

Rhodium-catalysed arylation annulation of 1,4-enynes with arylboronic acids

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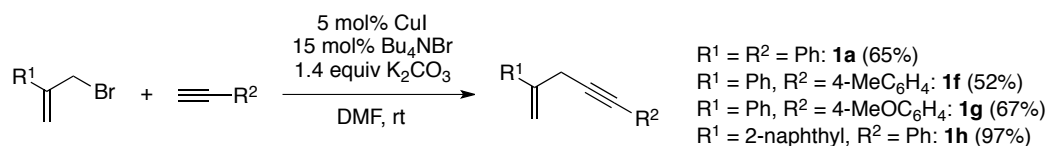
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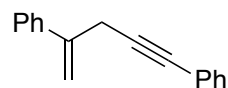
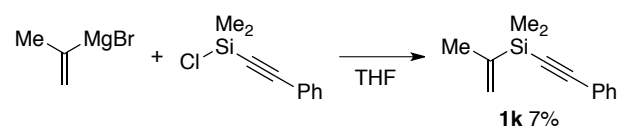
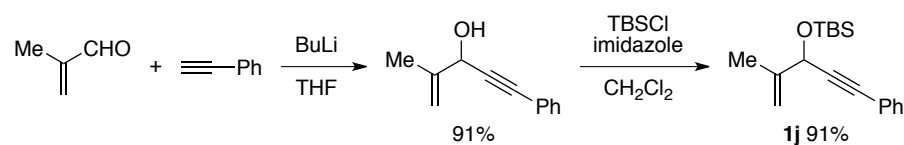
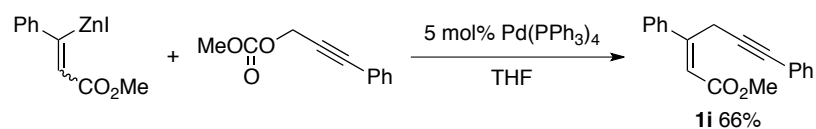
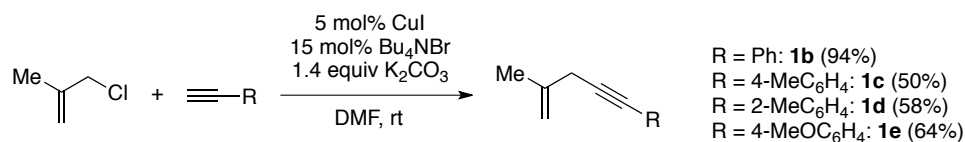
General. All reactions were carried out with standard Schlenk techniques under an argon or nitrogen atmosphere. Column chromatography was carried out on Wakogel[®] C-200 (75–150 μ m). Preparative thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Wakogel[®] B-5F. Proton chemical shifts were referenced to residual CHCl₃ signal at 7.26 ppm. Carbon chemical shifts were referenced to CDCl₃ at 77.0 ppm.

Materials. 1,4-Enynes were prepared according to the literature methods.¹ All other commercially available chemical resources were used as received without further purification.

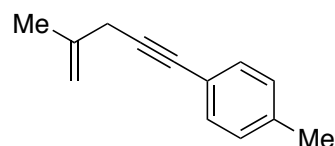
Preparation of 1,4-Enynes.



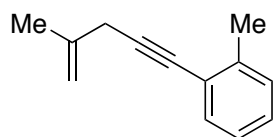
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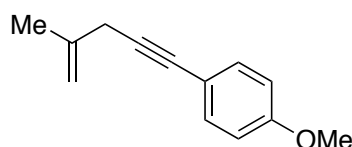
2,5-Diphenylpent-1-en-4-yne (1a): IR (ν/cm^{-1}): 1489, 1435, 903, 756, 694.



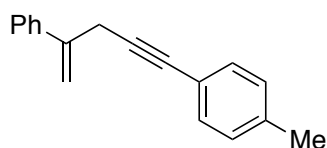
5-(4-Methylphenyl)-2-phenylpent-1-en-4-yne (1c): Colourless oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.86 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 3.12 (s, 2H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 21.4, 22.2, 28.1, 82.8, 86.2, 111.7, 120.6, 128.9, 131.4, 137.7, 140.7; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄Na [M + Na]⁺ 193.0988, found 193.1012; IR (ν/cm^{-1}): 1508, 895, 818.



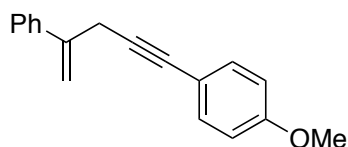
5-(2-Methylphenyl)-2-phenylpent-1-en-4-yne (1d): Colourless oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 1.88 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 2H), 4.88–4.92 (m, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 7.08–7.24 (m, 3H), 7.40 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.5 MHz) δ 20.8, 22.1, 28.3, 81.7, 90.9, 111.7, 123.5, 125.4, 127.6, 129.3, 131.9, 139.9, 140.7; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 193.0988, found 193.1007; IR (ν/cm^{-1}): 1485, 895, 756.



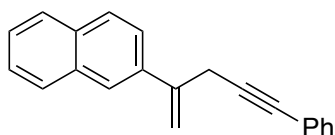
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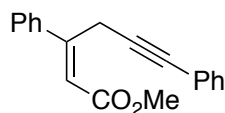
5-(4-Methylphenyl)-2-phenylpent-1-en-4-yne (1f): White solid, mp 68–69 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 301 MHz) δ 2.34 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 5.53–5.59 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.40 (m, 5H), 7.46–7.52 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.6 MHz) δ 21.4, 25.8, 83.8, 86.1, 113.7, 120.5, 125.8, 127.7, 128.3, 128.9, 131.4, 137.7, 139.9, 142.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 255.1144, found 255.1142; IR (ν/cm^{-1}): 1504, 903, 818, 771, 702.



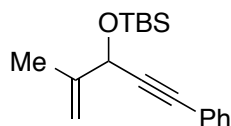
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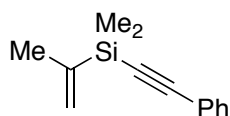
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Methyl (*E*)-3,6-diphenylhex-2-en-5-ynoate (1i): Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 7.19–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.38–7.43 (m, 4H), 7.60–7.65 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.5 MHz) δ 21.2, 51.4, 81.5, 86.6, 117.6, 126.6, 126.9, 127.7, 128.0, 128.5, 129.4, 131.5, 139.8, 153.6, 166.5.



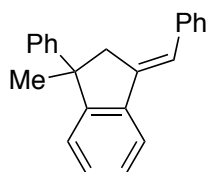
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Dimethyl(isopropenyl)(phenylethynyl)silane (1k): Colourless oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 0.32 (s, 6H), 1.94 (t, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 3H), 5.48 (dq, $J = 2.7, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.67 (dq, $J = 3.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.44–7.50 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.5 MHz) δ –2.1, 22.1, 92.0, 106.1, 123.0, 126.5, 128.2, 128.6, 132.0, 144.8; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaSi}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 223.0913, found 223.0943; IR (ν/cm^{-1}): 2954, 2160, 1250, 926, 841, 779, 756, 687.

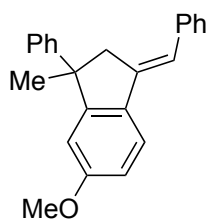
General Procedure for the Rhodium-Catalysed Arylative Annulation of 1,4-Enynes 1 with Arylboronic Acids 2. A Schlenk tube was charged with arylboronic acid **2** (0.300 mmol), $[\text{Rh}(\text{OH})(\text{cod})]_2$ (2.5 μmol , 5 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (6.0 μmol), and 1,4-enyne **1** (0.100 mmol) (liquid substrates were added via syringe after 1,4-dioxane). The tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen. 1,4-Dioxane (1.0 mL) and Et_3N (0.150 mmol) were added via syringe through the septum. After heating at 90 $^\circ\text{C}$ for the indicated time, the

reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Florisil[®] washing with hexane–AcOEt (5:1), and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by preparative TLC on silica gel to afford the following compounds.



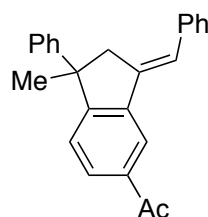
(*E*)-3-Benzylidene-1-methyl-1-phenylindane (3a). The general procedure was followed using **1a** (21.4 mg, 0.098 mmol), **2a** (36.5 mg, 0.299 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (1.1 mg, 2.4 μmol, 4.8 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (3.8 mg, 6.1 μmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 4 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:CHCl₃:toluene = 42:8:1) yielded **3a** (22.3 mg, 0.075 mmol, 77%) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.74 (s, 3H), 3.27 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01–7.08 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.47 (m, 12H), 7.65–7.70 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 28.2, 50.5, 50.9, 119.8, 120.1, 124.8, 125.9, 126.38, 126.41, 127.2, 128.2, 128.4, 128.5, 128.7, 138.0, 141.6, 141.7, 149.3, 153.5; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀Na [M + Na]⁺ 319.1457, found 319.1462.

Asymmetric reaction: **1a** (21.7 mg, 0.099 mmol), **2a** (36.7 mg, 0.301 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (2.3 mg, 5.0 μmol, 10 mol%), and (*R*)-MeO-BIPHEP (7.1 mg, 12.2 μmol) were reacted in 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) at 90 °C for 3.5 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane, 4 times) yielded **3a** (21.1 mg, 0.071 mmol, 72%); 92% ee determined by HPLC analysis (CHIRALPAK[®] IB column, hexane:*i*-PrOH = 99.9:0.1, 0.3 mL/min, *t*_{minor} = 37.0 min, *t*_{major} = 39.2 min). [α]_D²³ = +79.6 (*c* 0.077, CHCl₃).



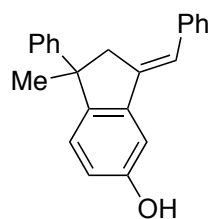
(*E*)-3-Benzylidene-6-methoxy-1-methyl-1-phenylindane (3b). The general procedure was followed using **1a** (21.2 mg, 0.097 mmol), **2b** (45.6 mg, 0.300 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (1.1 mg, 2.4 μmol, 4.8 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (3.8 mg, 6.1 μmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 2 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt:toluene = 48:2:1) yielded **3b** (23.1 mg, 0.071 mmol, 73%) as a yellow solid. Mp 128–131 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.73 (s, 3H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84–6.90 (m, 2H), 7.13–7.43 (m, 10H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 28.0, 50.5, 51.3, 55.4, 109.0, 114.2, 117.7, 121.2, 125.9, 126.0, 126.4, 128.21, 128.23, 128.3, 134.5, 138.3, 141.3, 149.1, 155.3, 160.6; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂NaO [M + Na]⁺ 349.1563, found 349.1537.

Asymmetric reaction: **1a** (21.8 mg, 0.100 mmol), **2b** (45.5 mg, 0.299 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (2.3 mg, 5.0 μmol, 10 mol%), and (*R*)-MeO-BIPHEP (7.0 mg, 12.0 μmol) were reacted in 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) at 90 °C for 3.5 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt:toluene = 60:2:1, 3 times) yielded **3b** (23.5 mg, 0.072 mmol, 72%); 87% ee determined by HPLC analysis (CHIRALPAK[®] IB column, hexane:*i*-PrOH = 98:2, 0.3 mL/min, *t*_{minor} = 17.6 min, *t*_{major} = 22.2 min). [α]_D²² = +123.9 (*c* 0.14, CHCl₃).



(*E*)-5-Acetyl-3-benzylidene-1-methyl-1-phenylindane (3c). The general procedure was followed using **1a** (22.2 mg, 0.102 mmol), **2c** (49.5 mg, 0.302 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (1.2 mg, 2.6 μmol, 5.3 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (3.8 mg, 6.1 μmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 3.5 h. Preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt:toluene = 45:5:1) followed by recycling gel permeation chromatography (CHCl₃) yielded **3c** (24.3 mg, 0.072 mmol, 71%) as a white solid. Mp 145–154 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.74 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09–7.48 (m, 12H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 26.9, 27.9, 50.7, 50.9, 120.2, 121.3, 124.9, 126.25, 126.32, 126.9, 128.4, 128.5, 128.7, 128.9, 136.6, 137.6, 140.3, 142.2, 148.4, 158.6, 198.0; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂NaO [M + Na]⁺ 361.1563, found 361.1533; IR (ν/cm⁻¹): 1678, 1230, 702.

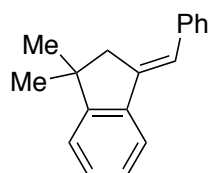
Asymmetric reaction: **1a** (21.8 mg, 0.100 mmol), **2c** (49.2 mg, 0.300 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (2.3 mg, 5.0 μmol, 10 mol%), and (*R*)-MeO-BIPHEP (7.0 mg, 12.0 μmol) were reacted in 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) at 90 °C for 3.5 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt:toluene = 60:6:1, 3 times) yielded **3c** (23.5 mg, 0.069 mmol, 70%); 91% ee determined by HPLC analysis (CHIRALPAK[®] IB column, hexane:*i*-PrOH = 99.9:0.1, 1.0 mL/min, *t*_{minor} = 56.8 min, *t*_{major} = 61.4 min). [α]_D²² = +118.8 (*c* 0.17, CHCl₃).



(*E*)-3-Benzylidene-1-methyl-1-phenylindane-5-ol (3d). The general procedure was followed using **1a** (22.3 mg, 0.102 mmol), **2d** (40.8 mg, 0.296 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (1.1 mg, 2.4 μmol, 4.8 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (3.8 mg, 6.1 μmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 3 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (CHCl₃) yielded **3d** (18.8 mg, 0.060 mmol,

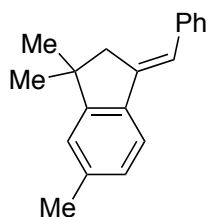
59%) as a brown oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 1.74 (s, 3H), 3.26 (dd, J = 17.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, J = 17.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (s, 1H), 6.70 (dd, J = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.45 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.5 MHz) δ 25.3, 49.6, 52.1, 113.0, 116.3, 120.6, 126.2, 126.6, 127.0, 128.4, 128.6, 129.1, 129.3, 137.80, 137.84, 141.5, 143.6, 146.9, 152.4; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 335.1406, found 335.1374; IR (ν/cm^{-1}): 3533, 1589, 1481, 1219, 756, 694.

Asymmetric reaction: **1a** (21.8 mg, 0.100 mmol), **2d** (41.4 mg, 0.300 mmol), $[\text{Rh}(\text{OH})(\text{cod})]_2$ (2.3 mg, 5.0 μmol , 10 mol%), and (*R*)-MeO-BIPHEP (7.0 mg, 12.0 μmol) were reacted in 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) at 90 °C for 3.5 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:toluene = 5:1, 4 times, then hexane:AcOEt:toluene = 50:10:1) yielded **3d** (18.8 mg, 0.060 mmol, 61%); 89% ee determined by HPLC analysis (CHIRALPAK[®] IB column, hexane:*i*-PrOH = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, t_{minor} = 7.0 min, t_{major} = 7.9 min). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$ = +154.2 (*c* 0.095, CHCl_3).

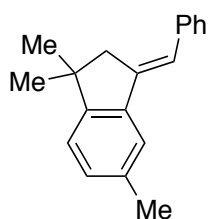


(*E*)-3-Benzylidene-1,1-dimethylindane (3e). The general procedure was followed using **1b** (15.5 mg, 0.099 mmol), **2a** (36.5 mg, 0.299 mmol), $[\text{Rh}(\text{OH})(\text{cod})]_2$ (1.1 mg, 2.4 μmol , 4.8 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (3.8 mg, 6.1 μmol), Et_3N (15.4 mg, 0.152 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 4 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane) yielded **3e** (15.5 mg, 0.066 mmol, 67%) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 1.33 (s, 6H), 2.98 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.41 (m, 8H), 7.55–7.60 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.5 MHz) δ 30.0, 42.9, 47.8, 119.6, 120.1, 122.7, 126.3, 126.8, 128.36, 128.44, 128.5, 138.3, 140.9, 141.9, 154.3; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 257.1301, found 257.1300.

No NOE was observed between the vinylic proton and the methylene protons.

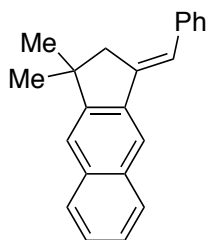


(E)-3-Benzylidene-1,1,6-trimethylindane (3f). The general procedure was followed using **1b** (16.3 mg, 0.104 mmol), **2d** (40.6 mg, 0.299 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (1.1 mg, 2.4 μmol, 4.8 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (3.6 mg, 5.8 μmol), Et₃N (15.0 mg, 0.148 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 3 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:CHCl₃:toluene = 42:8:1) yielded **3f** (17.1 mg, 0.069 mmol, 66%) as a white solid. Mp 80–86 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.34 (s, 6H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.98 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.35–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.51 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 21.6, 30.0, 42.7, 48.1, 118.6, 119.9, 123.2, 126.1, 127.9, 128.3, 128.4, 138.3, 138.4, 138.5, 141.9, 154.5; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀Na [M + Na]⁺ 271.1457, found 271.1480.

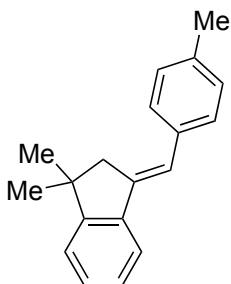


(E)-3-Benzylidene-1,1,5-trimethylindane (3g). The general procedure was followed using **1b** (15.5 mg, 0.099 mmol), **2e** (40.5 mg, 0.298 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (1.0 mg, 2.2 μmol, 4.4 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (3.8 mg, 6.1 μmol), Et₃N (15.3 mg, 0.151 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 3 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:CHCl₃:toluene = 42:8:1) yielded **3g** (11.9 mg, 0.048 mmol, 48%) as a white solid. Mp 73–79 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.32 (s, 6H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.97 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz,

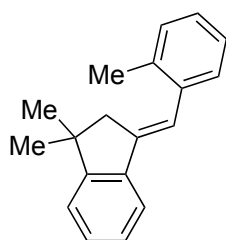
2H), 6.94 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.06–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.48 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.5 MHz) δ 21.4, 30.1, 42.5, 48.1, 119.3, 120.5, 122.4, 126.2, 128.4, 128.5, 129.5, 136.4, 138.3, 141.1, 142.0, 151.6; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 271.1457, found 271.1489.



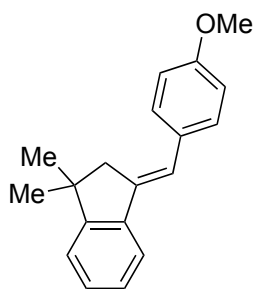
(*E*)-3-Benzylidene-1,1-dimethylbenzo[*f*]indane (3h). The general procedure was followed using **1b** (16.3 mg, 0.104 mmol), **2f** (51.9 mg, 0.302 mmol), $[\text{Rh}(\text{OH})(\text{cod})]_2$ (1.1 mg, 2.4 μmol , 4.8 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (3.8 mg, 6.1 μmol), Et_3N (14.8 mg, 0.146 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 2 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane: CHCl_3 :toluene = 42:8:1) yielded **3h** (20.1 mg, 0.071 mmol, 68%) as a white solid. Mp 144–149 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 1.43 (s, 6H), 3.06 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.20–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.46 (m, 4H), 7.49–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.77–7.90 (m, 2H), 8.03 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.5 MHz) δ 30.3, 42.5, 48.2, 118.4, 120.6, 121.0, 125.3, 125.6, 126.5, 127.6, 128.2, 128.4, 128.7, 133.1, 134.3, 138.1, 140.3, 141.1, 152.6; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 307.1457, found 307.1455.



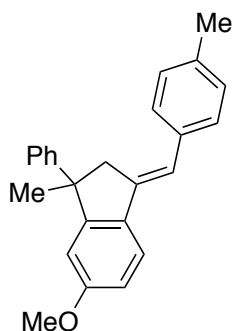
(*E*)-1,1-Dimethyl-3-(4-methylbenzylidene)indane (3i). The general procedure was followed using **1c** (16.7 mg, 0.098 mmol), **2a** (36.4 mg, 0.299 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (1.1 mg, 2.4 μmol, 4.8 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (3.7 mg, 5.9 μmol), Et₃N (15.6 mg, 0.154 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 2.5 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:CHCl₃:toluene = 42:8:1) yielded **3i** (16.5 mg, 0.066 mmol, 68%) as a colourless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.33 (s, 6H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.96 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.22–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53–7.59 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 21.2, 30.0, 42.8, 47.8, 119.5, 120.0, 122.6, 126.8, 128.2, 128.4, 129.1, 135.4, 136.1, 141.0, 141.1, 154.1; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀Na [M + Na]⁺ 271.1457, found 271.1449.



(*E*)-1,1-Dimethyl-3-(2-methylbenzylidene)indane (3j). The general procedure was followed using **1d** (16.5 mg, 0.097 mmol), **2a** (36.7 mg, 0.301 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (1.1 mg, 2.4 μmol, 4.8 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (3.8 mg, 6.1 μmol), Et₃N (15.5 mg, 0.153 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 2.5 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:CHCl₃:toluene = 42:8:1) yielded **3j** (16.1 mg, 0.065 mmol, 67%) as a white solid. Mp 57–60 °C ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.30 (s, 6H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.86 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.31 (m, 6H), 7.40–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.57–7.62 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 20.2, 29.7, 42.6, 47.5, 117.7, 120.2, 122.7, 125.6, 126.6, 126.8, 127.9, 128.4, 130.1, 136.6, 137.1, 140.9, 142.0, 154.4; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀Na [M + Na]⁺ 271.1457, found 271.1439.



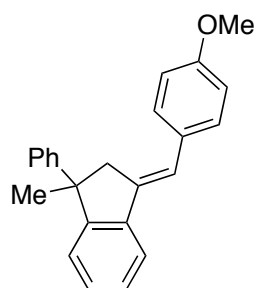
(*E*)-3-(4-Methoxybenzylidene)-1,1-dimethylindane (3k). The general procedure was followed using **1e** (17.8 mg, 0.096 mmol), **2a** (36.5 mg, 0.299 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (1.1 mg, 2.4 μmol, 4.8 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (3.6 mg, 5.8 μmol), Et₃N (15.3 mg, 0.151 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 2 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt:toluene = 45:5:1) yielded **3k** (17.4 mg, 0.065 mmol, 69%) as a yellow solid. Mp 88–95 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.35 (s, 6H), 2.96 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 6.90–6.98 (m, 3H), 7.22–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.53–7.60 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 30.1, 42.8, 47.8, 55.3, 113.8, 119.0, 119.8, 122.6, 126.8, 128.0, 129.7, 131.1, 139.7, 141.2, 153.9, 158.1; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀ONa [M + Na]⁺ 287.1406, found 287.1441.



(*E*)-6-Methoxy-1-methyl-3-(4-methylbenzylidene)-1-phenylindane (3l). The general procedure was followed using **1f** (23.2 mg, 0.100 mmol), **2b** (45.6 mg, 0.300 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (2.3 mg, 5.0 μmol, 10 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (7.3 mg, 11.7 μmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 3.5 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:CHCl₃:toluene = 60:6:1, 3 times) yielded **3l** (24.5 mg, 0.072 mmol, 72%) as a brown

solid. Mp 119–122 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 301 MHz) δ 1.72 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 3.24 (dd, J = 16.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, J = 16.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 6.53 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.83–6.89 (m, 2H), 7.11–7.33 (m, 9H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.6 MHz) δ 21.1, 28.0, 50.5, 51.3, 55.4, 109.0, 114.2, 117.6, 121.0, 125.9, 126.4, 128.18, 128.20, 129.1, 134.7, 135.5, 135.8, 140.4, 149.2, 155.1, 160.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NaO}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 363.1719, found 363.1722.

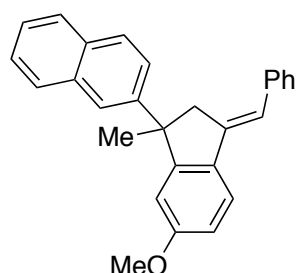
Asymmetric reaction: **1f** (23.2 mg, 0.100 mmol), **2b** (45.6 mg, 0.300 mmol), $[\text{Rh}(\text{OH})(\text{cod})]_2$ (2.3 mg, 5.0 μmol , 10 mol%), and (*R*)-MeO-BIPHEP (7.0 mg, 12.0 μmol) were reacted in 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) at 90 °C for 3.5 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane: CHCl_3 :toluene = 50:5:1, 2 times) yielded **3l** (25.4 mg, 0.075 mmol, 75%); 84% ee determined by HPLC analysis (CHIRALPAK[®] IB column, hexane:*i*-PrOH = 99.5:0.5, 0.3 mL/min, t_{minor} = 30.2 min, t_{major} = 49.2 min). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$ = +107.1 (*c* 0.065, CHCl_3).



(*E*)-3-(4-Methoxybenzylidene)-1-methyl-1-phenylindane (3m). The general procedure was followed using **1g** (24.8 mg, 0.100 mmol), **2a** (36.7 mg, 0.301 mmol), $[\text{Rh}(\text{OH})(\text{cod})]_2$ (2.3 mg, 5.0 μmol , 10 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (7.5 mg, 12.0 μmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 3.5 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane: CHCl_3 = 10:1, 3 times) yielded **3m** (22.9 mg, 0.070 mmol, 70%) as a yellow solid. Mp 99–104 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 301 MHz) δ 1.73 (s, 3H), 3.23 (dd, J = 16.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, J = 16.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.86–6.93 (m, 2H), 6.96–6.99 (m, 1H), 7.01–7.06 (m, 1H), 7.13–7.32 (m, 7H), 7.35–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.6 MHz) δ

28.2, 50.5, 50.8, 55.3, 113.9, 119.3, 119.8, 124.7, 125.9, 126.4, 127.1, 128.2, 128.3, 129.8, 130.9, 139.4, 141.8, 149.4, 153.2, 158.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂NaO [M + Na]⁺ 349.1563, found 349.1565.

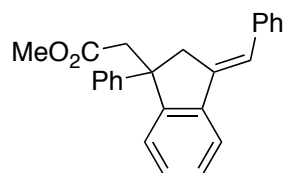
Asymmetric reaction: **1g** (24.8 mg, 0.100 mmol), **2a** (36.6 mg, 0.300 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (2.3 mg, 5.0 μmol, 10 mol%), and (*R*)-MeO-BIPHEP (7.0 mg, 12.0 μmol) were reacted in 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) at 90 °C for 3.5 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:CHCl₃:toluene = 60:6:1, 3 times) yielded **3m** (20.9 mg, 0.064 mmol, 64%); 90% ee determined by HPLC analysis (CHIRALPAK[®] IB column, hexane:*i*-PrOH = 98:2, 0.5 mL/min, *t*_{major} = 20.4 min, *t*_{minor} = 23.3 min). [α]_D²² = +192.0 (*c* 0.088, CHCl₃).



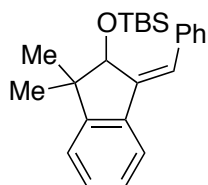
(*E*)-3-Benzylidene-6-methoxy-1-methyl-1-(2-naphthyl)indane (3n). The general procedure was followed using **1h** (28.2 mg, 0.105 mmol), **2b** (45.6 mg, 0.300 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (2.3 mg, 5.0 μmol, 10 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (7.4 mg, 11.9 μmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 3.5 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:CHCl₃:toluene = 60:6:1, 3 times) yielded **3n** (26.3 mg, 0.070 mmol, 66%) as a yellow solid. Mp 176–181 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 301 MHz) δ 1.83 (s, 3H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85–6.93 (m, 2H), 7.13–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.25–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.38–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75–7.83 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.6 MHz) δ 28.0, 50.7, 50.9, 55.4, 108.9, 114.5, 117.9, 121.2, 123.9, 125.6, 125.9, 126.00, 126.02, 127.4, 128.0, 128.1,

128.3, 128.4, 131.8, 133.1, 134.6, 138.3, 141.3, 146.3, 155.3, 160.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{28}H_{24}NaO$ $[M + Na]^+$ 399.1719, found 399.1722.

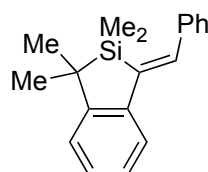
Asymmetric reaction: **1h** (28.2 mg, 0.105 mmol), **2b** (45.6 mg, 0.300 mmol), $[Rh(OH)(cod)]_2$ (2.3 mg, 5.0 μ mol, 10 mol%), and (*R*)-MeO-BIPHEP (7.0 mg, 12.0 μ mol) were reacted in 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) at 90 °C for 3.5 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:CHCl₃:toluene = 50:5:1, 2 times) yielded **3n** (27.7 mg, 0.074 mmol, 70%); 86% ee determined by HPLC analysis (CHIRALPAK[®] IB column, hexane:*i*-PrOH = 99.9:0.1, 0.5 mL/min, $t_{minor} = 35.7$ min, $t_{minor} = 39.5$ min). $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +215.4$ (*c* 0.10, CHCl₃).



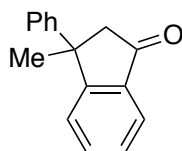
(*E*)-3-Benzylidene-1-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-phenylindane (3o). The general procedure was followed using **1i** (27.3 mg, 0.099 mmol), **2a** (36.6 mg, 0.300 mmol), $[Rh(OH)(cod)]_2$ (1.2 mg, 2.6 μ mol, 5.3 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (3.8 mg, 6.1 μ mol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 4 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:CHCl₃:toluene = 45:5:1) yielded **3o** (17.9 mg, 0.051 mmol, 51%) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 3.07 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 3.54 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.40 (m, 11H), 7.44–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.68 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 44.2, 47.9, 51.5, 52.5, 119.8, 120.2, 125.3, 125.9, 126.2, 126.5, 127.7, 128.40, 128.43, 128.5, 128.6, 137.8, 141.1, 142.0, 147.3, 149.8, 171.5; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for $C_{25}H_{22}O_2Na$ $[M + Na]^+$ 377.1512, found 377.1523; IR (ν/cm^{-1}): 1736, 1442, 1165, 910, 764, 694.



(Z)-3-Benzylidene-2-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-1,1-dimethylindane (3p). The general procedure was followed using **1j** (28.8 mg, 0.101 mmol), **2a** (36.3 mg, 0.298 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (1.2 mg, 2.6 μmol, 5.3 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (3.8 mg, 6.1 μmol), Et₃N (14.7 mg, 0.145 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 4.5 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane) yielded **3p** (18.4 mg, 0.050 mmol, 50%) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ −0.66 (s, 3H), −0.18 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 9H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 7.19–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.36–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.65 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ −3.9, −3.7, 18.6, 20.6, 25.9, 29.9, 47.7, 83.2, 120.6, 122.7, 125.1, 127.0, 127.2, 128.4, 128.7, 129.1, 137.2, 139.8, 143.7, 152.4; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for C₂₄H₃₂OSiNa [M + Na]⁺ 387.2115, found 387.2131.



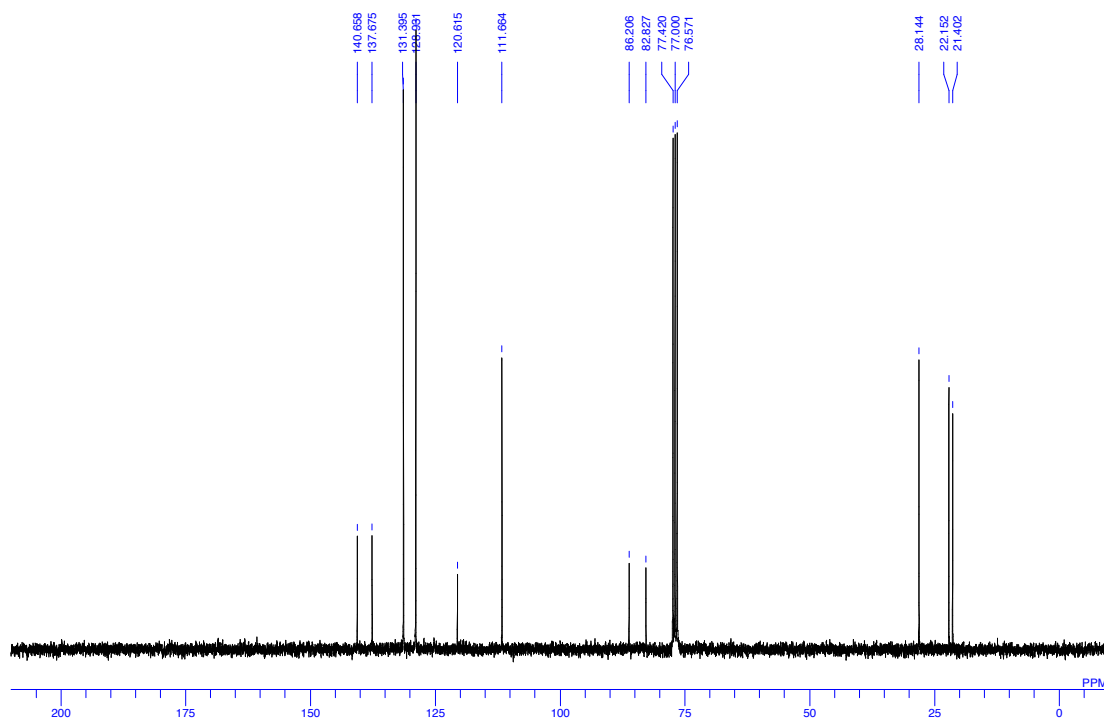
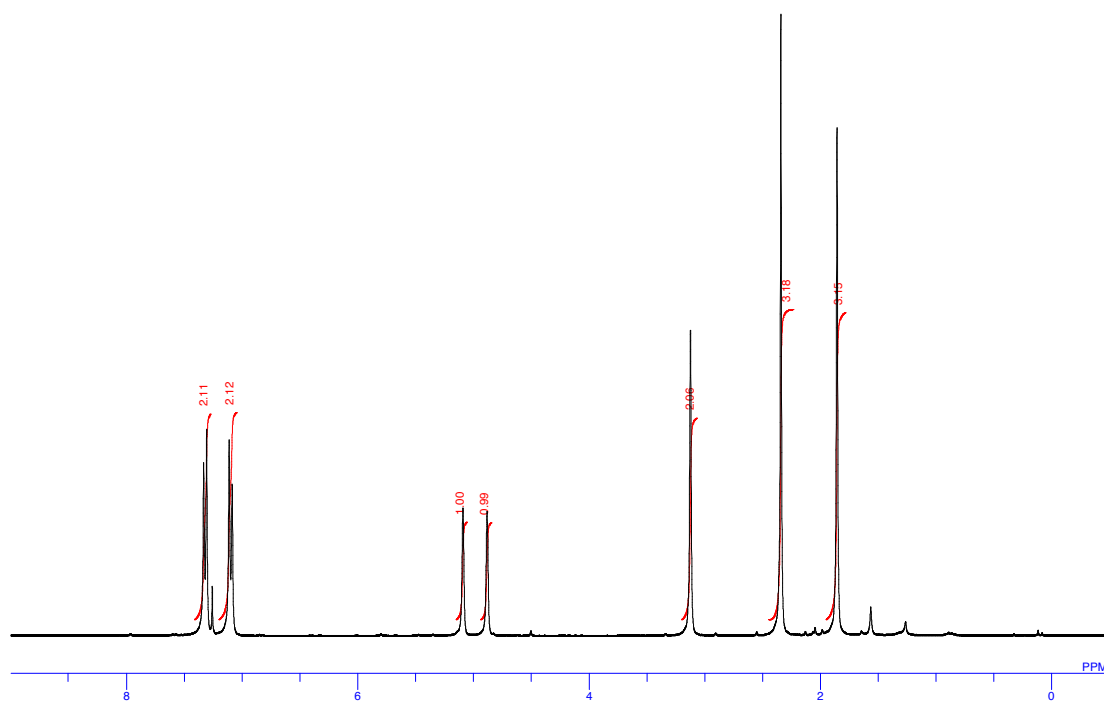
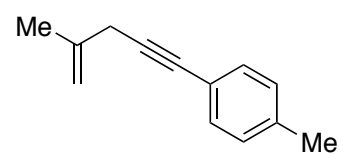
(Z)-3-Benzylidene-1,1,2,2-tetramethyl-2-silaindane (3q). The general procedure was followed using **1k** (20.9 mg, 0.104 mmol), **2a** (36.5 mg, 0.299 mmol), [Rh(OH)(cod)]₂ (1.1 mg, 2.4 μmol, 4.8 mol% Rh), *rac*-BINAP (3.8 mg, 6.1 μmol), Et₃N (15.3 mg, 0.151 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) for 3 h. Purification by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane) yielded **3q** (14.2 mg, 0.051 mmol, 49%) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.18 (s, 6H), 1.23 (s, 6H), 7.18–7.44 (m, 8H), 7.55–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ −4.3, 25.9, 26.1, 121.8, 124.6, 126.3, 127.3, 127.8, 128.06, 128.12, 128.2, 128.9, 136.9, 139.7, 152.8; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₂NaSi [M + Na]⁺ 301.1383, found 301.1388.



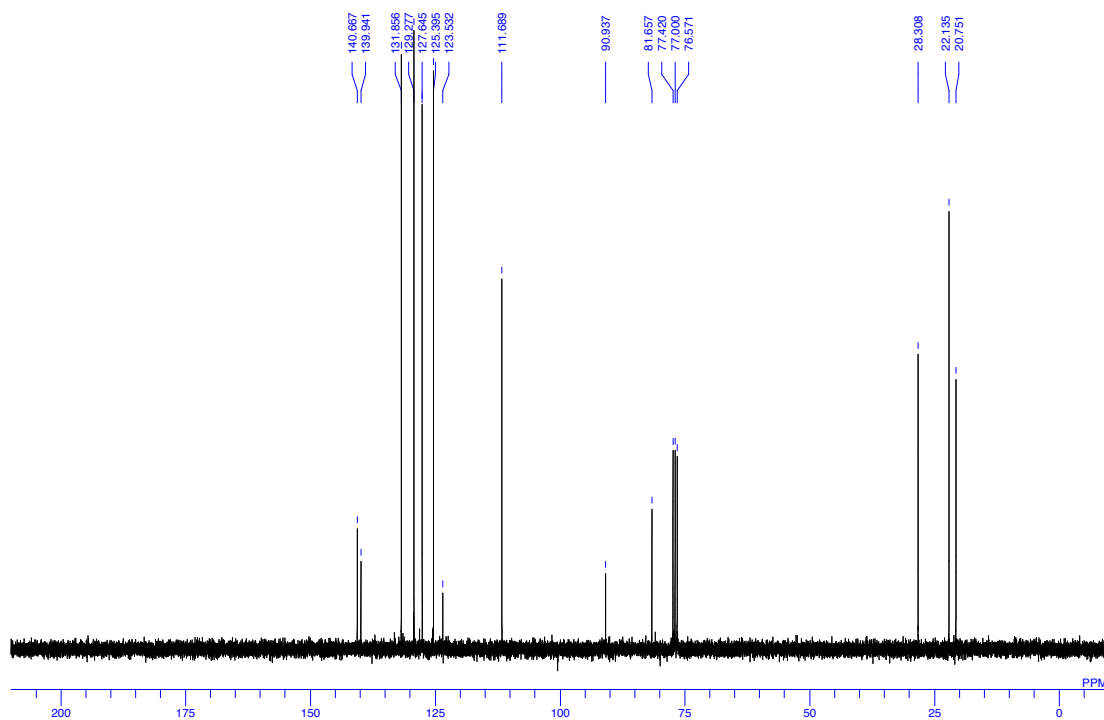
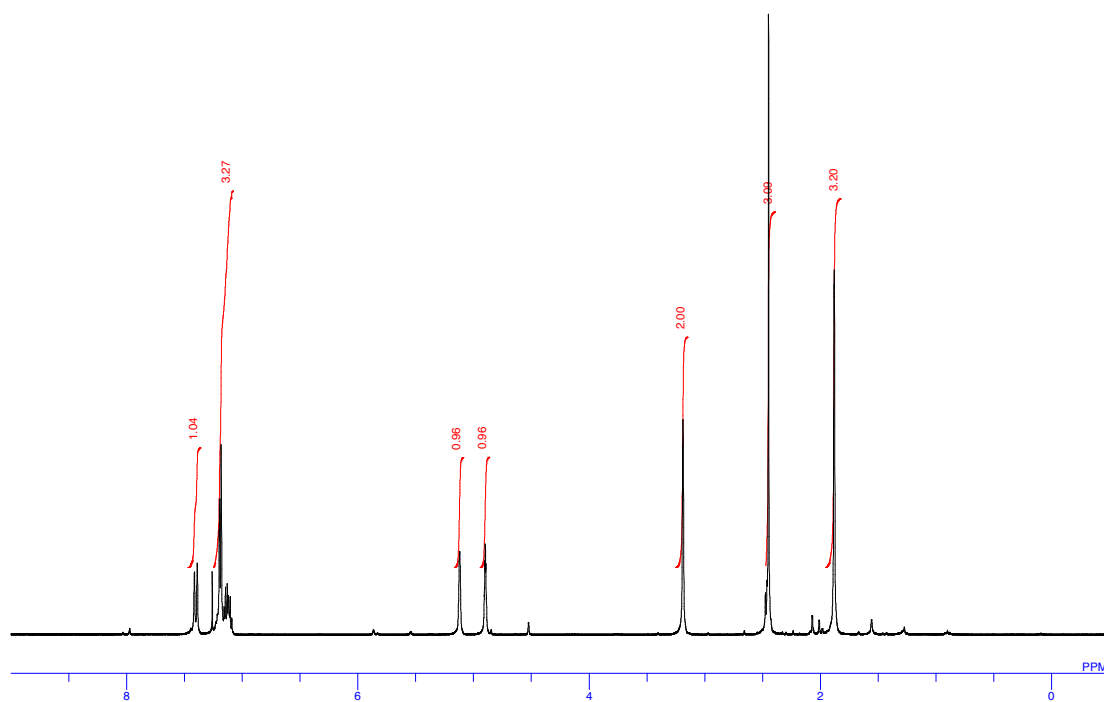
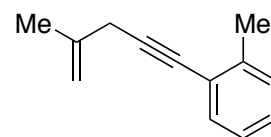
3-Methyl-3-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one (4). A mixture of **3a** (29.6 mg, 0.100 mmol), 4-iodobenzoic acid (5.0 mg, 0.020 mmol), and Oxone[®] (123.0 mg) in H₂O–CH₃CN (1:1, 1.0 mL) were heated at 60 °C for 22 h. After cooling to room temperature, water was added to the reaction mixture, and the mixture was extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. The residue was purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt = 10:1) to afford **4** (13.9 mg, 0.063 mmol, 63%) as a colourless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 301 MHz) δ 1.84 (s, 3H), 2.87 (d, *J* = 18.9 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 18.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.33 (m, 6H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H). The spectral data matched those reported in the literature.²

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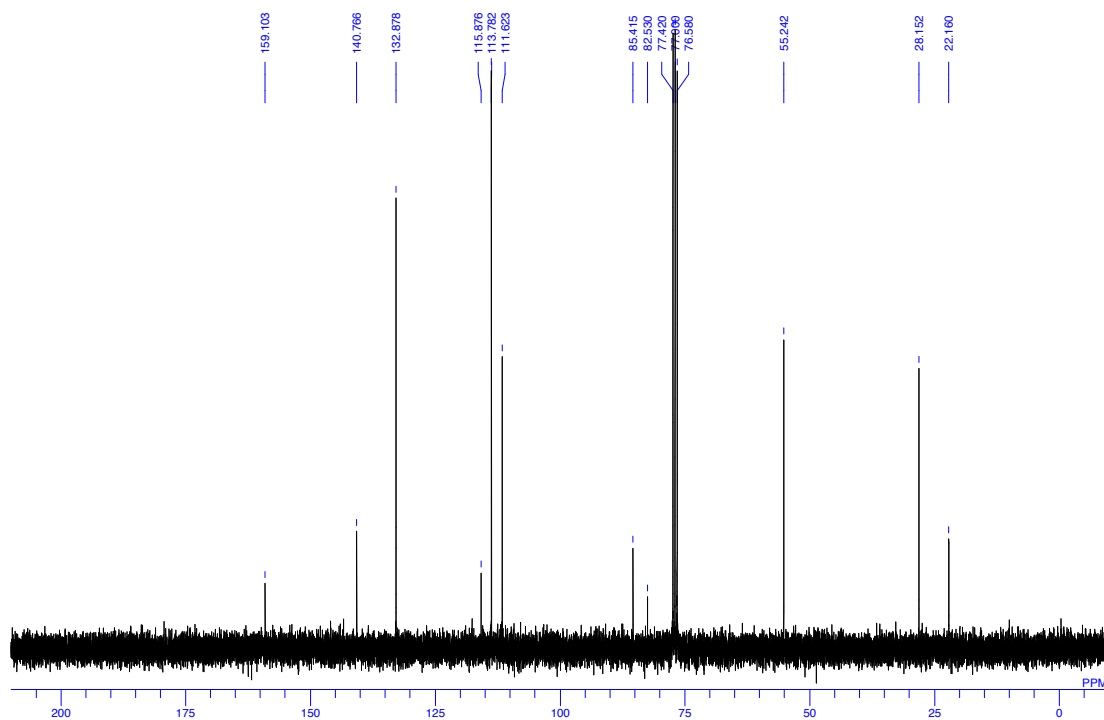
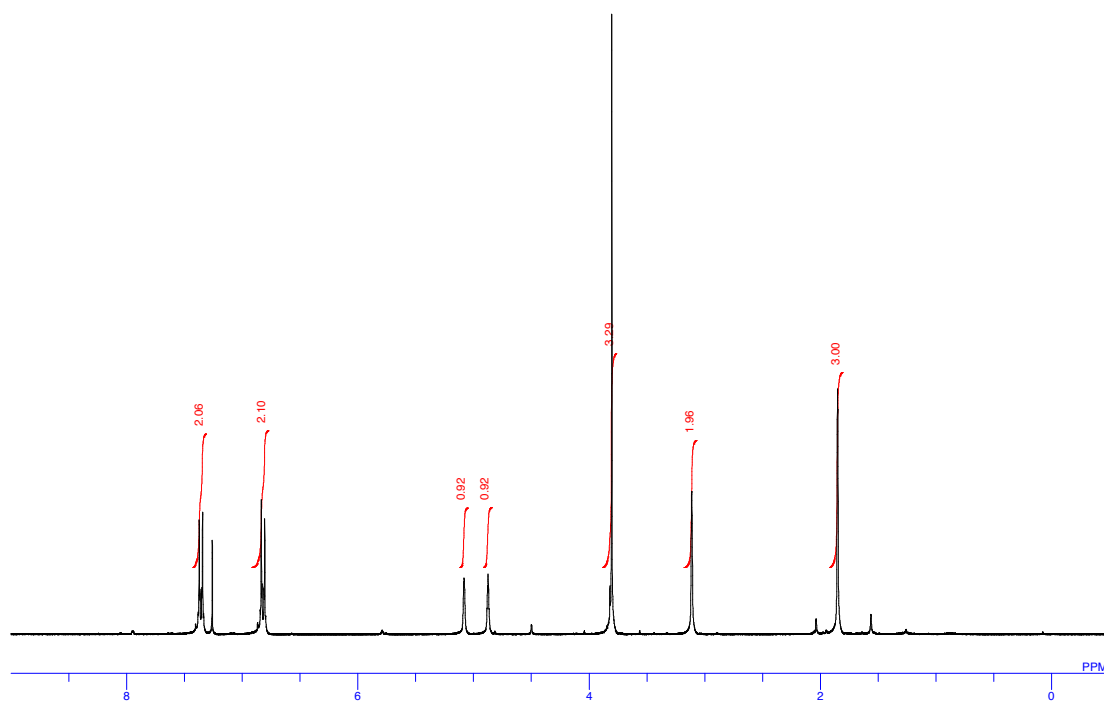
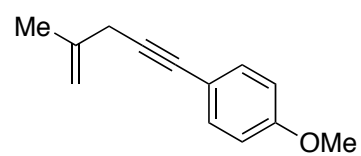
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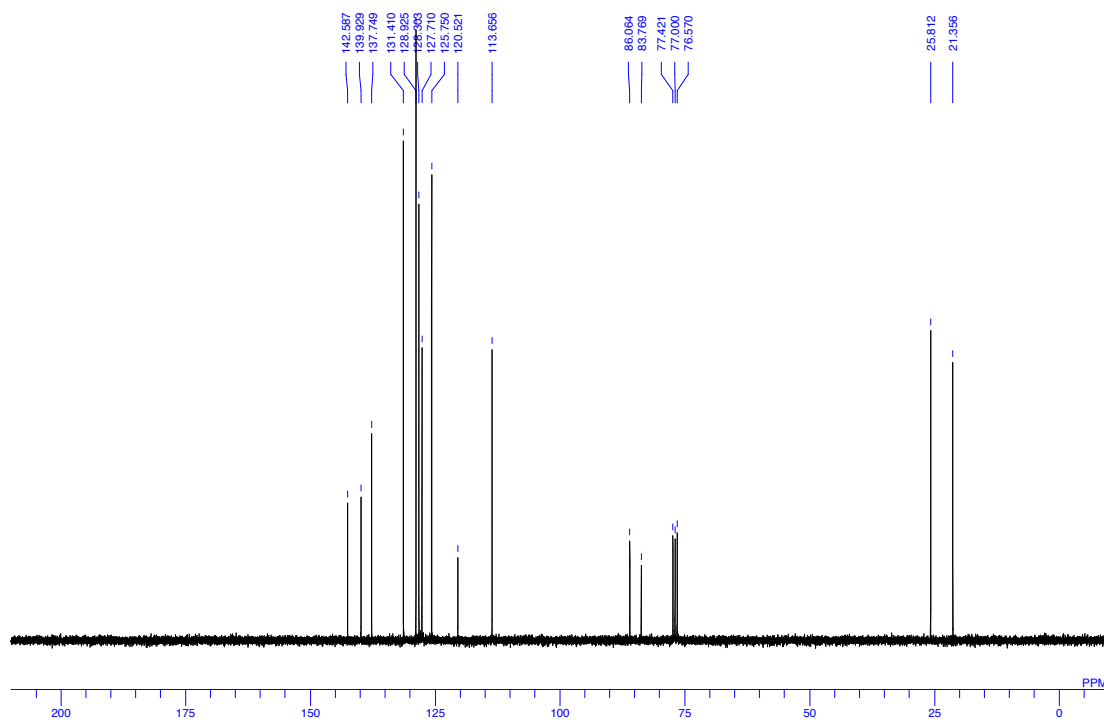
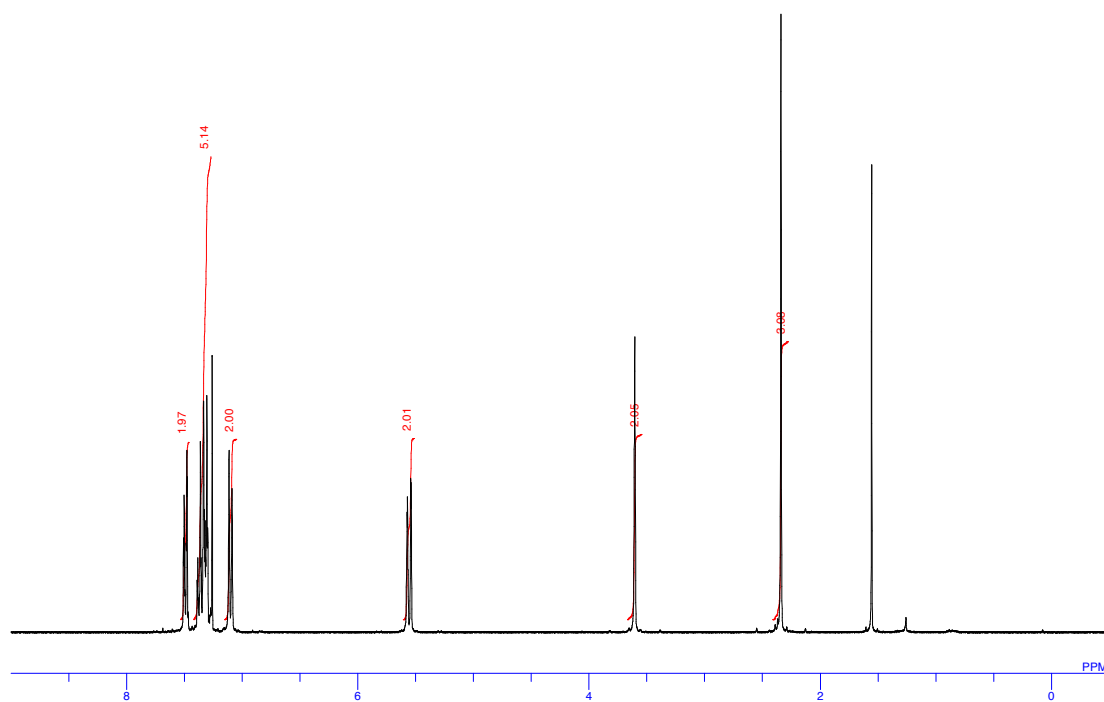
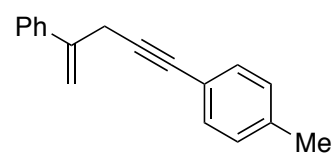
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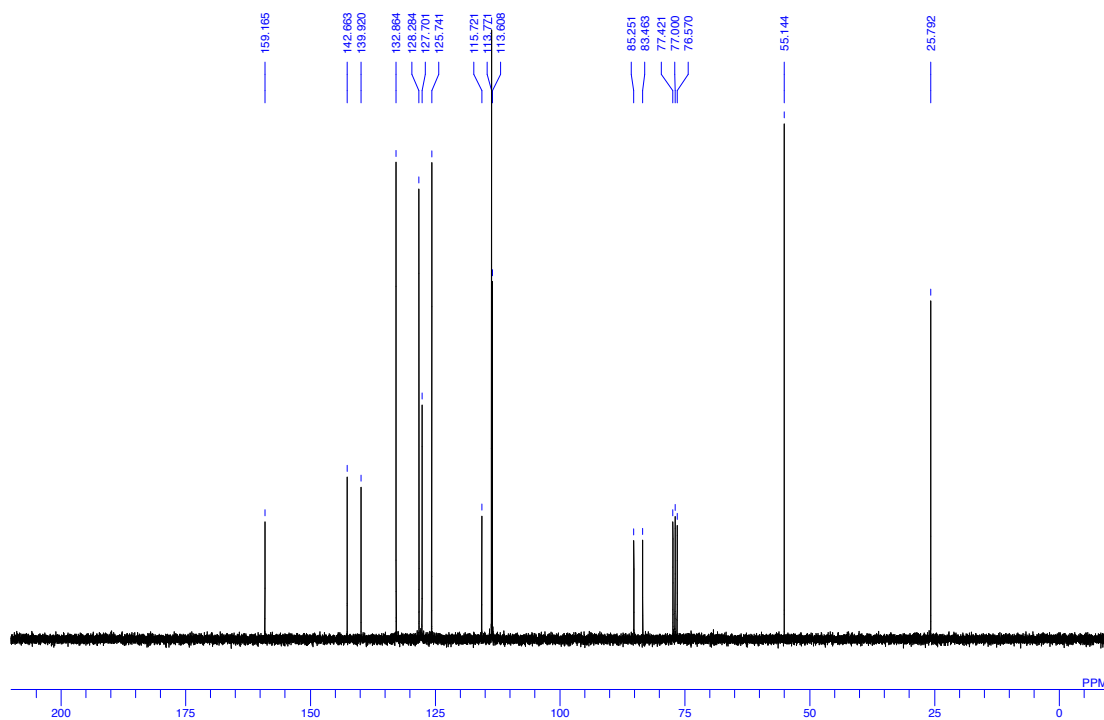
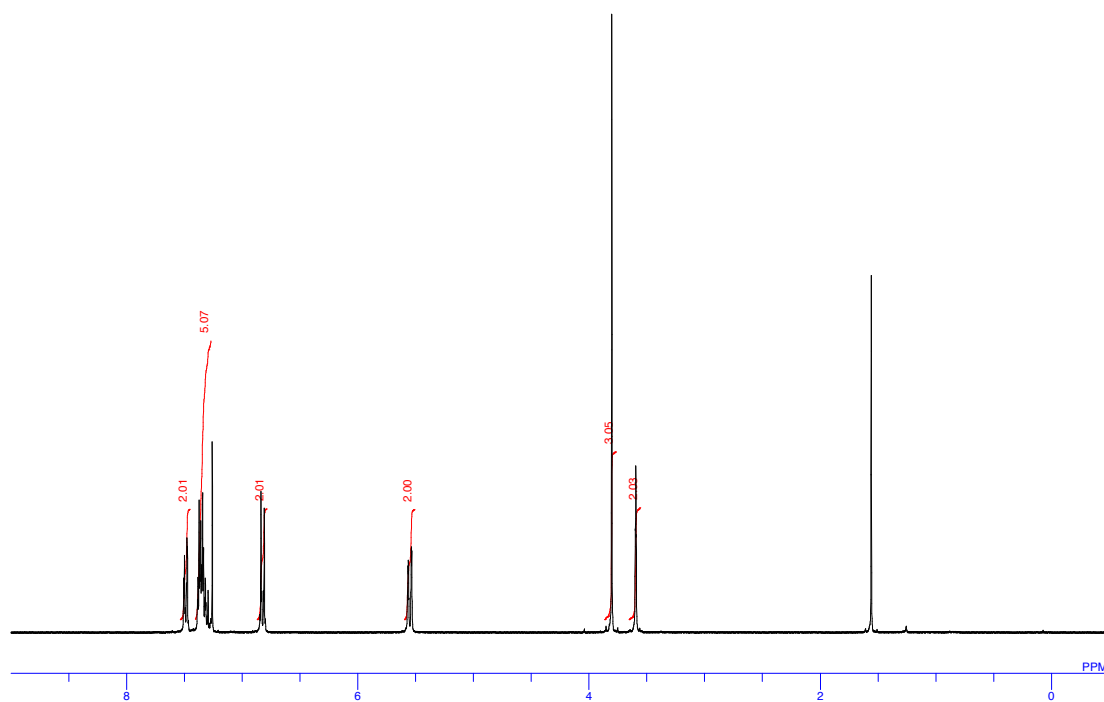
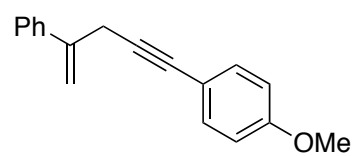
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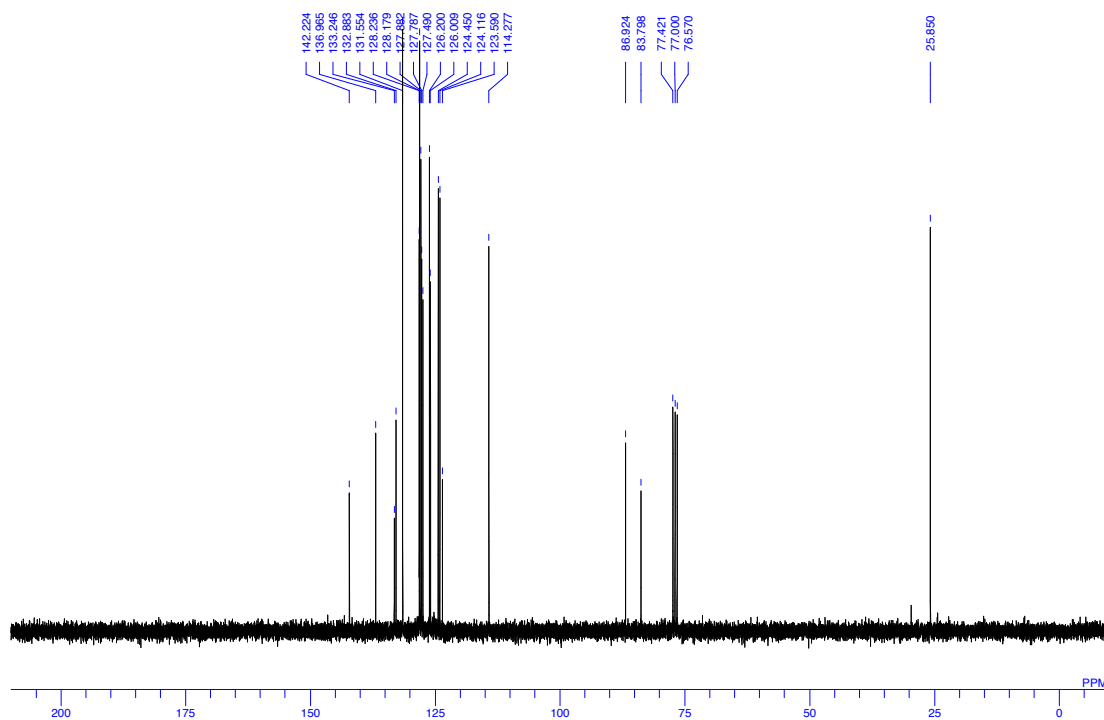
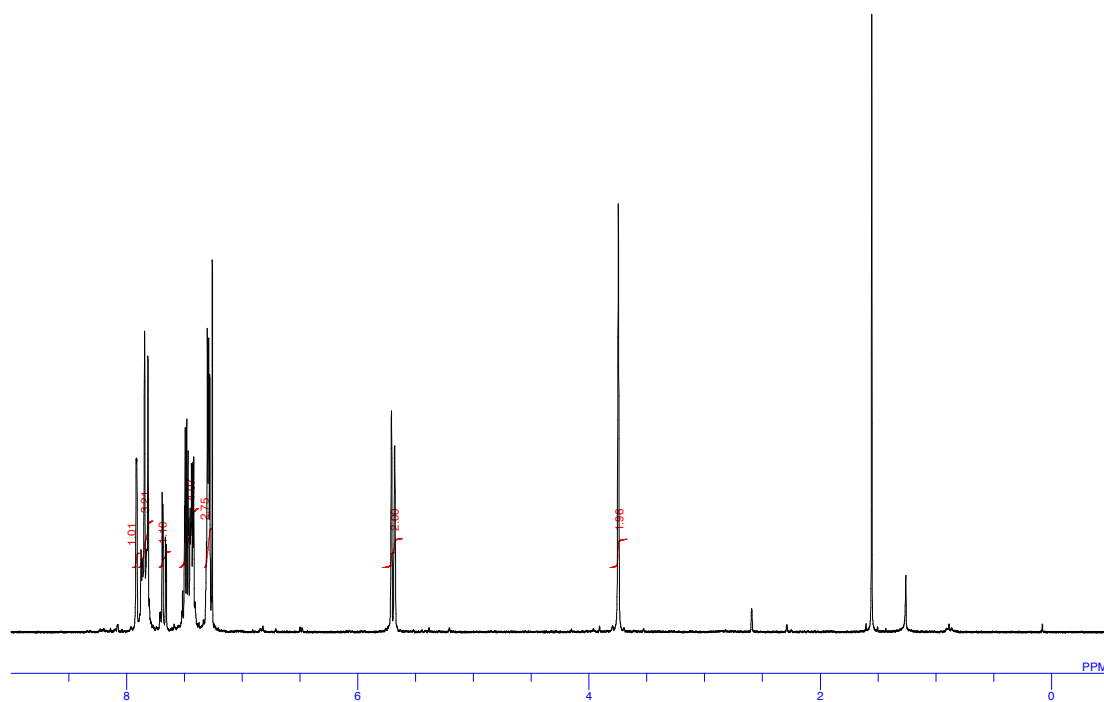
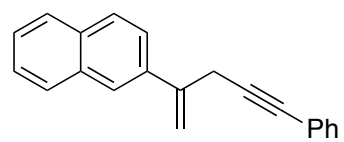
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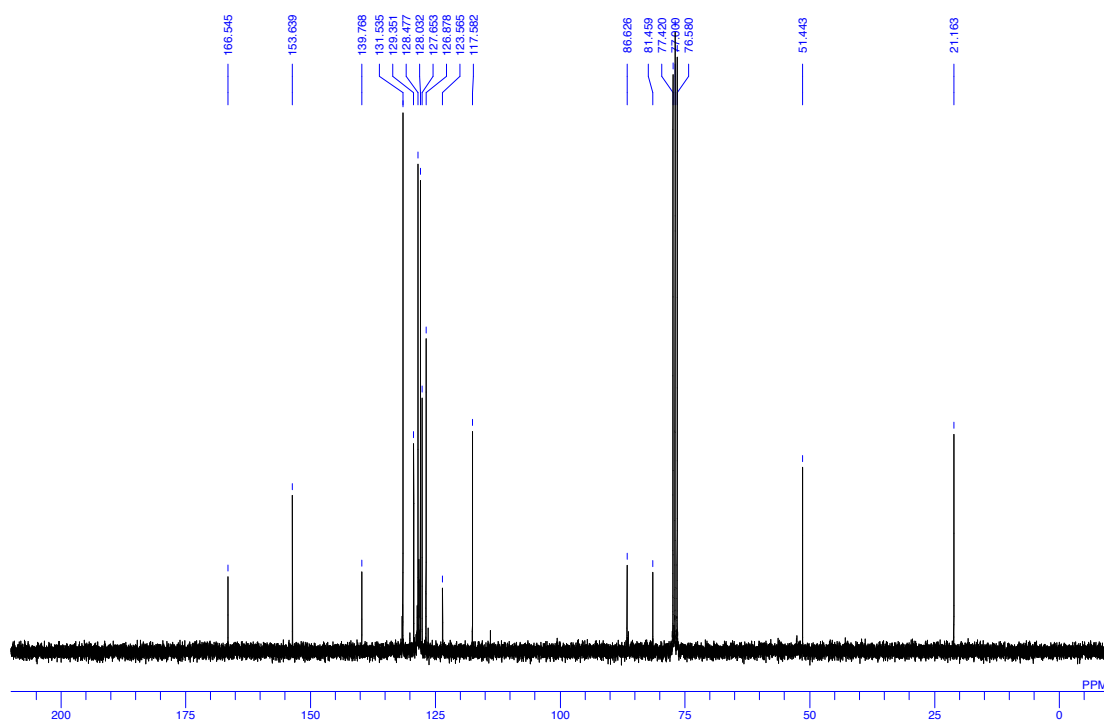
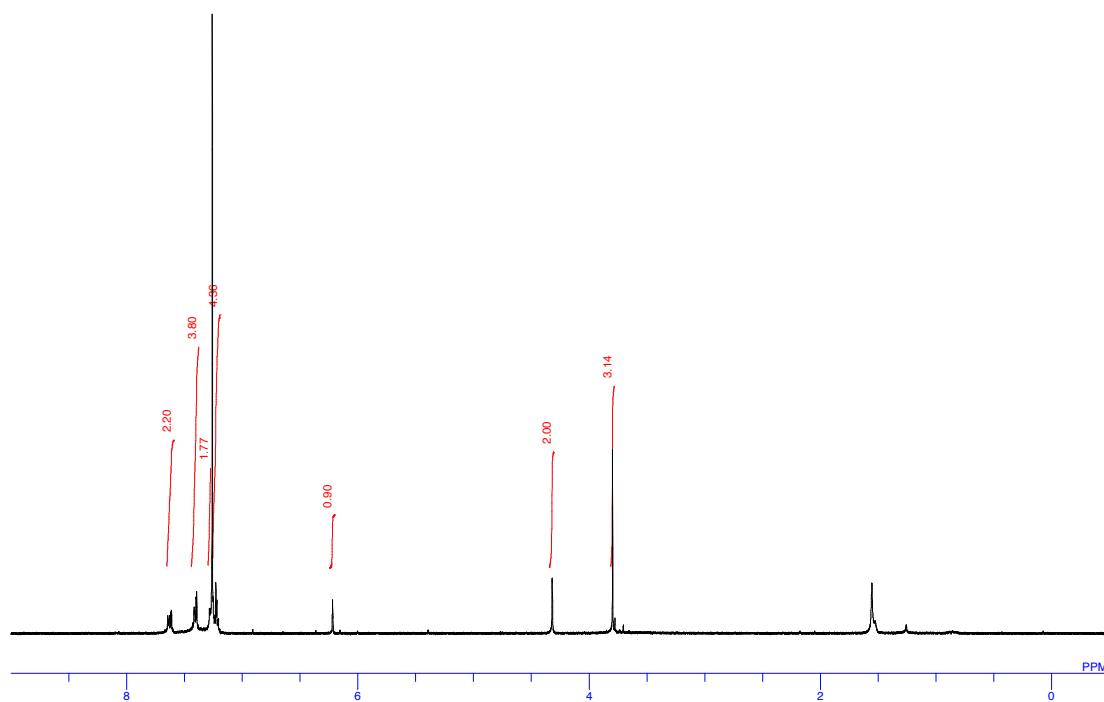
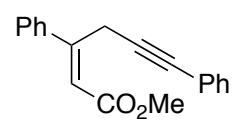
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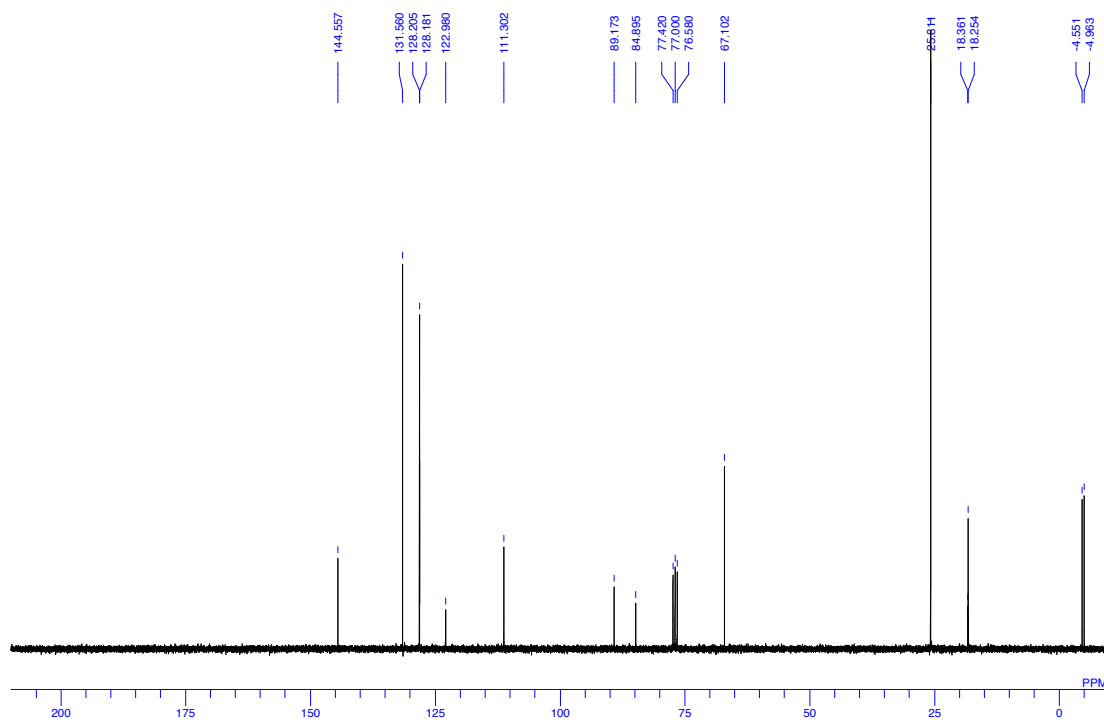
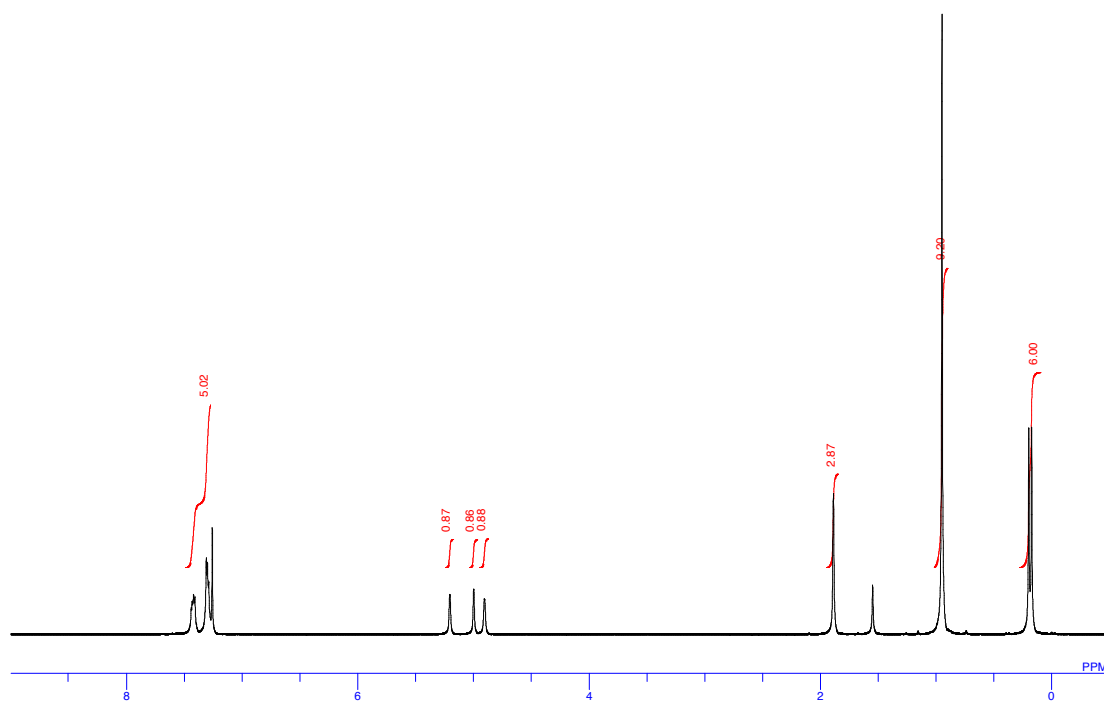
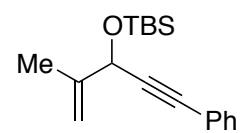
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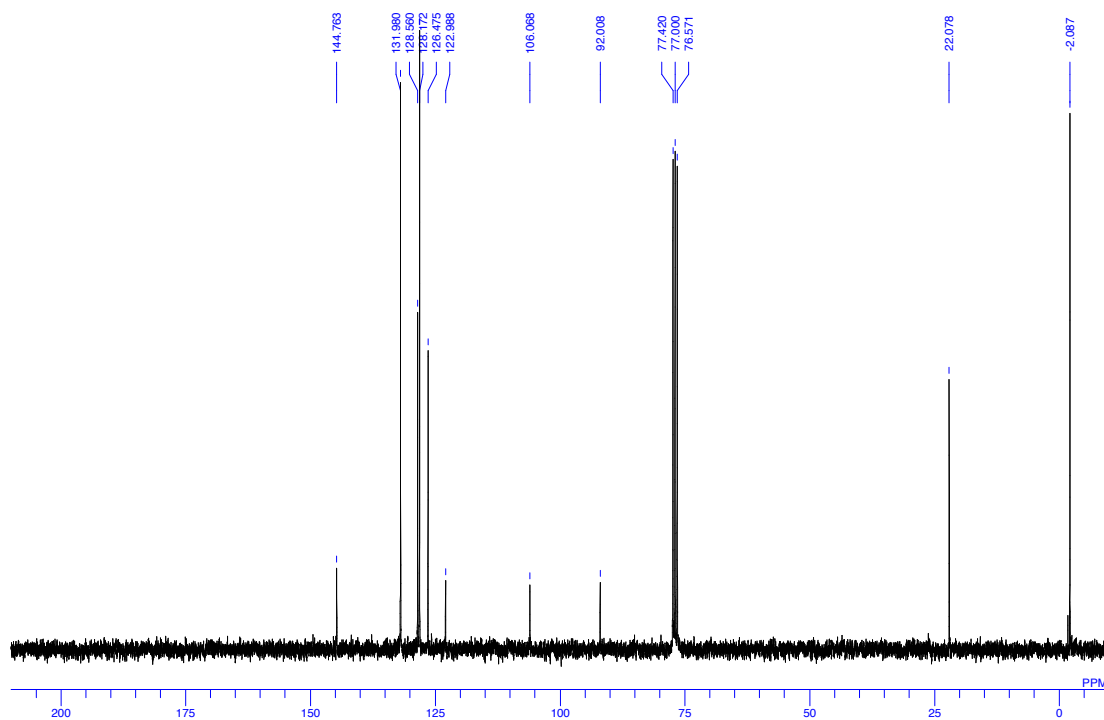
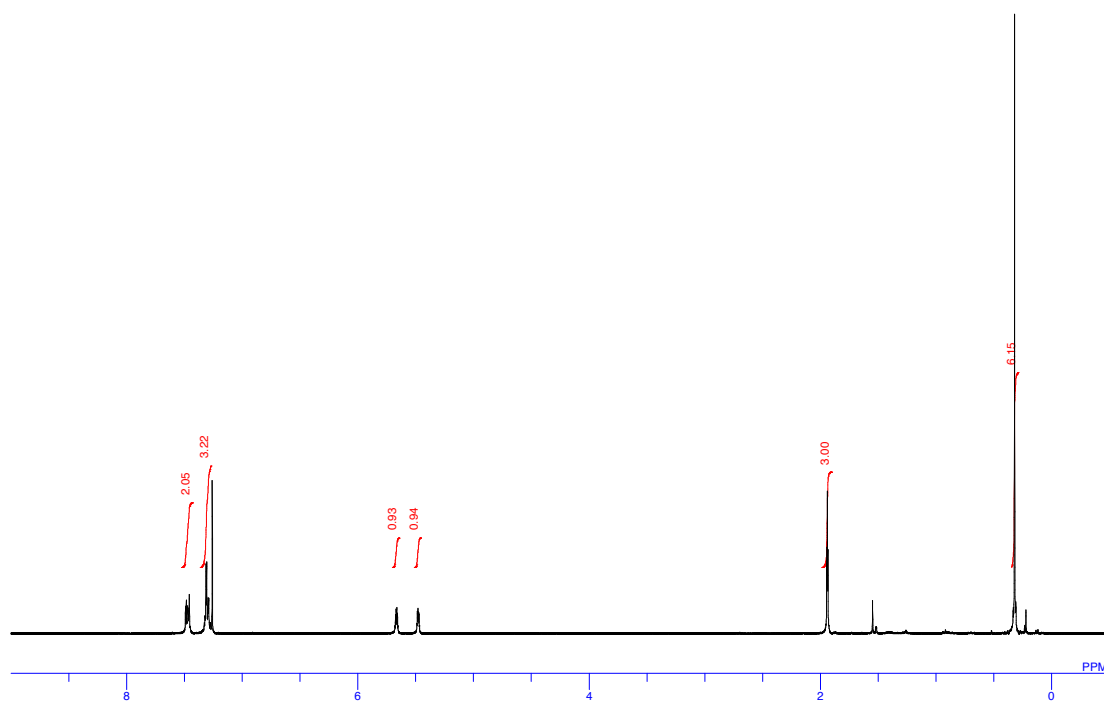
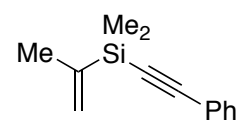
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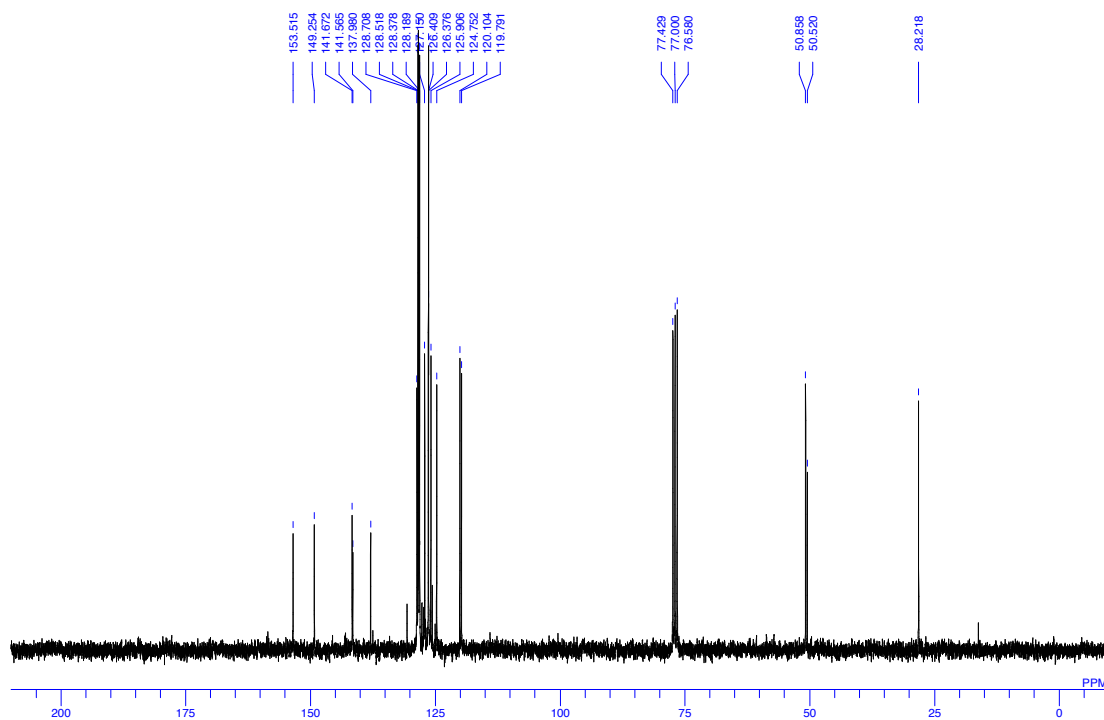
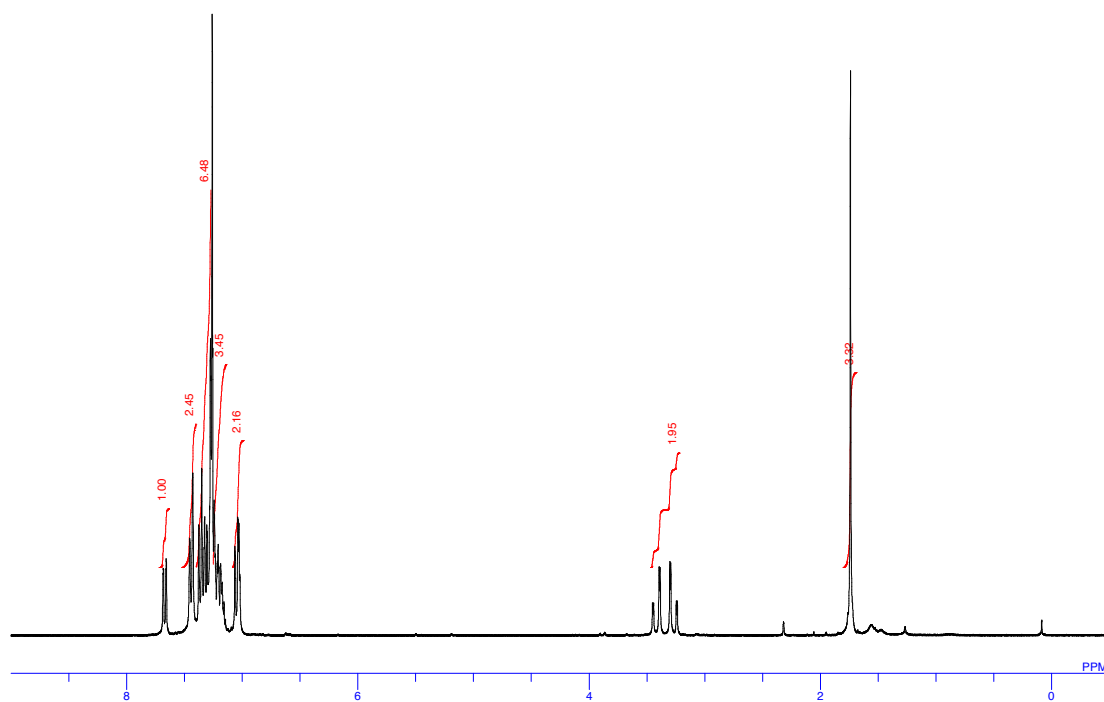
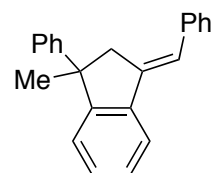
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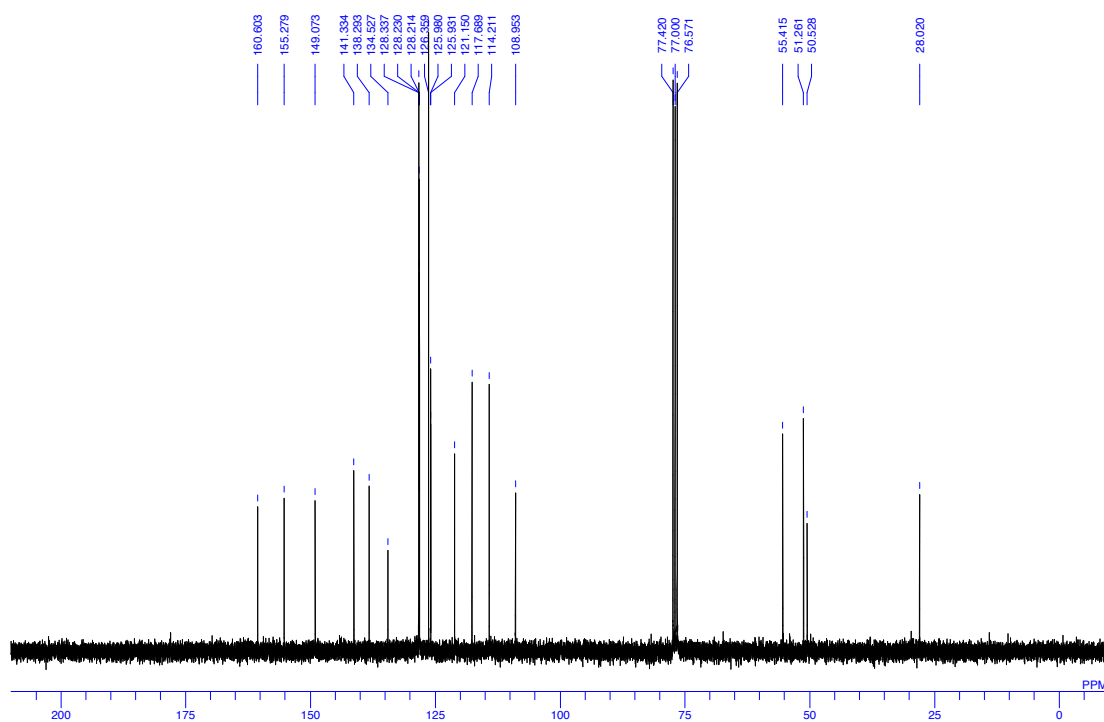
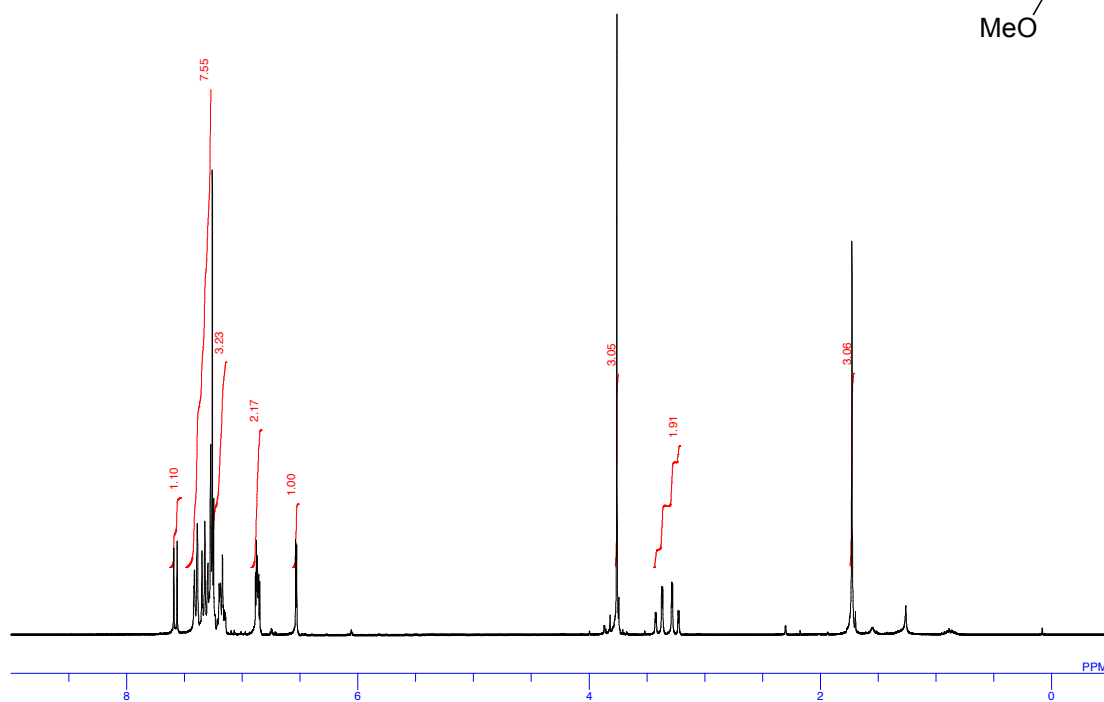
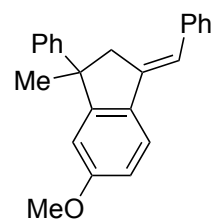
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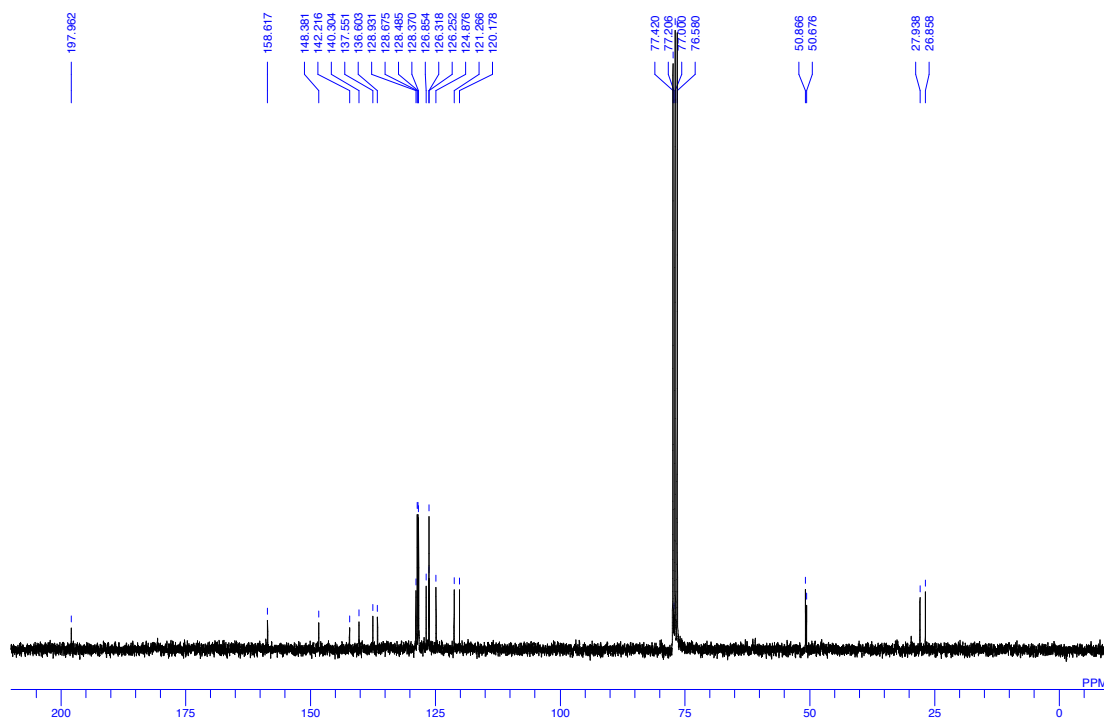
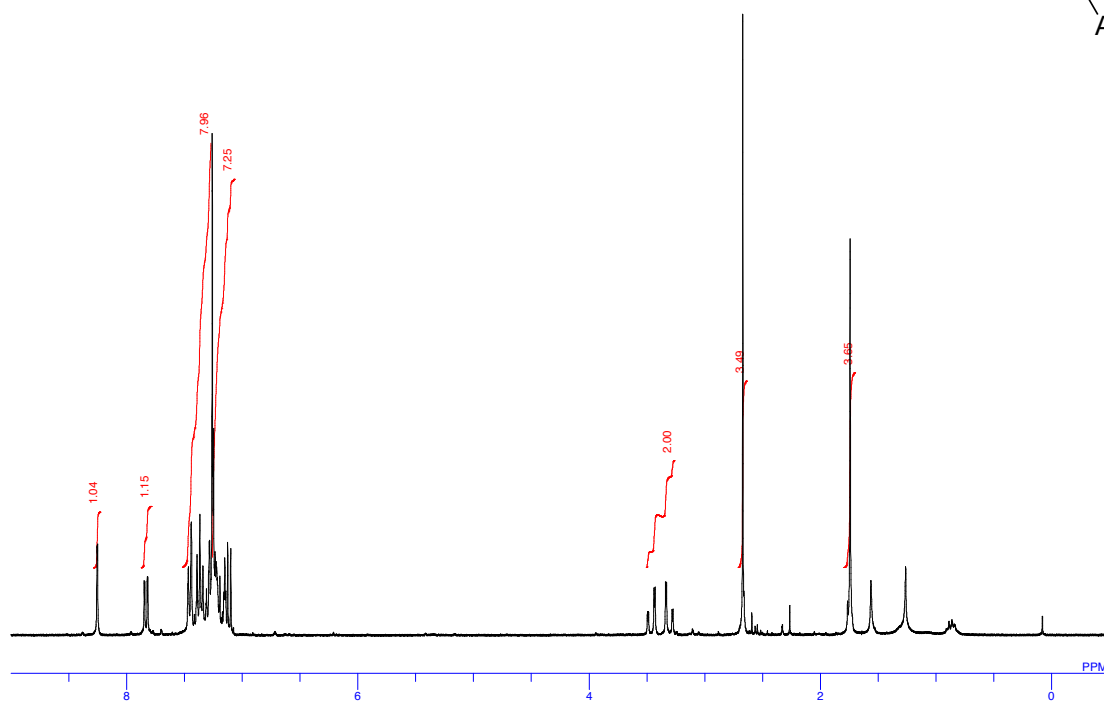
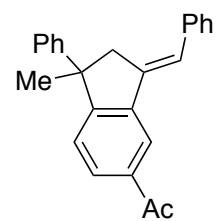
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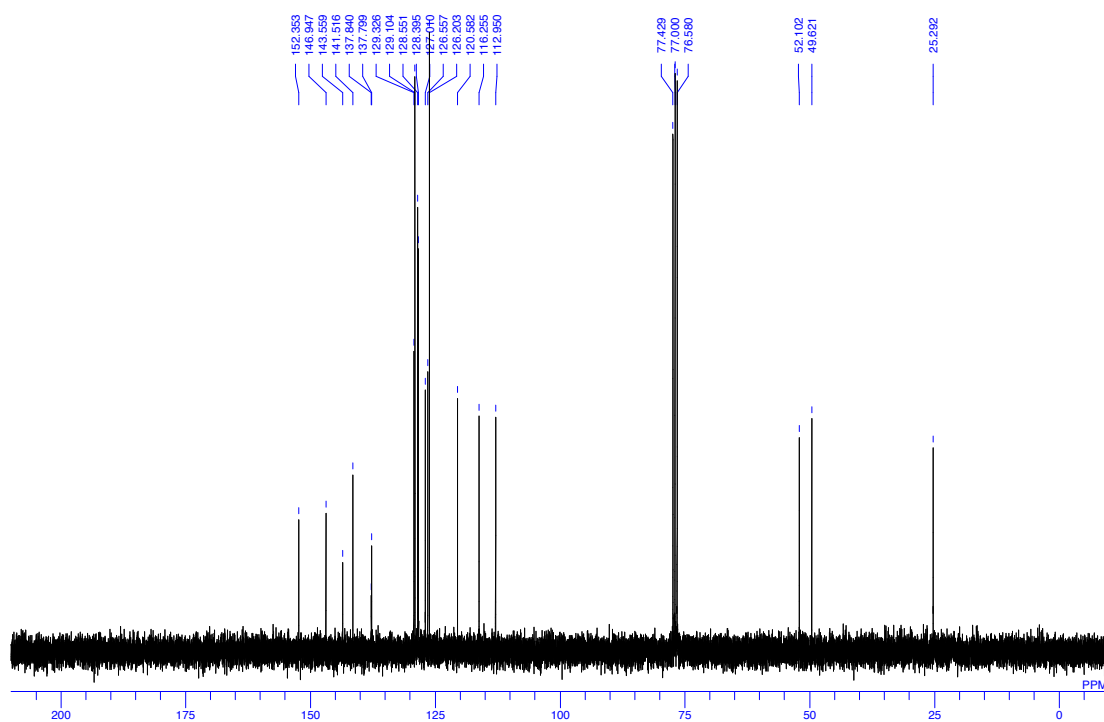
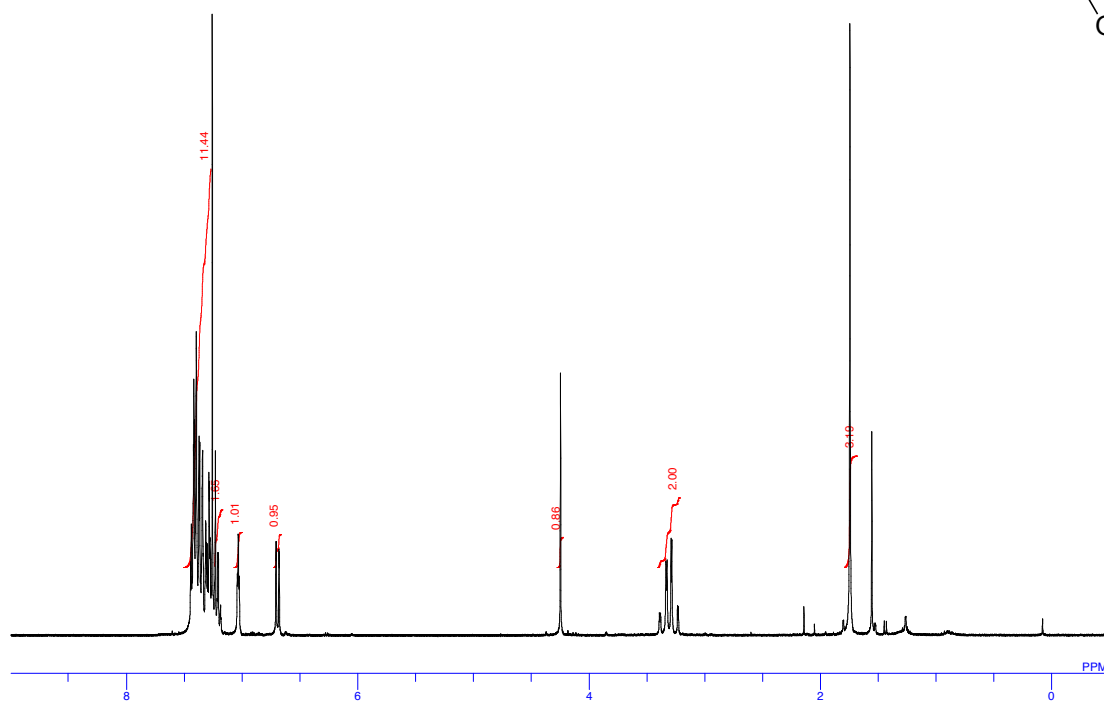
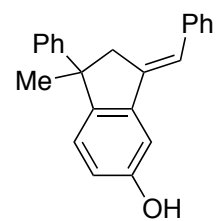
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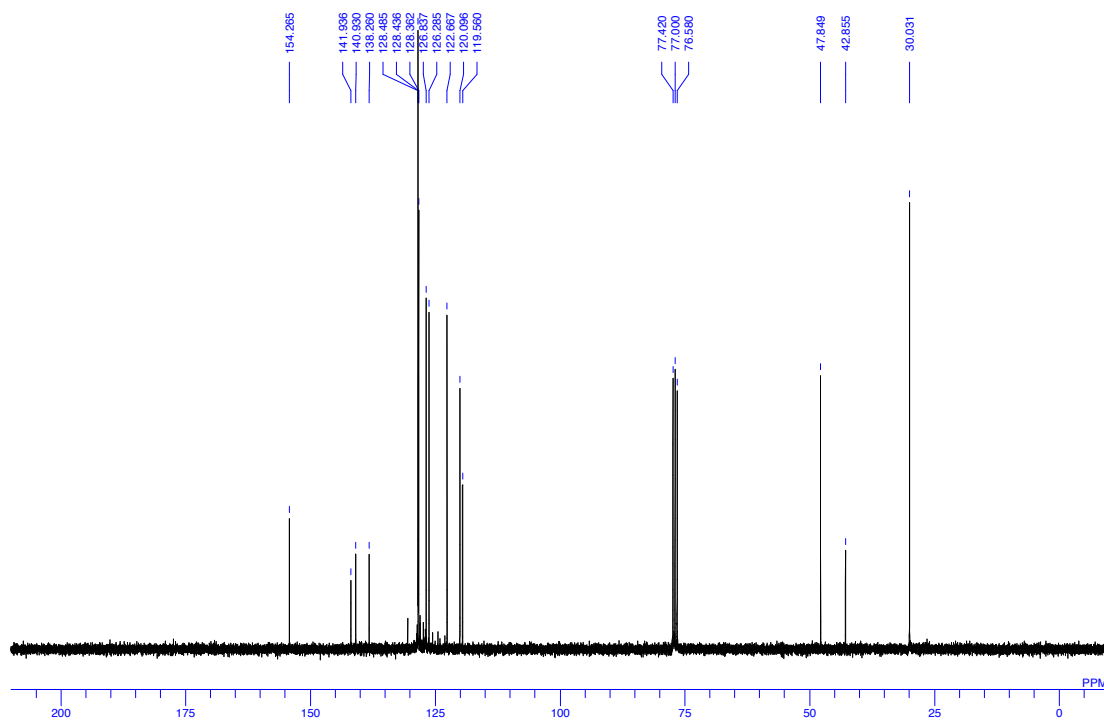
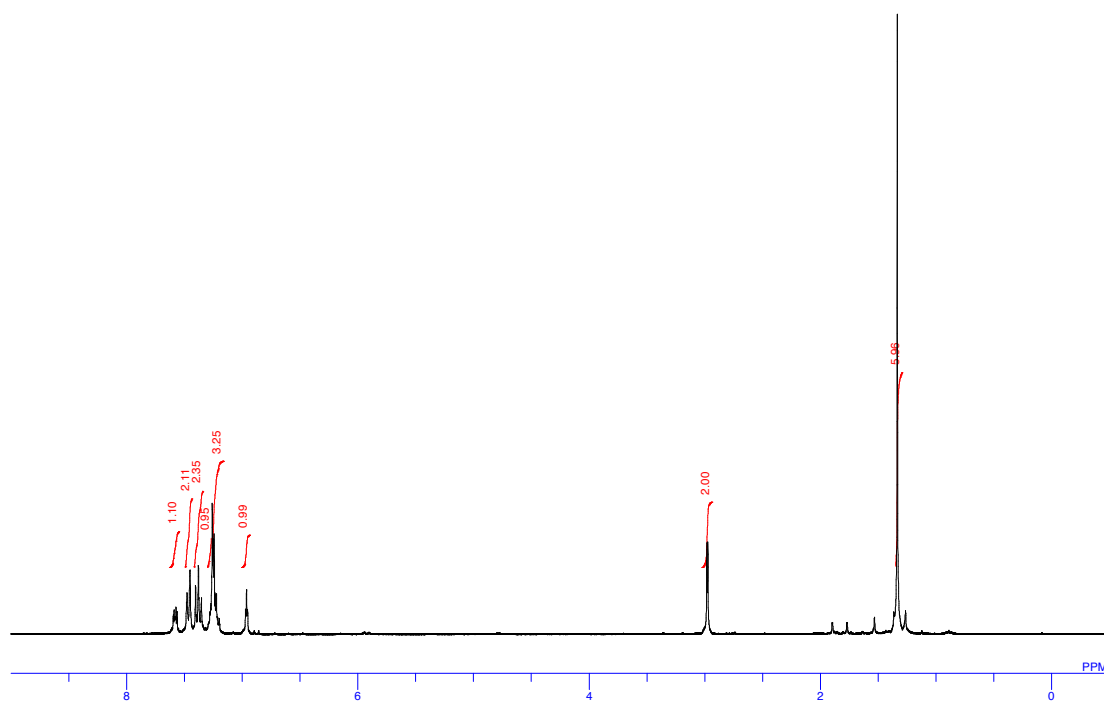
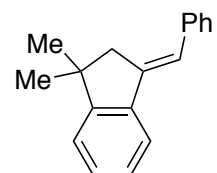
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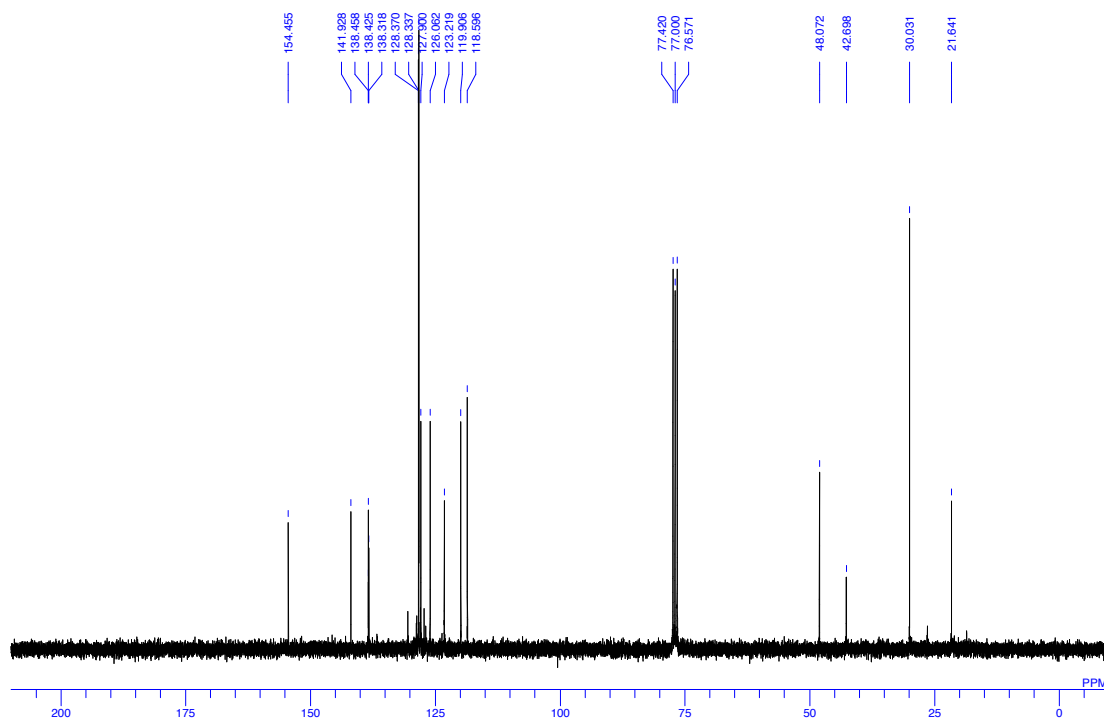
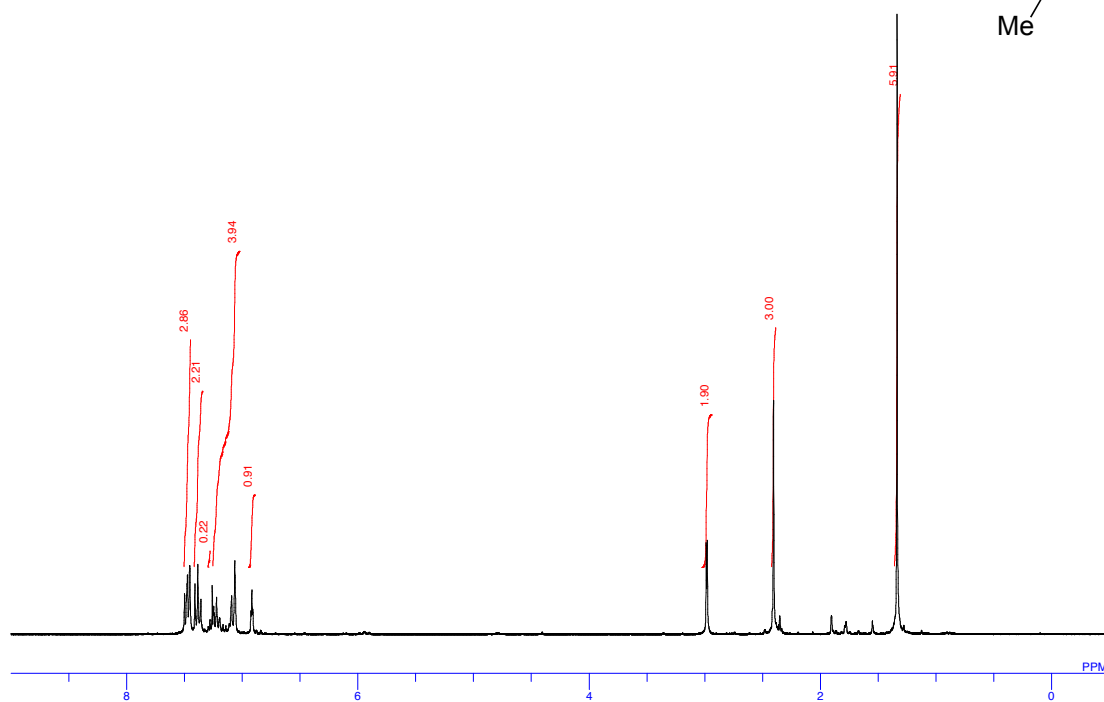
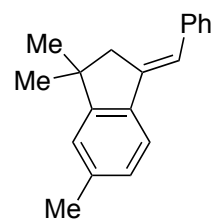
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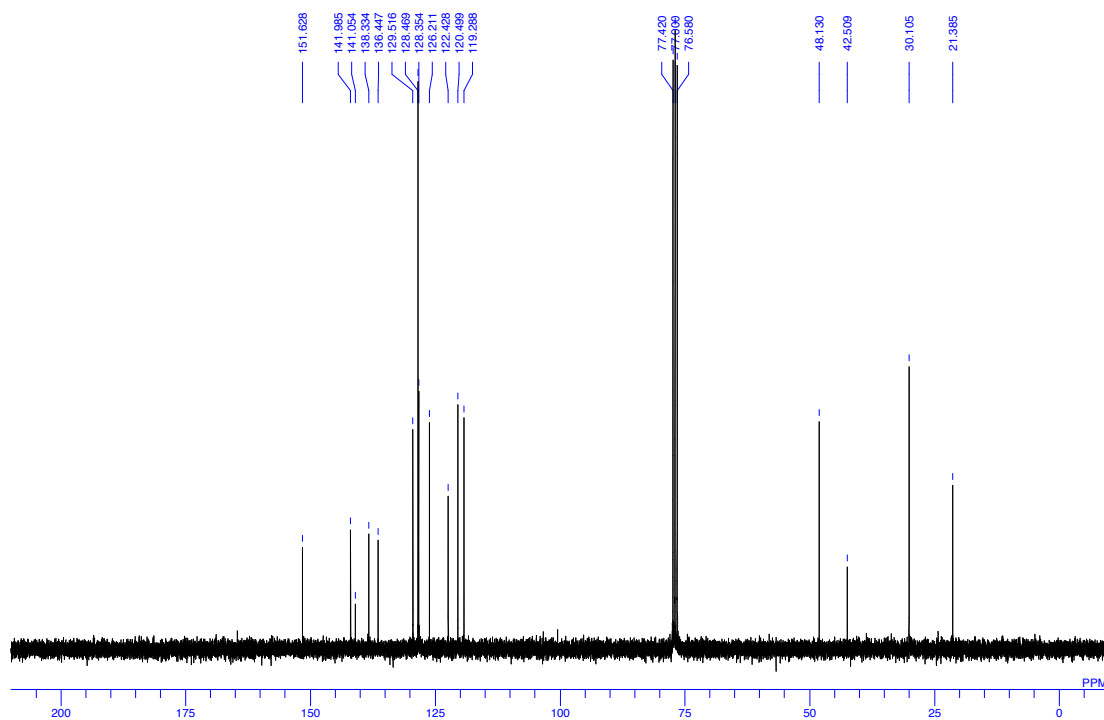
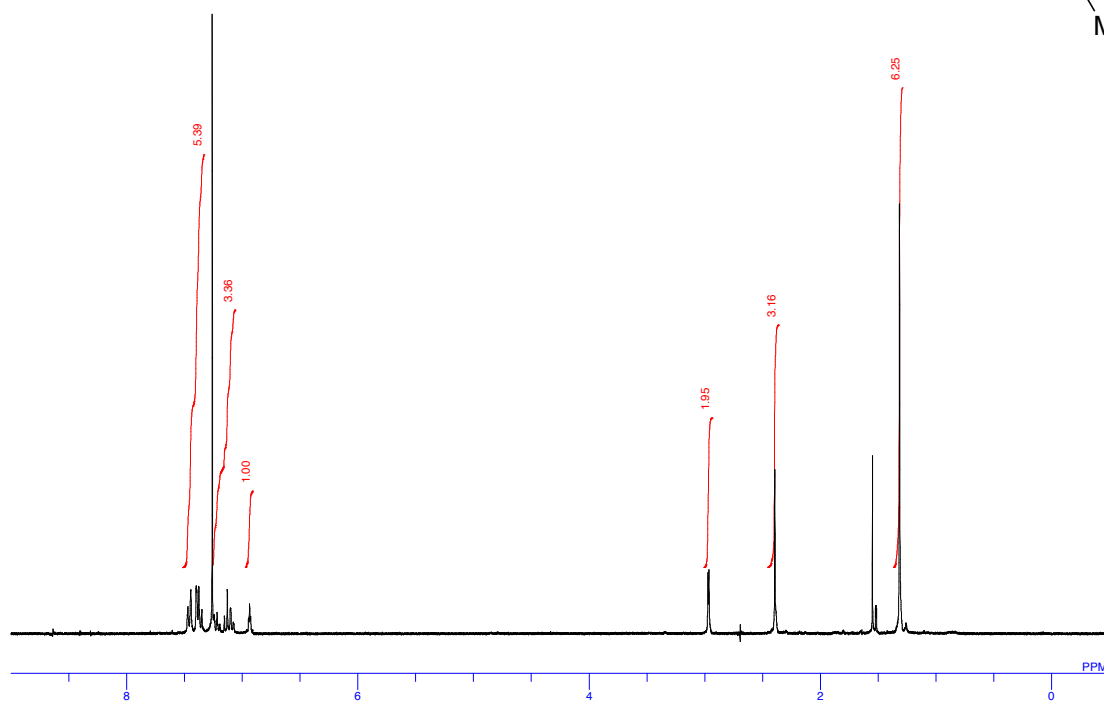
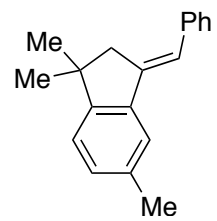
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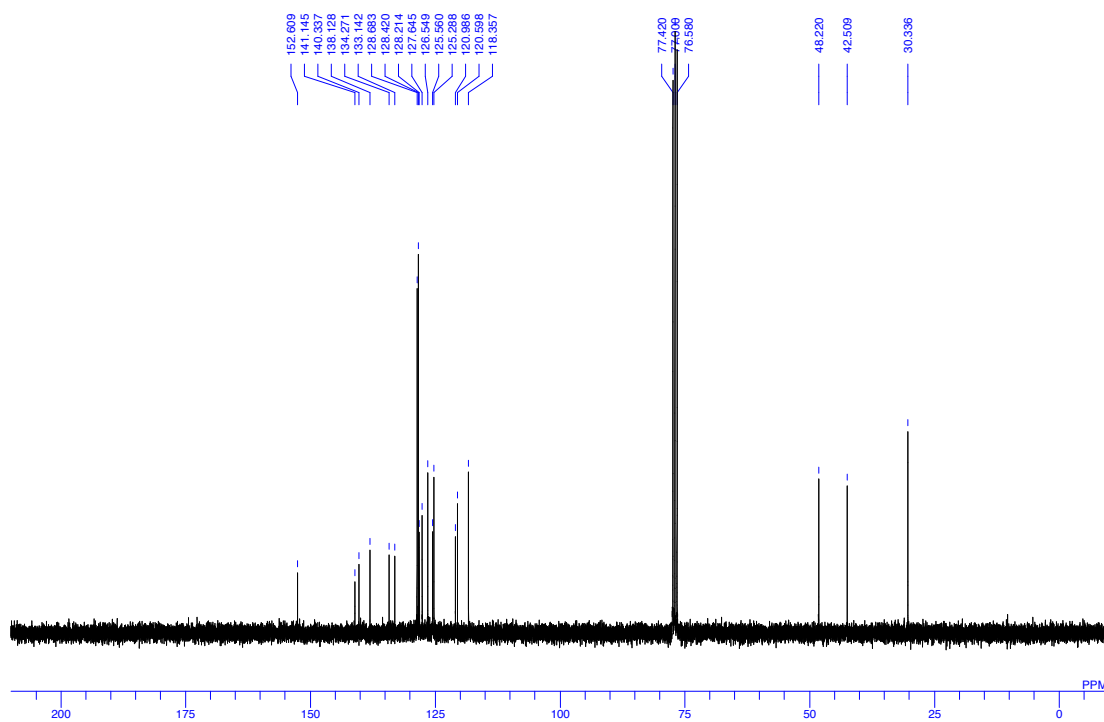
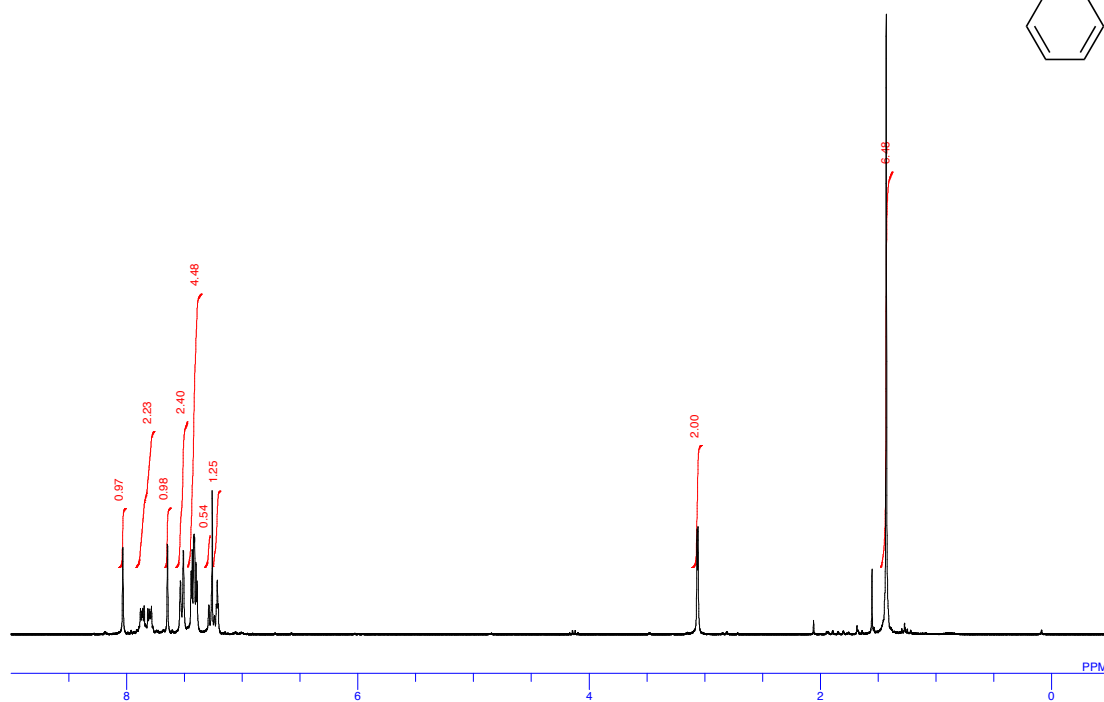
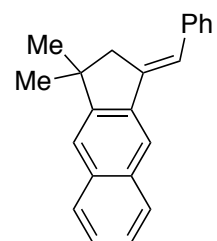
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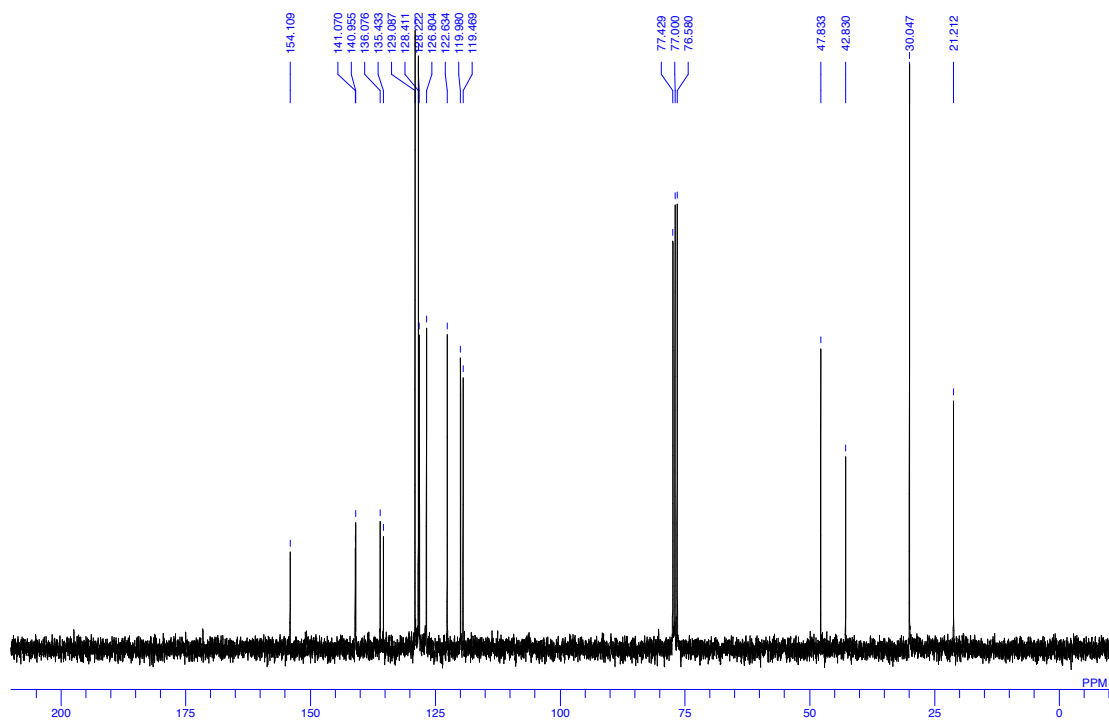
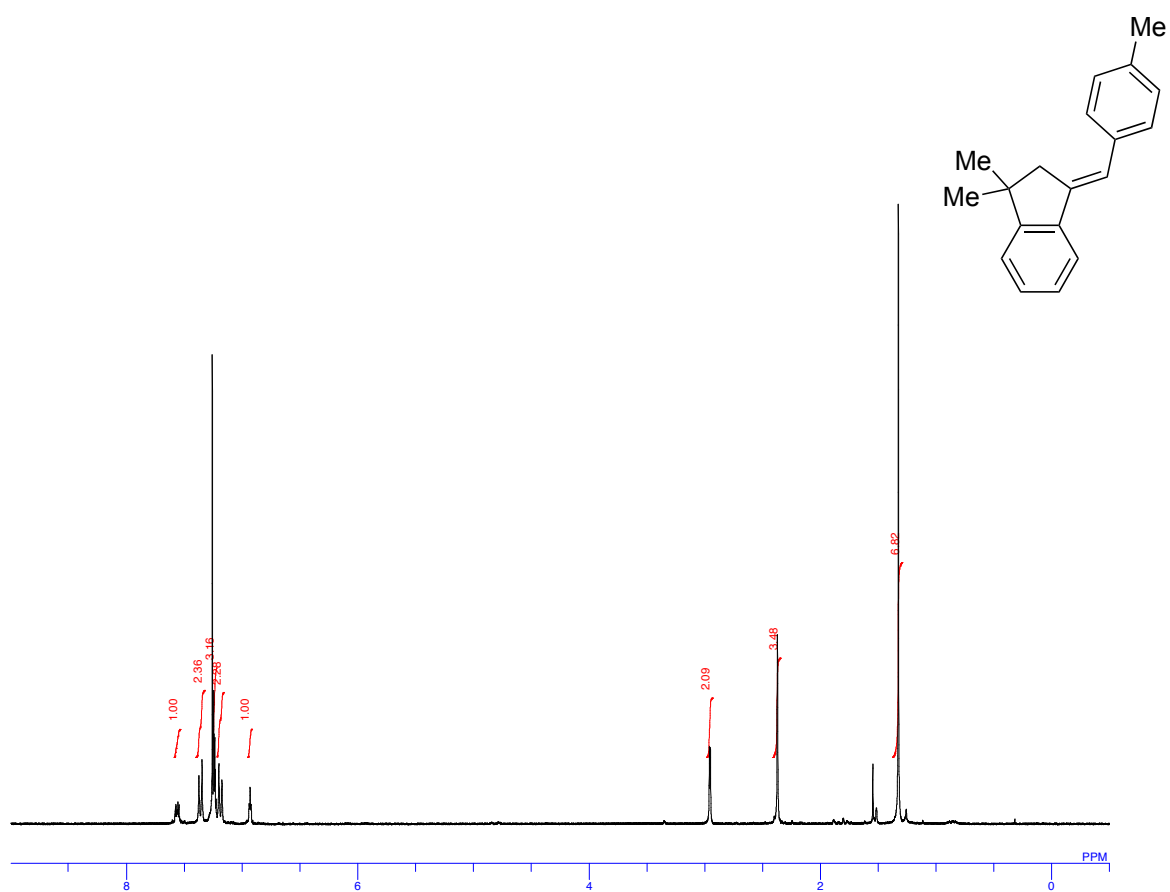
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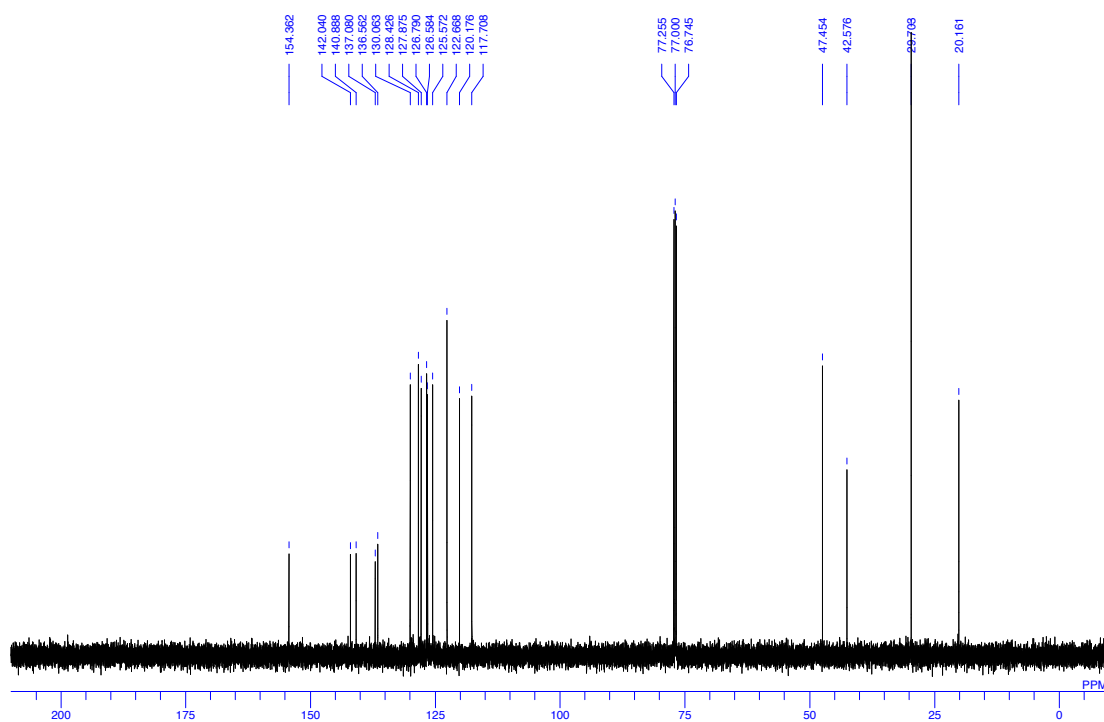
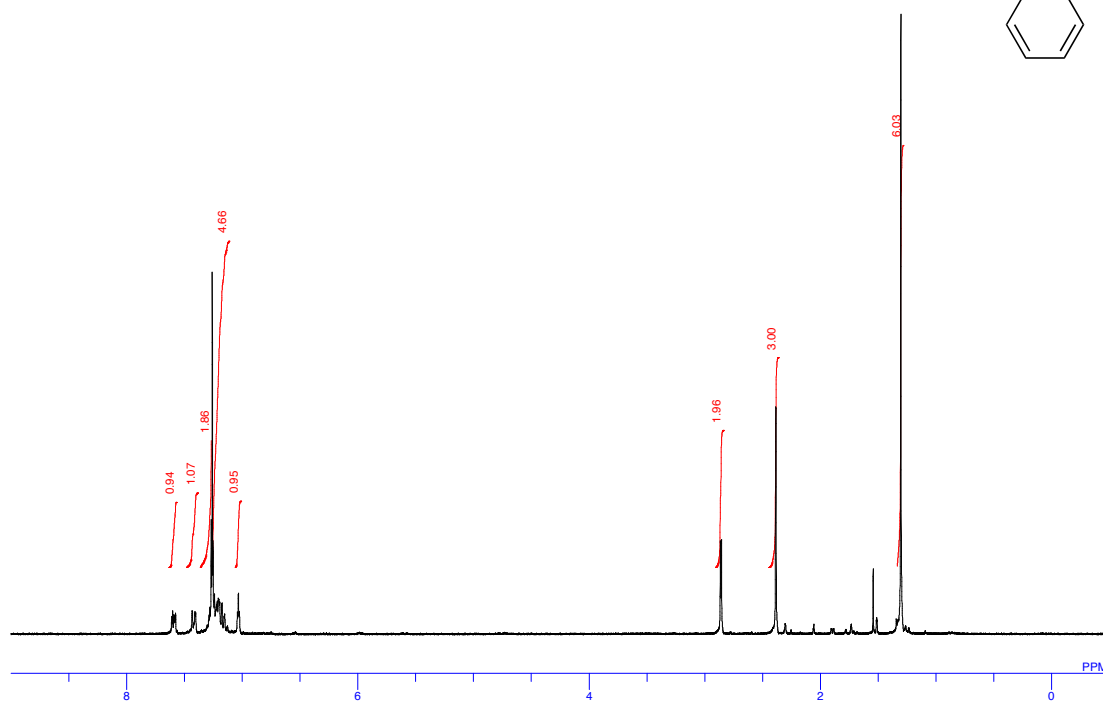
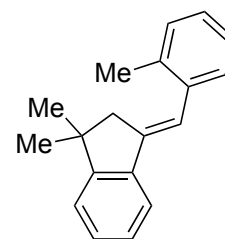
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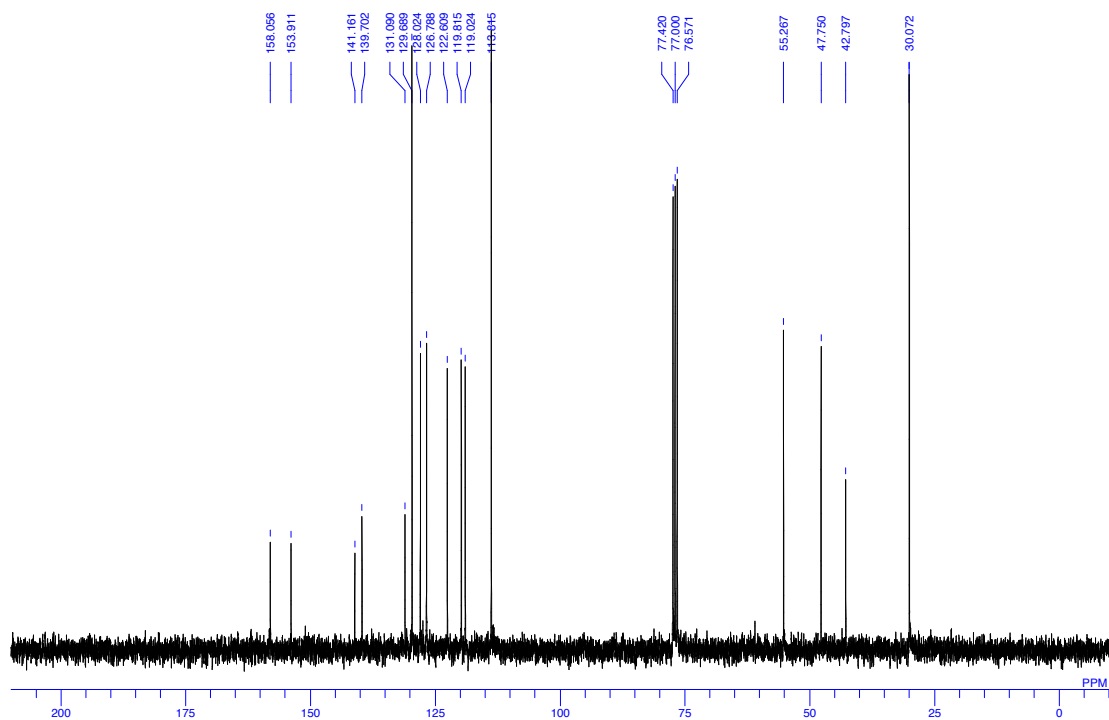
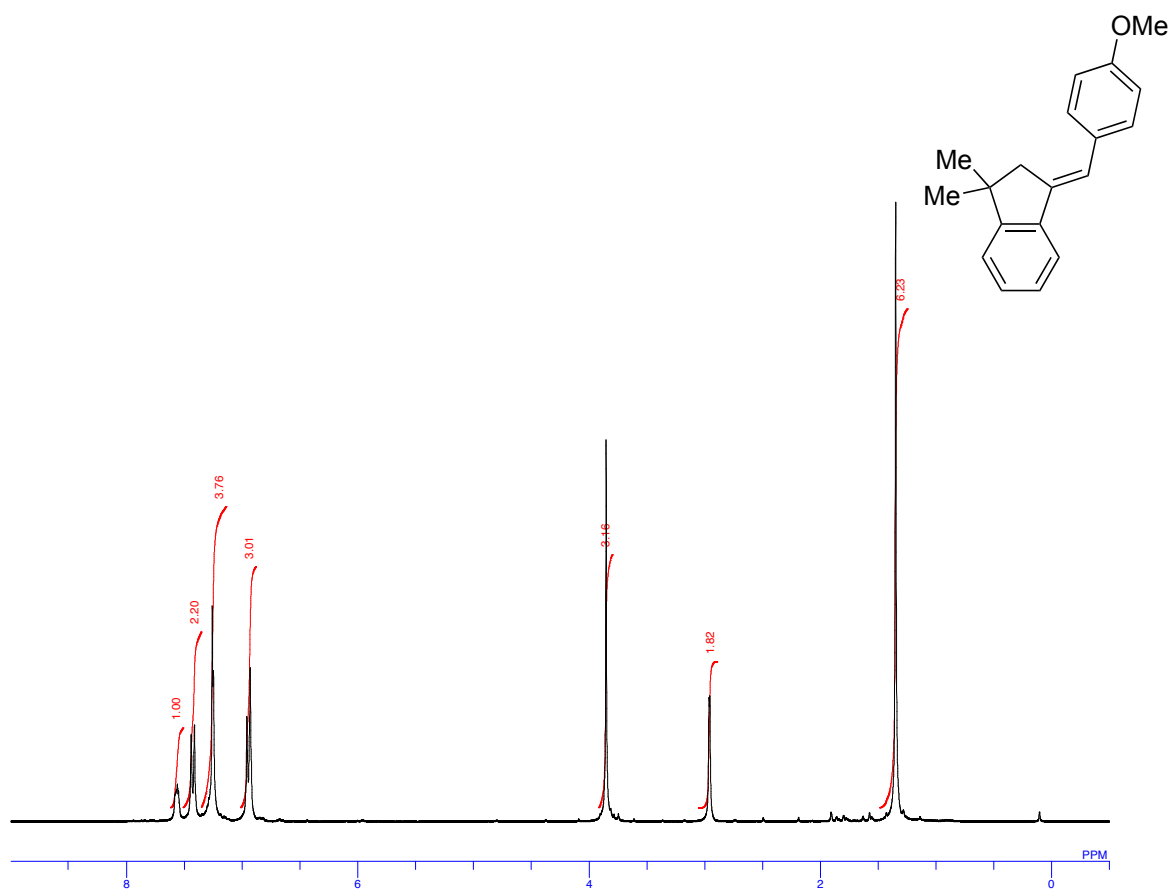
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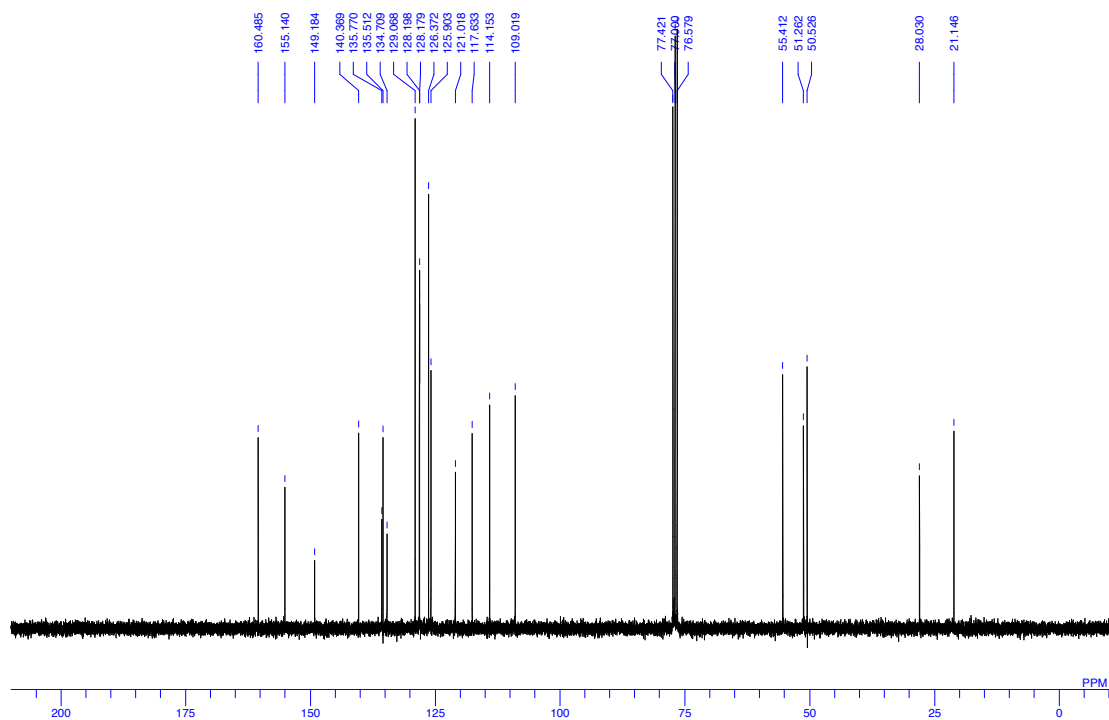
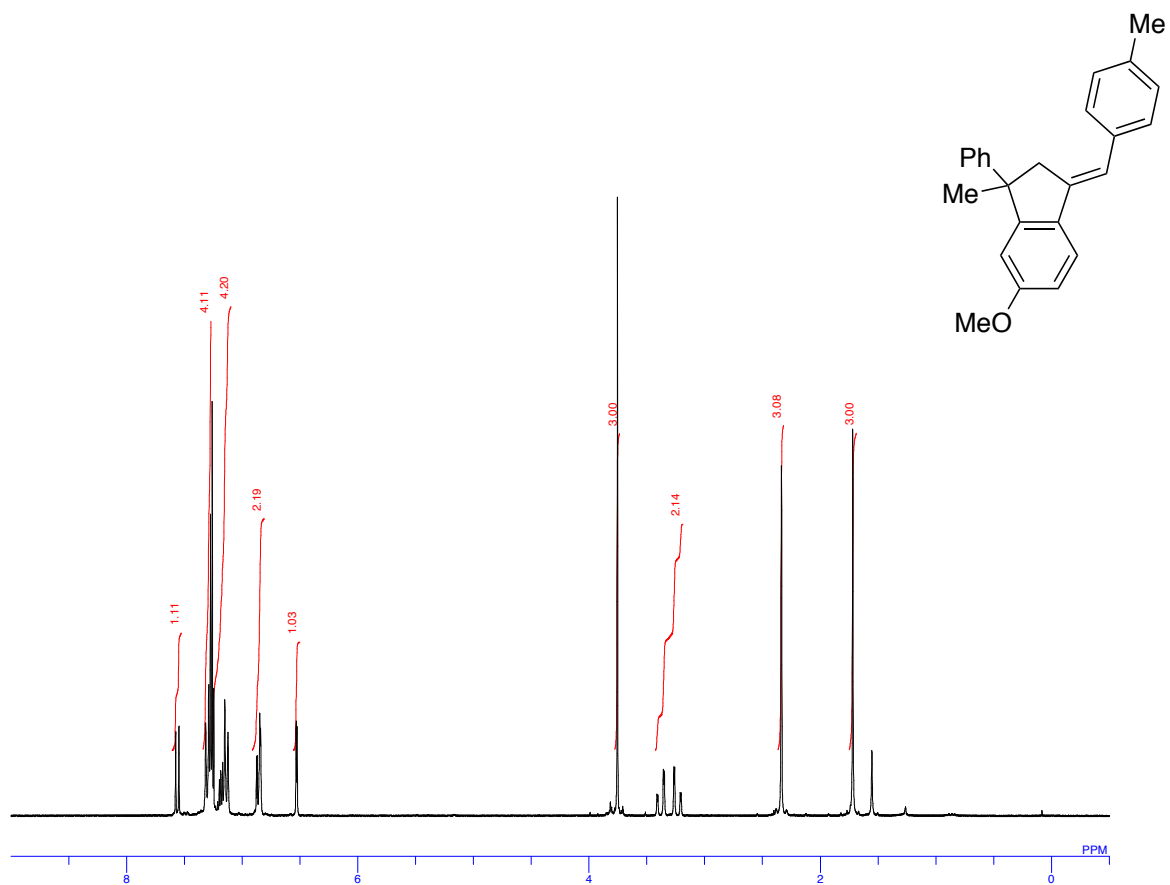
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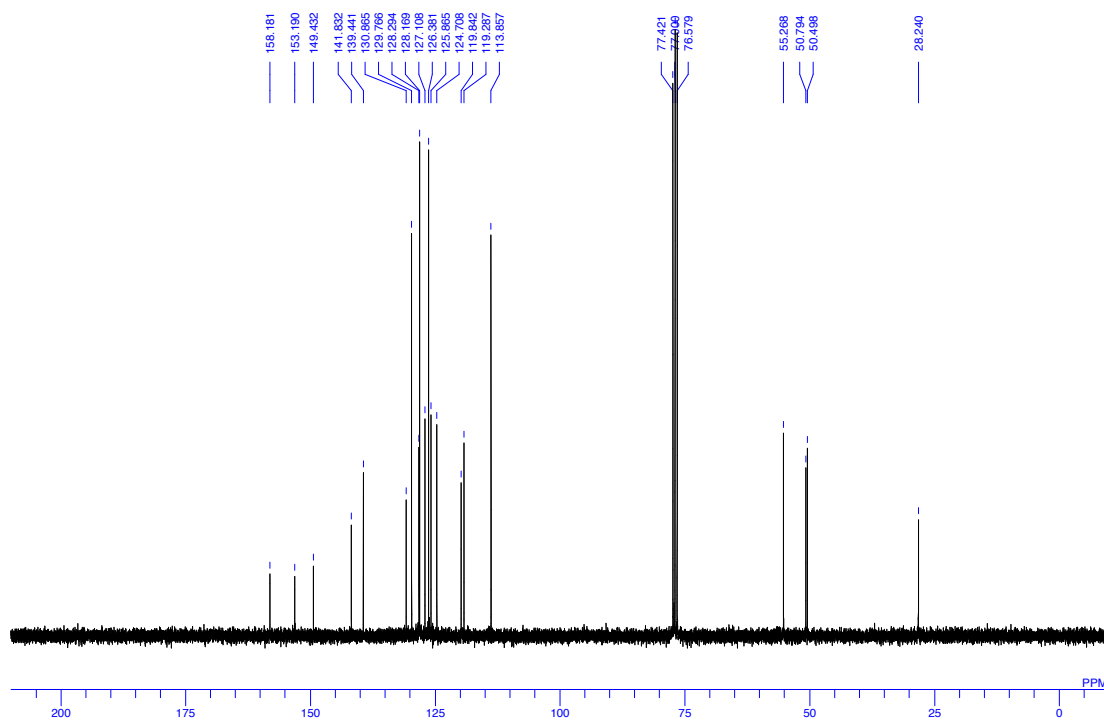
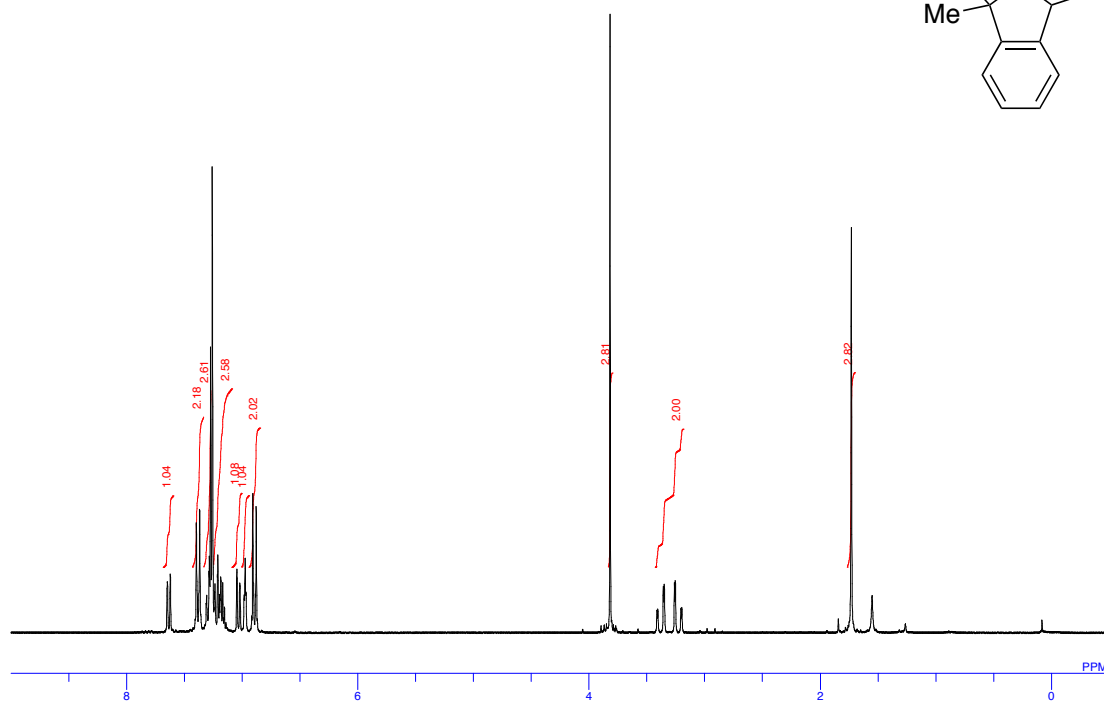
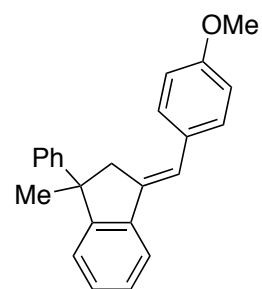
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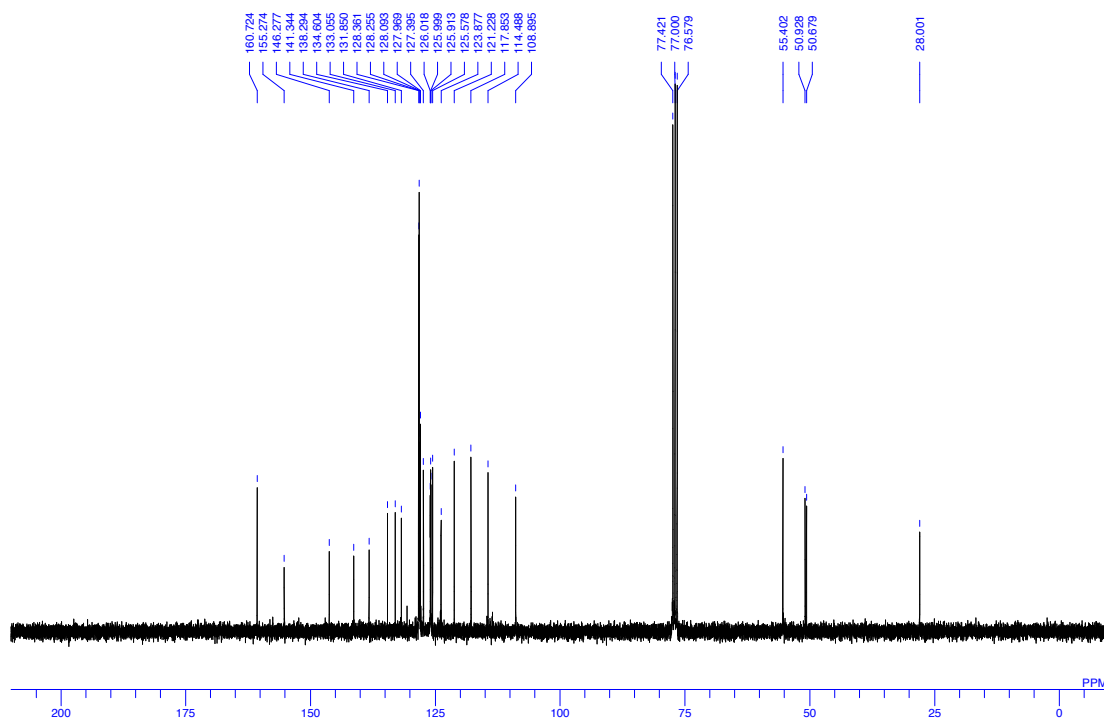
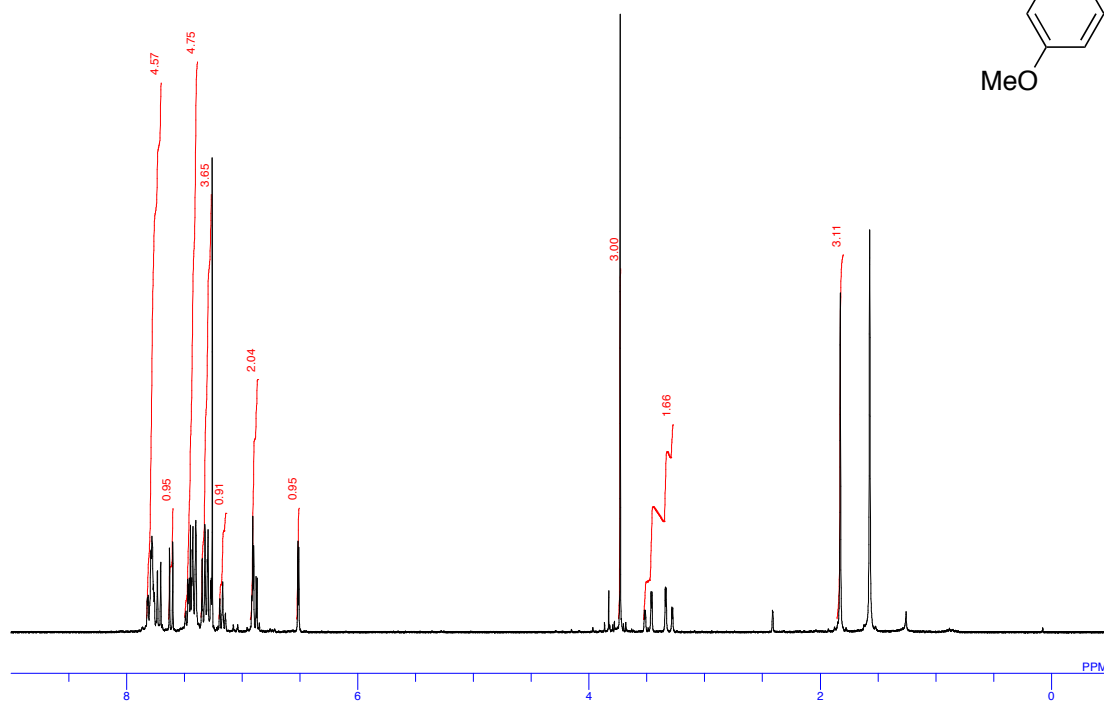
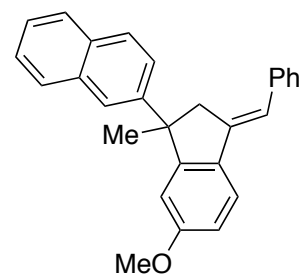
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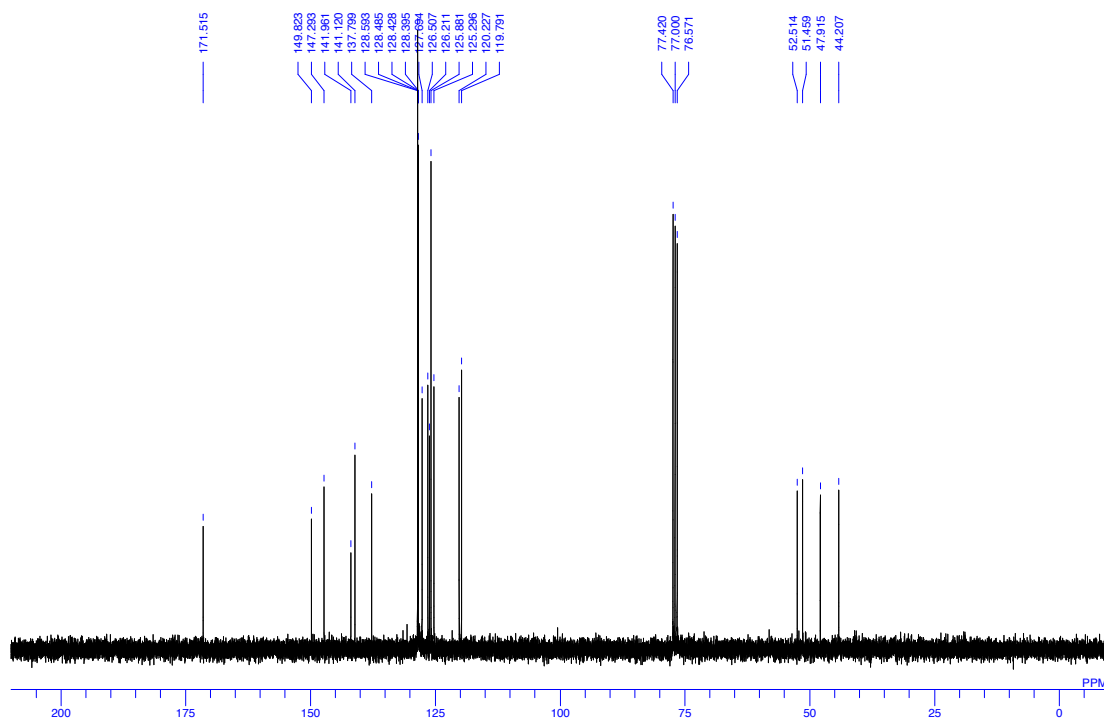
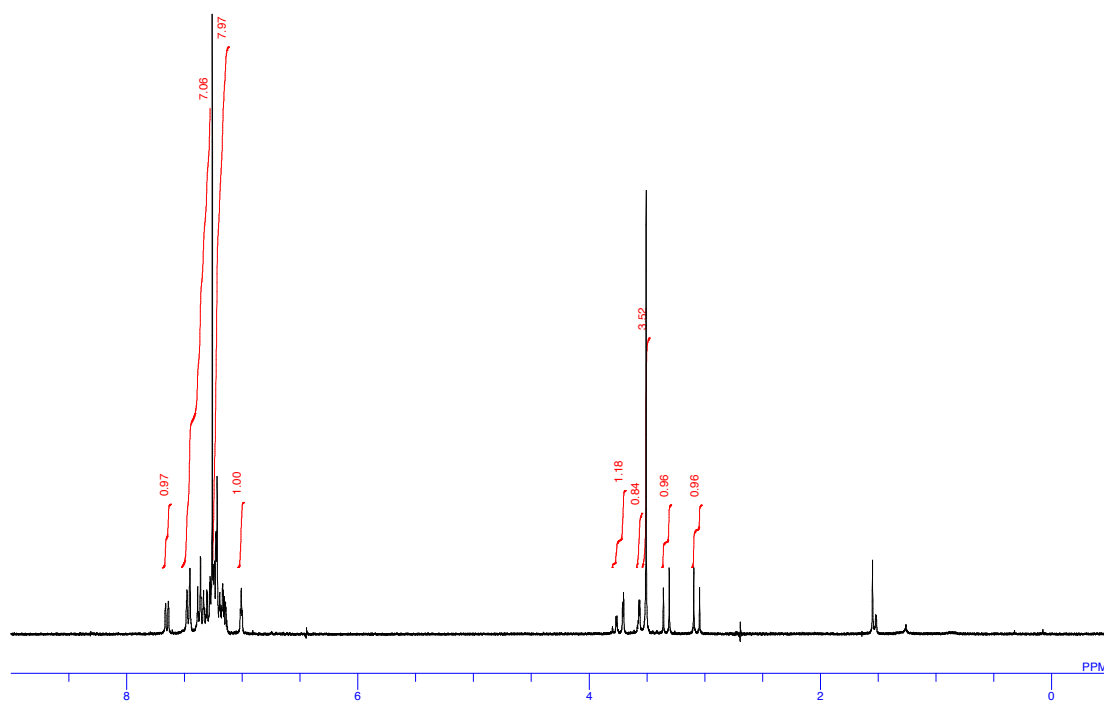
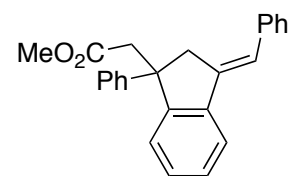
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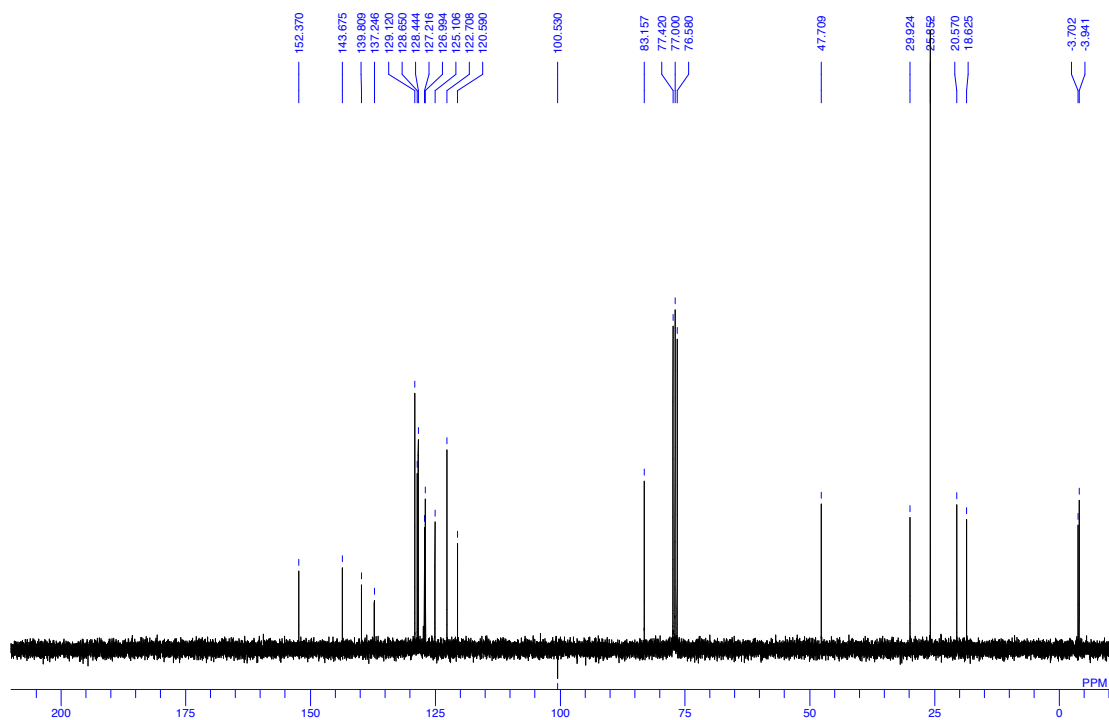
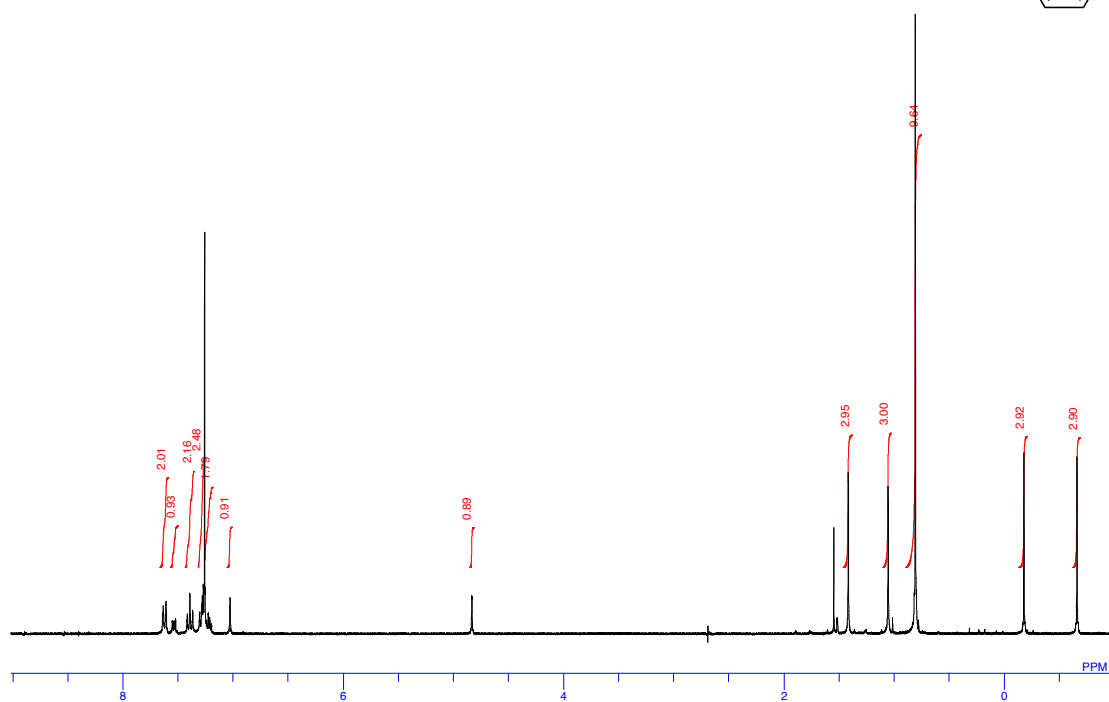
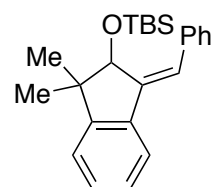
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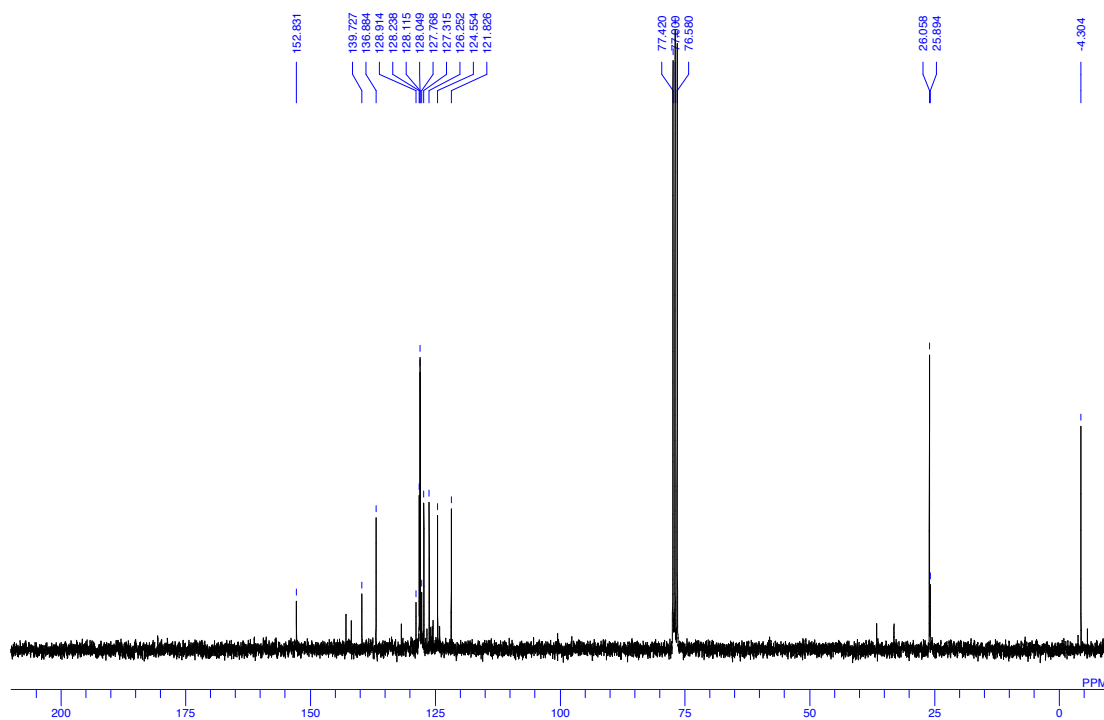
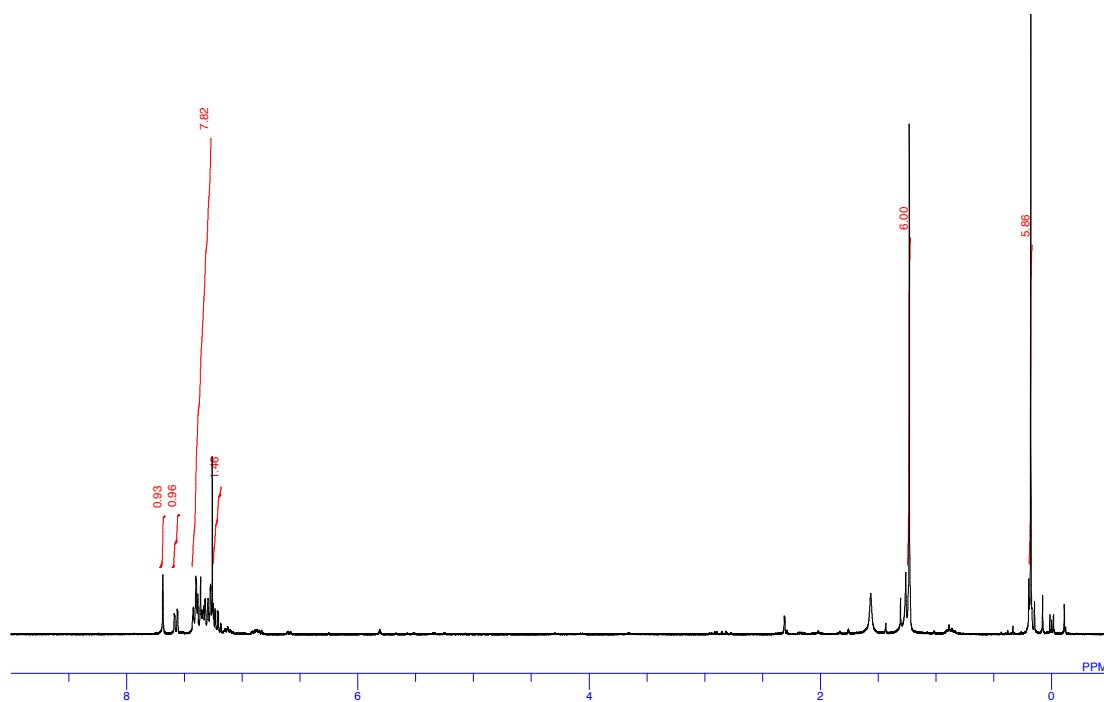
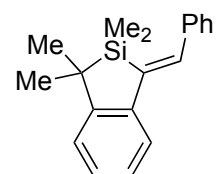
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