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**Synthesis of Quaternary Centres by Single Electron Reduction and Alkylation of Alkylsulfones**

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## 1. General

Unless otherwise noted, all materials including dry solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Zn powder (particle size: 6~9  $\mu\text{m}$ ) was purchased from FUJIFILM Wako Chemicals, and was activated by 1N HCl $aq$  before use.

*N,N*-Diphenylacrylamide (**2j**)<sup>1</sup>, methyl 2-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)acrylate (**2m**)<sup>2</sup>, 1,1-dimethyl-1-(phenylsulfonyl)-3-phenylpropane (**5a**)<sup>3</sup>, 2-((3-phenylpropylsulfonyl)benzo[d]thiazole<sup>4</sup>, 2-((3-phenylpropylsulfonyl)pyridine<sup>5</sup>, 1-phenyl-5-((3-phenylpropyl)sulfonyl)-1*H*-tetrazole<sup>6</sup>, 5-(Cyclohexylsulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole<sup>6</sup>, 1-Phenyl-5-((tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-yl)sulfonyl)-1*H*-tetrazole<sup>6</sup>, 5-((2,3-Dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole<sup>6</sup>, 5-((3-benzyloxypropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole<sup>7</sup>, 5-((3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)propyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole<sup>8</sup>, 1-benzyloxycarbonyl-(4-(1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)sulfonyl)azetidine<sup>9</sup>, and Zn(phen)<sub>3</sub>(OTf)<sub>2</sub><sup>10</sup> were prepared according to procedures reported in the literature.

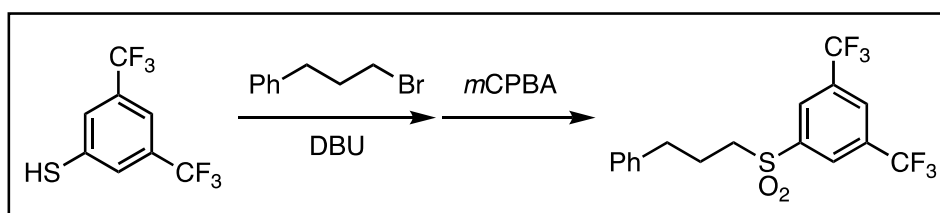
Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed with dry solvents under an atmosphere of argon in flame-dried glassware with standard vacuum-line techniques. All work-up and purification procedures were carried out with reagent-grade solvents in air.

Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using E. Merck silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> precoated plates (0.25 mm) visualizing with UV light (254 nm) and ethanolic phosphomolybdic acid. Preparative thin-layer chromatography (PTLC) was performed using Wakogel B5-F silica coated plates (0.75 mm) prepared in our laboratory. Preparative recycling HPLC was performed with a JAI LC-9204 instrument equipped with JAIGEL-1H/JAIGEL-2H columns using chloroform as an eluent.

High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained from a Thermo Fisher Scientific Exactive (ESI) and a JMS-T100TD instrument (DART). Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a JEOL ECA600II (<sup>1</sup>H 600 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C 150 MHz), a JEOL ECA-500 (<sup>1</sup>H 500 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C 125 MHz), a JEOL ECS-400 (<sup>1</sup>H 400 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C 100 MHz) spectrometers. Chemical shifts for <sup>1</sup>H NMR are expressed in parts per million (ppm) relative to tetramethylsilane ( $\delta$  0.00 ppm). Chemical shifts for <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra are expressed in ppm relative to CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  77.0 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quin = quintet, m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES) of Zn powder was performed with a Shimadzu ICPE-9800 instrument. An analytical sample was prepared by treating Zn powder with HCl $aq$ . The Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) spectrum were collected in DMF at 85 K with a JEOL JES-FA200, the central field was set to 320mT and the range of scan was 20mT. UV-vis spectra were recorded with Shimadzu UV-1800 spectrometer using 1 cm quartz cuvettes.

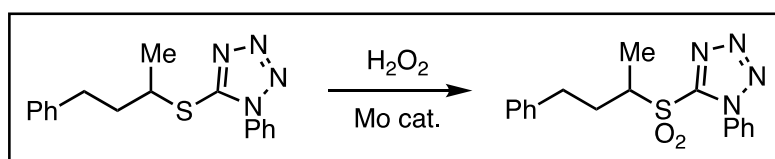
## 2. Preparation of primary and secondary sulfones

### A) Preparation of 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl 1-(3-phenylpropyl) sulfone



A 100-mL flask containing a magnetic stirring bar was flame-dried under vacuum and filled with argon after cooling to room temperature. To the flask were added 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenethiol (760  $\mu$ L, 5 mmol), and 3-phenylpropyl bromide (840  $\mu$ L, 5.25 mmol), and dry THF (30 mL) under argon. DBU (825  $\mu$ L, 5.5 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The mixture was quenched with sat.  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  aq and extracted with EtOAc (3 times). The combined extracts were dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 mL). *m*CPBA (>77%, 2.8 g, 12.5 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (15 mL) was slowly added to this solution at 0  $^\circ\text{C}$  and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The mixture was quenched with sat.  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$  solution (~3 mL) and was washed with sat.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  aq (3 times). The organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:20) to afford 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl 1-(3-phenylpropyl) sulfone as a white solid (1.77 g, 89% yield, 2 steps).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.09-2.14 (m, 2H), 2.75 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.12-3.14 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.33 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  23.8, 33.8, 55.2, 122.3 (q,  $J$  = 272 Hz), 126.7, 127.4 (t,  $J$  = 4.2 Hz), 128.3, 128.5, 128.7, 133.3 (q,  $J$  = 35 Hz), 139.2, 142.0.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.8. IR (ATR): 3066, 2945, 1559, 1457, 1284, 753  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2\text{F}_6\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}-\text{H}$ ] $^-$ : 395.0535, found 395.0544.

### B) Preparation of 5-((4-phenylbutan-2-yl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole

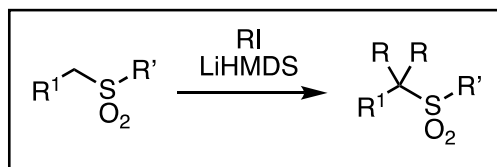


To a 100-mL two-neck flask containing a magnetic stirring bar were added 1-phenyl-5-(4-phenylbutan-2-ylthio)-1*H*-tetrazole (1.93 g, 6.4 mmol), EtOH (15 mL), and ammonium molybdate tetrahydrate (207 mg, 0.17 mmol). 30%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (6.2 mL, 30 mmol) was slowly added to this solution at 0  $^\circ\text{C}$  and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The mixture was quenched with sat.  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$  solution at 0  $^\circ\text{C}$ , and was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . (3 times). The organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:8 to 1:6) to afford 5-((4-phenylbutan-2-yl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole as a pale yellow oil (1.83 g, 71% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.53 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.96-2.02 (m, 1H), 2.41-2.47 (m, 1H), 2.69-2.74 (m, 1H), 2.88-2.92 (m, 1H), 3.77-3.81 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.62

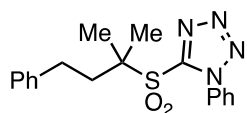
(m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  12.7, 30.1, 32.2, 60.5, 125.4, 126.6, 128.3, 128.7, 129.5, 131.4, 133.0, 139.5, 152.7. IR (ATR): 3026, 2944, 1559, 1453, 1332, 1148, 713  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 343.1223, found 343.1225.

### 3. Preparation of tertiary sulfones

#### A) Typical procedure for preparation of tertiary sulfones from primary sulfones



A two-neck Schlenk flask containing a magnetic stirring bar was flame-dried under vacuum and filled with argon after cooling to room temperature. To the flask were added primary sulfone (1 equiv) and dry THF (5 mL per mmol of sulfone). A solution of LiHMDS (1.3 M in THF, 3 equiv) was added drop wise to the reaction mixture at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  under argon. After stirring for 30 min, alkyl iodide (4 equiv) was added, the mixture was stirred at rt for 16 h. Sat.  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  aq was added to the reaction mixture, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 times), and the combined organic layer was washed with sat.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  aq and brine. The organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford the corresponding tertiary sulfone.

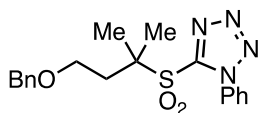


#### 5-((1',1'-Dimethyl-3'-phenylpropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole **1a**

Purification by column chromatography (DCM/hexane = 1:2).

2.10 g, 84% isolated yield (7 mmol scale); white solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.59 (s, 6H), 2.15-2.18 (m, 2H), 2.69-2.72 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.60-7.62 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.4, 30.0, 36.8, 67.7, 126.2, 126.4, 128.3, 128.6, 129.3, 131.4, 133.3, 140.3, 152.0. IR (ATR): 3067, 2872, 1495, 1461, 1335, 1169, 1113, 767  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{SNa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 379.1199, found 379.1199.

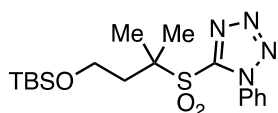


#### 5-((3'-Benzyloxy-1',1'-dimethylpropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole **1d**

Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:10).

614 mg, 82% isolated yield (1.9 mmol scale); white solid

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.56 (s, 6H), 2.26 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 7.27-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.34 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.63 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.7, 34.2, 65.6, 67.3, 73.1, 126.1, 127.6, 127.7, 128.4, 129.3, 131.4, 133.4, 137.7, 151.9. IR (ATR): 3028, 2870, 1495, 1454, 1335, 1115, 760  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{SNa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 409.1305, found 409.1305.

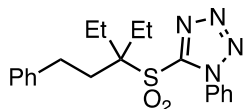


**5-((3'-*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy-1',1'-dimethylpropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole 1e**

Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:10).

3.08 g, 85% isolated yield (8.8 mmol scale); white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.04 (s, 6H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 1.57 (s, 6H), 2.14 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.63 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -5.5, 18.1, 20.6, 25.8, 36.6, 58.7, 67.5, 126.2, 129.3, 131.4, 133.4, 151.9. IR (ATR): 3070, 2958, 1498, 1462, 1339, 1255, 1094, 839 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SiNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 433.1700, found 433.1698.

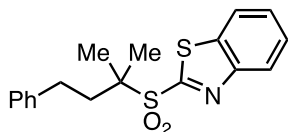


**5-((1',1'-Diethyl-3'-phenylpropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole 1h**

Purification by column chromatography (DCM/hexane = 1:1).

297 mg, 77% isolated yield (1 mmol scale); white solid

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.59 (s, 6H), 2.03 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.15-2.18 (m, 2H), 2.69-2.72 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.60-7.62 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.2, 25.0, 29.9, 34.0, 74.0, 126.3, 126.4, 128.2, 128.6, 129.2, 131.4, 133.4, 140.9, 152.7. IR (ATR): 3067, 2872, 1495, 1461, 1335, 1169, 1113, 767 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 407.1512, found 407.1508.

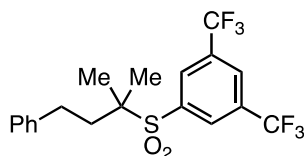


**2-((1,1-Dimethyl-3-phenylpropyl)sulfonyl)benzothiazole 4a**

Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:10).

407 mg, 59% isolated yield (2 mmol scale); white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.60 (s, 6H), 2.18-2.21 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.79 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.1, 30.2, 37.3, 65.2, 122.1, 125.7, 126.2, 127.5, 127.9, 128.3, 128.5, 137.3, 140.9, 153.1, 164.0. IR (ATR): 3062, 2939, 1499, 1469, 1314, 1116, 763 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 368.0749, found 368.0749.

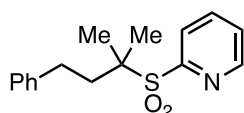


**3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl 1-(1,1-dimethyl-3-phenylpropyl) sulfone 6a**

Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:20).

632 mg, 75% isolated yield (2 mmol scale); white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.41 (s, 6H), 2.01-2.04 (m, 2H), 2.73-2.76 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 8.34 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.1, 30.2, 37.0, 63.9, 122.3 (q, *J* = 272 Hz), 126.4, 127.3 (t, *J* = 17 Hz), 128.1, 128.6, 130.7, 132.8 (q, *J* = 35 Hz), 138.7, 140.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.8. IR (ATR): 3062, 2978, 1455, 1278, 1127, 1095, 909 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub> [M-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 147.1174, found 147.1171.



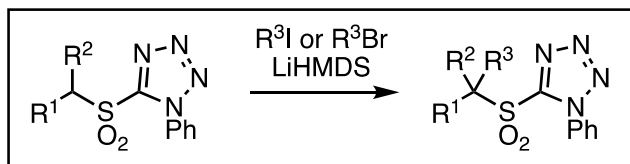
**2-((1,1-Dimethyl-3-phenylpropyl)sulfonyl)pyridine 7a**

Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:5).

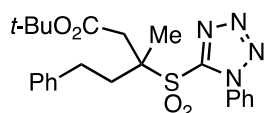
568 mg, 98% isolated yield (2 mmol scale); colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.48 (s, 6H), 2.07-2.10 (m, 2H), 2.71-2.74 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.95 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.80 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.1, 30.2, 37.5, 63.6, 125.4, 126.1, 127.2, 128.3, 128.4, 137.7, 141.2, 150.1, 155.4. IR (ATR): 3057, 2942, 1577, 1543, 1425, 1301, 1099, 745  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 312.1029, found 312.1028.

## B) Typical procedure for preparation of tertiary sulfones from secondary sulfones



A two-neck flask containing a magnetic stirring bar was flame-dried under vacuum and filled with argon after cooling to room temperature. To the flask were added primary sulfone (1 equiv) and dry THF (5 mL per mmol of sulfone). A solution of LiHMDS (1.3 M in THF, 1.5 equiv) was added drop wise to the reaction mixture at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  under argon. After stirring for 30 min, alkyl bromide or iodide (2 equiv) was added, the mixture was stirred at rt for 16 h. Sat.  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  aq was added to the reaction mixture, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 times), and the combined organic layer was washed with sat.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  aq and brine. The organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography or GPC to afford the corresponding tertiary sulfone.

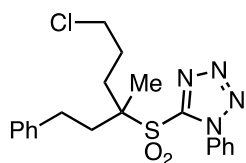


**5-((1'-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylmethyl)-1'-methyl-3'-phenylpropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole 1b**

Purification by GPC.

268 mg, 58% isolated yield (1 mmol scale); yellow oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.44 (s, 9H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 2.24 (ddd,  $J = 14.4, 12.6, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.39 (ddd,  $J = 14.4, 12.6, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.73-2.83 (m, 2H), 3.05 (d,  $J = 15.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.11 (d,  $J = 15.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.60-7.62 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  19.7, 28.0, 30.4, 35.4, 38.2, 69.3, 82.2, 126.3, 128.3, 128.5, 129.2, 131.4, 133.3, 140.6, 152.2, 167.8. IR (ATR): 3001, 2979, 1726, 1498, 1458, 1340, 1145, 761  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{ClSNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 411.1122, found 411.1122.

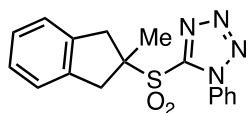


**5-((1'-(4-Chloropropyl)-1'-methyl-3'-phenylpropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole 1c**

Purification by GPC and column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:12).

301 mg, 72% isolated yield (1 mmol scale); white solid

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.54 (s, 3H), 1.90-2.03 (m, 2H), 2.07-2.24 (m, 4H), 2.68-2.78 (m, 2H), 3.50-3.57 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.61-7.64 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  19.8, 26.9, 29.9, 30.8, 35.1, 44.6, 70.1, 126.3, 126.5, 128.2, 128.7, 129.3, 131.5, 133.3, 140.3, 152.1. IR (ATR): 3028, 2952, 1496, 1455, 1321, 1141, 761, 732  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{ClSNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 441.1122, found 441.1122.

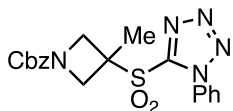


**5-((2',3'-Dihydro-2'-methyl-1H-inden-2'-yl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole 1i**

Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:20).

139 mg, 41% isolated yield (1 mmol scale); white solid

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.77 (s, 3H), 3.17 (d,  $J = 16.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.94 (d,  $J = 16.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.21 (s, 4H), 7.59-7.65 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  22.5, 41.2, 72.1, 124.8, 125.8, 127.6, 129.5, 131.5, 133.2, 138.1, 152.2. IR (ATR): 3075, 2917, 1496, 1443, 1332, 1155, 1104, 764  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 363.0886, found 363.0885.

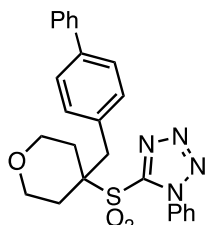


**1-Benzyloxycarbonyl-3-methyl-3-((1-phenyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl)sulfonyl)azetidine 1j**

Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:10).

345 mg, 84% isolated yield (1 mmol scale); colorless oil

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.95 (s, 3H), 4.09 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.71 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.60-7.69 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.5, 55.4, 56.2, 60.0, 67.3, 125.1, 128.1, 128.3, 128.5, 129.7, 131.6, 132.8, 135.9, 151.1, 155.9. IR (ATR): 3071, 2952, 1712, 1498, 1415, 1338, 1144, 1097, 763  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 436.1050, found 436.1045.

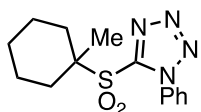


**4-(4'-Biphenylmethyl)-4-((1'-phenyl-1H-tetrazol-5'-yl)sulfonyl)tetrahydropyran 1k**

Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:5).

394 mg, 86% isolated yield (1 mmol scale); white solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.08-2.14 (m, 2H), 2.48-2.54 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 2H), 3.69-3.74 (m, 2H), 4.01-4.06 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.67 (m, 7H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  28.0, 38.5, 63.0, 68.9, 126.1, 127.0, 127.1, 127.5, 128.8, 129.4, 131.50, 131.51, 132.3, 133.3, 140.3, 140.7, 152.3. IR (ATR): 3075, 2944, 2354, 1457, 1149, 758  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 483.1461, found 483.1459.



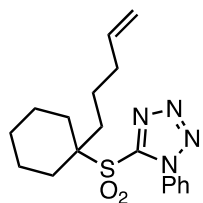
**5-(1'-Methylcyclohexylsulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole 1l**

Purification by column chromatography (DCM/hexane = 1:1).

283 mg, 92% isolated yield (1 mmol scale); white solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.22 (qt,  $J = 13.2, 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.44 (qt,  $J = 13.2, 3.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.69-1.71 (m, 1H), 1.78 (dt,  $J = 14.4, 3.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.88-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.97 (td,  $J = 13.2, 3.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.64 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  16.9,

21.2, 24.8, 29.2, 68.3, 126.2, 129.3, 131.4, 133.5, 151.9. IR (ATR): 3088, 2936, 1498, 1465, 1335, 1150, 1094, 757 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 329.1043, found 329.1042.

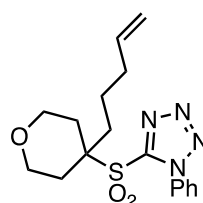


**5-(1'-(4-Pentenyl)cyclohexylsulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole**

Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:20).

104 mg, 29% isolated yield (1 mmol scale); pale yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.20-1.26 (m, 1H), 1.36-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.56 (m, 3H), 1.66 (dt, *J* = 13.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (dt, *J* = 13.5, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 1.90-1.94 (m, 6H), 1.99 (q, *J* = 14.0, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 4.96-5.01 (m, 2H), 5.67-5.75 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.64 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.2, 22.4, 24.4, 28.1, 29.1, 33.9, 70.7, 115.4, 126.4, 129.2, 131.4, 133.5, 137.6, 152.1. IR (ATR): 3080, 2943, 1647, 1495, 1461, 1332, 1143, 1015, 771 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 383.1512, found 383.1512.

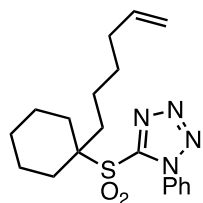


**4-(1'-(4-Pentenyl)-4-(1'-phenyl-1H-tetrazol-5'-yl)sulfonyl)tetrahydropyran**

Purification by column chromatography (DCM/hexane = 1:1).

347 mg, 46% isolated yield (2.1 mmol scale); white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.48-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.85 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 1.99-2.03 (m, 4H), 2.29-2.34 (m, 2H), 3.52-3.56 (m, 2H), 3.94 (dt, *J* = 11.4, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 4.97-5.00 (m, 2H), 5.66-5.72 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.65 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 22.3, 28.1, 29.4, 33.6, 62.8, 67.9, 115.7, 126.2, 129.2, 131.4, 133.2, 137.2, 151.6. IR (ATR): 2970, 2860, 1495, 1344, 1135, 1099, 762 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 385.1305, found 385.1305.



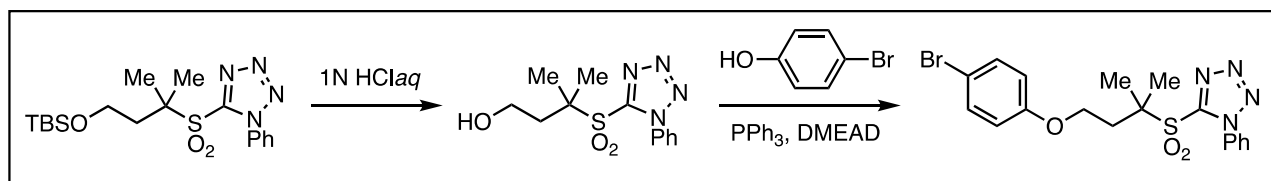
**5-(1'-(5-Hexenyl)cyclohexylsulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole**

Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:30).

85 mg, 23% isolated yield (1 mmol scale); colorless oil

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.17-1.26 (m, 1H), 1.28-1.34 (m, 1H), 1.35-1.46 (m, 3H), 1.65 (dt, *J* = 13.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (dt, *J* = 14.0, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 1.89-1.94 (m, 6H), 1.99-2.03 (m, 2H), 4.92-5.00 (m, 2H), 5.71-5.80 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.65 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.3, 22.7, 24.4, 28.1, 29.3, 29.7, 33.3, 70.8, 114.7, 126.4, 129.2, 131.4, 133.5, 138.4, 152.1. IR (ATR): 3083, 3062, 2947, 1653, 1559, 1458, 1015, 707 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 397.1669, found 397.1668.

**C) Preparation of 5-((3'-(4'-bromophenyl)oxy-1',1'-dimethylpropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole 1f**



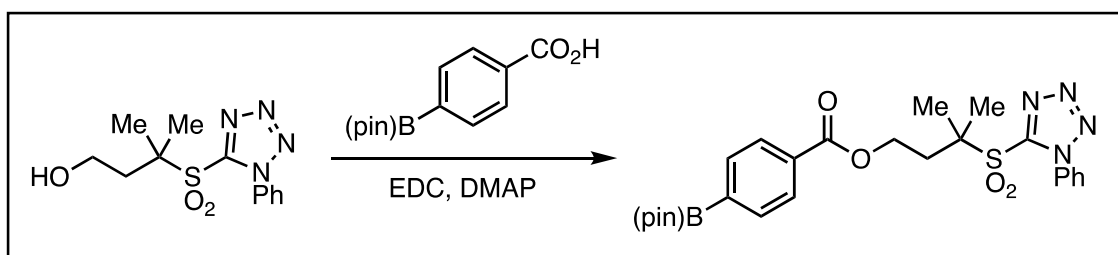
To a 100 mL flask were added 5-((3'-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy-1',1'-dimethylpropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-*1H*-tetrazole **1f** (1.80 g, 4.4 mmol) and THF (21 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (10.5 mL). 1N HCl<sub>aq</sub> (5.1 mL) was added at room temperature. After stirring at room temperature for 4 h, brine was added and this mixture was extracted with EtOAc. (3 times). The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:2) to give 5-((1',1'-dimethyl-3'-hydroxypropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-*1H*-tetrazole (1.23 g, 95%) as a white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.59 (s, 6H), 2.22 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.64 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.1, 37.4, 58.3, 67.2, 126.1, 129.3, 131.5, 133.4, 151.9. IR (ATR): 3613, 3023, 2941, 1498, 1117, 1046, 763 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Sn [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 319.0835, found 319.0835.

To a 20-mL flask were added 5-((1',1'-dimethyl-3'-hydroxypropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-*1H*-tetrazole (118 mg, 0.4 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (126 mg, 0.48 mmol), 4-bromophenol (83 mg, 0.48 mmol) and dry THF (2 mL). under a stream of argon. Bis(2-methoxyethyl) azodicarboxylate (112 mg, 0.48 mmol) was slowly added to this mixture at 0 °C. After stirring at room temperature for 24 h, organic solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:10) to give 5-((3'-(4'-bromophenyl)oxy-1',1'-dimethylpropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-*1H*-tetrazole **1f** (145 mg, 80%) as a white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.62 (s, 6H), 2.47 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.64 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.0, 34.2, 63.6, 67.0, 113.4, 116.2, 126.1, 129.4, 131.5, 132.4, 133.3, 151.8, 157.2. IR (ATR): 3064, 2901, 1488, 1338, 1243, 1172, 1117, 764 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SBrNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 473.0253, found 473.0253.

#### D) Preparation of 5-((1',1'-Dimethyl-3'-(4-(4',4',5',5'-tetramethyl-1',3',2'-dioxaborolan-2'-yl)benzoyl)oxypropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-*1H*-tetrazole **1g**

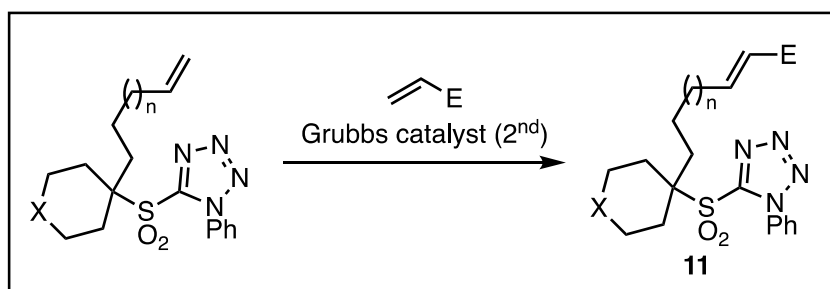


To a flask were added 5-((1',1'-dimethyl-3'-hydroxypropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-*1H*-tetrazole (119 mg, 0.4 mmol), 4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoic acid (119 mg, 0.48 mmol), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (68.4 mg, 0.56 mmol) and dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) under a stream of argon. 1-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide (99 μL, 0.56 mmol) was added to this mixture at room temperature. After stirring at room temperature for 16 h, sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>aq</sub> was added to the reaction mixture, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 times), and the combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude

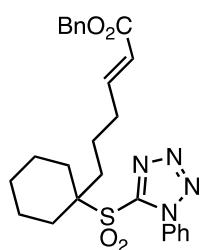
material was purified by GPC to give 5-(1',1'-Dimethyl-3'-(4-(4',4',5',5'-tetramethyl-1',3',2'-dioxaborolan-2'-yl)benzoyl)oxypropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole **1g** (148 mg, 70%) as a beige solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.36 (s, 12H), 1.62 (s, 6H), 2.47 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.50 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.63 (m, 5H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 20.7, 24.8, 33.5, 60.2, 66.6, 84.1, 126.0, 128.5, 129.3, 131.4, 131.7, 133.2, 134.7, 151.7, 166.1. IR (ATR): 3085, 2980, 1718, 1507, 1399, 1119, 761 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>32</sub>BN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 527.2146, found 527.2148.

#### E) Preparation of 12 for intermolecular Giese reaction



A 20-mL two-neck flask containing a magnetic stirring bar was flame-dried under vacuum and filled with argon after cooling to room temperature. To this flask were added sulfone (1.0 equiv), DCM (7.5 mL per mmol), olefin (5 equiv), and Grubbs catalyst 2<sup>nd</sup> generation (5 mol%) under a stream of argon. This mixture was heated at 40 °C for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was passed through a pad of silica gel with copious washings with EtOAc (~10 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by PTLC to afford the corresponding sulfone **11**.

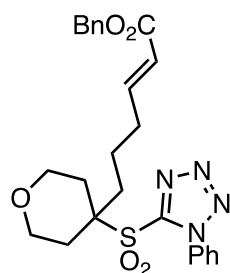


#### **Benzyl 6-(1-(1'-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5'-yl)sulfonylcyclohexyl)-2-hexanoate 11a**

Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:5).

122 mg, 91% isolated yield (0.27 mmol scale); white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.16-1.41 (m, 3H), 1.62-1.68 (m, 3H), 1.75 (dt, *J* = 13.5, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 1.90-1.97 (m, 6H), 2.13-2.17 (m, 2H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 5.85 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dt, *J* = 15.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.53-7.64 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.2, 21.7, 24.3, 28.0, 29.2, 32.3, 66.1, 70.6, 121.8, 126.3, 128.2, 128.5, 129.3, 131.4, 133.4, 136.0, 148.3, 151.9, 166.1. (1 aryl carbon signal is obscured). IR (ATR): 3100, 3060, 2937, 1712, 1495, 1461, 1334, 1145, 760 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SN<sub>a</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 517.1880, found 517.1880.

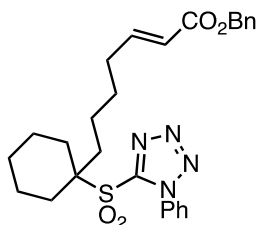


#### **Benzyl 6-(1-(1'-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5'-yl)sulfonyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran)-2-hexanoate 11b**

Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:5).

161 mg, 81% isolated yield (0.4 mmol scale); beige solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.63 (quin,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.83 (d,  $J = 13.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.05-2.08 (m, 2H), 2.17 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.28-2.33 (m, 2H), 3.49-3.53 (m, 2H), 3.94 (dt,  $J = 12.0, 4.2$  Hz, 2H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 5.85 (d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dt,  $J = 15.6, 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.55-7.63 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.8, 28.1, 29.5, 32.1, 62.7, 66.1, 67.8, 122.0, 126.1, 128.1, 128.5, 129.3, 131.5, 133.2, 135.9, 147.7, 151.5, 165.9 (1 aryl carbon signal is obscured). IR (ATR): 3091, 3035, 2869, 2364, 1713, 1642, 1521, 1436, 957, 751  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_4\text{O}_5\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 519.1673, found 519.1672.

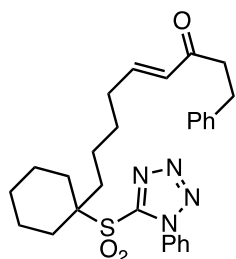


**Benzyl 7-(1-(1'-phenyl-1H-tetrazol-5'-yl)sulfonylcyclohexyl)-2-heptanoate 11c**

Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:10).

73.9 mg, 51% isolated yield (0.29 mmol scale); beige solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.17-1.22 (m, 1H), 1.35-1.40 (m, 4H), 1.44-1.50 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.93 (m, 6H), 2.17 (q,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 2H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 5.85 (d,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dt,  $J = 15.5, 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.53-7.62 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.1, 22.7, 24.2, 27.9, 28.2, 29.3, 31.7, 65.9, 70.4, 121.1, 126.2, 128.0, 128.4, 129.1, 131.3, 133.3, 135.9, 149.1, 149.2, 151.8, 166.2. IR (ATR): 3053, 3041, 2940, 2370, 1717, 1643, 1456, 1441, 797, 703  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 531.2036, found 531.2036.



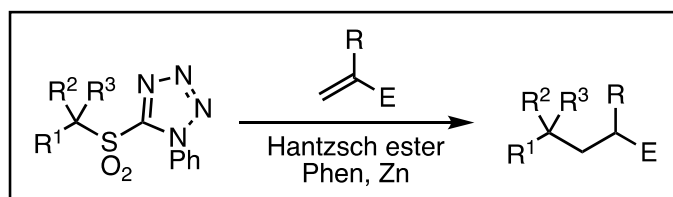
**(4E)-1-phenyl-9-(1-(1'-phenyl-1H-tetrazol-5'-yl)sulfonylcyclohexyl)-4-nonen-3-one 11d**

Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1:20).

57.2 mg, 34% isolated yield (0.34 mmol scale); white solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.18-1.22 (m, 1H), 1.36-1.41 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.95 (m, 6H), 2.16-2.20 (m, 2H), 2.85 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.08 (d,  $J = 16.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dt,  $J = 16.2, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.63 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.2, 22.7, 24.2, 28.0, 28.4, 29.4, 30.0, 31.9, 41.7, 70.5, 126.0, 126.3, 128.3, 128.4, 129.1, 130.4, 131.3, 133.4, 141.2, 146.6, 151.9, 199.3. IR (ATR): 3053, 2968, 1696, 1457, 1437, 1049, 760, 727  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 529.2244, found 529.2244.

#### 4. Typical Procedure for Zn/phen-mediated Giese reaction of tertiary sulfone **1** with electron-deficient olefins **2**



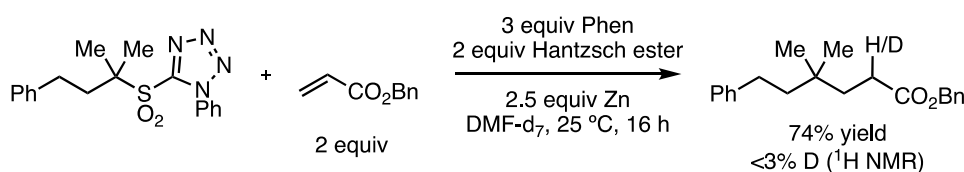
To A 10-mL sealable glass vessel containing a magnetic stirring bar was added Zn powder (32.7 mg, 0.5 mmol), flame-dried under vacuum, and filled with argon after cooling to room temperature. The tube was charged with 5-((1',1'-dimethyl-3'-phenylpropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-*1H*-tetrazole **1a** (71.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline (108 mg, 0.6 mmol), and Hantzsch ester (101 mg, 0.4 mmol). The mixture was evacuated under vacuum and refilled with Ar. This cycle was repeated two additional times. Under an argon atmosphere, DMF (1.0 mL) and benzyl acrylate **2a** (61  $\mu$ L, 0.4 mmol) were added and the reaction was sealed, and stirred at 25 °C for 16 h. The reaction was quenched with 3-4 drops of H<sub>2</sub>O and EtOAc (~1.0 mL). The mixture was passed through a pad of silica gel with copious washings with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1) to afford benzyl 4,4-dimethyl-6-phenylhexanoate **3aa** (50.7 mg, 82% yield) as a colorless oil.

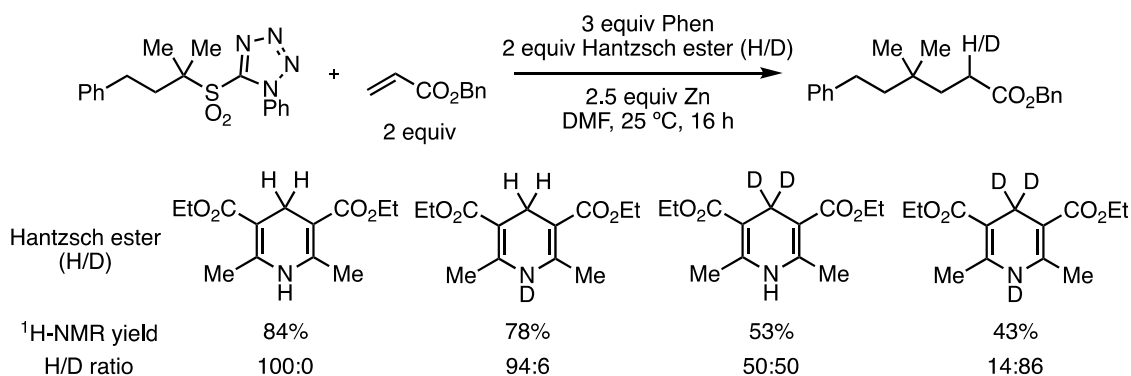
**Table S1.** Optimization of reaction conditions

| Variation                          | Yield ( <sup>1</sup> H-NMR) | Variation                                             | Yield ( <sup>1</sup> H-NMR) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| None                               | 84%                         | 2,2-bipyridyl instead of phen                         | 0%                          |
| No Zn                              | 0%                          | terpyridine instead of phen                           | 25%                         |
| No phen                            | 0%                          | 2 equiv phen                                          | 61%                         |
| Zn pre-activated by TMSCl, no phen | 0%                          | 4 equiv phen                                          | 74%                         |
| Ricke Zn, no phen                  | 0%                          | 1.5 equiv Hantzsch ester                              | 67%                         |
| Zn (particle size 75-150 $\mu$ m)  | 0%                          | No Hantzsch ester                                     | 26%                         |
| Mg instead of Zn                   | 0%                          | 2 equiv MeOH instead of Hantzsch ester                | 28%                         |
| Mn instead of Zn                   | 0%                          | 50 °C                                                 | 77%                         |
| 2 equiv Zn                         | 71%                         | 2 equiv LiCl                                          | 58%                         |
| 4 equiv Zn                         | 79%                         | 10 mol% NiCl <sub>2</sub> , 2 equiv MgCl <sub>2</sub> | 59%                         |
| DMAP instead of phen               | 0%                          | 1.5 equiv <b>2a</b>                                   | 55%                         |

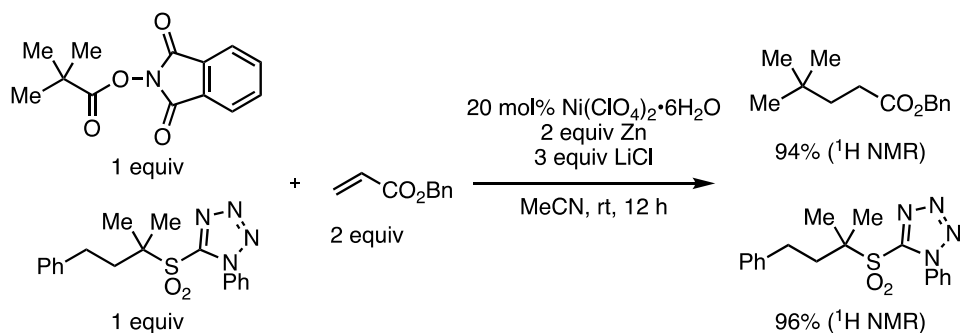
Yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using anisole as an internal standard.

**Table S2.** Reaction in DMF-d<sub>7</sub>

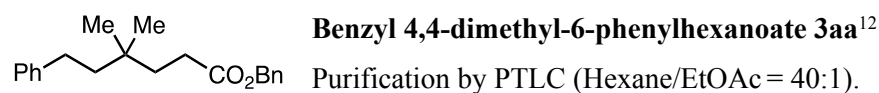


**Table S3.** Reaction using deuterated Hantzsch esters**Table S4.** ICP-AES analysis of Zn powder

| Fe      | Co       | Ni       | Cu      | Pd       |
|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| 0.5 ppm | <0.1 ppm | <0.5 ppm | 2.5 ppm | <0.4 ppm |

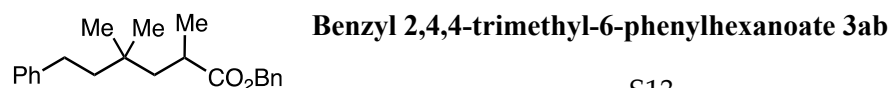
**Table S5.** Competitive reaction of sulfone and redox-active ester in Ni-catalyzed Giese reaction.<sup>11</sup>**Compound Data for Quaternary product 3**

Unless otherwise noted, sulfone derivatives described in this section were prepared following the typical procedure. All products were purified by column chromatography, PTLC or GPC (preparative recycling HPLC equipped with JAIGEL-1H/JAIGEL-2H column (eluent: CHCl<sub>3</sub>)).



50.7 mg, 82% isolated yield (0.2 mmol scale); colorless oil.

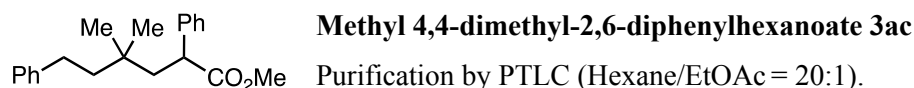
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.93 (s, 6H), 1.48-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.67 (m, 2H), 2.33-2.36 (m, 2H), 2.53-2.56 (m, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 7.15-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.36 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.7, 29.6, 30.6, 32.6, 36.3, 44.0, 66.2, 125.6, 128.17, 128.20, 128.24, 128.3, 128.5, 136.0, 143.1, 174.1. IR (ATR): 3029, 2953, 1737, 1506, 1462, 1148, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 312.2011, found 312.2006.



Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).

40.0 mg, 62% isolated yield (0.2 mmol scale); colorless oil.

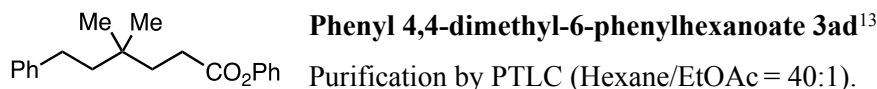
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.90 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 1.19 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.26 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.49 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.96-2.00 (m, 1H), 2.52-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.58-2.60 (m, 1H), 5.06 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.25 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.34 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.5, 26.88, 26.90, 30.6, 33.4, 35.8, 44.4, 45.6, 66.2, 125.5, 128.1, 128.2, 128.26, 128.28, 128.5, 136.0, 143.2, 177.6. IR (ATR): 3205, 2953, 1737, 1555, 1454, 1170, 733  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (DART)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 325.2168, found 325.2165.



Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 20:1).

36.2 mg, 58% isolated yield (0.2 mmol scale); colorless oil.

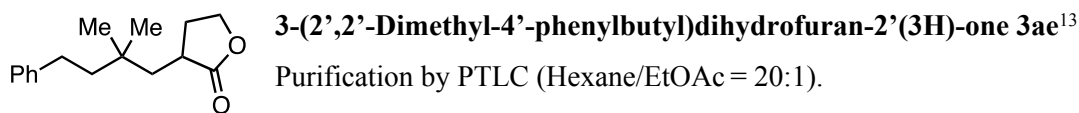
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.94 (s, 6H), 1.50-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.69 (m, 1H), 2.35-2.40 (m, 1H), 2.46-2.57 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.68-3.70 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.34 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.0, 30.6, 33.6, 44.4, 45.2, 47.6, 52.0, 125.6, 127.1, 127.8, 128.2, 128.3, 128.7, 140.9, 143.1, 175.2. IR (ATR): 3026, 2947, 1737, 1454, 1433, 1204, 730  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (DART)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 311.2011, found 311.2009.



Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).

43.4 mg, 73% isolated yield (0.2 mmol scale); pale yellow oil.

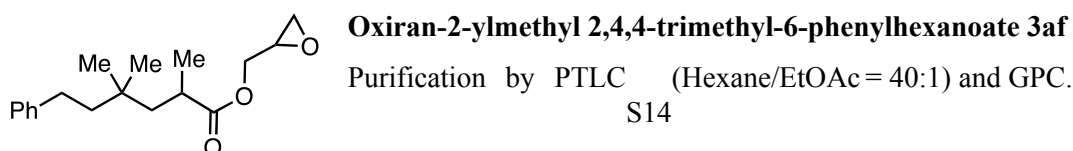
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.00 (s, 6H), 1.54-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.75-1.78 (m, 2H), 2.53-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.57-2.60 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.27 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  26.7, 29.7, 30.6, 32.7, 36.4, 44.0, 121.5, 125.6, 125.7, 128.25, 128.34, 129.3, 143.0, 150.7, 172.7. IR (ATR): 3205, 2955, 1750, 1493, 1456, 1118, 701  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (DART)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 297.1855, found 297.1859.



Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 20:1).

30.6 mg, 62% isolated yield (0.2 mmol scale); yellow oil.

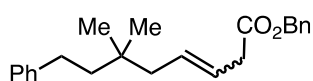
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.00 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 1.34 (dd,  $J = 14.4, 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.51-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.93-2.01 (m, 1H), 2.14 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.48-2.52 (m, 2H), 2.54-2.64 (m, 2H), 4.13 (td,  $J = 9.6, 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.33 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.27 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.1, 27.3, 30.5, 31.7, 33.1, 36.0, 43.0, 44.5, 66.1, 125.6, 128.2, 128.3, 142.9, 180.2. IR (ATR): 3029, 2955, 1765, 1453, 1437, 1146, 1025, 727  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (DART)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 247.1698, found 247.1695.



Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1) and GPC.

18.1 mg, 62% isolated yield (0.1 mmol scale, diastereomeric ratio = 1:1); colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, mixture of diastereomers) δ 0.93 (s, 6H), 1.199 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1.5H), 1.203 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1.5H), 1.272 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 0.5H), 1.276 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 0.5H), 1.50 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 1.964 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 8.4 Hz, 0.5H), 1.967 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 8.4 Hz, 0.5H), 2.53-2.63 (m, 4H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 0.5H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 0.5H), 3.13-3.18 (m, 1H), 3.86-3.90 (m, 1H), 4.35-4.36 (m, 0.5H), 4.37-4.39 (m, 0.5H), 7.15-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, mixture of diastereomers) δ 20.5, 26.85/26.88, 30.6, 33.4, 35.62/35.67, 44.4, 44.58/44.61, 45.66/45.72, 49.3, 64.84/64.97, 125.6, 128.26/128.29, 143.2, 177.53/177.56. IR (ATR): 3025, 2936, 1745, 1462, 1455, 1445, 908, 742 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 291.1960, found 291.1955.

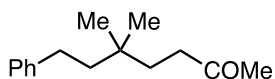


**Benzyl 6,6-dimethyl-8-phenyl-3-octenoate 3ag**

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).

46.8 mg, 70% isolated yield (0.2 mmol scale, *trans*:*cis* = 17:1); white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, mixture of isomers) δ 0.91 (s, 5.6H), 0.93 (s, 0.4H), 1.42-1.52 (m, 2H), 2.00 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.53-2.56 (m, 2H), 3.10 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1.9H), 3.15 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 0.1H), 5.10 (s, 0.06H), 5.11 (s, 0.94H), 5.54-5.63 (m, 1.9H), 5.66-5.72 (m, 0.1H), 7.14-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.33 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, mixture of isomers) (*trans*) δ 26.9, 30.6, 33.5, 38.2, 44.1, 44.8, 66.3, 123.8, 125.5, 128.2, 128.3, 128.5, 131.5, 135.9, 143.3, 171.8. (2 aryl carbon signal is obscured). IR (ATR): 3060, 3027, 2957, 1729, 1647, 1454, 1437, 969, 732 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 337.2168, found 337.2166.

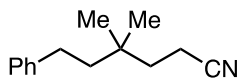


**5,5-Dimethyl-7-phenyl-2-hepanone 3ah**

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).

33.3 mg, 76% isolated yield (0.2 mmol scale); pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.93 (s, 6H), 1.48-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.57 (m, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.39-2.41 (m, 2H), 2.53-2.56 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.8, 29.9, 30.6, 32.5, 35.1, 38.9, 44.0, 125.6, 128.2, 128.3, 143.1, 209.3. IR (ATR): 3027, 2959, 1713, 1468, 1452, 742 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ONa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 241.1563, found 241.1563.

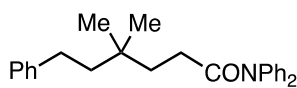


**4,4-Dimethyl-6-phenylhexanenitrile 3ai<sup>13</sup>**

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 20:1).

31.5 mg, 78% isolated yield (0.2 mmol scale); pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.97 (s, 6H), 1.49-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.69 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.53-2.56 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 12.3, 26.3, 30.5, 32.9, 37.2, 43.6, 120.4, 125.8, 128.2, 128.4, 142.5. IR (ATR): 3030, 2936, 2334, 1458, 1419, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 202.1596, found 202.1600.



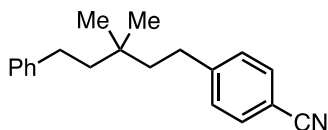
**4,4-Dimethyl-*N,N*,6-triphenylhexanamide 3aj**

Reaction temperature was 50 °C

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 20:1) and GPC.

55.2 mg, 74% isolated yield (0.2 mmol scale); pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.81 (s, 6H), 1.33-1.36 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.70 (m, 2H), 2.25-2.27 (m, 2H), 2.42-2.45 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.34 (m, 13H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.7, 30.46, 30.50, 32.7, 37.0, 43.9, 125.48, 125.52, 128.2, 128.9, 143.0, 143.1, 173.7. IR (ATR): 3059, 2956, 1592, 1488, 1452, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NONa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 394.2141, found 394.2141.

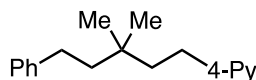


**4-(3',3'-dimethyl-5'-phenylpentyl)benzonitrile 3ak**

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).

45.3 mg, 82% isolated yield (0.2 mmol scale); colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.02 (s, 6H), 1.54-1.59 (m, 4H), 2.56-2.59 (m, 2H), 2.62-2.64 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 27.0, 30.7, 31.1, 33.2, 43.7, 44.0, 109.5, 119.1, 125.7, 128.2, 128.4, 129.1, 132.2, 143.1, 149.1. IR (ATR): 3030, 2936, 2228, 1606, 1414, 771 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 278.1909, found 278.1905.

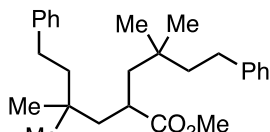


**4-(3',3'-dimethyl-5'-phenylpentyl)pyridine 3al**

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).

34.4 mg, 68% isolated yield (0.2 mmol scale); colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.02 (s, 6H), 1.55-1.59 (m, 4H), 2.55-2.60 (m, 4H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.47 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 27.0, 30.2, 30.7, 33.1, 42.9, 44.0, 128.3, 125.6, 128.2, 128.3, 143.1, 149.6, 152.3. IR (ATR): 3400, 3273, 3025, 2954, 1602, 1416, 804 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 254.1903, found 254.1904.



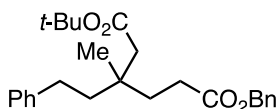
**Methyl 2,2-bis(2',2'-dimethyl-4'-phenylbutyl)acetate 3am**

3 equiv of **1a** and 1 equiv olefin **2m** were used.

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1) and GPC.

23.8 mg, 60% isolated yield (0.1 mmol scale); white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.93 (s, 6H), 0.94 (s, 6H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 2H), 1.50 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 1.87 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 10.2 Hz, 2H), 2.48-2.57 (m, 4H), 2.59-2.63 (m, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 7.15-7.17 (m, 6H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 27.0, 30.6, 33.7, 37.3, 44.4, 47.3, 51.4, 125.6, 128.28, 128.31, 143.2, 178.8. IR (ATR): 3088, 2949, 1736, 1520, 1432, 1157, 810 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 417.2764, found 417.2763.

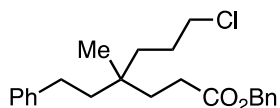


**1-Benzyl 6-*tert*-butyl 4-methyl-4-(2'-phenylethyl)hexanedioate 3ba**

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 20:1).

26.1 mg, 64% isolated yield (0.1 mmol scale); pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.04 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.59-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.80 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 2H), 2.40-2.42 (m, 2H), 2.58-2.60 (m, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 7.15-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 24.8, 28.1, 29.2, 30.1, 34.2, 35.7, 41.7, 44.5, 66.3, 80.4, 125.7, 128.19, 128.24, 128.27, 128.35, 128.5, 136.0, 142.6, 171.0, 173.6. IR (ATR): 3028, 2940, 1737, 1454, 1153, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 411.2535, found 411.2532.

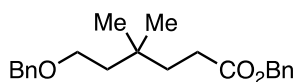


**Benzyl 7-chloro-4-methyl-4-(2'-phenylethyl)heptanoate 3ca**

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 20:1).

23.3 mg, 63% isolated yield (0.1 mmol scale); pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.92 (s, 3H), 1.38-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.77 (m, 2H), 2.32-2.35 (m, 2H), 2.51-2.54 (m, 2H), 3.51 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 7.15-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.38 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 24.5, 27.0, 29.1, 30.1, 33.9, 34.8, 36.2, 41.3, 45.7, 66.3, 125.7, 128.2, 128.4, 128.56, 128.57, 136.0, 142.8, 173.9 (1 aryl carbon signal is obscured). IR (ATR): 3032, 2940, 1737, 1454, 1448, 1180, 1157, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 373.1934, found 373.1931.

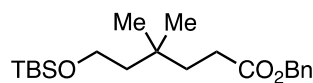


**Benzyl 6-benzyloxy-4,4-dimethylhexanoate 3da**

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 30:1).

66.2 mg, 97% isolated yield (0.2 mmol scale); pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.89 (s, 6H), 1.55-1.61 (m, 4H), 2.33 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 7.22-7.36 (m, 10H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 27.0, 29.5, 31.8, 36.8, 40.6, 66.1, 67.1, 72.9, 127.4, 127.5, 128.10, 128.13, 128.3, 128.5, 136.0, 138.5, 174.0. IR (ATR): 3025, 2957, 1734, 1540, 1458, 1118, 1095, 1010, 731 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 341.2117, found 341.2117.

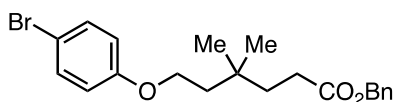


**Benzyl 6-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-4,4-dimethylhexanoate 3ea<sup>12</sup>**

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).

27.1 mg, 74% isolated yield (0.1 mmol scale); colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.04 (s, 6H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.89 (s, 6H), 1.46 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 7.32-7.38 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -5.3, 18.3, 25.9, 27.1, 29.6, 31.9, 36.9, 43.8, 59.8, 66.2, 128.17, 128.21, 128.5, 136.1, 174.1. IR (ATR): 3043, 2953, 1735, 1472, 1448, 1256, 1094, 829, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 365.2512, found 365.2510.

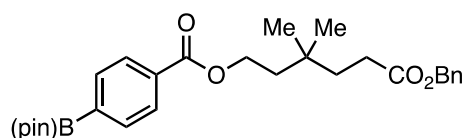


**Benzyl 6-(4'-bromophenoxy)-4,4-dimethylhexanoate 3fa**

Purification by GPC.

28.2 mg, 70% isolated yield (0.1 mmol scale); yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.95 (s, 6H), 1.65-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.70 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.36-2.39 (m, 2H), 3.96 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.38 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 27.1, 29.6, 32.0, 36.8, 39.9, 64.9, 66.3, 112.6, 116.2, 128.2, 128.6, 132.2, 136.0, 157.9, 173.9. (1 aryl carbon signal is obscured). IR (ATR): 3033, 2958, 1729, 1487, 1455, 1242, 1170, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Br [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 405.1065, found 405.1063.

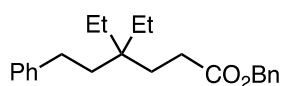


**Benzyl 4,4-Dimethyl-6-(4-(4',4',5',5'-tetramethyl-1',3',2'-dioxaborolan-2'-yl)benzoyloxy)hexanoate 3ga**

Purification by GPC.

32.6 mg, 68% isolated yield (0.1 mmol scale); pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.97 (s, 6H), 1.35 (s, 12H), 1.66-1.73 (m, 4H), 2.36-2.40 (m, 2H), 4.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 24.9, 26.9, 29.5, 32.0, 36.8, 39.5, 62.2, 66.3, 84.1, 128.2, 128.3, 128.5, 128.6, 132.5, 134.6, 136.0, 166.7, 173.8. IR (ATR): 3021, 2974, 1720, 1400, 1361, 1267, 1141, 709 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>38</sub>BO<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 481.2761, found 481.2771.

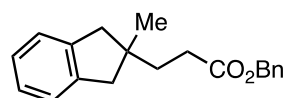


**Benzyl 4,4-diethyl-6-phenylhexanoate 3ha**

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).

20.8 mg, 62% isolated yield (0.1 mmol scale); pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 6H), 1.28 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.43-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.64 (m, 2H), 2.27-2.30 (m, 2H), 2.45-2.48 (m, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 7.15-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.38 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.4, 27.7, 28.7, 29.7, 30.2, 37.2, 37.8, 66.2, 125.6, 128.16, 128.17, 128.21, 128.3, 128.5, 136.0, 143.2, 174.2. IR (ATR): 3027, 2936, 1522, 1453, 1152, 1147, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 339.2324, found 339.2330.

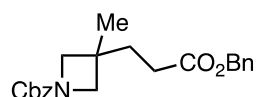


**2-(2'-Benzyloxycarbonyl)ethyl-2,3-dihydroxy-2-methyl-1H-indene 3ia**

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).

21.2 mg, 72% isolated yield (0.1 mmol scale); white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.87 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 7.10-7.13 (m, 5H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 25.9, 30.8, 36.6, 42.7, 45.9, 66.3, 124.7, 126.2, 128.2, 128.3, 128.5, 136.0, 142.6, 173.8. IR (ATR): 3056, 2923, 1730, 1646, 1437, 1153, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M-H]<sup>+</sup>: 293.1542, found 293.1539.

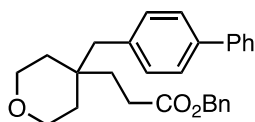


**Benzyl 3-(1'-benzyloxycarbonyl-3-methylazetidin-3-yl)propanoate 3ja**

Purification by GPC.

18.9 mg, 51% isolated yield (0.1 mmol scale); pale yellow oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.22 (s, 3H), 1.93 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.33 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.62 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.71 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 7.30-7.38 (m, 10H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  23.9, 29.8, 33.9, 34.3, 59.4, 60.2, 66.5, 66.6, 127.91, 127.98, 128.30, 128.32, 128.4, 128.6, 135.7, 136.7, 156.5, 172.9. IR (ATR): 3056, 2955, 1731, 1453, 1422, 1356, 1100, 702  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_4\text{NNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 390.1676, found 390.1676.

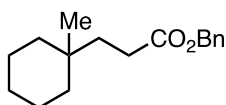


**Benzyl 4-biphenylmethyl-tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-propanoate 3ka**

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 20:1).

21.9 mg, 53% isolated yield (0.1 mmol scale); pale yellow oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.38-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.75-1.77 (m, 2H), 2.42-2.45 (m, 2H), 2.68 (s, 2H), 3.66-3.70 (m, 2H), 3.76-3.79 (m, 2H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  28.7, 30.2, 34.3, 34.9, 42.9, 63.5, 66.4, 126.7, 126.9, 127.1, 128.3, 128.6, 128.7, 130.9, 135.9, 136.4, 139.2, 140.8, 173.6 (1 aryl carbon signal is obscured). IR (ATR): 3014, 2955, 1735, 1448, 1166, 1157, 1103, 739  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 437.2087, found 437.2087.

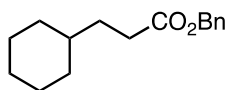


**Benzyl 3-(1-methylcyclohexyl)propanoate 3la<sup>12</sup>**

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).

14.5 mg, 56% isolated yield (0.1 mmol scale); colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.84 (s, 3H), 1.22-1.25 (m, 5H), 1.40-1.46 (m, 5H), 1.60 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.31 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 7.31-7.38 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.9, 24.4, 26.4, 29.0, 32.3, 36.7, 37.5, 66.1, 128.1, 128.2, 128.5, 136.1, 174.4. IR (ATR): 3065, 2931, 1743, 1560, 1419, 1163, 749  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (DART)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 259.1698, found 259.1697.



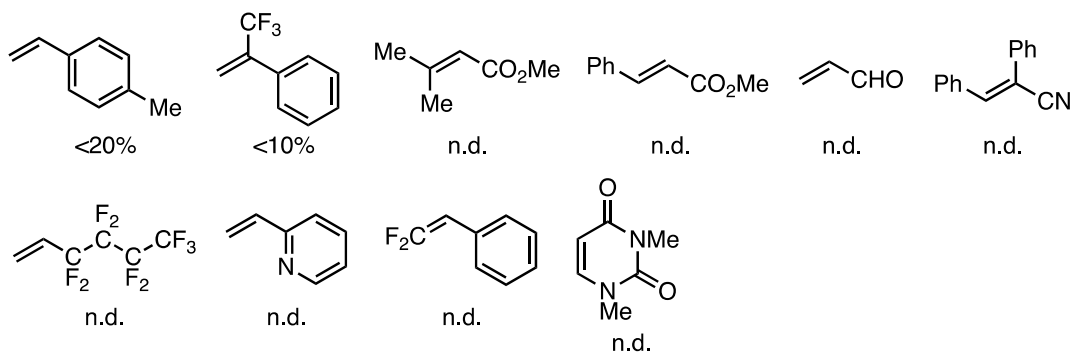
**Benzyl 3-cyclohexylpropanoate 3ma<sup>14</sup>**

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 40:1).

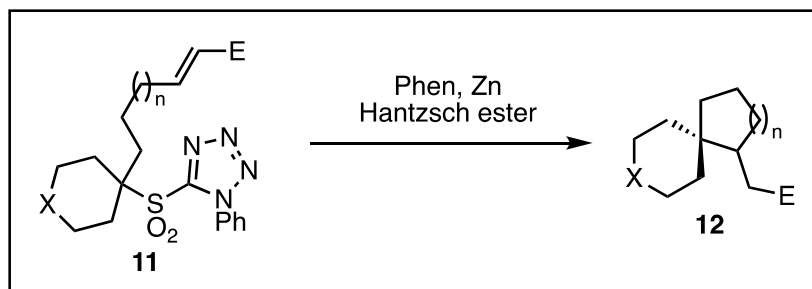
12.5 mg, 25% isolated yield (0.2 mmol scale); colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.85-0.91 (m, 2H), 1.11-1.26 (m, 4H), 1.53-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.68-1.70 (m, 4H), 2.36 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  26.2, 26.5, 31.9, 32.3, 32.9, 37.2, 66.1, 128.1, 128.2, 128.5, 136.2, 174.0. IR (ATR): 3094, 2923, 1738, 1490, 1448, 1157, 728  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (DART)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 245.1542, found 245.1549.

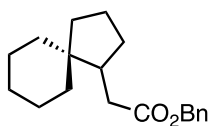
**Table S6.** Unsuccessful olefin substrates



## 5. Intermolecular Giese reaction of tertiary sulfone **11**



To A 10-mL sealable glass vessel containing a magnetic stirring bar was added Zn powder (16.4 mg, 0.25 mmol), flame-dried under vacuum, and filled with argon after cooling to room temperature. The tube was charged with benzyl 6-(1-(1'-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5'-yl)sulfonylcyclohexyl)-2-hexanoate **11a** (49.5 mg, 0.1 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline (54.1 mg, 0.3 mmol), and Hantzsch ester (50.7 mg, 0.2 mmol). The mixture was evacuated under vacuum and refilled with Ar. This cycle was repeated two additional times. Under an argon atmosphere, DMF (0.5 mL) were added and the reaction was sealed, and stirred at 25 °C for 16 h. The reaction was quenched with 3-4 drops of H<sub>2</sub>O and EtOAc (~1.0 mL). The mixture was passed through a pad of silica gel with copious washings with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1) to afford benzyl spiro[4,5]decane-1-acetate **12a** (22.0 mg, 77% yield) as a colorless oil.

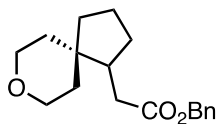


### Benzyl spiro[4,5]decane-1-acetate **12a**

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).

22.0 mg, 77% isolated yield (0.1 mmol scale); colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.01 (td, *J* = 12.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.06-1.14 (m, 1H), 1.20-1.26 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.38 (m, 5H), 1.51-1.61 (m, 5H), 1.68-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.90 (m, 2H), 2.12 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.38 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.4, 22.6, 23.9, 26.5, 30.1, 30.3, 34.8, 35.2, 37.3, 44.2, 46.5, 66.1, 128.1, 128.2, 128.5, 136.1, 174.1. IR (ATR): 3036, 2919, 1731, 1450, 1419, 1147, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 309.1825, found 309.1825.

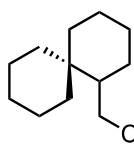


### Benzyl 8-oxaspiro[4,5]decane-1-acetate **12b**

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 10:1).

21.9 mg, 76% isolated yield (0.1 mmol scale); pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.12-1.16 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.36 (m, 1H), 1.43-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.75 (m, 3H), 1.81-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.94 (m, 2H), 2.14 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.48-3.53 (m, 2H), 3.79-3.83 (m, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 7.31-7.38 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.3, 29.8, 30.9, 34.1, 34.9, 36.9, 42.0, 46.3, 64.6, 65.6, 66.2, 128.18, 128.22, 128.5, 136.0, 176.5. IR (ATR): 3025, 2952, 1729, 1559, 1456, 1148, 1106, 1016, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 311.1618, found 311.1617.

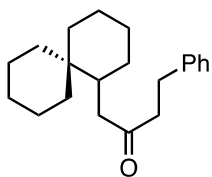


### Benzyl spiro[5,5]undecane-1-acetate 12c

Purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).

27.0 mg, 90% isolated yield (0.1 mmol scale); colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.99 (td,  $J = 12.0, 3.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.14-1.38 (m, 6H), 1.42-1.59 (m, 9H), 1.77-1.86 (m, 2H), 2.10 (dd,  $J = 15.0, 10.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd,  $J = 15.0, 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.38 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.0, 21.1, 21.2, 24.7, 26.7, 27.1, 29.2, 32.2, 34.9, 35.0, 36.2, 42.1, 66.0, 128.08, 128.12, 128.5, 136.2, 174.3. IR (ATR): 3072, 2920, 1728, 1454, 1447, 1143, 732  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 323.1982, found 323.1979.



### 1-Phenyl-4-spiro[5,5]undec-1-yl-3-butanone 12d

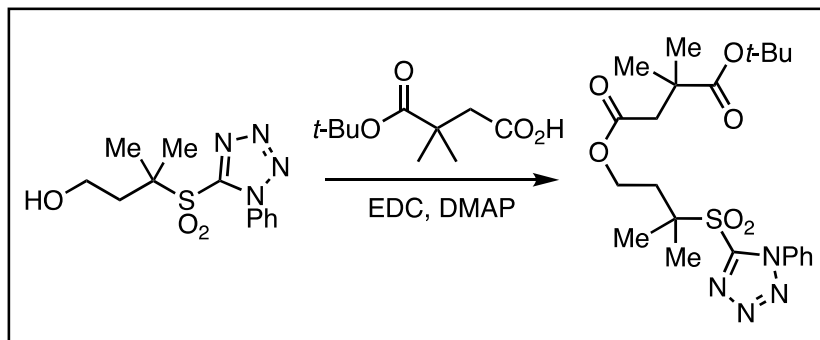
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16.1 mg, 54% isolated yield (0.1 mmol scale); colorless oil.

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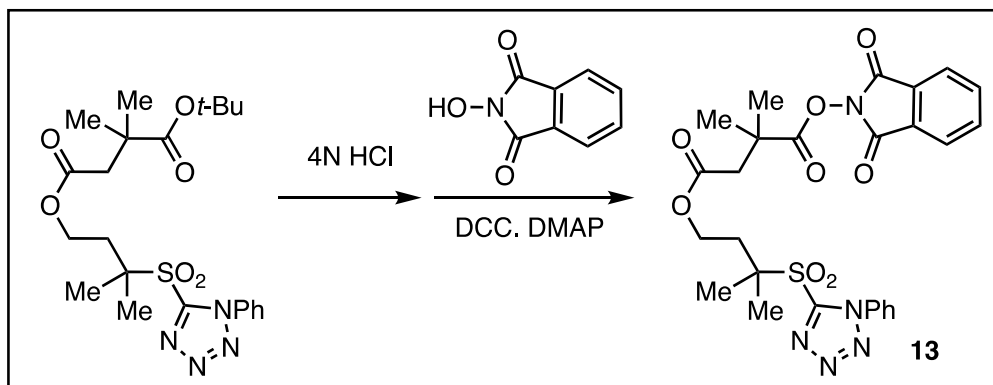
## 6. Orthogonal Giese reaction of tertiary sulfone 13

### A) Preparation of tertiary sulfone 13



To a 30-mL flask were added 5-((1',1'-dimethyl-3'-hydroxypropyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole (215 mg, 0.72 mmol), 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) 2,2-dimethylbutanedioate<sup>15</sup> (160 mg, 0.80 mmol), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (122 mg, 1 mmol) and dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 mL) under a stream of argon. 1-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide (177  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1 mmol) was added to this mixture at room temperature. After stirring at room temperature for 12 h, sat.  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  aq was added to the reaction mixture, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 times), and the combined organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 5:1) to give the corresponding *t*-butyl ester (337 mg, 88%) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.22 (s, 6H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.56 (s, 6H), 2.31 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 2H), 4.23 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.37 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.6, 25.4, 27.8, 33.5, 41.0, 43.9, 59.4, 66.6, 80.3, 126.1, 129.3, 131.5, 133.3, 151.7, 171.0, 175.6. IR (ATR): 3073, 2978, 1729, 1499, 1339, 1120, 760  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 503.1935, found 503.1935.

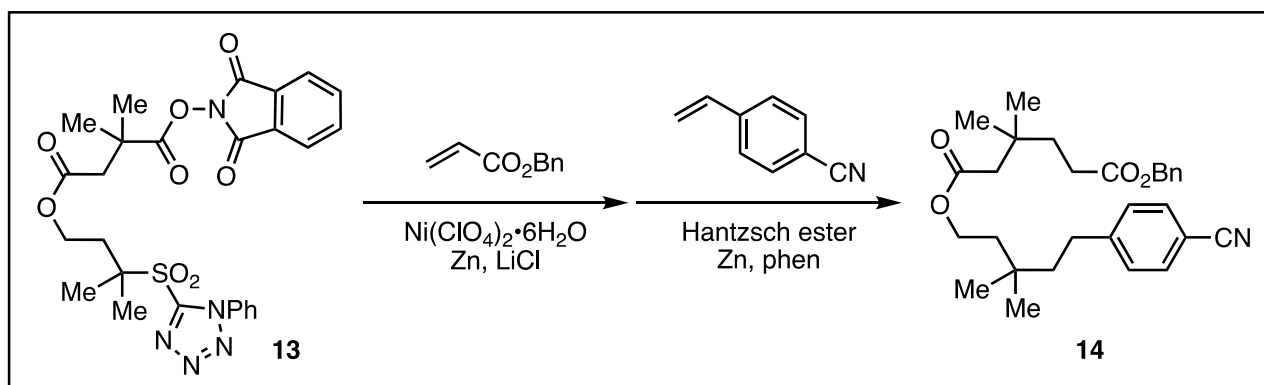


To a 20-mL flask were added *t*-butyl ester (144 mg, 0.3 mmol) and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (1.1 mL) under a stream of argon. 4N HCl in dioxane (1.1 mL) was added to this mixture at room temperature. After stirring at room temperature for 12 h, brine was added to the reaction mixture, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 times), and the combined organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure.

To this flask were added *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (53.8 mg, 0.33 mmol), DCC (74.3 mg, 0.36 mmol),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2 mL), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (5.5 mg, 0.045 mmol) under a stream of argon. After stirring at room temperature for 12 h, solids were filtered and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 5:1) to give the corresponding sulfone **13** (164 mg, 96%) as a white solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.51 (s, 6H), 1.58 (s, 6H), 2.30 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.77 (s, 2H), 4.31 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.62 (m, 5H), 7.78-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.88-7.89 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.5, 25.5, 33.3, 40.2, 43.9, 60.1, 66.4, 124.0, 126.2, 128.9, 129.3, 131.4, 133.3, 134.7, 151.6, 161.8, 169.7, 172.7. IR (ATR): 3082, 2979, 1737, 1647, 1336, 1121, 1049, 764  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_5\text{O}_8\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 592.1473, found 592.1472.

## B) Intermolecular Giese reaction



To A 10-mL sealable glass vessel containing a magnetic stirring bar was added Zn powder (26 mg, 0.4 mmol), flame-dried under vacuum, and filled with argon after cooling to room temperature. The tube was charged with sulfone **13** (114 mg, 0.2 mmol),  $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (14.6 mg, 0.04 mmol), LiCl (25.4 mg, 0.6 mmol). The mixture was evacuated under vacuum and refilled with Ar. This cycle was repeated two additional times. Under an argon atmosphere, dry MeCN (1.0 mL) and benzyl acrylate **2a** (61.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.4 mmol) were added and the reaction was sealed, and stirred at 25 °C for 12 h. The reaction was quenched with 3-4 drops of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and EtOAc (~1.0 mL). The mixture was passed through a pad of silica gel with copious washings with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. Toluene was added and insoluble solids were filtered and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to remove **2a**. To this flask was added Zn powder (flame-dried under vacuum, 32.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline (108 mg, 0.6 mmol), and Hantzsch ester (101 mg, 0.4 mmol). The mixture was evacuated under vacuum and refilled with Ar. This cycle was repeated two additional times. Under an argon atmosphere, DMF (1.0 mL) and *p*-cyanostyrene **2l** (51.7 mg, 0.4 mmol) were added and the reaction was sealed, and stirred at 25 °C for 16 h. The reaction was quenched with 3-4 drops of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and EtOAc (~1.0 mL). The mixture was passed through a pad of silica gel with copious washings with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column (Hexane/EtOAc = 30:1) and GPC to afford **14** (60.1 mg, 65% yield) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.99 (s, 6H), 1.00 (s, 6H), 1.50-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.62 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (t,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (s, 2H), 2.37 (t,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.61-2.64 (m, 2H), 4.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.0, 27.1, 29.5, 30.9, 32.4, 32.9, 36.5, 39.5, 43.9, 45.8, 61.2, 66.2, 109.5, 119.1, 128.2, 128.5, 129.1, 132.2, 135.9, 148.7, 171.9, 173.6. IR (ATR): 3052, 2958, 2228, 1728, 1471, 1155, 820  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{37}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 486.2615, found 486.2615.

## 7. Preparation of samples for EPR and UV-Vis measurement

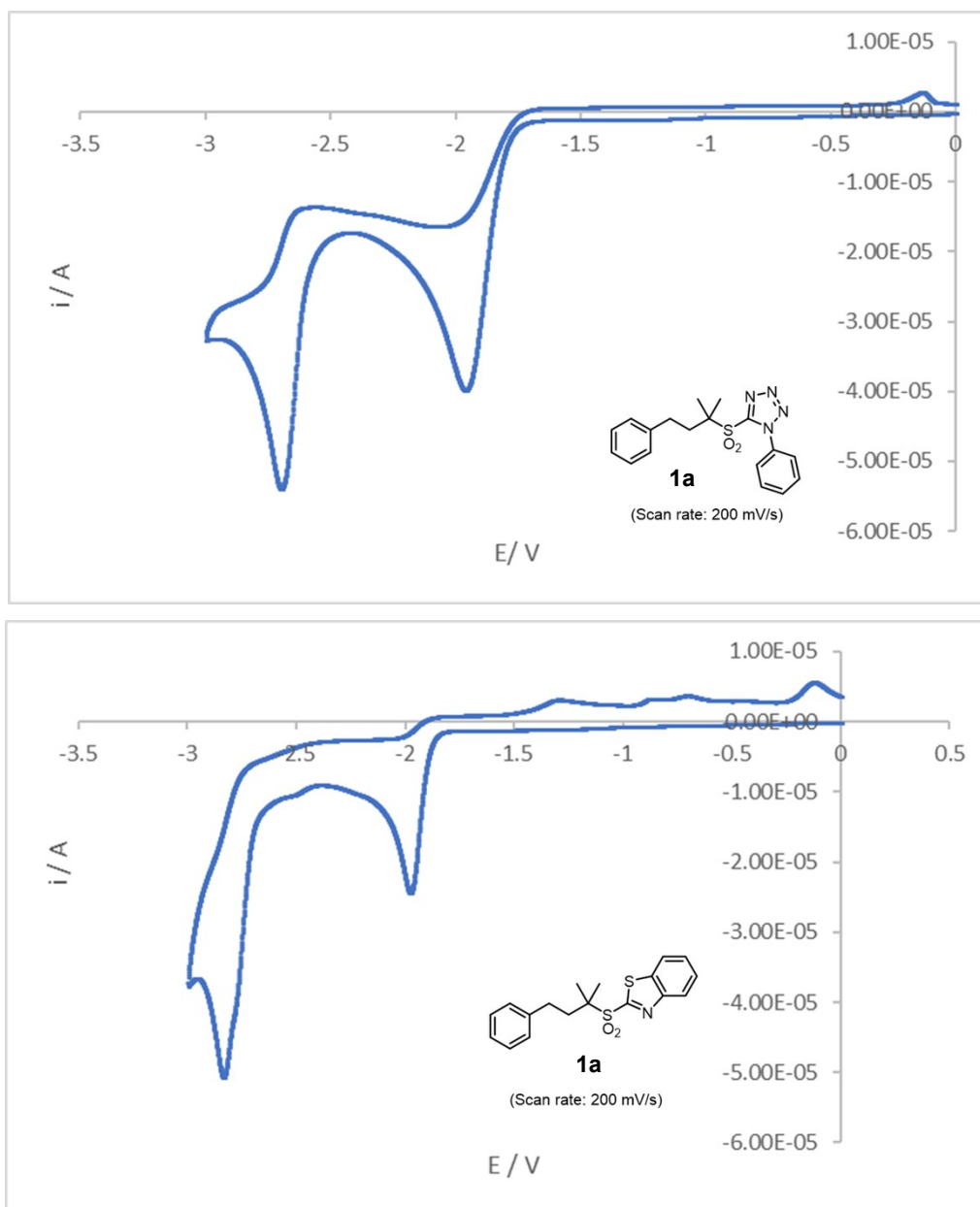
To A 10-mL sealable glass vessel containing a magnetic stirring bar was added Zn powder (32.7 mg, 0.5 mmol), flame-dried under vacuum, and filled with argon after cooling to room temperature. The tube was charged with 1,10-phenanthroline (108 mg, 0.6 mmol). The mixture was evacuated under vacuum and refilled with Ar. This cycle was repeated two additional times. Under an argon atmosphere, dry DMF (1.0 mL) was added and the reaction was sealed, and stirred at 25 °C for 16 h.

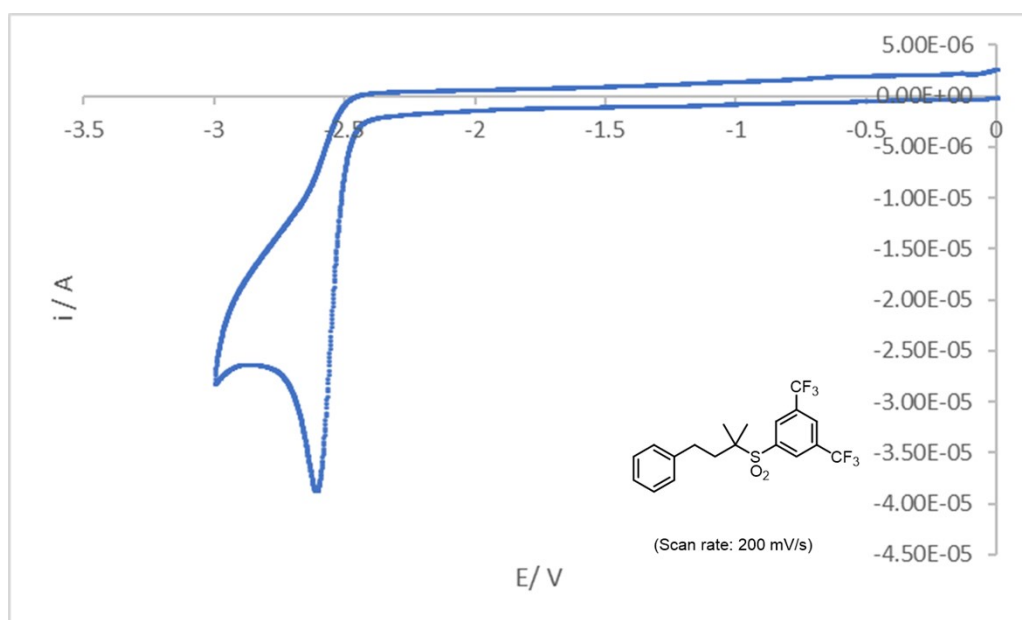
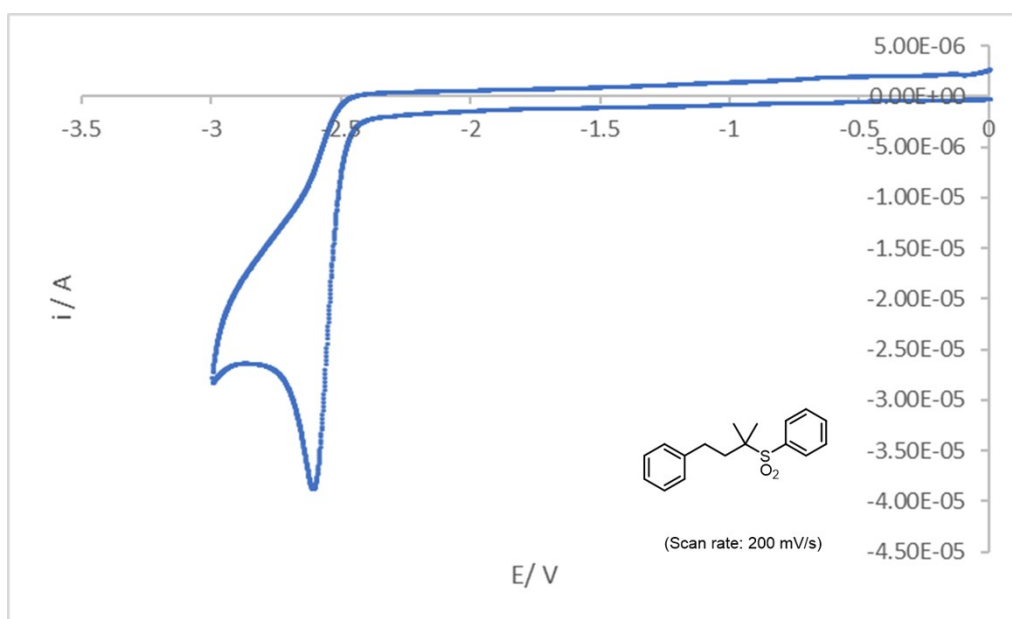
For EPR measurement, supernatant was transferred into tube, and then DMF was removed under vacuum before measurement. For UV-Vis measurement, the mixture was diluted with dry DMF, and supernatant was used for measurement (0.2 mM). The solution of 1,9-phenanthroline ( $c$  = 1.0 mM) and  $\text{Zn}(\text{phen})_3(\text{OTf})_2$  ( $c$  = 1.4 mM) were prepared in DMF.

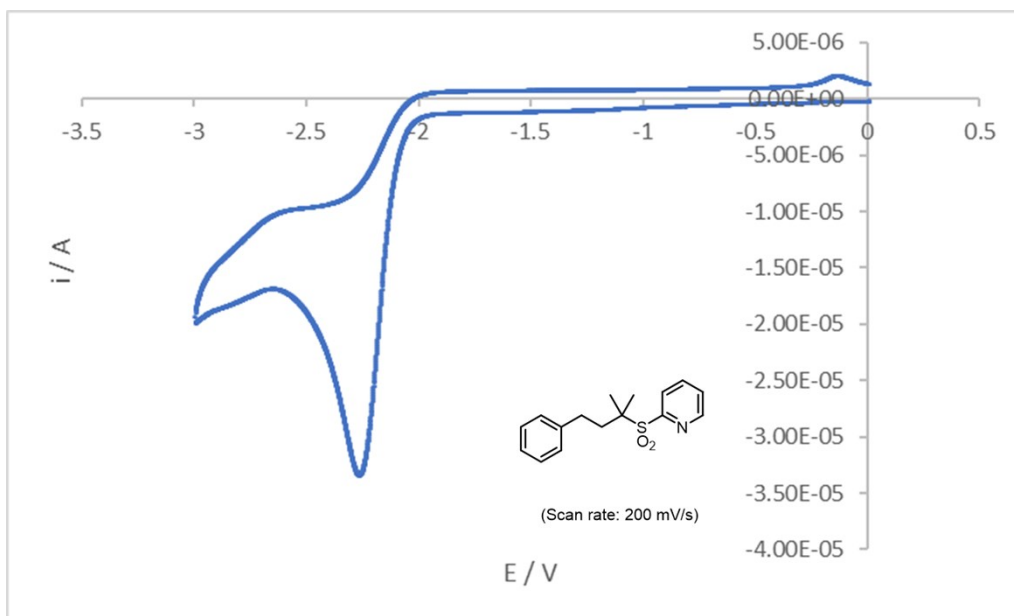
## 8. Cyclic Voltammetry Measurement

Cyclic voltammograms were taken on a CH Instruments 600E potentiostat using a 3 mm glassy carbon working electrode,  $\text{Ag}/\text{AgNO}_3$  reference electrode, and a Pt wire counter electrode. The voltammograms were taken at room temperature in a 100 mM MeCN

solution of tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate containing 1 mM of the designated substance. The scan rate was 0.2 V/s. At the end of each sample, a small amount of ferrocene was added as a reference. Conversion to SCE was achieved by adding 380 mV to the corrected potentials against Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup>.







## 9. Computational methods

All calculations were performed using Gaussian 09. Geometry optimizations and thermal correction were performed at CAM-B3LYP/6-31+G\* level. Stationary points were verified by vibrational frequency analysis. Solvation effects of DMF were evaluated with the IEFPCM calculation with radii and non-electrostatic terms for Truhlar and coworkers' SMD solvation model.

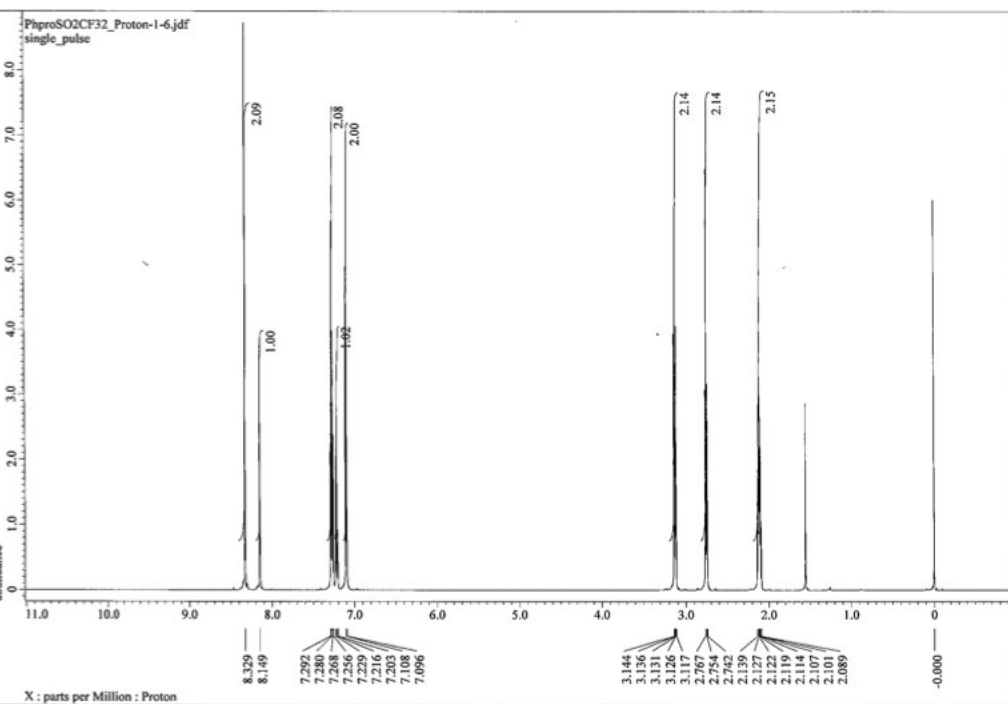
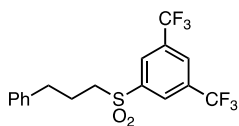
By using the optimized geometries, UV-Vis absorption spectra and bond dissociation energies were computed using TD-DFT and SCSMP2, respectively. The basis set for the TD-DFT and SCSMP2 calculations was cc-pVDZ basis set for H, C, S, Zn, and aug-cc-pVDZ for N, O.

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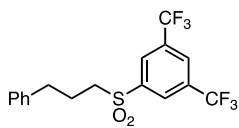
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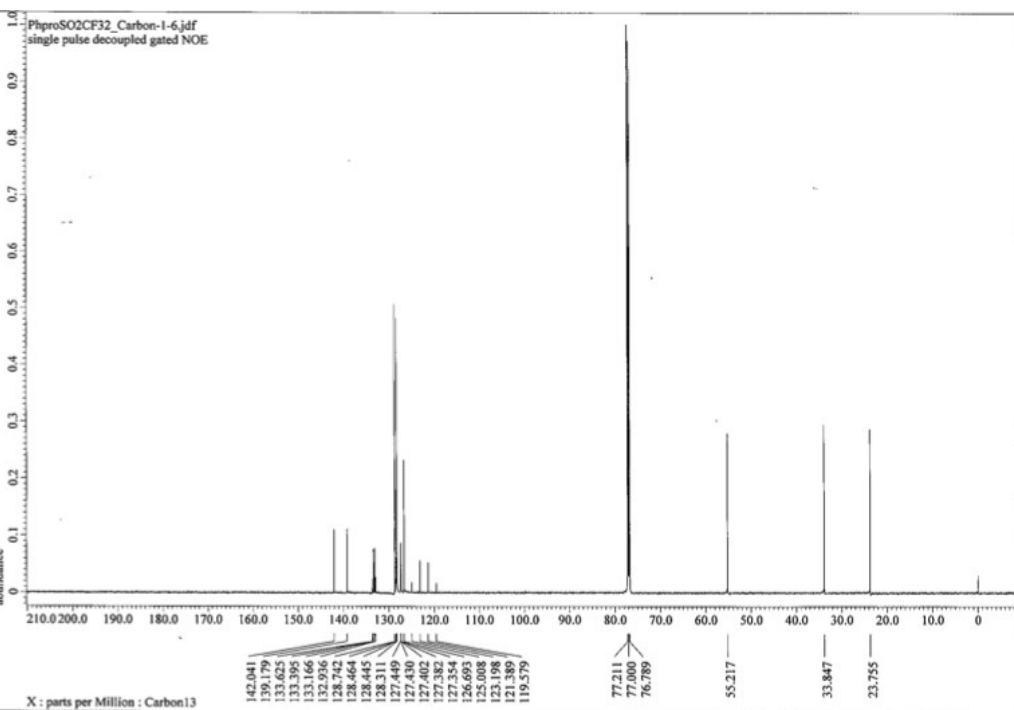
## 11. $^1\text{H}$ , $^{13}\text{C}$ and $^{19}\text{F}$ NMR Spectra of Products

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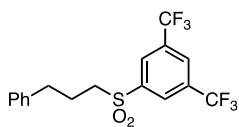


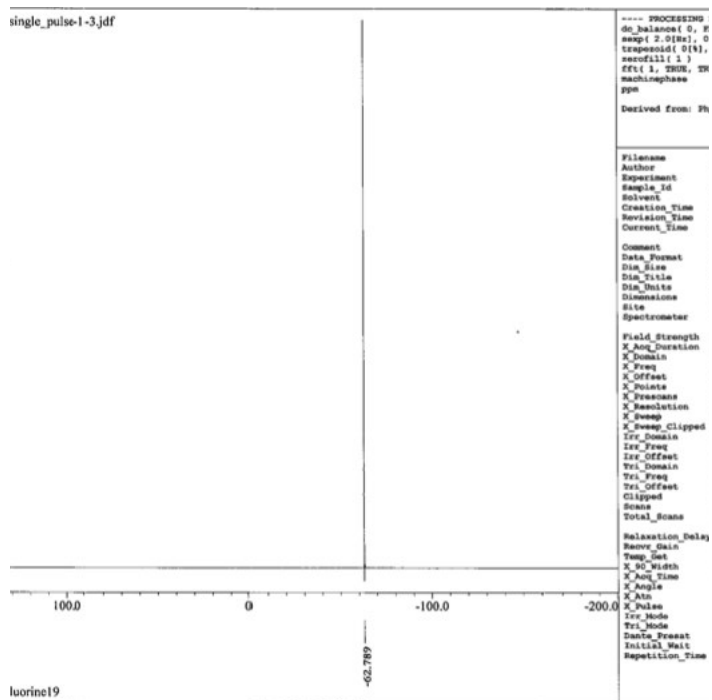
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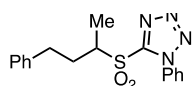


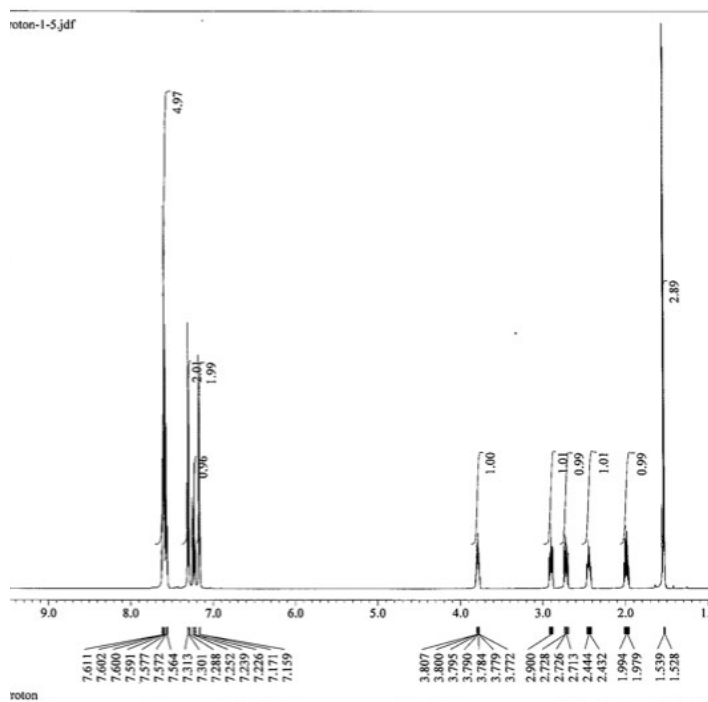
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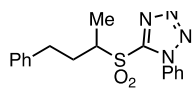


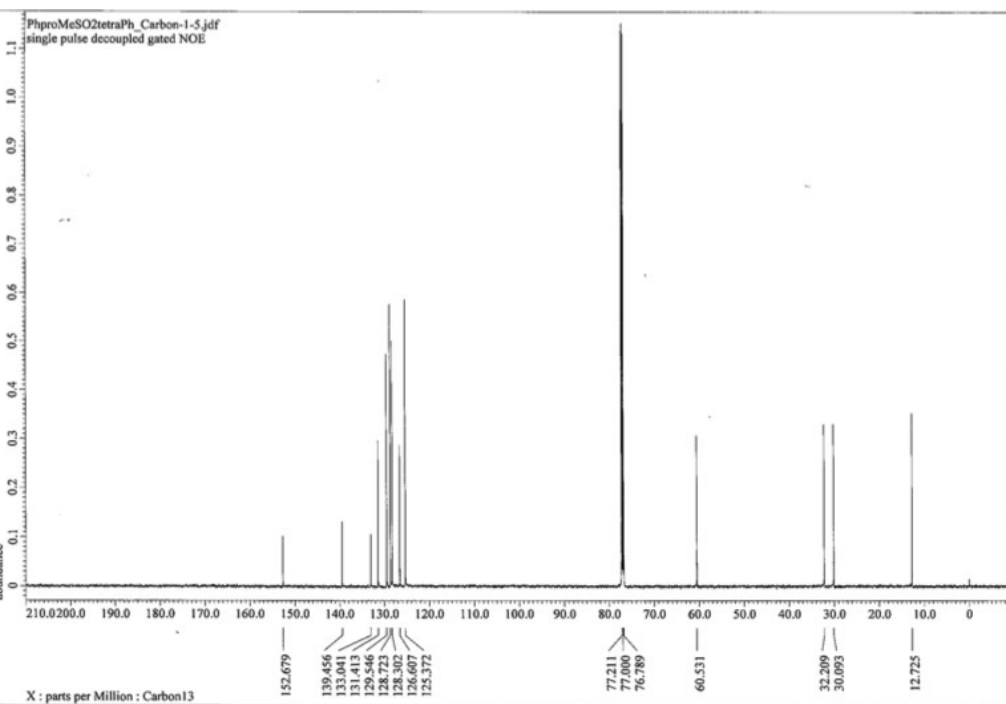
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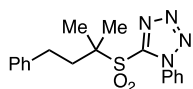


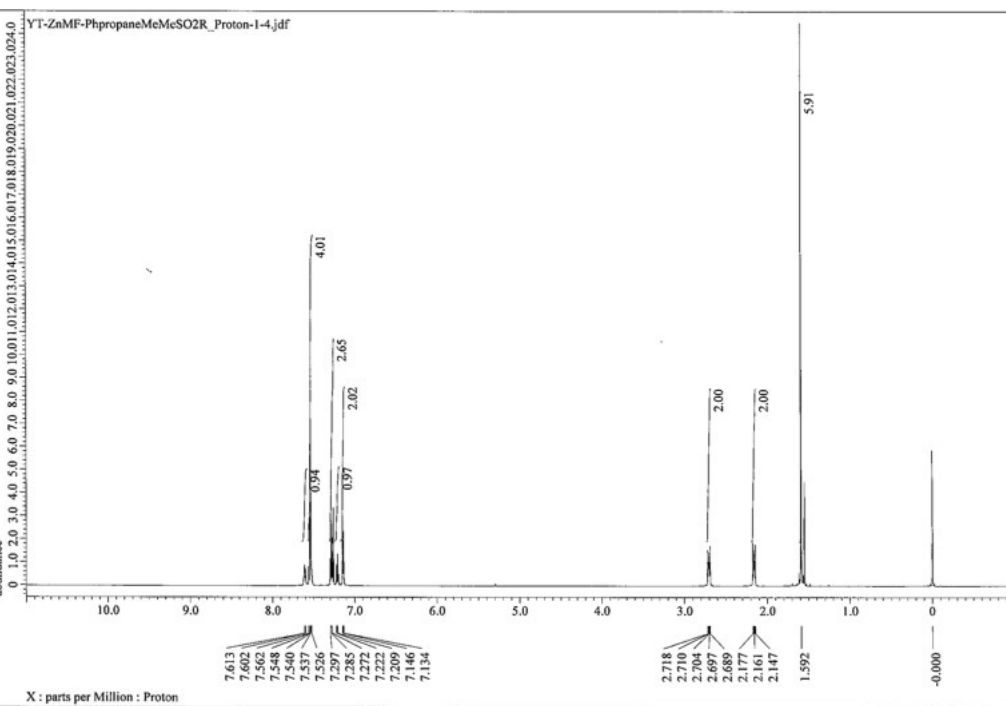
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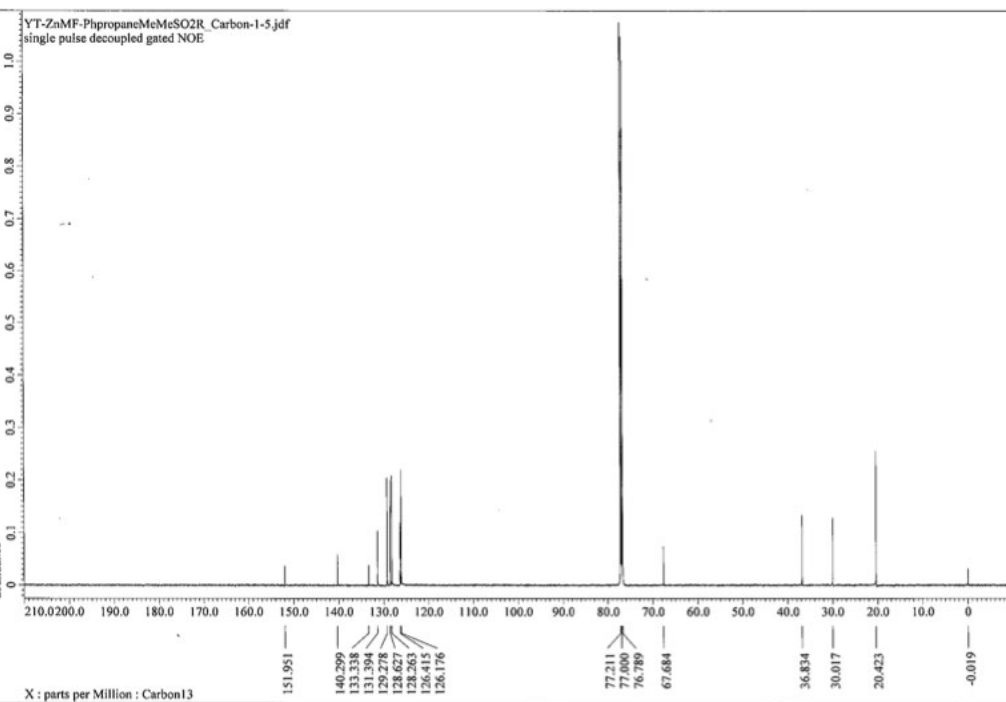
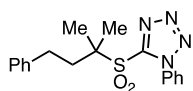


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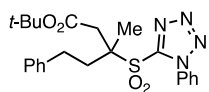


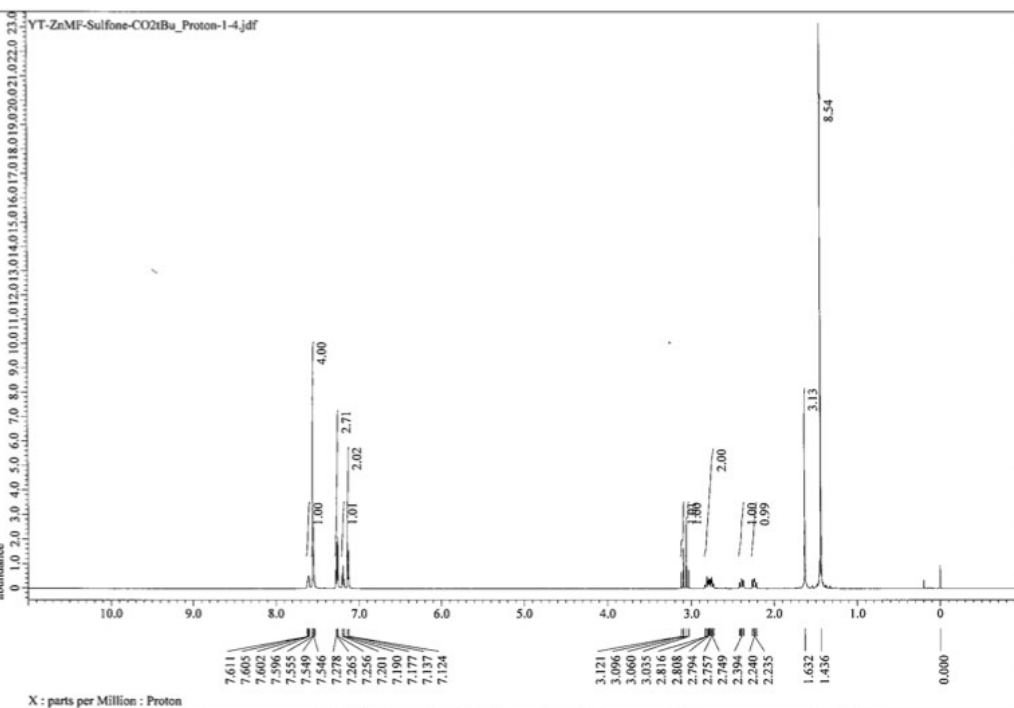


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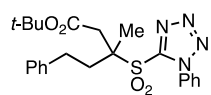


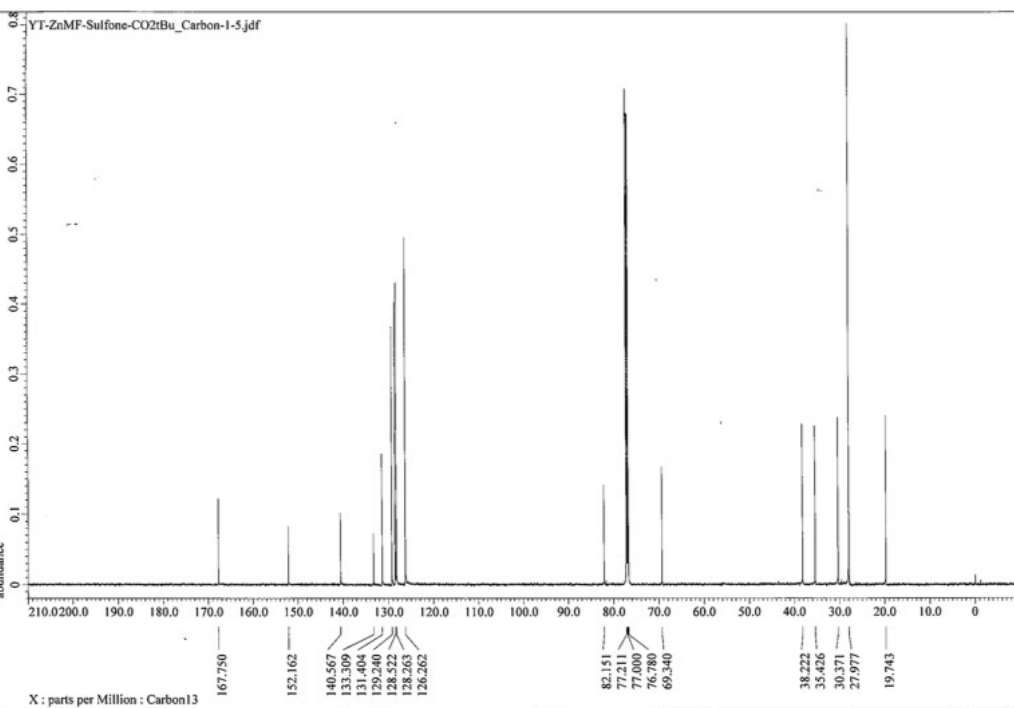
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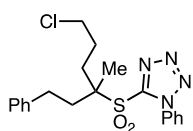


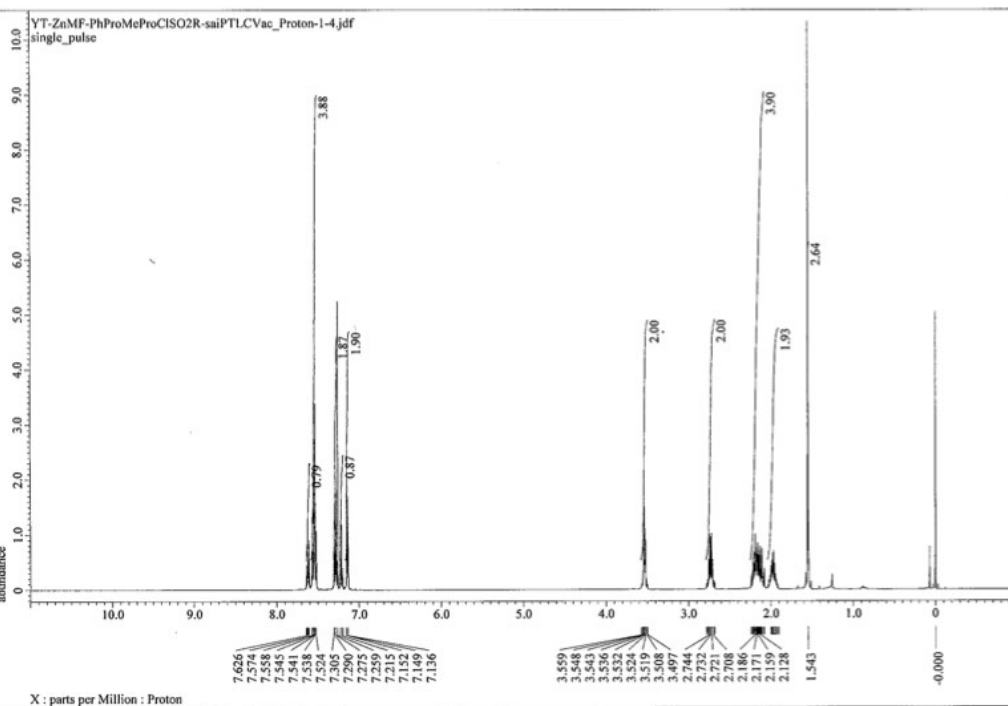
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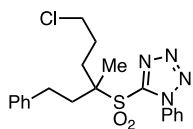


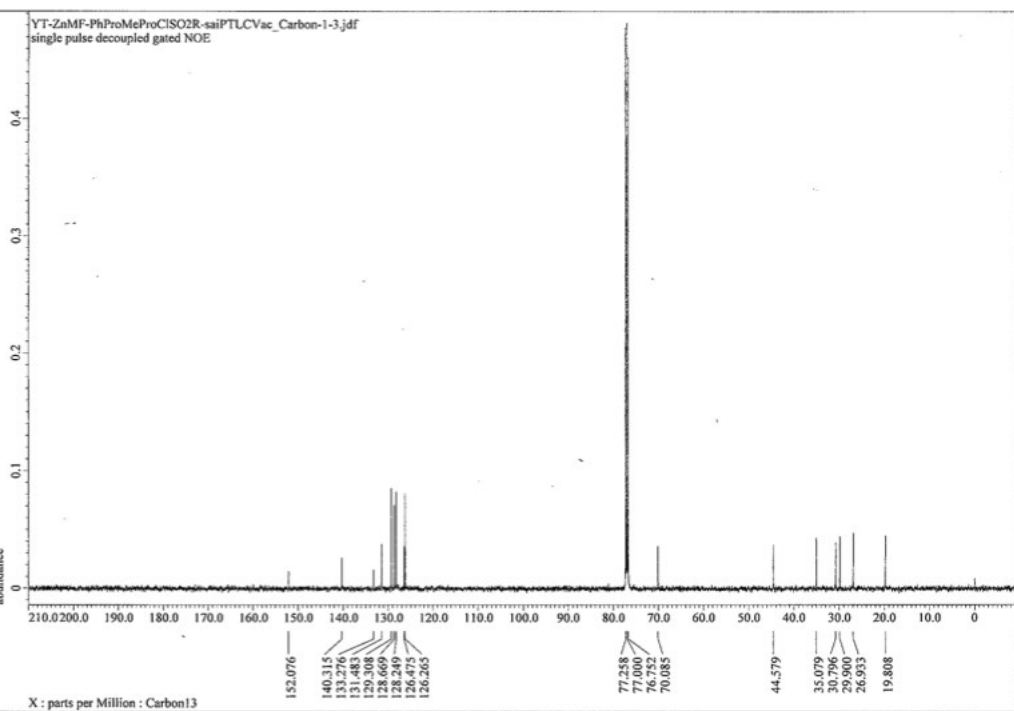
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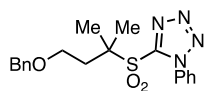


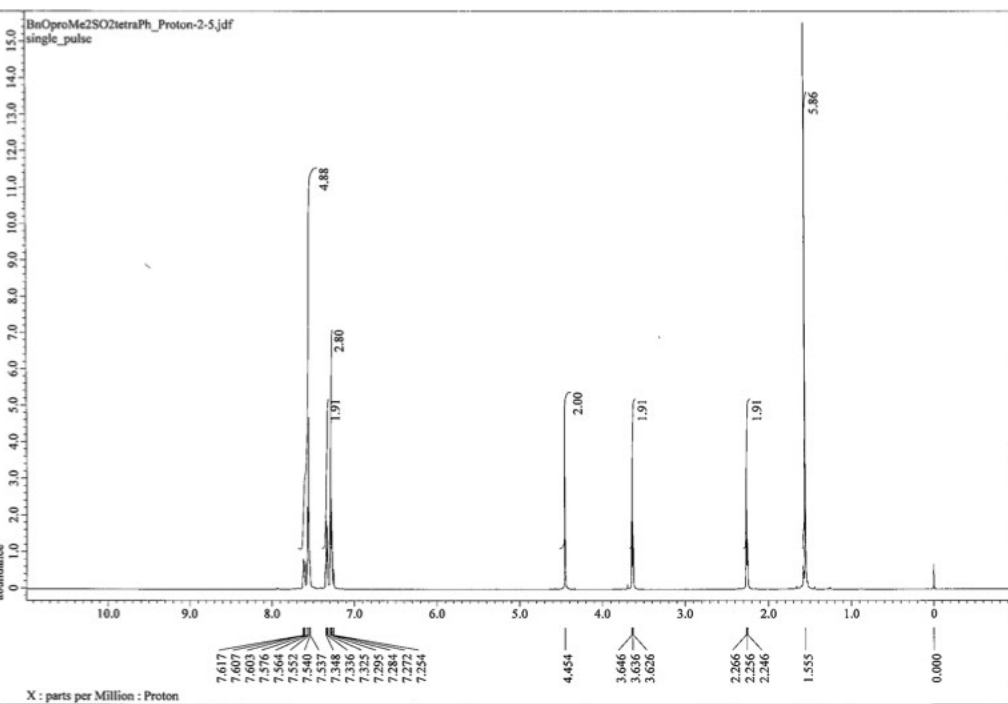
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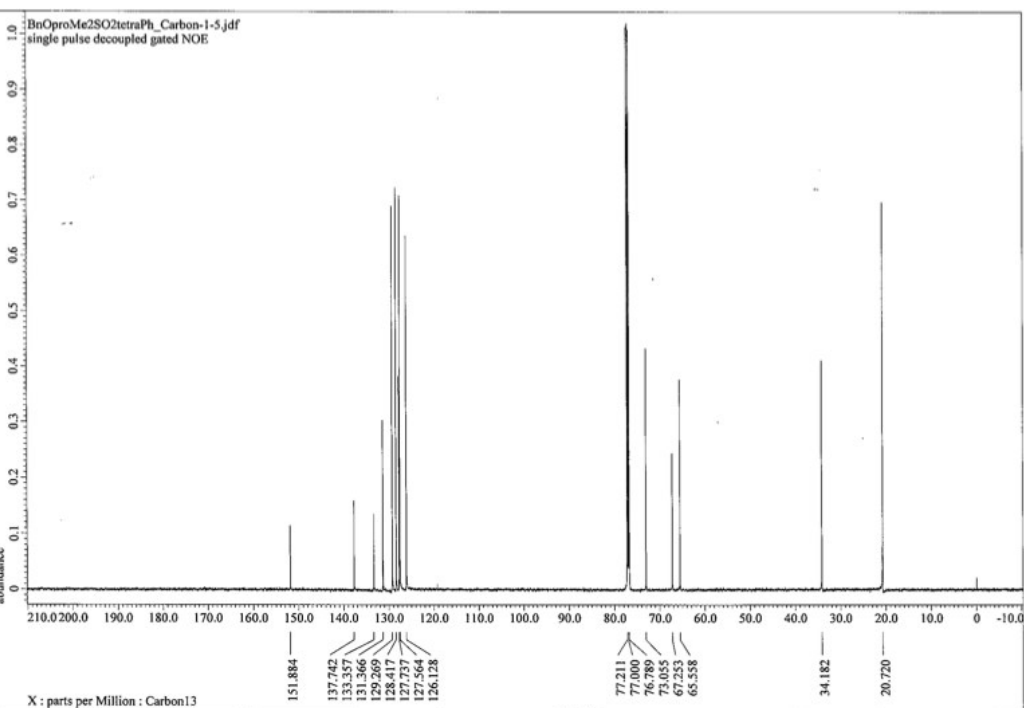
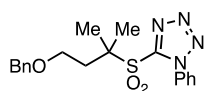


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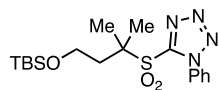


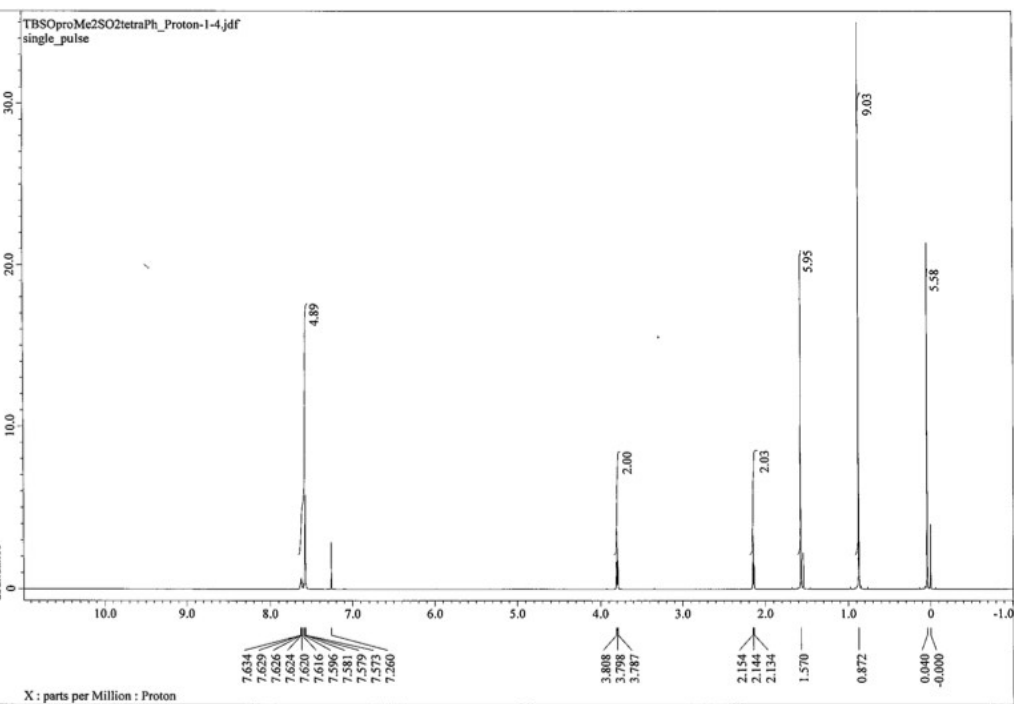


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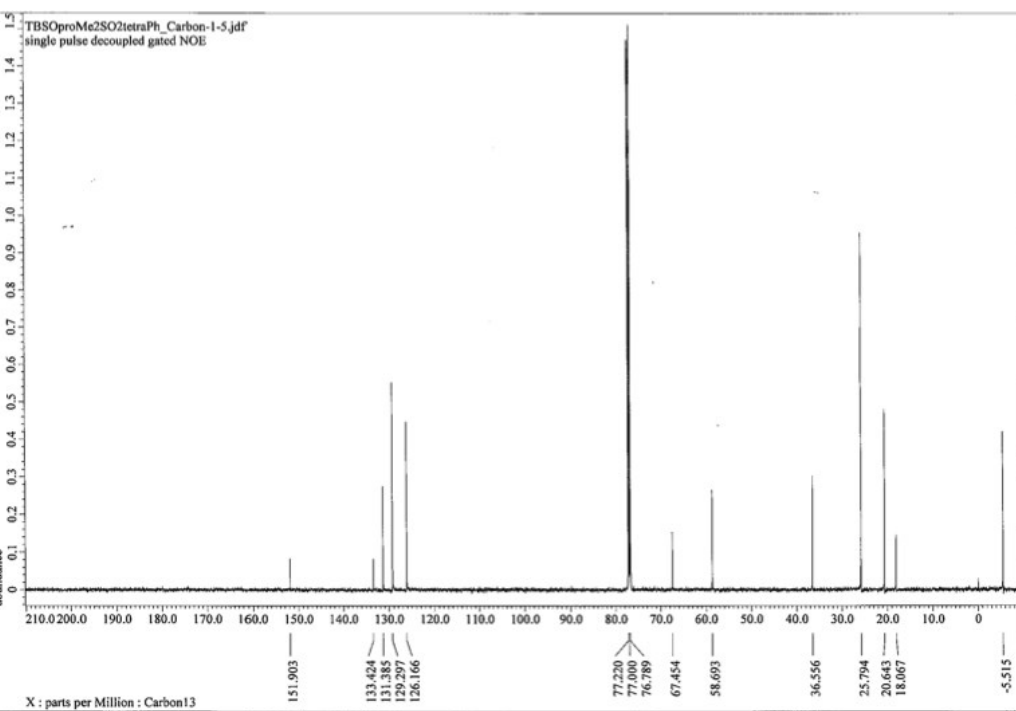
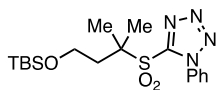


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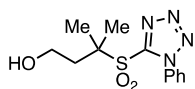


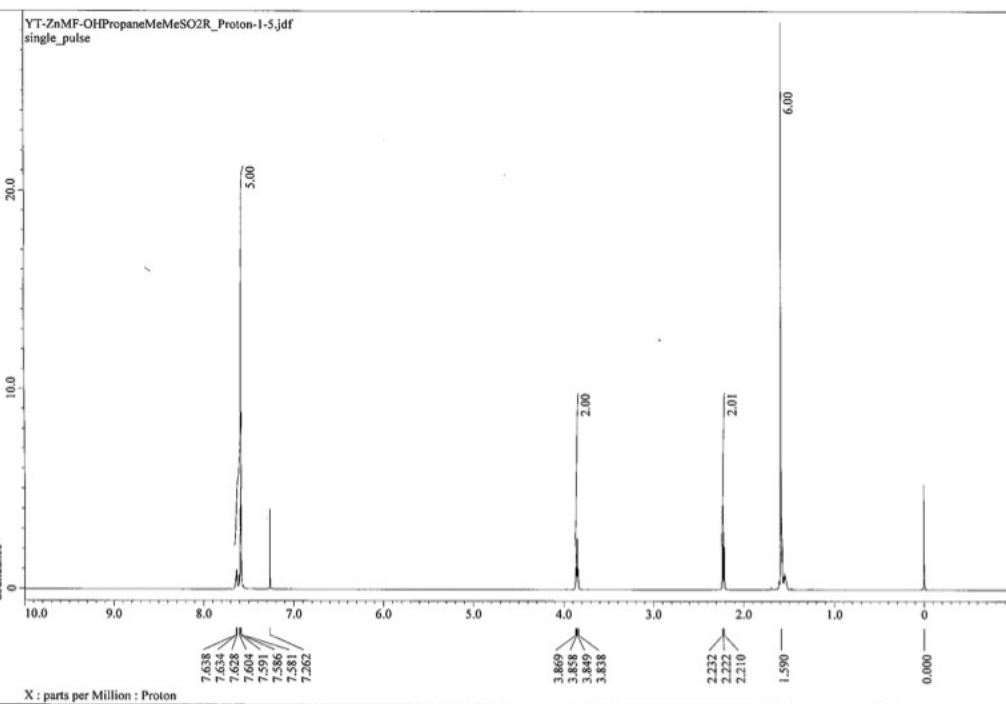


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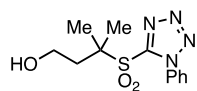


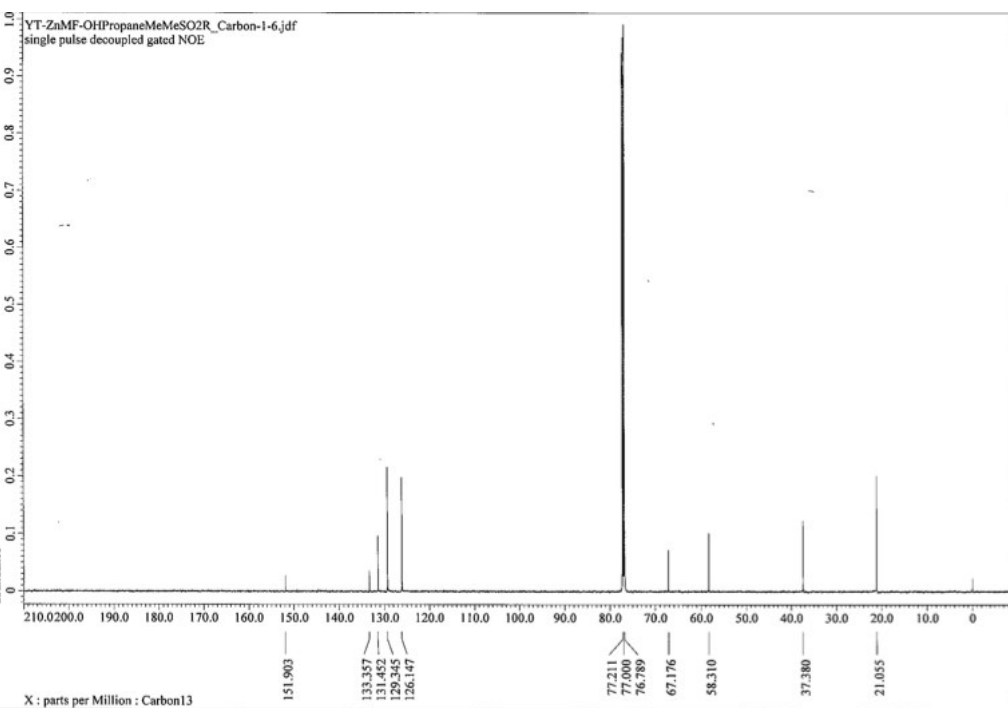
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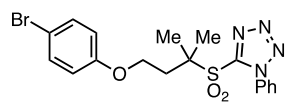


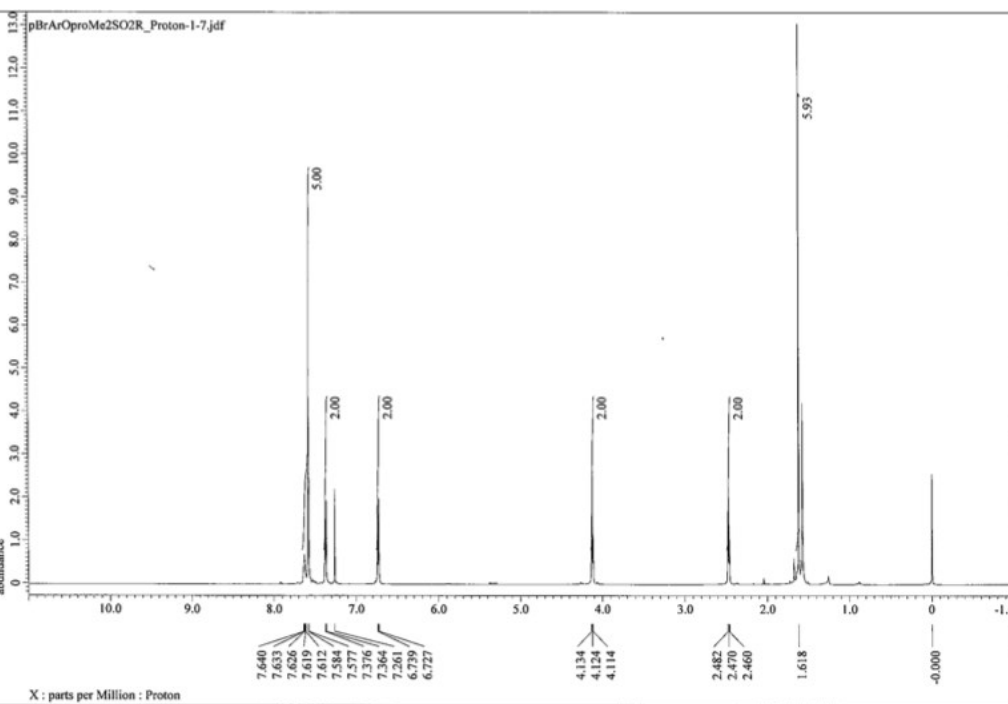
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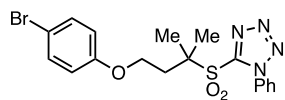


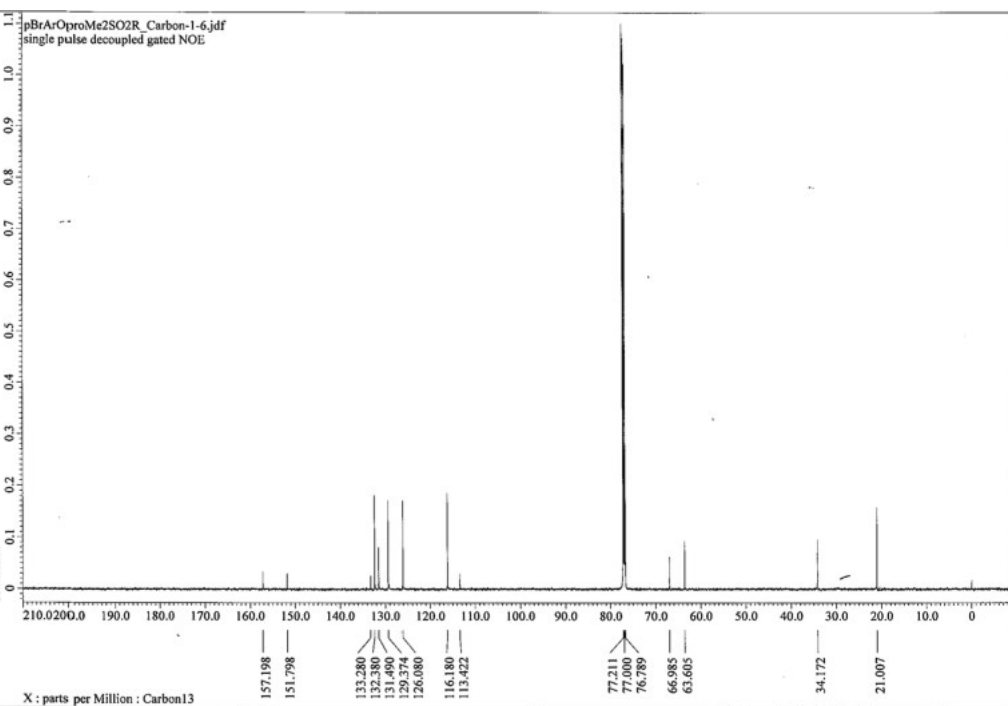
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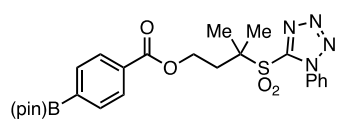


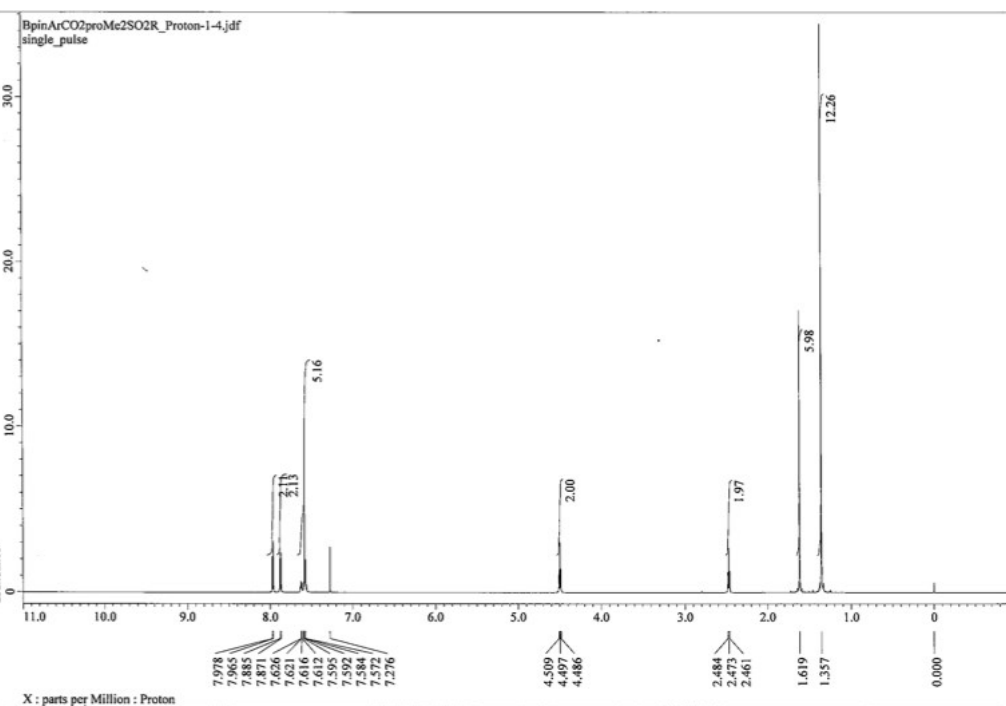
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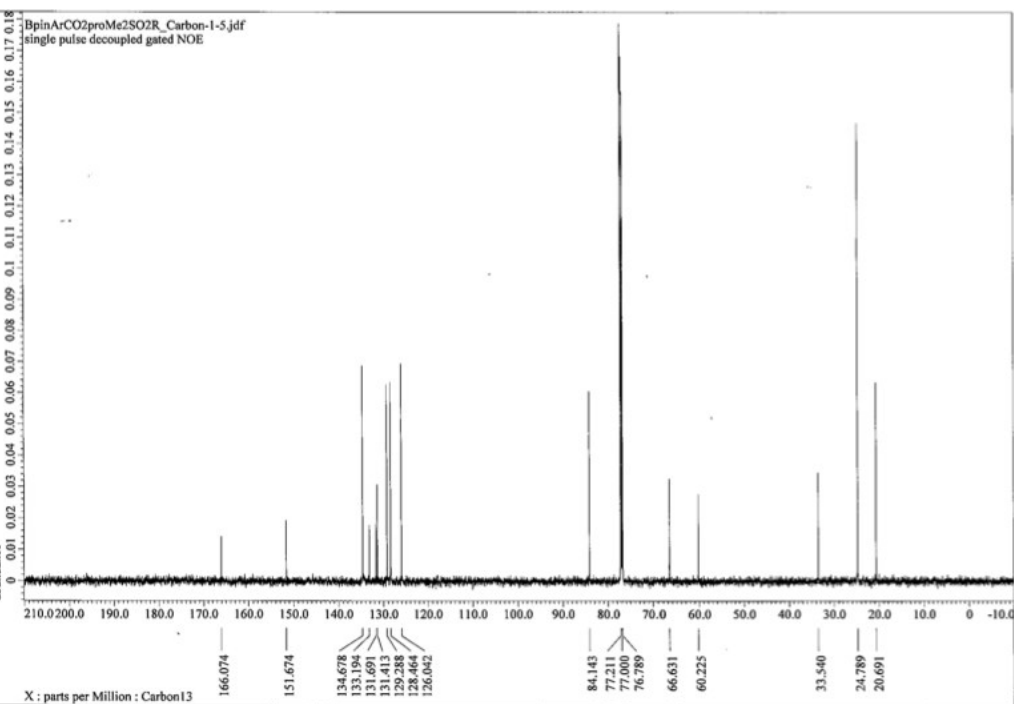
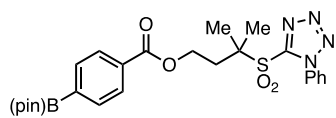


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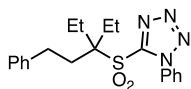


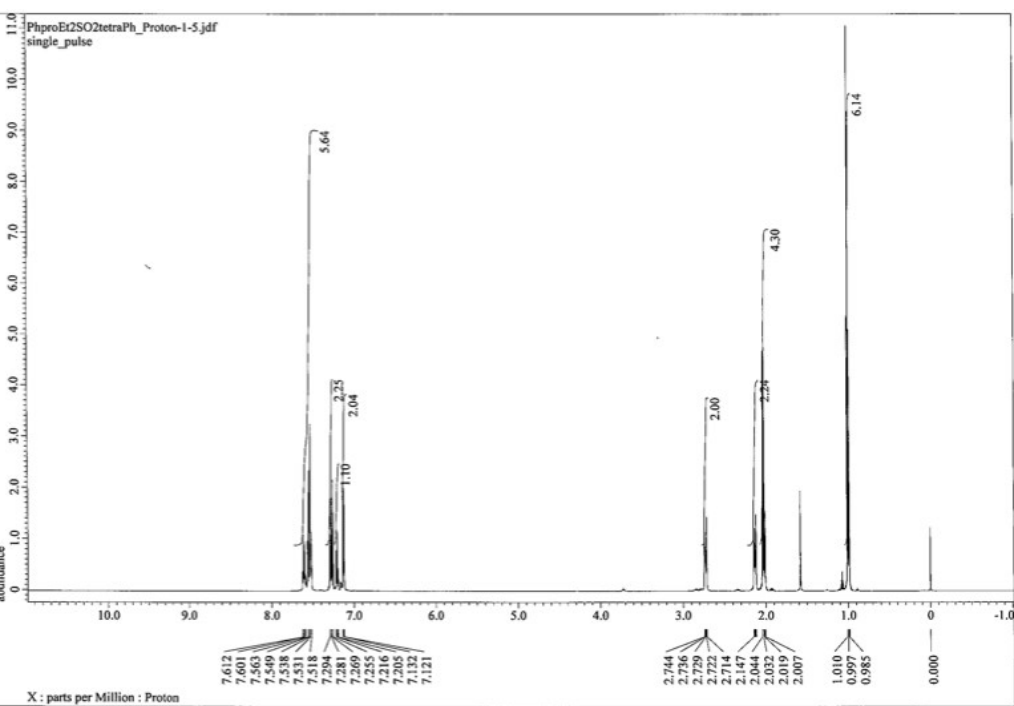


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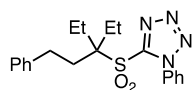


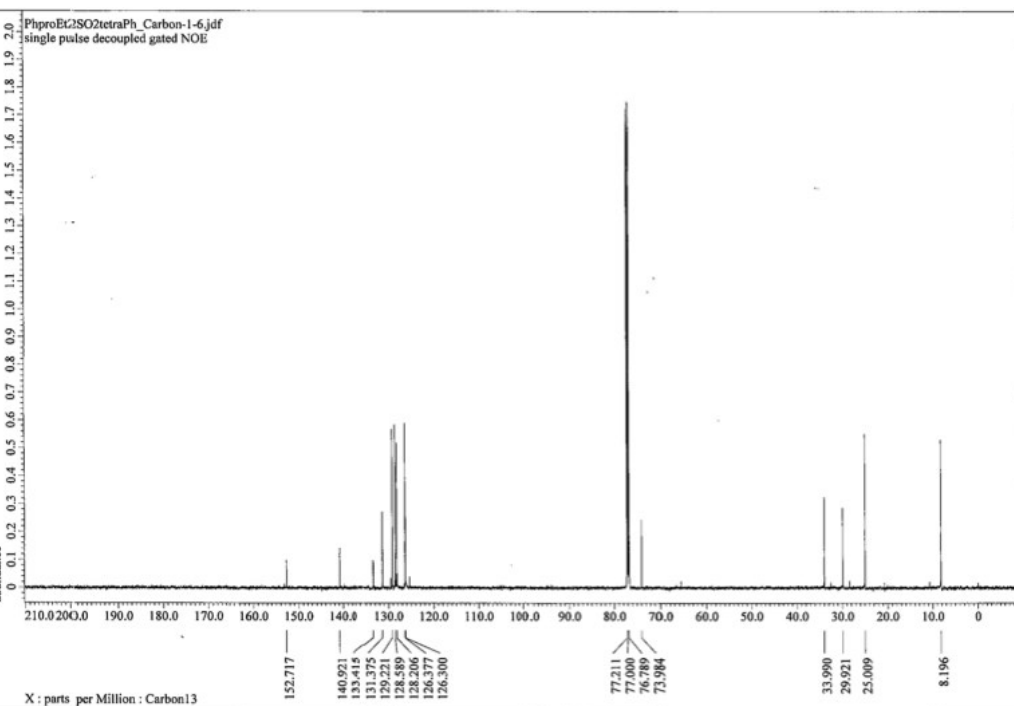
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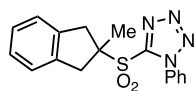


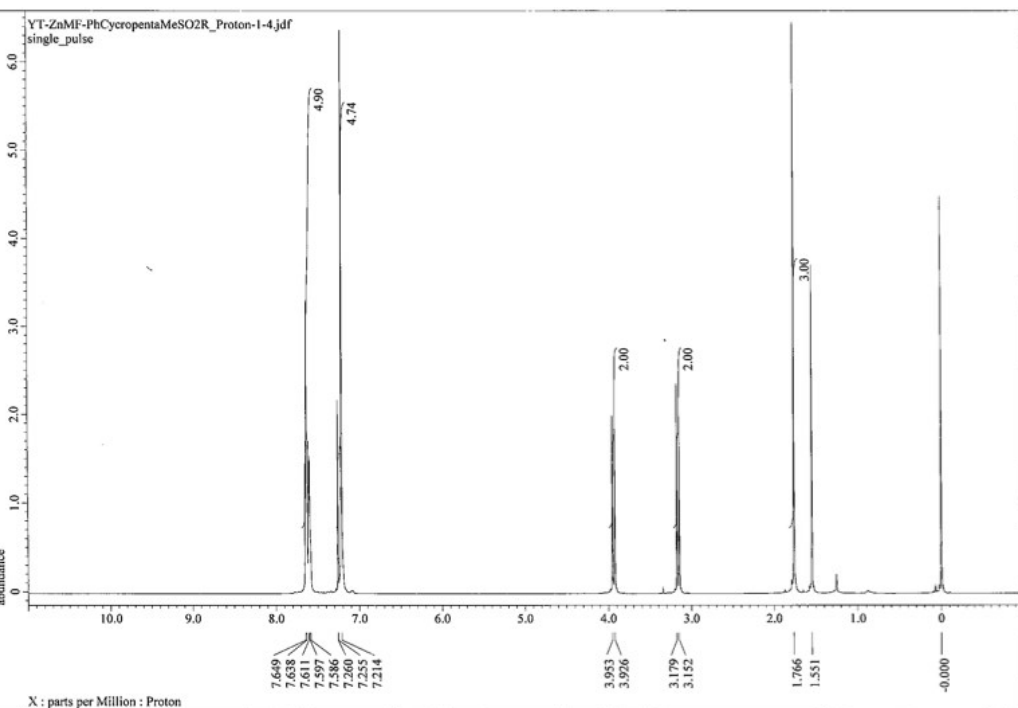
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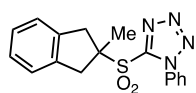


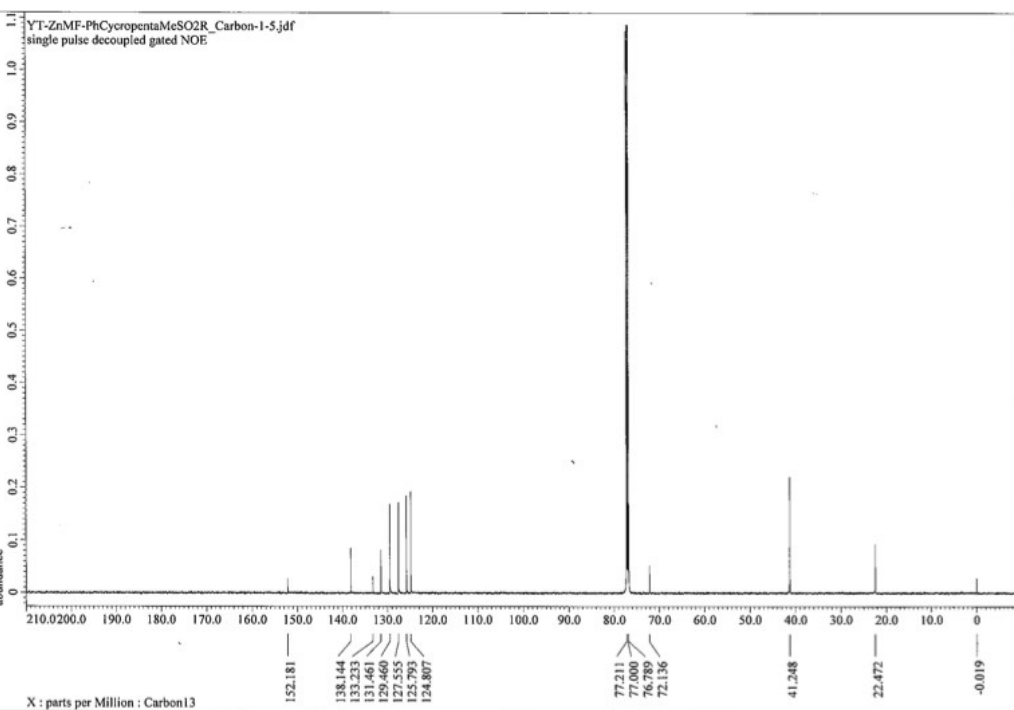
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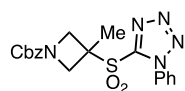


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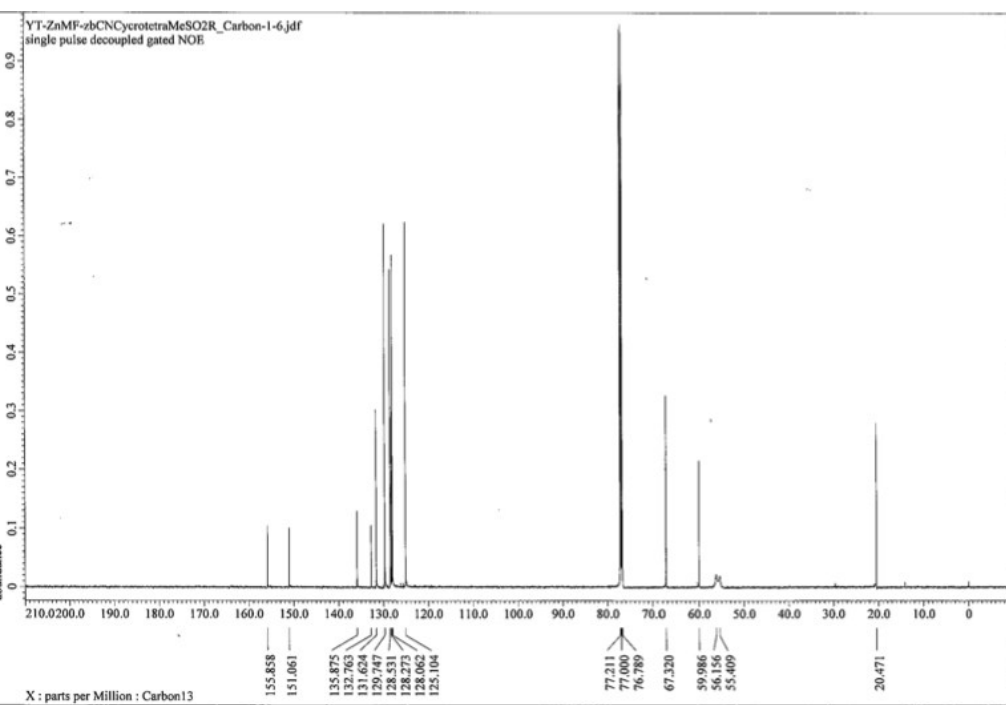
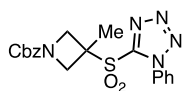


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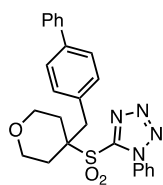


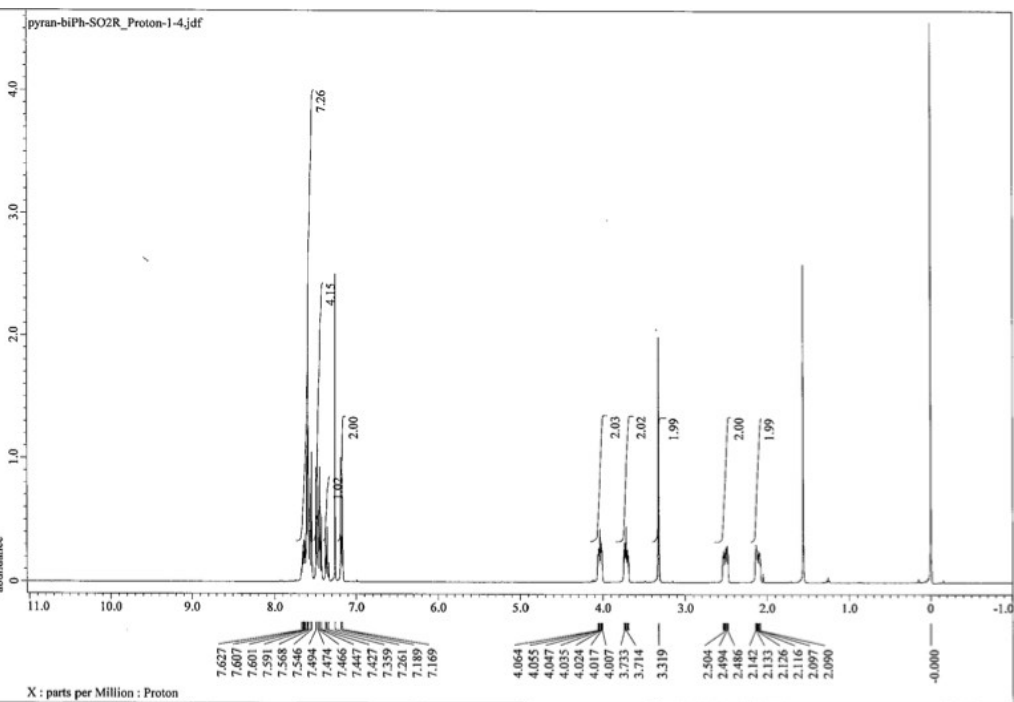


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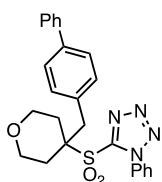


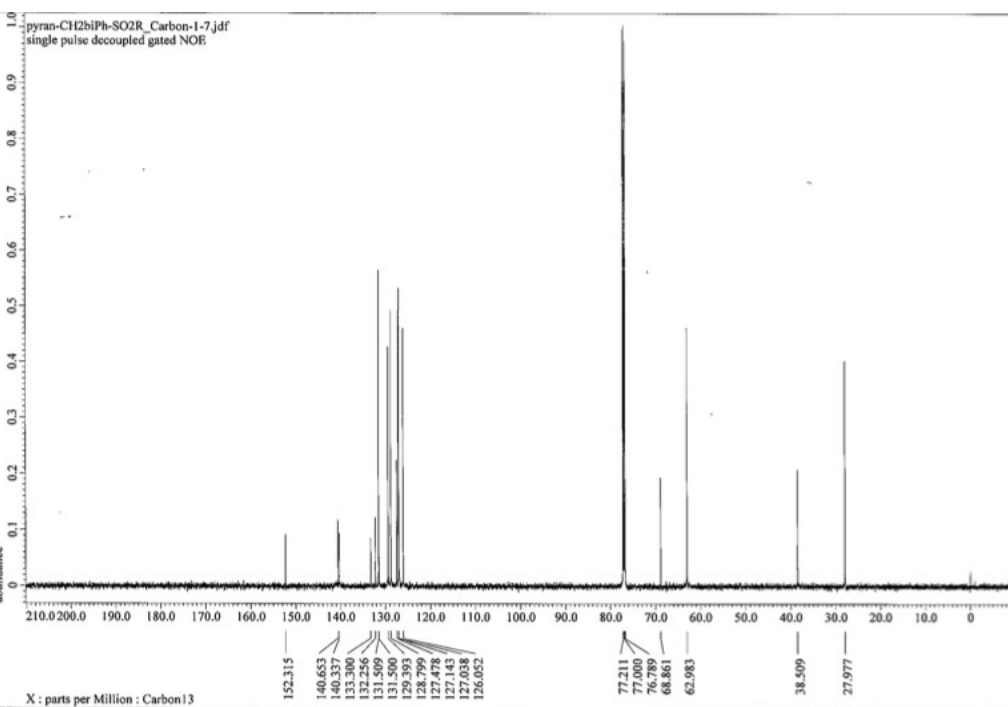
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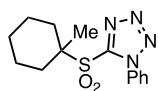


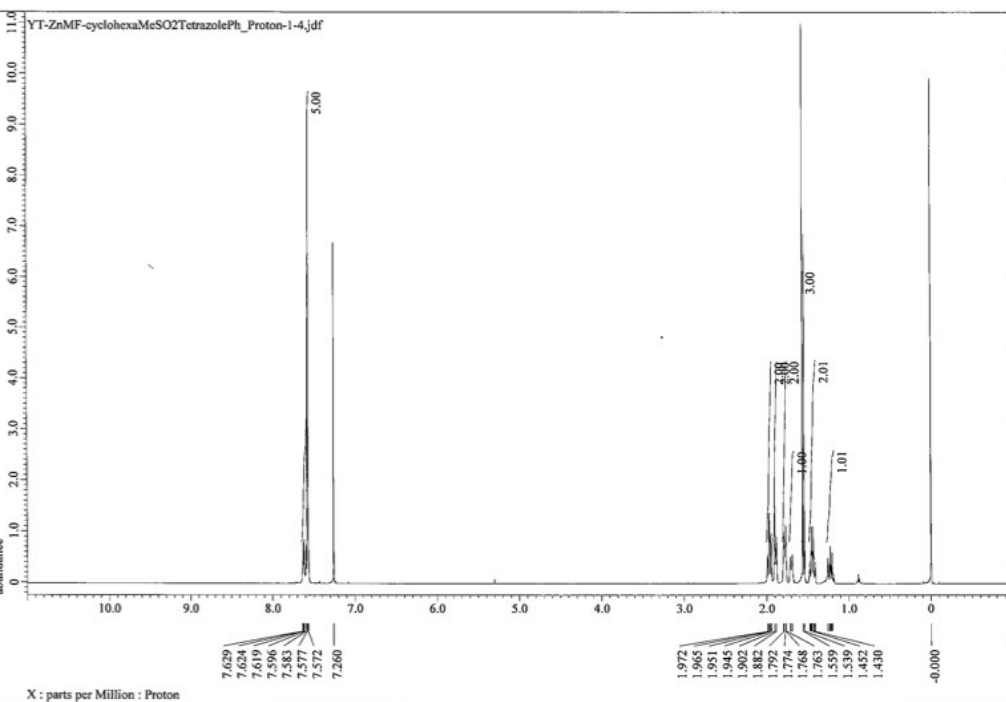
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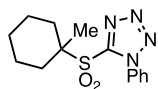


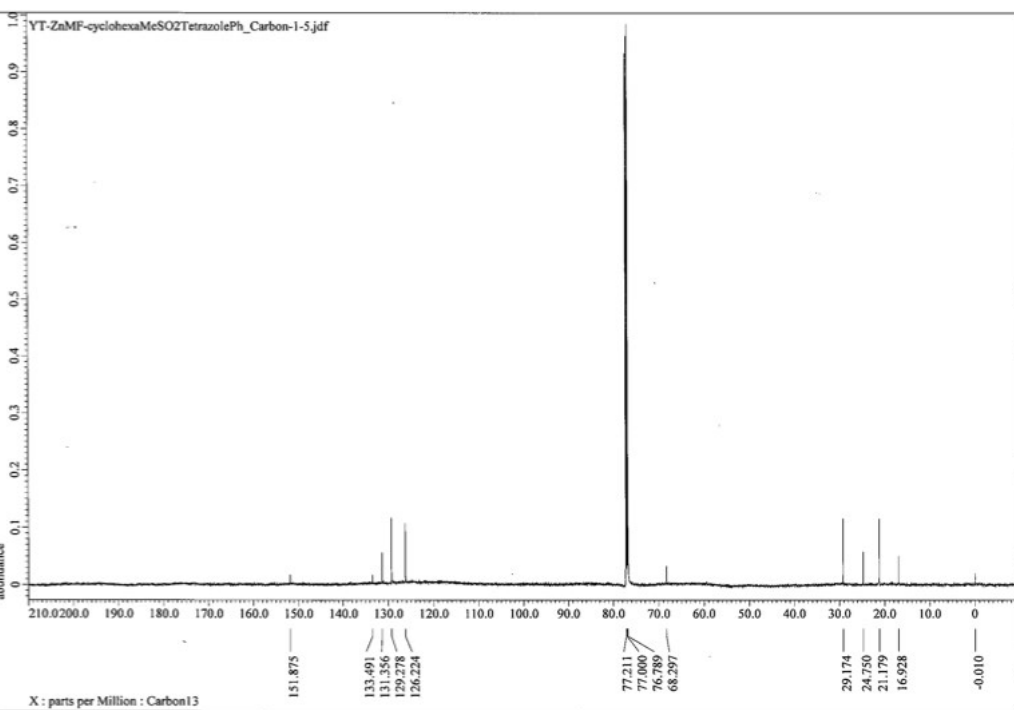
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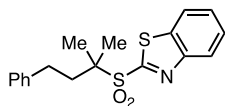


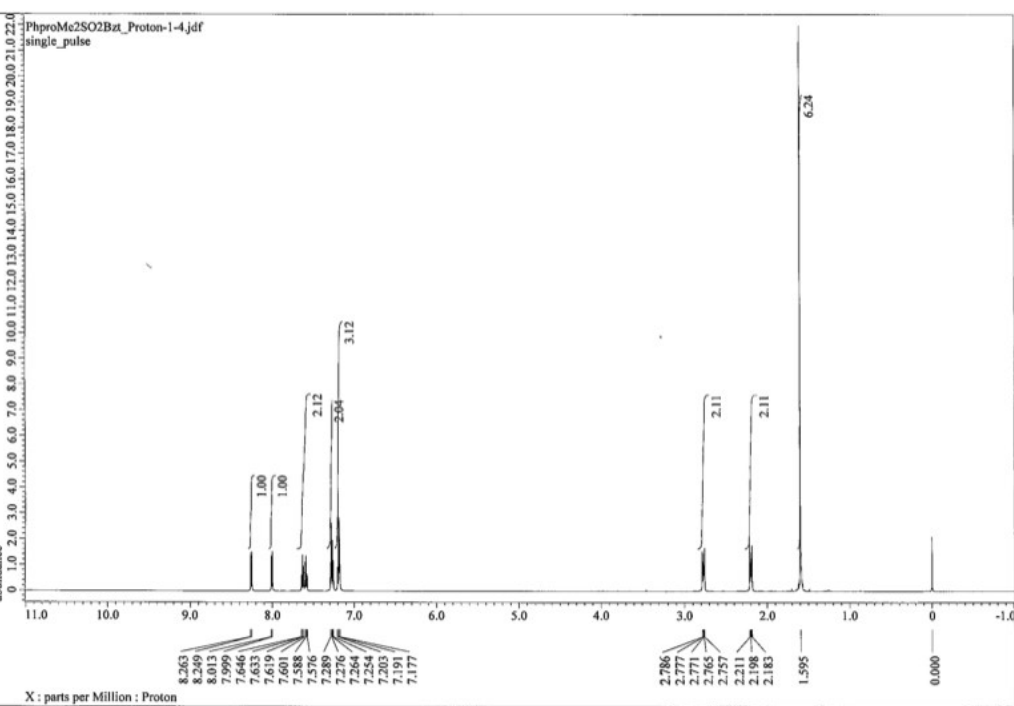
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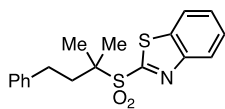


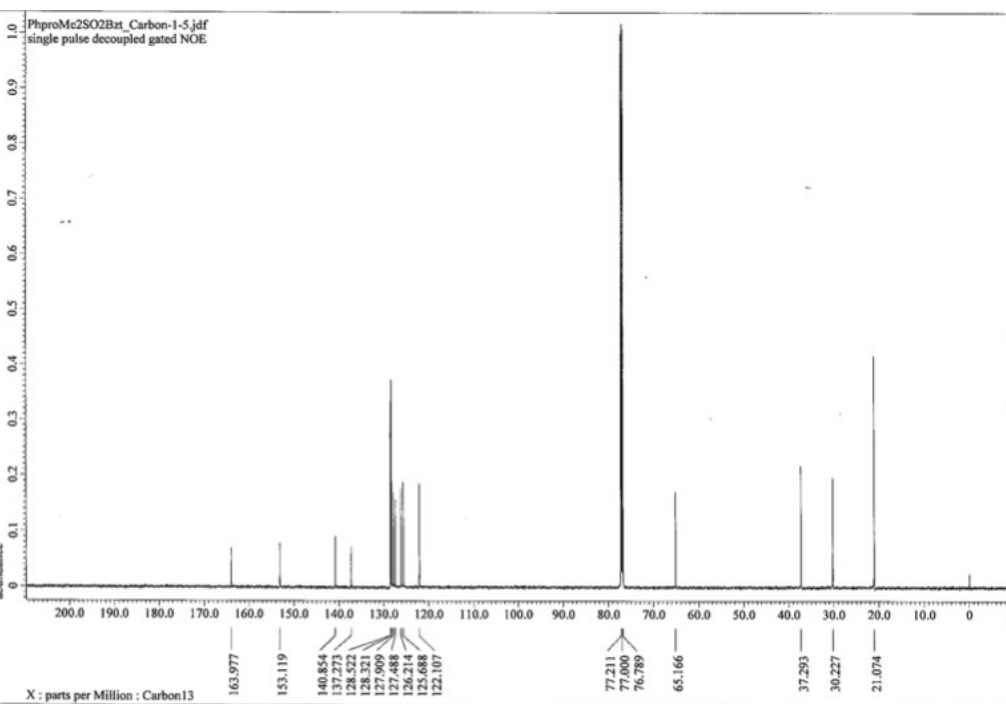
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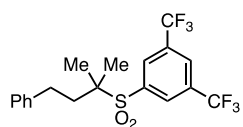


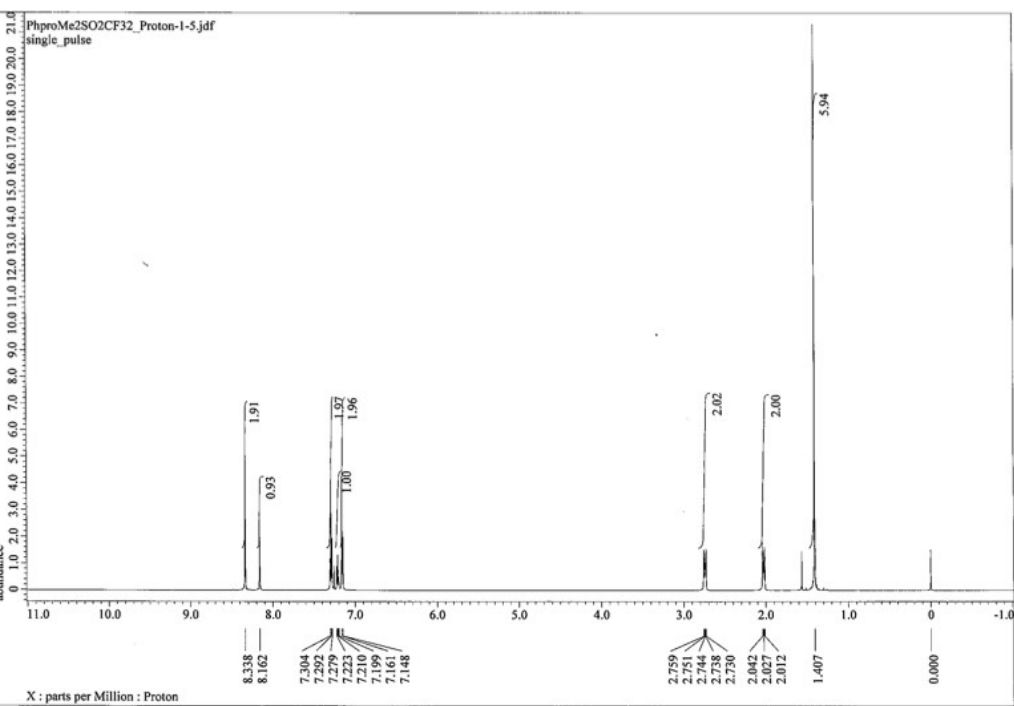
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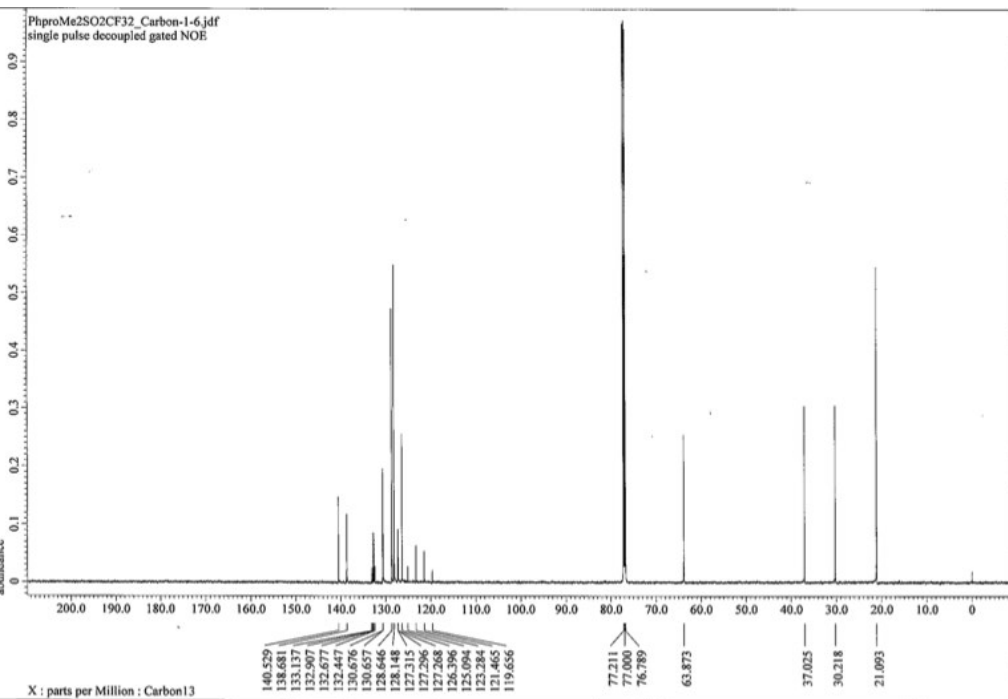
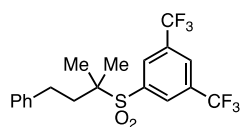


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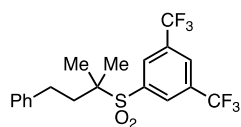


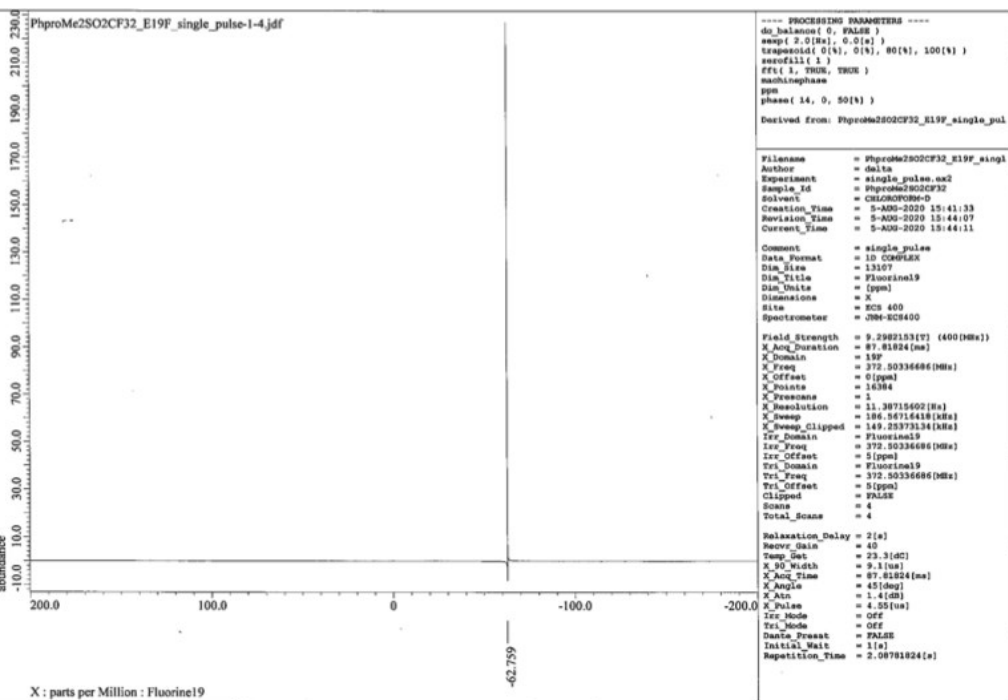


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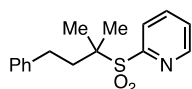


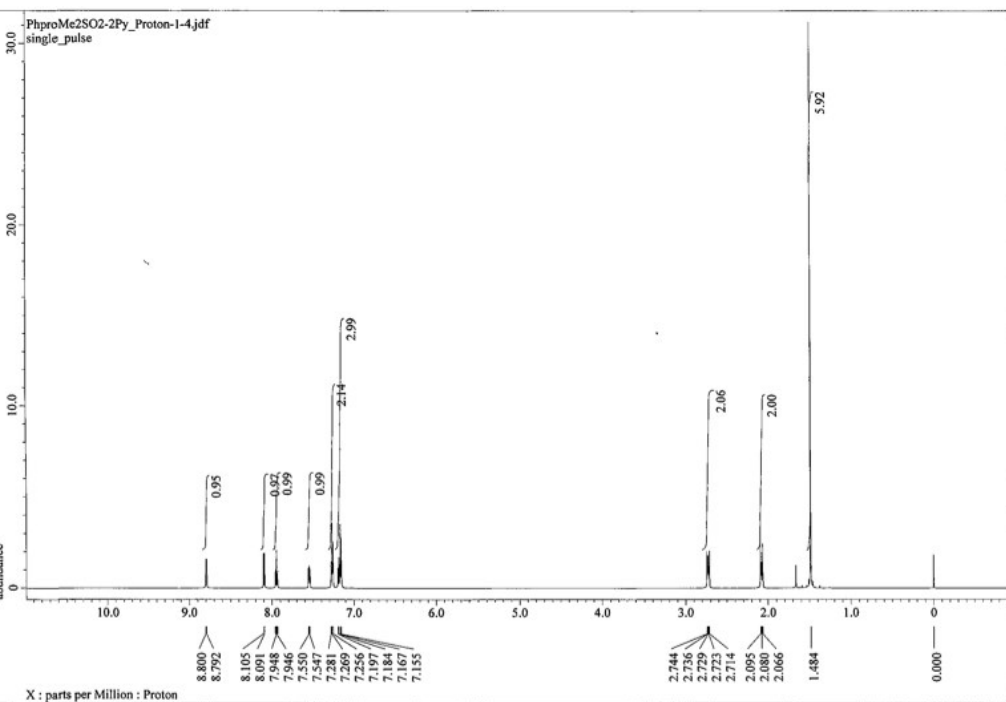
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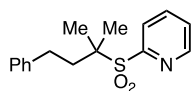


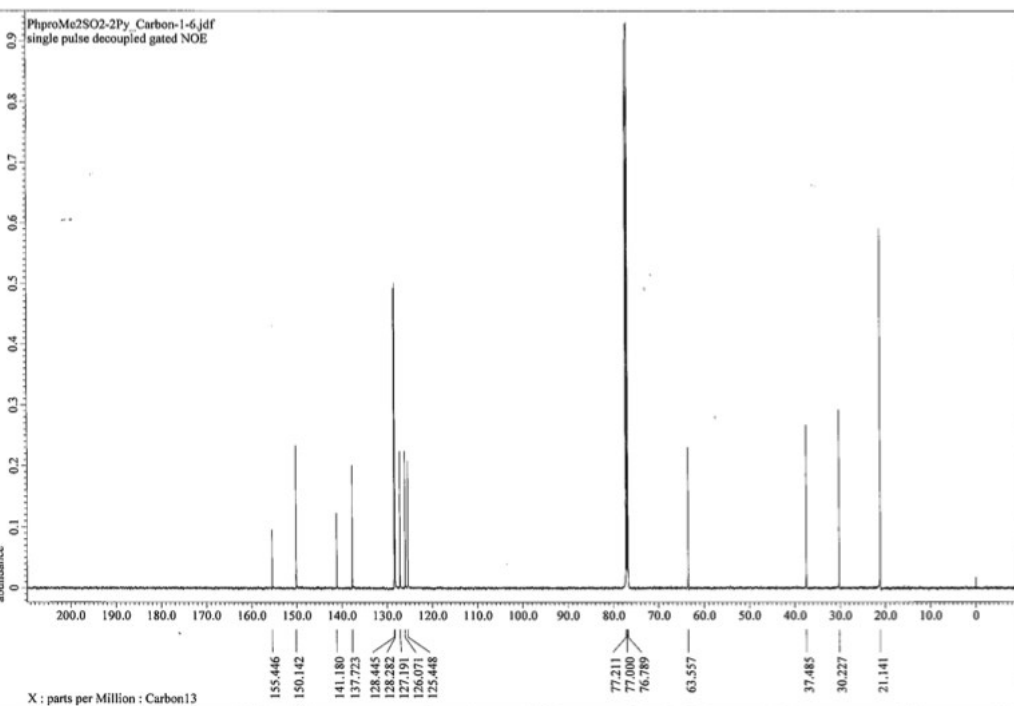
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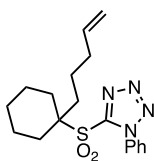


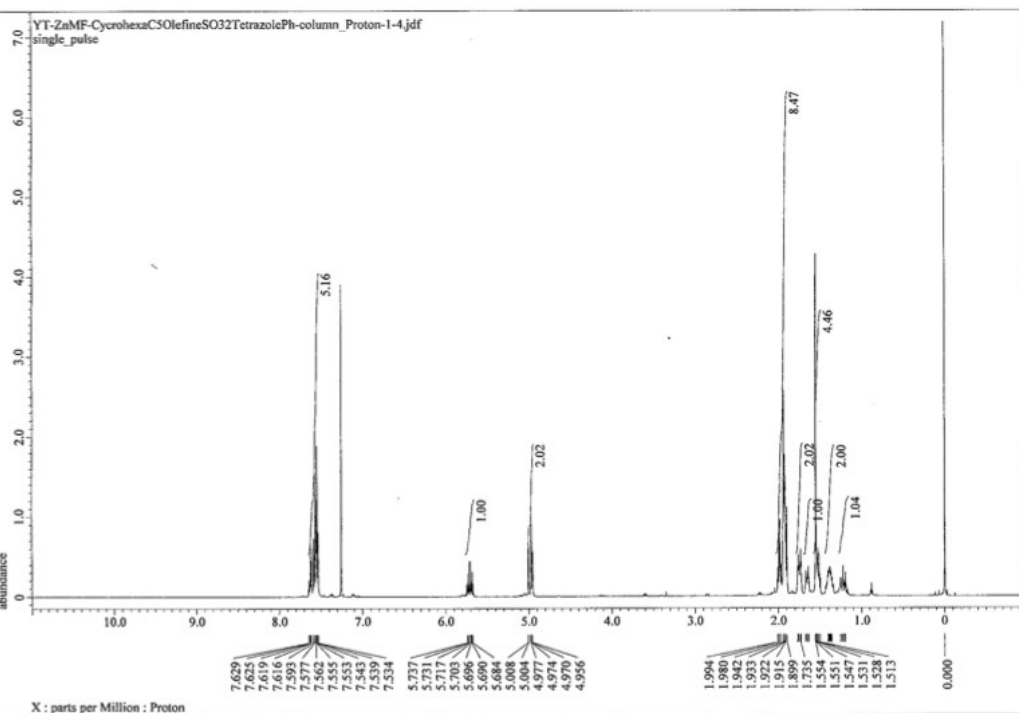
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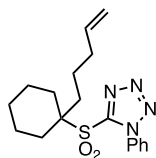


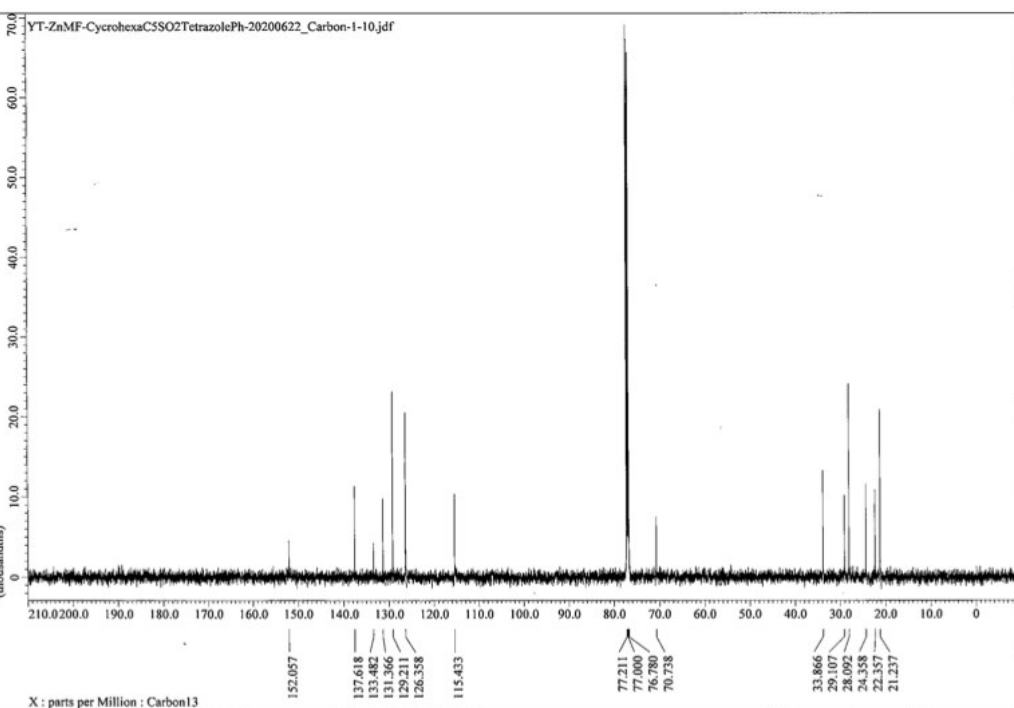
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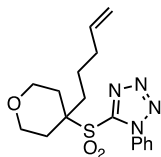


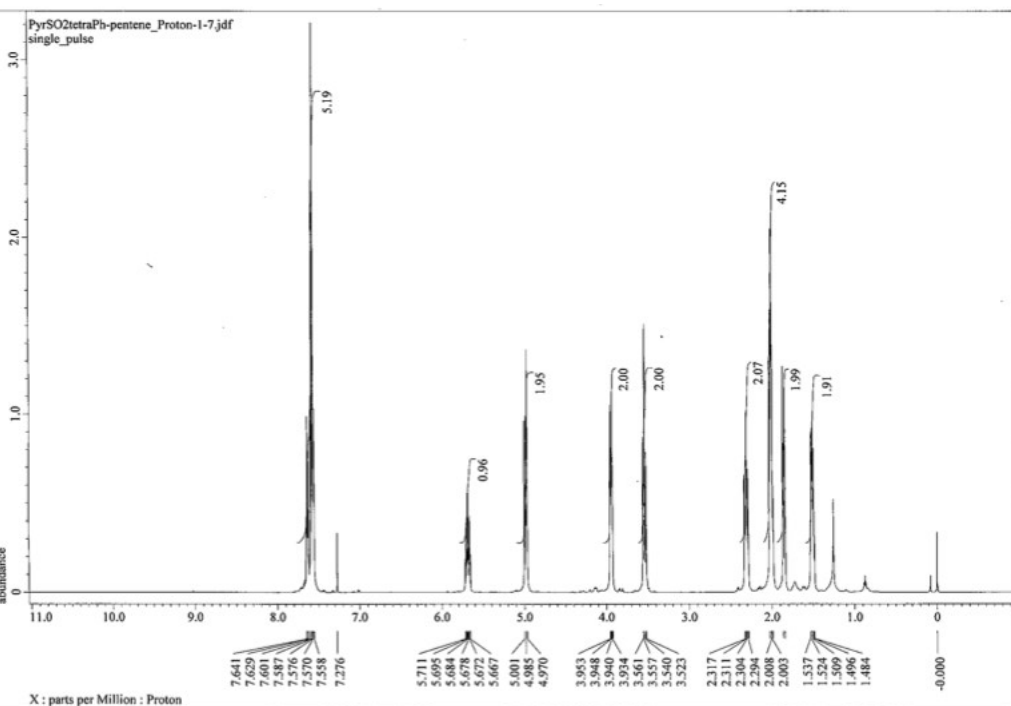
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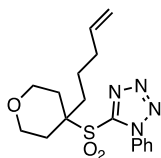


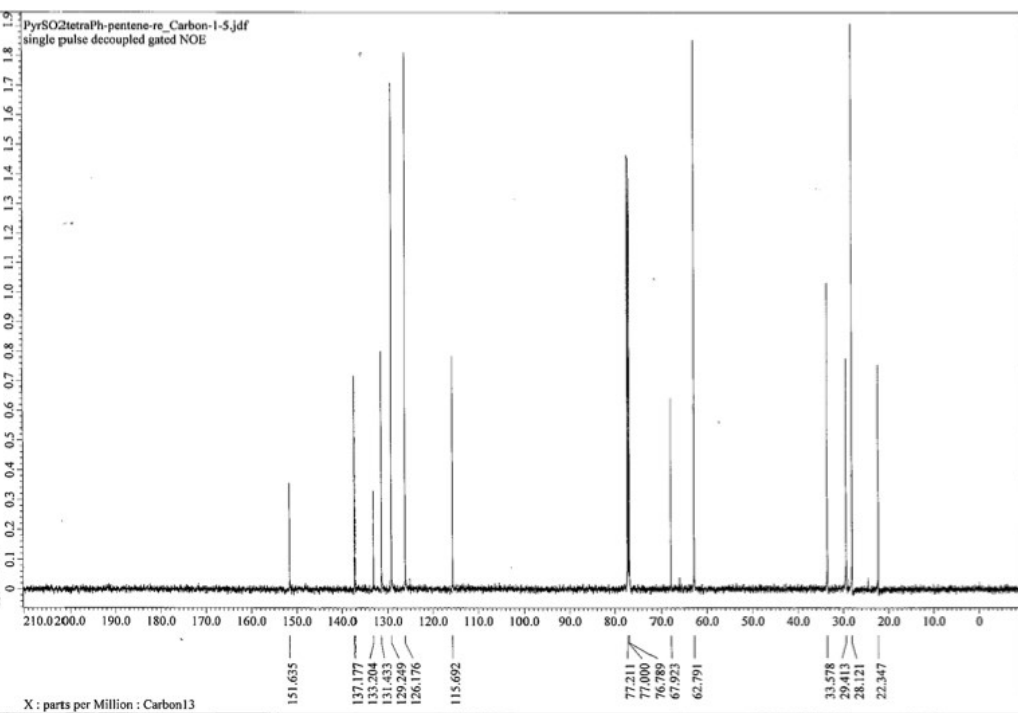
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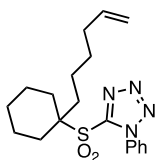


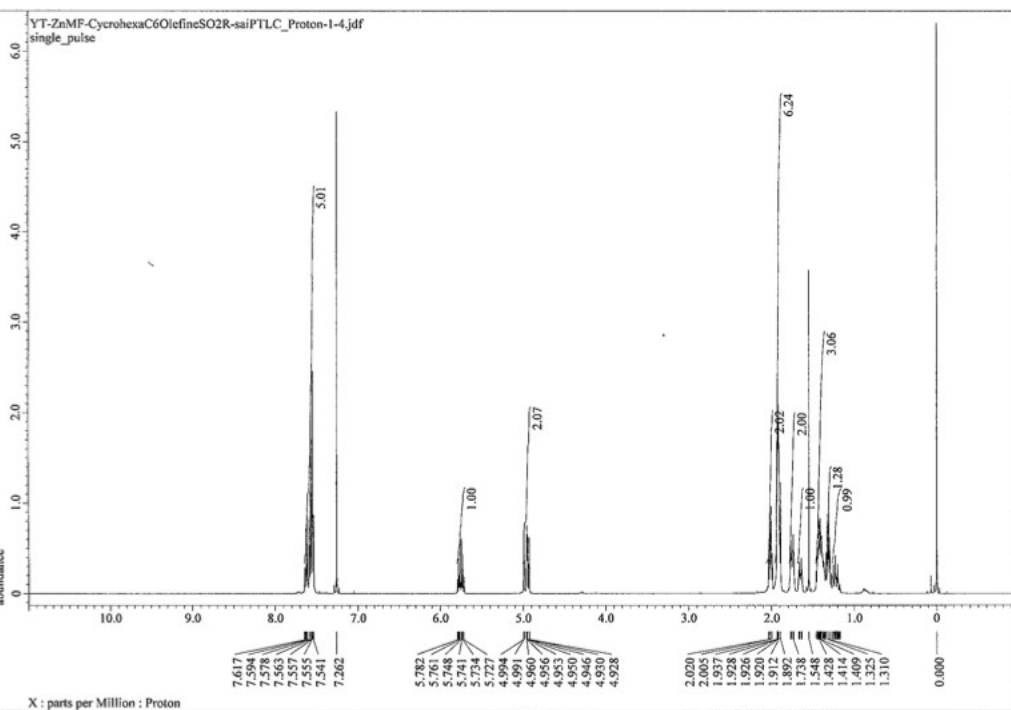
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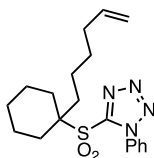


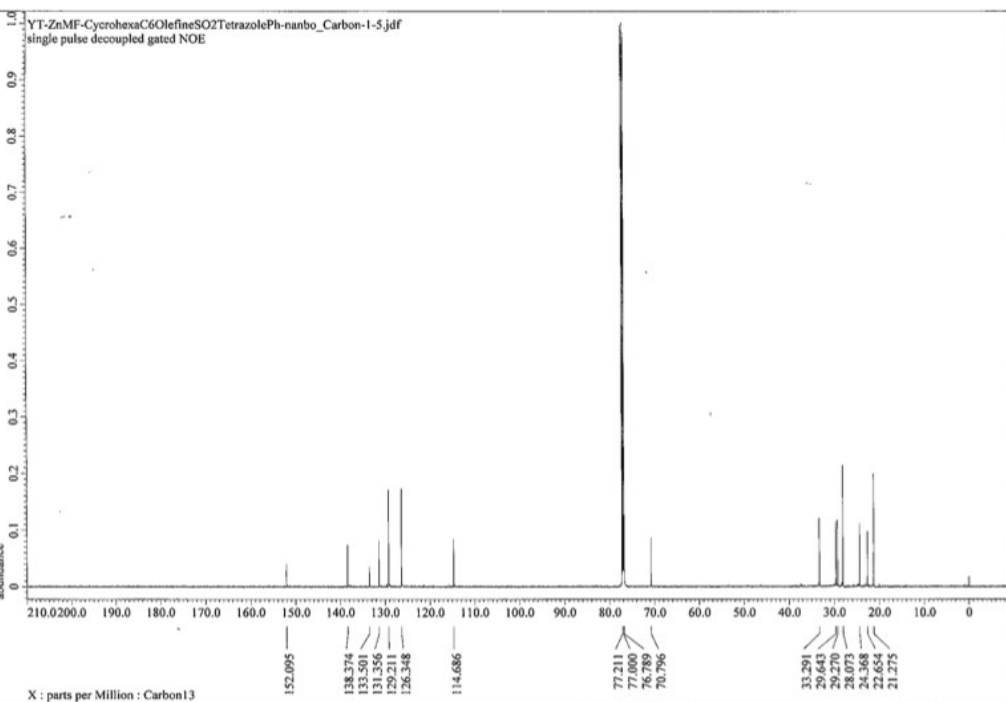
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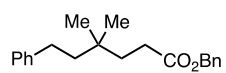


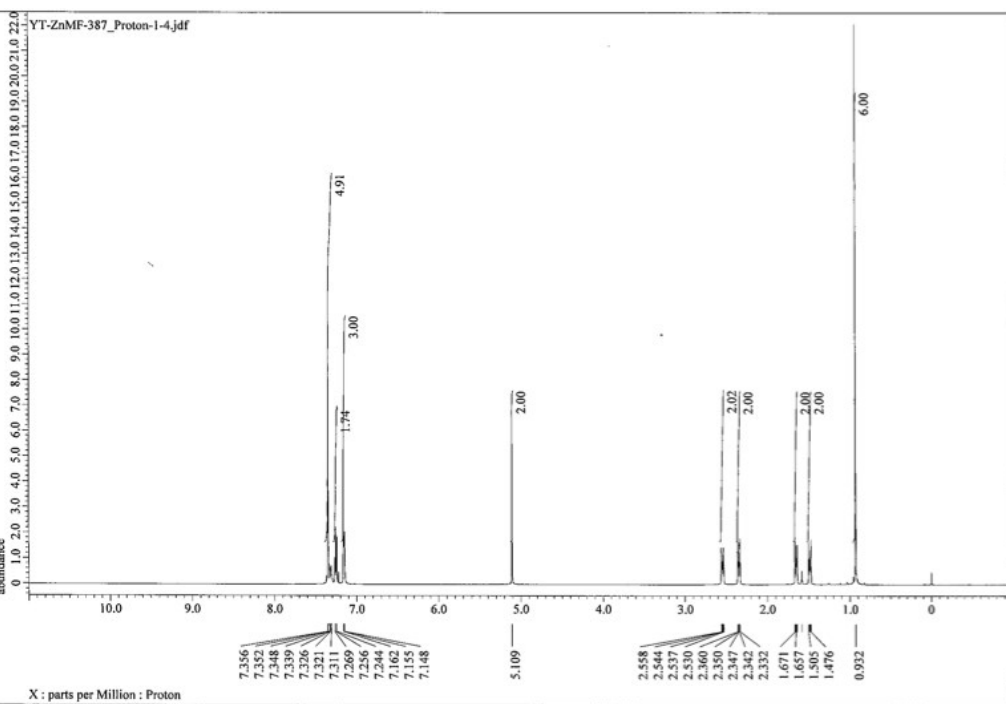
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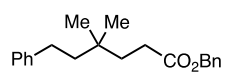


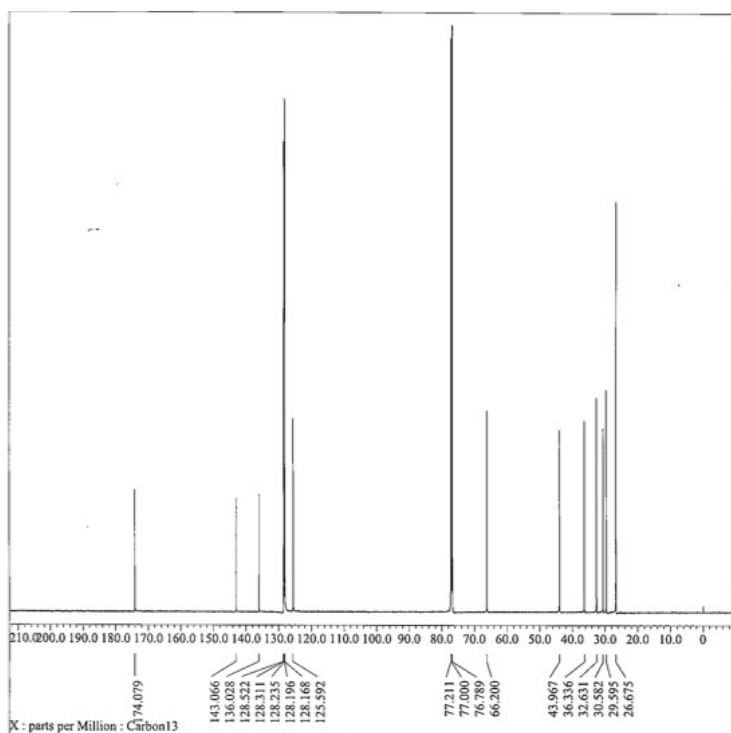
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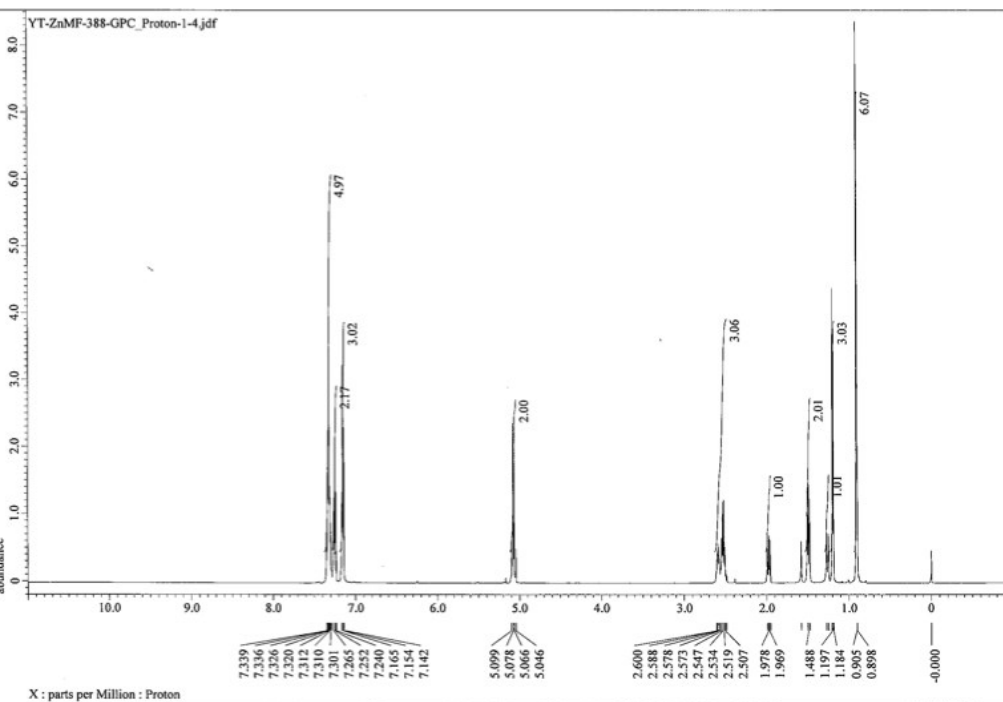
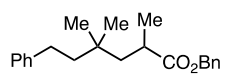
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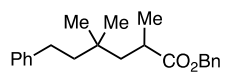
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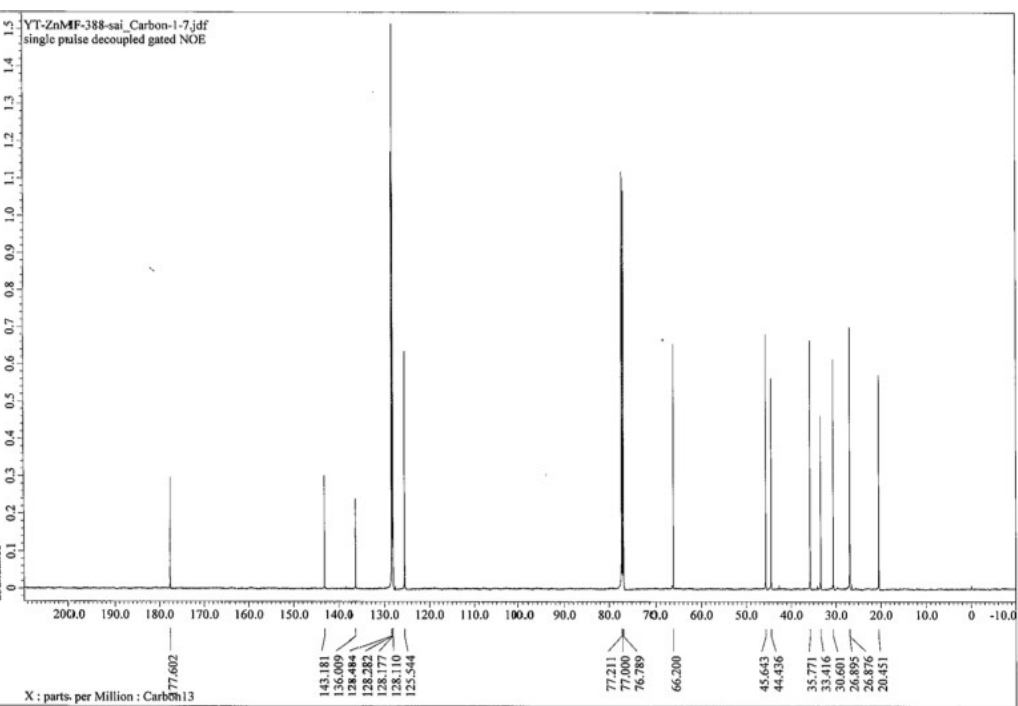
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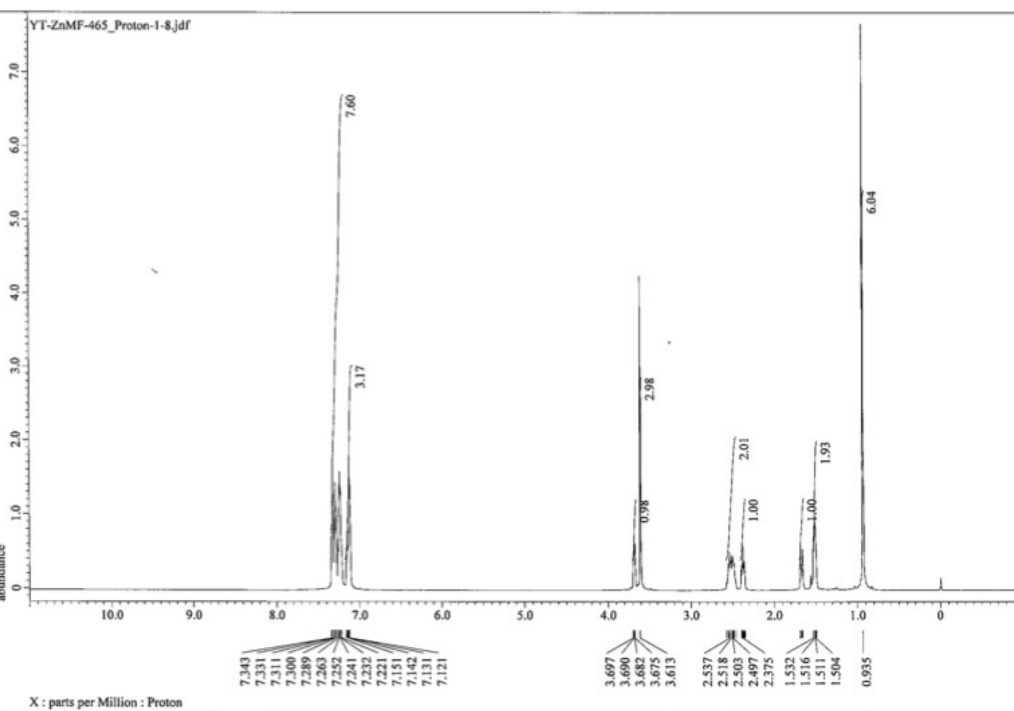
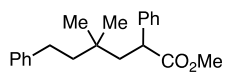


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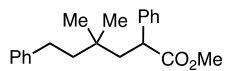


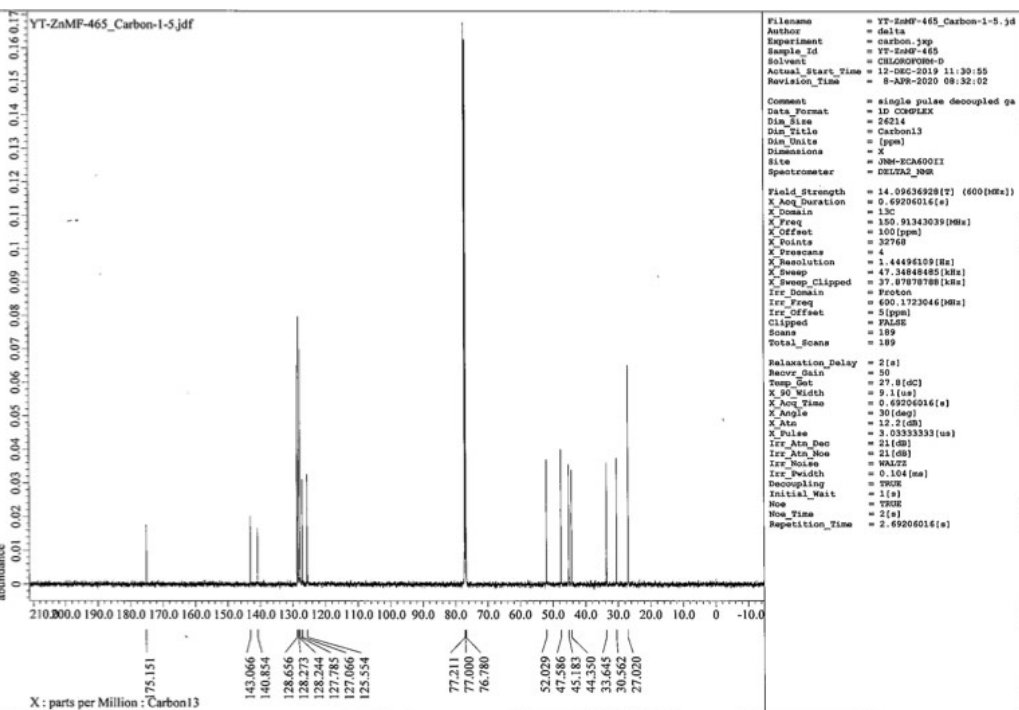


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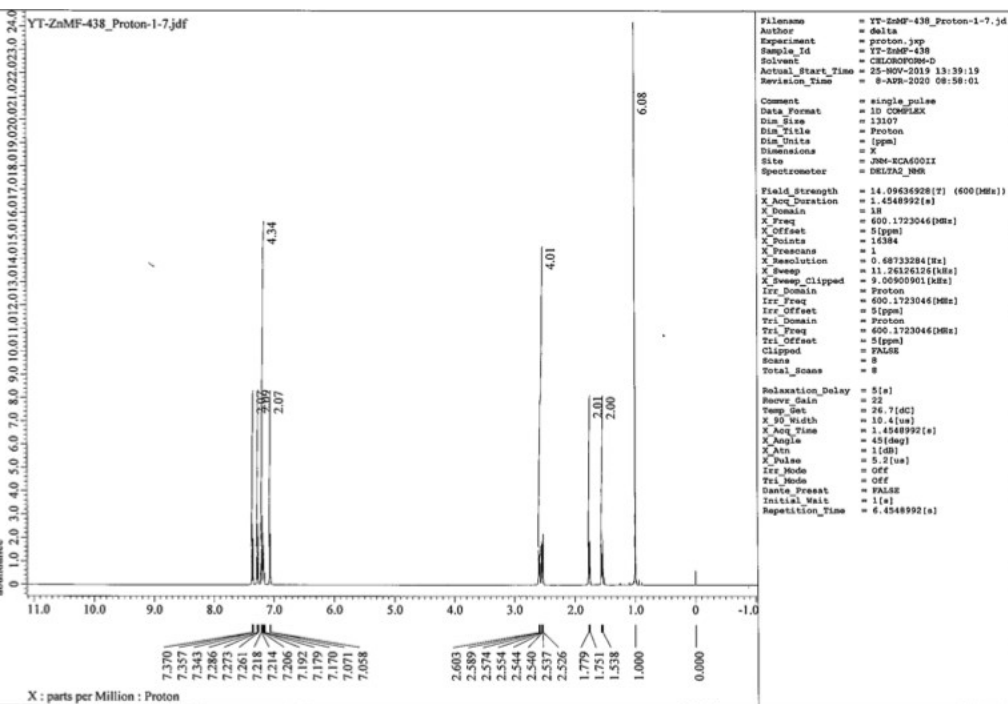
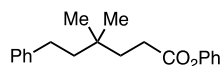


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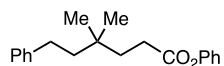


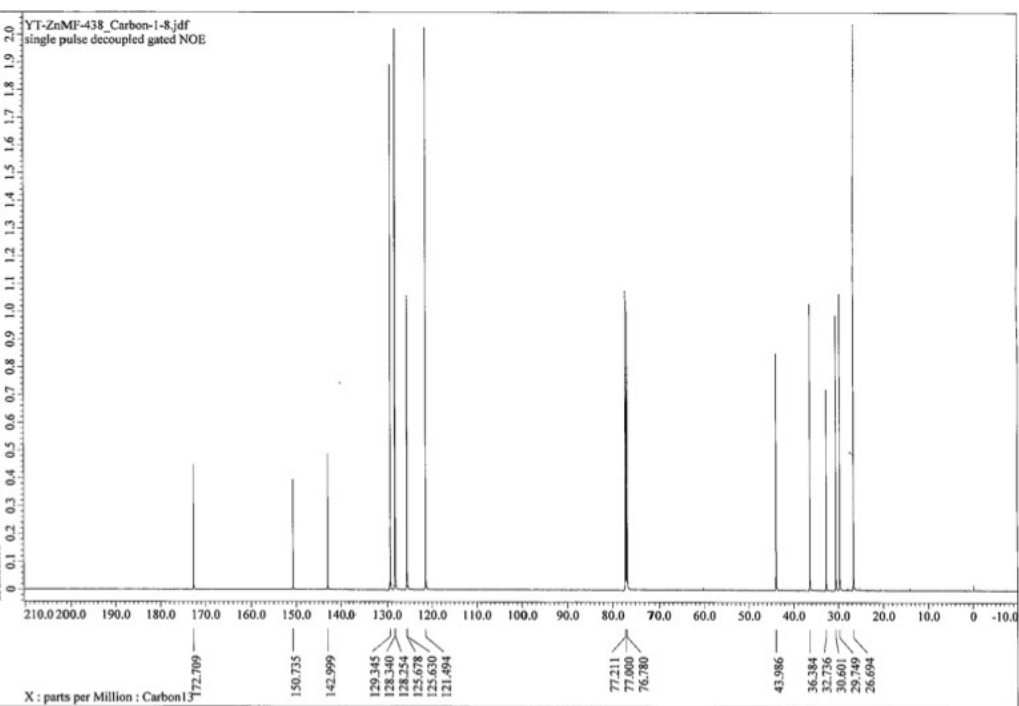


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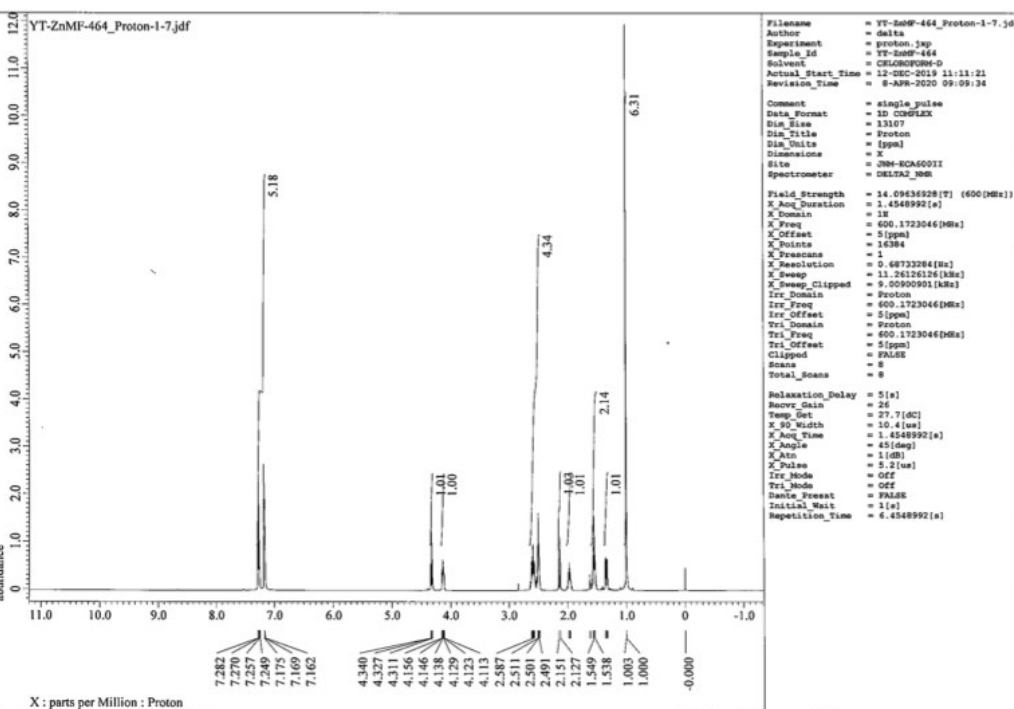
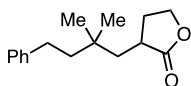


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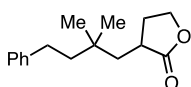


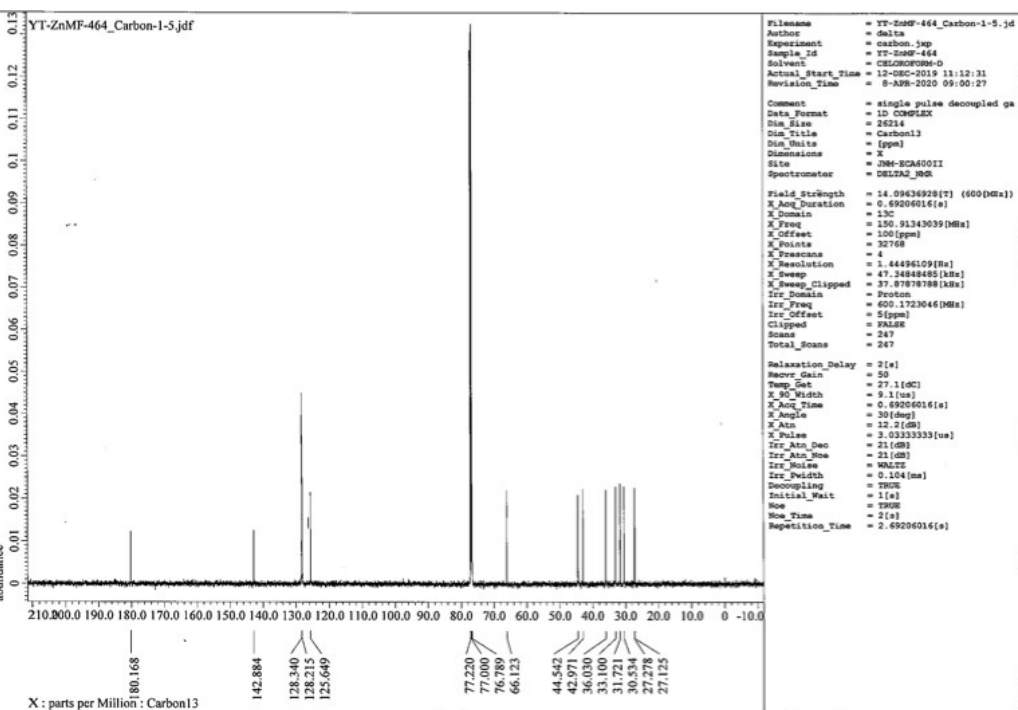


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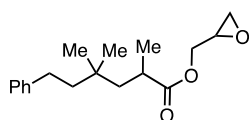


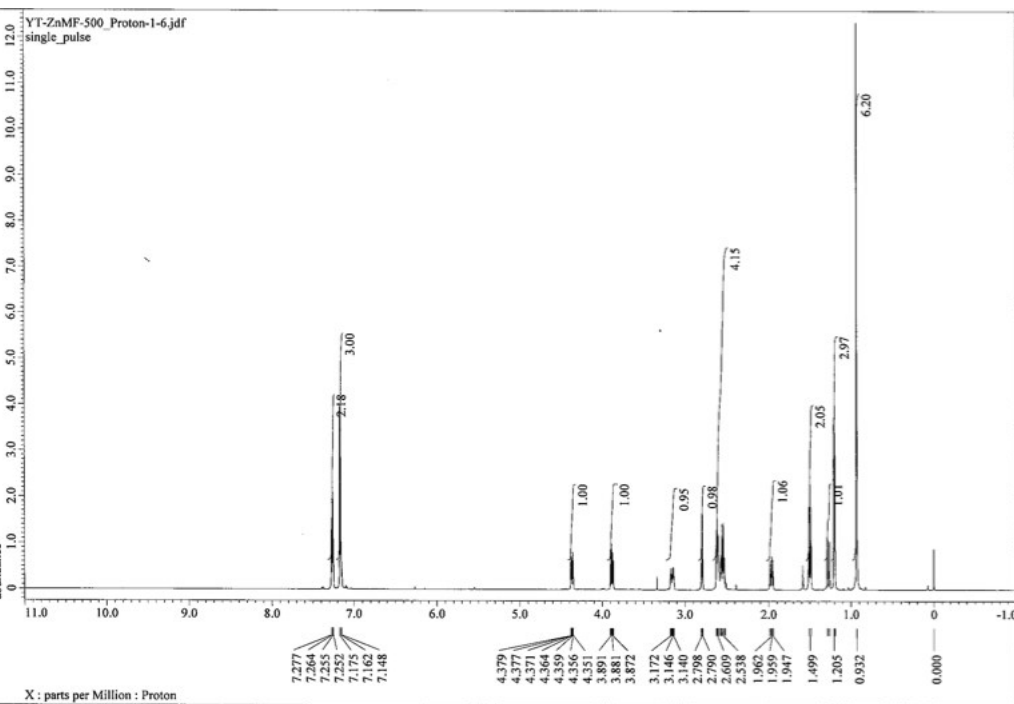
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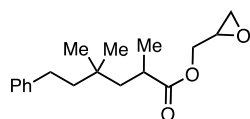


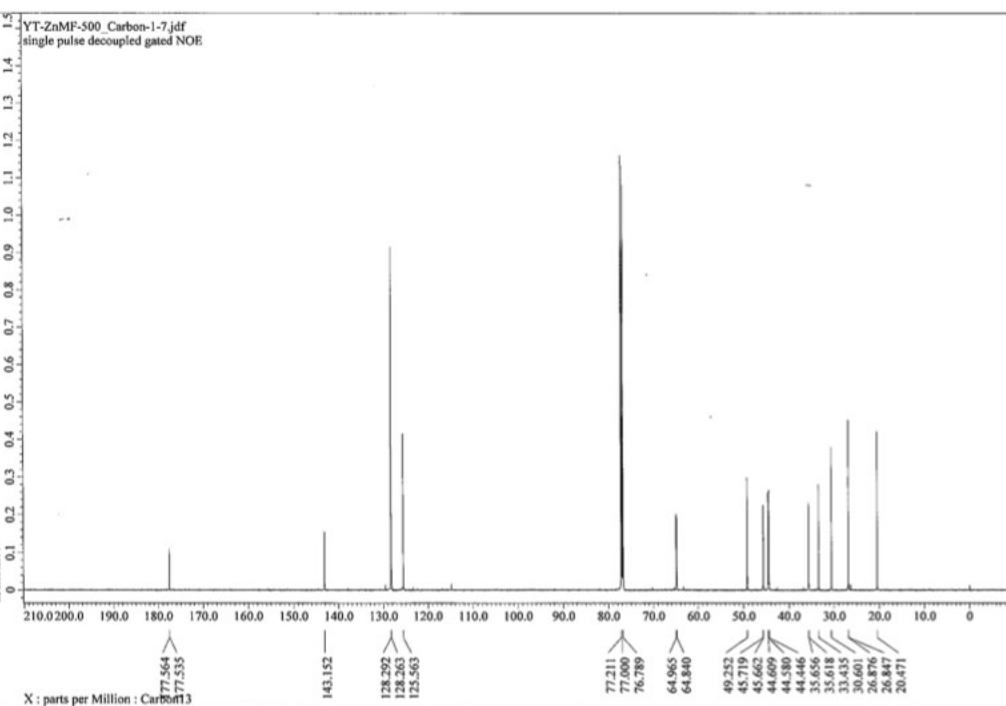
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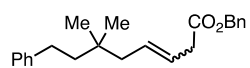


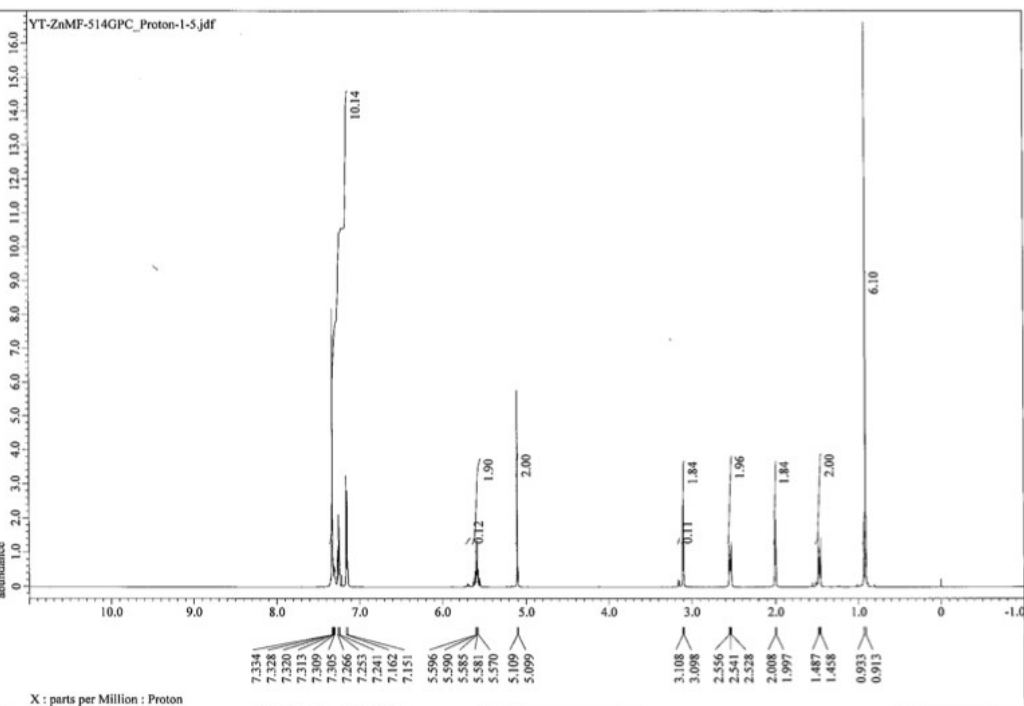
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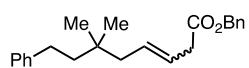


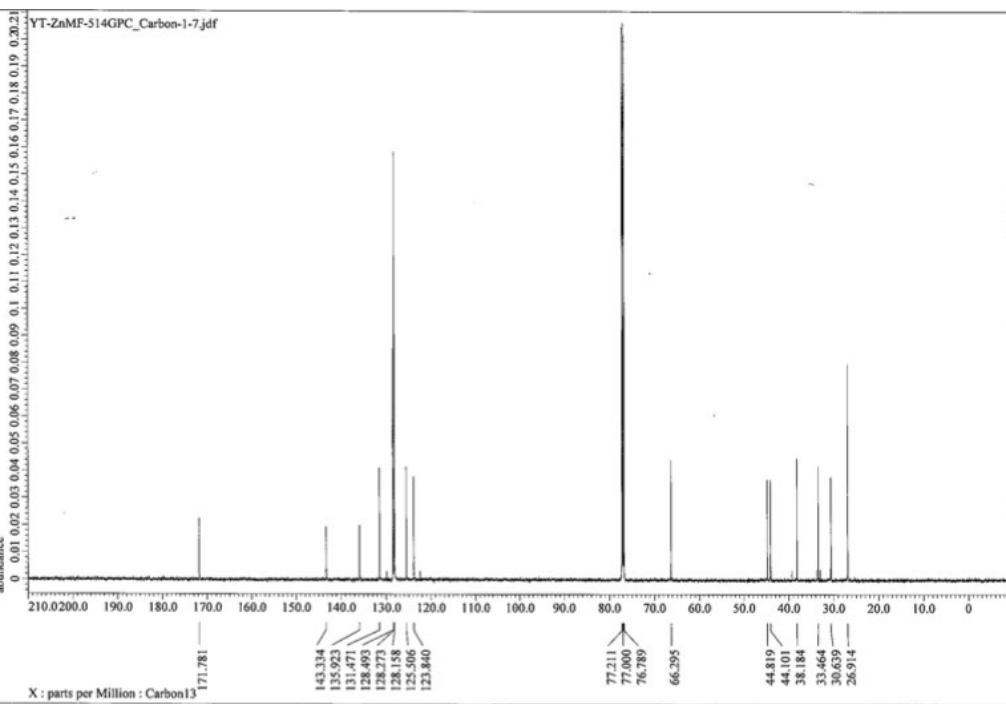
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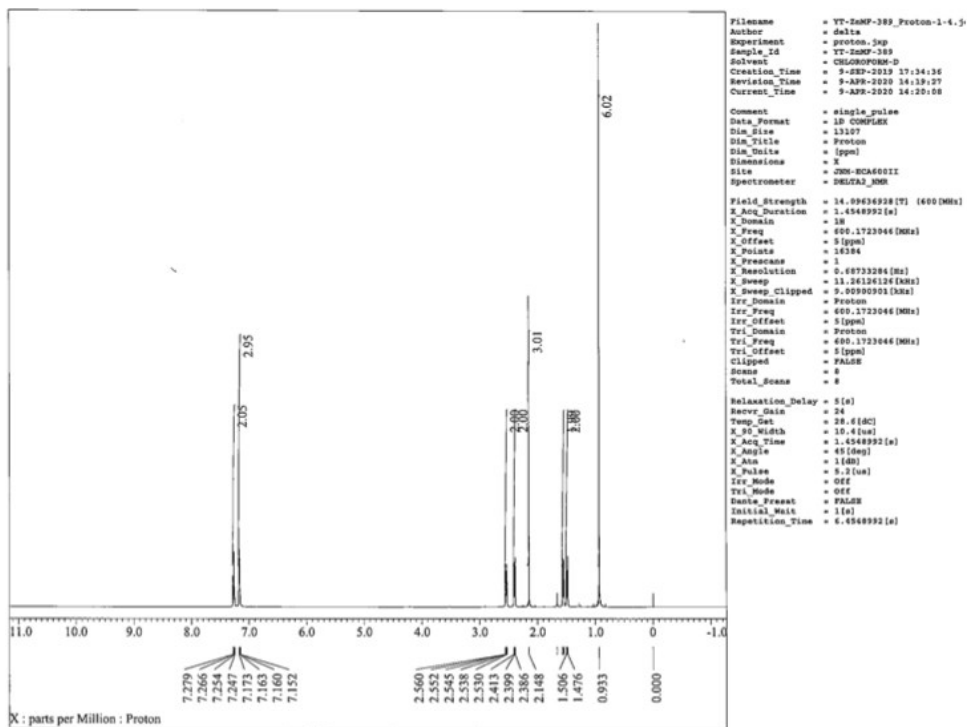
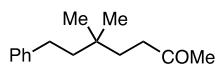


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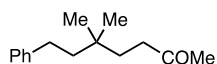


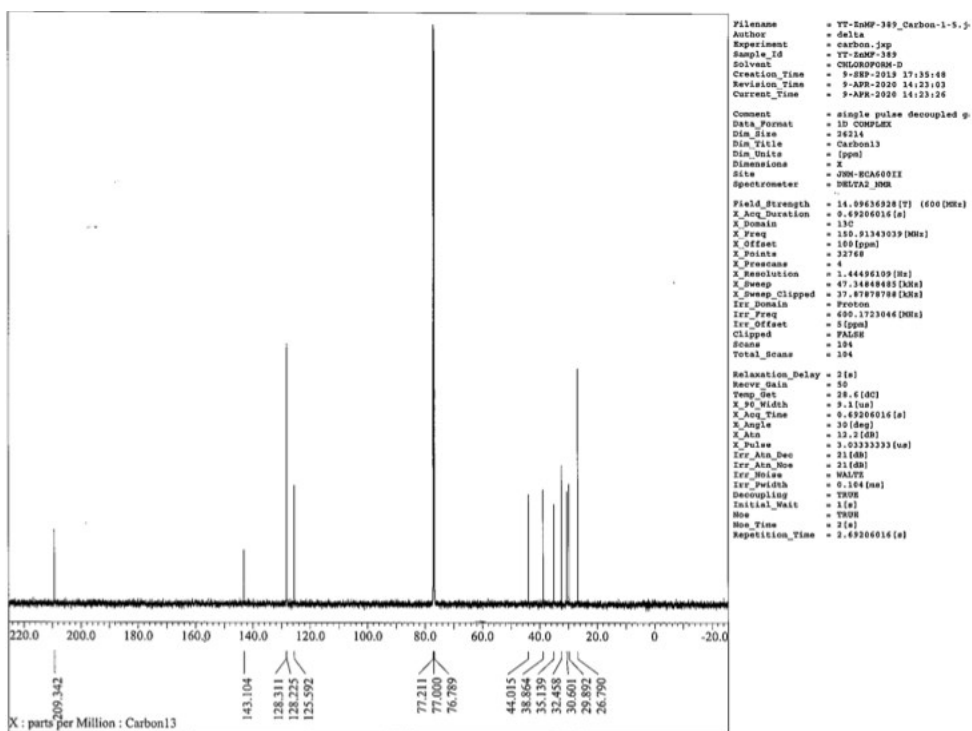


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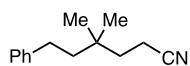
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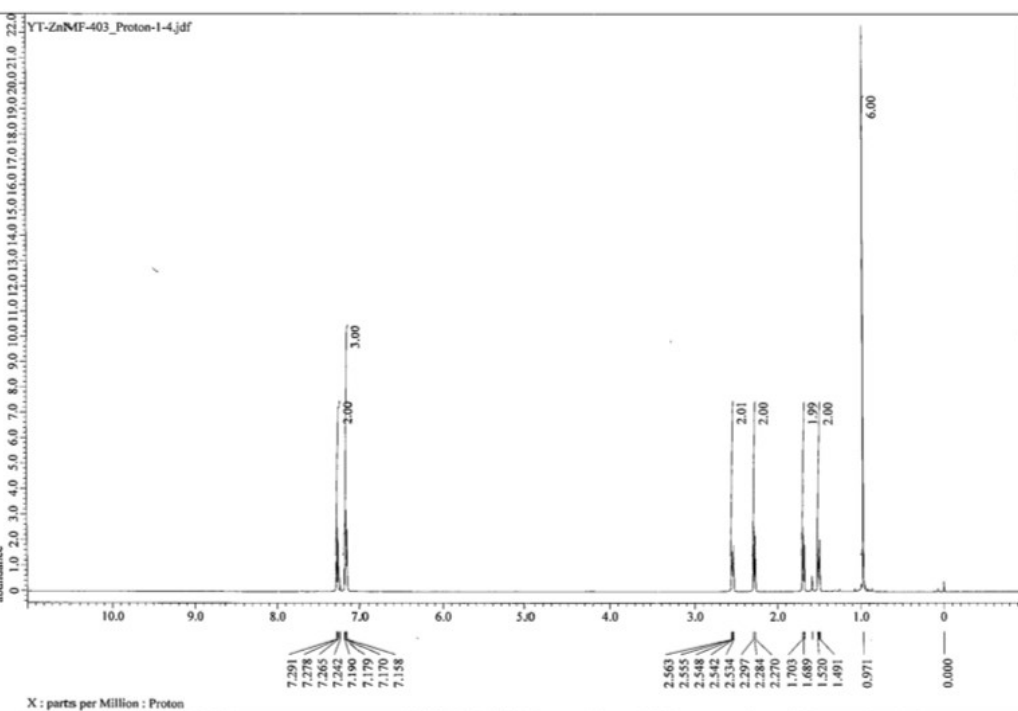
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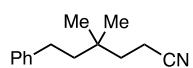
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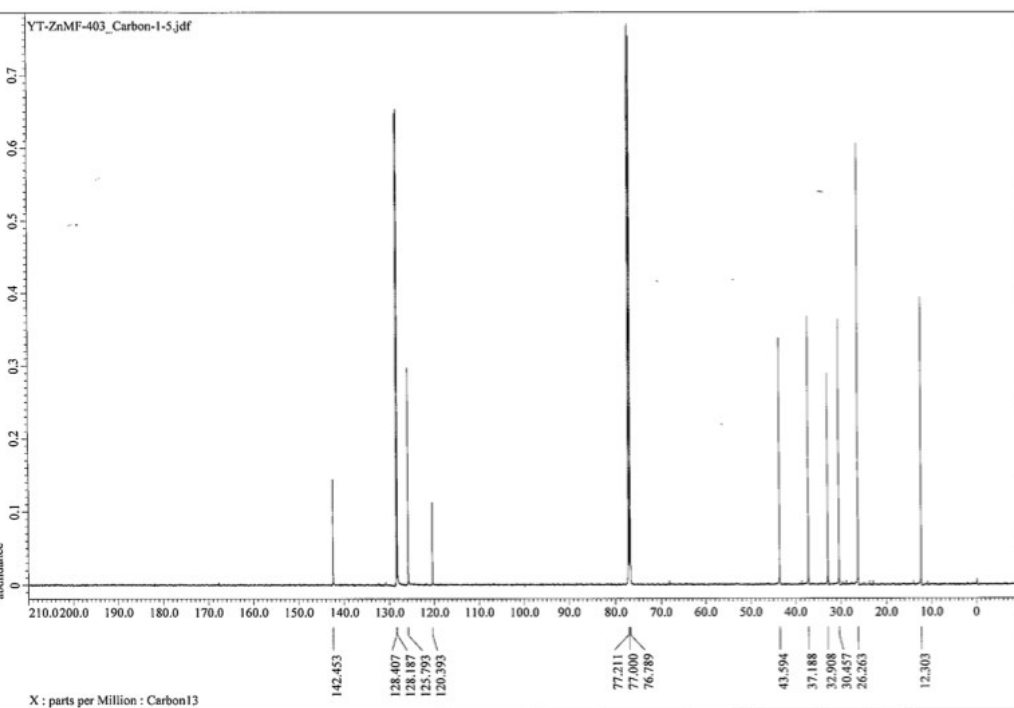
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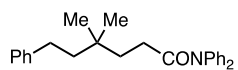


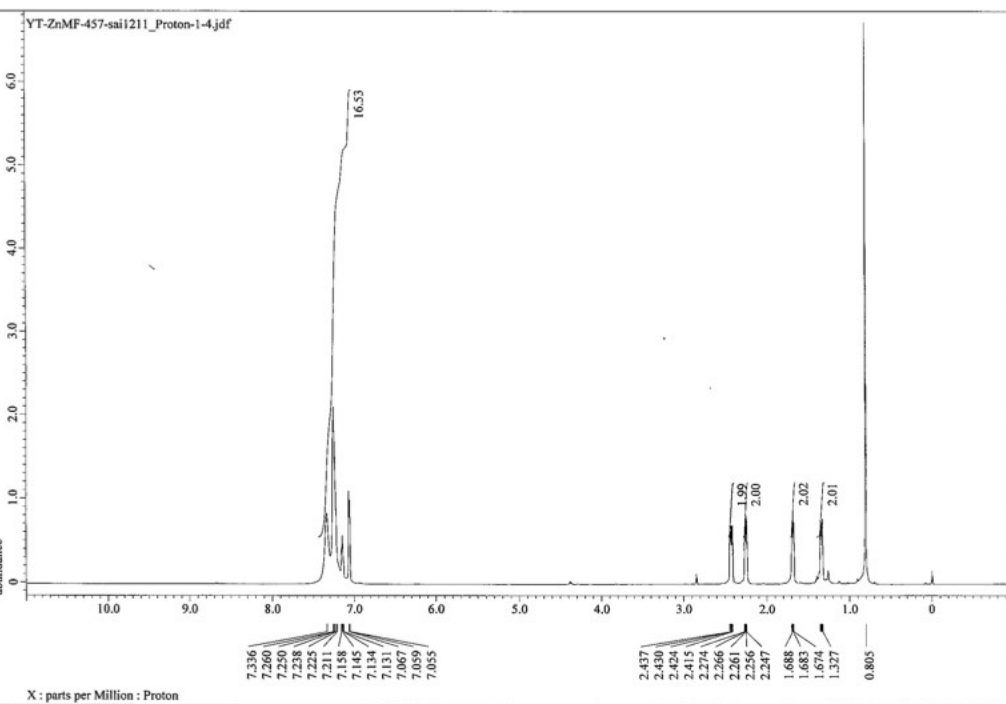
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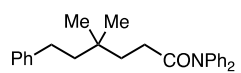


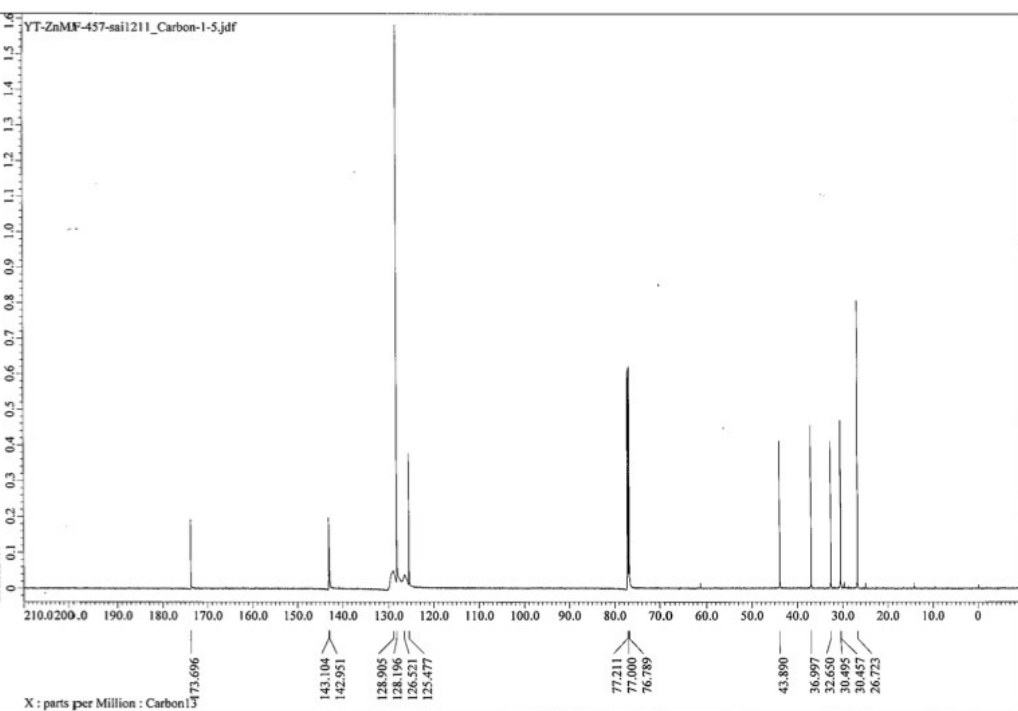
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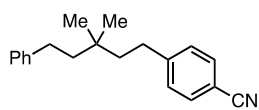


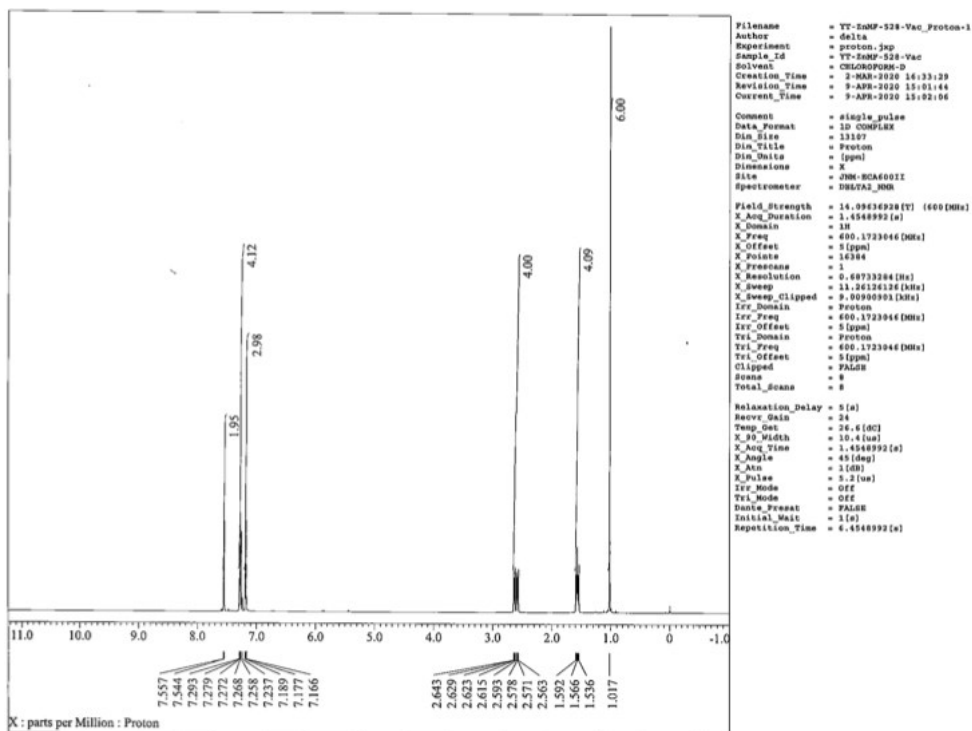
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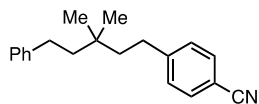


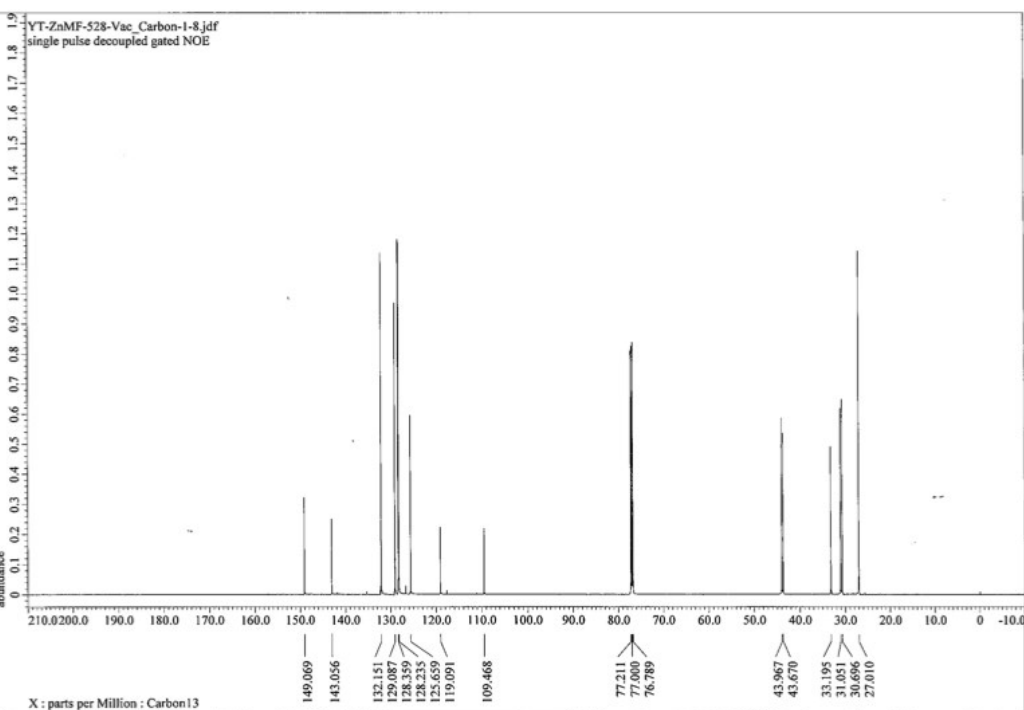
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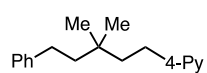


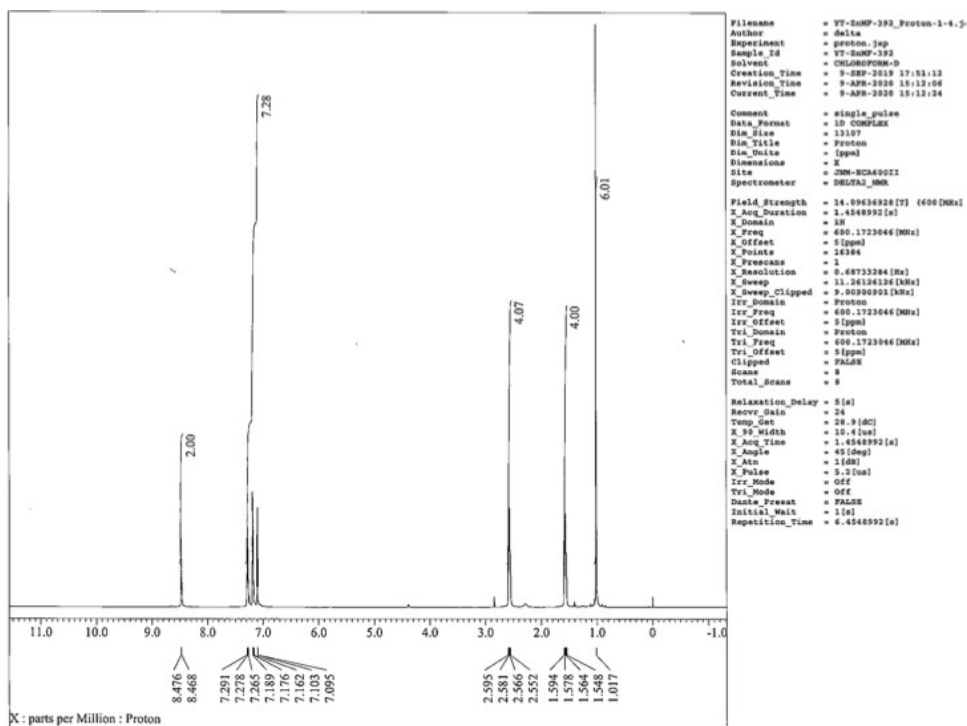
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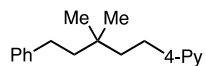


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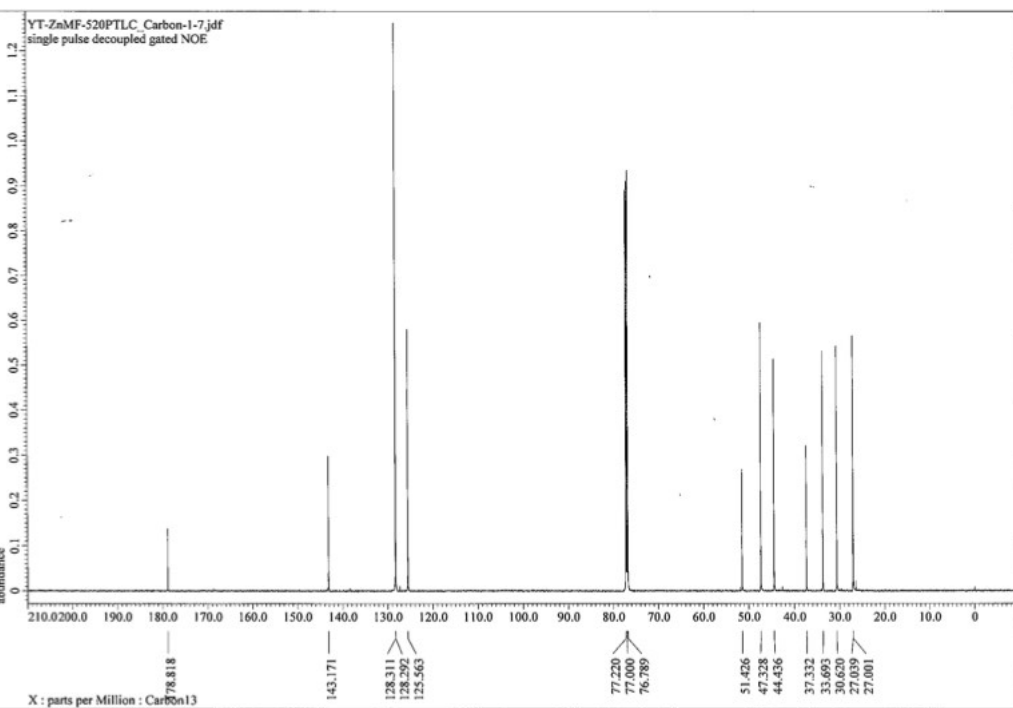


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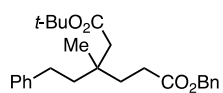


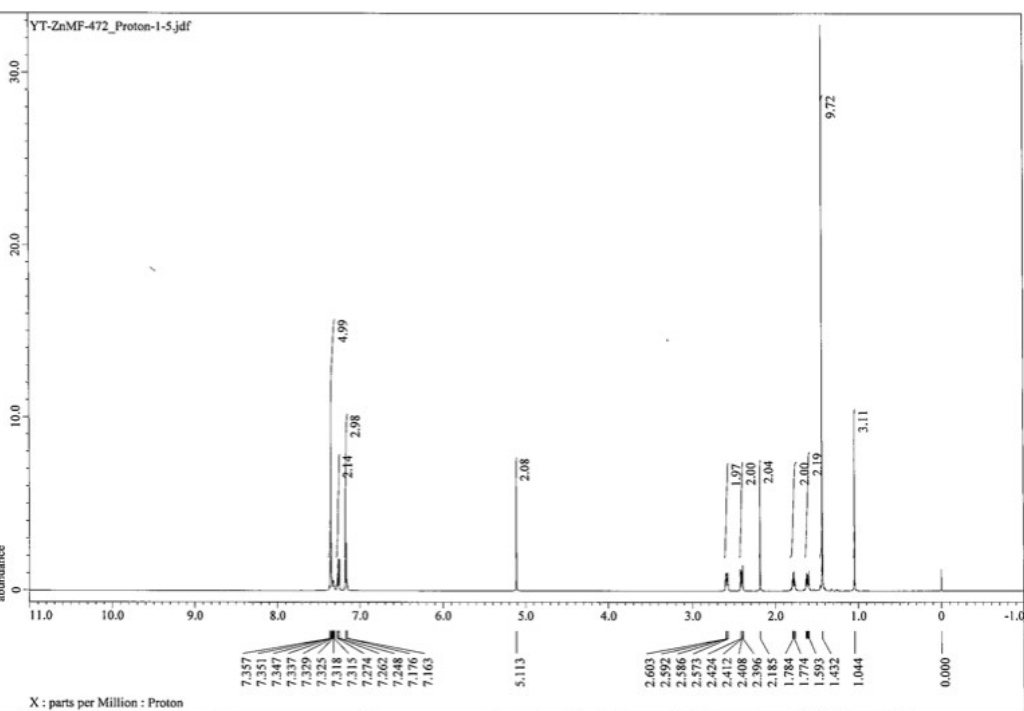




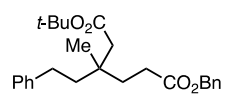


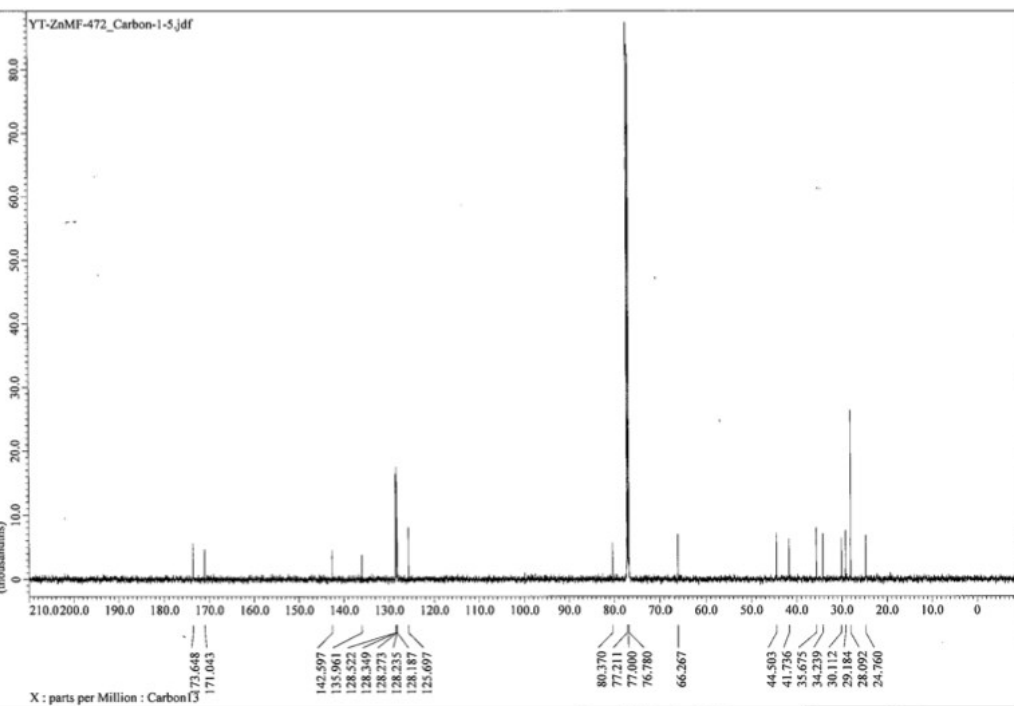
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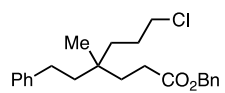


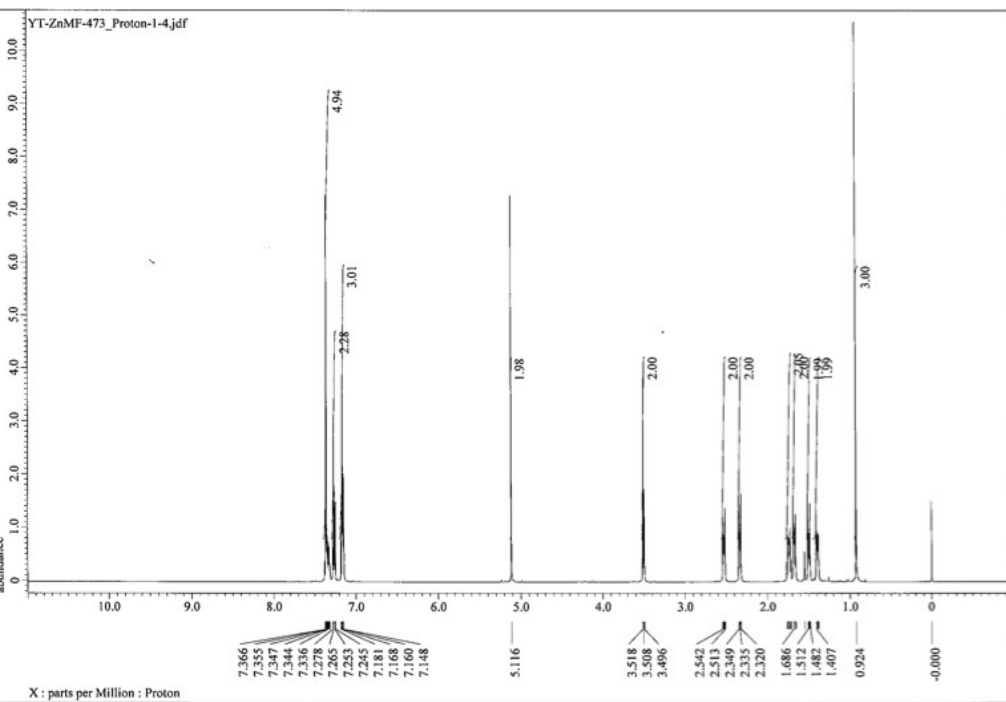
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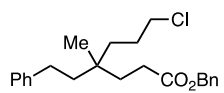


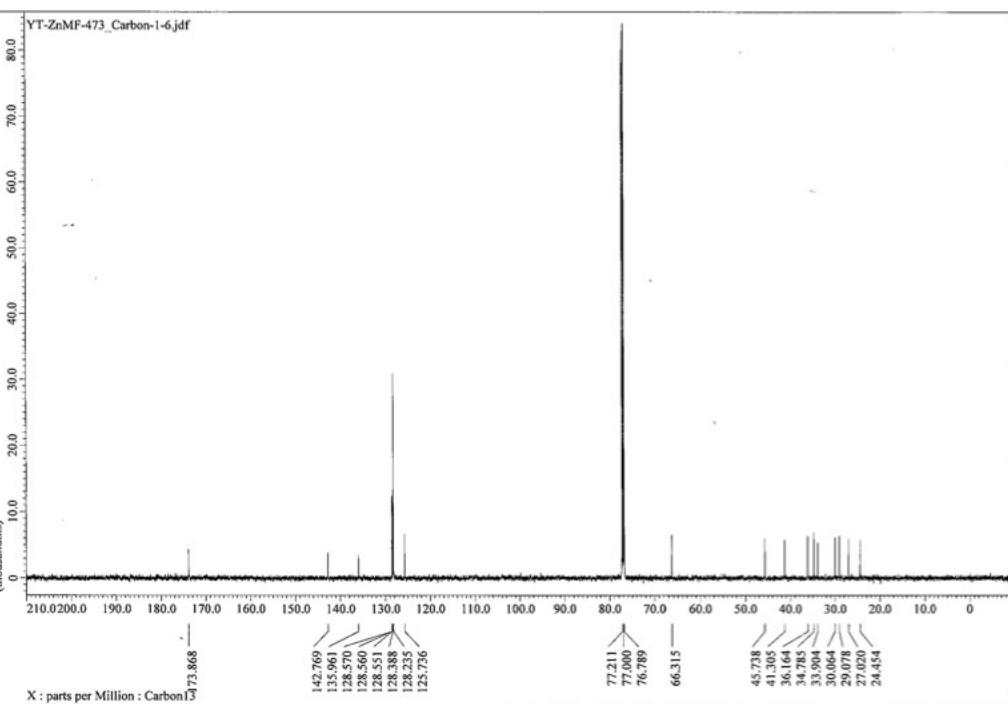
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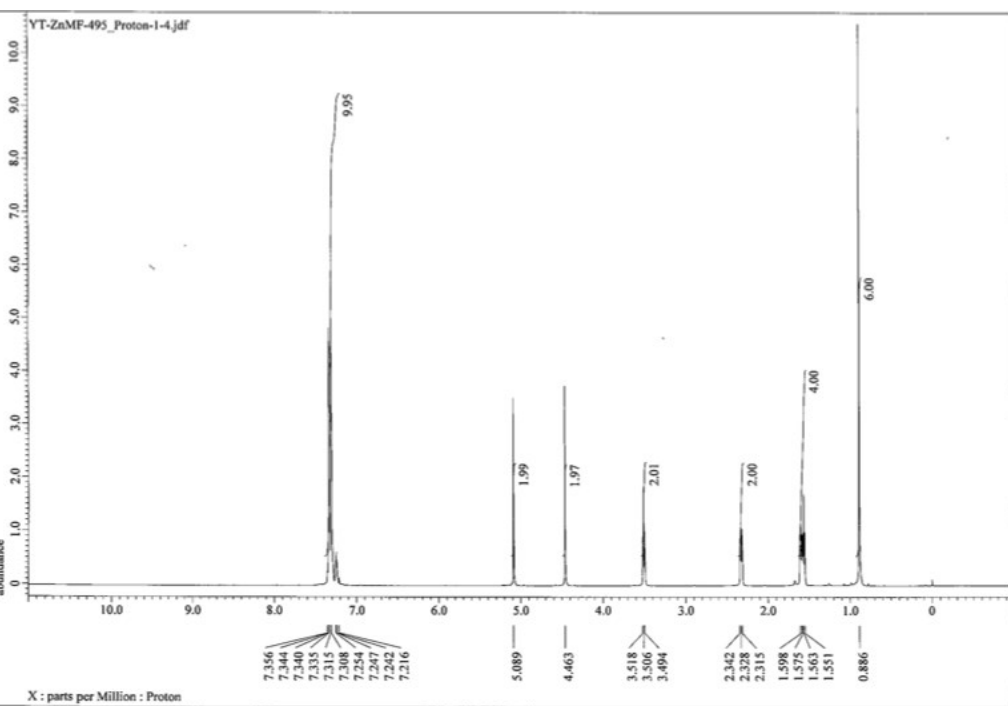
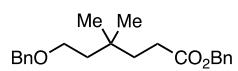


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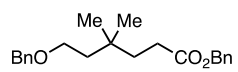


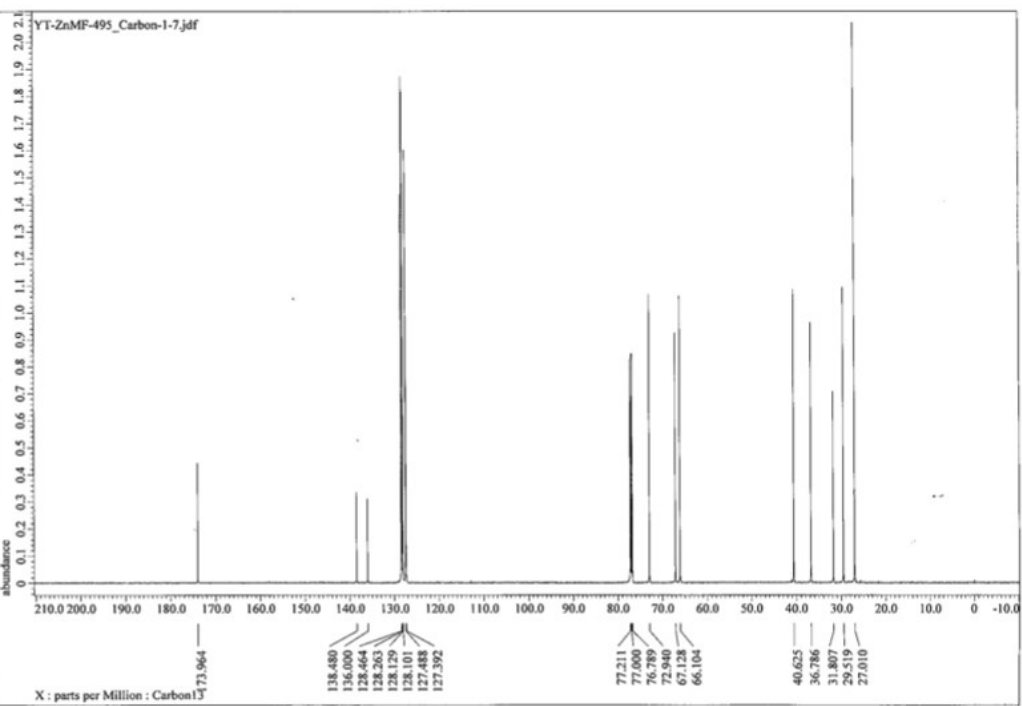


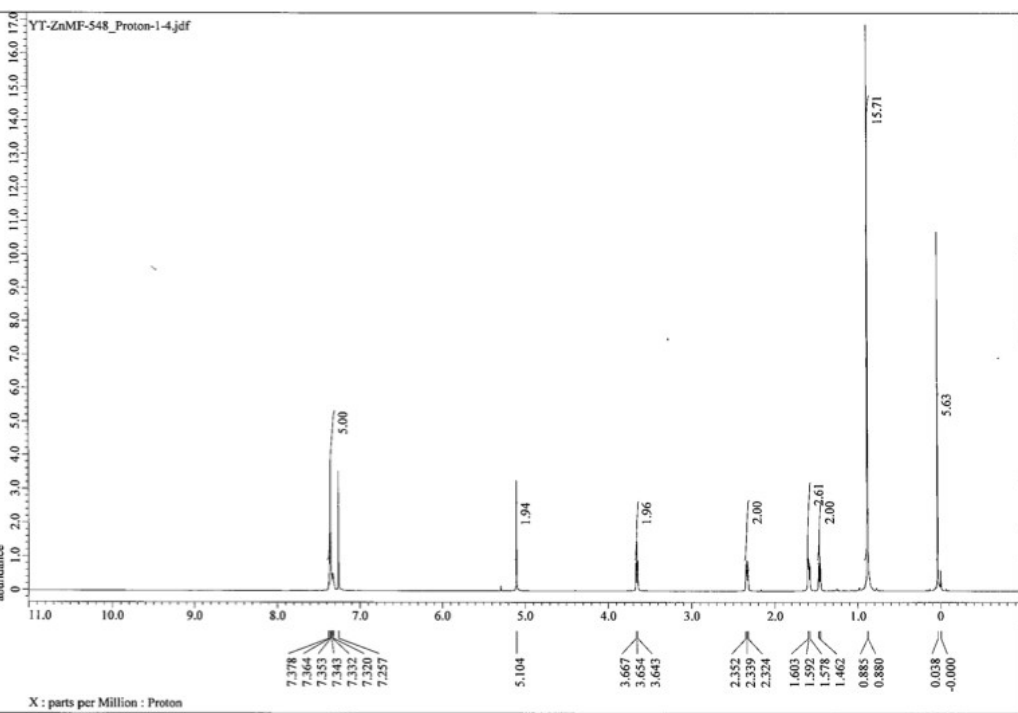
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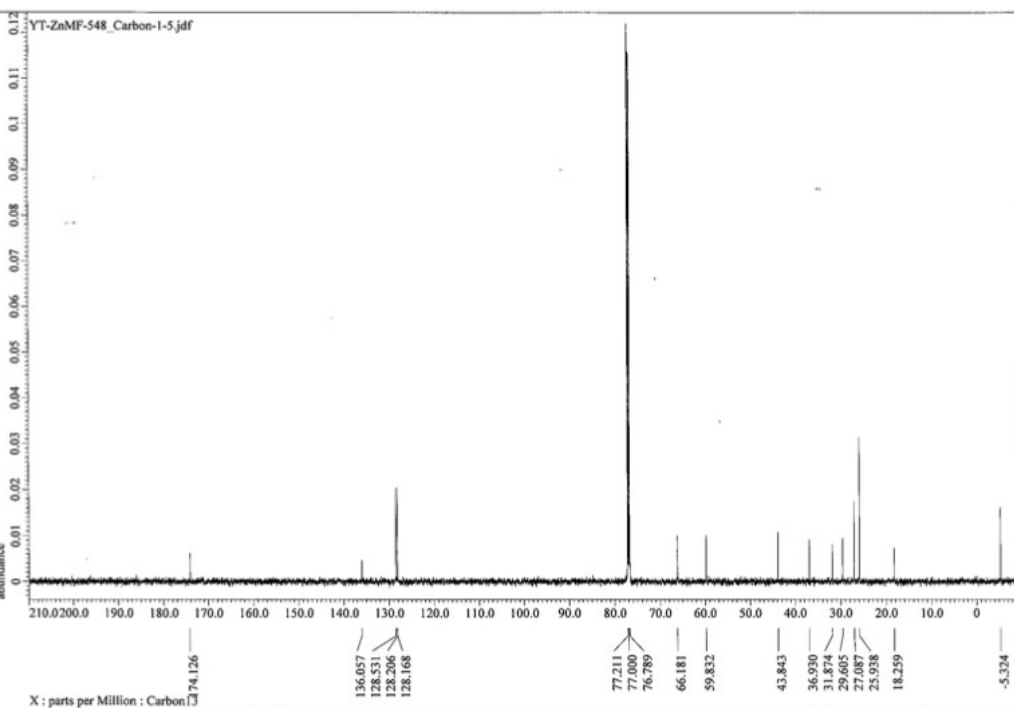


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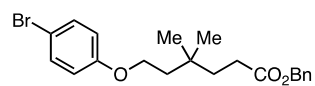


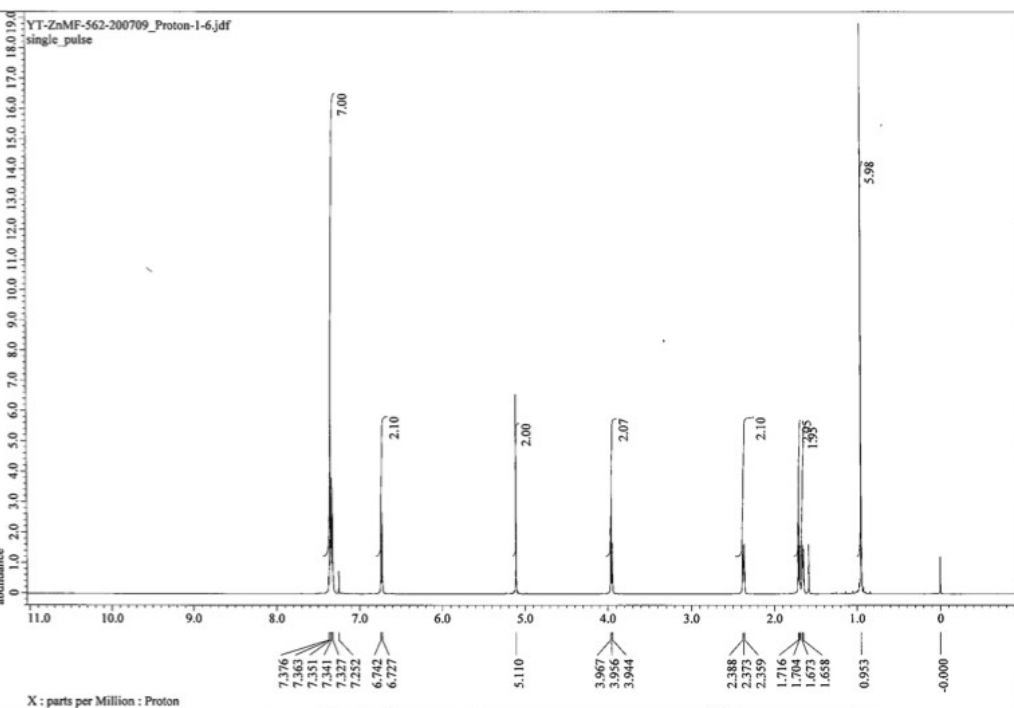


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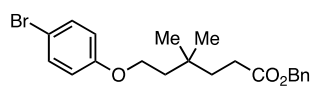


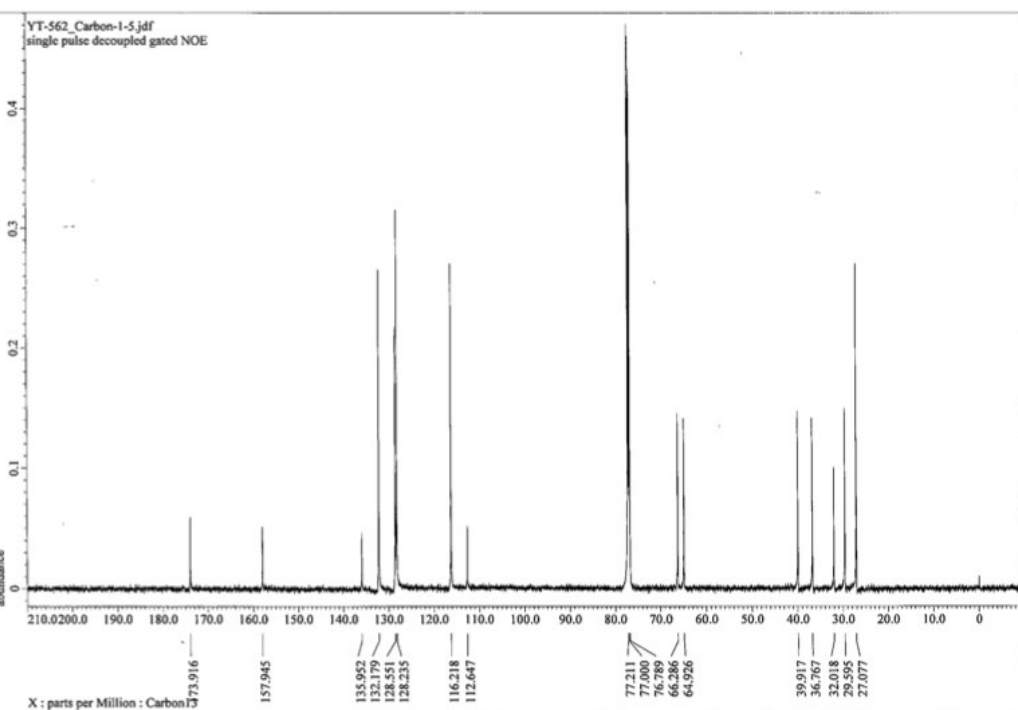
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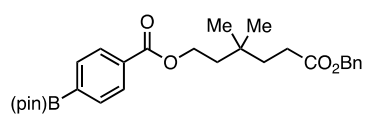


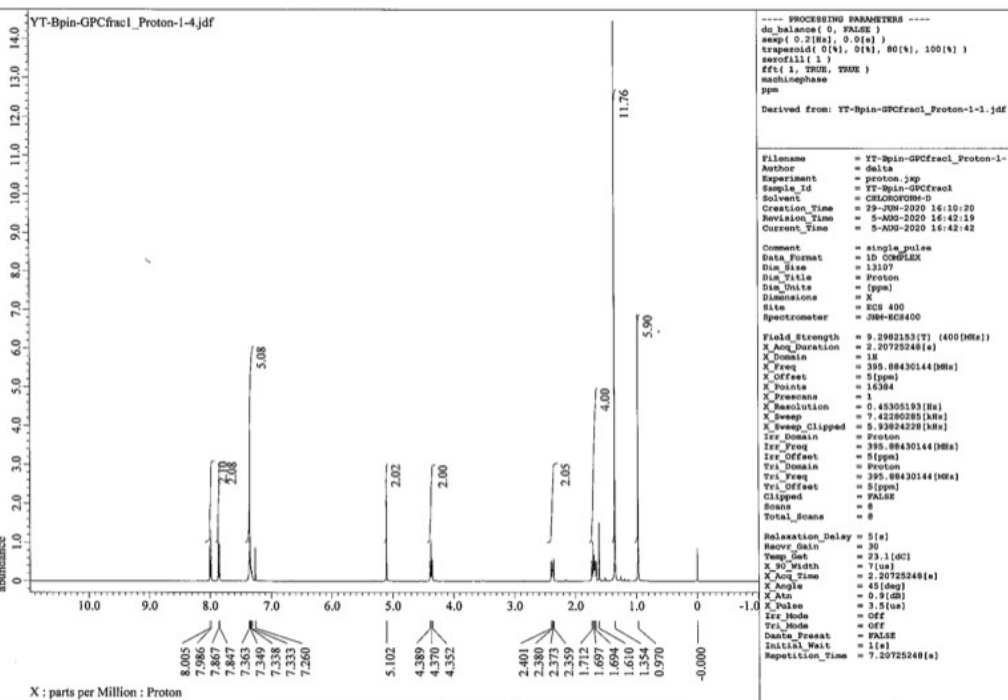
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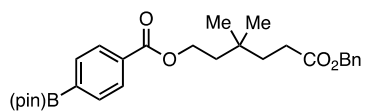


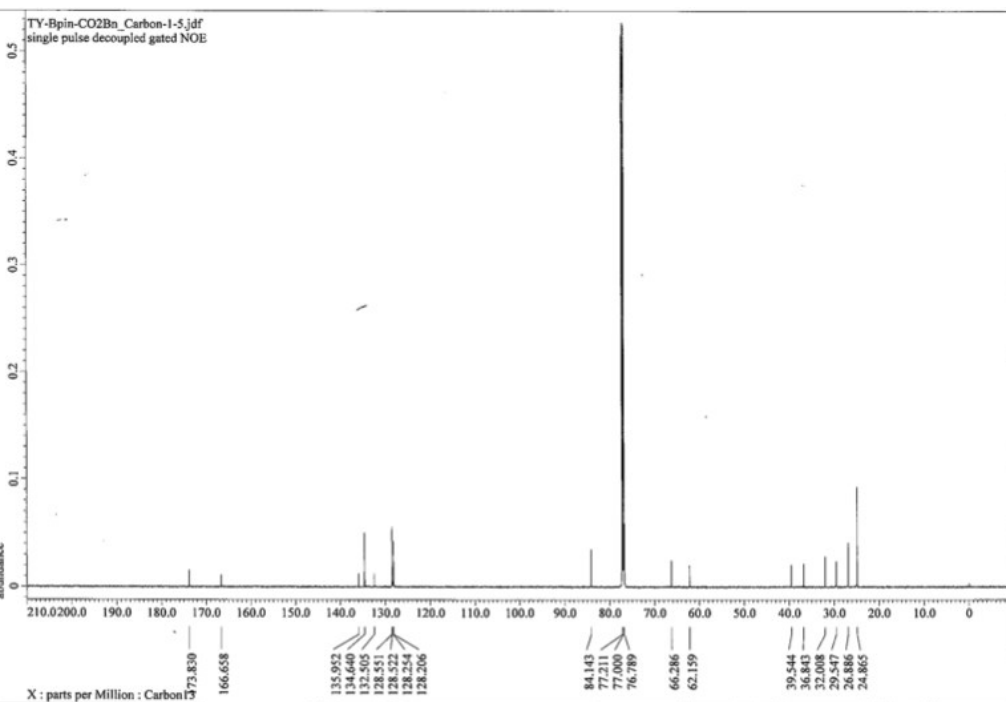
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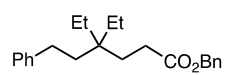


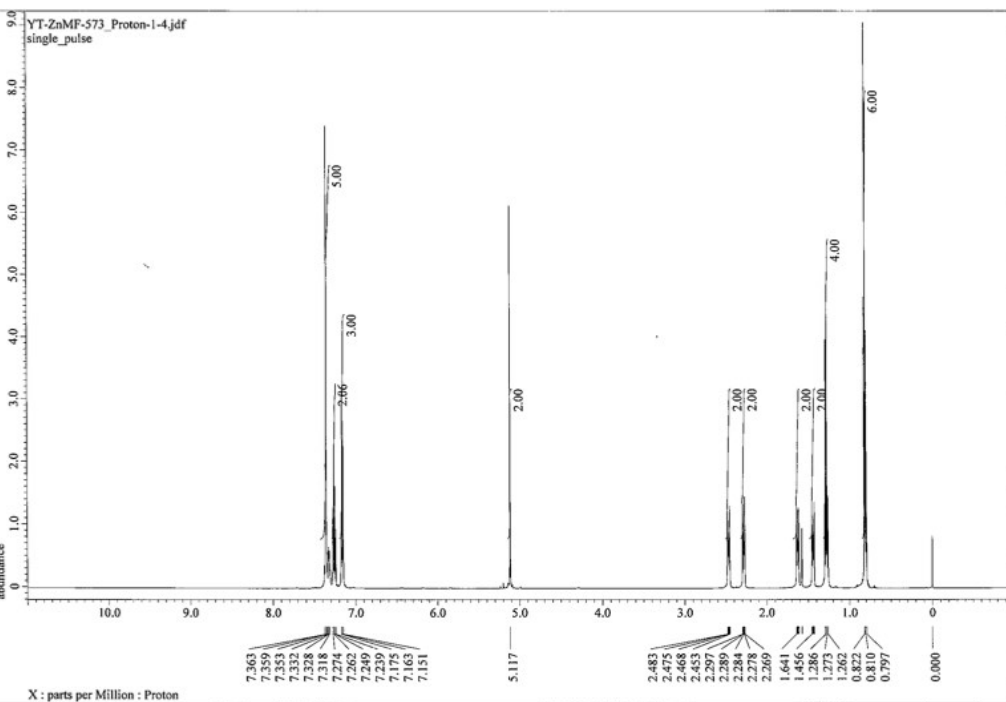
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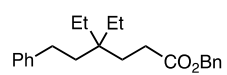


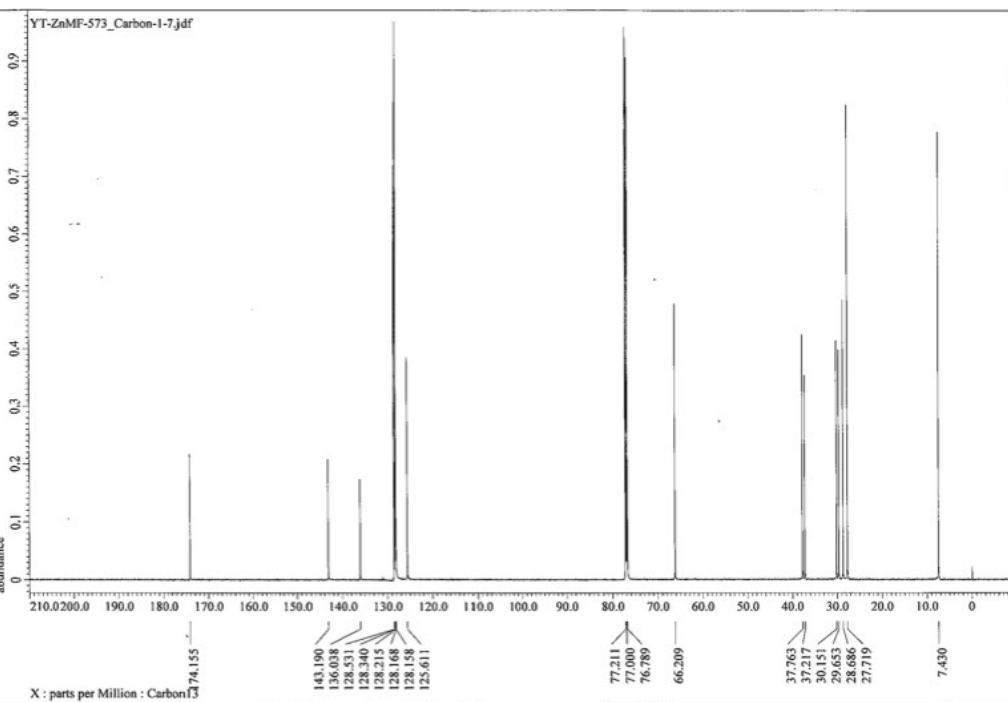
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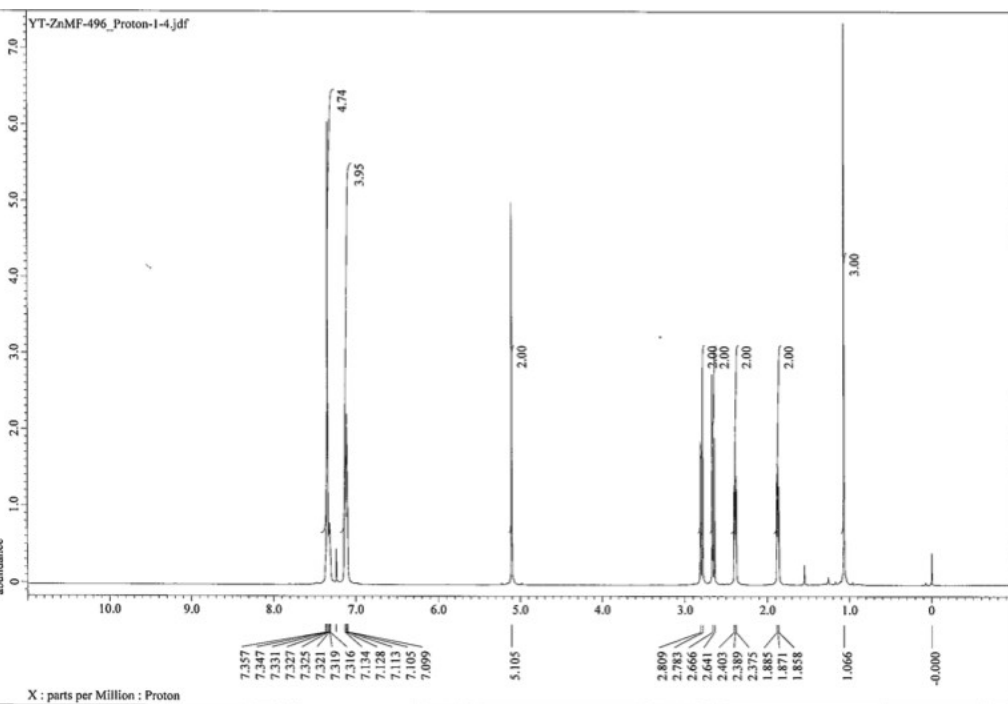
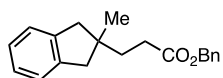


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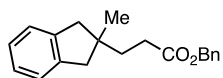


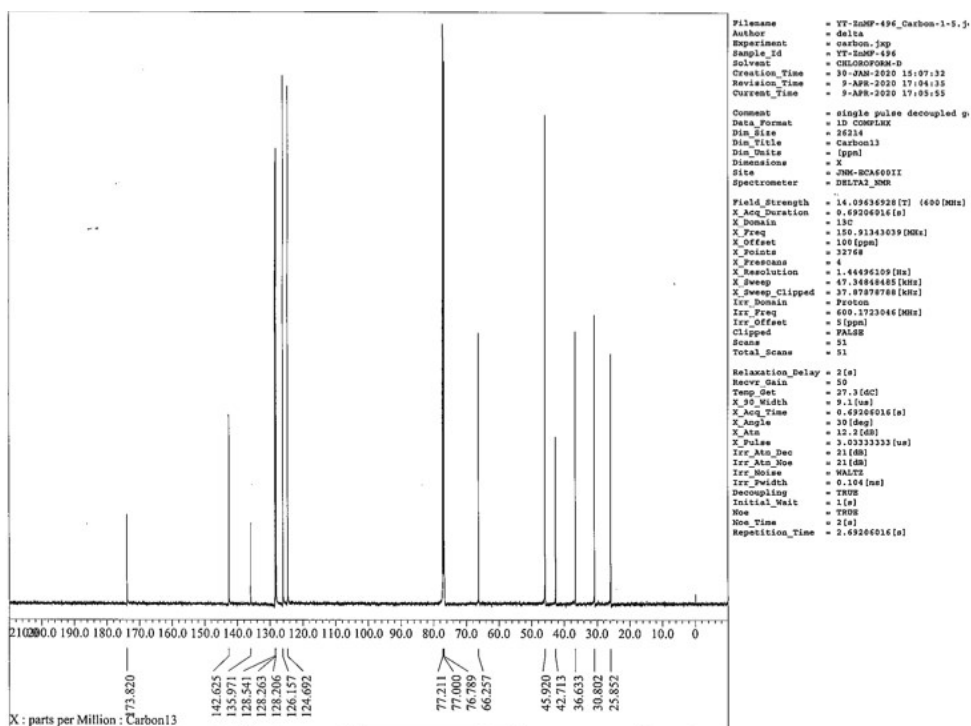


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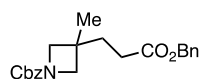


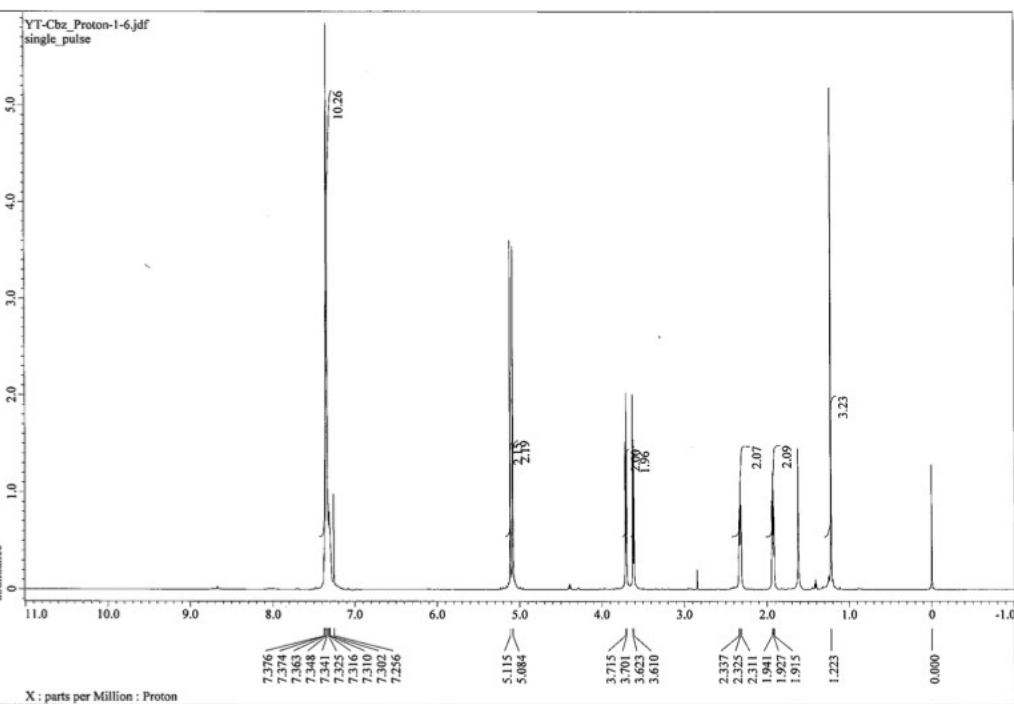
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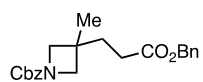


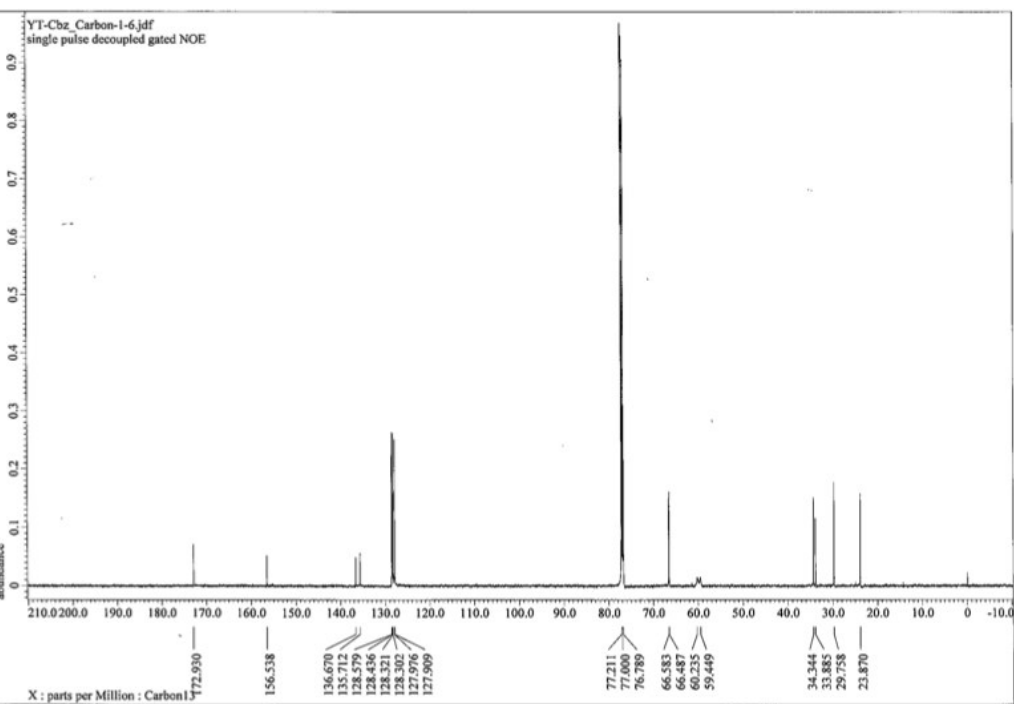
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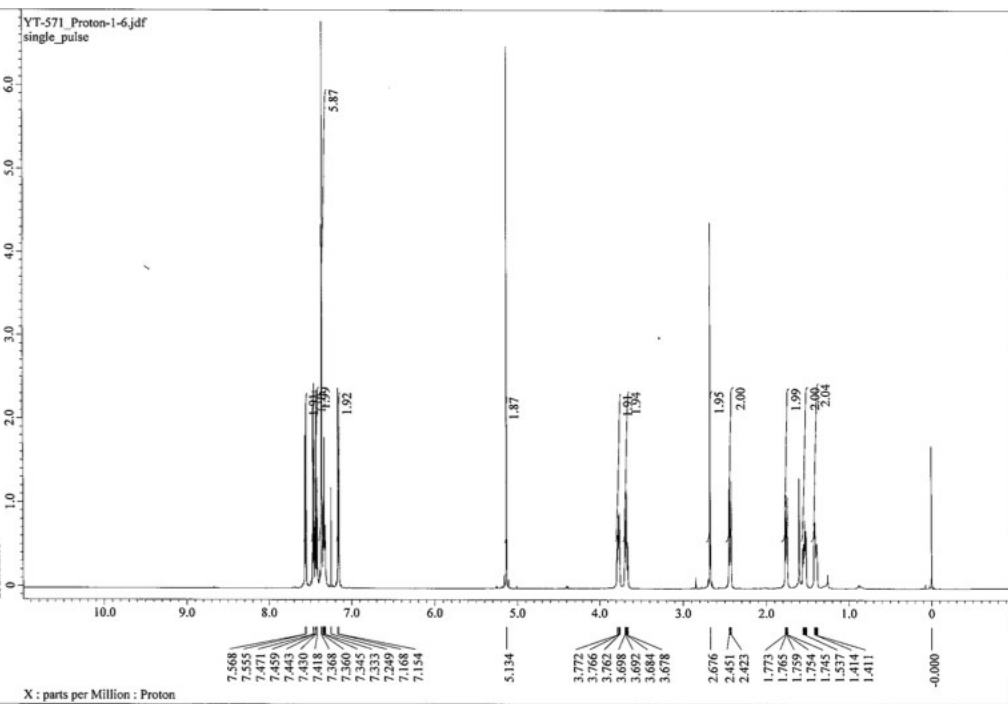
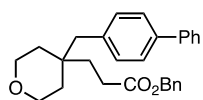


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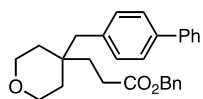


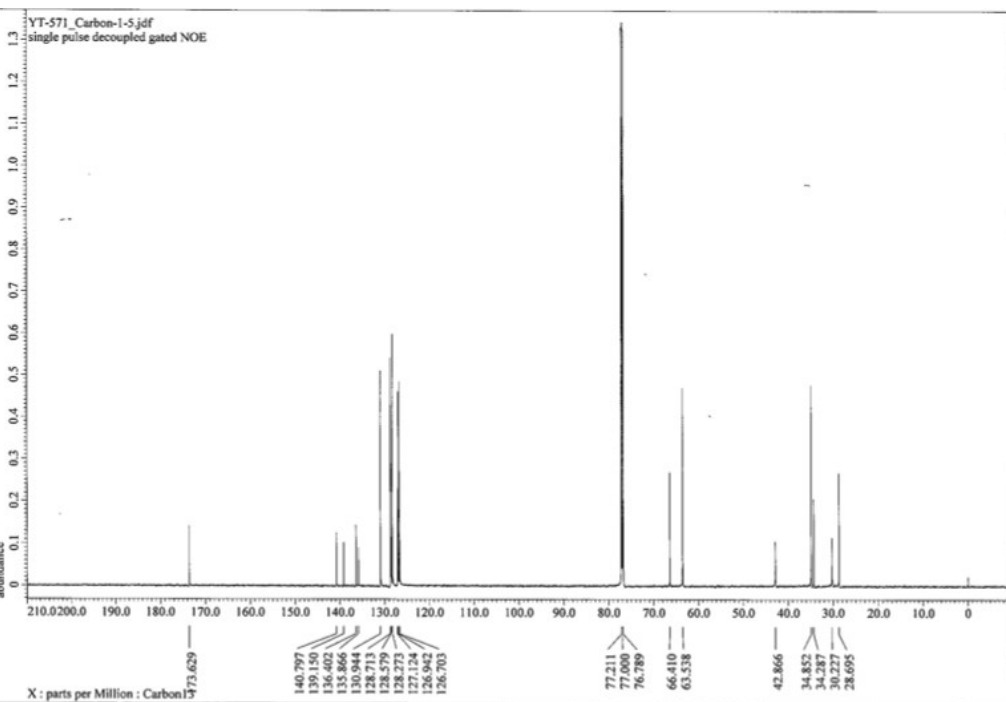


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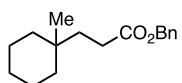


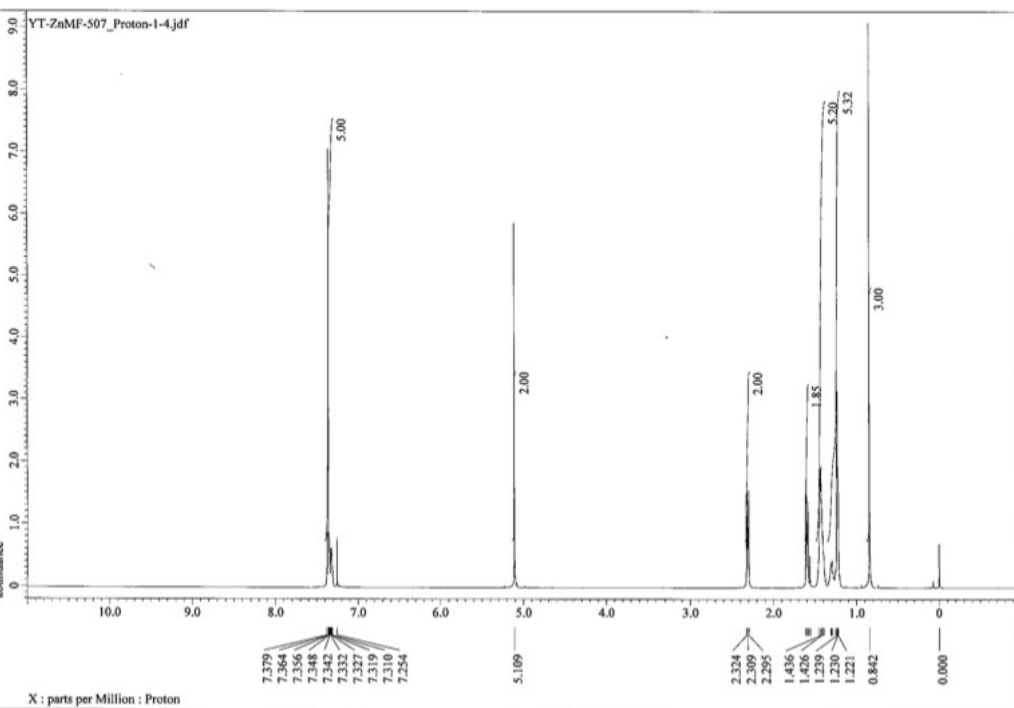
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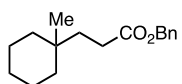


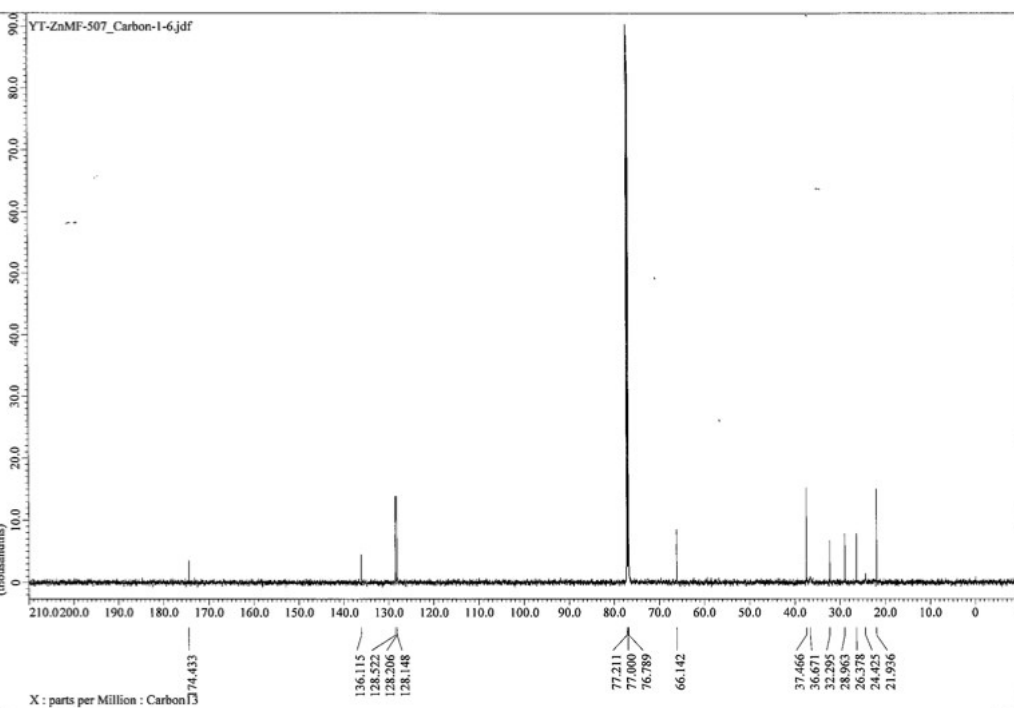
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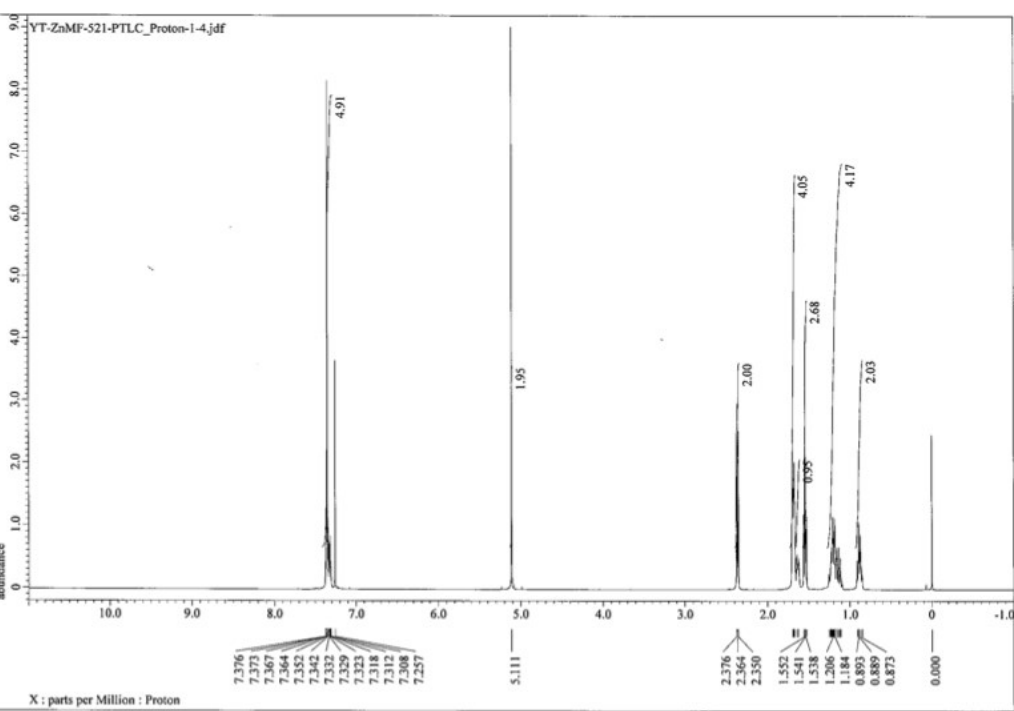
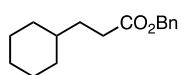


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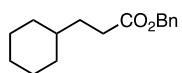


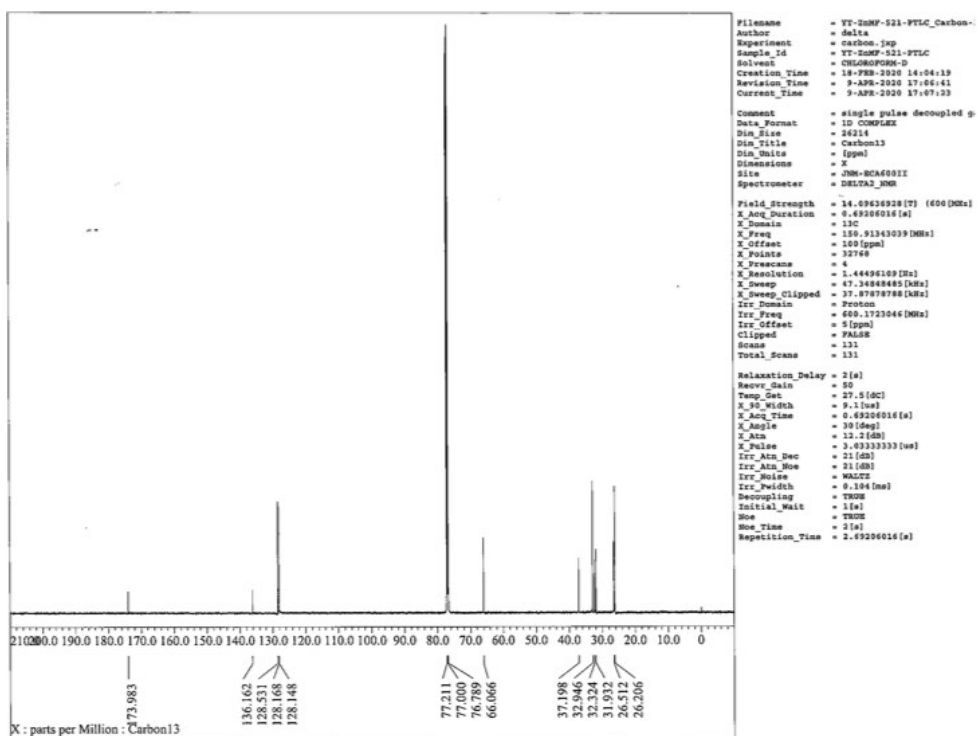


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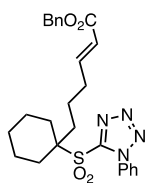


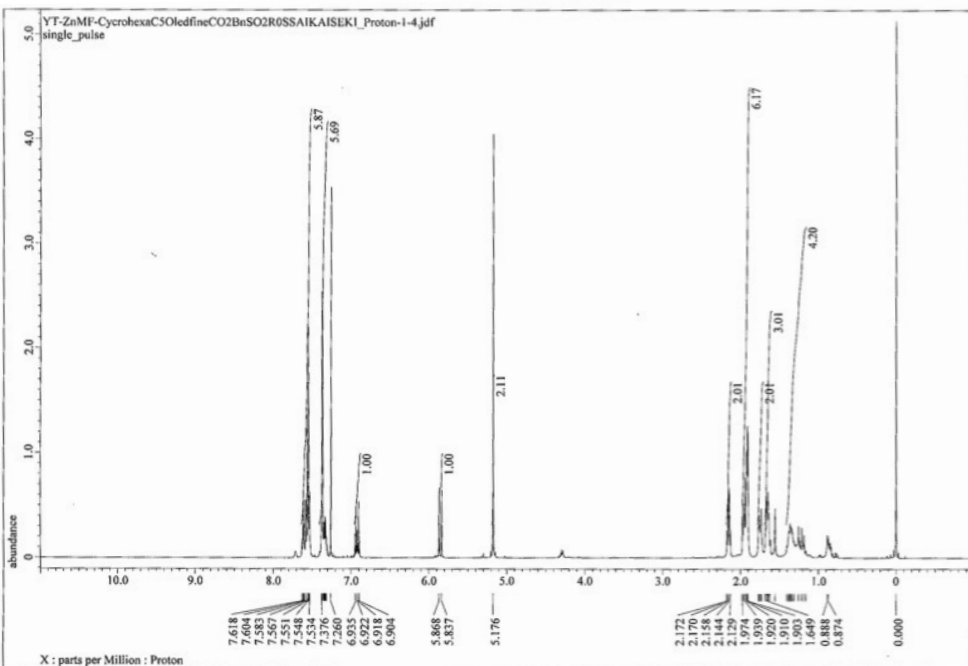
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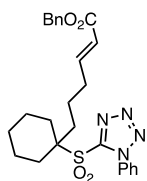


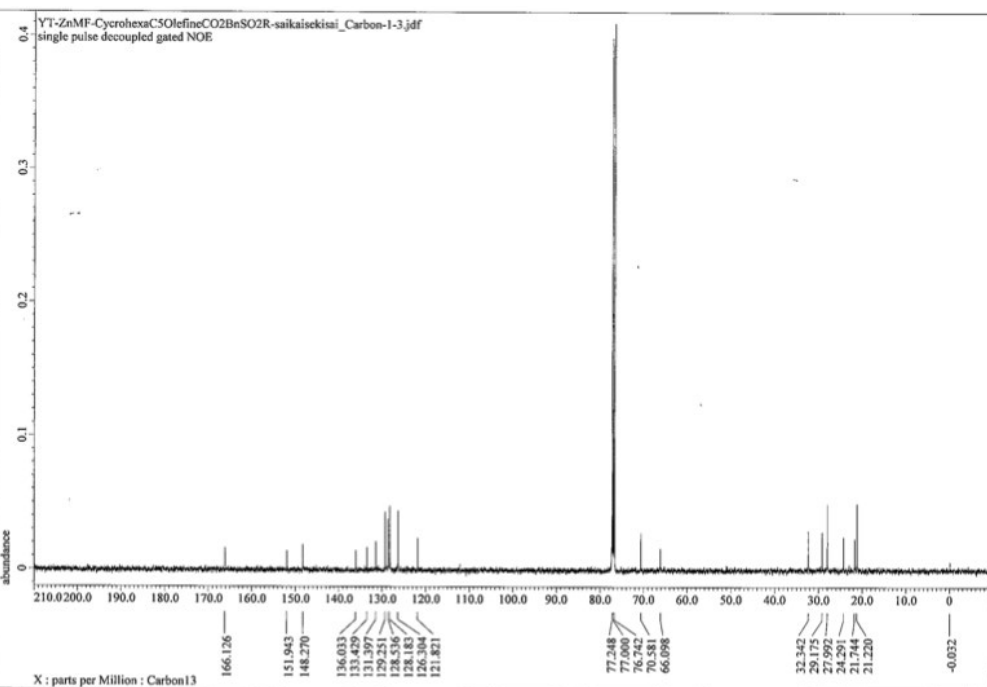
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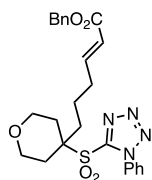


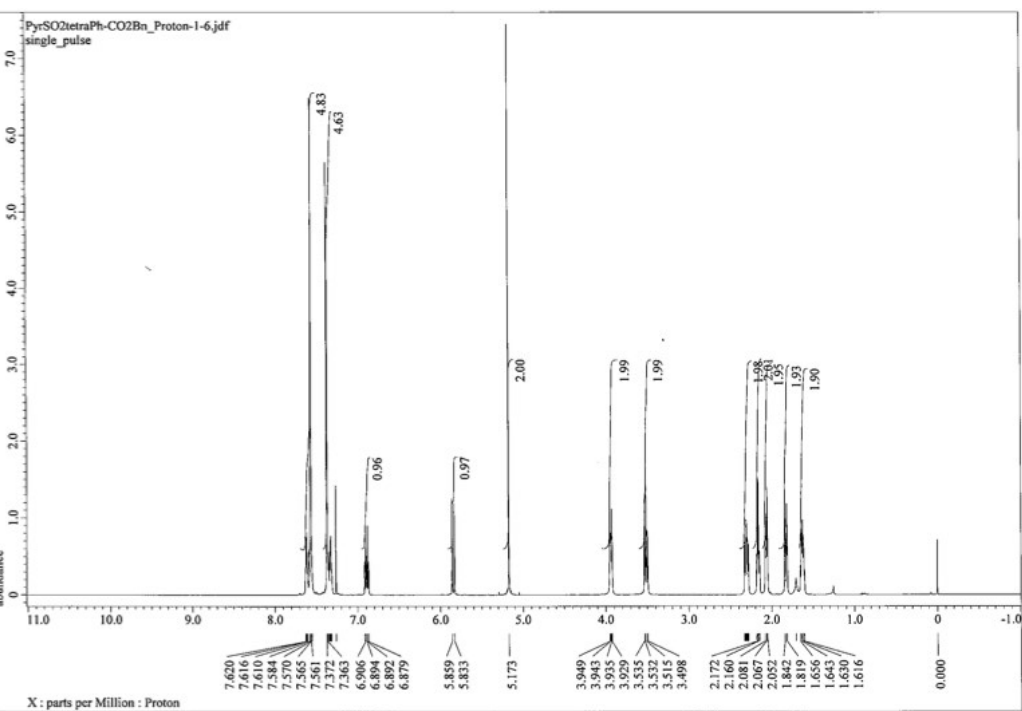
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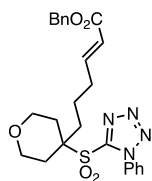


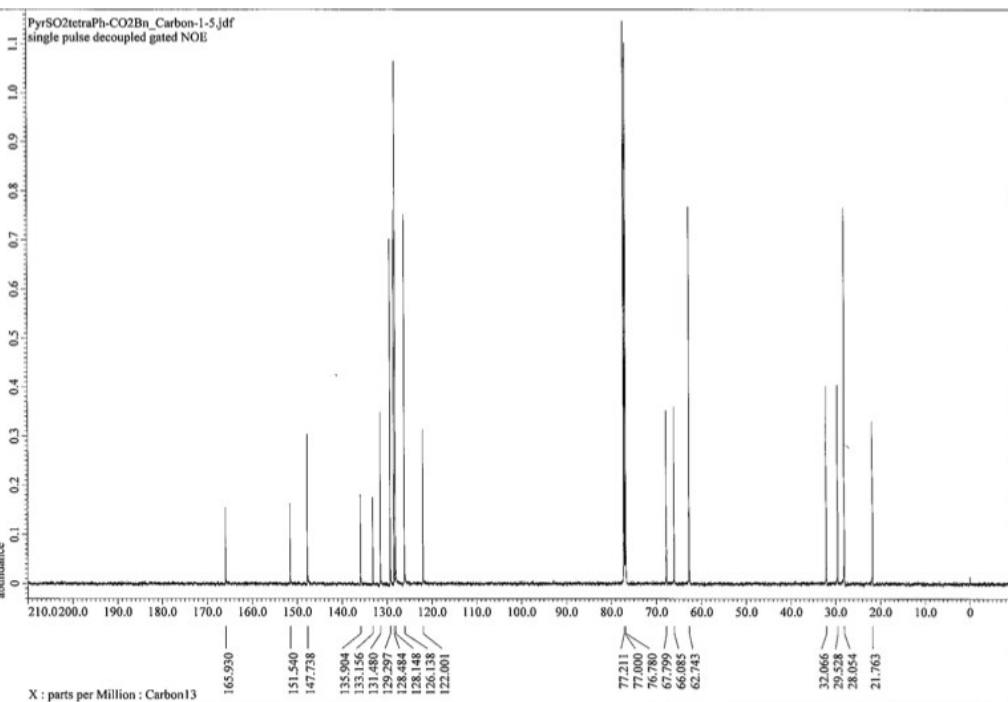
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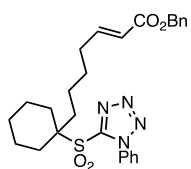


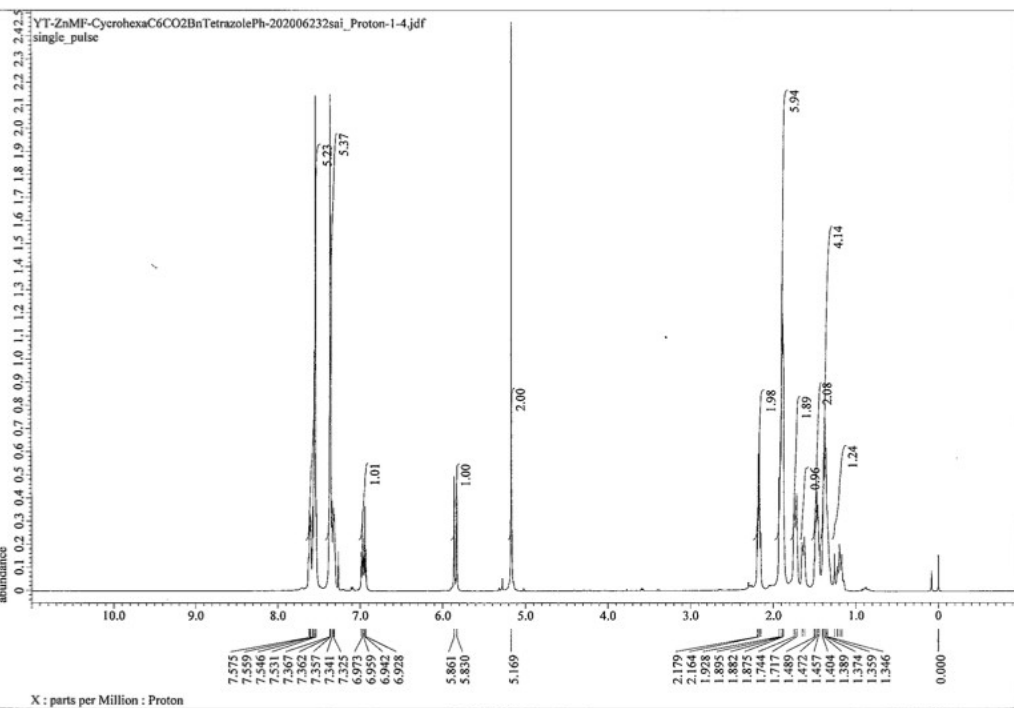
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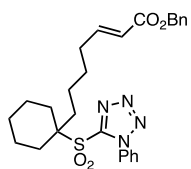


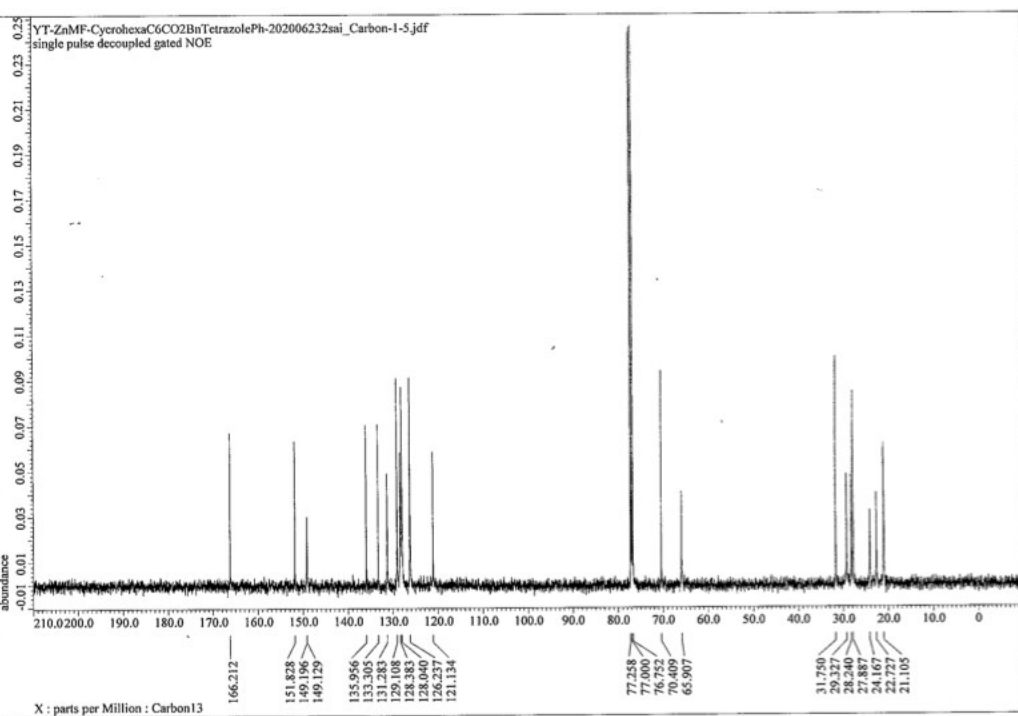
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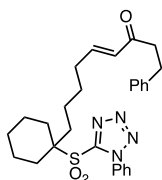


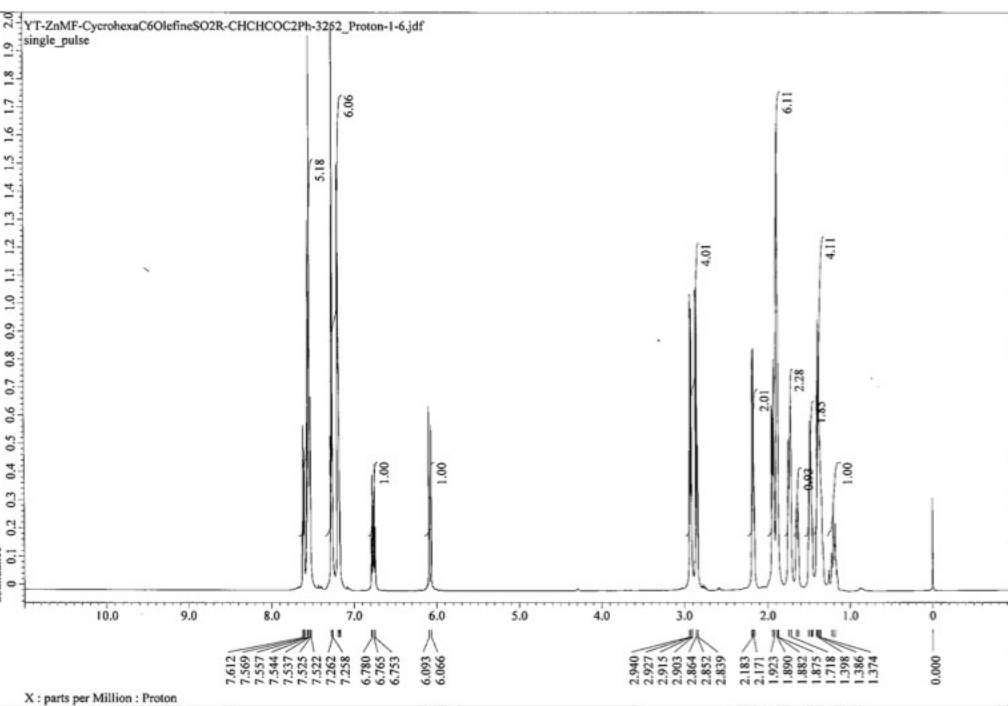
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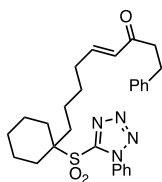


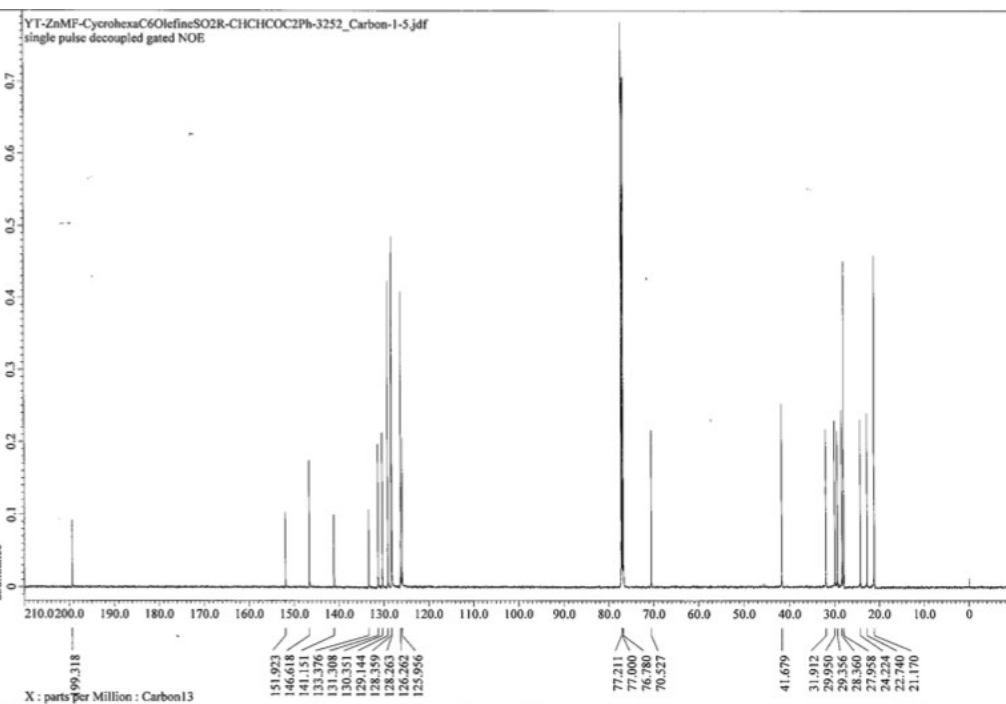
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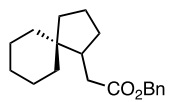


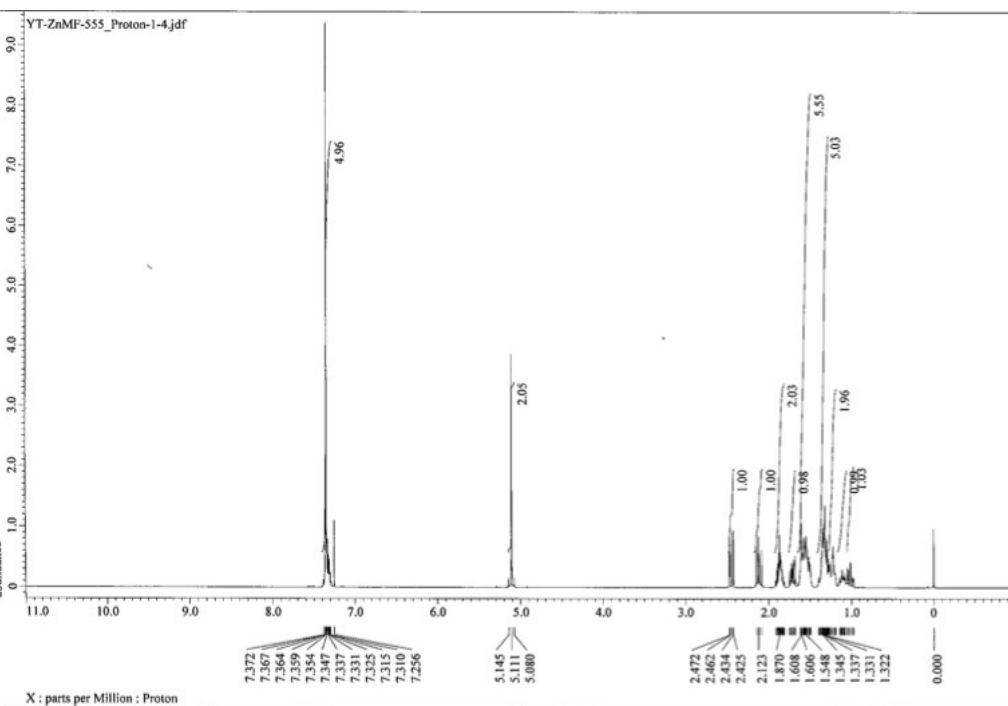
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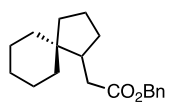


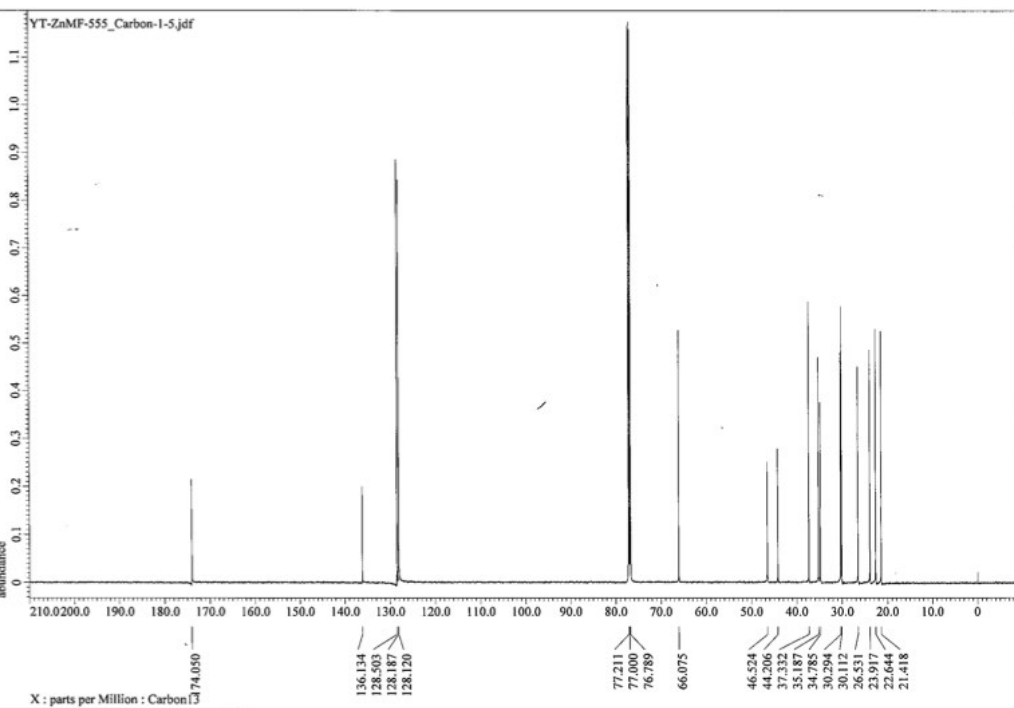
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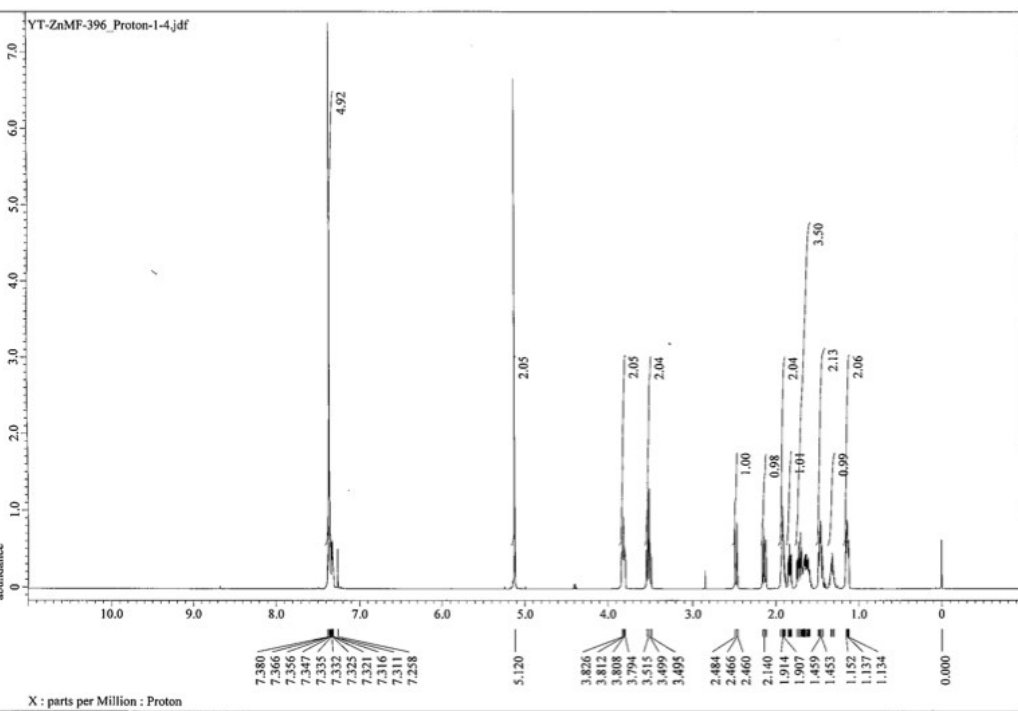
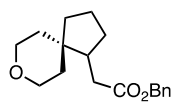


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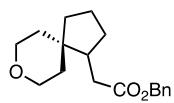


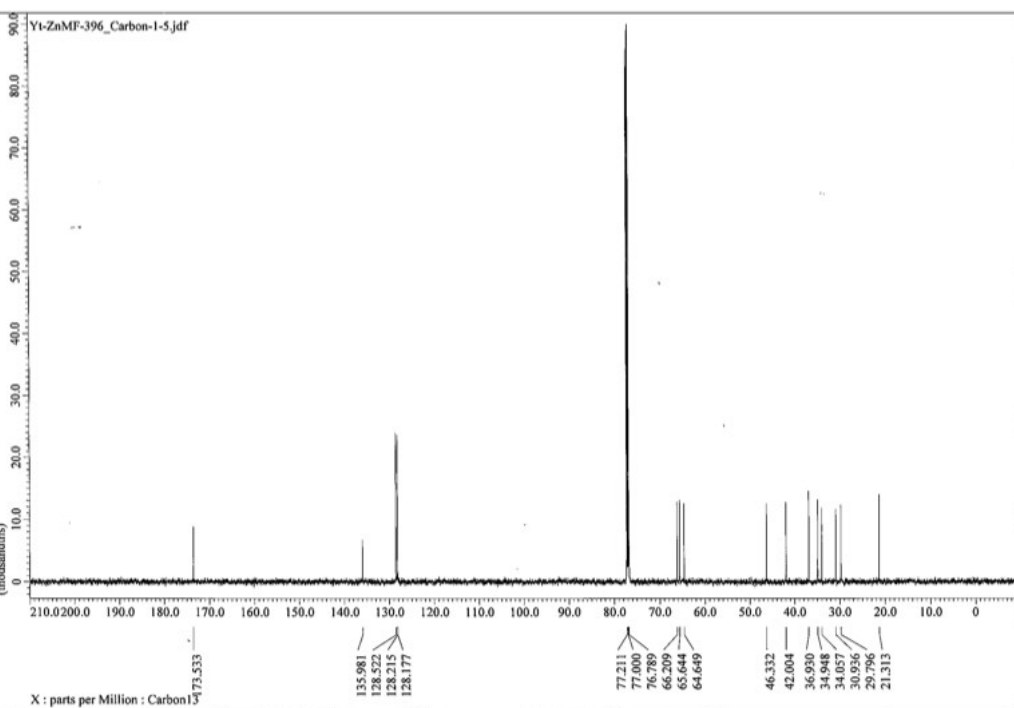


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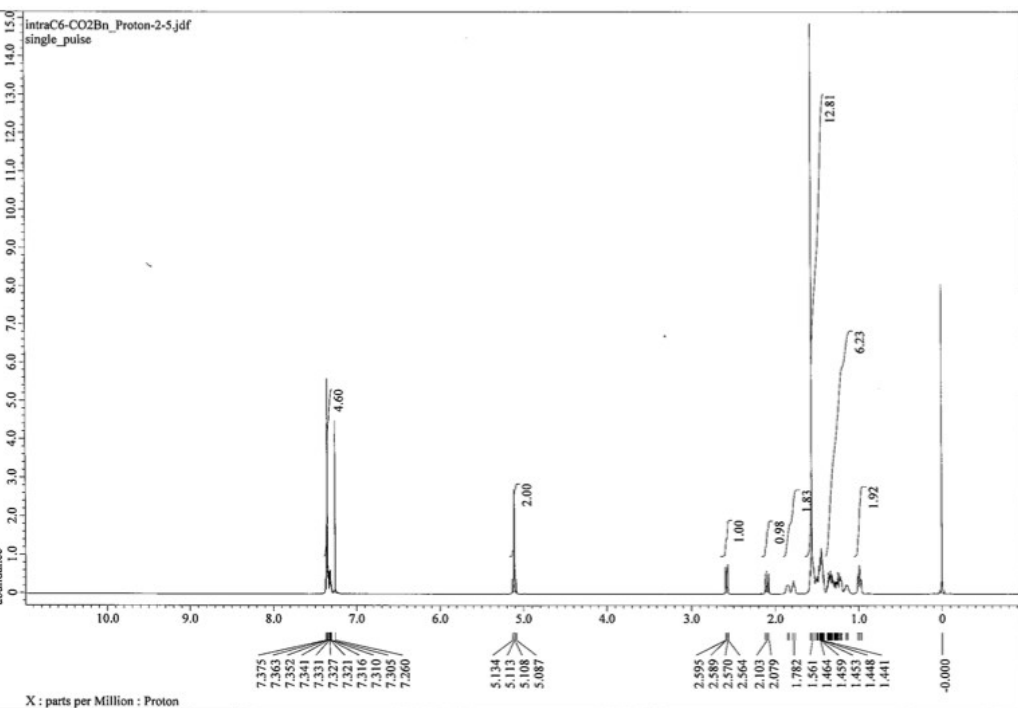
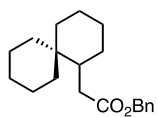


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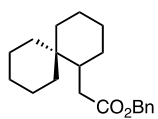


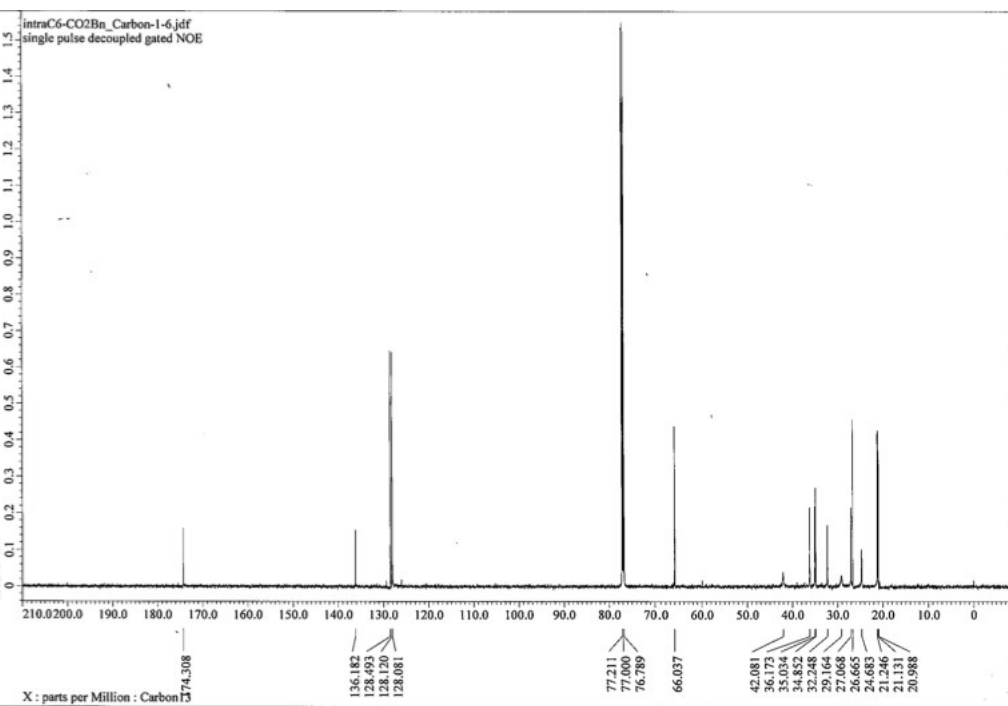


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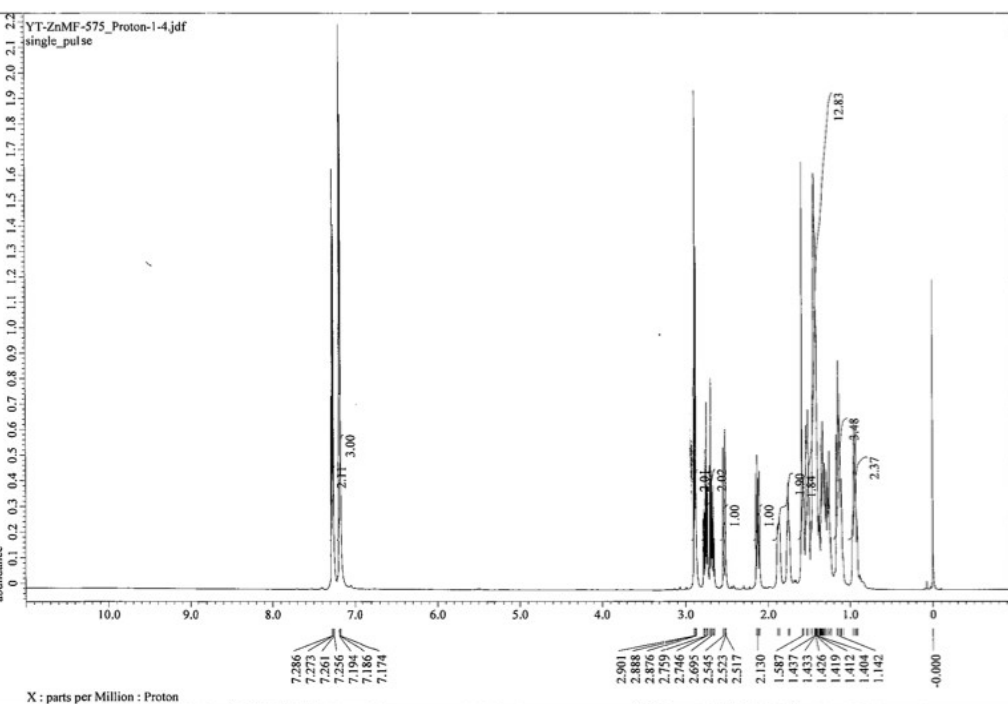
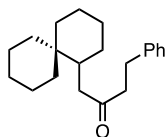


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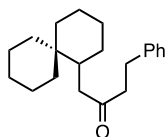


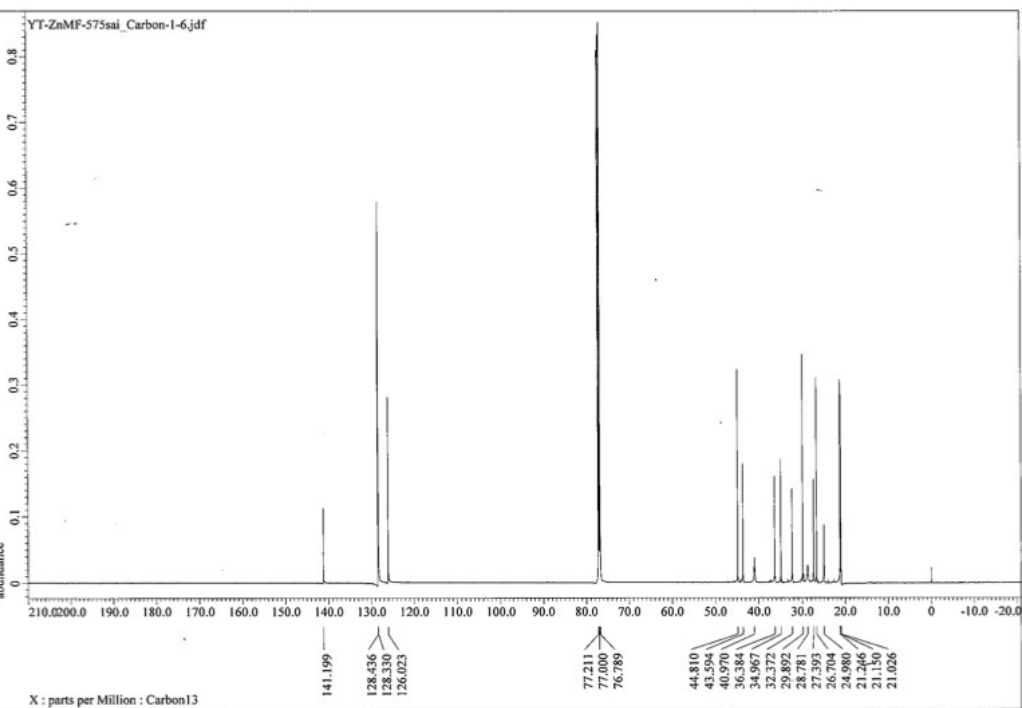


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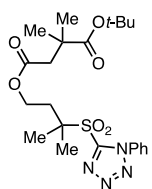


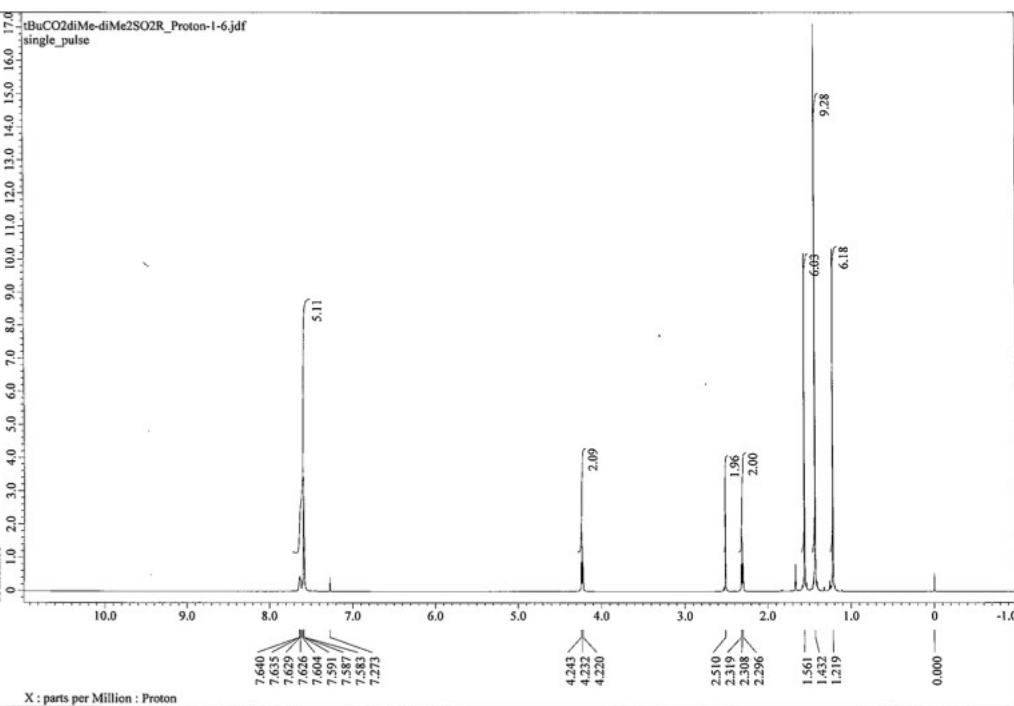
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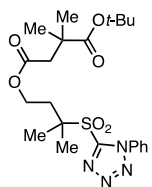


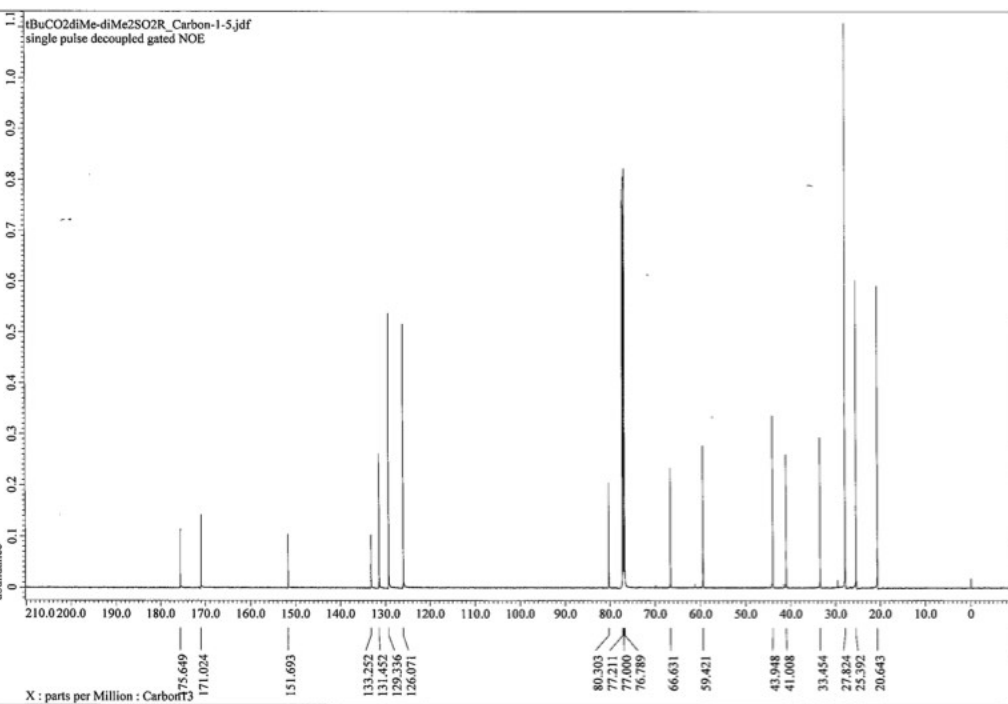
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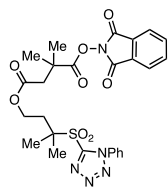


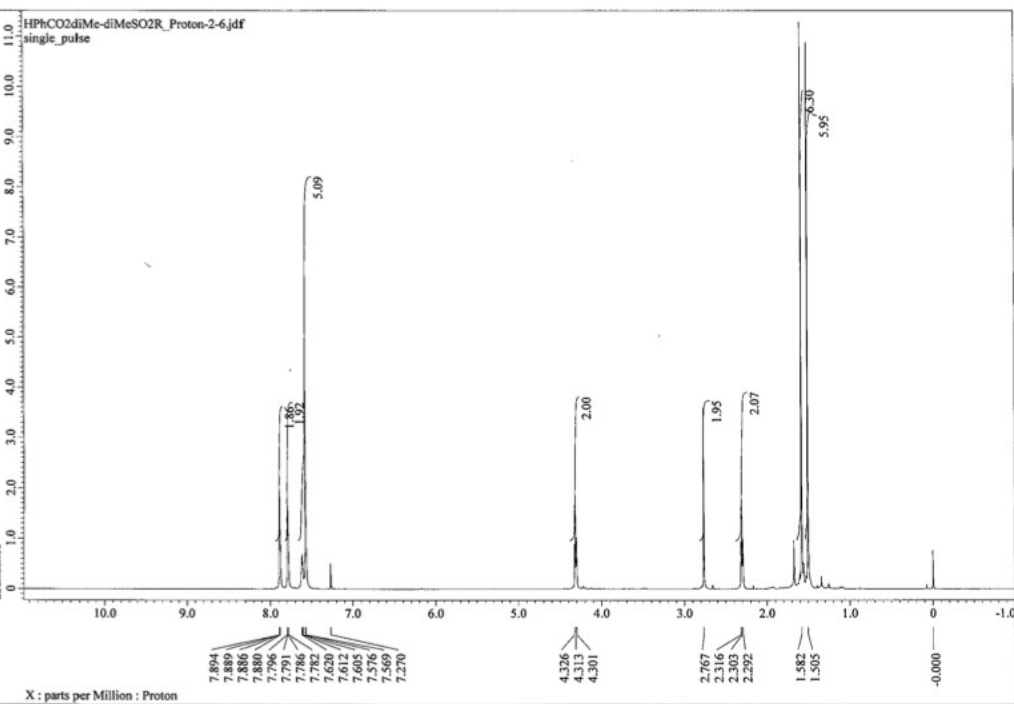
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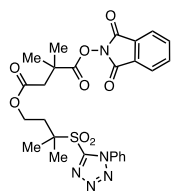


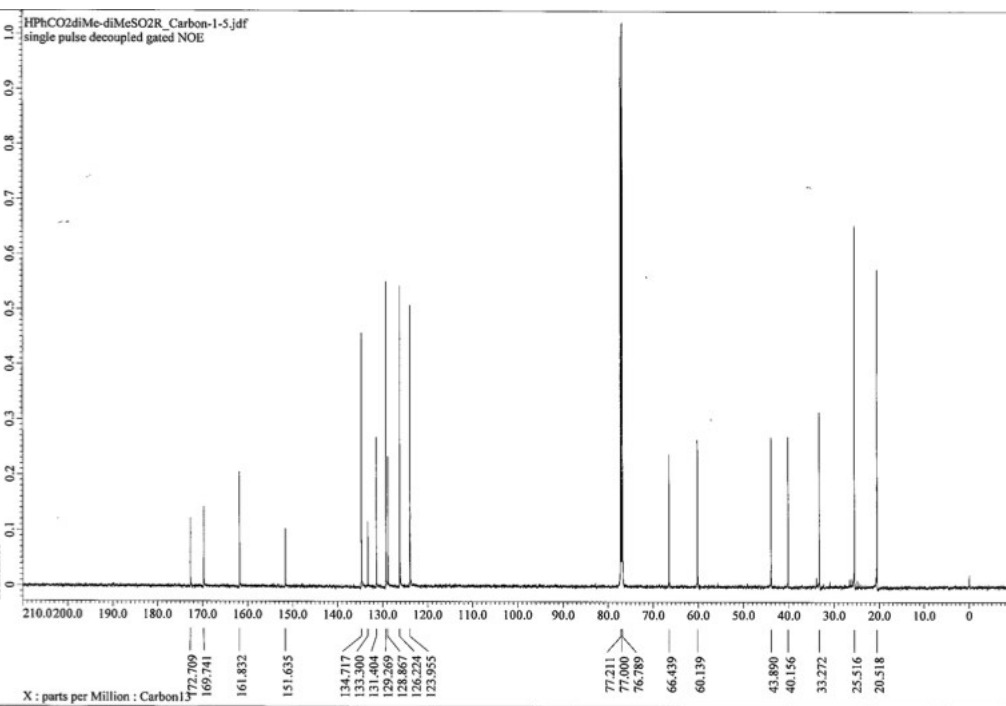
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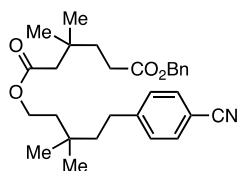


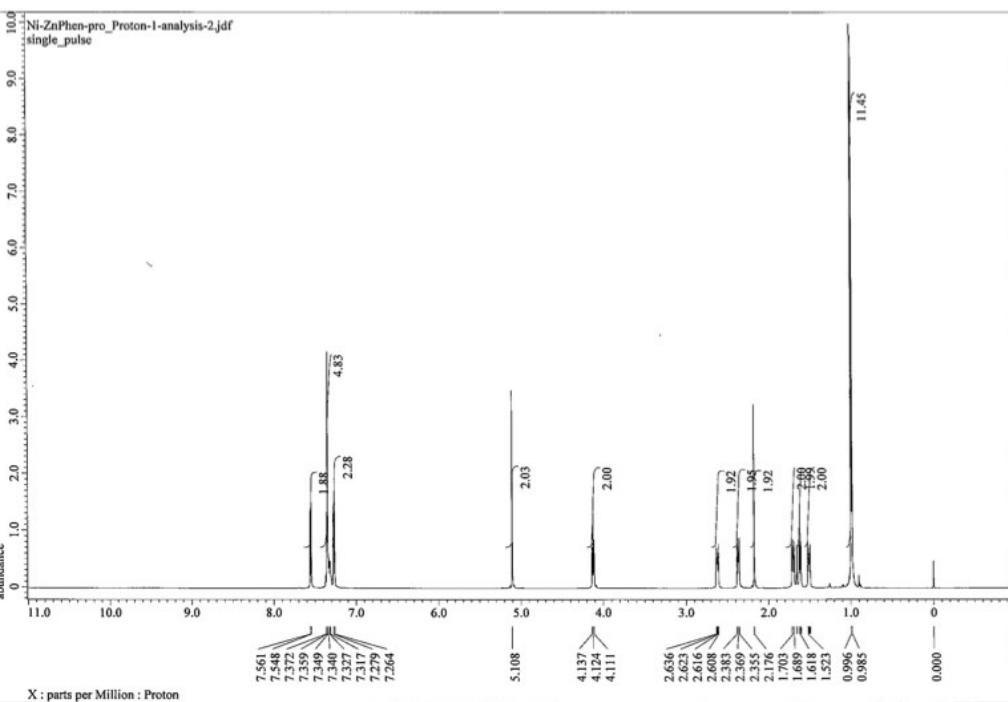
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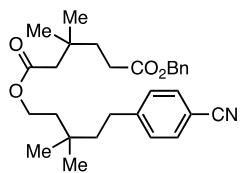


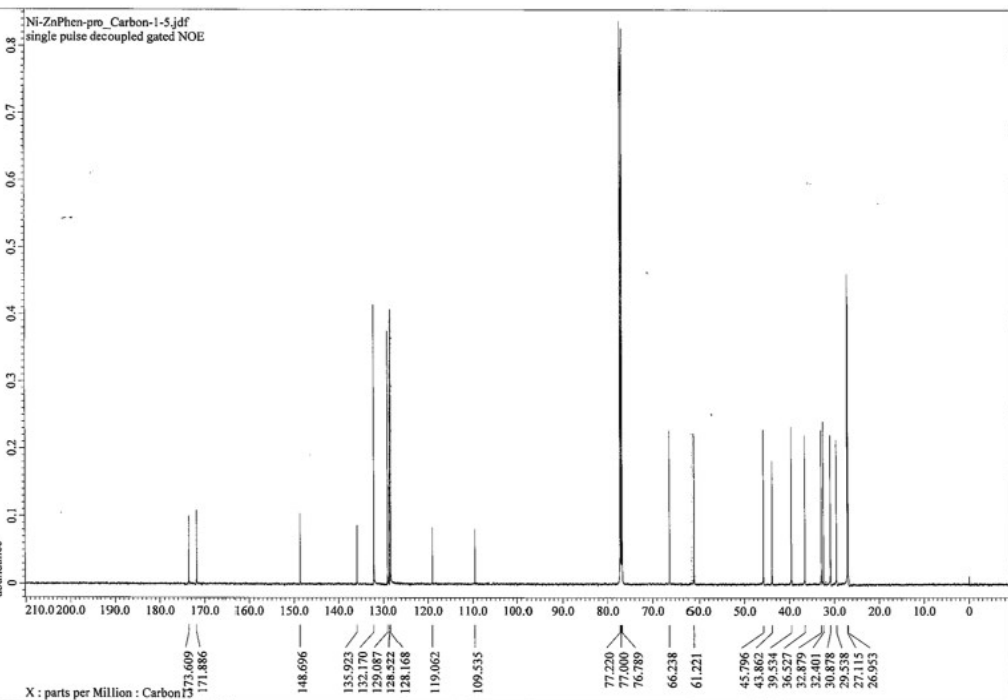
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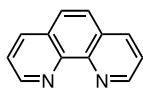


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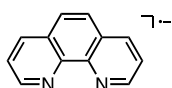


## 12. Coordinates of calculated structures



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|   |            |             |            |
|---|------------|-------------|------------|
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|---|------------|-------------|------------|



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**[Zn(phen)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>**

|    |             |             |             |
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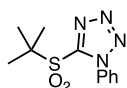
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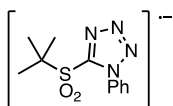
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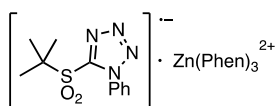


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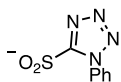
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| S | -2.06057300 | -1.26248800 | 0.31789900  |
| O | -1.13478000 | -1.67739000 | 1.44532700  |
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| C | 2.06283300  | 1.09212800  | 0.59887900  |
| C | 2.56602000  | -1.30956700 | -0.72710100 |
| H | 0.47117600  | -1.26916600 | -1.26983100 |
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| H | 1.85022500  | 2.02086800  | 1.11626500  |
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| H | 2.76007400  | -2.24504500 | -1.24237200 |
| H | 4.13694400  | 1.05276000  | 1.14319300  |
| H | 4.59191900  | -1.08473900 | -0.03579100 |



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| C | 0.87911000  | -0.00002000 | 0.02642700  |
| S | -1.00118000 | 0.00000400  | -0.36527600 |

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| O | -1.56966900 | -1.27192700 | 0.14977400  |
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| H | 0.98602600  | -2.16508300 | -0.17465100 |
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| H | 2.04816000  | 0.00056600  | 1.80837400  |
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| H | 2.91630400  | -2.16229300 | -0.26672600 |
| H | 4.22802700  | -0.06880200 | 0.01006300  |