# Transition Metal-Catalyzed Chemoselective Methylenation of Dicarbonyl Substrates.

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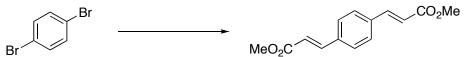
# Table S1. Chemoselective Wittig Methylenation of Ketoaldehyde 11 with Various Bases.

| Bas  | 11<br>PCH <sub>3</sub> Br (1.1 equiv)<br>ie (1.1 equiv)<br>=, 23 °C     | OBn<br>+<br>OBn    | 21                                  |
|--|---|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| entry  | Base  | ر<br>17            | /ield (%) <sup>a</sup><br><b>21</b> |
| 1  | <i>n</i> -BuLi <sup>c</sup>   | 46                 | 31                                  |
| 2  | LiHMDS  | 41                 | 30                                  |
| 3  | NaHMDS  | 56                 | 31                                  |
| 4  | KHMDS   | 56                 | 14                                  |
| 5  | Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>b</sup>                            | 20                 |                                     |
| <sup>a</sup> lsolated y<br>reflux. <sup>c</sup> At | ields. <sup>b</sup> Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (3 equiv<br>-78 °C. | v), 0.1 M in THF/D | MF (1:1) at                         |

#### **General Information**

Unless otherwise noted, all non-aqueous reactions were performed under an oxygen-free atmosphere of argon with rigid exclusion of moisture from reagents and glassware using standard techniques for manipulating air-sensitive compounds. The solvents were dried using standard methods prior to use. Dioxane and 2-propanol were distilled over calcium hydride. RhCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> is commercially available, but was prepared from RhCl<sub>3</sub>•3H<sub>2</sub>O and 4 PPh<sub>3</sub> according to the literature.<sup>1</sup> CuCl was purchased from Strem and used without further purification. TMSCHN<sub>2</sub> is commercially available, but was prepared according to the literature.<sup>2,3</sup> Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using EM Reagent 0.25 mm silica gel 60-F plates. Flash chromatography was performed using EM Silica Gel 60 (230-400 mesh) with the indicated solvent system. Melting points are uncorrected. Infrared spectra are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm<sup>-1</sup>). Only the most important and relevant frequencies are reported. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, unless otherwise noted and chemical shifts are reported in ppm on the  $\delta$  scale from an internal standard of residual chloroform (7.27 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, qn = quintet, m = multiplet and br = broad), coupling constant in Hz, integration. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, unless otherwise noted, with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from the central peak of  $CDCl_3$  (76.9 ppm) on the  $\delta$  scale.

#### Synthesis of Dicarbonyl Substrates



(2*E*,2'*E*)-Dimethyl 3,3'-(1,4-phenylene)diprop-2-enoate. A solution of palladium acetate (670 mg, 3.00 mmol), IMes•HCl (1.97 g, 5.80 mmol) and potassium carbonate (40.6 g, 294 mmol) in DMF (75 mL) was stirred for 15 min. A solution of *p*-dibromobenzene (17.3 g, 73.4 mmol) in DMF (75 mL) was then added, followed by the addition of methyl acrylate (21.5 mL, 239 mmol). The resulting mixture was heated to 120 °C and stirred for 60 h. The mixture was cooled to rt, then added to water (150 mL). The mixture was washed with dichloromethane (3 x 150 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (100% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to give a black solid which is further purified by washing with ether to produce a white solid (17.4 g, 96% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.45 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 1724, 1433, 1166, 943, 842, 638 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (s, 4H,), 6.47 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.1, 143.6, 136.1, 128.5, 118.9, 51.8. Elemental analysis calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 68.28; H, 5.73; Found: C, 68.31; H, 5.74.



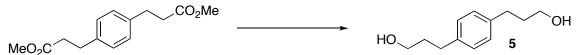
**Dimethyl** 3,3'-(1,4-phenylene)dipropanoate. A solution of (2E,2'E)-dimethyl 3,3'-(1,4-phenylene)diprop-2-enoate (15.0 g, 60.8 mmol) and palladium 10% on carbon (3.36 g, 3.20 mmol) in methanol (600 mL) was stirred under an atmosphere of hydrogen for 6 h. The mixture was filtered

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As the quality of Aldrich's solution change from batch to batch, it is highly recommended to check the purity of commercial solution's (<sup>1</sup>H NMR or GC-MS spectra) prior to use. For instance, we have experienced a batch that contain up to 50% of TMSCH<sub>2</sub>Cl. See : Lebel, H.; Guay, D.; Paquet, V.; Huard, K. *Org. Lett.* **2004**, *6*, 3047-3050.

through Celite, washed with dichloromethane (2 L), and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to provide the desired pur product as a white solid (15.2 g, 100% y.).  $R_f$  0.35 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2956, 1727, 1433, 1301, 1178, 1148, 836 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.12 (s, 4H), 3.66 (s, 6H), 2.91 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.3, 138.3, 128.3, 51.5, 35.6, 30.4. Elemental analysis calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 67.18; H, 7.25; Found: C, 67.26; H, 7.38.



**3,3'-(1,4-Phenylene)dipropan-1-ol (5).** To a solution of dimethyl 3,3'-(1,4-phenylene)dipropanoate (11.0 g, 44.0 mmol) in ether (600 mL) at 0 °C, was added LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (8.87 g, 222 mmol) in 4 portions. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at rt. The reaction was poured into a mixture of saturated aqueous solution of Rochelle's salt (200 mL), dichloromethane (150 mL) and ice (~200 g) and stirred until the two layers were colorless. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with dichloromethane (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with aqueous 1N HCl (200 mL), water (200 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (200 mL), saturated aqueous NaCl (200 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to provide the desired pur product **5** as a white solid (8.29 g, 97% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.20 (50% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 3330, 3247, 2927, 2874, 1433, 1059, 1032, 907, 835 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.12 (s, 4H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 4H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H), 1.91-1.84 (m, 4H), 1.51-1.49 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.2, 128.4, 62.2, 34.2, 31.5. Elemental analysis calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 74.19; H, 9.34; Found: C, 73.94; H, 9.66.

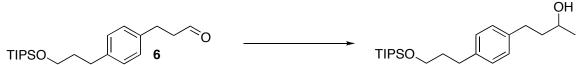


**3-(4-(3-(Triisopropylsilyloxy)propyl)phenyl)propan-1-ol.** To a suspension of sodium hydride (0.41 g, 10.3 mmol) in THF (8 mL) was added a solution of **5** (2.00 g, 10.3 mmol) in THF (12 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min, before the addition of triisopropylsilyl chloride (2.18 mL, 10.3 mmol). After vigorous stirring for 30 min, the mixture was poured into a 10% aqueous solution of potassium carbonate (200 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with dichloromethane (3 x 60 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaCl (200 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography with a solvent gradient (10% EtOAc/hexanes, 25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2941, 2865, 1464, 1105, 883 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.14 (s, 4H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.72-2.67 (m, 4H), 1.96 (s, 1H), 1.93-1.83 (m, 4H), 1.11-1.08 (m, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.7, 138.9, 128.4, 128.2, 62.5, 62.1, 34.6, 34.2, 31.6, 31.5, 17.9, 11.9. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 351.2714. Found: 351.2704.



**3-(4-(3-(Triisopropylsilyloxy)propyl)phenyl)propanal (6).** To a solution of 3-(4-(3-(triisopropylsilyloxy)propyl)phenyl)propan-1-ol (3.00 g, 8.50 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) at 0 °C, was added TEMPO (13 mg, 0.080 mmol), followed by potassium bromide (152 mg, 1.27 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min. A solution of buffered bleach (32.0 mL, 25.7 mmol, pH ~9 using saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>) was then added and the resulting mixture was vigorously

stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with dichloromethane (20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 10% aqueous hydrochloric acid containing 1.6 g (0.010 mol) of potassium iodide (50 mL), 10% aqueous sodium thiosulfate (20 mL), then water (20 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to give **6** as a colorless oil (2.98 g, 100% y.).  $R_f$  0.55 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2943, 2866, 1713, 1464, 1104, 883, 680 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.82 (t, *J* = 1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.79-2.67 (m, 4H), 1.91-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.13-1.07 (m, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 201.5, 140.2, 137.4, 128.6, 128.0, 62.4, 45.3, 34.6, 31.5, 27.6, 17.9, 11.9. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 349.2557. Found: 349.2562.



**4-(4-(3-(Triisopropylsilyloxy)propyl)phenyl)butan-2-ol**. To a solution of **6** (9.96 g, 28.6 mmol) in ether (300 mL) at -78 °C, was added dropwise a solution of methylmagnesium iodide in ether (12.4 mL, 34.8 mmol) (internal temperature < 5 °C). The resulting mixture was warmed to 0 °C and stirred for 1 h. A saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (50 mL) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ether (3 x 60 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (100 mL), aqueous 1N HCl (100 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (100 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (100 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to give a colorless oil (8.12 g, 78% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.30 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 3360, 2941, 2865, 1463, 1102, 882, 678 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.13 (s, 4H), 3.85-3.81 (m, 1H), 3.72 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.77-2.61 (m, 4H), 1.89-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.80-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.58 (s, 1H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 3H), 1.10-1.06 (m, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.7, 139.1, 128.4, 128.2, 67.4, 62.5, 40.8, 34.7, 31.6, 31.6, 23.5, 18.0, 11.9. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>41</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 365.2870. Found: 365.2863.

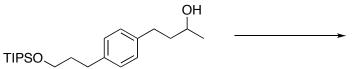


**1-(4-(3-(Triisopropylsilyloxy)propyl)phenyl)pentan-3-ol.** To a solution of **6** (2.98 g, 8.54 mmol) in ether (90 mL) at -78 °C, was added dropwise a solution of ethylmagnesium iodide in ether (3.50 mL, 9.28 mmol) (internal temperature < 5 °C). The resulting mixture was warmed to 0 °C and stirred for 1 h. A saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ether (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (50 mL), aqueous 1N HCl (50 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (50 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to give a colorless oil (2.45 g, 76% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.45 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 3328, 2940, 2865, 1463, 1106, 882, 681 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.12 (s, 4H), 3.71 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.59-3.53 (m, 1H), 2.80-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.69-2.60 (m, 3H), 1.88-1.70 (m, 4H), 1.58-1.44 (m, 3H), 1.09-1.06 (m, 21H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.7, 139.3, 128.4, 128.2, 72.6, 62.6, 38.6, 34.7, 31.6, 31.6, 30.2, 18.0, 11.9, 9.8. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 379.3027. Found: 379.3033.



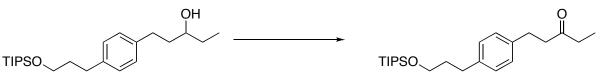
**1-Phenyl-3-(4-(3-(triisopropylsilyloxy)propyl)phenyl)propan-1-ol.** To a solution of **6** (2.08 g, 6.00 mmol) in ether (60 mL) at -78 °C, was added dropwise a solution of phenylmagnesium bromide in ether (4.60 mL, 6.10 mmol) (internal temperature < 5 °C). The resulting mixture was warmed to 0 °C and stirred for 1 h. A saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (30 mL) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ether (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (40 mL), aqueous 1N HCl (40 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (40 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (40 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to give a colorless oil (1.94 g, 76% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.45 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2942, 2865, 1463, 1104, 1064, 883 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.16 (s, 4H), 4.73-4.71 (m, 1H), 3.76 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.80-2.64 (m, 4H), 2.21-2.01 (m, 3H), 1.93-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.12 (s, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.5, 139.7, 138.8, 128.4, 128.2, 127.5, 125.8, 73.8, 62.5, 40.4, 34.6, 31.6, 31.5, 17.9, 11.9. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>42</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 449.2846. Found: 449.2850.

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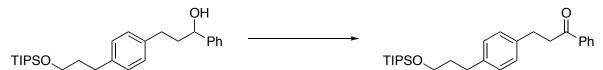
**4-(4-(3-(Triisopropylsilyloxy)propyl)phenyl)butan-2-one**. To a suspension of  $[Pd(IiPr)(OAc)_2 \cdot (H_2O)]$  (449 mg, 0.710 mmol), tetrabutylammonium acetate (412 mg, 1.37 mmol), powder molecular sieves 3Å (4.3 g), was added a solution of the alcohol (10.4 g, 28.6 mmol) in toluene (300 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h under an atmosphere of oxygen. The mixture is filtered on silica gel and washed with pentane (3 x 70 mL), then with ether (3 x 100 mL) to recover the desired ketone. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to provide the desired pur product as a yellow oil (10.2 g, 98% y.).  $R_f 0.65$  (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2944, 2866, 1720, 1105 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.13 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.90-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.77-2.65 (m, 4H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.89-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.09-1.07 (m, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.0, 140.0, 138.0, 128.5, 128.0, 62.5, 45.2, 34.6, 31.5, 29.9, 29.2, 17.9, 11.9. Elemental analysis calcd for  $C_{22}H_{38}O_2Si \cdot H_2O$ : C, 69.42; H, 10.59 Found: C, 69.13; H, 10.79.

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**1-(4-(3-(Triisopropylsilyloxy)propyl)phenyl)pentan-3-one**. To a suspension of  $[Pd(IiPr)(OAc)_2 \cdot (H_2O)]$  (100 mg, 0.160 mmol), tetrabutylammonium acetate (103 mg, 0.34 mmol), powder molecular sieves 3Å (924 mg), was added a solution of the alcohol (2.33 g, 6.16 mmol) in toluene (65 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h under an atmosphere of oxygen. The mixture is filtered on silica gel and washed with pentane (3 x 30 mL), then with ether (3 x 40 mL) to recover the desired ketone. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to provide the desired pur product as a yellow oil (2.29 g, 99% y.).  $R_f 0.65$  (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2941, 2865, 1716, 1462, 1103, 882 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.13 (d, J = 9 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 9 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.74-2.65 (m, 4H), 2.41 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 1.89-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.08-1.03 (m, 24H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  210.6, 140.0, 138.2, 128.5, 128.1, 62.5,

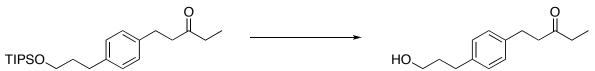
43.9, 36.0, 34.6, 31.6, 29.4, 17.9, 11.9, 7.6. HMRS (CI) calcd for  $C_{23}H_{40}NaO_2Si [M+Na]^+$ : 399.2690. Found: 399.2696.



То 1-Phenyl-3-(4-(3-(triisopropylsilyloxy)propyl)phenyl)propan-1-one. а suspension of [Pd(IiPr)(OAc)<sub>2</sub>•(H<sub>2</sub>O)] (58 mg, 0.092 mmol), tetrabutylammonium acetate (75 mg, 0.070 mmol), powder molecular sieves 3Å (530 mg), was added a solution of the alcohol (1.50 g, 3.52 mmol) in toluene (35 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h under an atmosphere of oxygen. The mixture is filtered on silica gel and washed with pentane (3 x 30 mL), then with ether (3 x 30 mL) to recover the desired ketone. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to provide the desired pur product as a yellow oil (1.47 g, 98% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.40 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2941, 2864, 1687, 1463, 1449, 1097, 882 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.97 (dd, J = 8,1 Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 1.90-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.10-1.07 (m, 21H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 199.3, 140.1, 138.4, 136.8, 132.9, 128.5, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 62.5, 40.5, 34.7, 31.6, 29.6, 18.0, 11.9. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>41</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 425.2870. Found: 425.2870.

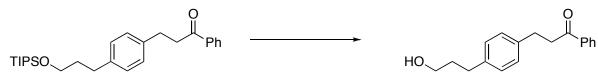


**4-(4-(3-Hydroxypropyl)phenyl)butan-2-one**. To a solution of the silyl ether (3.46 g, 9.54 mmol) in THF (50 mL), was added a solution of TBAF in THF (10.0 mL, 10.0 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min. Aqueous 1N HCl (15 mL) was added, then the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was washed with ether (3 x 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (75 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (75 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (75 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to give a colorless oil (1.93 g, 98% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.10 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 3387, 2935, 2864, 1710, 1515, 1363, 1055 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.10 (s, 4H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.90-1.80 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.1, 139.5, 138.3, 128.4, 128.2, 62.1, 45.1, 34.1, 31.5, 30.0, 29.2. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 207.1380. Found: 207.1371.

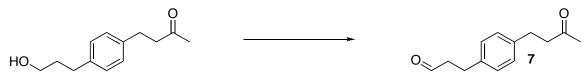


1-(4-(3-Hydroxypropyl)phenyl)pentan-3-one. To a solution of the silyl ether (2.29 g, 6.09 mmol) in THF (65 mL), was added a solution of TBAF in THF (6.10 mL, 6.10 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 45 min. Aqueous 1N HCl (10 mL) was added, then the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was washed with ether (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (60 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (60 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (60 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to give a yellowish oil (1.16 g, 87% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.10 (25%

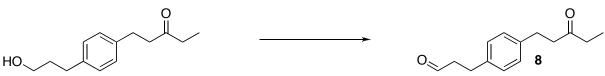
EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 3387, 2937, 1708, 1412, 1375, 1112, 1057 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.09 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.89, (s, 1H), 2.83 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.70-2.62 (m, 4H), 2.38 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 1.87-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.01 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 210.8, 139.4, 138.1, 128.2, 127.9, 61.6, 43.6, 35.7, 33.9, 31.3, 29.1, 7.4. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 221.1536. Found: 221.1532.



**3-(4-(3-Hydroxypropyl)phenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one**. To a solution of the silyl ether (1.47 g, 3.45 mmol) in THF (35 mL), was added a solution of TBAF in THF (3.50 mL, 3.50 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 45 min. Aqueous 1N HCl (10 mL) was added, then the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was washed with ethyl acetate (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (30 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (30 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (30% EtOAc/hexanes) to give a brown oil (588 mg, 63% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.10 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 3378, 2941, 2864, 1684, 1449, 1056, 882, 837, 676 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (br s, 1H), 1.93-1.83 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.3, 139.5, 138.5, 136.6, 132.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 62.1, 40.4, 34.1, 31.5, 29.6. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 291.1355. Found: 291.1359.

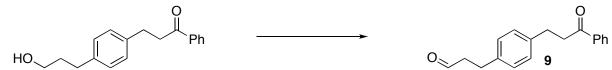


**3-(4-(3-Oxobutyl)phenyl)propanal (7)**. To a solution of Dess Martin Periodinane (0.450 g, 1.07 mmol) in dichloromethane (4 mL), was added a solution of the alcohol (200 mg, 0.970 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 60 min. Aqueous 10% Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (5 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 mL) were added, and the resulting mixture was stirred until the two layers were colorless. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ether (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (20 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (20 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to provide the desired pur product **7** as a colorless oil (198 mg, 100% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.25 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2924, 1714, 1516, 1361, 1161 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.80, (s, 1H), 7.10 (s, 4H), 2.91 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.77-2.71 (m, 4H), 2.13 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.9, 201.6, 138.8, 137.9, 128.4, 128.3, 45.2, 45.0, 30.0, 29.5, 27.5. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M-H]<sup>-</sup>: 203.1077. Found: 203.1075.



**3-(4-(3-Oxopentyl)phenyl)propanal (8)**. To a solution of Dess Martin Periodinane (0.22 g, 0.50 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL), was added a solution of the alcohol (100 mg, 0.450 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 60 min. Aqueous  $10\% \text{ Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  (5 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 mL) were added, and the resulting mixture was stirred until the

two layers were colorless. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ether (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (20 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (20 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to provide the desired pur product **8** as a colorless oil (98 mg, 100% y.).  $R_f 0.30$  (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2938, 1710, 1518, 1412, 1372, 1113, 823 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.75 (s, 1H), 7.07 (s, 4H), 2.89-2.81 (m, 4H), 2.73-2.60 (m, 4H), 2.37 (q, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  210.4, 201.4, 138.8, 137.7, 128.2, 128.1, 44.9, 43.5, 35.7, 29.0, 27.3, 7.4. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 235.1329. Found: 235.1327.



**3-(4-(3-Oxo-3-phenylpropyl)phenyl)propanal (9)**. To a solution of Dess Martin Periodinane (173 mg, 0.410 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL), was added a solution of the alcohol (100 mg, 0.370 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 60 min. Aqueous 10% Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (5 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 mL) were added, and the resulting mixture was stirred until the two layers were colorless. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ether (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (20 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (20 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to provide the desired pur product **9** as an amber oil (98 mg, 100% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.25 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2926, 1720, 1682, 1448, 1203, 909, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.81 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201.6, 199.1, 139.1, 137.9, 136.6, 132.9, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 45.2, 40.3, 29.5, 27.5. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 267.1380. Found: 267.1380.



1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-(4-(3-oxobutyl)phenyl)butan-2-one (10). To a solution of aldehyde 7 (682 mg, 3.34 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added TMSCF<sub>3</sub> (255  $\mu$ L, 1.68 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h, before a second addition of TMSCF<sub>3</sub> (255  $\mu$ L, 1.68 mmol), followed by a solution of TBAF in THF (57  $\mu$ L, 0.057 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred for another 2 h, then aqueous 1N HCl (2 mL) was added. After 30 min of stirring, the two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ether (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (10 mL), aqueous saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (10 mL), then dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was used directly in the next step. To a solution of Dess Martin Periodinane (4.72 g mg, 11.1 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL), was added a solution of the crude alcohol in dichloromethane (10 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 60 min. Aqueous 10% Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) were added, and the resulting mixture was stirred until the two layers were colorless. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ether (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (30 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (30 mL), then dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to give 10 as a colorless oil (405 mg, 47% y.).  $R_f 0.15$  (10% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 3387, 2832, 1705, 1362, 1166, 1053 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.11 (s, 4H), 3.02 (t, J

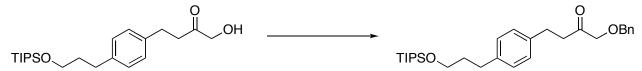
= 7 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.0, 190.6 (q, J = 35 Hz), 139.2, 136.9, 128.5, 128.2, 115.4 (q, J = 290 Hz), 44.9, 37.9, 29.9, 29.1, 27.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -79.6. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 273.1097. Found: 273.1102.



(3-(4-(But-3-enyl)phenyl)propoxy)triisopropylsilane. To a solution of chlorotris(triphenylphosphine)rhodium (67 mg, 0.072 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (829 mg, 3.16 mmol) in THF (20 mL), was added 2-propanol (250  $\mu$ L, 3.26 mmol) followed by the aldehyde **6** (1.00 g, 2.88 mmol). To the resulting red mixture, was then added a solution of trimethylsilyldiazomethane in THF (1.20 mL, 4.15 mmol). Gas evolution was observed and the resulting dark orange mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 4 hours, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (2% EtOAc/hexanes) to give a colorless oil (847 mg, 85% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.75 (10% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2942, 2866, 1464, 1106, 882, 681 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.19 (s, 4H), 5.96 (ddt, *J* = 17, 10, 7, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 17 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H), 2.47-2.40 (m, 2H), 1.97-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.16 (s, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.7, 139.0, 138.1, 128.3, 128.2, 114.7, 62.6, 35.6, 34.9, 34.7, 31.7, 18.0, 12.0. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>39</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 347.2765. Found: 347.2766.



**1-Hydroxy-4-(4-(3-(triisopropylsilyloxy)propyl)phenyl)butan-2-one**. To a solution of olefin (4.00 g, 11.6 mmol) in acetone (95 mL), water (21 mL) and acetic acid (4.5 mL), was added dropwise a solution of KMnO<sub>4</sub> (2.92 g, 18.5 mmol) in acetone (35 mL) and water (12 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature until completion (3 hours). EtOH was added until effervescence stopped. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite<sup>®</sup> and washed with ether. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The filtrate was diluted with ether and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> until pH = 8 and saturated aqueous NaCl (100 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to give a colorless oil (3.01 g, 69% y.).  $R_f 0.30$  (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 3442, 2941, 2865, 1720, 1563, 1102, 1067, 882, 679 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.14 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.74-2.67 (m, 4H), 1.89-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.11-1.07 (m, 21H);. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.8, 140.4, 137.2, 128.6, 128.0, 68.2, 62.4, 39.9, 34.5, 31.5, 29.1, 17.9, 11.9. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 379.2663. Found: 379.2658.

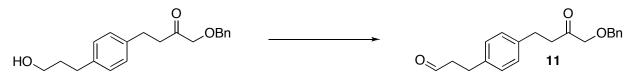


**1-(Benzyloxy)-4-(4-(3-(triisopropylsilyloxy)propyl)phenyl)butan-2-one**. To a solution of the alcohol (315 mg, 0.830 mmol) in mixture of cyclohexane (6.5 mL) and dichloromethane (3.5 mL), was added benzyl trichloroacetimidate (200  $\mu$ L, 1.08 mmol), followed by freshly distilled triflic acid (15  $\mu$ L, 0.17 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min. The mixture was then filtered and the filtrate was washed with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure

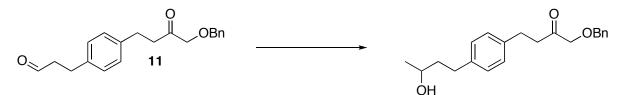
and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (8% EtOAc/hexanes) to give a colorless oil (206 mg, 53% y.).  $R_f 0.50$  (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2941, 2864, 1721, 1463, 1101, 910, 882, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.15 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 3.75 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 2.81 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 1.91-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.13-1.08 (m, 21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.9, 140.1, 137.9, 137.0, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 75.0, 73.2, 62.4, 40.5, 34.6, 31.5, 28.8, 17.9, 11.9. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>45</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 469.3132. Found: 469.3140.



**1-(Benzyloxy)-4-(4-(3-hydroxypropyl)phenyl)butan-2-one**. To a solution of the silyl ether (2.62 g, 5.58 mmol) in MeCN (55 mL), was added a solution of HF (48% wt in H<sub>2</sub>O) (2.00 mL, 55.6 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 60 min. Saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (60 mL) was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min. The two layers were then separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ether (3 x 35 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (35 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (35 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (35 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to give a yellowish oil (1.40 g, 81% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.35 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 3423, 2930, 2862, 1721, 1454, 1075, 738, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.14 (s, 4H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (br s, 1H), 1.93-1.86 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.9, 139.5, 137.9, 136.9, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 74.8, 73.0, 61.7, 40.3, 33.9, 31.4, 28.6. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 335.1618. Found: 335.1611.



**3-(4-(4-(Benzyloxy)-3-oxobutyl)phenyl)propanal (11).** To a solution of Dess Martin Periodinane (601 mg, 1.42 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL), was added a solution of the alcohol (429 mg, 1.37 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 60 min. Aqueous 10% Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) were added, and the resulting mixture was stirred until the two layers were colorless. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ether (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (20 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (20 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to provide the desired pur product as a colorless oil (405 mg, 95% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.20 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2922, 2856, 1718, 1454, 1076, 739, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.81 (t, *J* = 1 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.10 (s, 4H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 2.94-2.85 (m, 4H), 2.80-2.73 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.8, 201.5, 138.7, 138.0, 137.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 75.0, 73.3, 45.1, 40.5, 28.7, 27.6. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 333.1461. Found: 333.1471.



**1-(Benzyloxy)-4-(4-(3-hydroxybutyl)phenyl)butan-2-one**. To a solution of **11** (730 mg, 2.35 mmol) in ether (30 mL) at -100 °C, was added dropwise a solution of methylmagnesium iodide in ether (900  $\mu$ L, 2.52 mmol) (internal temperature < 5 °C). The resulting mixture was warmed to -78 °C and stirred for 30 min, before warming to -20 °C for 30 min. A saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) was added at -20 °C, then the mixture was allowed to warm to rt. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ether (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (15 mL), aqueous 1N HCl (15 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (15 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (15 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to give a light yellow oil (208 mg, 27% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.10 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 3408, 2925, 2861, 1722, 1514, 1454, 1372, 1077, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 4H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 3.85-3.78 (m, 1H), 2.91-2.87 (m, 2H), 2.80-2.76 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.59 (m, 2H), 2.08 (br s, 1H), 1.78-1.71 (m, 2H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.0, 139.8, 138.0, 137.0, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 75.0, 73.2, 67.3, 40.7, 40.5, 31.5, 28.7, 23.5. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 349.1779. Found: 349.1774.



**1-(Benzyloxy)-4-(4-(3-oxobutyl)phenyl)butan-2-one (12)**. To a solution of Dess Martin Periodinane (405 mg, 0.960 mmol) in dichloromethane (7 mL), was added a solution of the alcohol (208 mg, 0.640 mmol) in dichloromethane (3 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h. Aqueous 10%  $Na_2S_2O_3$  (3 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3 mL) were added, and the resulting mixture was stirred until the two layers were colorless. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ether (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (10 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (10 mL), then dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to provide the desired pur product **12** as colorless oil (200 mg, 96% y.).  $R_f 0.20$  (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2923, 1715, 1516, 1366, 1159, 1077, 740, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.09 (s, 4H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 2.89-2.83 (m, 4H), 2.79-2.71 (m, 4H), 2.13 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.9 (2C), 138.7, 138.5, 137.0, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 75.0, 73.3, 45.1, 40.5, 30.0, 29.2, 28.7. HMRS (CI) calcd for  $C_{21}H_{24}NaO_3$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 347.1616. Found: 347.1617.



**3-(4-(But-3-enyl)phenyl)propan-1-ol.** To a solution of the silvl ether (8.11 g, 23.4 mmol) in THF (250 mL), was added a solution of TBAF in THF (24.0 mL, 24.0 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 60 min. Aqueous 1N HCl (30 mL) was added, then the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was washed with ethyl acetate (3 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (80 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (80 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (80 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by

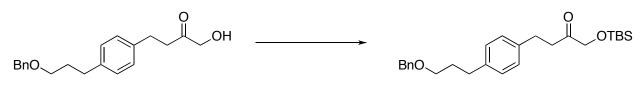
flash chromatography (25% EtOAc/hexanes) to give a colorless oil (4.10 g, 92% y.).  $R_f 0.25$  (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR 3325, 2927, 2857, 1514, 1438, 1042, 910, 845 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.17 (s, 4H), 5.93 (ddt, *J* = 17, 10, 7, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 17 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 17 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.76-2.69 (m, 4H), 2.61 (br s, 1H), 2.46-2.38 (m, 2H), 1.97-1.87 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.1, 139.1, 138.0, 128.2, 128.1, 114.7, 61.9, 35.4, 34.7, 34.0, 31.5. HRMS (CI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 191.1425. Found: 191.1430.



**1-(3-(Benzyloxy)propyl)-4-(but-3-enyl)benzene**. To a solution of sodium hydride (589 mg, 24.5 mmol) in THF (50 mL), was added a solution of the alcohol (4.02 g, 21.1 mmol) in THF (170 mL), followed by benzyl bromide (3.60 mL, 29.7 mmol), then tetrabutylammonium iodide (215 mg, 0.57 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 45 min. Aqueous 10% K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) was added, then the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was washed with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (60 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (60 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (60 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to give a yellow oil (5.69 g, 96% y.).R<sub>f</sub> 0.75 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2925, 2854, 1453, 1100, 910, 734, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.11 (s, 4H), 5.88 (ddt, *J* = 17, 10, 7 Hz, 1H), 5.09-4.97 (m, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.72-2.66 (m, 4H), 2.41-2.34 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.89 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.3, 139.1, 138.5, 138.2, 128.3, 128.3, 128.3, 127.6, 127.4, 114.7, 72.8, 69.5, 35.5, 34.9, 31.9, 31.3. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 281.1900. Found: 281.1892.

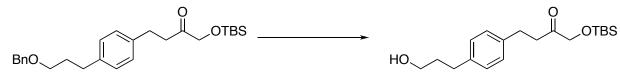


**4-(4-(3-(Benzyloxy)propyl)phenyl)-1-hydroxybutan-2-one**. To a solution of the alkene (4.00 g, 14.3 mmol) in acetone (120 mL), water (27 mL) and acetic acid (5.70 mL), was added dropwise a solution of KMnO<sub>4</sub> (3.60 g, 22.8 mmol) in acetone (45 mL) and water (60 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. EtOH was added until effervescence stopped. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite<sup>®</sup> and washed with ether. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The filtrate was diluted with ether and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> until pH = 8 and saturated aqueous NaCl (100 mL), then dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to give a colorless oil (3.20 g, 72% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.10 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 3424, 2928, 2856, 1717, 1453, 1364, 1099, 1068, 737, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (br s, 1H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.73-2.68 (m, 4H), 1.97-1.90 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.9, 140.0, 138.4, 137.4, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 127.4, 72.8, 69.3, 68.2, 39.8, 31.8, 31.2, 29.0. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 313.1798. Found: 313.1790.



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**4-(4-(3-(Benzyloxy)propyl)phenyl)-1-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)butan-2-one**. To a mixture of imidazole (751 mg, 10.9 mmol), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (57 mg, 0.47 mmol) and *t*-butyl-dimethylsilyl chloride (1.61 g, 10.4 mmol), was added a solution of the alcohol (2.27 g g, 7.27 mmol) in DMF (120 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 min at rt. Saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (40 mL) was then added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was washed with ether (3 x 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (50 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL), saturated aqueous NaCl (50 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to provide the desired pur product as yellowish oil (3.00 g, 97% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.60 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2928, 2856, 1719, 1679, 1253, 1100, 836, 778 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.12 (s, 4H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 3.51 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.95-2.89 (m, 2H), 2.85-2.81 (m, 2H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 1.98-1.91 (m, 2H), 0.94 (s, 9H), 0.09 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  210.0, 139.6, 138.4, 138.2, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 72.8, 69.4, 69.3, 39.8, 31.8, 31.3, 28.8, 25.7, 18.2, -5.5. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>38</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>Si [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 449.2482. Found: 449.2478.



**1-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-(4-(3-hydroxypropyl)phenyl)butan-2-one**. A solution of the benzyl ether (257 mg, 0.600 mmol) and palladium 10% on carbon (72 mg, 0.067mmol) in ethyl acetate (10 mL) was stirred under an atmosphere of hydrogen for 1 h. The mixture was filtered through Celite, and washed with ether (3 x 20 L). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to give a colorless oil (174 mg, 86% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.30 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2930,2858, 2252, 1716, 1256, 1105, 907, 839, 731 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.12 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.23 (t, *J* = 5 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 1.85-1.78 (m, 2H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.9, 140.2, 137.3, 128.5, 128.0, 68.2, 62.2, 39.8, 34.3, 31.5, 29.0, 25.8, 18.2, -5.37. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 337.2193. Found: 337.2188.



**3-(4-(4-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-3-oxobutyl)phenyl)propanal (13)**. To a solution of Dess Martin Periodinane (138 mg, 0.33 mmol) in dichloromethane (4 mL), was added a solution of the alcohol (109 mg, 0.32 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h. Aqueous 10% Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (3 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3 mL) were added, and the resulting mixture was stirred until the two layers were colorless. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was washed with ether (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (10 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (10 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to provide the desired pur product as colorless oil (84 mg, 78% y.). R<sub>f</sub> 0.40 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2928, 2856, 1719, 1258, 1102, 836, 779 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.80 (t, *J* = 1 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 4H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 2.93-2.85 (m, 4H), 2.82-2.72 (m, 4H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  210.0, 201.5, 138.8, 137.9, 128.4, 128.3, 69.3, 45.1, 39.7, 28.7, 27.5, 25.6, 18.2, -5.60. HMRS (CI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>Si [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 357.1856. Found: 357.1854. Elemental analysis calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si·H<sub>2</sub>O : C, 64.73; H, 9.15; Found: C, 64.62; H, 9.08.

### General Procedure for the Chemoselective Methylenation

#### Method A: Catalytic Methylenation using Wilkinson's Catalyst.

To a solution of chlorotris(triphenylphosphine)rhodium (23 mg, 0.025 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (288 mg, 1.10 mmol) in THF (10 mL), was added 2-propanol (75.0  $\mu$ L, 1.00 mmol) followed by the aldehyde (1.00 mmol). To the resulting red mixture, was then added a solution of trimethylsilyldiazomethane in THF (0.82 mL, 1.40 mmol). Gas evolution was observed and the resulting dark orange mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 2 hours, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.

### Method B: Catalytic Methylenation using CuCl as Catalyst.

To a solution of CuCl (5 mg, 0.05 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (288 mg, 1.10 mmol) in THF (10 mL (0.1 M)) at 25 °C, was added 2-propanol (84  $\mu$ L, 1.1 mmol) followed by the aldehyde (1.00 mmol) and the trimethylsilyldiazomethane ether solution (0.82 mL, 1.40 mmol). The resulting mixture was then heated at 60 °C and the reaction was stirred until the reaction showed completion by TLC analysis. Aqueous 3% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with ether (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 x 20 mL), then dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude alkene was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.

### Method C: Wittig Procedure for the Methylenation

To a solution of methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (393 mg, 1.10 mmol) in THF (10 mL), was added sodium hexamethyldisilazide (202 mg, 1.10 mmol). The resulting yellow mixture was heated at 60 °C and stirred for 2 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the aldehyde (1.00 mmol) was then added and the solution was stirred at room temperature. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude alkene was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.

#### **Characterization of Alkene Products**



**4-(4-(But-3-enyl)phenyl)butan-2-one (14)**. The title compound was prepared from 3-(4-(3-oxobutyl)phenyl)propanal (7) (106 mg, 0.52 mmol) according to the general procedure **A** (reaction time 2 h). The desired alkene **14** (90 mg, 85%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes). R<sub>f</sub> 0.50 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2925, 1716, 1515, 1364, 160 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.11 (s, 4H), 5.86 (ddt, *J* = 17, 10, 7 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 17 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 2.89-2.85 (m, 2H), 2.77-2.73 (m, 2H), 2.70-2.66 (m, 2H), 2.38-2.33 (m, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.9, 139.5, 138.3, 138.0, 128.4, 128.1, 114.8, 45.1, 35.4, 34.8, 30.0, 29.2. HRMS (CI) calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 225.1251. Found: 225.1249.

**4-(4-(But-3-enyl)phenyl)butan-2-one (14)**. The title compound was prepared from 3-(4-(3-oxobutyl)phenyl)propanal (7) (204 mg, 1 mmol) according to the general procedure **B** (reaction time 4 h). The desired alkene **14** (152 mg, 75%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes).

**4-(4-(But-3-enyl)phenyl)butan-2-one (14)**. The title compound was prepared from 3-(4-(3-oxobutyl)phenyl)propanal (7) (121 mg, 0.59 mmol) according to the general procedure C (reaction time 16 h). The desired alkene 14 (92 mg, 77%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes).



**1-(4-(But-3-enyl)phenyl)pentan-3-one (15).** The title compound was prepared from 3-(4-(3-oxopentyl)phenyl)propanal (**8**) (105 mg, 0.48 mmol) according to the general procedure **A** (reaction time 2 h). The desired alkene **15** (83 mg, 80 %) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (2.5% EtOAc/hexanes).  $R_f$  0.30 (10% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2938, 1710, 1518, 1412, 1372, 1113, 823 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.10 (s, 4H), 5.86 (ddt, *J* = 18, 10, 7 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 18 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 2.90-2.85 (m, 2H), 2.74-2.65 (m, 4H), 2.44-2.32 (m, 4H), 1.04 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 210.7, 139.5, 138.5, 138.0, 128.4, 128.1, 114.8, 43.9, 36.0, 35.4, 34.8, 29.4, 7.70. HRMS (MAB) calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup>: 216.1514. Found 216.1513.

**1-(4-(But-3-enyl)phenyl)pentan-3-one (15).** The title compound was prepared from 3-(4-(3-oxopentyl)phenyl)propanal (8) (109 mg, 0.50 mmol) according to the general procedure **B** (reaction time 16 h). The desired alkene **15** (86 mg, 80%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (2.5% EtOAc/hexanes).

**1-(4-(But-3-enyl)phenyl)pentan-3-one (15).** The title compound was prepared from 3-(4-(3-oxopentyl)phenyl)propanal (8) (97 mg, 0.45 mmol) according to the general procedure C (reaction time 5 h). The desired alkene **15** (60 mg, 62%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (2.5% EtOAc/hexanes).



**3-(4-But-3-enylphenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (16)**. The title compound was prepared from 3-(4-(3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)phenyl]propanal (**9**) (134 mg, 0.50 mmol) according to the general procedure **A** (reaction time 2 h). The desired alkene **16** (110 mg, 83 %) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (1% EtOAc/hexanes).  $R_f$  0.35 (10% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2924, 2854, 1684, 1448, 1202, 975, 911, 724, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (ddt, *J* = 17, 10, 7 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 17 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 3.32-3.27 (m, 2H), 3.06-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.71-2.65 (m, 2H), 2.39-2.32 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  199.3, 139.6, 138.5, 138.0, 136.7, 133.0, 128.5, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 114.8, 40.4, 35.5, 34.8, 29.6. HRMS (CI) calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 265.1586. Found: 265.1585.

**3-(4-But-3-enylphenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (16)**. The title compound was prepared from 3-(4-(3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)phenyl]propanal (9) (134 mg, 0.50 mmol) according to the general procedure **B** (reaction time 7 h). The desired alkene **16** (103 mg, 78 %) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (1% EtOAc/hexanes).

**3-(4-But-3-enylphenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (16)**. The title compound was prepared from 3-(4-(3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)phenyl]propanal (9) (98 mg, 0.37 mmol) according to the general procedure **C** (reaction time 3 h). The desired alkene **16** (58 mg, 59 %) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (1% EtOAc/hexanes).



**1-(Benzyloxy)-4-(4-(but-3-enyl)phenyl)butan-2-one (17).** The title compound was prepared from 3-(4-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-oxobutyl)phenyl)propanal (**11**) (110 mg, 0.36 mmol) according to the general procedure **A** (reaction time 2 h). The desired alkene **17** (81 mg, 74%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (2% EtOAc/hexanes).  $R_f 0.35$  (10% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2925, 2856, 1723, 1437, 1102, 913 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.09 (s, 4H), 5.85 (ddt, *J* = 17, 10, 7 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 17 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 2.90-2.86 (m, 2H), 2.80-2.76 (m, 2H), 2.69-2.65 (m, 2H), 2.37-2.32 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.0, 139.6, 138.1, 138.0, 137.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 114.8, 75.1, 73.3, 40.6, 35.4, 34.8, 28.8. HRMS (CI) calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 331.1668. Found: 331.1679.

**1-(Benzyloxy)-4-(4-(but-3-enyl)phenyl)butan-2-one (17).** The title compound was prepared from 3-(4-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-oxobutyl)phenyl)propanal (**11**) (120 mg, 0.39 mmol) according to the general procedure **B** (reaction time 16 h). The desired alkene **17** (86 mg, 72%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (2% EtOAc/hexanes).

**1-(Benzyloxy)-4-(4-(but-3-enyl)phenyl)butan-2-one (17).** The title compound was prepared from 3-(4-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-oxobutyl)phenyl)propanal (**11**) (20 mg, 0.060 mmol) according to the general procedure C (reaction time 2 h). The desired alkene **17** (11 mg, 56%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes).

**1-(3-((Benzyloxy)methyl)but-3-enyl)-4-(but-3-enyl)benzene (21).** Diene **21** was also obtained in 31% yield.  $R_f 0.60 (10\% \text{ EtOAc}\text{Hexane})$ . IR: 2926, 2854, 1640, 1514, 1453, 1095, 907, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.12 (s, 4H), 5.87 (ddt, J = 17, 10, 7 Hz, 1H), 5.10-4.97 (m, 4H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 2.79-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.71-2.67 (m, 2H), 2.43-2.34 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.6, 139.3, 139.2, 138.3, 138.1 (2C), 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 114.7, 112.1, 73.2, 71.9, 35.5, 34.9 (2C), 33.7. HRMS (CI) calc. for  $C_{22}H_{27}O [M+H]^+$ : 307.2056. Found: 307.2051.

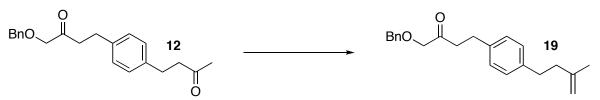


**4-(4-(But-3-enyl)phenyl)-1-(***tert***-butyldimethylsilyloxy)butan-2-one (18).** The title compound was prepared from 3-(4-(4-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-3-oxobutyl)phenyl)propanal (**13**) (103 mg, 0.21 mmol) according to the general procedure **A** (reaction time 2 h). The desired alkene **18** (80 mg, 78%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (2% EtOAc/hexanes). R<sub>f</sub> 0.40 (10% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2929, 2856, 1718, 1252, 1154, 1101, 845, 777 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.11 (s, 4H), 5.86 (ddt, *J* = 17, 10, 7 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 17 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 2.92-2.78 (m, 4H), 2.70-2.65 (m, 2H), 2.39-2.32 (m, 2H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 210.2, 139.5, 138.3, 138.1, 128.4, 128.2, 114.8, 69.4, 39.8, 35.5, 34.9, 28.8, 25.7, 18.2, -5.5. HRMS (CI) calc. for  $C_{19}H_{31}O_3Si$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 357.1856. Found: 357.1854.

**1-(***tert***-Butyldimethylsilyl)-4-(4-(but-3-enyl)phenyl)propanal (18).** The title compound was prepared from 3-(4-(4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-3-oxobutyl)phenyl)propanal (13) (335 mg, 1.00 mmol) according to the general procedure **B** (reaction time 16 h). The desired alkene **18** (193 mg, 58%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (2% EtOAc/hexanes).

**1-(***tert***-Butyldimethylsilyl)-4-(4-(but-3-enyl)phenyl)propanal (18).** The title compound was prepared from 3-(4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-3-oxobutyl)phenyl)propanal (13) (61 mg, 0.18 mmol) according to the general procedure C (reaction time 4 h). The desired alkene **18** (21 mg, 35%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (2% EtOAc/hexanes).



**4-(4-(3-((Benzyloxy)methyl)but-3-enyl)phenyl)butan-2-one (19).** The title compound was prepared from 1-(benzyloxy)-(4-(3-oxobutyl)phenyl)butan-3-one (**12**) (94 mg, 0.29 mmol) according to the general procedure **A** (reaction time 2 h). The desired alkene **19** (77 mg, 83%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/Hexanes).  $R_f$  0.10 (10% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2923, 2856, 1715, 1453, 1364, 1095, 738, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.11-7.10 (m, 4H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 2.88-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.72 (m, 2H), 2.40-2.36 (m, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.1, 145.5, 139.7, 138.3, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 112.2, 73.1, 71.9, 45.2, 34.8, 33.6, 30.0, 29.3. HRMS (CI) calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 345.1827. Found: 345.1825.

**4-(4-(3-((Benzyloxy)methyl)but-3-enyl)phenyl)butan-2-one (19).** The title compound was prepared from 1-(benzyloxy)-(4-(3-oxobutyl)phenyl)butan-3-one (12) (188 mg, 0.58 mmol) according to the general procedure **B** (reaction time 8 h). The desired alkene 19 (127 mg, 68%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes).

**4-(4-(3-((Benzyloxy)methyl)but-3-enyl)phenyl)butan-2-one (19).** The title compound was prepared from 1-(benzyloxy)-(4-(3-oxobutyl)phenyl)butan-3-one (12) (32 mg, 0.10 mmol) according to the general procedure C (reaction time 5 h). The desired alkene **19** (18 mg, 56%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes).

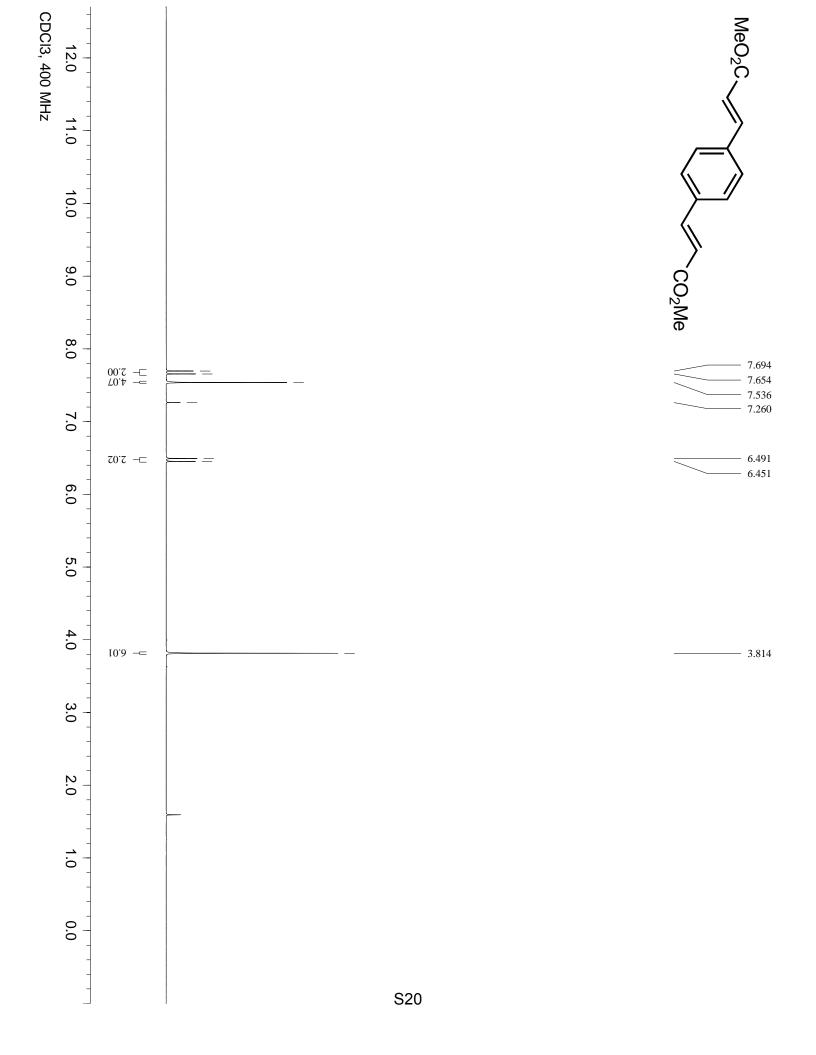


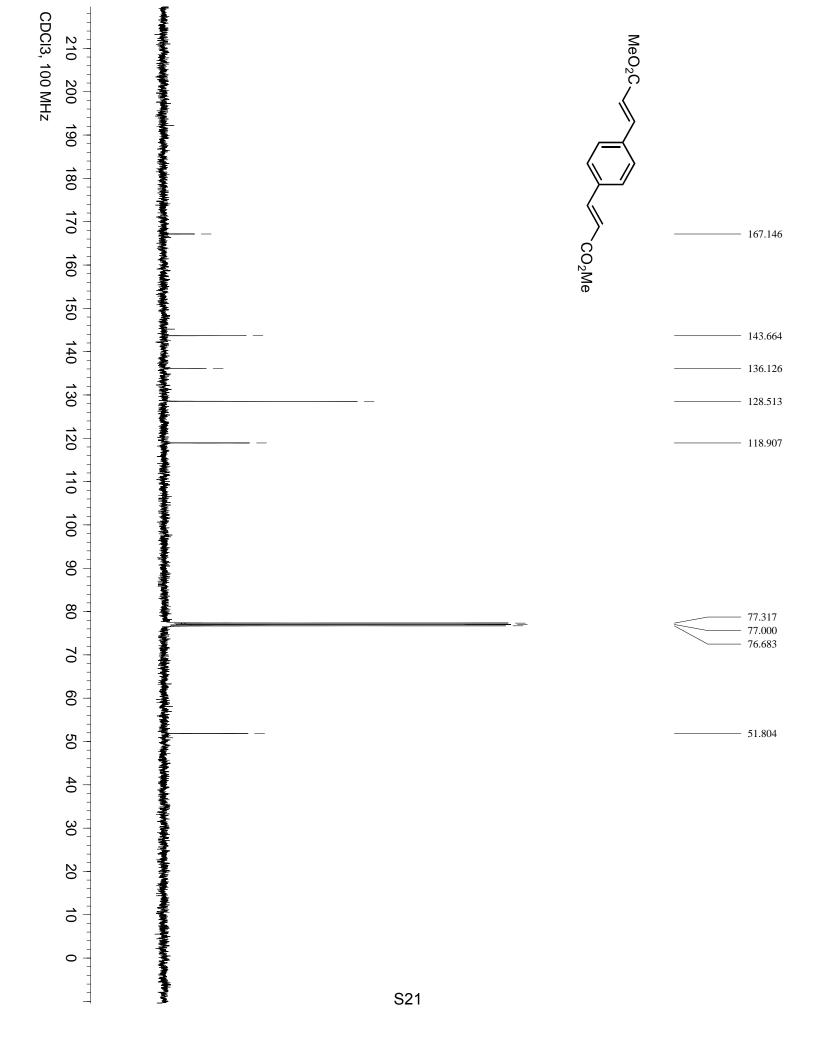
**4-(4-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)but-3-enyl)phenyl)butan-2-one (20)**. The title compound was prepared from 1-(4-(4,4,4-trifluoro-3-oxobutyl)phenyl)butan-3-one (**10**) (67 mg, 0.25 mmol) according to the general procedure **A** (reaction time 2 h). The desired alkene **20** (52 mg, 79%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/hexanes).  $R_f$  0.10 (10% EtOAc/hexanes). IR (neat) 2932, 1717, 1362, 1165, 1124 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.11 (s, 4H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 2.89-2.85 (m, 2H), 2.82-2.73 (m, 4H), 2.49 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, 100 MHz, 100 MHz, 100 MHz)

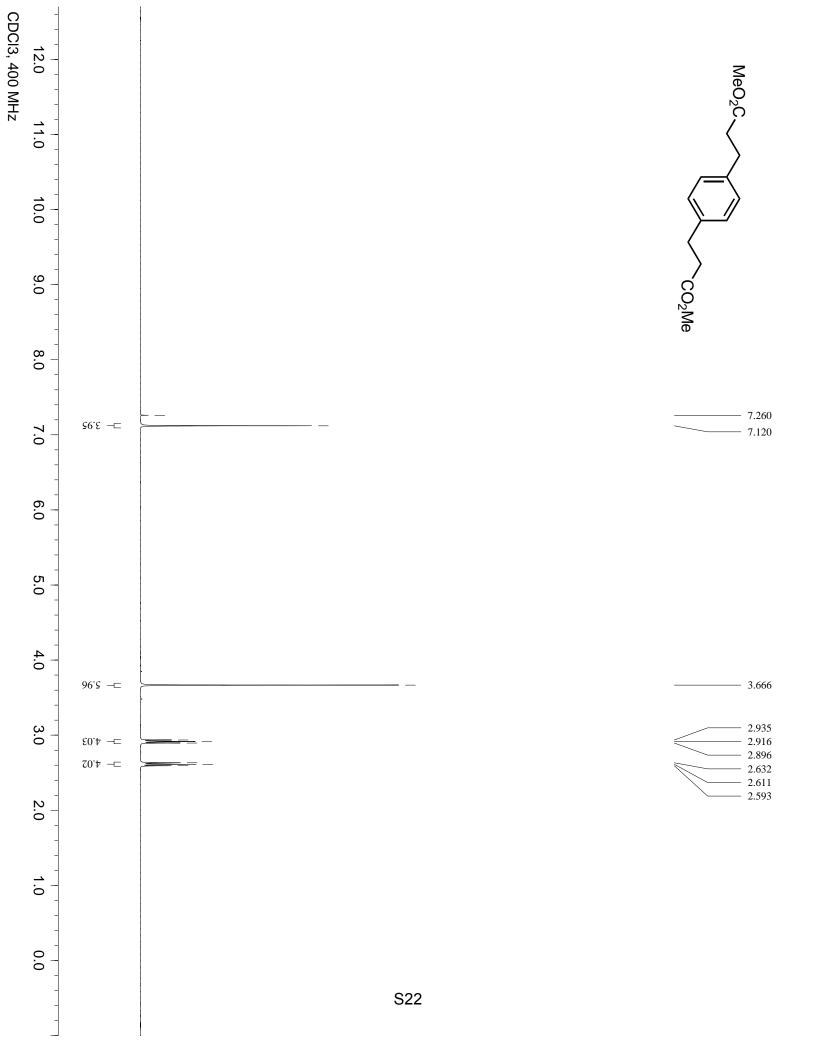
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**4-(4-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)but-3-enyl)phenyl)butan-2-one (20)**. The title compound was prepared from 1-(4-(4,4,4-trifluoro-3-oxobutyl)phenyl)butan-3-one (10) (44 mg, 0.16 mmol) according to the general procedure **B** (reaction time 3 h). The desired alkene **20** (36 mg, 84%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/hexanes).

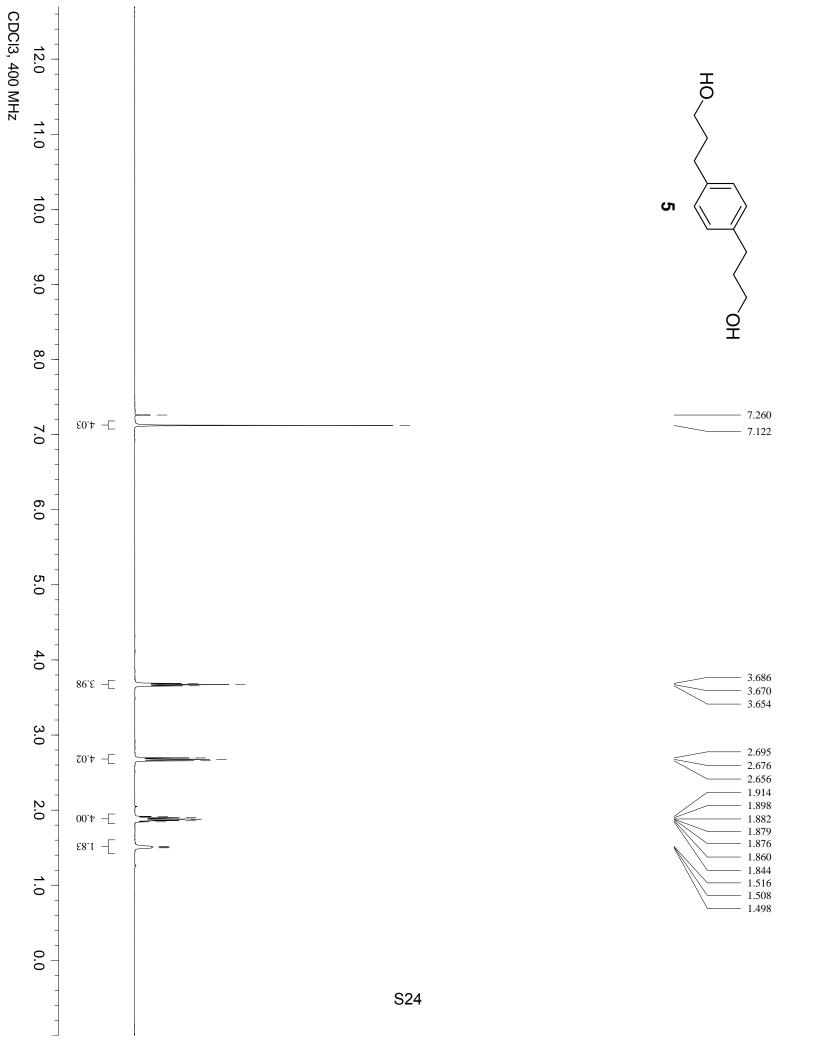
**4-(4-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)but-3-enyl)phenyl)butan-2-one (20)**. The title compound was prepared from 1-(4-(4,4,4-trifluoro-3-oxobutyl)phenyl)butan-3-one (10) (44 mg, 0.16 mmol) according to the general procedure C (reaction time 1 h). The desired alkene **20** (40 mg, 93%) was obtained as a colorless oil after flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/hexanes).



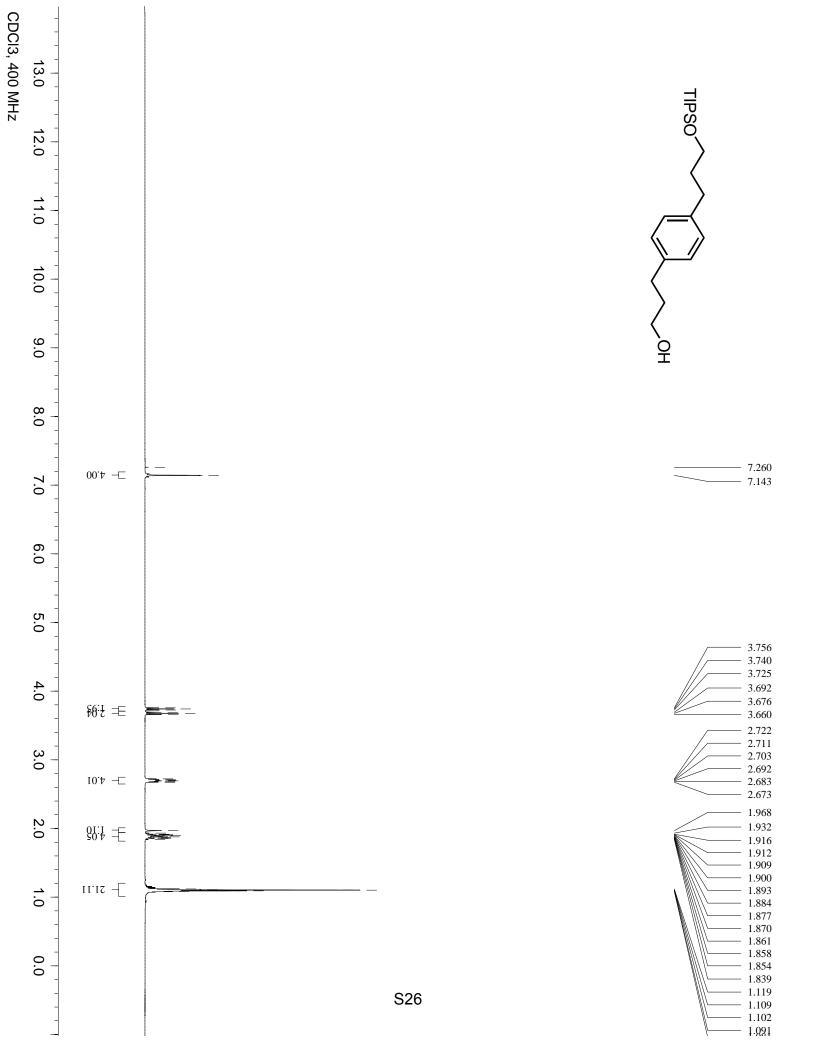


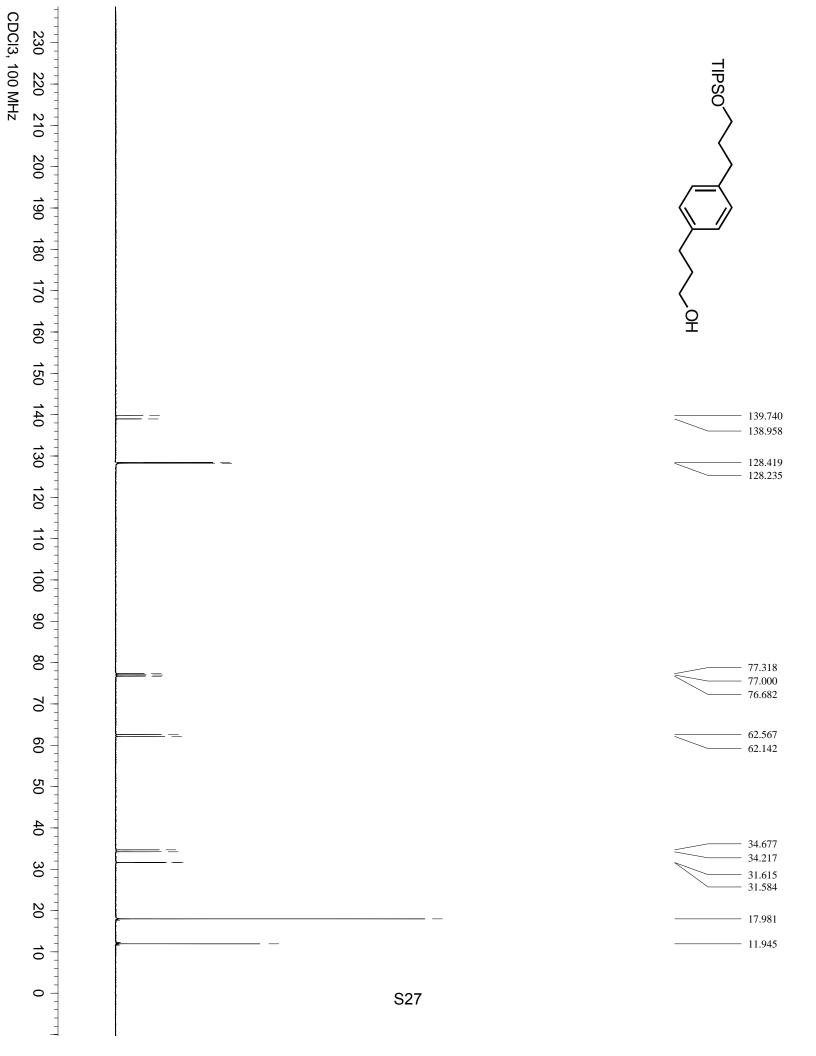


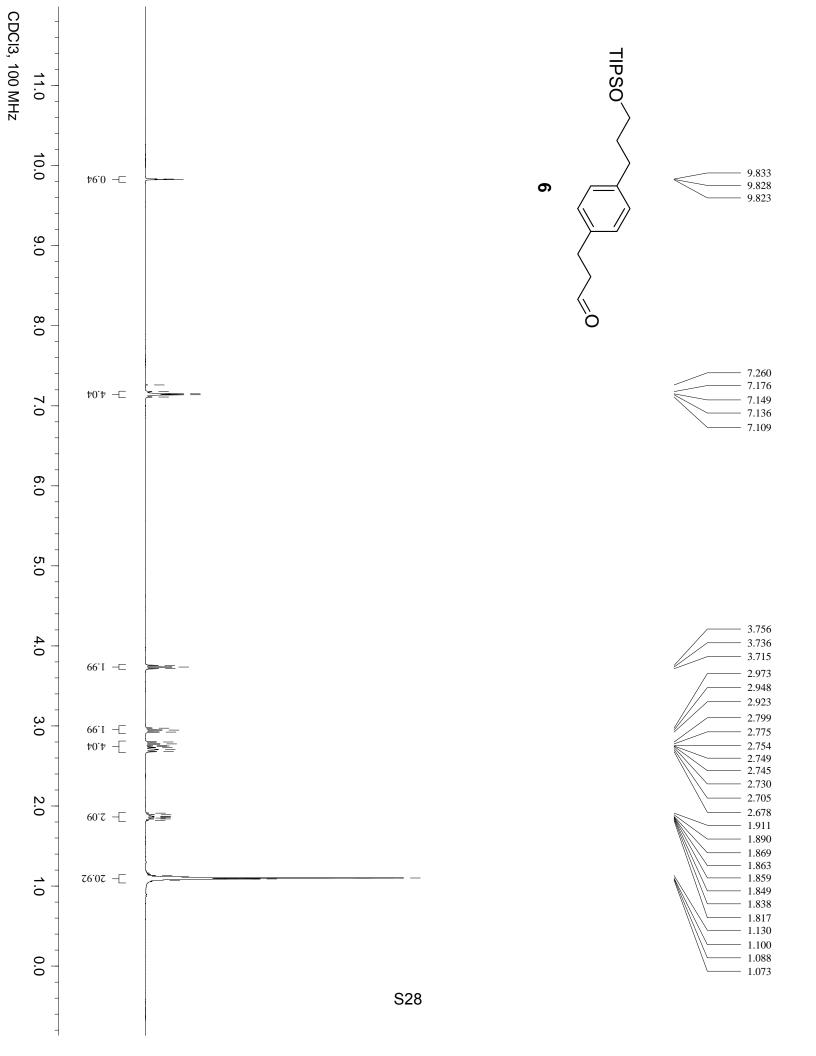
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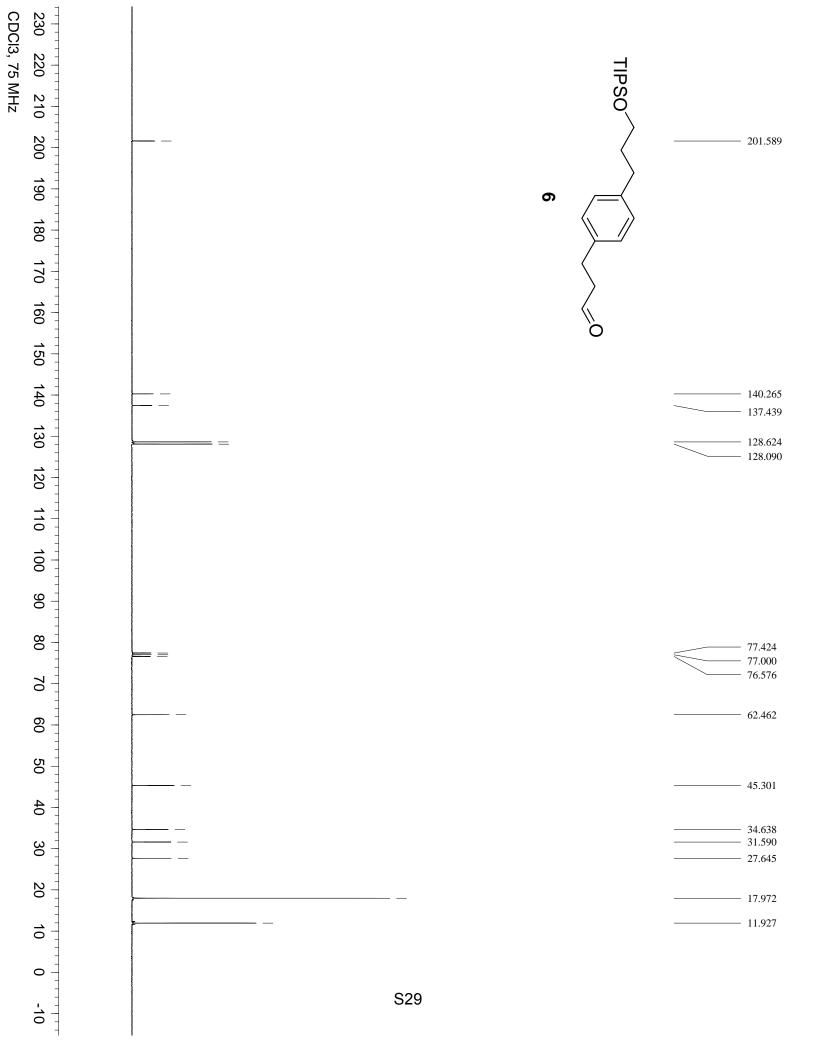


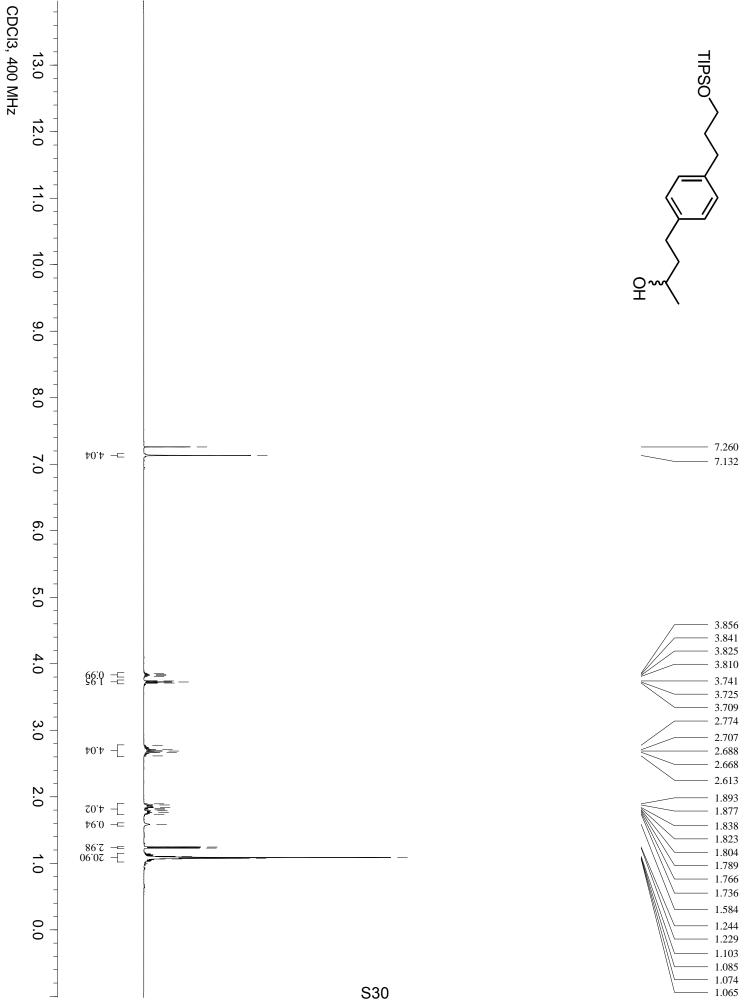
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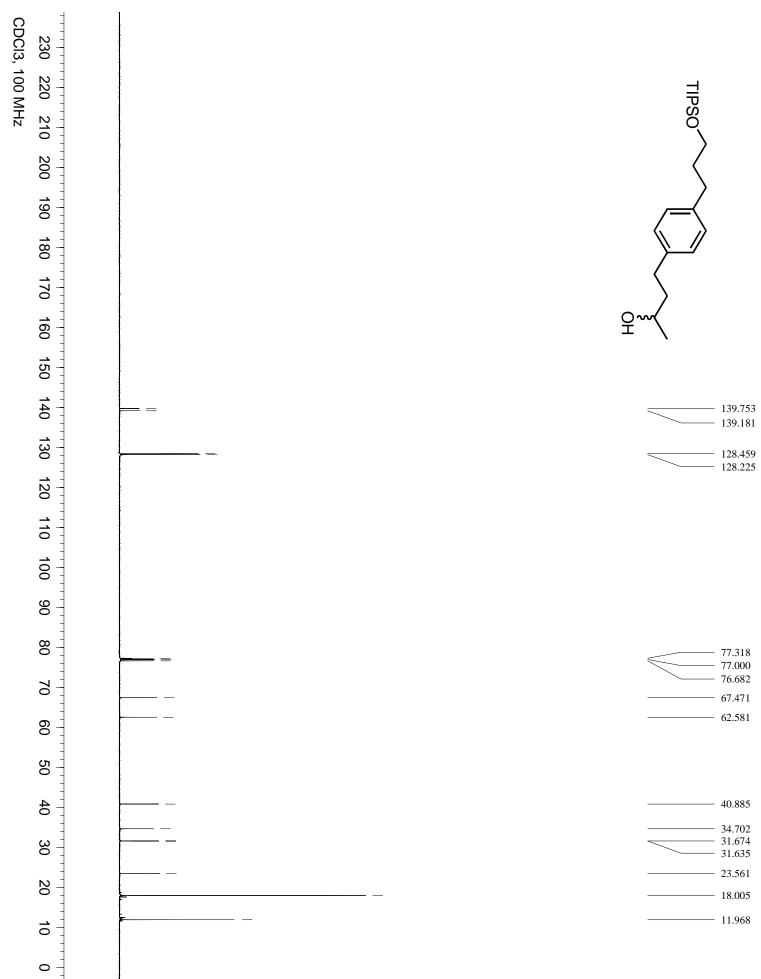




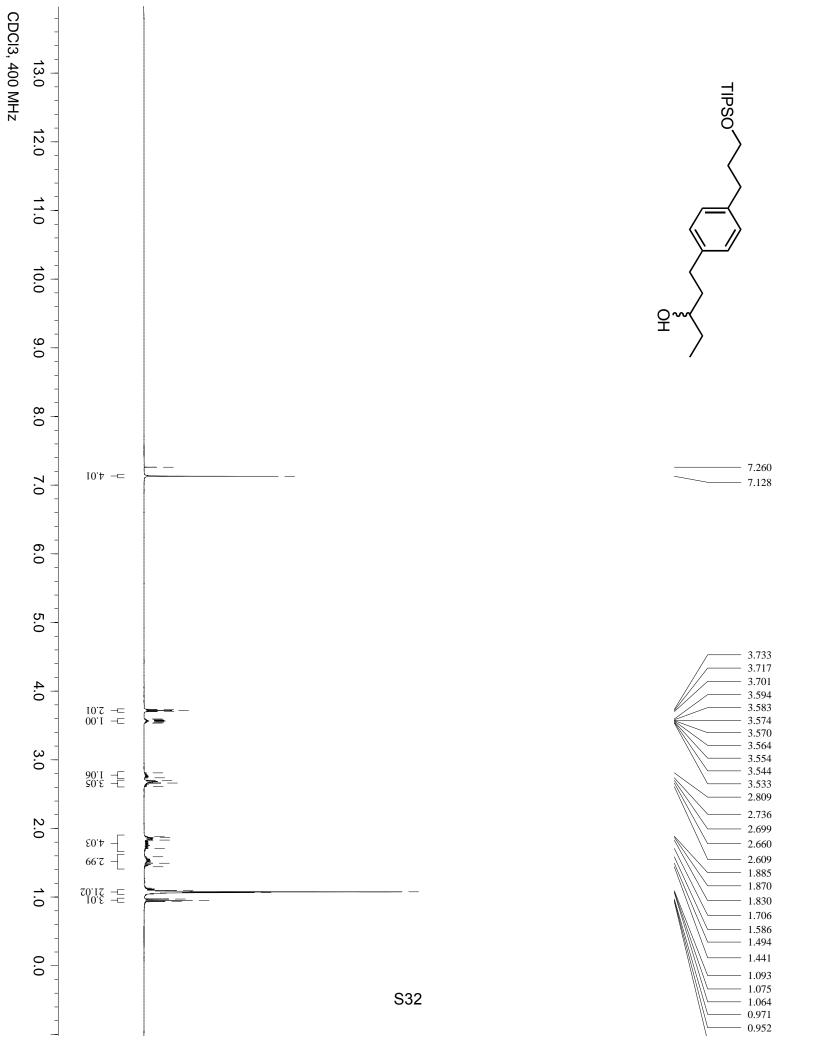


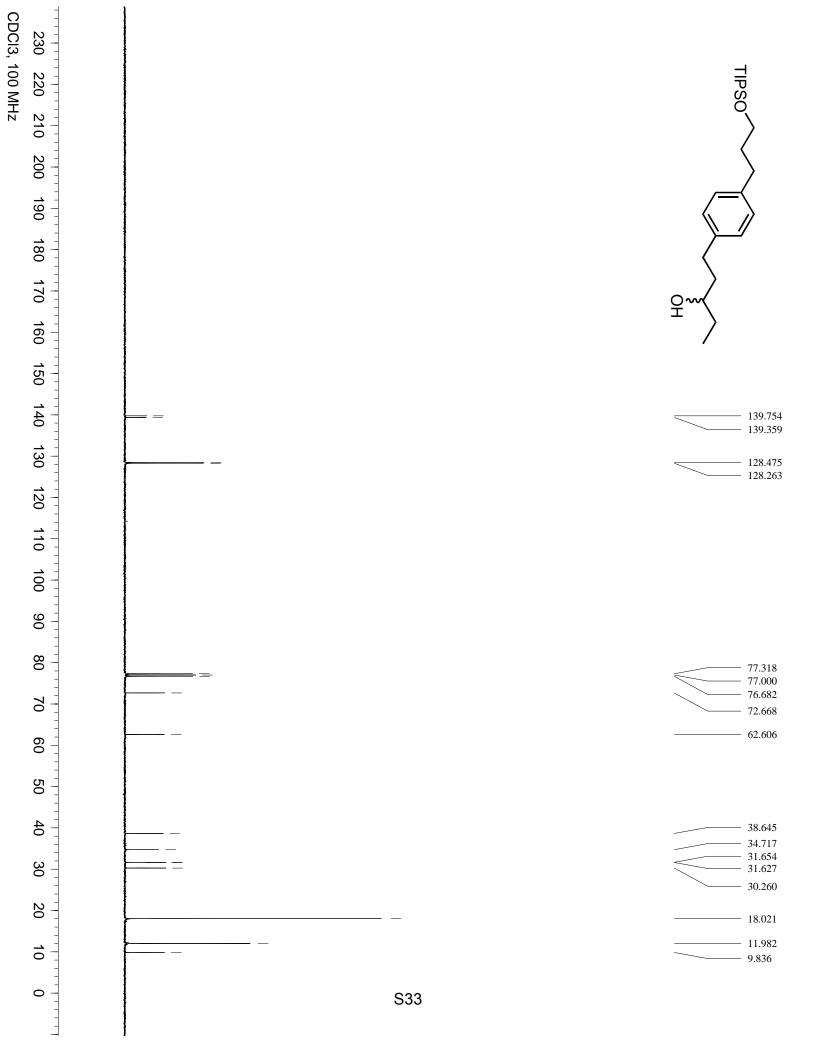


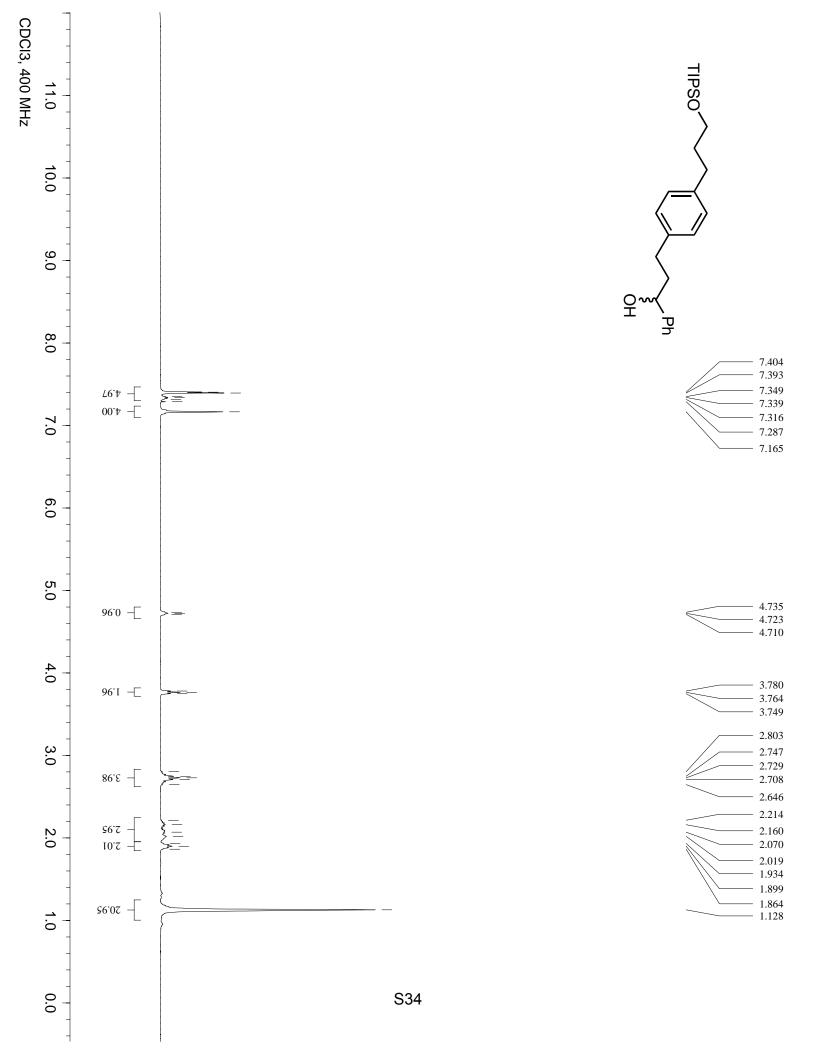


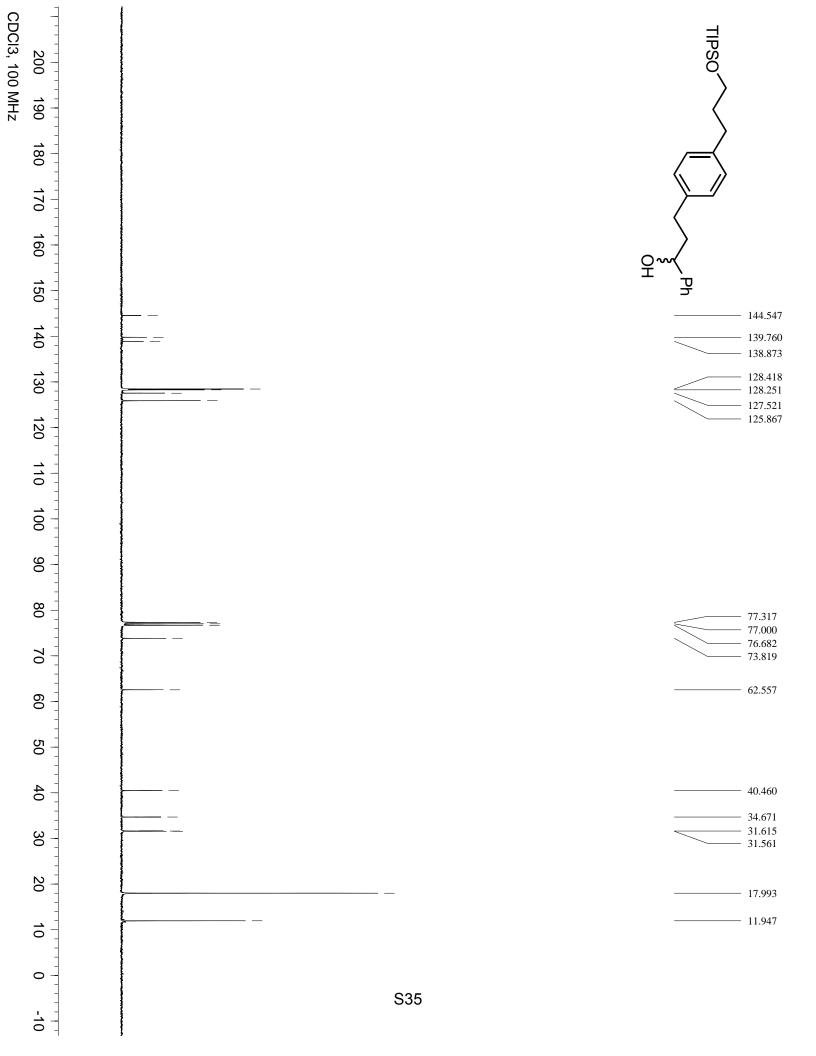


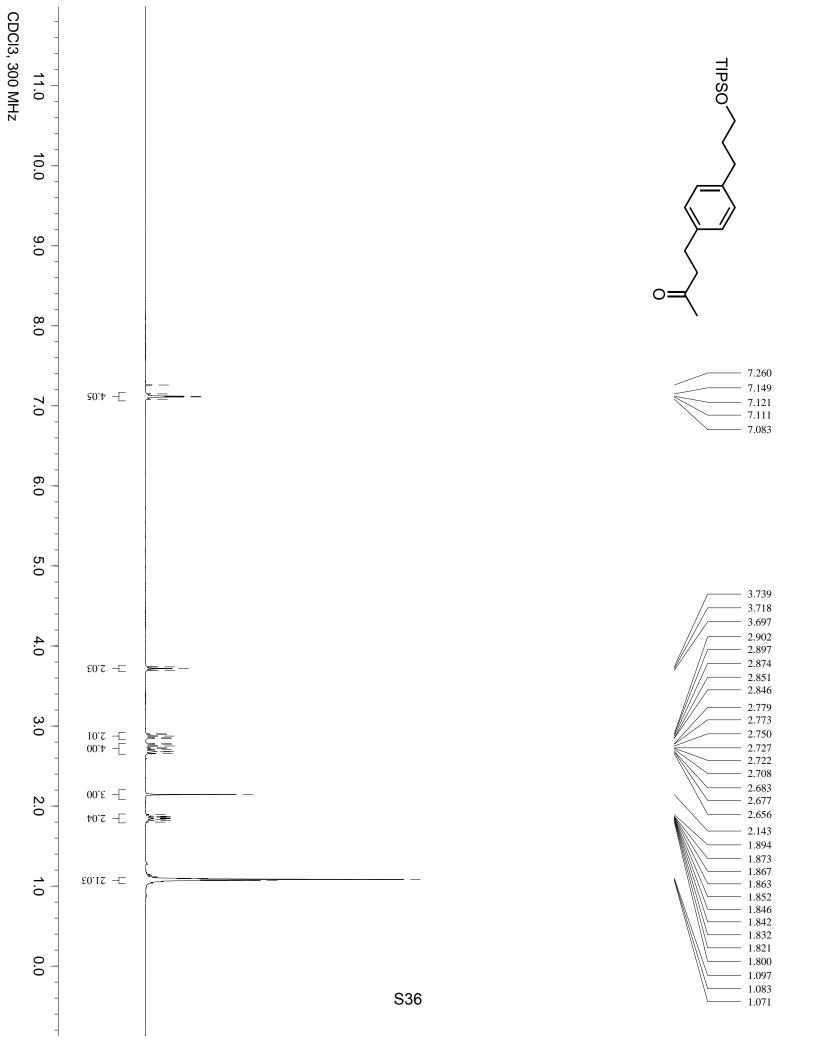
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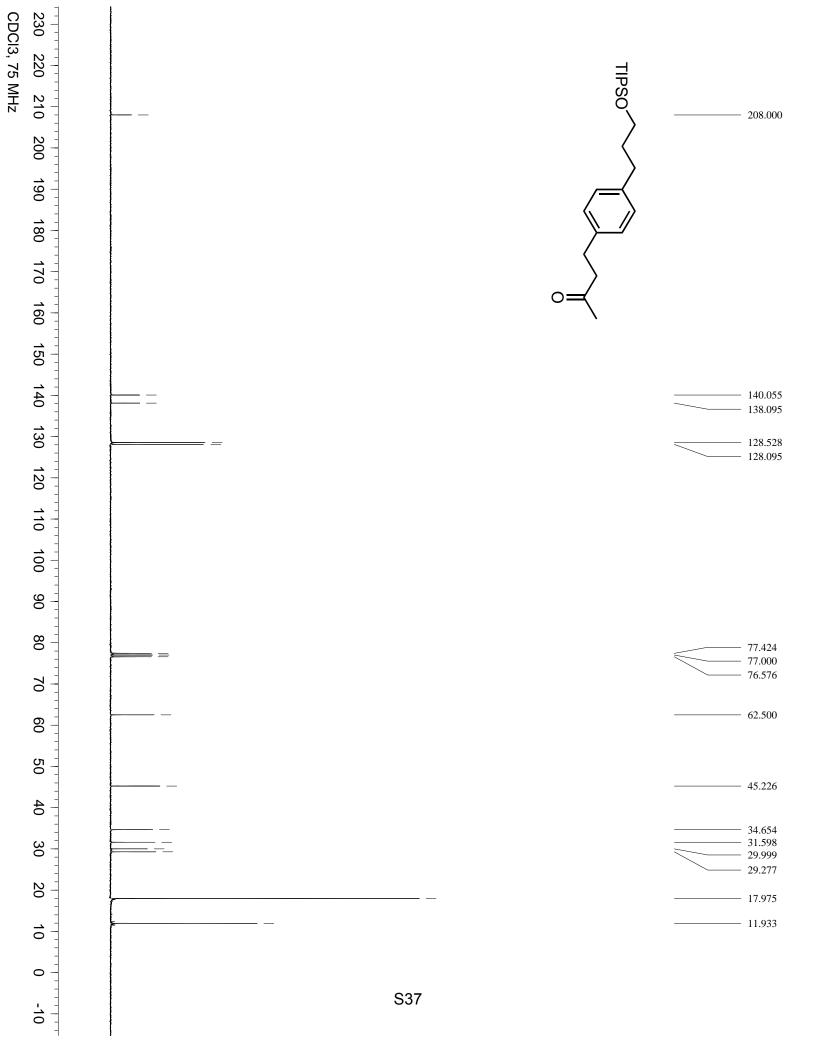


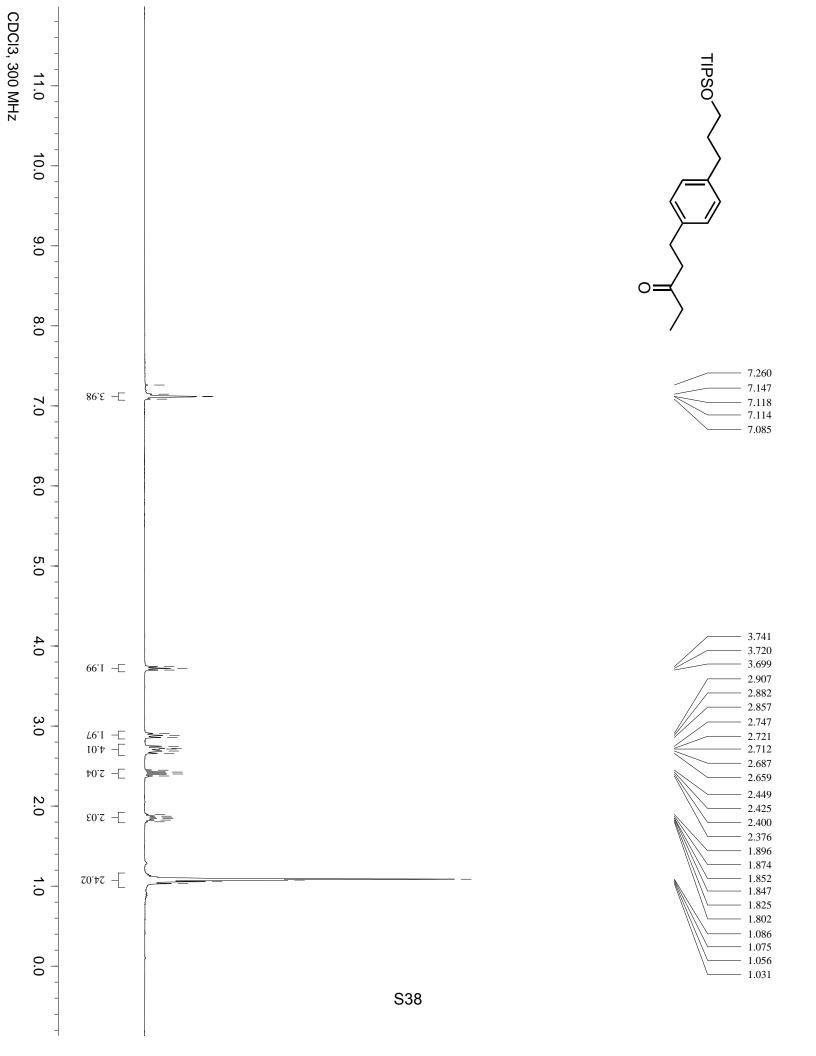


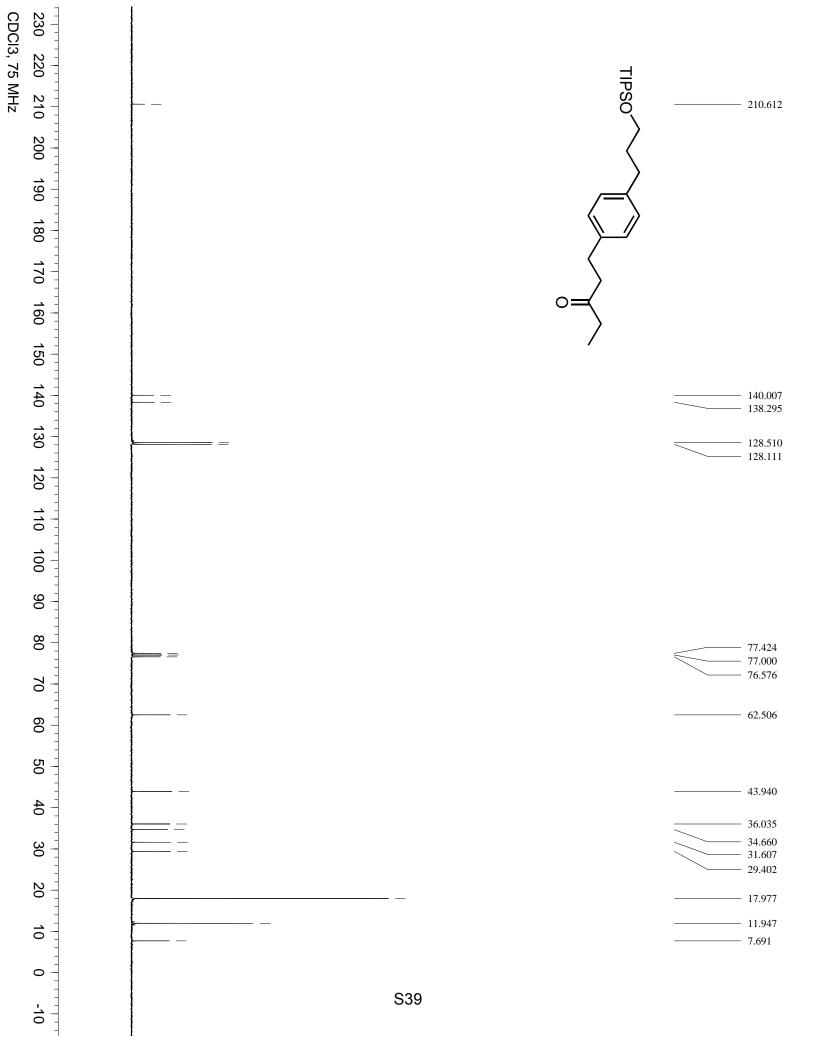


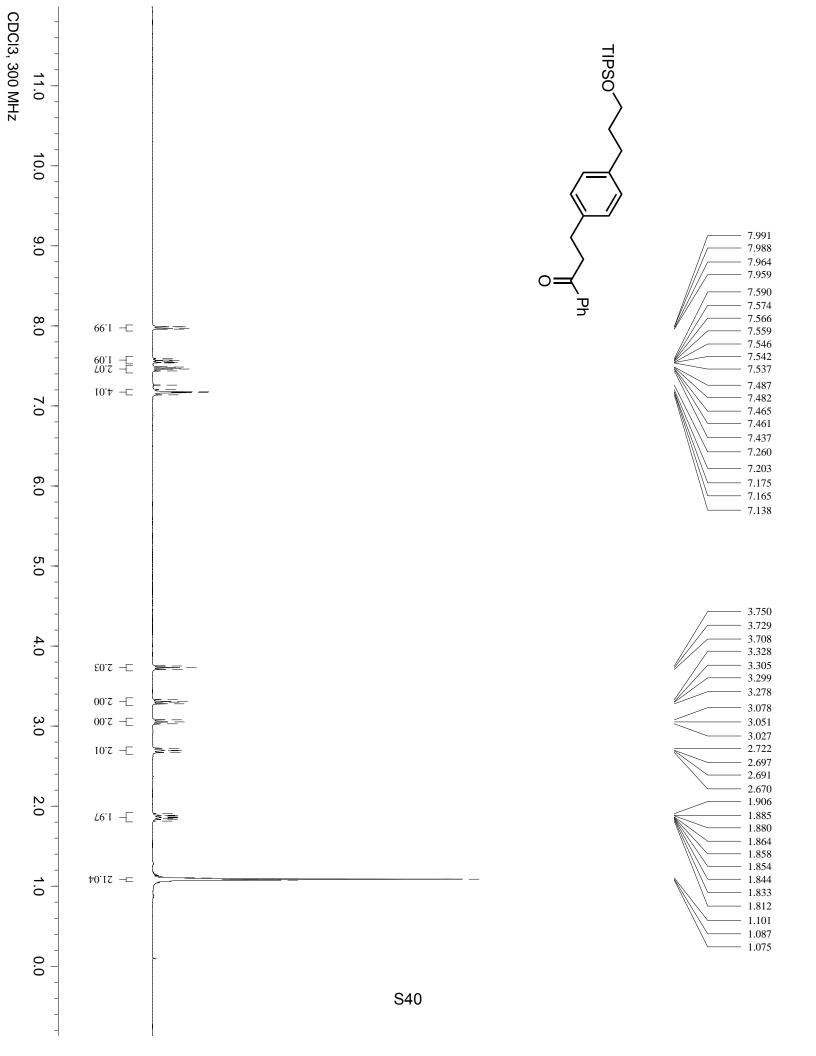


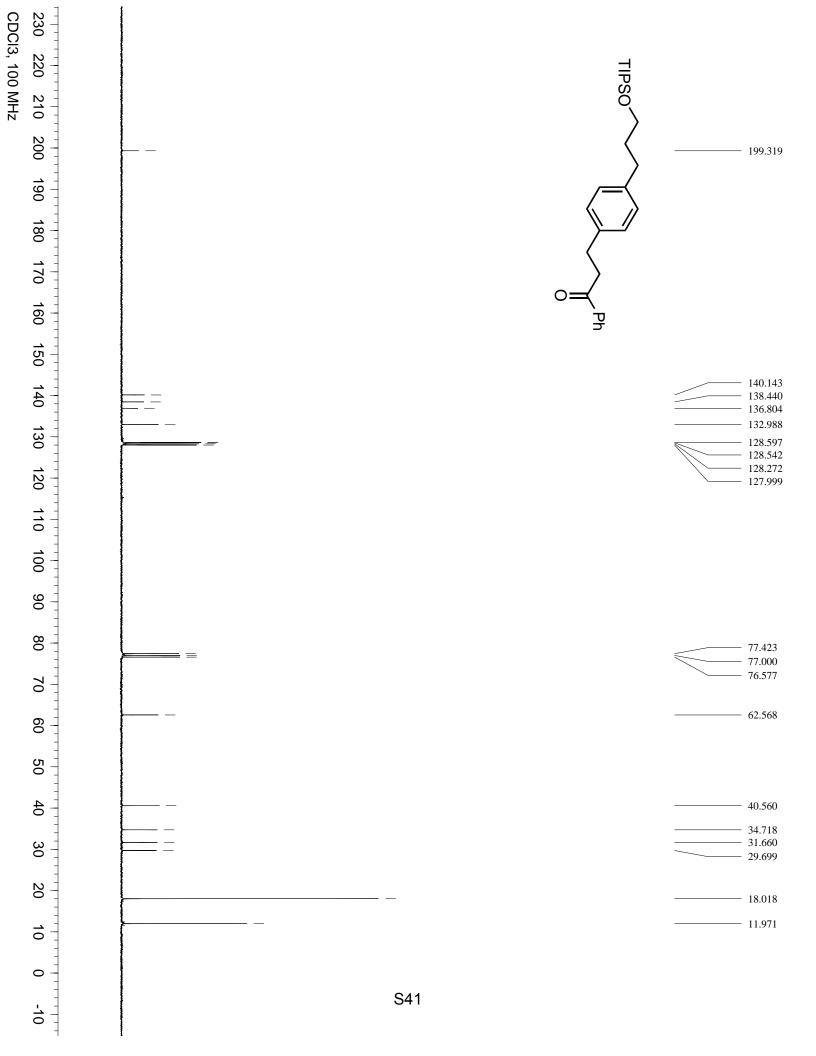


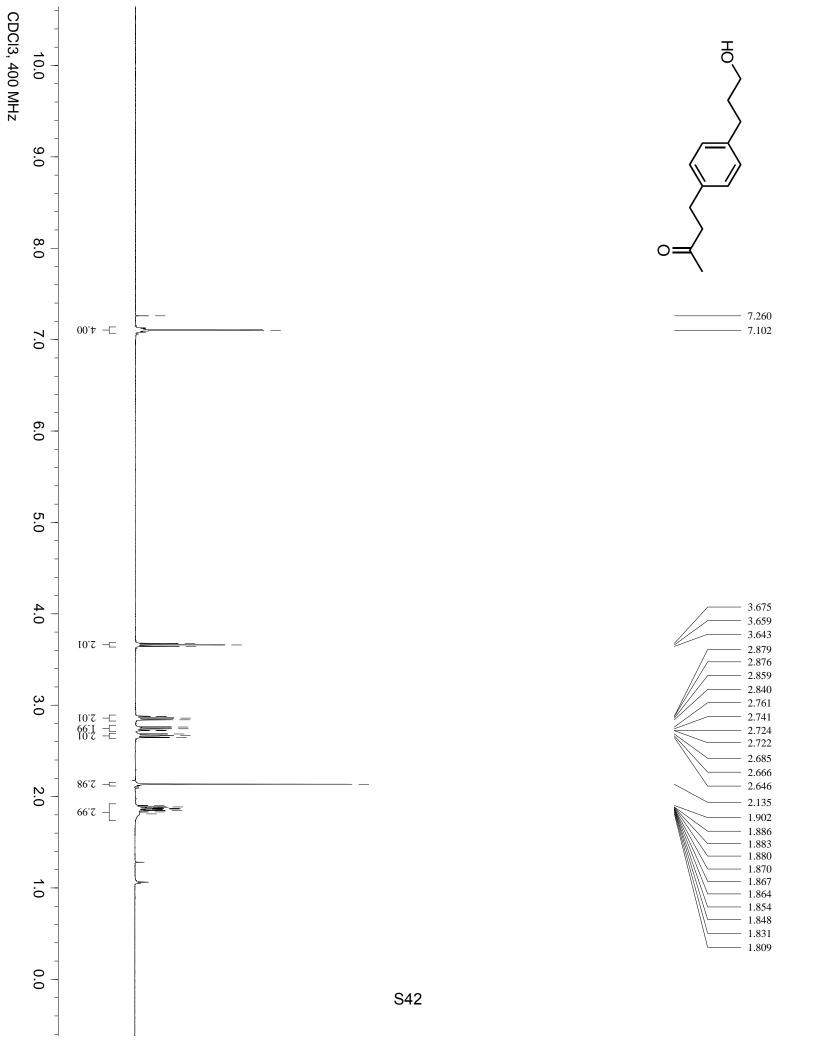


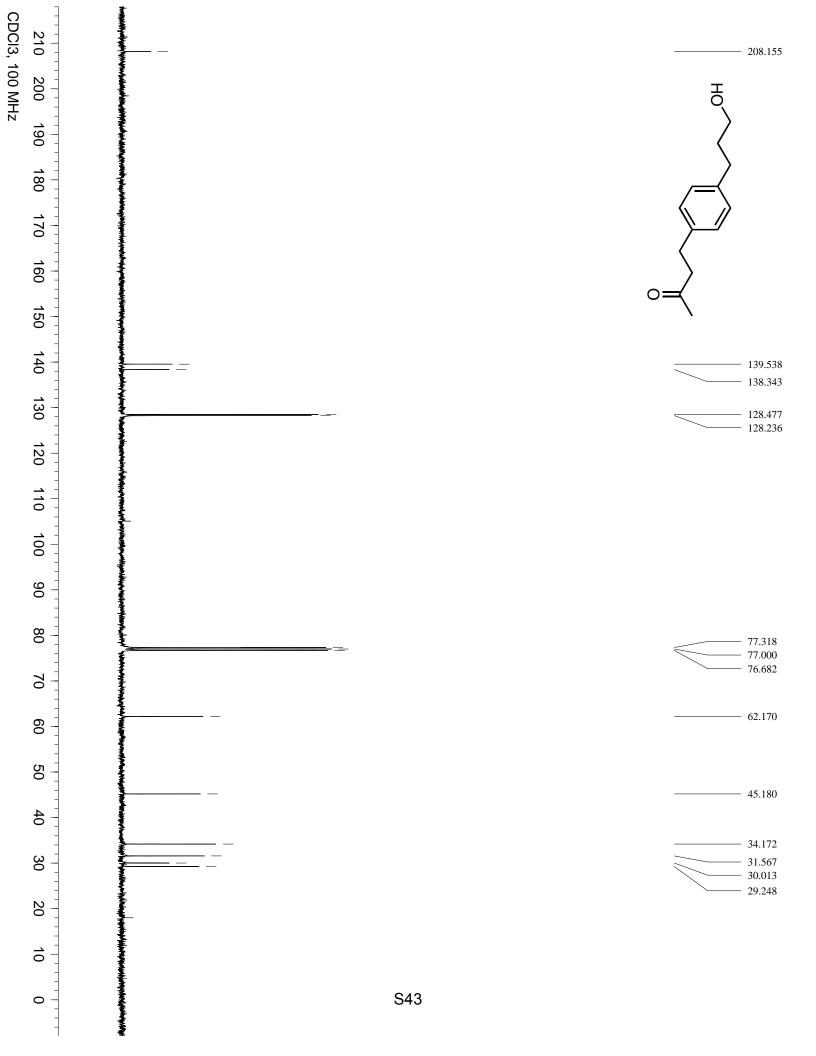


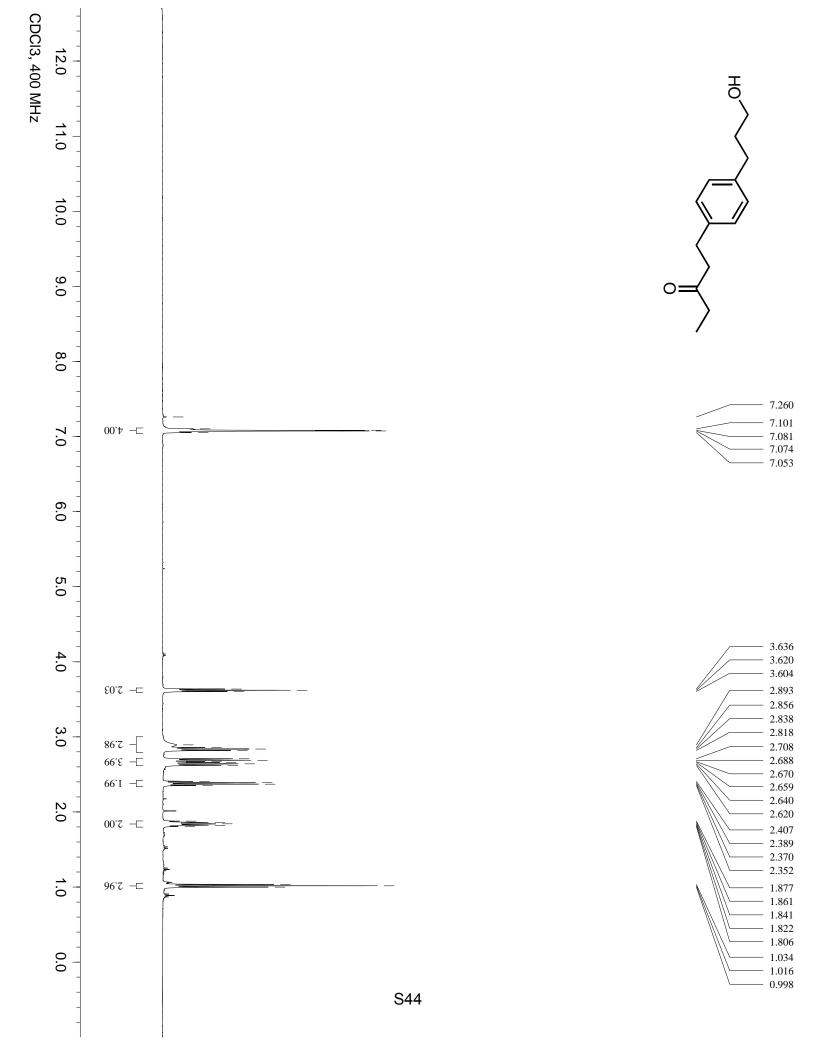


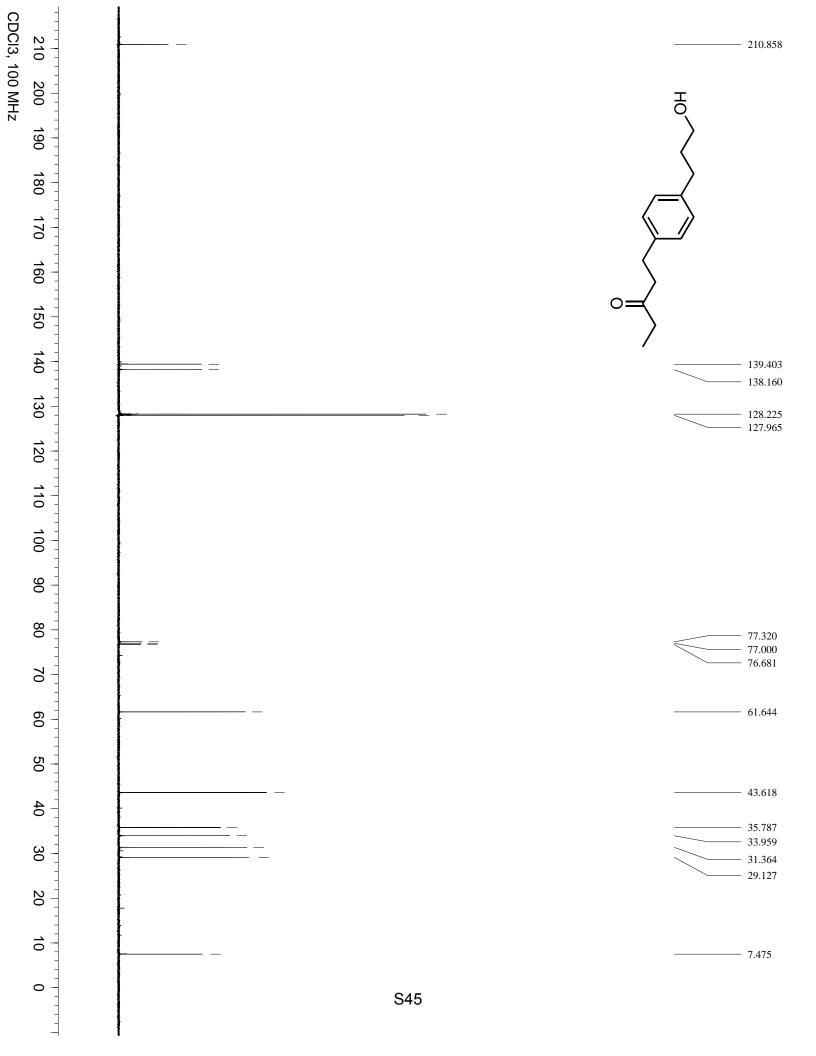


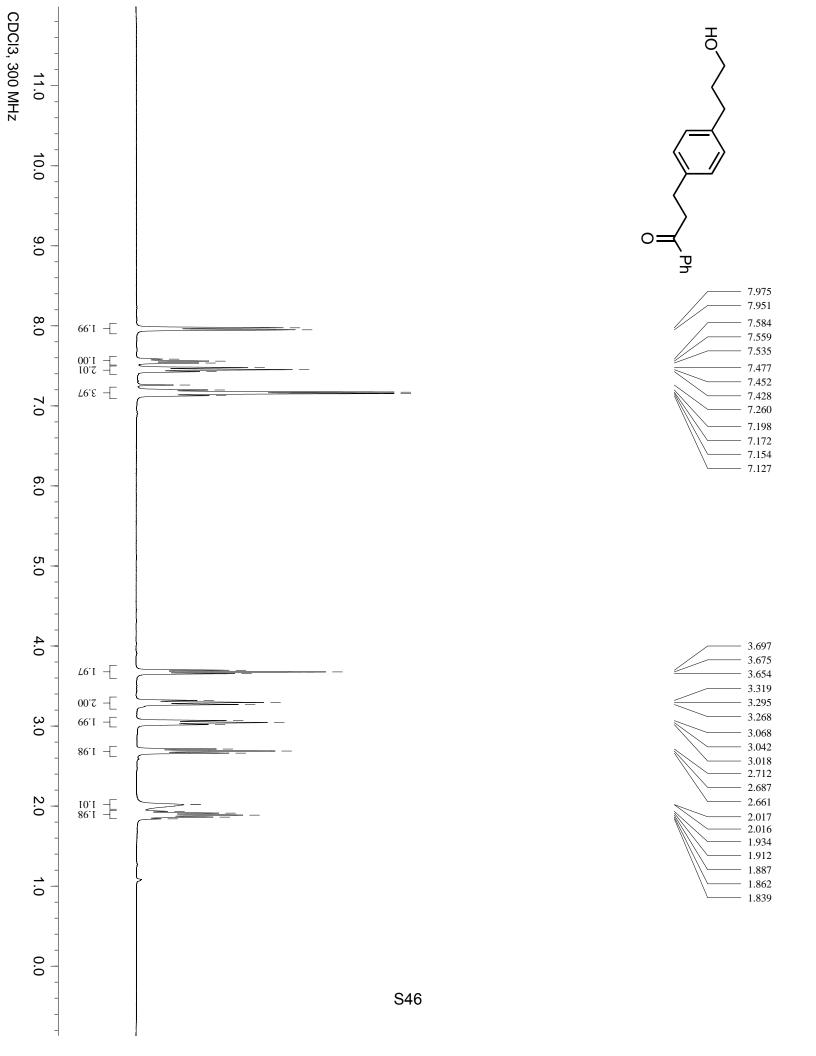


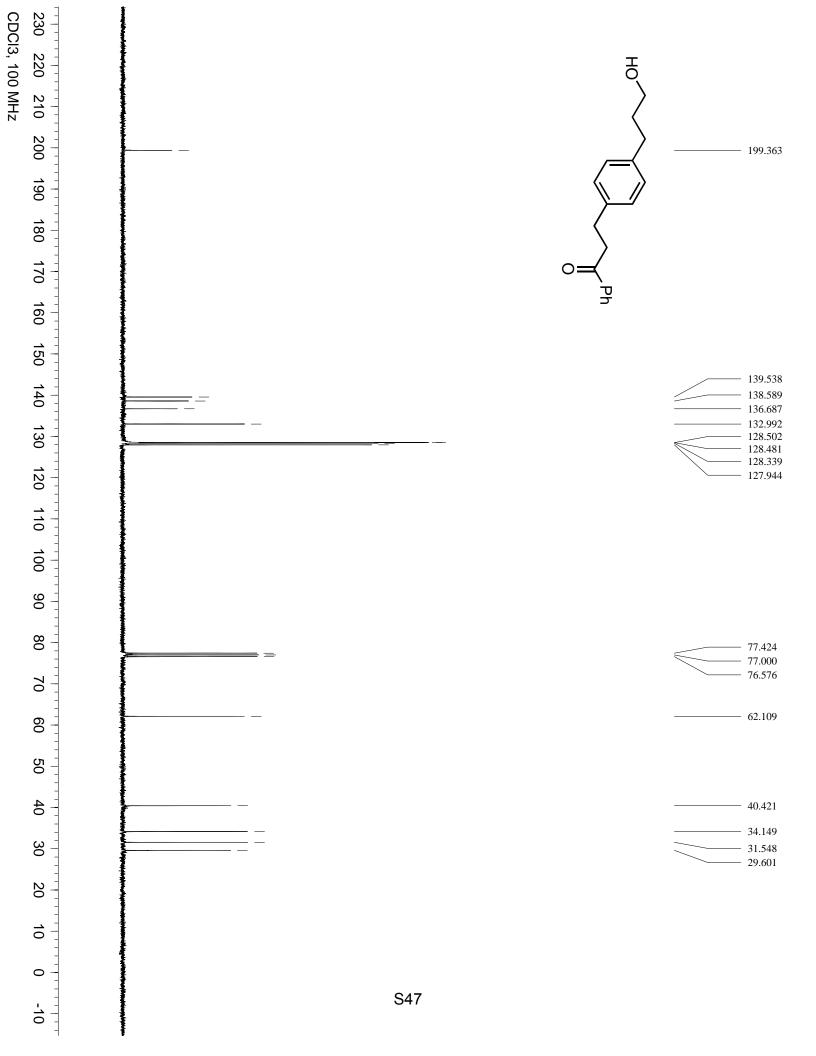


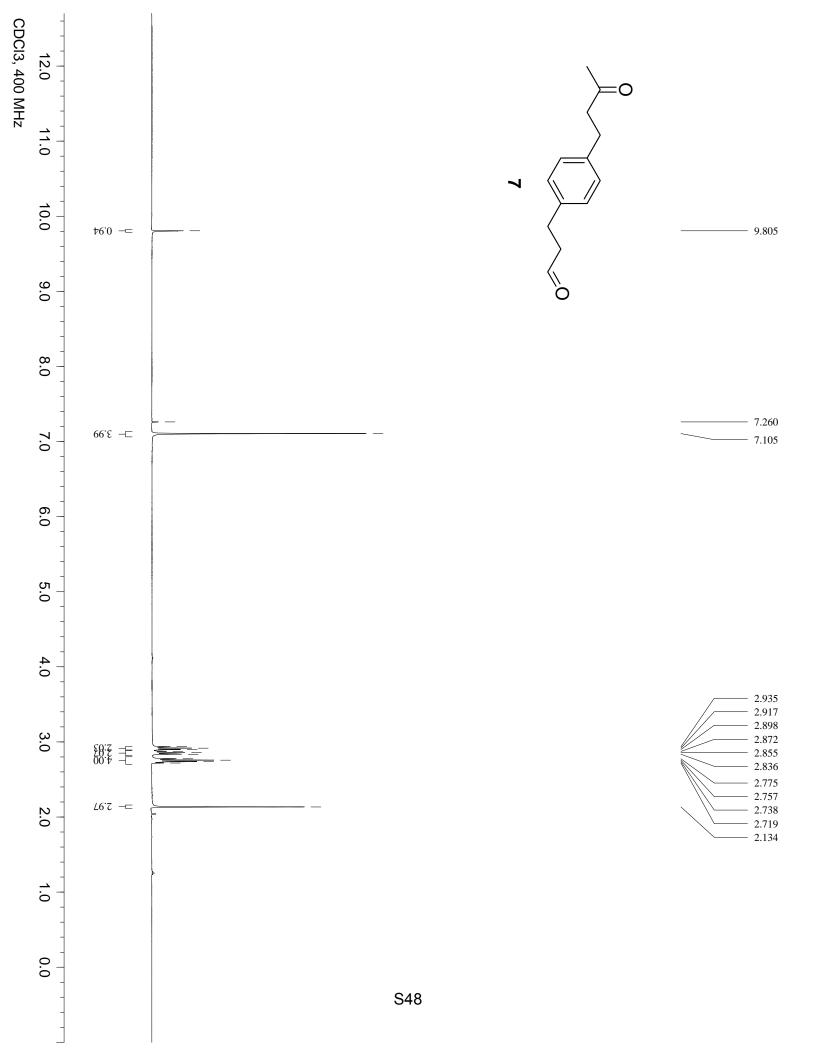


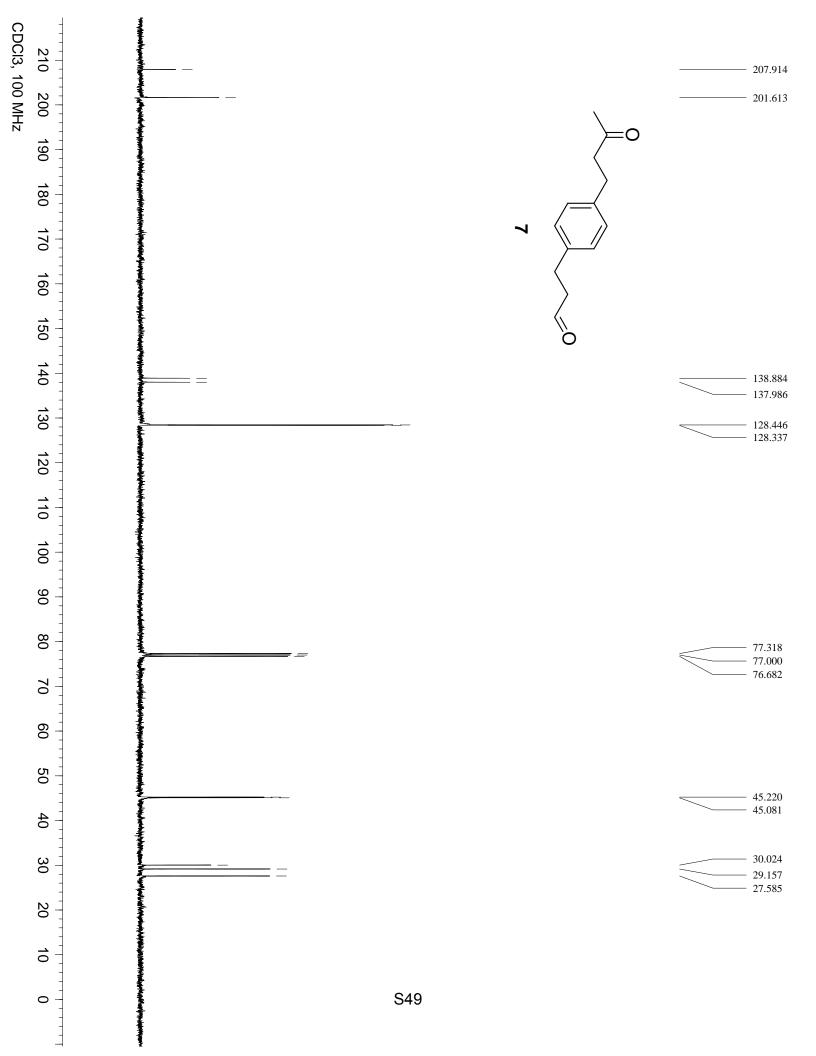


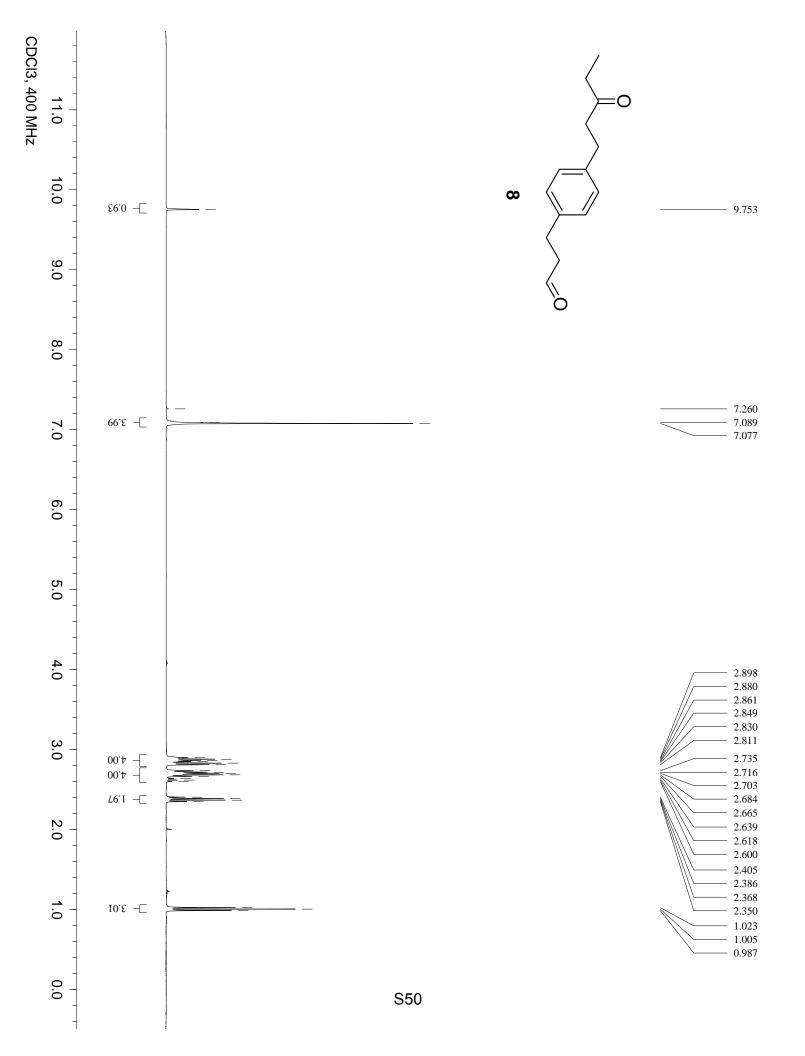


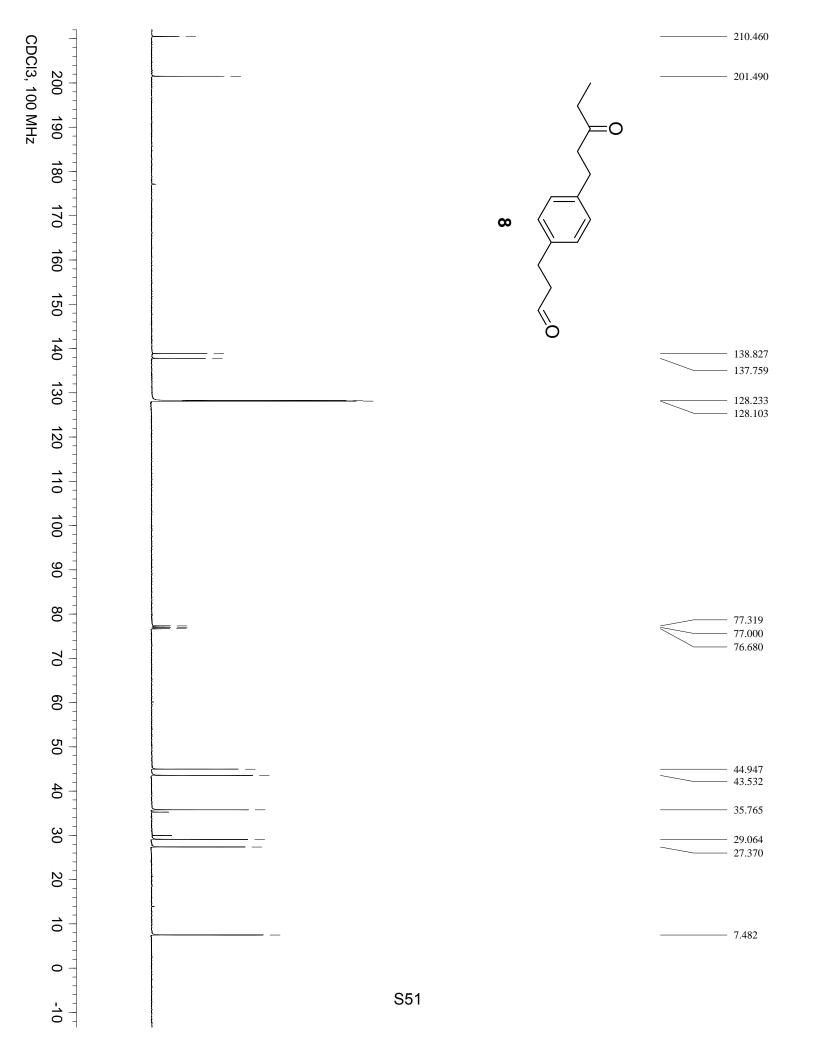


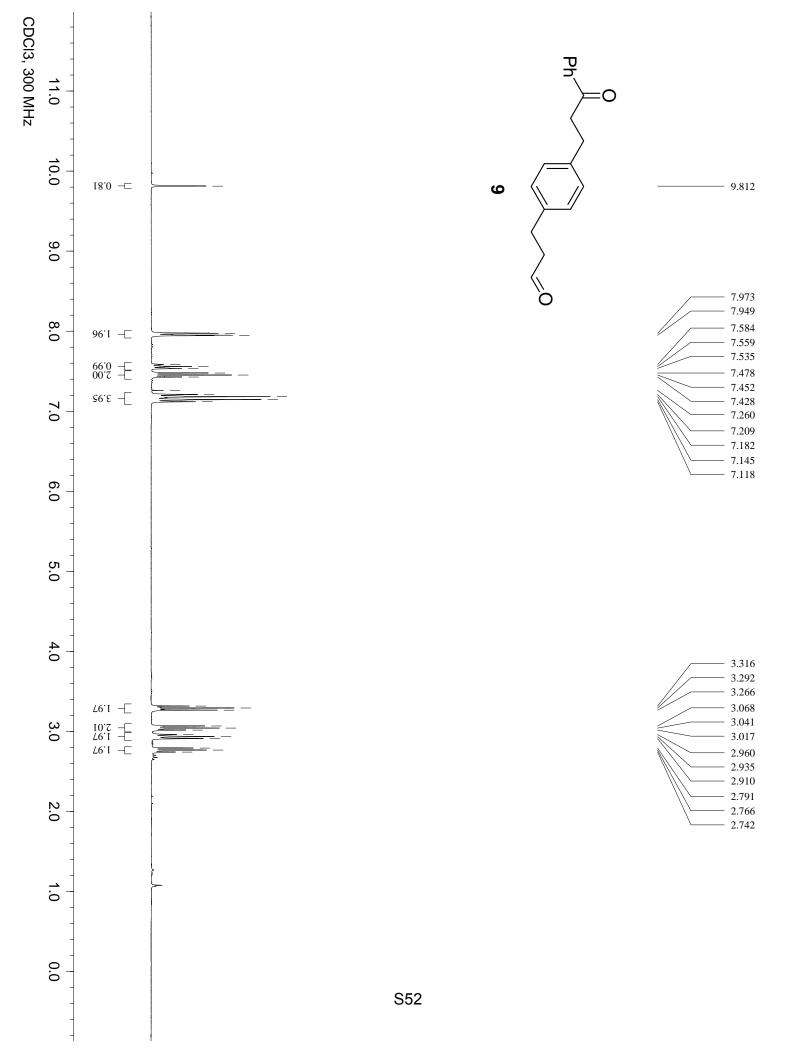


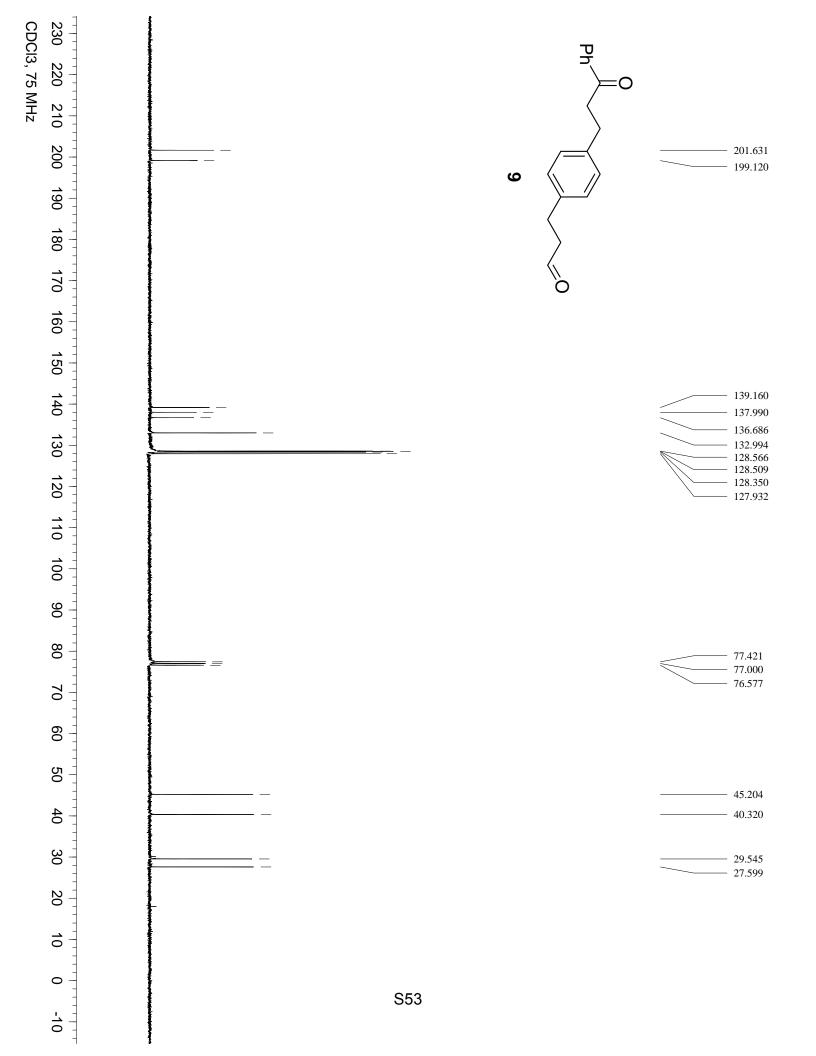


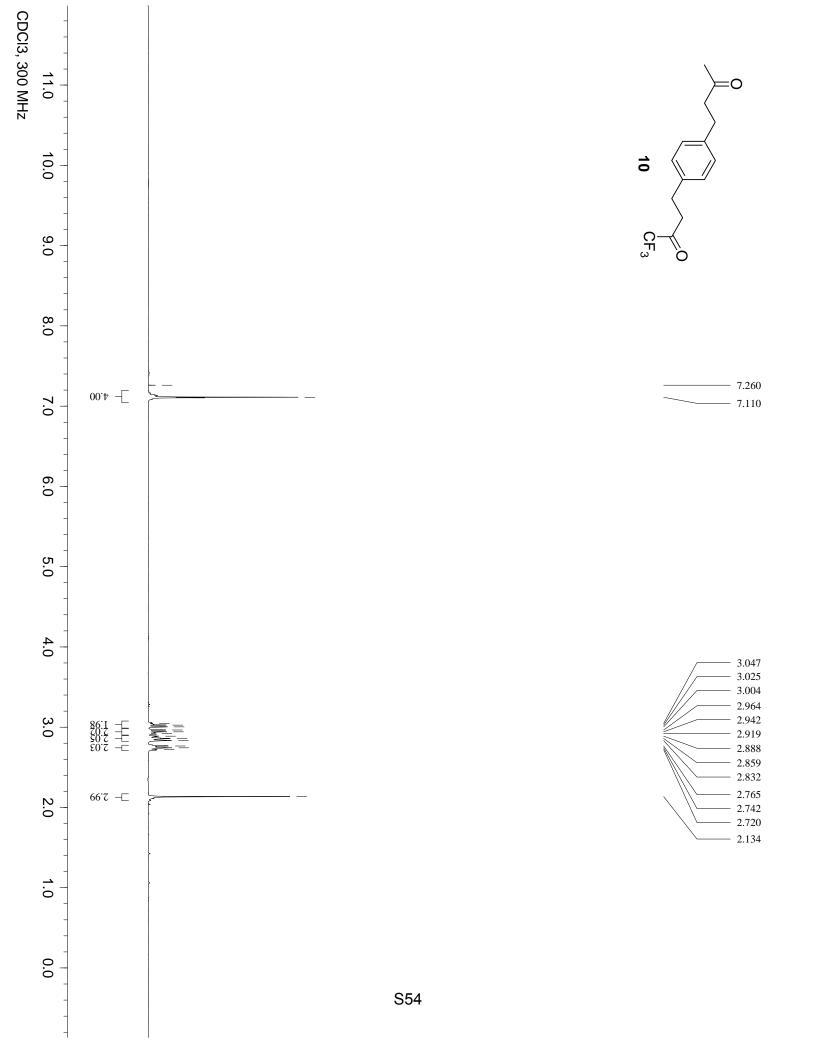


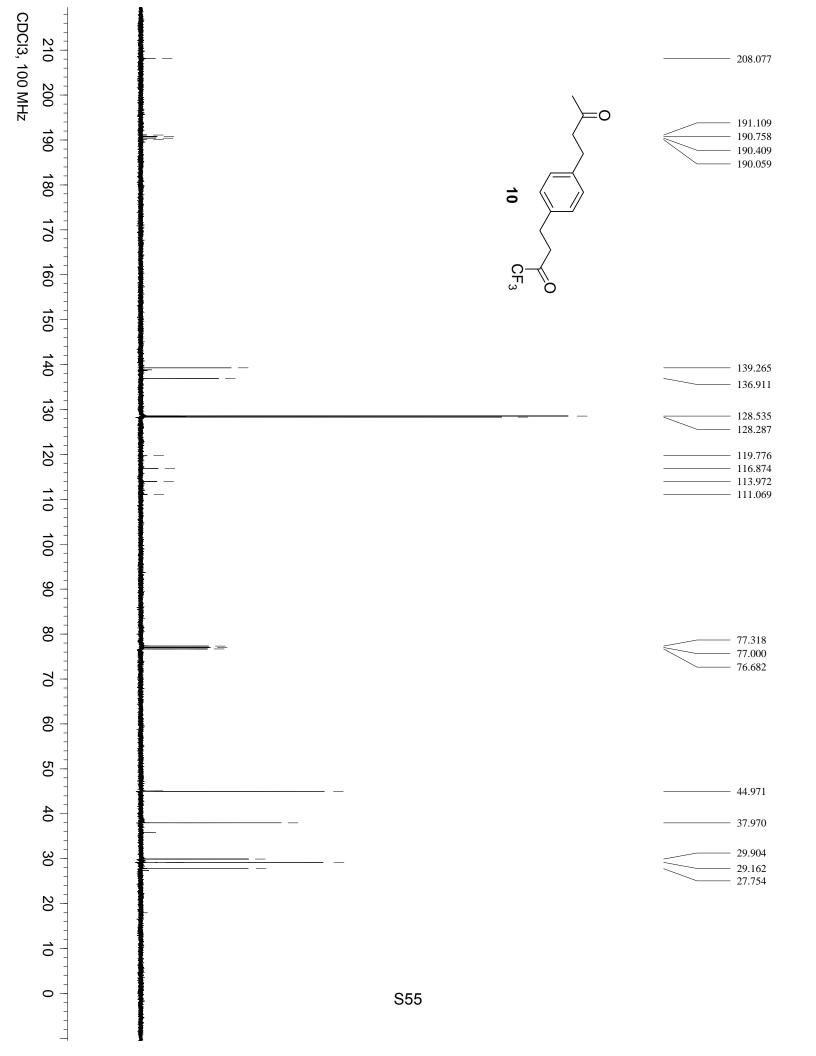




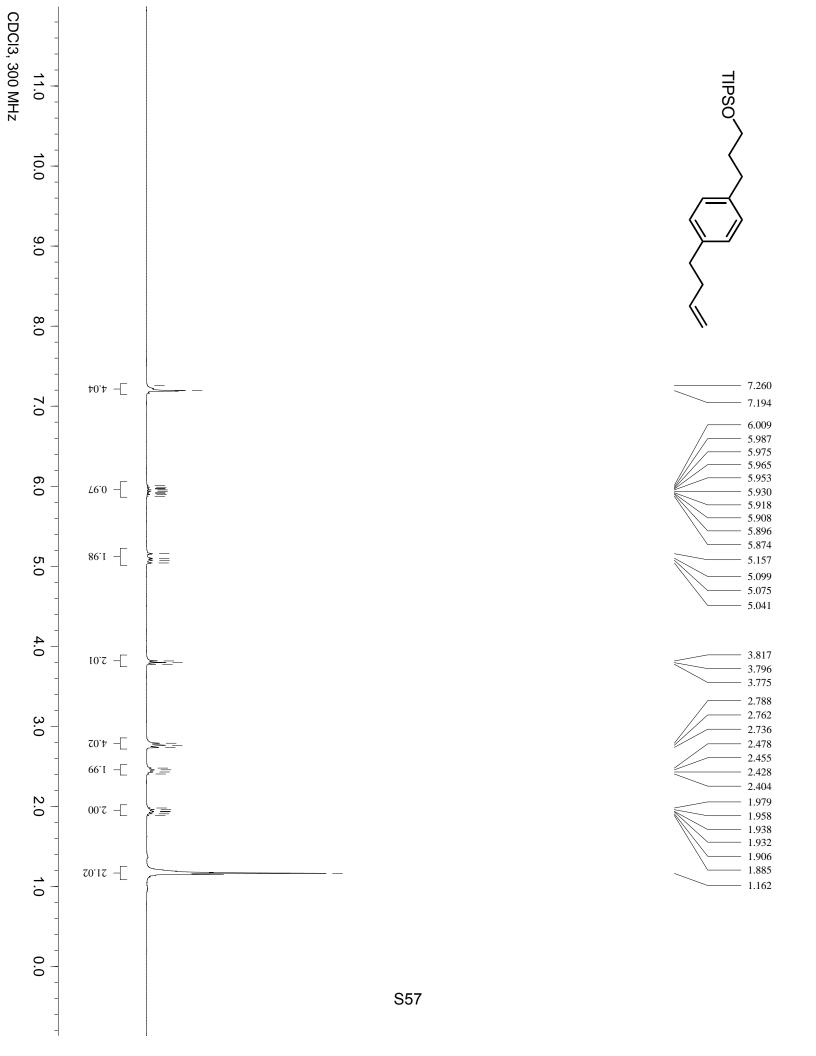


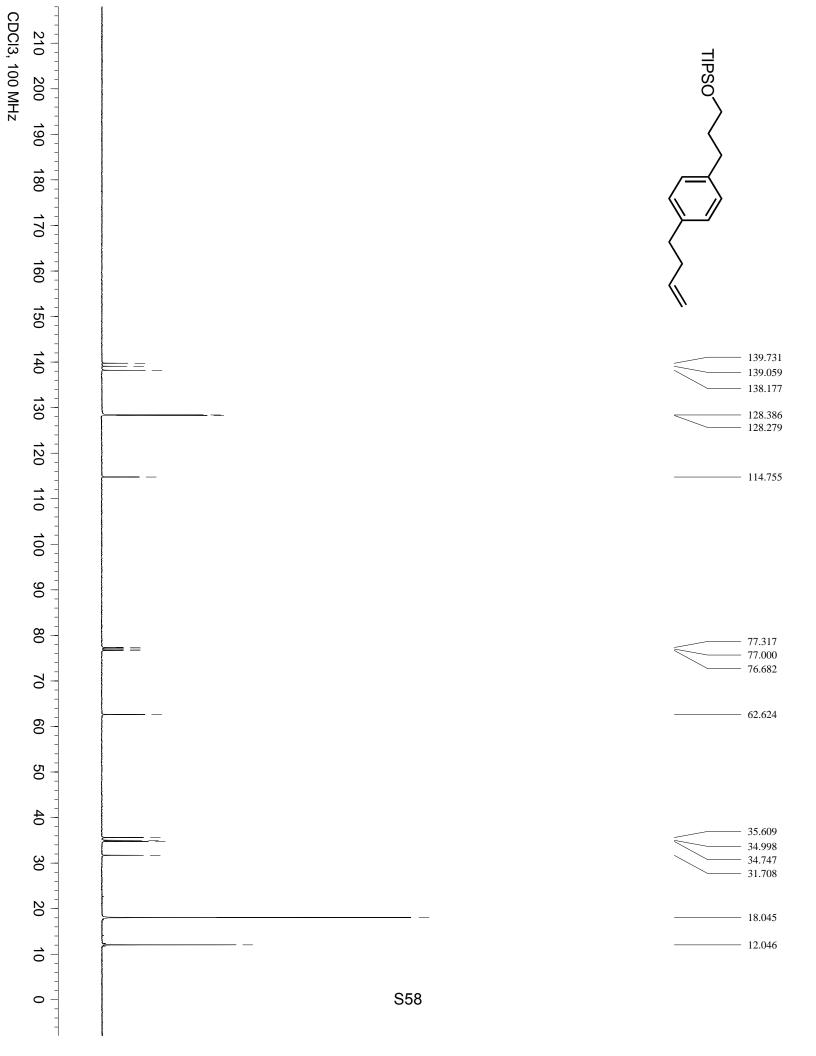


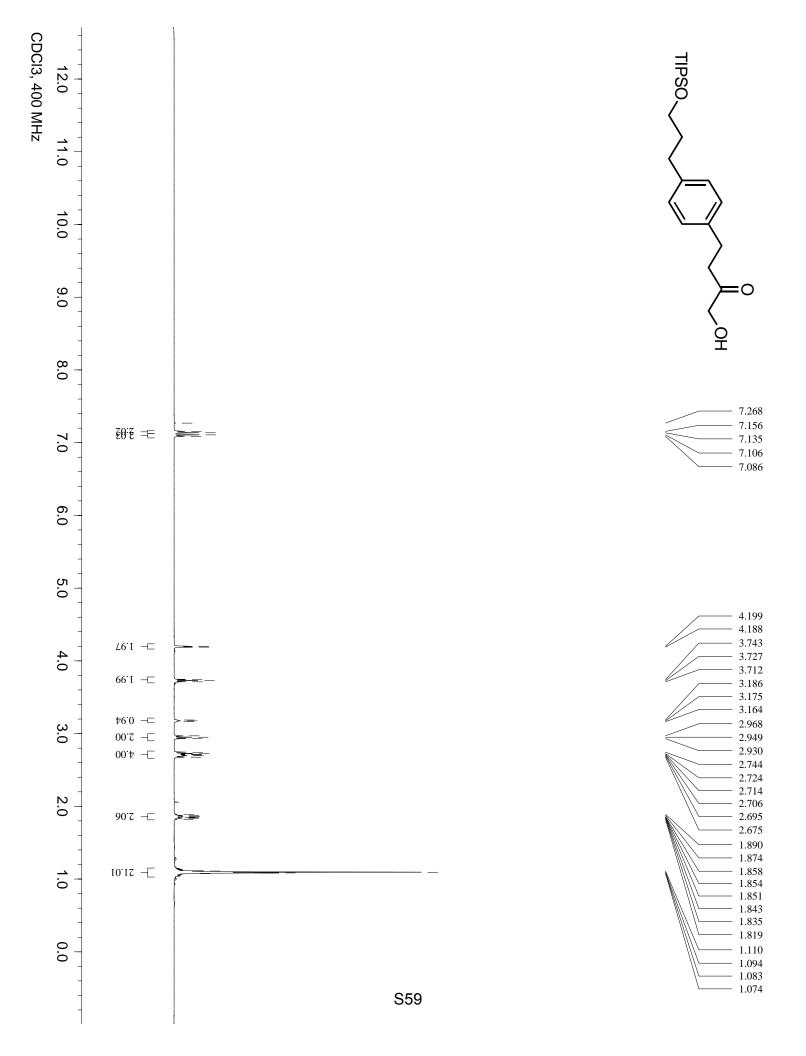


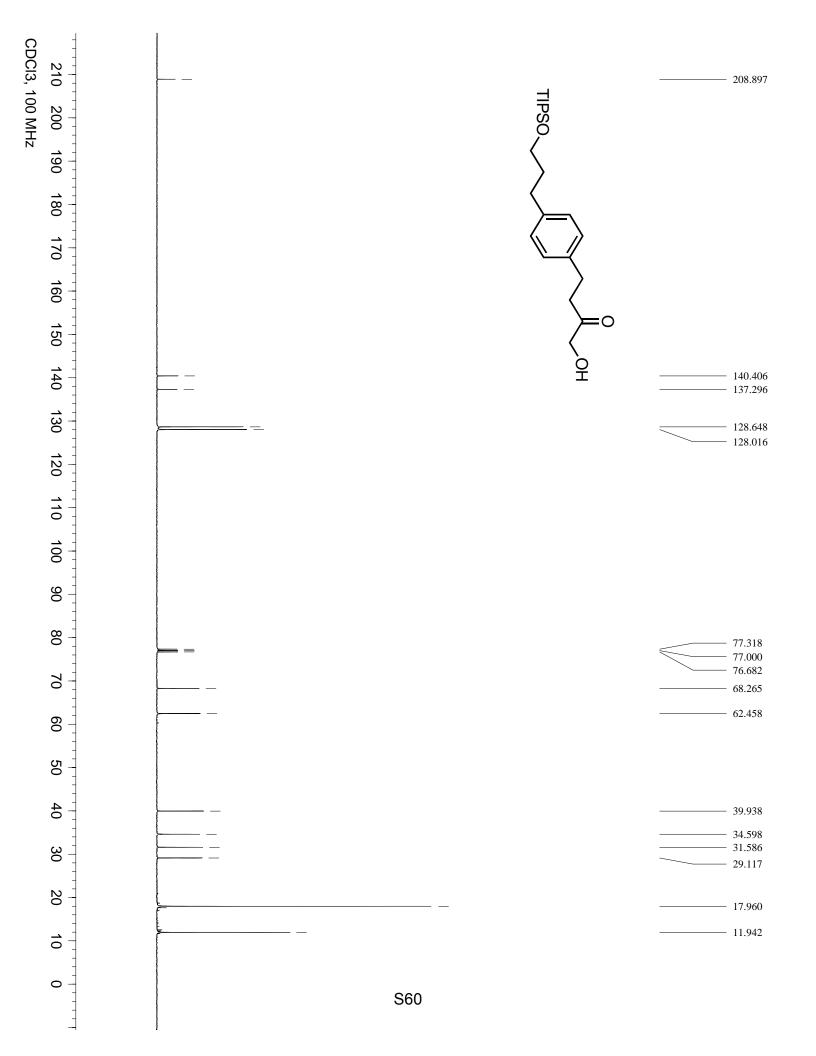


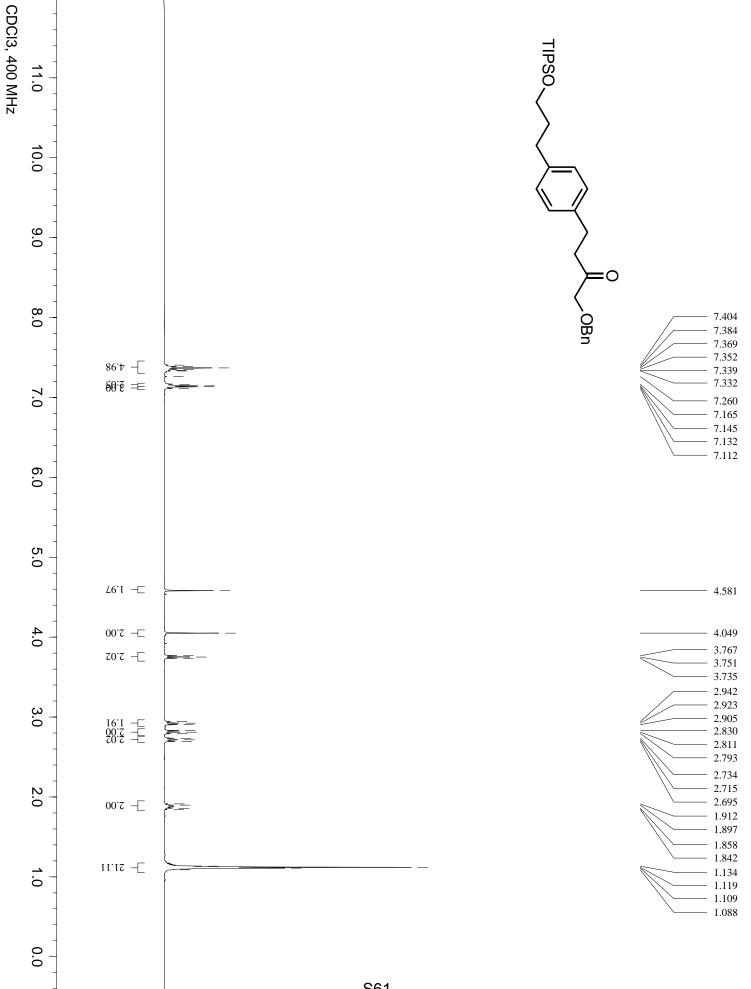
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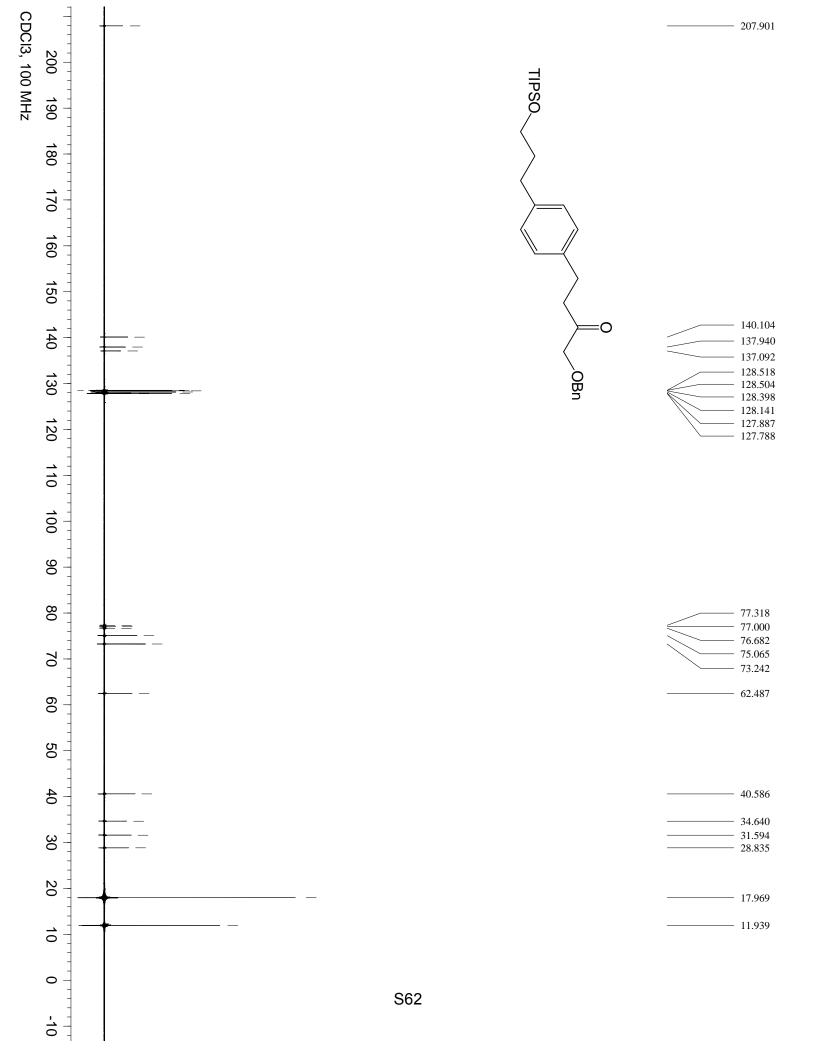


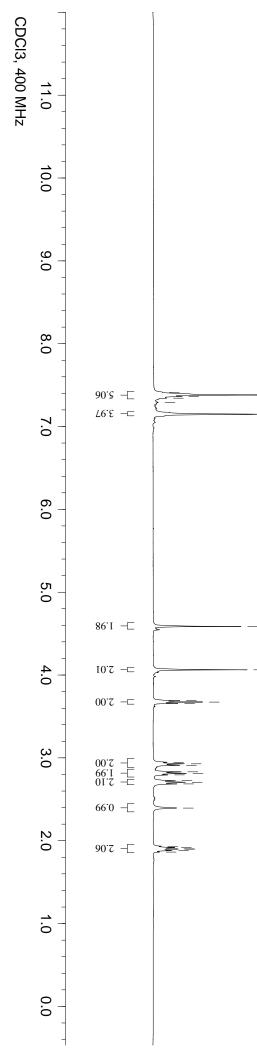


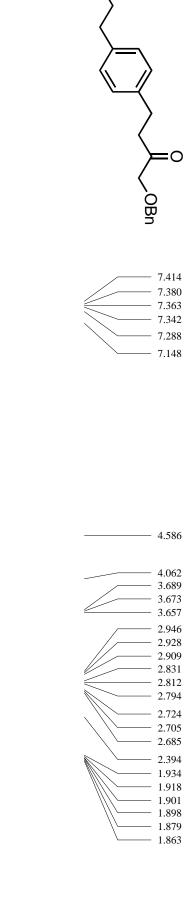




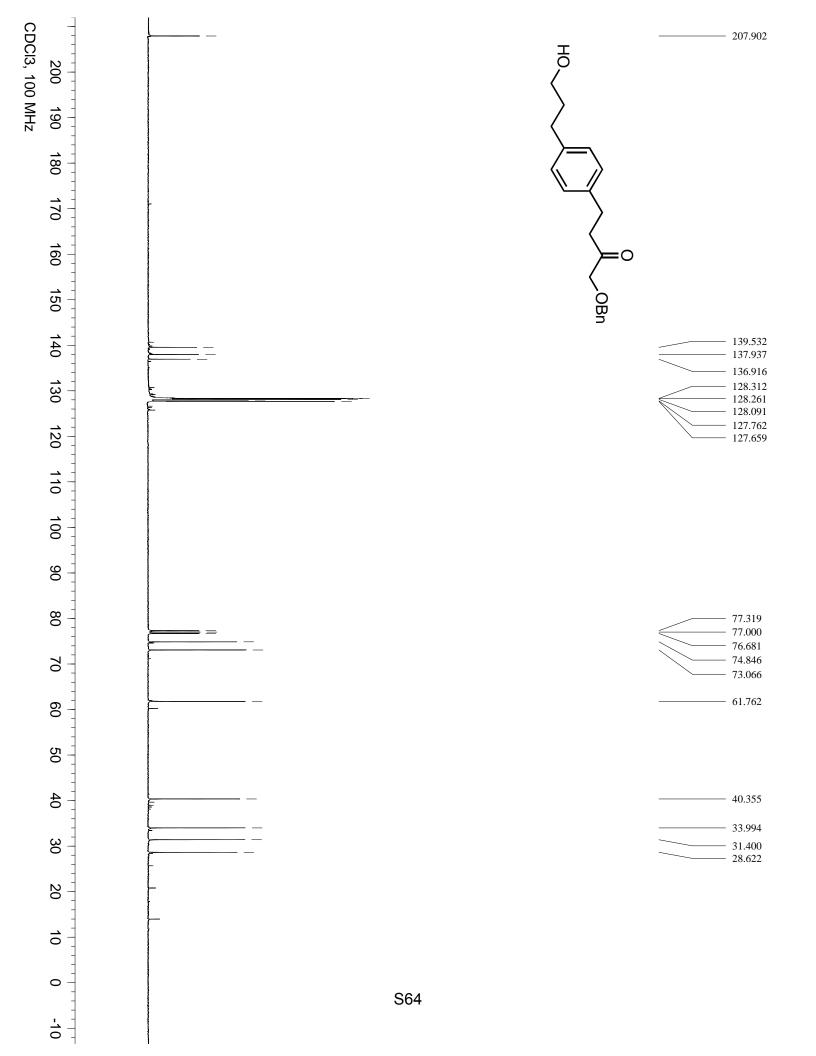
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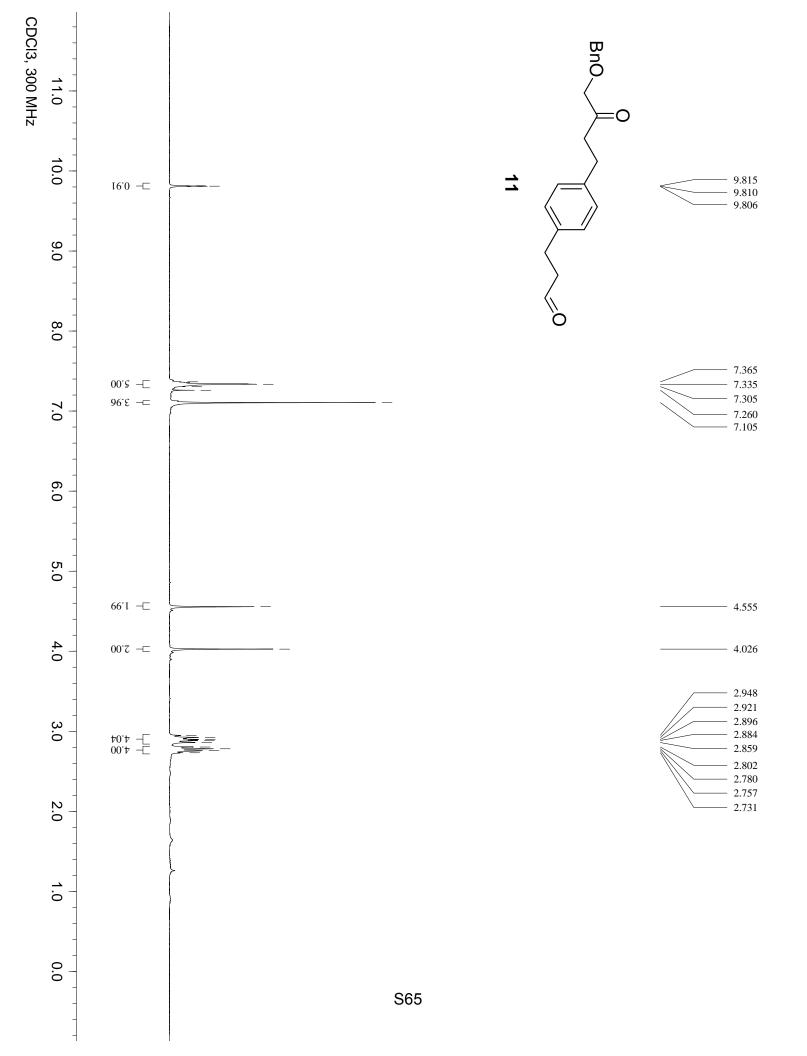


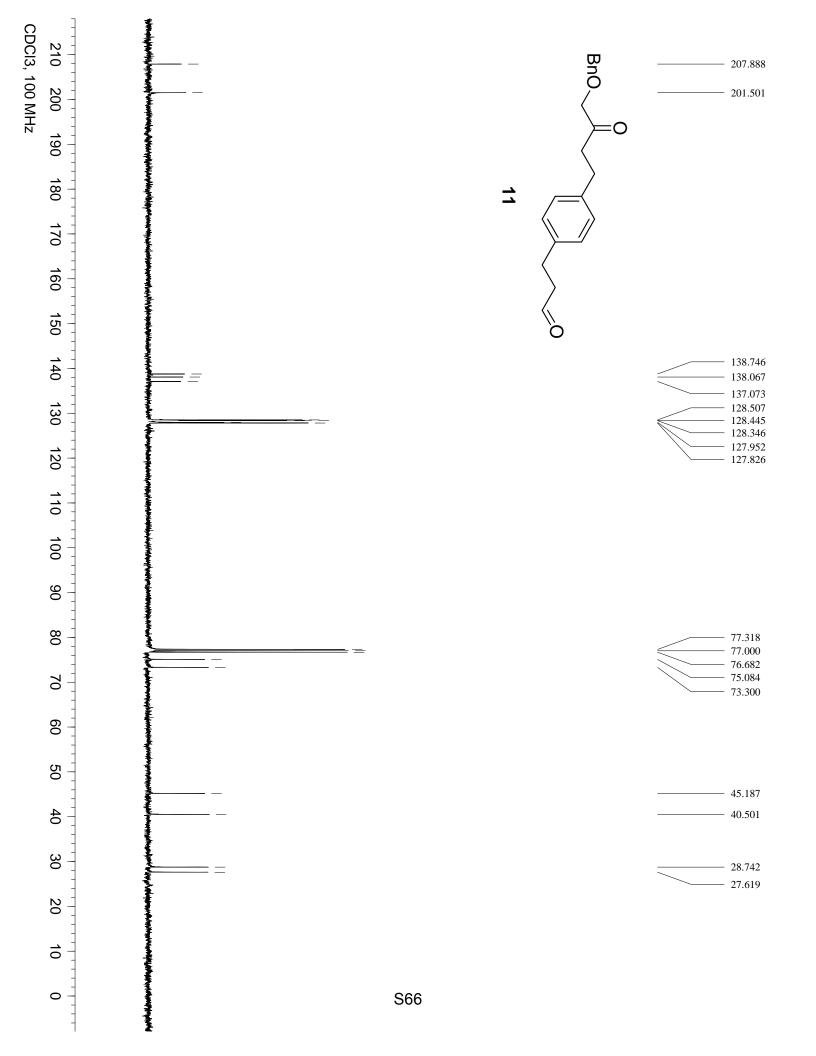


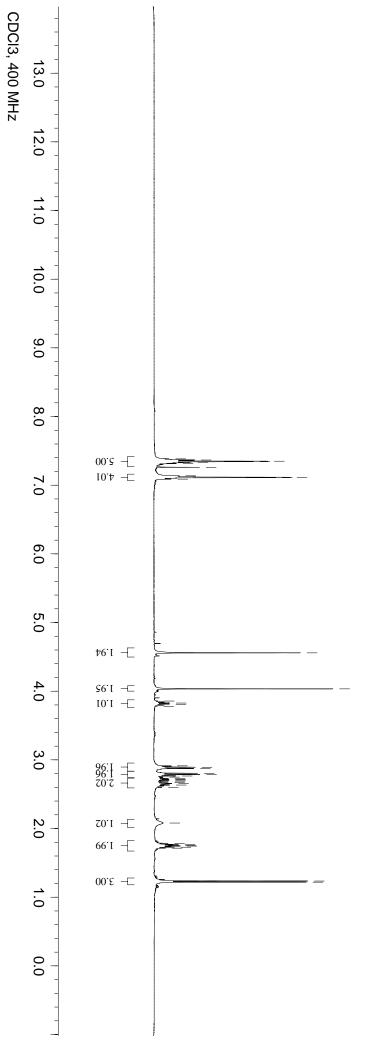


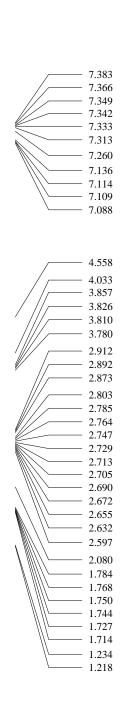
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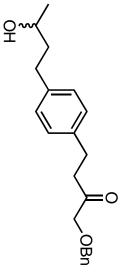


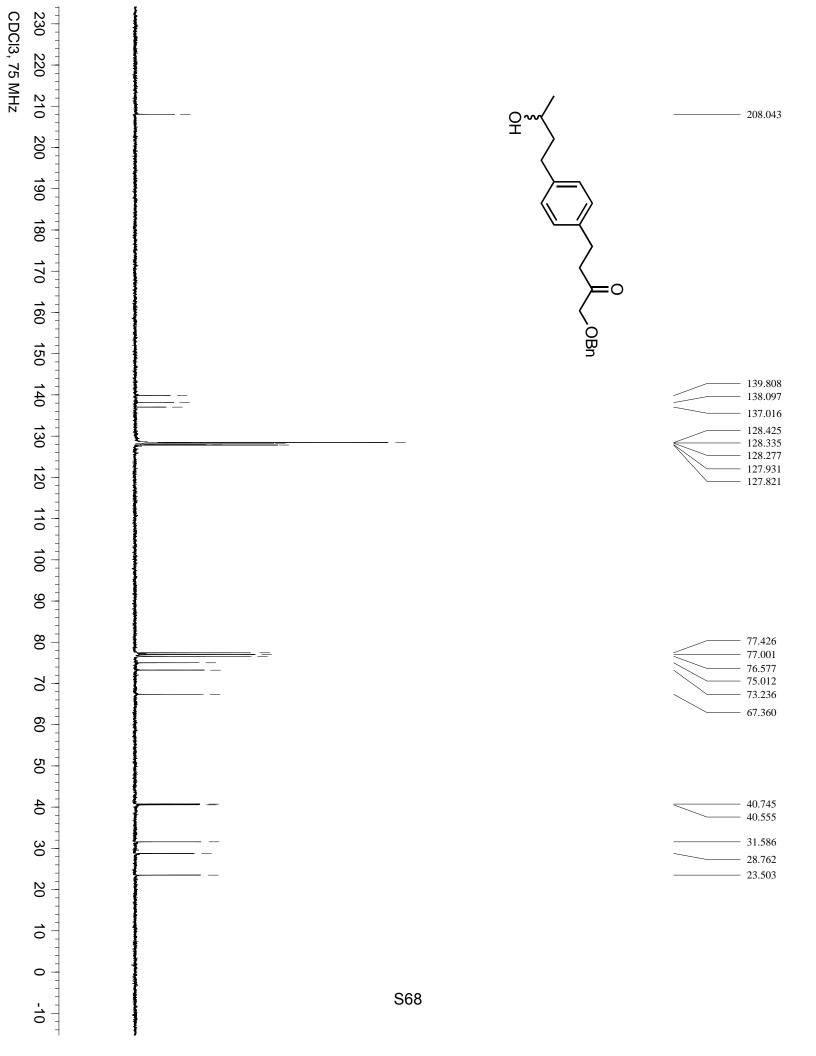


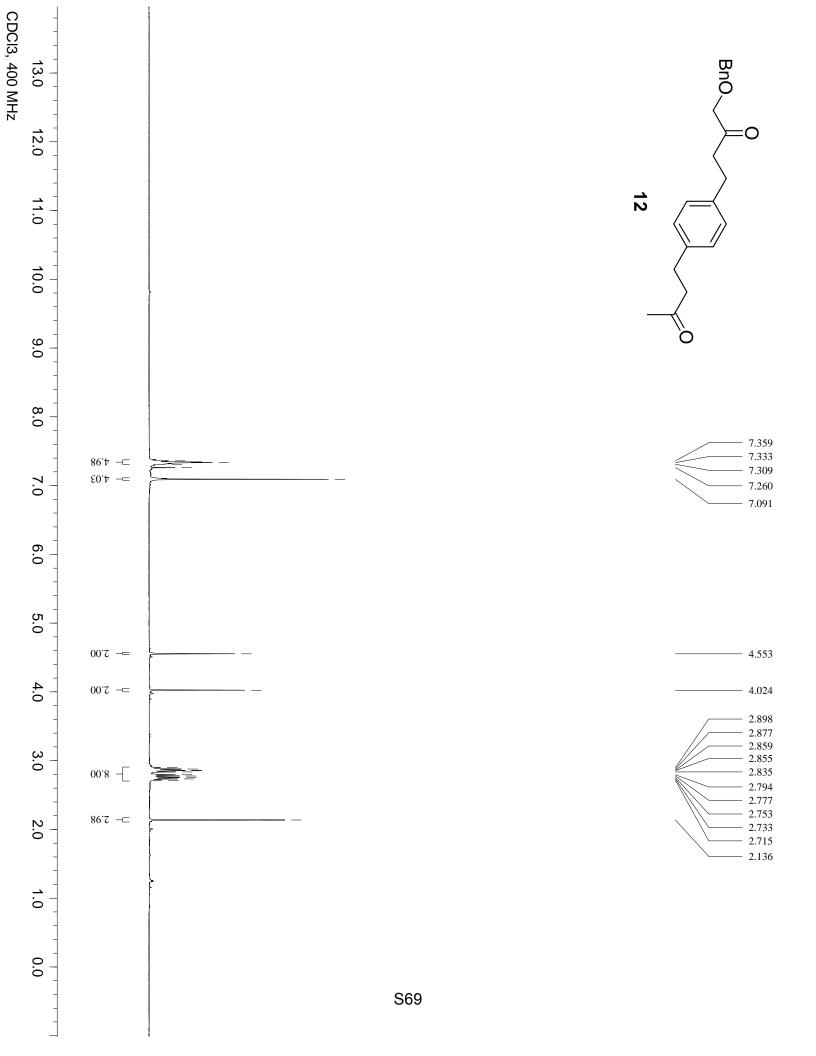


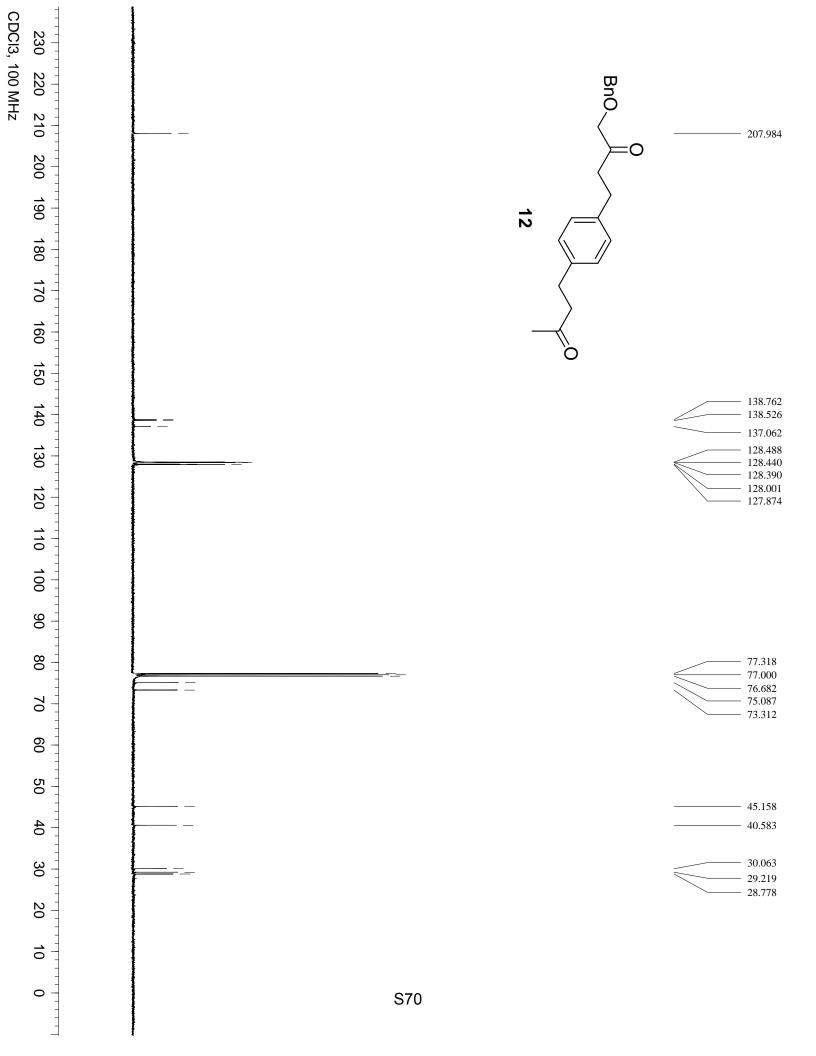


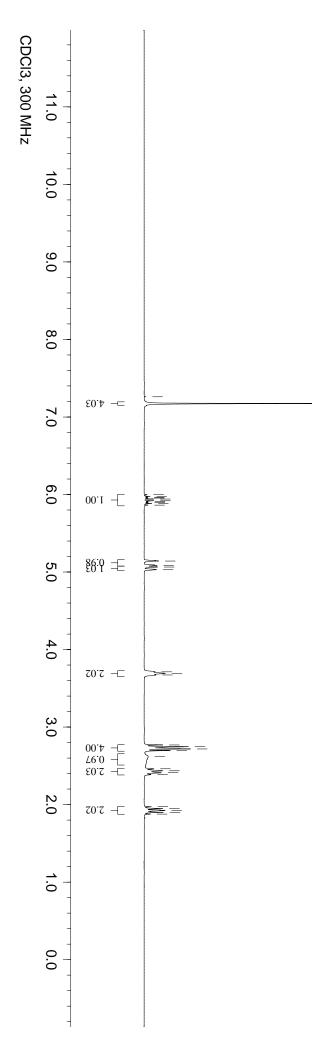


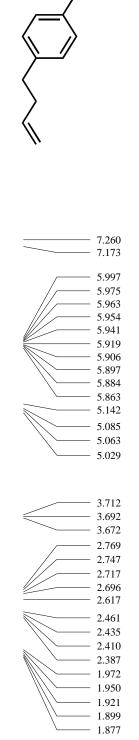






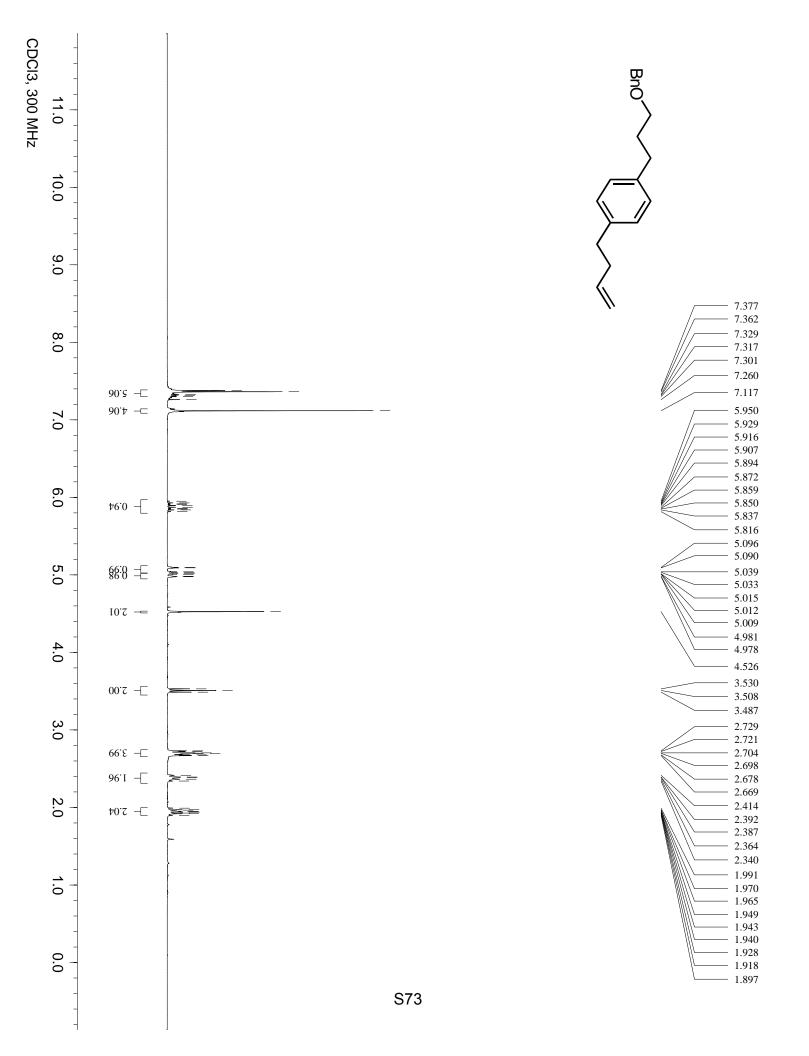


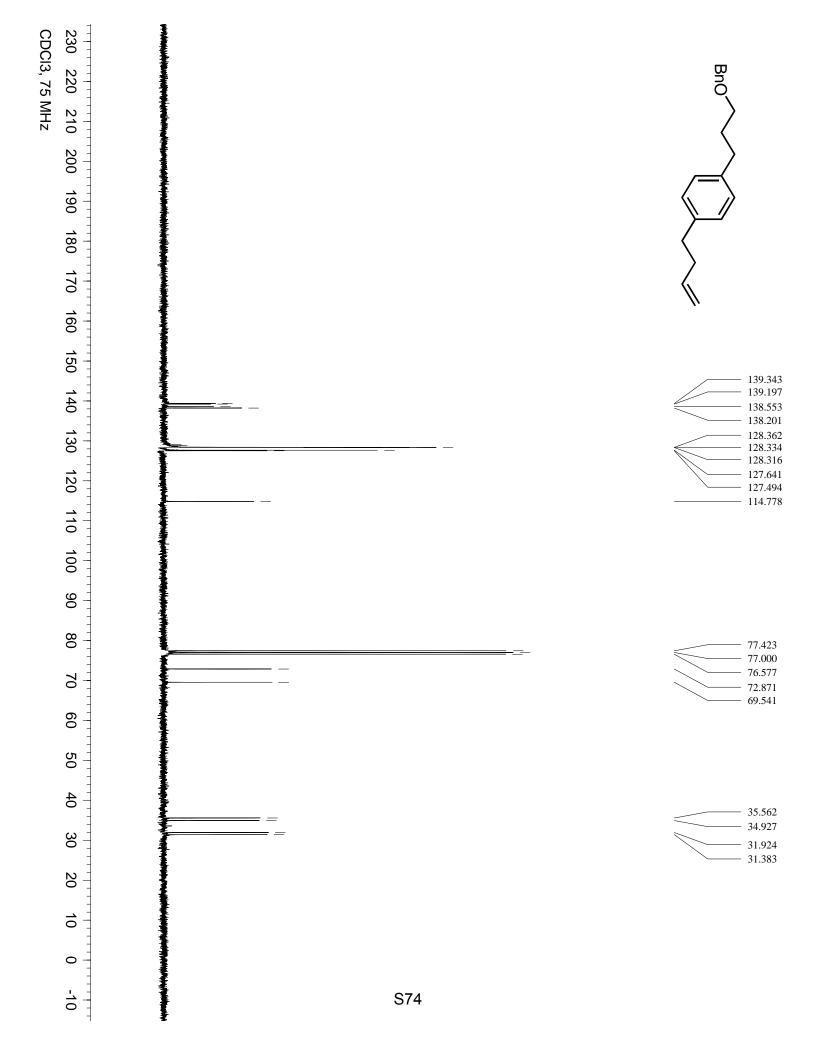


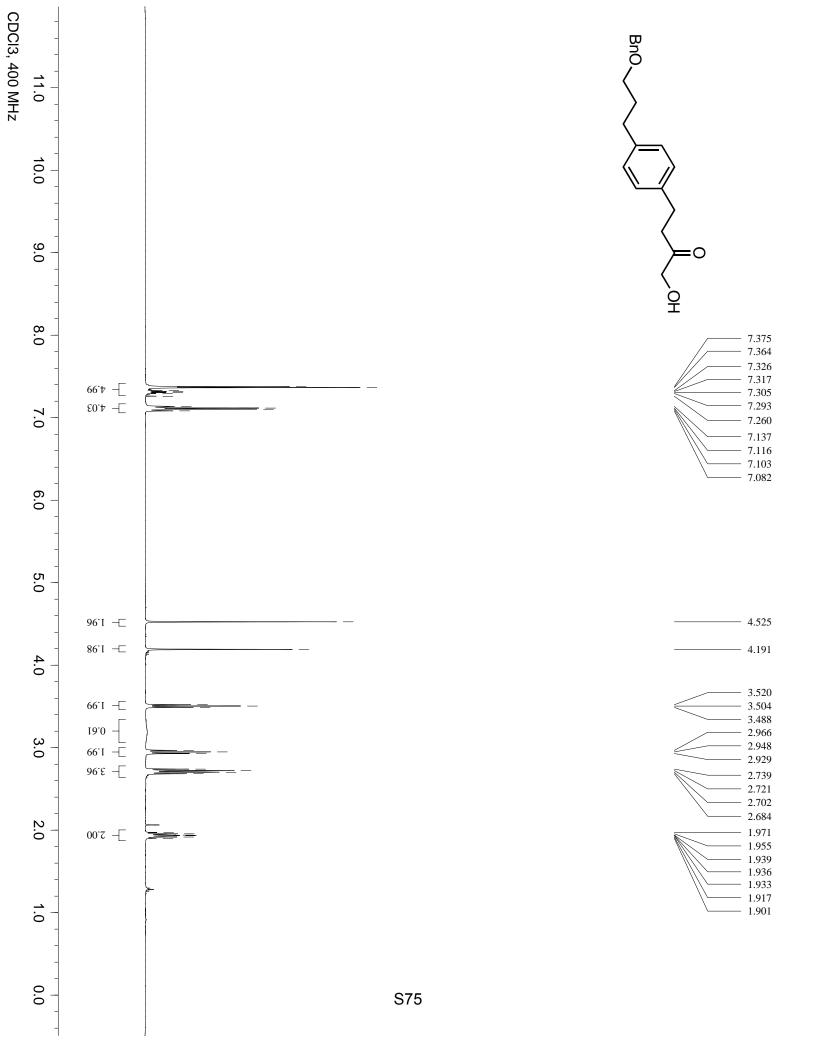


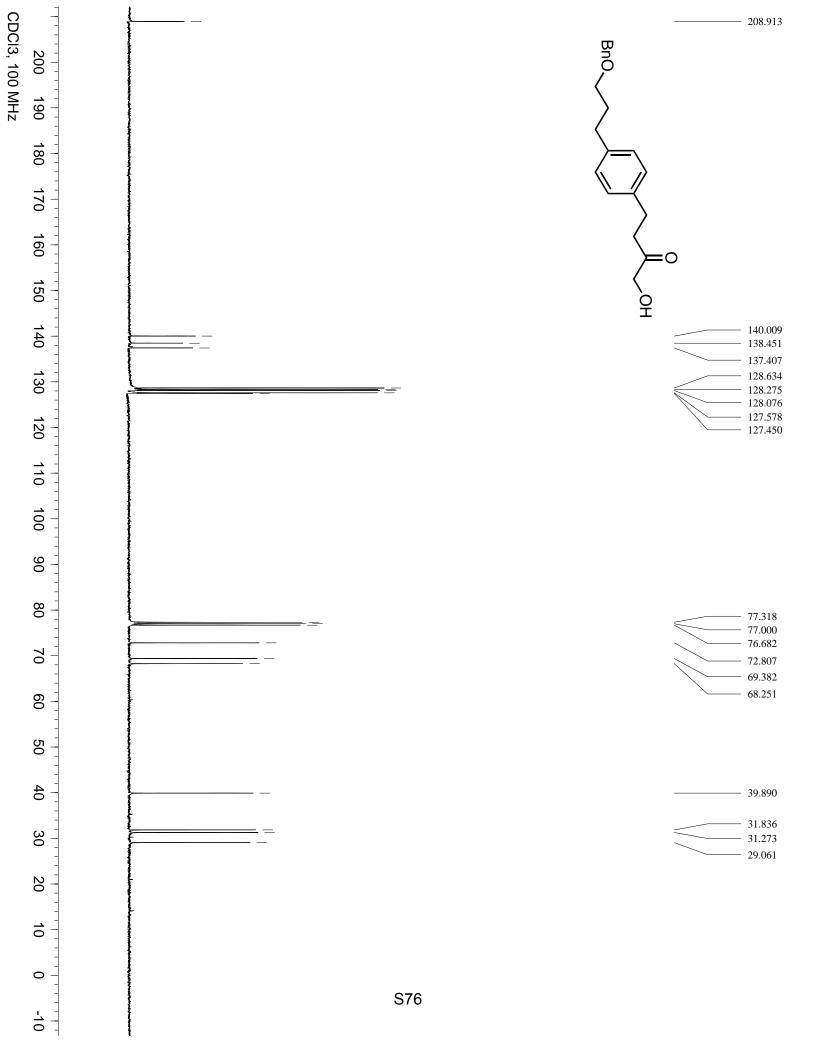
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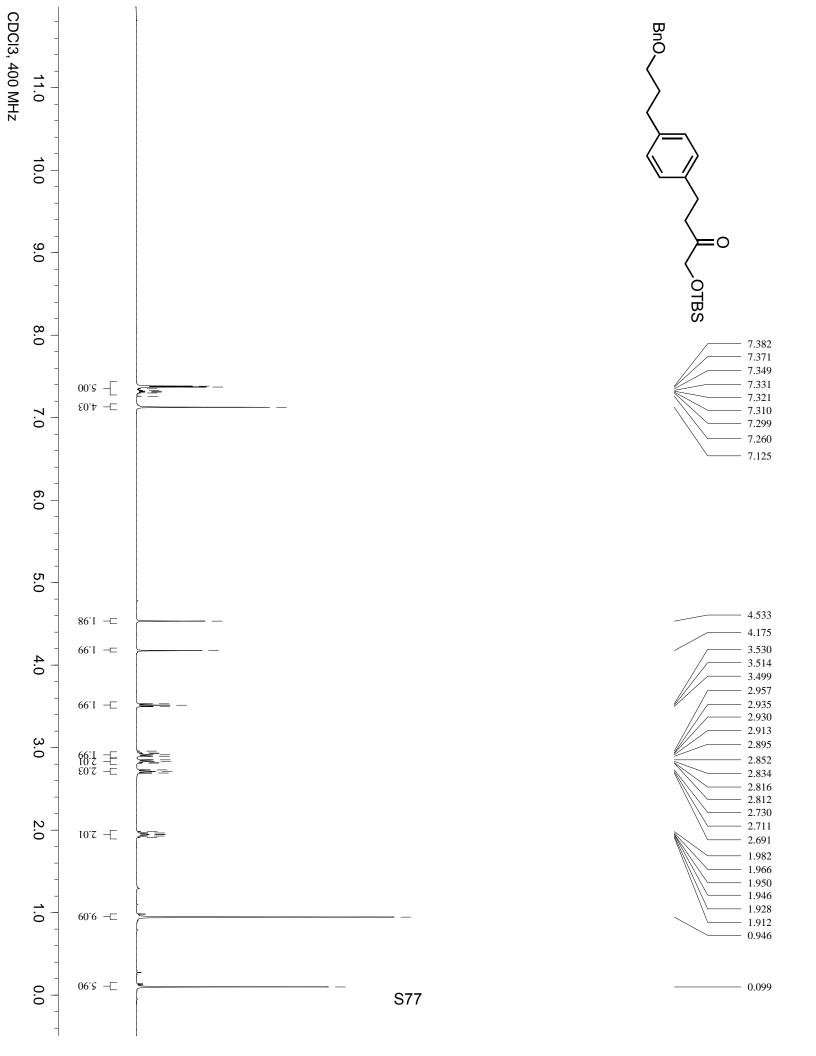
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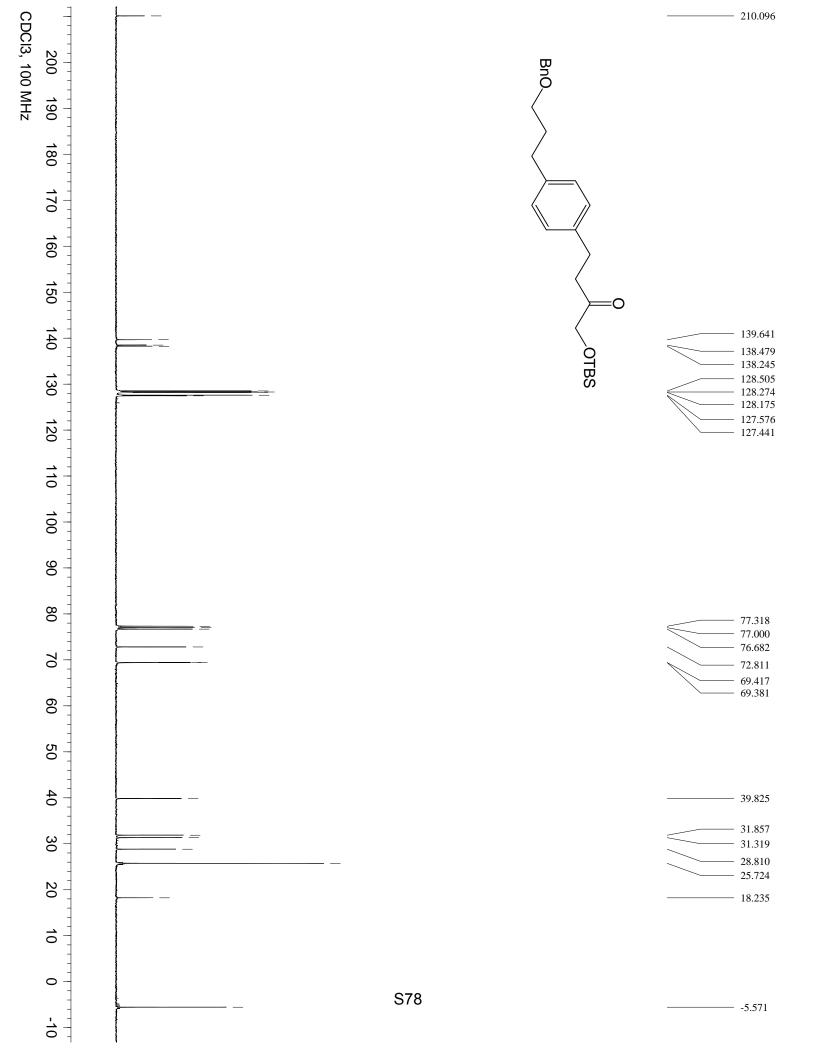


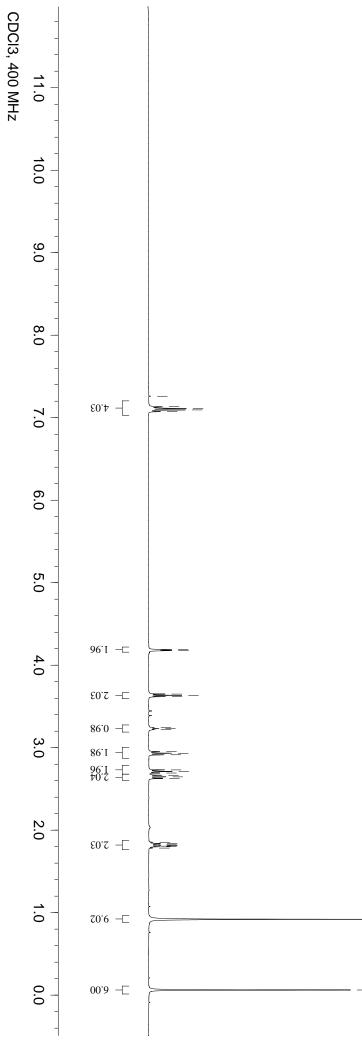


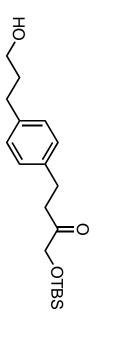


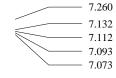


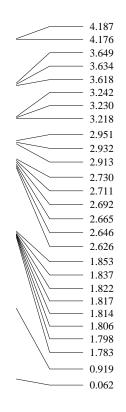


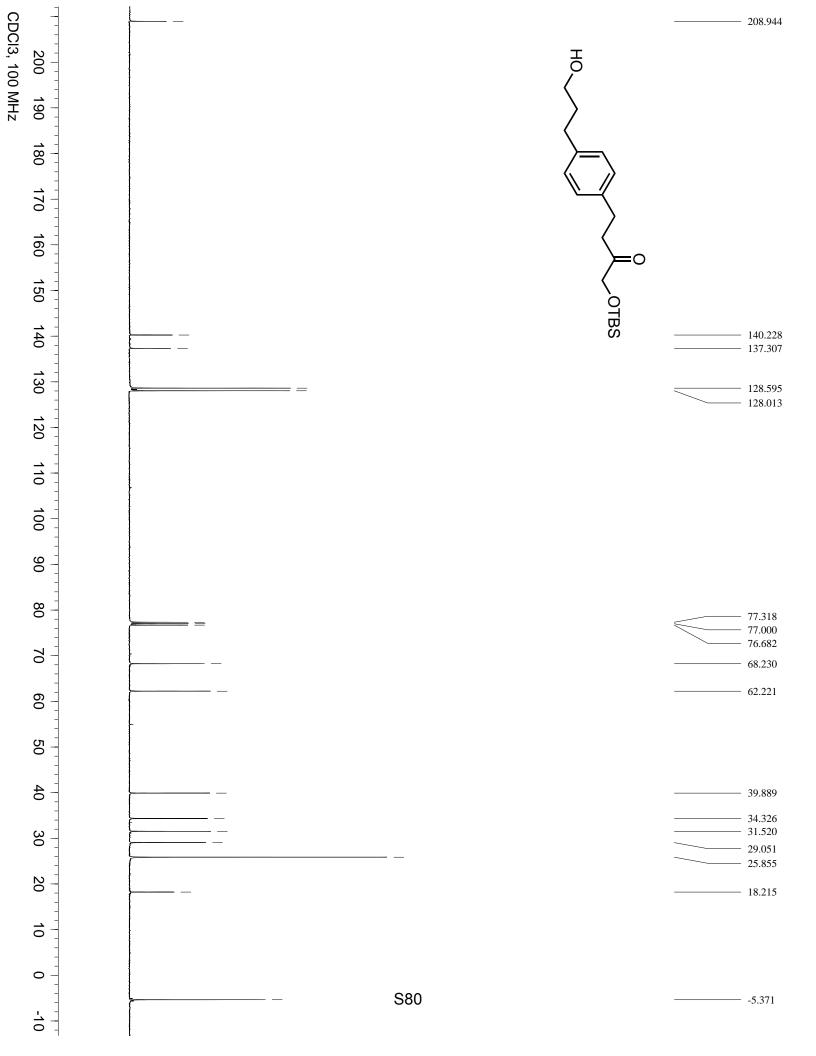


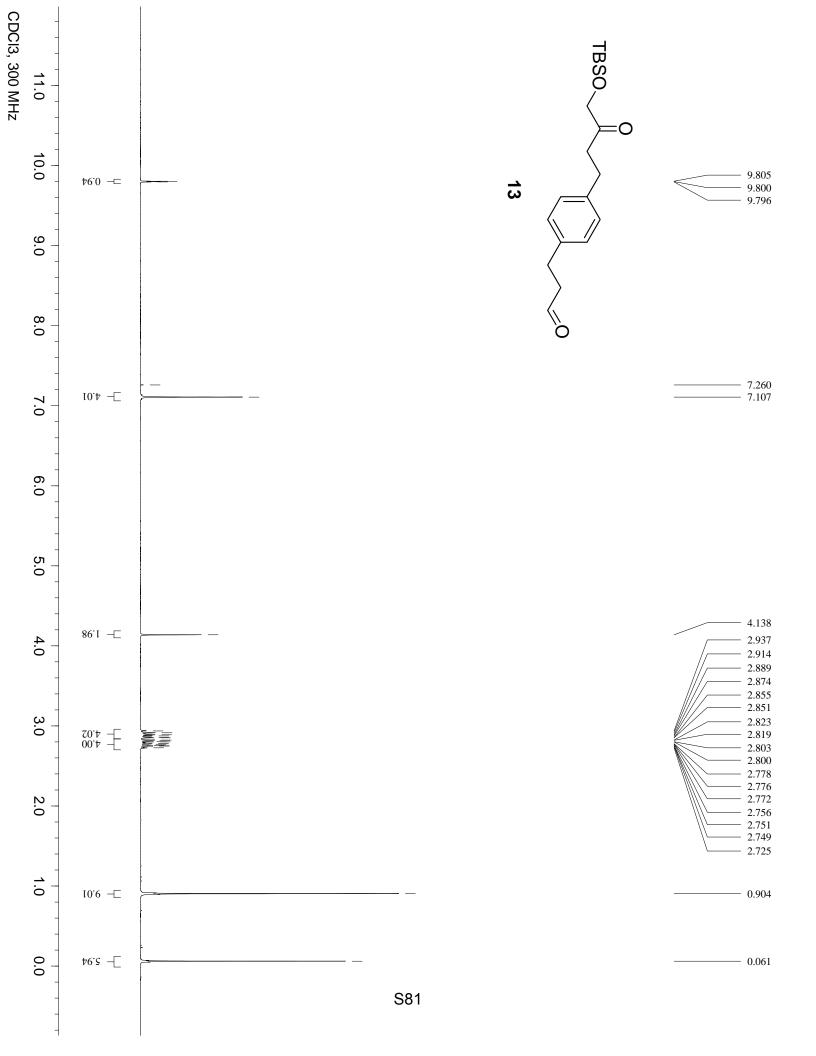


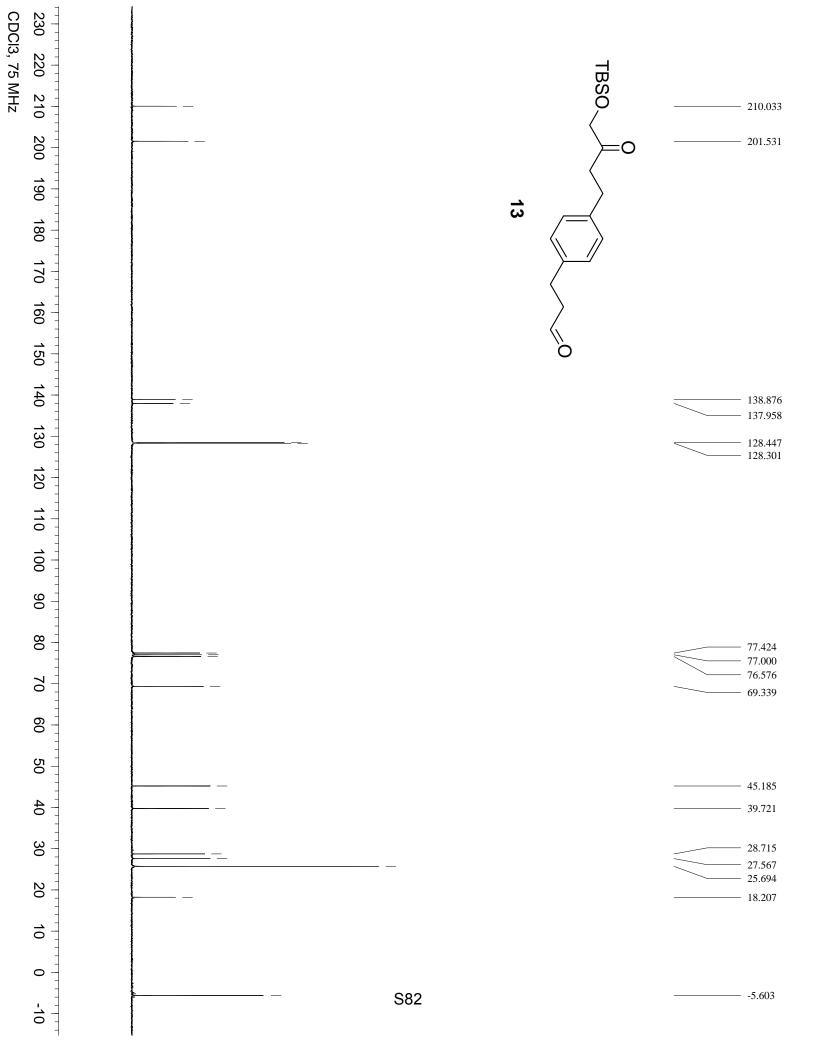


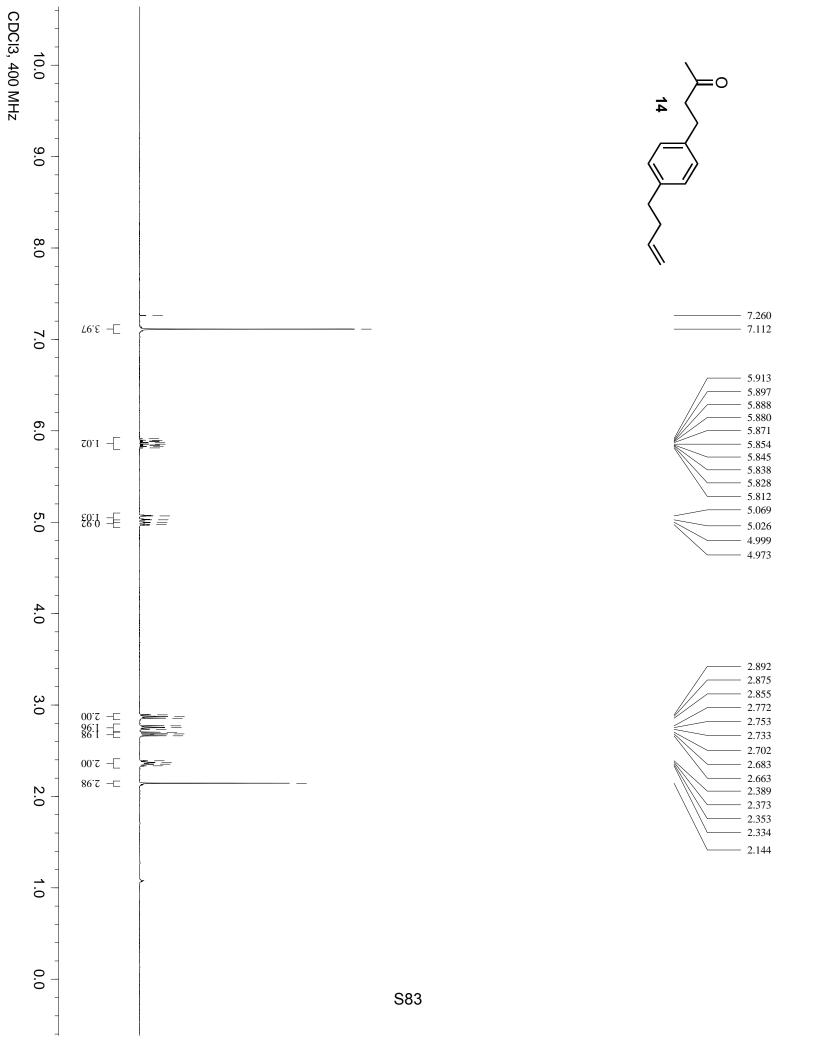




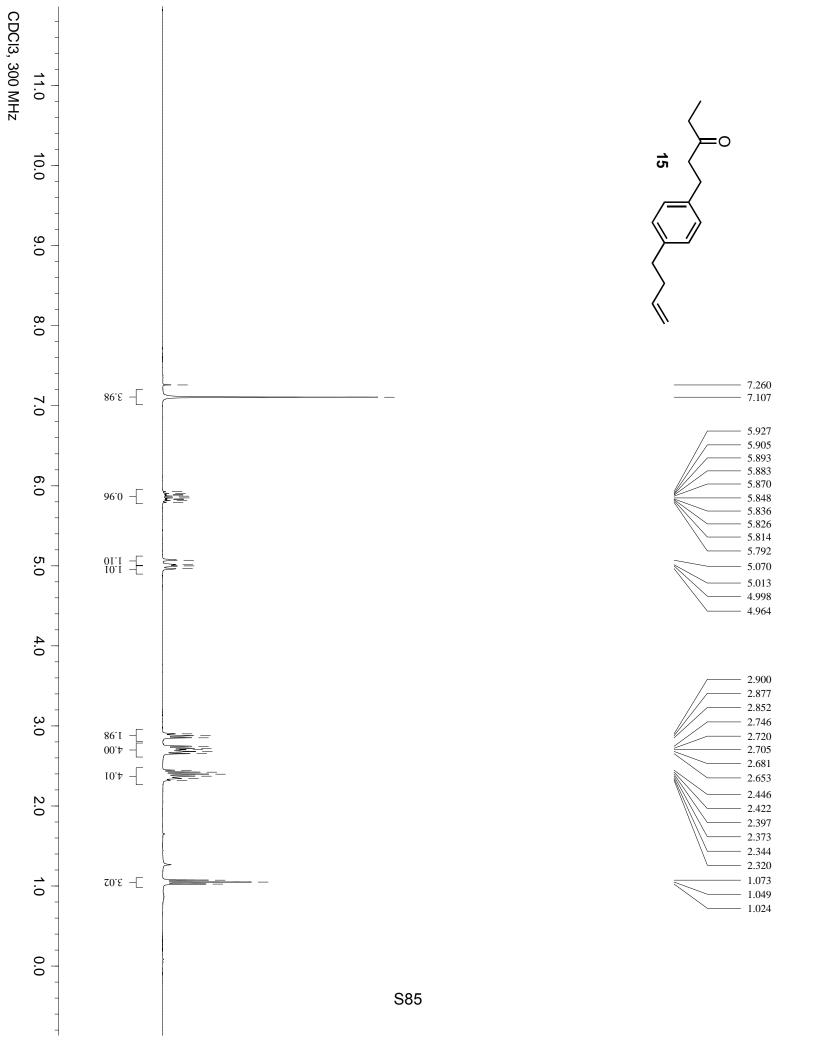


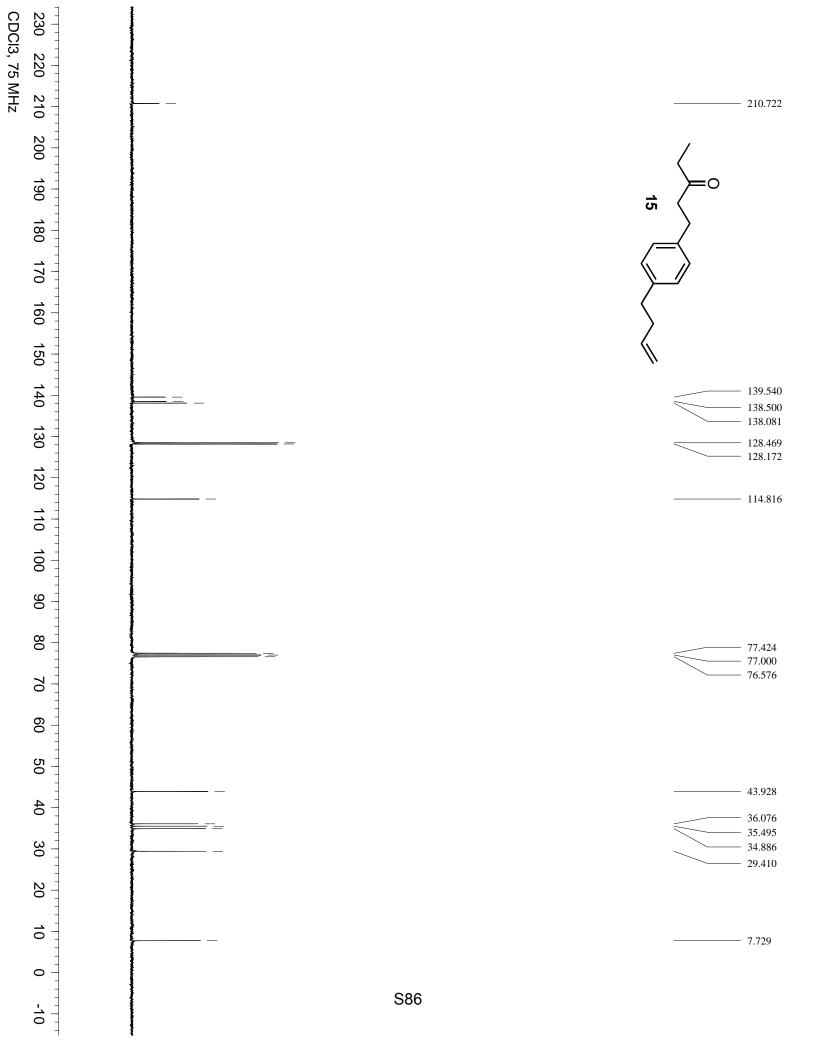


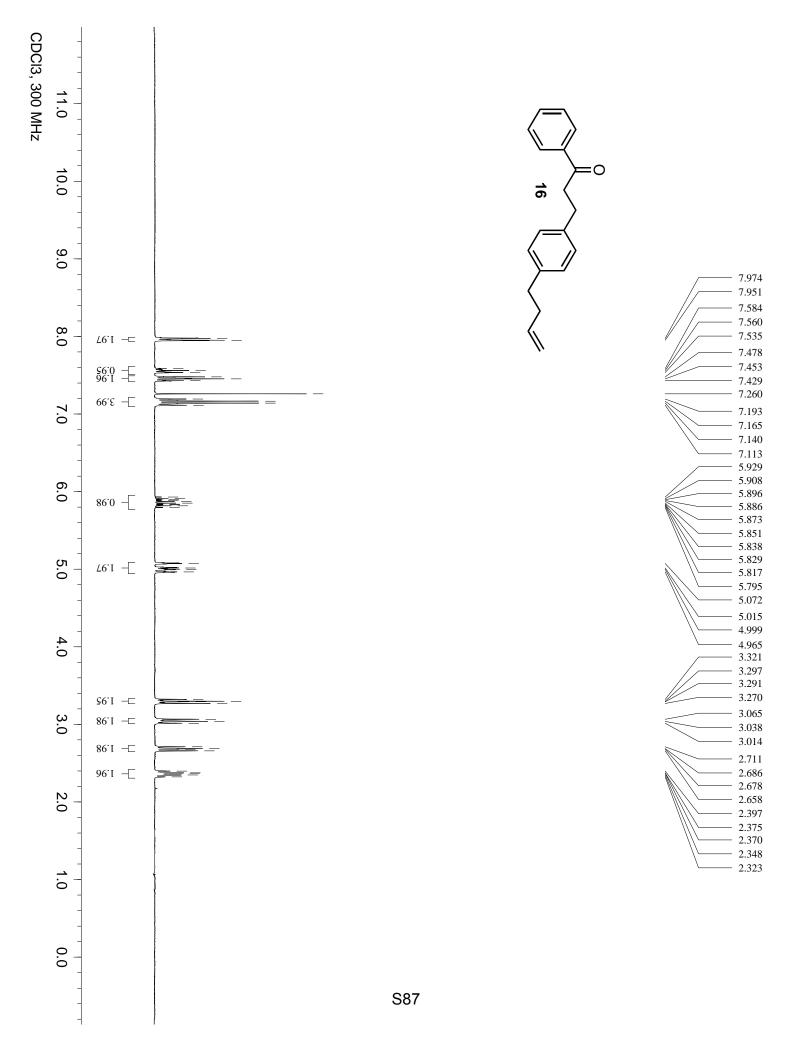


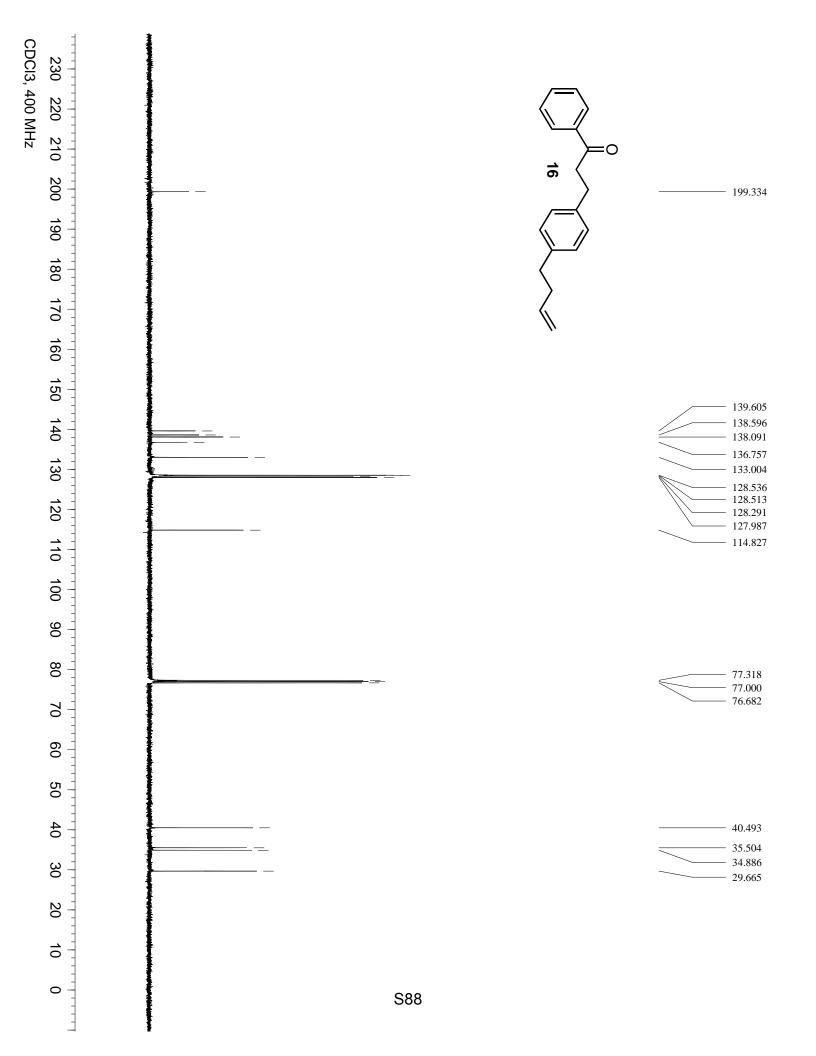


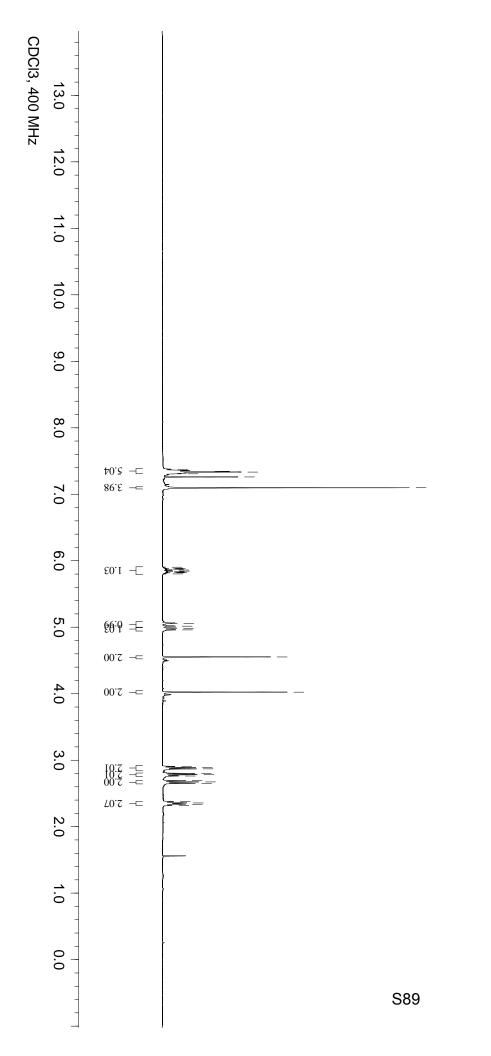
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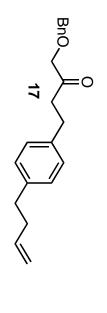


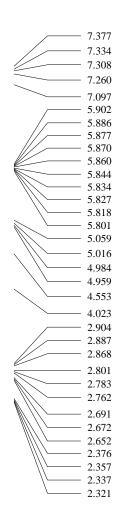


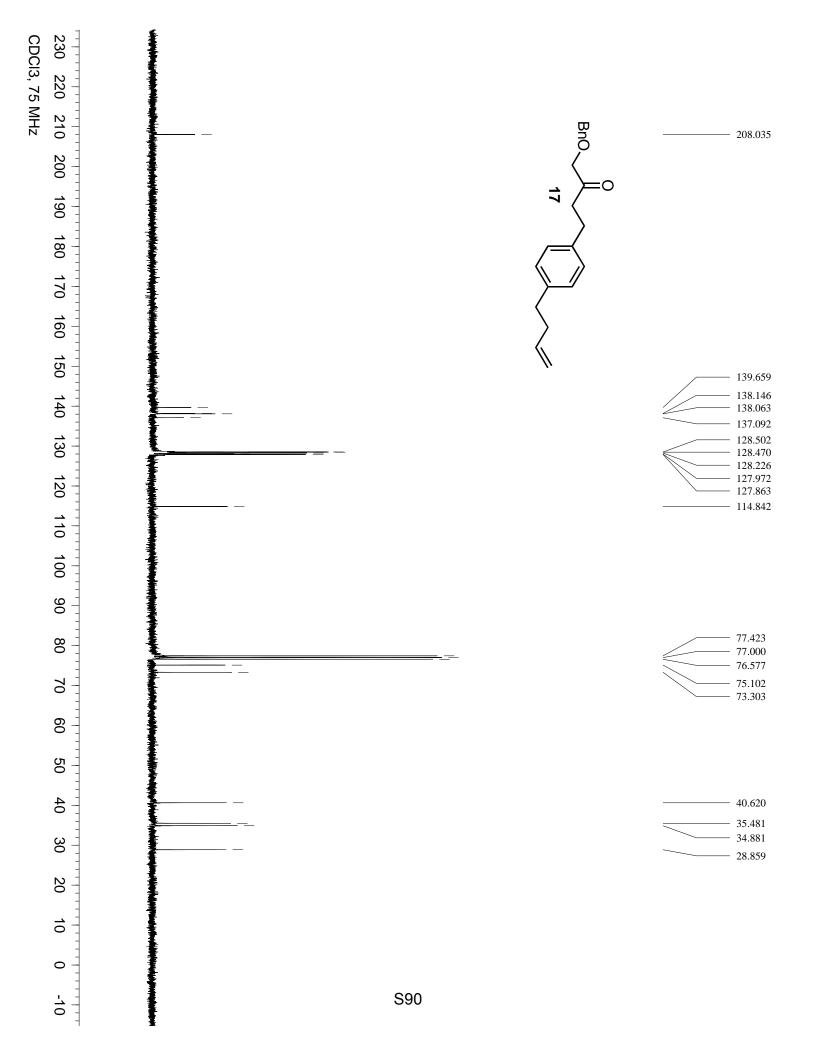


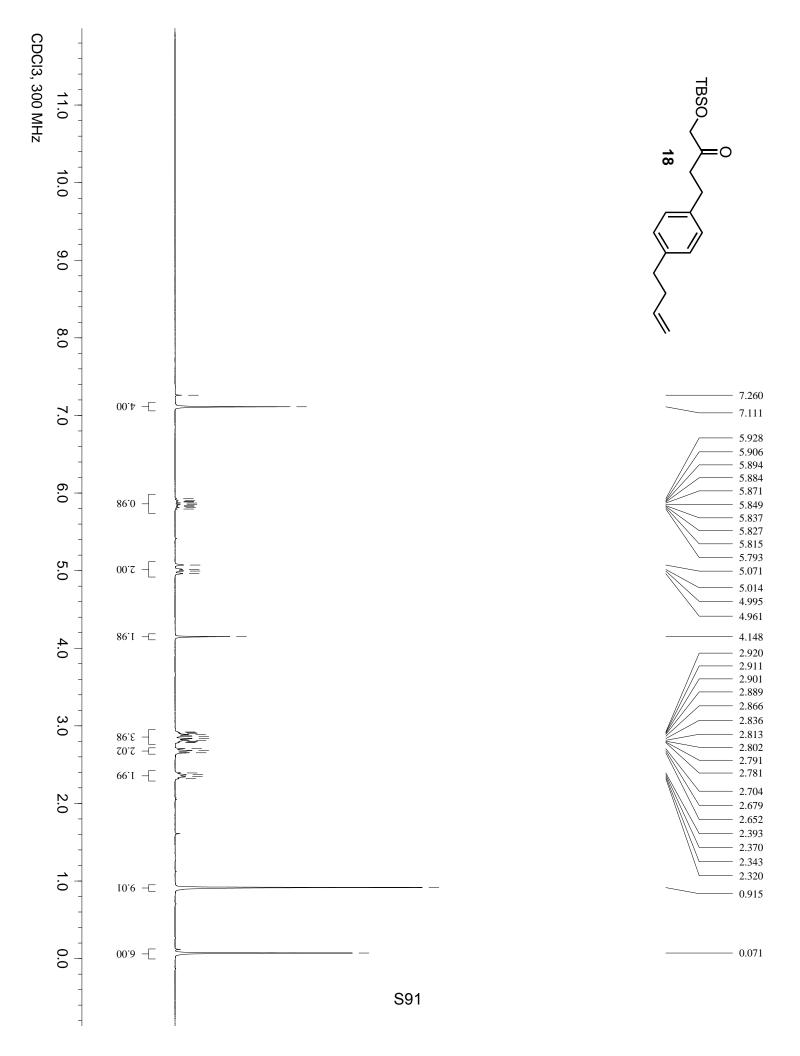












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