

Supporting Information

Biomimetic Total Syntheses of Renifolins F and Antiarone K

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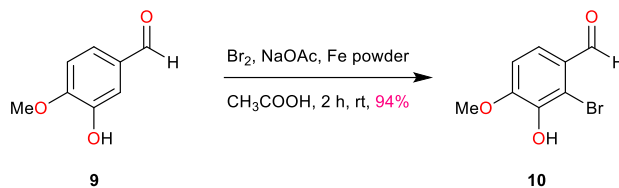
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Part 1. General Information

All reactions that were sensitive to air and moisture were conducted using glassware that had been dried in an oven and under a nitrogen atmosphere. Dry and freshly distilled solvents were used unless otherwise specified. When heating was required, a heating mantle was used as the heat source. Non-aqueous reactions were performed using standard syringe and septa techniques. Commercially available reagents were used without further purification unless stated otherwise. THF, toluene, MeOH, EtOH, and diethyl ether (Et₂O) were dried by distillation over Na/benzophenone, while dichloromethane, dimethylformamide, acetonitrile, triethylamine, and diisopropylethylamine were distilled from CaH₂. TLC inspections were carried out on silica gel GF254 plates. Column and flash chromatography were performed using silica gel (60-120, 100-200, and 300–400 mesh). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 600 or 400 MHz instrument, respectively. For natural products, structural assignments were made with additional information from HSQC and HMBC experiments. Signal positions were reported in ppm, with the abbreviations s, d, t, m, and bs representing singlet, doublet, triplet, multiplet, and broad singlet, respectively. All NMR chemical shifts were referenced to residual solvent peaks or to Si(CH₃)₄ as an internal standard (CDCl₃ ¹H NMR = 7.26 ppm, ¹³C NMR = 77.16 ppm; (CD₃)₂CO ¹H NMR = 2.05 ppm, ¹³C NMR = 206.68 and 29.92 ppm). All coupling constants J were reported in Hz. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained using a UHD accurate-mass Q-TOF LC/MS mass spectrometer with ESI ionization. FTIR spectra were obtained using a Bruker Alpha instrument. The X-ray single-crystal analysis was conducted using a Bruker D8 Venture instrument diffractometer equipped with graphite monochromated Cu K α radiation. InCl₃·4H₂O was purchased from BLD and used directly.

Part 2. Experimental Procedures and Spectroscopic Data

Synthesis of 2-bromo-3-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde (**10**)

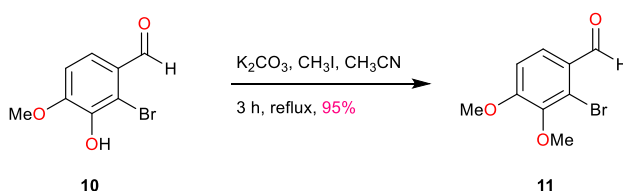


Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

To a rapidly stirring suspension of 3-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde **9** (12 g, 78.95 mmol), sodium acetate (7.8 g, 95.74 mmol, 1.5 eq.) and iron powder (0.45 g, 7.9 mmol, 0.1 eq.) in acetic acid (70 ml) at -10°C , was added dropwise a solution of bromine (15.2 g, 94.74 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in acetic acid (50 ml). After the addition was complete the thick suspension was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and then poured into ice-water (100 ml). The brownish precipitate was collected, washed with cold water, and dried overnight to afford **10** (17.08 g, 94 %) as a brownish solid. Exp. mp $199\text{--}201^\circ\text{C}$ was matched with the reported mp $200\text{--}204^\circ\text{C}$.

* The melting point has been confirmed to align with the reported value, thus we proceeded to utilize it without any additional characterization.

Synthesis of 2-bromo-3,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (**11**)

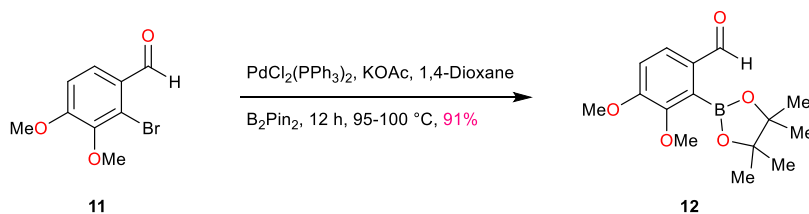


Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

To a rapidly stirring suspension of 2-bromo-3-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde, **10** (9 g, 38.96 mmol, 1 eq.), potassium carbonate (16 g, 116.88 mmol, 3 eq.) in acetonitrile (70 ml) at room temperature was added methyl iodide (11 g, 77.92 mmol, 2 eq.) dropwise. Thereafter, the reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h, cooled, and then poured into ice water (70 ml). The white precipitate was collected, washed with cold water, and dried overnight to afford **11** (9.1 g, 95 %) as a white solid. Exp. mp $75\text{--}78^\circ\text{C}$ was matched with the reported mp 80°C .

* The melting point has been confirmed to align with the reported value, thus we proceeded to utilize it without any additional characterization.

Synthesis of 3,4-dimethoxy-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzaldehyde (**12**)



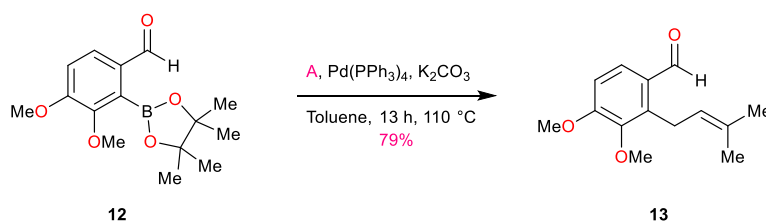
Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

A solution of 2-bromo-3,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde **11** (2.2 g, 8.98 mmol, 1 eq.), KOAc (1.8 g, 17.96 mmol, 2 eq.), and Pin₂B₂ (4.5 g, 17.96 mmol, 2 eq.) in dry 1,4-dioxane (30 mL) was stirred at rt under nitrogen. To the stirring solution, was added Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (0.19 g, 0.27 mmol, 0.03 eq.) under nitrogen, and the mixture was stirred overnight at 95–100 °C under nitrogen. The reaction was followed by TLC. After the completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled and filtered. The solution was concentrated to afford the crude product. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the title compound **12** as a white solid (2.386 g, 91%). ¹H NMR results of the synthetic compound **12** align with the data published previously.

Data for 12:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.78 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 12H).

Synthesis of 3,4-dimethoxy-2-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)benzaldehyde (13)



Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

A solution of 3,4-dimethoxy-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzaldehyde **12** (0.735 g, 2.52 mmol, 1 eq.), compound (A) prenyl bromide (1.13 g, 7.56 mmol, 3 eq.) and K₂CO₃ (5.2 g, 37.8 mmol, 15 eq.) in dry toluene (20 mL) was stirred at rt under nitrogen. To the stirring solution was added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.09 g, 0.08 mmol, 0.03 eq.) under nitrogen, and the mixture was stirred overnight at 100 °C under nitrogen. The reaction was followed by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled and filtered. The solution was concentrated to afford the crude product. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the title compound **13** as a yellow oil (2.386 g, 79%). ¹H NMR results of the synthetic compound **13** align with the data published previously.

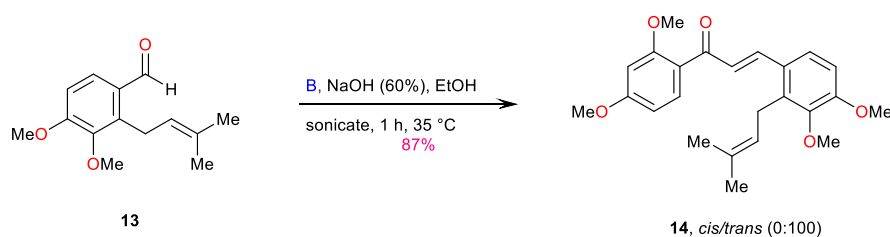
Data for 13:

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.09 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.20, 157.68, 147.09, 138.87, 132.25, 128.64, 128.02, 123.19, 109.70, 60.91, 55.94, 25.81, 24.06, 18.16.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₈O₃ 235.1329, found 235.1328.

Synthesis of (E)-3-(3,4-dimethoxy-2-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)phenyl)-1-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (14)



Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

To a stirring solution of commercially available 2,4-dimethoxyacetophenone **B** (0.92 g, 5.12 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in EtOH (25 ml), a 60% NaOH solution (4 ml) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Benzaldehyde **13** (1 g, 4.27 mmol, 1 eq.) was then added and the reaction was sonicated for 1 h at 35 °C. The progression of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc and H₂O. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography to give **14** (14.7 g, 87%) as a yellow oil.

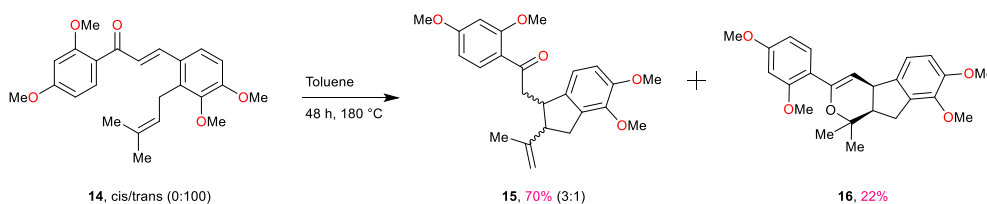
Data for 14:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 4H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.01, 163.97, 160.29, 154.21, 147.14, 140.51, 136.52, 132.75, 132.02, 127.90, 126.97, 123.05, 122.91, 122.56, 110.16, 105.11, 98.78, 60.82, 55.82, 55.80, 55.62, 25.80, 25.46, 18.04.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₈O₅ 397.2010, found 397.2022.

Synthesis of 2-(4,5-dimethoxy-2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-1-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (15**) and 3-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dimethoxy-1,1-dimethyl-1,4a,9,9a-tetrahydroindeno[2,1-c]pyran (**16**)**



Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

Compound **14** (0.424 g, 1.07 mmol) was dissolved in dry toluene (21 ml) in a sealed tube under a nitrogen atmosphere at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at 180 °C until complete completion of the starting material. After cooling, the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography to give **15** (0.287 g, 70%) yellow oil as a mixture of isomers (3:1) and **16** (0.094 g, 22%) as a solid compound (mp 158-160 °C).

Data for 15:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 0.24H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 0.29H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 0.24H), 6.54 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 0.27H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0.28H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 0.58H), 4.77 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 7H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 1H), 3.76 – 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.29 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 0.11H), 3.24 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (s, 0.40H), 3.10 (dt, *J* = 15.7, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.04 – 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.87 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 0.29H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.92, 164.39, 164.24, 160.68, 151.15, 146.24, 145.54, 144.99, 140.80, 140.42, 135.49, 132.91, 132.61, 121.56, 119.63, 119.04, 112.00, 111.78, 111.20, 105.18, 105.10, 98.38, 60.37, 60.33, 56.21, 56.10, 55.62, 55.59, 55.49, 55.24, 51.33, 48.92, 44.30, 43.48, 41.99, 33.77, 31.59, 22.43, 19.66.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₈O₅ 397.2010, found 397.2023.

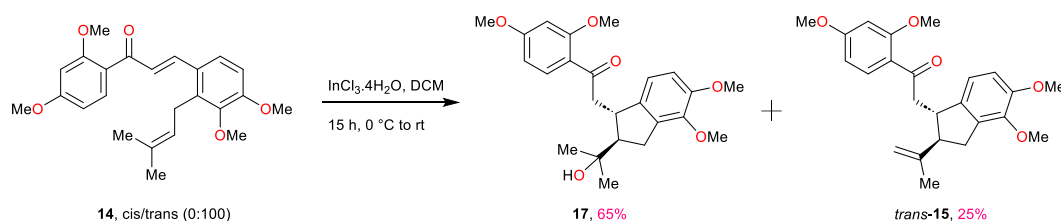
Data for 16:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.15 – 2.91 (m, 2H), 2.58 (q, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.44, 158.32, 151.25, 146.07, 145.54, 140.08, 135.37, 129.72, 119.18, 118.64, 111.20, 104.09, 102.62, 99.19, 75.21, 60.35, 56.21, 55.67, 55.45, 48.51, 40.89, 30.00, 26.58, 25.19.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₃₀O₅ 398.2088, found 398.2056.

Synthesis of 1-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-((1S,2R)-2-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-4,5-dimethoxy-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)ethan-1-one (17) and 2-((1S,2R)-4,5-dimethoxy-2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-1-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (*trans*-15)



Procedure:

To a well-stirred solution of compound **14** (0.164 g, 0.41 mmol, 1 eq.) in dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂, 4 ml) was added InCl₃·4H₂O (0.12 g, 0.41 mmol, 1 eq.) in a fraction at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until complete completion of the starting material. The reaction mixture was extracted with DCM and H₂O. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography to give **17** (0.11 g, 65%) as a yellow oil and *trans*-**15** (0.40 g, 25%) as an oil.

Data for **17**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.08 – 3.64 (m, 14H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.40 – 2.23 (m, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.34, 164.81, 161.15, 151.09, 144.76, 140.71, 135.97, 133.09, 120.70, 118.91, 111.51, 105.28, 98.31, 72.85, 60.12, 56.18, 56.07, 55.58, 55.52, 51.57, 41.45, 31.32, 29.22, 24.38.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+K]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₃₀O₆ 453.1674, found 453.1691.

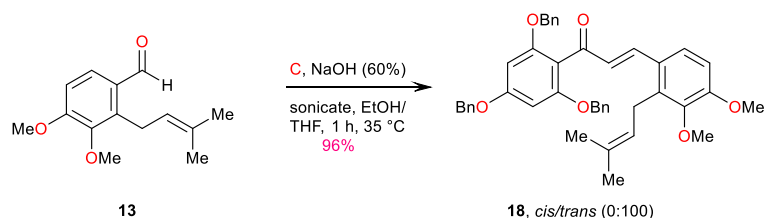
Data for *trans*-**15**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 6H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.75 – 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.23 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.98 – 2.72 (m, 2H), 1.74 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.95, 164.41, 160.69, 151.17, 146.27, 145.02, 140.45, 135.51, 132.93, 121.60, 119.05, 111.78, 111.25, 105.20, 98.41, 60.34, 56.23, 55.63, 55.51, 55.25, 48.93, 43.51, 33.79, 19.67.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₈O₅ 397.2010, found 397.2023.

Synthesis of (E)-3-(3,4-dimethoxy-2-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)phenyl)-1-(2,4,6-tris(benzyloxy)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (18)



Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

To a stirring solution of acetophenone **C** (0.474 g, 1.08 mmol, 1.1 eq.) in EtOH (5 ml), a 60% NaOH solution (2 ml) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Benzaldehyde **13** (0.23 g, 0.98 mmol, 1 eq.) was then added and the reaction was sonicated for 1 h at 35 °C. The progression of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc and H₂O. The combined organic layers were dried with Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography to give **18** (0.615 g, 96%) as a yellow solid (mp 102-105 °C).

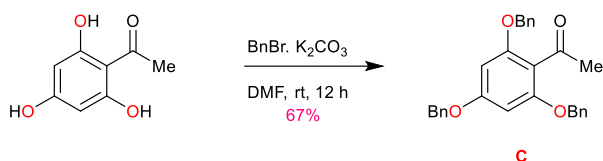
Data for **18**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.31 – 7.21 (m, 10H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (s, 2H), 5.02 (s, 4H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 4.89 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.31 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.62, 161.14, 157.67, 154.26, 146.95, 143.00, 136.67, 136.50, 136.15, 131.84, 128.99, 128.73, 128.52, 128.47, 128.23, 127.73, 127.56, 127.30, 126.97, 123.25, 122.64, 113.17, 110.14, 93.63, 77.10, 70.40, 70.30, 60.78, 55.74, 25.57, 25.28, 17.63.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₄₃H₄₂O₆ 655.3054, found 655.3067.

Synthesis of 1-(2,4,6-tris(benzyloxy)phenyl)ethan-1-one (**C**)



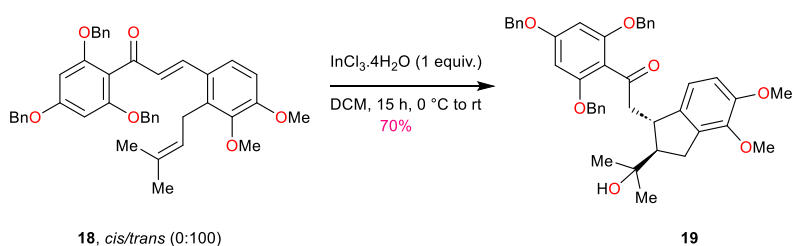
Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

To a solution of 2,4,6-trihydroxy acetophenone (0.5 g, 2.97 mmol, 1 eq.) in DMF (15 mL) was added K₂CO₃ (2.4 g, 17.82 mmol, 6 eq.), and the reaction was stirred for 30 min at room temperature; then benzyl bromide (3 g, 17.82 mmol, 6 eq.) was added to the solution. After 14 h, the reaction was quenched with a saturated solution of NH₄Cl, then extracted with ethyl acetate twice (50 mL each). The organic layer was washed three times with brine solution and then dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The organic layer was evaporated to dryness and then subjected to a silica gel column using hexane–EtOAc. Fractions containing the product were pooled and dried to give the title compound **C** (0.875 g, 67%). ¹H NMR results of the synthetic compound **C** align with the data published previously.

Data for **C**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 15H), 6.26 (s, 2H), 5.05 (s, 4H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H).

Synthesis of 2-((1S,2R)-2-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-4,5-dimethoxy-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-1-(2,4,6-tris(benzyloxy)phenyl)ethan-1-one (**19**)



Procedure:

To a well-stirred solution of compound **18** (0.156 g, 0.24 mmol, 1 eq.) in dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂, 4 ml) was added InCl₃·4H₂O (0.12 g, 0.41 mmol, 1 eq.) in a fraction at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until the complete completion of the starting material. The reaction mixture was extracted with DCM and H₂O. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography to give **19** (0.112 g, 70%) as a yellow solid (mp 128-130 °C).

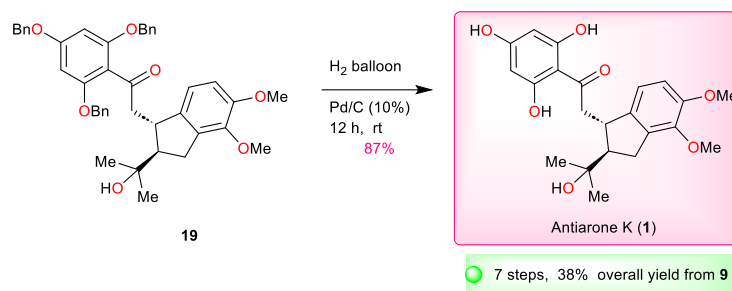
Data for **19**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 – 7.31 (m, 16H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (s, 2H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 5.01 (s, 4H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.80 – 3.72 (m, 1H), 3.25 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 3.12 – 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.96 (s, 1H), 2.80 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (dt, *J* = 8.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.58, 161.30, 157.14, 150.99, 144.70, 140.38, 136.40, 136.34, 135.68, 128.79, 128.74, 128.32, 128.23, 127.70, 127.60, 118.98, 114.46, 111.44, 93.43, 72.79, 70.84, 70.38, 60.14, 56.13, 55.84, 52.62, 40.62, 31.08, 29.12, 24.73.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₄₃H₄₄O₇ 673.3160, found 673.3152.

Synthesis of 2-((1*S*,2*R*)-2-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-4,5-dimethoxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)-1-(2,4,6-trihydroxyphenyl)ethan-1-one {antiarone K (**1**)}



Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

To a well-stirred solution of compound **19** (0.058 g, 0.09 mmol, 1 eq.) in EtOAc: MeOH (2 ml, 1:1) was added 10% Pd/C (0.055 g, 0.52 mmol, 6 eq.) under inert atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under a hydrogen atmosphere until the complete completion of the starting material. After completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of elite, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography to give antiarone K (**1**) (0.031 g, 87%) as a white crystalline solid (mp 125-127 °C, Lit mp 117-119 °C). The NMR data pertaining to the synthetic antiarone K (**1**) aligns with the results documented in the isolation report.

Data for antiarone K (**1**):

¹H NMR (600 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ 11.90 (s, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 3.80 (dt, *J* = 6.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 6H), 3.65 (s, 1H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 16.7, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ 205.61, 165.51, 152.06, 145.75, 142.06, 137.03, 119.75, 112.69, 105.62, 95.83, 72.62, 59.93, 56.34, 56.16, 52.58, 43.21, 31.09, 27.88, 27.10.

DEPT (151 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ 119.50, 112.44, 95.58, 59.68, 56.09, 55.91, 42.96, 27.63, 26.85.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺-(H₂O) calcd for C₂₂H₂₆O₇ 385.1645, found 385.1647.

Synthesis of 4-(benzyloxy)-3-hydroxybenzaldehyde (**21**)

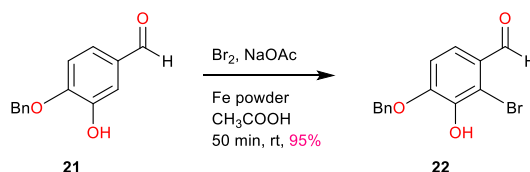


Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

To a solution of **20** (7 g, 50.72 mmol, 1 eq.) in acetone (50 mL) was added K_2CO_3 (7.7 g, 55.80 mmol, 1.1 eq.), and the reaction was stirred for 30 min at room temperature; then benzyl bromide (8.6 g, 50.72 mmol, 1 eq.) was added to the solution. After stirring at reflux for 2 h, the reaction was quenched with a saturated solution of NH_4Cl , then extracted with ethyl acetate twice (50 mL each). The organic layer was washed three times with brine solution and then dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The organic layer was evaporated to dryness and then subjected to a silica gel column using hexanes-EtOAc. Fractions containing the product were pooled and dried to give the title compound **21** (9.59 g, 83%) as a white solid. (mp 114-116 °C, Lit mp 120 °C).

* The melting point has been confirmed to align with the reported value, thus we proceeded to utilize it without any additional characterization.

Synthesis of 4-(benzyloxy)-2-bromo-3-hydroxybenzaldehyde (**22**)

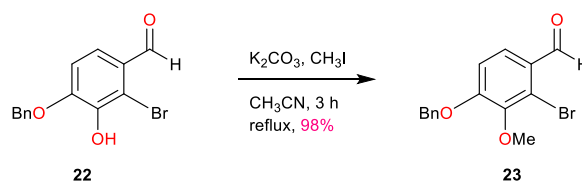


Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

To a rapidly stirring suspension of **21** (7.74 g, 33.94 mmol, 1 eq.), sodium acetate (4.2 g, 50.91 mmol, 1.5 eq.) and iron powder (0.19 g, 3.4 mmol, 0.1 eq.) in acetic acid (60 ml) at -10°C, was added dropwise a solution of bromine (6.5 g, 40.73 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in acetic acid (40 ml). After the addition was complete the thick suspension was stirred at room temperature for 50 min and then poured into ice-water (100 ml). The brownish precipitate was collected, washed with cold water, and dried overnight to afford **22** (9.9 g, 95%) as a solid. (mp 111-113 °C, lit. mp 114-116 °C).

* The melting point has been confirmed to align with the reported value, thus we proceeded to utilize it without any additional characterization.

Synthesis of 4-(benzyloxy)-2-bromo-3-methoxybenzaldehyde (**23**)

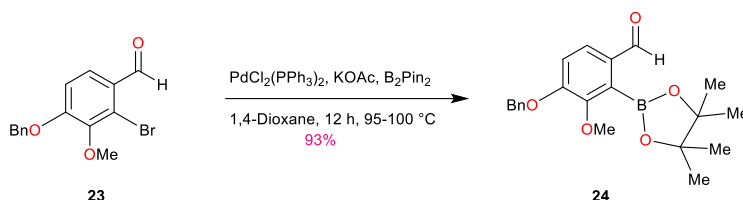


Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

To a rapidly stirring suspension of **22** (9 g, 29.32 mmol, 1 eq.), potassium carbonate (12.2 g, 87.95, mmol, 3 eq.) in acetonitrile (70 ml) at room temperature was added dropwise methyl iodide (8.4 g, 58.63 mmol, 2 eq.). Thereafter, the reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h, cooled, and then poured into ice water (70 ml). The white precipitate was collected, washed with cold water, and dried overnight to afford **23** (9.2 g, 98 %) as a white solid (mp 98-100 °C, Lit. mp 99-101 °C).

* The melting point has been confirmed to align with the reported value, thus we proceeded to utilize it without any additional characterization.

Synthesis of 4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxy-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzaldehyde (**24**)



Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

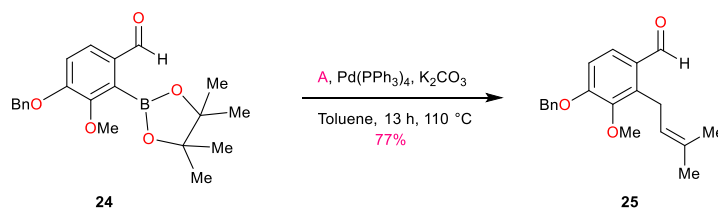
A solution of **23** (2.2 g, 6.86 mmol, 1 eq.), KOAc (1.35 g, 13.71 mmol, 2 eq.), and Pin₂B₂ (3.48 g, 13.71 mmol, 2 eq.) in 1,4-dioxane (30 mL) was stirred at rt under nitrogen. To the stirring solution was added Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (0.24 g, 0.34 mmol, 0.05 eq.) under nitrogen, and the mixture was stirred overnight at 95-100 °C under nitrogen. The reaction was followed by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled and filtered. The solution was concentrated to afford the crude product. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the title compound **24** (2.34 g, 93%) as a white solid; mp 138-140 °C. ¹H NMR results of the synthetic compound **24** align with the data published previously.

Data for **24**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.69 (s, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 12H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.46, 156.45, 152.85, 136.08, 133.69, 130.40, 128.76, 128.27, 127.27, 113.84, 84.44, 70.55, 24.95.

Synthesis of 4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxy-2-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)benzaldehyde (**25**)



Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

A solution of **24** (1 g, 2.72 mmol, 1 eq.), compound (**A**) prenyl bromide (1.2 g, 8.16 mmol, 3 eq.) and K₂CO₃ (5.6 g, 40.76 mmol, 15 eq.) in dry toluene (20 mL) was stirred at rt under nitrogen. To the stirring solution was added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.094 g, 0.08 mmol, 0.03 eq.) under nitrogen, and the mixture was stirred overnight at 100 °C under nitrogen. The reaction was followed by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled and filtered. The solution was concentrated to afford the crude product. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the title compound **25** (0.65 g, 77%) as a yellow oil.

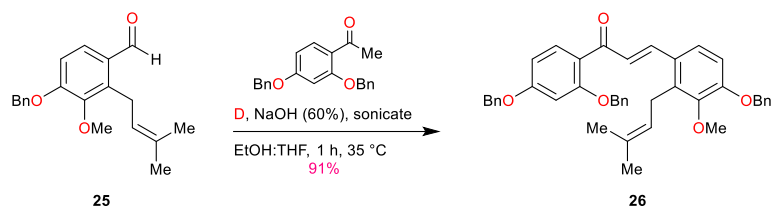
Data for **25**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.10 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 5.14 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.09, 156.64, 147.35, 138.96, 136.14, 132.14, 128.73, 128.33, 128.24, 128.14, 127.28, 123.10, 111.05, 70.52, 60.84, 25.73, 24.03, 18.08.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₂₂O₃ 311.1642, found 311.1640.

Synthesis of (E)-3-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxy-2-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)phenyl)-1-(2,4-bis(benzyloxy)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (26)



Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

To a stirring solution of acetophenone **D** (0.306 g, 0.92 mmol, 1.1 eq.) in EtOH (3 ml), a 60% NaOH solution (1 ml) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Benzaldehyde **25** (0.26 g, 0.84 mmol, 1 eq.) was then added and the reaction was sonicated for 1 h at 35 °C. The progression of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc and H₂O. The combined organic layers were dried with Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography to give **26** (0.477 g, 91%) as a yellow gum.

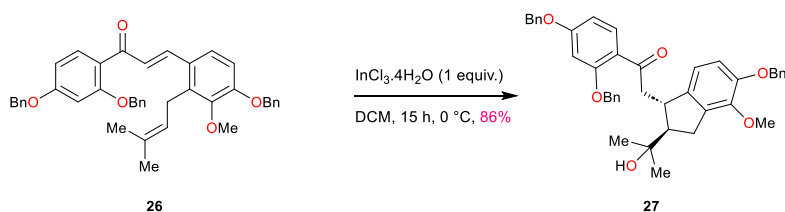
Data for 26:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.36 (m, 13H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.69 – 6.62 (m, 3H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 5.08 – 5.04 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.03, 163.21, 159.55, 153.00, 147.37, 139.91, 136.98, 136.55, 136.32, 136.06, 133.19, 131.88, 128.76, 128.69, 128.32, 128.16, 128.10, 128.04, 127.82, 127.62, 127.24, 127.19, 122.92, 122.82, 122.73, 111.87, 106.53, 100.58, 77.15, 70.82, 70.50, 70.32, 60.82, 25.78, 25.44, 18.05.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₄₂H₄₀O₅ 625.2942, found 625.2972.

Synthesis of 2-((1S,2R)-5-(benzyloxy)-2-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-4-methoxy-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-1-(2,4-bis(benzyloxy)phenyl)ethan-1-one (35)



Procedure:

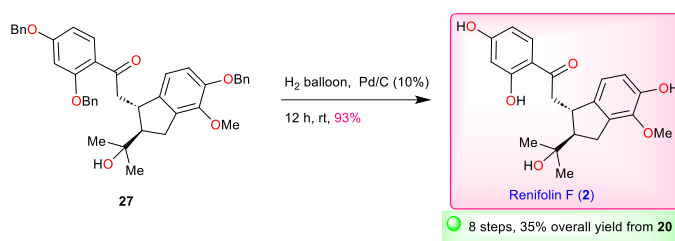
To a well-stirred solution of compound **26** (0.2 g, 0.32 mmol, 1 eq.) in dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂, 8 ml) was added InCl₃·4H₂O (0.94 g, 0.32 mmol, 1 eq.) in a fraction at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until the complete completion of the starting material. The reaction mixture was extracted with DCM and H₂O. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography to give **27** (0.17 g, 86%) as an oil.

Data for 27:

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.12 (m, 13H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.61 – 6.49 (m, 3H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 4H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.71 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (s, 1H), 3.30 – 3.24 (m, 1H), 3.21 – 3.15 (m, 1H), 2.93 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (dt, *J* = 9.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.49, 163.83, 160.22, 150.23, 145.46, 141.18, 137.65, 136.20, 136.06, 135.81, 133.09, 128.86, 128.74, 128.66, 128.45, 128.33, 127.94, 127.71, 127.68, 127.40, 121.45, 118.95, 114.01, 106.60, 100.51, 72.95, 71.38, 70.97, 70.43, 60.34, 56.04, 52.14, 41.42, 31.38, 29.42, 24.37.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺(-H₂O) calcd for C₄₂H₄₂O₆ 625.2948, found 625.2966.

Synthesis of 1-(2,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-2-((1S,2R)-5-hydroxy-2-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-4-methoxy-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)ethan-1-one {renifolin F (2)}

Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

To a well-stirred solution of compound **27** (0.085 g, 0.13 mmol, 1 eq.) in EtOAc: MeOH (4 ml, 1:1) was added 10% Pd/C (0.084 g, 0.80 mmol, 6 eq.) under inert atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under a hydrogen atmosphere until the complete completion of the starting material. After completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of celite, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography to give renifolin F (**2**) (0.04 g, 93%) as a gum. The NMR data pertaining to the synthetic renifolin F (**2**) aligns with the results documented in the isolation report.

Data for renifolin F (2):

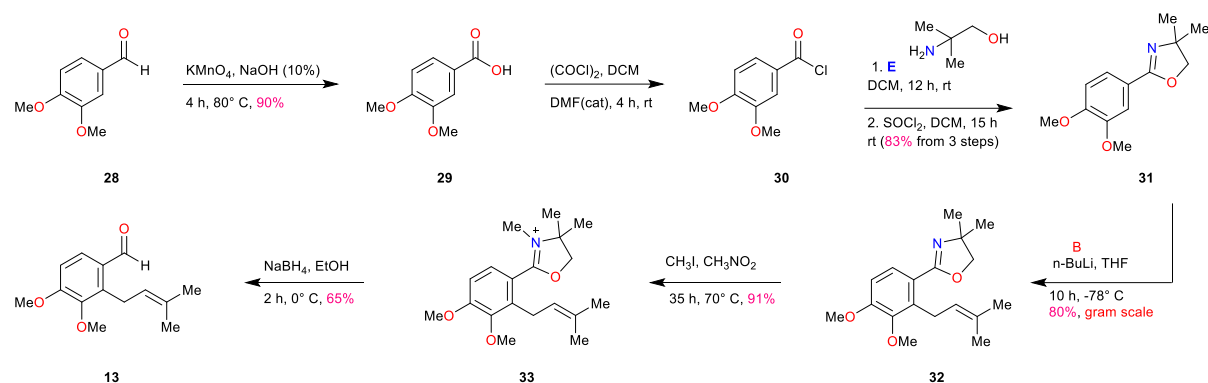
¹H NMR (600 MHz, acetone-d₆) δ 12.89 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.80 – 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.66 (s, 1H), 3.35 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (dt, *J* = 9.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, acetone-d₆) δ 205.42, 166.36, 165.63, 149.02, 144.20, 139.98, 135.87, 133.91, 120.08, 115.72, 115.70, 114.25, 108.82, 108.79, 103.59, 72.61, 60.01, 59.99, 56.75, 46.50, 43.07, 31.50, 28.48, 26.66.

DEPT (150 MHz, acetone-d₆) δ 133.91, 120.08, 115.70, 108.82, 108.80, 103.59, 60.00, 56.75, 43.07, 28.48, 26.66.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺(-H₂O) calcd for C₂₁H₂₄O₆ 355.1540, found 355.1542.

Scheme S1. Synthesis of intermediate 13 via oxazoline-directed metalation



Synthesis of 3,4-dimethoxybenzoic acid (29)

Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

Compound **28** (10 g, 60.24 mmol, 1 eq.) was placed into a round bottom flask followed by the addition of an aqueous NaOH (10%, 9.19 g, 72.29 mmol, 1.2 eq.) solution. Subsequently, KMnO₄ in 90 ml of H₂O (11.4 g, 72.29 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was gradually introduced in an ice-water bath. The mixture was then heated to 80°C for 4 hours. Following the cooling of the reaction mixture, filtration was carried out, and the filtrate was acidified to pH=3 by the addition of concentrated HCl. The resulting precipitate was filtered, washed with water, and dried at room temperature to afford compound **29** (9.85 gm, 90%) in the form of a white solid. The melting point and the spectral data align with those reported in the literature.

Data for 29:

Exp. mp = 178-181 °C (Lit. mp = 179-182 °C)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H).

Synthesis of 2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (31)

Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

To a solution of 3,4-dimethoxybenzoic acid, **29** (10.22 g, 56.15 mmol, 1 eq.) in CH₂Cl₂ (270 mL) was added oxalyl chloride (11.4 g, 89.76 mmol, 1.6 eq.) and DMF (1.22 g, 16.85 mmol, 0.3 eq.) under an inert atmosphere. The solution was stirred at r.t. for 4 h and then the solvent was removed in vacuo. The acid chloride **30** was redissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (270 mL) and a solution of (A) 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol (10 g, 112.3 mmol, 2 eq.) dissolved in 10% NaOH (300 mL) was added dropwise, and the solution was stirred overnight. The layers were separated, and the organic layer was concentrated in vacuo. The resulting solid was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (300 mL), and thionyl chloride (33.4 g, 280.75 mmol, 5 eq.) was added, and the reaction was stirred overnight. H₂O (150 mL) and 10% NaOH (350 mL) were then added to the solution which was stirred for 3 h. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 150 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography to give phenyloxazoline **31** (10.5 g, 83%) as a yellow oil. The spectral data aligns with those reported in the literature.

Data for 31:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 1H), 1.34 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.93, 151.56, 148.65, 121.69, 120.72, 110.82, 110.40, 79.10, 67.54, 56.10, 55.98, 28.50.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₇NO₃ 236.1281, found 236.1289.

Synthesis of 2-(3,4-dimethoxy-2-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)phenyl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (32)

Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

To a well-stirred solution of phenyloxazoline, **31** (4.3 g, 18.30 mmol, 1 eq.) in dry tetrahydrofuran (36 mL) was added n-butyl lithium (34 mL, 54.90 mmol, 3 eq.) at -78 °C under an inert atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at the same temperature. Subsequently treated with (**A**) prenyl bromide (7.7 g, 51.23 mmol, 2.8 eq.) dropwise via syringe through rubber septa and stirred for 3 h at the same temperature. The cooling bath was removed, and the mixture was stirred at rt. until the completion of the reaction. After completion, the reaction mixture was quenched by NH₄Cl and H₂O and extracted with EtOAc (3x100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and dried with Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography to give phenyloxazoline **32** (4.4 g, 80%) as a yellow oil.

Data for **32**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.79, 154.65, 147.33, 136.51, 131.22, 126.56, 123.73, 121.09, 109.34, 78.80, 67.62, 60.61, 55.72, 28.43, 26.31, 25.83, 18.16.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₂₅NO₃ 304.1907, found 304.1917.

Synthesis of 2-(3,4-dimethoxy-2-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)phenyl)-3,4,4-trimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-3-ium (33)

Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

To a well-stirred solution of compound **32** (4 g, 13.18 mmol, 1 eq.) in nitromethane (CH₃NO₂, 50 mL) was added methyl iodide (5.6 g, 39.55 mmol, 3 eq.) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C until complete completion of the starting material. The reaction was then cooled, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue obtained was washed with ethanol to obtain **33** (5.45 g, 91%) as a brownish solid (mp = 118-120 °C).

Data for **33**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 4.95 – 4.89 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.42 (s, 5H), 1.78 (s, 6H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.69, 157.74, 147.71, 136.75, 134.60, 129.23, 121.56, 111.76, 110.97, 82.27, 67.69, 61.02, 56.29, 32.06, 26.09, 25.85, 24.73, 18.34.

HRMS: (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₈NO₃ 318.2058, found 318.2072.

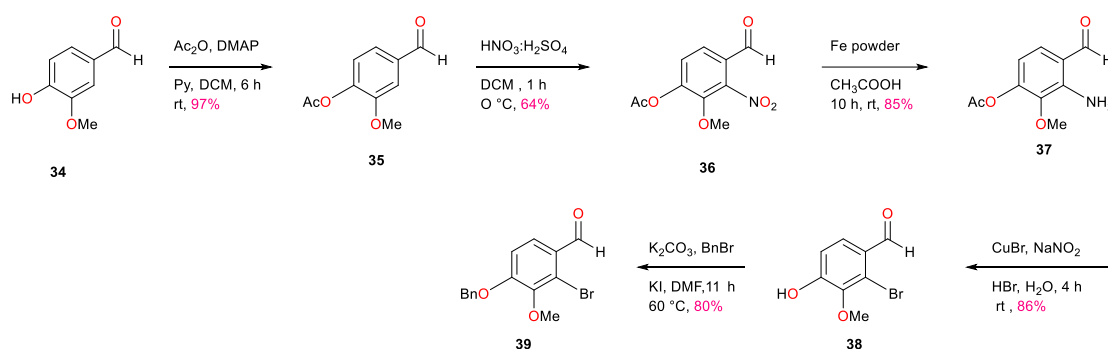
Synthesis of 3,4-dimethoxy-2-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)benzaldehyde (13)

Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

Sodium borohydride (0.9 g, 22.50 mmol, 2 eq) was added to a solution of **33** (5 g, 11.25 mmol, 1 eq.) in ethanol (50 mL) at ice bath temperature (0 °C) over a period of 1 h. the solution was then stirred at 0-5 °C for 2 h. and the resulting oxazoline was hydrolyzed with 5% aqueous HCl-THF and extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography to give **13** (1.7 g, 65%) as a yellow oil.

Data for 13: Page no. 4, SI.

Scheme S2. Synthesis of intermediate 23



Synthesis of 4-formyl-2-methoxyphenyl acetate (35)

Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

Vanillin **34** (20 g, 131.58 mmol, 1 eq.) was suspended in methylene chloride (50 mL), and then acetic anhydride (40 g, 394.74 mmol, 3 eq.), DMAP (3.2 g, 26.32 mmol, 0.2 eq.) and pyridine (20.8 g, 263 mmol, 2 eq.) were added. The resultant solution was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. Water was added to the reaction mixture, and ethyl acetate was then added. The organic layer was washed with 1N HCl, a saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate aqueous solution, and saturated brine, and was dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate. The organic layer was filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to give pure compound **35** (24.76 g, 97%). Exp. Mp 74-76 °C was matched with the reported mp 77 °C.

* The melting point has been confirmed to align with the reported value, thus we proceeded to utilize it without any additional characterization.

Synthesis of 4-formyl-2-methoxy-3-nitrophenyl acetate (36)

Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

A magnetically stirred suspension of vanillin acetate **35** (5.1 gm, 26.29 mmol, 1 eq.) in dichloromethane (20 ml) was cooled to 0 °C and then treated, dropwise over 0.5 h, with a mixture of HNO_3 (5.5 ml of a 77% aqueous solution) and H_2SO_4 (8.1 ml of a 98% aqueous solution). The ensuing mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (100 ml) and then treated with water (100 ml). The separated aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2x 50 ml). The combined organic phase were washed with NaHCO_3 (2 x 100 ml of a saturated aqueous solution) before being dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give nitrobenzaldehyde **36** (4.021 g, 64%) as a clear yellow oil. NMR results of the synthetic compound **36** align with the data published previously.

Data for 36:

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.90 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 185.84, 167.65, 149.23, 144.55, 126.25, 126.20, 125.66, 63.09, 20.92.

Synthesis of 3-amino-4-formyl-2-methoxyphenyl acetate (37)

Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

To a solution of **36** (3.5 g, 14.65 mmol, 1 eq.) in acetic acid (43 ml) at room temperature was added iron powder (4.9 g, 87.87 mmol, 6 eq.). After stirring for 10 h, the residue iron powder was filtered out. Water (30 ml) was added to the mother liquor, and it was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 ml). The combined organic phase were washed with brine (20 ml), dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the title compound **37** (2.6 g, 85%) as a yellow solid; mp 82-84 °C.

Data for 37:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.80 (s, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 0.6 Hz, 3H), 3.76 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.05, 168.31, 147.69, 145.20, 138.04, 131.19, 117.69, 110.75, 60.22, 20.87.

Synthesis of 2-bromo-4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde (38)

Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

To a stirred solution of **37** (0.88 g, 4.24 mmol, 1 eq.) in HBr (2.3 ml, 48%) was added water (3.5 ml), and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C. A cold solution of sodium nitrite (0.44 g, 6.36 mmol, 1.5 eq.) in water (3.5 ml) was added dropwise for 10 min and the mixture was stirred for another 1 h. When diazotisation was complete, commercially available CuBr powder (0.61 g, 4.24 mmol, 1 eq.) was added and the suspension was heated at 70 °C for 2 h when the solid product separated. The reaction mixture was cooled and extracted with ether (2 x 40 ml). The combined organic phase were washed with brine (5 ml), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the title compound **38** (0.85 g, 86%) as a white solid (mp 149-151 °C, Lit. mp 154-155 °C).

* The melting point has been confirmed to align with the reported value, thus we proceeded to utilize it without any additional characterization.

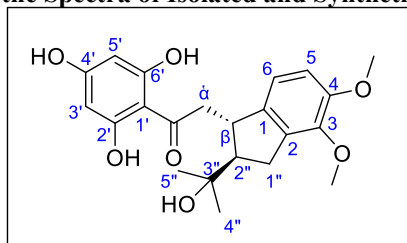
Synthesis of 4-(benzyloxy)-2-bromo-3-methoxybenzaldehyde (23)

Procedure adapted from a literature procedure.

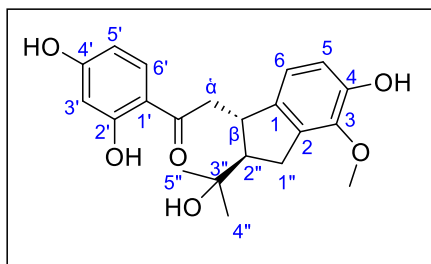
To a solution of **38** (0.79 g, 3.42 mmol, 1 eq.) in DMF (7 mL) was added K₂CO₃ (1.4 g, 10.26 mmol, 3 eq.), KI (0.28 g, 1.7 mmol, 0.5 eq.), and the reaction was stirred for 30 min at room temperature; then benzyl bromide (1.2 g, 6.84 mmol, 2 eq.) was added to the solution. After stirring at 60 °C for 11 h, the reaction was quenched with a saturated solution of NH₄Cl, then extracted with ethyl acetate twice (30 mL each). The combined organic phase were washed with brine (5 ml), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the title compound **23** (0.88 g, 80%) as a white solid (mp 98-100 °C, Lit. mp 99-101 °C).

* The melting point has been confirmed to align with the reported value, thus we proceeded to utilize it without any additional characterization.

Comparison of the Spectra of Isolated and Synthetic Compounds



| Position | Antiarone K (Isolated) | | Antiarone K (1) (synthetic) | |
|----------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| | δ_H (mult. J/Hz) 400 MHz | δ_C 100 MHz | δ_H (mult. J/Hz) 600 MHz | δ_C 150 MHz |
| 1 | | 142.1 | | 142.1 |
| 2 | | 137.0 | | 137.0 |
| 3 | | 145.8 | | 145.7 |
| 4 | | 152.1 | | 152.1 |
| 5 | 6.76, d (8.2) | 112.8 | 6.76, d (8.2) | 112.7 |
| 6 | 6.83, d (8.2) | 119.7 | 6.82, d (8.2) | 119.7 |
| 1' | | 105.7 | | 105.6 |
| 2' | | 165.4 | | 165.5 |
| 3' | 5.94, s | 95.9 | 5.93, s | 95.8 |
| 4' | | 165.4 | | 165.5 |
| 5' | 5.94, s | 95.9 | 5.93, s | 95.8 |
| 6' | | 165.4 | | 165.5 |
| 1'' | 3.06, dd (17.2, 4.4) | 31.1 | 3.05, dd (17.1, 9.0) | 31.1 |
| | 2.95, dd (17.2, 8.8) | | 2.95, dd (17.1, 4.2) | |
| 2'' | 2.35, dt (8.8, 4.4) | 56.2 | 2.34, dt (9.0, 4.1) | 56.2 |
| 3'' | | 72.7 | | 72.6 |
| 4'' | 1.06, s | 27.1 | 1.05, s | 27.1 |
| 5'' | 1.08, s | 28.0 | 1.07, s | 27.9 |
| α | 3.32, dd (16.7, 6.8) | 52.6 | 3.30, dd (16.8, 7.2) | 52.6 |
| | 3.48, dd (16.7, 6.8) | | 3.46, dd (16.7, 6.3) | |
| β | 3.82, dt (6.8, 4.4) | 43.3 | 3.80, dt (6.5, 3.5) | 43.2 |
| C=O | | 205.6 | | 205.6 |
| -OMe-3 | 3.78, s | 59.9 | 3.77, s | 59.9 |
| -OMe-4 | 3.78, s | 56.4 | 3.77, s | 56.3 |
| -OH | 11.78, br s | | 11.90, s | |
| -OH | 11.78, br s | | 11.90, s | |
| -OH-3'' | | | 3.65, s | |



| Position | Renifolin F (Isolated) | | Renifolin F (2) (synthetic) | |
|----------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| | δ_H (mult. J/Hz) 400 MHz | δ_C 100 MHz | δ_H (mult. J/Hz) 600 MHz | δ_C 150 MHz |
| 1 | | 139.9 | | 140.0 |
| 2 | | 135.9 | | 135.9 |
| 3 | | 144.1 | | 144.2 |
| 4 | | 149.0 | | 149.0 |
| 5 | 6.63, d (8.1) | 115.7 | 6.63, d (8.1) | 115.7 |
| 6 | 6.69, d (8.1) | 120.1 | 6.70, d (9.0) | 120.1 |
| 1' | | 114.2 | | 114.2 |
| 2' | | 166.3 | | 166.4 |
| 3' | 6.34, d (2.2) | 103.5 | 6.34, d (2.4) | 103.6 |
| 4' | | 165.6 | | 165.6 |
| 5' | 6.41, dd (8.8, 2.2) | 108.8 | 6.42, dd (8.9, 2.4) | 108.8 |
| 6' | 7.83, d (8.8) | 133.9 | 7.85, d (8.8) | 133.9 |
| 1'' | 3.11, dd (16.9, 9.0) | 31.5 | 3.12, dd (16.8, 9.0) | 31.5 |
| | 2.92, dd (16.9, 4.6) | | 2.94, dd (16.8, 5.0) | |
| 2'' | 2.37, br t (4.4) | 56.7 | 2.38, dt (9.3, 4.9) | 56.7 |
| 3'' | | 72.7 | 3.66, s | 72.6 |
| 4'' | 1.10, s | 26.6 | 1.11, s | 26.7 |
| 5'' | 1.12, s | 28.4 | 1.13, s | 28.5 |
| α | 3.34, dd (16.3, 6.0) | 46.5 | 3.35, dd (16.3, 6.2) | 46.5 |
| | 3.20, dd (16.3, 7.2) | | 3.21, dd (16.4, 7.2) | |
| β | 3.78, overlapped | 43.0 | 3.77, overlapped | 43.1 |
| C=O | | 205.4 | | 205.4 |
| -OMe-3 | 3.80, s | 60.0 | 3.80, s | 60.0 |
| -OH-4 | 12.66, s | | | |
| -OH-2' | 12.89, s | | 12.89, s | |
| -OH-4' | 12.45, s | | | |

NMR Spectra of New Compounds and Selected Known Compounds

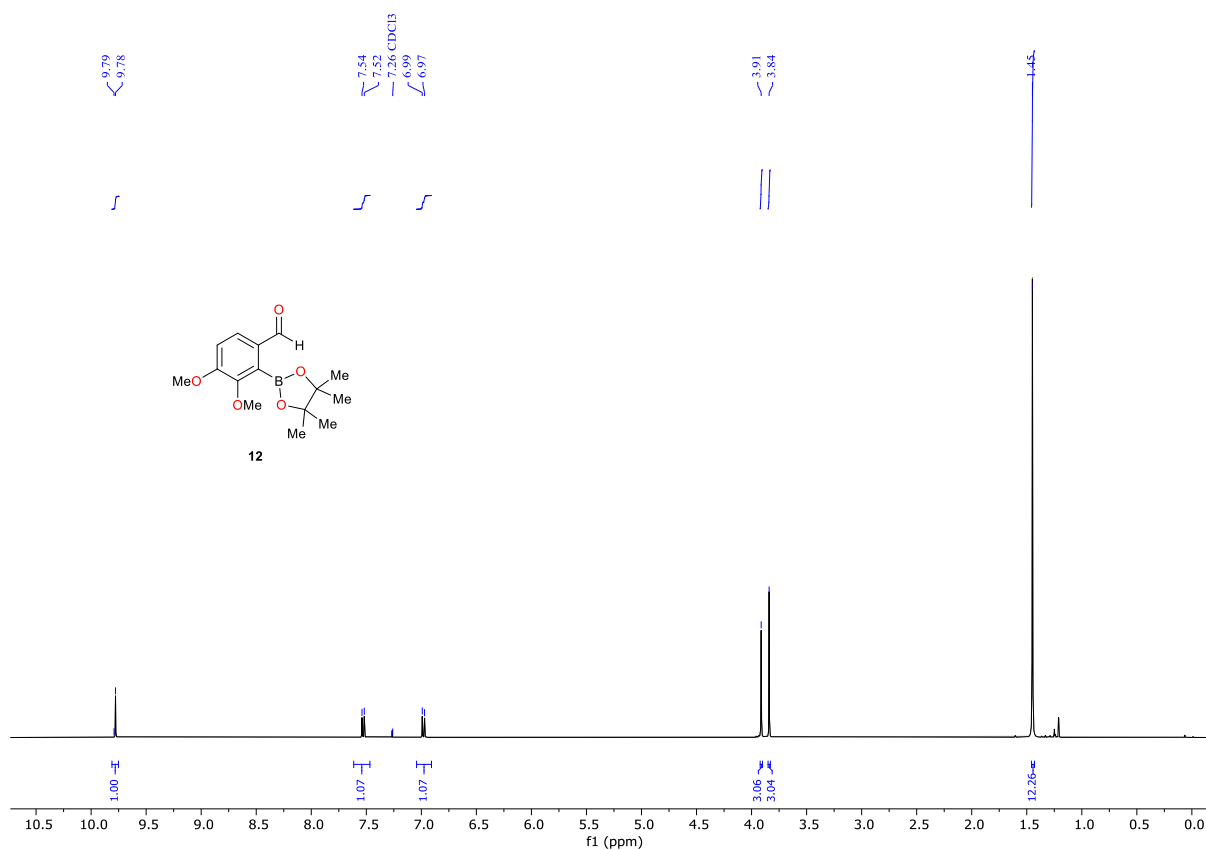


Figure S1. ¹H NMR of **12** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

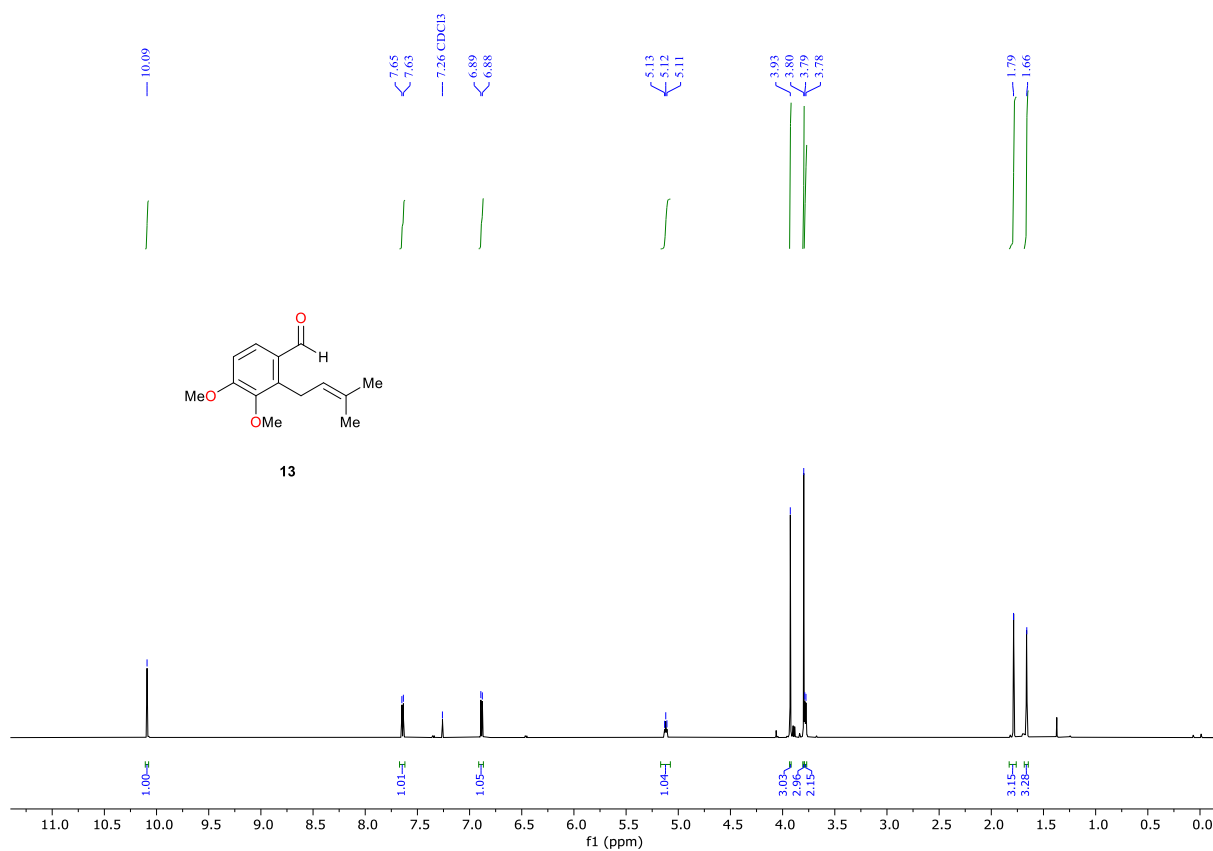


Figure S2. ¹H NMR of **13** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz)

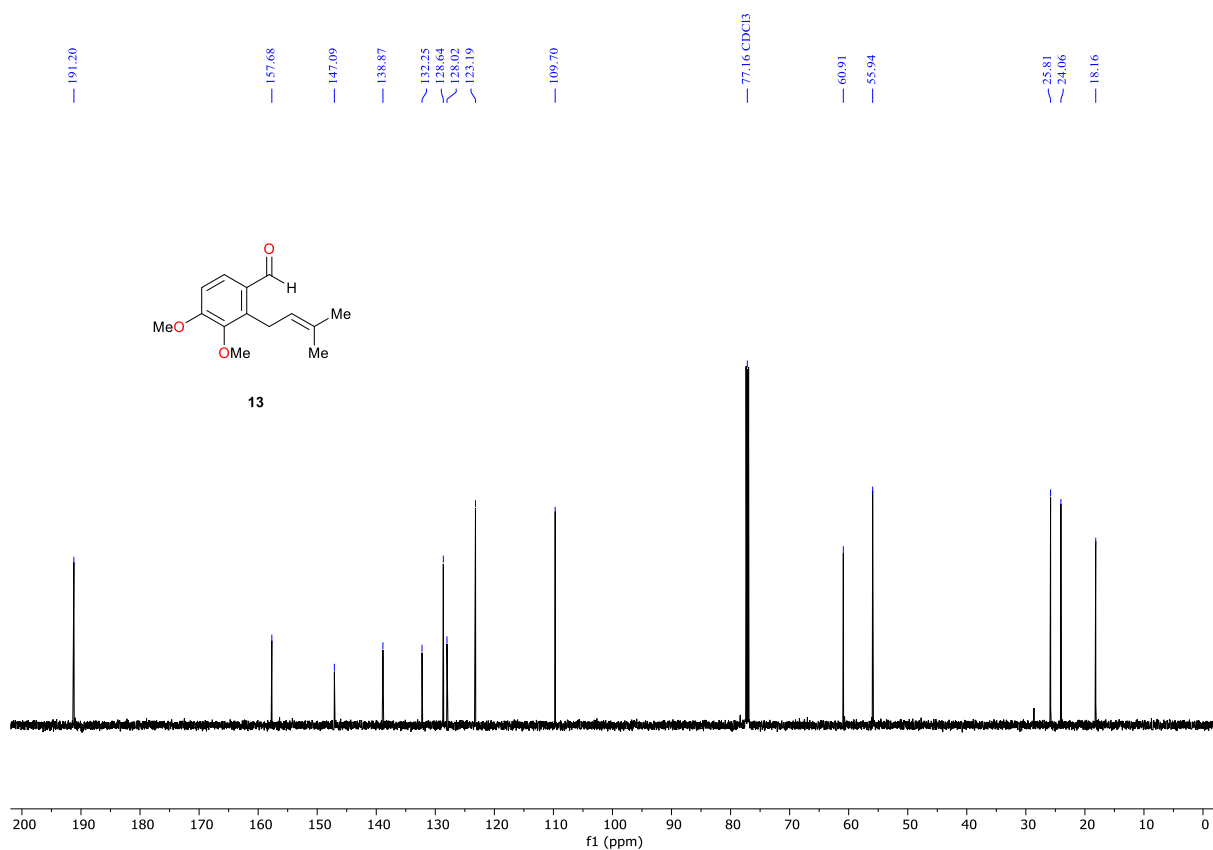


Figure S3. ¹³C NMR of **13** (CDCl₃, 150 MHz)

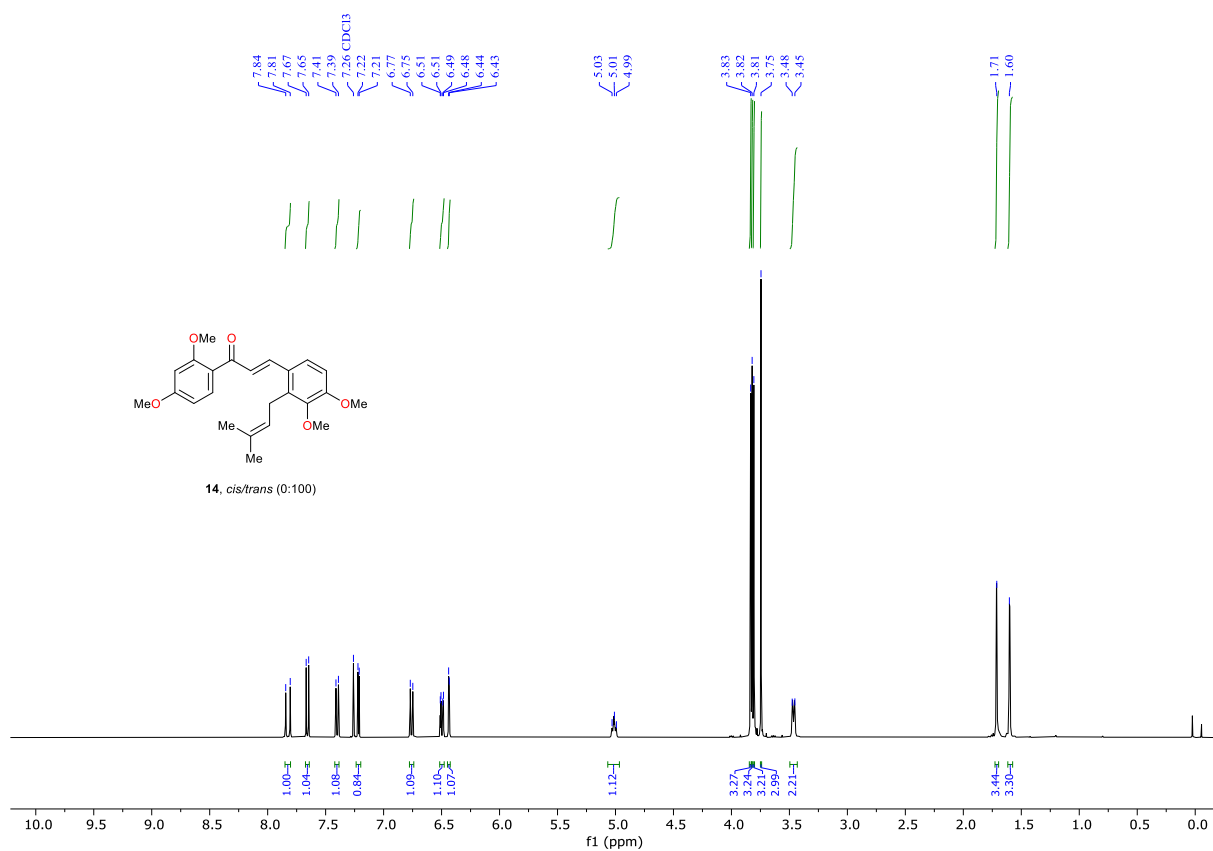
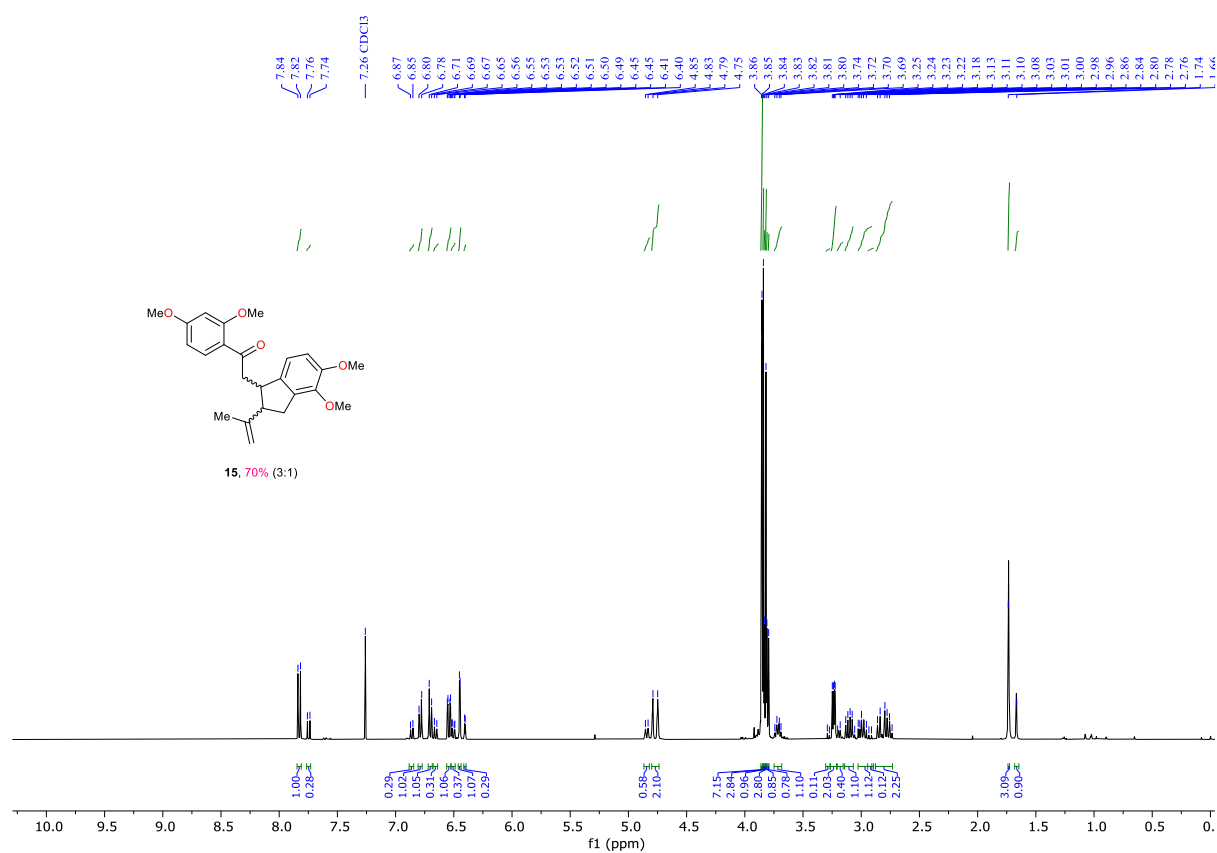
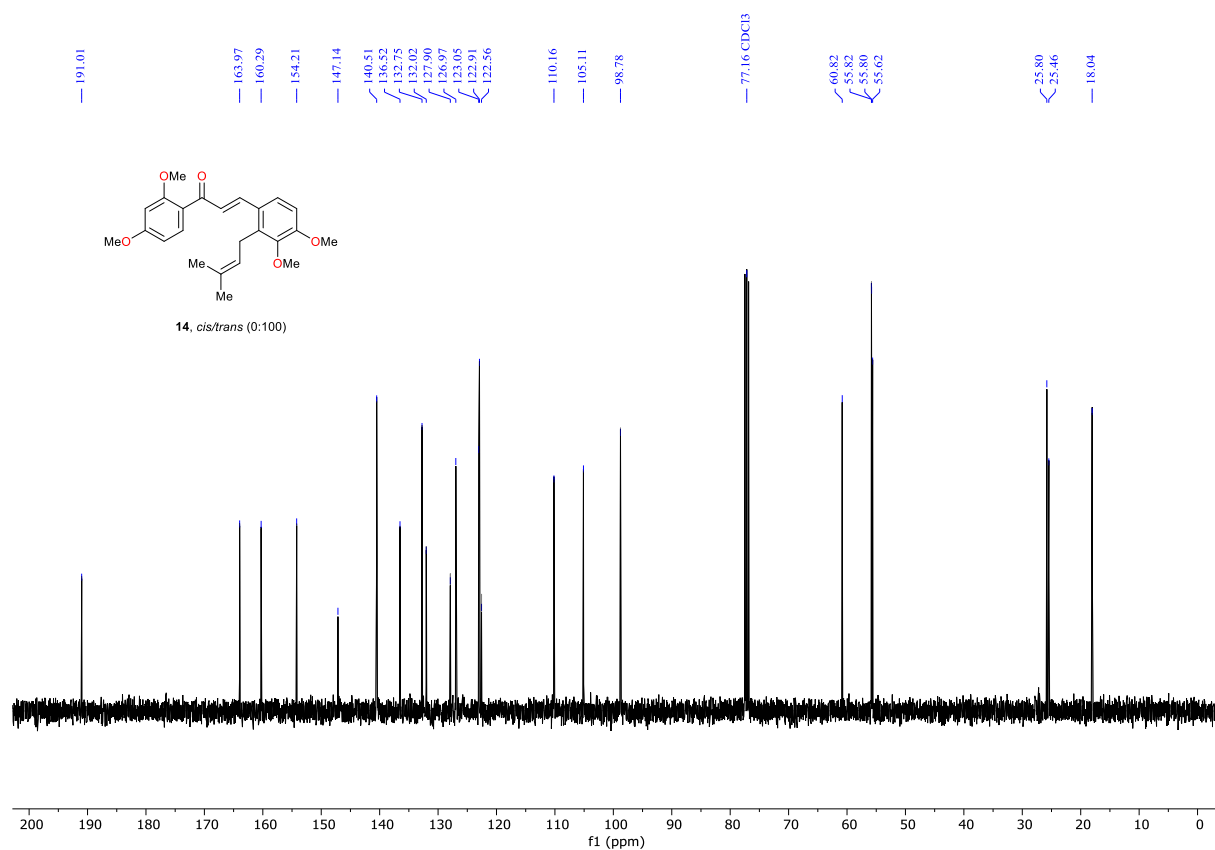


Figure S4. ¹H NMR of **14** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)



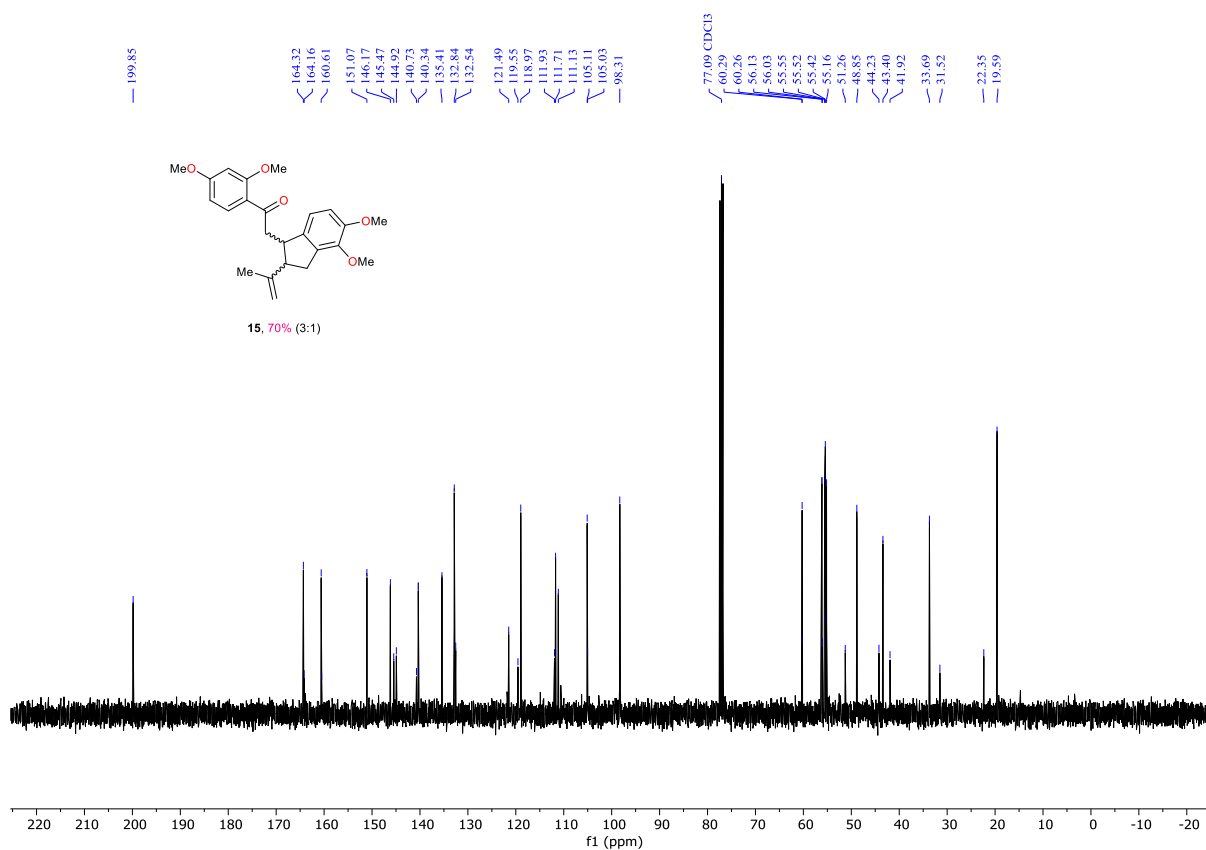


Figure S7. ¹³C NMR of **15** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

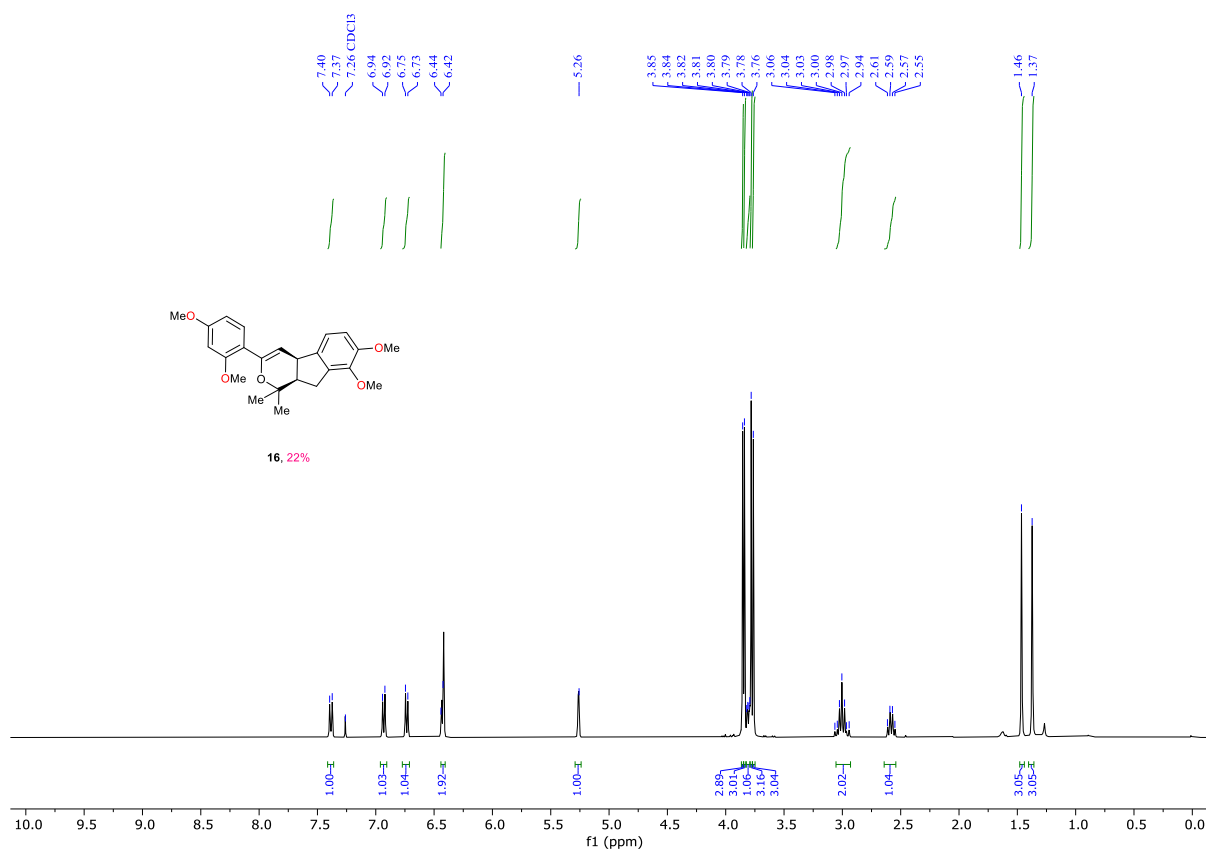


Figure S8. ¹H NMR of **16** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

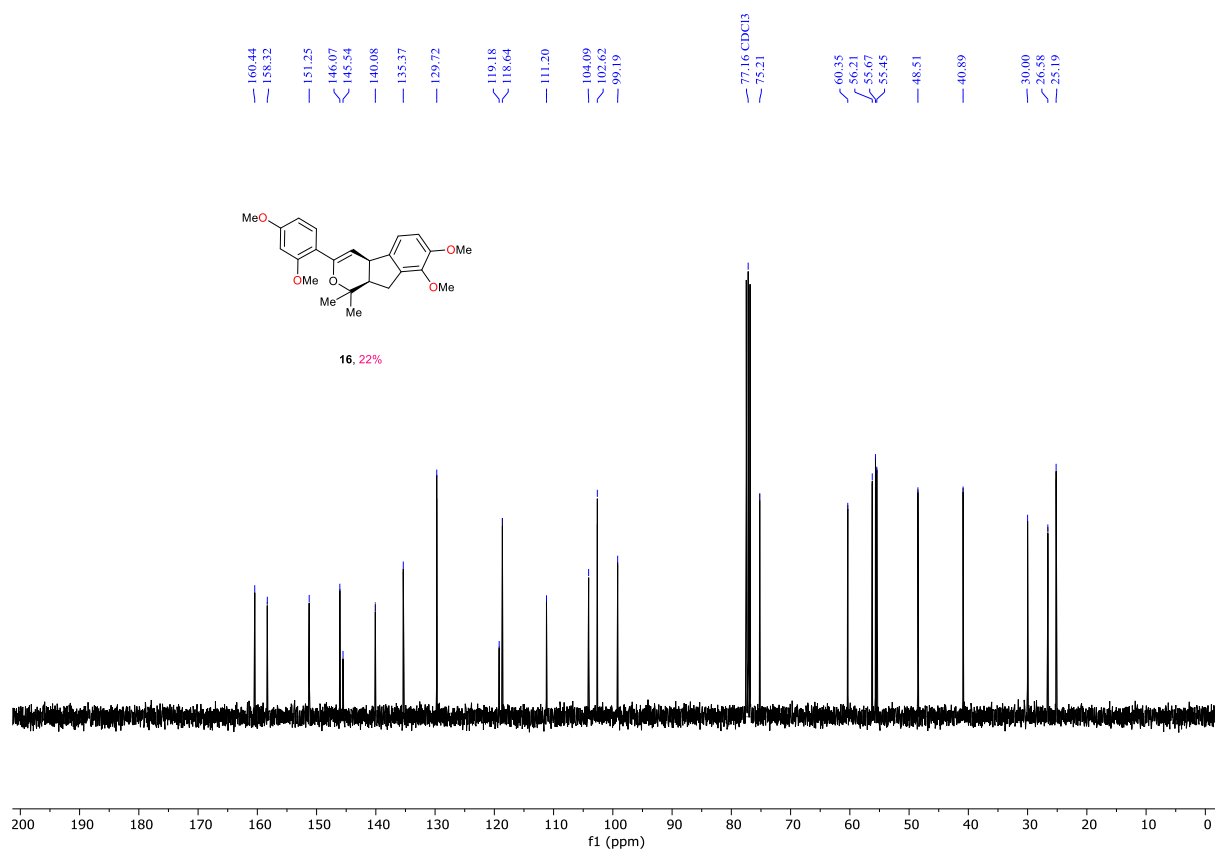


Figure S9. ¹³C NMR of **16** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

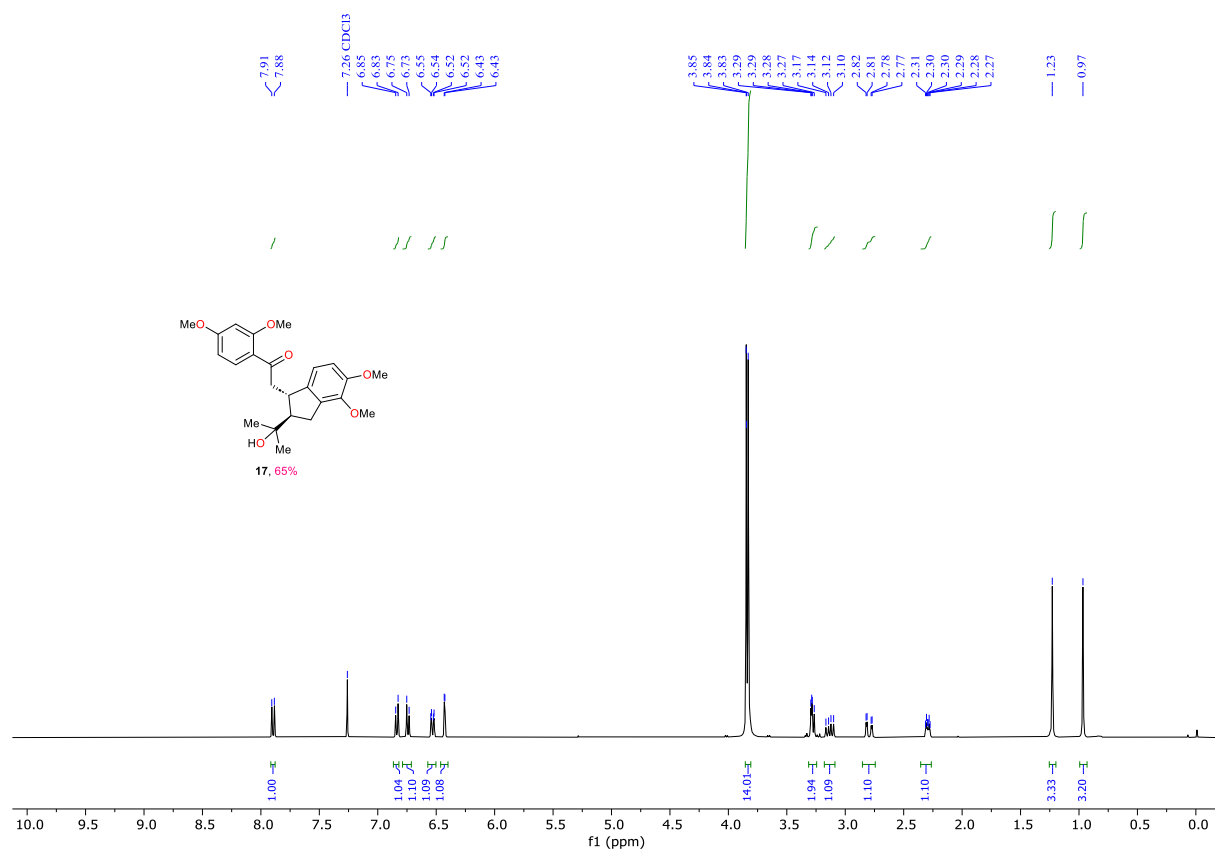


Figure S10. ¹H NMR of **17** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz)

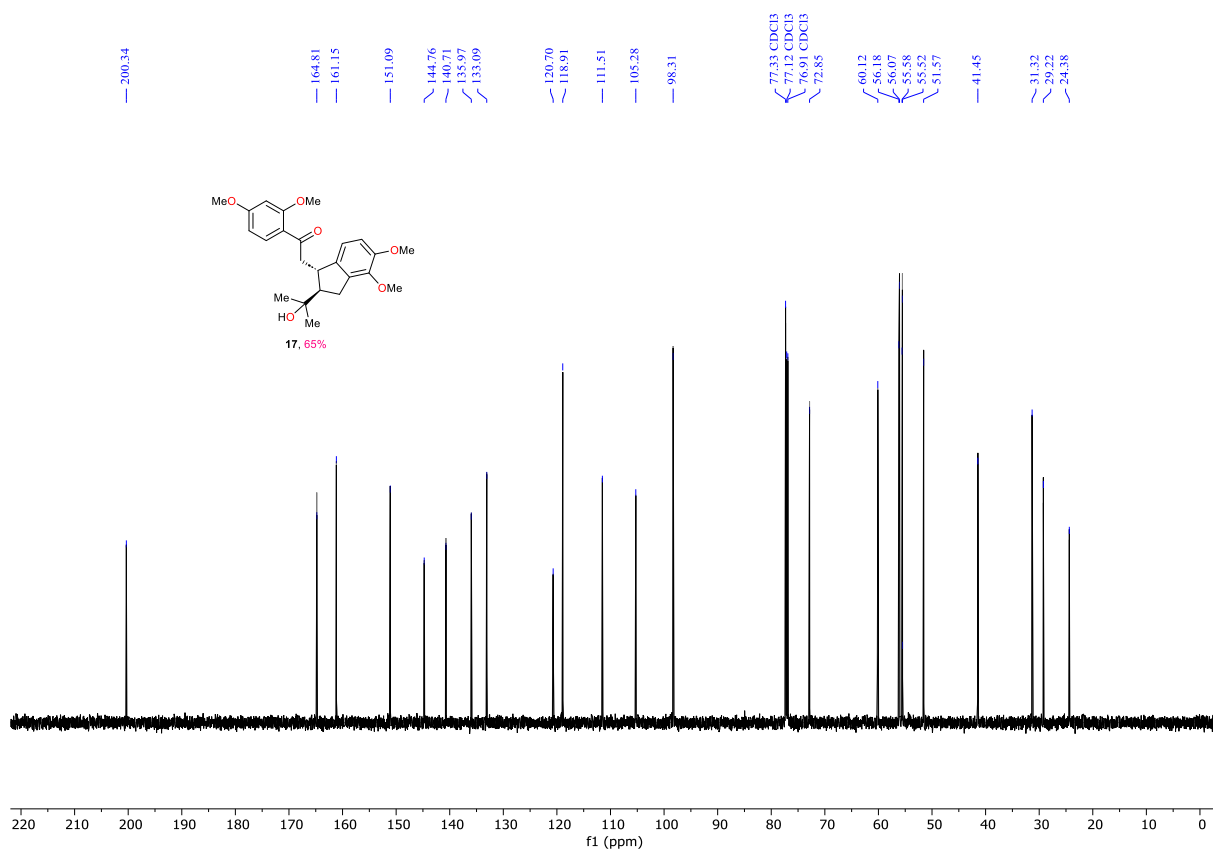


Figure S11. ^{13}C NMR of **17** (CDCl₃, 150 MHz)

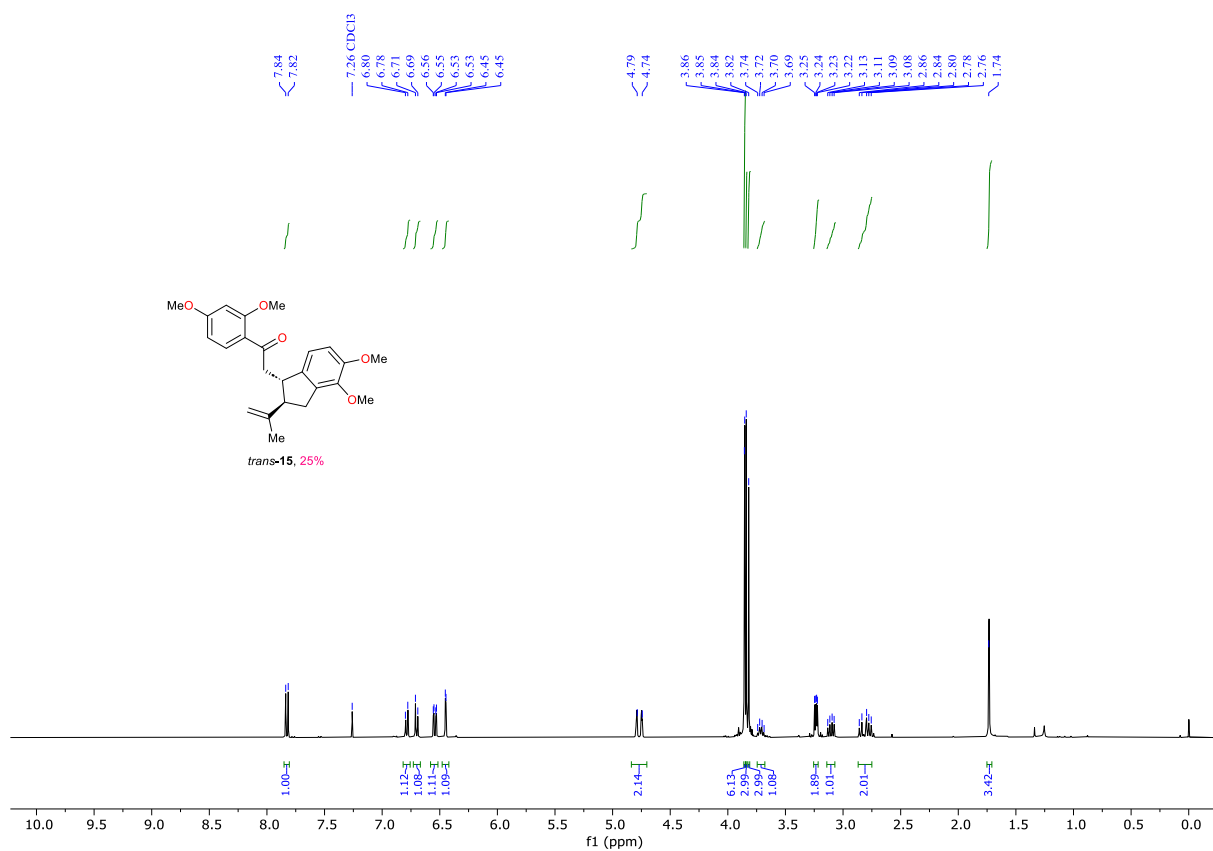


Figure S12. ^1H NMR of **trans-15** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

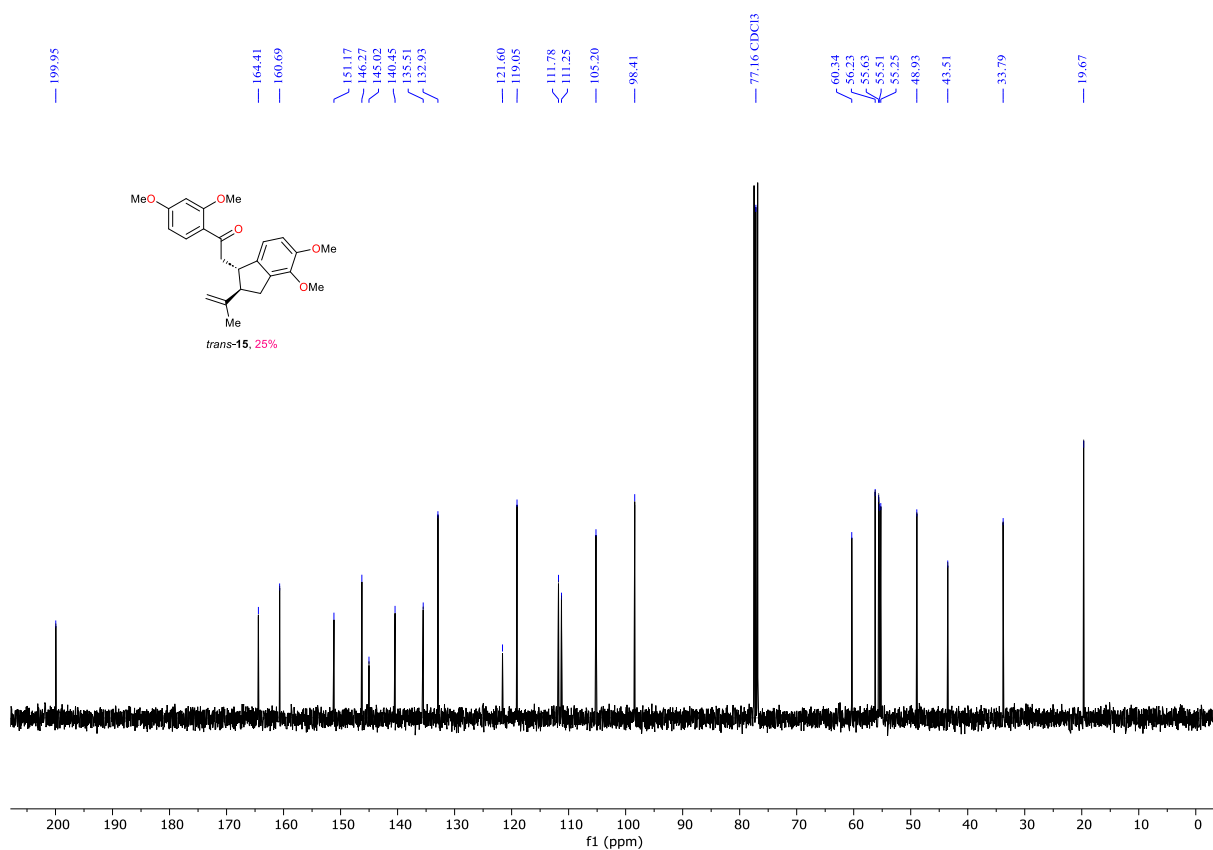


Figure S13. ¹³C NMR of **trans-15** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

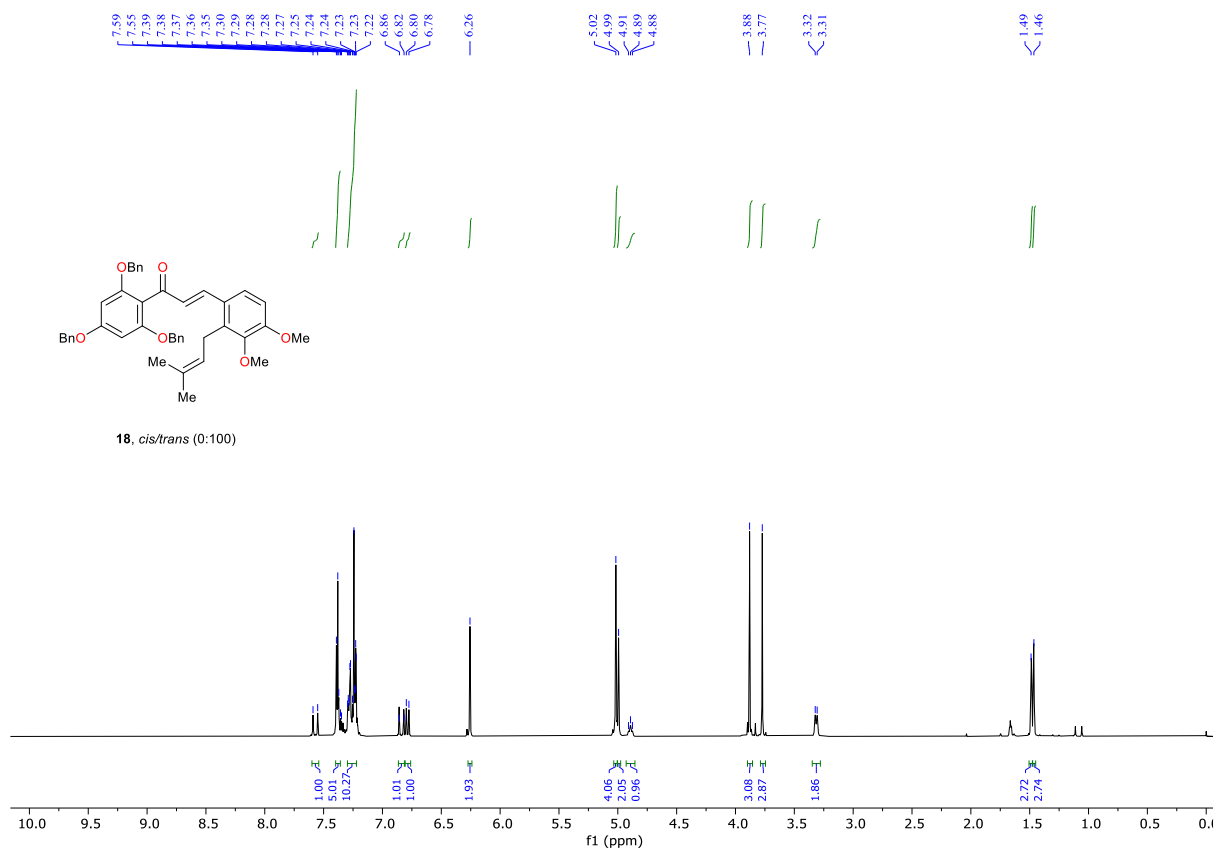


Figure S14. ¹H NMR of **18** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

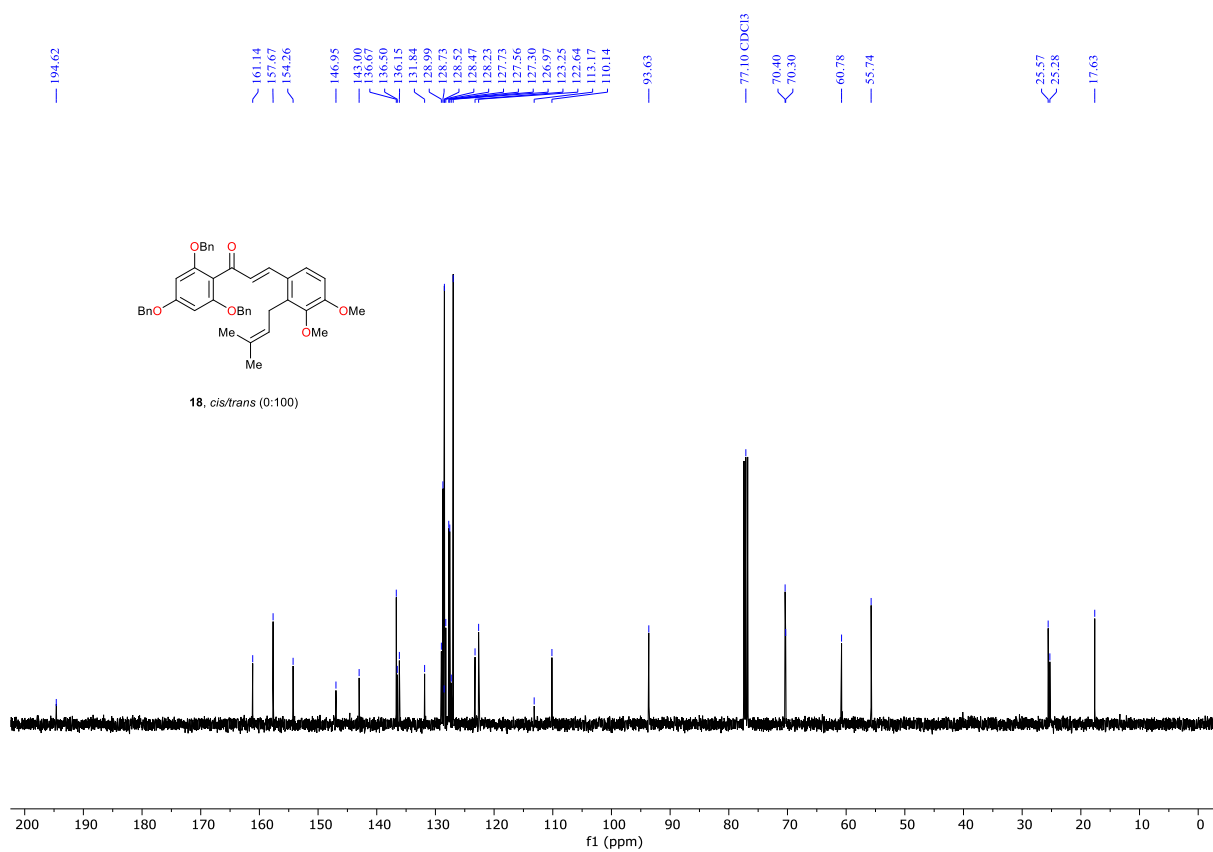


Figure S15. ¹³C NMR of **18** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

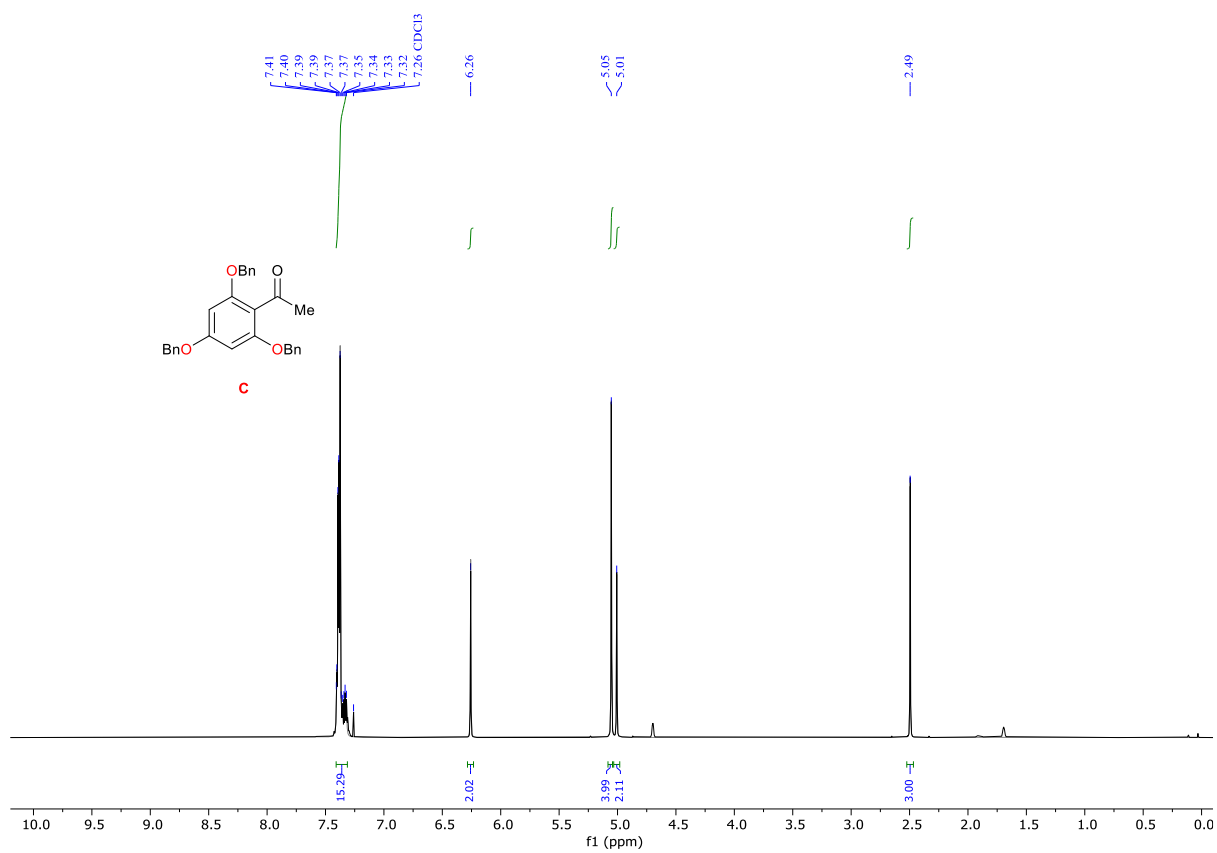


Figure S16. ¹H NMR of **C** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

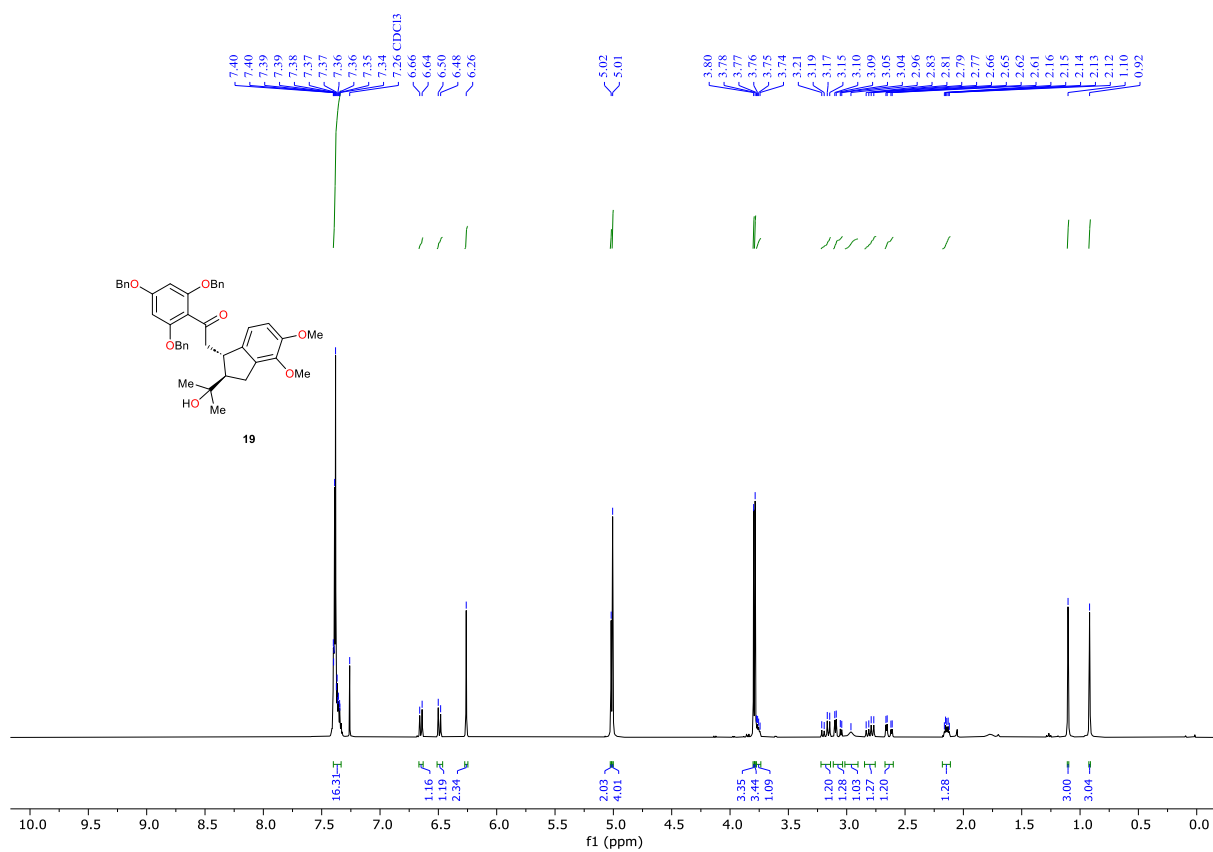


Figure S17. ¹H NMR of **19** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

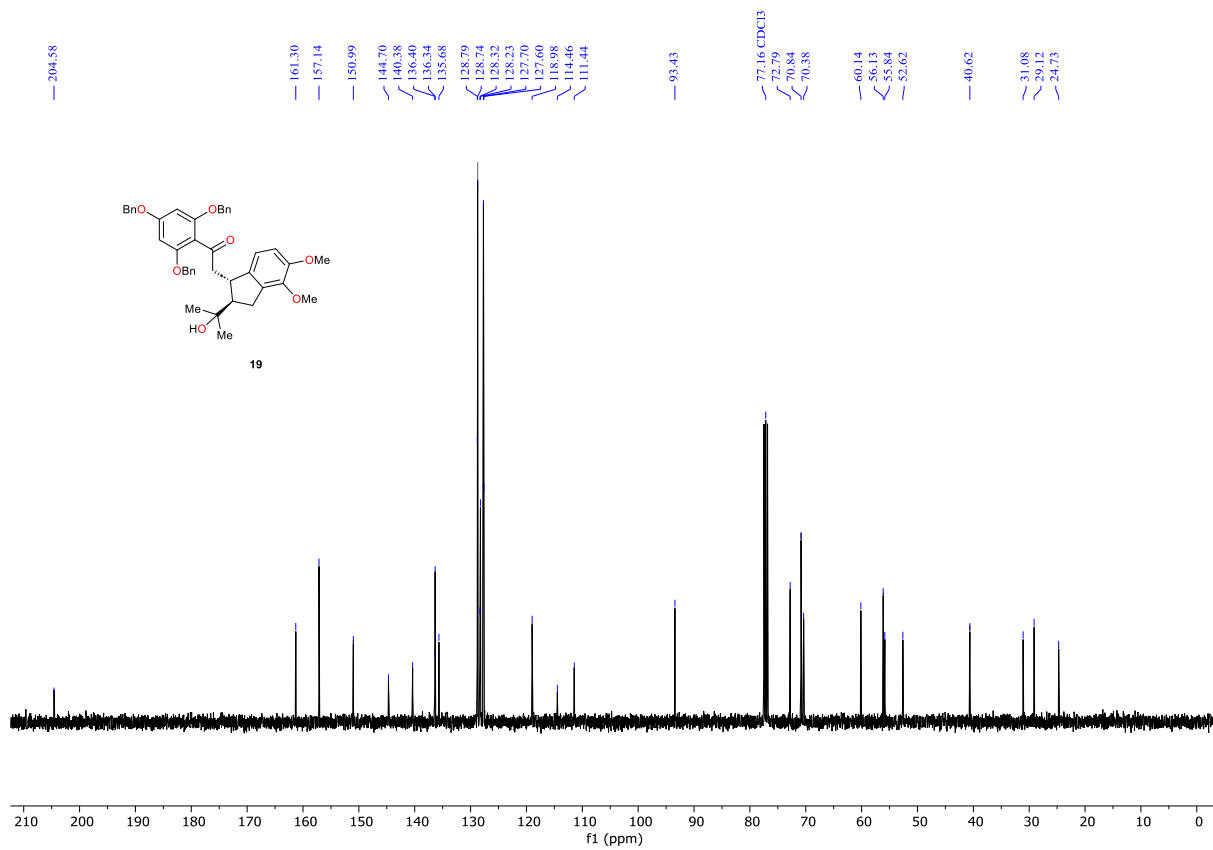


Figure S18. ¹³C NMR of **19** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

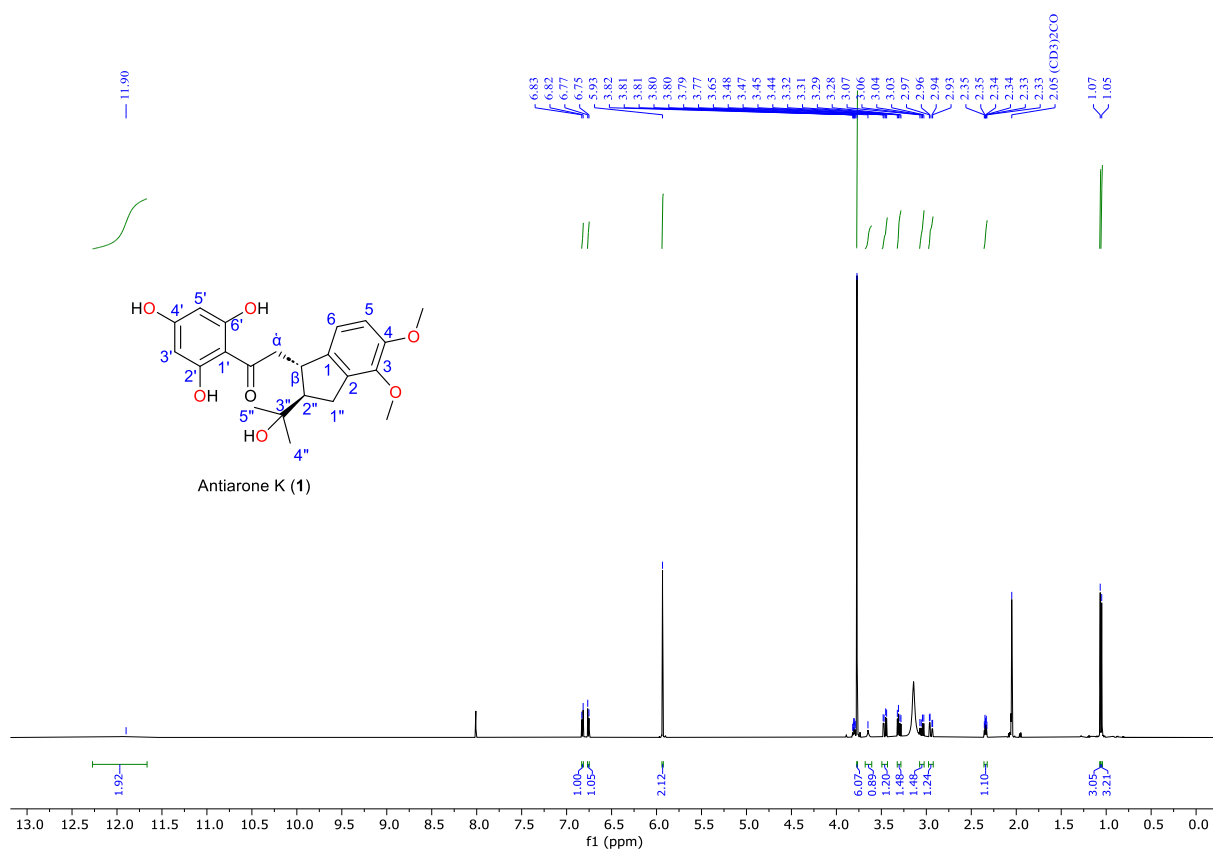


Figure S19. ¹H NMR of antiarone K (1) (acetone-d₆, 600 MHz)

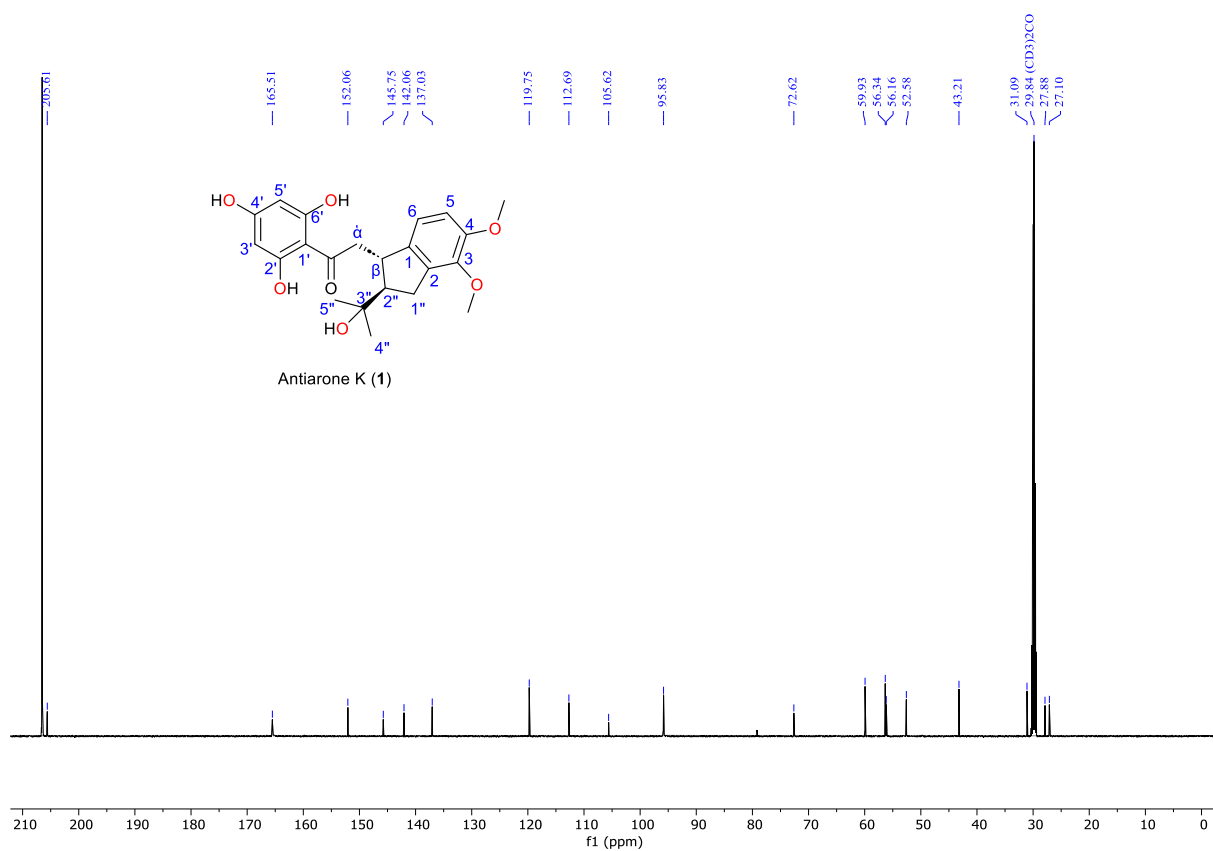


Figure S20. ¹³C NMR of antiarone K (1) (acetone-d₆, 150 MHz)

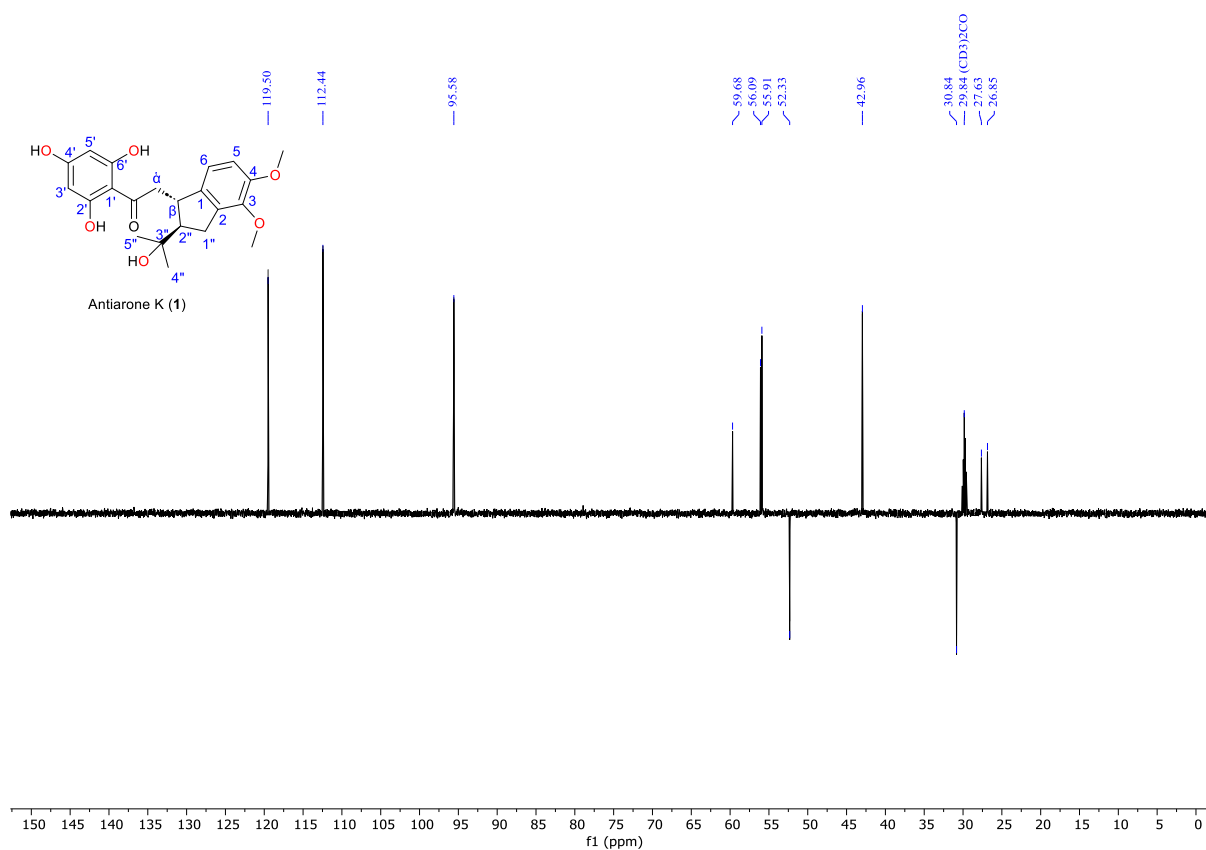


Figure S21. DEPT of antiarone K (1) (acetone-d₆, 150 MHz)

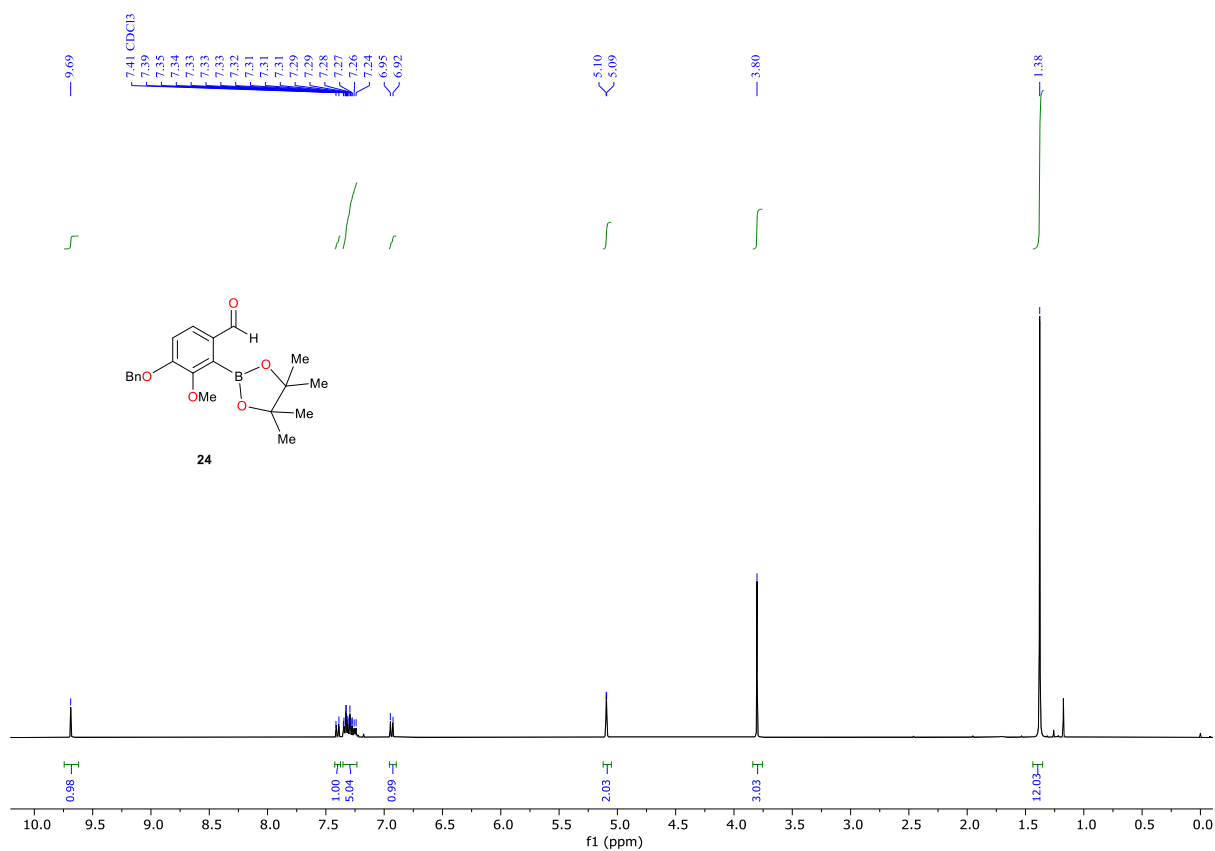


Figure S22. ¹H NMR of 24 (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

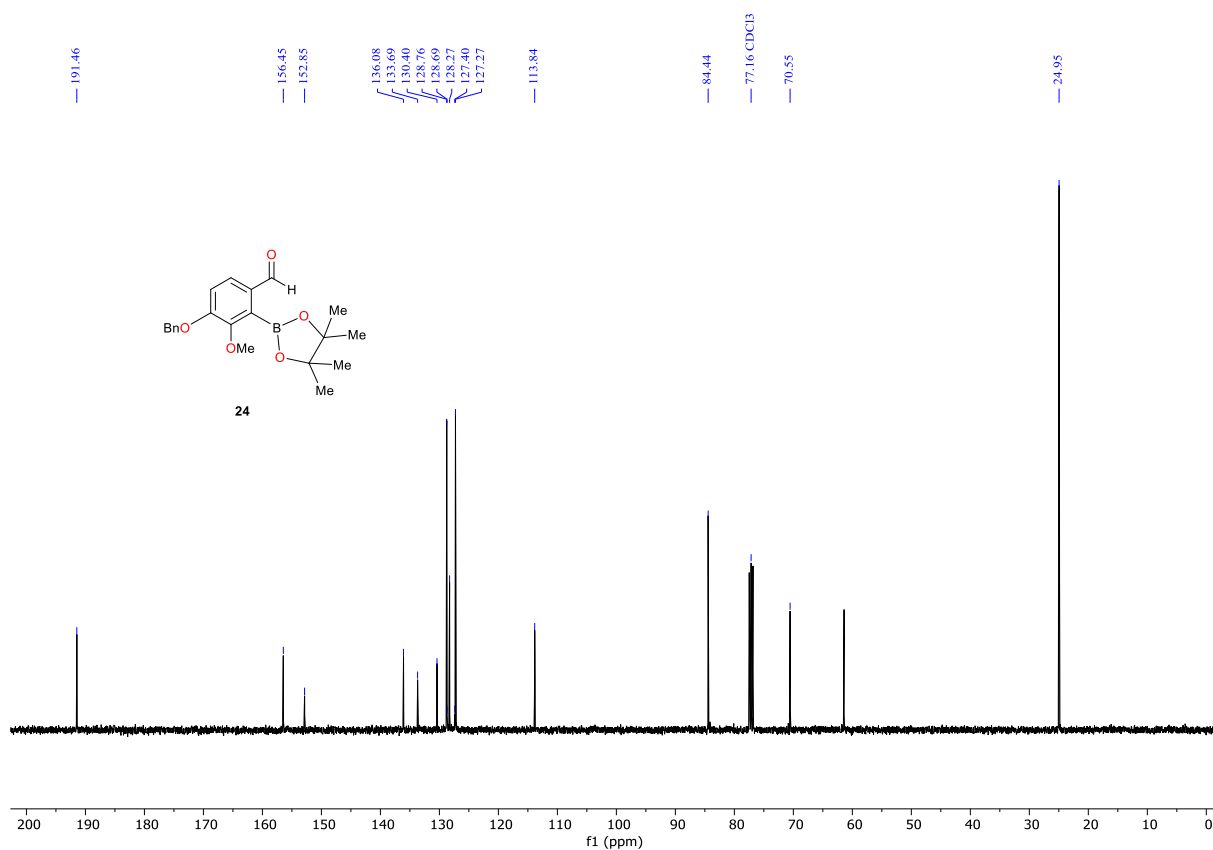


Figure S23. ¹³C NMR of **24** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

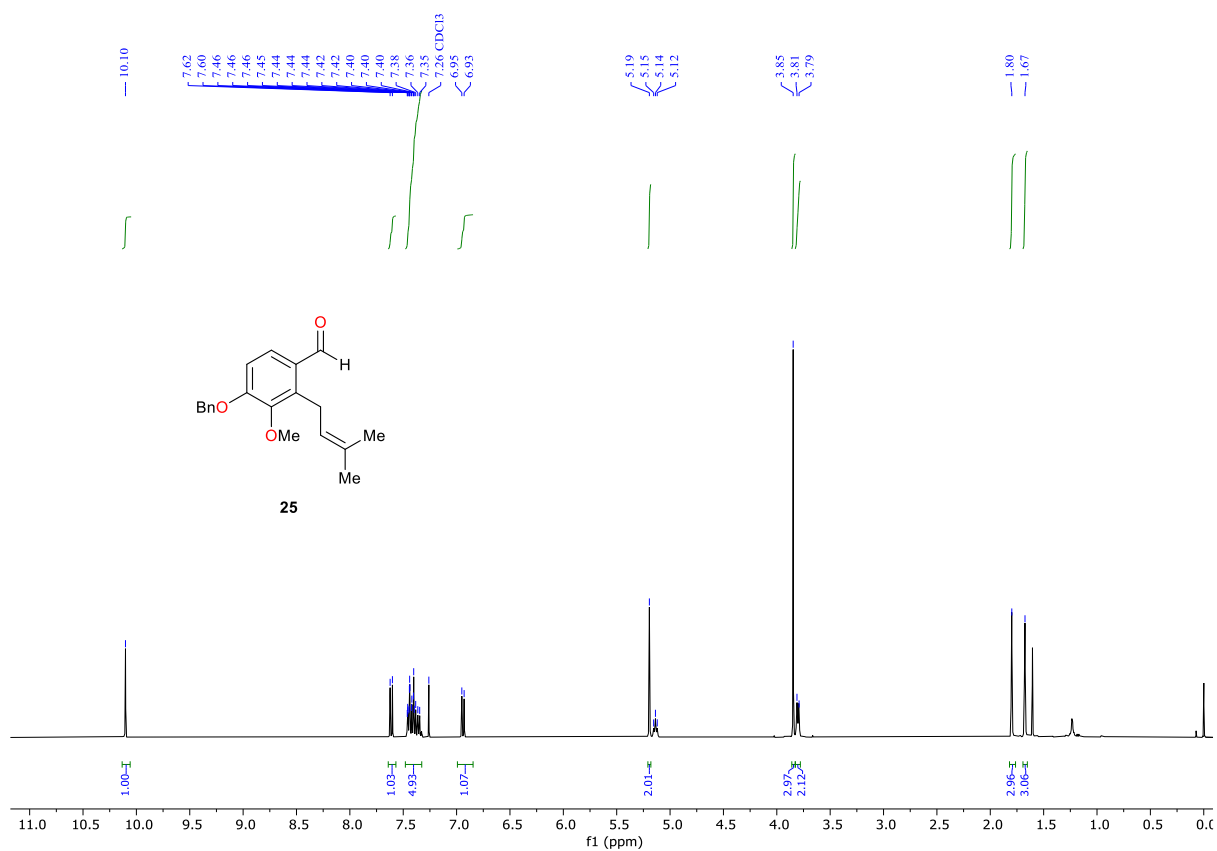


Figure S24. ¹H NMR of **25** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

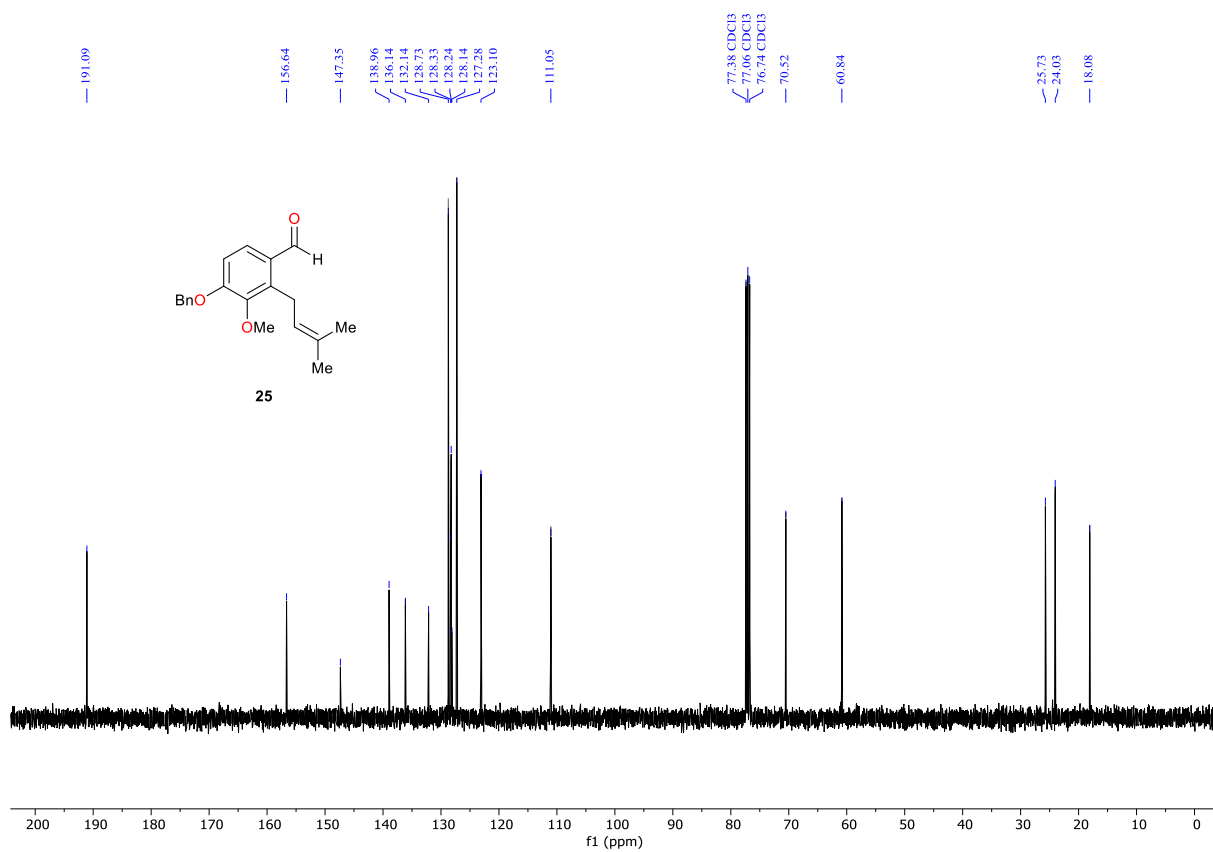


Figure S25. ¹³C NMR of **25** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

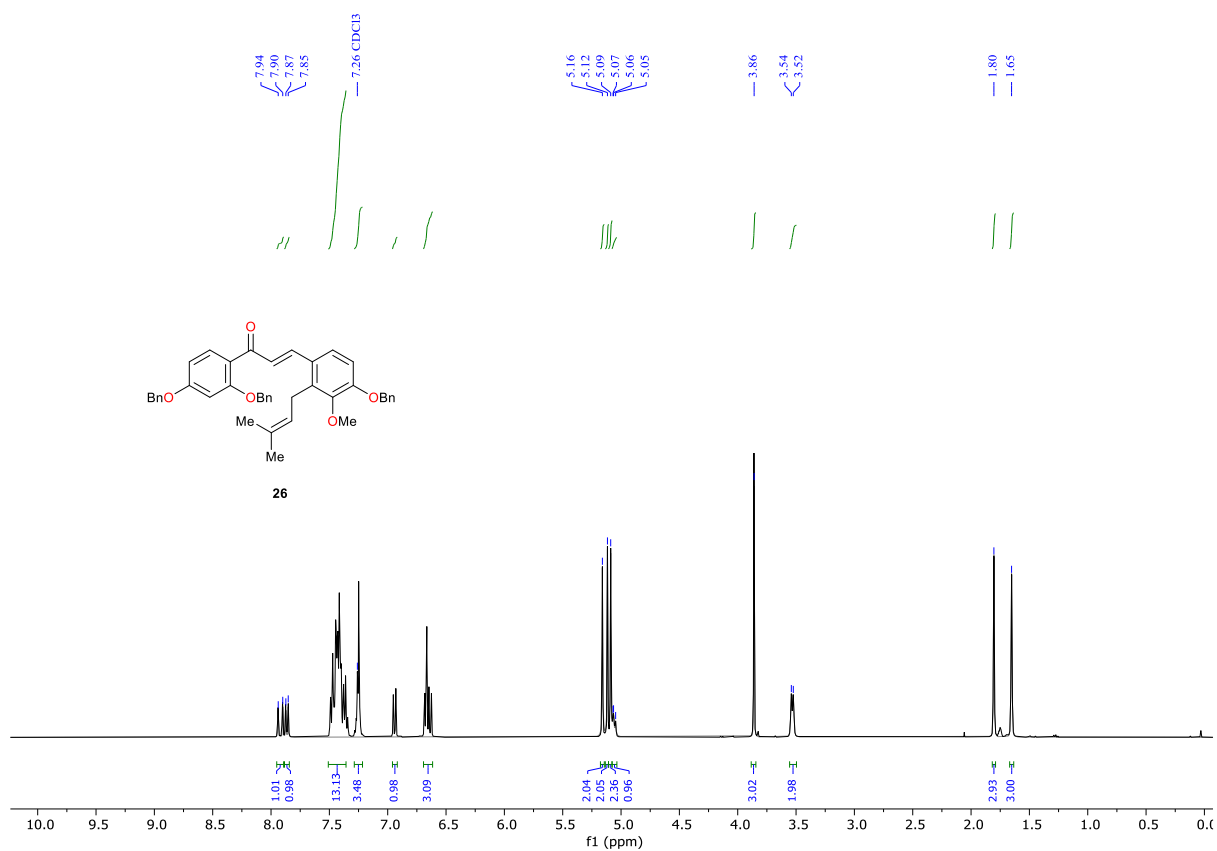


Figure S26. ¹H NMR of **26** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

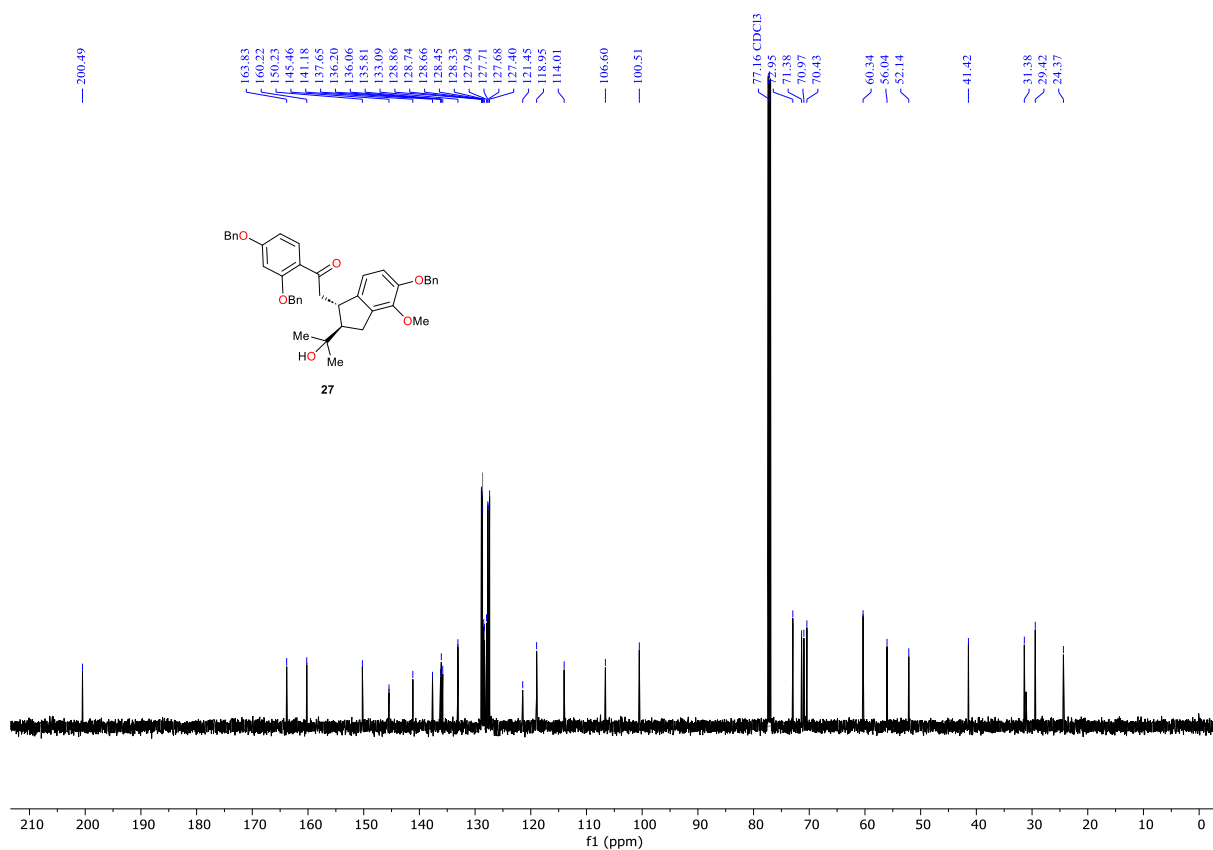


Figure S29. ¹³C NMR of 27 (CDCl₃, 150 MHz)

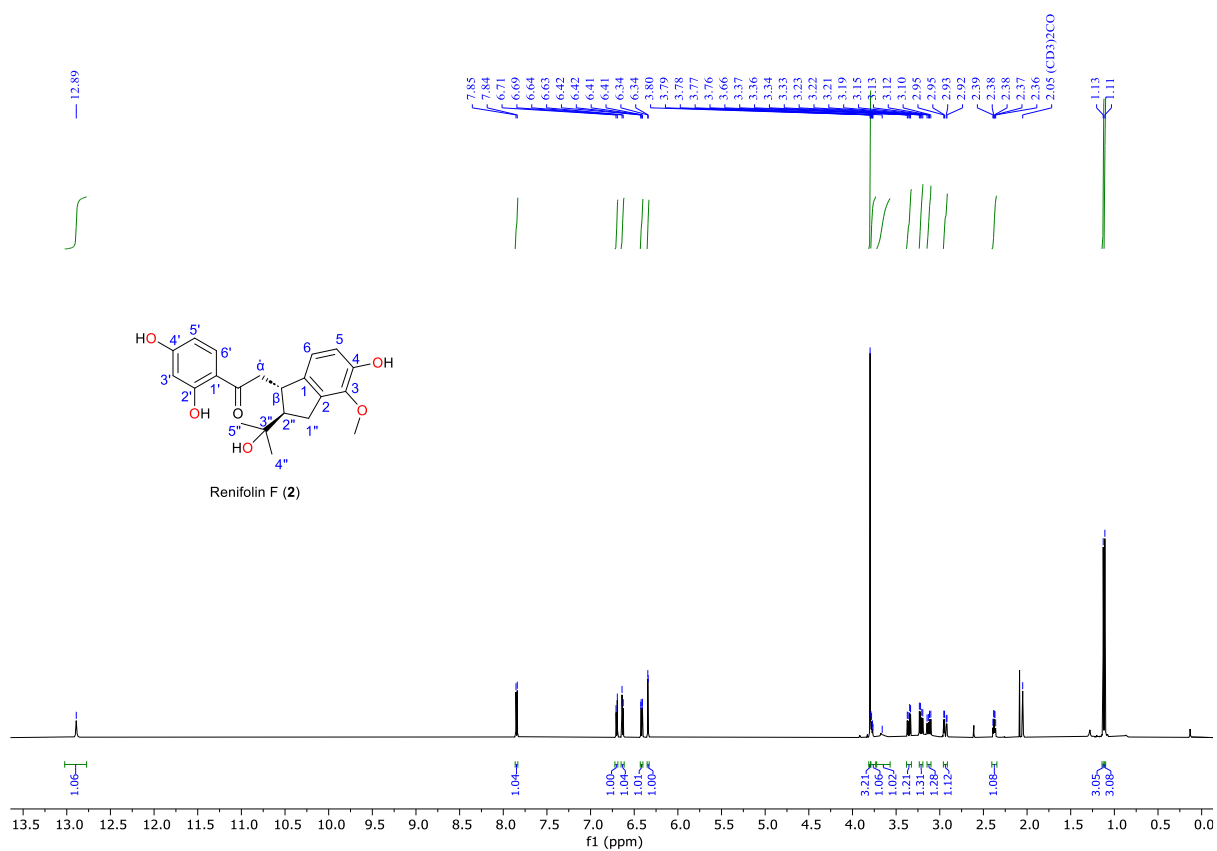


Figure S30. ¹H NMR of renifolin F (2) (acetone-d₆, 600 MHz)

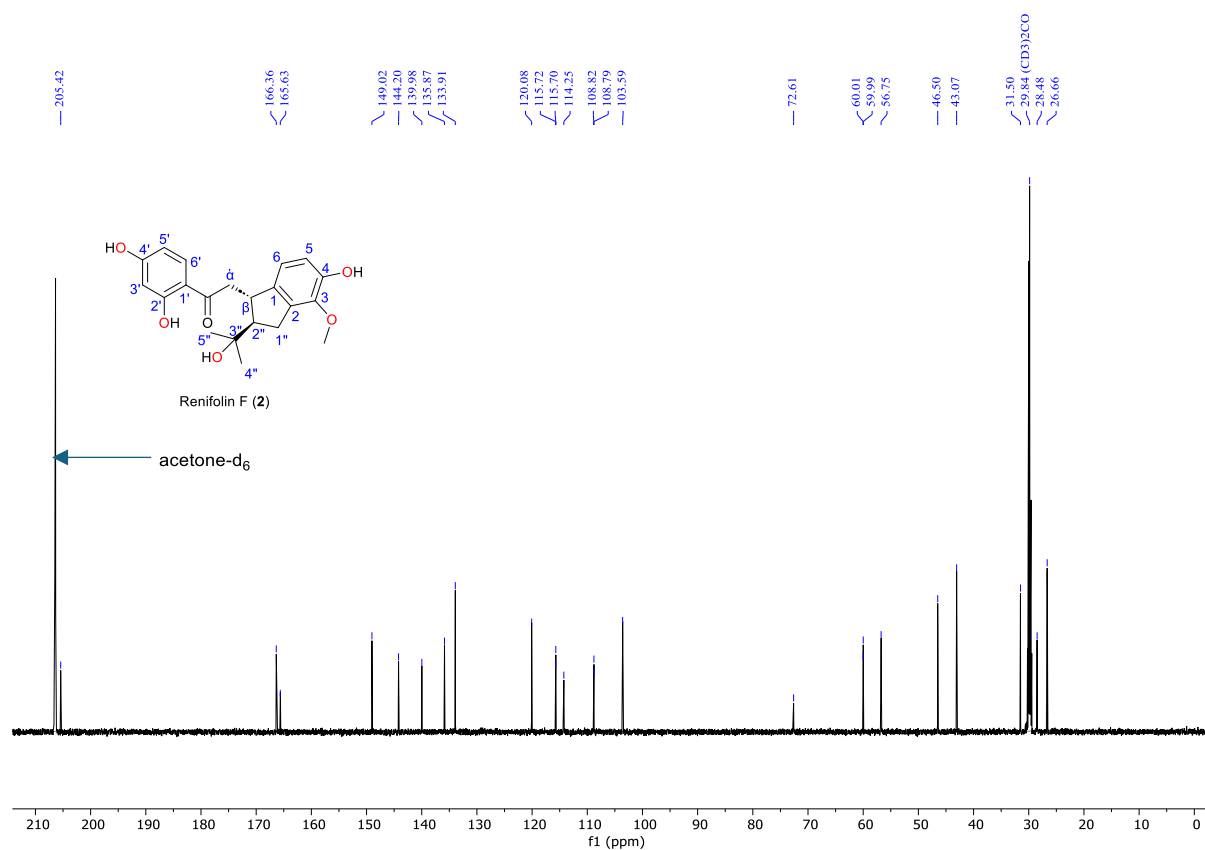


Figure S31. ¹³C NMR of renifolin F (2) (acetone-d₆, 150 MHz)

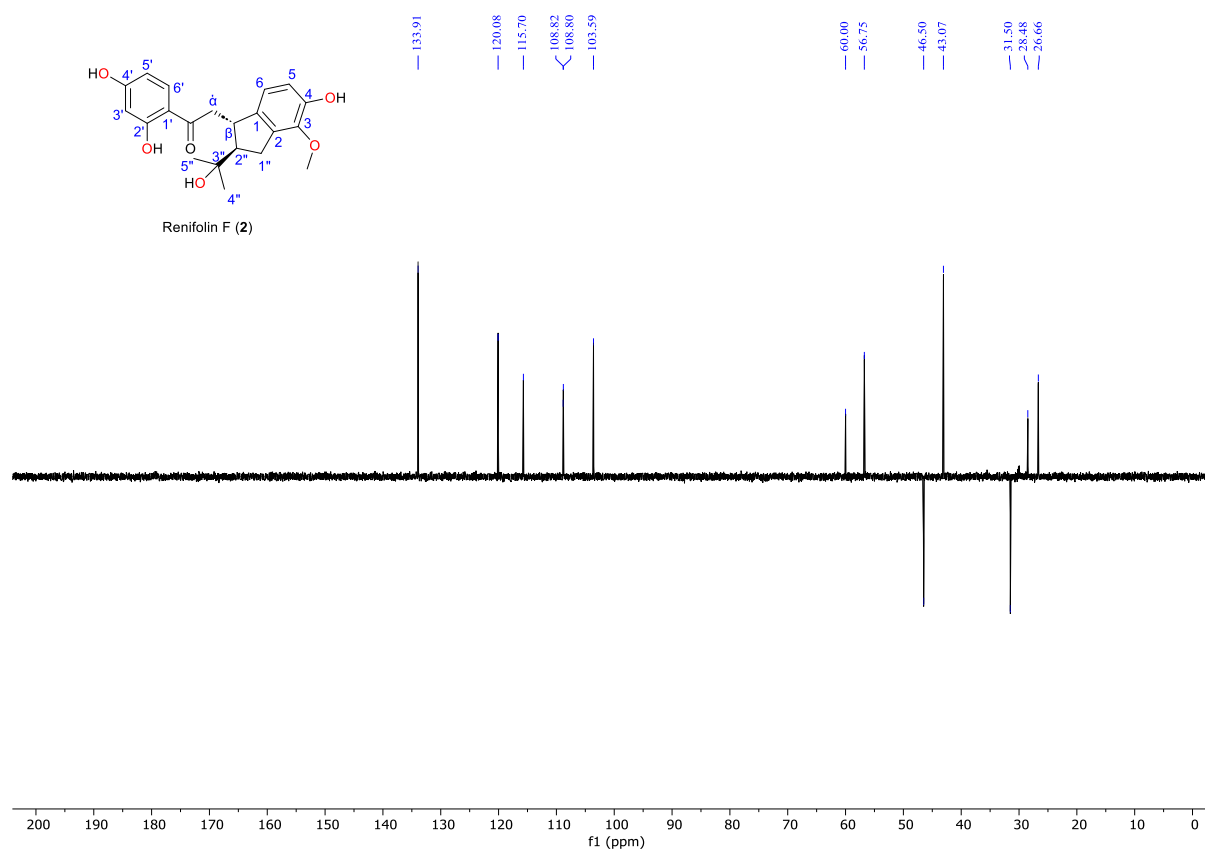


Figure S32. DEPT spectra of renifolin F (2) (acetone-d₆, 150 MHz)

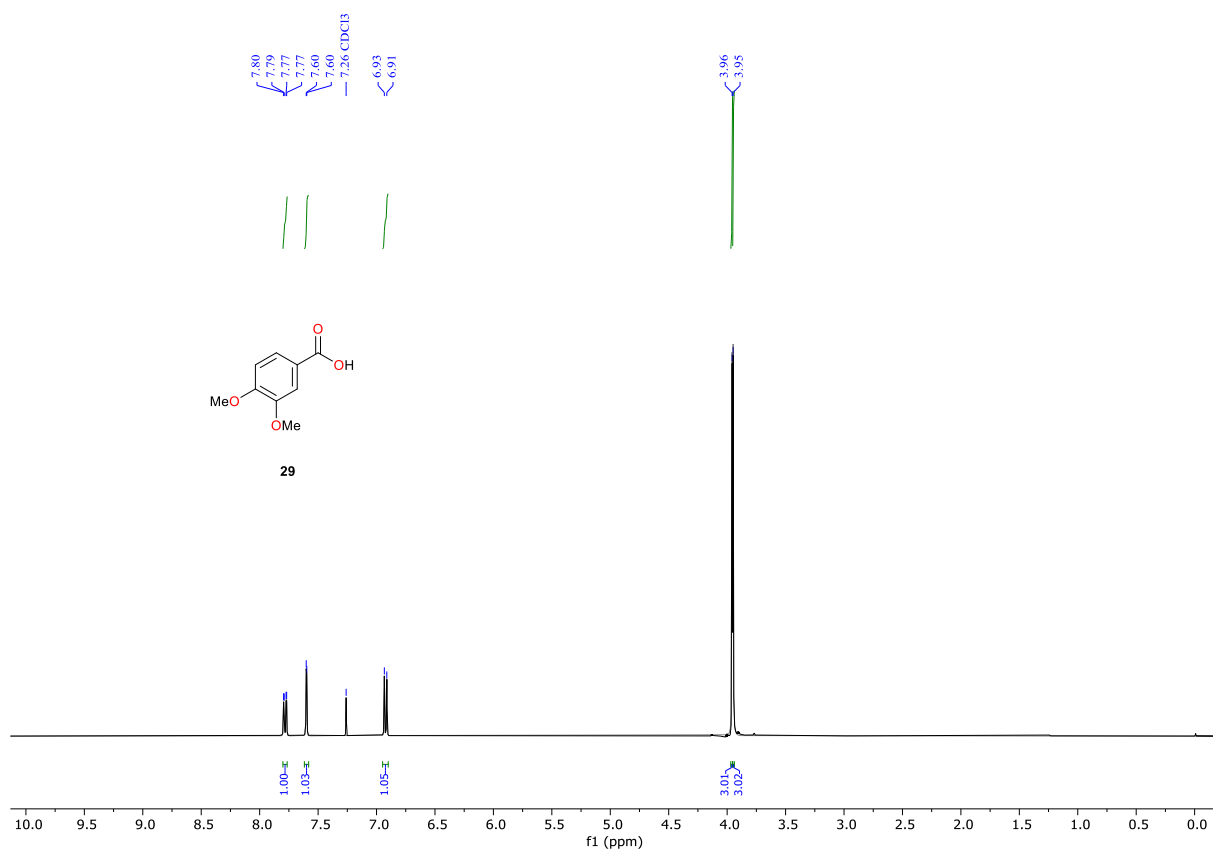


Figure S33. ¹H NMR of **29** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

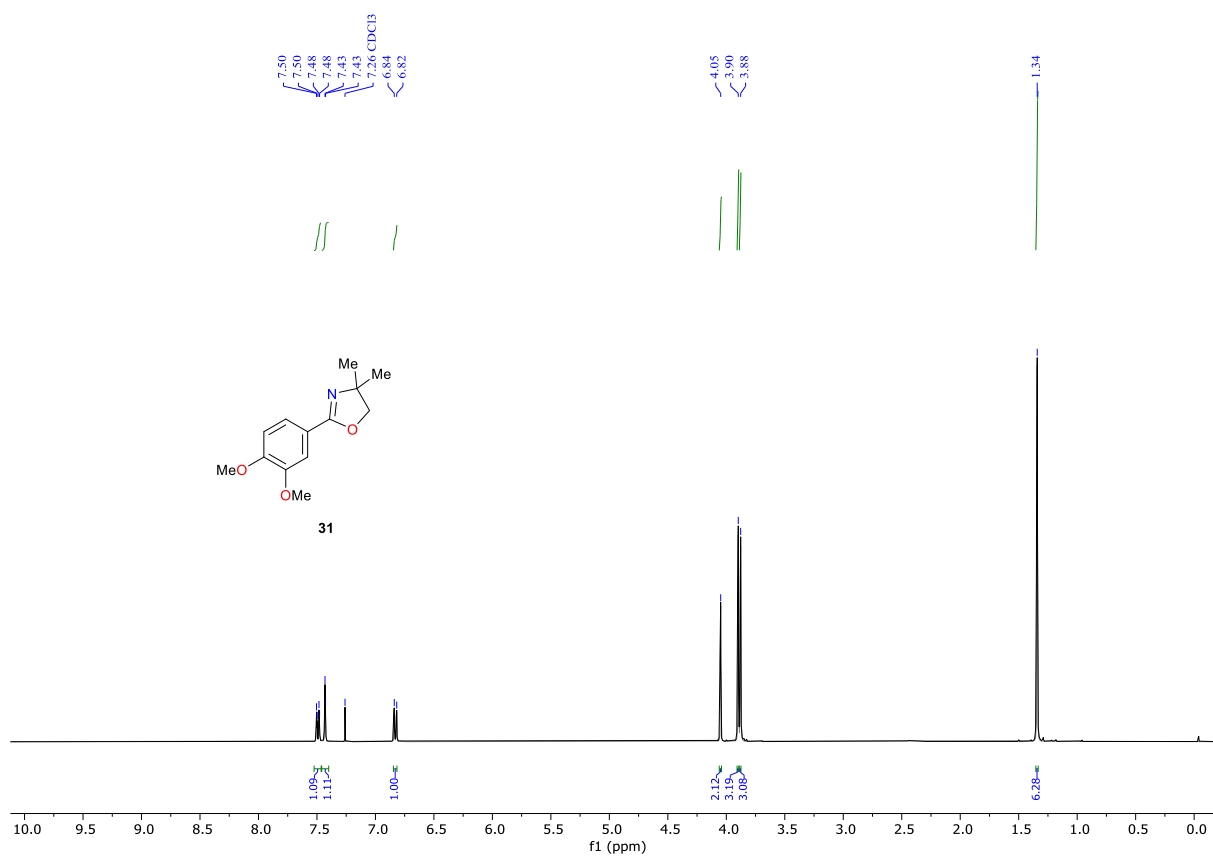


Figure S34. ¹H NMR of **31** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

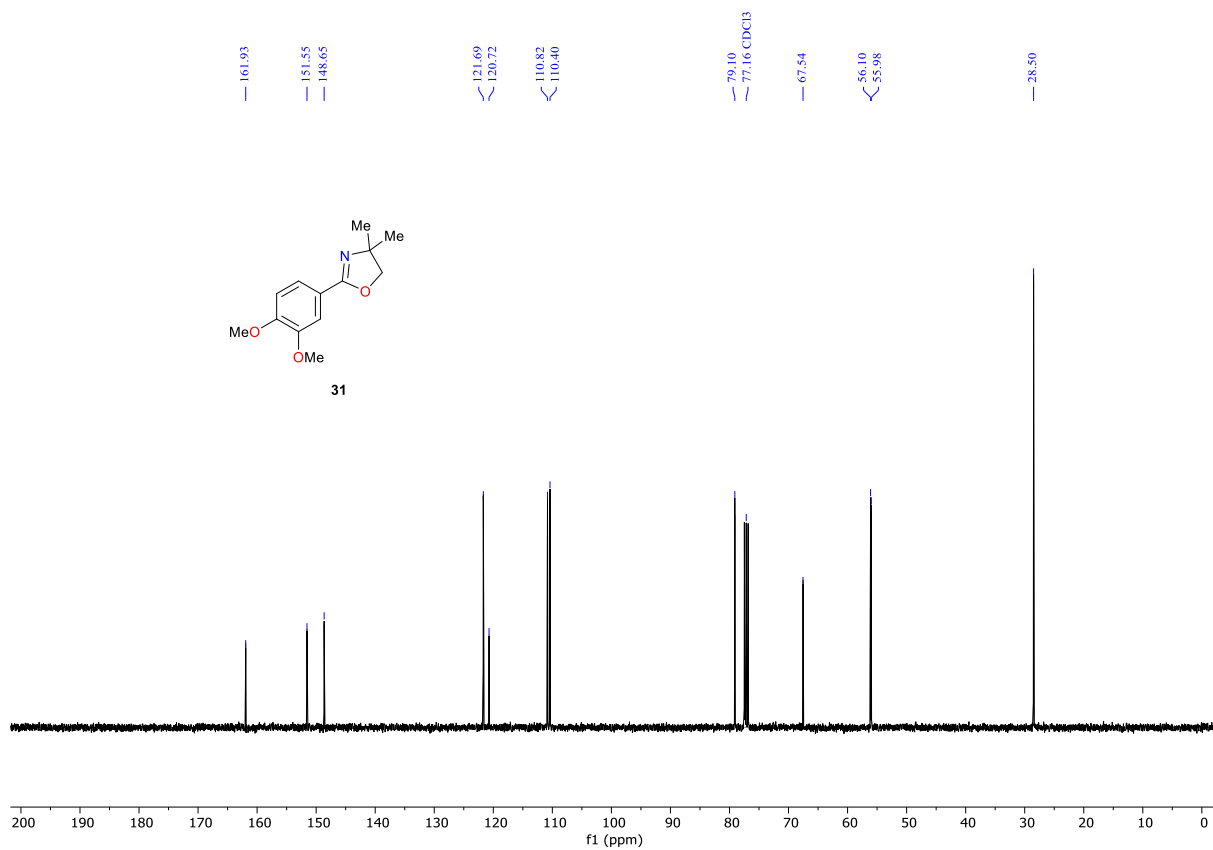


Figure S35. ¹³C NMR of **31** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

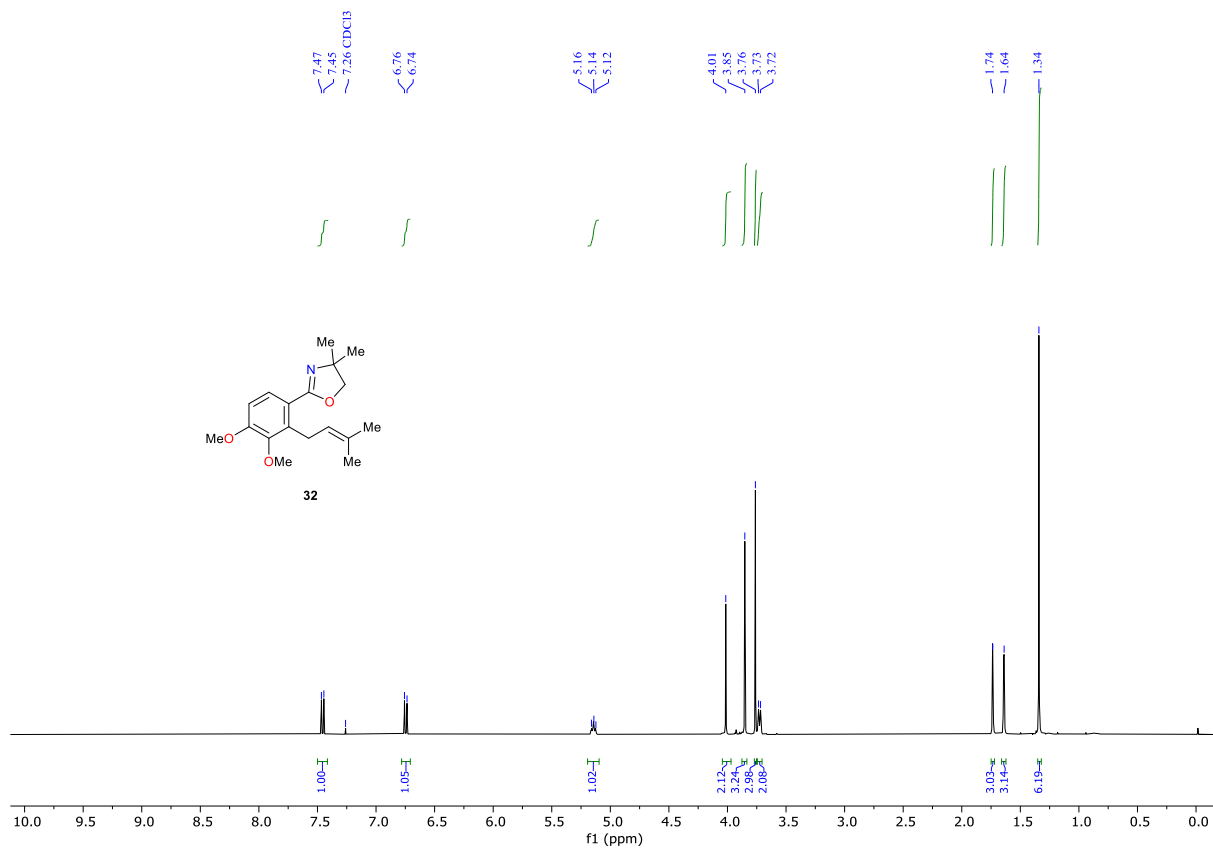


Figure S36. ¹H NMR of **32** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

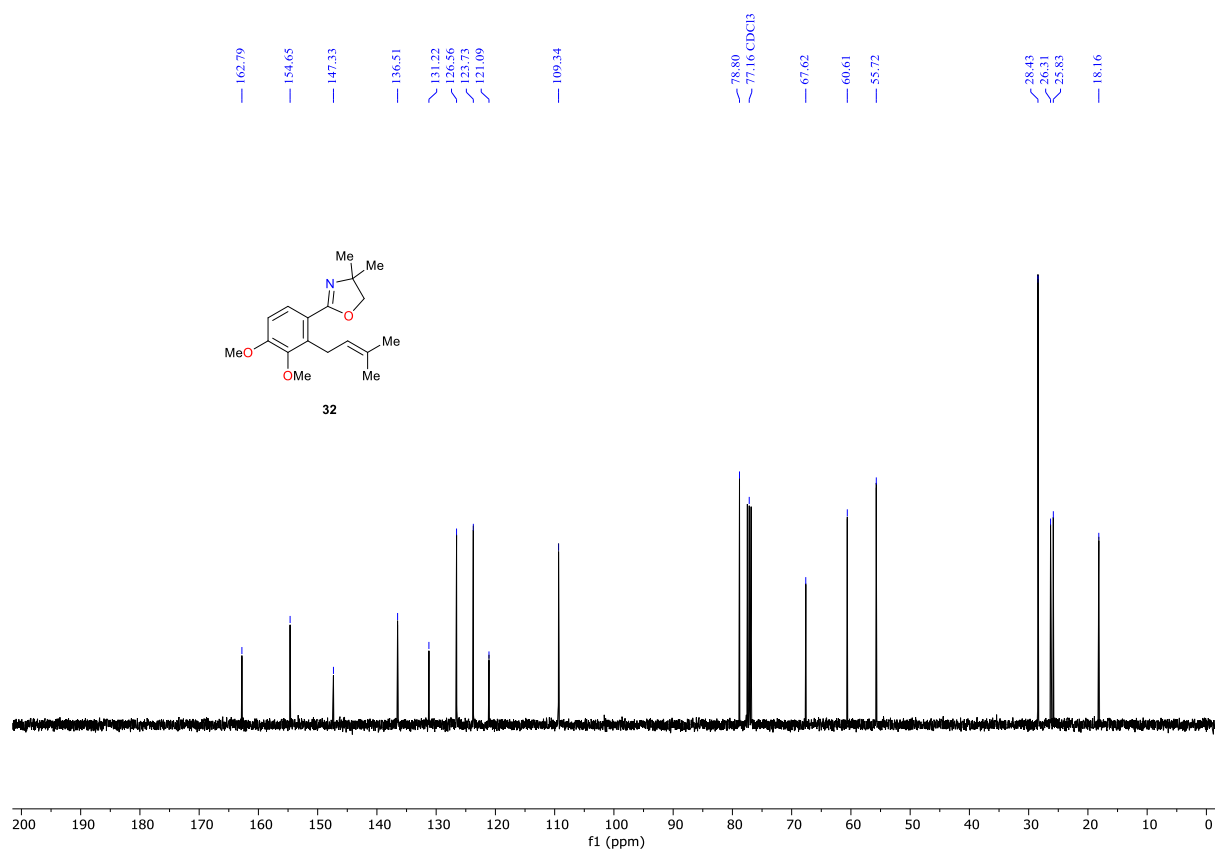


Figure S37. ¹³C NMR of **32** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

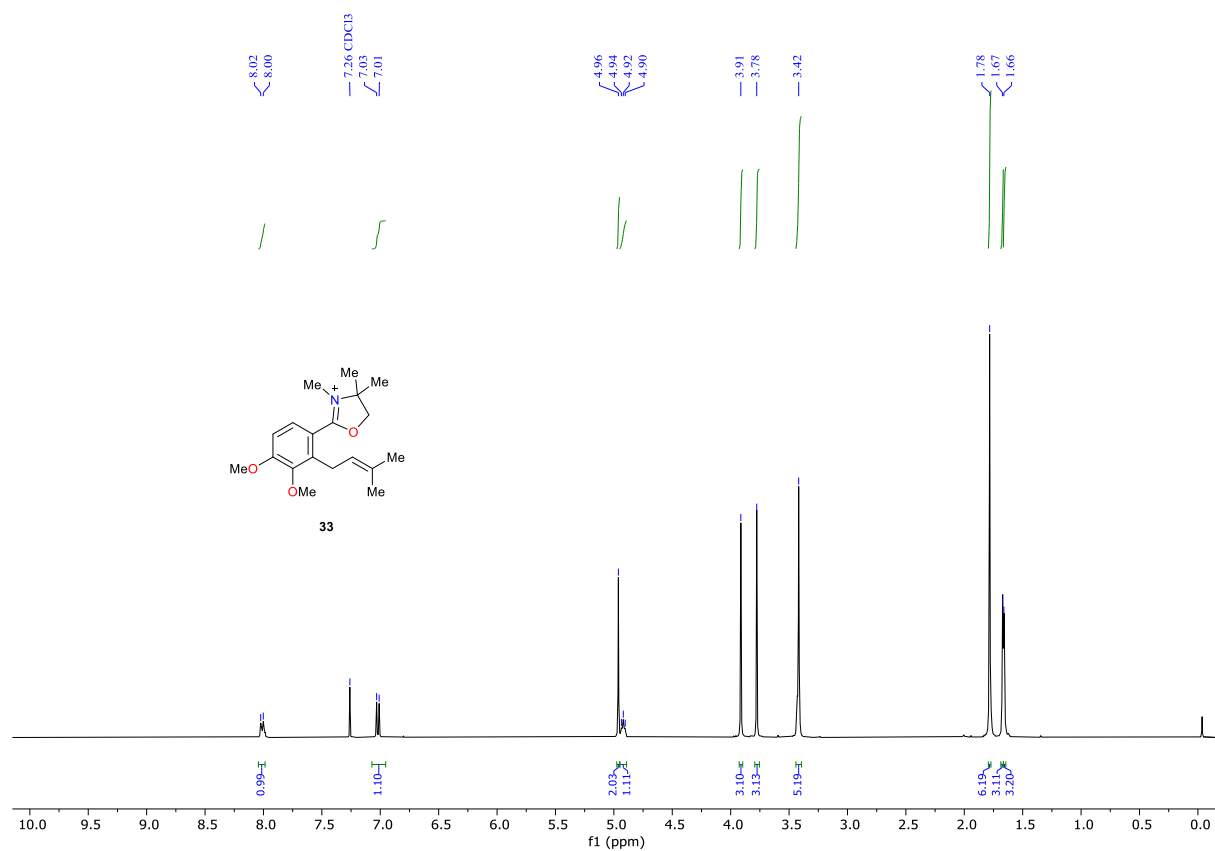


Figure S38. ¹H NMR of **33** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

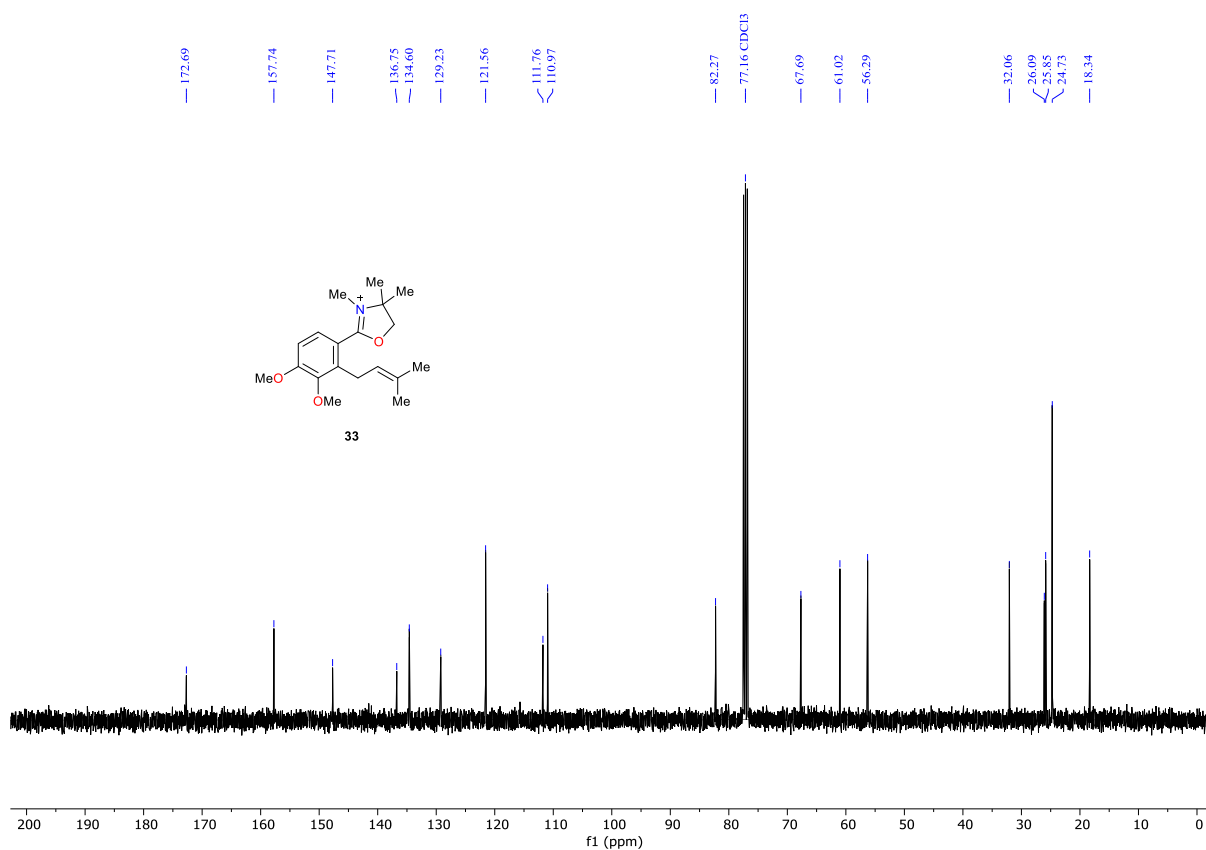


Figure S39. ¹³C NMR of **33** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

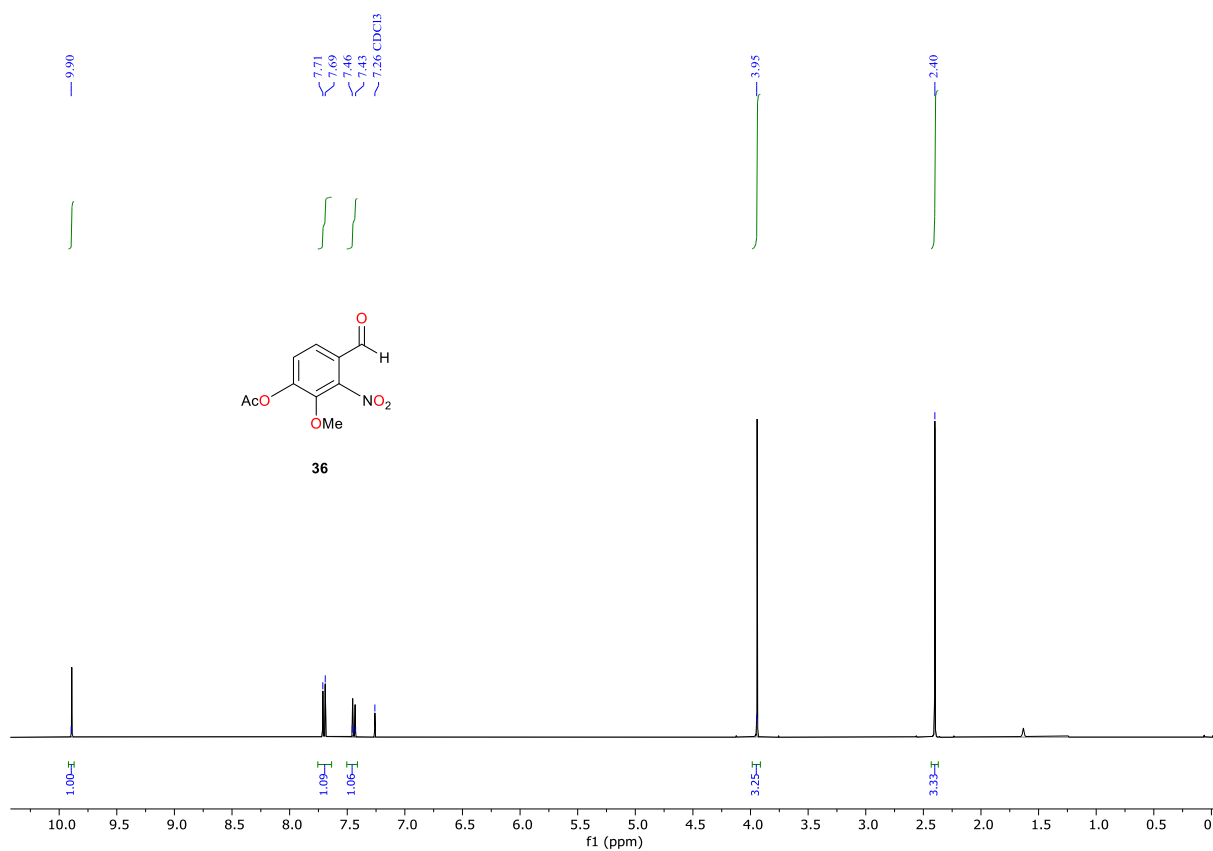


Figure S40. ¹H NMR of **36** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

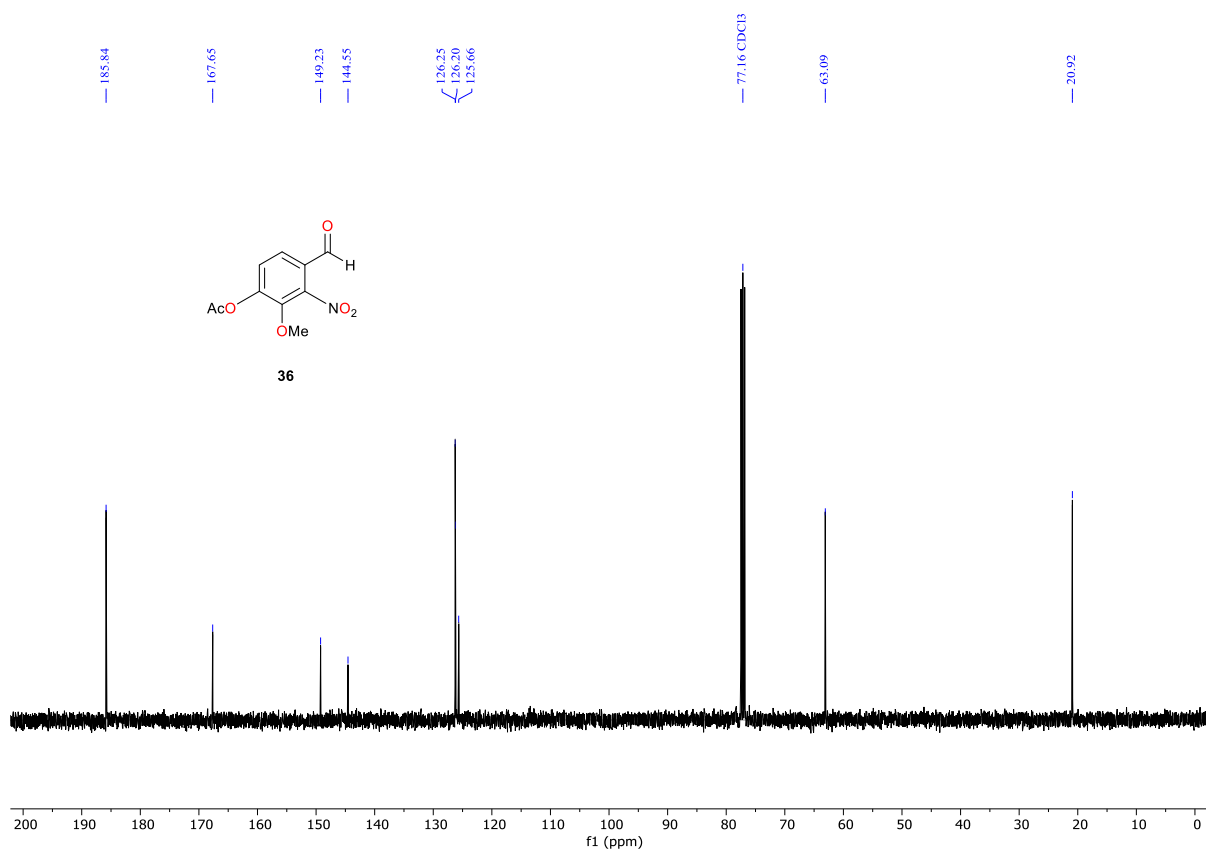


Figure S41. ¹³C NMR of **36** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

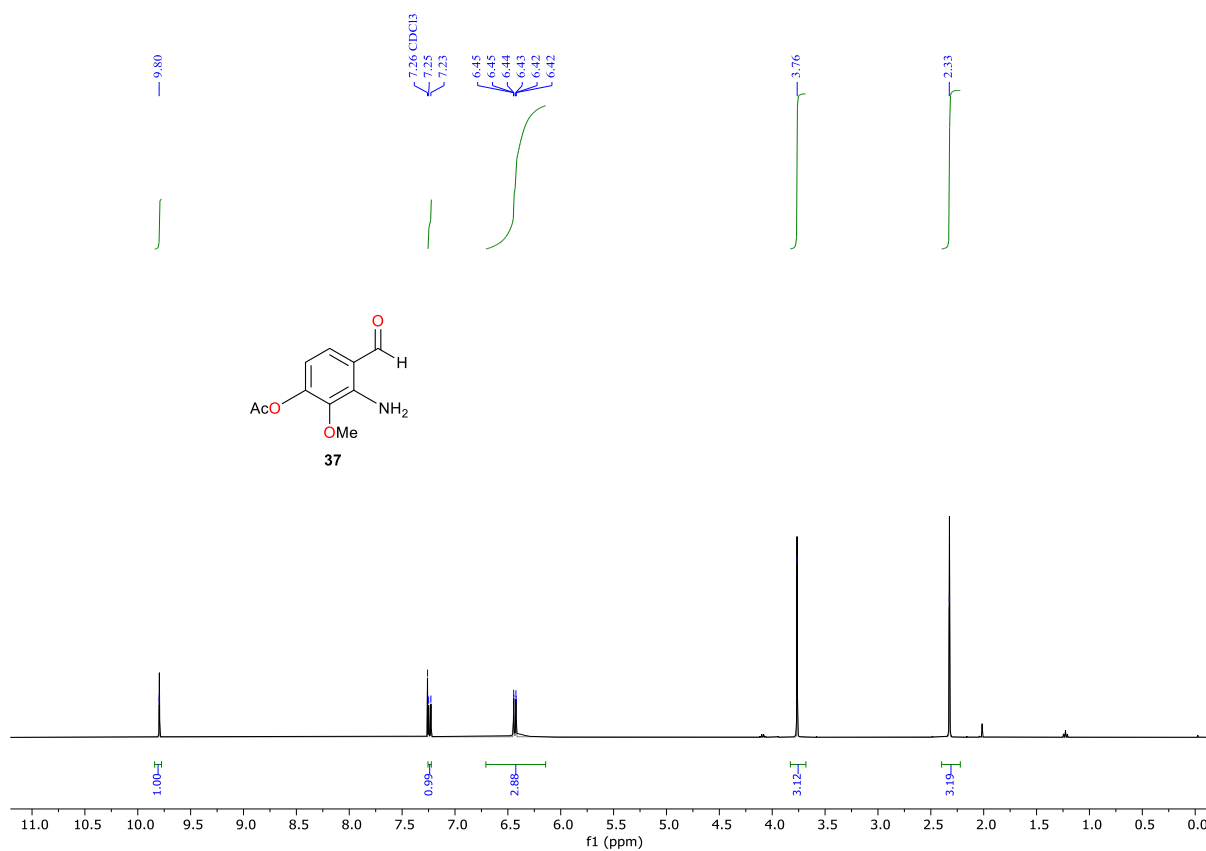


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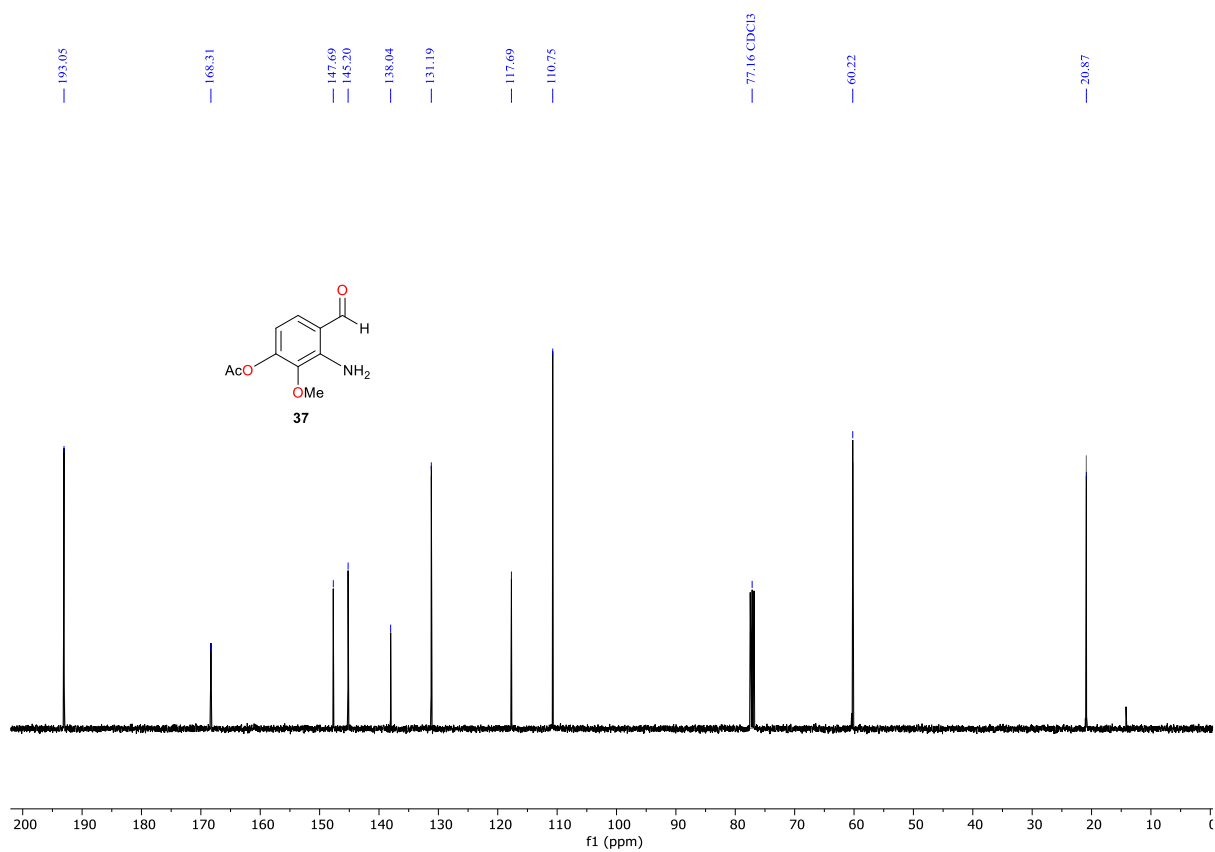


Figure S43. ¹³C NMR of **37** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

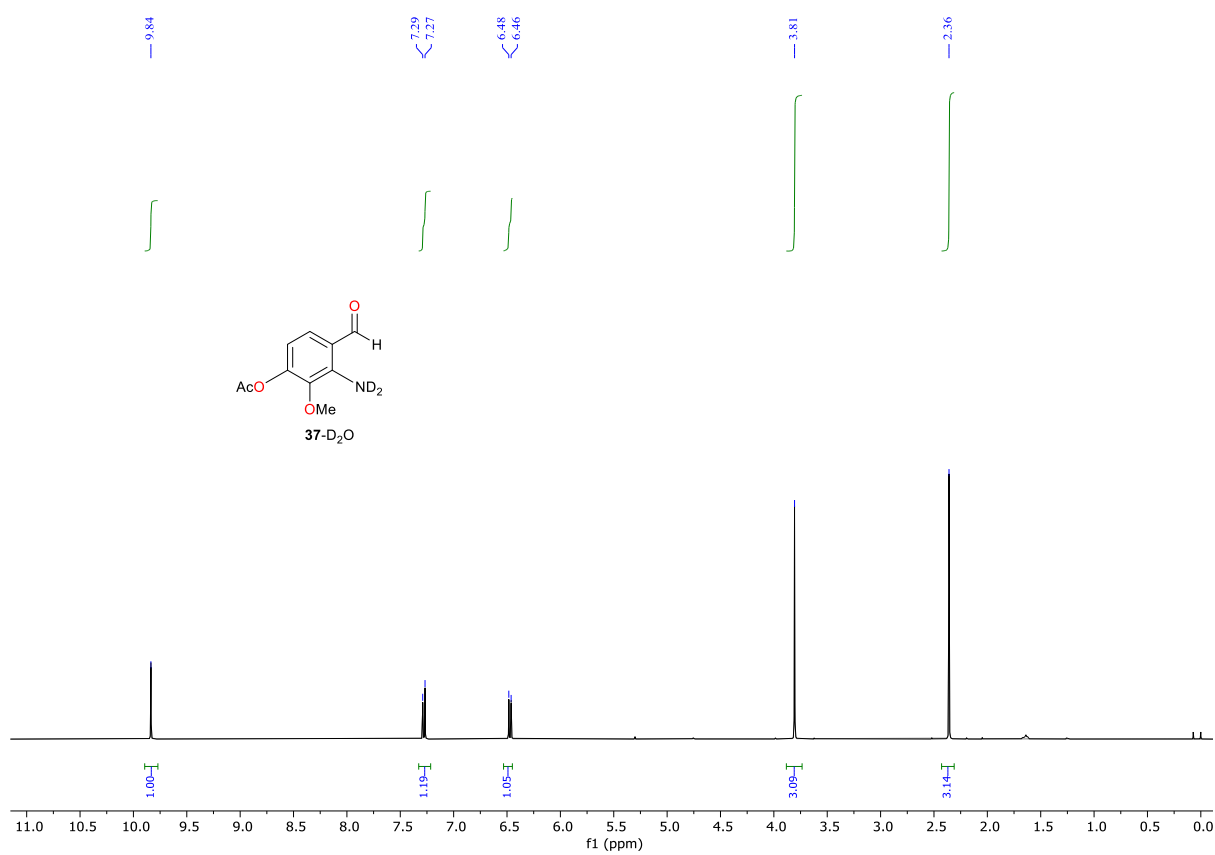


Figure S44. ¹H NMR of **37-D₂O** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

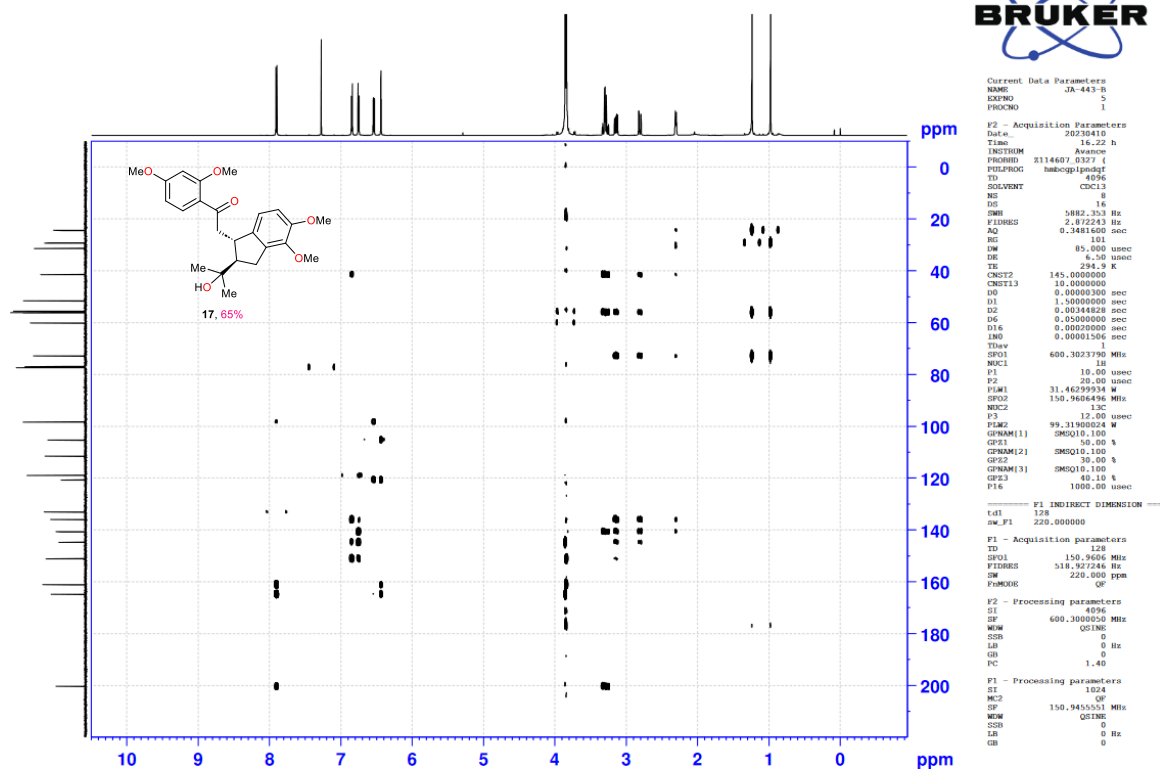


Figure S45. HMBC spectra of **17** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz)

JA-443-B-HSQC

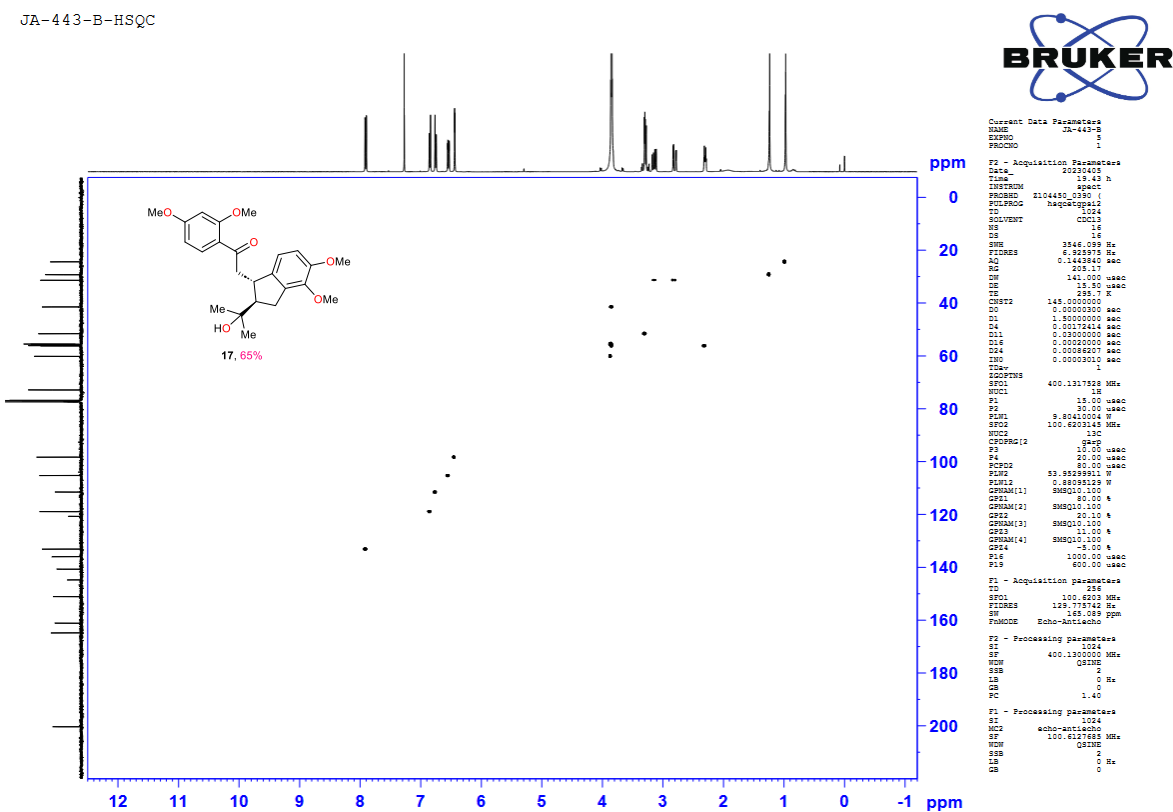


Figure S46. HMQC spectra of **17** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz)

Table S1. Several standard demethylation protocols were attempted on **15** but no identifiable product was obtained.

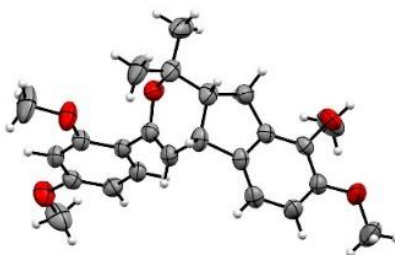
| Entry | Reagent (eq.) | Solvent | Temp. (°C) | Time (h) |
|-------|-----------------------|---------|-------------|----------|
| 1 | BBr ₃ (7) | DCM | 0 to rt | 15 |
| 2 | BBr ₃ (16) | DCM | 0 to rt | 34 |
| 3 | BBr ₃ (16) | DCM | -10 to rt | 34 |
| 4 | BBr ₃ (30) | DCM | 0 to rt | 36 |
| 5 | BBr ₃ (40) | DCM | 0 to reflux | 23 |
| 6 | BBr ₃ (40) | DCM | -78 to rt | 16 |
| 7 | BCl ₃ (17) | DCM | 0 to rt | 18 |
| 8 | BCl ₃ (17) | DCM | 0 to rt | 18 |
| 9 | NaSMe (25) | DMF | 100 | 20 |
| 10 | LiCl (28) | DMF | 160 | 12 |

X-ray crystallographic data collection for **16**

Single crystals of **18** was obtained by dissolving in CH₃Cl:Hex (1:2) and allowed the solvents to slowly evaporate at room temperature. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on a Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 299.00 K during data collection. Using Olex2 [1], the structure was solved with the olex2.solve [2] structure solution program using Charge Flipping and refined with the olex2.refine [3] refinement package using Gauss-Newton minimization.

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Crystal data and structure refinement for 16.

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| Temperature/K | 299.00 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | P2 ₁ /n |
| a/Å | 9.9416(10) |
| b/Å | 7.4402(10) |
| c/Å | 28.624(4) |
| α /° | 90 |
| β /° | 91.123(4) |
| γ /° | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 2116.9(5) |
| Z | 4 |
| $\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^{-3}$ | 1.244 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 0.086 |
| F(000) | 848.6 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | 0.329 × 0.116 × 0.072 |
| Radiation | Mo K α (λ = 0.71073) |
| 2 θ range for data collection/° | 4.32 to 54.3 |
| Index ranges | -12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -9 ≤ k ≤ 9, -36 ≤ l ≤ 36 |
| Reflections collected | 37971 |
| Independent reflections | 4687 [R _{int} = 0.0764, R _{sigma} = 0.0438] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 4687/0/268 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.061 |
| Final R indexes [I ≥ 2 σ (I)] | R ₁ = 0.0505, wR ₂ = 0.1158 |
| Final R indexes [all data] | R ₁ = 0.0920, wR ₂ = 0.1364 |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.27/-0.31 |