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γ-Valerolactone as an alternative biomass-derived medium for the Sonogashira reaction

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Experimental Section

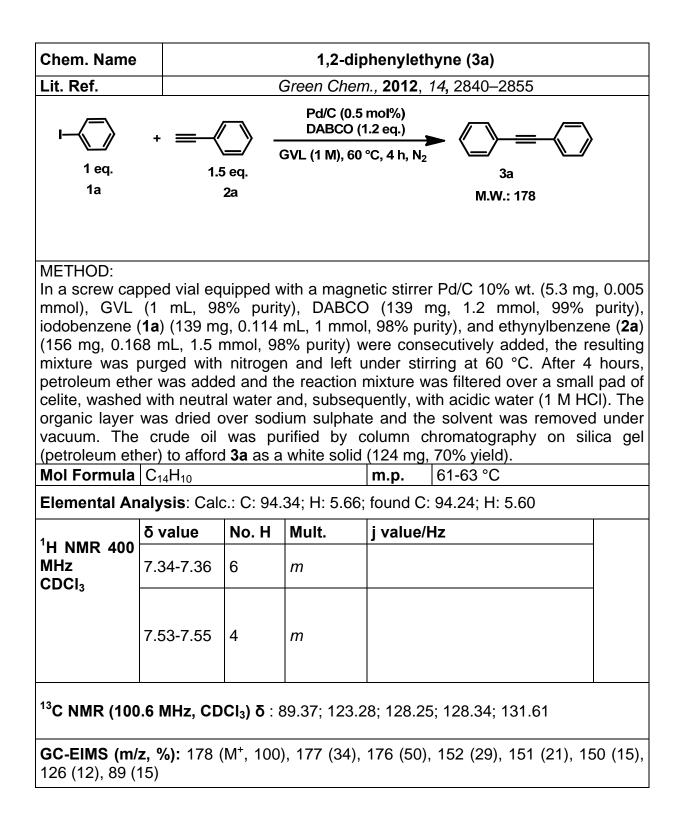
Unless otherwise stated, all solvents and reagents were used as obtained from Sigma-Aldrich Co. without further purification. Commercial Pd/C (10% wt) was not activated prior to use, and the value of palladium loading was taken from its certificate of analysis available at http://www.sigmaaldrich.com. GLC analyses were performed by using Hewlett-Packard HP 5890A equipped with a capillary column DB-35MS (30 m, 0.53 mm), a FID detector and hydrogen as gas carrier. GC-EIMS analyses were carried out by using a Hewlett-Packard HP 6890N Network GC system/5975 Mass Selective Detector equipped with an electron impact ionizer at 70 eV. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-ADVANCE 400 MHz (¹H at 400 MHz, ¹³C at 100.6 MHz and ¹⁹F at 376.4 MHz) in CDCl₃ using TMS as the internal standard. Elemental Analyses were conducted on a Fisons EA1108CHN. Melting points are not corrected and they were measured on a Büchi 510. An Inductive Coupled Plasma-Optical Emission Spectrometer (ICP-OES 710 Agilent Technology) was used to determine the amount of leached palladium into the reaction products.

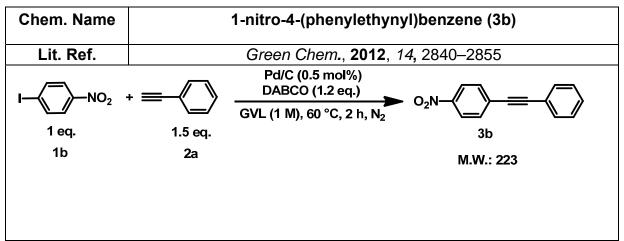
Compounds **3a**,¹ **3b**,¹ **3c**,¹ **3d**,² **3e**,¹ **3f**,¹ **3g**,³ **3h**,⁴ **3i**,⁴ **3j**,⁴ **3k**,⁵ **3l**,⁴ **3m**,⁵ **3n**,⁶ **3o**,⁶ **3p**,⁶ **3q**⁷ are known compounds.

Characterization data and copies of the ¹H and ¹³C NMR are reported below.

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In a screw capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer Pd/C 10% wt. (5.3 mg, 0.005 mmol), GVL (1 mL, 98% purity), DABCO (139 mg, 1.2 mmol, 99% purity), 1-iodo-4nitrobenzene (**1b**) (254 mg, 1 mmol, 98% purity), and ethynylbenzene (**2a**) (156 mg, 0.168 mL, 1.5 mmol, 98% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 2 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCI). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (1:1 / toluene / petroleum ether) to afford **3b** as a white solid (210 mg, 94% yield).

 Mol Formula
 C₁₄H₉NO₂
 m.p.
 116-118 °C

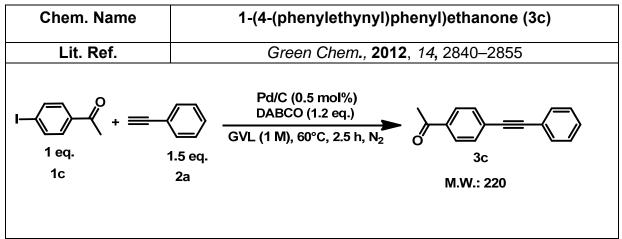
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 Calc.:
 C: 75.33; H: 4.06; N:6.27; found C: 75.10; H: 4.99; N:

 6.20
 6.20

	δ value	No. H	Mult.	j value/Hz	
¹ H NMR	7.39-7.41	3	т		
400 MHz	7.55-7.58	2	m		
	7.67	2	d	8.7	
	8.23	2	d	8.7	

¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 87.6, 94.7, 122.1, 123.6, 128.6, 129.3,130.3, 131.9, 132.3, 147.0

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 223 (M⁺, 100), 193 (29), 176 (60), 165 (27), 177 (19), 151 (20), 150 (16)



In a screw capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer Pd/C 10% wt. (5.3 mg, 0.005 mmol), GVL (1 mL, 98% purity), DABCO (139 mg, 1.2 mmol, 99% purity), 1-(4-iodophenyl)ethanone (1c) (251 mg, 1 mmol, 98% purity), and ethynylbenzene (2a) (156 mg, 0.168 mL, 1.5 mmol, 98% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 2.5 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCl). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (1:1 / toluene : petroleum ether) to afford 3c as a white solid (209 mg, 95% yield).

 Mol Formula
 C₁₆H₁₂O
 m.p.
 98-101 °C

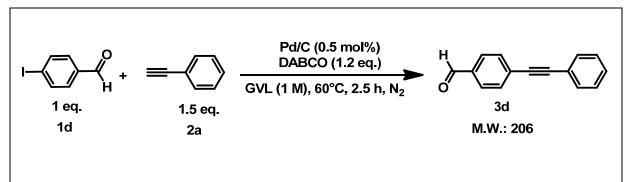
 Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C, 87.25; H, 5.49; found C: 87.00; H: 5.40

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¹ H NMR	2.63	3	S	
400 MHz	7.37-7.38	3	m	
CDCl₃	7.55-7.57	2	m	
02013	7.61	2	d	8.3
	7.94	2	d	8.3

 ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 26.6, 88.6, 92.7, 122.6, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 128.8, 131.69, 131.73, 136.2, 197.3

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 220 (M⁺, 61), 205 (100), 177 (24), 176 (55), 151 (21), 150 (17), 88 (10), 43 (10)

Chem. Name	4-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (3d)	
Lit. Ref.	Eur. J. Org. Chem., 2008 , 31, 5244-5253	



In a screw capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer Pd/C 10% wt. (5.3 mg, 0.005 mmol), GVL (1 mL, 98% purity), DABCO (139 mg, 1.2 mmol, 99% purity), 4-iodobenzaldehyde (1d) (234 mg, 1 mmol, 96% purity), and ethynylbenzene (2a) (156 mg, 0.168 mL, 1.5 mmol, 98% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 2.5 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCl). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (1:1 / toluene : petroleum ether) to afford 3d as a white solid (186 mg, 90% yield).

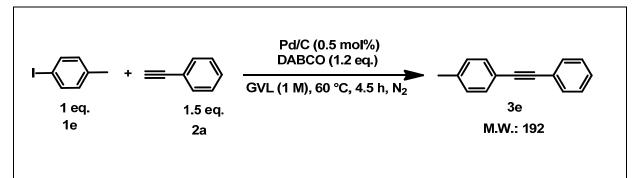
Mol Formula C₁₅H₁₀O

m.p. 95-97 °C

	δ value	No. H	Mult.	j value/Hz	
NMR	7.38	3	br		
0 MHz	7.56	2	br		
	7.68	2	d	7.8	
	7.87	2	d	7.8	
	10.02	1	S		

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 206 (M⁺, 100), 205 (71), 178 (14), 177 (20), 176 (51), 151 (20), 150 (17)

Chem. Name	1-methyl-4-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3e)
Lit. Ref.	Green Chem., 2012 , <i>14</i> , 2840–2855



In a screw capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer Pd/C 10% wt. (5.3 mg, 0.005 mmol), GVL (1 mL, 98% purity), DABCO (139 mg, 1.2 mmol, 99% purity), 1-iodo-4methylbenzene (**1e**) (220 mg, 1 mmol, 99% purity), and ethynylbenzene (**2a**) (156 mg, 0.168 mL, 1.5 mmol, 98% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 4.5 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCl). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) to afford **3e** as a white solid (154 mg, 80% yield).

Mol Formula	$C_{15}H_{12}$
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m.p. 67-70 °C

Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 93.71; H: 6.29; found C: 93.63; H: 6.19

	δ value	No. H	Mult.	j value/Hz	
¹ H NMR	2.37	3	S		
400 MHz	7.16	2	d	7.8	
	7.33-7.36	3	т		
	7.43	2	d	7.9	
	7.52-7.54	2	т		
³ C NMR	(100 6 MHz		<u>δ</u> ·2158	⊥ 8.7. 89.6. 120.2. 123.5. 128.1. 128	3

131.5, 131.6, 138.4

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 192 (M⁺, 100), 191 (100), 190 (32), 189 (47), 165 (27), 115 (10), 94 (11), 82 (10)

Chem. Name	1-methoxy-4-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3f)
Lit. Ref.	Green Chem., 2012 , 14, 2840–2855

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METHOD: In a screw capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer Pd/C 10% wt. (5.3 mg, 0.005 mmol), GVL (1 mL, 98% purity), DABCO (139 mg, 1.2 mmol, 99% purity), 1-iodo-4-methoxybenzene (**1f**) (238 mg, 1 mmol, 98% purity), and ethynylbenzene (**2a**) (156 mg, 0.168 mL, 1.5 mmol, 98% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 5 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCI). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (1:1 / toluene : petroleum ether) to afford **3f** as a white solid (156 mg, 75% yield).

Mol Formula	$C_{15}H_{12}O$
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m.p. 58-61 °C

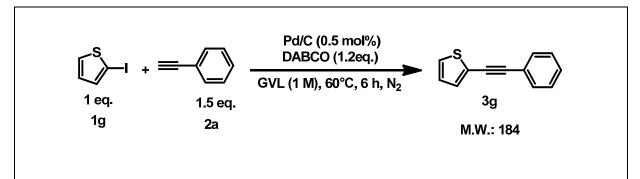
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	δ value	No. H	Mult.	j value/Hz	
¹ H NMR	3.83	3	S		
400 MHz	6.88	2	d	8.6	
CDCI₃	7.26-7.35	3	т		
	7.46-7.52	4	т		

¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 55.3, 88.0, 89.3, 114.0, 115.4, 123.6, 127.9, 128.3, 131.4, 133.0, 159.6

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 208 (M⁺, 100), 193 (10), 165 (48), 164 (17), 163 (13), 139 (13)

Chem. Name	2-(phenylethynyl)thiophene (3g)
Lit. Ref.	Green Chem., 2010 , 12, 985-991



In a screw capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer Pd/C 10% wt. (5.3 mg, 0.005 mmol), GVL (1 mL, 98% purity), DABCO (139 mg, 1.2 mmol, 99% purity), 2-iodothiophene (**1g**) (215 mg, 0.113 mL, 1 mmol, 98% purity), and ethynylbenzene (**2a**) (156 mg, 0.168 mL, 1.5 mmol, 98% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 6 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCI). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) to afford **3g** as a white solid (120 mg, 65% yield).

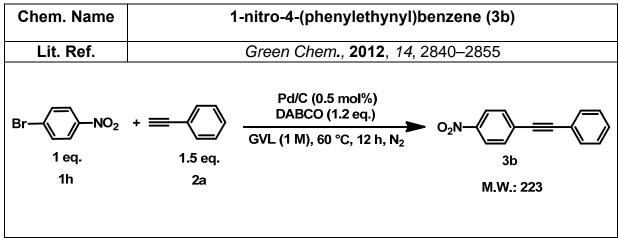
Mol Formula	$C_{12}H_8S$	m.p.	50-52 °C

Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 78.22; H: 4.38; S: 17.40 found C: 78.19; H: 4.30, S:17.38

	δ value	No. H	Mult.	j value/Hz
¹ H NMR	7.00-7.02	1	т	
400 MHz	7.29-7.30	2	т	
	7.34-7.35	3	т	
	7.51-7.53	2	т	
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¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 82.6, 93.0, 122.9, 123.3, 127.1, 127.2, 128.4, 128.4, 129.2, 131.4, 131.9, 132.5

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 184 (M⁺, 100), 183 (8), 152 (16), 139 (25), 126 (10), 113 (5), 98 (5)



In a screw capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer Pd/C 10% wt. (5.3 mg, 0.005 mmol), GVL (1 mL, 98% purity), DABCO (139 mg, 1.2 mmol, 99% purity), 1-Bromo-4-nitrobenzene (**1h**) (204 mg, 1 mmol, 99% purity), and ethynylbenzene (**2a**) (156 mg, 0.168 mL, 1.5 mmol, 98% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 12 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCl). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (1:1 / toluene / petroleum ether) to afford **3b** as a white solid (167 mg, 75% yield).

 Mol Formula
 C₁₄H₉NO₂
 m.p.
 116-118 °C

 Elemental Analysis:
 Calc.:
 C: 75.33; H: 4.06; N:6.27; found C: 75.10; H: 4.99; N:

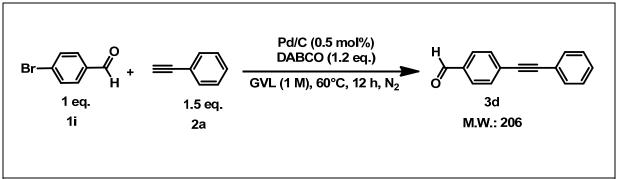
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	δ value	No. H	Mult.	j value/Hz	
¹ H NMR	7.39-7.41	3	т		
400 MHz	7.55-7.58	2	m		
	7.67	2	d	8.7	
02013	8.23	2	d	8.7	

¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 87.6, 94.7, 122.1, 123.6, 128.6, 129.3, 130.24, 131.9, 132.3, 147.0

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 223 (M⁺, 100), 193 (29), 176 (60), 165 (27), 177 (19), 151 (20), 150 (16)

Chem. Name	4-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (3d)
Lit. Ref.	Eur. J. Org. Chem., 2008 , 31, 5244-5253



In a screw capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer Pd/C 10% wt. (5.3 mg, 0.005 mmol), GVL (1 mL, 98% purity), DABCO (139 mg, 1.2 mmol 4-Bromobenzaldehyde (1i) (187 mg, 1 mmol, 99% purity), and ethynylbenzene (2a) (156 mg, 0.168 mL, 1.5 mmol, 98% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 12 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCl). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (1:1 / toluene : petroleum ether) to afford 3d as a white solid (145 mg, 70% yield).

Mol Formula C₁₅H₁₀O

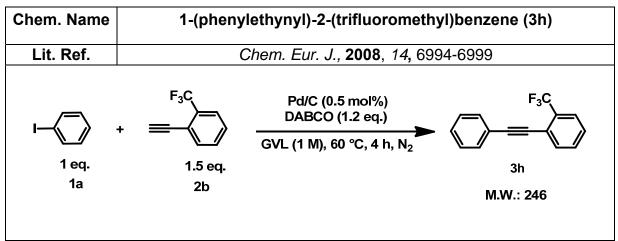
m.p. 95-97 °C

Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C, 87.36; H, 4.89; found C: 87.10; H:4.80

	δ value	No. H	Mult.	j value/Hz	
¹ H NMR	7.38	3	br		
400 MHz	7.55	2	br		
	7.68	2	d	7.8	
	7.87	2	d	7.8	
	10.02	1	S		

¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 88.5, 93.5, 122.5, 128.5, 129.0, 129.6, 131.8, 132.1, 135.4, 191.5

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 206 (M⁺, 100), 205 (71), 178 (14), 177 (20), 176 (51), 151 (20), 150 (17)



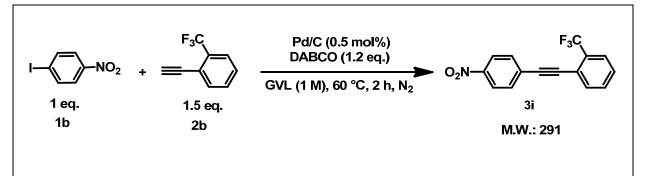
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Mol Formu	la	$C_{15}H_9F_3$	3		m.p.		70-73 °C
Elemental A	Ana	ilysis: Ca	alc.: C: 73.17	; H:	3.68;	found	C: 73.00; H: 3.60
	δ	value	No. H	Μι	ılt.	j valu	Je/Hz
¹ H NMR	7	.36-7.43	4	т			
400 MHz	7	.50-7.56	3	т			
CDCI₃	7	.66-7.69	2	т			
			: DCl₃) δ: 85.3 , 128.8, 131.4				l22.2, 122.7; 125.0, 125.9 (q, j _{F-}

¹⁹F NMR(376.4,CDCl₃) δ : -62.7

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 246 (M⁺, 100), 245 (51), 227 (18), 225 (23), 207 (6), 196 (10)

Chem. Name	1-((4-nitrophenyl)ethynyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (3i)
Lit. Ref.	Chem. Eur. J., 2008 , 14, 6994-6999



In a screw capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer Pd/C 10% wt. (5.3 mg, 0.005 mmol), GVL (1 mL, 98% purity), DABCO (139 mg, 1.2 mmol, 99% purity), 1-iodo-4nitrobenzene (**1b**) (254 mmol, 98% purity), and mg, 1 1-ethynyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2b) (263 mg, 0.215 mL, 1.5 mmol, 97% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 2 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCI). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (1:1 / petroleum ether: toluene) to afford 3i as a pale yellow solid (265 mg, 91% yield).

Mol Formula C₁₅H₈F₃NO₂

m.p. 95-98 °C

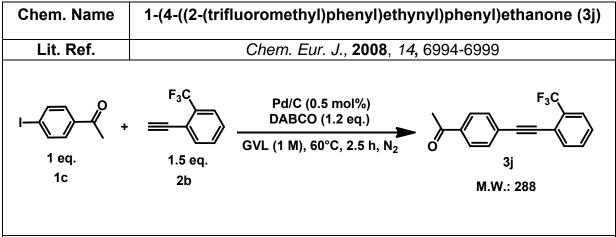
Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 61.86; H: 2.77; N: 4.81; found C: 61.76; H: 2.70; N: 4.79

	δ value	No. H	Mult.	j value/Hz	
¹ H NMR	7.47-7.51	1	т		
400 MHz	7.54-7.58	1	т		
CDCl ₃	7.66-7.73	4	т		
02013	8.23	2	d	8.5	

¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 90.6, 93.0, 120.7, 122.5, 124.1, 125.2, 126.6 (q, j_{F-} c= 4.9 Hz), 129.4, 129.9, 132.0, 132.4, 132.8, 134.4, 147.7

¹⁹F NMR(376.4,CDCl₃) δ : -62.6

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 291 (M⁺, 100), 261 (19), 245 (24), 243 (10), 233 (24), 232 (24), 225 (34), 214 (12)



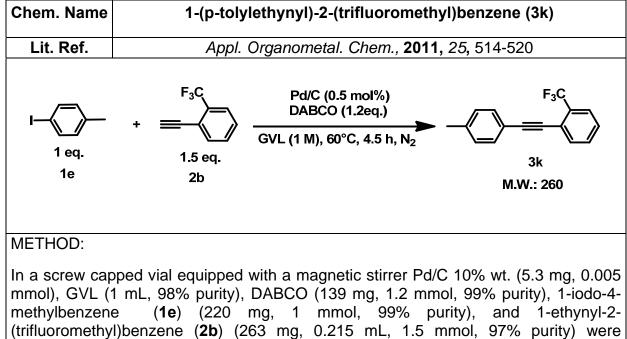
In a screw capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer Pd/C 10% wt. (5.3 mg, 0.005 mmol), GVL (1 mL, 98% purity), DABCO (139 mg, 1.2 mmol, 99% purity), 1-(4-iodophenyl)ethanone (1c) (251 mg, 1 mmol, 98% purity), and 1-ethynyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (2b) (263 mg, 0.215 mL, 1.5 mmol, 97% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 2.5 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCI). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (1:1 / petroleum ether : toluene) to obtain 3j as a white solid (277 mg, 96% yield).

Mol Formula	$C_{17}H_{11}F_{3}O$	m.p.	80-83 °C

Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 70.83; H: 3.85; found C:70.79; H: 3.80

	δ value	No. H	Mult.	j value/Hz	
¹ H NMR	2.62	3	S		
400 MHz	7.46-7.48	1	m		
	7.53-7.57	1	m		1
CD C13	7.63	2	d	8.1	1
	7.68-7.72	2	m		1
	7.96	2	d	8.1	1
¹³ C NMR (100.6 MHz,	CDCl ₃) δ :	26.7, 88.	4, 93.8, 120.9, 122.2, 124.9, 126.0	(q, j _{F-}
				.8, 133.8, 136.6, 197.3	
¹⁹ F NMR(3	376.4, CDCI	$\delta : -62.7$			

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 288 (M⁺, 49), 274 (17), 273 (100), 245 (29), 243 (8), 225 (29), 219 (6), 214 (6)



(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**2b**) (263 mg, 0.215 mL, 1.5 mmol, 97% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 4.5 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCl). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) to afford **3k** as a white solid (182 mg, 70% yield).

Mol Formula	$C_{16}H_{11}F_3$	m.p.	73-75 °C

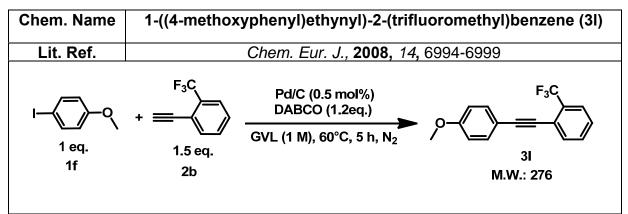
Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 73.84; H: 4.26; found C: 73.79; H: 4.25

	δ value	No. H	Mult.	j value/Hz	
¹ H NMR	2.38	3	S		
400 MHz	7.18	2	d	7.6	
	7.38-7.53	4	т		
	7.65-7.69	2	т		

¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 21.5, 84.8, 95.2, 119.7, 121.8, 122.3, 125.0, 125.9 (q, j_{F-C}= 4.8 Hz), 127.7, 129.2, 131.4, 131.6, 133.6, 139.1

¹⁹F NMR(376.4,CDCl₃) δ : -62.6

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 260 (M⁺, 100), 259 (26), 239 (21), 238 (25), 221 (9), 220 (20),189 (11)



In a screw capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer Pd/C 10% wt. (5.3 mg, 0.005 mmol), GVL (1 mL, 98% purity), DABCO (139 mg, 1.2 mmol, 99% purity), 1-iodo-4-methoxybenzene (**1f**) (238 mg, 1 mmol, 98% purity), and 1-ethynyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**2b**) (263 mg, 0.215 mL, 1.5 mmol, 97% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 5 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCl). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (1:1 / petroleum ether : toluene) to afford **3I** as a white solid (180 mg, 65% yield).

Mol Formula $C_{16}H_{11}F_3O$ m.p.64-67 °C	Mol Formula
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Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 69.56; H: 4.01; found C: 69.49; H: 3.99

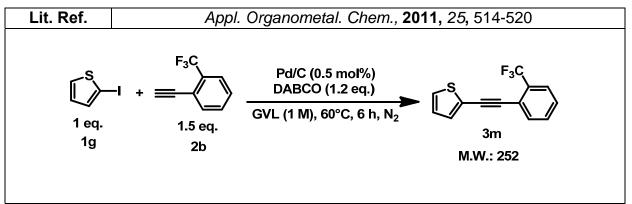
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		7.36-7.40	1	т	
7.63-7.68 2 m		7.49	3	d	8
		7.63-7.68	2	т	

¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 55.3, 84.2, 95.1, 114.0, 114.8, 121.9, 122.3, 125.0, 125.9 (q, j_{F-C}= 4.8 Hz), 127.5, 131.3, 133.2, 133.4, 160.1

¹⁹F NMR(376.4,CDCl₃) δ : -62.9

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 276 (M⁺, 100), 261 (19), 233 (27), 232 (43), 214 (9), 183 (14)

Chem. Name 2-((2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)thiophene (3m)	Chem. Name	2-((2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)thiophene (3m)
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In a screw capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer Pd/C 10% wt. (5.3 mg, 0.005 mmol), GVL (1 mL, 98% purity), DABCO (139 mg, 1.2 mmol, 99% purity), 2-iodothiophene (**1g**) (215 mg, 0.113 mL, 1 mmol, 98% purity), and 1-ethynyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**2b**) (263 mg, 0.215 mL, 1.5 mmol, 97% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 6 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCl). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) to obtain **3m** as a white solid (151 mg, 60% yield).

Mol Formula $C_{13}H_7F_3S$ m.p.55-56 °C
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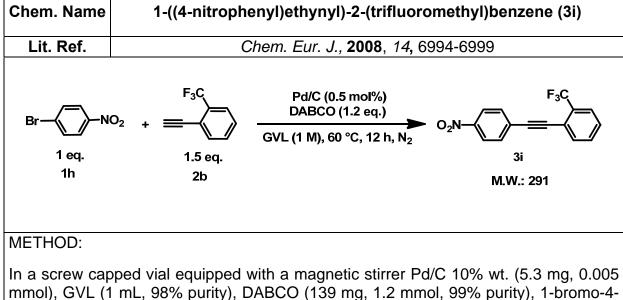
Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 61.90; H: 2.80; S: 12.71; found C: 61.88, H: 2.78, S: 12.67

	δ value	No. H	Mult.	j value/Hz	
¹ H NMR	7.04-7.06	1	т		
400 MHz	7.35-7.36	2	т		
	7.42-7.43	1	т		
CDCI₃	7.50-7.54	1	т		
	7.65-7.70	2	т		

¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 88.3, 89.1, 121.2, 122.2, 122.6, 124.9, 125.9 (q, $j_{F-C} = 4.9$ Hz), 127.2, 128.0, 128.2, 131.4, 132.7, 133.4

¹⁹F NMR(376.4,CDCl₃) δ : -62.7

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 252 (M⁺, 100), 233 (32), 219 (11), 207 (9), 206 (11), 202 (10), 188 (10)



nitrobenzene (**1h**) (204 mg, mmol, 99% purity), and 1-ethynyl-2-1 (trifluoromethyl)benzene (2b) (263 mg, 0.215 mL, 1.5 mmol, 97% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 12 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCl). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (1:1 / petroleum ether : toluene) to afford **3i** as a white solid (224 mg, 77% yield).

Mol Formula	$C_{15}H_8F_3NO_2$	m.p.	95-98 °C

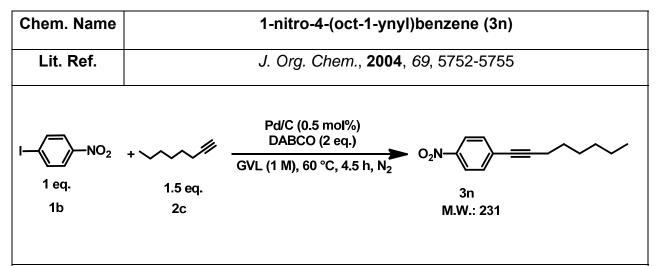
Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 61.86; H: 2.77; N: 4.81; found C: 61.76; H: 2.70; N: 4.79

	δ value	No. H	Mult.	j value/Hz
¹ H NMR	7.47-7.51	1	т	
400 MHz	7.54-7.58	1	т	
	7.66-7.73	4	т	
	8.23	2	d	8.5

¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 90.6, 93.0, 120.7, 122.5, 124.1, 125.2, 126.6 (q, j_{F-} c= 4.9 Hz), 129.4, 129.9, 132.0, 132.4, 132.8, 134.4, 147.7

¹⁹F NMR(376.4,CDCl₃) δ : 62.6

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 291 (M⁺, 100), 261 (19), 245 (24), 243 (10), 233 (24), 232 (24), 225 (34), 214 (12)



In a screw capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer Pd/C 10% wt. (5.3 mg, 0.005 mmol), GVL (1 mL, 98% purity), DABCO (231 mg, 2 mmol, 99% purity), 1-iodo-4nitrobenzene (**1b**) (254 mg, 1 mmol, 98% purity), and oct-1-yne (**2c**) (172 mg, 0.230 mL, 1.5 mmol, 97% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 4.5 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCl). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (1:1 / petroleum ether : toluene) to afford **3n** as an oil (218 mg, 94% yield).

Mol Formula | C₁₄H₁₇NO₂

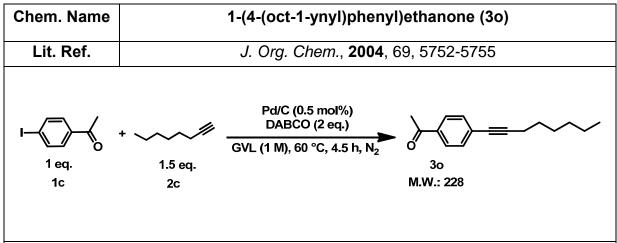
m.p. oil

Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 71.87; H: 6.96; N: 6.06; found C: 71.80; H: 6.90; N: 6.00

	δ value	No. H	Mult.	j value/Hz	
¹ H NMR					
400 MHz	0.91	3	t	6.6	
CDCl₃	1.32-1.34	4	т		
02013	1.42-1.49	2	m		
	1.58 -1.66	2	m		
	2.44	2	t	7.1	
	7.51	2	d	8.7	
	8.15	2	d	8.7	

¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 14.0; 19.6; 22.5; 28.3; 28.6; 31.3; 79.3; 96.2; 123.5; 131.2; 132.2; 146.6

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 231 (M⁺, 21), 202 (60), 188 (51), 156 (45), 142 (71), 141 (53), 128 (100), 129 (54), 114 (45), 115 (75), 116 (46)

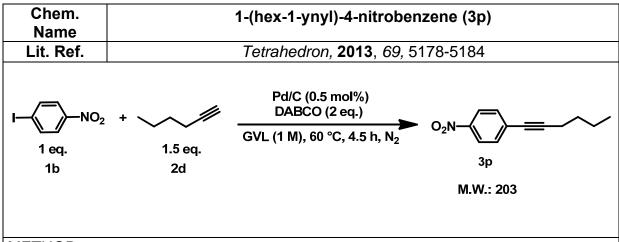


In a screw capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer Pd/C 10% wt. (5.3 mg, 0.005 mmol), GVL (1 mL, 98% purity), DABCO (231 mg, 2 mmol, 99% purity), 1-(4-iodophenyl)ethanone (**1c**) (251 mg, 1 mmol, 98% purity), and oct-1-yne (**2c**) (172 mg, 0.230 mL, 1.5 mmol, 97% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 4.5 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCl). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (1:1 / petroleum ether : toluene) to afford **3o** as an oil (220 mg, 96% yield).

Mol Formula	C ₁₆ H ₂₀ O			m.p.	oil	
Elemental An	alysis: Calc	.: C: 84.16	6; H: 8.83	; found C	L C: 84.10; H: 8	.79
	δ value	No. H	Mult.	j valu	e/Hz	
H NMR	0.91	3	t	6.4		
00 MHz	1.24-1.33	4	m			
DCI ₃	1.42-1.49	2	m			
	1.59-1.65	2	m			
	2.43	2	t	7.1		
	2.61	3	S			
	7.46	2	d	8.2		
	7.87	2	d	8.2		

¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 14.0; 19.5; 22.5; 26.6; 28.5; 28.6; 31.3; 80.1; 94.4; 128.1; 129.2; 131.6; 135.6; 197.4

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 228 (M⁺, 26), 213 (48), 157 (25), 143 (25), 129 (51), 128 (28), 115 (28), 114 (33)



In a screw capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer Pd/C 10% wt. (5.3 mg, 0.005 mmol), GVL (1 mL, 98% purity), DABCO (231 mg, 2 mmol, 99% purity), 1-iodo-4nitrobenzene (**1b**) (254 mg, 1 mmol, 98% purity), and hex-1-yne (**2d**) (127 mg, 0.178 mL, 1.5 mmol, 97% purity) were consecutively added, the resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and left under stirring at 60 °C. After 4.5 hours, petroleum ether was added and the reaction mixture was filtered over a small pad of celite, washed with neutral water and, subsequently, with acidic water (1 M HCl). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (1:1 / petroleum ether : toluene) to afford **3p** as an oil (177 mg, 87% yield).

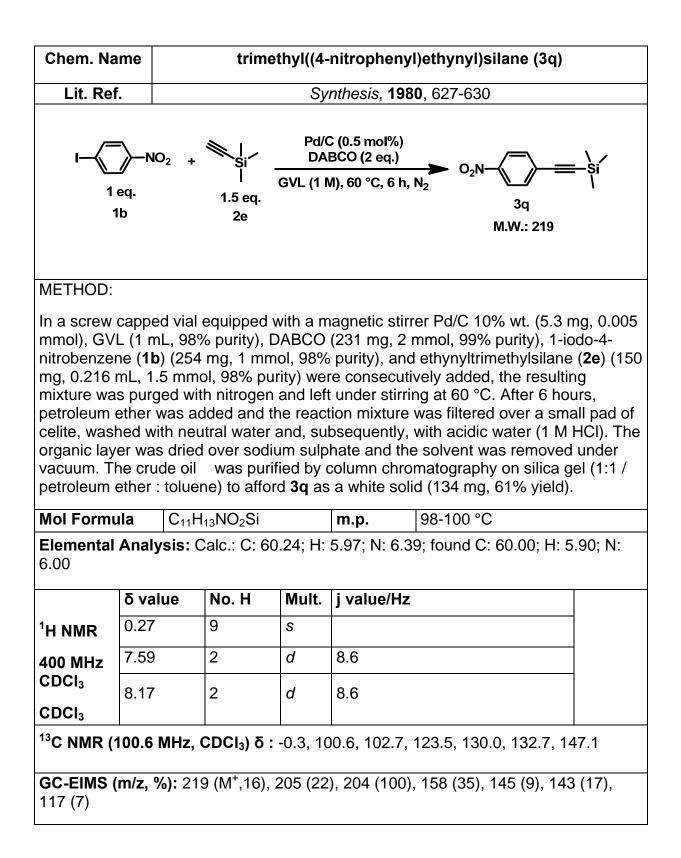
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 m.p.
 oil

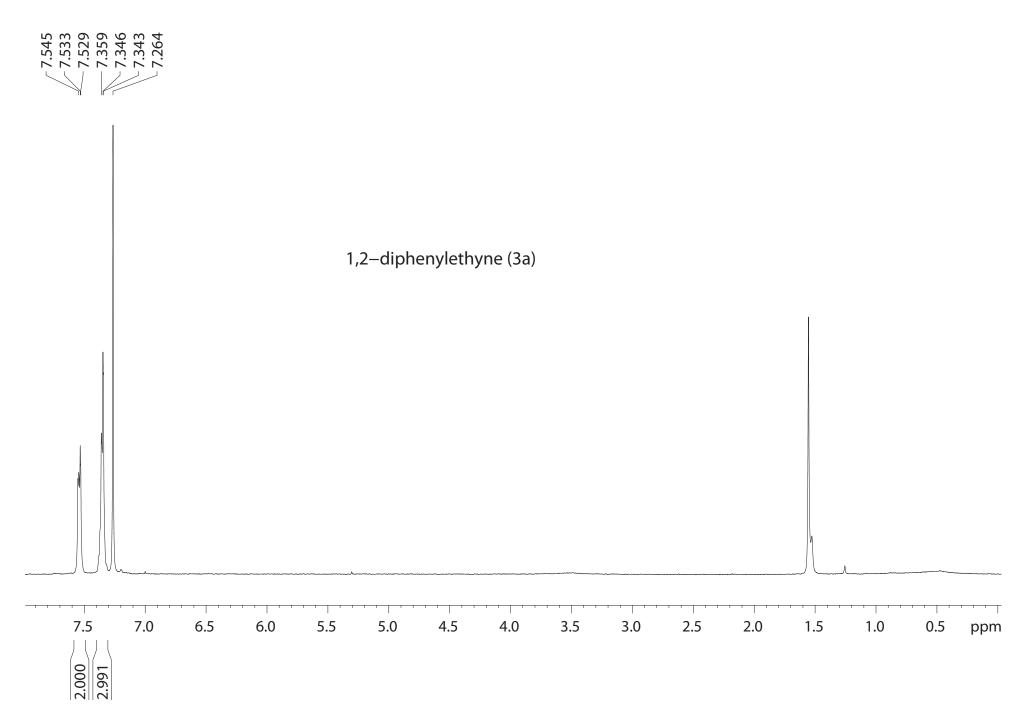
 Elemental Analysis:
 Calc.:
 C: 70.92; H: 6.45; N: 6.89; found C: 70.89; H: 6.40; N: 6.80

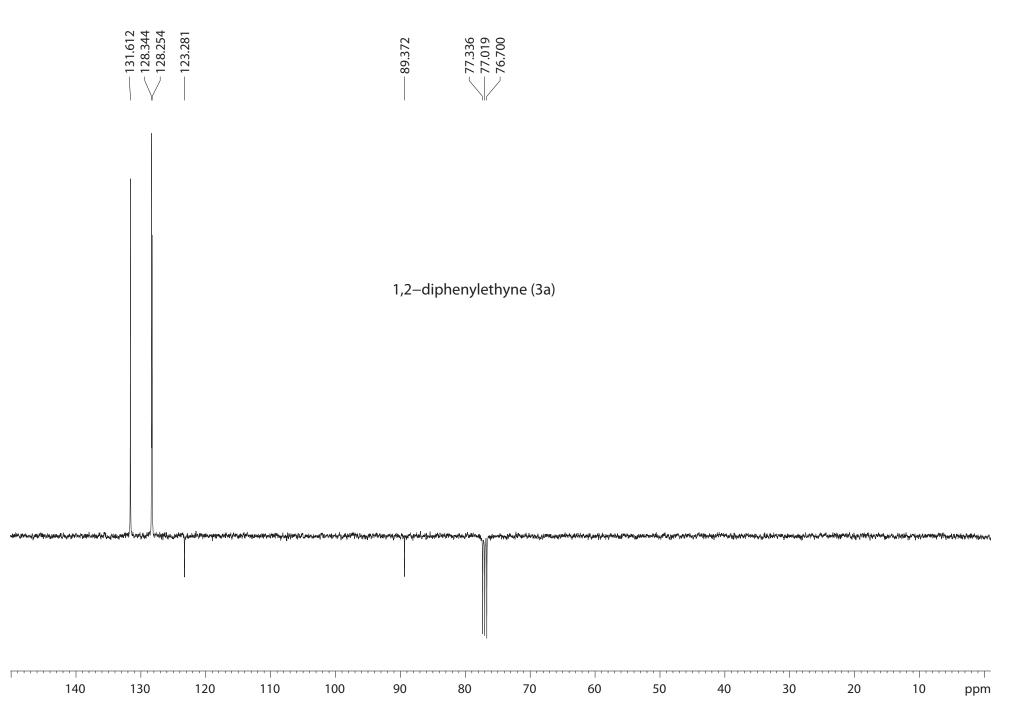
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¹ H NMR	0.96	3	t	7.2	
400 MHz	1.45-1.53	2	m		
CDCI₃	1.57-1.65	2	т		
02013	2.45	2	t	7.1	
	7.51	2	d	8.7	
	8.14	2	d	8.7	

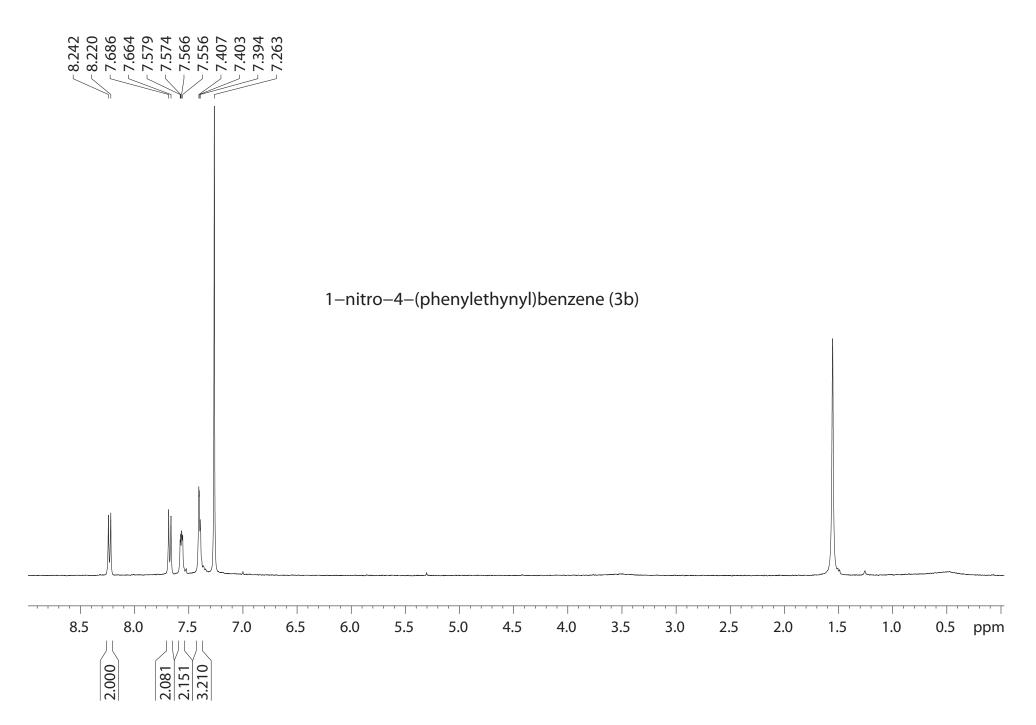
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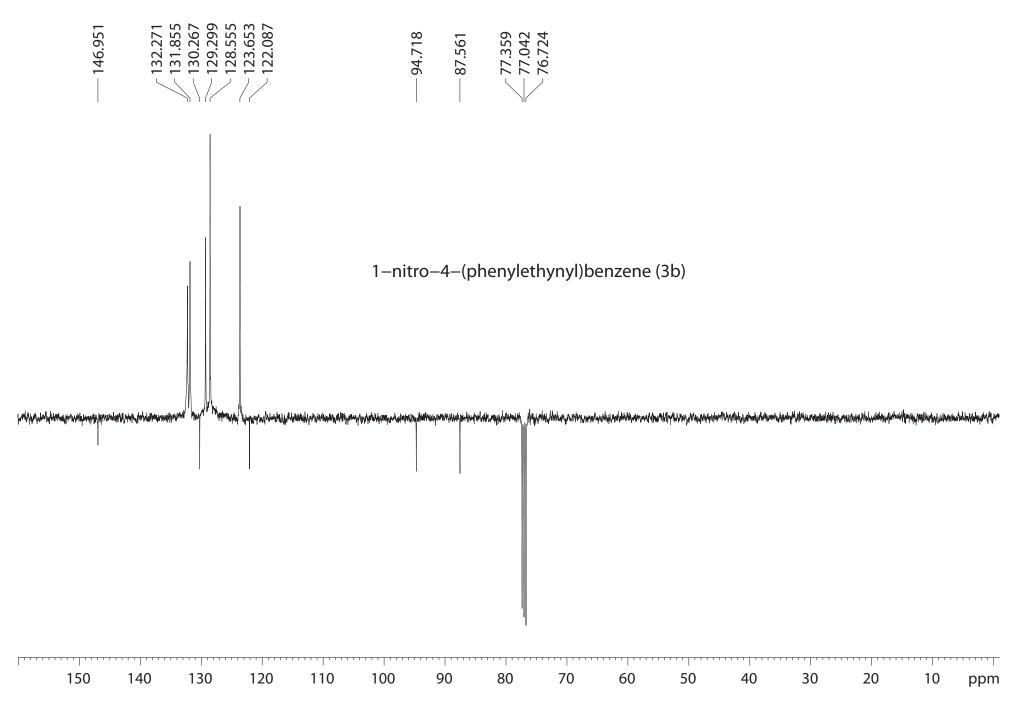
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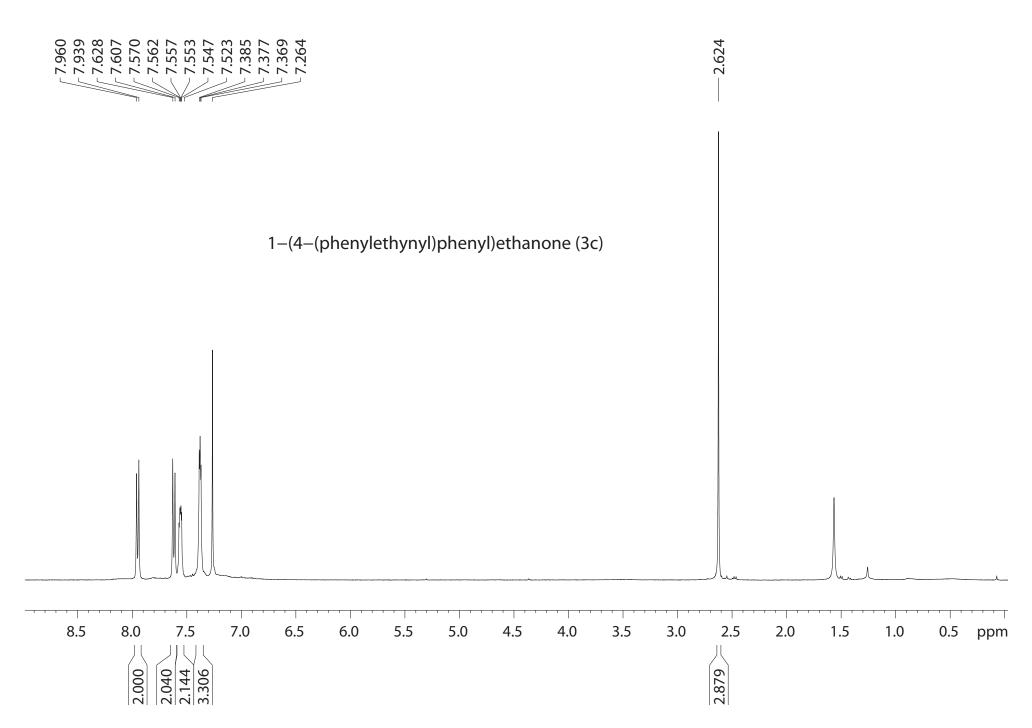


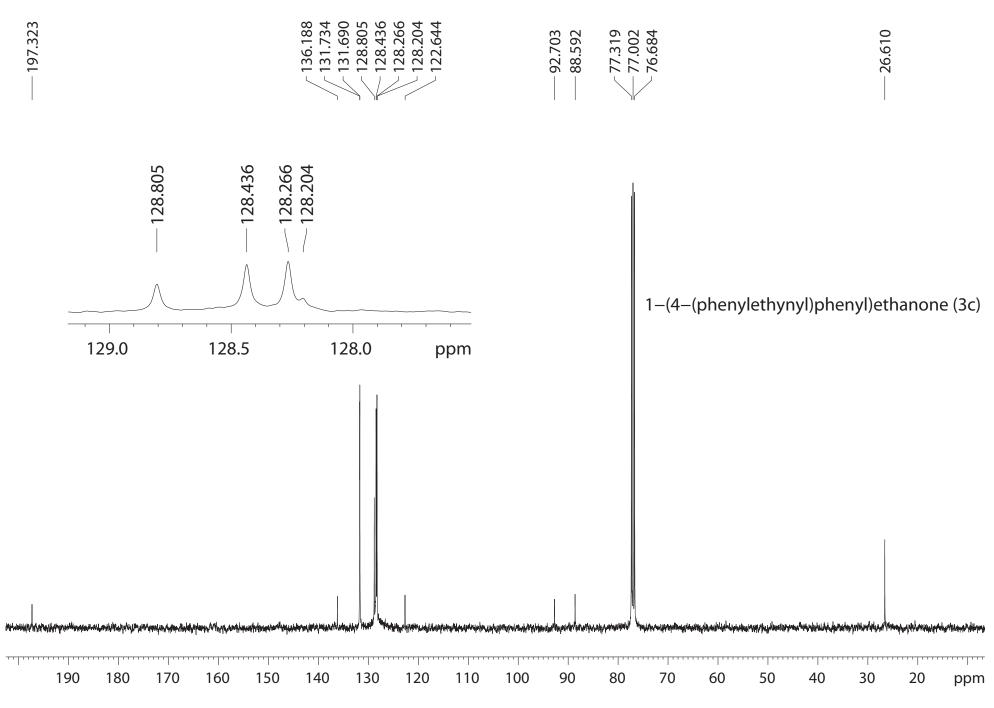


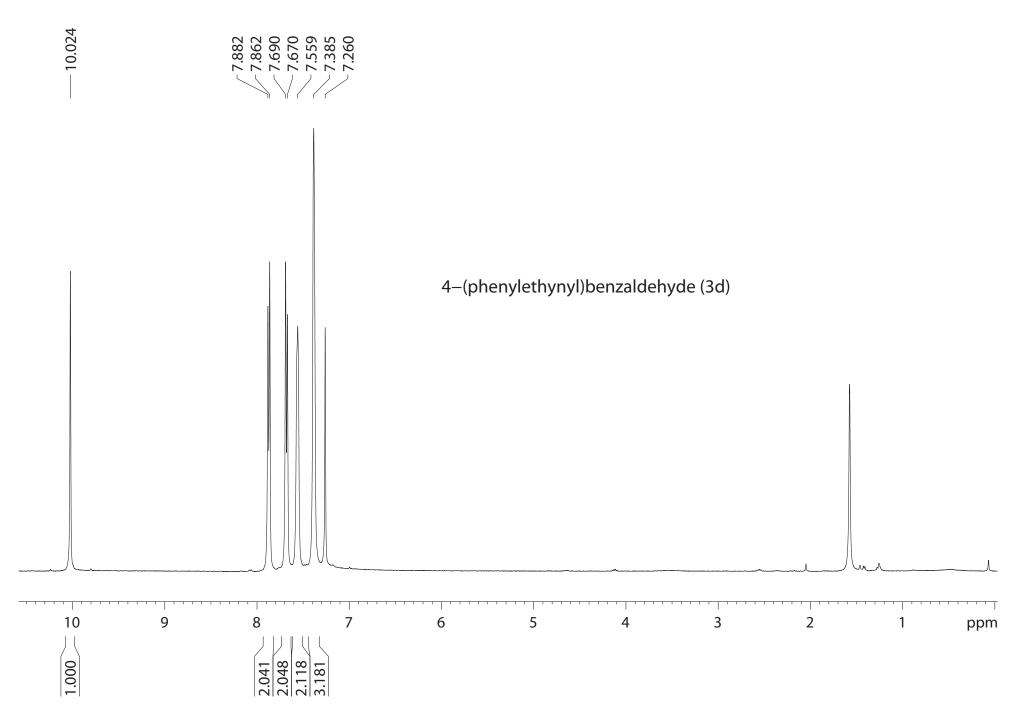


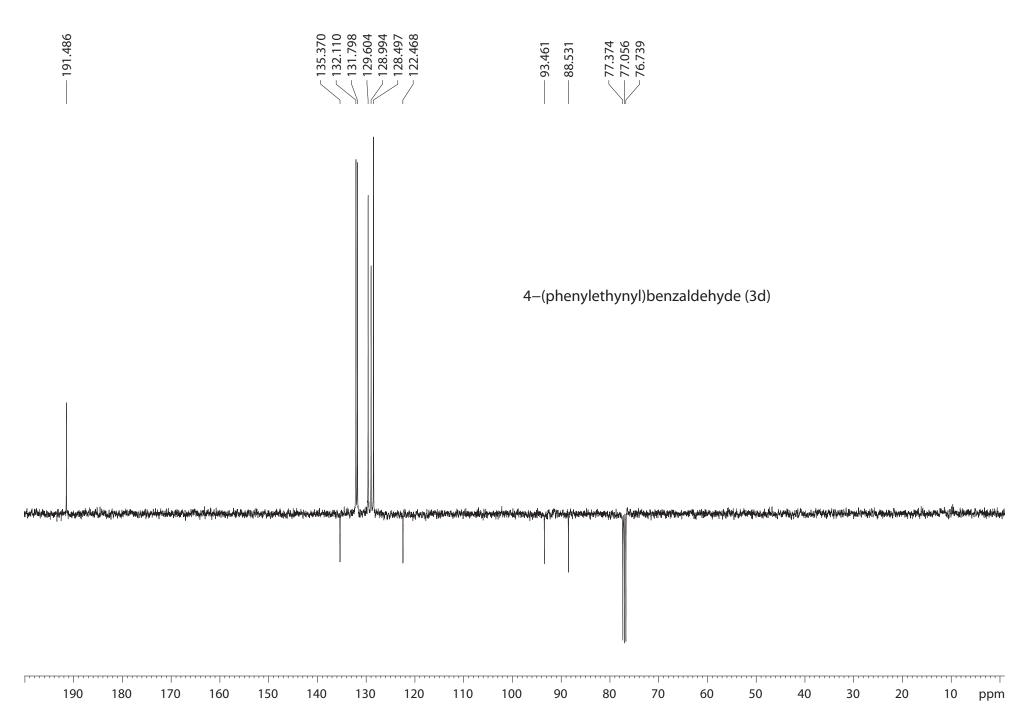


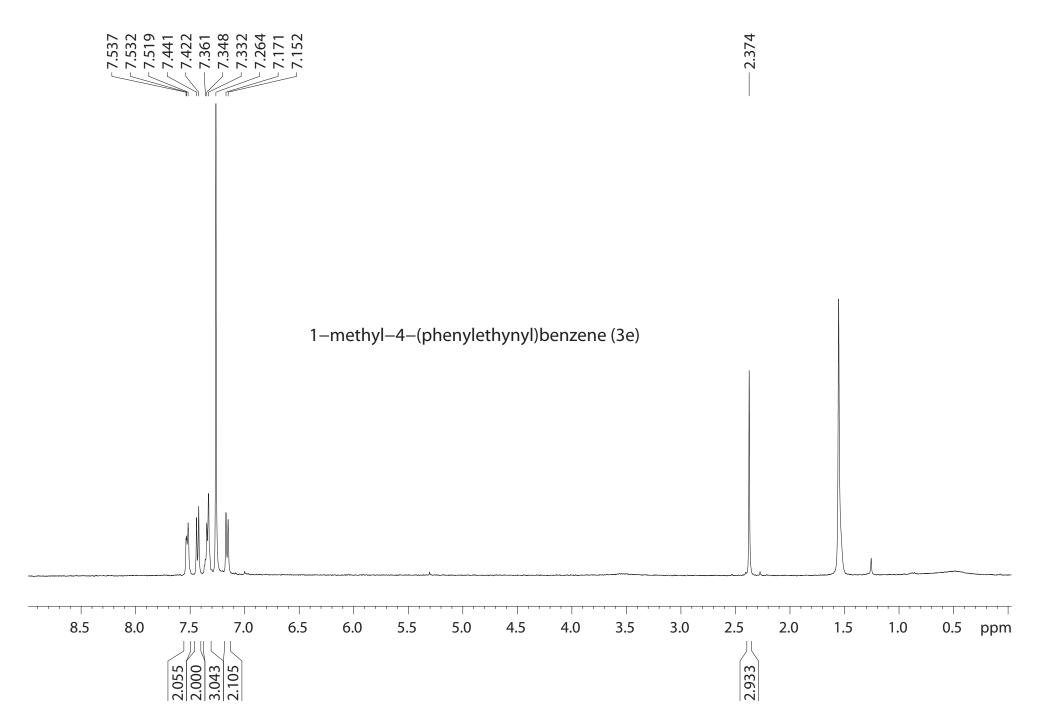


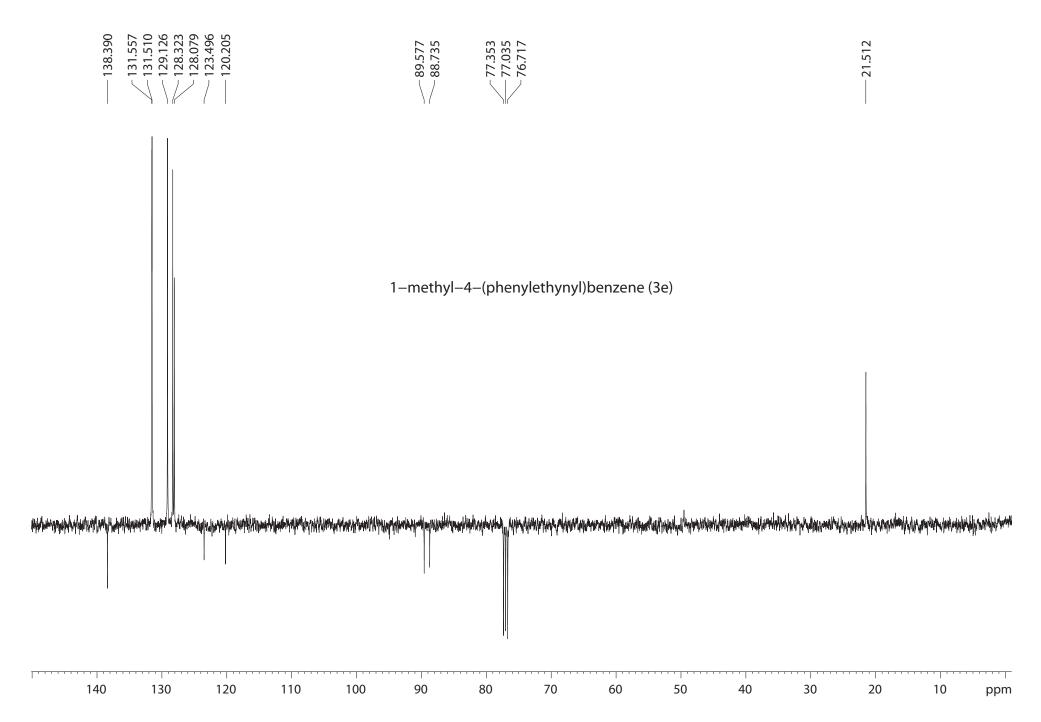


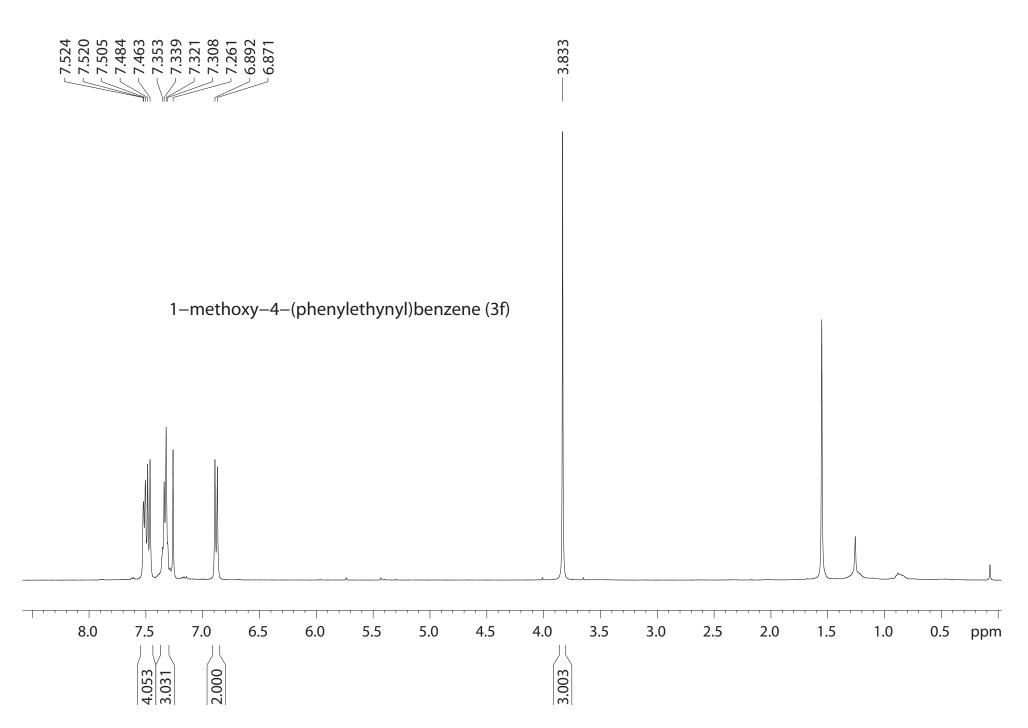


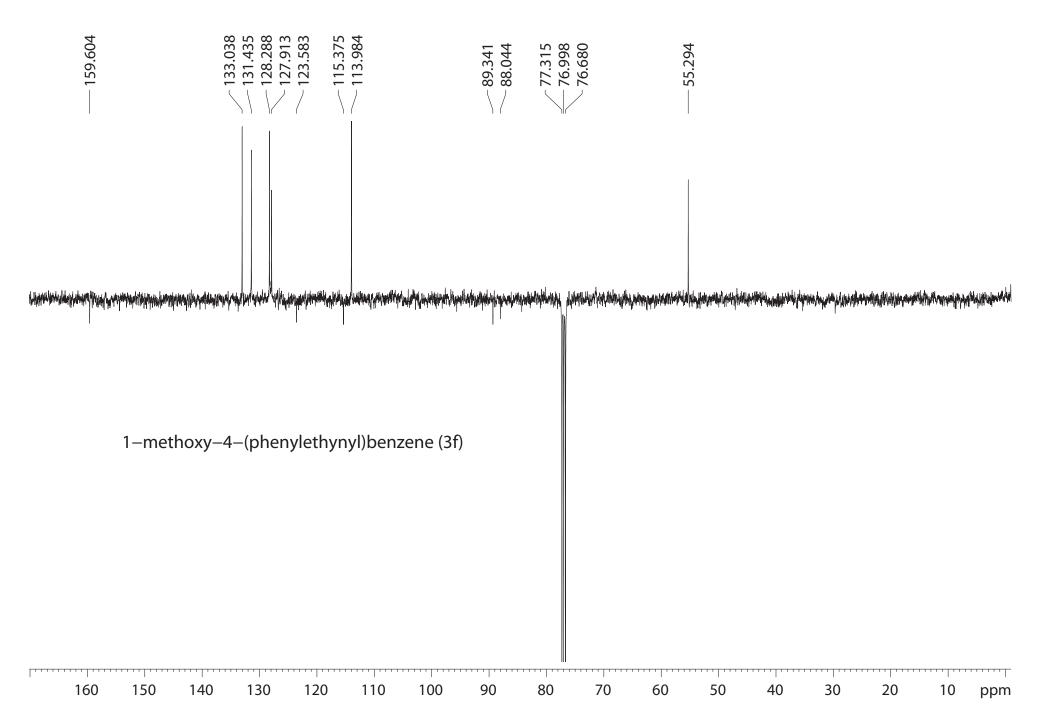


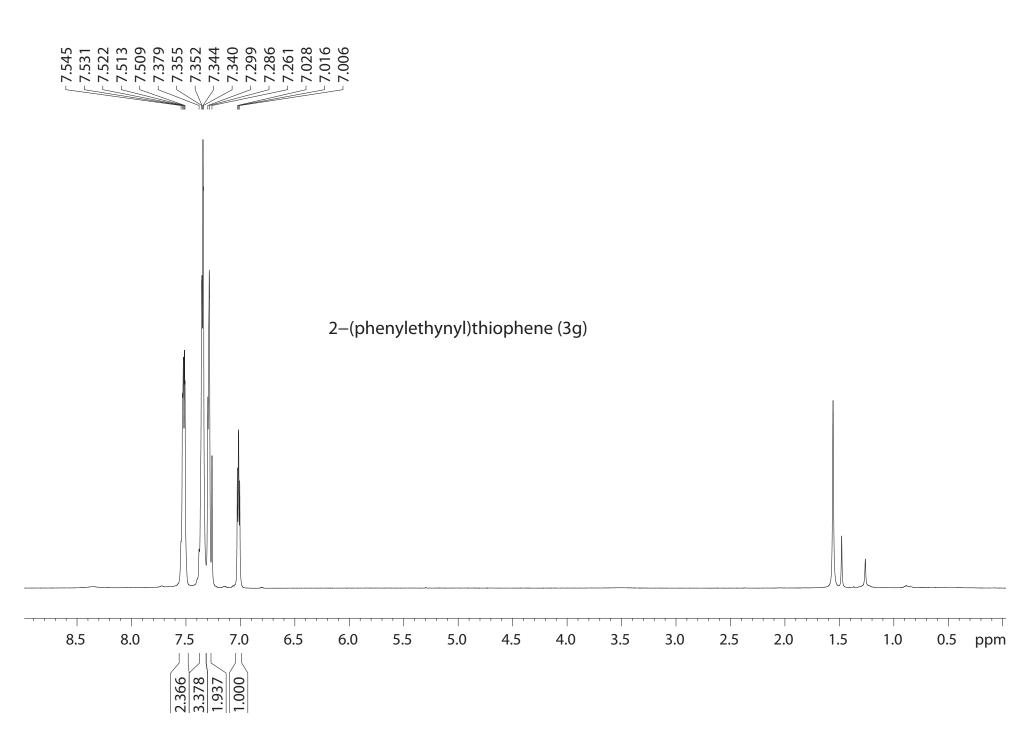


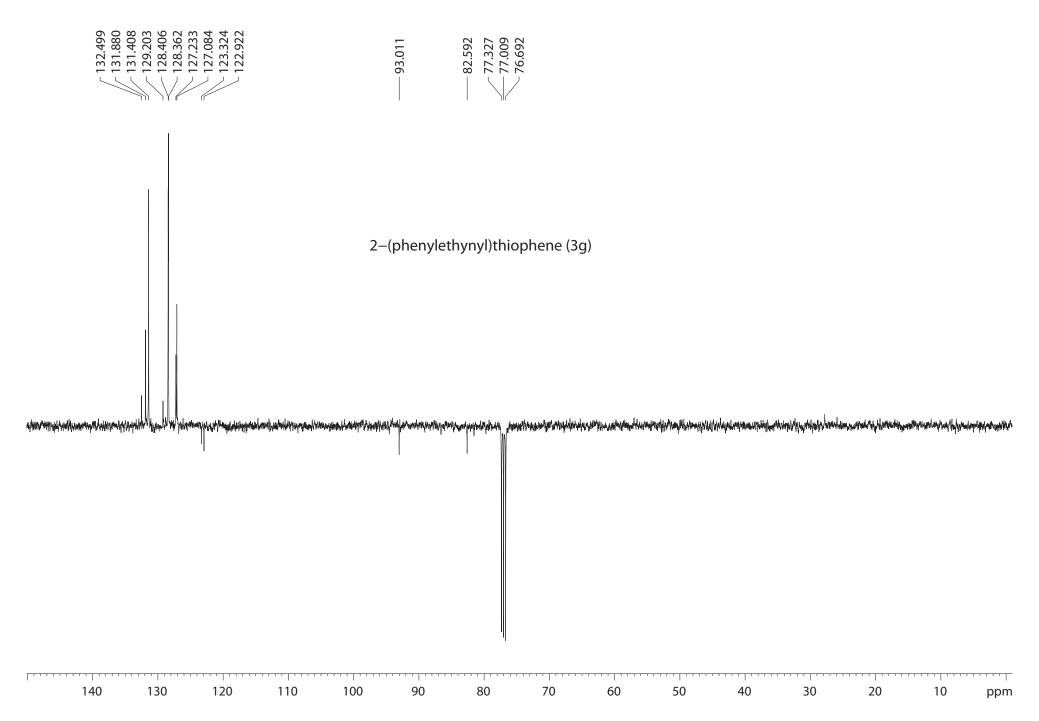


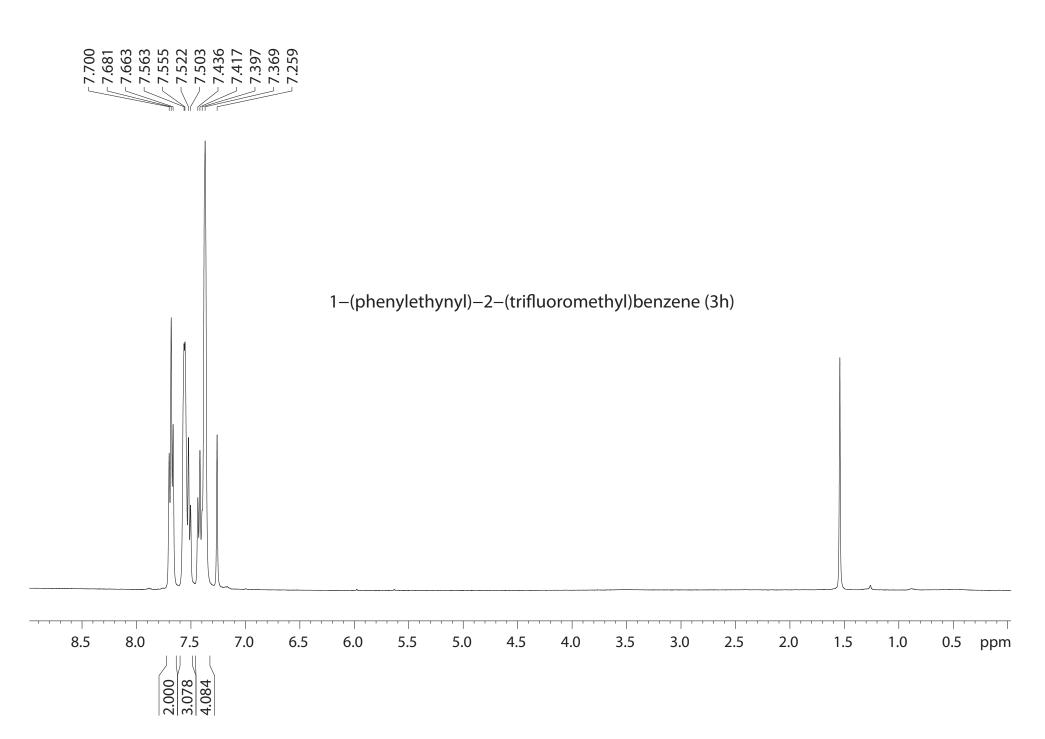


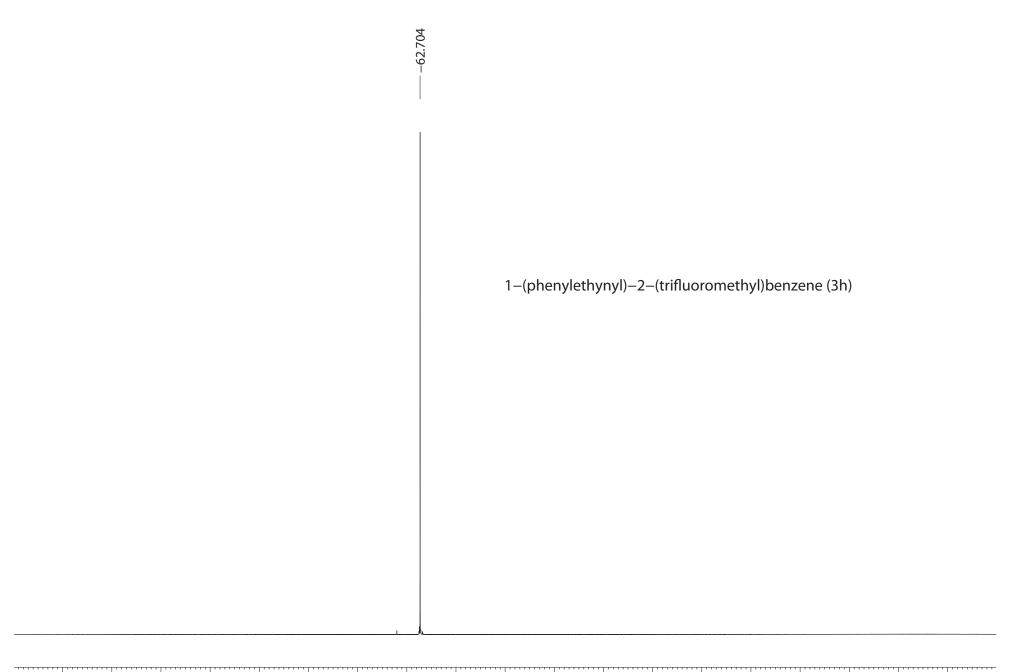




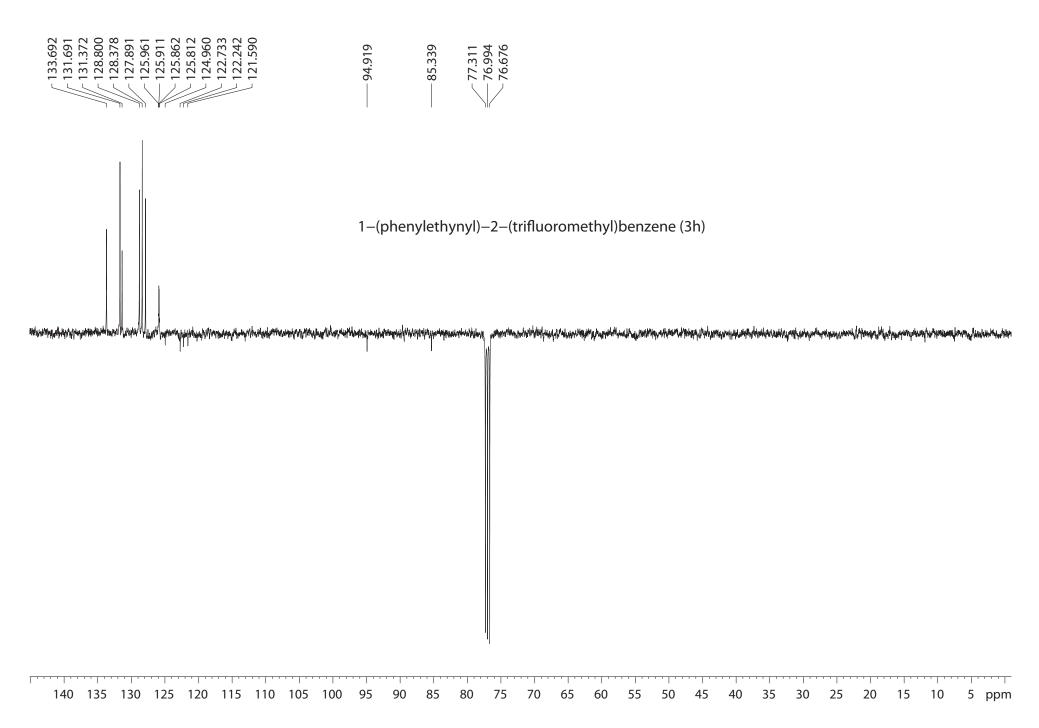


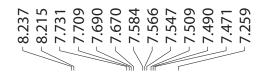


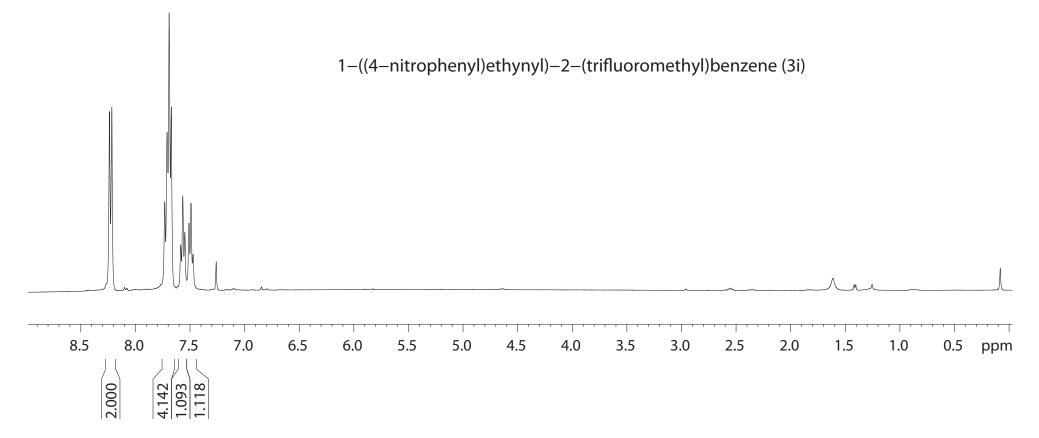


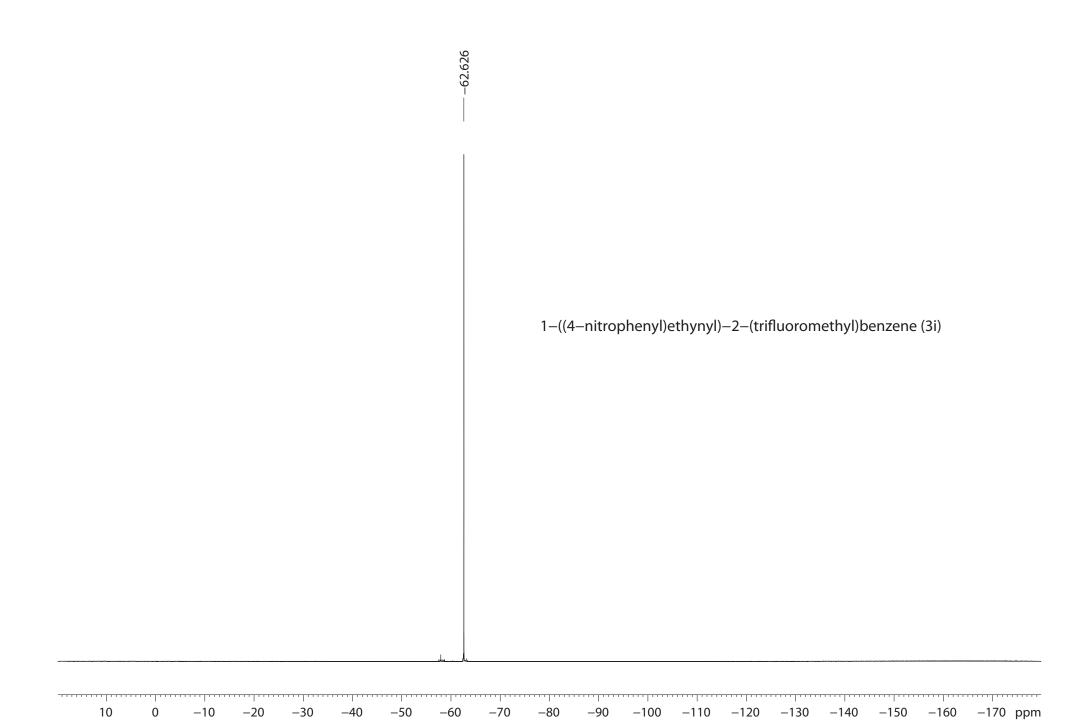


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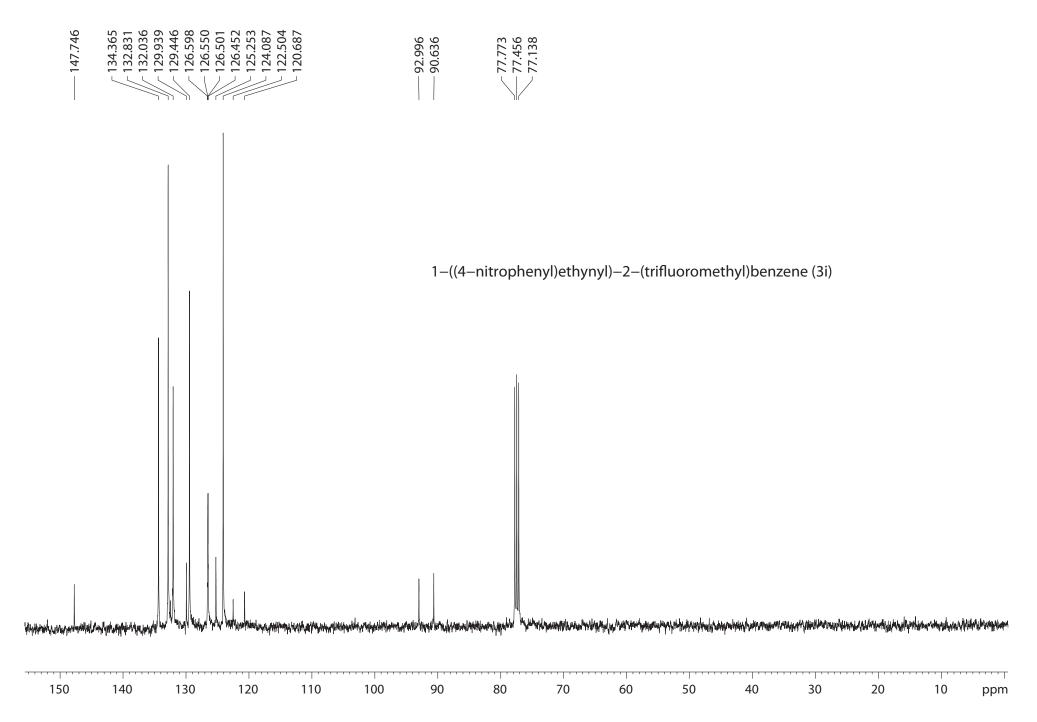


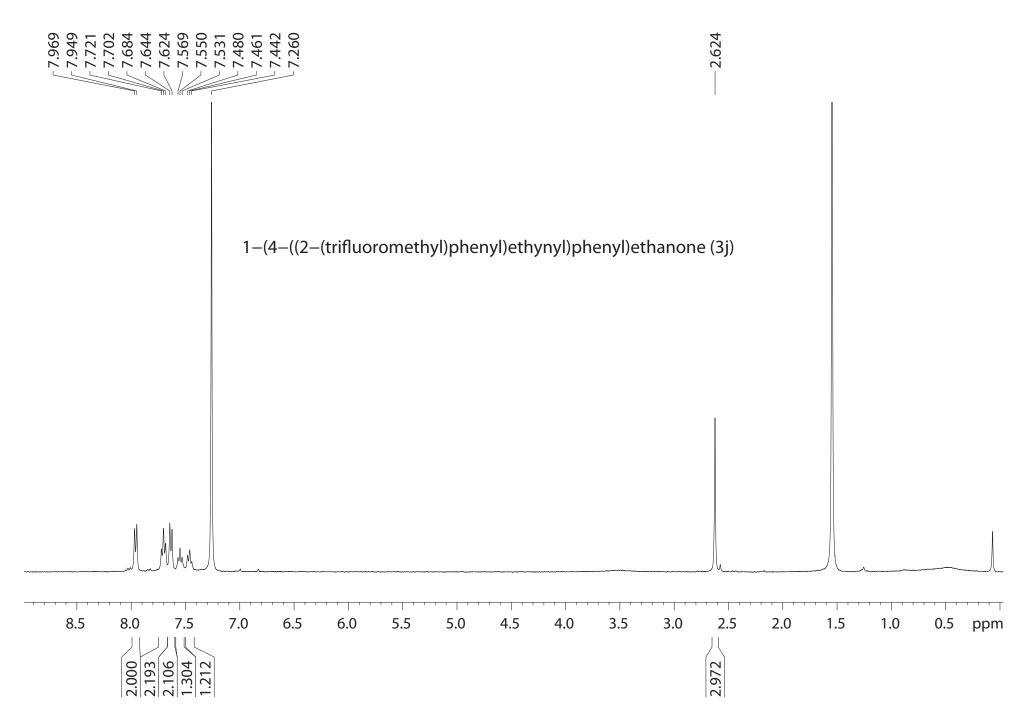






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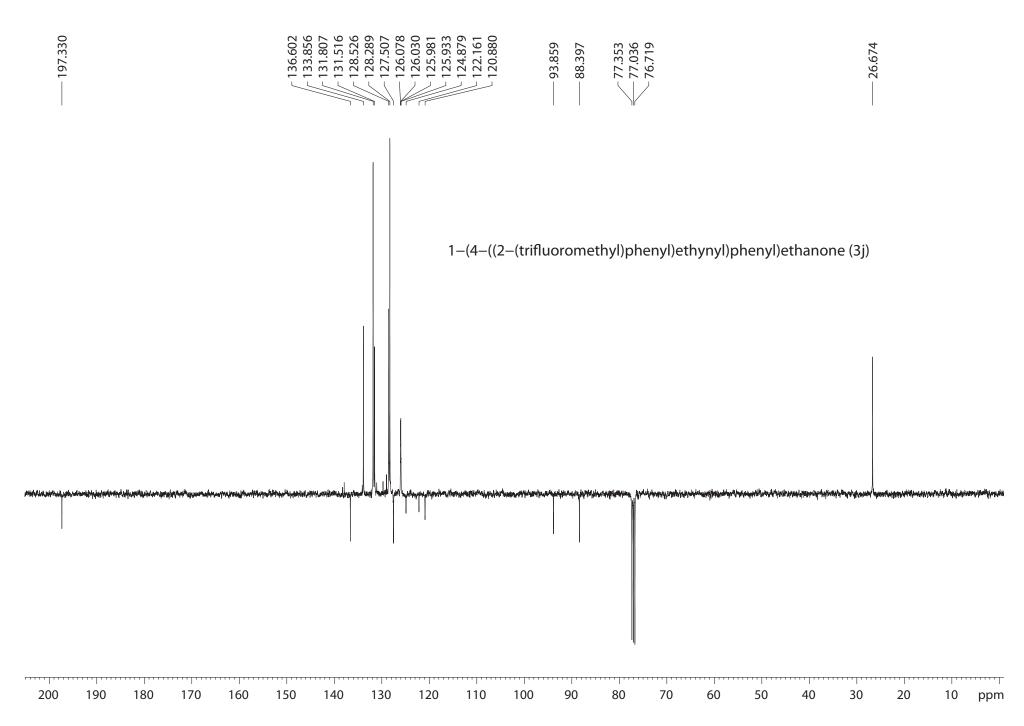
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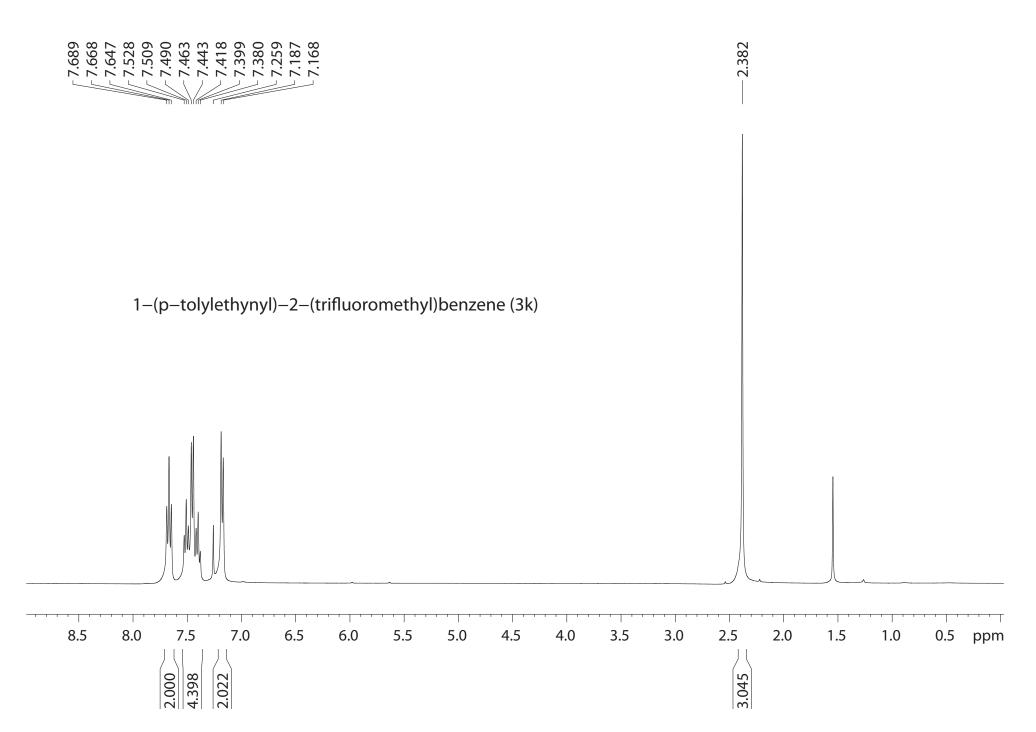
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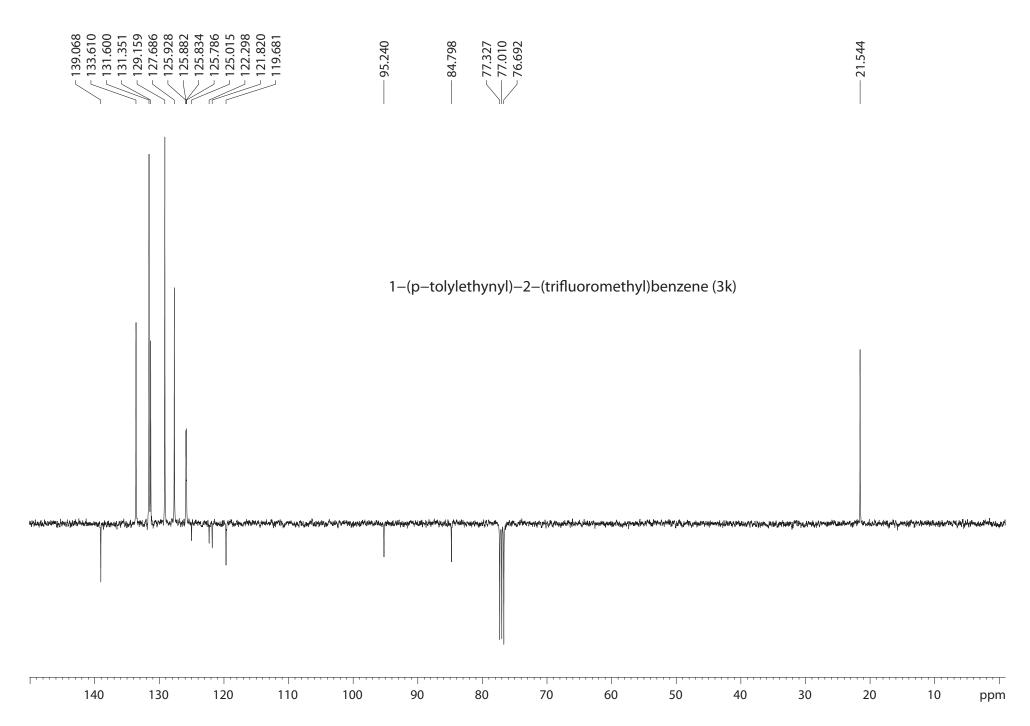


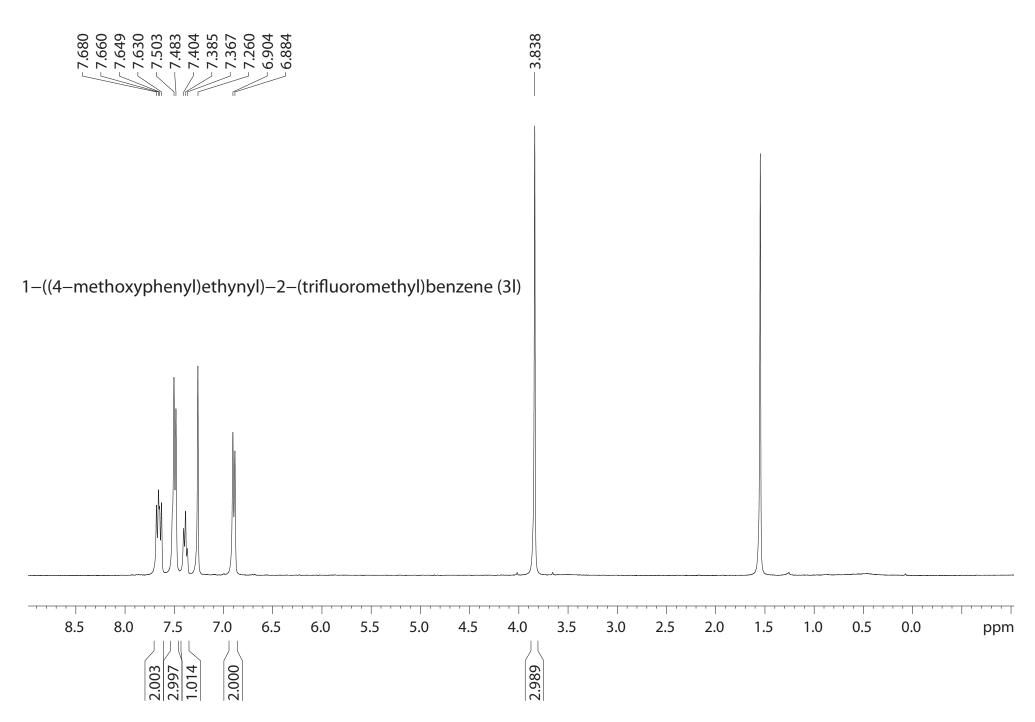


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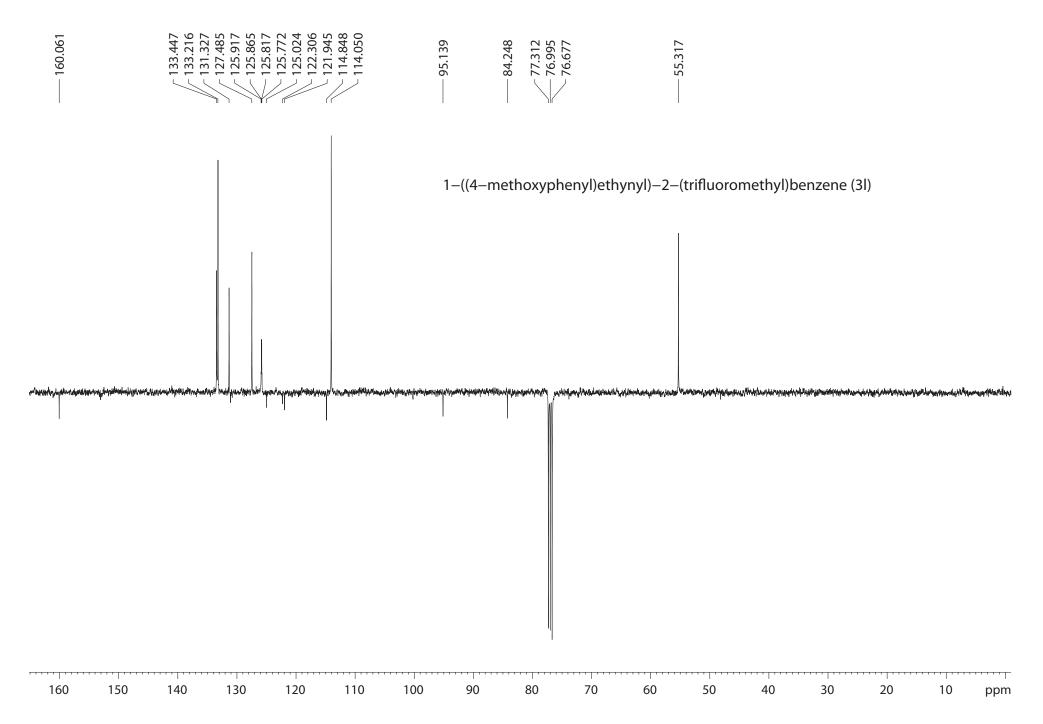
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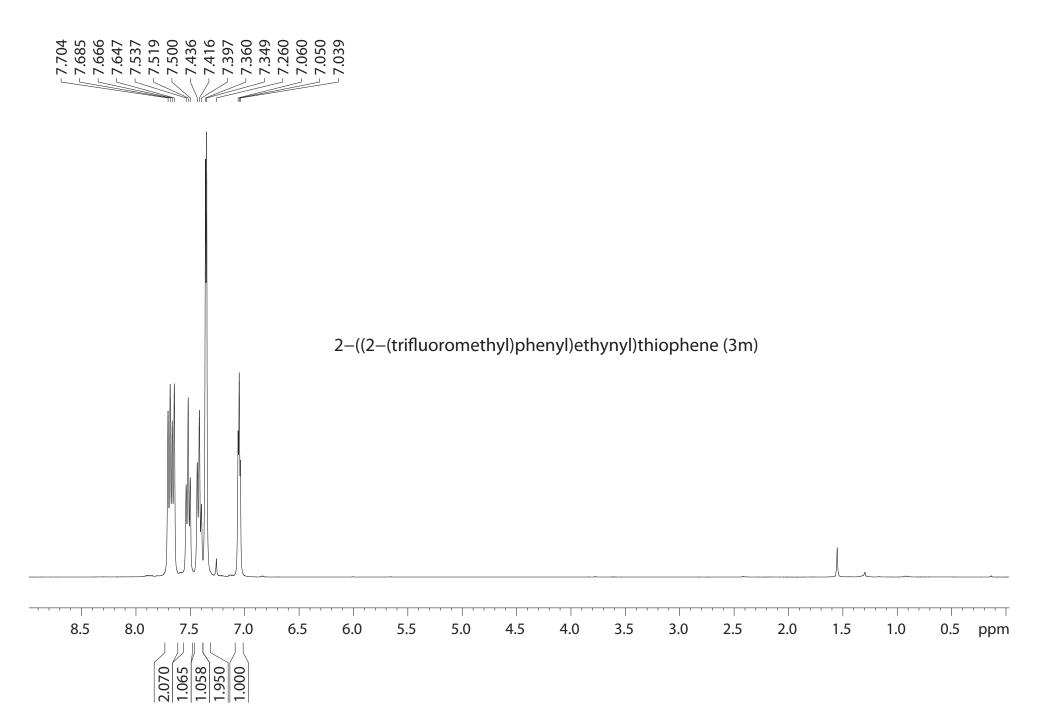




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2–((2–(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)thiophene (3m)

-60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 ppm

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