

Tandem Iridium-Catalyzed Alkene Isomerization-Cope Rearrangement of ω -diene Epoxides for the Stereoselective Synthesis of Acyclic 1,6-Dicarbonyl Compounds

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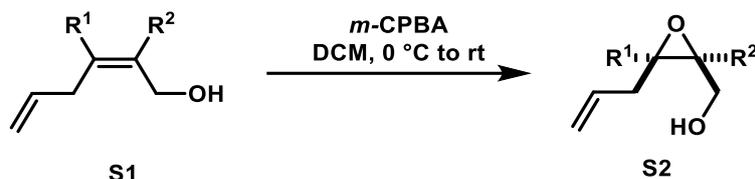
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1. General experimental detail

Unless stated otherwise, reactions were conducted in flame-dried glassware under an atmosphere of argon. Et₂O and THF were dried from Pure-Solv® Purification System (Innovative Technology©). DCM, Chlorobenzene and DCE were distilled from CaH₂. Toluene, 2-MeTHF and MTBE were distilled from sodium and benzophenone. All other commercially obtained reagents were used as received. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was conducted with E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 pre-coated plates, (0.25 mm) and visualized by exposure to UV light (254 nm) or stained with anisaldehyde, phosphomolybdic acid, or potassium permanganate. Purification by column chromatography was performed using Fluka silica gel 60 Å (40- 63 µm, 230-400 mesh). ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker spectrometers (AVIII 400 and AVIII 300) and are reported relative to deuterated solvent signals. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) with respect to the residual solvent signal CDCl₃ (¹H NMR: δ = 7.26; ¹³C NMR: δ = 77.00). Peak multiplicities are reported as follows: s = singlet, bs = broad singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = doublet of doublets, td = triplet of doublets, m = multiplet. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained by the mass spectrometry facility at the Technion. Diastereomeric ratio were obtained by analysing the crude nmr spectrum.

2. Preparation of substrates

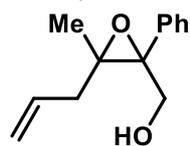
- General procedure for epoxidation of allylic alcohols (**S1**):



To a stirred solution of allyl alcohol (**S1**, 1.0 equiv.) in DCM (0.3 M) at 0 °C, was added *m*-CPBA (1.1 equiv.) in one portion. The reaction was stirred for 3 hours at 0 °C followed by warming up to room temperature. The reaction mixture was directly poured into a separation funnel and was washed with NaHCO₃ (10 mL/mmol, 3 times). The combined aqueous layer was then extracted with DCM (3 mL/mmol). The combined organic layer was dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified further by silica gel (230-400 mesh) column chromatography to obtain the desired product **S2**.

Various (**S1**) were obtained by prepared as previously described in the literature.¹⁻³

(3-Allyl-3-methyl-2-phenyloxiran-2-yl)methanol (S2a): liquid, (77% yield).



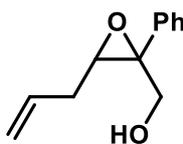
¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.50 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 5.91 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.55 – 4.82 (m, 2H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.72 – 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.49 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.00

(s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.96, 133.45, 128.29, 127.59, 126.84, 117.98, 69.38, 66.28, 64.99, 39.06, 19.64.

HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calculated for C₁₃H₁₇O₂ [M+H]⁺: 205.1223, found 205.1209.

(3-Allyl-2-phenyloxiran-2-yl)methanol (S2b): liquid, (87% yield).

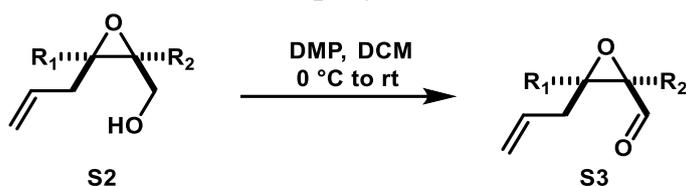


¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 5.92 (ddt, *J* = 16.9, 10.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.29 – 5.13 (m, 2H), 4.23 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.09 – 3.95 (m, 1H), 3.07 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dt, *J* = 14.3, 6.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.57 – 2.39 (m, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.98, 133.21, 128.52, 127.86, 125.84, 117.55, 65.19, 63.62, 63.14, 32.90.

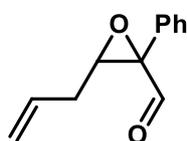
HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calculated for C₁₂H₁₅O₂ [M+H]⁺: 191.1067, found 191.1088.

- **General procedure for oxidation of epoxyalcohols (S2):**



To a stirred solution of allyl alcohol (**S2**, 1.0 equiv.) in DCM (0.1 M) at 0 °C, was added Dess–Martin periodinane (DMP) (1.05 equiv.) in one portion. The reaction was stirred for 15 minutes at 0 °C followed by stirring at room temperature for 5 hours. The reaction mixture mixture was directly poured into a separation funnel and was washed with (1:1) saturated solution of NaHCO₃ and Na₂S₂O₃ (10 mL/mmol, 3 times). The combined organic layer was extracted with DCM, combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo and this crude product was filtered over fluorosil to obtain the desired product **S3**. This aldehyde was used directly without further purification.

3-Allyl-2-phenyloxirane-2-carbaldehyde (S3a): liquid, (92% yield).

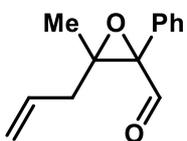


¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.75 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 5.88 (ddt, J = 16.9, 10.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.30 – 5.10 (m, 2H), 3.30 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.50 (dtt, J = 15.6, 6.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.39, 133.54, 131.95, 128.57, 128.51, 126.60, 118.42, 66.52, 65.74, 32.49.

HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₁₂H₁₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 189.0916, found 189.0918.

3-Allyl-3-methyl-2-phenyloxirane-2-carbaldehyde (S3b): liquid, (quantitative yield).



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.79 (s, 1H), 7.48 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 5.83 (ddt, J = 17.2, 10.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.24 – 5.12 (m, 2H), 2.64 (ddt, J = 14.8, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, J = 14.8, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.06 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.13, 132.42, 132.23, 128.36, 128.30, 127.41, 118.91, 71.44, 69.14, 38.70, 19.01.

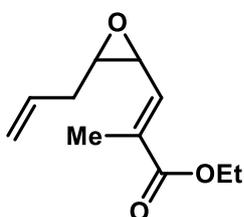
HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₅O₂ [M+H]⁺: 203.1067, found 203.1067.

- **General procedure for Wittig reaction of epoxyaldehydes (S3):**



To a stirred solution of the epoxy aldehyde (**S3**, 1.0 equiv.) in DCM (0.2 M) at 0 °C, was added stabilized ylide (1.2 equiv.) in one portion. The reaction mixture was then warmed to room temperature and stirred for 5 hours. Then the reaction mixture was dried in vacuo followed by purified by silica gel (230-400 mesh) column chromatography (2-3%EtOAc/Hexanes) to obtain the desired product **1**.

Ethyl (E)-3-(3-allyloxiran-2-yl)-2-methylacrylate (1a): (52% yield, liquid).

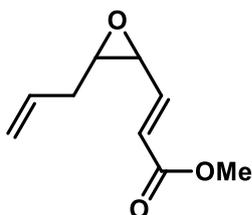


¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.64 – 6.43 (m, 1H), 5.83 (ddt, J = 17.0, 10.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.25 – 5.06 (m, 2H), 4.21 (qd, J = 7.1, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (dd, J = 7.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (td, J = 6.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.53 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.99 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.98, 134.86, 133.53, 132.96, 117.66, 60.89, 57.93, 53.11, 33.10, 14.19, 13.00.

HRMS (TOFMS): m/z calculated for C₁₁H₁₇O₃ [M+H]⁺: 197.1178, found 197.1175.

Methyl (E)-3-(3-allyloxiran-2-yl)acrylate (1b): (54% yield, liquid).

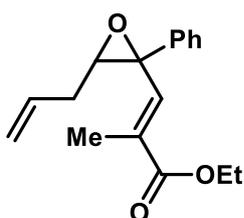


¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.84 (dd, J = 15.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (dd, J = 15.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (ddt, J = 16.8, 10.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.24 – 5.07 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.57 (ddd, J = 6.4, 4.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.31 – 3.21 (m, 1H), 2.45 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.22 (ddt, J = 15.2, 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.97, 141.84, 132.75, 125.03, 117.85, 58.46, 55.03, 51.82, 32.04.

HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₉H₁₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 169.0859, found 169.0893.

Ethyl (E)-3-(3-allyl-2-phenyloxiran-2-yl)-2-methylacrylate (1d): (65% yield, liquid).

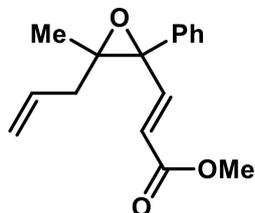


¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.11 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (ddt, J = 17.0, 10.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.28 – 5.00 (m, 2H), 4.24 (qd, J = 7.1, 3.9 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (dd, J = 6.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (qt, J = 6.5, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.50, 139.06, 134.65, 134.62, 133.07, 128.53, 127.92, 125.74, 117.61, 66.07, 61.86, 60.98, 34.48, 14.50, 14.20.

HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 273.1485, found 273.1460.

Methyl (E)-3-(3-allyl-3-methyl-2-phenyloxiran-2-yl)acrylate (1e): (92% yield, liquid).

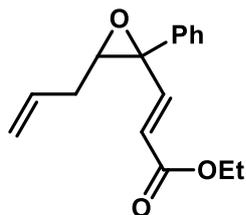


$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.25 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.82 (ddt, $J = 18.6, 9.4, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.49 – 4.83 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.49 (ddt, $J = 14.3, 7.0, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 1.04 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.42, 145.65, 137.07, 133.11, 128.46, 127.70, 126.73, 123.14, 118.35, 68.90, 68.82, 51.69, 38.28, 18.90.

HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 259.1359, found 259.1329.

Ethyl (E)-3-(3-allyl-2-phenyloxiran-2-yl)acrylate (1h): (58% yield, liquid).

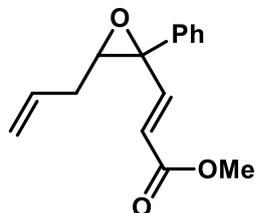


$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.44 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.28 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.85 (ddt, $J = 16.8, 10.3, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.21 – 5.13 (m, 2H), 4.21 (qd, $J = 7.2, 1.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.26 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dt, $J = 15.5, 6.4, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.83, 142.87, 138.18, 132.67, 128.58, 128.11, 126.25, 124.88, 117.81, 66.83, 63.53, 60.66, 32.53, 14.19.

HRMS (TOFMS): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 281.1154, found 281.1159.

Methyl (E)-3-(3-allyl-2-phenyloxiran-2-yl)acrylate (1i): (59% yield, liquid).

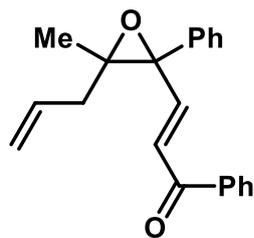


$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.37 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.21 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.79 (ddt, $J = 16.9, 10.3, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.14 – 5.08z (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.20 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dt, $J = 15.5, 6.3, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 – 2.20 (m, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.26, 143.17, 138.11, 132.63, 128.60, 128.14, 126.21, 124.37, 117.83, 66.87, 63.51, 51.76, 32.50.

HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 245.1178, found 245.1158.

Methyl (E)-3-(3-allyl-2-phenyloxiran-2-yl)acrylate (1k): (86% yield, liquid).

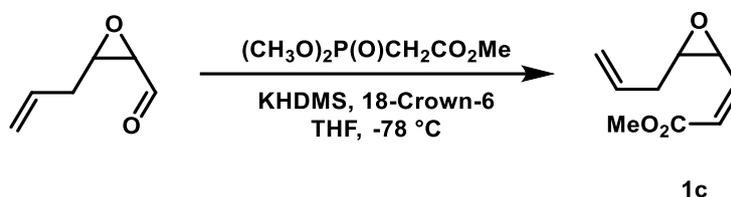


$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.96 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38 (q, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 5H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 15.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.85 (ddt, $J = 16.0, 11.3, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.23 – 5.08 (m, 2H), 2.52 (ddt, $J = 14.4, 7.0, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dd, $J = 14.5, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.08 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 189.55, 145.29, 137.50, 137.26, 133.13, 133.04, 128.61, 128.60, 128.50, 127.70, 126.72, 126.62, 118.40, 69.54, 69.30, 38.36, 18.86.

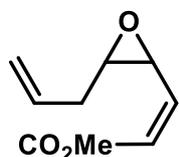
HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 305.1536, found 305.1553.

- Procedure for Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons Olefination of epoxyaldehyde:**



In an oven dried three neck round bottom flask, trimethyl phosphonoacetate (710mg, 3.9 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) and 18-crown-6 (4.7gm, 17.8 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) was taken in freshly distilled THF (70 mL), cooled to -78 °C and solution of potassium-bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (5.6mL, 3.9 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in toluene was added over 10 min. After an additional 10 min, a solution of aldehyde (400 mg, 3.56 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in freshly distilled THF (1.5 mL) was transferred to the reaction mixture. and stirred for 30 minutes at -78 °C, a saturated solution of NH_4Cl (30 mL) was added, warmed to room temperature and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. Purification of the crude product by silica gel (230-400 mesh) column chromatography (2-3%EtOAc/Hexanes) to obtain the desired product **1C** (353 mg, 2.1 mmol, 59%) as a colourless oil.⁴

Methyl (Z)-3-(3-allyloxiran-2-yl)acrylate (1c):

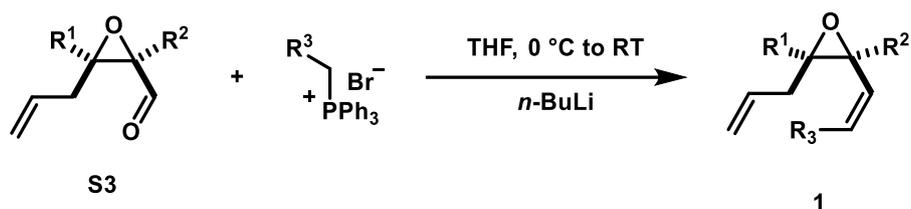


$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.12 – 6.01 (m, 2H), 5.82 (ddt, $J = 16.9, 10.3, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.31 – 4.90 (m, 2H), 4.47 (td, $J = 4.4, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.37 – 3.26 (m, 1H), 2.35 (dt, $J = 14.9, 6.7, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.24 (dt, $J = 15.4, 6.2, 1.5$ Hz, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.11, 144.54, 132.86, 124.02, 117.56, 58.16, 53.52, 51.55, 33.24.

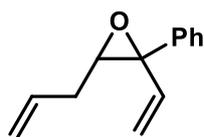
HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 169.0859, found 169.0865.

- **General procedure for Wittig reaction of epoxyaldehydes (S3):**



In an oven dried round bottom flask, alkyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (1.2 equiv.) was taken in freshly distilled THF (1.6 mL/mmol) under argon atmosphere. The resulting suspension was cooled to 0 °C and *n*-BuLi (1.2 equiv.) was added. The resulting suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 45 min. To this suspension, a solution of aldehyde **S3** (1.0 equiv.) in freshly distilled THF (0.7 mL/mmol) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was allowed to attain ambient temperature and stirred for 4 h at this temperature. Sat. NH₄Cl (10 mL/mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL/mmol). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and purified by silica gel (230-400 mesh) column chromatography (2-3%EtOAc/Hexanes) to obtain the desired product **1**.⁵

3-Allyl-2-phenyl-2-vinyloxirane (1f): liquid (33% yield, liquid)

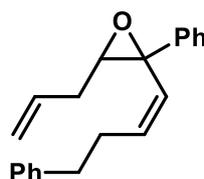


¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 6.22 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (ddt, *J* = 16.9, 10.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.62 – 5.26 (m, 2H), 5.24 – 5.00 (m, 2H), 3.17 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.37 (dtt, *J* = 14.9, 6.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.71, 133.42, 133.21, 128.31, 127.61, 126.34, 119.48, 117.35, 65.87, 64.29, 32.62.

HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calculated for C₁₃H₁₅O [M+H]⁺: 187.1117, found 187.1123.

(Z)-3-Allyl-2-phenyl-2-(4-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)oxirane (1g): (28% yield, liquid)

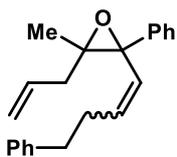


¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 5.98 – 5.79 (m, 3H), 5.25 – 5.02 (m, 2H), 3.09 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.67 – 2.32 (m, 6H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.56, 140.85, 136.49, 133.53, 128.44, 128.31, 128.25, 127.45, 125.82, 125.79, 124.73, 117.19, 65.75, 61.91, 35.19, 34.32, 31.04.

HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₁H₂₃O [M+H]⁺: 291.1743, found 291.1769.

2-Allyl-2-methyl-3-phenyl-3-(4-phenylbut-1-en-1-yl)oxirane (1j): (32% yield, liquid)

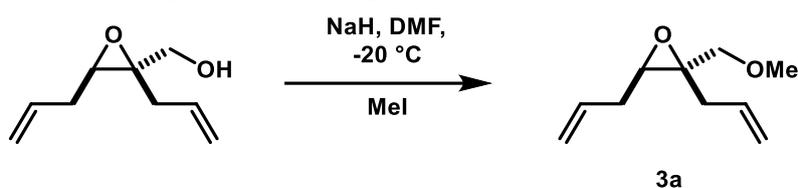


¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 6.00 – 5.56 (m, 3H), 5.21 – 5.04 (m, 2H), 2.70 – 2.27 (m, 6H), 0.98 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.79, 141.56, 140.35, 134.32, 134.22, 133.86, 128.71, 128.44, 128.40, 128.28, 128.23, 128.05, 127.17, 126.98, 126.86, 126.44, 125.81, 125.74, 117.82, 117.67, 69.23, 68.39, 67.42, 65.52, 39.82, 38.46, 35.45, 35.27, 34.28, 30.51, 19.15, 17.68.

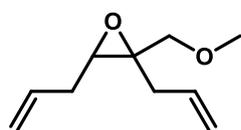
HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₂₂H₂₅O [M+H]⁺: 305.1900, found 305.1881.

- Procedure for methyl protection of epoxyalcohol.⁶



In an over dried 50 mL round bottom flask, alcohol (400mg, 2.6 mmol, 1 equiv.) was taken in DMF under argon atmosphere. To this, dry DMF (8.9mL) was added followed by cooling the reaction to -20 C and then NaH (60%, 94mg, 3.9 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added. After 20 minutes, MeI (0.401mL, 6.5mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added and was warmed to room temperature. After 3 hours, the reaction was quenched with Sat. NH₄Cl (10mL) and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (10mL) three times. The combined organic layer were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and purified by silica gel (230-400 mesh) column chromatography (3%EtOAc/Hexanes) to obtain the desired product (280mg, 64% yield, 1.66 mmol, liquid).

2,3-Diallyl-2-(methoxymethyl)oxirane (3a):



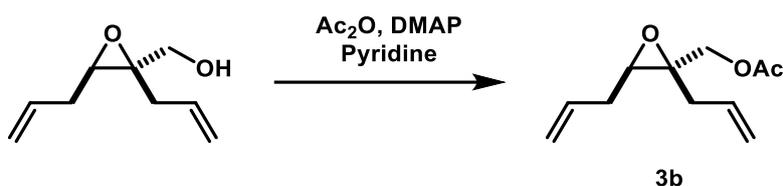
¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.85 (dddt, J = 19.8, 17.2, 10.2, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.28 – 4.96 (m, 4H), 3.49 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.00 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.58 – 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.46 –

2.22 (m, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 133.50, 132.94, 118.25, 117.40, 74.36, 61.64, 59.45, 59.23, 33.39, 32.60.

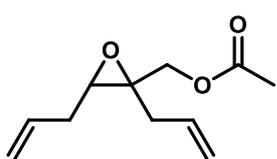
HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₁₀H₁₇O₂ [M+H]⁺: 169.1223, found 169.1228.

- Procedure for acetyl protection of epoxyalcohol:



In an over dried 50 mL round bottom flask, alcohol (400mg, 2.6 mmol, 1 equiv.) was taken in pyridine (5.3mL) followed by Ac₂O (0.53mL, 5.6 mmol, 2 equiv.) and DMAP (32mg, 0.26mmol, 0.1 equiv.). Then solvent was removed in vacuo and the reaction mixture was further purified by silica gel (230-400 mesh) column chromatography (4 %EtOAc/Hexanes) to obtain the desired product (320 mg, 64% yield, 1.63 mmol, liquid).

(2,3-Diallyloxiran-2-yl)methyl acetate (3b):

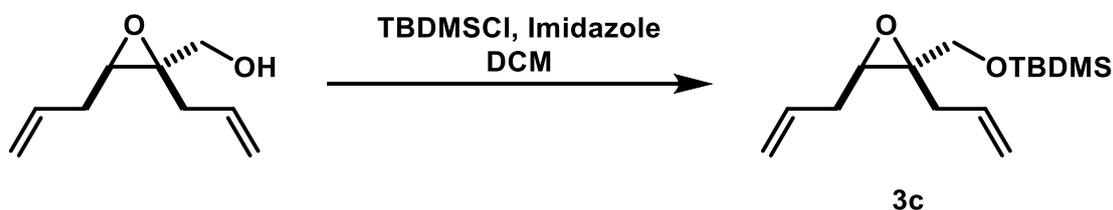


¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.95 – 5.69 (m, 2H), 5.25 – 5.04 (m, 4H), 4.23 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (ddt, J = 14.9, 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.47 – 2.21 (m, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 133.44, 132.88, 118.20, 117.35, 74.31, 61.59, 59.39, 59.17, 33.33, 32.55.

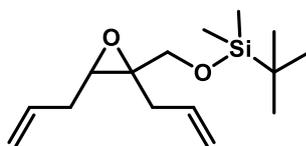
HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₁₁H₁₇O₃ [M+H]⁺: 197.1172, found 197.1173.

• **Procedure for TBDMS protection of epoxyalcohol:**



To a stirring solution of allylic alcohol (400mg, 2.6 mmol, 1 equiv.) and imidazole (0.165 g, 2.5 mmol, 0.95 equiv) in DCM (5mL), was added TBSCl (0.377g, 2.5 mmol, 0.95 equiv.) at rt in one portion. The solution was stirred overnight at rt, followed by addition of 20 ml of saturated ammonium chloride solution. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir until two clear phases emerged and then transferred to a separatory funnel. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (3X10 ml) and the combined organic fractions dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was further purified by silica gel (230-400 mesh) column chromatography (4 %EtOAc/Hexanes) to obtain the desired product (480mg, 68% yield, 1.78 mmol, liquid).

(tert-Butyl((2,3-diallyloxiran-2-yl)methoxy)dimethylsilane (3c):



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.00 – 5.73 (m, 2H), 5.28 – 5.00 (m, 4H), 3.63 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.60 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.46 – 2.21 (m, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.05 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 6H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 133.67, 133.19, 117.98, 117.16, 65.28, 62.85, 59.51, 33.14, 32.62, 25.88, 18.32, -5.39.

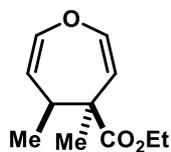
HRMS (TOFMS): m/z calculated for C₁₅H₂₈O₂Si [M+Na]⁺: 291.1756, found 291.1765.

3. General procedure for the iridium-catalyzed isomerization-Cope rearrangement of ω -diene epoxides

Sodium tetrakis[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]borate (11.1 mg, 0.0125 mmol) was placed in a flame-dried Schlenk tube under argon flow utilizing Argon pants. PCy₃ (8.41 mg, 0.03 mmol) and [Ir(cod)Cl]₂ (3.36 mg, 0.5 μ mol) was subsequently added under argon flow and the solids stirred for 1 minute at room temperature before PhCl (1 mL) was added. Upon complete dissolution of the solids (resulting in an orange-reddish solution. The resulting mixture was then stirred vigorously under argon flow for 5 minutes, followed by addition of the neat starting material (**1**, 0.3 mmol or 0.5 mmol) under argon flow using a microsyringe and heating of the reaction mixture to 120 °C or 140 °C using an oil bath. After 24 hours, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with 2 ml of petroleum ether. The mixture was then stirred at rt for 5 minutes to yield a cloudy yellow solution which was then filtered on a pad of basic aluminum oxide and concentrated in vacuo to yield the crude reaction mixture as pale-yellow oil which was further purified by silica gel (230-400 mesh) column chromatography (1-2.5 %EtOAc/Hexanes) to obtain the desired product.

Note: the quality of the Ir precatalyst often effects the reaction rate, with the best reactivity obtained with (Ir(cod)Cl)₂ purchased from Strem

Ethyl (syn)-4,5-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxepine-4-carboxylate (2a): liquid.



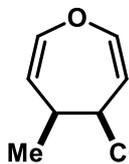
81% yield (79 mg, 0.405 mmol on 0.5 mmol scale).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.16 (dd, J = 8.8, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.36 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.29 – 1.24 (m, 3H), 0.99 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.43, 141.03, 140.19, 110.16, 108.77, 60.89, 50.95, 40.72, 28.15, 20.14, 14.20.

HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₁₁H₁₇O₃ [M+H]⁺: 197.1172, found 197.1163.

Methyl (syn)-5-methyl-4,5-dihydrooxepine-4-carboxylate (2b): liquid.



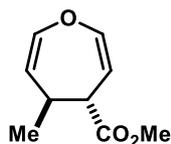
64% yield (53 mg, 0.315 mmol on 0.5 mmol scale).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.26 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.19 – 6.08 (m, 1H), 5.13 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.58 (ddd, J = 5.0, 3.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.02 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 1.03 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.73, 142.48, 141.41, 112.08, 103.76, 52.01, 47.88, 35.21, 19.14.

HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₉H₁₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 169.0859, found 169.0850.

Methyl (anti)-5-methyl-4,5-dihydrooxepine-4-carboxylate (2c): liquid.



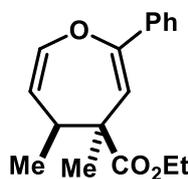
62% yield (35 mg, 0.208 mmol on 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.28 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (dt, J = 7.6, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.19 (td, J = 6.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.73 (m, 1H), 1.09 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.56, 143.16, 141.20, 112.31, 103.90, 51.97, 50.47, 35.05, 21.58.

HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₉H₁₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 169.0859, found 169.0853.

Ethyl (syn)-4,5-dimethyl-2-phenyl-4,5-dihydrooxepine-4-carboxylate (2d): liquid.



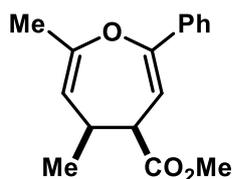
92% yield (75 mg, 0.275 mmol on 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.61 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (q, J = 6.2, 5.3 Hz, 3H), 6.51 – 6.31 (m, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 4.90 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.29 (td, J = 7.1, 2.1 Hz, 3H), 1.06 – 0.96 (m, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.76, 150.79, 140.46, 137.00, 128.17, 128.14, 125.56, 110.28, 107.74, 61.01, 50.47, 40.65, 26.08, 20.83, 14.24.

HRMS (TOFMS): m/z calculated for C₁₆H₂₀O₄ [M+Na]⁺: 291.1743, found 291.1718.

Methyl (syn)-5,7-dimethyl-2-phenyl-4,5-dihydrooxepine-4-carboxylate (2e): liquid.



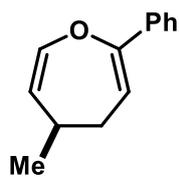
91% yield (70mg, 0.272 mmol on 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.61 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.08 (dd, J = 5.7, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (dd, J = 6.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dd, J = 5.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.91 (tt, J = 6.9, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.01 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.29, 153.45, 150.32, 136.09, 128.26, 128.24, 125.23, 109.42, 104.86, 52.06, 46.41, 34.82, 22.50, 18.74.

HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₁₆H₁₉O₃ [M+H]⁺: 259.1329, found 259.1318.

5-Methyl-2-phenyl-4,5-dihydrooxepine (2f): liquid (69% yield). liquid.



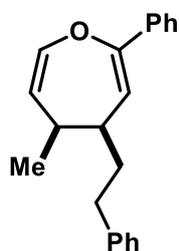
78% yield (44 mg, 0.236 mmol on 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 6.37 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.51 – 2.29 (m, 2H), 1.08 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.62, 141.31, 136.57, 128.19, 127.88, 125.03, 115.13, 107.13, 33.52, 32.23, 23.19.

HRMS (TOFMS): *m/z* calculated for C₁₃H₁₅O [M+H]⁺: 187.1123, found 187.1129.

5-Methyl (syn)--4-phenethyl-2-phenyl-4,5-dihydrooxepine (2g): liquid.



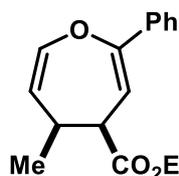
46% yield (40 mg, 0.137 mmol on 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.56 (dt, *J* = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (td, *J* = 7.7, 7.3, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (td, *J* = 7.1, 1.6 Hz, 3H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 6.42 – 6.32 (m, 1H), 5.69 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (ddt, *J* = 8.3, 5.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.85 – 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.68 (dtd, *J* = 14.9, 8.2, 7.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (ddt, *J* = 18.2, 13.7, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.05 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.12 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.15, 142.61, 140.86, 136.92, 129.76, 128.66, 128.46, 128.39, 128.21, 127.97, 126.48, 125.76, 125.29, 112.57, 110.22, 43.03, 36.95, 36.81, 33.82, 23.11.

HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₁H₂₃O [M+H]⁺: 291.1743, found 291.1718.

Ethyl (syn)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-4,5-dihydrooxepine-4-carboxylate (2h): liquid.



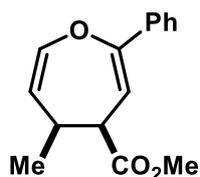
93% yield (72 mg, 0.278 mmol on 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 6.43 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (qd, *J* = 7.1, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (tdt, *J* = 6.8, 3.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.51, 153.72, 141.97, 135.82, 128.28, 128.19, 125.25, 112.98, 104.44, 60.89, 46.81, 35.33, 18.99, 14.27.

HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calculated for C₁₆H₁₉O₃ [M+H]⁺: 259.1329, found 259.1315.

Methyl (syn)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-4,5-dihydrooxepine-4-carboxylate (2i): liquid.



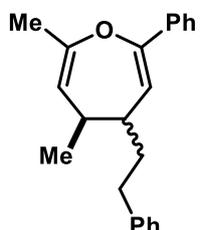
91% yield (67 mg, 0.274 mmol on 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.62 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 6.43 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (dd, J = 7.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd, J = 5.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.05 – 2.90 (m, 1H), 1.05 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.06, 153.87, 142.04, 135.85, 128.38, 128.26, 125.32, 113.03, 104.35, 52.16, 46.86, 35.34, 19.12.

HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₇O₃ [M+H]⁺: 245.1172, found 245.1166.

2,4-Mimethyl-5-phenethyl-7-phenyl-4,5-dihydrooxepine (2j): liquid.



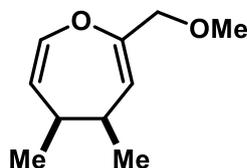
56% yield (51 mg, 0.167 mmol on 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.57 (ddt, J = 6.6, 5.5, 1.4 Hz, 4H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 11H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 5.65 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (s, 1H), 2.83 – 2.61 (m, 4H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 2.41 – 2.28 (m, 2H), 1.96 (s, 6H), 1.94 – 1.68 (m, 4H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.57, 152.41, 149.41, 149.30, 142.66, 142.48, 137.15, 136.67, 129.70, 128.59, 128.40, 128.35, 128.31, 128.15, 128.14, 127.78, 125.74, 125.66, 125.17, 125.04, 111.98, 110.45, 110.37, 109.53, 42.46, 36.72, 35.90, 35.10, 34.41, 33.57, 22.38, 22.24.

HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₂₂H₂₅O [M+H]⁺: 305.1900, found 305.1884.

(syn)-2-(Methoxymethyl)-4,5-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxepine (2l): liquid.



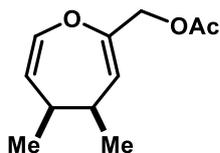
91% yield (46mg, 0.273 mmol on 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.16 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 2.68 (pd, J = 6.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.59 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.06, 140.57, 113.44, 113.18, 74.03, 57.80, 36.80, 36.06, 18.53, 18.28.

HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₁₀H₁₇O₂ [M+H]⁺: 169.1223, found 169.1230

((syn)-4,5-Dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxepin-2-yl)methyl acetate (2m): liquid.



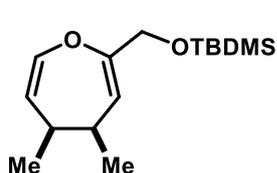
81% yield (48mg, 0.244 mmol on 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.14 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 2.68 (dq, J = 10.6, 3.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dddd, J = 7.1, 5.8, 3.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.01 (dd, J = 8.2, 7.0 Hz, 6H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.78, 147.53, 140.46, 114.88, 113.47, 65.99, 53.42, 36.58, 36.18, 18.47, 18.13.

HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₁₁H₁₇O₃ [M+H]⁺: 197.1172, found 197.1173.

tert-Butyl(((syn)-4,5-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxepin-2-yl)methoxy)dimethylsilane (2n):



liquid.

78% yield (44 mg, 0.236 mmol on 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.12 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 2.74 – 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.60 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 0.99 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 6H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.08 (s, 6H);

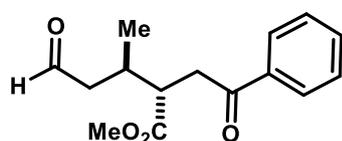
¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.60, 140.47, 113.15, 109.67, 64.00, 36.82, 35.83, 25.95, 18.54, 18.45, 18.25, -5.14, -5.17.

HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₁₅H₂₉O₂Si [M+H]⁺: 269.1931, found 269.1957.

4. General procedure for the hydrolysis of the oxepines using palladium.

In an oven dried Schlenk tube, Pd(Cl)₂(CH₃CN)₂ (0.05 equiv.) was taken under argon atmosphere, followed by addition of the substrate (1.0 equiv.) in freshly distilled CH₃CN (0.1M). This solution was stirred at room temperature followed by the addition of distilled H₂O (10 equiv) and heating it to 50 C. This solution was stirred for 24 hours and then cooled to room temperature followed by filtering it over a pad of basic aluminum oxide and concentrated in vacuo to yield the crude reaction mixture which was further purified by silica gel (230-400 mesh) column chromatography (8.5- 12% EtOAc/Hexanes) to obtain the desired product.⁷

Methyl (anti)-3-methyl-5-oxo-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pentanoate (4a): liquid.



85% yield (111 mg, 0.423 mmol on 0.5 mmol scale).

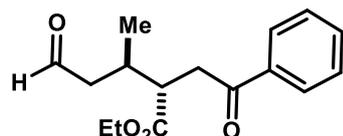
¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.75 (s, 1H), 8.06 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 8.4, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H),

3.52 (dd, $J = 17.7, 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 (ddd, $J = 10.1, 5.1, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, $J = 17.7, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.65 – 2.53 (m, 2H), 2.34 (ddd, $J = 18.0, 9.8, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.04 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 201.01, 197.93, 174.53, 136.42, 133.32, 128.60, 127.99, 51.88, 48.29, 44.87, 37.28, 29.42, 17.79.

HRMS (TOFMS): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 285.1103, found 285.1115.

Ethyl (anti)-3-methyl-5-oxo-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pentanoate (4b): liquid.



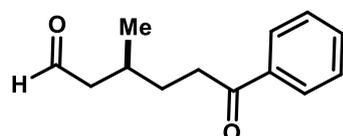
71% yield (38 mg, 0.138 mmol on 0.194 mmol scale).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.77 (d, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.08 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 8.3, 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.16 (qd, $J = 7.1, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.53 (dd, $J = 17.6, 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 (ddd, $J = 10.0, 5.0, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dd, $J = 17.7, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.67 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.35 (ddd, $J = 17.9, 9.8, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.05 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 201.10, 198.01, 173.99, 136.55, 133.29, 128.61, 128.02, 60.79, 48.33, 45.02, 37.22, 29.48, 17.76, 14.19.

HRMS (TOFMS): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 299.1259, found 299.1274.

3-Methyl-6-oxo-6-phenylhexanalpentanoate (4c): liquid.

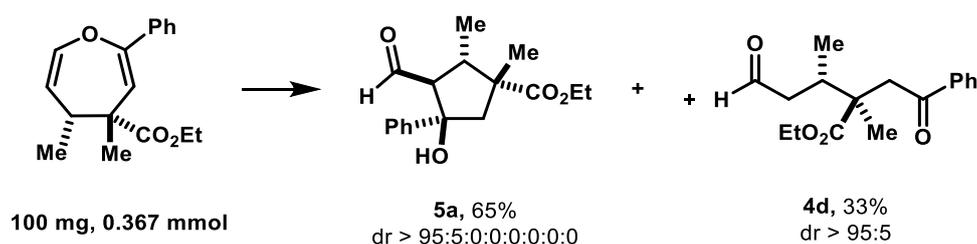


72% yield (19 mg, 0.093 mmol on 0.129 mmol scale).

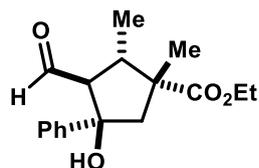
$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.78 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 3.11 – 2.94 (m, 2H), 2.48 (ddd, $J = 16.4, 5.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.32 (ddd, $J = 16.4, 7.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.24 – 2.11 (m, 1H), 1.83 (dddd, $J = 14.1, 8.6, 6.7, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.67 (dtd, $J = 14.3, 8.2, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.03 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 202.42, 199.81, 136.79, 133.05, 128.59, 127.97, 50.90, 35.96, 30.94, 27.70, 19.78.

HRMS (TOFMS): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 227.1048, found 227.1053



Ethyl-3-formyl-4-hydroxy-1,2-dimethyl-4 phenylcyclopentanecarboxylate (5a): liquid.

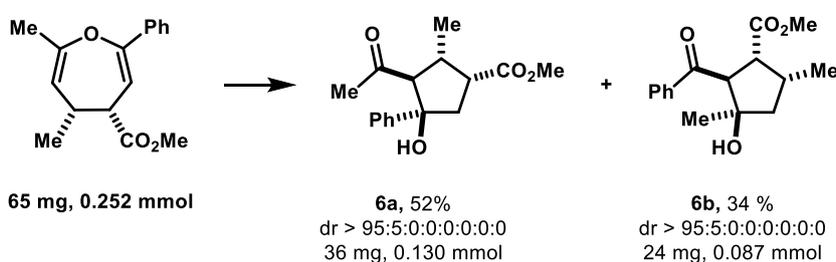


61% yield (65 mg, 0.224 mmol on 0.367 mmol scale).

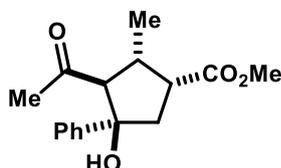
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¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.06, 178.90, 143.99, 128.37, 127.03, 125.29, 81.74, 73.74, 61.58, 57.09, 52.27, 46.74, 22.59, 14.44, 14.21.

HRMS (TOFMS): m/z calculated for C₁₇H₂₂O₄ [M+Na]⁺: 313.1416, found 313.1433.



Methyl-3-acetyl-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-4-phenylcyclopentane-1-carboxylate(6a): white solid.



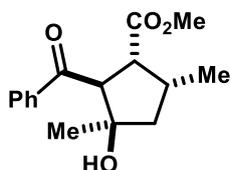
52% yield (36 mg, 0.130 mmol on 0.252 mmol scale).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.18 – 3.09 (m, 2H), 2.95 (dt, J = 11.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, J = 14.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.02 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 207.17, 178.70, 144.32, 127.84, 126.86, 125.45, 83.74, 74.70, 52.11, 48.50, 48.03, 40.43, 30.60, 16.01.

HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₁₆H₂₁O₄ [M+H]⁺: 277.1434, found 277.1464.

Methyl-3-acetyl-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-4-phenylcyclopentane-1-carboxylate (6b): liquid.



34% yield (24 mg, 0.087 mmol on 0.252 mmol scale).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H),

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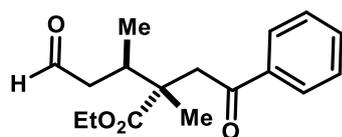
¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 204.60, 174.27, 137.71, 133.83, 128.77, 128.72, 80.60, 55.28, 51.53, 51.46, 49.97, 33.74, 26.75, 17.02.

HRMS (APCI): m/z calculated for C₁₆H₂₁O₄ [M+H]⁺: 277.1434, found 277.1459.

5. Procedure for the hydrolysis of oxepine using aq. HCl.

In a 25mL round bottom flask, oxepine (100 mg, 0.367 mmol) was taken in 1.5 mL THF. To this stirred solution, 1.5 mL HCl (6M aq.) was added, and the resulting mixture was further stirred for 6 hours. The reaction was quenched by slow addition of sat. NaHCO₃ solution (10mL) and then was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) three times. The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and purified by silica gel (230-400 mesh) column chromatography (12% EtOAc/Hexanes) to obtain the desired product (56 mg, 0.193 mmol) in 53 percent yield.

Ethyl (anti)-2,3-dimethyl-5-oxo-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pentanoate (4d): liquid.



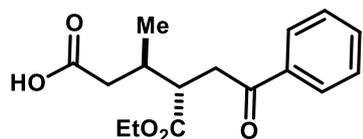
53% yield (56 mg, 0.193 mmol on 0.367 mmol scale).

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.74 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.97 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 8.4, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd, J = 16.8, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (ddt, J = 9.8, 6.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (ddd, J = 16.9, 9.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.01 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.41, 197.35, 175.92, 136.99, 133.19, 128.60, 127.86, 60.69, 46.90, 46.44, 46.06, 34.71, 17.02, 15.34, 14.08.

HRMS (TOFMS): m/z calculated for C₁₇H₂₂O₄ [M+Na]⁺: 313.1416, found 313.1425.

(Anti)-4-(ethoxycarbonyl)-3-methyl-6-oxo-6-phenylhexanoic acid (7): solid.



The aldehyde (**4b**) was oxidized to the carboxylic acid derivative (**7**) and then crystallized.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.05 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.25 – 4.07 (m, 2H), 3.55 (dd, J = 17.7, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dt, J = 10.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dd, J = 17.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (ddd, J = 16.6, 11.2, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 2.31 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H).

¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.10, 177.97, 173.98, 136.46, 133.14, 128.47, 127.91, 60.68, 44.64, 38.72, 36.75, 31.52, 17.21, 14.05.

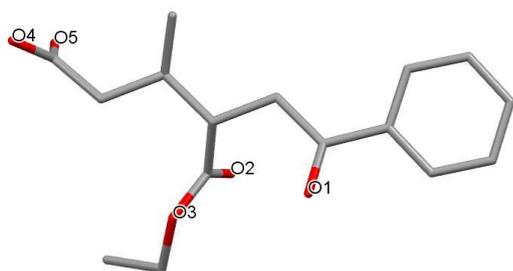
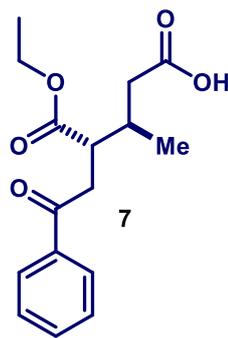
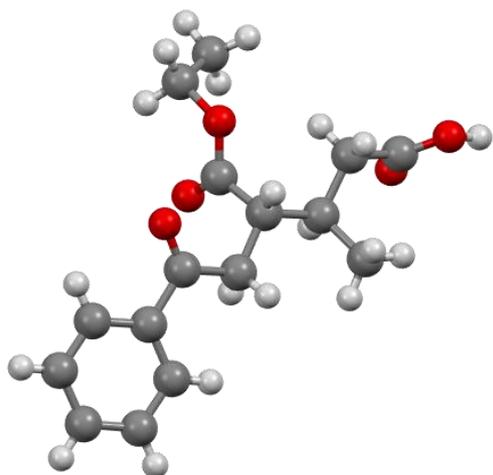
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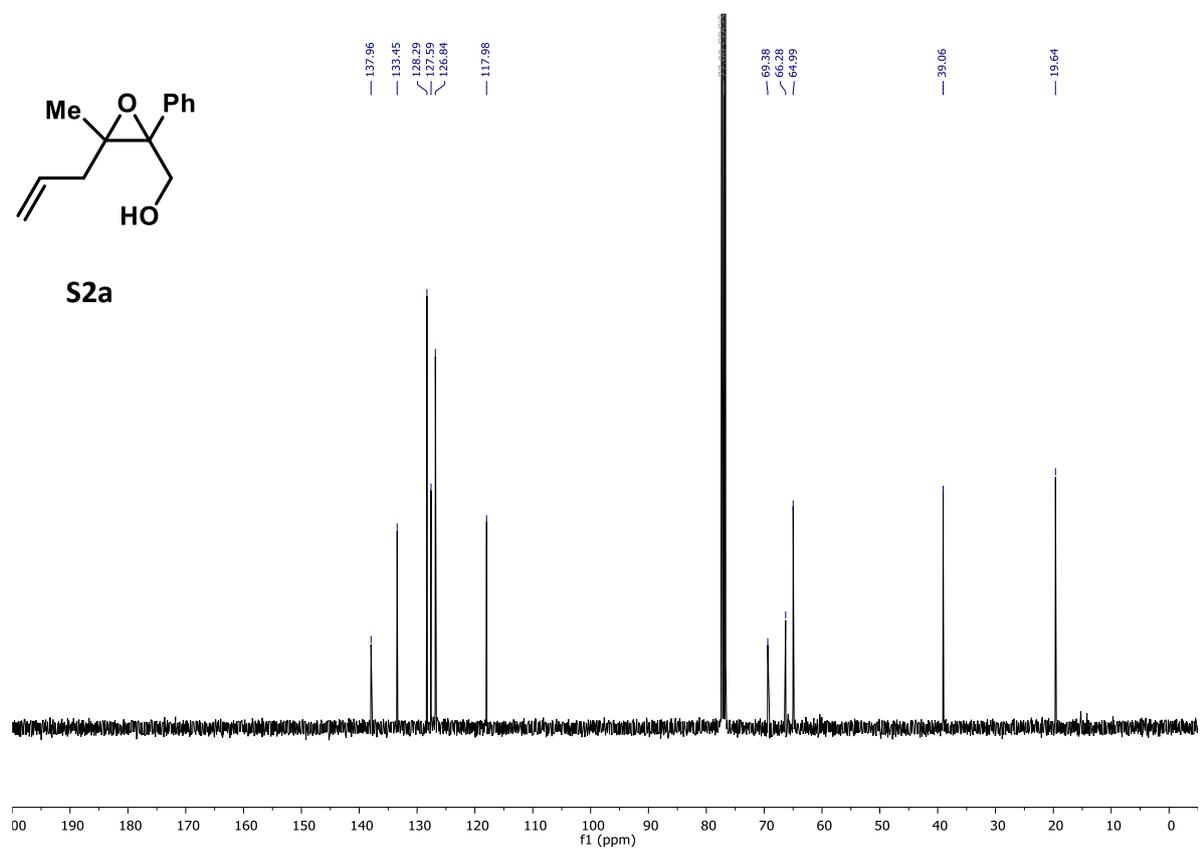
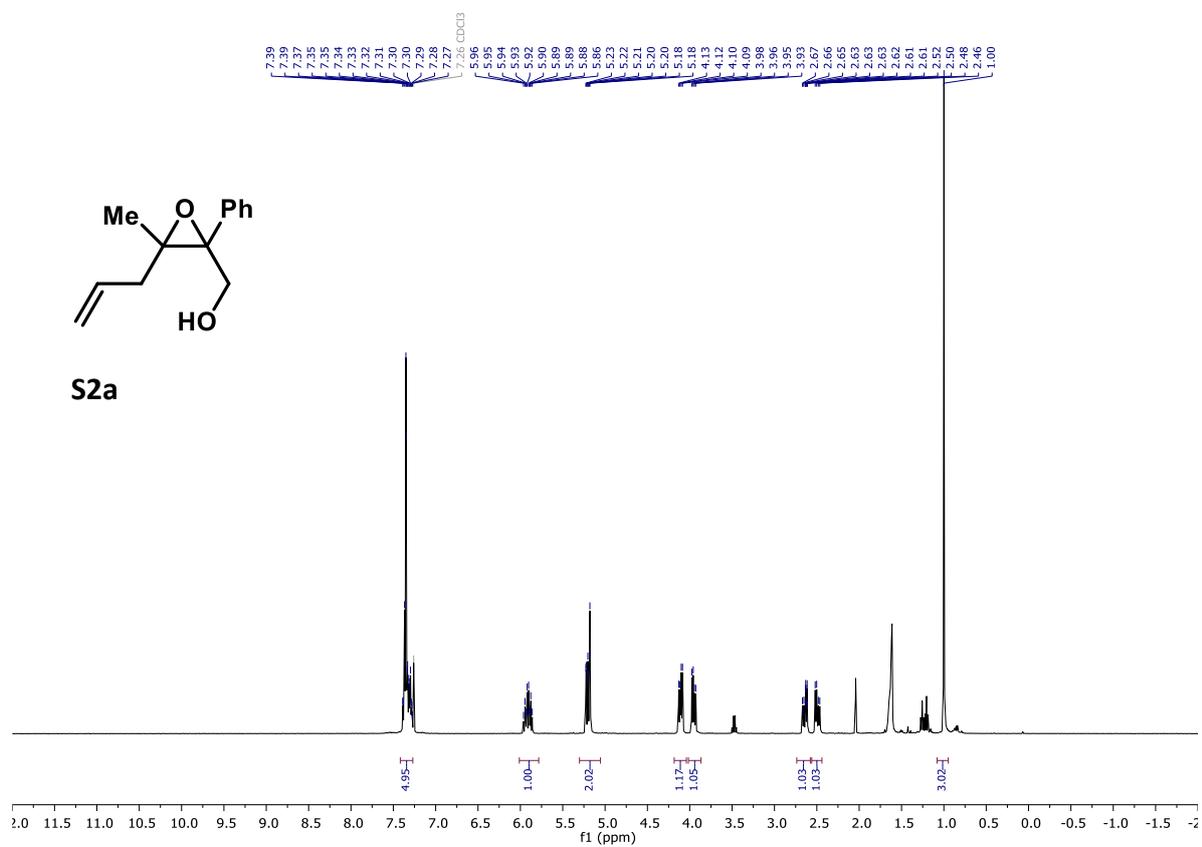
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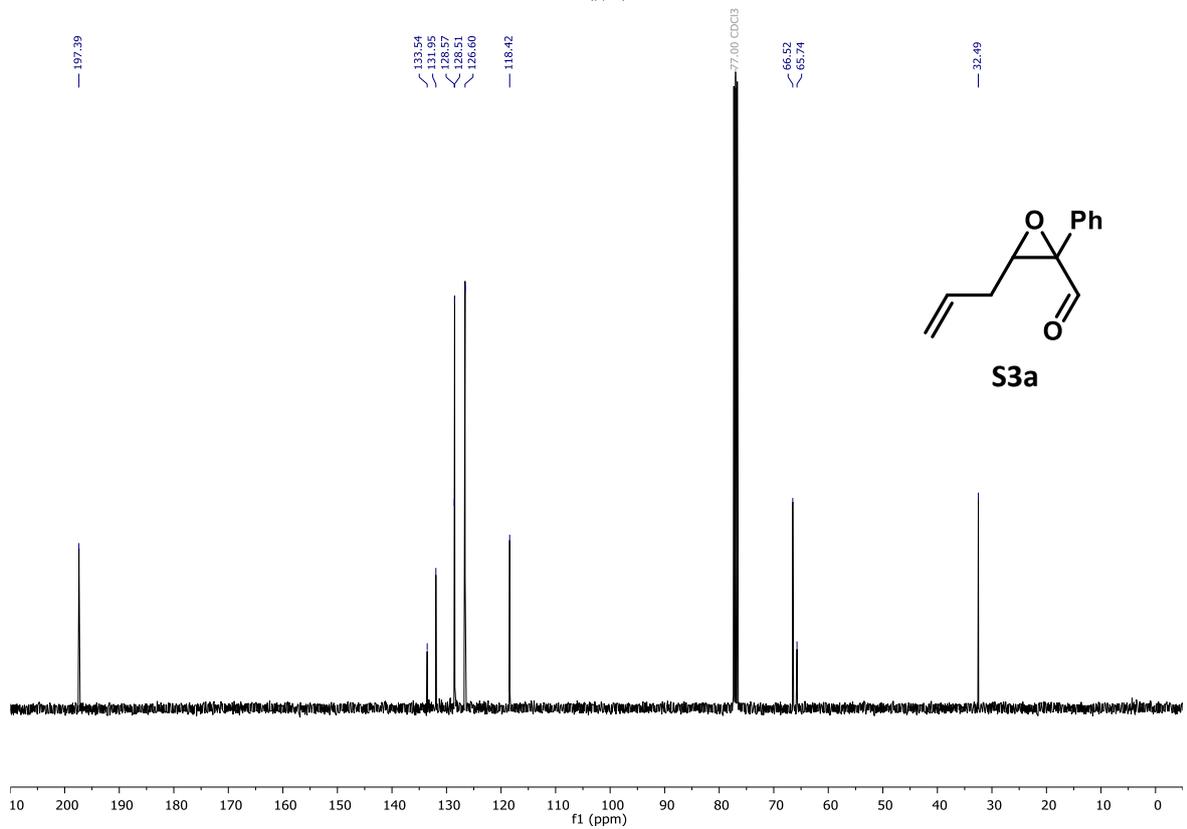
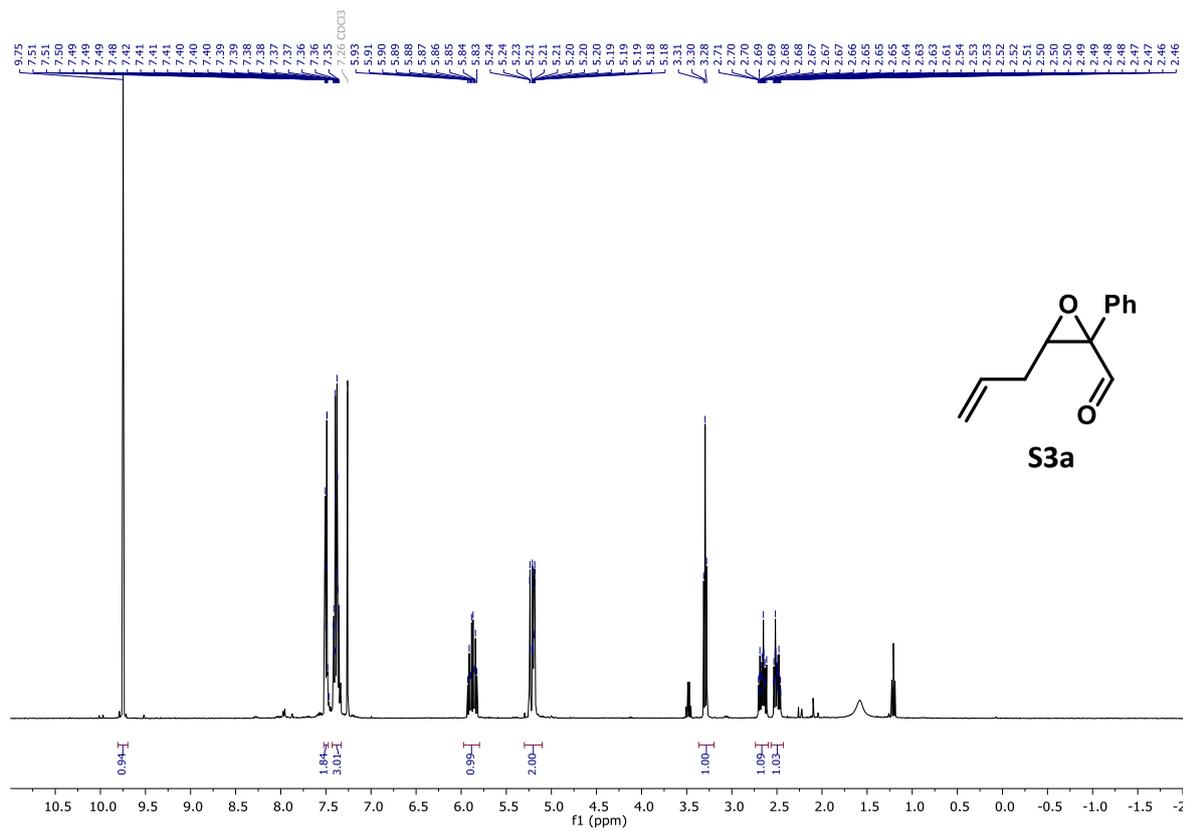
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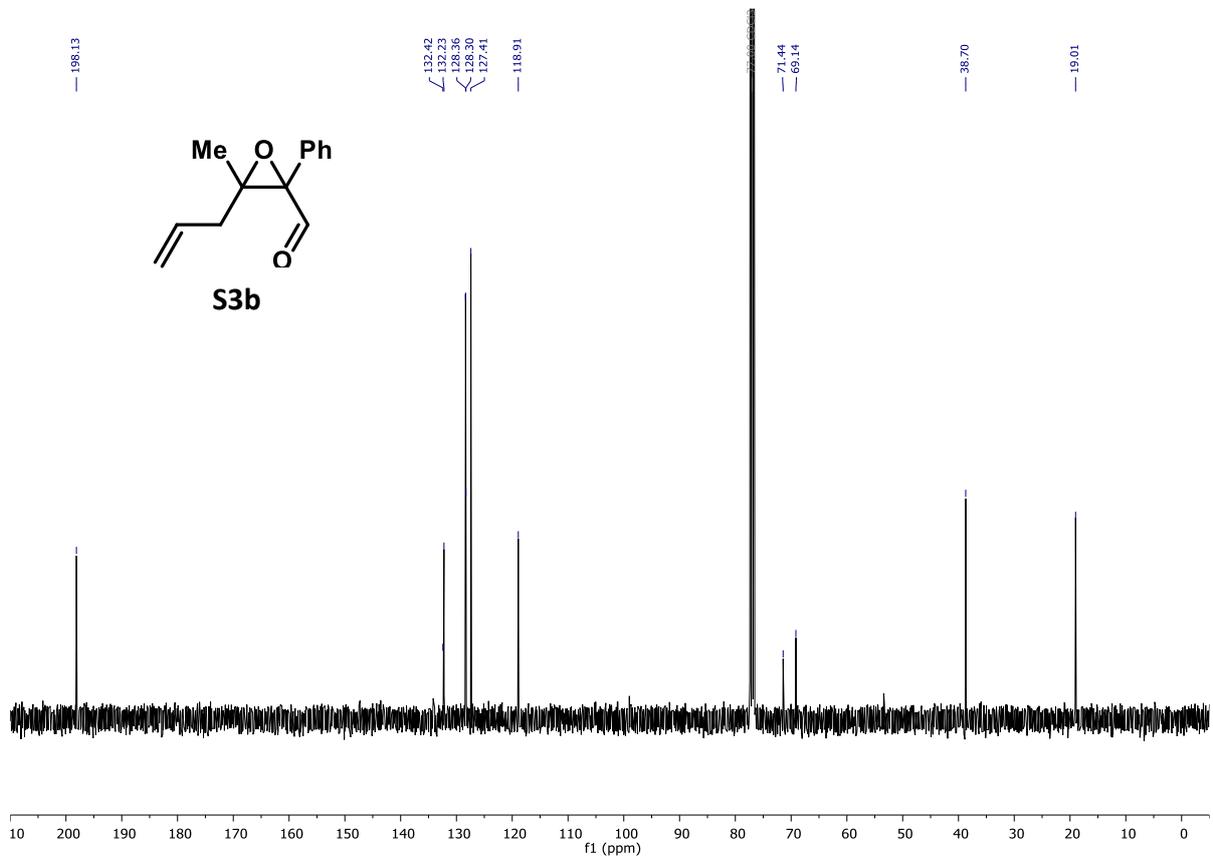
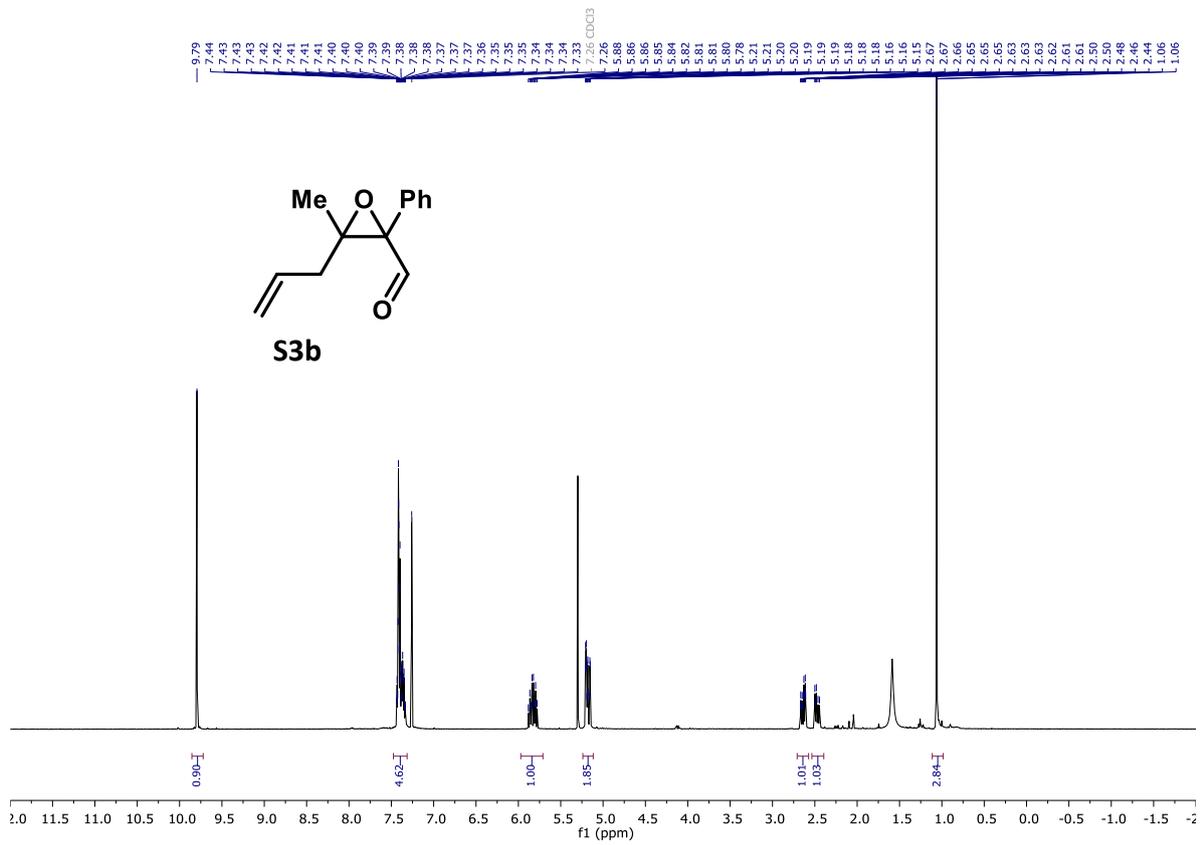
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Independent reflections	2499 [R _{int} = 0.0544, R _{sigma} = 0.0617]
Data/restraints/parameters	2499/175/196
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.019
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0511, wR ₂ = 0.1154
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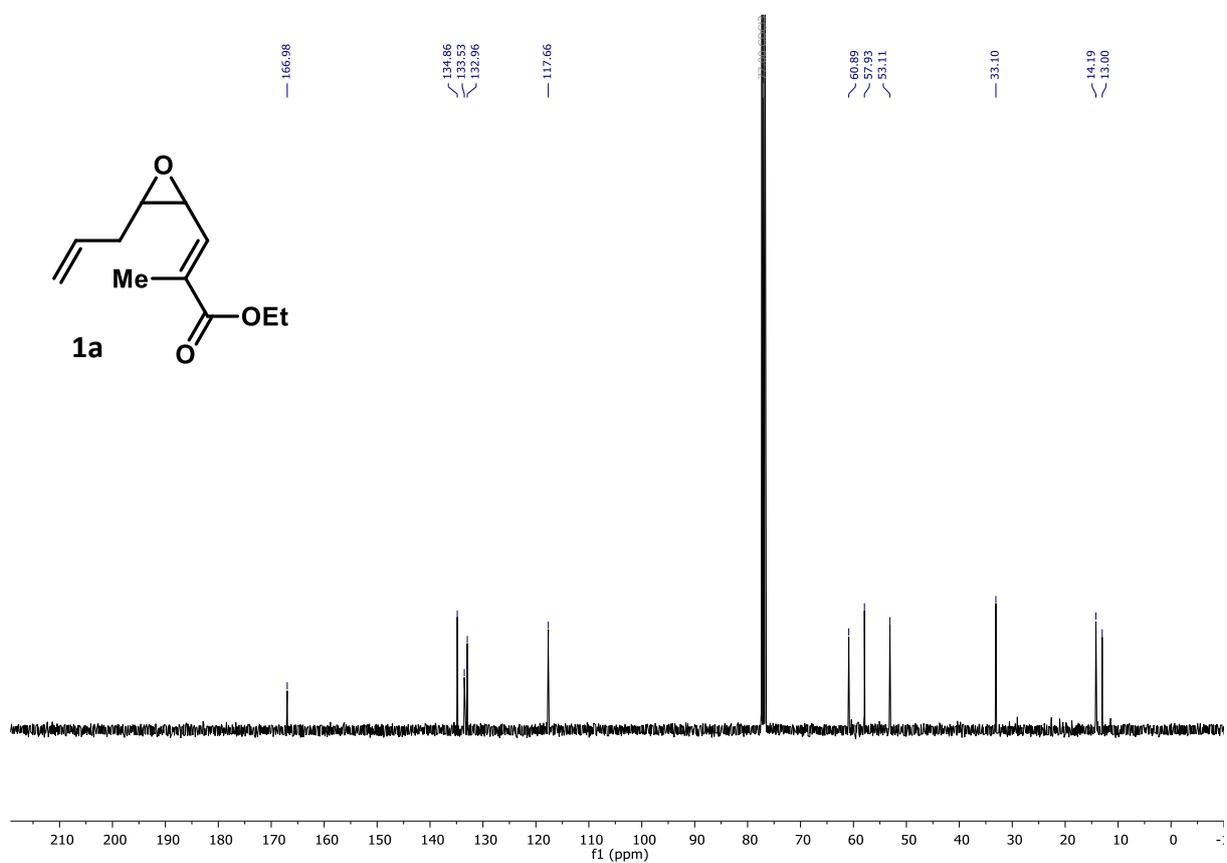
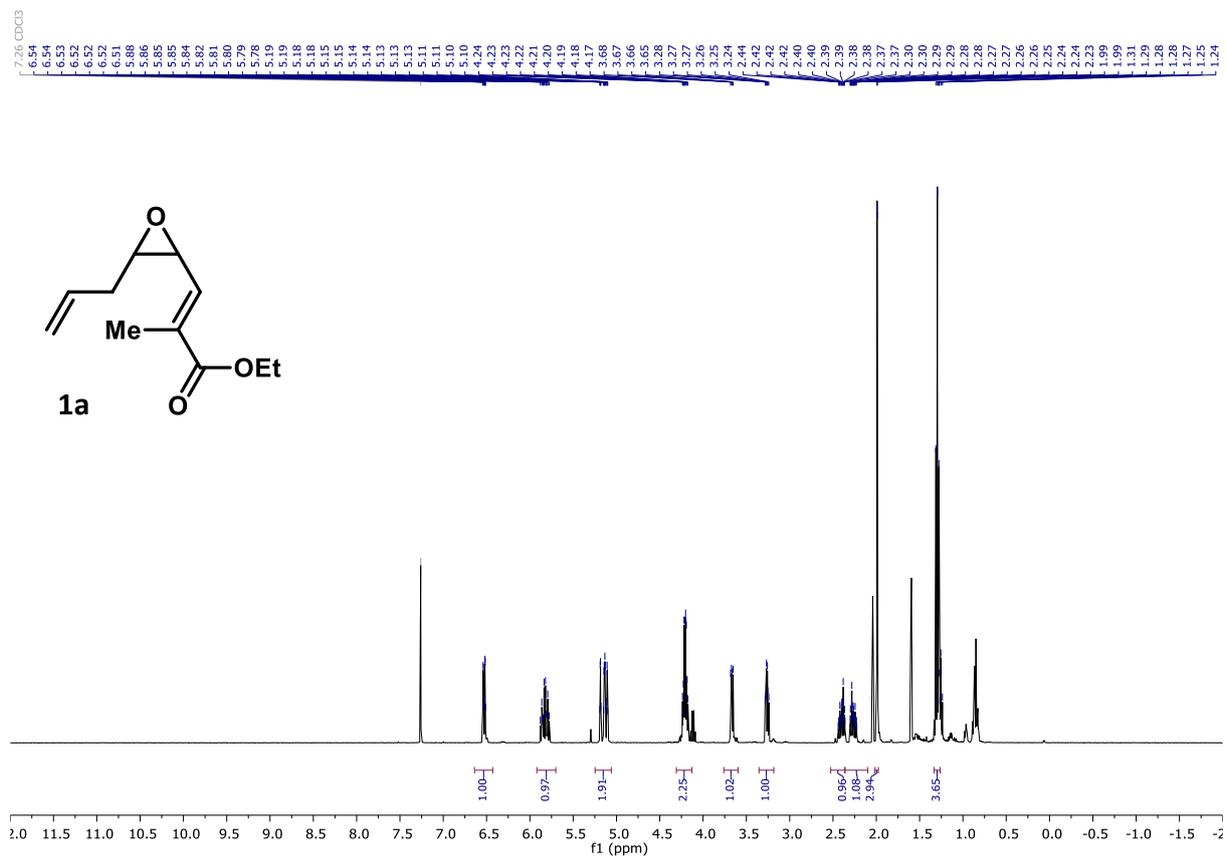


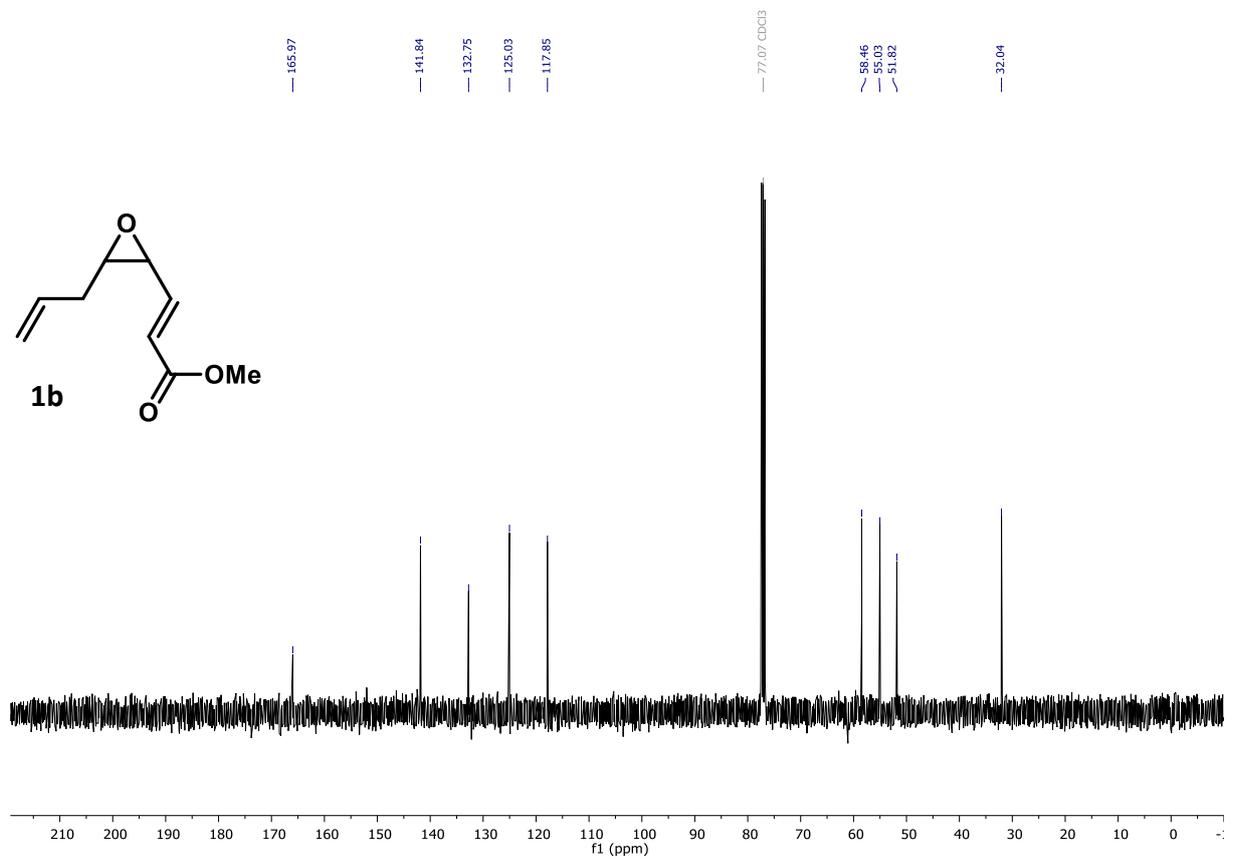
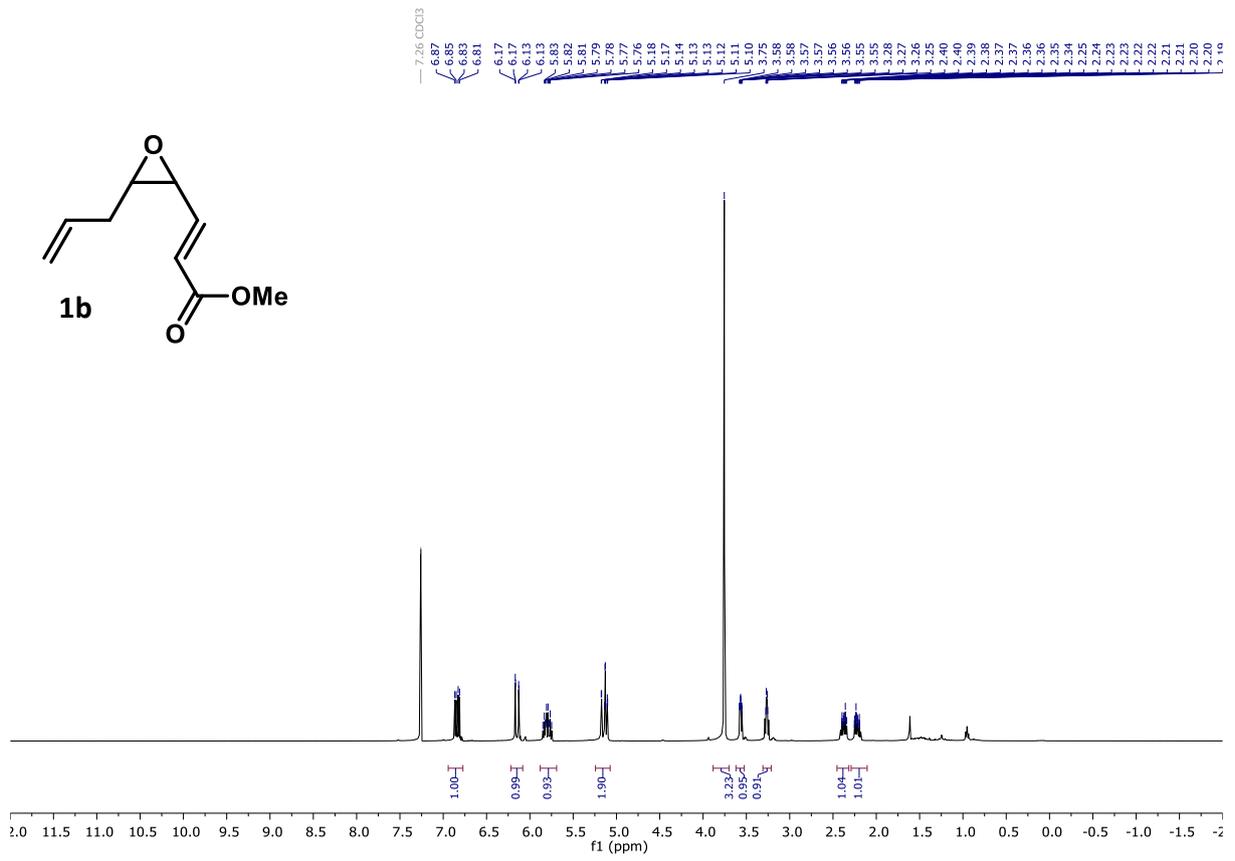
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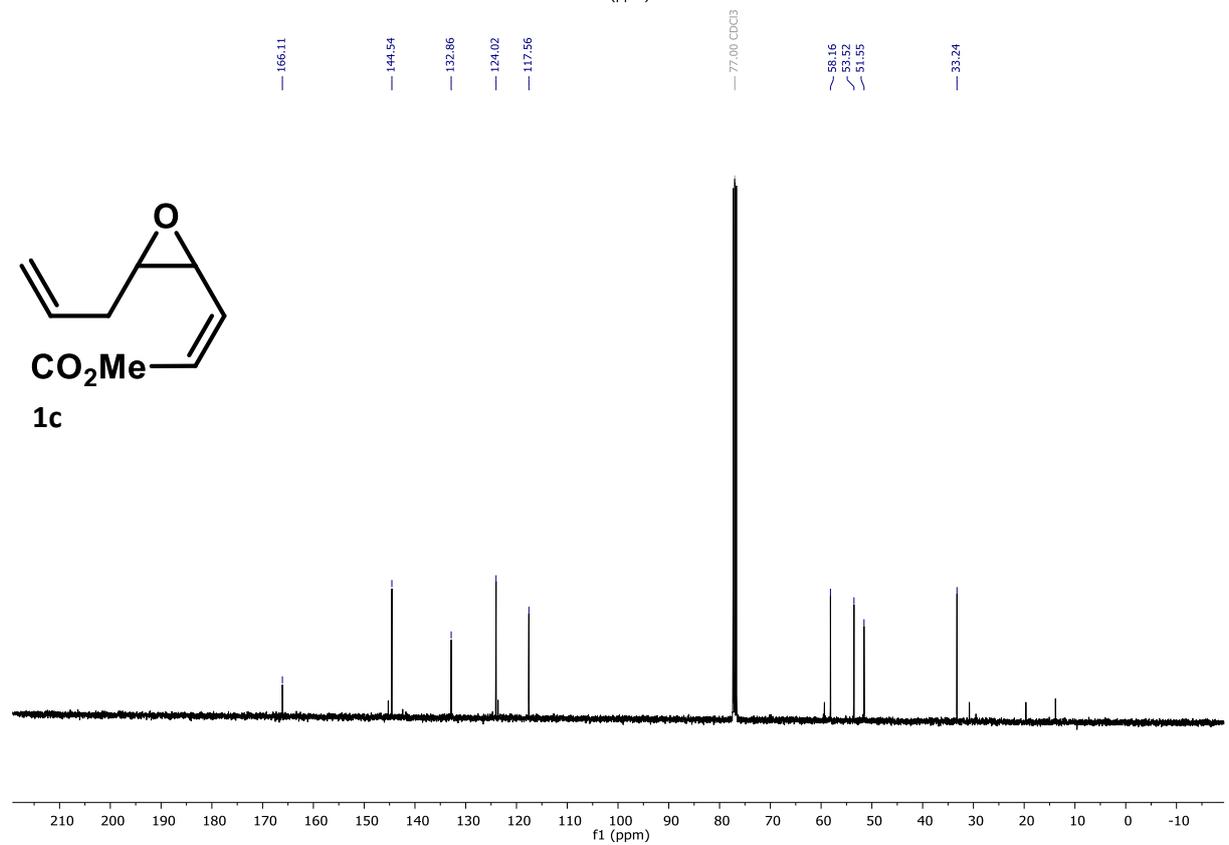
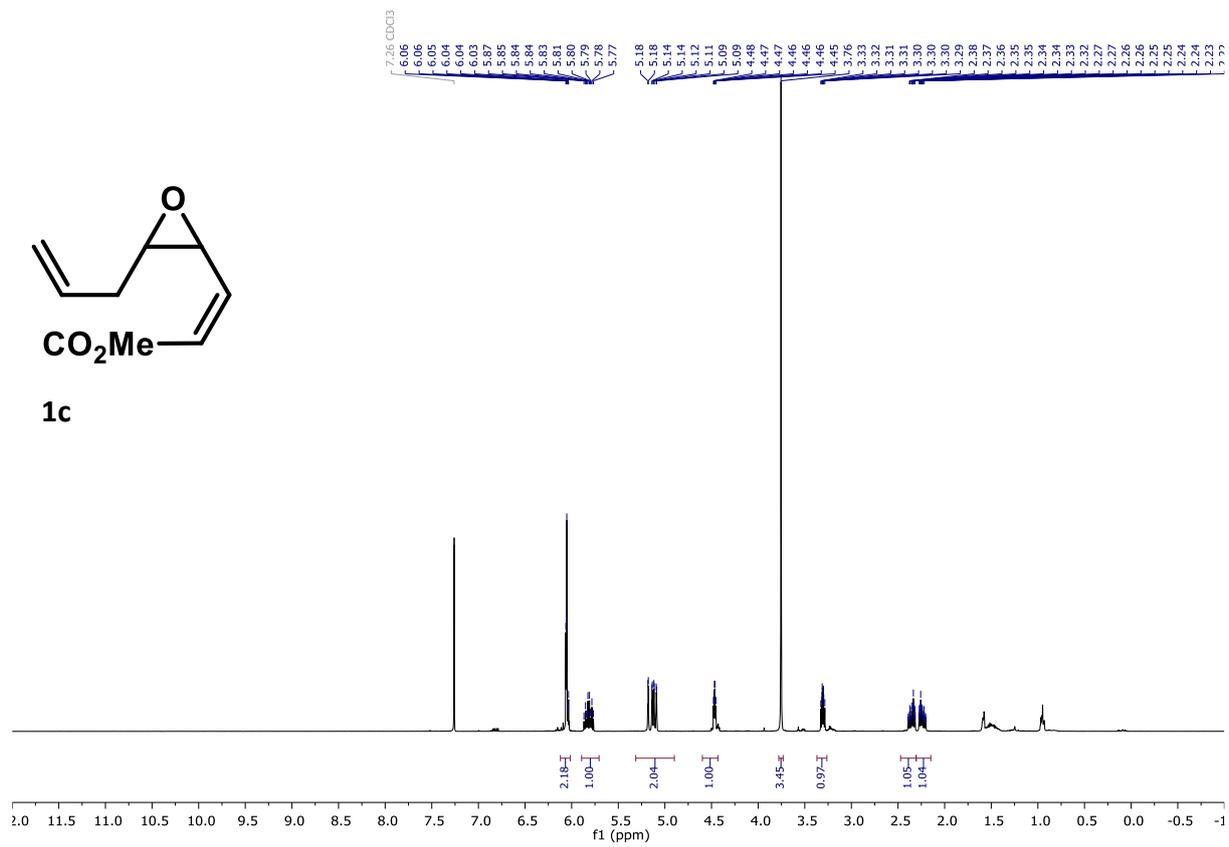


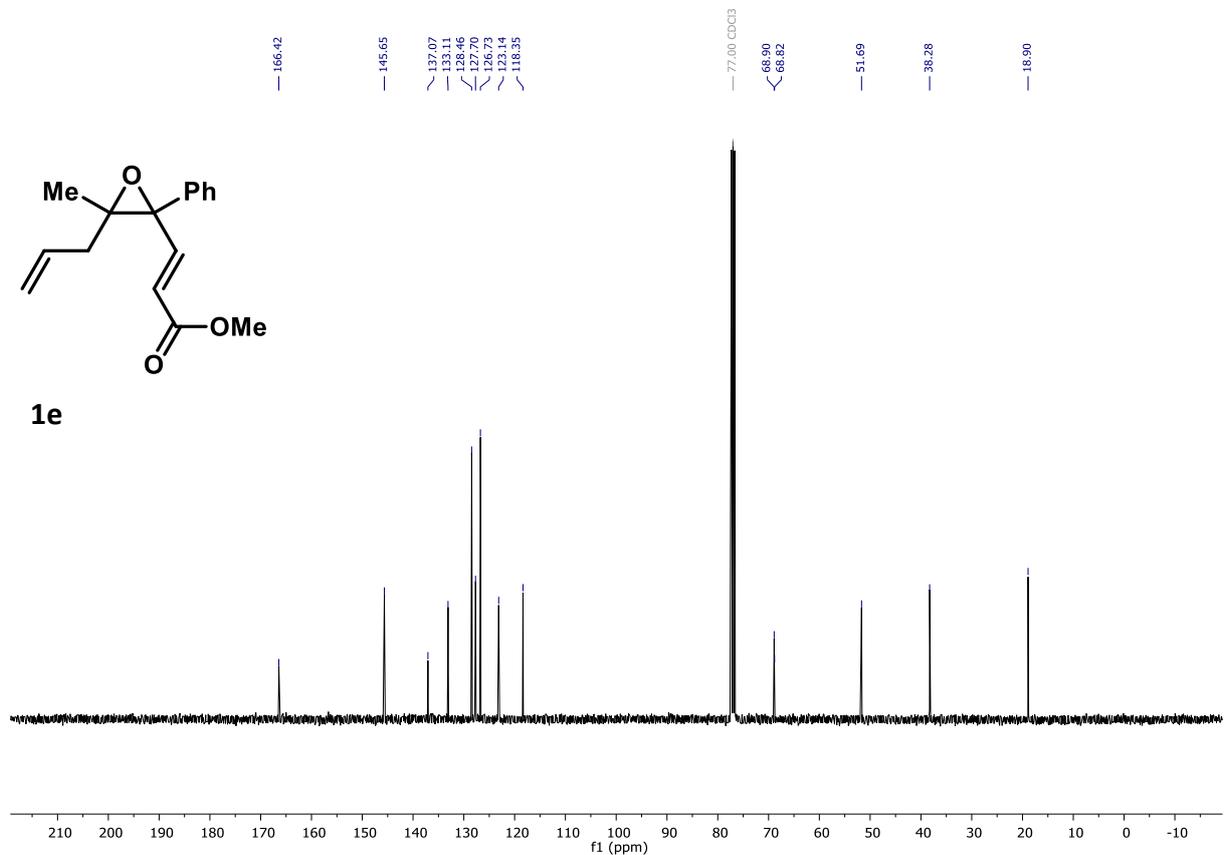
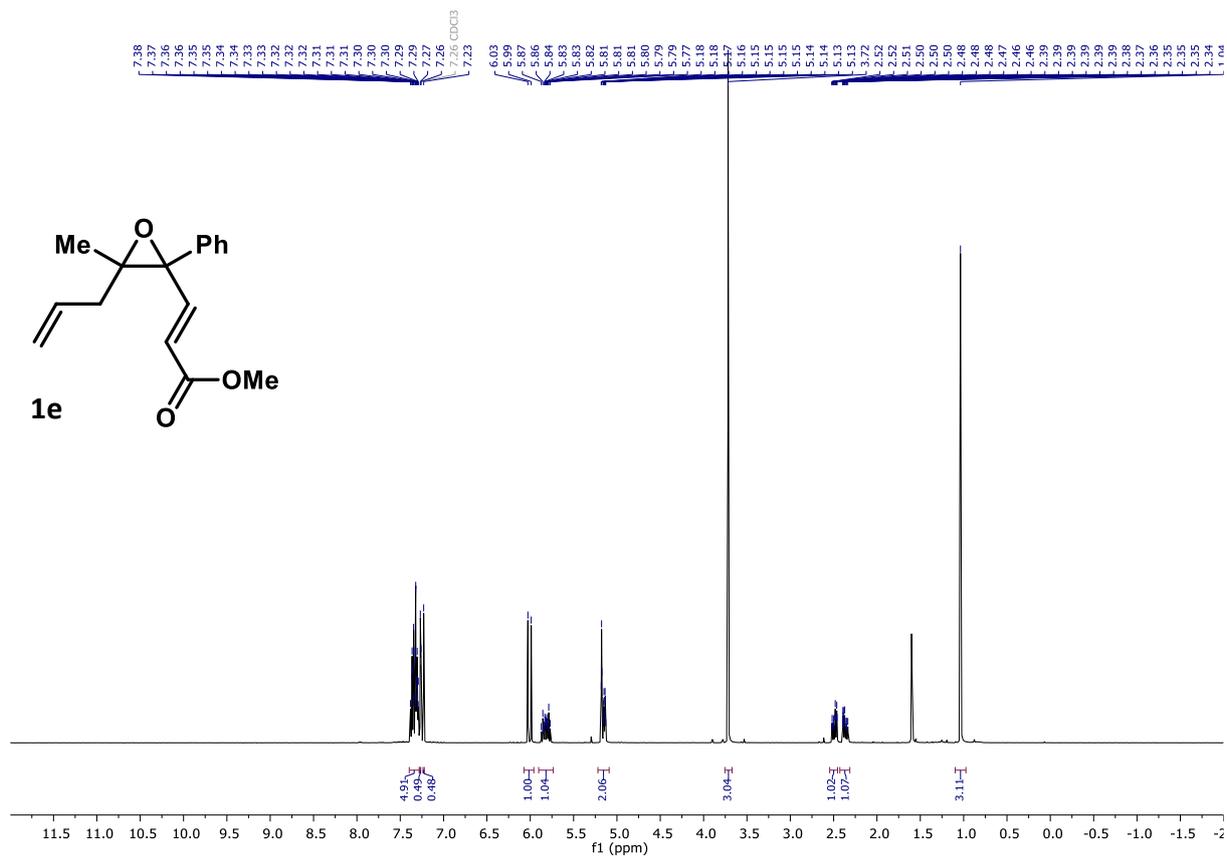


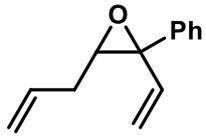




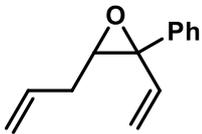
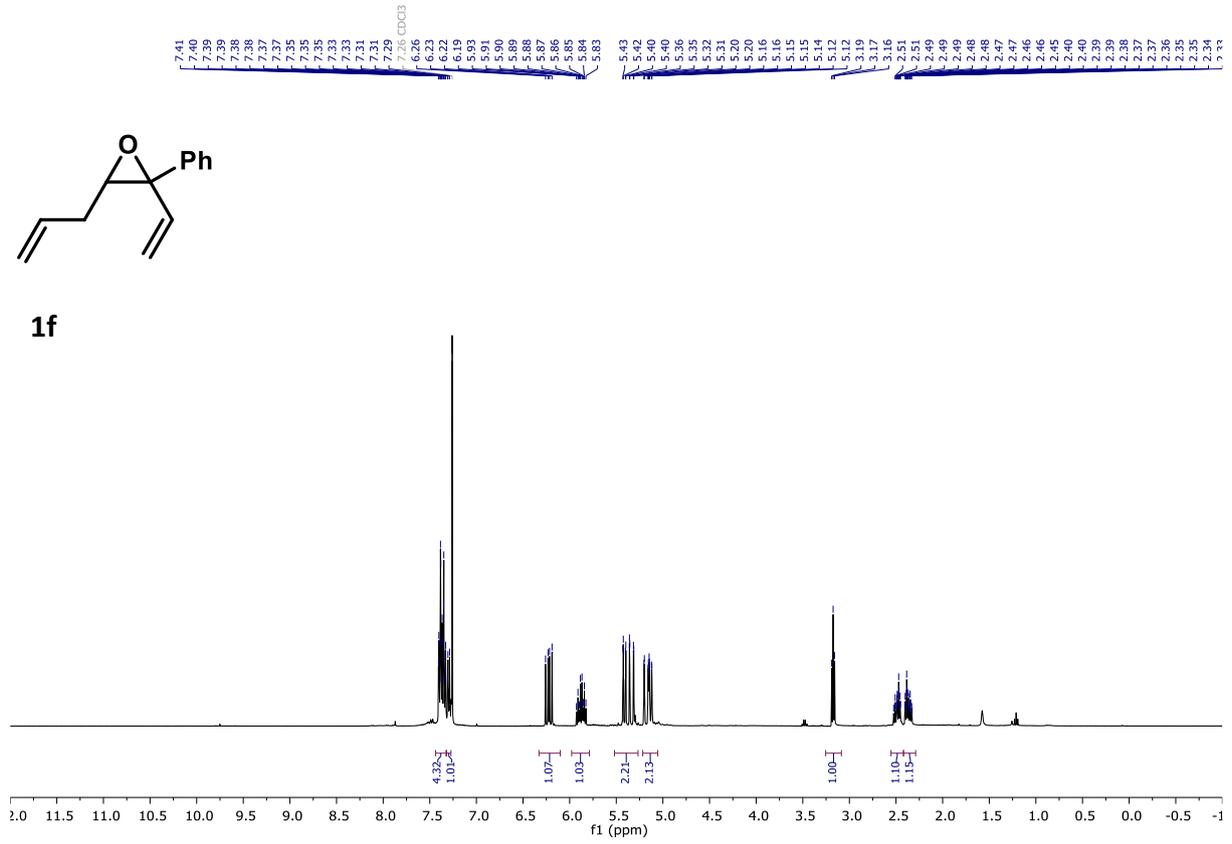




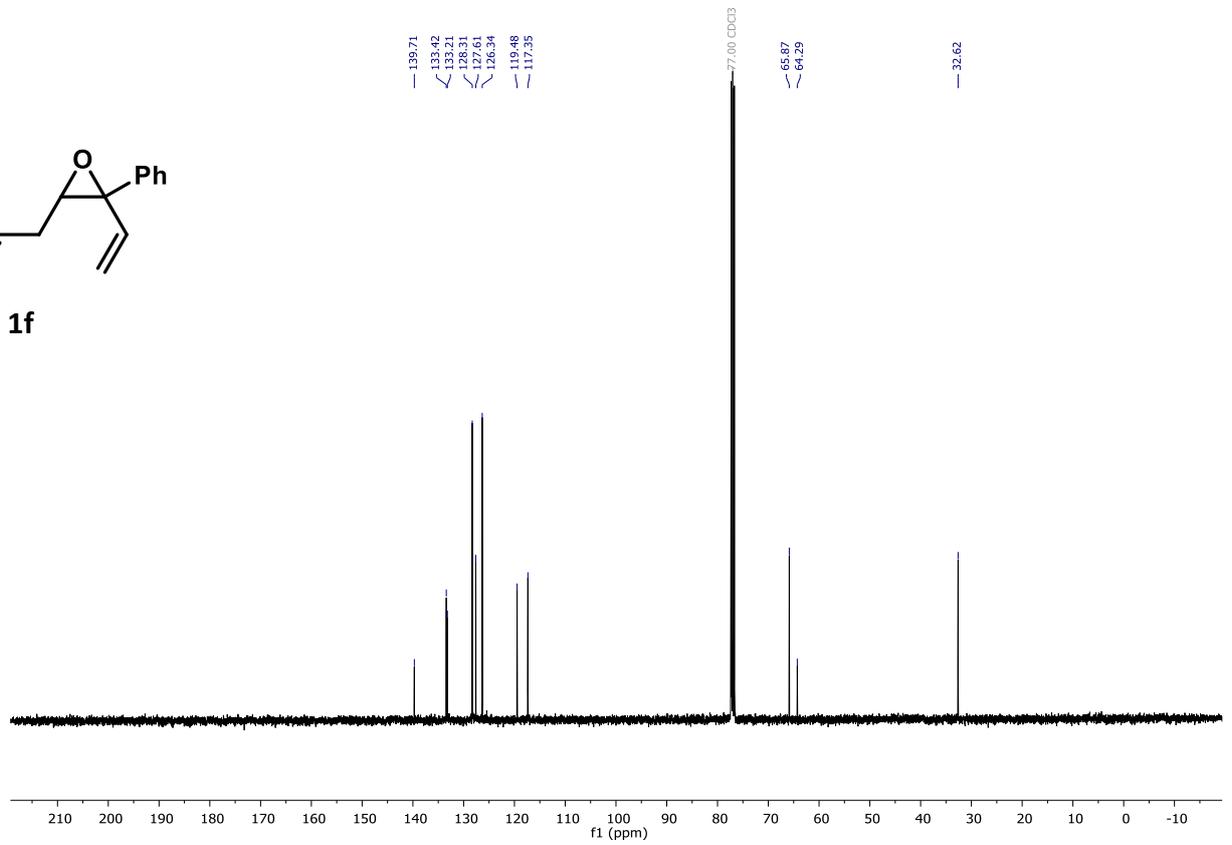


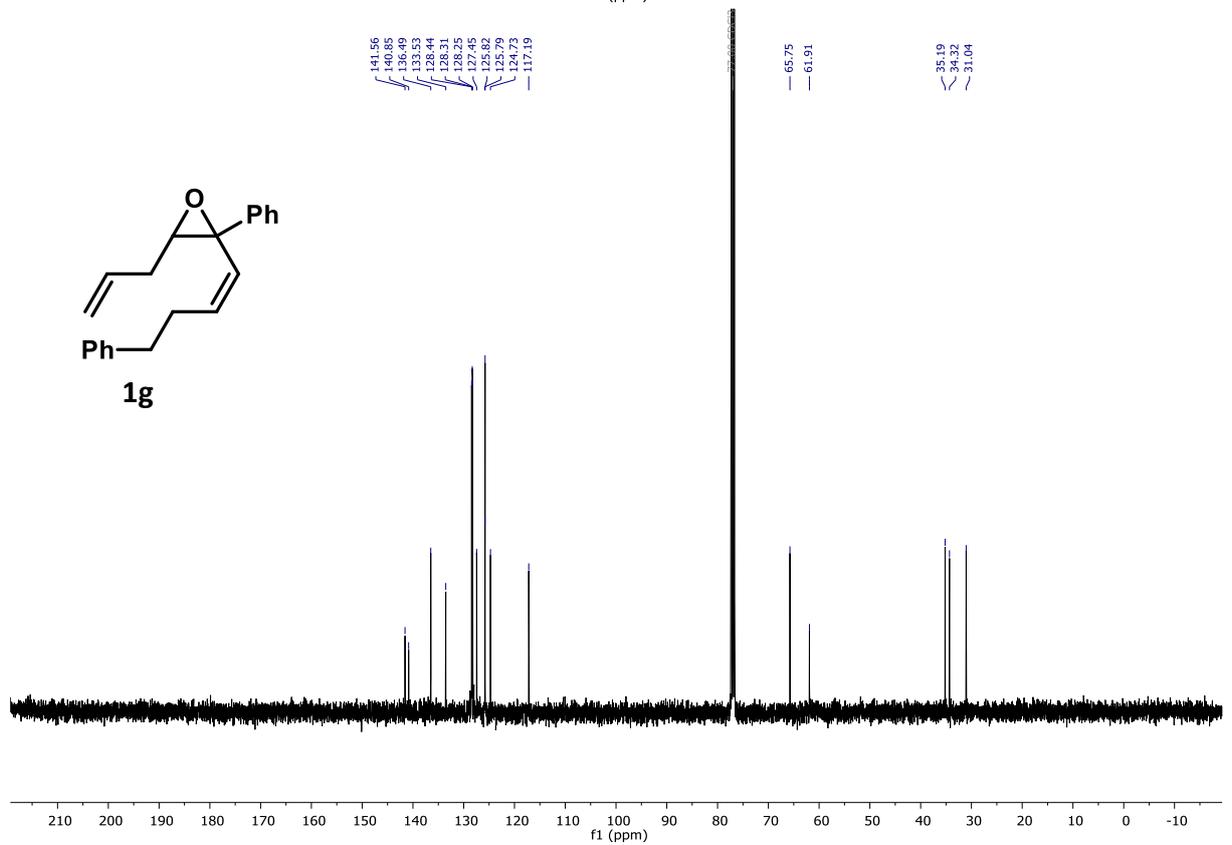
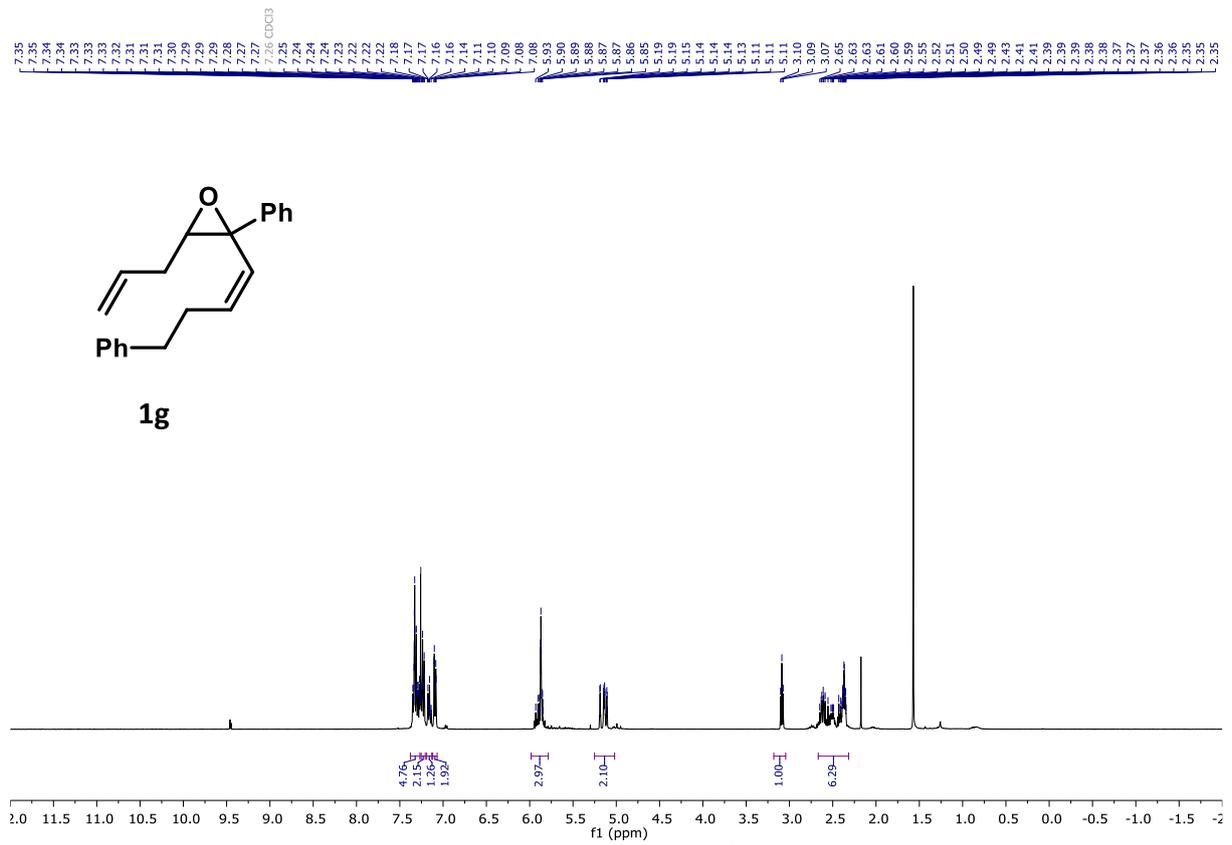


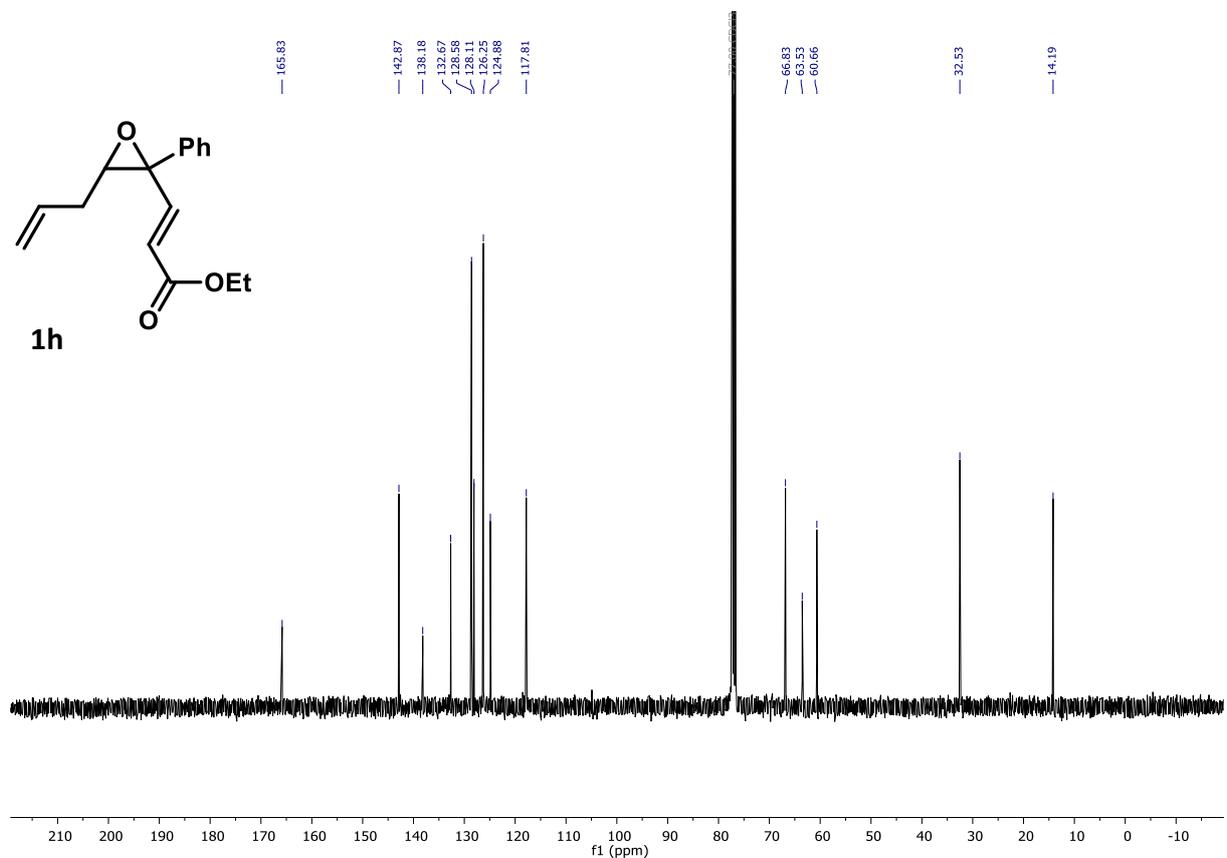
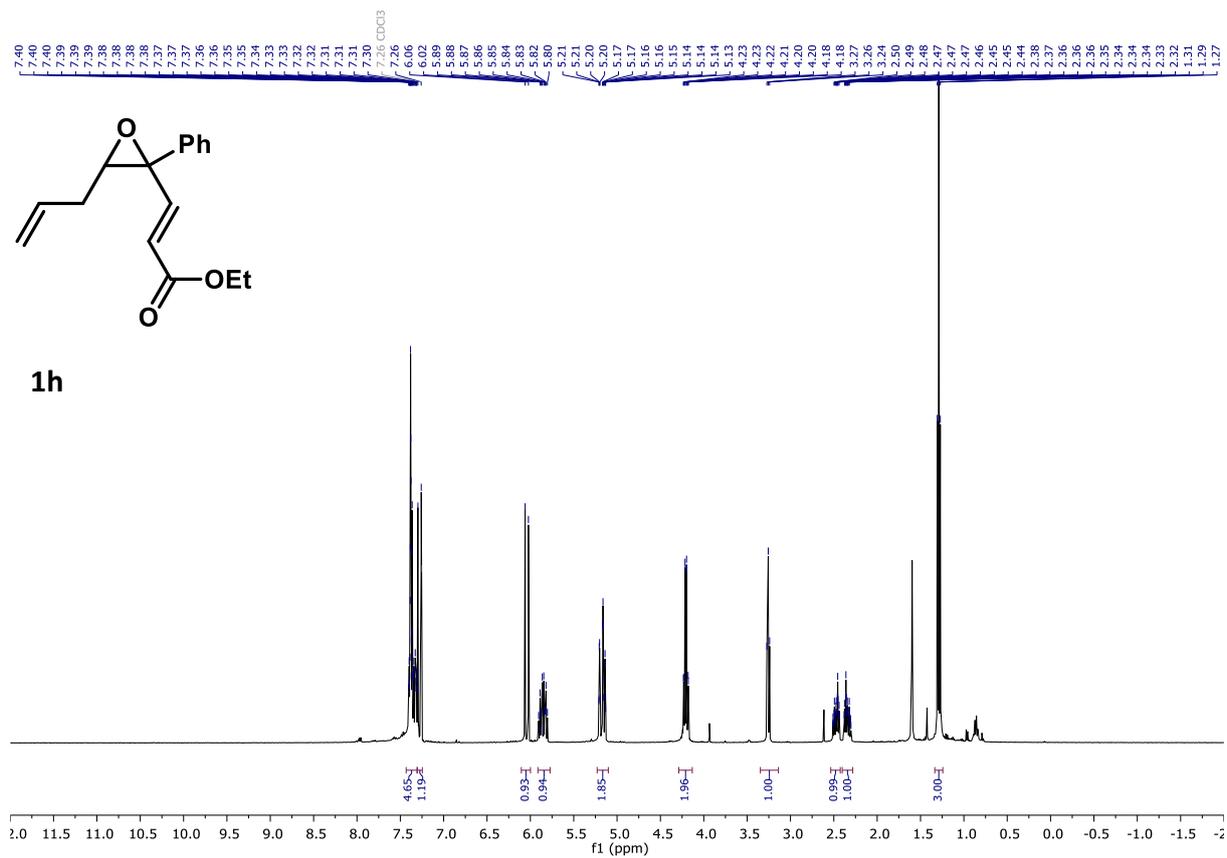
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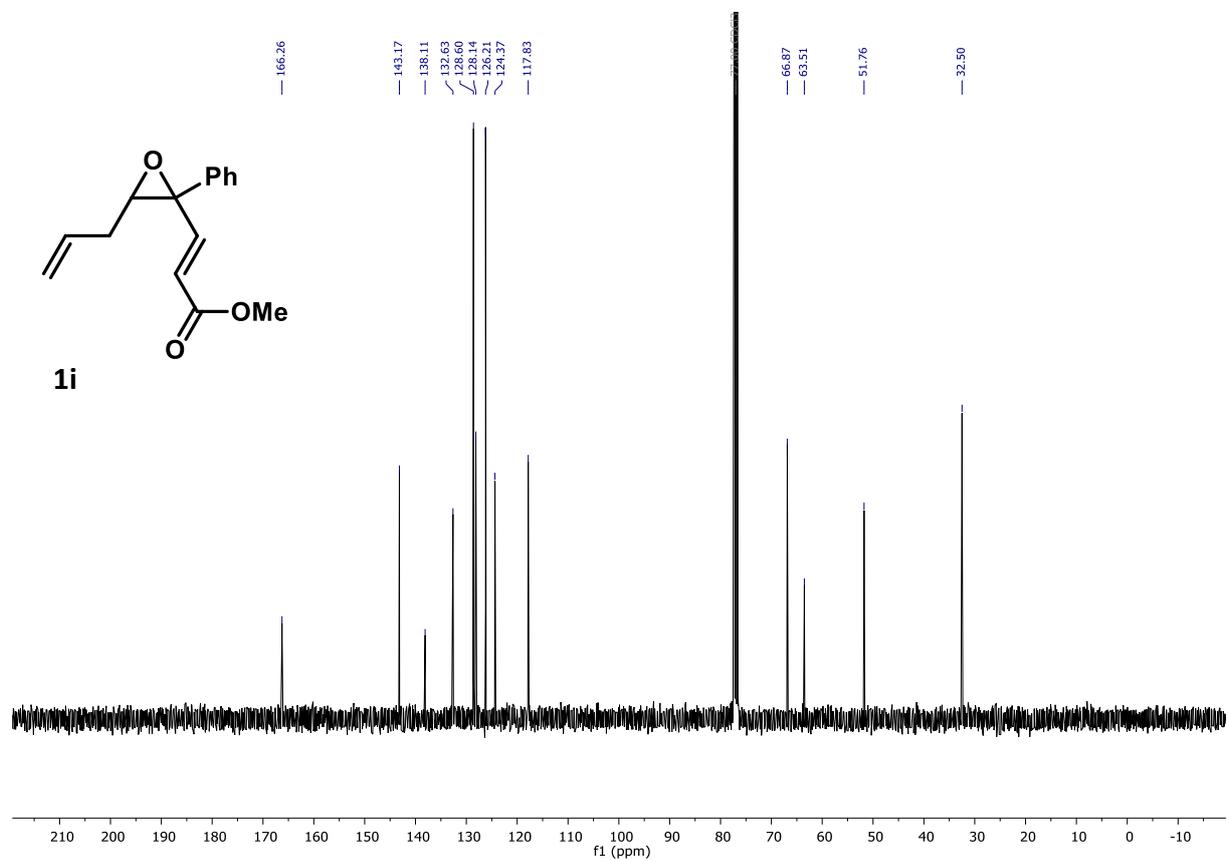
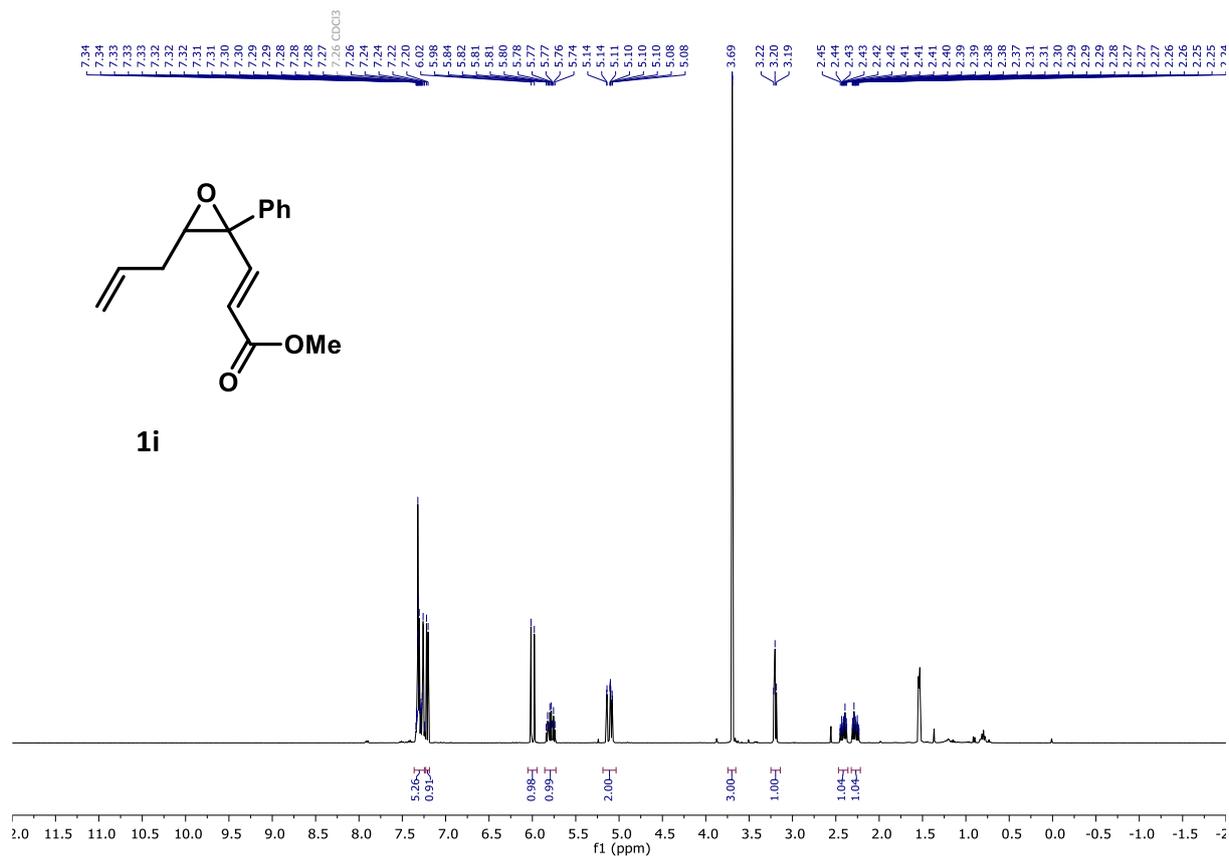


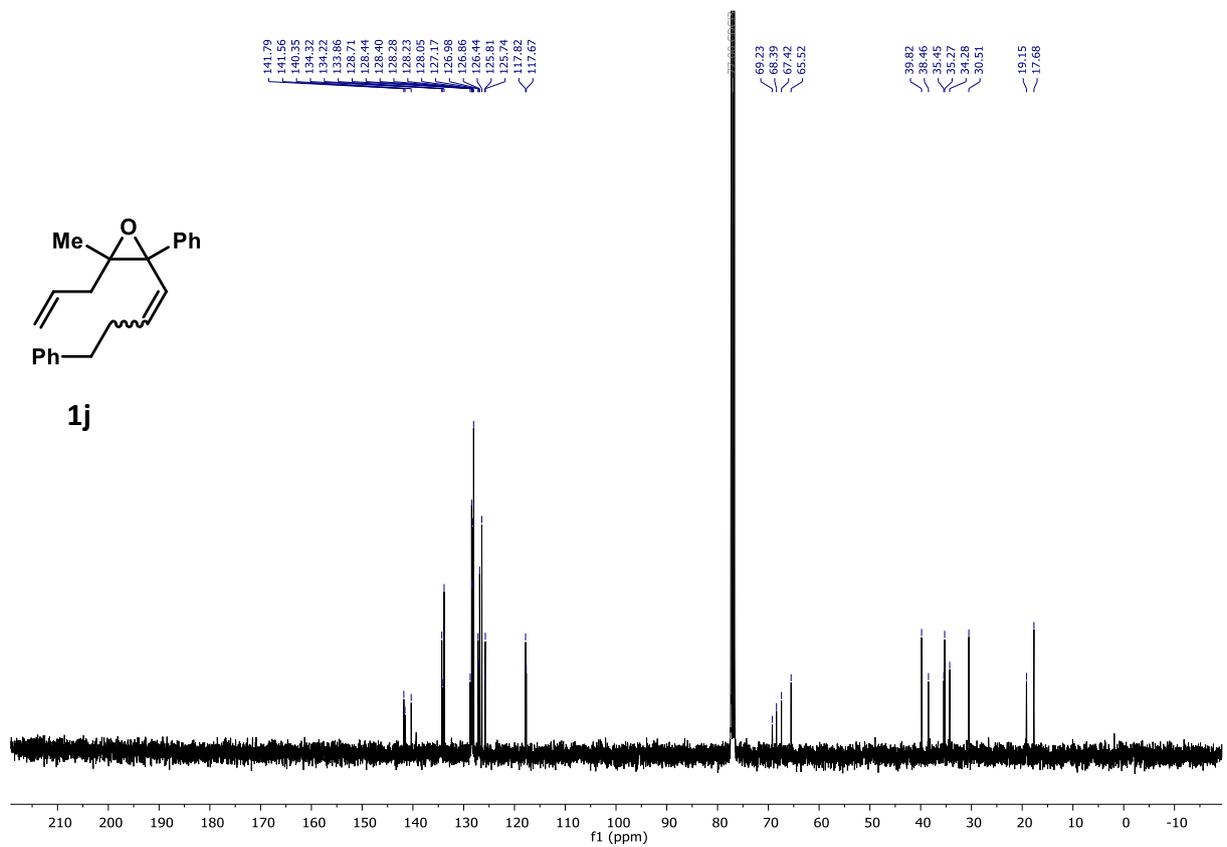
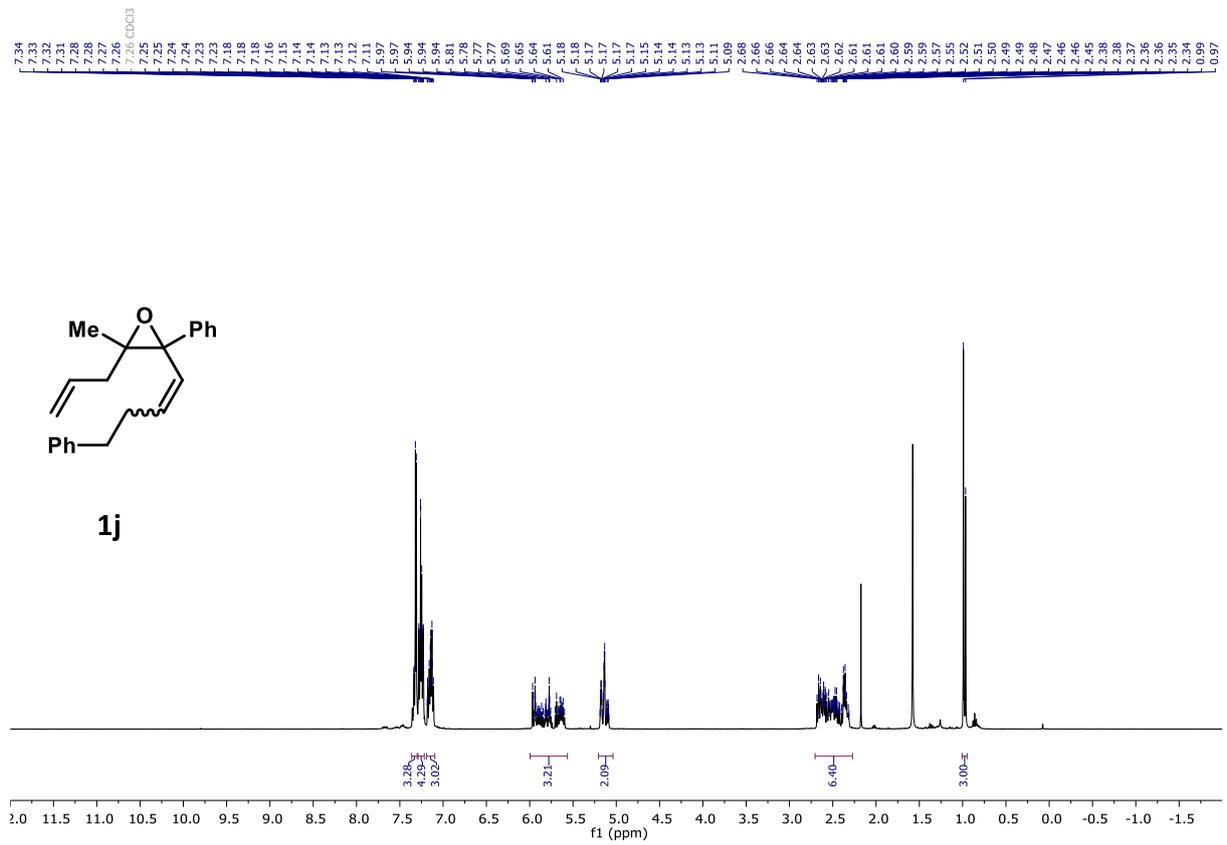
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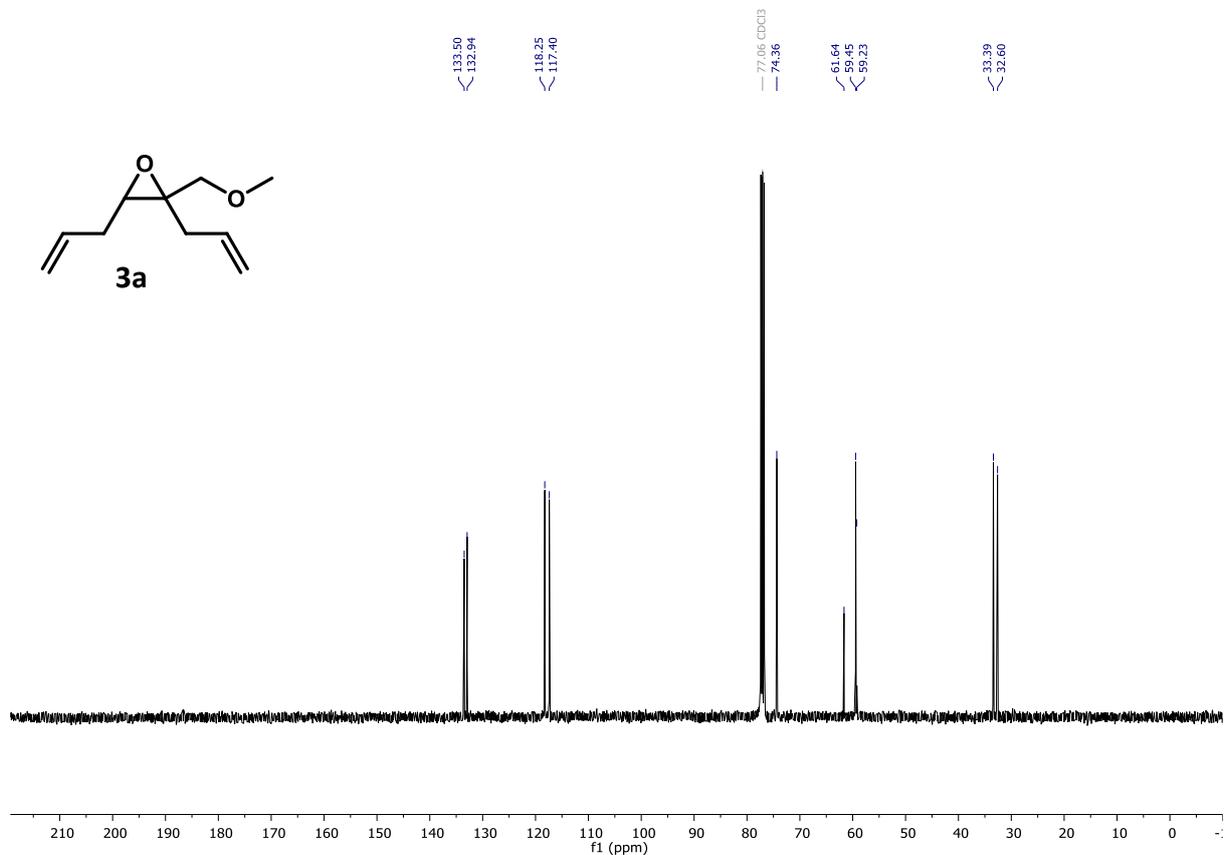
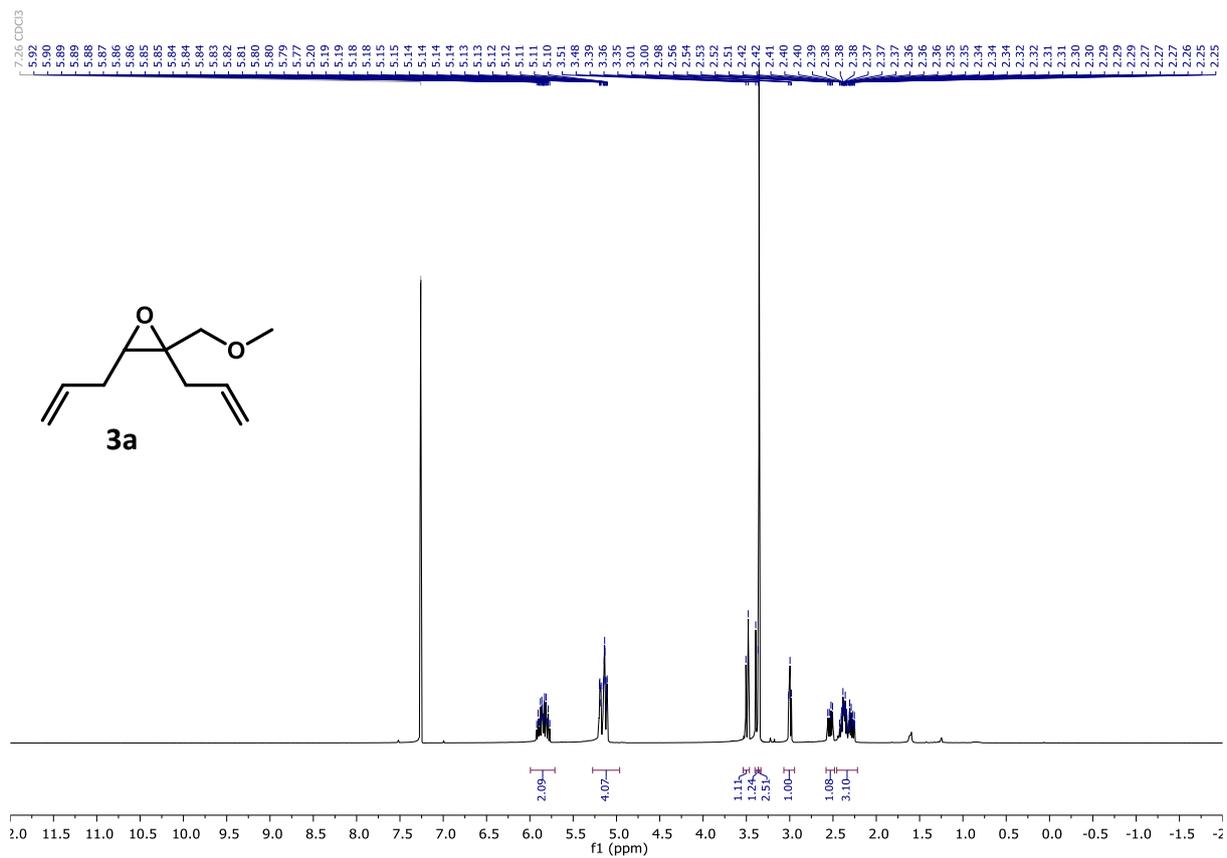


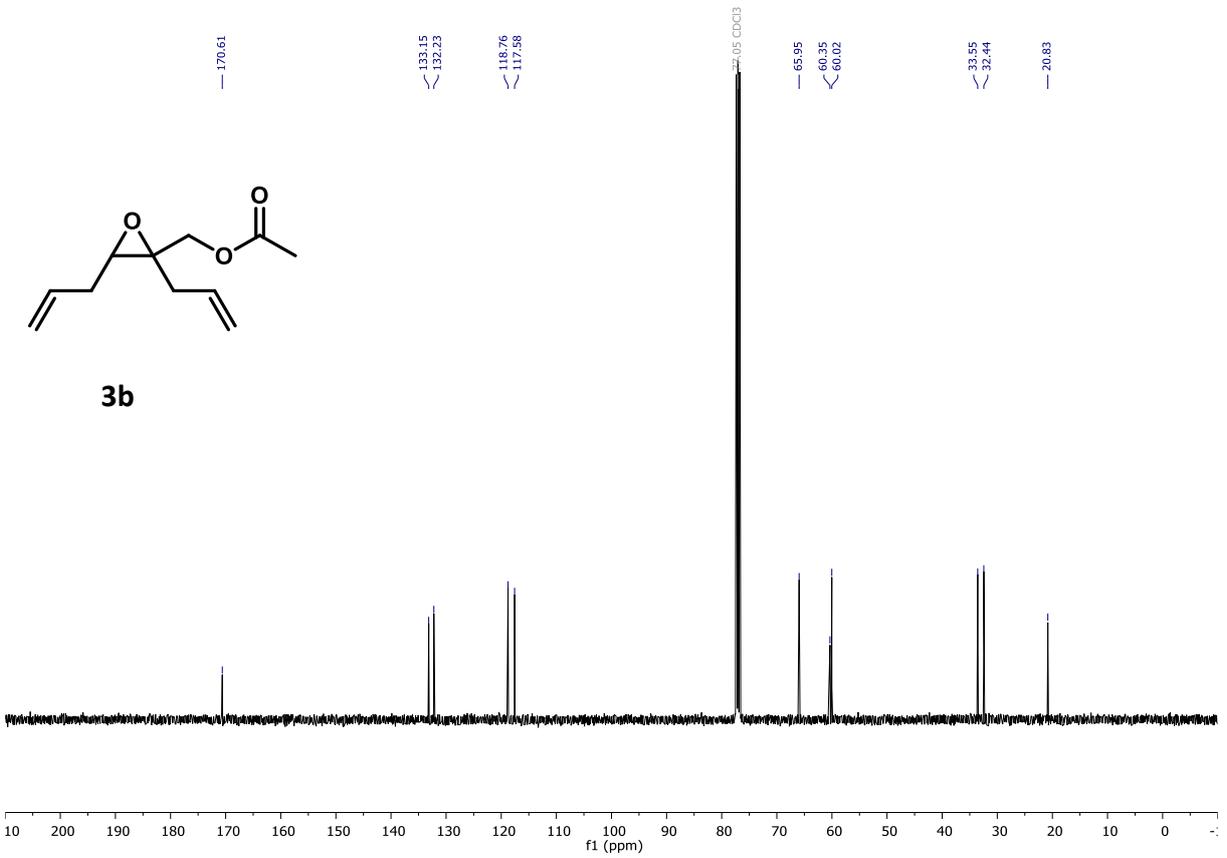
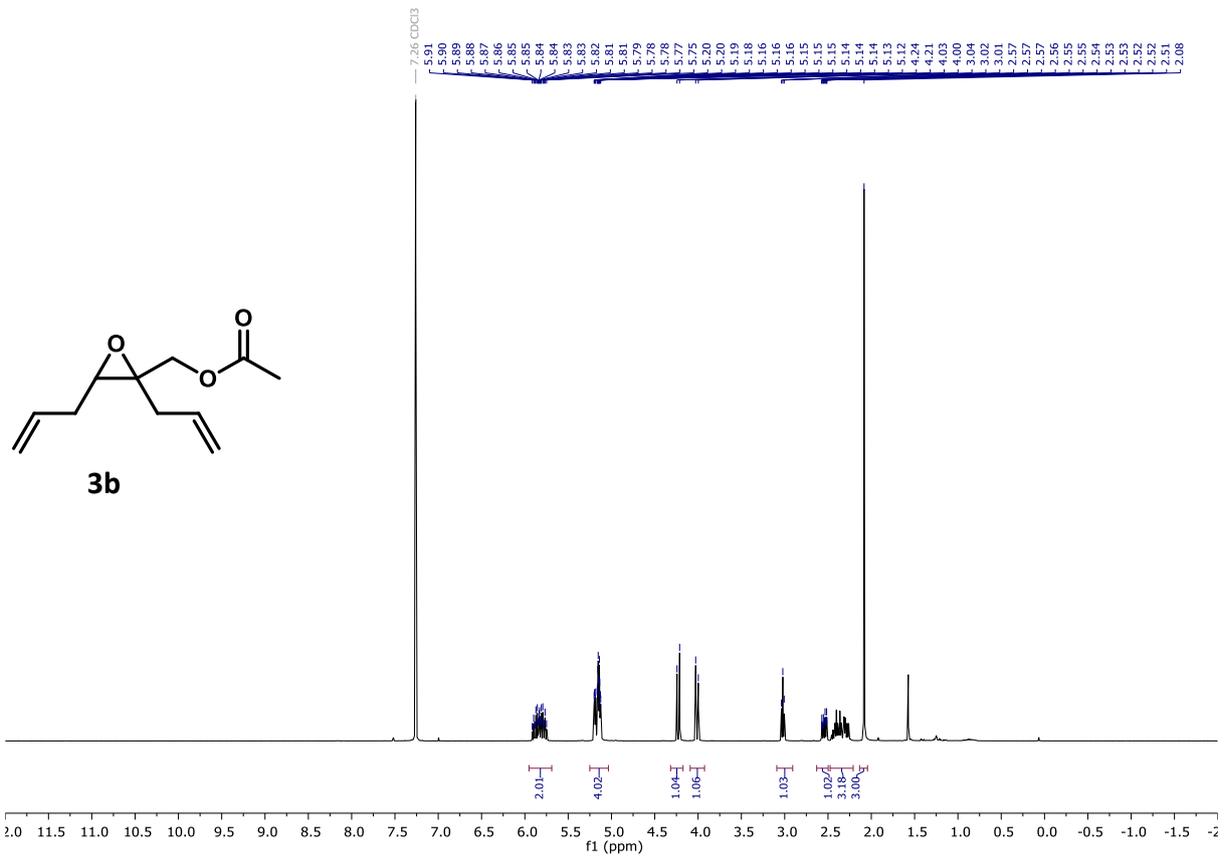


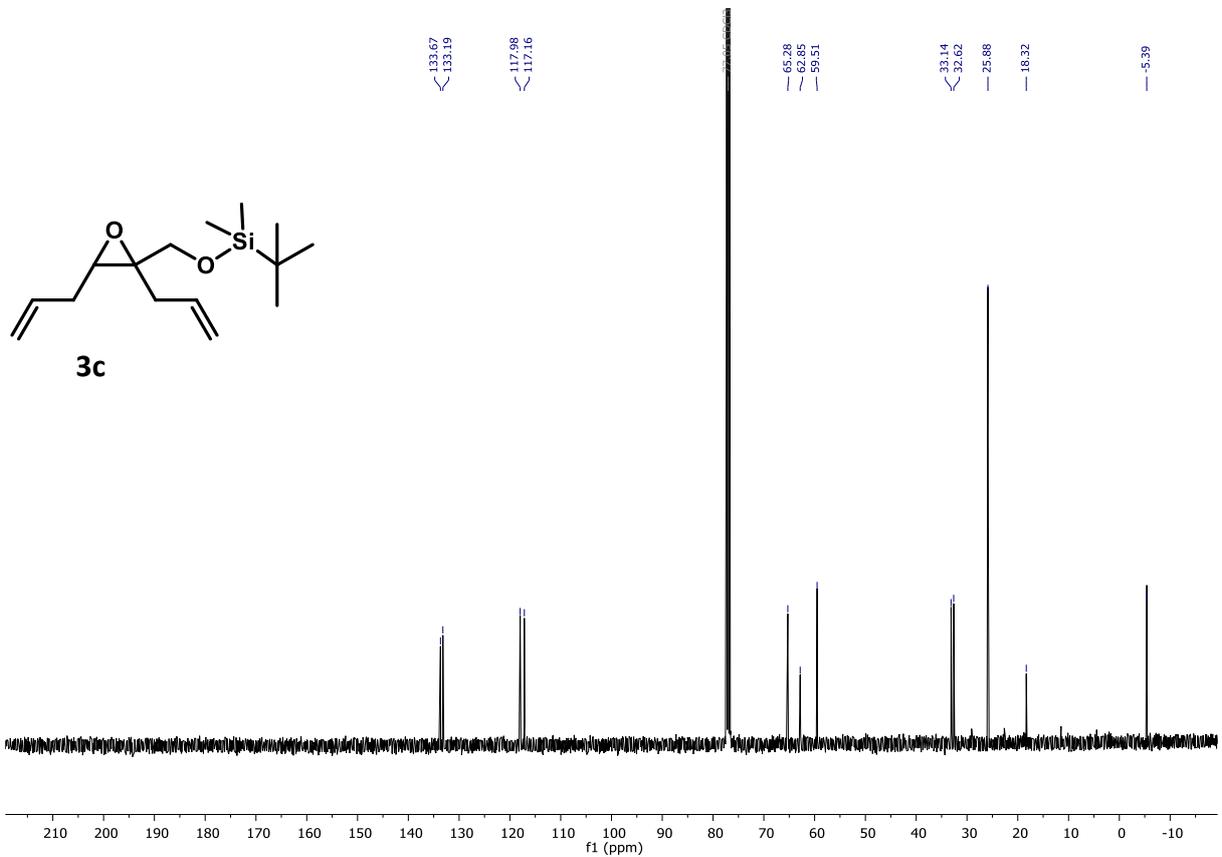
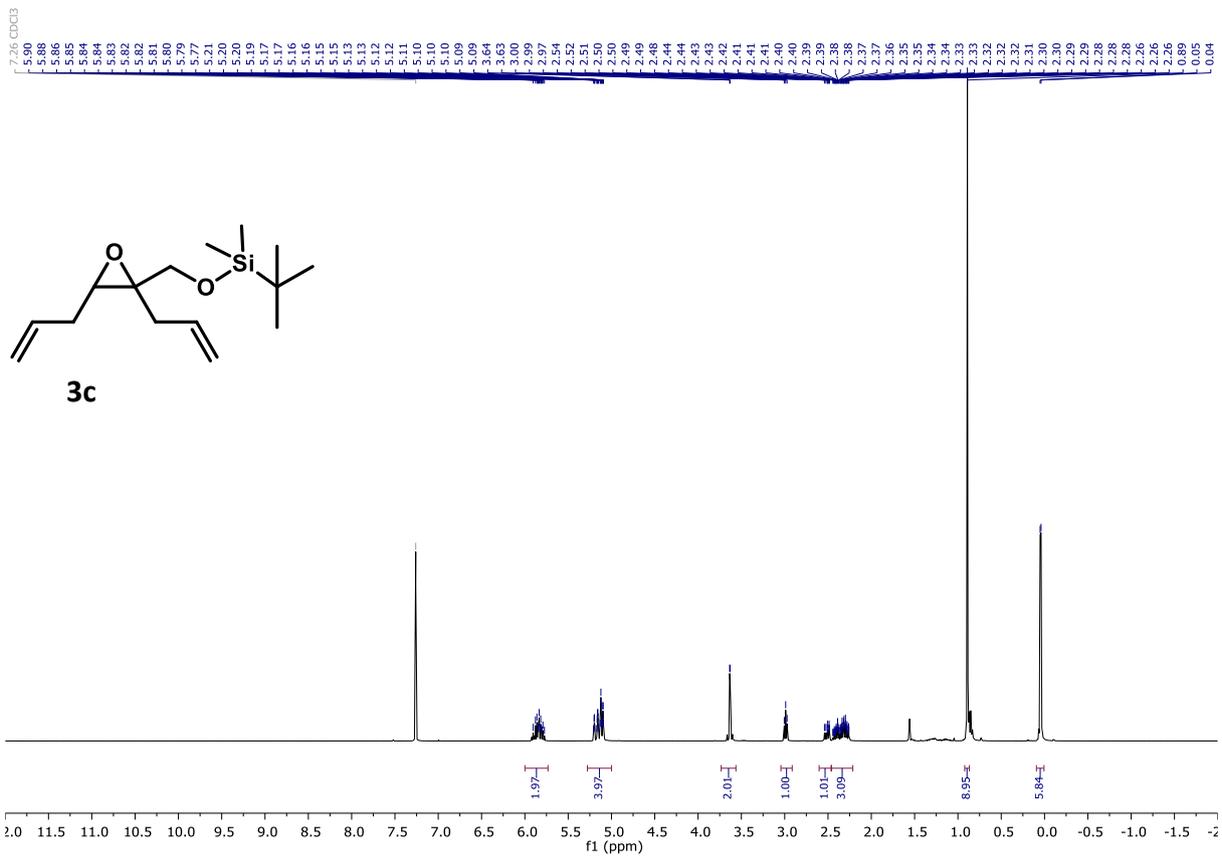


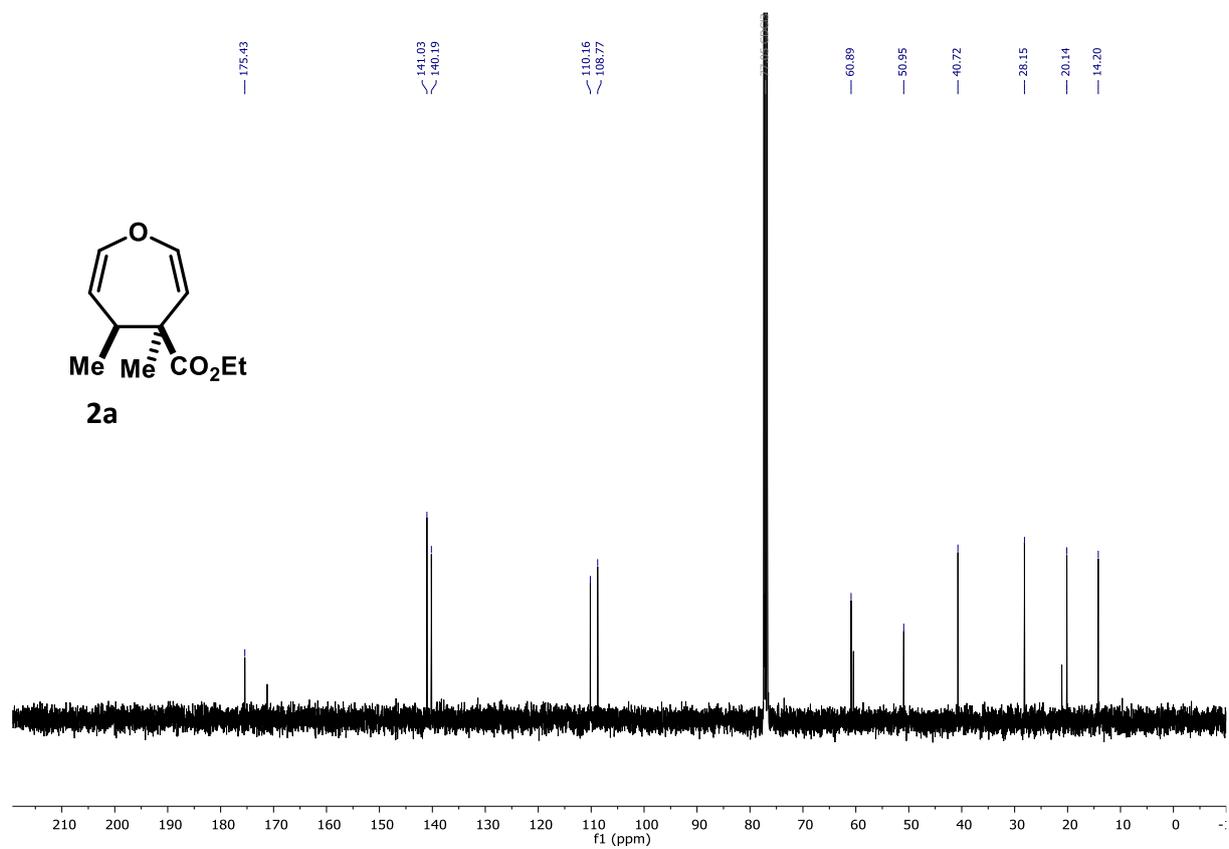
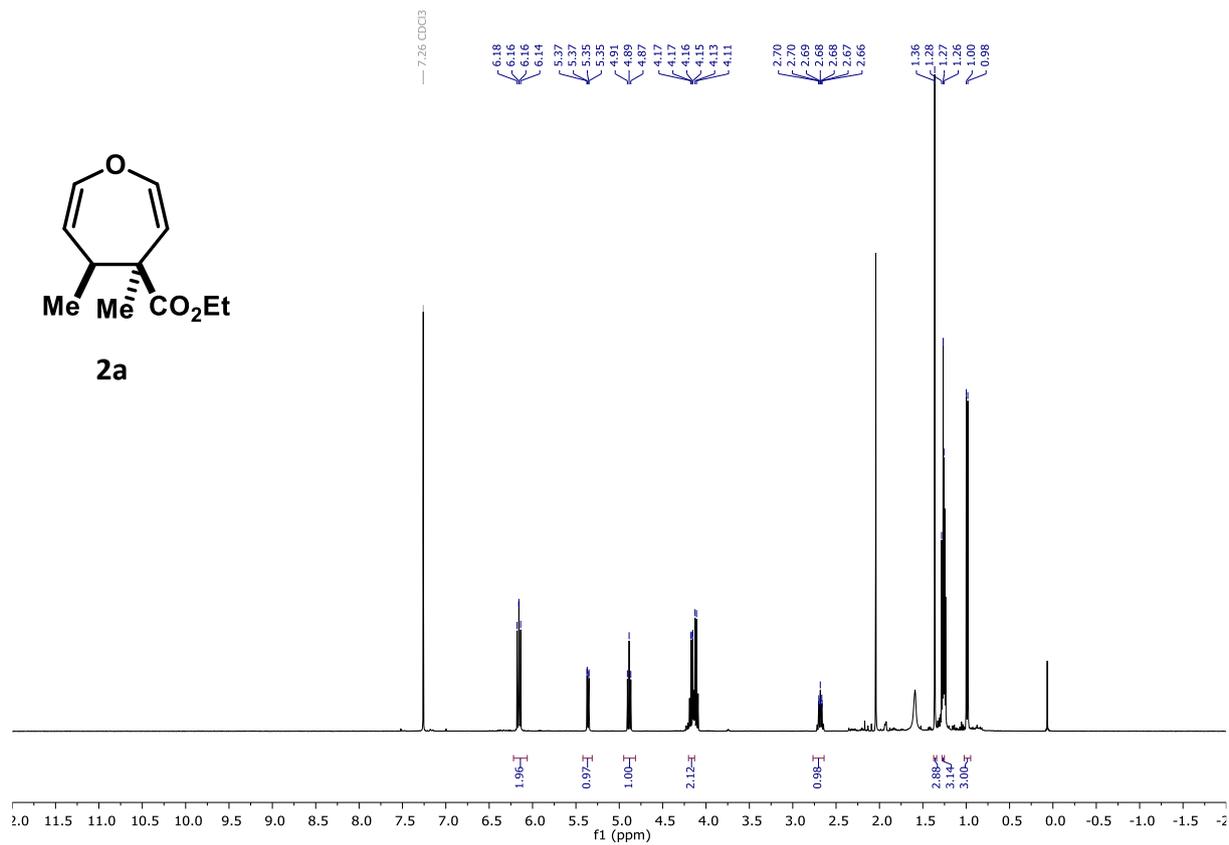


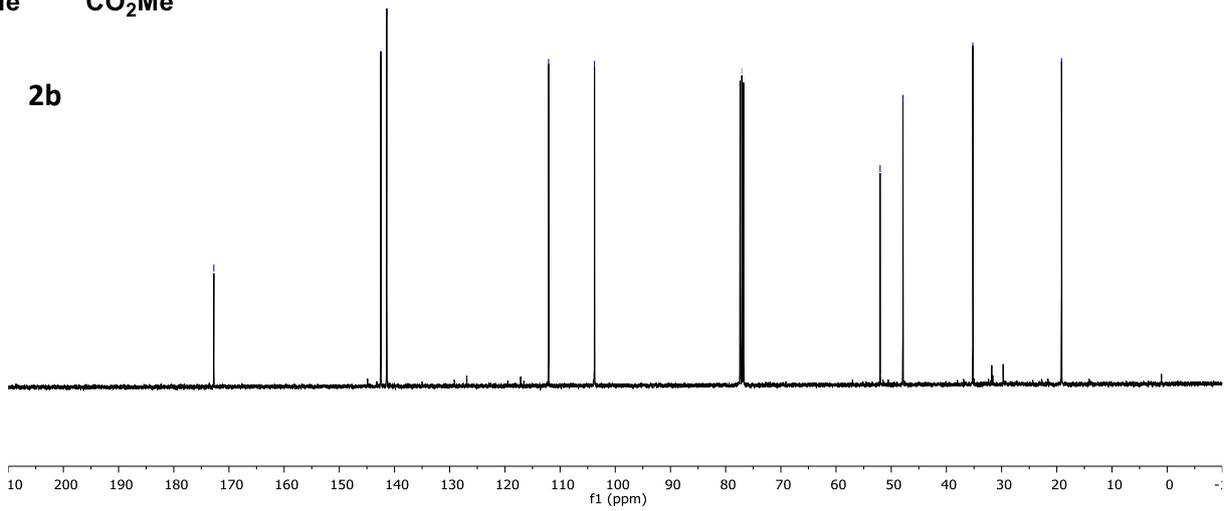
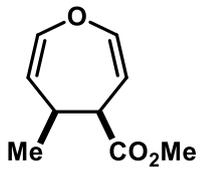
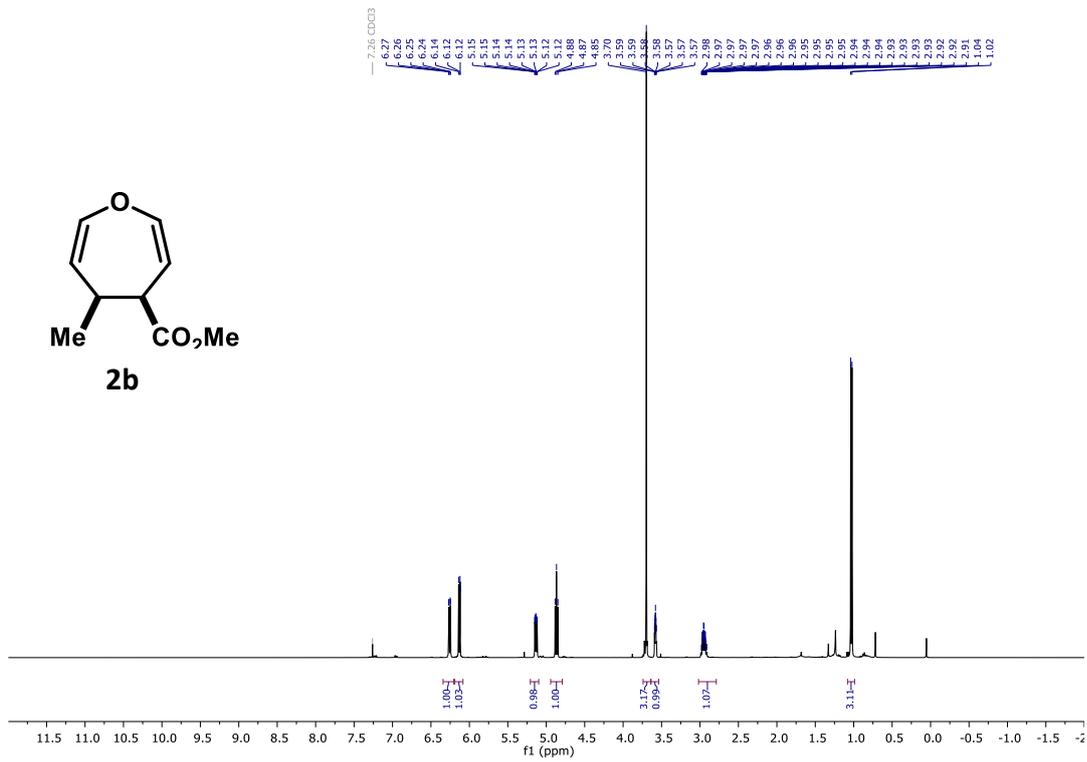
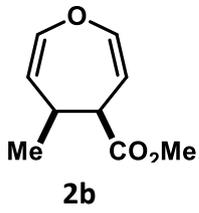


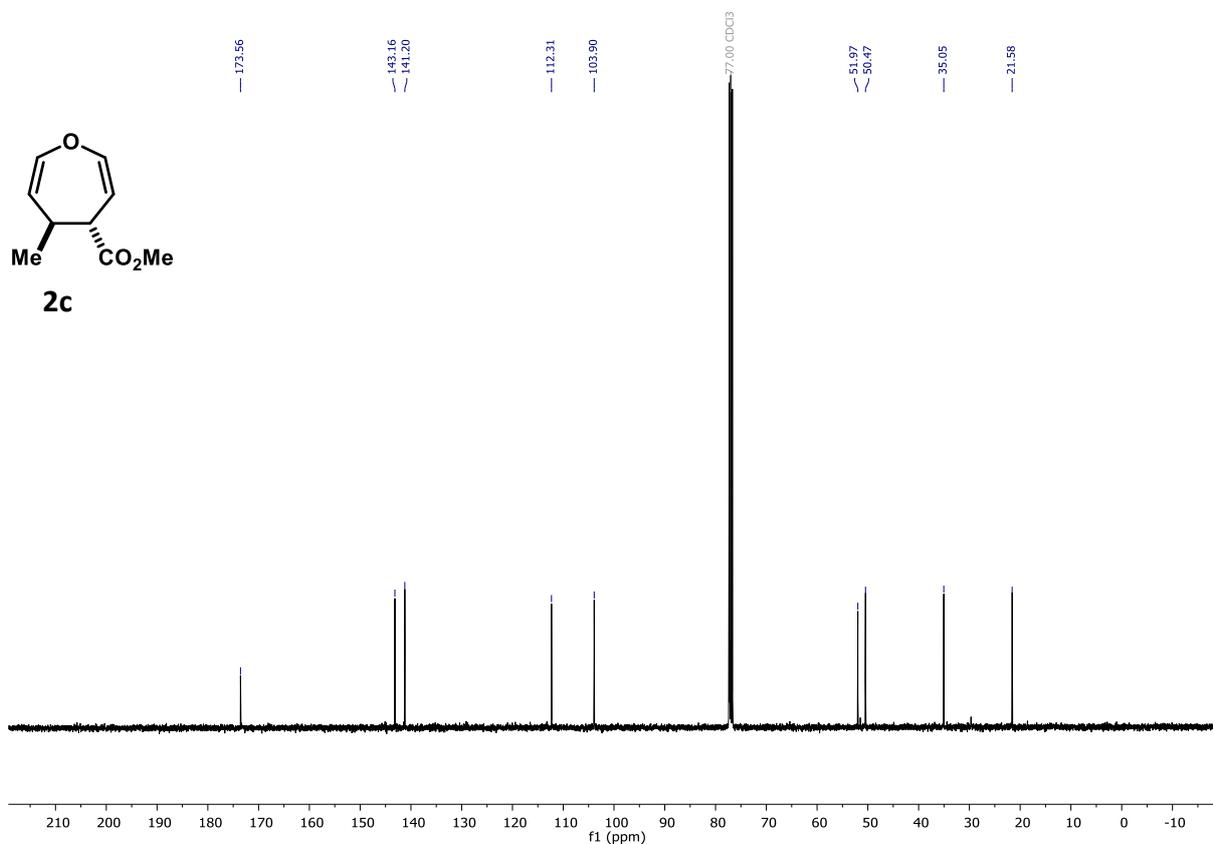
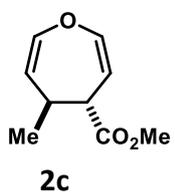
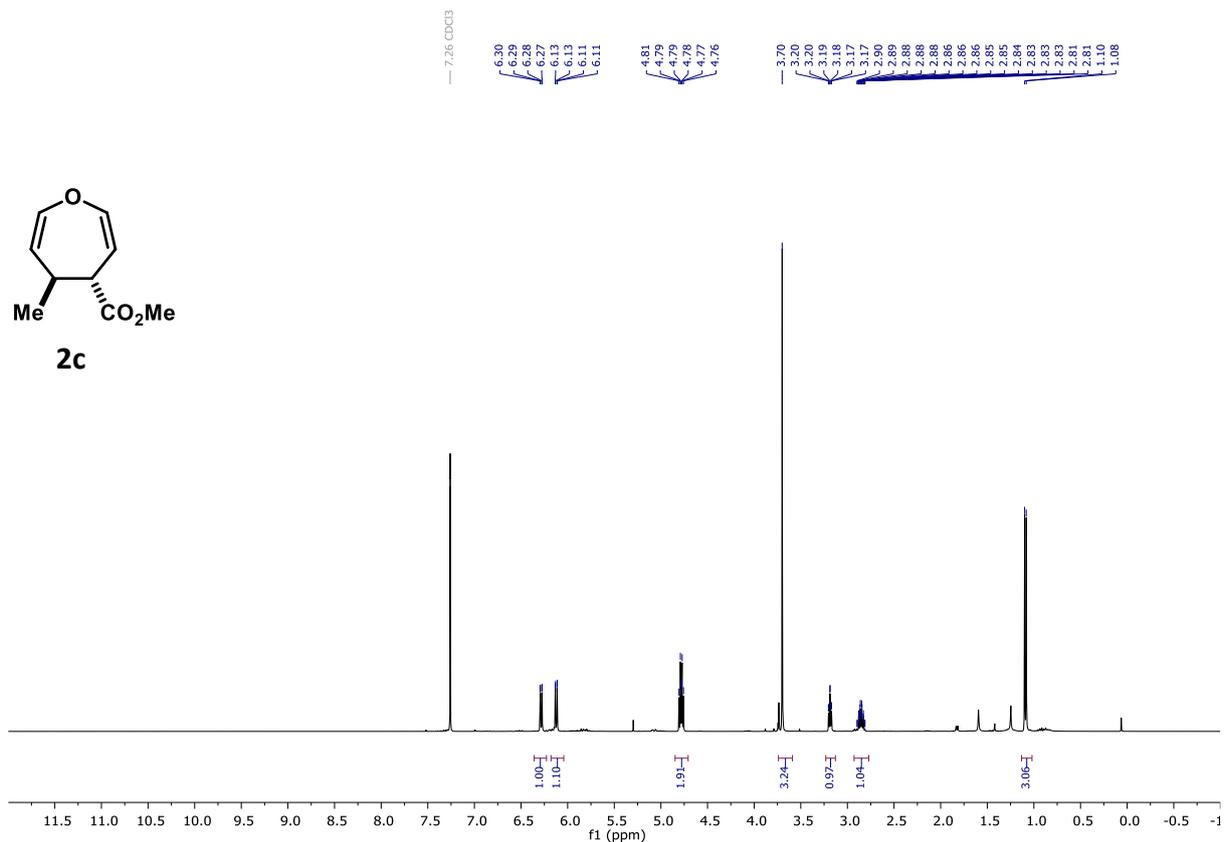
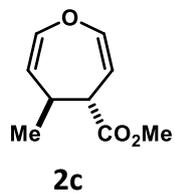


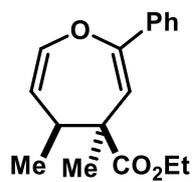












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