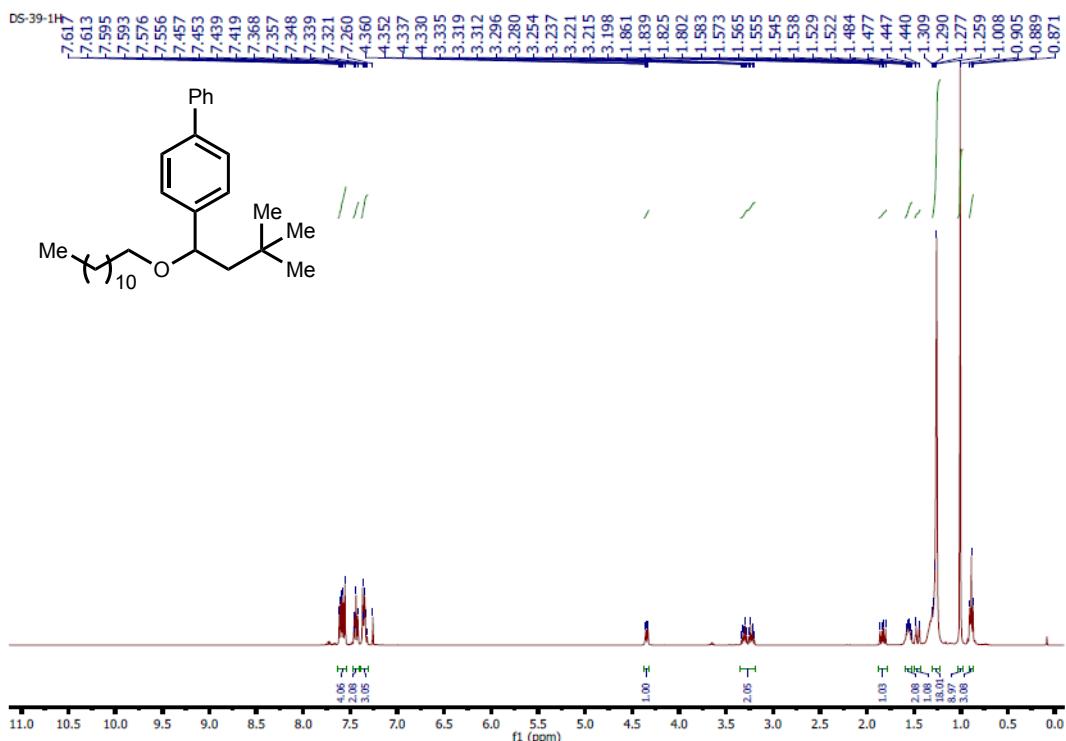
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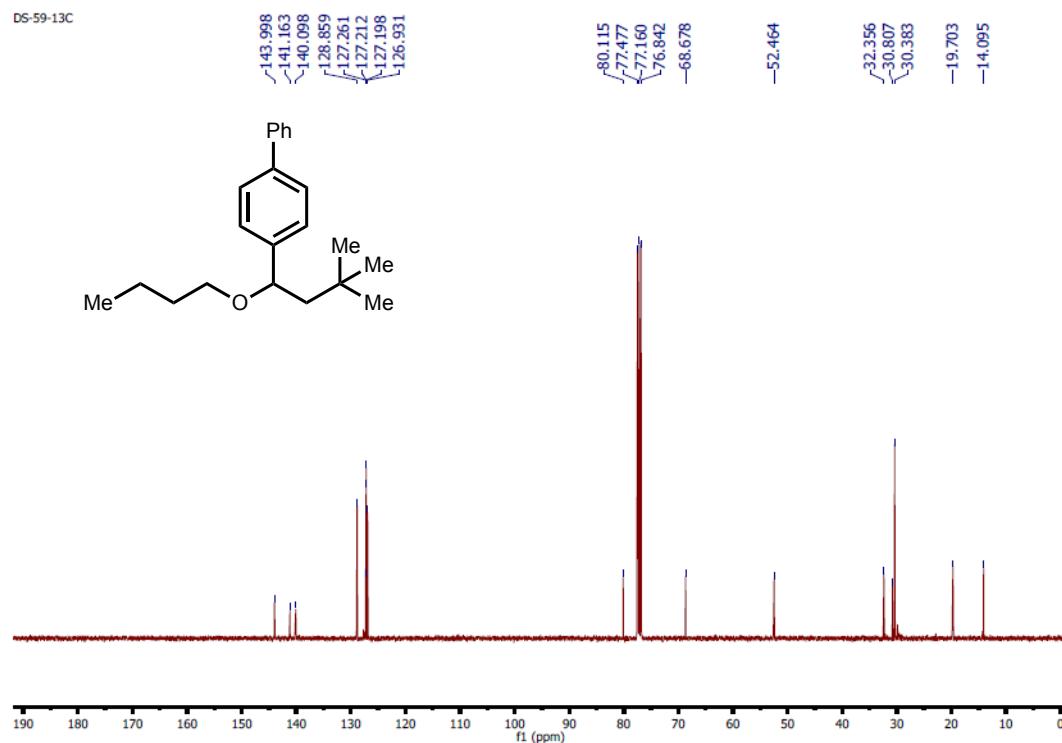
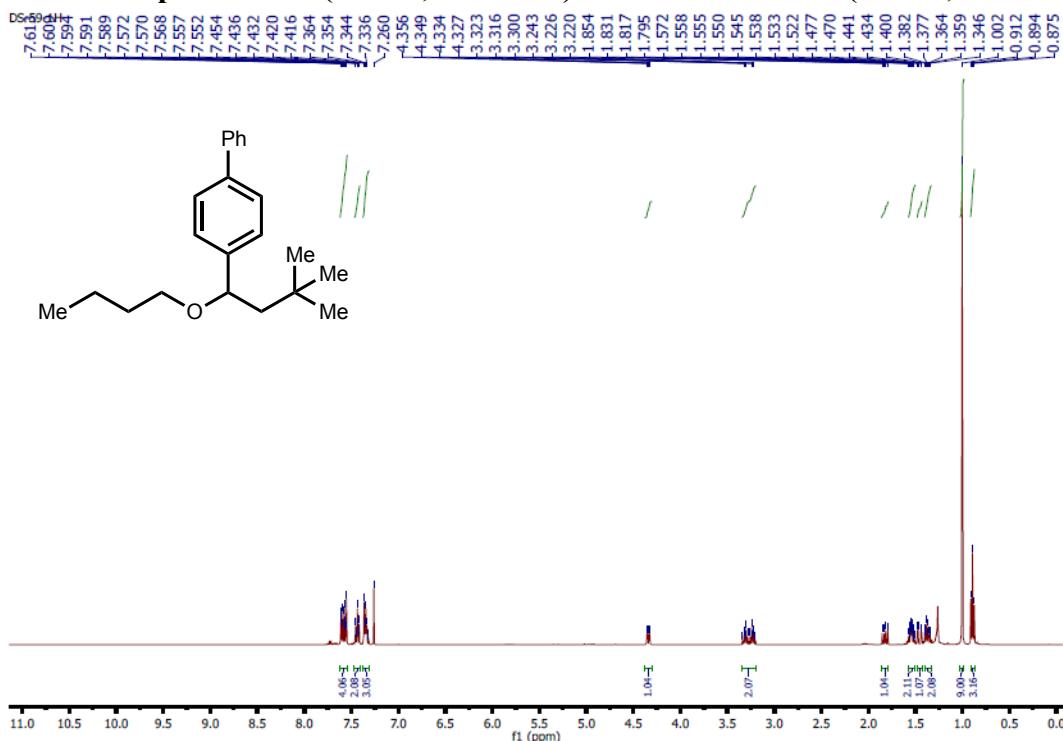
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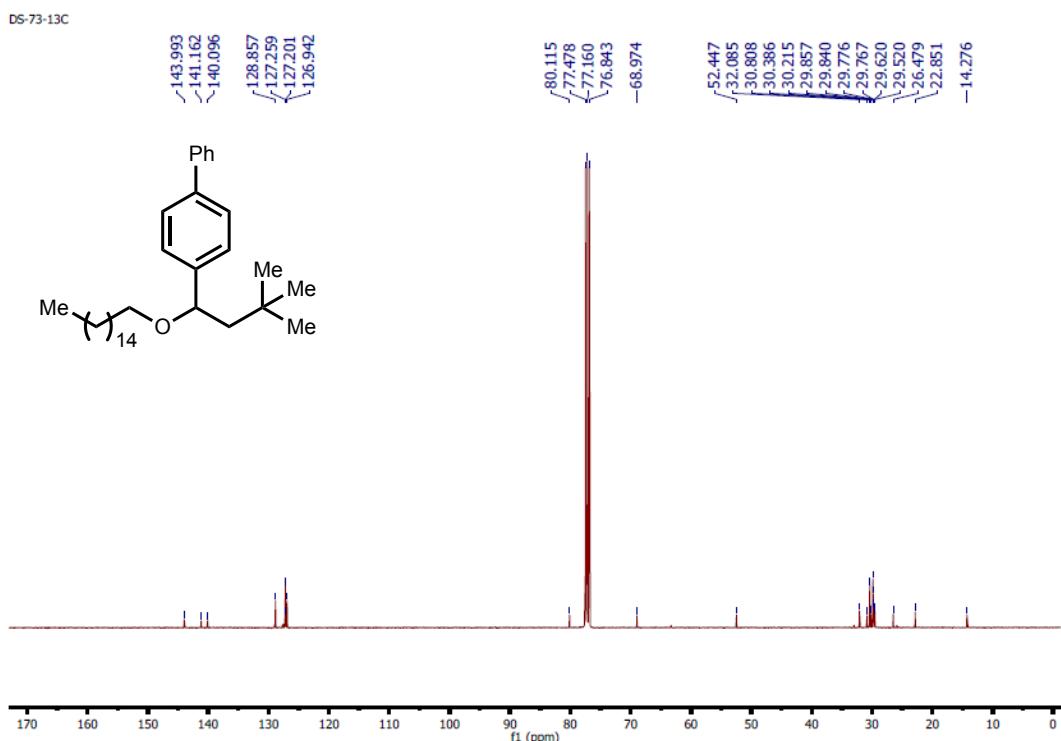
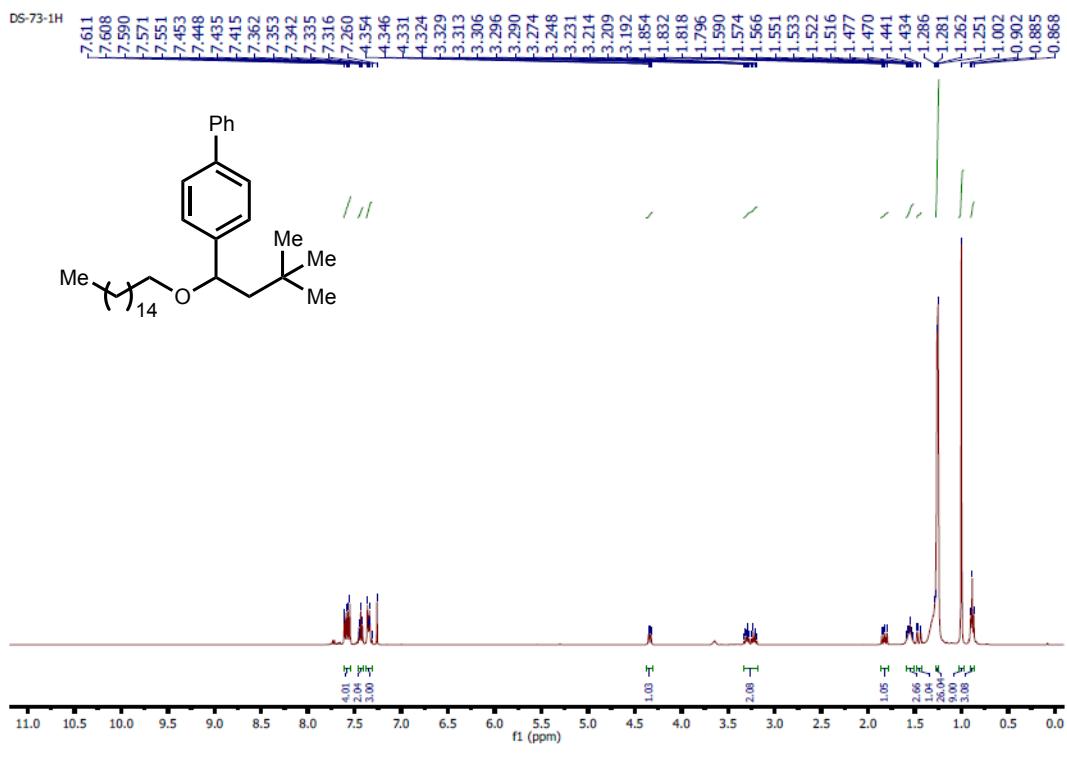
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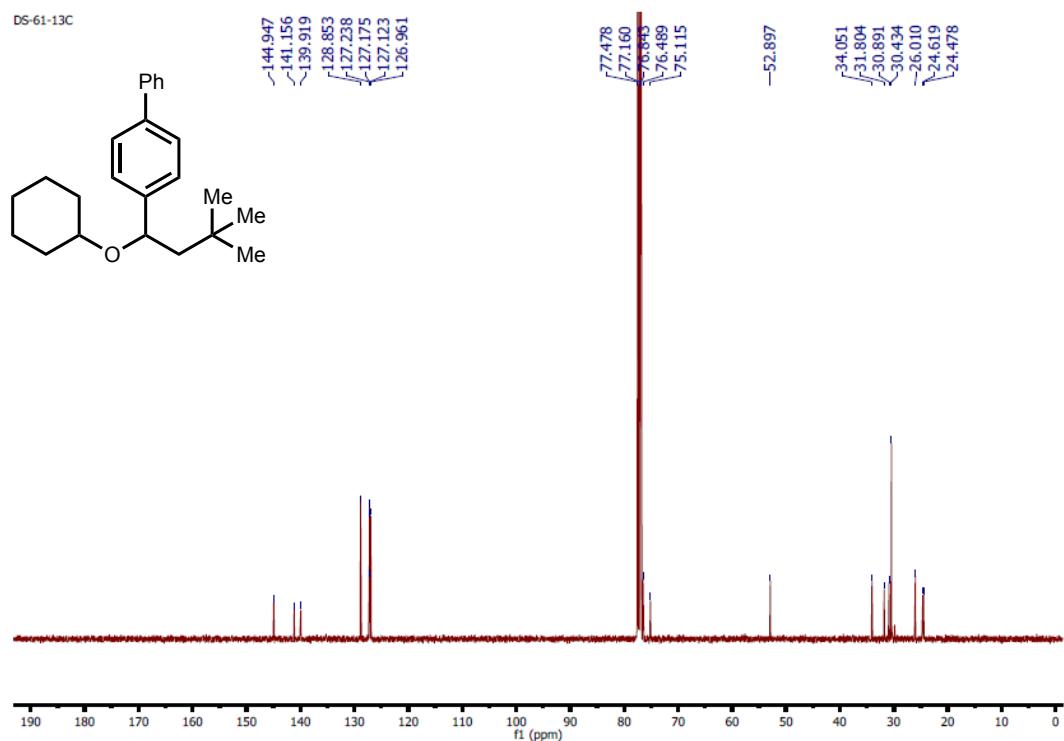
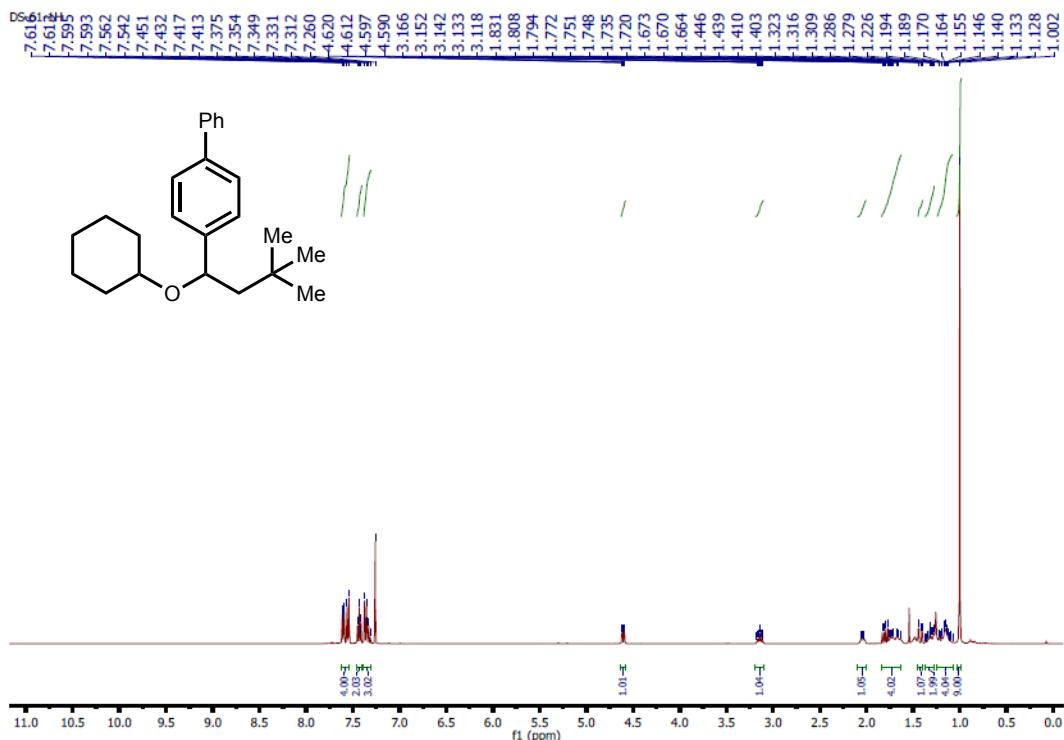
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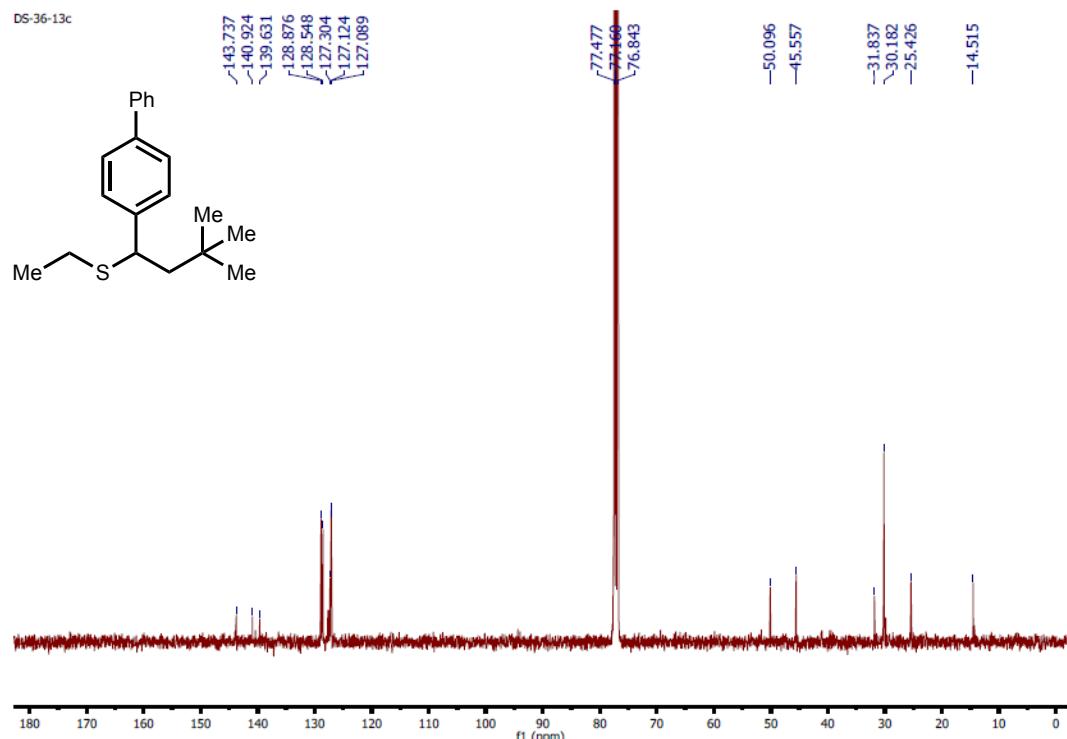
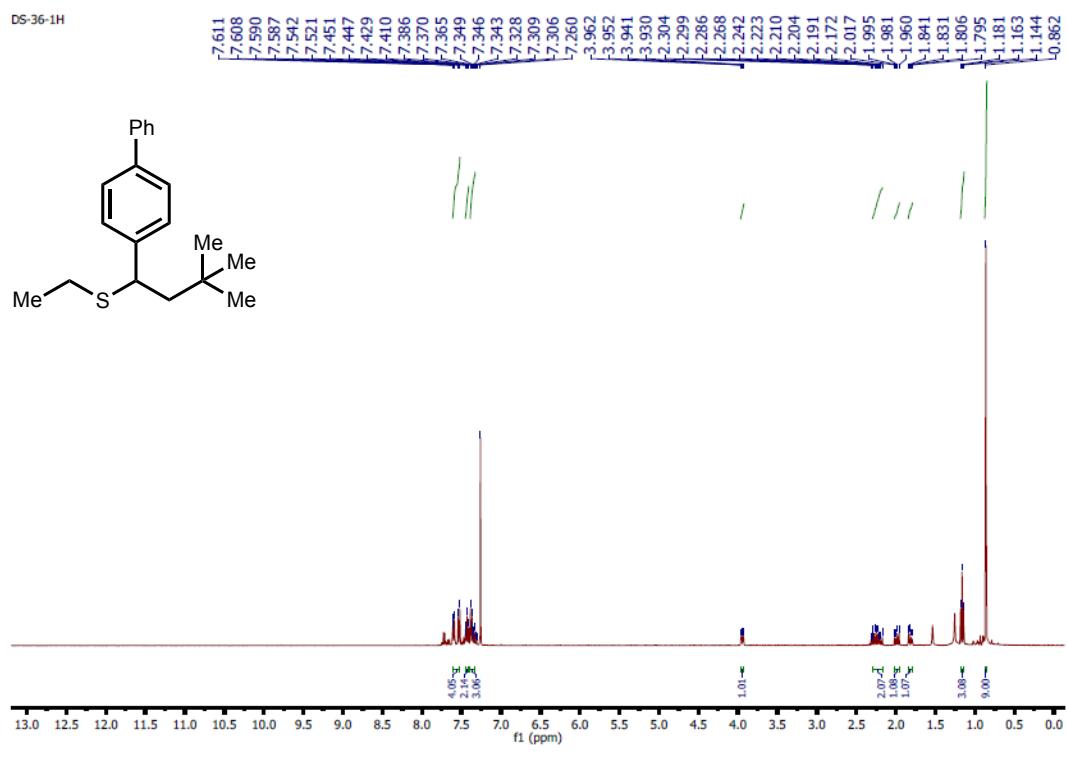
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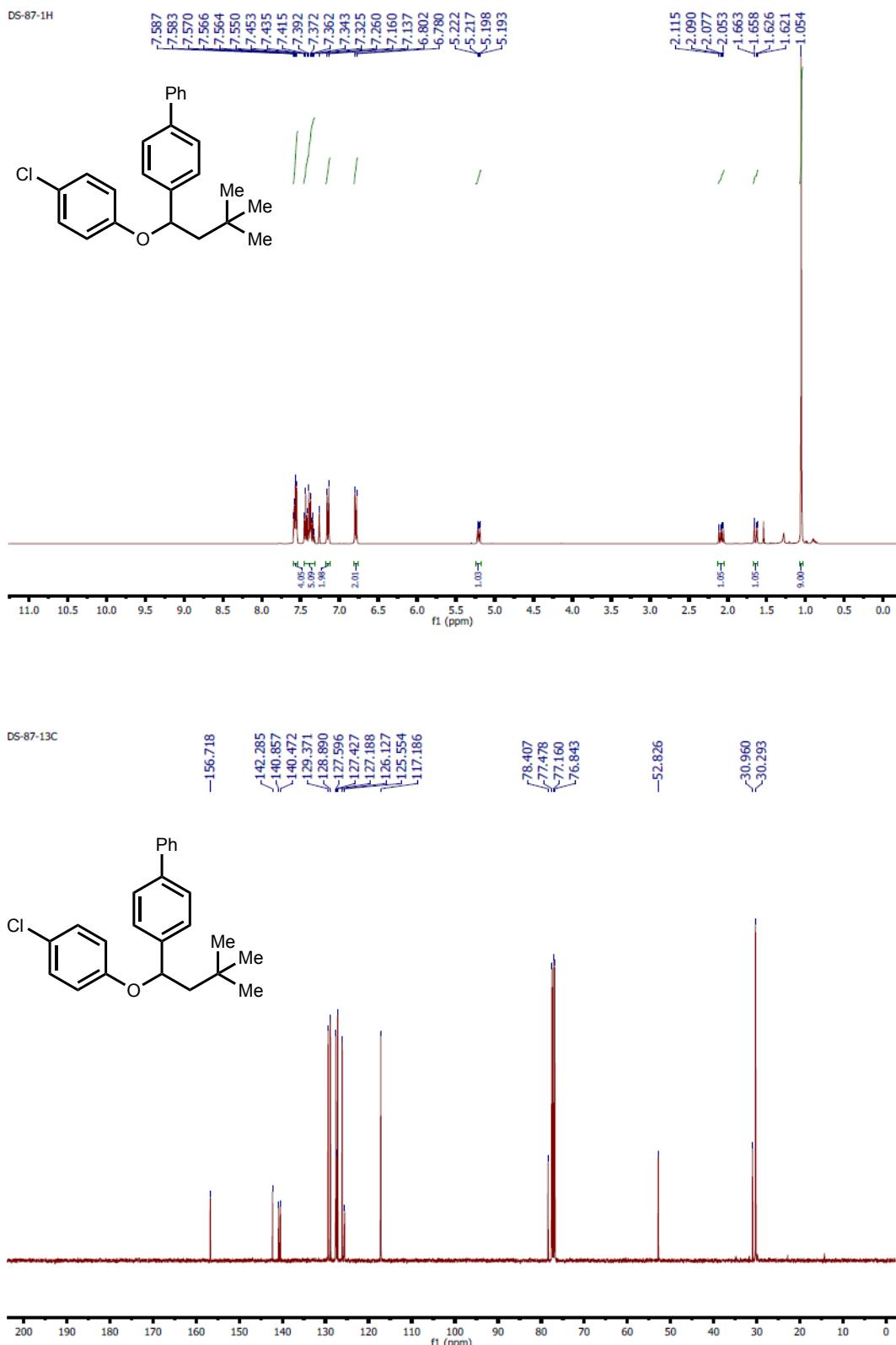
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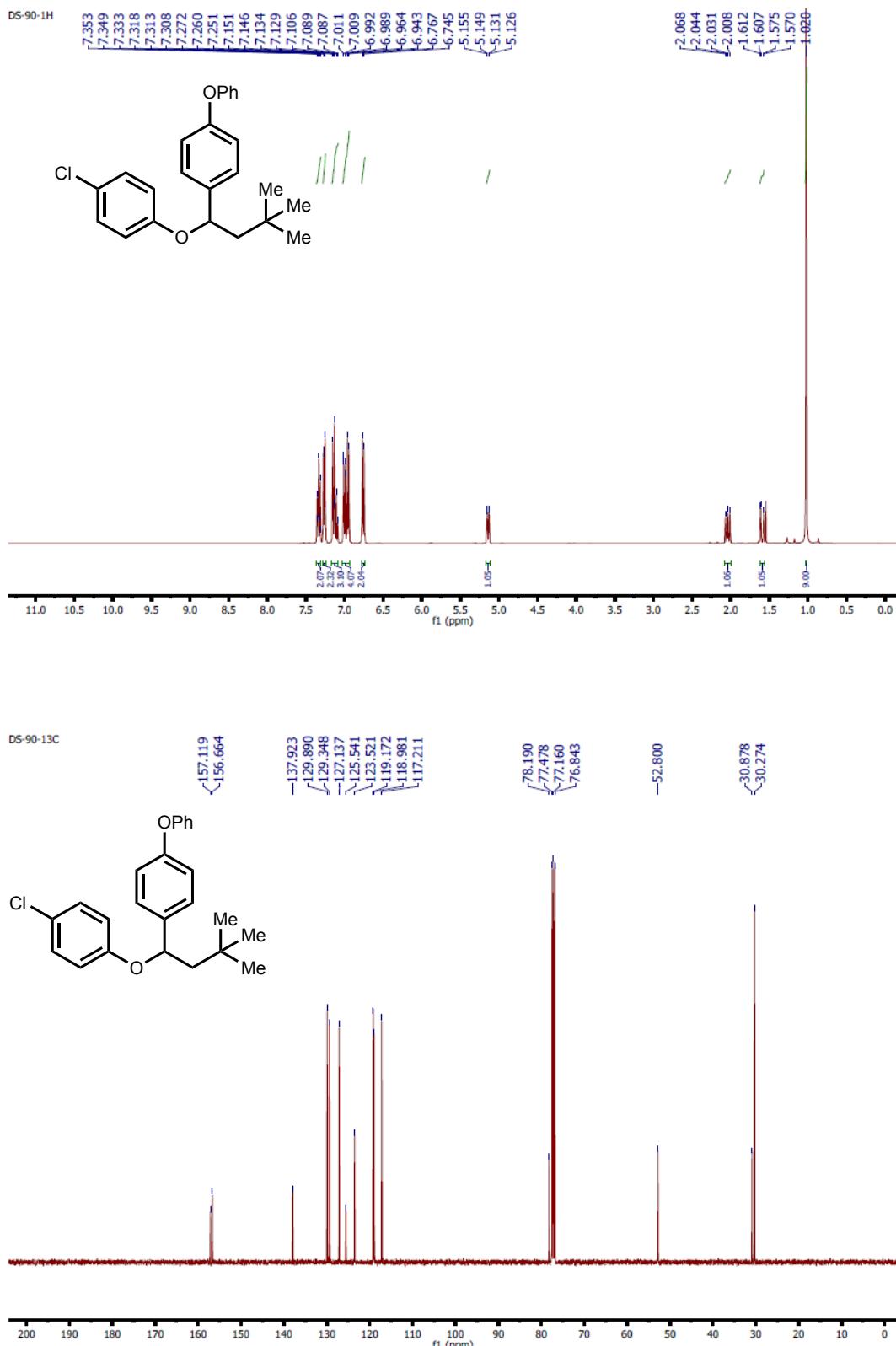
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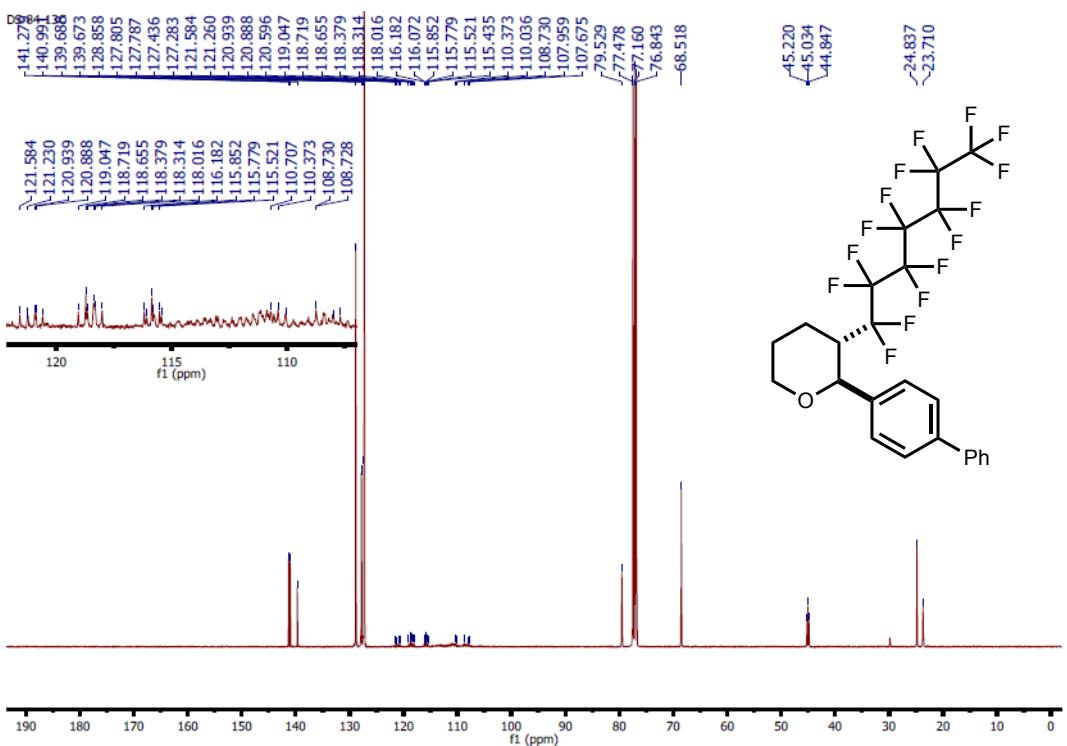
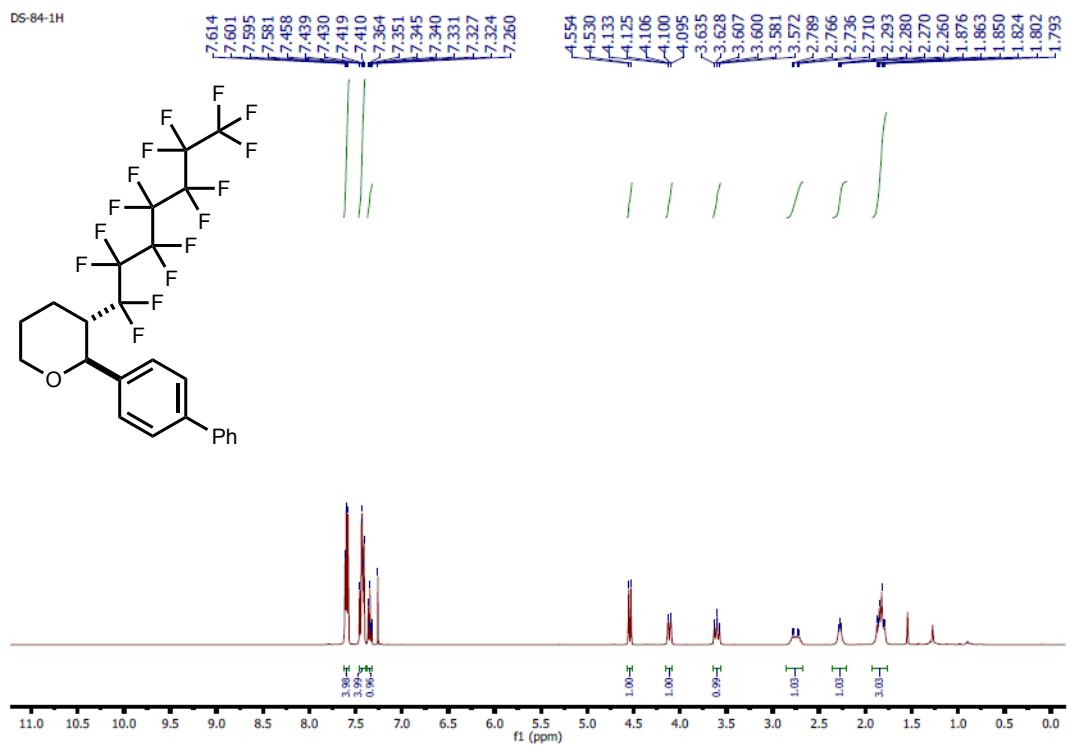
Compound 30. Top: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz). Bottom: ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz)



Compound 31. Top: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz). Bottom: ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz)



Compound 32. Top: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz). Bottom: ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz)



Compound 32. Top: ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3 , 376 MHz). Bottom: NOESY (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz)

