# **Supporting Information**

for

# General Methodology for the Preparation of 2,5-Disubstituted-1,3-Oxazoles

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### **General Information**

Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR) spectra were measured on a Vairan INOVA-400 (400 MHz) or Gem-300 (300 MHz). Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (¹³C NMR) spectra were measured on a Vairan INOVA-500 (500 MHz), Varian INOVA-400 (400 MHz), or Varian VXR-400 (400 MHz). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were acquired as solutions in CDCl³ and are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield ( $\delta$ ) from tetramethylsilane using residual chloroform (CHCl³) as an internal standard set to  $\delta$  7.27 and  $\delta$  77.00, respectively. Proton NMR data are reported in the form:  $\delta$  (multiplicity, coupling constants, number of protons). Mass spectral data (MS and HRMS) were recorded on a Kratos MS-80 RFA mass spectrometer by use of chemical ionization (CI) with methane or electron impact (EI).

Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using glass-backed 0.25 mm thickness silica gel 60 ( $F_{254}$ ) plates (EM Science) which were visualized under UV light and/or staining with ethanolic p-anisaldehyde. Flash chromatography was performed using Merck silica gel 60 (Kiesegel 60) (E. M. Science; 230-400 mesh ASTM) or similar products from Whatman Scientific or Sorbent Technologies and pressure was obtained using an airline bleed.

All reagents were used immediately before dried under vacuum, using molecular sieves, or distilled unless noted otherwise. Oxazole was used as received from Sigma Aldrich. All solvents were reagent grade and used as received unless noted otherwise. Bulk grade hexanes and ethyl acetate (EtOAc) for chromatography were distilled before use. Diethyl ether ( $Et_2O$ ) and tetrahydrofuran (THF) were

distilled under nitrogen from sodium/benzophenone ketyl immediately before use. Diisopropylamine was distilled from  $CaH_2$  under dry air immediately before use.

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were conducted in flame or oven-dried glassware under an atmosphere of nitrogen. All non-volatile samples were pumped to a constant weight under high vacuum (0.1-0.2 mmHg) at ambient temperature following removal of solvent by rotary evaporation.

## **Experimental Procedures**

**2-(Phenylthio)oxazole**. To a stirred solution of oxazole (0.80 g,

11.58 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (120 mL) was added slowly dropwise *n*-BuLi (5.65 mL, 13.90 mmol, 1.2 equiv) at -78 °C and it was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. A solution of phenyl disulfide (3.54 g, 16.21 mmol, 1.4 equiv) in anhydrous THF (50 mL) was added slowly dropwise via syringe. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at -78 °C for 1 h, warm to room temperature slowly, and stir at room temperature for 48 h. After the completion of the reaction, it was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (30 mL) and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 20 mL). The separated organic extracts were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL), brine (30 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of solvent and flash column chromatography over silica gel using hexanes:EtOAc (10:1 & 4:1) to give 2-(phenylthio)oxazole (1.87 g, 10.56 mmol, 91%) as yellowish oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.56-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.14 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.0, 141.1, 133.4, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1.

PhO₂S \_\_O 2-(Phenylsulfonyl)oxazole (1). Ammonium Molybdate (2.60 g,

2.02 mmol, 2.2 equiv) in a reaction flask was added 30% hydrogen peroxide (10.30 mL) at 0 °C, and it was further stirred at 0 °C for 15 min. The resulting bright yellow solution was added dropwise to a solution of 2-(phenylthio)oxazole (0.16 g, 0.92 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in ethanol (15 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. It was then

partitioned between  $H_2O$  and  $Et_2O$ . The aqueous phase was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (3 x 30 mL), the combined organic extracts were washed with brine (20 mL), and dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ . Removal of solvent and flash column chromatography over silica gel using hexanes:EtOAc (3:1) to give 2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazole (1) (0.19 g, 0.91 mmol, 99%) as a white solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.73-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.36 (m, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  158.8, 142.6, 137.9, 135.3, 129.9, 129.5, 129.0; HRMS-CI (calcd. for  $C_9H_8O_3NS$  [M+H]+) 210.0219, found 210.0212.

### Representative procedure for alkylation of 2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazole:

5-Iodo-2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazole (6). To a stirred solution of (*i*-Pr)<sub>2</sub>NH (0.40 mL, 2.8 mmol, 1.4 equiv) in THF (50 mL) was slowly added *n*-BuLi (2.46 M in hexanes, 0.90 mL, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) dropwise at 0 °C, and it was further stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h. It was then cooled to -78 °C and a solution of 2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazole (1) (0.42 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h and a solution of *N*-iodosuccinic imide (0.50 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in THF (10 mL) was added slowly. Kept at -78 °C for 0.5 h, it was then allowed to warm to room temperature slowly, and quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 20 mL), the combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of solvent and flash column chromatography over silica gel using hexanes:EtOAc (4:1) to give 6 (0.58 g,

1.7 mmol, 87%) as a yellowish solid;  ${}^{1}H$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.24-8.28 (m, 2H), 7.86-7.94 (m, 1H), 7.74-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.49 (s, 1H);  ${}^{13}C$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.2, 138.0, 137.8, 135.7, 130.2, 129.4, 93.8; HRMS-CI (calcd. for  $C_{9}H_{7}O_{3}NIS$  [M+H]+) 335.9186, found 335.9193.

PhO<sub>2</sub>S O Br

**5-Bromo-2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazole (7).** General procedure

using 2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazole (**1**) (1.0 equiv), *n*-BuLi (1.1 equiv), (*i*-Pr)<sub>2</sub>NH (1.4 equiv), *N*-bromosuccinic imide (1.1 equiv); yield (81%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.11 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.19 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 160.1, 140.9, 137.8, 135.7, 130.2, 130.0, 129.4, 127.1; HRMS-CI (calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NBrS [M+H]+) 287.9325, found 287.9324.

PhO<sub>2</sub>S N SnBu<sub>3</sub>

2-(Phenylsulfonyl)-5-(tributylstannyl)oxazole (8).

General procedure using 2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazole (**1**) (1.0 equiv), n-BuLi (1.1 equiv), (i-Pr)<sub>2</sub>NH (1.4 equiv), tributyltin chloride (1.1 equiv); yield (86%);  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.10 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.66-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 1.47-1.55 (m, 6H), 1.24-1.34 (m, 6H), 1.12-1.16 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 6H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  162.9, 162.8, 139.1, 138.7, 134.7, 129.6, 128.9, 28.9, 27.2, 13.8, 10.8; HRMS-CI (calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NSSn [M+H]+) 500.1276, found 500.1254.

found 306.0439.

5-Methyl-2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazole (9). General procedure using 2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazole (1) (1.0 equiv), n-BuLi (1.1 equiv),  $(i-Pr)_2NH$  (1.4 equiv), iodomethane (1.1 equiv); yield (91%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.10 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.62 (m, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 157.3, 153.8, 138.3, 135.0, 129.7, 128.9, 125.7, 11.4; HRMS-CI (calcd. for  $C_{10}H_{10}O_3NS [M+H]^+$ ) 224.0376, found 224.0375.

Furan-2-yl(2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazol-5-yl)methanol (10). General procedure using 2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazole (1) (1.0 equiv), n-BuLi (1.1 equiv), (i-Pr)2NH (1.4 equiv), furo-2-aldehyde (1.1 equiv); yield (72%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.10 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.70-7.75 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 6.36-6.40 (m, 2H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 2.77 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 158.5, 154.6, 150.8, 143.6, 137.9, 135.2, 129.8, 129.1, 126.9, 110.9, 109.2, 62.5; HRMS-CI (calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>5</sub>NS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 306.0431,

3-Methyl-1-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazol-5-yl)butan-1-ol (11). General procedure using 2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazole (1) (1.0 equiv), n-BuLi (1.1 equiv), (i-Pr)<sub>2</sub>NH (1.4 equiv), isovaleraldehyde (1.1 equiv); yield (75%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.07-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, I = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.82-4.90 (m, 1H), 2.39 (d, I = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.70-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.67 (m, 1H), 0.94 (t, I = 6.5 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  158.5, 157.7, 137.8, 134.9, 129.6, 128.8, 124.9, 64.3, 44.0, 24.3, 23.0, 21.7; HRMS-CI (calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 296.0951, found 296.0943.

PhO<sub>2</sub>S OH 1-(2-(Phenylsulfonyl)oxazol-5-yl)cyclopentanol (12).

General procedure using 2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazole (**1**) (1.0 equiv), n-BuLi (1.1 equiv), (i-Pr)<sub>2</sub>NH (1.4 equiv), cyclopentanone (1.1 equiv); yield (87%);  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.08 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.67-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 2.28 (br s, 1H), 1.70-2.02 (m, 8H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  160.7, 157.7, 138.1, 135.1, 129.8, 128.9, 124.2, 78.5, 77.6, 77.2, 76.9, 40.2, 23.7; HRMS-CI (calcd. for  $C_{14}H_{16}O_{4}NS$  [M+H]+) 294.0795, found 294.0785.

2-(2-(Phenylsulfonyl)oxazol-5-yl)propan-2-ol (13). General procedure using 2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazole (1) (1.0 equiv), *n*-BuLi (1.1 equiv), (*i*-Pr)<sub>2</sub>NH (1.4 equiv), acetone (1.1 equiv); yield (81%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.65-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 2.59 (br s, 1H), 1.59 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 161.9, 157.9, 138.3, 135.4, 130.0, 129.2, 123.9, 68.5, 29.0; HRMS-CI (calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NS [M+H]+) 268.0638, found 268.0634.

solution of (i-Pr)<sub>2</sub>NH (0.06 mL, 0.38 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in THF (10 mL) was slowly added n-BuLi (2.46 M in hexanes, 0.12 mL, 0.30 mmol, 1.2 equiv) dropwise at 0 °C and it was stirred at 0 °C for further 0.5 h. It was then cooled

to -78 °C and a solution of 2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazole (1) (53.0 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (5 mL) was slowly added dropwise. It was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h and a solution of ZnBr<sub>2</sub> (45.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 0.8 equiv) in THF (5 mL) was slowly added. After staying at -78 °C for 0.5 h, it was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred at room temperature for 1 h. A solution of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (28.9 mg, 0.025 mmol, 10% equiv) and allyl bromide (60.5 mg, 0.50 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in THF (5 mL) was slowly added and it was heated to 60 °C. After the completion of the reaction, it was cooled to room temperature and quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL). The separated aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 x 20 mL), the combined organic extracts were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL), brine (20 mL), and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of solvent and flash column chromatography over silica gel using hexanes:EtOAc (5:1) to give 14 (56.0 mg, 0.23 mmol, 90%) as yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.10 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.75 (m, 3H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 5.80-5.90 (m, 1H), 5.20 (m, 2H), 3.47 (dd,  $I_1 = 6.6$  Hz,  $I_2 = 1.1$  Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 157.7, 155.5, 138.3, 135.0, 130.7, 129.7, 129.0, 125.6, 119.5, 30.3; HRMS-CI (calcd. for  $C_{12}H_{12}O_3NS [M+H]^+$ ) 250.0532, found 250.0535.

(15). To a stirred solution of 5-iodo-2-phenylsulfonyloxazole (6) (52.1 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv), palladium tetrakis(triphenylphosphine) (18.5 mg, 0.016 mmol, 0.1 equiv), phenyl boronic acid (39.0 mg, 0.32 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in THF (2 mL) and toluene (2 mL) was added aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1 mL, 2.0 M), and the resulting mixture was degassed by blowing

in with nitrogen for 5 min. The reaction mixture was then sealed and heated to 70 °C for 18 h. It was cooled to rt, diluted with ether (50 mL), washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL), brine (10 mL), and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of solvent and flash column chromatography over silica gel with hexanes:EtOAc (4:1) to give 5-phenyl-2-phenylsulfonyloxazole (**15**) (41.7 mg, 0.14 mmol, 94%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.12-8.16 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.75 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.65 (m, 4H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.1, 161.5, 157.1, 155.6, 138.7, 135.2, 130.0, 129.2, 127.2, 122.6, 119.2, 115.0, 55.9; HRMS-CI (calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 316.0638, found 316.0639.

PhO<sub>2</sub>S CH<sub>3</sub> (Z)-2-(Phenylsulfonyl)-5-(4-(tetrehydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yloxy)but-2-en-2-yl)oxazole (17). To a stirred solution

of 5-tributylstannyl-2-phenylsulfonyloxazole (8) (40.0 mg, 0.08 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous DMSO (4.0 mL) was added anhydrous LiCl (21.0 mg, 0.48 mmol, 6.0 equiv), CuCl (40.0 mg, 0.40 mmol, 5.0 equiv), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (9.3 mg, 10% equiv), and iodide **16** (28.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.2 equiv). It was degassed by blowing in with nitrogen for 5 min, the reaction mixture was then sealed and heated to 60 °C for 4 h. After the completion of the reaction, it was cooled to room temperature, diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL), and washed with a mixture of brine (20 mL) and saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL). The aqueous layer was further extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 x 20 mL), and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine (2 x 20 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of solvent and flash column chromatography over silica gel with hexanes:EtOAc (4:1) to give **17** (26.1 mg, 0.072 mmol, 90%) as yellowish oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.08-8.15 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.75 (m, 3H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 5.90 (m, 1H), 4.65 (m, 1H), 4.26 (m, 2H), 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.52 (m, 1H), 2.06 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 1.70-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.68 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 157.5, 154.5, 138.2, 135.1, 131.8, 129.8, 129.0, 126.8, 122.6, 98.9, 77.5, 77.2, 76.9, 64.6, 62.7, 30.8, 25.6, 20.7, 19.7; HRMS-CI (calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>5</sub>NS [M+H]+) 364.1213, found 364.1211.

5-((4*R*,5*S*,*E*)-4-(4-Methoxybenzyloxy)-5-methyl-hepta-2,6-dien-2-yl)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)oxazole
(18). The same procedure as described for compound

17 using 5-tributylstannyl-2-phenylsulfonyloxazole (8) (1.0 equiv), LiCl (6.0 equiv), CuCl (5.0 equiv), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.1 equiv), and 1-(((3S,4R,E)-6-iodo-3-methylhepta-1,5-dien-4-yloxy)methyl)-4-methoxybenzene (1.1 equiv); yield (92%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.13 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.76 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.15 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 9.4 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.71-5.85 (m, 1H), 5.94-5.07 (m, 2H), 4.25-4.55 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 93.6 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 11.7 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 9.5 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.44-2.54 (m, 1H), 1.89 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.4, 157.4, 156.1, 139.7, 138.3, 135.0, 131.8, 130.6, 129.8, 129.4, 129.1, 124.5, 124.2, 115.4, 114.0, 77.8, 70.4, 55.5, 42.8, 15.8, 14.0; HRMS-CI (calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>5</sub>NS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 454.1683, found, 454.1684.

### Representative Procedure for the displacement of sulfone:

5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyloxazole (19). To a 5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(phenylstirred solution of

sulfonyl)oxazole (15) (16.6 mg, 0.053 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (2 mL) was slowly added PhLi (1.8 M in butyl ether, 0.04 mL, 0.063 mmol, 1.2 equiv) dropwise. And it was allowed to warm to room temperature and quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL). The separated aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 x 5 mL), the combined organic extracts were washed with brine (2 mL), and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of solvent and flash column chromatography over silica gel using hexanes:EtOAc (8:1) to give **19** (11.8 mg, 0.047 mmol, 90%) as yellowish oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.09-8.14 (m, 2H), 7.67 (d, I = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, I = 8.9Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 160.8, 160.1, 151.6, 130.4, 129.9, 129.0, 127.8, 126.4, 126.0, 122.2, 121.1, 115.6, 114.6, 55.6; HRMS-CI (calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{14}O_2N [M+H]^+$ ) 252.1019, found, 252.1022.

Furan-2-yl(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)methanol (20). General

242.0812, found, 242.0800.

procedure using sulfone (1.0 equiv) and phenyl lithium (2.2 equiv); yield (85%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.01-8.09 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 6.42 (s, 2H), 5.98 (d, I = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d, I = 5.1 Hz), 2.64 (d 5.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.3, 152.3, 150.5, 143.2, 130.8, 129.0, 127.5, 126.7, 126.4, 110.8, 108.5, 62.8; HRMS-CI (calcd. for  $C_{14}H_{12}O_3N$  [M+H]+)

# (Z)-2-(4-(Tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yloxy)but-2-en-2-

**THPO vl)oxazole (21).** General procedure using sulfone (1.0 equiv) and the corresponding alkenyl lithium (generated by treating the corresponding alkenyl iodide (1.5 equiv) with *t*-BuLi (3.0 equiv) at -78 °C); yield (78%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 6.01-6.07 (m, 1H), 4.57-4.82 (m, 3H), 3.86-3.95 (m, 1H), 3.50-3.59 (m, 1H), 2.18 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 1.49-1.94 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.4, 138.3, 134.1, 128.2, 122.7, 98.9, 66.0, 62.6, 31.0, 25.7, 20.8, 19.8; HRMS-CI (calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]+) 224.1281, found, 224.1282.

(2-(3,4-Dihydro-2*H*-pyran-6-yl)oxazol-5-yl)(furan-2-yl)-

methanol (22). General procedure using sulfone (1.0 equiv)

and the corresponding alkenyl lithium (generated by

treating the corresponding alkenyl iodide (3.0 equiv) with t-BuLi (3.0 equiv) at -50

°C); yield (71%);  $^1$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.46 (m, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.35-6.42

(m, 2H), 5.85-5.95 (m, 2H), 4.21 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.20-2.29

(m, 2H), 1.90-1.99 (m, 2H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  158.3, 152.0, 143.0, 142.3,

125.7, 110.6, 110.0, 108.3, 105.0, 66.8, 62.4, 21.9, 20.3; HRMS-CI (calcd. for

 $C_{13}H_{14}O_4N$  [M+H]+) 248.2546, found, 248.2541.

2-(3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-6-yl)-5-(4-methoxy-

phenyl)oxazole (23). General procedure using

sulfone (1.0 equiv) and the corresponding alkenyl lithium (generated by treating the

corresponding alkenyl iodide (1.5 equiv) with t-BuLi (1.5 equiv) at -50 °C); yield

(83%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.59 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.90 (t, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.25-2.32 (m, 2H), 1.92-2.00 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  159.8, 157.0, 142.5, 125.8, 121.4, 114.3, 104.0, 66.8, 55.4, 22.0, 20.4; HRMS-CI (calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 258.2924, found, 258.2921.

n-Bu O OMe

**2-Butyl-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)oxazole (24).** General

procedure using sulfone (1.0 equiv) and n-BuLi (1.2 equiv); yield (69%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.55 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.82 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.76-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.51 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  159.5, 150.8, 125.5, 121.3, 120.2, 114.3, 55.4, 29.2, 28.0, 22.3, 13.7; HRMS-CI (calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]+) 232.1332, found, 232.1325.

n-Bu O CH₃ N OTHP

(Z)-2-Butyl-5-(4-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yloxy)but-2-en-

equiv) and n-BuLi (1.2 equiv); yield (76%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400

**2-yl)oxazole (25).** General procedure using sulfone (1.0

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 6.89 (s, 1H), 5.65 (m, 1H), 4.44 (m, 1H), 4.05-4.17 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.91

(m, 2H), 3.35-3.45 (m, 1H), 2.75 (t, I = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.38-1.99 (m, 10H),

0.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  149.3, 127.8, 124.7, 123.9,

122.7, 98.5, 65.2, 62.4, 30.7, 29.4, 28.1, 25.4, 22.0, 20.9, 19.6, 13.8; HRMS-CI (calcd.

for  $C_{16}H_{26}O_3N$  [M+H]+) 280.3825, found, 280.3820.

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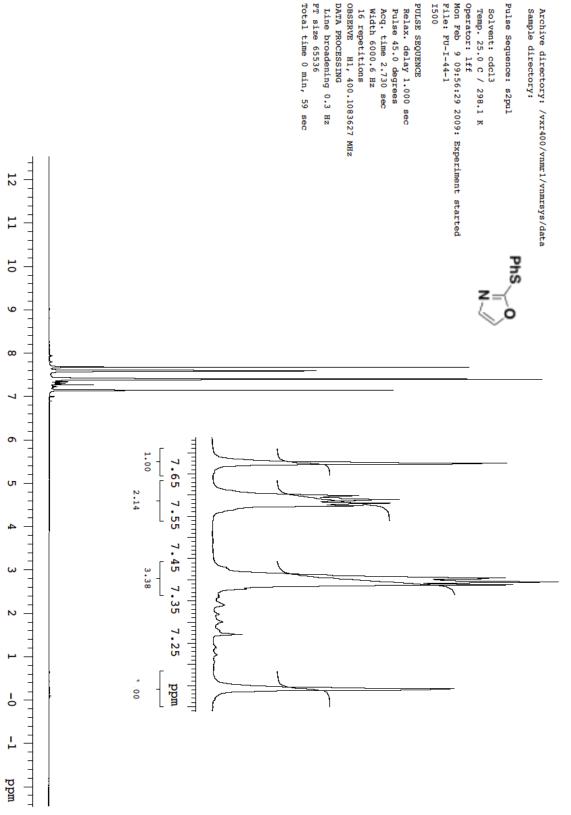
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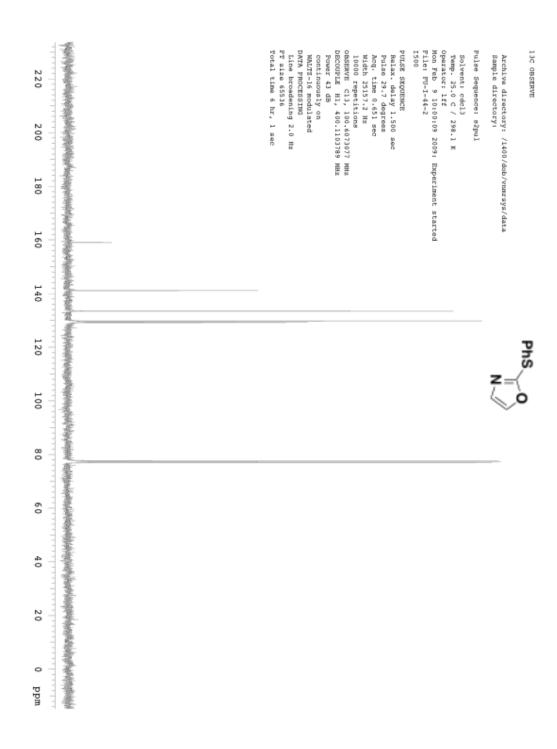
procedure using sulfone (1.0 equiv) and the corresponding alkyl lithium (generated by treating the corresponding alkyl iodide (1.5 equiv) with t-BuLi (3.0 equiv) at -50 °C); yield (79%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.55 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d, I = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.02 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.65-2.82 (m, 2H), 1.80-2.10 (m, 3H), 1.18-1.72 (m, 10H), 0.96 (d, I = 6.7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  164.3, 159.5, 150.9, 131.4, 125.7, 124.7, 121.3, 120.4, 114.3, 55.6, 37.0, 34.2, 32.3, 28.9, 26.2, 25.9, 25.6, 19.4, 17.9; HRMS-CI (calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 314.2115, found, 314.2124.

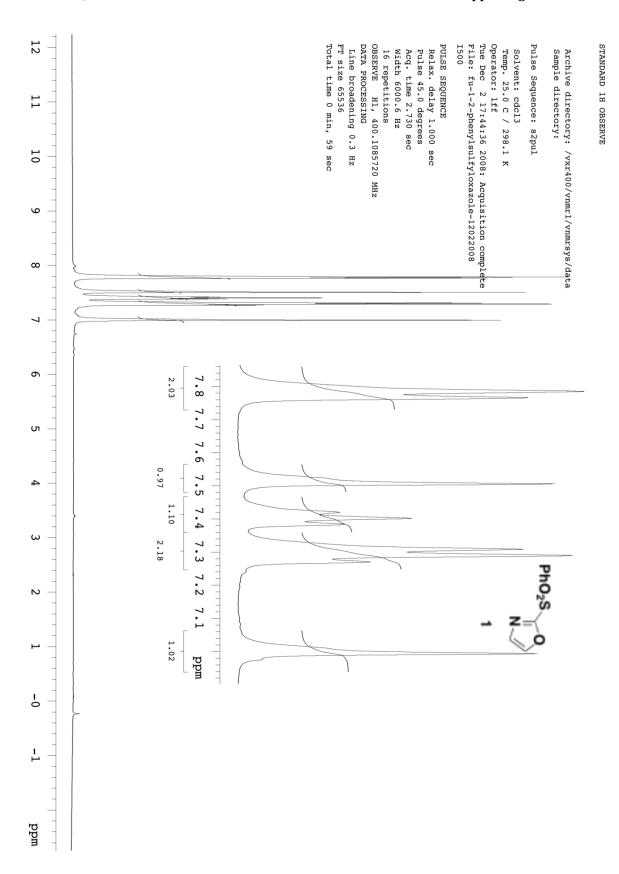
General procedure using sulfone (1.0 equiv) and the corresponding alkyl lithium (generated by treating the corresponding alkyl iodide (1.5 equiv) with t-BuLi (3.0 equiv) at -50 °C); yield (81%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.25 (d, I = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, I = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 5.77-5.88 (m, 2H), 4.96-5.14 (m, 3H), 4.40 (dd, I<sub>1</sub>)= 100.5 Hz,  $I_2$  = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 4.36-4.49 (m, 2H), 3.97 (dd,  $I_1$  = 9.4 Hz,  $I_2$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.42-2.51 (m, 1H), 1.84-2.10 (m, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 1.24-1.74 (m, 10H), 1.08 (d, I = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d,  $I_1 = 6.6$  Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  161.6, 159.0, 147.4, 140.1, 131.4, 130.9, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 125.3, 124.5, 124.3, 121.7,

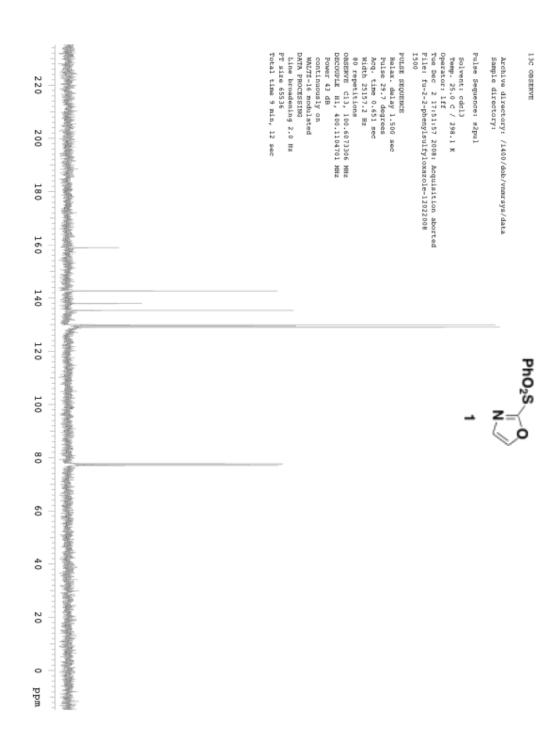
114.7, 113.7, 77.6, 70.0, 69.5, 55.3, 42.7, 37.0, 35.6, 29.2, 25.7, 25.4, 19.4, 17.7, 15.6, 13.1; HRMS-CI (calcd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]+) 452.3159, found, 452.3178.

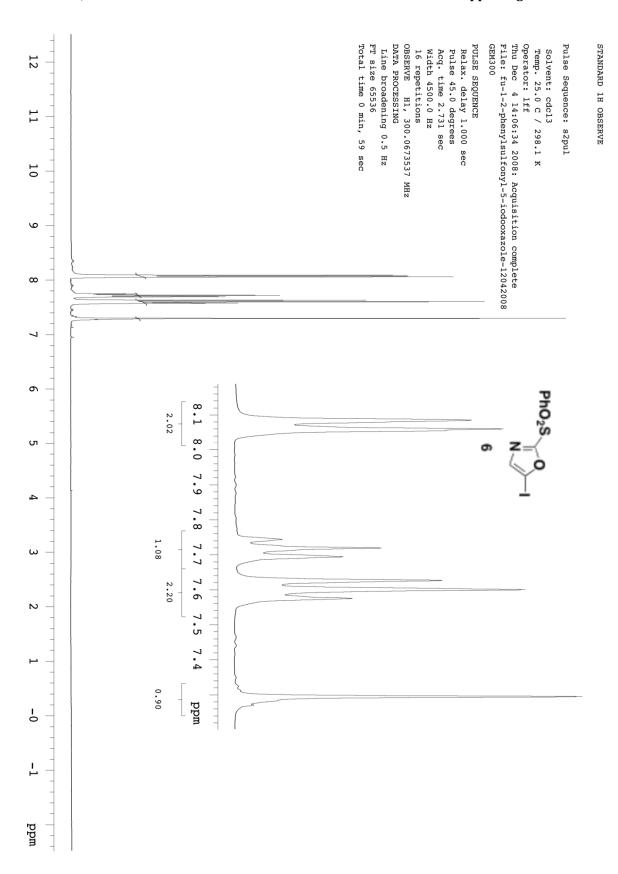
5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-methyl-1,3-dithian-2-yl) oxazole (28). General procedure using sulfone (1.0 equiv) and the corresponding alkyl lithium (generated by treating 2-methyl-1,3-dithiane (1.5 equiv) with n-BuLi (1.5 equiv) at -20 °C); yield (82%);  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.56 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.47 (m, 2H), 2,73 (m, 2H), 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.88-2.08 (m, 4H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  164.6, 159.9, 151.0, 125.8, 120.8, 120.1, 114.4, 55.4, 43.9, 28.4, 27.3, 24.4; HRMS-ESI (calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{18}O_{2}NS_{2}$  [M+H]+) 308.0779, found, 308.0782.

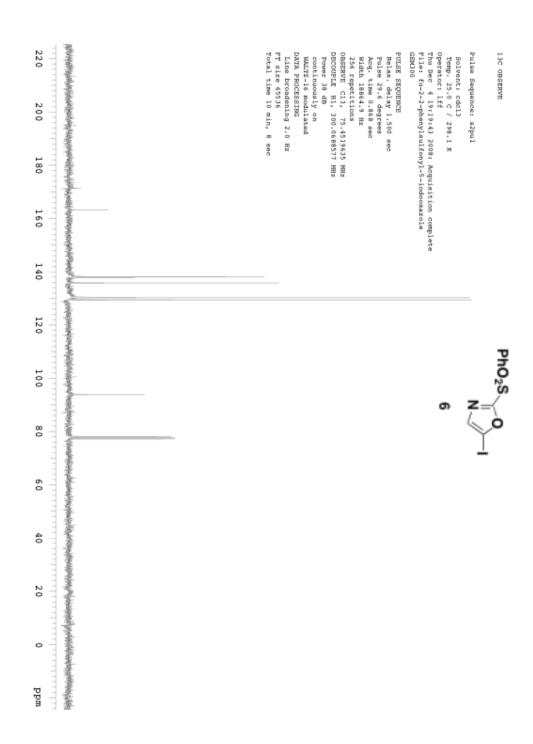


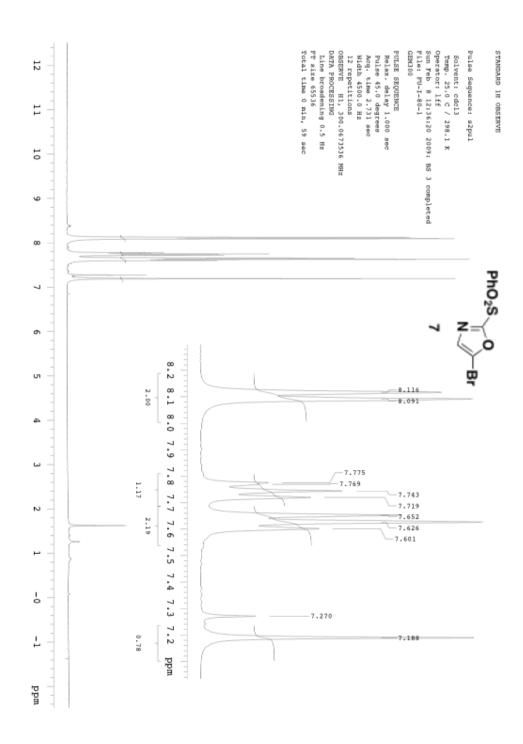


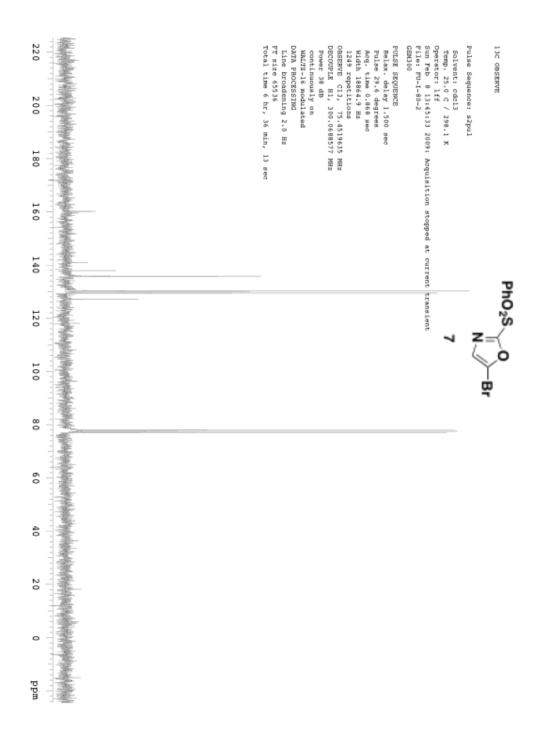


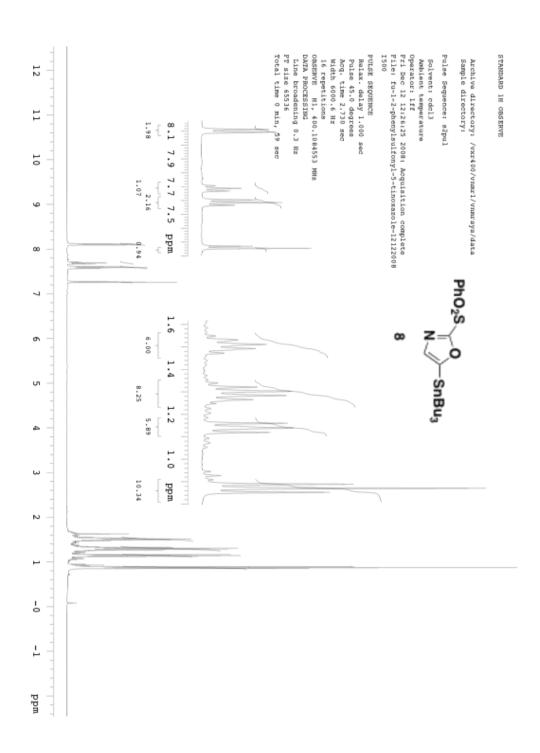


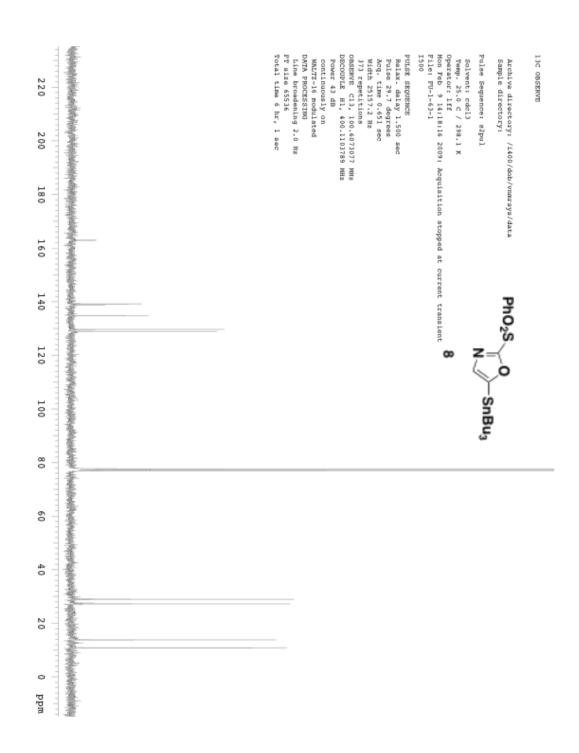


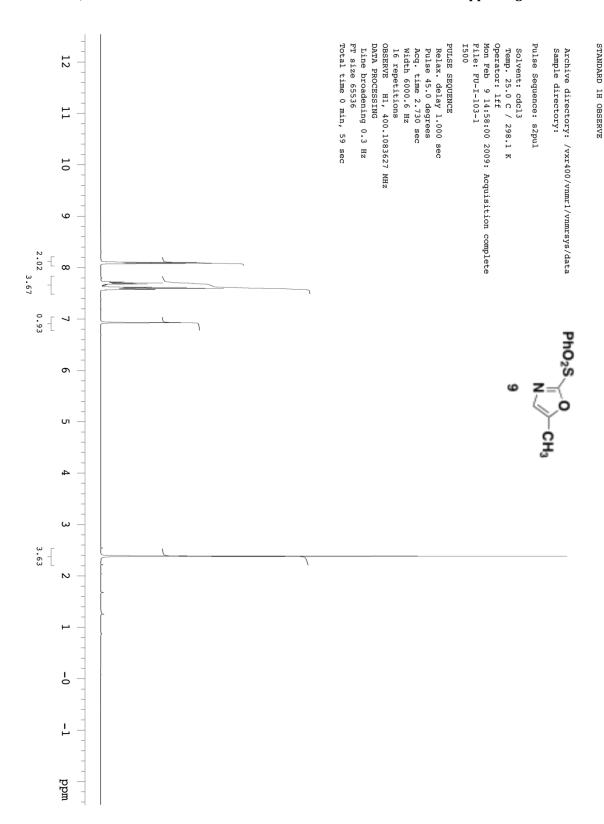




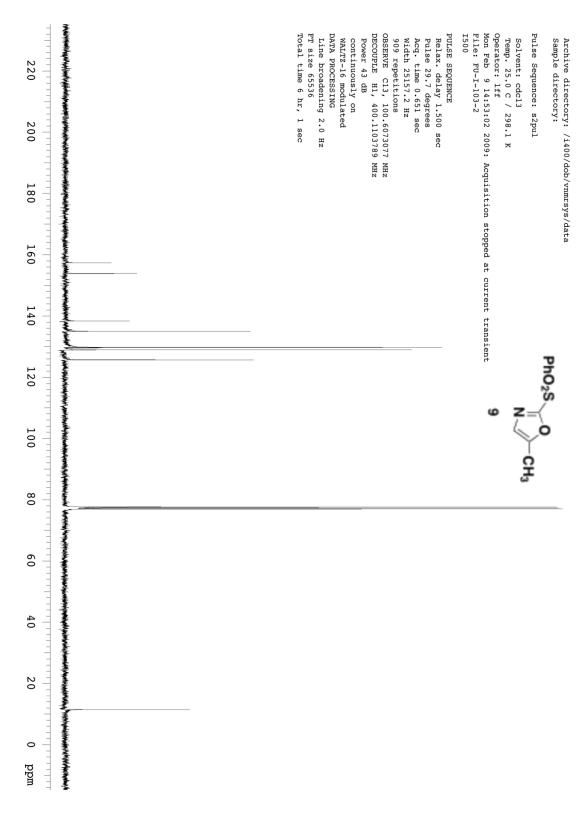




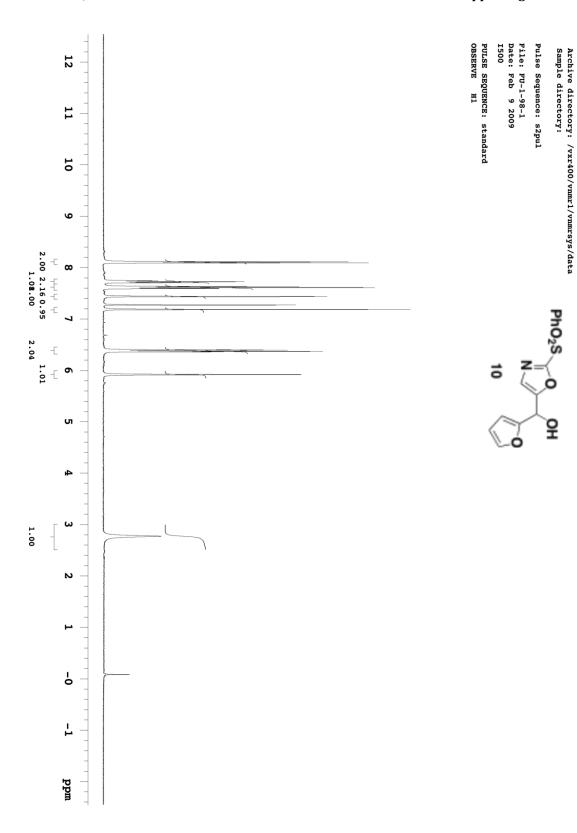


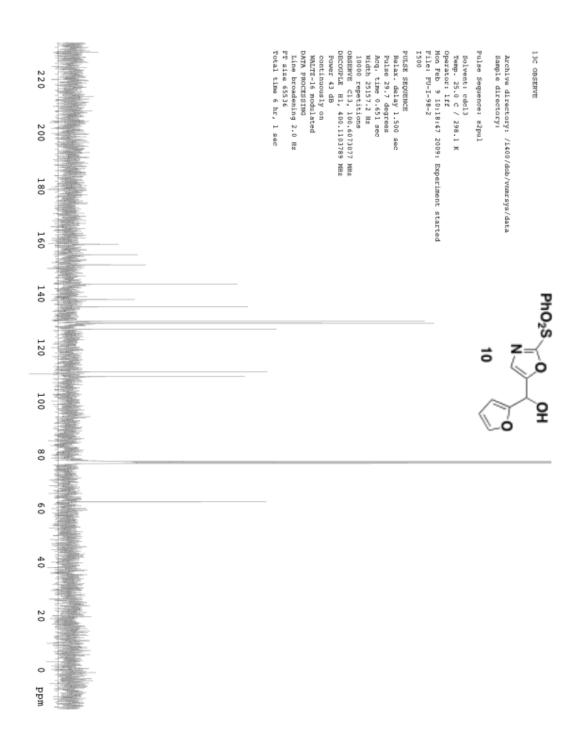


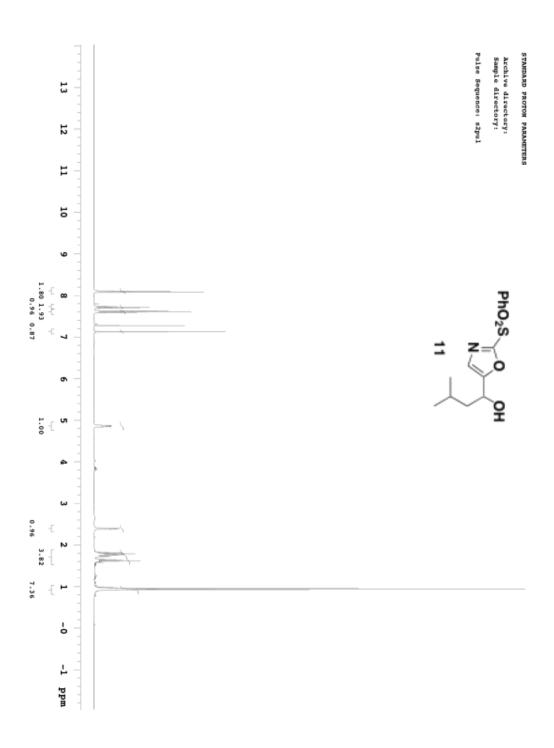


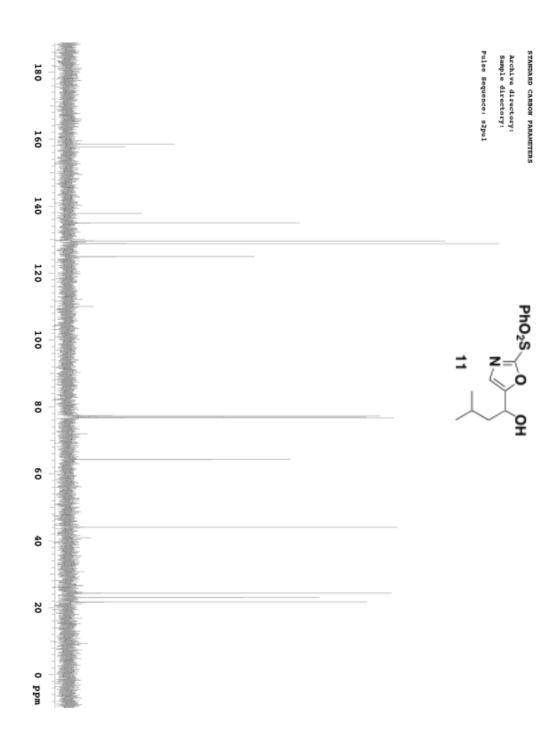


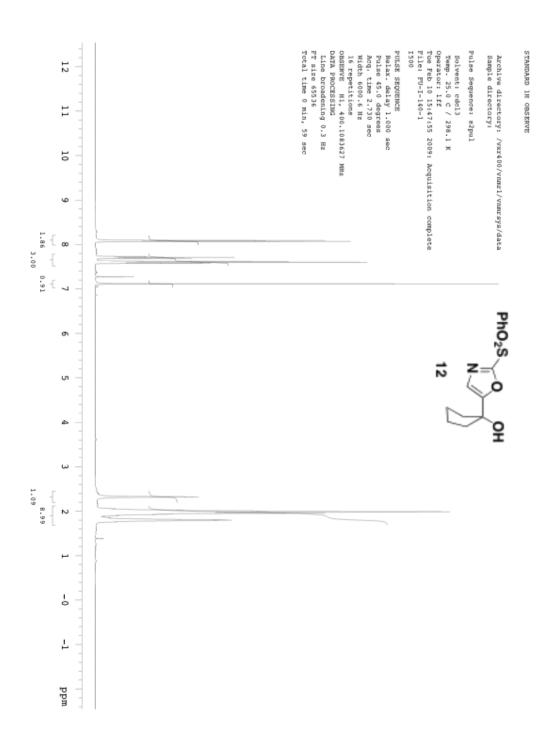
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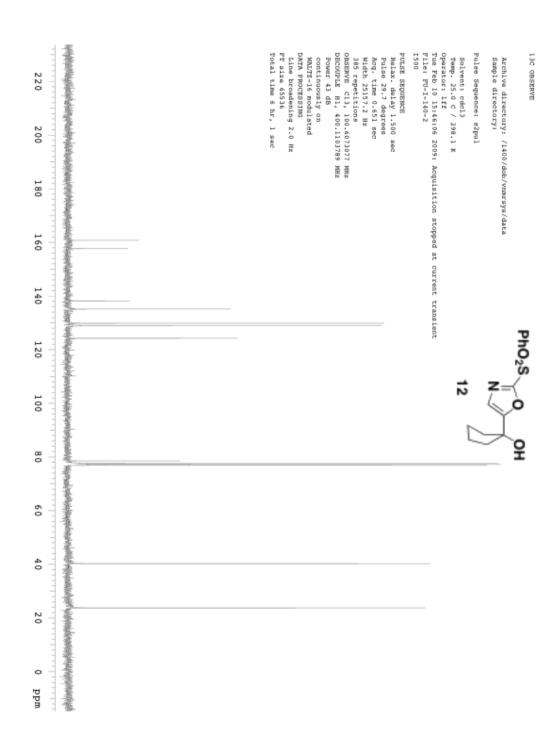


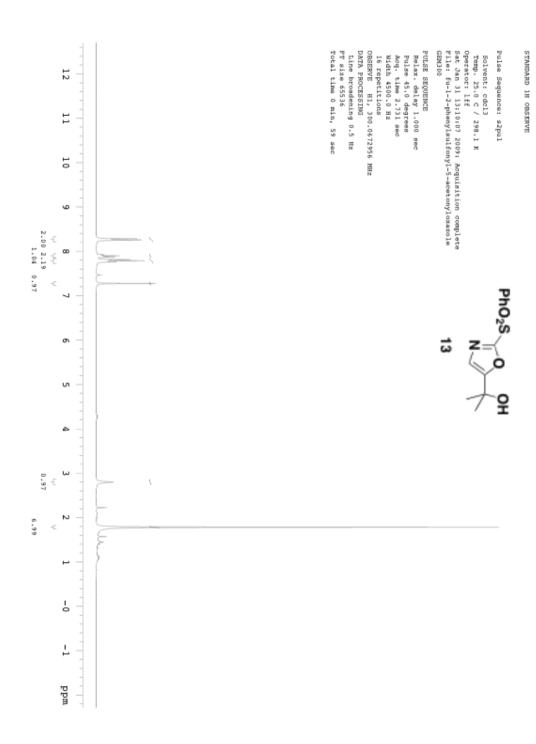


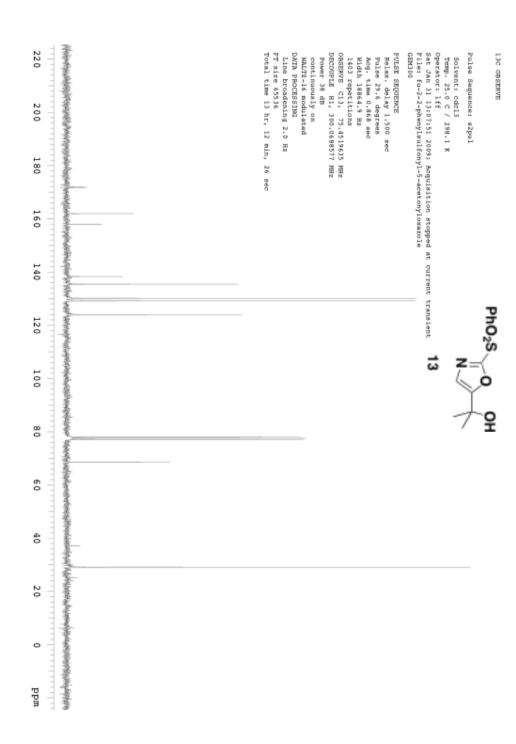






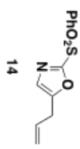


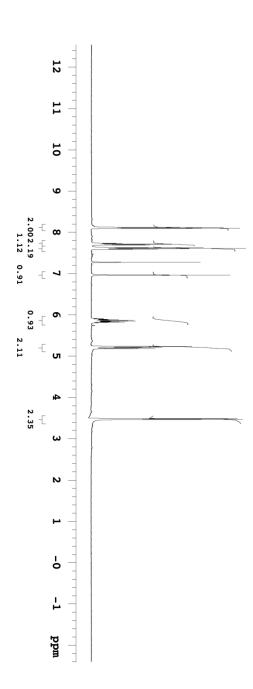


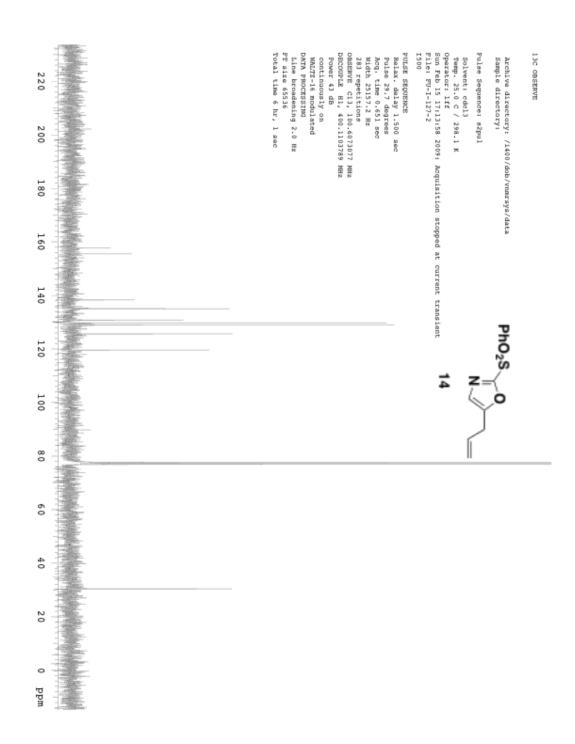


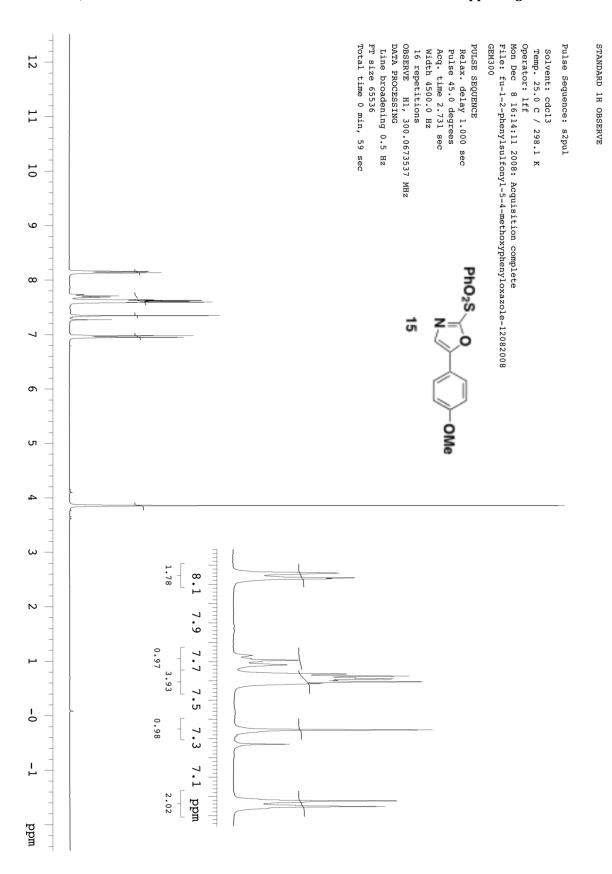


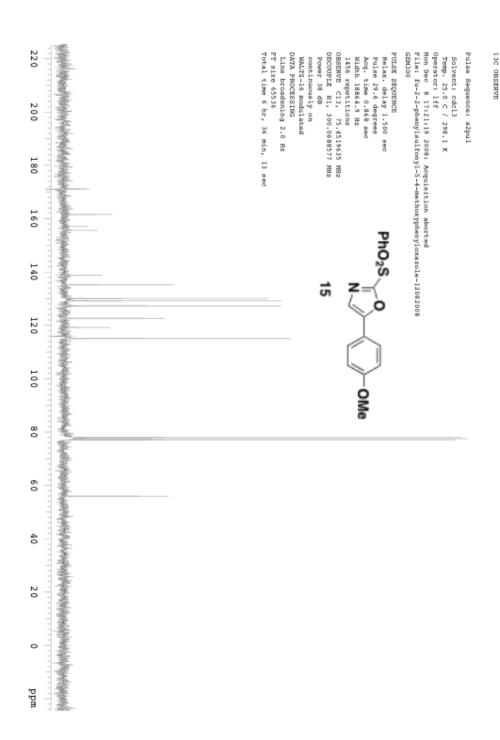


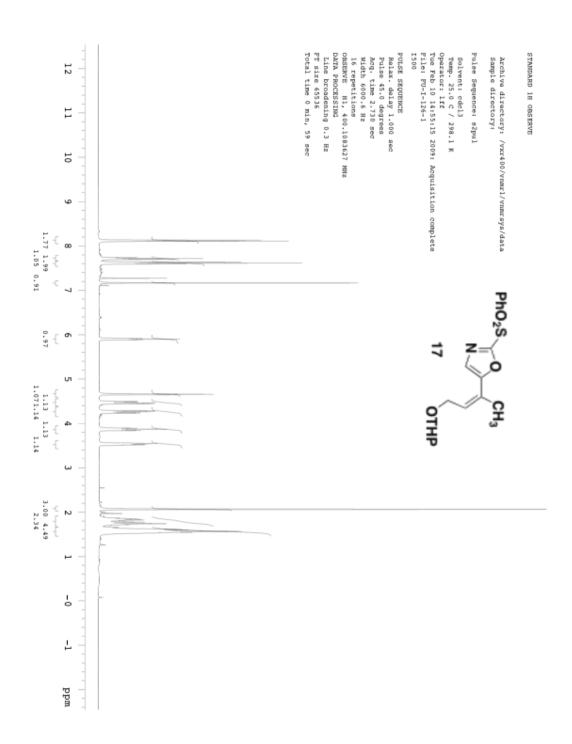


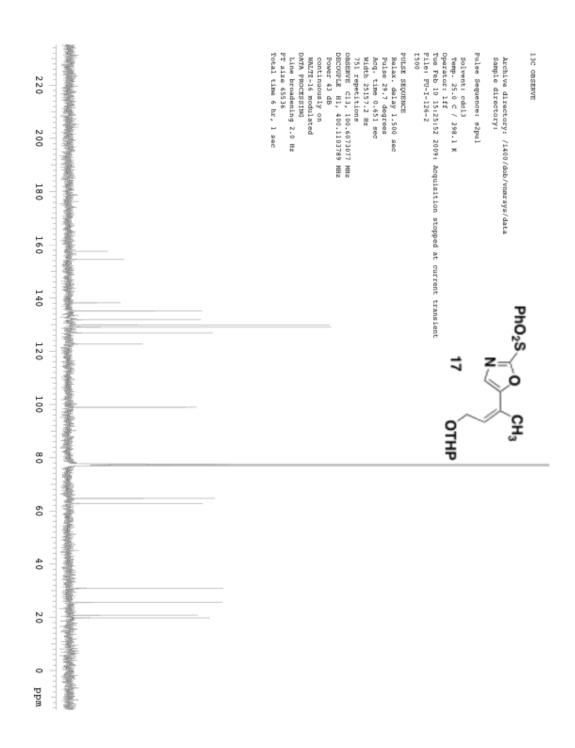


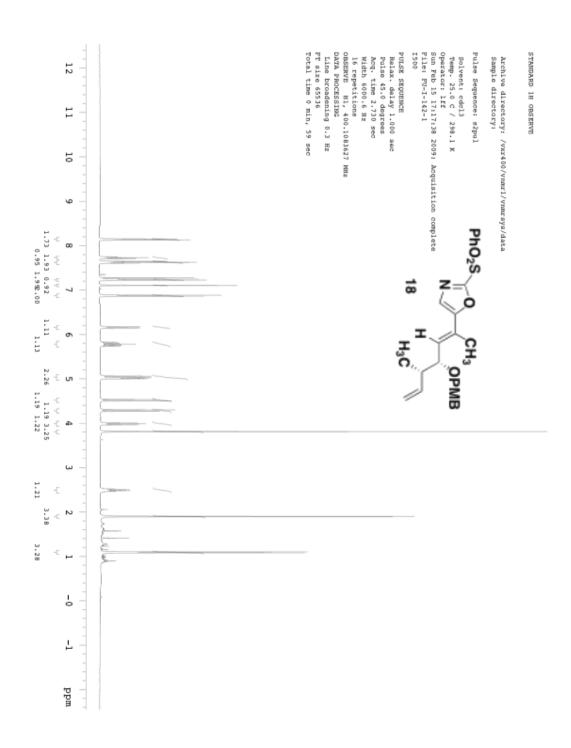


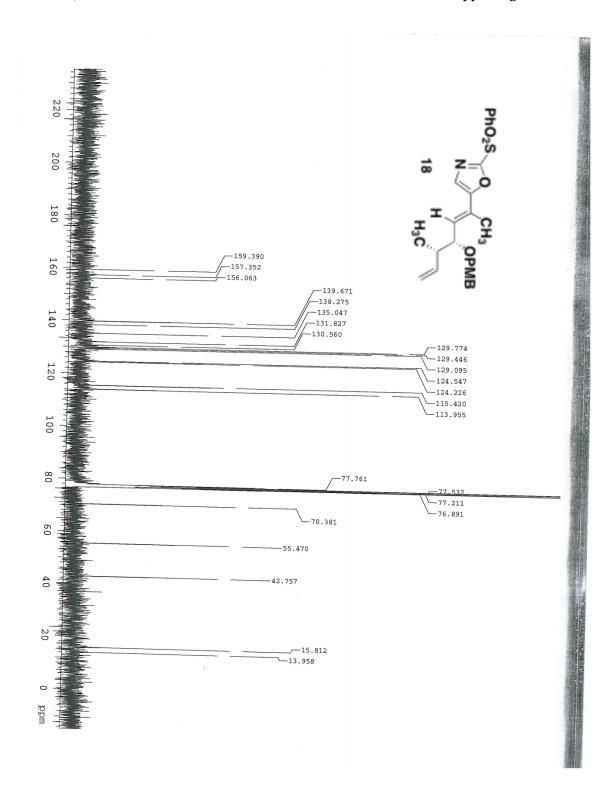


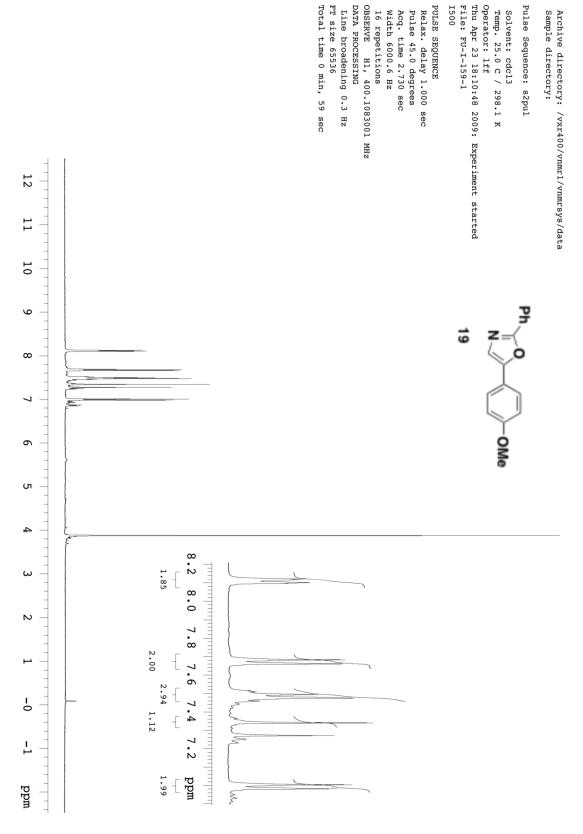


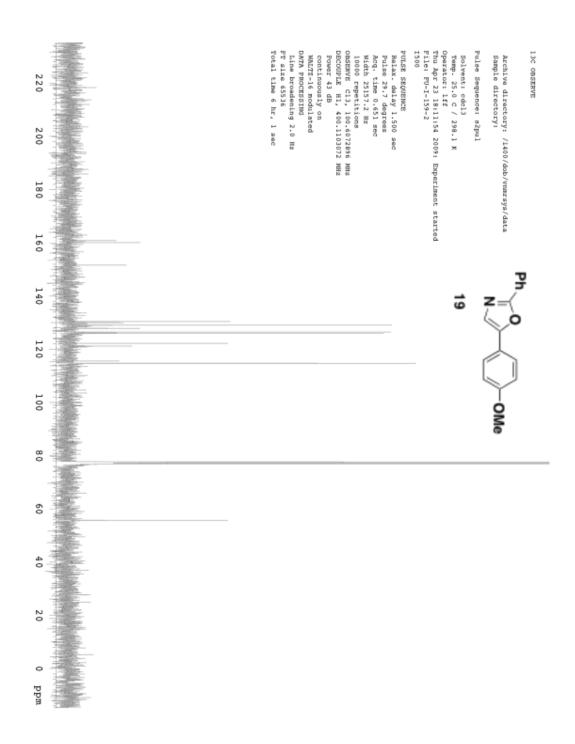




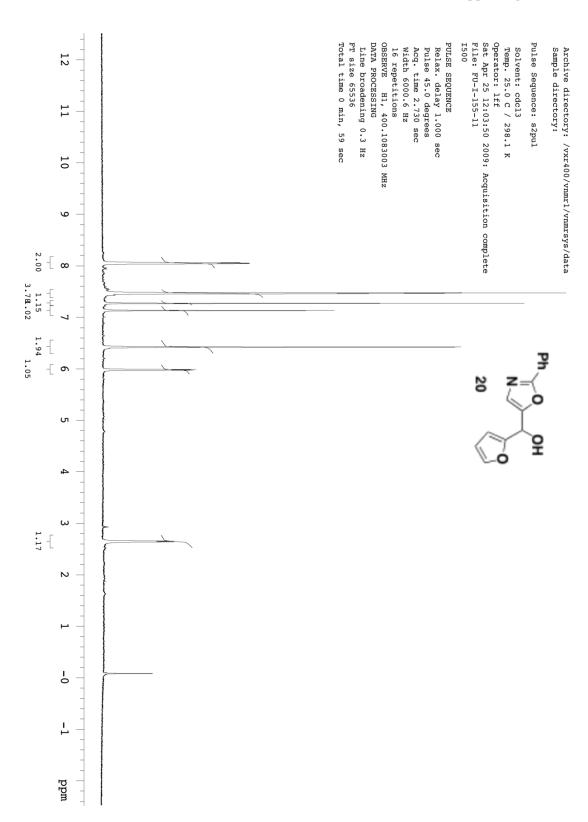


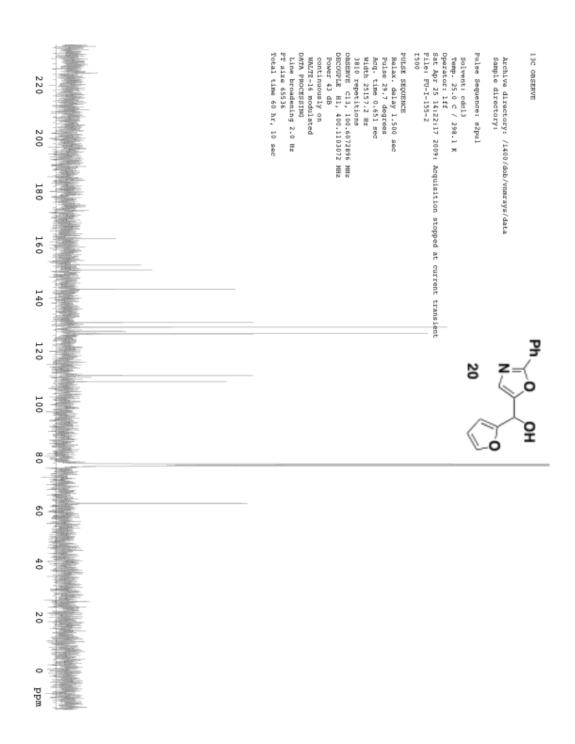






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