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## Total Synthesis of Jatrophane Diterpenes from

## Euphorbia characias

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#### **GENERAL EXPERIMENTAL METHODS**

**Methods and Materials:** Unless otherwise stated, commercially available reagents were used as purchased. Solvents were dried by passage through activated alumina columns of a solvent purification system: tetrahydrofuran (THF), dichloromethane (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), diethylether (Et<sub>2</sub>O), *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (DMF), and toluene (PhMe). Diisopropylamine and pyridine were distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub> and stored over activated 3 Å molecular sieves. Methanol was distilled from magnesium and stored over activated 3 Å molecular sieves. Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO,  $\geq$  99.5%, stored over molecular sieves) was used as purchased.

2-Iodoxybenzoic acid (IBX) was prepared according to the literature<sup>1</sup> and was stored in the refrigerator. The concentrations of *n*-BuLi, MeLi, and *t*-BuLi were determined employing 4-biphenylmethanol as indicator.<sup>2</sup>

The aqueous pH7 buffer was prepared according to Sørensen (0.45 g Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> + 0.57 g NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> in 100 mL H<sub>2</sub>O).<sup>3</sup>

All moisture-sensitive reactions were performed in flame-dried septum-sealed glassware under an argon atmosphere. Reagents were transferred by means of syringe or cannula. For the cross-coupling reactions, commercially available glass pressure tubes with a screw-cap (Ace pressure tube, 35 mL, PTFE bushing FETFE O-ring, type A) were used. Analytical TLC was performed using pre-coated silica gel foils (4 cm). Visualization was achieved using 365 nm ultraviolet irradiation followed by staining with the Kägi-Miescher reagent<sup>4</sup> (*p*-anisaldehyde 2.53 vol%, acetic acid 0.96 vol%, ethanol

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93.06 vol%, conc.  $H_2SO_4$  3.45 vol%). Flash chromatography<sup>5</sup> was performed using silica gel (particle size 0.040-0.063 mm) and mixtures of cyclohexane and ethyl acetate as eluent. A commercially available ozonizer with oxygen as source was employed with an amperage of 1 A.

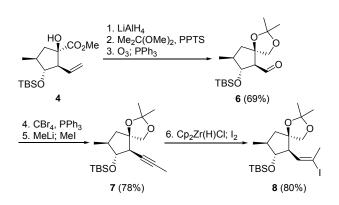
<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz, 500 MHz, or 600 MHz. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to chloroform ( $\delta$  7.26 ppm).<sup>6</sup> Signal splitting patterns are labeled by the following abbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet or overlap of non equivalent resonances. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 101 MHz. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to CDCl<sub>3</sub> (77.1 ppm).<sup>6</sup> The assignment of CH<sub>2</sub> is based on APT (attached proton test).

Infrared spectra were recorded as a thin film on a KBr disk ("film on KBr"). Molecular formula assignment was confirmed by combustion elemental analysis. Melting points were measured with a capillary melting point device. For water determinations of solvents a coulometer according to Karl Fischer was applied.

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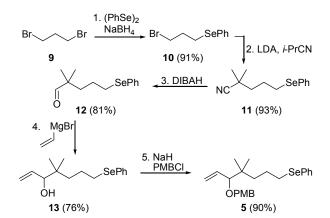
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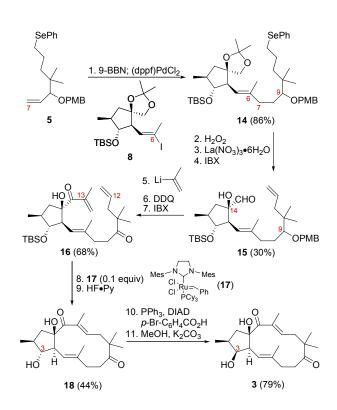
<sup>*a*</sup> key: Synthesis of the vinyl iodide **8** from the known cyclopentanoid **4** in 6 steps and 43% yield; **1**. LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (3 equiv), THF, 23 °C, 75 min, 90%; **2**. Me<sub>2</sub>C(OMe)<sub>2</sub> (1.5 equiv), PPTS (0.15 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 23 °C, 18.5 h, 85%; **3**. O<sub>3</sub>, Sudan Red B (cat.), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, MeOH (2/1), -78 °C, then PPh<sub>3</sub> (3.1 equiv) -78 °C 23 °C, 90%; **4**. CBr<sub>4</sub> (1.8 equiv), PPh<sub>3</sub> (3.6 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C, 75 min; **5**. MeLi (3.6 equiv), THF, -78 °C, 30 min, then MeI (5.1 equiv), THF, -78 °C to 23 °C, 78%, for the 2 steps; **6**. (Cp)<sub>2</sub>Zr(H)Cl (3 equiv), THF, 40 °C, 1.5 h, then I<sub>2</sub> (saturated) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C, 10 min, 80%.

Scheme 2<sup>*a*</sup>



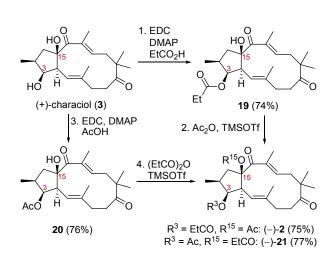
<sup>*a*</sup> key: **1.** (PhSe)<sub>2</sub> (1 equiv), NaBH<sub>4</sub> (2.5 equiv), MeOH, 0 °C, 30 min, then **9** (20 equiv), 0 °C to 23 °C, 91%; **2.** LDA (1.7 equiv), *i*-PrCN (1.6 equiv), Et<sub>2</sub>O, 0 °C, 1 h, then **10**, 0 °C to 23 °C, 93%; **3.** DIBAH (1.1 equiv), toluene, -78 °C, 1 h, 81%; **4.** H<sub>2</sub>C=CHMgBr (1.3 equiv), THF, -78 °C, 45 min, 76%; **5.** NaH (1.3 equiv), PMBCl (1.1 equiv), TBAI (0.05 equiv), THF, DMSO (2/1), 0 °C to 23 °C, 17 h, 90%. TBAI = *tetra-n*-butylammonium iodide.





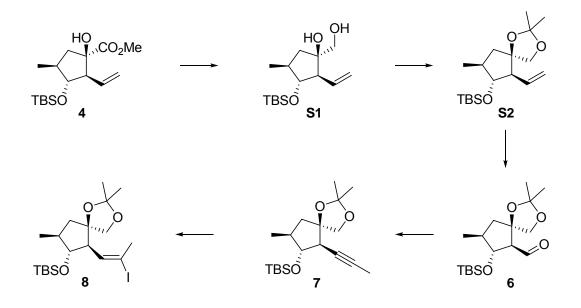
<sup>*a*</sup> key: Synthesis of (+)-characiol (**3**) from the building blocks **5** and **8** in 11 steps and 6% yield; **1**. **5** (2.1 equiv), 9-BBN (6.5 equiv), THF, 40 °C, 24 h; **8** (1 equiv), (dppf)PdCl<sub>2</sub>•CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.07 equiv), Ph<sub>3</sub>As (0.2 equiv), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.7 equiv), THF, DMF, H<sub>2</sub>O (14/2/1), 80 °C, 8 h, 86%; **2**. 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O (2.1 equiv), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (4.2 equiv), THF, 0 °C, 1.5 h; 23 °C, 22.5 h, 68%; **3**. La(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>•6H<sub>2</sub>O (5.2 equiv), MeCN, 50 °C, 25 h, 54%; **4**. IBX (3 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/DMSO (1:1), 23 °C, 6 h, 81%; **5**. H<sub>2</sub>C=C(Me)Br (4 equiv), *t*-BuLi (7.7 equiv), THF, -78 °C, 15 min, then **15** (1 equiv), THF, -78 °C, 30 min, 91%; **6**. DDQ (1.5 equiv), pH = 7 phosphate buffer, 23 °C, 2.5 h; **7**. IBX (6 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, DMSO (1/1), 23 °C, 6 h, 75% for the two steps; **8**. **17** (0.1 equiv), toluene (c =  $1.3 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/L), 110 °C, 2 h; **9**. HF•Py, THF, 0 °C, 10 min; 23 °C, 75 min, 44% for the two steps; **10**. DIAD (2.7 equiv), PPh<sub>3</sub> (2.1 equiv), *p*-BrC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H (2.1 equiv), THF, 0 °C, 3 h, 87%; **11**. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (27 equiv), MeOH, 23 °C, 5 h, 91%. DPPF = diphenvl(ferrocenvl)phosphane, IBX = *o*-iodoxybenzoic acid, DIAD = diisopropyl azodicarboxylate

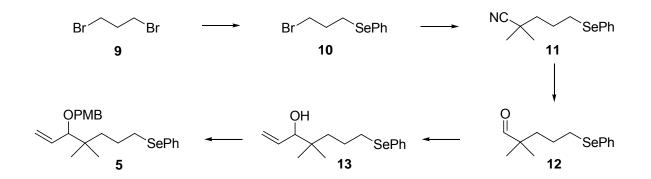


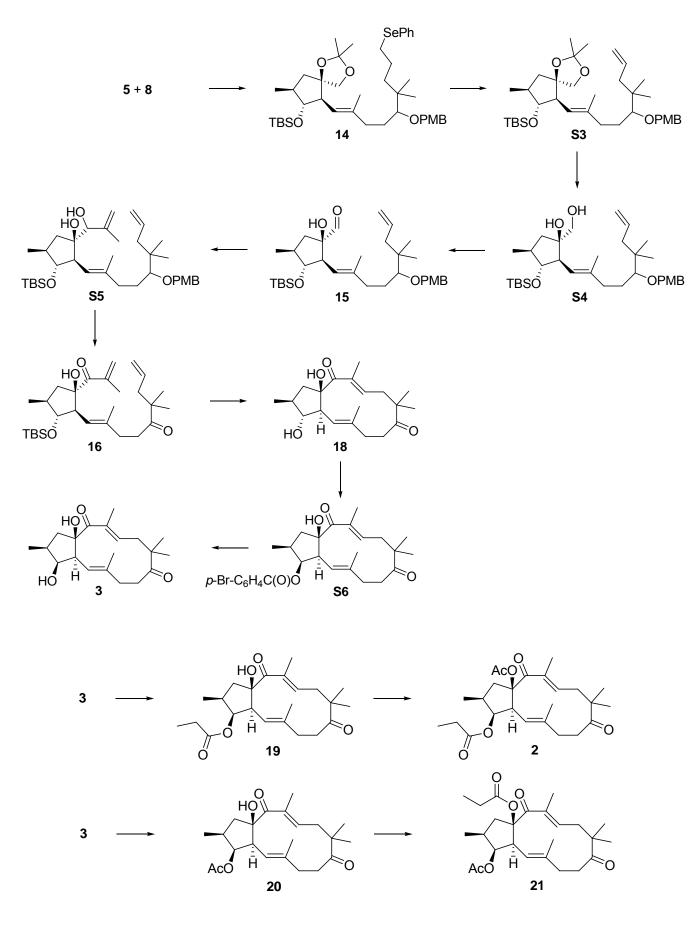


<sup>*a*</sup> key: **1.** EDC•HCl (10 equiv), DMAP (0.7 equiv), EtCO<sub>2</sub>H (8 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C to 23 °C, 74%; **2.** Ac<sub>2</sub>O (41 equiv), TMSOTf (cat.), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 23 °C, 10 min, 75%; **3.** EDC•HCl (10 equiv), DMAP (0.4 equiv), AcOH (10 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C to 23 °C, 76%; **4.** (EtCO)<sub>2</sub>O (37 equiv), TMSOTf (cat.), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 23 °C, 10 min, 77%. EDC = 1-ethyl-3-(3'-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide.

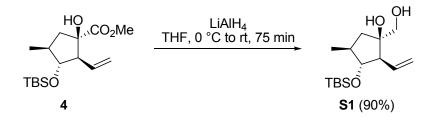
### CHART OF ALL SYNTHESIZED COMPOUNDS (S1-S6, 5-21, 3, AND 2) IN ORDER OF THEIR APPEARANCE



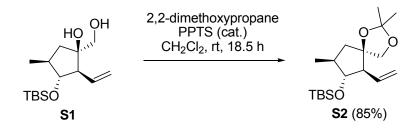




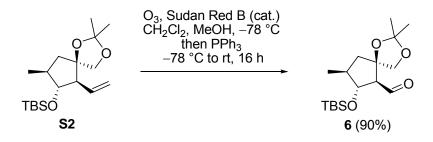
# EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES AND ANALYTICAL DATA FOR COMPOUND S1-S6, 5-21, 3, AND 2



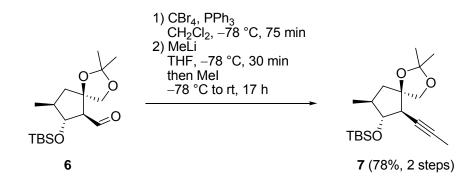
Diol S1: LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (989 mg, 26.06 mmol, 3 eq) was carefully added to a stirred solution of the ester 4 (2.73 g, 8.69 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (42 mL, 4.8 mL/mmol 4) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 75 minutes at room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted at 0 °C by the careful addition of saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The phases were then separated, the aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (5×), the combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated at reduced pressure. Purification by chromatography (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 10/1 to 2/1) provided the diol S1 (2.25 g, 7.82 mmol, 90%) as a white solid (mp: 57 °C):  $R_f$  0.56 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 1/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.00 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 1.08 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.29  $(dd, {}^{3}J = 9.7 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J = 13.9 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 1.63 \text{ (s, br, 2OH)}, 1.71-1.83 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 2.13 \text{ (dd, } {}^{3}J = 9.0 \text{ Hz},$  ${}^{2}J = 13.9 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}$ , 2.20 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 9.2 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}$ ), 3.43 (d<sup>AB</sup>,  ${}^{2}J = 11.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}$ ), 3.53 (d<sup>AB</sup>,  ${}^{2}J = 11.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dd,  ${}^{2}J = 1.5$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 17.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.24 (dd,  ${}^{2}J = 1.5$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 10.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.87 (ddd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = 9.2$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{2} = 10.3$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{3} = 17.3$  Hz, 1H);  ${}^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -4.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -3.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.1 (C), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.0 (3 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 39.9 (CH), 41.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.1 (CH), 70.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 78.9 (C), 83.1 (CH), 119.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 136.9 (CH); IR (film on KBr) v 3310, 2955, 2930, 2860, 1125, 1045, 775 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>30</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub>: C, 62.89; H, 10.55. Found: C, 62.8; H, 10.7;  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  +16.6 (c 0.308, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



Acetal S2: 2,2-Dimethoxypropane (2.8 mL, 22.58 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and PPTS (545 mg, 2.17 mmol, 0.15 equiv) were added at 0 °C to a solution of the diol S1 (4.2 g, 14.66 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL, 1 mL/mmol S1). The reaction mixture was stirred for 18.5 hours at room temperature and then diluted with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The phases were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated at reduced pressure. Purification by chromatography (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 100/1) provided the acetal S2 (4.06 g, 12.46 mmol, 85%) as a colorless oil:  $R_f 0.74$  (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.00 (s, 3H), 0.03 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 1.06 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.53 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 9.8$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J = 13.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.65–1.77 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.18 (m, 2H), 3.60 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d<sup>AB</sup>,  ${}^{2}J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d<sup>AB</sup>,  ${}^{2}J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.04 (dd,  ${}^{2}J = 1.5$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 17.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.13 (dd,  ${}^{2}J = 1.5$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 10.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.80 (ddd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = 7.5$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{2} = 10.3$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{3} = 17.1$  Hz, 1H);  ${}^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -4.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -3.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.1 (C), 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.0 (3 × CH<sub>3</sub> + 1 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.2 (CH), 45.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.2 (CH), 73.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 83.0 (CH), 86.1 (C), 109.6 (C), 118.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 136.4 (CH); IR (film on KBr) v 2955, 2930, 2860, 1370, 1255, 1120, 890, 835, 775 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{34}SiO_3$ : C, 66.21; H, 10.49. Found: C, 66.2; H, 10.6;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  –12.9 (c 1.085, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



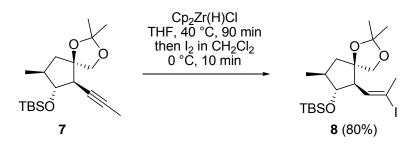
Aldehyde 6: a catalytic amount of Sudan Red B was added to a solution of the alkene S2 (579 mg, 1.77 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL, 1.7 mL/mmol S2) and methanol (1.5 mL, 0.85 mL/mmol S2). The raspberry red solution was cooled to -78 °C and an ozone/oxygen-mixture was passed through the solution until the red color had disappeared. The flask was purged with argon for five minutes. After adding PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.42 g, 5.41 mmol, 3.1 equiv), the solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 16 hours. The solvents were then removed under reduced pressure. Chromatography (cyclohexane to cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 100/1) afforded the aldehyde 6 (524 mg, 1.59 mmol, 90%) as a clear oil:  $R_f 0.76$  (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –0.02 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.83 (s, 9H), 1.08 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.55 (dd,  ${}^{2}J = {}^{3}J = 12.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.67–1.79 (m, 1H), 2.05 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 7.2$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J = 12.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = 3.1$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{2} = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d<sup>AB</sup>,  ${}^{2}J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d<sup>AB</sup>,  ${}^{2}J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 9.71 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 3.1$  Hz, 1H);  ${}^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -4.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -4.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.9 (C), 25.8 (3 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.7 (CH), 45.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 66.2 (CH), 75.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 77.8 (CH), 86.4 (C), 110.1 (C), 201.5 (CH); IR (film on KBr) v 3445, 3020, 2960, 1715, 1365, 1220, 755 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for  $C_{17}H_{32}SiO_4$ : C, 62.15; H, 9.82; Found: C, 62.1; H, 9.6;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} + 38.4$  (c 1.13, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Alkyne 7**: PPh<sub>3</sub> (9.27 g, 35.34 mmol, 3.6 equiv) was added to a solution of CBr<sub>4</sub> (5.86 g, 17.67 mmol, 1.8 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35 mL, 3.6 mL/mmol **6**) at 0 °C. After cooling the reaction mixture to -78 °C, a solution of the aldehyde **6** (3.22 g, 9.81 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL, 3.1 mL/mmol **6**) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 75 minutes at -78 °C, and then diluted with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The phases were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The remaining solid was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (~ 2 mL) and cyclohexane (~ 100 mL), filtered through a plug of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. This procedure was repeated two times. Purification of the crude product by chromatography (cyclohexane to cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 100/1) afforded the dibromide (3.82 g, 7.85 mmol, 80%, *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.78 cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 5/1) as a pale yellow oil.

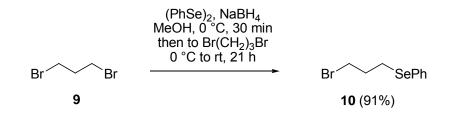
MeLi (18 mL, 1.6 M in Et<sub>2</sub>O, 28.8 mmol, 3.6 equiv) was added dropwise to a cooled ( $-78 \,^{\circ}$ C) solution of the dibromide (3.82 g, 7.85 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (25 mL, 3.2 mL/mmol **6**). After being stirred for 30 minutes at  $-78 \,^{\circ}$ C, MeI (2.5 mL, 40.32 mmol, 5.1 equiv) was added. The solution was slowly warmed to room temperature over a period of 17 hours. Saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution was added, the phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatographic purification (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 100/1 t o 50/1) provided the alkyne **7** (2.59 g, 7.61 mmol, 97%) as a clear oil:  $R_f$  0.69 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

0.09 (s, 3H), 0.13 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 1.03 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 6.5$  Hz, 3H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.56 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 10.0$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J = 12.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.61–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.81 (d,  ${}^{5}J = 2.5$  Hz, 3H), 2.08 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 7.7$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J = 12.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd,  ${}^{5}J = 2.5$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d ${}^{AB}$ ,  ${}^{2}J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d ${}^{AB}$ ,  ${}^{2}J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –4.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -3.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.8 (CH or CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.1 (C), 18.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.9 (3 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.0 (CH), 44.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.2 (CH or CH<sub>3</sub>), 74.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 77.3 (C), 80.0 (C), 84.0 (CH), 85.4 (C), 110.1 (C); IR (film on KBr)  $\nu$  2960, 2860, 1465, 1380, 1255, 1115, 1065, 885, 775 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>34</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub>: C, 67.40; H, 10.12; Found: C, 67.2; H, 10.2; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>25</sup><sub>D</sub> –4.4 (c 0.945, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Vinyl Iodide 8**: To a solution of alkyne **7** (2.18 g, 6.44 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (45 mL, 7 mL/mmol **7**) was added Cp<sub>2</sub>Zr(H)Cl (5 g, 19.39 mmol, 3 eq) at room temperature. After the gas evolution had ceased, the solution was stirred for 90 minutes at 40 °C and a solution of iodine (saturated) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (78 mL, 12 mL/mmol **7**) was subsequently added to the brownish-yellow reaction mixture at 0 °C. A change of color from brown to yellow to dark purple was observed. After stirring for ten minutes at 0 °C, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solution and with water. The phases were subsequently separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×).The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatographic purification of the residue (cyclohexane to cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 100/1) afforded the vinyl iodide **8** (2.41 g, 5.15 mmol, 80%) as a light yellow oil:  $R_f$  0.72 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.04 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 1.04 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.54 (dd, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 9.5 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 1.67–1.79 (m, 1H), 2.17 (dd, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 9.1 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (d, <sup>5</sup>*J* = 1.0 Hz, 3H), 2.48 (dd, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>1</sub> = <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>2</sub> = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>1</sub> = <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>2</sub> = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d<sup>AB</sup>,

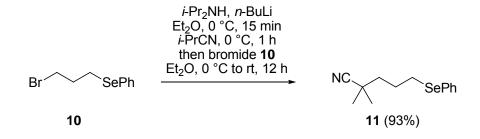
<sup>2</sup>*J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d<sup>AB</sup>, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -4.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -3.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.9 (C), 18.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.9 (3 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.0 (CH), 45.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.3 (CH), 74.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 82.9 (CH), 86.0 (C), 96.9 (C), 110.0 (C), 139.7 (CH); IR (film on KBr) *v* 2955, 2930, 2855, 1255, 1120, 1060, 900, 835, 775 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for C, 48.92; H, 7.56; Found: C, 48.9; H, 7.3;  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ -36.8 (c 1.285, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



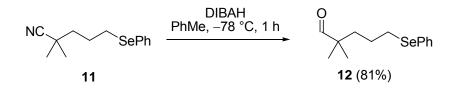
**Bromide 10**<sup>7</sup>: NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.48 g, 39.13 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was carefully added at 0 °C (intense gas evolution) to a suspension of (PhSe)<sub>2</sub> (4.98 g, 15.95 mmol, 1 equiv) in MeOH (30 mL, 1.9 mL/mmol (PhSe)<sub>2</sub>. This solution was stirred for 30 minutes at 0 °C, and then transferred to a second flask containing a solution of 1,3-dibromopropane (9) (32.5 mL, 320 mmol, 20 equiv) in MeOH (30 mL, 1.9 mL/mmol (PhSe)<sub>2</sub>) at 0 °C. After stirring the reaction mixture for 21 hours at room temperature, the MeOH was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in a saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The phases were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was subjected to Kugelrohr distillation (65 °C, 8 mbar) to remove the remaining 1,3-dibromopropane (9) (44.8 g, 69% reisolated); the residue was then further purified by chromatography (cyclohexane to cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 100/1) to provide the bromide **10** (8.07 g, 29.03 mmol, 91%) as a yellow oil:  $R_f$  0.69 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 20/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.19 (tt, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>1</sub> = <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>2</sub> = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.30

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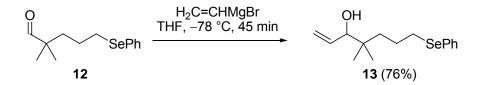
(m, 3H), 7.50–7.52 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  25.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 127.2 (CH), 129.2 (2 × CH), 129.5 (C), 133.0 (2 × CH); IR (film on KBr) *v* 3070, 2960, 1580, 1480, 1435, 1385, 1235, 735, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



Nitrile 11: n-BuLi (22 mL, 2.2 M in n-hexane, 48.4 mmol, 1.7 equiv) was added to a solution of *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NH (7.2 mL, 51.2 mmol, 1.8 equiv) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (16 mL, 0.5 mL/mmol **10**) at 0 °C. After stirring for 15 minutes at 0 °C, isobutyronitrile (4.1 mL, 45.1 mmol, 1.6 equiv) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for one hour at  $0 \,^{\circ}$ C; a color change to yellow-green was observed. A solution of the bromide 10 (8.07 g, 29.02 mmol, 1 equiv) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (25 mL, 0.9 mL/mmol 10) was subsequently added dropwise over a period of ten minutes. The solution was stirred for 12 hours at room temperature; the color changed via yellow to orange. After diluting the reaction mixture with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution, the phases were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3×), the combined organic phases were dried  $(MgSO_4)$  and concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatographic purification (cyclohexane to cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 50/1) afforded the nitrile 11 (7.22 g, 26.99 mmol, 93%) as a clear oil:  $R_f 0.45$  (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.31 (s, 6H), 1.63–1.68 (m, 2H), 1.83–1.91 (m, 2H), 2.93 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.30 (m, 3H), 7.50 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = 1.5 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J_{2} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}$ );  ${}^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  25.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.7 (2 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.1 (C), 40.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 124.9 (C), 127.1 (CH), 129.2 (2 × CH), 129.8 (C), 133.0 (2 × CH); IR (film on KBr) v 2975, 2940, 2230, 1580 1480, 1440, 1385, 1265, 1020, 735, 690, 670 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NSe: C, 58.65; H, 6.44; N, 5.26; Found: C, 58.5; H, 6.2; N, 5.0.

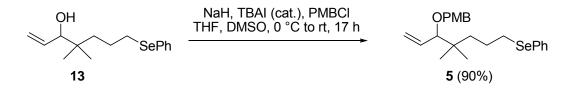


Aldehyde 12: DIBAH (30 mL, 1 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 30 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was dropwise added to a cooled (-78 °C) solution of the nitrile 11 (7.22 g, 27.12 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (27 mL, 1 mL/mmol 11) over a period of ten minutes. The reaction mixture was stirred for one hour at -78 °C and then carefully diluted by the addition saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by chromatography (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 100/1 to 50/1) provided the aldehyde 12 (5.91 g, 21.97 mmol, 81%) as a clear oil:  $R_f$  0.57 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.03 (s, 6H), 1.58–1.63 (m, 4H), 2.88 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.47 (dd, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>1</sub> = 1.5 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 9.42 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.4 (2 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.7 (C), 127.0 (CH), 129.1 (2 × CH), 130.1 (C), 132.7 (2 × CH), 206.0 (CH); IR (film on KBr)  $\nu$  2965, 2930, 1730, 1580, 1480, 1440, 1385, 1020, 735, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>OSe: C, 57.99; H, 6.74; Found: C, 57.8; H, 6.9.



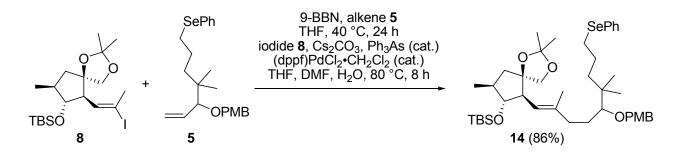
Alcohol 13: Vinylmagnesium bromide (41 mL, 0.7 M in THF, 28.7 mmol, 1.3 equiv) was added to a cooled (-78 °C) solution of the aldehyde 12 (5.91 g, 21.96 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (80 mL, 3.6 mL/mmol 12). After stirring the reaction mixture for 45 minutes at -78 °C, saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution was added. The phases were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by chromatography (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 50/1 to 20/1) to deliver the

alcohol **13** (4.98 g, 16.74 mmol, 76%) as a colorless oil:  $R_f$  0.39 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.84 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 1.34 (td, <sup>2</sup>J = 12.0 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (td, <sup>2</sup>J = 12.0 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, br, 1OH), 1.71 (tdd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>1</sub> = 5.0 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2</sub> = 6.0 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>3</sub> = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.15–5.23 (m, 2H), 5.91 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>1</sub> = 6.5 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2</sub> = 10.5 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>3</sub> = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.48 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>1</sub> = 1.5 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2</sub> = 8.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  22.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.2 (C), 39.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 79.9 (CH), 116.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 126.7 (CH), 129.0 (2 × CH), 130.6 (C), 132.4 (2 × CH), 137.8 (CH); IR (film on KBr)  $\nu$ 3445, 3070, 2960, 2870, 1580, 1480, 1440, 1385, 1365, 1025, 1000, 925, 735, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OSe: C, 60.60; H, 7.46; Found: C, 60.8; H, 7.2.



**PMB-ether 5**: NaH (868 mg, 60% dispersion in mineral oil, 21.7 mmol, 1.3 equiv) was added at 0 °C to a solution of the alcohol **13** (4.97 g, 16.72 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (20 mL, 1.2 mL/mmol **13**) and DMSO (10 mL, 0.6 mL/mmol **13**). After being stirred for 10 minutes at 0 °C, TBAI (293 mg, 0.79 mmon, 0.05 equiv) and PMBC1 (2.5 mL, 18.36 mmol, 1.1 equiv) were added. The solution was stirred for 17 hours at room temperature and then diluted by the addition of saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The phases were separated, the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×), the combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatographic purification of the residue (cyclohexane to cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 100/1) afforded the PMB-ether **5** (6.29 g, 15.05 mmol, 90%) as a clear oil:  $R_f$  0.61 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.84 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H), 1.30–1.37 (m, 1H), 1.46–1.53 (m, 1H), 1.63 (tt, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>1</sub> = <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.19 (d<sup>AB</sup>, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d<sup>AB</sup>, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dd, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (dd, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (ddd, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>1</sub> =

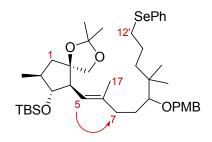
8.0 Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{2}$  = 10.5 Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{3}$  = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d,  ${}^{3}J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.48 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1}$  = 1.5 Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{2}$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  23.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.1 (C), 39.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 69.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 86.8 (CH), 113.6 (2 × CH), 118.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 126.6 (CH), 129.0 (2 × CH), 129.2 (2 × CH), 130.8 (C), 131.1 (C), 132.3 (2 × CH), 135.7 (CH), 158.9 (C); IR (film on KBr) *v* 2960, 2870, 2835, 1610, 1580, 1515, 1475, 1300, 1250, 1175, 1075, 1035, 735, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Se: C, 66.18; H, 7.24; Found: C, 66.2; H, 7.2.



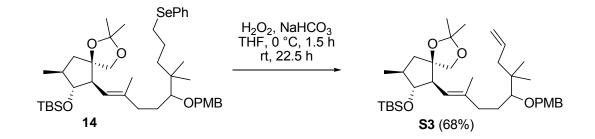
Alkene 14: 9-BBN (13 mL, 0.5 M in THF, 6.5 mmol, 6.5 equiv) was added to a solution of the alkene 5 (881 mg, 2.11 mmol, 2.1 equiv) in THF (0.6 mL, 0.6 mL/mmol 8) in a glass pressure tube at room temperature. The tube was sealed with a Teflon screw-cap, heated in an oil bath (40 °C) for 24 hours, and then cooled to room temperature. The iodide 8 (445 mg, 0.997 mmol, 1 equiv) in DMF (1.6 mL, 1.6 mL/mmol 8), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (889 mg, 2.73 mmol, 2.7 equiv), Ph<sub>3</sub>As (58 mg, 0.189 mmol, 0.2 equiv) and degassed H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL, 1 mL/mmol 8) were successively added. The resulting heterogeneous solution was streamed with argon for five minutes, (dppf)PdCl<sub>2</sub>•CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (55 mg, 0.067 mmol, 0.07 equiv) was added, the tube was sealed, heated at 80 °C for eight hours, and then saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution was added. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by chromatography (cyclohexane to cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 100/1 to 50/1) provided the alkene 14 (637 mg, 0.857 mmol, 86%) as a pale yellow oil. Alkene 14 was obtained as a 1:1 mixture of C9 epimers:  $R_f$  0.46 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 5/1); COSY and NOESY methods were used to confirm the NMR peak assignments on the basis of the jatrophane

numbering; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -0.03 (s, TBS-CH<sub>3</sub>, 3 + 3H), 0.04 (s, TBS-CH<sub>3</sub>, 3 + 3H), 0.86 (s,  $3 \times \text{TBS-CH}_3$ , 9 + 9H, 18- or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>, 3 + 3H), 0.88 (s, 18- or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>, 3 + 3H), 1.06 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 6.8$  Hz, 16-CH<sub>3</sub>, 3 + 3H), 1.26 (s, acetal-CH<sub>3</sub>, 3 + 3H), 1.40 (s, acetal-CH<sub>3</sub>, 3 + 3H), 1.32-1.57 (m,  $1-CH_2$ ,  $1H^{Re}$ ,  $8-CH_2$ , 1H,  $11-CH_2$ ), 1.63 (s,  $17-CH_3$ , 3+3H), 1.60-1.79 (m, 2-CH,  $8-CH_2$ , 1H,  $12-CH_2$ ), 1.95–2.06 (m, 7-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1 + 1H), 2.18 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 9.0$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J = 13.8$  Hz, 1-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1 + 1H<sup>Si</sup>), 2.24–2.35 (m, 7- $CH_2$ , 1 + 1H), 2.51 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_1 = {}^{3}J_2 = 9.8$  Hz, 4-CH, 1 + 1H), 2.86 (t,  ${}^{3}J = 7.3$  Hz, 12'- $CH_2$ , 2 + 2H), 3.01 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 6.3$  Hz, 9-CH, 1 + 1H), 3.55 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 8.5$  Hz, 3-CH, 1 + 1H), 3.66 (d<sup>AB</sup>,  ${}^{2}J = 8.3$  Hz, 14- $CH_2$ , 1 + 1H), 3.80 (s, PMB-OC $H_3$ , 3 + 3H), 3.82 (d<sup>AB</sup>, <sup>2</sup>J = 8.3 Hz, 14- $CH_2$ , 1 + 1H), 4.43-4.54 (m, PMB-OC $H_2$ Ar, 2 + 2H), 5.24 (d,  ${}^{3}J$  = 10.0 Hz, 5-CH, 1 + 1H), 6.87 (d,  ${}^{3}J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2 × Ar-CH, 2 + 2H), 7.21–7.28 (m, 5 × Ar-CH, 5 + 5H), 7.46–7.48 (m, 2 × Ar-CH, 2 + 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ -4.2 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), -4.0 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.1 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.0 (1 + 1C), 18.6 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.6 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.8 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.9 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.9 (3 + 3CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.9 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.6 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.8 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.6 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.3 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.7 (1 + 1C), 39.4 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.1 (1 + 1CH), 45.6 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>),  $53.1 (1 + 1CH), 55.3 (1 + 1CH_3), 73.8 (1 + 1CH_2), 74.4 (1 + 1CH_2), 84.0 (1 + 1CH), 86.9 (1 + 1C), 87.1$ (1 + 1CH), 109.5 (1 + 1C), 113.7 (2 + 2CH), 122.4 (1 + 1CH), 126.6 (1 + 1CH), 129.0 (2 + 2CH), 129.2 (2 + 2CH), 130.8 (1 + 1C), 131.4 (1 + 1C), 132.3 (2 + 2CH), 138.2 (1 + 1C), 159.0 (1 + 1C); IR (film on KBr) v 2930, 2855, 1515, 1250, 1120, 1040, 835, 775 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>66</sub>O<sub>5</sub>SeSi: C, 66.55; H, 8.78; Found: C, 66.5; H, 8.4.

**Table SI-1**.1D NOE experiment, irradiation at 5.24 ppm (5-CH).

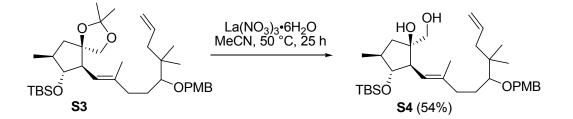


entry	NOE observed to	supported conclusion
1	1.95–2.06 ppm 7-CH <sub>2</sub> , 1H (strong)	(5 <i>E</i> )
2	2.24–2.35 ppm 7-CH <sub>2</sub> , 1H (strong)	(5 <i>E</i> )
3	1.63 ppm 17-C $H_3$ (weak)	(5 <i>E</i> )



**Diene S3**: NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (299 mg, 3.56 mmol, 4.2 equiv) and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (0.18 mL, 30% in H<sub>2</sub>O, 1.77 mmol, 2.1 equiv) were added at 0 °C to a solution of the alkene **14** (637 mg, 0.84 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (7 mL, 8.3 mL/mmol **14**). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 hours at 0 °C, 22.5 hours at room temperature and then diluted with saturated Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solution. The phases were separated, the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×), the combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatographic purification (cyclohexane to cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 100/1) afforded the diene **S3** (244 mg, 0.57 mmol, 68%) as a clear oil. Diene **S3** was obtained as a 1:1 mixture of C9 epimers:  $R_f$  0.51 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –0.03 (s, 3 + 3H), 0.04 (s, 3 + 3H), 0.85 (s, 9 + 9H), 0.88 (s, 3 + 3H), 0.93 (s, 3 + 3H), 1.06 (d,

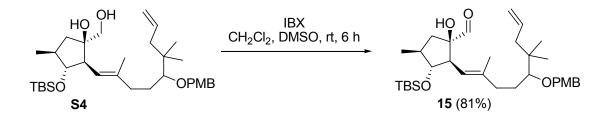
 ${}^{3}J = 6.5$  Hz, 3 + 3H), 1.26 (s, 3 + 3H), 1.40 (s, 3 + 3H), 1.50–1.57 (m, 1 + 1H), 1.64 (s, 3 + 3H), 1.59–1.79 (m, 3 + 3H), 1.96–2.06 (m, 2 + 2H), 2.10–2.14 (m, 1 + 1H), 2.17 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 9.1$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J = 13.7$  Hz, 1 + 1H), 2.25–2.36 (m, 1 + 1H), 2.51 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 9.6$  Hz, 1 + 1H), 3.05 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 8.8$  Hz, 1 + 1H), 3.55 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 8.1$  Hz, 1 + 1H), 3.66 (d<sup>AB</sup>,  ${}^{2}J = 8.3$  Hz, 1 + 1H), 3.80 (s, 3 + 3H), 3.82 (d<sup>AB</sup>,  ${}^{2}J = 8.3$  Hz, 1 + 1H), 4.47–4.56 (m, 2 + 2H), 4.99–5.04 (m, 2 + 2H), 5.24 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 10.0$  Hz, 1 + 1H), 5.79–5.89 (m, 1 + 1H), 6.87 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 8.5$  Hz, 2 + 2H), 7.28 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 8.8$  Hz, 2 + 2H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –4.1 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), -3.9 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.2 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.0 (1 + 1C), 18.7 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.5 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.6 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.9 (3 + 3CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.0 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.6 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.6 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.3 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.1 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 74.3 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 84.0 (1 + 1CH), 86.9 (1 + 1C), 87.0 (1 + 1CH), 109.5 (1 + 1CH), 138.2 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 74.3 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 122.4 (1 + 1CH), 129.0 (2 + 2CH), 131.5 (1 + 1C), 135.6 (1 + 1CH), 138.2 (1 + 1C), 159.0 (1 + 1C); IR (film on KBr)  $\nu$  2955, 2930, 2855, 1515, 1250, 1120, 1060, 895, 835, 775 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>60</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si: C, 71.95; H, 10.06; Found: C, 71.8; H, 10.2.



**Diol S4**: La(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>•6H<sub>2</sub>O (535 mg, 1.236 mmol, 5.2 equiv) was added at room temperature to a solution of the diene **S3** (142 mg, 0.236 mmol, 1 equiv) in acetonitrile<sup>8</sup> (4 mL, 17 mL/mmol **S3**). After being stirred for 25 hours at 50 °C, water and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added. The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and

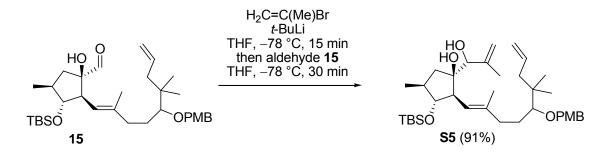
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The acetonitrile (water content 56 ppm) was used as purchased (HPLC grade).

concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatographic purification (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 50/1 to 5/1) of the residue afforded the diol S4 (71 mg, 0.127 mmol, 54%) as a clear oil. Diol S4 was obtained as a 1:1 mixture of C9 epimers:  $R_f 0.54$  (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 1/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ -0.03 (s, 3 + 3H), 0.04 (s, 3 + 3H), 0.85 (s, 9 + 9H), 0.90 (s, 3 + 3H), 0.94 (s, 3 + 3H), 1.06 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 6.8$  Hz, 3 + 3H), 1.24–1.30 (m, 2 + 2H), 1.58–1.71 (m, 1 + 1H), 1.65 (s, 3 + 3H), 1.73–1.83 (m, 1 + 1H), 2.00-2.10 (m, 3 + 3H), 2.11-2.18 (m, 2 + 2H), 2.28-2.37 (m, 2 + 2H), 2.46 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 8.8 \text{ Hz}, 1 + 1\text{H}), 3.04 - 3.07 \text{ (m, } 1 + 1\text{H}), 3.38 \text{ (d}^{\text{AB}}, {}^{2}J = 10.9 \text{ Hz}, 1 + 1\text{H}), 3.44 \text{ (d}^{\text{AB}}, 3.44 \text{ (d}^{$  ${}^{2}J = 10.9$  Hz, 1 + 1H), 3.61 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 8.4$  Hz, 1 + 1H), 3.80 (s, 3 + 3H), 4.51-4.53 (m, 2 + 2H), 5.00–5.06 (m, 2 + 2H), 5.18 (d,  ${}^{3}J$  = 10.0 Hz, 1 + 1 H), 5.79–5.90 (m, 1 + 1H), 6.87 (d,  ${}^{3}J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2 + 2H), 7.28 (d,  ${}^{3}J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2 + 2H);  ${}^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -4.1 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), -3.9  $(1 + 1CH_3)$ , 17.1  $(1 + 1CH_3)$ , 18.0 (1 + 1C), 18.5  $(1 + 1CH_3)$ , 23.6  $(1 + 1CH_3)$ , 23.6  $(1 + 1CH_3)$ , 25.9  $(3 + 3CH_3)$ , 29.7  $(1 + 1CH_2)$ , 38.3 (1 + 1C), 39.1  $(1 + 1CH_2)$ , 39.9 (1 + 1CH), 41.5  $(1 + 1CH_2)$ , 43.8 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.5 (1 + 1CH), 55.3 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 70.2 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 74.7 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 79.5 (1 + 1C), 84.3 (1 + 1CH), 86.8 (1 + 1CH), 113.7 (2 + 2CH), 117.1 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 122.2 (1 + 1CH), 129.1 (2 + 2CH), 131.3 (1 + 1C), 135.5 (1 + 1CH), 140.8 (1 + 1C), 159.0 (1 + 1C); IR (film on KBr) v 3420, 2955, 2857, 1615, 1515, 1250, 1115, 1040, 835, 775 cm<sup>-1</sup>: Anal. Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>56</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si; C, 70.67; H, 10.06; Found: C, 70.5; H, 9.7.

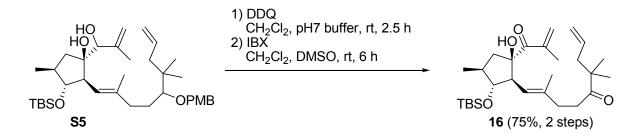


Aldehyde 15: IBX (1067 mg, 3.81 mmol, 3 equiv) was added at room temperature to a solution of the diol S4 (709 mg, 1.264 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL, 4 mL/mmol S4) and DMSO<sup>9</sup> (5 mL. 4 mL/mmol S4). After stirring for six hours at room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with water. The phases were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (4×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatographic purification (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 10/1) of the crude product provided the aldehyde 15 (572 mg, 1.024 mmol, 81%) as a clear oil. Aldehyde 15 was obtained as a 1:1 mixture of C9 epimers:  $R_f 0.74$ (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 2/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –0.02 (s, 3 + 3H), 0.06 (s, 3 + 3H), 0.86 (s, 9 + 9H), 0.88 (s, 3 + 3H), 0.92 (s, 3 + 3H), 1.14 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 6.8$  Hz, 3 + 3H), 1.36 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 8.5$  Hz,  $^{2}J = 14.5$  Hz, 1 + 1H), 1.55 (s, 3 + 3H), 1.58 - 1.69 (m, 2 + 2H), 1.91 - 2.05 (m, 3 + 3H), 2.13 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 13.5$  Hz, 1 + 1H), 2.21 - 2.30 (m, 1 + 1H), 2.47 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 9.9$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J = 14.5$  Hz, 1 + 1H), 2.86 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 9.4$  Hz, 1 + 1H), 2.98–3.05 (m, 1 + 1H), 3.11 (s, br, 1 + 1H), 3.75 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 8.6$  Hz, 1 + 1H), 3.80 (s, 3 + 3H), 4.47–4.52 (m, 2 + 2H), 5.00–5.05 (m, 2 + 2H), 5.09 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 9.5$  Hz, 1 + 1H), 5.79–5.90 (m, 1 + 1H), 6.87 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 8.5$  Hz, 2 + 2H), 7.29 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 8.5$  Hz, 2 + 2H), 9.39 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -4.1 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), -3.9 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.2 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.0 (1 + 1C), 18.7  $(1 + 1CH_3)$ , 23.6  $(1 + 1CH_3)$ , 25.9  $(3 + 3CH_3)$ , 27.0  $(1 + 1CH_3)$ , 29.1  $(1 + 1CH_2)$ , 38.0 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.1 (1 + 1C), 39.6 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.5 (1 + 1CH), 43.8 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.0 (1 + 1CH), 55.4 (1 + 1CH<sub>3</sub>), 74.6 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 83.9 (1 + 1CH), 84.6 (1 + 1C), 86.8 (1 + 1CH), 113.8 (2 + 2CH), 117.1 (1 + 1CH<sub>2</sub>), 119.3 (1 + 1CH), 129.1 (2 + 2CH), 131.4 (1 + 1C), 135.6 (1 + 1CH), 141.0 (1 + 1C), 159.1 (1 + 1C), 201.1 (1 + 1CH); IR (film on KBr) v 3500, 2955, 2930, 2855, 1720, 1515, 1250, 1110, 835, 775 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>54</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si: C, 70.92; H, 9.74; Found: C, 70.8; H, 9.4.

 $<sup>^9</sup>$  CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (water content 55 ppm) and DMSO (water content 246 ppm) were used as purchased (HPLC grade).



**Diol S5**: *t*-BuLi (4.4 mL, 1.8 M in pentane, 7.92 mmol, 7.7 equiv) was added to a cooled (-78 °C) solution of 2-bromopropene (0.36 mL, 4.074 mmol, 4 equiv) in THF (5 mL, 4.9 mL/mmol 15). After stirring for 15 minutes at -78 °C, a solution of the aldehyde 15 (572 mg, 1.024 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (10 mL, 9.8 mL/mmol 15) was added. The solution was stirred for 30 minutes at -78 °C and saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution was then added: The phases were separated, the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4×), the combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by chromatography (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 20/1 to 10/1) afforded the diol S5 (562 mg, 0.935 mmol, 91%) as a clear oil. Diol S5 was obtained as a mixture of C9/C14 epimers:  $R_f$ 0.71 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 2/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –0.03 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 1.08 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 6.5$  Hz, 3H), 1.18–1.28 (m, 1H), 1.51–1.69 (m, 4H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 2.00-2.07 (m, 2H), 2.12-2.20 (m, 2H), 2.28-2.41 (m, 2H), 2.60-2.78 (m, 1H), 2.97-3.08 (m, 1H), 3.53-3.66 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.04 (s, 1OH), 4.40-4.58 (m, 2H), 4.91-4.96 (m, 2H), 5.00–5.11 (m, 2H), 5.15–5.30 (m, 1H), 5.80–5.90 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 8.3 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}$ ;  ${}^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta -4.1$  (CH<sub>3</sub>), -4.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.0 (C), 19.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.9 (3 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.1 (C), 39.8 (CH), 41.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 56.4 (CH), 74.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 81.4 (C), 82.7 (CH), 84.5 (CH), 87.0 (CH), 113.8 (2 × CH), 115.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 117.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 123.1 (CH), 129.1 (2 × CH), 131.3 (C), 135.5 (CH), 140.8 (C), 144.2 (C), 159.1 (C); IR (film on KBr) v 3475, 2955, 2930, 2855, 1615, 1515, 1250, 1110, 1040, 835, 775 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for  $C_{36}H_{60}O_5Si$ : C, 71.95; H, 10.06; Found: C, 71.7; H, 10.4.

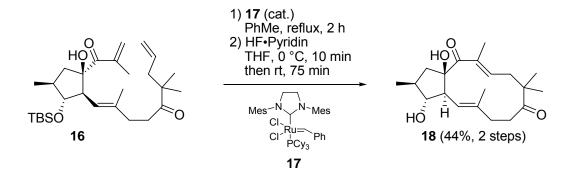


**Diketone 16**: DDQ (317 mg, 1.396 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added at room temperature to a solution of the diol **S5** (562 mg, 0.935 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL, 5.3 mL/mmol **S5**) and aqueous pH7 buffer (1 mL, 1.1 mL/mmol **S5**). After being stirred for 2.5 hours in the dark, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The phases were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatographic purification (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 10/1 to 2/1) of the residue provided the triol (424 mg, 0.882 mmol, 94%,  $R_f$  0.48 cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 2/1) as a pale yellow oil.

IBX (1471 mg, 5.253 mmol, 6 equiv) was added at room temperature to a solution of the triol (424 mg, 0.882 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (7 mL, 7.9 mL/mmol triol) and DMSO<sup>10</sup> (7 mL, 7.9 mL/mmol triol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 hours at room temperature and then diluted with water. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatographic purification (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 20/1) of the residue furnished the diketone **16** (335 mg, 0.706 mmol, 80%) as a clear oil:  $R_f$  0.63 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –0.04 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 1.11 (s, 6H), 1.12 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.54 (dd, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 9.8 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.99–2.12 (m, 1H), 2.14–2.21 (m, 2H), 2.24 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.49–2.53 (m, 2H), 2.73 (dd, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 10.0 Hz, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd,

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$  CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (water content 55 ppm) and DMSO (water content 246 ppm) were used as purchased (HPLC grade).

<sup>3</sup> $J_1 = {}^{3}J_2 = 9.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_1 = {}^{3}J_2 = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 1H, OH), 5.01–5.05 (m, 2H), 5.10 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.61–5.71 (m, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H); {}^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ –4.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -3.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.0 (C), 18.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.2 (2 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.9 (3 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 33.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.4 (CH), 44.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.6 (C), 56.8 (CH), 83.8 (CH), 84.6 (C), 118.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 121.1 (CH), 125.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 134.2 (CH), 139.2 (C), 140.0 (C), 204.3 (C), 214.6 (C); IR (film on KBr) v 3470, 2960, 2930, 2855, 1705, 1660, 1385, 1255, 1120, 870, 835, 775 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si: C, 70.54; H, 10.15; Found: C, 70.5; H, 10.0; [α]<sup>25</sup><sub>D</sub> –10.7 (c 1.31, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

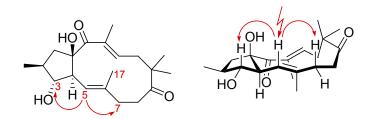


**3**-*epi*-Characiol (18): (PCy<sub>3</sub>)(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Mes<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub>Ru=CHPh (17) (9 mg, 0.011 mmol, 0.1 equiv) was added as a solid to a solution of the diketone 16 (49 mg, 0.103 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (80 mL, 8.2 mL/mmol 16, c =  $1.3 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/L). The reaction mixture was refluxed while a constant stream of argon was maintained. After tlc indicated the complete consumption of the starting material (about 2 h), the solvent was removed at reduced pressure. Chromatographic purification (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 20/1 to 10/1) of the residue provided the crude product (35 mg,  $R_f$  0.36 cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 5/1) as a yellow oil.

HF•pyridine (0.4 mL, 65-70%, 4 mL/mmol **16**) was added at 0 °C to a solution of the crude product (35 mg) in THF (2 mL, 19 mL/mmol **16**). The reaction mixture was stirred for ten minutes at 0 °C, for 75 minutes at room temperature and then diluted with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution at 0 °C. The phases were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (5×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by

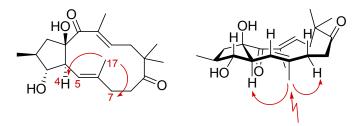
chromatography (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 5/1 to 2/1) afforded 3-epi-characiol (18) (15 mg, 0.046 mmol, 44% from 16) as a white solid (mp: 179 °C-184 °C decomposition):  $R_f$  0.15 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 2/1); COSY, HSQC, and NOESY methods were used to confirm the NMR peak assignments on the basis of the jatrophane numbering; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.10 (s, 18or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.11 (d, 16-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.10-1.15 (m, 1-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1H<sup>Re</sup>), 1.20 (s, 18- or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.42 (s, 17-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.70 (s, 20-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.79–1.89 (m, 2-CH + OH), 2.02–2.14 (m, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.24 (s, br, OH), 2.27 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 10.1$  Hz, 4-CH), 2.39 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 5.7$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J = 18.2$  Hz, 11-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1H), 2.47 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 5.7$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J = 18.2 \text{ Hz}, 11-CH_{2}, 1\text{H}), 2.91-2.98 \text{ (m, 7-CH}_{2}), 3.24 \text{ (dd, }{}^{3}J = 8.9 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J = 13.9 \text{ Hz}, 1-CH_{2}, 1\text{H}^{Si}),$ 3.67 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 9.4$  Hz, 3-CH), 5.42 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 10.5$  Hz, 5-CH), 6.97 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 5.7$  Hz, 12-CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.7 (20-CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.4 (17-CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.9 (16-CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.0 (18- or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.2 (18- or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 34.1 (7-CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.0 (8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.6 (2-CH), 40.4 (11-CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.8 (1-CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.1 (10-C), 56.3 (4-CH), 83.4 (3-CH), 87.2 (15-C), 126.4 (5-CH), 135.9 (6- or 13-C), 139.9 (6- or 13-C), 143.4 (12-CH), 201.5 (14-C), 215.5 (9-C); IR (film on KBr) v 3470, 2965, 2925, 1700, 1635, 1385, 1075, 732 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{30}O_4$ : C, 71.82; H, 9.04; Found: C, 71.5; H, 9.0;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  +69.9 (c 0.51, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**Table SI-2**.1D-NOE experiment, irradiation at 5.42 ppm (5-CH).



entry	observable NOE	supported conclusion
1	3.67 ppm 3-CH (strong)	_
2	2.91–2.98 ppm 7-CH <sub>2</sub> (strong)	(5 <i>E</i> )
3	1.42 ppm 17-CH <sub>3</sub> (weak)	(5 <i>E</i> )

**Table SI-3**.1D-NOE experiment, irradiation at 1.42 ppm (17-CH<sub>3</sub>).

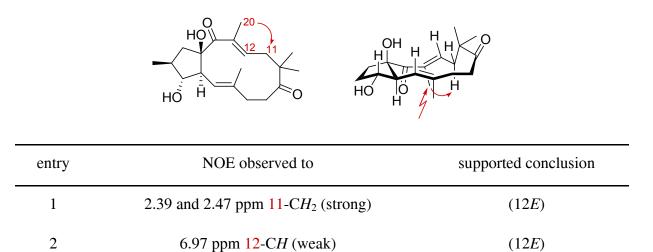


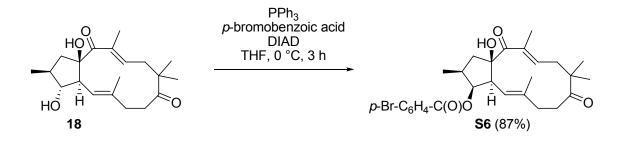
entry	observable NOE	supported conclusion
1	2.27 ppm 4-CH (strong)	(5 <i>E</i> )
2	2.91–2.98 ppm 7-CH <sub>2</sub> (strong)	-
3	5.42 ppm 5-CH (weak)	(5 <i>E</i> )

**Table SI-4**.1D-NOE experiment, irradiation at 6.97 ppm (12-CH).

entry	NOE observed to	supported conclusion
1	2.39 and 2.47 ppm 11-CH <sub>2</sub> (strong)	_
2	1.70 ppm 20-CH <sub>3</sub> (weak)	_

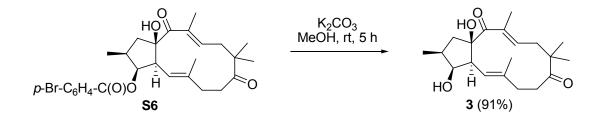
**Table SI-5**.1D-NOE experiment, irradiation at 1.70 ppm (20-CH3).



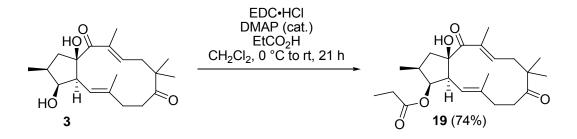


**3-O-p-Bromobenzovlcharaciol (S6)**: PPh<sub>3</sub> (21 mg, 0.08 mmol, 2.1 equiv), p-bromobenzoic acid (16 mg, 0.08 mmol, 2.1 equiv) and DIAD (0.02 mL, 0.101 mmol, 2.7 equiv) were added at 0 °C to a solution of 3-epi-characiol (18) (13 mg, 0.038 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (1.4 mL, 37 mL/mmol 18). After being stirred for three hours at 0 °C, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The phases were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (4×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by chromatography (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 20/1 to 10/1) to deliver 3-O-pbromobenzoylcharaciol (S6) (17 mg, 0.033 mmol, 87%) as a white solid (mp: 126 °C):  $R_f$  0.62 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 2/1); the <sup>1</sup>H NMR peak assignments were deduced from <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectra and are listed on the basis of the jatrophane numbering; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.99 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 6.8$  Hz, 16-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.10 (s, 18- or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.18 (s, 18- or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.40 (s, 17-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.55 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 11.9$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J = 13.5$  Hz, 1-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1H<sup>*Re*</sup>), 1.72 (s, 20-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.97–2.08 (m, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.20–2.32 (m, 2-CH<sub>2</sub>) + OH), 2.38–2.50 (m, 11-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.60 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = 3.5$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{2} = 10.5$  Hz, 4-CH), 2.78 (dd,  $J_1 = J_2 = 12.1 \text{ Hz}, \quad 11\text{-}CH_2, \quad 1\text{H}), \quad 2.92 \quad (\text{dd}, \quad J_1 = J_2 = 13.3 \text{ Hz}, \quad 11\text{-}CH_2, \quad 1\text{H}),$ 3.24 (dd.  ${}^{3}J = 8.3 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J = 13.5 \text{ Hz}, 1-CH_{2}, 1\text{H}^{Si}), 5.33 \text{ (d, }{}^{3}J = 10.5 \text{ Hz}, 5-CH), 5.49 \text{ (dd, }{}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 3.5 \text{ Hz},$ 3-CH), 7.01 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 6.0$  Hz, 12-CH), 7.64 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 8.5$  Hz,  $2 \times CH_{ar}$ ), 7.89 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 8.5$  Hz,  $2 \times CH_{ar}$ ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 33.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.7 (CH), 40.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.1 (C or CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.3 (C or CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.7 (CH), 83.2 (CH), 90.4 (C), 120.3 (CH), 128.4 (C), 128.9 (C), 131.2 (2 × CH), 132.1 (2 × CH), 135.8 (C), 139.1 (C), 144.3 (CH), 165.5 (C), 201.1 (C), 215.2 (C); IR (film on KBr) v 3485, 2965, 2930, 1705, 1650, 1385, 1270,

1115, 1010, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for  $C_{27}H_{33}BrO_5$ : C, 62.67; H, 6.43; Found: C, 62.5; H, 6.5;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  +153.5 (c 0.34, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



Characiol (3): Solid K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (157 mg, 1.136 mmol, 27 equiv) was added at room temperature to a solution of 3-O-p-bromobenzovlcharaciol (S6) (22 mg, 0.043 mmol, 1 equiv) in methanol (2 mL, 48 mL/mmol S6). The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 hours at room temperature and then diluted with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The phases were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by chromatography (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 10/1 to 5/1) provided characiol (3) (13 mg, 0.039 mmol, 91%) as a white solid (mp: 103 °C):  $R_f$  0.25 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 2/1): the <sup>1</sup>H NMR peak assignments were deduced from <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectra and are listed on the basis of the jatrophane numbering; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.10 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 6.8$  Hz, 16-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.15 (s, 18- or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.19 (s, 18- or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.32 (s, 17-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.49 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 10.5 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J = 14.1 \text{ Hz}, 1-CH_{2}, 1\text{H}^{Re}), 1.70 \text{ (s, } 20-CH_{3}), 1.98-2.02 \text{ (m, } 8-CH_{2}, 1\text{H}), 2.05-2.19 \text{ (m, } 2-2.19 \text{ (m, } 2-2.1$ CH, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1H, OH), 2.37 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = 2.9$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{2} = 10.3$  Hz, 4-CH), 2.38–2.43 (m, 11-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1H), 2.52  $(dd, {}^{3}J = 5.8 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J = 18.7 \text{ Hz}, 11\text{-}CH_{2}, 1\text{H}), 2.85\text{-}2.99 \text{ (m}, 7\text{-}CH_{2}), 3.21 \text{ (dd, }{}^{3}J = 9.8 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J = 14.1 \text{ Hz},$ 1-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1H<sup>Si</sup>), 3.37 (s, OH), 3.97 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 2.9$  Hz, 3-CH), 5.63 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 10.3$  Hz, 5-CH), 7.19 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 5.8$  Hz, 12-CH);  ${}^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 34.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.9 (CH), 40.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.8 (C or CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.0 (C or CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.5 (CH), 81.4 (CH), 92.6 (C), 121.9 (CH), 136.7 (C), 138.4 (C), 145.1 (CH), 201.0 (C), 215.4 (C); IR (film on KBr) v 3465, 2965, 2930, 1705, 1645, 1385, 1245, 1140, 1075 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 71.82; H, 9.04; Found: C, 71.6; H, 9.1;  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  +54.8 (c 0.605, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

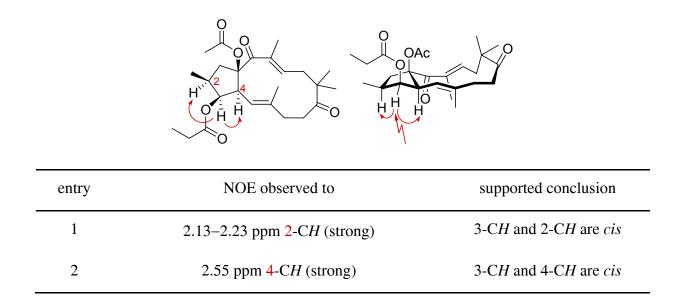


**3-O-Propionylcharaciol (19):** Propionic acid (0.02 mL, 0.267 mmol, 8 equiv) was added at 0 °C to a solution of EDC•HCl (63 mg, 0.329 mmol, 10 equiv) and DMAP (3 mg, 0.025 mmol, 0.7 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL, 30 mL/mmol 3). After stirring the mixture for 5 minutes at 0 °C, a solution of characiol (3) (11 mg, 0.033 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL, 60 mL/mmol 3) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature, then stirred for 21 hours and finally diluted with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The phases were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by chromatography (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 10/1) delivered 3-Opropionylcharaciol (19) (9.5 mg, 0.024 mmol, 74%) as a colorless oil:  $R_f$  0.51 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 2/1); the <sup>1</sup>H NMR peak assignments were deduced from <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectra and are listed on the basis of the jatrophane numbering; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.95 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.0 Hz, 16-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.12 (s, 18- or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.19 (s, 18- or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.22 (t,  ${}^{3}J = 7.6$  Hz, propionic acid ester-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.34 (s, 17-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.40 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 11.4 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{2}J = 13.9 \text{ Hz}$ , 1-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1H<sup>*Re*</sup>), 1.71 (s, 20-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.97-2.02 (m, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1H), 2.05-2.10 (m, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1H), 2.13-2.23 (m, 2-CH), 2.37 (s, OH), 2.42-2.51 (m, 4-CH,11-CH<sub>2</sub>, propionic acid ester-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.82–2.94 (m, 7-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.23 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 9.1$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J = 13.9$  Hz, 1-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1H<sup>Si</sup>), 5.26 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 10.5$  Hz, 5-CH), 5.30 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 3.5$  Hz, 3-CH), 7.09 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 5.8$  Hz, 12-CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.3 (CH), 40.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.1 (C or CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.5 (C or CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.9 (CH), 82.5 (CH), 91.3 (C), 120.5 (CH), 136.1 (C), 138.9 (C), 145.0 (CH), 173.7 (C), 200.5 (C), 215.2 (C); IR (film on KBr) v 3480, 2970, 2930, 1730, 1710, 1650, 1385 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $C_{23}H_{34}O_5Na$  ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>): 413.2299; Found: 413.2302;  $[\alpha]^{25}D_+101.4$  (c 0.45, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

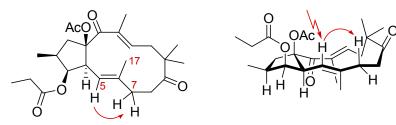


15-O-Acetyl-3-O-propionylcharaciol (2): Acetic anhydride (0.06 mL, 0.635 mmol, 41 eq) and TMSOTf (one drop) were added at room temperature to a solution of 3-O-propionylcharaciol (19) (6 mg, 0.015 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL, 133 mL/mmol 19); the initially colorless solution changed color to pink. After being stirred for 10 minutes at room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with methanol and saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The phases were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatographic purification (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 10/1) of the residue provided 15-O-acetyl-3-O-propionylcharaciol (2) (5 mg, 0.011 mmol, 75%) as a white solid (mp: 140 °C):  $R_f 0.58$  (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 2/1); <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY, and NOESY methods were used to confirm the NMR peak assignments on the basis of the jatrophane numbering; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.92 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.8 Hz, 16-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.03 (s, 18- or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.19 (s, 18- or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.21 (t,  ${}^{3}J = 7.5$  Hz, propionic acid ester-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.39 (s, 17-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.47 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = {}^{2}J = 13.4$  Hz, 1-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1H<sup>*Re*</sup>), 1.69 (s, 20-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.04–2.09 (m, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.11 (s, acetate-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.13–2.23 (m, 2-CH), 2.32–2.45 (m, 11-CH<sub>2</sub>, propionic acid ester-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.55 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = 3.8 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{2} = 10.3 \text{ Hz}$ , 4-CH), 2.84–3.02 (m, 7-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.29 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 7.8$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J = 13.4$  Hz, 1-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1H<sup>Si</sup>), 5.24 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 3.8$  Hz, 3-CH), 5.42 (d,  ${}^{3}J = 10.3$  Hz, 5-CH), 6.37 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 6.1$  Hz, 12-CH);  ${}^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.6 (CH), 40.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.8 (C), 51.5 (CH), 80.6 (CH), 92.9 (C), 120.9 (CH), 135.6 (C), 138.8 (C), 139.3 (CH), 170.4 (C), 174.0 (C), 198.5 (C), 215.0 (C); IR (film on KBr) v 2970, 2930, 1735, 1705, 1660, 1385, 1370, 1240, 1110, 1080 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 69.42; H, 8.39; Found: C, 69.4; H, 8.3;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  -16.3 (c 0.395, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**Table SI-6**.1D-NOE experiment, irradiation at 5.24 ppm (3-CH).



**Table SI-7**.1D-NOE experiment, irradiation at 5.42 ppm (5-CH).

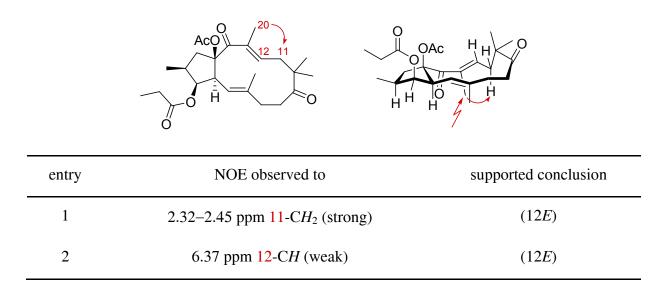


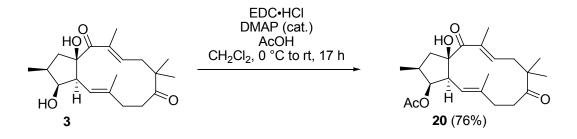
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**Table SI-8**.1D-NOE experiment, irradiation at 6.37 ppm (12-CH).

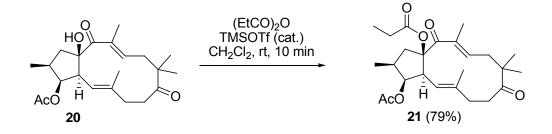
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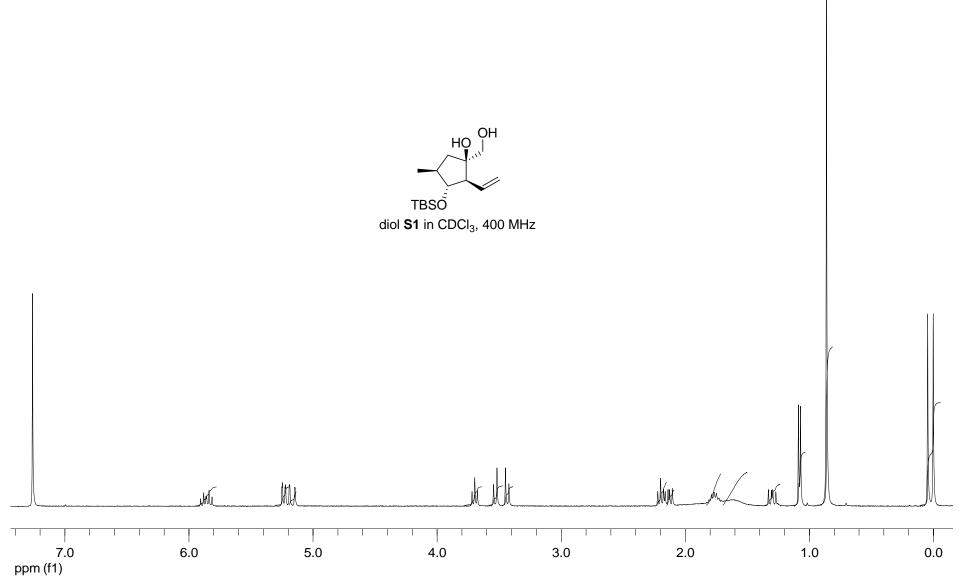




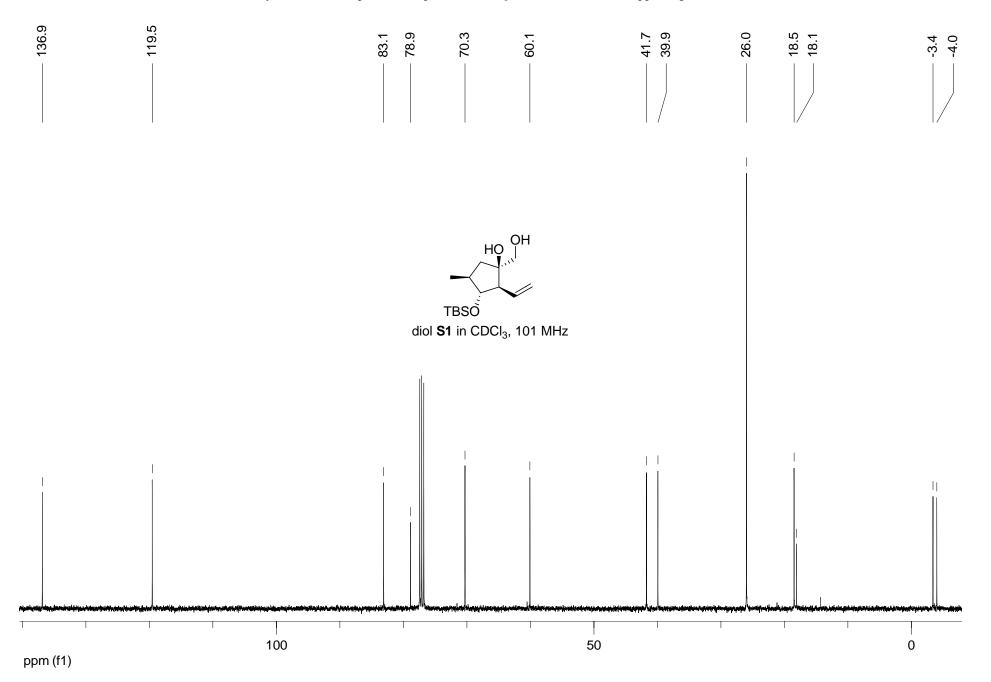
3-O-Acetylcharaciol (20): Acetic acid (0.05 mL, 0.873 mmol, 10 equiv) was added at 0 °C to a solution of EDC•HCl (164 mg, 0.856 mmol, 10 equiv) and DMAP (4 mg, 0.033 mmol, 0.4 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL, 12 mL/mmol 3). After stirring the reaction mixture for 5 minutes at 0 °C, a solution of characiol (3) (28 mg, 0.084 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL, 24 mL/mmol 3) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and then stirred for 17 hours. Saturated aqueous  $NH_4Cl$  solution was added, the phases were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  $(4\times)$ . The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 10/1) to furnish 3-Oacetylcharaciol (20) (24 mg, 0.064 mmol, 76%) as a colorless oil:  $R_f$  0.47 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 2/1); the <sup>1</sup>H NMR peak assignments were deduced from <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectra and are listed on the basis of the jatrophane numbering; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.96 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.8 Hz, 16-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.13 (s, 18or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.20 (s, 18- or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.34 (s, 17-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.40 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 11.5$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J = 13.8$  Hz, 1-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1H<sup>Re</sup>), 1.71 (s, 20-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.98–2.11 (m, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.13–2.23 (m, 2-CH), 2.17 (s, acetate-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.33 (s, br, OH), 2.38–2.52 (m, 4-CH, 11-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.84–2.95 (m, 7-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.22 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 9.2$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J = 13.8$  Hz, 1-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1H<sup>Si</sup>), 5.26–5.29 (m, 3-CH, 5-CH), 7.08 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 5.8$  Hz, 12-CH);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 12.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 33.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.3 (CH), 40.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.1 (C or CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.4 (C or CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.8 (CH), 82.7 (CH), 91.2 (C), 120.4 (CH), 136.1 (C), 139.0 (C), 145.0 (CH), 170.3 (C), 200.5 (C), 215.2 (C); IR (film on KBr) v 3480, 2970, 2930, 1735, 1650, 1385, 1245, 1145, 1075, 1020, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $C_{22}H_{33}O_5$  ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 377.2323; Found: 377.2324;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  +76.8 (c 1.15, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

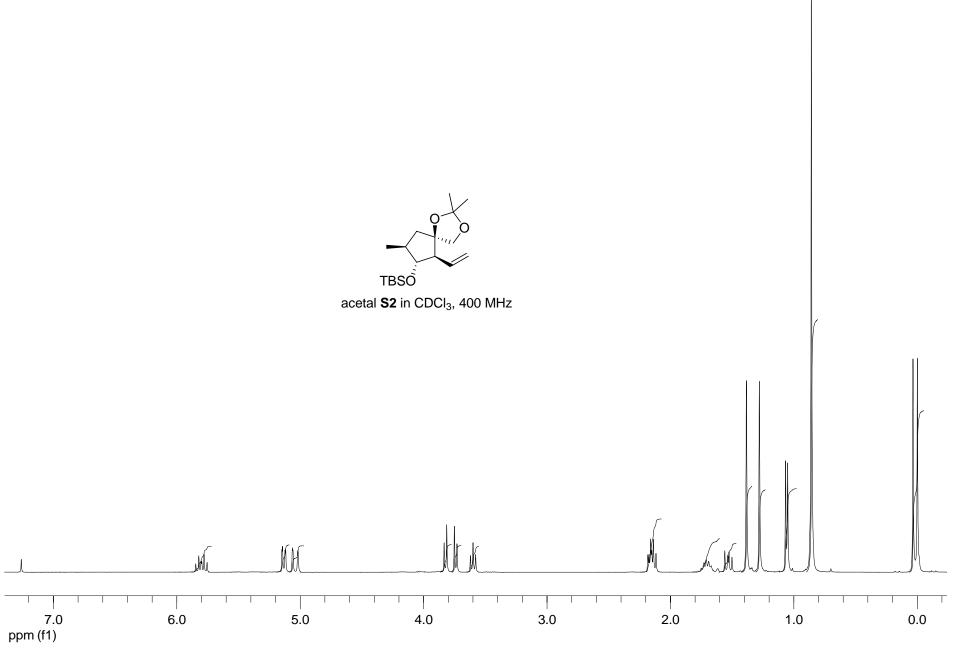


**3-O-Acetyl-15-O-propionylcharaciol (21)**: Propanoic anhydride (0.12 mL, 0.936 mmol, 19 eq) and TMSOTf (one drop, cat.) were added at room temperature to a solution of 3-O-acetylcharaciol (20) (19 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL, 40 mL/mmol 20); the initially colorless solution changed color to pink. After being stirred for 10 minutes at room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with methanol and saturated aqueous  $NH_4Cl$  solution. The phases were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (4×). The combined organic phases were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatographic purification (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 10/1) of the residue provided 3-O-acetyl-15-O-propionylcharaciol (21) (17 mg, 0.039 mmol, 79%) as a white solid (mp: 134 °C):  $R_f 0.53$  (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 2/1); the <sup>1</sup>H NMR peak assignments were deduced from <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectra and are listed on the basis of the jatrophane numbering; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.92 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.8 Hz, 16-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.01 (s, 18- or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.16 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.5 Hz, propionic acid ester-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.18 (s, 18- or 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.40 (s, 17-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.42 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = {}^{2}J = 13.3$  Hz, 1-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1H<sup>*Re*</sup>), 1.69 (s, 20-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.02-2.09 (m, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.12 (s, acetate-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.14-2.23 (m, 2-CH), 2.30-2.45 (m, 11-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.41 (q,  ${}^{3}J = 7.5$  Hz, propionic acid ester-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.55 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = 3.8$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{2} = 10.3$  Hz, 4-CH), 2.84–3.02 (m, 7-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.30 (dd,  ${}^{3}J = 7.8$  Hz,  ${}^{2}J = 13.3$  Hz, 1-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1H<sup>Si</sup>), 5.22 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1} = {}^{3}J_{2} = 3.8$  Hz, 3-CH), 5.43 (d,  ${}^{3}J$  = 10.3 Hz, 5-CH), 6.35 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{1}$  =  ${}^{3}J_{2}$  = 6.2 Hz, 12-CH);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.5 (CH), 40.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.2 (C or CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.8 (C or CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.5 (CH), 80.9 (CH), 92.7 (C), 120.8 (CH), 135.6 (C), 138.8 (C), 139.3 (CH), 170.7 (C), 173.6 (C), 198.5 (C), 215.1 (C); IR (film on KBr) v 2970, 2935, 1735, 1705, 1660, 1385, 1240, 1220, 1110, 1020 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 69.42; H, 8.39; Found: C, 69.3; H, 8.2;  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  –14.5 (c 0.43, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

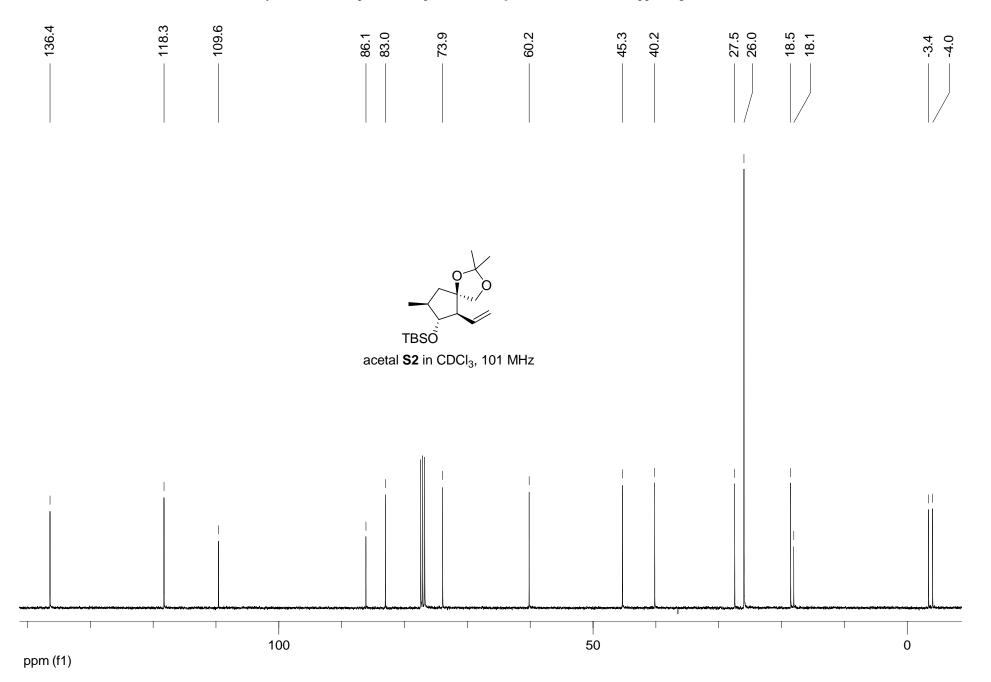


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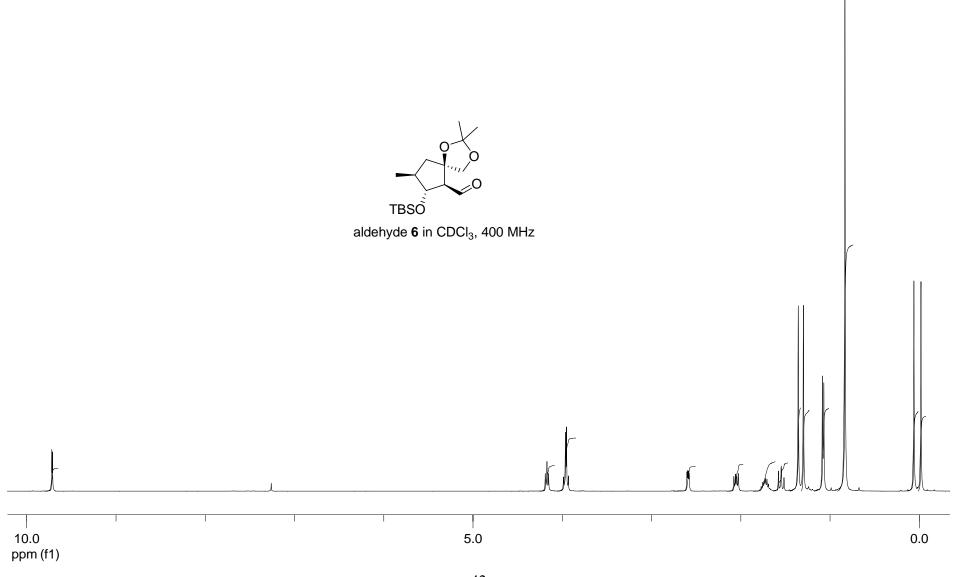


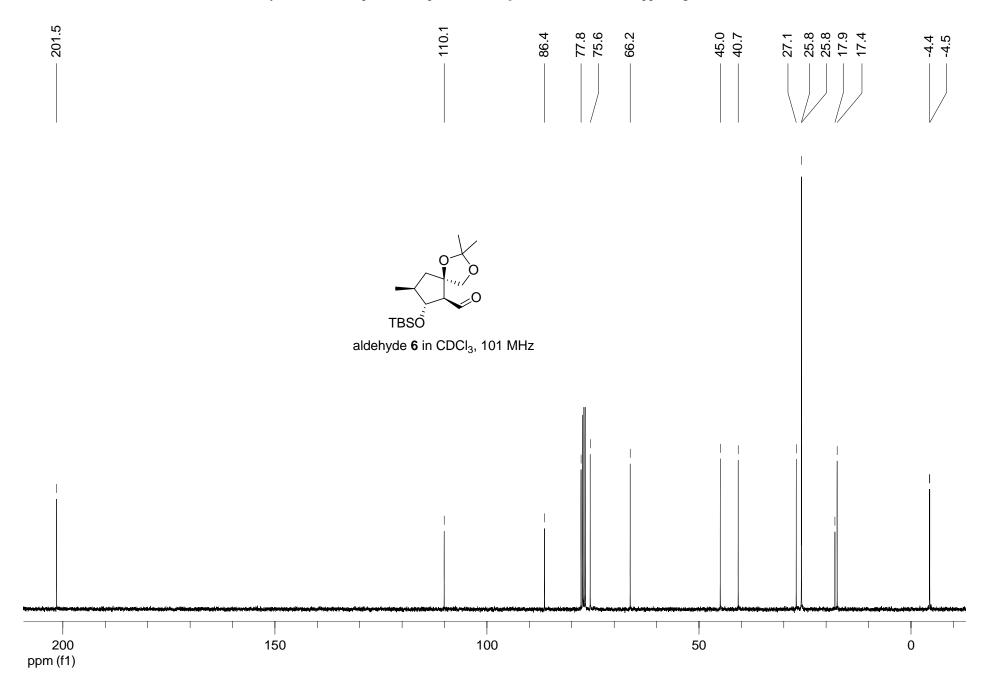


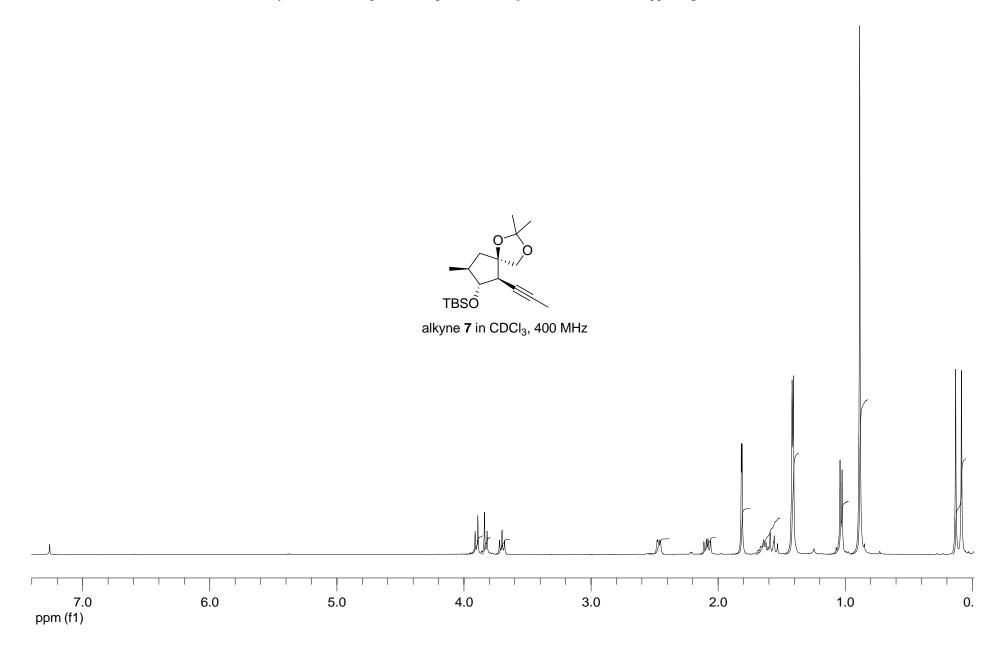
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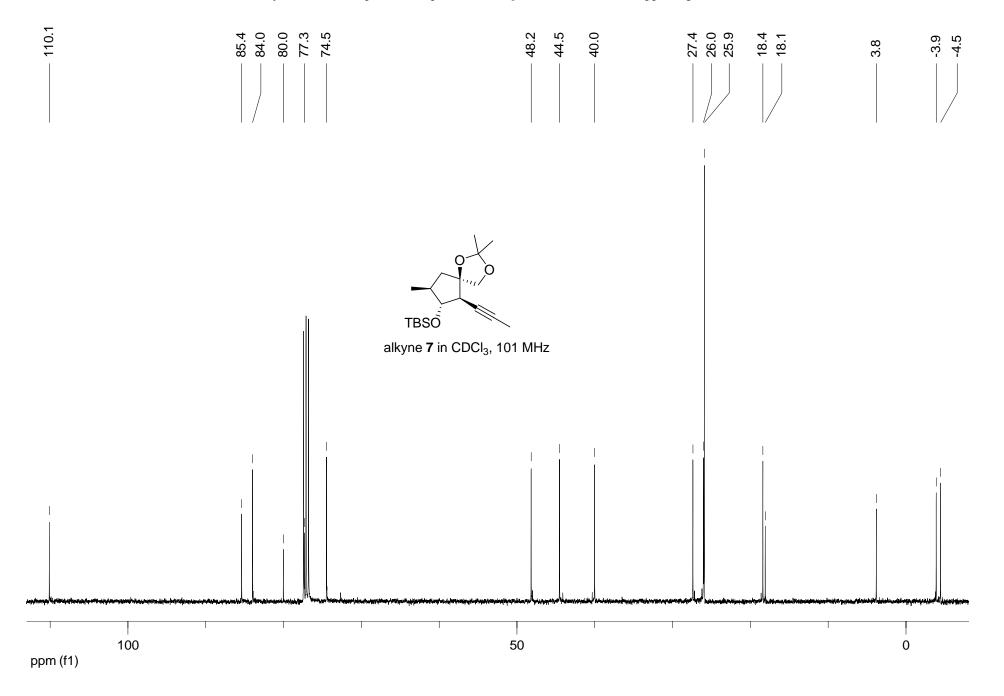
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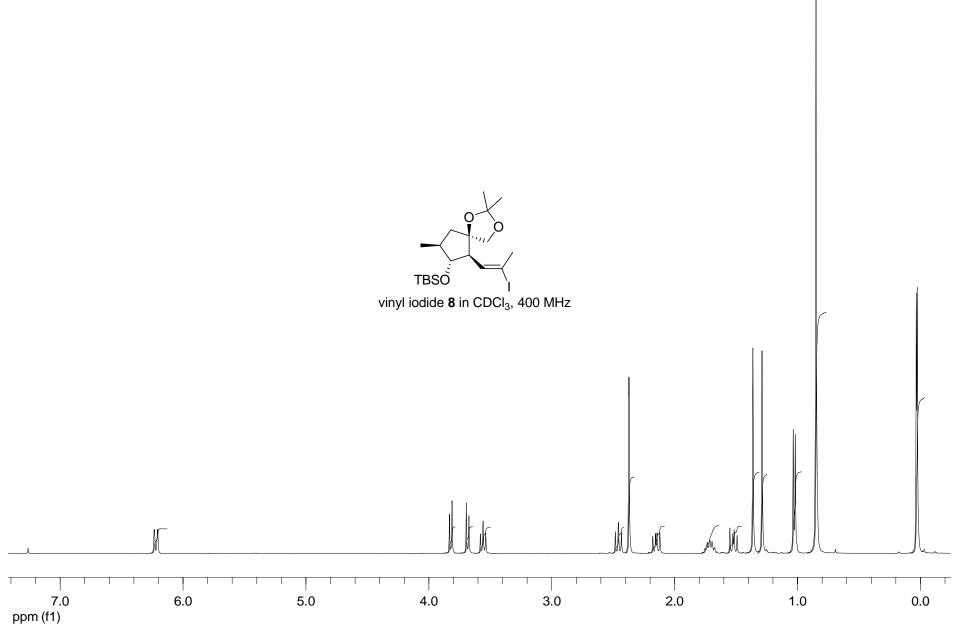




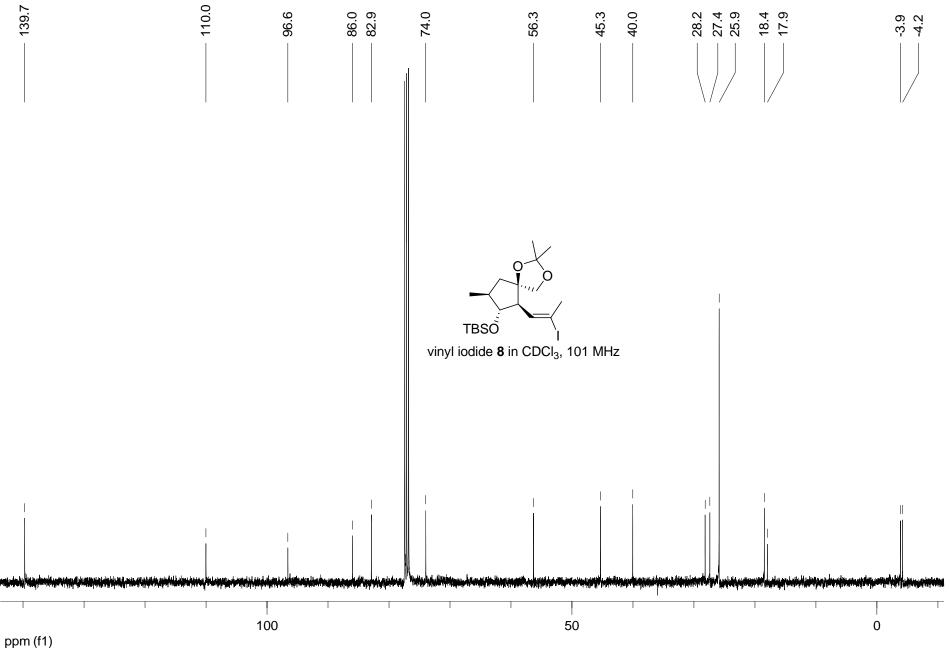


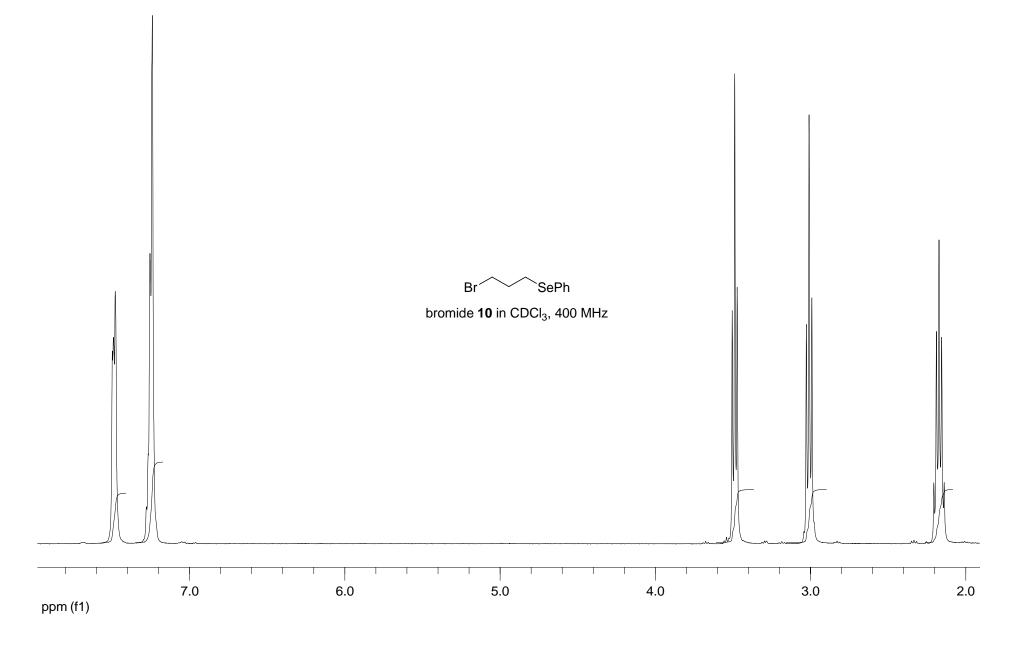
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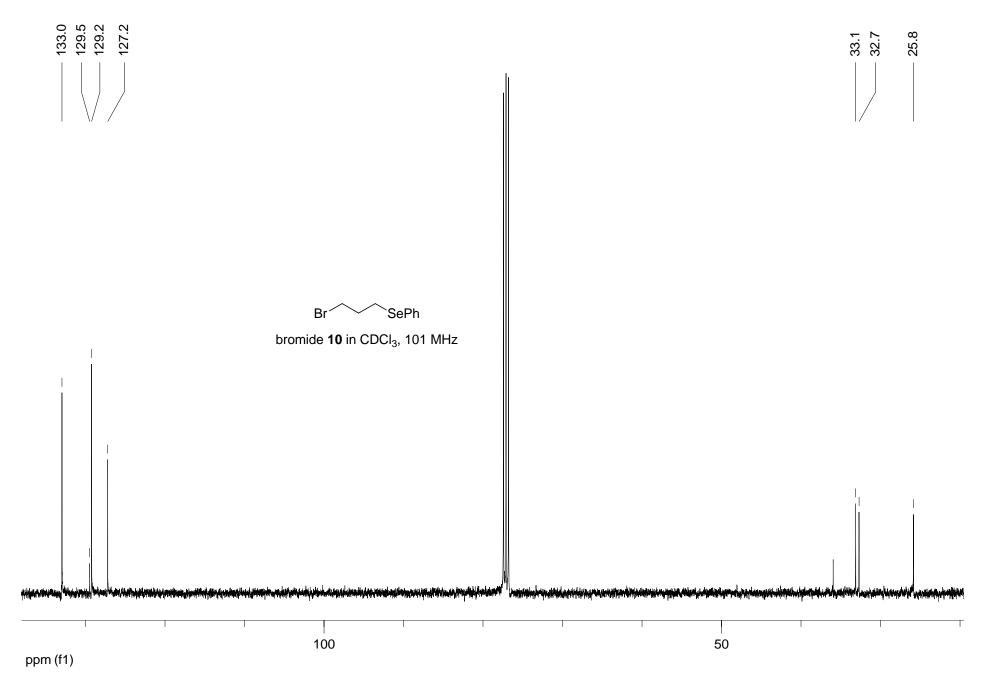


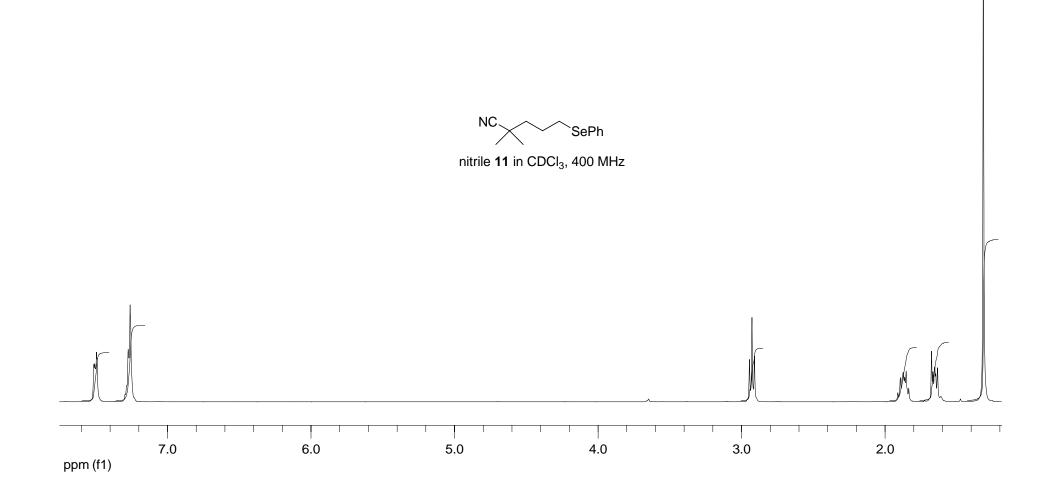


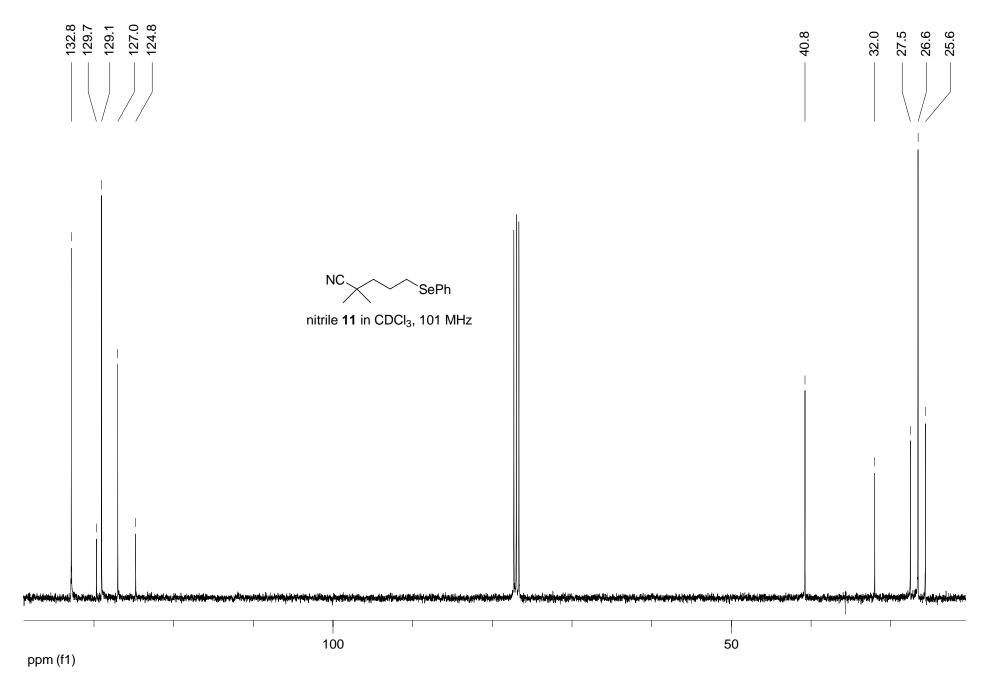
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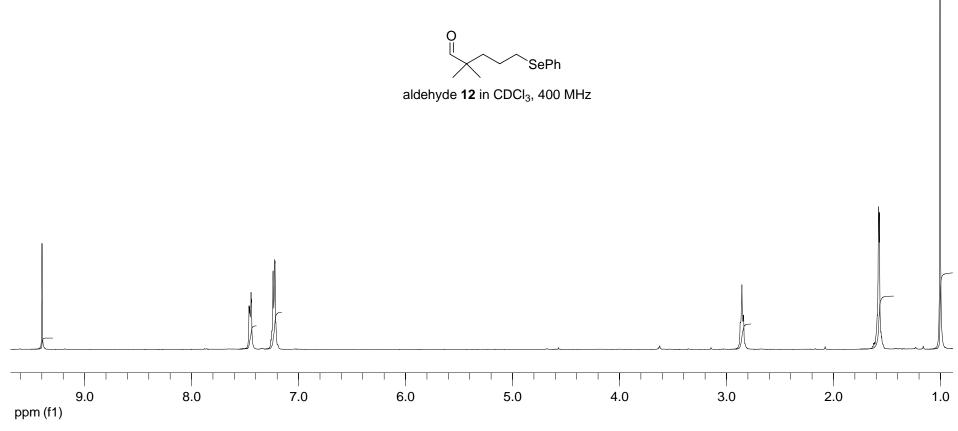




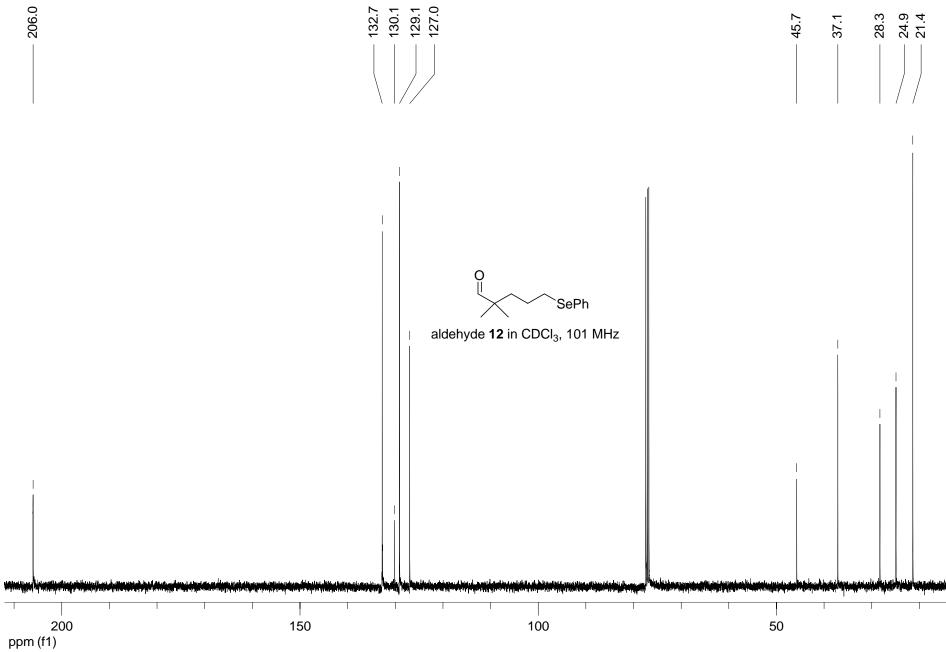


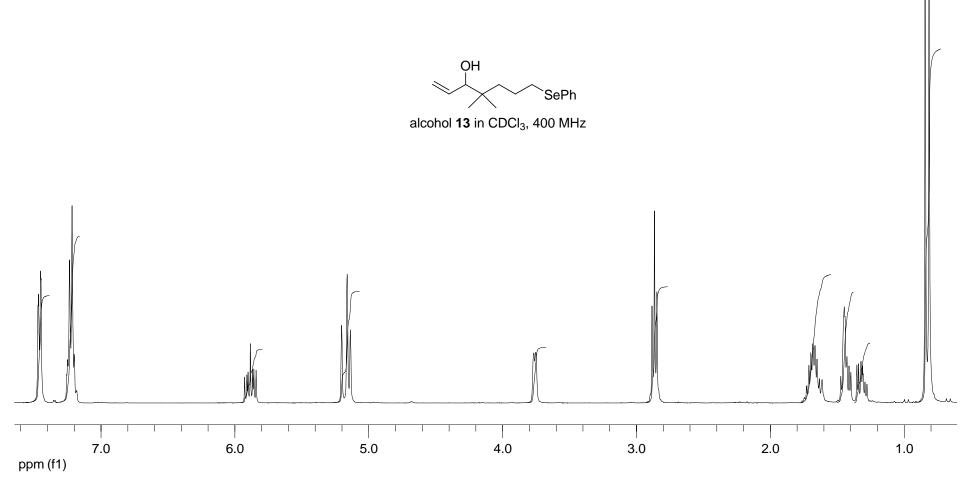


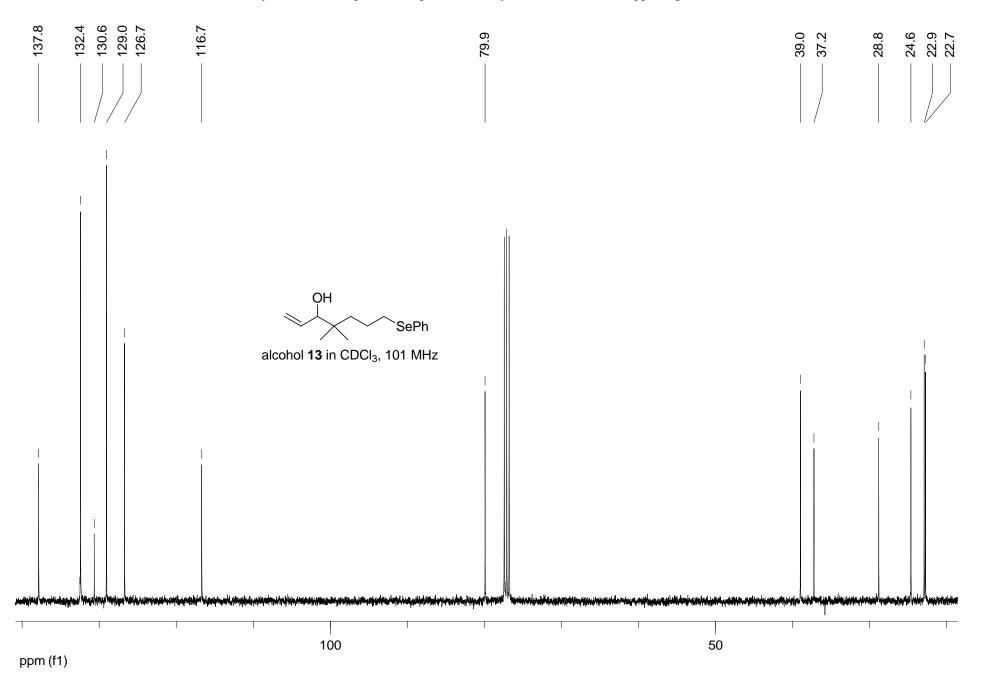




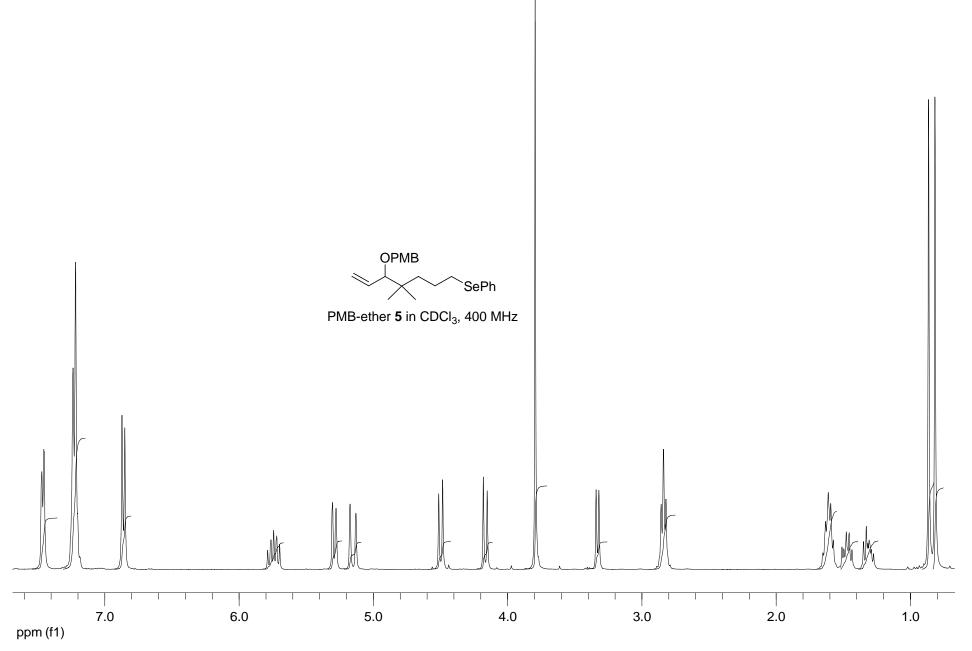


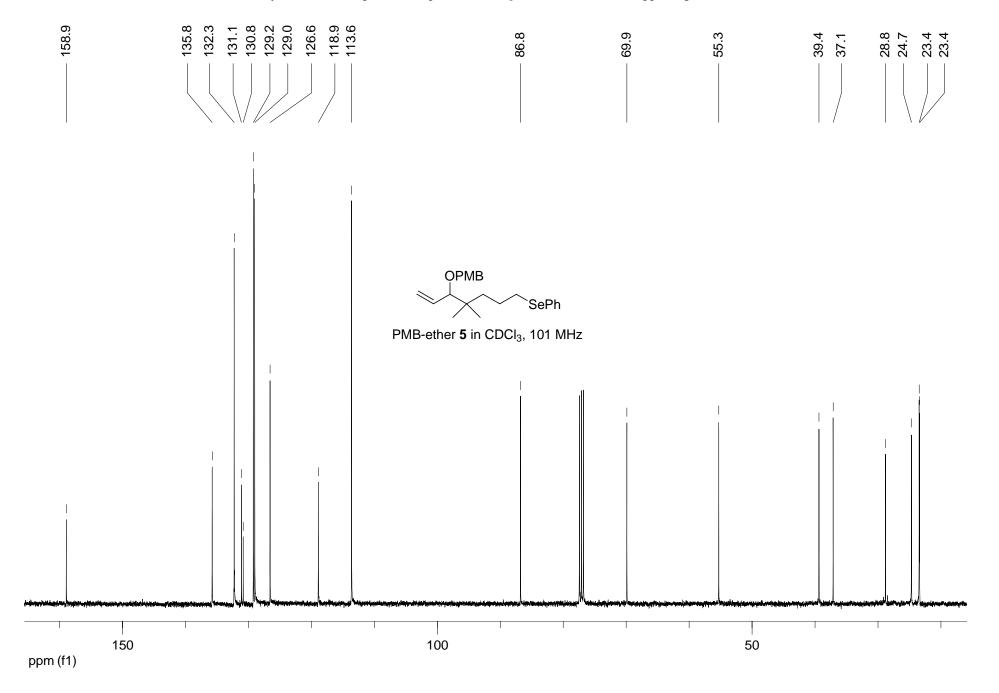


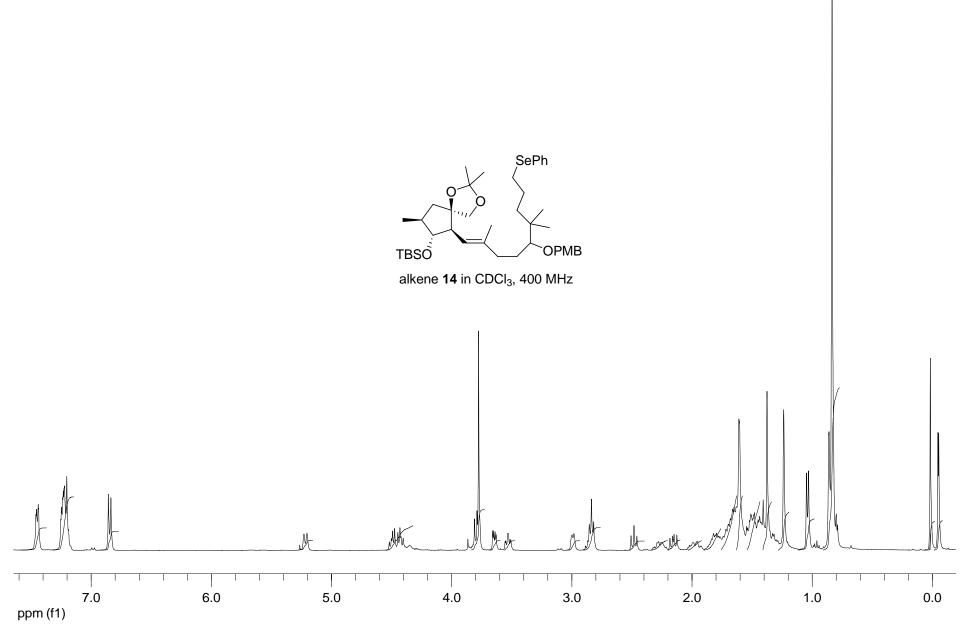




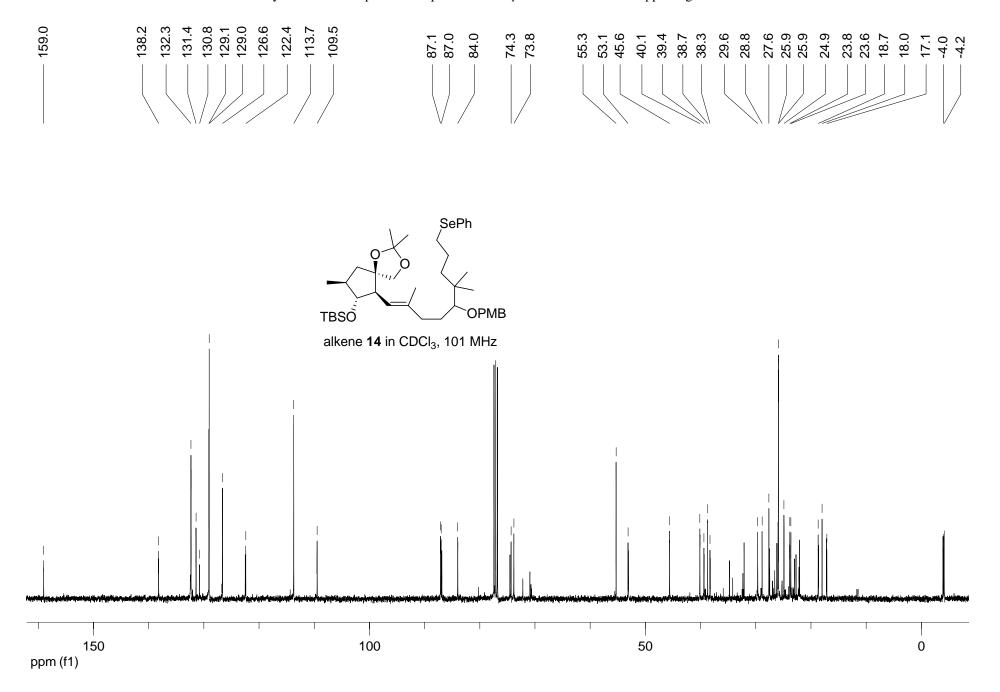
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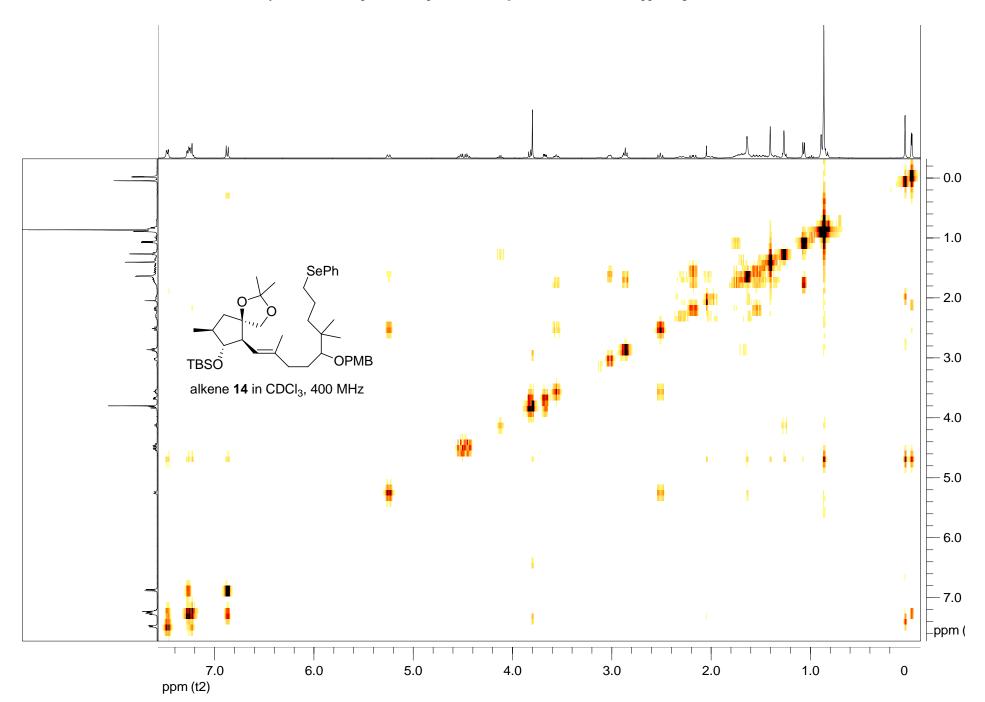




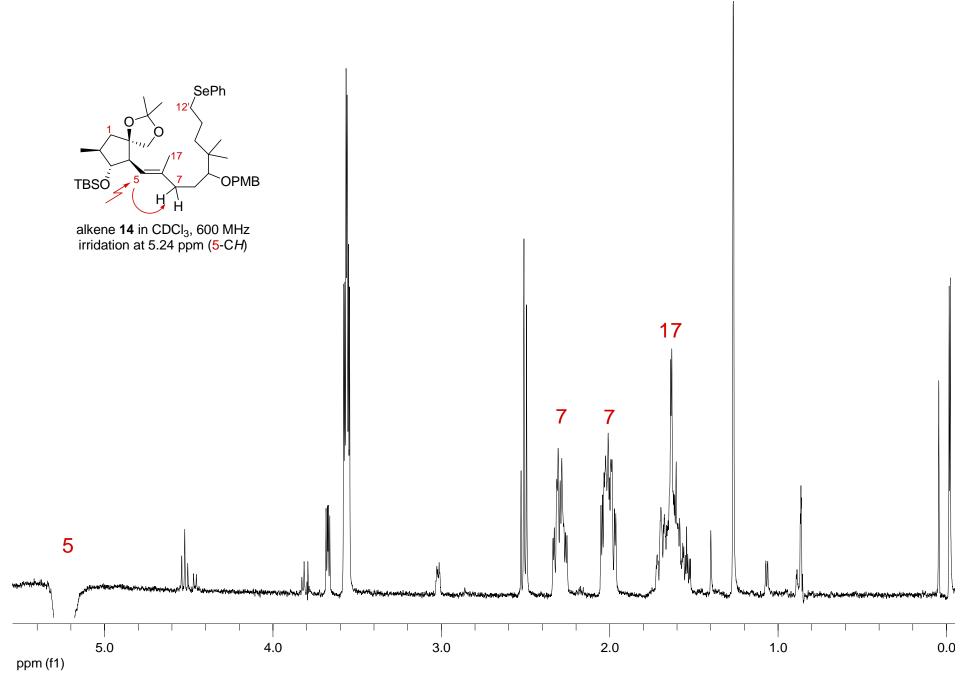


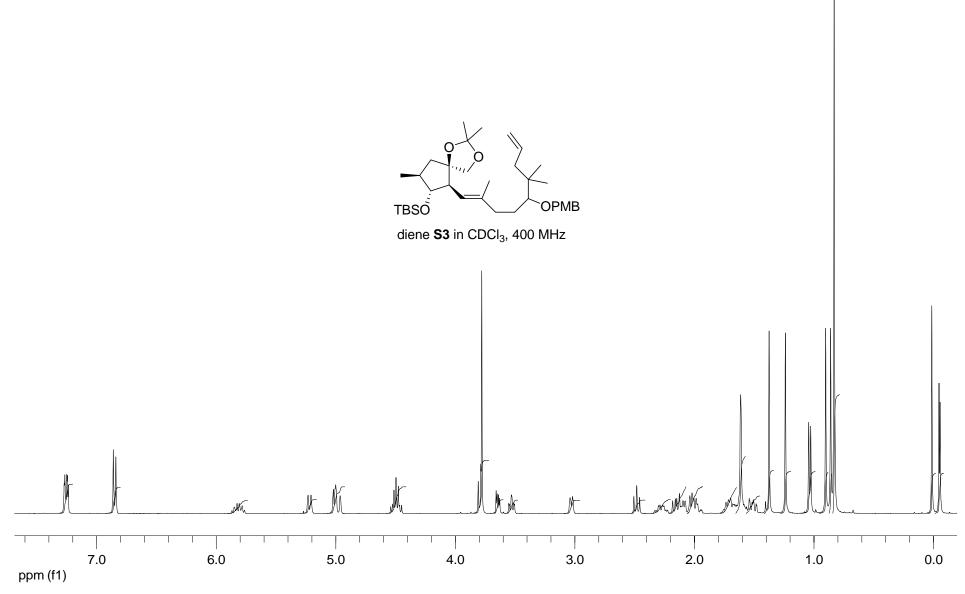
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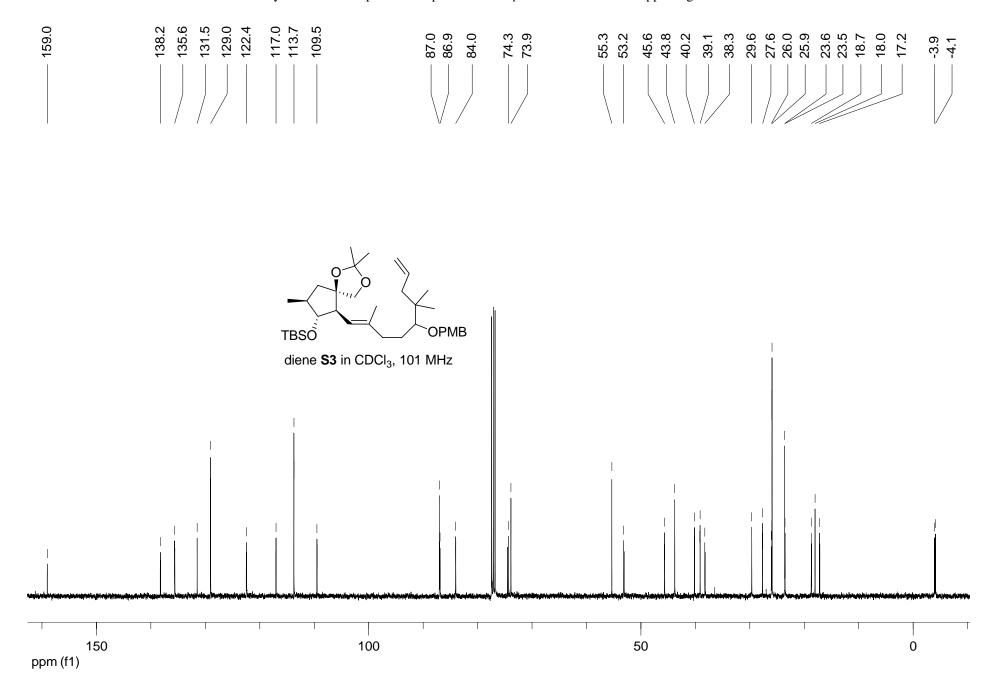


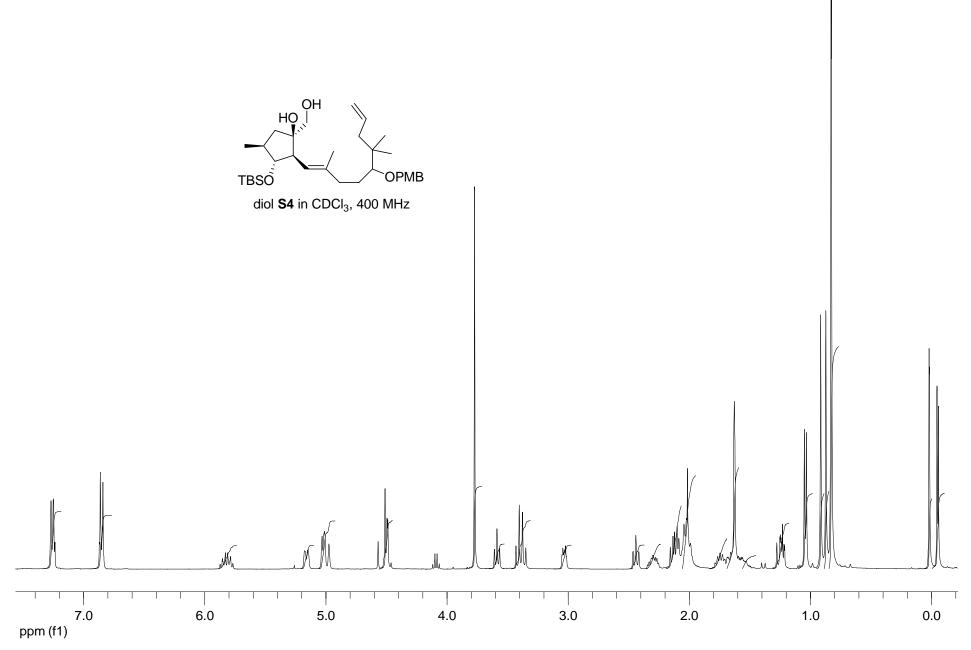
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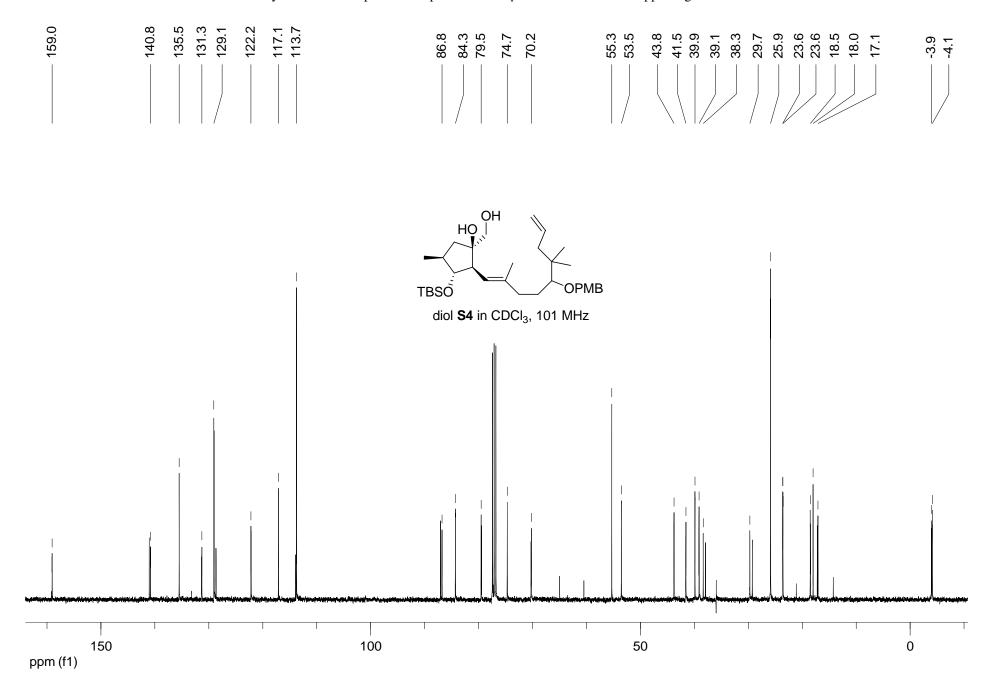


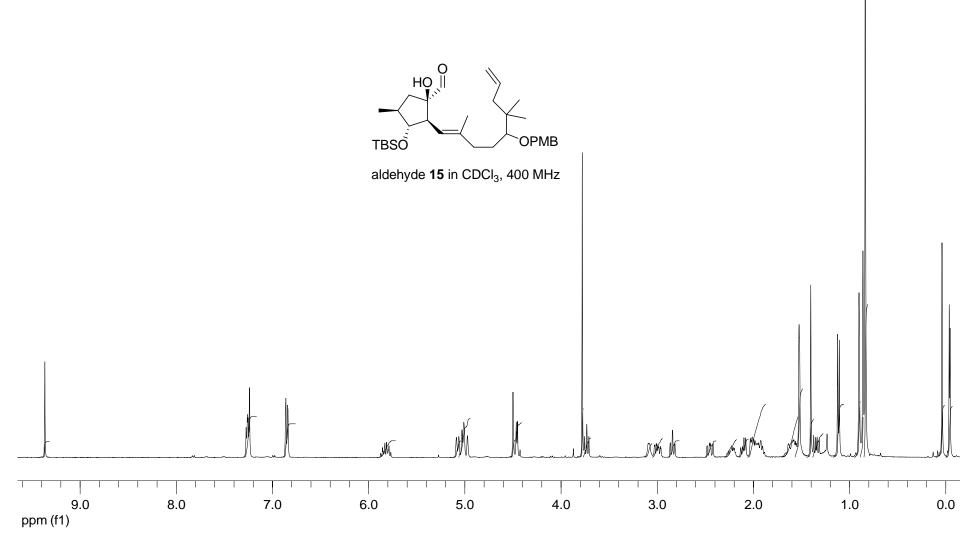
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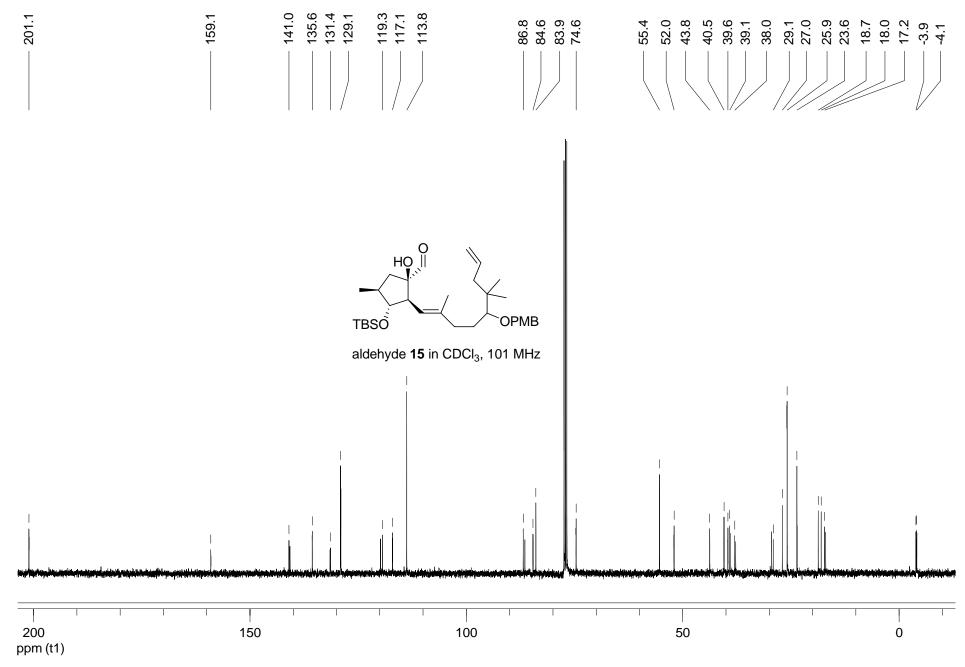


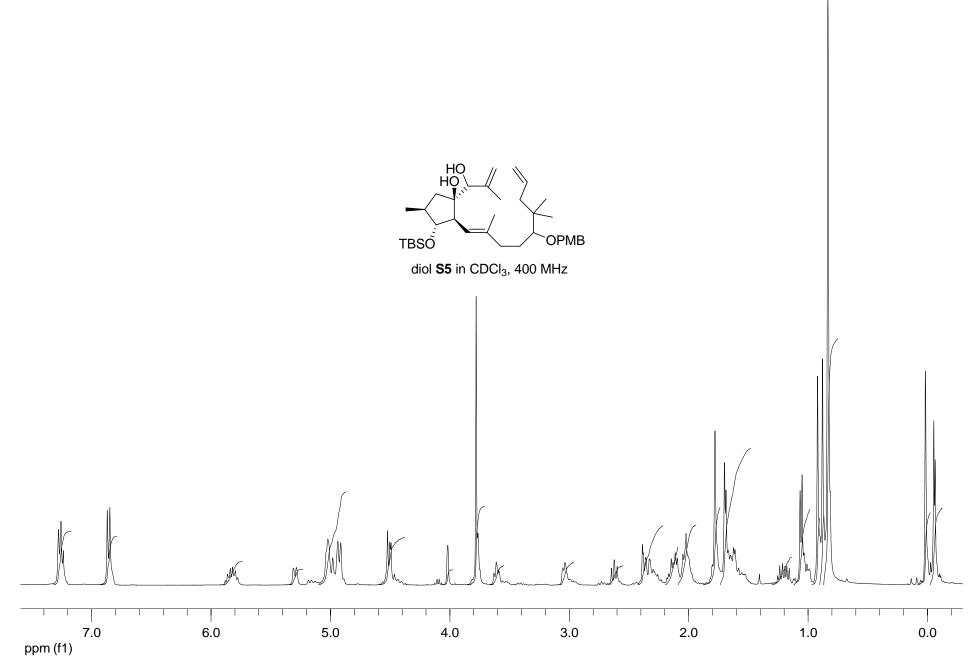


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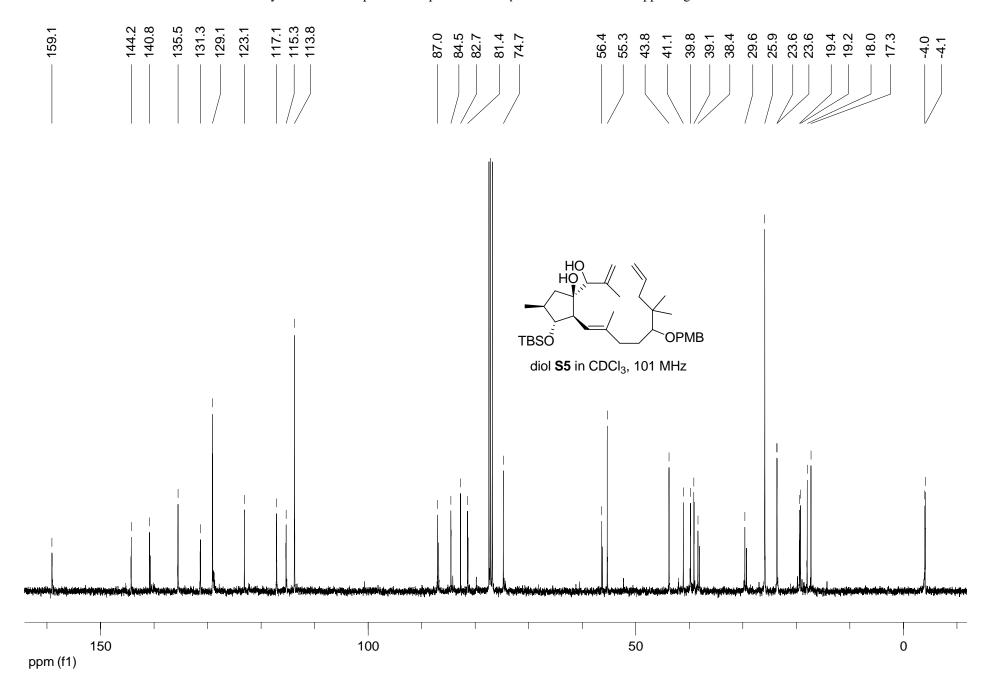


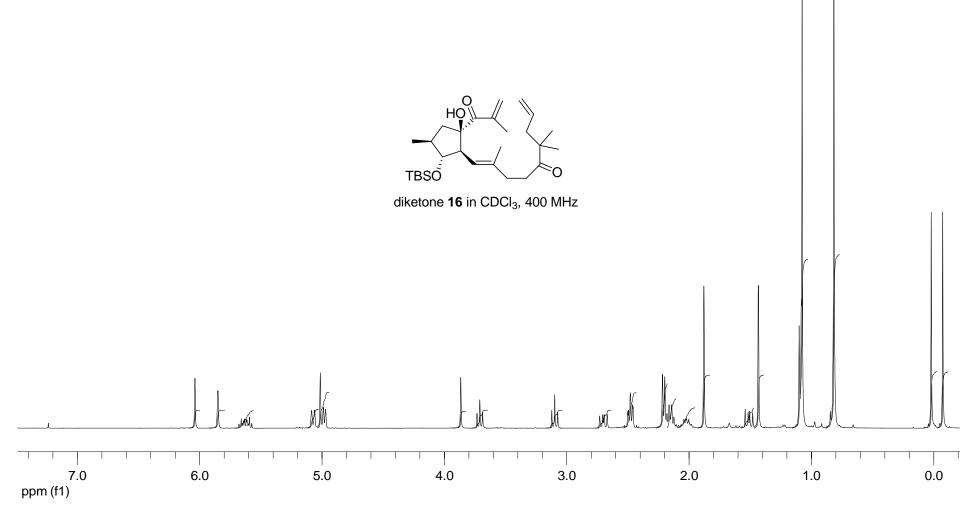




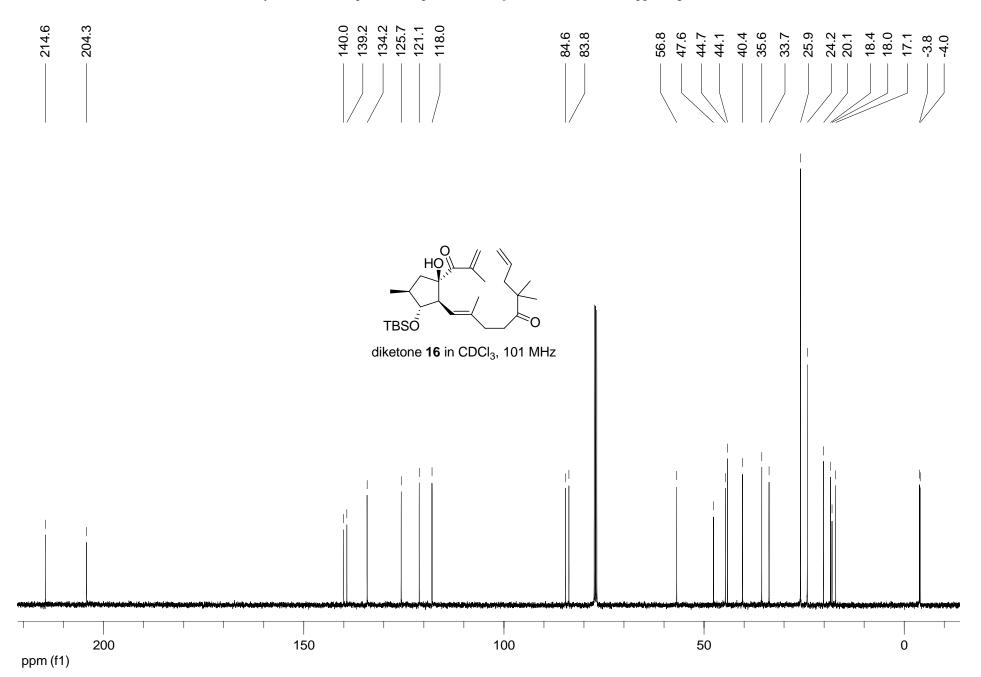


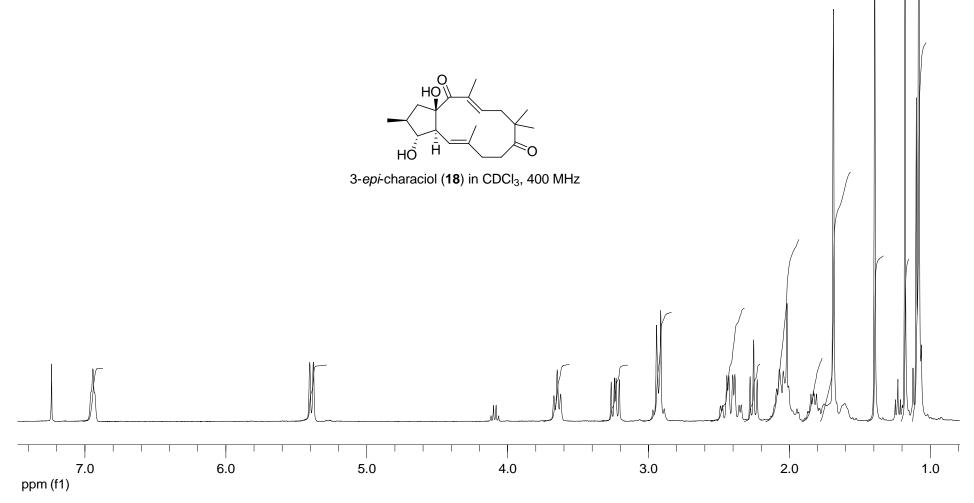
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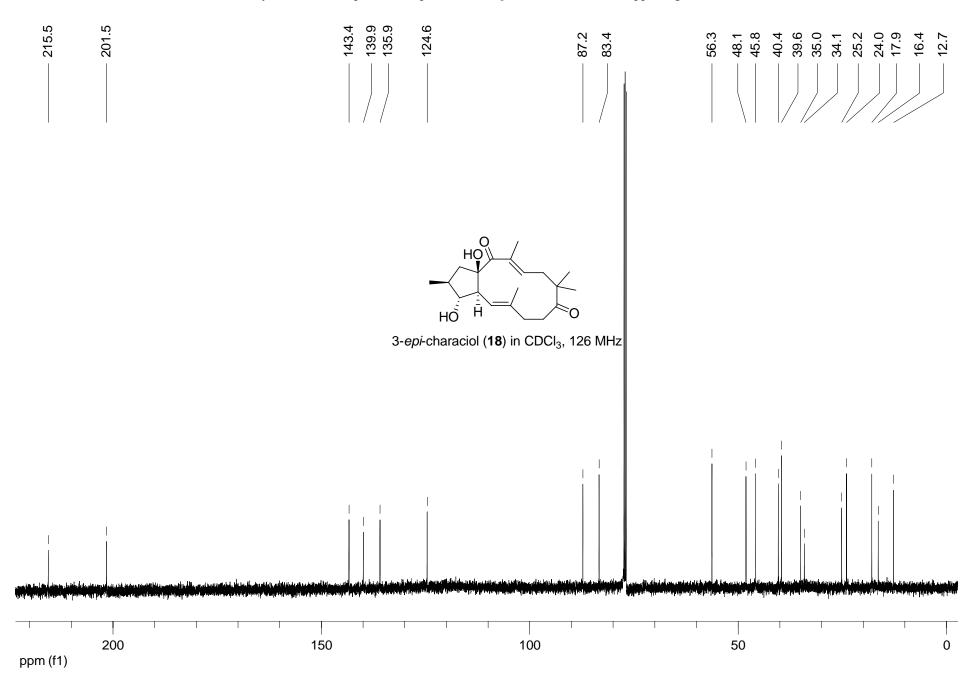


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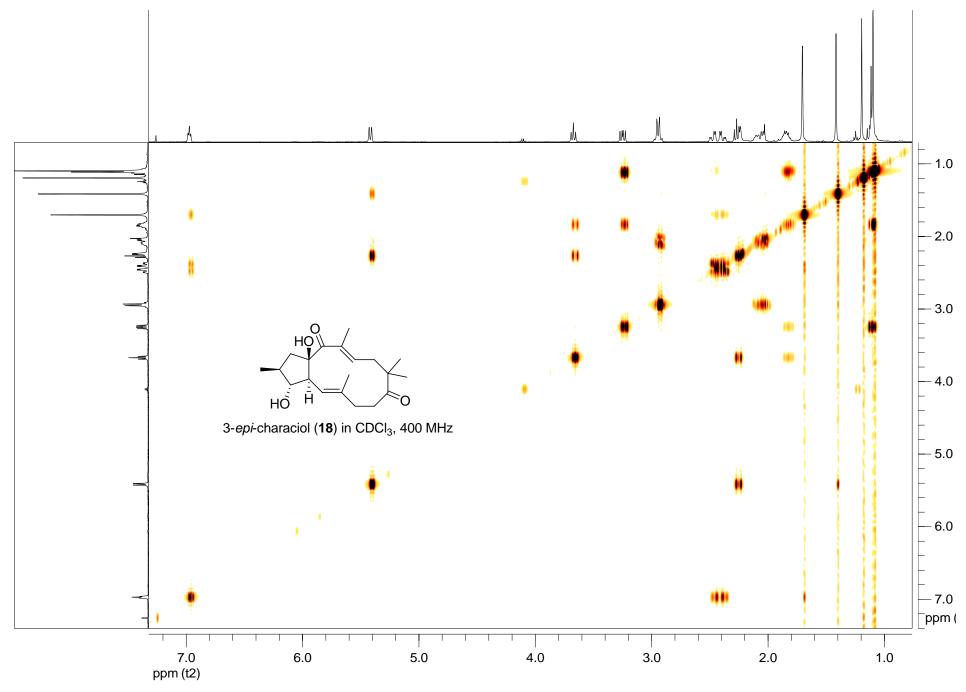


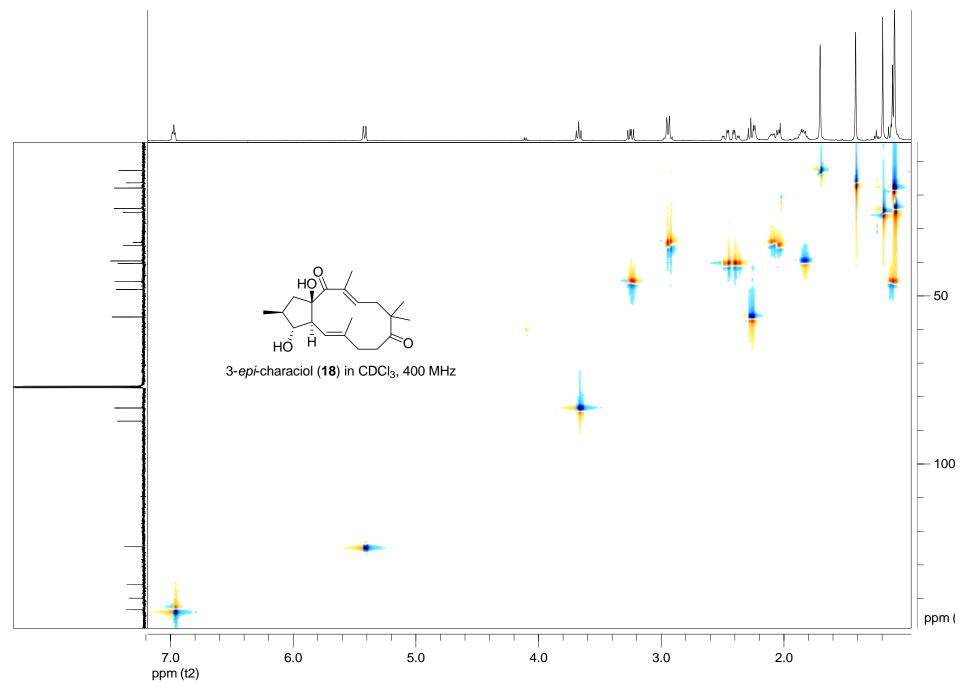


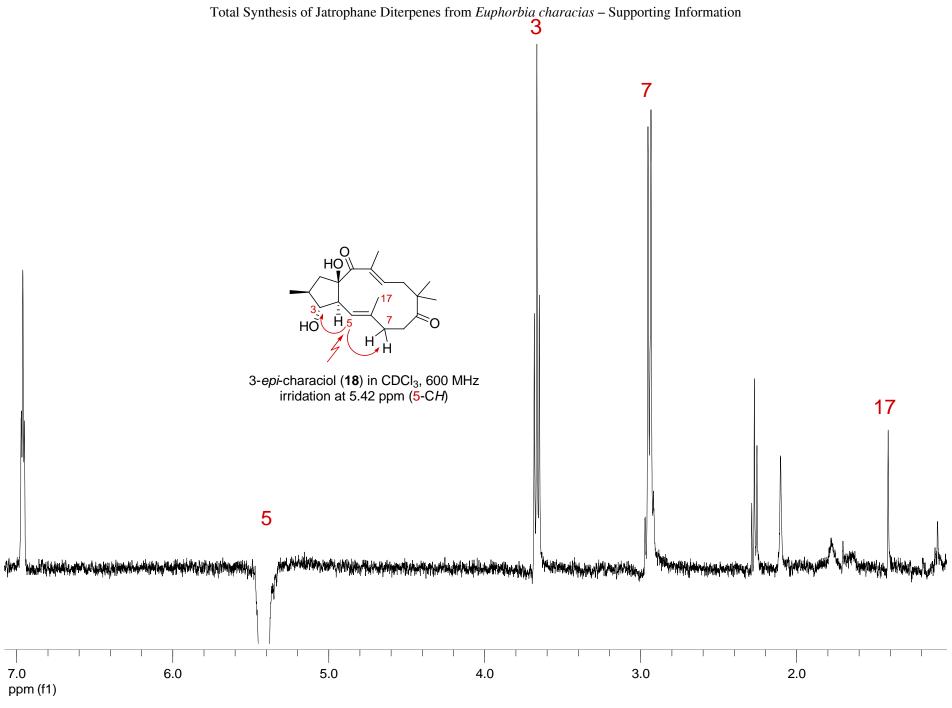
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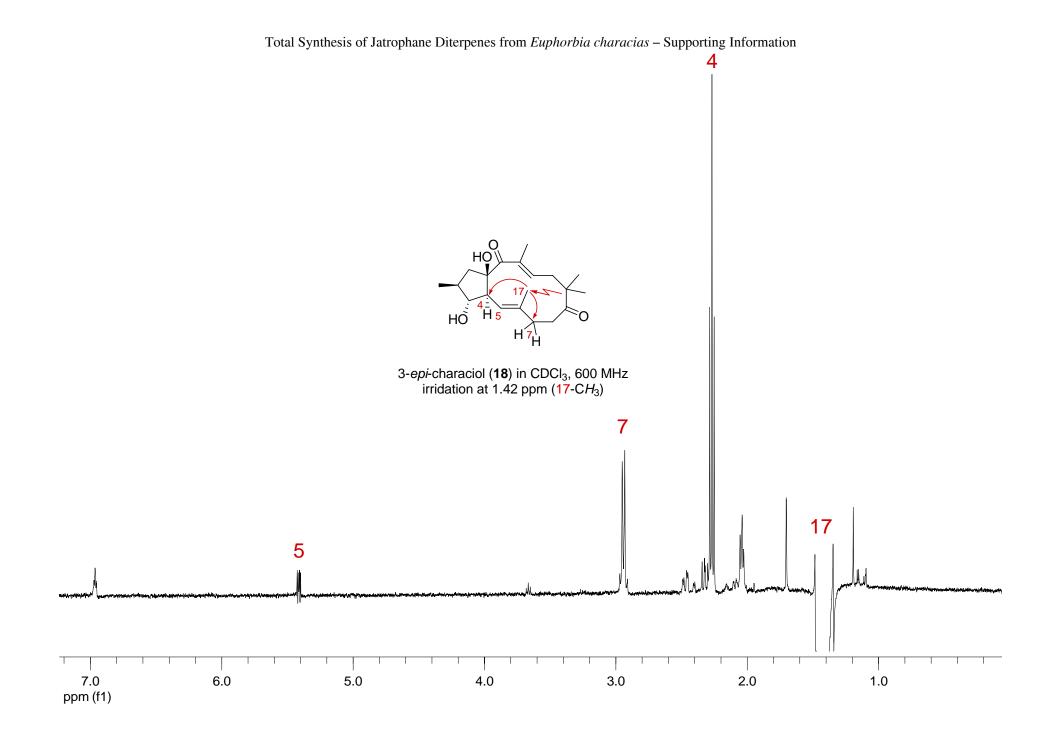


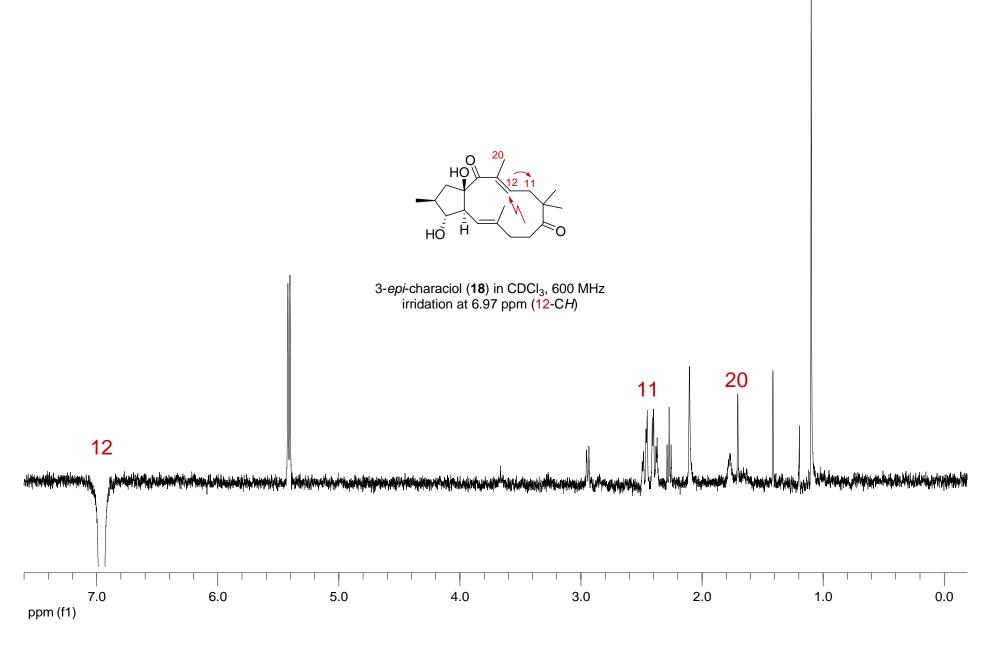


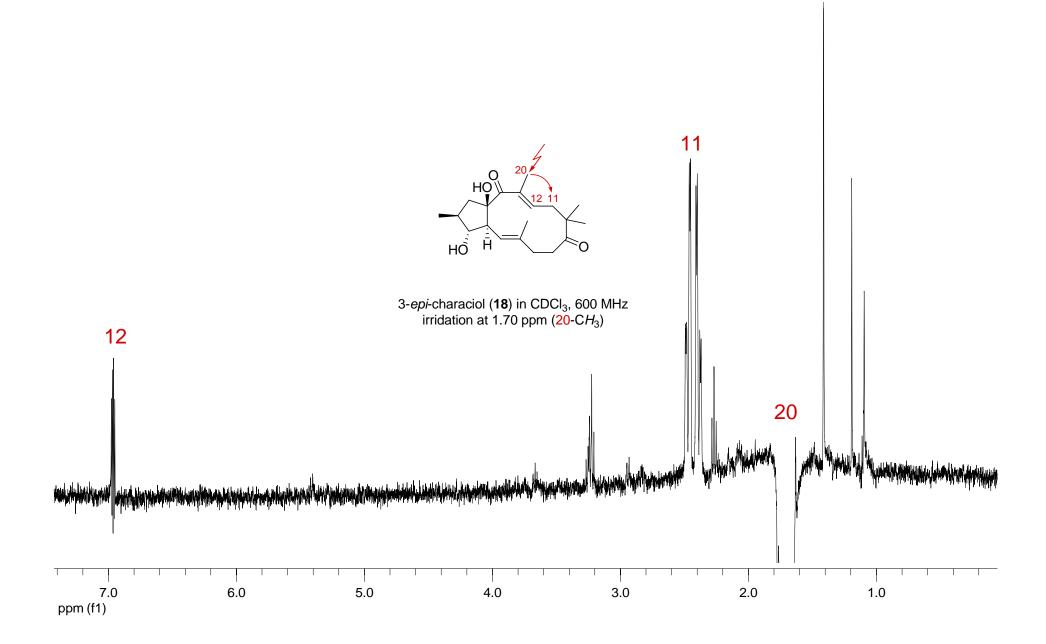


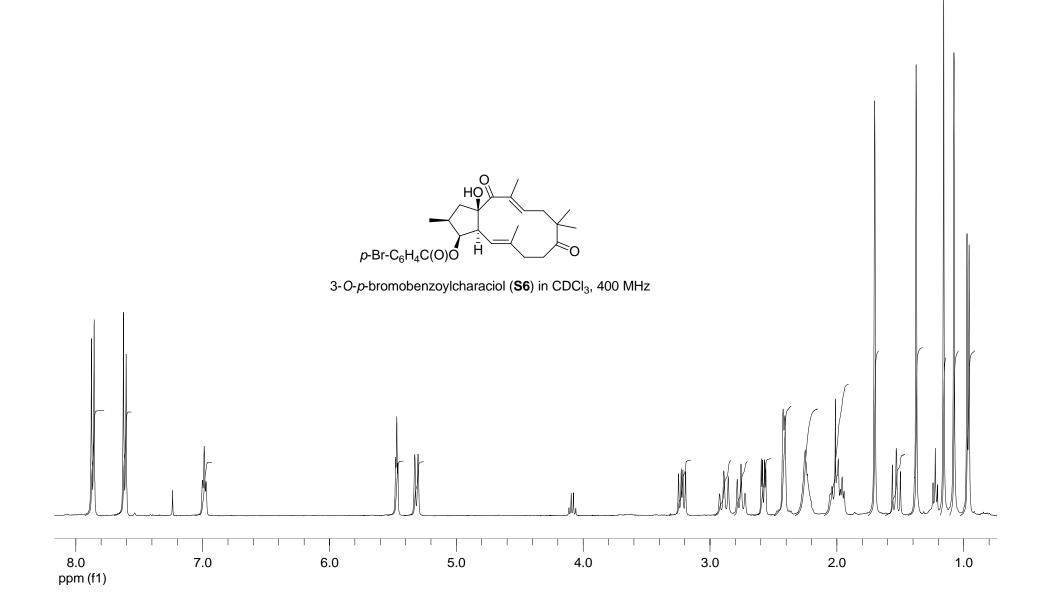




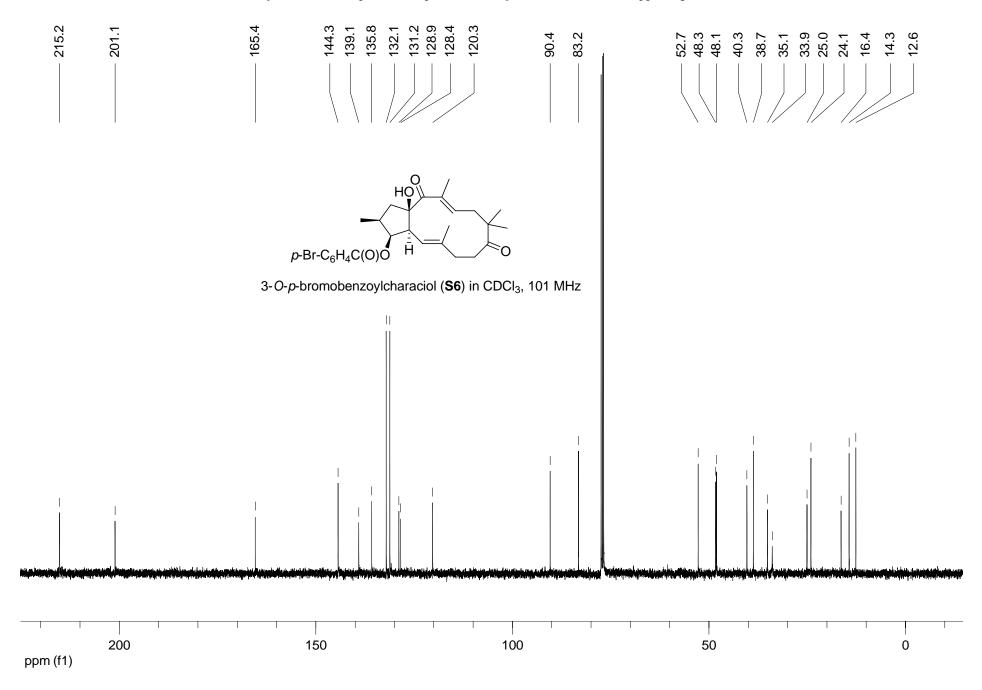


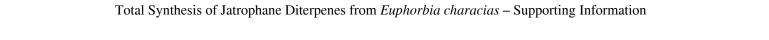


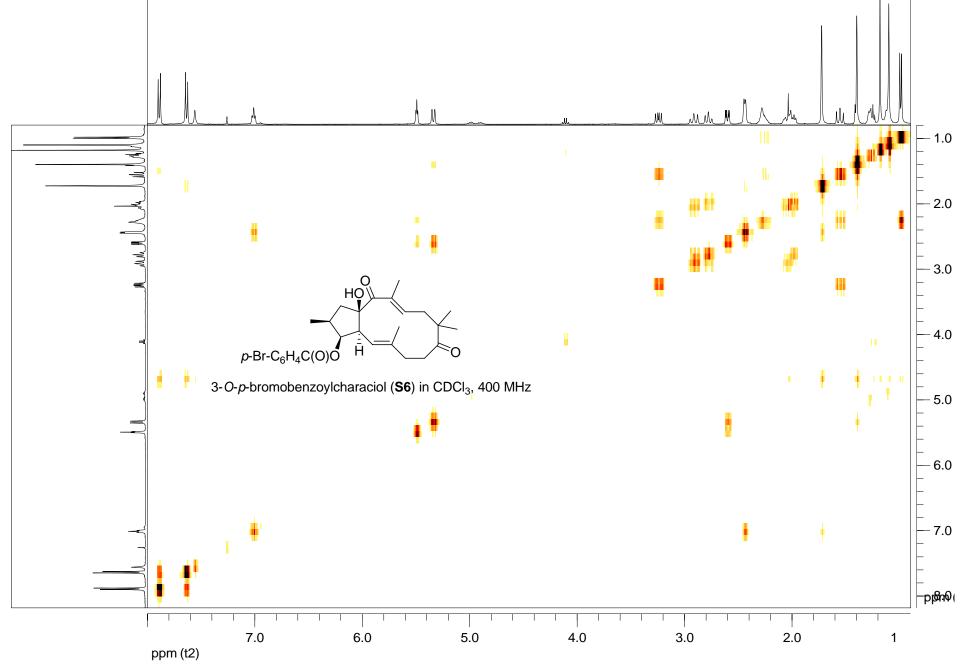


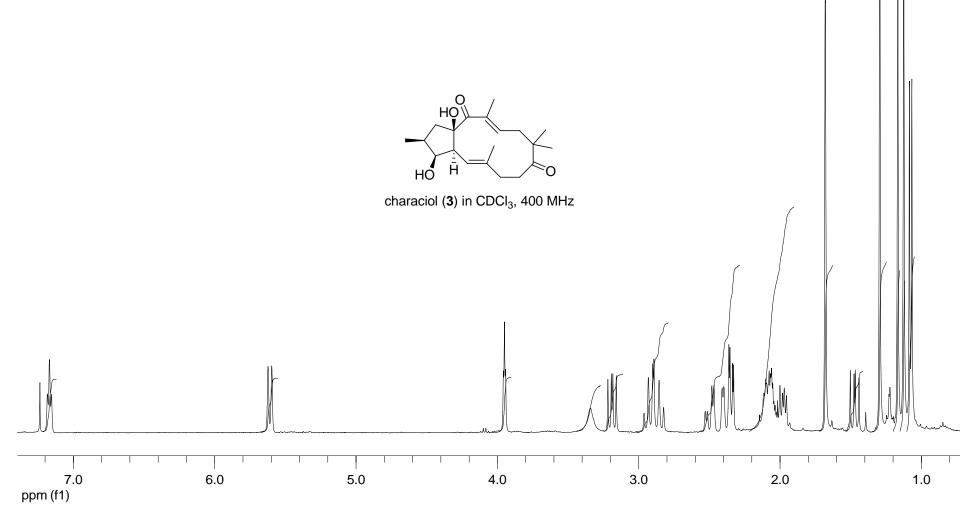


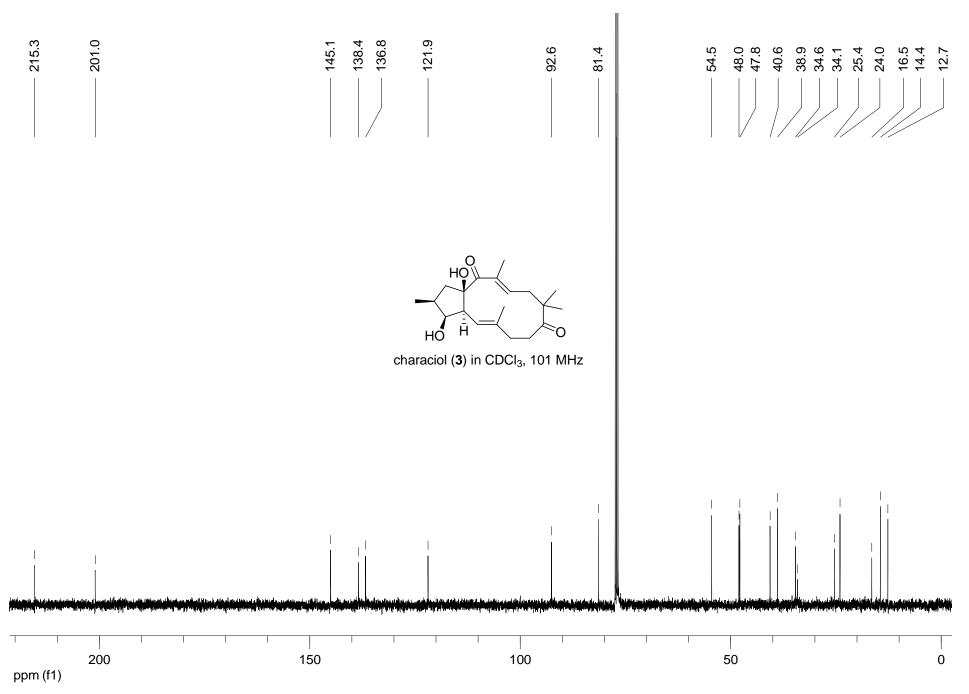
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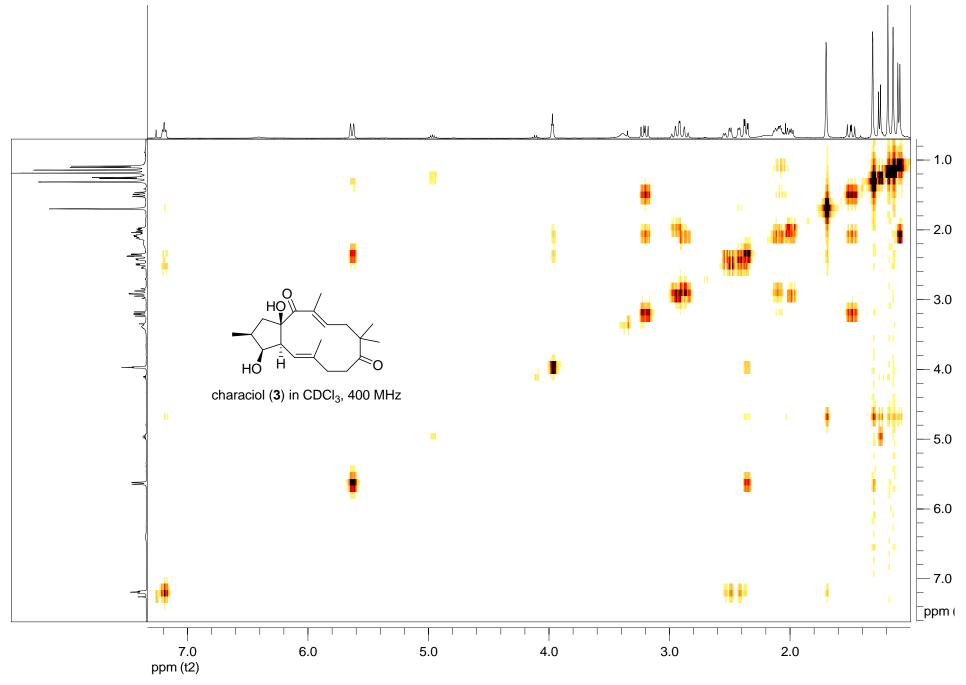




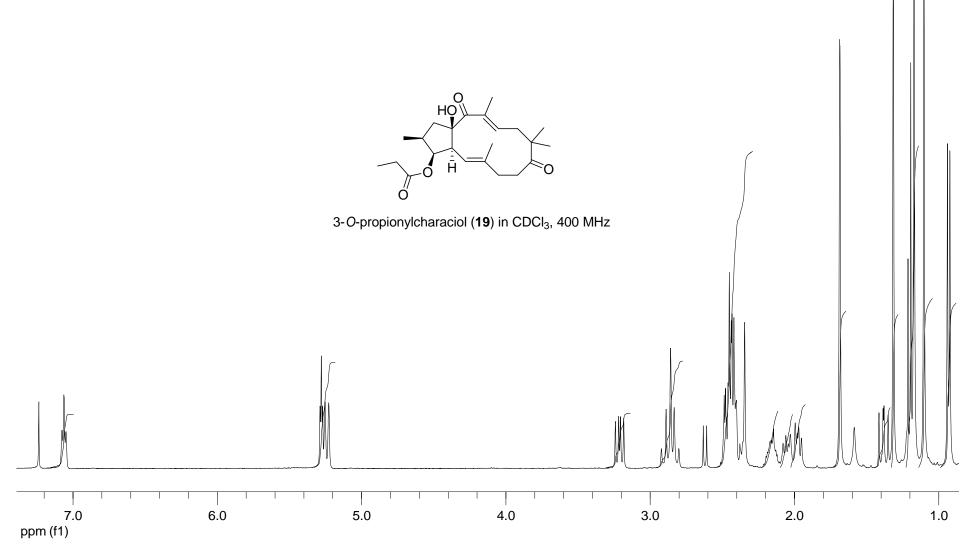


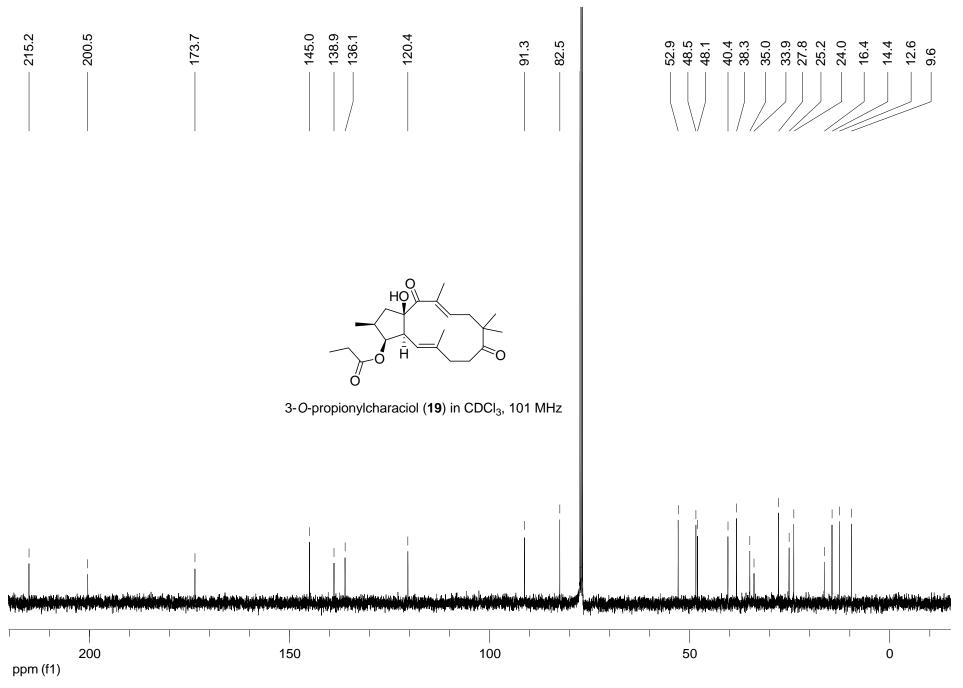


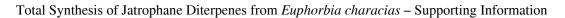


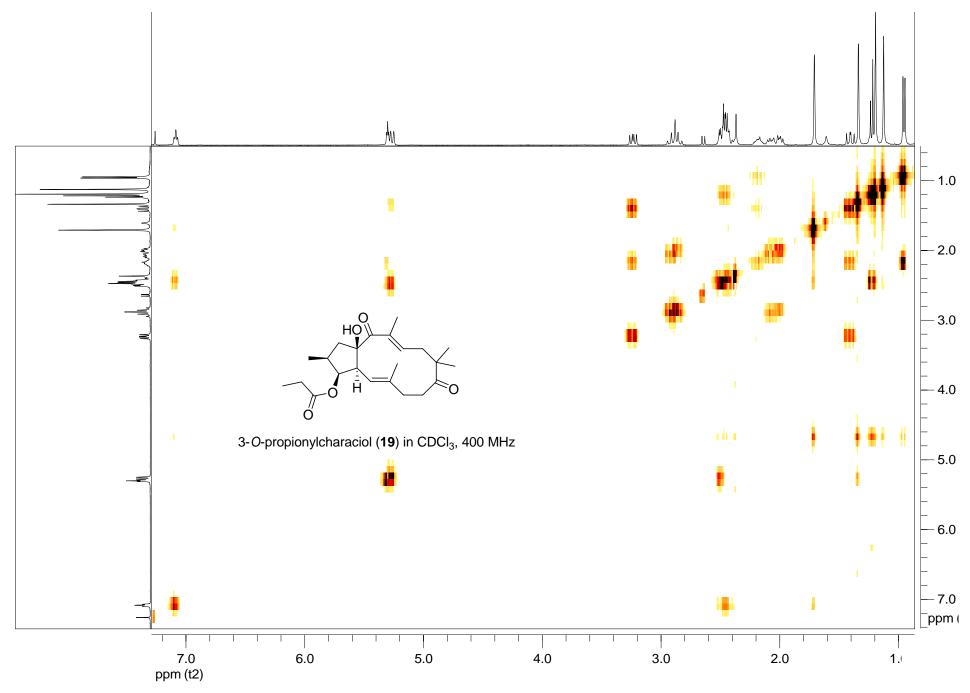


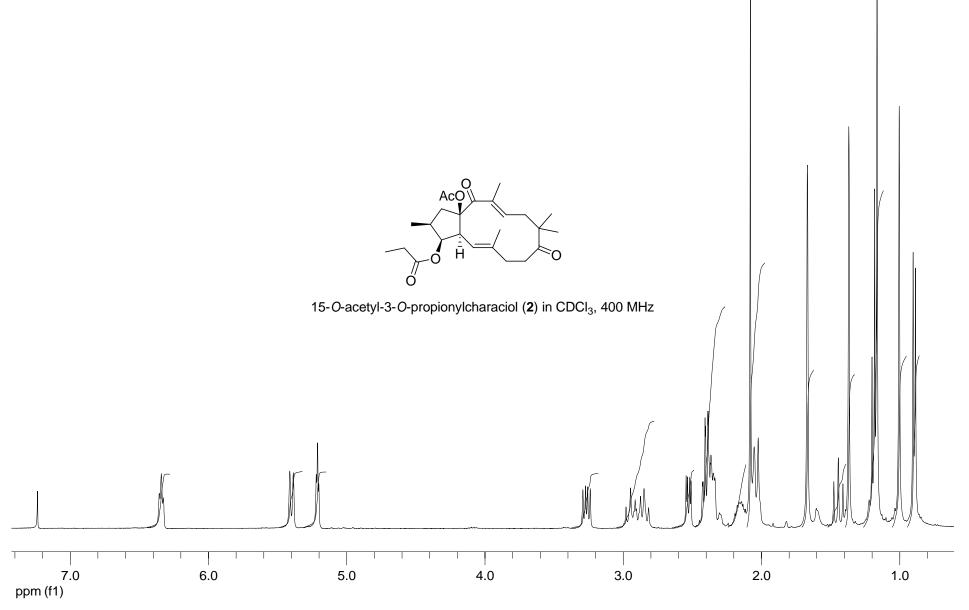
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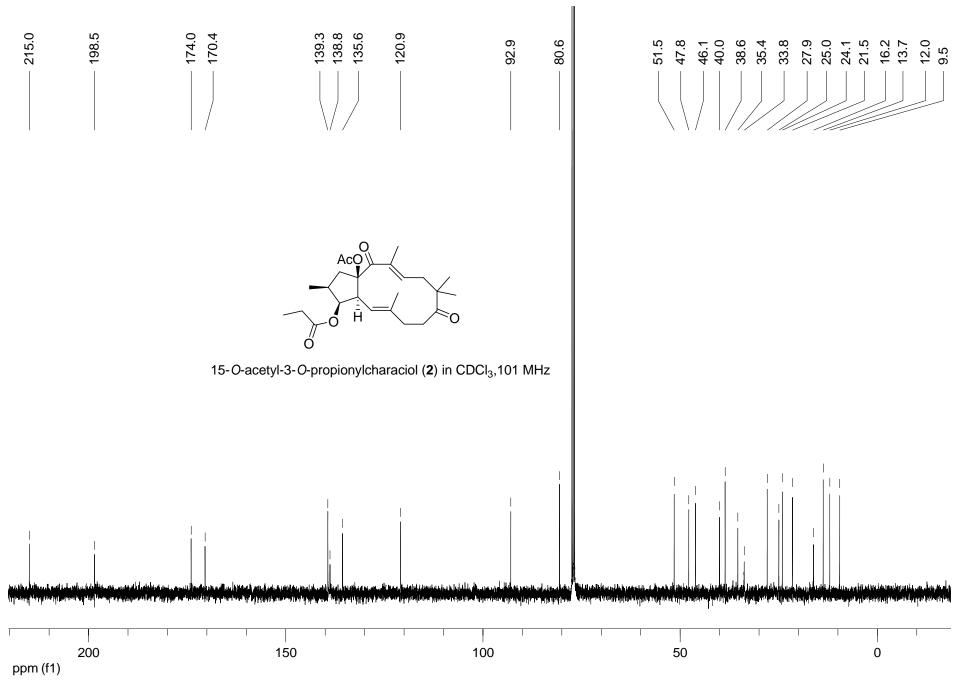


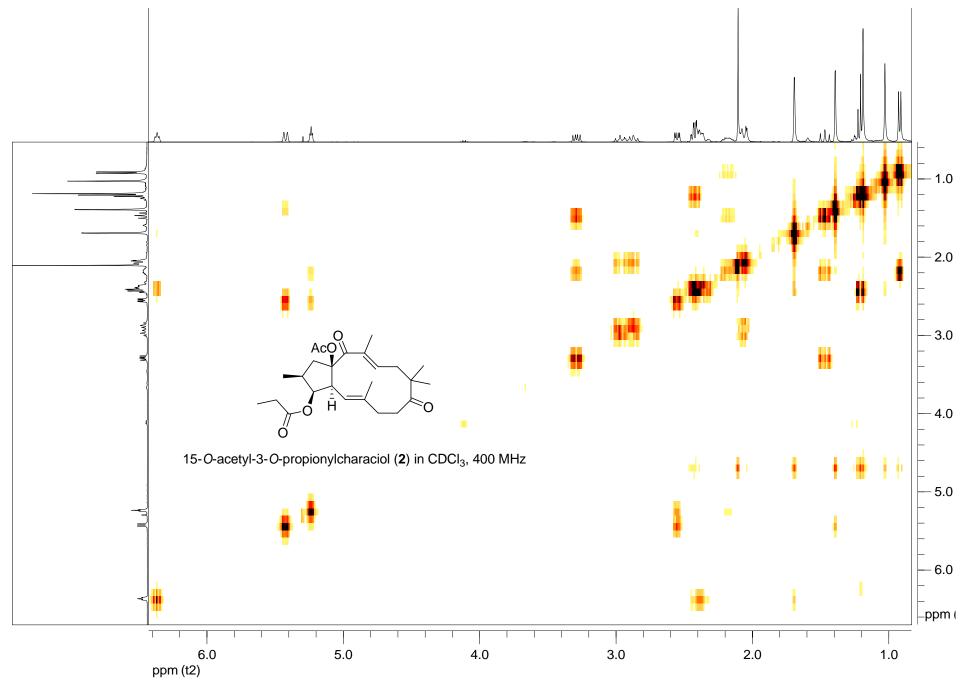


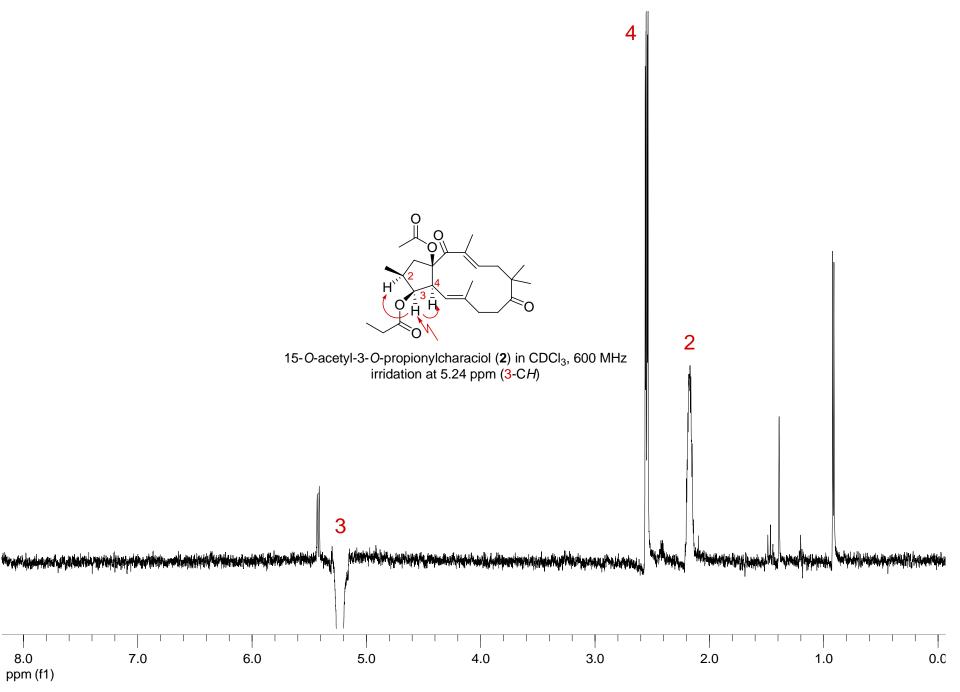


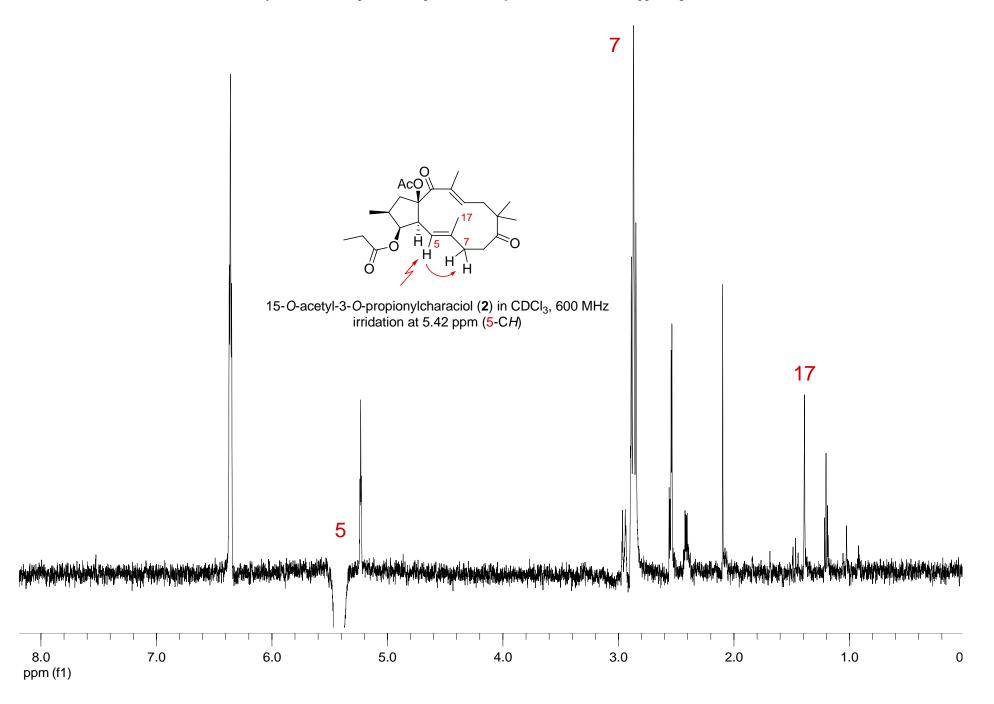


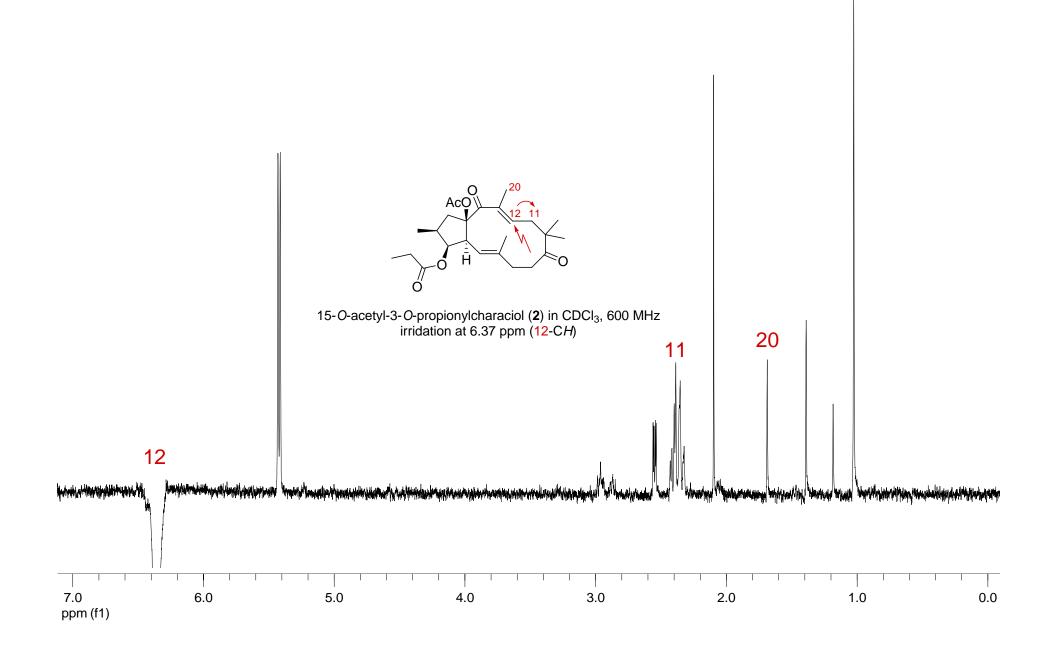


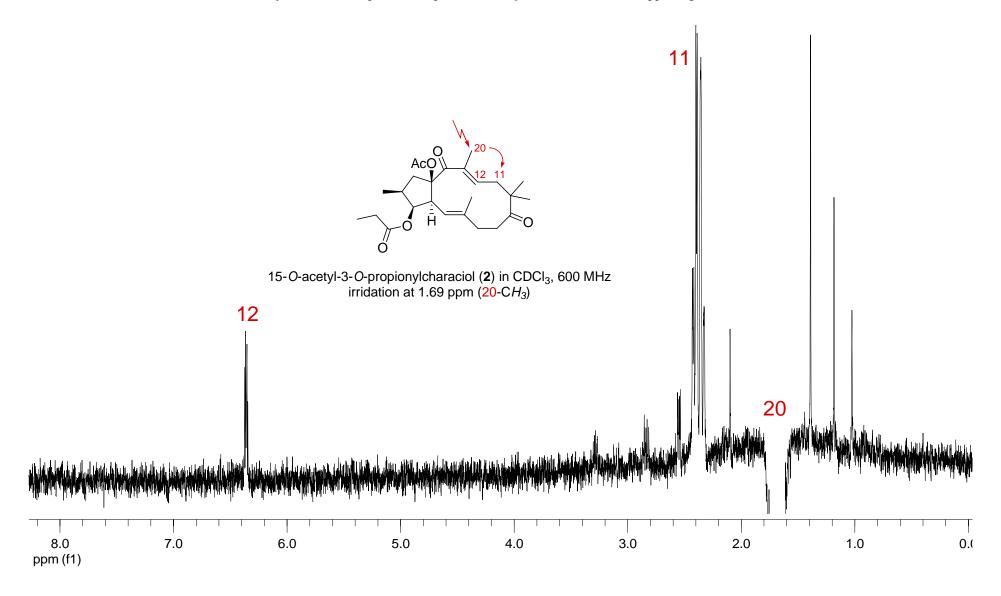


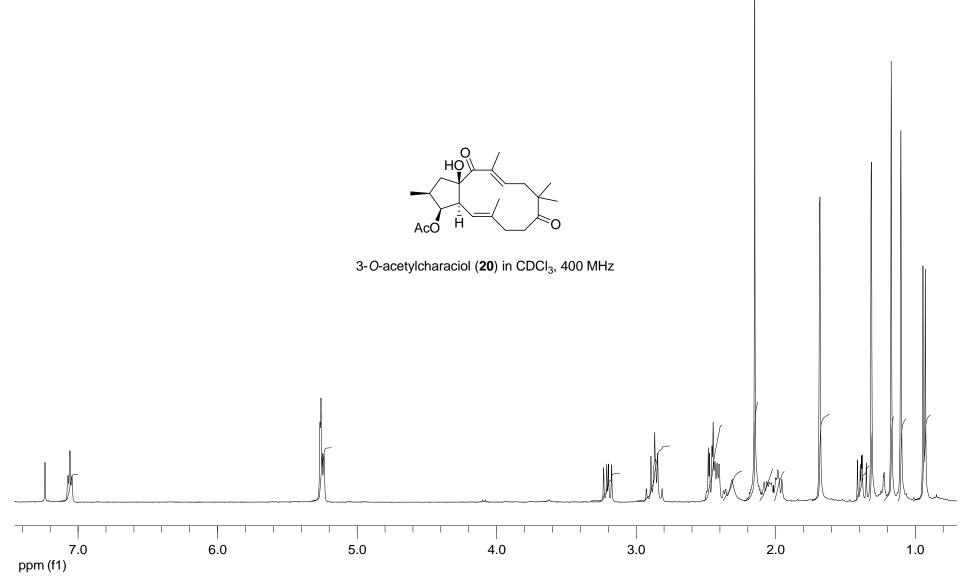


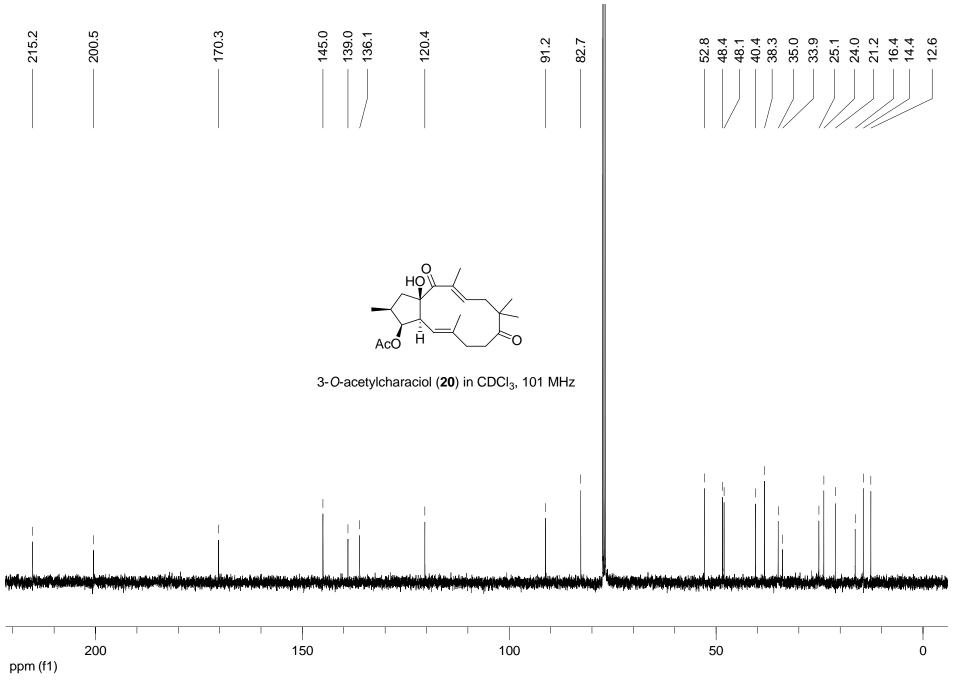




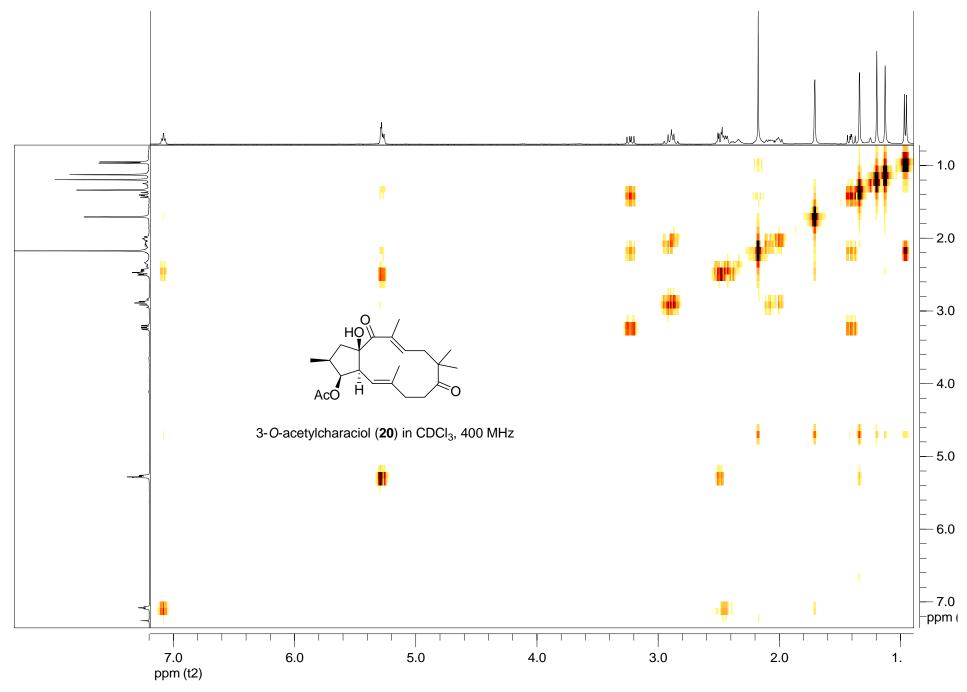


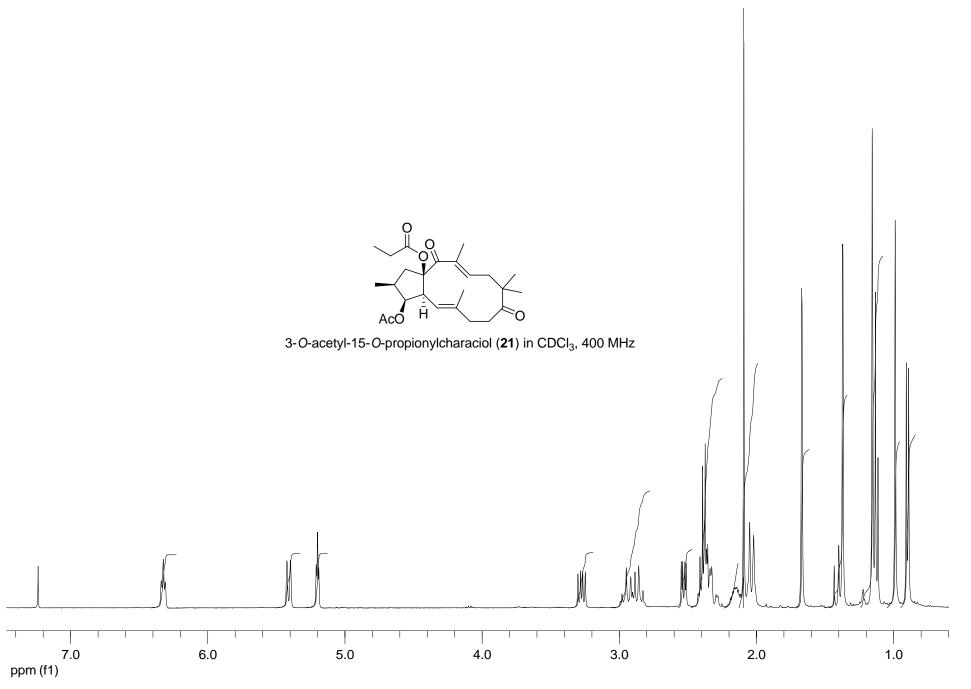


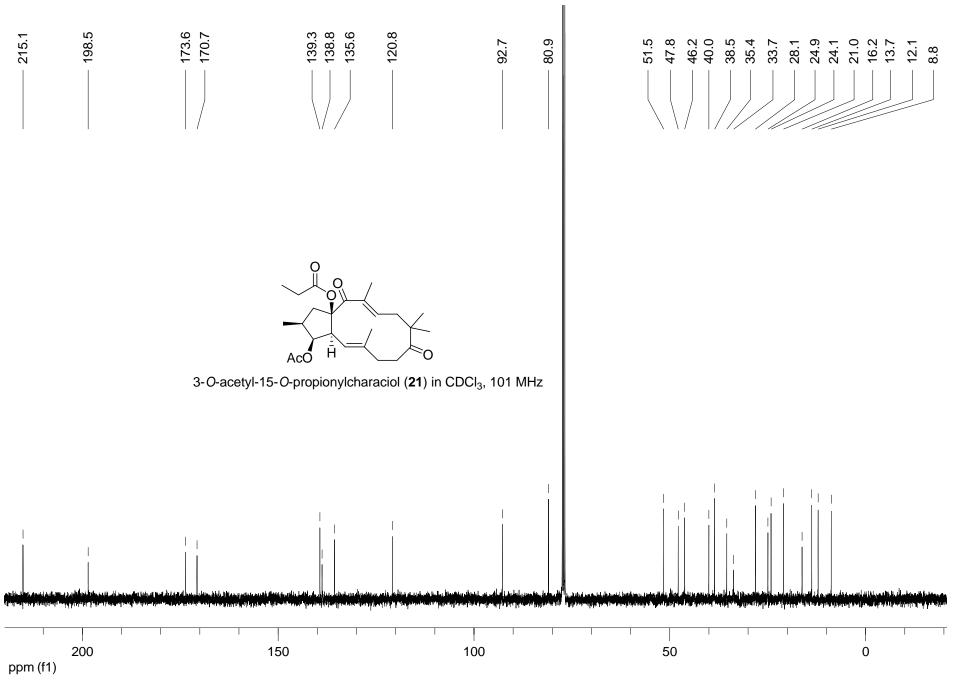


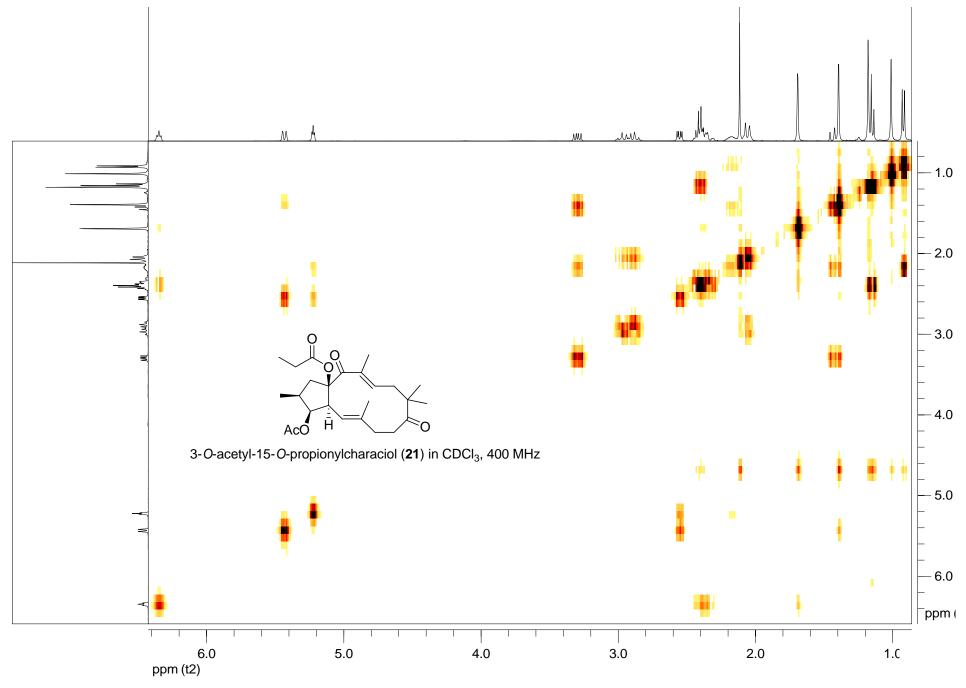


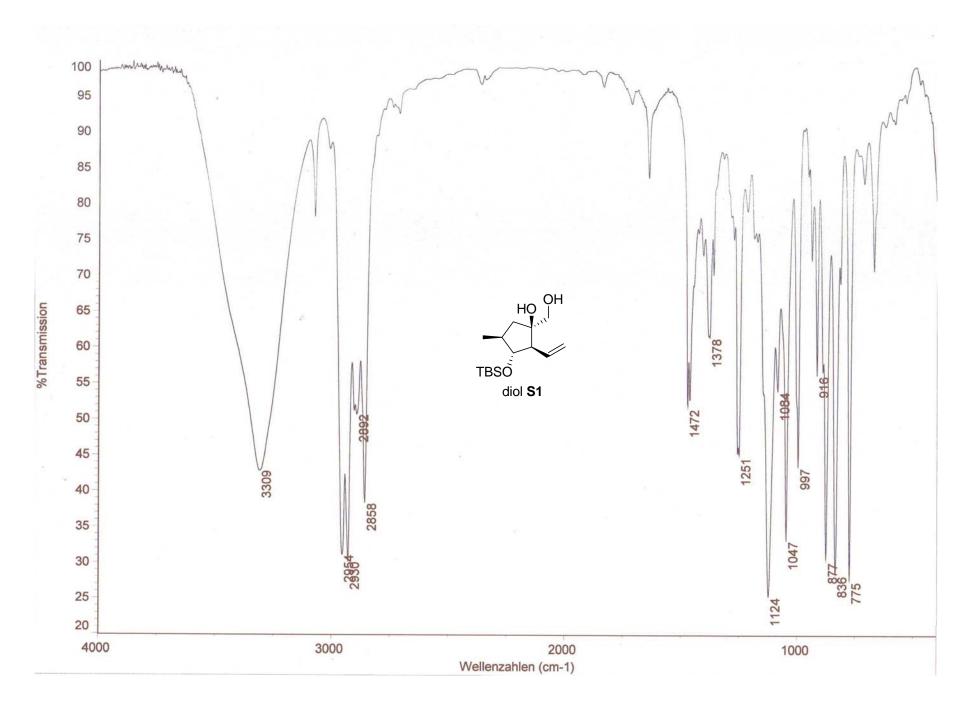
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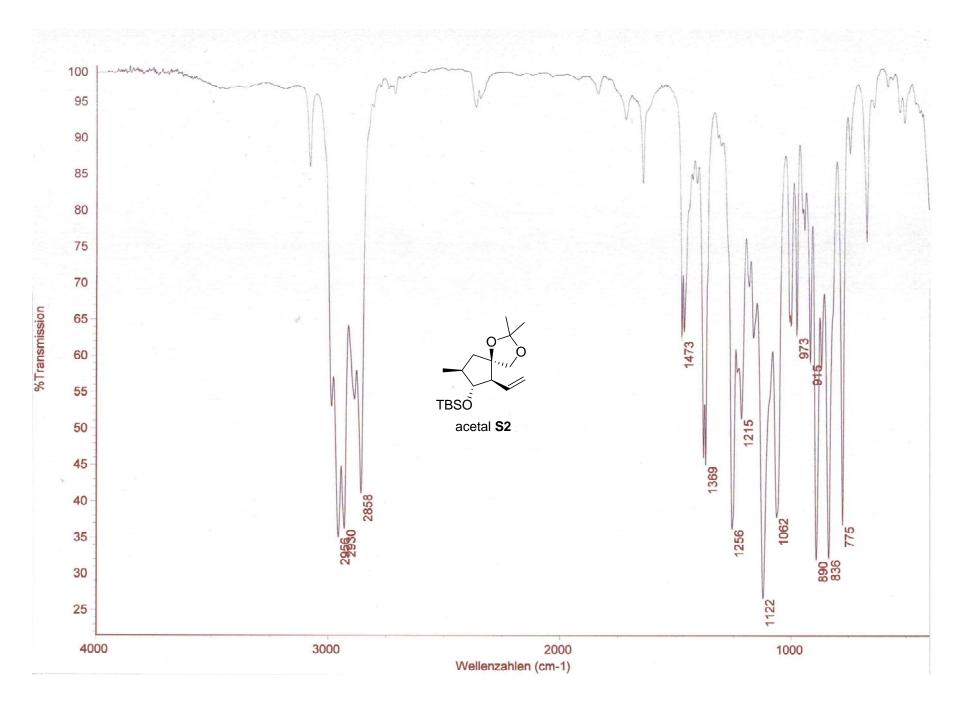


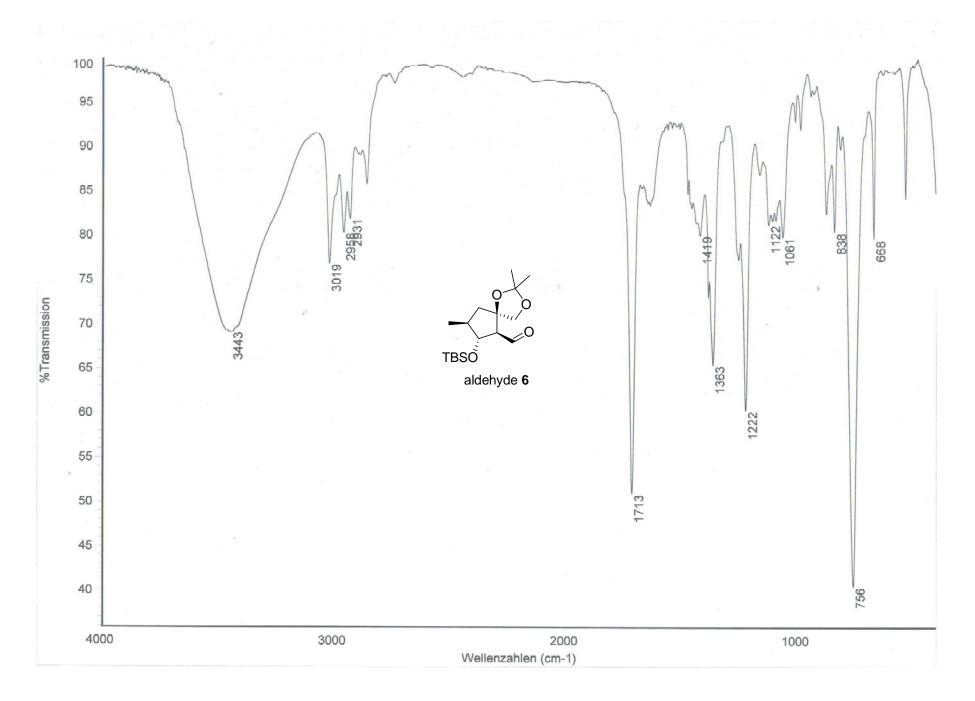


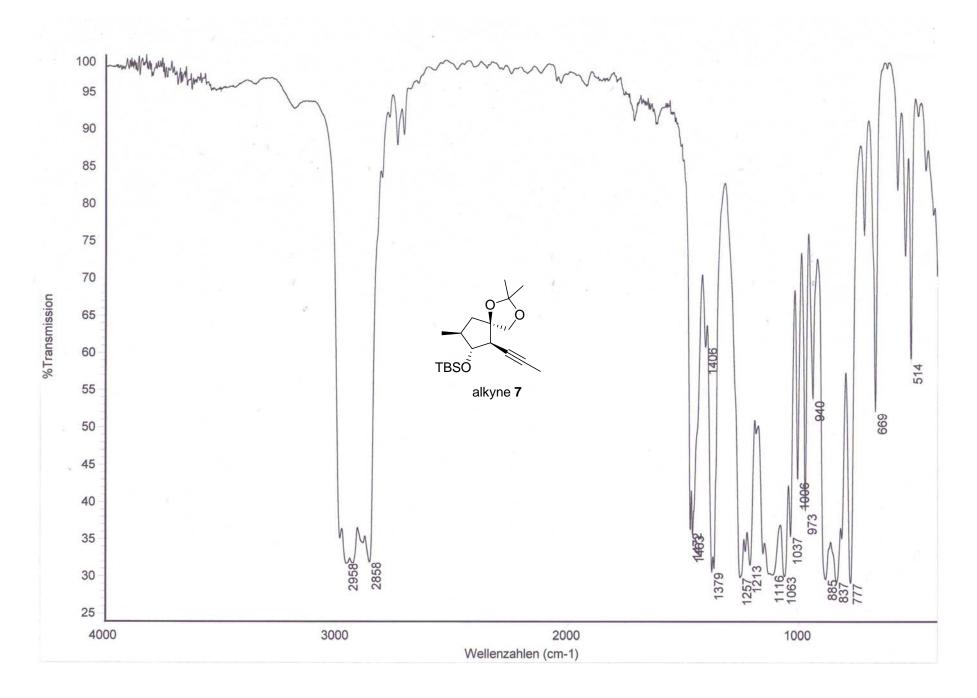


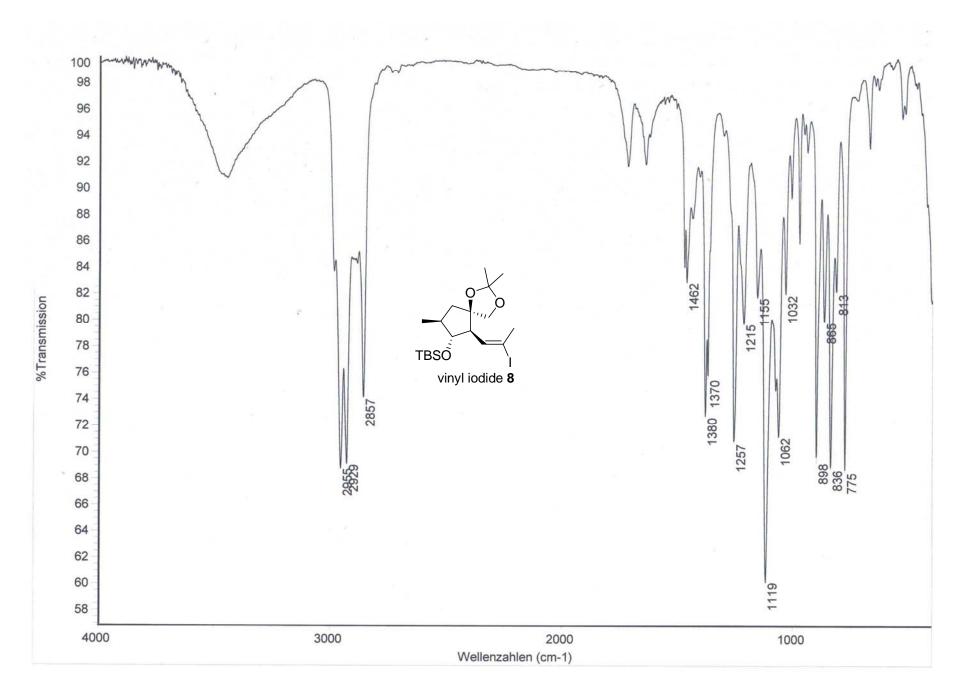


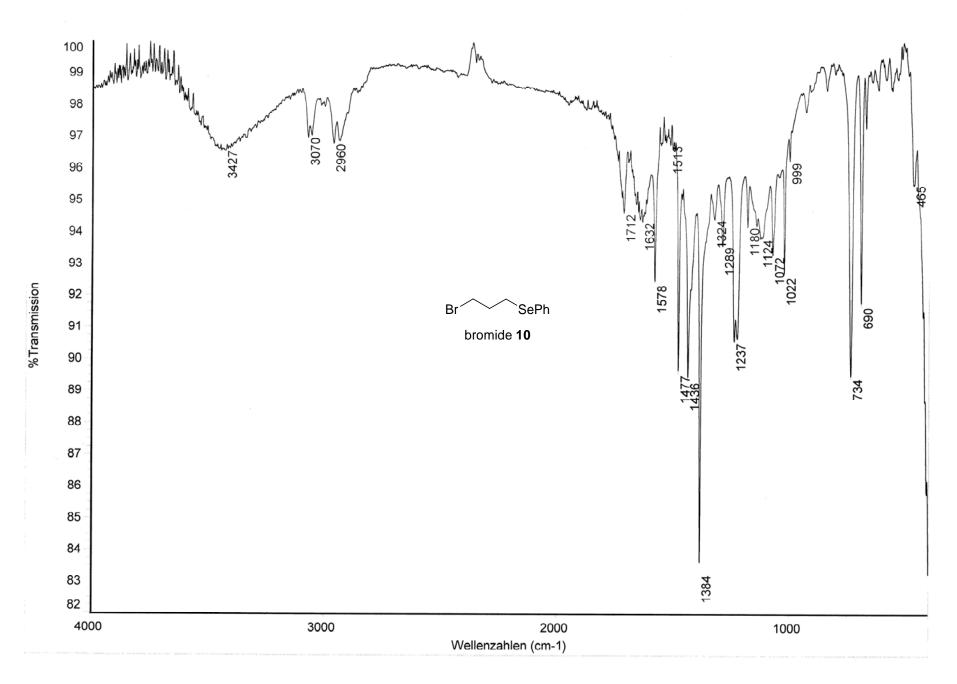


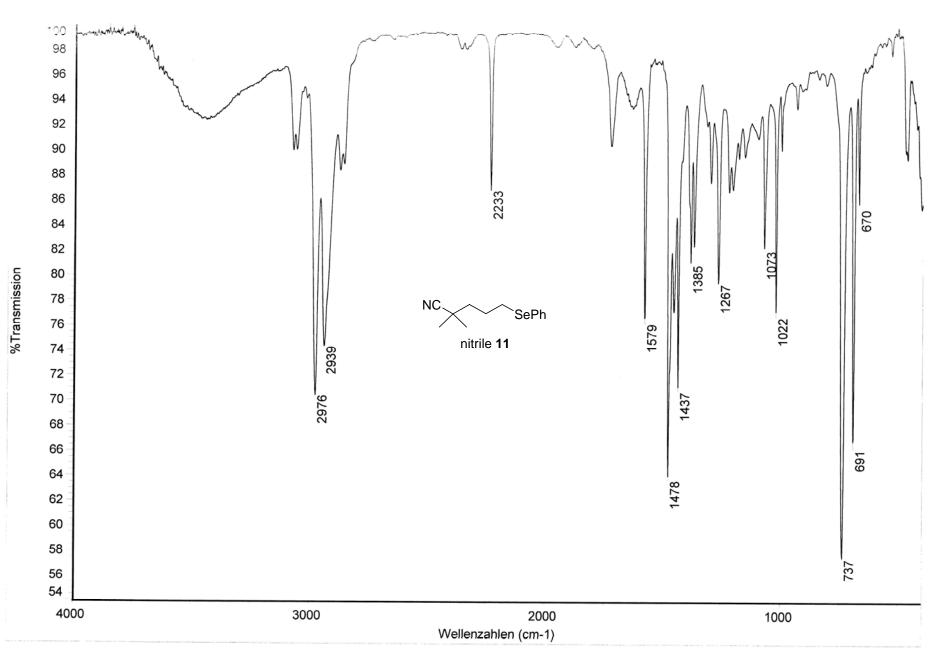


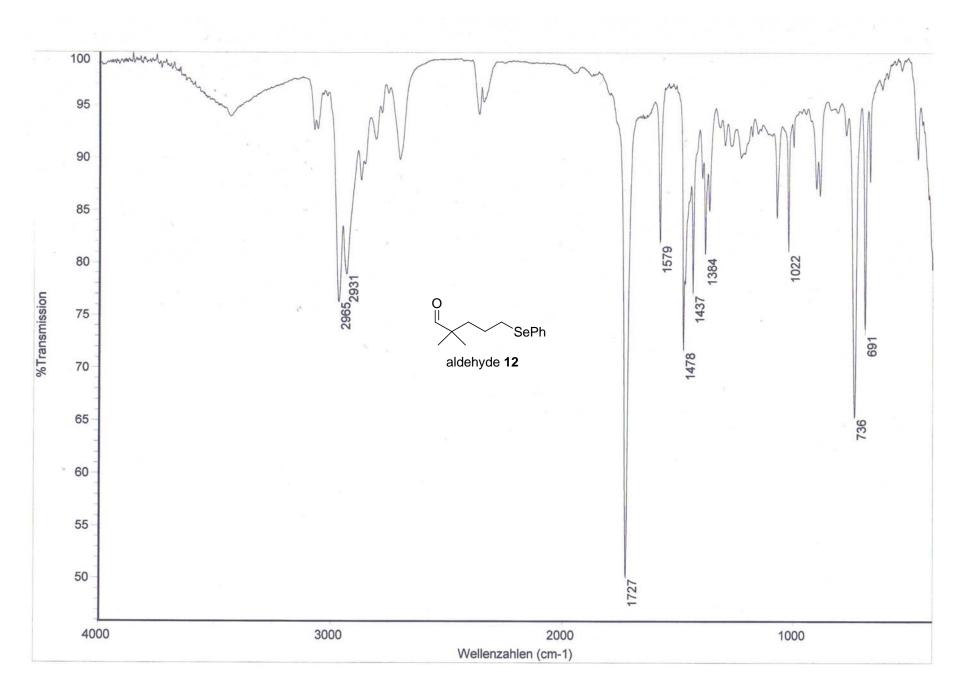


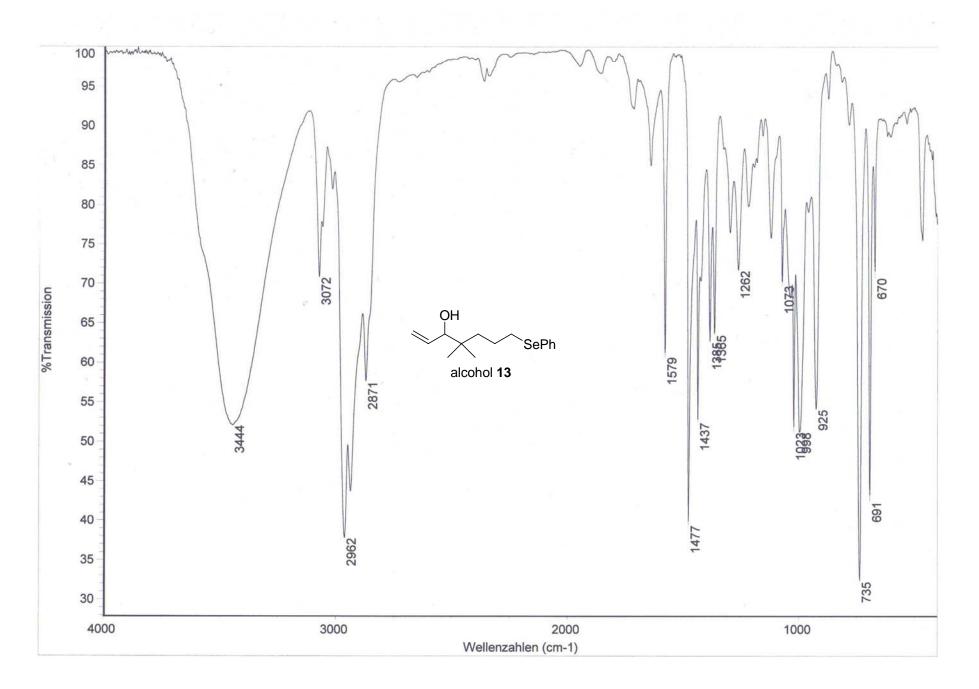


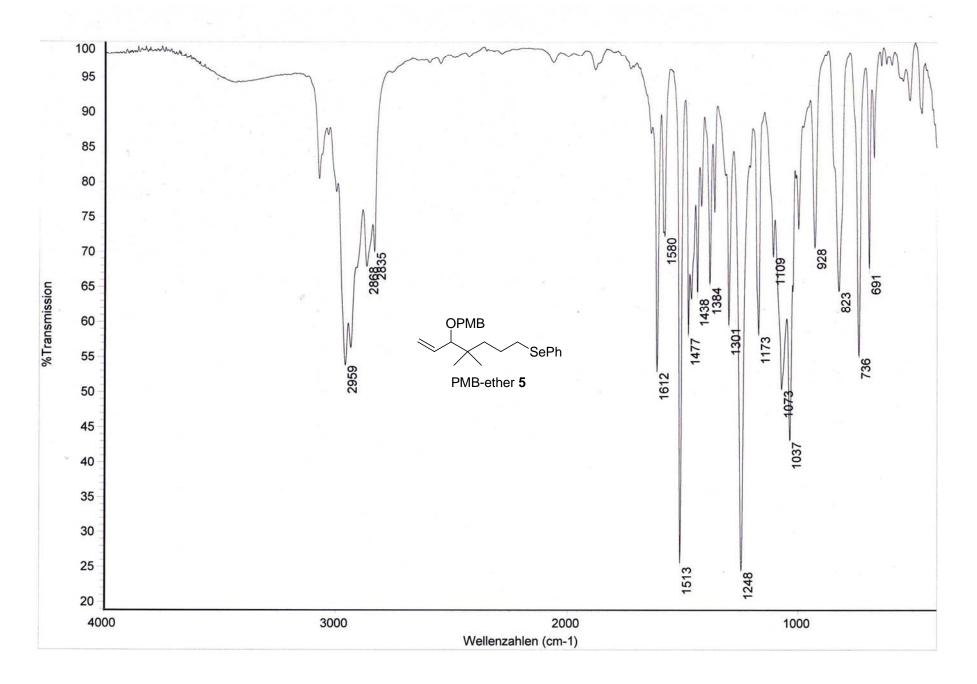


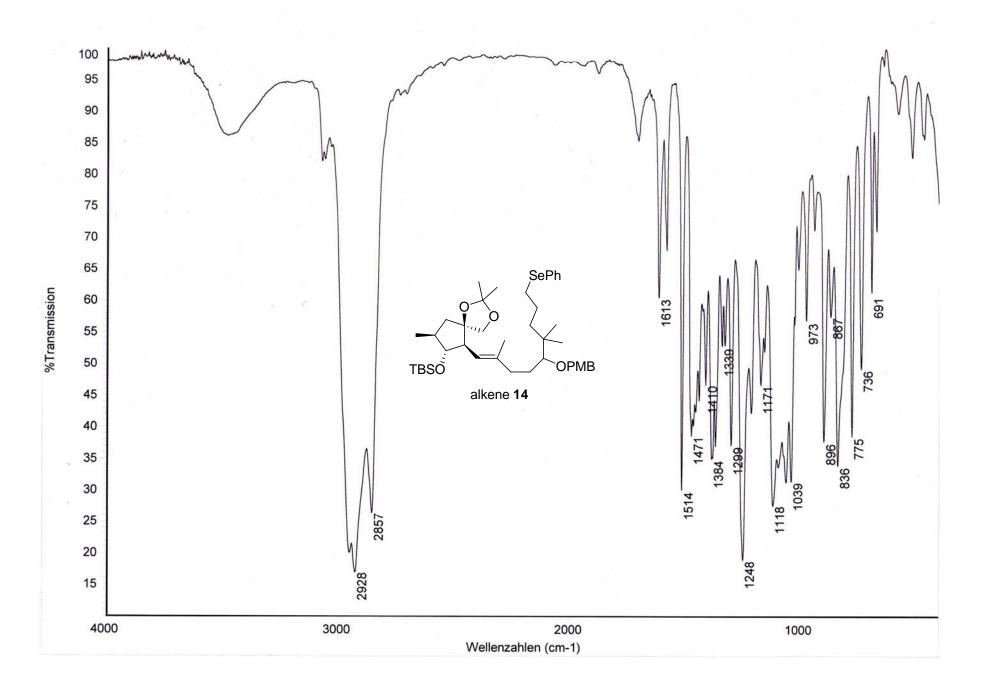


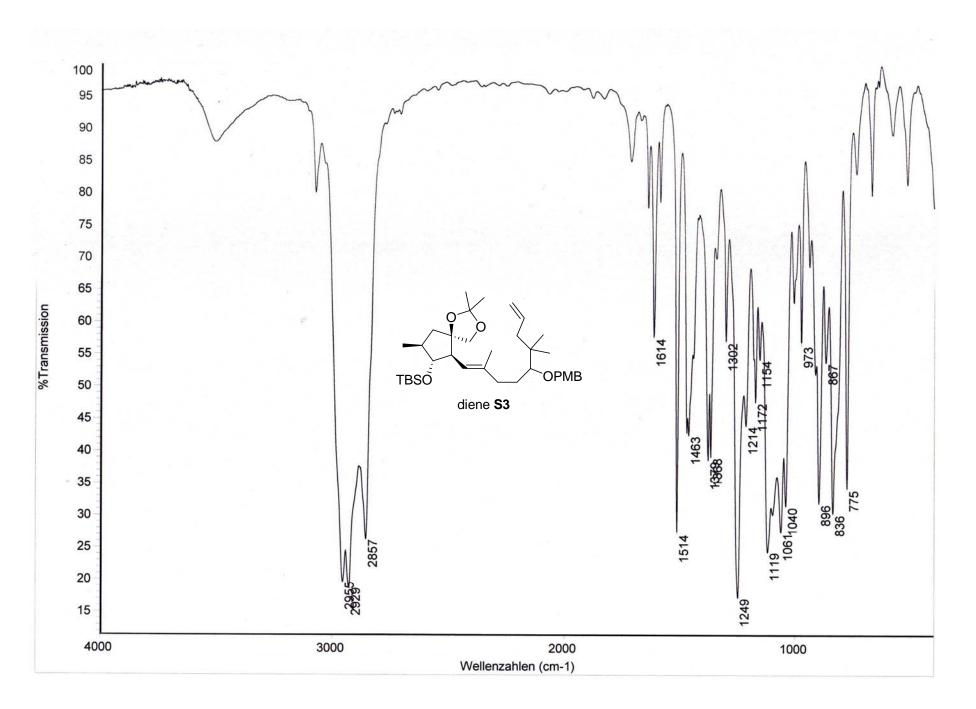


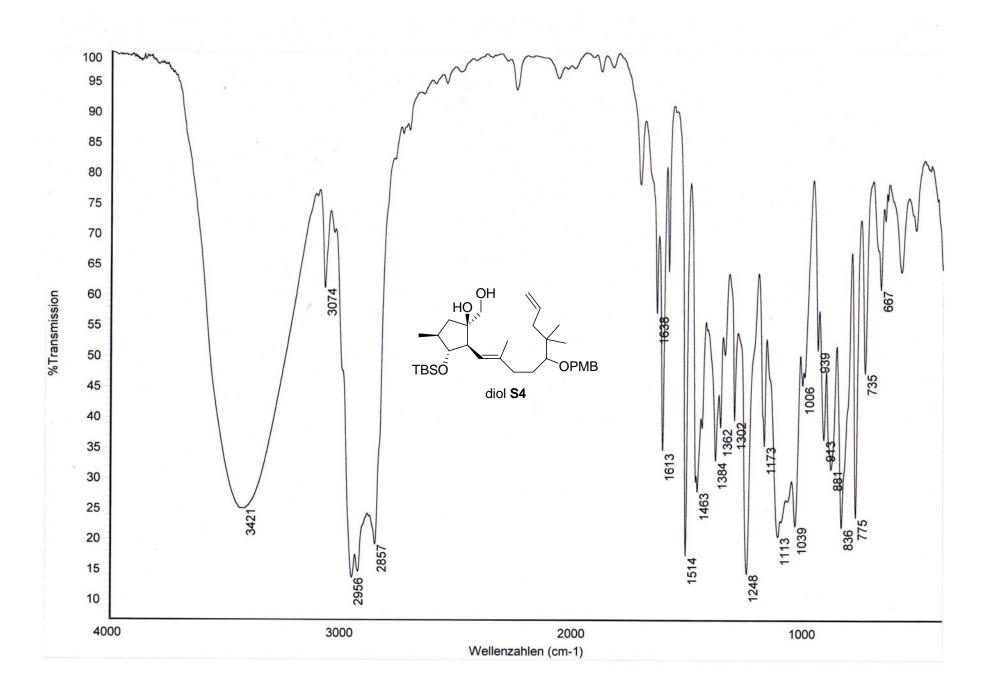


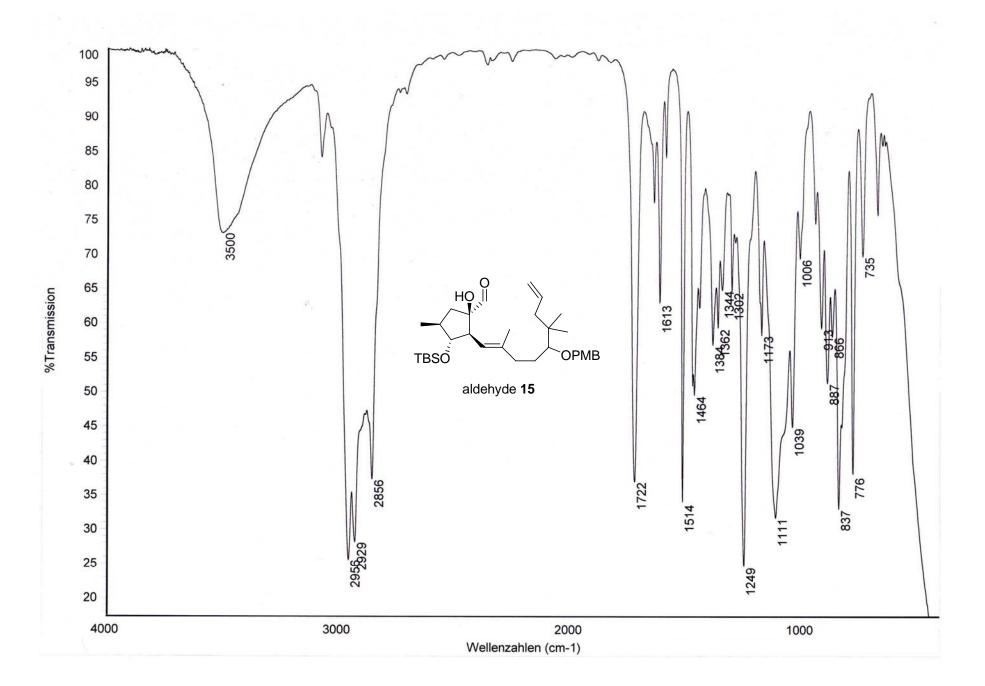


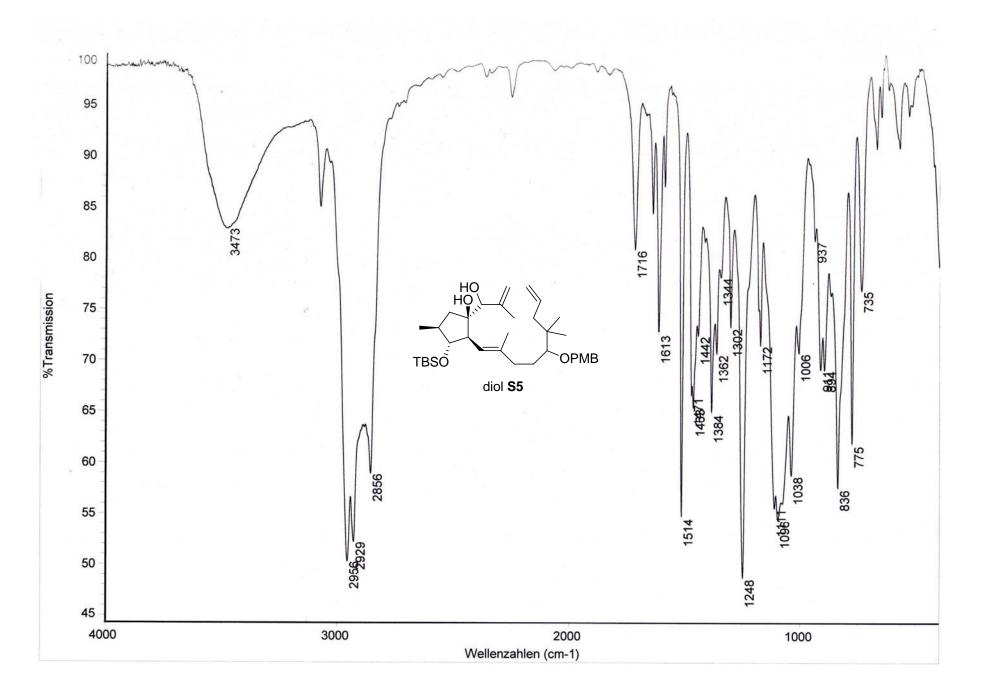


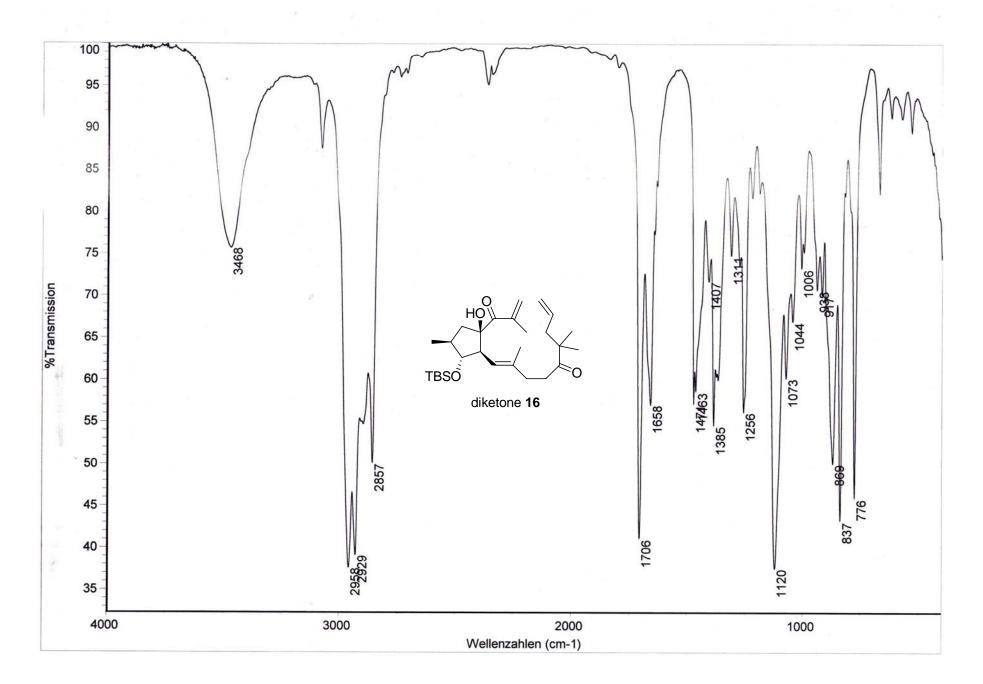


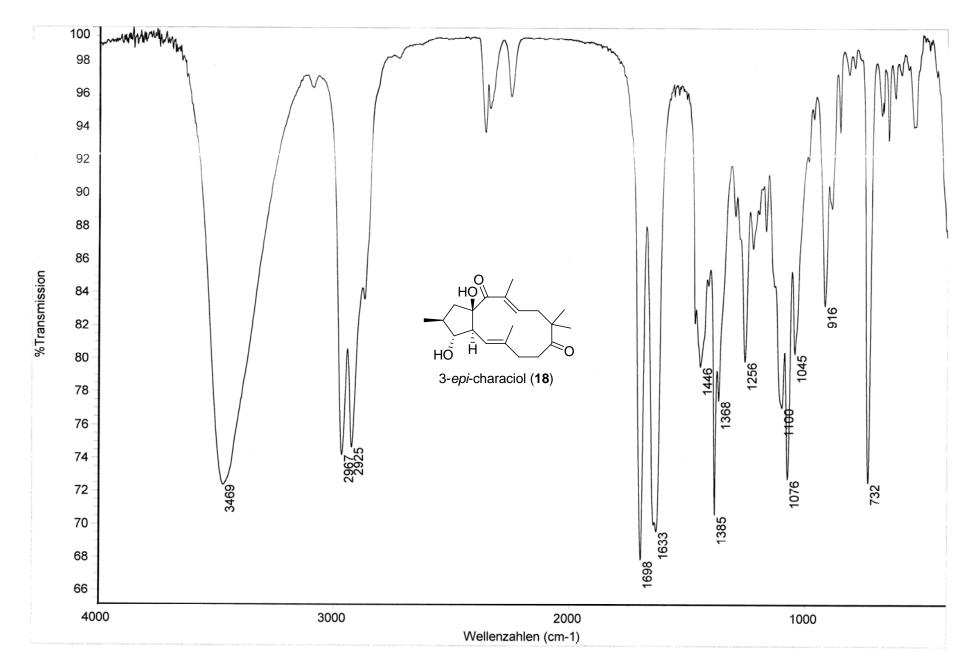


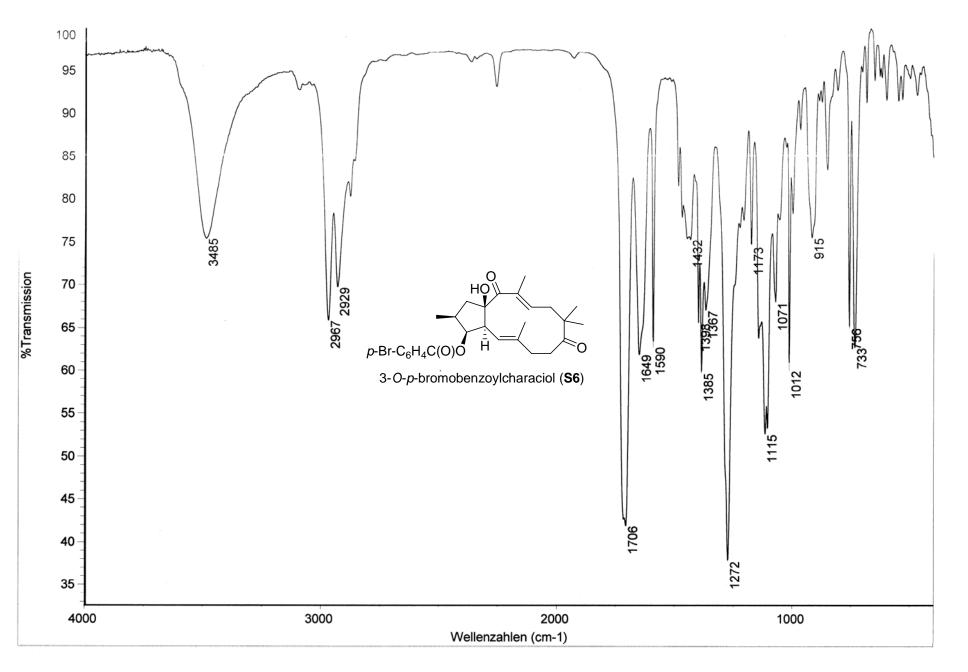


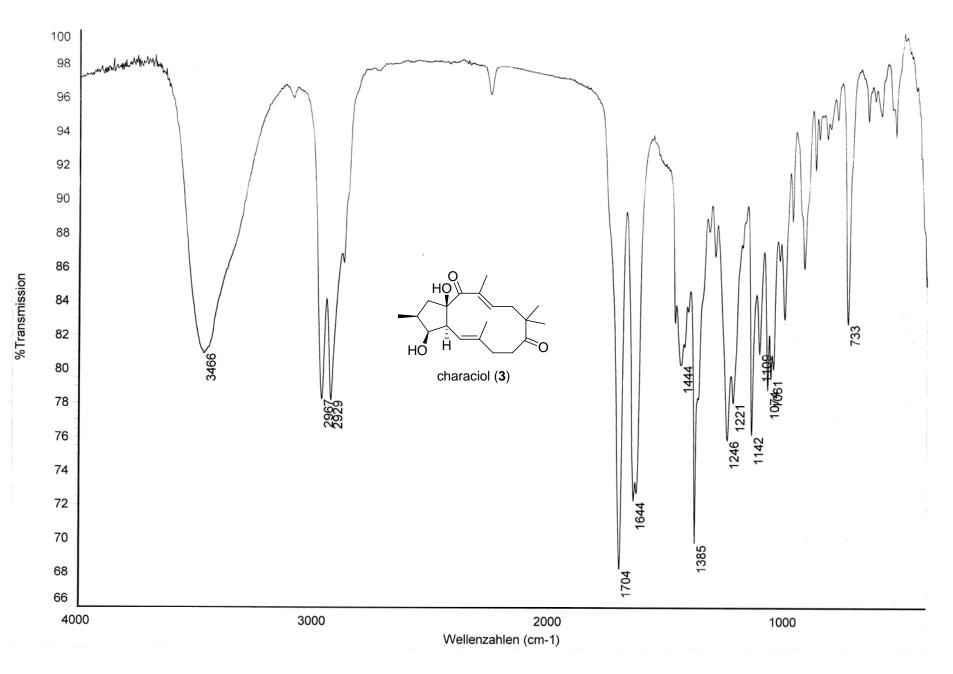


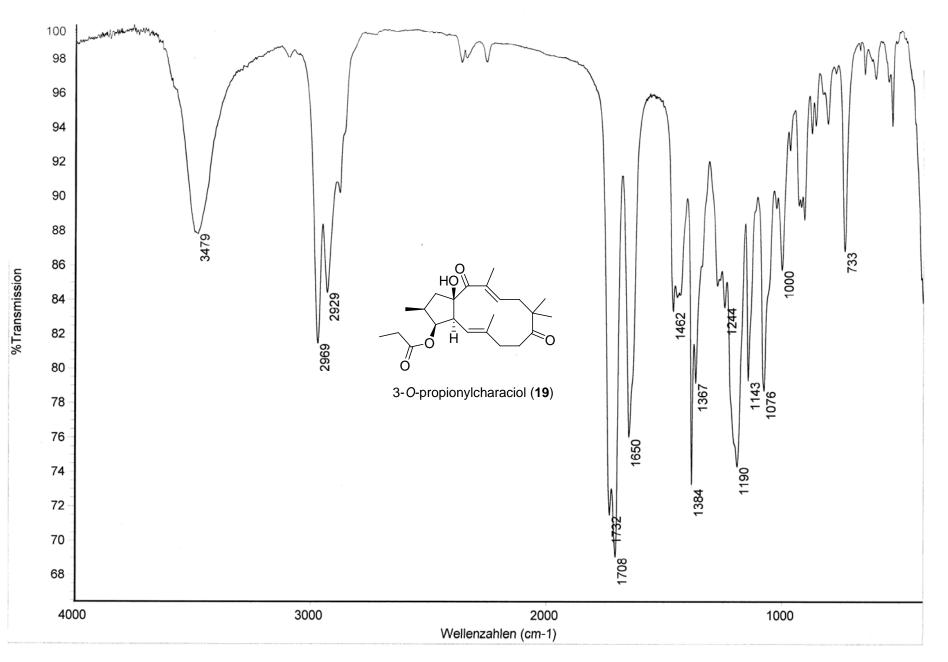


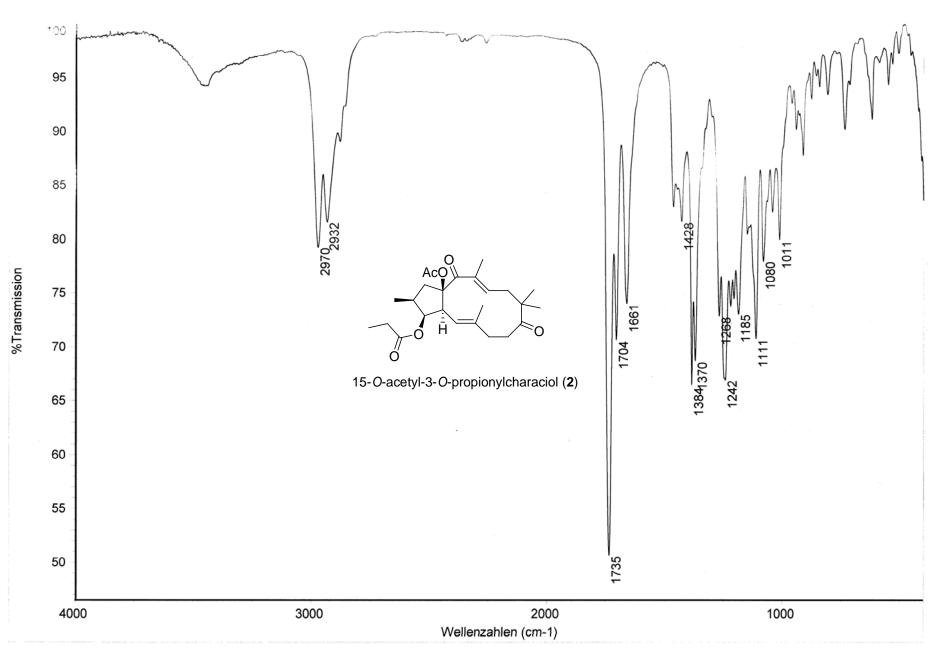


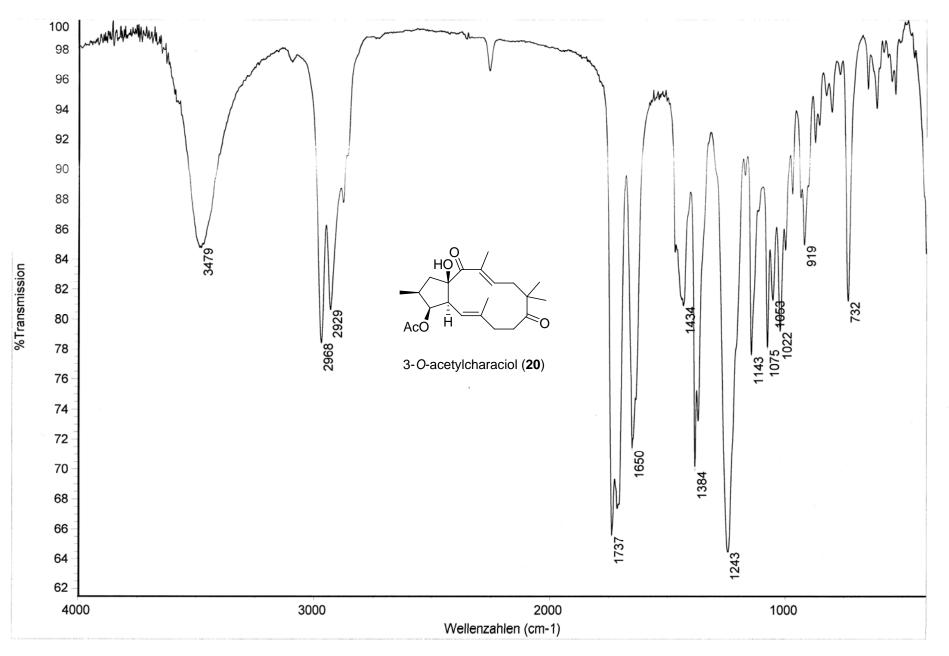


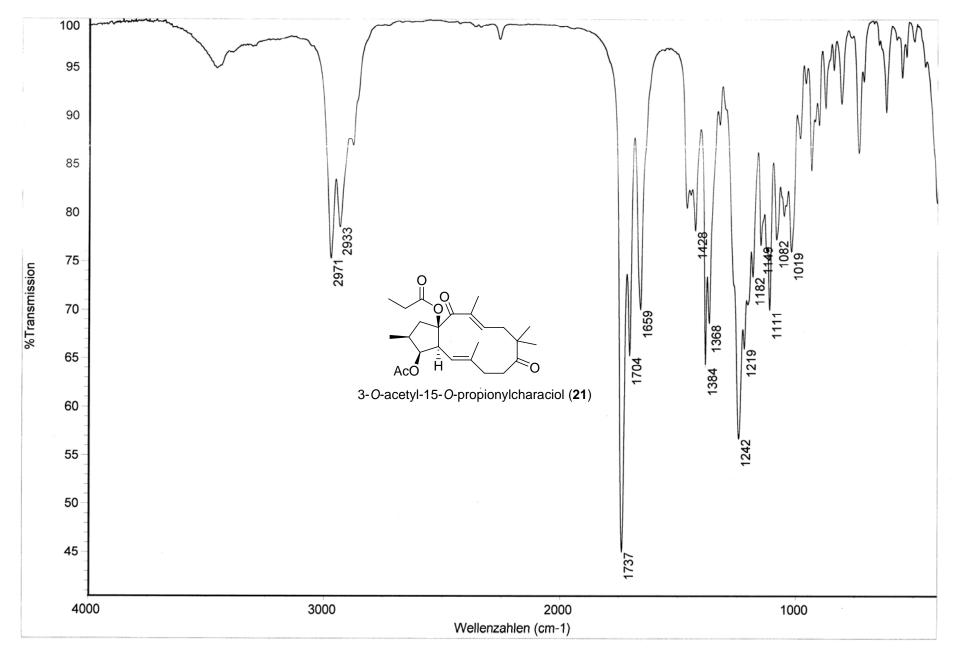












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Elementaranalysenauftrag 3835 25.04.08 Datum S-H Tel Auftraggeber Probenbezeichnung CARHZO U4 SA Die Substanz enthält : 2 Smp.: auf Abruf ? Luftempfindlich : Xo 2 Sdp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Bemerkungen : Hygroskopisch : -0 0 OTBS Einwaage : theor. prax. TBSÒ b a a) 1,694 aldehyde 6 62.1 62,1 %C: 62.15 b.) A, ZAA 9.82 9,6 9,5 % N 28.4.08 14 Kaffm Datum der Ausführung 0 Arbeitskreisleiter Elementaranalysenauftrag

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Elementaranalysenauftrag CS3916 3895 Tel. 03.05.08 Datum chnabel Probenbezeichnung C36 H60 5 Si Die Substanz enthält : × auf Abruf ? × M Smp Luftempfindlich : Sdp. Hygroskopisch : Bemerkungen : PMB OTBS Einwaage : theor. prax. OPMB a **b** TBSÒ a) 1,445 \*c: 71.95 71.8 diene S3 71,7 b) 1,557 %H: 10.06 10,2 10,0 %N:\_// 14.5.08 M. Jim seman Arbeitskreisleiter Elementaranalysenauftrag Schnabel 3895 CS464X Probenbezeichnung 12.09.08 Datum C33 H560-5 Die Substanz enthält : Ho or M Smp.: Luftempfindlich : 2 Sdp.: Hygroskopisch : OH ΗQ OPMB OTBS Einwaage : theor. prax. b TBSÔ OPMB a a) 1,684 diol S4 70,3 70,5 %c: 70.67 b.) 1,455 %H: 10.06 9.9 97 7.9.08 M Lylm Sema Arbeitskreisleiter

Elementaranalysenauftrag 3895 Tel. abel 08.10.08 Datum CS496X Probenbezeichnung C33 H54 O5 Si Die Substanz enthält : M Smp. Ho auf Abruf ? Luftempfindlich : Sdp.: Bemerkungen : Hygroskopisch : ┙ HỌ (|| SPMB OTBS Einwaage : theor. prax. OPMB TBSÒ a a) 1,356 b %c: 70.92 71,2 70,8 aldehyde 15 b.) 1,194 »н: <u>9.74</u> 9,3 9.4 14.10.08. M. Liftm Datum der Ausführung + sem au Arbeitskreisleiter Elementaranalysenauftrag 3835 Tel 13. 11.08 Datum S 520 X Probenbezeichnung C36 H60 O5 Si Die Substanz enthält : Smp.: auf Abruf ? \_ X Luftempfindlich : HO 2 Hygroskopisch : Sdp.: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Bemerkungen : HO HO OPMB OTBS Einwaage : theor. prax. b OPMB a) 1,538 TBSÒ %с: <u>71.95</u> %н: <u>10.06</u> 71,6 71,7 diol S5 b.) 2,259 10.0 10.4 1108 M Hollow seman Arbeitskreisleiter

Elementaranalysenauftrag 3895 Tel. Schnabel 24.11.08 Datum CS 527 Auftraggeber robenbezeichnung C28 H48 04 Si Die Substanz enthält : Smp.: auf Abruf ? Luftempfindlich : HO Sdp.: Bemerkungen Hygroskopisch : HO OTBS Einwaage : theor. prax. TBSO a) 1.818 a b diketone 16 70,5 70,5 %c: <u>70.54</u> %h: <u>10.15</u> b) 1,598 10.0 9,8 2.8. 11. 08. M. Luffun Datum der Ausführung seman Arbeitskreisleiter Elementaranalysenauftrag Schnabel 3895 Auftraggeber Tel. 10.03.09 Datum CS538X Probenbezeichnung Czo Hzo Oy Die Substanz enthält : auf Abruf ? (+ 0 ) Smp :: 173" (-184"( Luftempfindlich : Sdp. Hygroskopisch : L Ο HO Bemerkungen : 40 4 Einwaage : theor. prax. Ĥ  $\cap$ ΗÒ a a) 1,286 b 3-epi-Characiol (18) 71,5 %c: 71.82 b.) 9,0 %н: <sup>5.04</sup> 12.3.09.M. Hinflow Datum der Ausführung sen a Arbeitskreisleiter

Elementaranalysenauftrag 3893 Tel. Schnabel 25.07.05 Datum SS92) Probenbezeichnung C27 H33 Br 05 Die Substanz enthält : auf Abruf ? \_\_\_\_ Smp.: Luftempfindlich : HO 2 Sdp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Bemerkungen : Hygroskopisch : H p-Br-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>C(O)O Einwaage : theor. prax. 3-*O*-*p*-bromobenzoylcharaciol (**S6**) a a) 1.782 жс: <u>62.67</u> жн: <u>643</u> 62,5 62.4 b.) 2,351 6,5 6,2 2 3 03 H. Kalm - 9 л Arbeitskreisleiter Elementaranalysenauftrag Schnabel 3835 Auftraggeber Tel. 03.03.05 Datum SS9SX Probenbezeichnung Die Substanz enthält :  $C_{2c}H_{30}O_4$   $M_{smp.:} 103°C$  auf Abruf ? \_\_\_\_\_ Luftempfindlich : 40 0 Sdp.: Hygroskopisch :  $\cap$ Bemerkungen : HO H Einwaage : HO theor. prax. Ĥ  $\cap$ НŌ a b a) 2.050 %c: <u>71.82</u> Characiol (3) 71,6 7.1,5 b.) 1.788 %н: <u>9.04</u> 9,1 87 %N: / 3 09 .4 .Kg seman Arbeitskreisleiter

Elementaranalysenauftrag Schnabel 3859 15.02.08 Datum SSS1X robenbezeichnung Auftraggeber C25H2606 Die Substanz enthält : M .: 140°C auf Abruf ? \_\_\_\_ Luftempfindlich ALO O AcO Sdp.: Hygroskopisch : Bemerkungen : Einwaage : T theor. prax. a) 1.700 a ь 15-O-acetyl-3-O-propionylcharaciol (2) \*C: 69.42 69.7 69.4 » 2.414 8,3 %H: 8.35 8.8 %N: 25.2 09. M. Julin Datum der Ausführung tersemann Arbeitskreisleiter Elementaranalysenauftrag Schnabel 3835 Auftraggeber Tel. 10.03.09 Datum S606X Probenbezeichnung Die Substanz enthält :  $C_{25}H_{36}O_6$ M .: 134 °C auf Abruf ? \_\_\_\_ Luftempfindlich : Sdp.: Hygroskopisch Bemerkungen : 14 Einwaage : Aco theor. prax. Ĥ AcÕ a a) 1,756 3-O-acetyl-15-O-propionylcharaciol (21) %c: 69.42 69.3 68.9 b) 2,455 жн: 8.3S 8.2 8,5 %N: 12.3.09 M Julin Datum der Ausführung er -au Arbeitskreisleiter

