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## Solvent free L-Proline-catalysed domino Knoevenagel/6πelectrocyclization for the synthesis of highly functionalised 2H-pyrans

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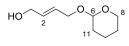
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#### 1. General

Unless otherwise stated, all chemicals were purchased as the highest purity commercially available and were used without further purification, except for 1a,<sup>1</sup> 10-hydroxycitral 15,<sup>2</sup> farnesal,<sup>3</sup>  $18^4$  and  $20^5$  which were synthesised according to the literature procedures. IR spectra were recorded on a BOMEM 100 FT-IR or an AVATAR 370 FT-IR Thermo Nicolet spectrophotometers. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were performed in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and referenced to the residual peak of CHCl<sub>3</sub> at  $\delta$  7.26 ppm and  $\delta$  77.0 ppm, for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C, respectively, using Varian 200 VX and Bruker DRX 400 instruments. Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  ppm and coupling constants (*J*) are given in hertz. MS were performed at a VG-TS 250 spectrometer at 70 eV ionising voltage. Mass spectra are presented as m/z (% rel int.). HRMS were recorded on a VG Platform (Fisons) spectrometer using chemical ionisation (ammonia as gas) or Fast Atom Bombardment (FAB) technique. For some of the samples, QSTAR XL spectrometer was employed for electrospray ionisation (ESI). Optical rotations were determined on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter in 1 dm cell. HPLC analysis were carried out on a CHIRALCEL<sup>TM</sup> AD-H column [cellulose tris(3,5-dimethylphenycarbamate)] on silica gel using *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh), with solvent systems indicated in the relevant experimental procedures. Dichloromethane was distilled from calcium hydride; tetrahydrofuran and diethyl ether were distilled from sodium/benzophenone ketyl under argon atmosphere prior to use.

#### 2. Synthesis of the Nazarov reagents, 1b-1d.



# 2.1 Monoprotection of (*E*)-1,4-butanediol with DHP: (*E*)-4-((tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)oxy)but-2-en-1-ol, 26.

 $^{26}$  (*E*)-1,4-butanediol (4 ml, 48.66 mmol) was dissolved in 194 ml of DCM under Ar at r.t. 3,4-Dihydro-2*H*-pyran (97%, 4.22g, 48.66 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (93 mg, 0.486 mmol) were added and left to stir for 3 h. The reaction was quenched with a NaHCO<sub>3</sub> saturated solution, and extracted with DCM. The combined organics were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **26** (8.01 g, 96%).  $v_{max}$  (liquid film) 3417, 2943, 2870, 1454, 1352, 1261, 1134; δ<sub>H</sub> (200 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 5.88-5.33 (2H, m, H2 and H3), 4.67-4.60 (1H, m, H6), 4.32-3.99 (4H, m, H1 and H4), 3.92-3.71 (1H, m, H8<sub>a</sub>), 3.57-3.40 (1H, m, H8<sub>b</sub>), 1.91-1.36 (6H, m, H9, H10, and H11); δC (50 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 132.6, 127.3, 97.6, 62.6, 62.0, 57.9, 30.5, 25.4, 19.3; EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M+Na): 195.0592; found: 195.0991 (M+Na).

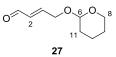
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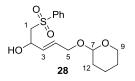
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#### 2.2. Oxidation of 26 with PDC: (E)-4-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy)but-2-enal, 27.

A mixture of monoprotected diol 26 (8.01 g, 46.5 mmol) and molecular sieves were dissolved in 232 ml of DCM under Ar and stirred at room temperature for 5 min. PDC (34.9 g, 93.02 mmol) was added and left to stir for 5 h. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite<sup>®</sup>/Silica/Celite<sup>®</sup>, and then extracted with EtOAc to afford 27 (7.19 g, 91%). v<sub>max</sub> (liquid film) 2945, 2870, 2853, 2727, 1693, 1454, 1352, 1261, 1201, 1120;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (200 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 9.54 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, CHO), 6.85 (1H, dt, J = 15.7, 4.0 Hz, H3), 6.34 (1H, ddt, J = 15.7, 8.0, 2.0, Hz, H2), 4.68-4.61 (1H, m, H6), 4.49 (1H, ddd, J = 17.3, 4.0, 2.0) Hz, H4<sub>a</sub>), 4.21 (1H, ddd, J = 17.3, 4.0, 2.0 Hz, H4<sub>b</sub>), 3.86-3.72 (1H, m, H8<sub>a</sub>), 3.56-3.42 (1H, m, H8<sub>b</sub>), 1.86-1.43 (6H, m, H9, H10, and H11); &C (50 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 193.5, 153.7, 131.5, 98.4, 65.6, 62.2, 30.4, 25.4, 19.2; EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M+Na): 193.0835; found: 193.0835 (M+Na).



1b/1c

#### 2.3. Addition of methylphenylsulfone (E)-1-(phenylsulfonyl)-5to 27: ((tetrahydro2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy)pent-3-em-2-ol, 28.

Methylphenylsulfone (3.64 g, 23.29 mmol) was dissolved in 100 ml of THF under Ar at -78 °C. n-BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 14.9 ml, 23.29 mmol) was added and the mixture was

stirred 15 min. Separately, 27 (4.40 g, 25.88 mmol) was dissolved in 30 ml of THF under Ar at r.t. This solution was added via cannula to the former one and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C under Ar for 2h. Then the reaction was quenched with a NH<sub>4</sub>Cl saturated solution and left to warm at room temperature. Then it was extracted with EtOAc and the combined organics were washed with H2O, brine, dried (Na2SO4), filtered and concentrated in vacuo to leave a crude yellow oil. Flash chromatography (hexane:EtOAc, 6:4) afforded 28 (4.63 g, 61%). v<sub>max</sub> (liquid film) 3444, 2953, 2872, 2250, 1732, 1446, 1288, 1138 δ<sub>H</sub> (200 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.97-7.83 (2H, m, ArH<sub>ortho</sub>), 7.71-7.46 (3H, m, ArH<sub>meta</sub>, ArH<sub>para</sub>), 5.83 (1H, dt, J = 15.5, 5.2 Hz, H4), 5.62 (1H, dd, J = 15.5, 5.2 Hz, H3), 4.76-4.59 (1H, m, H7), 4.59-4.49 (1H, m, H2), 4.15 (1H, dd, J = 13.3, 4.6 Hz, H5<sub>a</sub>), 3.95-3.69 (2H, m, H1<sub>a</sub> and H5<sub>a</sub>), 3.55-3.41 (2H, m, H9), 3.30-3.19 (2H, m, H1<sub>b</sub> and 5<sub>b</sub>), 1.84-1.37 (6H, m, H10, H11, and H12); δC (50 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 139.7, 134.1, 131.4, 129.5 (2C), 128.8, 128.1 (2C), 98.1, 66.6, 66.5, 62.2, 62.1, 30.6, 25.5, 19.5; EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S (M+Na): 349.1080; found: 349.1080 (M+Na).

## 2.4. Oxidation of 28 with PDC: (E)-1-(phenylsulfonyl)-5-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2yl)oxy)pent-3-en-2-one, 1b and 1c.

A mixture of 28 (537 g, 1.65 mmol) and molecular sieves were dissolved in 8 ml of DCM under Ar and stirred at r.t. for 5 min. PDC (1.24 g, 3.30 mmol) was added and left to stir for 4 h. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite<sup>®</sup>/Silica/Celite<sup>®</sup>, and then extracted with

EtOAc to afford a crude brown oil. Flash chromatography (hexane:EtOAc, 6:4) afforded 1b (304 mg, 57%) and 1c (5 mg, 1%). **1b**:  $v_{max}$  (liquid film) 2943, 2870, 2852, 1693, 1666, 1633, 1446, 1384, 1325, 1153;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (200 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.89 (2H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, ArH<sub>ortho</sub>), 7.74-7.50 (3H, m, ArH<sub>meta</sub> and ArH<sub>para</sub>), 6.98 (1H, dt, J = 15.8, 3.9 Hz, H4), 6.54 (1H, dt, J = 15.8, 1.9 Hz, H3), 4.65 (1H, t, J = 3.1 Hz, H7), 4.46 (1H, ddd, J = 17.6, 3.9, 1.9 Hz, H5<sub>a</sub>), 4.32 (2H, s, H1), 4.18 (1H, ddd, J = 17.6, 3.9, 2.0 Hz, H5<sub>b</sub>), 3.89-3.74 (1H, m, H9<sub>a</sub>), 3.59-3.42 (1H, m, H9<sub>b</sub>), 1.90-1.40 (6H, m, H10, H11, and H12); &C (50 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 187.3, 147.7, 138.9, 134.4, 129.4 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.0, 98.4, 65.6, 65.3, 62.2, 30.5, 25.5, 19.3; EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S (M+Na): 347.0924; found: 347.0924 (M+Na). 1c: v<sub>max</sub> (liquid film) 2943, 2872, 2852, 1693, 1666, 1614, 1448, 1377, 1323, 1155; δ<sub>H</sub> (200 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.01-7.80 (2H, m, ArHortho), 7.79-7.50 (3H, m, ArHmeta and ArHpara), 6.65-6.37 (2H, m, H3 and H4), 4.75-4.39 (3H, m, H5 and H7), 4.21 (2H, s, H1), 3.92-3.71 (1H, m, H9a), 3.58-3.38 (1H, m, H9b), 1.95-1.36 (6H, m, H10, H11, and H12); SC (50

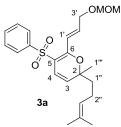
MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 187.4, 152.4, 138.8, 134.5, 129.6 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 124.7, 99.2, 68.1, 67.2, 62.8, 30.8, 25.6, 19.8; EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S (M+Na): 347.0924; found: 347.0924 (M+Na).

## Ph S 1 3 OH 1d. 2.5. Deprotection of 1b with *p*TsOH: (*E*)-5-hydroxy-1-(phenylsulfonyl)pent-3-en-2-one, 1d.

1d 1b (203 mg, 0.62 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (12 mg, 0.06 mmol) were dissolved in 6 ml of a 1/1 mixture of THF/H<sub>2</sub>O, and the hole mixture was stirred for 5 days. The reaction was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O, extracted with EtOAc and the combined organics were washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5%), H<sub>2</sub>O, brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated in vacuo to afford 1d (130.2 mg, 88%).  $v_{max}$  (liquid film) 3504, 2931, 1691, 1664, 1627, 1448, 1309, 1151;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (200 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.93-7.82 (2H, m, ArH<sub>ortho</sub>), 7.72-7.50 (3H, m, ArH<sub>meta</sub> and ArH<sub>para</sub>), 7.04 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.8, 3.6 Hz, H4), 6.58 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.8, 2.0 Hz, H3), 4.38 (2H, m, H5), 4.33 (2H, s, H1); δC (50 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 187.2, 150.4, 138.8, 134.6, 129.6 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 127.1, 65.8, 62.0; EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S (M+Na): 263.0349; found: 263.0349 (M+Na).

#### 3. General procedure for the synthesis of 2*H*-pyrans, 3a-3c.

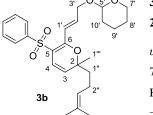
 $\beta$ -oxosulfone (**1a-1d**) (17.6 mmol) and *E*/*Z*-citral (8.7 mmol) were dissolved in 1 ml of the isopropyl alcohol. Next, *L*-Proline (20 mol%), and additive (20 mol%) if needed, was added and left stirring for the appropriate time. All products were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using different mixtures of hexane/EtOAc.



## 3.1 (*E*)-6-(3-(methoxymethoxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-2-methyl-2-(4-methylpent-3-en-1-yl)-5-(phenylsulfonyl)-2*H*-pyran, 3a.

 $v_{max}$  (liquid film) 2926, 1674, 1539, 1446, 1377, 1321, 1151;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.84 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, ArH<sub>ortho</sub>), 7.59-7.41 (3H, m, ArH<sub>meta</sub>, ArH<sub>para</sub>), 7.42 (1H, dt, J = 15.4, 1.8 Hz, H1<sup>°</sup>), 6.56 (1H, dt, J = 15.4, 5.2 Hz, H2<sup>°</sup>), 6.36 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz, H4), 5.34 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz, H3), 5.05-4.93 (1H, m, H3<sup>°</sup>), 4.67 (2H, s, O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 4.25 (2H, dd, J

= 5.2, 1.8 Hz, H3<sup>'</sup>), 3.39 (3H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.06-1.86 (2H, m, H2<sup>''</sup>), 1.63 (6H, s, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-C4<sup>''</sup>), 1,40 (2H, m, H1<sup>''</sup>), 1.27 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-C2);  $\delta$ C (101 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 156.0, 143.0, 136.1, 132.6, 132.0, 129.0 (2C), 126.4 (2C), 124.2, 123.4, 121.5, 119.1, 114.3, 96.0, 80.6, 66.9, 55.4, 40.8, 25.7, 22.2, 17.7 (2C); EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S (M+Na): 441.1712; found: 441.1706 (M+Na).

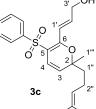


## 3.2 (*E*)-2-methyl-2-(4-methylpent-3-en-1-yl)-5-(phenylsulfonyl)-6-(3-((tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)oxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-2*H*-pyran, 3b.

 $v_{max}$  (liquid film) 2926, 1647, 1537, 1446, 1377, 1321, 1153;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (200 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.94-7.77 (2H, m, ArH<sub>ortho</sub>), 7.60-7.45 (3H, m, ArH<sub>meta</sub>, ArH<sub>para</sub>), 7.45-7.32 (1H, m, H1<sup>°</sup>), 6.58 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.3, 5.0 Hz, H2<sup>°</sup>), 6.38 (1H, d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, H4), 5.33 (1H, d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, H3), 5.05-4.92 (1H, m, H3<sup>°</sup>), 4.67 (1H, t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, O-CH-O), 4.50-4.33

(1H, m, H3<sup>´</sup><sub>a</sub>), 4.27-4.07 (1H, m, H3<sup>´</sup><sub>b</sub>), 3.94-3.76 (1H, m, H7<sup>´</sup><sub>a</sub>), 3.60-3.45 (1H, m, H7<sup>´</sup><sub>b</sub>), 2.06-1.86 (2H, m, H2<sup>´</sup>), 1.64 (6H, s, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-C4<sup>´´</sup>), 1.60-1.53 (4H, m, H10<sup>´</sup> and H1<sup>´´</sup>), 1.53-1.44 (4H, m, H8<sup>´</sup> and H9<sup>´</sup>), 1.27 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-C2); δC (50 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 156.5, 143.4, 136.8, 132.8, 132.3, 129.2 (2C), 126.7 (2C), 124.3, 123.7, 121.3, 119.5, 114.3,

98.4, 80.8, 66.8, 62.3, 40.8, 30.7, 25.9, 25.8, 25.7, 22.5, 19.5, 17.8; EIHRMS: Calcd for  $C_{26}H_{34}O_5S$  (M+Na): 481.2025; found: 481.2019 (M+Na).



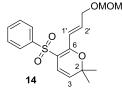
## H 3.3 (*E*)-3-(2-methyl-2-(4-methylpent-3-en-1-yl)-5-(phenylsulfonyl)-2*H*-pyran-6-yl)prop-2en-1-ol, 3c.

<sup>••</sup>  $v_{max}$  (liquid film) 3493, 2968, 2916, 2850, 1645, 1621, 1537, 1446, 1317, 1155, ; δ<sub>H</sub> (200 <sup>••</sup> MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.91-7.78 (2H, m, ArH<sub>ortho</sub>), 7.60-7.47 (3H, m, ArH<sub>meta</sub>, ArH<sub>para</sub>), 7.41 (1H, dt, <sup>••</sup> J = 15.3, 1.8 Hz, H1<sup>°</sup>), 6.64 (1H, dt, J = 15.3, 4.9 Hz, H2<sup>°</sup>), 6.36 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz, H4), 5.34 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz, H3), 5.07-4.94 (1H, m, H3<sup>°</sup>), 4.43-4.30 (2H, m, H3<sup>°</sup>), 2.02-1.88

(2H, m, H2<sup> $\prime$ </sup>), 1.76-1.51 (8H, m, H1<sup> $\prime\prime$ </sup> and (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-C4<sup> $\prime\prime$ </sup>), 1.27 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-C2);  $\delta$ C (50 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 156.3, 143.2, 139.2, 132.9, 132.3, 129.3 (2C), 126.7 (2C), 124.4, 123.6, 120.6, 119.4, 114.5, 80.9, 63.2, 40.8, 25.9, 25.8, 22.5, 17.8; EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S (M+Na): 397.1444; found: 397.1444 (M+Na).

#### 4. General procedure for the synthesis of 2H-pyrans and Knoevenagel adducts.

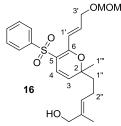
 $\beta$ -oxosulfone **1a** (50 mg, 17.6 mmol) and the corresponding aldehyde (8.7 mmol) were dissolved in 1 ml of isopropyl alcohol. Next, *L*-Proline (20 mol%), and additive (20 mol%) if needed was added and left stirring for the appropriate time. All products were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using different mixtures of hexane:EtOAc.



## 4.1 (*E*)-6-(3-(methoxymethoxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(phenylsulfonyl)-2*H*-pyran, 14.

 $v_{max}$  (liquid film) 2935, 1647, 1537, 1446, 1379, 1319, 1153;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (200 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.85 (2H, dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, ArH<sub>ortho</sub>), 7.59-7.41 (3H, m, ArH<sub>meta</sub>, ArH<sub>para</sub>), 7.39 (1H, dt, J = 15.4, 1.7 Hz, H1<sup>°</sup>), 6.57 (1H, dt, J = 15.4, 5.2 Hz, H2<sup>°</sup>), 6.33 (1H, d, J = 9.9 Hz, H4), 5.38

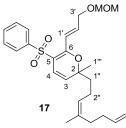
 $(1H, d, J = 9.9 Hz, H3), 4.68 (2H, s, O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 4.25 (2H, dd, <math>J = 5.2, 1.7 Hz, H3^{\circ}), 3.39 (3H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.31 (6H, s, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-C2); \deltaC (50 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 156.2, 143.3, 137.1, 132.9, 129.3 (2C), 126.7 (2C), 125.5, 121.9, 119.1, 114.9, 96.3, 78.3, 67.2, 55.6, 27.4 (2C); EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S (M+Na): 373.1086; found: 373.1080 (M+Na).$ 



### 4.2 (*E*)-5-(6-((*E*)-3-(methoxymethoxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-2-methyl-5-(phenylsulfonyl)-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-2-methylpent-2-en-1-ol, 16.

 $v_{max}$  (liquid film) 3469, 2934, 2889, 1649, 1537, 1446, 1307, 1213, 1151;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (200 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.84 (2H, d, J = 7.9 Hz, ArH<sub>ortho</sub>), 7.62-7.35 (4H, m, ArH<sub>meta</sub>, ArH<sub>para</sub> and H1<sup>°</sup>), 6.56 (1H, dt, J = 15.3, 5.4 Hz, H2<sup>°</sup>), 6.37 (1H, d, J = 10.1 Hz, H4), 5.39-5.22 (2H, m, H3 and H3<sup>°</sup>), 4.67 (2H, s, O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 4.25 (2H, d, J = 4.7 Hz, H3<sup>°</sup>), 3.94 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>-OH),

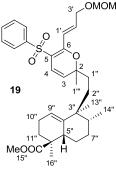
3.39 (3H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.12-1.95 (2H, m, H2<sup> $\prime$ </sup>), 1.80-1.58 (2H, m, H1<sup> $\prime$ </sup>), 1.55 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-C4<sup> $\prime$ </sup>), 1.25 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-C2);  $\delta$ C (50 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 156.2, 143.2, 136.4, 135.5, 132.9, 129.3 (2C), 126.7 (2C), 125.0, 124.3, 121.8, 119.6, 114.5, 96.3, 80.9, 68.8, 67.2, 55.6, 40.5, 26.1, 22.2, 13.8; EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S (M+Na): 457.1655; found: 457.1655 (M+Na).



## 4.3 2-((*E*)-4,8-dimethylnona-3,7-dien-1-yl)-6-((*E*)-3-(methoxymethoxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-2-methyl-5-(phenylsulfonyl)-2*H*-pyran, 17.

 $v_{max}$  (liquid film) 2926, 1649, 1539, 1446, 1379, 1321, 1151;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (200 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.85 (2H, dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, ArH<sub>ortho</sub>), 7.59-7.44 (3H, m, ArH<sub>meta</sub>, ArH<sub>para</sub>), 7.40 (1H, dt, J = 15.3, 1.7 Hz, H1<sup>°</sup>), 6.57 (1H, dt, J = 15.3, 5.2 Hz, H2<sup>°</sup>), 6.36 (1H, d, J =10.0 Hz, H4), 5.35 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz, H3), 5.13-4.91 (2H, m, H3<sup>°</sup> and H7<sup>°</sup>), 4.68

(2H, s, O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 4.25 (2H, dd, J = 5.2, 1.7 Hz, H3<sup>'</sup>), 3.40 (3H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.11-1.85 (8H, m, H1<sup>''</sup>, H2<sup>''</sup>, H5<sup>''</sup> and H6<sup>''</sup>), 1.67 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-C4<sup>''</sup>), 1.59 (3H, s, CH<sub>3a</sub>-C8<sup>''</sup>), 1.50 (3H, s, CH<sub>3b</sub>-C8<sup>''</sup>), 1.28 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-C2);  $\delta$ C (50 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 156.3, 143.3, 136.4, 136.0, 132.8, 131.6, 129.5 (2C), 126.7 (2C), 124.5, 124.4, 123.5, 121.9, 119.4, 114.6, 96.3, 80.9, 67.2, 55.6, 40.8, 39.8, 26.8, 26.0 (2C), 22.4, 17.9, 16.1; EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S (M+Na): 509.2338; found: 509.2332 (M+Na).

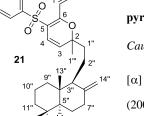


## 4.4 (18,58,6R,8a8)-methyl 5-(3-(6-((*E*)-3-(methoxymethoxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-2-methyl-5-phenylsulfonyl)-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)propyl)-1,5,6-trimethyl-1,2,3,5,6,7,8,8aoctahydronaphthalene-1-carboxylate, 19.

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 $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{25} = +35.4 \ (c \ 1.07, \ CHCl_3); \ v_{max} \ (liquid \ film) \ 2932, \ 2874, \ 1726, \ 1539, \ 1446, \ 1321, \\ 1157; \ \delta_{\rm H} \ (400 \ \rm MHz; \ CDCl_3) \ 7.86 \ (2H, \ d, \ J = 7.3 \ \rm Hz, \ ArH_{ortho}), \ 7.59-7.41 \ (3H, \ m, \ ArH_{meta}, \ NH)$ 

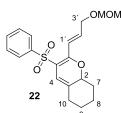
## .OMOM 4.5 6-((*E*)-3-(methoxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-2-methyl-5-(phenylsulfonyl)-2-(2-((1S,4aS,8aS)-5,5,8a-trimethyl-2-methylenedecahydronaphthalen-1-yl)ethyl)-2*H*pyran, 21.



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 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +4.58 \ (c \ 0.3, \text{CHCl}_3); v_{max} \ (\text{liquid film}) \ 2918, 2848, 1539, 1446, 1321, 1153; \delta_{\text{H}}$ (200 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.85 (2H, dd,  $J = 7.6, 1.6 \text{ Hz}, \text{ArH}_{ortho}$ ), 7.60-7.47 (3H, m, ArH<sub>meta</sub>, ArH<sub>para</sub>), 7.40 (1H, m, H1'), 6.56 (1H, dt, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, H2'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, H2'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, H2'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, H2'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, H2'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, H2'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, H2'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, H2'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, H2'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, H2'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, H2'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 Hz, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 HZ, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 HZ, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 HZ, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 HZ, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 HZ, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 HZ, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 HZ, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 HZ, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 HZ, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 HZ, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 HZ, HZ'), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 10.1, 5.4 \text{ HZ}, \text{HZ'})), 6.36

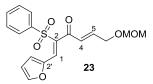
1.3 Hz, H4), 5.34 (1H, d, J = 10.1, H3), 4.74 (1H, s, H29<sup>*'*</sup><sub>a</sub>), 4.68 (2H, s, O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 4.38 (1H, s, H29<sup>*'*</sup><sub>b</sub>), 4.25 (2H, d, J = 5.4, Hz, H3<sup>'</sup>), 3.40 (3H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.44-0.87 (28H, m, H1<sup>*''*</sup>, H3<sup>*''*</sup>, H3<sup>*''*</sup>, H6<sup>*''*</sup>, H7<sup>*''*</sup>, H9<sup>*''*</sup>, H10<sup>*''*</sup>, H11<sup>*''*</sup>, H13<sup>*''*</sup>, H15<sup>*''*</sup>, H16<sup>*''*</sup>, H1<sup>*''*</sup>);  $\delta C$  (50 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 156.3, 148.5, 143.4, 136.4, 132.8, 129.3 (2C), 126.7 (2C), 124.6, 121.8, 119.5, 114.5, 106.6, 96.2, 81.3, 67.2, 57.3, 55.7, 55.6, 42.4, 40.1, 40.0, 39.1, 38.5, 33.8, 33.5, 26.2, 24.6, 21.9, 19.6, 19.2, 14.6; EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S (M+Na): 577.2958; found: 577.2958 (M+Na).



## 4.6 (*E*)-2-(3-(methoxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-3-(phenylsulfonyl)-6,7,8,8a-tetrahydro-5*H*-chromene, 22.

 $v_{max}$  (liquid film) 2933, 1722, 1446, 1321, 1151;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (200 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.86 (2H, dd, J = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, ArH<sub>ortho</sub>), 7.64-7.44 (3H, m, ArH<sub>meta</sub> and ArH<sub>para</sub>), 7.36 (1H, dd, J = 14.9, 1.7 Hz, H1<sup>°</sup>), 6.48 (1H, dt, J = 14.9, 5.4 Hz, H2<sup>°</sup>), 5.98 (1H, s, H4), 4.91-4.73 (1H, m, H2),

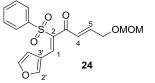
4.66 (2H, s, O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 4.23 (2H, d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, H3<sup>-</sup>), 3.39 (3H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.45-1.18 (8H, m, H7, H8, H9, and H10); δC (50 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 155.0, 145.3, 134.7, 133.5, 132.8, 129.3 (2C), 126.8 (2C), 121.5, 116.9, 112.2, 96.2, 77.4, 67.2, 55.6, 34.5, 32.5, 26.3, 24.1; EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S (M+Na): 399.1237; found: 399.1237 (M+Na).



## 4.7 (1*Z*,4*E*)-1-(furan-2-yl)-6-(methoxymethoxy)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)hexa-1,4-dien-3-one, 23.

 $v_{max}$  (liquid film) 2947, 2889, 1659, 1622, 1446, 1319, 1197, 1149;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.86 (2H, dd, J = 8.4, 1.3 Hz, ArH<sub>ortho</sub>), 7.64-7.57 (2H, m, H1 and ArH<sub>para</sub>),

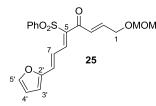
7.57-7.49 (2H, m, ArH<sub>meta</sub>), 7.49-7,43 (1H, m, H5<sup>'</sup>), 6.84 (1H, dt, J = 16.0, 4.1 Hz, H5), 6.78 (1H, d, J = 3.5 Hz, H3<sup>'</sup>), 6.54 (1H, dt, J = 16.0, 2.0 Hz, H4), 6.46 (1H, dd, J = 3.5, 1.8 Hz, H4<sup>'</sup>), 4.60 (2H, s, O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 4.21 (2H, dd, J = 4.1, 2.0 Hz, H6), 3.33 (3H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$ C (101 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 190.1, 147.9, 147.5, 146.9, 139.8, 135.7, 133.6), 129.8, 129.1 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 126.9, 119.3, 112.8, 96.0, 65.7, 55.4; EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S (M+Na): 385.0716; found: 385.0716 (M+Na).



### 4.8 (1*Z*,4*E*)-1-(furan-3-yl)-6-(methoxymethoxy)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)hexa-1,4-dien-3-one, 24.

 $v_{max}$  (liquid film) 2949, 2889, 1654, 1622, 1446, 1309, 1205, 1149;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.85 (2H, dd, J = 8.5, 1.3 Hz, ArH<sub>ortho</sub>), 7.74 (1H, dd, J = 1.1, 0.5 Hz, H1),

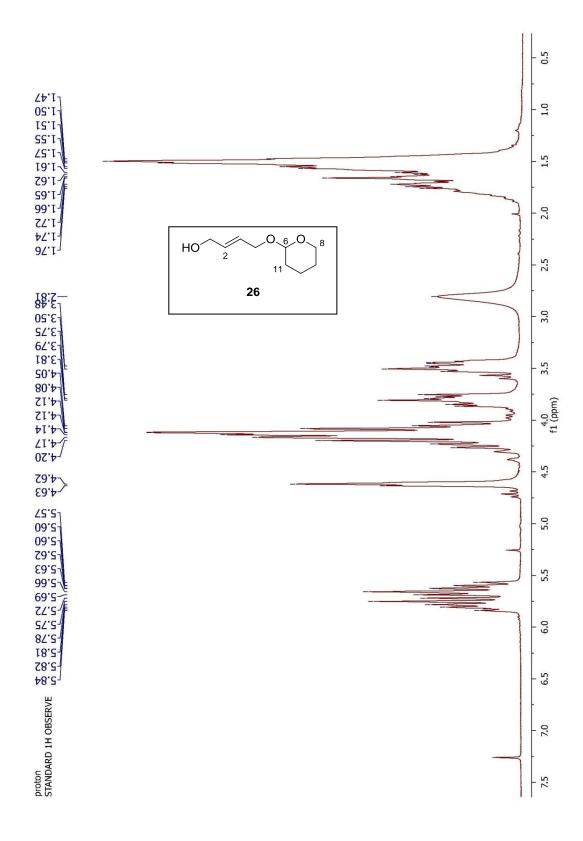
7.72-7.71 (1H, m, H2<sup>'</sup>), 7.63-7.58 (1H, m, ArH<sub>para</sub>), 7.55-7.49 (2H, m, ArH<sub>meta</sub>), 7.40-7.35 (1H, m, H5<sup>'</sup>), 6.92 (1H, dt, J = 15.9, 4.0 Hz, H5), 6.55 (1H, dt, J = 15.9, 2.1 Hz, H4), 6.29 (1H, dtd, J = 1.4, 0.9, 0.4 Hz, H4<sup>'</sup>), 4.60 (2H, s, O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 4.22 (2H, dd, J = 4.0, 2.1 Hz, H6), 3.33 (3H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$ C (101 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 191.2, 149.5, 147.3, 144.7, 139.7, 138.1, 136.6, 131.6, 129.1 (2C), 129.0, 128.3 (2C), 119.0, 109.3, 96.0, 65.7, 55.4; EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S (M+Na): 385.0716; found: 385.0716 (M+Na).

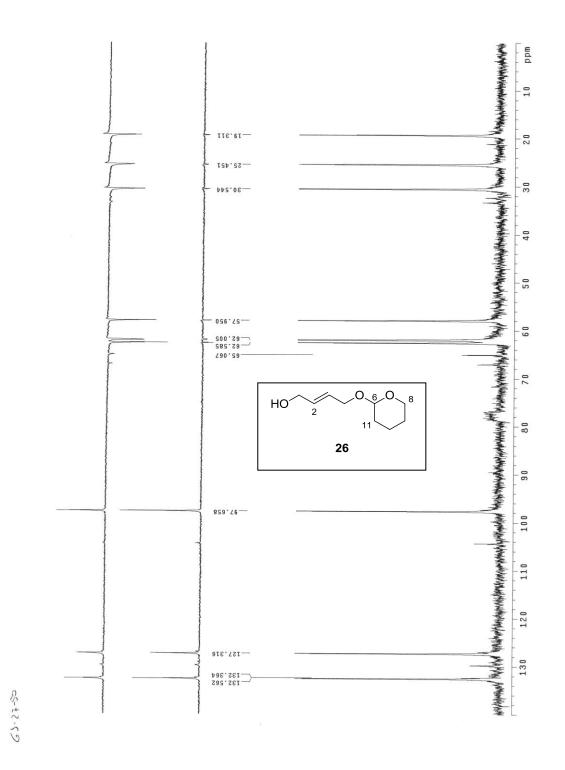


## 4.9 (2*E*,5*Z*,7*E*)-8-(furan-2-yl)-1-(methoxymethoxy)-5-(phenylsulfonyl)octa-2,5,7-trien-4-one, 25.

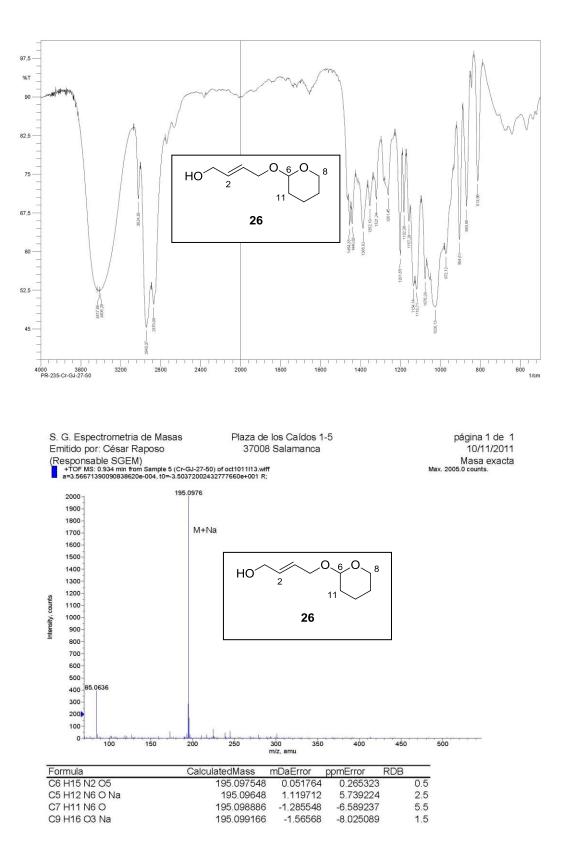
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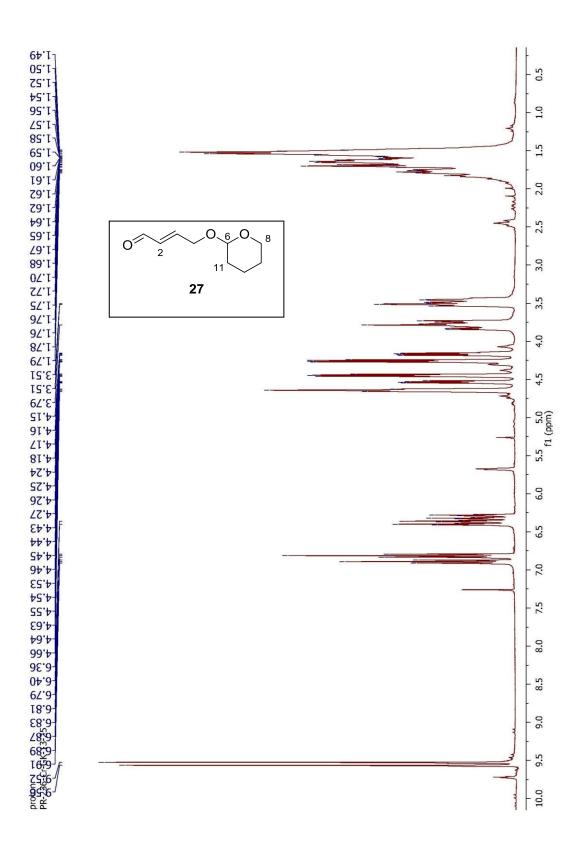
H3), 6.60 (1H, m, H3<sup> $^{\circ}$ </sup>), 6.48 (1H, m, H4<sup> $^{\circ}$ </sup>), 4.65 (2H, s, O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 4.33-4.22 (2H, m, H1), 3.37 (3H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$ C (101 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 188.5, 151.5, 148.0, 145.1, 143.5, 140.5, 138.6, 133.4, 132.2, 129.0 (3C), 128.1 (2C), 119.9, 114.9, 112.6, 96.1, 65.9, 55.4; EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S (M+Na): 411.0873; found: 411.0873 (M+Na).

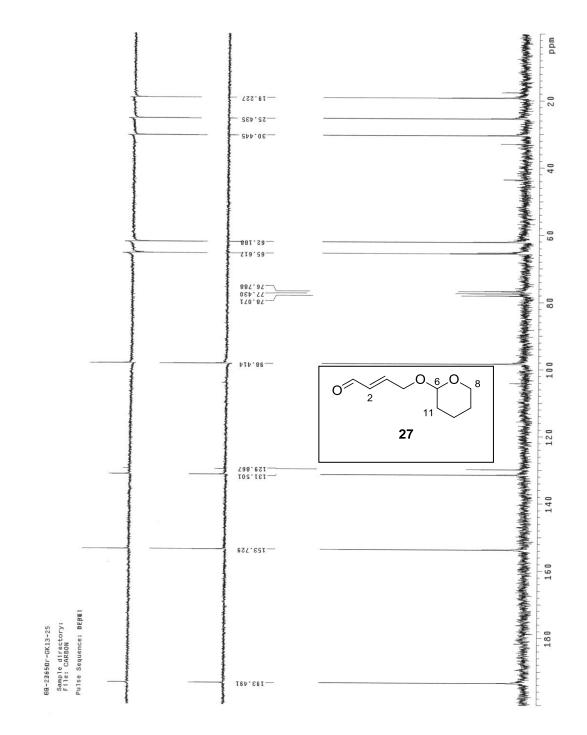


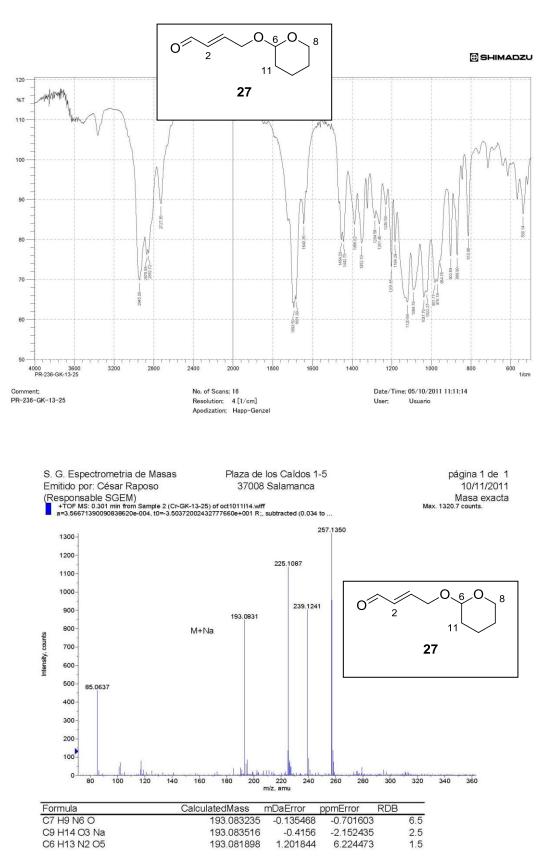


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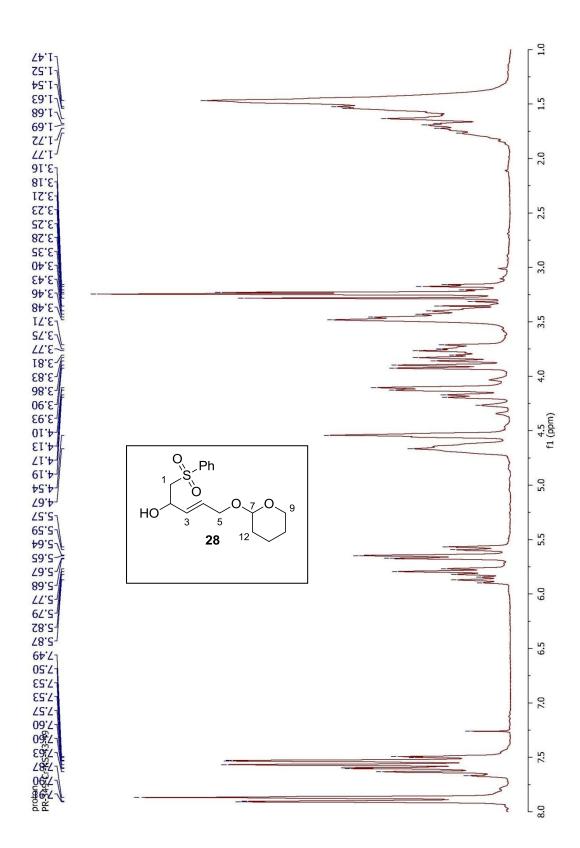




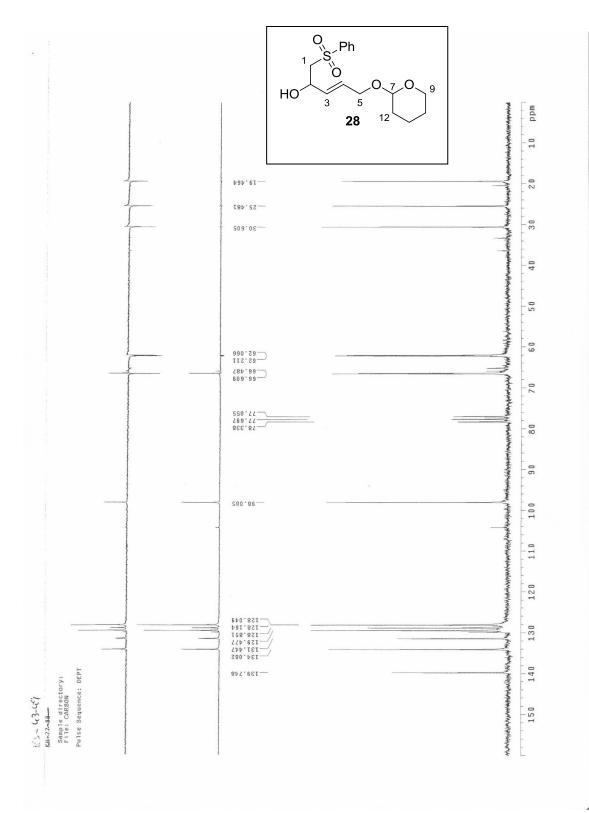


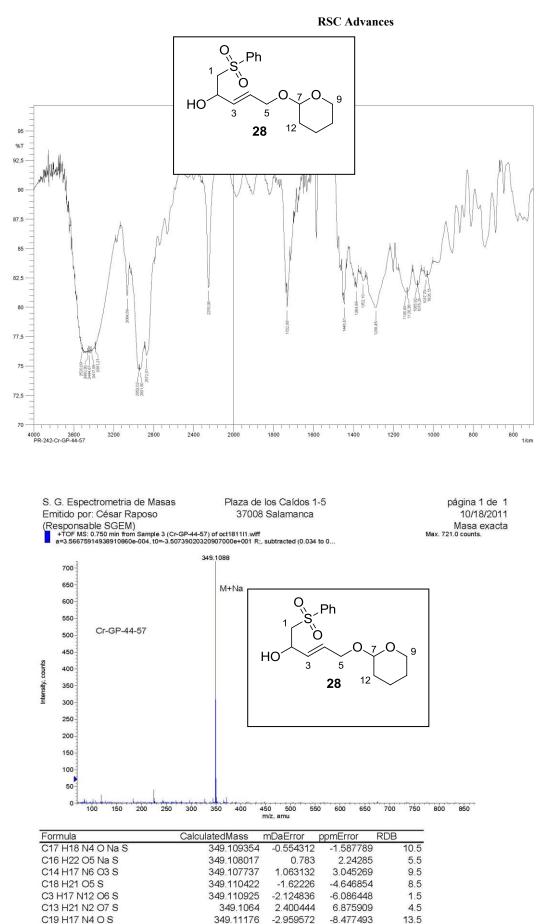






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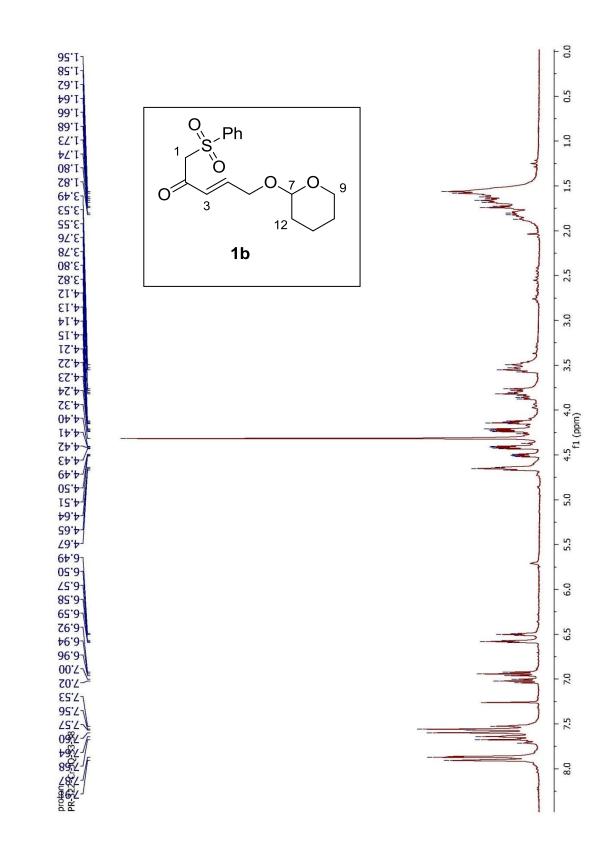
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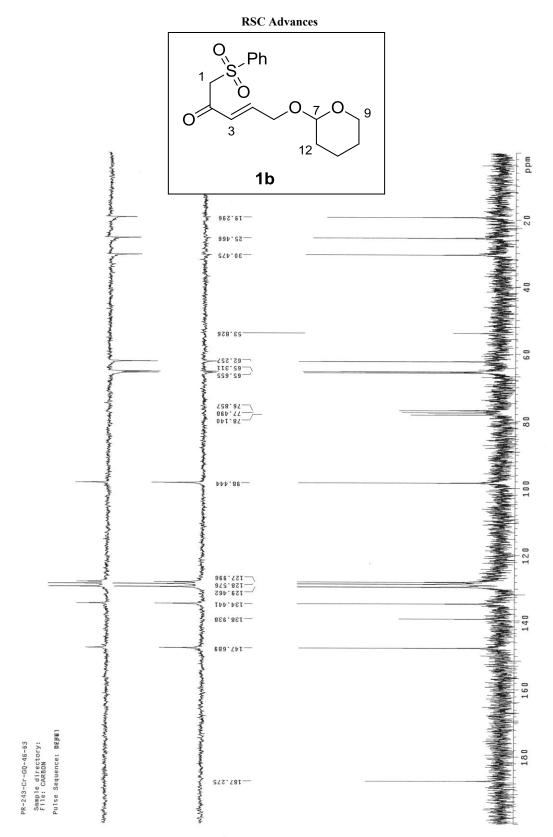
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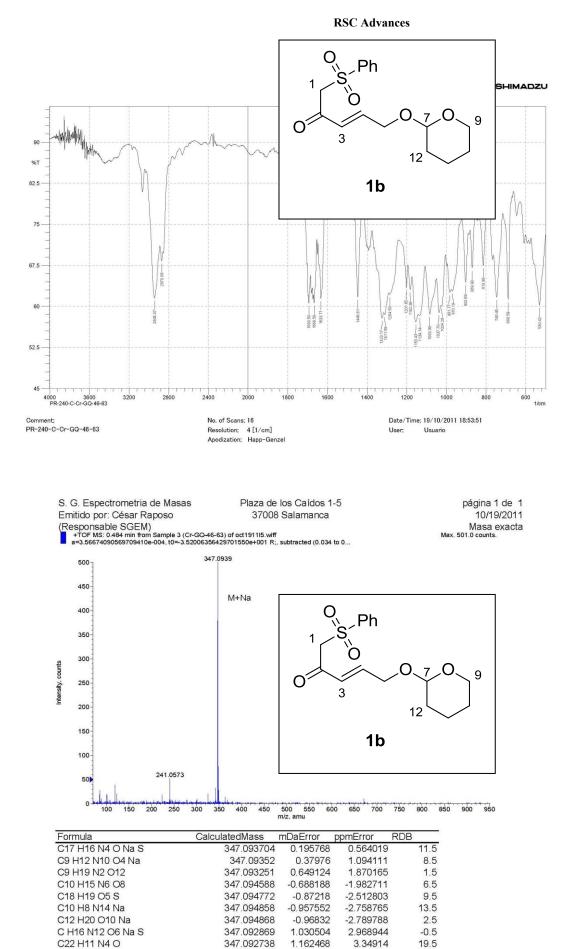
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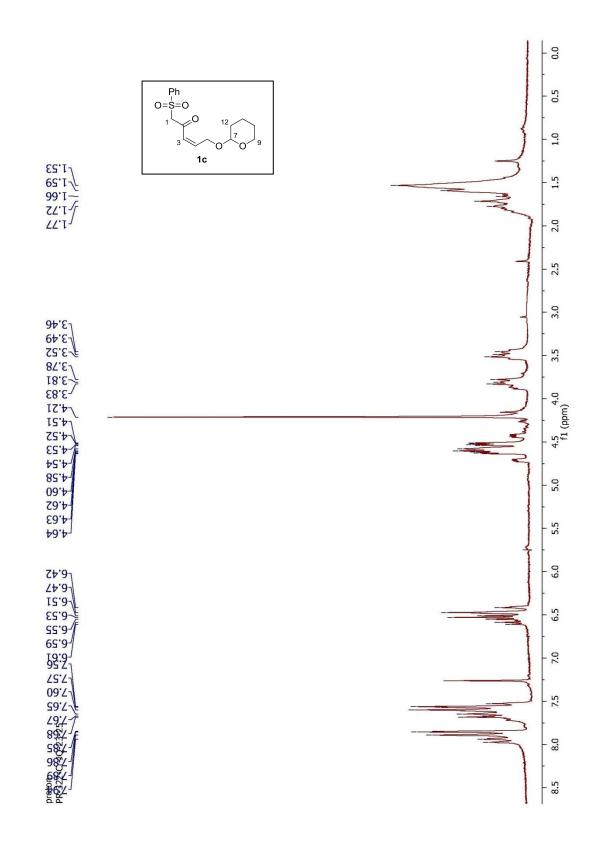
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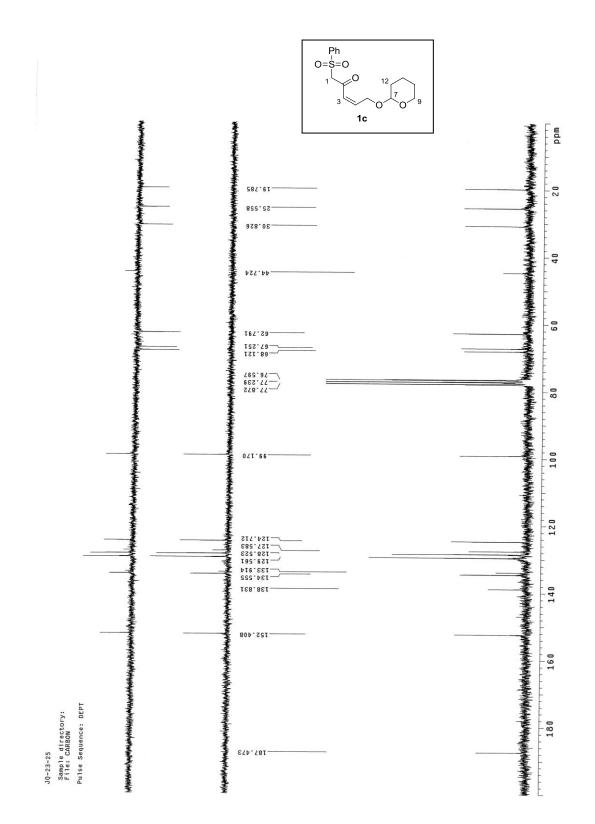
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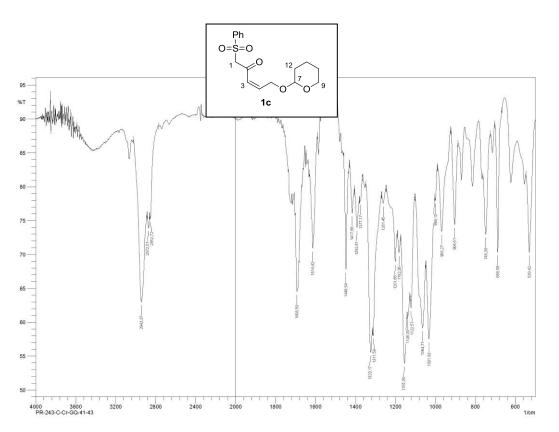
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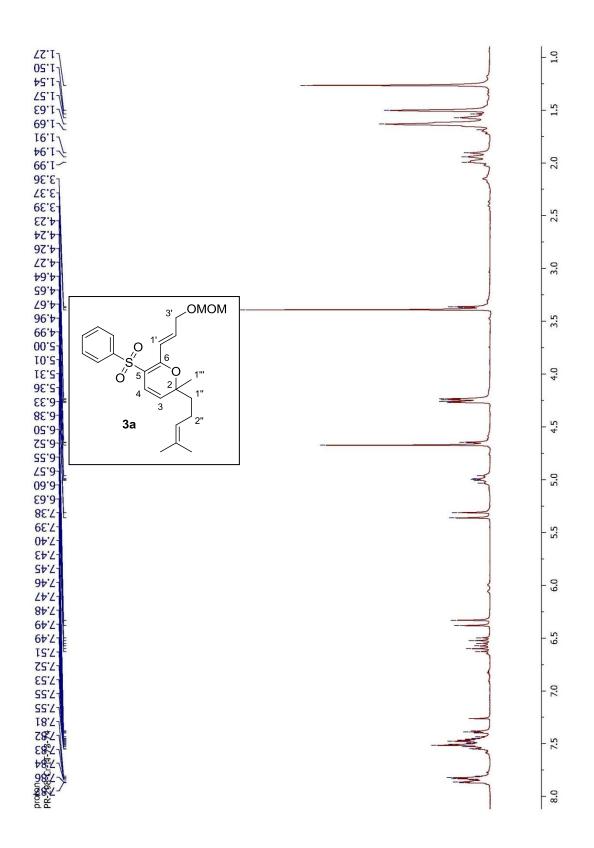
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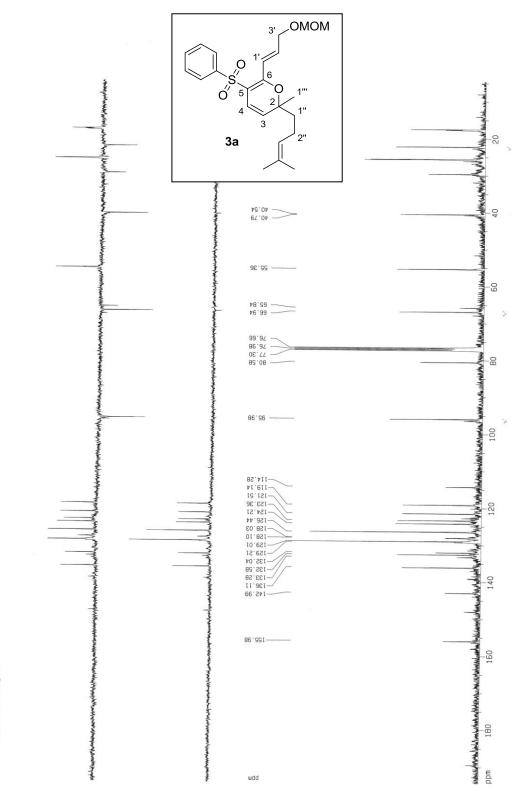




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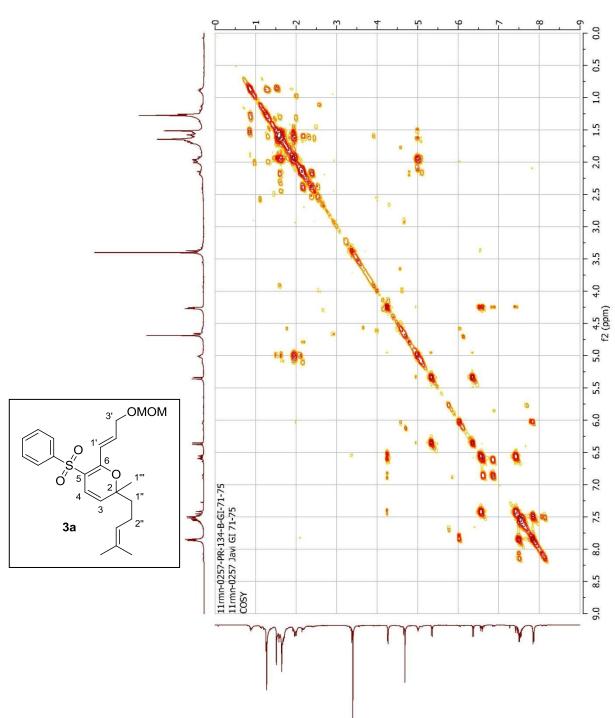




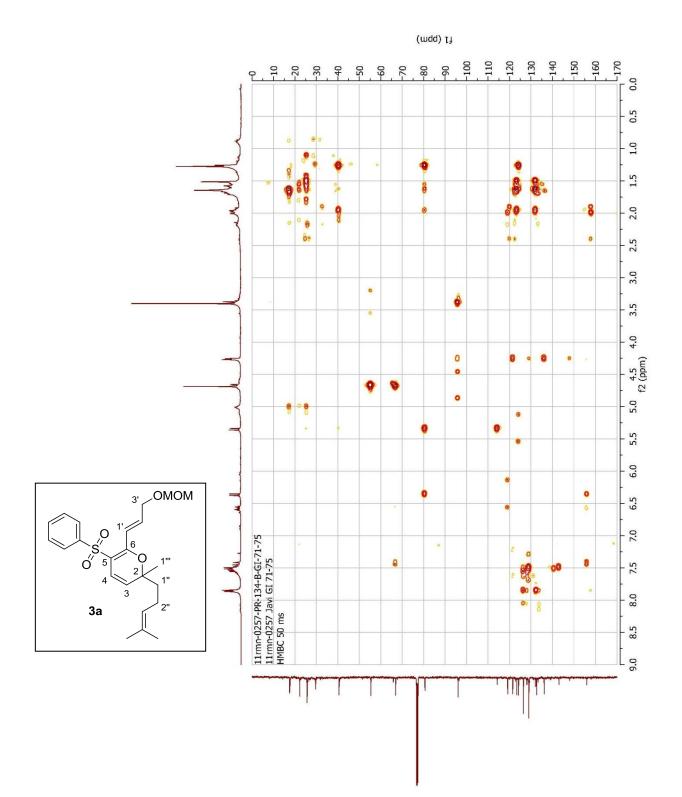


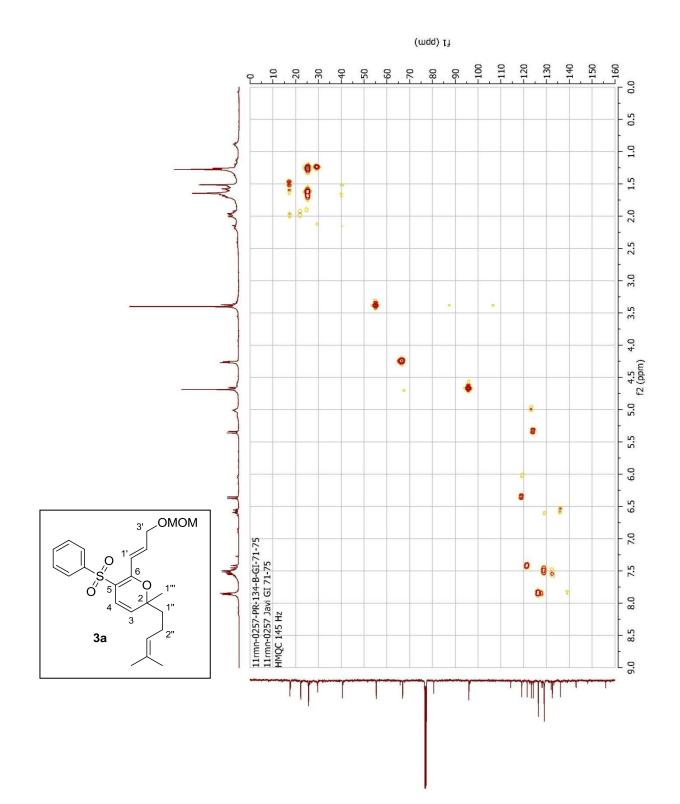
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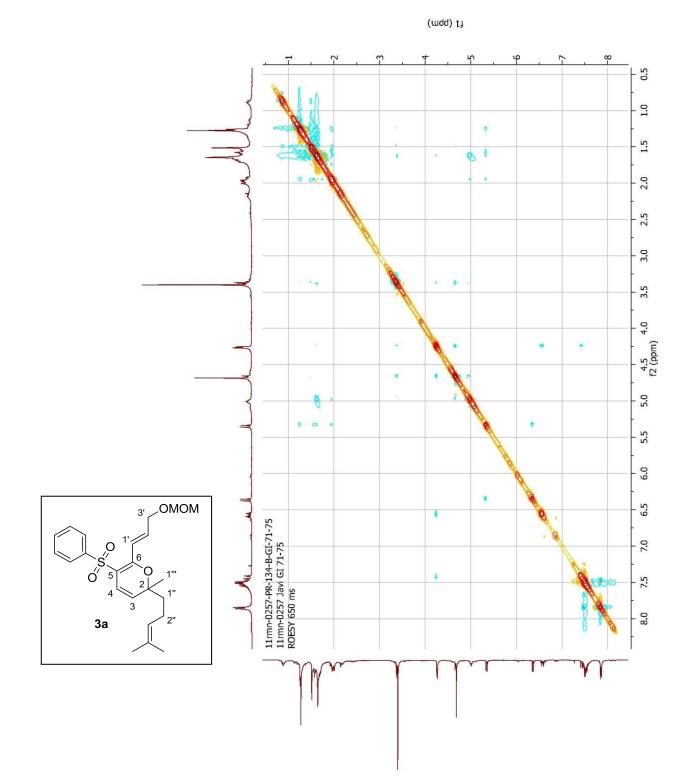
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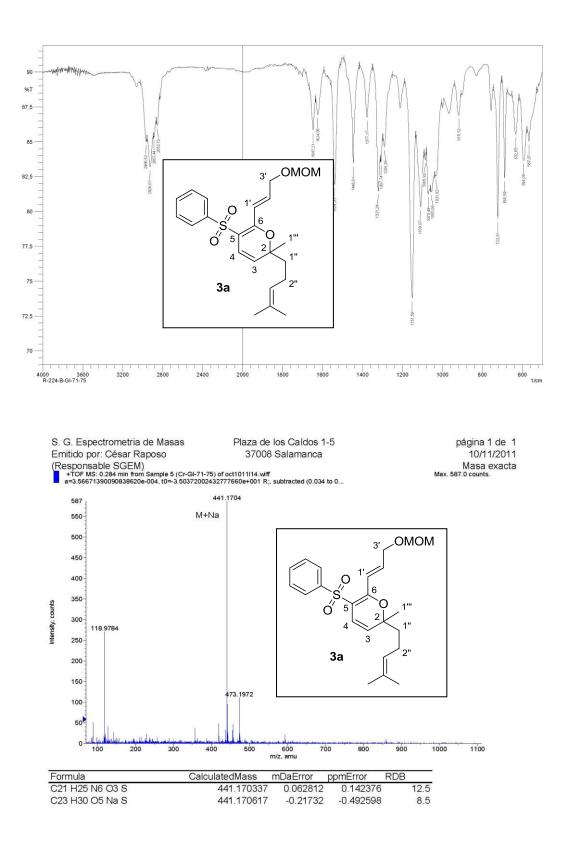


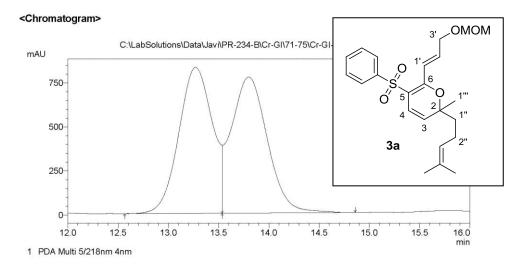
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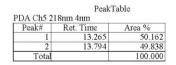


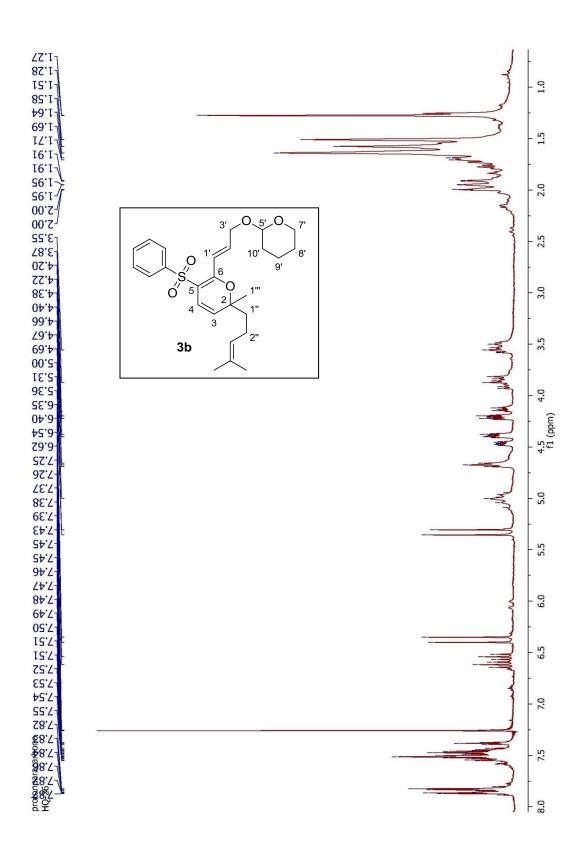


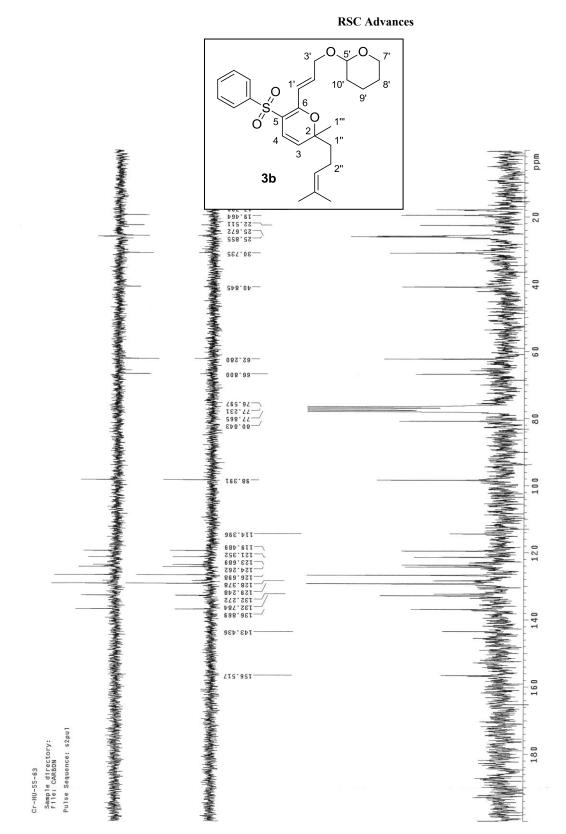


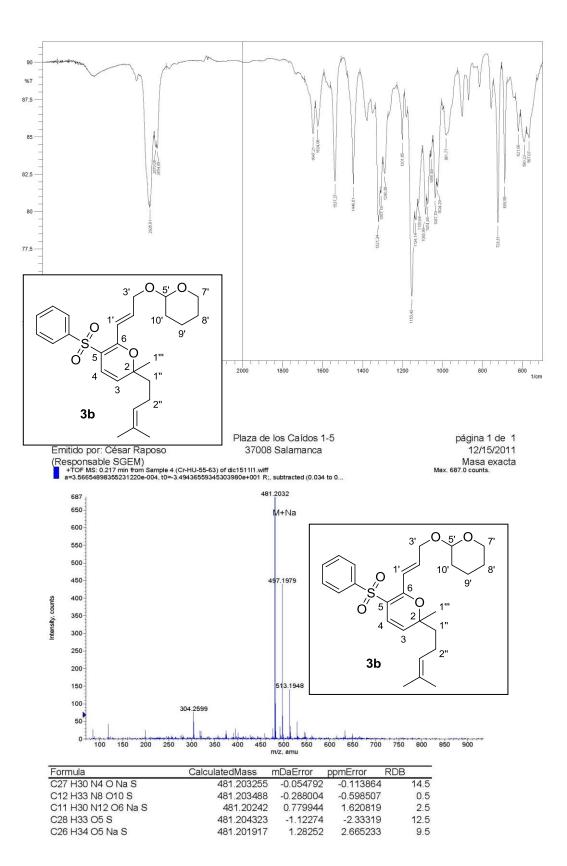


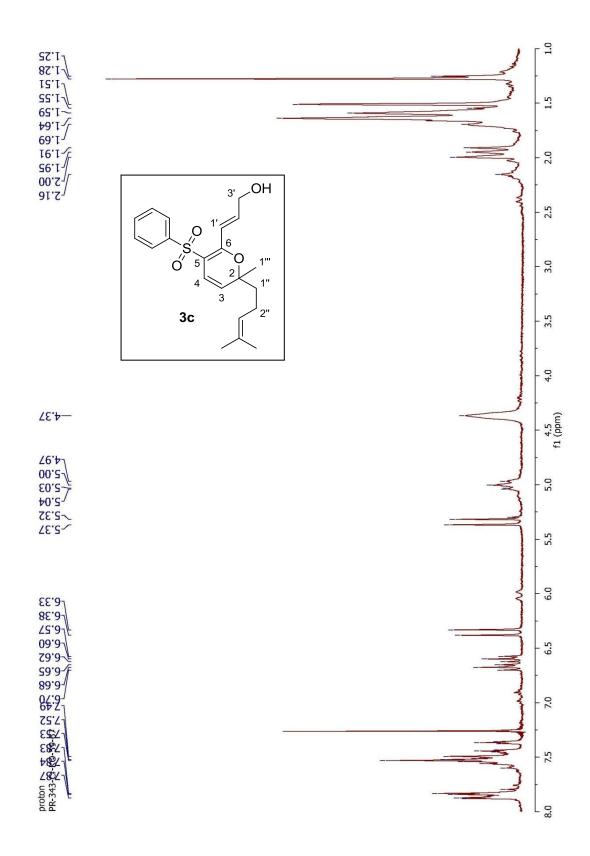




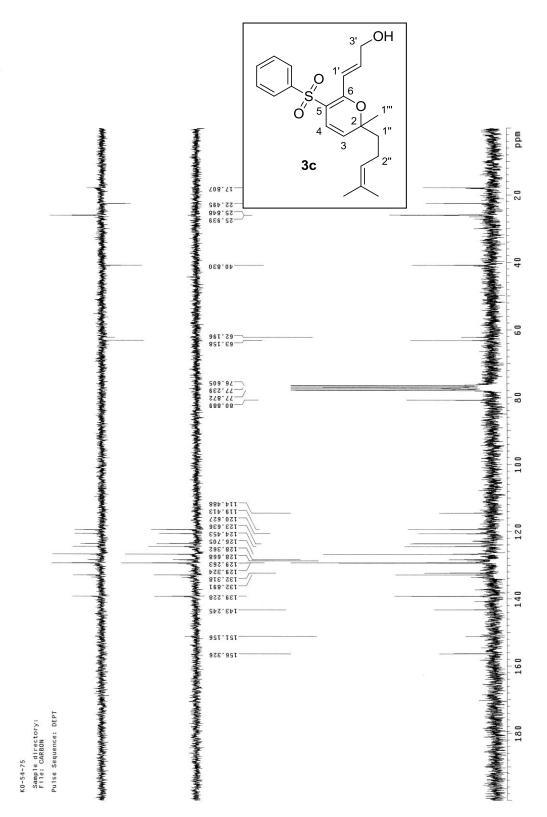


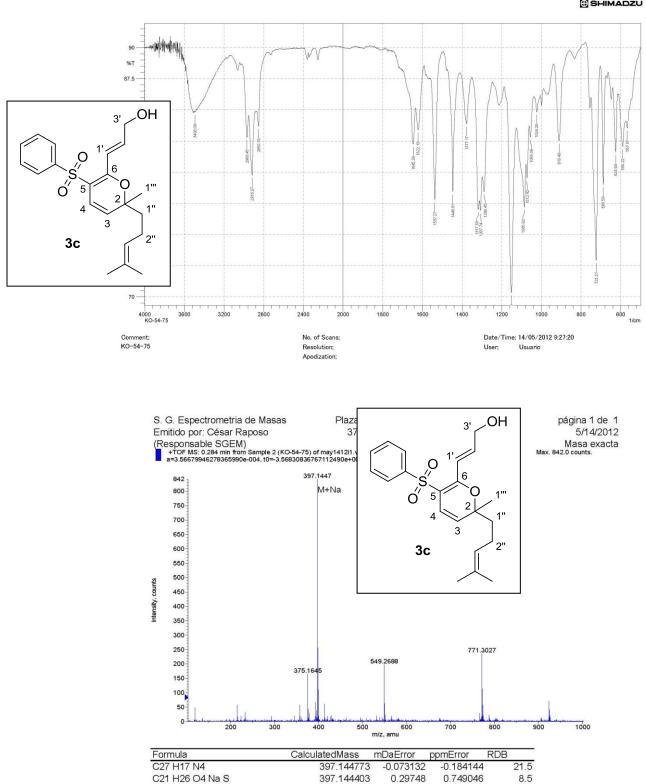




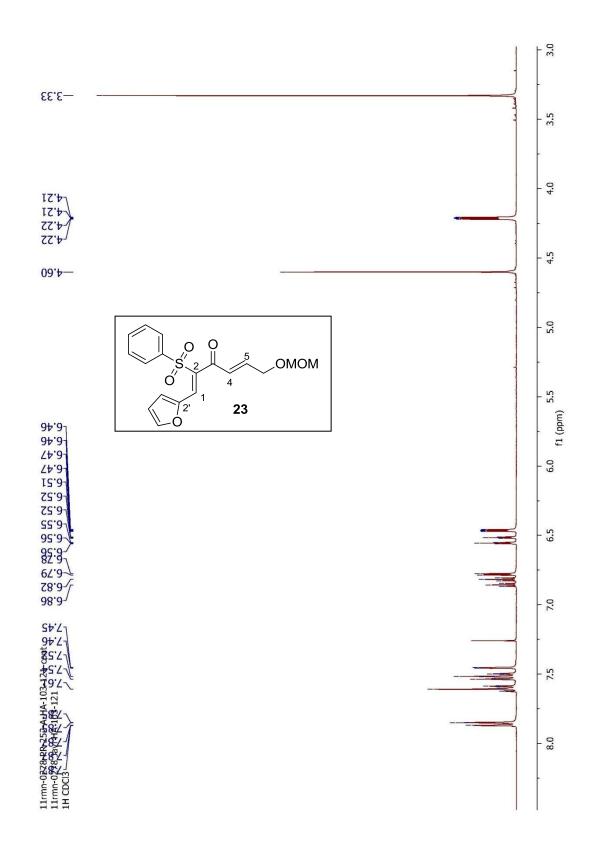


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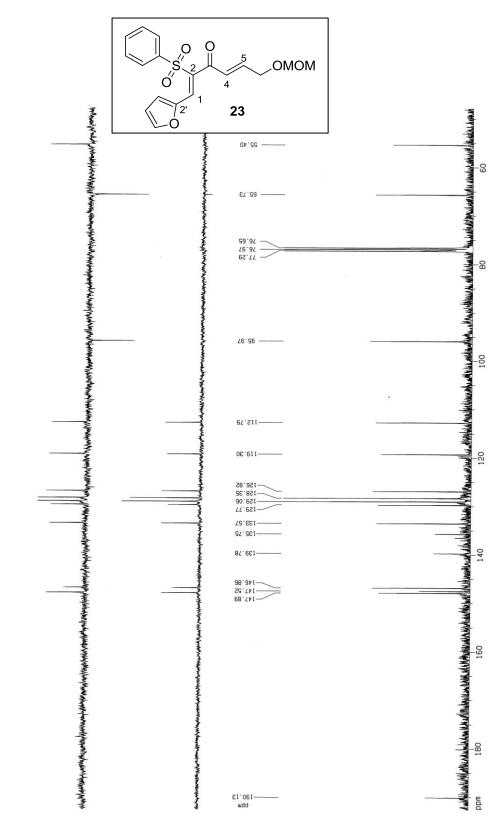


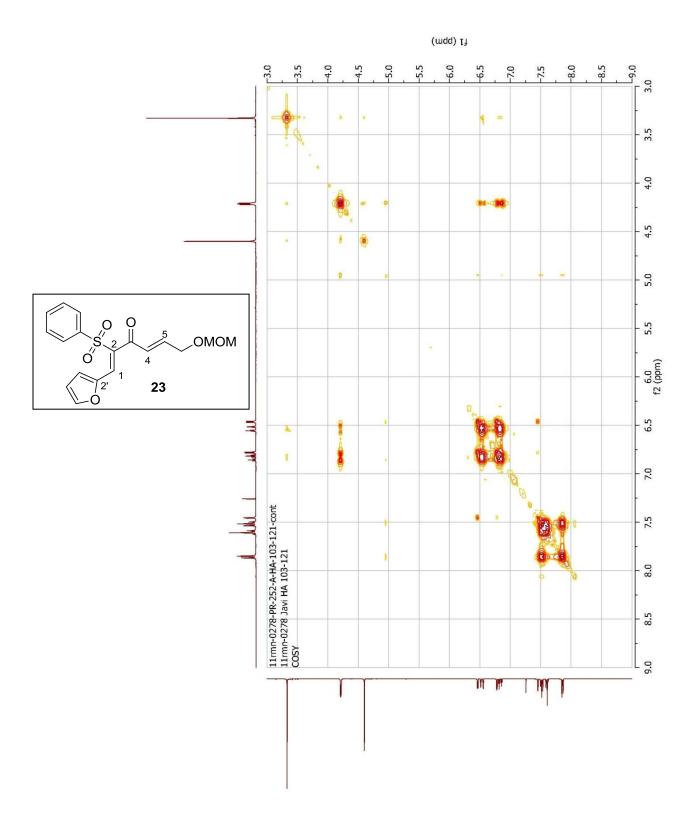


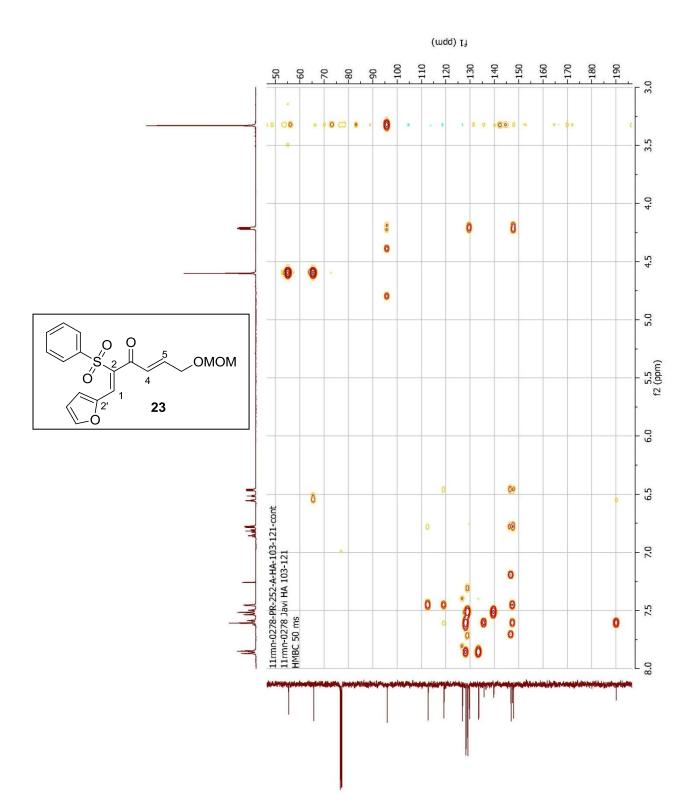
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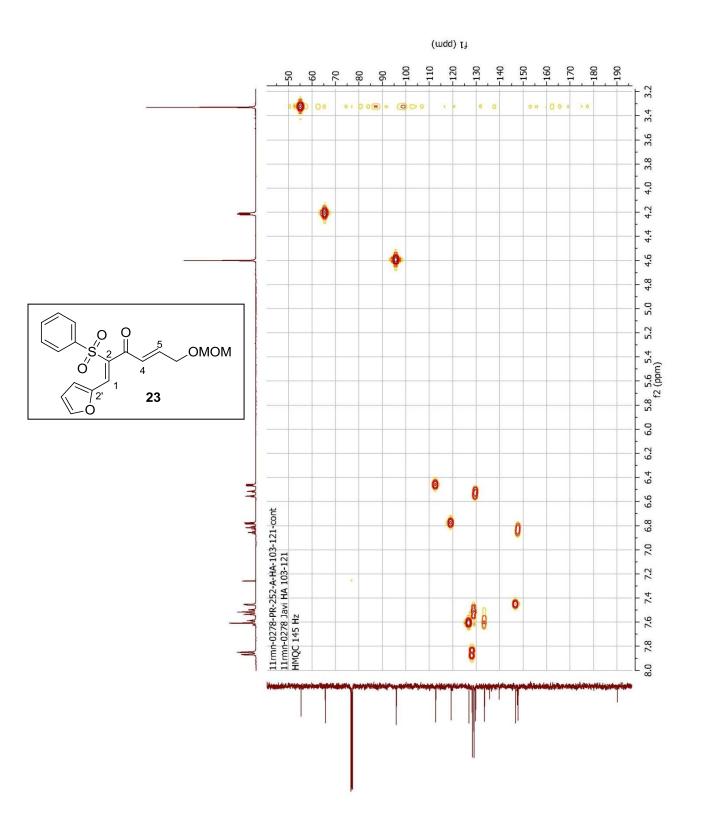


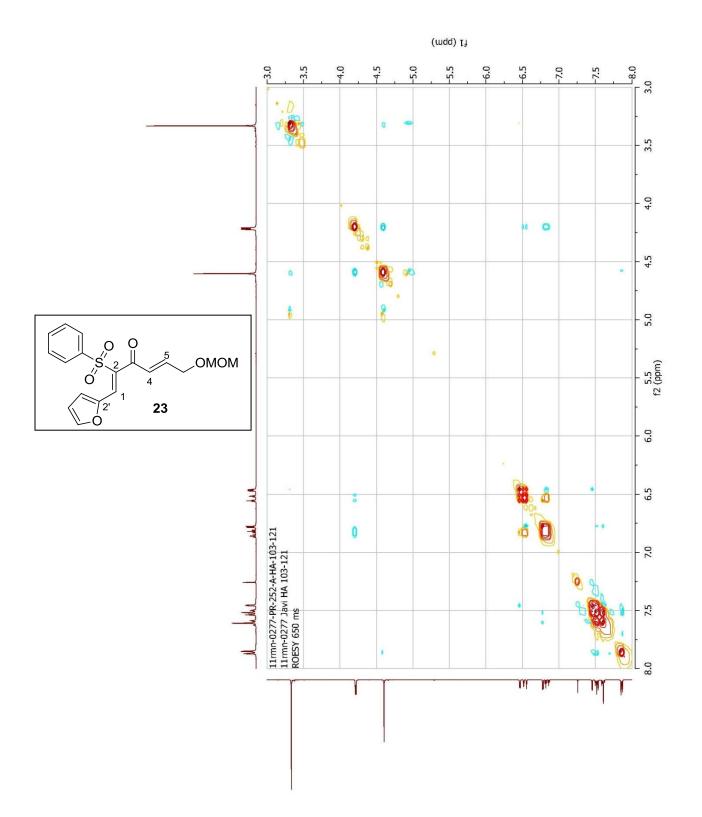
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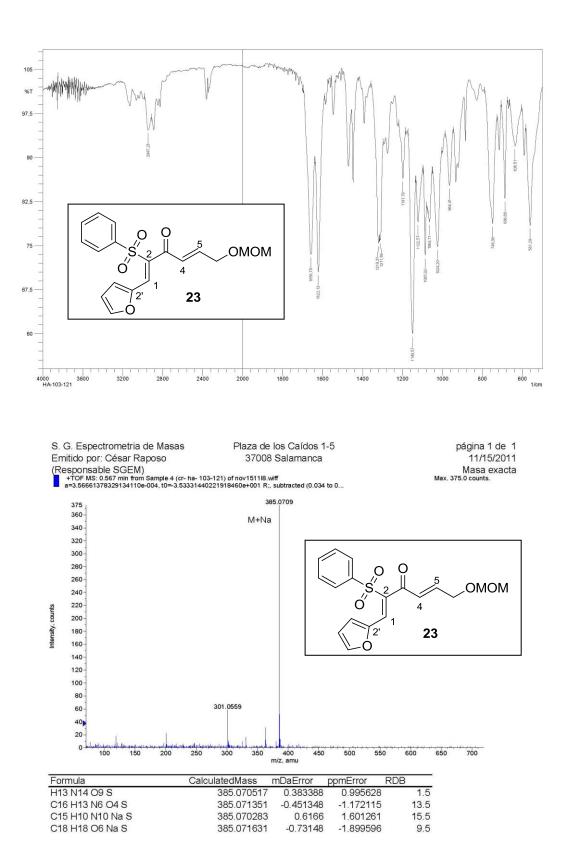


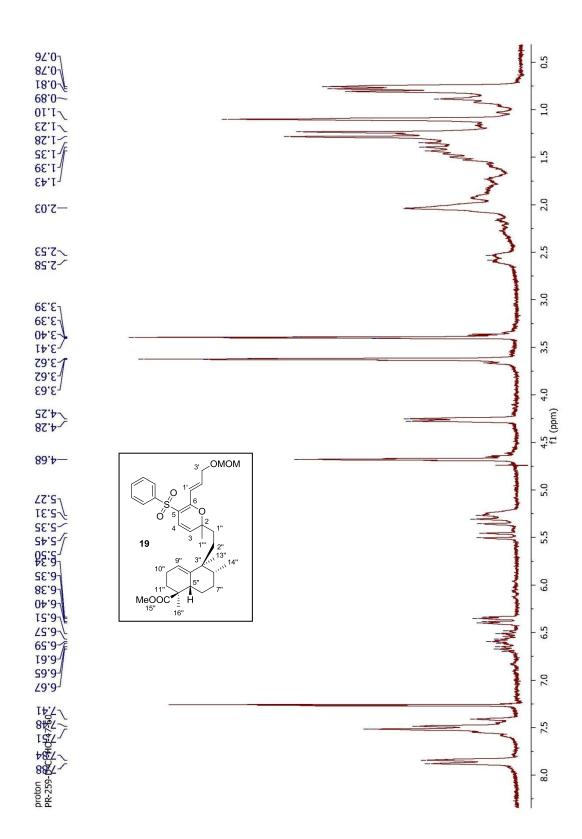


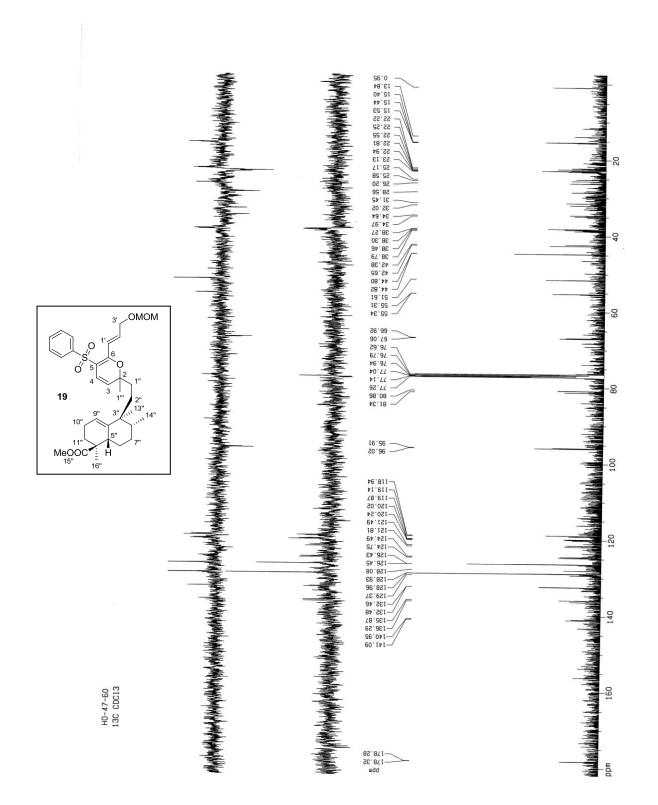








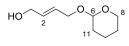




#### 1. General

Unless otherwise stated, all chemicals were purchased as the highest purity commercially available and were used without further purification, except for 1a,<sup>1</sup> 10-hydroxycitral 15,<sup>2</sup> farnesal,<sup>3</sup>  $18^4$  and  $20^5$  which were synthesised according to the literature procedures. IR spectra were recorded on a BOMEM 100 FT-IR or an AVATAR 370 FT-IR Thermo Nicolet spectrophotometers. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were performed in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and referenced to the residual peak of CHCl<sub>3</sub> at  $\delta$  7.26 ppm and  $\delta$  77.0 ppm, for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C, respectively, using Varian 200 VX and Bruker DRX 400 instruments. Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  ppm and coupling constants (*J*) are given in hertz. MS were performed at a VG-TS 250 spectrometer at 70 eV ionising voltage. Mass spectra are presented as m/z (% rel int.). HRMS were recorded on a VG Platform (Fisons) spectrometer using chemical ionisation (ammonia as gas) or Fast Atom Bombardment (FAB) technique. For some of the samples, QSTAR XL spectrometer was employed for electrospray ionisation (ESI). Optical rotations were determined on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter in 1 dm cell. HPLC analysis were carried out on a CHIRALCEL<sup>TM</sup> AD-H column [cellulose tris(3,5-dimethylphenycarbamate)] on silica gel using *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh), with solvent systems indicated in the relevant experimental procedures. Dichloromethane was distilled from calcium hydride; tetrahydrofuran and diethyl ether were distilled from sodium/benzophenone ketyl under argon atmosphere prior to use.

#### 2. Synthesis of the Nazarov reagents, 1b-1d.



## 2.1 Monoprotection of (*E*)-1,4-butanediol with DHP: (*E*)-4-((tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)oxy)but-2-en-1-ol, 26.

 $^{26}$  (*E*)-1,4-butanediol (4 ml, 48.66 mmol) was dissolved in 194 ml of DCM under Ar at r.t. 3,4-Dihydro-2*H*-pyran (97%, 4.22g, 48.66 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (93 mg, 0.486 mmol) were added and left to stir for 3 h. The reaction was quenched with a NaHCO<sub>3</sub> saturated solution, and extracted with DCM. The combined organics were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **26** (8.01 g, 96%).  $v_{max}$  (liquid film) 3417, 2943, 2870, 1454, 1352, 1261, 1134; δ<sub>H</sub> (200 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 5.88-5.33 (2H, m, H2 and H3), 4.67-4.60 (1H, m, H6), 4.32-3.99 (4H, m, H1 and H4), 3.92-3.71 (1H, m, H8<sub>a</sub>), 3.57-3.40 (1H, m, H8<sub>b</sub>), 1.91-1.36 (6H, m, H9, H10, and H11); δC (50 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 132.6, 127.3, 97.6, 62.6, 62.0, 57.9, 30.5, 25.4, 19.3; EIHRMS: Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M+Na): 195.0592; found: 195.0991 (M+Na).

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