

# **Development of a robust reagent for the two-carbon homologation of aldehydes to (*E*)- $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes in water.**

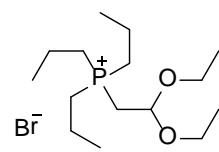
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## **Supplemental Material**

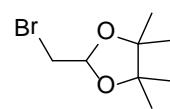
**General Considerations.** Reactions were carried out under air or dry argon in oven-dried glassware unless otherwise stated. All fine chemicals were obtained from Aldrich. CIMS were run on a Micromass Quattro Ultima spectrometer fitted with a direct injection probe (DIP) with ionization energy set at 70 eV. HRMS (EI) were performed with a Micromass Q-Tof Ultima spectrometer.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$  spectra were recorded on Bruker 200, AV 600 spectrometers in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or  $\text{MeOD-d}_4$  with TMS as internal standard, chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm downfield of TMS and coupling constants ( $J$ ) are expressed in Hz;  $^{31}\text{P}$  spectra were calibrated using an external reference of 85%  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ . Signal assignments were accomplished *via* analysis of HMBC, HMQC, COSY, NOESY experiments where necessary. The (*E*) to (*Z*) ratios were determined from the relative integration of the  $^1\text{H}$  spectra for the olefinic protons. All melting points are corrected.

**(2,2-diethoxyethyl)tributyl-phosphonium bromide (C).**



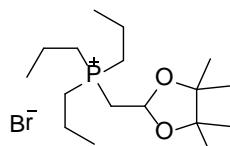
A solution of bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (9.60 g, 48.7 mmol) and tri-*n*-propylphosphine (8.58 g, 53.6 mmol) in THF (27 mL) was heated for 24 hours at 60 °C. After cooling, the solvent and the residual tri-*n*-propylphosphine were removed on the rotary evaporator (75 °C at 5 mbar). The obtained yellow oil was dried under vacuum (0.1 mbar) yielding 16.38 g (95%) of phosphonium bromide as a white solid. No further purification was necessary. MP: 48-50 °C,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  [ $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz]  $\delta$ :  $\delta$  4.83 (dt,  $J = 16.6, 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dq,  $J = 9.1, 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.50 (dq,  $J = 9.2, 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.89 (dt,  $J = 10.8, 5.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.33 – 2.20 (m, 6H), 1.60 – 1.46 (m, 6H), 1.12 – 1.03 (m, 6H), 0.98 (td,  $J = 7.2, 1.4$  Hz, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  [ $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 150 MHz]  $\delta$  99.1 (d,  $^2J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 6.7$  Hz), 64.1 (d,  $^4J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 12.1$  Hz), 25.9 (d,  $^1J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 47.3$  Hz), 22.3 (d,  $^1J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 47.0$  Hz), 15.4 (d,  $^2J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 3.9$  Hz), 15.2  $^3$ (d,  $J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 16.9$  Hz), 14.8 (s);  $^{31}\text{P NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 240 MHz,)  $\delta$  30.85 (s); HRES MS ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_2\text{P}$  278.2331; found 278.2296. Storage temperature: 0°C.

**2-(bromomethyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3-dioxolane (3).**



The parent compound was prepared using a modified Whiting procedure<sup>1</sup>. To a stirred solution of pinacol (6.94 g, 58.70 mmol, 1.05 eq) and bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetate (11.02 g, 55.90 mmol) was added *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (0.266 g, 1.40 mmol, 0.03 eq). The mixture was heated to 100-110 °C for 15min. Ethanol was then distilled at 100 °C at 32 mbar via a Vigreux column. The yellow residue was purified by Kugelrohr distillation at 75 °C at 0.1 mbar to give 11.3 g of the desired acetal. Yield 90%, colourless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  [ $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz]  $\delta$ : 5.18 (t,  $J = 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d,  $J = 4.9$  Hz, 2H), 1.20 (s, 6H), 1.19 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  [ $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 150 MHz]  $\delta$ : 99.2, 82.9, 33.8, 23.9, 22.0.

**Tripropyl[(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)methyl]phosphonium bromide (4).**

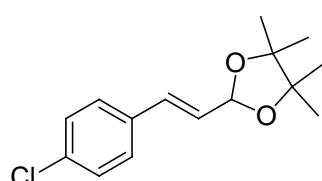


2-(Bromomethyl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3-dioxolane (8.41 g, 37.69 mmol) and tri-*n*-propylphosphine (6.64 g, 41.45 mmol) were heated for 24 hours at 125–130 °C. After cooling, the brown solid was suspended in 5 mL of toluene, filtered and dried under vacuum (0.1 mbar) to obtain 13.2 g (91%) of the desired phosphonium bromide. No further purification was necessary. White solid; MP: 111–120 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz] δ: 5.24 (td, *J* = 5.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.46 – 2.38 (m, 6H), 1.57 (dt, *J* = 11.3, 7.6 Hz, 6H), 1.12 (s, 6H), 1.09 (s, 6H), 1.03 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.5 Hz, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz] δ: 94.8 (s), 83.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*(<sup>13</sup>C-<sup>31</sup>P) = 16.0 Hz), 26.7 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*(<sup>13</sup>C-<sup>31</sup>P) = 46.3 Hz), 23.9 (s), 21.8 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*(<sup>13</sup>C-<sup>31</sup>P) = 23.4 Hz), 21.8 (s), 15.6 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*(<sup>13</sup>C-<sup>31</sup>P) = 4.0 Hz), 15.3 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(<sup>13</sup>C-<sup>31</sup>P) = 16.8 Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 240 MHz] δ 29.90 (s); HRES MS (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P 304.2487; found 304.2515.

**General Experimental Procedure**

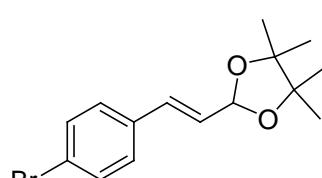
To a flask containing a magnetic stir bar was added phosphonium salt # (1.05 mmol, 1.05 equiv.) and water (1 mL) added to make a 1 M solution. Sodium hydroxide (3 mmol, 3 equiv.) was added followed by the corresponding aldehyde (1 mmol, 1 equiv.). The flask was then sealed and heated to 100 °C in an oil bath with vigorous stirring for 1–3 days. The contents of the flask were subsequently transferred to an Erlenmeyer flask and water added to the mixture. The slurry was stirred for 10 minutes under open air before extraction with ethyl acetate (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic layers were then dried over sodium sulphate anhydrous and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was then filtered through a silica plug to afford the title compound which was used without further purification.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-[(1*E*)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethenyl]-1,3-dioxolane (6a).**



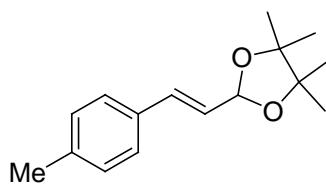
Yield 87%, Colourless oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz] δ: 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (s, 6H), 1.28 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz] δ: 134.5, 133.8, 132.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 100.3, 82.4, 23.9, 21.9; HREI MS (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>: 266.1074, found 266.1075

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-[(1*E*)-2-(4-bromophenyl)ethenyl]-1,3-dioxolane (6b).**



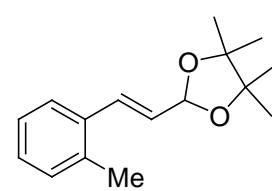
Yield 91%, Colourless oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz] δ: 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 2H), 6.16 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 5.54 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (s, 13H), 1.28 (s, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz] δ: 134.9, 133.1, 131.6, 128.5, 128.4, 122.00, 100.3, 82.4, 23.9, 22.0; HREI MS (M-H)<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>: 309.0490, found 309.0490

**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-[*(1E*)-2-(4-Methylphenyl)ethenyl]-1,3-dioxolane (6c).**



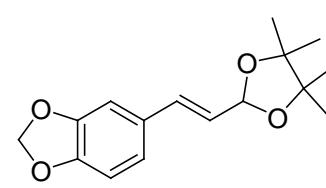
Yield 89%, Colourless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz]  $\delta$ : 7.31 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d,  $J$  = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dd,  $J$  = 15.9, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 6H), 1.27 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz]  $\delta$ : 137.9, 134.3, 133.2, 129.1, 126.8, 126.6, 100.8, 82.2, 24.00, 21.9, 21.2; HRES MS (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 247.1698, found 247.1703

**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-[*(1E*)-2-(4-Methylphenyl)ethenyl]-1,3-dioxolane (6d).**



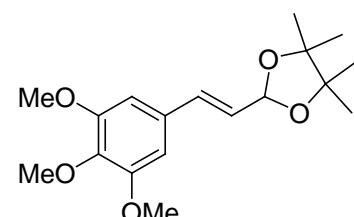
Yield 90%, Colourless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz]  $\delta$ : 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 6H), 7.22 – 7.11 (m, 22H), 6.96 (d,  $J$  = 15.7 Hz, 6H), 6.06 (dd,  $J$  = 15.7, 6.7 Hz, 6H), 5.58 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 7H), 2.35 (s, 18H), 1.29 (s, 38H), 1.28 (s, 35H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz]  $\delta$ : 135.7, 135.1, 132.1, 130.1, 129.0, 127.9, 126.1, 125.9, 100.7, 82.2, 23.9, 21.9, 19.6; HRES MS (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 247.1698, found 247.1687

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-[*(1E*)-2-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)ethenyl]-1,3-dioxolane (6e).**



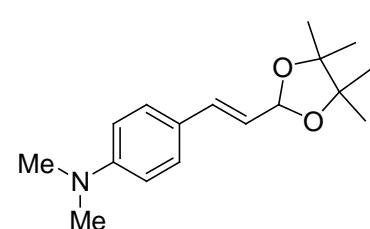
Yield 96%, Beige solid;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz]  $\delta$ : 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d,  $J$  = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dd,  $J$  = 15.97, 6.84 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 5.50 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (s, 6H), 1.25 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz]  $\delta$ : 147.9, 147.7, 134.1, 130.5, 125.8, 121.8, 108.2, 106.1, 101.1, 100.8, 82.3, 24.0, 22.0. HRES MS (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 276.1964, found 276.1963.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-[*(1E*)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)ethenyl]-1,3-dioxolane (6f).**



Yield 91%, Colourless Oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz]  $\delta$ : 6.63 (d,  $J$  = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 2H), 6.04 (dd,  $J$  = 15.8, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 6H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 6H), 1.26 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz]  $\delta$ : 153.2, 138.2, 134.3, 131.8, 127.1, 104.0, 100.4, 82.3, 56.1, 24.0, 22.0; HRES MS (M+H)<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 324.1893, found 324.1898.

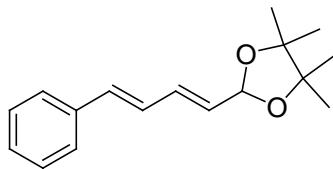
**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-[2-(4-bromophenyl)ethenyl]-1,3-dioxolane (6g).**



Yield 90%, Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz]  $\delta$ : 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d,  $J$  = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (dd,  $J$  = 7.0, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (s, 6H), 1.28 (s, 6H), 1.26 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz]  $\delta$ : 150.5, 134.9, 128.2, 124.5, 123.1, 112.2, 101.5, 82.2, 40.5, 24.2,

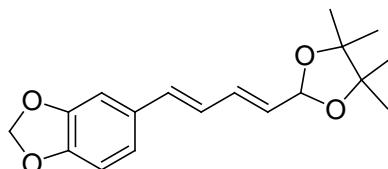
22.1; HRES MS ( $M+H$ )<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 278.1474, found 278.1482.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-[(1*E*,3*E*)-4-phenyl-1,3-butadien-1-yl]-1,3-dioxolane (6h).**



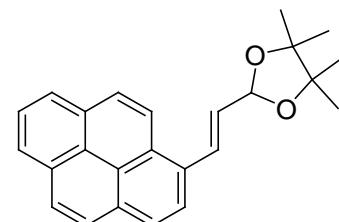
Yield 36%, yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz] δ: 7.45 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (s, 6H), 1.29 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz] δ: 136.8, 134.3, 134.3, 131.3, 128.5, 127.8, 127.5, 126.5, 100.2, 82.2, 23.9, 21.9; HREI MS ( $M$ )<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 258.1620, found 258.1621.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-[(1*E*,3*E*)-4-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-1,3-butadien-1-yl]-1,3-dioxolane (6i).**



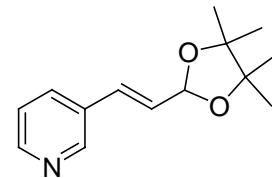
Yield 53%, yellow; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz] δ: 6.94 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 5.72 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (s, 7H), 1.24 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz] δ: 148.0, 147.5, 134.5, 134.0, 131.5, 130.5, 126.0, 121.6, 108.4, 105.5, 101.1, 100.3, 82.2, 24.0, 22.0; HRES MS ( $M+H$ )<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 304.1631; found 304.1656.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-[(1*E*)-2-(1-pyrenyl)ethenyl]-1,3-dioxolane (6j).**



Yield 92%, Yellow solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz] δ: 8.37 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (s, 6H), 1.36 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz] δ: 131.7, 131.5, 131.3, 131.1, 131.0, 130.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 126.1, 125.4, 125.2, 125.1, 125.0, 124.5, 123.1, 101.0, 82.6, 24.2, 22.2; HRES MS ( $M+H$ )<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 357.1855, found 357.1867.

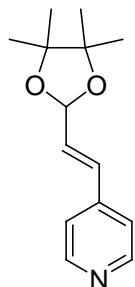
**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-[(1*E*)-2-(3-pyridyl)ethenyl]-1,3-dioxolane (6k).**



Yield 75%, Beige solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz] δ: 8.61 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dt, *J* = 1.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (s, 6H), 1.27 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz] δ: 149.4, 148.9, 133.4, 131.8, 130.7, 130.3,

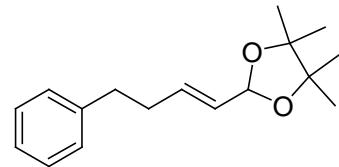
123.6, 100.2, 82.7, 24.1, 22.2; HRES MS ( $M+H$ )<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 234.1493, found 234.1499.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-[*(1E*)-2-(4-pyridyl)ethenyl]-1,3-dioxolane (6l).**



Yield 83%, Beige solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz] δ: 8.56 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.29-1.27 (m, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz] δ: 150.3, 143.6, 132.7, 131.6, 121.4, 99.8, 82.8, 24.07, 22.1; HRES MS ( $M+H$ )<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 234.1494, found 234.1499.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-[*(1E*)-4-phenyl-1-buten-1-yl]-1,3-dioxolane (6m).**



The parent compound was prepared using the general procedure. Yield 54%, Yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz] δ: 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 7.27 (s, 4H), 6.01 (dt, *J* = 15.3, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 5.64 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.42 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.82 – 2.79 (m, 5H), 2.51 – 2.44 (m, 4H), 1.32 (s, 12H), 1.32 (s, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz] δ: 141.6, 136.1, 129.2, 128.3, 125.8, 100.8, 82.1, 35.1, 33.8, 24.0, 21.9; HREI MS ( $M$ )<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 260.1776, found 260.1777.

## General Experimental Procedure

### General Procedure 1:

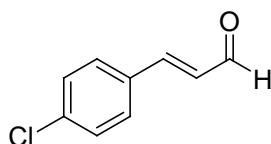
The reactions were performed in deionised water unless otherwise indicated. No special precautions were taken to exclude oxygen and standard vials were used. To 0.15 mmol of the acetal were added 1 mL of deionised water and 80 mg of Amberlite<sup>®</sup> IR120 hydrogen form. The vial was stirred at 700 rpm and heated to 60-70 °C for 12 – 18 hr. After that a filtration was performed to remove the Amberlite<sup>®</sup>, 1 mL of water was used to rinse the flask. Alternatively, if the product is a solid, ethyl acetate 1-2 mL could be used to dissolve and extract the product from the aqueous layer. Treatment with activated charcoal was performed at 40 °C during 3 hours to remove color impurities, filtration and evaporation of the solvent gives the product. When necessary, the crude product was purified by chromatography using ethyl acetate and hexane as the eluent.

### General Procedure 2:

In a 1.5 mL vial equipped with a stirring bar, 0.15 mmol of the acetal were added to 1 mL of 25% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>. Then the vial was closed and heated up to 60-70 °C for 12 – 18 hr. When the

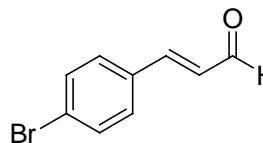
reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The pure product was isolated after a simple filtration. When necessary the crude product was purified by chromatography using ethyl acetate and hexane as the eluent.

**(2E)-3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-propenal (7a).**



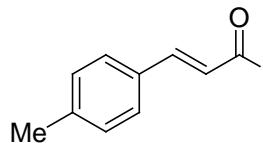
The parent compound was prepared using the general procedure 2. This compound is known and matches the reported spectroscopic data<sup>2</sup>. Yield 95%, white solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz] δ: 9.70 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz] δ: 193.3, 151.0, 137.3, 132.5, 129.6, 129.4, 129.0.

**(2E)-3-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-propenal (7b).**



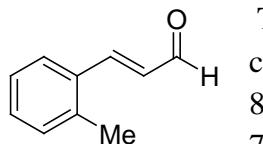
The parent compound was prepared using the general procedure 2. This compound is known and matches the reported spectroscopic data<sup>3,4</sup>. Yield 93%, white solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz] δ: 9.71 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 5H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz] δ: 193.3, 151.1, 132.9, 132.4, 129.8, 129.0, 125.7.

**(2E)-3-(4-Methylphenyl)-2-propenal (7c).**



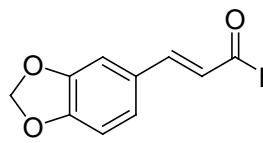
The parent compound was prepared using the general procedure 2. This compound is known and matches the reported spectroscopic data<sup>5,6</sup>. Yield 94%, yellow solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz] δ: 9.69 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 5H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.69 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz] δ: 193.8, 152.9, 142.0, 131.3, 129.8, 128.5, 127.7, 21.6.

**(2E)-3-(2-Methylphenyl)-2-propenal (7d).**



The parent compound was prepared using the general procedure 2. This compound is known and matches the reported spectroscopic data<sup>3,5</sup>. Yield 83%, yellow solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz] δ: 9.73 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz] δ: 193.9, 150.3, 137.9, 132.9, 131.1, 131.0, 129.6, 126.9, 126.6, 19.8.

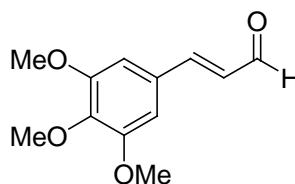
**(2E)-3-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-propenal (7e).**



The parent compound was prepared using the general procedure 2. This compound is known and matches the reported spectroscopic data<sup>7,8</sup>.

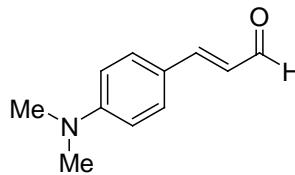
Yield 95%, beige solid;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz]  $\delta$ : 9.59 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.82 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.50 (dd,  $J = 15.8, 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz]  $\delta$ : 193.6, 152.7, 150.6, 148.7, 128.6, 127.0, 125.4, 108.9, 106.9, 102.0.

**(2E)-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2-propenal (7f).**



The parent compound was prepared using the general procedure 2. This compound is known and matches the reported spectroscopic data<sup>9,10</sup>. Yield 93%, translucent liquid;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz]  $\delta$ : 9.68 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 2H), 6.64 (dd,  $J = 15.8, 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz]  $\delta$ : 193.4, 153.6, 152.7, 129.5, 128.0, 105.7, 61.0, 56.2.

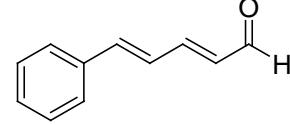
**(2E)-3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-2-propenal (7g).**



$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz]  $\delta$ : 193.67, 153.9, 152.4, 130.5, 123.8, 121.7, 111.7, 40.0.

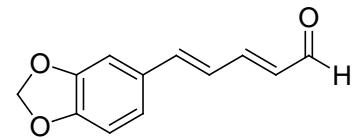
The parent compound was prepared using the general procedure 1. This compound is known and matches the reported spectroscopic data<sup>11</sup>. Yield 88%, yellow oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz]  $\delta$ : 9.59 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.54 (dd,  $J = 15.6, 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.05 (s, 6H);

**(2E,4E)-5-Phenyl-2,4-pentadienal (7h).**



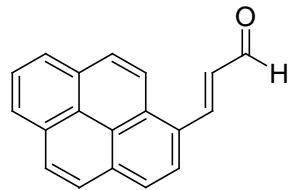
The parent compound was prepared using the general procedure 1. This compound is known and matches the reported spectroscopic data<sup>4,5</sup>. Yield 68%, yellow oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz]  $\delta$ : 9.56 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.96 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.21 (dd,  $J = 15.2, 7.9$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz]  $\delta$ : 193.6, 152.0, 142.4, 135.6, 131.7, 129.7, 129.0, 127.5, 126.2.

**(2E,4E)-5-(1,3-Benzodioxol-5-yl)-2,4-pentadienal (7i).**



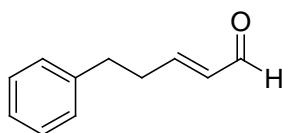
The parent compound was prepared using the general procedure 1. This compound is known and matches the reported spectroscopic data<sup>12</sup>. Yield 76%, yellow oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz]  $\delta$ : 9.60 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd,  $J = 15.2, 10.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 10.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dd,  $J = 15.2, 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz]  $\delta$ : 193.5, 152.3, 149.1, 148.4, 142.2, 130.9, 130.2, 124.5, 123.6, 108.6, 106.1, 101.5.

**(2E)-3-(1-Pyrenyl)-2-propenal (7j).**



The parent compound was prepared using the general procedure 1. This compound is known and matches the reported spectroscopic data<sup>13</sup>. Yield 81%, yellow solid; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz] δ: 9.95 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, J = 15.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz] δ: 192.4, 148.1, 146.8, 130.8, 129.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 126.4, 126.2, 125.5, 125.2, 125.1, 125.0, 124.2, 123.5, 123.3, 122.5, 120.8.

### (2E)-5-Phenyl-2-pentenal (7m).

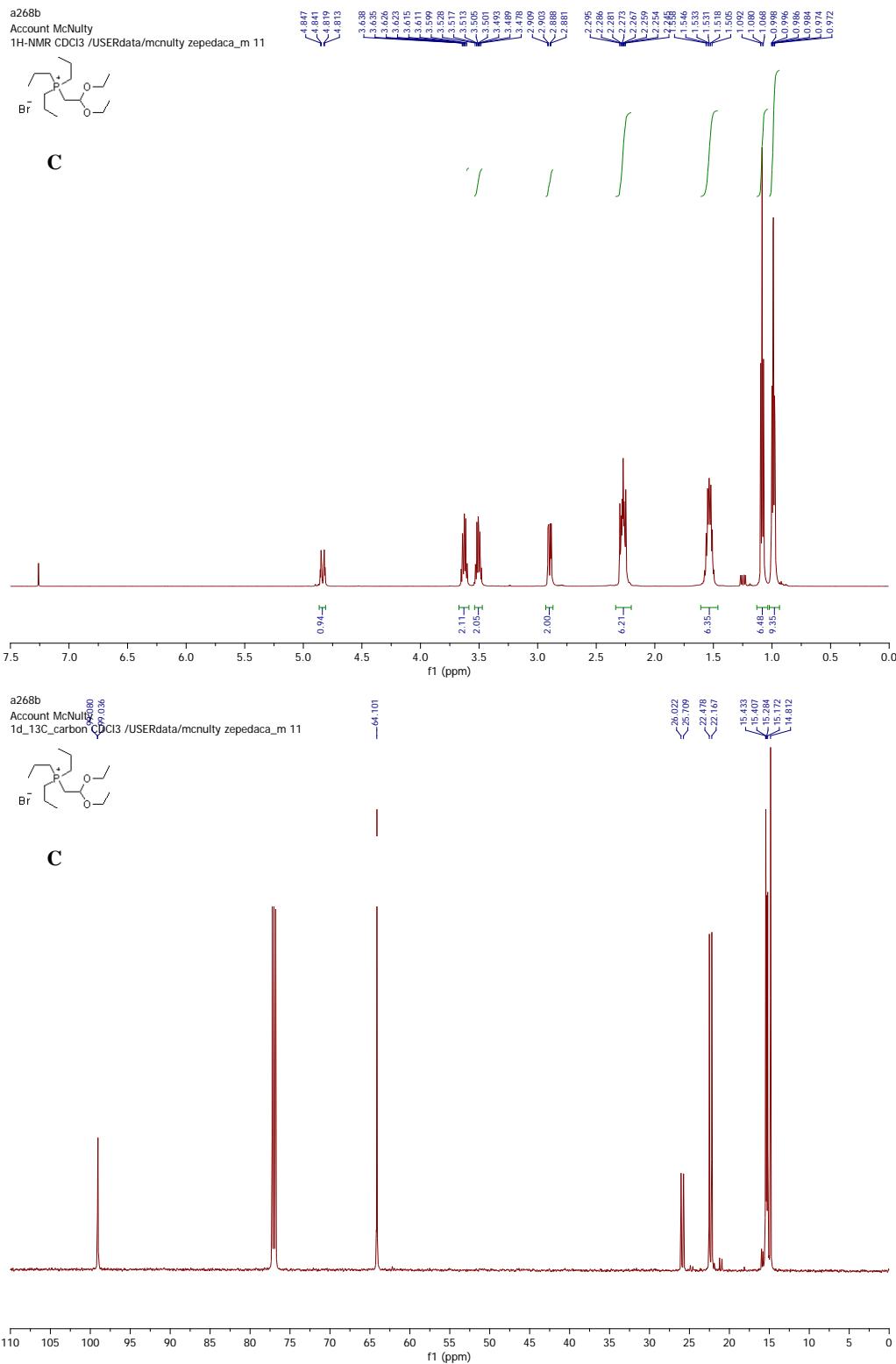


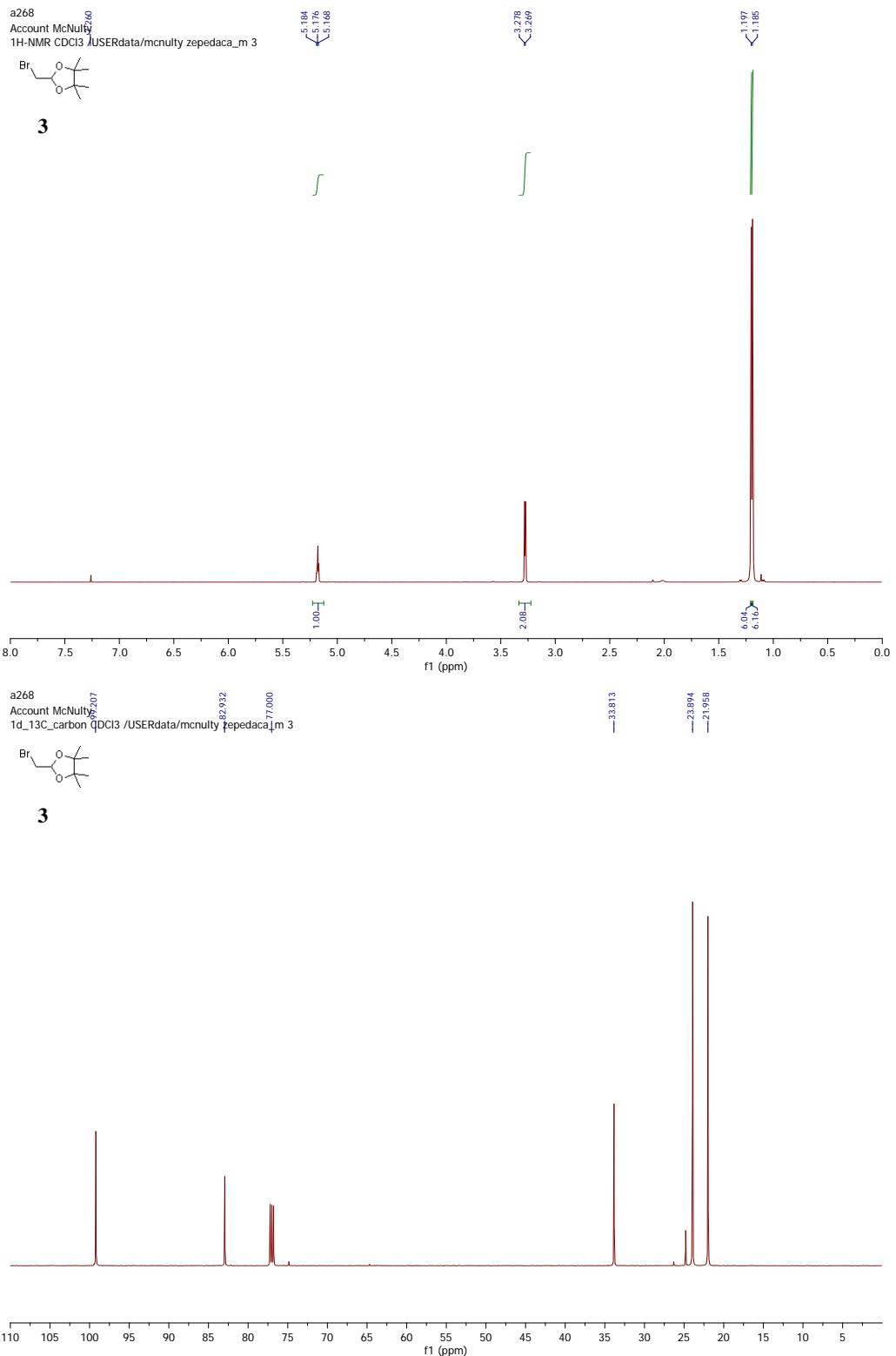
The parent compound was prepared using the general procedure 1. This compound is known and matches the reported spectroscopic data<sup>14,15</sup>. Dichloromethane–hexane (1 : 1); Yield 82%, Yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz] δ: 9.50 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 6.86 (dt, J = 15.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (ddt, J = 15.6, 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.70 – 2.65 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz] δ: 194.0, 157.3, 133.4, 129.4, 128.6, 128.3, 126.4, 34.2, 34.1.

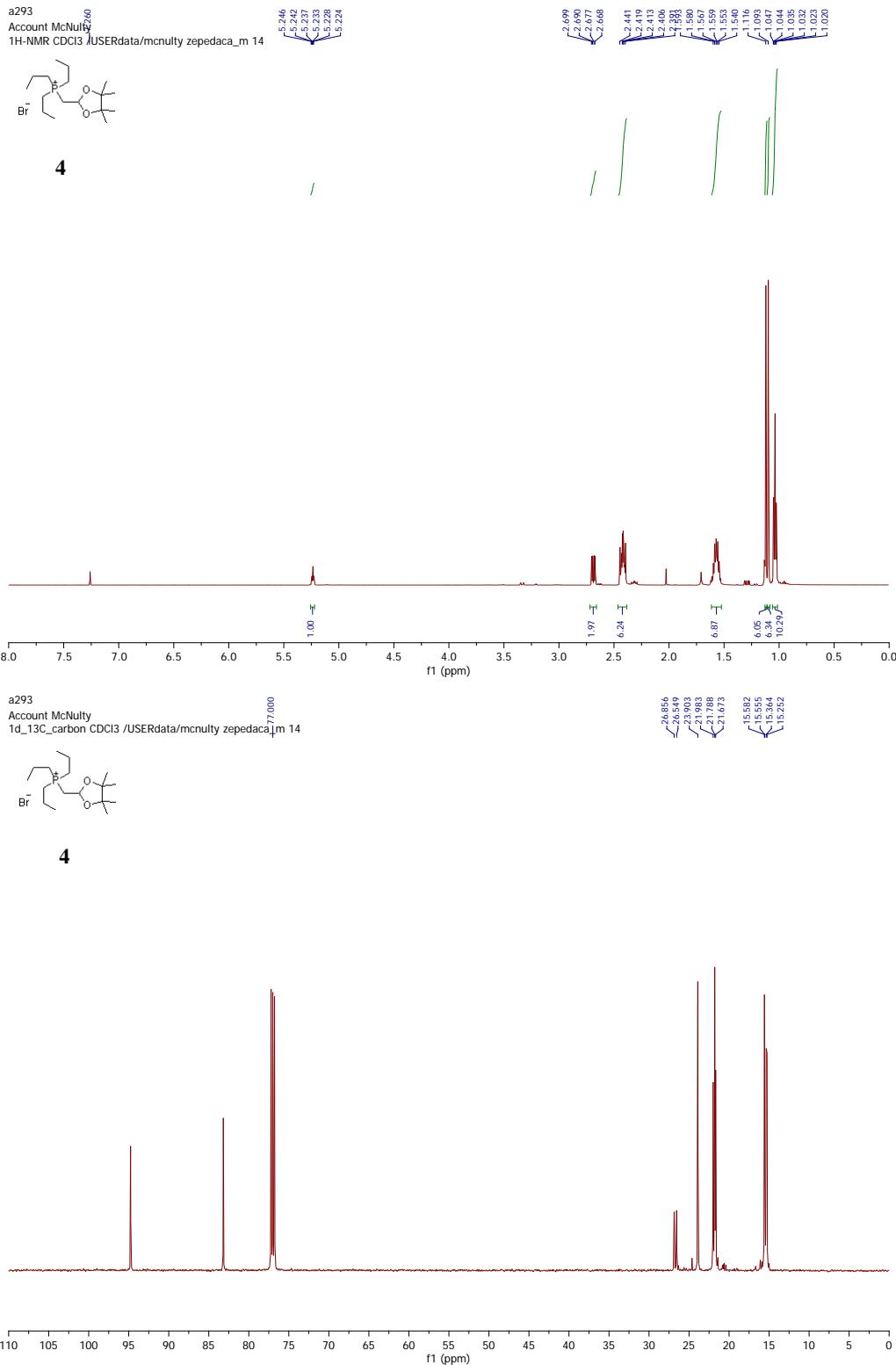
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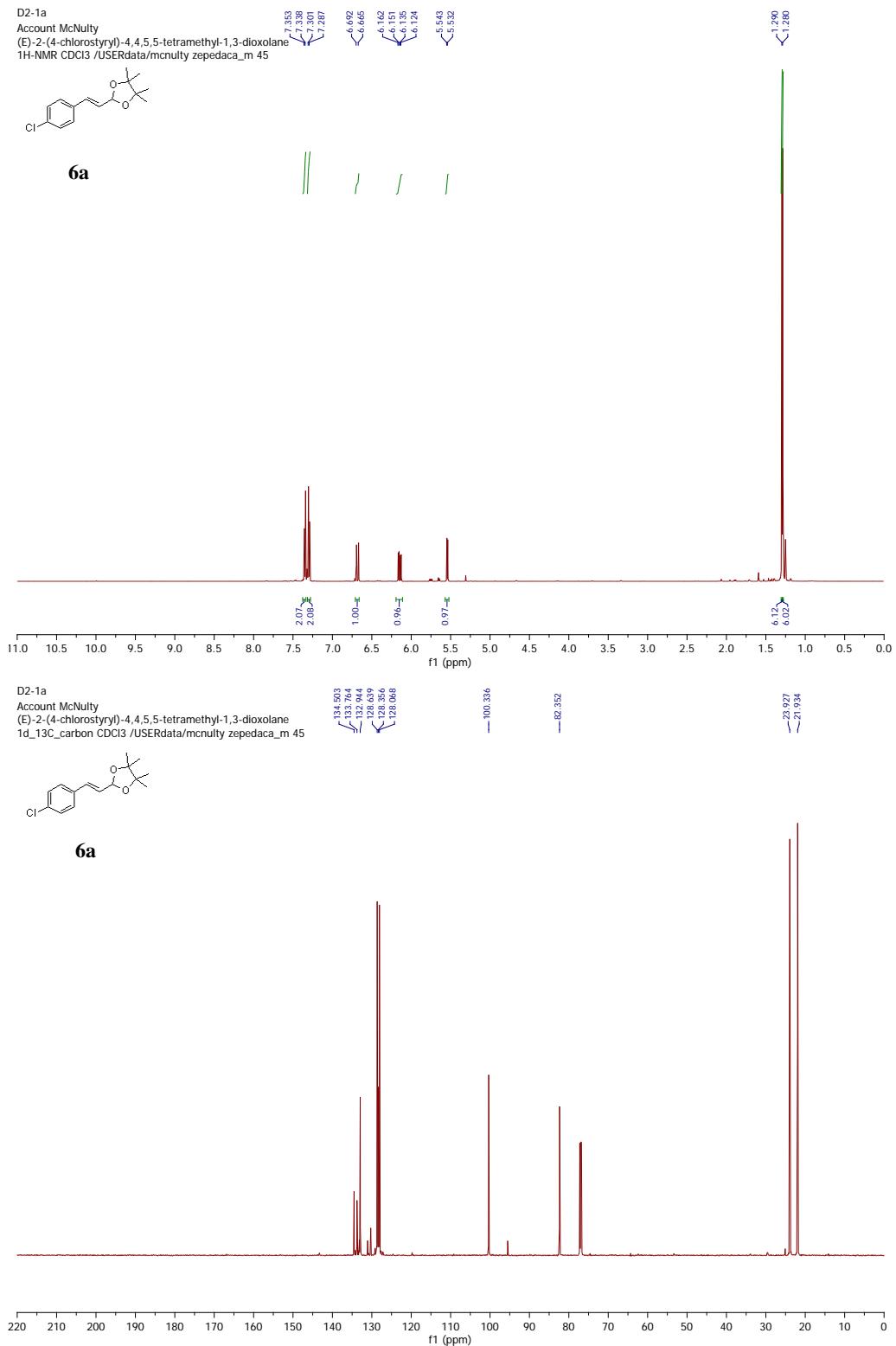
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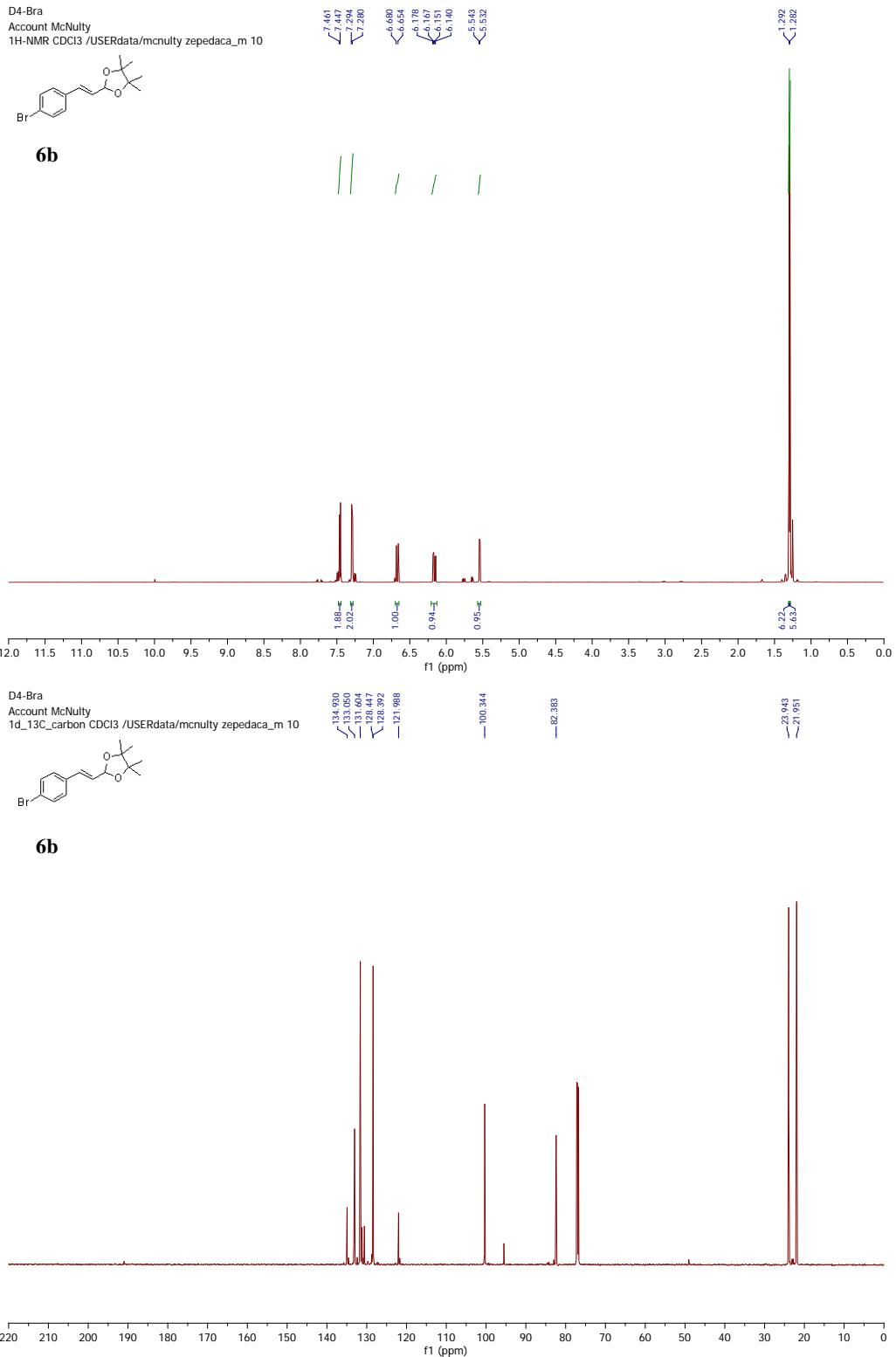
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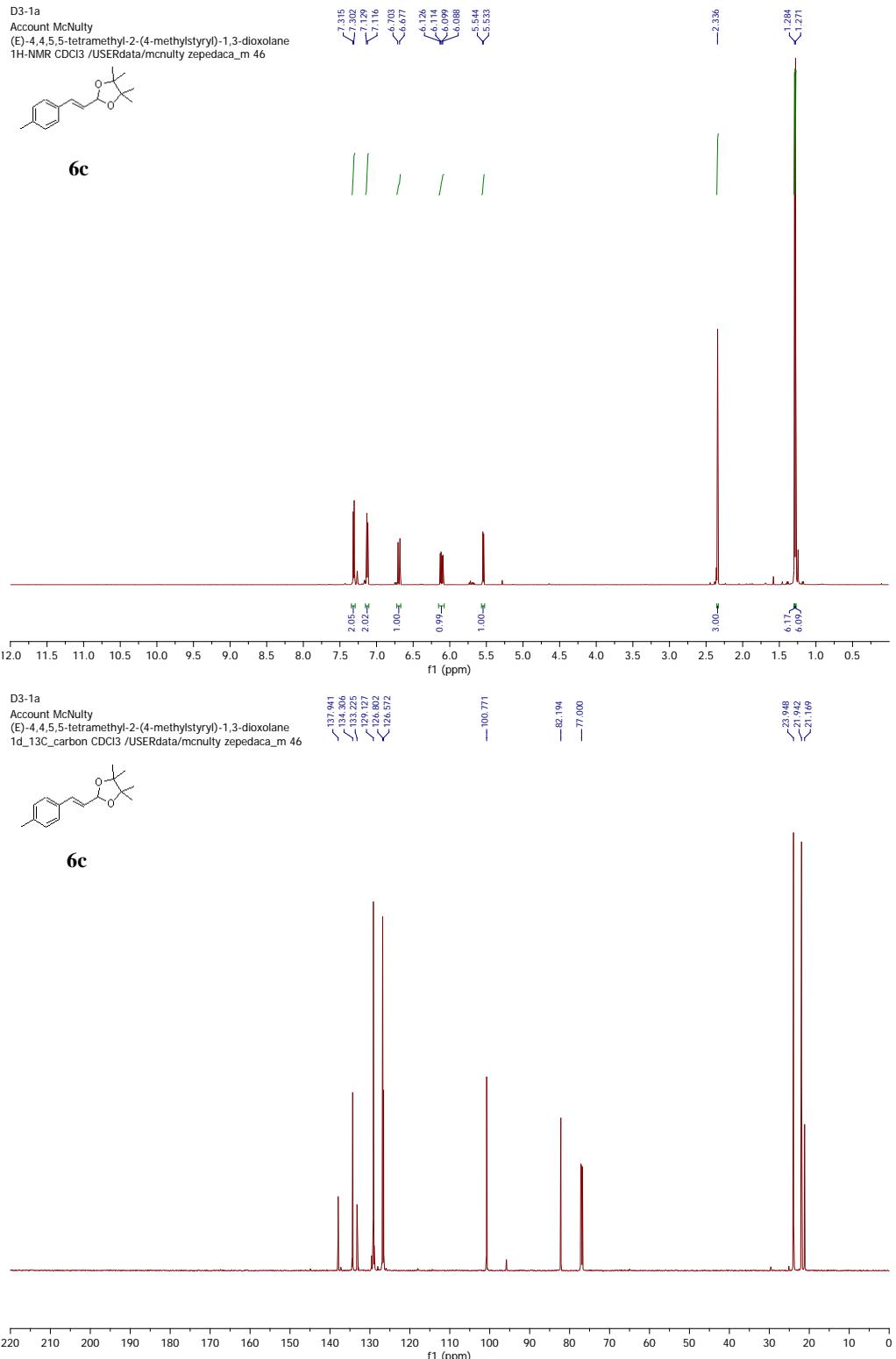


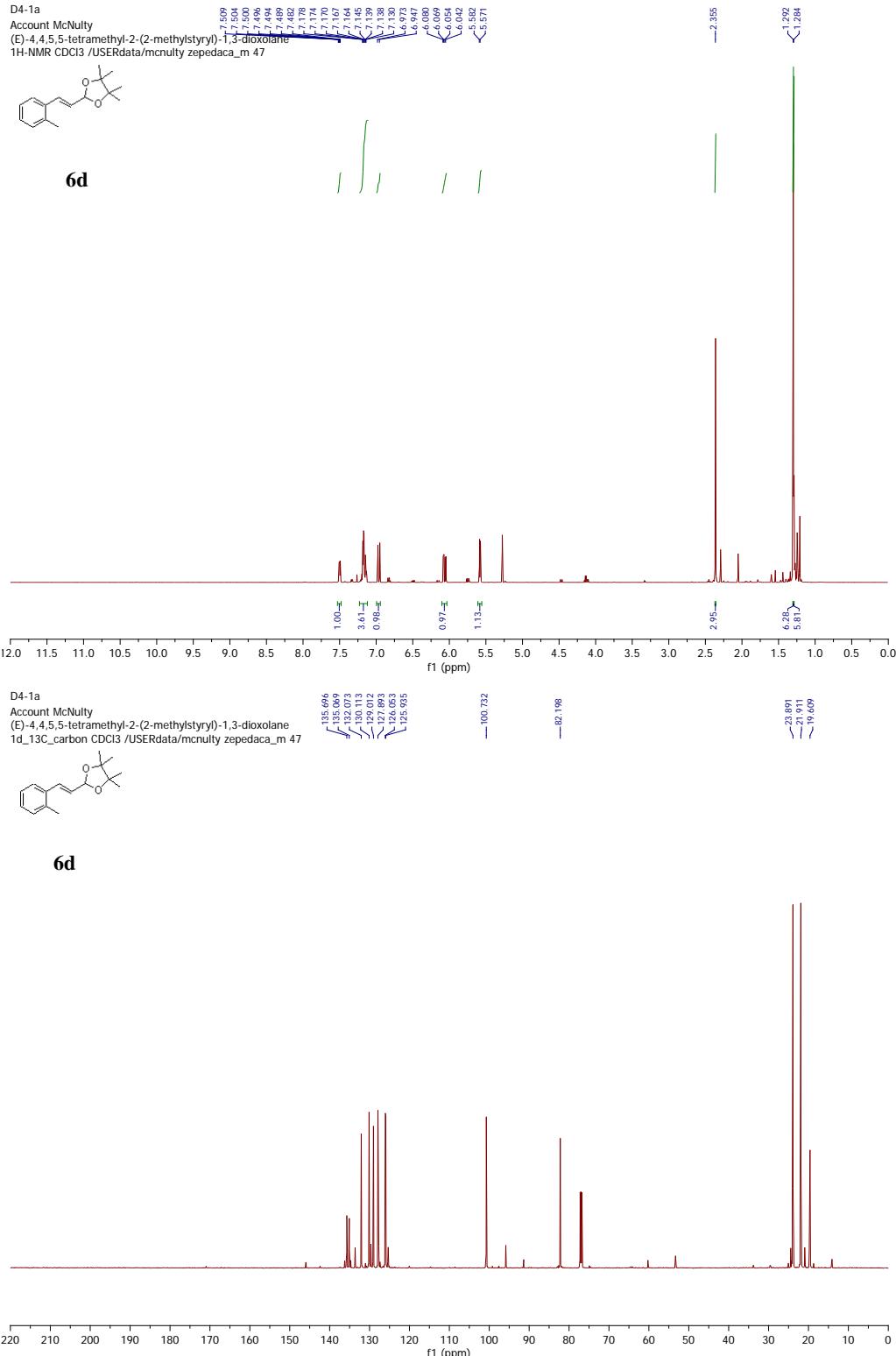


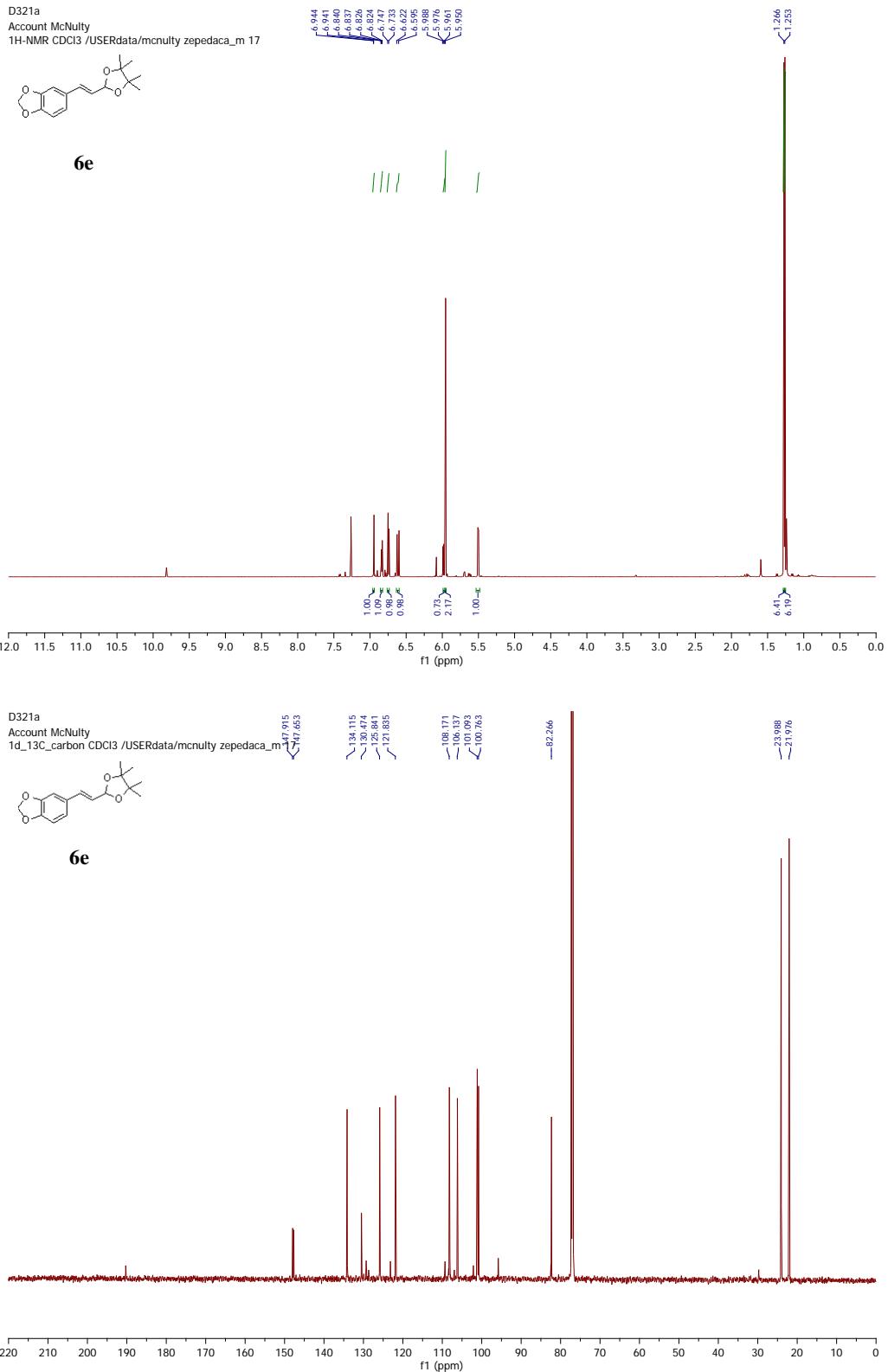




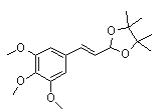




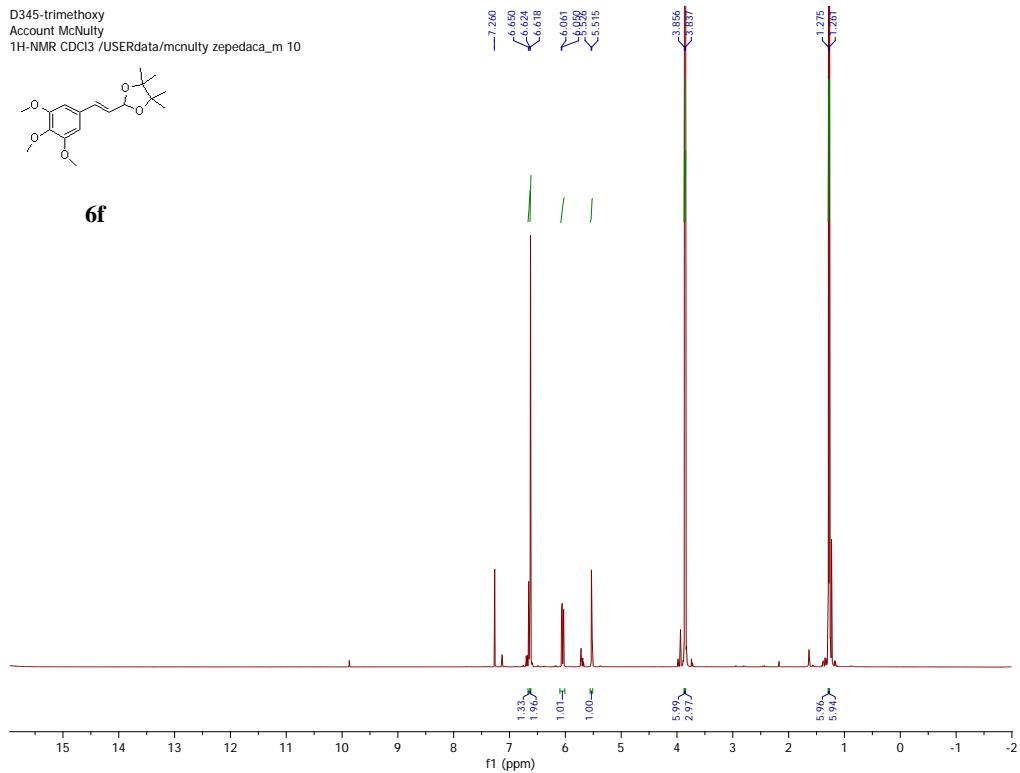




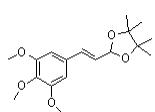
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