

# Supporting Information

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## Catalytic Hydroboration of $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated Ketones Using $\beta$ -Diketimate Magnesium Hydride and Mechanistic Insights

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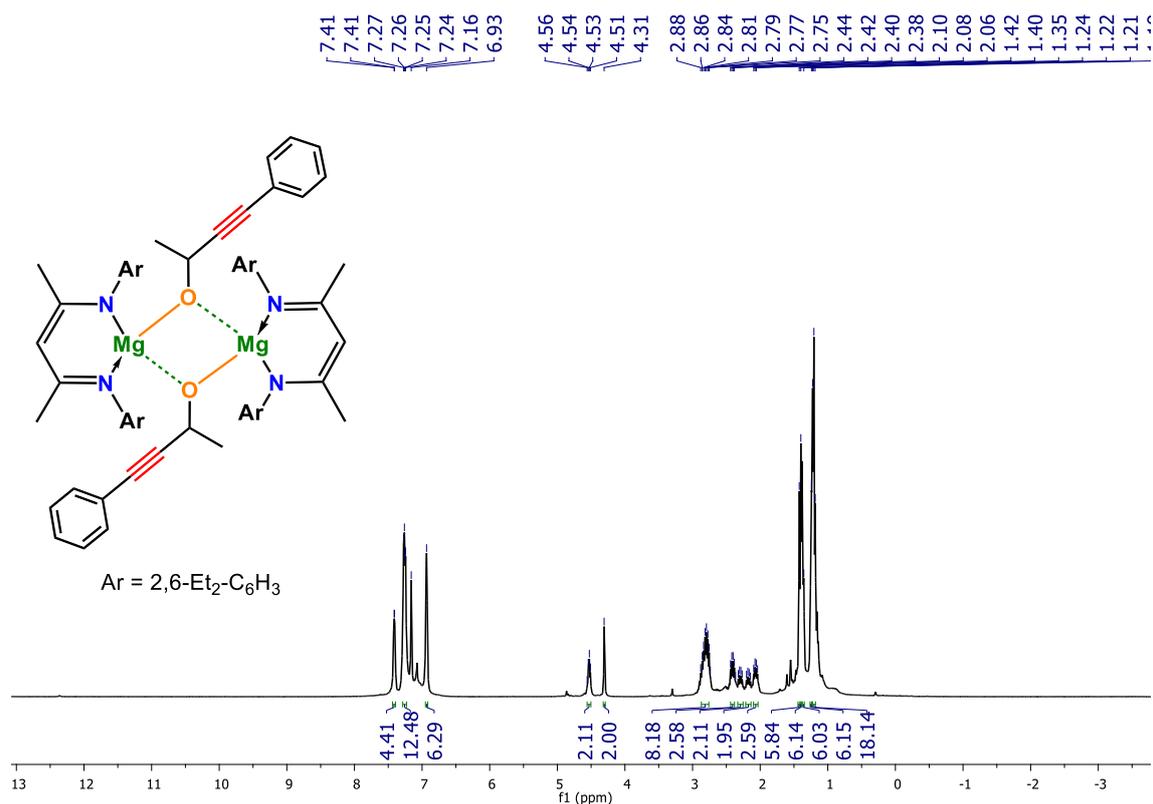
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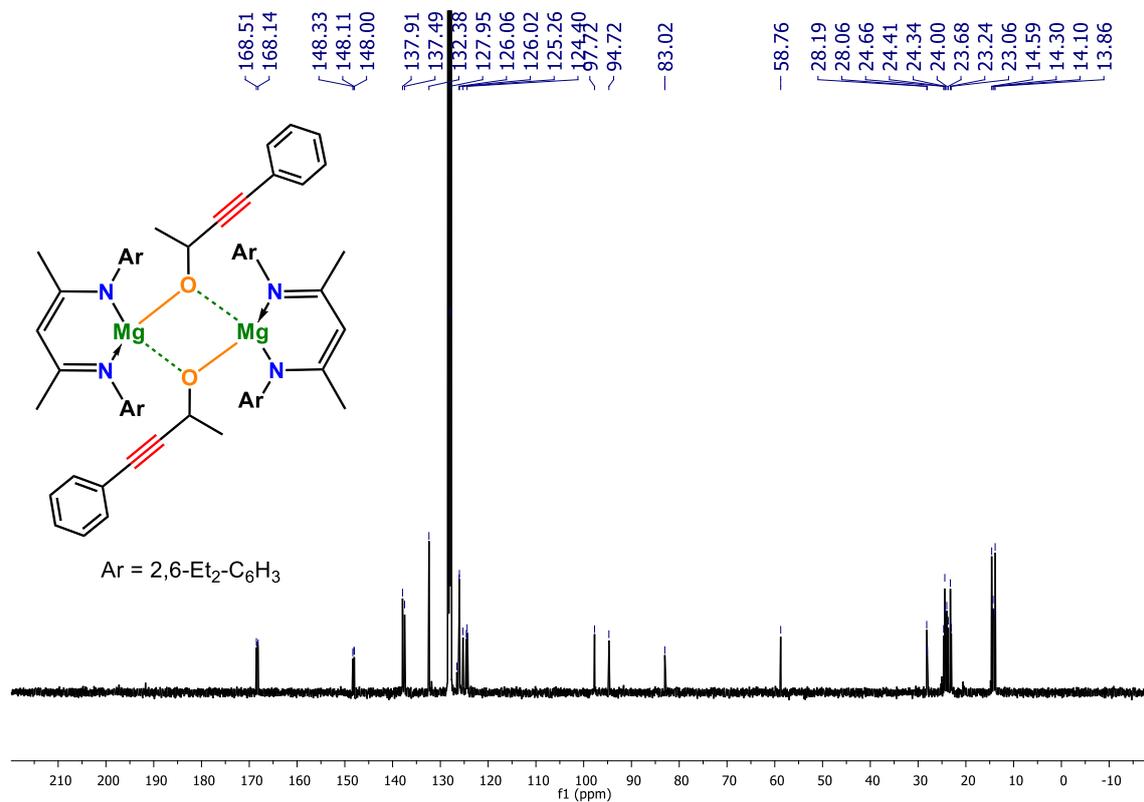
## 1. Stoichiometric Experiments and Mechanistic Studies

### (i) Stoichiometric reaction of Mg-1 and 1a

**Synthesis of  $[LMg-OCH(CH_3)C\equiv C-Ph]_2$  (Mg-2):** [NMR Scale] 7.5 $\mu$ L (0.051 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) of 4-phenyl-3-butyne-2-one (**1a**) was added to a solution of **Mg-1** (20 mg, 0.026 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) in  $C_6D_6$  (~ 0.3 mL) in a J. Young valve NMR tube, affording the intermediate **Mg-2** within 10 minutes at room temperature. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown inside the glovebox via slow evaporation of  $C_6D_6$ . NMR conversion > 99%.  **$^1H$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ , 298 K)  $\delta$  = 7.41 (d,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz, 4H, Ar- $H$ ), 7.26 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 4.2 Hz, 12H, Ar- $H$ ), 6.93 (brs, 6H, Ar- $H$ ), 4.53 (q,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H, OCH), 4.31 (s, 2H,  $\gamma$ -CH), 2.87 – 2.76 (m, 8H,  $CH_2CH_3$ ), 2.44 – 2.38 (m, 2H,  $CH_2CH_3$ ), 2.30 (dd,  $J$  = 15.1, 7.6 Hz, 2H,  $CH_2CH_3$ ), 2.17 (dd,  $J$  = 15.4, 7.7 Hz, 2H,  $CH_2CH_3$ ), 2.07 (dd,  $J$  = 15.1, 7.5 Hz, 2H,  $CH_2CH_3$ ), 1.42 (s, 6H,  $CCH_3$ ), 1.40 (s, 6H,  $CCH_3$ ), 1.36 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 6H, OCH $CH_3$ ), 1.25 (t,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz, 6H,  $CH_2CH_3$ ), 1.20 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 18H,  $CH_2CH_3$ ).  **$^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ , 298 K)  $\delta$  = 168.5, 168.1, 148.3, 148.1, 148.0, 137.9, 137.5, 132.4, 128.0, 126.5, 126.1, 126.0, 125.3, 124.6, 124.4, 124.3, 97.7, 94.7, 83.0, 58.8, 28.2, 28.1, 24.7, 24.4, 24.3, 24.0, 23.7, 23.2, 23.1, 14.6, 14.3, 14.1, 13.9. Despite several attempts, we were unable to produce HRMS data of a proper intensity ratio.



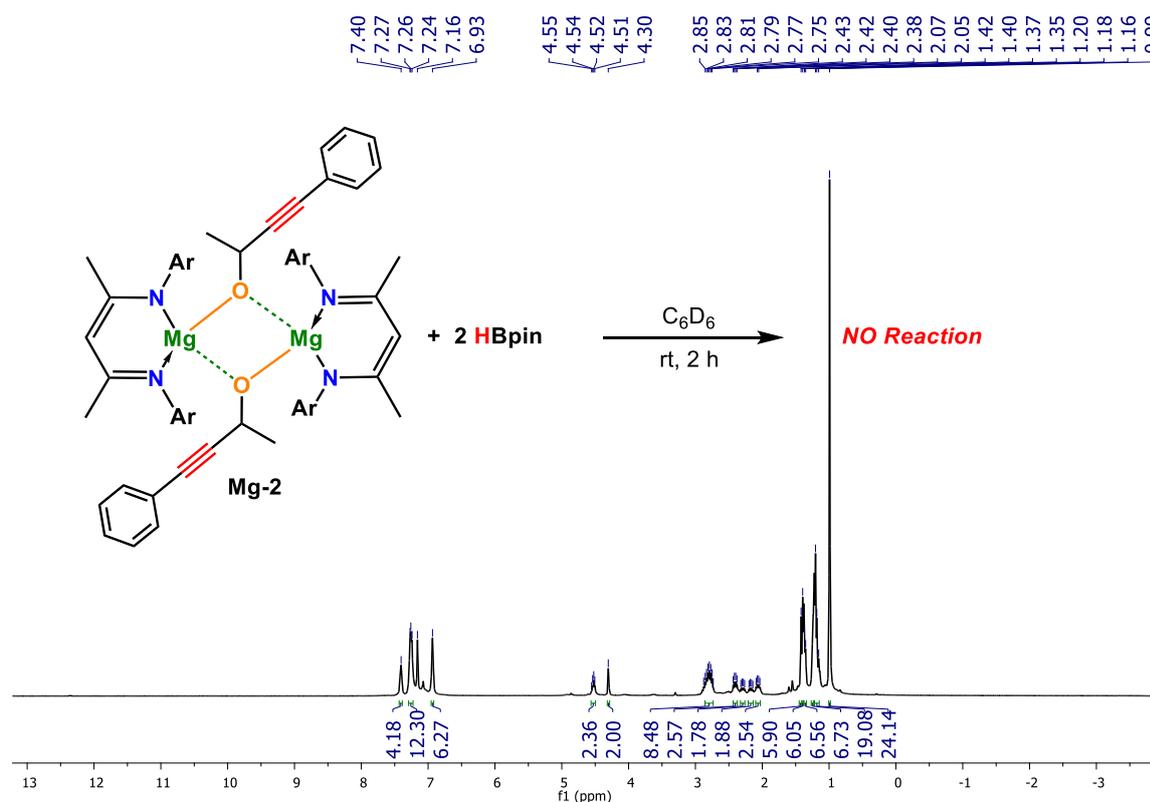
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **Mg-2** (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298K).



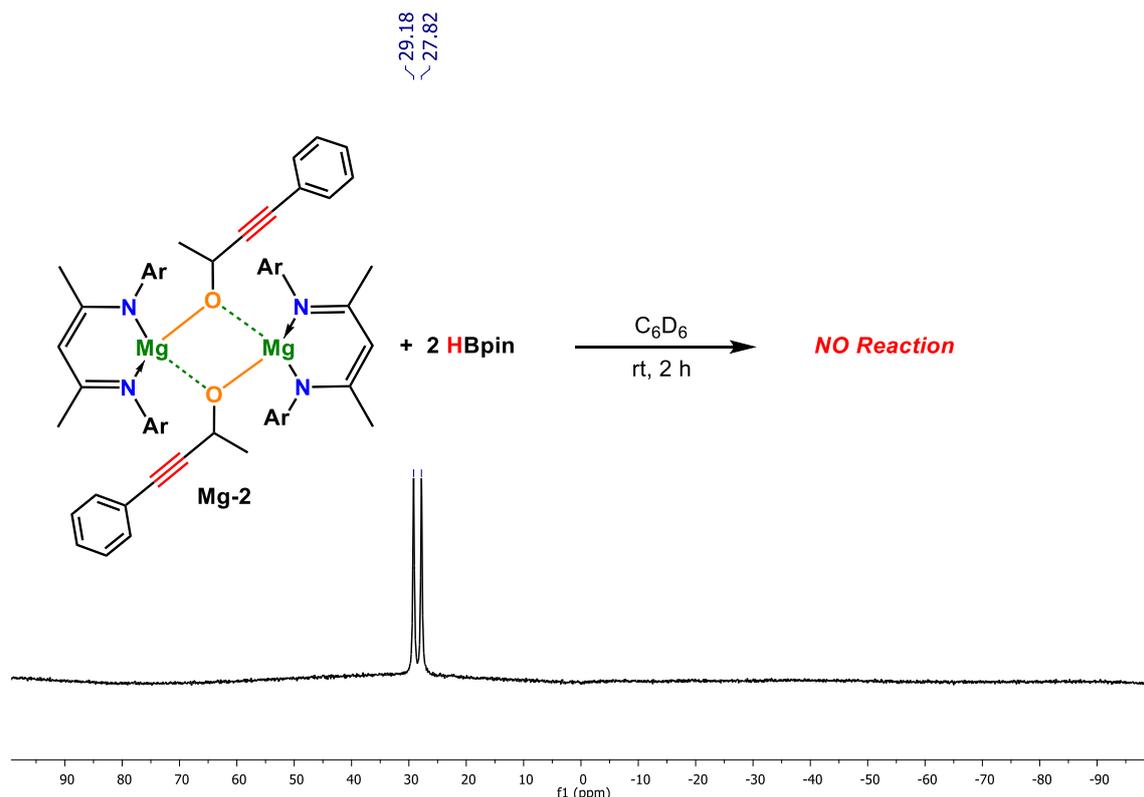
**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$   $\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **Mg-2** (101 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298K).

## (ii) Reaction of Mg-2 with HBpin

[NMR Scale] 7.5  $\mu\text{L}$  of HBpin (0.051 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added to a solution of **Mg-2** (0.026 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  ( $\sim 0.3$  mL) in a J. Young valve NMR tube and kept at room temperature for 2 hours. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectroscopic analyses revealed no observable changes, indicating that no reaction occurred under the standard reaction conditions.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298 K)  $\delta = 7.40$  (s, 4H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 12H), 6.93 (s, 6H), 4.53 (q,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 2H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 2.80 (td,  $J = 16.3, 7.9$  Hz, 8H), 2.41 (dd,  $J = 15.1, 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.29 (dd,  $J = 15.1, 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.17 (dd,  $J = 15.4, 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.06 (dd,  $J = 15.0, 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.42 (s, 6H), 1.40 (s, 6H), 1.36 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 6H), 1.26 – 1.24 (m, 6H), 1.20 – 1.16 (m, 18H), 0.99 (s, 24H).  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (128 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298 K)  $\delta = 28.50$  (d,  $J = 174.7$  Hz).



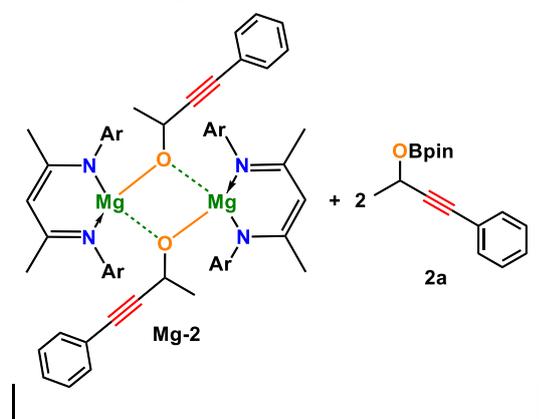
**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, 298 K) spectrum for the reaction of **Mg-2** with HBpin in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .



**Figure S4.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum for reaction of **Mg-2** with **HBpin** (128 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298K).

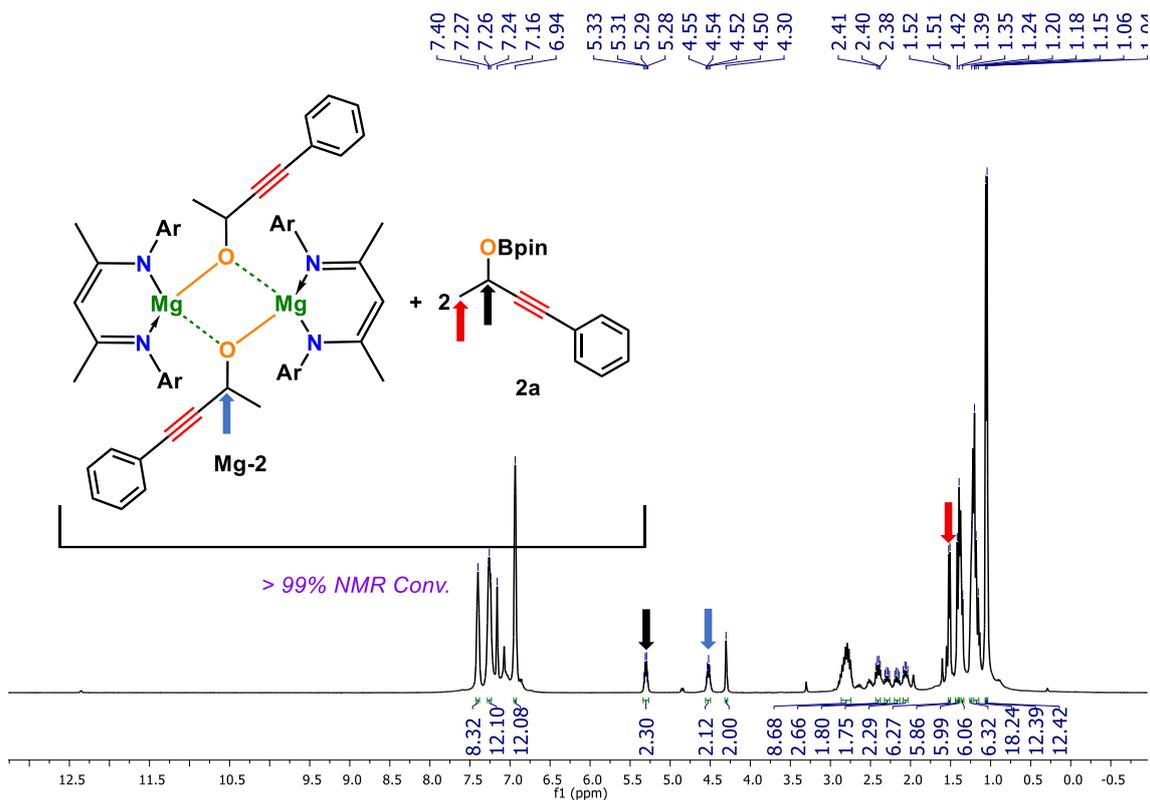
### (iii) Reaction of **Mg-2** and **HBpin** with **1a**

[NMR Scale] To the above reaction mixture, 7.5  $\mu\text{L}$  (0.051 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) of 4-phenyl-3-

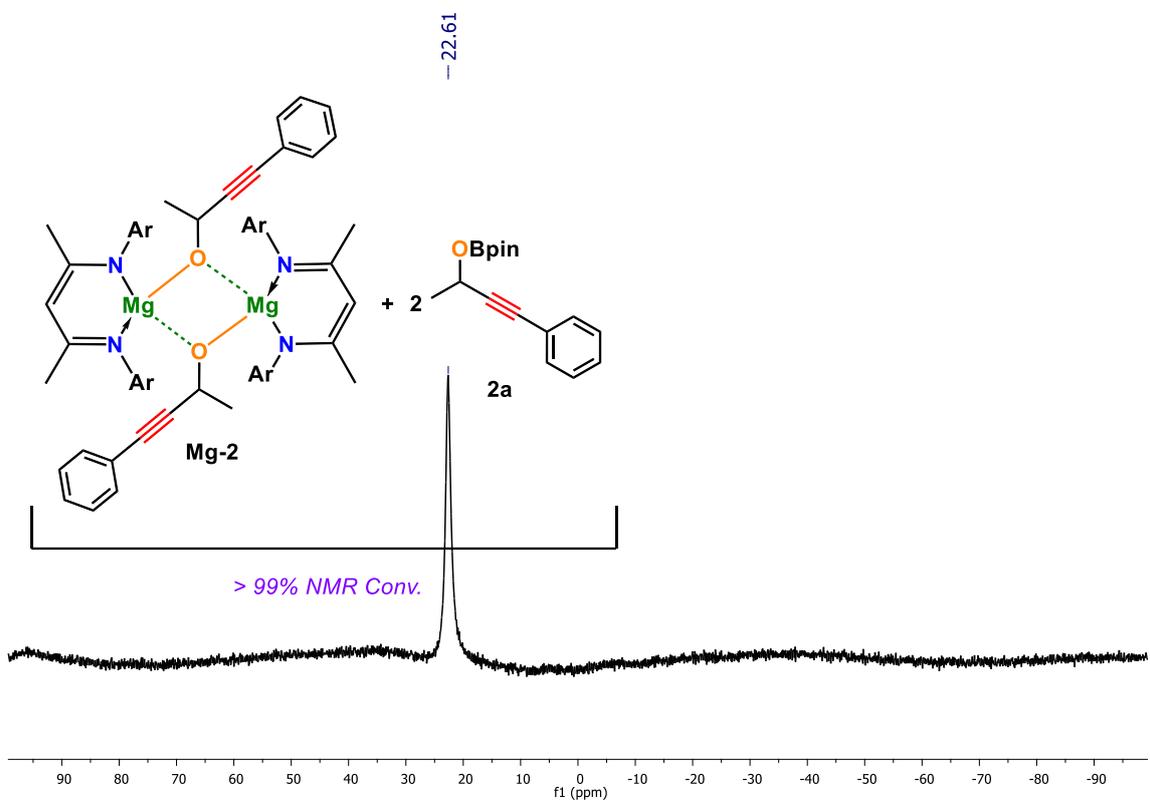


butyn-2-one (**1a**) was added, and the solution was analysed by NMR spectroscopy after 15 min. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectra indicated complete conversion to the boronate ester product **2a**, along with **Mg-2**. NMR conversion > 99%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298 K)  $\delta$  7.40 (s, 8H), 7.28 – 7.23

(m, 12H), 6.94 (s, 12H), 5.30 (q,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 4.53 (q,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 2.80 (td,  $J = 16.9, 8.4$  Hz, 8H), 2.41 (dd,  $J = 14.9, 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.29 (dd,  $J = 15.1, 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.17 (dd,  $J = 15.3, 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.06 (dd,  $J = 15.0, 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.52 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 6H), 1.42 (s, 6H), 1.39 (s, 6H), 1.35 (s, 6H), 1.26 – 1.24 (m, 6H), 1.20 – 1.15 (m, 18H), 1.06 (s, 12H), 1.04 (s, 12H).  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (128 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298 K)  $\delta = 22.61$ .



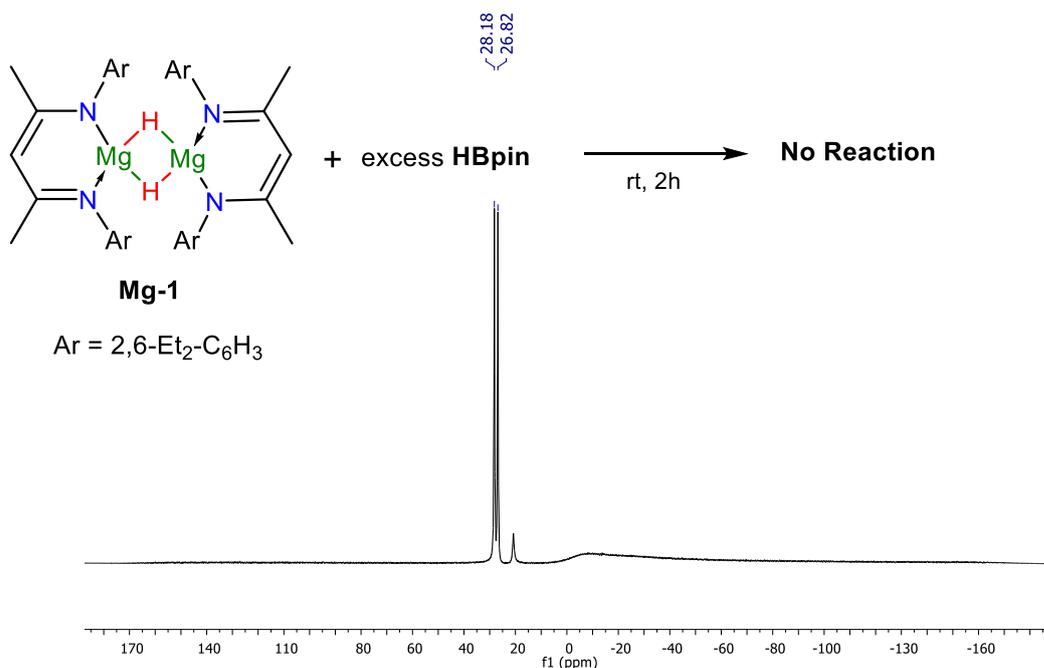
**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for reaction of **Mg-2** and **HBpin** with **1a** (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298K).



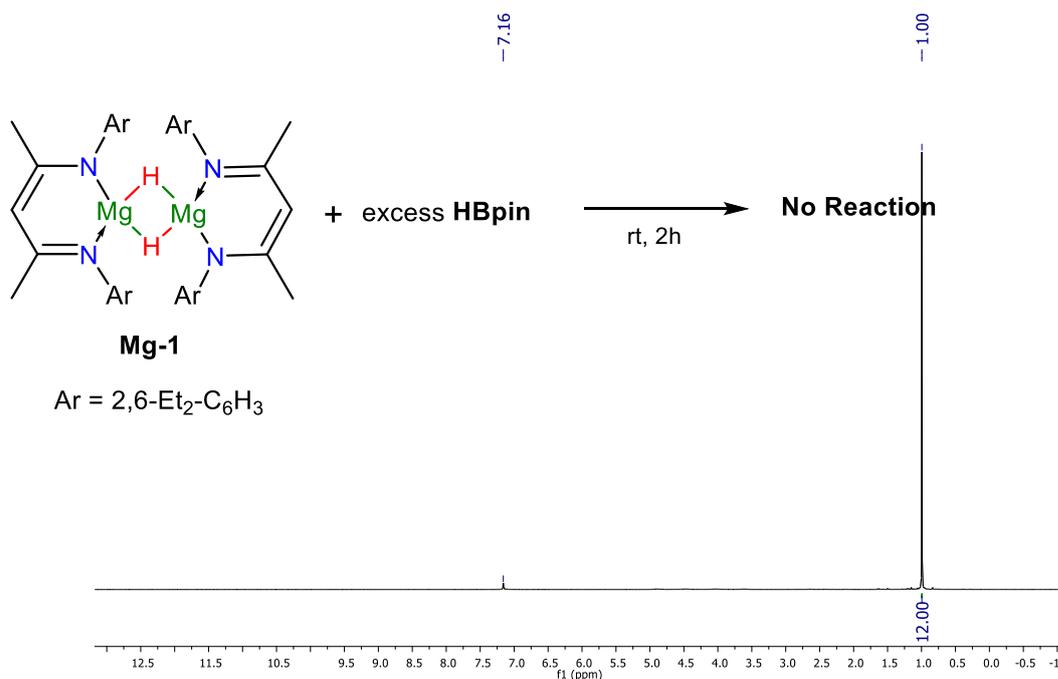
**Figure S6.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum for reaction of **Mg-2** and **HBpin** with **1a** (128 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298K).

**(iv) Reaction of Mg-1 with HBpin**

In a 50 mL Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar, HBpin (1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and **Mg-1** (0.1 mmol) were combined under neat conditions and stirred at room temperature for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, the  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum was recorded in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , which showed no evidence for the formation of  $\text{BH}_3$ .



**Figure S7.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum for reaction of **Mg-1** and **HBpin** (128 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298K).

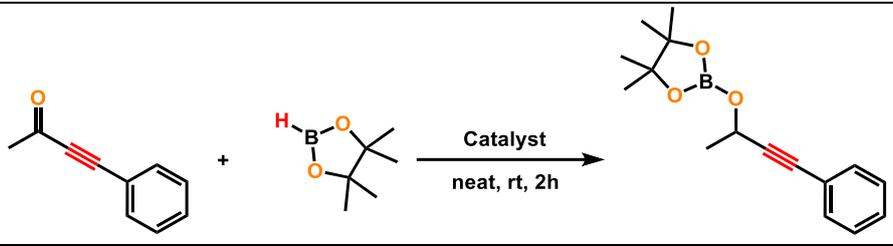


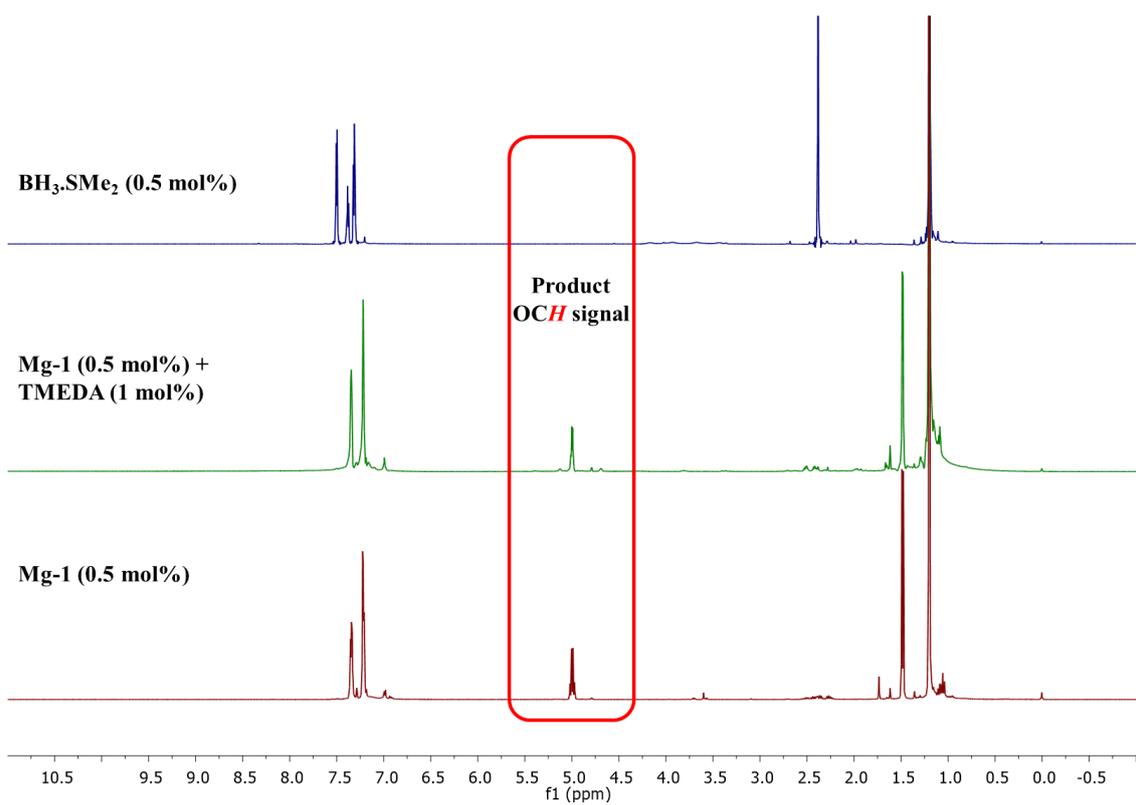
**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for reaction of **Mg-1** and **HBpin** (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 298K).

(v) **The study of the effect of BH<sub>3</sub> on the hydroboration reaction of 1a**

In a 10 mL reaction vial, the catalyst and ynone **1a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were combined, followed by the addition of HBpin (14.5  $\mu$ L, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) under neat conditions inside the glovebox. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>) confirmed complete consumption of ynone **1a** and the appearance of a characteristic OCH resonance, consistent with the formation of the corresponding boronate ester product **2a**. In the presence of TMEDA, full conversion (>99%) was achieved, whereas no noticeable conversion was observed when BH<sub>3</sub>.SMe<sub>2</sub> was employed as the catalyst.

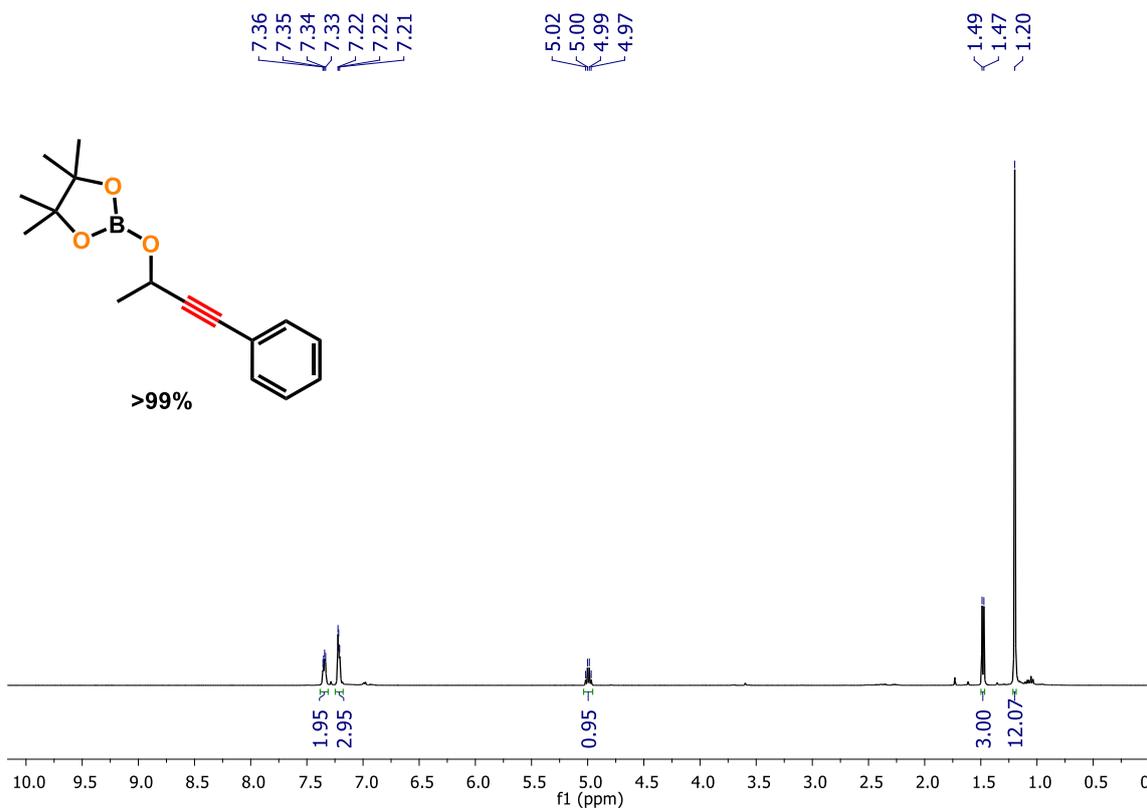
**Table S1.** The hydroboration of **1a** with HBpin in the presence of different catalysts.

	
Catalyst	NMR Conv. (%)
Mg-1 (0.5 mol%)	> 99%
Mg-1 (0.5 mol%) + TMEDA (1 mol%)	> 99%
BH <sub>3</sub> .SMe <sub>2</sub> (0.5 mol%)	0%

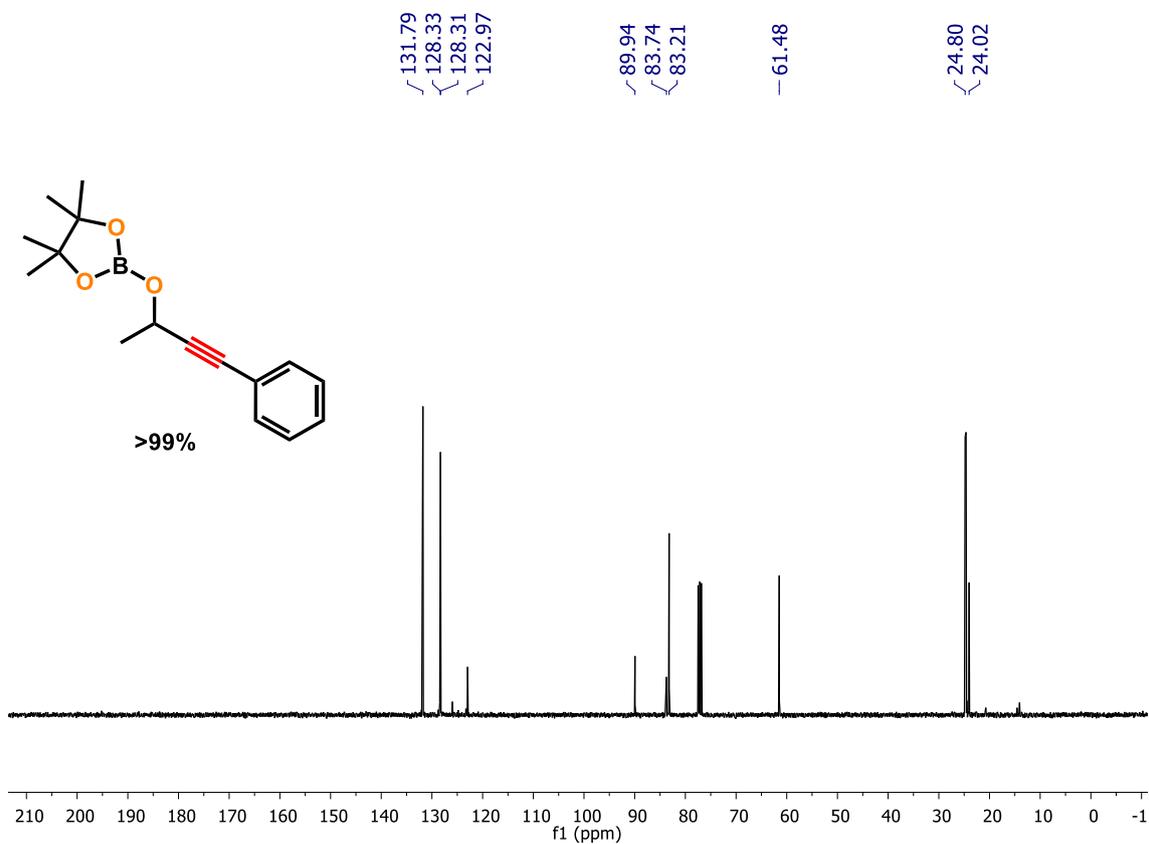


**Figure S9.** The hydroboration of **1a** with HBpin in the presence of different catalysts.

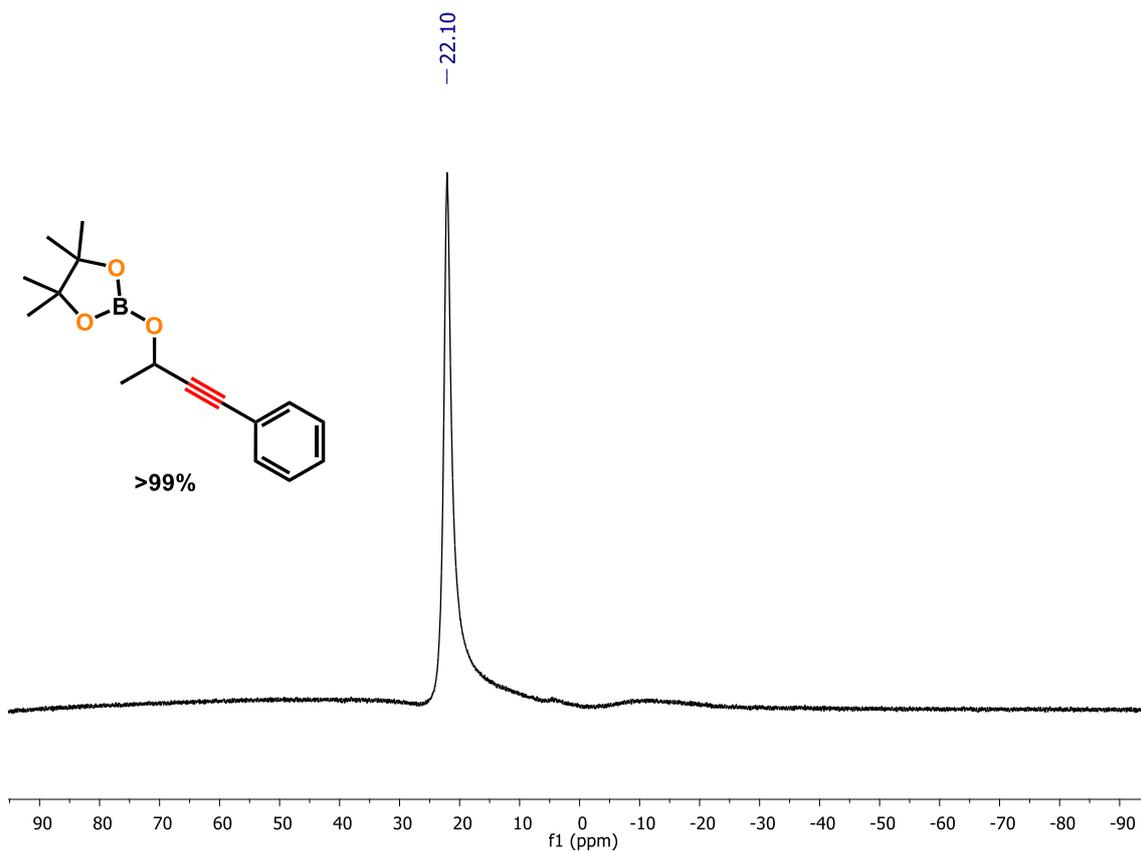
## 2. $^1\text{H}$ , $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ and $^{11}\text{B}$ Spectra of Boronate Ester Products



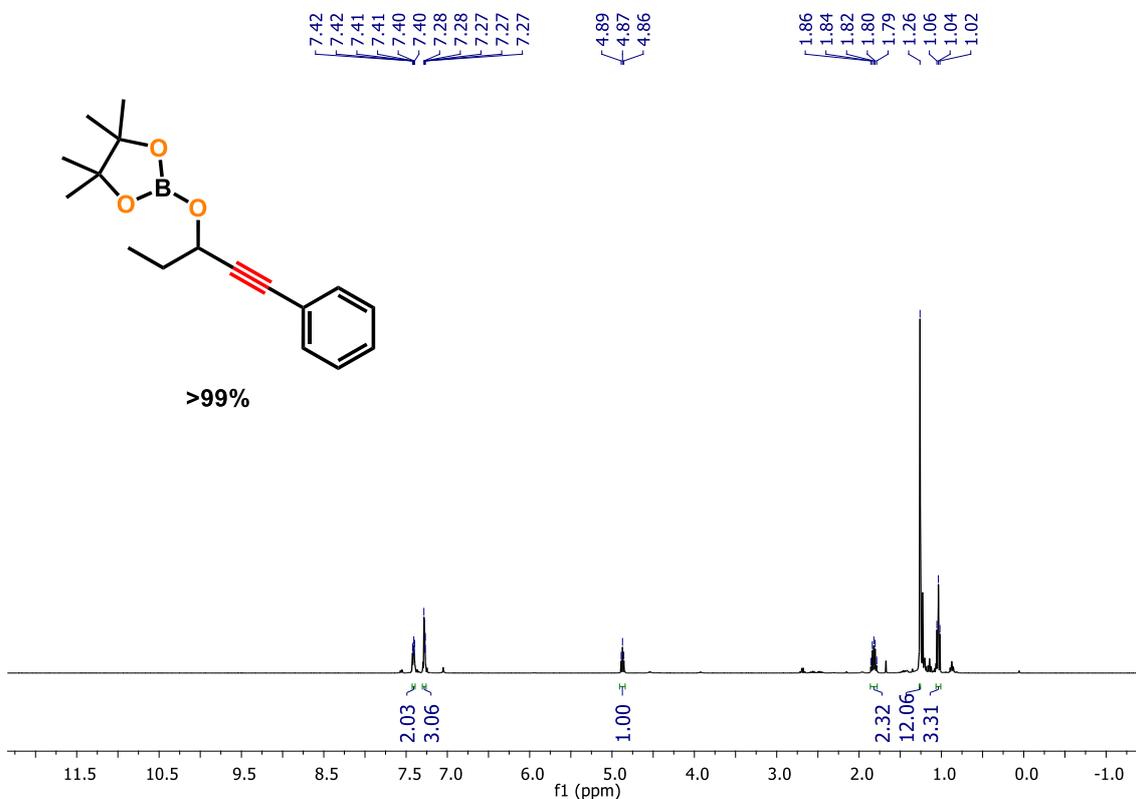
**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



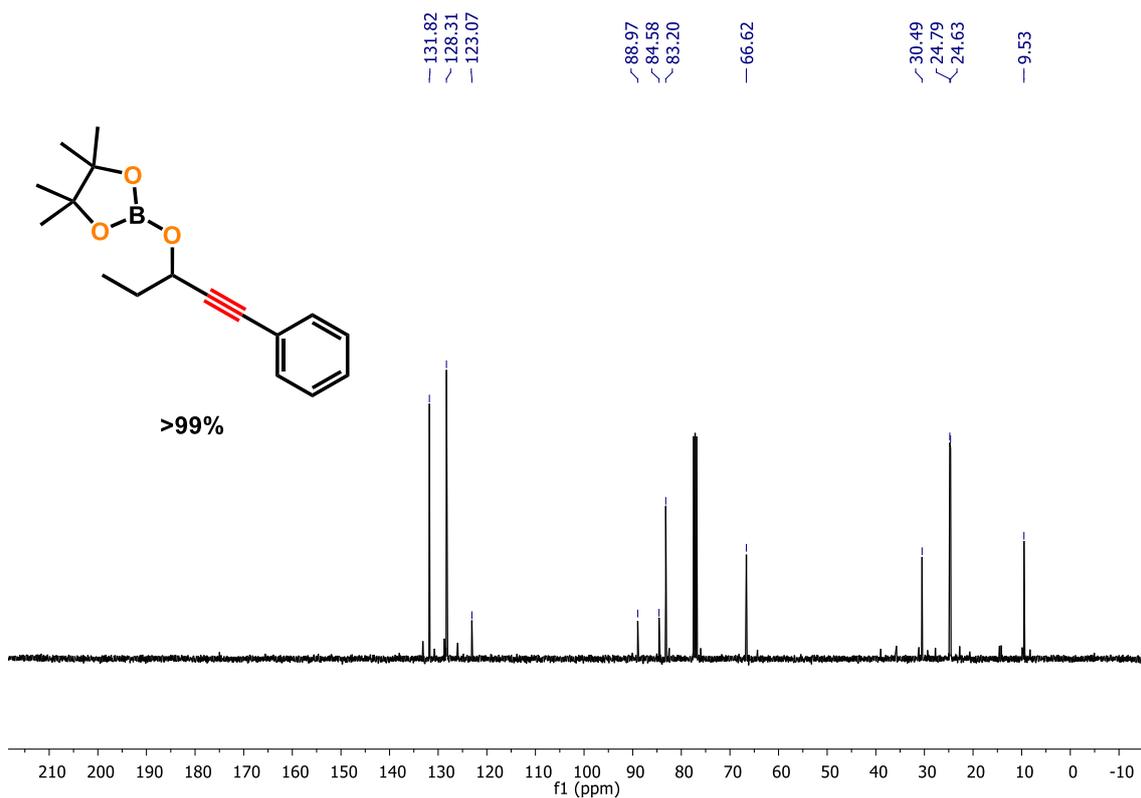
**Figure S11.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



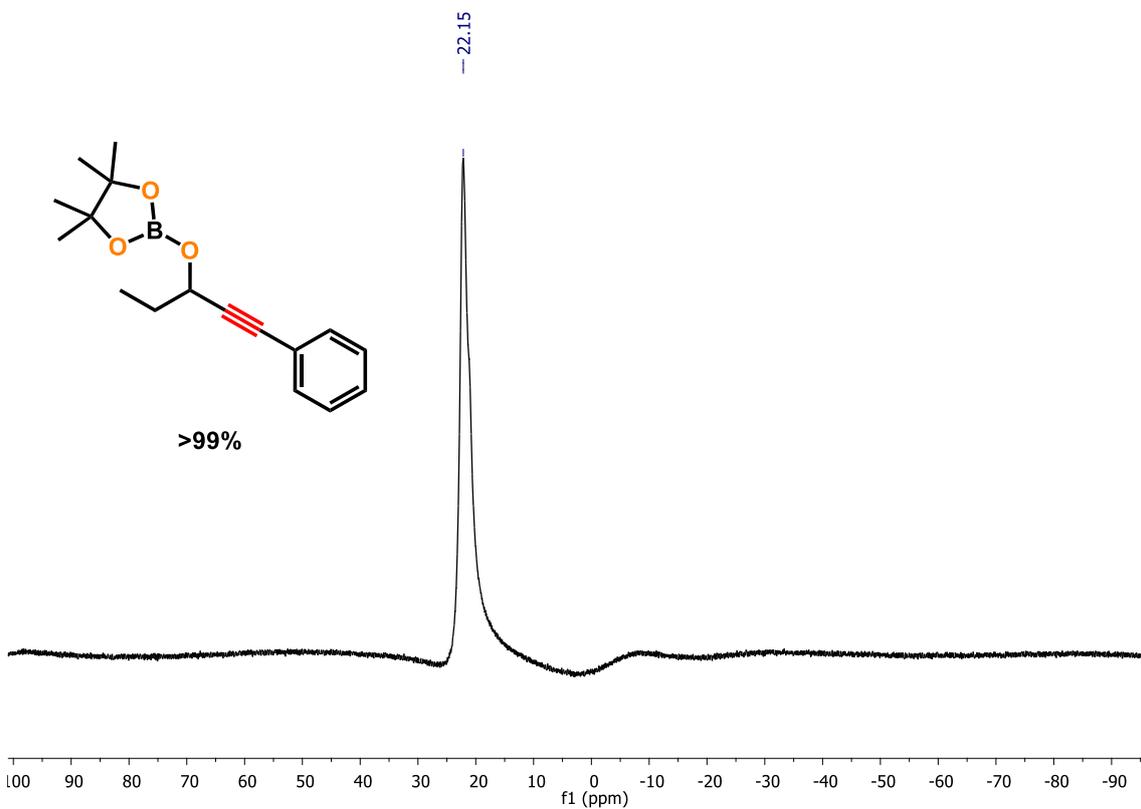
**Figure S12.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



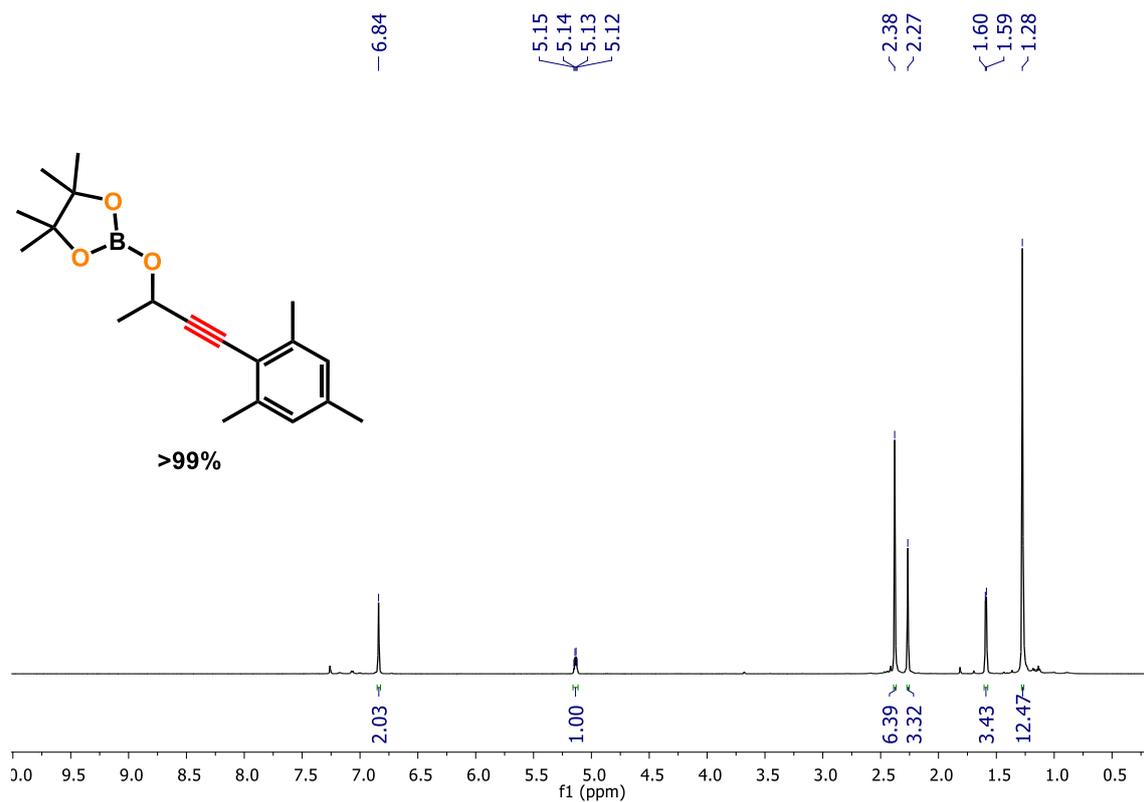
**Figure S13.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2b** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



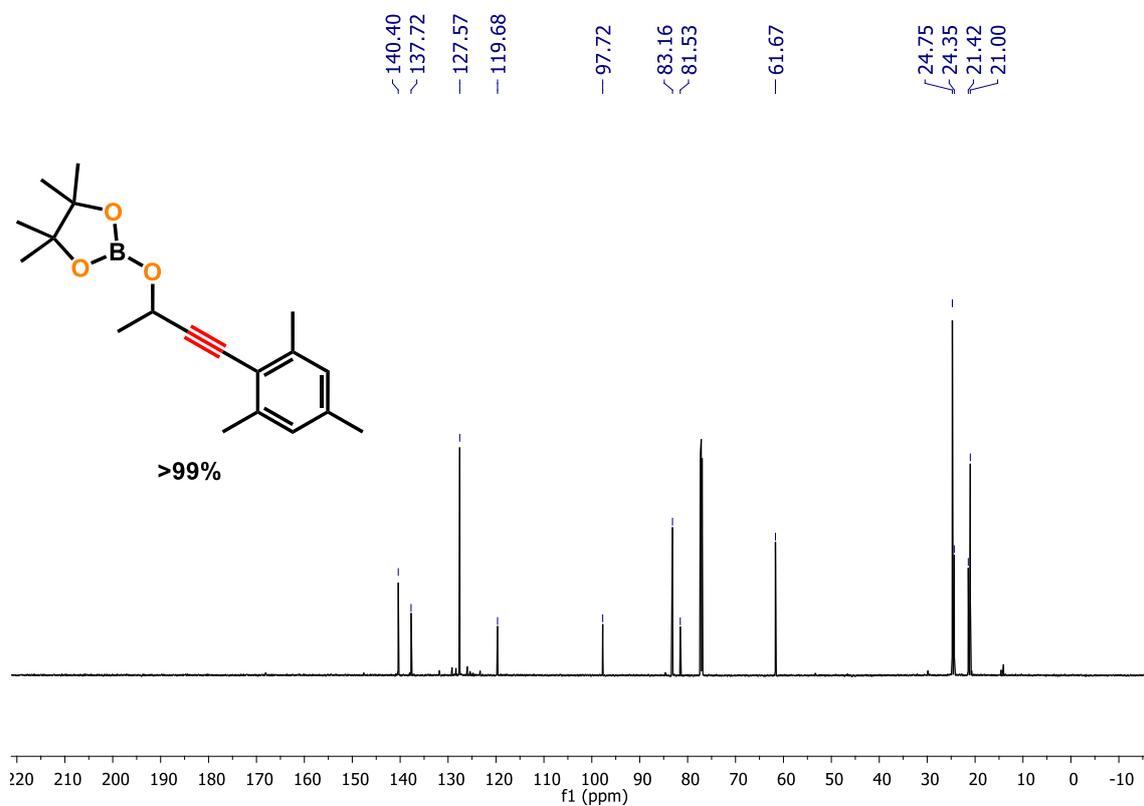
**Figure S14.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2b** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S15.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **2b** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S16.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2c** (700 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S17.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2c** (176 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

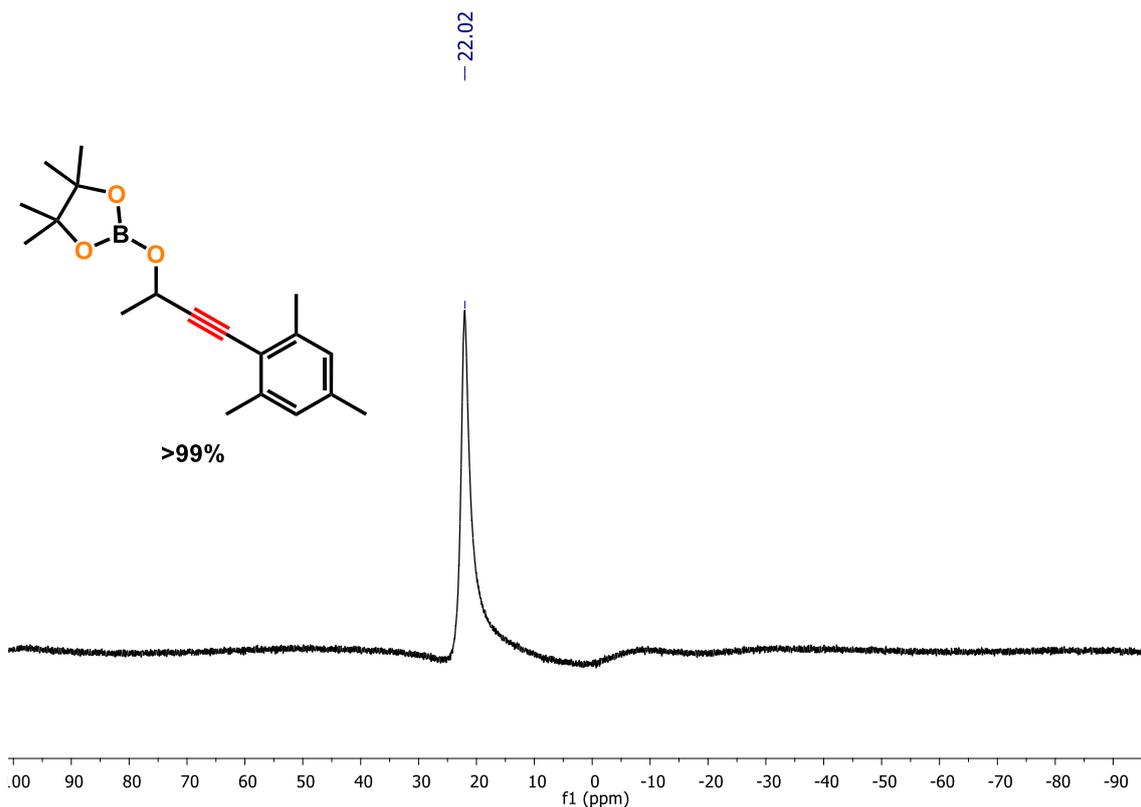


Figure S18.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **2c** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

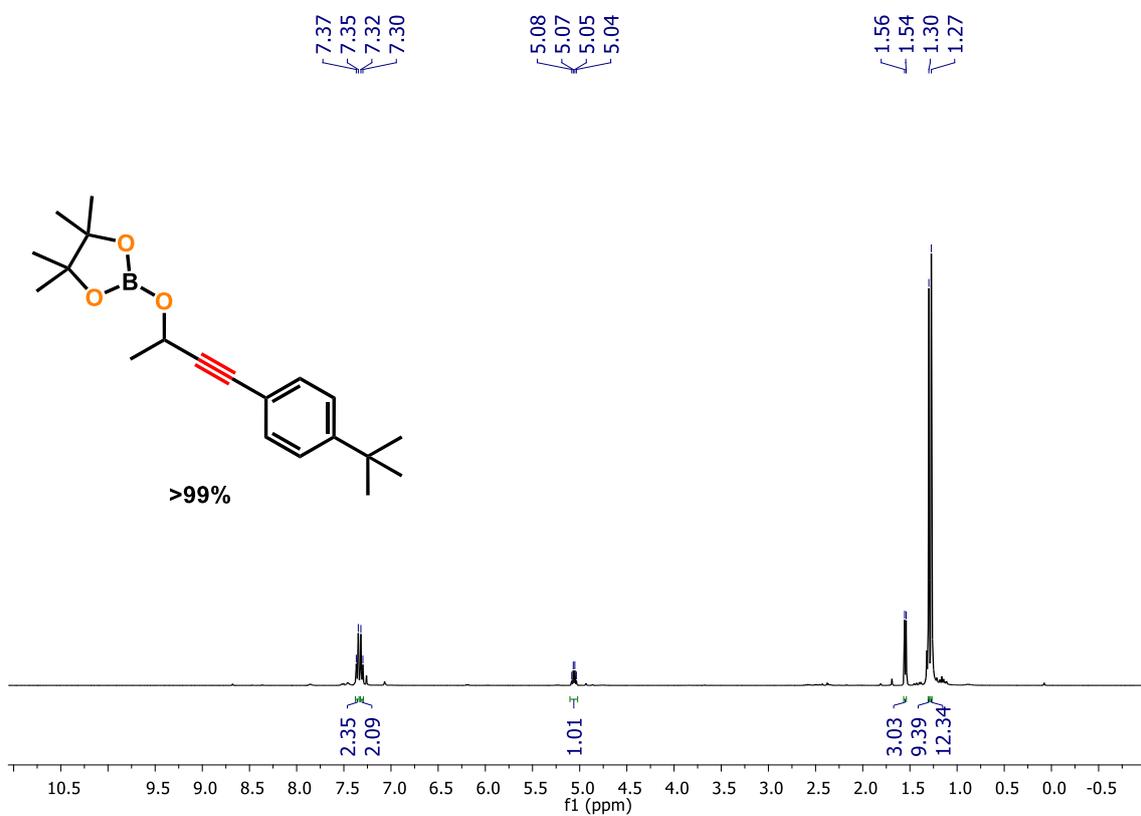
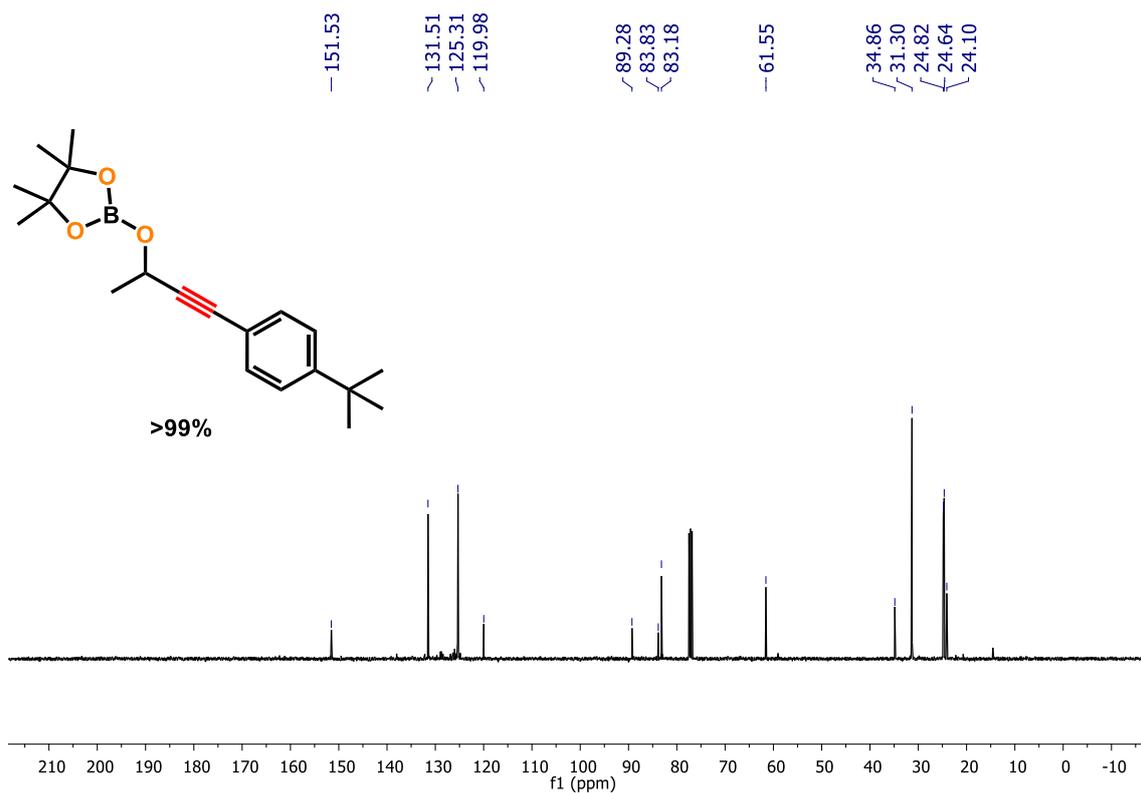
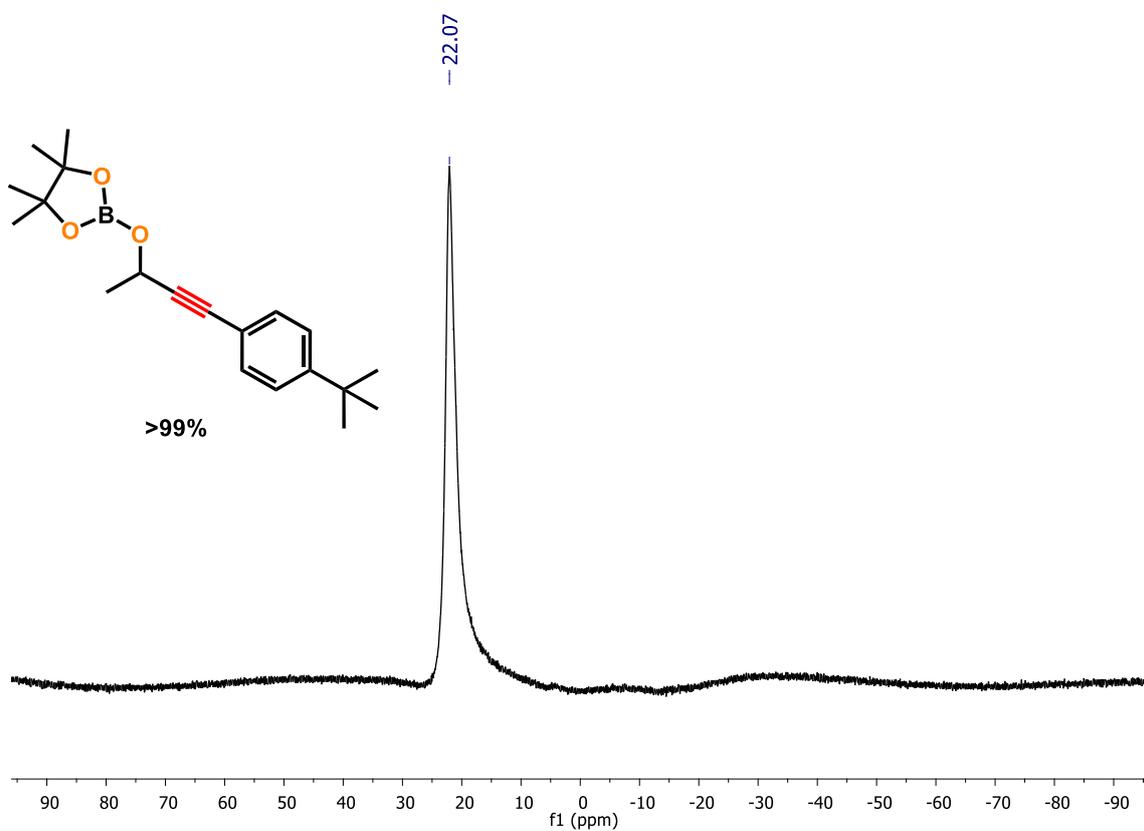


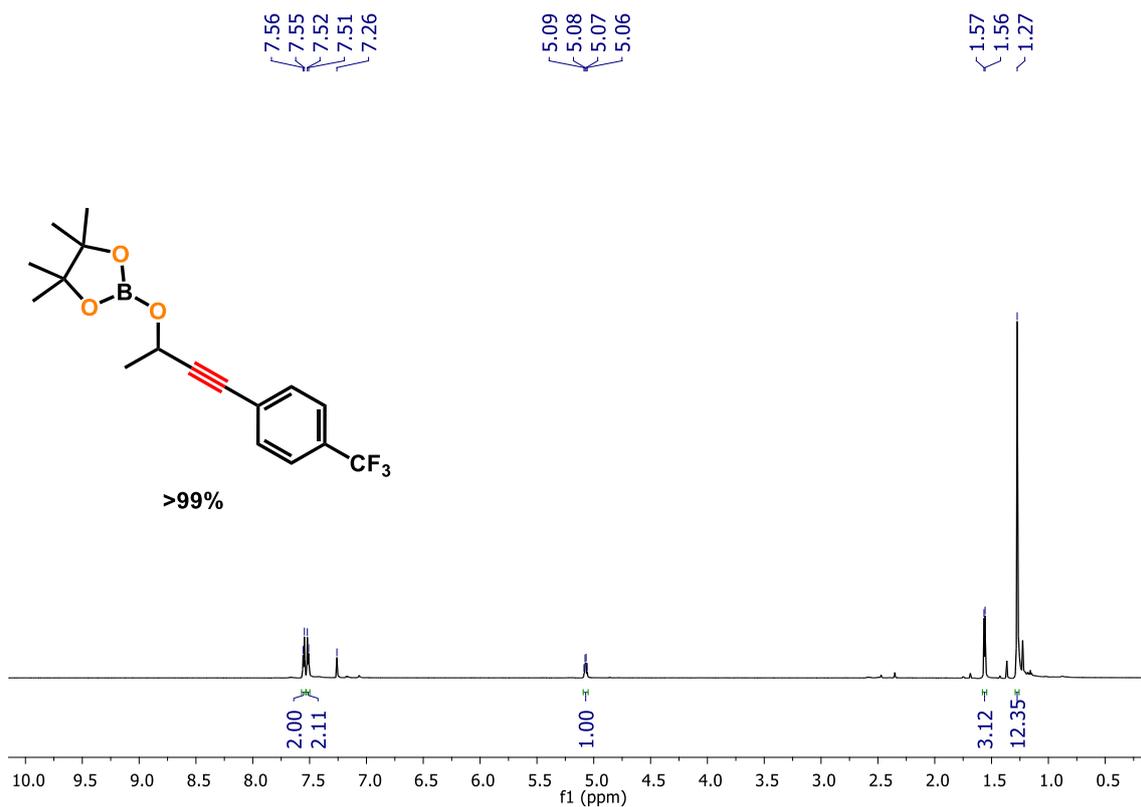
Figure S19.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2d** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



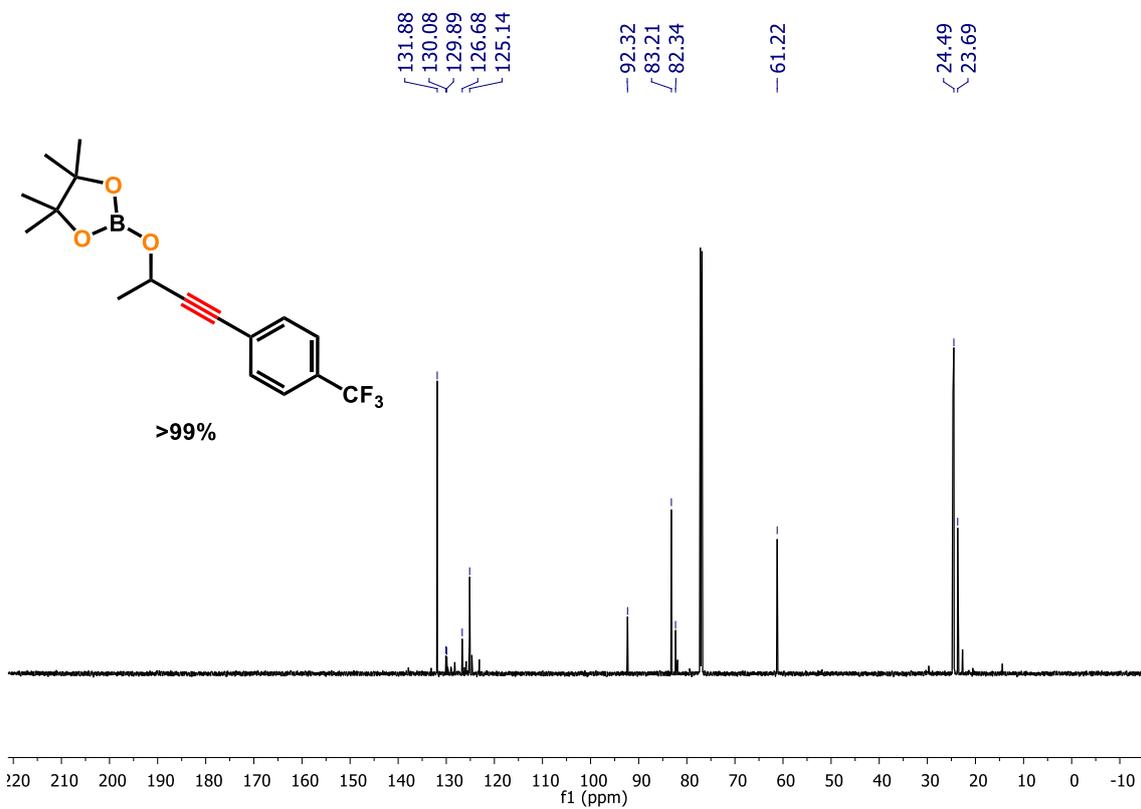
**Figure S20.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2d** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S21.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **2d** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

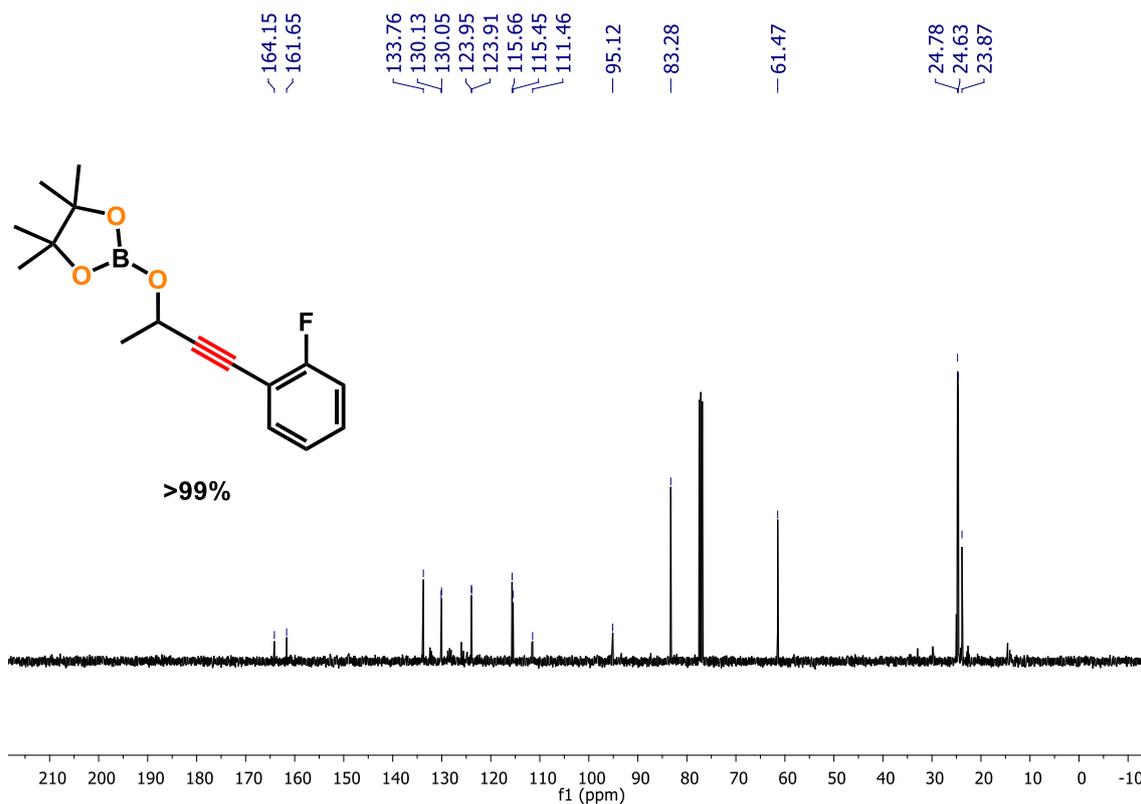


**Figure S22.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2e** (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K).

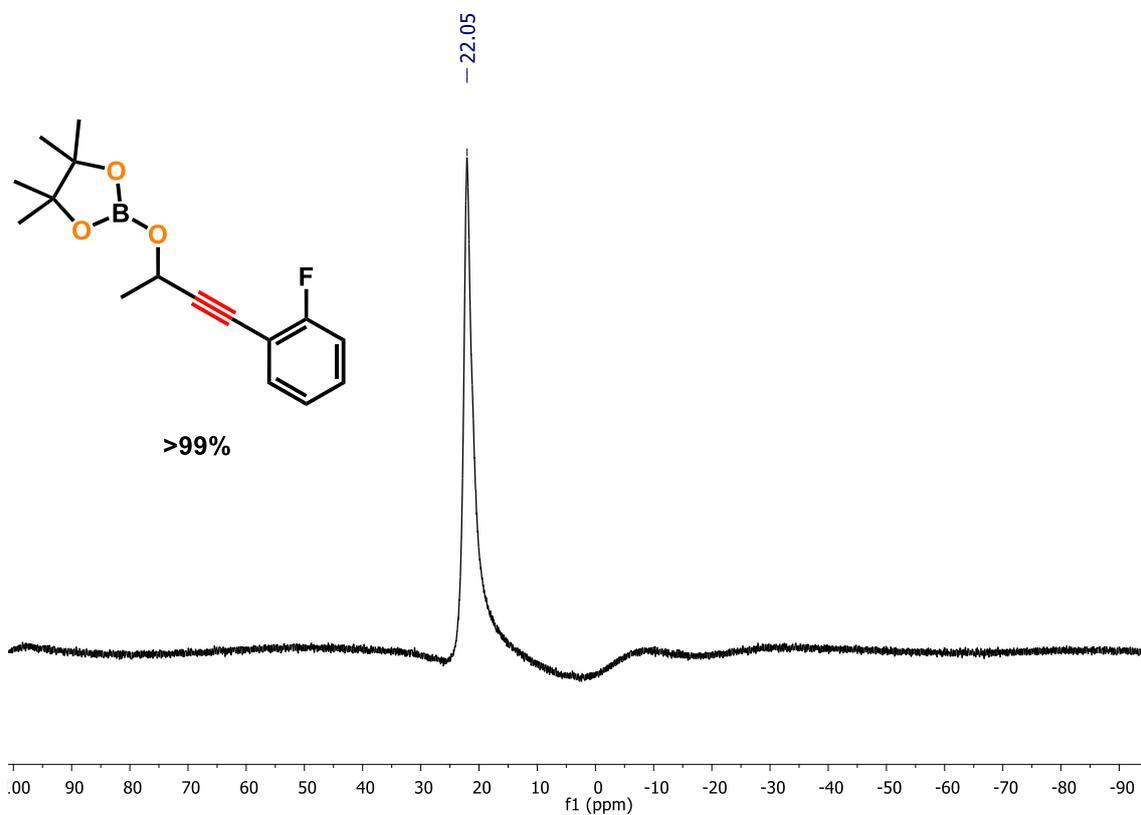


**Figure S23.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **2e** (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K).

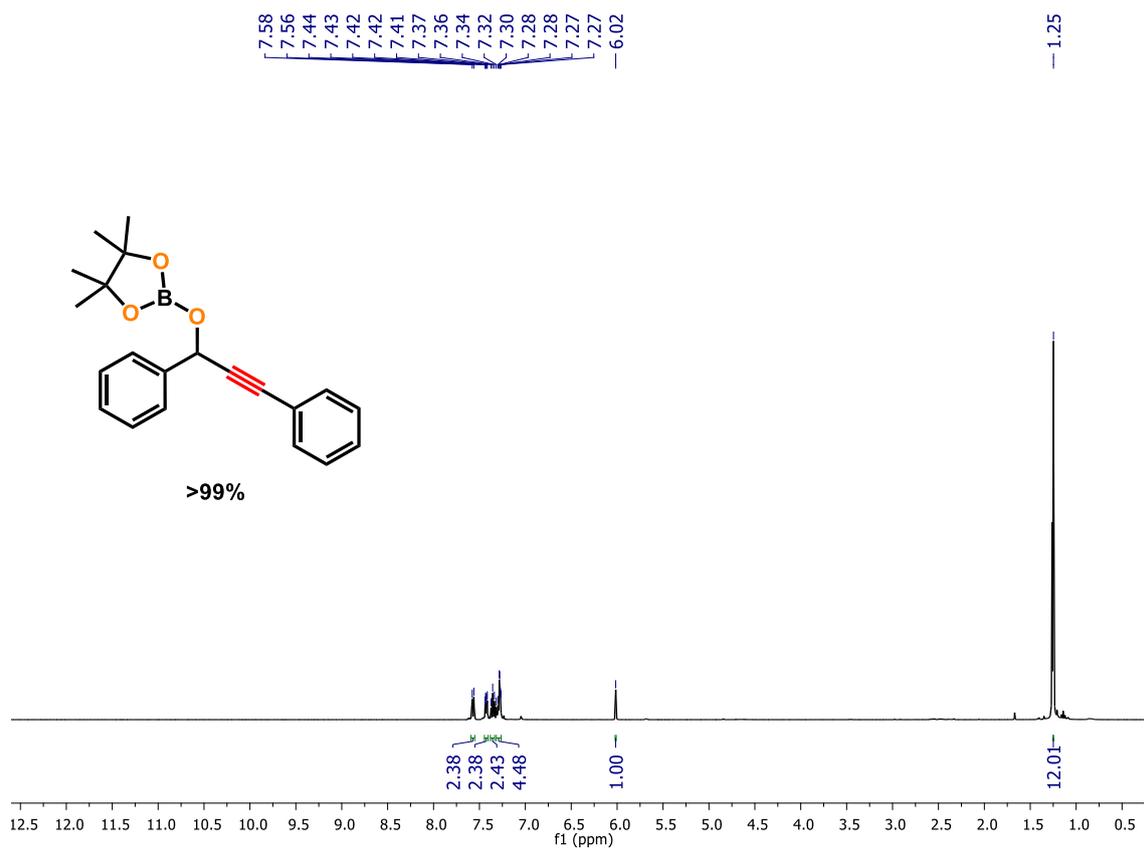




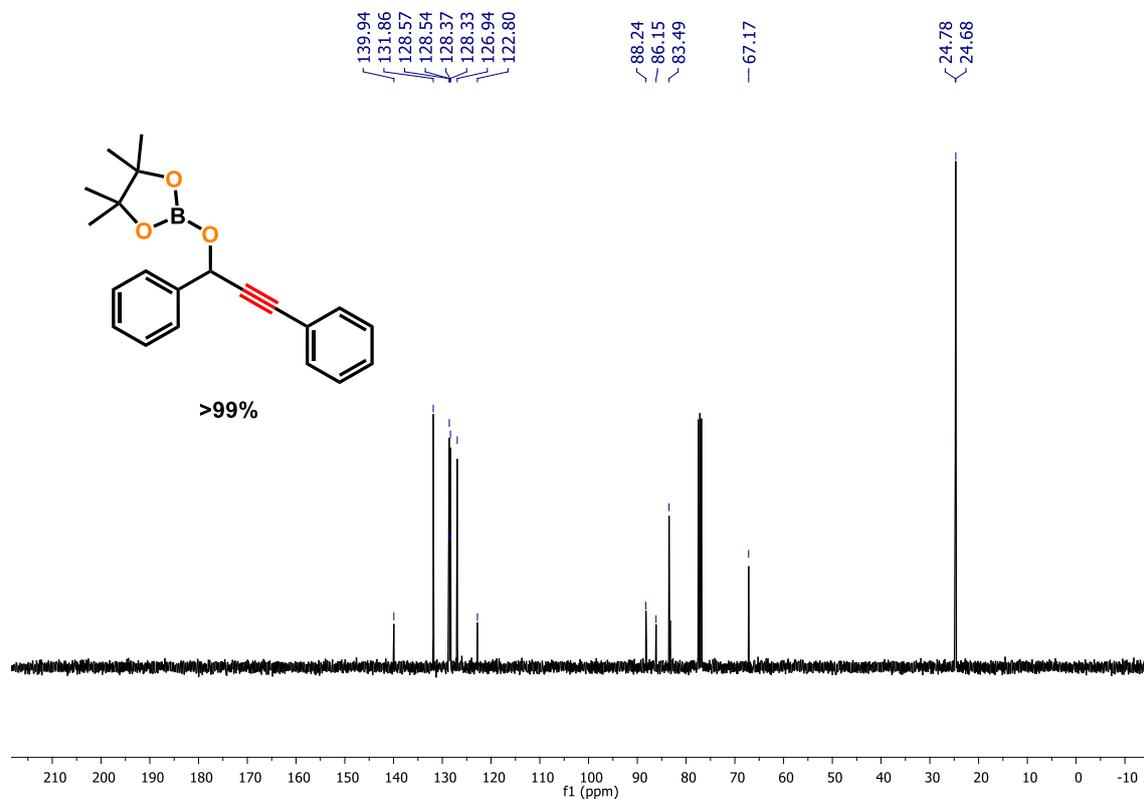
**Figure S26.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2f** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S27.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **2f** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S28.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2g** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K).



**Figure S29.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **2g** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K).

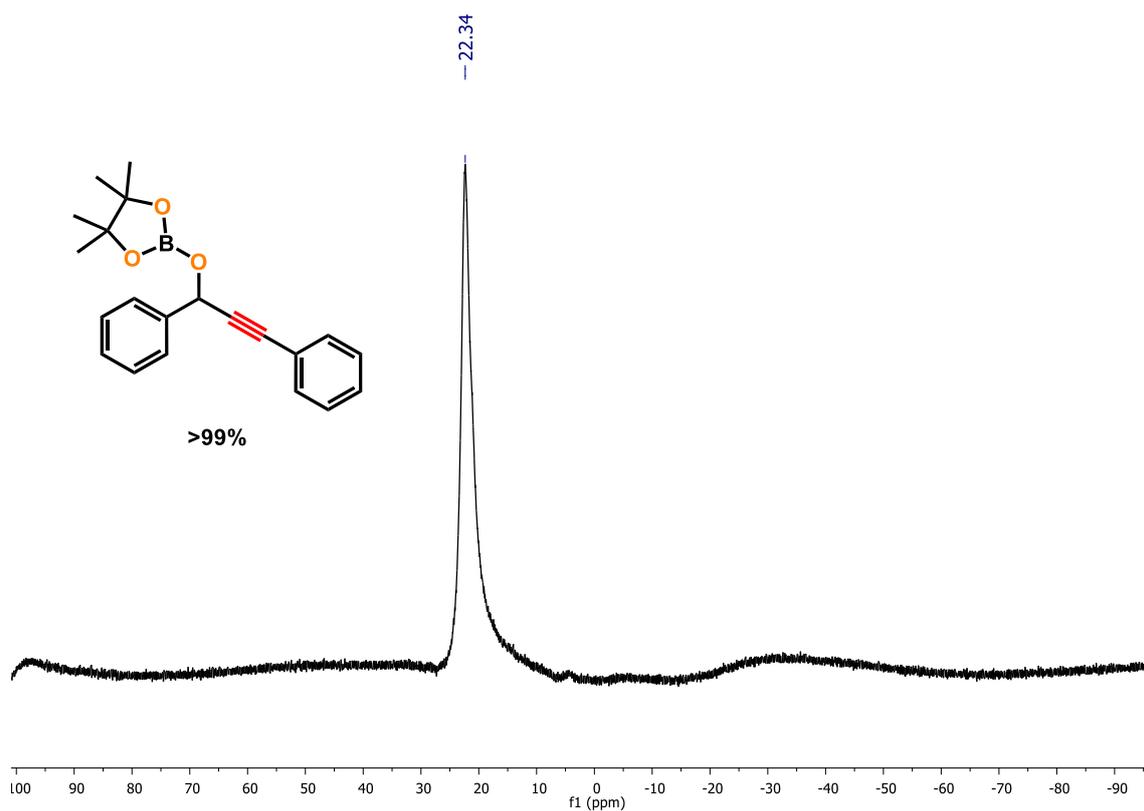


Figure S30.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **2g** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

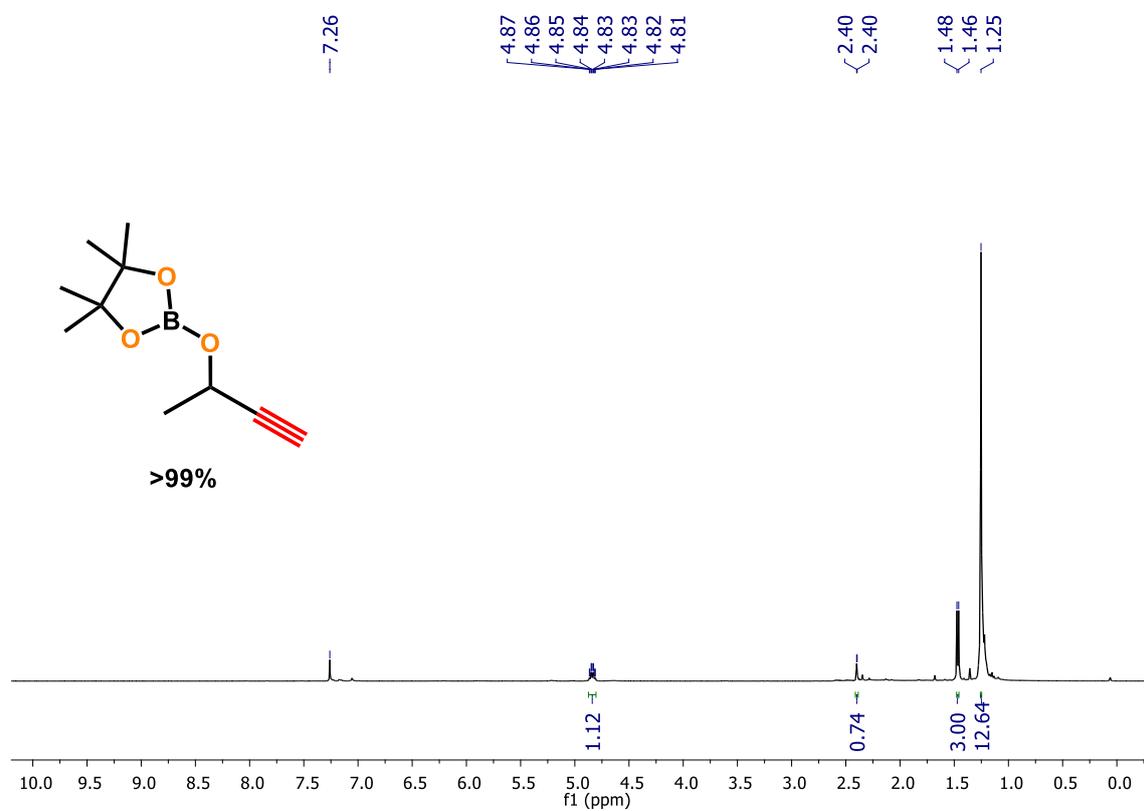
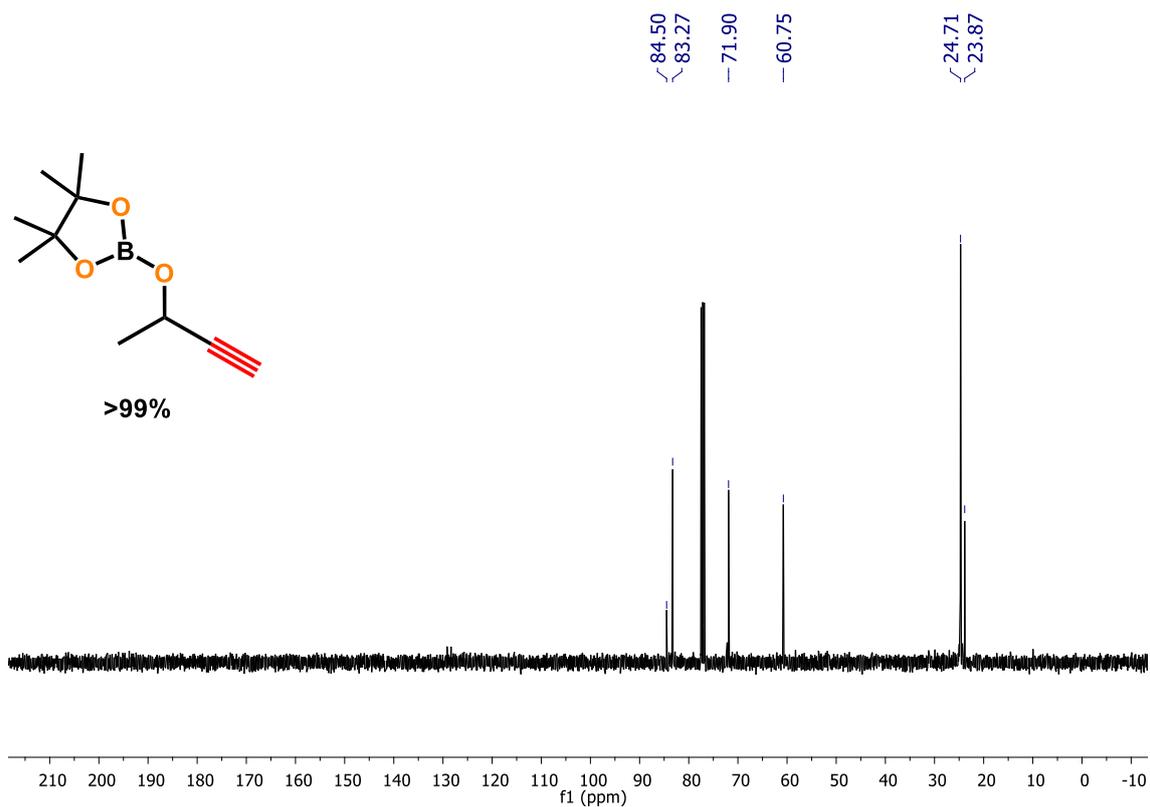
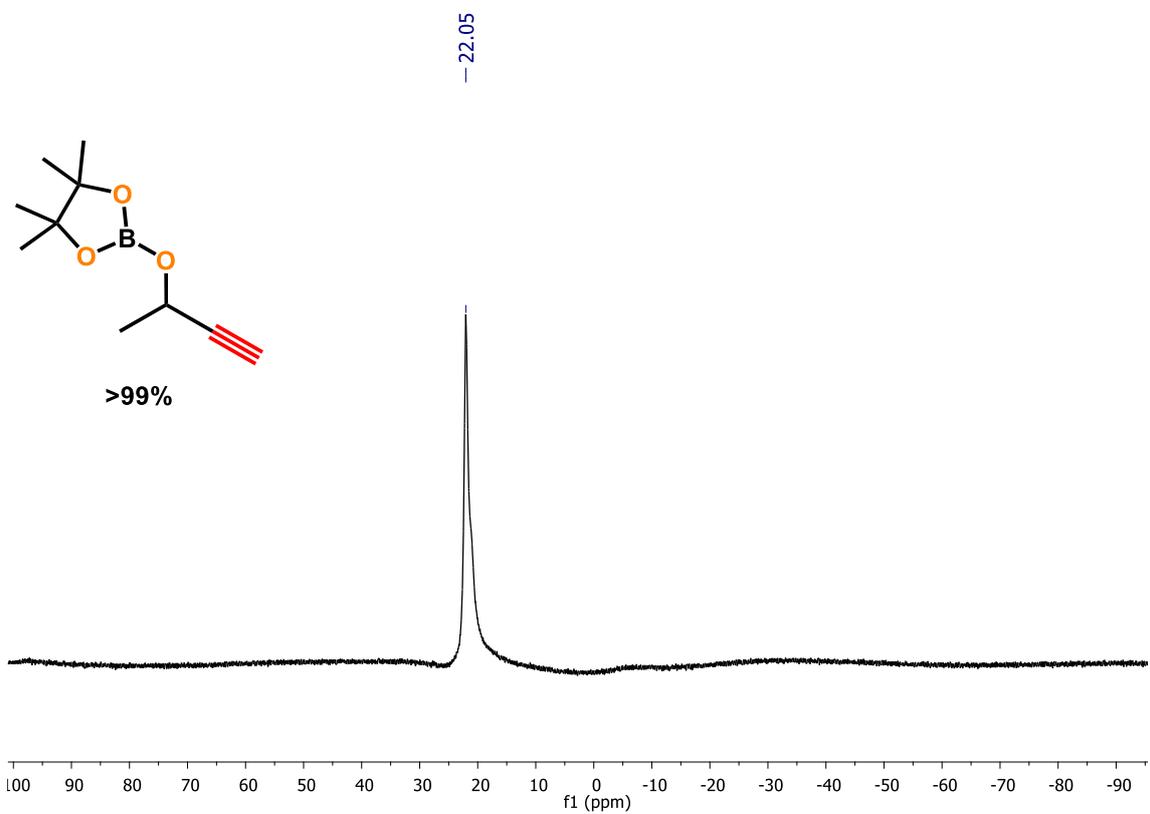


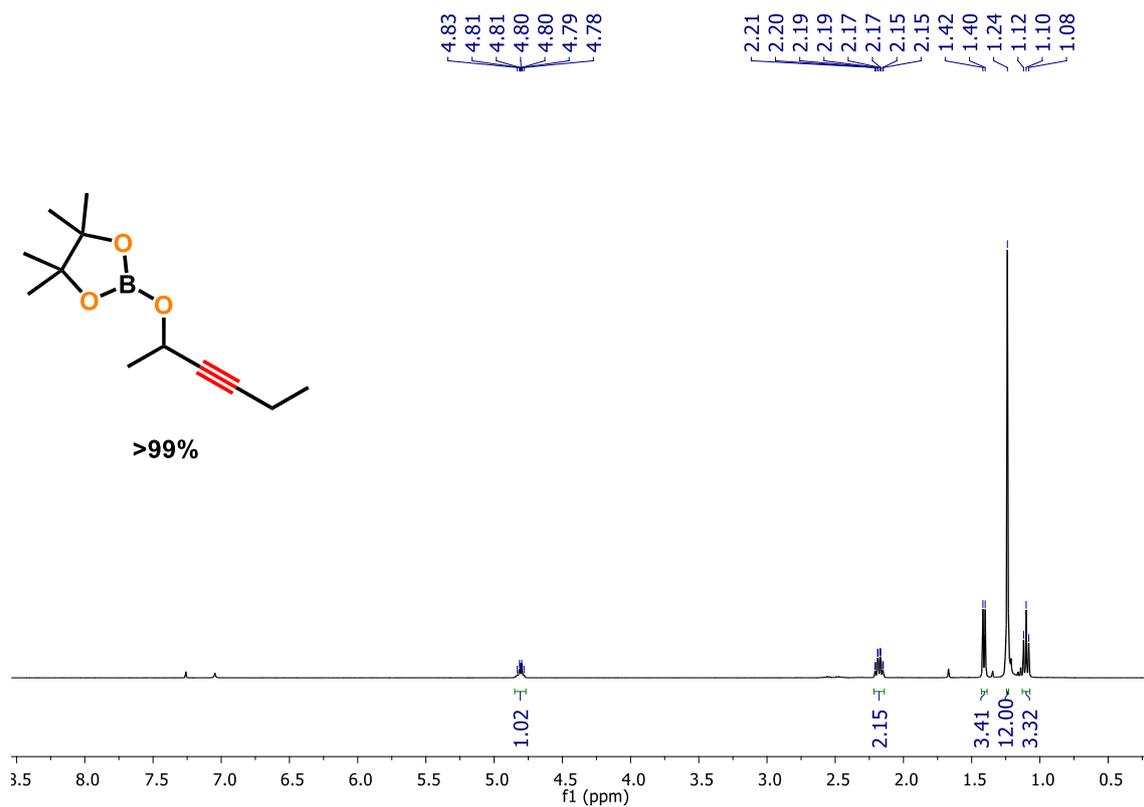
Figure S31.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2h** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



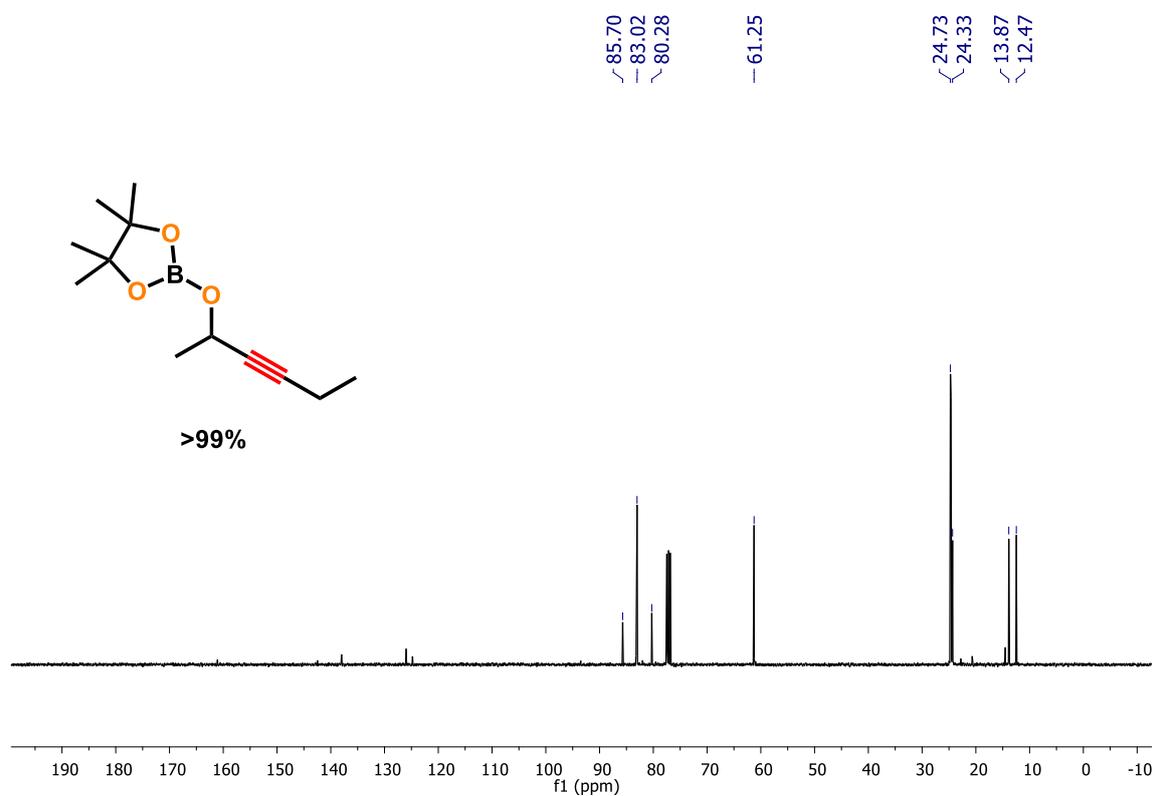
**Figure S32.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2h** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S33.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **2h** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S34.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2i** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S35.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2i** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

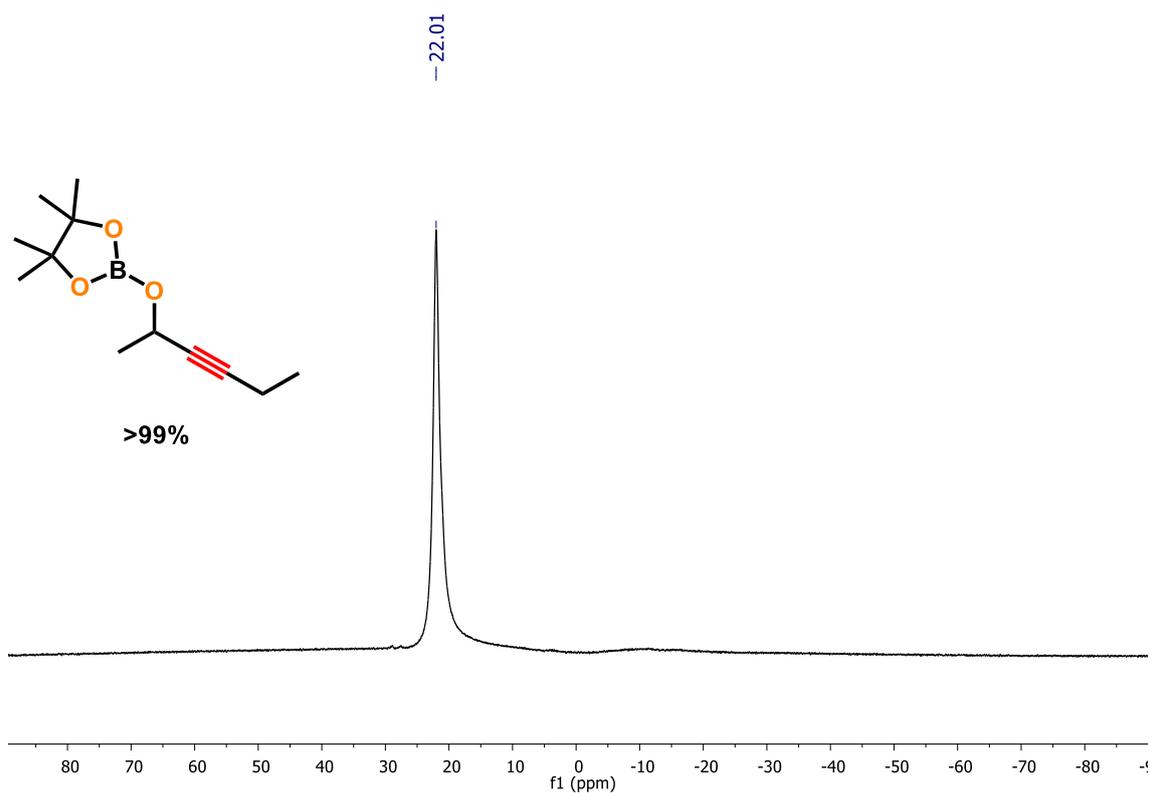


Figure S36.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **2i** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

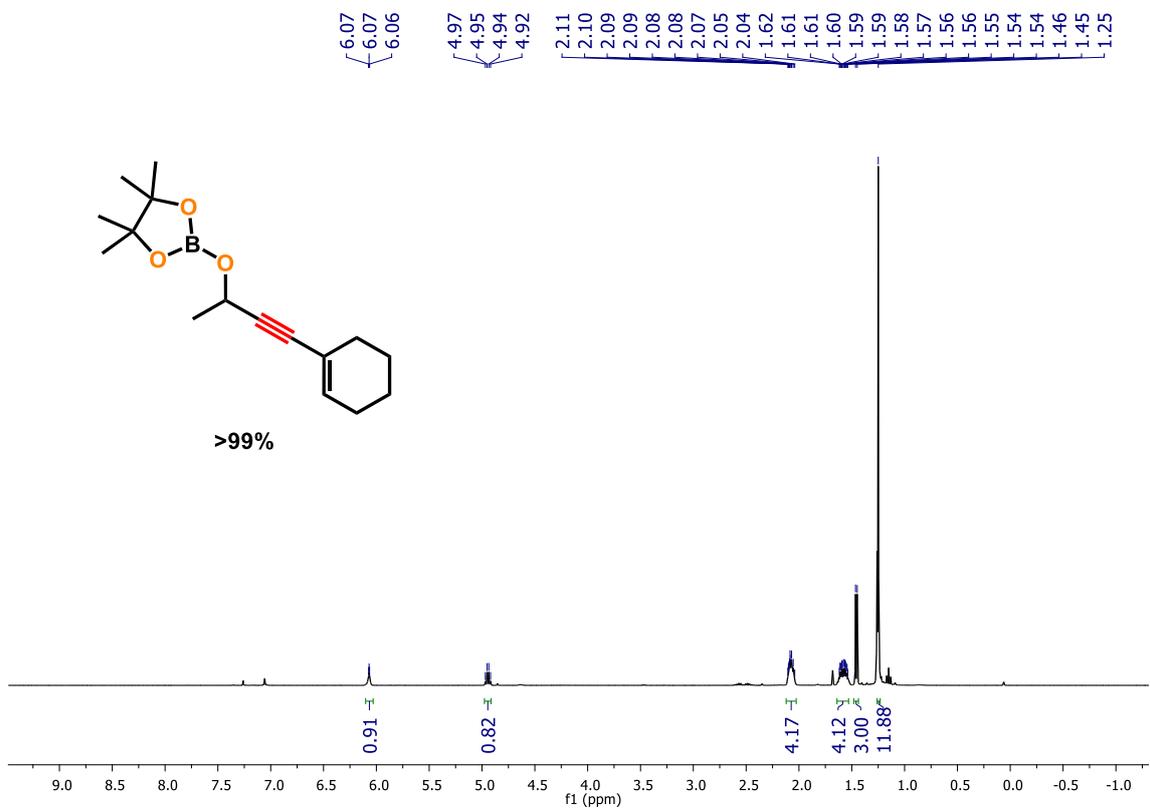
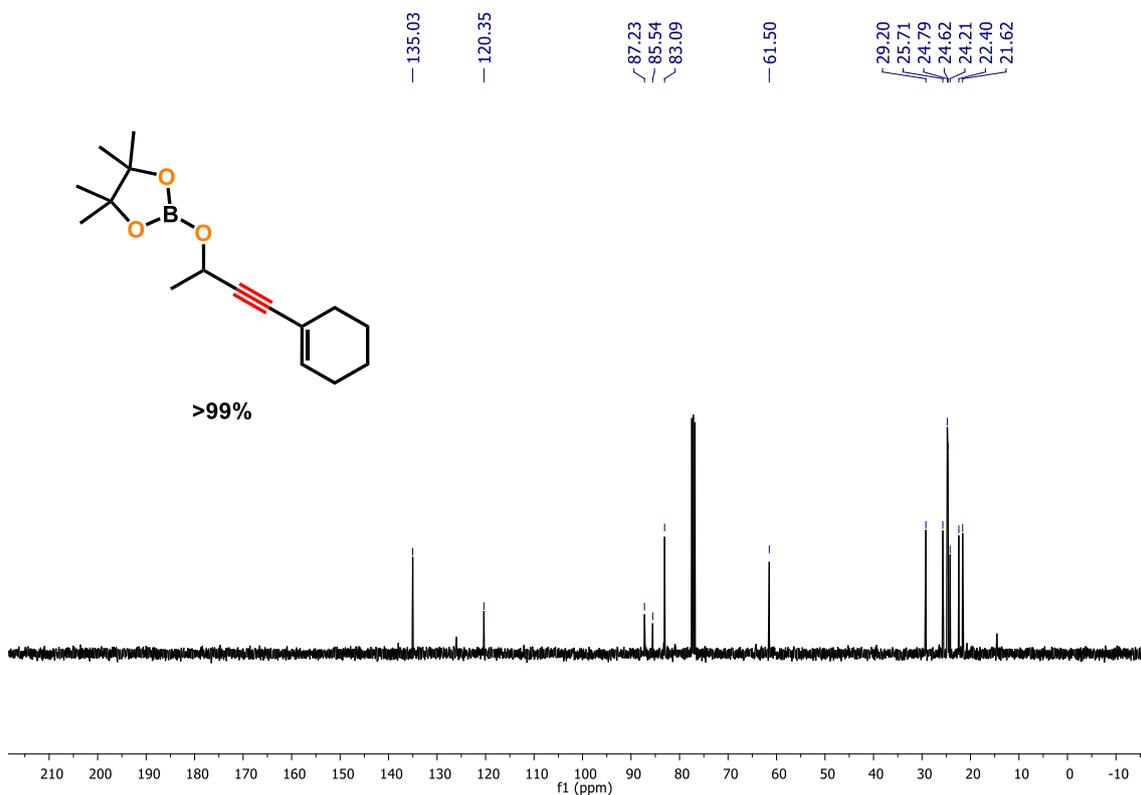
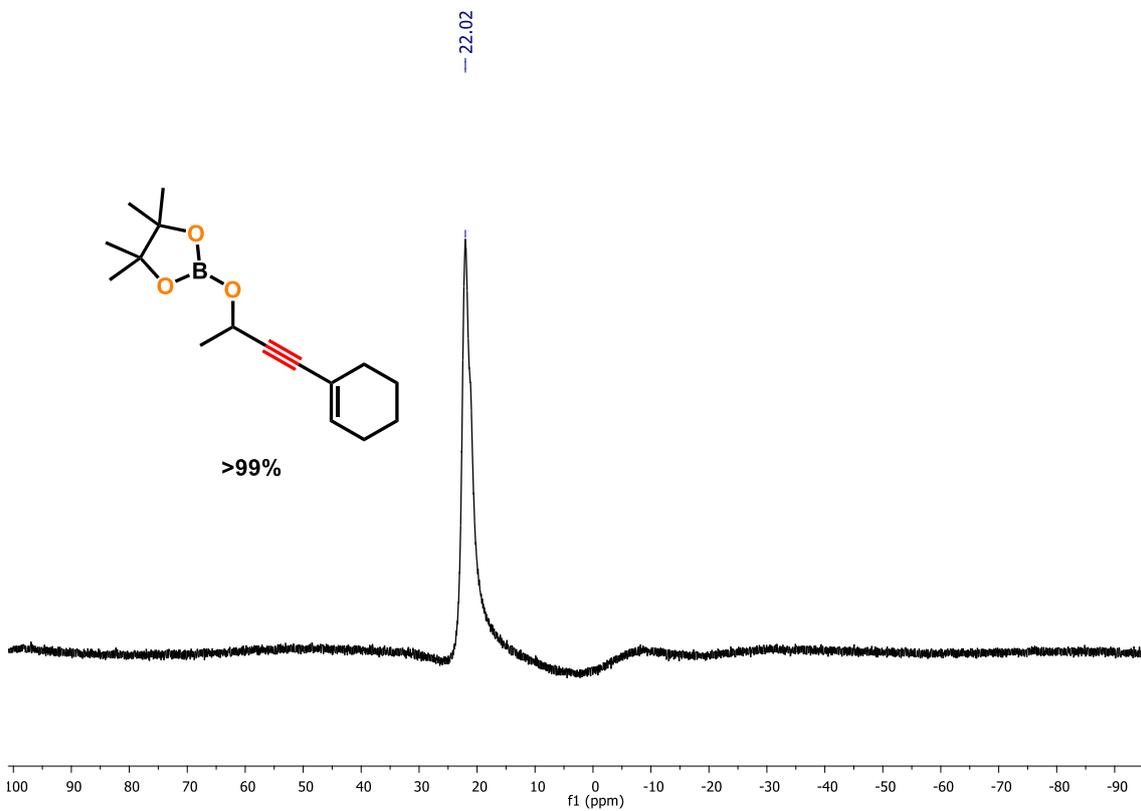


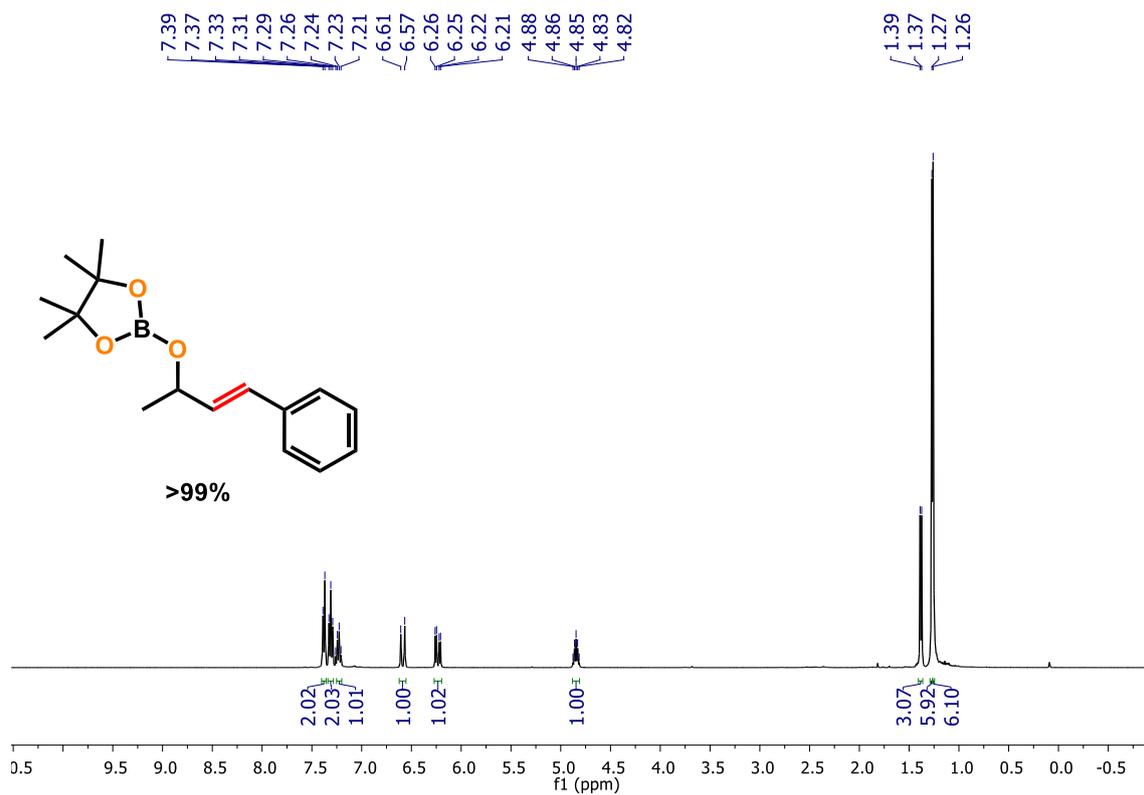
Figure S37.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2j** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



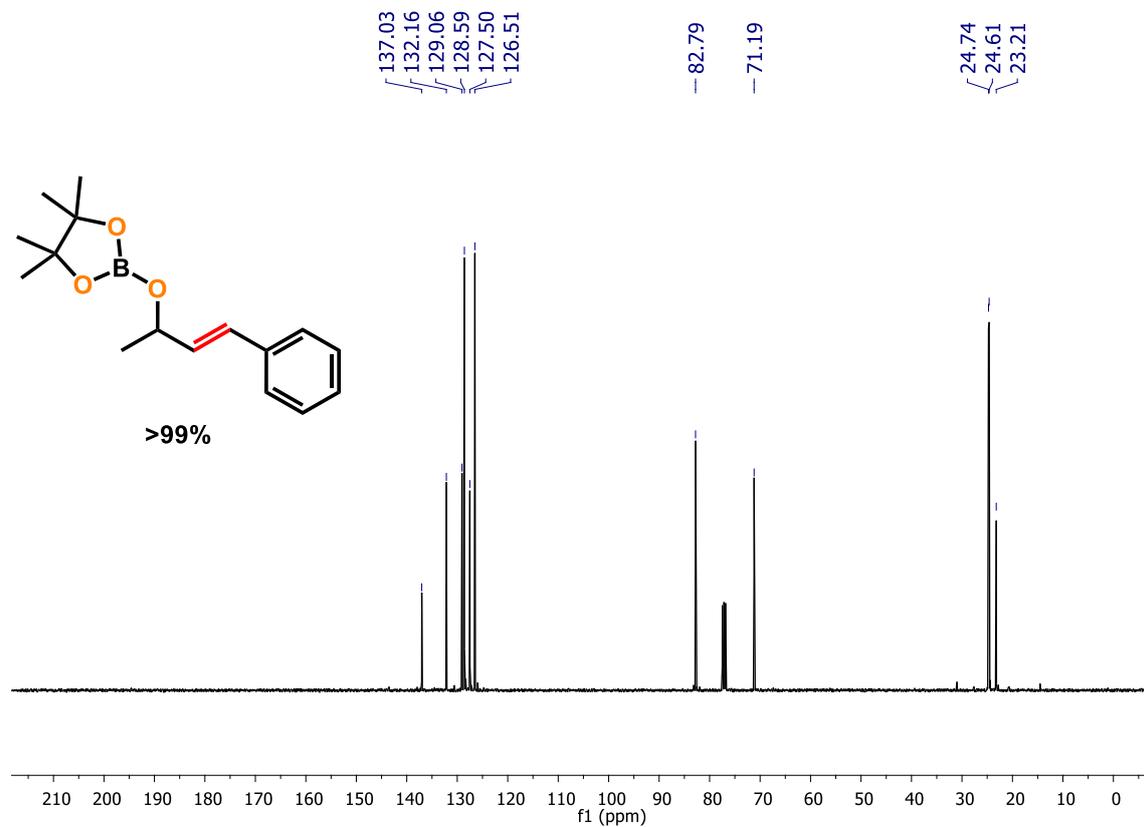
**Figure S38.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2j** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



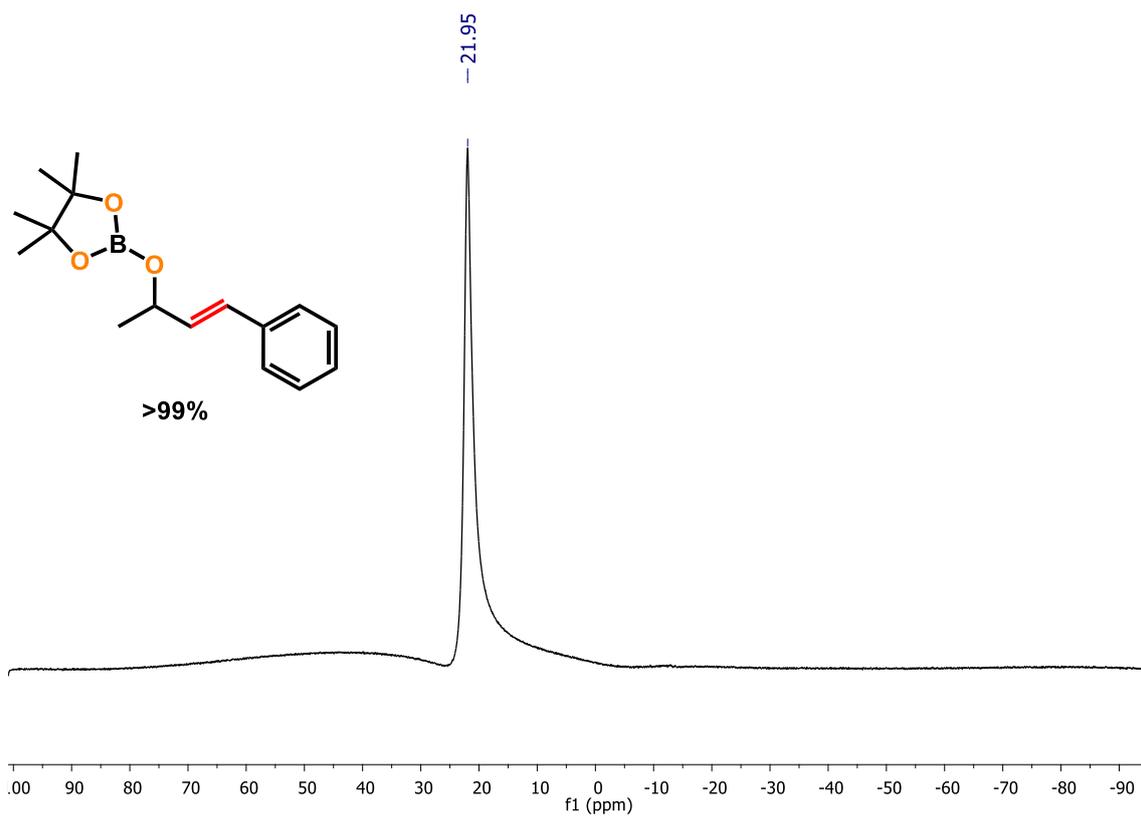
**Figure S39.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **2j** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



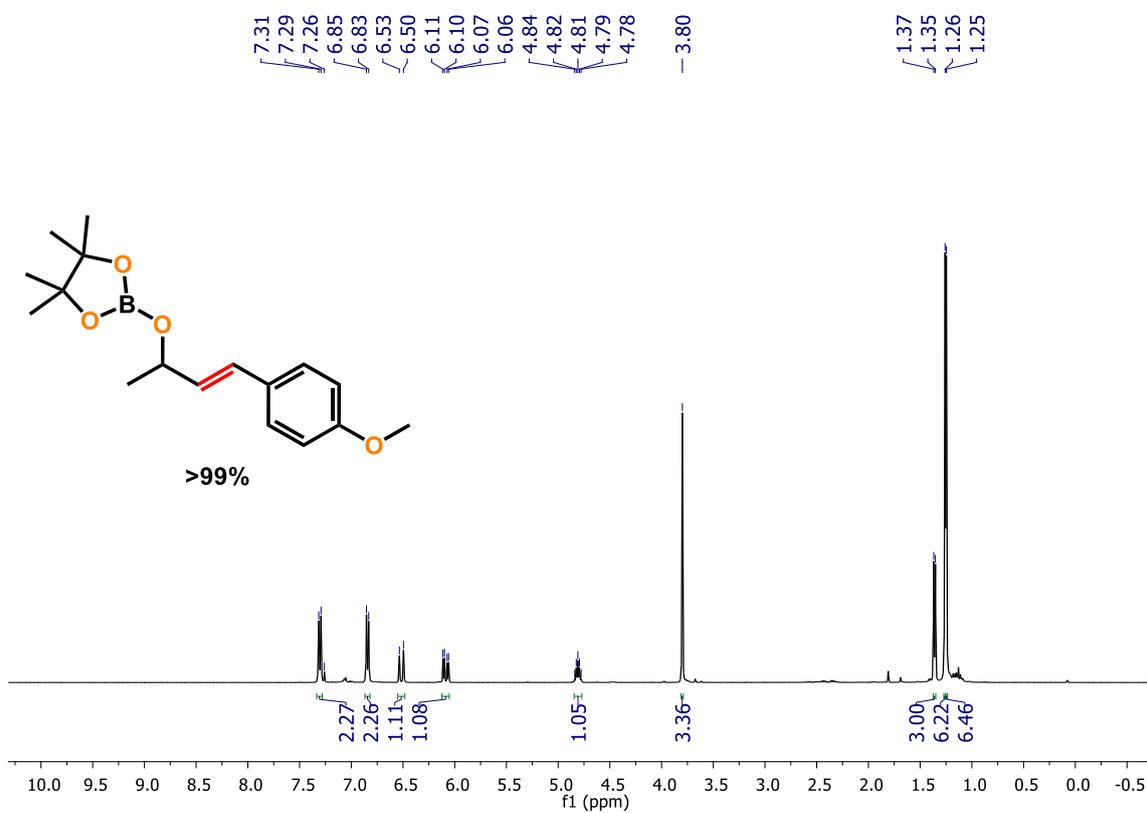
**Figure S40.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4a** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



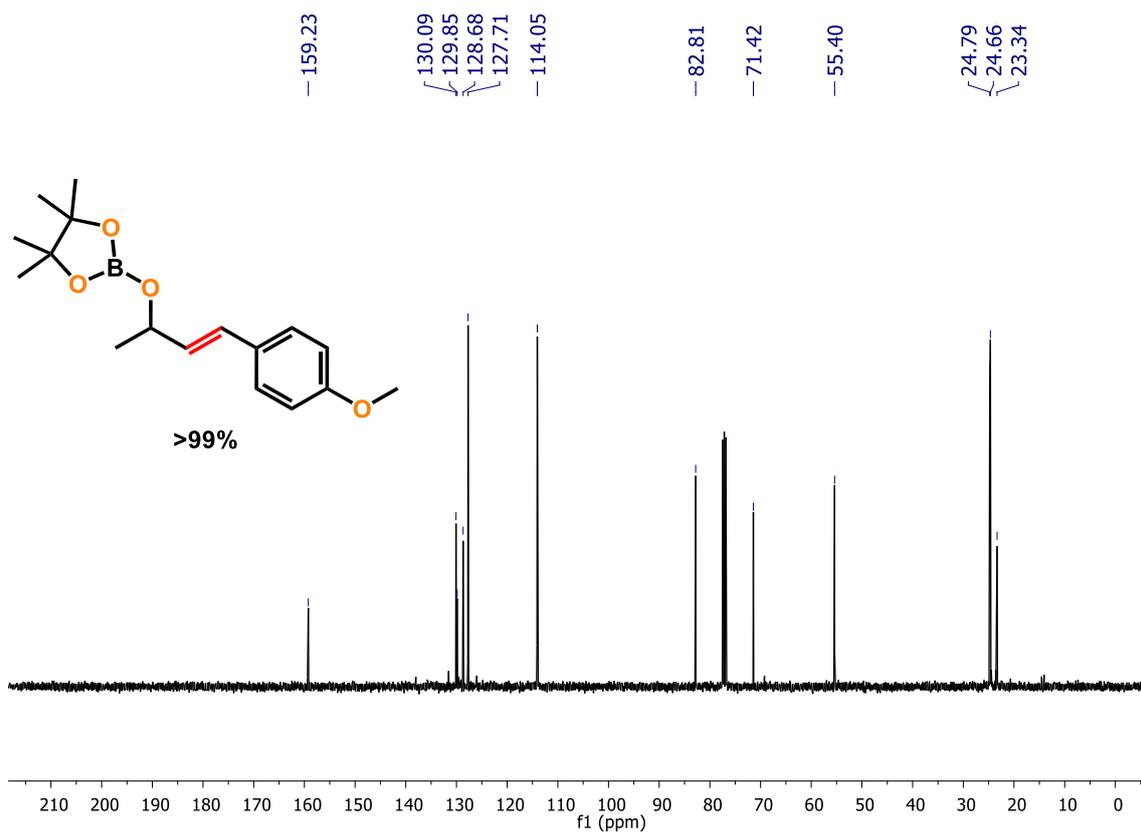
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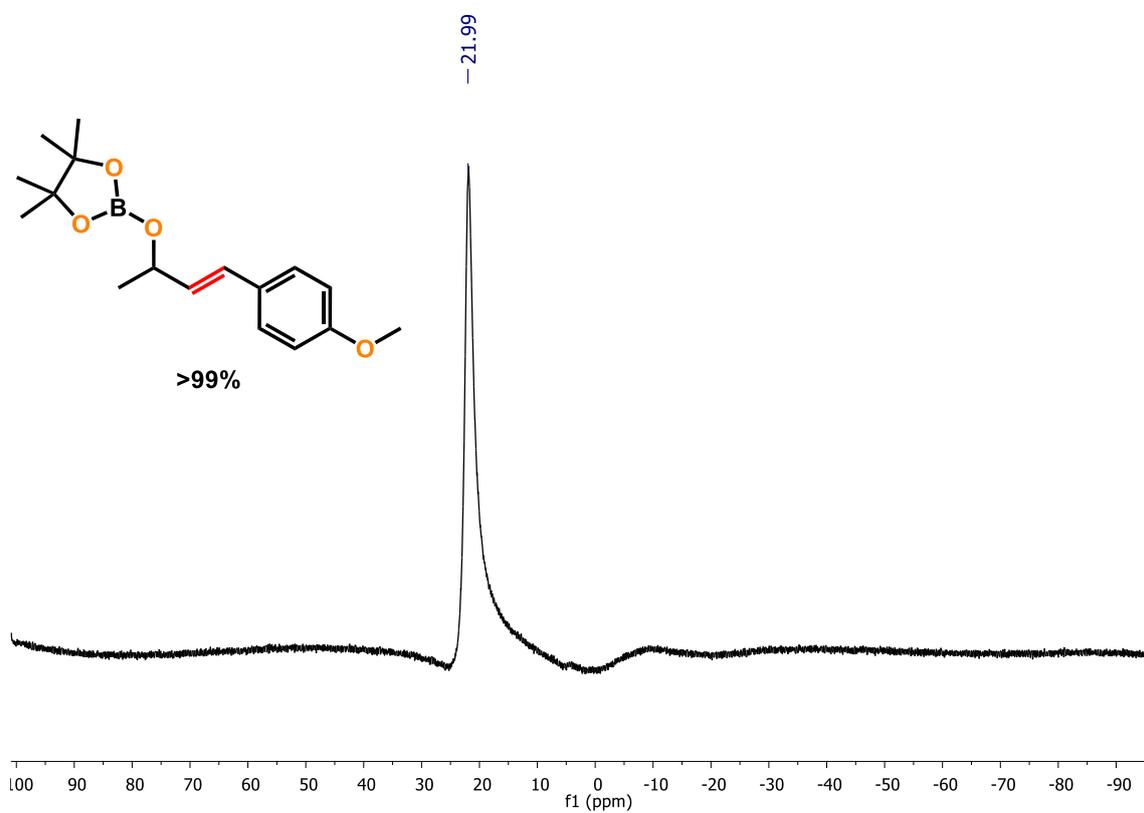
**Figure S42.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **4a** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S43.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4b** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S44.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **4b** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S45.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **4b** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

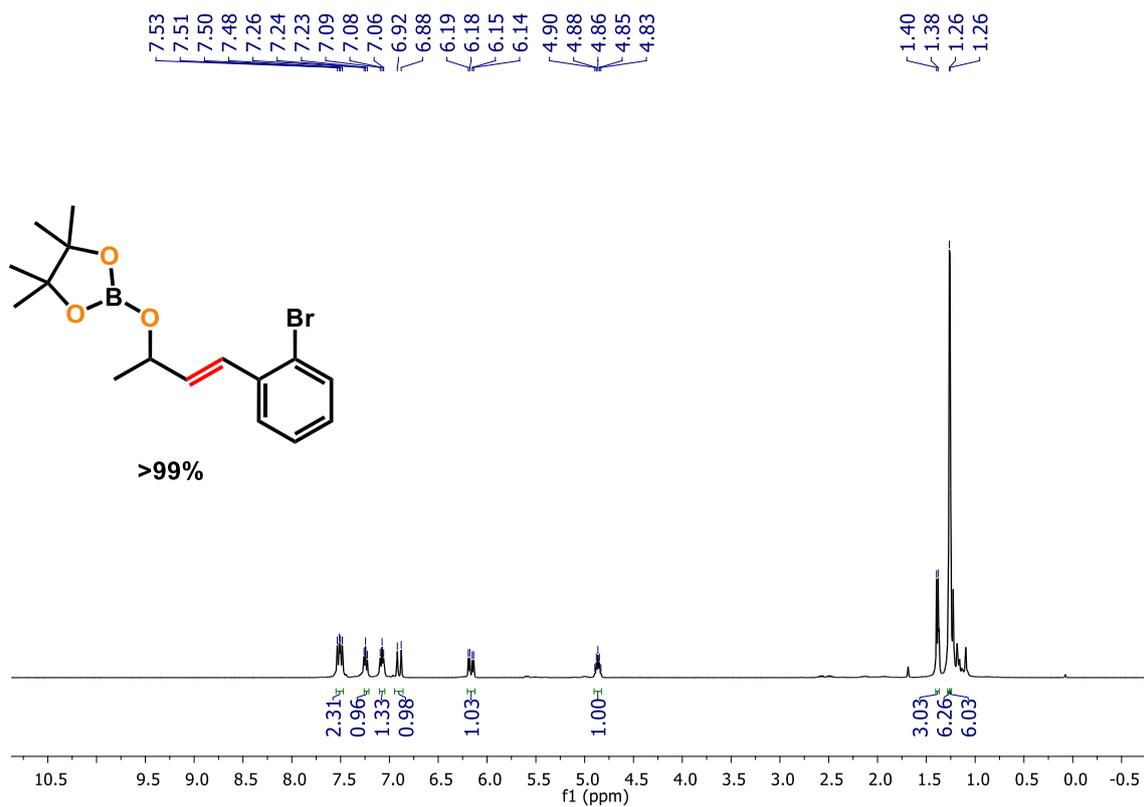


Figure S46. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4c** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K).

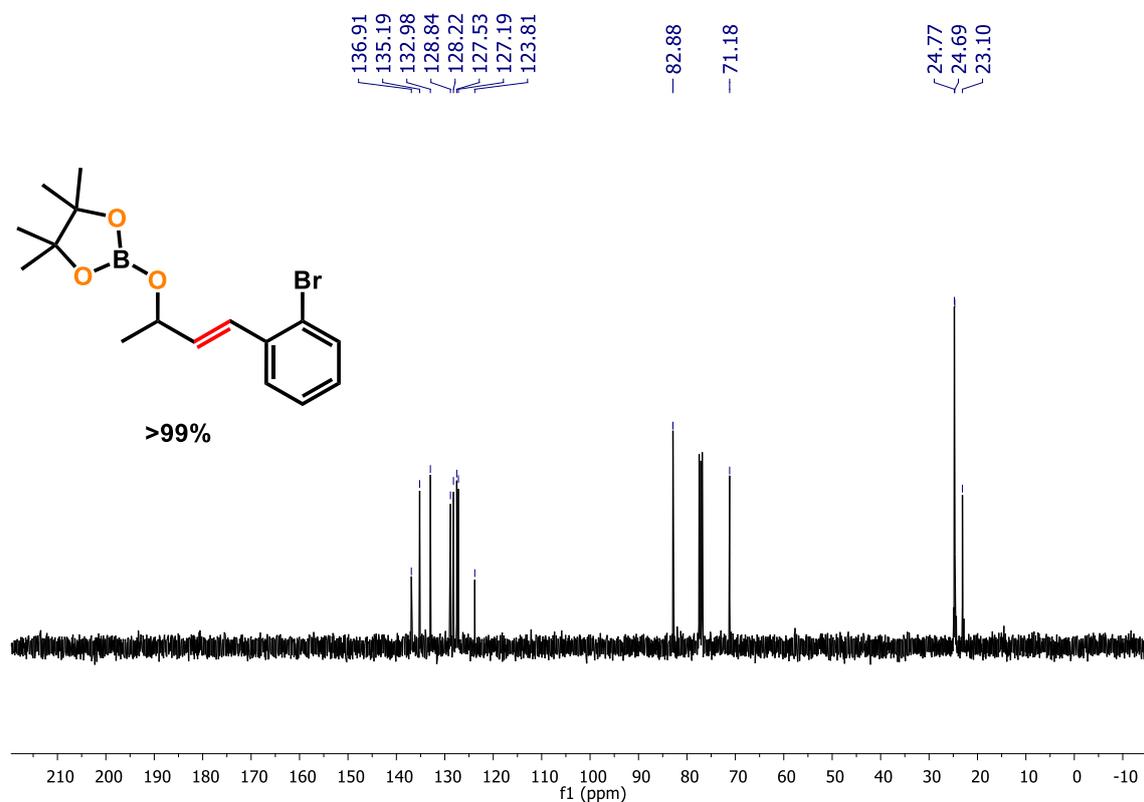
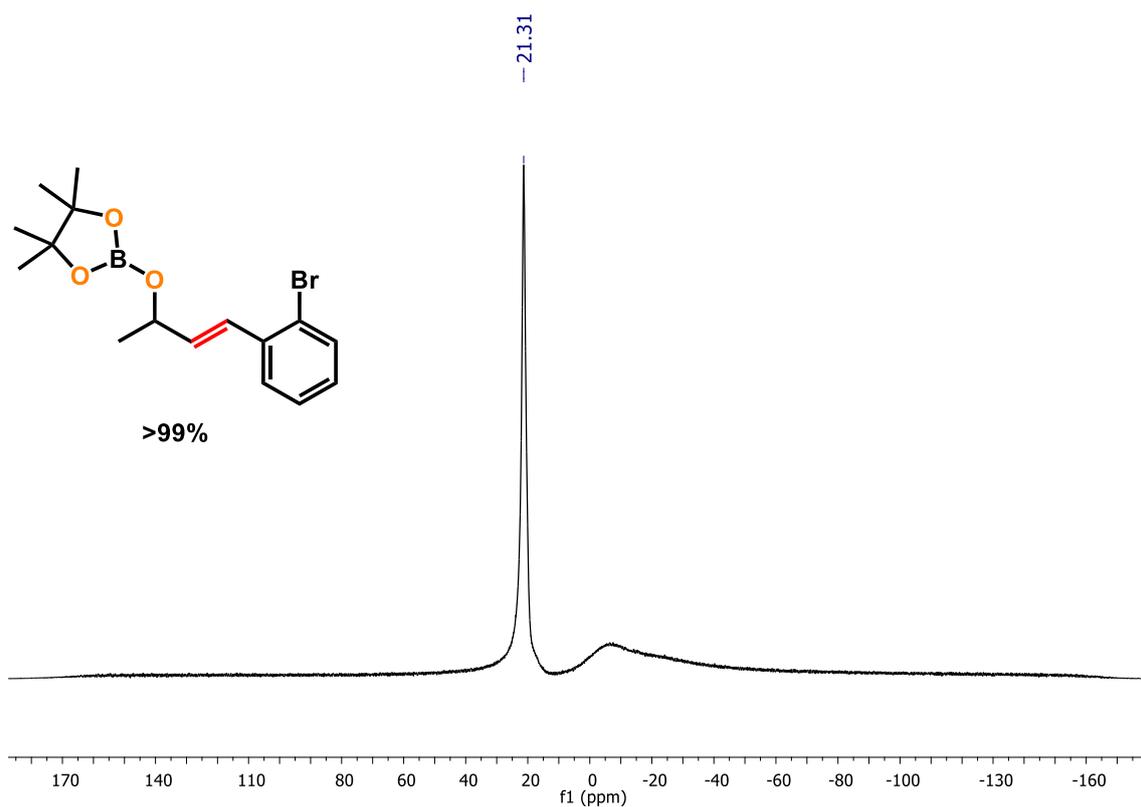
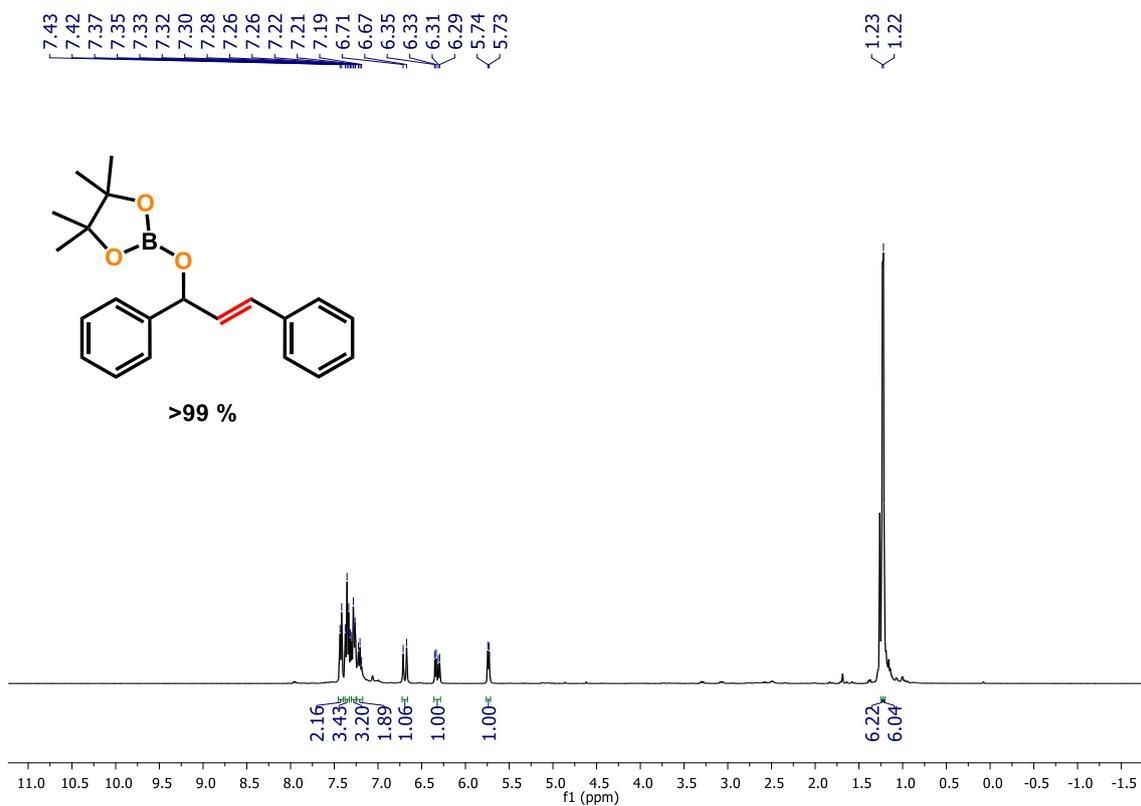


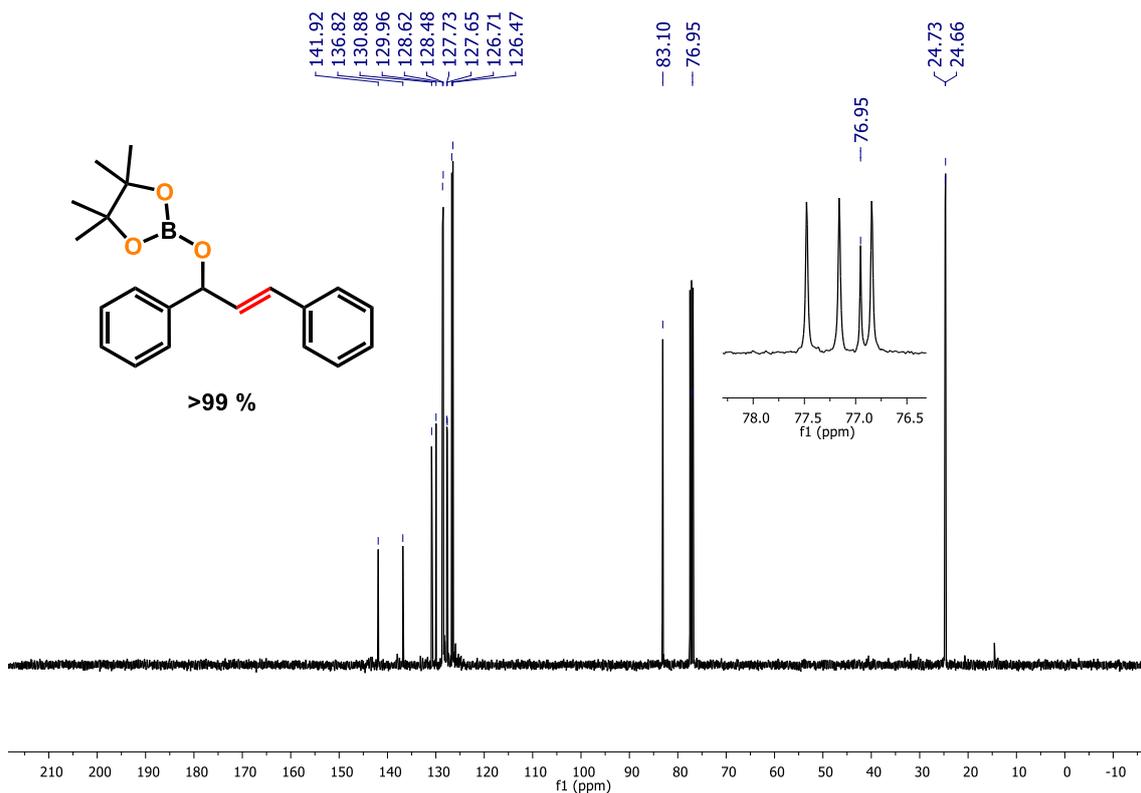
Figure S47. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **4c** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K).



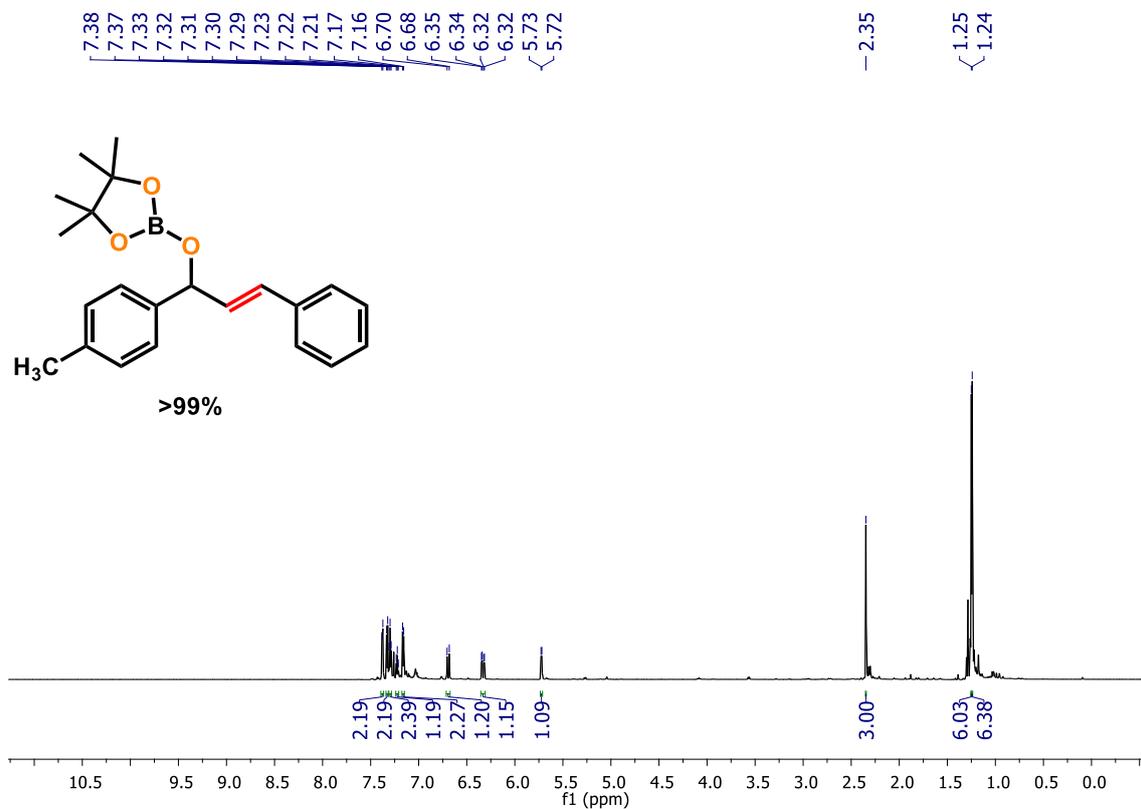
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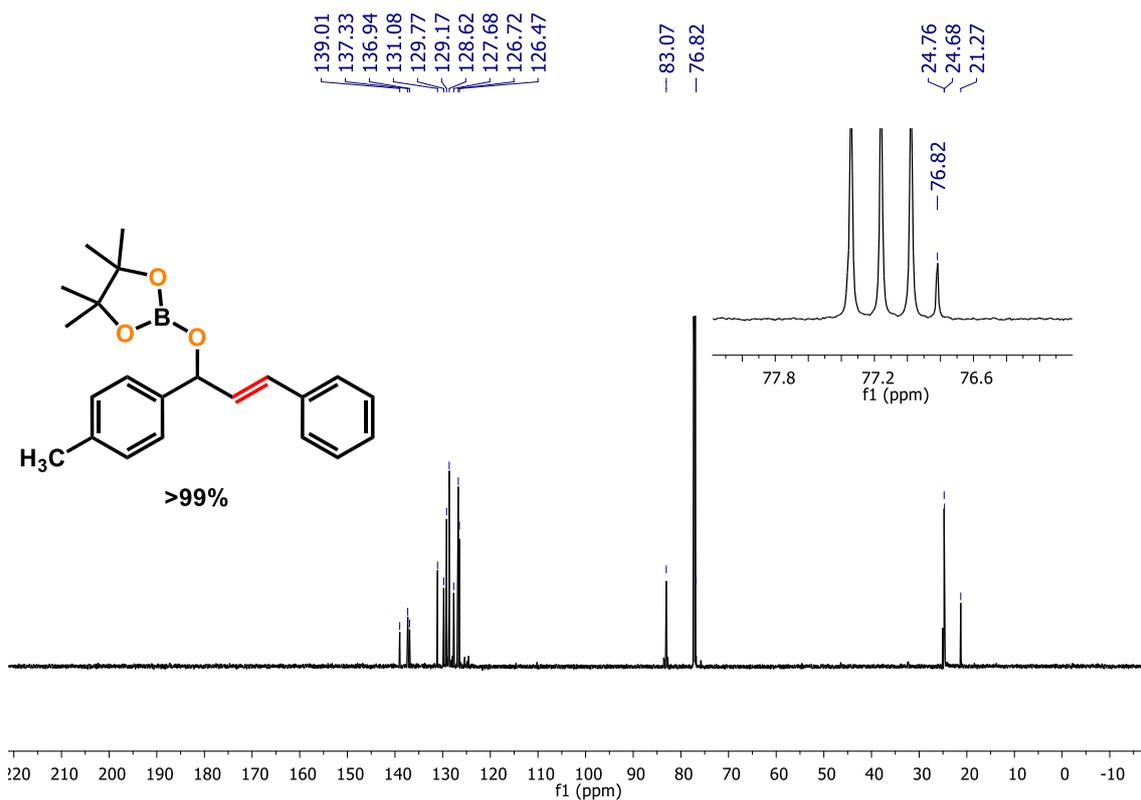
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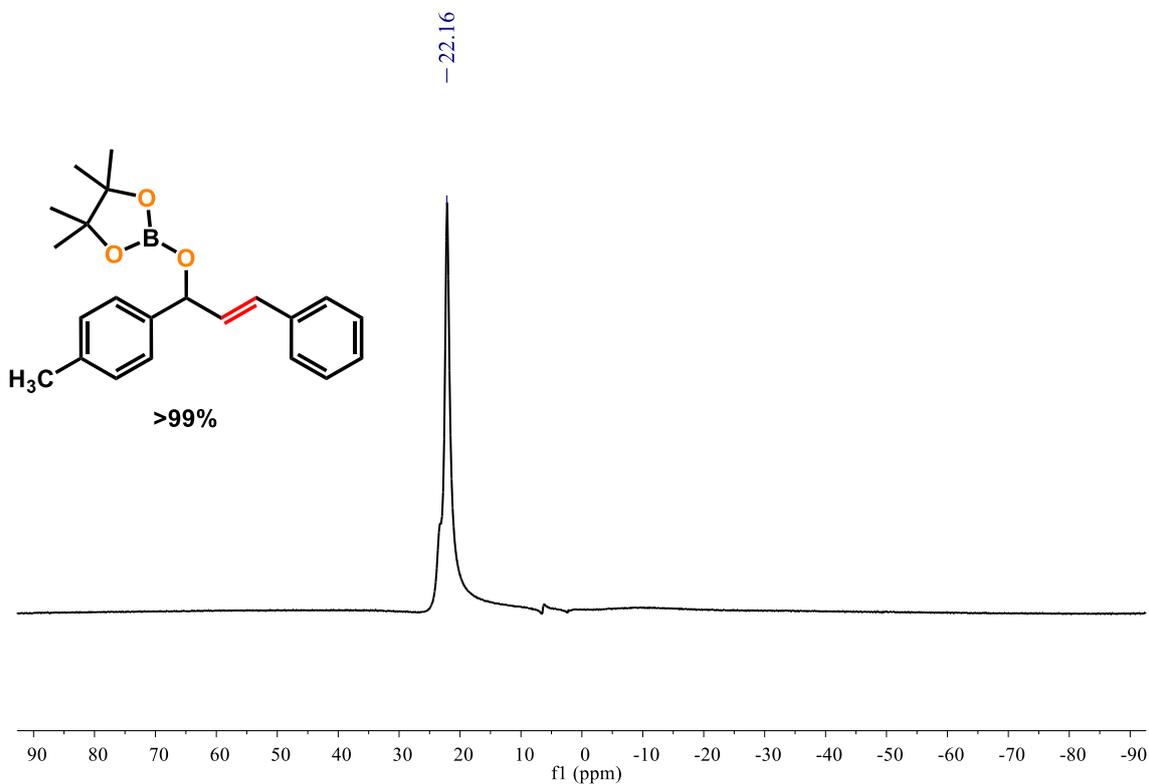
**Figure S50.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **4d** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S51.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4e** (700 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S52.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **4e** (176 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S53.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **4e** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

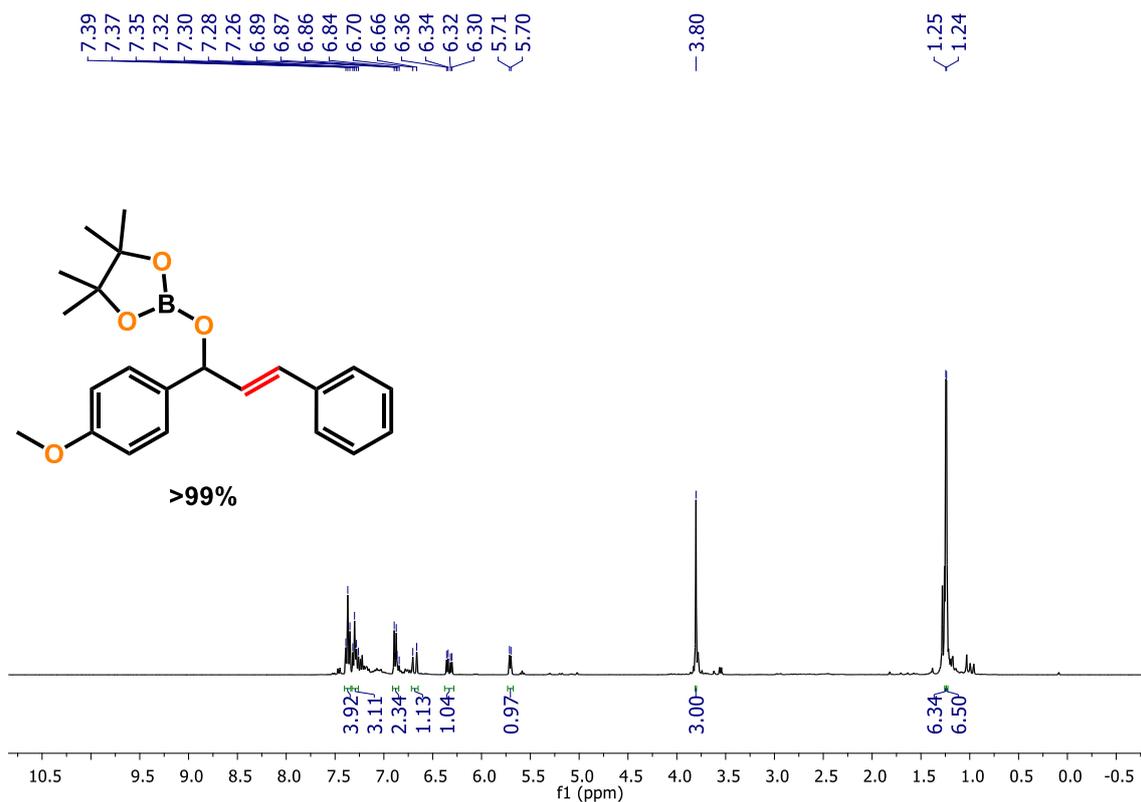


Figure S54.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4f** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

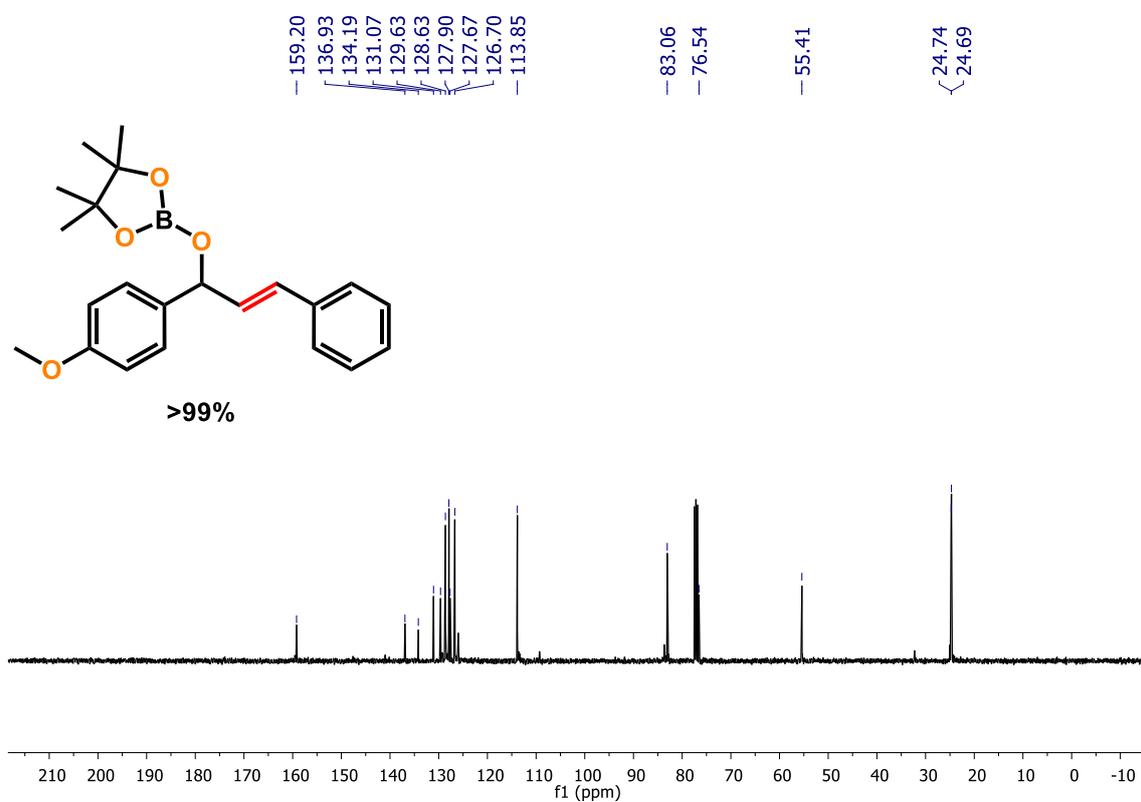


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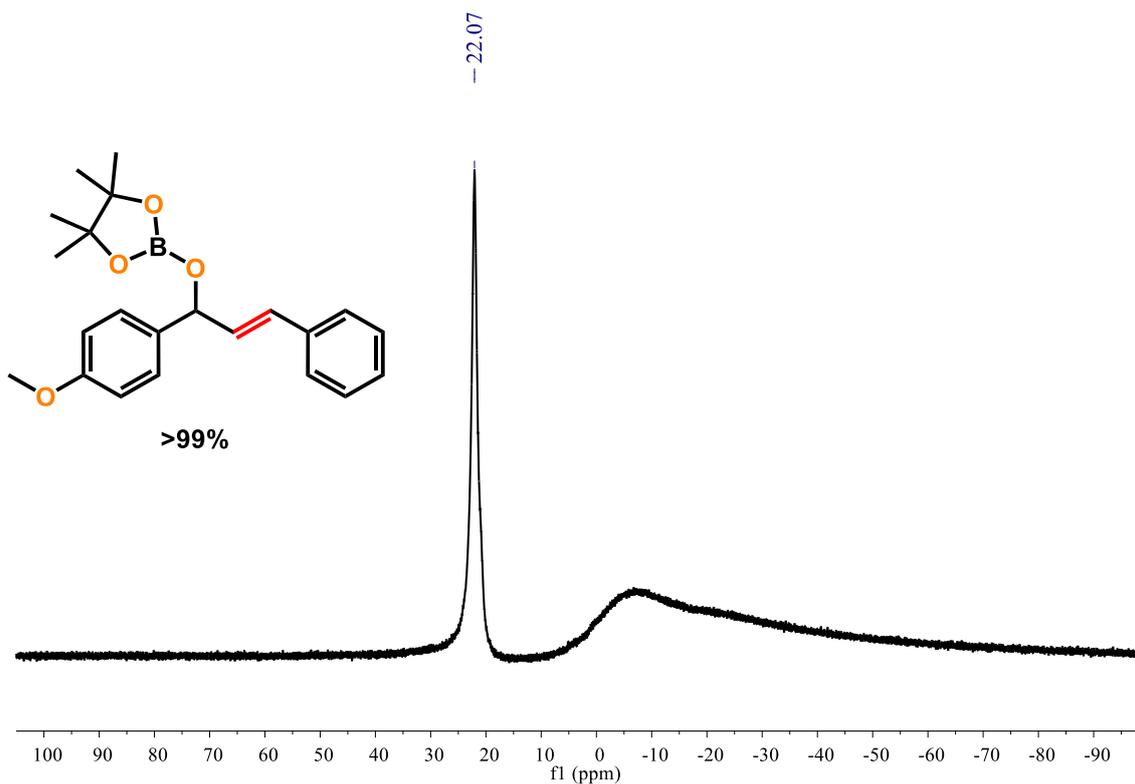


Figure S56.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **4f** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

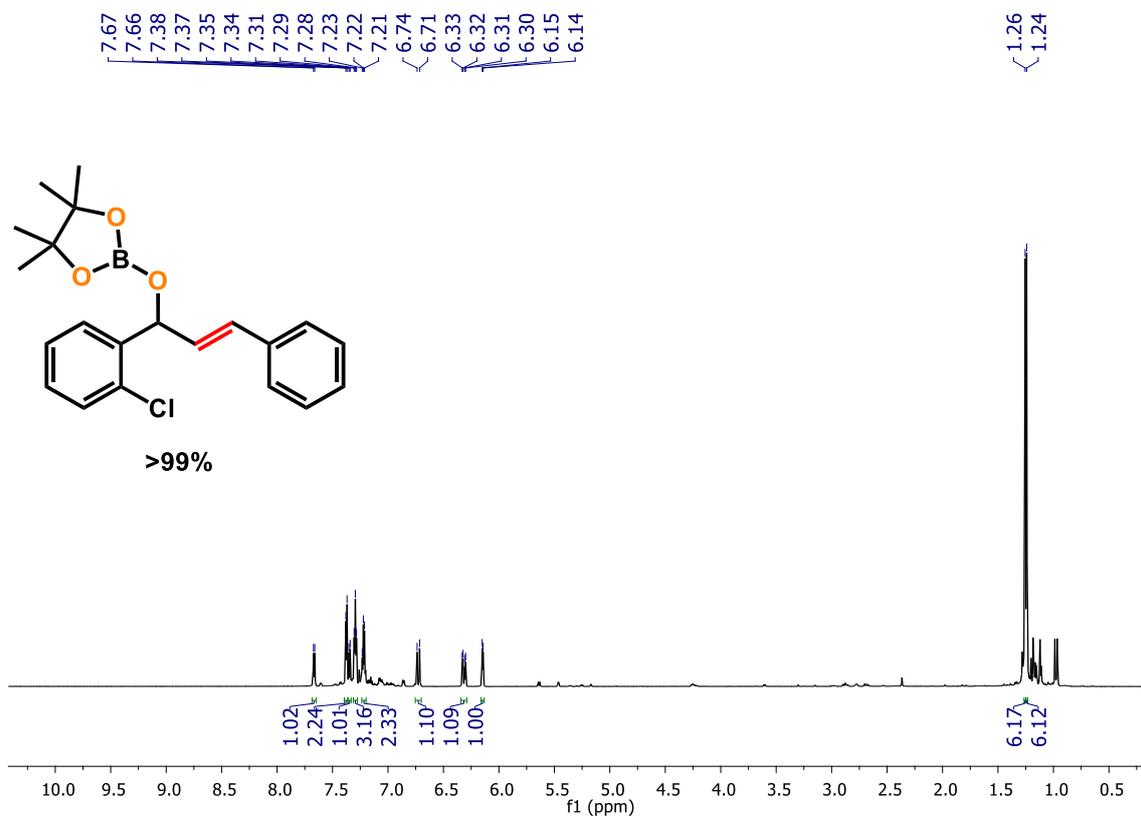
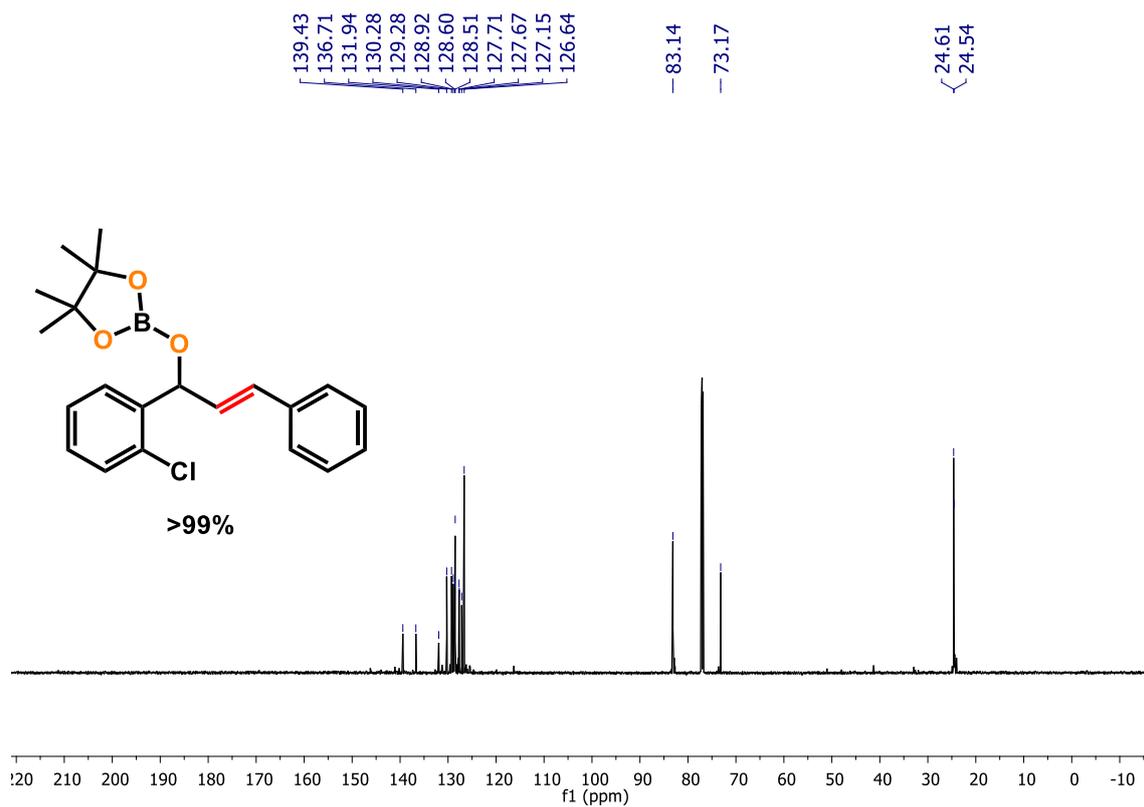
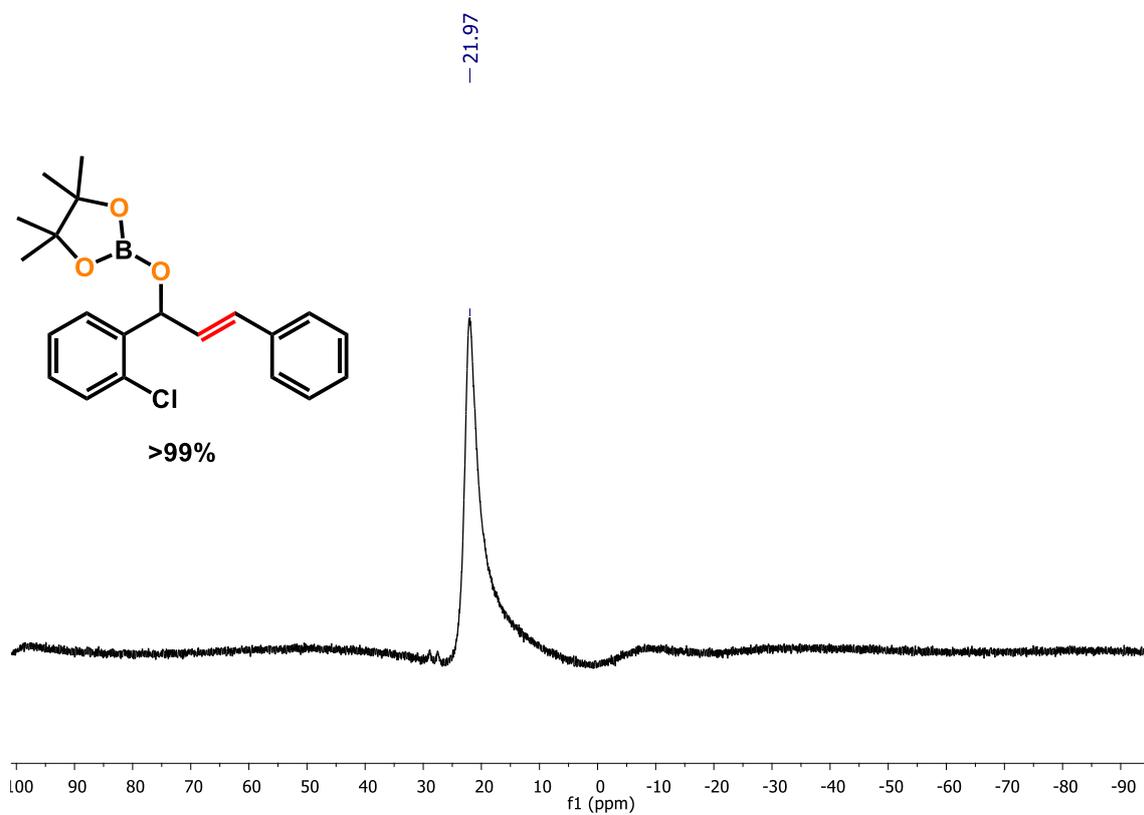


Figure S57.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4g** (700 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S58.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **4g** (176 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S59.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **4g** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

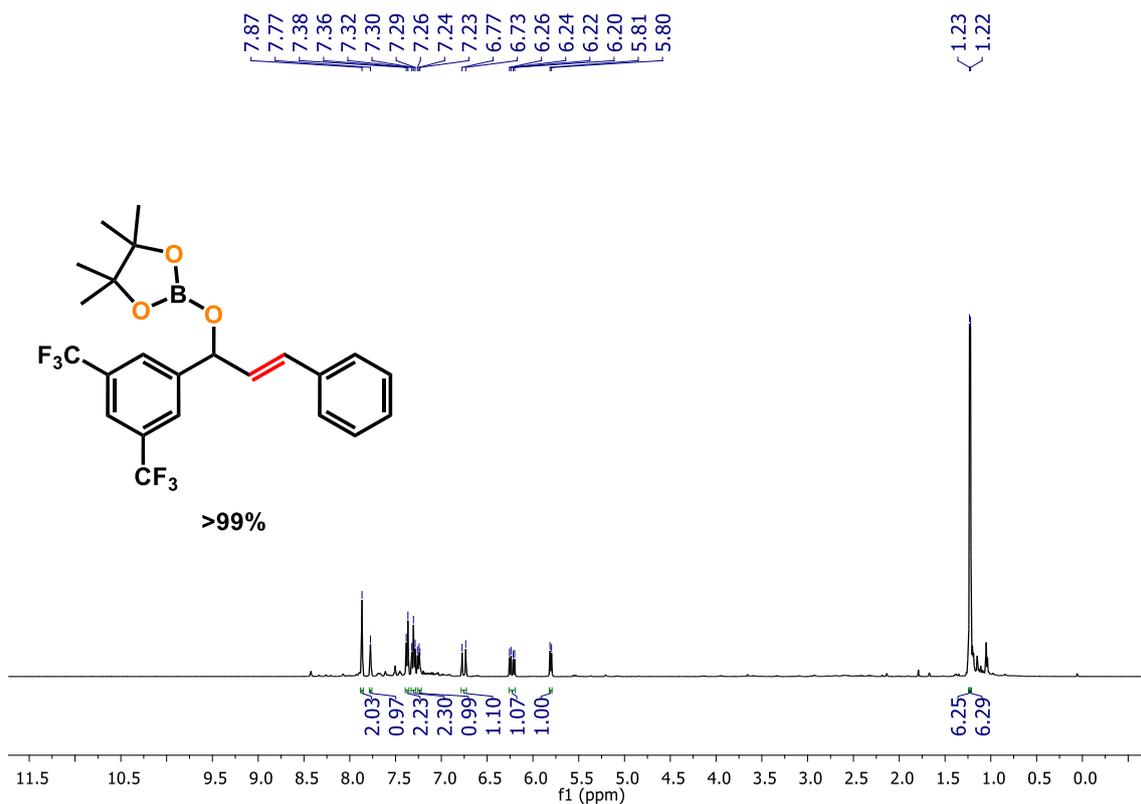


Figure S60.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4h** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

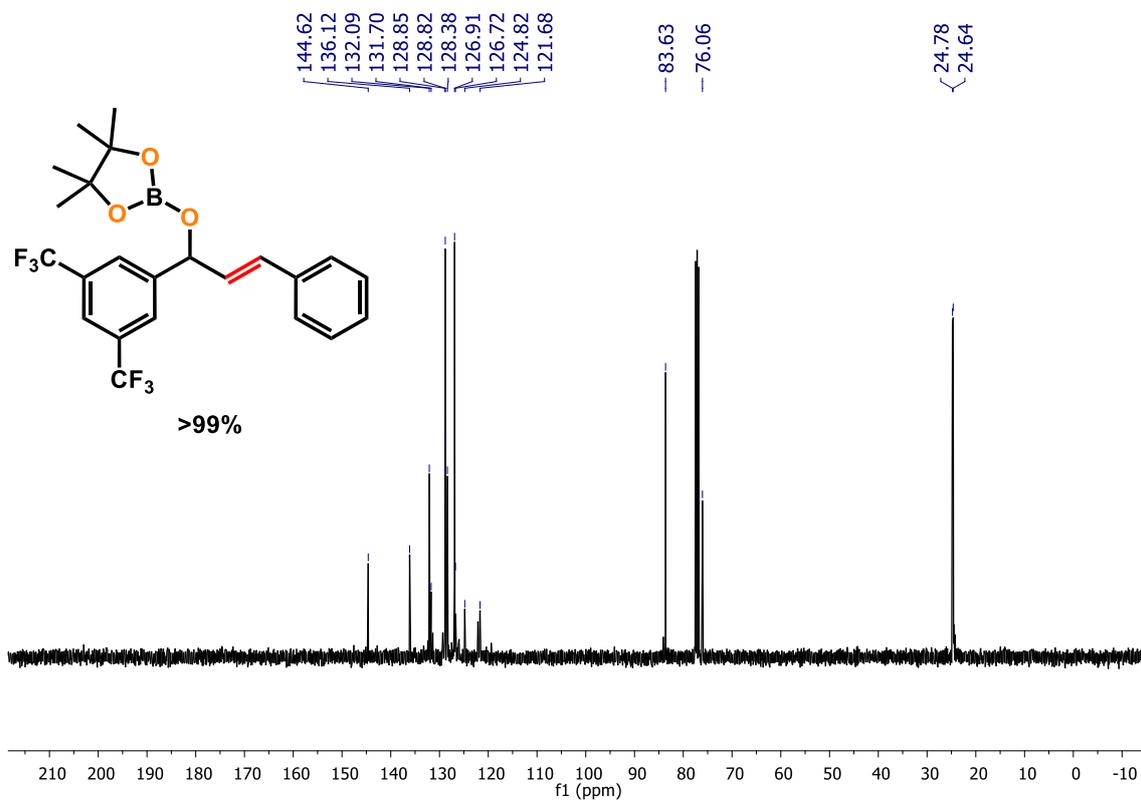
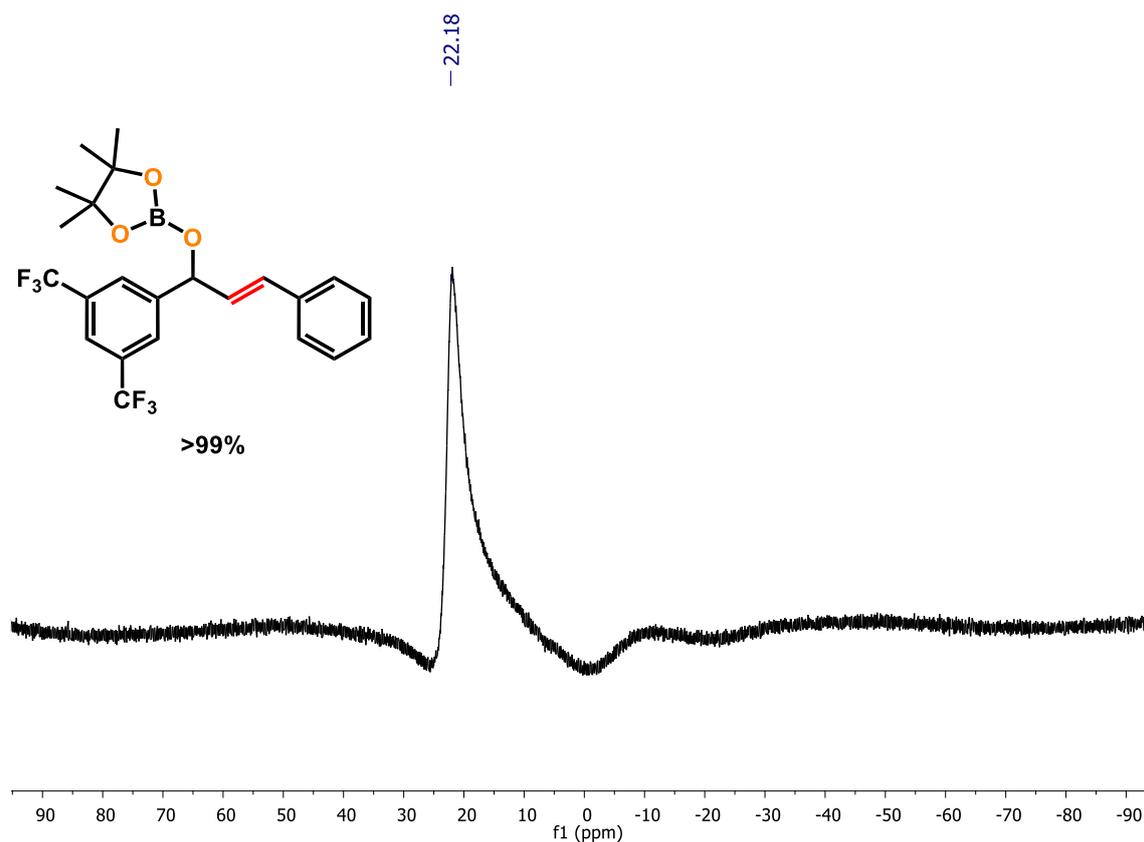
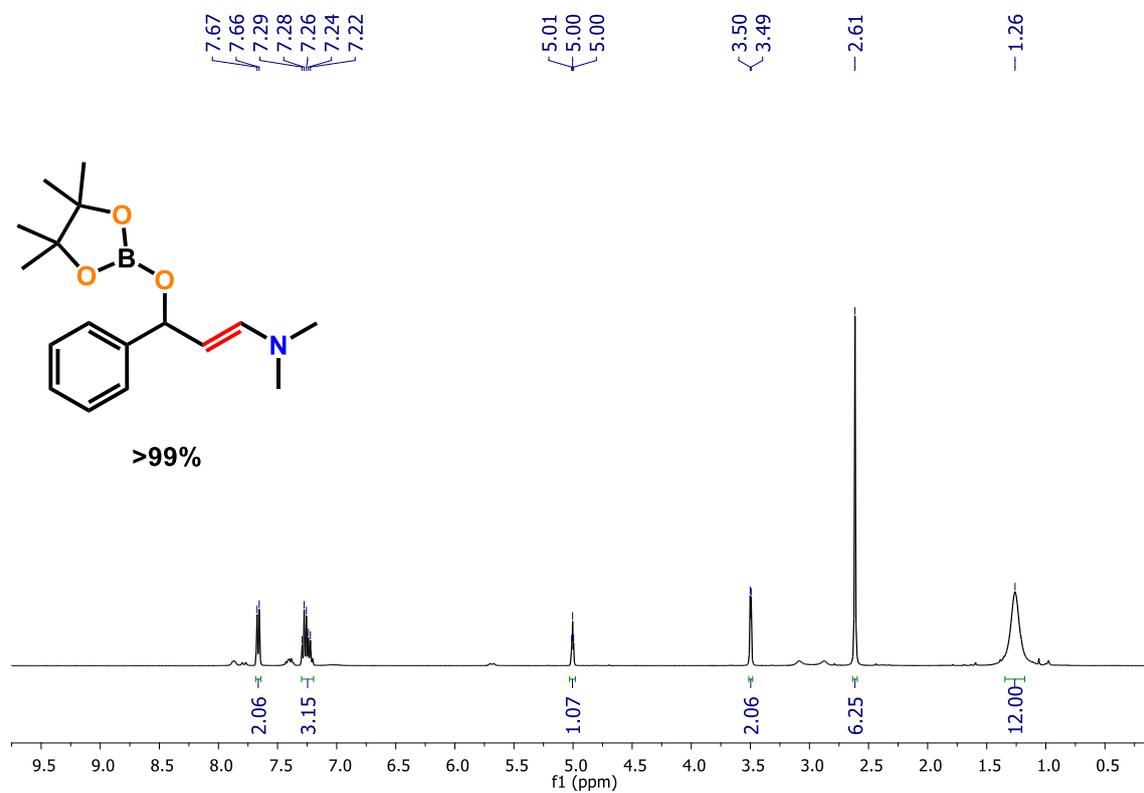


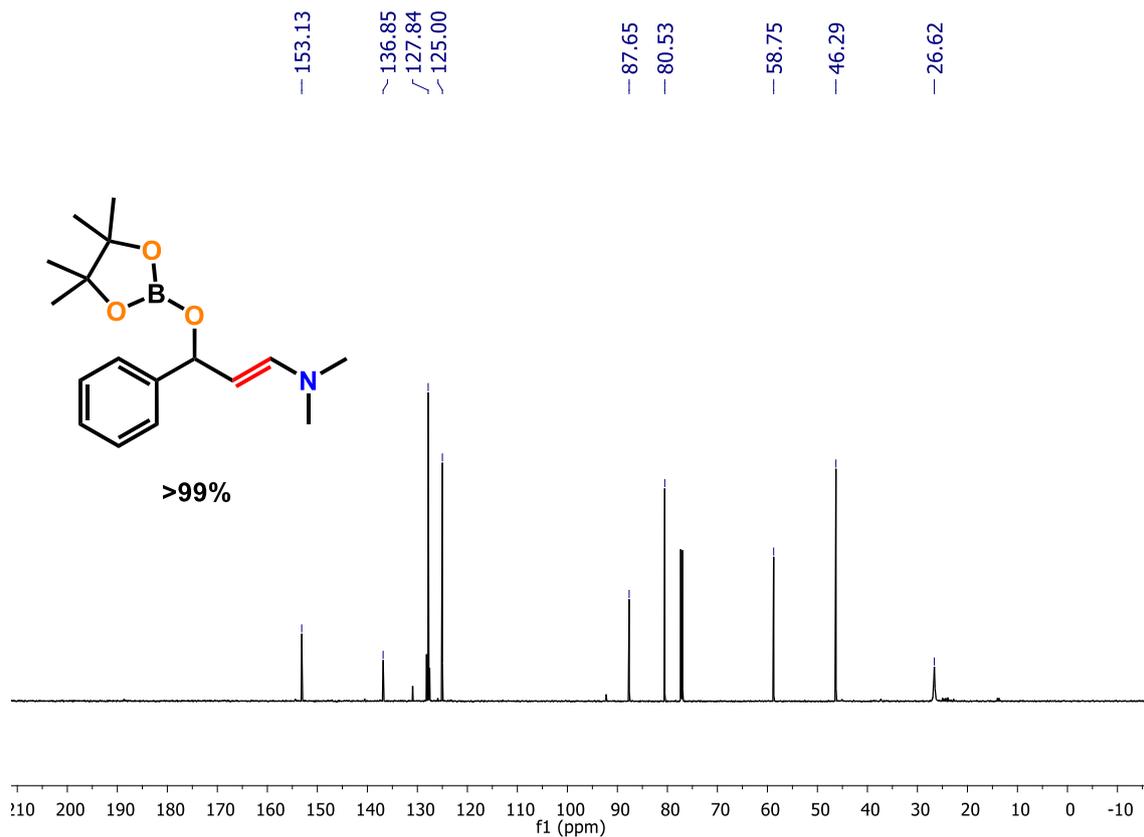
Figure S61.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **4h** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



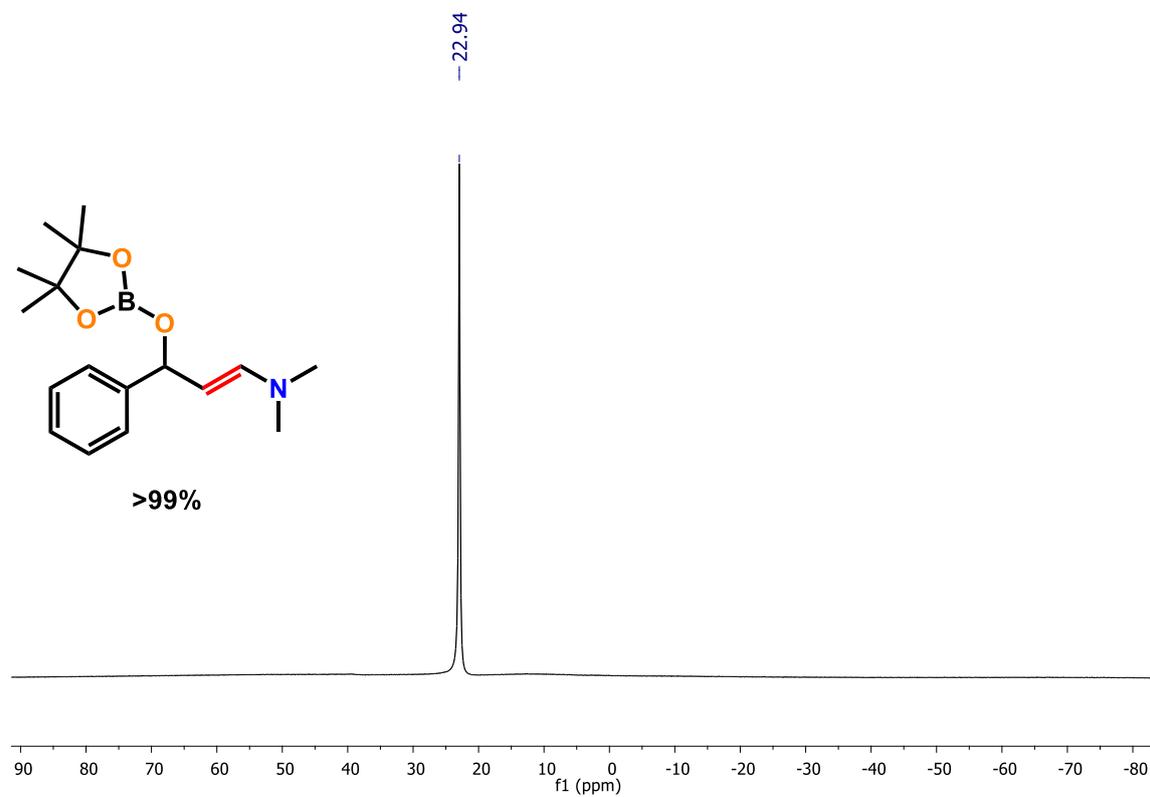
**Figure S62.** <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectrum of **4h** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K).



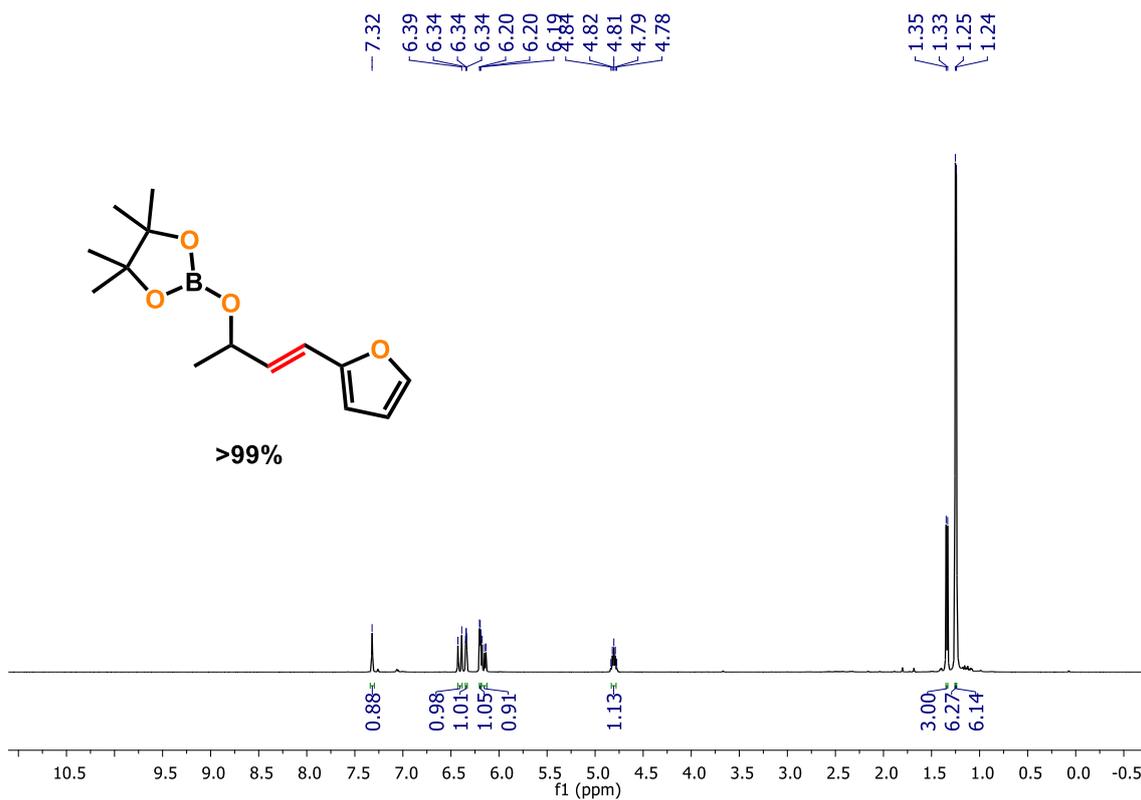
**Figure S63.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4i** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K).



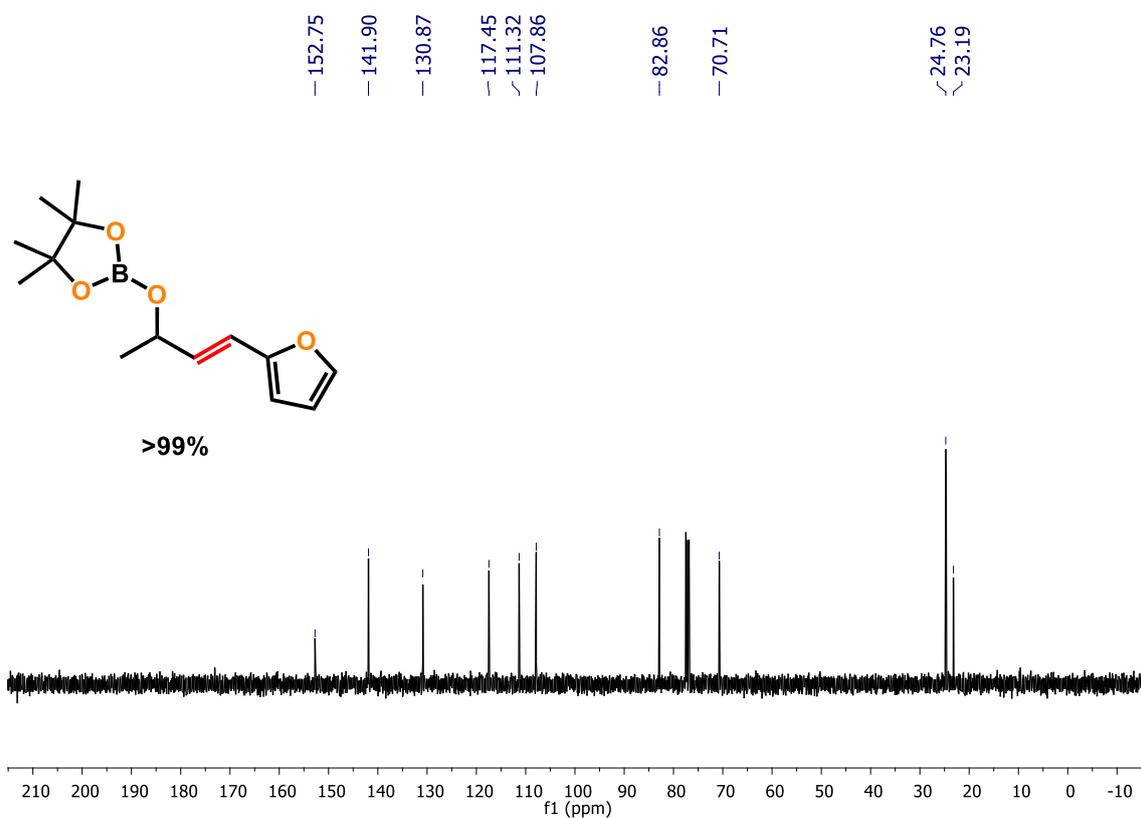
**Figure S64.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **4i** (176 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S65.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **4i** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S66.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4j** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S67.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **4j** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

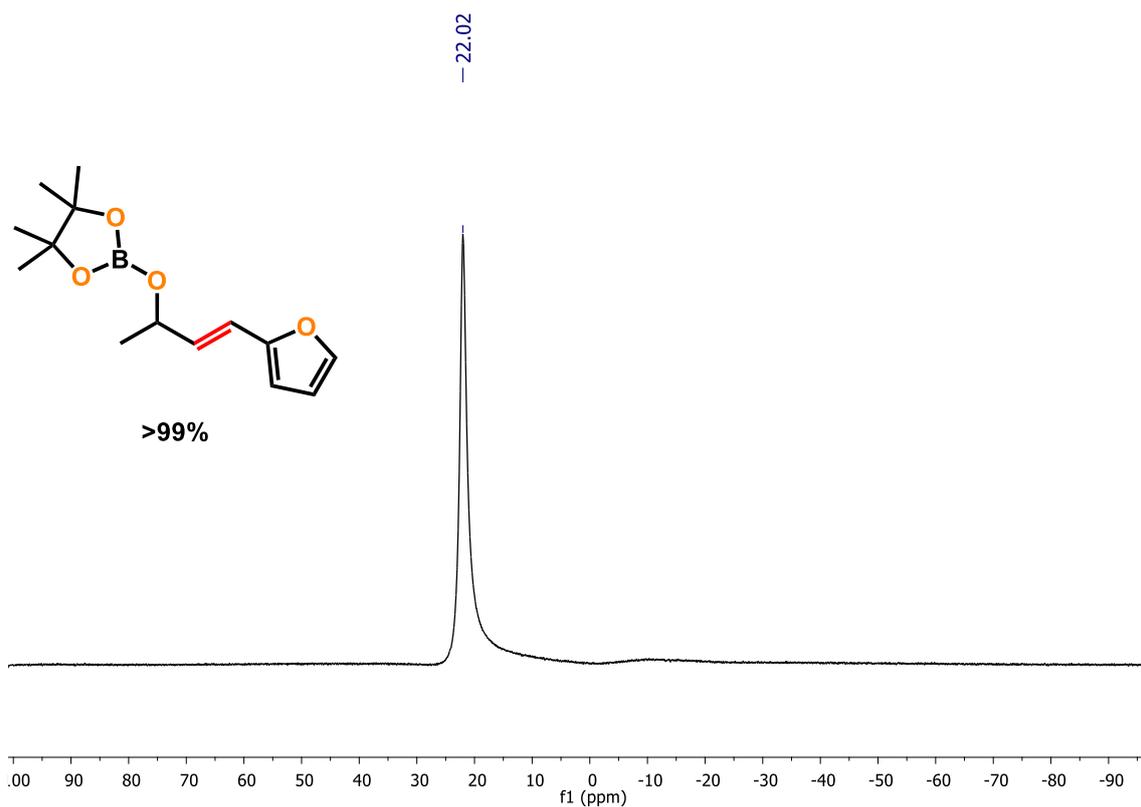


Figure S68.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **4j** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

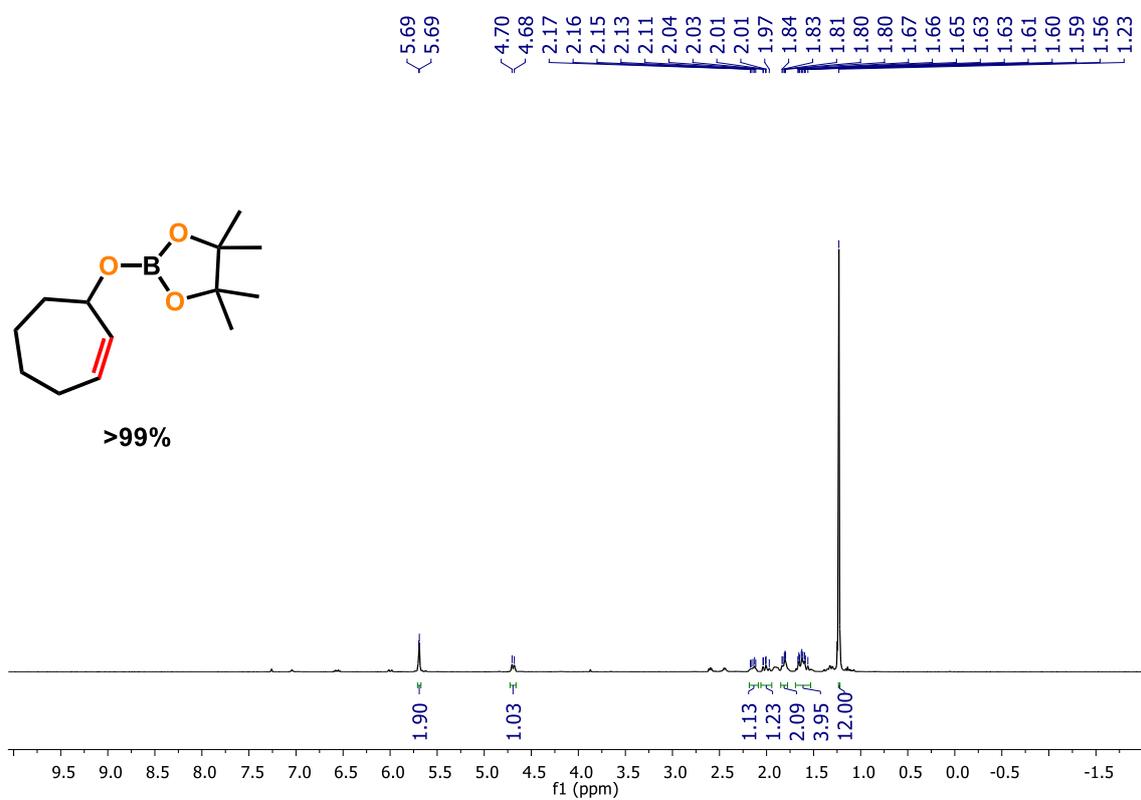
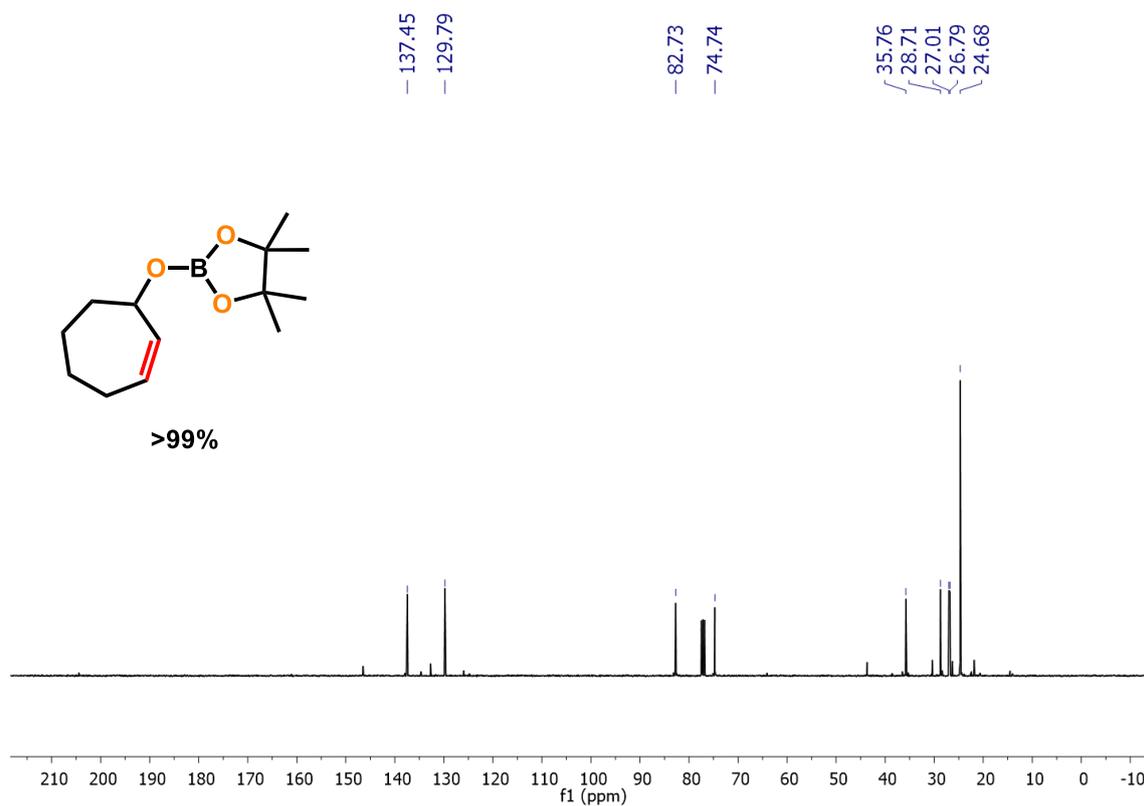
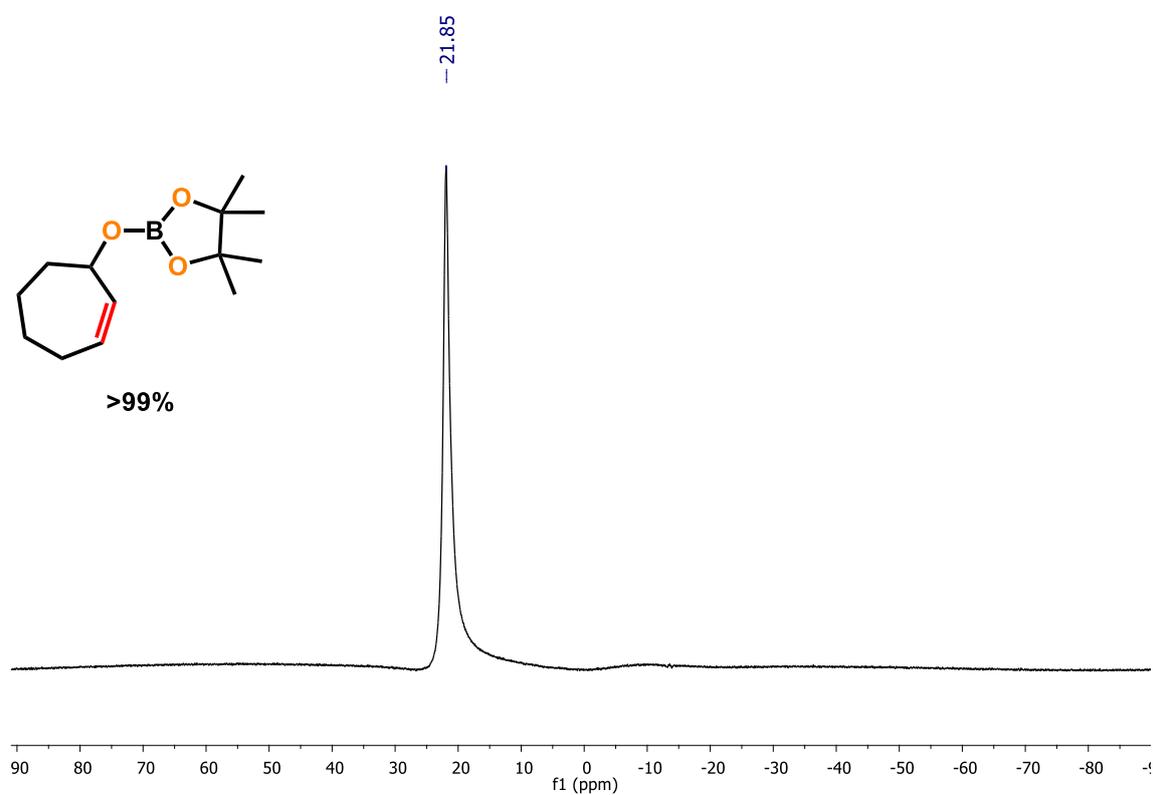


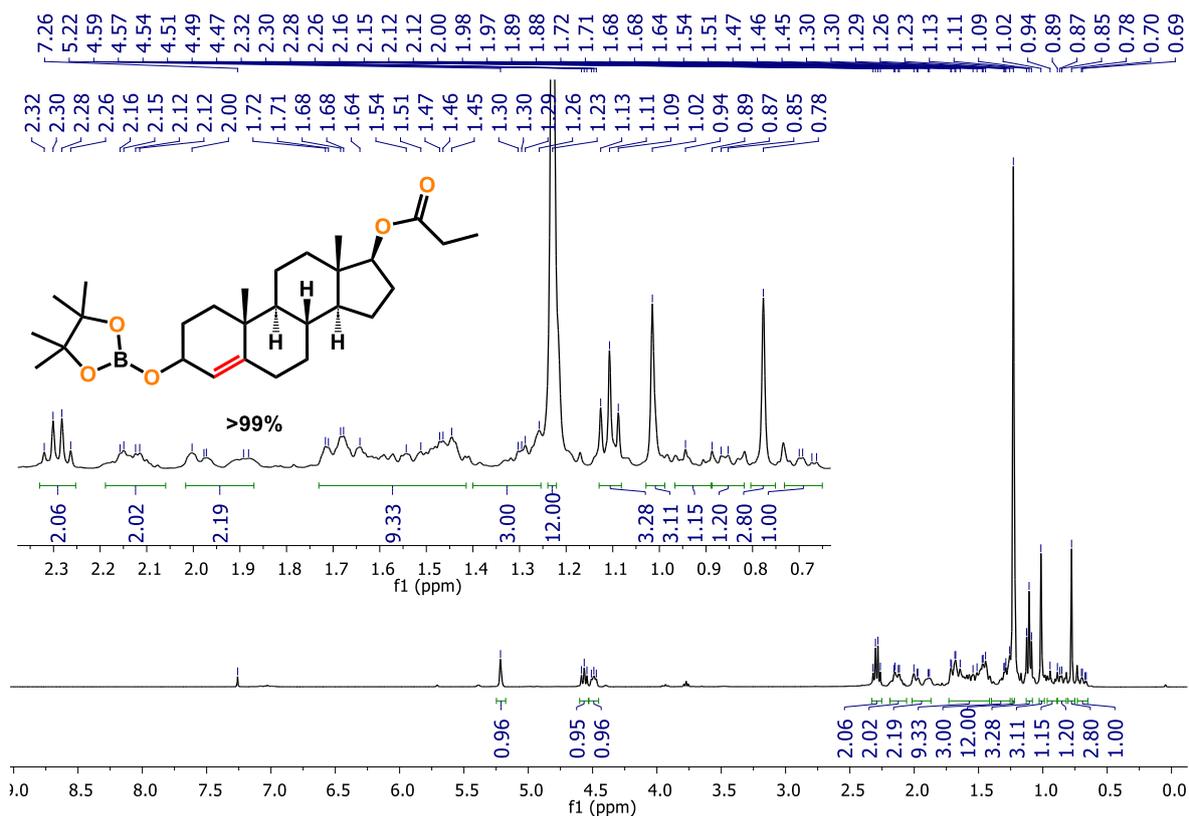
Figure S69.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4k** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



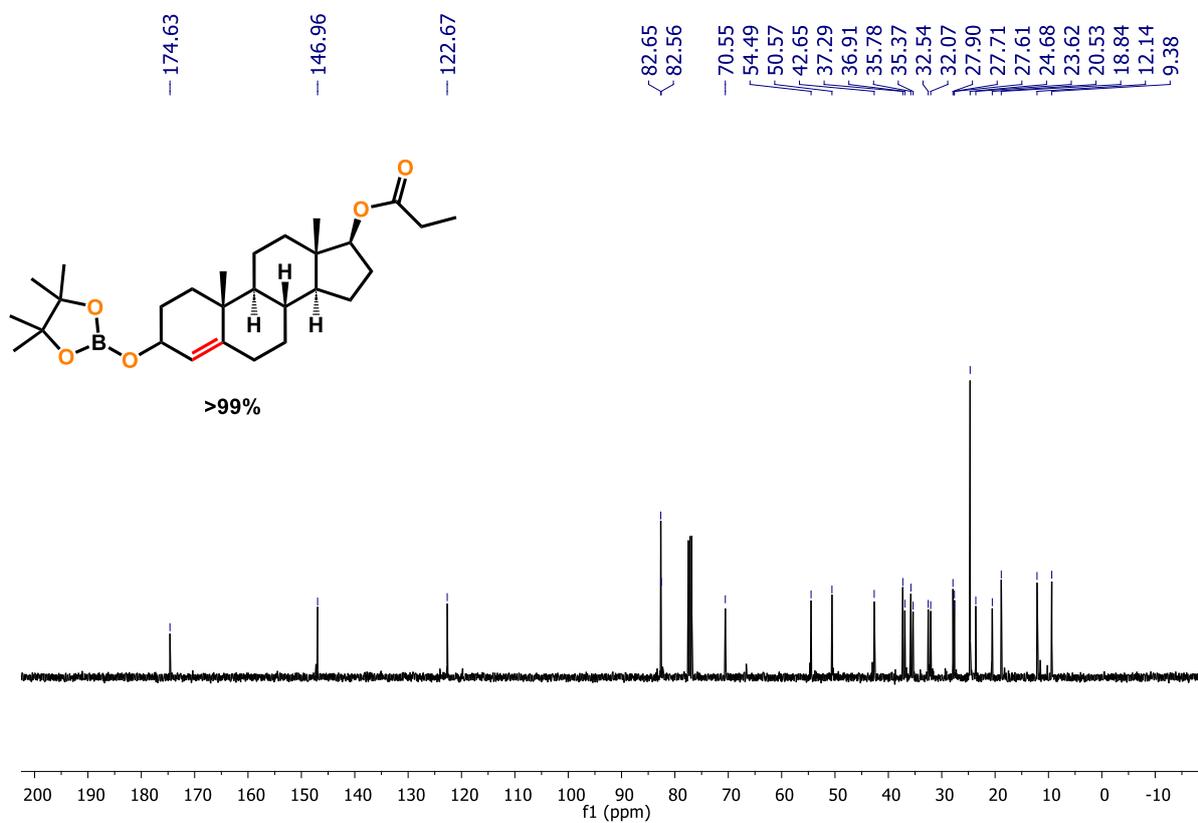
**Figure S70.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **4k** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S71.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **4k** (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S72.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4I** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K).



**Figure S73.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **4I** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K).

### 3. $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ Spectra of Secondary Alcohols

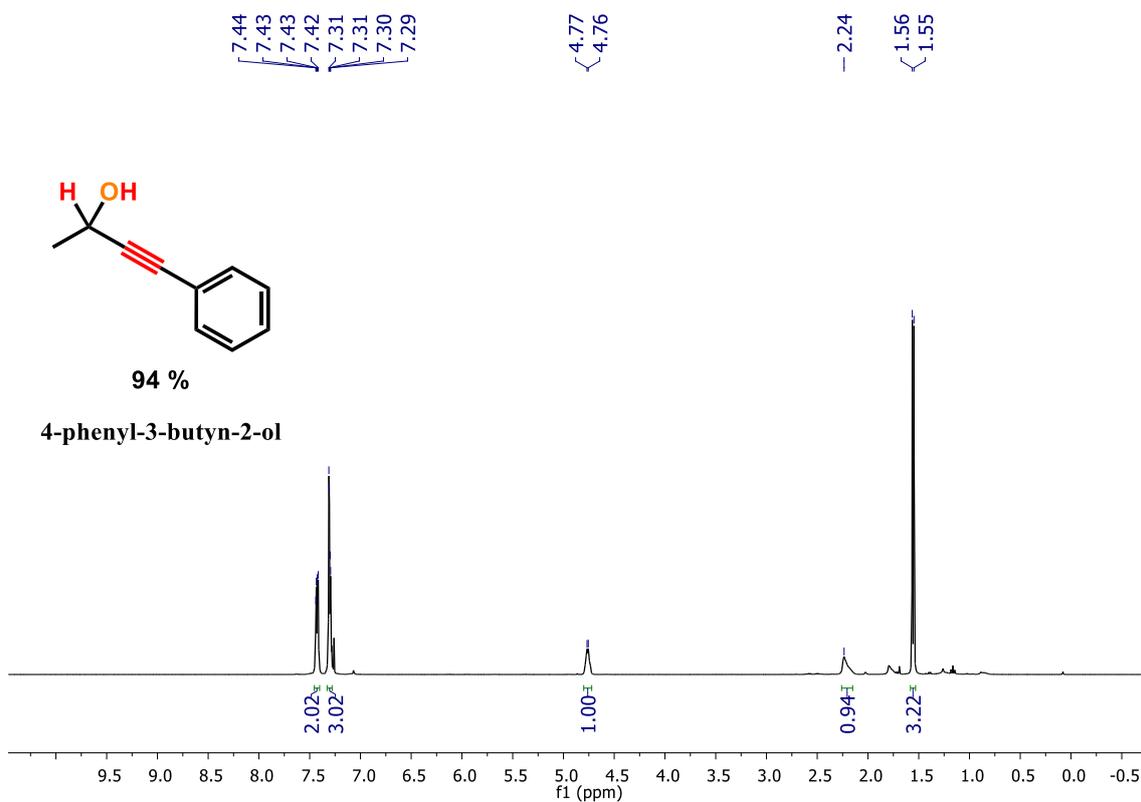


Figure S74.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2a'** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

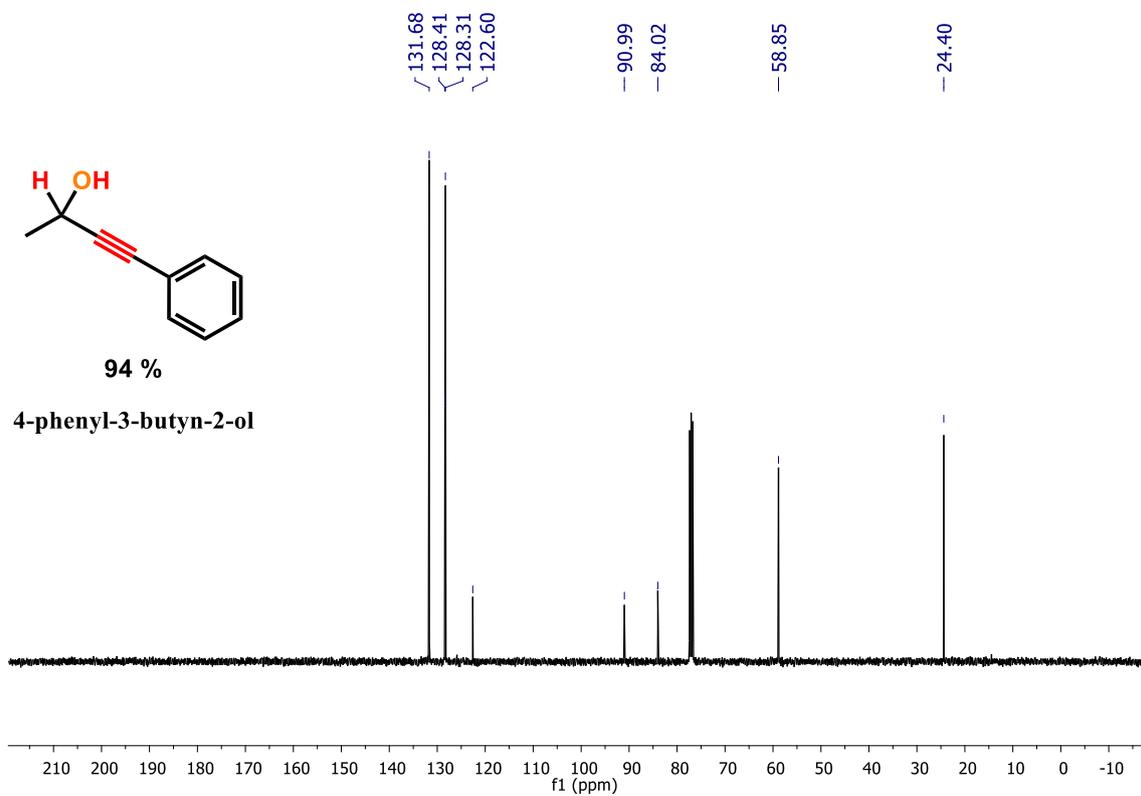


Figure S75.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2a'** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

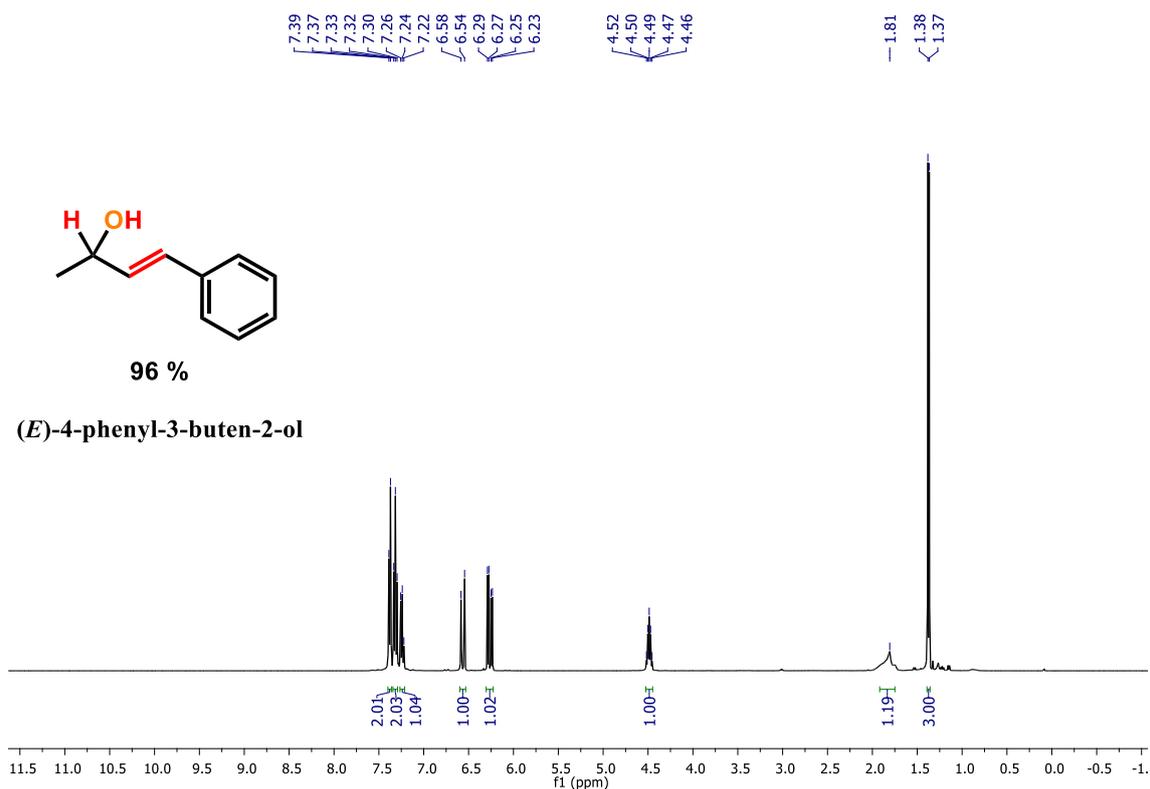


Figure S76. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4a'** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K).

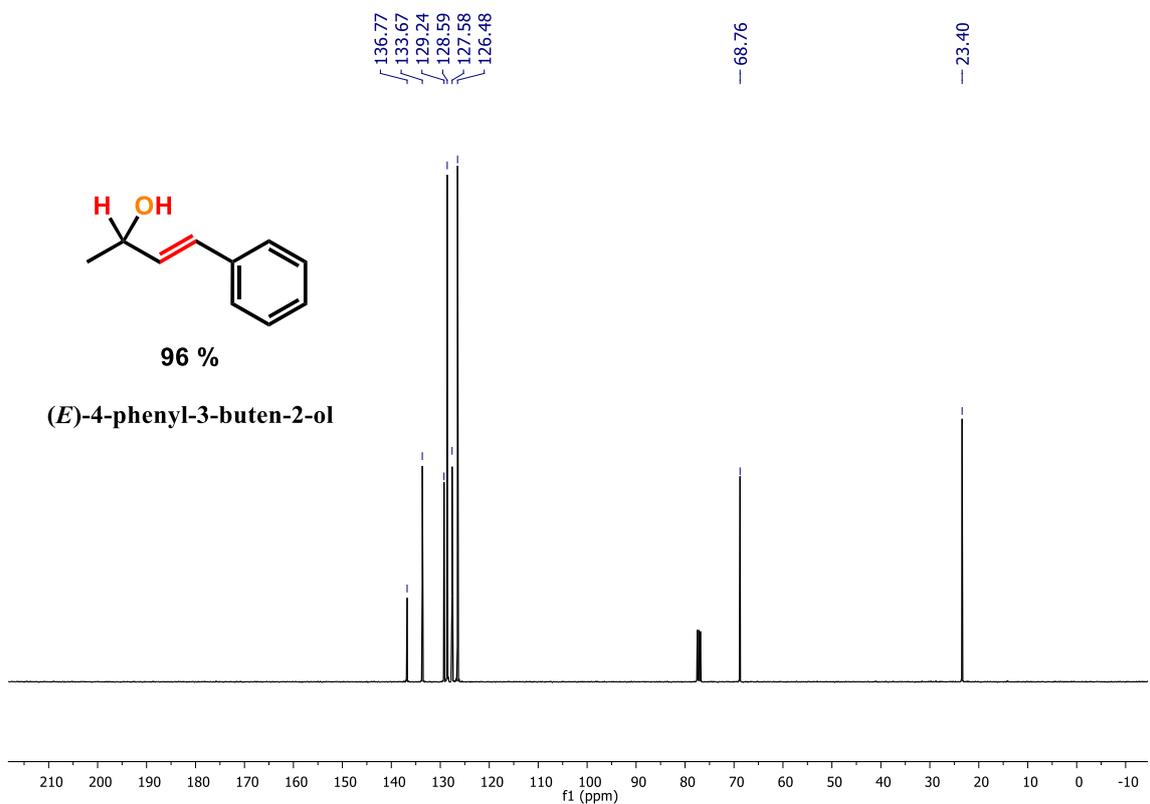
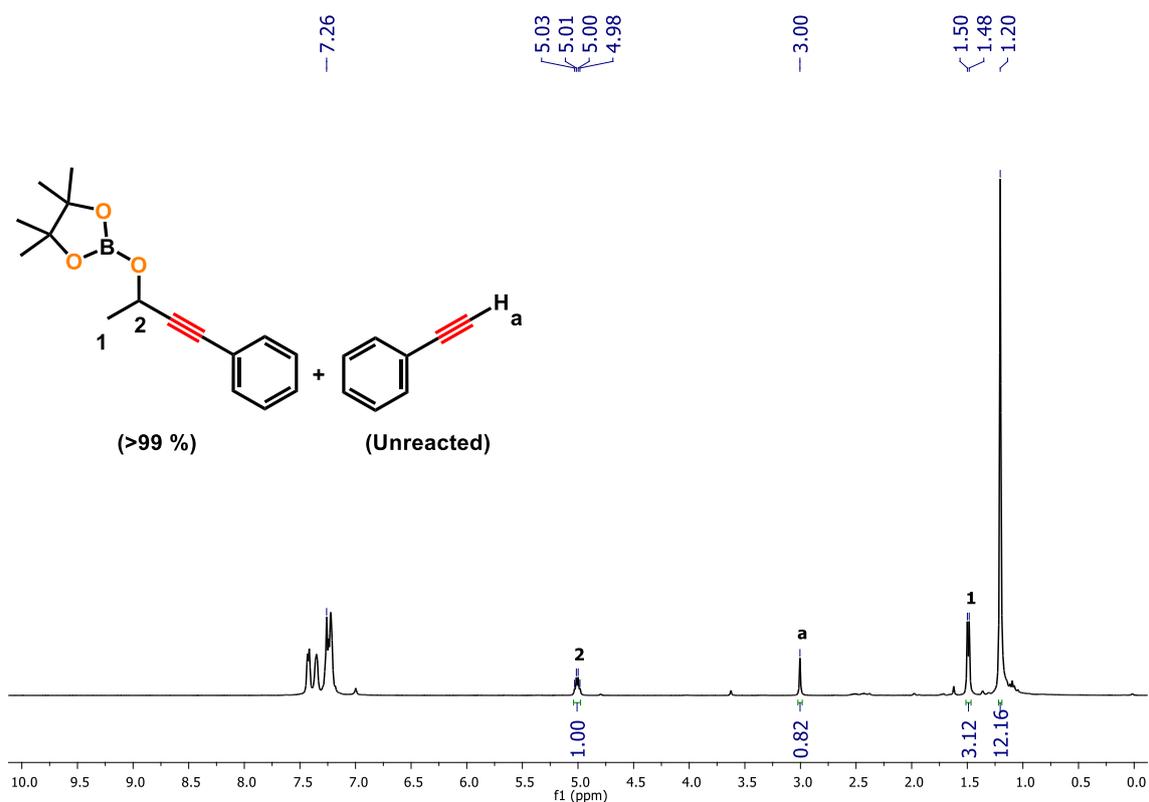
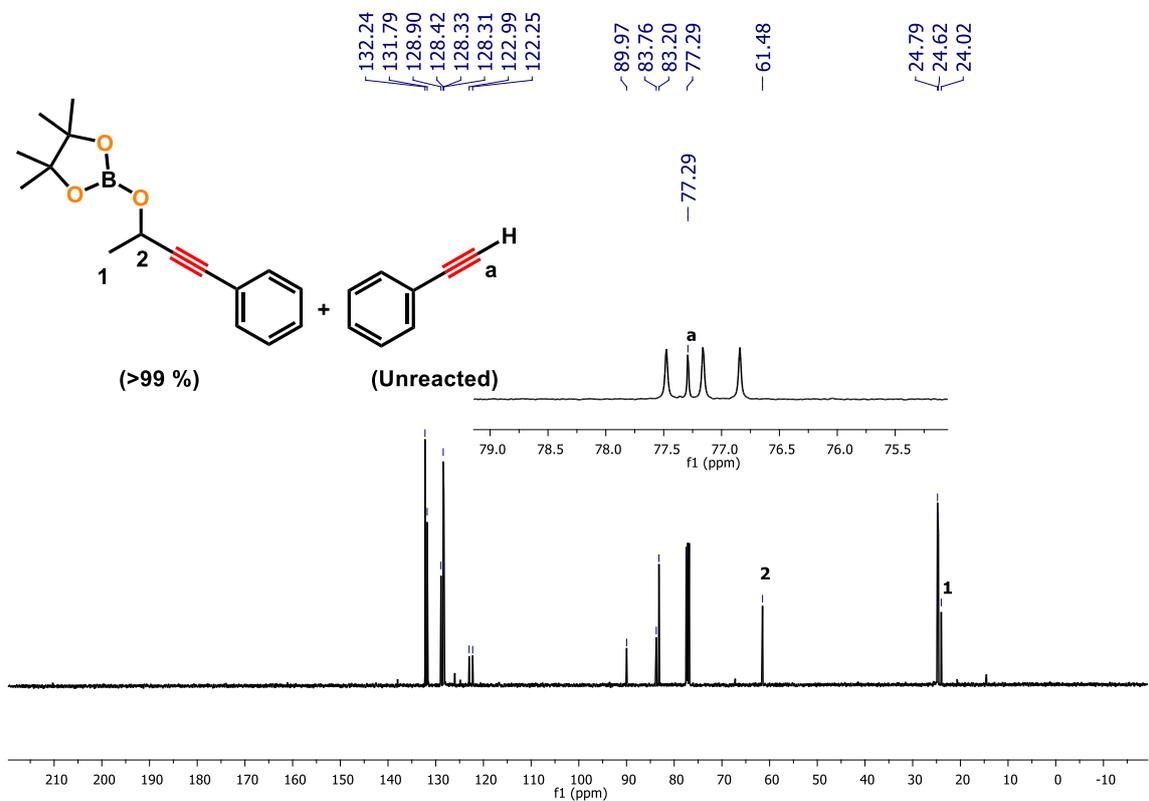


Figure S77. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **4a'** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K).

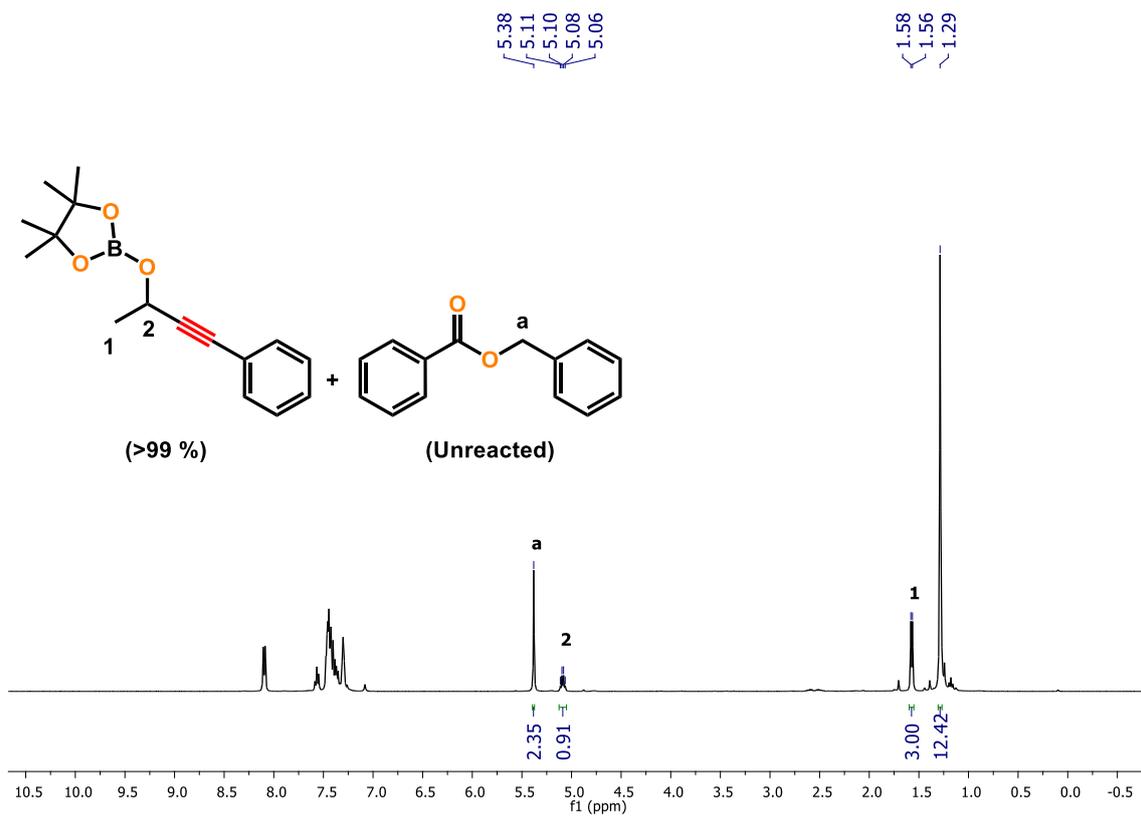
#### 4. $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ Spectra for Intermolecular Chemoselectivity



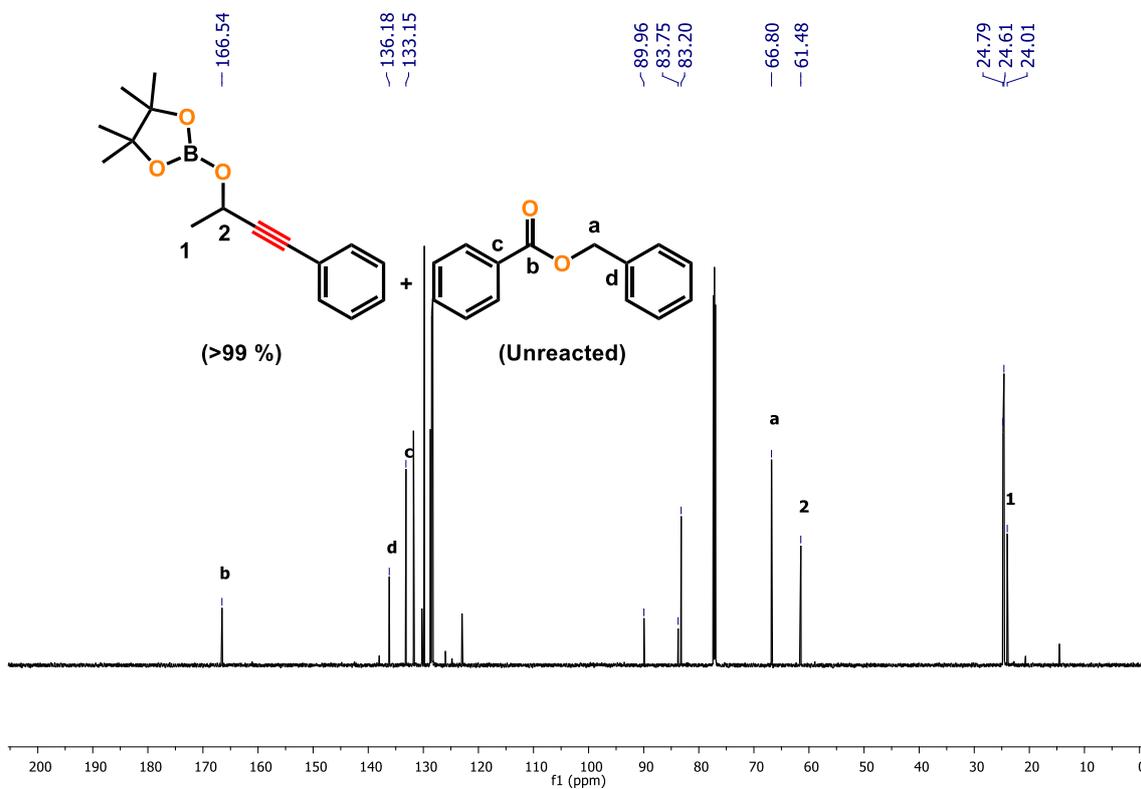
**Figure S78.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** and unreacted phenylacetylene (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



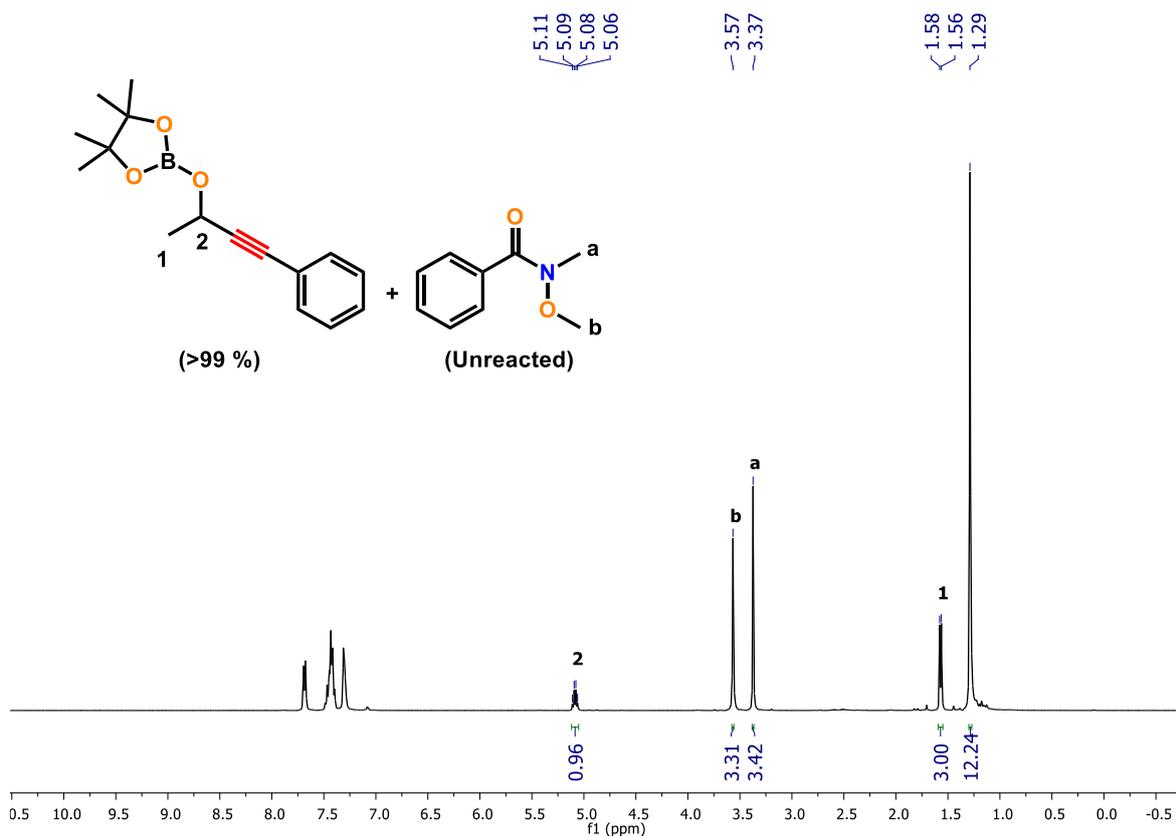
**Figure S79.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** and unreacted phenylacetylene (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



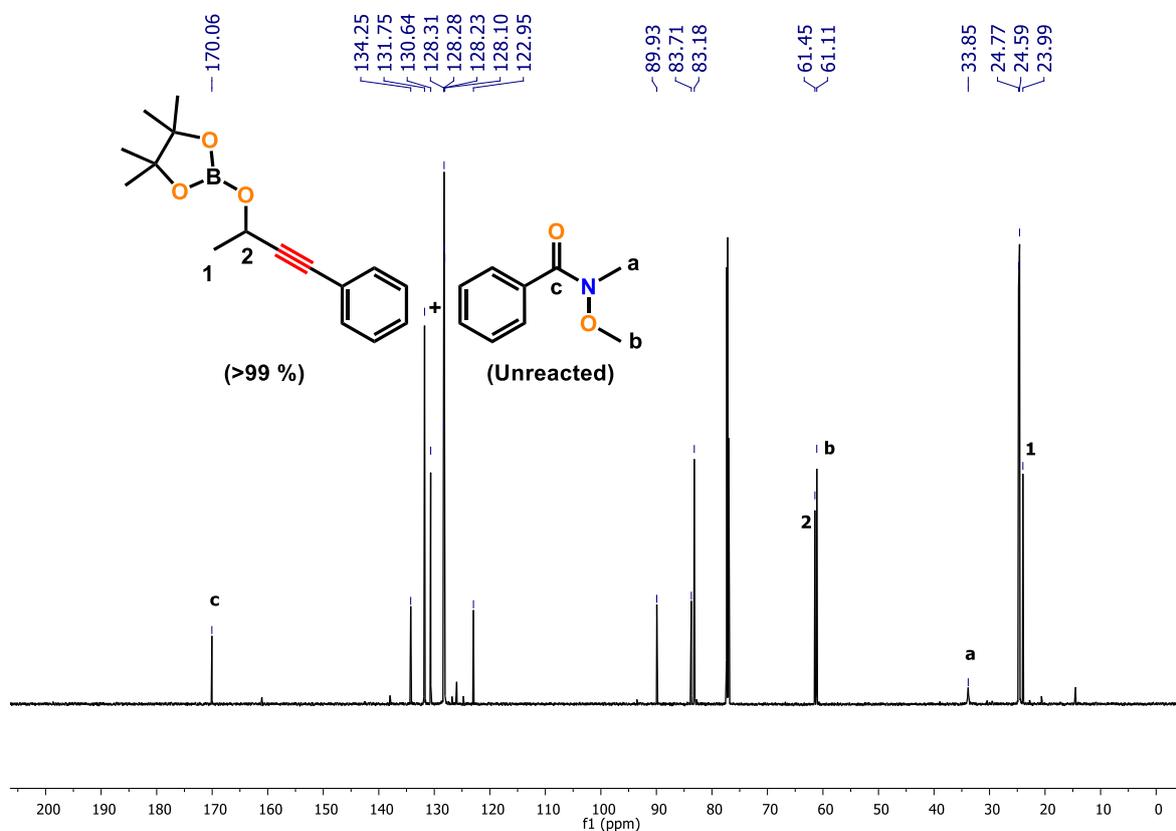
**Figure S80.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** and unreacted benzyl benzoate (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S81.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** and unreacted benzyl benzoate (176 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S82.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** and N-methoxy-N-methylbenzamide (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



**Figure S83.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** and N-methoxy-N-methylbenzamide (176 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

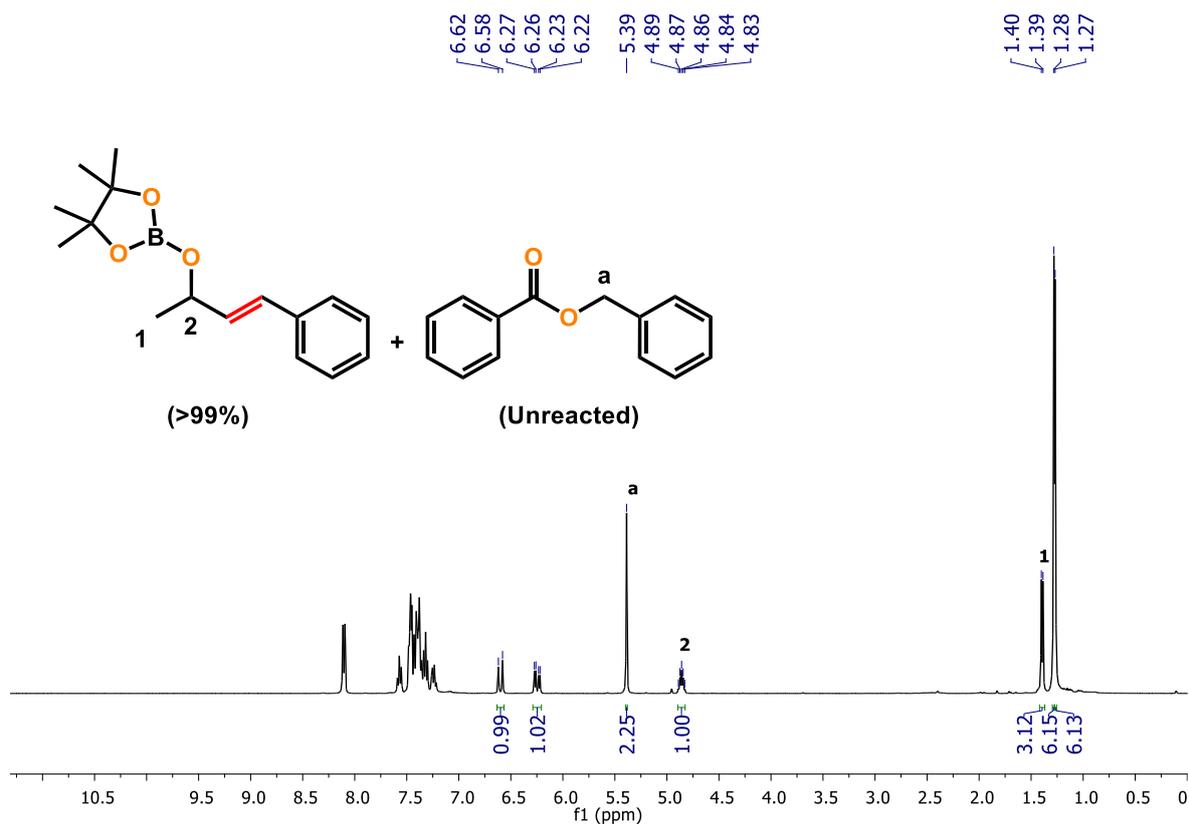


Figure S84.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4a** and unreacted benzyl benzoate (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).

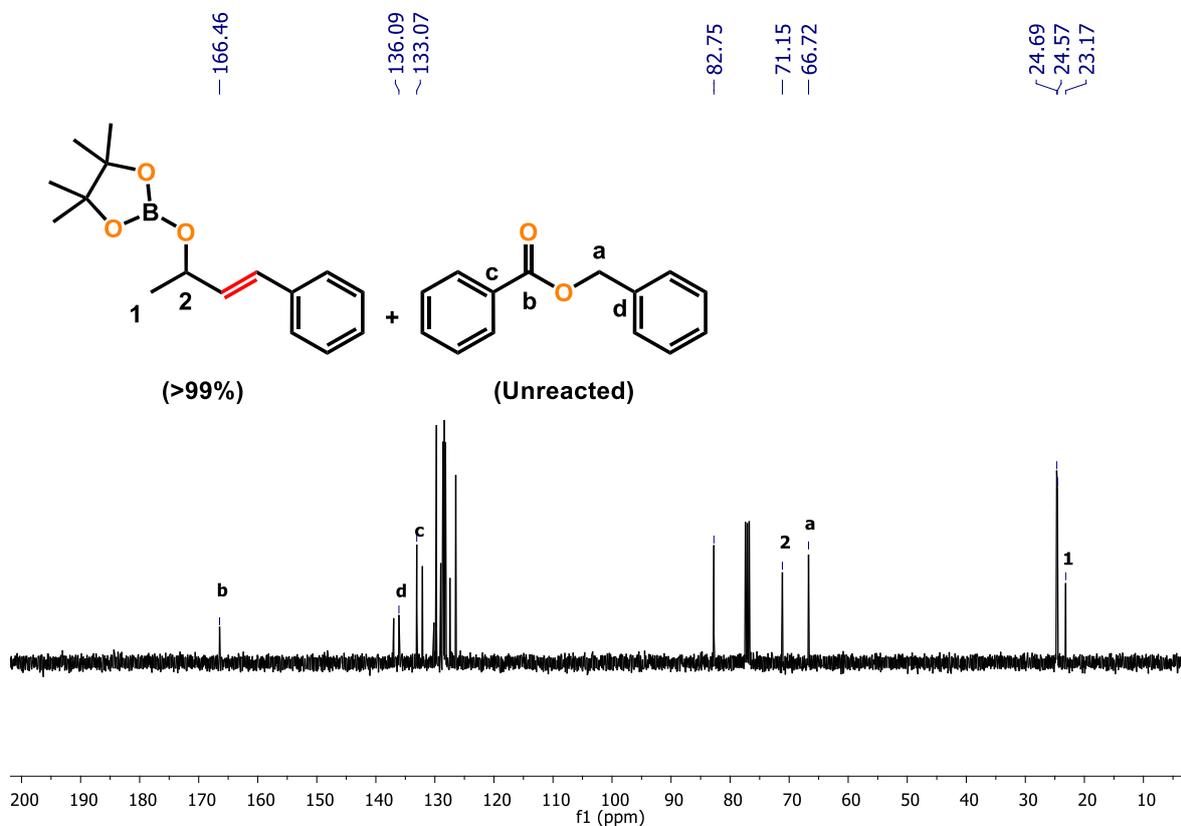
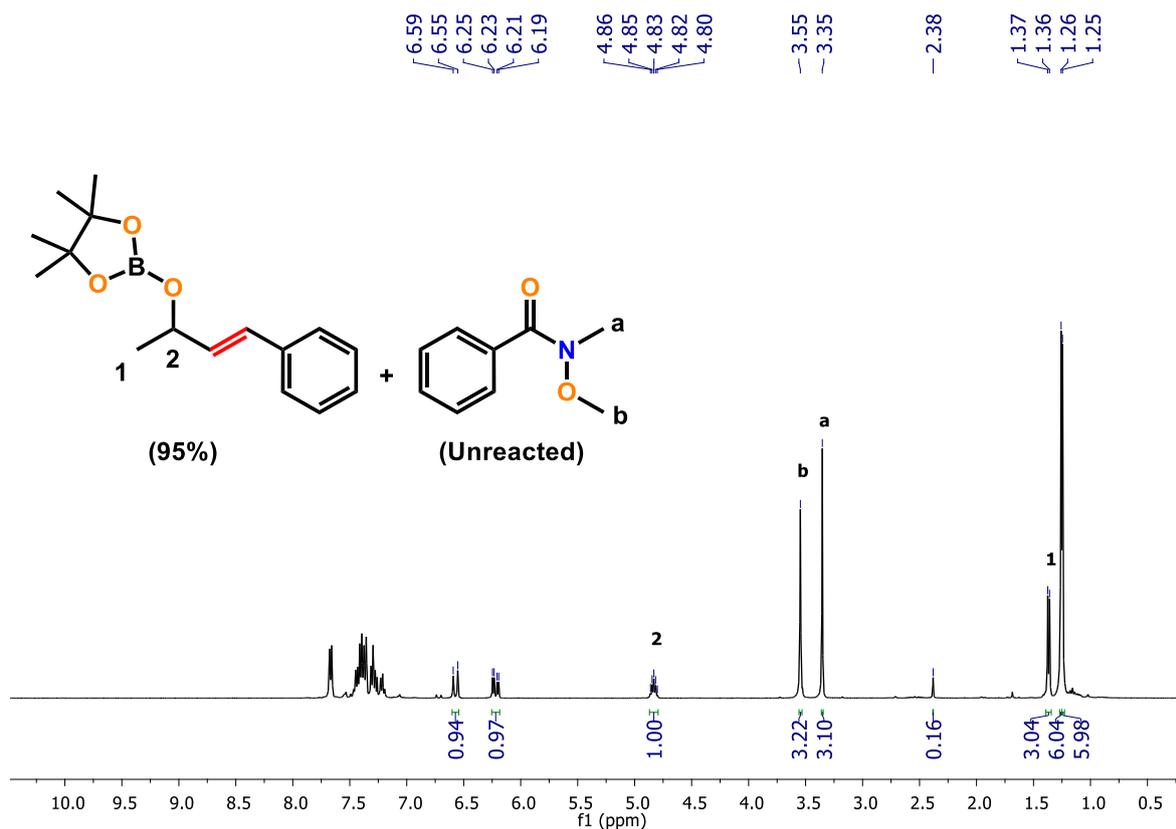
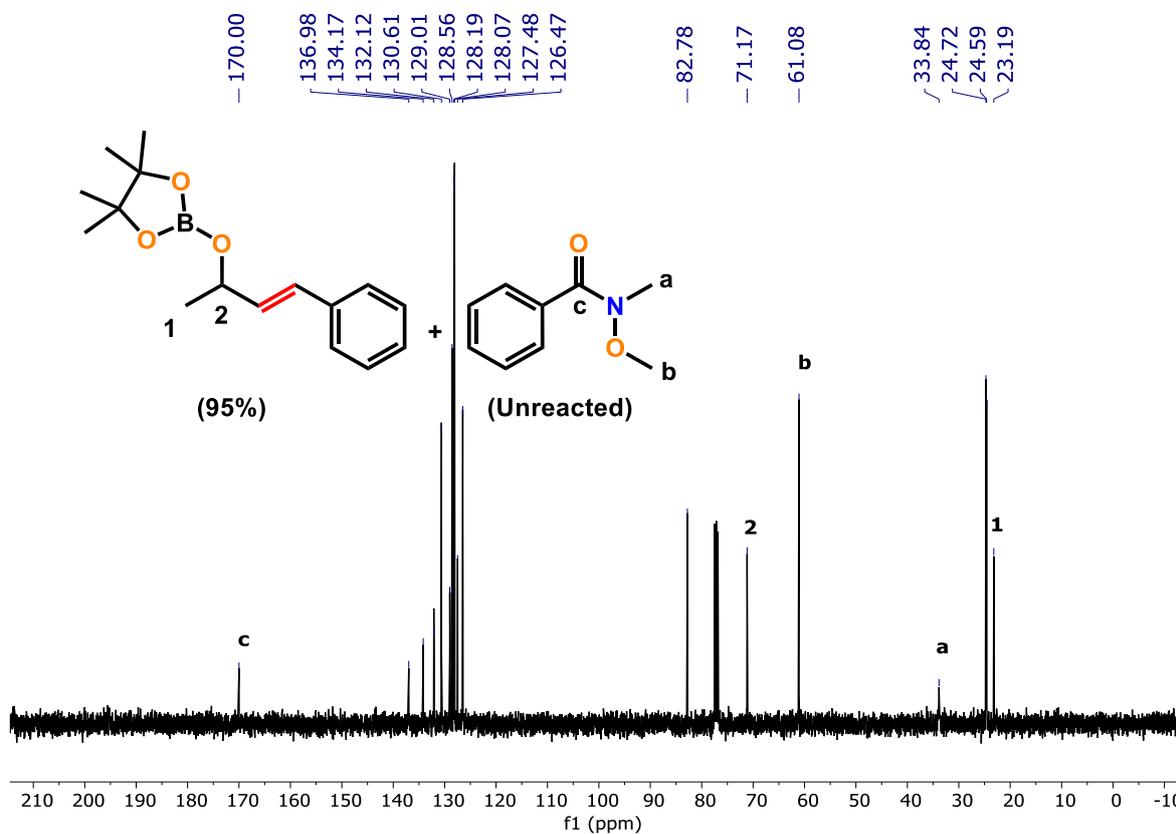


Figure S85.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **4a** and unreacted benzyl benzoate (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K).



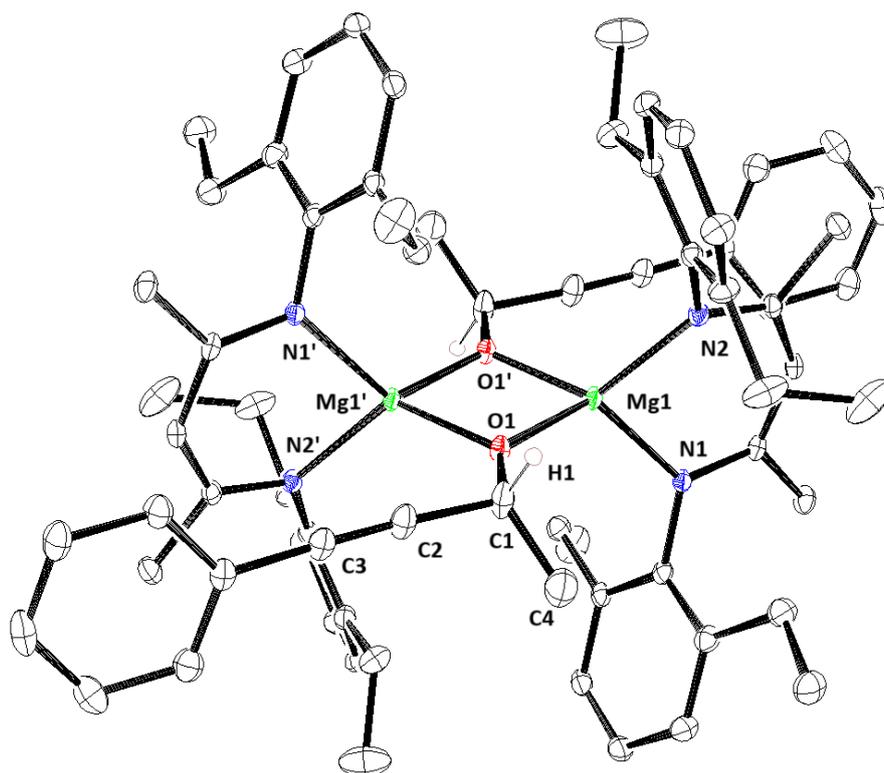
**Figure S86.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4a** and N-methoxy-N-methylbenzamide (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K).



**Figure S87.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **4a** and N-methoxy-N-methylbenzamide (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K).

## 5. Crystallographic Data of Mg-2

The single crystals of compound **Mg-2** were crystallized from C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> in a vial at room temperature as colorless blocks between 36 - 48 h inside the glovebox. The crystal data were collected on a Rigaku Oxford diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Cu-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54184 \text{ \AA}$ ) at 100 K. Selected data collection parameters and other crystallographic results are summarized in Table S2. The structure was determined using direct methods employed in *ShelXT*,<sup>1</sup> *OleX*,<sup>2</sup> and refinement was carried out using least-square minimization implemented in *ShelXL*.<sup>3</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Hydrogen atom positions were fixed geometrically in idealized positions and were refined using a riding model.



**Figure S88. ORTEP representation of Mg-2** (Thermal ellipsoids are shown at 50% probability). Hydrogen atoms except H1 were omitted for clarity. The selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and bond angles ( $^\circ$ ) are: N1-Mg1 2.0544 (13), N2-Mg1 2.0481 (12), Mg1-O1 1.9611 (11), Mg1-O1' 1.9753 (11), O1-C1 1.4096 (19), C2-C3 1.198 (2), N1-Mg1-N2 91.92 (5), N1-Mg1-O1 121.25 (5), N2-Mg1-O1 120.48 (5), Mg1-O1-Mg1' 97.53 (5), O1-Mg1-O1' 82.47 (5), Mg1-O1-C1 134.17 (9).

**Table S2.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **Mg-2**.

<b>Identification code</b>	<b>Mg-2</b>
<b>CCDC</b>	2494794
<b>Empirical formula</b>	C <sub>70</sub> H <sub>82.50</sub> Mg <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
<b>Formula weight</b>	1060.52
<b>Temperature/K</b>	100 K
<b>Crystal system</b>	triclinic
<b>Space group</b>	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<b>a/Å</b>	10.6672(2)
<b>b/Å</b>	12.4690(2)
<b>c/Å</b>	13.4602(2)
<b><math>\alpha</math>/°</b>	70.3430(10)
<b><math>\beta</math>/°</b>	68.974(2)
<b><math>\gamma</math>/°</b>	72.7130(10)
<b>Volume/Å<sup>3</sup></b>	1541.70(5)
<b>Z</b>	1
<b><math>\rho_{\text{calc}}</math>/cm<sup>3</sup></b>	1.142
<b><math>\mu</math>/mm<sup>-1</sup></b>	0.705
<b>F(000)</b>	570.0
<b>Crystal size/mm<sup>3</sup></b>	0.2 × 0.18 × 0.17
<b>Radiation</b>	CuK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 1.54184)
<b>2<math>\Theta</math> range for data collection/°</b>	7.282 to 150.512
<b>Index ranges</b>	-12 ≤ h ≤ 13, -15 ≤ k ≤ 15, -16 ≤ l ≤ 16
<b>Reflections collected</b>	29965
<b>Independent reflections</b>	6263 [ $R_{\text{int}}$ = 0.0436, $R_{\text{sigma}}$ = 0.0255]
<b>Data/restraints/parameters</b>	6263/0/387
<b>Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup></b>	1.077
<b>Final R indexes [<math>I \geq 2\sigma(I)</math>]</b>	$R_1 = 0.0481$ , $wR_2 = 0.1297$
<b>Final R indexes [all data]</b>	$R_1 = 0.0502$ , $wR_2 = 0.1313$
<b>Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å<sup>-3</sup></b>	0.44/-0.32

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