

## Supporting Information

### Aluminium-Catalysed Synthesis of Aryl Enol Ethers from Phenols and Dimethyl Ketals

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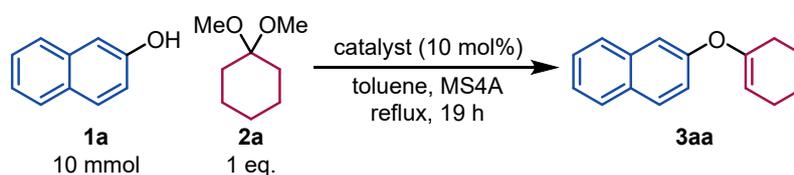
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#### 1. General

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance NEO 400 MHz NMR spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> unless otherwise noted. Tetramethylsilane (TMS) served as an internal standard ( $\delta = 0$ ) for <sup>1</sup>H NMR, and CDCl<sub>3</sub> served as an internal standard ( $\delta = 77.16$ ) for <sup>13</sup>C NMR. Gas chromatography was measured on Shimadzu GC-2014 spectrometer with N<sub>2</sub> gas as a carrier, using Agilent Technologies DB-1 column (Length: 30 m, I.D.: 0.250 mm, Film: 0.25  $\mu$ m). Other chemicals and solvents were purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd, FUJIFILM Wako pure chemicals, Kishida chemical Co., Ltd., and Sigma-Aldrich. IR spectra were recorded by Shimadzu IRSpirit. ESI high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured by JEOL JMS-700T MStation. Melting points were measured by BUCHI M-560. JAI LaboAce LC-5060 Plus II was used for a recycling preparative GPC.

#### 2. Optimizations for the synthesis of aryl enol ethers catalyzed by acids

The reaction was conducted following general procedure GP-1.

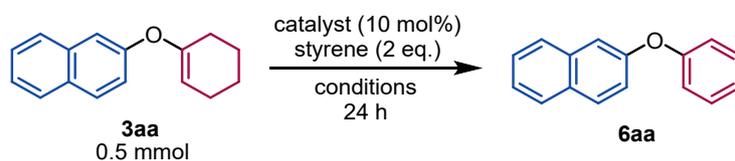


entry	catalyst	conversion (%)	yield (%)
1	Al(OEt) <sub>3</sub>	83	72
2	Ca(OMe) <sub>2</sub>	0	0
3	Y(OiPr) <sub>3</sub>	35	2
4	Ti(OiPr) <sub>4</sub>	27	2
5	Ga(OiPr) <sub>3</sub>	88	58
6	Zr(OEt) <sub>4</sub>	62	35
7	Nb(OEt) <sub>5</sub>	64	12
8	In(OiPr) <sub>3</sub>	43	16
9	Fe(OEt) <sub>3</sub>	15	0
10	Ce(OiPr) <sub>4</sub>	17	0
11	Sn(OEt) <sub>2</sub>	25	1
12	Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	43	1
13	B(OEt) <sub>3</sub>	15	1
14	Al(OiPr) <sub>3</sub>	66	51
15	AlCl <sub>3</sub>	69	51
16	Al <sub>2</sub> O(OAc) <sub>4</sub> ·nH <sub>2</sub> O	33	29
17	Al(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·9H <sub>2</sub> O	23	3
18	Al(acac) <sub>3</sub>	6	0
19	AlMe <sub>3</sub>	74	61
20 <sup>a</sup>	AlMe <sub>3</sub>	83	71
21 <sup>a,b</sup>	AlMe <sub>3</sub>	92	74
22 <sup>a,b,c</sup>	AlMe <sub>3</sub>	92	86
23 <sup>a,b,c,d</sup>	AlMe <sub>3</sub>	93	91

<sup>a</sup> 2 equivalents of **2a** were used. <sup>b</sup> 1 mol% of AlMe<sub>3</sub> was used. <sup>c</sup> **2a** was added all at once without syringe pump. <sup>d</sup> 50 mmol of **1a**, 200 mL of toluene, and 100 g of MS 4Å were used.

### 3. Optimization for the synthesis of diaryl ethers catalyzed by palladium

The reaction was conducted following general procedure GP-3.

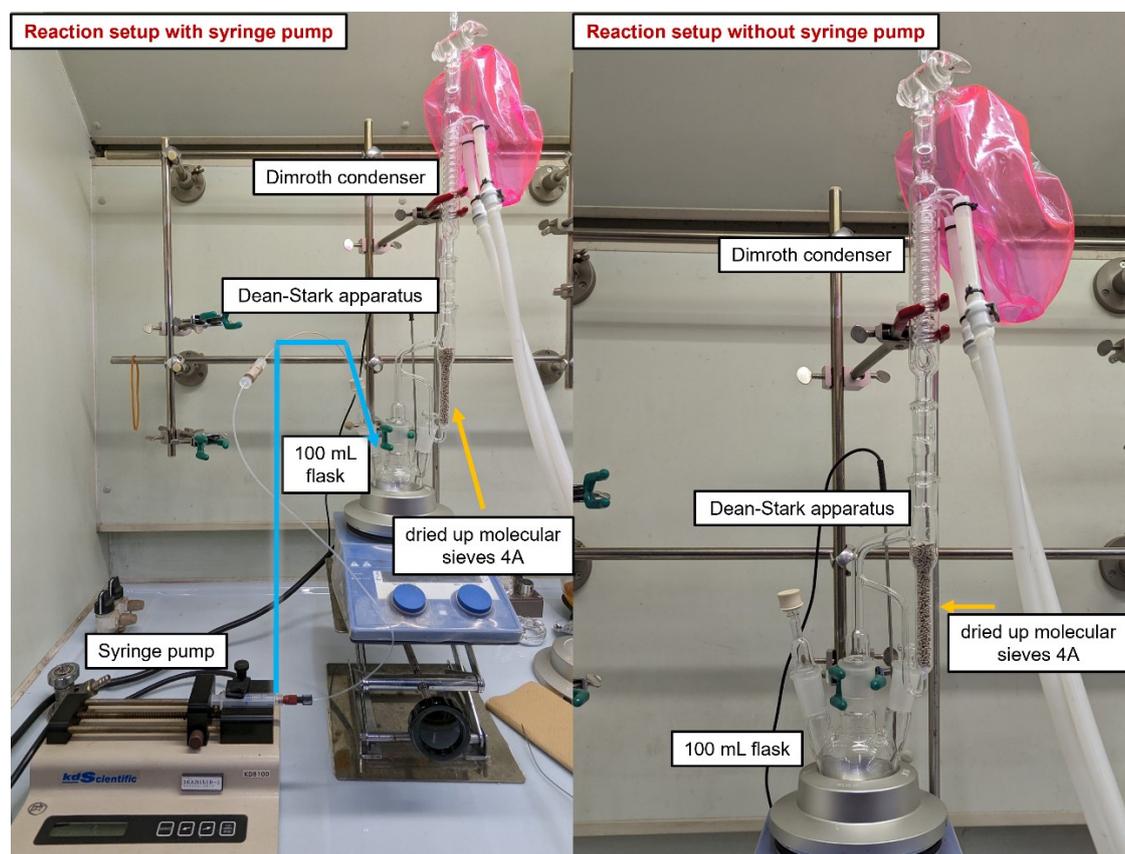


entry	catalyst	condition	GC area ratio of <b>1a/3aa/6aa</b>
1	wet Pd(OH) <sub>2</sub> /C [wako]	toluene reflux	45/37/18
2	wet Pd/C type NX [NE Chemcat]	toluene reflux	26/40/33
3	wet Pd/C type UR [NE Chemcat]	toluene reflux	20/17/63
4	wet Pd/C type PE [NE Chemcat]	toluene reflux	97/0/3

5	wet Pd/C type E [NE Chemcat]	toluene reflux	46/31/23
6	wet Pd/C type K [NE Chemcat]	toluene reflux	22/55/23
7	wet Pd/C type STD [NE Chemcat]	toluene reflux	75/13/12
8	dry Pd/alumina [wako]	toluene reflux	0/100/0
9	dry Pd/C type PE [NE Chemcat]	toluene reflux	4/78/18
10	dry Pd/C type UR [NE Chemcat]	toluene reflux	6/66/28
11	dry Pd/C type UR [NE Chemcat]	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1.0 eq.), toluene reflux	1/95/4
12	dry Pd/C type UR [NE Chemcat]	toluene reflux, under air	8/59/33
13	dry Pd/C type UR [NE Chemcat]	neat, 140 °C	17/0/83(52) <sup>a</sup>
14	dry Pd/C type UR [NE Chemcat]	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1.0 eq.), neat, 140 °C	2/71/28
15	dry Pd/C type UR [NE Chemcat]	xylene reflux	16/4/80(64) <sup>a</sup>

In entries 1-7, reactions were conducted without drying up process of catalysts. <sup>a</sup> Isolated yield.

#### 4. Reaction apparatus and setup



#### 5. General procedure for the synthesis of 3aa (GP-1, Table 1)

The reaction was conducted with a reaction setup shown in fig. S4 left, “Reaction setup with syringe pump”. A 100 mL 3-neck round bottom flask was equipped with Dean-Stark apparatus, Dimroth condenser, and syringe pump connected by Teflon tubing. A Dean-Stark apparatus was filled with molecular sieve 4A (7.0 g) which were dried up (200 °C, 6 h, in vacuo) beforehand. 2-Naphthol (1.4 g, 10 mmol), dodecane (10 mol%, as an internal standard), and

anhydrous toluene (40 mL) were charged into the flask, and whole apparatus was purged with N<sub>2</sub> using a balloon. The mixture was refluxed for 30 min for the removal of residual water in the system. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and AlMe<sub>3</sub> (1 mol%, 1.8 mol/L in toluene, 60 μL) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min for complete consumption of AlMe<sub>3</sub>, and the mixture was allowed to reflux. Cyclohexanone dimethyl ketal (2.3 g, 20 mmol) was slowly added by a syringe pump (0.5 mL/h, 3 hours), and the mixture was stirred for additional 16 hours under reflux conditions. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was quenched with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq., filtered through a celite, and extracted with ethyl acetate. Obtained solution was analyzed by GC-FID (N<sub>2</sub>: 34.0 cm/s, column temperature: 50 °C for 2 min, 20 °C/min heating then 250 °C for 10 min) to determine conversion of **1a** and yield of **3aa**.

#### **6. General procedure for the aryl enol ether synthesis (GP-2, Table 2)**

The reaction was conducted with a reaction setup shown in fig. S4 right, "Reaction setup without syringe pump". A 100 mL 3-neck round bottom flask was equipped with Dean-Stark apparatus and Dimroth condenser. A Dean-Stark apparatus was filled with molecular sieve 4A (7.0 g) which were dried up (200 °C, 6 h, in vacuo) beforehand. Phenol derivative (10 mmol) and anhydrous toluene (40 mL) were charged into the flask, and whole apparatus was purged with N<sub>2</sub> using a balloon. The mixture was refluxed for 30 min for the removal of residual water in the system. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and AlMe<sub>3</sub> (1 mol%, 1.8 mol/L in toluene, 60 μL) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min for complete consumption of AlMe<sub>3</sub>, and the mixture was allowed to reflux. Dimethyl ketal (20 mmol) was added all at once by a syringe and the mixture was stirred for additional 16 hours under reflux conditions. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was quenched with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq., filtered through a celite, and extracted with ethyl acetate. Obtained solution was concentrated in vacuo and purified by silica-gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) to obtain the corresponding aryl enol ether. If silica-gel column chromatography was not able to completely purify, the product was purified by recycling preparative GPC (chloroform) using part of reaction mixture.

#### **7. General procedure for the diaryl ether synthesis using Pd/C (GP-3, Table 3)**

Wet 20% Pd/C [type UR, NE Chemcat] (10 mol%, 106.4 mg) was charged into a screw-capped tube and dried up *in vacuo*. Aryl enol ether (1.0 mmol), anhydrous xylene (5 mL), and styrene (2 eq., 230 μL) were added, and the mixture was stirred at 160 °C for 19 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and was filtered through celite with ethyl acetate as an eluent. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by silica-gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) to obtain the corresponding diaryl ether.

#### **8. General procedure for the diaryl ether synthesis using DDQ (GP-4, Table 3)**

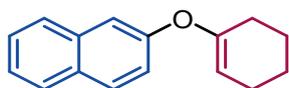
Aryl enol ether (0.2 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous toluene (2 mL), and DDQ (2 eq., 90.8 mg) was added to the mixture in a screw-capped tube, and the mixture was stirred at 140 °C for 17 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered through celite with ethyl acetate as an eluent. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by silica-gel preparative thin-layer chromatography (PTLC) (ethyl acetate/hexane) to obtain the corresponding diaryl ether.

## 9. A procedure for one-pot synthesis of 6aa (Scheme 3)

A Dean-Stark apparatus was filled with molecular sieve 4A (7.0 g) which were dried up (200 °C, 6 h, in vacuo) beforehand. Naphthol (1.4 g, 10.0 mmol) and anhydrous xylene (40 mL) were charged into the flask, and whole apparatus was purged with N<sub>2</sub> using a balloon. The mixture was refluxed for 30 min for the removal of residual water in the system. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and AlMe<sub>3</sub> (1 mol%, 1.8 mol/L in toluene, 60 μL) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min for complete consumption of AlMe<sub>3</sub>, and the mixture was allowed to reflux. Cyclohexanone dimethyl ketal (2.3 g, 20 mmol) was added all at once by a syringe and the mixture was stirred for additional 16 hours under reflux conditions. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. 4-*tert*-Butyl styrene (20 mmol, 4.1 mL) and wet 20% Pd/C [type UR, NE Chemcat] (5 mol%, 531.8 mg) were added, and the reaction mixture was refluxed again for 19 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, was quenched with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq., was filtered through a celite, and was extracted with ethyl acetate. Obtained solution was concentrated *in vacuo* and was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) to obtain 2-naphthyl phenyl ether (**6aa**, 1.7 g, 5.1 mmol) in 51% yield.

## 10. Spectroscopic data of products

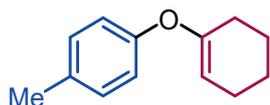
### 2-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxynaphthalene (3aa)



According to GP-2, 2-naphthol (**1a**, 1.4 g, 10.0 mmol) and cyclohexanone dimethyl ketal (**2a**, 2.3 g, 20.0 mol) was used. 2-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxynaphthalene (**3aa**) was obtained by silica-gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane: 1/50) in 86% yield (1.9 g, 8.6 mmol) as a colorless solid.

MP: 44.2–45.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.79–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.26–2.22 (m, 2H), 2.14–2.08 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.76 (m, 2H), 1.67–1.61 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 154.1, 153.2, 134.4, 129.9, 12.94, 127.7, 127.0, 126.3, 124.3, 120.3, 113.6, 107.5, 26.6, 23.7, 22.9, 22.3; IR (ATR) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3053, 3021, 2944, 2928, 2855, 2843, 1682, 1626, 1596, 1559, 1461, 1440, 1385, 1361, 1346, 1336, 1250, 1213, 1167, 1128, 1109, 1081, 1054, 1042, 1016; ESI-HRMS *m/z*: 225.1280 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>); Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 225.1279.

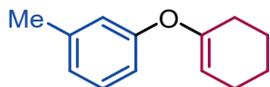
### 1-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxy-4-methylbenzene (3ba)



According to GP-2, *p*-cresol (**1b**, 1.1 g, 10.0 mmol) and cyclohexanone dimethyl ketal (**2a**, 2.3 g, 20.0 mol) was used. 1-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxy-4-methylbenzene (**3ba**) was obtained by silica-gel column chromatography (only hexane) in 75% yield (1.4 g, 7.5 mmol) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.09 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 4.95 (t,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.20–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.08–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.77–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.56 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  153.9, 153.6, 132.1, 129.9, 119.0, 105.6, 26.7, 23.6, 22.9, 22.3, 20.6; IR (ATR)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3029, 2927, 2859, 2842, 1672, 1610, 1587, 1504, 1458, 1442, 1372, 1364, 1338, 1298, 1265, 1220, 1164, 1131, 1102, 1085, 1078, 1042, 1016; ESI-HRMS  $m/z$ : 189.1275 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ); Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3$ : 189.1279.

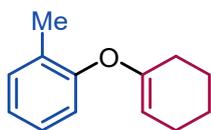
### 1-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxy-3-methylbenzene (3ca)



According to GP-2, *m*-cresol (**1c**, 1.1 g, 10.0 mmol) and cyclohexanone dimethyl ketal (**2a**, 2.3 g, 20.0 mol) was used. 1-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxy-3-methylbenzene (**3ca**) was obtained by silica-gel column chromatography (only hexane) in 64% yield (1.2 g, 6.4 mmol) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.16 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.79–6.77 (m, 2H), 5.03 (t,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.19–2.14 (m, 2H), 2.10–2.05 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.63–1.57 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  156.3, 153.1, 139.5, 129.1, 123.3, 119.4, 115.6, 106.8, 26.6, 23.6, 22.9, 22.2, 21.4; IR (ATR)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3030, 2928, 2859, 2842, 1730, 1675, 1609, 1586, 1486, 1444, 1372, 1364, 1338, 1299, 1252, 1155, 1125, 1082, 1041, 1000; ESI-HRMS  $m/z$ : 189.1279 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ); Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3$ : 189.1279.

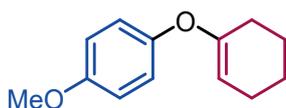
### 1-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxy-2-methylbenzene (3da)



According to GP-2, *o*-cresol (**1d**, 1.1 g, 10.0 mmol) and cyclohexanone dimethyl ketal (**2a**, 2.3 g, 20.0 mol) was used. 1-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxy-2-methylbenzene (**3da**) was obtained by silica-gel column chromatography (only hexane) in 44% yield (822.6 mg, 4.4 mmol) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.18–7.11 (m, 2H), 6.98 (ddd,  $J = 7.7, 7.7, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.71 (t,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.23–2.20 (m, 5H), 2.05–1.99 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.55 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  153.8, 153.5, 131.0, 129.7, 126.7, 123.2, 119.5, 103.1, 26.8, 23.5, 22.9, 22.4, 16.0; IR (ATR)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3059, 3026, 2928, 2859, 2842, 1674, 1605, 1586, 1488, 1458, 1444, 1372, 1338, 1299, 1265, 1229, 1187, 1143, 1134, 1111, 1085, 1075, 1040; ESI-HRMS  $m/z$ : 189.1277 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ); Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3$ : 189.1279.

### 1-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxy-4-methoxybenzene (3ea)

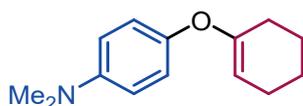


According to GP-2, 4-methoxyphenol (**1e**, 1.1 g, 10.0 mmol) and cyclohexanone dimethyl ketal (**2a**, 2.3 g, 20.0 mol) was used. The yield of 1-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxy-4-methoxybenzene (**3ea**, 68% yield) was determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR

using ethylene carbonate as an internal standard. Purified **3ea** was obtained by recycling preparative GPC (column: JAIGEL-2HR Plus, ethyl acetate) using part of reaction mixture as a pale yellow oil.

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  6.92 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.82 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.21–2.16 (m, 2H), 2.05–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.76–1.70 (m, 2H), 1.60–1.54 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  155.4, 154.5, 149.4, 120.8, 114.5, 103.7, 55.6, 26.9, 23.5, 22.9, 22.3; IR (ATR)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3000, 2929, 2858, 2838, 1672, 1609, 1592, 1501, 1464, 1441, 1376, 1338, 1296, 1265, 1246, 1209, 1180, 1160, 1130, 1099, 1085, 1075, 1036, 1008; ESI-HRMS  $m/z$ : 204.1148 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ); Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$ : 204.1150.

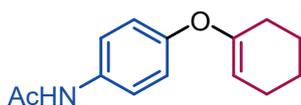
#### 4-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxy-*N,N*-dimethylaniline (**3fa**)



According to GP-2, 4-(dimethylamino)phenol (**1f**, 1.4 g, 10.0 mmol) and cyclohexanone dimethyl ketal (**2a**, 2.3 g, 20.0 mol) was used. The yield of 4-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxy-*N,N*-dimethylaniline (**3fa**, 43% yield) was determined by  $^1\text{H NMR}$  using ethylene carbonate as an internal standard. Purified **3fa** was obtained by recycling preparative GPC (column: JAIGEL-2HR Plus, ethyl acetate) using part of reaction mixture as a pale yellow oil.

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  6.90 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.77 (t,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.90 (s, 6H), 2.21–2.17 (m, 2H), 2.04–1.99 (m, 2H), 1.76–1.70 (m, 2H), 1.60–1.54 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  154.9, 147.2, 146.9, 120.8, 113.9, 102.5, 41.3, 27.0, 23.5, 22.9, 22.4; IR (ATR)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3043, 2927, 2884, 2856, 2840, 2796, 1670, 1610, 1575, 1510, 1442, 1372, 1362, 1338, 1298, 1265, 1223, 1177, 1163, 1128, 1085, 1074, 1058, 1006; ESI-HRMS  $m/z$ : 217.1461 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ); Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$ : 217.1467.

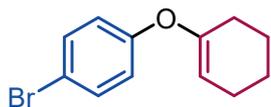
#### 4'-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxyacetanilide (**3ga**)



According to GP-2, 4-acetoamidophenol (**1g**, 1.4 g, 10.0 mmol) and cyclohexanone dimethyl ketal (**2a**, 2.3 g, 20.0 mol) was used. 4'-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxyacetanilide (**3ga**) was obtained by silica-gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane: 1/2) in 26% yield (605.0 mg, 2.6 mmol) as a colorless solid.

MP: 116.5–118.1 °C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.59 (brs, 1H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 4.97 (t,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.17–2.14 (m, 5H), 2.08–2.02 (m, 2H), 1.76–1.70 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.55 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.4, 153.4, 152.6, 132.8, 121.5, 119.4, 106.2, 26.6, 24.3, 23.5, 22.8, 22.2; IR (ATR)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3277, 3244, 3191, 3129, 3057, 2941, 2917, 2909, 2892, 2881, 2863, 2838, 1671, 1658, 1606, 1557, 1504, 1457, 1447, 1438, 1404, 1369, 1336, 1319, 1296, 1266, 1233, 1211, 1161, 1143, 1127, 1104, 1082, 1074, 1052, 1040, 1016; ESI-HRMS  $m/z$ : 231.1262 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ); Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ : 231.1259.

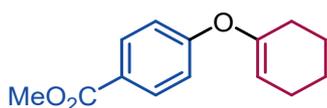
#### 1-Bromo-4-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxybenzene (**3ha**)



According to GP-2, 4-bromophenol (**1h**, 1.7 g, 10.0 mmol) and cyclohexanone dimethyl ketal (**2a**, 2.3 g, 20.0 mol) was used. The yield of 1-bromo-4-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxybenzene (**3ha**, 48% yield) was determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR using ethylene carbonate as an internal standard. Further purification was conducted using a part of reaction mixture by recycling preparative GPC (column: JAIGEL-2HR Plus, ethyl acetate) to obtain an analytical sample of **3ha** as a pale yellow oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.38 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 5.06 (t,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.16–2.13 (m, 2H), 2.10–2.05 (m, 2H), 1.77–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.57 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  155.6, 152.8, 132.3, 120.4, 114.9, 107.8, 26.5, 23.6, 22.8, 21.1; IR (ATR)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2929, 2886, 2859, 2842, 1674, 1585, 1481, 1458, 1441, 1398, 1372, 1362, 1338, 1229, 1266, 1221, 1163, 1127, 1095, 1166, 1008; ESI-HRMS  $m/z$ : 255.0204 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ); Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrO}$ : 255.0208.

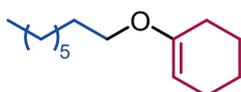
#### Methyl 4-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxybenzoate (**3ia**)



According to GP-2, methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (**1i**, 1.5 g, 10.0 mmol) and cyclohexanone dimethyl ketal (**2a**, 2.3 g, 20.0 mol) was used. The yield of methyl 4-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxybenzoate (**3ia**, 49% yield) was determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR using ethylene carbonate as an internal standard. Further purification was conducted using a part of reaction mixture by recycling preparative GPC (column: JAIGEL-2HR Plus, ethyl acetate) to obtain an analytical sample of **3ia** as a pale colorless solid.

MP: 36.5–38.0 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.98 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.98 ( $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 5.27 (t,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.16–2.11 (m, 4H), 1.80–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.66–1.60 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.7, 160.9, 151.6, 131.5, 123.8, 117.0, 110.9, 61.9, 26.3, 23.7, 22.8, 22.0; IR (ATR)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2932, 2859, 2842, 1717, 1684, 1602, 1504, 1434, 1418, 1362, 1338, 1309, 1273, 1229, 1191, 1158, 1141, 1127, 1108, 1097, 1075, 1042, 1012; ESI-HRMS  $m/z$ : 232.1095 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ); Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ : 232.1099.

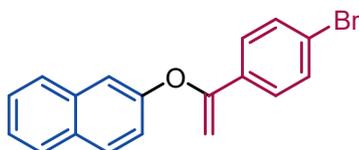
#### 1-(Octyloxy)cyclohex-1-ene (**3ja**)



According to GP-2, methyl 1-octanol (**1j**, 1.3 g, 10.0 mmol) and cyclohexanone dimethyl ketal (**2a**, 2.3 g, 20.0 mol) was used. The yield of 1-(octyloxy)cyclohex-1-ene (**3ja**, 46% yield) was determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR using ethylene carbonate as an internal standard. Further purification was conducted using a part of reaction mixture by recycling preparative GPC (column: JAIGEL-2HR Plus, ethyl acetate) to obtain an analytical sample of **3ja** as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  4.59 (t,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.61 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.07–2.02 (m, 4H), 1.57–1.51 (m, 2H), 1.38–1.28 (m, 10H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  154.7, 93.6, 66.3, 31.8, 29.4, 29.3, 27.9, 26.2, 23.6, 23.0, 22.8, 22.6, 14.1; IR (ATR)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2934, 2856, 1665, 1460, 1445, 1433, 1372, 1339, 1305, 1267, 1240, 1187, 1171, 1138, 108, 1075, 1056, 1035; ESI-HRMS  $m/z$ : 211.2064 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ); Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}$ : 211.2062.

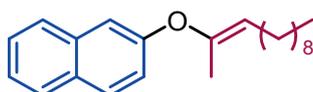
### 2-((1-(4-Bromophenyl)vinyl)oxy)naphthalene (**3ab**)



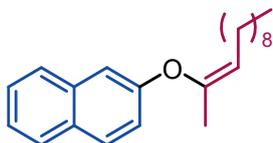
According to GP-2, 2-naphthol (**1a**, 1.4 g, 10.0 mmol) and 1-bromo-4-(1,1-dimethoxy)benzene (**2b**, 4.9 g, 20.0 mol) was used. The yield of 2-((1-(4-bromophenyl)vinyl)oxy)naphthalene (**3ab**, 25% yield) was determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR using ethylene carbonate as an internal standard. Further purification was conducted using a part of reaction mixture by recycling preparative GPC (column: JAIGEL-2HR Plus, ethyl acetate) to obtain an analytical sample of **3ab** as a colorless solid.

MP: 81.0–83.2 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.84–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.72 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.46–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.29 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  158.6, 153.7, 134.3, 134.1, 131.5, 130.4, 129.8, 127.7, 127.2, 127.2, 126.5, 124.9, 122.9, 120.4, 115.5, 93.3; IR (ATR)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3056, 3030, 1915, 1624, 1598, 1586, 1559, 1504, 1486, 1467, 1438, 1392, 1362, 1351, 1305, 1295, 1287, 1279, 1266, 1244, 1213, 1158, 1148, 1121, 1114, 1089, 1072, 1006; ESI-HRMS  $m/z$ : 324.0141 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ); Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrO}$ : 324.0150.

### (*E*)-2-(Dodec-2-en-2-yloxy)naphthalene ((*E*)-**3ac**)



### (*Z*)-2-(Dodec-2-en-2-yloxy)naphthalene ((*Z*)-**3ac**)



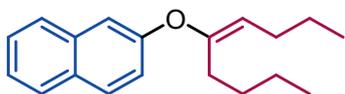
According to GP-2, 2-naphthol (**1a**, 721.1 mg, 5.0 mmol) and cyclohexanone dimethyl ketal (**2a**, 2.3 g, 10.0 mol) was used. By silica-gel column chromatography (*E*)-2-(Dodec-2-en-2-yloxy)naphthalene ((*E*)-**3ac**) was obtained in 21% yield (328.7 mg, 1.1 mmol) as a colorless oil, and (*Z*)-2-(Dodec-2-en-2-yloxy)naphthalene ((*Z*)-**3ac**) was obtained in 50% yield (771.6 mg, 2.5 mmol) as a colorless oil (71% in total).

(*E*)-**3ac**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.79–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.71 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 0.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (ddd,  $J = 7.5, 7.5, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (ddd,  $J = 7.5, 7.5, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dt,  $J$

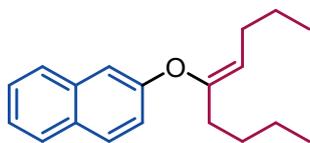
= 7.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (q,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.92 (d,  $J = 0.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.40–1.28 (m, 14H), 0.89 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  154.5, 149.4, 134.4, 129.7, 129.4, 127.7, 126.9, 126.3, 124.1, 119.9, 113.2, 112.6, 31.9, 29.9, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 26.8, 22.7, 14.6, 14.1; IR (ATR)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3059, 3026, 2954, 2922, 2853, 1681, 1653, 1631, 1599, 1510, 1464, 1440, 1382, 1365, 1355, 1265, 1249, 1214, 1165, 1150, 1124, 1019; ESI-HRMS  $m/z$ : 310.2291 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ); Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}$ : 310.2297.

**(Z)-3ac**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.78–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (ddd,  $J = 7.5, 7.5, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 (ddd,  $J = 7.5, 7.5, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.18 (m, 2H), 5.07 (dt,  $J = 7.2, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.04 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.87 (d,  $J = 1.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.38–1.21 (m, 14H), 0.86 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  154.3, 146.8, 134.5, 129.5, 129.4, 127.7, 126.8, 126.3, 123.8, 118.6, 117.1, 109.9, 31.9, 29.6, 29.4, 29.3, 29.3, 25.2, 22.6, 18.4, 14.1; IR (ATR)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3057, 3026, 2952, 2922, 2853, 1689, 1629, 1600, 1511, 1464, 1442, 1387, 1378, 1365, 1355, 1343, 1323, 1305, 1265, 1249, 1213, 1165, 1120, 1076, 1042, 1019; ESI-HRMS  $m/z$ : 310.2290 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ); Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}$ : 310.2297.

#### **(E)-2-(Non-4-en-5-yloxy)naphthalene ((E)-3ad)**



#### **(Z)-2-(Non-4-en-5-yloxy)naphthalene ((Z)-3ad)**



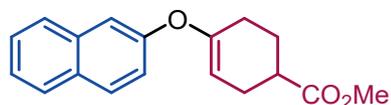
According to GP-2, 2-naphthol (**1a**, 1.4 g, 5.0 mmol) and 5,5-dimethoxynonane (**2d**, 3.8 g, 20.0 mol) was used. The yield of *(E)*-2-(non-4-en-5-yloxy)naphthalene (**(E)-3ad**, 24% yield) and *(Z)*-2-(non-4-en-5-yloxy)naphthalene (**(E)-3ad**, 70% yield) was determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR using ethylene carbonate as an internal standard. Further purification was conducted using a part of reaction mixture by recycling preparative GPC (column: JAIGEL-2HR Plus, ethyl acetate) to obtain analytical sample of **(E)-3ad** and **(Z)-3ad** as a colorless oil.

**(E)-3ad**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.79–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.72 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (ddd,  $J = 8.1, 6.9, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (ddd,  $J = 8.1, 6.9, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.90 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.31 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.04 (q,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.60–1.50 (m, 2H), 1.44–1.34 (m, 4H), 0.95–0.90 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  154.6, 154.1, 134.4, 129.8, 129.4, 127.7, 126.9, 126.2, 124.2, 120.2, 113.3, 111.8, 29.6, 28.7, 28.3, 23.3, 22.4, 14.0, 13.8; IR (ATR)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3058, 2957, 2928, 2871, 2861, 1672, 1631, 1599, 1510, 1464, 1441, 1378, 1365, 1355, 1287, 1265, 1249, 1213, 1164, 1121, 1068, 1043, 1019, 1006; ESI-HRMS  $m/z$ : 268.1832 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ); Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}$ : 268.1827.

**(Z)-3ad**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.78–7.75 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (ddd,  $J = 8.1, 6.9, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 (ddd,  $J = 8.1, 6.9, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.18 (m, 2H), 5.09 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.19 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.02 (q,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.51–1.43 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.28 (m, 4H), 0.90–0.86 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  154.6, 150.8, 134.5, 129.5, 129.3, 127.8, 126.7, 126.3, 123.7, 118.6, 116.2, 109.8, 32.0, 29.1, 27.3, 22.7, 22.2, 13.9, 13.8;

IR (ATR)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3057, 3027, 2957, 2929, 2871, 2862, 1684, 1629, 1599, 1511, 1464, 1441, 1387, 1355, 1328, 1312, 1247, 1211, 1164, 1120, 1045, 1018; ESI-HRMS  $m/z$ : 268.1820 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ); Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}$ : 268.1827.

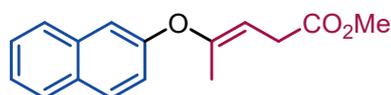
#### Methyl 4-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)cyclohex-3-ene-1-carboxylate (**3ae**)



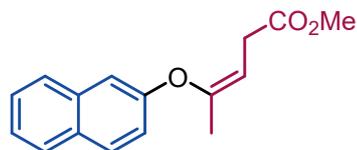
According to GP-2, 2-naphthol (**1a**, 1.4 g, 10.0 mmol) and methyl 4,4-dimethoxycyclohexane-1-carboxylate (**2e**, 4.0 g, 20.0 mol) was used. The yield of methyl 4-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)cyclohex-3-ene-1-carboxylate (**3ae**, 80% yield) was determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR using ethylene carbonate as an internal standard. Further purification was conducted using a part of reaction mixture by recycling preparative GPC (column: JAIGEL-2HR Plus, ethyl acetate) to obtain an analytical sample of **3ae** as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.80–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd,  $J = 7.5, 7.5, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd,  $J = 7.5, 7.5, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.04 (t,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.67–2.60 (m, 1H), 2.39–2.33 (m, 4H), 2.17–2.11 (m, 1H), 1.98–1.88 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  175.7, 153.7, 152.9, 134.3, 130.1, 129.5, 127.7, 127.0, 126.4, 124.5, 120.3, 114.2, 104.8, 51.7, 39.0, 26.1, 25.8, 25.3; IR (ATR)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3057, 3026, 2948, 2934, 2845, 1730, 1676, 1653, 1629, 1599, 1509, 1464, 1434, 1364, 1309, 1247, 1213, 1191, 1164, 1131, 1111, 1069, 1042, 1018; ESI-HRMS  $m/z$ : 282.1253 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ); Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3$ : 282.1256.

#### Methyl (*E*)-4-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)pent-3-enoate (*(E)*-**3af**)



#### Methyl (*Z*)-4-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)pent-3-enoate (*(Z)*-**3af**)



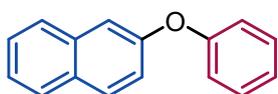
According to GP-2, 2-naphthol (**1a**, 721.1 g, 5.0 mmol) and methyl 4,4-dimethoxypentanoate (**2f**, 3.5 g, 20.0 mol) was used. The yield of methyl (*E*)-4-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)pent-3-enoate (*(E)*-**3af**, 19% yield) and methyl (*Z*)-4-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)pent-3-enoate (*(Z)*-**3af**, 49% yield) was determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR using ethylene carbonate as an internal standard. Further purification was conducted using a part of reaction mixture by recycling preparative GPC (column: JAIGEL-2HR Plus, ethyl acetate) to obtain analytical sample of *(E)*-**3af** and *(Z)*-**3af** as a colorless oil.

*(E)*-**3af**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.80–7.78 (m, 2H), 7.74 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 0.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.02 (ddd,  $J = 7.7, 7.7, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.08 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 0.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.97 (d,  $J = 0.9$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  172.2, 153.6, 153.5, 134.3, 130.1, 129.6, 127.7, 127.1, 126.3, 124.6, 120.3, 114.4, 102.4, 51.9, 32.4, 15.2;

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(*Z*)-**3af**:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.79–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.71 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 0.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.29 (ddd,  $J = 7.0, 7.0, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.17 (dd,  $J = 7.0, 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.91 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  172.4, 153.6, 150.0, 134.3, 129.7, 127.7, 126.9, 126.5, 124.2, 118.8, 110.9, 107.8, 51.7, 30.7, 18.3; IR (ATR)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3057, 3024, 2988, 2951, 2921, 2845, 1737, 1694, 1654, 1628, 1599, 1560, 1540, 1510, 1465, 1435, 1409, 1381, 1351, 1295, 1247, 1211, 1197, 1164, 1148, 1118, 1042, 1010; ESI-HRMS  $m/z$ : 256.1101 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ); Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ : 256.1099.

## 2-Phenoxy-naphthalene (**6aa**)<sup>[1]</sup>

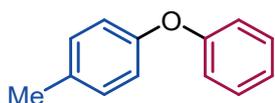


According to GP-3, 2-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxynaphthalene (**3aa**, 224.2 mg, 1.0 mmol) was used. 2-Phenoxy-naphthalene (**6aa**) was obtained by silica-gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane: 1/50) in 64% yield (143.8 mg, 0.6 mmol) as a colorless solid.

According to GP-4, 2-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxynaphthalene (**3aa**, 44.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) was used. 2-Phenoxy-naphthalene (**6aa**) was obtained by PTLC (only hexane) in 89% yield (39.2 mg, 0.18 mmol) as a colorless solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.84–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.36 (m, 4H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd,  $J = 7.4, 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 1.0$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  157.2, 155.1, 134.3, 130.2, 129.8, 129.8, 127.7, 127.1, 126.5, 124.7, 123.4, 120.0, 119.1, 114.1.

## 1-Methyl-4-phenoxybenzene (**6ba**)<sup>[2]</sup>

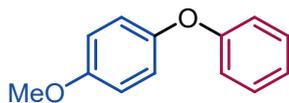


According to GP-3, 1-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxy-4-methylbenzene (**3ba**, 188.0 mg, 1.0 mmol) was used. 1-Methyl-4-phenoxybenzene (**6ba**) was obtained by silica-gel column chromatography (only hexane) in 35% yield (63.8 mg, 0.4 mmol) as a colorless oil.

According to GP-4, 1-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxy-4-methylbenzene (**3ba**, 37.5 mg, 0.20 mmol) was used. 1-Methyl-4-phenoxybenzene (**6ba**) was obtained by PTLC (only hexane) in 68% yield (25.1 mg, 0.14 mmol) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.32–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.06 (dd,  $J = 7.4, 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.97 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 1.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  157.8, 154.8, 132.9, 130.2, 129.6, 122.8, 119.1, 118.4, 20.7.

## 1-Methoxy-4-phenoxybenzene (**6ea**)<sup>[2]</sup>

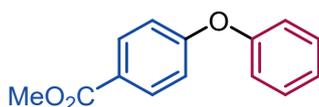


According to GP-3, 1-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxy-4-methoxybenzene (**3ea**, 204.1 mg, 1.0 mmol) was used. 1-Methoxy-4-phenoxybenzene (**6ea**) was obtained by silica-gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane: 1/50) in 54% yield (109.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) as a colorless oil.

According to GP-4, 1-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxy-4-methoxybenzene (**3ea**, 40.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) was used. 1-Methoxy-4-phenoxybenzene (**6ea**) was obtained by PTLC (ethyl acetate/hexane: 1/50) in 85% yield (34.2 mg, 0.17 mmol) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.29 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.04 (ddd,  $J = 7.6, 7.6, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.94 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 0.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  158.5, 155.9, 150.1, 129.6, 122.4, 120.8, 117.6, 114.9, 55.6.

#### Methyl 4-phenoxybenzoate (**6ha**)<sup>[2]</sup>

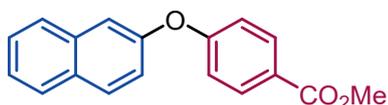


According to GP-3, methyl 4-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxybenzoate (**3ha**, 232.8 mg, 1.0 mmol) was used. Methyl 4-phenoxybenzoate (**6ha**) was obtained by silica-gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane: 1/20) in 20% yield (45.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) as a colorless solid.

According to GP-4, methyl 4-(1-Cyclohexenyl)oxybenzoate (**3ha**, 46.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) was used. Methyl 4-phenoxybenzoate (**6ha**) was obtained by PTLC (ethyl acetate/hexane: 1/20) in 90% yield (40.8 mg, 0.18 mmol) as a colorless solid.

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.00 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.19 (dd,  $J = 7.4, 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 1.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.6, 161.8, 155.6, 131.7, 130.0, 124.5(2C), 120.1, 117.3, 52.0.

#### Methyl 4-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)benzoate (**6ab**)<sup>[3]</sup>



According to GP-4, methyl 4-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)cyclohex-3-ene-1-carboxylate (**3ab**, 56.6 mg, 0.20 mmol) was used. Methyl 4-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)benzoate (**6ab**) was obtained by PTLC (ethyl acetate/hexane: 1/20) in 80% yield (44.4 mg, 0.16 mmol) as a colorless solid.

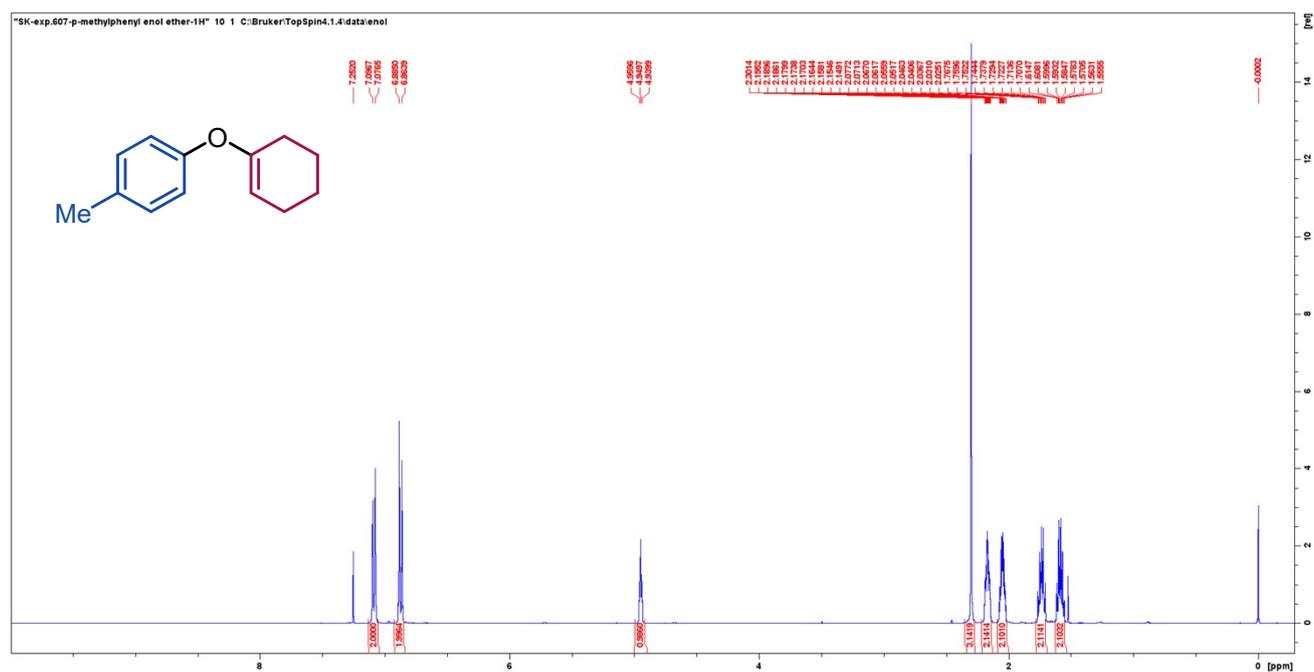
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.03 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.89–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.25 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.6, 161.8, 153.4, 134.3, 131.7, 130.7, 130.2, 127.8, 127.3, 126.7, 125.3, 124.7, 120.3, 117.5, 116.1, 52.0.

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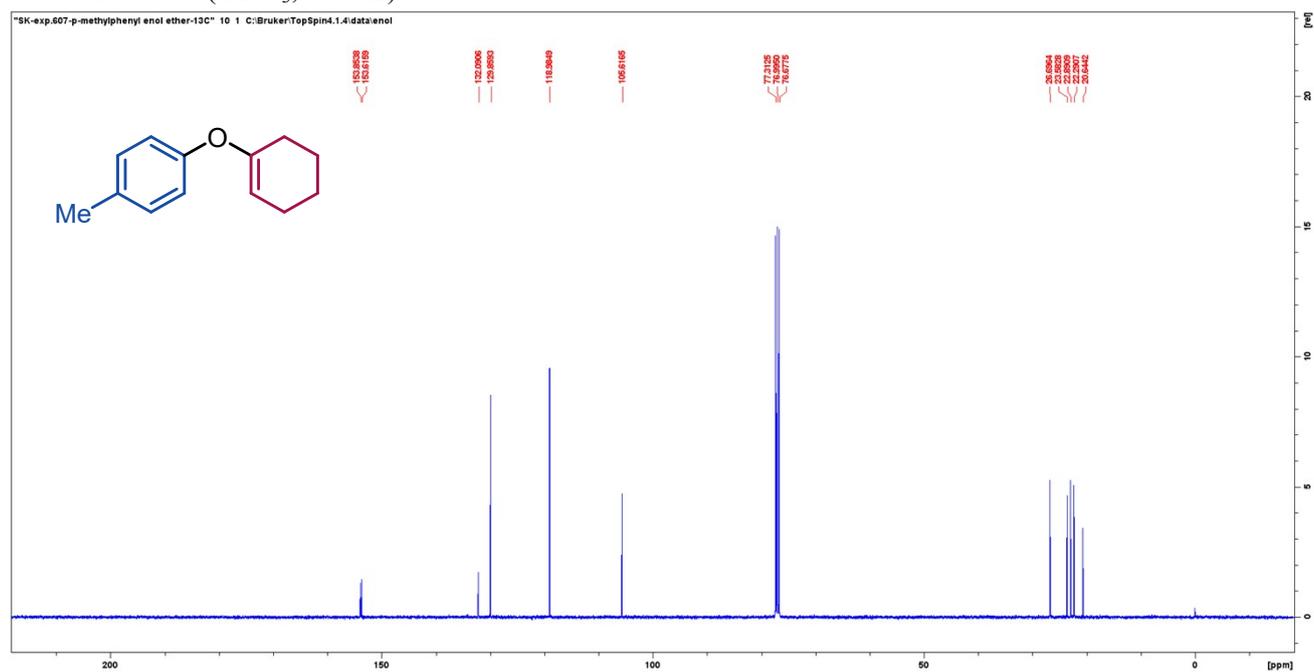
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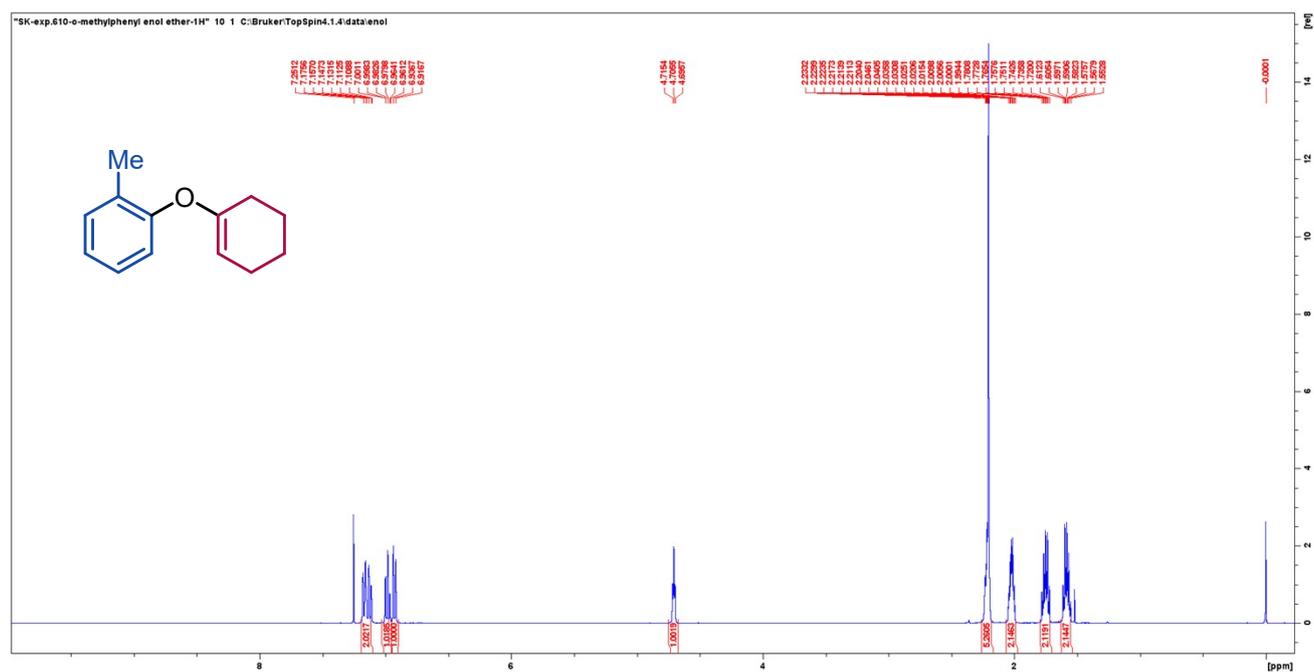


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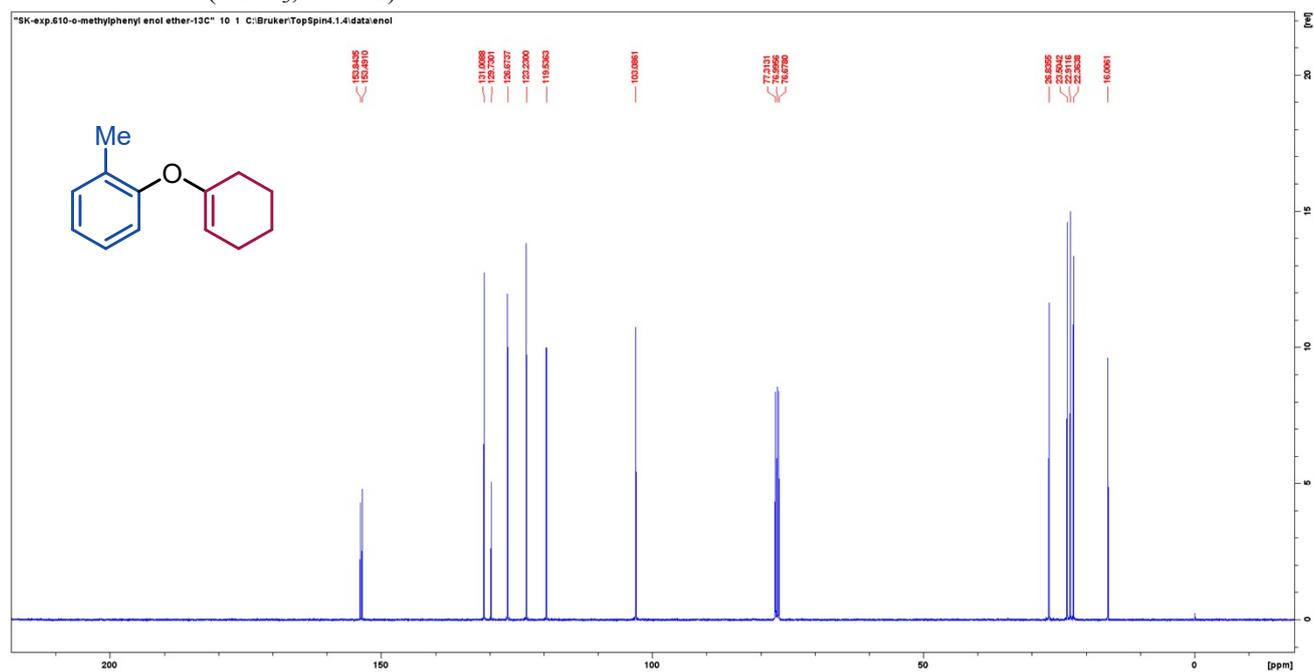




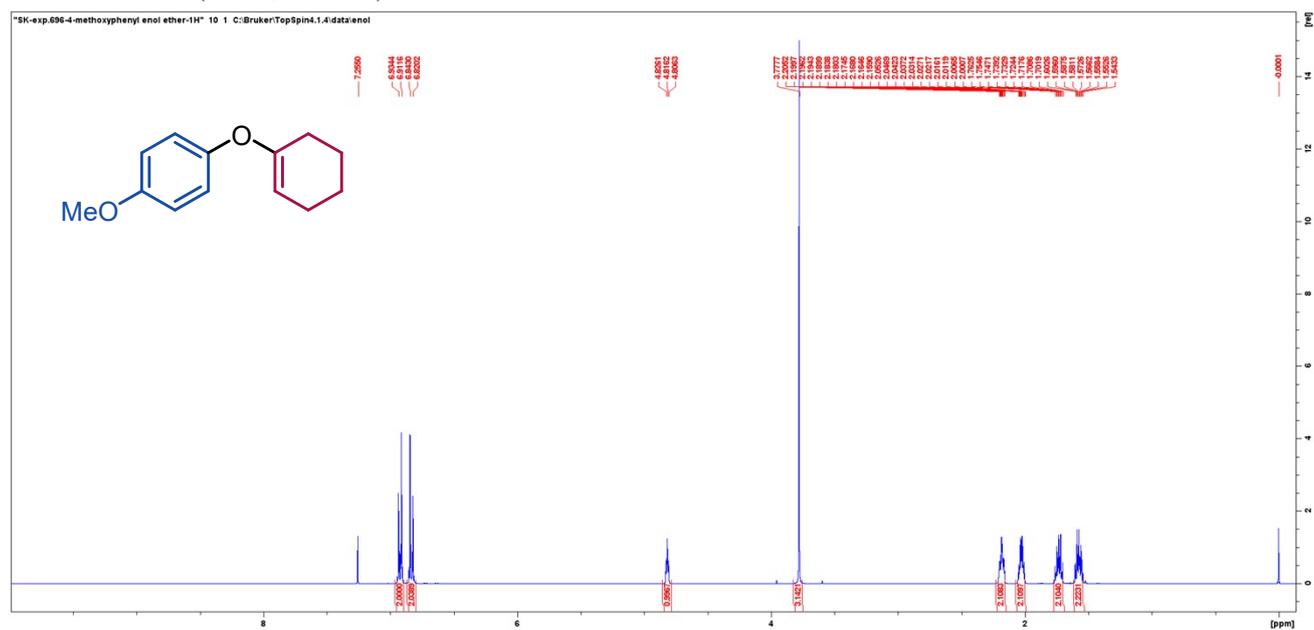
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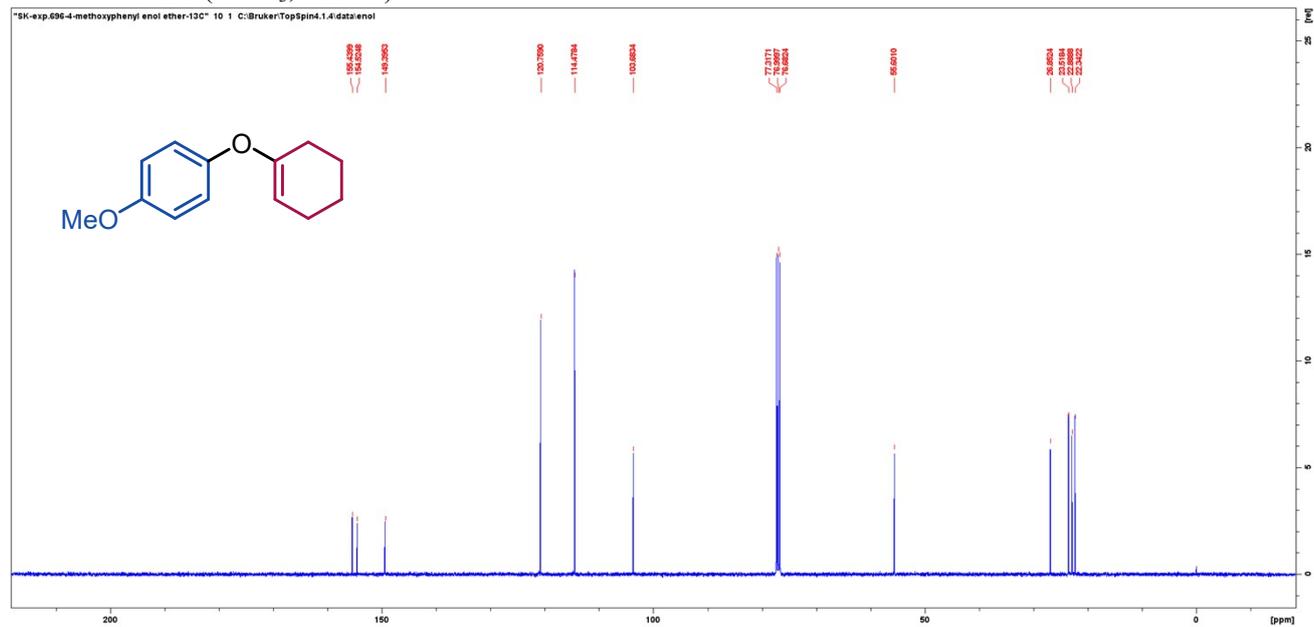
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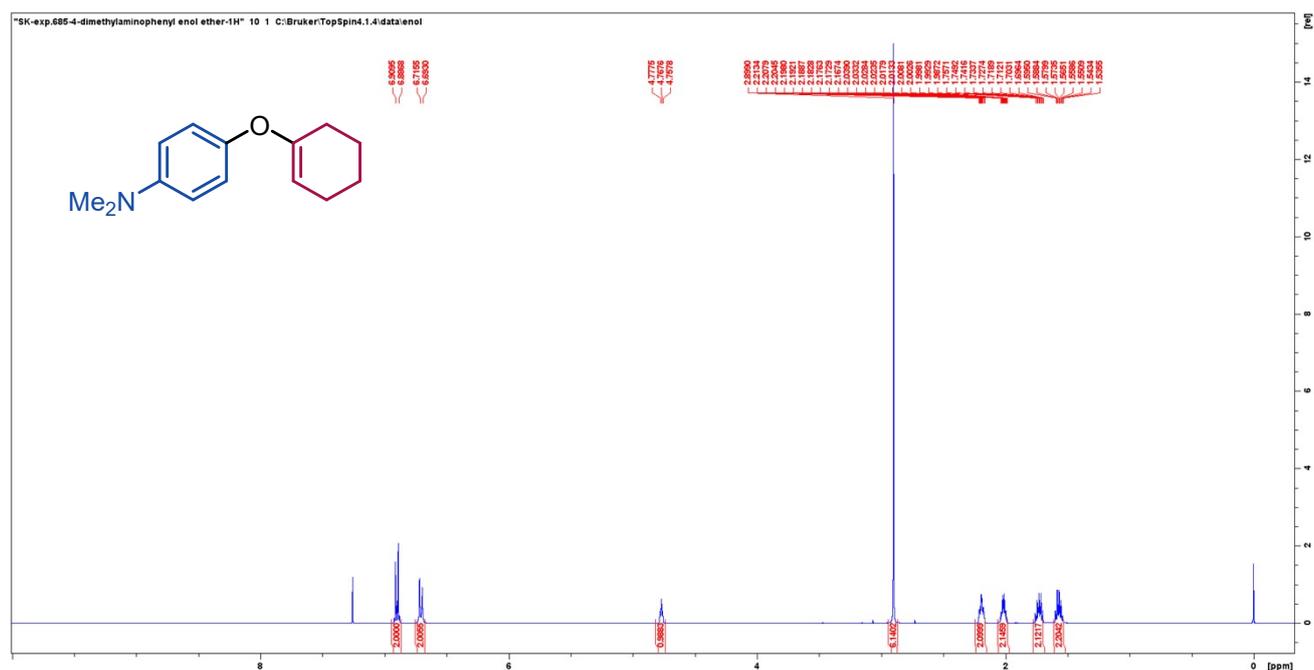
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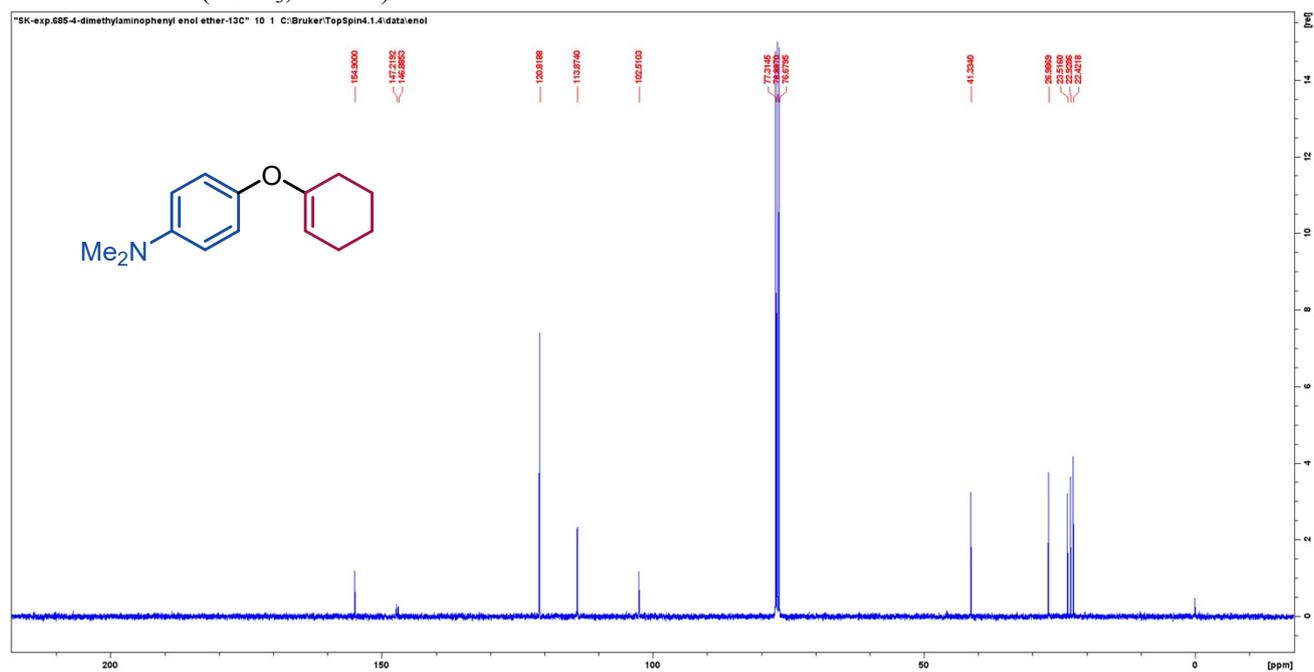
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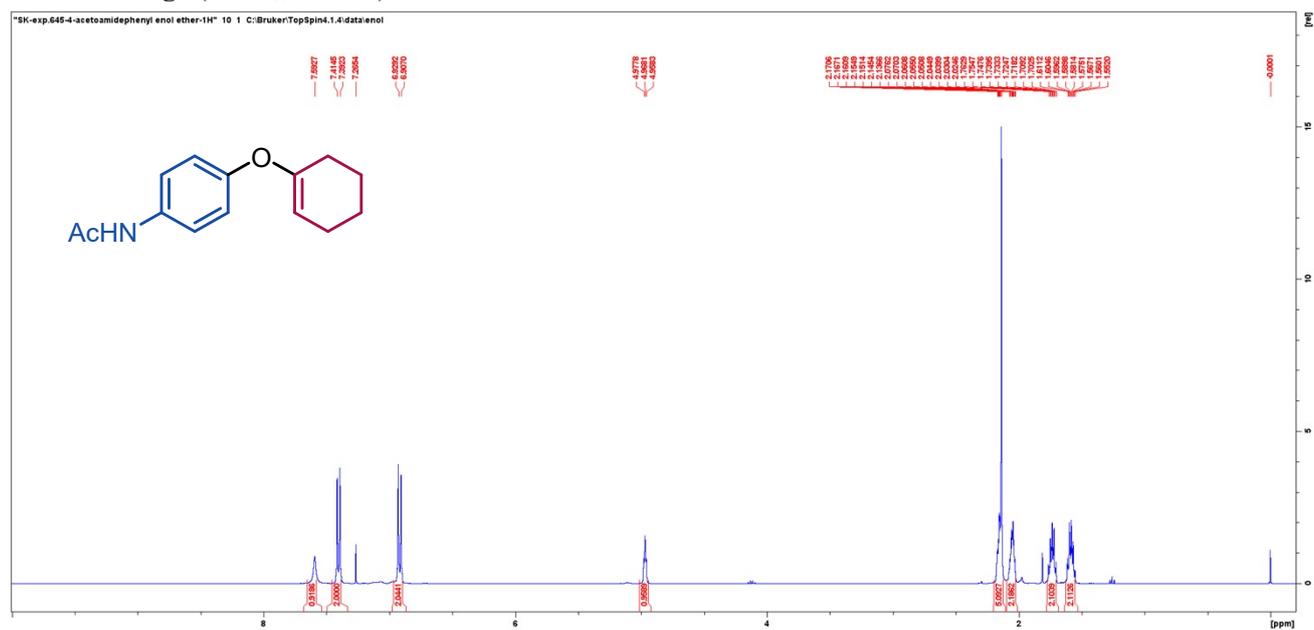
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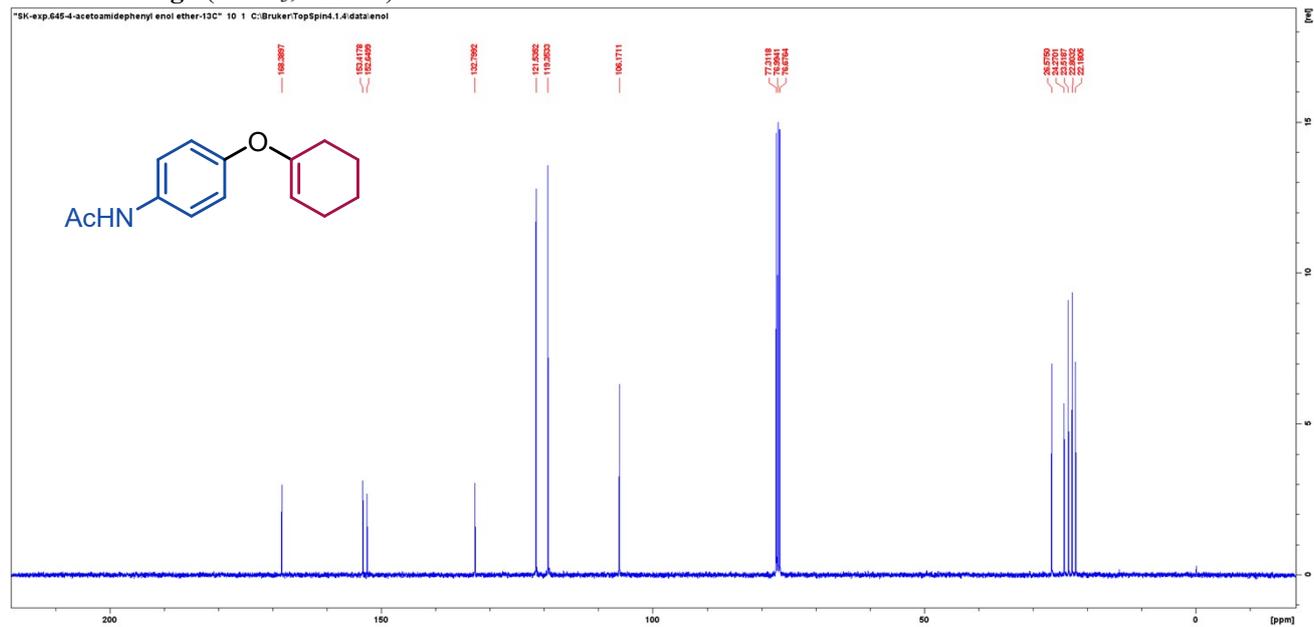
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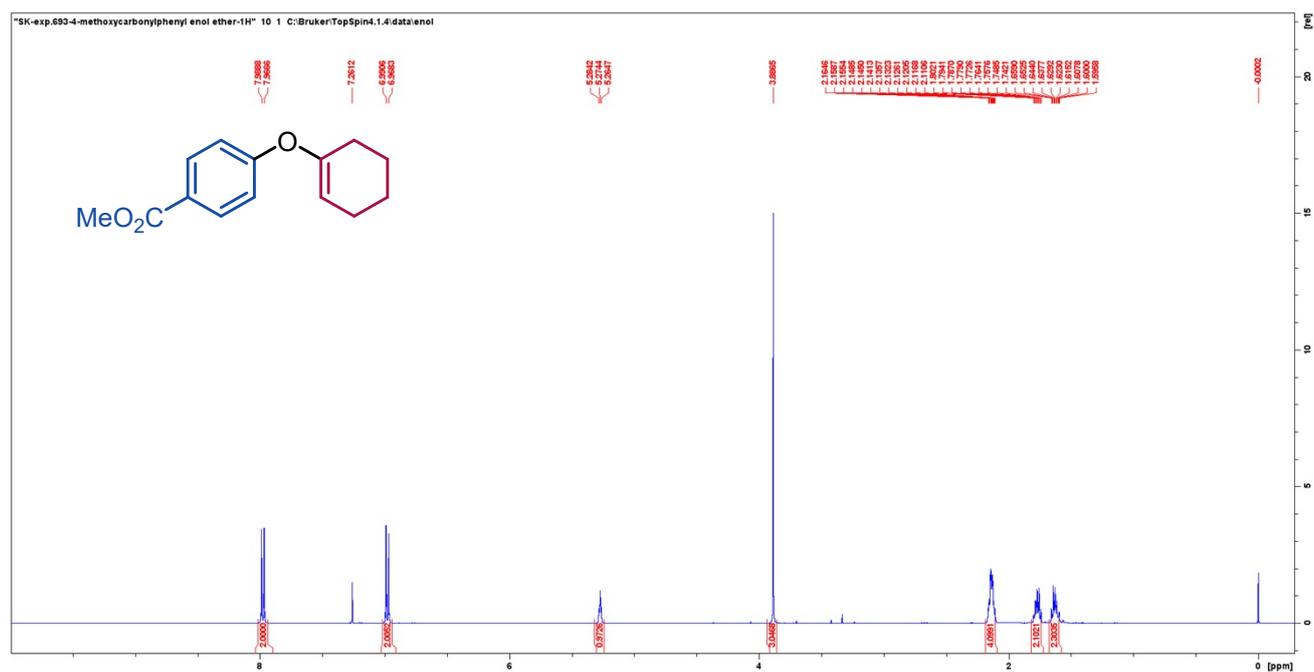


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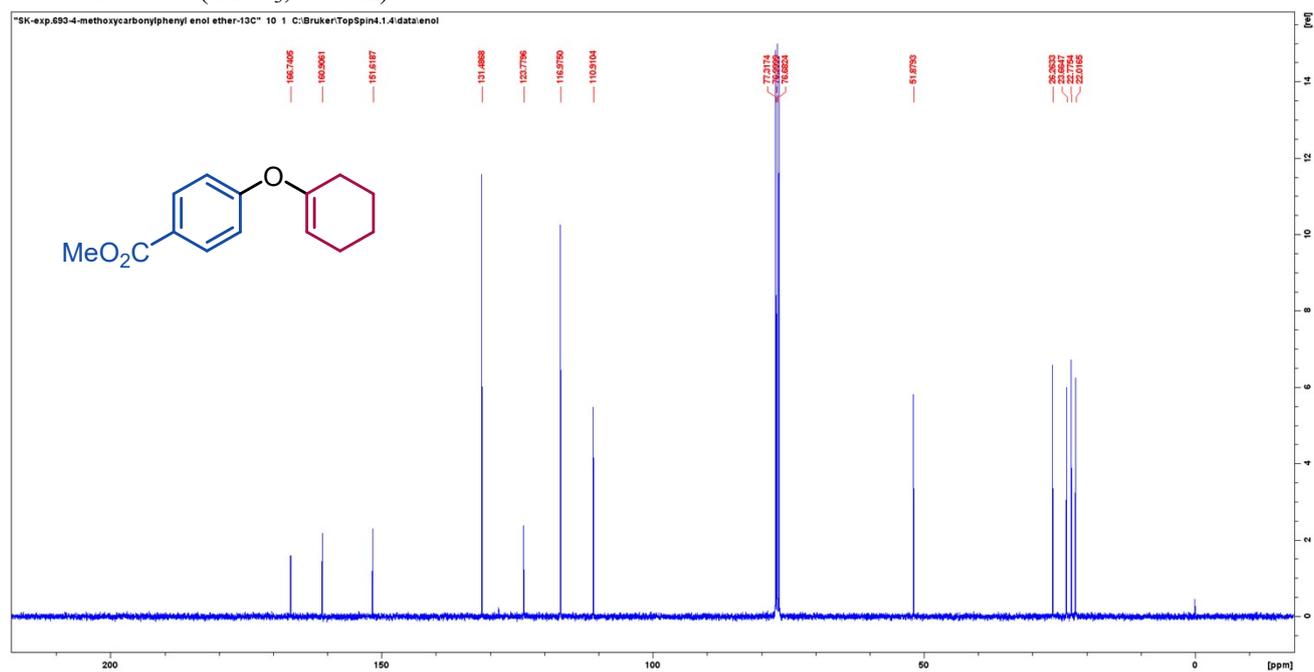




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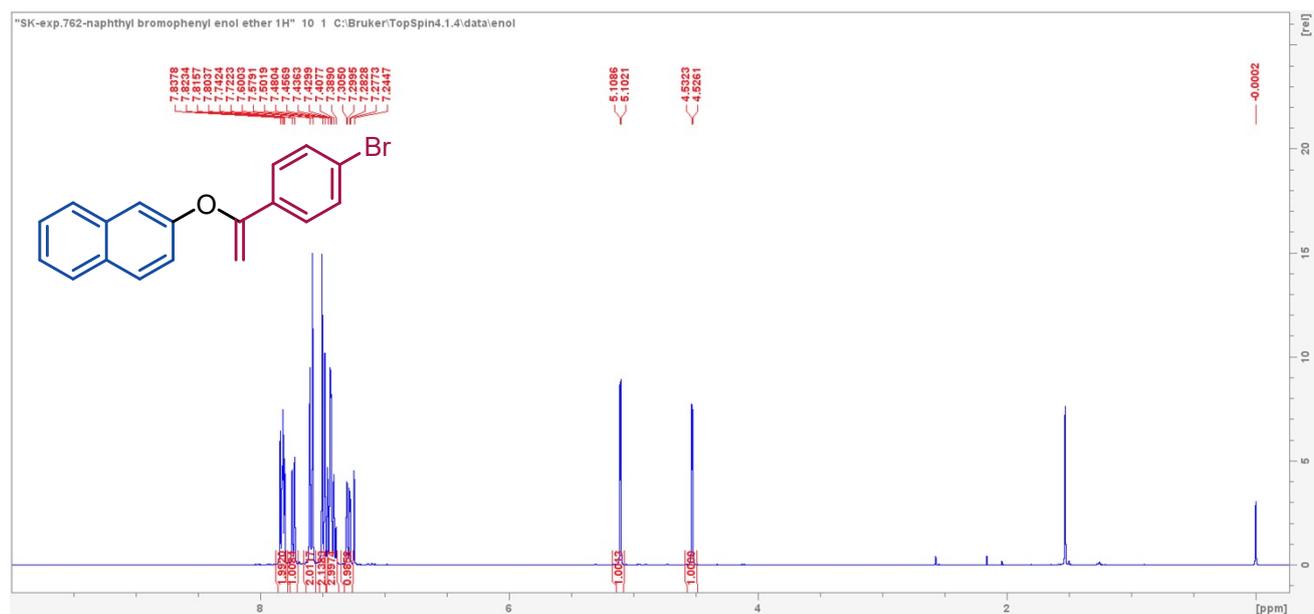


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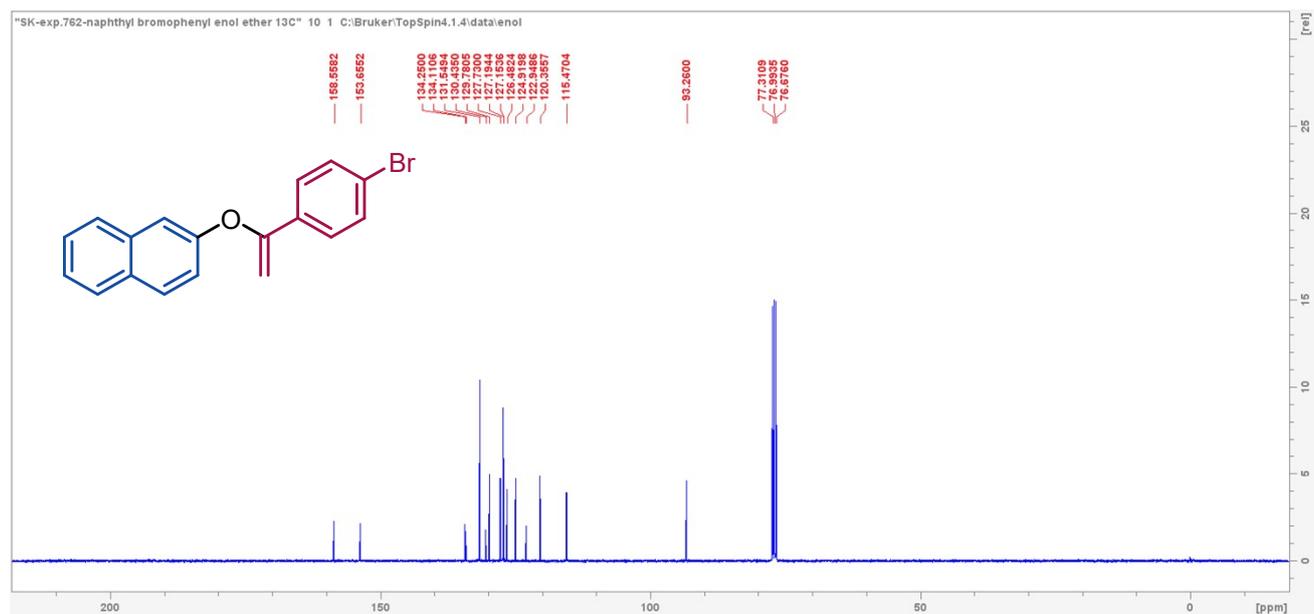




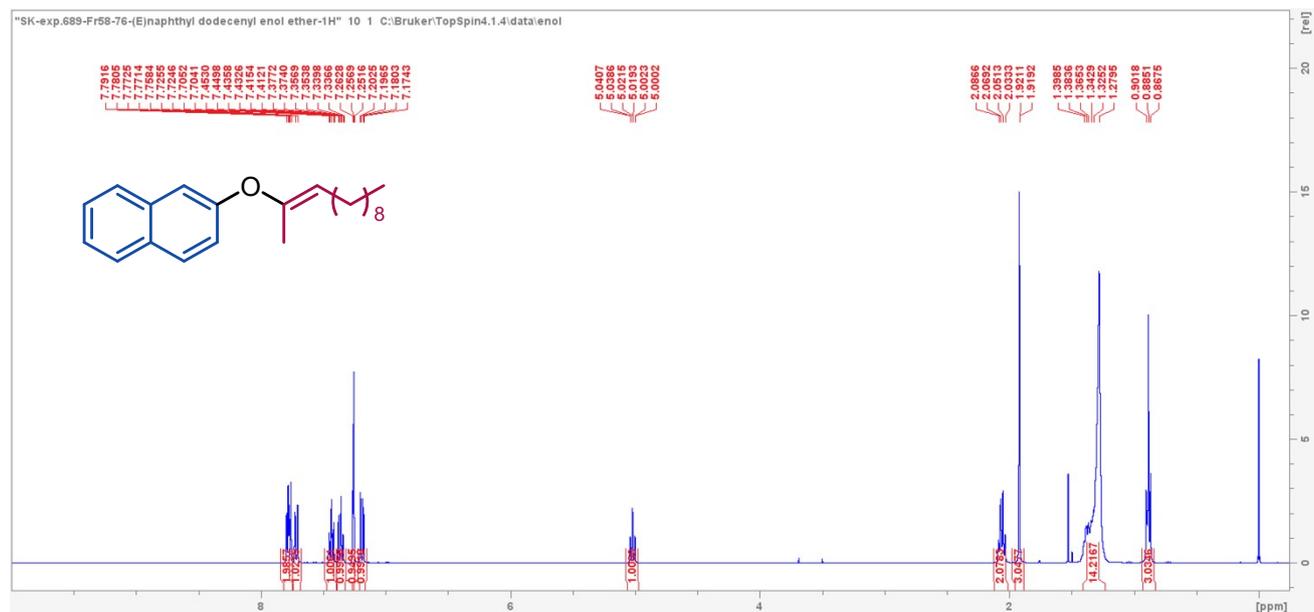
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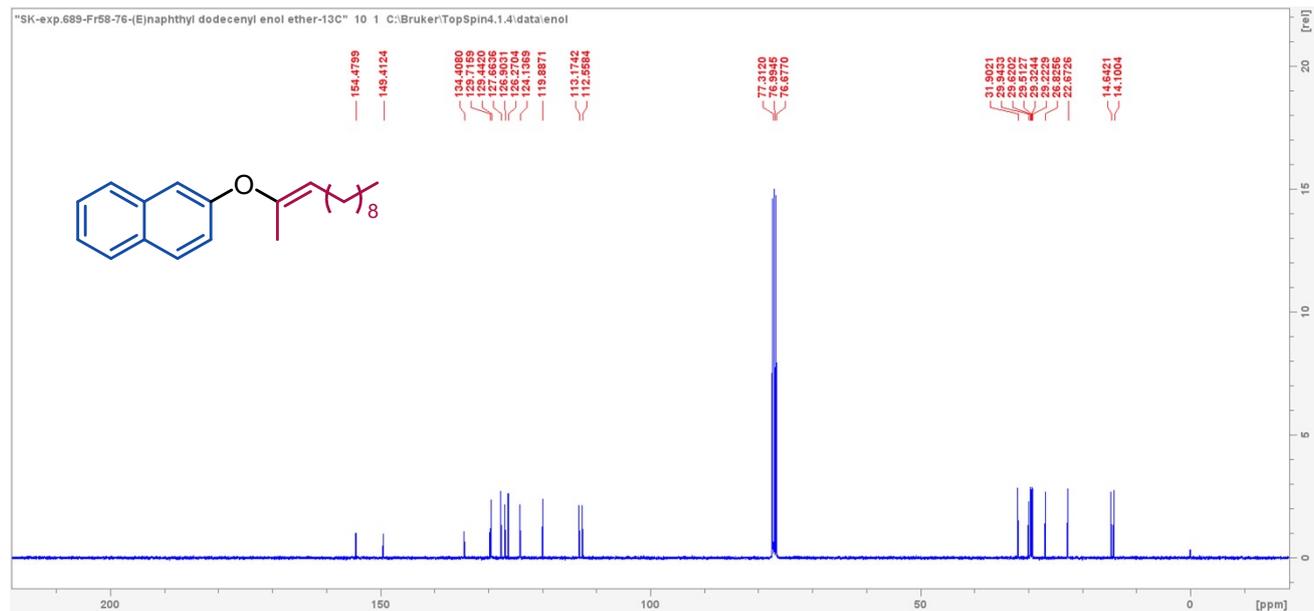
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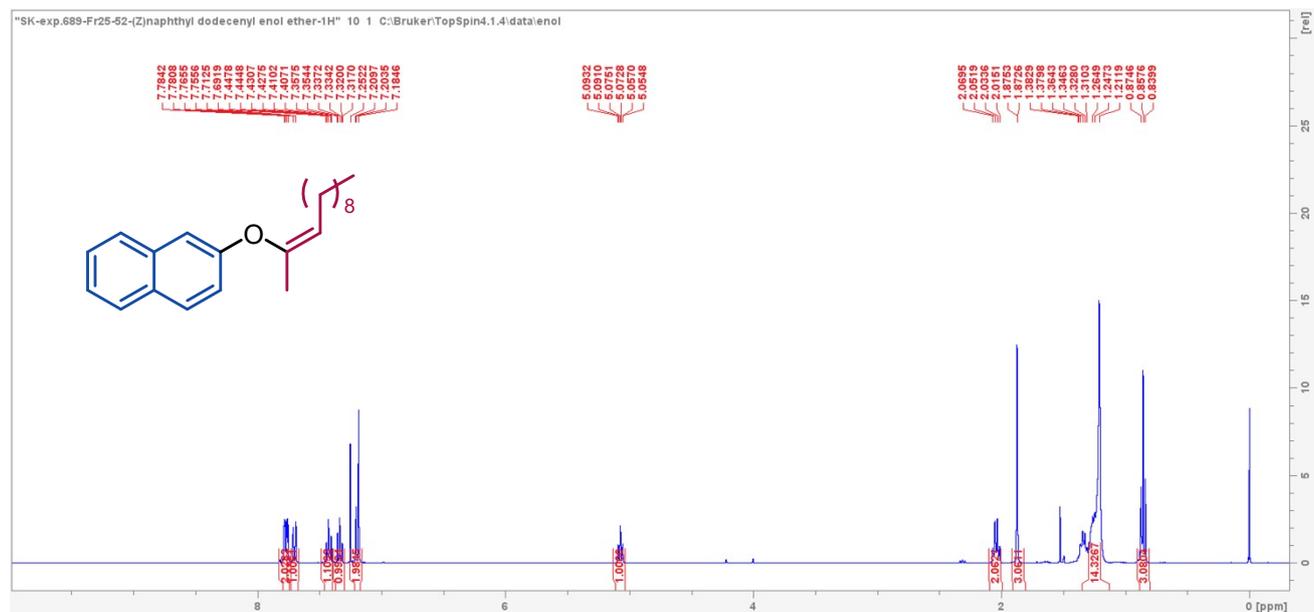
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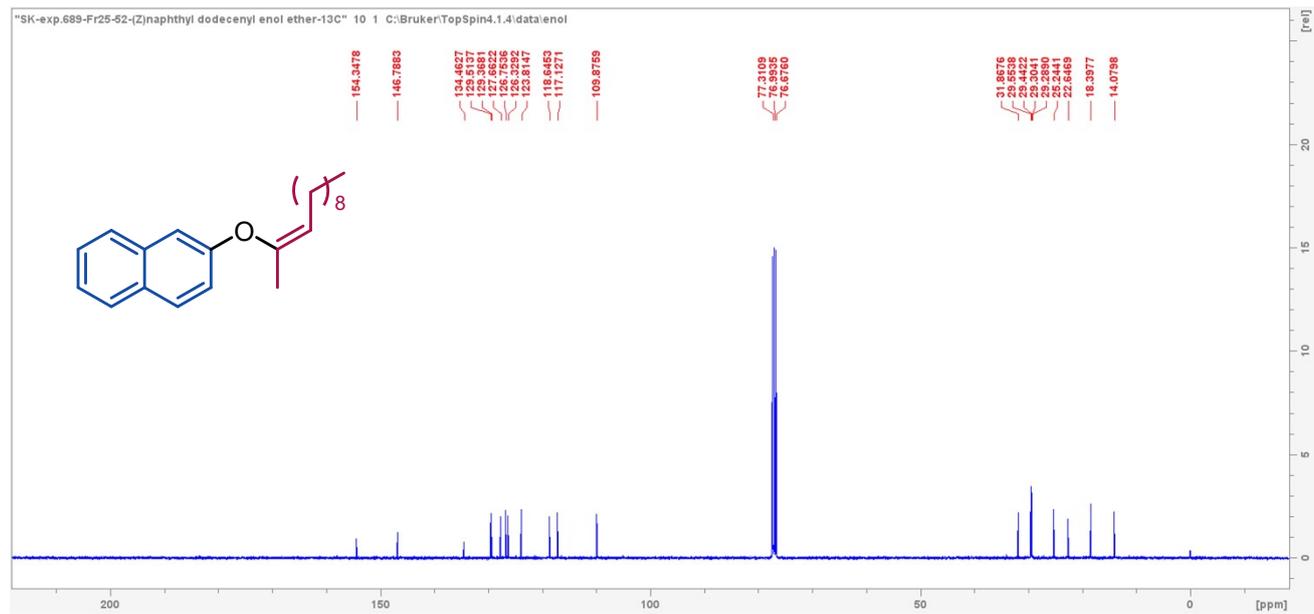
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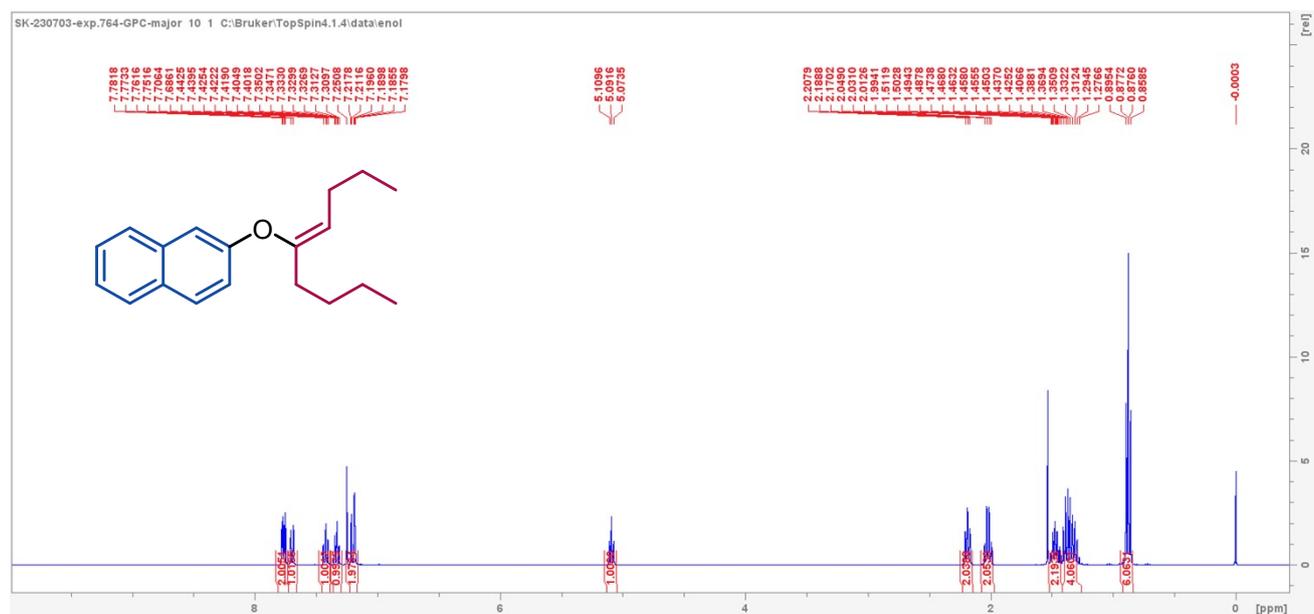


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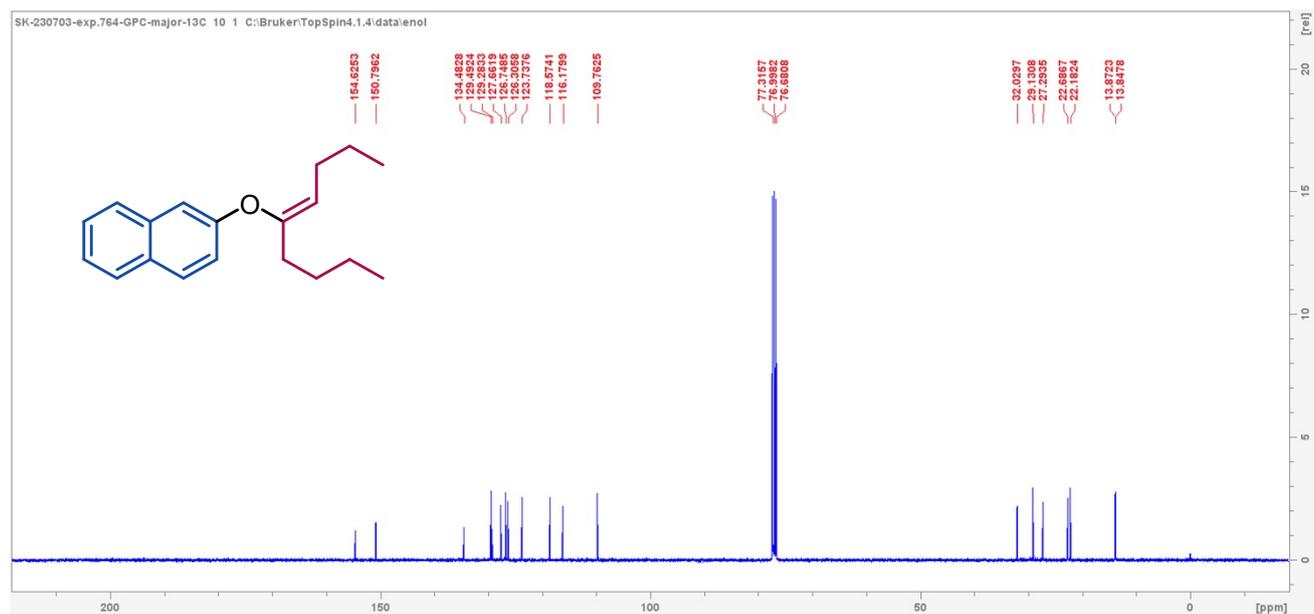




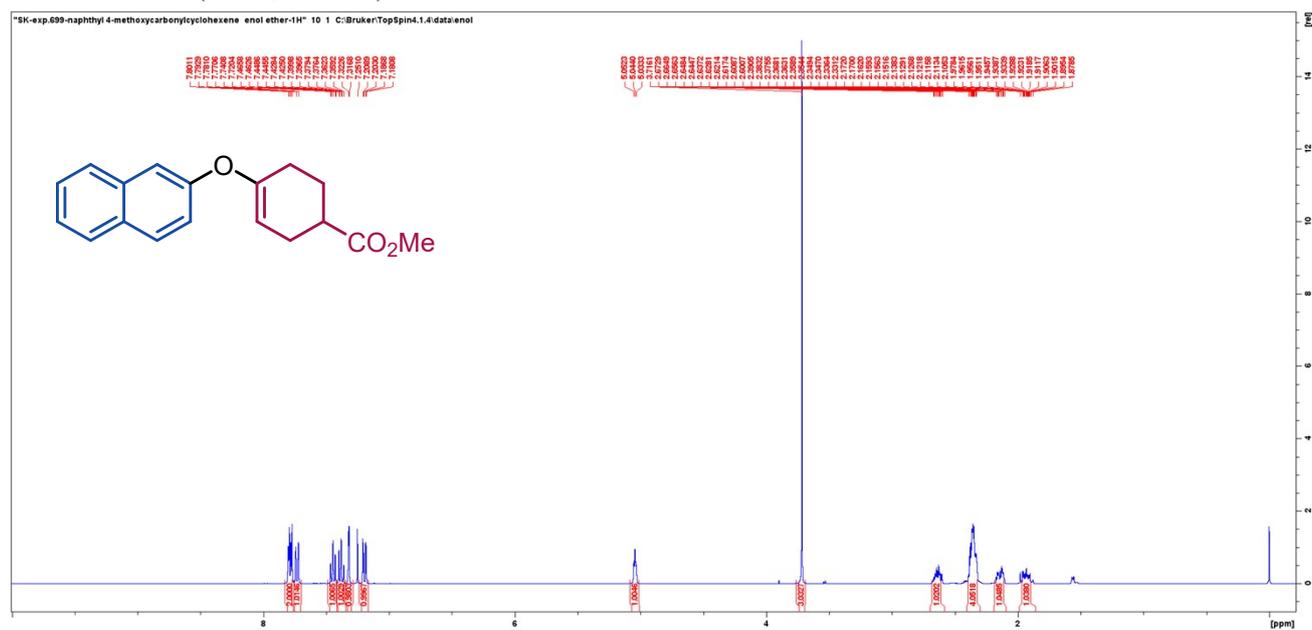
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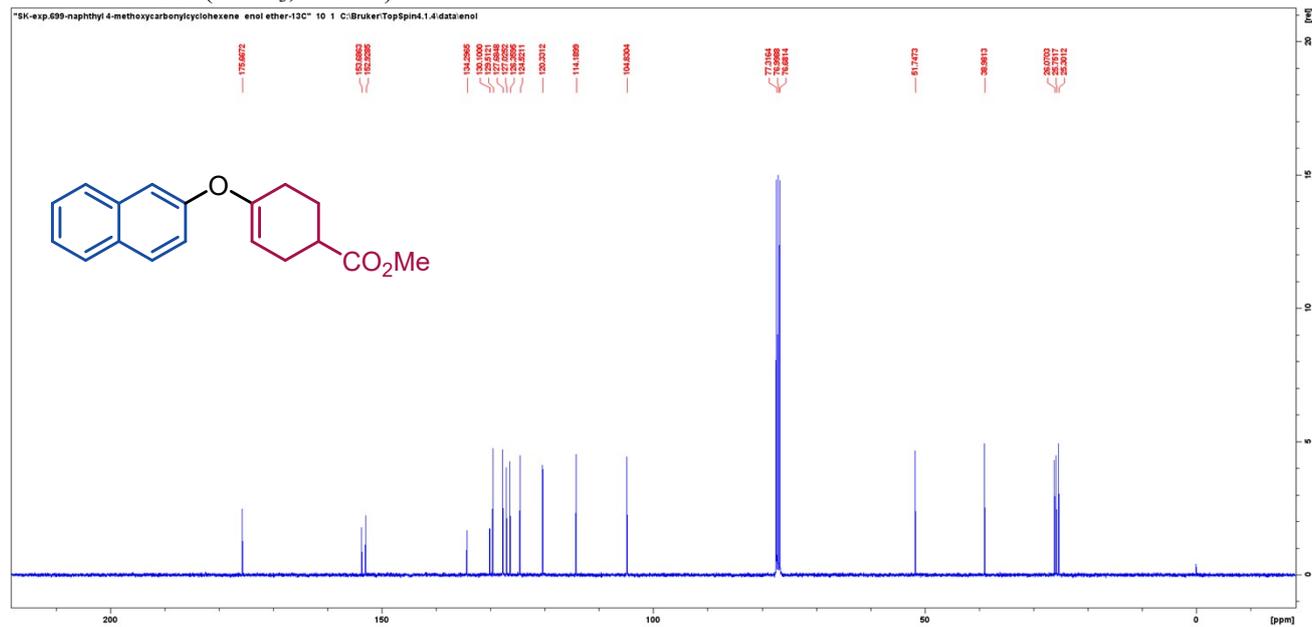
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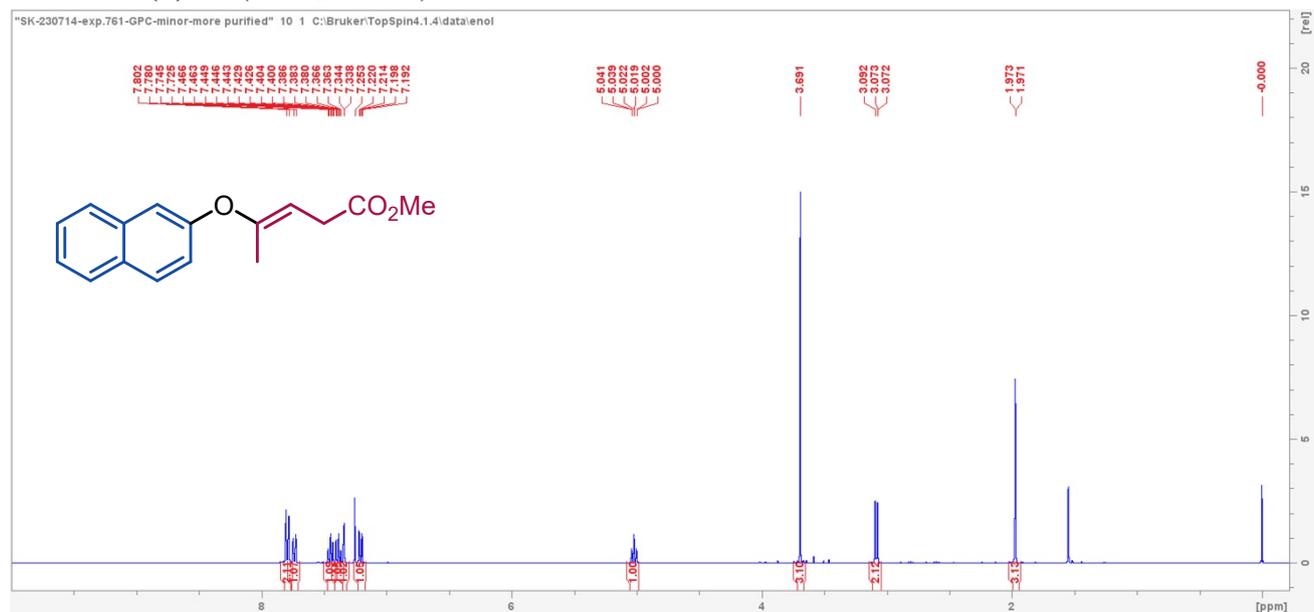
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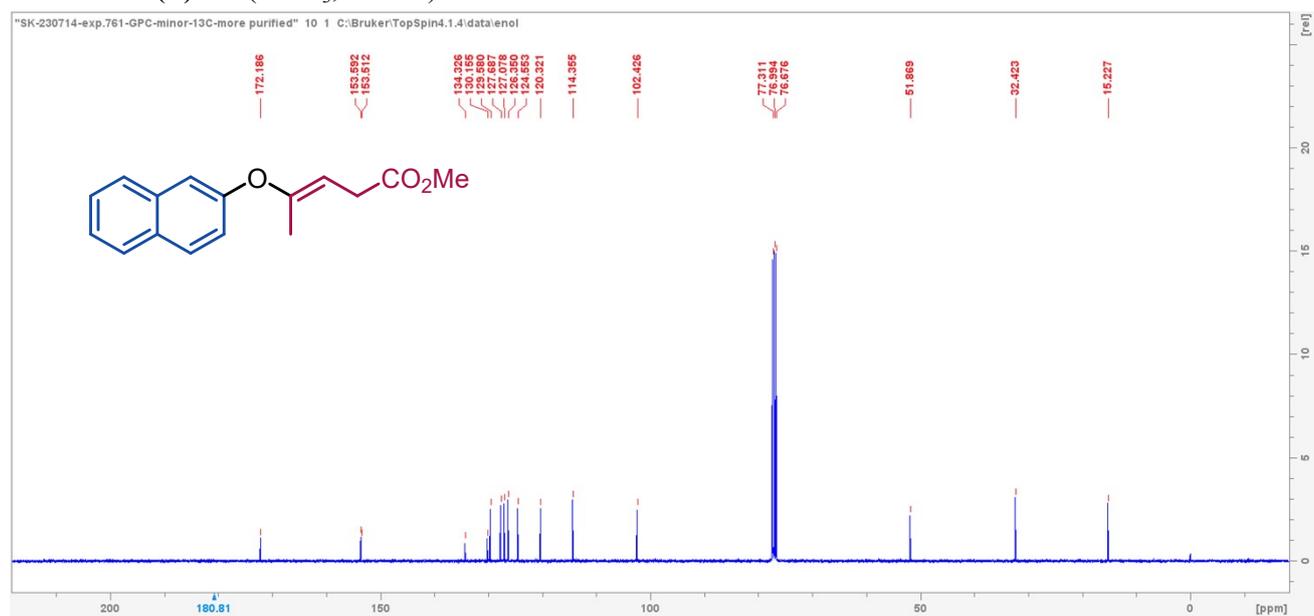
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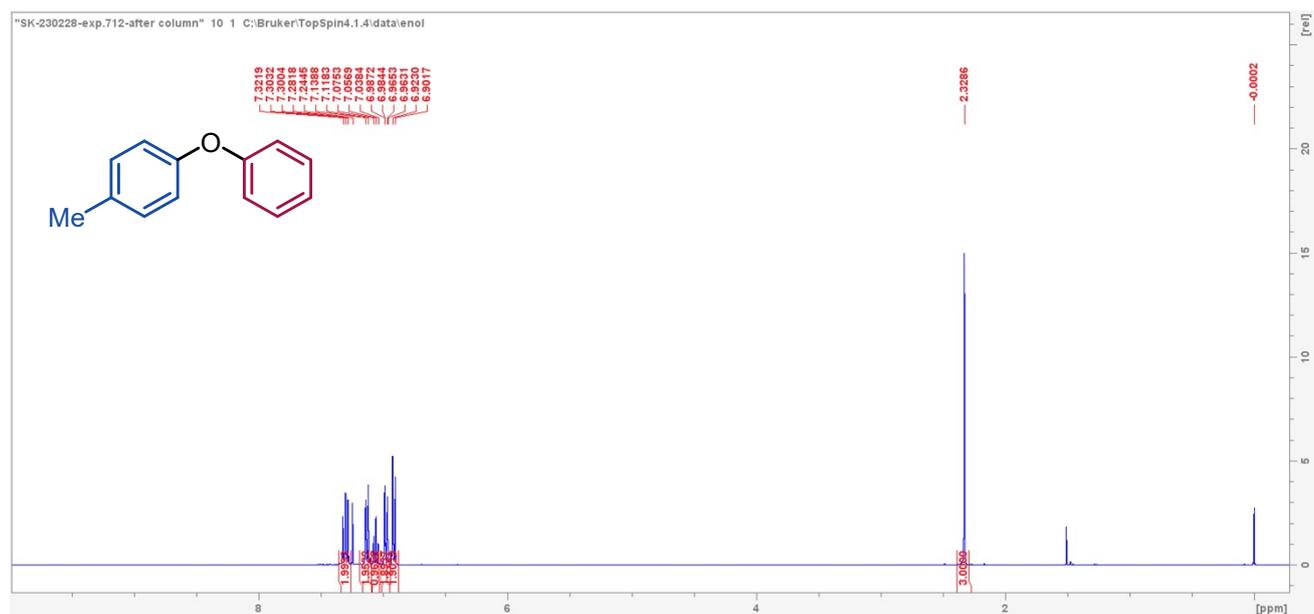
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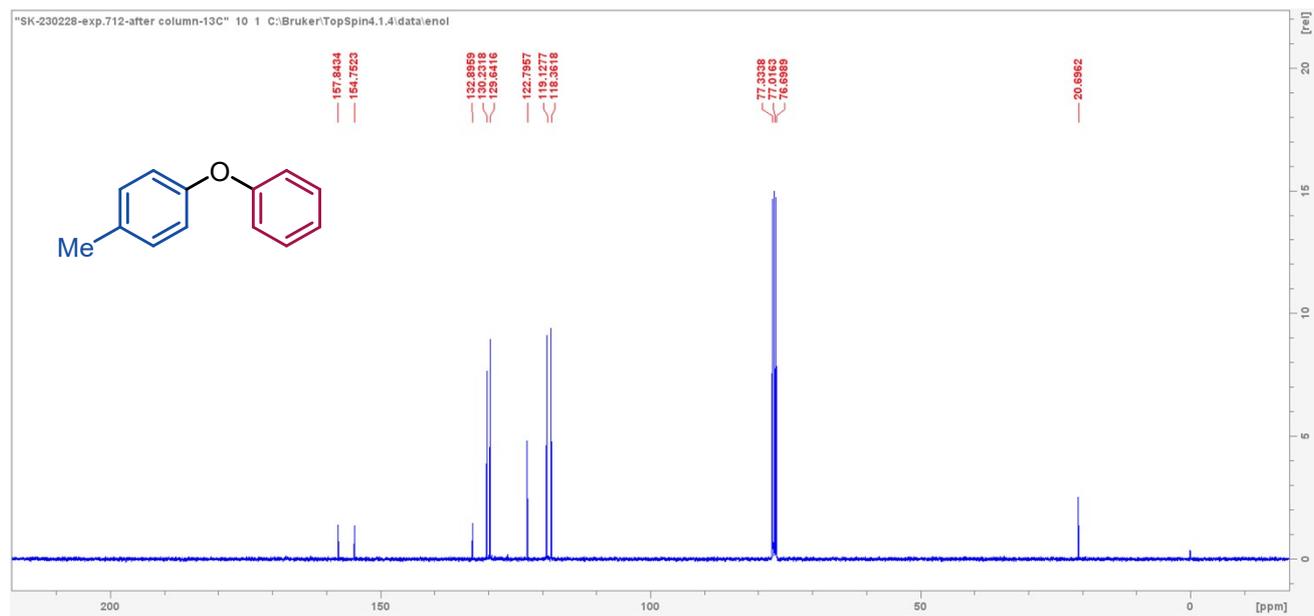




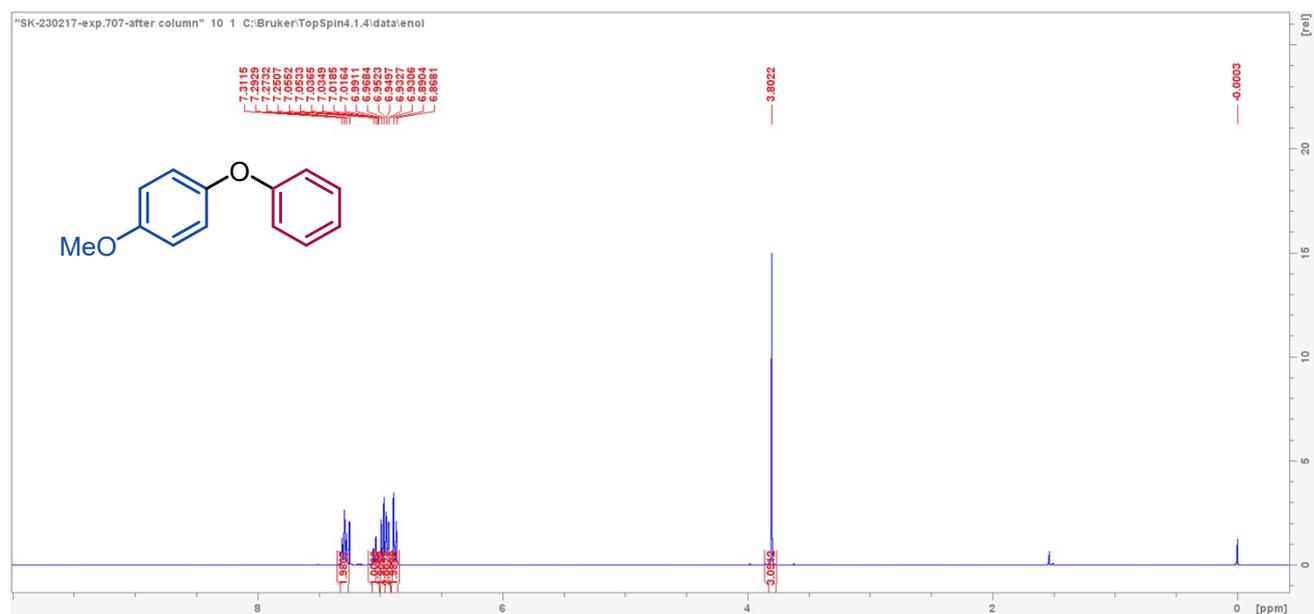
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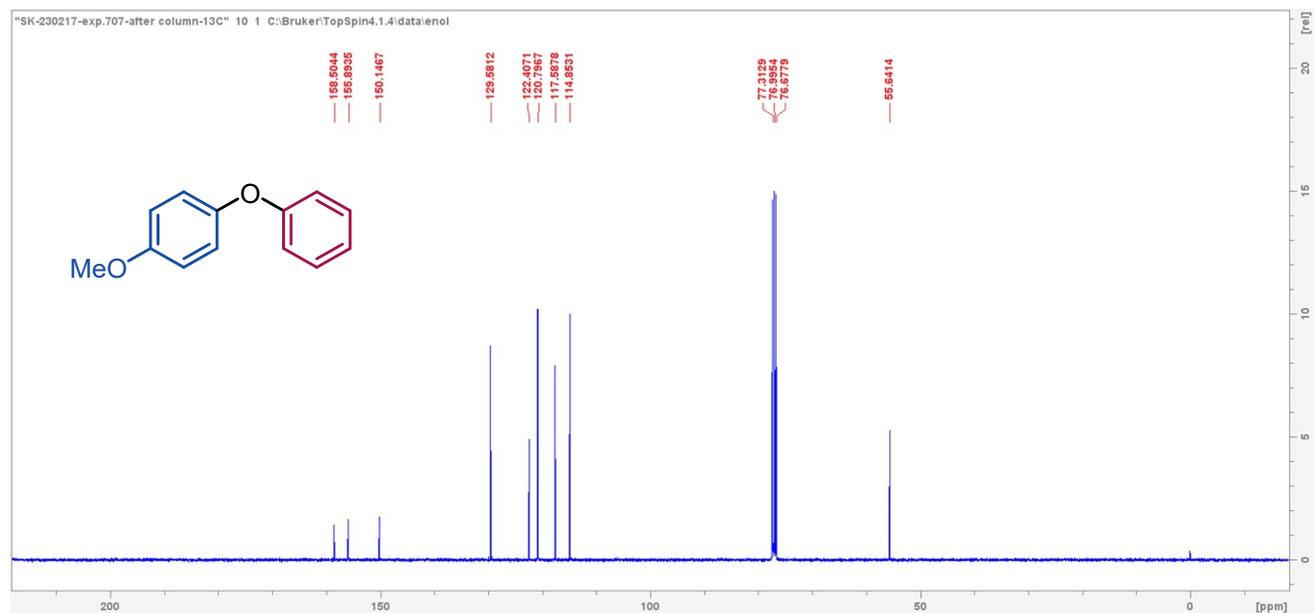
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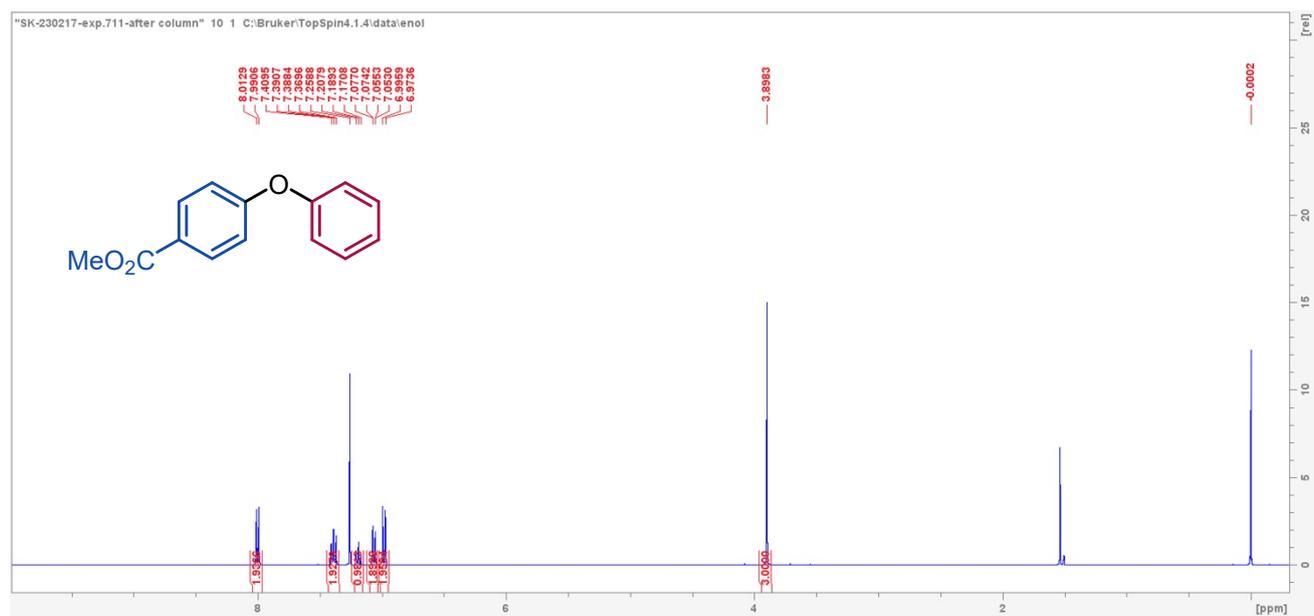
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