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## General Remarks.

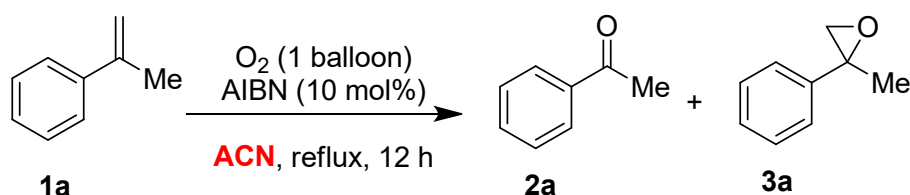
All reactions were conducted under a nitrogen atmosphere on a dual-manifold Schlenk line and in oven-dried glass wares unless otherwise mentioned. All solvents were dried according to known methods.<sup>1</sup> Commercially obtained reagents were used as received unless otherwise specified. Yields refer to purified and spectroscopically pure compounds. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck TLC aluminum sheets silica gel 60 F254 plates and visualized by fluorescence quenching under UV light and KMnO<sub>4</sub> stain. Flash chromatography was performed using silica gel (Chromatorex, MB 70-40/75, 40–75  $\mu$ m), purchased by Fuji Silysia Chemical. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE spectrometer operating at 300 MHz and 400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 50 MHz and 75 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm with the solvent resonance as the internal standard. The following solvent chemical shifts were used as reference values (ppm): CDCl<sub>3</sub> = 7.26 (1 H), 77.0 (<sup>13</sup>C). Data are reported as follows: s = singlet, br = broad, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet; coupling constants in Hz; integration. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained on JMS-700 at Academia Sinica. Melting points were determined by using Büchi melting point B-540. Starting materials of various styrenes and stilbenes were prepared by reported methods.<sup>[1-2]</sup>

## Experimental Section

### Optimization of reaction conditions.

Solvent optimization is mentioned in Table 1 of manuscript.

**Table S1. Optimization of solvent concentration.**

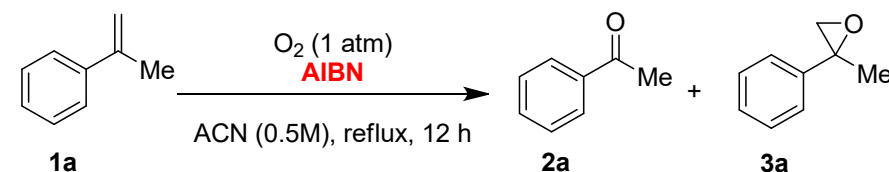


| Entry | Concentration | Yield <sup>a</sup>                             |
|-------|---------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | 0.5M          | <b>1a</b> /0%, <b>2a</b> /45%, <b>3a</b> /23%  |
| 2     | 0.25M         | <b>1a</b> /2%, <b>2a</b> /40%, <b>3a</b> /28%  |
| 3     | 1M            | <b>1a</b> /30%, <b>2a</b> /16%, <b>3a</b> /21% |

<sup>a</sup>Isolated yield

We then tested different amounts of radical initiator 2,2-azobis(isobutyronitrile) (AIBN) (Table S2). It is found that by using 40 mol%, the starting material is consumed, but the yields of **2a** and **3a** reduced (Entry 3, Table S2). It is found that increases in mol % of radical does not increases yields of **2a** and **3a**, so we choose 10 mol%. as the optimal number of free radical initiator equivalents.

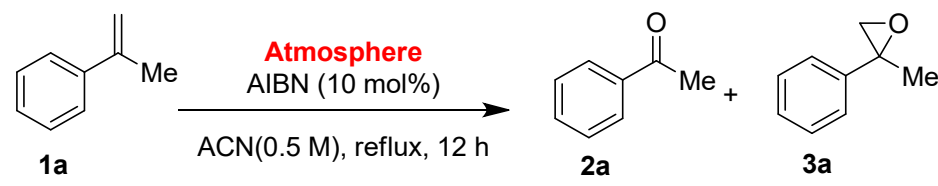
**Table S2. Optimization of free radical initiator 2,2-azobis(isobutyronitrile) (AIBN)**

|  |          |                                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Entry                                                                              | mol %.   | Yield <sup>a</sup>                            |
| 1                                                                                  | 10       | <b>1a</b> /0%, <b>2a</b> /45%, <b>3a</b> /23% |
| 2                                                                                  | 20       | <b>1a</b> /0%, <b>2a</b> /11%, <b>3a</b> /12% |
| 3                                                                                  | 40       | <b>1a</b> /0%, <b>2a</b> /16%, <b>3a</b> /12% |
| 4                                                                                  | 1 equiv. | <b>1a</b> /0%, <b>2a</b> /4%, <b>3a</b> /6%   |

<sup>a</sup>Isolated yield

Next is the comparison of gases in the reaction environment. We found that the reaction can still proceed in air, but its reactivity is not as good as in an oxygen environment (Table S3).

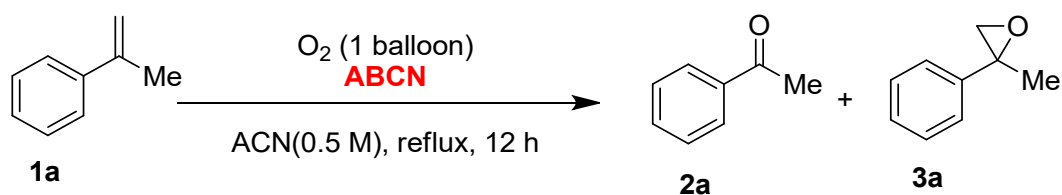
**Table S3. Optimization of reaction atmosphere.**

|  |                |                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Entry                                                                               | Atmosphere     | Yield <sup>a</sup>                             |
| 1                                                                                   | O <sub>2</sub> | <b>1a</b> /13%, <b>2a</b> /33%, <b>3a</b> /30% |
| 2                                                                                   | air            | <b>1a</b> /43%, <b>2a</b> /11%, <b>3a</b> /12% |

<sup>a</sup>Isolated yield

We also used a free radical initiator with a longer half-life 1,1-azobis(cyclohexanonitrile) (ABCN) and compared the two equivalent numbers (Table S4). It is found that when 20 mol% is used, the yield of **2a** obtained was higher. When we extend the reaction time to 24 hours and change the % to 10 mol%, the yield of **2a** can reach 60%, but the yield of **3a** is relatively reduced.

Table S4. Optimization of mol % of 1,1'-Azobis(cyclohexanecarbonitrile) ABCN

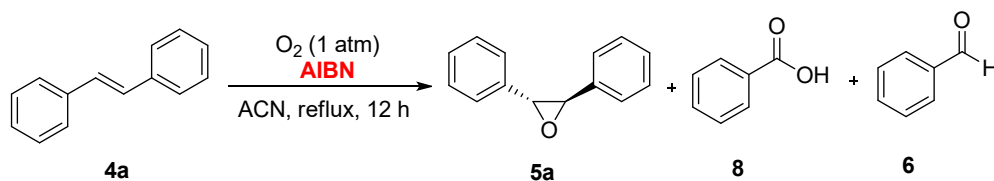


| Entry          | mol%. | Yield                                          |
|----------------|-------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1              | 10    | <b>1a</b> /11%, <b>2a</b> /34%, <b>3a</b> /27% |
| 2              | 20    | <b>1a</b> /3%, <b>2a</b> /38%, <b>3a</b> /29%  |
| 3 <sup>a</sup> | 10    | <b>1a</b> /11%, <b>2a</b> /60%, <b>3a</b> /20% |

<sup>a</sup>Reaction time 24h

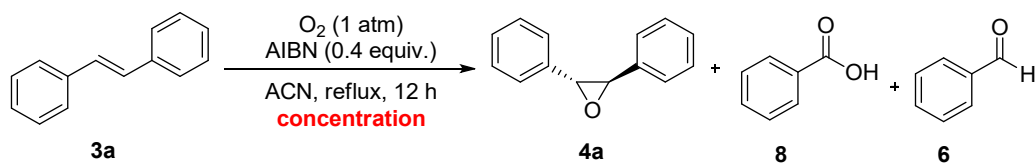
After we have obtained the optimal conditions with styrenes we hope to obtain a better yield of stilbenes by changing the concentration of radical initiator. Highest 67% yield of oxirane **5a** was obtained for 0.4 equiv. (Table S 5).

Table S5. Optimization of equivalents of free radical initiator 2,2-azobis(isobutyronitrile) (AIBN) for oxidation of stilbenes.



| Entry    | AIBN (mol%) | <b>4a</b> <sup>a</sup> | <b>5a</b> <sup>a</sup> | <b>8</b> <sup>b</sup> | <b>6</b> <sup>b</sup> |
|----------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1        | 1 equiv.    | 0%                     | 53%                    | 11%                   | 0%                    |
| 2        | 80          | 0%                     | 57%                    | 15%                   | 0%                    |
| 3        | 60          | 0%                     | 53%                    | 18%                   | 0%                    |
| <b>4</b> | <b>40</b>   | <b>0%</b>              | <b>67%</b>             | <b>16%</b>            | <b>0%</b>             |
| 5        | 20          | 5%                     | 53%                    | 11%                   | 2.5%                  |
| 6        | 30          | 20%                    | 50%                    | 5%                    | 8%                    |
| 7        | 5           | 40%                    | 32%                    | 3.5%                  | 5.5%                  |

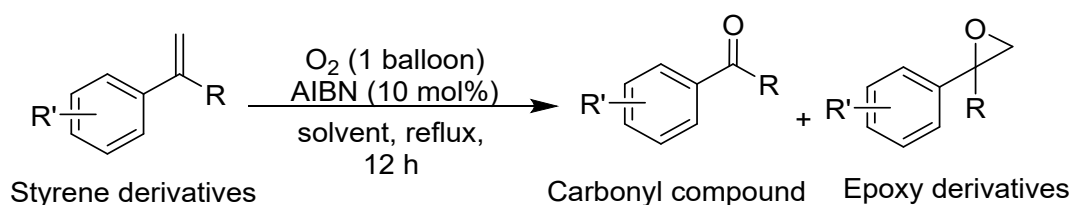
<sup>a</sup>Isolated yield <sup>b</sup>Observed in <sup>1</sup>H NMR

**Table S6. Optimization of solvent concentration for oxidation of stilbenes.**

| Entry | Concentration | 3a <sup>a</sup> | 4a <sup>a</sup> | 8 <sup>b</sup> | 6 <sup>b</sup> |
|-------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1     | 0.8 M         | 0%              | 65%             | 9%             | 0%             |
| 2     | 0.5 M         | 0%              | 67%             | 16%            | 0%             |
| 3     | 0.1 M         | 0%              | 63%             | 7%             | 0%             |

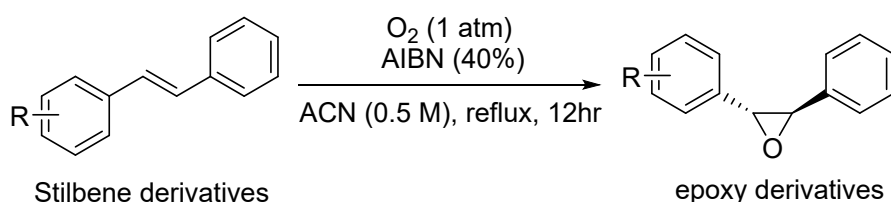
<sup>a</sup>Isolated yield <sup>b</sup>Observed in <sup>1</sup>H NMR

#### General procedure for radical mediated aerobic oxidation of substituted styrenes



Desired styrene derivative (1 equiv.) was taken in a 25 mL two-neck round bottom flask, add acetonitrile (0.5M) to dissolve it, and then add 2,2-azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN) (10 mol%), reflux it under oxygen at 90 °C for 12 hours under oxygen. After the completion of reaction, the solvent was removed to obtain crude product. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate: n-hexane).

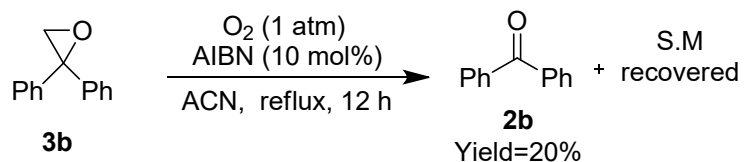
#### General procedure for radical mediated aerobic oxidation of substituted stilbenes



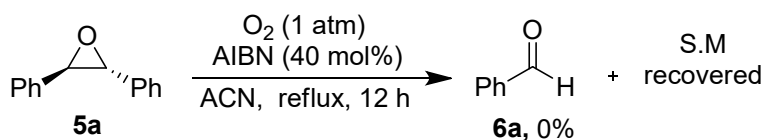
Desired stilbene (1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in acetonitrile (0.5 M) in a two-neck round bottom flask, and added azobisisobutyronitrile (40 mol %) After refluxing the solution for 12 hours under oxygen, the reaction was monitored by TLC. The crude product was separated and purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate: n-hexane = 1: 5)

#### Mechanistic Studies.

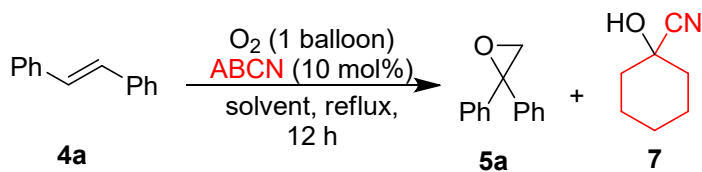
- a) Oxirane **3b** was dissolved in ACN (0.5M) in a two-neck round bottom flask, and added azobisisobutyronitrile (0.4 equiv.) After refluxing the solution for 12 hours at 90 °C under Oxygen, the crude product was separated and purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate: n-hexane = 1: 5)



- b) Oxirane **5a** was dissolved in ACN (0.5M) in a two-neck round bottom flask, and added azobisisobutyronitrile (0.4 equiv.) After refluxing the solution for 12 hours at 90 °C under oxygen. Both TLC and crude NMR shows no evidence of product formation.

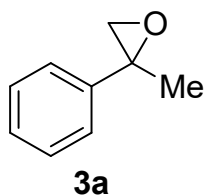


- c) Stilbene (1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in acetonitrile (2 mL, 0.5 M) in a two-neck round bottom flask, and added ABCN (0.4 equiv.) After refluxing the solution for 12 hours under oxygen, the crude product was concentrated and then purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate: n-hexane = 1: 5). Cyanohydrin **7** was isolated as byproduct.

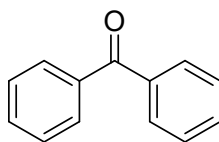


**Spectroscopic data****Spectroscopic data for compound 2a**

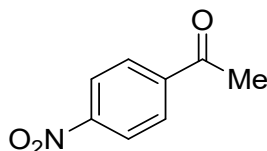
IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 2922, 2853  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $24^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$ ) : 7.97-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $24^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$ ) : 198.0, 136.9, 133.0, 128.4, 128.1, 26.4; HRMS(EI<sup>+</sup>) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}$  [M]<sup>+</sup>, 120.0574. Found, 120.1575

**Spectroscopic data for compound 3a**

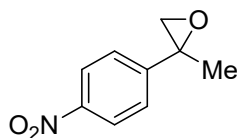
IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 2922, 2904, 1454, 763, 703.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $24^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$ ) : 7.39-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 1H), 2.98 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd,  $J = 0.6, 0.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.73 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $24^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$ ) : 198.0, 136.9, 132.9, 128.4, 128.1, 77.3, 77.0, 76.6, 26.2.

**Spectroscopic data for compound 2b**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $24^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$ ) : 7.80 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 4H), 7.60 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 4H) ;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $24^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$ ) : 137.7, 132.6, 130.2, 128.4, ; HRMS (EI)  $m/z$ : [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}$ , 182.0732; found 182.0728 ; IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 1651, 1278, 706  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

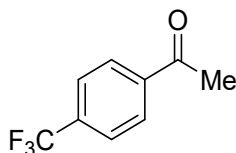
**Spectroscopic data for compound 2c**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $24^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$ ) : 8.32 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.68 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $24^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$ ) : 196.3, 150.2, 141.2, 129.2, 123.7, 26.9; IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 1655, 1605, 448.; HRMS(EI<sup>+</sup>) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{NO}_3$  [M]<sup>+</sup>, 165.0428. Found, 165.0426.

**Spectroscopic data for compound 3c**

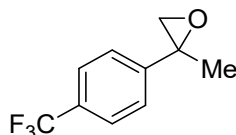
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 ° C,  $\delta$ ) : 8.19 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (d,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (d,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 ° C,  $\delta$ ) : 148.6, 126.2, 123.5, 57.1, 56.1, 21.1; IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 2923, 2853, 1524, 1344; HRMS(FAB $^+$ ) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_3$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ , 180.0656. Found, 180.0661.

Spectroscopic data for compound **2d**



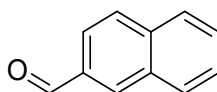
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 ° C,  $\delta$ ) : 8.06 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 ° C,  $\delta$ ) : 196.9, 139.6, 134.3, 128.5, 125.6, 122.2, 26.7. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 2928, 2852, 1326, 1125; HRMS(FAB $^+$ ) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{O}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ , 189.0523. Found, 189.0527.

Spectroscopic data for compound **3d**



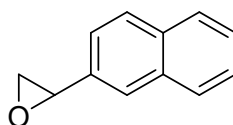
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 ° C,  $\delta$ ) : 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 ° C,  $\delta$ ) : 148.6, 147.1, 126.1, 123.4, 57.1, 56.1, 21.0; IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 2931, 2853, 1364; HRMS(FAB $^+$ ) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{O}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ , 201.0528. Found, 201.0527.

Spectroscopic data for compound **2e**



IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 1697, 1344, 750, 482;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 ° C,  $\delta$ ) : 10.17 (s, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.03-7.9(m, 4H), 7.67-7.58 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 ° C,  $\delta$ ) : 192.2, 136.5, 134.5, 134.1, 132.6, 129.5, 129.1, 128.1, 127.1, 122.8; HRMS(EI $^+$ ) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{O}$   $[\text{M}]^+$ , 156.0571. Found, 156.0575

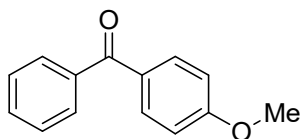
Spectroscopic data for compound **3e**





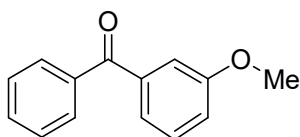
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C,  $\delta$ ) : 7.85-7.82 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 1H), 4.05-4.03 (m, 1H), 3.23 (t,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd,  $J$  = 3.4, 3.4, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C,  $\delta$ ) : 133.3, 133.2, 128.4, 127.7, 126.3, 126.1, 125.2, 122.6, 52.6, 51.3; IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 2922, 1690, 1259, 1016, 482; HRMS( $\text{EI}^+$ ) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}$  [ $\text{M}$ ] $^+$ , 170.0737. Found, 170.0732.

Spectroscopic data for compound **2g**



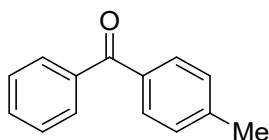
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C,  $\delta$ ) : 7.83 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t,  $J$  = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t,  $J$  = 13.8 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C,  $\delta$ ) : 195.5, 163.2, 138.2, 132.5, 131.8, 130.1, 129.7, 128.1, 113.5, 55.4; IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 2923, 2904, 1651, 1597, 1257, 1171, 1027, 920, 702, 600. HRMS( $\text{EI}^+$ ) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M}$ ] $^+$ , 212.0843. Found, 212.0837.

Spectroscopic data for compound **3h**



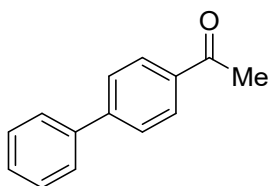
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C,  $\delta$ ) : 7.81 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t,  $J$  = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 15 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C,  $\delta$ ) : 196.5, 159.5, 138.9, 137.6, 132.4, 130.0, 129.2, 128.2, 122.8, 118.8, 114.3, 55.4; IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 2922, 2853, 1659, 1283, 1043, 721; HRMS( $\text{EI}^+$ ) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M}$ ] $^+$ , 212.0838. Found, 212.0837.

Spectroscopic data for compound **2i**



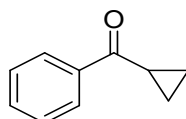
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C,  $\delta$ ) : 7.76 (dd,  $J$  = 7.0, 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.28 (t,  $J$  = 13.7 Hz, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C,  $\delta$ ) : 196.5, 143.2, 137.9, 134.9, 132.1, 130.3, 130.0, 128.9, 128.2, 21.6; HRMS( $\text{EI}^+$ ) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}$  [ $\text{M}$ ] $^+$ , 196.0890. Found, 196.0888; IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 3056, 2922, 2904, 1657, 1605, 1448, 1276, 1179, 922, 699.

Spectroscopic data for compound **2j**



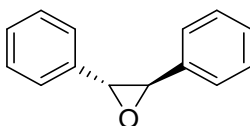
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Spectroscopic data for compound **2k**



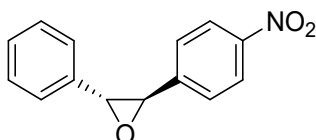
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Spectroscopic data for compound **5a**



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 23 °C) : 7.39-7.32 (m, 10H), 3.87 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 23 °C,  $\delta$ ) : 137.2, 128.7, 128.4, 125.6, 62.9. IR (KBr film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 1523, 1482, 883, 791, 733  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (EI) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}$  [M] $^+$ , 196.0888 Found, 196.0889.

Spectroscopic data for compound **5c**

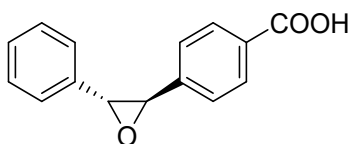


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IR (KBr film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 1488, 1485, 1070, 1008, 816, 748, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (EI) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_3$   $[\text{M}]^+$ , 241.0739.

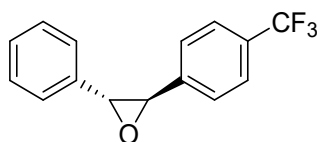
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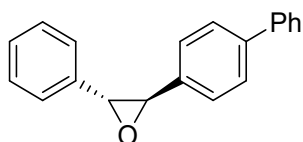
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Spectroscopic data for compound **5e**



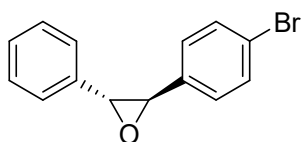
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Spectroscopic data for compound **5f**



IR (KBr film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 2922, 2912, 828, 751, 693  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 23 °C,  $\delta$ ) : 7.63-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.35 (m, 10H), 3.92 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 23 °C) : 141.4, 140.7, 137.2, 136.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.5, 127.4, 127.1, 126.1, 125.6, 63.0, 62.8. HRMS (EI) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$   $[\text{M}]^+$ , 272.1201. Found, 272.1196.

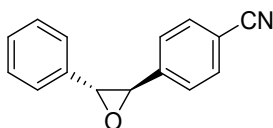
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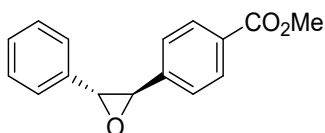
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$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 23 °C,  $\delta$ ) : 136.8, 136.3, 131.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.3, 125.6, 122.3, 63.0, 62.3. IR (KBr film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

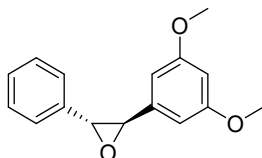
$^1$ ) : 1605, 1513, 1348, 1105, 838, 756  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (EI) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}^{79}\text{BrO}$   $[\text{M}]^+$ , 273.9993. Found, 274.0001.

Spectroscopic data for compound **5h**

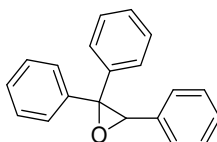
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 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 23 °C,) : 142.5, 136.2, 132.4, 128.8, 128.7, 126.2, 125.6, 118.7, 112.0, 63.2, 61.9. IR (KBr film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 3055, 2977, 2211, 1914, 1823, 1599, 1477, 1437, 1411, 1262, 1055  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (EI) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}$   $[\text{M}]^+$ , 221.0841 Found, 221.0839.

Spectroscopic data for compound **5i**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 23 °C) : 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H) 7.41-7.33 (m, 5H) 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H) 3.83 (d,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 2H).  
 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 23 °C,  $\delta$ ) : 166.7, 142.2, 136.6, 130.1, 129.9, 128.7, 128.6, 125.6, 125.5, 63.1, 62.3, 52.2. IR (KBr film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) : 1735, 1441, 1233, 1053  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$   $[\text{M}]^+$ , 254.0943 Found, 254.0947

Spectroscopic data for compound **5j**

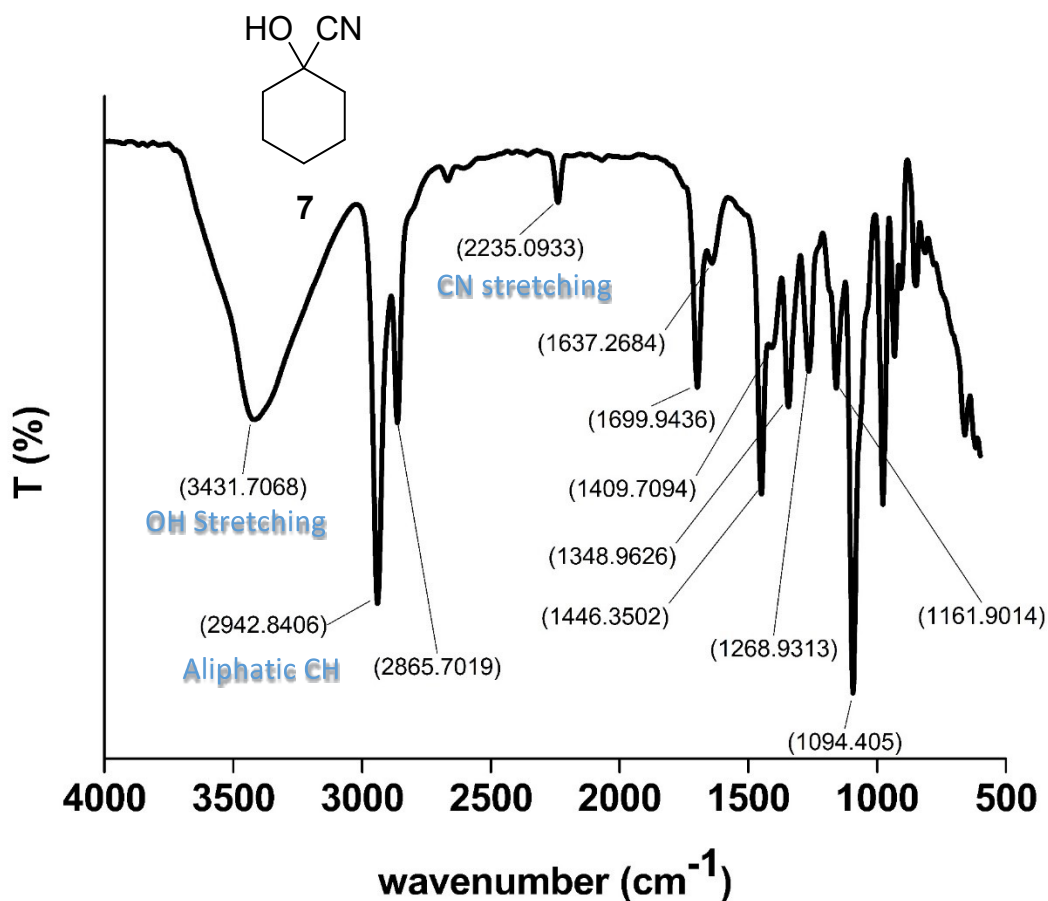
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Spectroscopic data for compound **5k**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 23 °C) : 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H) 7.41-7.33 (m, 5H) 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H) 3.83 (d,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 23 °C,  $\delta$ ) : 141.1, 135.9, 135.6, 129.3, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 127.85, 127.79, 127.7, 126.9, 126.4, 68.8, 68.2. IR (KBr film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3074, 3032, 3001, 2989, 2913, 1597, 1132  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (EI) :  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$  [M]<sup>+</sup>, 272.1201 Found, 272.1206

Spectroscopic data for compound **7**

Compound obtained as a colourless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.28 (s, 1H), 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.75 (m, 7H), 1.55-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.23 (m,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H)).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  121.9, 69.5, 37.6, 24.3, 22. 4. IR (KBr film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). 3431.7, 2942.8, 2860.8, 2235.0, 1637.3, 1699.9, 1447.3, 1268.9, 1094.4.

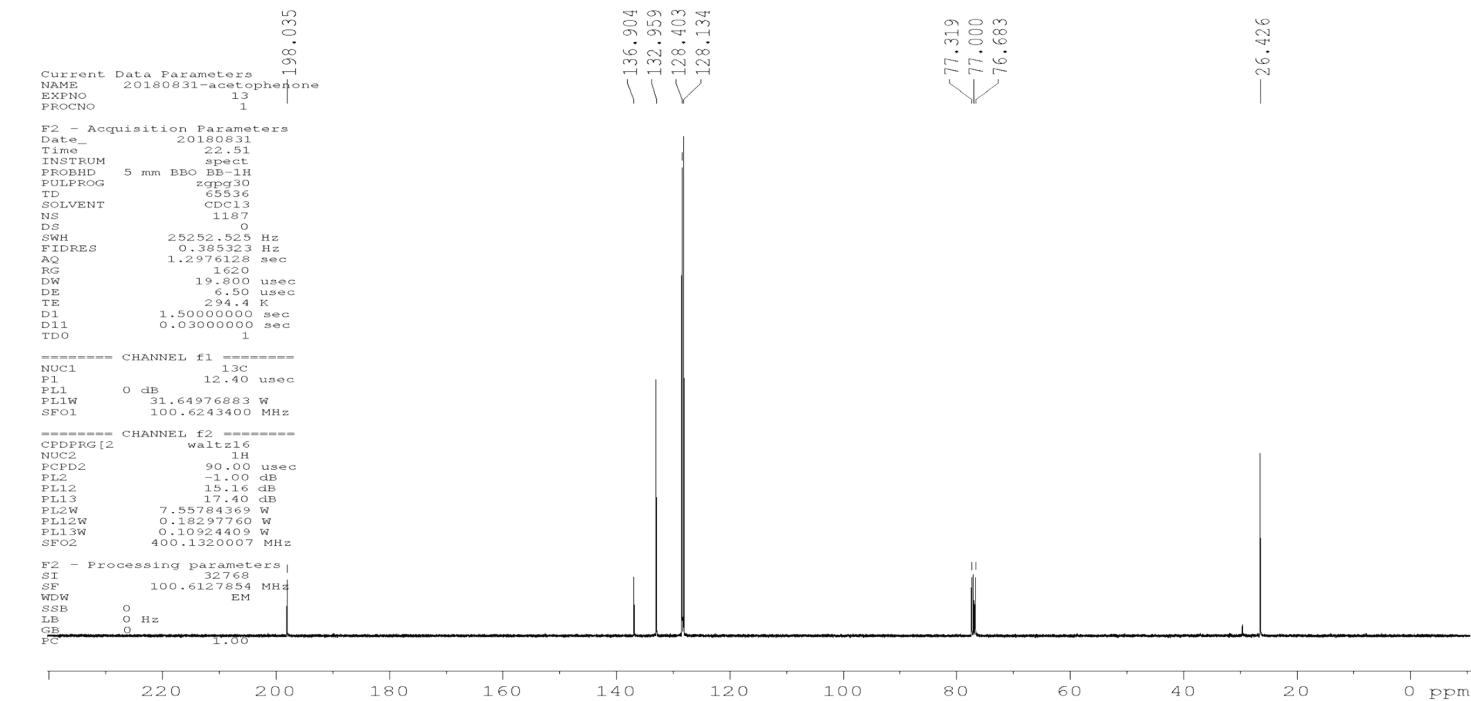
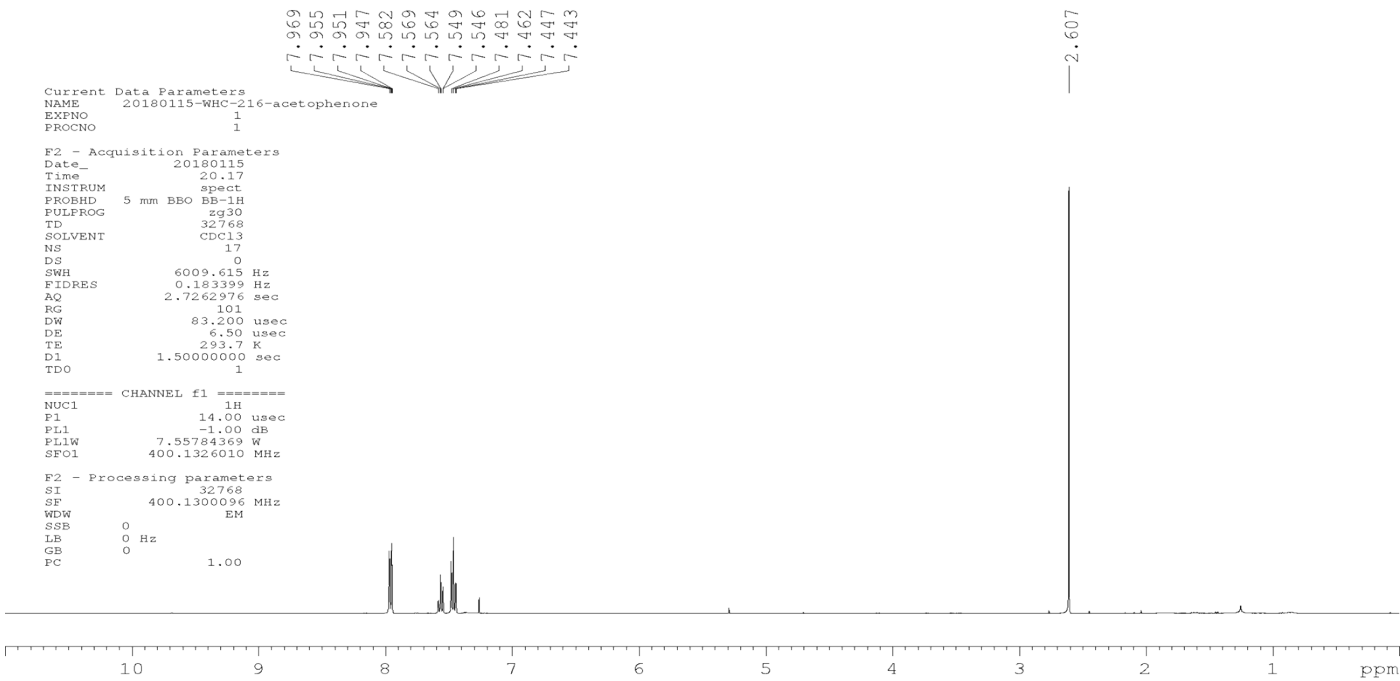


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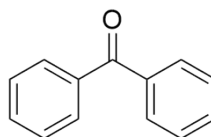
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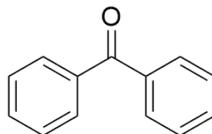
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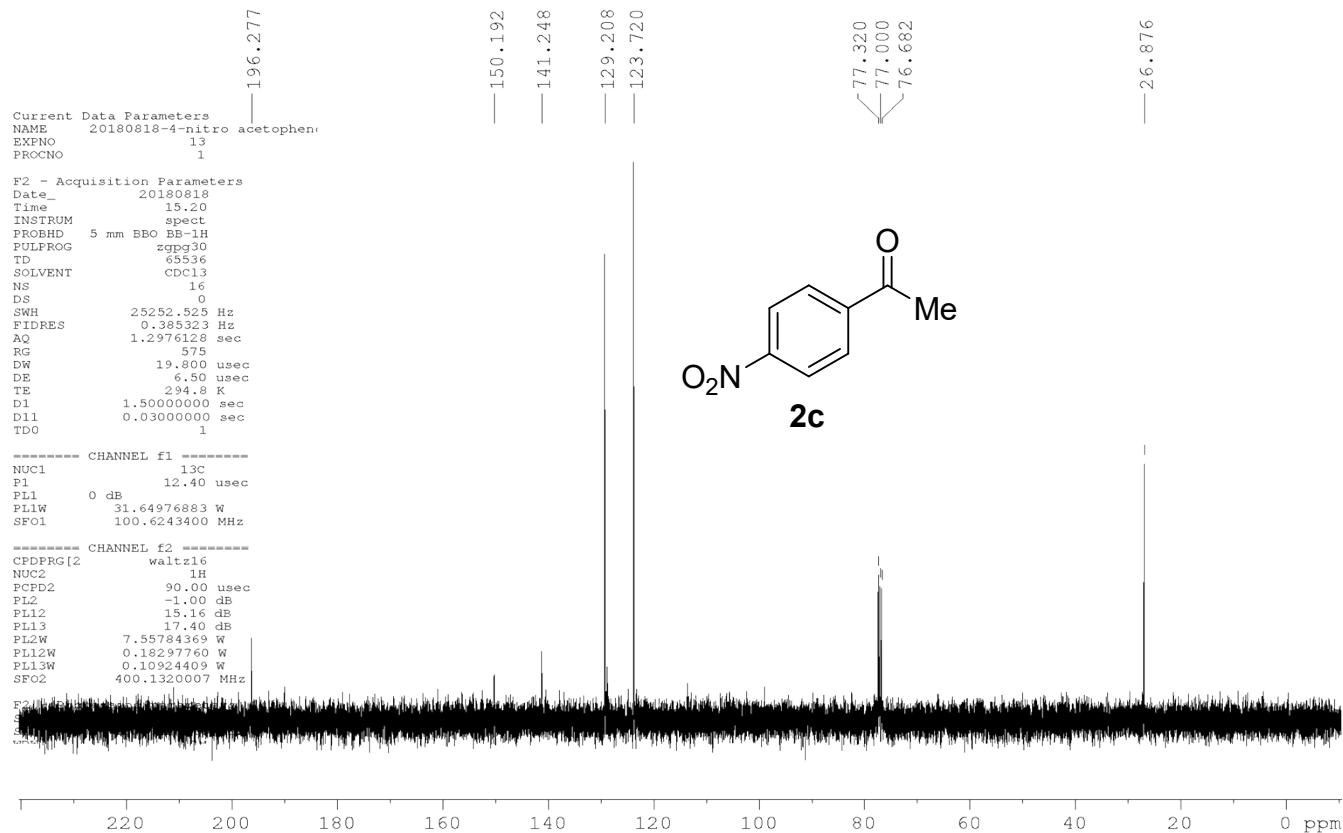
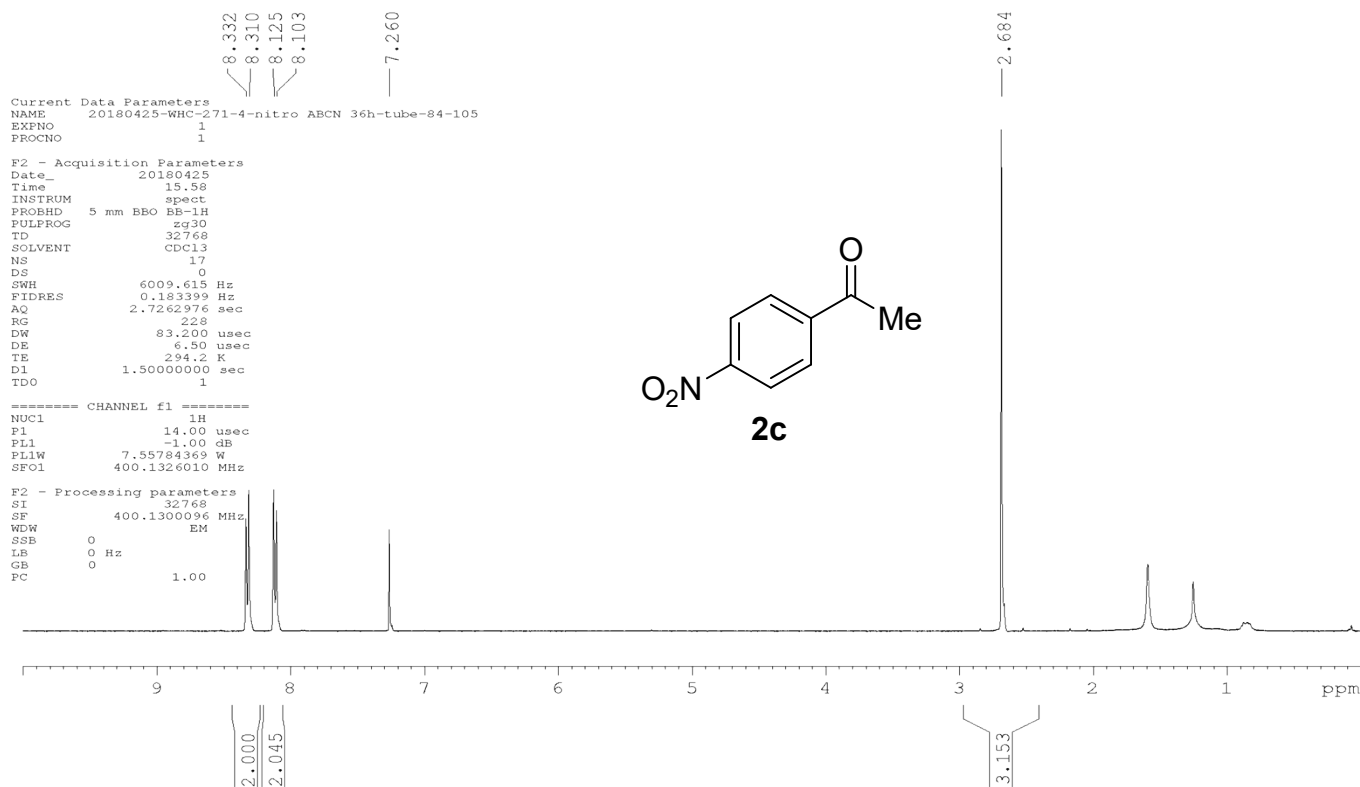
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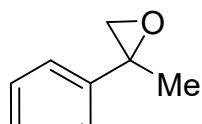
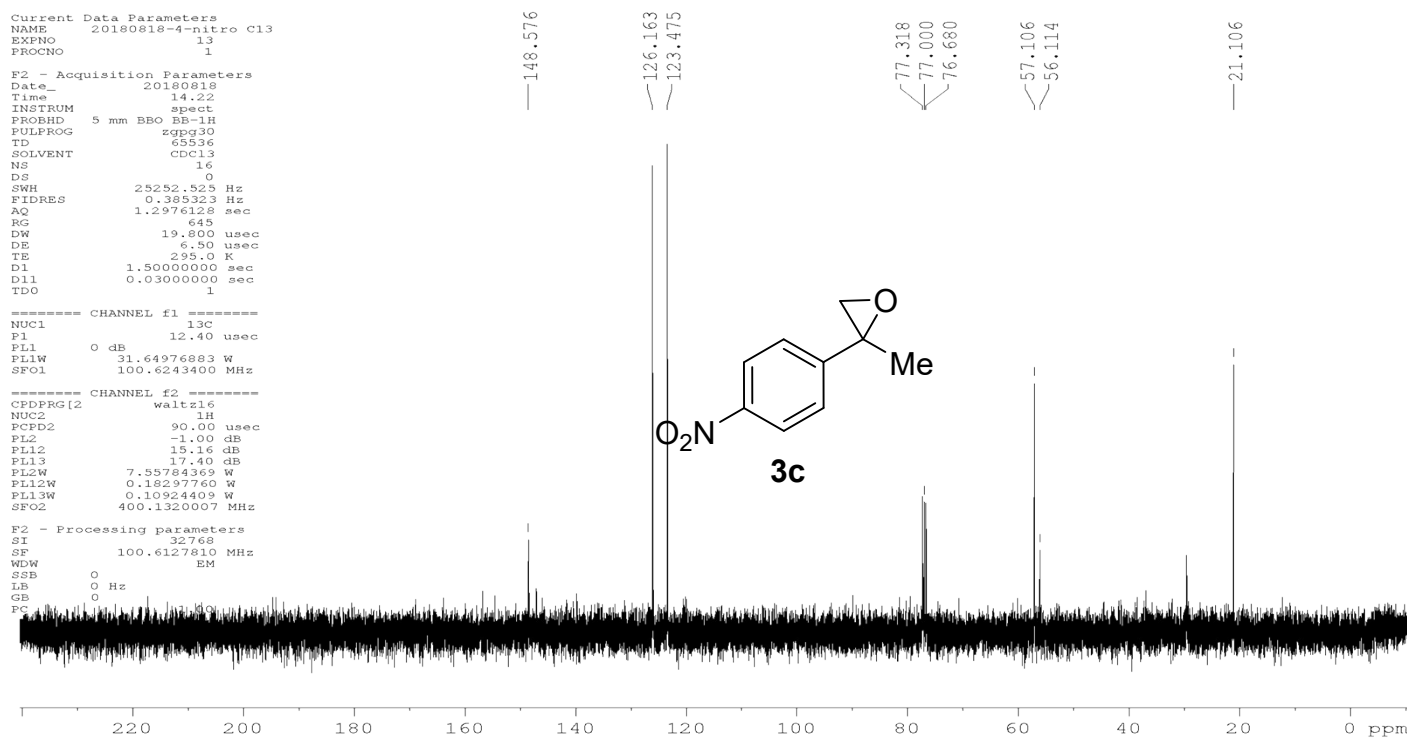
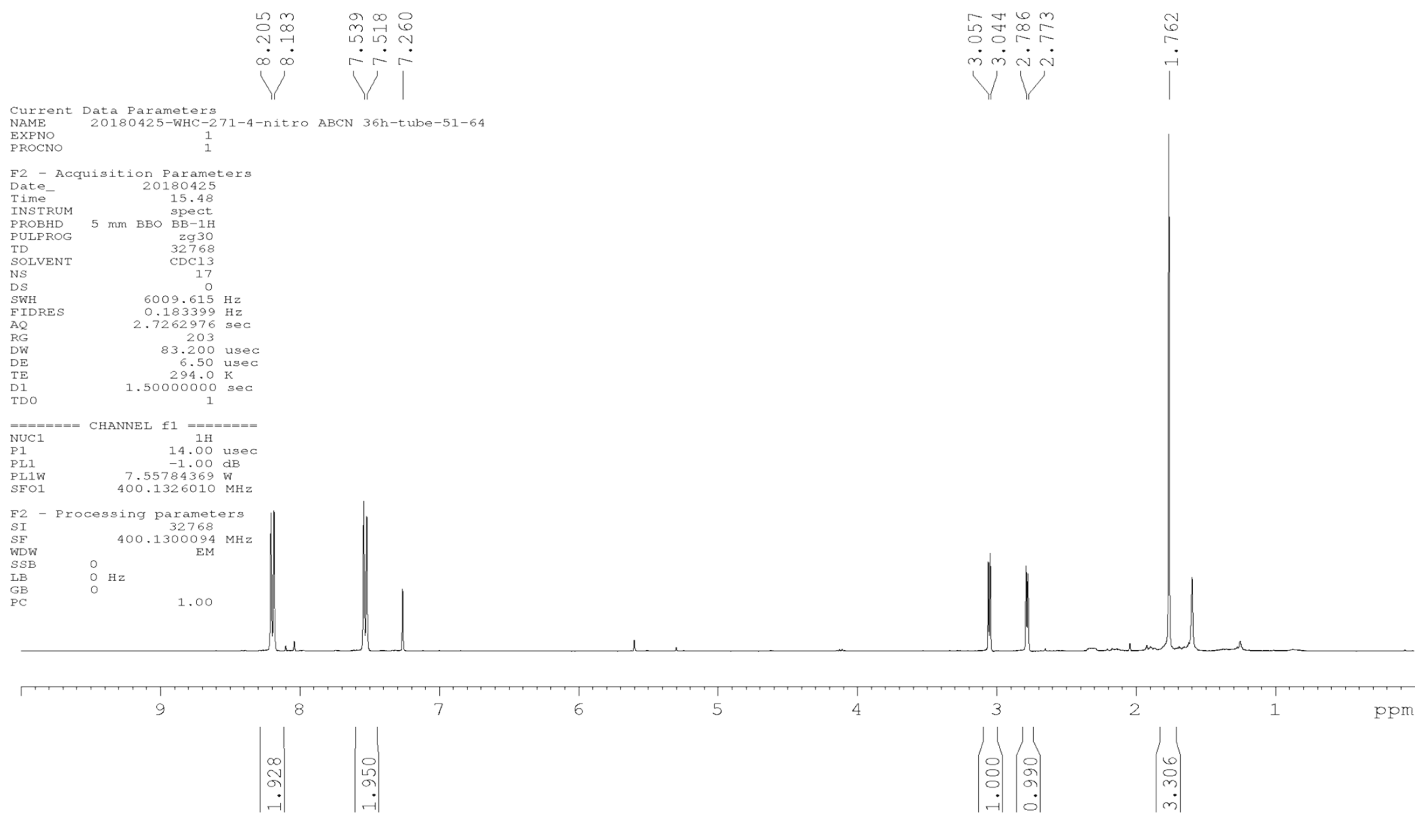
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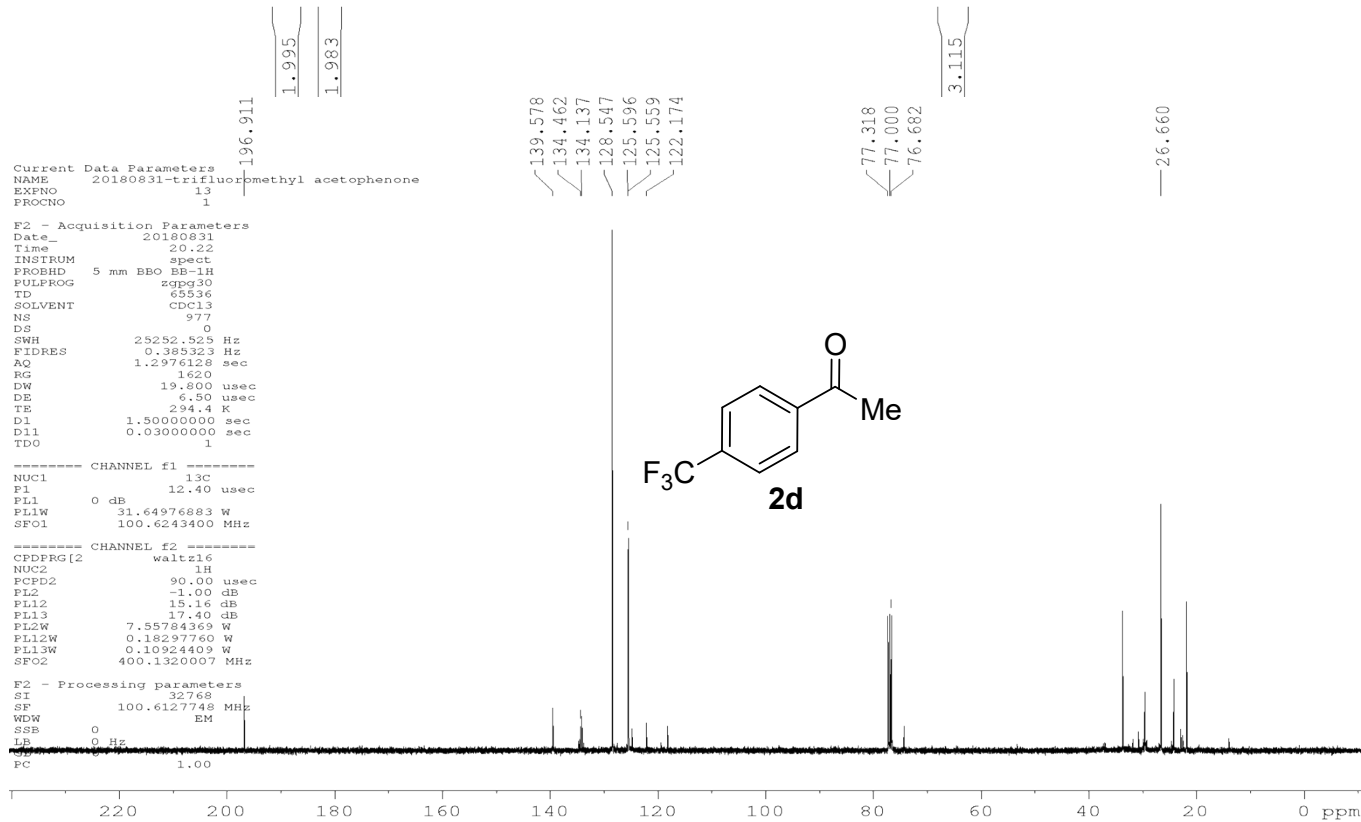
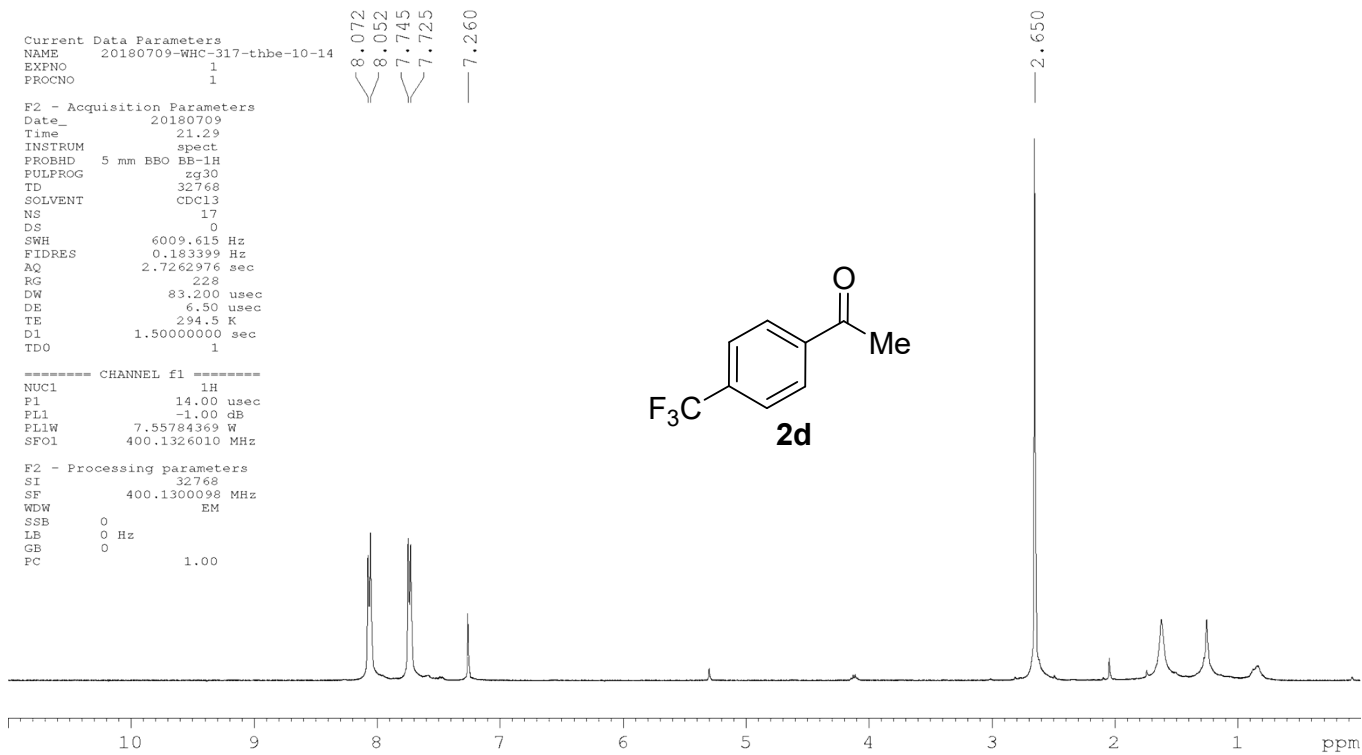
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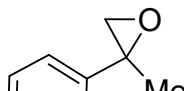
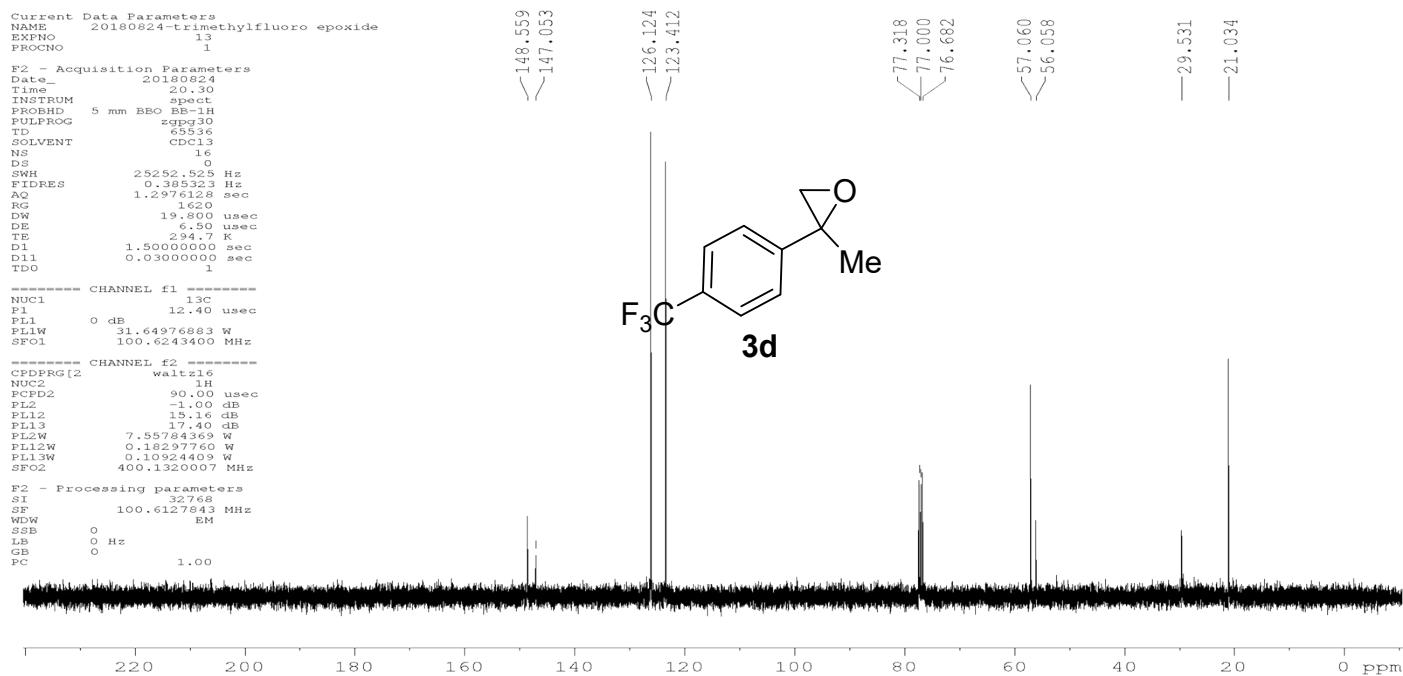
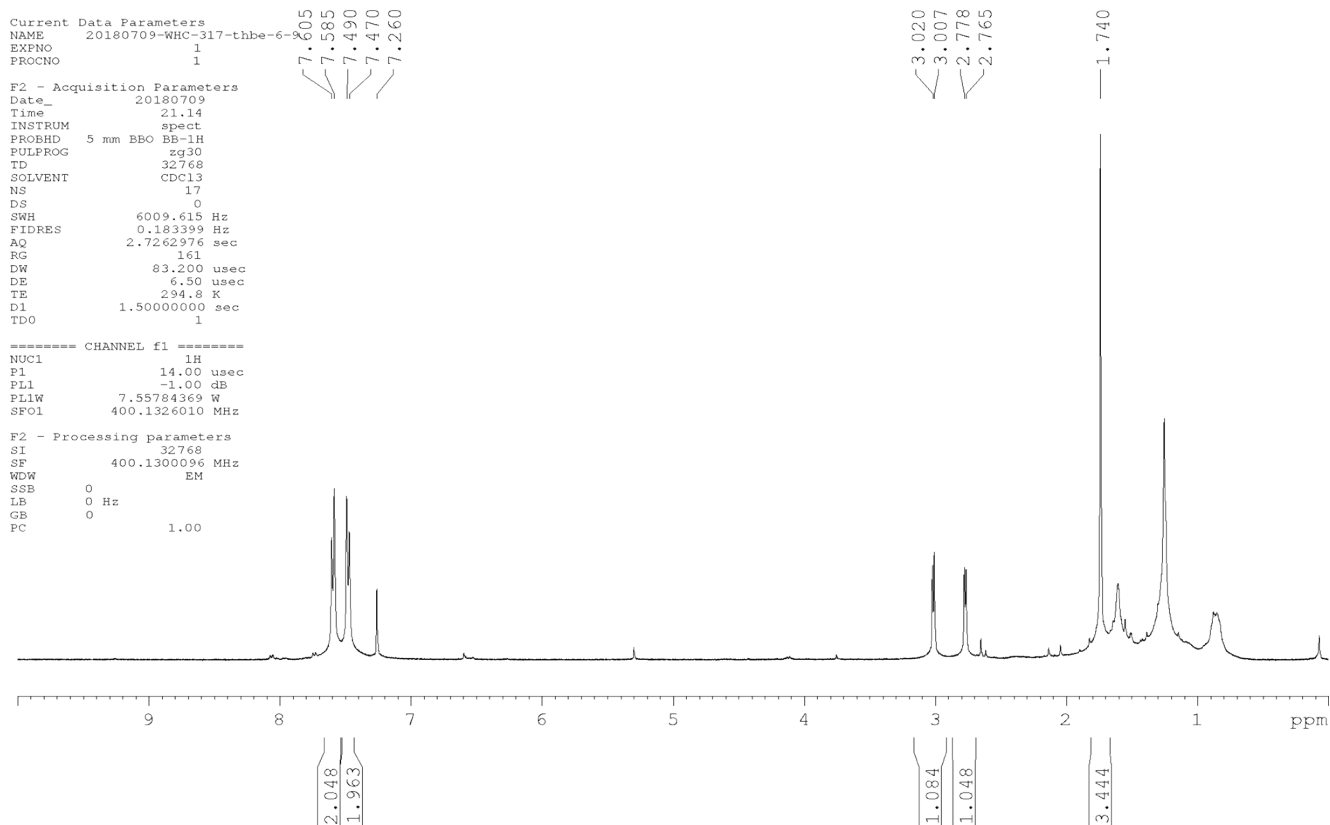
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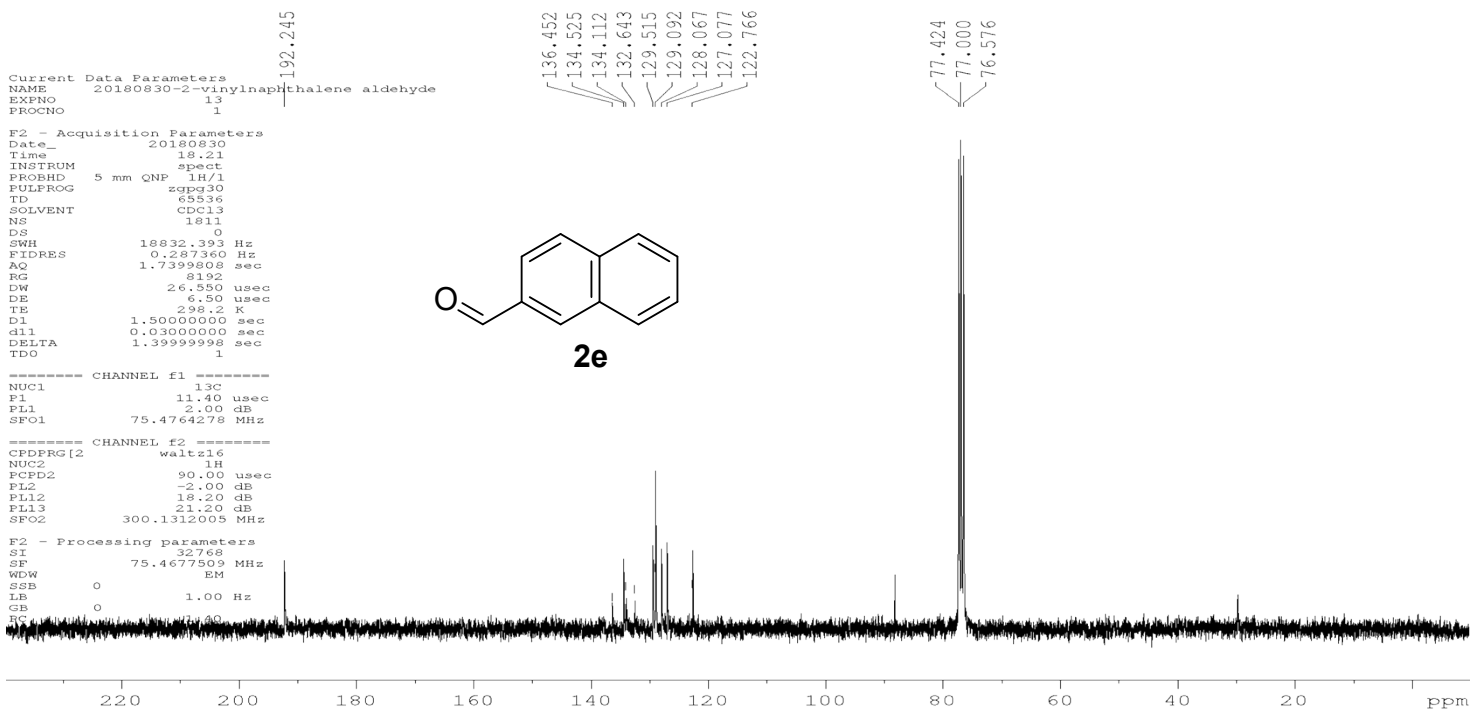
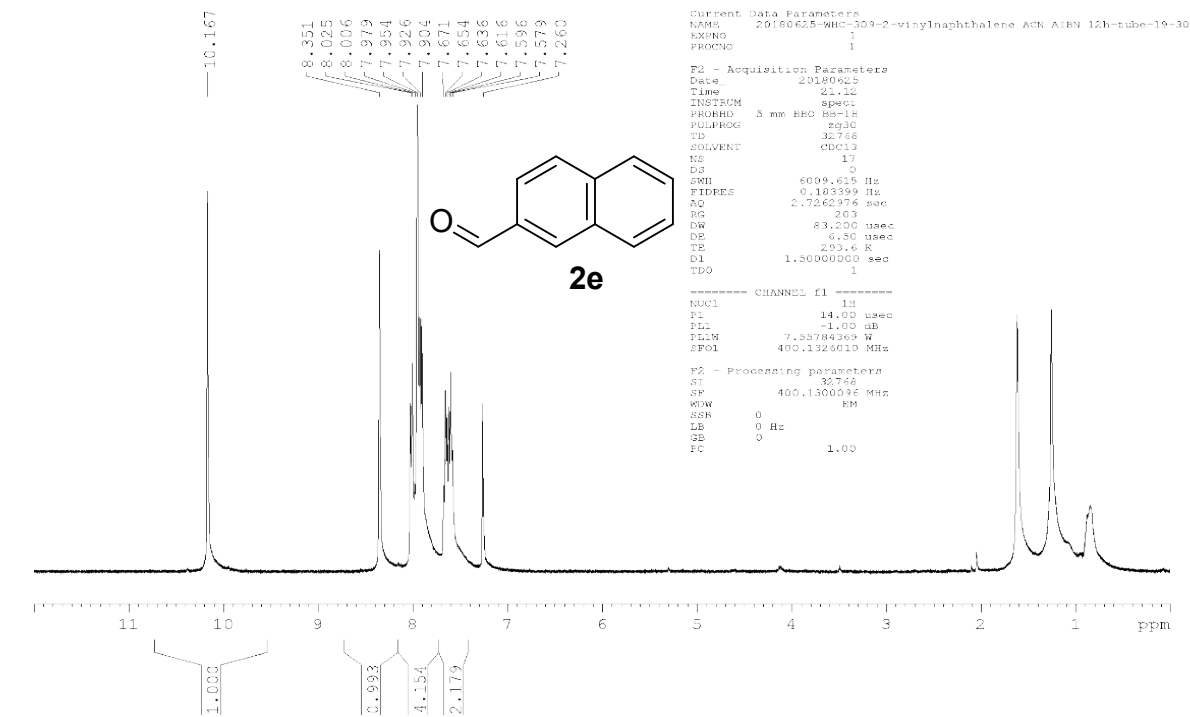
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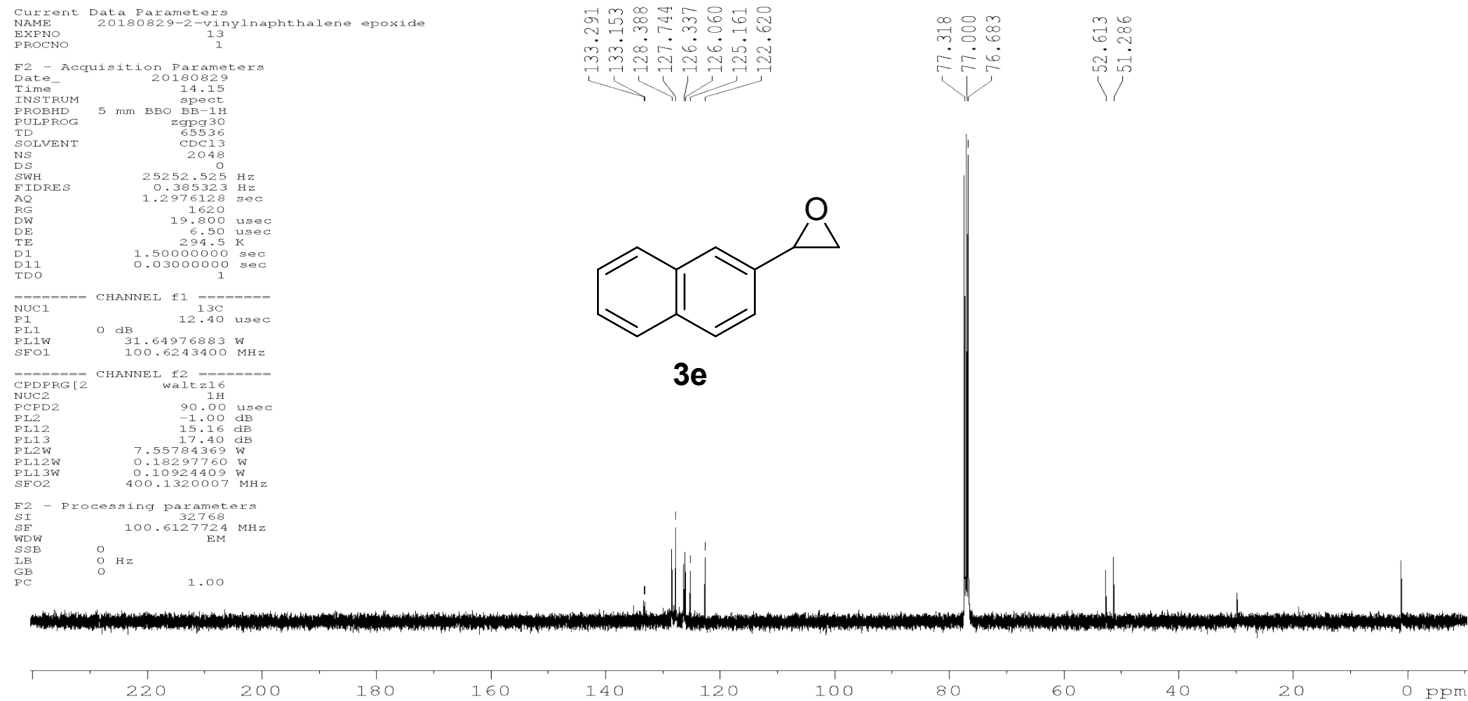
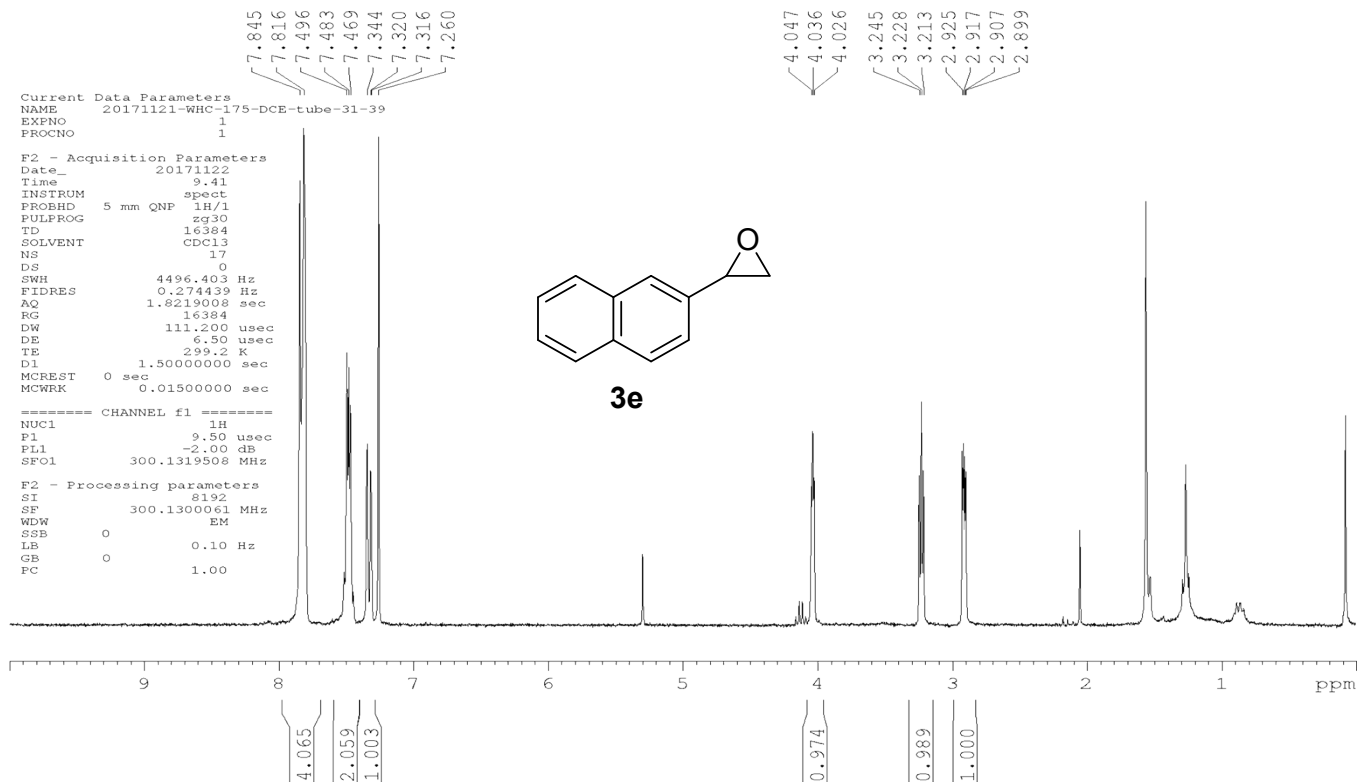




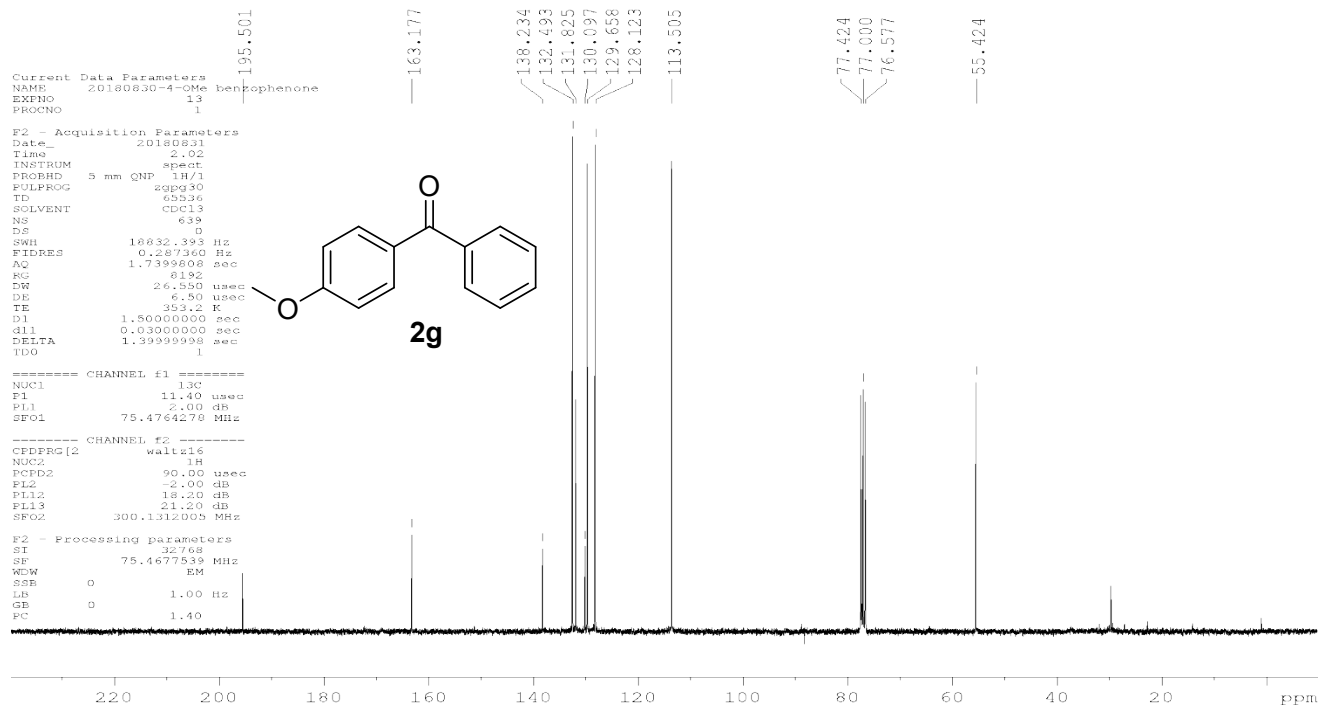
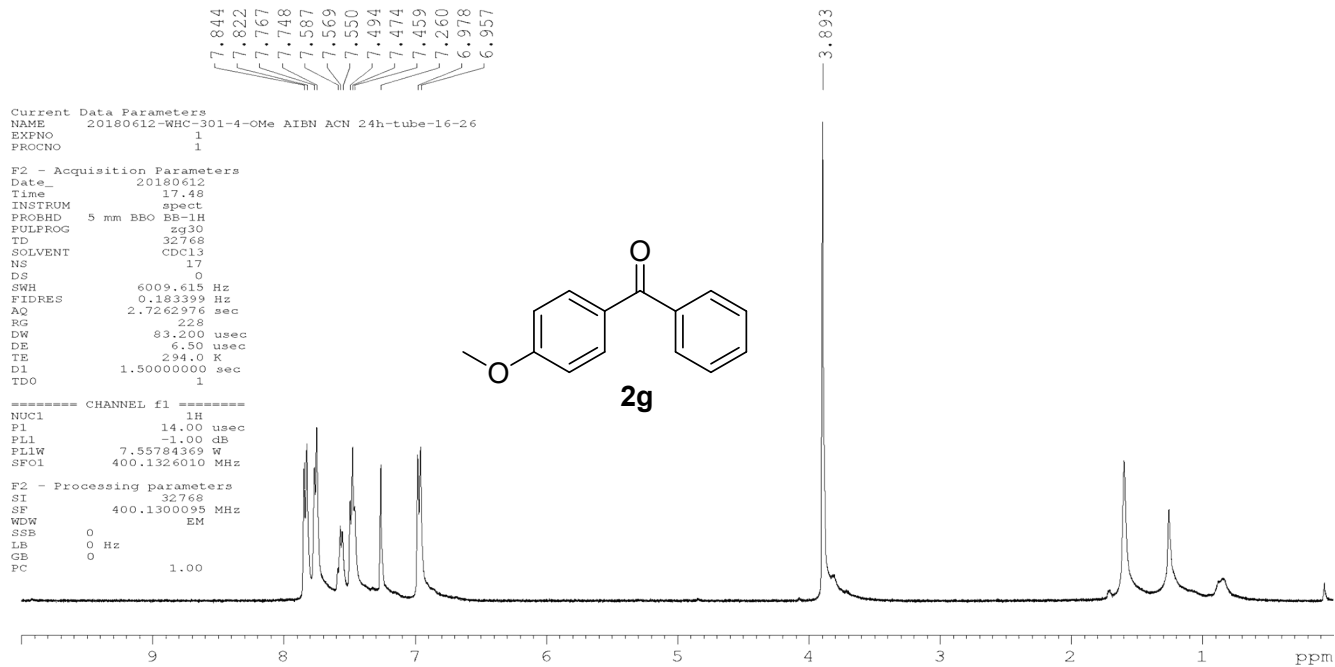


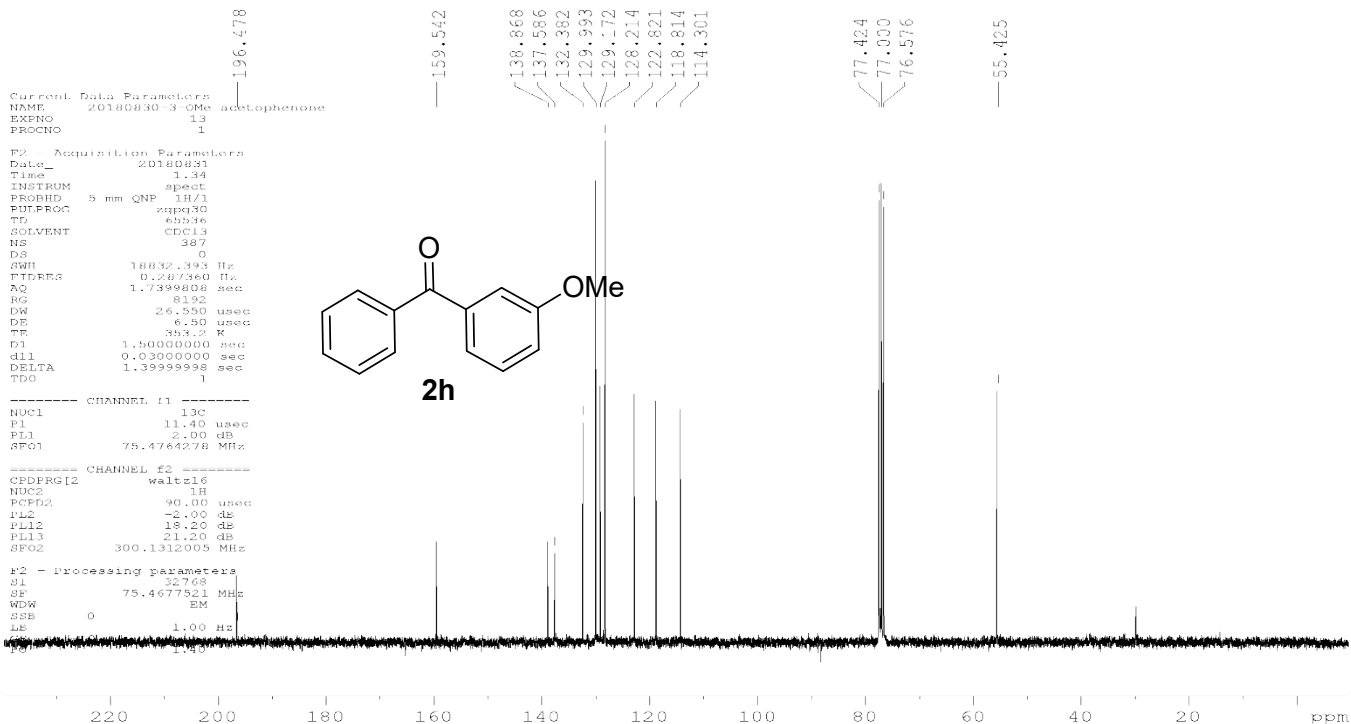
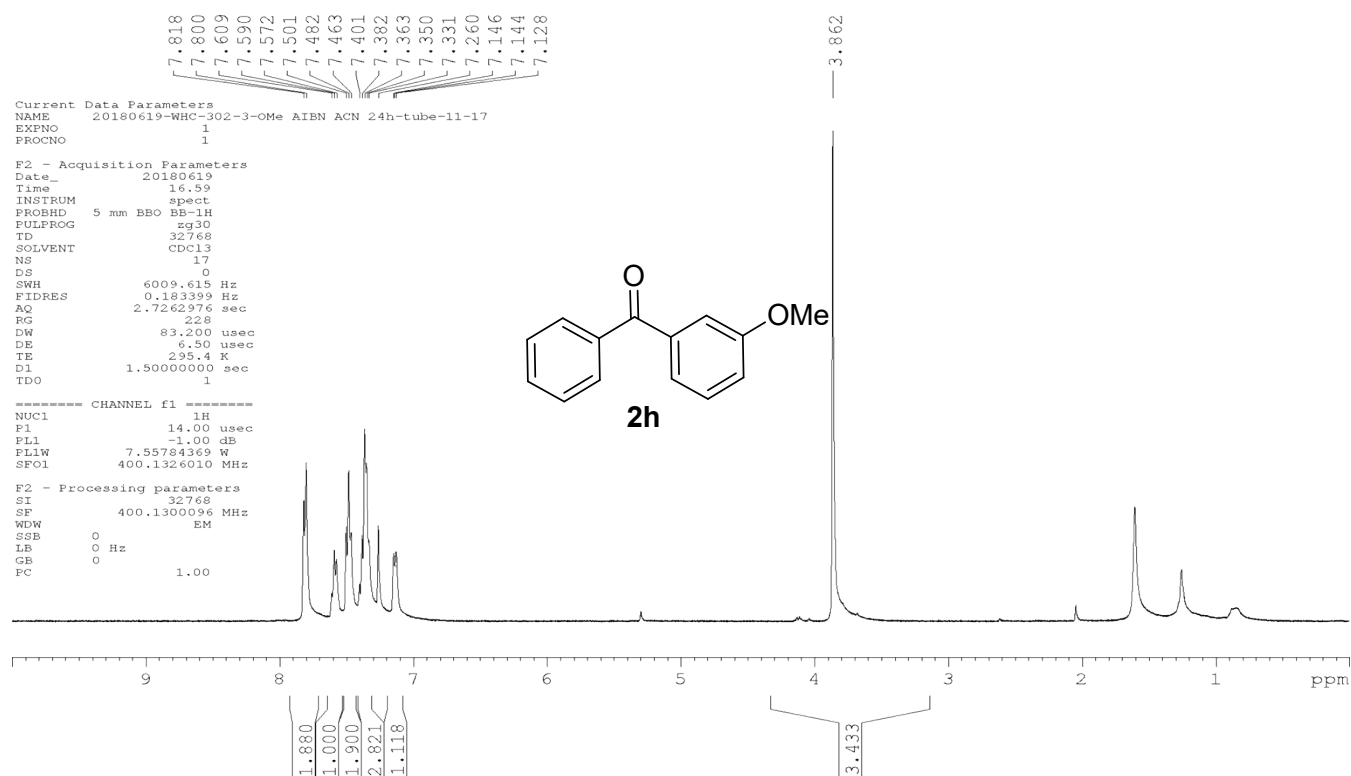


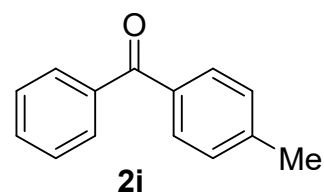
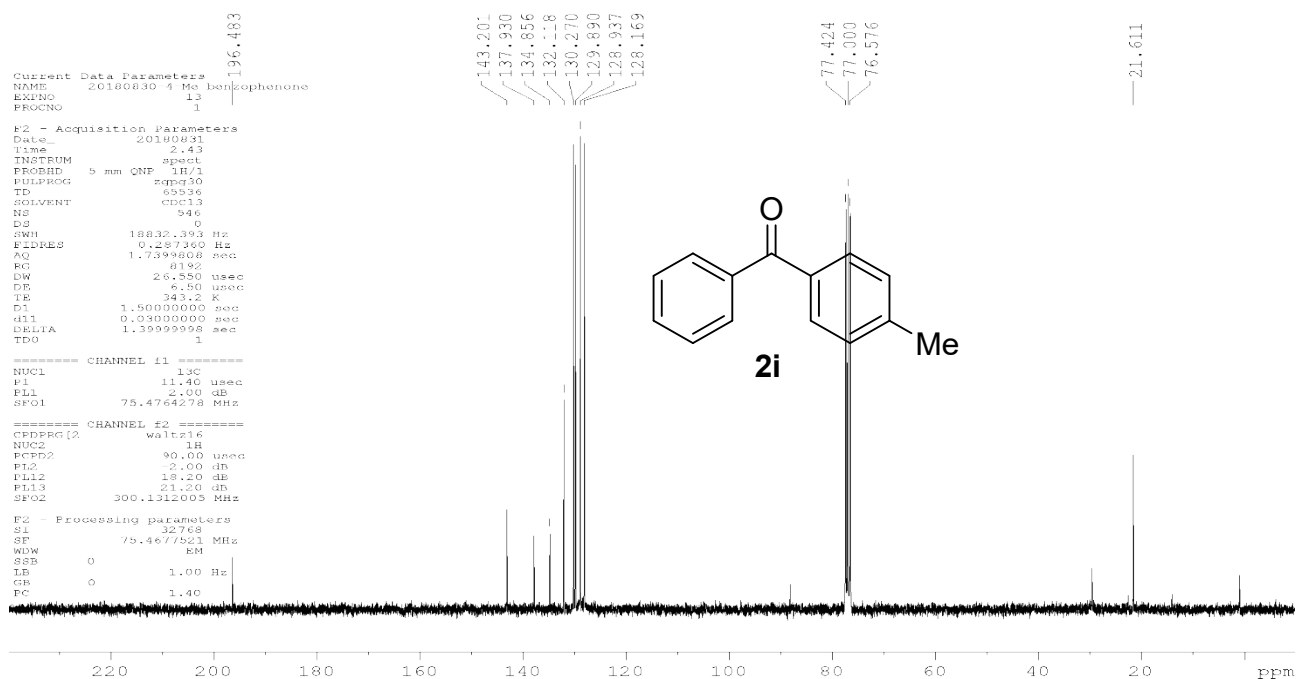
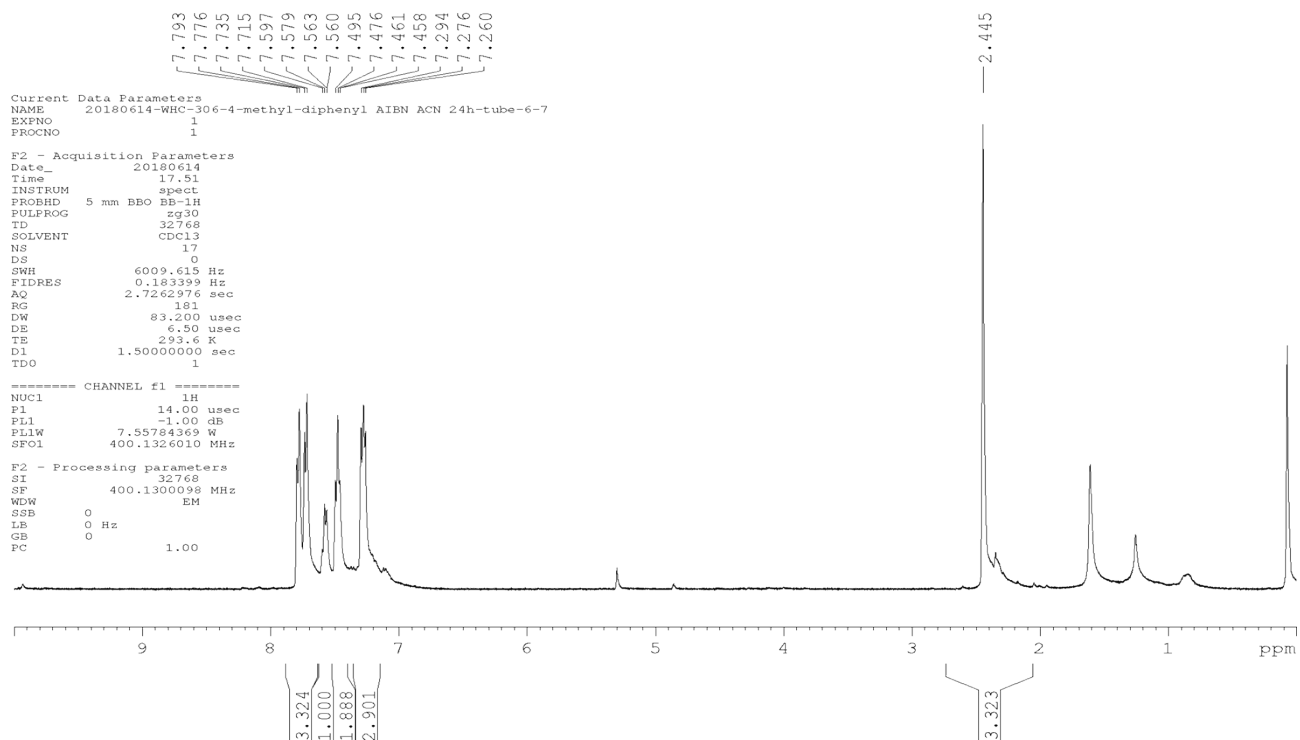


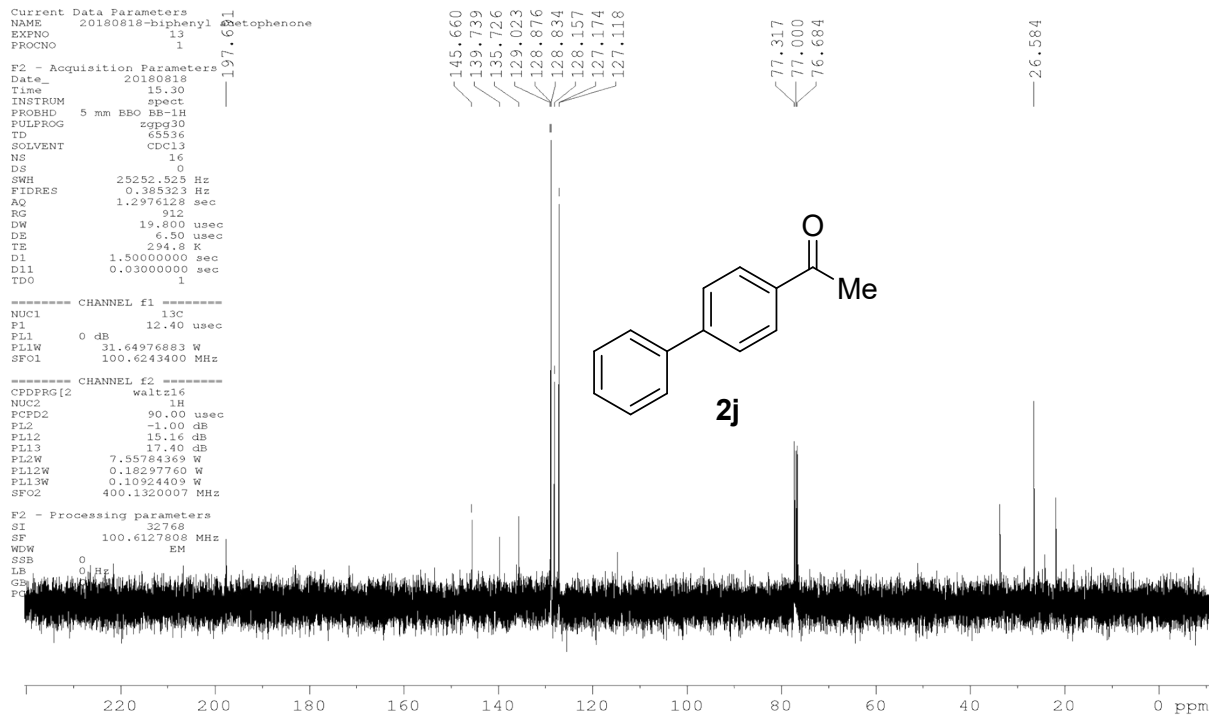
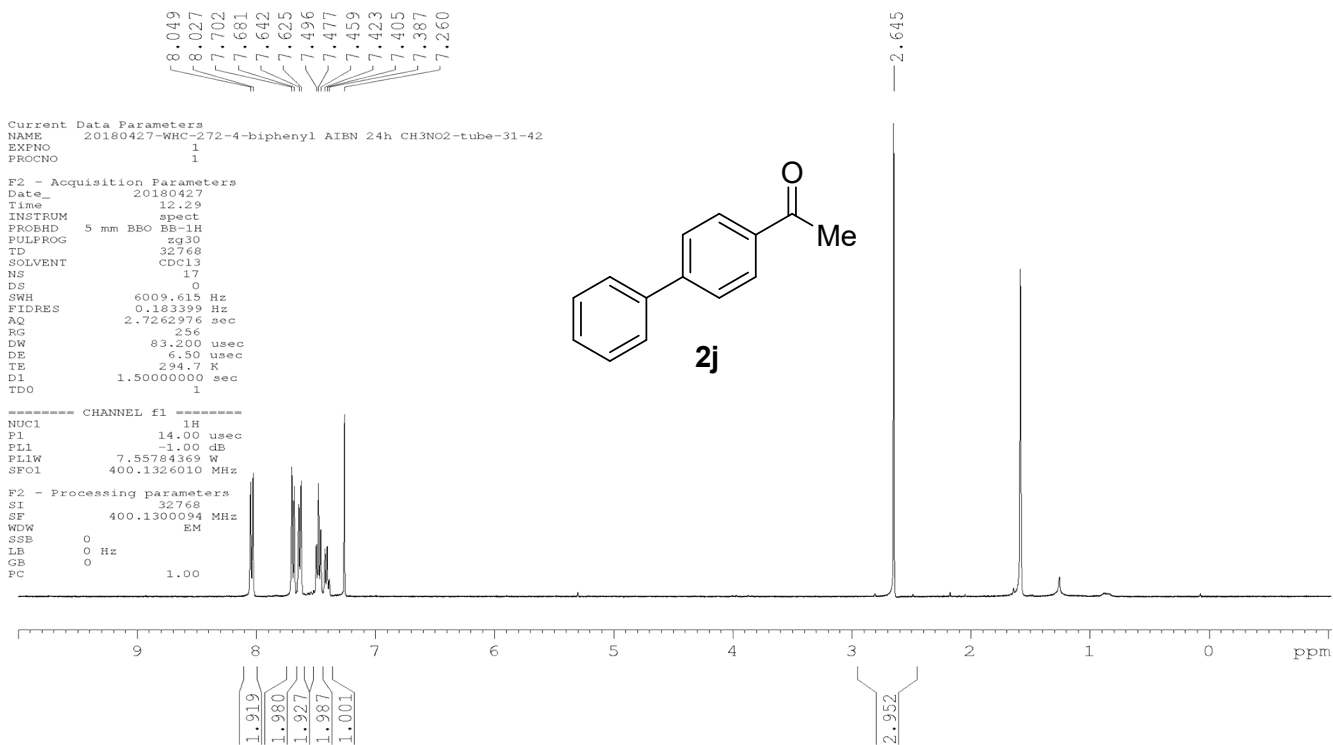


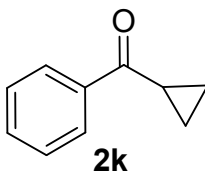
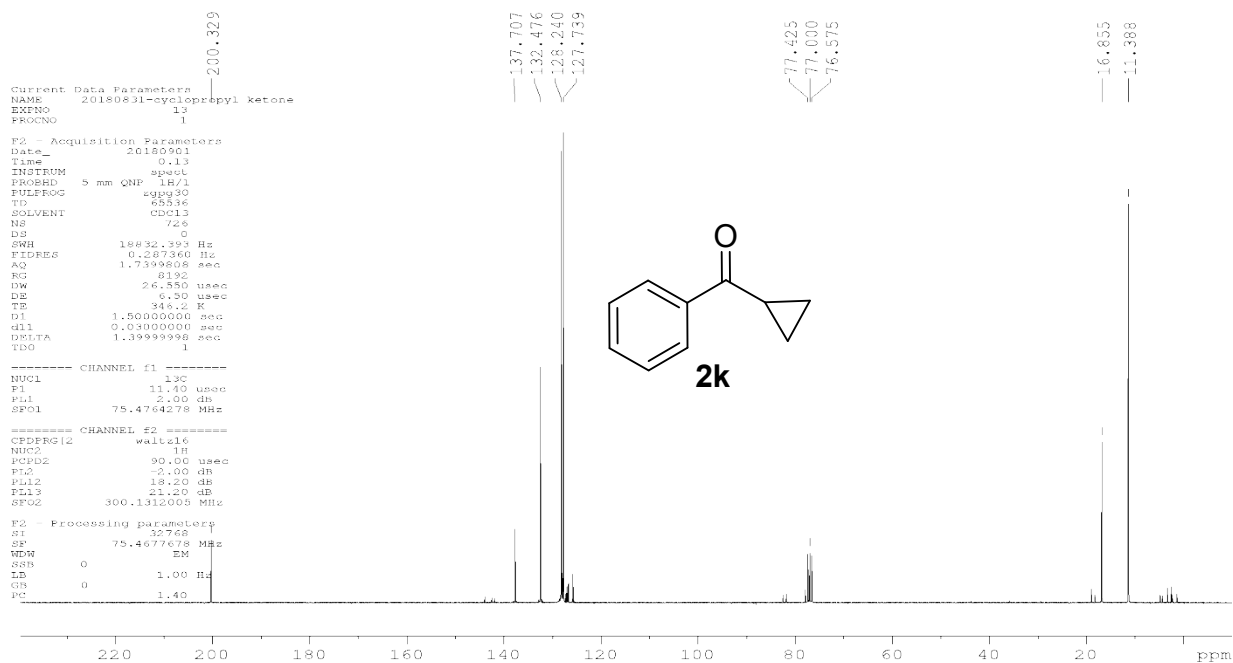
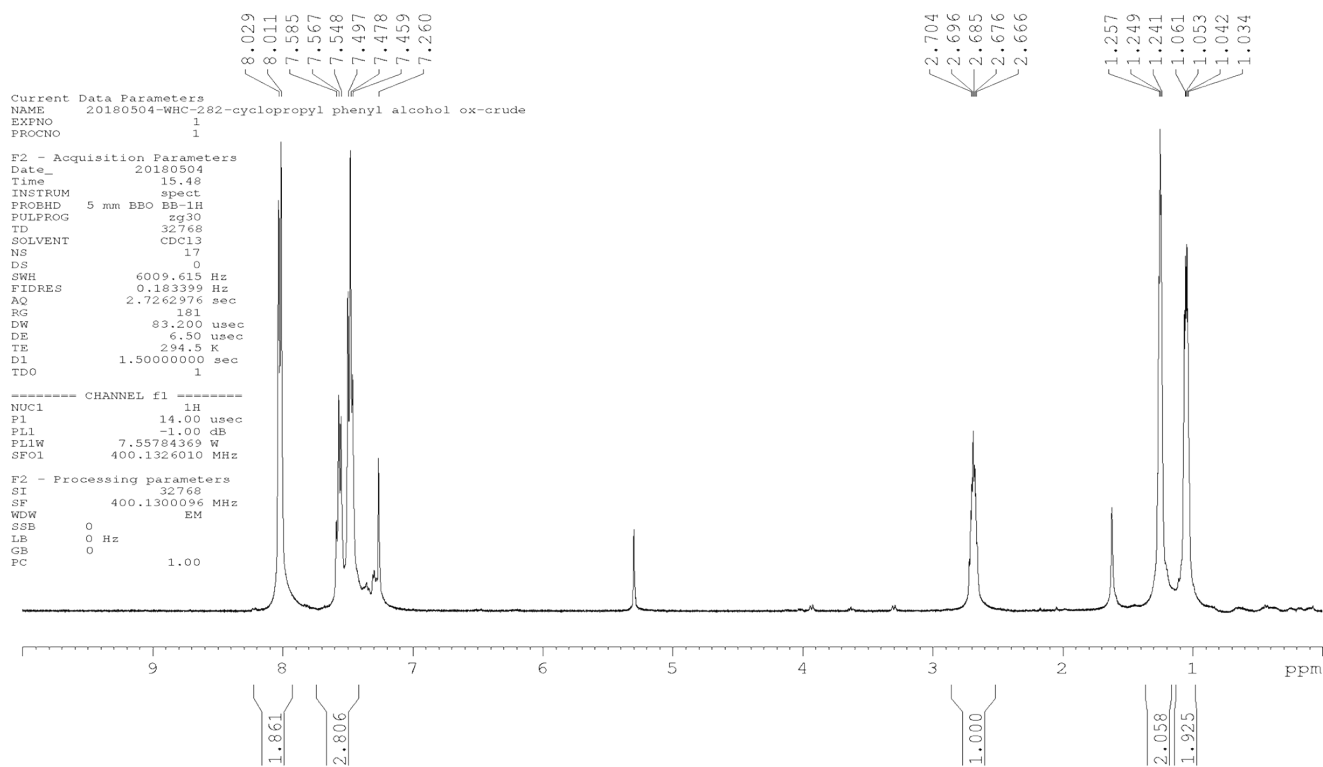


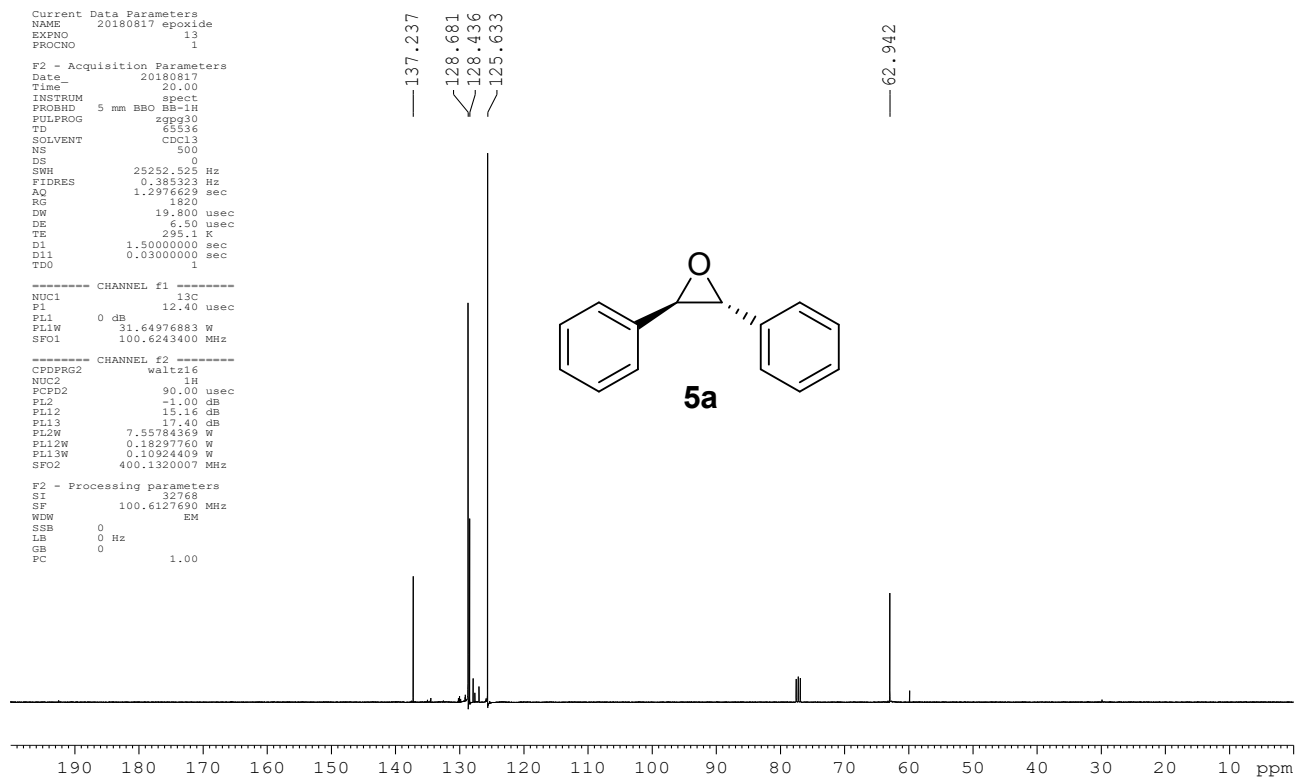
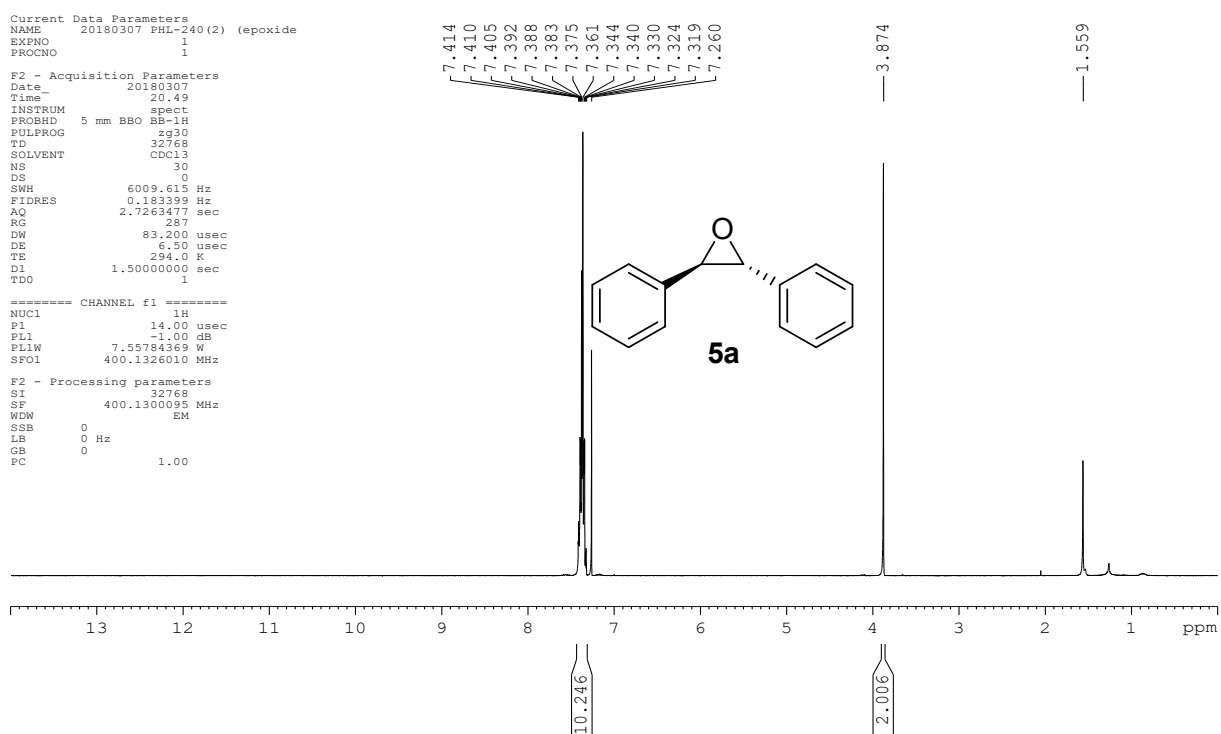


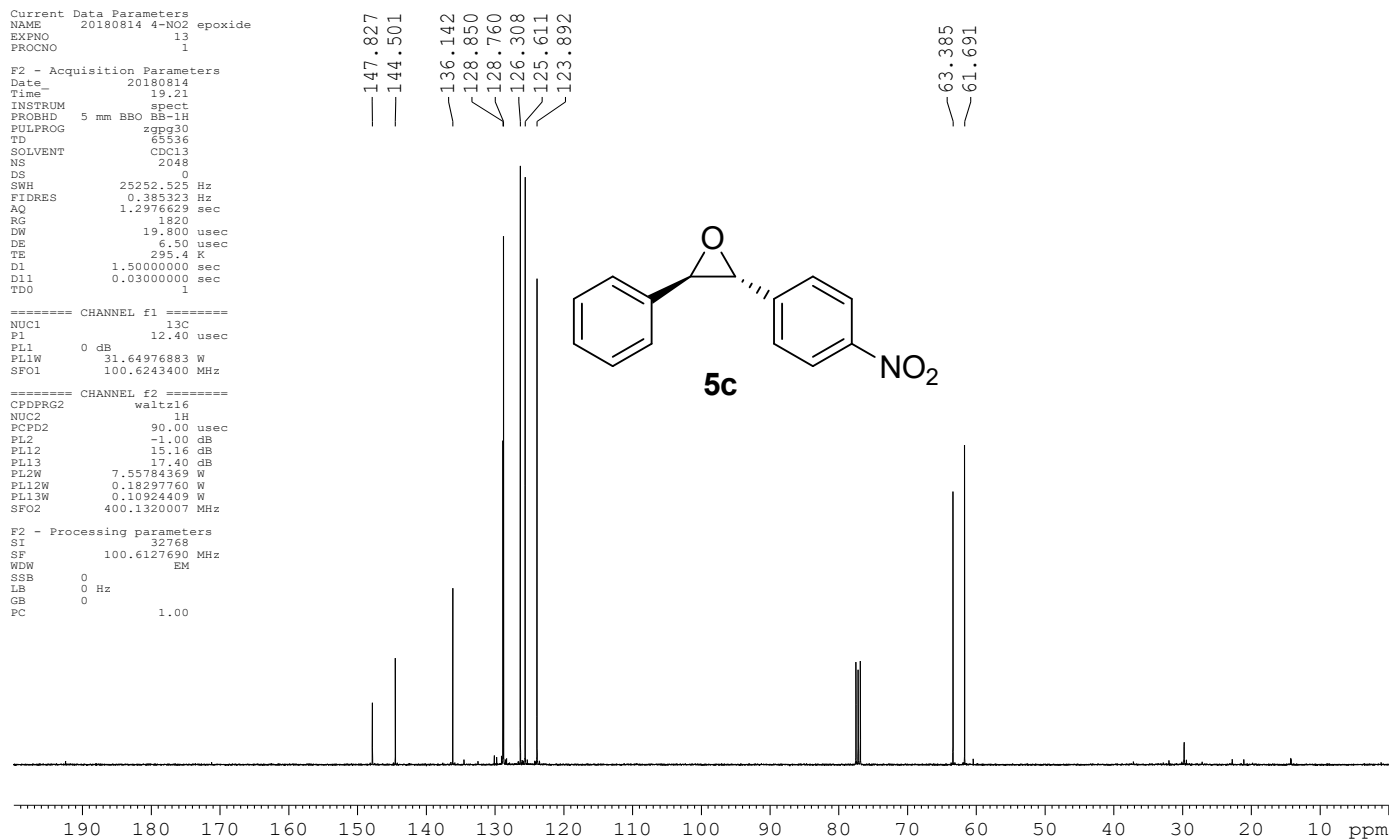
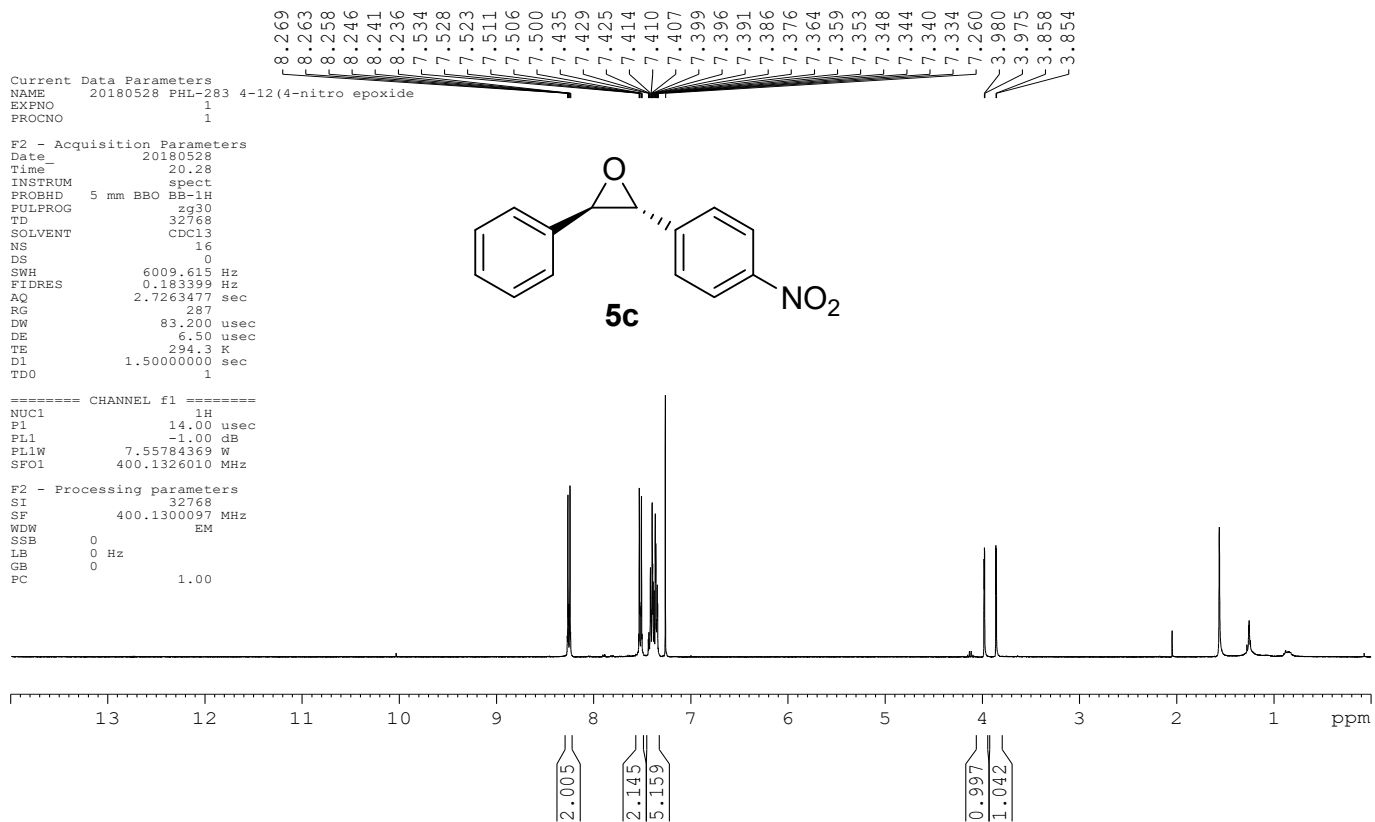




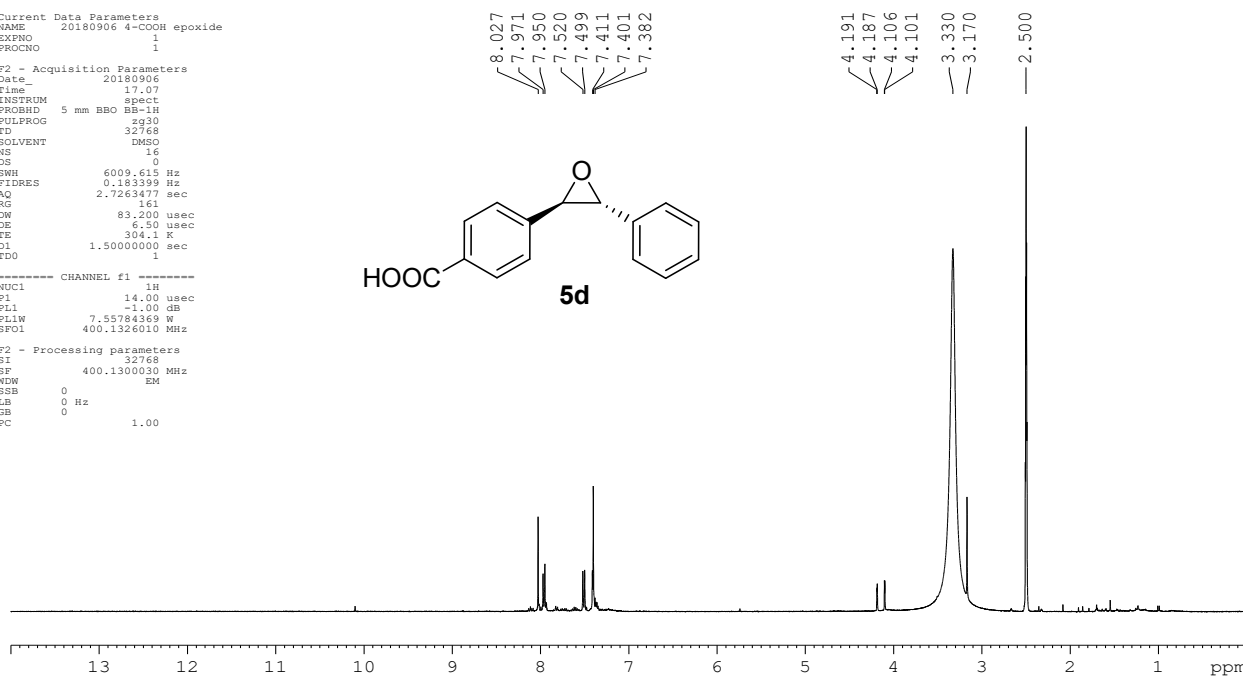
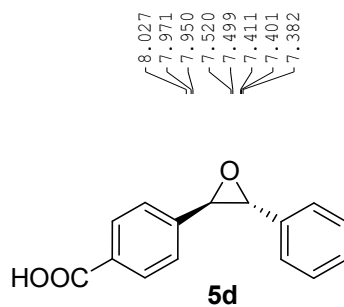




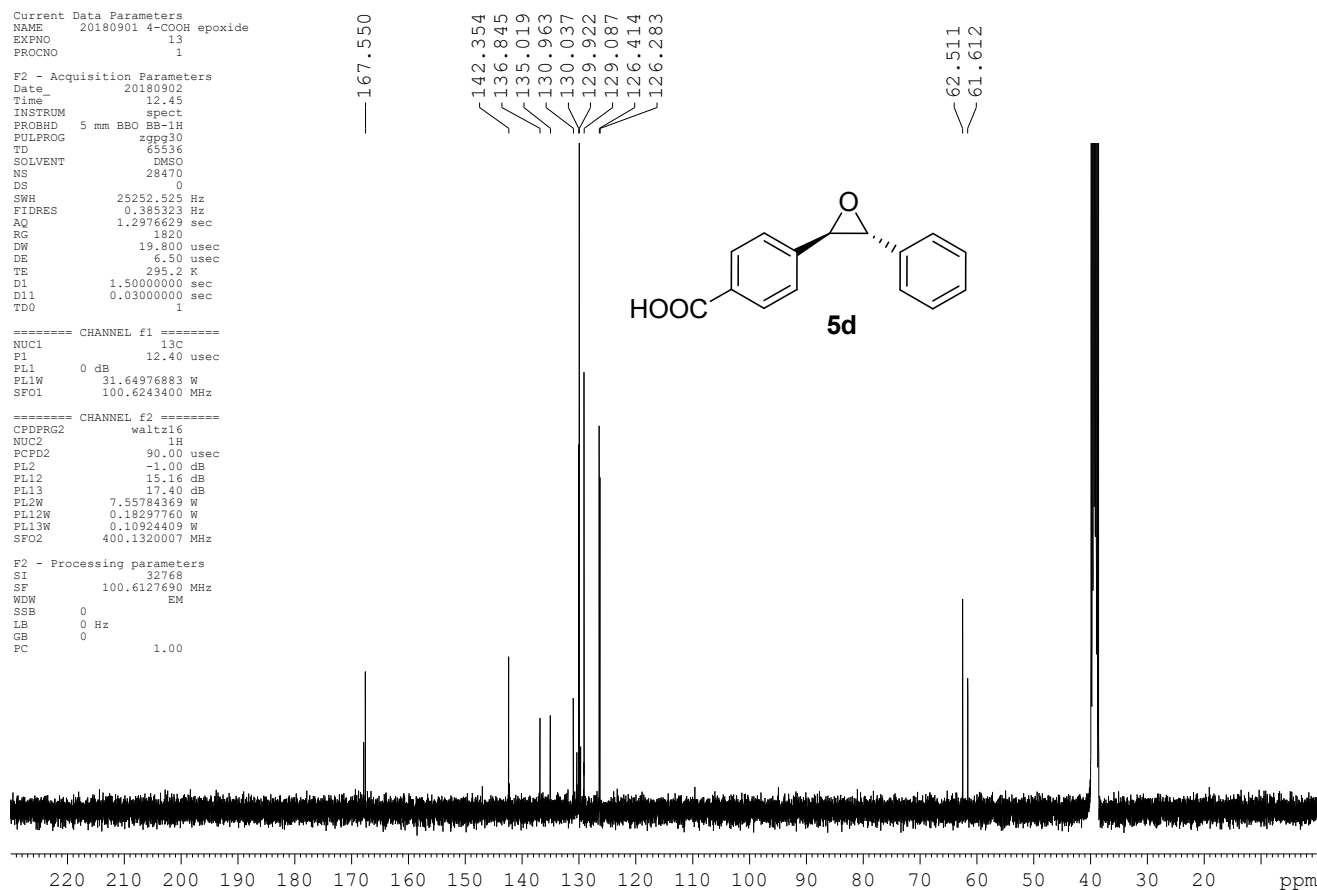
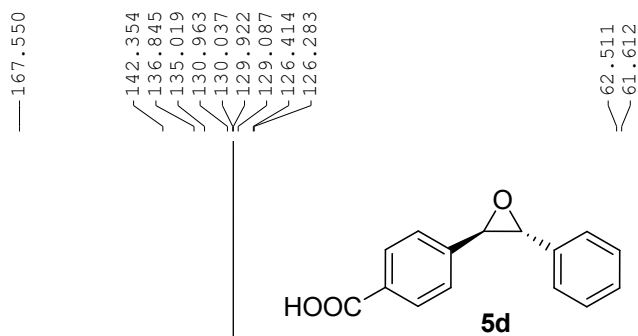




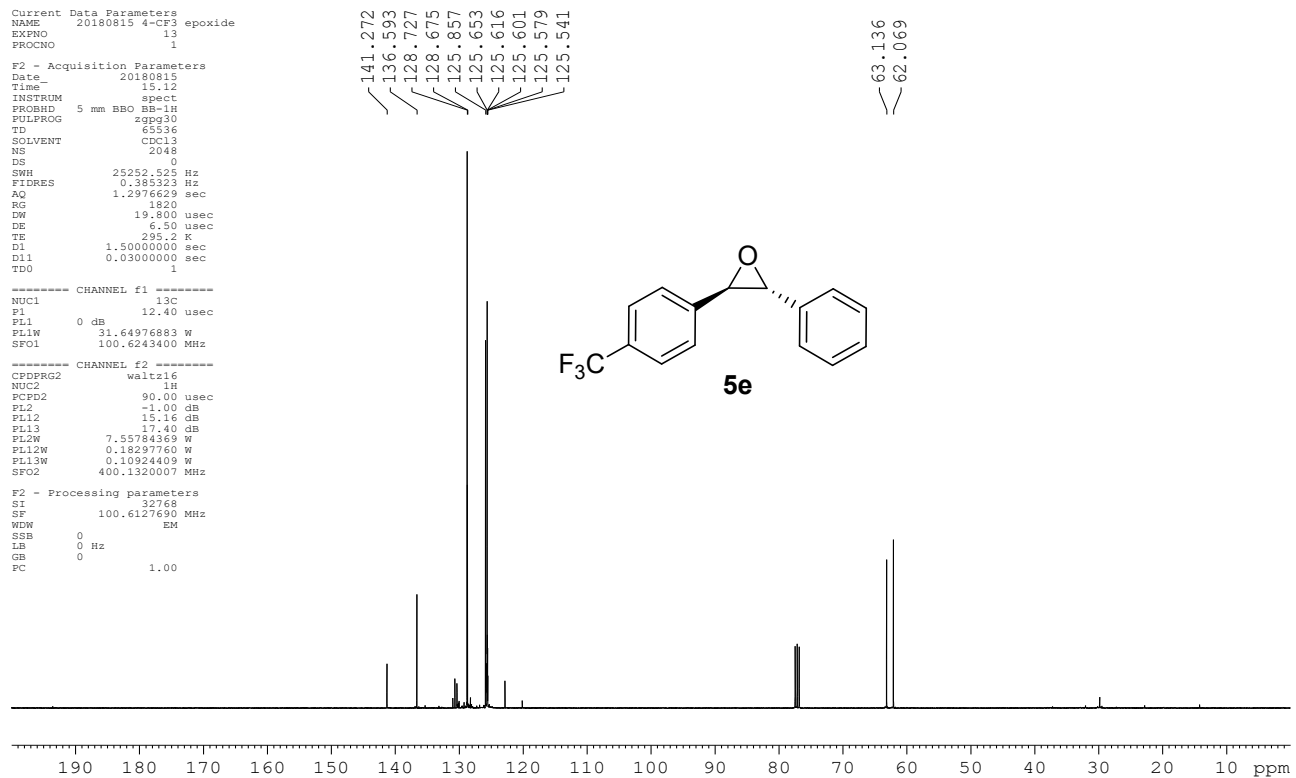
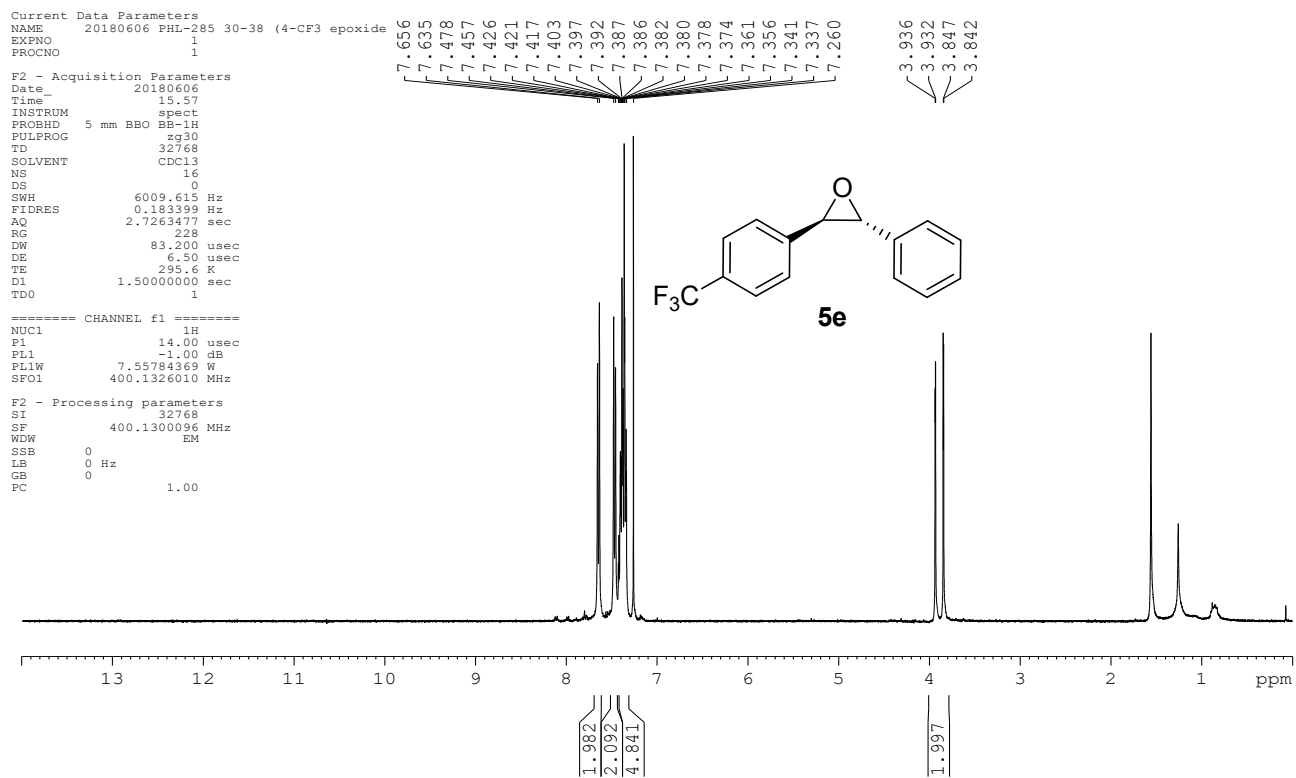
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PULPROG zg30  
TD 32768  
SOLVENT DMSO  
NS 16  
DS 0  
SWH 6009.615 Hz  
FIDRES 0.183399 Hz  
AQ 2.7263477 sec  
RG 161  
DW 83.200 usec  
DE 6.50 usec  
TE 304.1 K  
D1 1.50000000 sec  
D10 1  
----- CHANNEL f1 -----  
NUC1 1H  
P1 14.00 usec  
PL1 -1.00 dB  
PL1W 7.55784369 W  
SFO1 400.1326010 MHz  
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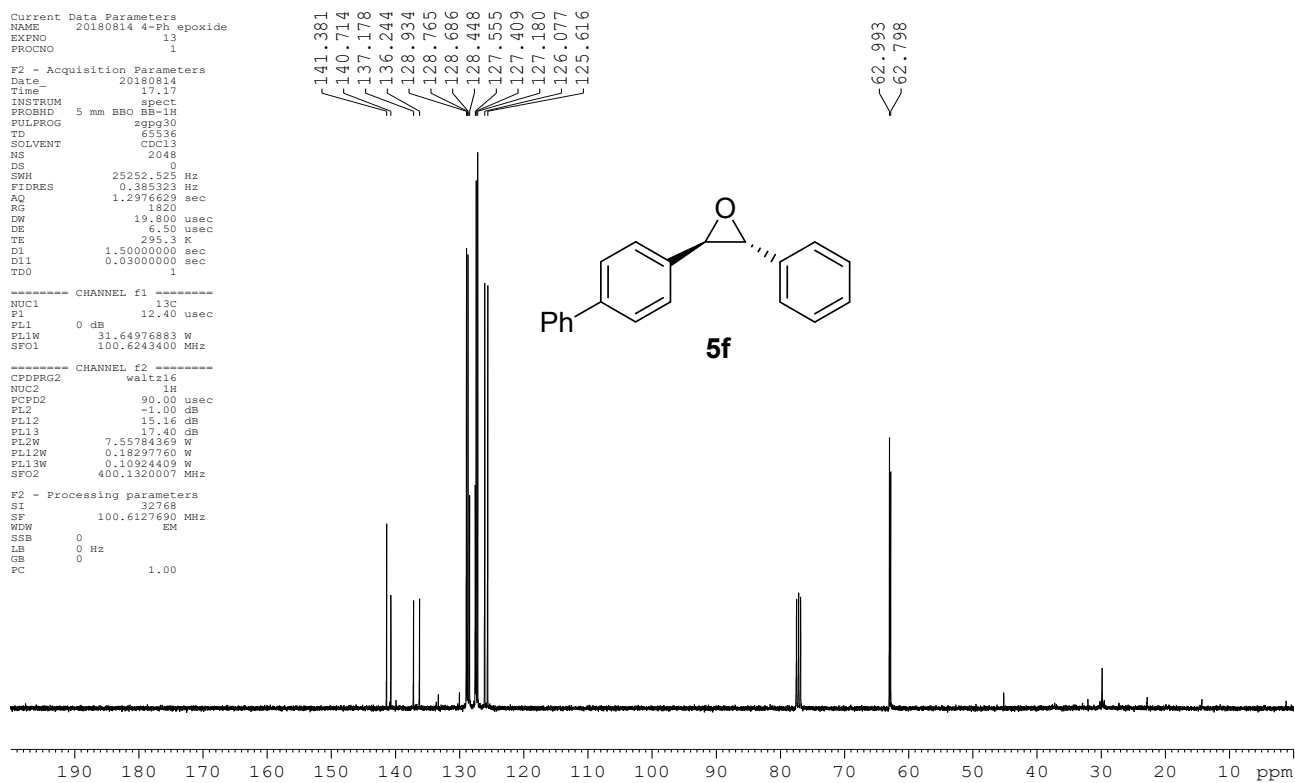
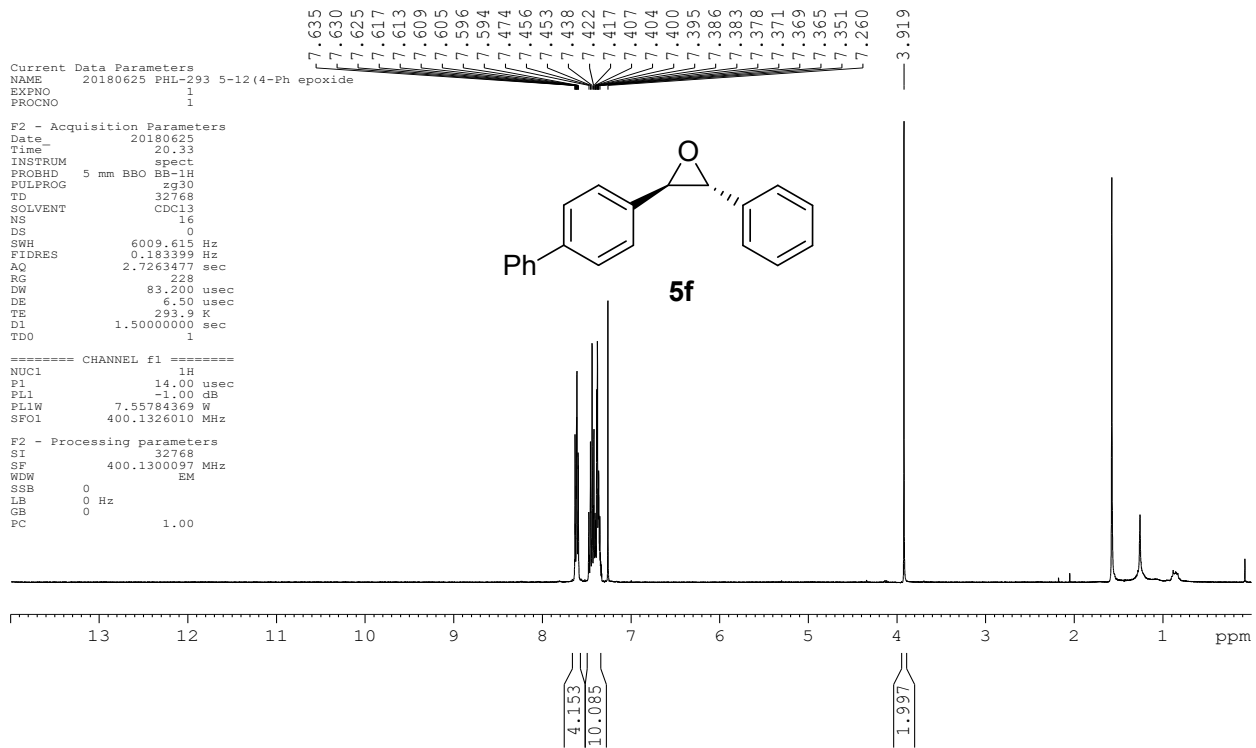


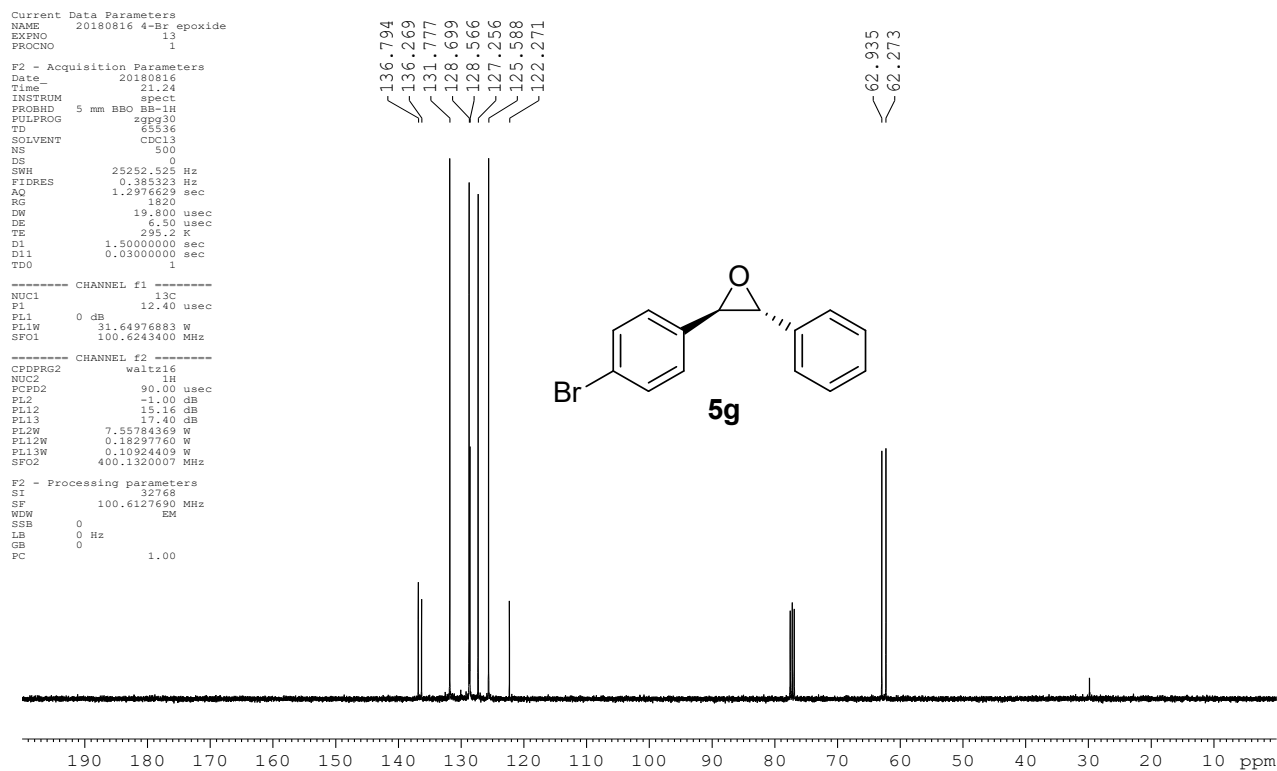
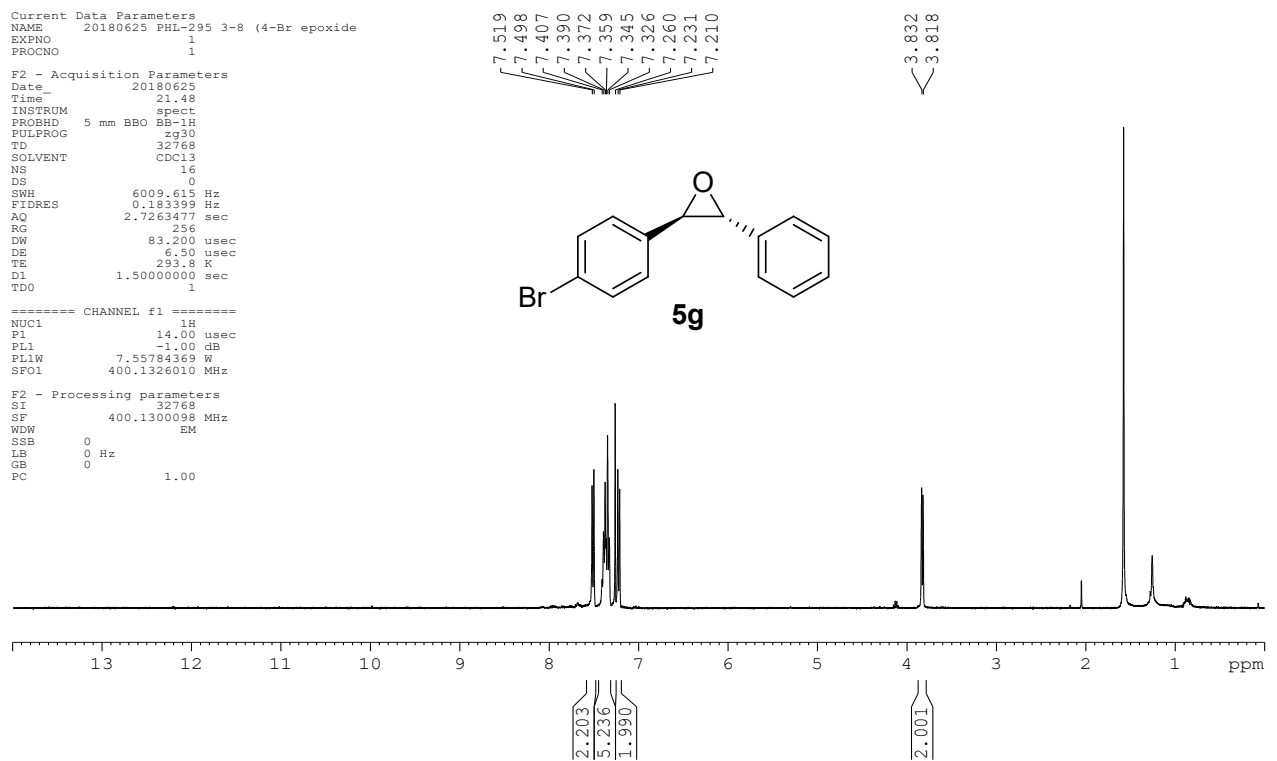
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PULPROG zgpg30  
TD 65536  
SOLVENT DMSO  
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SWH 25252.525 Hz  
FIDRES 0.385323 Hz  
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RG 1820  
DW 19.800 usec  
DE 6.50 usec  
TE 295.2 K  
D1 1.50000000 sec  
D11 0.03000000 sec  
D10 1  
----- CHANNEL f1 -----  
NUC1 13C  
P1 12.40 usec  
PL1 0 dB  
PL1W 31.64976883 W  
SFO1 100.6243400 MHz  
----- CHANNEL f2 -----  
CPDPRG2 waltz16  
NUC2 1H  
PCPD2 90.00 usec  
PL2 -1.00 dB  
PL12 15.16 dB  
PL13 17.40 dB  
PL2W 7.55784369 W  
PL12W 0.18297760 W  
PL13W 0.10924409 W  
SFO2 400.1320007 MHz  
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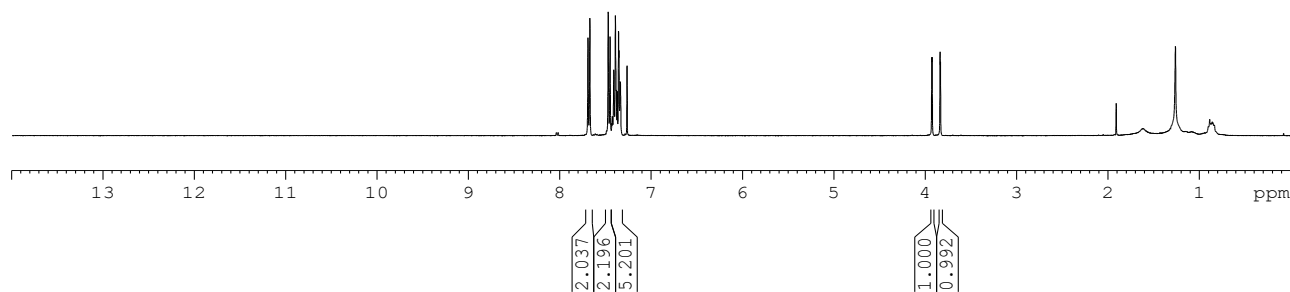
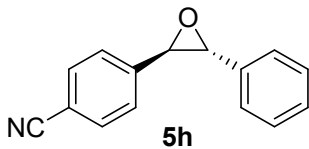






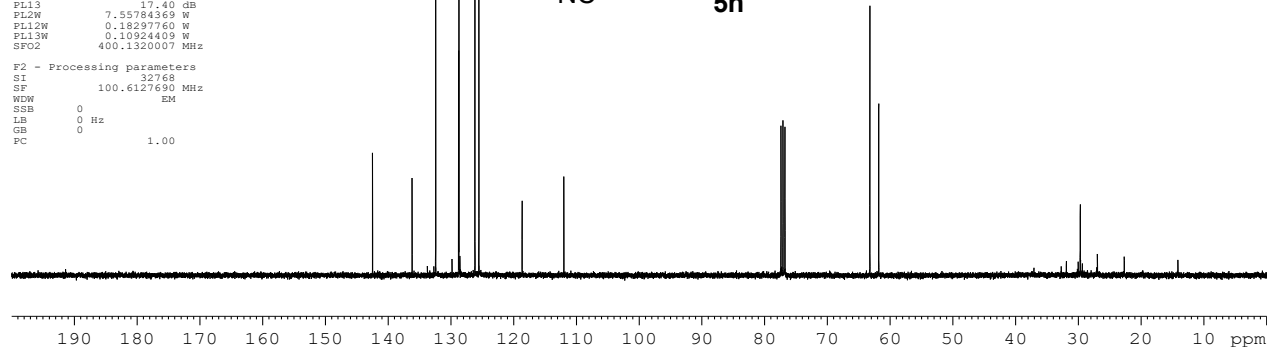
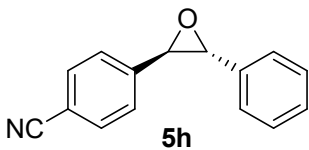
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PULPROG zgpg30  
TD 32768  
SOLVENT CDCl3  
NS 16  
DS 0  
SWH 6009.615 Hz  
FIDRES 0.183399 Hz  
AQ 2.7263477 sec  
RG 203  
DW 83.200 usec  
DE 6.50 usec  
TE 294.5 K  
D1 1.50000000 sec  
TD0 1  
----- CHANNEL f1 -----  
NUC1 1H  
P1 14.00 usec  
PL1 -1.00 dB  
PL1W 7.55784369 W  
SFO1 400.1326010 MHz  
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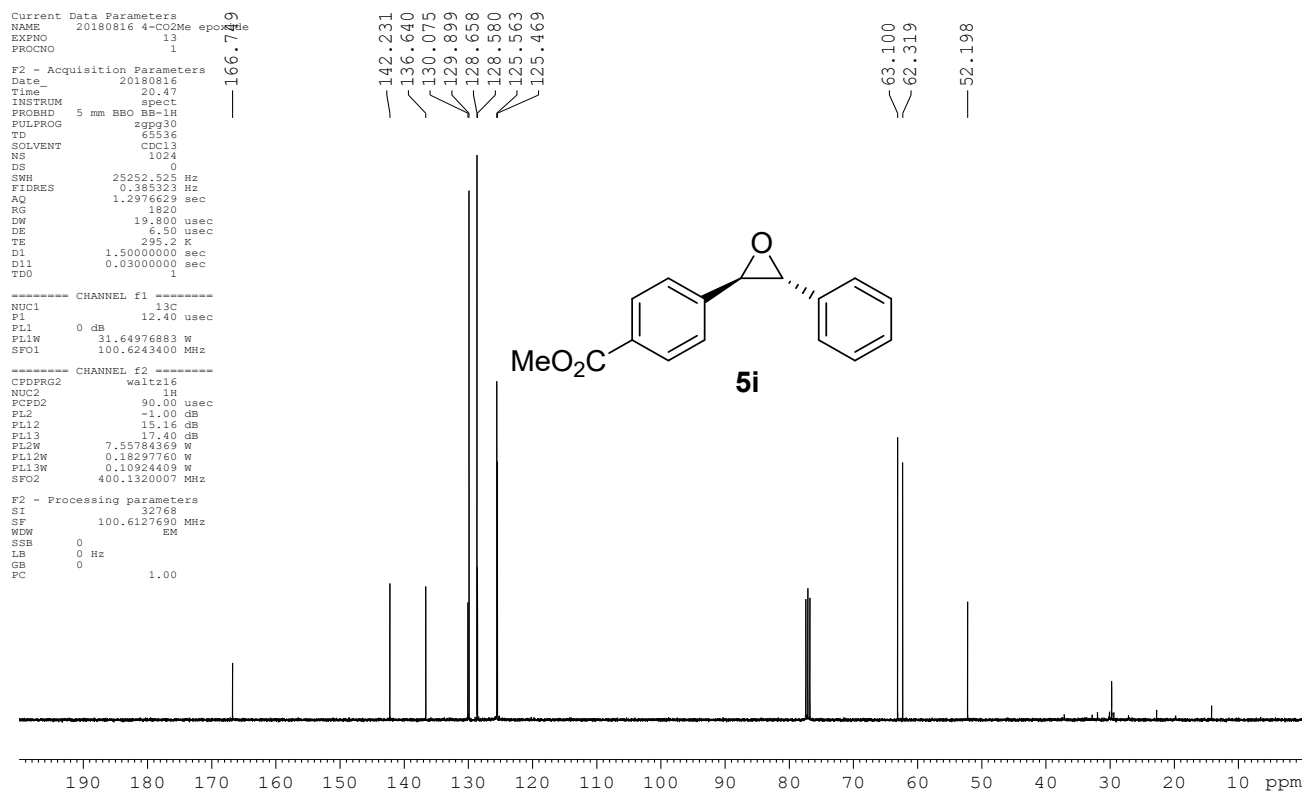
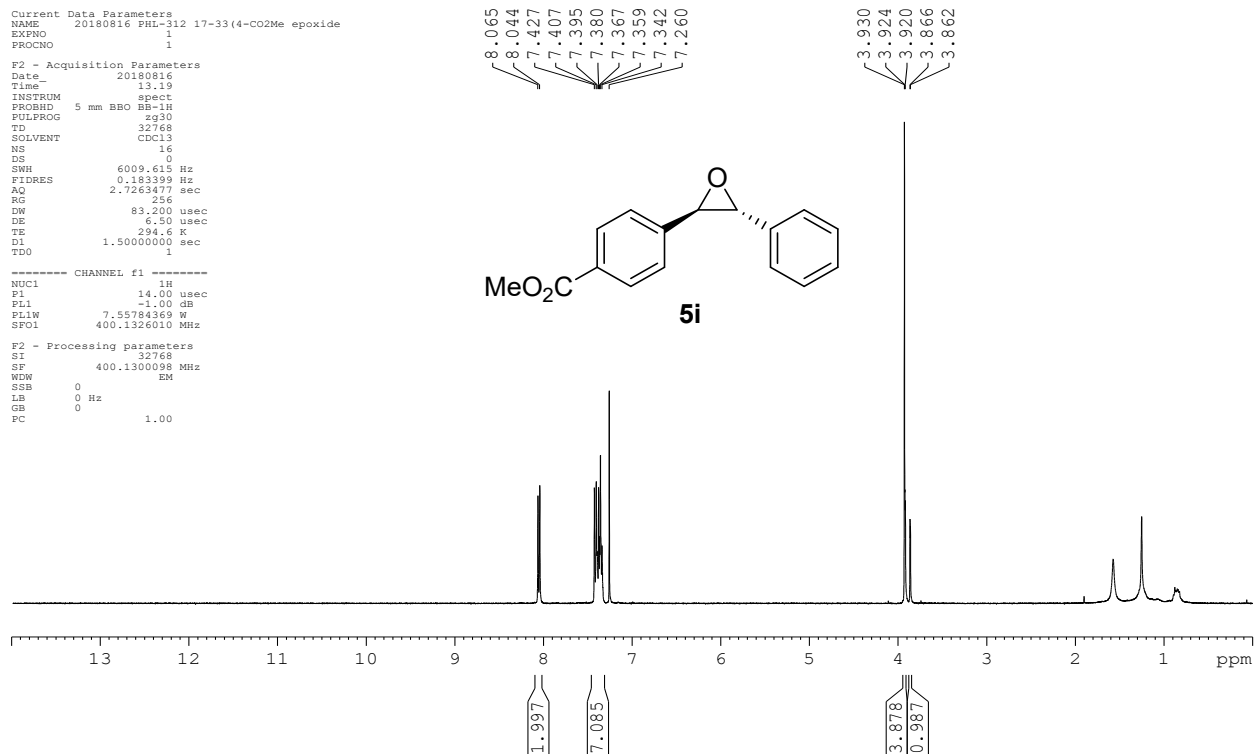
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EXPNO 13  
PROCNO 1  
F2 - Acquisition Parameters  
Date\_ 20180817  
Time 18.36  
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PULPROG zgpg30  
TD 65536  
SOLVENT CDCl3  
NS 500  
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SWH 25252.525 Hz  
FIDRES 0.385323 Hz  
AQ 1.2976629 sec  
RG 1820  
DW 19.800 usec  
DE 6.50 usec  
TE 295.1 K  
D1 1.50000000 sec  
D11 0.03000000 sec  
TD0 1  
----- CHANNEL f1 -----  
NUC1 13C  
P1 12.40 usec  
PL1 0 dB  
PL1W 31.64976883 W  
SFO1 100.6243400 MHz  
----- CHANNEL f2 -----  
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NUC2 1H  
PCPD2 90.00 usec  
PL2 -1.00 dB  
PL12 15.16 dB  
PL13 17.40 dB  
PL2W 7.55784369 W  
PL12W 0.18297760 W  
PL13W 0.10924409 W  
SFO2 400.1320007 MHz  
F2 - Processing parameters  
SI 32768  
SF 100.6127690 MHz  
WDW EM  
SSB 0  
LB 0 Hz  
GB 0  
PC 1.00

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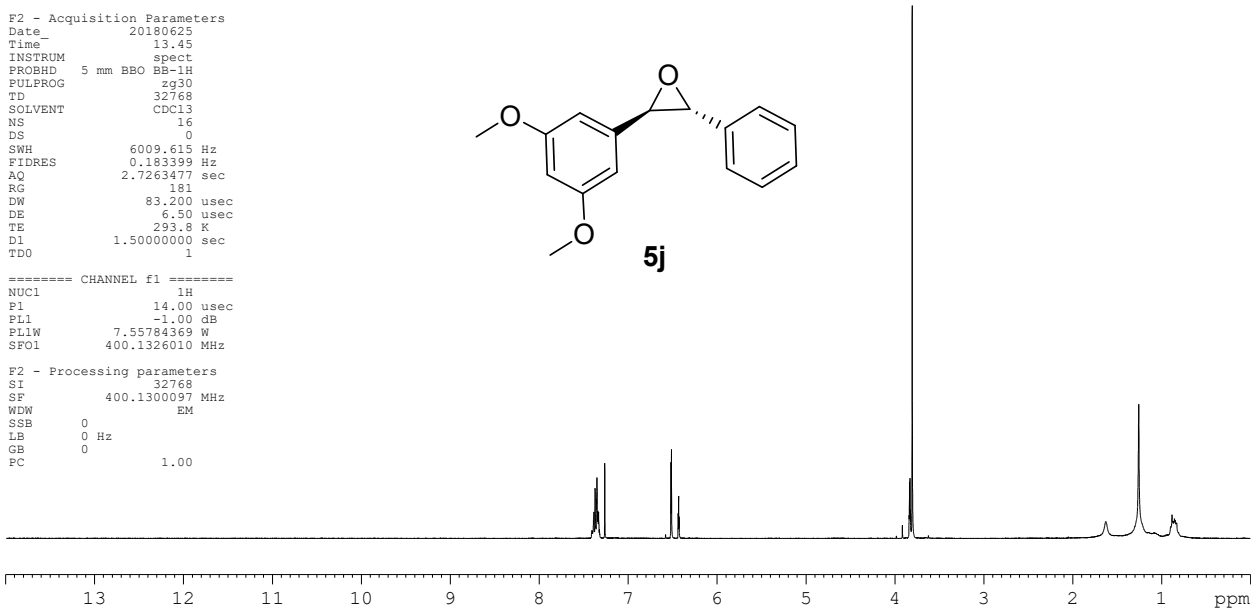
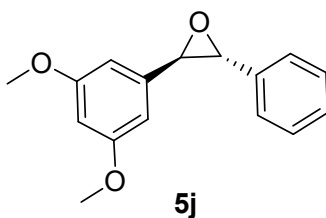
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FIDRES 0.183399 Hz  
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DE 6.50 usec  
TE 293.8 K  
D1 1.50000000 sec  
TD0 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====  
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PL1 -1.00 dB  
PL1W 7.55784369 W  
SFO1 400.1326010 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters  
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LB 0 Hz  
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PC 1.00

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Current Data Parameters  
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EXPNO 13  
PROCNO 1

F2 - Acquisition Parameters  
Date\_ 20180815  
Time 18.45  
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PROBHD 5 mm BBO BB-1H  
PULPROG zgpg30  
TD 65536  
SOLVENT CDCl3  
NS 2048  
DS 0  
SWH 25252.525 Hz  
FIDRES 0.385323 Hz  
AQ 1.2976629 sec  
RG 1820  
DW 19.800 usec  
DE 6.50 usec  
TE 293.2 K  
D1 1.50000000 sec  
D11 0.03000000 sec  
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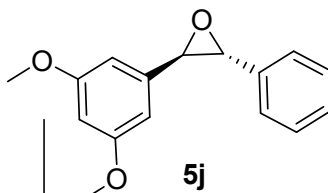
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PL12 15.16 dB  
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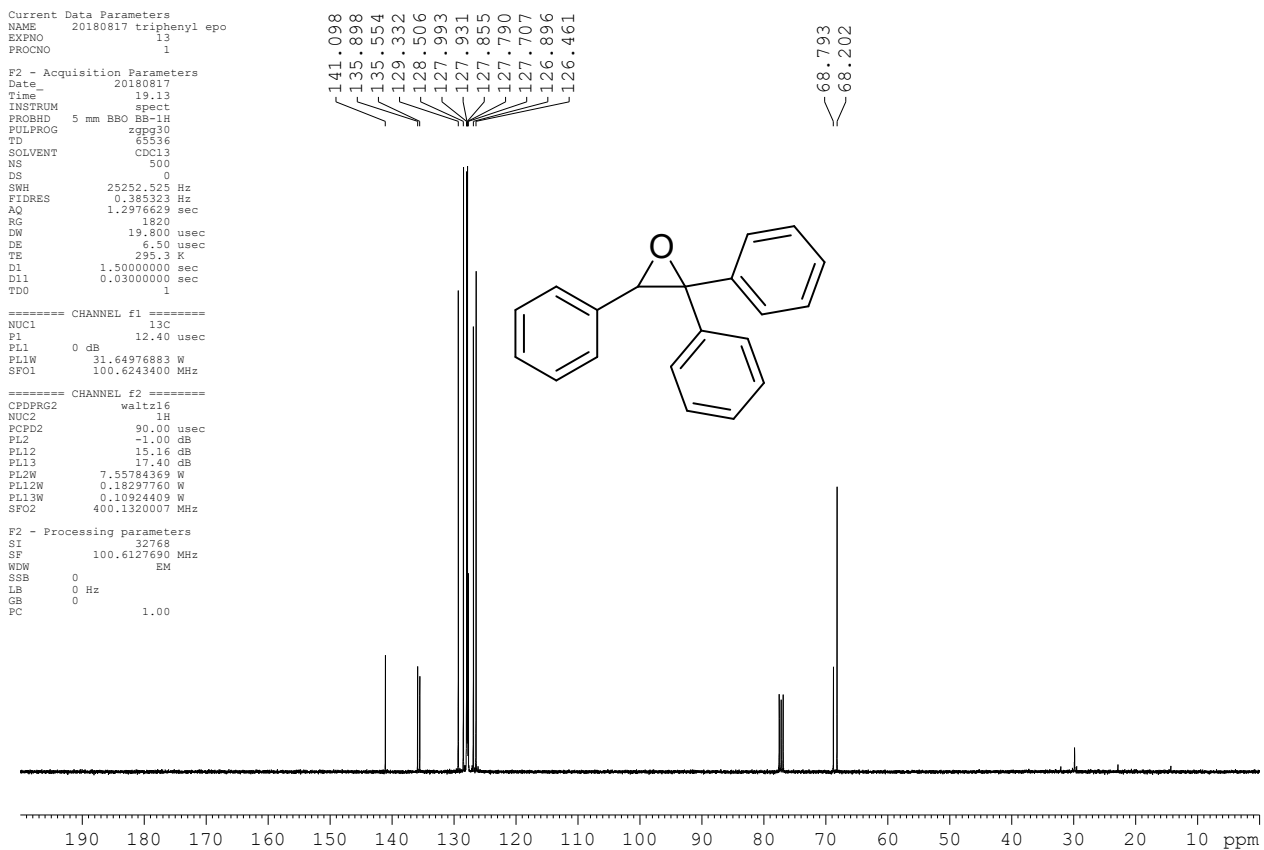
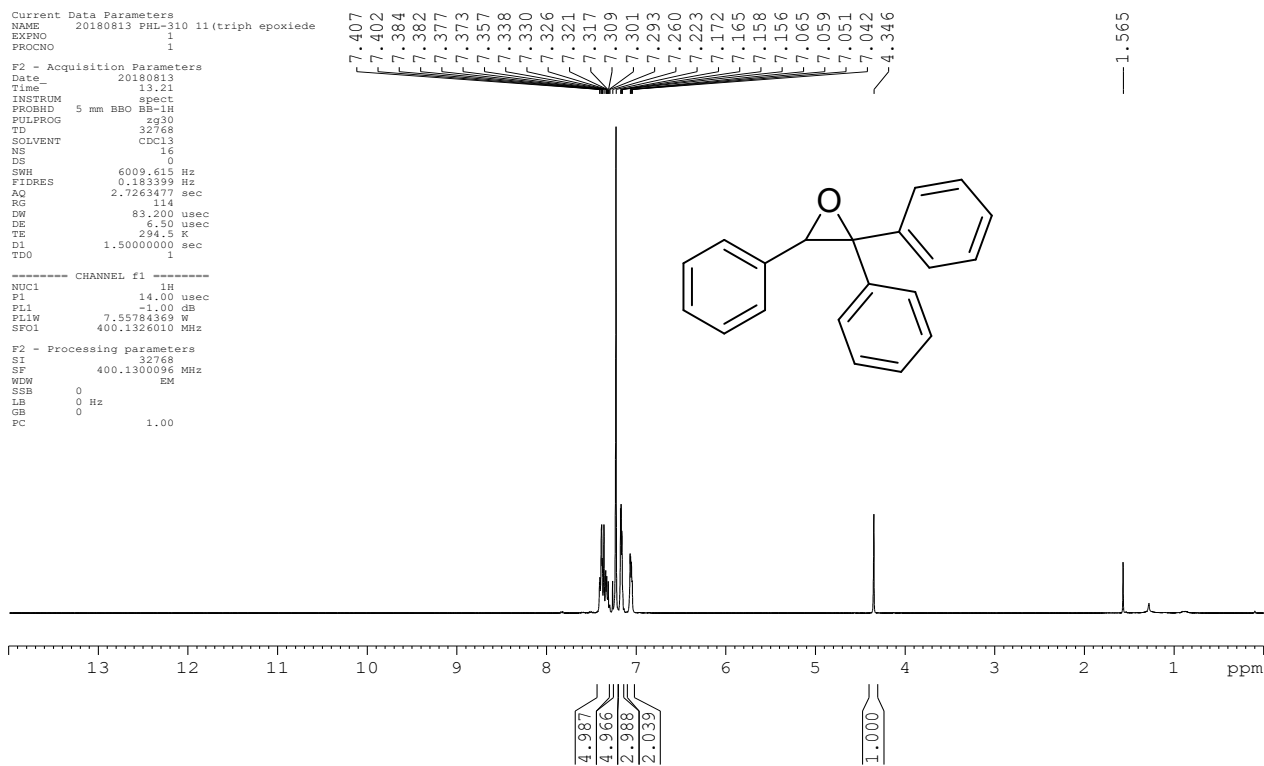
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EXPNO 2  
PROCNO 1

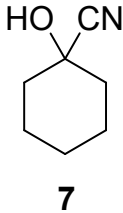
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SOLVENT CDC13  
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SWH 5882.353 Hz  
FIDRES 0.359030 Hz  
AQ 2.7852800 sec  
RG 13.008  
DW 85.000 usec  
DE 9.26 usec  
TE 297.9 K  
D1 1.50000000 sec  
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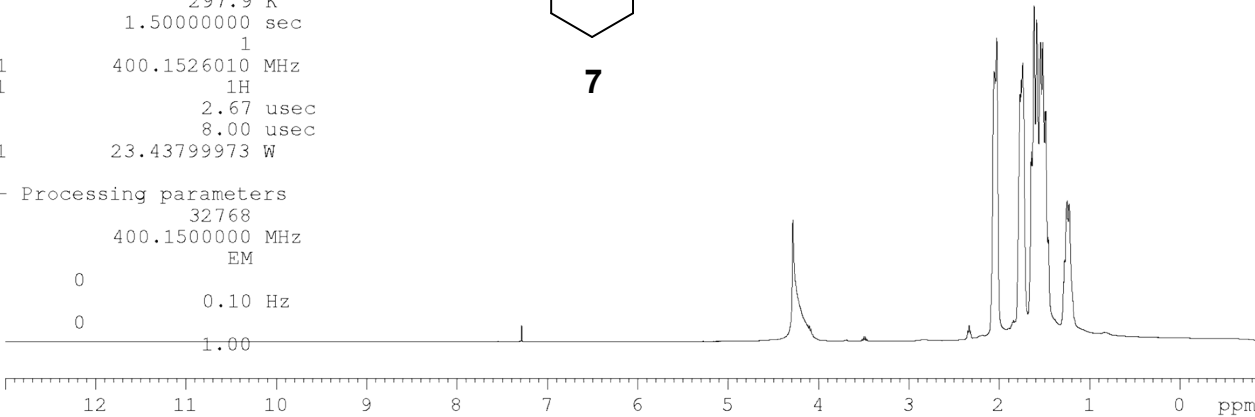
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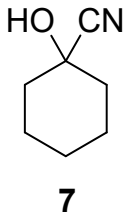


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NAME 20210816-cyanohydrin  
EXPNO 13  
PROCNO 1

F2 - Acquisition Parameters

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Time 22.14 h  
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TD 65536  
SOLVENT CDC13  
NS 1000  
DS 0  
SWH 25000.000 Hz  
FIDRES 0.762939 Hz  
AQ 1.3107200 sec  
RG 101  
DW 20.000 usec  
DE 6.50 usec  
TE 298.9 K  
D1 1.50000000 sec  
D11 0.03000000 sec  
TD0 1  
SFO1 100.6293690 MHz  
NUC1 13C  
P0 2.67 usec  
P1 8.00 usec  
PLW1 97.02799988 W  
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NUC2 1H  
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PCPD2 90.00 usec  
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