

Supporting Information

Phosphine-Catalyzed One-Pot Isomerization of 3-Alkynoates and [2+3]-Cycloaddition with Imines: Formal Synthesis of *Securinea* alkaloid (\pm)-Allosecurinine

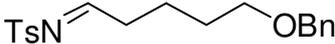
General:

Phosphine includes PPh₃, BINAP, (2*S*, 3*S*)-CHIRAPHOS, (*S*, *S*)-Et-DUPHOS, (*R*, *R*)-Et-DUPHOS, (*R*, *R*)-Et-BPE (+)-DIOP, (*S*)-(-)-2-[2-(Di phenylphosphino)-phenyl]-4-isopropyl-2-oxazoline and (*R*, *R*)-DIPAMP were purchased from commercial suppliers. Alkynes, Ethyl-diazo-acetate, Copper iodide, Aldehydes and Sulphonamides were purchased from commercial suppliers. All alkynoates^[1] and imines^[2] were synthesized using the previous reports. All reactions were carried out under nitrogen atmosphere unless otherwise stated. Commercial solvents and reagents were used without further purification with following exceptions: toluene and dichloromethane was distilled from calcium hydride prior to use. Reactions were monitored through thin layer chromatography [Merck 60 F254 pre-coated silica gel plate (0.2 mm thickness)]. Subsequent to elution, spots were visualized using UV radiation (254 nm) on Spectroline Model ENF-24061/F 254 nm. Further visualization was possible using basic solution of potassium permanganate or acidic solution of ceric molybdate as stain, followed by heating on a hot plate. Flash chromatography was performed using Merck silica gel 60 with distilled solvents. All HPLC chromatograms were recorded using Agilent 1100 and 1200 series. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu IR Prestige-21 FT-IR. Liquid samples were examined as film between NaCl salt plates. HRMS spectra were recorded on a Waters Q-ToF Premier Spectrometer. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded using Bruker Avance 300, 400 and 500 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts for ¹H NMR spectra are reported as δ in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe₄ (δ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-*d* (δ 7.260, singlet). Multiplicities were given as: s (singlet); brs (broad singlet); d (doublet); t (triplet); q (quartet); dd (doublets of doublet); ddd (doublets of doublets of doublet); td (triplet of doublet); m (multiplets); ddt (doublet of doublet of triplet) and etc. Coupling constants are reported as a *J* value in Hz. Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹³C NMR) are reported as δ in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe₄ (δ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-*d* (δ 77.00, triplet).

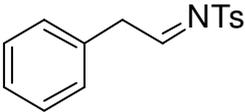
General procedure for aliphatic aldimines^{2c}:

A mixture of aldehyde (1 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonamide (1 mmol) and benzenesulfinic acid sodium salt (1.1 mmol) in formic acid and H₂O was stirred at room temperature. The resulting white precipitate was filtered off, washed with H₂O, then pentane. The resulting solid was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂, then Sat. aq. NaHCO₃ was added and the solution was well stirred for 2 h at r.t. The organic phase was decanted, the aqueous phase extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and the combined organic layers dried over anhydrous NaHCO₃, filtered off and the solvent removed under vacuum to yield the corresponding aldimines. All the imines were taken as such to next step without further purification.

N-(5-(benzyloxy)pentylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6a):

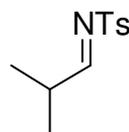
 The product was prepared by using above general procedure, employing 5-(benzyloxy)pentanal (1.0 g, 5.20 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonamide (890 mg, 5.20 mmol) and benzenesulfinic acid sodium salt (940 mg, 5.72 mmol). After 24 h, the resulting white precipitate was filtered off, washed with H₂O (2 x 10 mL), then pentane (2 x 10 mL). The solid was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL), then sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (40 mL) was added and the solution was well stirred for 2 h at r.t. The organic phase was decanted, the aqueous phase extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) and the combined organic layers dried over anhydrous NaHCO₃, filtered off and the solvent removed under vacuum to yield the aldimines **6a** (1.15 g, 64% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ= 8.59 (t, *J*=4.3 Hz; 1H), 7.78-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.35 (m, 7H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 3.45 (t, *J*=5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.25-2.35 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.55-1.75 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ= 178.1, 144.7, 138.4, 134.6, 129.8 (2), 128.4 (2), 128.1 (2), 127.63 (2), 127.6, 72.9, 69.5, 35.6, 29.0, 21.6, 21.5 ppm.

4-methyl-N-(2-phenylethylidene)benzenesulfonamide (6b):

 The product was prepared by using above general procedure, employing 2-phenylacetaldehyde (1.0 g, 8.33 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonamide (1.42 g, 8.33 mmol) and benzenesulfinic acid sodium salt (1.50 g, 9.16 mmol). After 48 h, the resulting white precipitate was filtered off, washed with H₂O (2 x 10 mL), then pentane (2 x 10 mL). The solid was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL), then sat. aq NaHCO₃ (40 mL) was added and the solution was well stirred for 2 h at r.t. The organic phase was decanted, the aqueous phase extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) and the combined organic layers dried

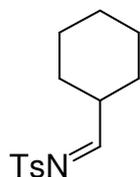
over anhydrous NaHCO_3 , filtered off and the solvent removed under vacuum to yield the aldimines **6b** (840 g, 37% yield); **NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ = 8.60 (t, J =5.3 Hz; 1H), 7.78-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.35 (m, 7H), 3.79 (d, J =5.3 Hz; 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H) ppm.

4-methyl-N-(2-methylpropylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**6c**):



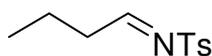
The product was prepared by using above general procedure, employing isobutyraldehyde (1.0 g, 13.9 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonamide (2.38 g, 13.9 mmol) and benzenesulfinic acid sodium salt (2.50 g, 15.2 mmol). After 12 h, the resulting white precipitate was filtered off, washed with H_2O (2 x 10 mL), then pentane (2 x 10 mL). The solid was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL), then sat. aq NaHCO_3 (40 mL) was added and the solution was well stirred for 2 h at r.t. The organic phase was decanted, the aqueous phase extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) and the combined organic layers dried over anhydrous NaHCO_3 , filtered off and the solvent removed under vacuum to yield the aldimines **6c** (2.22 g, 71% yield); **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ = 8.47 (d, J =4.2 Hz; 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.2 Hz; 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.1 Hz; 2H), 2.63-2.67 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.12 (d, J =6.9 Hz; 6H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ = 181.8, 144.6, 134.7, 129.8 (2), 128.0 (2), 34.6, 21.6, 17.9 (2) ppm.

N-(cyclohexylmethylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**6d**):



The product was prepared by using above general procedure, employing cyclohexanecarbaldehyde (1.0 g, 8.9 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonamide (1.52 g, 8.9 mmol) and benzenesulfinic acid sodium salt (1.60 g, 9.8 mmol). After 12 h, the resulting white precipitate was filtered off, washed with H_2O (2 x 10 mL), then pentane (2 x 10 mL). The solid was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL), then sat. aq NaHCO_3 (40 mL) was added and the solution was well stirred for 2 h at r.t. The organic phase was decanted, the aqueous phase extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) and the combined organic layers dried over anhydrous NaHCO_3 , filtered off and the solvent removed under vacuum to yield the aldimines **6d** (1.75 g, 74% yield); **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ = 8.47 (d, J =4.4 Hz; 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.2 Hz; 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz; 2H), 2.44 (brs, 4H), 1.60-1.90 (m, 5H), 1.10-1.40 (m, 5H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ = 181.0, 144.6, 134.8, 129.7 (2), 128.0 (2), 43.6, 28.3 (2), 25.6, 25.0 (2), 21.6 ppm.

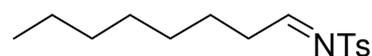
N-butylidene-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**6e**):



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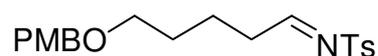
isobutyraldehyde (1.0 g, 13.9 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonamide (2.38 g, 13.9 mmol) and benzenesulfinic acid sodium salt (2.50 g, 15.2 mmol). After 16 h, the resulting white precipitate was filtered off, washed with H₂O (2 x 10 mL), then pentane (2 x 10 mL). The solid was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL), then sat. aq NaHCO₃ (40 mL) was added and the solution was well stirred for 2 h at r.t. The organic phase was decanted, the aqueous phase extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) and the combined organic layers dried over anhydrous NaHCO₃, filtered off and the solvent removed under vacuum to yield the aldimines **6e** (2.12 g, 68% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ= 8.60 (t, *J*=4.4 Hz; 1H), 7.80 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz; 2H), 7.32 (d, *J*= 7.9 Hz; 2H), 2.48-2.52(m, 2H), 2.43(s, 3H), 1.60-1.69 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, *J*=7.4 Hz; 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ= 178.3, 144.7, 134.7, 129.8 (2), 128.1 (2), 37.7, 21.6, 18.1, 13.6 ppm.

4-methyl-N-octylidenebenzenesulfonamide (6f):



The product was prepared by using above general procedure, employing isobutyraldehyde (1.0 g, 7.8 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonamide (1.33 g, 7.8 mmol) and benzenesulfinic acid sodium salt (1.40 g, 8.58 mmol). After 24 h, the resulting white precipitate was filtered off, washed with H₂O (2 x 10 mL), then pentane (2 x 10 mL). The solid was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL), then sat. aq NaHCO₃ (40 mL) was added and the solution was well stirred for 2 h at r.t. The organic phase was decanted, the aqueous phase extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) and the combined organic layers dried over anhydrous NaHCO₃, filtered off and the solvent removed under vacuum to yield the aldimines **6f** (1.34 g, 61% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ= 8.60 (t, *J*=4.6 Hz; 1H), 7.80 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz; 2H), 7.34 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz; 2H), 2.48-2.52(m, 2H), 2.43(s, 3H), 1.57-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.20-1.35 (m, 8H), 0.84 (t, *J*=7.1 Hz; 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ= 178.6, 144.6, 134.7, 129.8 (2), 128.1 (2), 35.9, 31.5, 28.9, 28.8, 24.6, 22.5, 21.6, 14.0 ppm.

N-(5-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)pentylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (9):



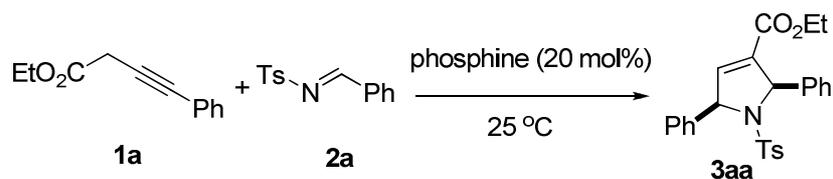
The product was prepared by using above general procedure, employing 5-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)pentanal (1.0 g, 4.5 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonamide (770 mg, 4.5 mmol) and benzenesulfinic acid sodium salt (812 mg, 4.95 mmol). After 24 h, the resulting white precipitate was filtered off, washed with H₂O (2 x 10 mL), then pentane (2 x 10 mL). The solid was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL), then sat. aq NaHCO₃ (40 mL) was added and the solution

was well stirred for 2 h at r.t. The organic phase was decanted, the aqueous phase extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) and the combined organic layers dried over anhydrous NaHCO₃, filtered off and the solvent removed under vacuum to yield the aldimines **9** (1.1 g, 66% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ= 8.59 (t, *J*= 4.3 Hz; 1H), 7.78 (d, *J*= 8.2 Hz; 2H), 7.33 (d, *J*= 8.1 Hz; 2H), 7.23 (d, *J*= 8.5 Hz; 2H), 6.87 (d, *J*= 8.5 Hz; 2H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.42 (t, *J*= 6.0 Hz; 2H), 2.49-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.59-1.75 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ= 178.1, 159.2, 144.8, 134.7, 130.5 (2), 129.9 (2), 129.3 (2), 128.2 (2), 113.8, 72.6, 69.3, 55.4, 35.7, 29.1, 21.7, 21.6 ppm.

General procedure for [2+3]-Cycloaddition reaction:

To a solution of alkynoates and imines in toluene (4 mL) cooled to 0°C, phosphine catalyst in toluene was added dropwise for 10 min. The solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred until then disappearance of alkynoates. Flash column chromatography using hexane and ethyl acetate was done to obtain pyrrolines.

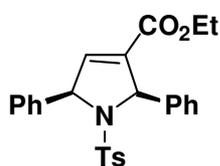
Table 1: Optimization of reaction condition



S. No	Phosphines	Solvents	Yield (%)
1.	Triphenylphosphine	toluene	0
2.	Tricyclohexylphosphine	toluene	51
3.	Trimethoxyphosphine	toluene	27
4.	Tri- <i>n</i> -butylphosphine	toluene	71
5.	Tri- <i>t</i> -butylphosphine	toluene	69
6.	Trimethylphosphine	toluene	84
7.	Trimethylphosphine	CH ₂ Cl ₂	77
8.	Trimethylphosphine	Diethyl ether	68
9.	Trimethylphosphine	Dimethoxymethane	trace
10.	Trimethylphosphine	THF	81
11.	Trimethylphosphine	DMF	trace
12.	Triethylphosphine	toluene	75

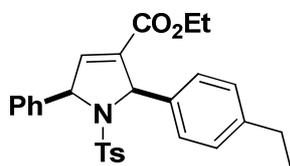
13.	Ethylenebis(diphenylphosphine)	toluene	64
14.	1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane	toluene	69
15.	1,5-Bis(diphenylphosphino)pentane	toluene	71

Ethyl 2,5-diphenyl-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3aa):



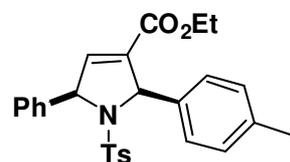
The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl-4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.265 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-benzylidene-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (82 mg, 0.318 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (100 mg, 0.223 mmol, 84% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.25 – 7.30 (m, 10H), 7.19 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.75 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.93 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.13 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 162.0, 143.1, 139.3, 139.2, 138.2, 136.0, 133.9, 129.1(2), 128.55(2), 128.50(2), 128.1(2), 128.0, 127.7(2), 127.2(2), 69.8, 69.5, 60.8, 29.6, 21.3, 13.8 ppm. FTIR (neat): ν = 3053, 2986, 2926, 2304, 1721, 1454, 1421, 1341, 1265, 1165, 1093 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 448.1583, found: 448.1585.

Ethyl 2-(4-ethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3ab):

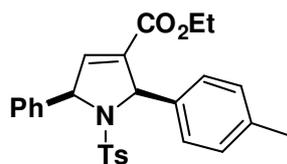


The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl-4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.265 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-ethylbenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (92 mg, 0.318 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (96 mg, 0.202 mmol, 76% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.16 – 7.30 (m, 9H), 6.97 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 6.72 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 5.85 – 5.90 (m, 2H), 3.92 – 4.07 (m, 2H), 2.61 (q, J = 7.60, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.60 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (t, J = 7.12 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 162.2 (1C), 144.1 (1C), 143.1 (1C), 139.1 (1C), 138.4 (1C), 136.6 (1C), 136.2 (1C), 134.1 (1C), 129.1 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.2 (1C), 127.8 (2C), 127.7 (2C), 127.3 (2C), 69.8 (1C), 69.4 (1C), 60.8 (1C), 28.6 (1C), 21.4 (1C), 15.7 (1C), 13.9 (1C) ppm. FTIR (neat): ν = 3055, 2984, 2968, 2932, 1721, 1599, 1454, 1422, 1340, 1265, 1165, 1093 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 476.1896, found: 476.1896.

Ethyl 5-phenyl-2-p-tolyl-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3ac):

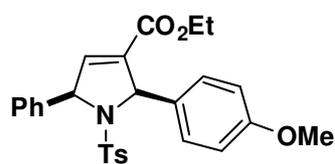


The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl-4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.265 mmol), (*E*)-4-methyl-*N*-(4-



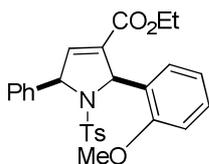
methylbenzylidene) benzenesulfonamide (87 mg, 0.318 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (83 mg, 0.181 mmol, 68% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.22 – 7.37 (m, 9H). 7.01 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 6.72 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 5.88 – 5.89 (m, 1H), 5.82 – 5.84 (m, 1H), 3.97 – 4.08 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 6H), 1.09 (t, J =7.12 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 162.2 (1C), 143.2 (1C), 139.1 (1C), 138.4 (1C), 137.8 (1C), 136.5 (1C), 136.0 (1C), 134.0 (1C), 129.2 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 128.1 (1C), 127.7 (2C), 127.4 (2C), 69.9 (1C), 69.4 (1C), 60.9 (1C), 21.4 (1C), 21.2 (1C), 13.9 (1C) ppm. FTIR (neat): ν = 3053, 2986, 2305, 1721, 1454, 1341, 1265, 1165, 1092 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 462.1705, found: 462.1712.

Ethyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3ad):



The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl-4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.265 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (92 mg, 0.318 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (90 mg, 0.189 mmol, 71% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.21 – 7.36 (m, 9H), 7.00 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.79 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 6.72 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 5.89 – 5.90 (m, 1H), 5.82 – 5.83 (m, 1H), 3.98 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.50 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 162.4 (1C), 159.6 (1C), 143.3 (1C), 139.3 (1C), 138.6 (1C), 136.3 (1C), 134.1 (1C), 131.8 (1C), 129.9 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.3 (1C), 127.8 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 113.8 (2C), 69.9 (1C), 69.3 (1C), 61.0 (1C), 55.4 (1C), 21.7 (1C), 14.1 (1C) ppm. FTIR (neat): ν = 3053, 2986, 2305, 1719, 1512, 1341, 1265, 1165, 1094, 1034 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 478.1688, found: 478.1681.

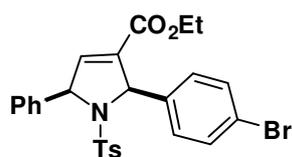
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The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl-4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.265 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(2-methoxybenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (92 mg, 0.318 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (89 mg, 0.186 mmol, 70% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.47 – 7.53 (m, 4H). 7.30 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.21 (m, 4H),

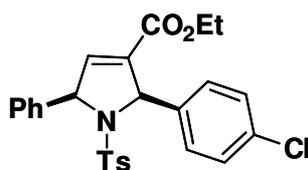
6.83 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.71 (m, 1H), 6.33 (m, 1H), 5.82 (m, 1H), 3.89 - 4.09 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.01 (t, $J = 7.50$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 162.1$ (1C), 157.5 (1C), 143.4 (1C), 139.2 (1C), 138.9 (1C), 135.0 (1C), 134.3 (1C), 129.3 (3C), 129.2 (1C), 128.6 (2C), 128.4 (1C), 128.0 (1C), 127.8 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 120.5 (1C), 111.1 (1C), 69.8 (1C), 62.6 (1C), 60.7 (1C), 55.8 (1C), 21.5 (1C), 13.8 (1C) ppm. FTIR (neat): $\nu = 3055, 2984, 2839, 2305, 1719, 1598, 1493, 1352, 1265, 1167, 1094\text{cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 478.1688, found: 478.1681.

Ethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3af):



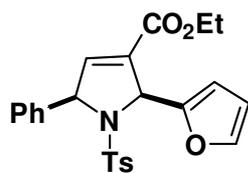
The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl-4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.265 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-bromobenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (108 mg, 0.318 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (76 mg, 0.143 mmol, 54% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.32 - 7.34$ (m, 7H), 7.20 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.03 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.76 (brs, 1H), 5.86 (brs, 2H), 3.99 - 4.10 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.11 (t, $J = 7.20$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 162.1$ (1C), 143.7 (1C), 139.8 (1C), 138.7 (1C), 138.3 (1C), 135.9 (1C), 133.8 (1C), 131.5 (2C), 130.4 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 128.5 (1C), 127.8 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 122.3 (1C), 70.1 (1C), 69.1 (1C), 61.2 (1C), 21.6 (1C), 14.1 (1C) ppm. FTIR (neat): $\nu = 3053, 2986, 2305, 1719, 1421, 1341, 1265, 1165, 1092\text{cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrNO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 526.0688, found: 526.0682.

Ethyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3ag):



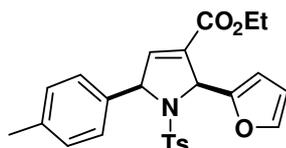
The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl-4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.265 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-chlorobenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (94 mg, 0.318 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (114 mg, 0.236 mmol, 89% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.36 - 7.37$ (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.06 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.93 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.73 (t, $J = 2.18$ Hz, 1H), 6.43 – 6.44 (m, 1H), 6.31 – 6.32 (m, 1H), 6.07 (t, $J = 2.35$ Hz, 1H), 5.79 (t, $J = 2.60$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 - 4.19 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.14 (t, $J = 7.13$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 162.0$ (1C), 151.6 (1C), 142.9 (1C), 142.4 (2C), 140.5 (2C), 138.1 (1C), 136.8 (1C), 131.1 (1C), 128.3 (4C), 110.6 (2C), 110.0 (2C), 69.8 (2C), 62.3(2C), 61.0 (2C), 21.5 (2C) ppm. FTIR (neat): $\nu = 3063, 2982, 2928, 2905, 1715, 1655, 1599, 1495, 1456, 1341, 1258, 1161\text{cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 482.1193, found: 482.1163.

Ethyl 2-(furan-2-yl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3ah):



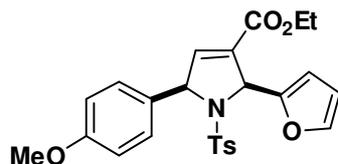
The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl-4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.265 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(furan-2-ylmethylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (79 mg, 0.318 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (74 mg, 0.170 mmol, 64% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.22 – 7.37 (m, 10H), 7.04 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.76 – 6.77 (m, 1H), 5.88 – 5.89 (m, 1H), 5.85 – 5.86 (m, 1H), 3.99 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.13 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 161.9, 143.4, 139.6, 138.1, 137.9, 135.7, 133.8, 133.6, 129.8 (2), 129.2 (2), 128.6 (2), 128.3, 128.2, 127.6 (2), 127.2 (2), 69.8, 68.8, 21.4, 13.8 ppm. **FTIR (neat):** ν = 3053, 2986, 1719, 1597, 1422, 1341, 1265, 1165, 1092 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ 438.1341, found: 438.1345.

Ethyl 2-(furan-2-yl)-5-*p*-tolyl-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3bh):



The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-*p*-tolylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.247 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(furan-2-ylmethylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (74 mg, 0.297 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.049 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (86 mg, 0.190 mmol, 77% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 6.90 – 7.30 (m, 9H), 6.76 (t, J =2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.45 – 6.49 (m, 1H), 6.25 – 6.35 (m, 1H), 6.05 (t, J =2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (t, J =2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.99 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.14 (t, J = 7.20 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 162.0 (1C), 151.6 (1C), 142.8 (1C), 142.2 (1C), 140.6 (1C), 138.0 (1C), 136.7 (1C), 135.1 (1C), 130.9 (1C), 129.1 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 110.5 (1C), 109.8 (1C), 69.5 (1C), 62.1 (1C), 60.9 (1C), 21.4 (1C), 21.1 (1C), 13.9 (1C) ppm. **FTIR (neat):** ν = 3055, 2984, 2968, 1721, 1599, 1340, 1265, 1165, 1094 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ 452.1524, found: 452.1521.

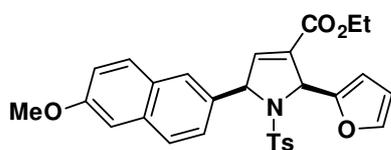
Ethyl 2-(furan-2-yl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3ch):



The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.229 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(furan-2-ylmethylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (69 mg, 0.275 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.046 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (73 mg, 0.156 mmol, 68% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.26 – 7.31 (m, 3H),

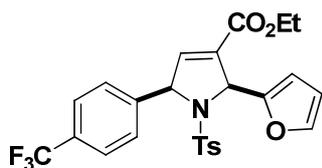
7.04 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.93 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.77 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.71 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 6.41 – 6.42 (m, 1H), 6.30 – 6.32 (m, 1H), 6.04 – 6.05 (m, 1H), 5.75 – 5.77 (m, 1H), 4.04 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.15 (t, $J = 7.20$ Hz, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)**: $\delta = 162.0$ (1C), 159.6 (1C), 151.5 (1C), 142.7 (1C), 142.3 (1C), 140.5 (1C), 136.9 (1C), 130.9 (1C), 130.2 (1C), 129.5 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 113.8 (2C), 110.5 (1C), 109.9 (1C), 69.2 (1C), 62.0 (1C), 60.9 (1C), 55.3 (1C), 21.4 (1C), 14.0 (1C) ppm. **FTIR (neat)**: $\nu = 3055, 2984, 2305, 1719, 1512, 1265, 739$ cm^{-1} ; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 468.1481, found: 468.1480.

Ethyl 2-(furan-2-yl)-5-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3dh):



The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)but-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.186 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(furan-2-ylmethylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (56 mg, 0.224 mmol) and PMe_3 (3 mg, 0.037 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (59 mg, 0.114 mmol, 61% yield); **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)**: $\delta = 7.58 - 7.68$ (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 6.76 – 6.80 (m, 3H), 6.47 – 6.48 (m, 1H), 6.35 – 6.36 (m, 1H), 6.13 – 6.14 (m, 1H), 5.93 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.05 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t, $J = 7.20$ Hz, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3)**: $\delta = 162.0$ (1C), 158.0 (1C), 151.7 (1C), 142.7 (1C), 142.2 (1C), 140.5 (1C), 136.8 (1C), 134.4 (1C), 132.9 (1C), 131.0 (1C), 129.6 (1C), 128.8 (2C), 128.5 (1C), 127.4 (1C), 127.1 (1C), 126.9 (2C), 125.9 (1C), 118.9 (1C), 110.6 (1C), 110.0 (1C), 105.5 (1C), 69.8 (1C), 62.2 (1C), 60.9 (1C), 55.3 (1C), 21.3 (1C), 14.0 (1C) ppm. **FTIR (neat)**: $\nu = 3053, 2986, 2305, 1719, 1609, 1421, 1341, 1265, 1161, 1094$ cm^{-1} ; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 518.1637, found: 518.1636.

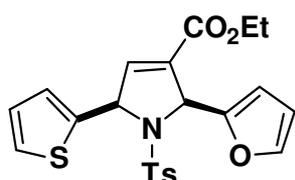
Ethyl 2-(furan-2-yl)-1-tosyl-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3eh):



The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-(4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl) but-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.195 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(furan-2-ylmethylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (58 mg, 0.234 mmol) and PMe_3 (3 mg, 0.039 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (82 mg, 0.162 mmol, 83% yield); **^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3)**: $\delta = 7.46$ (brs, 4H), 7.35

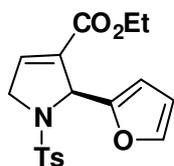
(m, 1H), 6.90-7.10 (m, 4H), 6.70 (t, $J=2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (m, 1H), 6.40(m, 1H), 6.10 (t, $J=2.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.81 (t, $J=2.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.00-4.22 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t, $J = 7.20$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 162.0 (1C), 159.6 (1C), 151.5 (1C), 142.7 (1C), 142.3 (1C), 140.5 (1C), 136.9 (1C), 130.9 (1C), 130.2 (1C), 129.5 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 113.8 (2C), 110.5 (1C), 109.9 (1C), 69.2 (1C), 62.0 (1C), 60.9 (1C), 55.3 (1C), 21.4 (1C), 14.0 (1C) ppm. FTIR (neat): ν = 3055, 2986, 2305, 1722, 1325, 1265, 1167, 1128, 1067, 1016 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 506.1249, found: 506.1250.

Ethyl-2-(furan-2-yl)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate(3fh):



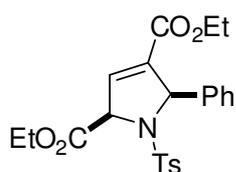
The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-(thiophen-2-yl)but-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.257 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(furan-2-ylmethylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (77 mg, 0.309 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.051 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (103 mg, 0.203 mmol, 79% yield); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.25 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.00 - 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.94 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.75 – 6.77 (m, 1H), 6.41 – 6.42 (m, 1H), 6.29 – 6.31 (m, 1H), 6.05 – 6.07 (m, 1H), 5.93 – 5.95 (m, 1H), 3.99 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t, $J = 7.20$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 161.9 (1C), 151.4 (1C), 142.7 (1C), 142.3 (1C), 139.7 (1C), 139.1 (1C), 137.0 (1C), 131.3 (1C), 128.9 (2C), 127.1 (1C), 126.8 (2C), 126.0 (1C), 124.3 (1C), 110.5 (1C), 109.9 (1C), 64.7 (1C), 61.9 (1C), 61.0 (1C), 21.4 (1C), 13.9 (1C) ppm. FTIR (neat): ν = 3055, 2984, 1719, 1340, 1265, 1161, 1094, 1013, 737 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_5\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 444.0939, found: 444.0938.

Ethyl 2-(furan-2-yl)-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3gh):



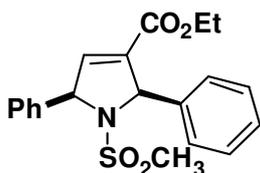
The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl but-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.446 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(furan-2-ylmethylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (77 mg, 0.309 mmol) and PMe_3 (7 mg, 0.089 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (158 mg, 0.312 mmol, 70% yield); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.45 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.15 - 7.20 (m, 3H), 6.82 (q, $J=2.01$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 – 6.37 (m, 1H), 6.25 – 6.30 (m, 1H), 5.87 (td, $J=5.5, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.55 (m, 2H), 4.00 – 4.20 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.59 (t, $J=7.12$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 161.6, 151.3, 143.2, 142.1, 136.9, 135.6, 133.0, 129.5 (2), 127.0 (2), 110.4, 109.1, 61.7, 60.8, 54.2, 21.4, 13.9 ppm. FTIR (neat): ν = 3053, 2986, 2305, 1721, 1422, 1265, 1165, 895 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 362.1062, found: 362.1067.

Triethyl 1-tosyl-2, 5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-2,3,5-tricarboxylate (3ha):



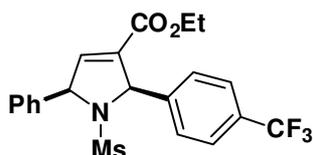
The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing diethyl pent-2-ynedioate (50 mg, 0.271 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-benzylidene-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (84 mg, 0.326 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.054 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product as colorless oil (75 mg, 0.149 mmol, 55% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.42 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.26 (brs, 3H), 7.15 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.70 (t, J =2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.80 – 5.82 (m, 1H), 5.51 (t, J =2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.15 – 4.35 (m, 2H), 3.95 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, J =7.14 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (t, J =7.14 Hz, 3H)ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 168.3, 161.4, 143.4, 138.2, 137.2, 135.8, 132.8 (2), 128.9 (2), 128.5 (2), 127.89 (2), 127.83(2), 69.5, 67.9, 62.1, 61.0, 21.4, 14.0, 13.7ppm.

Ethyl 1-(methylsulfonyl)-2,5-diphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5aa):



The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.266 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-benzylidene methanesulfonamide (58 mg, 0.319 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (113 mg, 0.223 mmol, 84% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.30 – 7.51 (m, 10H), 6.83 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.03 – 6.04 (m, 1H), 5.96 – 5.98 (m, 1H), 3.99 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.05 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 162.1 (1C), 139.2 (1C), 139.1 (1C), 138.3 (1C), 134.1 (1C), 129.0 (1C), 128.7 (2C), 128.6 (1C), 128.4 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 69.4 (1C), 68.9 (1C), 60.9 (1C), 42.6 (1C), 13.9 (1C) ppm. FTIR (neat): ν = 3055, 2986, 2305, 1719, 1456, 1422, 1334, 1265, 1151 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ 372.1270, found: 372.1270.

Ethyl- 1-(methylsulfonyl)-5-phenyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5ab):



The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.266 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)methanesulfonamide (80 mg, 0.319 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (102 mg, 0.202 mmol, 76% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.59 – 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.38 – 7.50 (m, 5H), 6.88 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.08 – 6.09 (m, 1H), 5.97 – 5.99 (m, 1H), 4.03 – 4.16 (m, 2H),

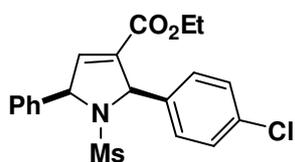
2.25 (s, 3H), 1.13 (t, $J = 7.20$ Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 161.8$ (1C), 143.4 (1C), 139.7 (1C), 138.0 (1C), 133.8 (1C), 129.2 (2C), 129.0 (1C), 128.8 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 125.7 (1C), 125.6 (1C), 125.6 (1C), 125.6 (1C), 69.6 (1C), 68.5 (1C), 61.2 (1C), 42.3 (1C), 13.9 (1C) ppm. **FTIR (neat):** $\nu = 3053$, 2986, 2305, 1721, 1422, 1325, 1067, 895 cm^{-1} .

Ethyl 1-(methylsulfonyl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-phenyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5ac):



The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.266 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-nitrobenzylidene) methanesulfonamide (73 mg, 0.319 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (63 mg, 0.125 mmol, 47% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.23 - 8.26$ (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.40– 7.47 (m, 5H), 6.91 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.11 – 6.12 (m, 1H), 5.98 – 6.00 (m, 1H), 4.05 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t, $J = 7.12$ Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 161.6$ (1C), 147.7 (1C), 146.6 (1C), 140.0 (1C), 137.7 (1C), 133.5 (1C), 129.4 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 129.2 (1C), 127.9 (2C), 123.8 (2C), 69.7 (1C), 68.2 (1C), 61.3 (1C), 42.2 (1C), 13.9 (1C) ppm. **FTIR (neat):** $\nu = 3053$, 2986, 2305, 1719, 1526, 1348, 1265, 1152, 1074 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ 417.1127, found: 417.1129.

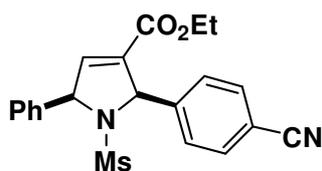
Ethyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-5-phenyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5ad):



The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.266 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-chlorobenzylidene) methanesulfonamide (69 mg, 0.319 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (95 mg, 0.189 mmol, 71% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.34 - 7.47$ (m, 9H), 6.84 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.00 – 6.02 (m, 1H), 5.94 – 5.96 (m, 1H), 4.03 – 4.16 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.14 (t, $J = 7.05$ Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 161.9$ (1C), 139.5 (1C), 138.1 (1C), 138.0 (1C), 134.3 (1C), 133.8 (1C), 129.8 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 128.9 (3C), 127.9 (2C), 69.5 (1C), 68.3 (1C), 61.1 (1C), 42.5 (1C), 13.9 (1C) ppm. **FTIR (neat):** $\nu = 3053$, 2986, 2305, 1721, 1491, 1335, 1265, 1152, 1090 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ 406.0880, found: 406.0723.

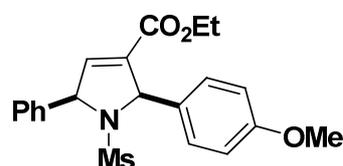
Ethyl 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-5-phenyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5ae):

The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.266 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-cyanobenzylidene) methanesulfonamide (66 mg, 0.319 mmol) and PMe_3



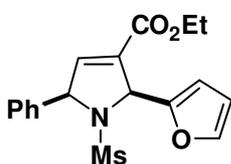
(5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (86 mg, 0.170 mmol, 64% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.73 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.52 (m, 6H), 6.90 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.03 – 6.05 (m, 1H), 5.95 – 5.97 (m, 1H), 4.04 – 4.18 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.20 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 161.6 (1C), 141.2 (1C), 139.9 (1C), 137.7 (1C), 133.5 (1C), 133.0 (1C), 132.1 (1C), 131.8 (1C), 129.5 (1C), 129.3 (2C), 129.2 (1C), 127.9 (2C), 118.4 (1C), 112.8 (1C), 69.6 (1C), 68.2 (1C), 61.3 (1C), 42.2 (1C), 13.9 (1C) ppm. FTIR (neat): ν = 3055, 2986, 2305, 1719, 1339, 1265, 1153 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 397.1229, found: 397.1222.

Ethyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-5-phenyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate



The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.266 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-methoxybenzylidene) methanesulfonamide (68 mg, 0.319 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (94 mg, 0.186 mmol, 70% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.33 – 7.49 (m, 7H), 6.91 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.80 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 6.00 – 6.01 (m, 1H), 5.93 – 5.95 (m, 1H), 4.02 – 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.20 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 162.5 (1C), 159.8 (1C), 139.1 (1C), 138.7 (1C), 134.3 (1C), 131.5 (1C), 129.8 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 128.8 (1C), 128.1 (2C), 114.2 (2C), 69.5 (1C), 68.6 (1C), 61.2 (1C), 55.5 (1C), 42.9 (1C), 14.2 (1C) ppm. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 402.1368, found: 402.1371.

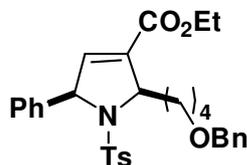
Ethyl 2-(furan-2-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-5-phenyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5ag):



The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.266 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(furan-2-ylmethylene) methanesulfonamide (55 mg, 0.319 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (120 mg, 0.236 mmol, 89% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.53 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 6.81 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.53 – 6.54 (m, 1H), 6.40 – 6.41 (m, 1H), 6.08 – 6.10 (m, 1H), 5.82 – 5.84 (m, 1H), 4.06 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.05 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 161.9 (1C), 151.0 (1C), 142.7 (1C), 140.2 (1C), 137.8 (1C), 131.3 (1C), 128.9 (2C), 128.8 (1C), 128.4 (2C), 110.8 (1C), 110.2 (1C), 69.3

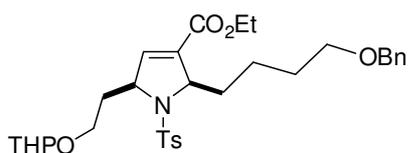
(1C), 61.7 (1C), 61.0 (1C), 42.1 (1C), 14.0 (1C) ppm. **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for $C_{18}H_{20}NO_5S$ $[M+H]^+$ 362.1062, found: 362.1061.

Ethyl 2-(4-(benzyloxy)butyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (7aa):



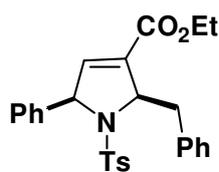
The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.266 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(5-(benzyloxy)pentylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (110 mg, 0.319 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (103 mg, 0.194 mmol, 73% yield); **1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 7.63 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.34 (m, 10H), 6.59 – 6.61 (m, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.82 – 4.86 (m, 1H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 4.12 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 3.39 – 3.43 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.88 – 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.45 – 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.20 Hz, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (500MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 162.5 (1C), 143.8(1C), 139.0 (1C), 138.8 (1C), 138.7 (1C), 135.1 (1C), 134.8 (1C), 129.7 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 128.0 (1C), 127.7 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 127.4 (1C), 127.3 (2C), 72.9 (1C), 70.3 (1C), 69.5 (1C), 66.8 (1C), 60.9 (1C), 34.9 (1C), 29.6 (1C), 22.0 (1C), 21.5 (1C), 14.1 (1C) ppm. **FTIR (neat):** ν = 3053, 2984, 2938, 2864, 1717, 1647, 1599, 1495, 1454, 1350, 1265, 1165, 1090, 1028 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for $C_{31}H_{35}NO_5S$ $[M+H]^+$ 534.2314, found: 534.2317.

Ethyl-2-(4-(benzyloxy)butyl)-5-(2-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yloxy)ethyl)-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (7oa):



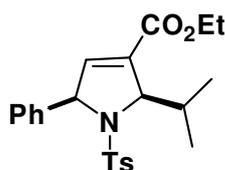
The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 6-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yloxy)hex-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.208 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(5-(benzyloxy)pentylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (86 mg, 0.250 mmol) and PMe_3 (3 mg, 0.042 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (85 mg, 0.146mmol, 70% yield); **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ = 7.60 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.35 (m, 7H), 6.50 – 6.65 (m, 1H), 4.57 – 4.70 (m, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 4.40 – 4.45 (m, 1H), 4.10 (q, J =7.13 Hz, 2H), 3.75 – 3.90 (m, 2H), 3.47 – 3.67 (m, 2H), 3.45 (t, J =6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.10 – 2.30 (m, 1H), 1.44 – 2.00 (m, 12H), 1.32 – 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.20 (t, J =7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. **FTIR (neat):** ν = 3053, 2941, 2866, 1717, 1346, 1265, 1165, 1092, 1076, 1034 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for $C_{27}H_{36}NO_6S$ $[M+H]^+$ 502.2246, found: 502.2263 (THP cleaved mass).

Ethyl-2-benzyl-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (7ab):



The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.266 mmol), (*E*)-4-methyl-*N*-(2-phenylethylidene) benzenesulfonamide (87 mg, 0.319 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (109 mg, 0.236 mmol, 89% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.67 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.02 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 6.54 – 6.57 (m, 2H), 6.40 – 6.41 (m, 1H), 5.36 – 5.38 (m, 1H), 5.05 – 5.08 (m, 1H), 4.14 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 3.30 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.05 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 162.8 (1C), 143.9 (1C), 139.7 (1C), 138.7 (1C), 136.4 (1C), 134.3 (1C), 133.1 (1C), 131.0 (2C), 129.9 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 127.9 (1C), 126.5 (1C), 70.0 (1C), 67.7 (1C), 61.1 (1C), 39.6 (1C), 21.6 (1C), 14.2 (1C) ppm. **FTIR (neat):** ν = 3055, 2984, 1717, 1599, 1350, 1265, 1165, 1092 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ 462.1739, found: 462.1698.

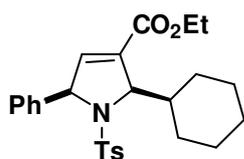
Ethyl 2-isopropyl-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (7ac):



The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.266 mmol), (*E*)-4-methyl-*N*-(2-methylpropylidene) benzenesulfonamide (72 mg, 0.319 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified

through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (92 mg, 0.223 mmol, 84% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.70 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.70 – 6.71 (m, 1H), 5.56 – 5.57 (m, 1H), 4.73 (d, J = 5.00 Hz, 1H), 4.11 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.97 – 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.25 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, J = 7.00 Hz, 3H), 0.79 (d, J = 7.00 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 163.0 (1C), 143.9 (1C), 139.0 (1C), 138.2 (1C), 136.0 (1C), 134.2 (1C), 129.7 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 127.8 (1C), 127.1 (2C), 72.4 (1C), 68.9 (1C), 60.9 (1C), 33.6 (1C), 21.5 (1C), 19.5 (1C), 19.4 (1C), 14.1 (1C) ppm. **FTIR (neat):** ν = 3057, 2968, 2934, 2907, 1719, 1647, 1599, 1348, 1265, 1165, 1090, 895, 816 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ 414.1739, found: 414.1738.

Ethyl 2-cyclohexyl-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (7ad):

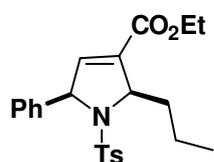


The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.266 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(cyclohexylmethylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (85 mg, 0.319 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash

column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (108 mg, 0.239 mmol,

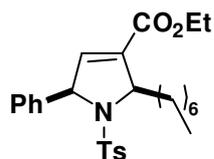
90% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.68 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 6.67 (brs, 1H), 5.56 (brs, 1H), 4.70 – 4.71 (m, 1H), 4.12 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.61 – 1.69 (m, 6H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.00 Hz, 3H), 0.85 – 1.16 (m, 5H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 163.0 (1C), 143.8 (1C), 139.0 (1C), 138.1 (1C), 136.0 (1C), 134.3 (1C), 129.7 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 127.8 (2C), 127.8 (1C), 127.2 (2C), 71.8 (1C), 68.9 (1C), 60.9 (1C), 43.6 (1C), 29.9 (1C), 29.8 (1C), 26.4 (1C), 26.4 (1C), 26.1 (1C), 21.5 (1C), 14.1 (1C) ppm. **FTIR (neat):** ν = 3055, 2984, 2930, 2853, 1719, 1647, 1599, 1495, 1449, 1348, 1265, 1165, 1092 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 454.2018, found: 454.2029.

Ethyl 5-phenyl-2-propyl-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (7ae):



The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.266 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-butylidene-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (72 mg, 0.319 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (85 mg, 0.205 mmol, 77% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.60 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.40 (m, 7H), 6.55 – 6.60 (m, 1H), 5.55 – 5.60 (m, 1H), 4.80 – 4.85 (m, 1H), 4.10 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.65 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). 5.96 – 5.98 (m, 1H), 3.99 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.05 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 162.8 (1C), 144.0 (1C), 139.3 (1C), 138.8 (1C), 135.4 (1C), 135.0 (1C), 129.9 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.2 (1C), 127.9 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 69.7 (1C), 67.0 (1C), 61.1 (1C), 37.6 (1C), 21.7 (1C), 18.8 (1C), 14.3 (1C), 14.2 (1C) ppm. **FTIR (neat):** ν = 3055, 2982, 2963, 2934, 2872, 1719, 1647, 1599, 1350, 1265, 1165, 1092 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 414.1739, found: 414.1720.

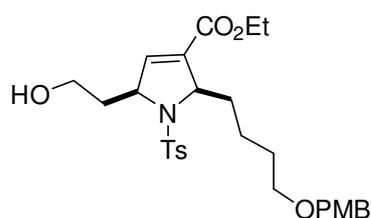
Ethyl 2-heptyl-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (7af):



The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 4-phenylbut-3-ynoate (50 mg, 0.266 mmol), (*E*)-4-methyl-*N*-octylidenebenzenesulfonamide (90 mg, 0.319 mmol) and PMe_3 (5 mg, 0.053 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (25 – 30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (101 mg, 0.215 mmol, 81% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.61 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 6.60 (brs, 1H), 5.60 (brs, 1H), 4.84 – 4.86 (m, 1H), 4.13 – 4.22 (m, 2H), 2.40

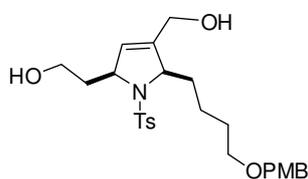
(s, 3H), 1.84 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.29 – 1.43 (m, 2H) 1.26 (m, 5H), 1.20 (s, 6H), 0.86 (t, $J = 7.20$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 162.6$ (1C), 143.7 (1C), 139.0 (1C), 138.7 (1C), 135.2 (1C), 135.0 (1C), 129.7 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.0 (1C), 127.7 (2C), 127.4 (2C), 69.4 (1C), 66.9 (1C), 60.9 (1C), 34.9 (1C), 31.7 (1C), 29.4 (1C), 29.0 (1C), 25.1 (1C), 22.7 (1C), 21.5 (1C), 14.1 (2C) ppm. FTIR (neat): $\nu = 3053, 2986, 2957, 2928, 2857, 1715, 1422, 1350, 1265, 1165, 1092$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 470.2291, found: 470.2302.

Ethyl-5-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-butyl)-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (10):



The product was prepared by above general procedure, employing ethyl 6-hydroxyhex-3-ynoate (2 g, 12.0 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(5-(4-methoxybenzyloxy) pentylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (5.76 g, 14.4 mmol) and PMe_3 (200 mg, 2.5 mmol). After 2 h, solvent was removed; the residue was purified through flash column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (5.5 g, 81% yield); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.66 - 7.69$ (m, 2H), 7.24 - 7.27 (m, 4H), 6.85 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.48 (brs, 1H), 4.60 – 4.65 (m, 2H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 4.07 – 4.15 (m, 3H), 3.93 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.69 – 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.46 (t, $J=6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.48 - 2.00 (m, 9H), 1.18-1.21 (m, 4H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 162.2, 159.0, 144.0, 140.2, 134.5, 133.5, 130.7, 129.8, 127.6, 113.7, 72.5, 69.9, 66.6, 64.2, 60.8, 58.5, 55.2, 39.0, 35.4, 29.5, 21.9, 21.5, 14.0$ ppm. FTIR (neat): $\nu = 3053, 2985, 2304, 1716, 1555, 1344, 1265, 1163, 738$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 412.1794, found: 412.1800 (PMB cleaved mass).

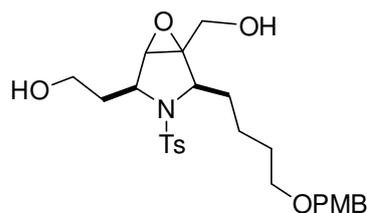
4-(hydroxymethyl)-5-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-butyl)-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)ethanol (11):



DIBAL-H (1.0 M in THF, 2.7 g, 18.8 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of ethyl 5-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)butyl)-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5 g, 9.4 mmol) in dry THF (100 mL) at 0 °C. After 2 h, ethanol (2 mL) was added slowly, and then stirred with aq. solution of sodium potassium tartarate for 5 h. Organic layers were evaporated to get crude residue, that was purified through flash column chromatography (50% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (3.4 g, 74% yield); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.68$ (d, $J=8.1$, 2H), 7.24 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 6.88 (d, $J=8.5$, 2H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 4.51 (brs, 1H), 4.38 – 4.42 (m, 3H), 3.88 – 4.02 (m, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.68 – 3.72 (m, 1H), 3.40 – 3.50 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.40-2.00 (m, 11H)

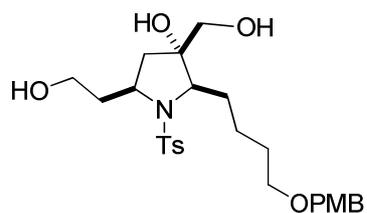
ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 159.1, 143.8, 141.9, 133.7, 130.5, 129.6, 129.2, 127.6, 124.5, 113.7, 72.5, 69.7, 67.1, 64.0, 58.9(2), 55.2, 39.9, 34.5, 29.4, 21.6, 21.5 ppm. FTIR (neat): ν = 3055, 2933, 2304, 1512, 1421, 1340, 1265, 1161, 1093, 894, 815, 744 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 370.1688, found: 370.1689 (PMB cleaved mass).

2-(5-(hydroxymethyl)-4-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-butyl)-3-tosyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-2-yl)ethanol (12):



m-CPBA (2.75 g, 61.3 mmol; 77%) was added to a solution of 4-(hydroxymethyl)-5-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)butyl)-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)ethanol (3 g, 6.1 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$. After 12 h, saturated NaHCO_3 solution was added, extracted with ethyl acetate. Organic layers were evaporated to get crude residue, that was purified through flash column chromatography (40% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (2.5 g, 81% yield); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.62 (d, J =8.1, 2H), 7.25 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 6.88 (d, J =8.5, 2H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 3.85 – 4.05 (m, 4H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.65 – 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.55 – 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.45 – 3.50 (m, 2H), 3.31 (brs, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.35 – 1.85 (m, 9H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 159.0, 143.6, 134.7, 130.4, 129.3, 129.2, 127.9, 113.7, 72.5, 69.6, 68.2, 61.5, 61.3, 58.5, 58.1, 57.6, 55.1, 35.6, 32.9, 29.3, 23.0, 21.5 ppm. FTIR (neat): ν = 3053, 2985, 2303, 1512, 1421, 1342, 1265, 1159, 1093, 894, 740 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 386.1657, found: 386.1647 (PMB cleaved mass).

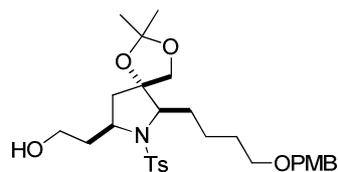
5-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-(hydroxymethyl)-2-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)butyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-ol (13):



DIBAL-H (1.0 M in THF, 2.24 g, 15.8 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of 5-(hydroxymethyl)-4-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)butyl)-3-tosyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-2-yl)ethanol (2 g, 3.9 mmol) in dry THF (100 mL) at -78 $^\circ\text{C}$ then increased the temperature to -25 $^\circ\text{C}$. After 24 h, ethanol (2 mL) was added slowly, and then stirred with aq. solution of sodium potassium tartarate for 5 h. Organic layers were evaporated to get crude residue, that was purified through flash column chromatography (80% ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford product (1.28 g, 64% yield); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.75 (d, J =8.2, 2H), 7.24 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 6.88 (d, J =8.5, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 3.95 – 4.05 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.73 – 3.78 (m, 1H), 3.58 – 3.66 (m, 2H), 3.38 – 3.53 (m, 4H), 2.42 – 2.52 (brs, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.28 – 2.33 (brs, 1H), 2.05 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.50 – 1.65 (m, 5H), 1.30 – 1.38 (m, 1H), 1.17 – 1.25 (m, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 159.1, 143.7, 134.9, 130.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.3, 113.7, 82.0,

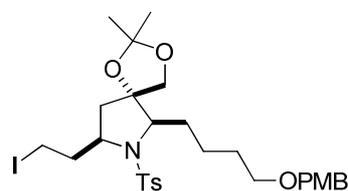
72.4, 69.8, 69.3, 64.6, 59.6, 56.4, 55.2, 40.6, 40.5, 33.0, 29.3, 22.6, 21.5 ppm. **FTIR (neat):** $\nu = 3053, 2981, 2304, 1421, 1265, 1159, 1091, 1033, 894, 738 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 388.1794, found: 388.1769 (PMB cleaved mass).

6-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)butyl)-2,2-dimethyl-7-tosyl-1,3-dioxo-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonan-8-yl)ethanol (14):



To a solution of 2,2-dimethoxy propane (2.63 g, 25 mmol) and 5-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-(hydroxymethyl)-2-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)butyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-ol (1.2 g, 2.5 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 , camphorsulfonic acid (58 mg, 0.25 mmol) was added and stirred for 1 h at 25 °C. Saturated solution of NaHCO_3 (2 mL) was added, extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . Organic layer was concentrated to get crude product that was purified using column chromatography (70% ethyl acetate in hexane) to get pure product (1.0 g, 77% yield); **$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3):** $\delta = 7.71$ (d, $J=8.2\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.23 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 6.88 (d, $J=8.6\text{Hz}$, 2H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 3.80 – 3.85 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.77 – 3.78 (m, 1H), 3.62 – 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.57 (dd, $J=9.7, 3.7\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.45 – 3.52 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.20 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.09 (dd, $J=9.7, 3.7\text{Hz}$, 1H), 1.65 – 1.85 (m, 4H), 1.55 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.27 – 1.37 (m, 1H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H) ppm. **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3):** $\delta = 159.0, 142.8, 134.9, 130.5, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 113.6, 109.0, 88.0, 72.4, 69.8, 68.7, 67.3, 59.6, 56.9, 55.1, 42.3, 40.3, 33.5, 29.5, 26.7, 25.5, 22.5, 21.3$ ppm. **FTIR (neat):** $\nu = 3055, 2983, 2968, 1720, 1598, 1454, 1340, 1265, 1165, 1093, 813, 742 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{42}\text{NO}_7\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 548.2682, found: 548.2677.

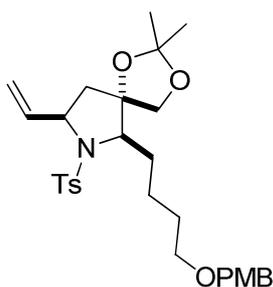
8-(2-iodoethyl)-6-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-butyl)-2,2-dimethyl-7-tosyl-1,3-dioxo-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane (15):



To a solution of 6-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)butyl)-2,2-dimethyl-7-tosyl-1,3-dioxo-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonan-8-yl)ethanol (1 g, 1.8 mmol), imidazole (375 mg, 5.4 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (710 mg, 2.7 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 , was added I_2 (685 mg, 2.7 mmol) at 25 °C then continued stirring for 12 h. Saturated solution of $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (2 mL) and NaHCO_3 (2 mL) was added, extracted with ethyl acetate. Organic layer was concentrated to get crude product that was purified using column chromatography (25% ethyl acetate in hexane) to get pure product (1.0 g, 87% yield); **$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3):** $\delta = 7.74$ (d, $J=8.2\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.25 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 6.87–6.89 (m, 2H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 3.81 – 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.62 – 3.72 (m, 2H), 3.59 (dd, $J=9.6, 3.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.48 (t, $J=5.7\text{Hz}$, 2H), 3.21 – 3.31 (m, 1H), 2.98 – 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.69 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.95 – 2.10

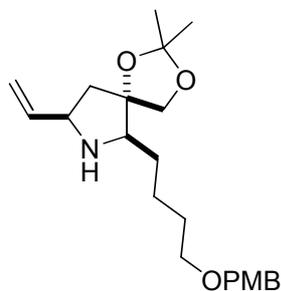
(m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.70 (m, 6H), 1.38 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 159.0, 142.9, 134.5, 130.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 113.7, 109.2, 87.6, 72.5, 69.8, 68.9, 67.2, 59.6, 55.2, 40.9, 40.6, 33.8, 29.5, 26.8, 25.5, 22.6, 21.4, 14.1, 0.92 ppm. FTIR (neat): ν = 3444, 2983, 2933, 1512, 1454, 1342, 1247, 1159, 1089, 1004, 815, 738 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{33}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ [M+H] $^+$ 538.1124, found: 538.1116 (PMB cleaved mass).

6-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)butyl)-2,2-dimethyl-7-tosyl-8-vinyl-1,3-dioxo-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane (16):



To a slurry of NaH (120 mg, 3.0 mmol, 60%) and TBAI (55.3 mg, 0.15 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added 8-(2-iodoethyl)-6-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-butyl)-2,2-dimethyl-7-tosyl-1,3-dioxo-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane (1 g, 1.5 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at 0 °C then refluxed for 12 h. Ice-cold water was added dropwise, extracted with ethyl acetate. Organic layer was concentrated to get crude product that was purified using column chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in hexane) to get pure product (0.7 g, 88% yield); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.72 (d, J=8.2Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 6.89 (d, J=, 2H), 5.88 – 5.97 (m, 1H), 5.24 (d, J=, 1H), 5.12 (d, J=, 1H),) 4.43 (s, 2H), 4.00 – 4.07 (m, 1H), 3.83 – 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.68 – 3.71 (m, 1H), 3.63 – 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.47 (t, J=5.7Hz, 2H), 2.4 (s, 3H), 2.00 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.75 -1.81 (m, 1H), 1.30 – 1.70 (m, 6H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 159.0, 142.7, 139.7, 134.9, 130.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 115.1, 113.6, 109.1, 87.5, 72.4, 69.7, 68.9, 67.0, 61.0, 55.1, 42.3, 33.7, 29.5, 26.7, 25.6, 22.5, 21.3 ppm. FTIR (neat): ν = 3053, 2985, 2304, 1421, 1265, 1159, 894, 738, 705 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ [M+H] $^+$ 410.1942, found: 410.945 (PMB cleaved mass).

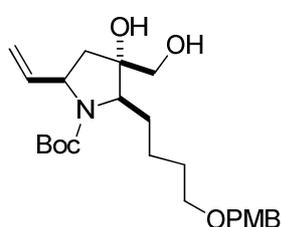
6-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy) butyl)-2,2-dimethyl-8-vinyl-1,3-dioxo-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane (17) [3]:



To a solution of naphthalene (1.69 g, 13.2 mmol) in dry DMSO (2 mL), sodium metal (261 mg, 11.8 mmol) was added then stirred at 25 °C. After 2 h, dark green colour was observed. Above mixture was added dropwise to a pre-dissolved solution of 6-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)butyl)-2,2-dimethyl-7-tosyl-8-vinyl-1,3-dioxo-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane (700 mg; 1.32 mmol) in dry DMSO at -78 °C. After 30 minute, saturated solution of NaHCO_3 (2 mL) was added then stirred with solid K_2CO_3 (6 g) for 5 h. Extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL, 3 times), combined organic layer was concentrated to get crude product that was purified using column chromatography (80% ethyl

acetate in hexane) to get pure product (340 mg, 69% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.18 (d, J =8.4Hz, 2H), 6.80(d, J =8.4Hz, 2H), 5.62 – 5.71 (m, 1H), 4.90 -5.11 (m, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 4.02 (d, J =9.0Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.57 – 3.67 (m, 2H), 3.37 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 2.95 – 2.98 (m, 1H), 2.55 (brs, 1H), 2.13 (dd, J =13.3, 7.0Hz, 1H), 1.40 – 1.70 (m, 5H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.15 – 1.25 (m, 1H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 159.0, 140.3, 130.5, 129.1, 115.1, 113.6, 108.4, 88.0, 72.4, 69.9, 69.8, 66.1, 58.4, 55.1, 44.4, 30.5, 29.7, 26.8, 25.7, 24.2 ppm. FTIR (neat): ν = 3053, 2985, 2937, 2862, 2304, 1612, 1512, 1265, 1099, 1056, 1035, 738 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 256.1913, found: 256.1915 (PMB cleaved mass).

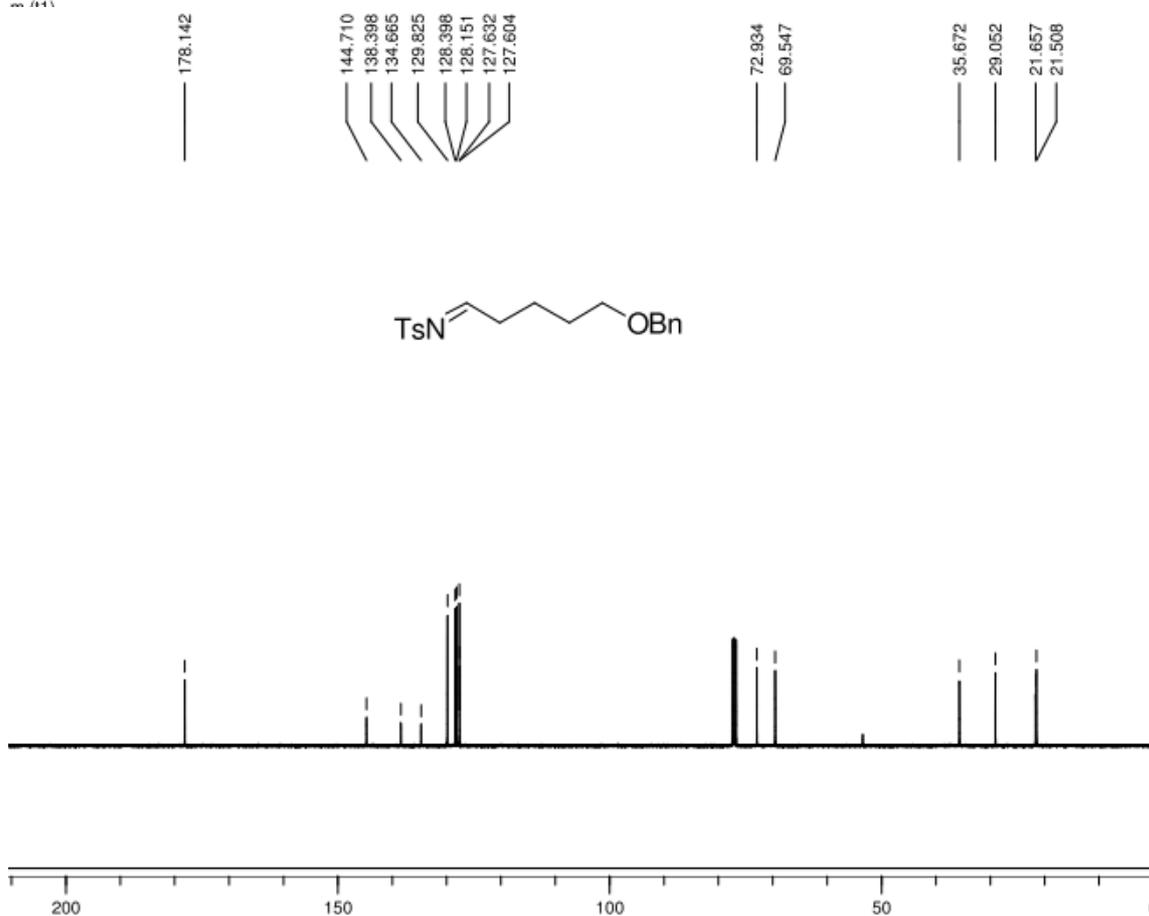
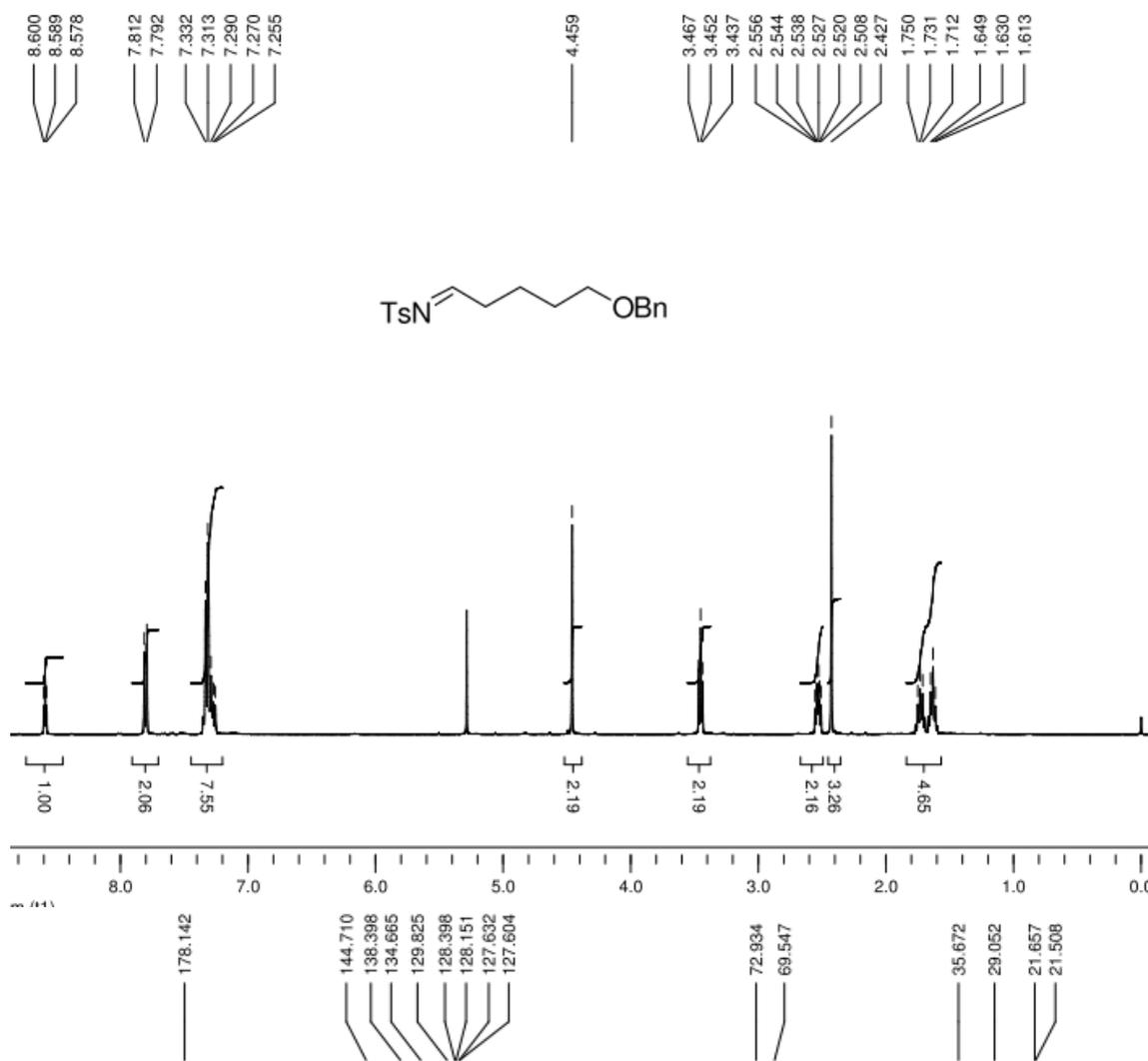
Tert-butyl-3-hydroxy-3-(hydroxymethyl)-2-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)butyl)-5-vinylpyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (18):

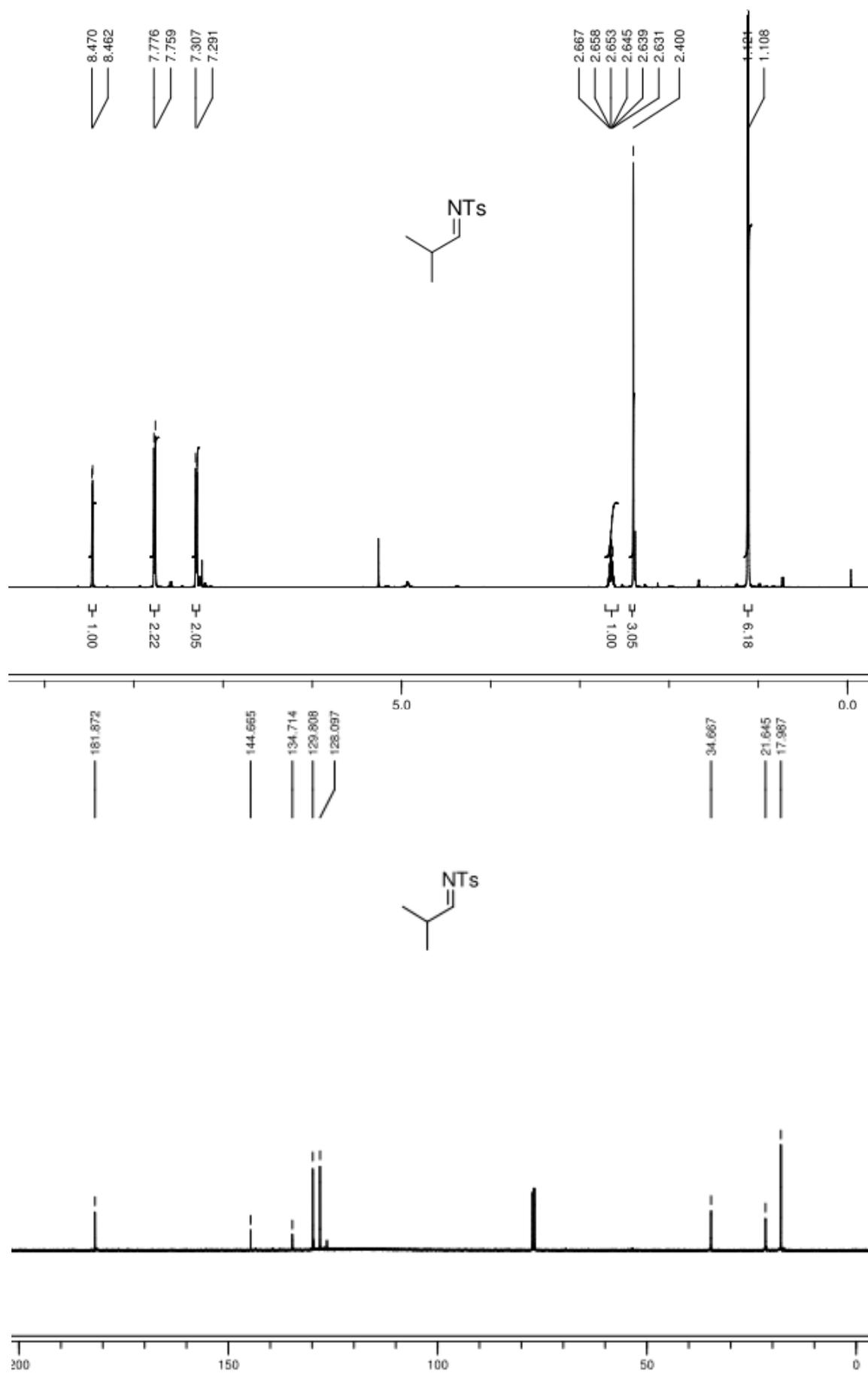


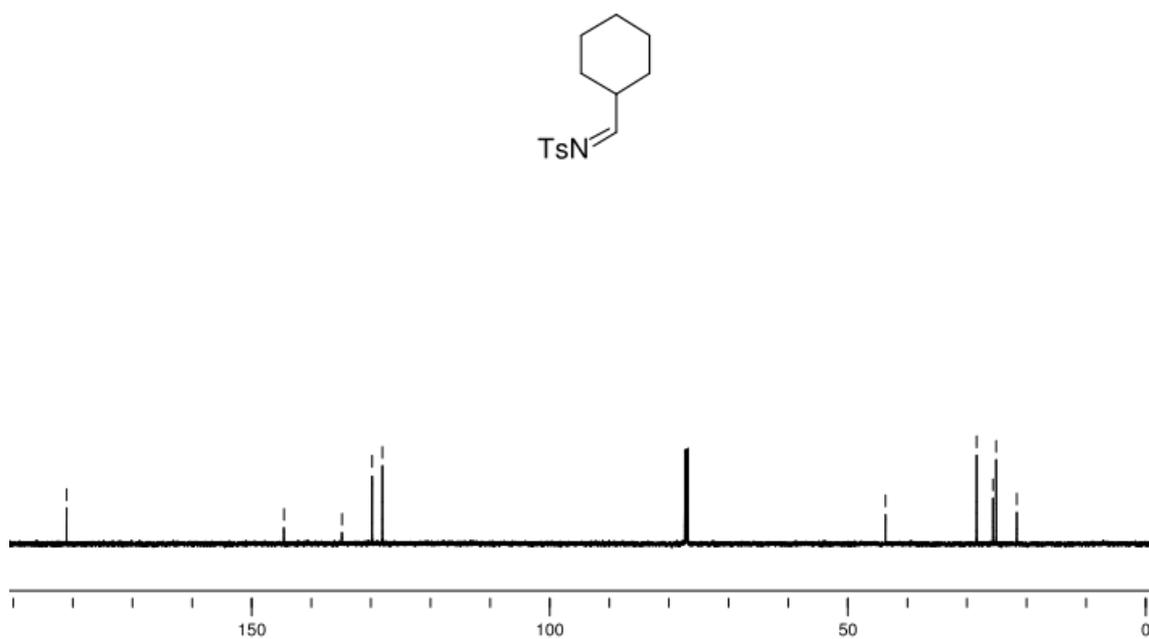
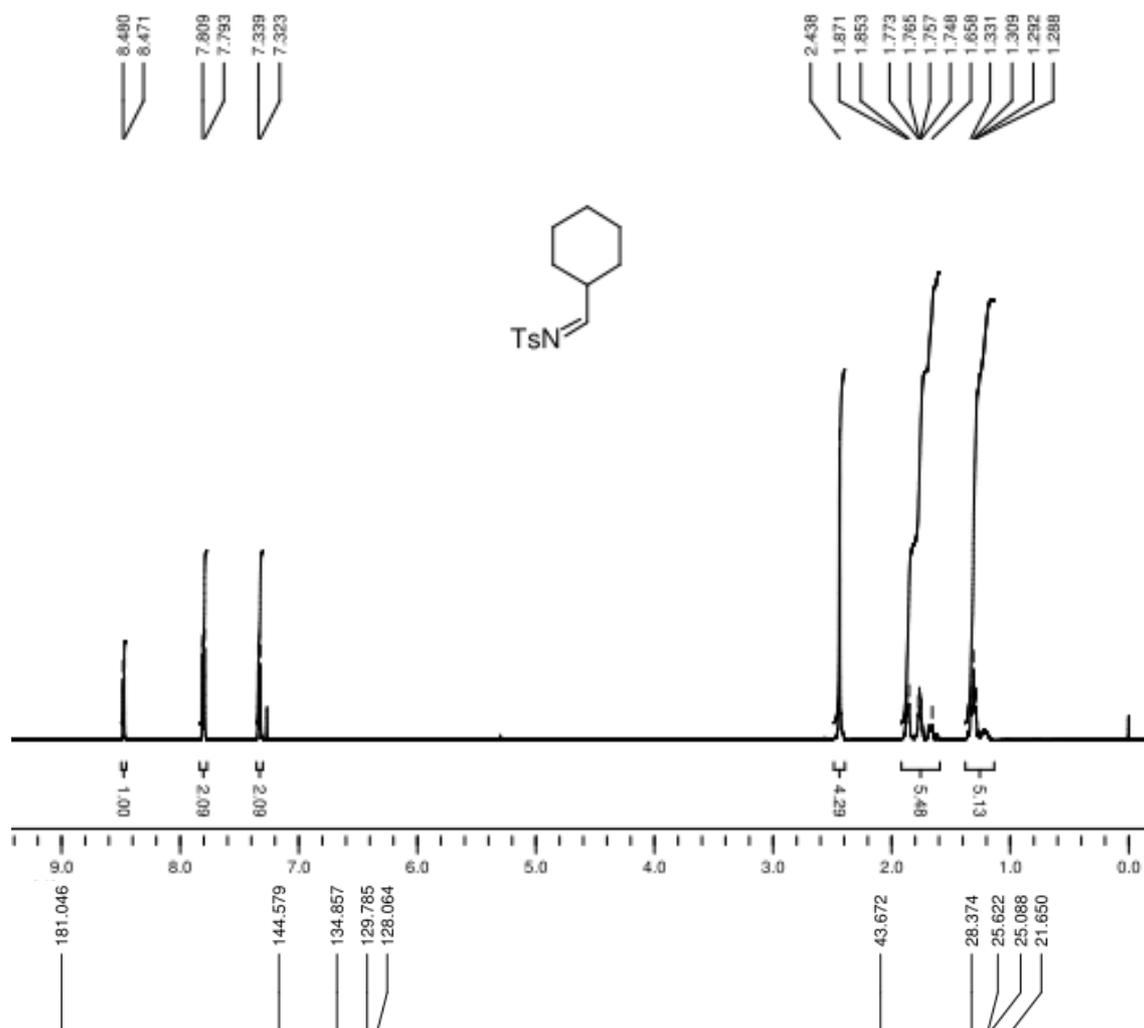
To a solution of 6-(4-(4-methoxybenzyloxy) butyl)-2,2-dimethyl-8-vinyl-1,3-dioxo-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane (300mg; 0.8 mmol) in THF:H₂O (1:1, 10 mL), was added 3 M HCl (3.0 mL) at 0 °C. After 5 h stirring at 25 °C, adjusted the pH to 9.0 using NaHCO₃ then (BOC)₂O (350 mg, 1.6 mmol) in THF was added dropwise at 25 °C. After 2 h, extracted with ethyl acetate, combined organic layer was concentrated to get crude product that was purified by column chromatography (90% ethyl acetate in hexane) to get pure product (330mg; 88% over 2 step); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ = 7.22 (d, J =8.5Hz, 2H), 6.88(d, J =8.6Hz, 2H), 5.75 (brs, 1H), 4.90 -5.05 (m, 2H), 4.50 – 4.65 (m, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 4.25 (brs, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.65 (brs, 1H), 3.35 – 3.40 (m, 4H), 1.85 -1.90 (m, 1H), 1.40 – 1.60 (m, 6H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 1.00 – 1.10 (brs, 1H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 159.0, 156.4, 140.2, 130.5, 129.1(2), 114.0, 113.6(2), 81.2, 79.6, 72.4, 70.0(2), 66.3, 64.8, 58.8, 55.1(2), 39.6, 32.6, 29.6, 28.3(2) ppm. FTIR (neat): ν = 3053, 2980, 1683, 1612, 1512, 1392, 1265, 1033, 738 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 316.2065, found: 316.2066 (PMB cleaved mass).

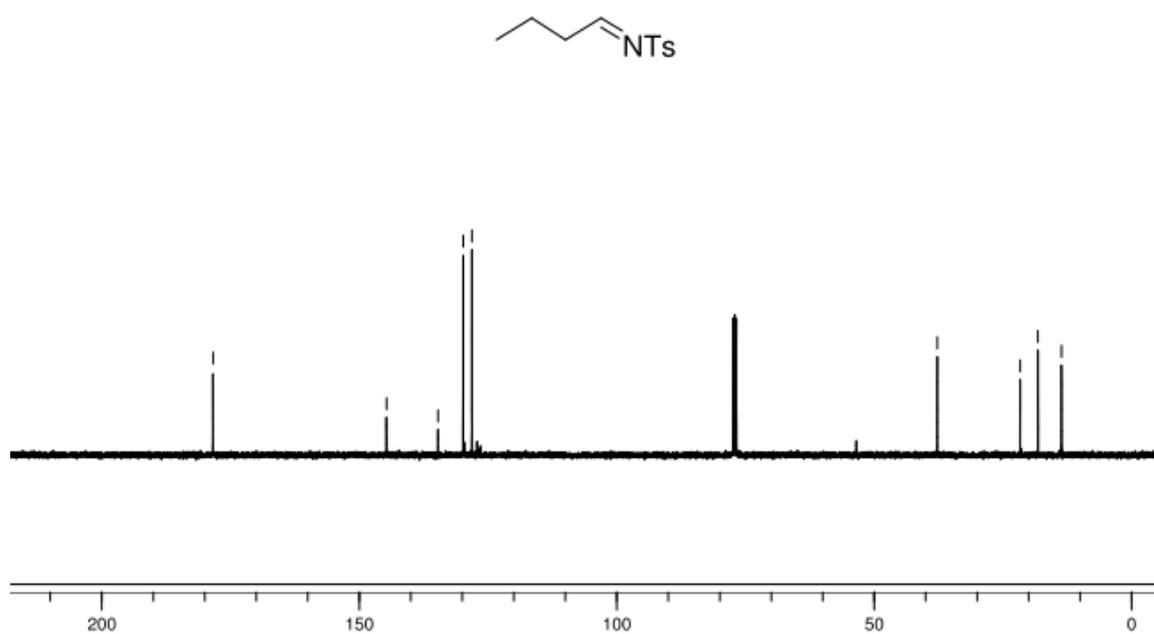
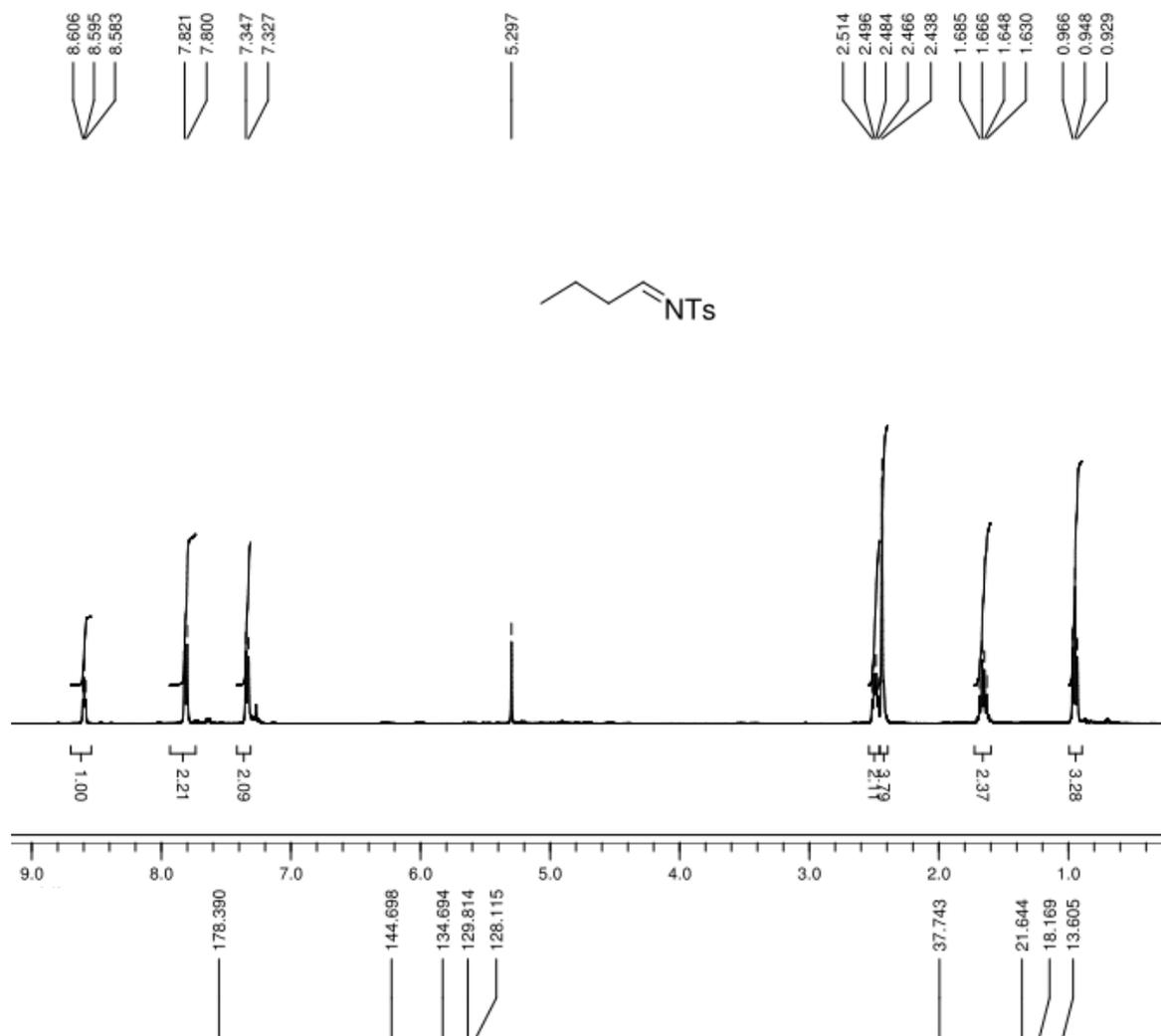
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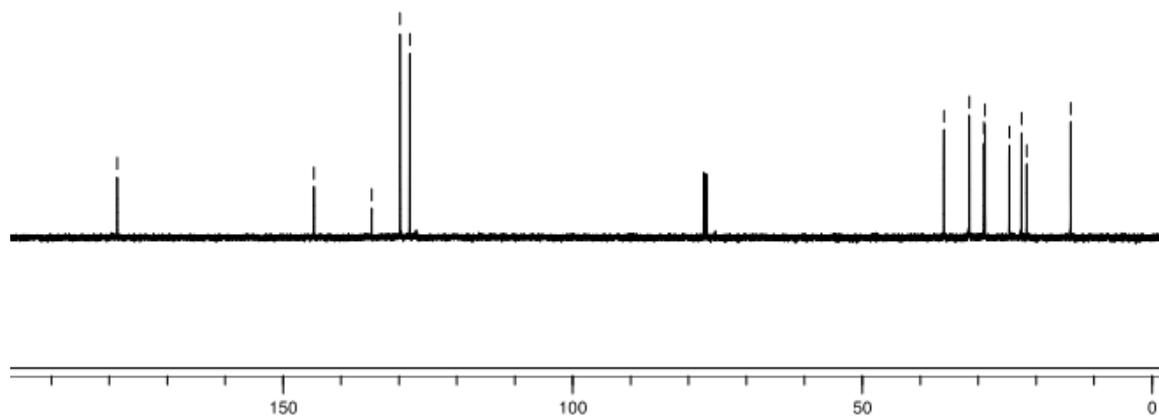
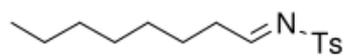
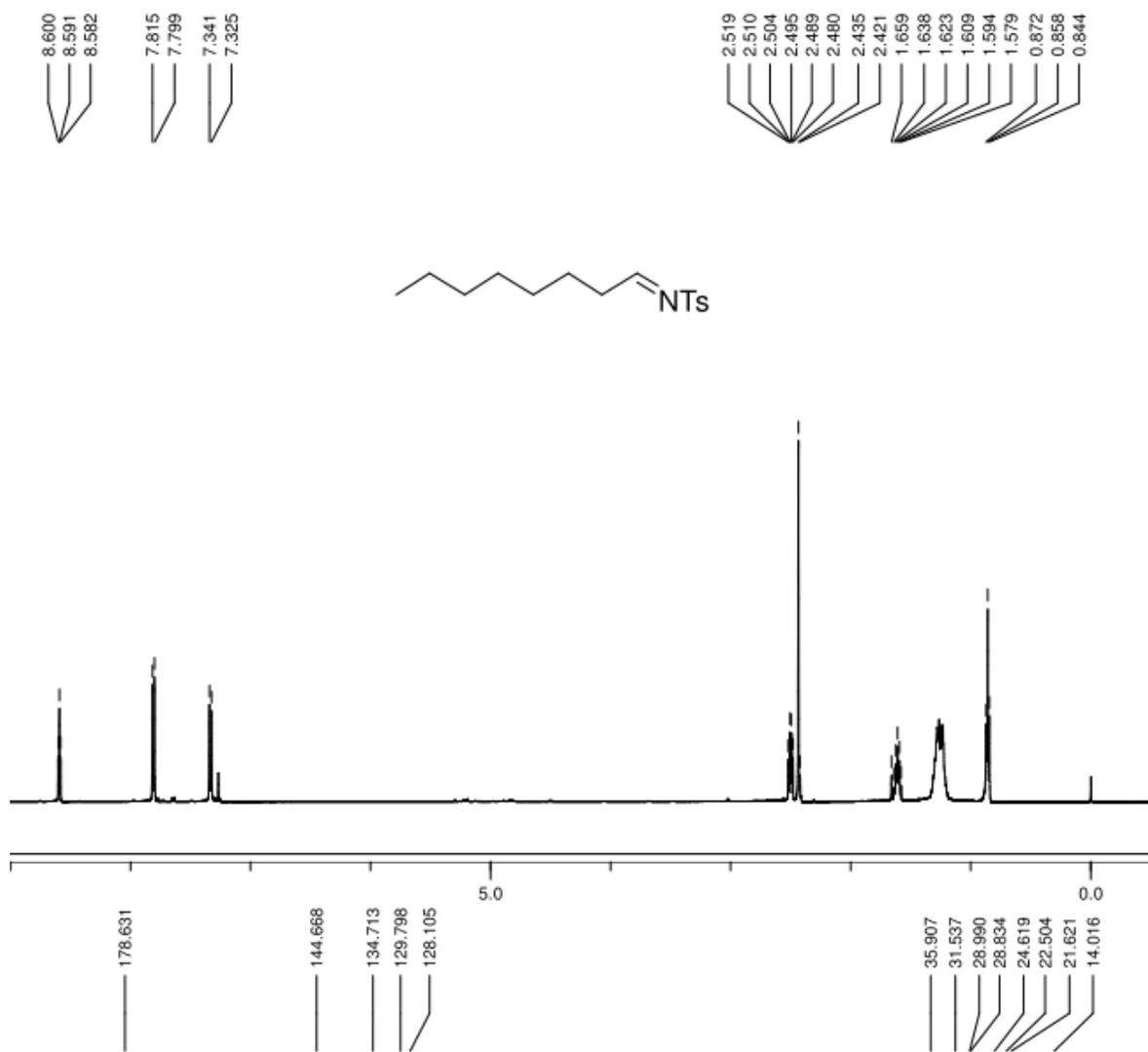
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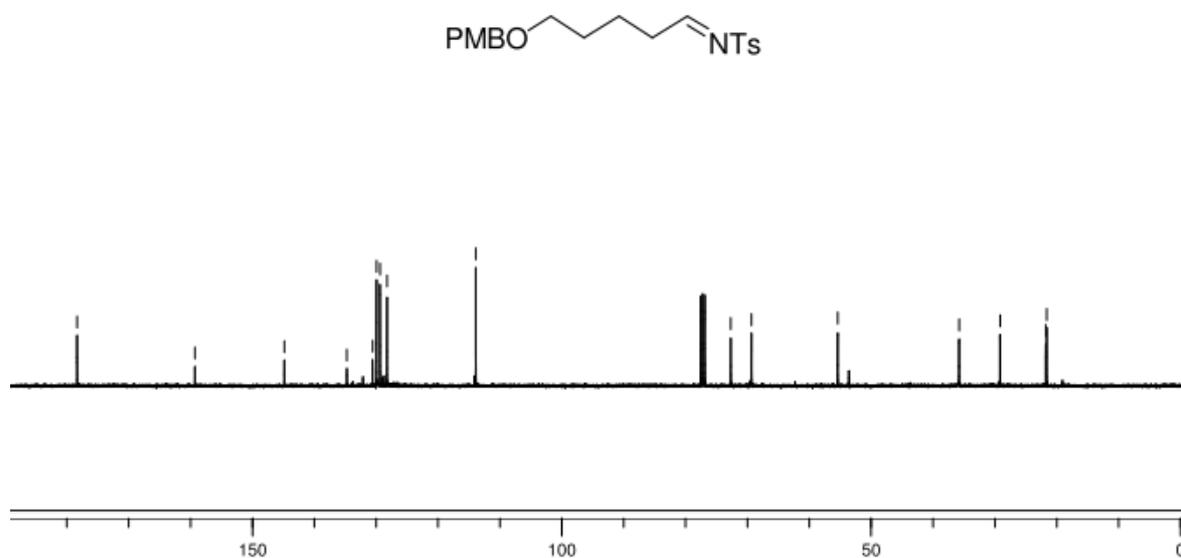
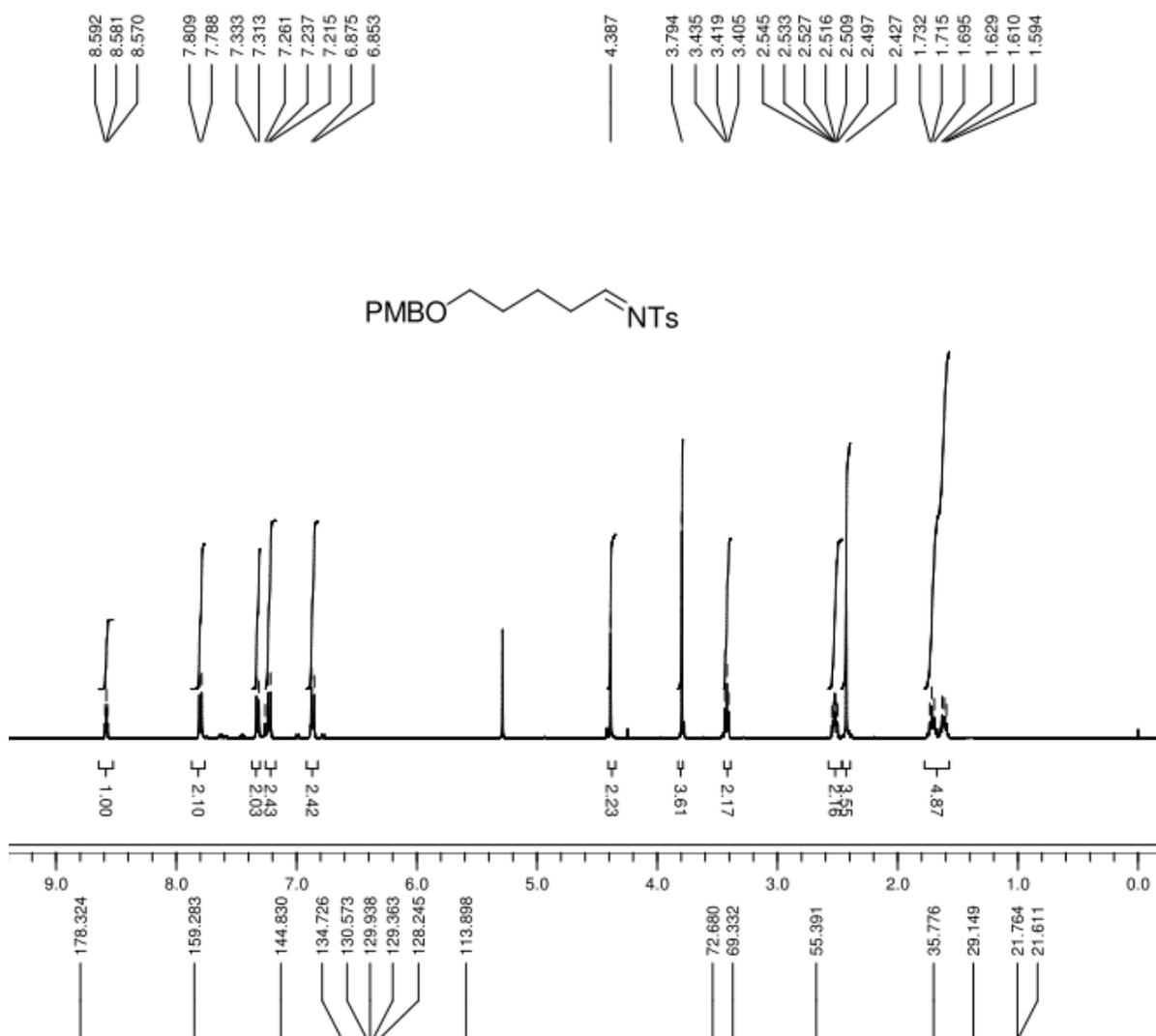


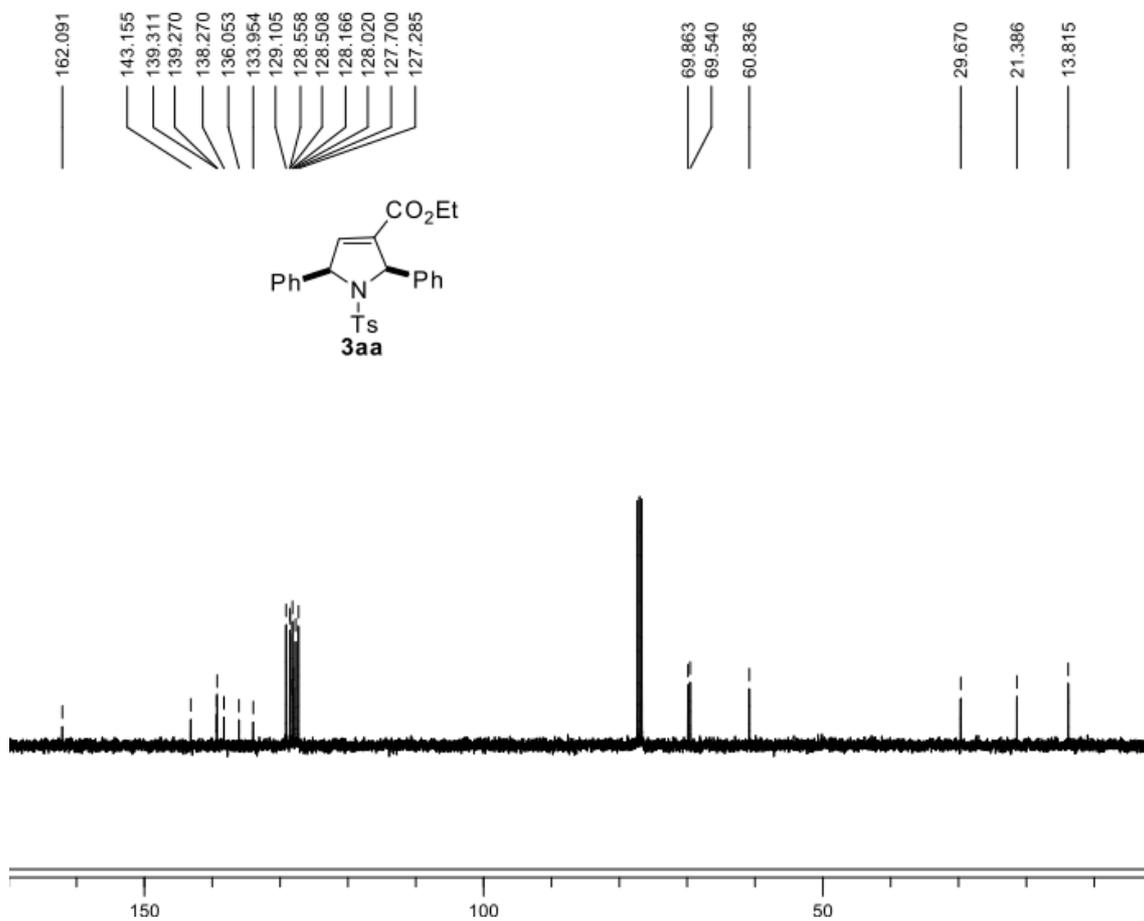
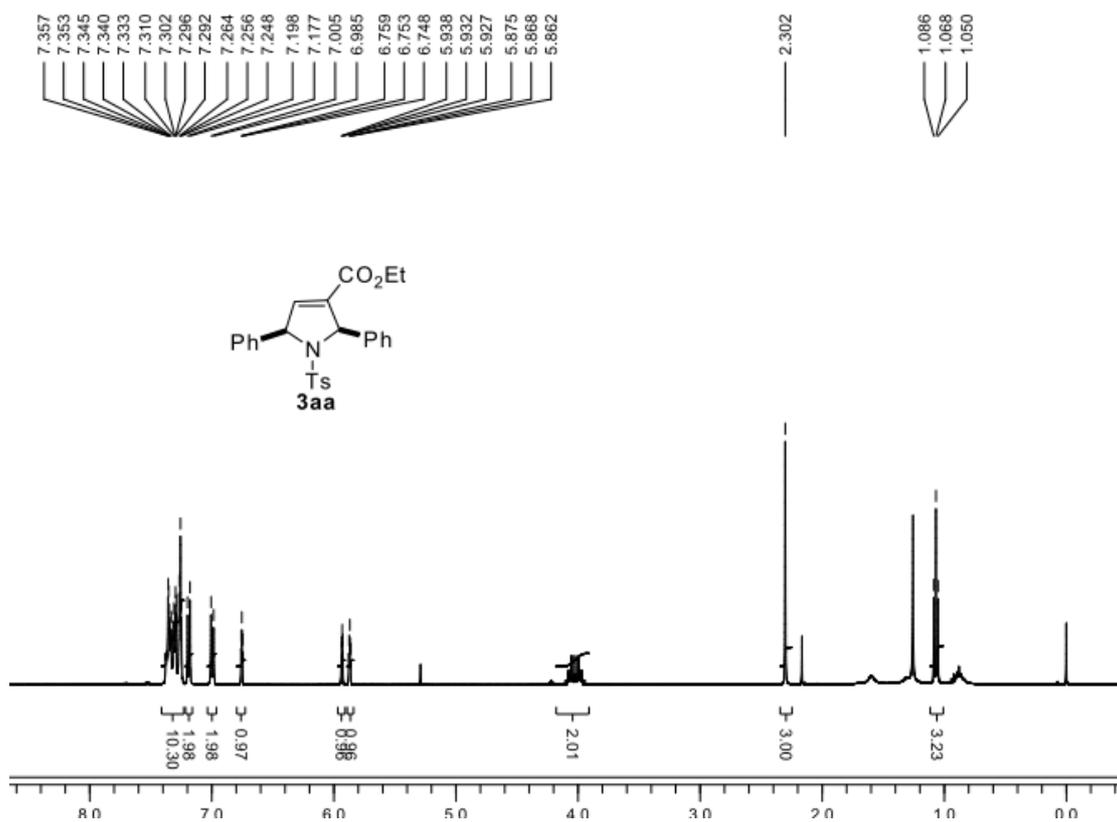


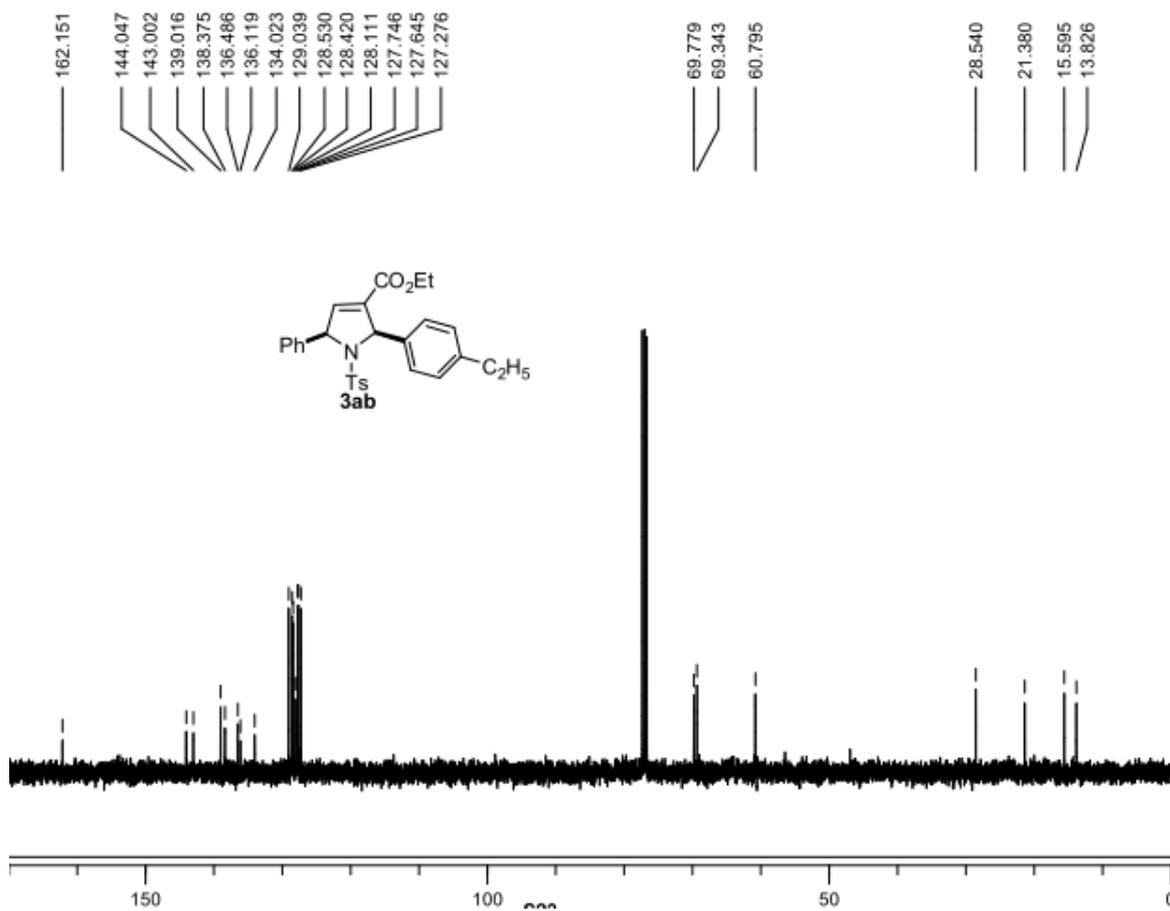
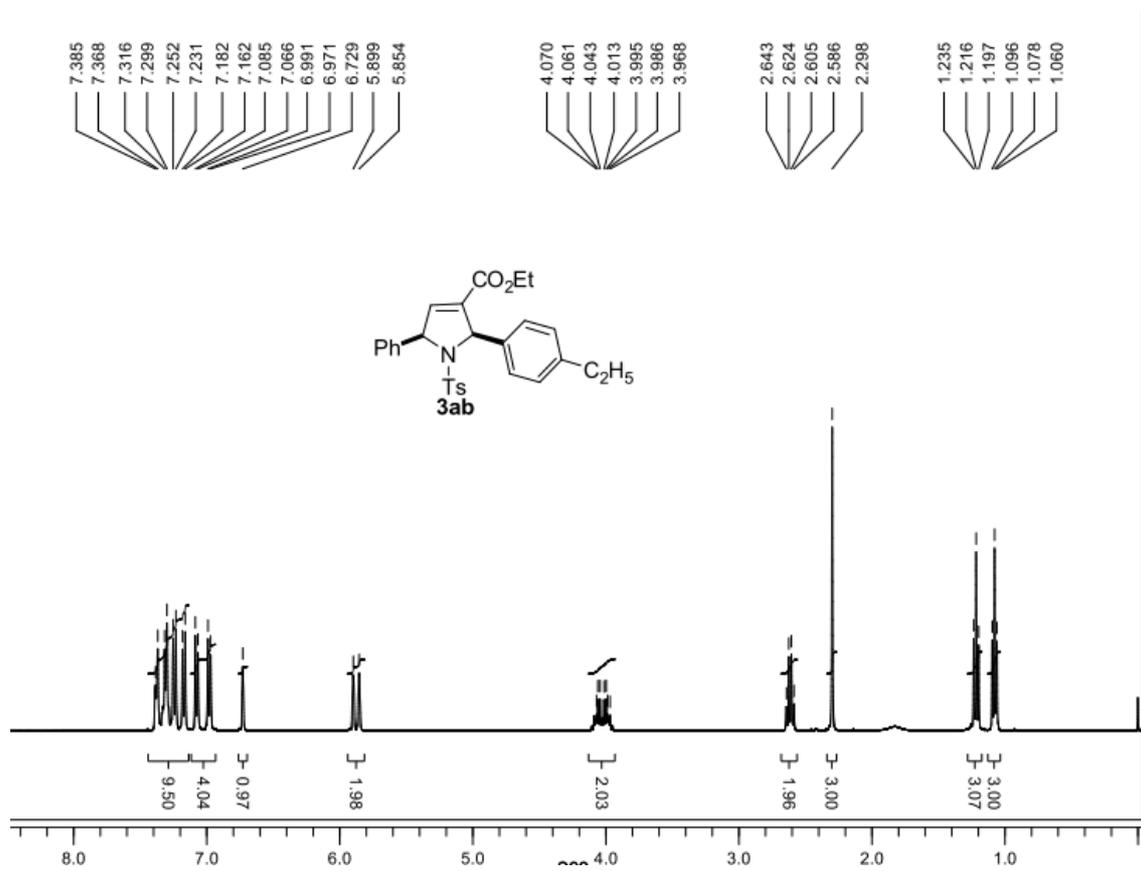


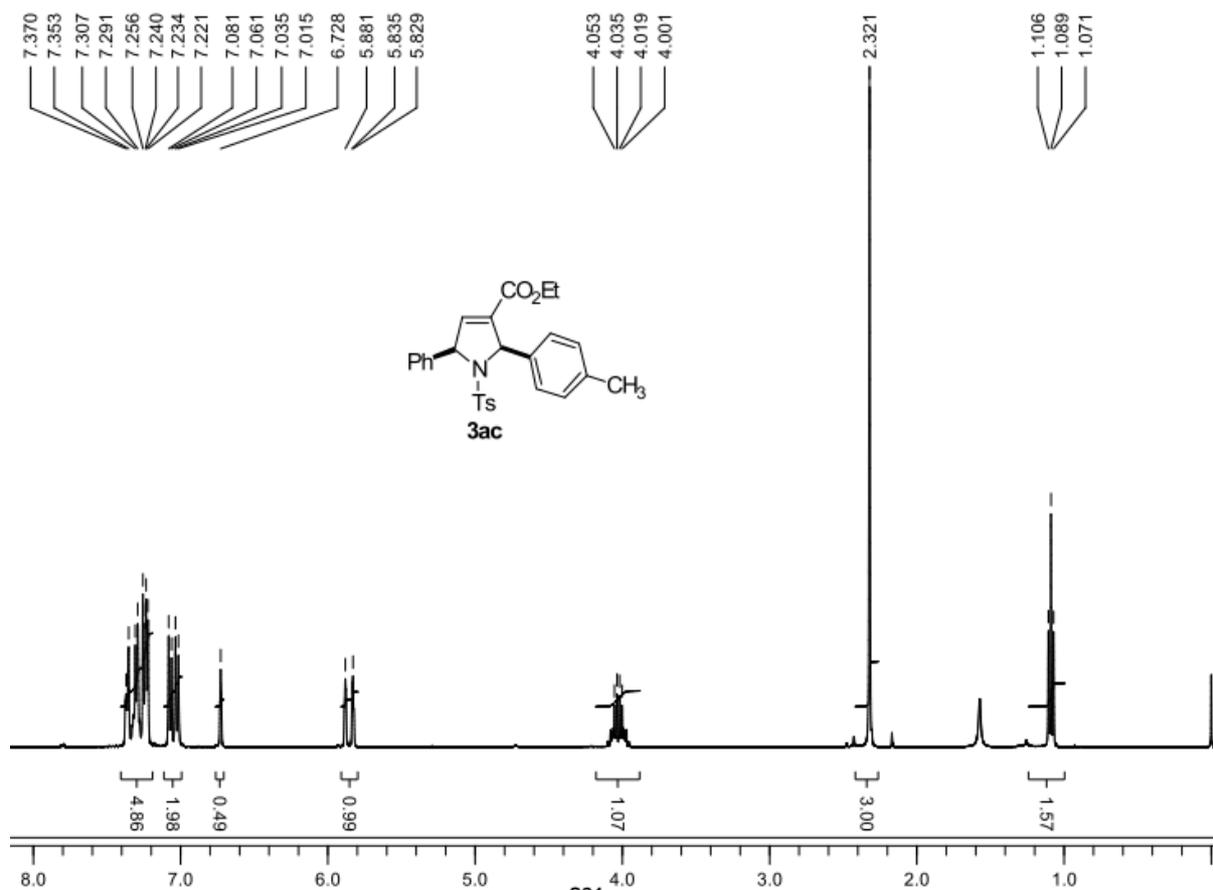




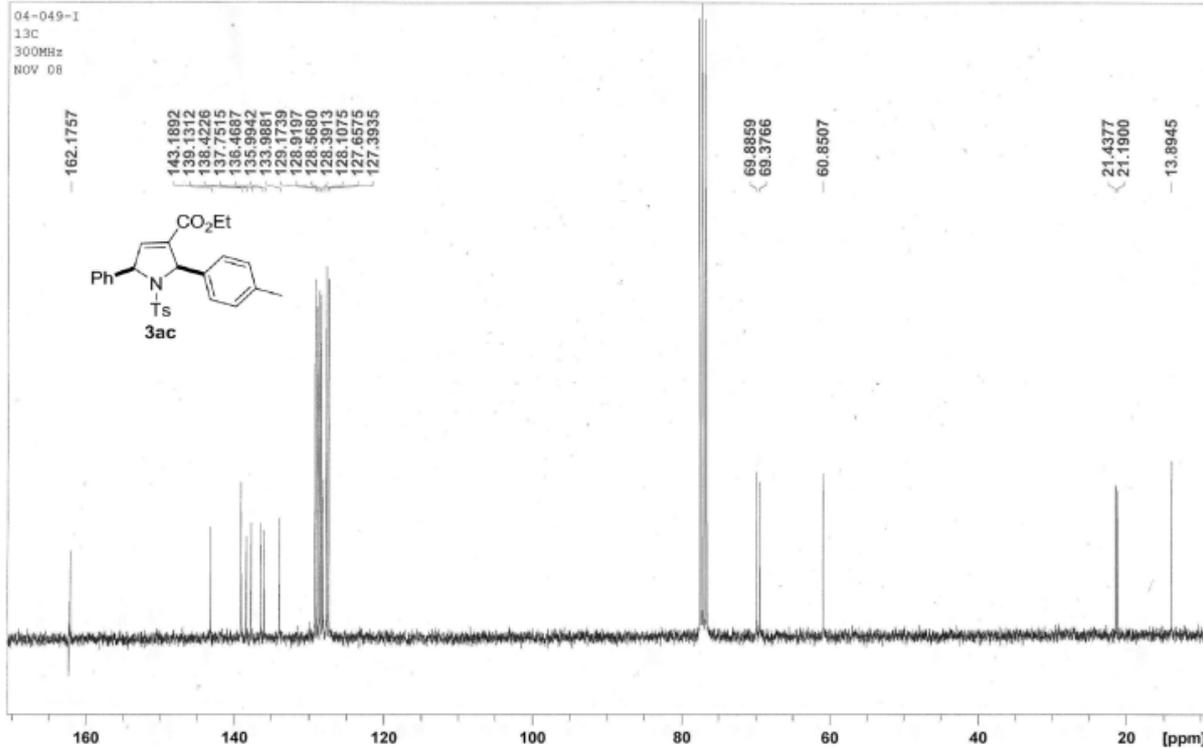


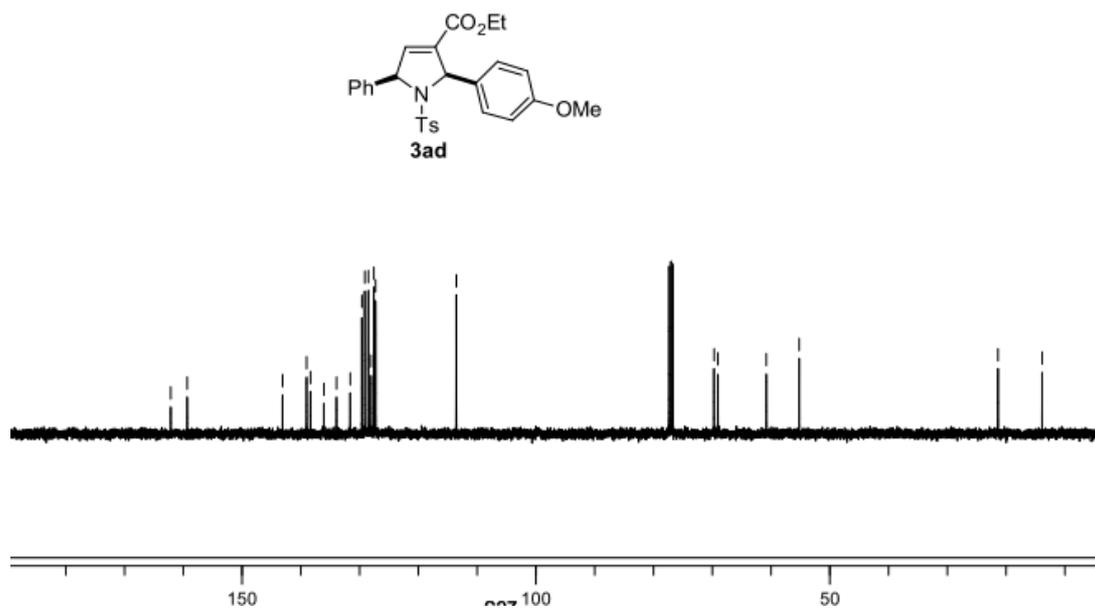
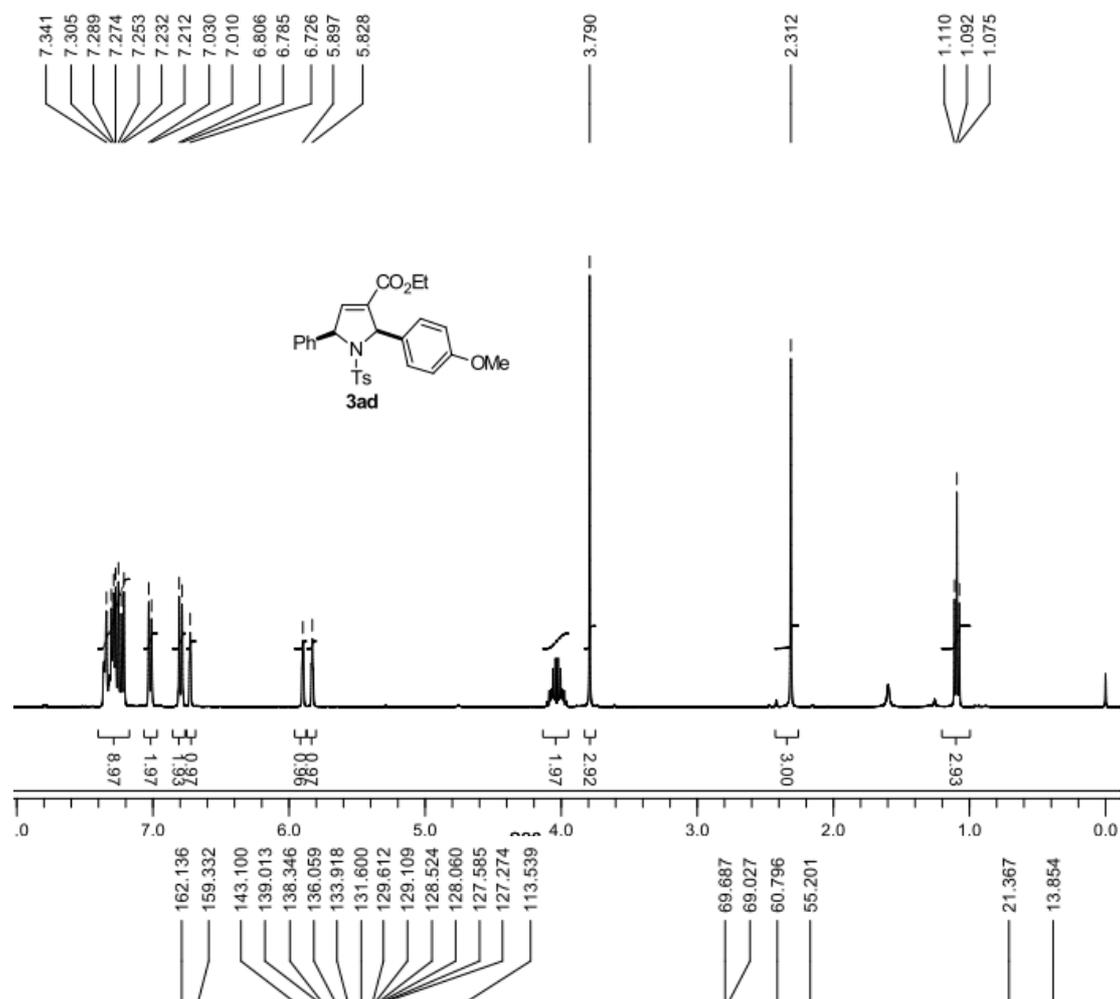


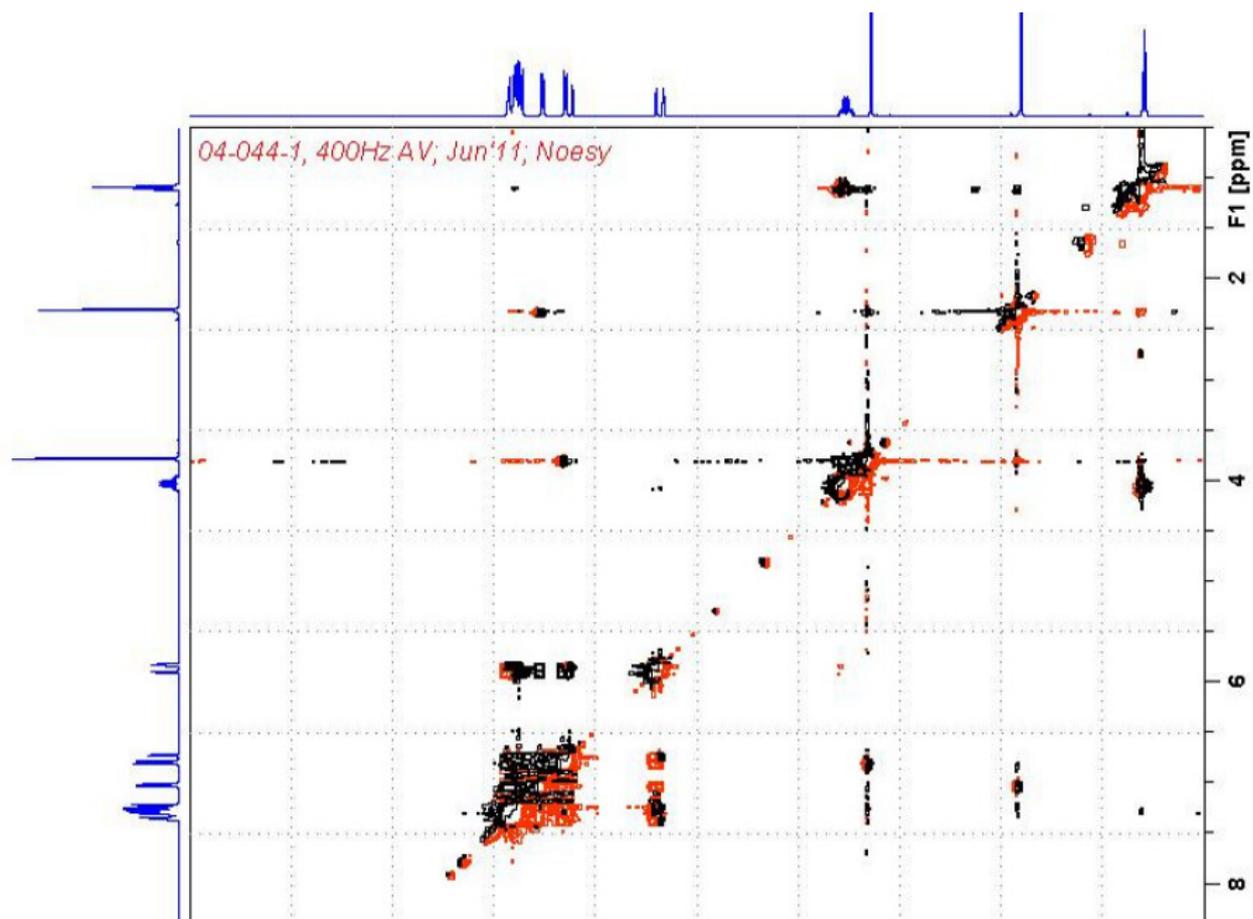
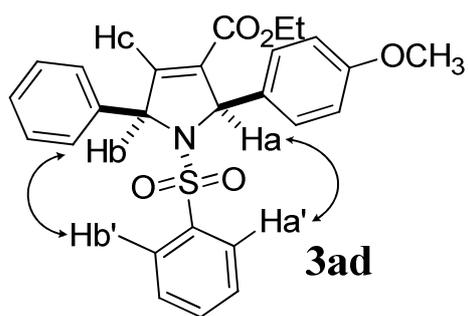




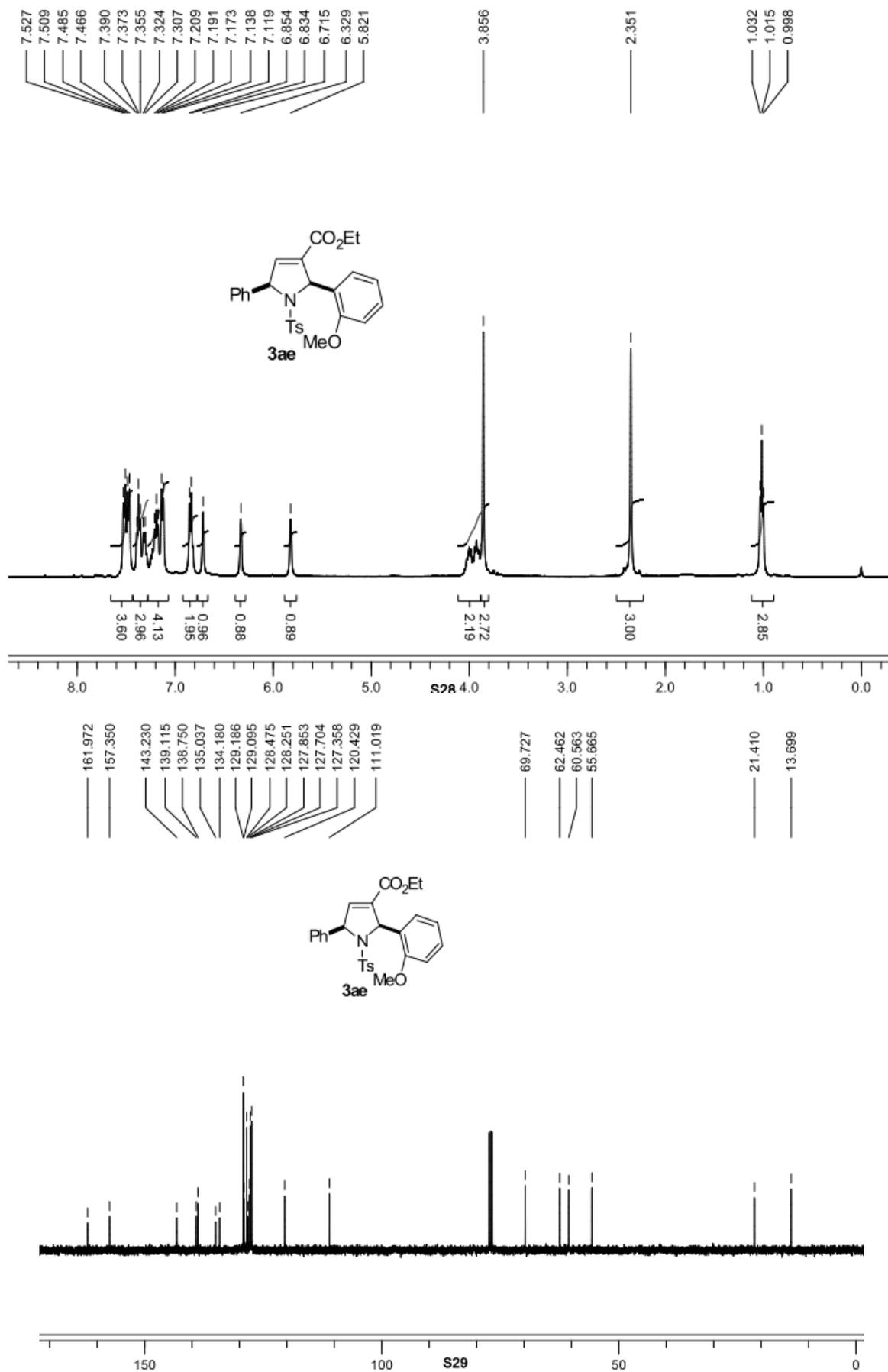
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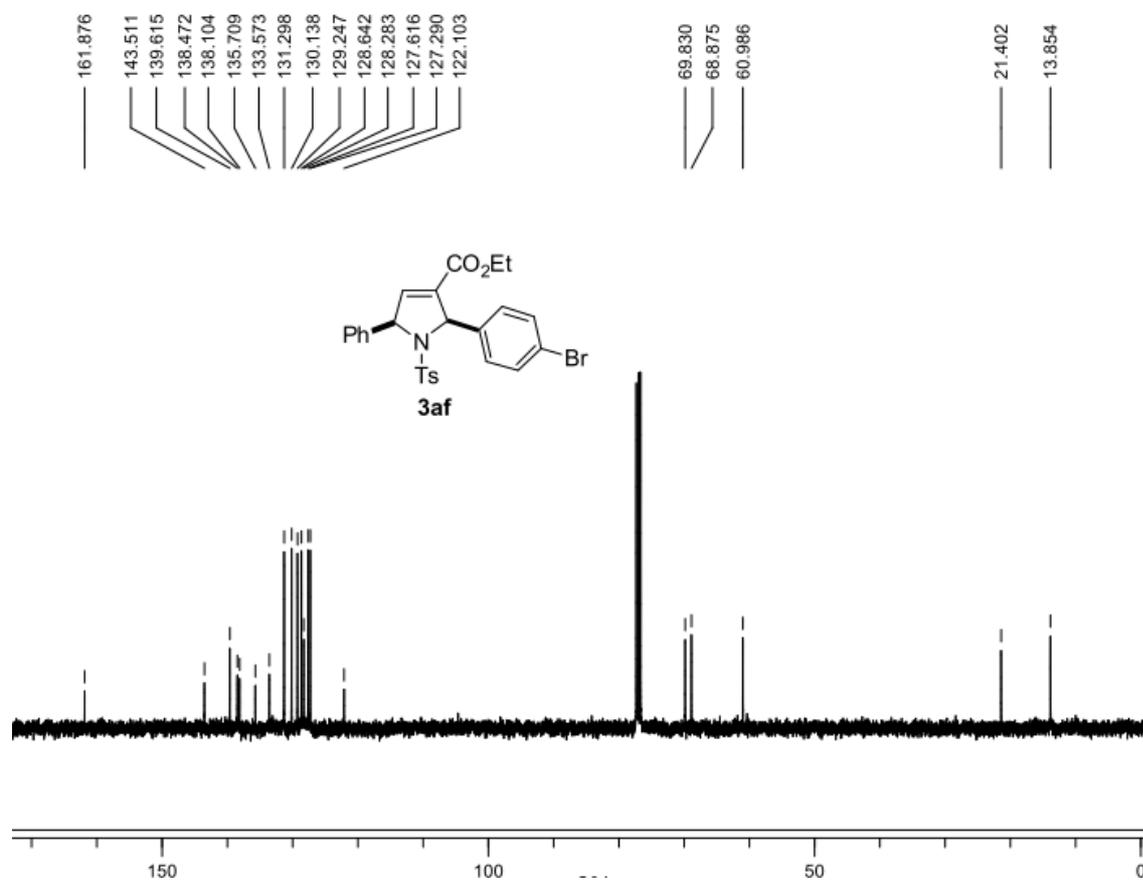
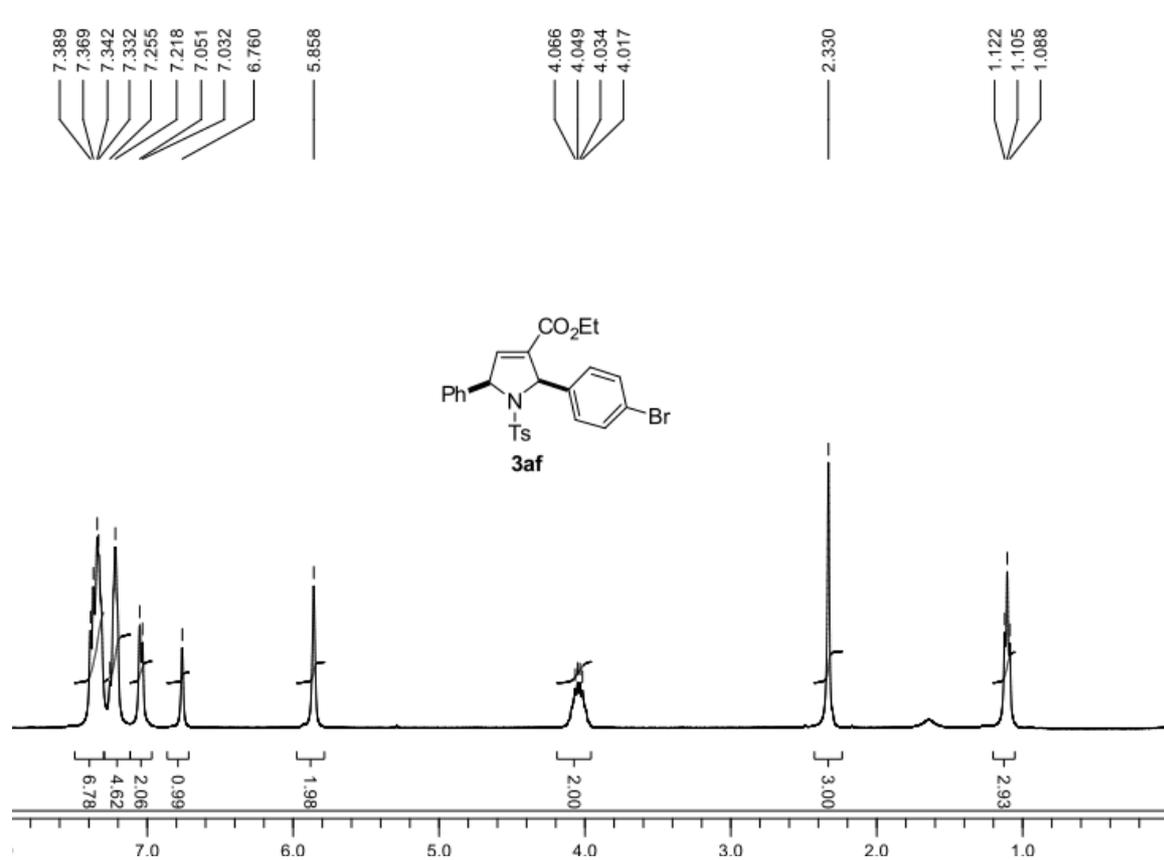


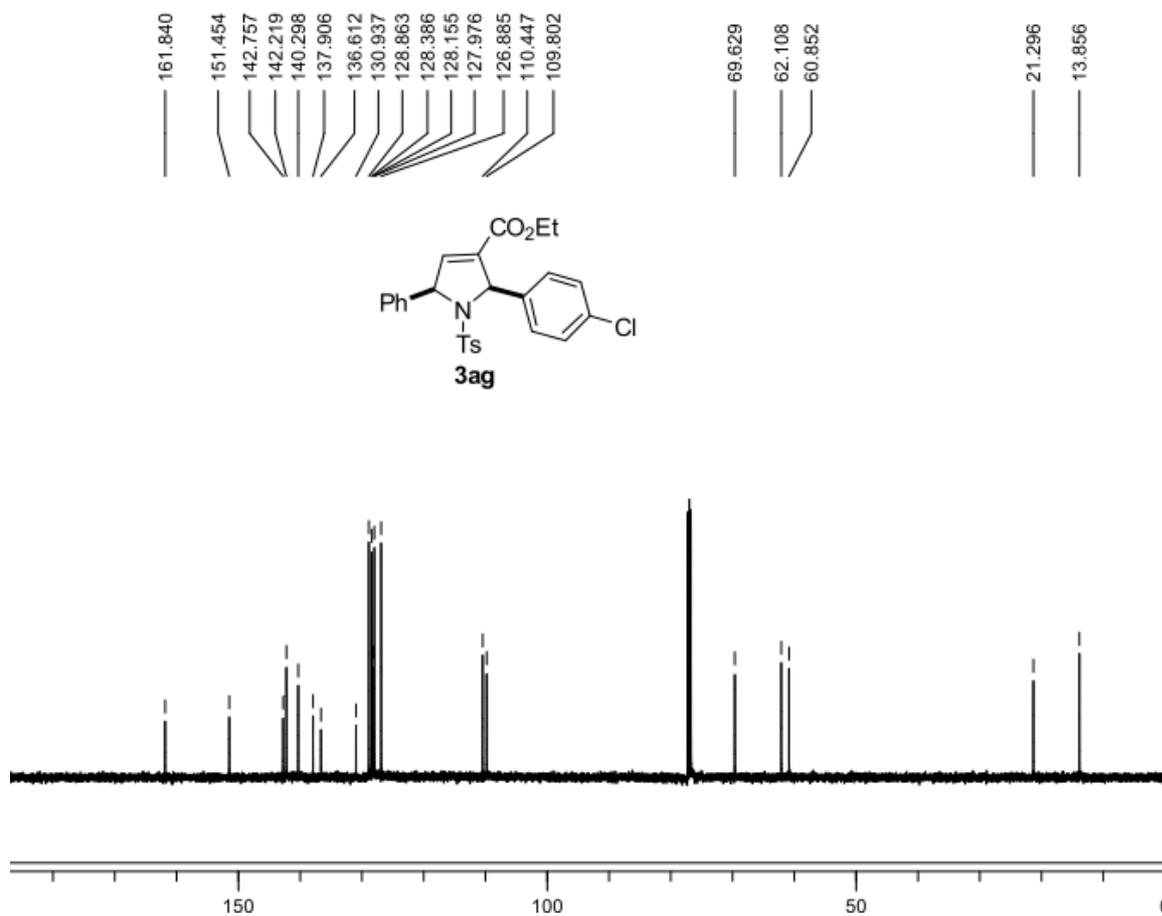
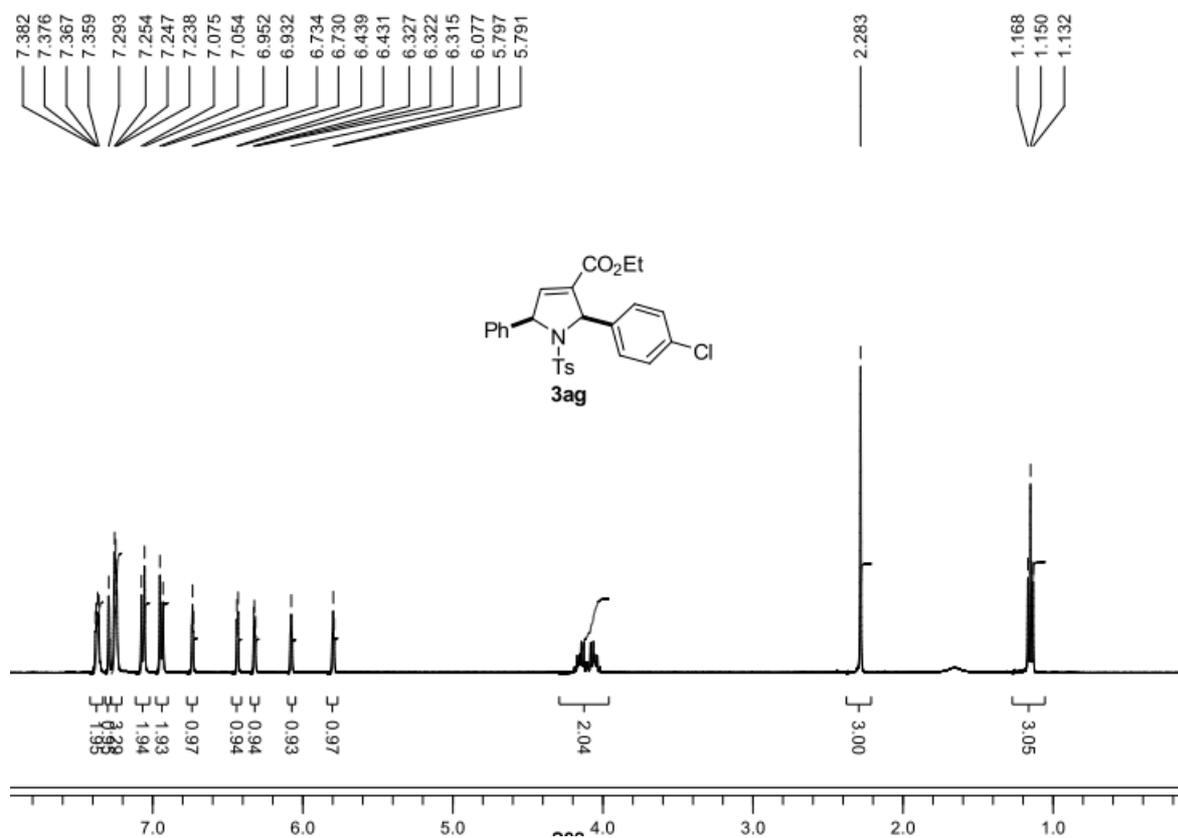


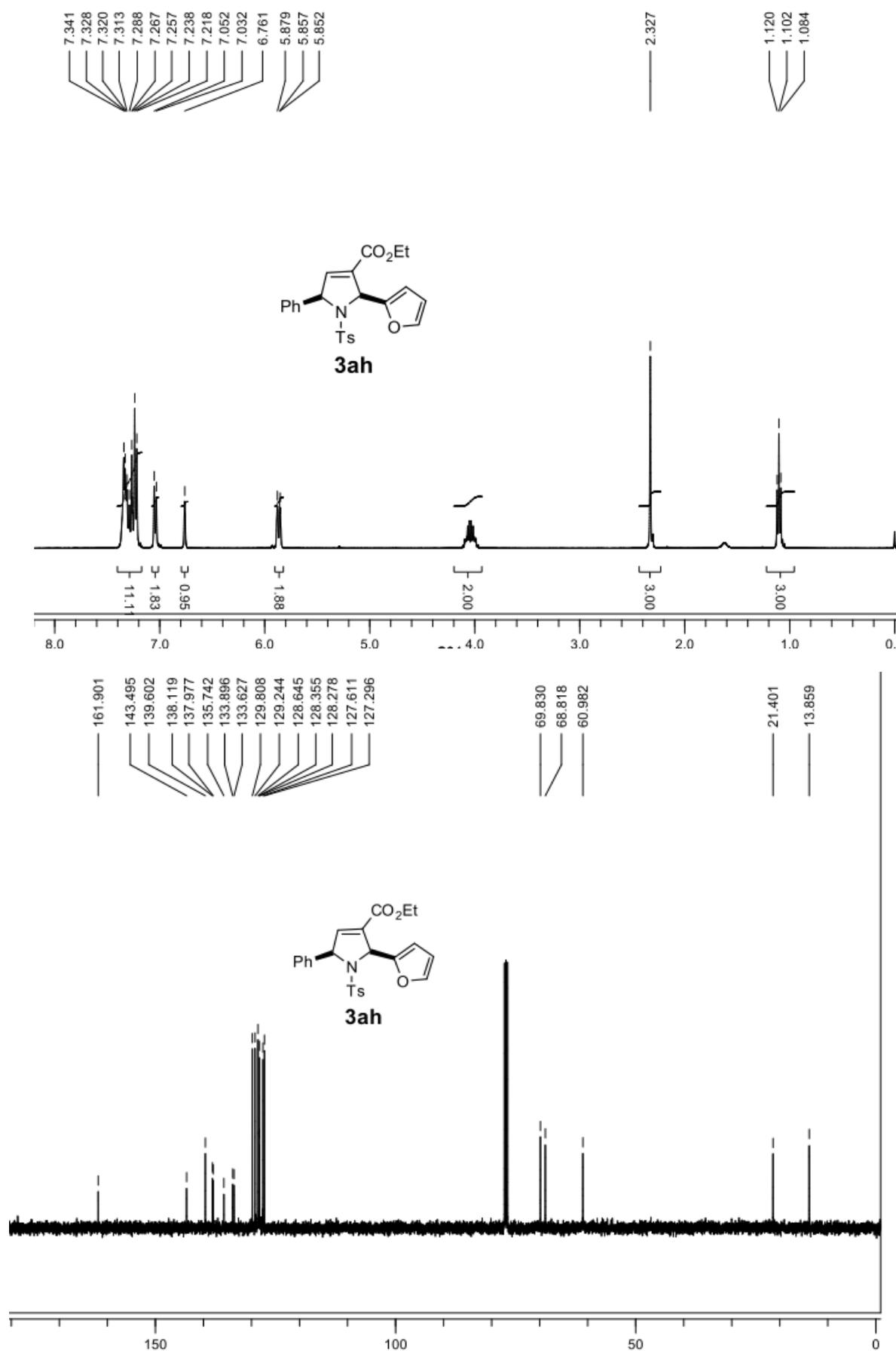


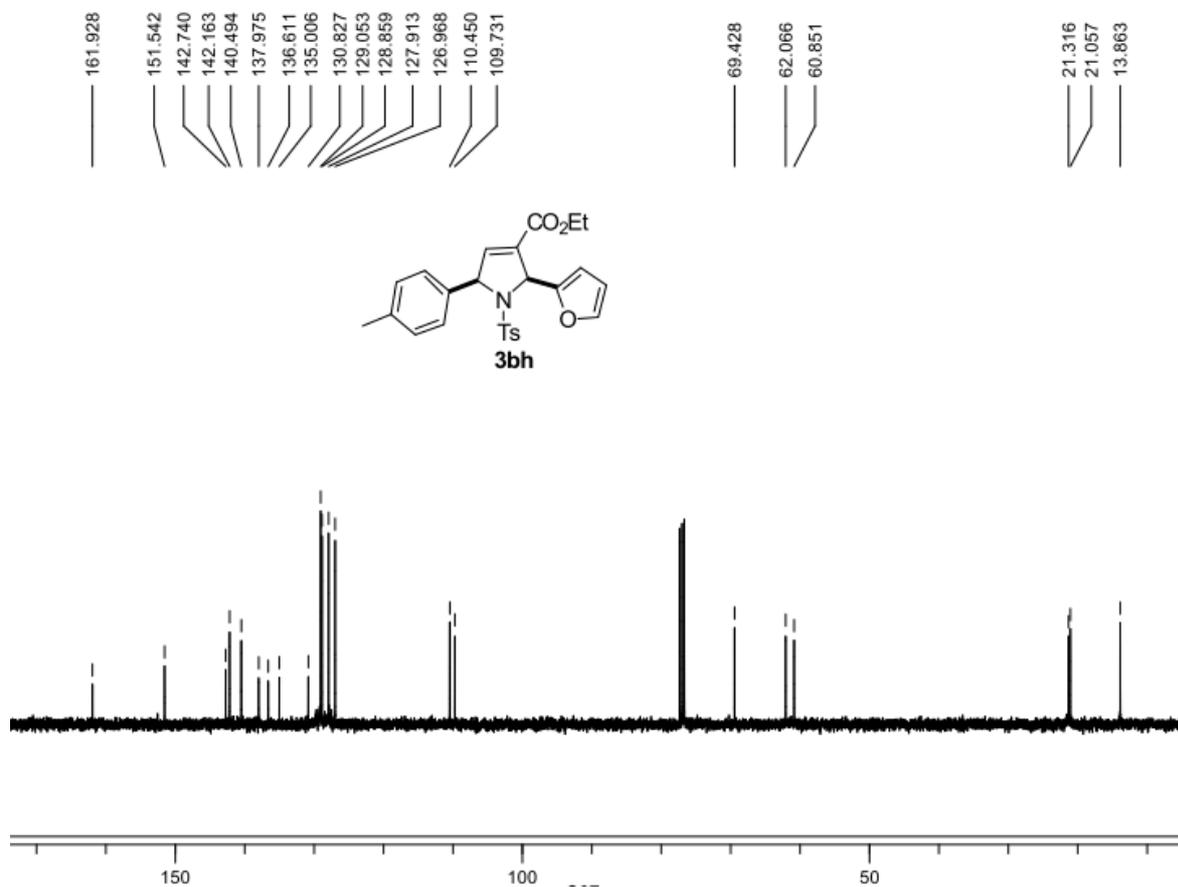
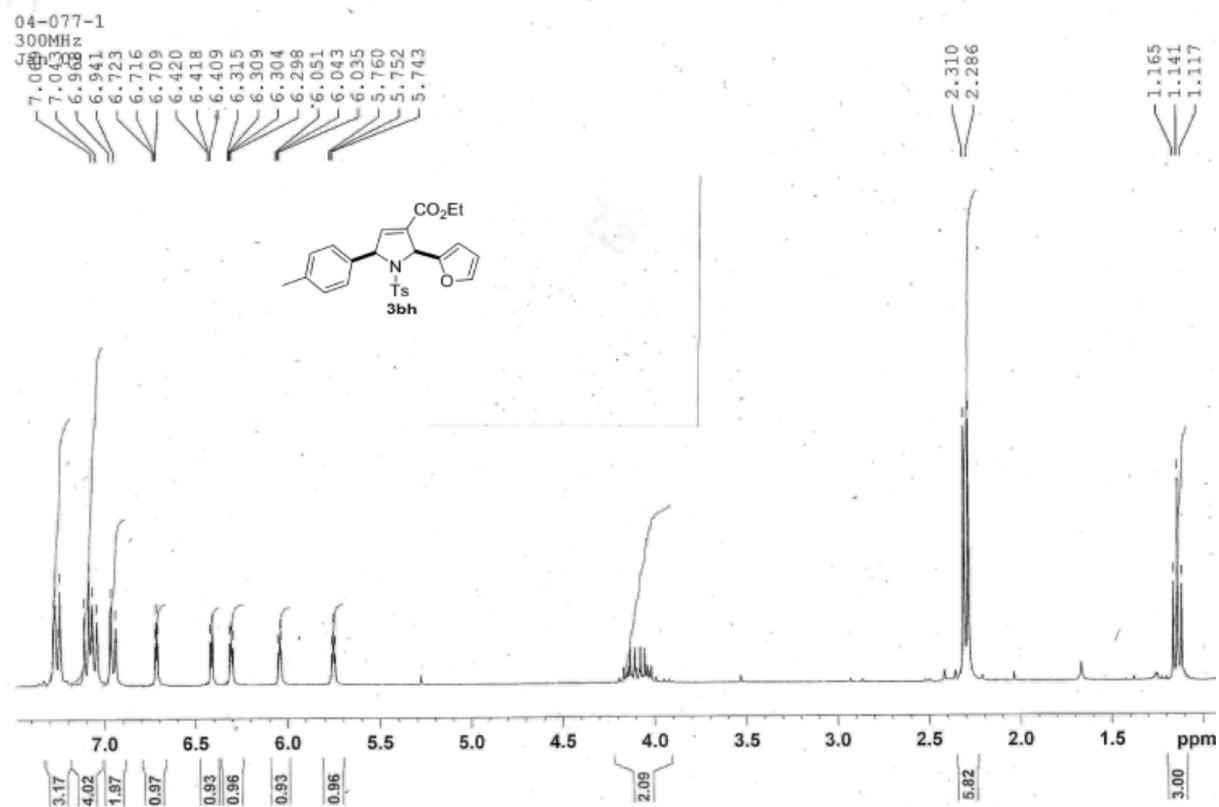
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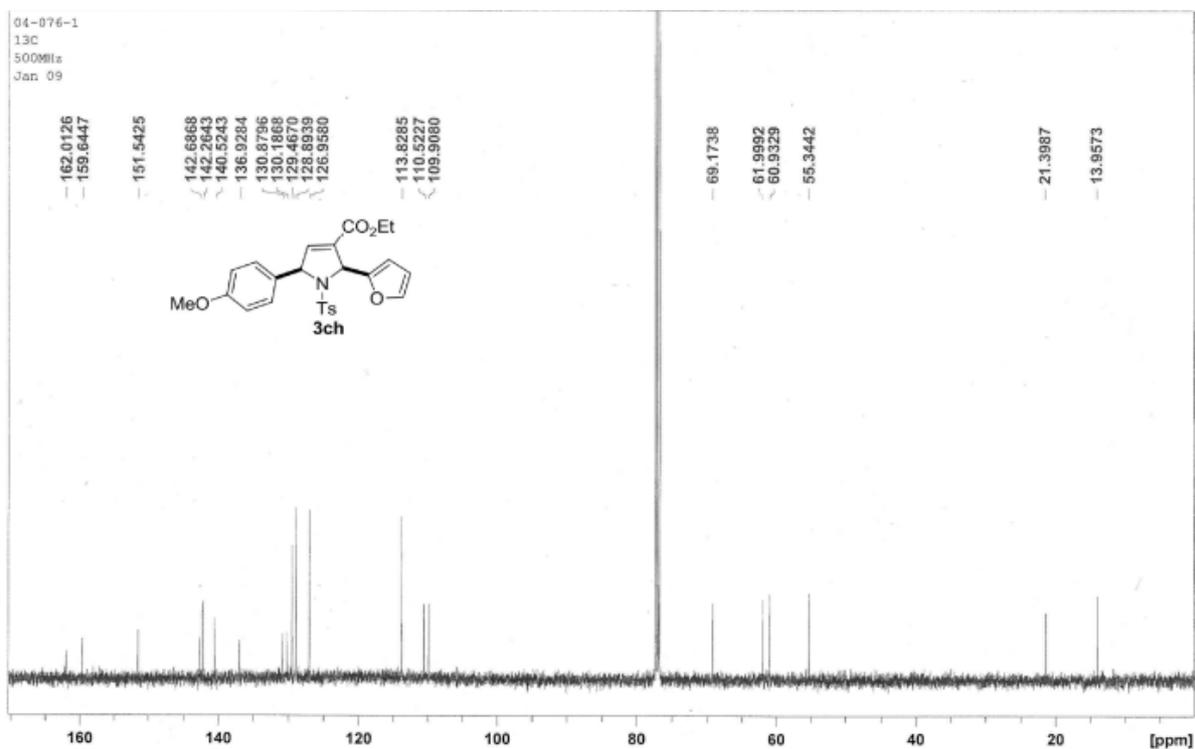
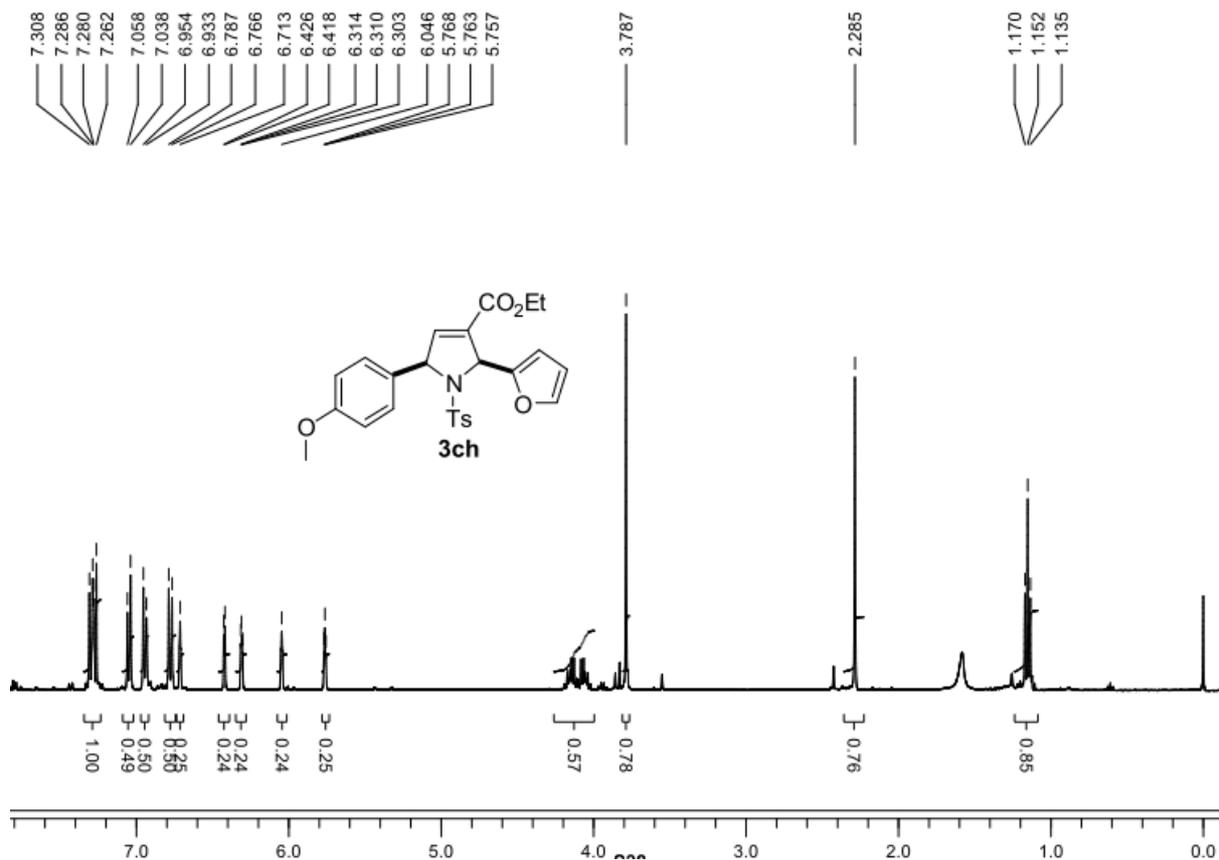


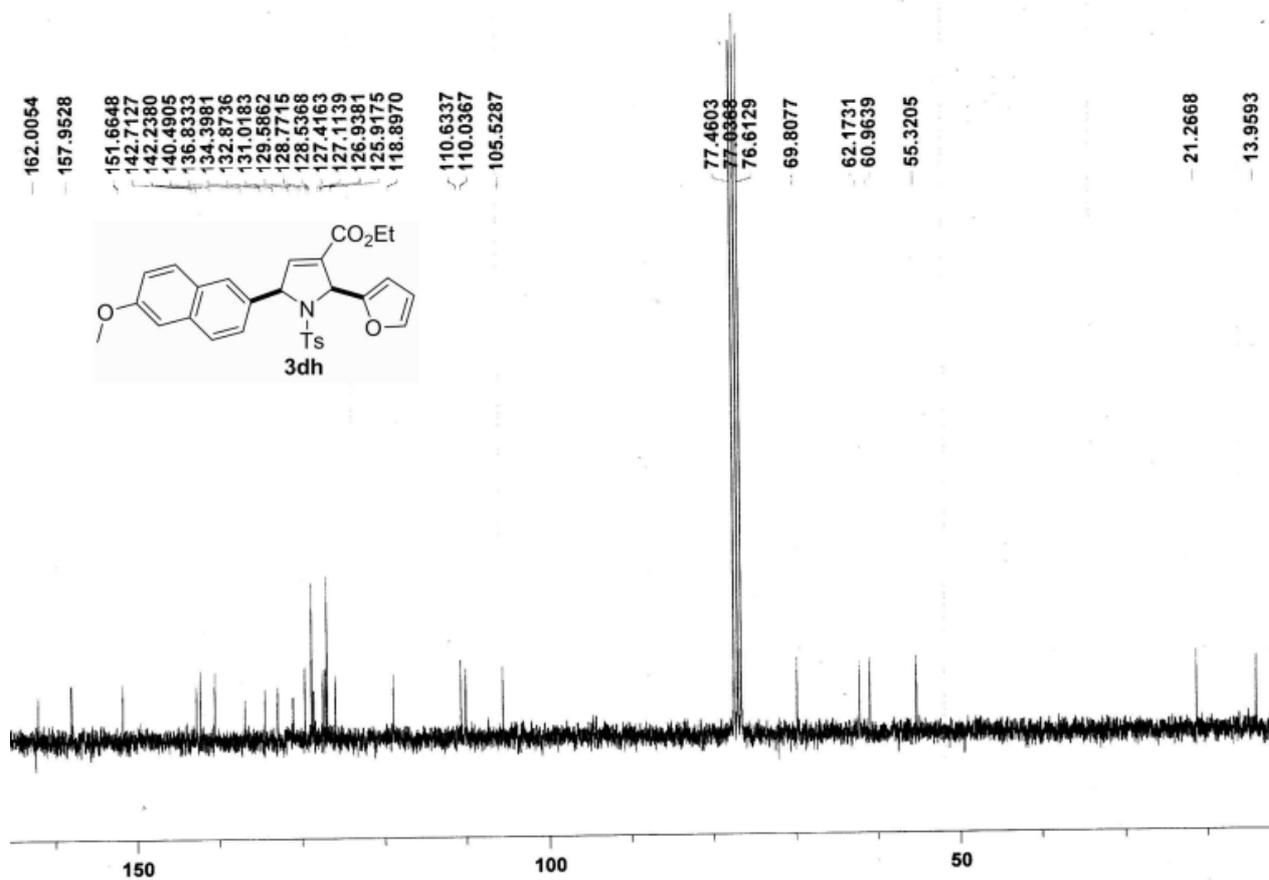
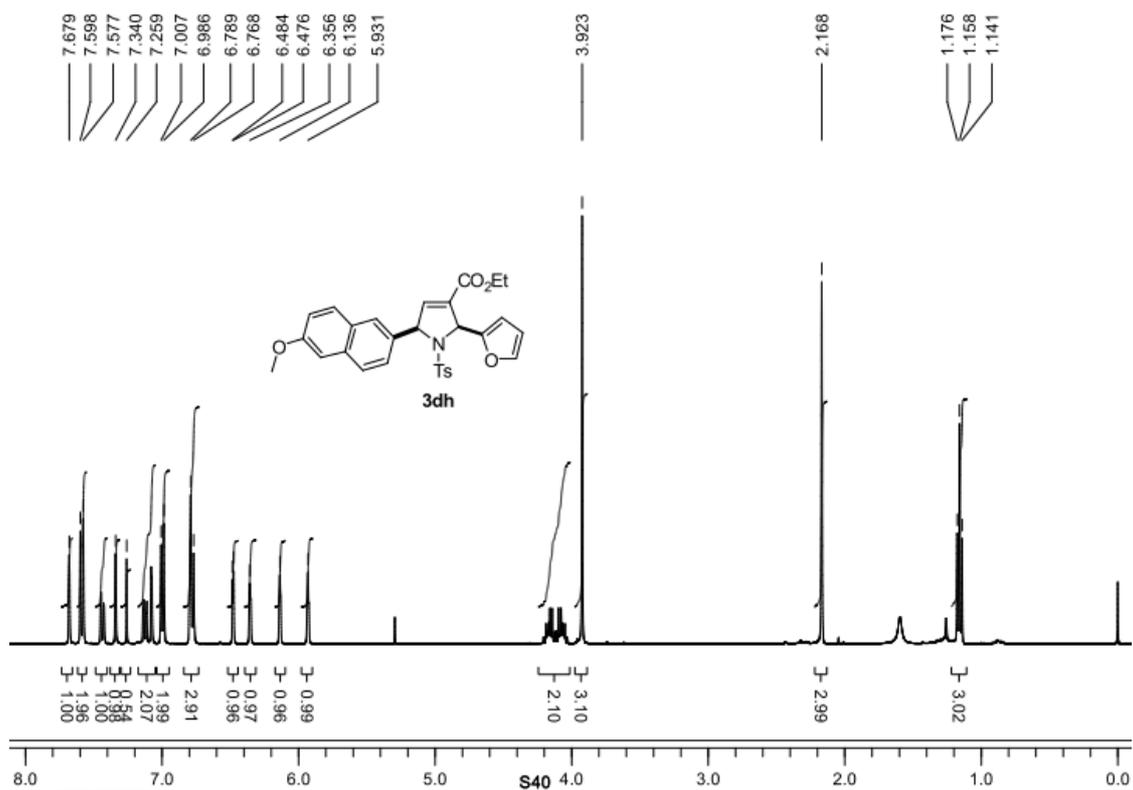


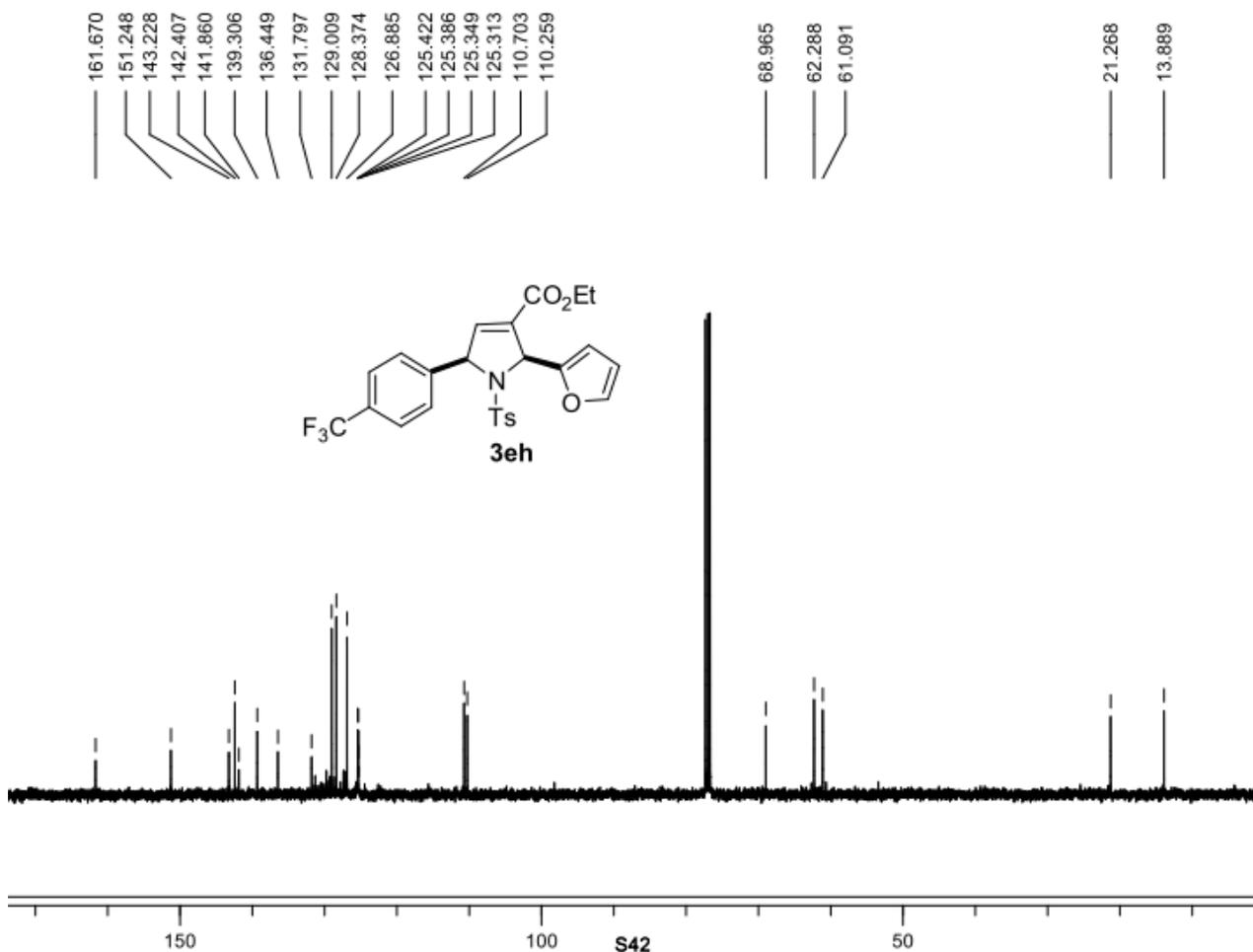
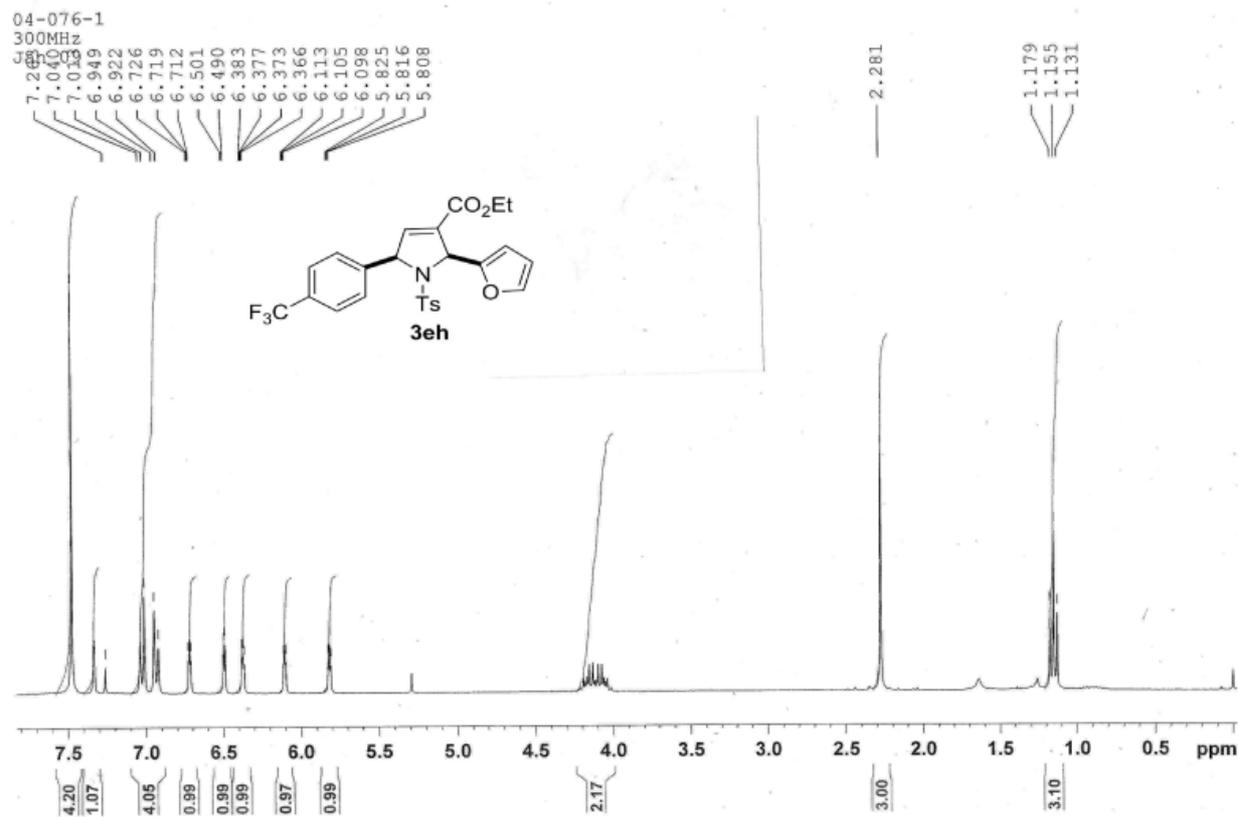


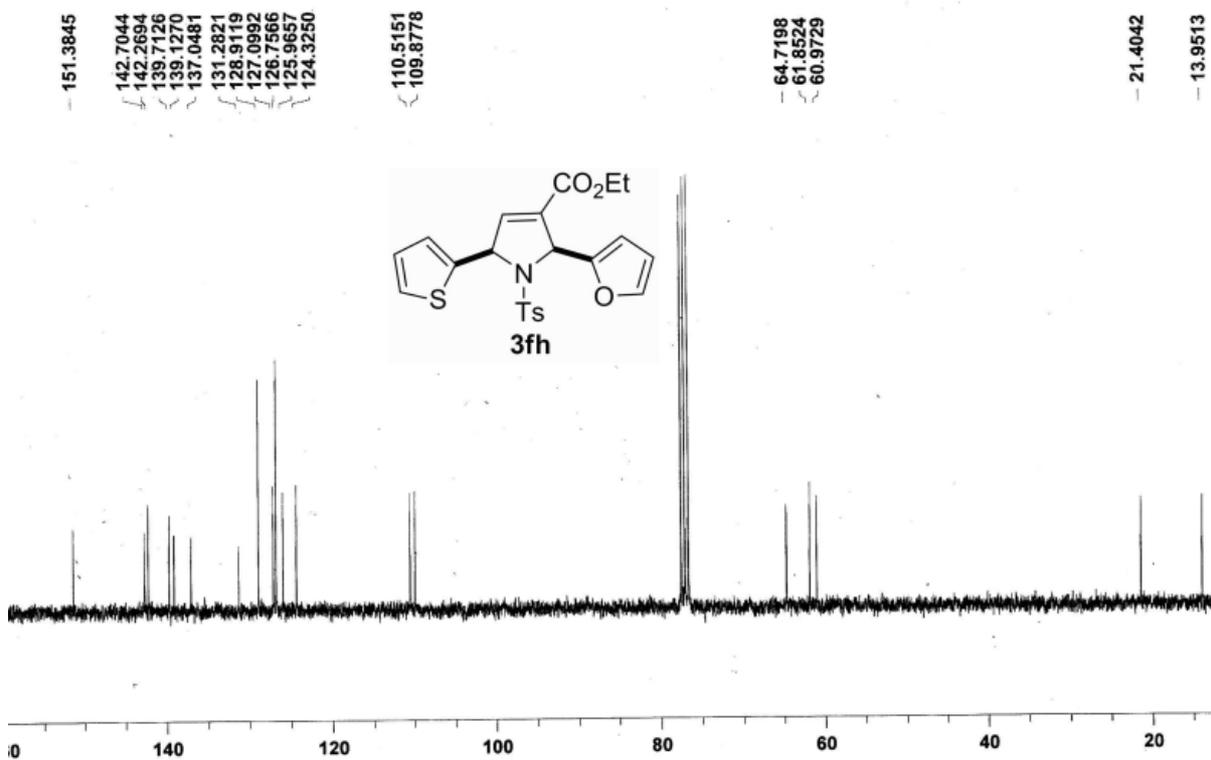
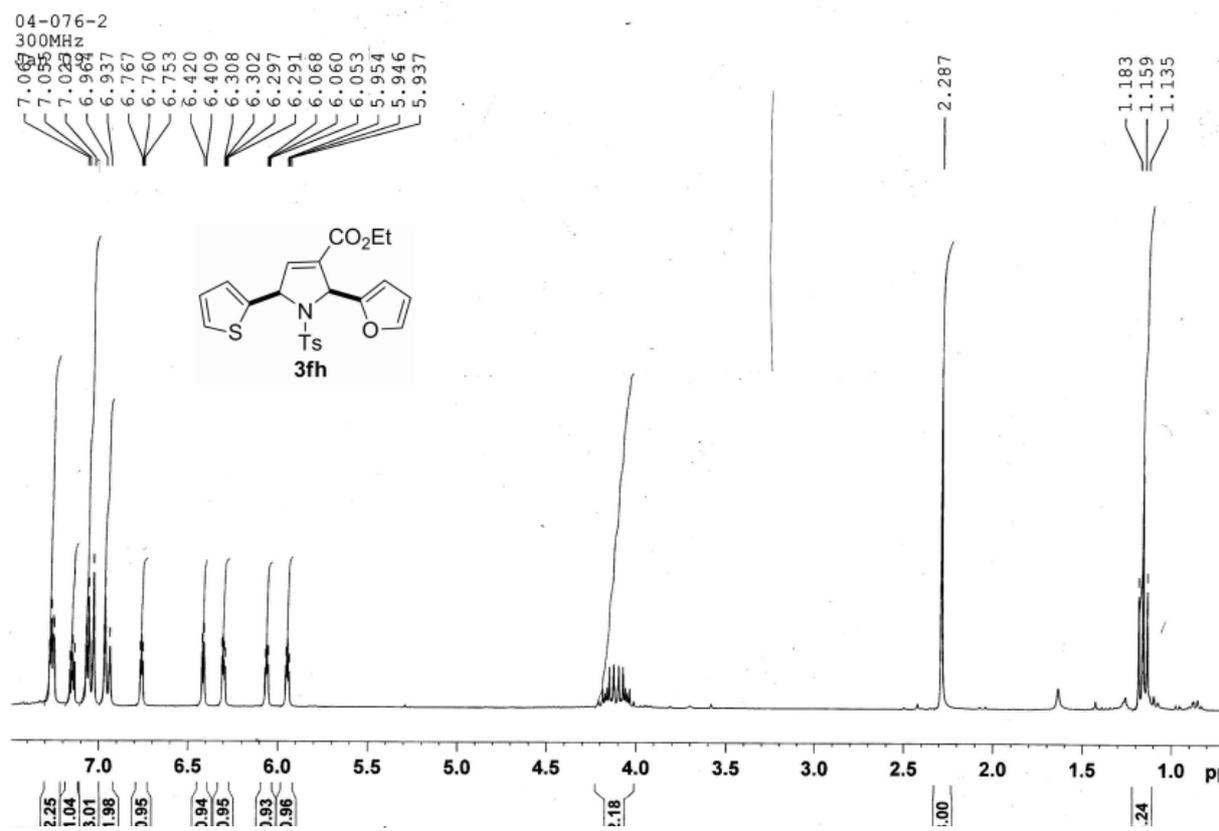


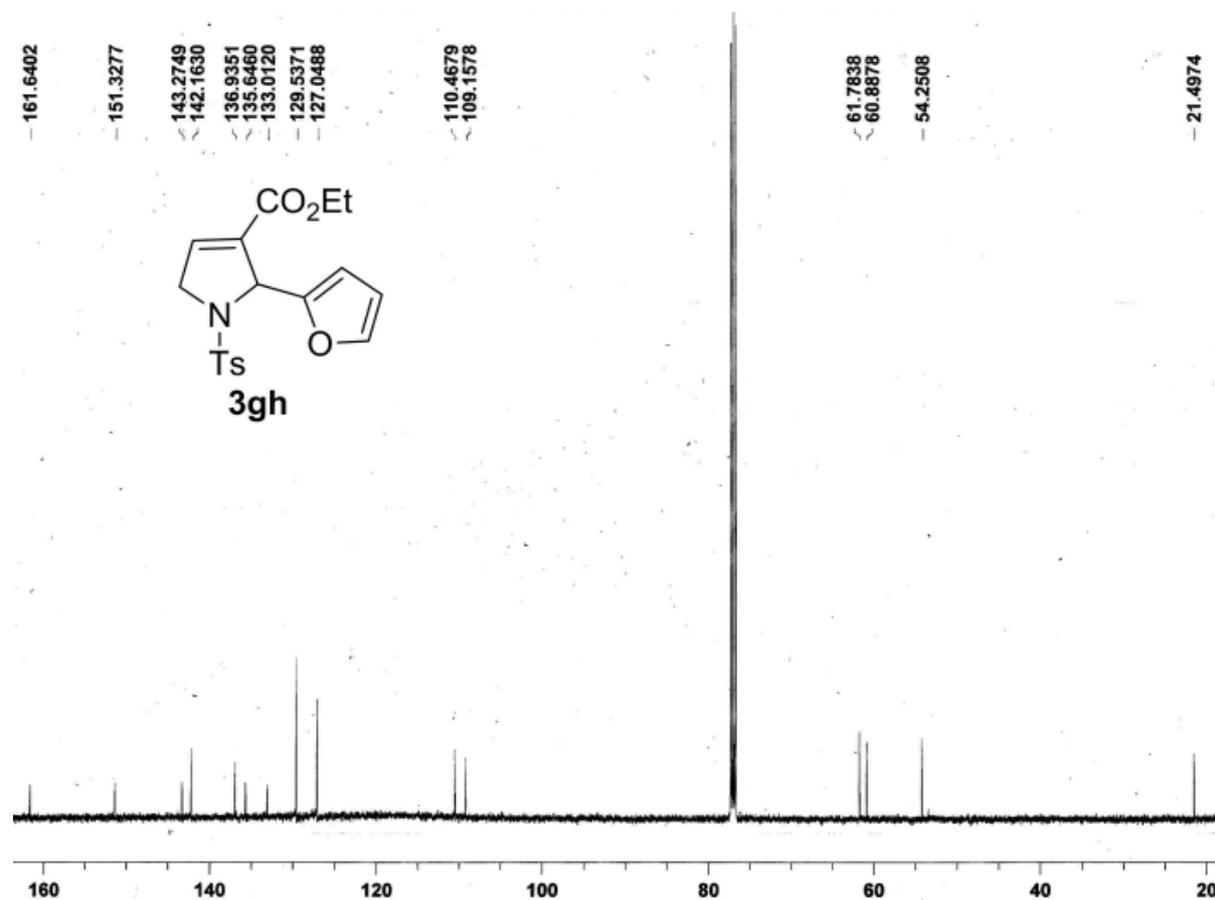
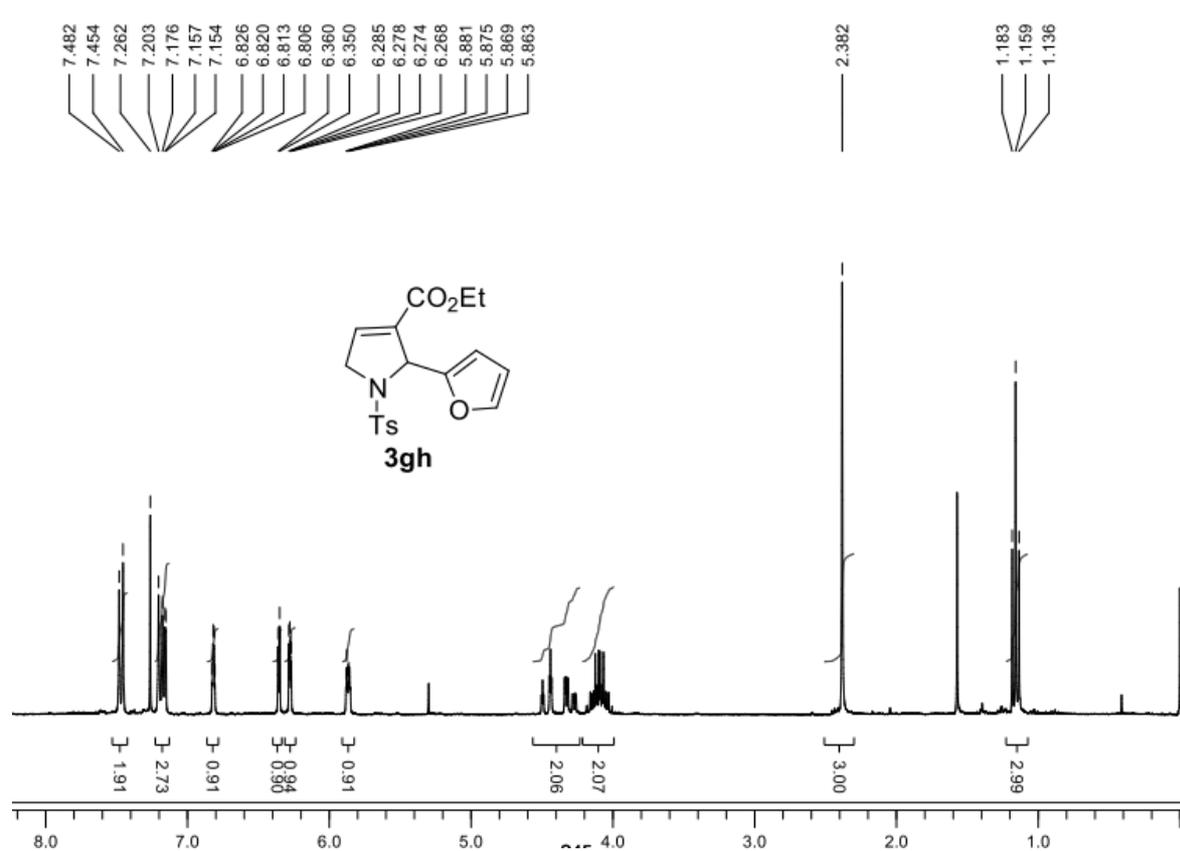


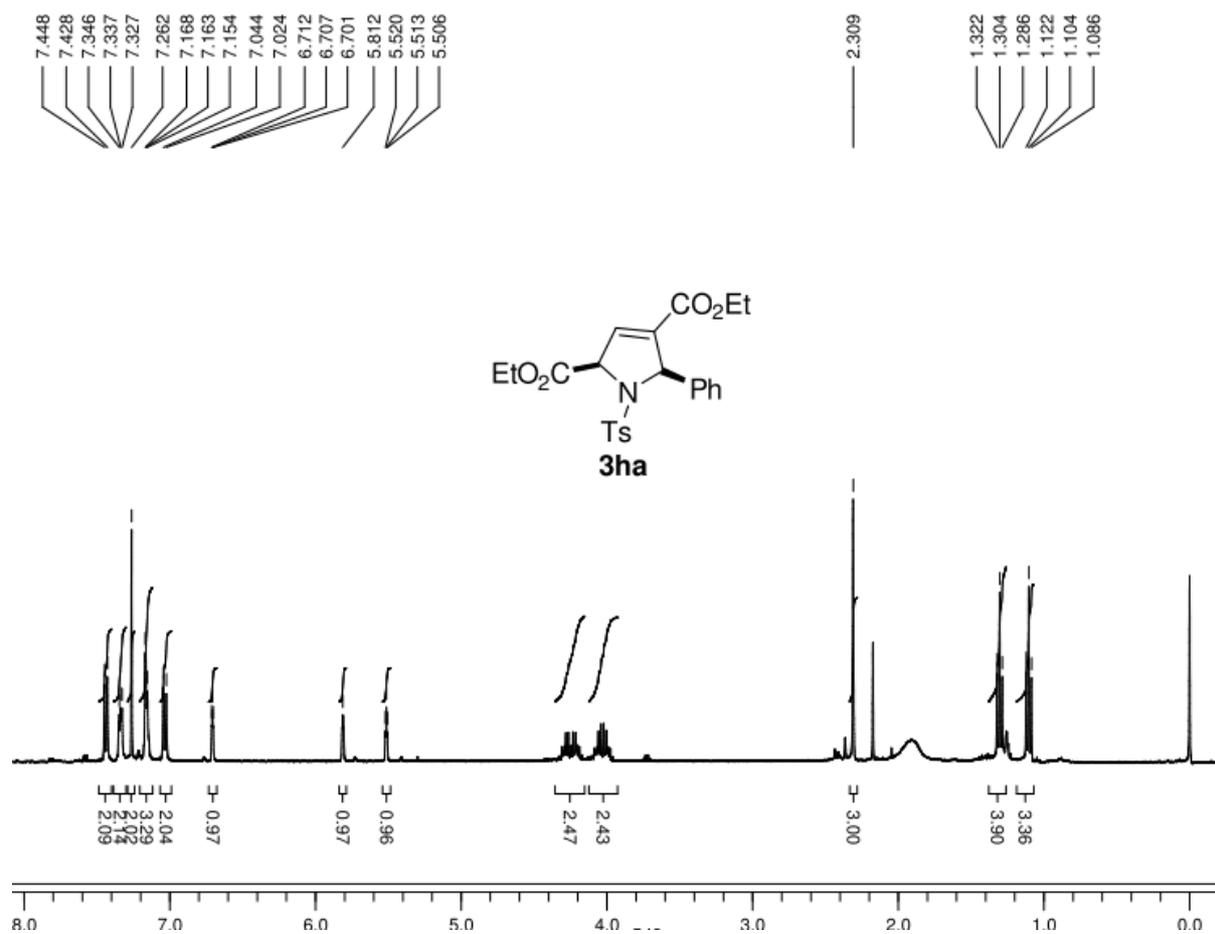


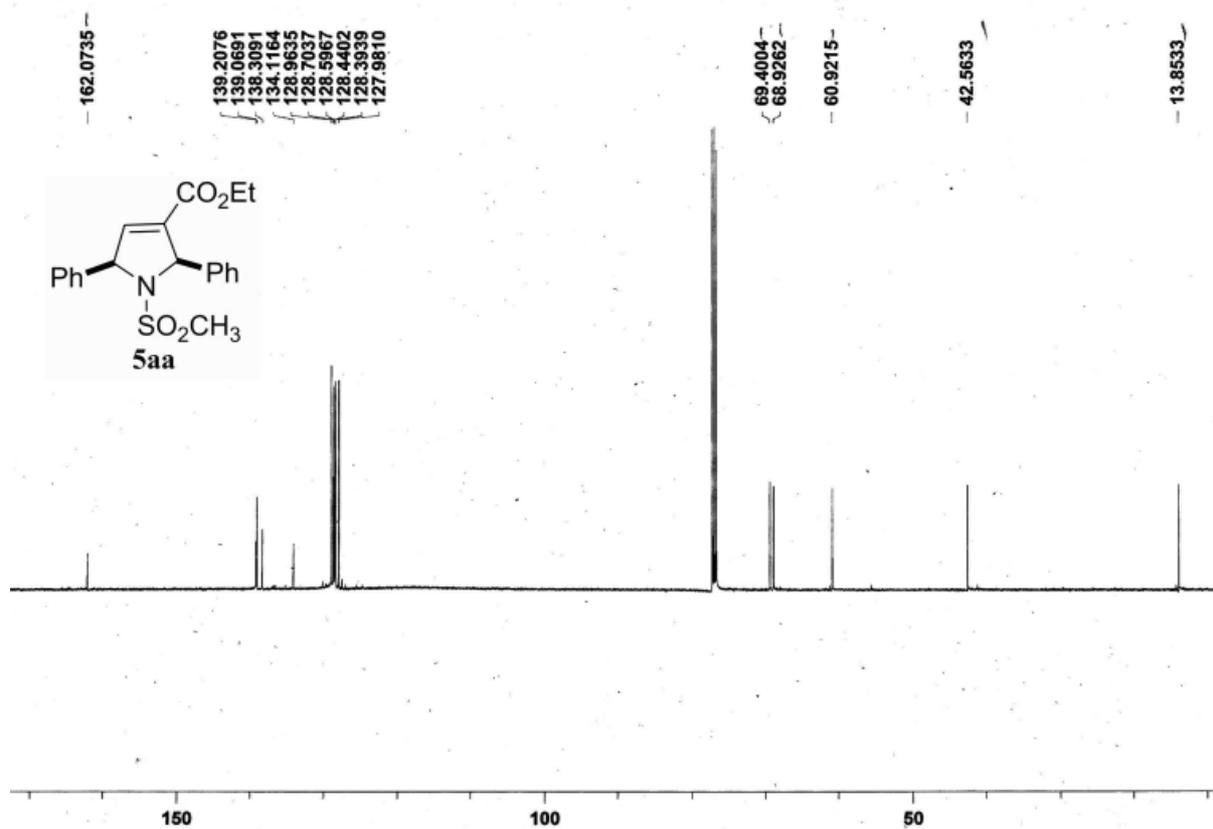
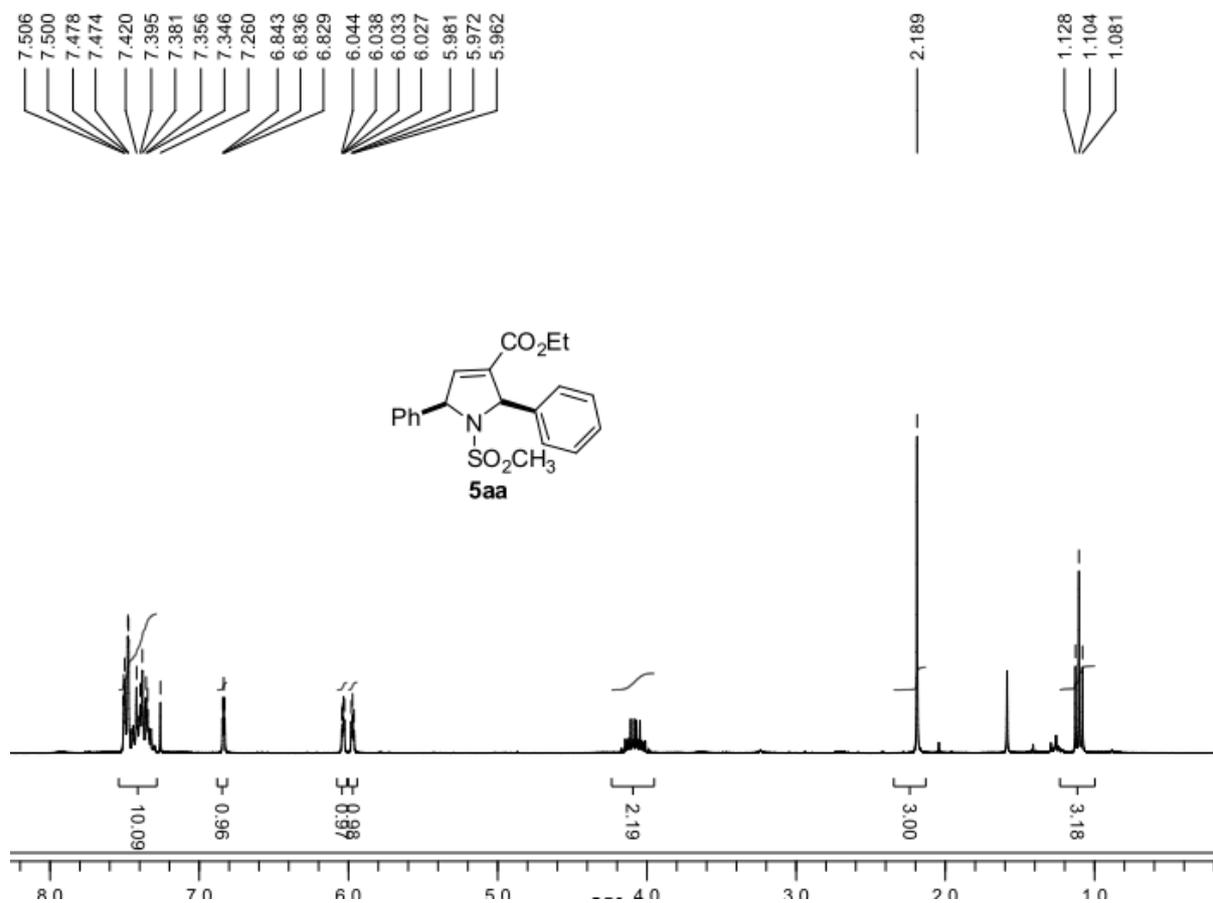


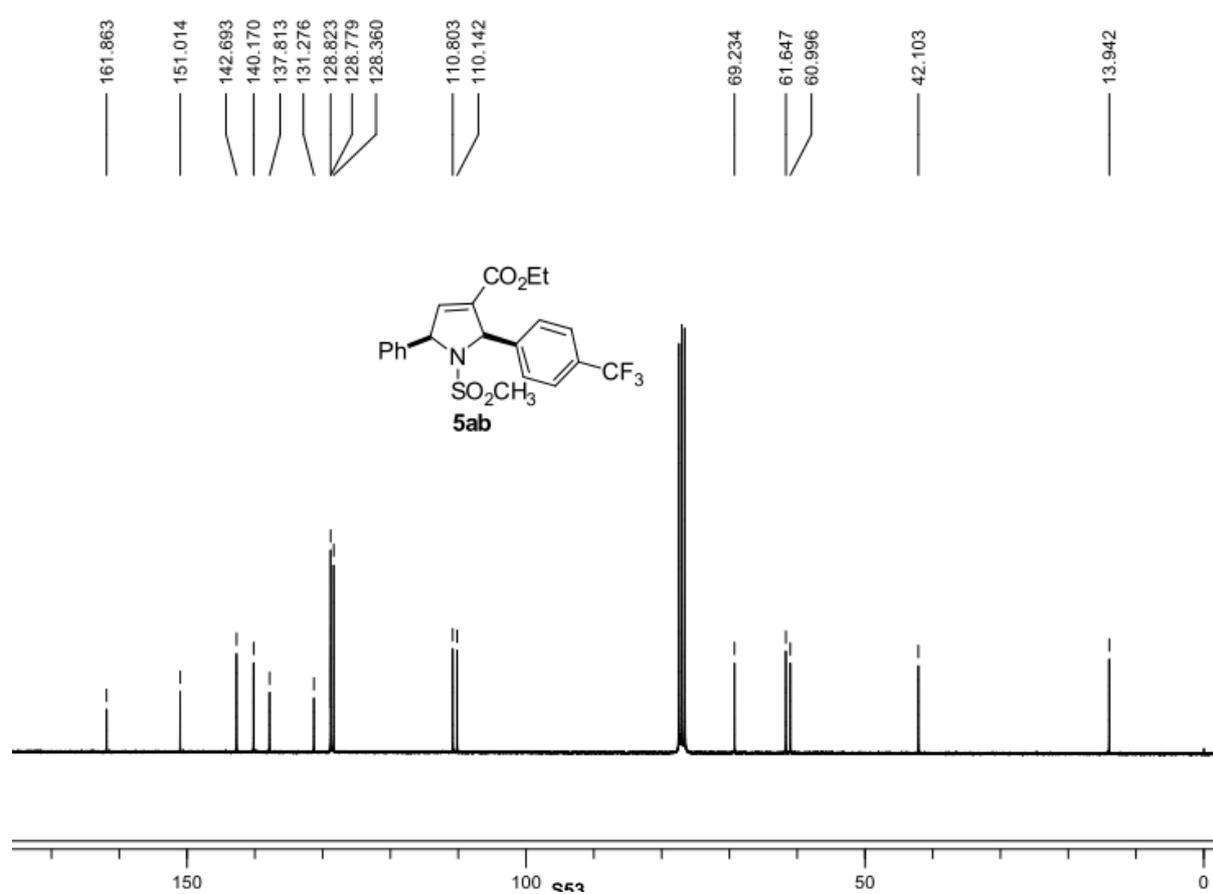
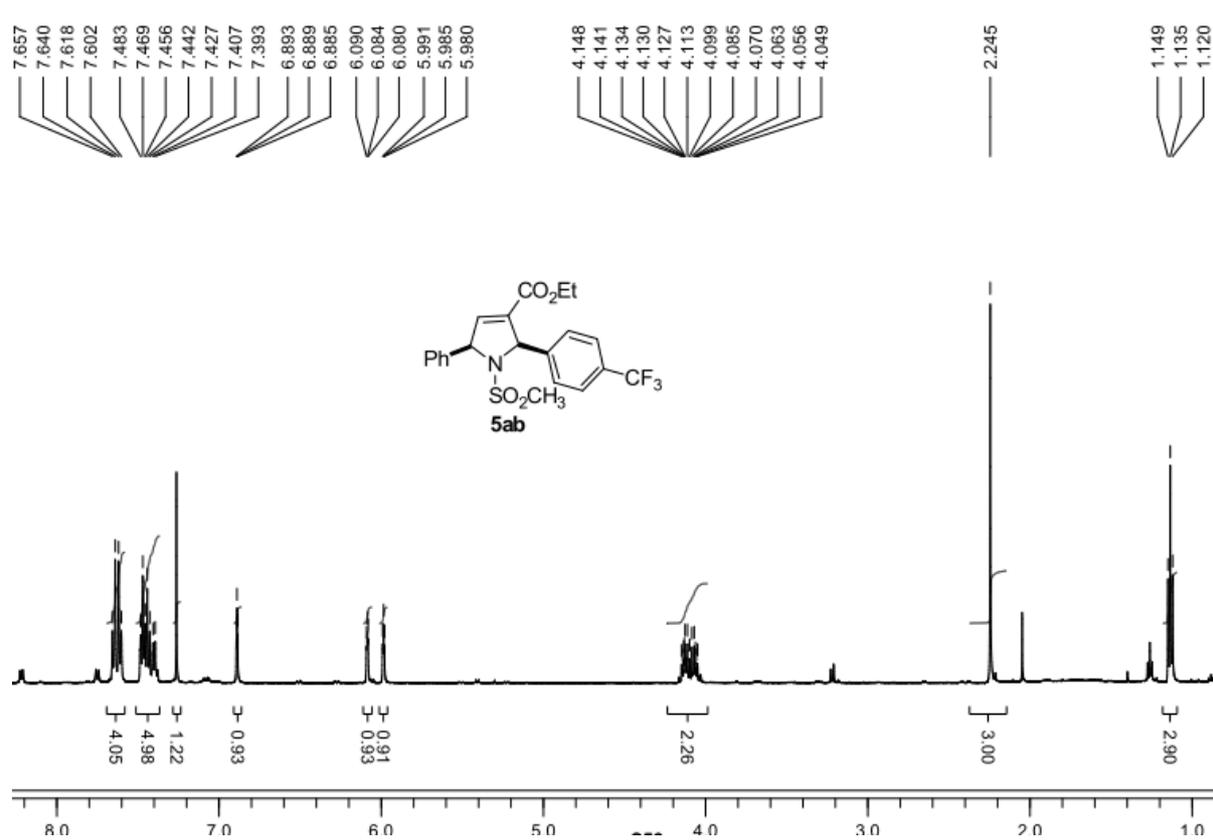


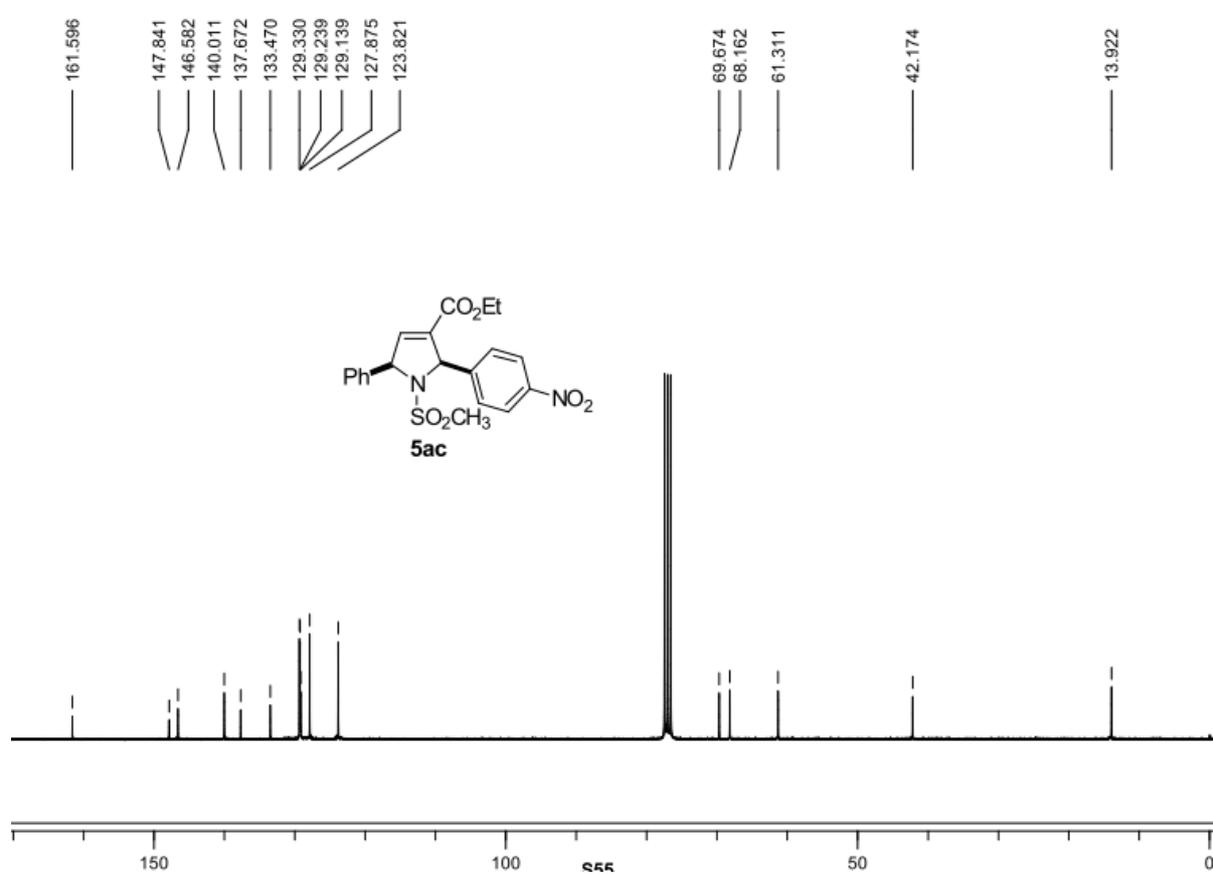
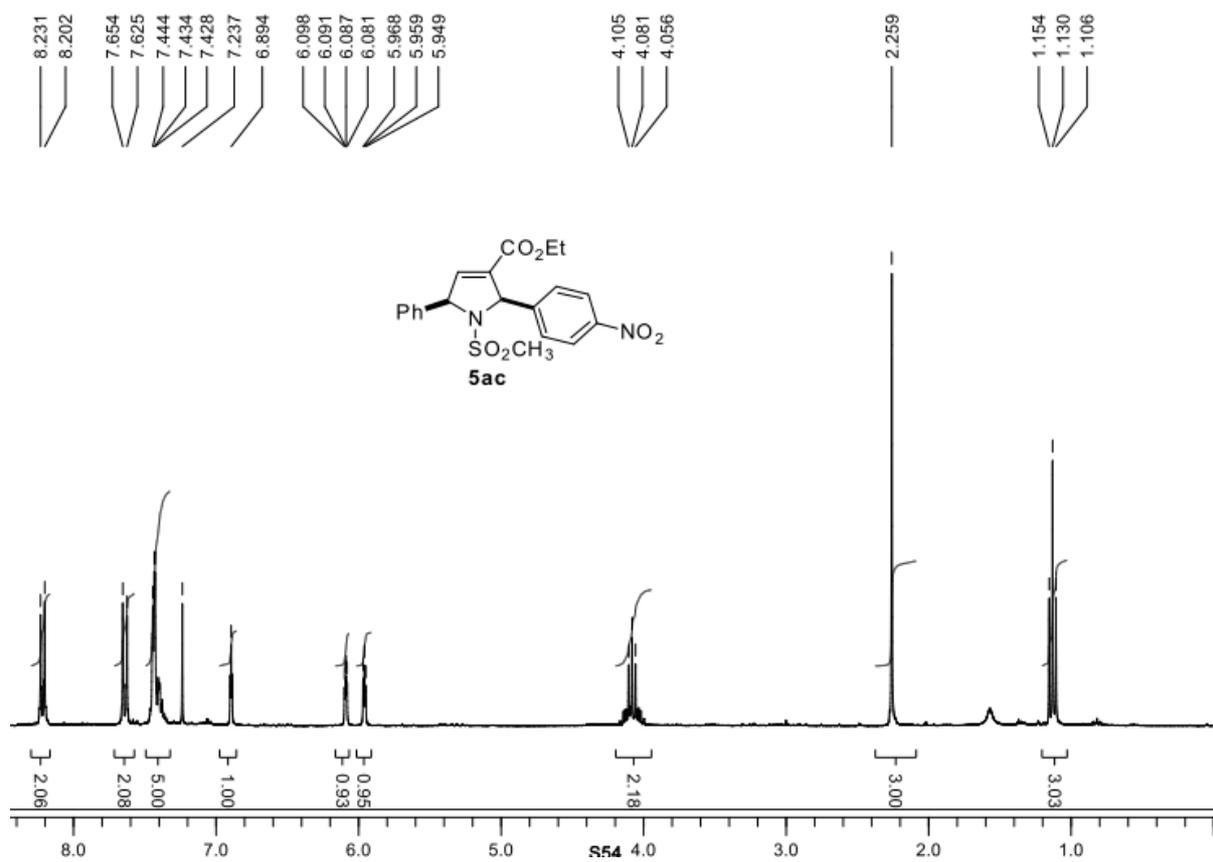












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