

**Copper-Catalyzed [1,3]-Nitrogen Rearrangement of O-Aryl Ketoximes via  
Oxidative Addition of N-O Bond in Inversed Electron Flow**

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## 1. General Information

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM-ECS600 (600 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 150 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to CHCl<sub>3</sub> (for <sup>1</sup>H, δ 7.26), and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (for <sup>13</sup>C, δ 77.00). <sup>1</sup>H NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, sext = sextet, sept = septet, dd = double doublet, dt = double triplet, dq = double quartet, ddt = double double triplet, br = broad, m = multiplet) and coupling constants (Hz). Infrared spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-4100 spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra analysis was performed on a Bruker Daltonics solariX FT-ICR-MS spectrometer at the Research and Analytical Center for Giant Molecules, Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University. Flash column chromatography was performed with Kanto Chemical silica gel 60N (spherical, neutral, 40-50 μm). Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck precoated TLC plates (silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub>). All reactions were carried out under nitrogen atmosphere.

## Materials

Anhydrous 1,2-dichloroethane, PhCl, toluene, MeCN, methanol, and chloroform were purchased from WAKO and used as received. IPrCuBr was prepared in accordance with the literature method.<sup>1</sup> AgSbF<sub>6</sub> was purchased from Aldrich and used as received. BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> was purchased from TCI and used as received.

<sup>1</sup> D.-G. Silvia, C. E.-A. Eduardo, B.-B. Jordi, D. S. Edwin, M. Z. S. Alexandra, P. N. Steven, *Dalton. Trans.*, **2010**, 39, 7595.

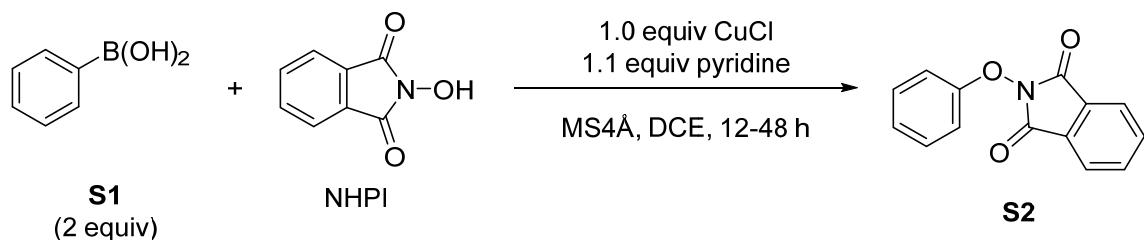
## 2. General procedure for preparation of starting materials 1

Compounds **1aa-1da**, **1fa-1ia**, **1ab**, **1db**, **1dc**, **1dd**, **1hb**, **1hc**, **1ib**, **1ma**, **1na**, **1ob**, and **1qa-1sa** were synthesized by the synthetic route A, while compounds **1jb-1lb** and **1pb** were synthesized by the synthetic route B. Compound **1ea** was prepared by the synthetic route C. The deuterated substrate **1ba-d** was prepared according to the reported method.<sup>1</sup> The deuterated substrate **1ba-d5** was prepared according to the reported method.<sup>2</sup>

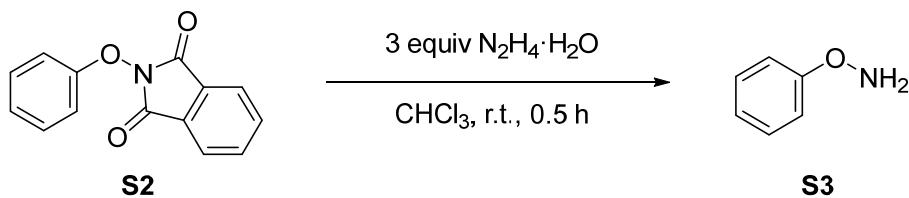
<sup>1</sup> J. Karthikeyan, R. Haridharan, C.-H. Cheng, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2012**, *51*, 12343.

<sup>2</sup> C.-Z. Luo, P. Gandeepan, J. Jayakumar, K. Parthasarathy, Y.-W. Chang, C.-H. Cheng, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2013**, *19*, 14181

### 2-1. Synthetic route A via coupling between the arylboronic acid and NHPI



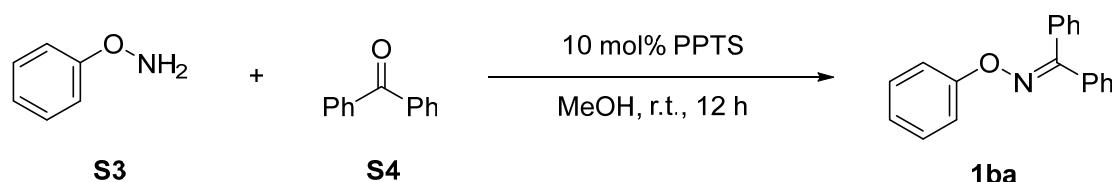
The **S2** was prepared in accordance with the literature method.<sup>3</sup> To a mixture of *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (0.92 g, 5.0 mmol) and phenylboronic acid **S1** (2 equiv., 1.22 g, 10 mmol) in a 100 ml round-bottom flask were added copper (I) chloride (1 equiv., 0.50 g, 5 mmol) and freshly activated 4 Å molecular sieves inside a glovebox. Then, 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE, 0.25 M, 25 mL) followed by pyridine (1.1 equiv., 0.44 mL, 5.5 mmol) were added, resulting in a brown suspension. The reaction suspension was stirred open to the atmosphere for 24 h, then the color of the suspension turned from brown to green. The reaction mixture was absorbed onto ca. 6 g of silica gel and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (2/1) as eluent to afford **S2** as a colorless solid (86%, 1.03 g, 4.3 mmol).



**S3** was prepared in accordance with the literature method.<sup>2</sup> To a solution of **S2** (1.03 g, 4.3

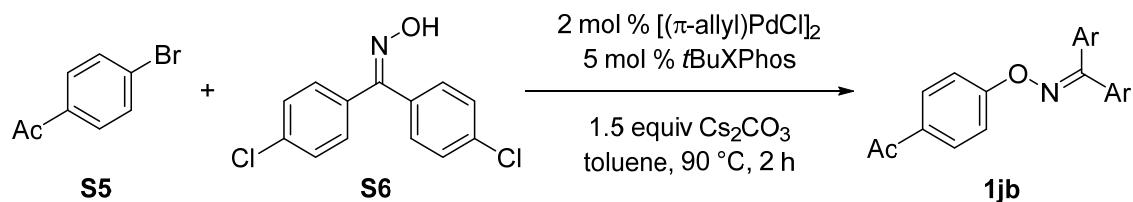
mmol), in chloroform (0.1 M, 43 mL) was added  $\text{N}_2\text{H}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (3 equiv., 0.64 mL, 13 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 0.5 h, then filtered through a short pad of Celite and extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and the solvents were removed in vacuo. The crude product of the O-phenylhydroxylamine **S3** was used for the next step without further purification (ca. 83% yield, 3.5 mmol).

<sup>3</sup> H. M. Petrassi, K. B. Sharpless, W. Kelly, *Org. Lett.* **2001**, 3, 1, 139.



To a mixture of **S3** (1 equiv., 3.5 mmol), **S4** (1 equiv., 0.645 g, 3.5 mmol), and PPTS (10 mol%, 89 mg, 0.35 mmol) in a 50 mL round-bottom flask was added methanol (0.5 M, 7.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 12 h, then solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (20/1) as eluent afforded **1ba** (73%, 0.71 g, 2.6 mmol).

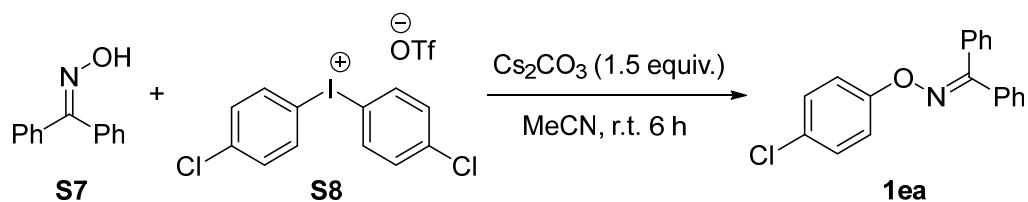
## 2-2. Synthetic route B via coupling between bromoarenes and ketooximes



This procedure is according to the literature method.<sup>4</sup> To a mixture of **S5** (1 equiv., 0.20 g, 1.0 mmol), **S6** (1.05 equiv., 0.28 g, 1.05 mmol),  $[(\text{allyl})\text{PdCl}]_2$  (2 mol%, 7.3 mg, 0.02 mmol),  $t\text{BuXPhos}$  (5 mol%, 21.25 mg, 0.05 mmol), and  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (1.5 equiv., 0.49 g, 1.5 mmol) in a 20 mL round-bottom flask was added toluene (0.25 M, 4.0 ml) in argon atmosphere. After stirring vigorously at 90 °C for 2 h, the reaction mixture was passed through a short pad of silica with EtOAc (50 mL), then solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (30/1) as eluent to give **1jb** (39%, 0.15 g, 0.39 mmol) in an analytically pure form.

<sup>4</sup> Reeta, T. M. Rangarajan, R. P. Singh, R. P. Singh, M. Singh. *Chin. J. Chem.* **2020**, 38, 830.

2-3. Synthetic route C via direct arylation of oximes with diaryliodonium salts

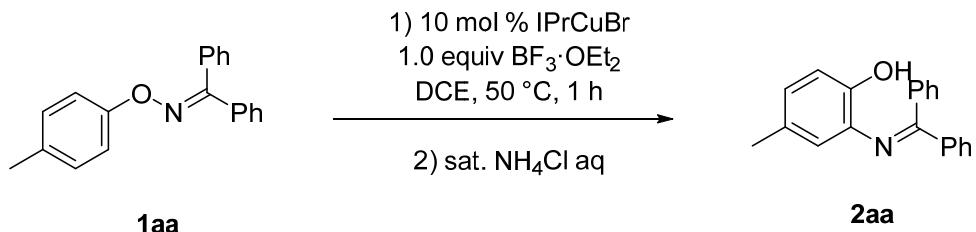


This procedure is according to the literature method.<sup>5</sup> The diaryliodonium salt was prepared according to the literature method.<sup>6</sup> A solution of cesium carbonate (1.5 equiv., 0.34 g, 0.85 mmol) and the **S7** (1 equiv., 0.14 g, 0.7 mmol) in acetonitrile anhydrous (0.25 M, 2.8 mL) was stirred for 5 min at room temperature. Then, diaryliodonium salt **S8** (1.2 equiv., 0.42 g, 0.84 mmol) was added in one portion at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred for 6 h at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated in *vacuo*. Then, the crude product was directly purified by flash silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (10/1) to afford the desired product **1ea** (63%, 0.13 g, 0.44 mmol).

<sup>5</sup> Y. Y. Xunshen, W. J. Han, S. Mao, X. Qian, L. Wang, *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2014**, 6854.

<sup>6</sup> M. Bielawski, M. Zhu, B. Olofsson, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2007**, 349, 2610.

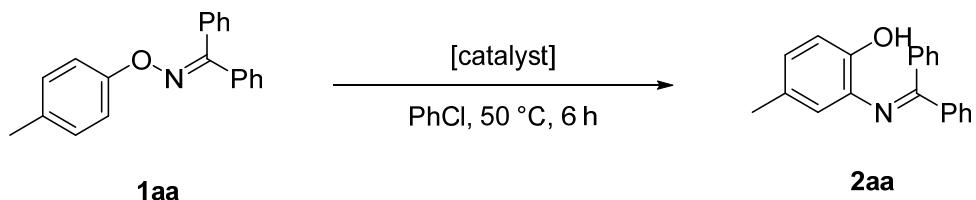
### 3. General procedure for copper-catalyzed reaction of 1



To a mixture of **1aa** (1 equiv., 28.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), IPrCuBr (10 mol%, 5.34 mg, 0.01 mmol) in 1,2-DCE (0.7 mL, 0.14 M) in a 3 mL pressure vial was added  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (1 equiv., 12.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.1 mmol) under argon atmosphere. After stirring at 50 °C for 1 h, the reaction mixture was extracted with dichloroethane and washed with sat.  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  aquation. After the combined organic layers were dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , the organic solution was passed through a short pad of silica with EtOAc (50 mL), then solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (30/1) as eluent to give **2aa** (82%, 23.5 mg, 0.082 mmol) in an analytically pure form.

#### 4. Optimization of reaction conditions

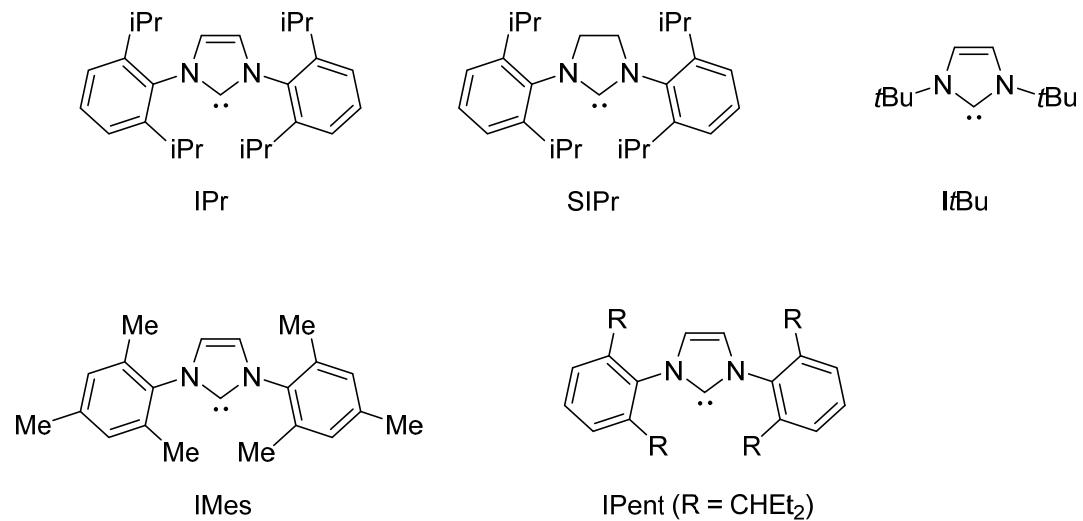
##### 4-1 Catalysts



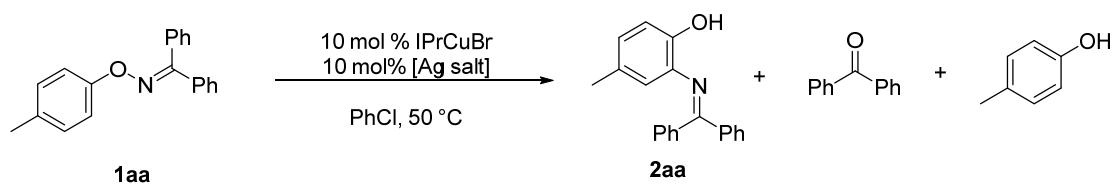
**Table S1. Screening of catalysts**

| entry | catalysts. (mol%)                               | <b>2aa (%)<sup>a</sup></b> | <b>1aa (%)<sup>a</sup></b> |
|-------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1     | IPrCuBr (10), AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (10)           | 24                         | 64                         |
| 3     | SIPrCuCl (10), AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (10)          | 25                         | 32                         |
| 4     | ItBuCuCl (10), AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (10)          | 4                          | 96                         |
| 5     | IPentCuCl (10), AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (10)         | 3                          | 41                         |
| 6     | IMesCuCl (10), AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (10)          | trace                      | 76                         |
| 7     | Yb(OTf) <sub>3</sub> (20)                       | 12                         | 75                         |
| 8     | CoCl <sub>2</sub> (10), AgNTf <sub>2</sub> (20) | 9                          | 76                         |

<sup>a</sup> NMR yields. The yields were determined using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as an internal standard.



#### 4-2 Silver salts

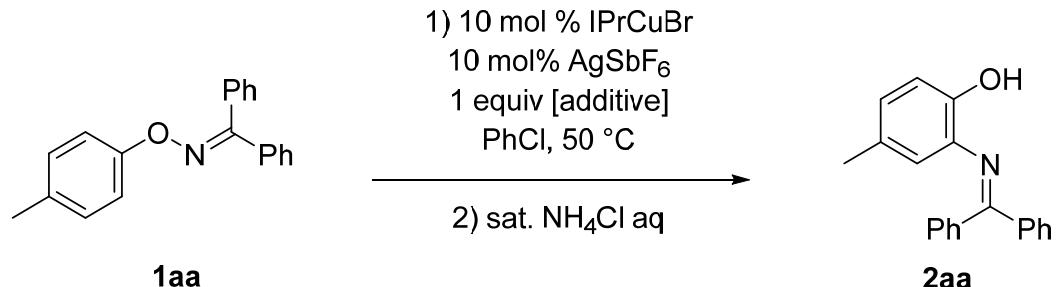


**Table S2. Screening of silver salts**

| entry | silver salt        | time (h) | 2aa (%) | Benzophenone (%) | p-cresol (%) | 1aa (%) |
|-------|--------------------|----------|---------|------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1     | AgSbF <sub>6</sub> | 6        | 24      | <1               | <1           | 64      |
| 2     | AgSbF <sub>6</sub> | 48       | 3       | 17               | 9            | 20      |
| 3     | AgNTf <sub>2</sub> | 6        | 12      | <1               | <1           | 88      |
| 4     | AgBF <sub>4</sub>  | 6        | 9       | <1               | <1           | 89      |
| 5     | AgPF <sub>6</sub>  | 6        | 4       | <1               | <1           | 73      |
| 6     | none               | 6        | <1      | <1               | <1           | 94      |

<sup>a</sup> NMR yields. The yields were determined using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as an internal standard.

#### 4-3 Additive



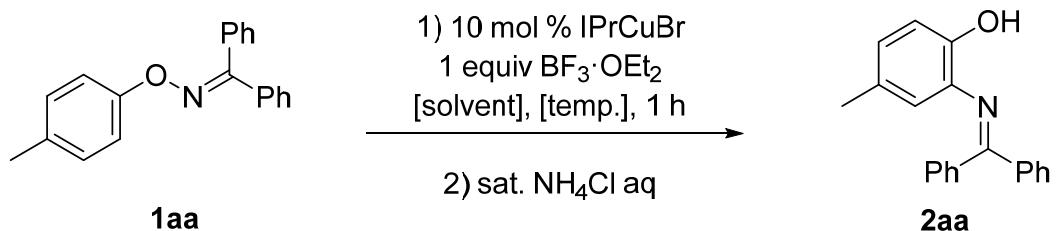
**Table S3. Screening of additives**

| entry          | additive                          | time (min.) | 2aa | 1aa |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----|-----|
| 1 <sup>b</sup> | none                              | 360         | 24  | 64  |
| 2              | BF <sub>3</sub> •OEt <sub>2</sub> | 15          | 84  | 2   |
| 3              | EtB(OH) <sub>2</sub>              | 15          | 10  | 73  |
| 4              | NaF                               | 15          | 11  | 70  |
| 5              | CaF <sub>2</sub>                  | 15          | 9   | 68  |
| 6              | Si(OMe) <sub>4</sub>              | 15          | 10  | 64  |

<sup>a</sup> NMR yields. The yields were determined using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as an internal standard.

<sup>b</sup> w/o work up process.

4-4 Solvent and temperature effect

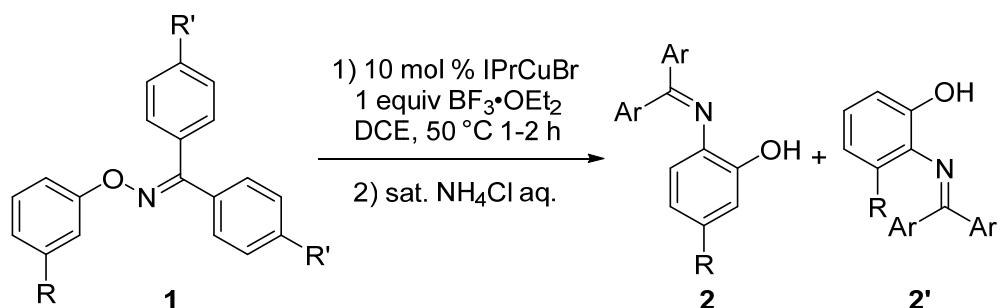


**Table S4. Solvent and temperature effect**

| entry | solvent | T (°C) | 2aa    | 1aa |
|-------|---------|--------|--------|-----|
| 1     | 1,2-DCE | 50     | 86(82) | 7   |
| 2     | 1,2-DCE | 30     | 43     | 42  |
| 3     | PhCl    | 50     | 85     | 2   |
| 4     | toluene | 50     | 10     | 68  |
| 5     | THF     | 50     | <1     | 91  |
| 6     | MeCN    | 50     | <1     | 99  |

<sup>a</sup> NMR yields. The yields were determined using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as an internal standard. Isolated yield in the parenthesis.

**5. Substituent effect at the meta position**

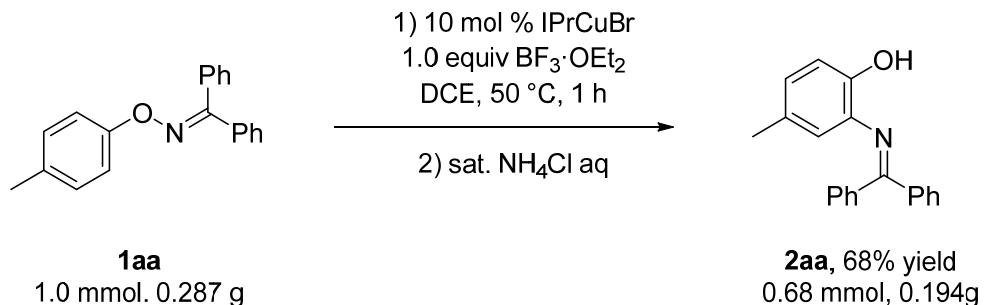


**Table S4. Substituent effect at the meta position**

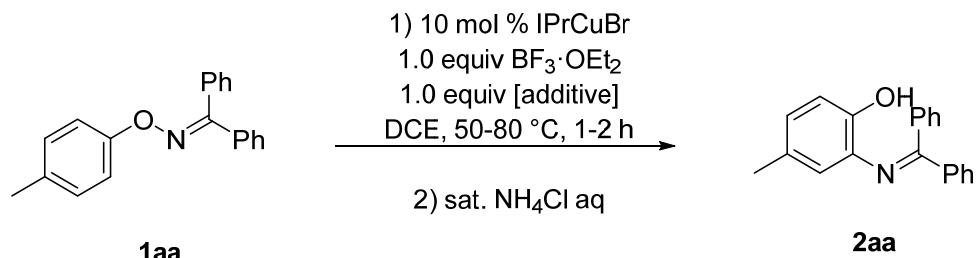
| 1          | R                  | R' | $\sigma_{\text{para}}$ of R | A-value | 2          | yield (%) <sup>a</sup> | 2:2'  |
|------------|--------------------|----|-----------------------------|---------|------------|------------------------|-------|
| <b>1ma</b> | OMe                | H  | -0.27                       | 0.60    | <b>2ma</b> | 63                     | >20:1 |
| <b>1na</b> | Cl                 | H  | 0.23                        | 0.43    | <b>2na</b> | 39                     | >20:1 |
| <b>1ob</b> | F                  | Cl | 0.06                        | 0.15    | <b>2ob</b> | 45                     | 1.8:1 |
| <b>1pb</b> | CO <sub>2</sub> Me | Cl | 0.45                        | 1.27    | <b>2pb</b> | 70                     | 1:2   |

<sup>a</sup> isolated yields.

## 6. A larger scale experiment



## 7 The reactions in the presence of radical-trapping reagents



**Table S6. The Cu-catalyzed reaction of 1aa in the presence of radical trapping reagents**

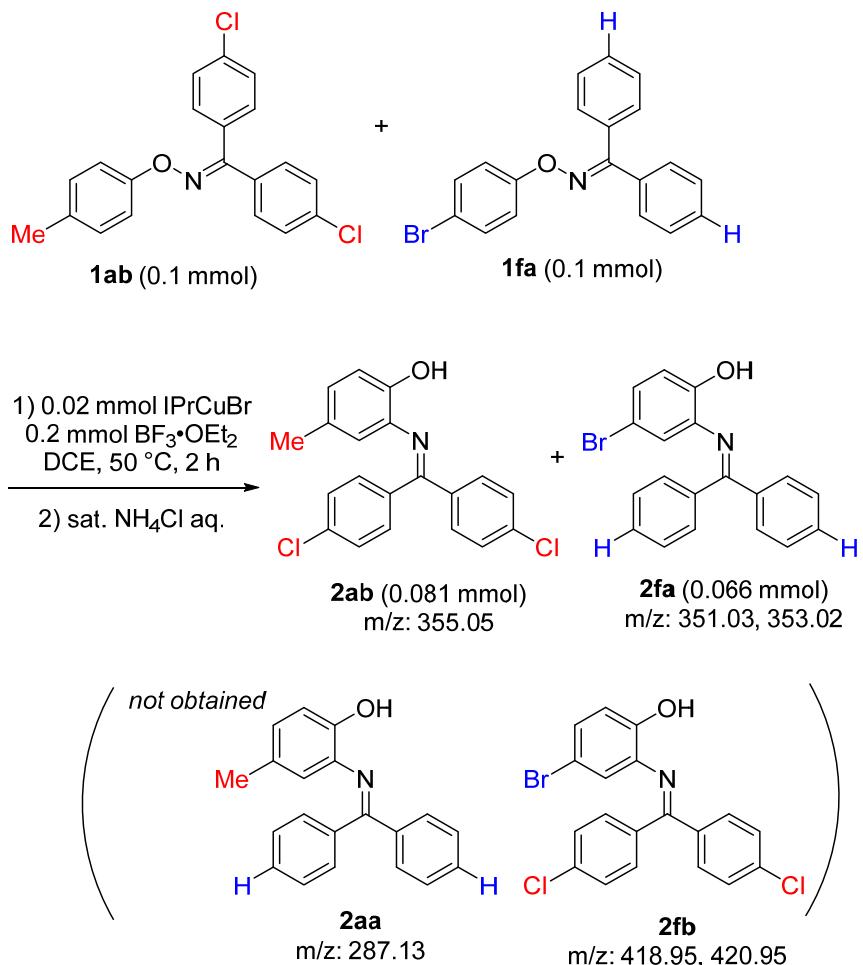
| entry | additive             | 2a (%) <sup>a</sup> | 1a (%) <sup>a</sup> | note                            |
|-------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1     | TEMPO                | <1                  | 87                  |                                 |
| 2     | 1,1-diphenylethylene | 73                  | 1                   | diphenylethylene: 87% recovery. |
| 3     | none                 | 86(82)              | 7                   |                                 |

<sup>a</sup> NMR yields.  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$  as an internal standard. Isolated yield in parenthesis.

The reaction of **1aa** in the presence of TEMPO under the standard conditions resulted in recovery of considerable amounts of **1aa**, whereas that in the presence of 1,1-diphenylethylene gave **2aa** in the similar yield to that in the absence of the additive. At the present stage, we consider that TEMPO deactivates the cationic copper complex.

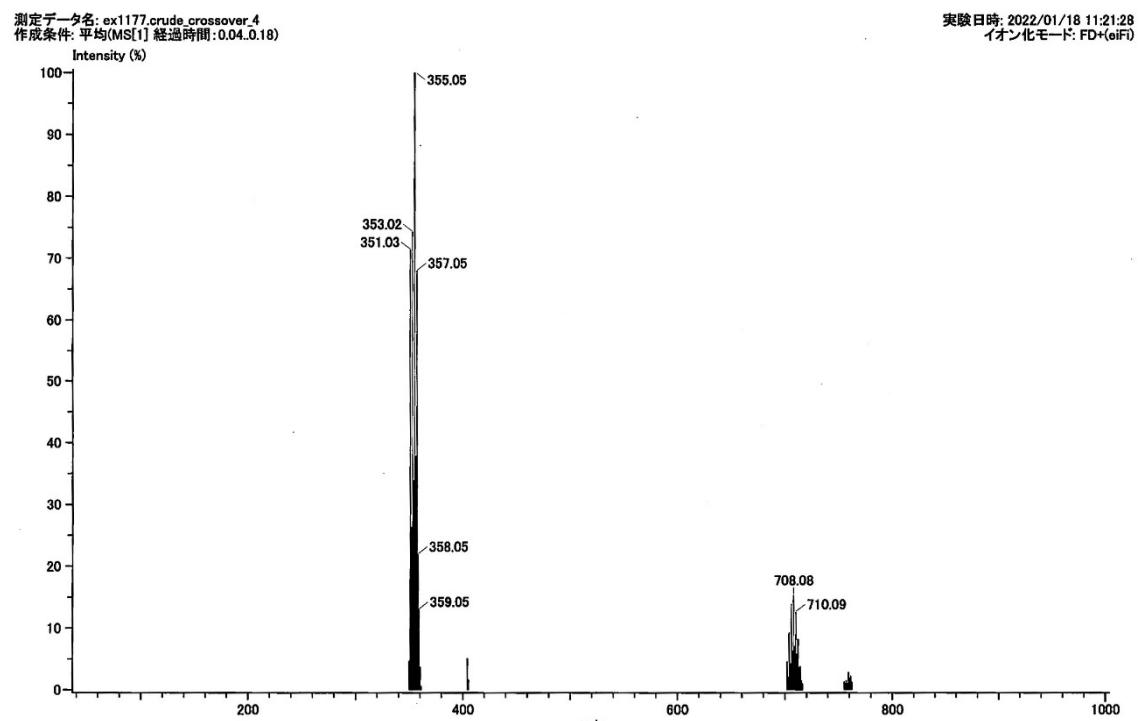
## 8 Competitive experiments

### 8-1. Crossover experiment

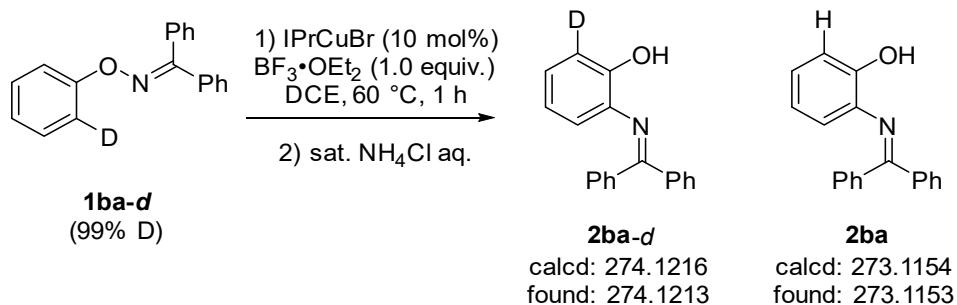


To a mixture of **1ab** (35.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), **1fa** (35.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), IPrCuBr (10.6 mg, 0.02 mmol) in 1,2-DCE (1.4 mL, 0.14 M) in a 3 mL pressure vial was added BF<sub>3</sub>•OEt<sub>2</sub> (25.2  $\mu$ L, 0.2 mmol) under argon atmosphere. After stirring at 50 °C for 2 h, the reaction mixture was extracted with dichloroethane and washed with sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aquation. After the combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, the organic solution was passed through a short pad of silica with EtOAc (50 ml), then solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude mixture was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and HRMS. The products **2ab** and **2fa**, derived from the starting materials **1ab** and **1fa**, respectively in 81% and 66% yields respectively, whereas any crossover products **2aa** and **2fb** were not observed by HRMS (see HRMS chart of a mixture of the crude products).

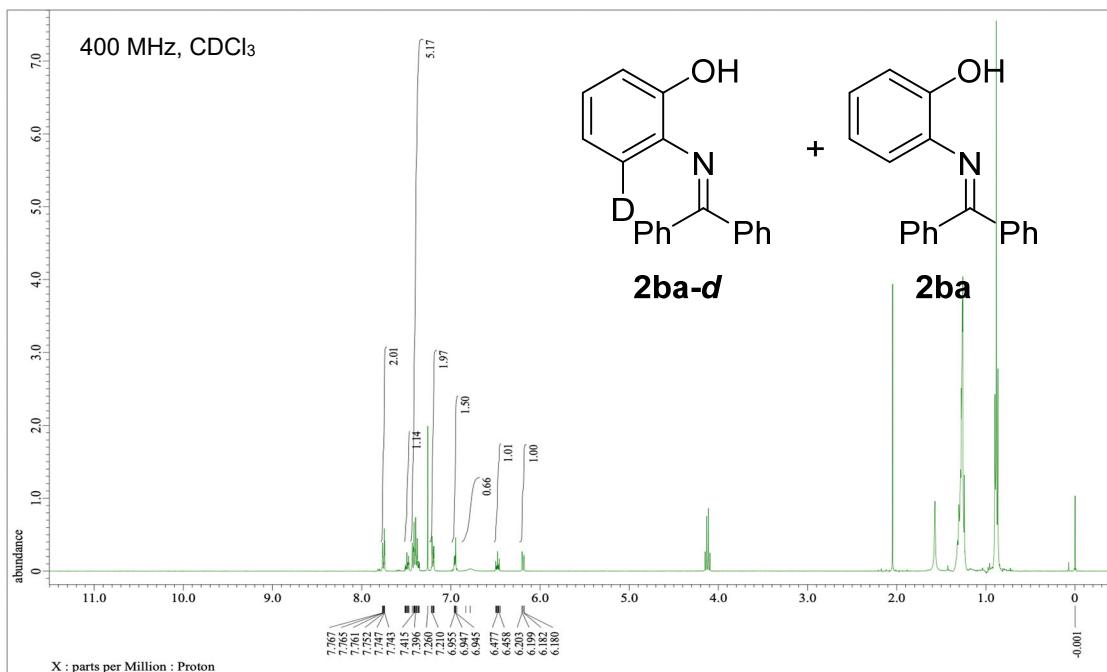
## HRMS chart of crossover experiment

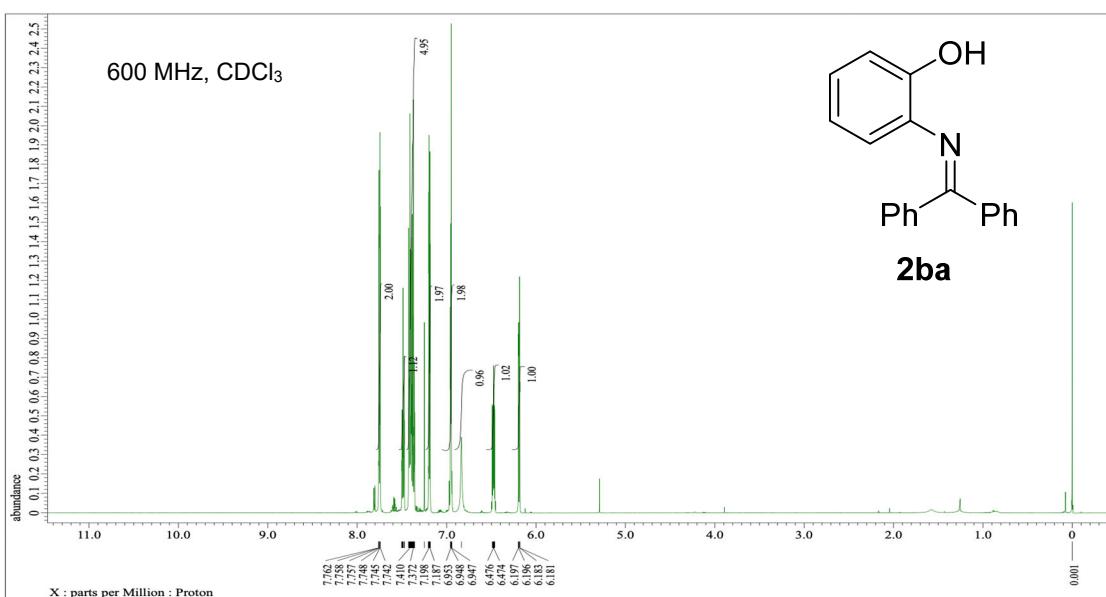


## 8-2. Intramolecular competitive experiments

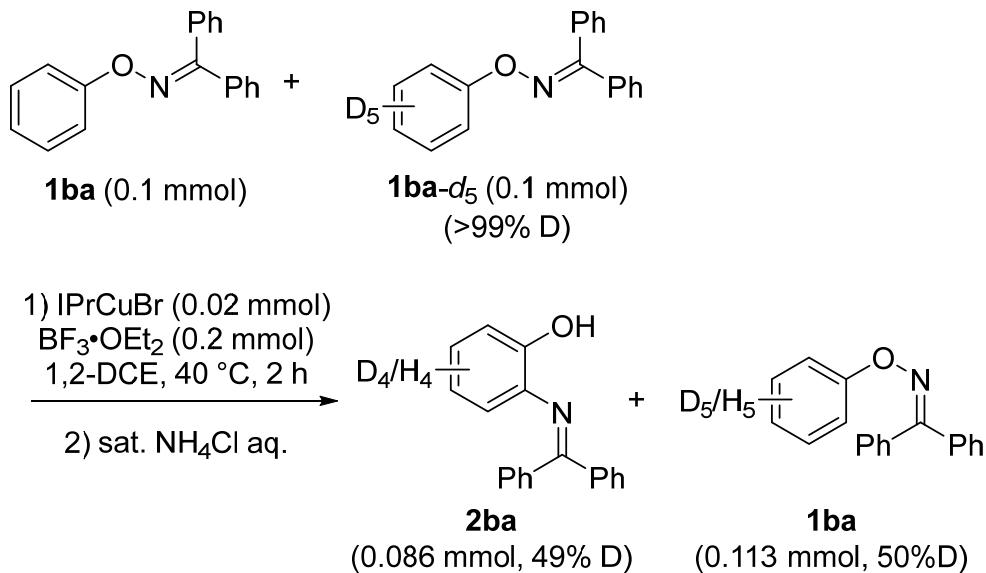


To a mixture of **1ba-d** (99% D, 1 equiv., 17.0 mg, 0.062 mmol), IPrCuBr (10 mol%, 3.29 mg, 0.00062 mmol) in 1,2-DCE (0.43 mL, 0.14 M) in a 3 mL pressure vial was added  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$  (1.0 equiv., 7.81  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.062 mmol) under argon atmosphere. After stirring at 60 °C for 1 h, the reaction mixture was extracted with dichloroethane and washed with sat.  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  aquation. After the combined organic layers were dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , the organic solution was passed through a short pad of silica with EtOAc (50 ml), then solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude mixture was analyzed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and HRMS. The ratio between **2ba** and **2ba-d** was determined as 1:1, according to the integral at  $\delta$  6.945-6.955.

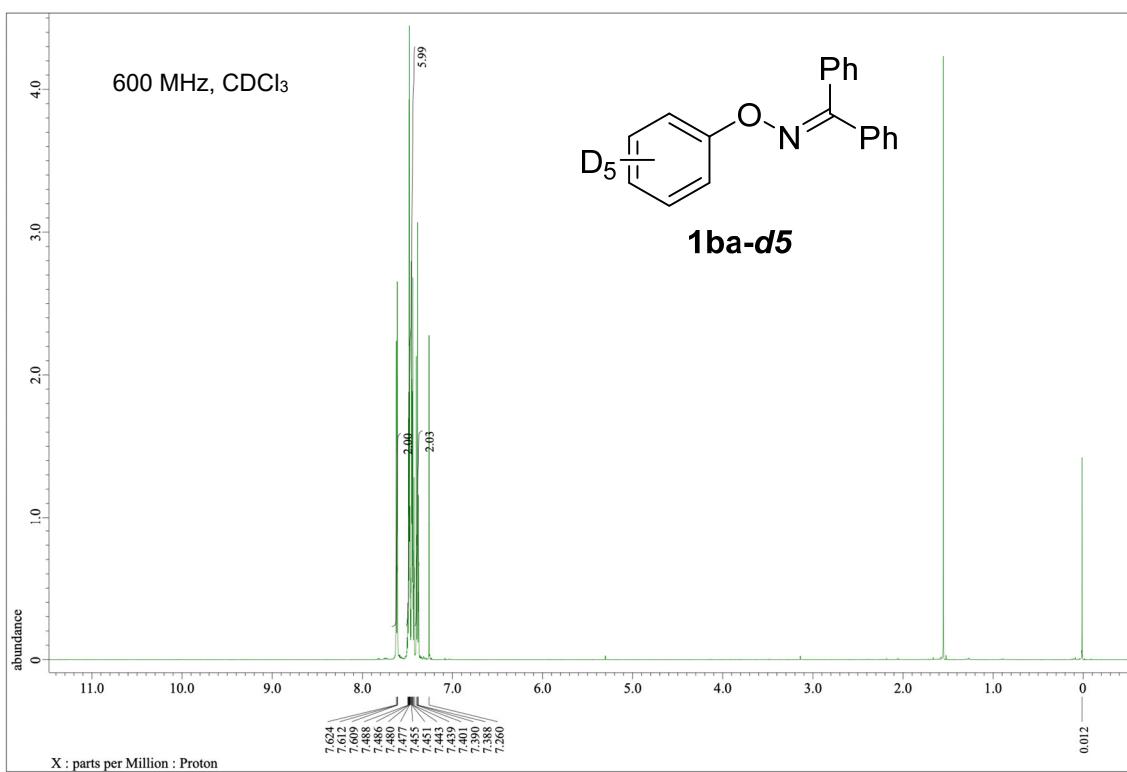
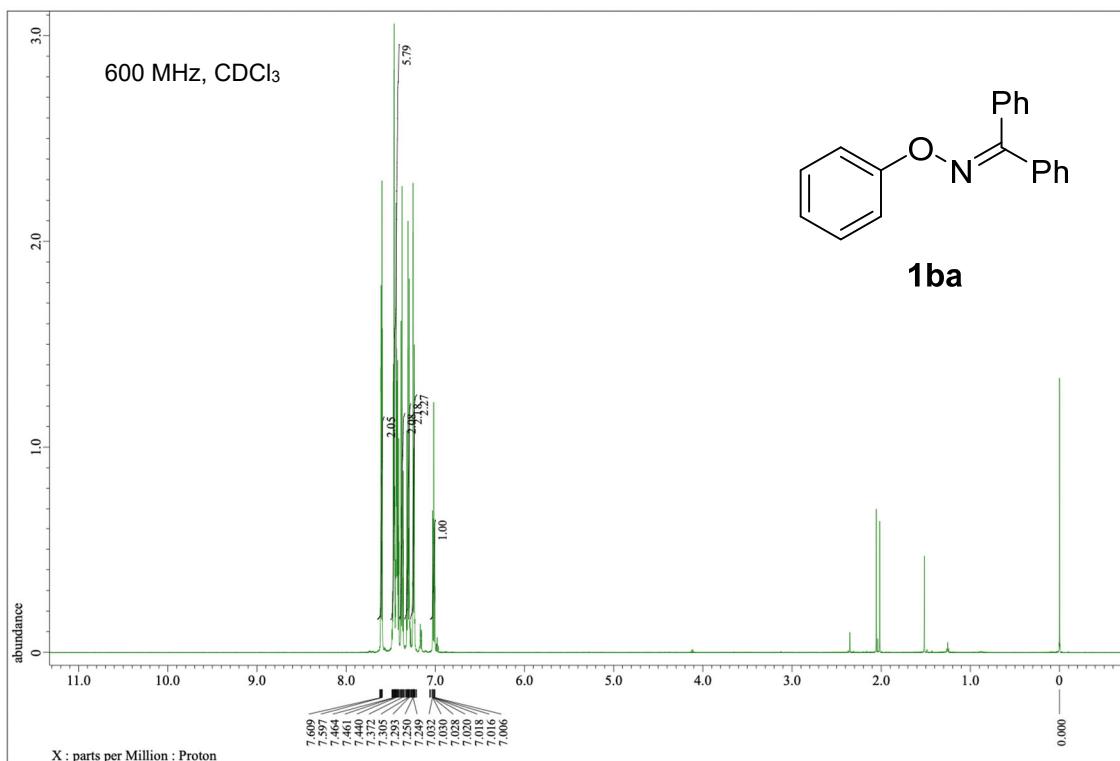


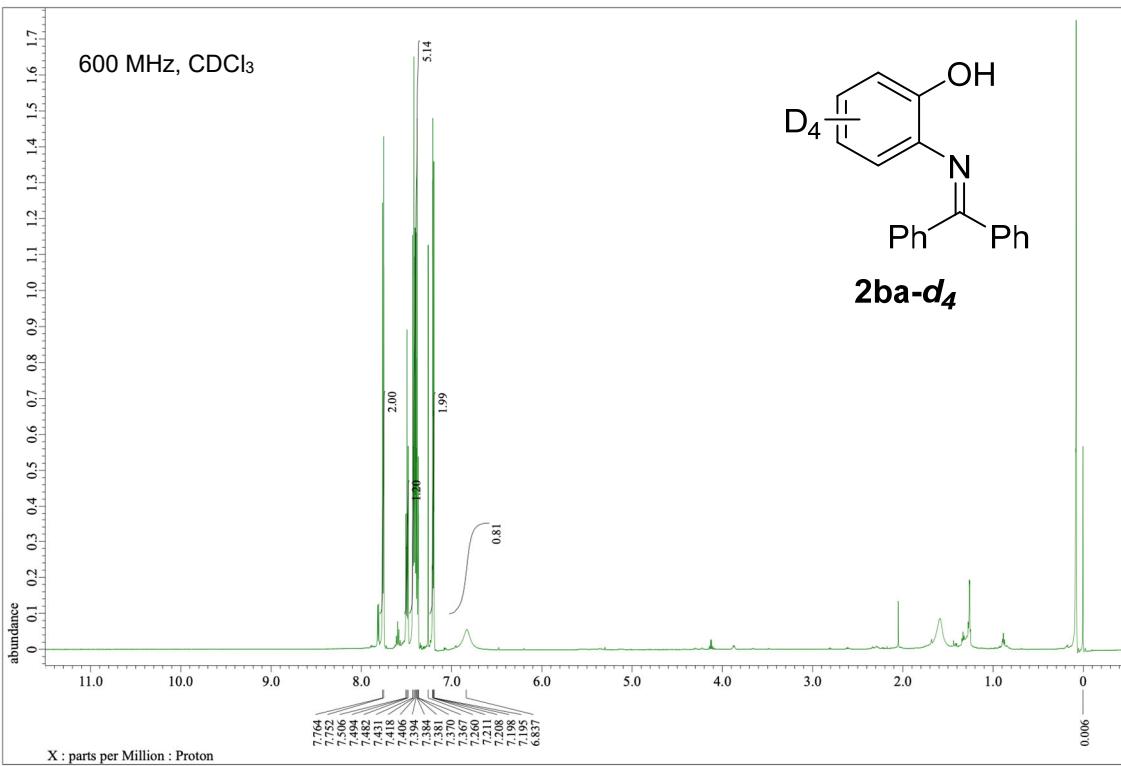
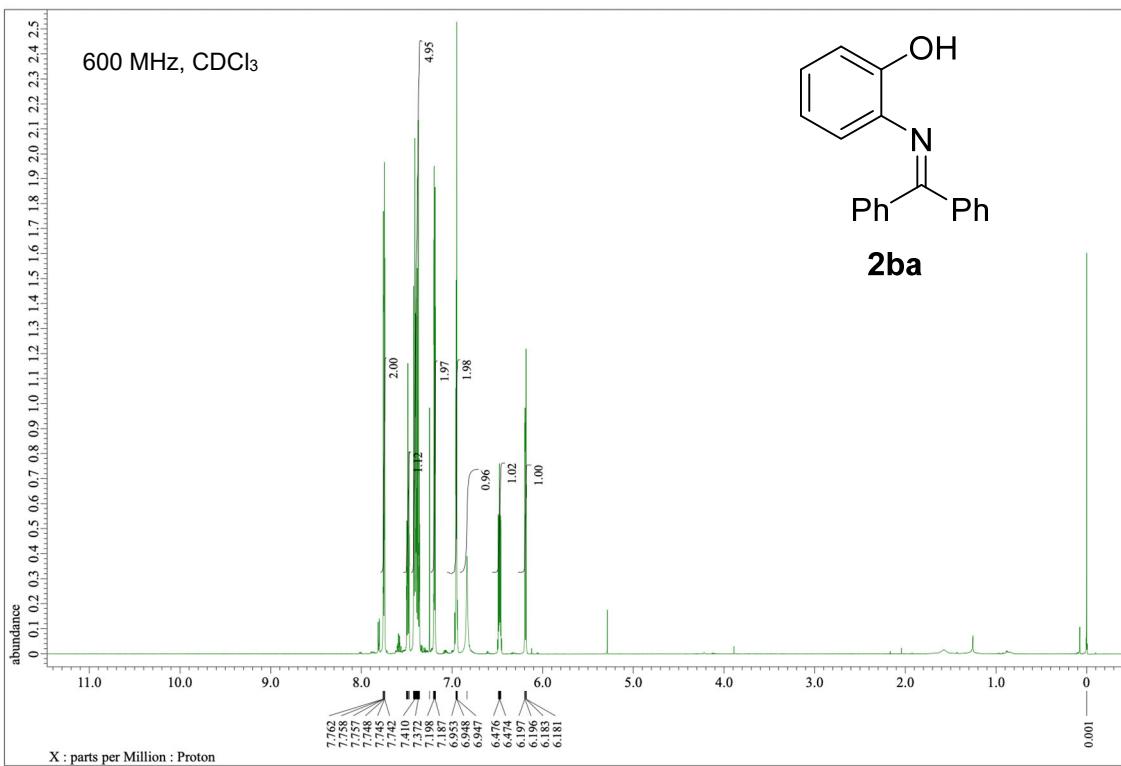


8-3. Intermolecular competitive experiments

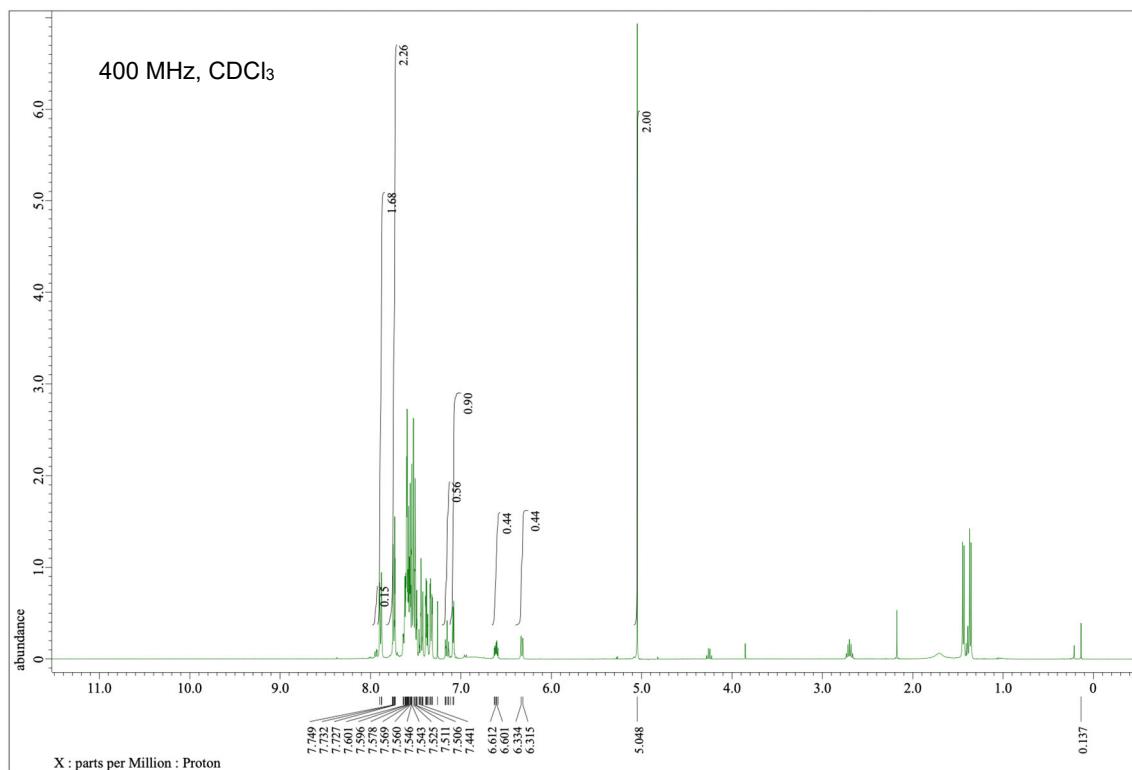


To a mixture of **1ba** (1 equiv., 27.3 mg, 0.1 mmol), **1ba-d<sub>5</sub>** (99% D, 1 equiv., 27.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), IPrCuBr (10.6 mg, 0.002 mmol) in 1,2-DCE (1.4 mL, 0.14 M) in a 3 mL pressure vial was added  $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$  (25.2  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.2 mmol) under argon atmosphere. After stirring at 40 °C for 2 h, the reaction mixture was extracted with dichloroethane and washed with sat.  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  aquation. After the combined organic layers were dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , the organic solution was passed through a short pad of silica with EtOAc (50 ml), then solvent was removed in vacuo. A mixture of the crude products was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using dibromomethane as internal standard. The deuterium content of the obtained **2ba** and the recovered **1ba** were 49%D and 50%D, respectively.





<sup>1</sup>H-NMR chart of the crude products



## 9 Kinetic data for Hammett plot

### 9-1 General procedures

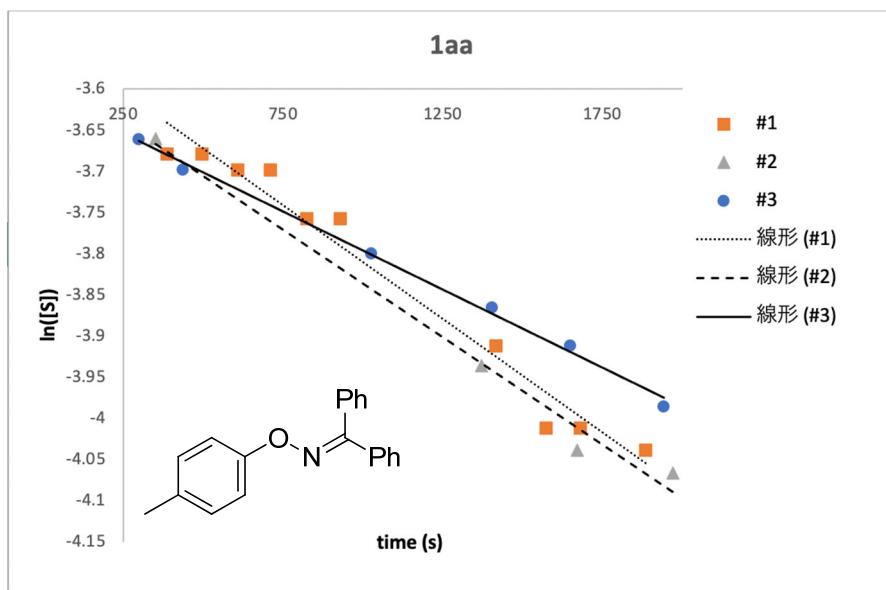
The procedure is according to the literature.<sup>6</sup> The rearrangement reactions were conducted in the presence of substrate **1** (0.01951 mmol), IPrCuBr (10 mol%, 1.0 mg, 0.001951 mmol),  $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$  (1 equiv., 0.1951 mmol, 2.5  $\mu\text{L}$ ) and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$  (7  $\mu\text{L}$ ) as an internal standard in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (0.028 M, 0.7 mL) in NMR tube at 50 °C in 400 Hz NMR and the consumption of **1** was monitored by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy. The  $k_{\text{obs}}$  of each reaction was determined from a first-order plot of  $\ln[\text{SM}]$  versus time. The  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma^+$  values were according to the literature.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>6</sup>Lee, K. N. Lei, Z. Morales-Rivera. C. A. Liu, P. Ngai, M.-Y. *Org. Biomol. Chem.*, **2016**, *14*, 5599.

<sup>7</sup>Hansch, C. Leo, A. Taft, R. W. *Chem. Rev.*, **1991**, *91*, 165..

### 9-1-1 diphenylmethanone O-(*p*-tolyl) oxime (**1aa**).

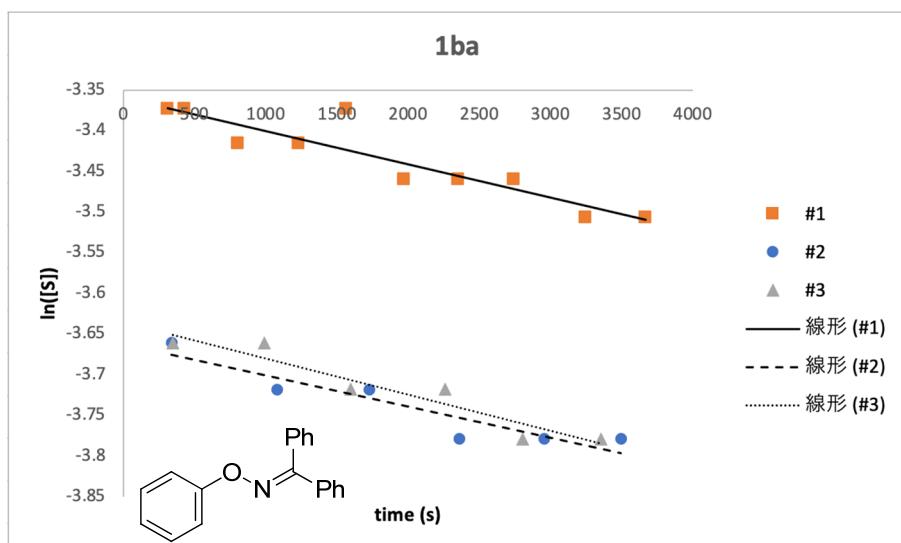
| Trial   | concentration (mole/L) | $k$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ ) | approximate formula                          |
|---------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1       | 0.025238               | $2.76316 * 10^{-4}$     | $\ln[\text{S}] = 3.534158477 - 0.000276316t$ |
| 2       | 0.025714189            | $2.61280 * 10^{-4}$     | $\ln[\text{S}] = 3.57481392 - 0.00026128t$   |
| 3       | 0.02571489             | $1.89357 * 10^{-4}$     | $\ln[\text{S}] = 3.607181424 - 0.000189357t$ |
| average |                        | $2.42318 * 10^{-4}$     |  |



| #1      |          |             |              | #2      |          |             |            |
|---------|----------|-------------|--------------|---------|----------|-------------|------------|
| time(s) | integral | [S] (mol/L) | Ln [S]       | time(s) | integral | [S] (mol/L) | Ln [S]     |
| 387     | 0.53     | 0.025238    | 3.67940448   | 352     | 0.54     | 0.02571419  | 3.66071235 |
| 497     | 0.53     | 0.025238    | 3.67940448   | 1372    | 0.41     | 0.01952374  | 3.93612433 |
| 608     | 0.52     | 0.02476181  | 3.69845268   | 1672    | 0.37     | 0.01761898  | 4.03877848 |
| 710     | 0.52     | 0.02476181  | 3.69845268   | 1972    | 0.36     | 0.01714279  | 4.06617746 |
| 824     | 0.49     | 0.02333325  | 3.7578761 #3 |         |          |             |            |
| 930     | 0.49     | 0.02333325  | 3.7578761    | 299     | 0.54     | 0.02571419  | 3.66071235 |
| 1417    | 0.42     | 0.01999992  | 3.91202678   | 437     | 0.52     | 0.02476181  | 3.69845268 |
| 1573    | 0.38     | 0.01809517  | 4.01211024   | 1025    | 0.47     | 0.02238087  | 3.7995488  |
| 1682    | 0.38     | 0.01809517  | 4.01211024   | 1403    | 0.44     | 0.0209523   | 3.86550676 |
| 1885    | 0.37     | 0.01761898  | 4.03877848   | 1650    | 0.42     | 0.01999992  | 3.91202678 |
|         |          |             |              | 1942    | 0.39     | 0.01857136  | 3.98613475 |

9-1-2 diphenylmethanone O-phenyl oxime (**1ba**).

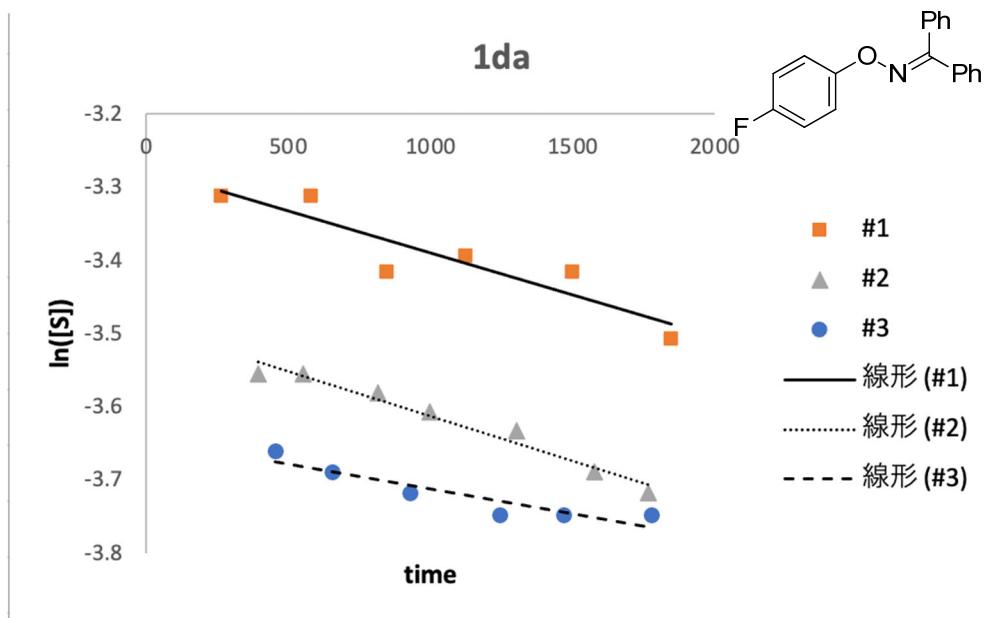
| Trial   | concentration (mole/L) | k (s <sup>-1</sup> ) | approximate formula                      |
|---------|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 1       | 0.034286               | $3.61195 * 10^{-5}$  | $\ln[S] = -3.363660685 - 0.00003.61195t$ |
| 2       | 0.025714               | $4.20458 * 10^{-5}$  | $\ln[S] = -3.654733312 - 0.0000420458t$  |
| 3       | 0.025714               | $4.53777 * 10^{-5}$  | $\ln[S] = -3.635317458 - 0.0000453777t$  |
| average |                        | $4.11810 * 10^{-5}$  |  |



| #1 | time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | ln(concentration) | #2      |          | concentration (mol/L) | ln(concentration) |
|----|---------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|    |         |          |                       |                   | time(s) | integral |                       |                   |
|    | 313     | 0.24     | 0.034286              | 3.373018171       | 339     | 0.18     | 0.025714              | -3.660719688      |
|    | 430     | 0.24     | 0.034286              | 3.373018171       | 1080    | 0.17     | 0.024285444           | -3.717878102      |
|    | 808     | 0.23     | 0.032857417           | 3.415577786       | 1727    | 0.17     | 0.024285444           | -3.717878102      |
|    | 1232    | 0.23     | 0.032857417           | 3.415577786       | #3      |          |                       |                   |
|    | 1565    | 0.24     | 0.034286              | 3.373018171       | 350     | 0.18     | 0.025714              | -3.660719688      |
|    | 1972    | 0.22     | 0.031428833           | 3.460029548       | 989     | 0.18     | 0.025714              | -3.660719688      |
|    |         |          |                       |                   | 1600    | 0.17     | 0.024285444           | -3.717878102      |

9-1-3 diphenylmethanone O-(4-fluorophenyl) oxime (**1da**).

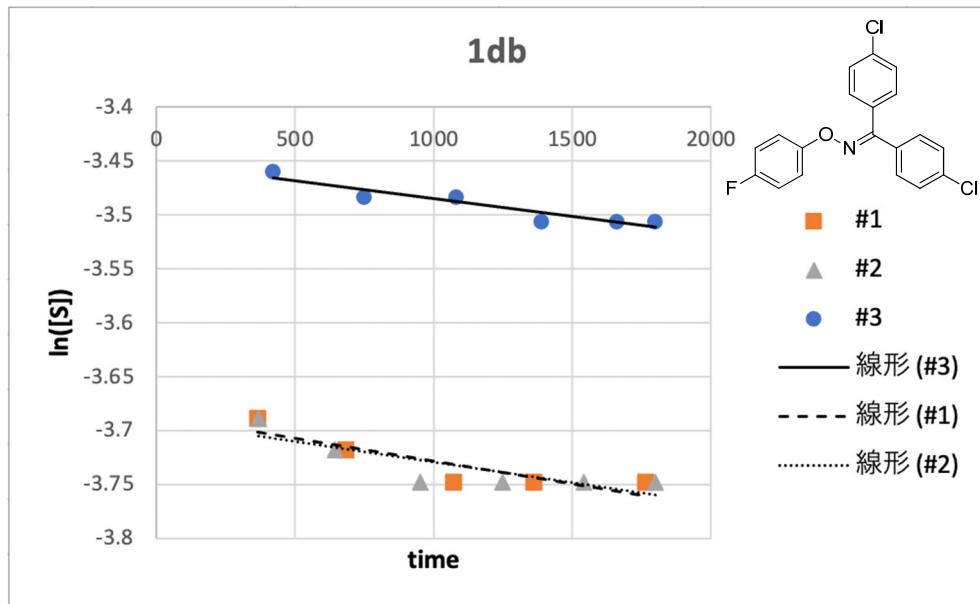
| Trial   | concentration (mole/L) | $k (s^{-1})$        | approximate formula                     |
|---------|------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1       | 0.0364286              | $1.14777 * 10^{-4}$ | $\ln[S] = -3.274969627 - 0.000114777t$  |
| 2       | 0.02857143             | $1.22296 * 10^{-4}$ | $\ln[S] = -3.490507712 - 0.000122296t$  |
| 3       | 0.02571429             | $6.77708 * 10^{-5}$ | $\ln[S] = -3.644689771 - 0.0000677708t$ |
| average |                        | $1.01615 * 10^{-4}$ |   |



| #1 | time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | $\ln(\text{concentration})$ | #3      |          | concentration (mol/L) | $\ln(\text{concentration})$ |
|----|---------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
|    |         |          |                       |                             | time(s) | integral |                       |                             |
|    | 264     | 0.51     | 0.036428578           | -3.312401716                | 455     | 0.36     | 0.02571429            | -3.66070841                 |
|    | 580     | 0.51     | 0.036428578           | -3.312401716                | 655     | 0.35     | 0.025000004           | -3.688879287                |
|    | 845     | 0.46     | 0.032857148           | -3.415585952                | 927     | 0.34     | 0.024285718           | -3.717866824                |
|    | 1124    | 0.47     | 0.033571434           | -3.394079747                | 1245    | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787                |
|    | 1498    | 0.46     | 0.032857148           | -3.415585952                | 1469    | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787                |
|    | 1847    | 0.42     | 0.030000005           | -3.506557731                | 1778    | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787                |
| #2 |         |          |                       |                             |         |          |                       |                             |
|    | 394     | 0.4      | 0.028571433           | -3.555347895                |         |          |                       |                             |
|    | 550     | 0.4      | 0.028571433           | -3.555347895                |         |          |                       |                             |
|    | 815     | 0.39     | 0.027857148           | -3.580665703                |         |          |                       |                             |
|    | 996     | 0.38     | 0.027142862           | -3.606641189                |         |          |                       |                             |
|    | 1301    | 0.37     | 0.026428576           | -3.633309436                |         |          |                       |                             |
|    | 1576    | 0.35     | 0.025000004           | -3.688879287                |         |          |                       |                             |
|    | 1764    | 0.34     | 0.024285718           | -3.717866824                |         |          |                       |                             |

**9-1-4. bis(4-chlorophenyl)methanone O-(4-fluorophenyl) oxime (**1db**).**

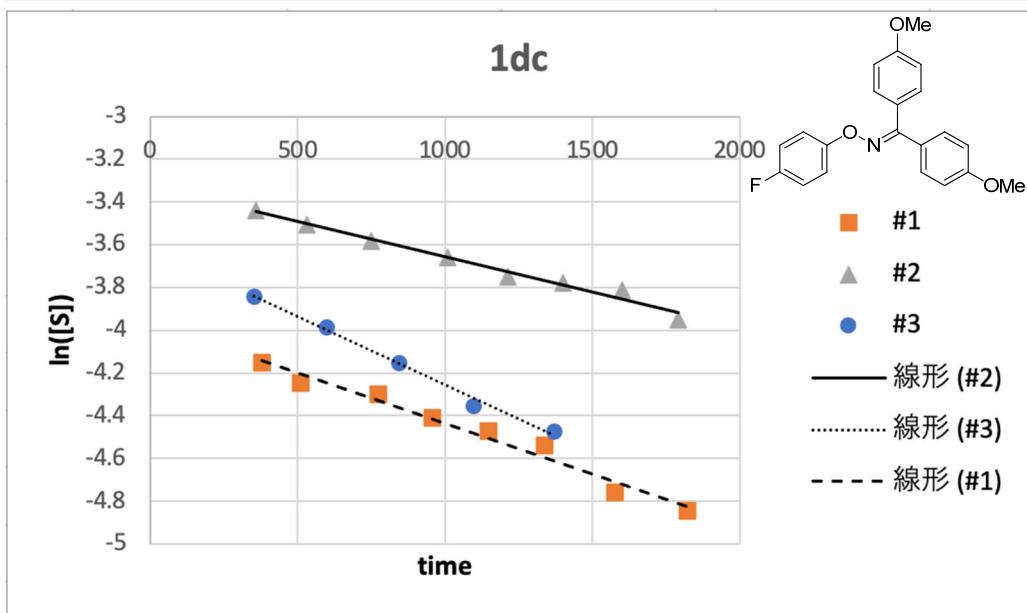
| Trial   | concentration (mole/L) | k (s <sup>-1</sup> )       | approximate formula                     |
|---------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1       |                        | 0.025                      | $\ln[S] = -3.685721211 - 0.0000422086t$ |
| 2       |                        | 0.025                      | $\ln[S] = -3.691455846 - 0.0000380276t$ |
| 3       | 0.031428571            | 3.75426 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> | $\ln[S] = -3.448061411 - 0.0000375426t$ |
| average |                        | 3.92596 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> |   |



| #1      |          |                       |                   |
|---------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | ln(concentration) |
| 365     | 0.35     | 0.025                 | -3.688879454      |
| 681     | 0.34     | 0.024285718           | -3.717866824      |
| 1071    | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787      |
| 1362    | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787      |
| 1764    | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787      |
| #2      |          |                       |                   |
| time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | ln(concentration) |
| 367     | 0.35     | 0.025                 | -3.688879454      |
| 642     | 0.34     | 0.024285718           | -3.717866824      |
| 950     | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787      |
| 1247    | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787      |
| 1541    | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787      |
| 1798    | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787      |
| #3      |          |                       |                   |
| time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | ln(concentration) |
| 420     | 0.44     | 0.031428571           | -3.460037882      |
| 749     | 0.43     | 0.030714291           | -3.483027233      |
| 1081    | 0.43     | 0.030714291           | -3.483027233      |
| 1389    | 0.42     | 0.030000005           | -3.506557731      |
| 1659    | 0.42     | 0.030000005           | -3.506557731      |
| 1798    | 0.42     | 0.030000005           | -3.506557731      |

9-1-5. bis(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone O-(4-fluorophenyl) oxime (**1dc**).

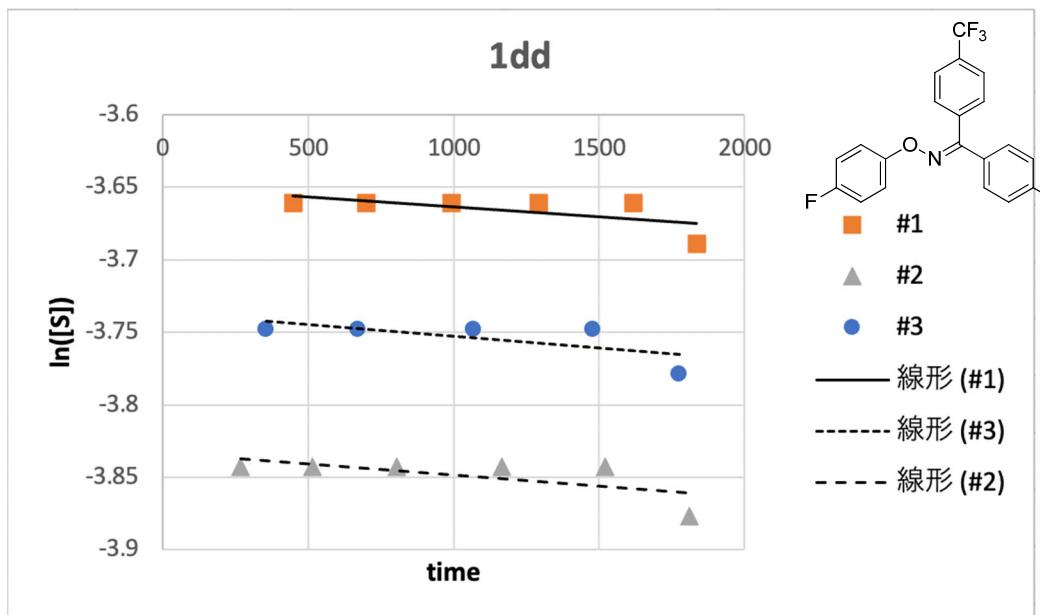
| Trial   | concentration (mole/L) | $k (s^{-1})$        | approximate formula                    |
|---------|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1       | 0.015714286            | $4.73161 * 10^{-4}$ | $\ln[S] = -4.016434153 - 0.000473161t$ |
| 2       | 0.032142857            | $3.29277 * 10^{-4}$ | $\ln[S] = -3.327761928 - 0.000329277t$ |
| 3       | 0.021428571            | $6.41286 * 10^{-4}$ | $\ln[S] = -3.614935509 - 0.000641286t$ |
| average |                        | $4.81241 * 10^{-4}$ |  |



| #1      |          |                       |                   |  |
|---------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------|--|
| time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | ln(concentration) |  |
| 379     | 0.22     | 0.015714286           | -4.153185062      |  |
| 511     | 0.2      | 0.014285717           | -4.248495075      |  |
| 775     | 0.19     | 0.013571431           | -4.29978837       |  |
| 956     | 0.17     | 0.012142859           | -4.411014005      |  |
| 1146    | 0.16     | 0.011428573           | -4.471638627      |  |
| 1337    | 0.15     | 0.010714288           | -4.536177148      |  |
| 1577    | 0.12     | 0.00857143            | -4.759320699      |  |
| 1823    | 0.11     | 0.007857144           | -4.846332076      |  |
| #2      |          |                       |                   |  |
| time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | ln(concentration) |  |
| 357     | 0.45     | 0.032142857           | -3.437565026      |  |
| 532     | 0.42     | 0.030000005           | -3.506557731      |  |
| 748     | 0.39     | 0.027857148           | -3.580665703      |  |
| 1009    | 0.36     | 0.02571429            | -3.66070841       |  |
| 1214    | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787      |  |
| 1401    | 0.32     | 0.022857147           | -3.778491446      |  |
| 1599    | 0.31     | 0.022142861           | -3.810240144      |  |
| 1790    | 0.27     | 0.019285718           | -3.948390483      |  |
| #3      |          |                       |                   |  |
| time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | ln(concentration) |  |
| 353     | 0.3      | 0.021428571           | -3.843030134      |  |
| 598     | 0.26     | 0.018571432           | -3.986130811      |  |
| 845     | 0.22     | 0.015714288           | -4.153184896      |  |
| 1097    | 0.18     | 0.012857145           | -4.353855591      |  |
| 1369    | 0.16     | 0.011428573           | -4.471638627      |  |

9-1-6. bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone O-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl) oxime (**1dd**).

| Trial   | concentration (mole/L) | $k$ ( $s^{-1}$ )    | approximate formula                     |
|---------|------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1       | 0.025714286            | $1.35828 * 10^{-5}$ | $\ln[S] = -3.649819538 - 0.0000135828t$ |
| 2       | 0.021428575            | $1.53102 * 10^{-5}$ | $\ln[S] = -3.843030084 - 0.0000153102t$ |
| 3       | 0.023571429            | $1.62734 * 10^{-5}$ | $\ln[S] = -3.736464818 - 0.0000162734t$ |
| average |                        | $1.50555 * 10^{-5}$ |   |

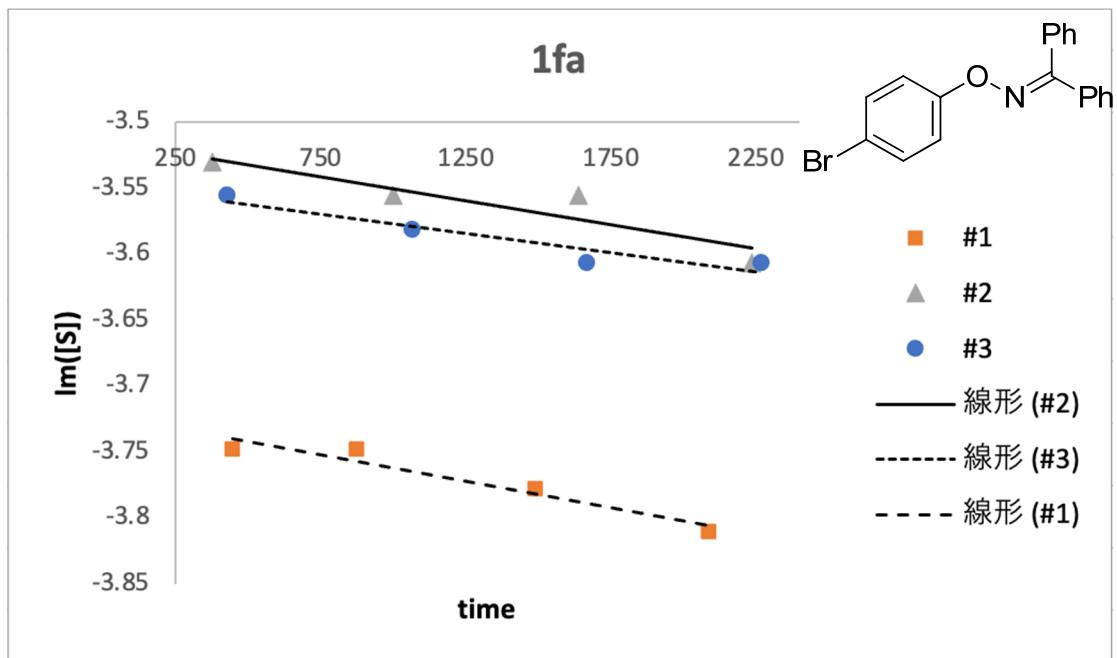


| #1 | time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | $\ln(\text{concentration})$ |
|----|---------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
|    | 449     | 0.36     | 0.025714286           | -3.660708577                |
|    | 699     | 0.36     | 0.02571429            | -3.66070841                 |
|    | 992     | 0.36     | 0.02571429            | -3.66070841                 |
|    | 1291    | 0.36     | 0.02571429            | -3.66070841                 |
|    | 1617    | 0.36     | 0.02571429            | -3.66070841                 |
|    | 1836    | 0.35     | 0.025000004           | -3.688879287                |
| #2 | time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | $\ln(\text{concentration})$ |
|    | 267     | 0.3      | 0.021428571           | -3.843030134                |
|    | 514     | 0.3      | 0.021428575           | -3.843029967                |
|    | 805     | 0.3      | 0.021428575           | -3.843029967                |
|    | 1166    | 0.3      | 0.021428575           | -3.843029967                |
|    | 1519    | 0.3      | 0.021428575           | -3.843029967                |
|    | 1809    | 0.29     | 0.020714289           | -3.876931519                |
| #3 | time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | $\ln(\text{concentration})$ |
|    | 355     | 0.33     | 0.023571429           | -3.747719954                |
|    | 672     | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787                |
|    | 1067    | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787                |
|    | 1479    | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787                |
|    | 1776    | 0.32     | 0.022857147           | -3.778491446                |

Because the reaction of **1dd** was too slow to obtain accurate rate constants, the data was not included in Hammett plot.

9-1-7. diphenylmethanone O-(4-bromophenyl) oxime (**1fa**).

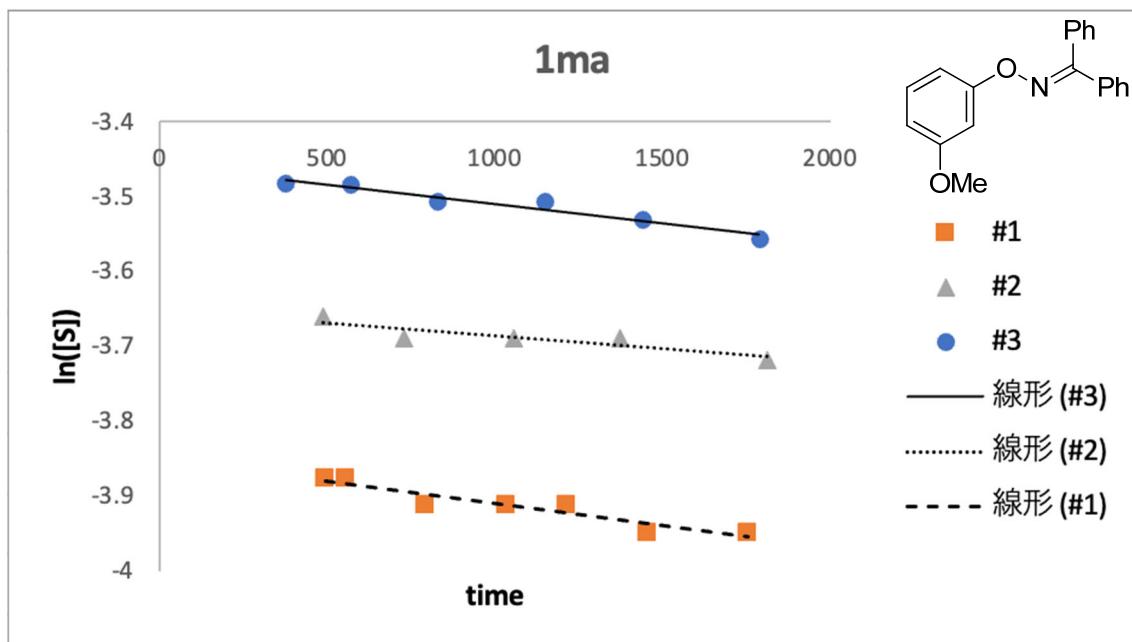
| Trial   | concentration (mole/L) | $k$ ( $s^{-1}$ )    | approximate formula                     |
|---------|------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1       | 0.0235714              | $4.0219 * 10^{-5}$  | $\ln[S] = -3.721715561 - 0.000040219t$  |
| 2       | 0.029286               | $3.6448 * 10^{-5}$  | $\ln[S] = -3.514067578 - 0.000036448t$  |
| 3       | 0.028571707            | $2.94754 * 10^{-5}$ | $\ln[S] = -3.547265567 - 0.0000294754t$ |
| average |                        | $3.53808 * 10^{-5}$ |   |



| #  | time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | $\ln(\text{concentration})$ |
|----|---------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| #1 | 448     | 0.33     | 0.0235714             | -3.747721166                |
|    | 876     | 0.33     | 0.0235714             | -3.747721166                |
|    | 1491    | 0.32     | 0.022857115           | -3.778492825                |
|    | 2091    | 0.31     | 0.02214283            | -3.810241523                |
| #2 | 379     | 0.41     | 0.029286              | -3.530645693                |
|    | 1001    | 0.4      | 0.028571394           | -3.555349274                |
|    | 1641    | 0.4      | 0.028571394           | -3.555349274                |
|    | 2239    | 0.38     | 0.027142824           | -3.606642568                |
| #3 | 430     | 0.4      | 0.028571707           | -3.555338305                |
|    | 1067    | 0.39     | 0.027857109           | -3.580667082                |
|    | 1669    | 0.38     | 0.027142824           | -3.606642568                |
|    | 2270    | 0.38     | 0.027142824           | -3.606642568                |

9-1-8. diphenylmethanone O-(3-methoxyphenyl) oxime (**1ma**).

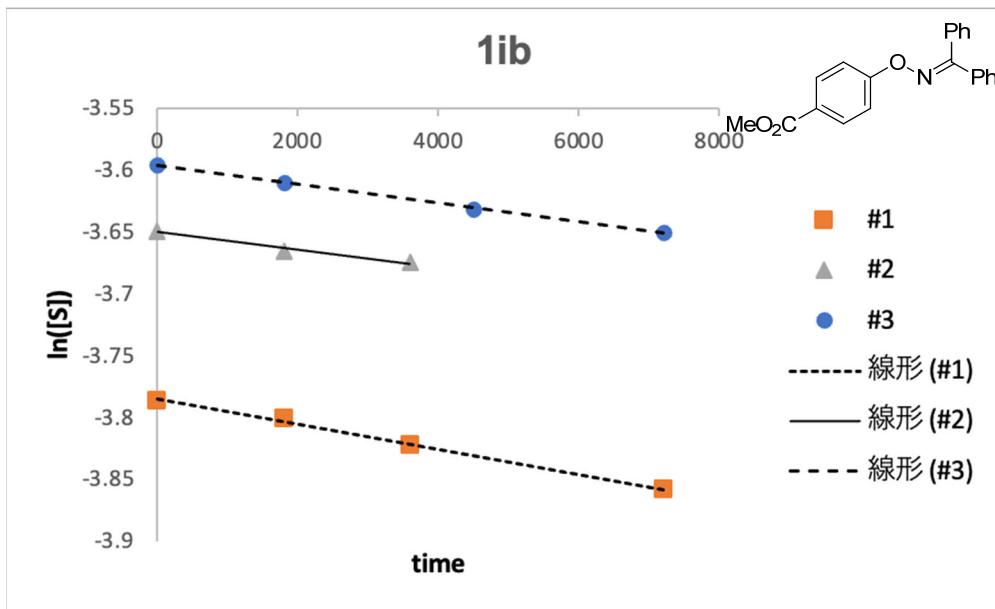
| Trial   | concentration (mole/L) | k (s <sup>-1</sup> ) | approximate formula                      |
|---------|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 1       | 0.02071429             | $5.91221 * 10^{-5}$  | $\ln[S] = -3.850689307 - 0.0000591221t$  |
| 2       | 0.02571429             | $3.45884 * 10^{-5}$  | $\ln[S] = -3.6151299786 - 0.0000345884t$ |
| 3       | 0.030748464            | $5.14318 * 10^{-5}$  | $\ln[S] = -3.457959256 - 0.0000514318t$  |
| average |                        | $4.82135 * 10^{-5}$  |  |



| #1   | time(s) | integral    | concentration (mol/L) | ln(concentration)  | #2   | time(s) | integral    | concentration (mol/L) | ln(concentration) |
|------|---------|-------------|-----------------------|--|------|---------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|      | 495     | 0.29        | 0.02071429            | -3.876931479 <th data-kind="ghost"></th> <th>488</th> <td>0.36</td> <td>0.02571429</td> <td>-3.66070841</td> |      | 488     | 0.36        | 0.02571429            | -3.66070841       |
| 555  | 0.29    | 0.02071429  | -3.876931479          |  | 728  | 0.35    | 0.025000004 | -3.688879287          |                   |
| 795  | 0.28    | 0.020000004 | -3.912022799          |  | 1056 | 0.35    | 0.025000004 | -3.688879287          |                   |
| 1035 | 0.28    | 0.020000004 | -3.912022799          |  | 1373 | 0.35    | 0.025000004 | -3.688879287          |                   |
| 1215 | 0.28    | 0.020000004 | -3.912022799          |  | 1811 | 0.34    | 0.024285718 | -3.717866824          |                   |
| 1455 | 0.27    | 0.019285718 | -3.948390443          | #3   | 376  | 0.43    | 0.030748464 | -3.481915241          |                   |
| 1755 | 0.27    | 0.019285718 | -3.948390443          |  | 569  | 0.43    | 0.030714291 | -3.483027233          |                   |
|      |         |             |                       |  | 828  | 0.42    | 0.030000005 | -3.506557731          |                   |
|      |         |             |                       |  | 1148 | 0.42    | 0.030000005 | -3.506557731          |                   |
|      |         |             |                       |  | 1441 | 0.41    | 0.029285719 | -3.530655282          |                   |
|      |         |             |                       |  | 1788 | 0.4     | 0.028571433 | -3.555347895          |                   |

9-1-9. methyl 4-(((diphenylmethylene)amino)oxy)benzoate (**1ia**).

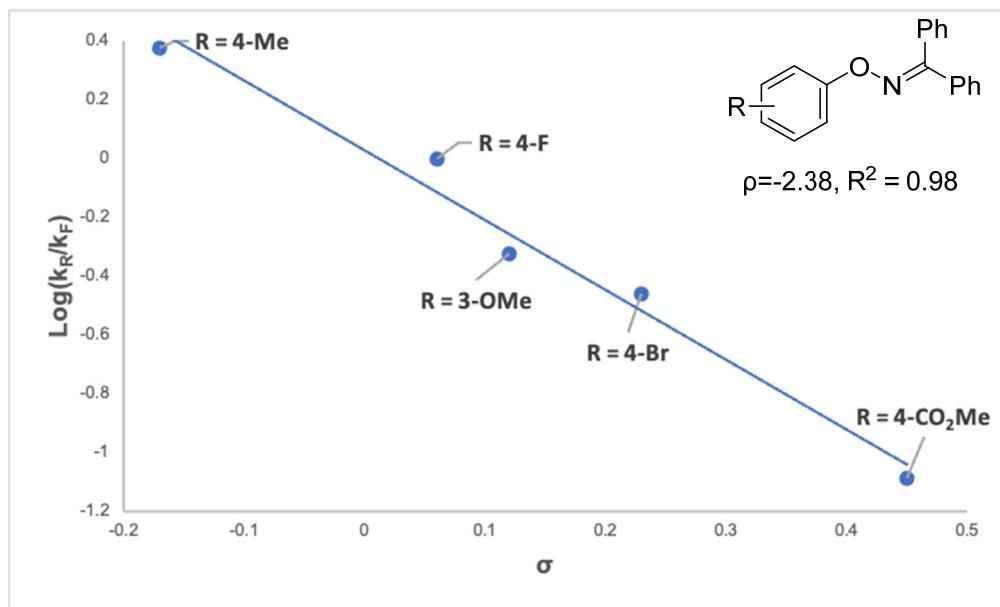
| Trial   | concentration (mole/L) | k (s <sup>-1</sup> ) | approximate formula                      |
|---------|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 1       | 0.022685692            | $1.01989 * 10^{-5}$  | $\ln[S] = -3.784549684 - 0.0000101989t$  |
| 2       | 0.02601426             | $7.10705 * 10^{-6}$  | $\ln[S] = -3.650290393 - 0.00000710705t$ |
| 3       | 0.02744283             | $7.59955 * 10^{-6}$  | $\ln[S] = -3.596188873 - 0.00000759955t$ |
| average |                        | $8.30183 * 10^{-6}$  |  |



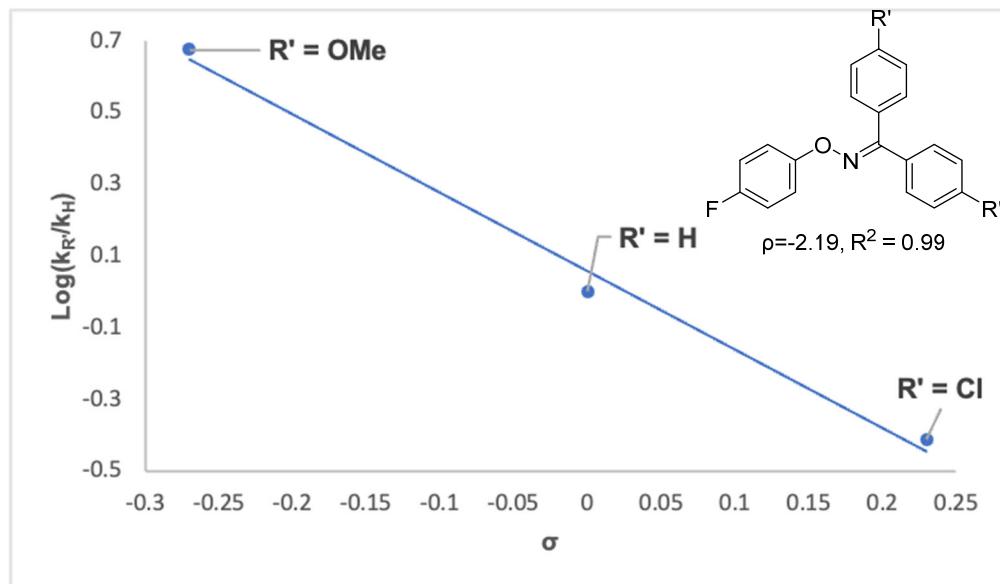
| time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | ln(concentration) |
|---------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 0       | 0.3176   | 0.022685692           | -3.786020879      |
| 1800    | 0.3131   | 0.022364263           | -3.80029098       |
| 3600    | 0.3063   | 0.02187855            | -3.822248595      |
| 7200    | 0.2955   | 0.021107122           | -3.858144772      |
| time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | ln(concentration) |
| 0       | 0.3642   | 0.02601426            | -3.649110441      |
| 1800    | 0.3583   | 0.025592832           | -3.665442984      |
| 3600    | 0.355    | 0.025357118           | -3.674695819      |
| time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | ln(concentration) |
| 0       | 0.3842   | 0.02744283            | -3.595650358      |
| 1800    | 0.3787   | 0.027049973           | -3.610069274      |
| 4500    | 0.3707   | 0.026478545           | -3.631420498      |
| 7200    | 0.3638   | 0.025985688           | -3.650209343      |

## 9.2 Hammett Plot ( $\sigma$ )

(a) phenoxy group

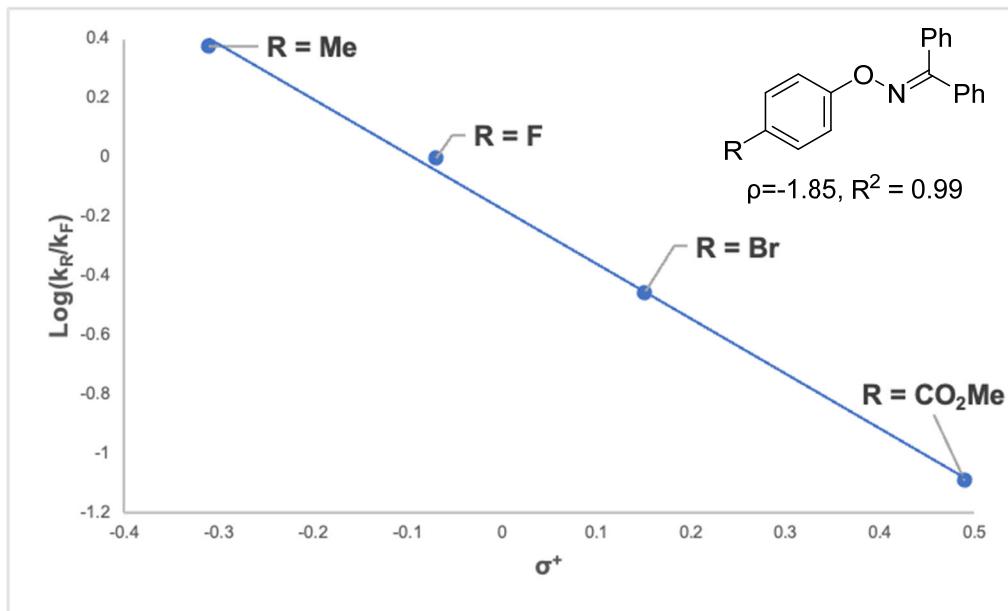


(b) aryl group at oxime carbon

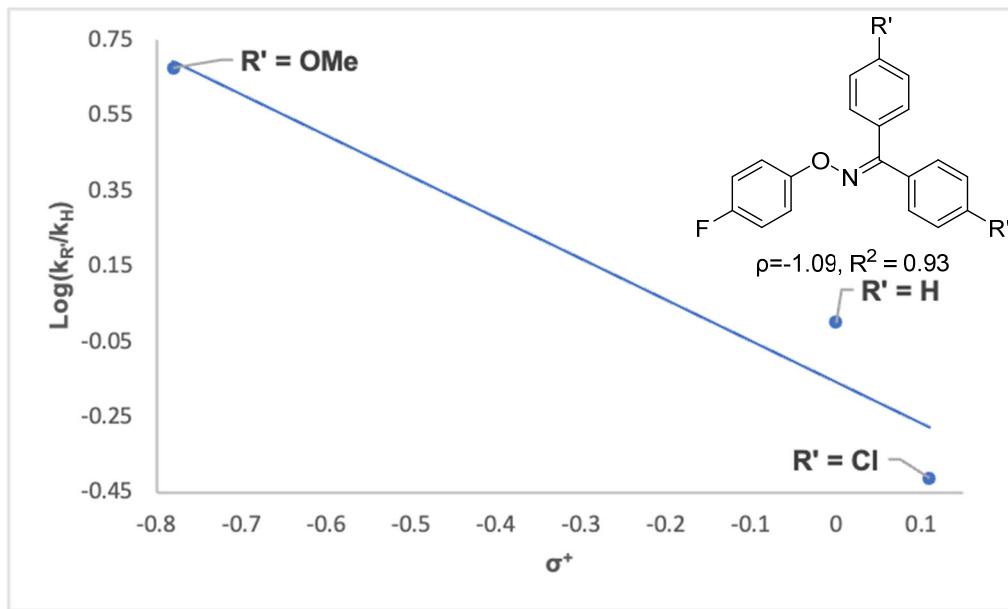


Hammett Plot ( $\sigma^+$ )

(a) phenoxy group



(b) aryl group at oxime carbon



### **9-3 General procedures under the conditions using IPrCuBr and AgSbF<sub>6</sub>**

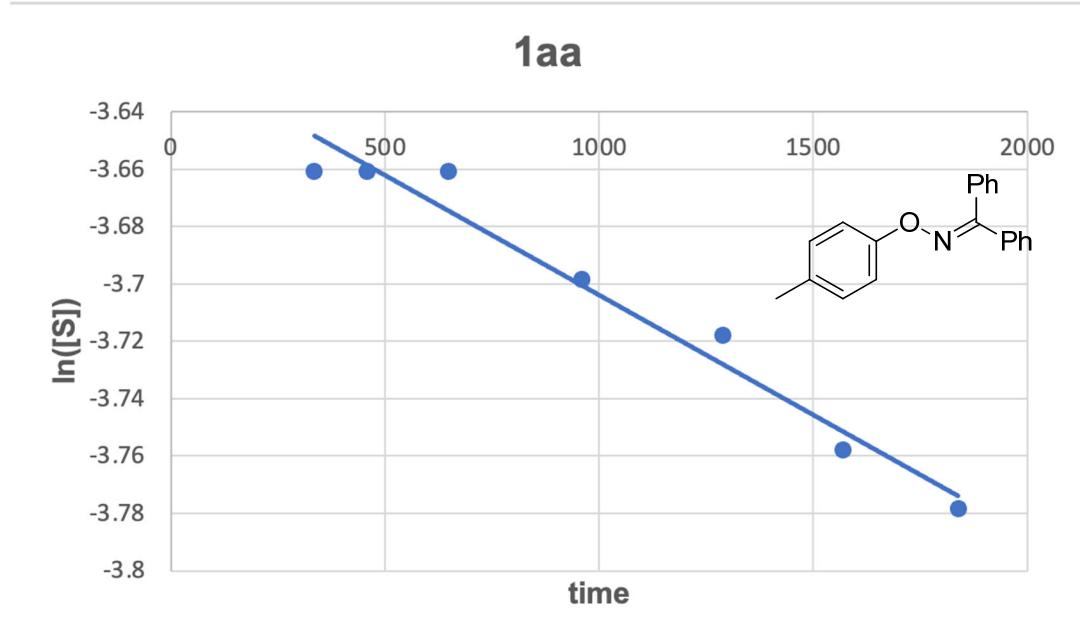
The procedure is according to the literature.<sup>6</sup> The rearrangement reactions were conducted in the presence of substrate (0.01951 mmol), IPrCuBr (10 mol%, 1.0 mg, 0.001951 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (10 mol%, 0.67 mg, 0.001951 mmol) and CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> (7 μL) as an internal standard in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (0.028 M, 0.7 mL) in NMR tube at 50 °C in 400 Hz NMR and its reaction rate was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. The k<sub>obs</sub> of each reaction was determined from a first-order plot of ln[SM] versus time. The σ value was according to the literature.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>6</sup>Lee, K. N. Lei, Z. Morales-Rivera. C. A. Liu, P. Ngai, M.-Y. *Org. Biomol. Chem.*, **2016**, *14*, 5599.

<sup>7</sup>Hansch, C. Leo, A. Taft, R. W. *Chem. Rev.*, **1991**, *91*, 165.

9-3-1 diphenylmethanone O-(*p*-tolyl) oxime (**1aa**).

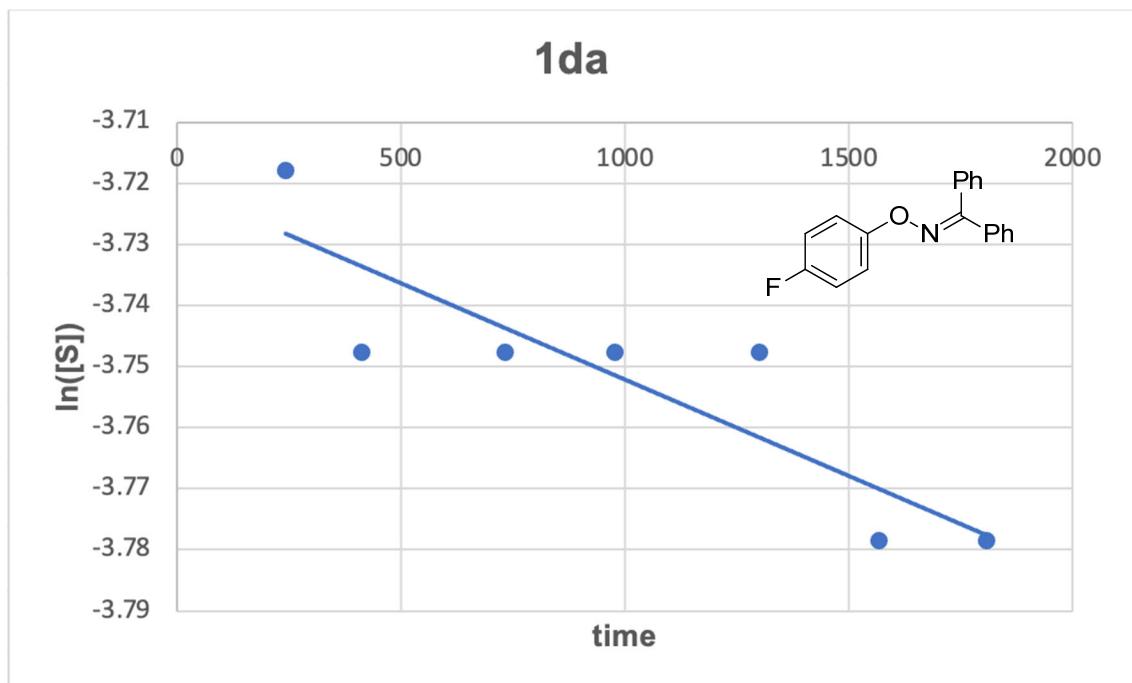
| Trial | concentration (mole/L) | k (s <sup>-1</sup> )     | approximate formula                   |
|-------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1     | 0.025714189            | 8.357 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> | $\ln[S] = -3.62022368 - 0.00008.357t$ |



| time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | ln(concentration) |
|---------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 335     | 0.54     | 0.025714189           | 3.660712351       |
| 458     | 0.54     | 0.025714189           | 3.660712351       |
| 648     | 0.54     | 0.025714189           | 3.660712351       |
| 960     | 0.52     | 0.024761811           | 3.698452679       |
| 1290    | 0.51     | 0.024285623           | 3.717870765       |
| 1569    | 0.49     | 0.023333245           | 3.757876099       |
| 1839    | 0.48     | 0.022857057           | 3.778495386       |

9-3-2 diphenylmethanone O-(4-fluorophenyl) oxime (**1da**).

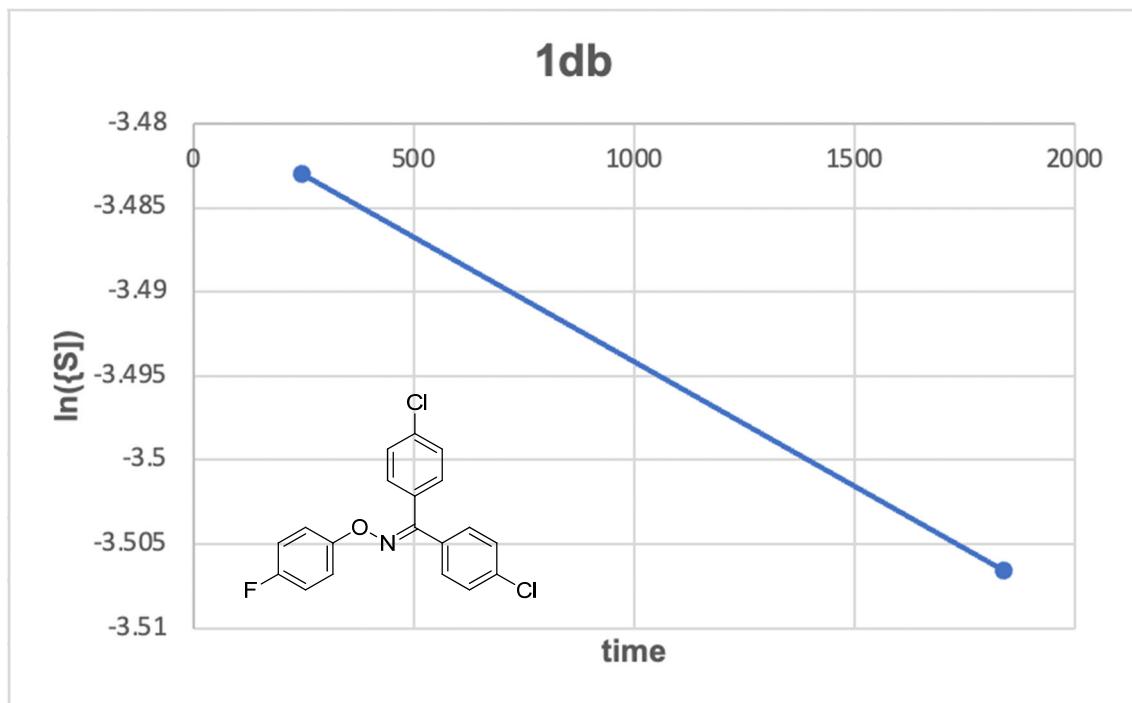
| Trial | concentration (mole/L) | $k$ ( $s^{-1}$ )    | approximate formula                     |
|-------|------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1     | 0.024285718            | $3.14831 * 10^{-5}$ | $\ln[S] = -3.720584193 - 0.0000314831t$ |



| time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | ln(concentration) |
|---------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 241     | 0.34     | 0.024285718           | -3.717866824      |
| 412     | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787      |
| 733     | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787      |
| 978     | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787      |
| 1300    | 0.33     | 0.023571433           | -3.747719787      |
| 1568    | 0.32     | 0.022857147           | -3.778491446      |
| 1808    | 0.32     | 0.022857147           | -3.778491446      |

9-3-3. bis(4-chlorophenyl)methanone O-(4-fluorophenyl) oxime (**1db**).

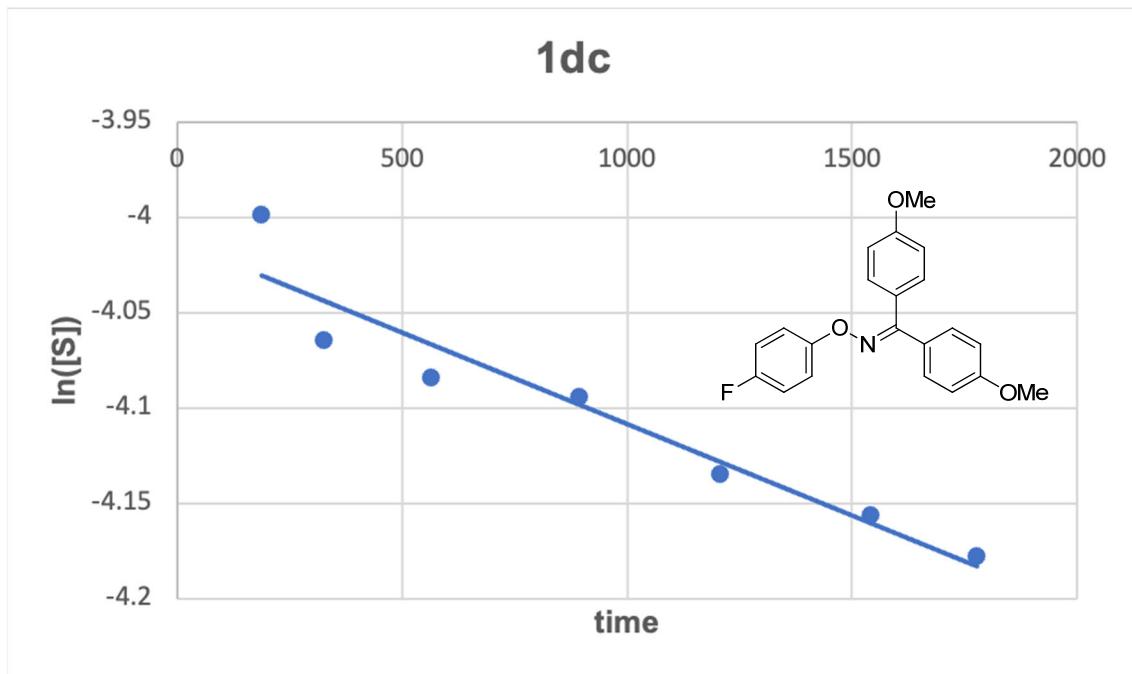
| Trial | concentration (mole/L) | k (s <sup>-1</sup> ) | approximate formula                     |
|-------|------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1     | 0.030714286            | $1.47804 * 10^{-5}$  | $\ln[S] = -3.479376651 - 0.0000147804t$ |



| time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | $\ln(\text{concentration})$ |
|---------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 247     | 0.43     | 0.030714286           | -3.4830274                  |
| 1839    | 0.42     | 0.030000005           | -3.506557731                |

9-3-4. bis(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone      O-(4-fluorophenyl) oxime      (**1dc**).

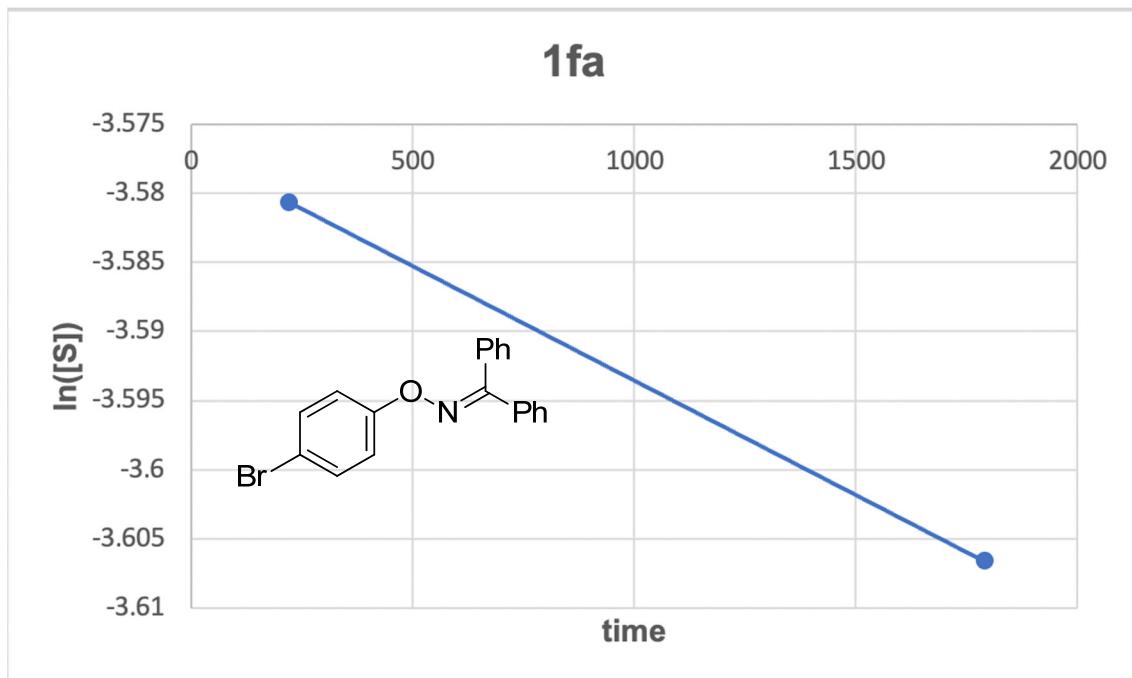
| Trial | concentration (mole/L) | $k$ ( $s^{-1}$ )    | approximate formula                     |
|-------|------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1     | 0.030714286            | $9.55896 * 10^{-5}$ | $\ln[S] = -4.003289834 - 0.0000955896t$ |



| time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | $\ln(\text{concentration})$ |
|---------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 188     | 1.1      | 0.018333333           | -3.999034387                |
| 328     | 1.03     | 0.017166667           | -4.064785764                |
| 565     | 1.01     | 0.016833333           | -4.084394236                |
| 896     | 1        | 0.016666667           | -4.094344567                |
| 1208    | 0.96     | 0.016                 | -4.135166561                |
| 1543    | 0.94     | 0.015666667           | -4.15621997                 |
| 1778    | 0.92     | 0.015333333           | -4.177726176                |

9-3-5. diphenylmethanone O-(4-bromophenyl) oxime (**1fa**).

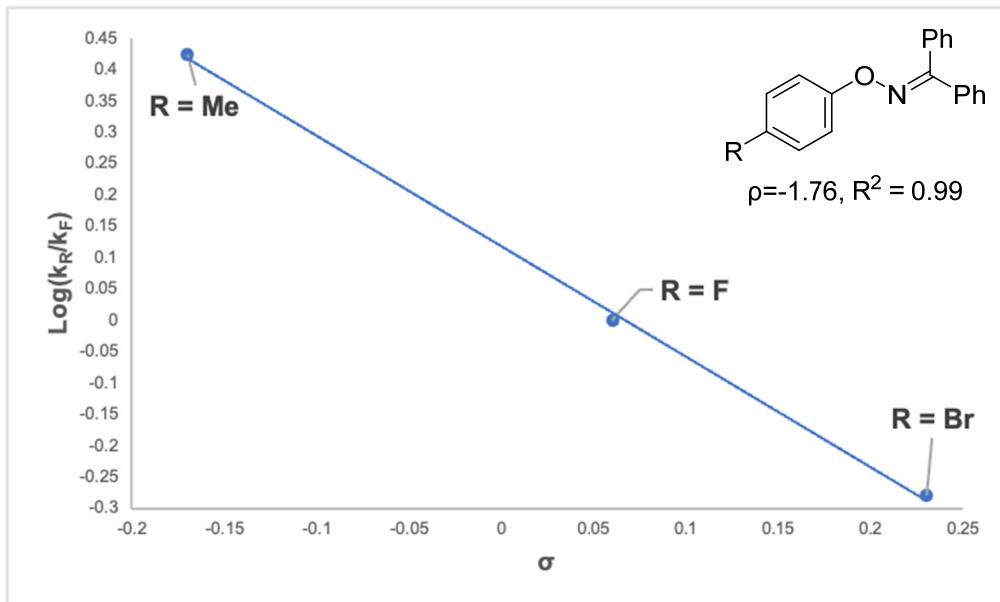
| Trial | concentration (mole/L) | k (s <sup>-1</sup> ) | approximate formula                     |
|-------|------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1     | 0.027857109            | $1.65344 * 10^{-5}$  | $\ln[S] = -3.577012987 - 0.0000165344t$ |



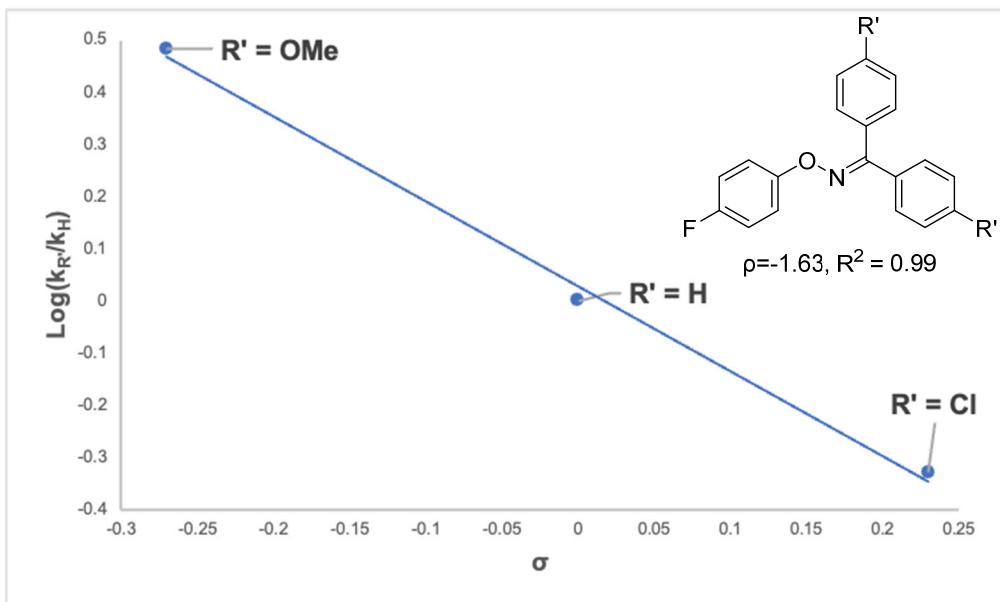
| time(s) | integral | concentration (mol/L) | ln(concentration) |
|---------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 221     | 0.39     | 0.027857109           | -3.580667082      |
| 1792    | 0.38     | 0.027142824           | -3.606642568      |

#### 9.4 Hammett Plot ( $\sigma$ )

(a) phenoxy group



(b) aryl group at oxime carbon



## 10 Computational Studies

### 10-1 General

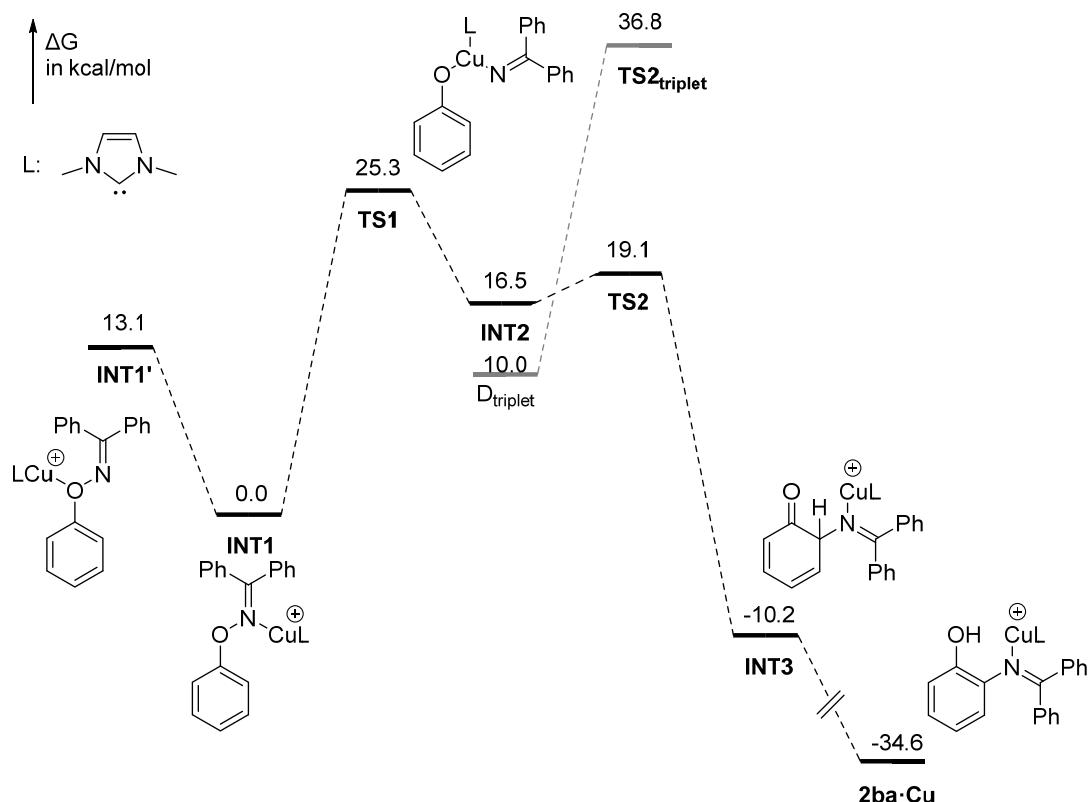
Computations were carried out using B3LYP as implemented in the GAUSSIAN 09 software package.<sup>1</sup> Copper atom was described with the SDD basis set<sup>2</sup> with the associated effective core potential and other atoms were described with 6-31G+(d,p) basis in the geometry optimization and frequency calculations. Transition states were found by a Berny algorithm after scanning potential energy surface from reactants. All transition states were verified by the intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) method.

<sup>1</sup>. Gaussian 09, Revision C.01,

M. J. Frisch, G. W. Trucks, H. B. Schlegel, G. E. Scuseria, M. A. Robb, J. R. Cheeseman, G. Scalmani, V. Barone, B. Mennucci, G. A. Petersson, H. Nakatsuji, M. Caricato, X. Li, H. P. Hratchian, A. F. Izmaylov, J. Bloino, G. Zheng, J. L. Sonnenberg, M. Hada, M. Ehara, K. Toyota, R. Fukuda, J. Hasegawa, M. Ishida, T. Nakajima, Y. Honda, O. Kitao, H. Nakai, T. Vreven, J. A. Montgomery, Jr., J. E. Peralta, F. Ogliaro, M. Bearpark, J. J. Heyd, E. Brothers, K. N. Kudin, V. N. Staroverov, T. Keith, R. Kobayashi, J. Normand, K. Raghavachari, A. Rendell, J. C. Burant, S. S. Iyengar, J. Tomasi, M. Cossi, N. Rega, J. M. Millam, M. Klene, J. E. Knox, J. B. Cross, V. Bakken, C. Adamo, J. Jaramillo, R. Gomperts, R. E. Stratmann, O. Yazyev, A. J. Austin, R. Cammi, C. Pomelli, J. W. Ochterski, R. L. Martin, K. Morokuma, V. G. Zakrzewski, G. A. Voth, P. Salvador, J. J. Dannenberg, S. Dapprich, A. D. Daniels, O. Farkas, J. B. Foresman, J. V. Ortiz, J. Cioslowski, and D. J. Fox, Gaussian, Inc., Wallingford CT, 2010.

2. A. Bergner, M. Dolg, W. Kuechle, H. Stoll, H. Preuss, *Mol. Phys.*, 1993, **80**, 1431.

10-2 Energy profile



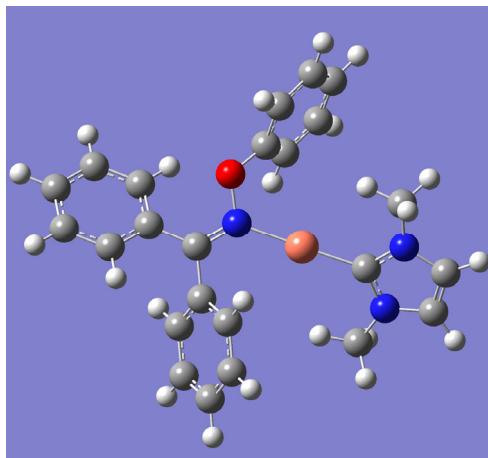
**Figure S1.** Reaction coordinate for the Cu-catalyzed reaction of **1ba** at the level of B3LYP/SDD(Cu),6-31+(d,p)(others).

**Table S7.** Calculated energies of intermediates and transition states

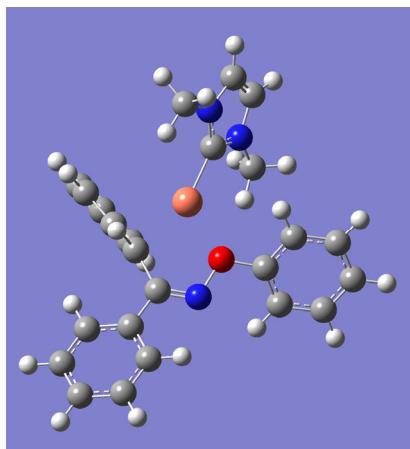
| Compound                      | SCF energy / a.u. | E(ZPVE) / a.u. | H / a.u.     | G(298) / a.u. | Imaginary frequency / cm <sup>-1</sup> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--|
| <b>INT1'</b>                  | -1365.088506      | -1364.669899   | -1364.641754 | -1364.732840  | -                                      |
| <b>INT1</b>                   | -1365.064391      | -1364.647093   | -1364.618385 | -1364.711976  | -                                      |
| <b>TS1</b>                    | -1365.044464      | -1364.629136   | -1364.600865 | -1364.692388  | -218.16                                |
| <b>INT2</b>                   | -1365.058535      | -1364.642340   | -1364.613569 | -1364.706537  | -                                      |
| <b>TS2</b>                    | -1365.054505      | -1364.638882   | -1364.610771 | -1364.701511  | -80.41                                 |
| <b>INT3</b>                   | -1365.106002      | -1364.687697   | -1364.659522 | -1364.749083  | -                                      |
| <b>2ba·Cu</b>                 | -1365.144167      | -1364.725093   | -1364.696725 | -1364.749083  | -                                      |
| <b>INT2<sub>triplet</sub></b> | -1365.072599      | -1364.658117   | -1364.628489 | -1364.726990  | -                                      |
| <b>TS2<sub>triplet</sub></b>  | -1365.028222      | -1364.612327   | -1364.584617 | -1364.674260  | -278.74                                |

**Figure S2.** Geometry of the computed intermediates and transition states

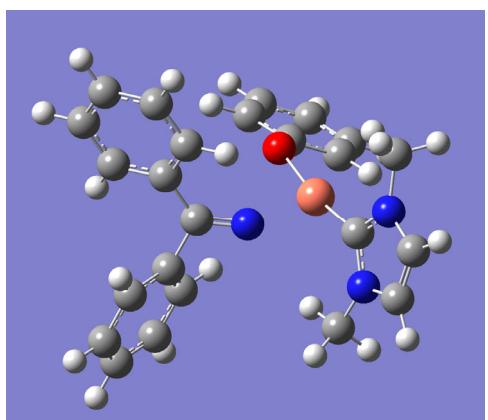
**INT1'**



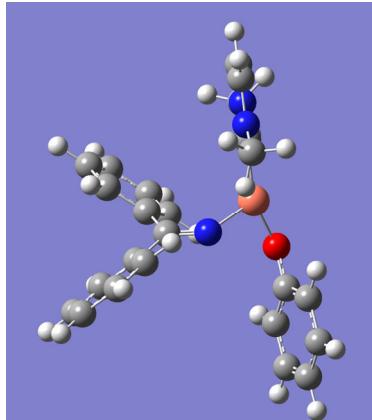
**INT1**



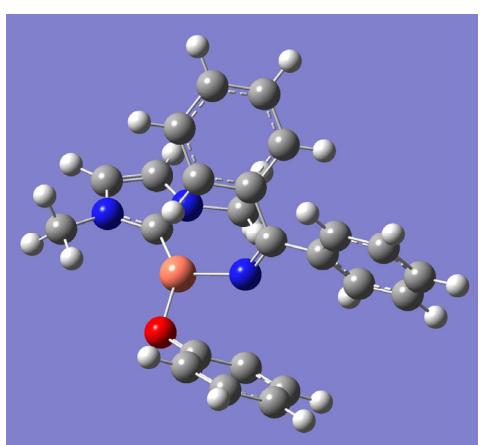
**TS1**



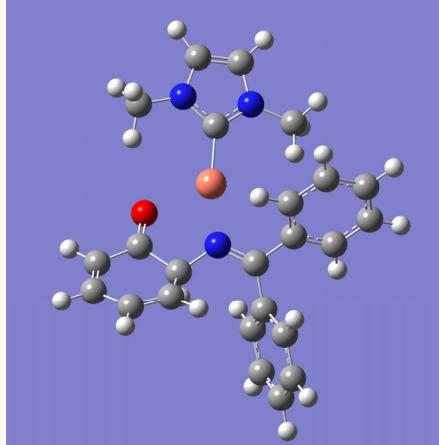
**INT2**



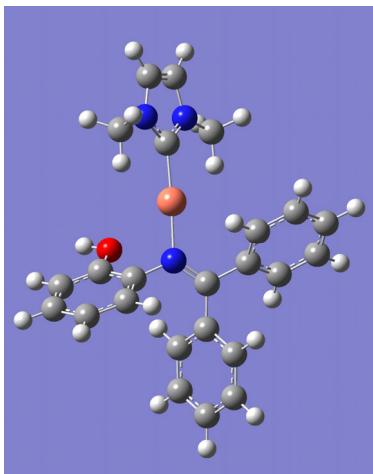
**TS2**



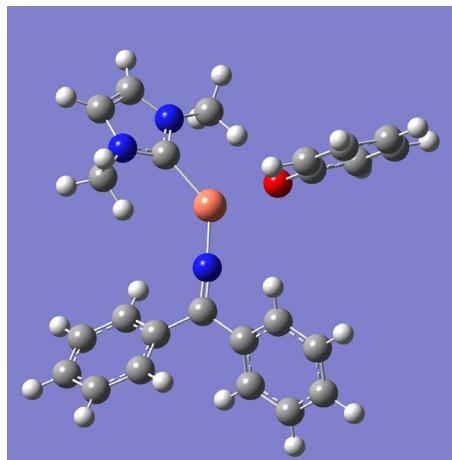
**INT3**



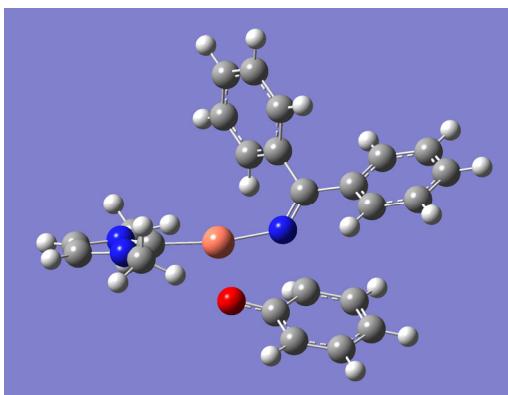
**2ba·Cu**



**INT2<sub>triplet</sub>**



**TS2<sub>triplet</sub>**

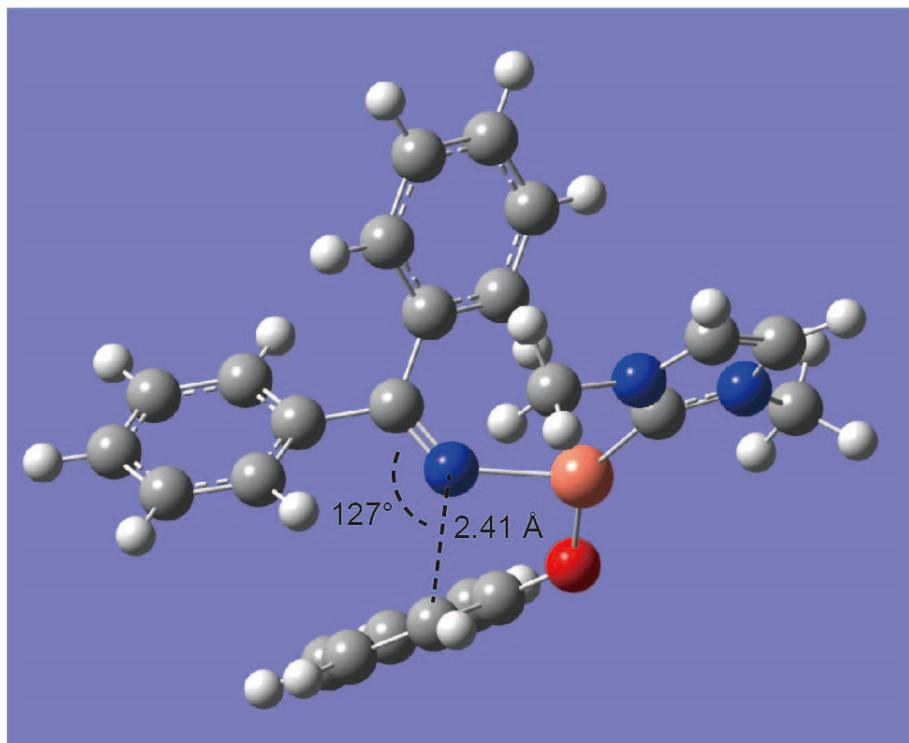


It should be noted that the triplet state of the intermediate **INT2<sub>triplet</sub>**, which was formed after N-O bond cleavage, was calculated to be more stable than the singlet state **INT2**. However, the transition state **TS2<sub>triplet</sub>** for the triplet state was calculated to be much higher than that for the singlet, suggesting that the C-N bond formation occurs in singlet state.

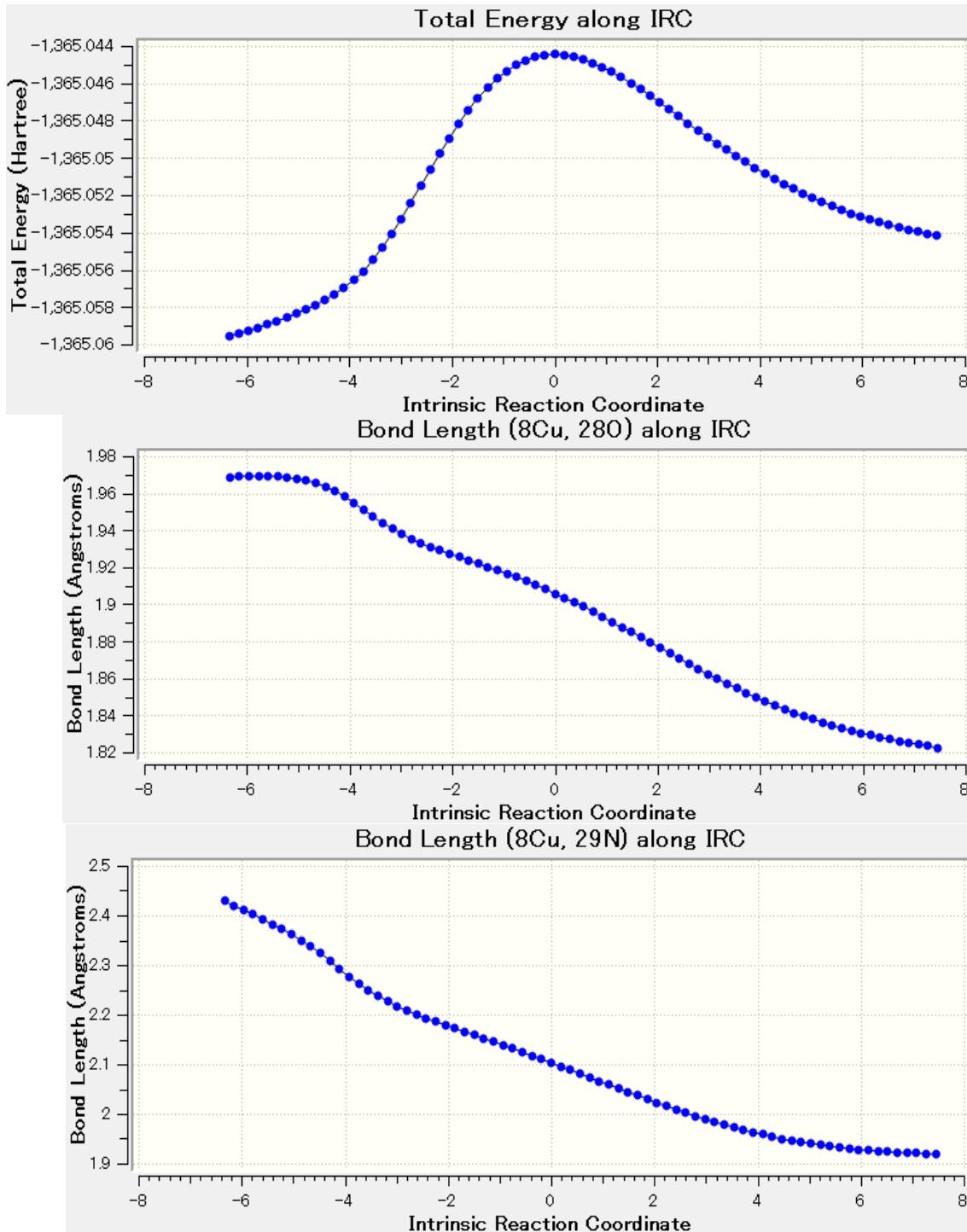
10-3. Stabilizing interaction from NBO calculations for the transition state **TS2**

| Stabilizing interaction (kcal/mol)                      |       |
|---|-------|
| LP (N) → LP* (C <sub>ortho</sub> )                      | 58.83 |
| BD (C <sub>ortho</sub> -C <sub>ipso</sub> ) → BD* (N-C) | 0.51  |

**Figure S3.** Geometry of Figure **TS2**



10-4. IRC of **TS1**



Since the Cu-O bond (ca. 1.97 Å) in the reactant before N-O bond cleavage was calculated to be much shorter than the Cu-N bond (ca. 2.42 Å) according to the IRC analysis of **TS1**, we concluded that the N-O bond cleavage is initiated by coordination of the oxygen atom of the substrate **1** to the copper catalyst.

## 10-5. Cartesian Coordinates

**INT1'**

| Center Number | Atomic Number | Atomic Type | Coordinates (Angstroms) |           |           |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|               |               |             | X                       | Y         | Z         |
| 1             | 6             | 0           | 5.201993                | -0.770704 | 0.395996  |
| 2             | 1             | 0           | 6.157229                | -0.439396 | 0.772830  |
| 3             | 6             | 0           | 4.877340                | -1.825496 | -0.398670 |
| 4             | 1             | 0           | 5.496494                | -2.584362 | -0.851431 |
| 5             | 7             | 0           | 4.018168                | -0.113906 | 0.687720  |
| 6             | 7             | 0           | 3.503019                | -1.787464 | -0.566899 |
| 7             | 6             | 0           | 2.958142                | -0.732375 | 0.098902  |
| 8             | 29            | 0           | 1.126072                | -0.214838 | 0.180211  |
| 9             | 6             | 0           | 3.935185                | 1.069681  | 1.544490  |
| 10            | 1             | 0           | 4.651128                | 1.821303  | 1.204458  |
| 11            | 1             | 0           | 2.929103                | 1.483315  | 1.477903  |
| 12            | 1             | 0           | 4.150795                | 0.802017  | 2.582384  |
| 13            | 6             | 0           | 2.758825                | -2.735449 | -1.396068 |
| 14            | 1             | 0           | 3.046140                | -3.756623 | -1.135527 |
| 15            | 1             | 0           | 1.693122                | -2.607309 | -1.207615 |
| 16            | 1             | 0           | 2.965827                | -2.557693 | -2.454907 |
| 17            | 6             | 0           | 0.333365                | 3.682249  | 0.882090  |
| 18            | 6             | 0           | -0.033663               | 2.611243  | 0.063466  |
| 19            | 6             | 0           | 0.437031                | 2.499962  | -1.248089 |
| 20            | 6             | 0           | 1.308950                | 3.479734  | -1.736598 |
| 21            | 6             | 0           | 1.686967                | 4.557723  | -0.932214 |
| 22            | 6             | 0           | 1.191236                | 4.659284  | 0.373001  |
| 23            | 1             | 0           | -0.063504               | 3.742528  | 1.890367  |
| 24            | 1             | 0           | 0.112785                | 1.682773  | -1.883942 |
| 25            | 1             | 0           | 1.675593                | 3.404867  | -2.755951 |
| 26            | 1             | 0           | 2.353100                | 5.320690  | -1.322352 |
| 27            | 1             | 0           | 1.473549                | 5.500224  | 0.999169  |
| 28            | 8             | 0           | -0.953758               | 1.720162  | 0.608038  |
| 29            | 7             | 0           | -0.723708               | 0.369738  | 0.267271  |
| 30            | 6             | 0           | -1.816645               | -0.336713 | 0.161167  |
| 31            | 6             | 0           | -3.192136               | 0.205955  | 0.132872  |
| 32            | 6             | 0           | -3.521801               | 1.383049  | -0.568955 |
| 33            | 6             | 0           | -4.213597               | -0.508207 | 0.788718  |
| 34            | 6             | 0           | -4.841285               | 1.825996  | -0.611636 |
| 35            | 1             | 0           | -2.754515               | 1.940704  | -1.092279 |
| 36            | 6             | 0           | -5.527698               | -0.041521 | 0.768477  |
| 37            | 1             | 0           | -3.975285               | -1.419606 | 1.327302  |
| 38            | 6             | 0           | -5.845136               | 1.122827  | 0.064419  |
| 39            | 1             | 0           | -5.087280               | 2.724153  | -1.169568 |
| 40            | 1             | 0           | -6.302014               | -0.591076 | 1.294500  |
| 41            | 1             | 0           | -6.870177               | 1.479957  | 0.037603  |
| 42            | 6             | 0           | -1.613602               | -1.807325 | 0.070989  |
| 43            | 6             | 0           | -0.804273               | -2.478918 | 1.005714  |
| 44            | 6             | 0           | -2.249328               | -2.543096 | -0.945308 |
| 45            | 6             | 0           | -0.626186               | -3.862114 | 0.916489  |
| 46            | 1             | 0           | -0.360763               | -1.927386 | 1.829404  |

|    |   |   |           |           |           |
|----|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 47 | 6 | 0 | -2.051498 | -3.920296 | -1.041641 |
| 48 | 1 | 0 | -2.890025 | -2.034072 | -1.658747 |
| 49 | 6 | 0 | -1.242271 | -4.582329 | -0.110568 |
| 50 | 1 | 0 | -0.023472 | -4.376431 | 1.659012  |
| 51 | 1 | 0 | -2.537624 | -4.479226 | -1.835300 |
| 52 | 1 | 0 | -1.108077 | -5.657888 | -0.176610 |

### INT1

| Center Number | Atomic Number | Atomic Type | Coordinates (Angstroms) |           |           |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|               |               |             | X                       | Y         | Z         |
| 1             | 6             | 0           | 5.001451                | -0.936947 | 0.310602  |
| 2             | 1             | 0           | 5.909516                | -0.663164 | 0.825139  |
| 3             | 6             | 0           | 4.802239                | -1.707131 | -0.791306 |
| 4             | 1             | 0           | 5.503649                | -2.228287 | -1.424319 |
| 5             | 7             | 0           | 3.751229                | -0.505949 | 0.724923  |
| 6             | 7             | 0           | 3.434738                | -1.729667 | -1.017712 |
| 7             | 6             | 0           | 2.770095                | -0.990960 | -0.086015 |
| 8             | 29            | 0           | 0.878246                | -0.665194 | 0.073639  |
| 9             | 6             | 0           | 3.533415                | 0.333482  | 1.902800  |
| 10            | 1             | 0           | 4.224817                | 1.178693  | 1.885039  |
| 11            | 1             | 0           | 2.512747                | 0.714718  | 1.880122  |
| 12            | 1             | 0           | 3.687853                | -0.245274 | 2.817715  |
| 13            | 6             | 0           | 2.814442                | -2.431270 | -2.140098 |
| 14            | 1             | 0           | 3.121733                | -3.479982 | -2.139336 |
| 15            | 1             | 0           | 1.731932                | -2.374515 | -2.030500 |
| 16            | 1             | 0           | 3.107522                | -1.967541 | -3.085935 |
| 17            | 6             | 0           | 1.590995                | 2.716810  | -0.951473 |
| 18            | 6             | 0           | 0.484052                | 2.525928  | -0.127747 |
| 19            | 6             | 0           | 0.019870                | 3.521599  | 0.729630  |
| 20            | 6             | 0           | 0.695020                | 4.745198  | 0.756593  |
| 21            | 6             | 0           | 1.816556                | 4.957145  | -0.051614 |
| 22            | 6             | 0           | 2.262761                | 3.942047  | -0.902874 |
| 23            | 1             | 0           | 1.908831                | 1.925876  | -1.622961 |
| 24            | 1             | 0           | -0.855662               | 3.348203  | 1.344578  |
| 25            | 1             | 0           | 0.340654                | 5.533464  | 1.413701  |
| 26            | 1             | 0           | 2.333939                | 5.910889  | -0.024314 |
| 27            | 1             | 0           | 3.123005                | 4.106134  | -1.544766 |
| 28            | 8             | 0           | -0.121241               | 1.255749  | -0.164690 |
| 29            | 7             | 0           | -1.541497               | 1.337535  | -0.161337 |
| 30            | 6             | 0           | -2.094466               | 0.179467  | -0.043798 |
| 31            | 6             | 0           | -1.348582               | -1.108284 | 0.190420  |
| 32            | 6             | 0           | -0.850578               | -1.424929 | 1.480770  |
| 33            | 6             | 0           | -1.348423               | -2.120130 | -0.799670 |
| 34            | 6             | 0           | -0.425934               | -2.732448 | 1.776666  |
| 35            | 1             | 0           | -0.899380               | -0.679475 | 2.269998  |
| 36            | 6             | 0           | -0.918840               | -3.413895 | -0.492474 |
| 37            | 1             | 0           | -1.744871               | -1.896469 | -1.785649 |
| 38            | 6             | 0           | -0.477403               | -3.727268 | 0.799242  |
| 39            | 1             | 0           | -0.083543               | -2.966206 | 2.780042  |
| 40            | 1             | 0           | -0.957330               | -4.184799 | -1.256308 |
| 41            | 1             | 0           | -0.174605               | -4.741516 | 1.039750  |

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| 42 | 6 | 0 | -3.575431 | 0.135049  | -0.133637  |
| 43 | 6 | 0 | -4.282848 | 1.185472  | -0.751196  |
| 44 | 6 | 0 | -4.292668 | -0.946741 | 0.408251   |
| 45 | 6 | 0 | -5.673712 | 1.154172  | -0.810706  |
| 46 | 1 | 0 | -3.734470 | 2.013957  | -1.185696  |
| 47 | 6 | 0 | -5.687107 | -0.970886 | 0.346854   |
| 48 | 1 | 0 | -3.769339 | -1.766586 | 0.889613   |
| 49 | 6 | 0 | -6.380703 | 0.077818  | -0.261364  |
| 50 | 1 | 0 | -6.208408 | 1.966376  | -1.293654  |
| 51 | 1 | 0 | -6.229265 | -1.808542 | 0.774712   |
| 52 | 1 | 0 | -7.465018 | 0.055474  | -0.313218- |

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| Center Number | Atomic Number | Atomic Type | Coordinates (Angstroms) |           |           |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|               |               |             | X                       | Y         | Z         |
| 1             | 6             | 0           | 5.278105                | -1.423952 | 0.321839  |
| 2             | 1             | 0           | 6.248577                | -1.484799 | 0.789586  |
| 3             | 6             | 0           | 4.732328                | -2.149958 | -0.690870 |
| 4             | 1             | 0           | 5.137870                | -2.962210 | -1.274071 |
| 5             | 7             | 0           | 4.321066                | -0.501802 | 0.710141  |
| 6             | 7             | 0           | 3.456049                | -1.653075 | -0.893384 |
| 7             | 6             | 0           | 3.188096                | -0.631949 | -0.033998 |
| 8             | 29            | 0           | 1.580646                | 0.388339  | 0.080229  |
| 9             | 6             | 0           | 4.521631                | 0.475966  | 1.780031  |
| 10            | 1             | 0           | 3.627614                | 1.094539  | 1.859282  |
| 11            | 1             | 0           | 4.692702                | -0.036304 | 2.730262  |
| 12            | 1             | 0           | 5.379335                | 1.112373  | 1.548632  |
| 13            | 6             | 0           | 2.538007                | -2.158716 | -1.915464 |
| 14            | 1             | 0           | 2.391747                | -3.233374 | -1.782230 |
| 15            | 1             | 0           | 1.580182                | -1.649618 | -1.811993 |
| 16            | 1             | 0           | 2.944724                | -1.967212 | -2.911858 |
| 17            | 6             | 0           | 0.499905                | 3.096853  | -1.408220 |
| 18            | 6             | 0           | -0.294206               | 2.566200  | -0.366690 |
| 19            | 6             | 0           | -1.582913               | 3.096895  | -0.128138 |
| 20            | 6             | 0           | -2.046339               | 4.158707  | -0.897969 |
| 21            | 6             | 0           | -1.251977               | 4.685494  | -1.926199 |
| 22            | 6             | 0           | 0.019729                | 4.150924  | -2.178227 |
| 23            | 1             | 0           | 1.489225                | 2.683433  | -1.585495 |
| 24            | 1             | 0           | -2.178283               | 2.678797  | 0.676922  |
| 25            | 1             | 0           | -3.027170               | 4.580514  | -0.700757 |
| 26            | 1             | 0           | -1.619895               | 5.512225  | -2.525863 |
| 27            | 1             | 0           | 0.634916                | 4.564952  | -2.971239 |
| 28            | 8             | 0           | 0.151758                | 1.596272  | 0.441728  |
| 29            | 7             | 0           | -0.368389               | -0.158297 | -0.489544 |
| 30            | 6             | 0           | -1.378538               | -0.637814 | 0.123773  |
| 31            | 6             | 0           | -1.792178               | -0.461833 | 1.538079  |
| 32            | 6             | 0           | -0.842241               | -0.306620 | 2.562039  |
| 33            | 6             | 0           | -3.161351               | -0.459193 | 1.858688  |
| 34            | 6             | 0           | -1.255920               | -0.154832 | 3.883371  |
| 35            | 1             | 0           | 0.216051                | -0.324786 | 2.324462  |
| 36            | 6             | 0           | -3.571108               | -0.283830 | 3.180964  |

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| 37 | 1 | 0 | -3.901195 | -0.582053 | 1.074449  |
| 38 | 6 | 0 | -2.620307 | -0.135566 | 4.194777  |
| 39 | 1 | 0 | -0.516649 | -0.051255 | 4.671694  |
| 40 | 1 | 0 | -4.630181 | -0.270509 | 3.418844  |
| 41 | 1 | 0 | -2.939858 | -0.010744 | 5.224970  |
| 42 | 6 | 0 | -2.179210 | -1.523040 | -0.793304 |
| 43 | 6 | 0 | -2.551780 | -2.813016 | -0.372732 |
| 44 | 6 | 0 | -2.519649 | -1.076286 | -2.082015 |
| 45 | 6 | 0 | -3.277325 | -3.635838 | -1.232275 |
| 46 | 1 | 0 | -2.282792 | -3.161276 | 0.619578  |
| 47 | 6 | 0 | -3.257489 | -1.903552 | -2.930144 |
| 48 | 1 | 0 | -2.222636 | -0.082194 | -2.398261 |
| 49 | 6 | 0 | -3.632606 | -3.182773 | -2.509598 |
| 50 | 1 | 0 | -3.571718 | -4.628370 | -0.905145 |
| 51 | 1 | 0 | -3.538817 | -1.549244 | -3.917006 |
| 52 | 1 | 0 | -4.203614 | -3.826287 | -3.172018 |

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| Center Number | Atomic Number | Atomic Type | Coordinates (Angstroms) |           |           |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|               |               |             | X                       | Y         | Z         |
| 1             | 6             | 0           | -4.549730               | -1.005982 | -1.145786 |
| 2             | 1             | 0           | -5.588118               | -0.997276 | -0.852525 |
| 3             | 6             | 0           | -3.966861               | -0.820403 | -2.361524 |
| 4             | 1             | 0           | -4.401638               | -0.625576 | -3.329667 |
| 5             | 7             | 0           | -3.525018               | -1.235832 | -0.244267 |
| 6             | 7             | 0           | -2.600993               | -0.936889 | -2.170655 |
| 7             | 6             | 0           | -2.318075               | -1.199088 | -0.867805 |
| 8             | 29            | 0           | -0.575781               | -1.437771 | -0.068023 |
| 9             | 6             | 0           | -3.735033               | -1.469571 | 1.186103  |
| 10            | 1             | 0           | -4.488910               | -2.248017 | 1.322215  |
| 11            | 1             | 0           | -2.797664               | -1.800366 | 1.632746  |
| 12            | 1             | 0           | -4.060789               | -0.548840 | 1.675949  |
| 13            | 6             | 0           | -1.614798               | -0.861254 | -3.251519 |
| 14            | 1             | 0           | -1.871469               | -0.033154 | -3.915268 |
| 15            | 1             | 0           | -0.630932               | -0.682623 | -2.818968 |
| 16            | 1             | 0           | -1.606964               | -1.794367 | -3.821368 |
| 17            | 6             | 0           | 2.492524                | -2.829869 | -0.547399 |
| 18            | 6             | 0           | 1.995803                | -2.428530 | 0.724042  |
| 19            | 6             | 0           | 2.909796                | -2.248010 | 1.799072  |
| 20            | 6             | 0           | 4.264479                | -2.472064 | 1.604854  |
| 21            | 6             | 0           | 4.742783                | -2.863702 | 0.342741  |
| 22            | 6             | 0           | 3.852533                | -3.039171 | -0.728669 |
| 23            | 1             | 0           | 1.788846                | -2.979838 | -1.360689 |
| 24            | 1             | 0           | 2.516598                | -1.947360 | 2.764950  |
| 25            | 1             | 0           | 4.958767                | -2.343222 | 2.429477  |
| 26            | 1             | 0           | 5.804498                | -3.036696 | 0.196949  |
| 27            | 1             | 0           | 4.228854                | -3.347453 | -1.699248 |
| 28            | 8             | 0           | 0.710511                | -2.242201 | 0.938539  |
| 29            | 7             | 0           | 0.418523                | 0.103316  | -0.595132 |
| 30            | 6             | 0           | 0.348520                | 1.252810  | -0.056257 |
| 31            | 6             | 0           | -0.512648               | 1.594558  | 1.124869  |

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| 32 | 6 | 0 | -0.547467 | 0.754835  | 2.249535  |
| 33 | 6 | 0 | -1.288922 | 2.764648  | 1.105240  |
| 34 | 6 | 0 | -1.350527 | 1.086582  | 3.343847  |
| 35 | 1 | 0 | 0.076493  | -0.133684 | 2.280745  |
| 36 | 6 | 0 | -2.108825 | 3.076784  | 2.191448  |
| 37 | 1 | 0 | -1.252217 | 3.425324  | 0.244517  |
| 38 | 6 | 0 | -2.137469 | 2.242176  | 3.313879  |
| 39 | 1 | 0 | -1.349896 | 0.450076  | 4.223946  |
| 40 | 1 | 0 | -2.713620 | 3.978248  | 2.166506  |
| 41 | 1 | 0 | -2.759612 | 2.499194  | 4.166023  |
| 42 | 6 | 0 | 1.221486  | 2.324412  | -0.649061 |
| 43 | 6 | 0 | 1.464452  | 2.356660  | -2.032878 |
| 44 | 6 | 0 | 1.837228  | 3.270558  | 0.187735  |
| 45 | 6 | 0 | 2.297076  | 3.335525  | -2.574033 |
| 46 | 1 | 0 | 0.990188  | 1.622716  | -2.675232 |
| 47 | 6 | 0 | 2.677334  | 4.241145  | -0.359529 |
| 48 | 1 | 0 | 1.663475  | 3.246464  | 1.258528  |
| 49 | 6 | 0 | 2.907004  | 4.277175  | -1.738822 |
| 50 | 1 | 0 | 2.469893  | 3.365137  | -3.645550 |
| 51 | 1 | 0 | 3.149685  | 4.970765  | 0.291114  |
| 52 | 1 | 0 | 3.556543  | 5.037993  | -2.160940 |

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| Center Number | Atomic Number | Atomic Type | Coordinates (Angstroms) |           |           |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|               |               |             | X                       | Y         | Z         |
| 1             | 6             | 0           | 5.240763                | -0.096958 | 0.662209  |
| 2             | 1             | 0           | 6.265497                | -0.154250 | 0.329087  |
| 3             | 6             | 0           | 4.686387                | 0.543825  | 1.725941  |
| 4             | 1             | 0           | 5.136311                | 1.150252  | 2.496717  |
| 5             | 7             | 0           | 4.205212                | -0.735416 | 0.000370  |
| 6             | 7             | 0           | 3.327035                | 0.280565  | 1.683644  |
| 7             | 6             | 0           | 3.014461                | -0.510413 | 0.621725  |
| 8             | 29            | 0           | 1.284436                | -1.190306 | 0.074185  |
| 9             | 6             | 0           | 4.387157                | -1.544738 | -1.204968 |
| 10            | 1             | 0           | 5.123203                | -2.330233 | -1.017602 |
| 11            | 1             | 0           | 3.434805                | -2.006844 | -1.466192 |
| 12            | 1             | 0           | 4.725408                | -0.917416 | -2.033842 |
| 13            | 6             | 0           | 2.373142                | 0.777145  | 2.674396  |
| 14            | 1             | 0           | 2.418758                | 1.868016  | 2.720959  |
| 15            | 1             | 0           | 1.371295                | 0.471276  | 2.375850  |
| 16            | 1             | 0           | 2.602462                | 0.360072  | 3.658585  |
| 17            | 6             | 0           | -1.620636               | -2.450845 | 0.665045  |
| 18            | 6             | 0           | -0.986883               | -2.703659 | -0.616756 |
| 19            | 6             | 0           | -1.822855               | -2.944992 | -1.760222 |
| 20            | 6             | 0           | -3.188018               | -2.963380 | -1.618723 |
| 21            | 6             | 0           | -3.796161               | -2.728058 | -0.348846 |
| 22            | 6             | 0           | -3.023612               | -2.484513 | 0.772164  |
| 23            | 1             | 0           | -0.998322               | -2.453785 | 1.550954  |
| 24            | 1             | 0           | -1.339018               | -3.118792 | -2.715835 |
| 25            | 1             | 0           | -3.821098               | -3.159705 | -2.478997 |
| 26            | 1             | 0           | -4.877860               | -2.767789 | -0.264849 |

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| 27 | 1 | 0 | -3.492887 | -2.343906 | 1.740033  |
| 28 | 8 | 0 | 0.287721  | -2.633098 | -0.735090 |
| 29 | 7 | 0 | -0.481754 | -0.350061 | 0.357951  |
| 30 | 6 | 0 | -1.004552 | 0.769941  | 0.043827  |
| 31 | 6 | 0 | -0.201120 | 1.793871  | -0.705531 |
| 32 | 6 | 0 | 0.566506  | 1.419465  | -1.820075 |
| 33 | 6 | 0 | -0.217570 | 3.136772  | -0.291673 |
| 34 | 6 | 0 | 1.304234  | 2.378787  | -2.515978 |
| 35 | 1 | 0 | 0.552569  | 0.388624  | -2.161631 |
| 36 | 6 | 0 | 0.540385  | 4.086891  | -0.977291 |
| 37 | 1 | 0 | -0.819959 | 3.433793  | 0.561229  |
| 38 | 6 | 0 | 1.299332  | 3.710850  | -2.091123 |
| 39 | 1 | 0 | 1.872801  | 2.089131  | -3.394650 |
| 40 | 1 | 0 | 0.529211  | 5.121984  | -0.649634 |
| 41 | 1 | 0 | 1.874875  | 4.455933  | -2.632053 |
| 42 | 6 | 0 | -2.409120 | 1.109825  | 0.430561  |
| 43 | 6 | 0 | -2.885681 | 0.786610  | 1.711410  |
| 44 | 6 | 0 | -3.250227 | 1.774908  | -0.477025 |
| 45 | 6 | 0 | -4.184993 | 1.133940  | 2.082493  |
| 46 | 1 | 0 | -2.228052 | 0.289024  | 2.416989  |
| 47 | 6 | 0 | -4.557204 | 2.097452  | -0.109064 |
| 48 | 1 | 0 | -2.885860 | 2.031550  | -1.466830 |
| 49 | 6 | 0 | -5.024433 | 1.783124  | 1.171262  |
| 50 | 1 | 0 | -4.540779 | 0.903919  | 3.082384  |
| 51 | 1 | 0 | -5.206646 | 2.601754  | -0.818006 |
| 52 | 1 | 0 | -6.036399 | 2.050325  | 1.460360  |

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| Center Number | Atomic Number | Atomic Type | Coordinates (Angstroms) |           |           |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|               |               |             | X                       | Y         | Z         |
| 1             | 6             | 0           | 5.409932                | 0.311985  | -0.468947 |
| 2             | 1             | 0           | 6.352477                | 0.834002  | -0.412254 |
| 3             | 6             | 0           | 5.125250                | -0.974995 | -0.801899 |
| 4             | 1             | 0           | 5.771126                | -1.786400 | -1.099505 |
| 5             | 7             | 0           | 4.201003                | 0.926132  | -0.187193 |
| 6             | 7             | 0           | 3.749911                | -1.113227 | -0.705768 |
| 7             | 6             | 0           | 3.161111                | 0.055835  | -0.325323 |
| 8             | 29            | 0           | 1.302044                | 0.438363  | -0.074928 |
| 9             | 6             | 0           | 4.079020                | 2.319350  | 0.245209  |
| 10            | 1             | 0           | 4.787308                | 2.932311  | -0.316246 |
| 11            | 1             | 0           | 3.067718                | 2.667485  | 0.038547  |
| 12            | 1             | 0           | 4.293420                | 2.407252  | 1.314337  |
| 13            | 6             | 0           | 3.037242                | -2.345066 | -1.036004 |
| 14            | 1             | 0           | 3.491725                | -3.187690 | -0.509530 |
| 15            | 1             | 0           | 1.999760                | -2.243845 | -0.720165 |
| 16            | 1             | 0           | 3.073583                | -2.527508 | -2.113827 |
| 17            | 6             | 0           | -1.327106               | 1.816275  | 0.071592  |
| 18            | 6             | 0           | -0.297098               | 2.914430  | -0.198779 |
| 19            | 6             | 0           | -0.690250               | 4.278723  | 0.126892  |
| 20            | 6             | 0           | -1.710591               | 4.498449  | 0.997418  |
| 21            | 6             | 0           | -2.475015               | 3.410487  | 1.589097  |

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| 22 | 6 | 0 | -2.272656 | 2.135733  | 1.204498  |
| 23 | 1 | 0 | -1.952318 | 1.871682  | -0.838497 |
| 24 | 1 | 0 | -0.062270 | 5.081988  | -0.244284 |
| 25 | 1 | 0 | -1.943060 | 5.515025  | 1.303988  |
| 26 | 1 | 0 | -3.208857 | 3.644572  | 2.353879  |
| 27 | 1 | 0 | -2.844712 | 1.319719  | 1.632773  |
| 28 | 8 | 0 | 0.796061  | 2.631943  | -0.699172 |
| 29 | 7 | 0 | -0.678742 | 0.493187  | 0.174259  |
| 30 | 6 | 0 | -1.393605 | -0.596058 | 0.091515  |
| 31 | 6 | 0 | -0.797625 | -1.886925 | 0.522742  |
| 32 | 6 | 0 | 0.035919  | -1.940215 | 1.657232  |
| 33 | 6 | 0 | -1.108828 | -3.080539 | -0.154907 |
| 34 | 6 | 0 | 0.551586  | -3.159278 | 2.095903  |
| 35 | 1 | 0 | 0.247806  | -1.030185 | 2.208891  |
| 36 | 6 | 0 | -0.568073 | -4.294292 | 0.271310  |
| 37 | 1 | 0 | -1.764589 | -3.055933 | -1.019318 |
| 38 | 6 | 0 | 0.257383  | -4.337098 | 1.399760  |
| 39 | 1 | 0 | 1.171641  | -3.192585 | 2.986627  |
| 40 | 1 | 0 | -0.802937 | -5.207105 | -0.267449 |
| 41 | 1 | 0 | 0.657533  | -5.286151 | 1.744066  |
| 42 | 6 | 0 | -2.804542 | -0.639713 | -0.401161 |
| 43 | 6 | 0 | -3.118164 | -0.186814 | -1.695171 |
| 44 | 6 | 0 | -3.821364 | -1.185787 | 0.400275  |
| 45 | 6 | 0 | -4.429458 | -0.260404 | -2.168091 |
| 46 | 1 | 0 | -2.332332 | 0.189256  | -2.345248 |
| 47 | 6 | 0 | -5.136150 | -1.233106 | -0.066765 |
| 48 | 1 | 0 | -3.584452 | -1.567041 | 1.389507  |
| 49 | 6 | 0 | -5.442402 | -0.771335 | -1.350389 |
| 50 | 1 | 0 | -4.657988 | 0.075024  | -3.175055 |
| 51 | 1 | 0 | -5.917506 | -1.641626 | 0.566681  |
| 52 | 1 | 0 | -6.463150 | -0.820801 | -1.716780 |

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| Center Number | Atomic Number | Atomic Type | Coordinates (Angstroms) |           |           |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|               |               |             | X                       | Y         | Z         |
| 1             | 6             | 0           | 5.444732                | 0.716863  | 0.248475  |
| 2             | 1             | 0           | 6.293353                | 1.204926  | 0.702278  |
| 3             | 6             | 0           | 5.379351                | -0.220597 | -0.734263 |
| 4             | 1             | 0           | 6.160167                | -0.704070 | -1.300723 |
| 5             | 7             | 0           | 4.139367                | 0.988533  | 0.625325  |
| 6             | 7             | 0           | 4.036012                | -0.496726 | -0.930752 |
| 7             | 6             | 0           | 3.256054                | 0.243900  | -0.095971 |
| 8             | 29            | 0           | 1.355777                | 0.239218  | 0.029082  |
| 9             | 6             | 0           | 3.777816                | 1.949009  | 1.667232  |
| 10            | 1             | 0           | 4.168832                | 2.938260  | 1.416432  |
| 11            | 1             | 0           | 2.690983                | 1.999887  | 1.732300  |
| 12            | 1             | 0           | 4.182882                | 1.630264  | 2.631241  |
| 13            | 6             | 0           | 3.538694                | -1.456650 | -1.915839 |
| 14            | 1             | 0           | 3.930389                | -2.453713 | -1.699191 |
| 15            | 1             | 0           | 2.450446                | -1.479446 | -1.862168 |
| 16            | 1             | 0           | 3.843290                | -1.154422 | -2.921086 |

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| 17 | 6 | 0 | -1.072619 | 1.675026  | 0.242620  |
| 18 | 6 | 0 | -0.750256 | 2.600710  | -0.764995 |
| 19 | 6 | 0 | -1.151284 | 3.933560  | -0.646166 |
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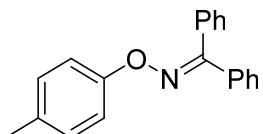
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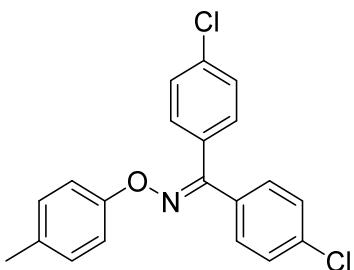
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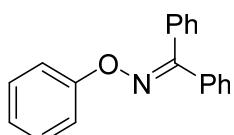
## 11 Analytical data of 1



**diphenylmethanone O-(*p*-tolyl) oxime (1aa).** Colorless solid. Melting point: 53.6 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.5 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 30.8% (3 steps, 0.963 mmol, 0.277 g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.37 (m, 9H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 4H), 2.32 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.7, 157.6, 136.1, 133.0, 131.7, 130.0, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 114.9, 20.8. IR (neat) 3058, 3028, 2998, 2921, 2863, 2735, 2422, 2317, 1955, 1883, 1811, 1770, 1607, 1586, 1566, 1502, 1444, 1326, 1301, 1212, 1182, 1162, 1104, 1075, 1033, 1014, 983, 930, 847, 814, 772, 759, 692, 664, 648, 634, 606  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 287.1310, found: 287.1310.

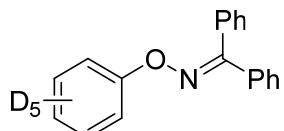


**bis(4-chlorophenyl)methanone O-(*p*-tolyl) oxime (1ab).** Colorless solid. Melting point: 101.9 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.5 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 21.6% (3 steps, 0.580 mmol, 0.207 g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.53-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.10 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.4, 157.2, 136.2, 135.4, 134.0, 132.0, 130.8, 130.7, 129.7, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 114.7, 20.6. IR (neat) 3031, 2923, 2862, 2358, 2342, 1605, 1594, 1503, 1491, 1398, 1323, 1297, 1213, 1161, 1092, 1015, 986, 933, 833, 816, 758, 729  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 355.0531, found: 355.0531.

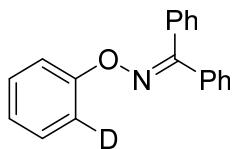


**diphenylmethanone O-phenyl oxime (1ba).** Brown oil.  $R_f$  = 0.4 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 67.0% (3 steps, 1.58 mmol, 0.431 g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.41 (m, 6H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.00 (tt,  $J$  = 7.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.9, 159.5, 153.9, 132.8, 129.9, 129.3, 129.2, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 122.2, 114.8, 77.9, 35.1, 14.0. IR (neat) 3027, 2364, 2314, 1955, 1811, 1748, 1658, 1592, 1489, 1456, 1444, 1396, 1327, 1301, 1274, 1211,

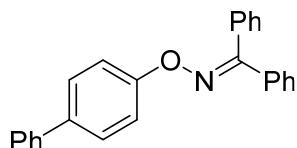
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**diphenylmethanone O-phenyl-d<sub>5</sub> oxime (1ba-d5).** Brown solid. Melting point: 55.3 °C. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.4 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 14.2% (5 steps, 0.504 mmol, 0.141 g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.62-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.0, 159.6, 133.0, 130.1, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0-128.7 (t, J = 24.6, 24.6 Hz), 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 122.0-121.7 (t, J = 24.6 Hz), 114.7-114.4 (t, J = 24.6 Hz). IR (neat) 3058, 3029, 2979, 2931, 2359, 2279, 1958, 1893, 1814, 1720, 1558, 1493, 1444, 1373, 1324, 1170, 1076, 1042, 980, 959, 928, 812, 765, 696, 666 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>10</sub>D<sub>5</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>): 278.1468, found: 278.1467.

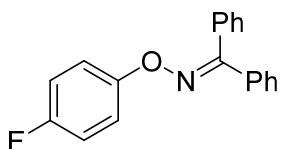


**diphenylmethanone O-phenyl-2-d oxime (1ba-d).** Brown oil. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 1.9% (5 steps, 0.134 mmol, 32.2 mg). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.63-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.38 (m, 8H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.9, 159.5, 135.9, 132.8, 130.0, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 122.2, 114.8, 114.7-114.4 (t, J = 24.6 Hz). IR (neat) 3350, 3149, 3061, 3026, 2918, 2858, 2415, 2359, 1811, 1747, 1705, 1658, 1586, 1542, 1491, 1466, 1444, 1327, 1308, 1277, 1214, 1183, 1156, 1116, 1075, 1033, 984, 930, 845, 771, 696, 658 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>D<sub>1</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>): 274.1216, found: 274.1216.

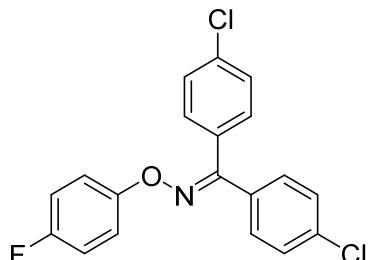


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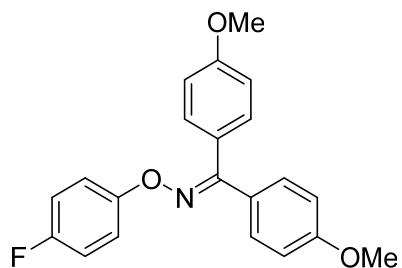
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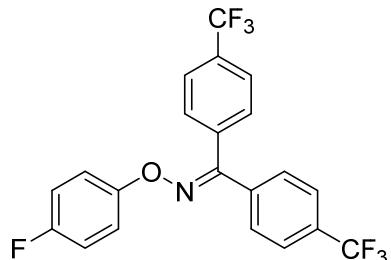
**diphenylmethanone O-(4-fluorophenyl) oxime (1da).** Orange oil. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.6 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 23.0% (3 steps, 0.186 mmol, 54.2 mg). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.60-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.99 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.0, 159.0, 157.4, 155.6, 135.8, 132.7, 130.0, 129.3, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 116.1, 116.0, 115.6, 115.5. IR (neat) 1499, 1444, 1328, 1195, 1091, 1033, 985, 933, 831, 791, 764, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FNO (M<sup>+</sup>): 291.1059, found: 291.1059.



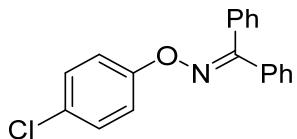
**bis(4-chlorophenyl)methanone O-(4-fluorophenyl) oxime (1db).** Colorless oil. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.6 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 17.4% (3 steps, 0.140 mmol, 50.5 mg). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.51-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.99 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.2, 157.9, 157.6, 155.3, 136.4, 135.6, 133.8, 130.7, 130.5, 129.5, 128.7-128.7 (d, J = 14.5 Hz), 116.1-116.0 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 115.8-115.6 (d, J = 23.1). IR (neat) 3585, 3560, 3536, 3502, 3470, 3437, 2385, 2361, 1599, 1498, 1399, 1324, 1195, 1092, 1016, 986, 932, 831, 790 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>FNO (M<sup>+</sup>): 359.0280, found: 359.0280.



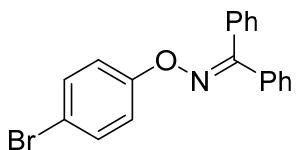
**bis(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone O-(4-fluorophenyl) oxime (1dc).** Yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.3$  [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 31.6% (3 steps, 0.405 mmol, 0.142 mg).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.58-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.00 (m, 4H), 6.93-6.92 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.1, 160.2, 159.4, 158.8, 157.2, 155.7, 131.2, 130.0, 128.6, 124.9, 115.9-115.9 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 115.5-115.4 (d,  $J = 23.1$  Hz), 113.7-113.4 (d,  $J = 46.2$  Hz), 55.3, 55.2. IR (neat) 3051, 3004, 2958, 2934, 2907, 2838, 2555, 2421, 2352, 2288, 2052, 1864, 1606, 1576, 1509, 1497, 1463, 1442, 1416, 1330, 1303, 1251, 1196, 1173, 1114, 1091, 1034, 983, 922, 832, 809, 795, 763, 740, 687  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNO}_3$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 351.1271, found: 351.1270.



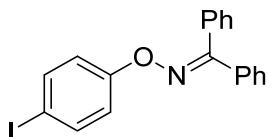
**bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone O-(4-fluorophenyl) oxime (1dd).** Colorless solid.  $R_f = 0.6$  [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 15.2% (3 steps, 0.0461 mmol, 19.7 mg).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.79-7.78 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 4H), 7.56-7.54 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.4, 157.8, 157.4, 155.1, 138.3, 135.6, 132.4-131.3 (multiplet), 129.6, 128.5, 125.51, 125.49, 124.7, 122.88-122.86 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 116.2-116.1 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 115.9-115.7 (d,  $J = 23.1$ ). IR (neat) 3905, 3823, 2926, 2359, 1616, 1498, 1408, 1323, 1195, 1166, 1128, 1112, 1092, 1068, 1018, 990, 957, 941, 849, 833, 782, 761, 666  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_7\text{NO}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 427.0807, found: 427.0807.



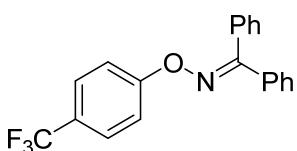
**diphenylmethanone O-(4-chlorophenyl) oxime (1ea).** Yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.6$  [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 34.9% (2 steps, 0.643 mmol, 0.198 g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.7-7.58 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.37 (m, 8H), 7.26-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.3, 158.1, 135.7, 132.6, 130.1, 129.3, 129.3, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.0, 116.1, 123.8, 120.3, 115.3. IR (neat) 3060, 1880, 1745, 1676, 1590, 1482, 1444, 1404, 1329, 1307, 1280, 1217, 1157, 1095, 1033, 1008, 983, 930, 824, 774, 741, 695, 637, 619  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}$  ( $M^+$ ): 307.0764, found: 307.0764.



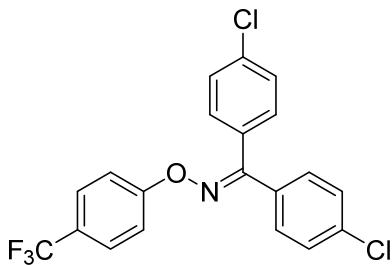
**diphenylmethanone O-(4-bromophenyl) oxime (1fa).** Colorless solid. Melting point: 78.6 °C.  $R_f = 0.5$  [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 30.1% (3 steps, 0.855 mmol, 0.301 g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.60-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.39 (m, 10H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  135.7, 132.7, 132.1, 130.3, 129.5, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 116.6, 114.5. IR (neat) 2367, 2352, 1584, 1480, 1444, 1329, 1221, 1159, 1068, 984, 930, 822, 774, 696, 634, 614  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrNO}$  ( $M^+$ ): 351.0259, found: 351.0258.



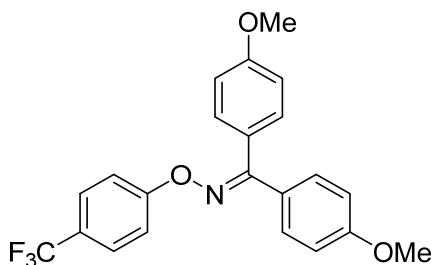
**diphenylmethanone O-(4-iodophenyl) oxime (1ga).** Brown oil.  $R_f = 0.5$  [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 21.6% (3 steps, 0.4298 mmol, 0.172 g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.63-7.61 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.05 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.4, 159.4, 138.0, 135.6, 132.6, 130.1, 129.3, 129.2, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 117.0, 84.6. IR (neat) 3059, 3027, 2924, 2853, 2359, 2342, 1579, 1477, 1444, 1396, 1328, 1295, 1278, 1219, 1162, 1093, 1076, 1056, 1032, 1002, 984, 930, 819, 774, 738, 695, 670  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{INO}$  ( $M^+$ ): 399.0120, found: 399.0119.



**diphenylmethanone O-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl) oxime (1ha).** Colorless solid. Melting point: 68.0 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.7 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 15.8% (3 steps, 0.396 mmol, 0.135 g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 7.62-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.6, 2H), 7.50-7.39 (m, 8H), 7.33-7.32 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 161.8, 160.1, 135.4, 132.5, 130.4, 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 126.7, 126.7, 123.8, 120.3, 115.3, 114.6. IR (neat) 3854, 3678, 3060, 1613, 1510, 1446, 1420, 1326, 1231, 1166, 1120, 1105, 1066, 1011, 984, 929, 839, 777, 696, 665, 617  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$  ( $M^+$ ): 341.1028, found: 341.1026.

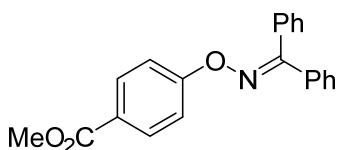


**bis(4-chlorophenyl)methanone O-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl) oxime (1hb).** Colorless solid. Melting point: 128.7 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.8 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 28.8% (3 steps, 1.99 mmol, 0.817 g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 7.59-7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.52 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (dd,  $J$  = 16.8, 8.6 Hz, 4H), 7.31-7.30 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.10 (brs, 1H), 7.00-6.99 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 161.5, 159.0, 136.8, 135.8, 133.5, 130.7, 130.3, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 127.0, 126.77, 126.75, 114.6. IR (neat) 2369, 1905, 1611, 1596, 1510, 1491, 1420, 1324, 1228, 1164, 1122, 1105, 1092, 1066, 1014, 984, 929, 834, 730, 658, 620  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_3\text{NO}$  ( $M^+$ ): 409.0248, found: 409.0247.

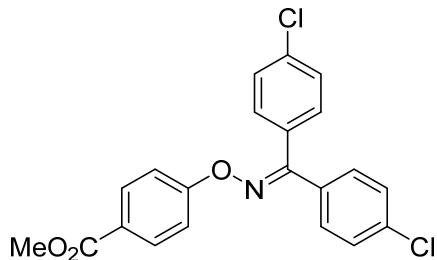


**bis(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone O-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl) oxime (1hc).** Colorless solid. Melting point: 112.0 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.5 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 8.6% (3 steps, 0.595 mmol, 0.239 g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 7.57-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.32 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.91 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 162.0, 161.3, 160.6, 160.4, 131.3, 128.3,

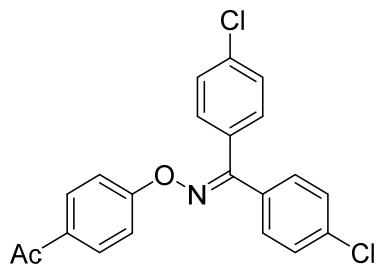
126.64, 126.61, 124.8, 114.5, 114.3, 113.8, 113.4, 55.4, 55.3. IR (neat) 3901, 3886, 3855, 3830, 3814, 3772, 3743, 3728, 3704, 3685, 3667, 3626, 3589, 3569, 3006, 2902, 2839, 2359, 2349, 2308, 1734, 1653, 1610, 1510, 1464, 1442, 1418, 1326, 1306, 1253, 1234, 1167, 1119, 1065, 1034, 983, 914, 837, 772 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 401.1239, found: 401.1238.



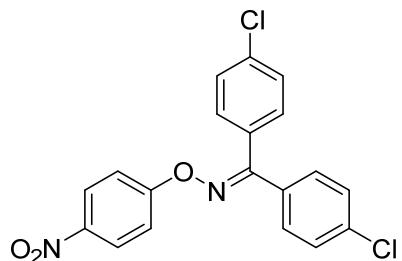
**methyl 4-((diphenylmethylene)amino)oxy)benzoate (1ia).** Colorless solid. Melting point: 108.6 °C. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 14.3% (3 steps, 0.354 mmol, 0.117 g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.02-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.38 (m, 8H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.0, 163.2, 161.2, 135.6, 132.6, 131.5, 130.4, 129.6, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 124.0, 114.3, 52.0. IR (neat) 1717, 1603, 1504, 1435, 1416, 1330, 1277, 1226, 1191, 1157, 1112, 1100, 1032, 984, 928, 853, 768, 739, 694, 676, 617 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 331.1208, found: 331.1208.



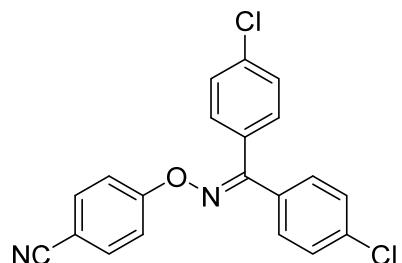
**methyl 4-((bis(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)amino)oxy)benzoate (1ib).** Colorless solid. Melting point: 141.9 °C. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 14.6% (3 steps, 0.329 mmol, 0.132 g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.02-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.8, 162.8, 159.1, 136.9, 135.9, 133.6, 131.5, 130.8, 130.5, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 124.4, 114.2, 52.1. IR (neat) 2433, 2368, 1717, 1601, 1502, 1491, 1435, 1416, 1399, 1325, 1279, 1231, 1192, 1156, 1111, 1092, 1014, 985, 928, 835, 732, 695, 678, 655, 620, 607 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 399.0429, found: 399.0428.



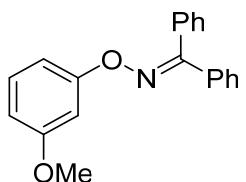
**1-((4-acetylphenyl)amino)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)butan-1-one (1jb).** Colorless solid. Melting point: 132.0 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.1 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 39.4% (2 steps, 0.494 mmol, 0.151 g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.97-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.27 (m, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.8, 162.8, 159.1, 138.0, 136.8, 135.8, 133.5, 133.8, 130.7, 130.4, 130.3, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 114.2, 26.5. IR (neat) 2885, 2373, 2351, 2331, 1679, 1596, 1499, 1414, 1399, 1358, 1325, 1298, 1269, 1229, 1159, 1092, 1016, 984, 928, 834, 757, 726, 697, 680, 666 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 383.0480, found: 383.0479.



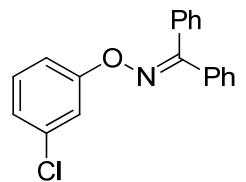
**bis(4-chlorophenyl)methanone O-(4-nitrophenyl) oxime (1kb).** Colorless solid. Melting point: 118.6 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.8 [hexane/EtOAc = 3:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 19.7% (2 steps, 0.198 mmol, 76.4 mg). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.97-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.27 (m, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.7, 160.1, 142.7, 137.2, 136.1, 133.1, 130.6, 130.0, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 125.7, 114.5. IR (neat) 1589, 1516, 1487, 1399, 1342, 1234, 1158, 1111, 1092, 1016, 984, 924, 863, 835, 751, 732, 687 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 386.0225, found: 386.0225.



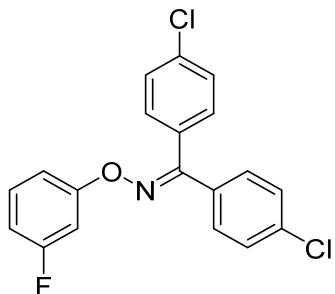
**4-(((bis(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)amino)oxy)benzonitrile (1lb).** Colorless solid. Melting point: 152.0 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.6 [hexane/EtOAc = 5:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 42.6% (2 steps, 0.426 mmol, 0.157 g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.63-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.2, 159.6, 137.0, 136.0, 133.9, 133.2, 130.6, 130.1, 129.7, 128.9, 128.8, 119.0, 115.2, 105.7. IR (neat) 3898, 3887, 3868, 3854, 3830, 3814, 3792, 3772, 3743, 3727, 3704, 3667, 3627, 3589, 3060, 2878, 2359, 2348, 2225, 1905, 1734, 1654, 1601, 1578, 1499, 1399, 1325, 1299, 1232, 1162, 1092, 1016, 984, 924, 835, 773, 730  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 366.0327, found: 366.0325.



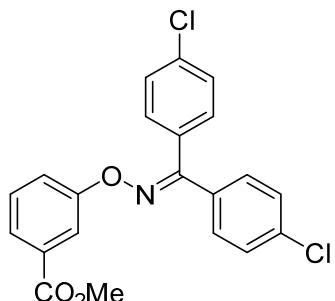
**diphenylmethanone O-(3-methoxyphenyl) oxime (1ma).** Colorless oil.  $R_f$  = 0.5 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 16.6% (3 steps, 0.603 mmol, 0.183 g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.63-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1H), 6.86-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.61-6.59 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.7, 160.6, 159.9, 135.9, 132.8, 130.0, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 128.4, 108.0, 107.14, 100.71, 55.3. IR (neat) 3060, 3022, 3001, 2943, 2905, 2835, 2367, 2339, 1591, 1490, 1444, 1328, 1281, 1264, 1194, 1168, 1137, 1076, 1042, 997, 984, 957, 921, 896, 837, 772, 696, 656  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 303.1259, found: 303.1259.



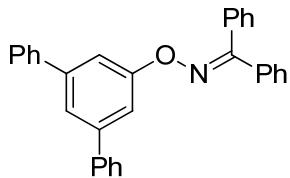
**diphenylmethanone O-(3-chlorophenyl) oxime (1na).** Colorless oil.  $R_f$  = 0.5 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 15.3% (3 steps, 0.563 mmol, 0.173 g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.39 (m, 8H), 7.333-7.330 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.21 (t,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.110-7.096 (m, 1H), 7.02-7.00 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.6, 160.1, 135.5, 134.7, 132.6, 130.2, 130.0, 129.4, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 122.3, 115.2, 113.0. IR (neat) 3593, 3575, 3504, 3458, 3399, 3062, 2362, 1773, 1589, 1470, 1444, 1431, 1328, 1303, 1266, 1213, 1088, 1066, 984, 940, 873, 781, 778, 696, 680  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 307.0764, found: 307.0763.



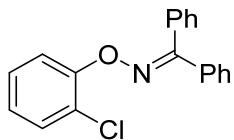
**bis(4-chlorophenyl)methanone O-(3-fluorophenyl) oxime (1ob).** Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.6$  [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 6.7% (3 steps, 0.138 mmol, 49.7 mg).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.53-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.02 (dt,  $J = 10.7, 2.4$  Hz 1H), 6.95-6.93 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.76-6.73 (td,  $J = 8.4, 2.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.2, 162.6, 160.4-160.3 (d,  $J = 11.6$  Hz), 158.4, 136.6, 135.7, 133.6, 130.7, 130.4, 130.1-130.3 (d,  $J = 10.1$  Hz), 129.6, 128.8-128.7 (d,  $J = 17.3$  Hz), 110.3, 109.3-109.2 (d,  $J = 21.7$  Hz), 102.6-102.4 (d,  $J = 27.5$  Hz). IR (neat) 3072, 3033, 2985, 2883, 2409, 2370, 2339, 1913, 1786, 1700, 1666, 1606, 1596, 1560, 1530, 1485, 1453, 1400, 1324, 1297, 1257, 1220, 1159, 1119, 1092, 1071, 1016, 1004, 965, 910, 834, 772, 730  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{FNO}$  ( $M^+$ ): 359.0280, found: 359.0280.



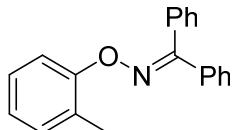
**methyl 3-((bis(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)amino)oxy)benzoate (1pb).** Colorless solid. Melting point: 98.6 °C.  $R_f = 0.3$  [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 2.9% (2 steps, 0.0834 mmol, 33.4 mg).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.86-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.73-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 5H), 3.92 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.6, 166.6, 150.4, 140.2, 138.2, 137.1, 136.1, 133.3, 130.9, 130.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.1, 121.4, 119.7, 115.9, 52.1. IR (neat) 3069, 2951, 2386, 1724, 1591, 1489, 1445, 1399, 1295, 1272, 1207, 1092, 1017, 1001, 983, 935, 835, 756  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_3$  ( $M^+$ ): 399.0429, found: 399.0429.



**diphenylmethanone *O*-([1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-yl) oxime (1qa).** Colorless solid. Melting point: 171.9 °C.  $R_f = 0.4$  [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 49.2% (3 steps, 0.492 mmol, 0.210 g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 7.68-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.53-7.44 (m, 13H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 5H), 3.92 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 160.24, 160.21, 142.9, 141.0, 135.8, 132.9, 130.1, 129.33, 129.27, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 127.3, 120.2, 112.6. IR (neat) 3544, 3463, 3409, 3370, 3344, 3334, 3310, 3295, 3266, 3255, 3244, 3221, 3060, 2354, 1734, 1589, 1575, 1498, 1444, 1409, 1343, 1173, 986, 949, 866, 761, 743, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 425.1780, found: 425.1779.



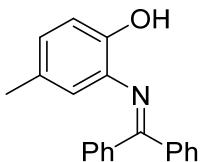
**diphenylmethanone *O*-(2-chlorophenyl) oxime (1ra).** Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.5$  [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 4.2% (3 steps, 0.159 mmol, 48.8 mg).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 7.68-7.67 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.32 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.98-6.95 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.4$  Hz, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 161.0, 155.1, 135.7, 132.3, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 122.9, 120.9, 116.3. IR (neat) 3063, 3032, 2938, 2358, 2336, 2307, 1748, 1659, 1583, 1492, 1473, 1447, 1329, 1304, 1264, 1228, 1157, 1127, 1060, 1034, 982, 930, 795, 778, 752, 695  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 307.0764, found: 307.0763.



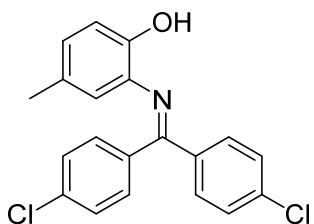
**diphenylmethanone *O*-(o-tolyl) oxime (1sa).** Brown oil.  $R_f = 0.8$  [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. Yield: 66.1% (2.01 mmol, 0.58 g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 7.76-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.73-7.71 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 0.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.46 (m, 8H), 7.33-7.30 (td,  $J = 7.2, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.210-7.198 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.02 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 159.9, 157.5, 140.1, 135.8, 133.0, 130.5, 129.9, 129.2, 129.1, 128.33,

128.28, 128.0, 126.8, 124.7, 122.1, 121.9, 121.7, 113.9, 15.8. IR (neat) 3059, 3026, 2978, 2947, 2917, 2858, 2736, 2602, 2446, 2405, 2359, 2058, 1954, 1893, 1814, 1766, 1590, 1561, 1484, 1462, 1381, 1330, 1308, 1274, 1225, 1183, 1113, 1076, 1042, 935, 839, 797, 765, 752, 695, 665, 655 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>): 287.1310, found: 287.1309.

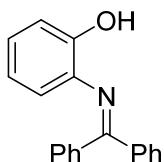
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**2-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-4-methylphenol (2aa).** Yellow solid. Melting point: 168.6 °C. Yield: 82% (0.082 mmol, 23.5 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f$  = 0.3 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.61-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.20-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.982 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.77-6.75 (m, 1H), 1.93 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 186.1, 149.4, 139.7, 136.4, 135.3, 130.9, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.2, 126.3, 120.9, 114.0, 20.6. IR (neat) 3063, 3028, 2919, 2364, 2309, 1747, 1716, 1659, 1648, 1592, 1568, 1502, 1446, 1319, 1279, 1244, 1193, 1109, 1075, 1001, 970, 930, 868, 795, 700, 639 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>): 287.1310, found: 287.1310.

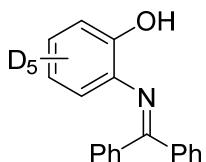


**2-((bis(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)amino)-4-methylphenol (2ab).** Yellow solid. Melting point: 68.6 °C. Yield: 88% (0.0876 mmol, 31.2 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f$  = 0.3 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.66-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.83 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.80-6.78 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (brs, 1H), 5.99-5.98 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.8, 149.1, 137.9, 137.4, 135.1, 134.2, 130.5, 130.5, 129.0, 128.6, 127.6, 120.6, 114.4, 20.6. IR (neat) 1587, 1562, 1499, 1399, 1307, 1279, 1239, 1219, 1092, 1015, 964, 838, 772 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>): 355.0531, found: 355.0531.

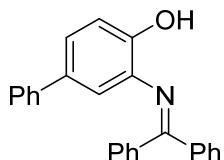


**2-((diphenylmethylene)amino)phenol (2ba).** Orange solid. Melting point: 153.6 °C. Yield: 69.5% (0.0695 mmol, 19.0 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f$  = 0.2 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.76-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.20-

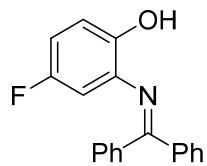
7.18 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.84 (bs, 1H), 6.49-6.46 (m, 1H), 6.12-6.18 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.4, 151.7, 139.7, 136.3, 135.7, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 126.7, 120.4, 119.2, 114.4. IR (neat) 3059, 1593, 1580, 1567, 1484, 1446, 1321, 1285, 1255, 1232, 1188, 1035, 967, 795, 772, 741, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 273.1154, found: 273.1152.



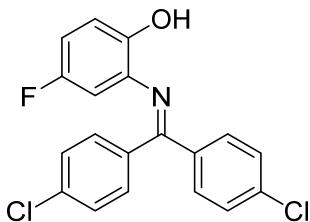
**2-((diphenylmethylene)amino)phen-3,4,5,6-d4-ol (2ba-d5).** Yellow solid. Melting point: 155.4 °C. Yield: 71.0% (0.0710 mmol, 19.7 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f = 0.2$  [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.21-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.84 (brs, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.3, 151.7, 139.7, 136.3, 135.6, 131.0, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.2, 126.4-126.1 (t,  $J = 23.1$  Hz), 120.1-119.8 (t,  $J = 24.6$  Hz), 118.8-118.5 (t,  $J = 24.6, 24.6$  Hz), 114.2-113.9 (t,  $J = 24.6, 24.6$  Hz). IR (neat) 3980, 3943, 3923, 3864, 3852, 3842, 3825, 3780, 3751, 3734, 3715, 3690, 3671, 3649, 3597, 3547, 3501, 2929, 2368, 2345, 2334, 1748, 1261, 1029, 793, 697  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{10}\text{D}_5\text{NO}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 277.1405, found: 277.1404.



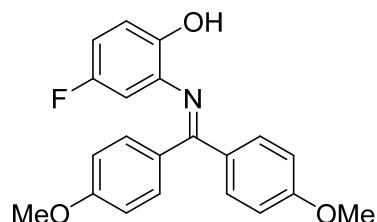
**3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ol (2ca).** Yellow solid. Melting point: 152.0 °C. Yield: 70% (0.0695 mmol, 24.3 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f = 0.3$  [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.42 (m, 6H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.01 (m, 3H), 6.92 (brs, 1H), 6.46-6.45 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.7, 151.4, 140.8, 139.5, 136.5, 135.6, 132.2, 131.2, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 126.5, 126.3, 125.5, 119.5, 114.7. IR (neat) 2364, 2349, 2307, 1594, 1508, 1482, 1446, 1268, 931, 761, 699, 633  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 349.1467, found: 349.1466.



**2-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-4-fluorophenol (2da).** Yellow solid. Melting point: 155.4 °C. Yield: 57.7% (0.0288 mmol, 8.4 mg, 0.05 mmol scale).  $R_f = 0.3$  [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.19-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.85 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.69-6.65 (td,  $J = 8.8, 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.49 (brs, 1H), 5.92-5.90 (dd,  $J = 10.0, 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.8, 156.5, 155.0, 147.7, 139.3, 136.0, 135.6, 131.4, 129.7, 129.5, 128.81, 128.77, 128.3, 114.5, 114.5, 112.9, 112.7, 107.4, 107.2. IR (neat) 3060, 2988, 2368, 2358, 2308, 1592, 1571, 1496, 1446, 1320, 1257, 1230, 1168, 1130, 1028, 978, 855, 795, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{FNO}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 291.1059, found: 291.1058.

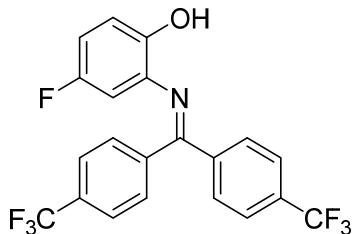


**2-((bis(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)amino)-4-fluorophenol (2db).** Yellow oil. Yield: 66.2% (0.389 mmol, 14.0 mg, 0.583 mmol scale).  $R_f = 0.5$  [hexane/EtOAc = 3:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.66-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.86 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.72-6.69 (td,  $J = 8.3, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 5.93-5.91 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 3.1$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.4, 156.5, 155.0, 147.5, 138.0, 137.4, 136.1, 133.4, 130.7, 130.3, 129.3, 128.7, 115.03-114.96 (d,  $J = 10.1$  Hz), 113.4-113.3 (d,  $J = 23.1$  Hz), 107.1-107.0 (d,  $J = 24.6$  Hz). IR (neat) 3409, 3071, 2763, 2288, 1913, 1789, 1604, 1586, 1563, 1490, 1432, 1399, 1346, 1308, 1290, 1256, 1227, 1167, 1130, 1091, 952, 936, 838, 813, 799, 773, 739, 703, 671  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{FNO}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 359.0280, found: 359.0280.

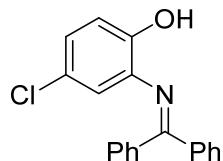


**2-((bis(4-methoxyphenyl)methylene)amino)-4-fluorophenol (2dc).** Yellow oil. Yield:

42.5% (0.0425 mmol, 15.3 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f = 0.5$  [hexane/EtOAc = 3:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.72-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.91 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.86-6.84 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 5.2$ , 1H), 6.66-6.62 (td,  $J = 8.6, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.96-5.93 (dd,  $J = 10.0, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.3, 162.3, 160.5, 156.6, 155.0, 147.5, 136.8-136.7 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 132.3, 131.5, 130.8, 127.6, 114.33-114.28 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 114.0, 113.6, 112.1-111.9 (d,  $J = 24.6$  Hz), 107.3-107.1 (d,  $J = 24.6$  Hz), 55.5, 55.3. IR (neat) 3073, 3005, 2959, 2934, 2905, 2839, 2905, 2839, 2374, 2336, 1605, 1587, 1567, 1509, 1491, 1463, 1442, 1418, 1319, 1306, 1254, 1173, 1130, 1116, 1088, 1032, 977, 949, 840, 794, 683  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNO}_3$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 351.1271, found: 351.1270.

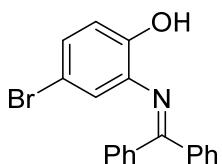


**2-((bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methylene)amino)-4-fluorophenol (2dd).** Yellow oil. Yield: 39.7% (0.0288 mmol, 12.3 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f = 0.4$  [hexane/EtOAc = 3:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.82-7.81 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.69 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.34 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.91-6.89 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 5.2$ , 1H), 6.76-6.73 (td,  $J = 8.3, 3.1$ , 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 5.90-5.88 (dd,  $J = 9.5, 3.1$ , 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.6, 156.5, 154.9, 147.6, 141.8, 138.6, 135.03-134.98 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 133.3-133.1 (d,  $J = 33.2$  Hz), 132.2-131.9 (d,  $J = 31.8$  Hz), 130.2, 129.6, 129.3, 126.12-126.10 (d,  $J = 2.9$ ), 125.49-125.47 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 115.43-115.38 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 114.2-114.1 (d,  $J = 23.1$  Hz), 107.1-106.9 (d,  $J = 26.0$  Hz). IR (neat) 3518, 3479, 3448, 3420, 3397, 3385, 3363, 3294, 3145, 3084, 2934, 2362, 2339, 1619, 1576, 1493, 1434, 1410, 1326, 1275, 1258, 1227, 1169, 1131, 1112, 1090, 1067, 1018, 976, 942, 852, 801, 761, 739, 687, 671, 656  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_7\text{NO}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 427.0807, found: 427.0806.

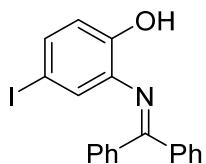


**4-chloro-2-((diphenylmethylene)amino)phenol (2ea).** Yellow solid. Melting point: 171.9 °C. Yield: 59% (0.059 mmol, 18.2 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f = 0.3$  [hexane/EtOAc =

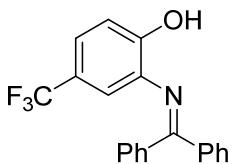
10:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.40 (m, 7H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.90 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 2.4, 1H), 6.87-6.86 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (brs, 1H), 6.14-6.14 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.0, 150.1, 139.3, 136.526, 136.531, 131.4, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 126.2, 123.8, 120.3, 115.3. IR (neat) 3052, 1701, 1593, 1571, 1484, 1445, 1321, 1279, 1234, 1150, 1110, 1085, 970, 895, 795, 702  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{CINO}$  ( $M^+$ ): 307.0764, found: 307.0763.



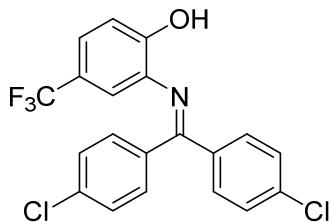
**4-bromo-2-((diphenylmethylene)amino)phenol (2fa).** Yellow solid. Melting point: 185.2 °C. Yield: 72% (0.0715 mmol, 25.2 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f$  = 0.3 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.18-7.17 (d,  $J$  = 6.9, 2H), 7.06-7.04 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.83-6.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (brs, 1H), 6.273-6.270 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.1, 150.7, 139.3, 137.0, 135.6, 131.6, 129.8, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 123.3, 116.0, 111.1. IR (neat) 2366, 2354, 1592, 1569, 1481, 1445, 1320, 1228, 1234, 1178, 1028, 970, 879, 776, 702, 634, 623, 607  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrNO}$  ( $M^+$ ): 351.0259, found: 351.0258.



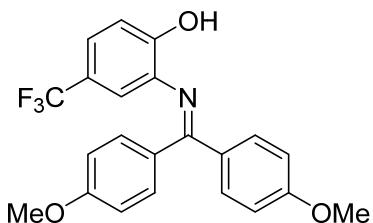
**2-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-4-iodophenol (2ga).** Yellow solid. Yield: 66% (0.06613 mmol, 26.4 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f$  = 0.3 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.75-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.77 (brs, 1H), 6.72-6.71 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.44-6.43 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.9, 151.4, 139.3, 139.2, 137.3, 135.5, 135.1, 131.4, 129.7, 129.5, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 116.5, 80.6. IR (neat) 3916, 3872, 3840, 3726, 3706, 3625, 3597, 3567, 3060, 2363, 2348, 1591, 1567, 1478, 1445, 1398, 1321, 1299, 1273, 1253, 1234, 1177, 1150, 1112, 1075, 1002, 969, 917, 875, 774, 701  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{INO}$  ( $M^+$ ): 399.0120, found: 399.0119.



**diphenylmethanone O-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl) oxime (2ha).** Yellow solid. Melting point: 177.5 °C. Yield: 52% (0.0516 mmol, 17.6 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f = 0.3$  [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 7.75-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.10 (brs, 1H), 7.00-6.99 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 170.8, 154.3, 139.2, 135.8, 135.5, 131.7, 129.8, 129.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 123.7, 123.6, 118.0, 118.0, 114.6. IR (neat) 3067, 1658, 1591, 1568, 1509, 1446, 1424, 1325, 1284, 1232, 1163, 1113, 1072, 973, 908, 889, 780, 719, 703, 637  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$  ( $M^+$ ): 341.1028, found: 341.1027.

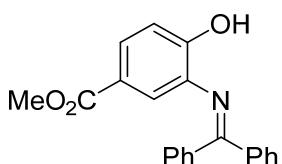


**2-((bis(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)amino)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenol (2hb).** Yellow solid. Melting point: 108.7 °C. Yield: 58% (0.0576 mmol, 23.6 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f = 0.3$  [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 7.69-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.02-7.01 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.88 (brs, 1H), 6.41 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 153.9, 138.2, 137.2, 136.2, 135.4, 133.2, 130.7, 130.2, 129.3, 128.8, 124.0, 123.9, 121.9, 117.7, 117.6, 114.9. IR (neat) 1588, 1561, 1490, 1400, 1328, 1287, 1236, 1164, 1121, 1093, 1071, 1015, 969, 833, 666  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_3\text{NO}$  ( $M^+$ ): 409.0248, found: 409.0247.

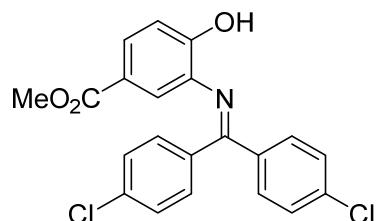


**2-((bis(4-methoxyphenyl)methylene)amino)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenol (2hc).** Colorless oil. Yield: 38% (0.0378 mmol, 15.2 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f = 0.5$  [hexane/EtOAc = 3:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 7.90-7.89 (brs, 1H), 7.44-7.43 (brs, 2H), 7.12-

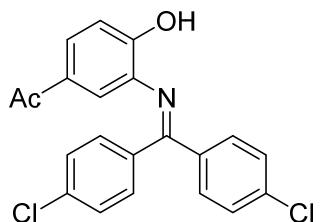
7.11 (brs, 1H), 6.93-6.90 (m, 3H), 6.77-6.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.3, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.2, 157.7, 156.9, 150.6, 138.3, 131.5, 130.7, 127.1, 124.9, 124.7, 124.2, 122.5, 121.9, 116.6, 114.0, 113.9, 55.4, 55.3. IR (neat) 3006, 2959, 2908, 2838, 1654, 1608, 1577, 1513, 1465, 1442, 1419, 1327, 1248, 1223, 1168, 1122, 1108, 1067, 1037, 1004, 912, 837, 806, 766  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 401.1238, found: 401.1239.



**methyl 3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-4-hydroxybenzoate (2ia).** Colorless solid. Melting point: 80.6 °C. Yield: 47% (0.0471 mmol, 15.6 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f$  = 0.3 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.65 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.18-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.94 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.89 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.2, 166.6, 155.7, 139.3, 135.7, 135.5, 131.4, 129.5, 129.5, 128.73, 128.71, 128.5, 128.3, 122.2, 121.3, 114.2, 51.7. IR (neat) 2251, 1712, 1652, 1598, 1537, 1499, 1437, 1282, 1218, 1184, 1114, 1093, 1030, 993, 960, 909, 835, 785, 767, 732, 695, 648, 610  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 331.1208, found: 331.1208.

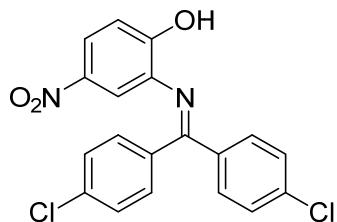


**methyl 3-((bis(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)amino)-4-hydroxybenzoate (2ib).** Yellow solid. Melting point: 71.9 °C. Yield: 65% (0.650 mmol, 26.0 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f$  = 0.3 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.71-7.69 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 2.1, 1H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.97-6.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.891-6.888 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.0, 166.4, 155.3, 138.0, 137.4, 135.9, 135.2, 135.6, 130.7, 130.2, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 121.9, 121.6, 114.6, 51.8. IR (neat) 1714, 1587, 1564, 1489, 1437, 1399, 1289, 1216, 1181, 1092, 1015, 993, 961, 944, 903, 838, 796, 758, 741, 707, 672, 623  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_3$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 399.0429, found: 399.0428.

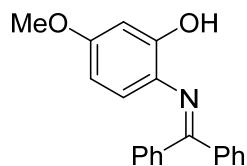


**1-(3-((bis(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)amino)-4-hydroxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (2ib).**

Yellow solid. Melting point: 65.3 °C. Yield: 49% (0.495 mmol, 19 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f$  = 0.4 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.67-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.38 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 4H), 7.26 (brs, 1H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.99-6.98 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.82-6.81 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.4, 168.0, 155.7, 138.1, 137.3, 136.0, 135.1, 133.7, 130.7, 130.2, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 127.9, 121.2, 114.8, 26.0. IR (neat) 1671, 1588, 1488, 1422, 1399, 1358, 1287, 1275, 1215, 1180, 1091, 1015, 961, 927, 837, 758, 671 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 383.0480, found: 383.0479.

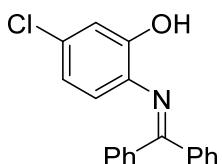


**2-((bis(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)amino)-4-nitrophenol (2kb).** Orange solid. Melting point: 68.7 °C. Yield: 44% (0.0439 mmol, 17.0 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f$  = 0.2 [hexane/EtOAc = 3:1 (v/v)]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.96-7.93 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.04-7.01 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.0, 156.8, 140.5, 138.7, 136.9, 136.6, 135.4, 132.7, 130.9, 130.1, 129.6, 128.9, 123.0, 116.0, 114.7. IR (neat) 3383, 3089, 1586, 1518, 1489, 1433, 1400, 1335, 1288, 1232, 1184, 1144, 1092, 1014, 966, 928, 836, 758 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for (M<sup>+</sup>): 386.0225, found: 386.0225.

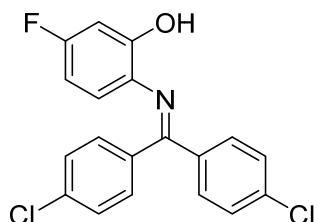


**2-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-5-methoxyphenol (2ma).** Yellow oil. Yield: 63% (0.0630 mmol, 19.1 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f$  = 0.3 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.72-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.23 (m,

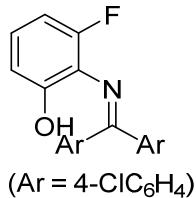
2H), 3.73 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.2, 154.2, 140.1, 137.1, 130.5, 129.1, 128.91, 128.89, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 121.3, 105.1, 99.6, 55.28. IR (neat) 2365, 2349, 2309, 1747, 1689, 1680, 1658, 1648, 1621, 1582, 1542, 1498, 1445, 1319, 1281, 1219, 1199, 1152, 1032, 956, 834, 770, 697  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 303.1259, found: 303.1258.



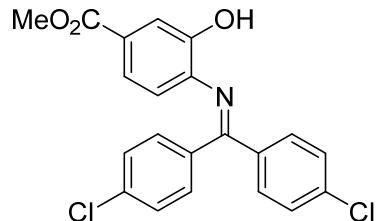
**5-chloro-2-((diphenylmethylene)amino)phenol (2na).** Yellow solid. Yield: 39% (0.0195 mmol, 6.0 mg, 0.05 mmol scale).  $R_f$  = 0.4 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.74-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.961-6.958 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.46-6.45 (dd,  $J$  = 9.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.09-6.08 (d,  $J$  = 9.1 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.9, 152.5, 139.5, 136.0, 134.2, 131.7, 131.3, 129.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 121.1, 119.3, 114.8. IR (neat) 3384, 3060, 2362, 1776, 1745, 1601, 1570, 1478, 1446, 1259, 1220, 1191, 1148, 1112, 1076, 1001, 966, 906, 855, 809, 785, 766, 698, 676  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 307.0764, found: 307.0763.



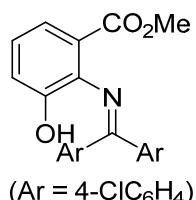
**2-((bis(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)amino)-5-fluorophenol (2ob).** Yellow oil. Yield: 29% (0.0144 mmol, 5.2 mg, 0.05 mmol scale).  $R_f$  = 0.3 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.64-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.99 (brs, 1H), 6.70-6.68 (dd,  $J$  = 9.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.26-6.22 (td,  $J$  = 8.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.14-6.11 (dd,  $J$  = 8.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.3, 162.6, 160.9, 153.4-153.3 (d,  $J$  = 30.3 Hz), 137.8-137.5 (d,  $J$  = 30.3 Hz), 135.8, 134.1, 131.4-131.1 (d,  $J$  = 31.8 Hz), 130.4, 130.3, 129.4, 128.6, 121.0-120.9 (d,  $J$  = 10.1 Hz), 106.2-106.0 (d,  $J$  = 23.1 Hz), 102.4-102.3 (d,  $J$  = 26.0 Hz). IR (neat) 3743, 3700, 3627, 3607, 3378, 3310, 3073, 2883, 2361, 2340, 1768, 1593, 1560, 1527, 1494, 1400, 1308, 1290, 1267, 1235, 1175, 1135, 1092, 1015, 969, 942, 909, 840, 804, 765, 738  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{FNO}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 359.0280, found: 359.0279.



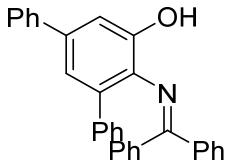
**2-((bis(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)amino)-3-fluorophenol (2ob').** Yellow oil. Yield: 16% (0.00805 mmol, 2.9 mg, 0.05 mmol scale).  $R_f$  = 0.2 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.89 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.2, 8.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76-6.74 (dt,  $J$  = 8.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.38-6.35 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.2, 9.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.8, 138.1, 137.1, 135.9, 134.5, 131.3, 131.1, 129.9, 128.8, 128.61, 128.57, 125.9, 125.8, 110.4, 107.6-107.4 (d,  $J$  = 20.2 Hz). IR (neat) 3412, 3098, 2361, 1787, 1700, 1667, 1589, 1560, 1513, 1469, 1401, 1292, 1220, 1220, 1192, 1173, 1142, 1092, 1059, 1014, 964, 910, 841, 772, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>FNO (M<sup>+</sup>): 359.0280, found: 359.0280



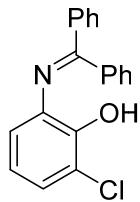
**methyl 4-((bis(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)amino)-3-hydroxybenzoate (2pb).** Yellow solid. Melting point: 172.52 °C. Yield: 24% (0.0117 mmol, 4.7 mg, 0.05 mmol scale).  $R_f$  = 0.3 [hexane/EtOAc = 3:1 (v/v)]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.609-7.606 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.22-6.21 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.4, 140.2, 138.2, 137.1, 136.1, 133.3, 130.9, 130.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.1, 121.4, 119.7, 115.9, 52.1. IR (neat) 3961, 3919, 3902, 3872, 3817, 1798, 3760, 3737, 3714, 3646, 3612, 3566, 3545, 3467, 3017, 2363, 1715, 1587, 1489, 1437, 1291, 1219, 1092, 1015, 772 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 399.0429, found: 399.0428.



**methyl 2-((bis(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)amino)-3-hydroxybenzoate (2pb').** Colorless oil. Yield: 47% (0.0235 mmol, 9.4 mg, 0.05 mmol scale).  $R_f = 0.5$  [hexane/EtOAc = 3:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.28 (dd,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1.4, 1H), 6.87-6.86 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.68-6.66 (t,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  149.4, 140.7, 139.7, 134.9, 131.3, 128.8, 128.7, 127.7, 121.4, 118.6, 110.9, 109.7, 102.1, 51.8. IR (neat) 3980, 3943, 3903, 3858, 3841, 3748, 3714, 3646, 3613, 3567, 3545, 3524, 3505, 3479, 2360, 2308, 1689, 1595, 1478, 1293, 1249, 1220, 1092, 1056, 772  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_3$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 399.0429, found: 399.0429.

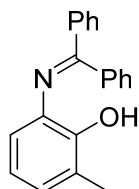


**4'-(diphenylmethylene)amino-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-ol (2qa).** Yellow solid. Melting point: 83.1 °C. Yield: 76% (0.0757 mmol, 32.2 mg, 0.1 mmol scale).  $R_f = 0.5$  [hexane/EtOAc = 3:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.66-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.268-7.265 (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.00 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.94-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.910-6.907 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.45-6.43 (m, 2H), 6.14 (brs, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  149.4, 140.7, 139.7, 134.9, 131.3, 128.8, 128.7, 127.7, 121.4, 118.6, 110.9, 109.7, 102.1, 51.8. IR (neat) 3060, 3029, 2922, 2372, 2360, 2345, 1597, 1564, 1497, 1467, 1444, 1409, 1321, 1302, 1196, 1151, 1061, 1030, 1001, 964, 935, 868, 789, 762, 697  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (FD) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 425.1780, found: 425.1779.

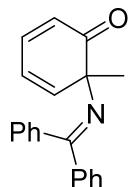


**2-chloro-6-(diphenylmethylene)amino phenol (2ra).** Yellow solid. Melting point: 122.1 °C. Yield: 31% (0.0156 mmol, 4.8 mg, 0.05 mmol scale).  $R_f = 0.3$  [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.63-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.19-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.99 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.47-6.44 (t,  $J = 8.0, 1$  H), 6.15-6.13 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 1.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.1, 147.0, 139.3, 137.4, 135.9, 131.4, 130.1, 129.6, 129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 126.3, 119.4, 118.9. IR (neat) 3987, 3974, 3915, 3900, 3869, 3851, 3830, 3814, 3764, 3743, 3730, 3699, 3686, 3673, 3645,

3626, 3603, 3585, 3565, 3544, 3517, 3052, 2359, 1785, 1567, 1320, 795, 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CINO M<sup>+</sup> 307.0764, found 307.0764.

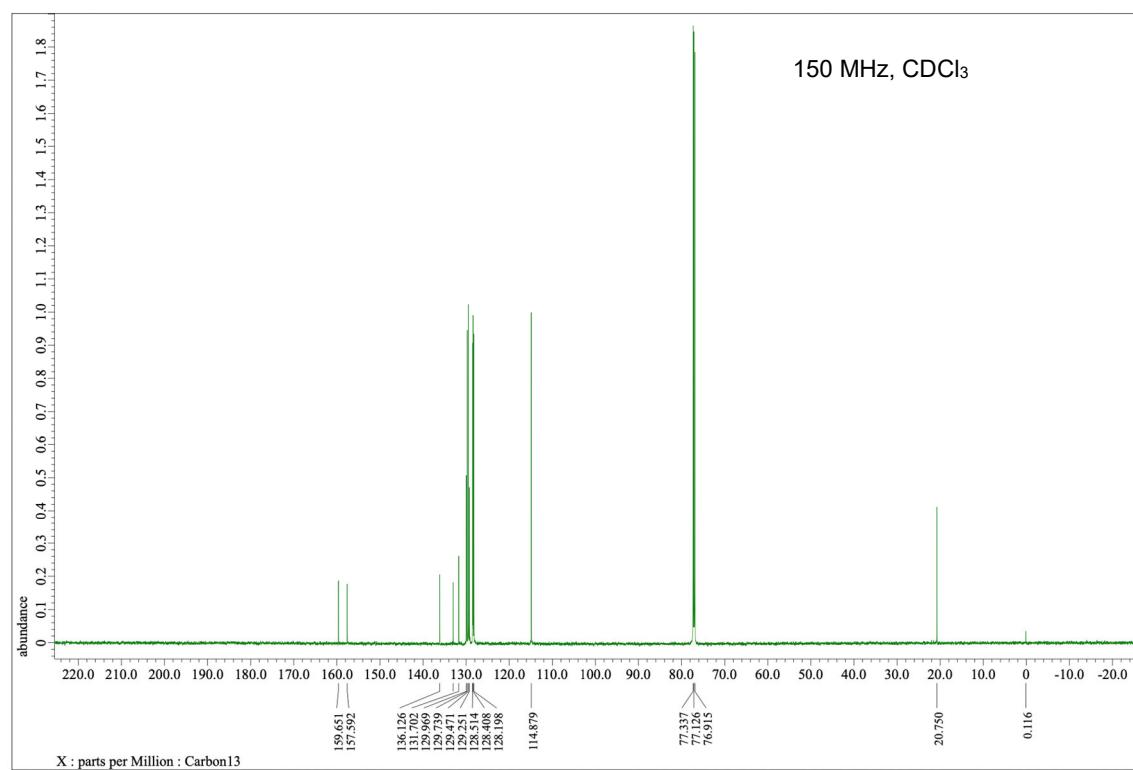
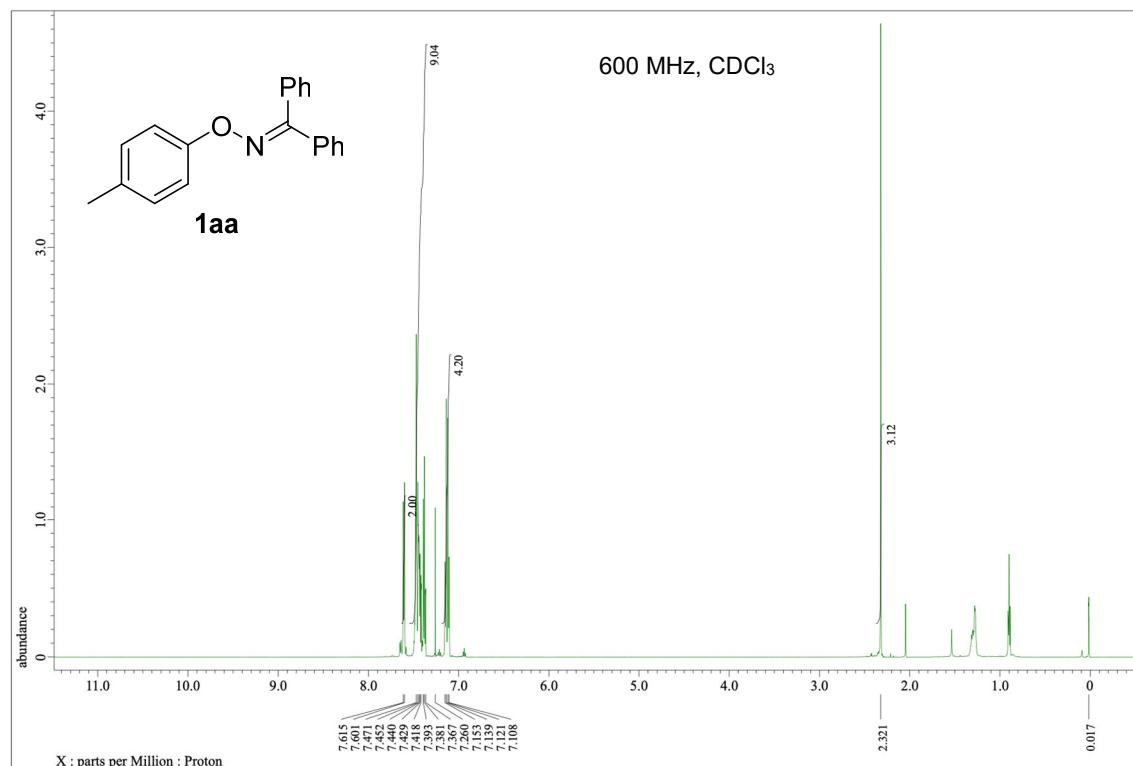


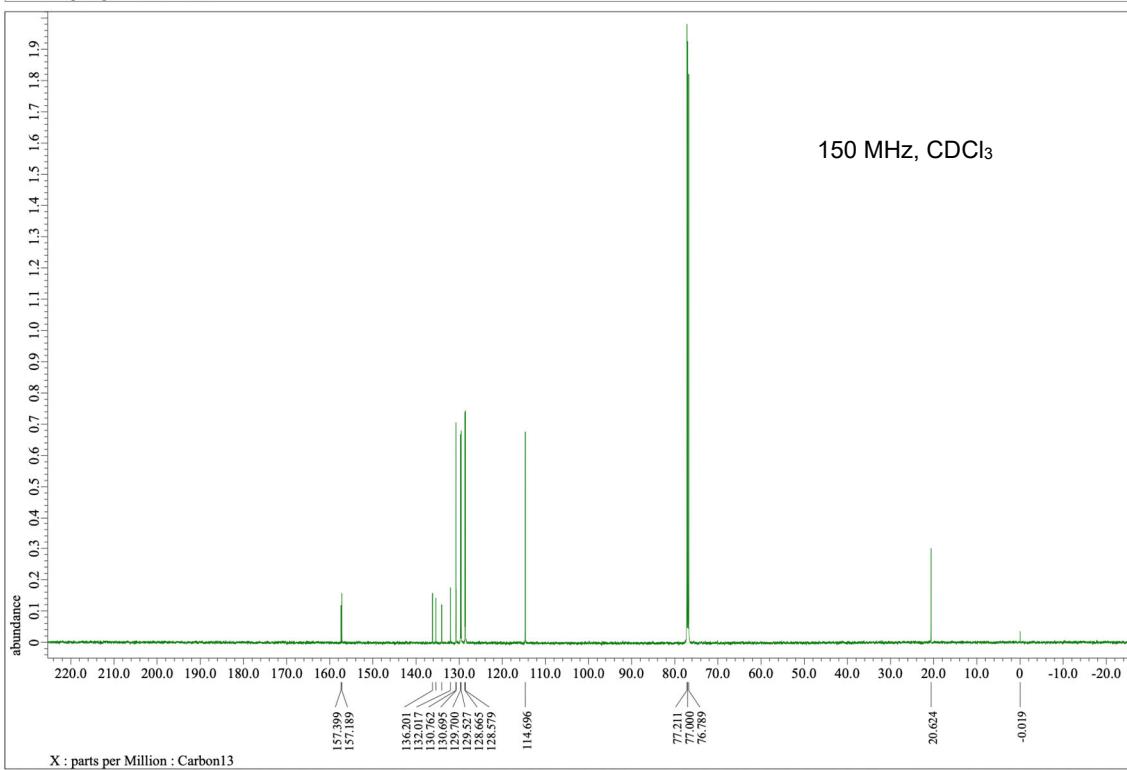
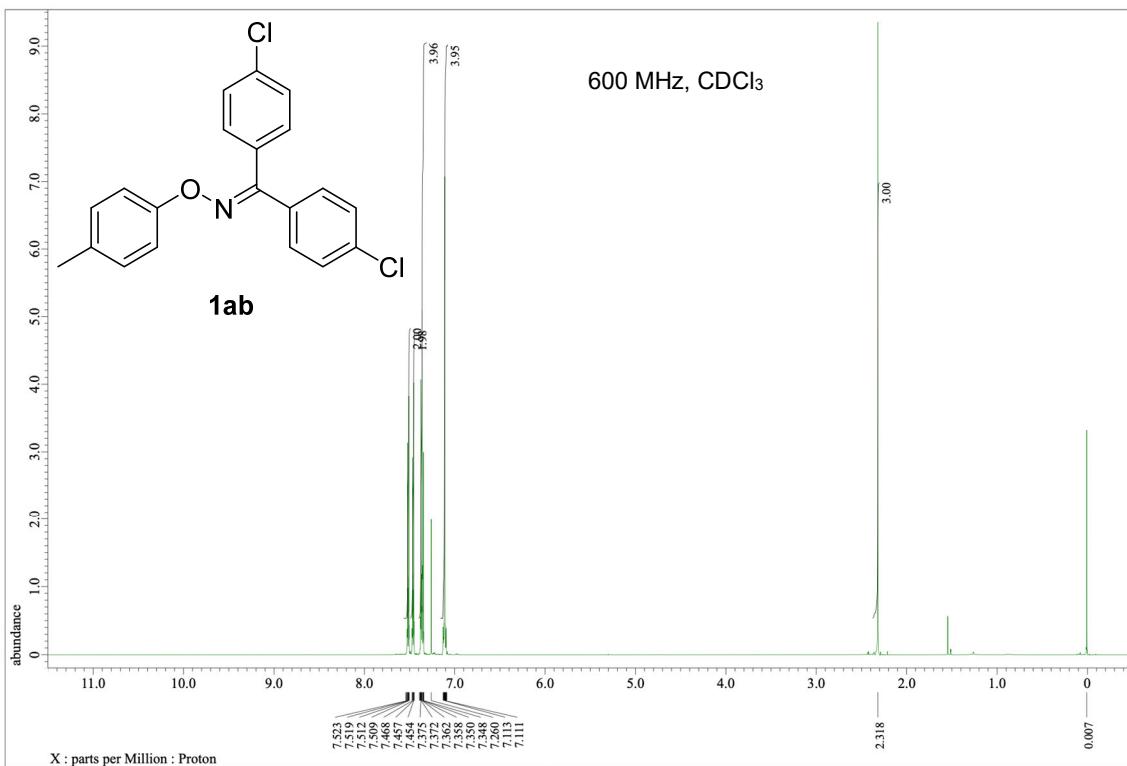
**2-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-6-methylphenol (2sa).** Yellow solid. Melting point: 118.7 °C. Yield: 61% (0.0613 mmol, 17.6 mg, 0.1 mmol scale). R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5 [hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (v/v)]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.76-7.75 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.98 (brs, 1H), 6.84-6.82 (d, J = 7.6, 1H), 6.40-6.37 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.05-6.04 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.8, 150.2, 139.9, 136.5, 134.9, 130.9, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 123.6, 118.3, 117.9, 15.7. IR (neat) 3914, 3901, 3886, 3855, 3829, 3814, 3772, 3743, 3727, 3697, 3652, 3627, 3589, 3404, 3059, 3027, 2977, 2948, 2916, 2851, 2359, 1899, 1656, 1592, 1571, 1482, 1445, 1318, 1258, 1222, 1181, 1159, 1113, 1076, 1029, 1010, 961, 934, 835, 770, 743, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>): 287.1310, found: 287.1310.

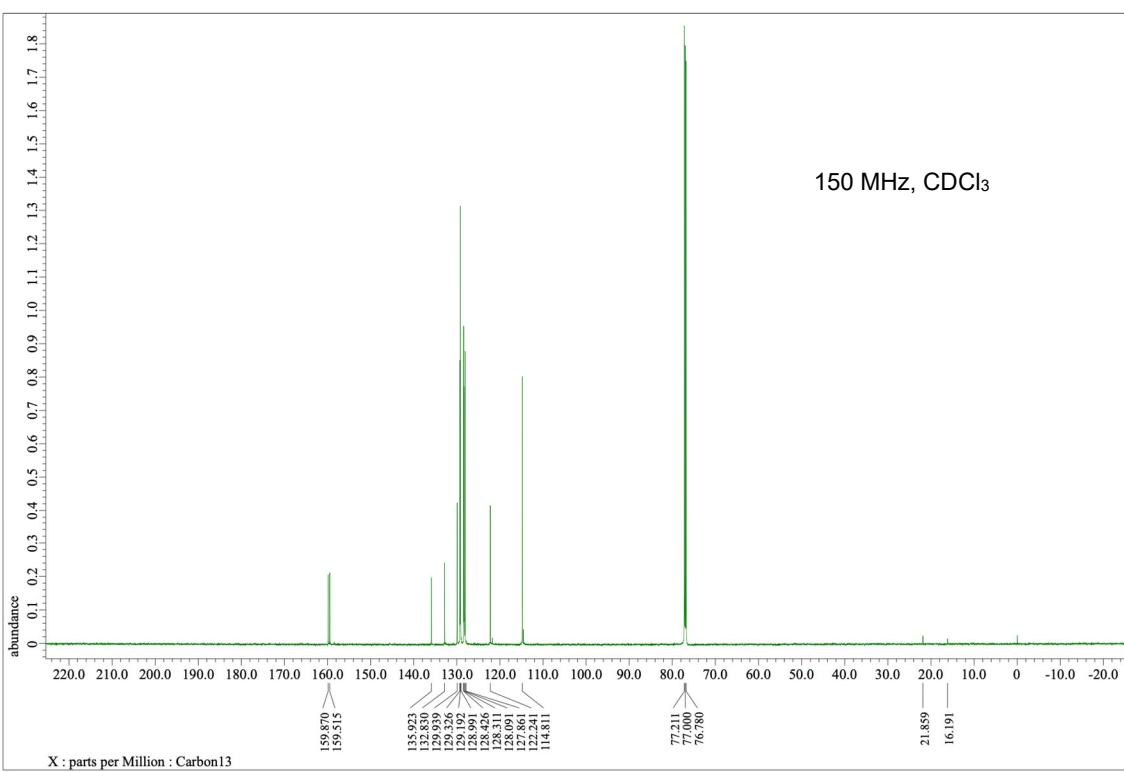
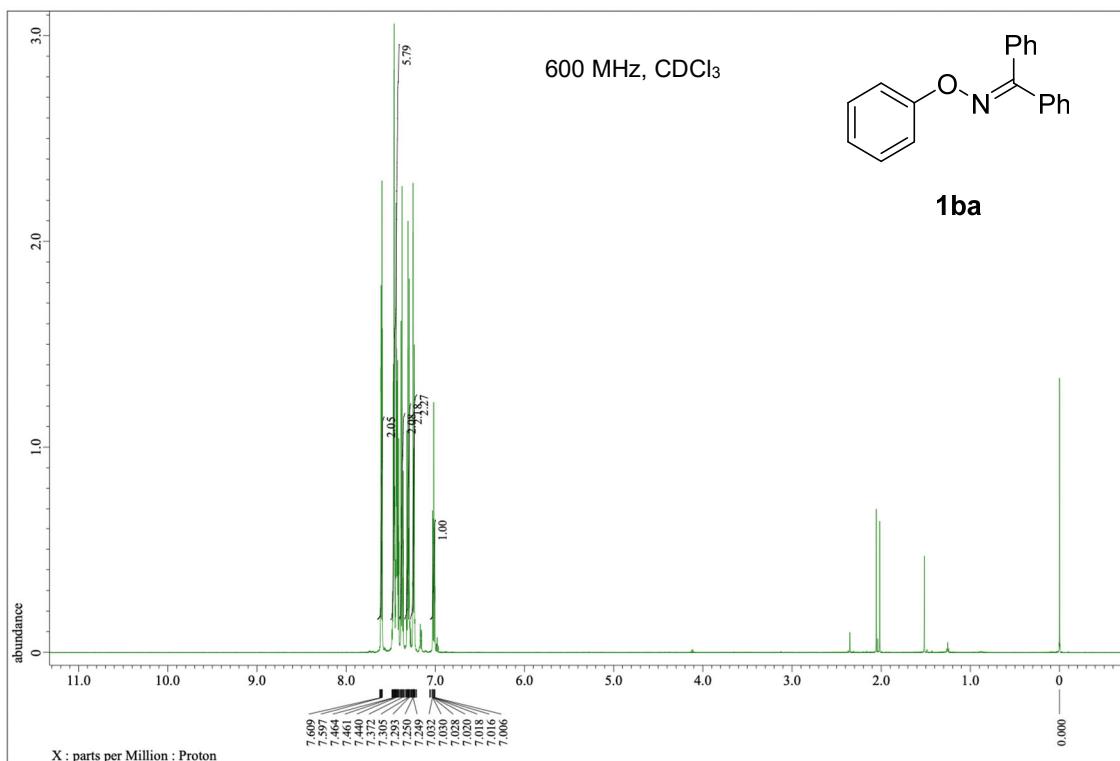


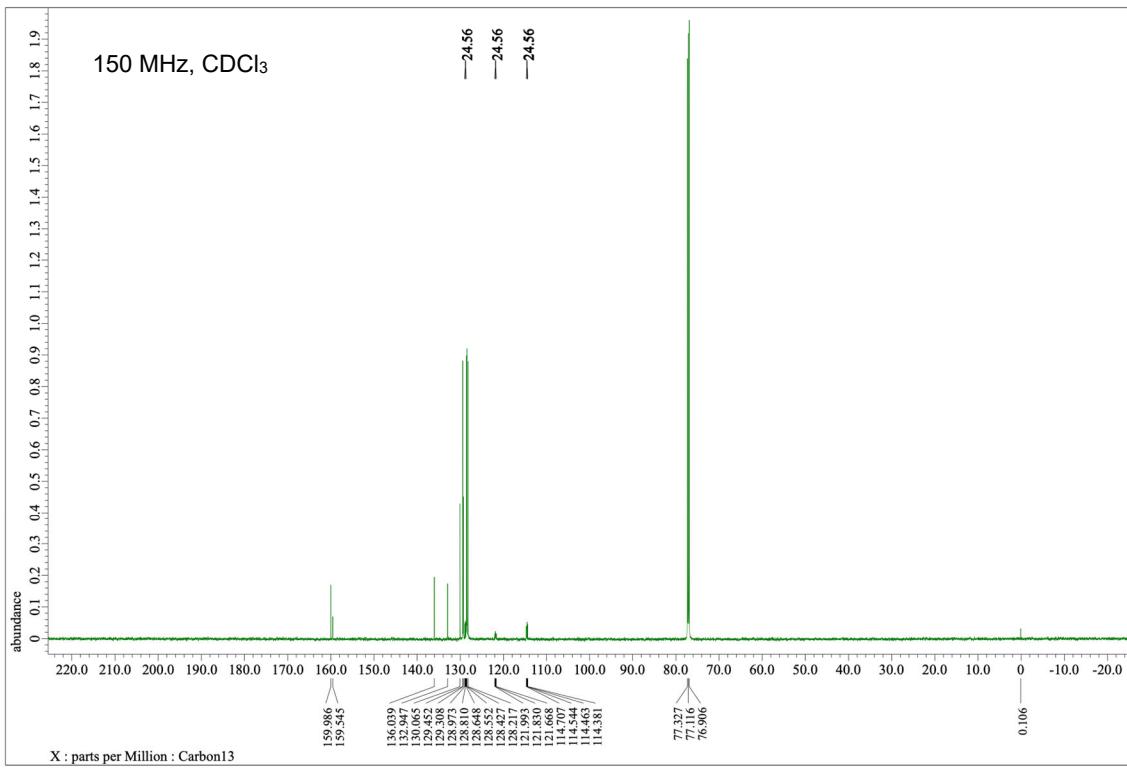
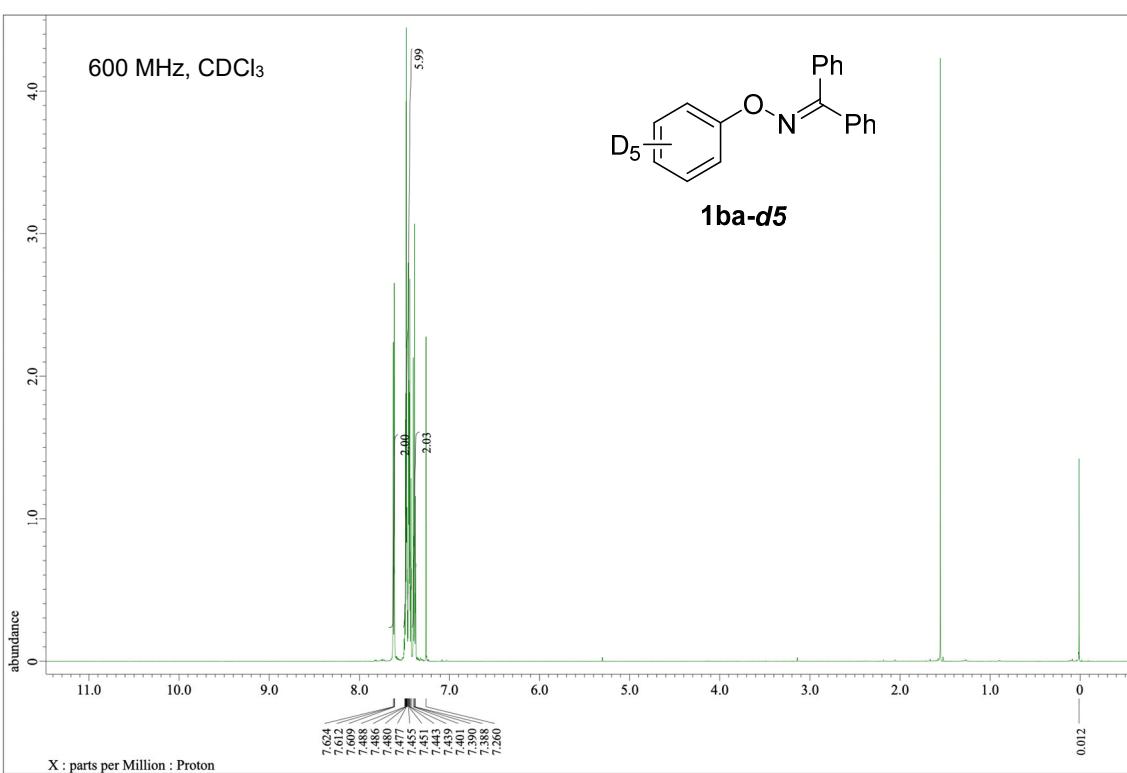
**6-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-6-methylcyclohexa-2,4-dien-1-one (3sa).** Yellow oil. Yield: 6% (0.006 mmol, 1.7 mg, 0.1 mmol scale). R<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 [hexane/EtOAc = 3:1 (v/v)]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.62-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.98-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.60-6.57 (ddd, J = 9.6, 6.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.34-6.32 (m, 1H), 5.80-5.78 (ddd, J = 9.6, 5.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.66-5.65 (m, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 204.2, 146.7, 140.4, 139.7, 138.8, 130.4, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.5, 125.5, 118.1, 69.5, 29.9. IR (neat) 3989, 3969, 3950, 3905, 3891, 3880, 3863, 3842, 3820, 3785, 3761, 3737, 3680, 3643, 3612, 3592, 3567, 3504, 3055, 2924, 2367, 2349, 2310, 1663, 1628, 1554, 1490, 1445, 1413, 1314, 1281, 1036, 769, 699, 636 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (FD) calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO M<sup>+</sup> 287.1310, found 287.1309

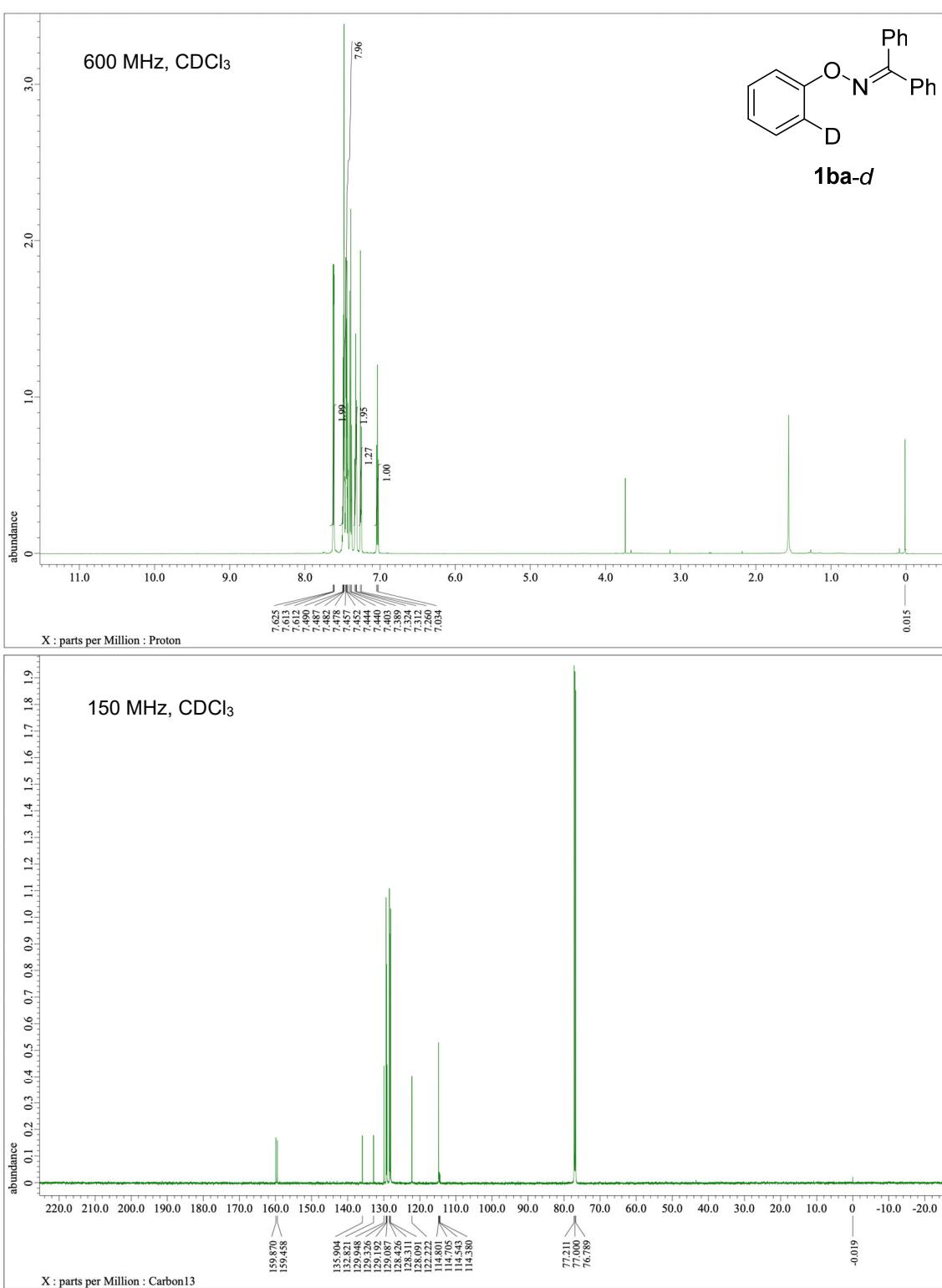
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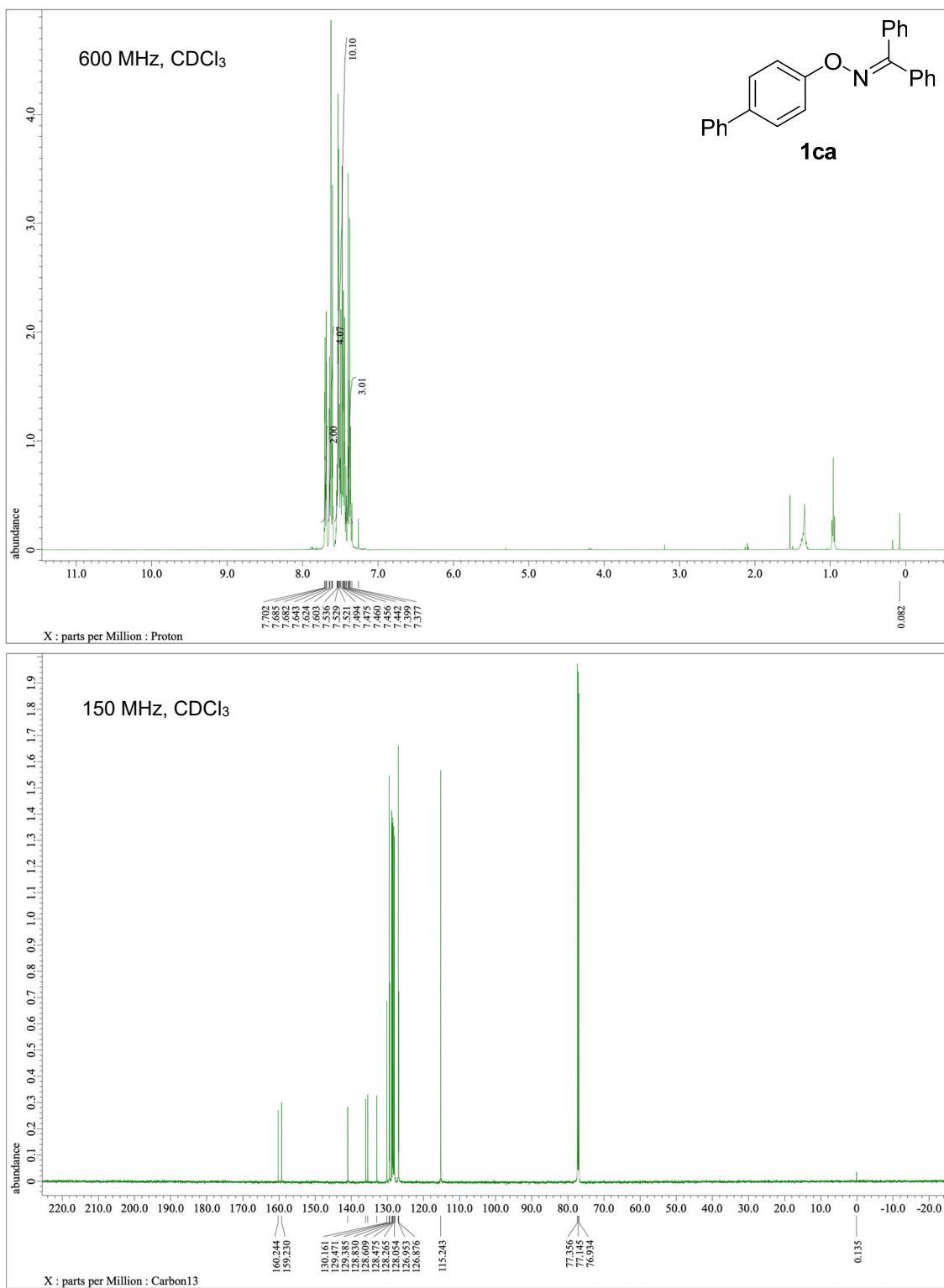


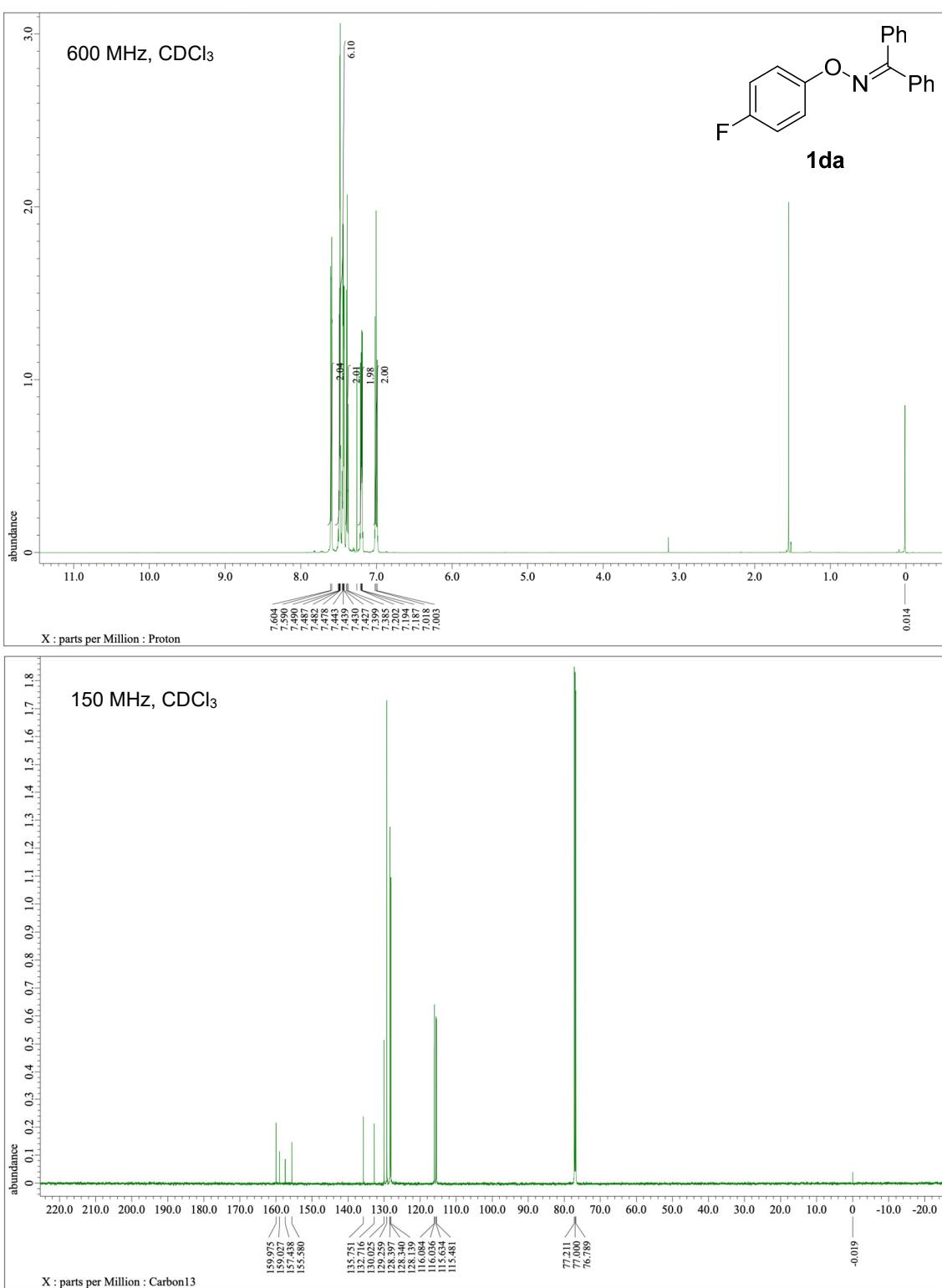


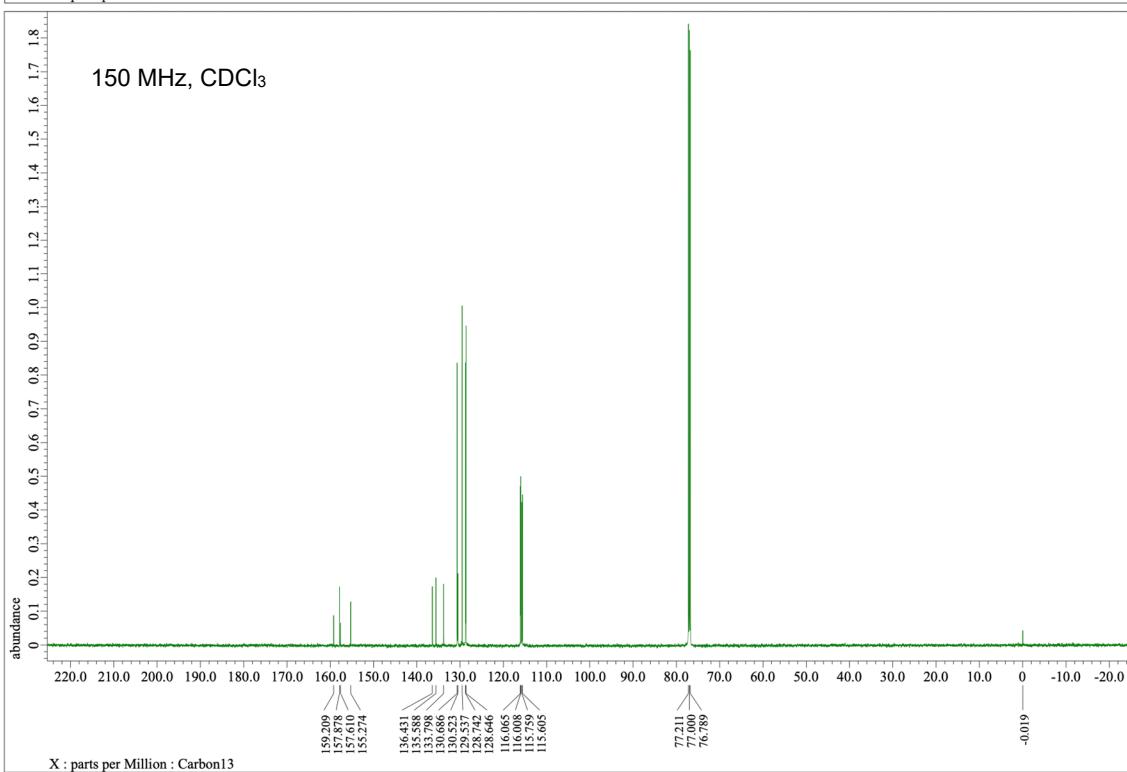
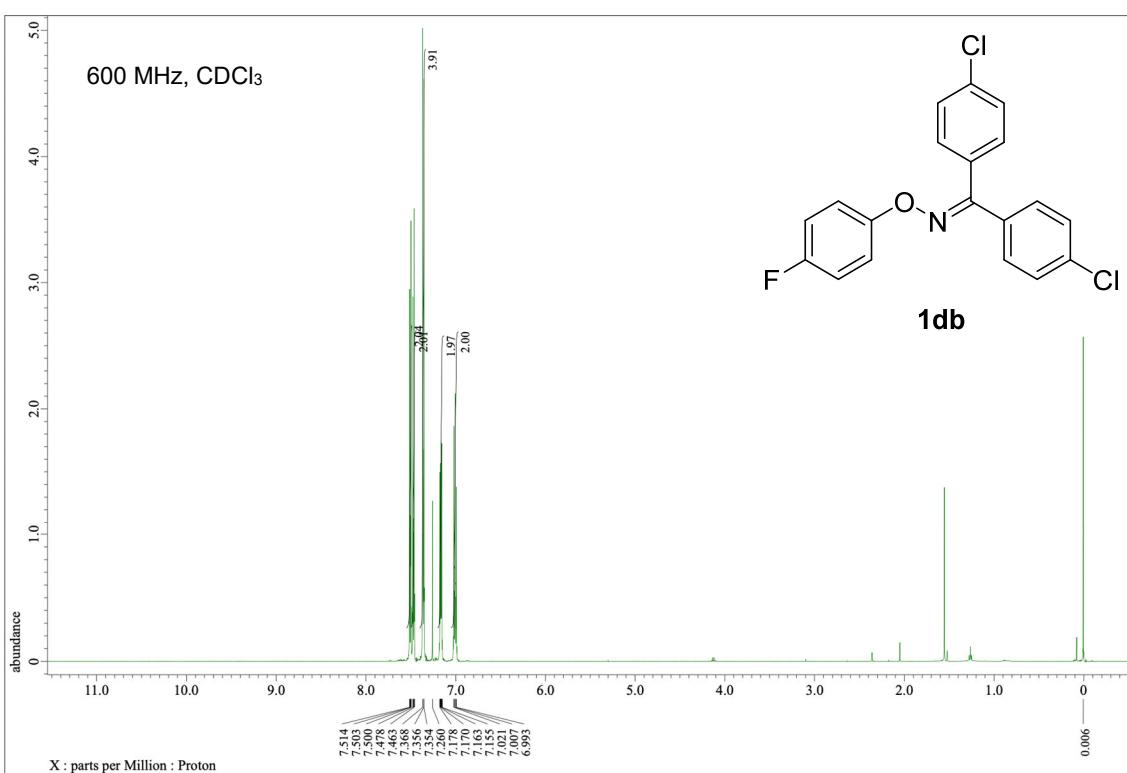


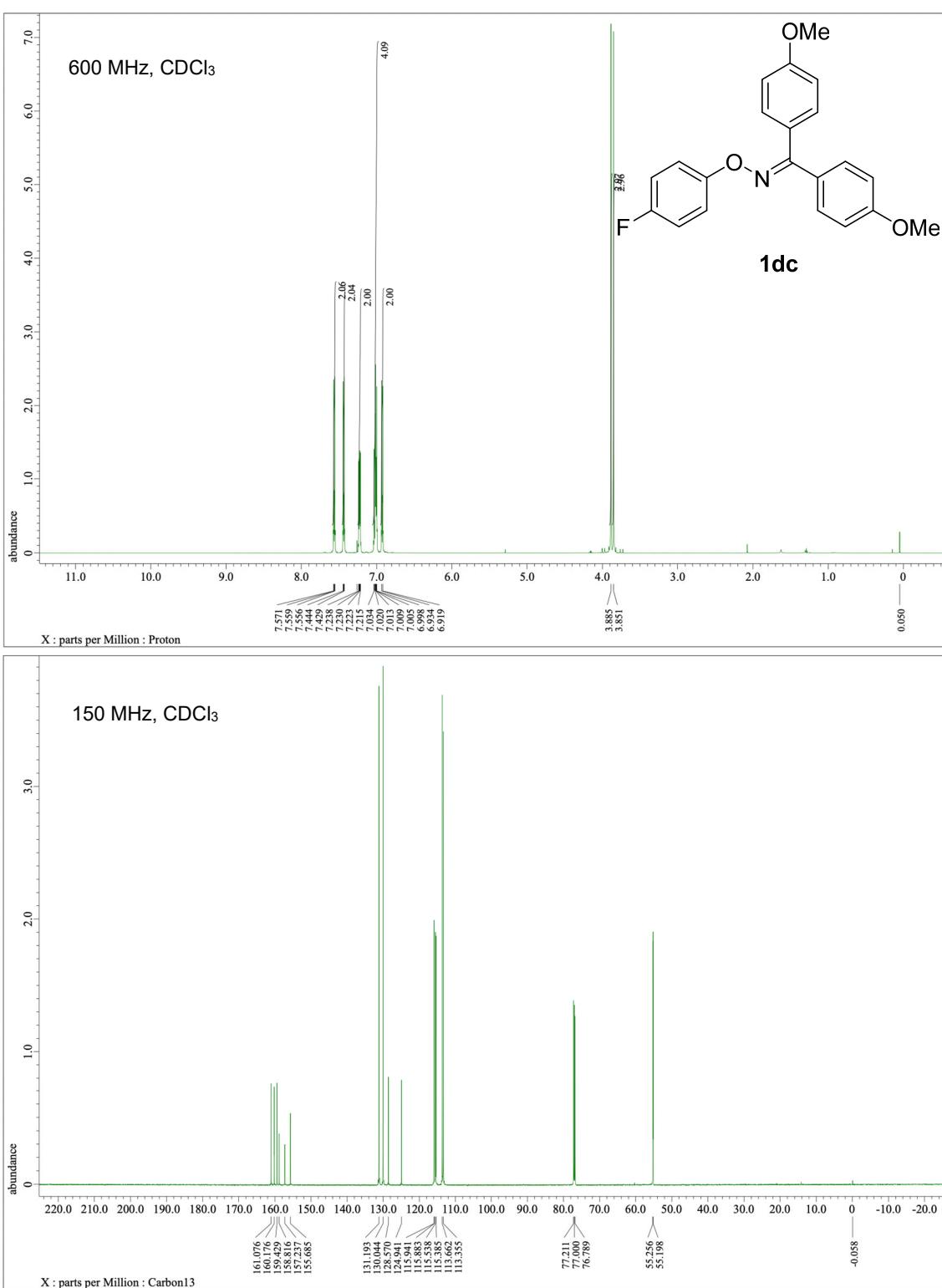


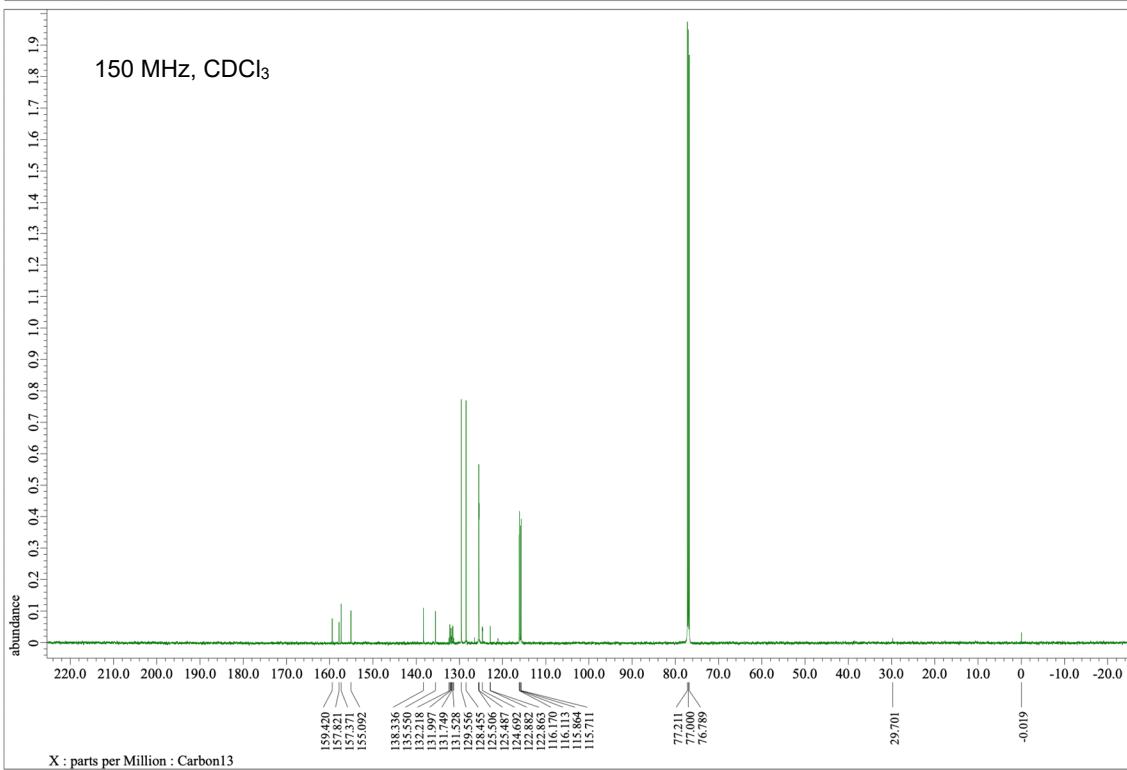
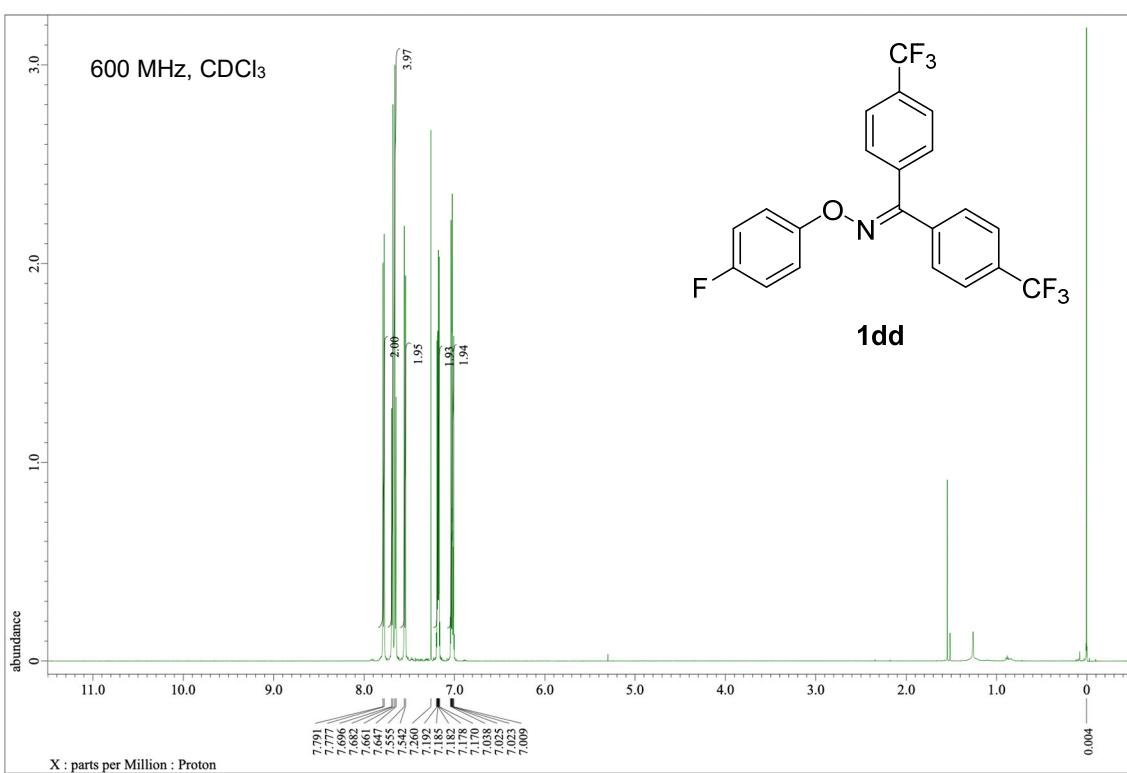


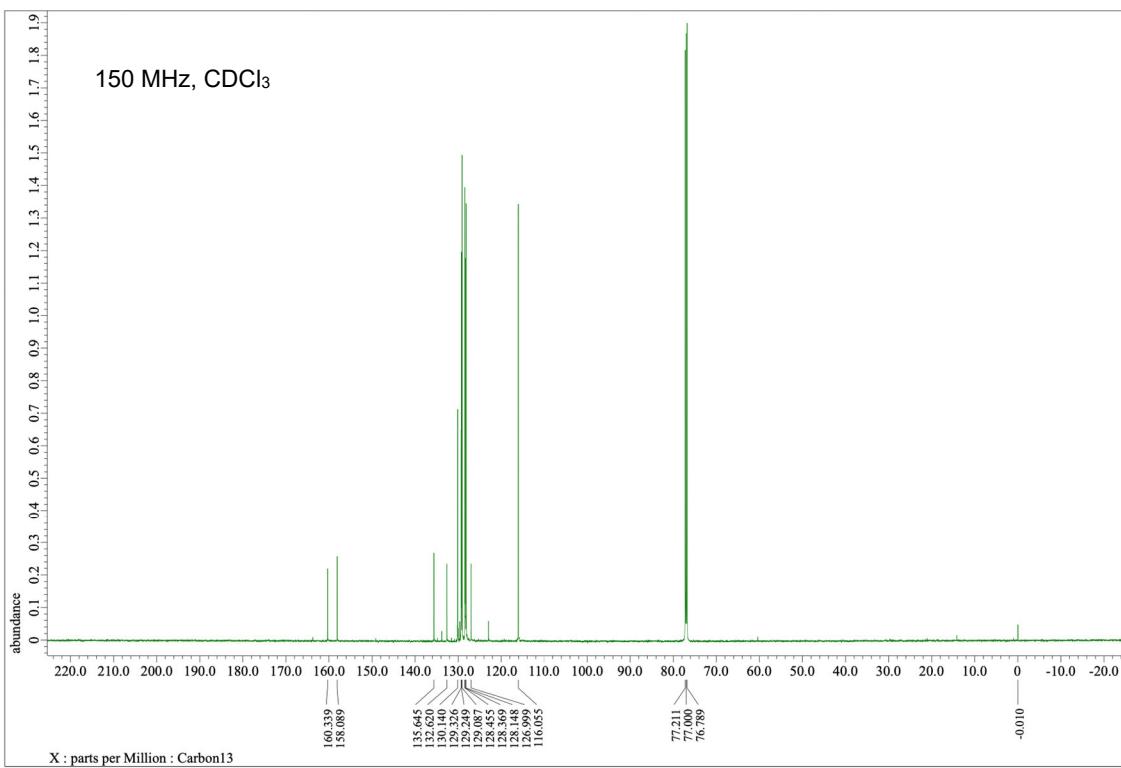
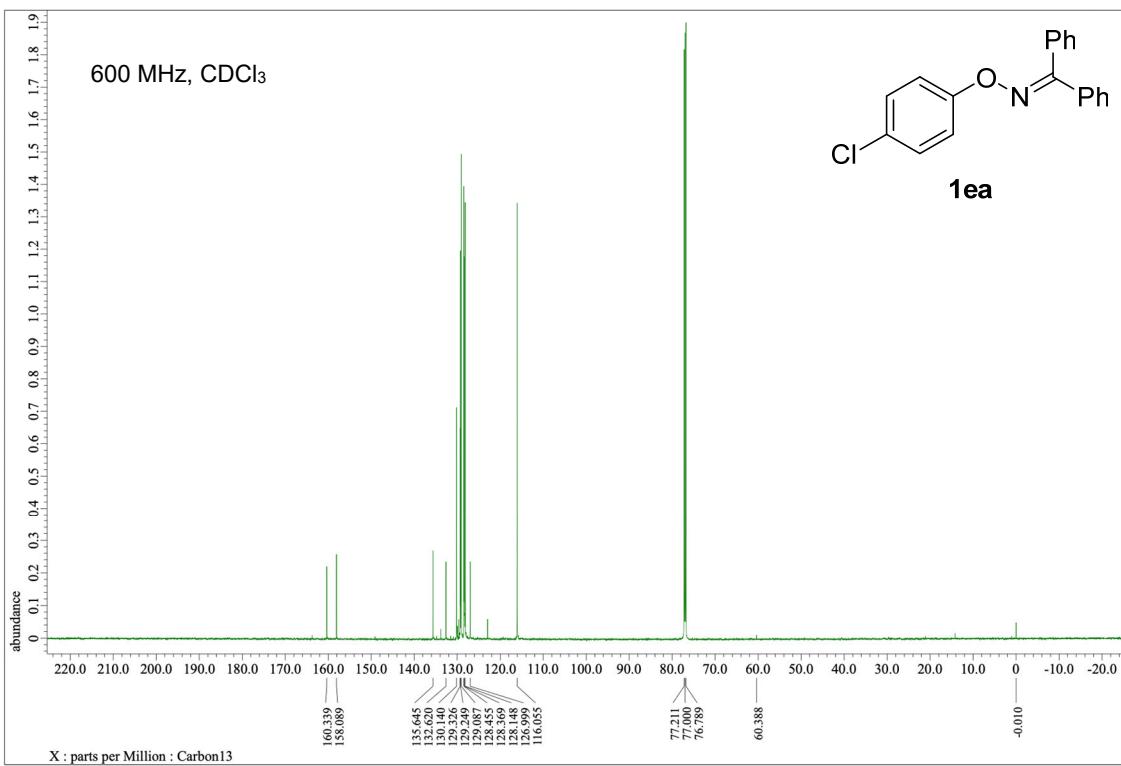


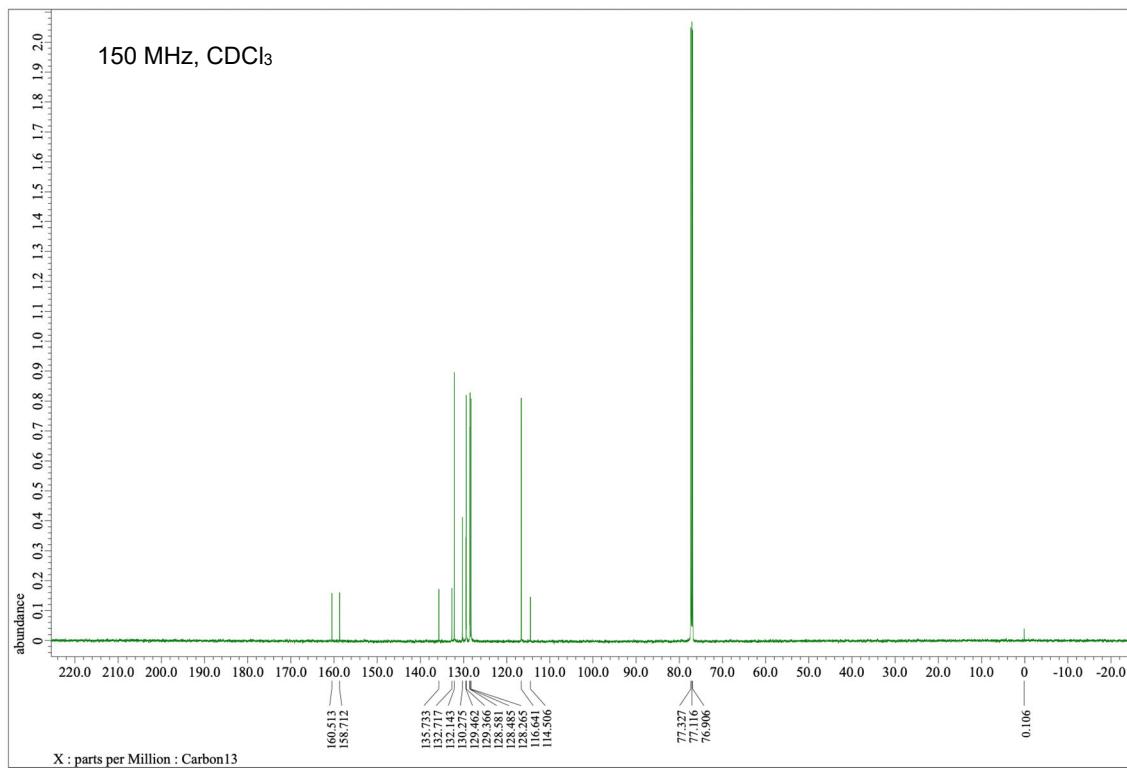
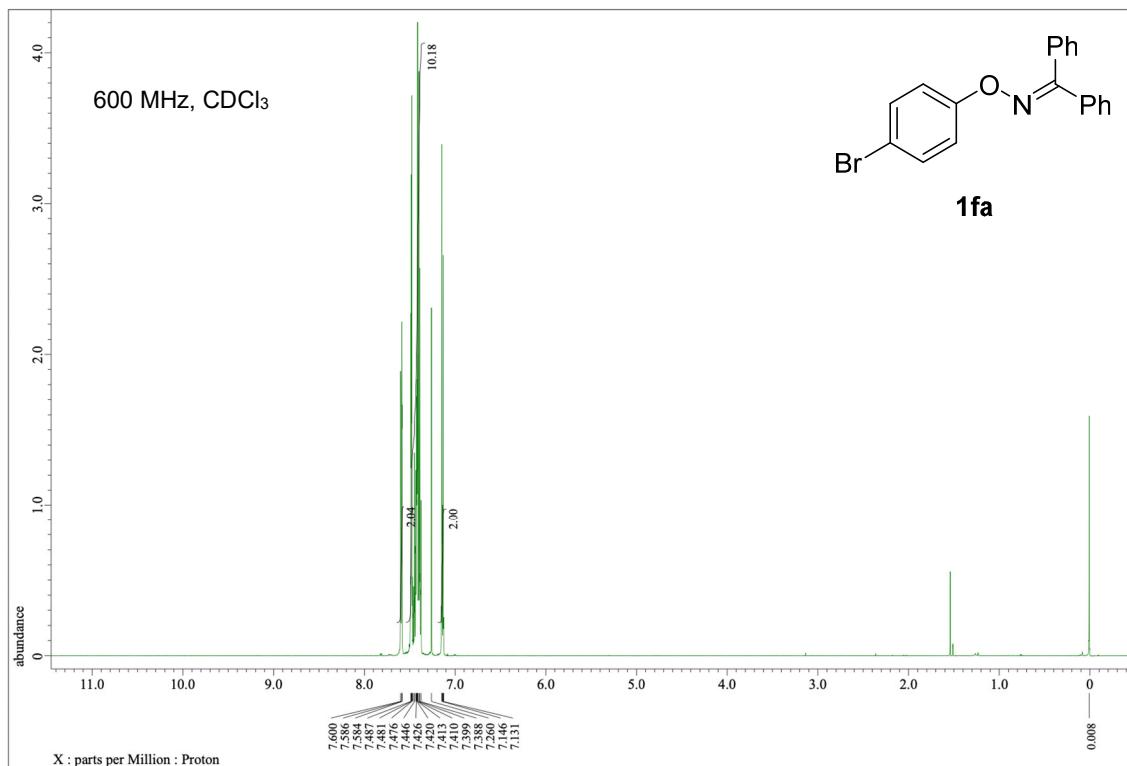


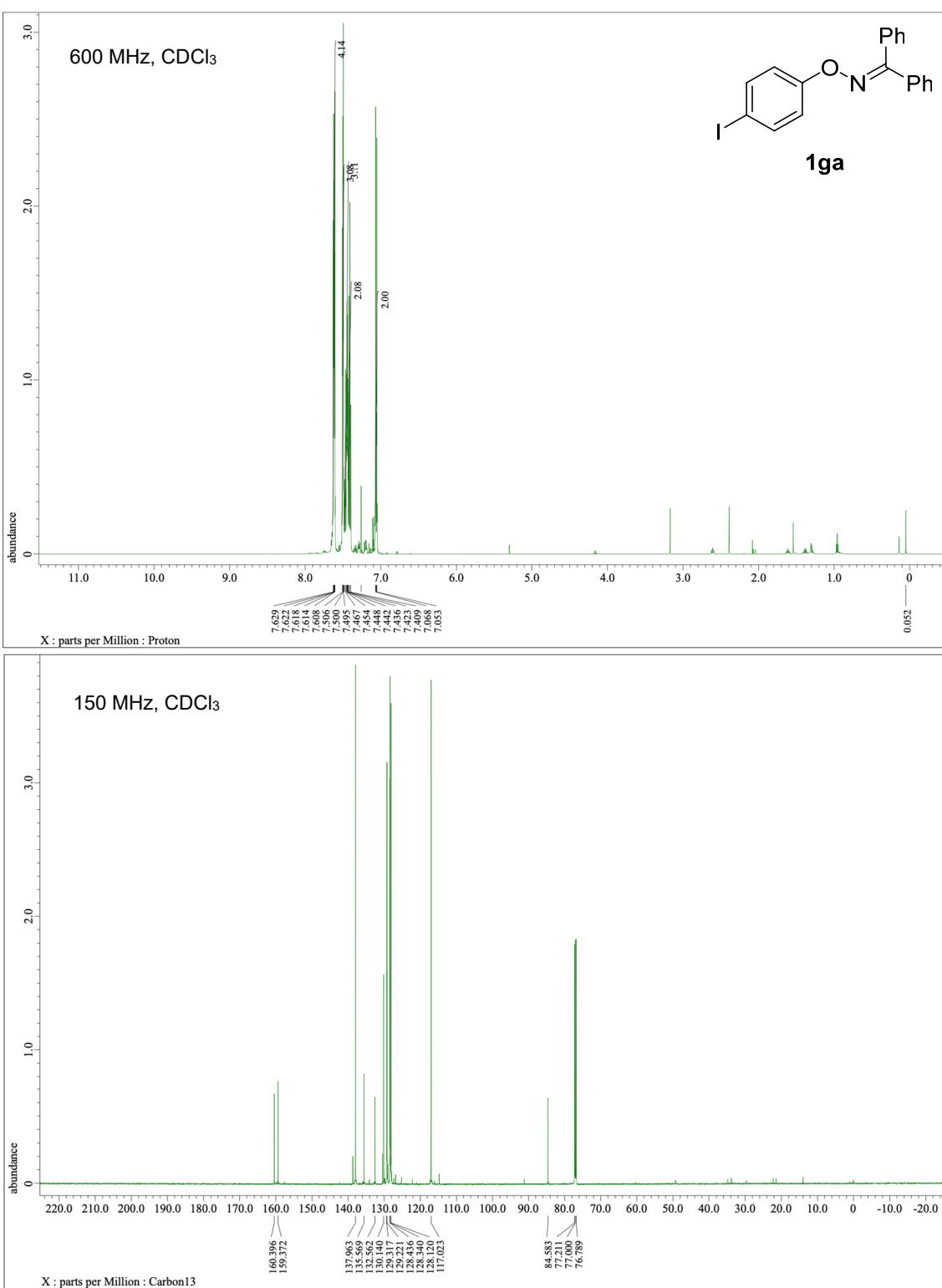


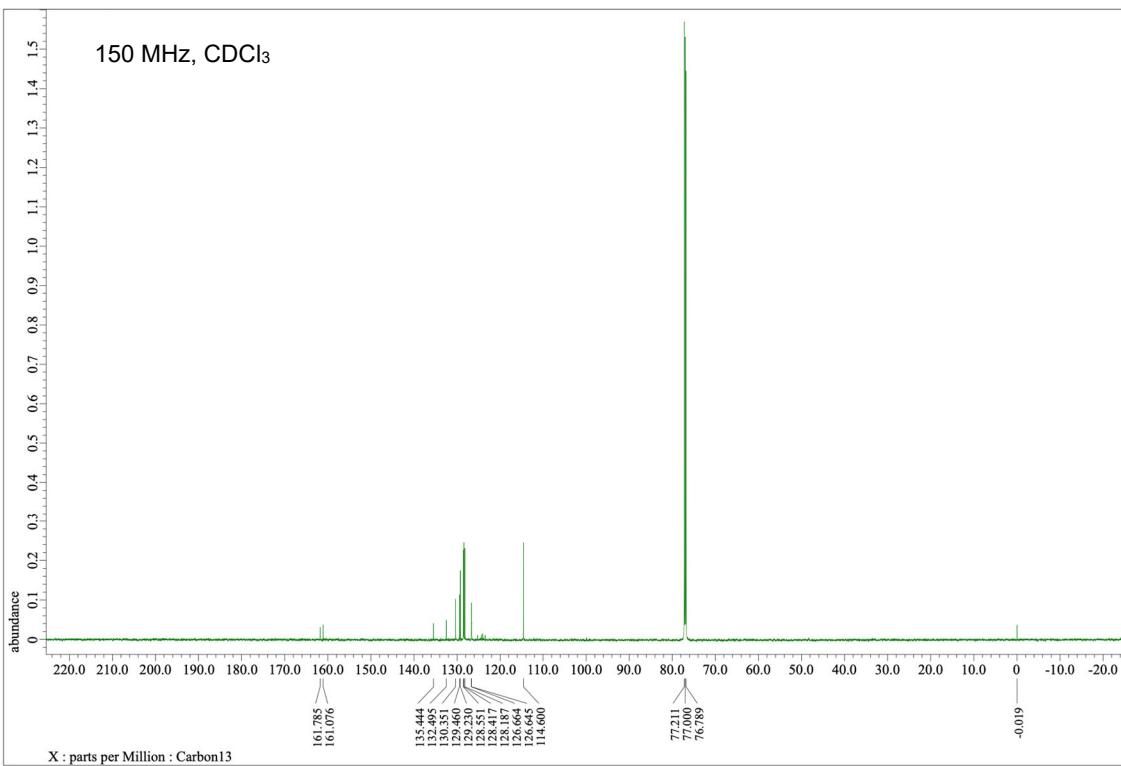
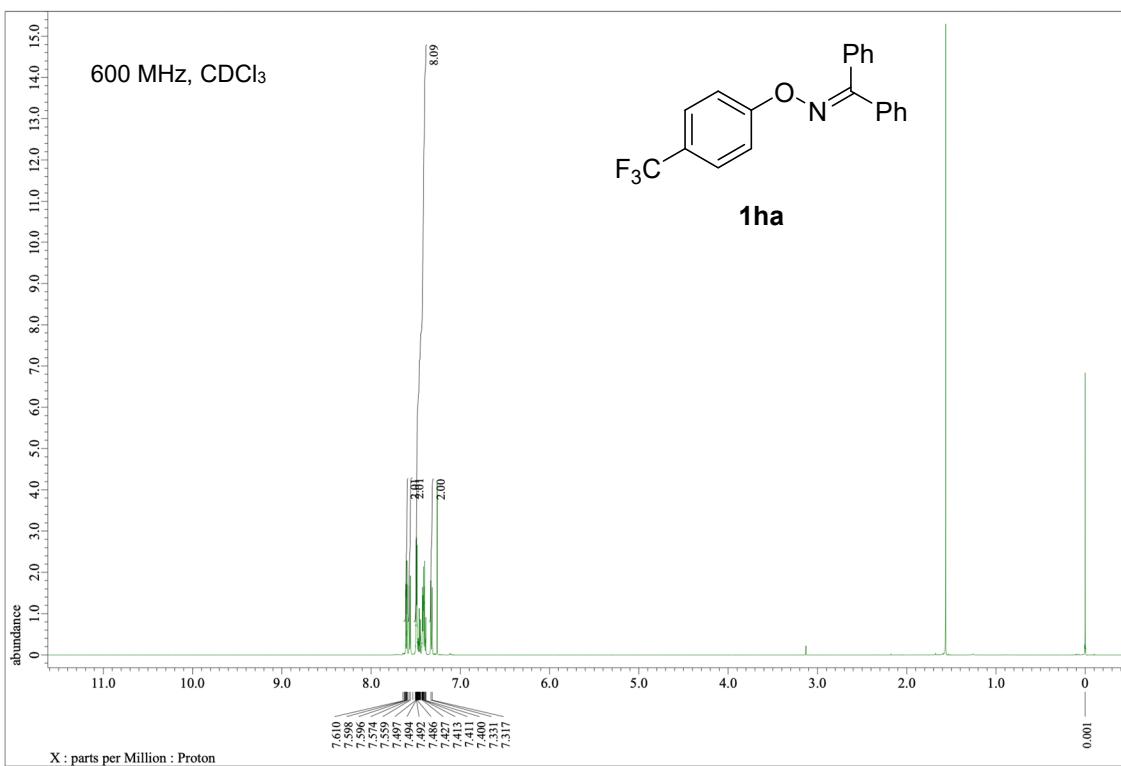


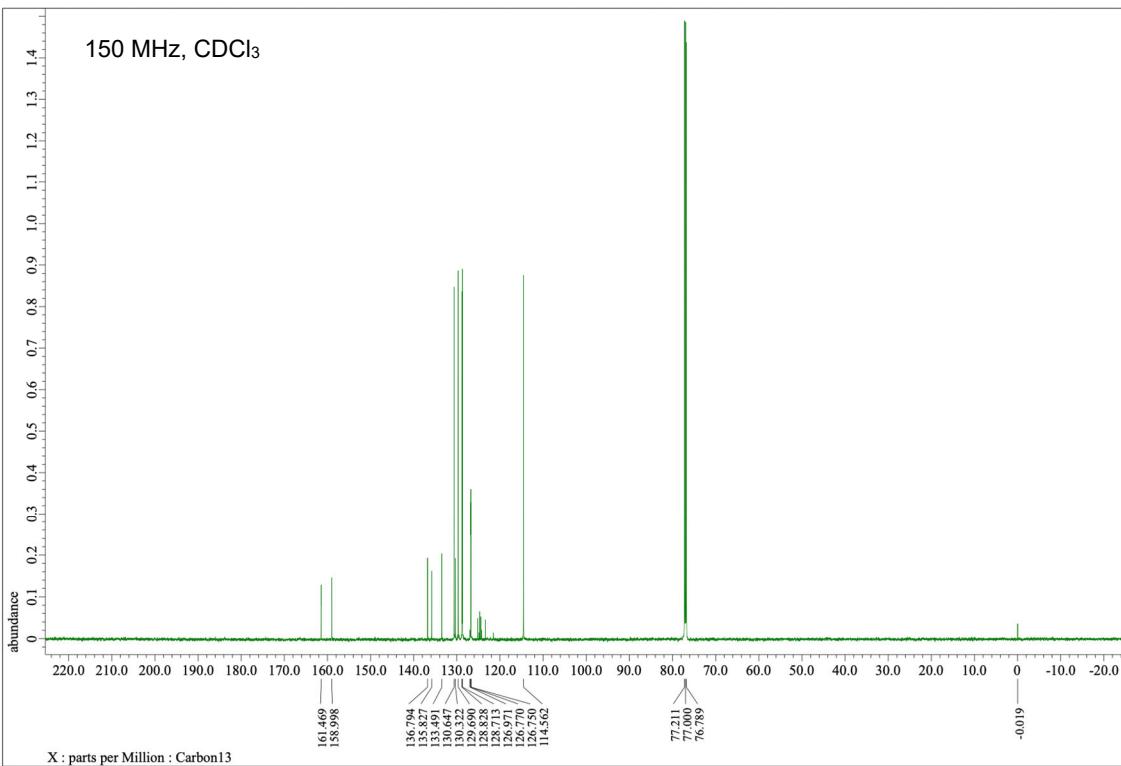
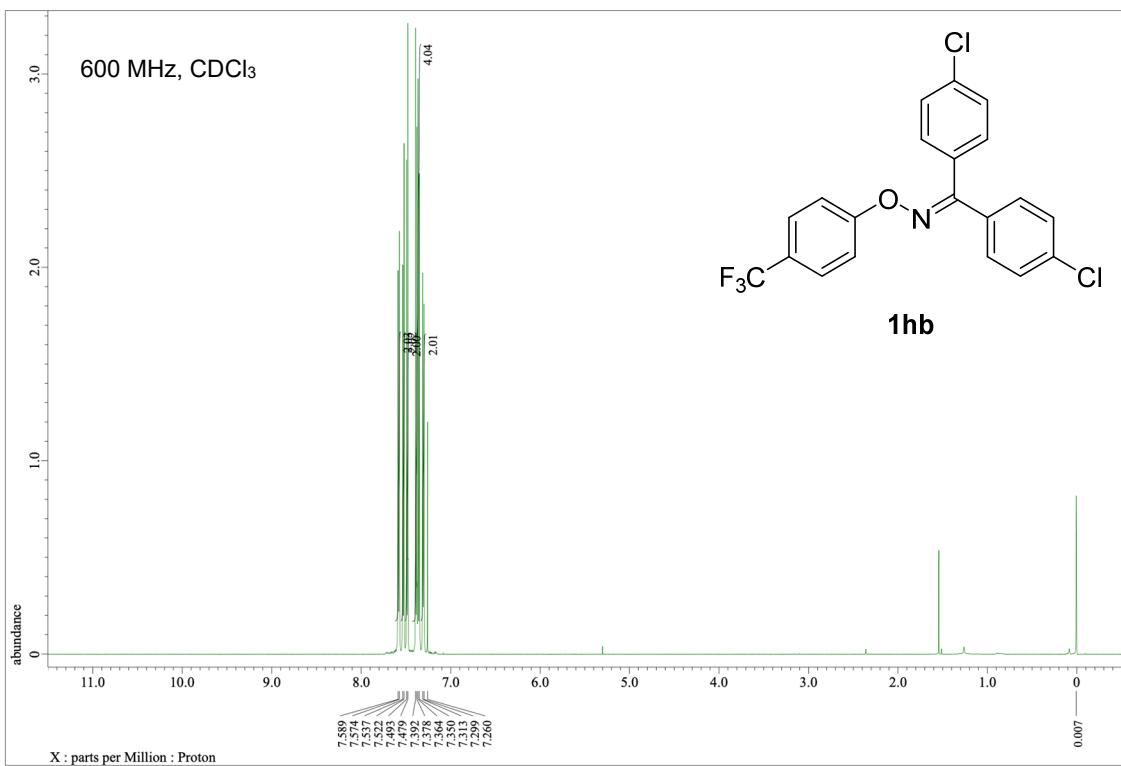


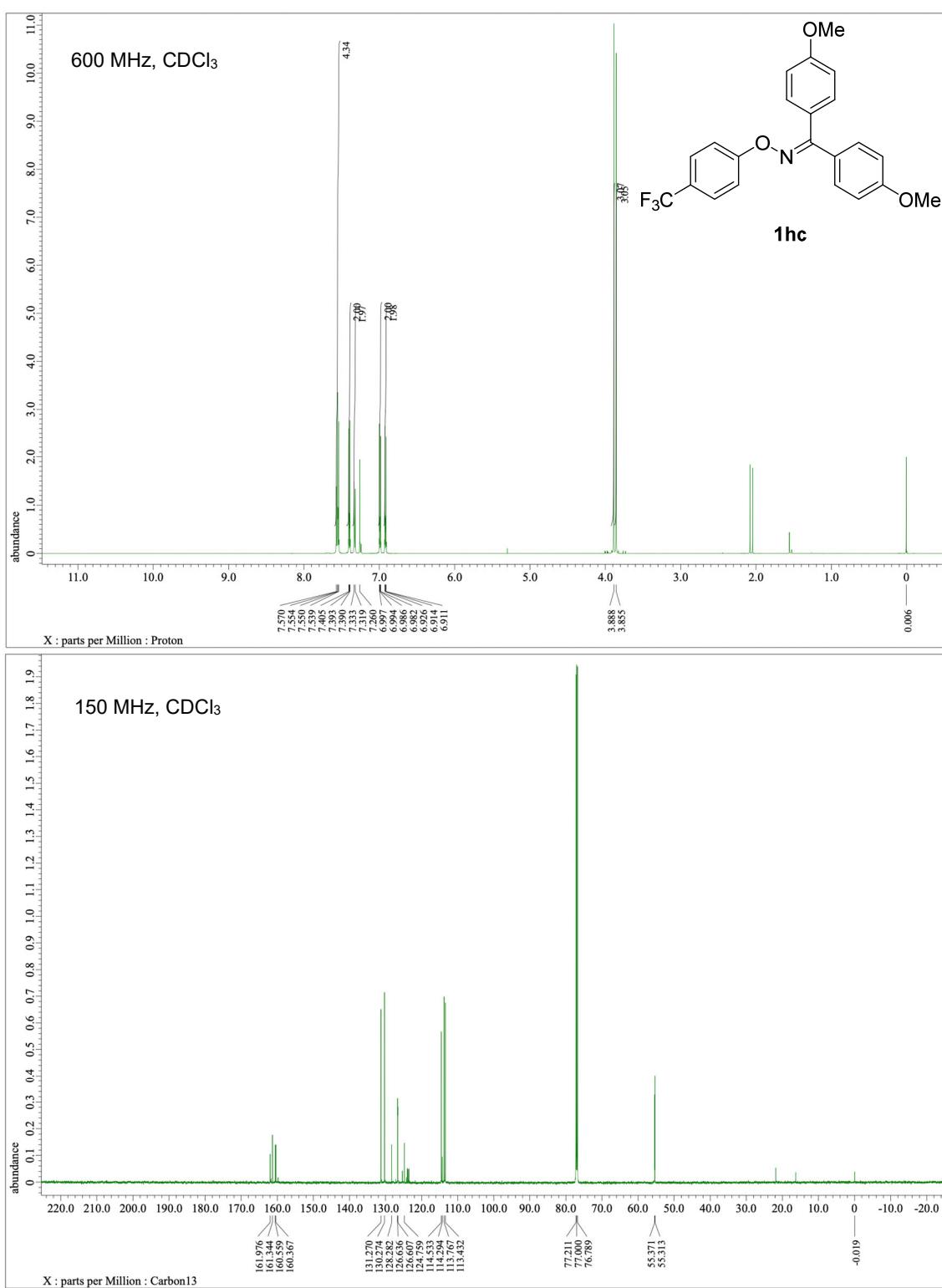


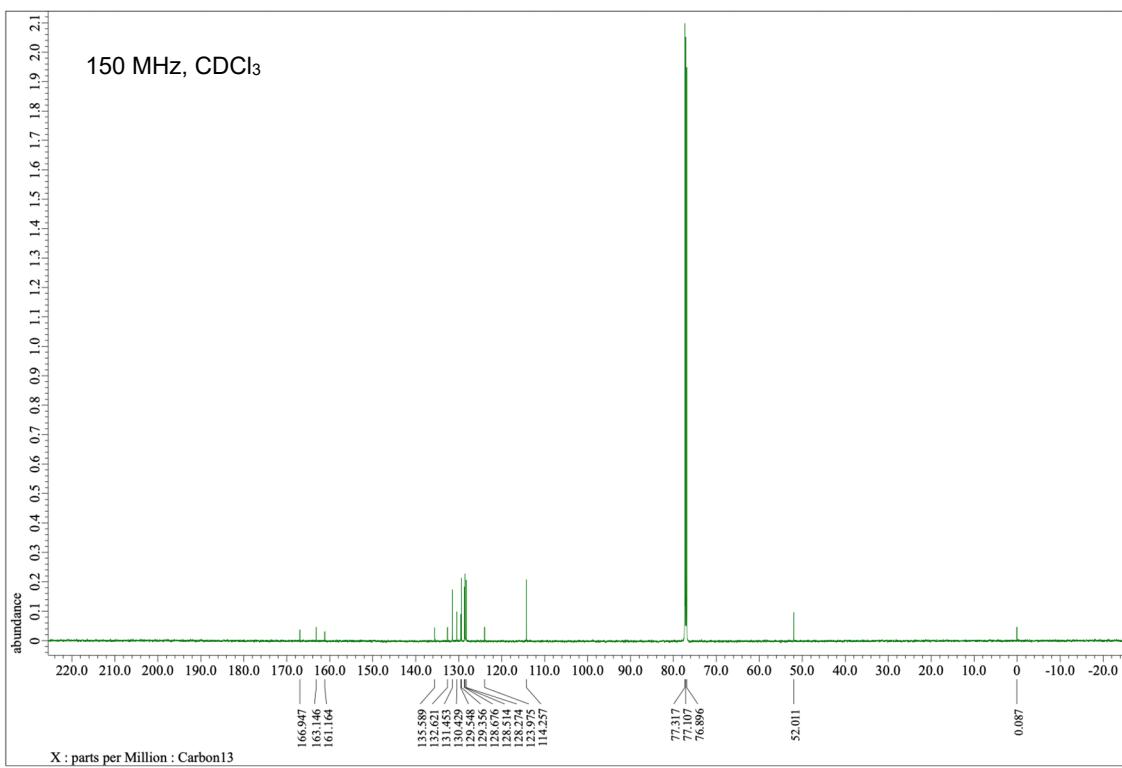
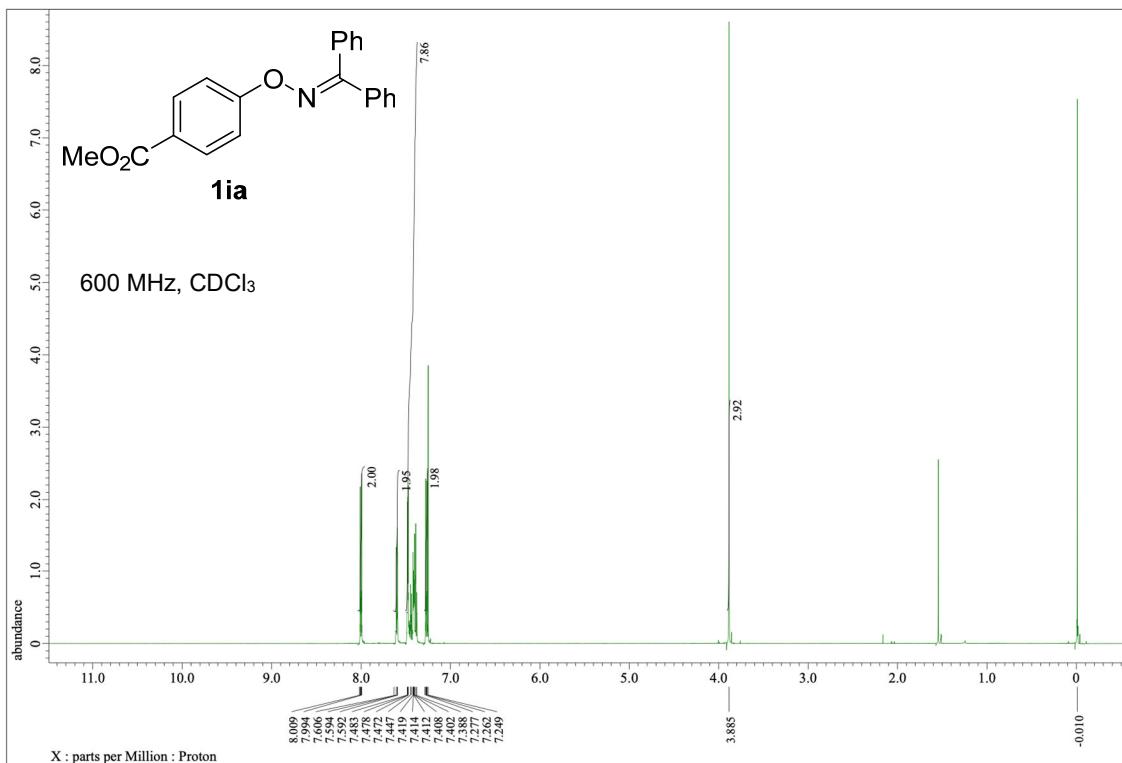


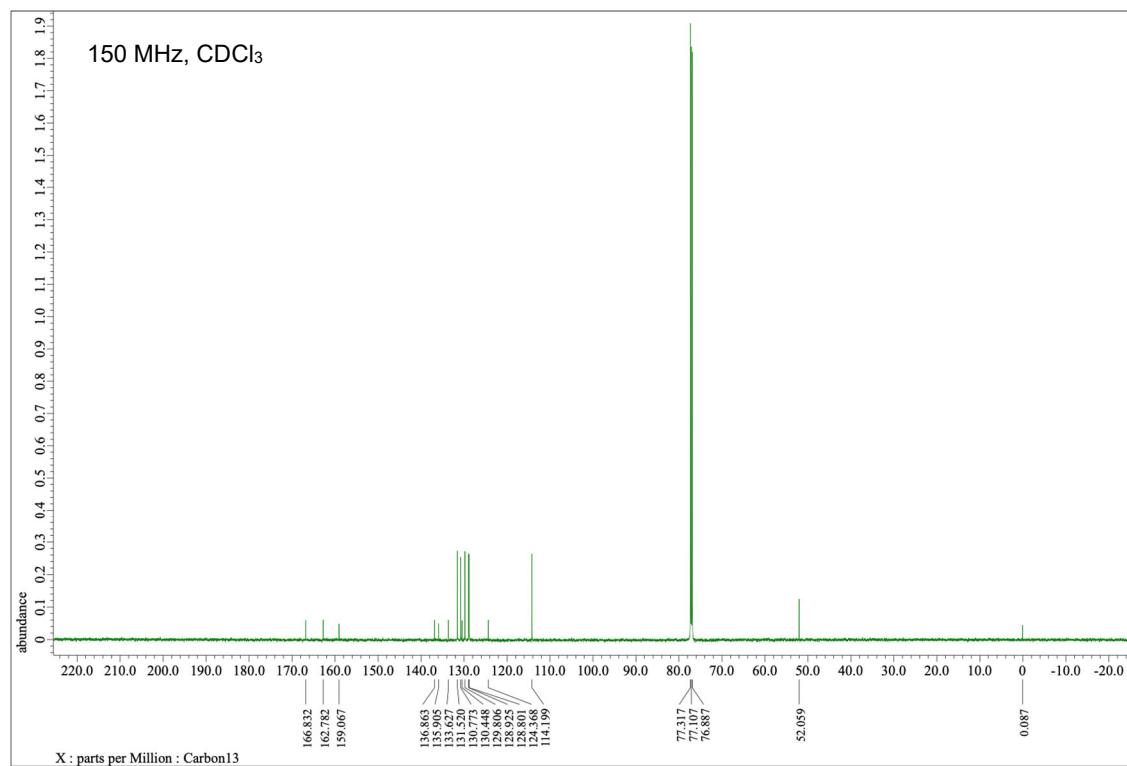
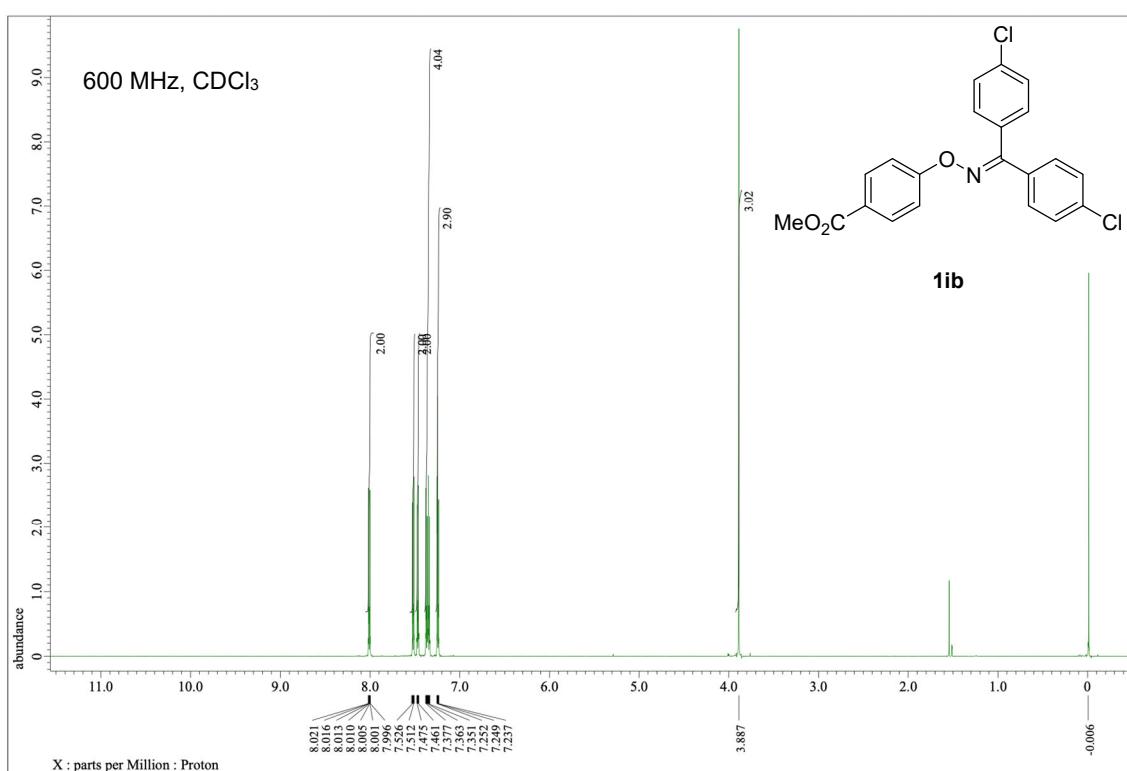


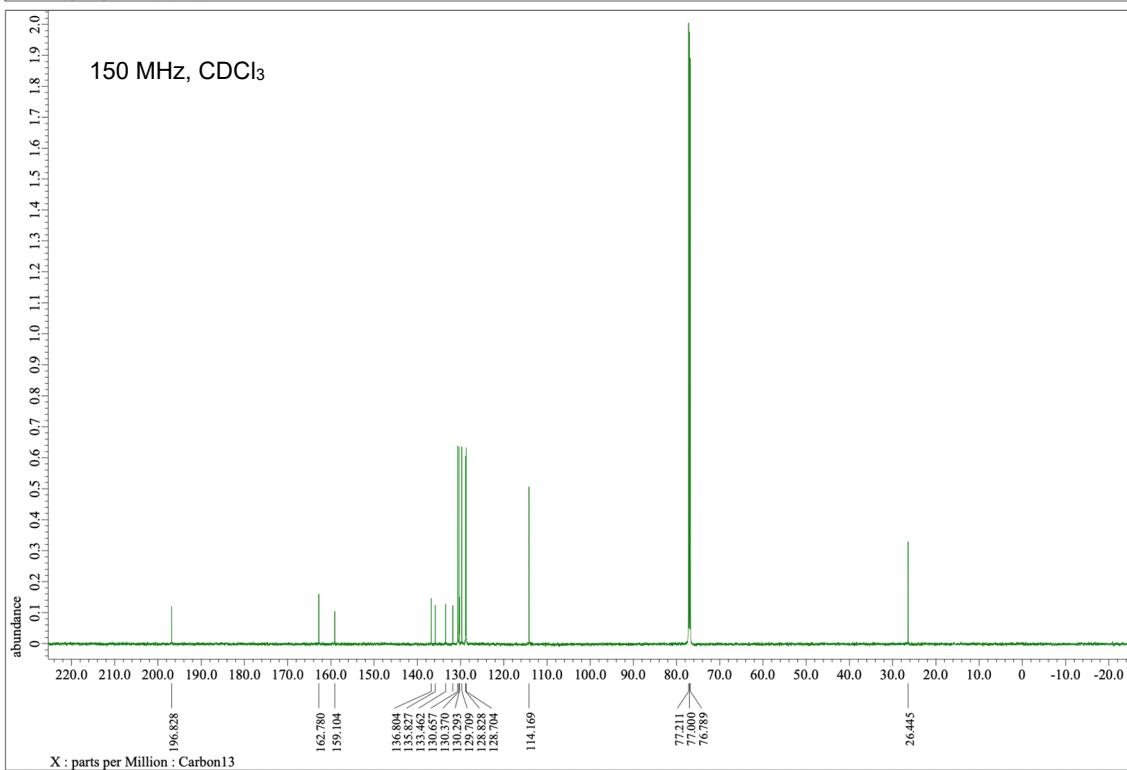
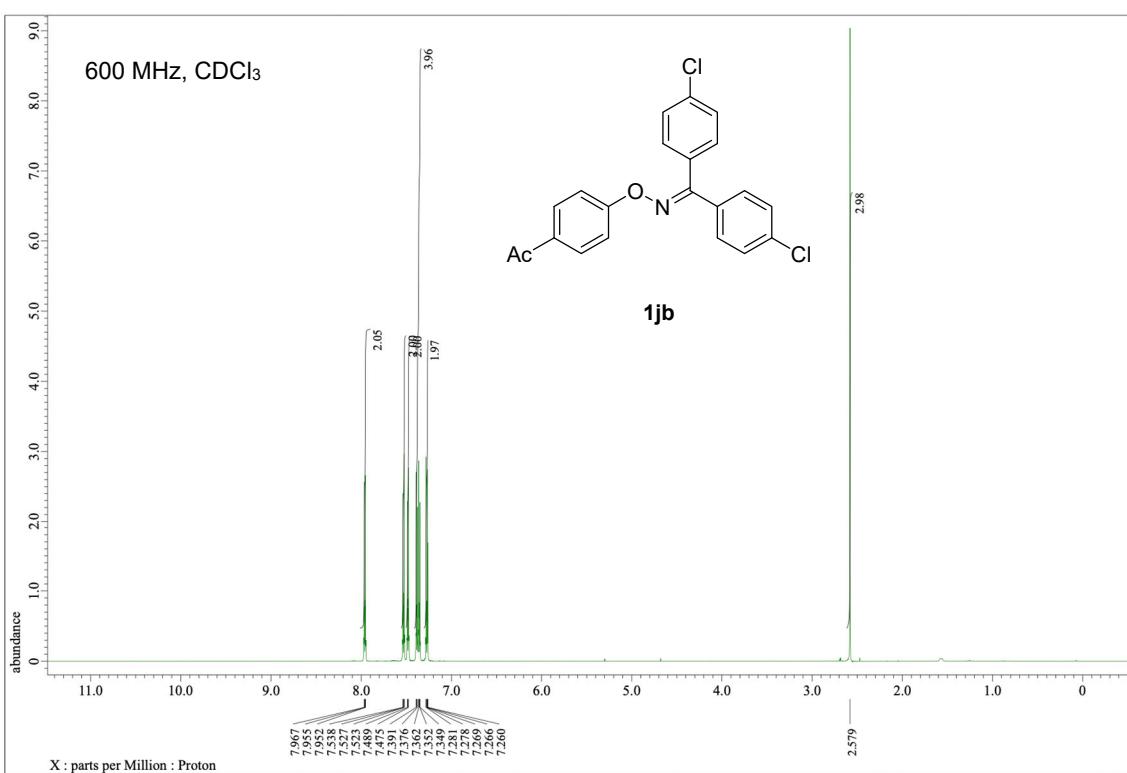


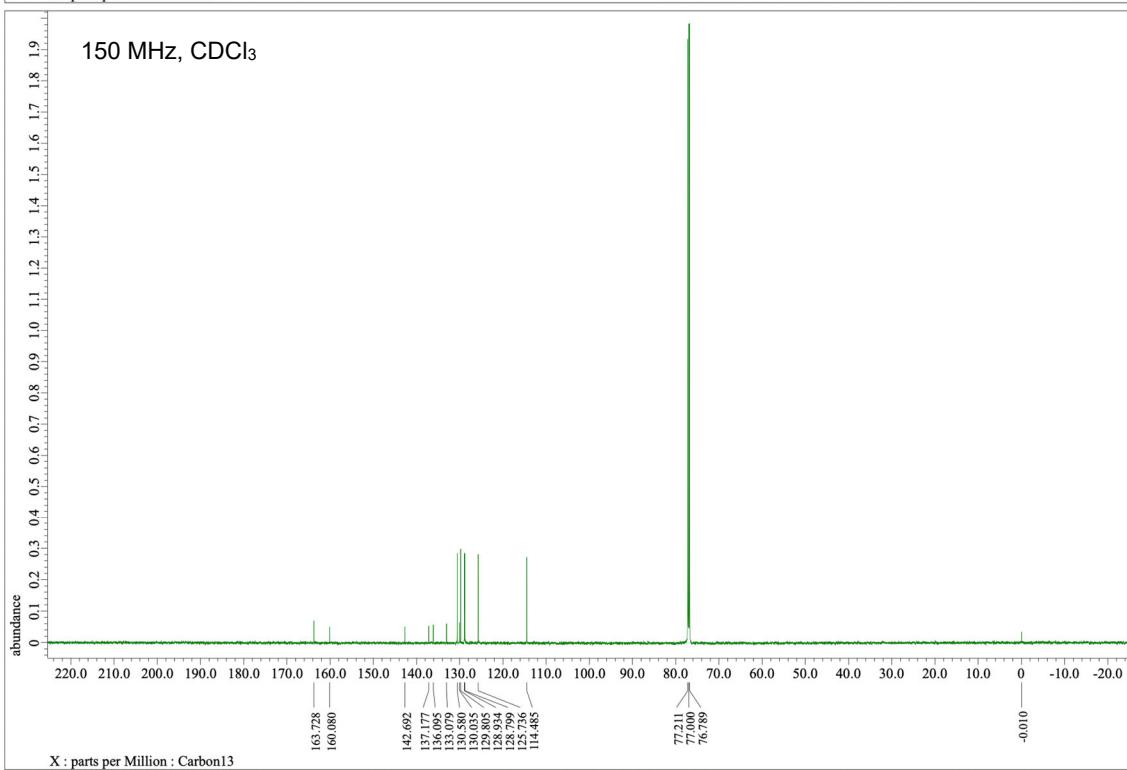
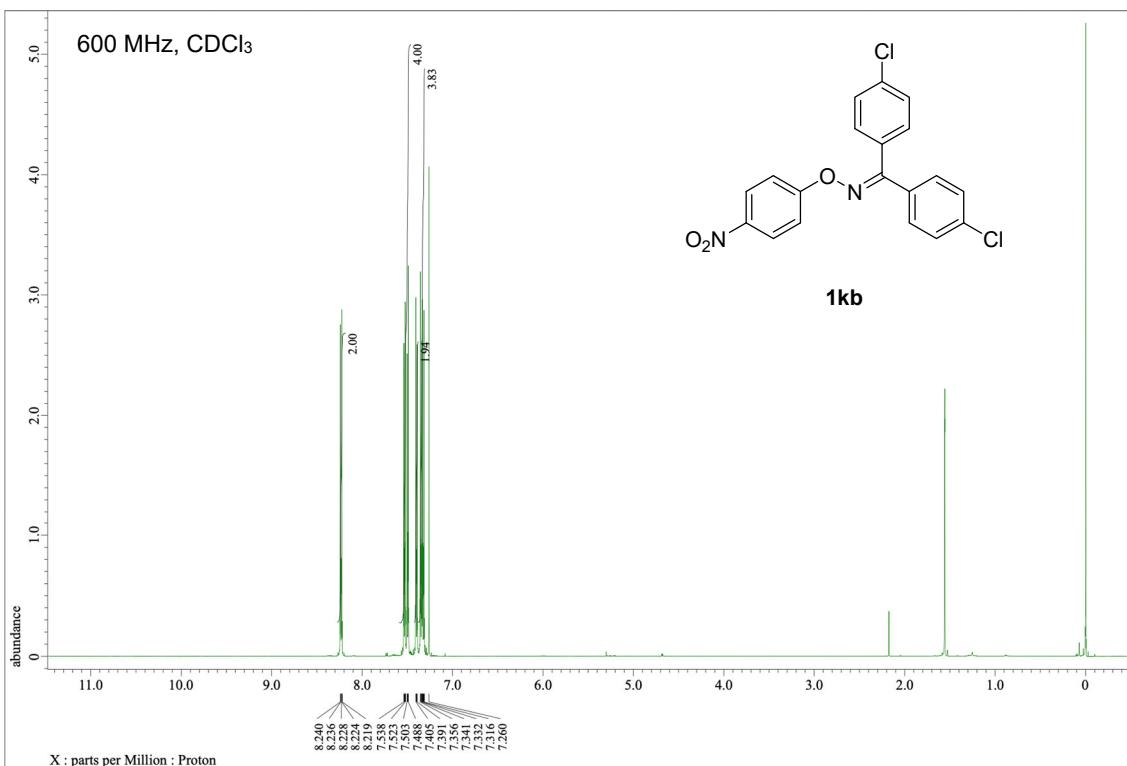


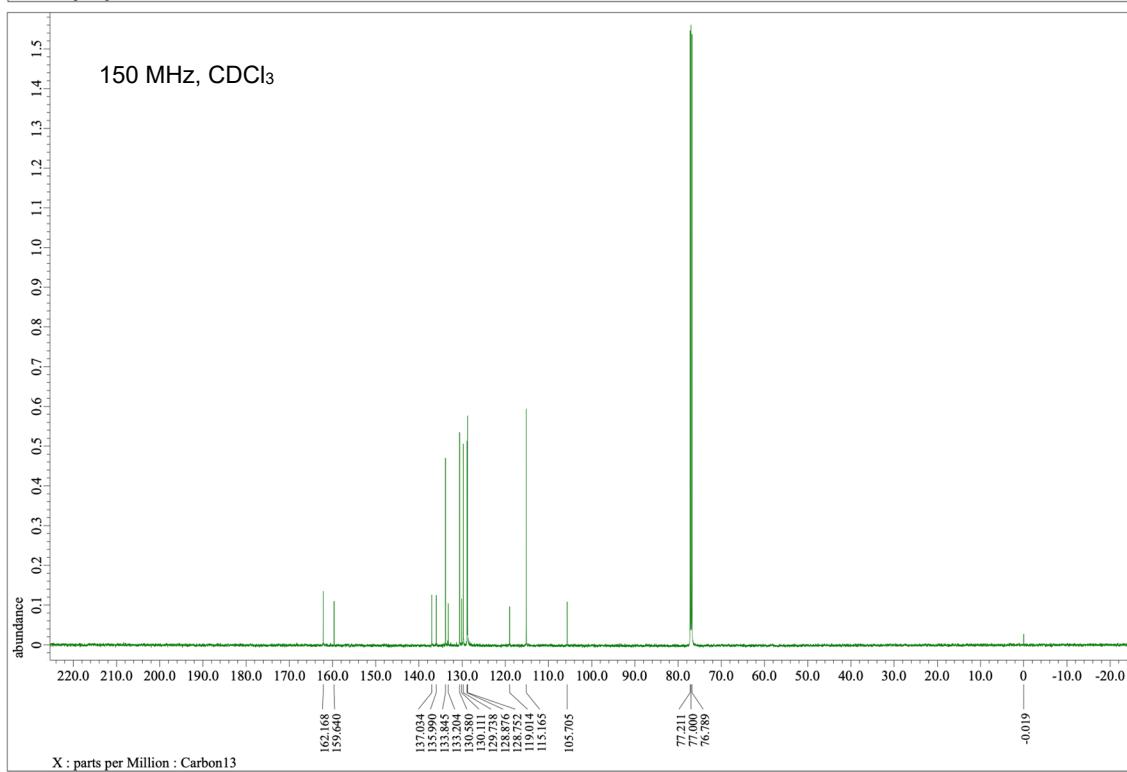
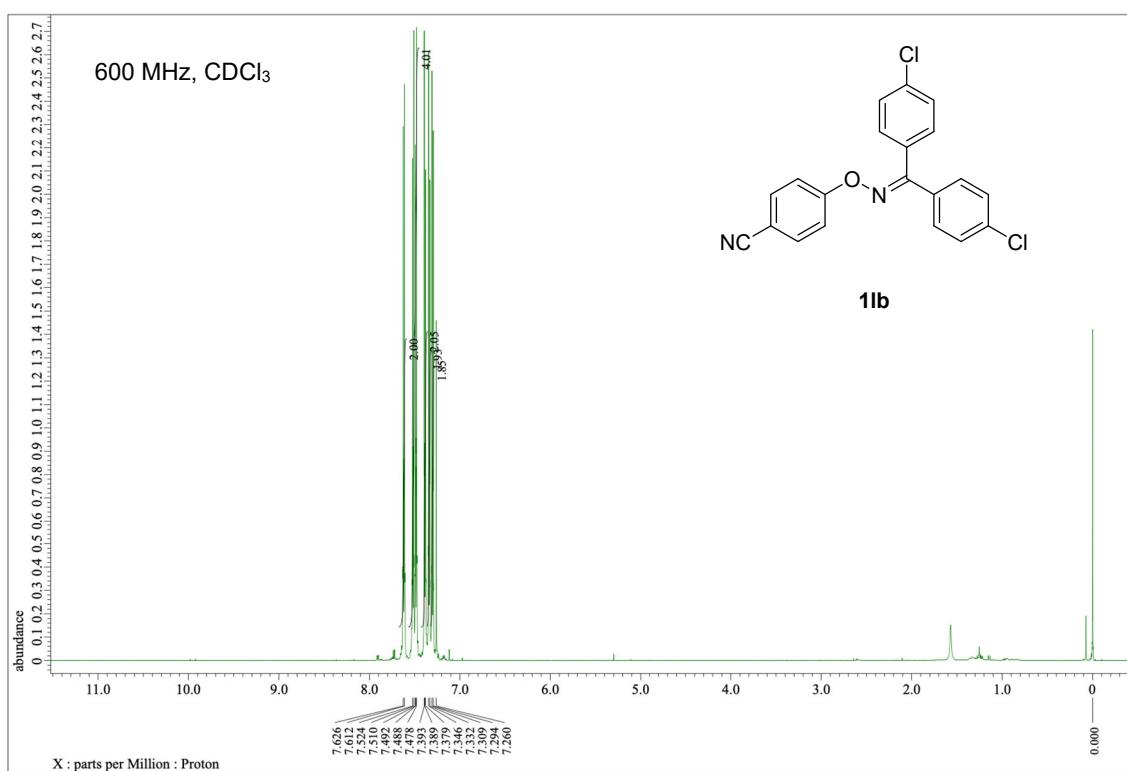


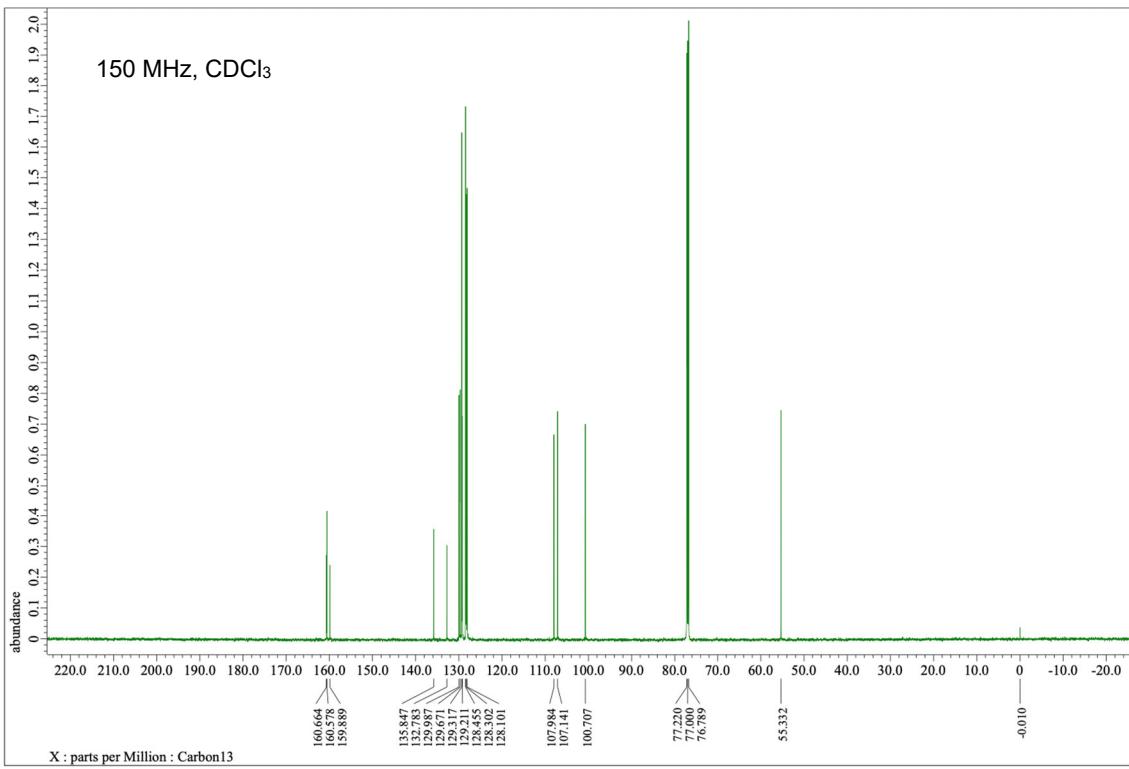
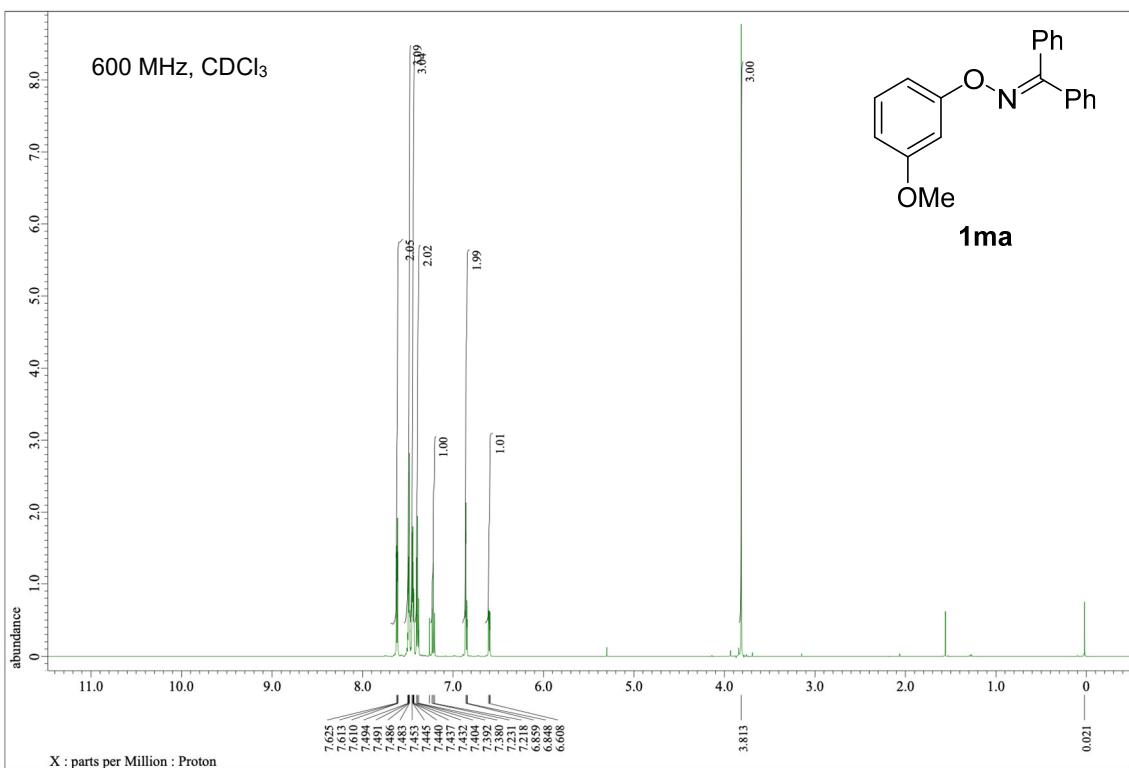


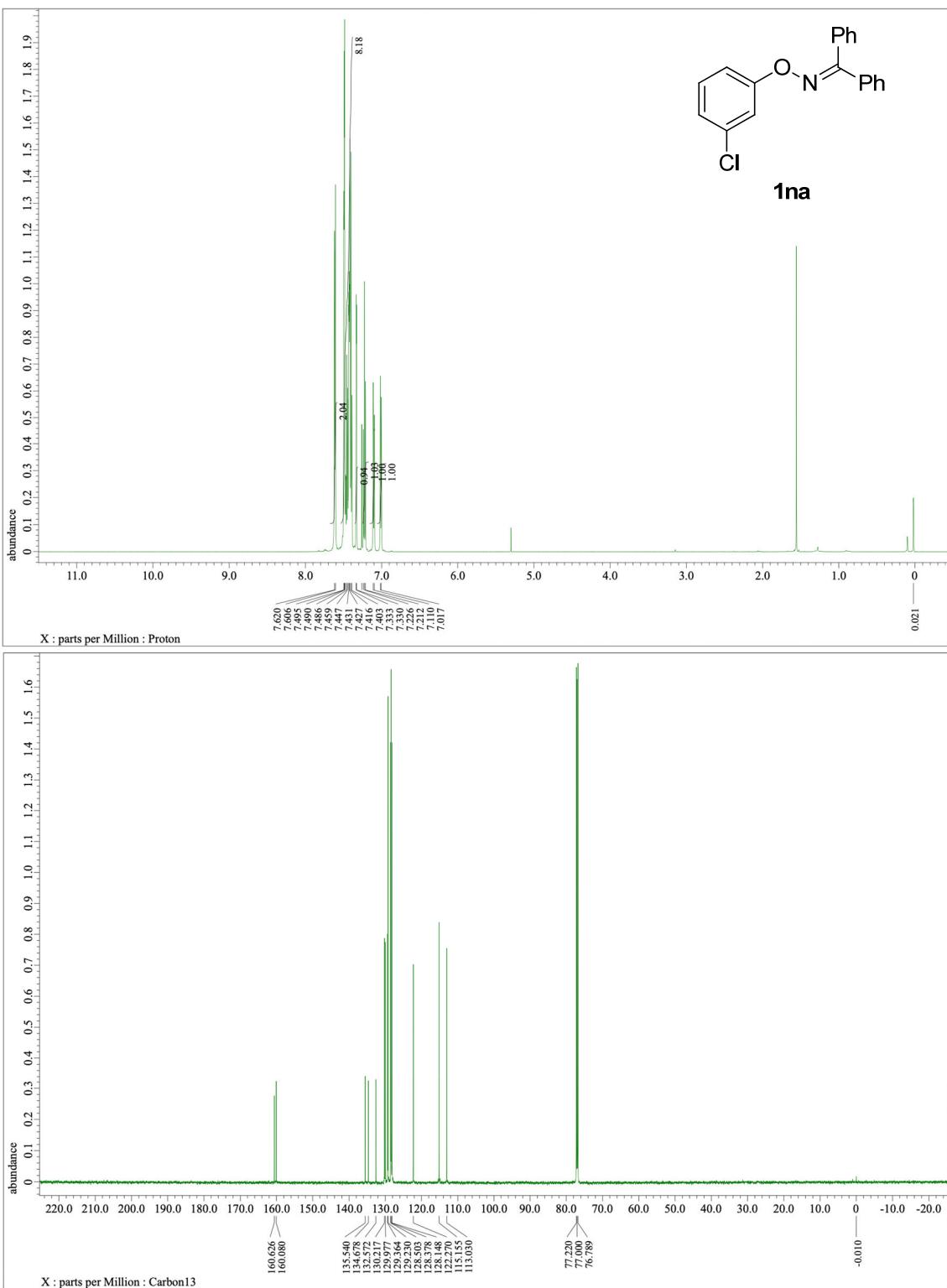


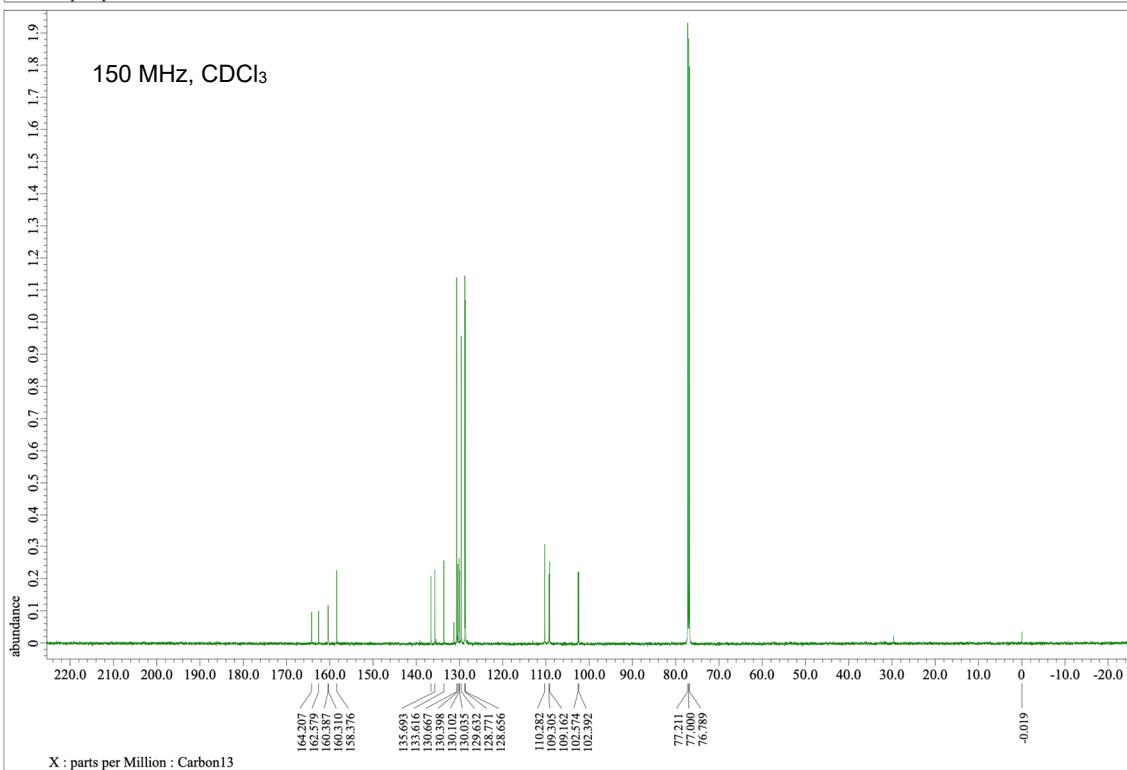
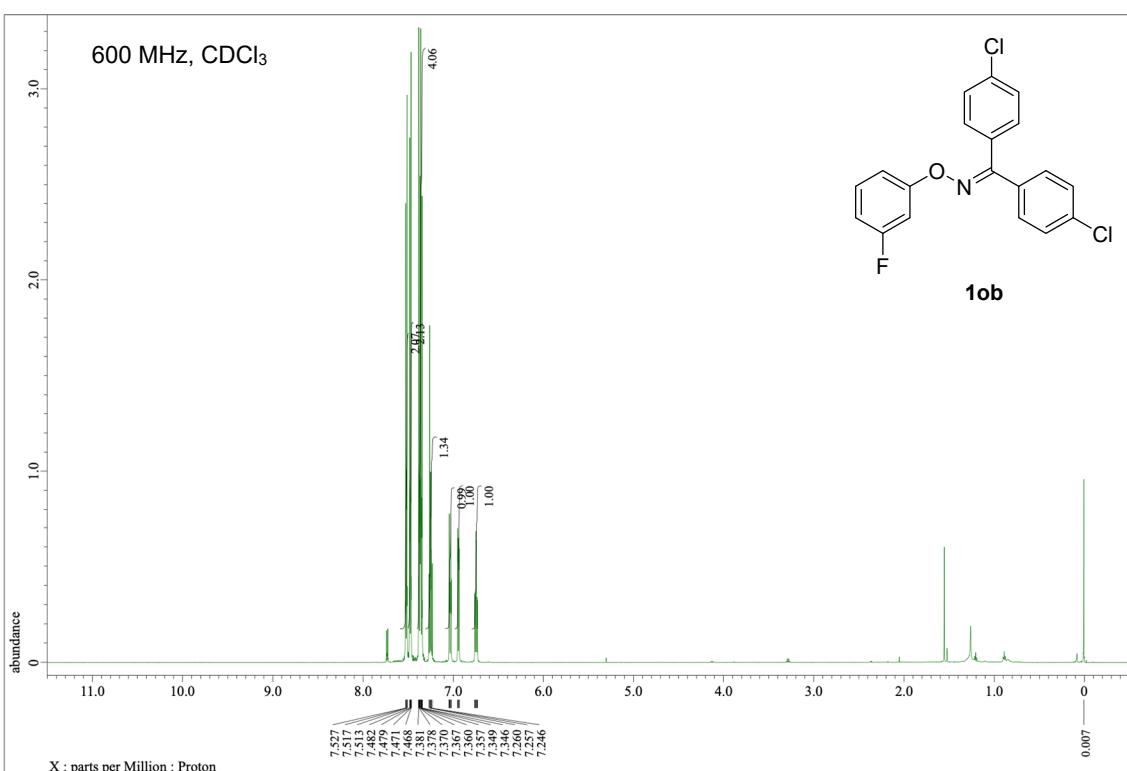


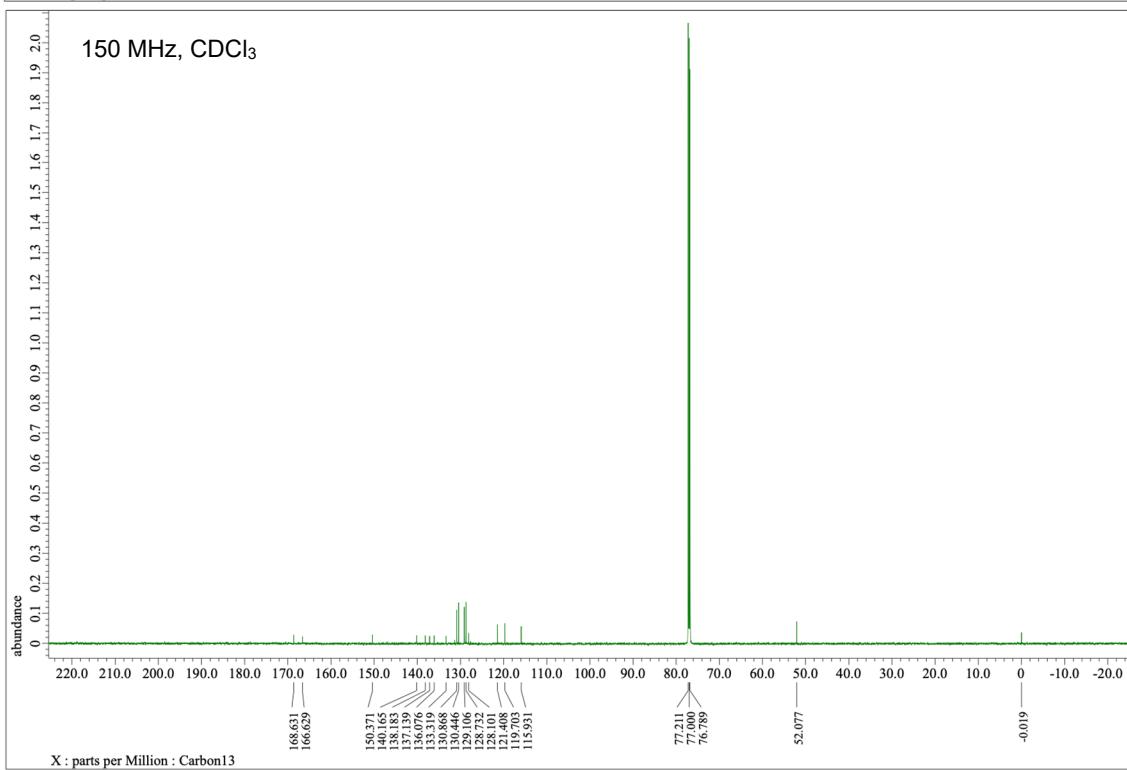
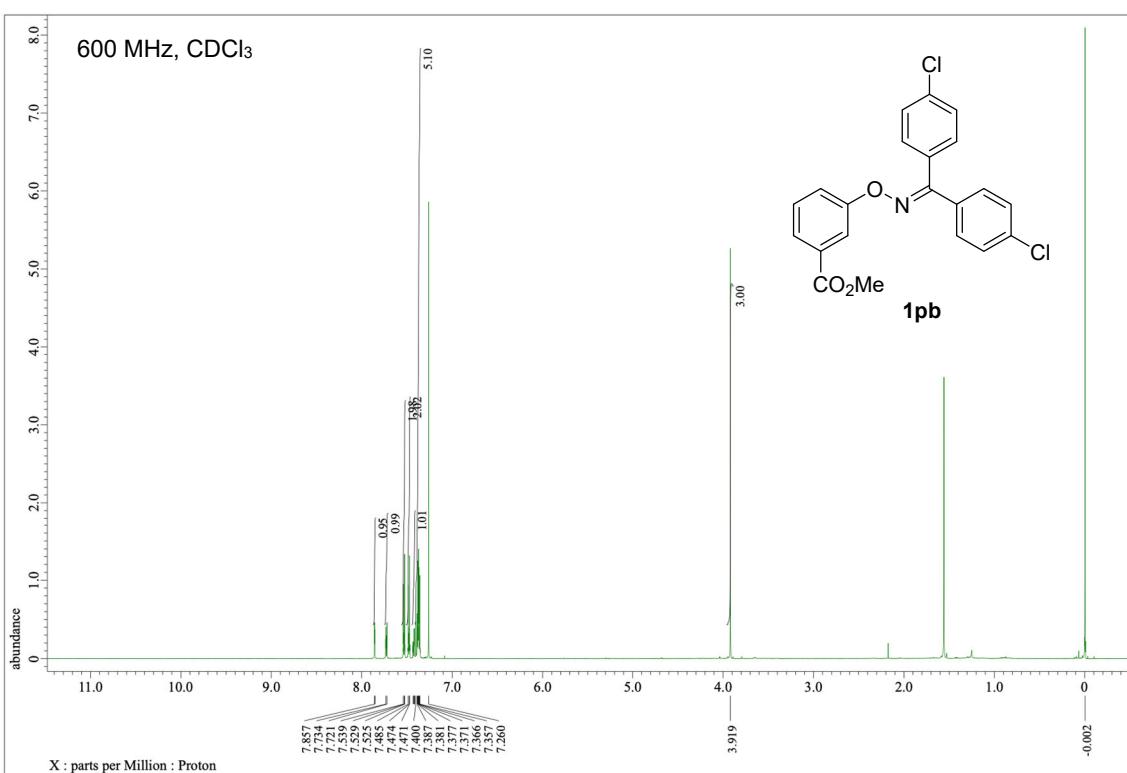


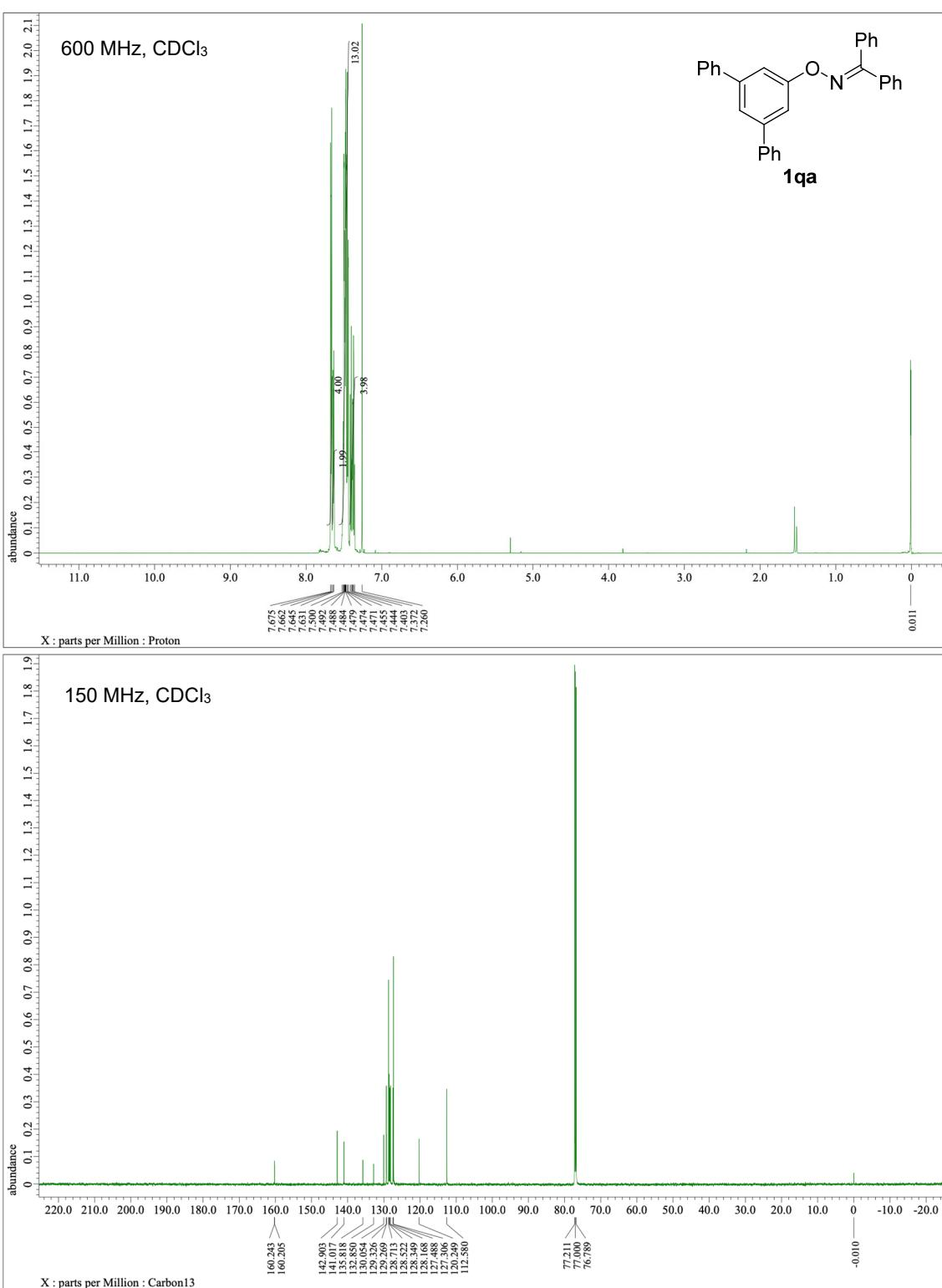


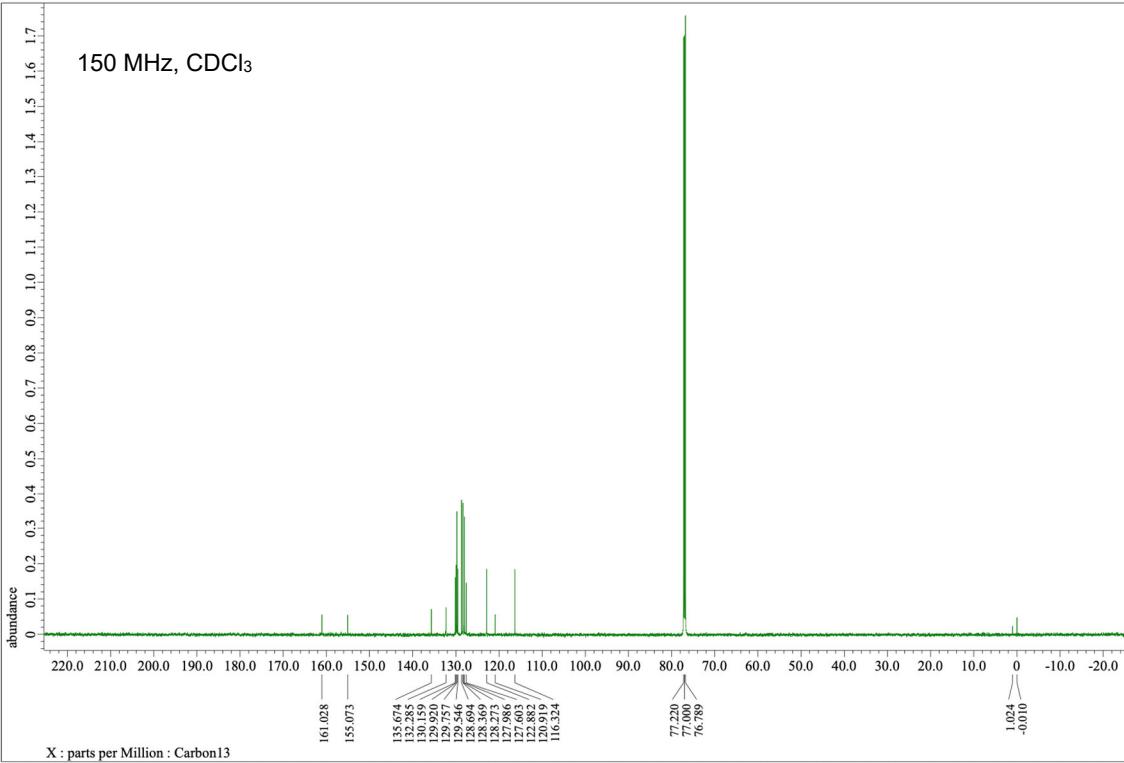
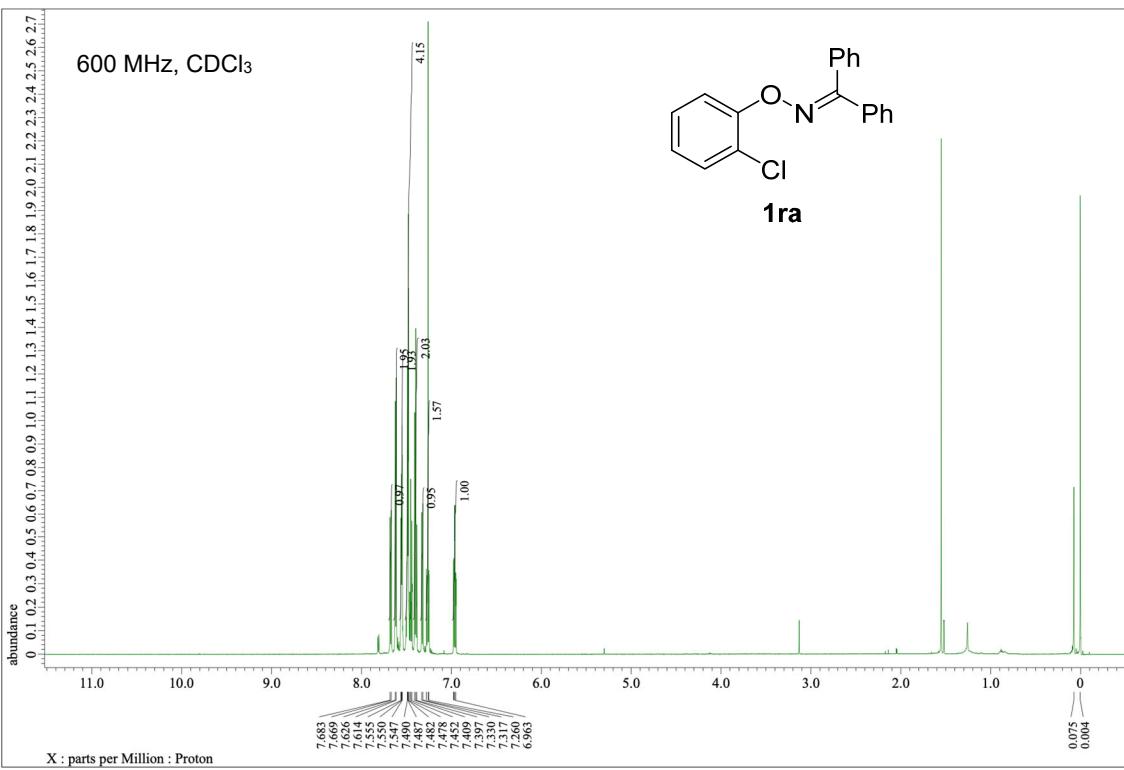


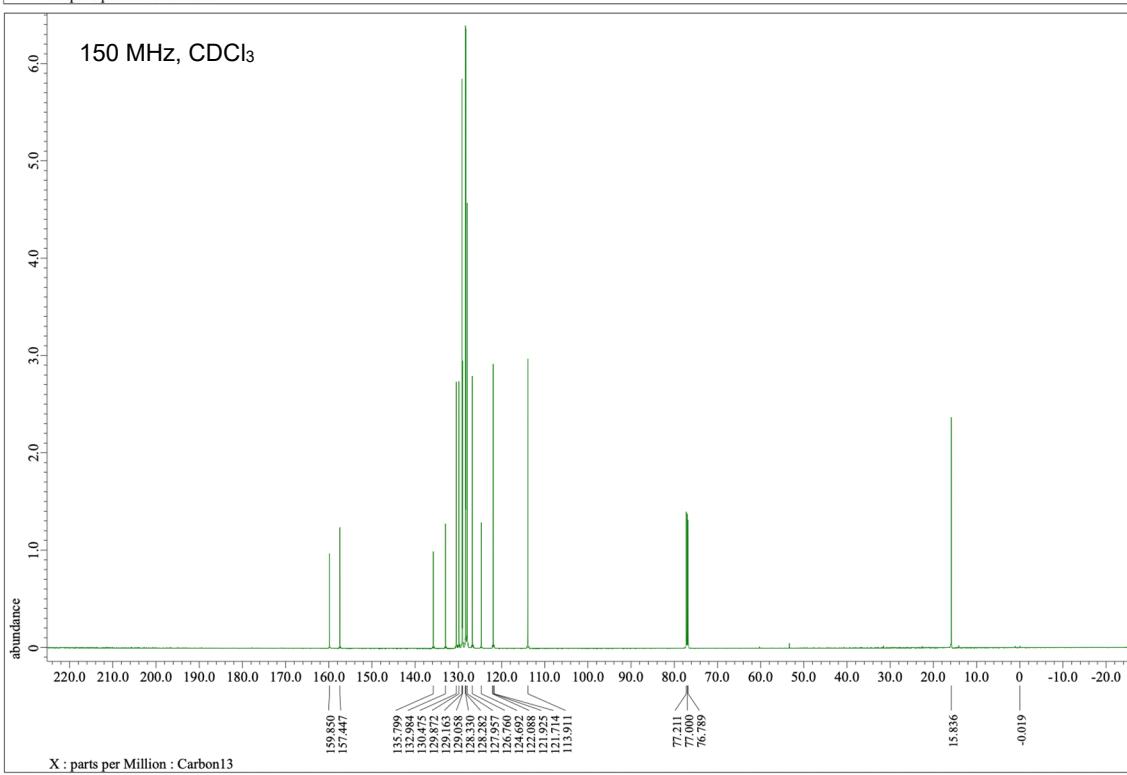
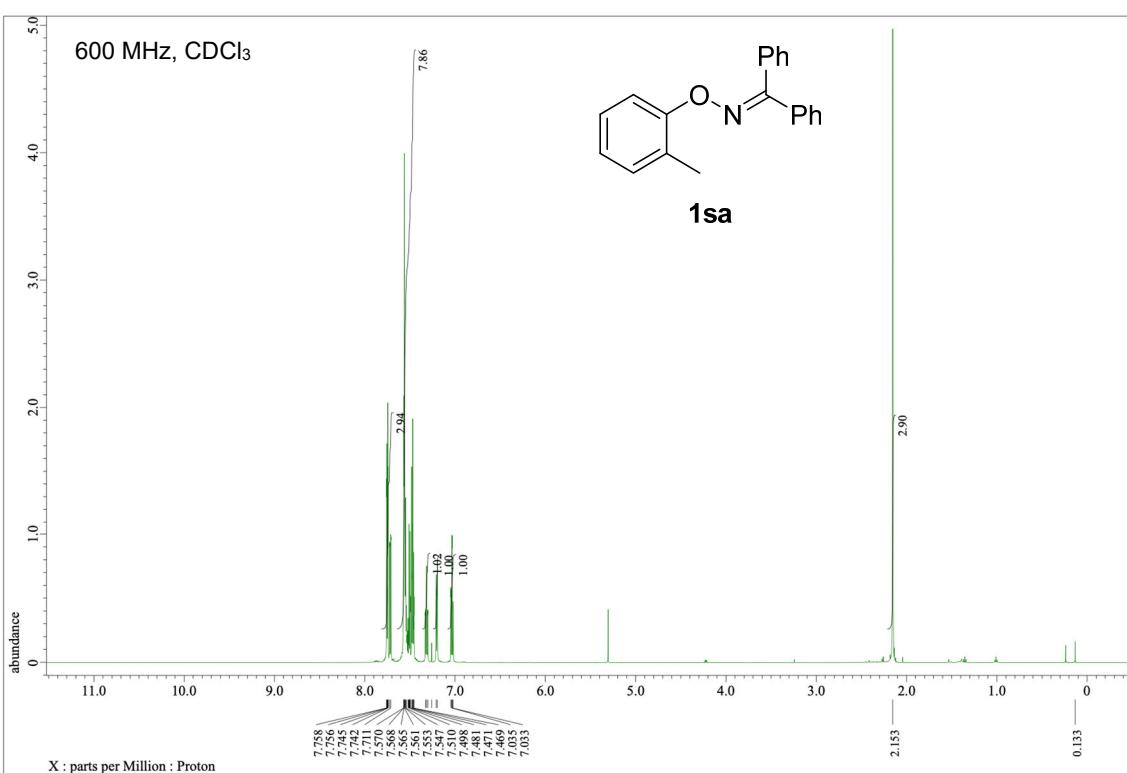












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