

## Supplementary Information

# Nanoporous gold-catalyzed borylation of C(sp<sup>3</sup>)–O bonds in dialkyl ethers and its mechanistic elucidation

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## 1. General Information

$^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM AL 400 (400 MHz) and JEOL JNM AL 600 (600 MHz) spectrometers.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shifts are reported in ppm from the solvent resonance or tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ : 7.26 ppm, TMS: 0.00 ppm), multiplicities (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, m = multiplet, bs = broad singlet), and coupling constants (Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM AL 400 (100 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling, and chemical shifts are reported in ppm from the solvent resonance as the internal standard ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ : 77.0 ppm). High-resolution mass spectrometry data were obtained on a Bruker Daltonics Solarix spectrometer with dithranol (DIT) as the matrix and an FT-ICR-MS analyzer. Column chromatography was carried out employing silica gel 60 N (spherical, neutral, 40–100  $\mu\text{m}$ , KANTO Chemical Co.) and Silica gel 60 (Merck). Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) was performed on JAI LaboACE LC7080 Plus with JAIGEL-2HR-40 ( $\text{CHCl}_3$  as eluent). Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on 0.2 mm precoated plate Kieselgel 60 F254 (Merck).

### Materials

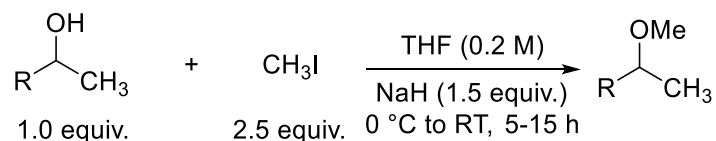
Unless otherwise noted, materials were purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd., Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., LTD., Aldrich Inc., and other commercial suppliers and were used without purification. Toluene (Super dry solvent) was purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries. Dichloromethane, tetrahydrofuran and diethyl ether were supplied from Kanto Chemical Co., Inc. as “Dehydrated solvent system”. Other solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers as dehydrated solvents, and used under nitrogen atmosphere. The epoxides (**3a**, **3g**, and **3i**), acetals (**7a** and **7b**), and  $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$  were purchased and used as received. Other starting materials were prepared according to literature methods. Au (99.99%) and Ag (99.99%) are purchased from Tanaka Kikinzoku Hanbai K.K. and Mitsuwa's Pure Chemicals, respectively. The known starting ether substrates were prepared according to the reported literatures. The corresponding products **2**, **4**, **6** and **8** were characterized by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and/or HRMS and the known compounds were confirmed according to the reported literatures.

## 2. Fabrication of AuNPore catalyst<sup>1</sup>

Au/Ag alloy (30:70, in at.%) was fabricated by melting Au (99.99%) and Ag (99.99%) using electric arc-melting furnace under argon atmosphere, which was rolled down to thickness of 0.04 mm. The resulting foil was annealed at 850  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 20 h. The foil was cut into small pieces (5  $\times$  2 mm square). Treatment of the resulting chips (67.1 mg) with 70 wt% nitric acid (68 mL) for 18 h at room temperature in a shaking apparatus resulted in the formation of the nanoporous structure by selective leaching of silver. The material was washed with pure water and acetone successively. Drying of the material under reduced pressure gave the nanoporous gold (30.2 mg) with undetectable Ag component from energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) analysis.

### 3. Synthesis of starting ether and acetal substrates, and analytic data

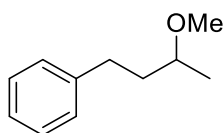
#### 3.1 Synthetic procedure of alkyl methyl ethers **1** and analytic data



To a stirring suspension of NaH (7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in THF (0.2 M) was added the alcohol substrates (5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 0 °C. After 5 min, MeI (12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) was added one portion at 0 °C, then the reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred until completion of the reaction. Upon completion, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and quenched by the dropwise addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (caution: H<sub>2</sub> evolution). The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×20 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography to give the desired product ethers.<sup>2</sup>

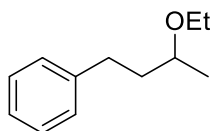
#### Analytic data of **1**

##### (3-Methoxybutyl)benzene (**1a**)<sup>3</sup>



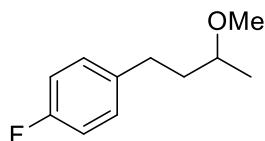
Colorless oil; yield 67%, 0.55 g (3.35 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.30–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.15 (m, 3H), 3.35–3.25 (m, 4H), 2.72–2.63 (m, 2H), 1.90–1.78 (m, 1H), 1.76–1.65 (m, 1H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.33, 128.39, 128.28, 125.65, 75.89, 55.91, 38.14, 31.67, 18.94.

##### (3-Ethoxybutyl)benzene (**1a'**)<sup>4</sup>



Colorless oil; yield 70%, 0.62 g (3.23 mmol); prepared using EtI instead of using MeI, Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.29–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.13 (m, 3H), 3.58–3.50 (m, 1H), 3.42–3.32 (m, 2H), 2.77–2.59 (m, 2H), 1.89–1.79 (m, 1H), 1.73–1.64 (m, 1H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.32, 128.31, 128.17, 125.54, 74.14, 63.47, 38.34, 31.73, 19.64, 15.57.

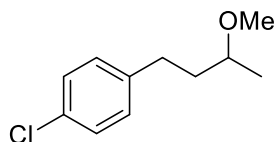
##### 1-Fluoro-4-(3-methoxybutyl)benzene (**1b**)<sup>5</sup>



Colorless oil; yield 65%, 0.59 g (3.01 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.15–7.13 (m, 2H), 6.98–6.93 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.30–3.24 (m, 1H), 2.74–2.56

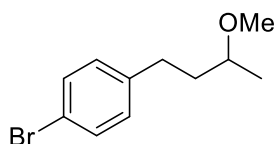
(m, 2H), 1.85–1.75 (m, 1H), 1.74–1.61 (m, 1H), 1.16 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.15 (d,  $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 244$  Hz), 137.90 (d,  $^4J_{\text{CF}} = 3.36$  Hz), 129.67 (d,  $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 7.74$  Hz), 114.98 (d,  $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 21.2$  Hz), 75.75, 55.93, 38.33, 30.85, 18.90.

1-Chloro-4-(3-methoxybutyl)benzene (**1c**)



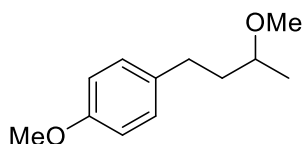
Colorless oil; yield 55%, 0.54 g (2.55 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.24–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.08 (m, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 3.29–3.23 (m, 1H), 2.74–2.55 (m, 2H), 1.84–1.77 (m, 1H), 1.72–1.61 (m, 1H), 1.14 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.72, 131.31, 129.69, 128.31, 75.63, 55.86, 38.07, 30.97, 18.83. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNaO}$ : 221.0703, found: 221.0703.

1-Bromo-4-(3-methoxybutyl)benzene (**1d**)



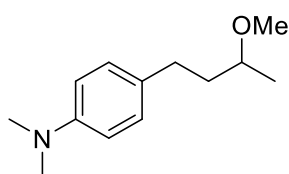
Colorless oil; yield 60%, 0.73 g (2.91 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.41–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.08–7.02 (m, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 3.30–3.22 (m, 1H), 2.72–2.54 (m, 2H), 1.84–1.73 (m, 1H), 1.72–1.60 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.24, 131.27, 130.13, 75.63, 55.90, 37.99, 31.04, 18.86. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNaO}$ : 265.0198, found: 265.0198.

1-Methoxy-4-(3-methoxybutyl)benzene (**1e**)<sup>6</sup>



Colorless oil; yield 70%, 0.68 g (3.26 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.10 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 4H), 2.71–2.52 (m, 2H), 1.85–1.76 (m, 1H), 1.71–1.60 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.57, 134.26, 129.16, 113.61, 75.79, 55.81, 55.07, 38.34, 30.66, 18.85.

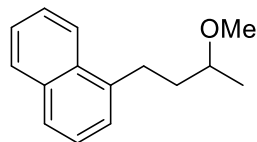
4-(3-Methoxybutyl)-*N,N*-dimethylaniline (**1f**)



Colorless oil; yield 20%, 0.21 g (0.95 mmol);<sup>7</sup> Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.13 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.39–3.32 (m, 4H), 2.96 (s, 6H),

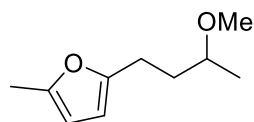
2.72–2.59 (m, 2H), 1.94–1.84 (m, 1H), 1.78–1.65 (m, 1H), 1.22 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  148.81, 130.31, 128.82, 112.86, 75.84, 55.75, 40.74, 38.33, 30.47, 18.85. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{NaO}$ : 230.1515, found: 230.1515.

#### 1-(3-Methoxybutyl)naphthalene (**1g**)



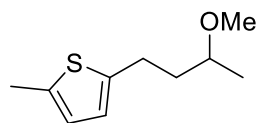
Colorless oil; yield 45%, 0.53 g (2.32 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.22 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.43 (m, 2H), 3.53–3.49 (m, 4H), 3.40–3.30 (m, 1H), 3.26–3.17 (m, 1H), 2.14–2.03 (m, 1H), 2.01–1.92 (m, 1H), 1.31 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.39, 133.77, 131.78, 128.60, 126.39, 125.80, 125.59, 125.40, 125.25, 123.73, 75.99, 55.86, 37.47, 28.61, 18.82. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}$ : 237.1249, found: 237.1250.

#### 2-(3-Methoxybutyl)-5-methylfuran (**1h**)



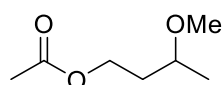
Colorless oil; yield 70%, 0.59 g (3.24 mmol);<sup>8</sup> Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.84–5.82 (m, 2H), 3.35–3.28 (m, 4H), 2.71–2.55 (m, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.87–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.15 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.06, 150.05, 105.66, 105.21, 75.76, 55.89, 34.69, 23.92, 18.80, 13.37. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_2$ : 191.1042, found: 191.1042.

#### 2-(3-Methoxybutyl)-5-methylthiophene (**1i**)



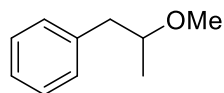
Colorless oil; yield 60%, 0.55 g (2.78 mmol);<sup>8</sup> Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.57–6.51 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 4H), 2.88–2.75 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.92–1.78 (m, 1H), 1.78–1.65 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.90, 137.17, 124.55, 123.74, 75.57, 55.97, 38.36, 25.94, 18.87, 15.22. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaOS}$ : 207.0814, found: 207.0814.

#### 3-Methoxybutyl acetate (**1j**)



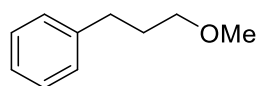
Colorless oil; yield 85%, 0.62 g (3.88 mmol);<sup>9</sup> Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.19–4.11 (m, 2H), 3.48–3.35 (m, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.88–1.68 (m, 2H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.04, 73.62, 61.43, 56.03, 35.44, 20.92, 19.00. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>: 169.0835, found: 169.0835.

(2-Methoxypropyl)benzene (**1k**)<sup>10</sup>



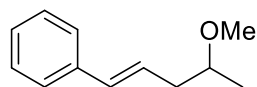
Colorless oil; yield 75%, 0.56 g (3.4 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.30–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.14 (m, 3H), 3.55–3.47 (m, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.93–2.88 (m, 1H), 2.61–2.58 (m, 1H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.88, 129.30, 128.12, 125.96, 76.68, 42.62, 18.79.

(3-Methoxypropyl)benzene (**1m**)<sup>11</sup>



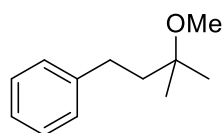
Colorless oil; yield 65%, 0.49 g (3.27 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.29–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.15 (m, 3H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.73–2.64 (m, 2H), 1.93–1.85 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.94, 128.43, 128.29, 125.74, 71.88, 58.52, 32.28, 31.23.

(*E*)-(4-Methoxypent-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**1l**)



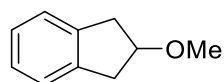
Colorless oil; yield 60%, 0.53 g (3.01 mmol);<sup>12</sup> Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.38–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.22–7.16 (m, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dt, *J* = 15.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.47–3.39 (m, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 2.51–2.41 (m, 1H), 2.38–2.28 (m, 1H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.55, 131.96, 128.42, 126.96, 126.64, 125.98, 76.62, 56.11, 39.69, 19.00. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO: 199.1093, found: 199.1093.

(3-Methoxy-3-methylbutyl)benzene (**1n**)<sup>3</sup>



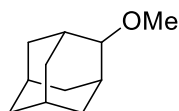
Colorless oil; yield 62%, 0.55 g (2.86 mmol);<sup>13</sup> Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.29–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.68–2.58 (m, 2H), 1.84–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.21 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.79, 128.28, 128.21, 125.57, 125.57, 74.27, 49.09, 41.64, 30.20, 25.02.

2-Methoxy-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene (**1o**)<sup>3</sup>



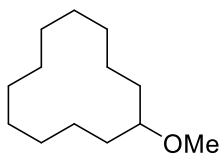
Colorless oil; yield 72%, 0.53 g (3.58 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.22–7.18 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17–7.11 (m, 2H), 4.26–4.21 (m, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.17–3.12 (m, 2H), 3.00–2.94 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.78, 126.48, 124.66, 81.84, 56.54, 38.93.

(1*r*,3*r*,5*r*,7*r*)-2-Methoxyadamantane (**1p**)<sup>3</sup>



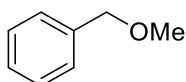
Colorless oil; yield 79%, 0.66 g (4.13 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.36–3.31 (m, 4H), 2.03 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 4H), 1.89–1.74 (m, 4H), 1.74–1.60 (m, 4H), 1.47 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 83.21, 55.23, 37.56, 36.46, 31.40, 31.28, 27.43, 27.39.

Methoxycyclododecane (**1q**)<sup>14</sup>



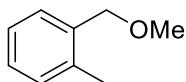
Colorless oil; yield 66%, 0.65 g (3.28 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.33–3.28 (m, 4H), 1.65–1.57 (m, 2H), 1.50–1.44 (m, 2H), 1.43–1.27 (m, 19H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 78.77, 56.13, 28.31, 24.83, 24.39, 23.09, 22.99, 20.52.

(Methoxymethyl)benzene (**1r**)<sup>15</sup>



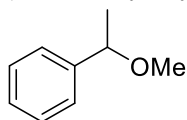
Colorless oil; yield 86%, 0.52 g (4.26 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35–7.23 (m, 5H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 3.36 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.07, 128.25, 127.59, 127.51, 74.56, 57.92.

1-(Methoxymethyl)-2-methylbenzene (**1s**)<sup>16</sup>



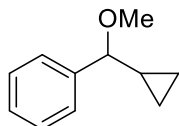
Colorless oil; yield 75%, 0.51 g (3.75 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.12 (m, 3H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.54, 136.00, 130.14, 128.45, 127.73, 125.68, 72.97, 58.07, 18.63.

(1-Methoxyethyl)benzene (**1t**)<sup>16</sup>



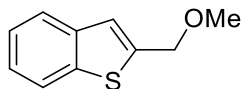
Colorless oil; yield 76%, 0.52 g (3.75 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.37–7.23 (m, 5H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 1.43 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.45, 128.35, 127.37, 126.10, 79.56, 56.32, 23.82.

(Cyclopropyl(methoxy)methyl)benzene (**1u**)



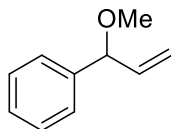
Colorless oil; yield 50%, 0.41 g (2.53 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.28–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.17–7.11 (m, 1H), 7.09–7.03 (m, 2H), 3.46–3.32 (m, 5H), 1.83–1.78 (m, 1H), 1.46–1.36 (m, 1H), 1.00–0.90 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.51, 128.25, 125.78, 125.52, 76.00, 58.32, 22.38, 21.35, 13.95. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaO: 185.0936, found: 185.0936.

2-(Methoxymethyl)benzo[b]thiophene (**1v**)<sup>17</sup>



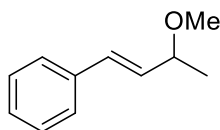
Colorless oil; yield 65%, 0.58 g (3.26 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.95, 140.15, 139.37, 124.18, 124.16, 123.40, 122.53, 122.35, 69.71, 57.92.

(1-Methoxyallyl)benzene (**1w**)<sup>18</sup>



Colorless oil; yield 55%, 0.41 g (2.77 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.38–7.25 (m, 5H), 5.97–5.90 (m, 1H), 5.31–5.17 (m, 2H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.84, 138.73, 128.44, 127.64, 126.79, 116.32, 84.70, 56.37.

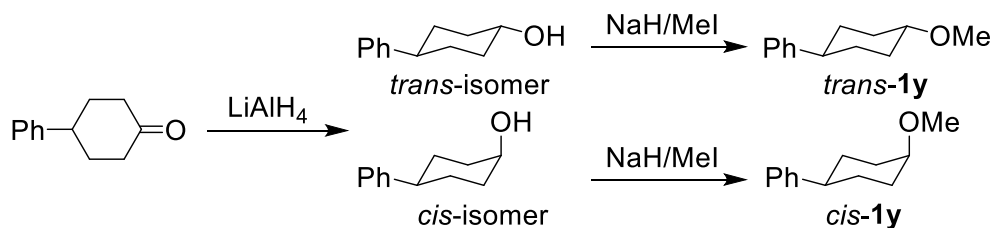
(*E*)-(3-Methoxybut-1-en-1-yl)benzene **1x**<sup>19</sup>



Colorless oil; yield 70%, 0.58 g (3.58 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,

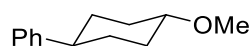
CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.19 (m, 1H), 6.51 (d,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (dd,  $J$  = 15.9, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.91–3.77 (m, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.32 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.46, 131.25, 131.21, 128.41, 127.49, 126.29, 77.93, 55.84, 21.33.

### Synthesis of *trans*-**1y** and *cis*-**1y**<sup>20</sup>



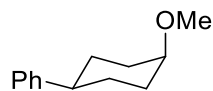
To a suspension of LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (0.95 g, 25 mmol, 1 equiv) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (25 mL), 4-phenylcyclohexanone (4.36 g, 25 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (40 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred for 30 min at rt. After dilution with Et<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL), the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and water (2.5 mL) and aqueous NaOH (10%, 2.5 mL) were added, followed by water (2.5 mL). The white precipitate was removed by filtration on a pad of celite and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O. After filtration and concentration under reduced pressure, and the corresponding alcohols of *trans*-4-phenylcyclohexanol (3.10 g, 70%) and *cis*-4-phenylcyclohexanol (0.35 g, 9%) were isolated as white solids using silica gel column chromatography with pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O (4/6 to 5/5). *trans*-4-Phenylcyclohexanol and *cis*-4-phenylcyclohexanol were further converted to the desired ethers, *trans*-**1y** and *cis*-**1y**, by methylation using NaH and MeI.

### *trans*-4-Methoxycyclohexyl)benzene (*trans*-**1y**)<sup>21</sup>



Colorless oil; yield 60%, 0.57 g (3 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.15 (m, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.24–3.17 (m, 1H), 2.55–2.47 (m, 1H), 2.21–2.16 (m, 2H), 1.98–1.92 (m, 2H), 1.55–1.45 (m, 2H), 1.42–1.25 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.65, 128.31, 126.72, 126.00, 79.17, 55.69, 43.69, 32.39, 32.19.

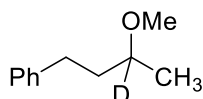
### *cis*-4-Methoxycyclohexyl)benzene (*cis*-**1y**)<sup>21</sup>



Colorless oil; yield 55%, 0.2 g (1.05 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32–7.19 (m, 4H), 7.19–7.11 (m, 1H), 3.54–3.45 (m, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.55–2.47 (m, 1H), 2.11–1.99 (m, 2H), 1.88–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.60 (m, 2H), 1.56–1.43 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.46, 128.18, 126.79, 125.76, 74.20, 55.53, 43.97, 29.66, 28.04.

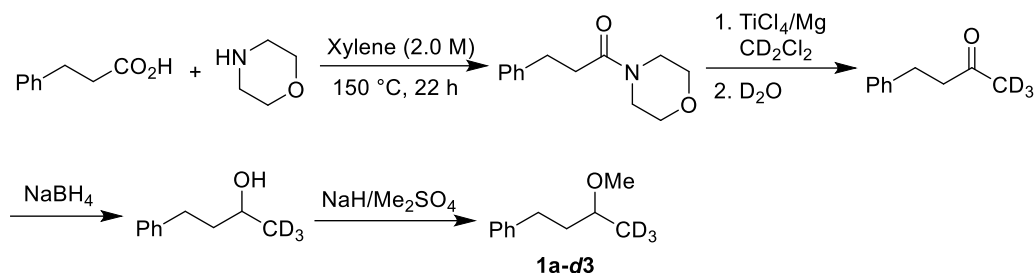
### Synthesis of deuterated ethers **1a-d1**

#### (3-Methoxybutyl-3-*d*)benzene (**1a-d1**)



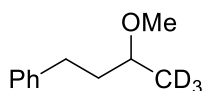
**1a-d1** was prepared by reduction of the commercially available 4-phenylbutan-2-one with NaBD<sub>4</sub>, followed by methylation of the resulting 4-phenylbutan-2-d-2-ol with MeI in the presence of NaH. Colorless oil; yield 60%, 0.41 g (2.48 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.29–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.12 (m, 3H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.76–2.57 (m, 2H), 1.88–1.79 (m, 1H), 1.72–1.65 (m, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.26, 128.32, 128.21, 125.58, 75.31 (t, *J* = 21.4 Hz), 55.76, 37.98, 31.58, 18.74. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>DNaO: 188.1156, found: 188.1156.

### Synthesis of 1a-d3



The 3-phenylpropanoic acid (1.5 g, 10 mmol) was added to an oven dried 25 mL Schlenk tube, followed by the morpholine (0.87 g, 10 mmol) and 5 mL toluene. The tube was then sealed and heated at 150 °C for 22 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator and the resulting amide product was used directly for the next step.<sup>22</sup> To a 0 °C suspension consisting of Mg (0.576 g, 24 mmol) and TiCl<sub>4</sub> (4.5 mmol, 1 M in toluene, 4.5 mL) was added a toluene (6 mL) solution of the amide (0.657 g, 3 mmol) over a 5-min period, followed by CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.9 mL) and THF (15 mL). The resulting green-black mixture was stirred for an additional 1 h at 0 °C. Then, a solution of D<sub>2</sub>O/acetone (1/1, 6mL) was added. After stirring for 30 seconds at 0 °C, the mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using 1/15 ethyl acetate/hexane (1/15) as eluent, affording the corresponding deuterated ketone product, 4-phenylbutan-2-one-1,1,1-d<sub>3</sub>, in 60% (272 mg) yield with a 95/5 ratio of deuterated (-CD<sub>3</sub>) and protonated (-CH<sub>3</sub>) mixture as a colorless oil.<sup>23</sup> 4-Phenylbutan-2-one-1,1,1-d<sub>3</sub> was used to prepare **1a-d3** using NaBH<sub>4</sub>-mediated reduction, followed by methylation of the corresponding alcohol with Me<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/NaH.<sup>3</sup>

### (3-Methoxybutyl-4,4,4-d<sub>3</sub>)benzene **1a-d3**

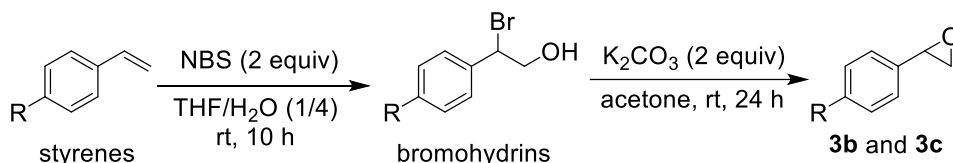


Colorless oil; yield 60% (**1a-d3/1a** = 83/17), 100 mg (0.60 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.29–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.15 (m, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.30–3.27 (m, 1H), 2.75–2.60 (m, 2H), 1.88–1.79 (m, 1H), 1.74–1.65 (m, 1H), 1.15–1.12 (m, CH<sub>3</sub>, 0.15 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.33, 128.37, 128.27, 125.64, 75.73, 55.89, 38.05, 31.64,

18.92–17.89 (m). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[M+Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{11}H_{13}D_3NaO$ : 190.1282, found: 190.1281.

### 3.2 Synthetic procedure of cyclic ethers **3** and analytic data

#### Synthesis epoxides **3b** and **3c**<sup>24</sup>

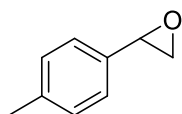


To a suspension of substituted styrenes (10 mmol) in THF/water (15 mL, V/V=1/4) solution was added *N*-bromosuccinimide (20 mmol, 2 equiv) and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for 10 h. At the end of reaction, 20 mL of aq.  $\text{NaHSO}_3$  (0.01 M) was added to the reaction mixture, and then the crude product was extracted using 3×20 mL of ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After filtration, the solvent was then evaporated off and the crude bromohydrins was used directly for the next step. A mixture of bromohydrin (5 mmol), potassium carbonate (10 mmol, 2 equiv) and acetone (25 mL) was stirred for 24 hours at room temperature under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere. After reaction, acetone was removed in vacuum and the residue was diluted with water (30 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , which were subsequently removed under reduced pressure with low temperature. Then the mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with hexane/ethyl acetate (50/1) to give the corresponding epoxides **3** as a colorless oil.

#### Analytic data of **3**

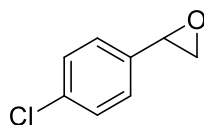
**3a** is commercially available.

#### 2-(*p*-Tolyl)oxirane (**3b**)<sup>25</sup>



Colorless oil; yield 60%, 0.40 g (2.99 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.19–7.12 (m, 4H), 3.82 (dd,  $J$  = 4.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd,  $J$  = 5.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd,  $J$  = 5.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.90, 134.47, 129.13, 125.40, 52.26, 51.03, 21.11.

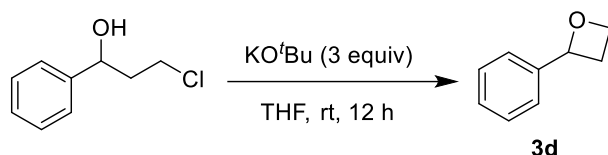
#### 2-(4-Chlorophenyl)oxirane (**3c**)<sup>25</sup>



Colorless oil; yield 60%, 0.46 g (2.99 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.34–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.18 (m, 2H), 3.83 (dd,  $J$  = 4.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd,  $J$  =

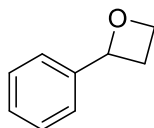
5.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd,  $J = 5.5, 2.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  136.14, 133.88, 128.66, 126.79, 51.73, 51.20.

### Synthesis of **3d**<sup>26</sup>



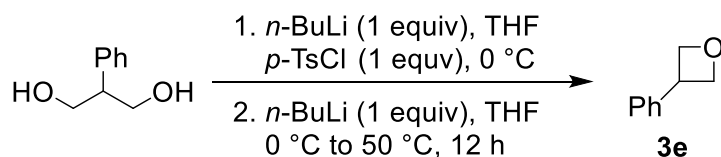
3-Chloro-1-phenylpropan-1-ol (0.85 g, 5 mmol) was added to a solution of potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.68 g, 15 mmol) and tetrahydrofuran (30 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction was quenched by saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution (5 mL) and then extracted with diethyl ether ( $3 \times 15$  mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL) and dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After filtration and concentration under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography to produce the product **3d** in 50% yield (0.34 g) as a colorless oil.

### 2-Phenyloxetane (**3d**)<sup>26</sup>



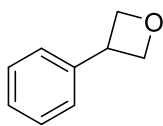
Colorless oil; yield 50%, 0.34 g (2.54 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 30/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.46–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.26 (m, 1H), 5.80 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.82 (td,  $J = 8.0, 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.65 (dt,  $J = 9.2, 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.05–2.97 (m, 1H), 2.70–2.65 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.49, 128.41, 127.73, 125.15, 82.83, 68.16, 30.64.

### Synthesis of **3e**<sup>27</sup>



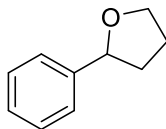
2-Phenylpropane-1,3-diol (0.76 g, 5 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in THF (40 mL, 0.125 M) and cooled to 0 °C. 2.5 mL of *n*-BuLi in hexanes (2.5 M, 5 mmol, 1 equiv) was added dropwise and the resulting suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 15 minutes before *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (0.95 g, 5 mmol, 1 equiv) was added in 3 portions. The reaction was allowed to continue at 0 °C for 1 hour and then 2 mL of *n*-BuLi in hexanes (2.5 M solution, 5 mmol, 1 equiv) was added over 2 minutes. The reaction was warmed to 50 °C and then stirred for 12 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and diluted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , followed by quenched by the addition of water. The organic layer was removed and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  ( $3 \times 15$  mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After filtration and concentration under vacuum, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the oxetane **3e** in 57% yield (0.38 g) as a colorless oil.

### 3-Phenyloxetane (**3e**)<sup>27</sup>



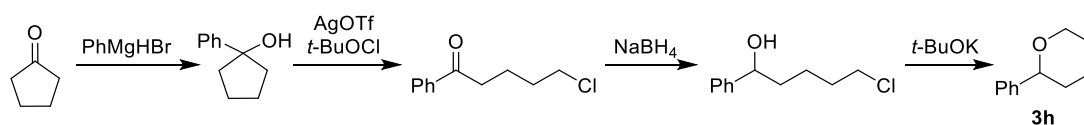
Colorless oil; yield 57%, 0.38 g (2.84 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 30/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.42–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.30–7.23 (m, 1H), 5.07 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 4.26–4.19 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.48, 128.69, 126.97, 126.74, 78.86, 40.26.

### 2-Phenyltetrahydrofuran (**3f**)<sup>28</sup>



Colorless oil; yield 35%, 0.26 g (1.77 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 30/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.27–7.20 (m, 1H), 4.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.13–4.02 (m, 1H), 3.95–3.90 (m, 1H), 2.35–2.27 (m, 1H), 2.03–1.93 (m, 2H), 1.85–1.73 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.38, 128.20, 127.02, 125.54, 80.58, 68.58, 34.54, 25.95.

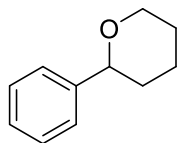
### Synthesis of **3h**<sup>26,29,30</sup>



To a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL) solution of cyclopentanone (1.0 mL, 11.84 mmol) in a 300-mL round-bottom flask, phenylmagnesium bromide (5.8 mL, 19.8 mmol) was added dropwise over 1.5 h at 0 °C. The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature. After reaction, the solution was cooled to 0 °C and quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (30 mL). After extraction with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 20 mL), the combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and concentration under reduced pressure, the desired 1-phenylcyclopentan-1-ol was obtained as a colorless oil and used directly for the next step. To a mixture of 1-Phenylcyclopentan-1-ol (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), AgOTf (0.1 mmol, 0.1 equiv), and 1,10-phenanthroline (0.2 mmol, 0.2 equiv) in a dry Schlenk tube under N<sub>2</sub>, dry acetonitrile (7.0 mL) was added, followed by the addition of *t*-BuOCl (30 mmol, 3.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 50/1, v/v), affording 5-chloro-1-phenylpentan-1-one as a white solid. A solution of 5-chloro-1-phenylpentan-1-one (3 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) was cooled to 0 °C, and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (2.0 equiv, 10 mmol) was added portion wise over 10 min. The suspension was stirred at 0 °C for an additional 1 h, and then slowly quenched by the dropwise addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (caution: H<sub>2</sub> evolution). The mixture was poured into a separatory funnel containing H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and concentration under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by column chromatography through

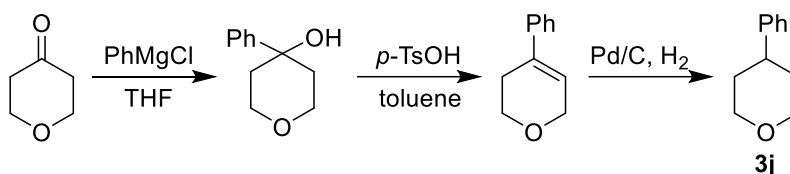
silica gel, eluting with hexanes/EtOAc (5/1 to 2/1), affording **3h** in 65% yield as a colorless oil.

#### 2-Phenyltetrahydro-2H-pyran (**3h**)<sup>28</sup>



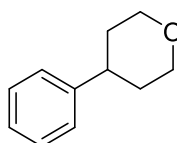
Colorless oil; yield 65%, 0.32 g (1.98 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 30/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.37–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.27–7.21 (m, 1H), 4.35–4.27 (m, 1H), 4.17–4.09 (m, 1H), 3.64–3.58 (m, 1H), 1.96–1.91 (m, 1H), 1.84–1.81 (m, 1H), 1.75–1.52 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.29, 128.22, 127.22, 125.79, 80.10, 68.95, 33.99, 25.85, 23.98.

#### Synthesis of **3j**<sup>31</sup>



To a THF (5 mL) solution of tetrahydro-4H-pyran-4-one (0.46 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added PhMgCl (1.0 M in diethyl ether, 6.0 mL, 1.2 equiv) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added, and then the aqueous layer was separated and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and concentration under reduced pressure gave 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol as a colorless oil. To a solution of this alcohol (0.73 g) in toluene (5 mL) was added *p*-TsOH (68.8 mg, 0.4 mmol) and the mixture was refluxed for 3 h. After cooling the mixture to room temperature, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was added. The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was combined, washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1/20) to give 4-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran (0.61 g, 3.8 mmol) as a white solid. To an ethyl acetate solution of 4-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran (0.61 g, 3.8 mmol) in a round-bottomed flask was added Pd/C (200 mg, 5 mol%). The atmosphere was then purged with hydrogen and the reaction mixture was stirred vigorously under a balloon pressure atmosphere of hydrogen for 3 h. The solution was then filtered through Celite and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane = 1/20), giving the desired 4-phenyltetrahydropyran **3j** in 66% yield as a white solid.

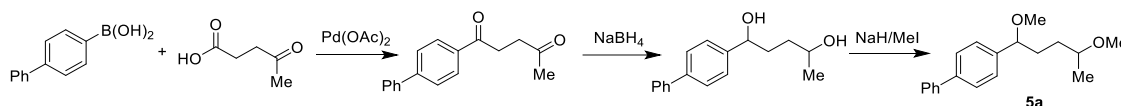
#### 4-Phenyltetrahydro-2H-pyran (**3j**)<sup>31</sup>



White solid; yield 66%, 0.41 g (2.53 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.35–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 4.09–4.05 (m, 2H), 3.55–3.49 (m, 2H), 2.82–2.67 (m, 1H), 1.90–1.69 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  145.81, 128.46, 126.68, 126.25, 68.35, 41.53, 33.89.

### 3.3 Synthetic procedure of diols 5a-5c and acetal 7c and analytic data

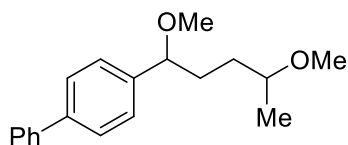
#### Synthesis of diols 5a<sup>32</sup>



A 100-mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a pressure equalizer and a magnetic stirring bar was charged with  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (67.3 mg, 0.30 mmol), tris(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine (123 mg, 0.35 mmol), 4-oxopentanoic acid (1.16 g, 10 mmol), and 4-biphenylboronic acid (2.38 g, 12 mmol). Subsequently, THF (40 mL), water (45 mg, 2.5 mmol), and pivalic anhydride (2.79 g, 15 mmol) were added through a syringe. The reaction vessel was purged with argon and the brown reaction mixture was heated at 60 °C overnight. After removal of the volatiles under vacuum, the residue was taken up in a minimum amount of hexane and filtered through aluminum oxide by using hexane/ $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (100/0 to 90/10) as eluent. After removal of the volatiles and crystallization of the residue from hexane, 1-(biphenyl-4-yl)pentane-1,4-dione (1.76 g, 75 %) was obtained in 75% yield (1.76 g) as a white solid, which was determined by the reported literature.<sup>33</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.09–8.02 (m, 2H), 7.72–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.36 (m, 1H), 3.31 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  207.49, 198.21, 145.91, 139.95, 135.41, 129.04, 128.74, 128.32, 127.36, 127.32, 37.20, 32.54, 30.23.

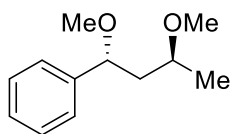
**5a** was prepared from 1-(biphenyl-4-yl)pentane-1,4-dione as a 1:1 mixture of *syn*- and *anti*-isomers using  $\text{NaBH}_4$  in methanol, as described in the synthesis of **5h**.

#### 4-(1,4-Dimethoxypentyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**5a**)



Colorless oil; yield 45%, 0.38 g (1.34 mmol), *syn:anti* = 50:50; Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62–7.54 (m, 4H), 7.47–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.30 (m, 3H), 4.19–4.04 (m, 1H), 3.32–3.26 (m, 4H), 3.25–3.26 (m, 3H), 1.98–1.55 (m, 3H), 1.55–1.31 (m, 1H), 1.11 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 6.1 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.41, 141.32, 140.89, 140.38, 128.72, 127.19, 127.11, 127.04, 83.92, 83.72, 76.68, 76.51, 56.73, 56.68, 55.99, 55.94, 34.29, 33.73, 32.80, 32.20, 19.04, 18.96. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{NaO}_2$ : 307.1668, found: 307.1668.

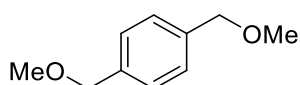
#### *anti*-1,3-Dimethoxybutyl)benzene (**5b**)



The **5b** was prepared from the commercially available 1-phenylbutan-1,3-dione as an *anti*-isomer through NaBH<sub>4</sub>-mediated reduction, followed by methylation with MeI.

Colorless oil; yield 60%, 0.58 g (2.99 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.37–7.23 (m, 5H), 4.33 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 1.84–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.14 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.63, 128.39, 127.39, 126.42, 80.24, 73.43, 56.71, 56.29, 46.38, 19.29. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>: 217.1199, found: 217.1199.

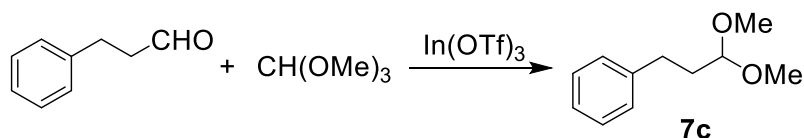
1,4-Bis(methoxymethyl)benzene (**5c**)<sup>34</sup>



The **5c** was prepared from 1,4-phenylenedimethanol through methylation with MeI.

Colorless oil; yield 72%, 0.60 g (3.61 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.31 (s, 4H), 4.43 (s, 4H), 3.36 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.43, 127.61, 74.24, 57.84.

Synthesis of acetal **7c**<sup>35</sup>

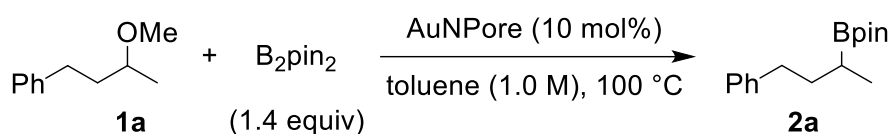


To a mixture of 3-phenylpropanal (0.67 g, 5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and trimethyl orthoformate (1.06 g, 10 mmol) in dichloromethane (30 mL) was added indium triflate (14.1 mg, 0.5 mol%) at room temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred for 3 min. At this time, an additional indium triflate (14.1 mg, 0.5 mol%) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 15 min. The mixture was passed through a short plug of neutral alumina, which was washed with dichloromethane (2×15 mL), and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give (3,3-dimethoxypropyl)benzene **7c** in 50% yield (0.45 g) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.29–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.16 (m, 3H), 4.36 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 6H), 2.71–2.59 (m, 2H), 1.98–1.85 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.52, 128.30, 125.78, 103.61, 52.58, 33.99, 30.77.

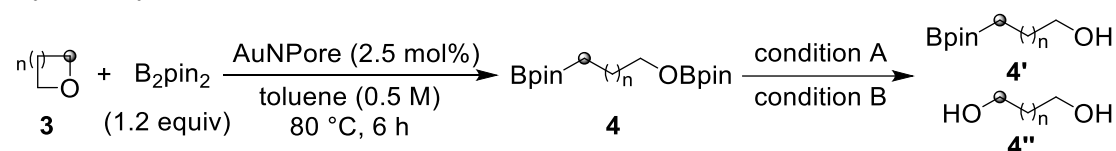
#### 4. General procedure for the AuNPore-catalyzed borylation of ethers

##### Alkyl methyl acyclic ethers



To a solution of dialkyl ether **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and B<sub>2</sub>pin<sub>2</sub> (0.42 mmol, 1.4 equiv) in toluene (1 M, 0.3 mL) was added AuNPore (10 mol%, 5.9 mg) in a 3 mL reactor vial with screwed cap at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred under nitrogen atmosphere on an aluminum-block for 6 h at 100 °C. After cooling to room temperature, the AuNPore catalyst was recovered by simple filtration and the filtrate was evaporated. The resulting residual was purified by silica gel chromatography to afford **2a** in 80% yield (62.4 mg) as a colorless oil. The recovered AuNPore catalyst was washed with acetone and dried under vacuum for reuse.

##### Cyclic alkyl ethers



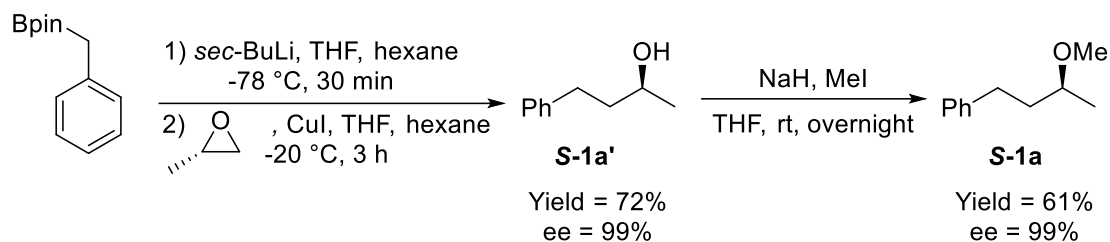
To a solution of ether **3** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and B<sub>2</sub>pin<sub>2</sub> (0.36 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene (0.5 M, 0.6 mL) was added AuNPore (2.5 mol%, 1.5 mg) in a 3 mL reactor vial with screwed cap at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred under nitrogen atmosphere for 6 h at 80 °C. After reaction, the AuNPore catalyst was recovered by simple filtration and the filtrate was evaporated.

**Condition A:** for **4a-4f** and **4h-4j**; The above residue containing boronic esters **4** was diluted with ethyl acetate (5 mL) and then a diluted aq. HCl (0.1 M, 10 mL) was added, which was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 × 5 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and concentration of the filtrate, the residue was purified by a silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/ hexanes = 1/20 as eluent), affording the desired hydroxyl-tethered alkylboronic esters **4a'-4c'** and **4h'-4j'**.

**Condition B:** for **4d'-4f'**; After concentration of the filtrate obtained from condition A, the residue was diluted with THF (2 mL) and was cooled to 0 °C. Then, a mixture of NaOH (2 M in H<sub>2</sub>O)/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (30% in H<sub>2</sub>O) (2:1 v/v, 0.9 mL) was added dropwise and stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 5 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and concentration of the filtrate, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (*n*-hexane/AcOEt: 2/1), affording the corresponding diols **4d''-4f''**.

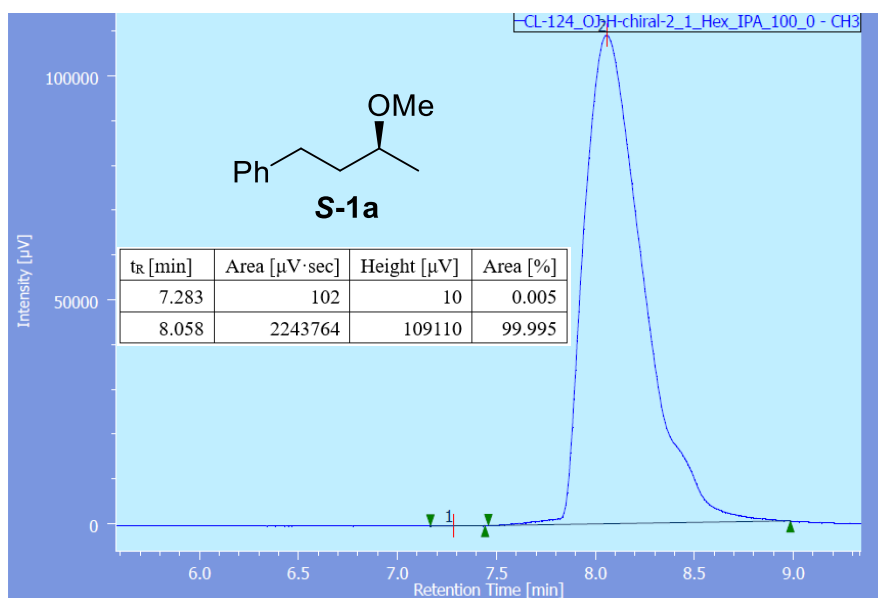
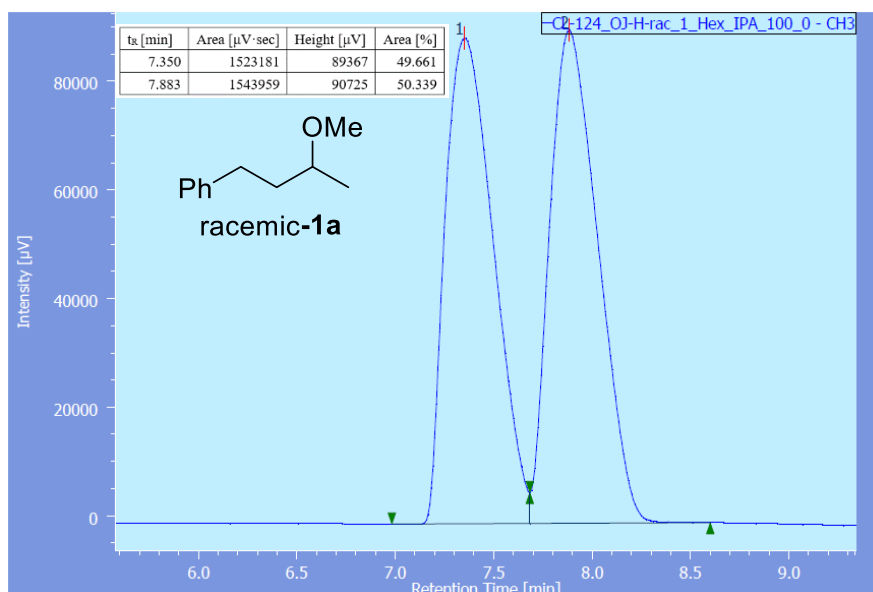
## 5. Borylation of chiral alkyl methyl ether

### Synthesis of chiral alkyl methyl ether (*S*-1a)

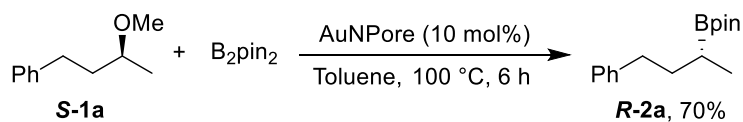


(*S*)-4-phenylbutan-2-ol (**S-1a'**) was prepared according to the literature procedure with commercially available benzyl boronic pinacol ester (BnBpin), (*S*)-2-methyloxirane and freshly opened *sec*-BuLi solution.<sup>36</sup> Two 25 mL round bottom flasks, both with magnetic stir bars, were flame dried under vacuum. Copper iodide (CuI) (4.8 mg, 0.025, mmol, 0.050 equiv) was added to one of the flasks. Both flasks were covered with new septum, sealed with parafilm, and purged three times with argon gas. Benzyl boronic pinacol ester (BnBpin) (280  $\mu$ L, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and 5 mL of dry THF were added to the empty flask. Both flasks were cooled to -78 °C in a dry ice bath with acetone and *sec*-BuLi (3 M in hexane) (1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added to the BnBpin to make the nucleophilic boronate complex. The reaction stirred for 30 minutes before the boronate were transferred via syringe to the flask containing CuI. Immediately after the nucleophile transfer, the epoxide (0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq) was added and the reaction was allowed to stir for 15 minutes at -78 °C. The reaction was then removed from the cold bath and left to stir for 2 hours and 45 minutes. At completion, the reaction was quenched with 0.3 mL of sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (aq). The reaction mixture was then worked up (10 mL sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, 3  $\times$  10 mL EtOAc, 10 mL brine), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified on silica gel column (9/1: hexane/AcOEt) to afford **S-1a'** in 46% yield (35 mg, 0.23 mmol) as a colorless oil. Analysis of enantiomeric excess using chiral HPLC with Chiralpak IB as stationary phase and *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH (97/3) as mobile phase at a flow rate of 0.7 mL.min<sup>-1</sup> (T = 30 °C) with a wavelength of 254 nm.<sup>37</sup>

(*S*)-(3-methoxybutyl)benzene (**S-1a**) with 99% ee was prepared by methylation of **S-1a'** using MeI and NaH. Analysis of enantiomeric excess of **S-1a** using chiral HPLC with Chiralcel OJ-H as stationary phase and *n*-hexane (100%) as mobile phase at a flow rate of 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup> (T = 30 °C) with a wavelength of 254 nm.

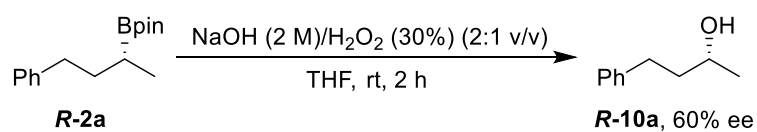


### Borylation of chiral alkyl methyl ether S-1a



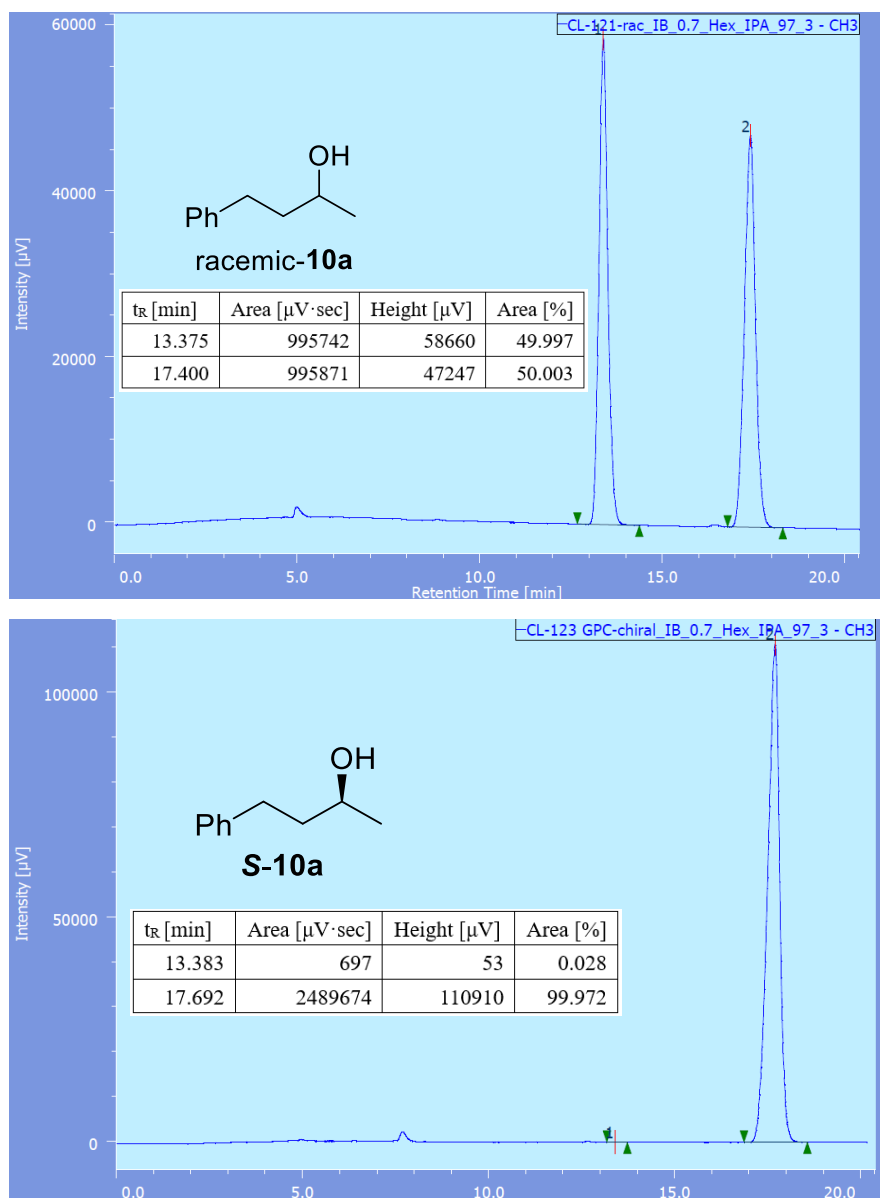
The borylation of **S-1a** with  $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$  was conducted under standard conditions as described in general procedure of **1a**, affording **R-2a** in a 70% isolated yield.

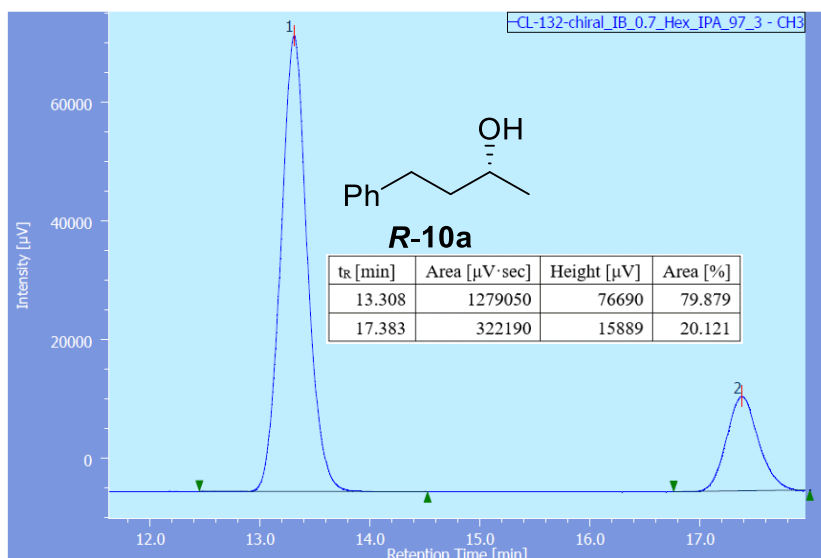
### Hydroxylation of alkyl boronic ester R-2a



A solution of **R-2a** (56 mg, 2.15 mmol) in THF (1.3 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and a solution of

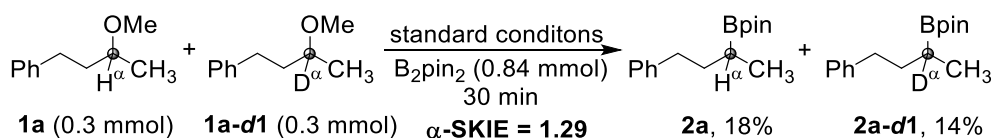
NaOH (2 M)/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (30%) (2:1 v/v, 0.9 mL) was added dropwise, and then allowed to stir at room temperature for 2 h. After reaction, the layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 5 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane/AcOEt (9/1) as eluent, affording **R-10a** in 96% yield (31 mg, 2.06 mmol) as a colorless oil. Analysis of enantiomeric excess was calculated to be 60%, which was measured using chiral HPLC with Chiralpak IB as stationary phase and *n*-hexane/*i*PrOH (97/3) as mobile phase at a flow rate of 0.7 mL·min<sup>-1</sup> (T = 30 °C) with a wavelength of 254 nm.<sup>37</sup>





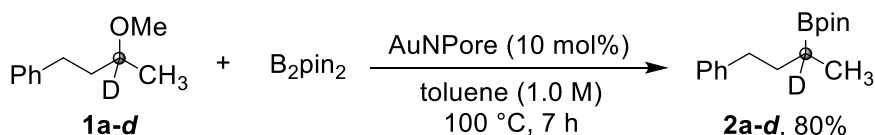
## 6. Study of secondary kinetic isotope effects (SKIEs)

### Competitive borylation using deuterated ether **1a-d1** and protonated **1a**



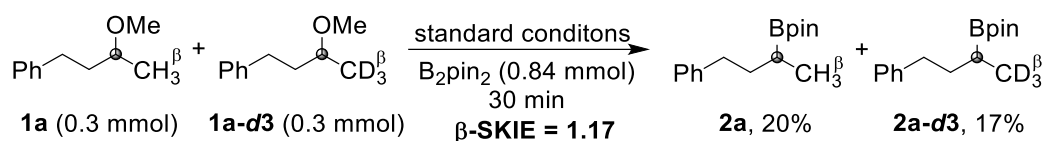
To a solution of ether **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **1a-d1** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and  $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$  (0.84 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in toluene (1 M, 0.3 mL) was added AuNPore (10 mol%, 5.9 mg) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred under nitrogen atmosphere for 30 min at 100 °C. The reaction mixture was transferred to a flask and evaporated. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR yields of **2a** and **2a-d1** were 18% and 14%, respectively, which were determined using dibromomethane as an internal standard. Thus, the SKIE value was calculated to be 1.29.

### 4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(4-phenylbutan-2-yl-2-d)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (**2a-d**)



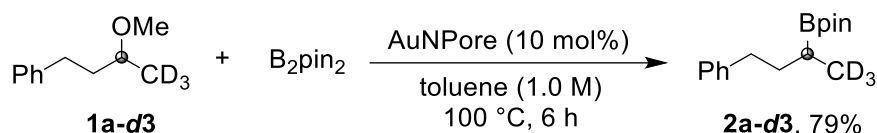
The borylation of **1a-d1** with  $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$  was conducted under standard conditions as described in general procedure of **1a**, after 7 h, affording **2a-d1** in an 80% isolated yield. Colorless oil; yield 80%, 62.6 mg (0.24 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.29–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.12 (m, 3H), 2.67–2.56 (m, 2H), 1.84–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.64–1.52 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 12H), 1.01 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.05, 128.40, 128.16, 125.47, 82.84, 35.27, 35.18, 24.77, 24.71, 15.30. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{DBNaO}_2$ : 284.1903, found: 284.1902.

### Competitive borylation using deuterated ether **1a-d3** and protonated **1a**



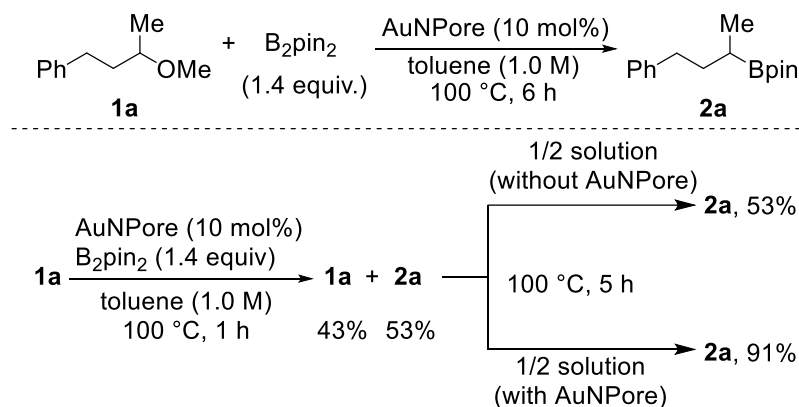
To a solution of ether **1a** (0.284 mmol), **1a-d3** (0.316 mmol, containing 5% of **1a**) and  $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$  (0.84 mmol, 2.8 equiv) in toluene (1 M, 0.3 mL) was added AuNPore (10 mol%, 5.9 mg) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred under nitrogen atmosphere for 30 min at 100 °C. The resulting mixture was transferred to a flask and evaporated. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR yields of **2a** and **2a-d3** were 20% and 17%, respectively, which were determined using dibromomethane as an internal standard. Thus, the SKIE value was calculated to be 1.17.

### 4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(4-phenylbutan-2-yl-1,1,1-d3)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (**2a-d3**)



The borylation of **1a-d3** with  $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$  was conducted under standard conditions as described in general procedure of **1a**, after 6 h, affording **2a-d3** in a 79% isolated yield. Colorless oil; yield 79%, 62 mg (0.24 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.12 (m, 3H), 2.64–2.58 (m, 2H), 1.87–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.65–1.51 (m, 1H), 1.25 (s, 12H), 1.09–1.03 (m, 1H), 1.01–0.97 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.09, 128.42, 128.18, 125.48, 82.87, 35.31, 35.22, 24.79, 24.74, 17.16–15.88 (m), 15.31–14.12 (m). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{D}_3\text{BNaO}_2$ : 286.2028, found: 286.2028.

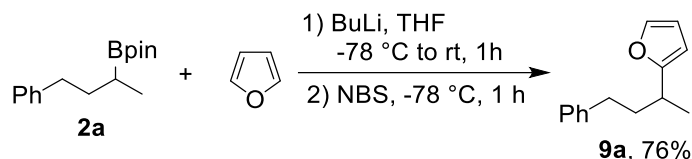
### 7. Leaching experiments



The toluene solution of **1a** and  $\text{B}_2(\text{pin})_2$  in the presence of the AuNPore catalyst (10 mol%) was stirred at 100 °C for 1 h. At this time, the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR yield of **2a** was 55%. A part of the supernatant was transferred to the other reaction vial. This supernatant without AuNPore catalyst was continuously heated at 100 °C for 5 h, affording **2a** in a 55%  $^1\text{H}$  NMR yield. On the other hand, the residual containing the AuNPore catalyst gave **2a** in a 91%  $^1\text{H}$  NMR yield after heating at 100 °C for 5 h.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR yields are shown using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$  as an internal standard.

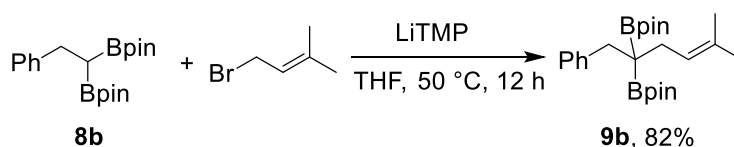
## 8. Derivatization of alkylboronic esters

### Coupling of with Furan<sup>38</sup>



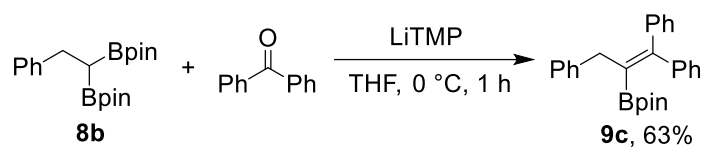
A solution of furan (44  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in THF (2.0 mL) was cooled to  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  and then treated with *n*-BuLi (0.37 mL, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 1.6 M in hexane). The cooling bath was removed and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The mixture was cooled to  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  and a THF (1.0 mL) solution of **2a** (130 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  for 1 h. Then, a THF (2.0 mL) solution of furan (0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in was added dropwise. After 1 h at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  saturated solution (2 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  and water. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ . The combined organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with *n*-hexane, affording 2-(4-phenylbutan-2-yl)furan (**9a**). Colorless oil, 76% yield, 95mg (0.48 mmol);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.31–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.17–7.15 (m, 3H), 6.29–6.27 (m, 1H), 6.01–5.98 (m, 1H), 2.83 (hex,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.58 (t,  $J = 8.06$  Hz, 2H), 2.05–1.95 (m, 1H), 1.86–1.76 (m, 1H), 1.27 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H)  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.24, 142.32, 140.69, 128.39, 128.29, 125.70, 109.84, 103.71, 37.49, 33.39, 32.68, 19.23.

### Coupling with 1-bromo-3-methylbut-2-ene<sup>39</sup>



To a solution of 2,2'-(2-phenylethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (**8b**) (86 mg, 0.24 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) was added a THF solution of LiTMP (2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidyl lithium) at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , which was prepared from 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine (41  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.24 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) with BuLi (1.6 M in hexane, 0.15 mL, 0.24 mmol) at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  and stirred for 30 min and for 30 min at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ . To the resulting solution was added 3,3-dimethylallyl bromide (23  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.2 mmol) dropwise at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and then heated at  $50^\circ\text{C}$  for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was removed and the residue was purified using silica gel column chromatography with 100/1 then 50/1 hexane/ $\text{EtOAc}$ , affording the corresponding product 2,2'-(5-Methyl-1-phenylhex-4-ene-2,2-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (**9b**). White solid, 82% yield, 83.9 mg (0.20 mmol);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.21–7.14 (m, 4H), 7.11–7.07 (m, 1H), 5.20–5.16 (m, 1H), 2.95 (s, 2H), 2.20 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 12H), 1.18 (s, 12H)  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.83, 131.73, 129.84, 127.58, 125.32, 123.93, 83.14, 34.79, 27.10, 26.06, 24.91, 24.89, 24.71, 24.69, 18.22. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{40}\text{B}_2\text{NaO}_4$ : 449.3004; found 449.3005.

### Coupling with ketone



To a solution of 2,2'-(2-phenylethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (**8b**) (86 mg, 0.24 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) was added a THF solution (0.5 mL) of LiTMP, which was prepared from 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine (41  $\mu$ L, 0.24 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) with BuLi (1.6 M in hexane, 0.15 mL, 0.24 mmol) at -78 °C and stirred for 30 min and for 30 min at 0 °C. To the resulting mixture was added benzophenone (36.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at rt, after which the solvent was removed and purified using silica gel column chromatography with 100/1 then 50/1 hexane/EtOAc to obtain the corresponding product 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(1,1,3-triphenylprop-1-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (**9c**).<sup>40</sup> White solid, 63% yield, 60 mg (0.15 mmol); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30–7.14 (m, 15H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 0.89 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.08, 144.30, 141.93, 141.08, 129.33, 129.01, 128.96, 128.12, 128.09, 127.73, 127.12, 126.95, 125.79, 83.27, 39.52, 24.35.

## 9. DFT computation data for mechanistic elucidation

### 9.1 Method

Computational studies were carried out using the Gaussian16 program package<sup>1</sup> with the DFT method. The M06 functional and def2-SVP basis set were applied to all atoms. IRC calculations were performed for all optimized transition states to confirm their connectivity to the corresponding reactants and products. Natural bond orbital (NBO) analysis was conducted using the NBO 7.0 program.<sup>2</sup>

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### 9.2 Cartesian coordinates

**Table S1.** Calculation data of intermediates (**IM**) and transition states (**TS**)

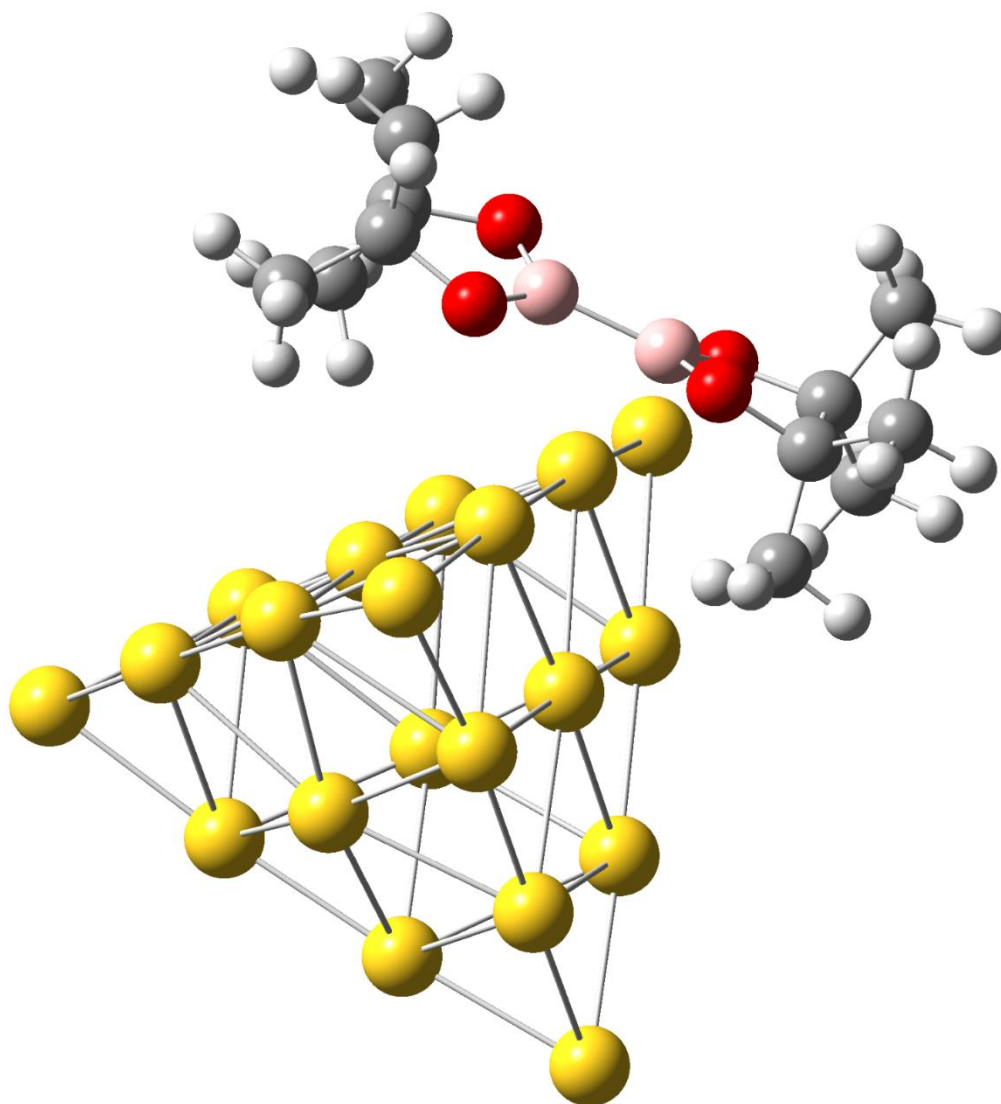
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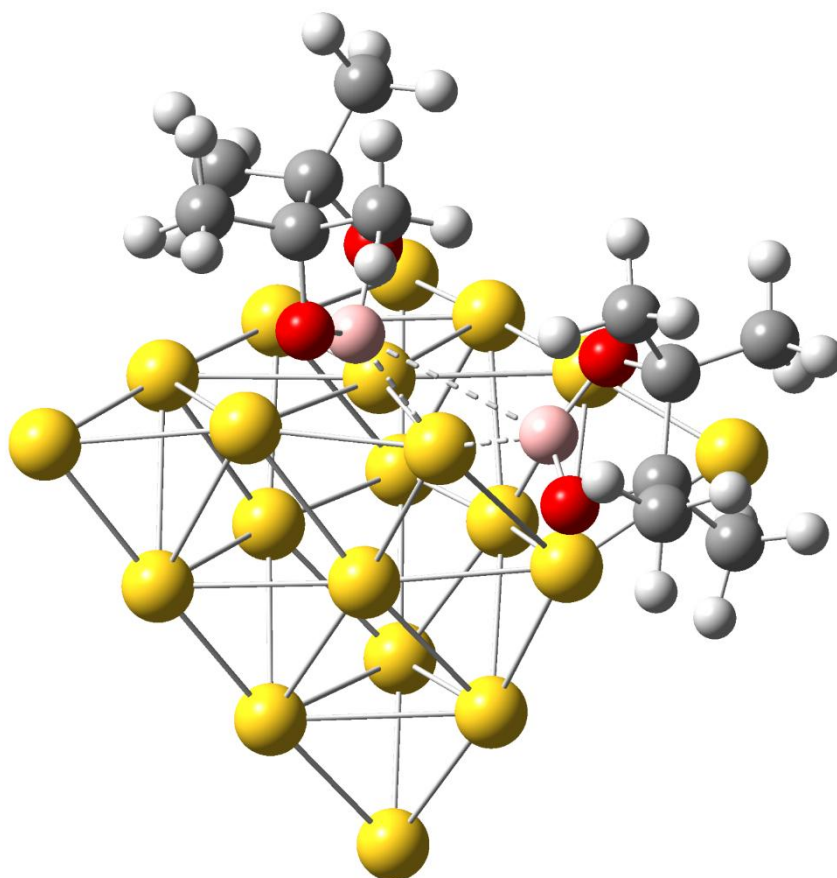


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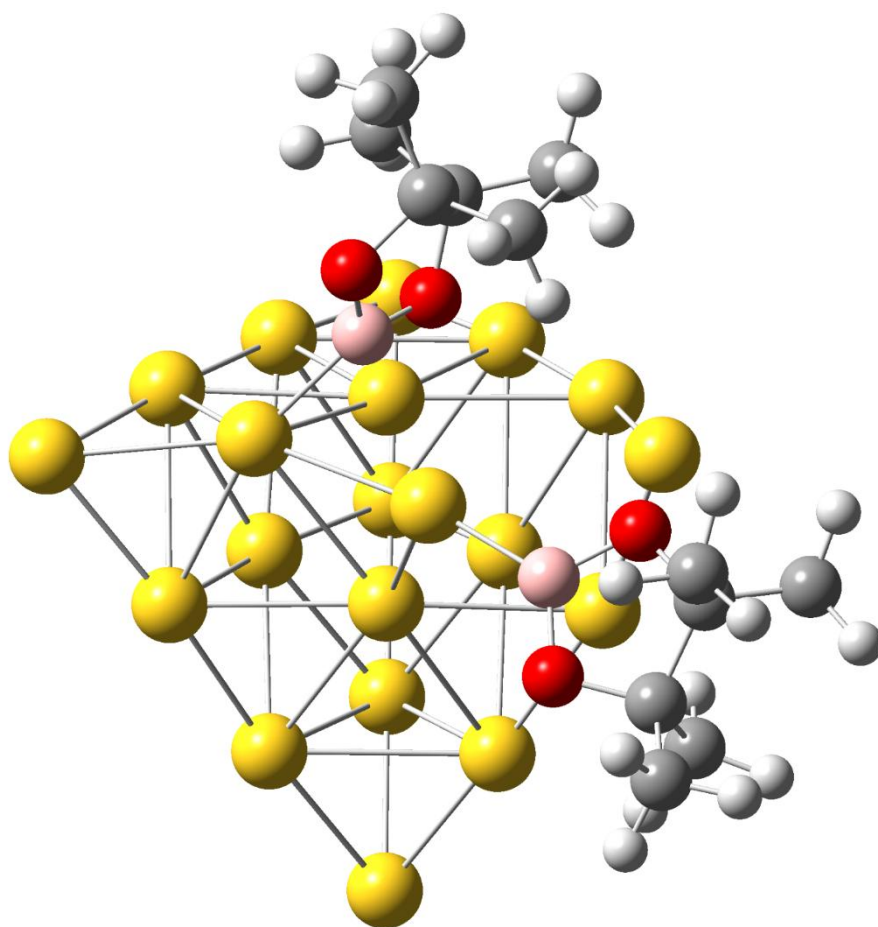


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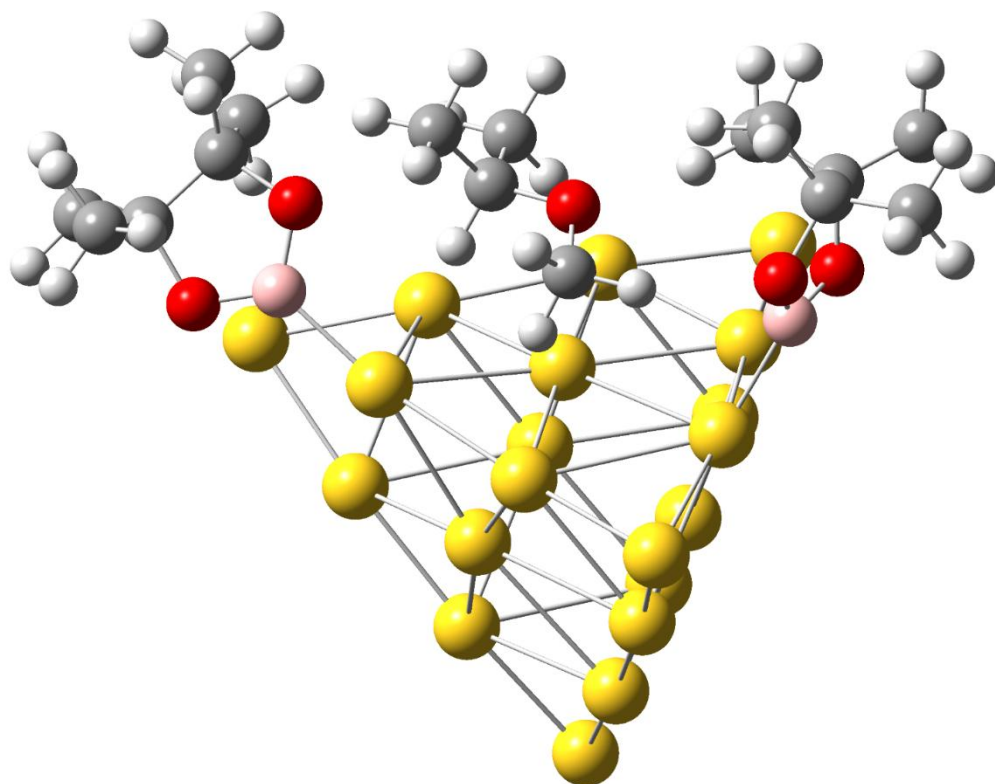


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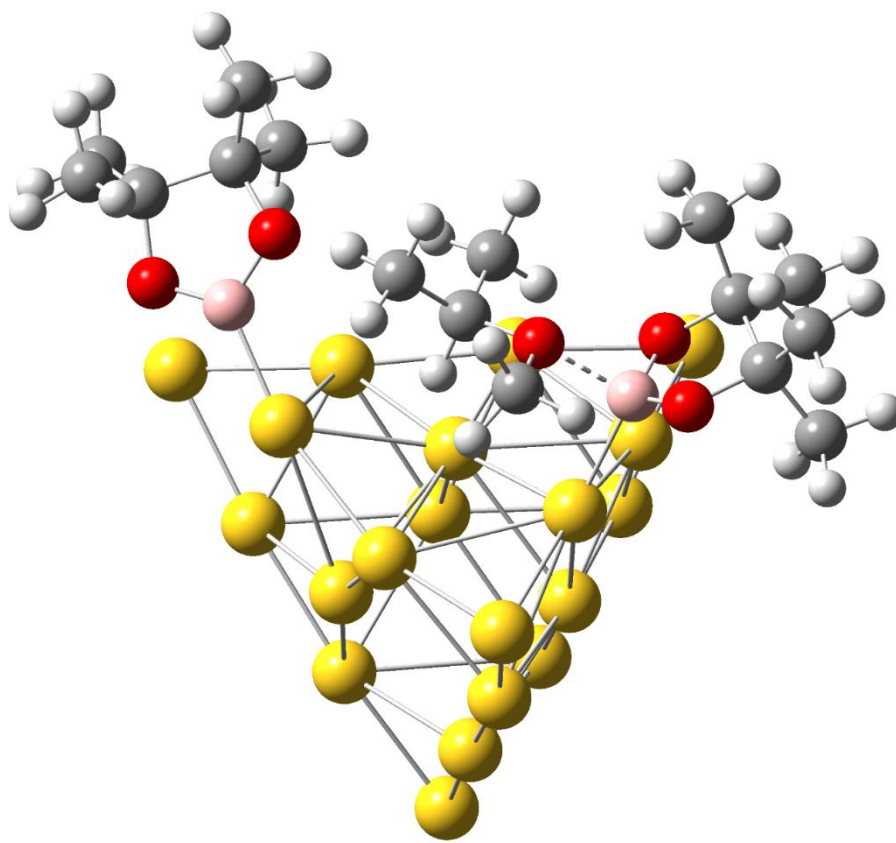


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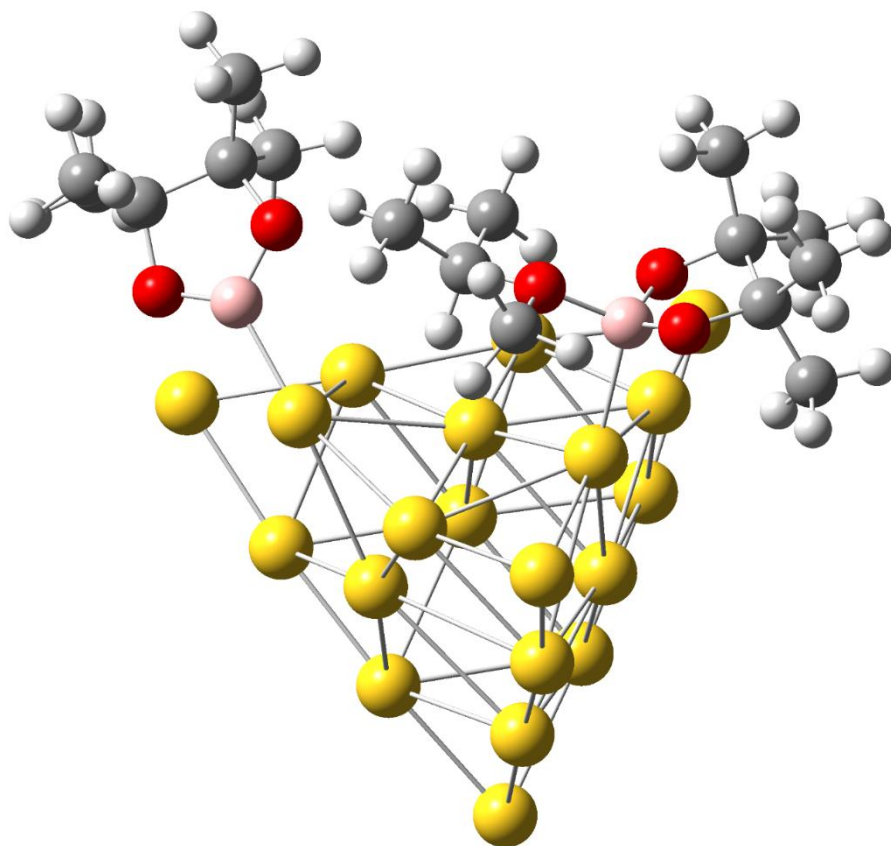


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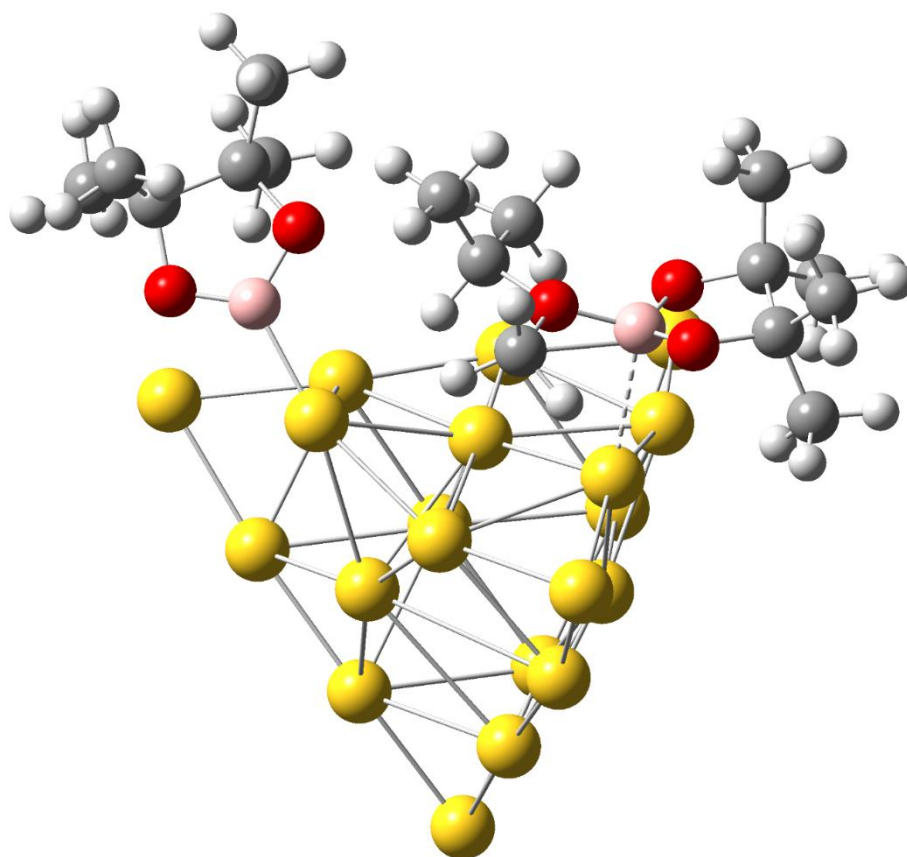


Elimination of boryloxonium (TS<sub>2-3</sub>)

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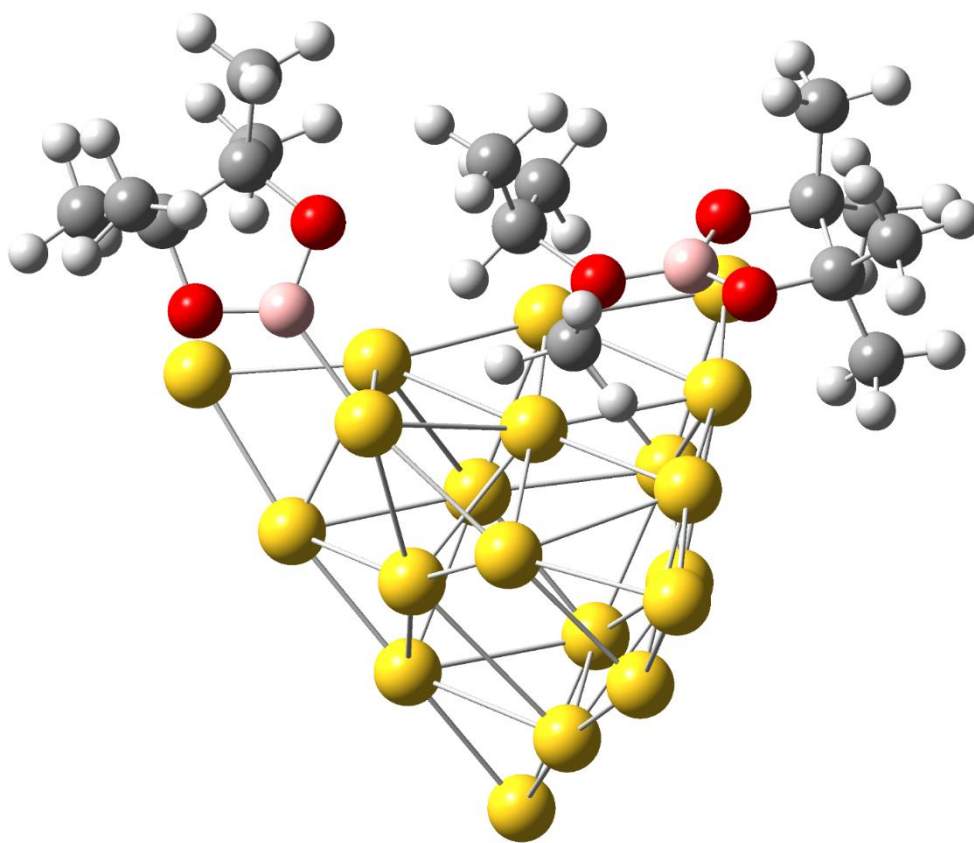


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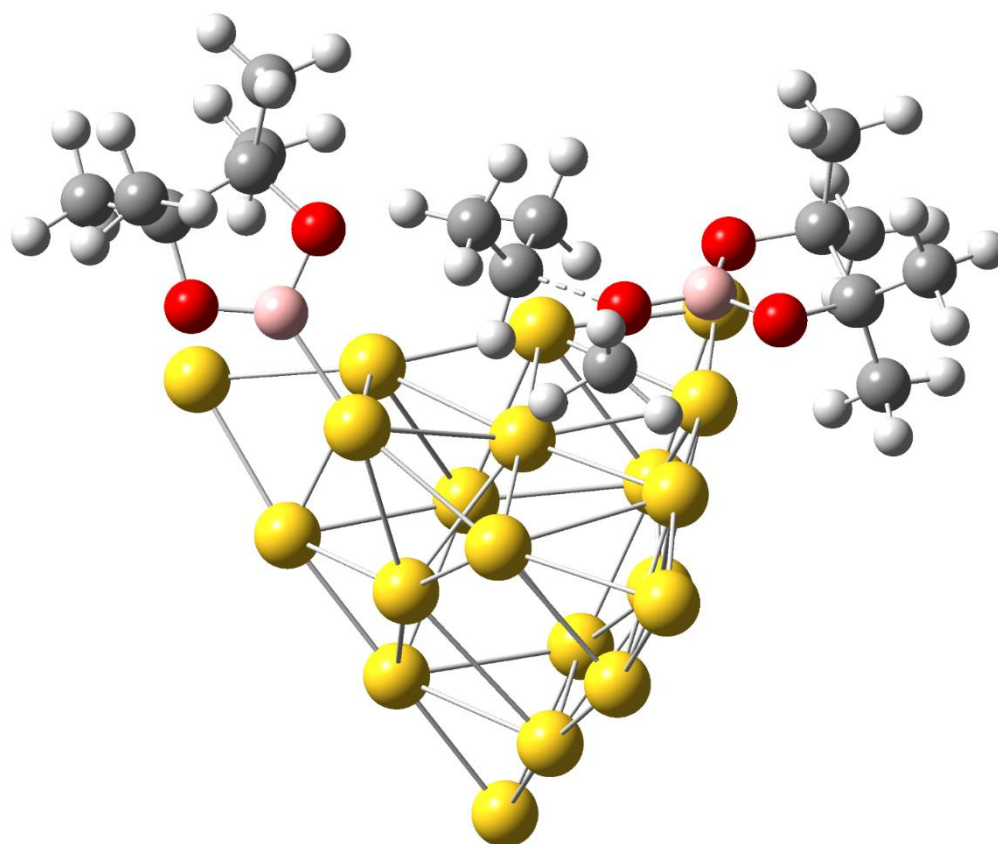


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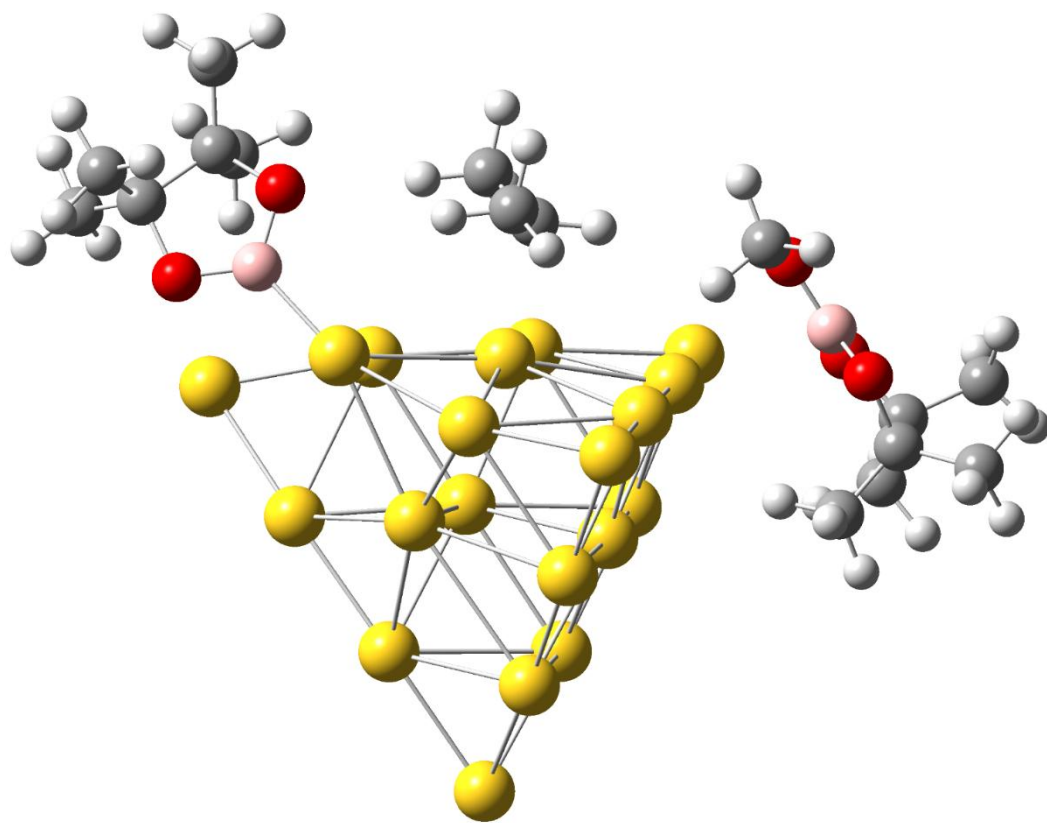


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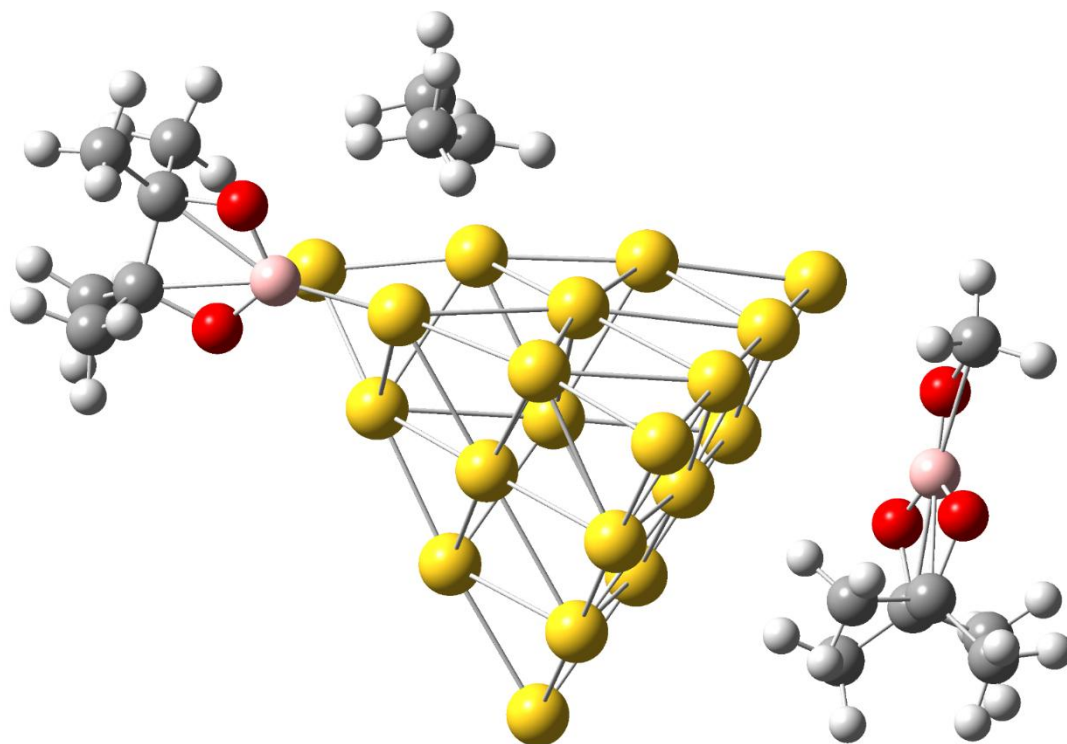


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| Au | 3.20717200  | 1.83031000  | -0.15085700 |
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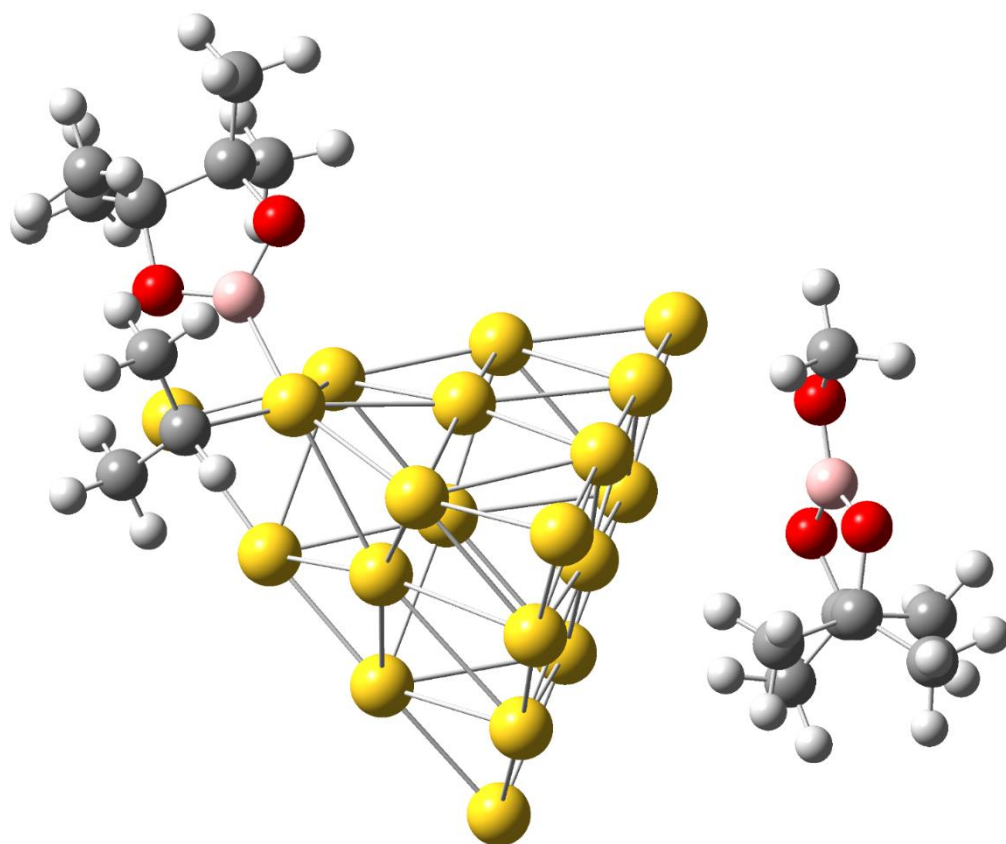


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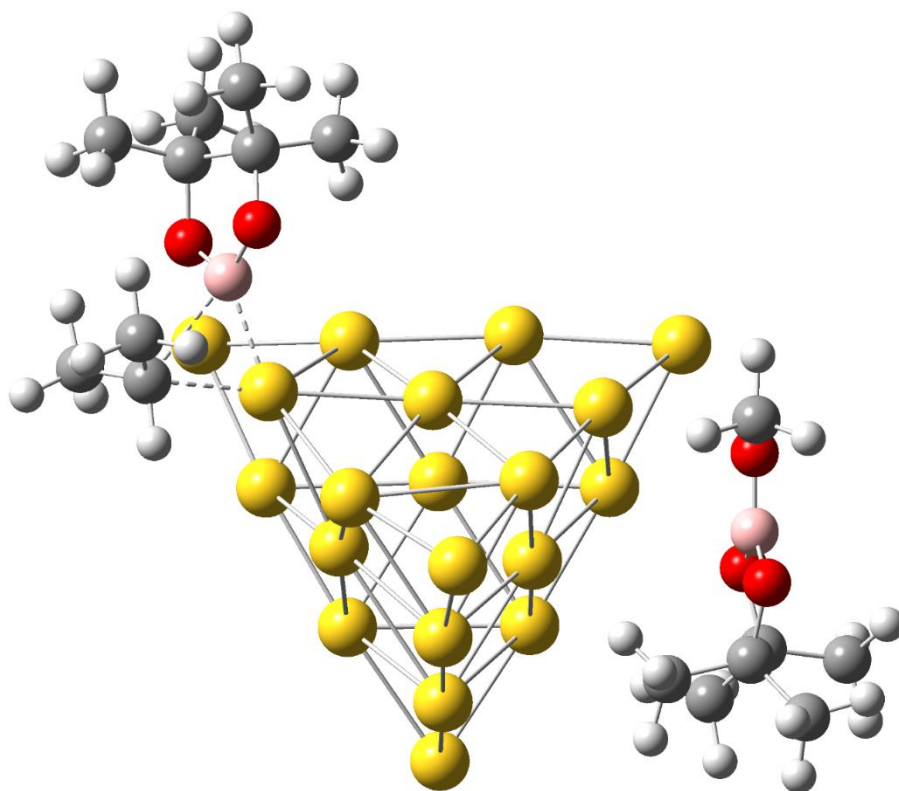


Reductive elimination (TS<sub>5-6</sub>)

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| O  | -5.99250700 | -0.96295700 | 0.15296700  |

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|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
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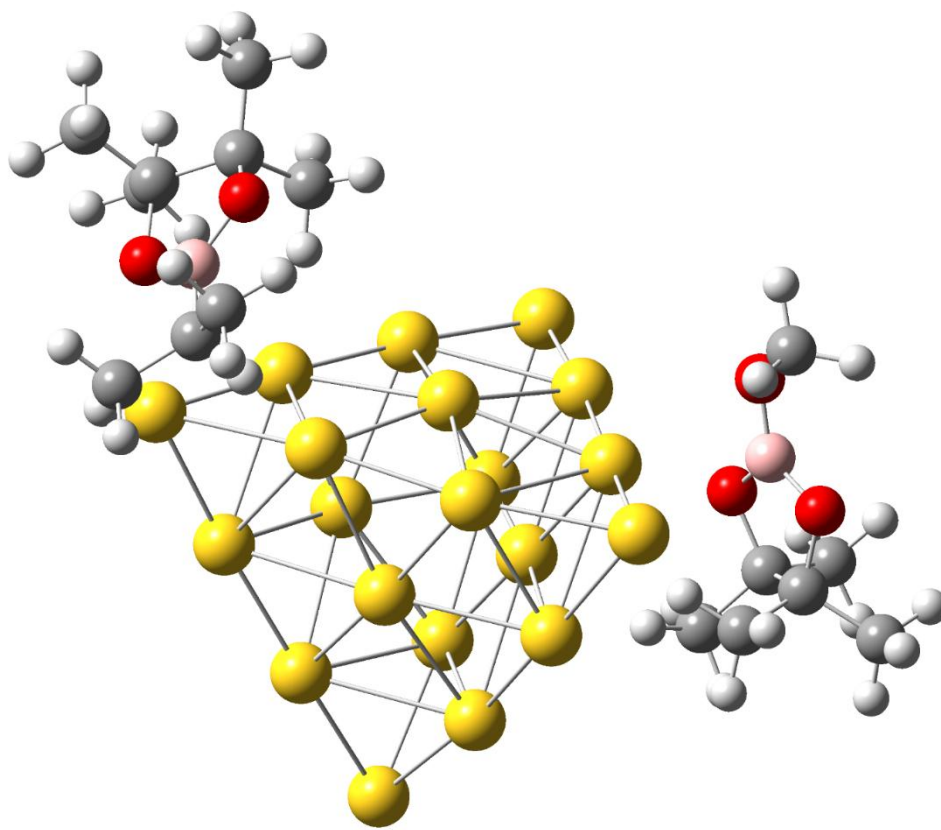


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| C  | 5.07422700  | -1.62117100 | -1.54700800 |
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| H  | 7.06454100  | -2.00097200 | 2.69480000  |
| H  | 7.33407700  | -3.37608900 | 1.59628500  |
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| H  | 4.87680900  | 0.01130000  | 0.50640100  |
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| H  | 4.08234100  | -1.41024000 | -1.10927700 |
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IM6



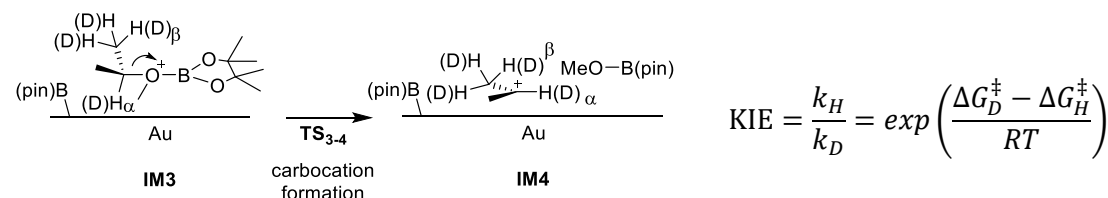
### 9.3 Summary

**Table S2.** Calculation summary of intermediates (**IM**) and transition states (**TS**)

|                                                                                       | charge | mult. | $E$ (au)       | $G$ (au)     | $\nu_{\text{imag}}$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|----------------|--------------|------------------------------------------|
| $\text{Au}_{20}^- + \text{B}_2(\text{pin})_2$<br>( <b>IM0'</b> )                      | -1     | 2     | -3537.63662563 | -3537.407017 | -                                        |
| Oxidative addition of<br>$\text{B}_2(\text{pin})_2$ ( <b>TS0</b> )                    | -1     | 2     | -3537.59499964 | -3537.363231 | -41.8725                                 |
| $\text{Au}_{20}^-(\text{B}(\text{pin}))_2$ ( <b>IM0</b> )                             | -1     | 2     | -3537.60486121 | -3537.376391 | -                                        |
| $i\text{PrOMe}$                                                                       | 0      | 1     | -233.313762682 | -233.207970  | -                                        |
| $\text{Au}_{20}^-(\text{B}(\text{pin}))_2 + i\text{PrOMe}$ ( <b>IM1</b> )             | -1     | 2     | -3770.93518551 | -3770.578589 | -                                        |
| Acid-base complexation ( <b>TS1-2</b> )                                               | -1     | 2     | -3770.92674904 | -3770.568509 | -139.0504                                |
| Acid-base complex ( <b>IM2</b> )                                                      | -1     | 2     | -3770.92891678 | -3770.570140 | -                                        |
| Elimination of boryloxonium ( <b>TS2-3</b> )                                          | -1     | 2     | -3770.92722549 | -3770.567241 | -119.1726                                |
| Boryloxonium ( <b>IM3</b> )                                                           | -1     | 2     | -3770.93220669 | -3770.573898 | -                                        |
| Carbocation formation ( <b>TS3-4</b> )                                                | -1     | 2     | -3770.92336946 | -3770.569095 | -173.8925                                |
| Carbocation ( <b>IM4</b> )                                                            | -1     | 2     | -3770.97745562 | -3770.625306 | -                                        |
| Addition of carbocation ( <b>TS4-5</b> )                                              | -1     | 2     | -3770.96854576 | -3770.618158 | -15.9087                                 |
| Organogold species ( <b>IM5</b> )                                                     | -1     | 2     | -3770.97497031 | -3770.620743 | -                                        |
| Reductive elimination ( <b>TS5-6</b> )                                                | -1     | 2     | -3770.96890990 | -3770.614932 | -164.2218                                |
| $\text{Au}_{20}^- + i\text{PrB}(\text{pin}) + \text{MeOB}(\text{pin})$ ( <b>IM6</b> ) | -1     | 2     | -3771.03997034 | -3770.689078 | -                                        |

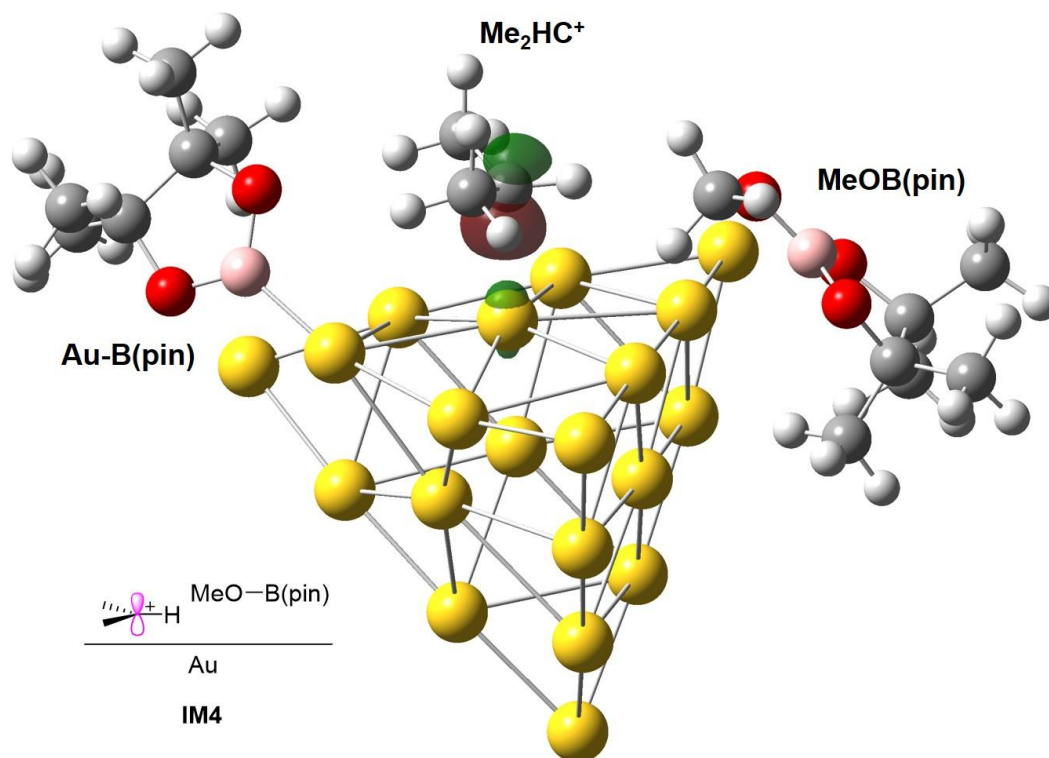
### 9.4 Secondary kinetic isotope effects (SKIEs)

**Table S3.** Calculation of SKIE values



|                         | <b>IM3</b> (au) | <b>TS3-4</b> (au) | $\Delta G^\ddagger$ (kcal/mol) | estimated KIE |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| all H                   | -3770.573898    | -3770.569095      | 3.014                          | -             |
| $\alpha$ -D             | -3770.577459    | -3770.572466      | 3.133                          | 1.22          |
| $\beta$ -D <sub>3</sub> | -3770.583890    | -3770.579017      | 3.058                          | 1.08          |

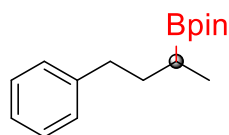
### 9.5 LUMO of IM4 (carbocation intermediate)



**Figure S1.** LUMO of IM4.

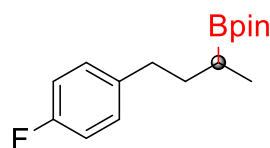
## 10. Analytic data of products

### 4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(4-phenylbutan-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2a)<sup>41</sup>



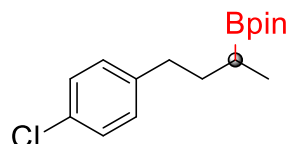
Colorless oil; yield 80%, 62.4 mg (0.24 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.31–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.12 (m, 2H), 2.66–2.58 (m, 2H), 1.84–1.73 (m, 1H), 1.65–1.52 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 12H), 1.11–1.07 (m, 1H), 1.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.05, 128.41, 128.17, 125.48, 82.84, 35.28, 35.27, 24.77, 24.71, 15.39.

### 2-(4-(4-fluorophenyl)butan-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2b)



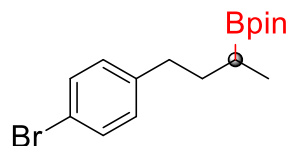
Colorless oil; yield 73%, 60.9 mg (0.22 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.15–7.10 (m, 2H), 6.97–6.91 (m, 2H), 2.63–2.53 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.69 (m, 1H), 1.61–1.49 (m, 1H), 1.25 (s, 12H), 1.10–0.99 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.09 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 242.0 Hz), 138.59 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 3.15 Hz), 129.68 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 7.73 Hz), 114.85 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 21.1 Hz), 83.04, 35.17, 34.76, 24.88, 24.83, 15.49. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BFNaO<sub>2</sub>: 301.1745, found: 301.1745.

### 2-(4-(4-Chlorophenyl)butan-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2c)



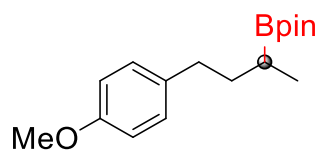
Colorless oil; yield 86%, 76.1 mg (0.26 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.62–2.54 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.69 (m, 1H), 1.61–1.50 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 12H), 1.10–0.96 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.43, 131.14, 129.75, 128.23, 82.89, 35.10, 34.57, 24.74, 24.69, 15.36. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BClNaO<sub>2</sub>: 317.1450, found: 317.1450.

### 2-(4-(4-Bromophenyl)butan-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2d)



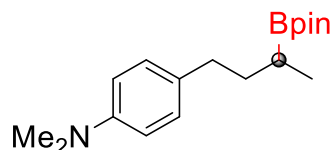
Colorless oil; yield 80%, 81.4 mg (0.24 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.63–2.51 (m, 2H), 1.81–1.69 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.49 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 12H), 1.10–0.97 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.96, 131.19, 130.20, 119.17, 82.91, 35.04, 34.63, 24.75, 24.70, 15.36. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BBrNaO<sub>2</sub>: 361.0944, found: 361.0945.

**2-(4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)butan-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2e)**<sup>42</sup>



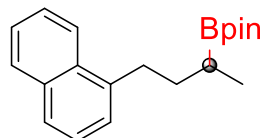
Colorless oil; yield 82%, 71.3 mg (0.25 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.60–2.52 (m, 2H), 1.81–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.51 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 12H), 1.10–0.97 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.53, 135.15, 129.25, 113.59, 82.83, 55.19, 35.49, 34.32, 24.75, 24.70, 15.38.

**N,N-Dimethyl-4-(3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)butyl)aniline (2f)**



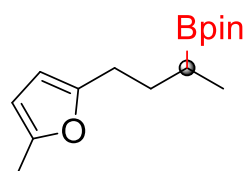
Colorless oil; yield 39%, 35.4 mg (0.12 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (s, 6H), 2.58–2.47 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.48 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 12H), 1.12–1.02 (m, 1H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.91, 131.51, 128.97, 113.10, 99.91, 82.82, 41.03, 35.57, 34.22, 24.74, 15.39. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>31</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 304.2442, found: 304.2442.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(4-(naphthalen-1-yl)butan-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2g)**



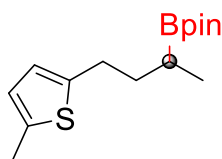
Colorless oil; yield 72%, 67 mg (0.22 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.17–8.15 (m, 1H), 7.84–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.29 (m, 2H), 3.15–3.01 (m, 2H), 1.97–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.79–1.66 (m, 1H), 1.28 (s, 12H), 1.24–1.17 (m, 1H), 1.10–1.08 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.32, 133.84, 131.94, 128.62, 126.31, 125.88, 125.56, 125.51, 125.28, 124.17, 82.97, 34.80, 32.72, 24.85, 24.77, 15.57. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BNaO<sub>2</sub>: 333.1996, found: 333.1996.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(4-(5-methylfuran-2-yl)butan-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2h)**<sup>43</sup>



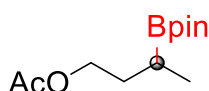
Colorless oil; yield 80%, 63.4 mg (0.24 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.85–5.82 (m, 2H), 2.59 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.83–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.65–1.52 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 12H), 1.09–1.04 (m, 1H), 1.01–0.99 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.82, 149.89, 105.69, 105.01, 82.86, 31.50, 27.27, 24.72, 24.67, 15.27, 13.47.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(4-(5-methylthiophen-2-yl)butan-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2i)**



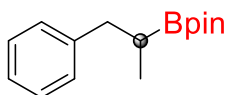
Colorless oil; yield 75%, 63 mg (0.23 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.55–6.52 (m, 2H), 2.81–2.69 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.86–1.76 (m, 1H), 1.66–1.57 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 12H), 1.12–1.05 (m, 1H), 1.00 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.66, 136.95, 124.51, 123.53, 82.89, 35.31, 29.32, 24.75, 24.71, 15.30, 15.25. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{NaBO}_2\text{S}$ : 303.1560, found: 303.1560.

**3-(4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)butylacetate (2j)**



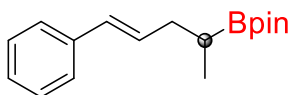
Yellow oil; yield 61%, 44 mg (0.18 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 95/5;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.07 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.0 (s, 3H), 1.81–1.73 (m, 1H), 1.61–1.53 (m, 1H), 1.21 (s, 12H), 1.13–1.04 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.24, 83.07, 64.02, 31.70, 24.76, 24.68, 21.07, 15.30. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{23}\text{BNaO}_4$ : 265.1581; found: 265.1581.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(1-phenylpropan-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2k)<sup>44</sup>**



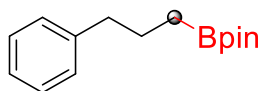
Colorless oil; yield 46%, 33.9 mg (0.14 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28–7.18 (m, 4H), 7.16–7.13 (m, 1H), 2.80 (dd,  $J$  = 13.6, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd,  $J$  = 13.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.43–1.32 (m, 1H), 1.18 (d,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 0.96 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  142.29, 128.87, 127.98, 125.53, 82.96, 38.93, 24.68, 24.66, 15.16.

**(E)-4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(5-phenylpent-4-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2l)**



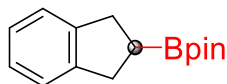
Colorless oil; yield 53%, 43 mg (0.16 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.34–7.24 (m, 6H), 7.17–7.14 (m, 1H), 6.38 (d,  $J$  = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.29–6.16 (m, 1H), 2.41–2.28 (m, 1H), 2.28–2.16 (m, 1H), 1.24–1.23 (m, 1H), 1.23 (s, 12H), 1.02 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.96, 130.74, 130.28, 128.39, 126.65, 125.91, 82.99, 36.50, 24.79, 24.74, 15.21. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{NaBO}_2$ : 295.1839, found: 295.1840.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(3-phenylpropyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2m)<sup>45</sup>**



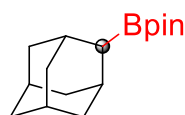
Colorless oil; yield 17%, 12.5 mg (0.05 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 50/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.27–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.13 (m, 3H), 2.65–2.53 (m, 2H), 1.77–1.68 (m, 2H), 1.24 (s, 12H), 0.90–0.87 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.66, 128.53, 128.14, 125.54, 82.90, 38.57, 26.09, 24.80.

**2-(2,3-Dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2o)<sup>46</sup>**



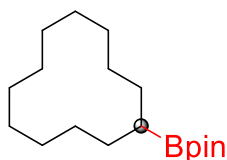
Colorless oil; yield 88%, 64.4 mg (0.26 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 99/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.21–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.08 (m, 2H), 3.09–2.93 (m, 4H), 1.93–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.25 (s, 12H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  144.38, 125.86, 124.16, 83.22, 35.10, 24.75, 24.52.

**2-((1*r*,3*r*,5*r*,7*r*)-adamantan-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2p)<sup>47</sup>**



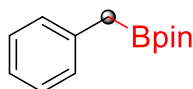
Colorless solid; yield 89%, 70 mg (0.27 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 99/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.12–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.86–1.65 (m, 12H), 1.38–1.31 (m, 1H), 1.22 (s, 12H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  82.68, 39.26, 36.20, 29.26, 28.17, 28.05, 24.75.

**2-Cyclododecyl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2q)<sup>48</sup>**



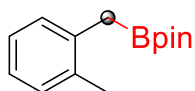
Colorless solid; yield 62%, 36.9 mg (0.19 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 99/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.45–1.18 (m, 22H), 1.21 (s, 12H), 1.05–1.00 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  82.73, 24.86, 24.74, 24.23, 24.07, 23.41, 23.38, 23.35.

**2-Benzyl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2r)<sup>49</sup>**



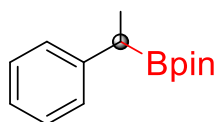
Colorless oil; yield 89%, 58.2 mg (0.27 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.20–7.08 (m, 4H), 7.06–6.96 (m, 1H), 2.21 (s, 2H), 1.14 (s, 12H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.56, 128.92, 128.19, 124.76, 83.33, 24.65.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-methylbenzyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2s)<sup>49</sup>**



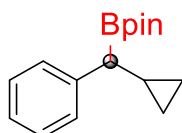
Colorless oil; yield 89%, 58.2 mg (0.25 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.20–7.03 (m, 4H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 2H), 1.25 (s, 12H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.44, 135.81, 129.71, 129.38, 125.78, 125.08, 83.26, 24.65, 20.02.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(1-phenylethyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2t)<sup>50</sup>**



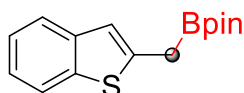
Colorless oil; yield 69%, 48 mg (0.21 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28–7.21 (m, 4H), 7.14–7.11 (m, 1H), 2.43 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (d,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 13H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  144.93, 128.27, 127.75, 125.05, 83.25, 24.58, 24.54, 17.01.

**2-(Cyclopropyl(phenyl)methyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2u)<sup>51</sup>**



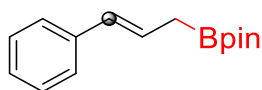
Colorless oil; yield 82%, 63.5 mg (0.25 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.32–7.25 (m, 4H), 7.18–7.11 (m, 1H), 1.72 (d,  $J$  = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (d,  $J$  = 1.3 Hz, 12H), 0.59–0.54 (m, 1H), 0.52–0.39 (m, 1H), 0.28–0.22 (m, 1H), 0.12–0.02 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.04, 128.16 (2), 125.20, 83.27, 24.56, 24.54, 13.02, 4.98, 4.66.

**2-(Benzo[*b*]thiophen-2-ylmethyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2v)**



Colorless oil; yield 76%, 63 mg (0.23 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.71 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.23–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 2.56 (s, 2H), 1.27 (s, 12H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.71, 140.63, 139.58, 123.84, 123.00, 122.41, 121.82, 121.17, 83.86, 24.72. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{BNaO}_2\text{S}$ : 297.1091, found: 297.1091.

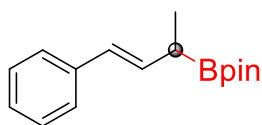
**2-Cinnamyl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2w)<sup>52</sup>**



Colorless oil; yield 75%, 54.7 mg (0.23 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.36–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.156–7.13 (m, 1H), 6.41–6.22 (m, 2H), 1.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (s, 12H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.15, 130.21, 128.34,

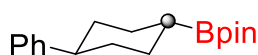
126.46, 126.25, 125.79, 83.35, 24.76.

**(E)-4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(4-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (2x)**<sup>53</sup>



Colorless oil; yield 83%, 62.4 mg (0.25 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.71–7.14 (m, 1H), 6.35–6.34 (m, 2H), 2.09–2.03 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 12H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.23, 133.25, 128.35, 127.56, 126.45, 125.85, 83.24, 24.68, 24.61, 14.79.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-((1r,4r)-4-phenylcyclohexyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (trans-2y)**<sup>54</sup>



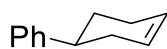
Colorless oil; yield 44%, 37.8 mg (0.13 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.30–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.13 (m, 3H), 2.52–2.46 (m, 1H), 1.95–1.87 (m, 4H), 1.49–1.32 (m, 4H), 1.25 (s, 12H), 0.97–0.92 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.04, 128.21, 126.79, 125.72, 82.82, 44.35, 35.01, 28.15, 24.72.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-((1s,4s)-4-phenylcyclohexyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (cis-2y)**



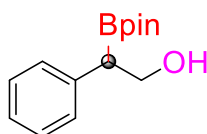
Colorless oil; yield 9%, 8 mg (0.03 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.31–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.12 (m, 3H), 2.53–2.41 (m, 1H), 2.02 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 1.61–1.46 (m, 4H), 1.38 (s, 1H), 1.29 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.92, 128.25, 126.79, 125.68, 83.01, 44.50, 33.31, 27.88, 24.85. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BNaO<sub>2</sub>: 309.1996, found: 309.1996.

**1,2,3,6-Tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (1y')**<sup>55</sup>



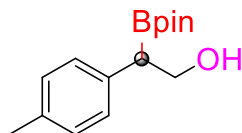
Colorless oil; yield 9%, 4.3 mg (0.027 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.34–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.17 (m, 3H), 5.82–5.72 (m, 2H), 2.85–2.75 (m, 1H), 2.34–2.23 (m, 1H), 2.23–2.09 (m, 3H), 1.98–1.89 (m, 1H), 1.82–1.69 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 147.35, 128.35, 126.98, 126.89, 126.78, 125.96, 40.15, 33.40, 29.71, 25.89.

**2-Phenyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)ethan-1-ol (4a')**



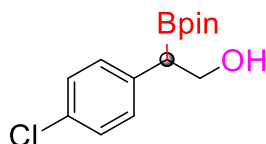
Colorless oil; yield 80%, 59.5 mg (0.24 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.16 (m, 3H), 3.91 (q,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (s, 1H), 1.25 (s, 6H), 1.23 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.37, 128.98, 128.62, 125.98, 83.71, 65.32, 24.69, 24.60. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{BNaO}_3$ : 271.1476, found: 271.1475.

**2-(4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-2-(p-tolyl)ethan-1-ol (4b')**



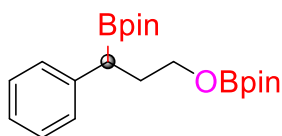
Colorless oil; yield 76%, 59.7 mg (0.23 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.13–7.06 (m, 4H), 3.94–3.79 (m, 2H), 2.60 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 1H), 1.24 (s, 6H), 1.22 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  136.36, 135.17, 129.18, 128.72, 83.47, 65.21, 24.88, 24.56, 24.50, 20.86. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{BNaO}_3$ : 285.1632, found: 285.1632.

**2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)ethan-1-ol (4c')**



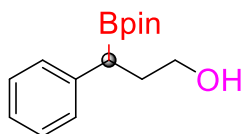
Colorless oil; yield 35%, 29.6 mg (0.11 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.27–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.14 (m, 2H), 3.95–3.82 (m, 2H), 2.62 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 1H), 1.25 (s, 6H), 1.23 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.31, 131.75, 130.26, 128.69, 83.87, 65.07, 24.69, 24.60. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{BClNaO}_3$ : 305.1086, found: 305.1086.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(1-phenyl-3-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)oxy)propyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (4d)**



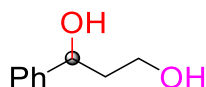
Due to oxy-borolane would undergo decomposition by silica, the **4d** was not purified.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.26–7.17 (m, 4H), 7.11 (m, 1H), 3.89–3.80 (m, 1H), 3.80–3.71 (m, 1H), 2.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.19–2.10 (m, 1H), 1.92–1.88 (m, 1H), 1.25 (s, 6H), 1.23 (s, 6H), 1.19 (s, 6H), 1.17 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.42, 128.22, 128.08, 125.04, 83.10, 82.36, 63.90, 33.82, 24.80, 24.40, 24.37, 24.31.

**3-Phenyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)propan-1-ol (4d')**



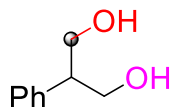
Due to alkyl boronates in the presence of OH would undergo self-oligomerization by silica, the crude **4d'** was not purified.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28–7.17 (m, 4H), 7.13–7.11 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 1H), 3.59 (s, 1H), 2.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.17–2.10 (m, 1H), 1.90–1.87 (m, 1H), 1.20 (s, 6H), 1.18 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.39, 128.23, 128.21, 125.21, 83.42, 75.26, 36.98, 24.35, 24.31.

#### 1-Phenylpropane-1,3-diol (**4d''**)<sup>56</sup>



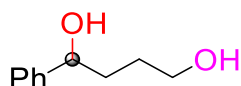
Colorless oil; yield 85%, 38.76 mg (0.26 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 2/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.32–7.24 (m, 4H), 7.26–7.20 (m, 1H), 4.84 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 1H), 3.77–3.67 (m, 3H), 1.99–1.77 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  144.06, 128.38, 127.42, 125.63, 73.25, 60.62, 40.27.

#### 2-Phenylpropane-1,3-diol (**4e''**)<sup>57</sup>



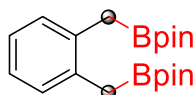
Colorless oil; yield 89%, 40.6 mg (0.27 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 2/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.43–7.07 (m, 5H), 4.03–3.83 (m, 4H), 3.12–3.05 (m, 1H), 2.76 (brs, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.23, 128.77, 127.99, 127.18, 66.00, 49.67.

#### 1-Phenylbutane-1,4-diol (**4f''**)<sup>58</sup>



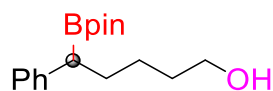
Colorless oil; yield 70%, 34.9 mg (0.21 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 2/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.32–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 1H), 4.67–4.58 (m, 1H), 3.72 (brs, 1H), 3.61–3.50 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.66–1.53 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  144.65, 128.29, 127.27, 125.75, 74.07, 62.47, 36.22, 29.00.

#### 1,2-Bis((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)benzene (**4g**)<sup>59</sup>



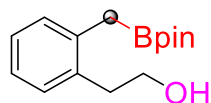
White solid; yield 75%, 77.3 mg (0.23 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 2/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.13–7.10 (m, 2H), 7.05–6.98 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 4H), 1.22 (s, 24H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  136.87, 129.57, 125.07, 83.21, 24.70.

### 5-Phenyl-5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)pentan-1-ol (4h')



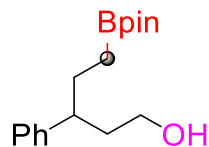
Colorless oil; yield 54%, 46.6 mg (0.16 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 3/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.27–7.15 (m, 4H), 7.15–7.07 (m, 1H), 3.58 (t,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.01–1.78 (m, 2H), 1.71–1.60 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.48 (m, 2H), 1.35–1.27 (m, 2H), 1.18 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 12H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.09, 128.28, 128.22, 125.13, 83.27, 62.64, 32.53, 32.08, 25.23, 24.55, 24.51. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{27}\text{BNaO}_3$ : 313.1945, found: 313.1945.

### 2-(2-((4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)phenyl)ethan-1-ol (4i')



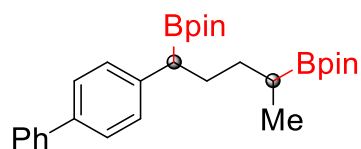
Colorless oil; yield 73%, 57.4 mg (0.22 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 2/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.36–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.29–7.26 (m, 1H), 4.67 (dd,  $J$  = 5.6; 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (t,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.95 (brs, 2H), 1.85–1.80 (m, 1H), 1.76–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.62–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.54–1.49 (m, 1H), 1.39–1.35 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.39, 135.92, 129.97, 129.75, 126.40, 125.28, 83.53, 74.94, 62.73, 36.27, 24.68, 24.54. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{BNaO}_3$ : 285.1632, found: 285.1632.

### 3-Phenyl-5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)pentan-1-ol (4j')



Colorless oil; yield 75%, 65 mg (0.23 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 5/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.31–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.12 (m, 3H), 3.64–3.36 (m, 2H), 2.65–2.57 (m, 1H), 1.99–1.88 (m, 1H), 1.87–1.73 (m, 2H), 1.70–1.60 (m, 1H), 1.22 (s, 12H), 0.67–0.62 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  144.93, 128.37, 127.77, 126.10, 82.95, 61.27, 44.67, 39.06, 30.85, 25.00, 24.79, 24.78. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{27}\text{BNaO}_3$ : 313.1945, found: 313.1945.

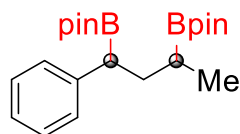
### 2,2'-(1-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)pentane-1,4-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (6a)



White solid; yield 75%, 107 mg (0.23 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.58 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.24 (m, 3H), 2.33 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.97–1.81 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.63 (m, 1H), 1.47–1.52 (m, 1H), 1.38–1.28 (m, 1H), 1.20 (d,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz, 24H), 1.09–0.99 (m, 1H), 0.95 (dd,  $J$  = 6.6, 2.1 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.73, 142.70, 141.22, 137.71, 128.69, 128.59, 126.84, 126.72,

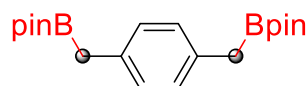
83.18, 82.72, 32.90, 32.86, 31.97, 31.84, 24.72, 24.67, 24.62, 24.53, 15.48, 15.41. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[M+Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{29}H_{42}B_2NaO_4$ : 499.3161, found: 499.3161.

**2,2'-(1-Phenylbutane-1,3-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (6b)**



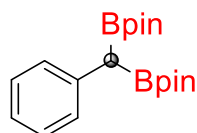
White solid; yield 46%, 53.3 mg (0.14 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.25–7.18 (m, 4H), 7.10–7.07 (m, 1H), 2.46–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.07–1.81 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.57 (m, 1H), 1.23–1.16 (m, 24H), 0.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  143.44, 143.33, 128.55, 128.48, 128.14, 128.12, 124.96, 124.93, 83.08, 82.69, 35.64, 35.35, 24.74, 24.70, 24.59, 24.54, 15.60, 15.18. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[M+Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{22}H_{36}B_2NaO_4$ : 409.2691, found: 409.2691.

**1,4-Bis((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)benzene (6c)<sup>59</sup>**



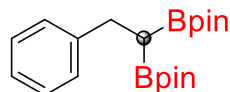
White solid; yield 85%, 91.5 mg (0.26 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.05 (s, 4H), 2.23 (s, 4H), 1.22 (s, 24H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  134.66, 128.86, 83.22, 24.64. (benzylic carbon was not observed).

**2,2'-(Phenylmethylene)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (8a)<sup>61</sup>**



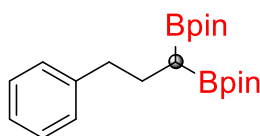
White solid; yield 49%, 50.7 mg (0.15 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.10–7.04 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 1H), 1.23 (s, 12H), 1.21 (s, 12H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  139.48, 129.13, 127.92, 124.15, 83.33, 24.66, 24.57.

**2,2'-(2-Phenylethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (8b)<sup>62</sup>**



White solid; yield 72%, 77.3 mg (0.22 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.22 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 4H), 7.14–7.07 (m, 1H), 2.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 1.18–1.13 (m, 25H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  128.32, 127.93, 125.31, 83.07, 31.26, 24.74, 24.48.

**2,2'-(3-Phenylpropane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (8c)<sup>63</sup>**



White solid; yield 53%, 59.5 mg (0.3 mmol); Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.26–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.11 (m, 3H), 2.65–2.53 (m, 2H), 1.92–1.80 (m, 2H), 1.24 (s, 12H), 1.23 (s, 12H), 0.81 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.87, 128.53, 128.06, 125.44, 82.93, 38.66, 27.94, 24.85, 24.45.

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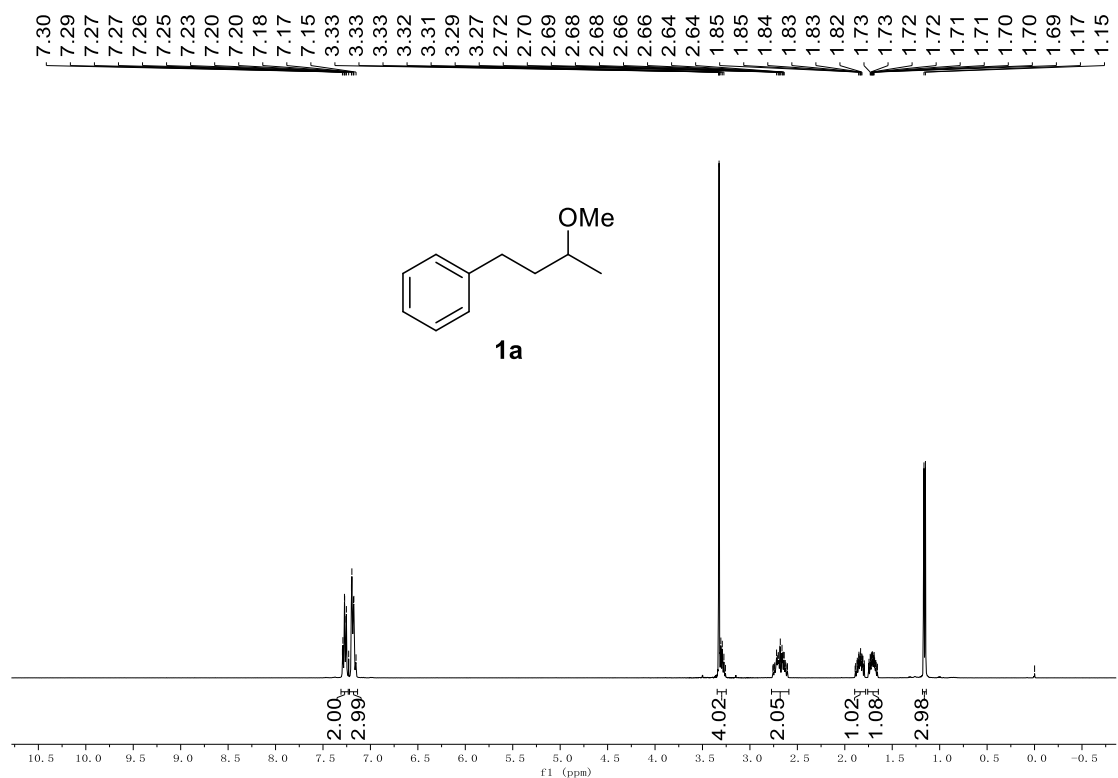
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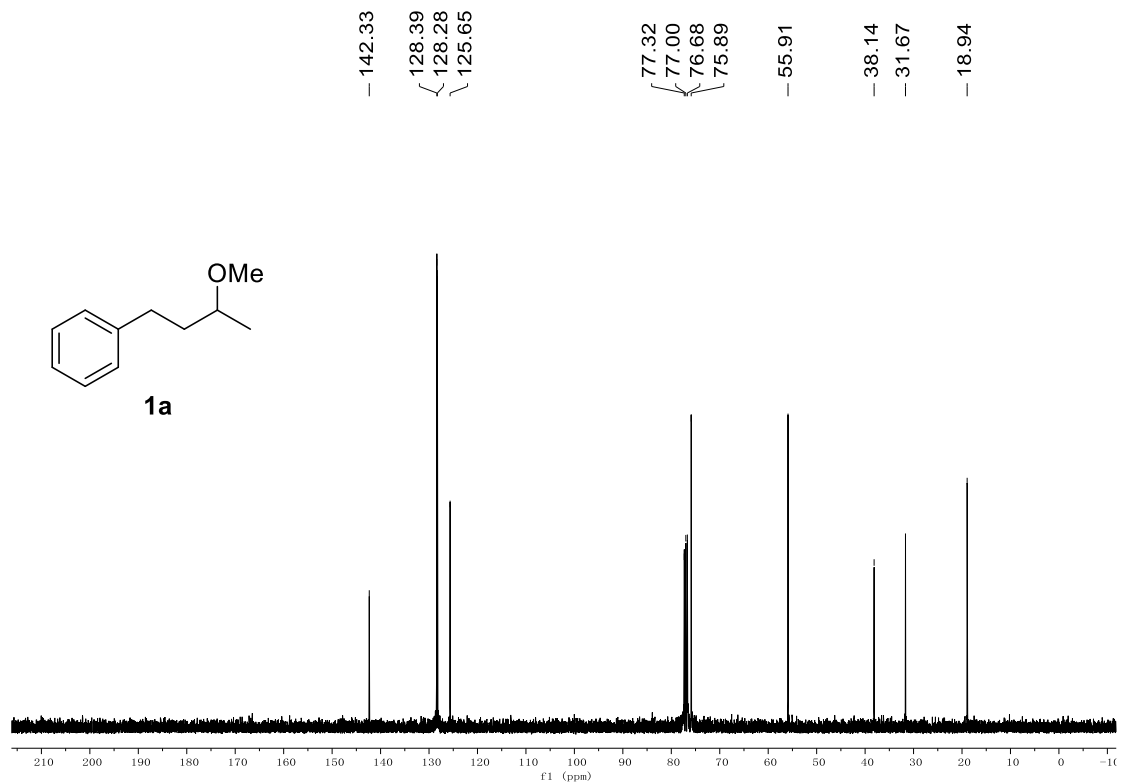
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## 12. NMR spectra of starting substrates and products

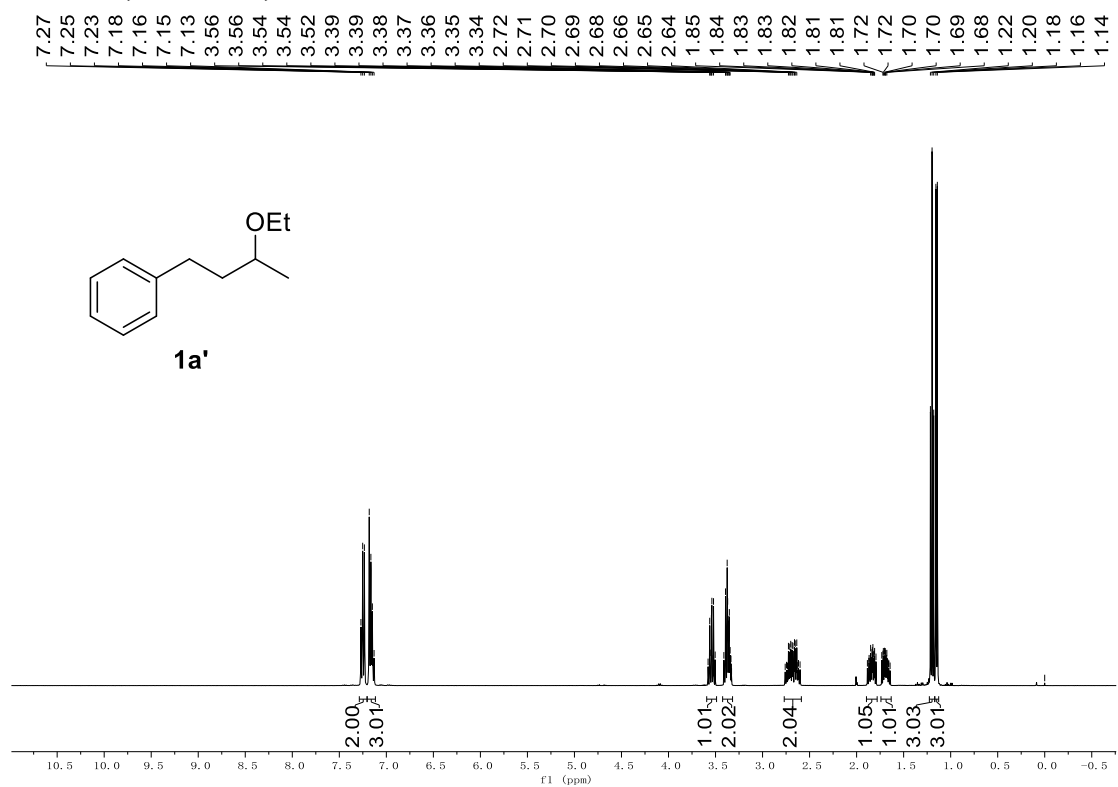
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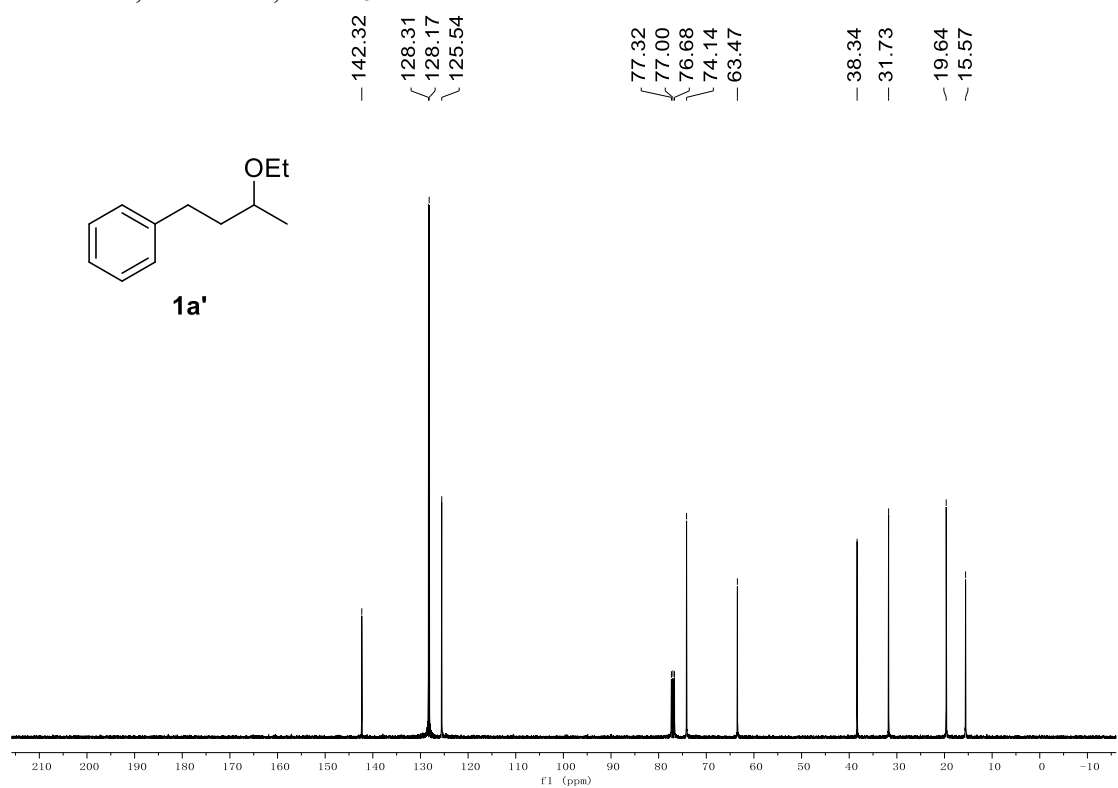
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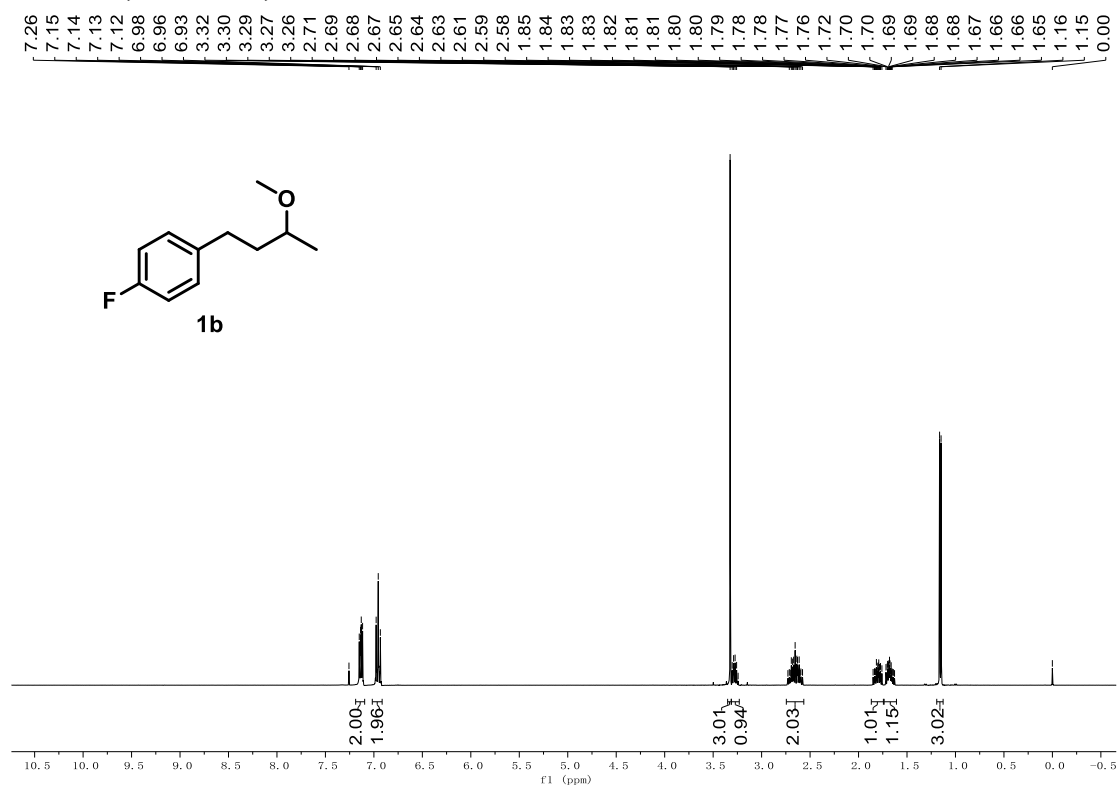
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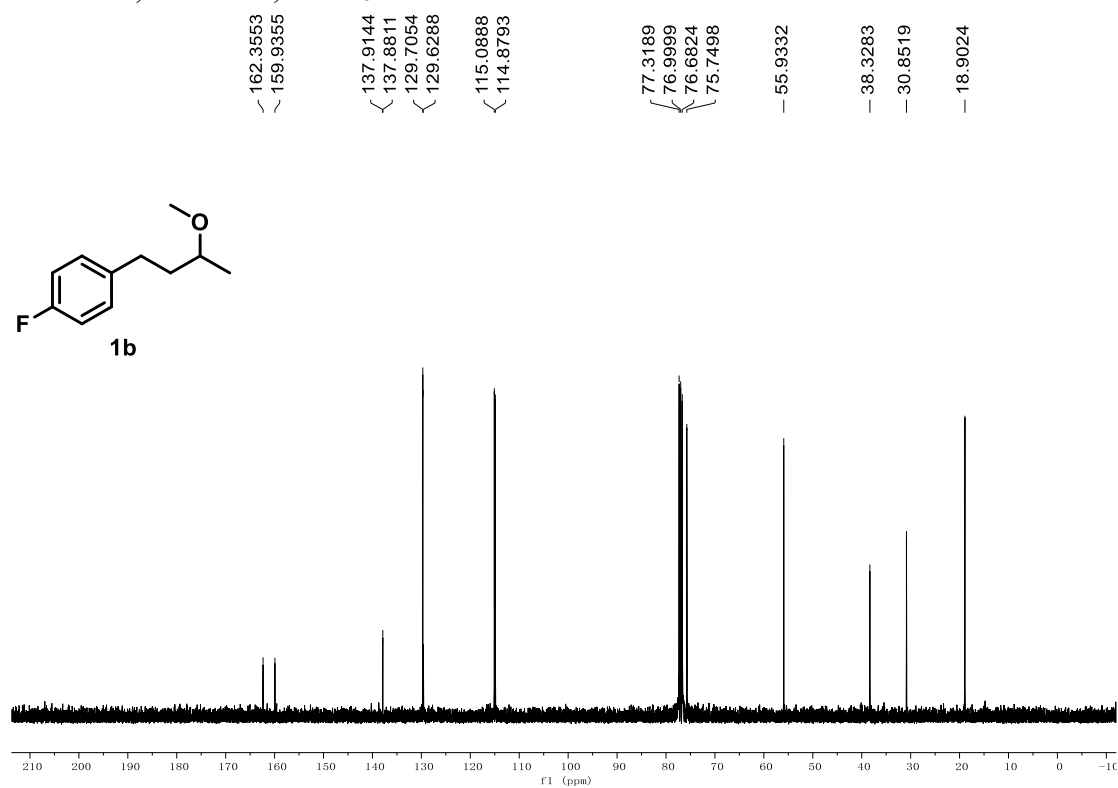
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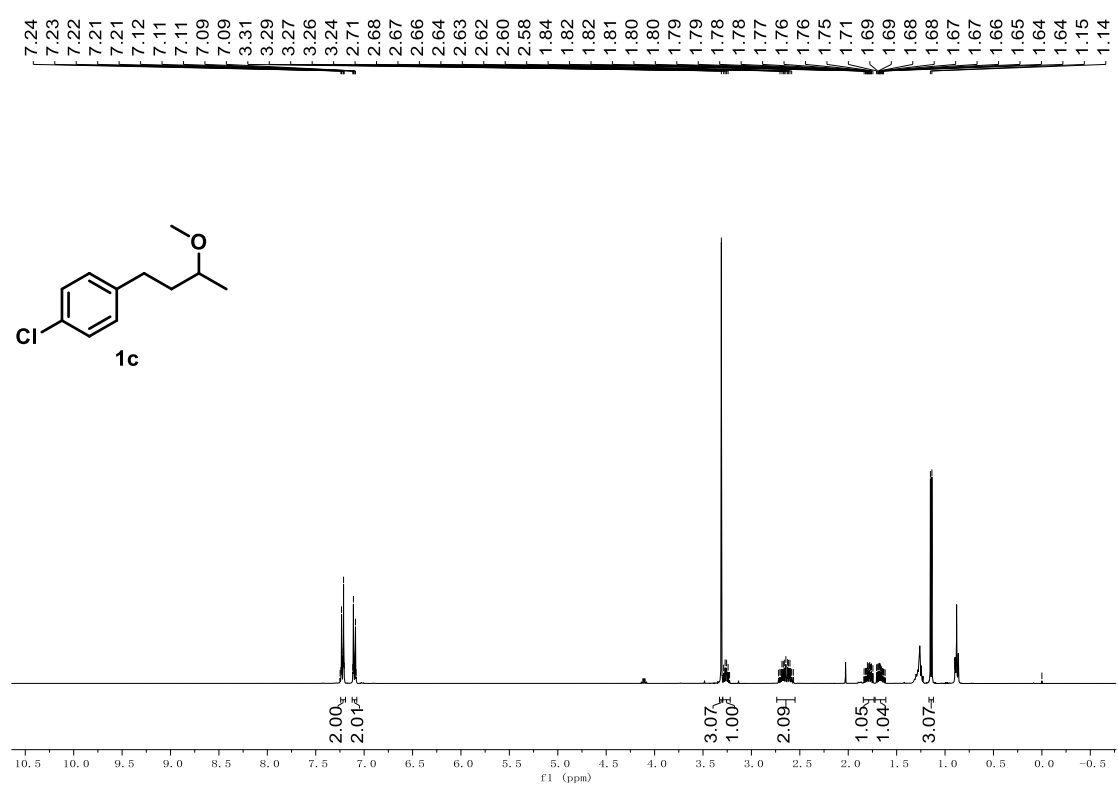
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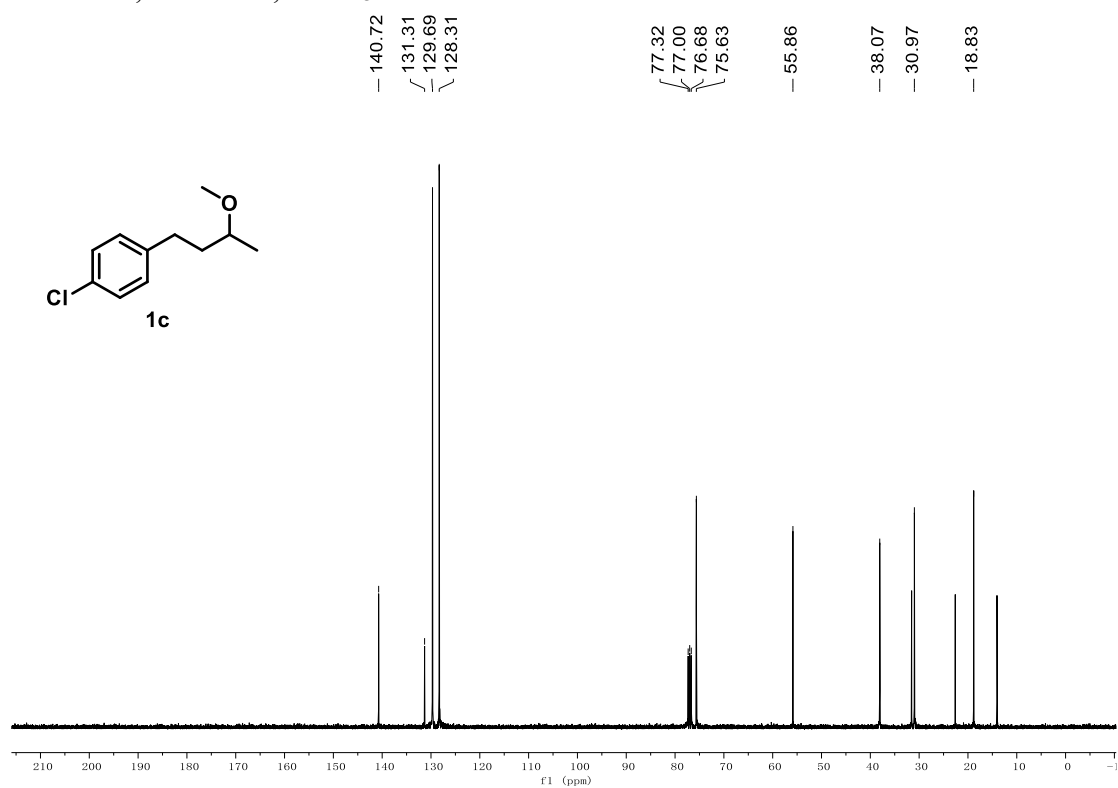
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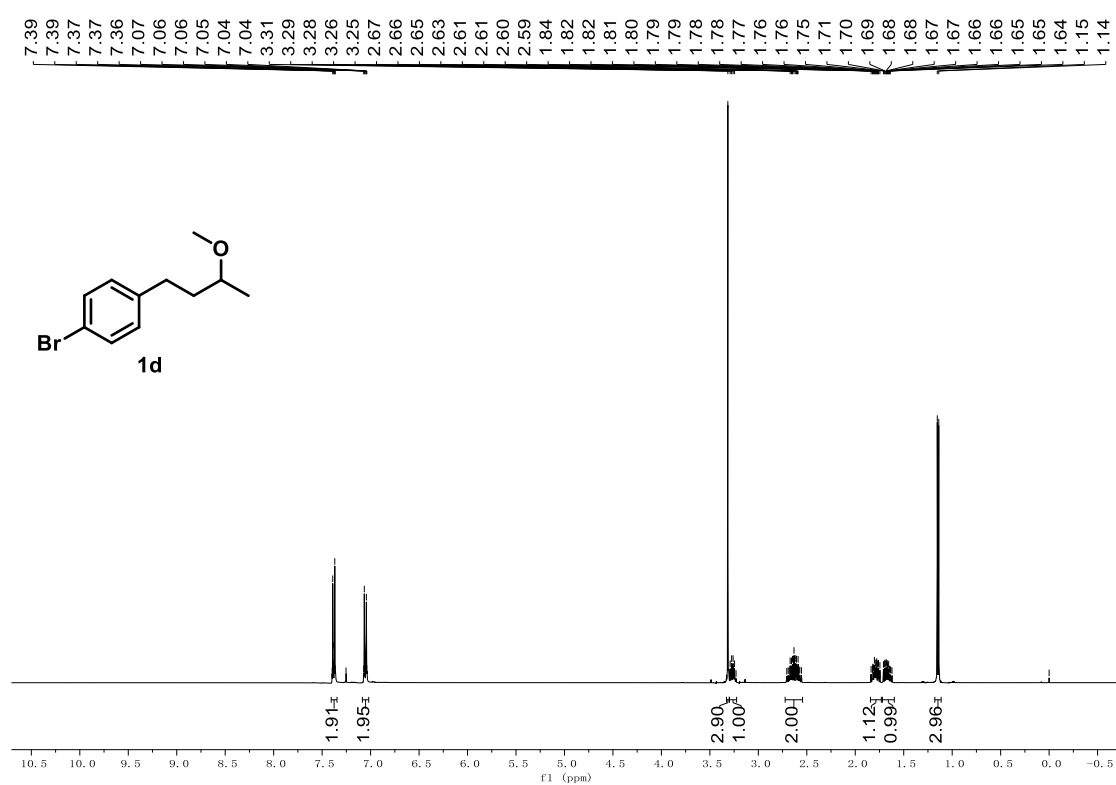
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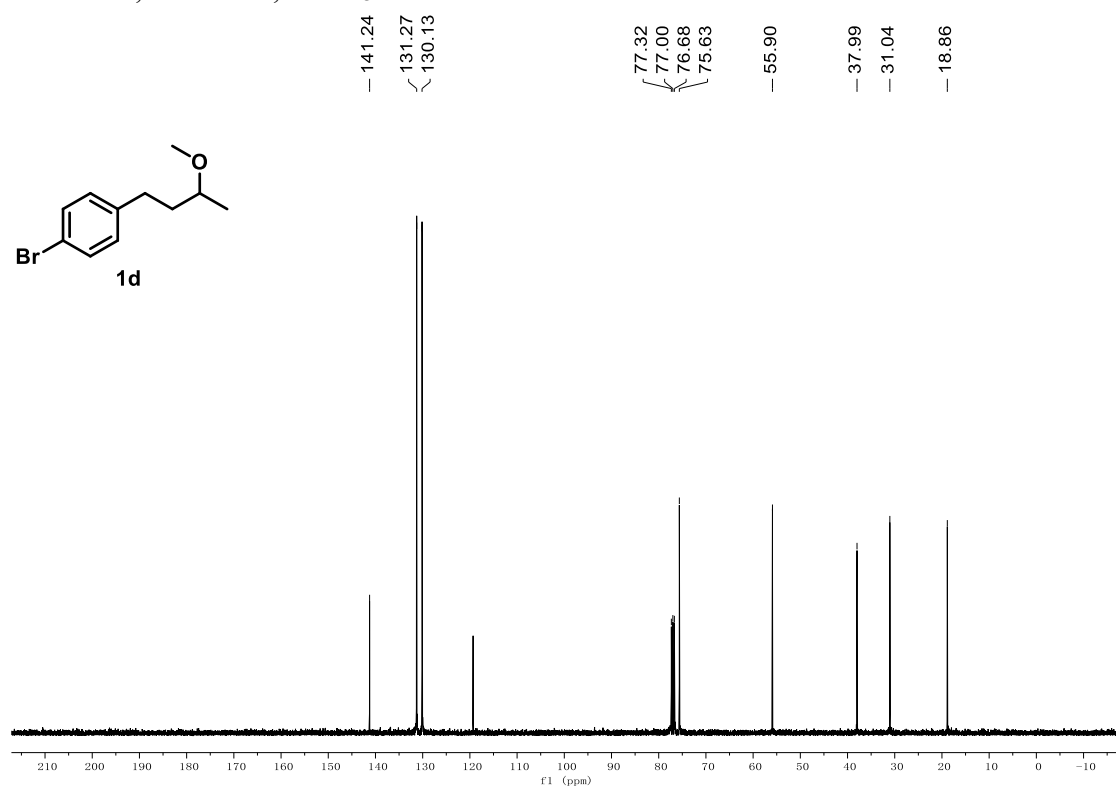
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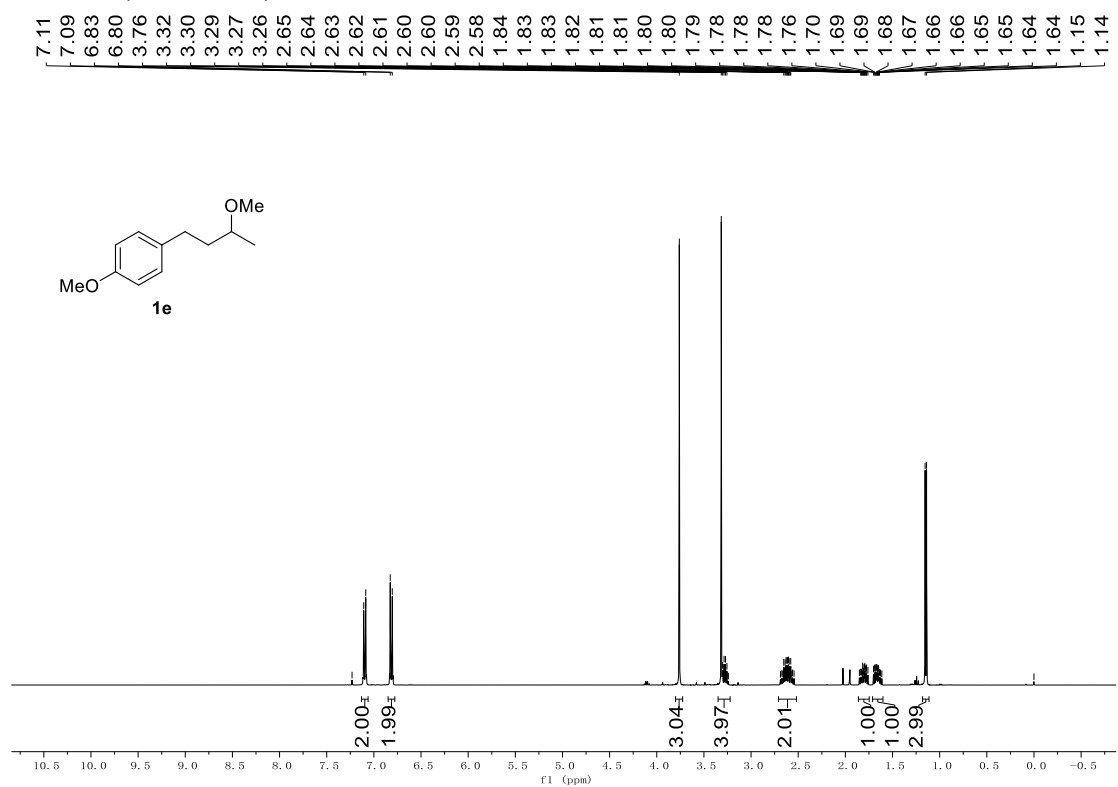
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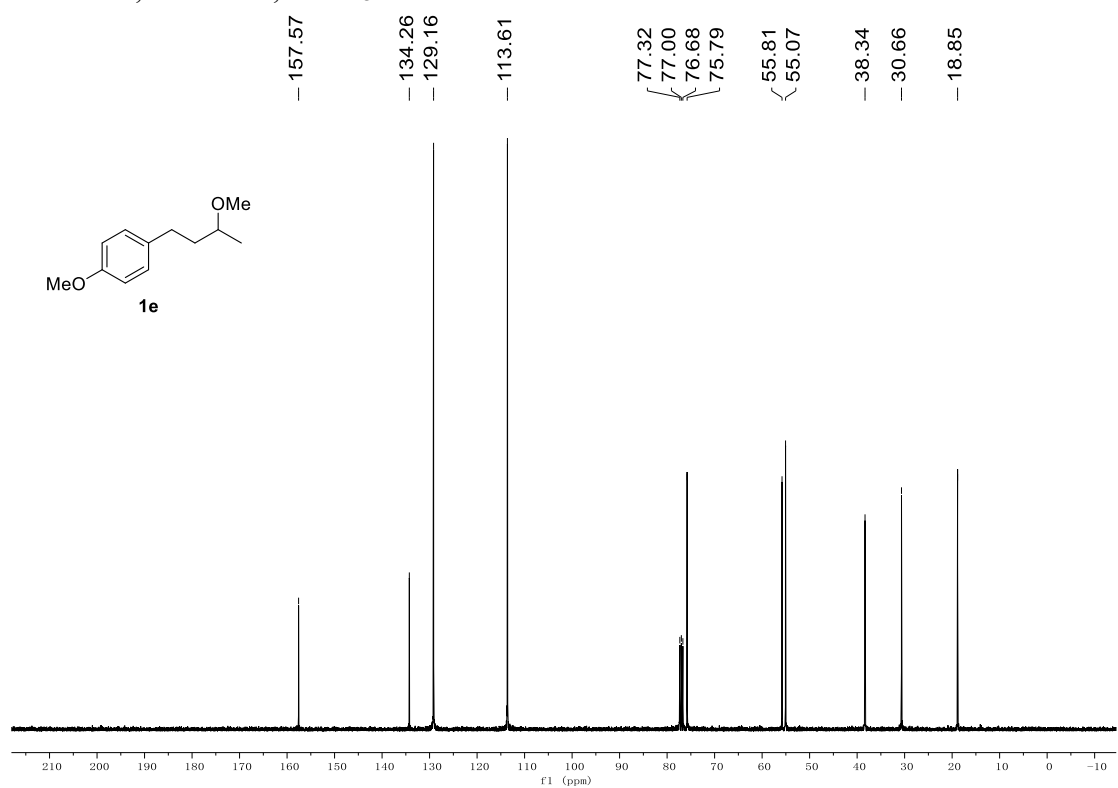
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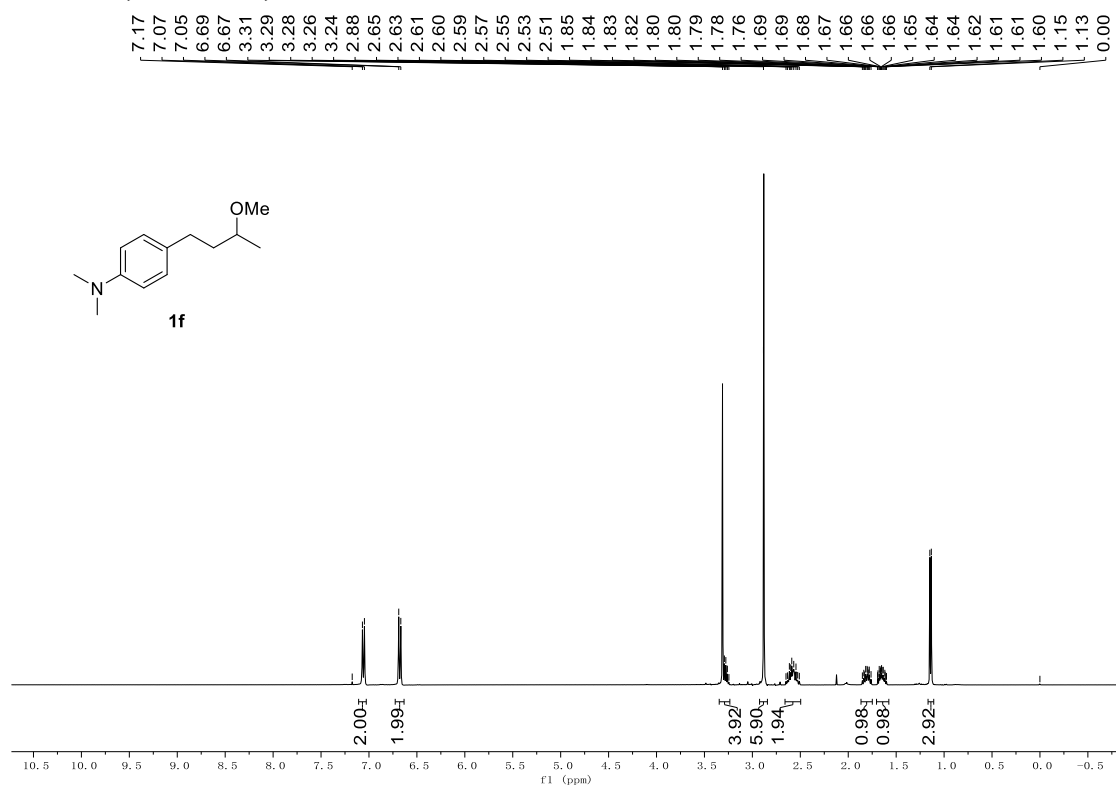
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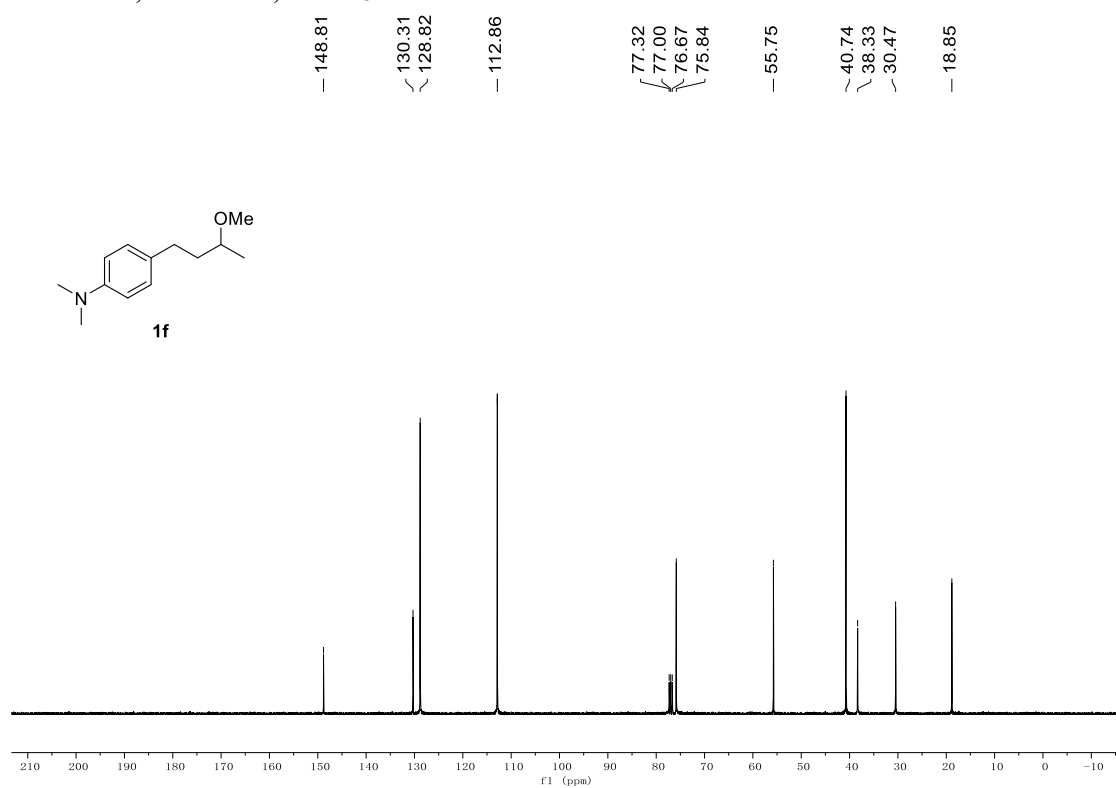
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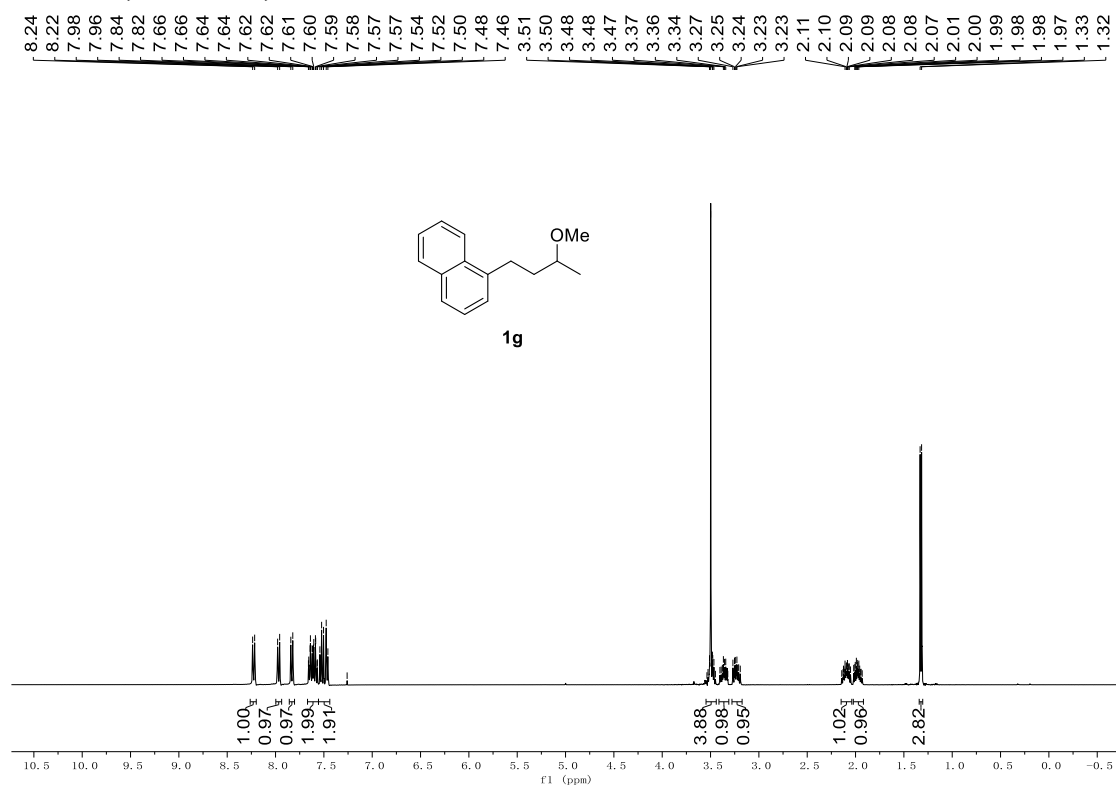
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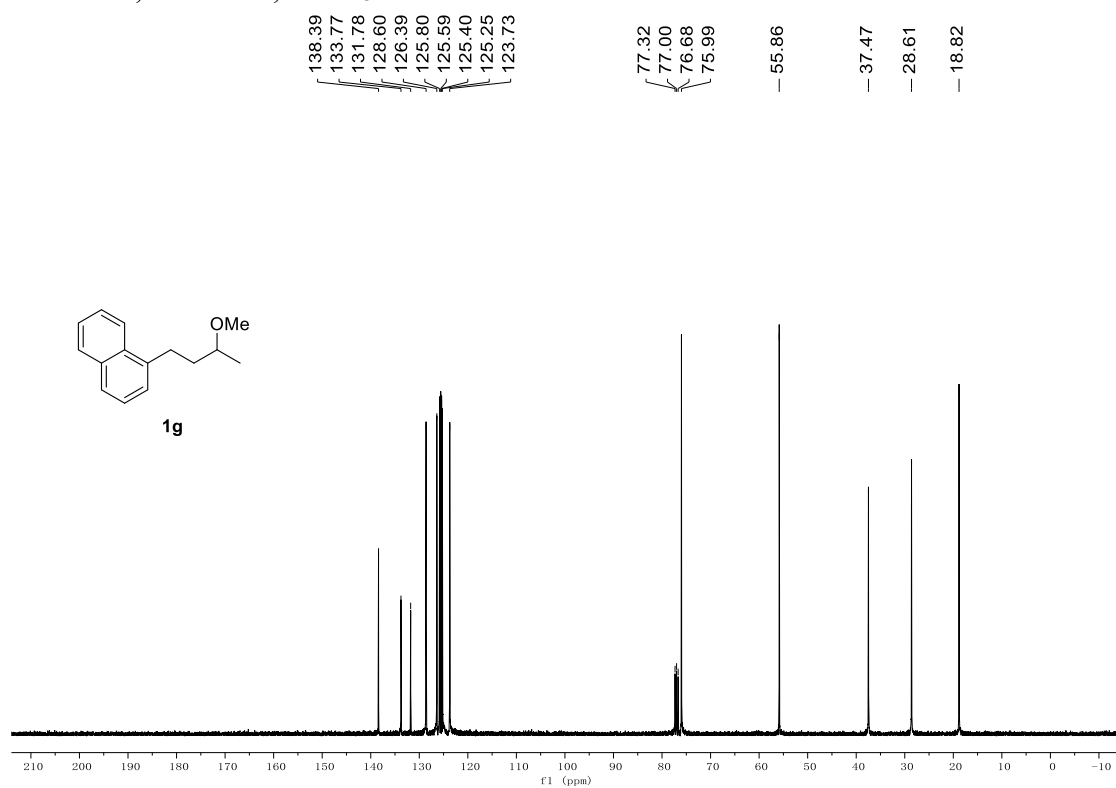
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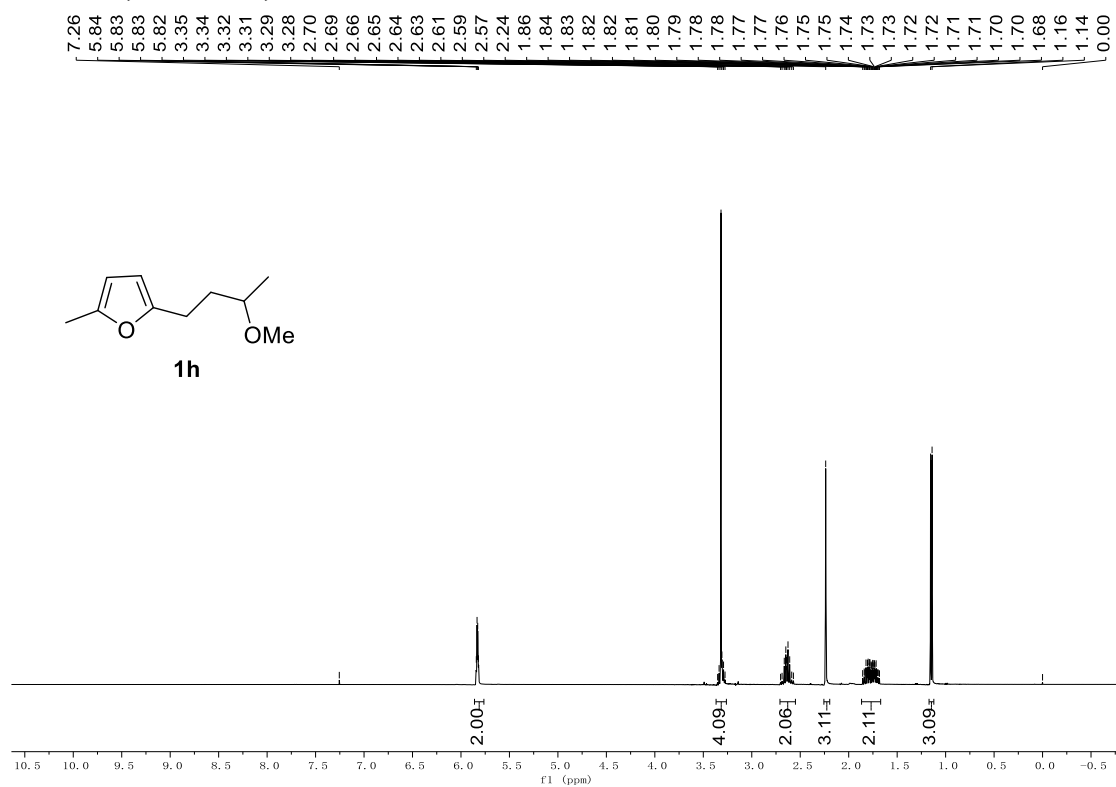
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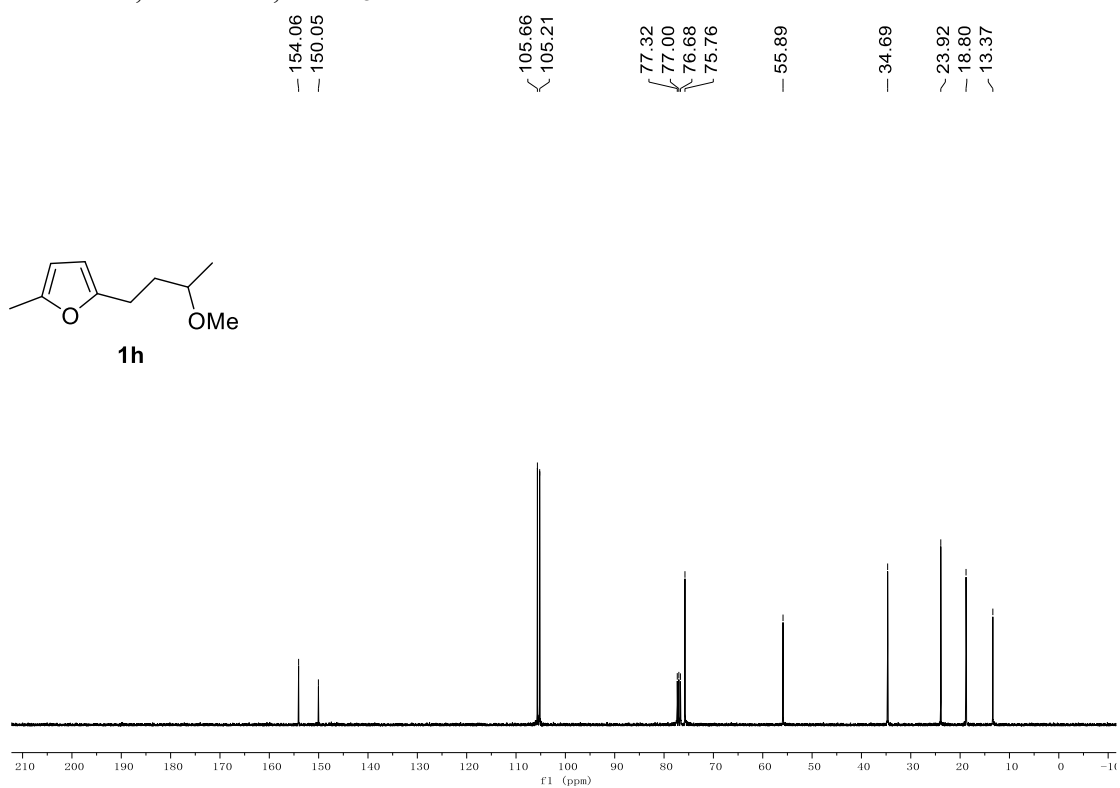
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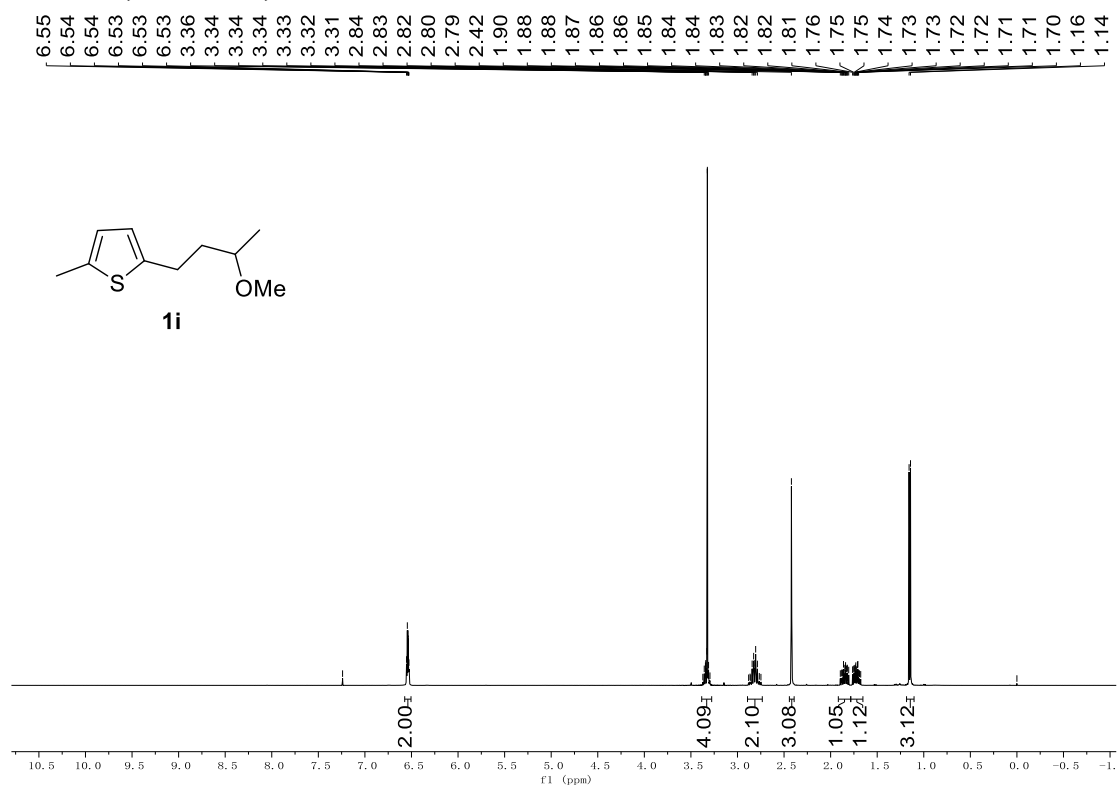
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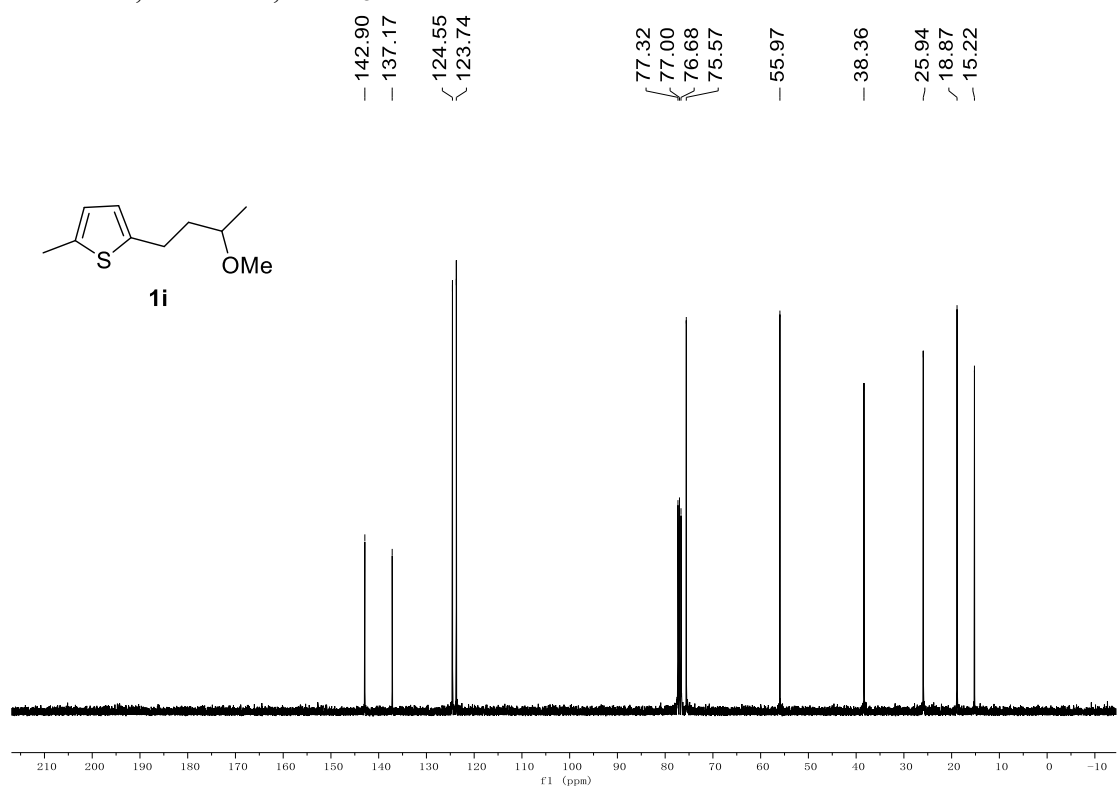
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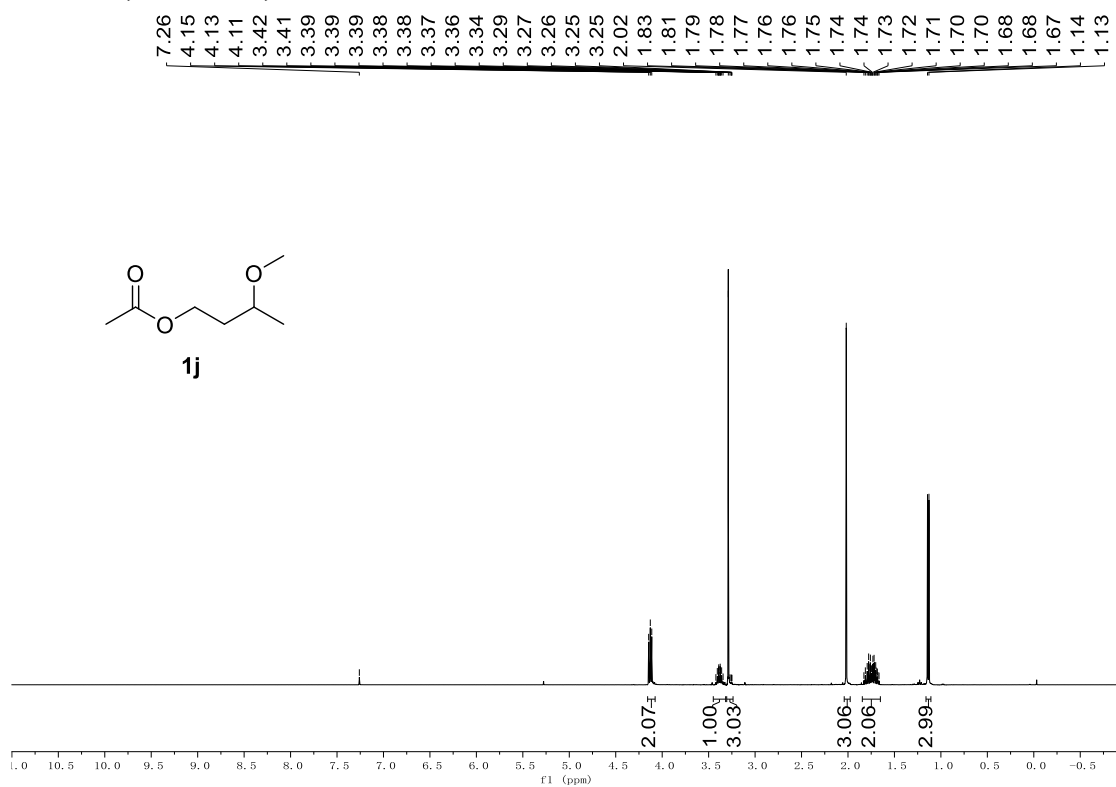
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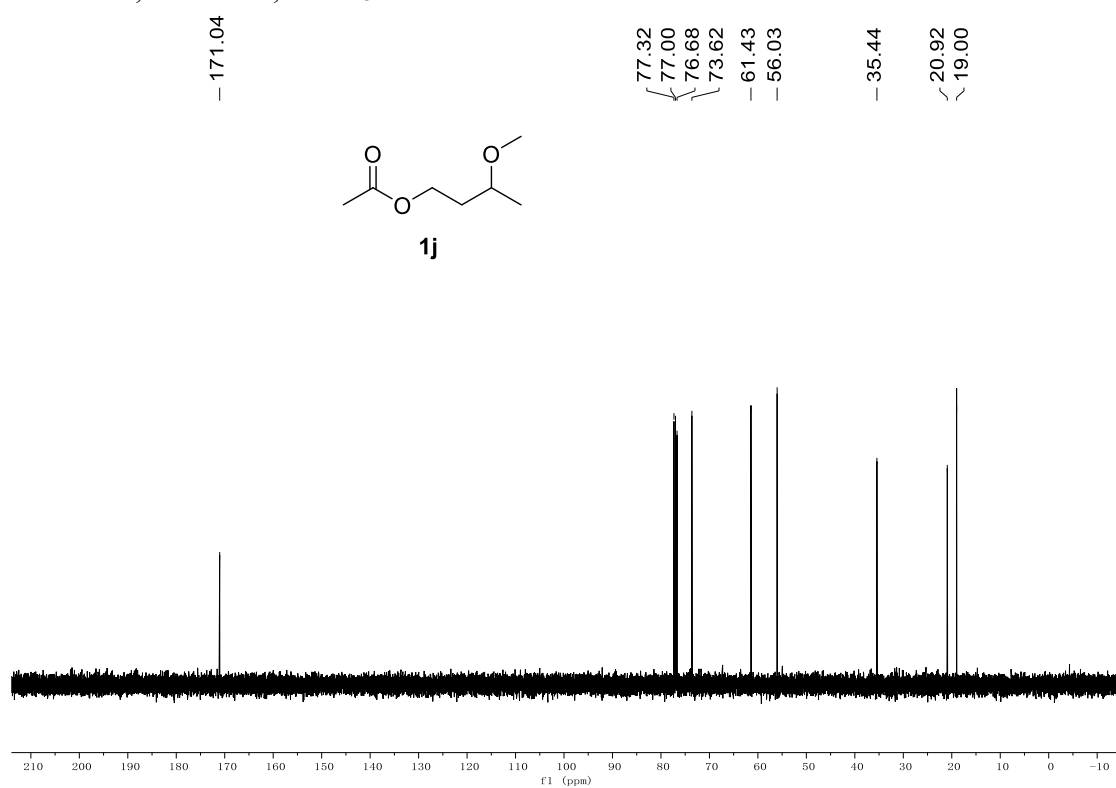
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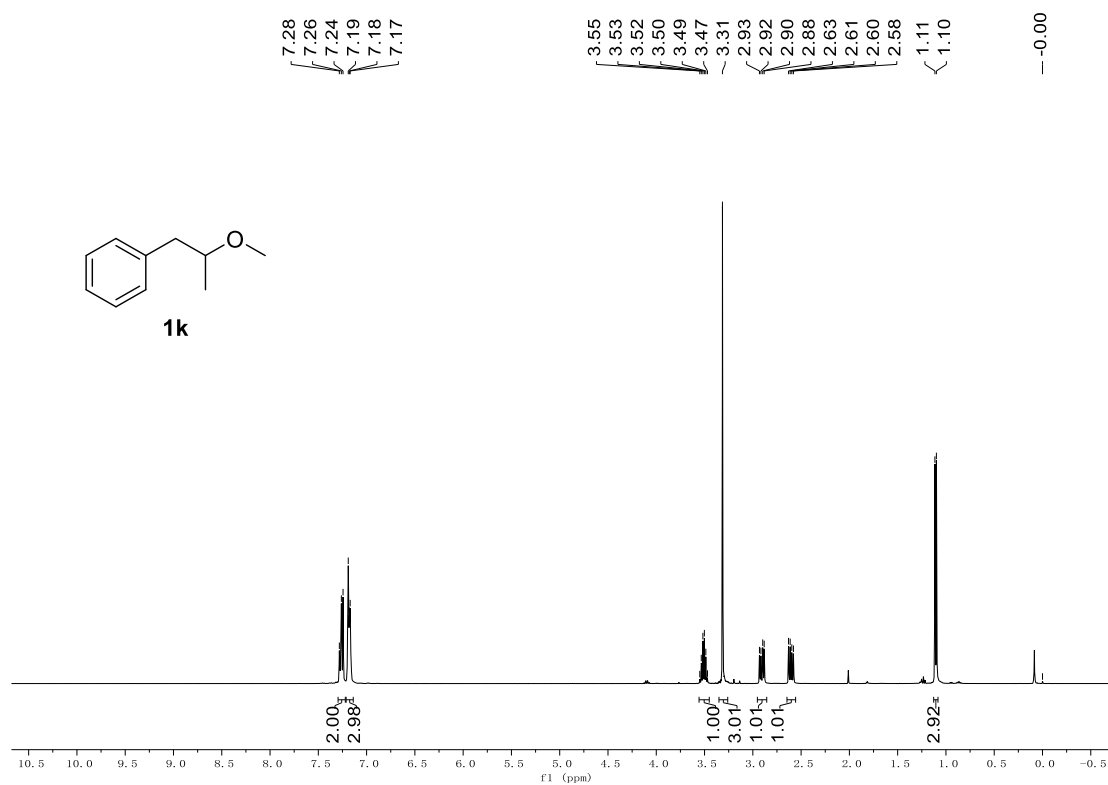
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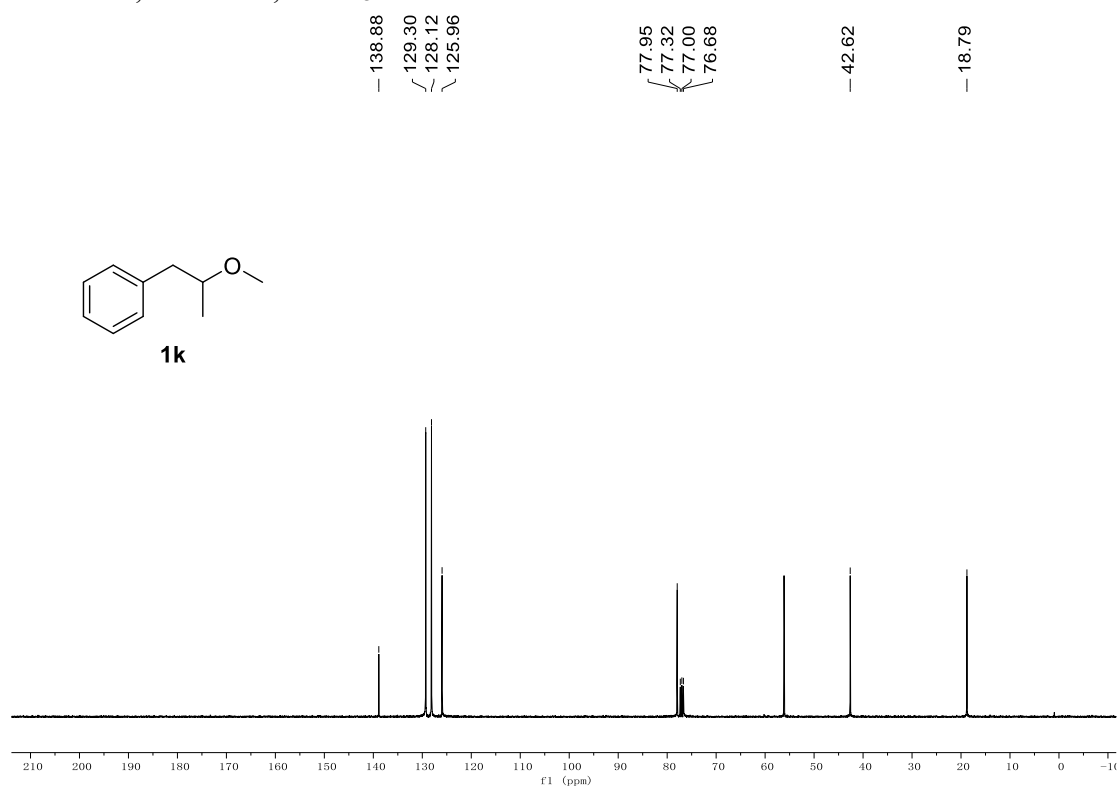
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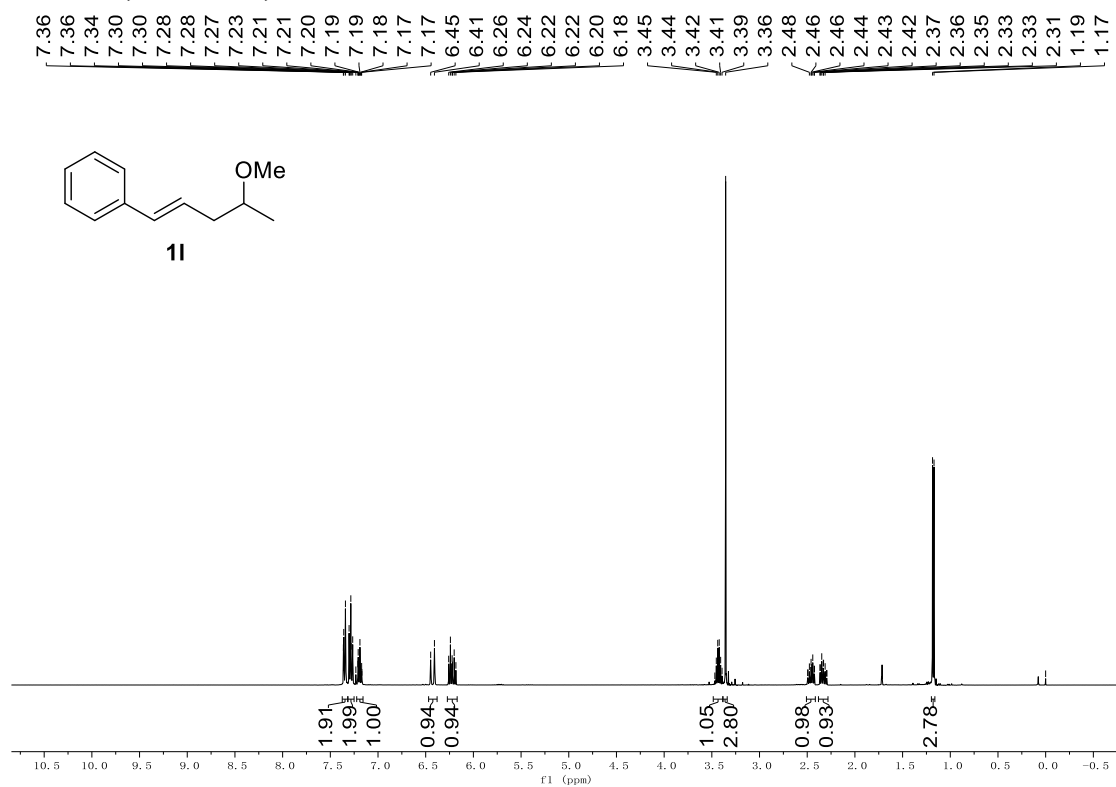
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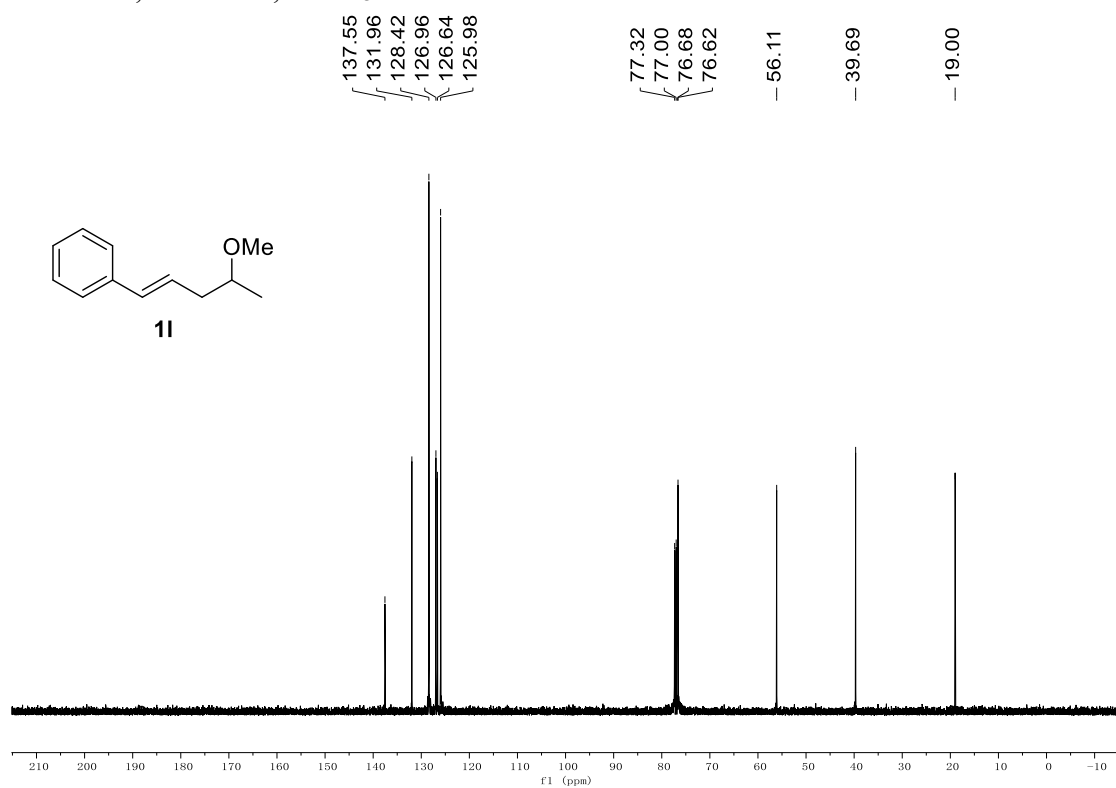
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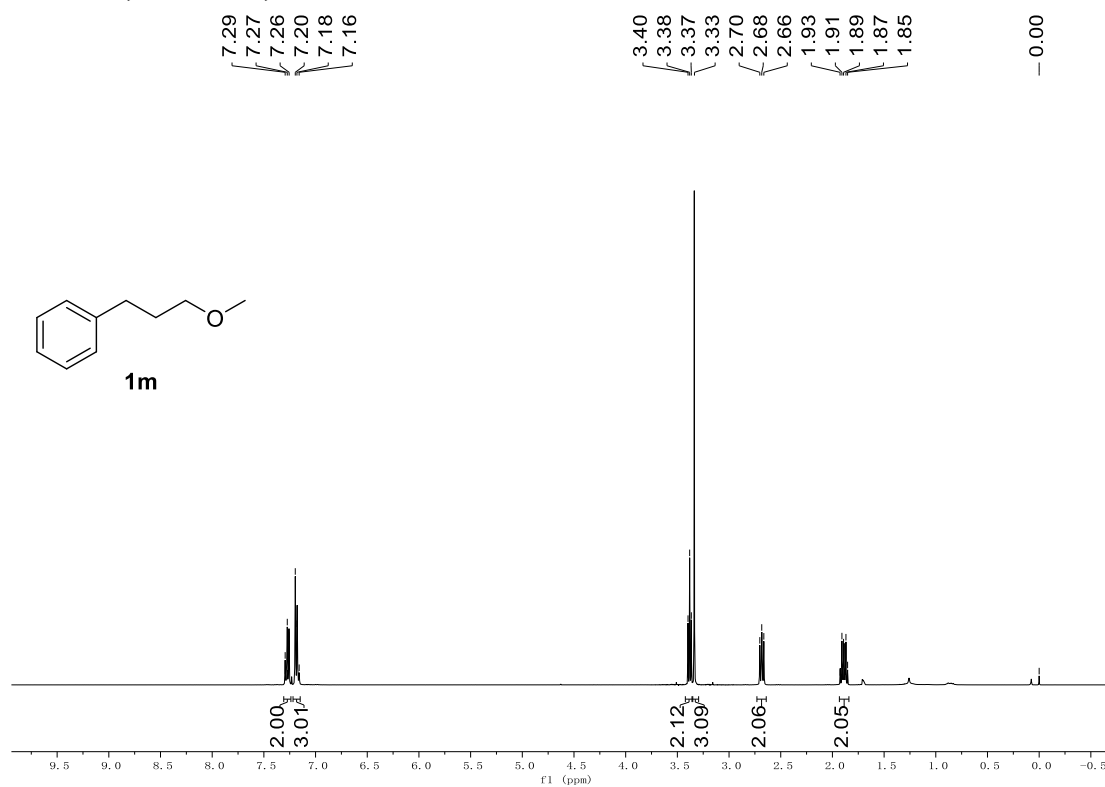
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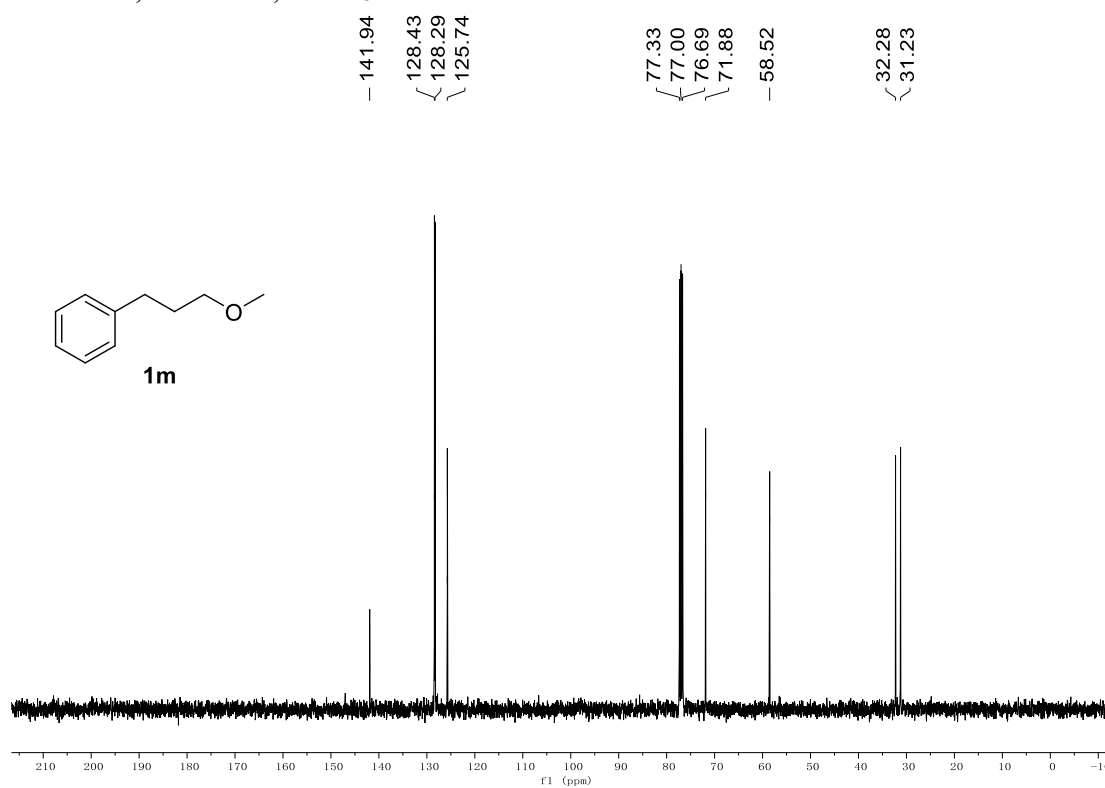
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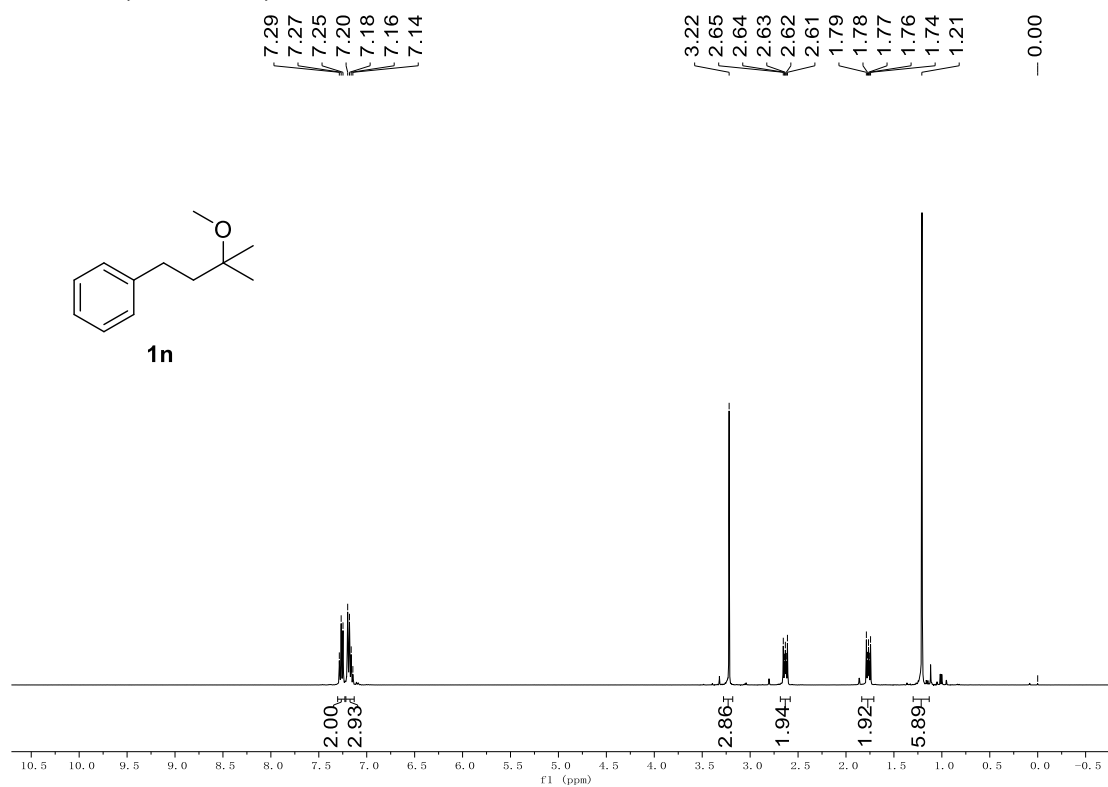
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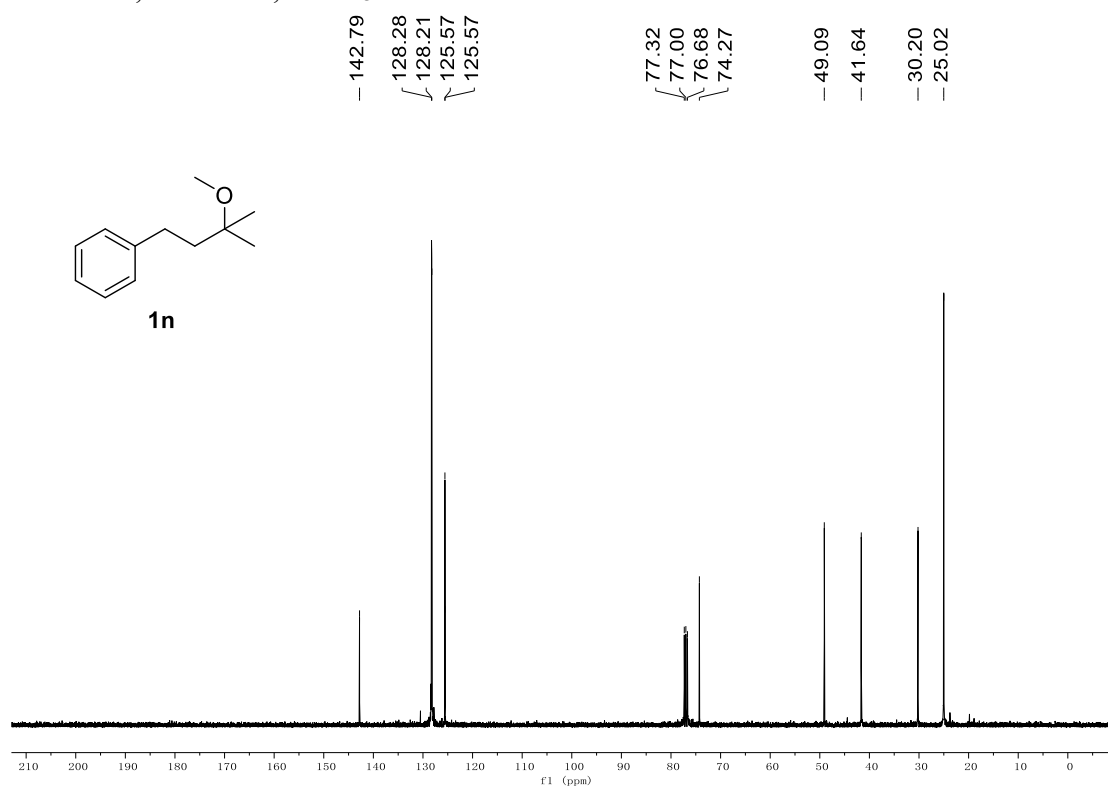
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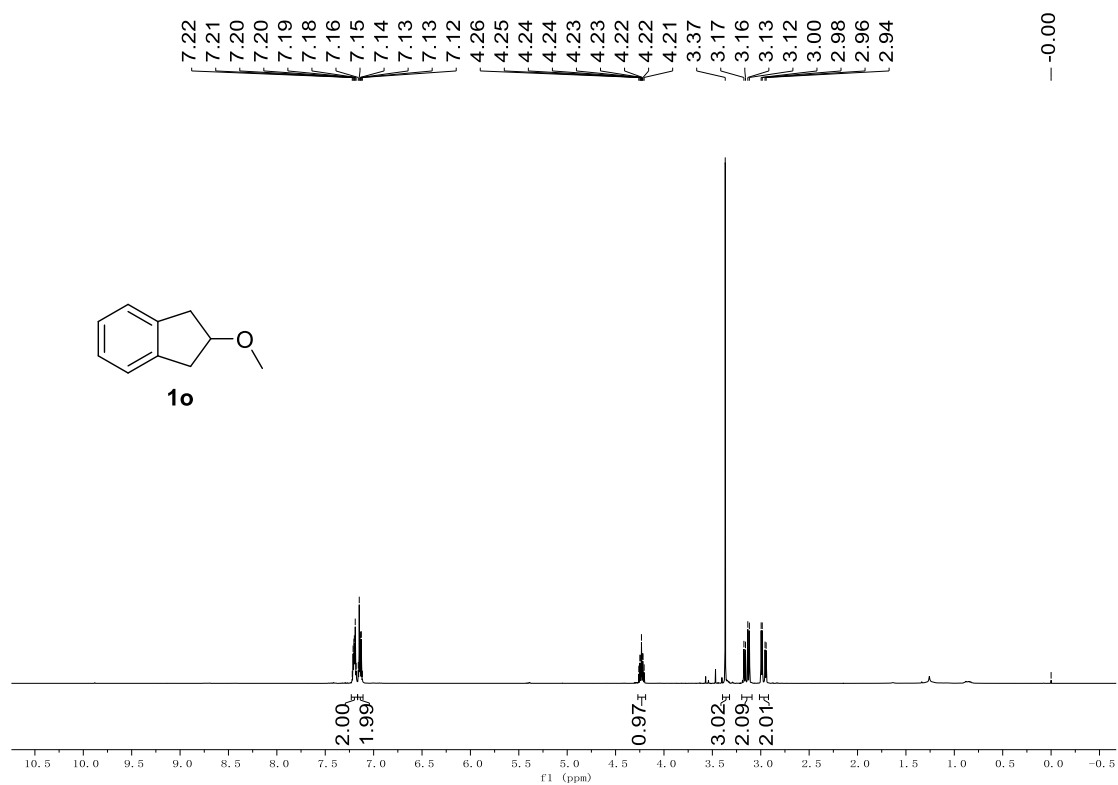
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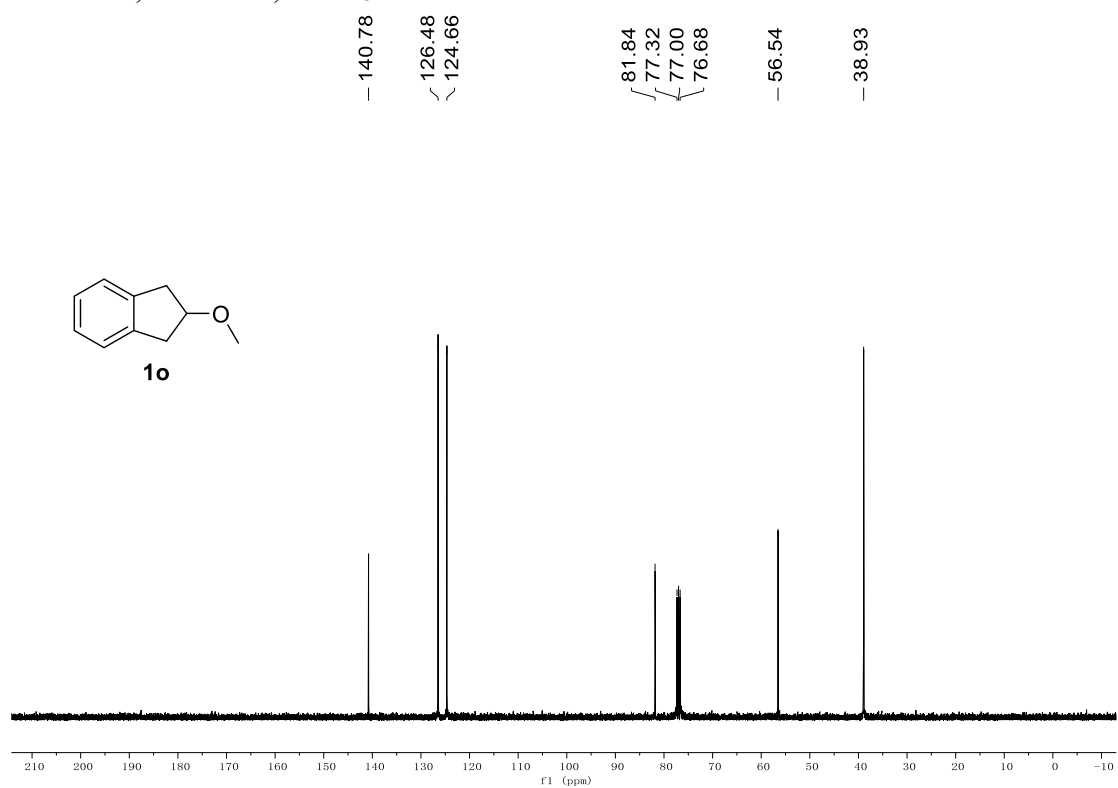
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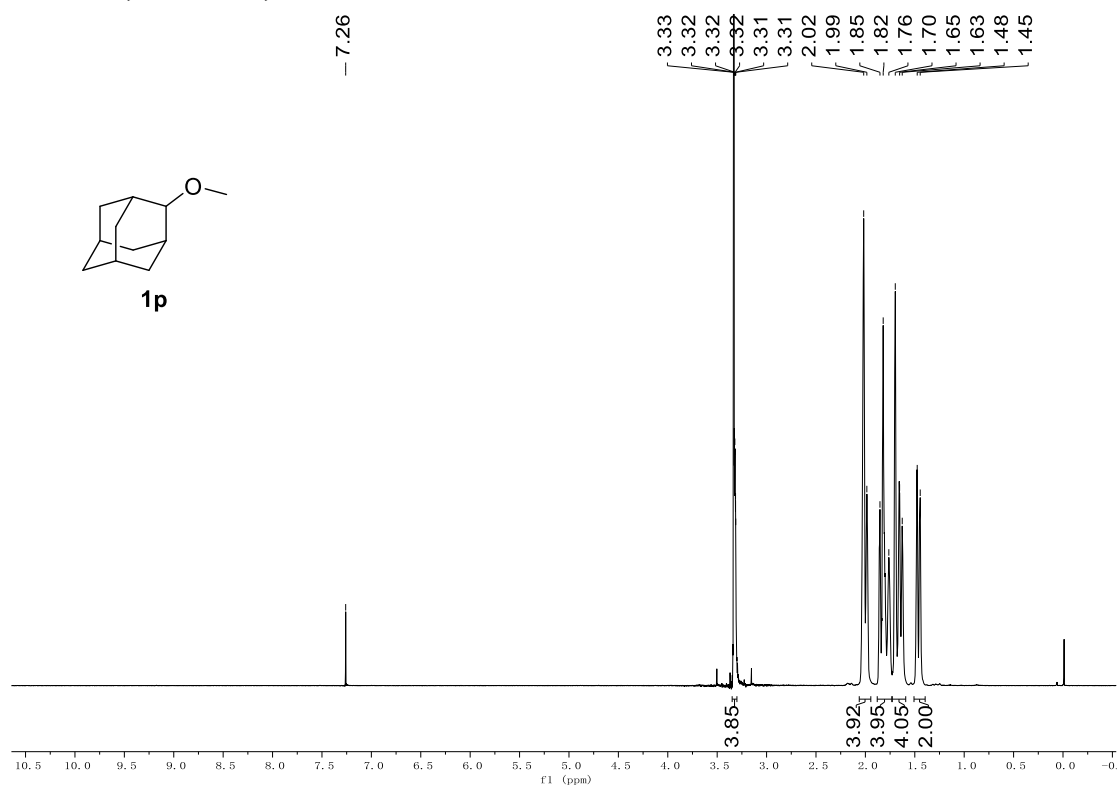
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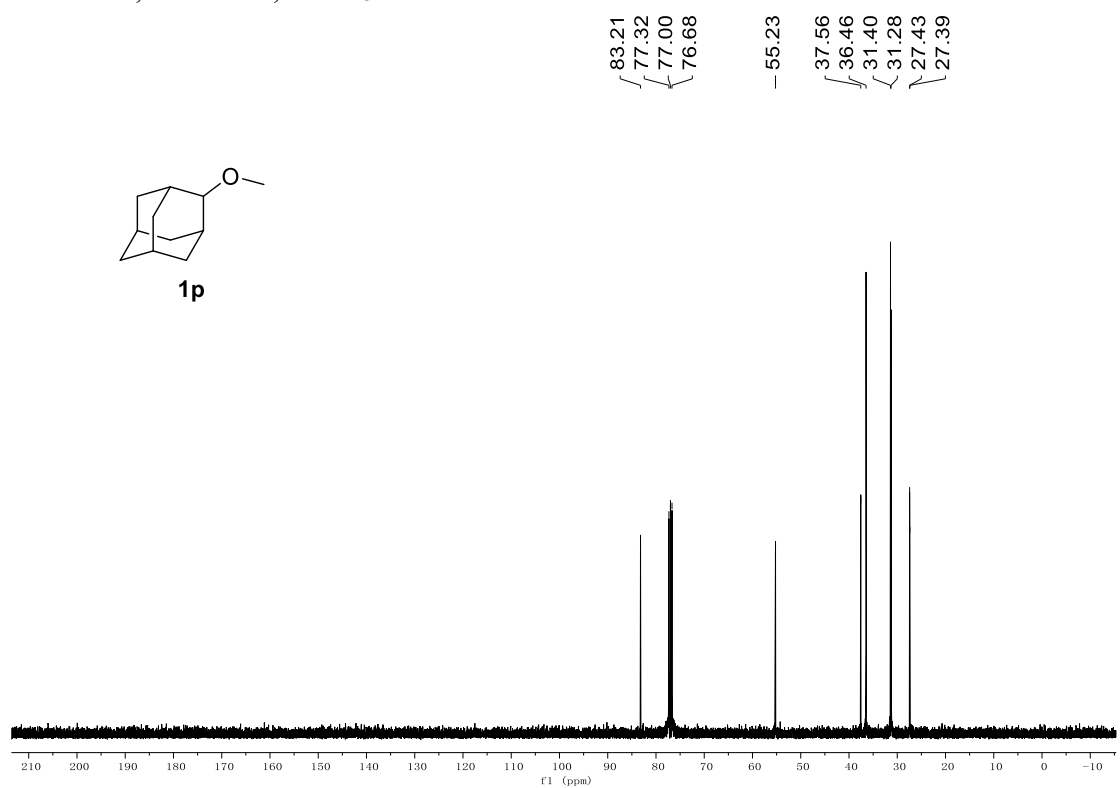
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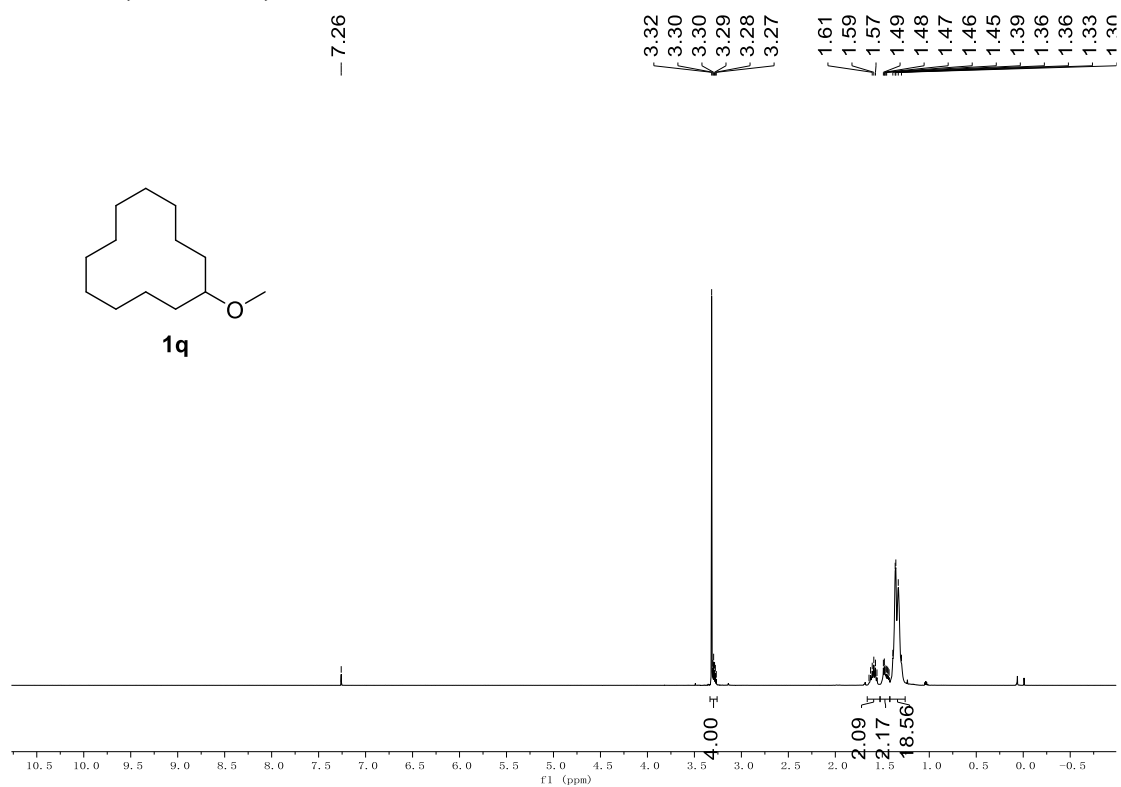
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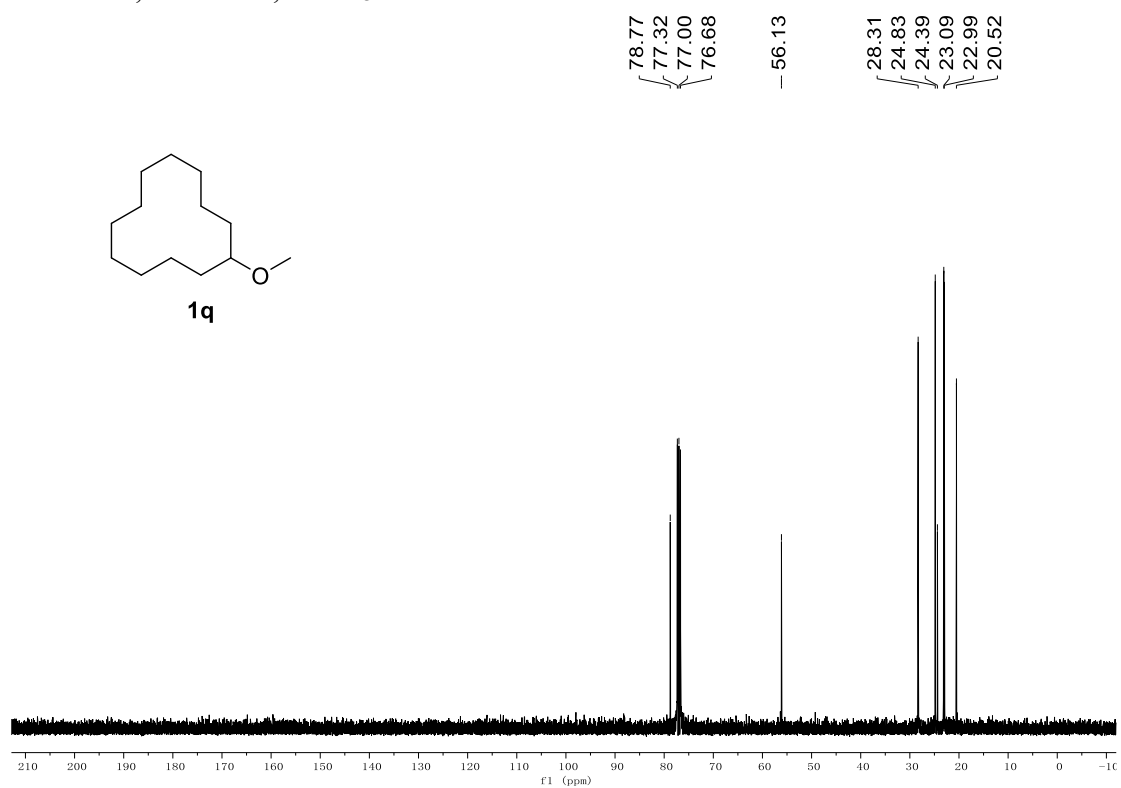
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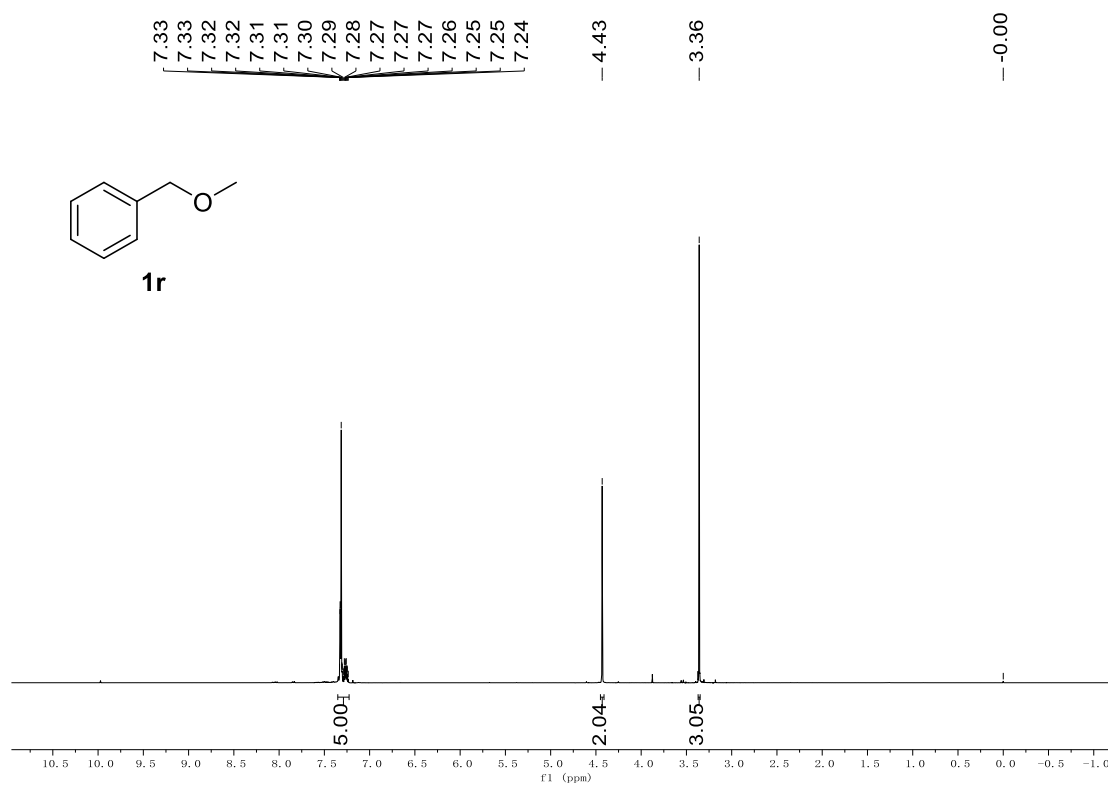
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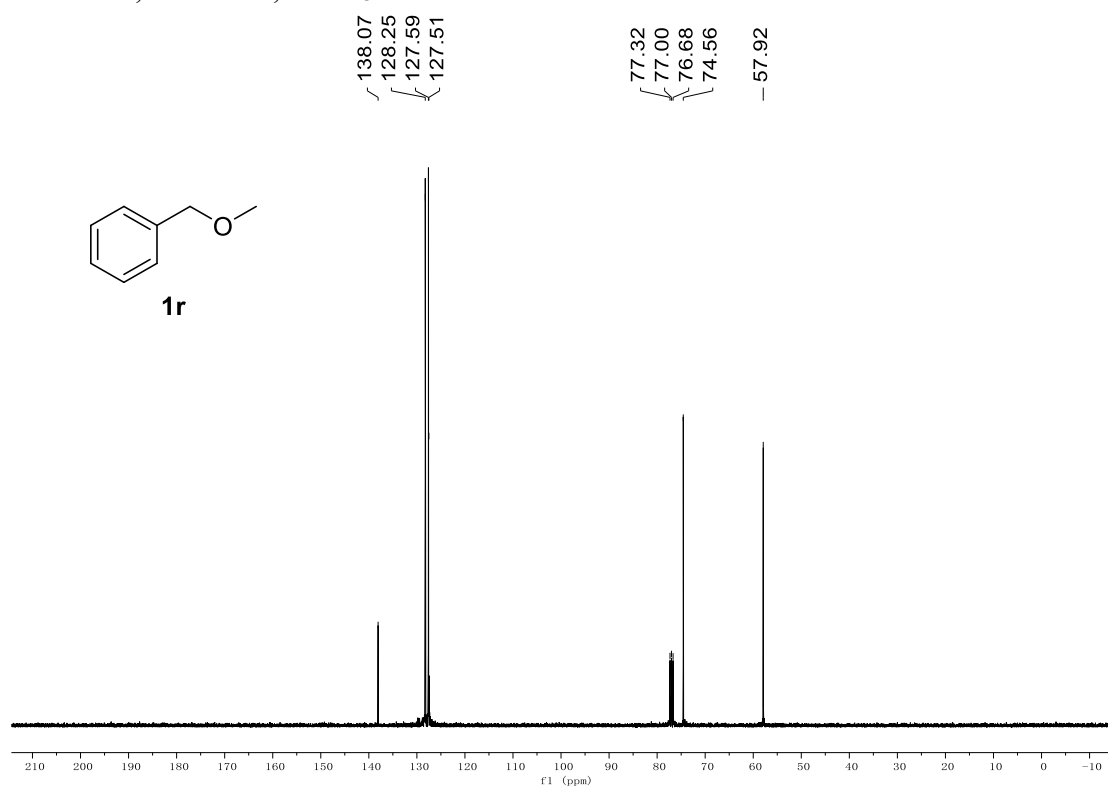
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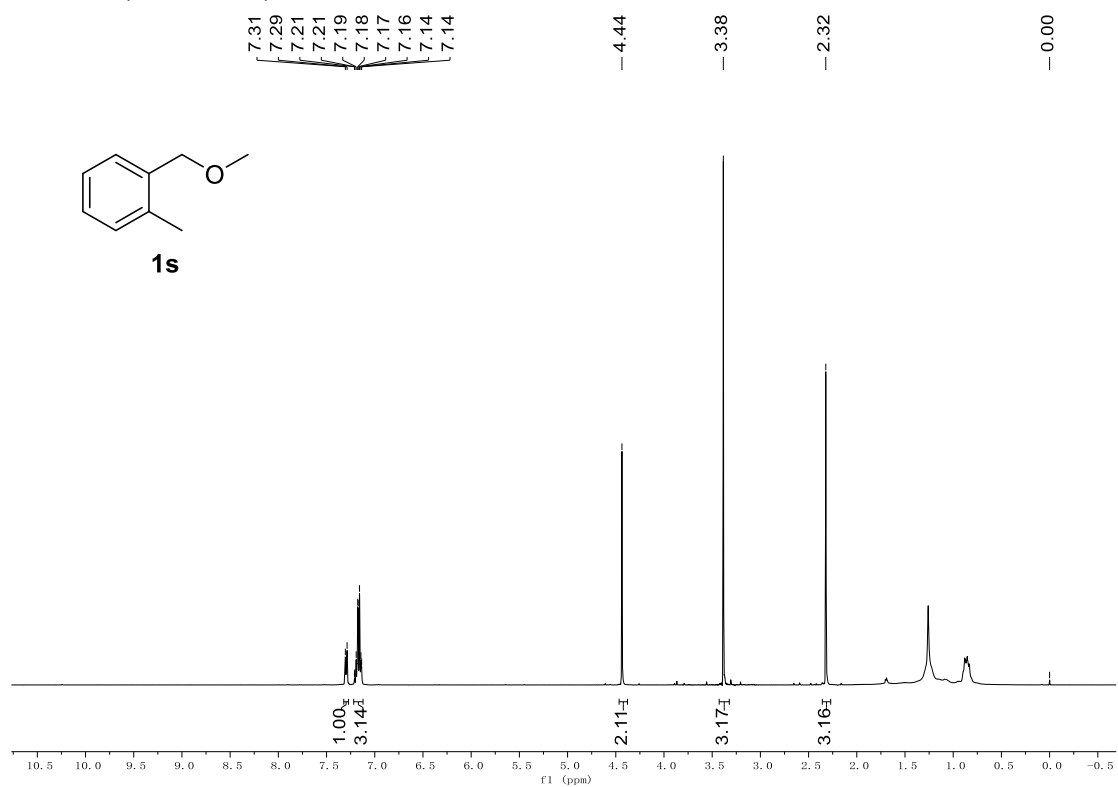
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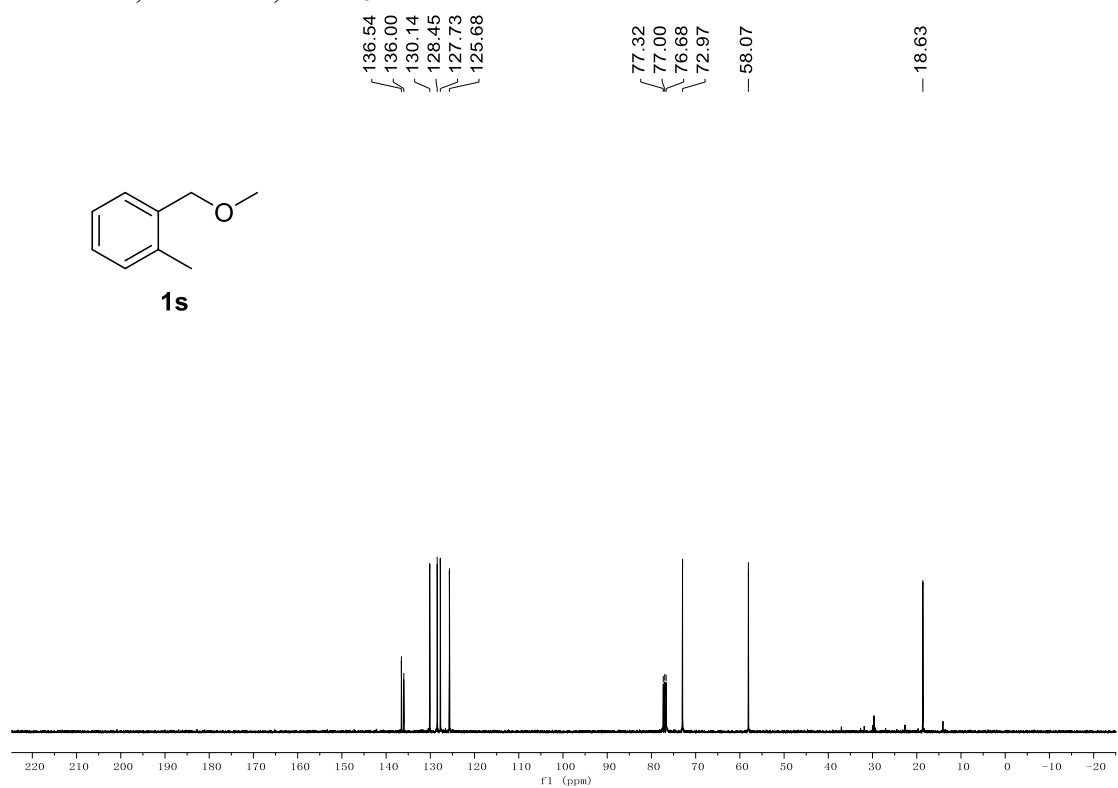
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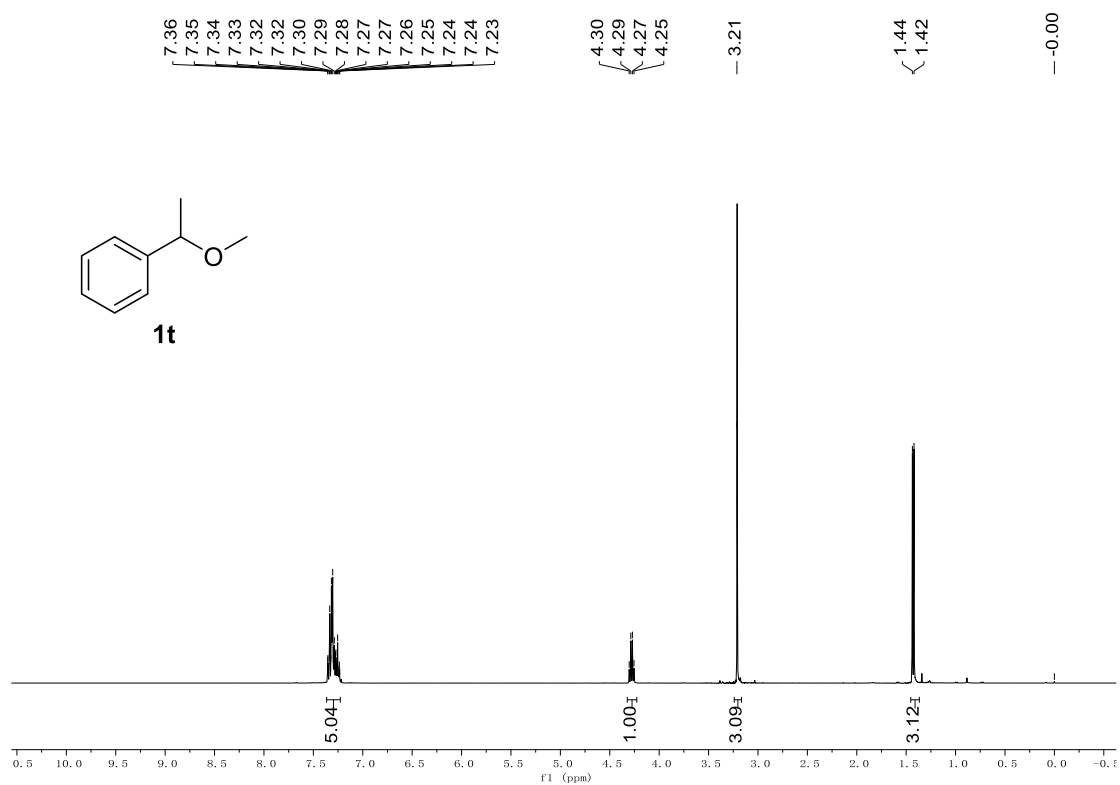
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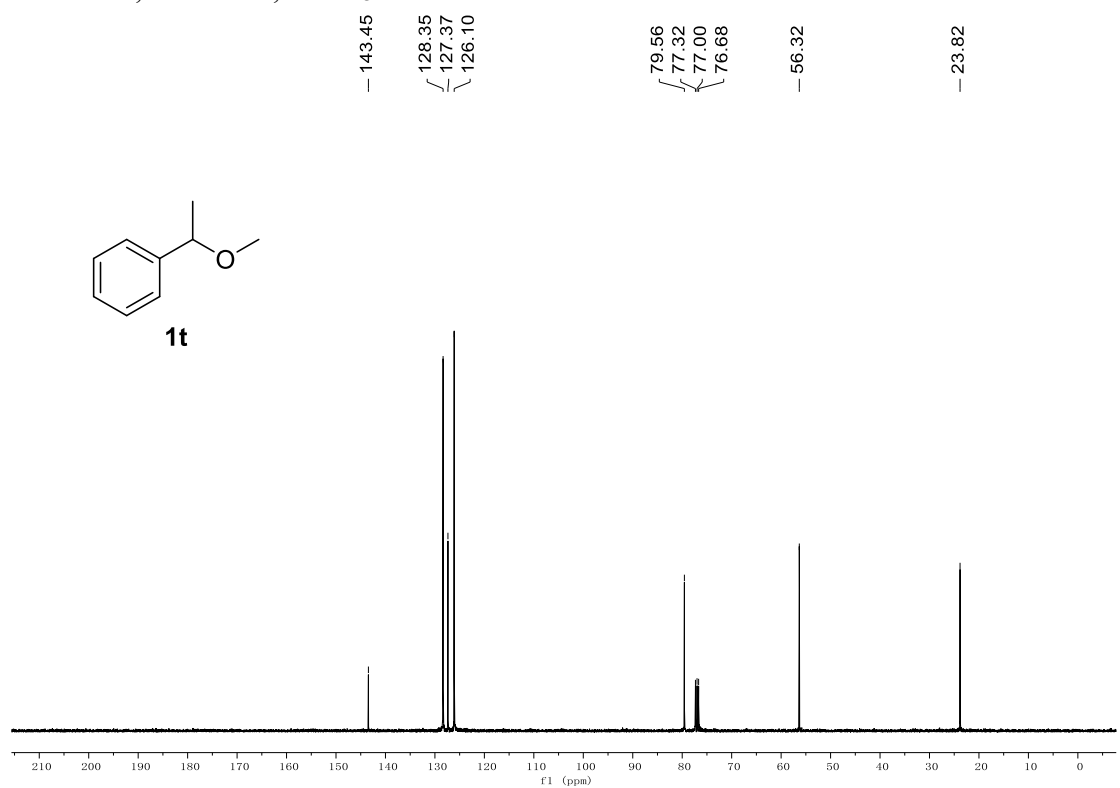
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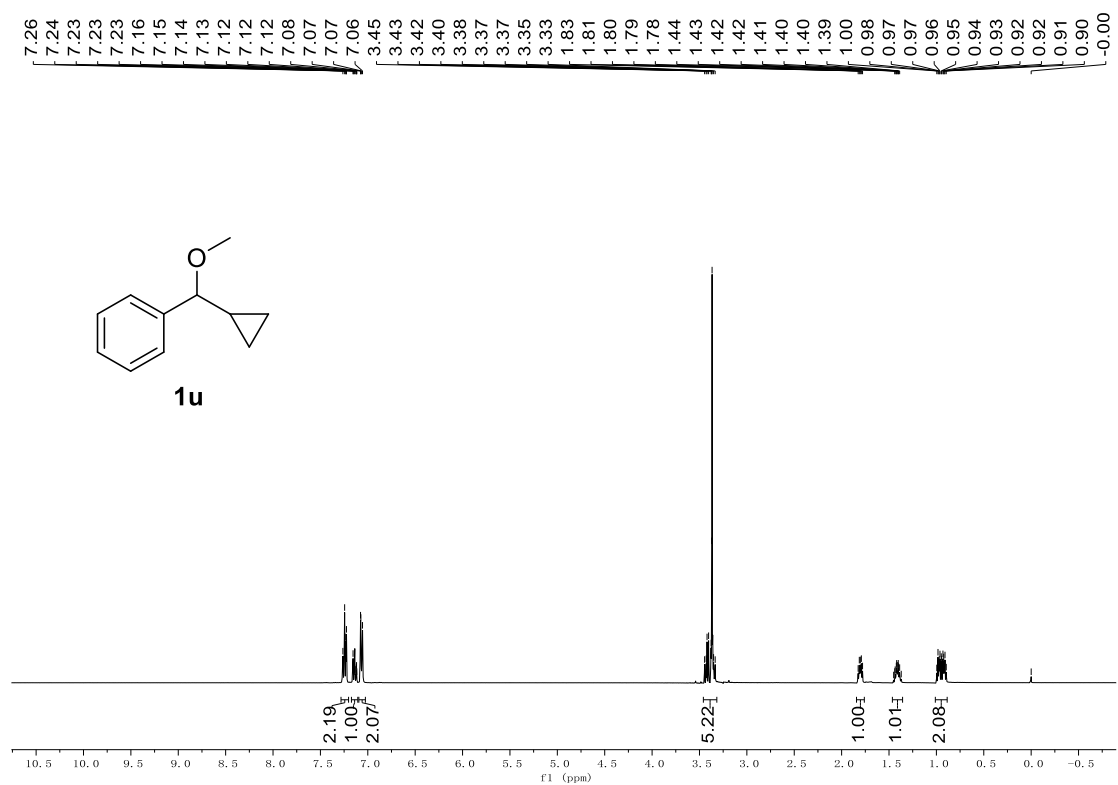
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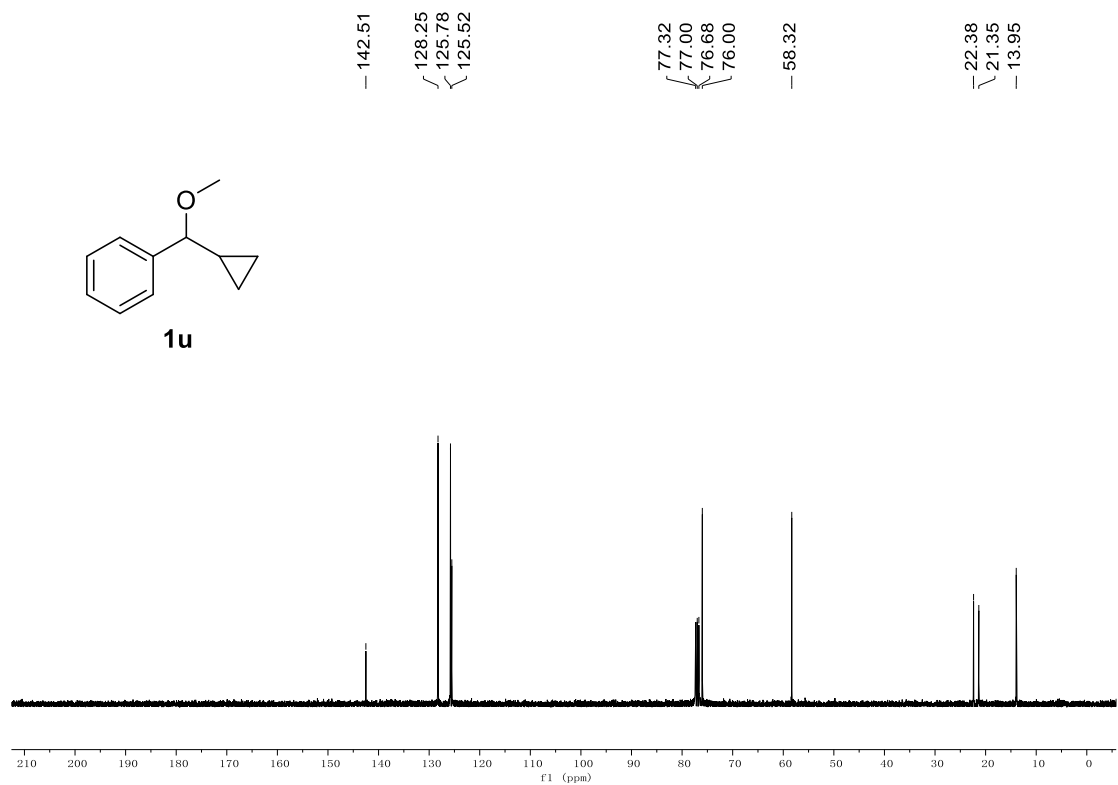
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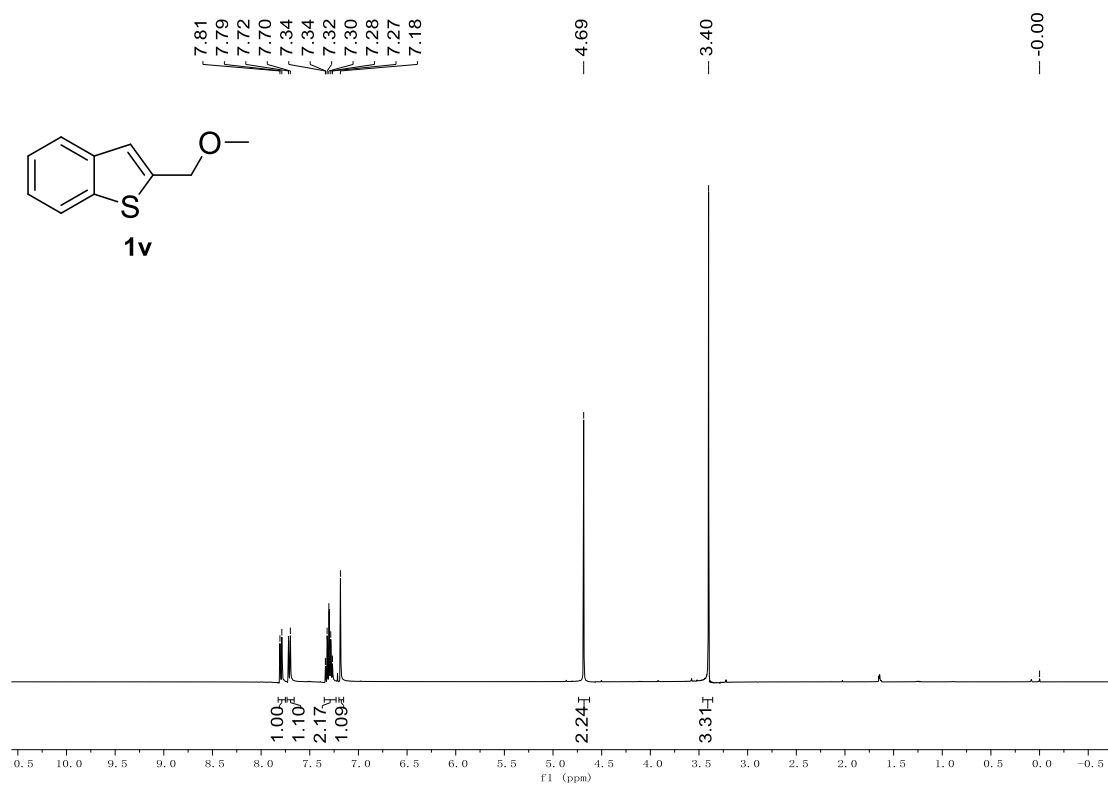
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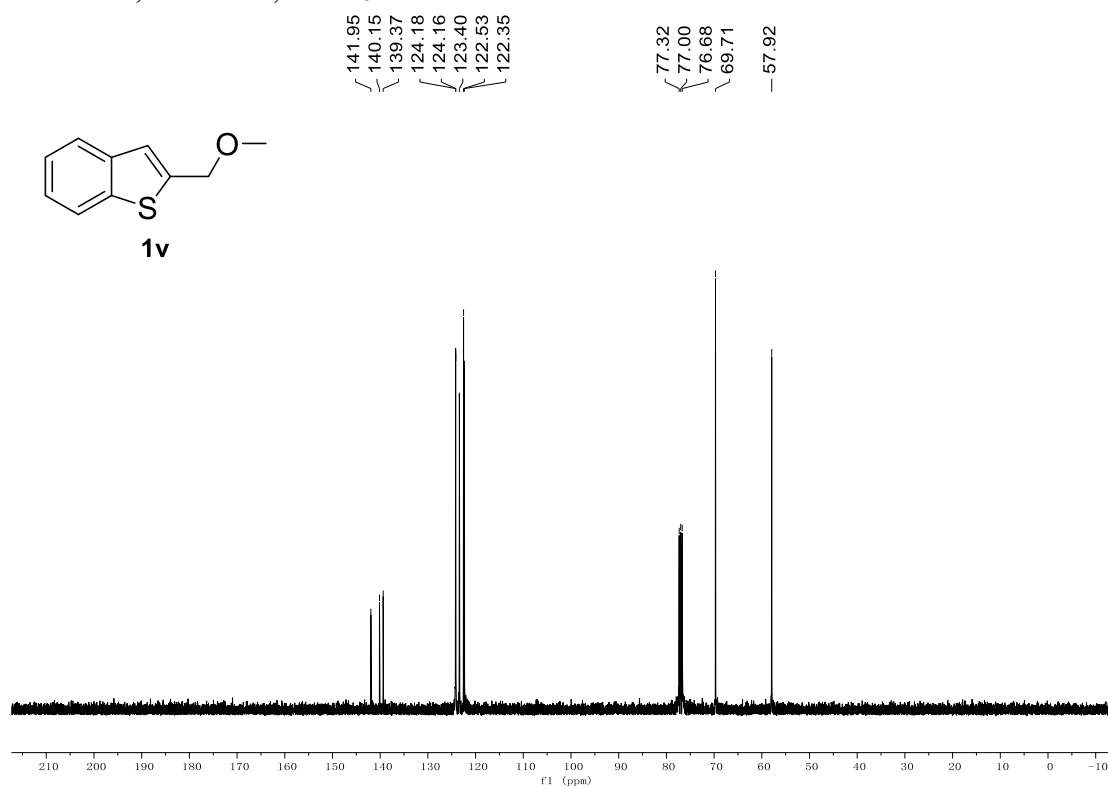
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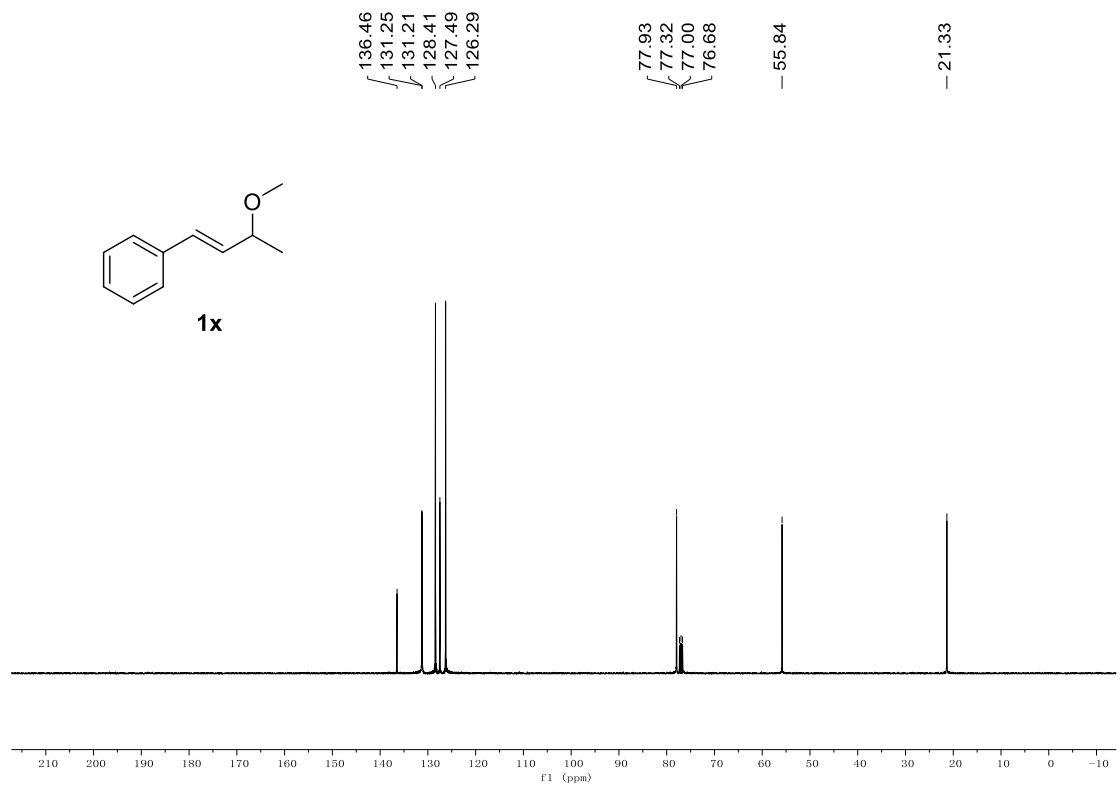




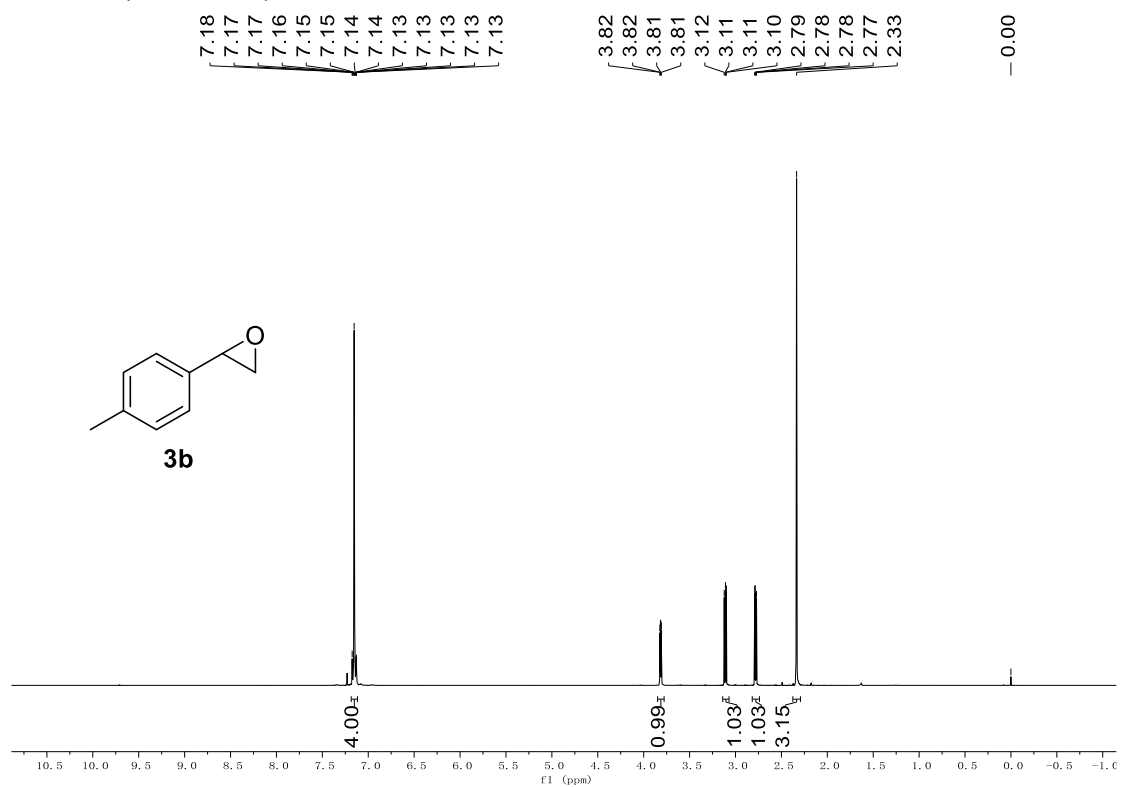
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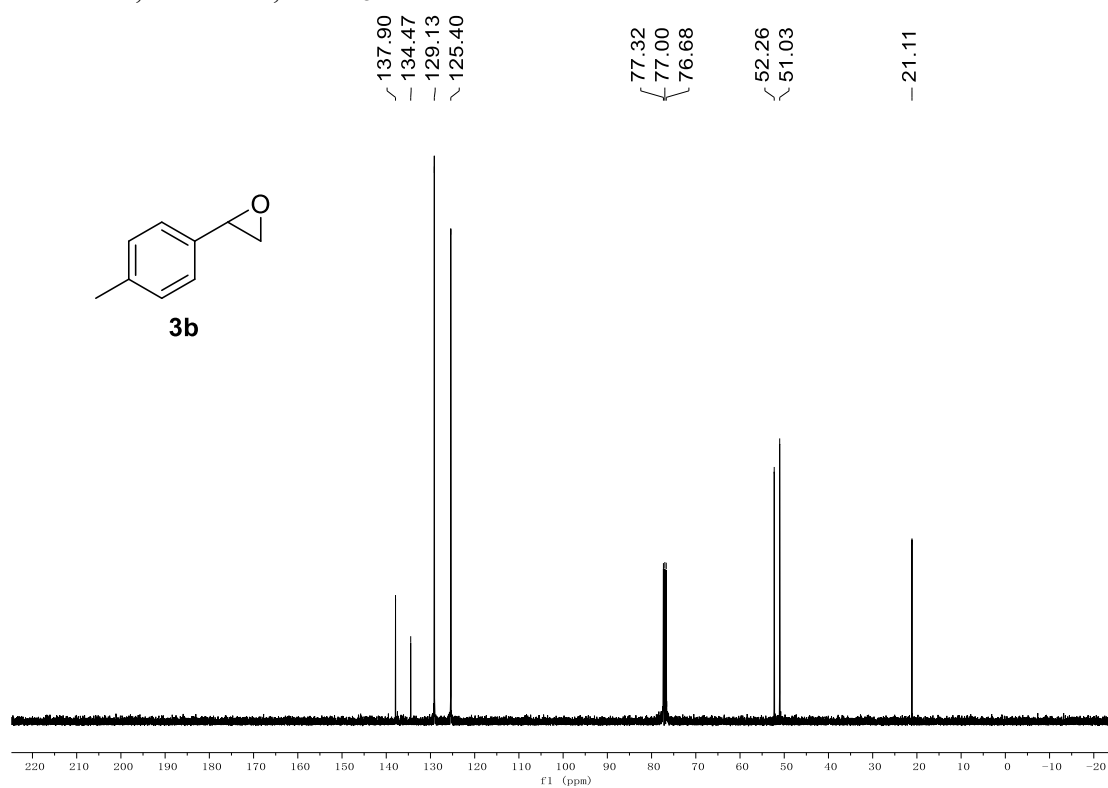
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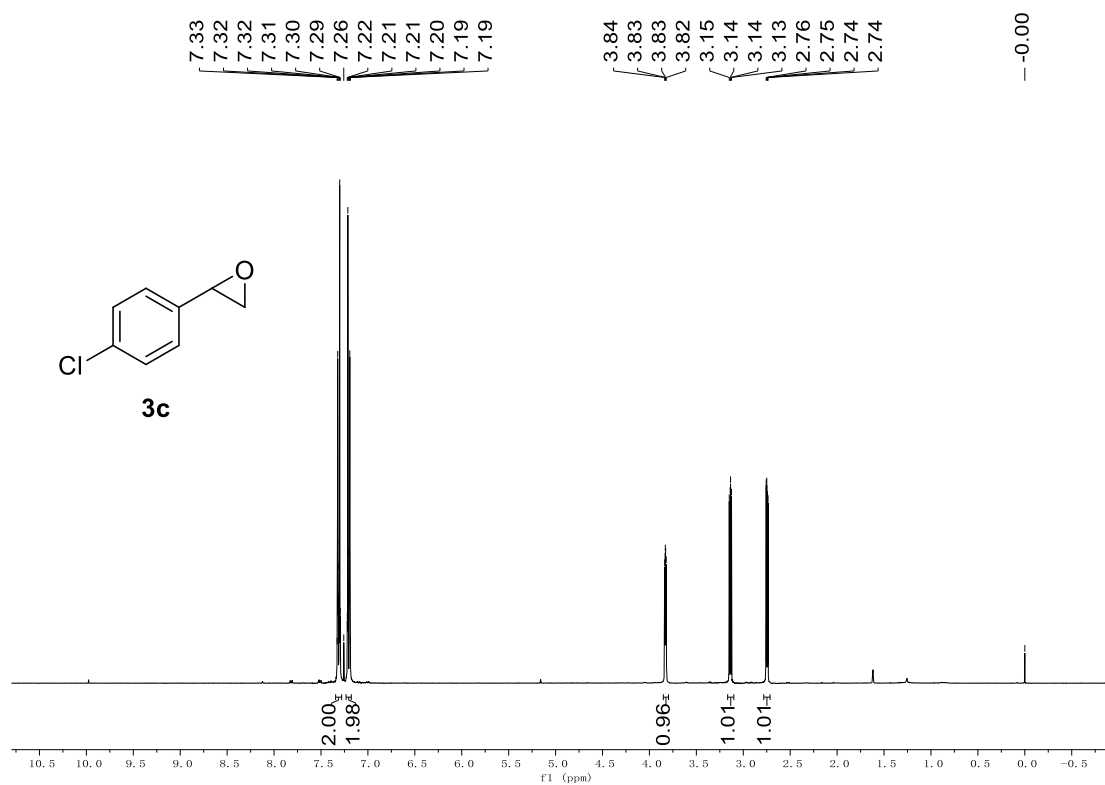
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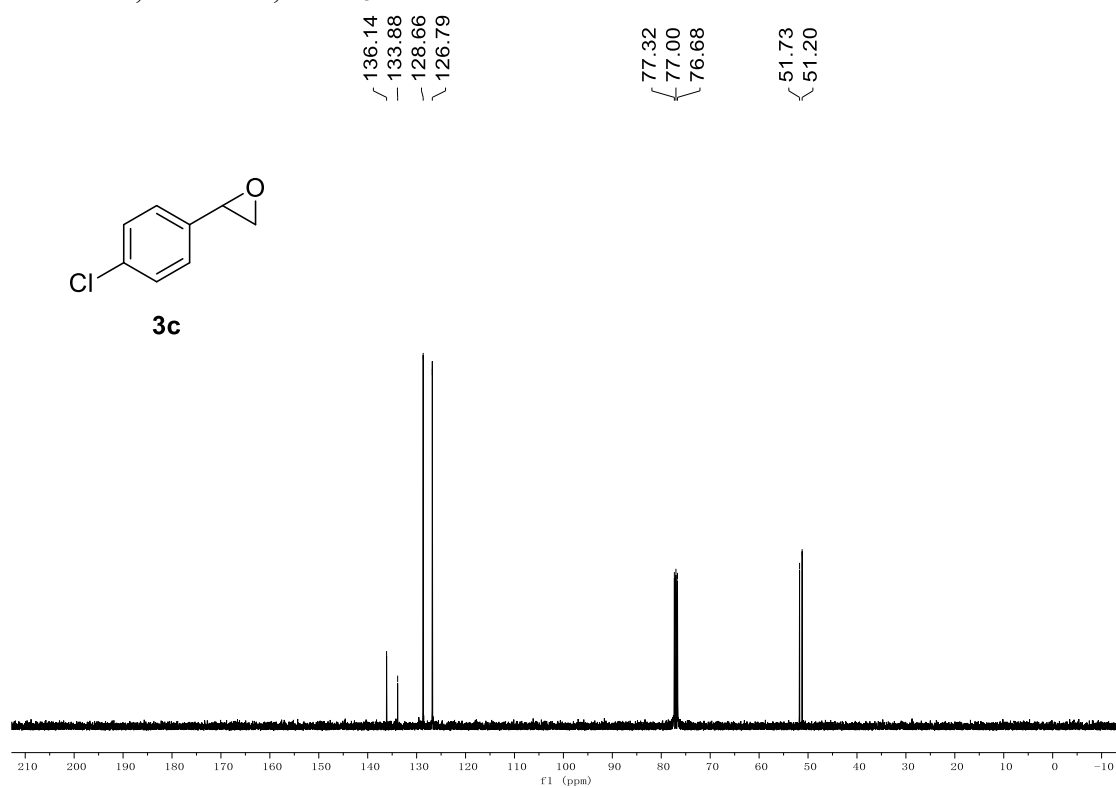
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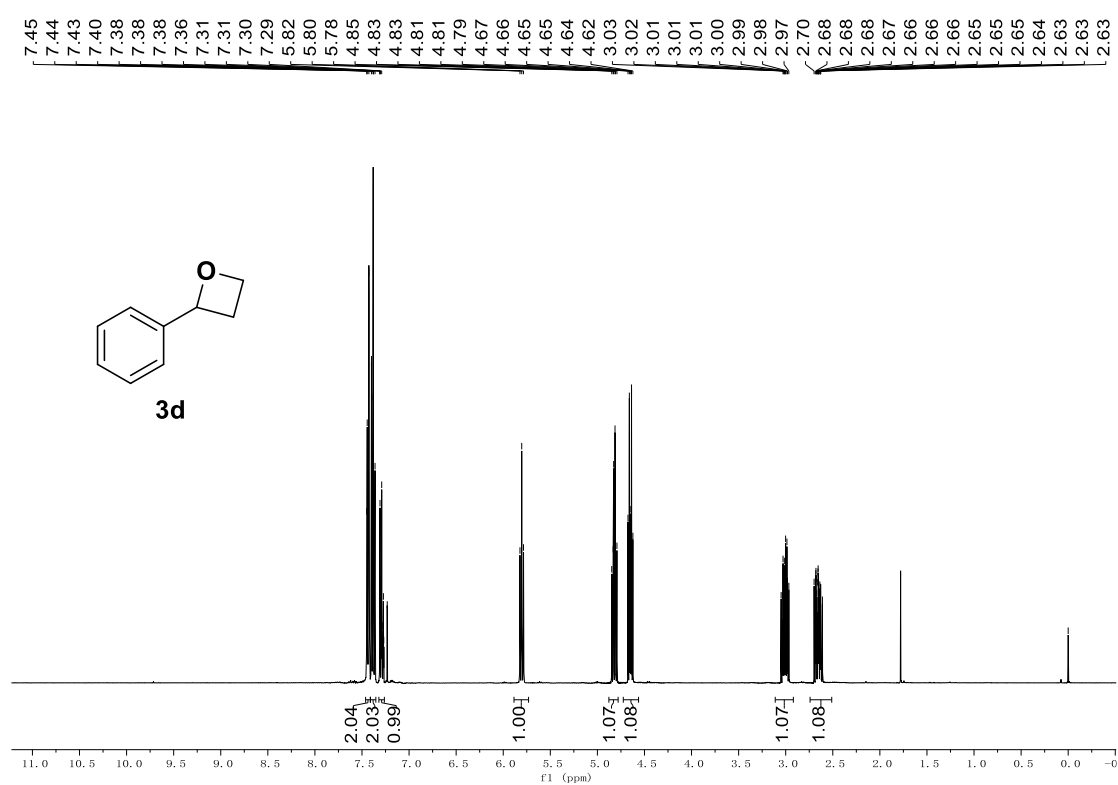
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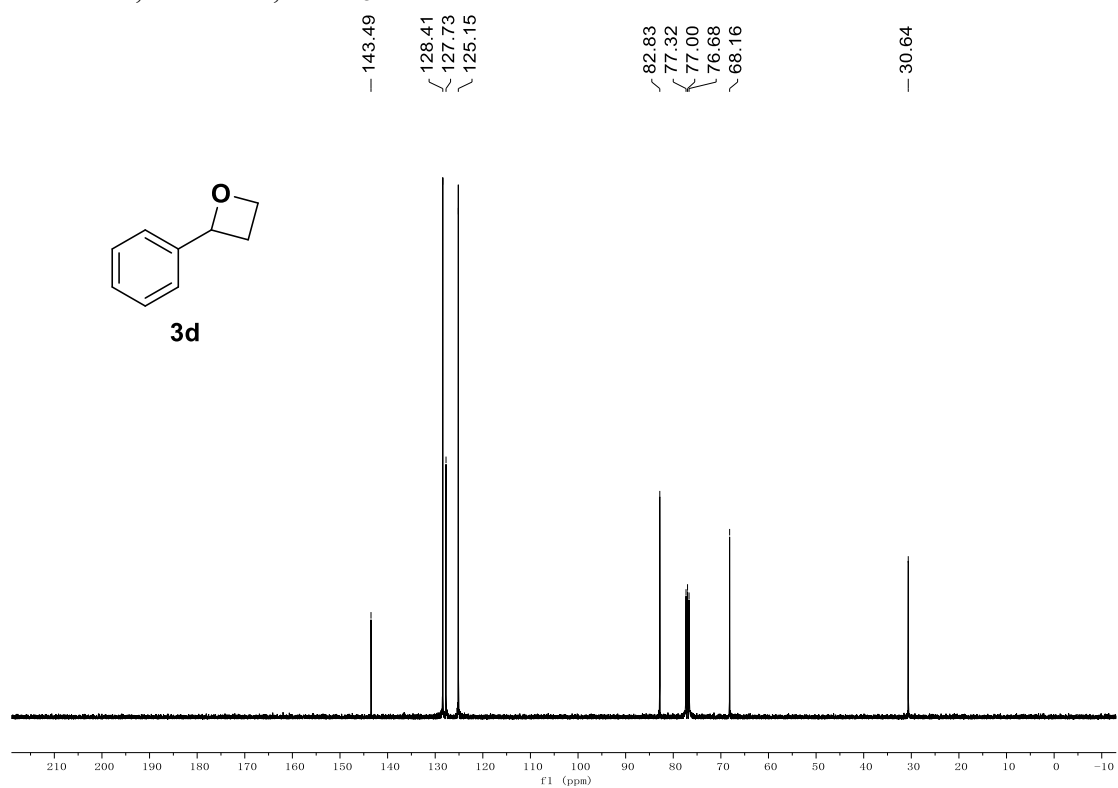
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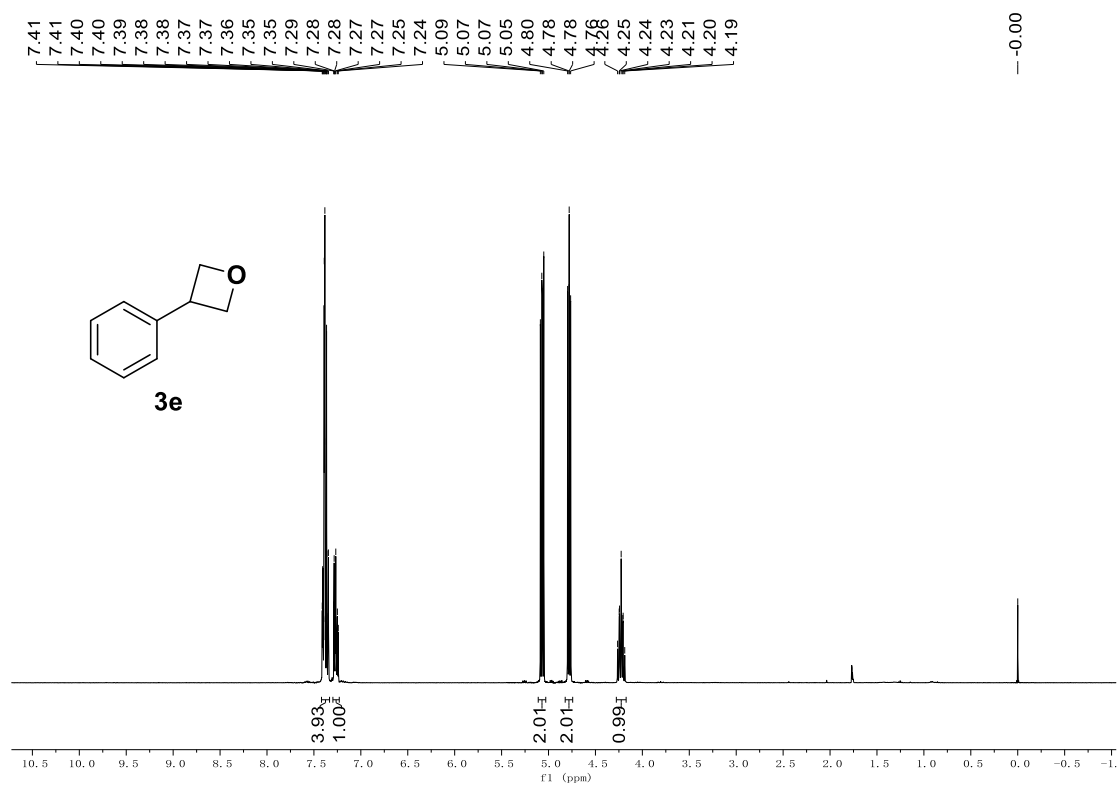
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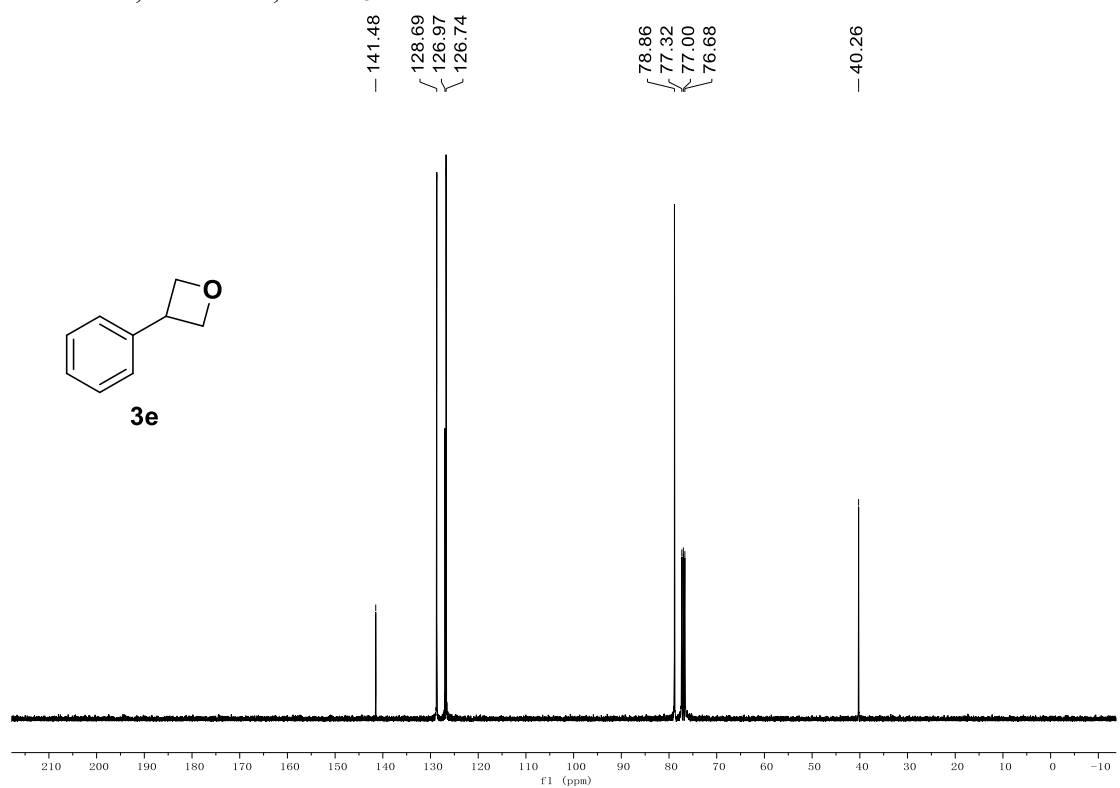
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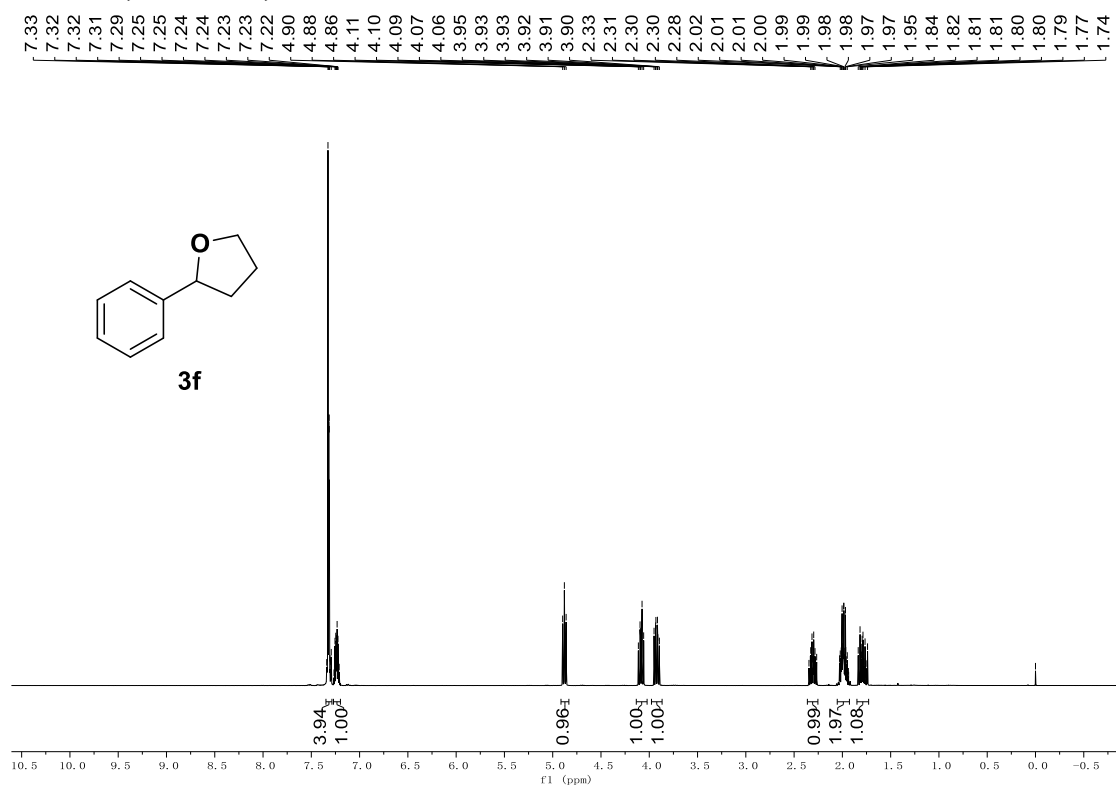
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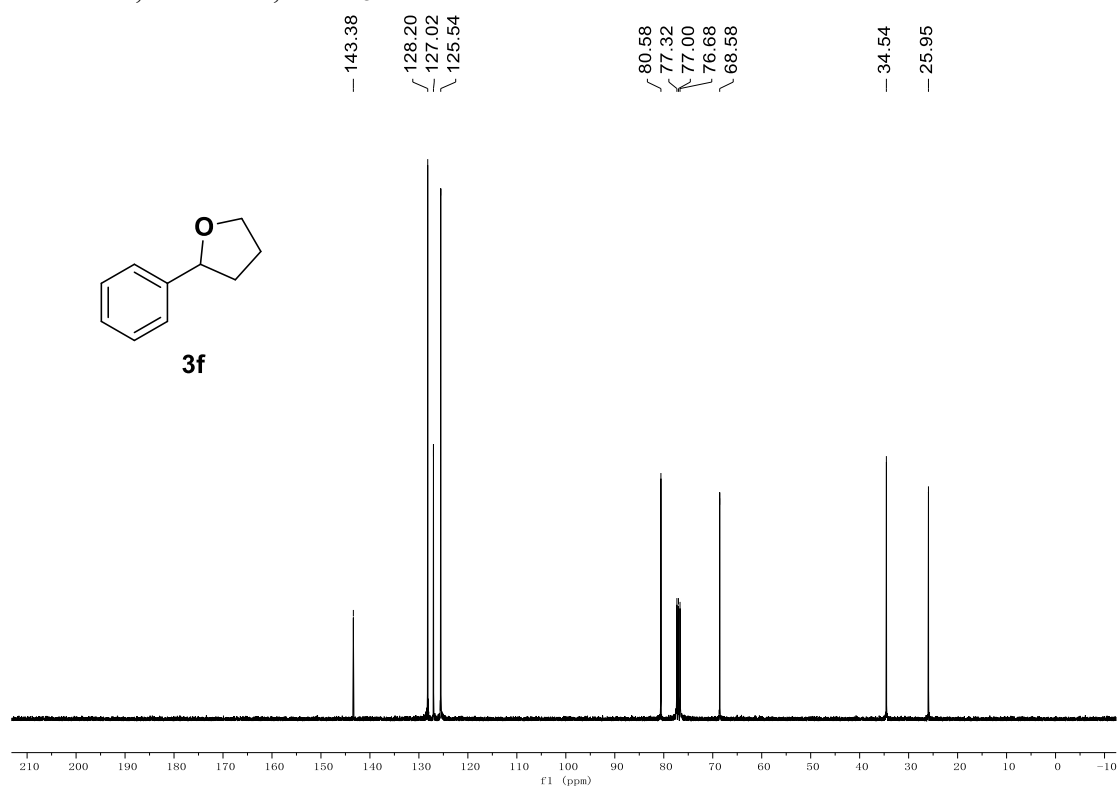
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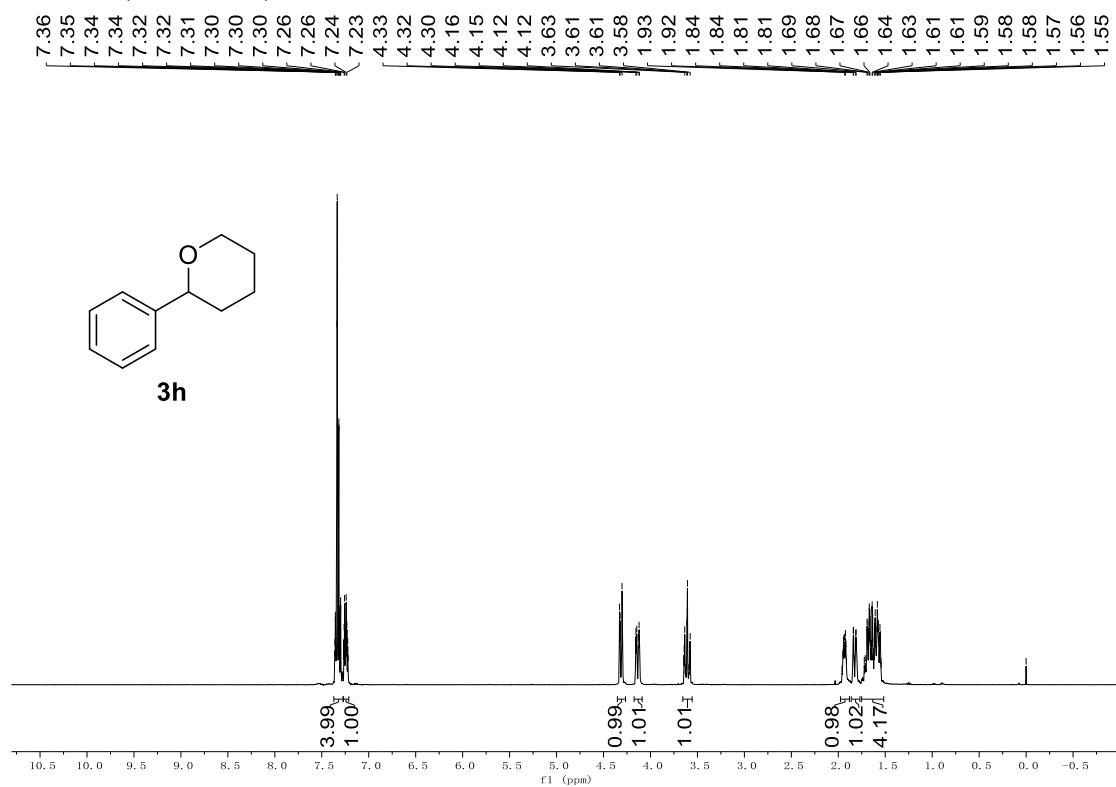
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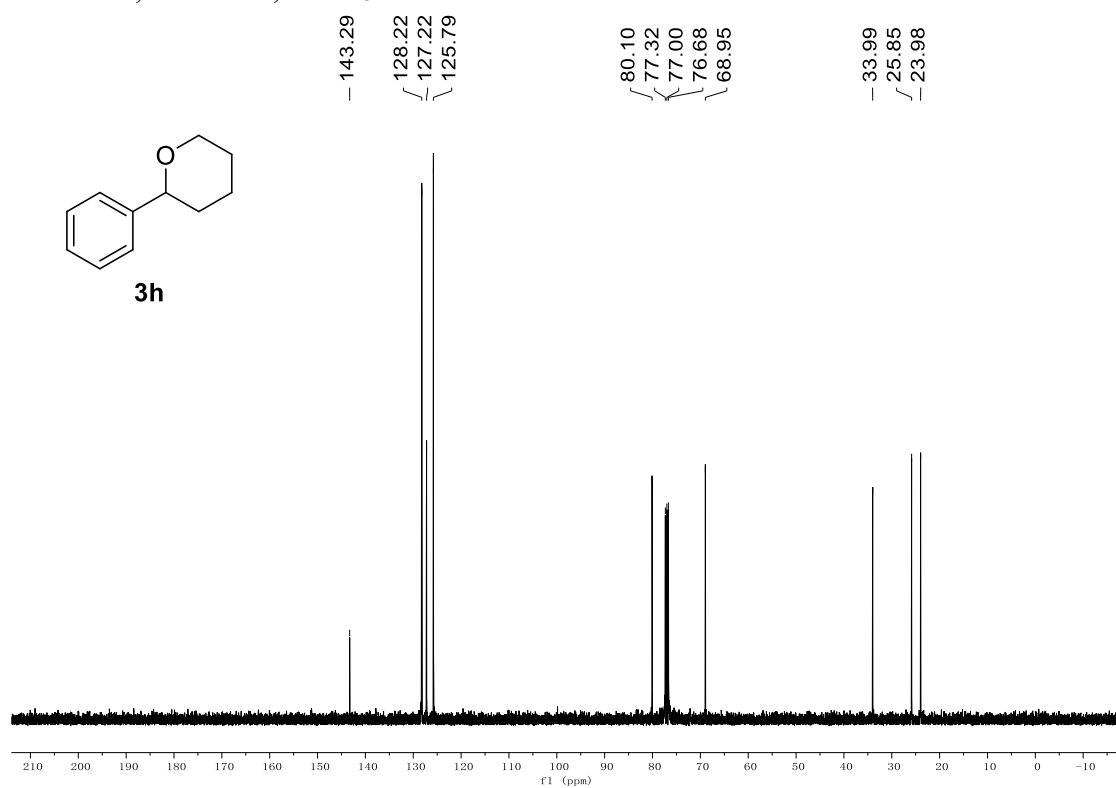
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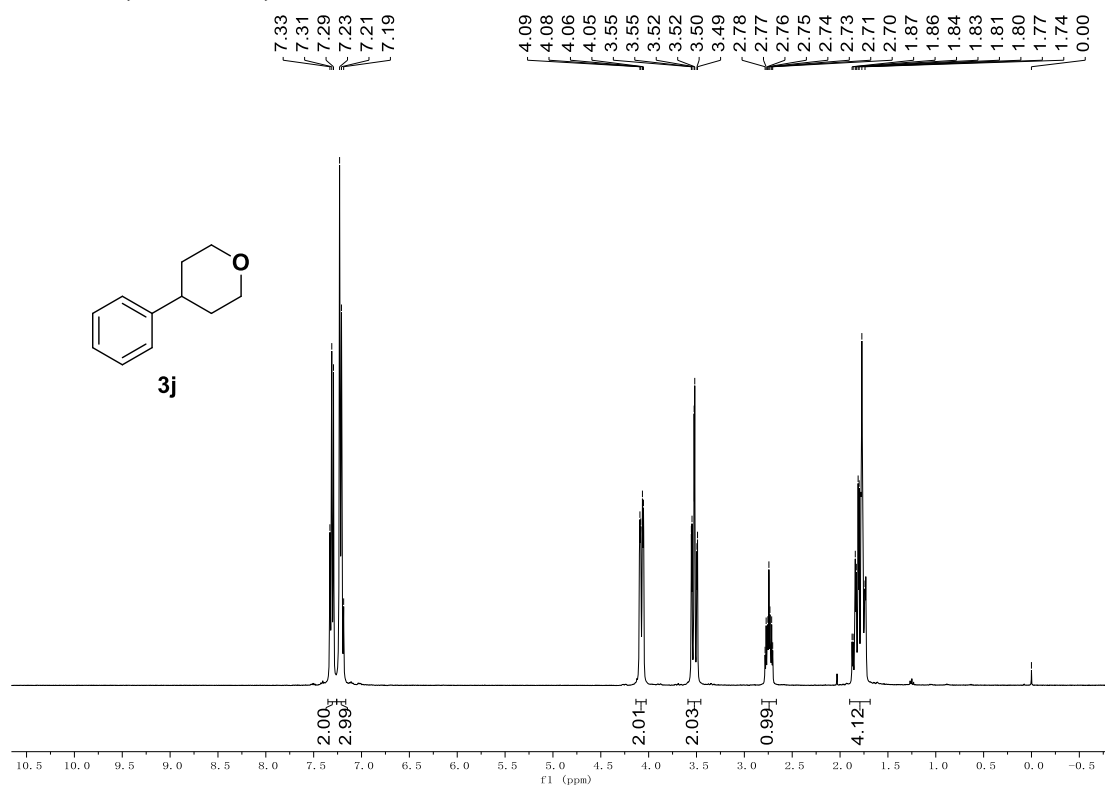
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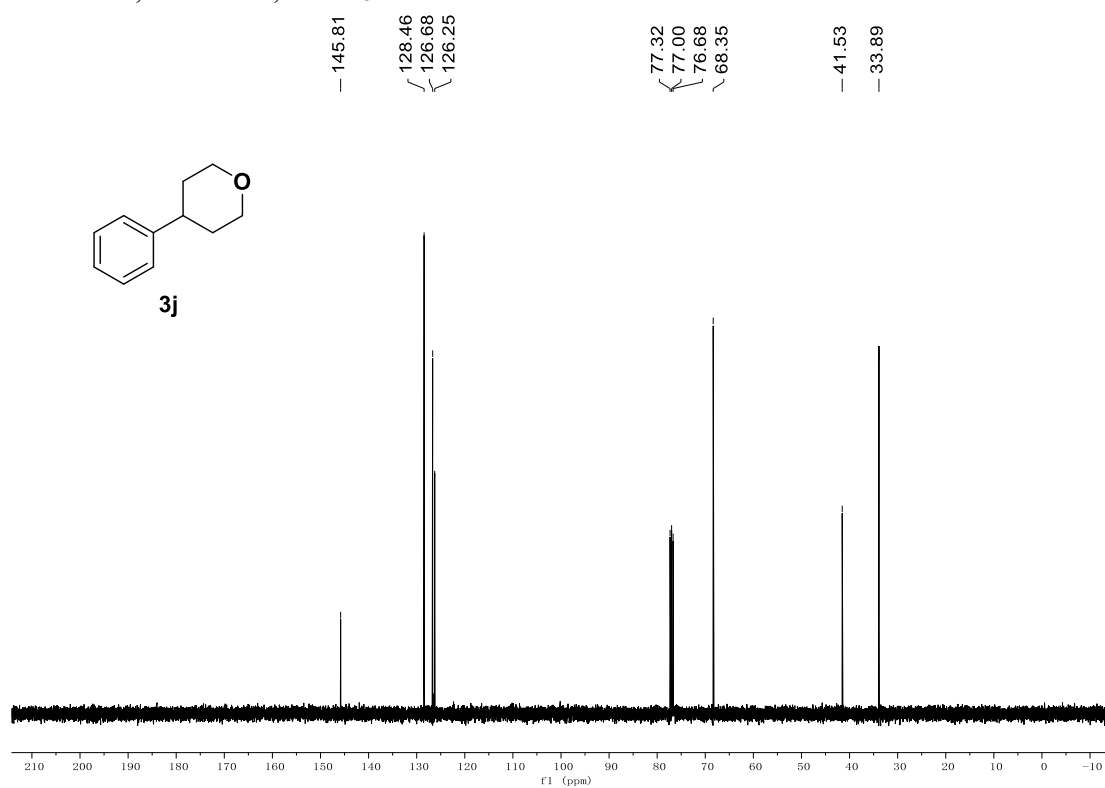
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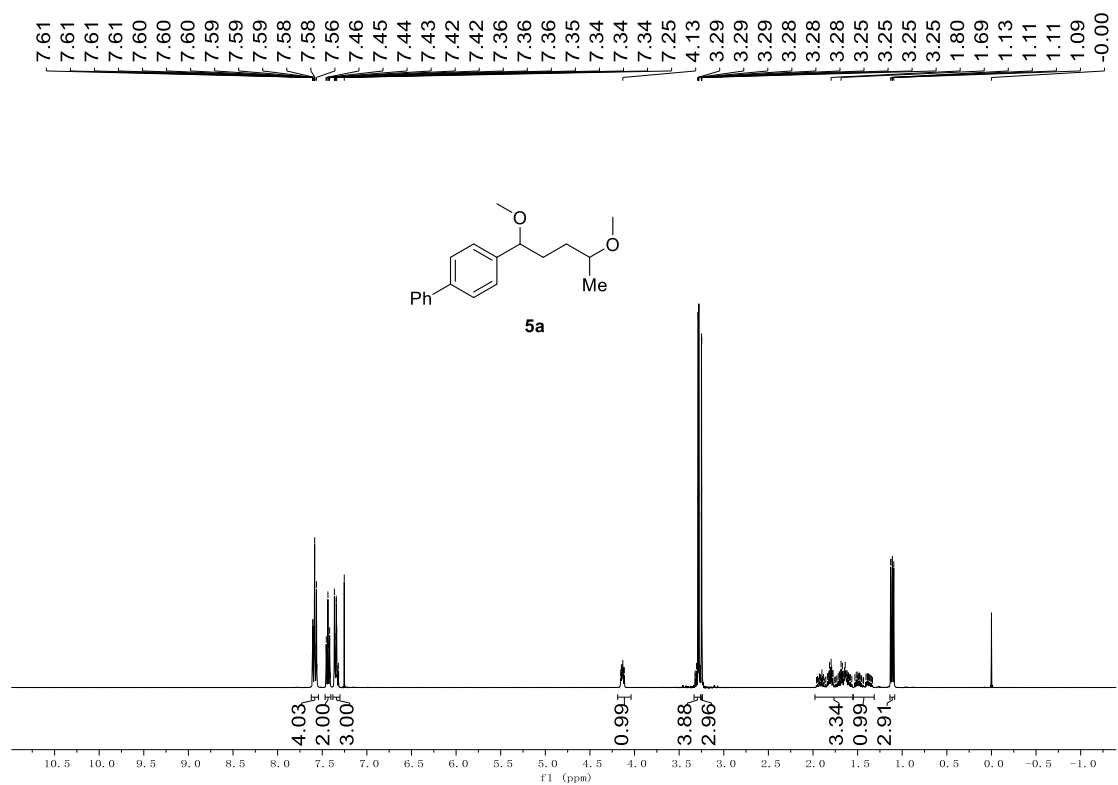
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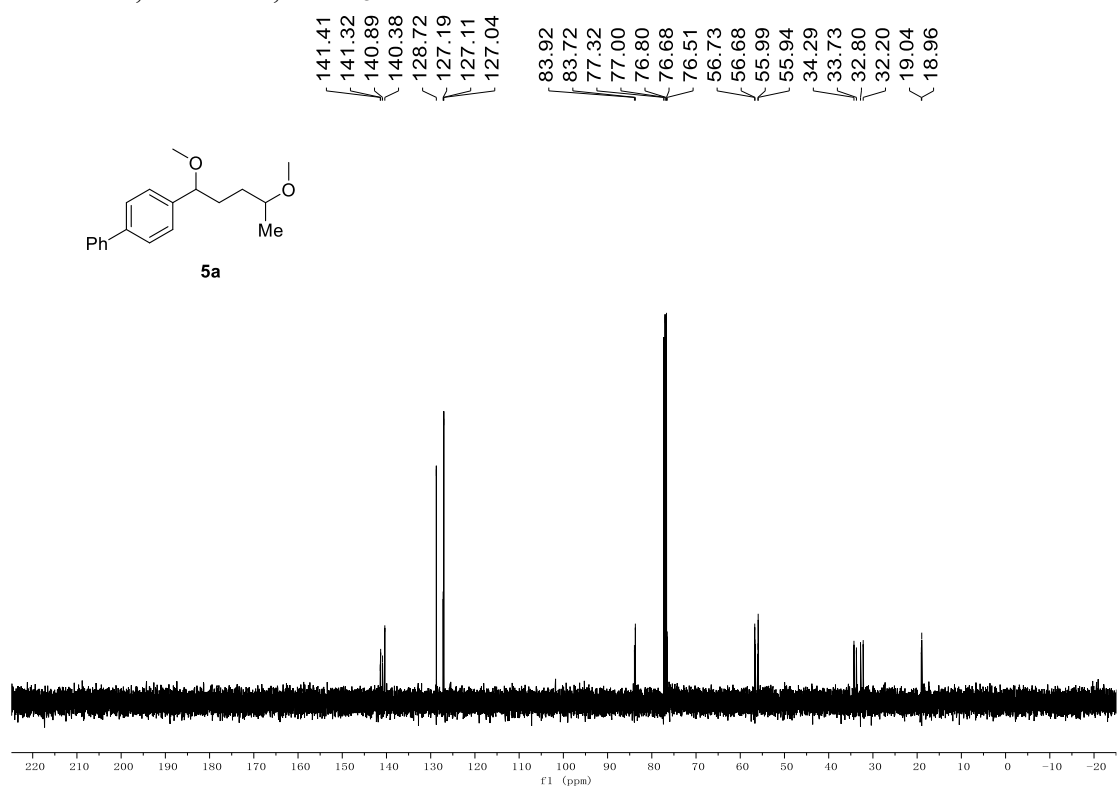
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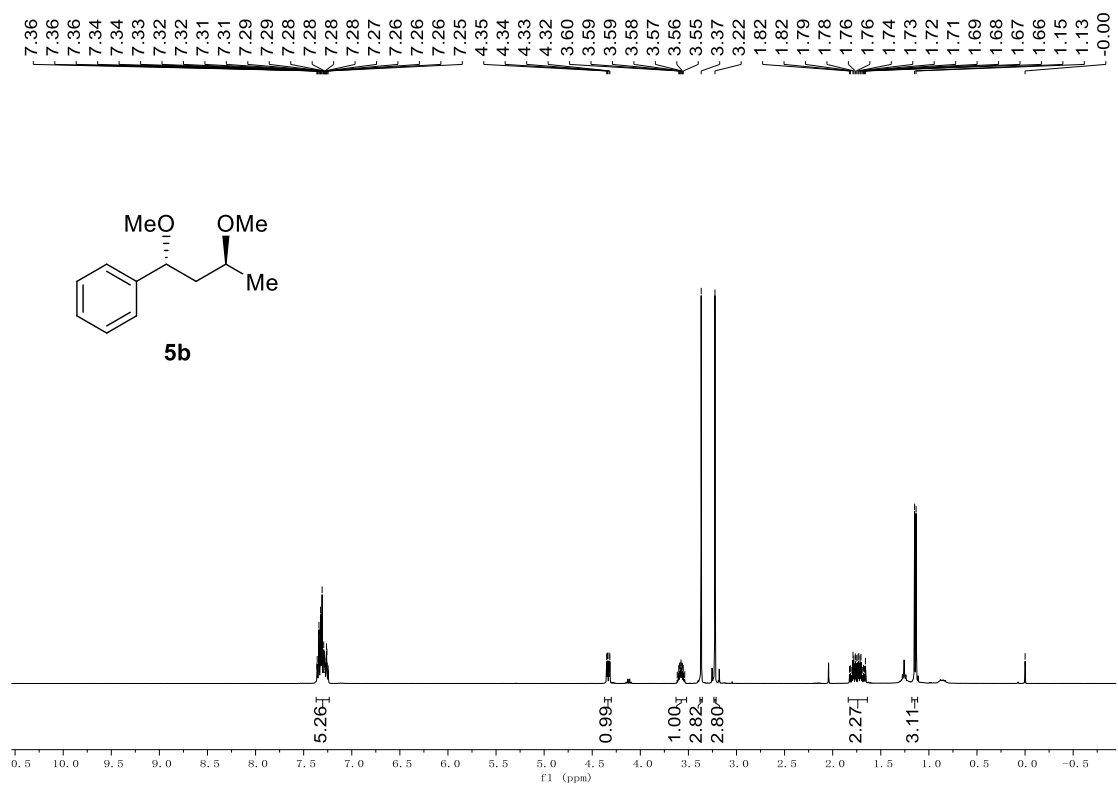
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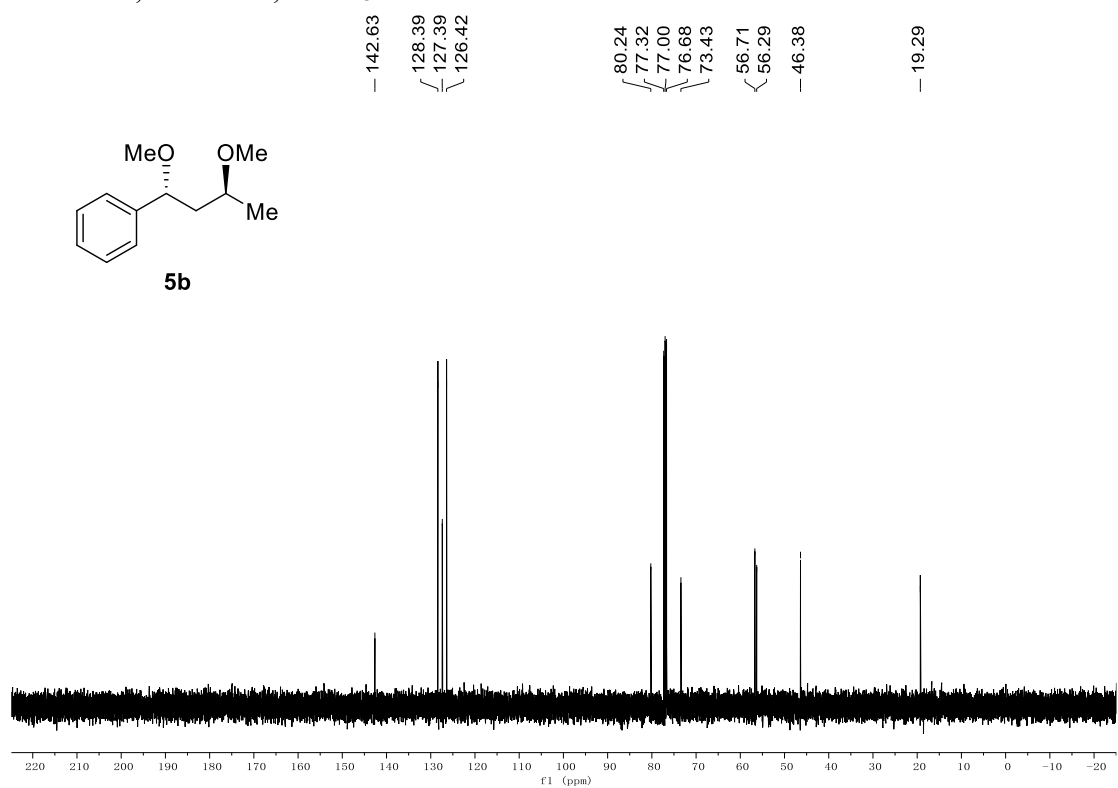
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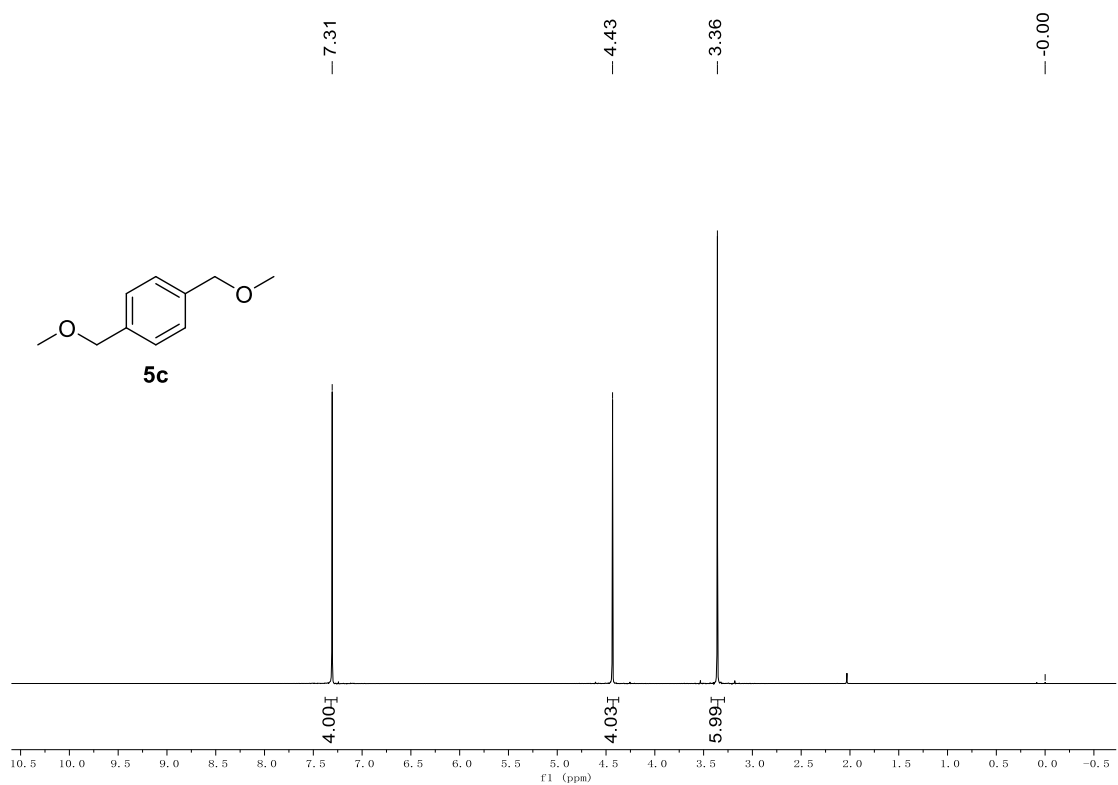
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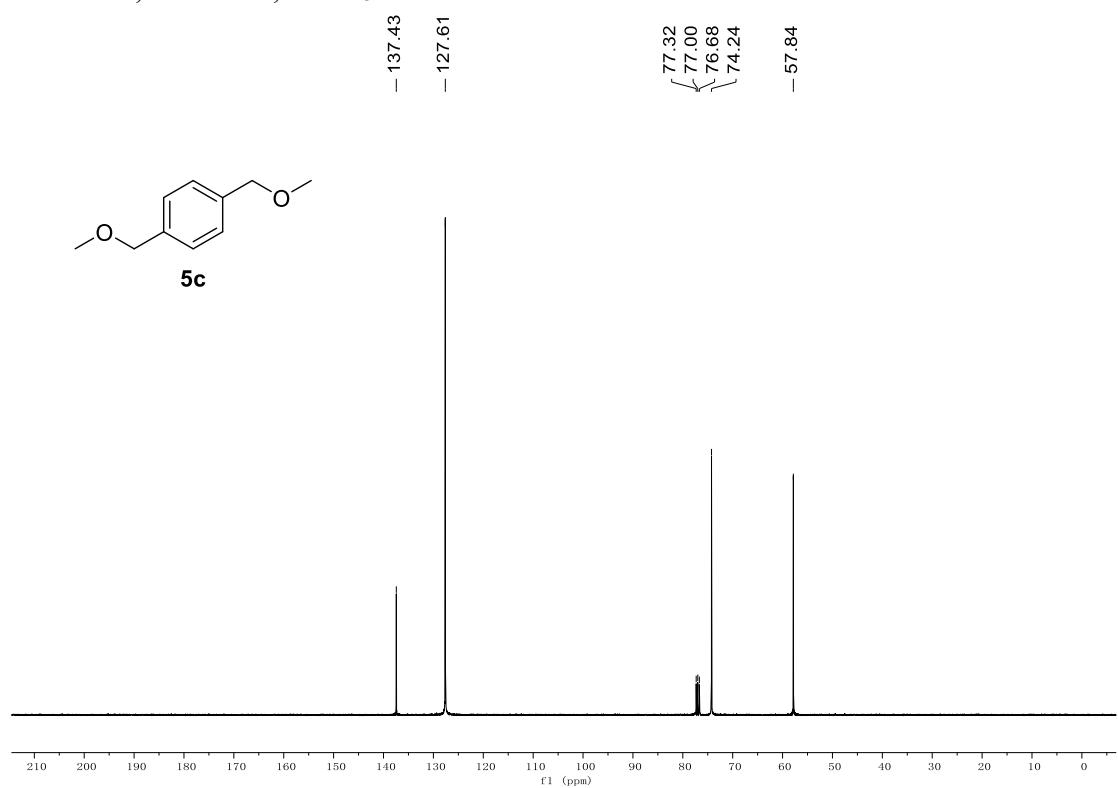
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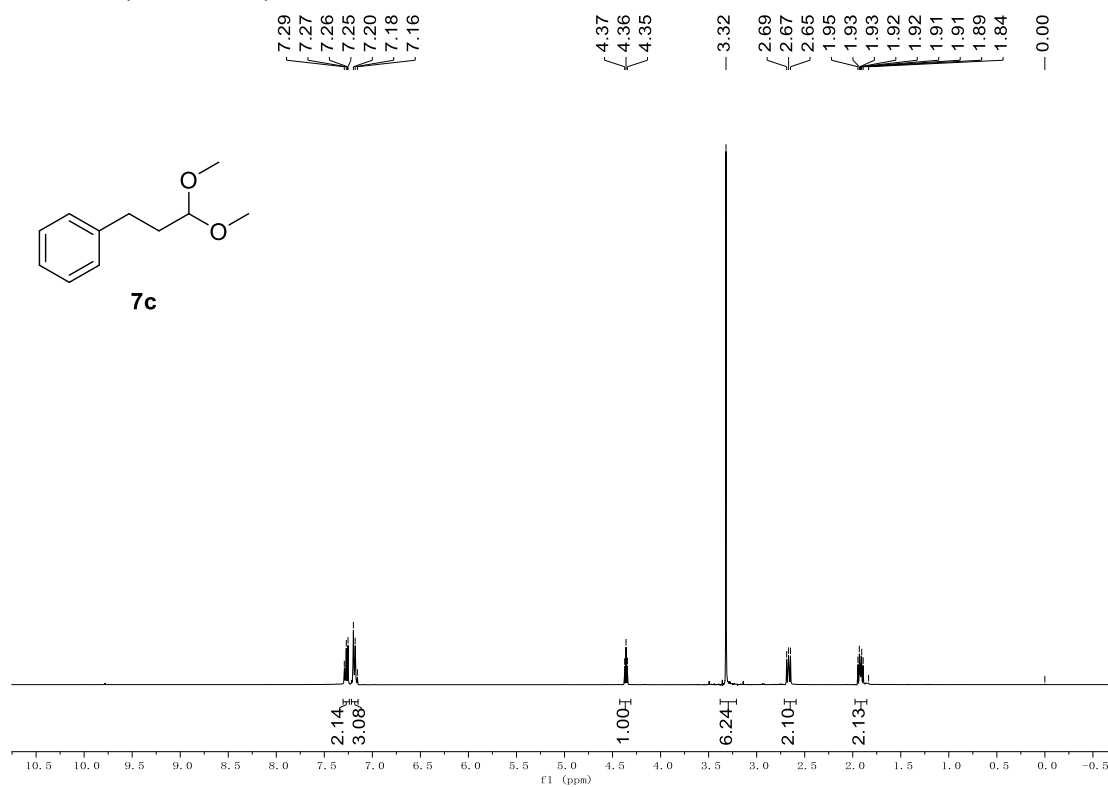
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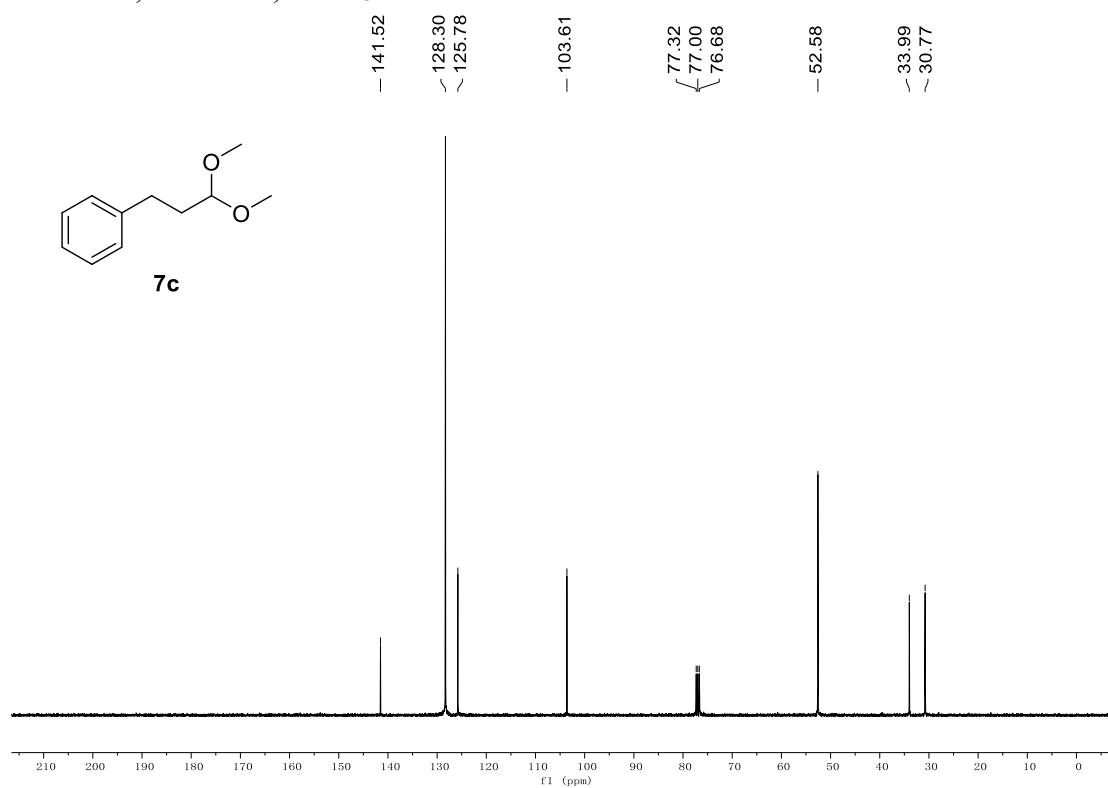
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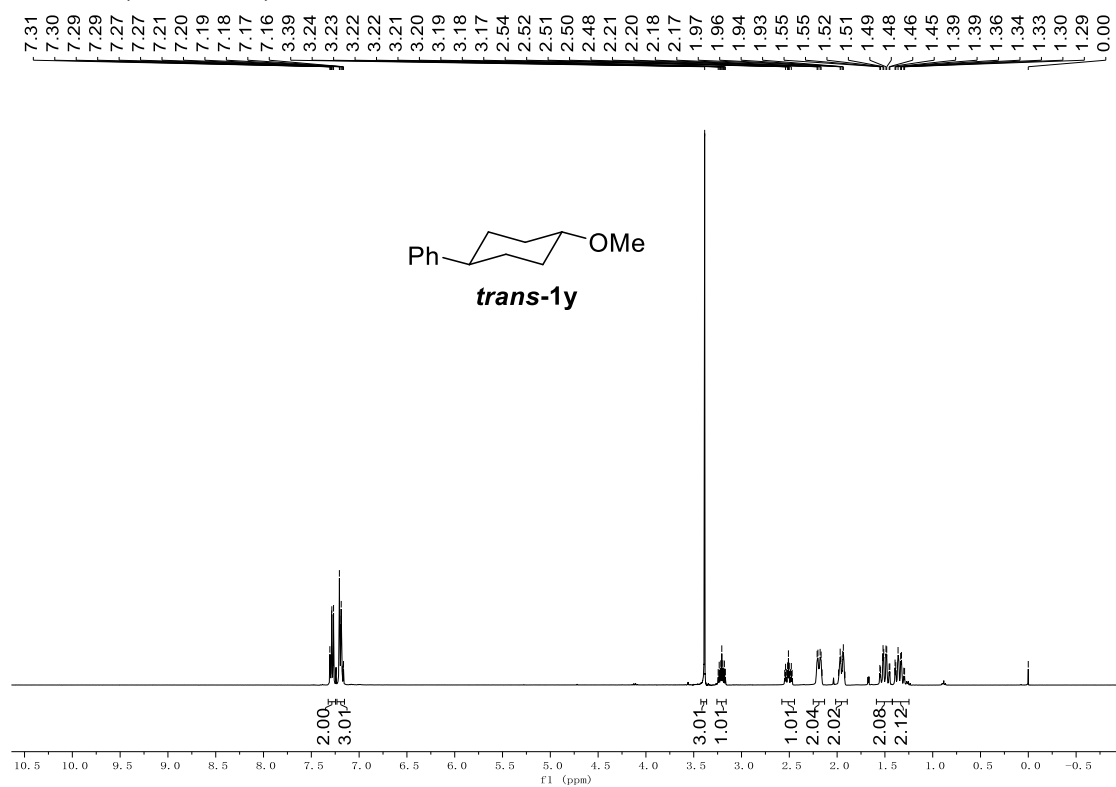
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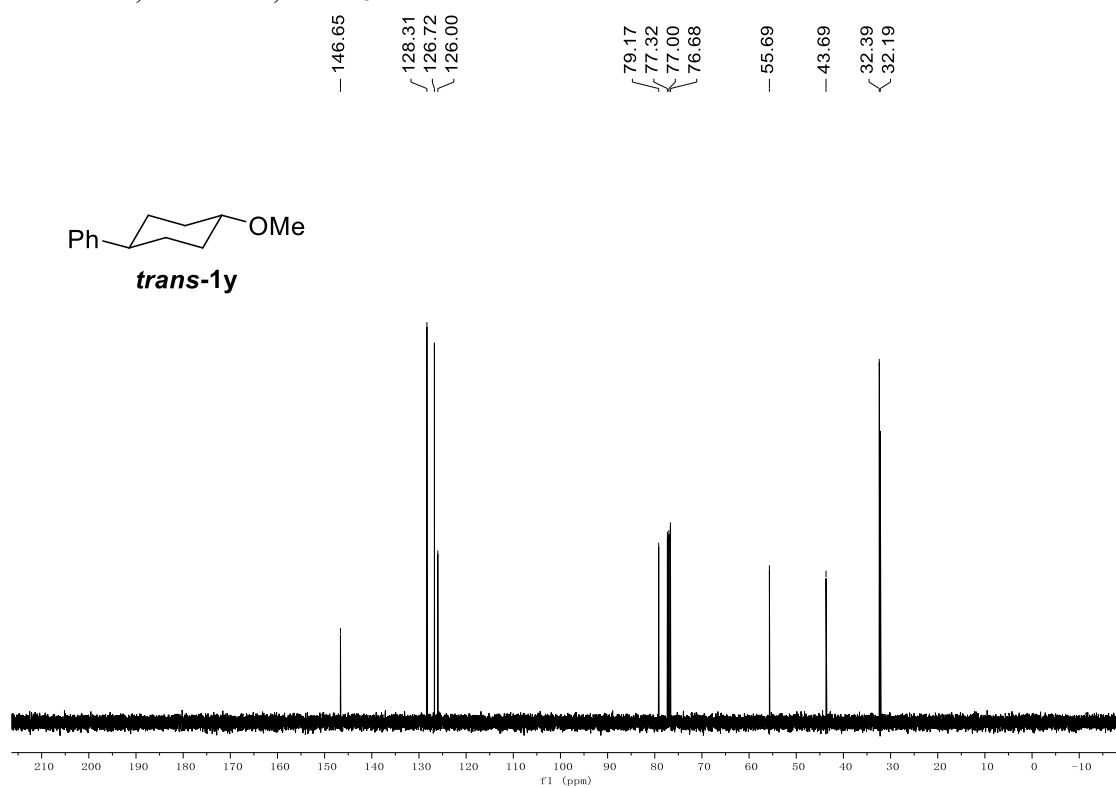
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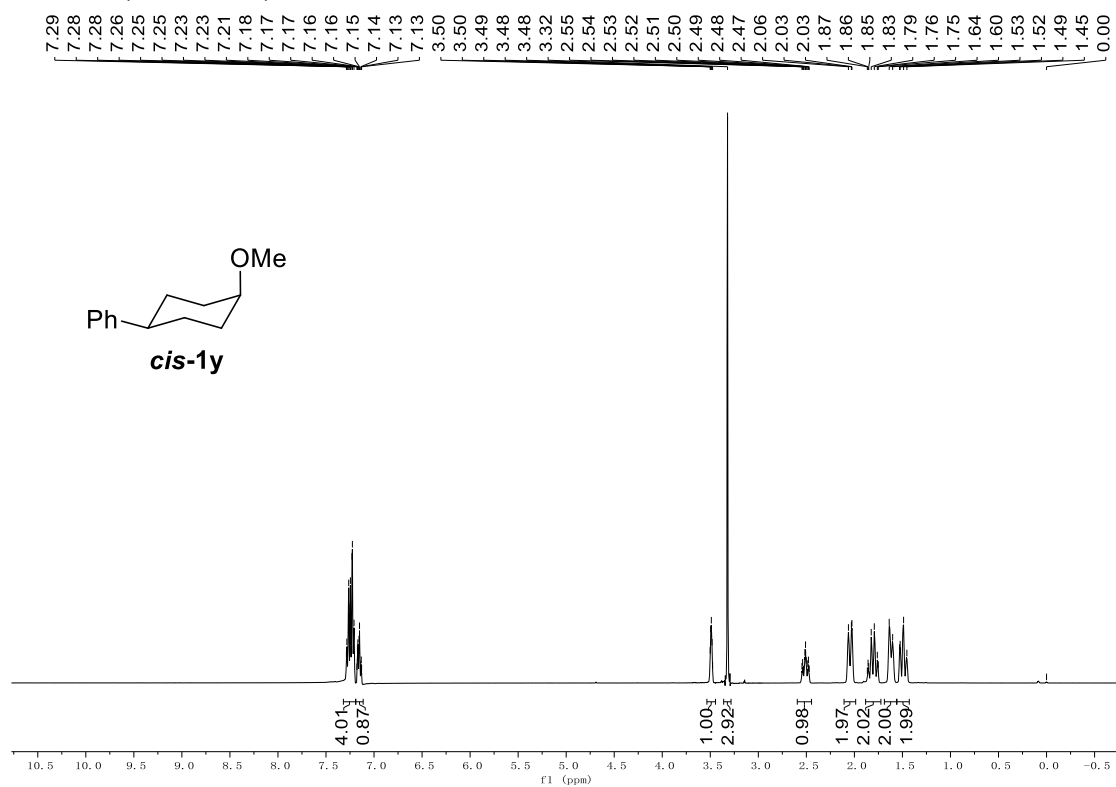
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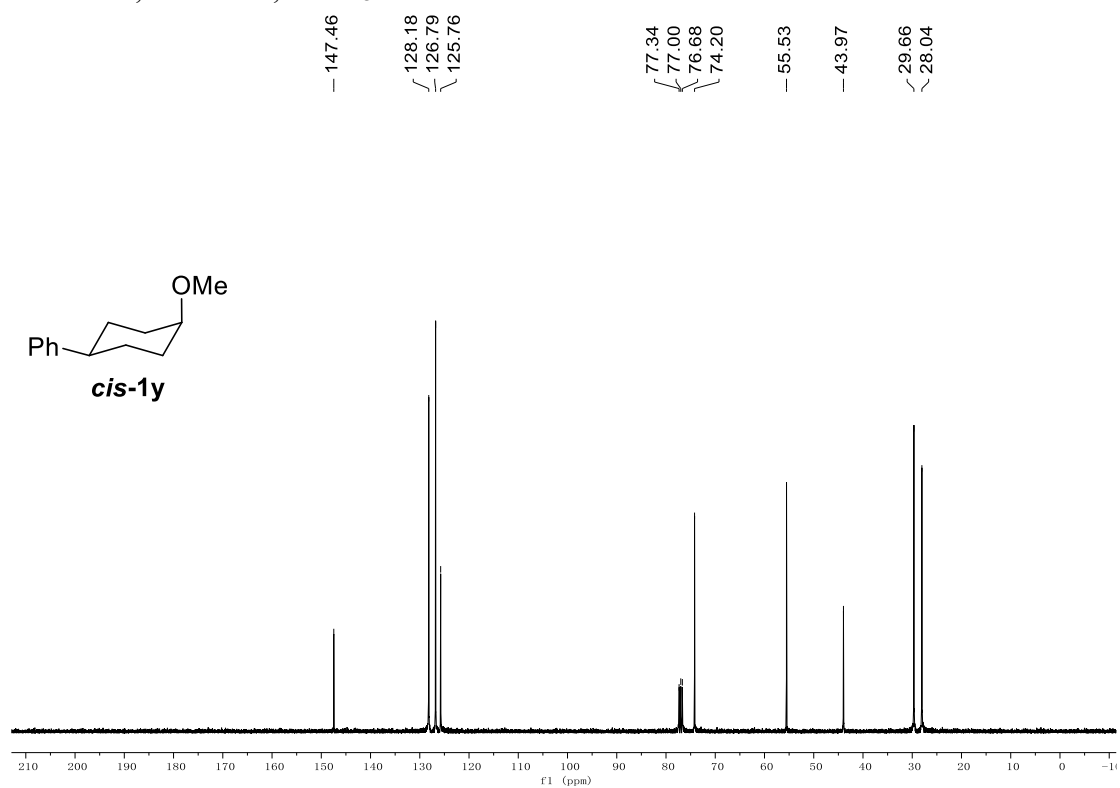
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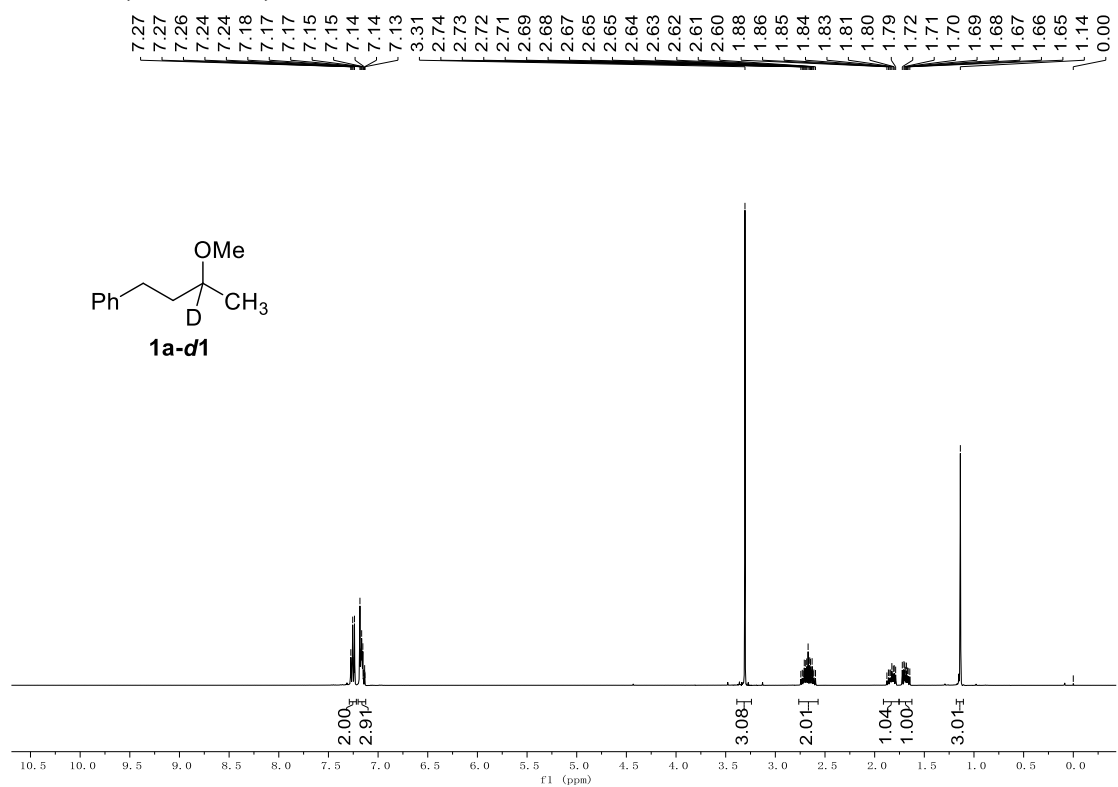
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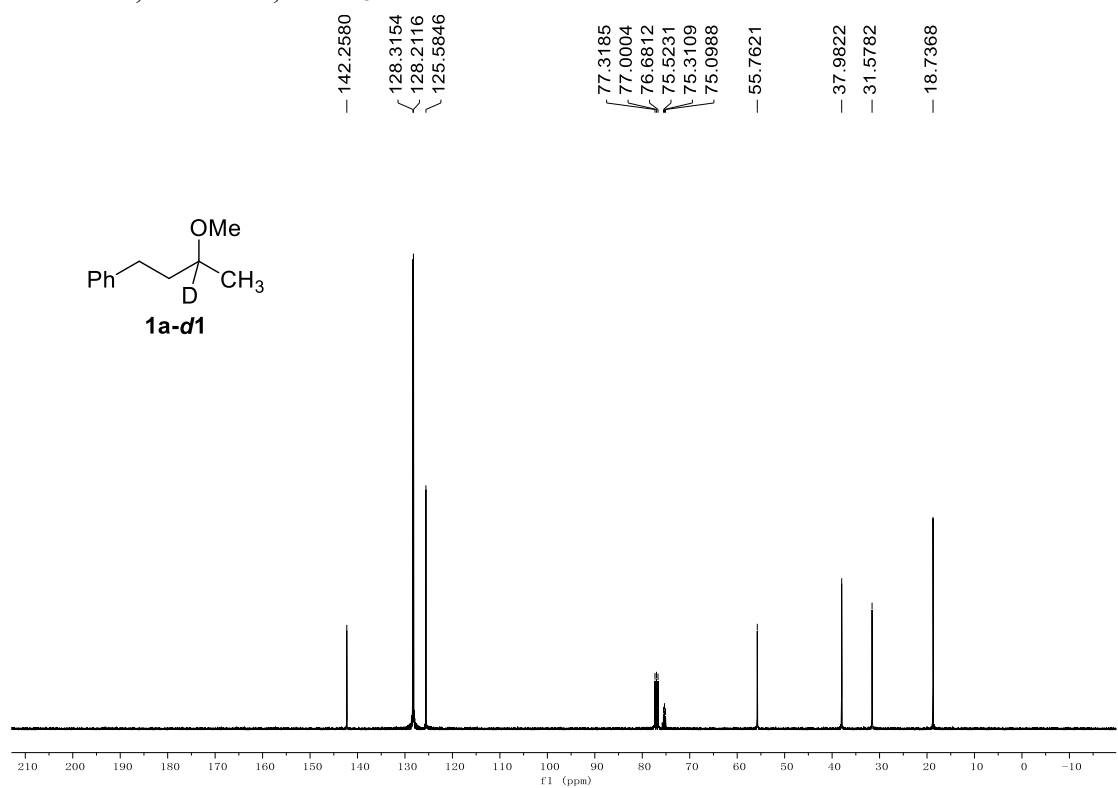
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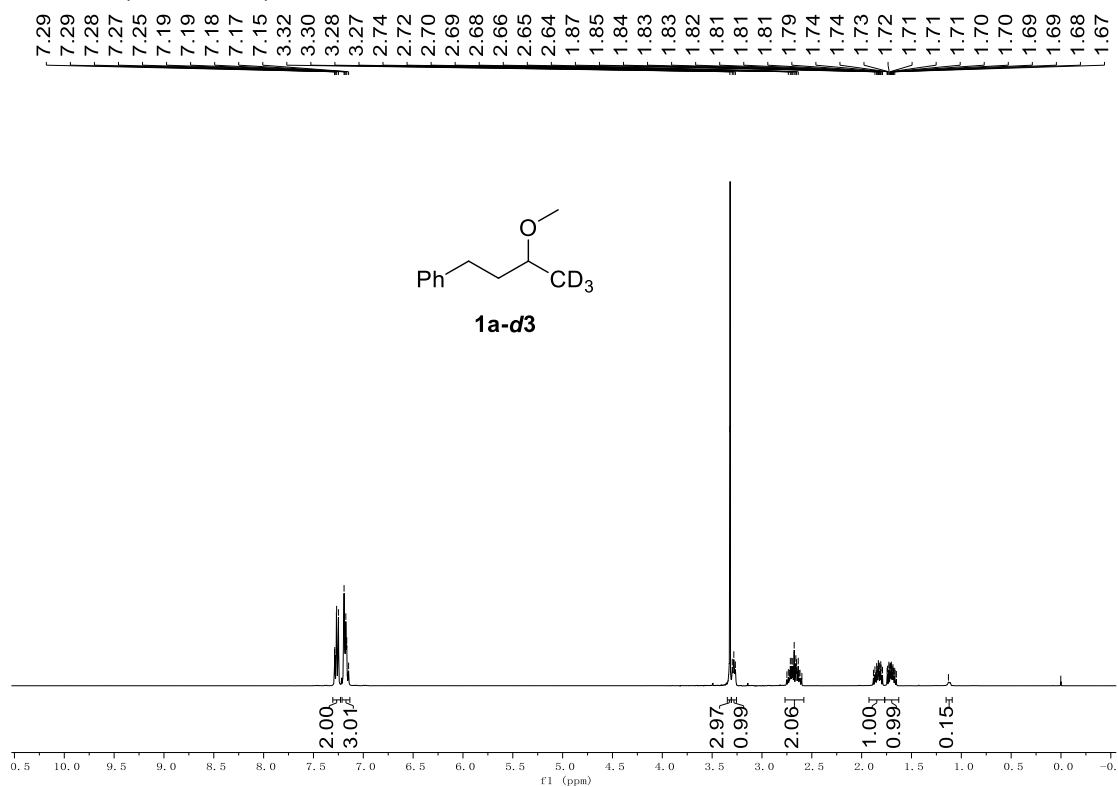
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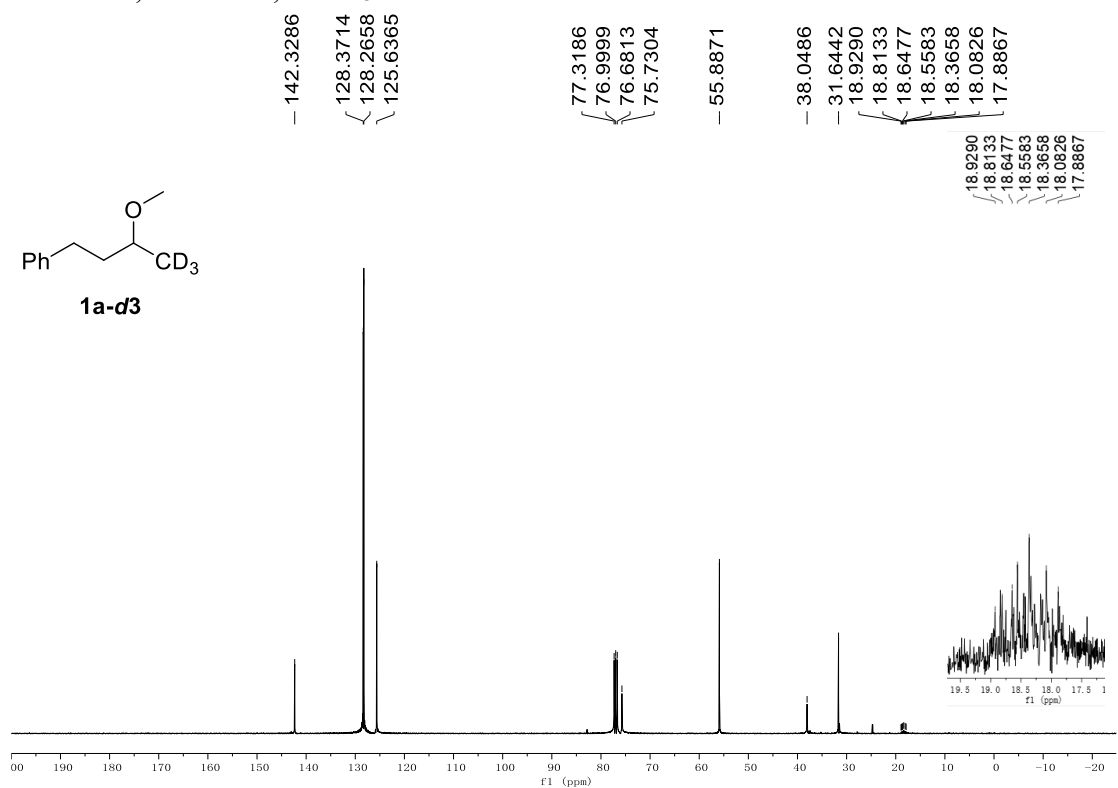
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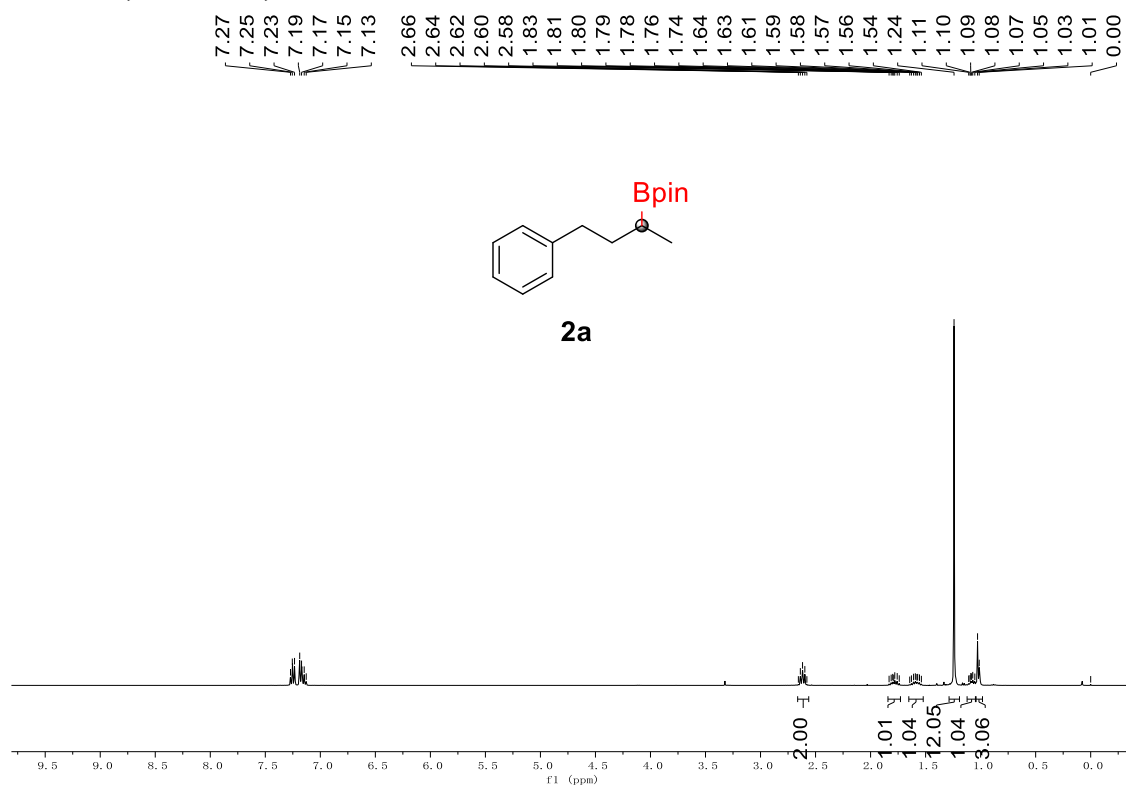
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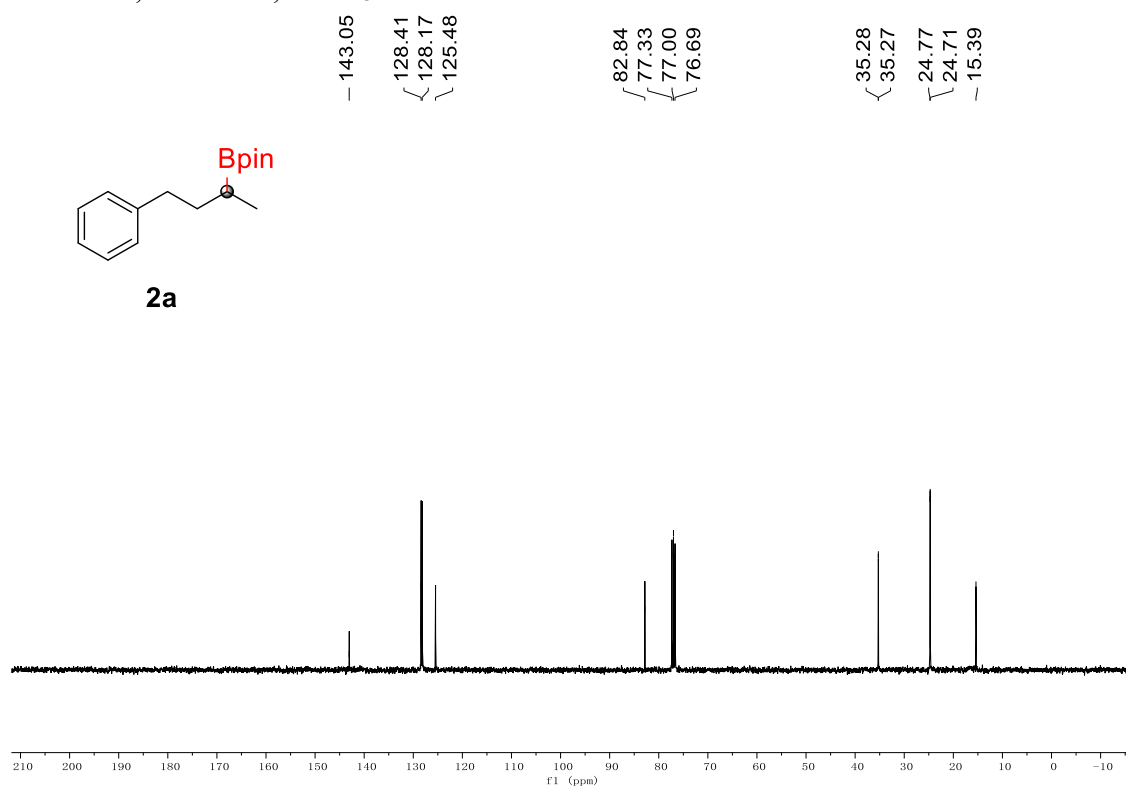
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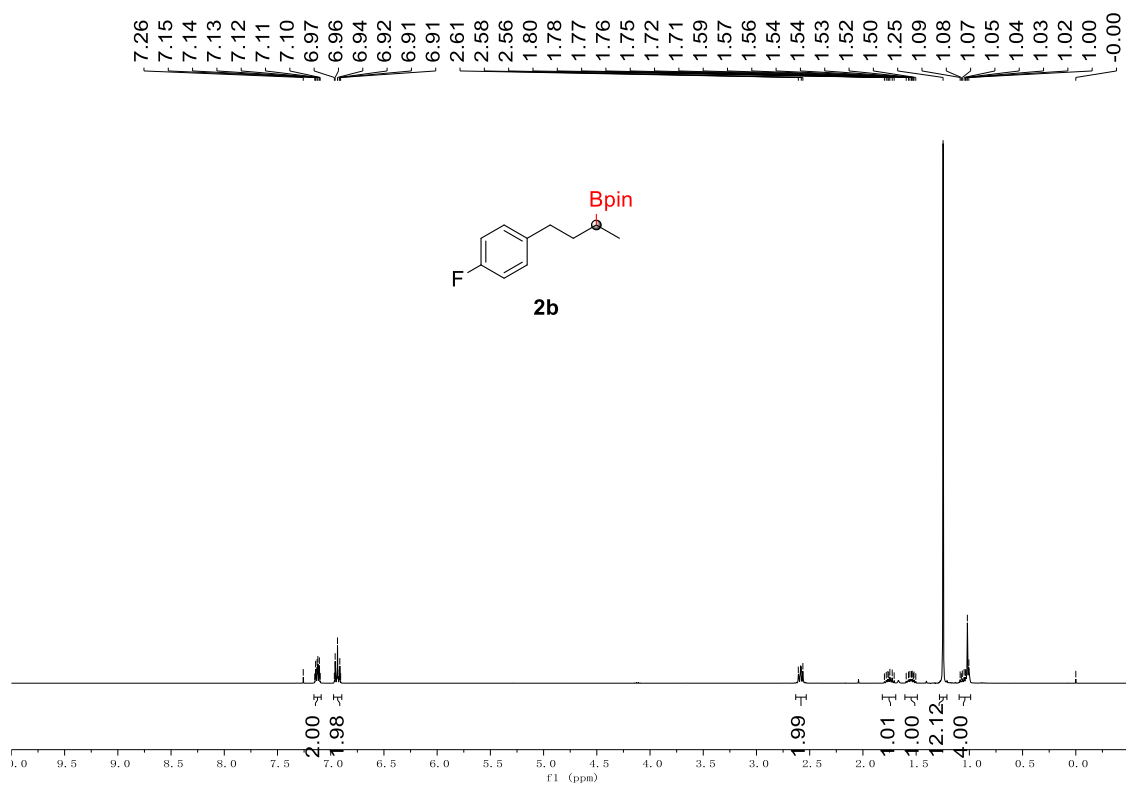
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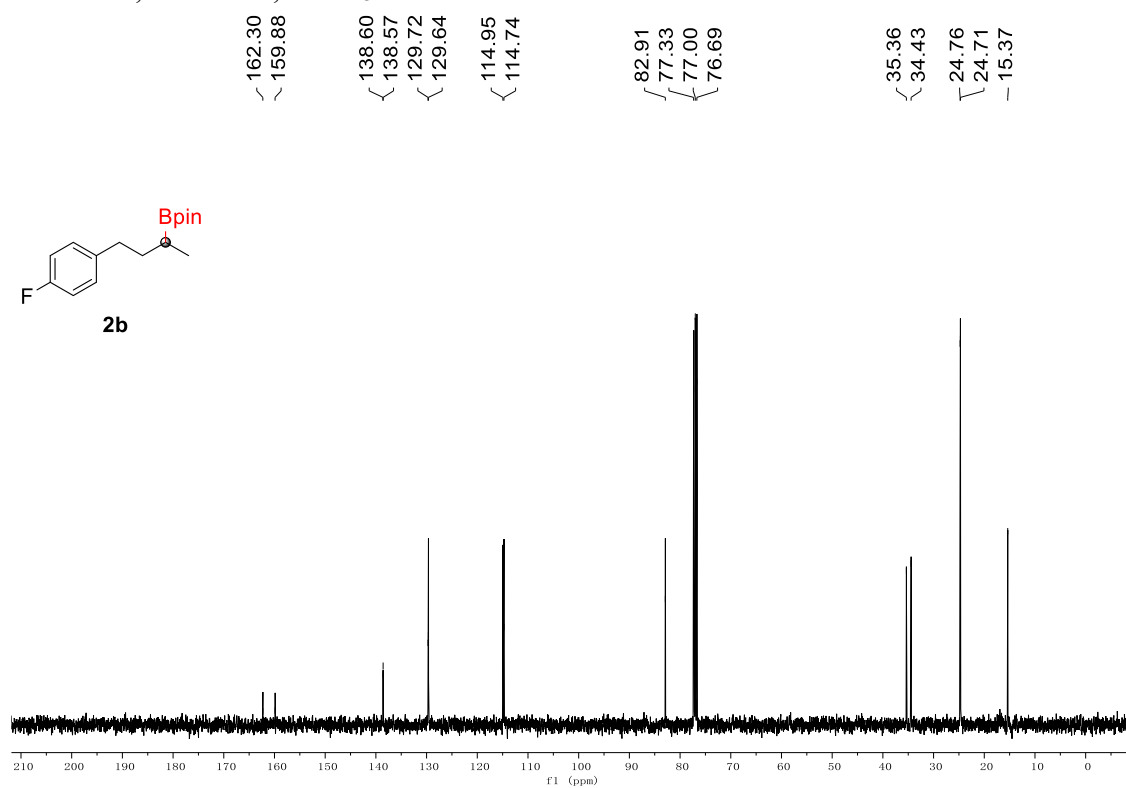
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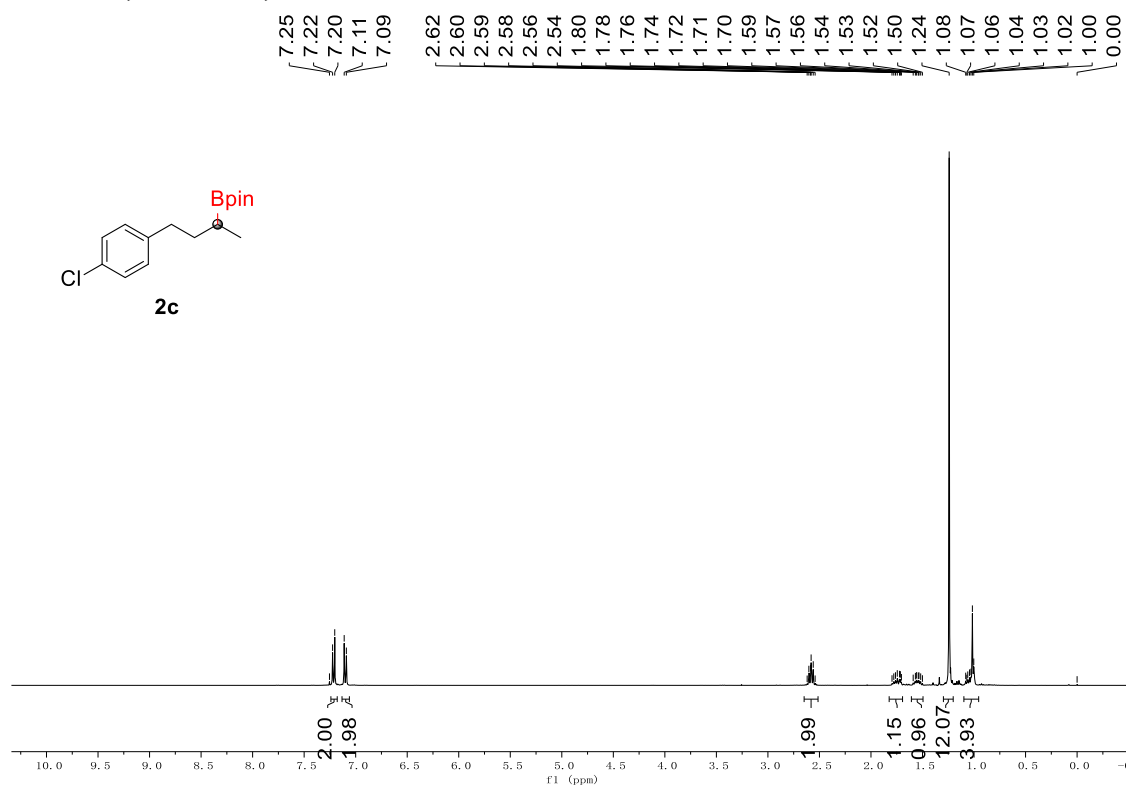
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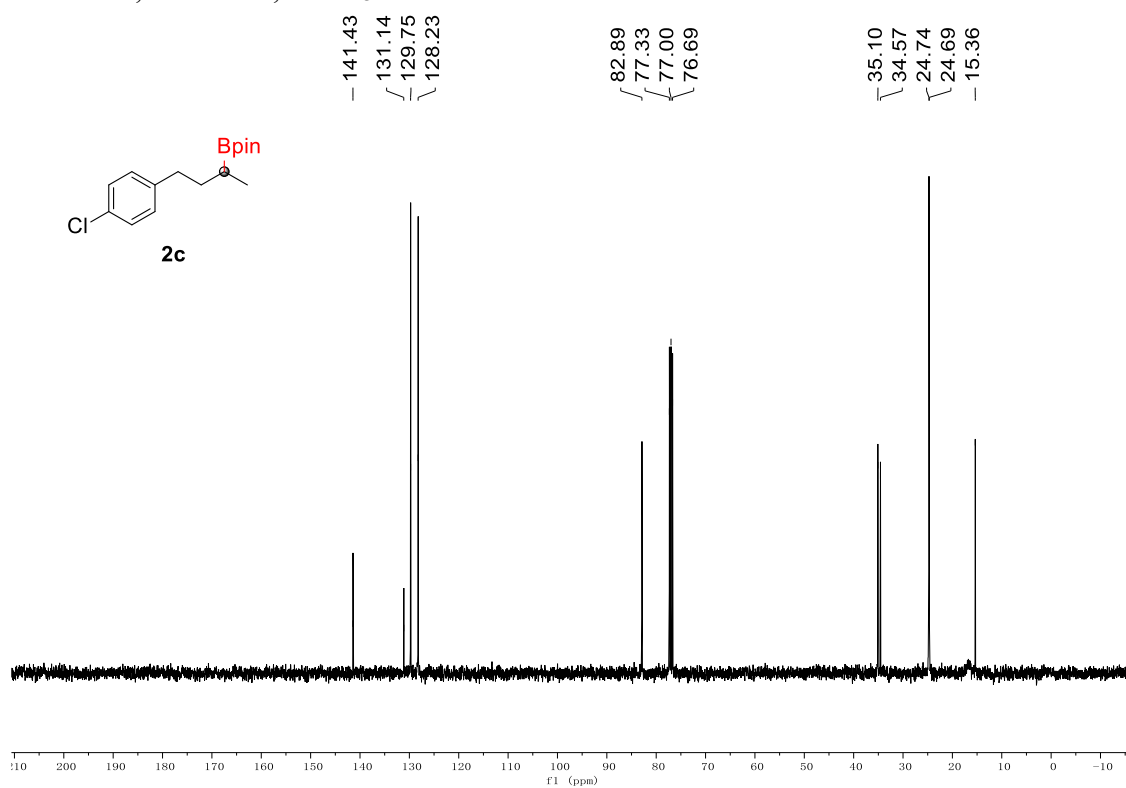
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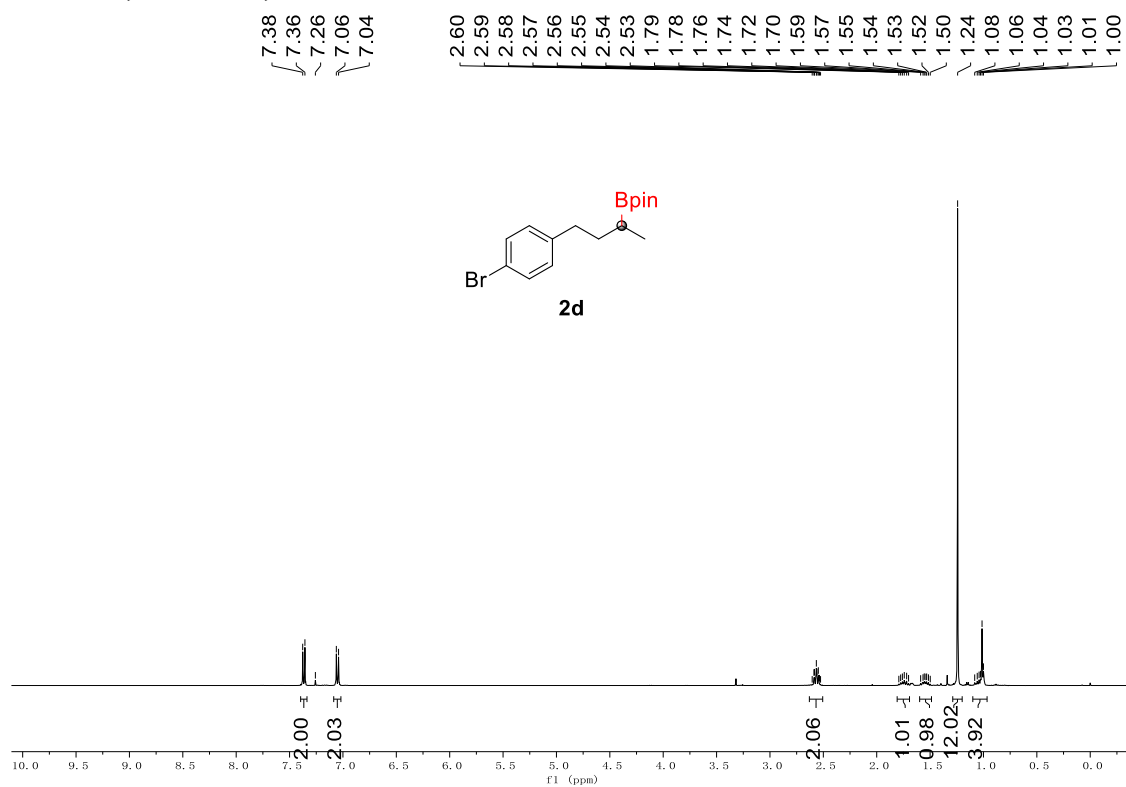
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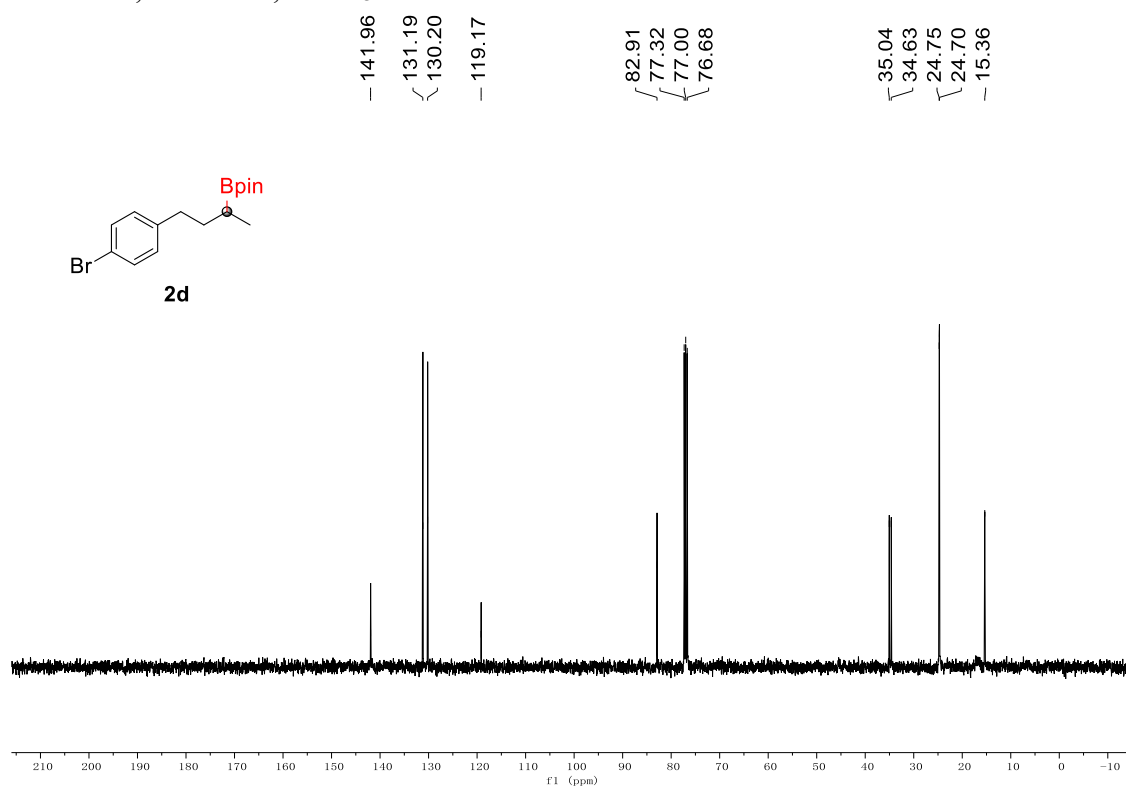
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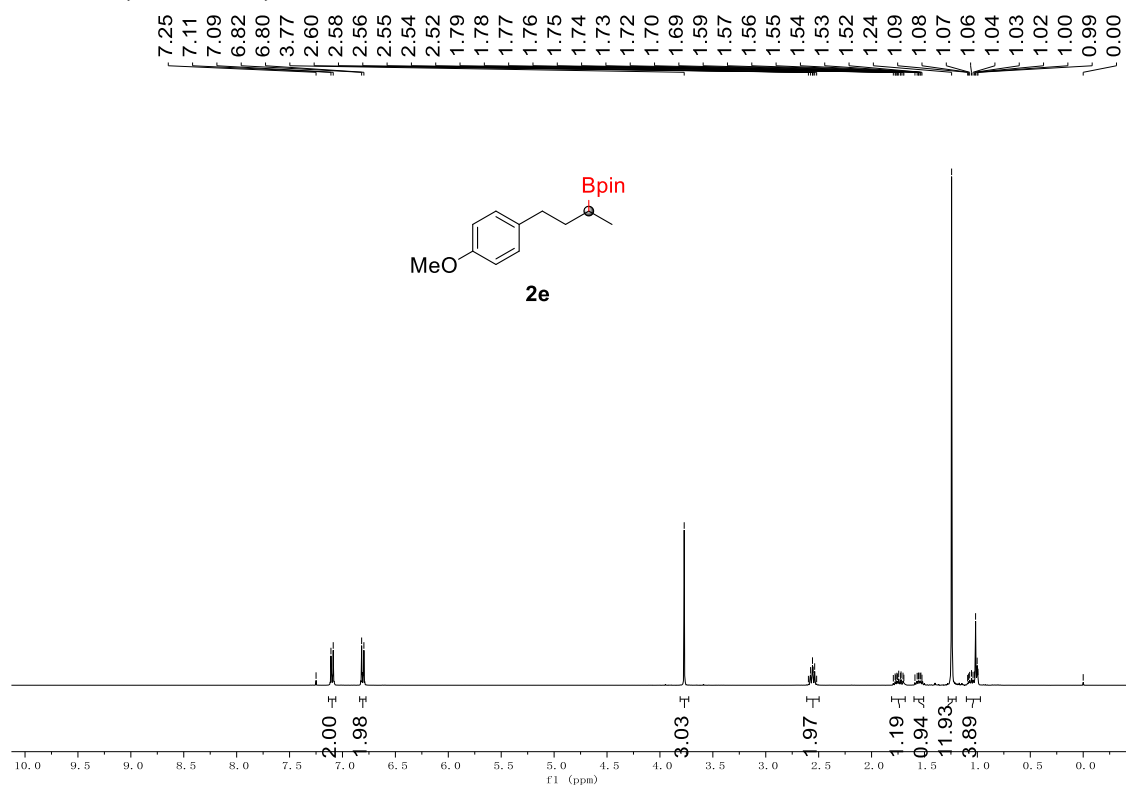
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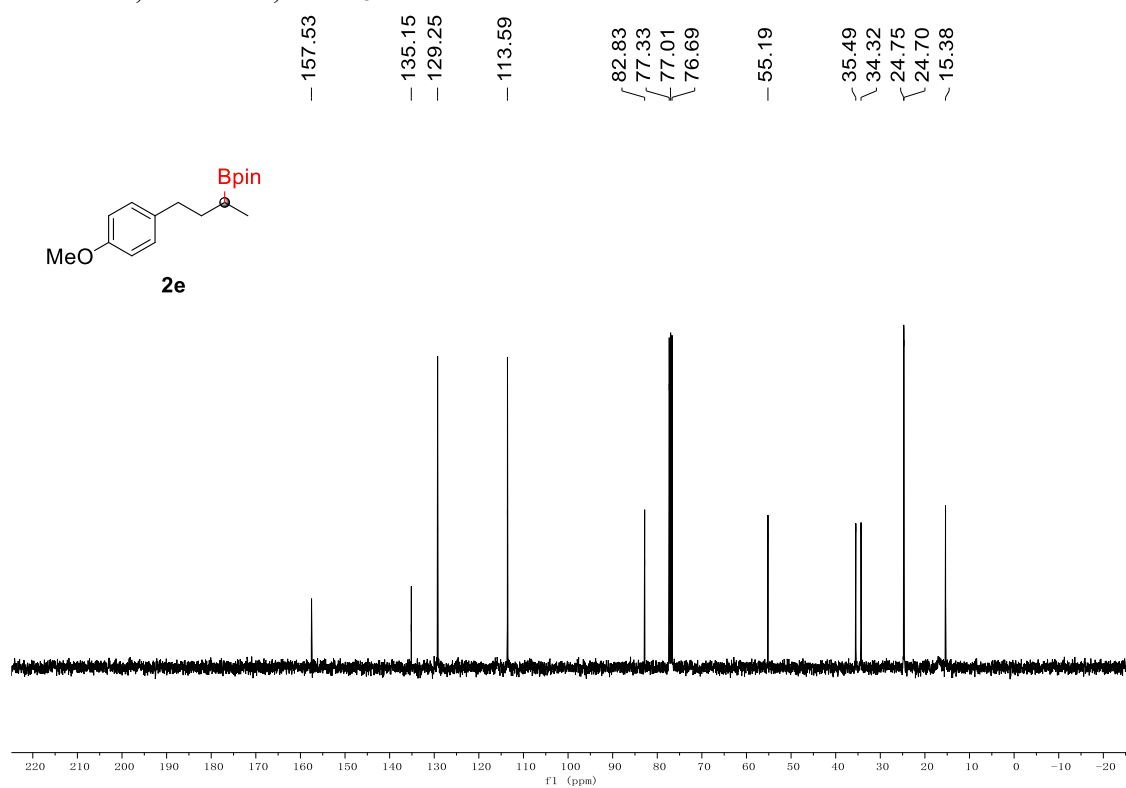
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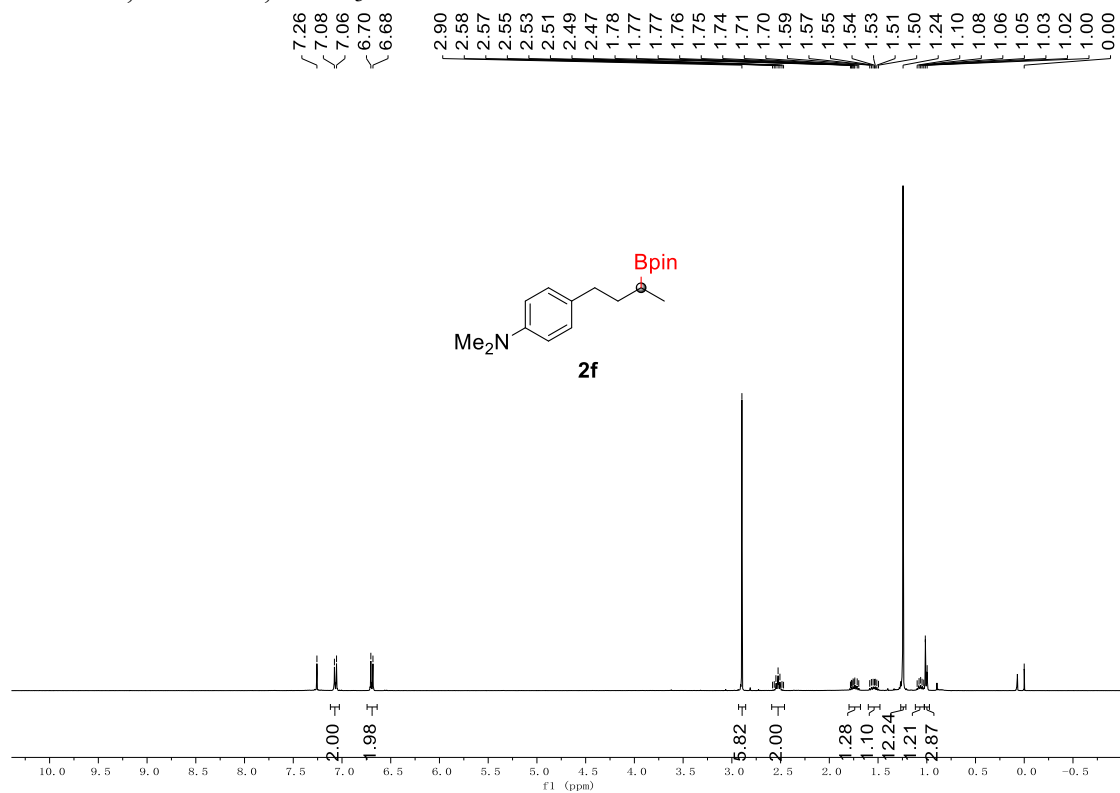
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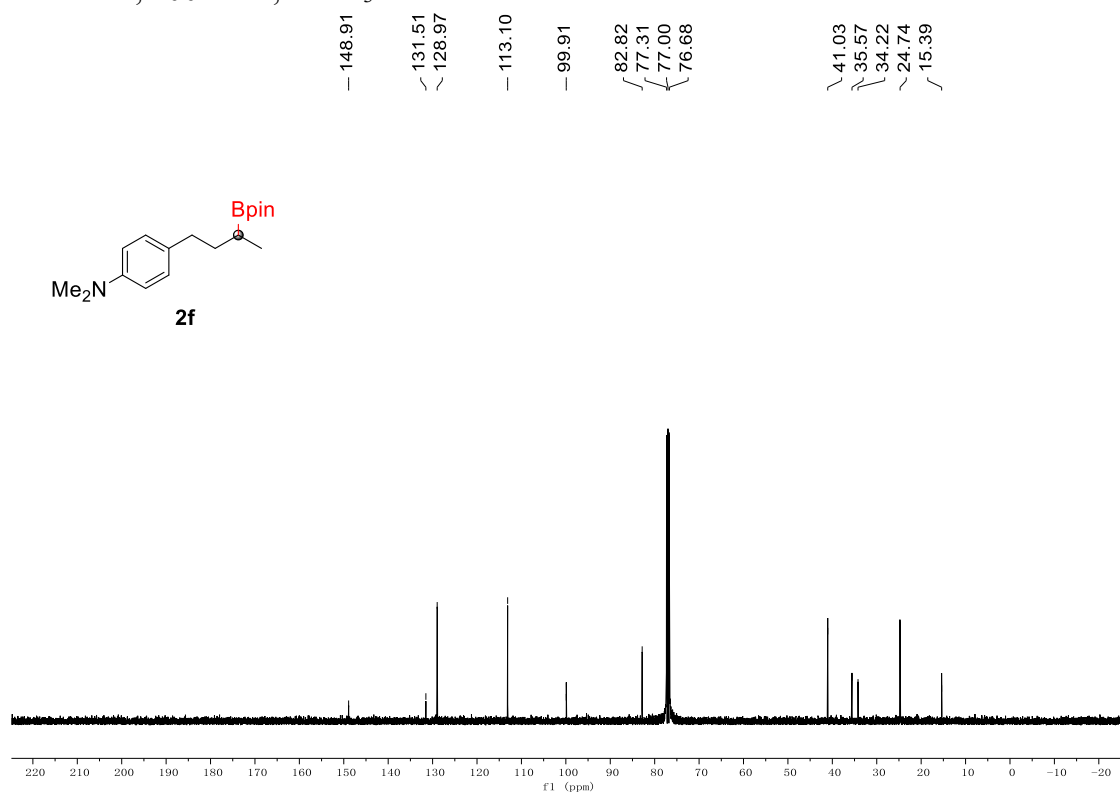
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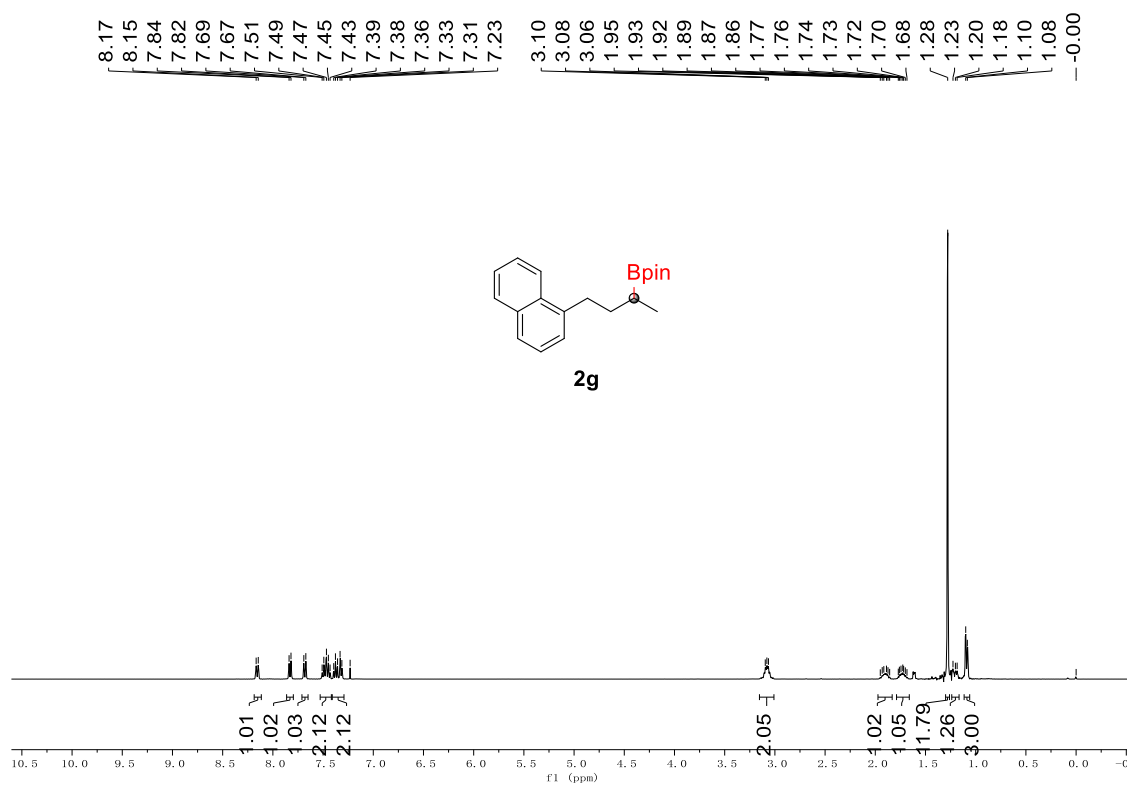
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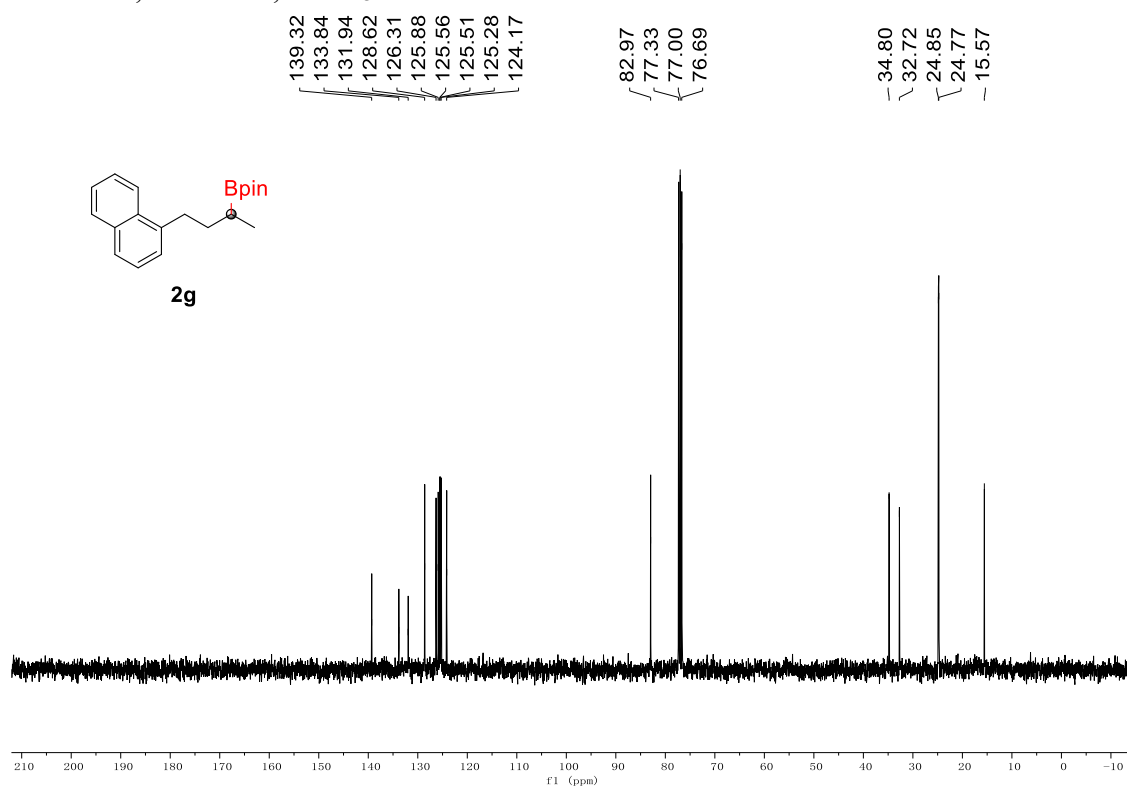
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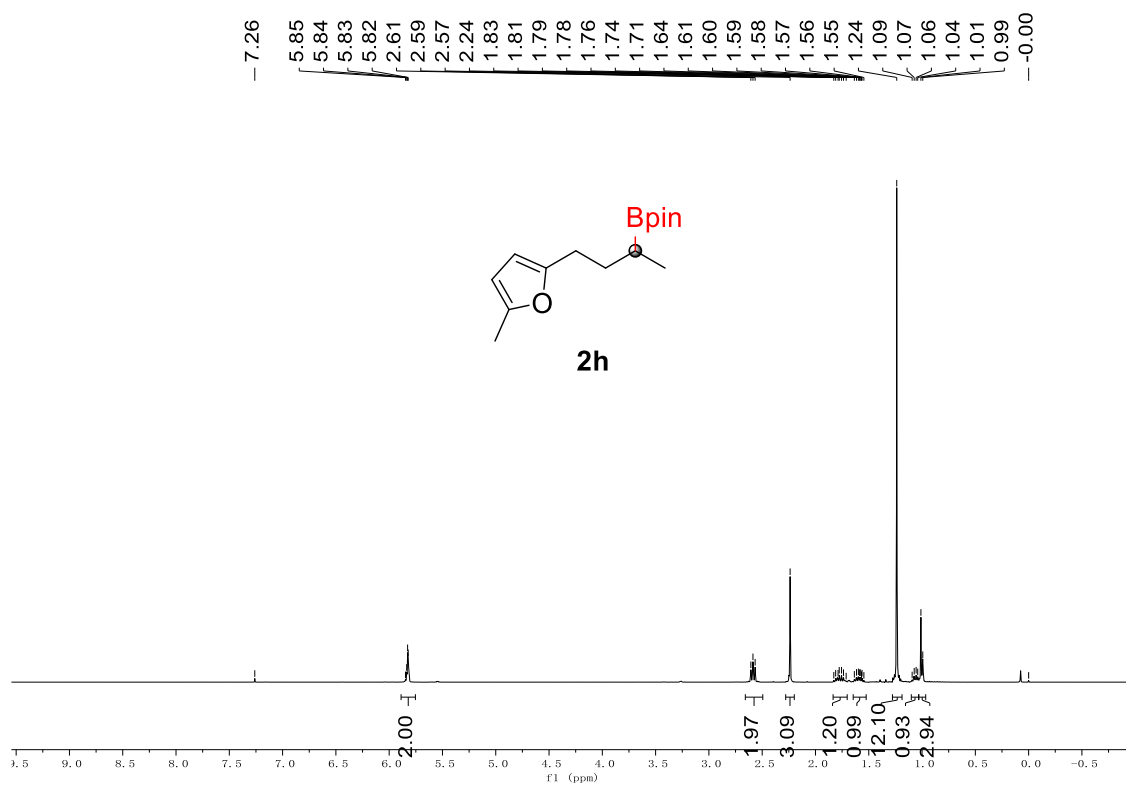
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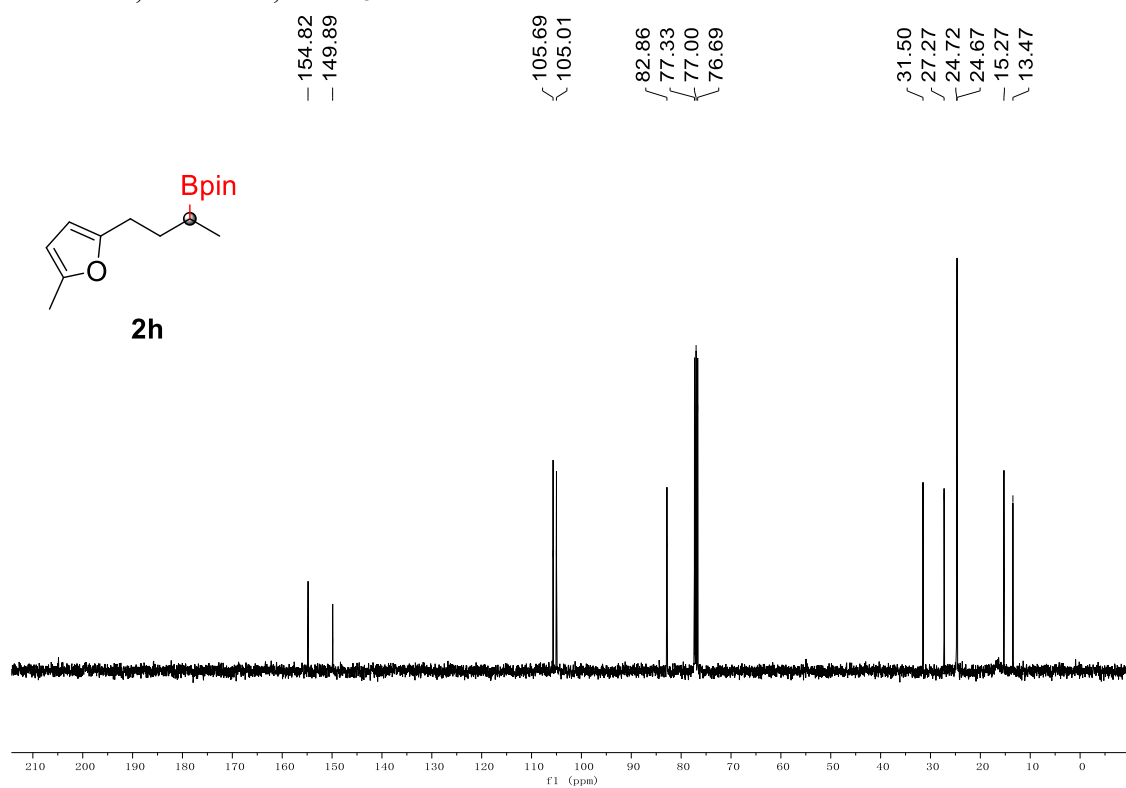
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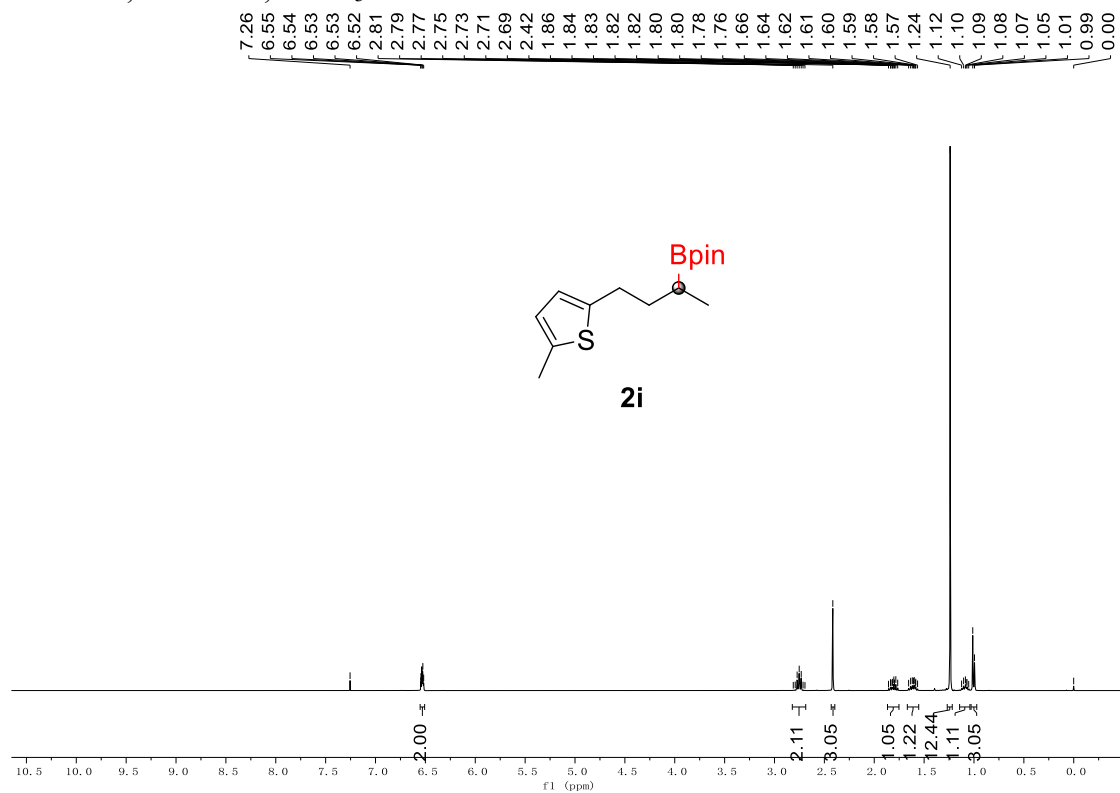
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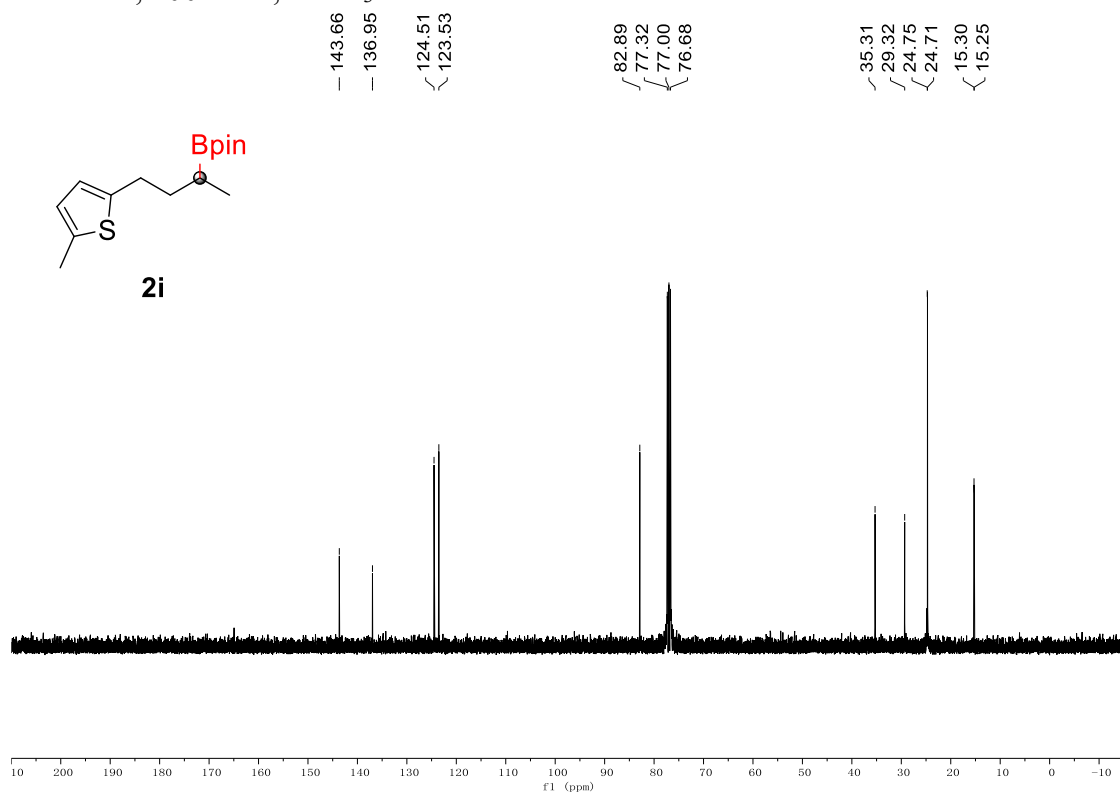
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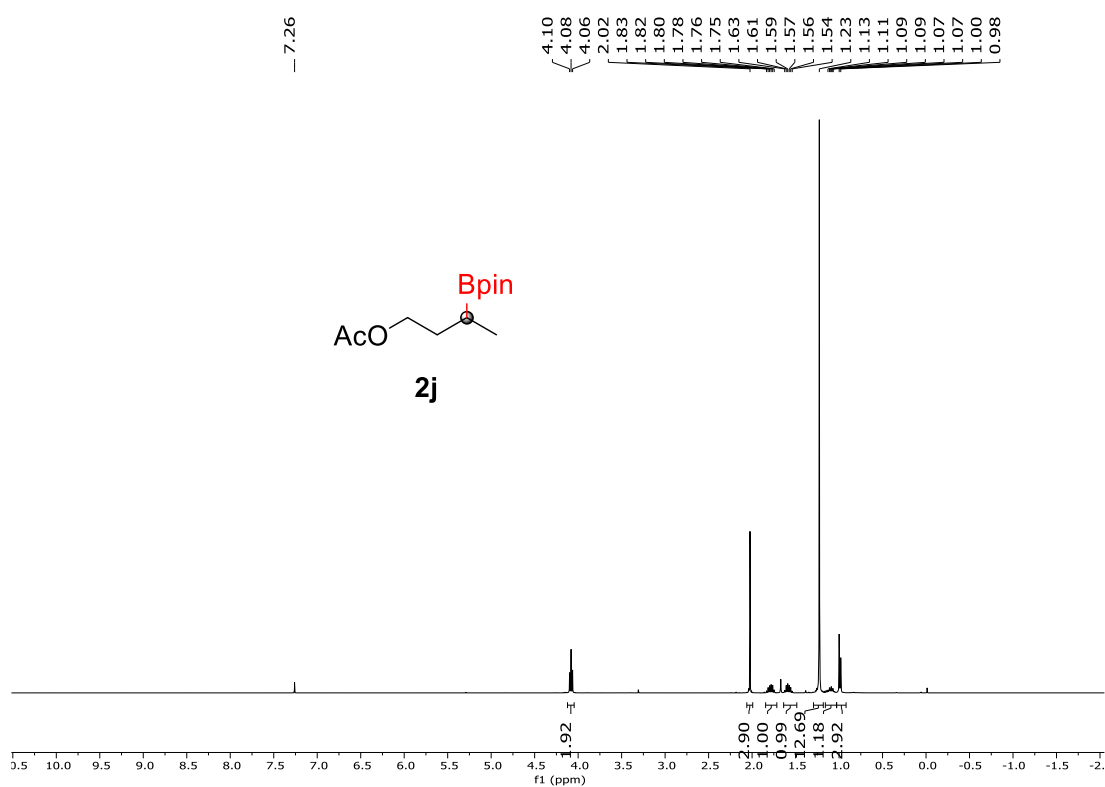
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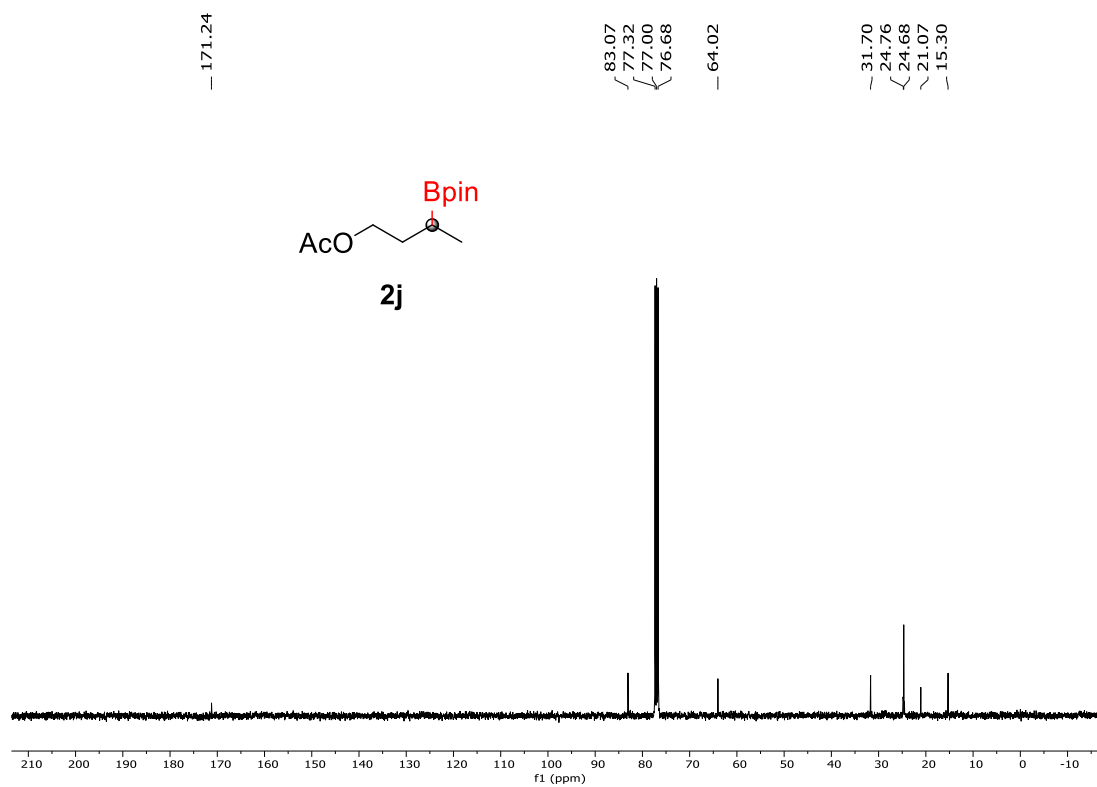
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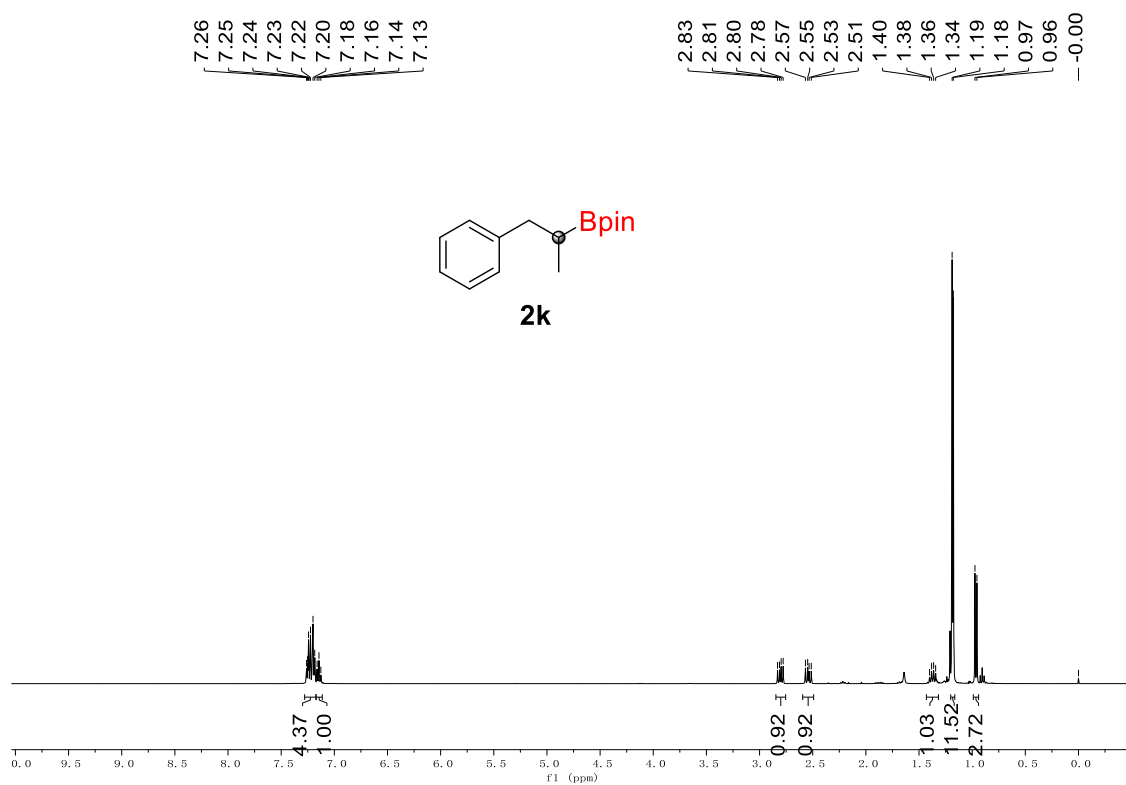
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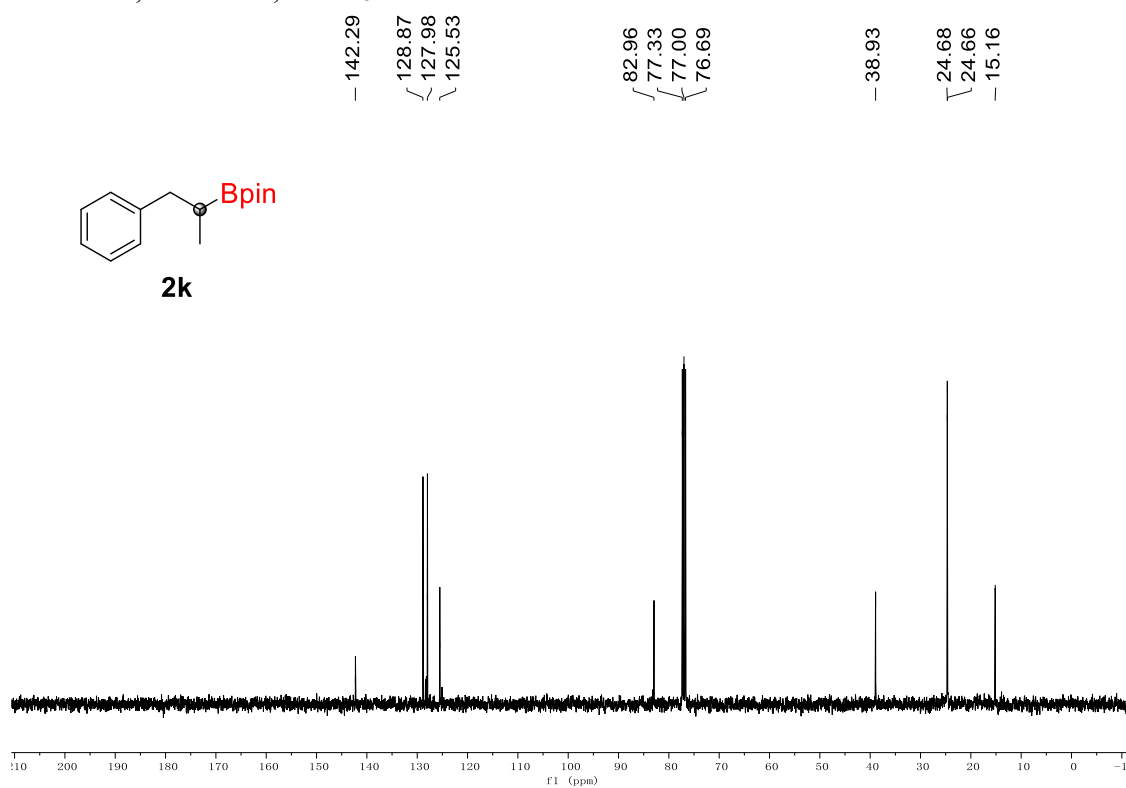
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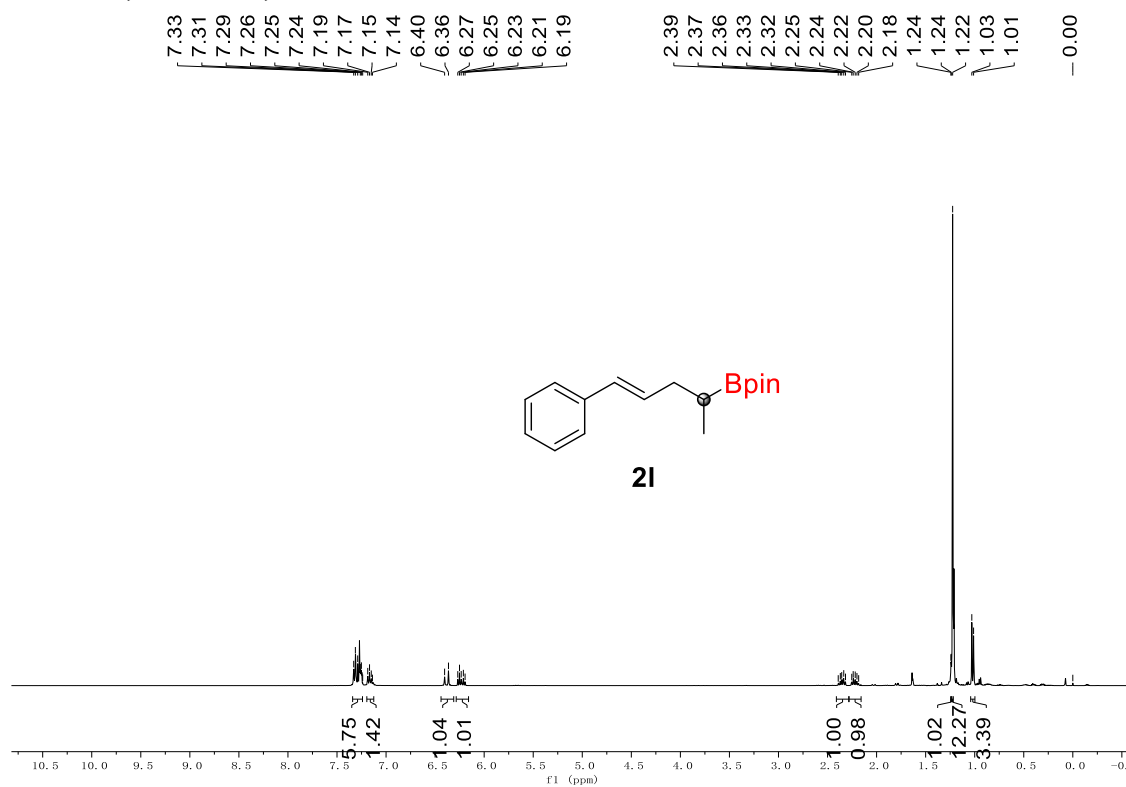
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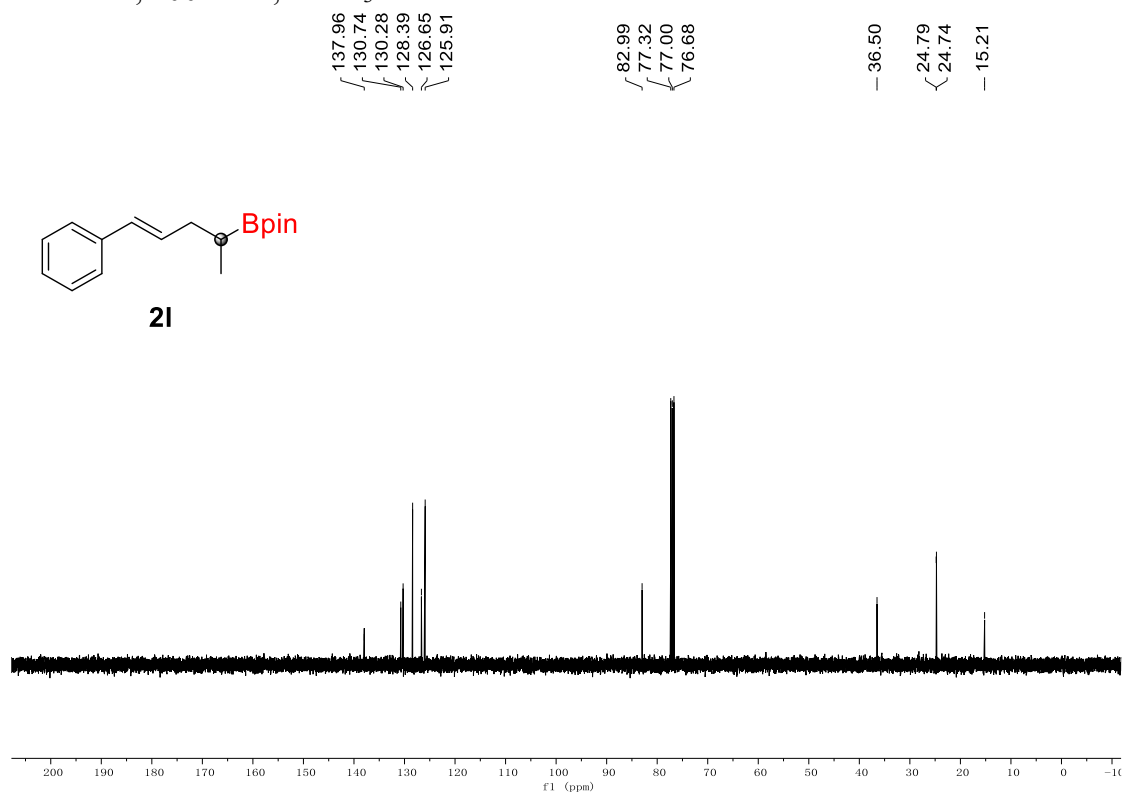
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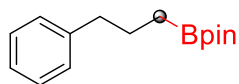
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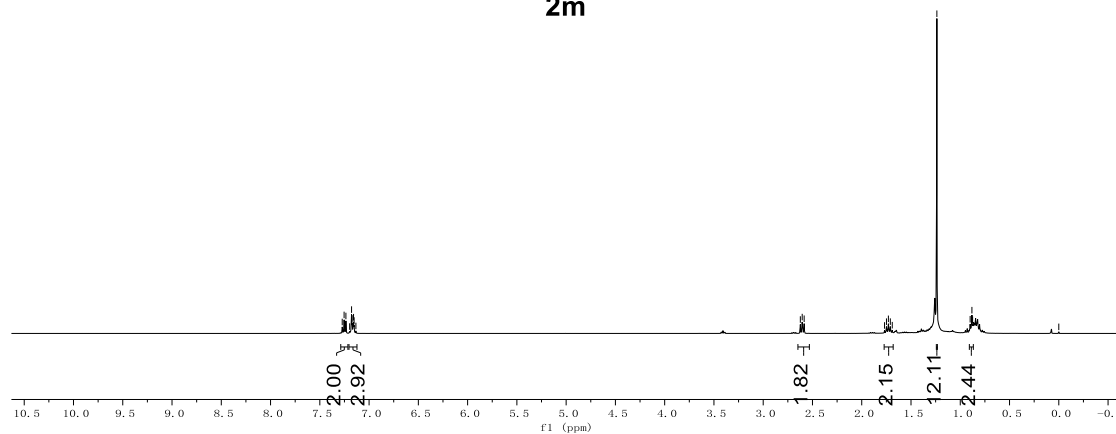
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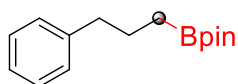


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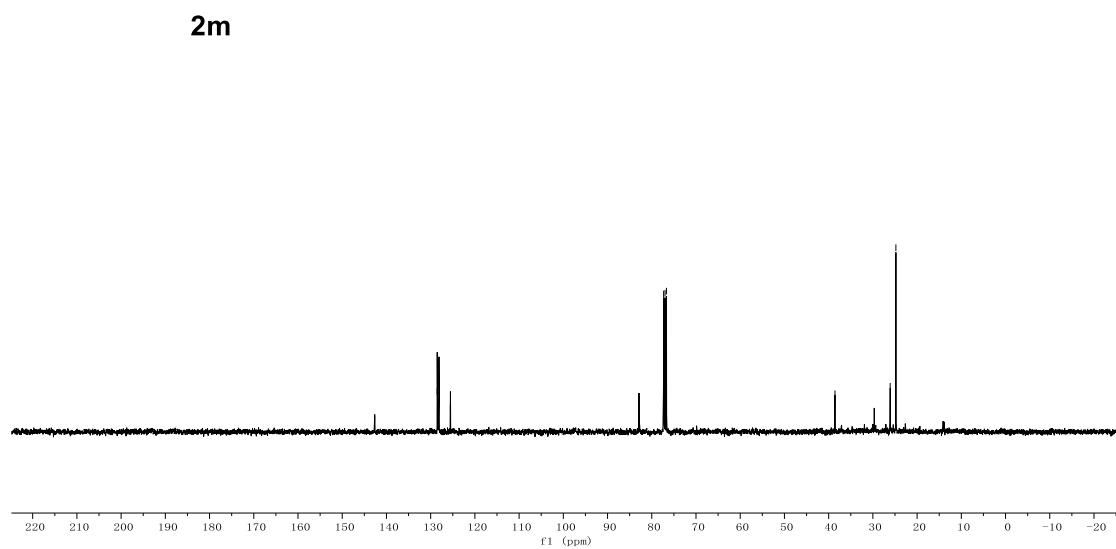
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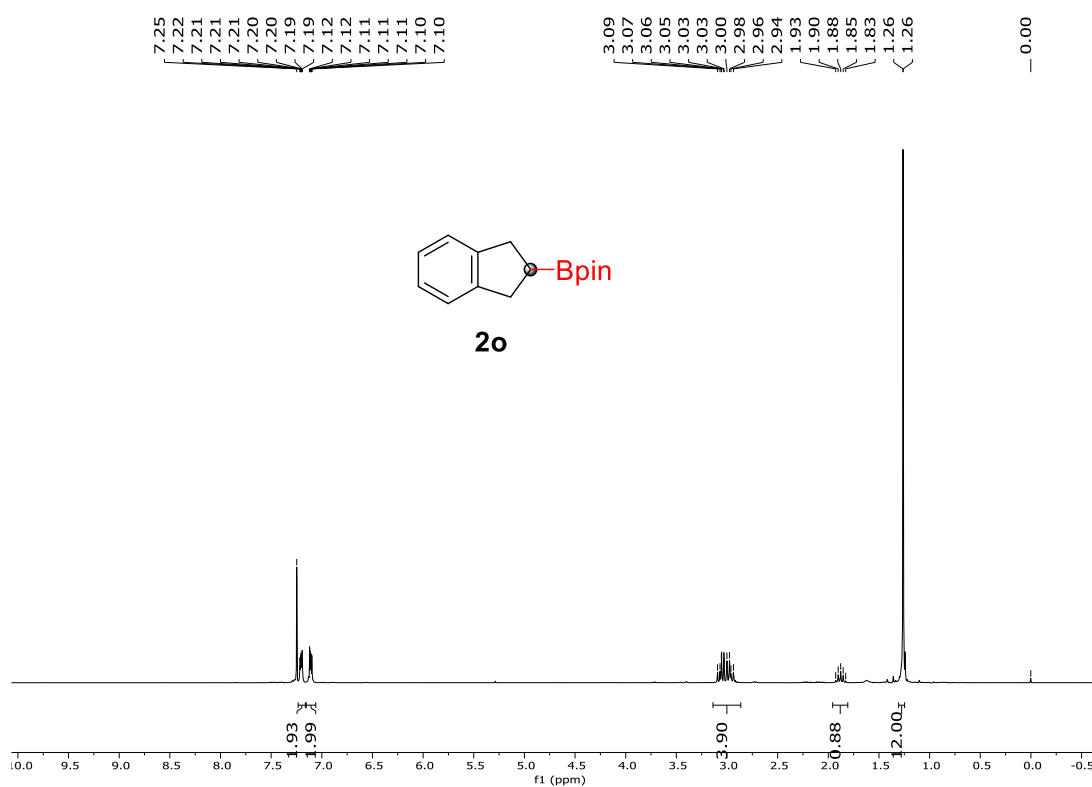
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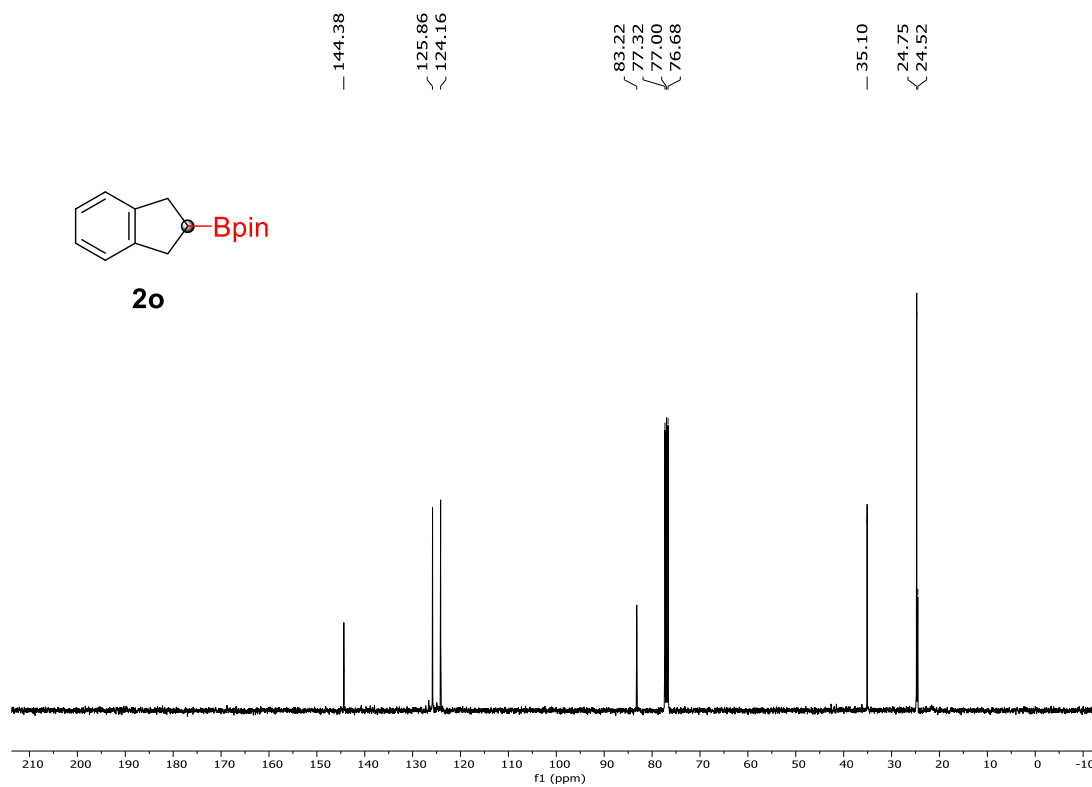
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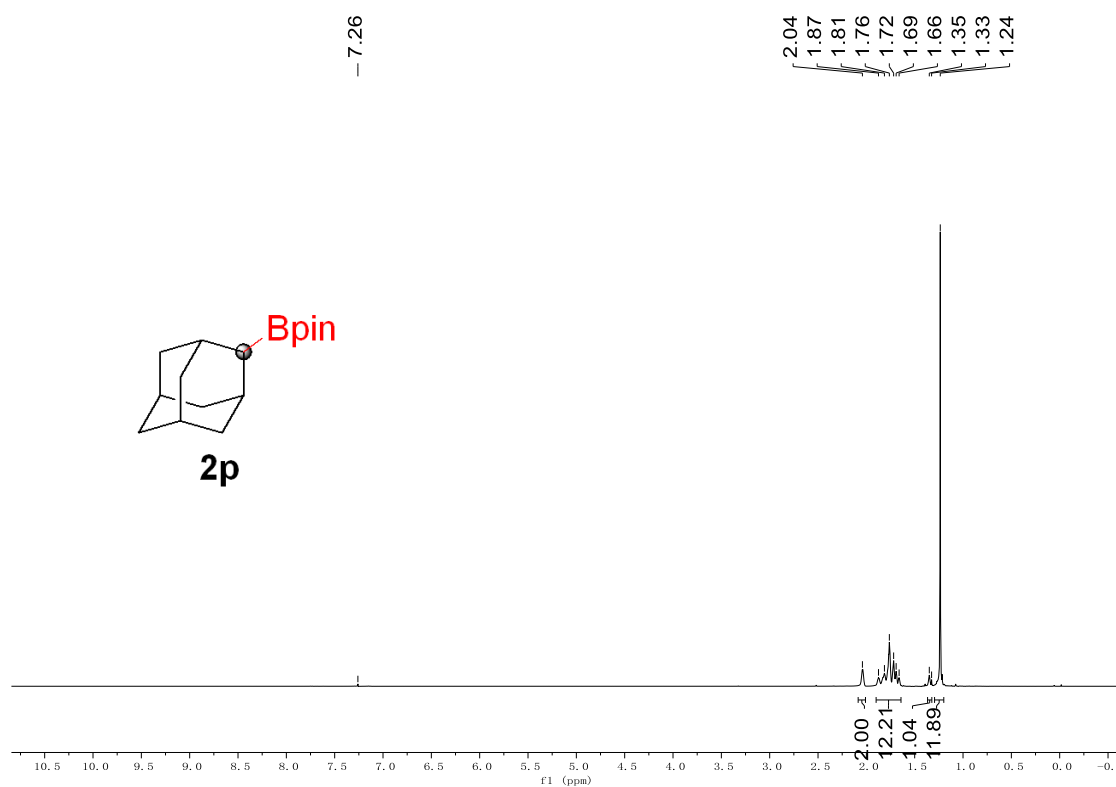
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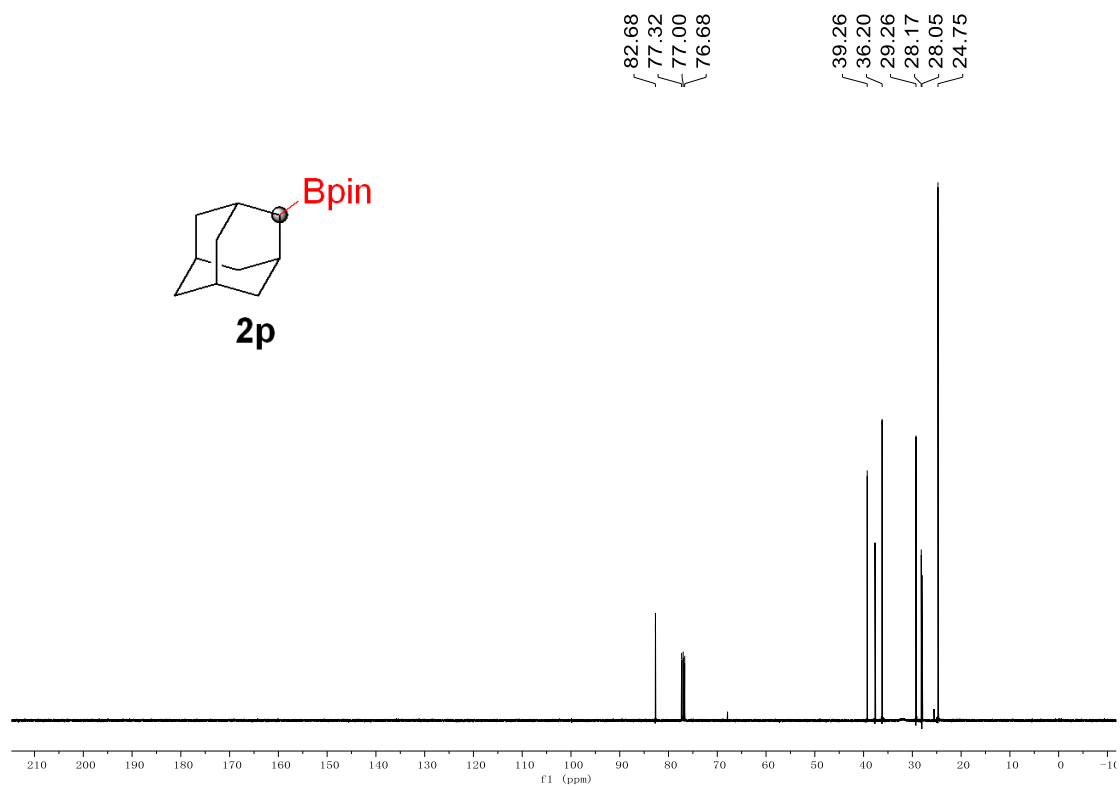
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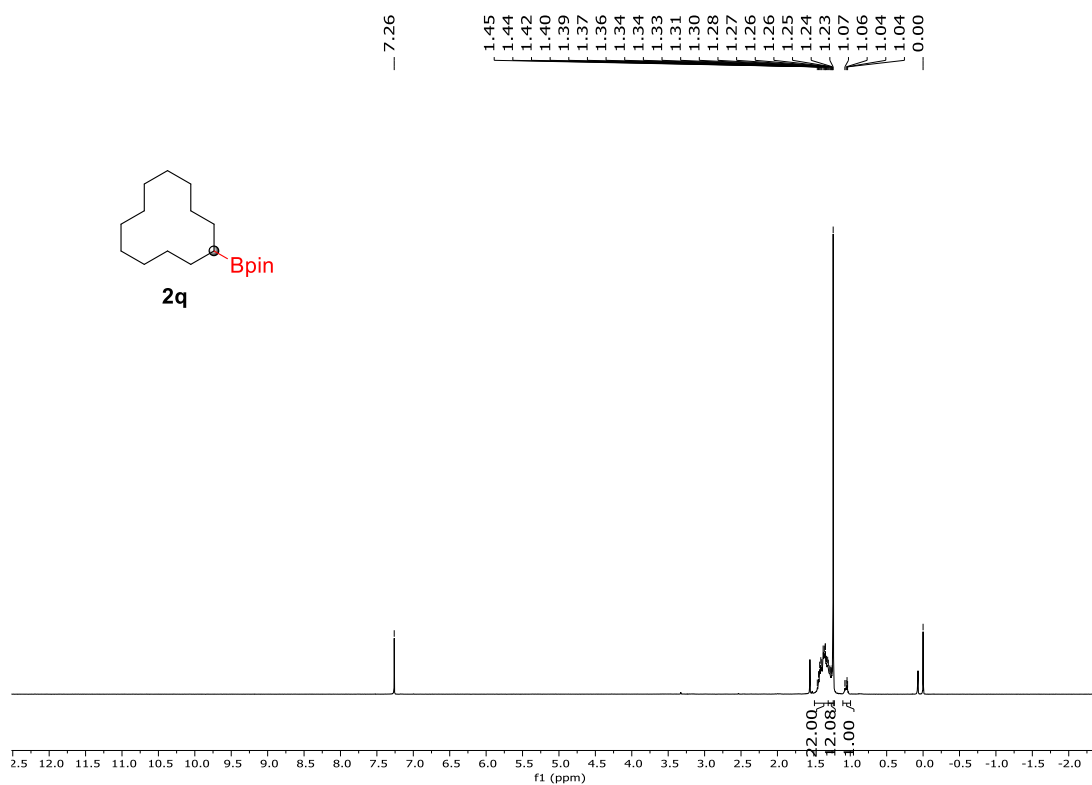
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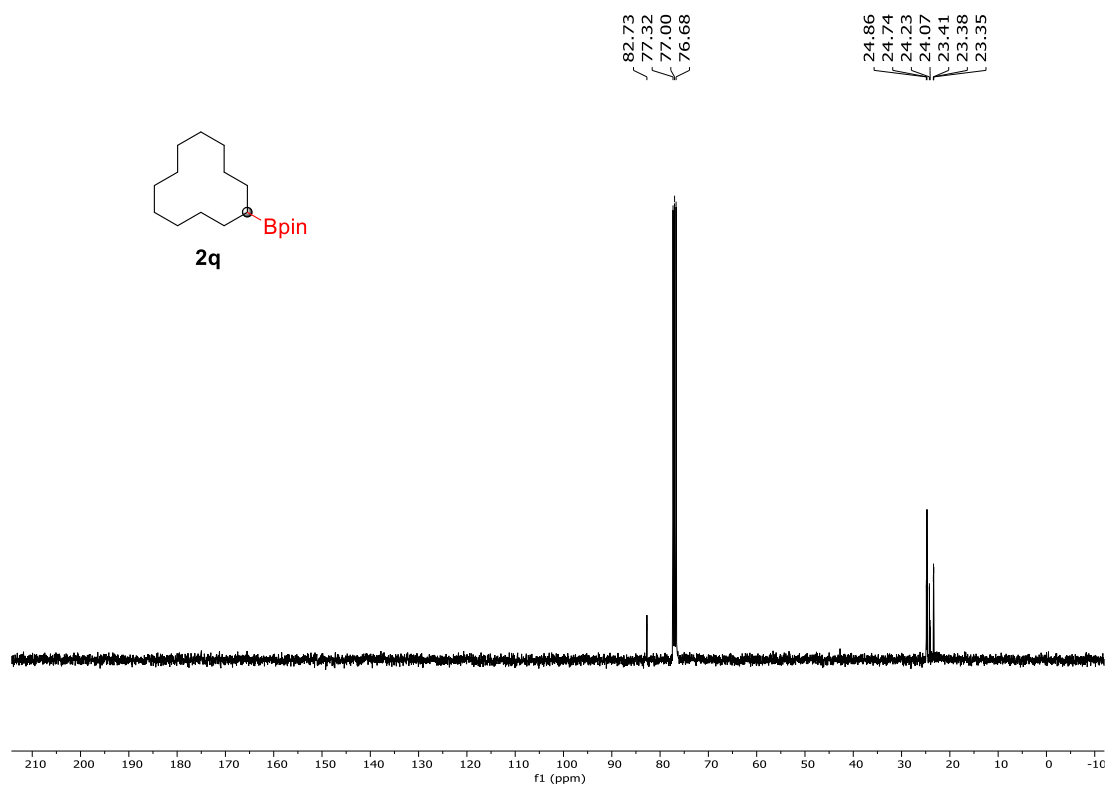
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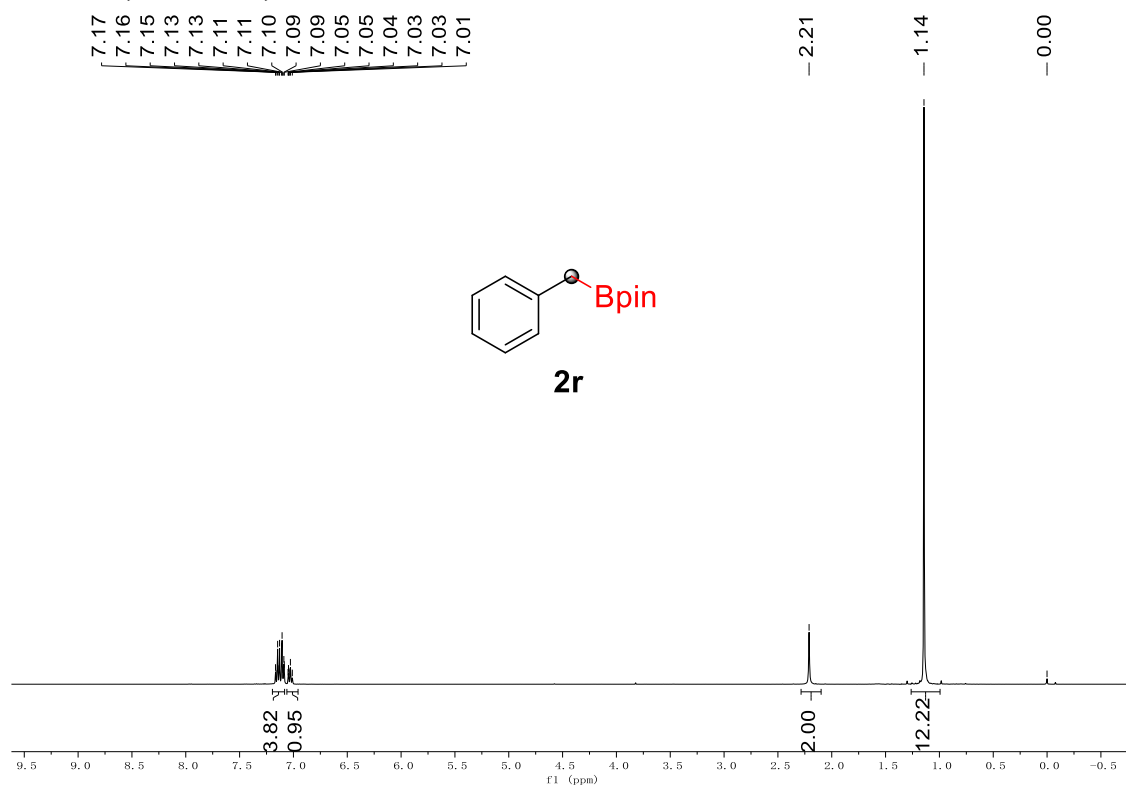
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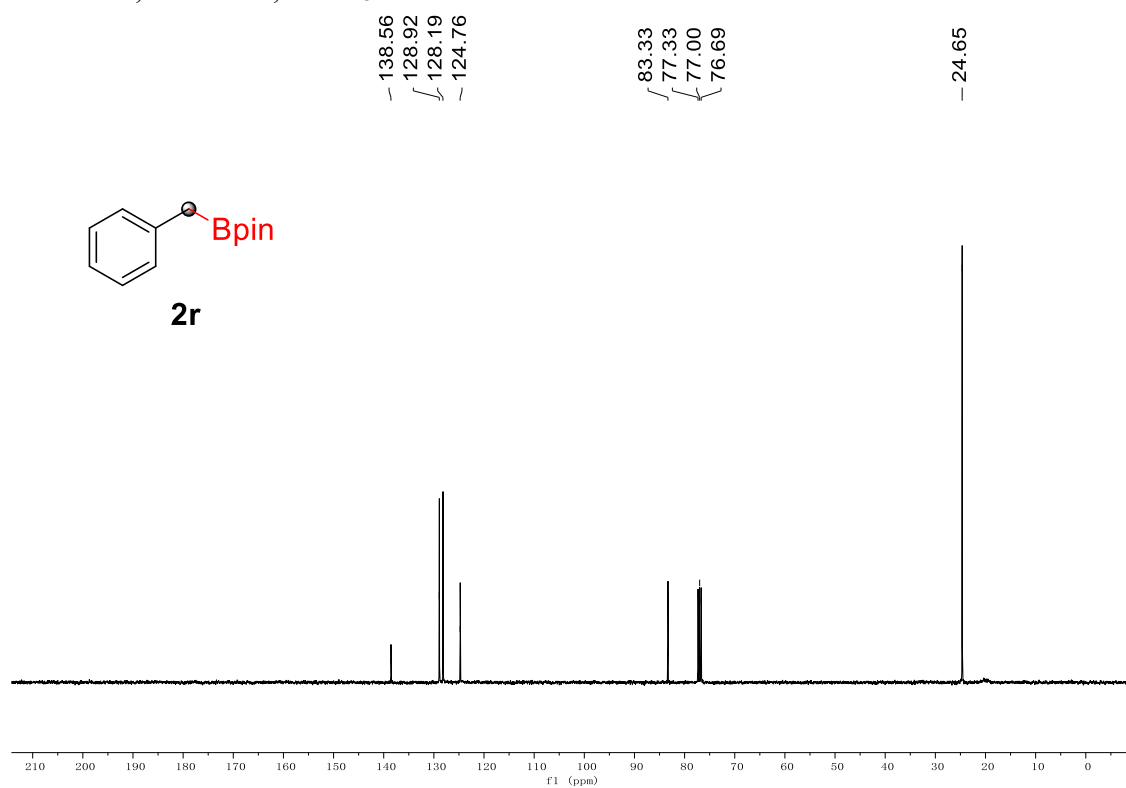
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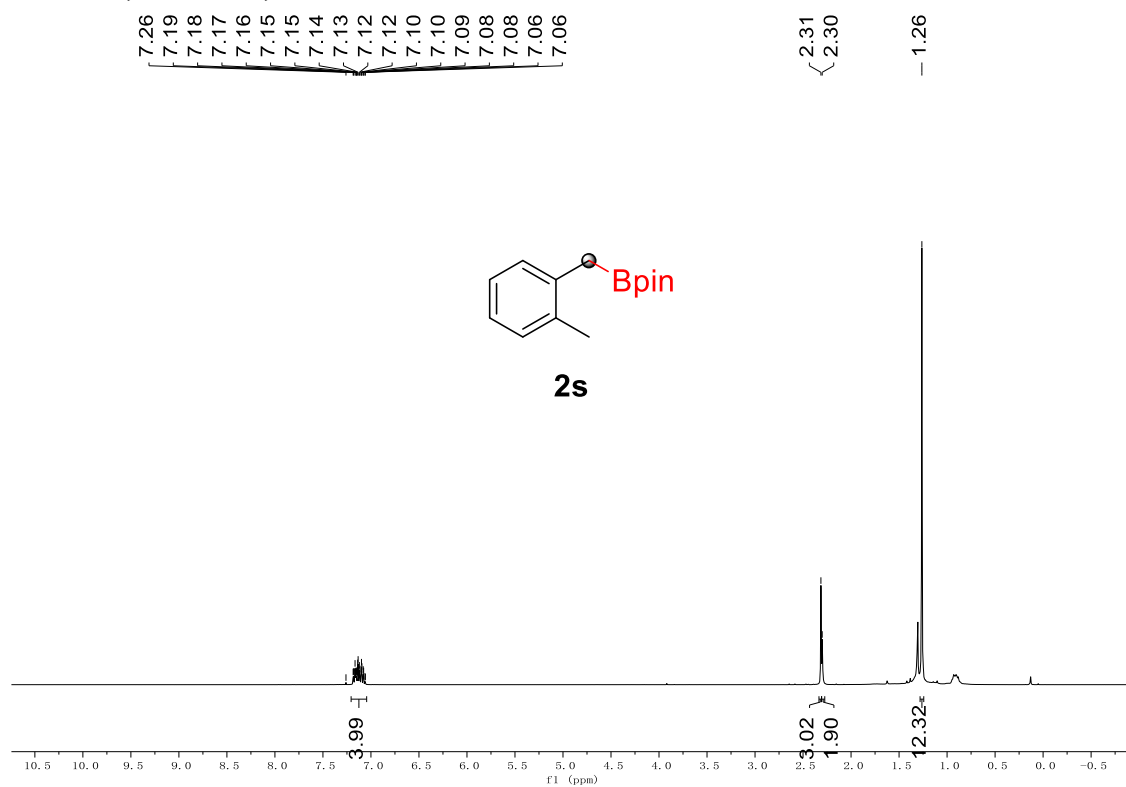
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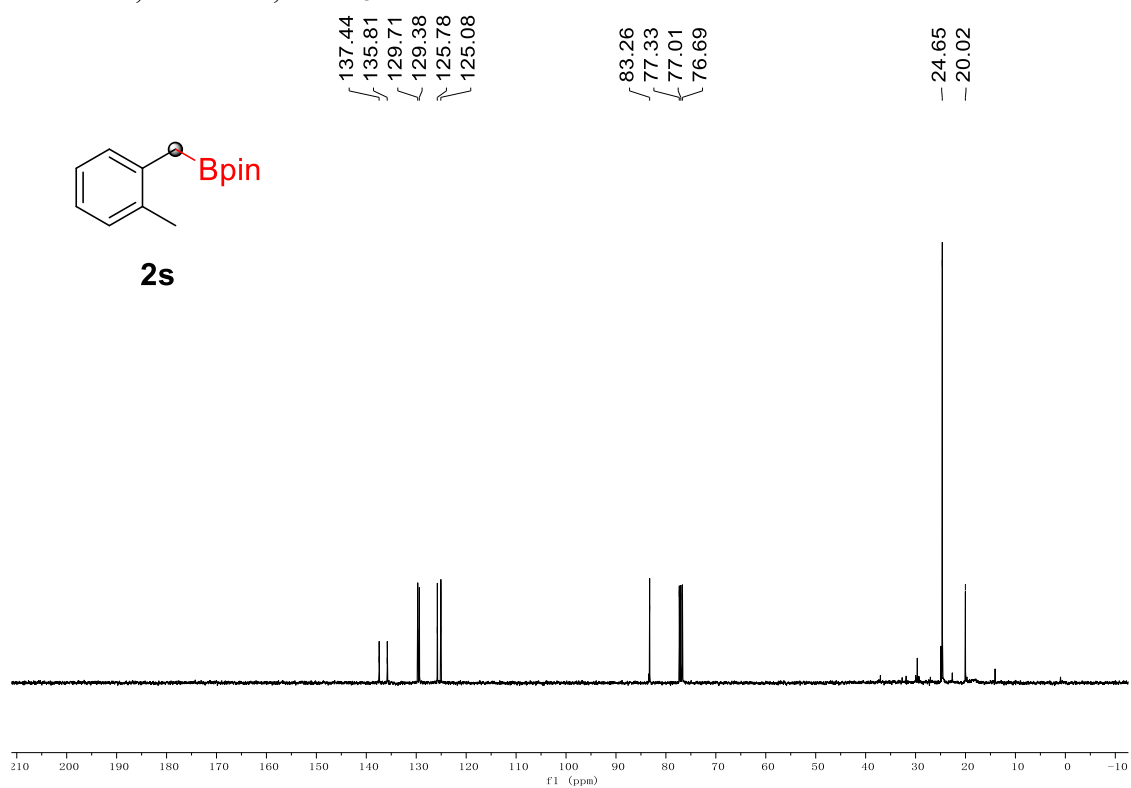
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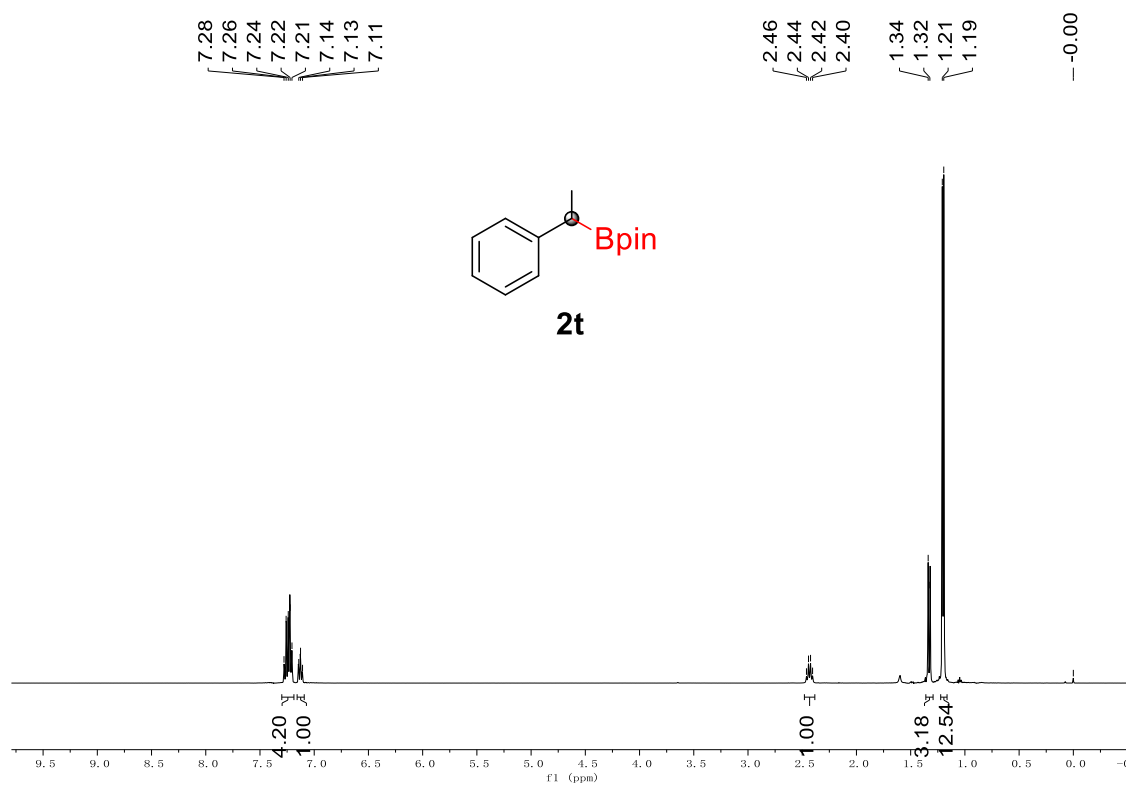
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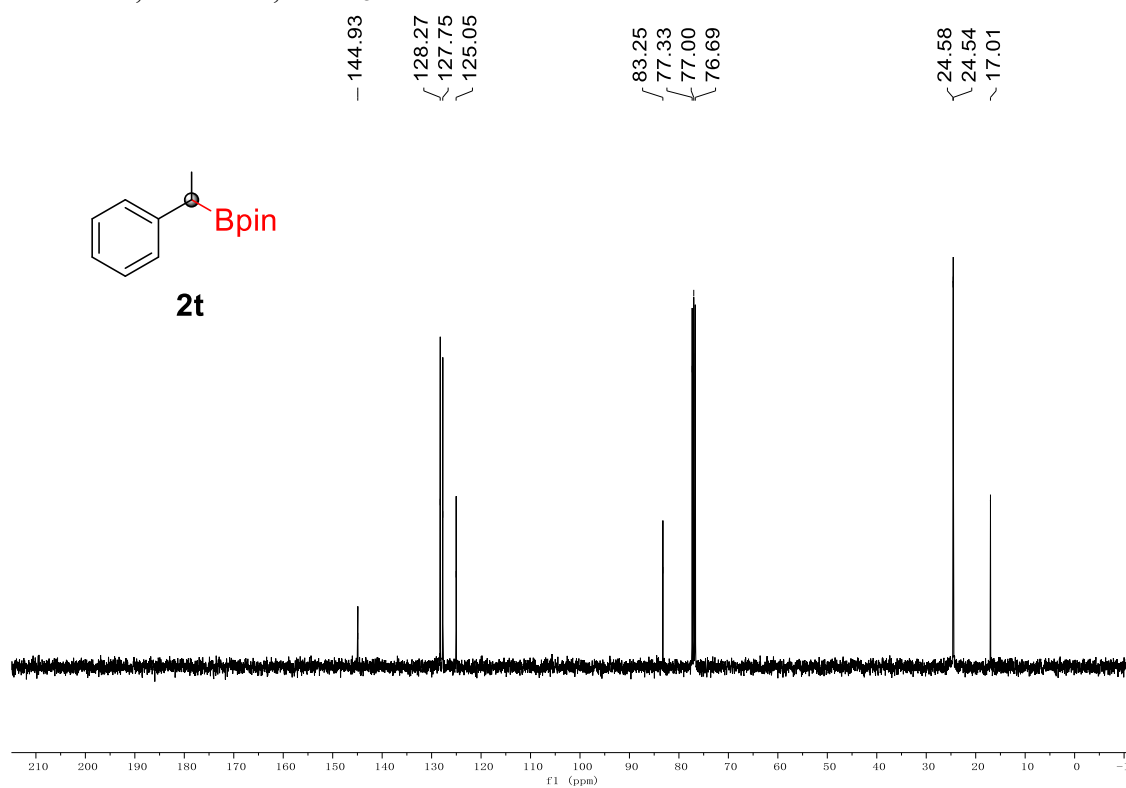
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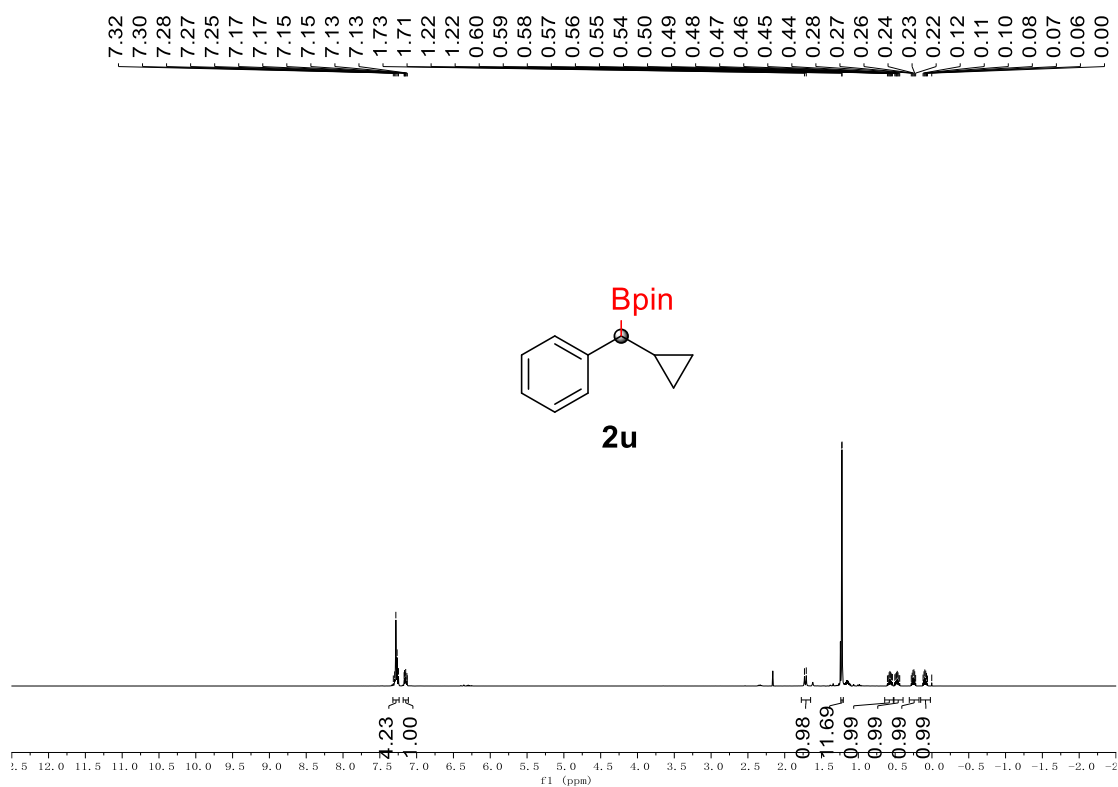
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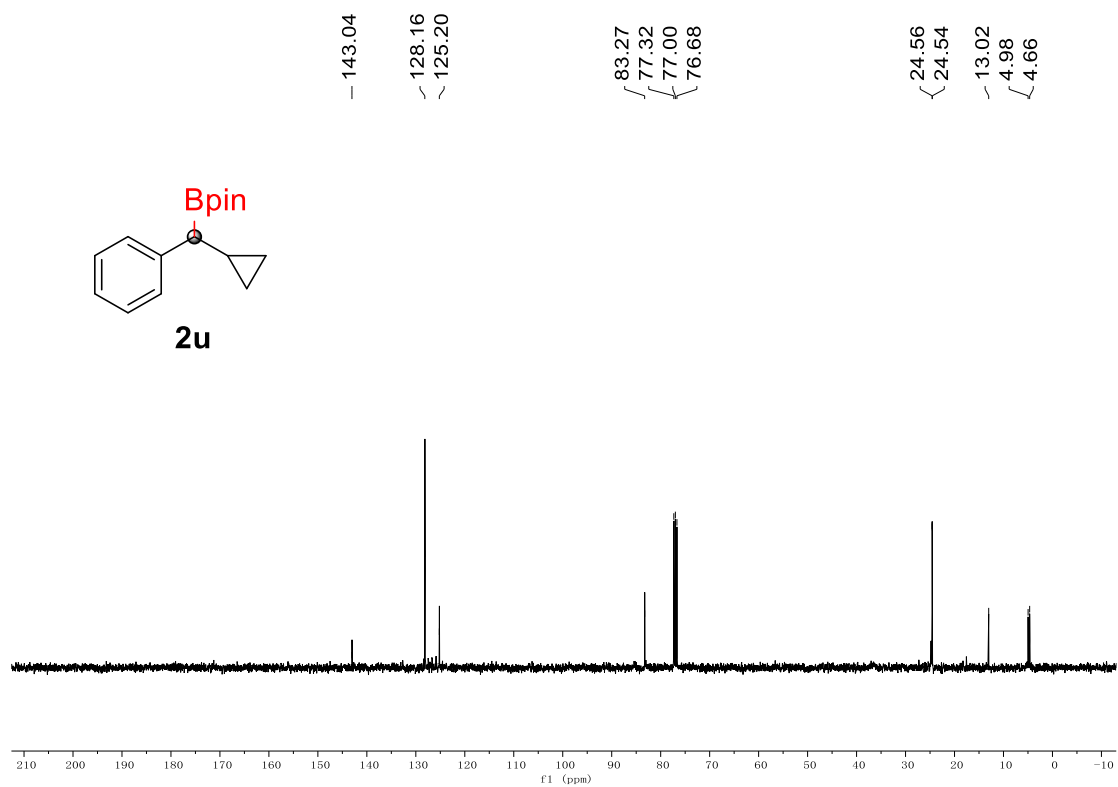
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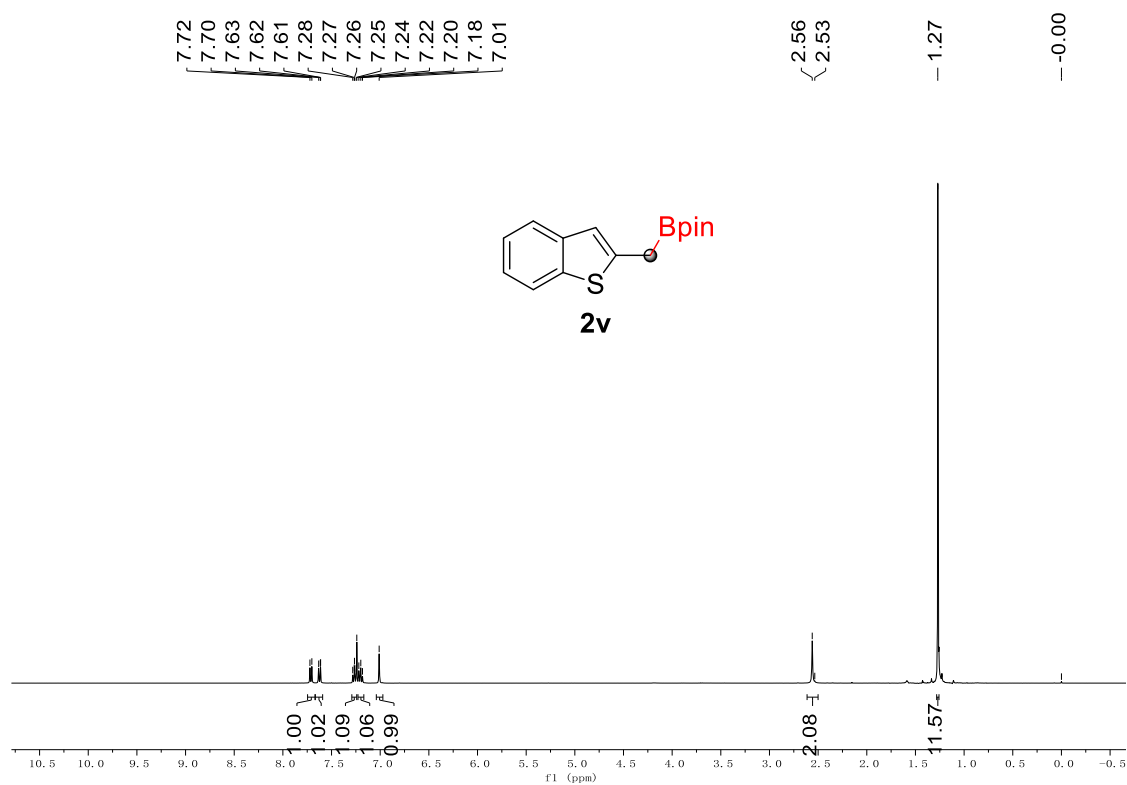
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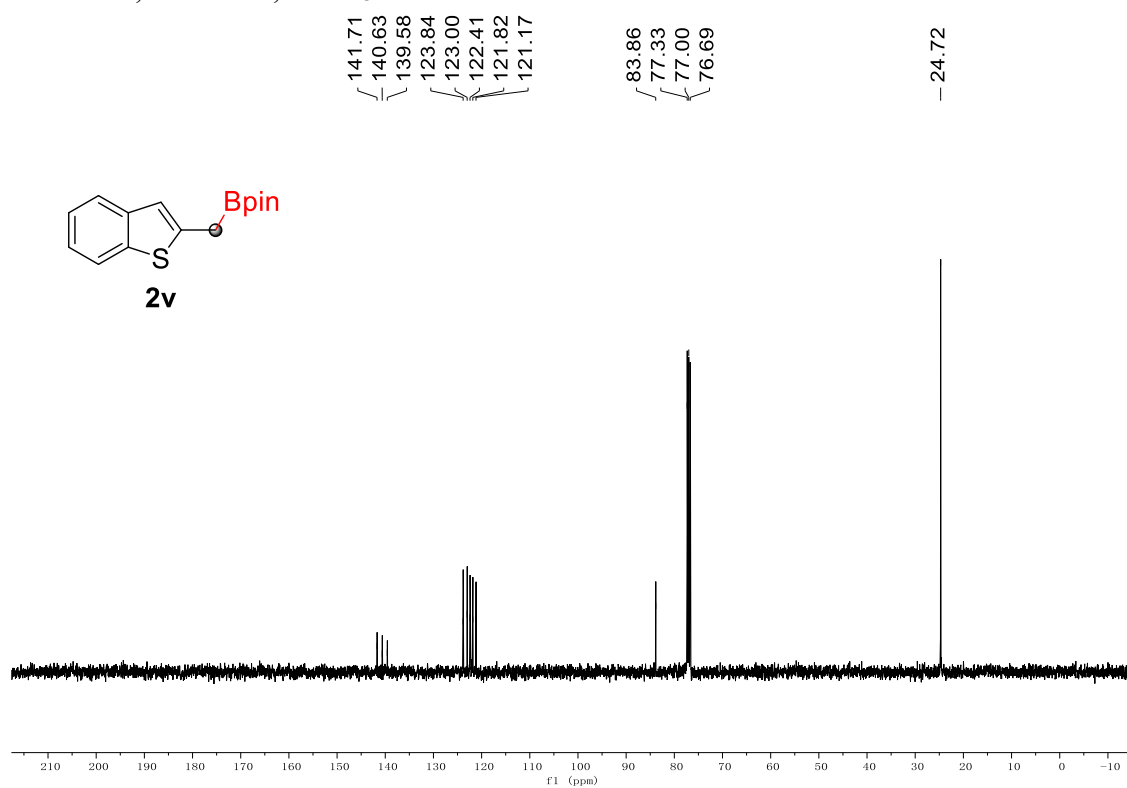
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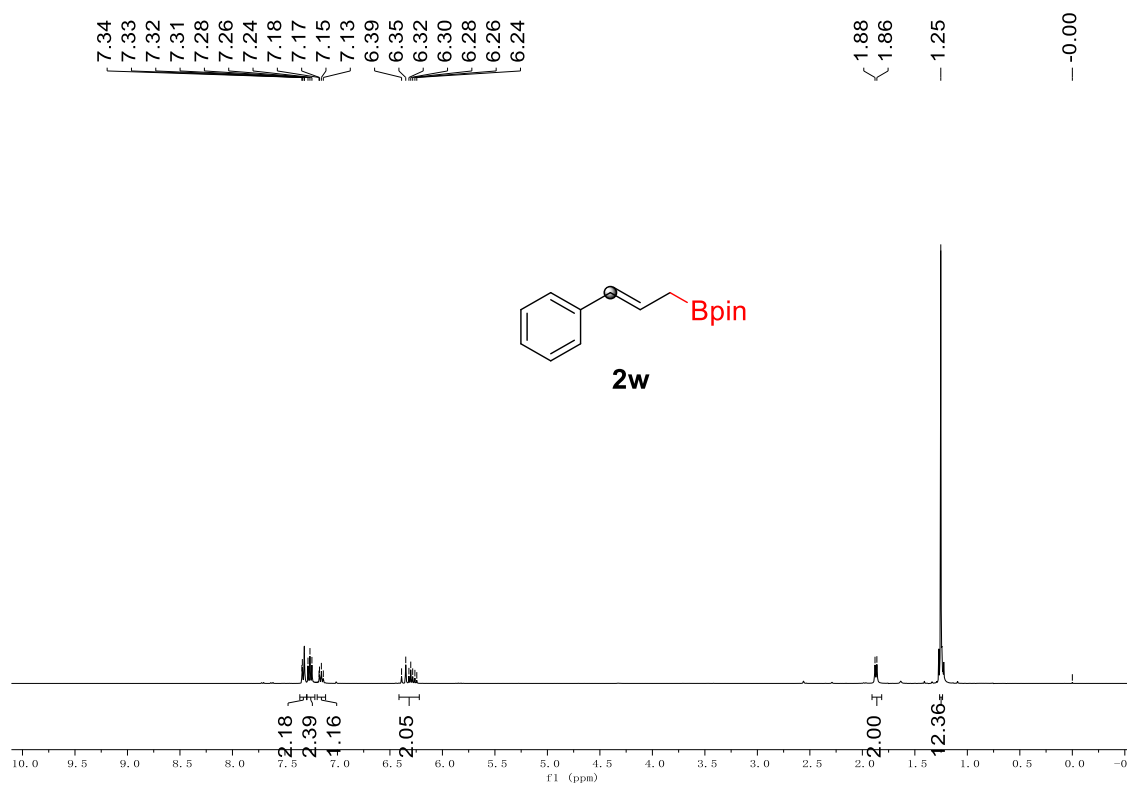
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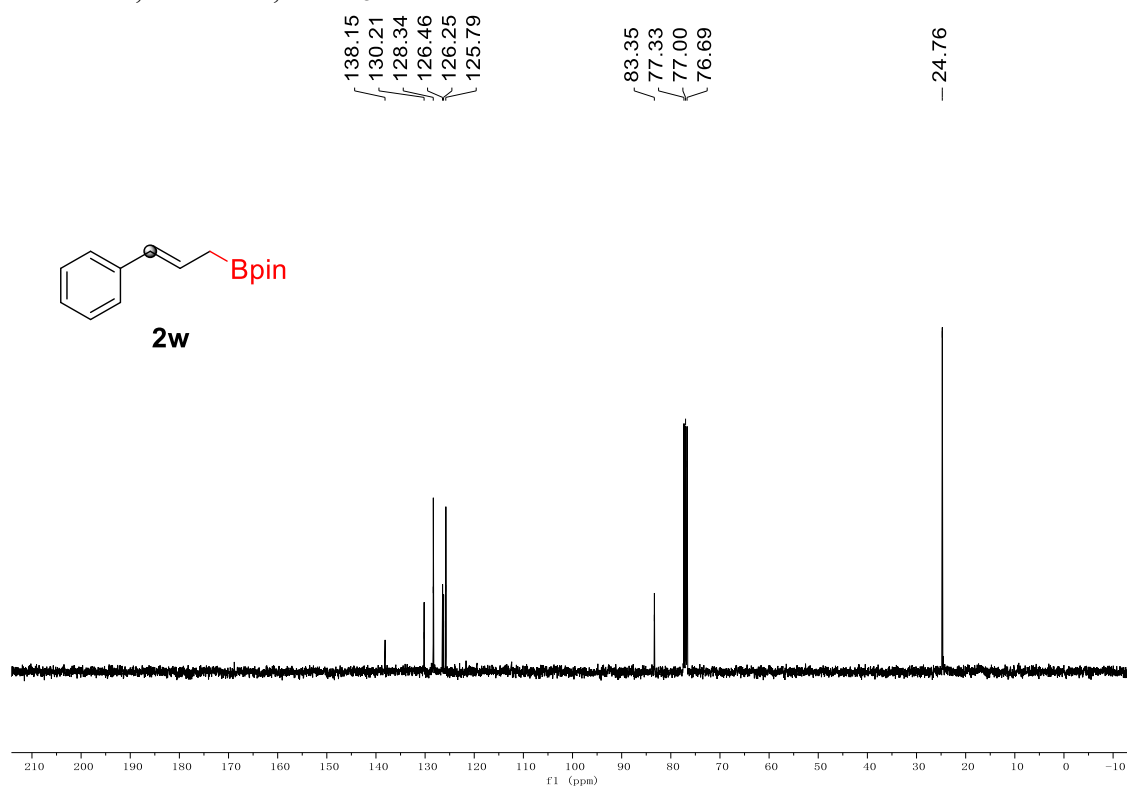
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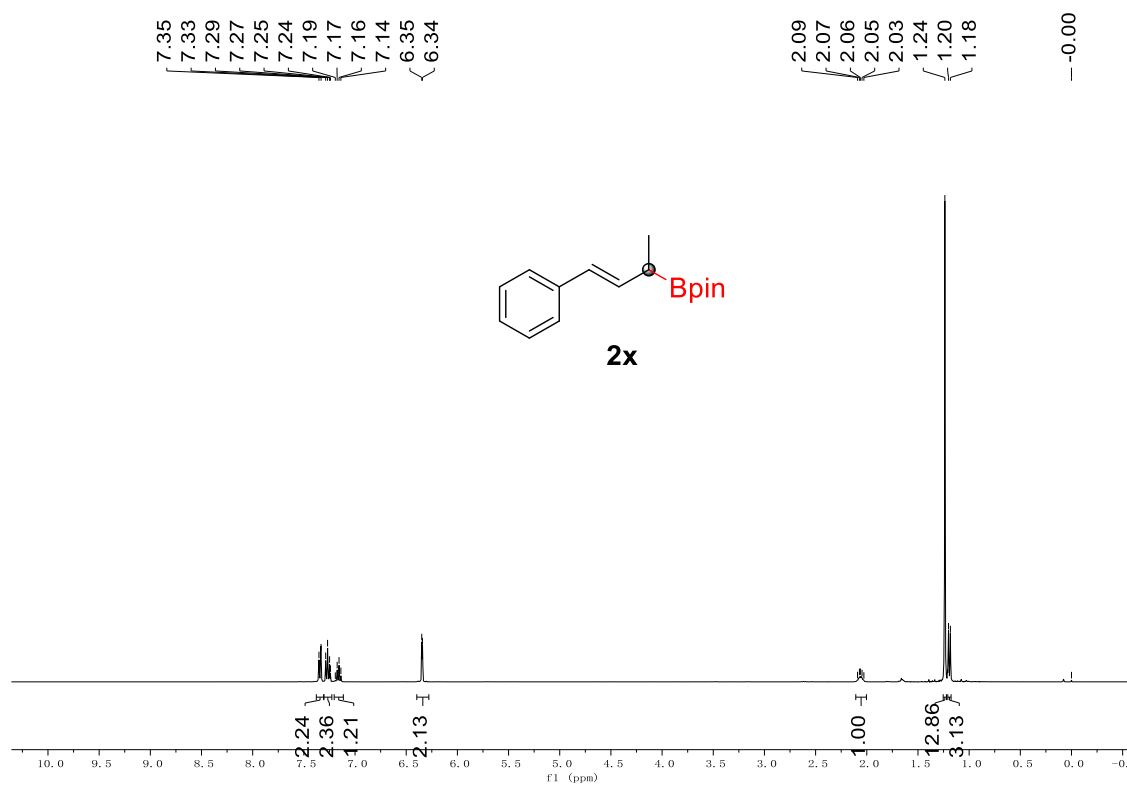
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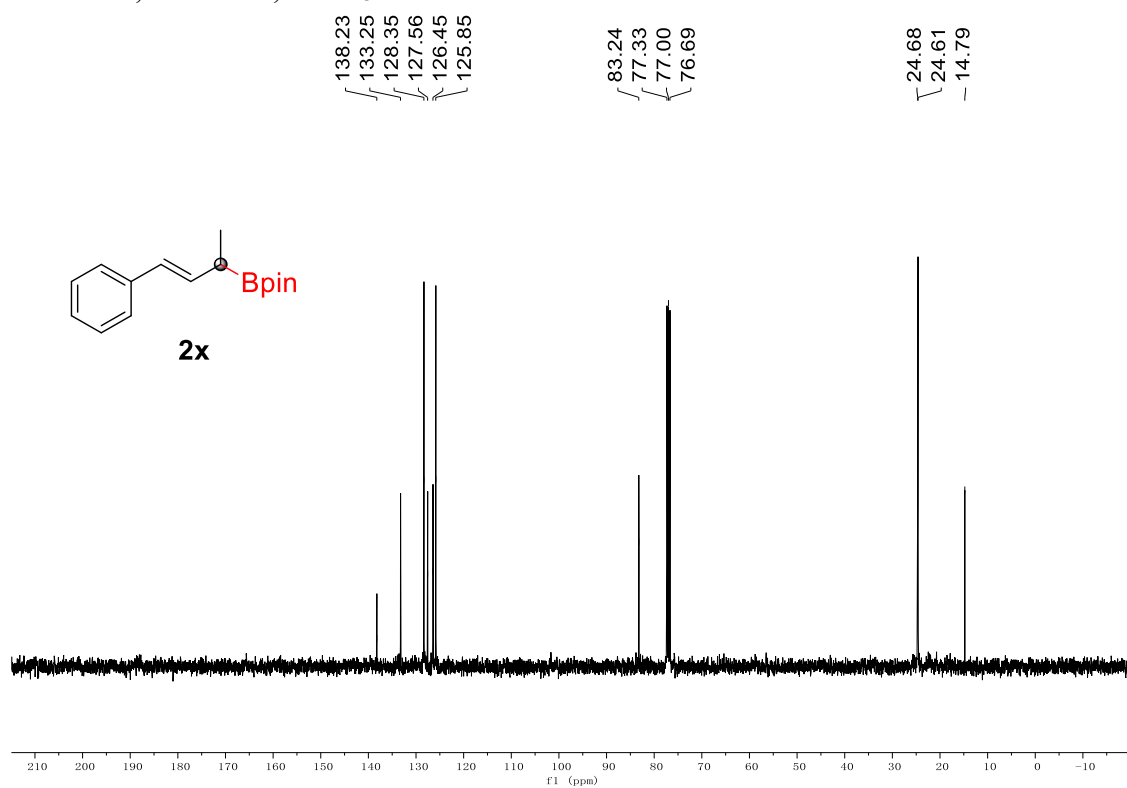
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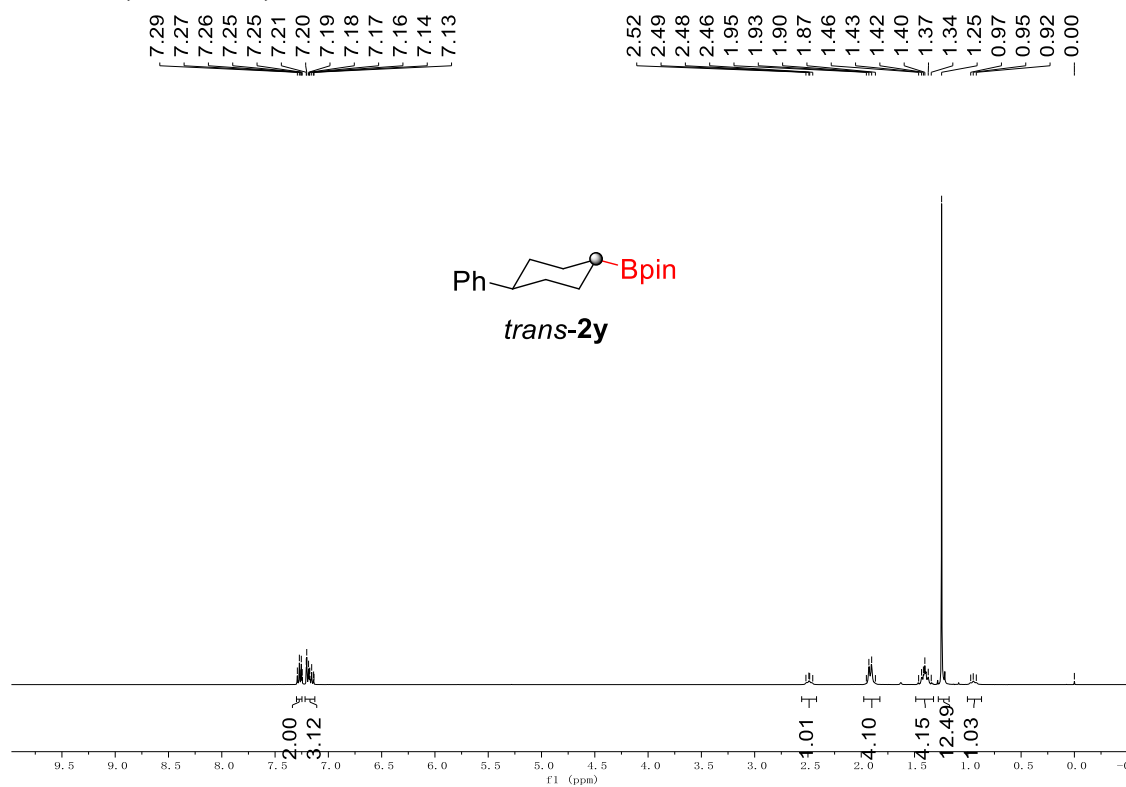
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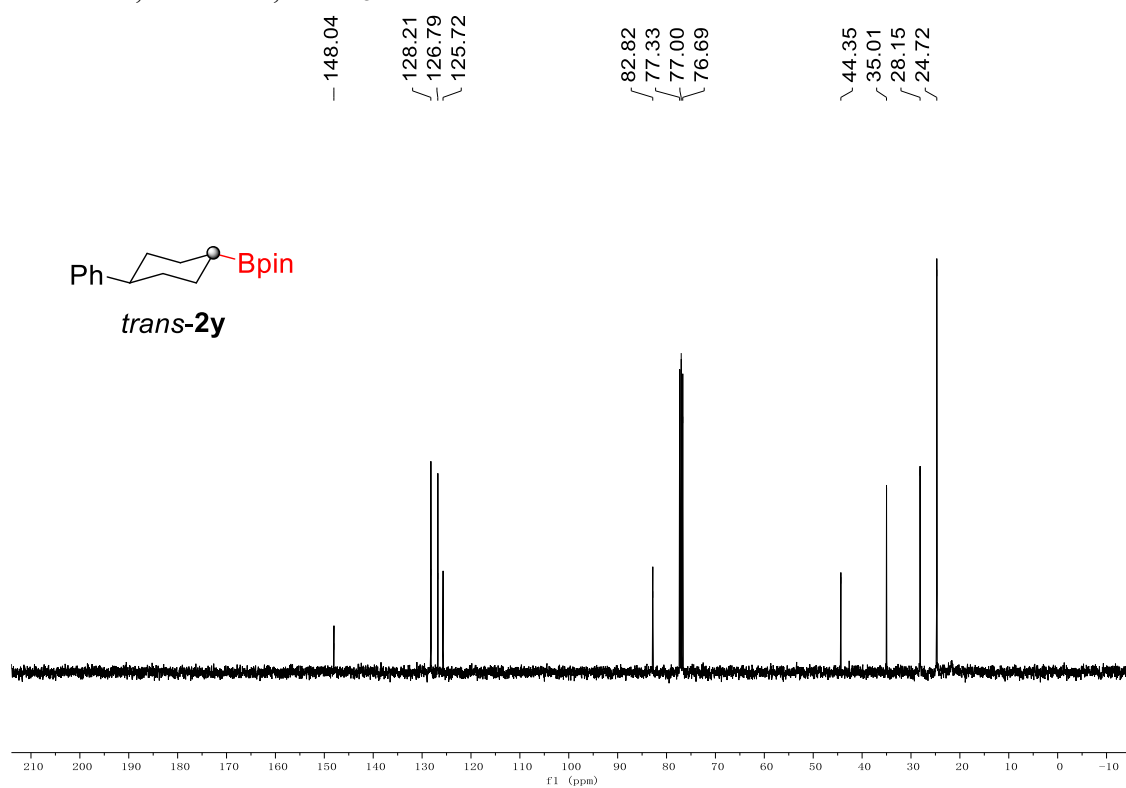
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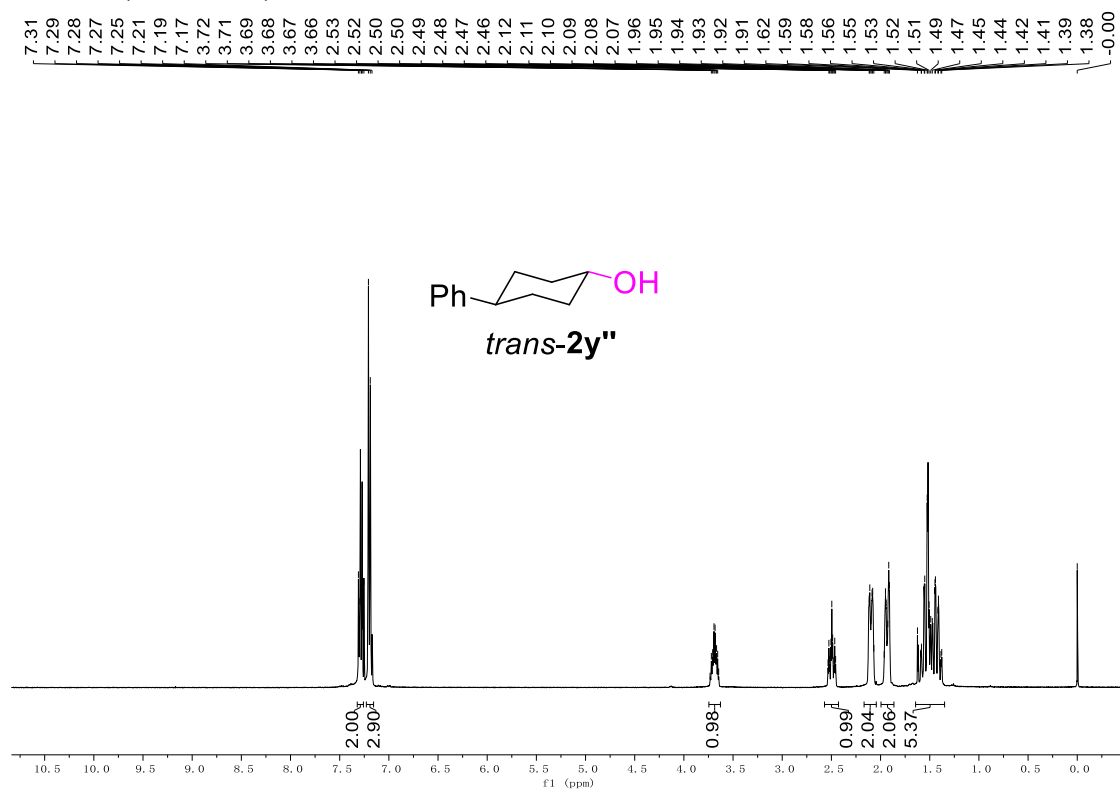
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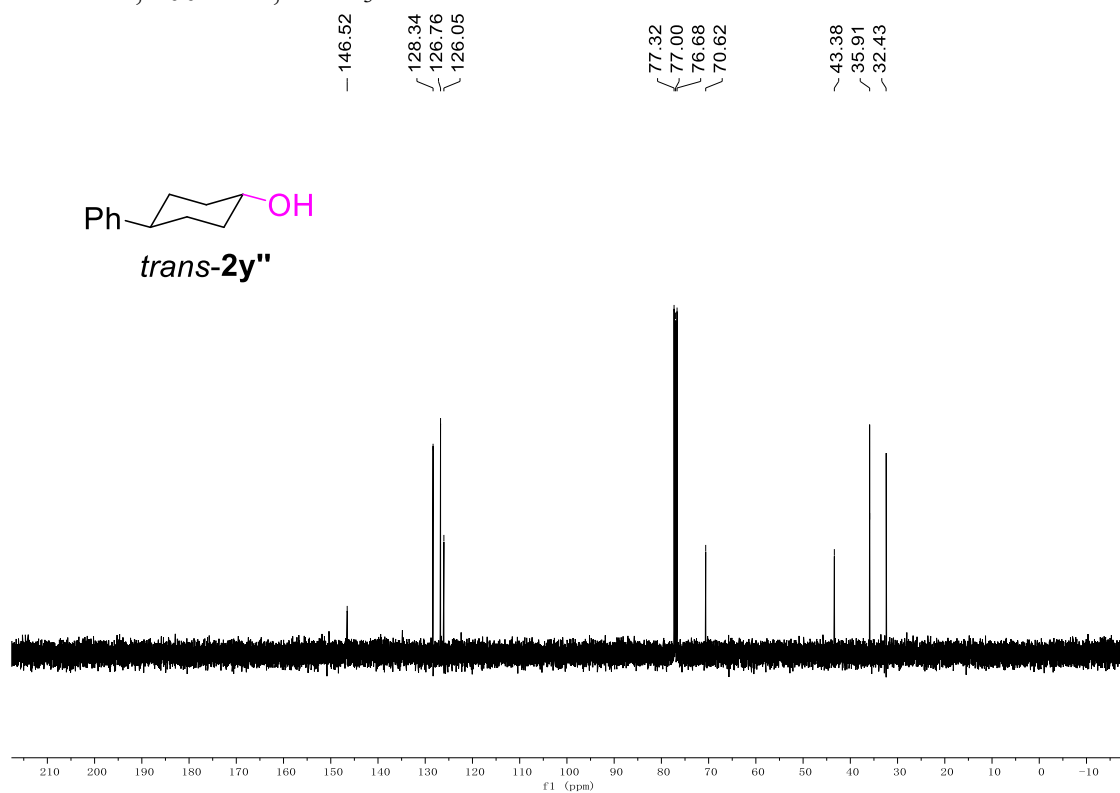
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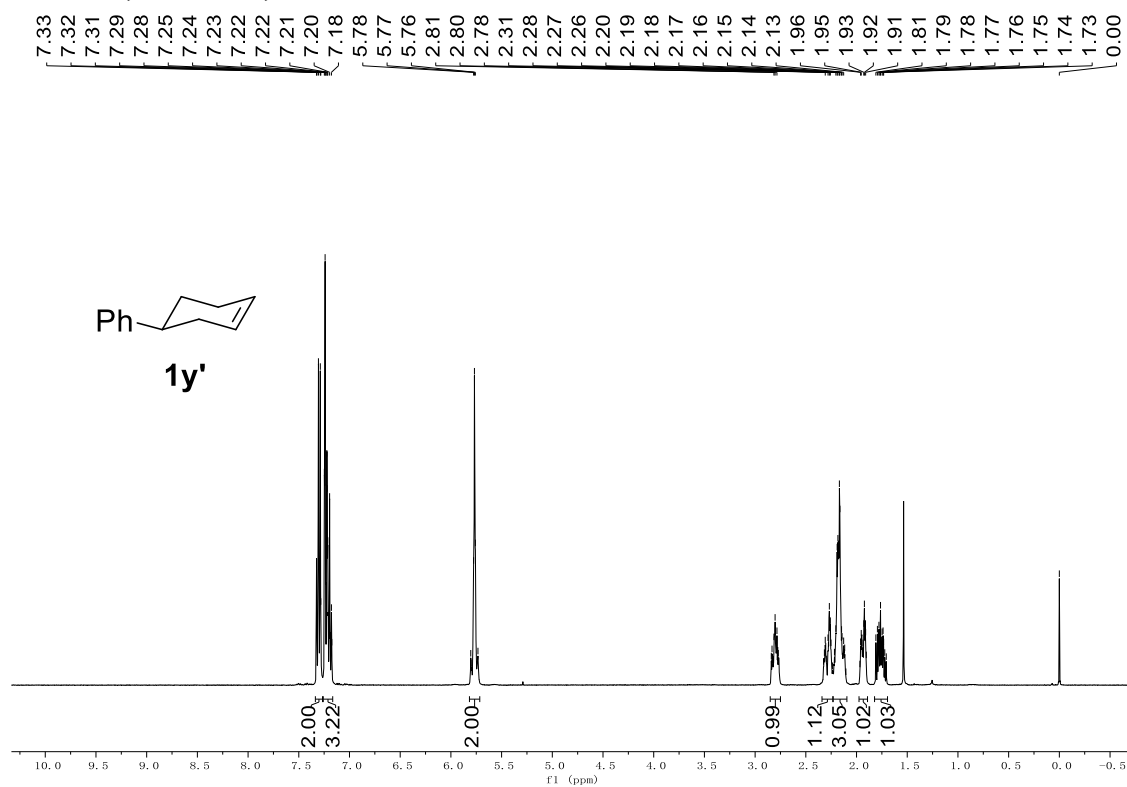
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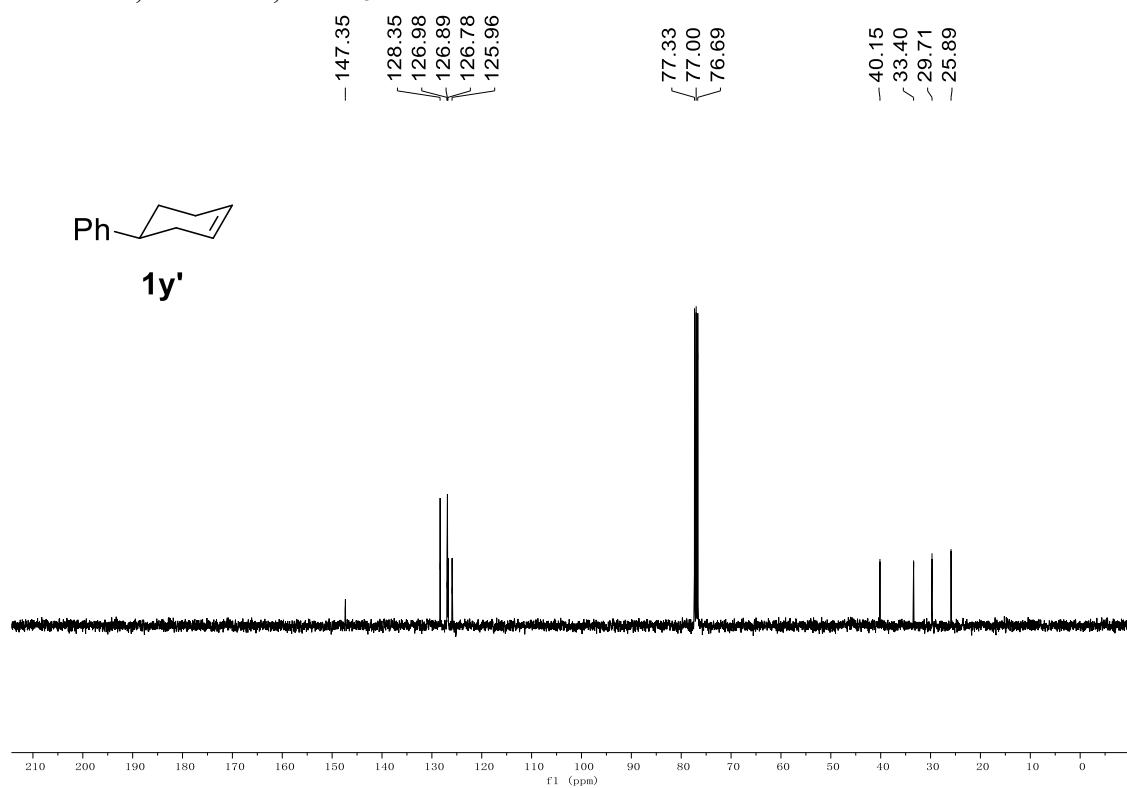
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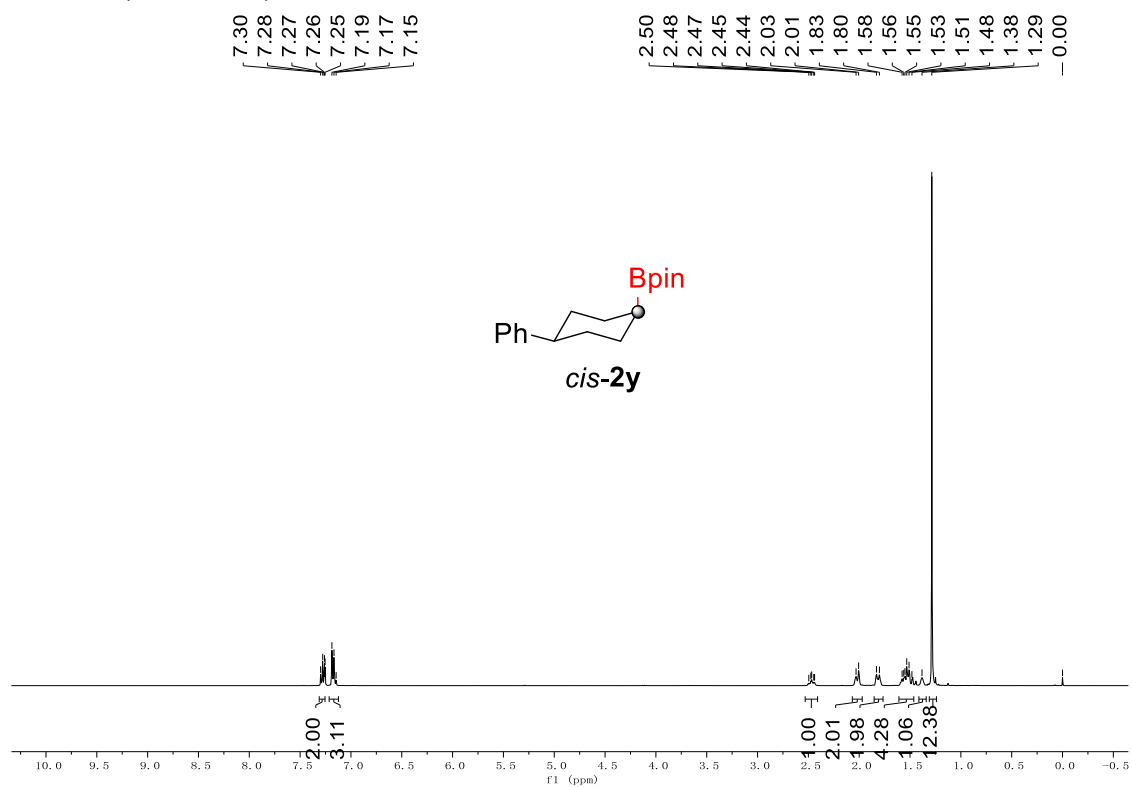
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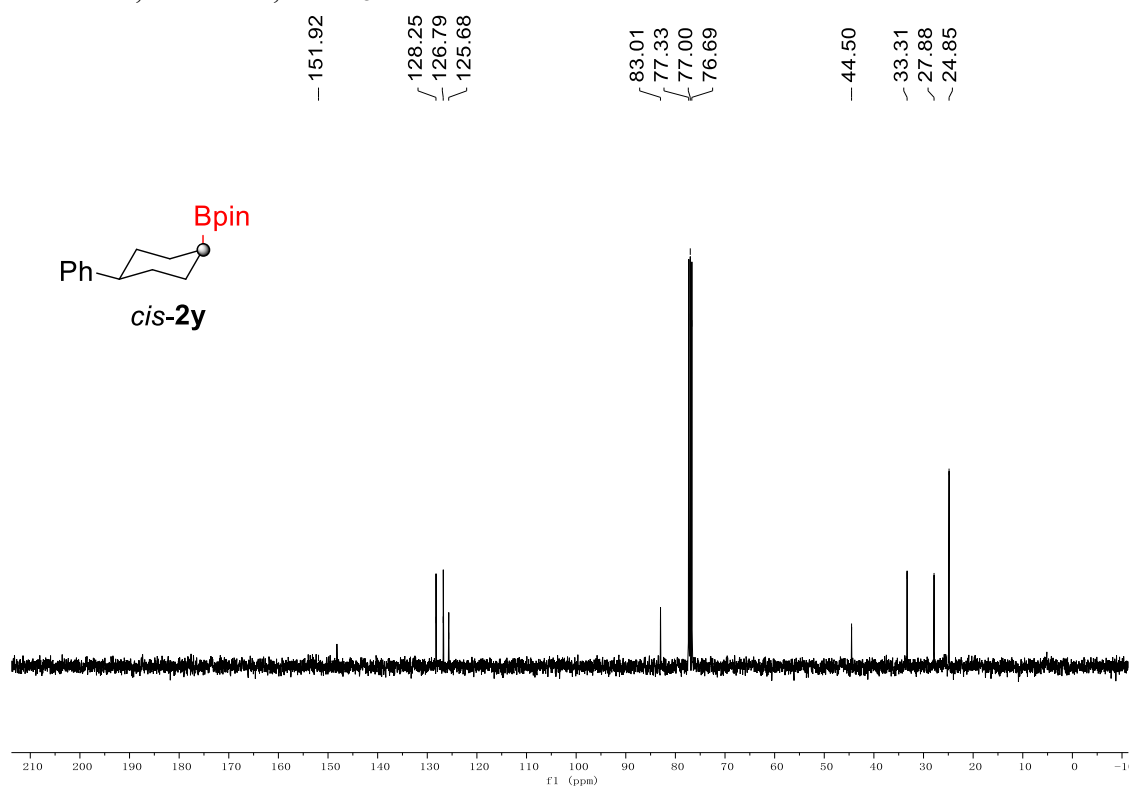
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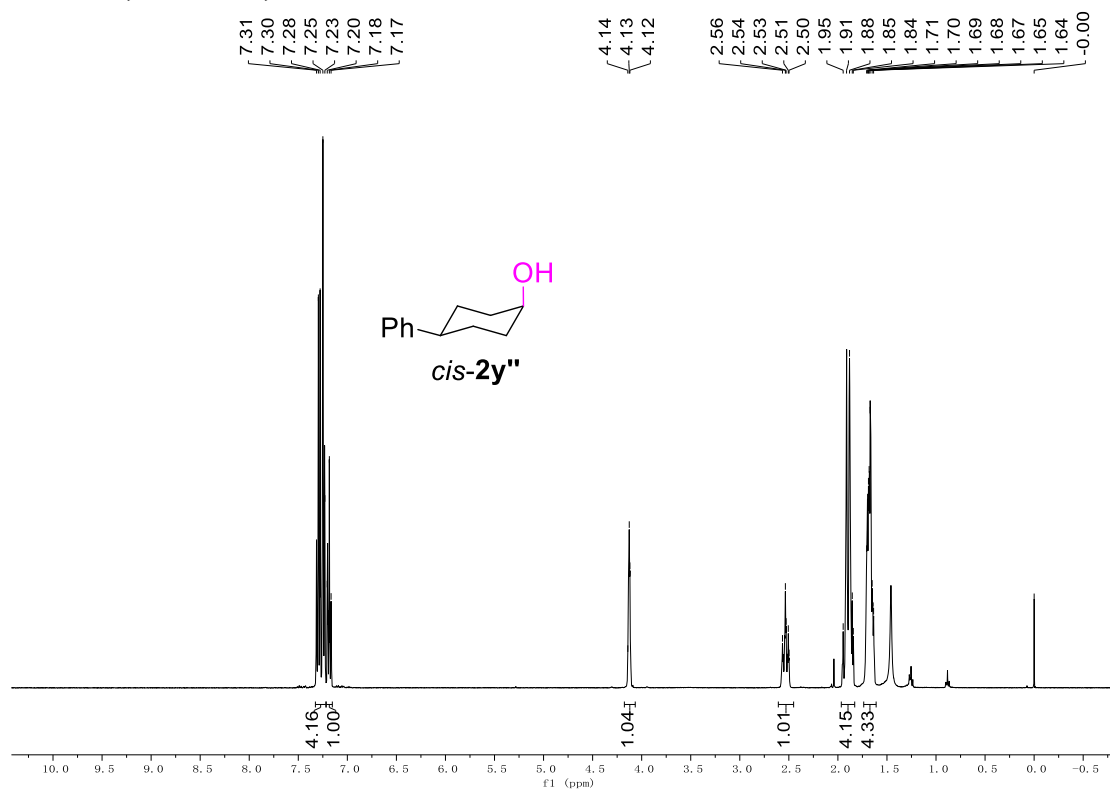
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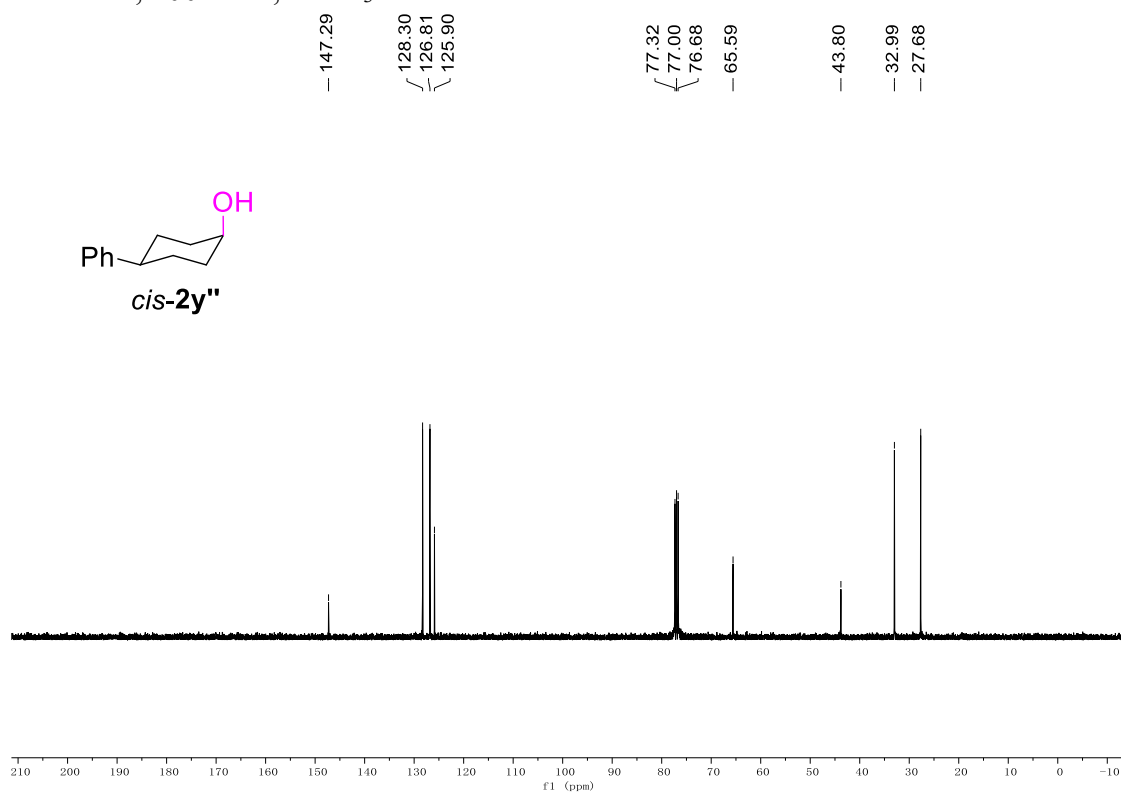
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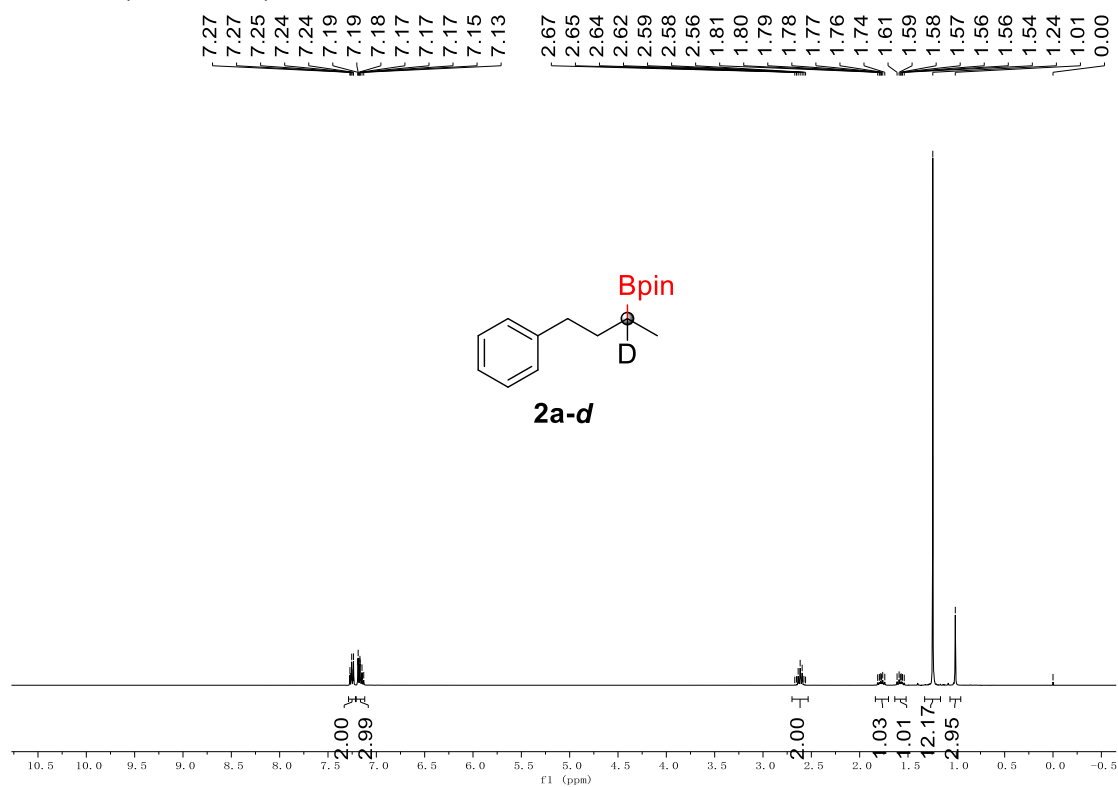
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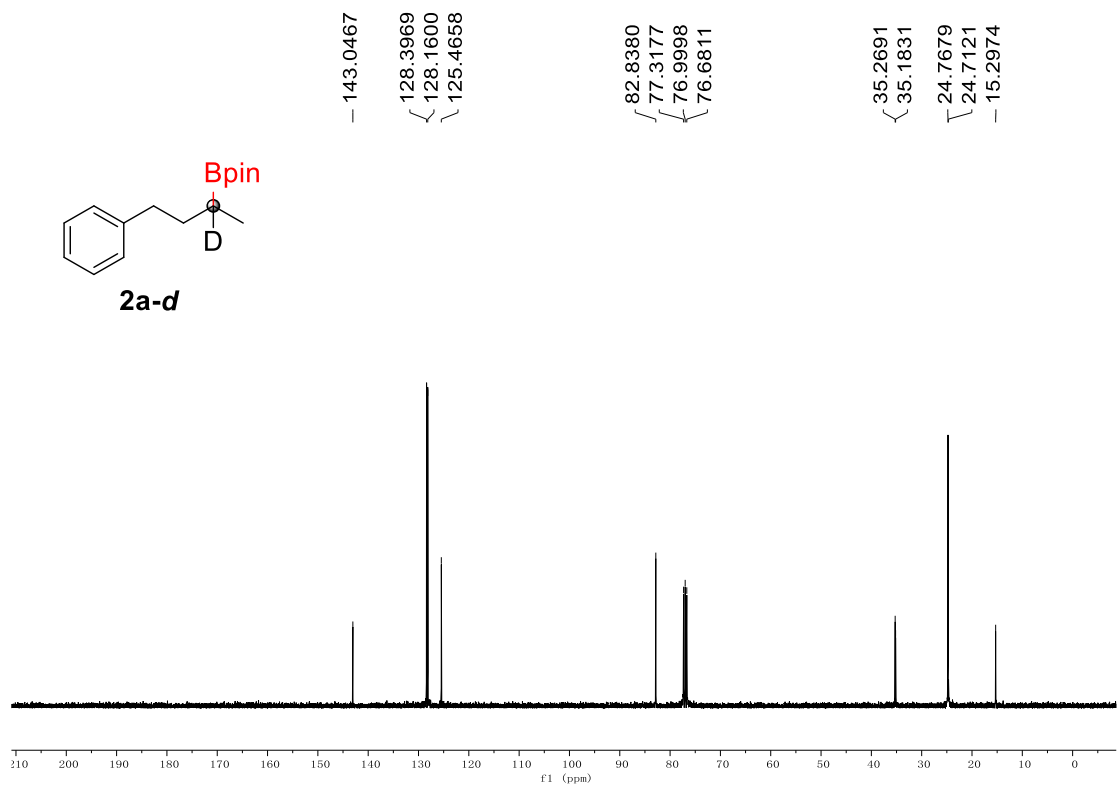
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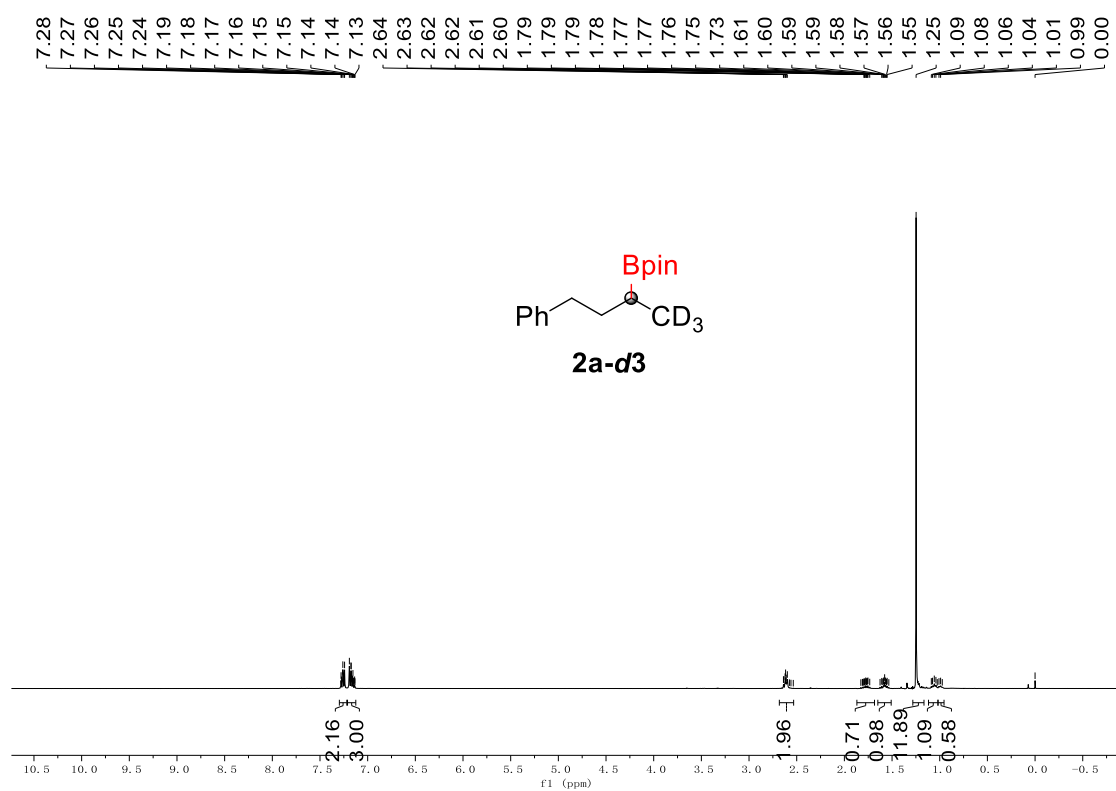
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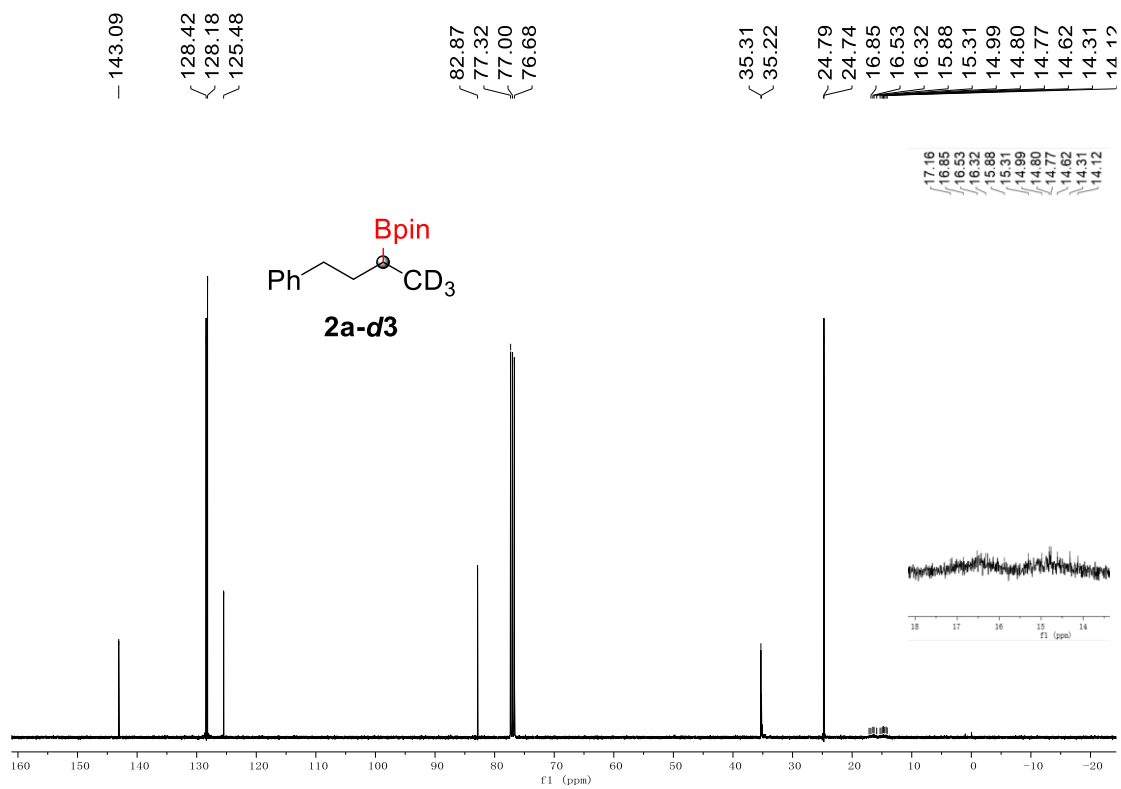
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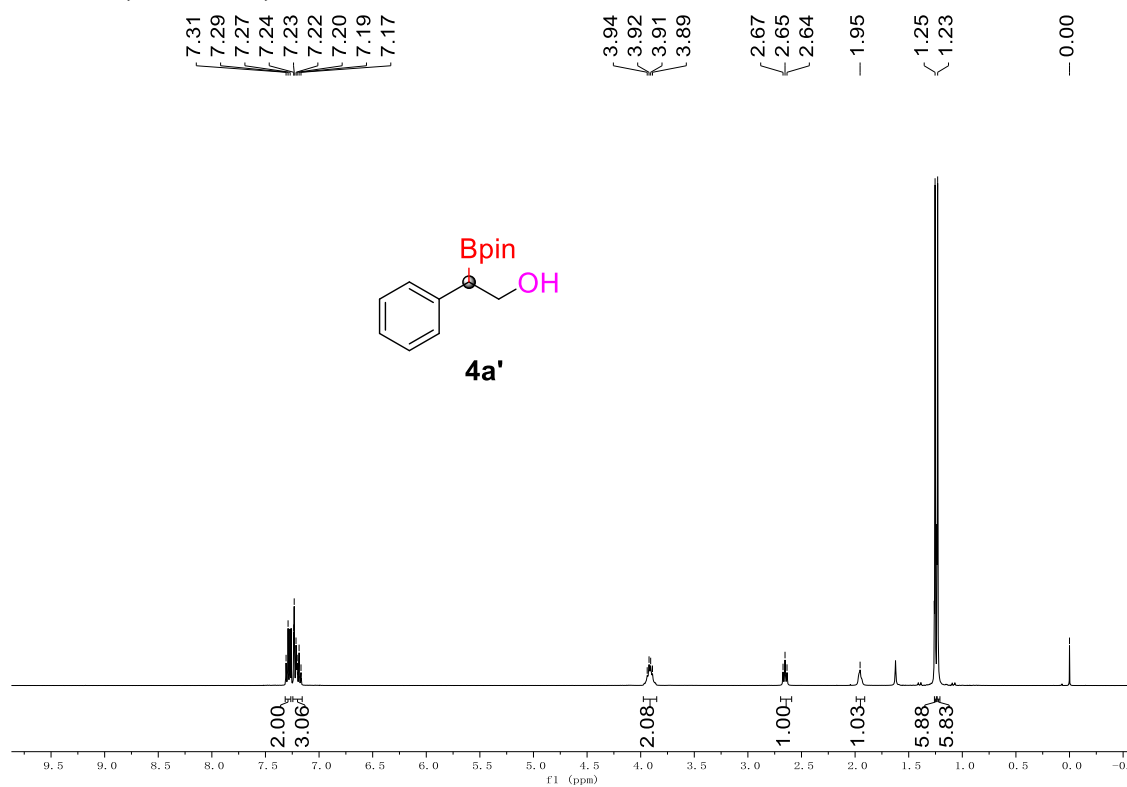
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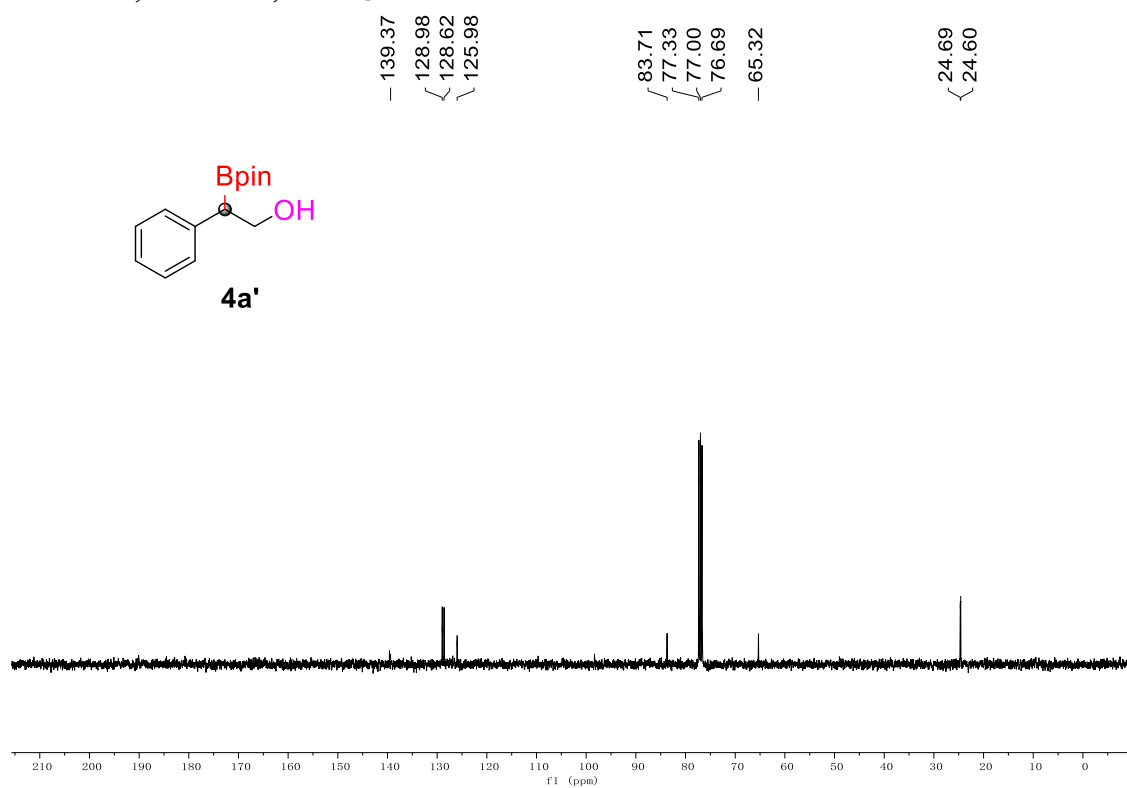
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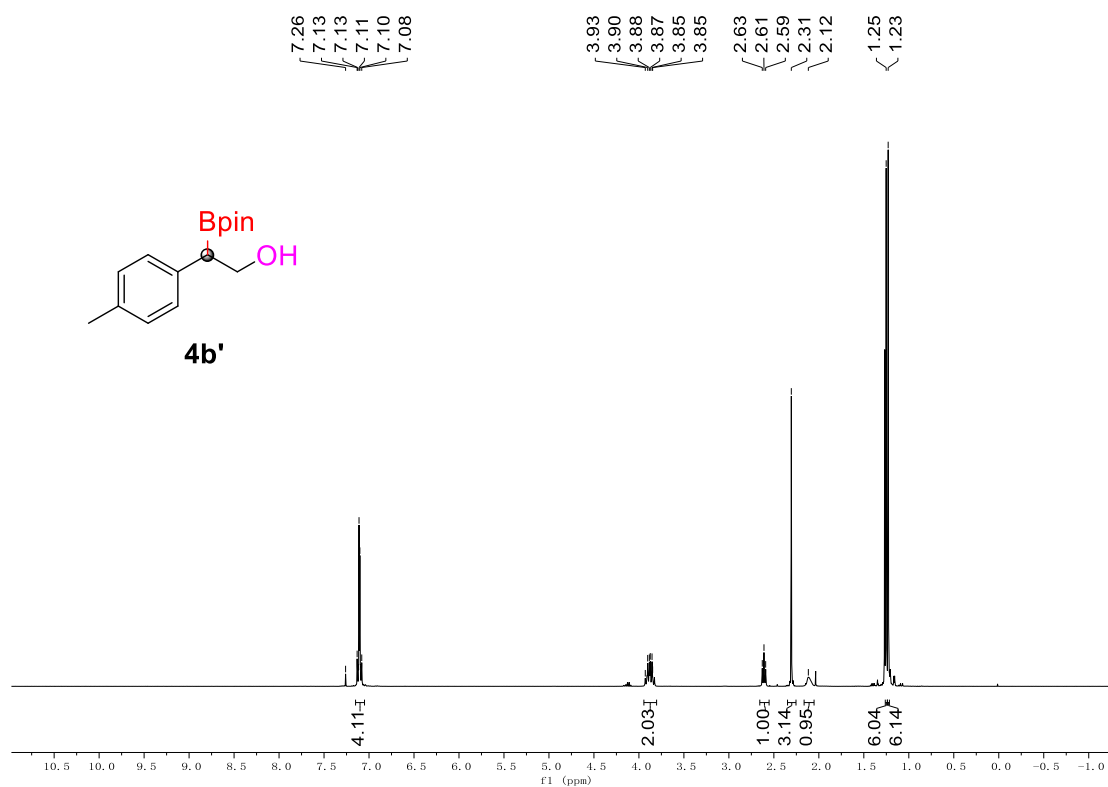
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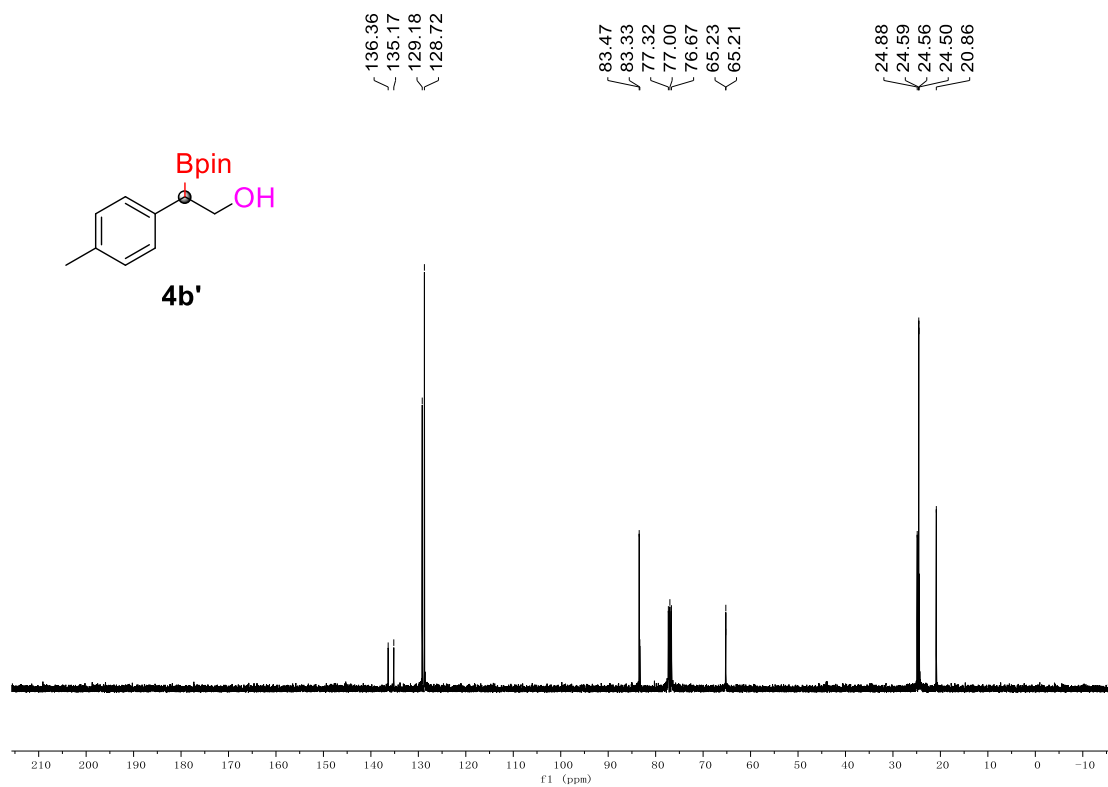
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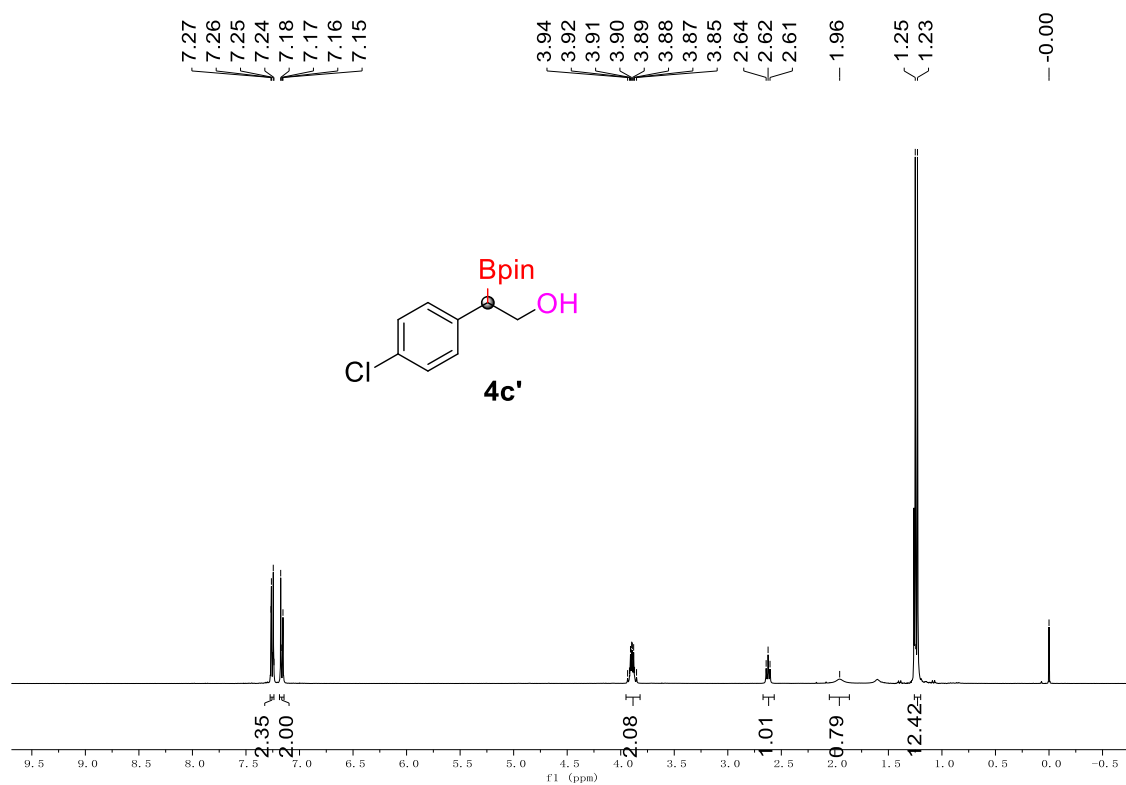
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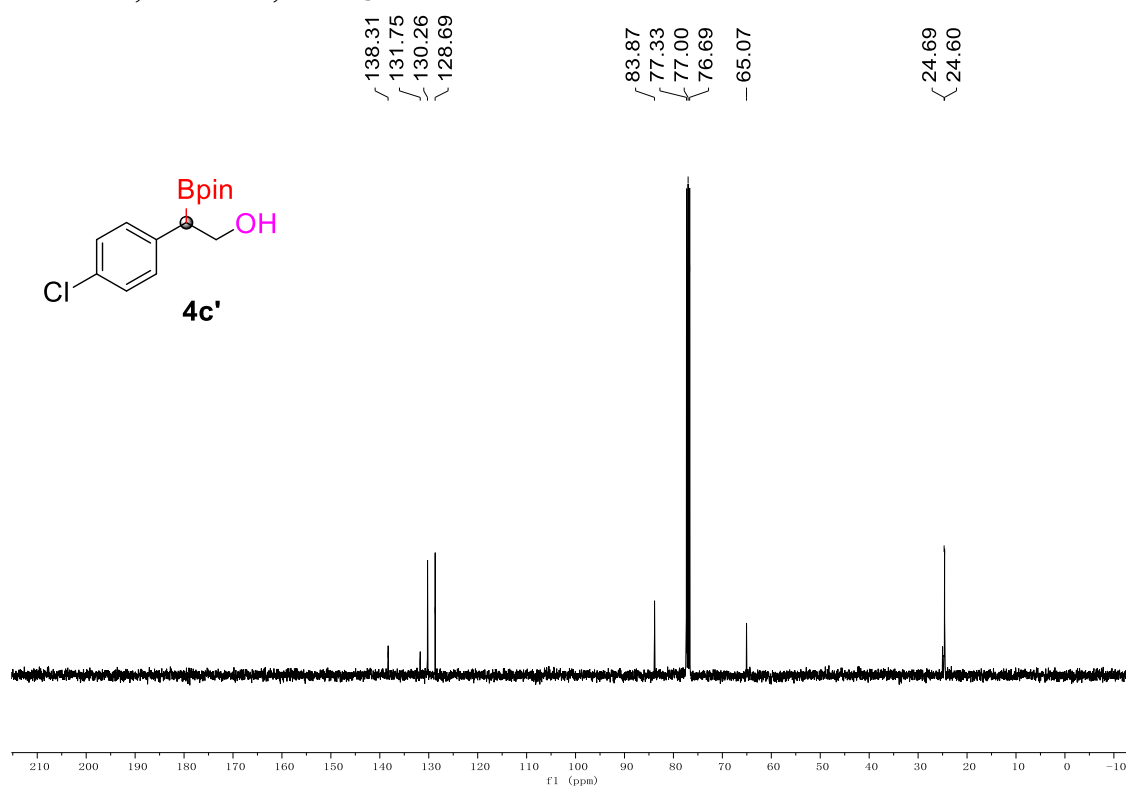
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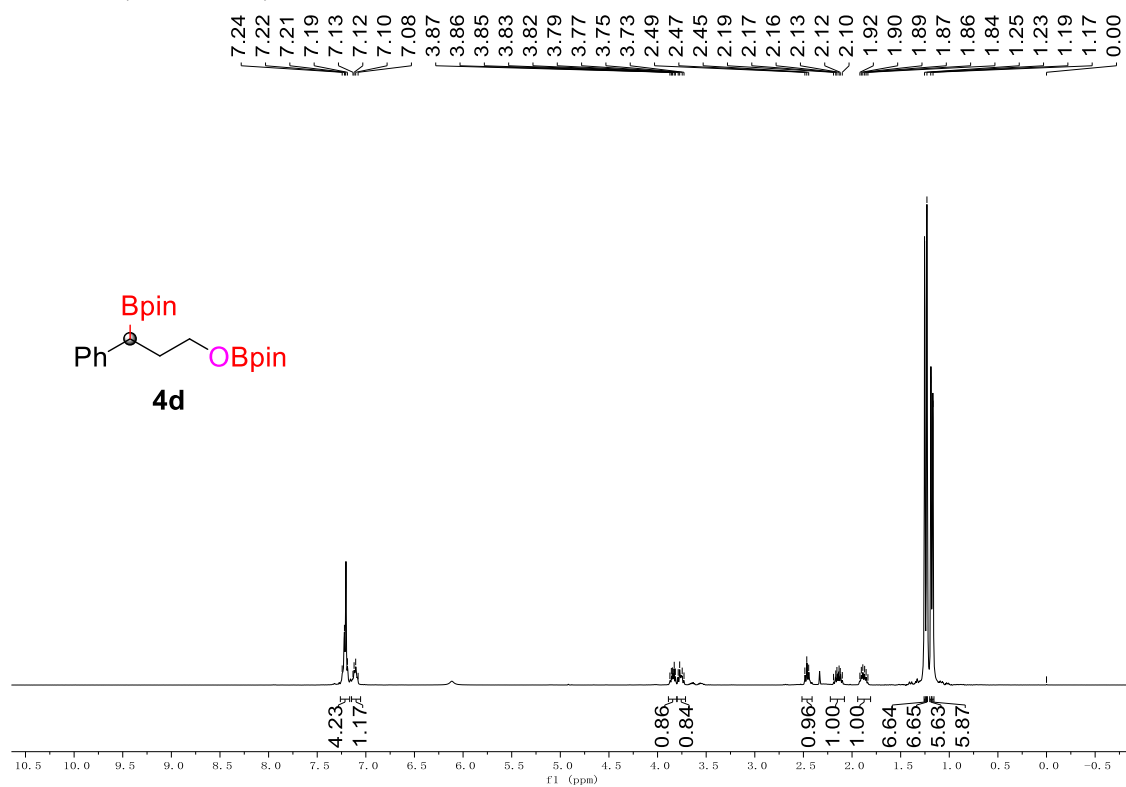
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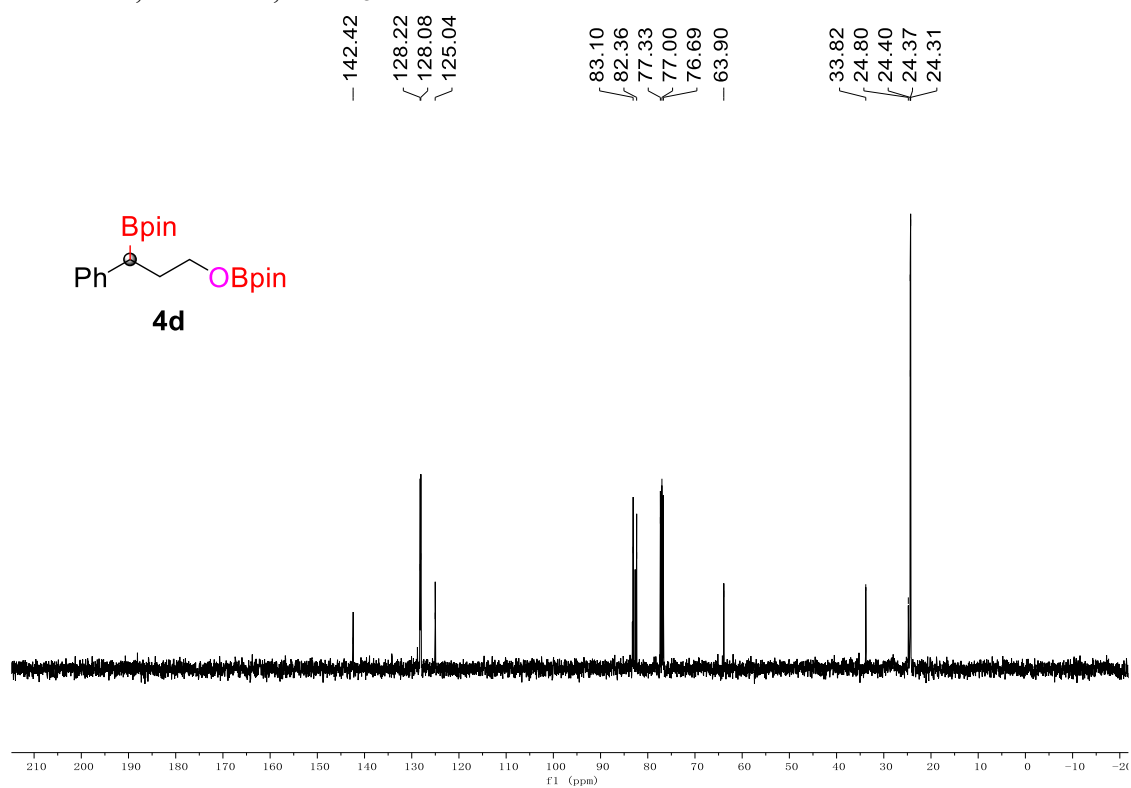
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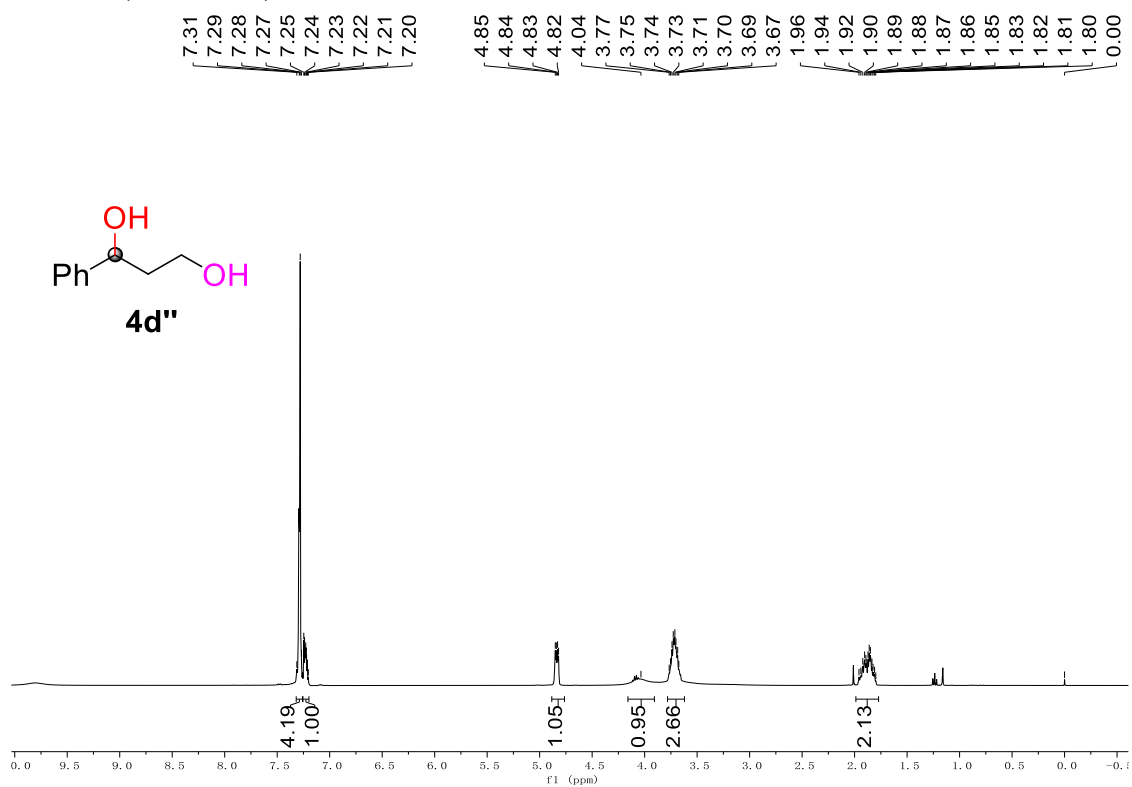
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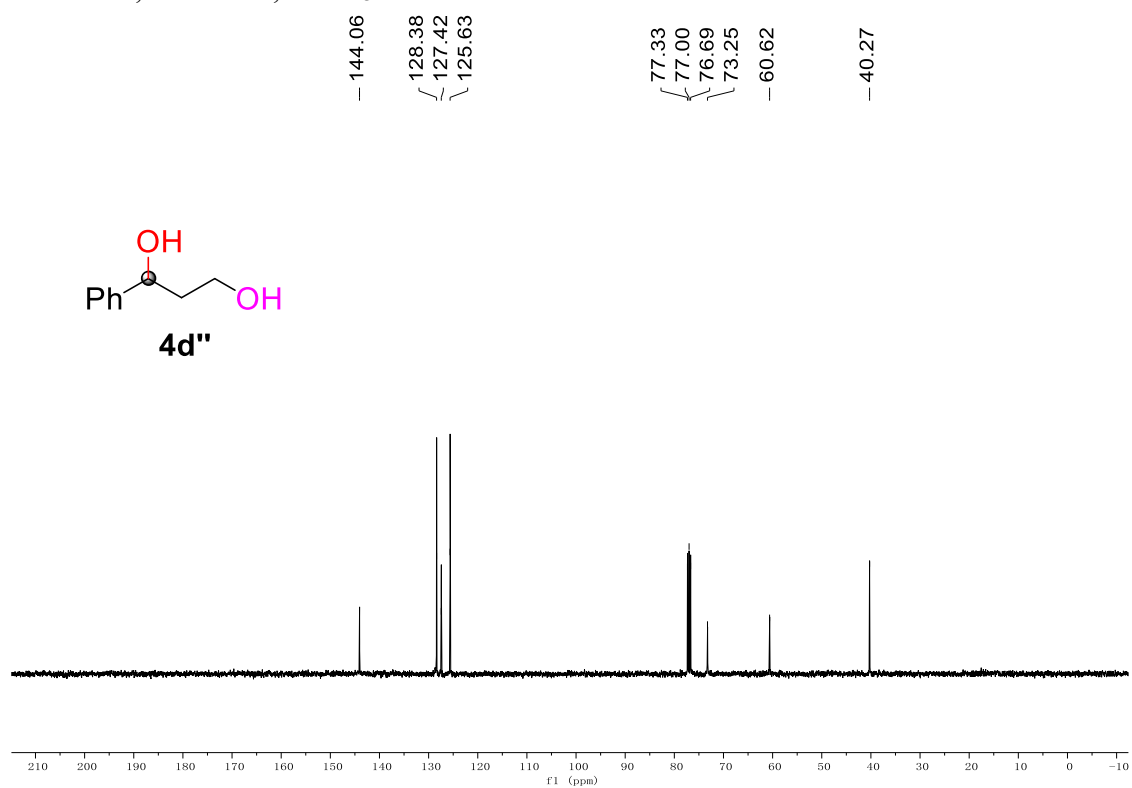
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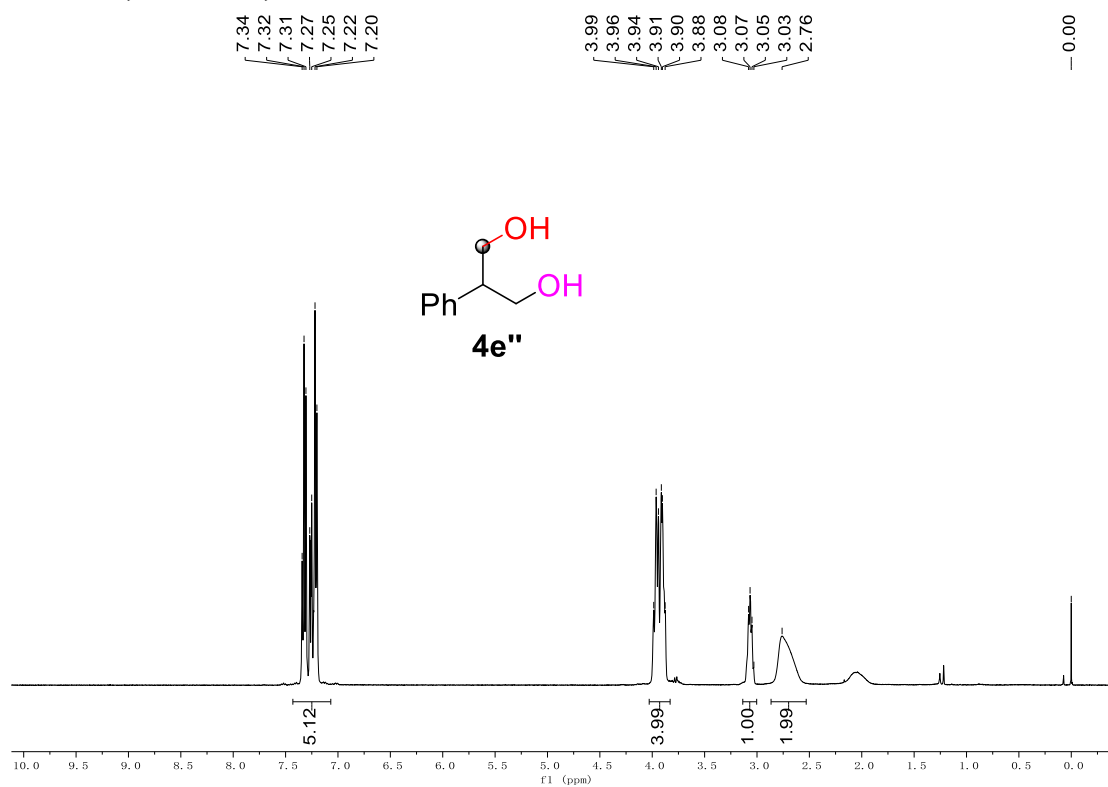
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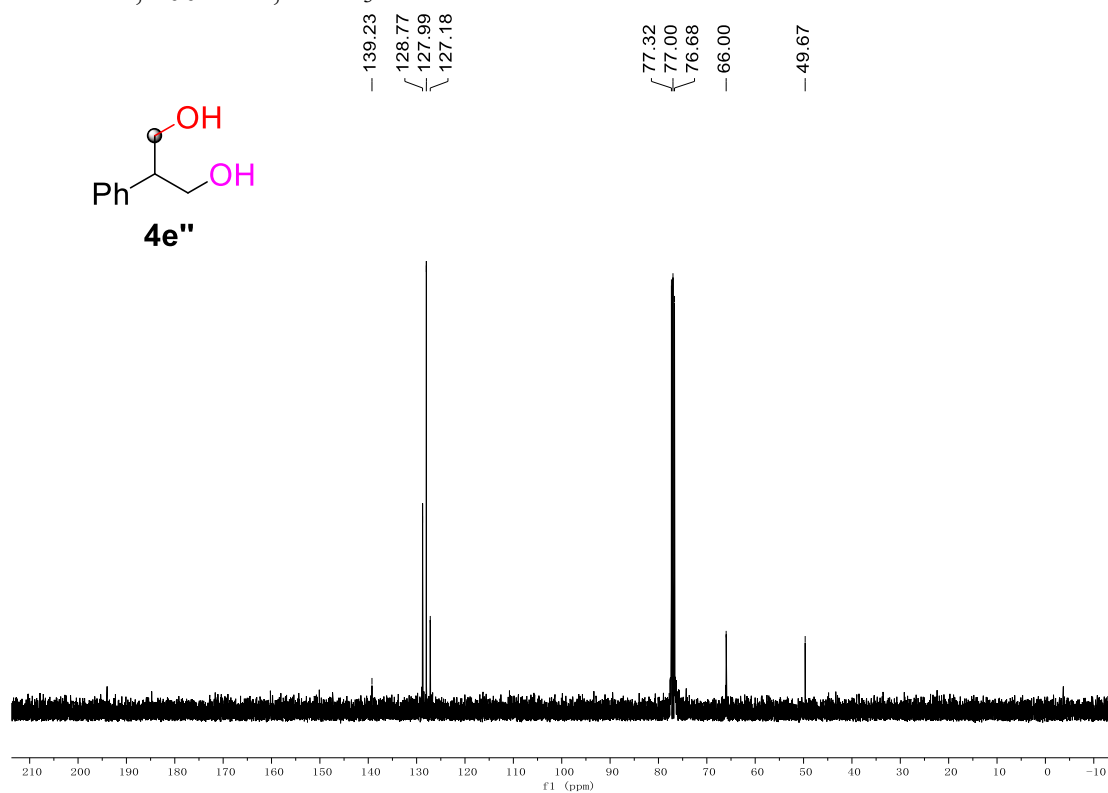
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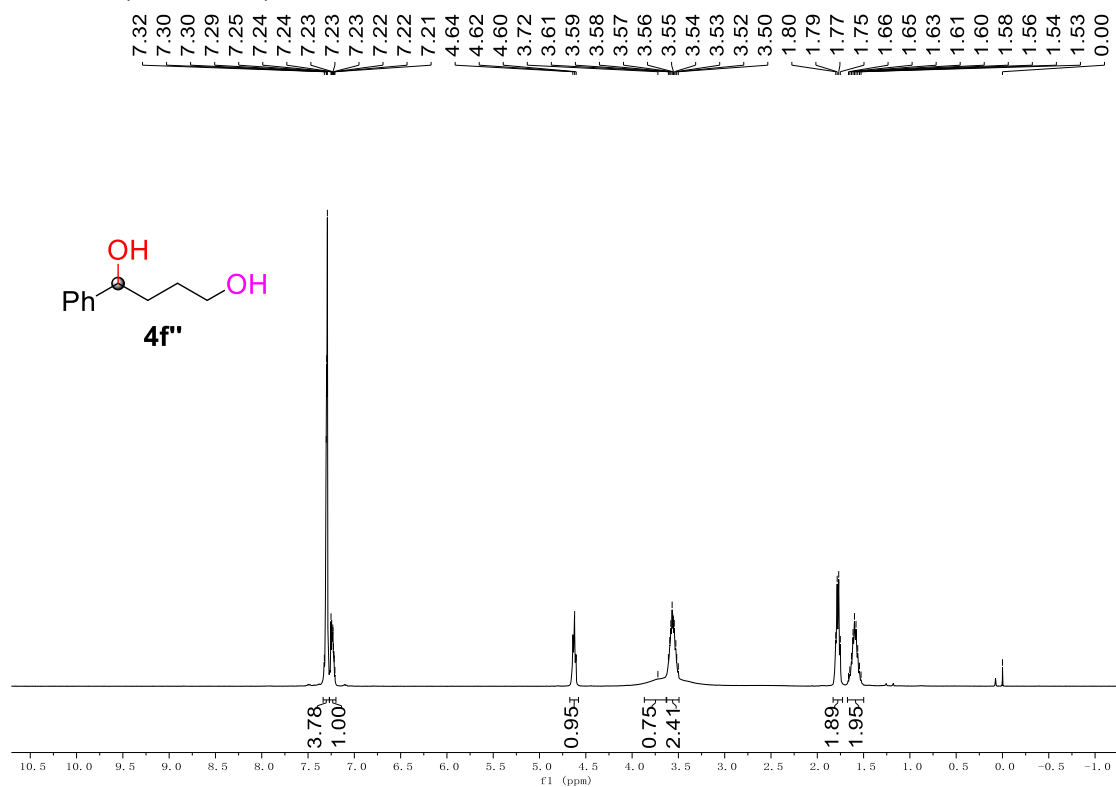
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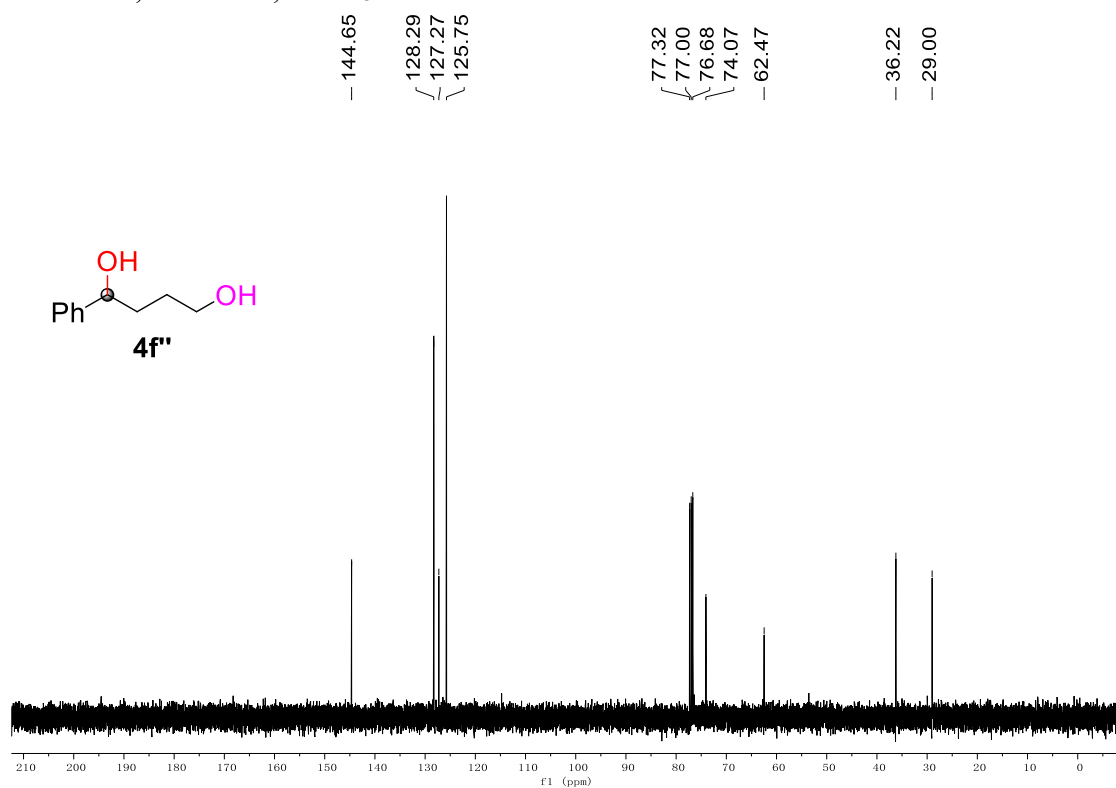
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Chemical structure of **4g** is shown above the spectrum: c1ccccc1C(B)(B)C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **4g**. The x-axis represents the chemical shift in ppm, ranging from 0.0 to 10.0. The spectrum shows several peaks, with integration values indicated below the baseline.

Peak list (Chemical Shift in ppm):

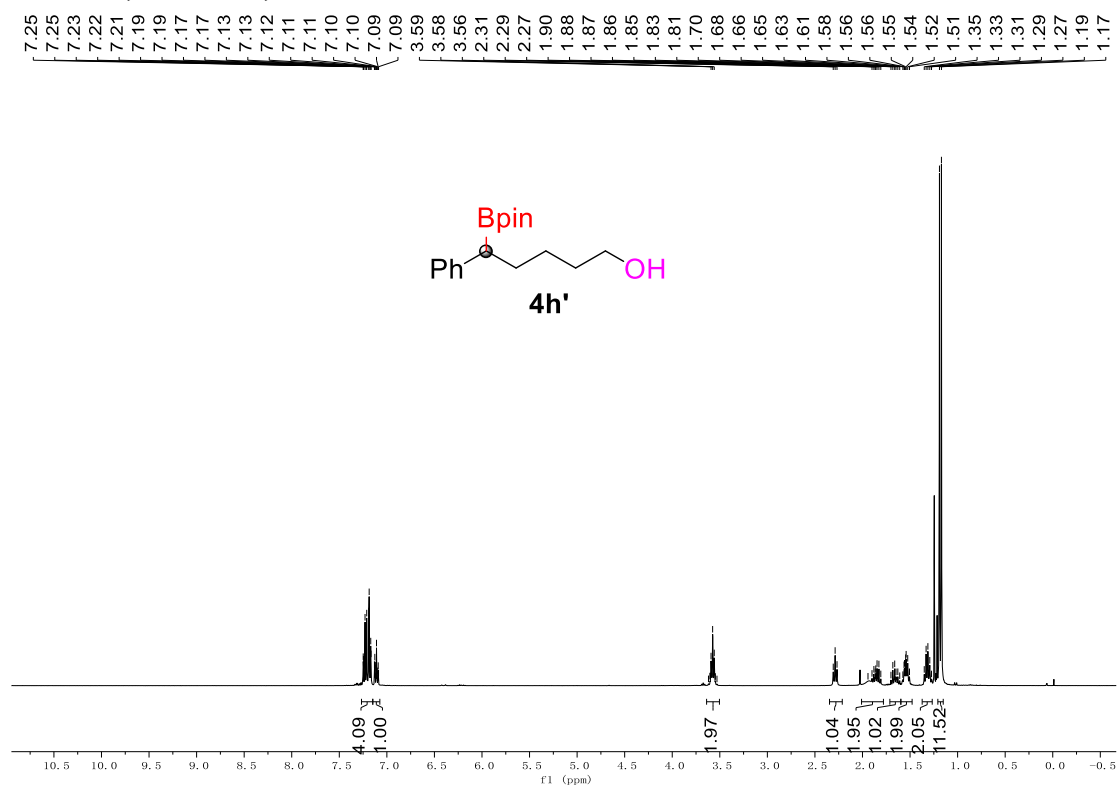
- 7.26
- 7.13
- 7.13
- 7.12
- 7.11
- 7.10
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- 7.01
- 2.26
- 1.22
- 0.00

Integration values (from left to right):

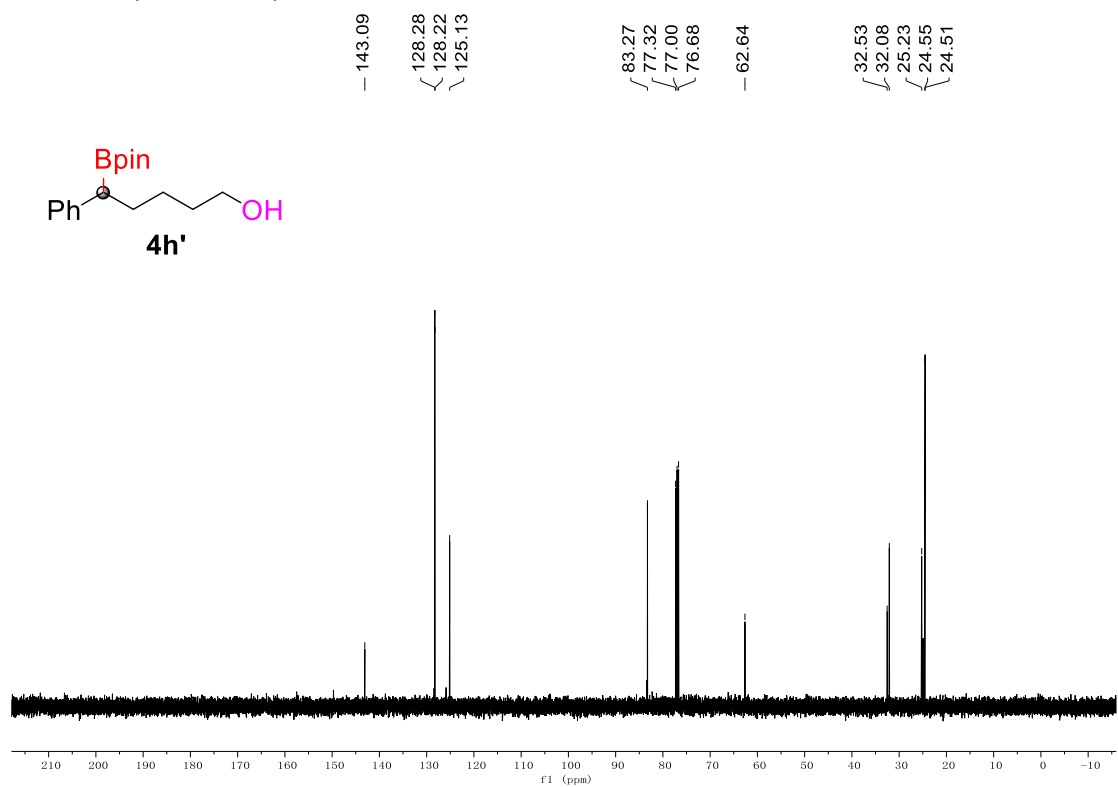
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- 2.00
- 3.99
- 24.38

Chemical structure of **4g** is shown. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) displays the following chemical shifts (ppm): 136.87, 129.57, 125.07, 83.21, 77.32, 77.00, 76.68, and 24.70.

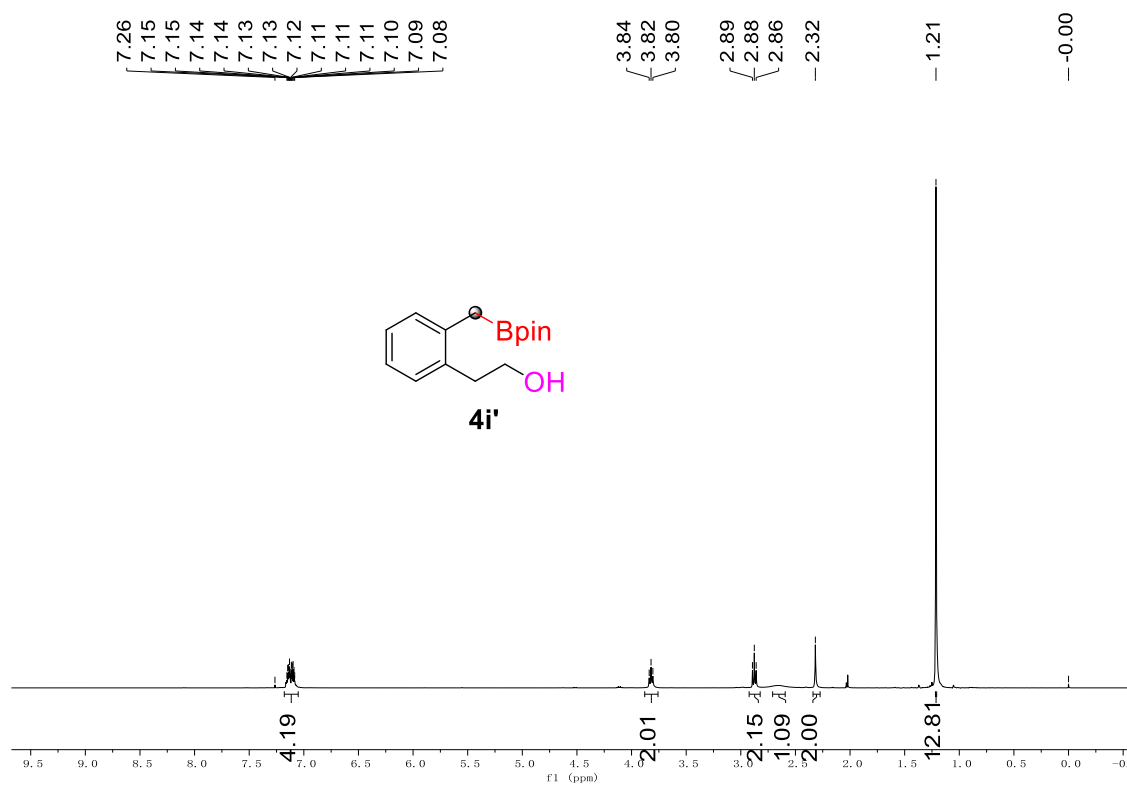
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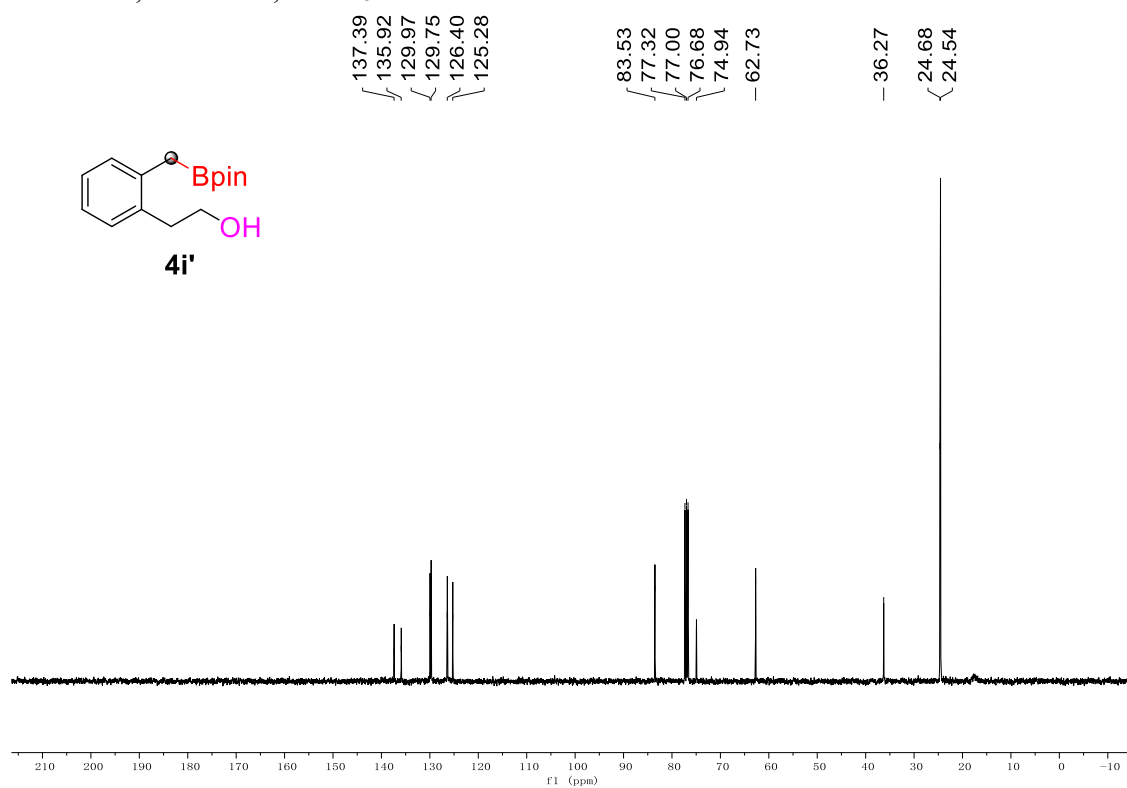
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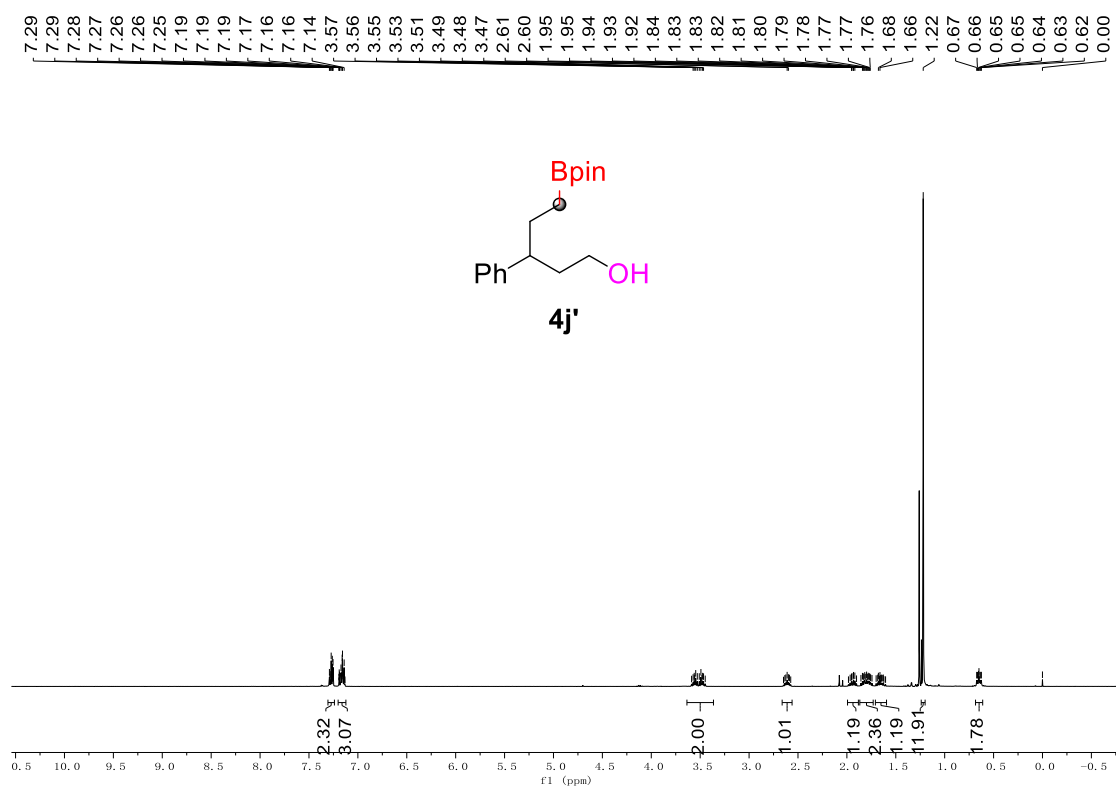
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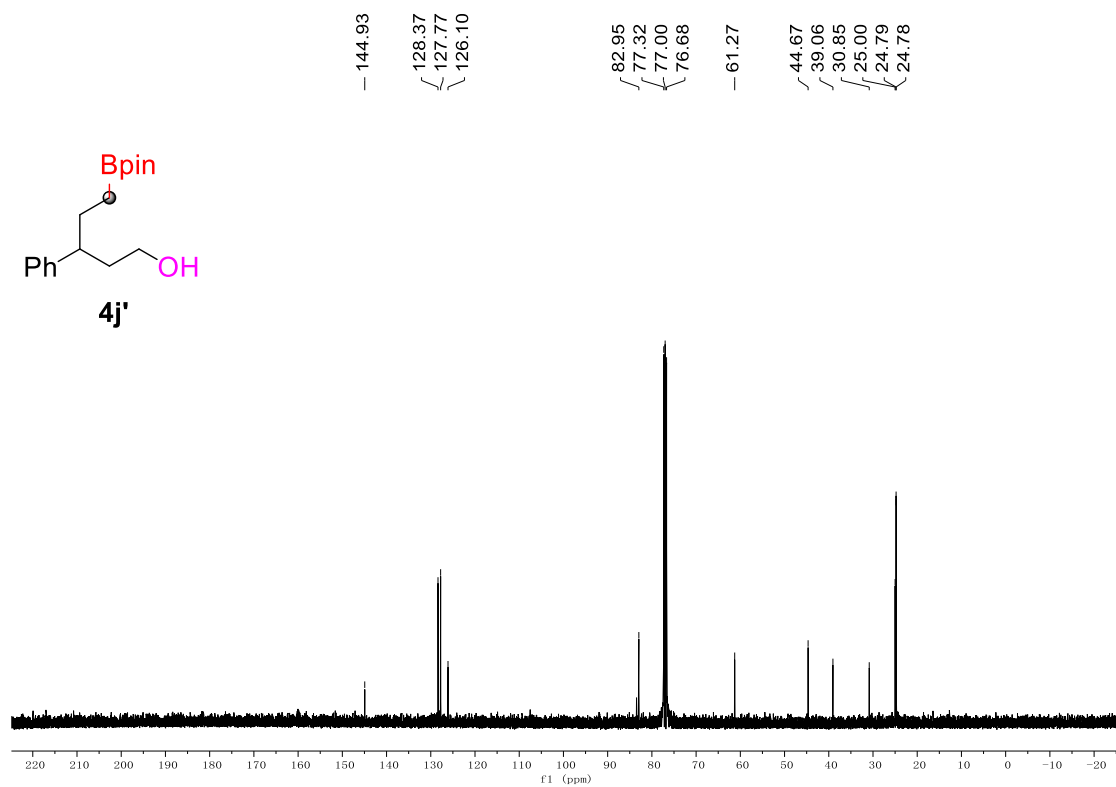
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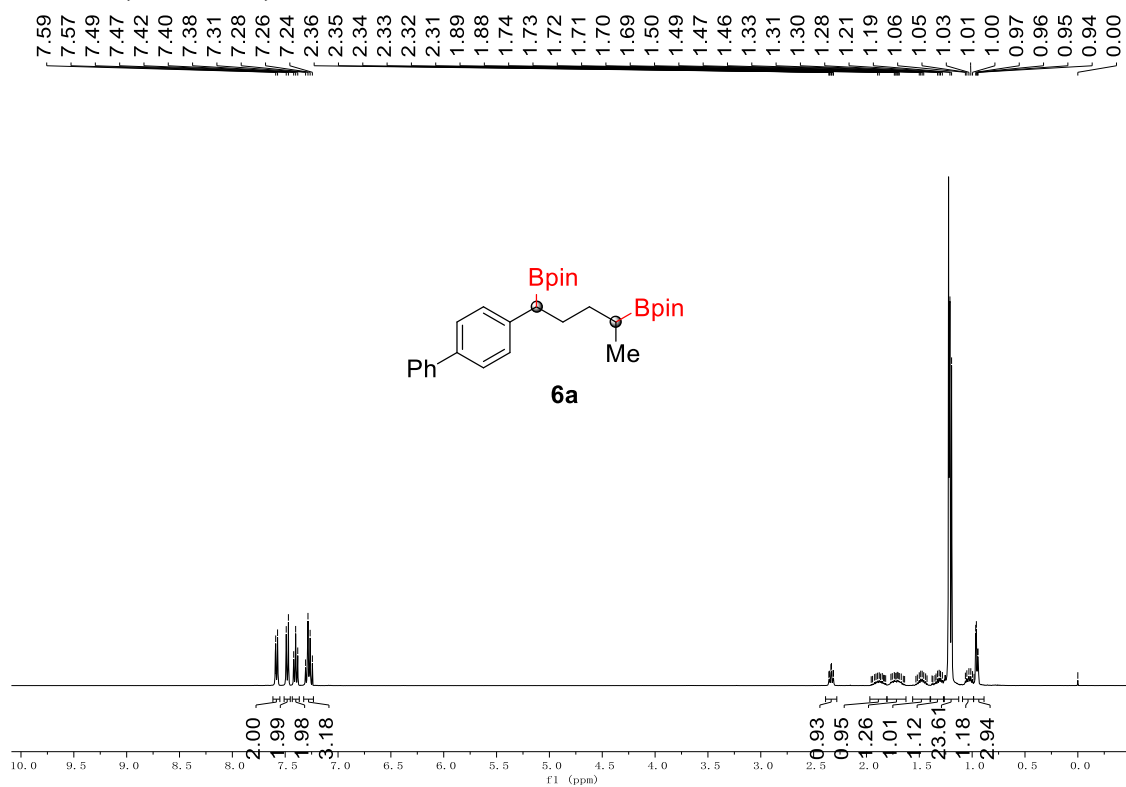
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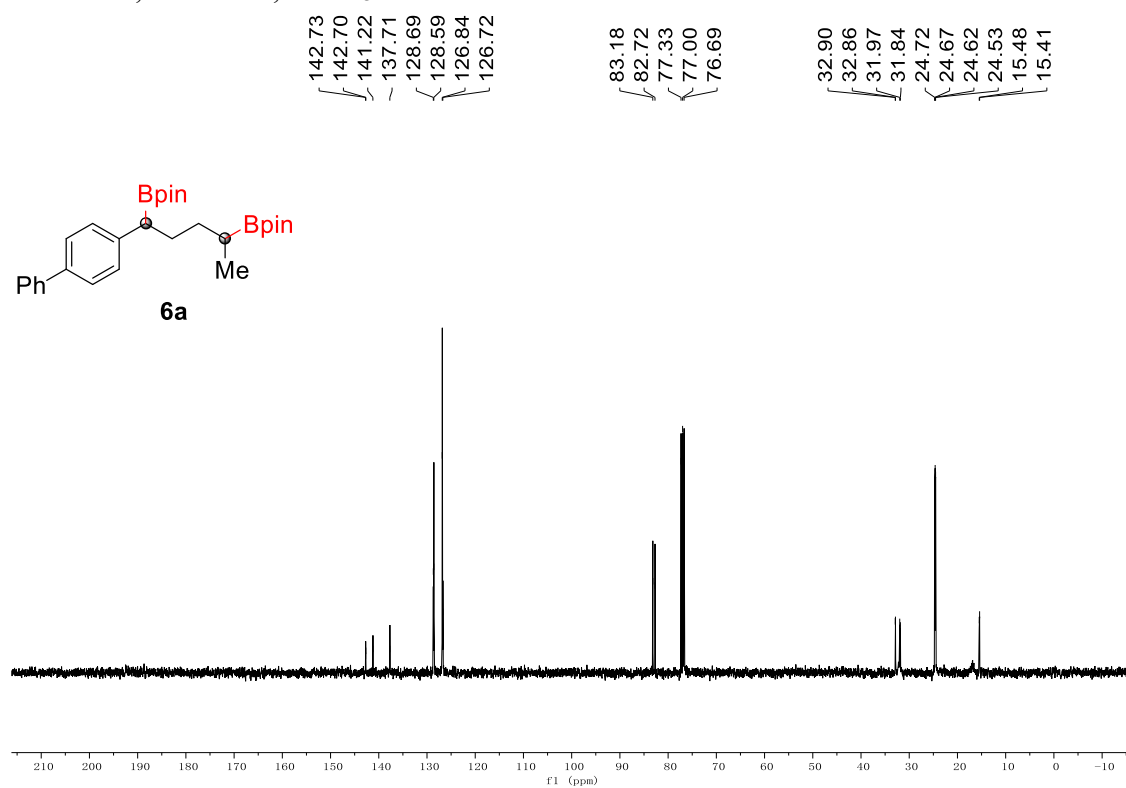
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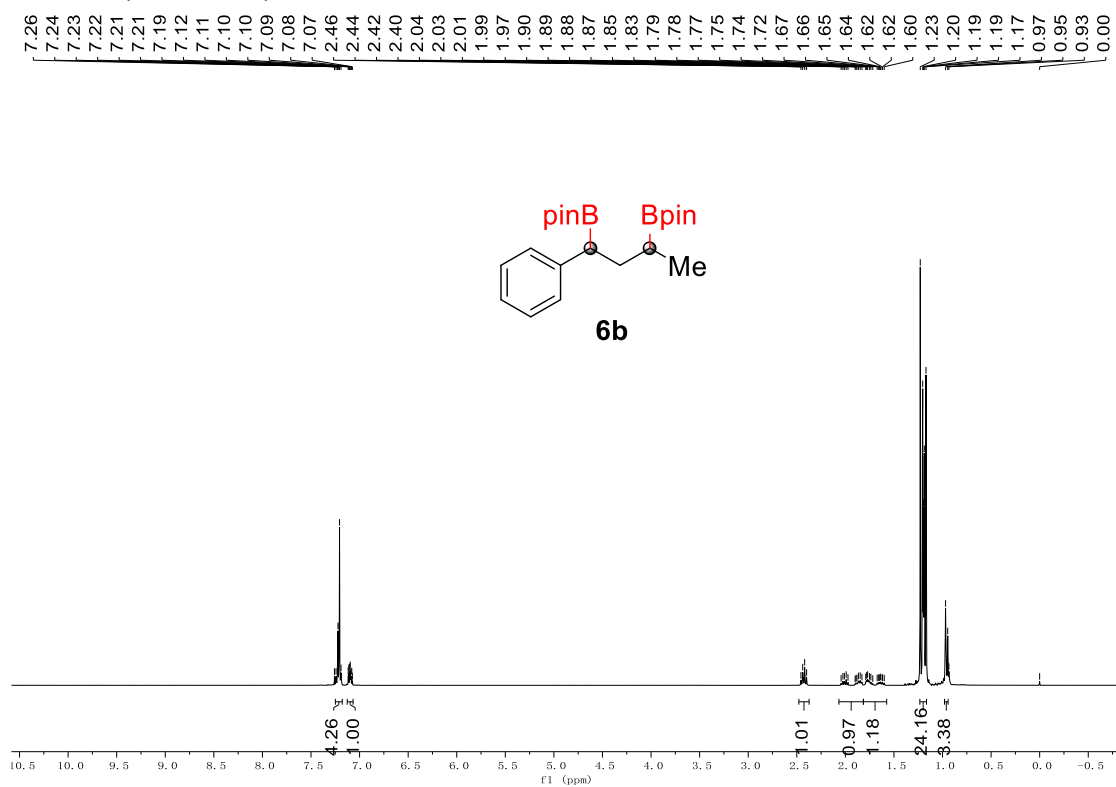
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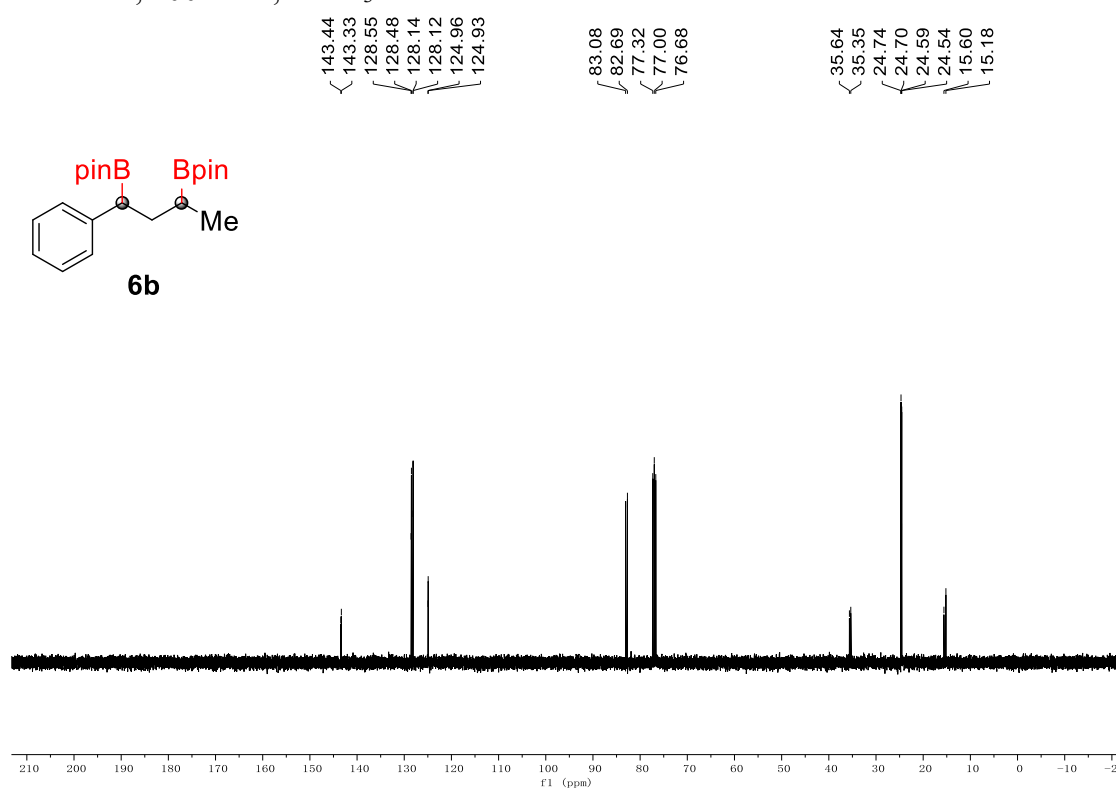
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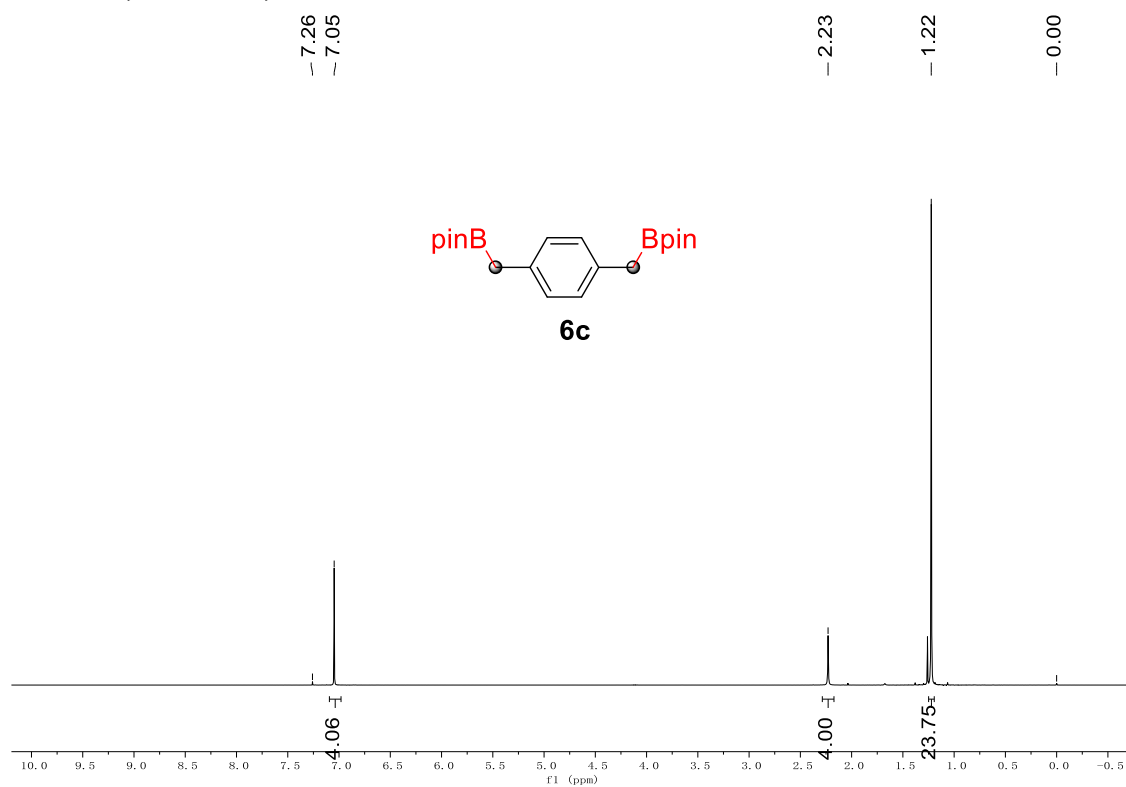
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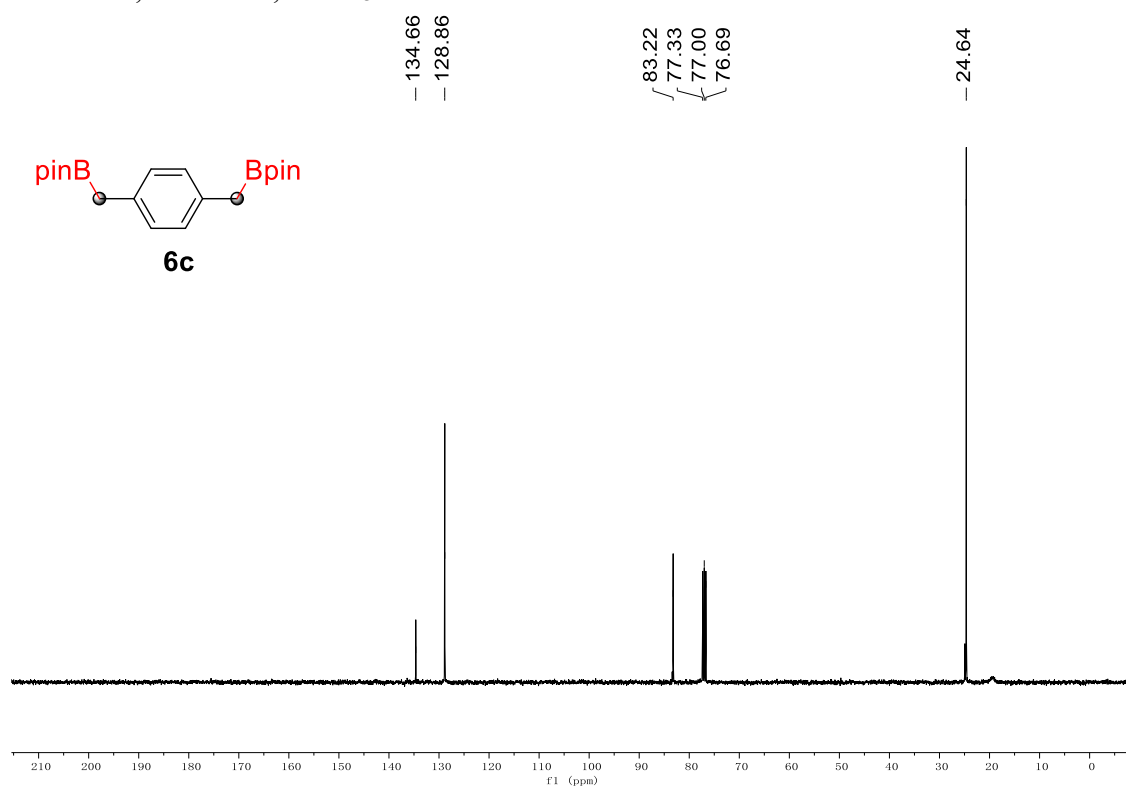
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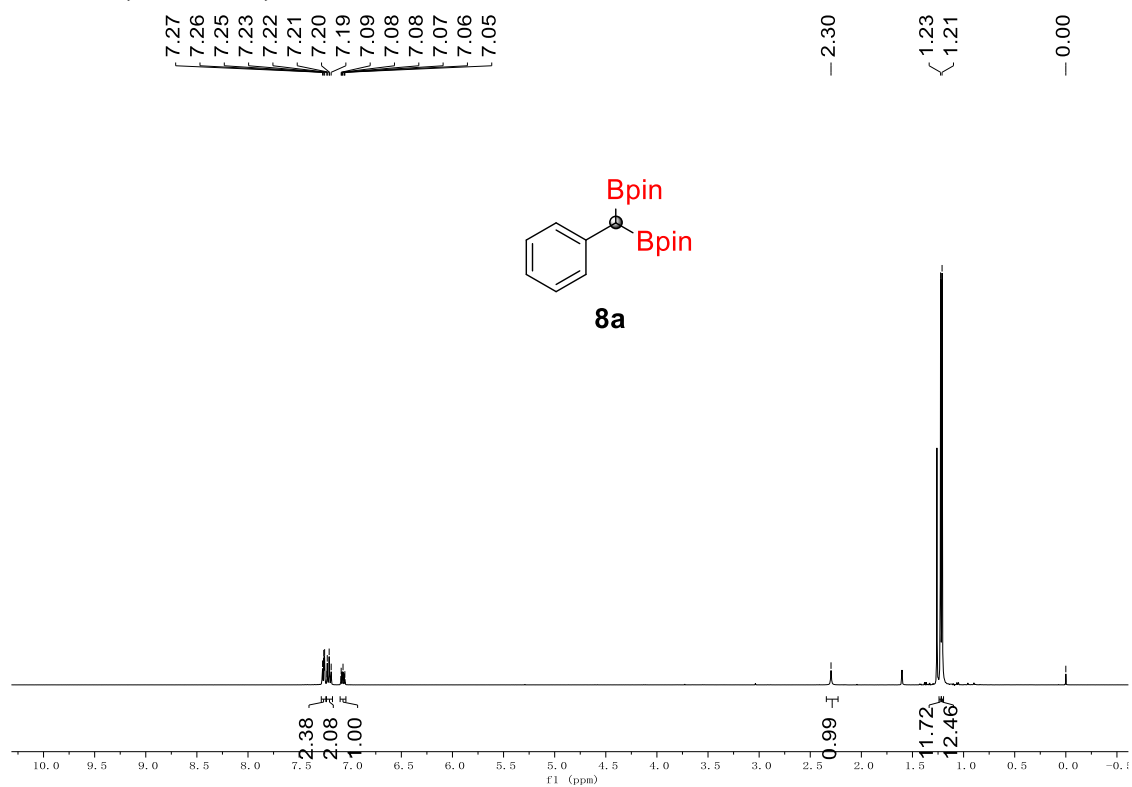
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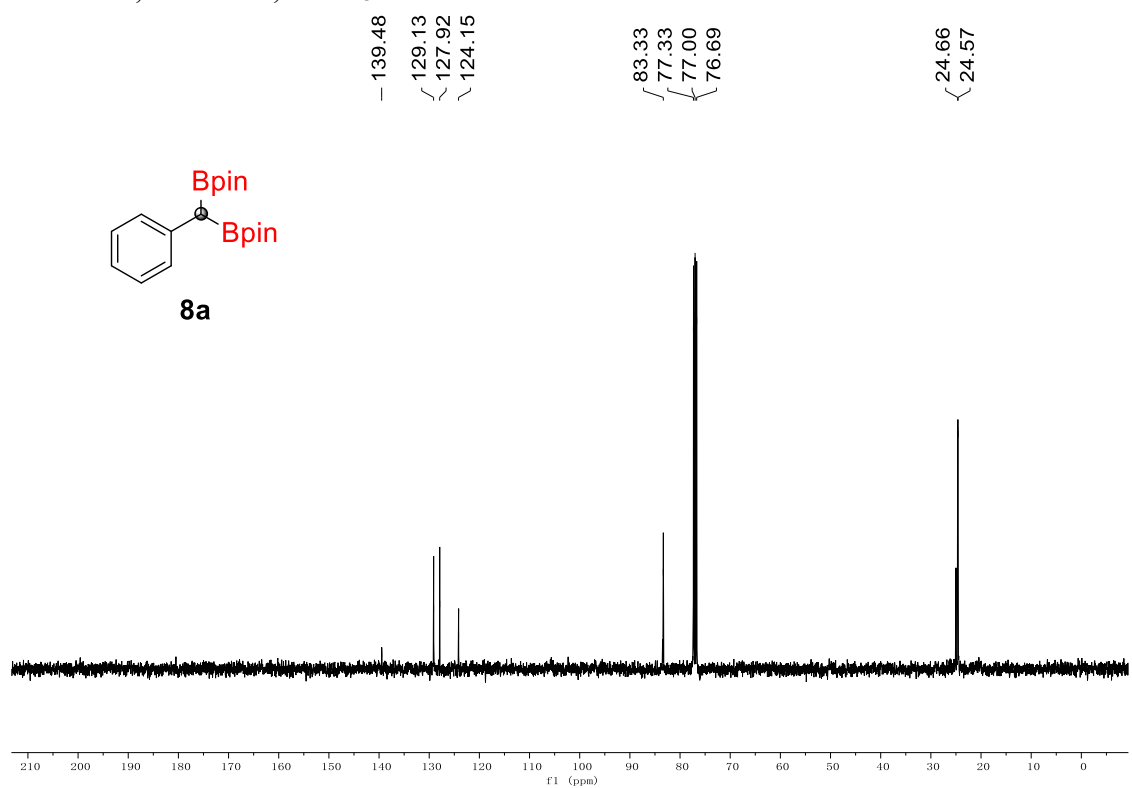
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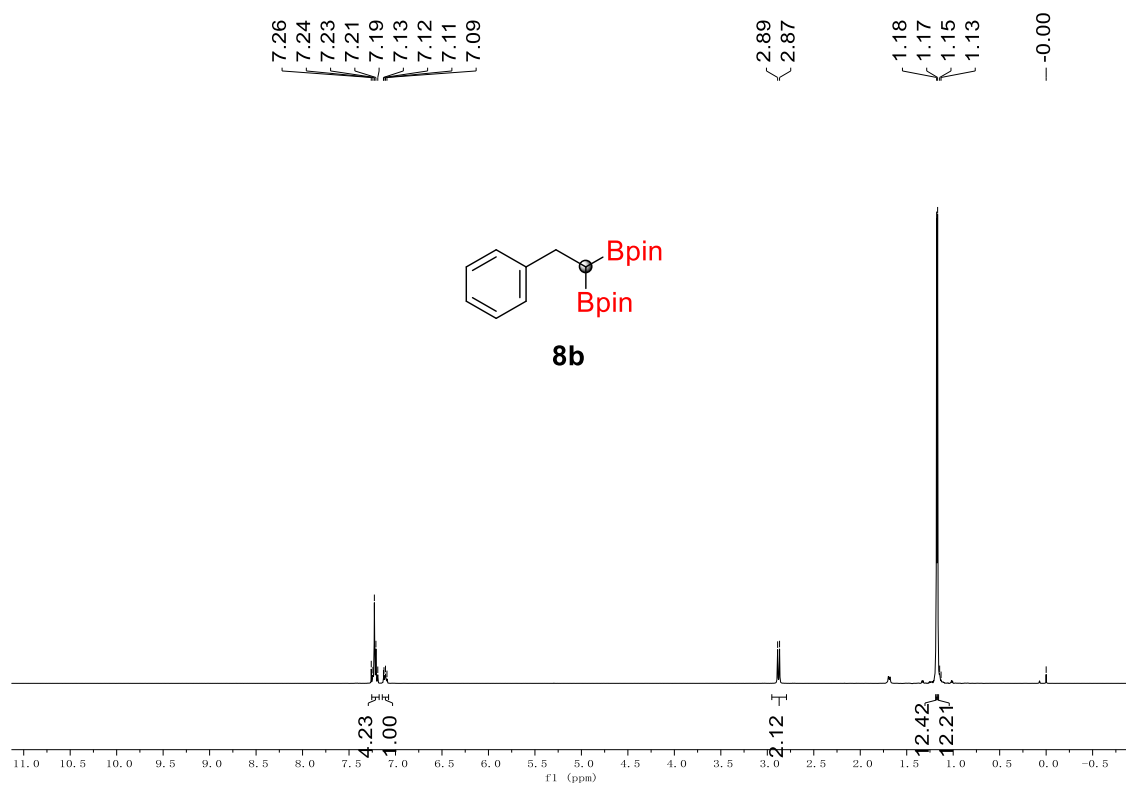
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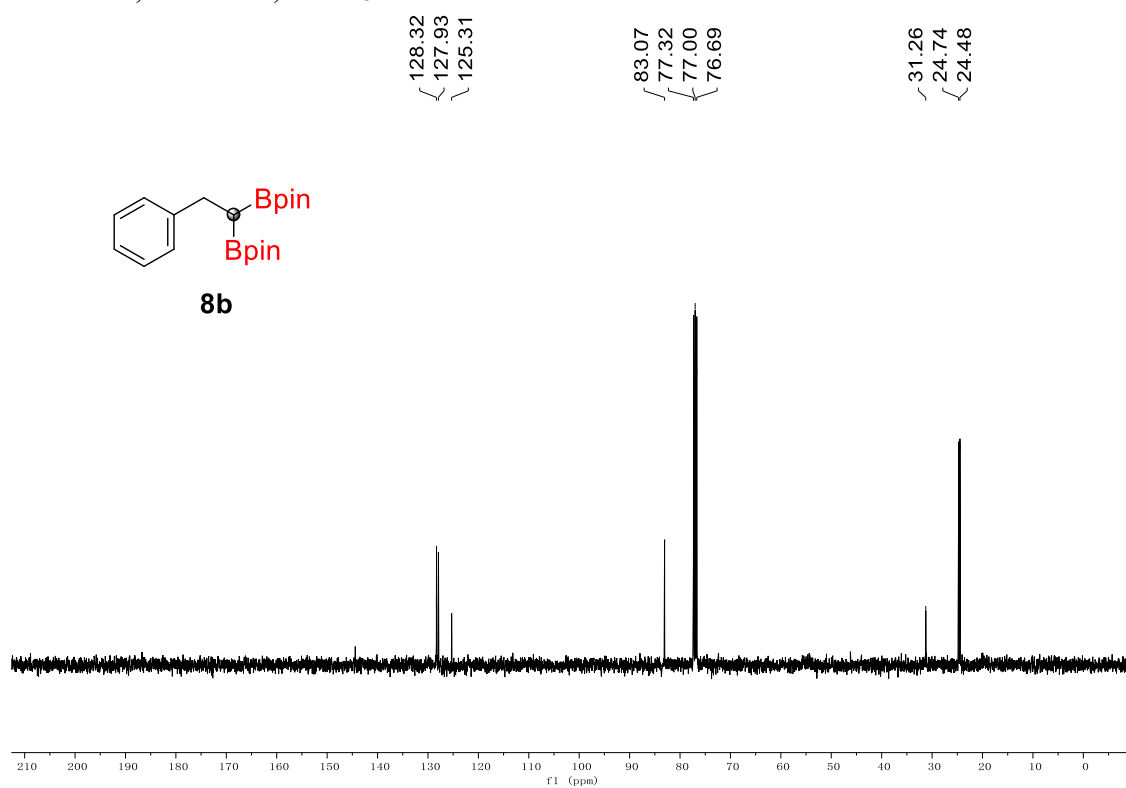
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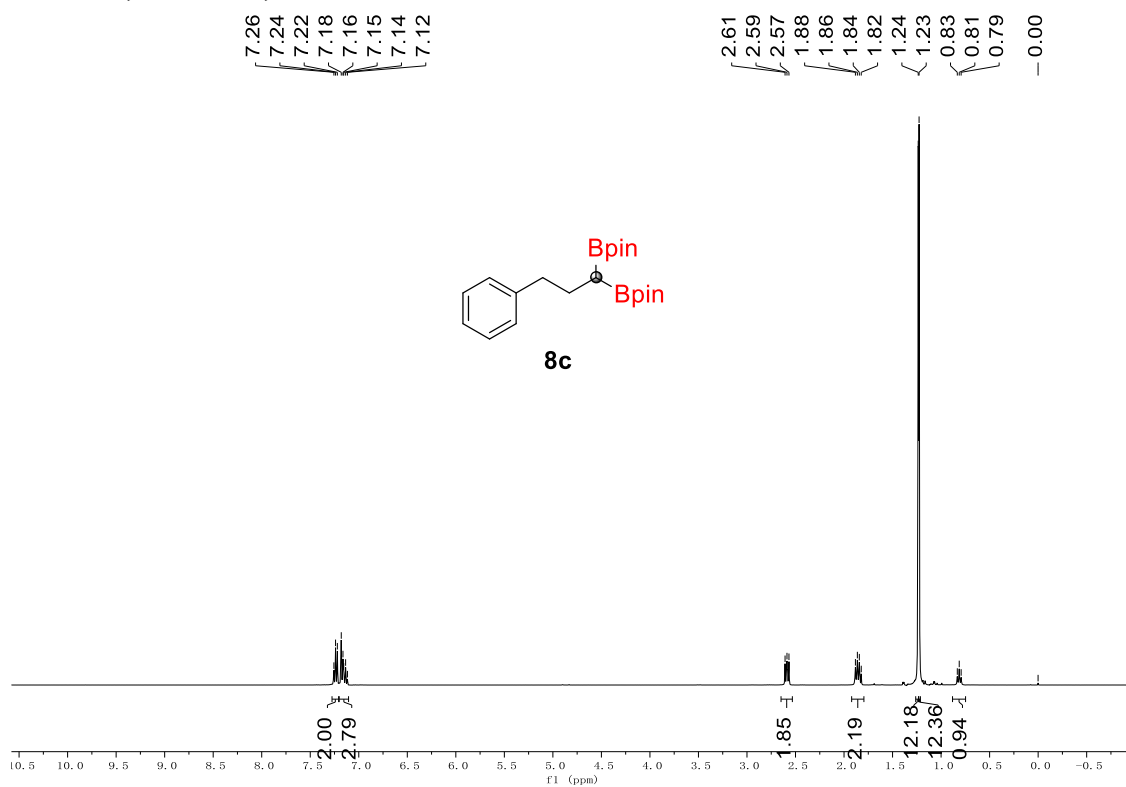
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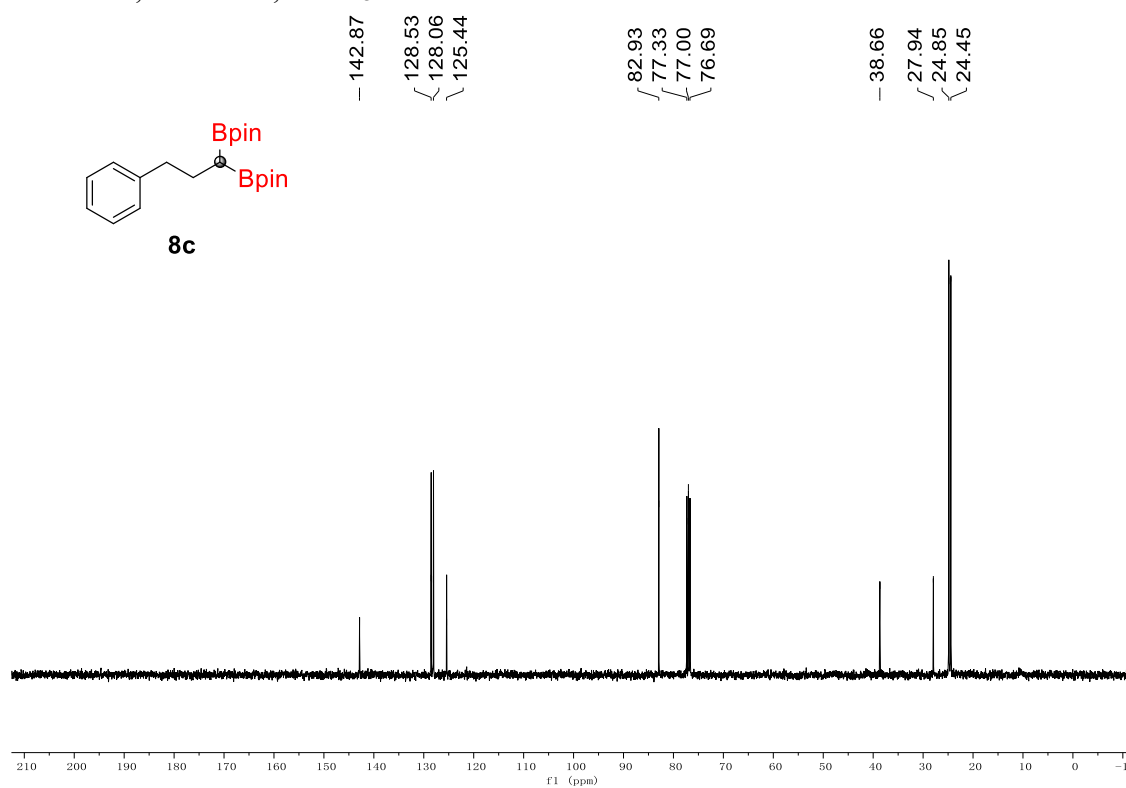
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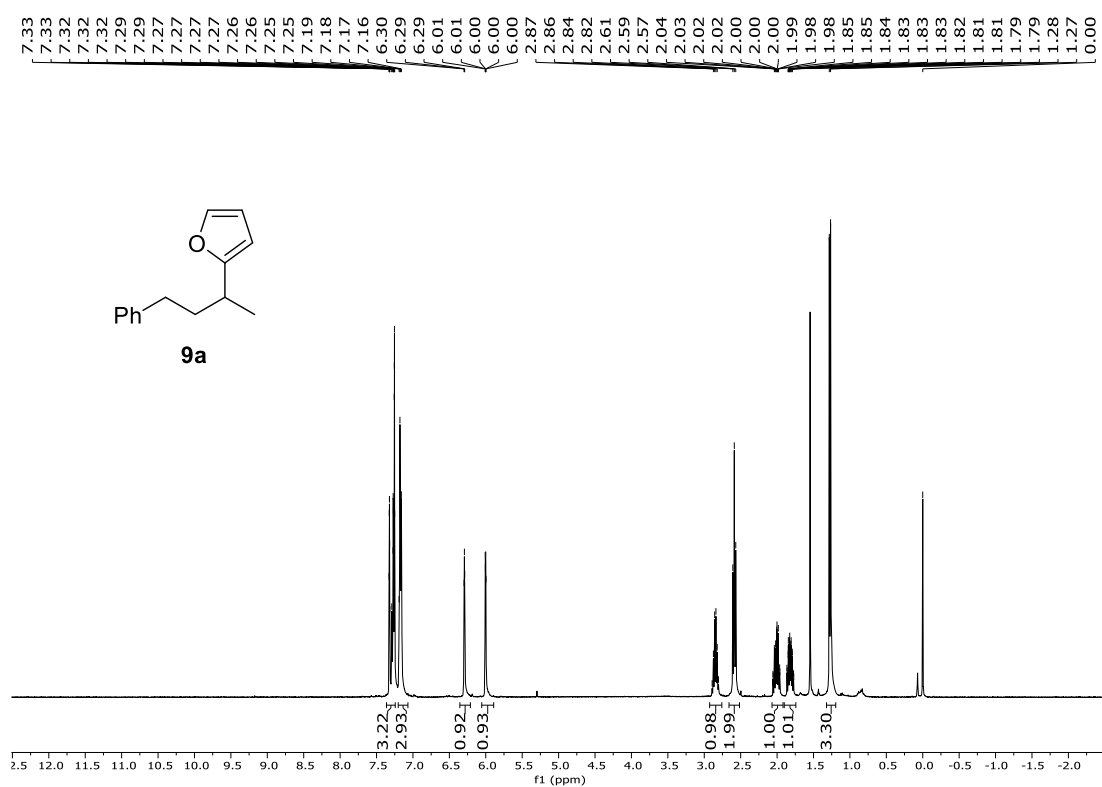
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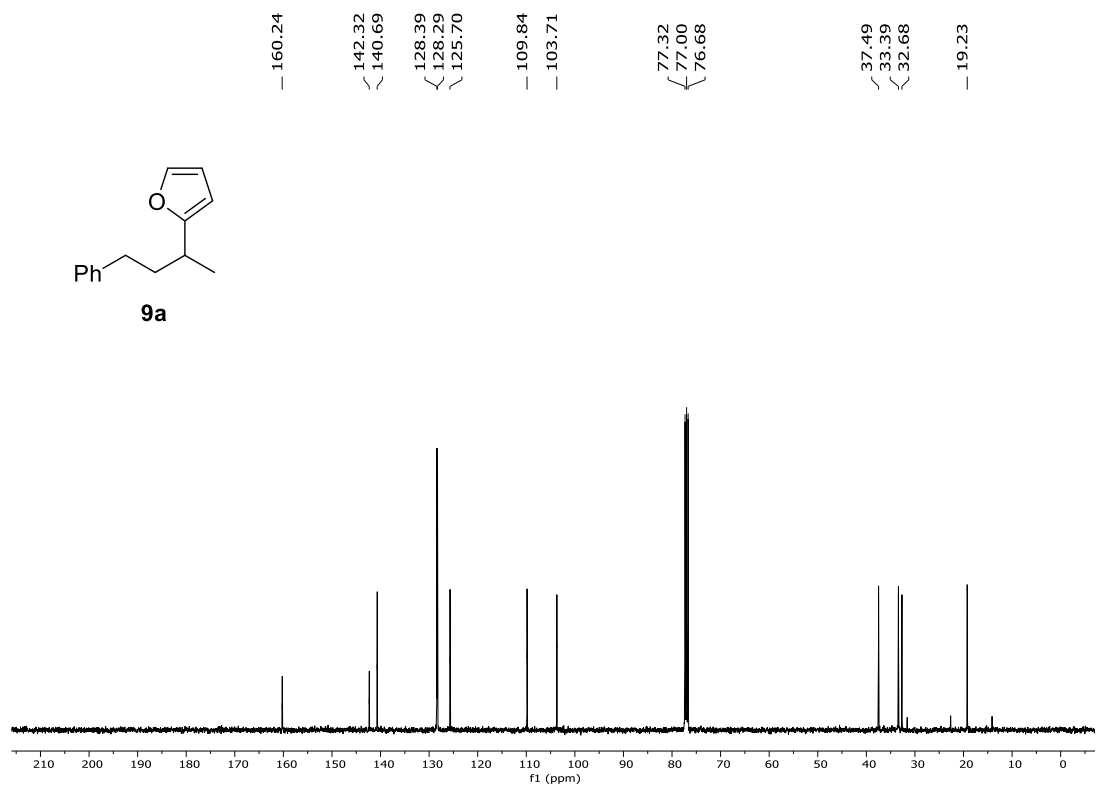
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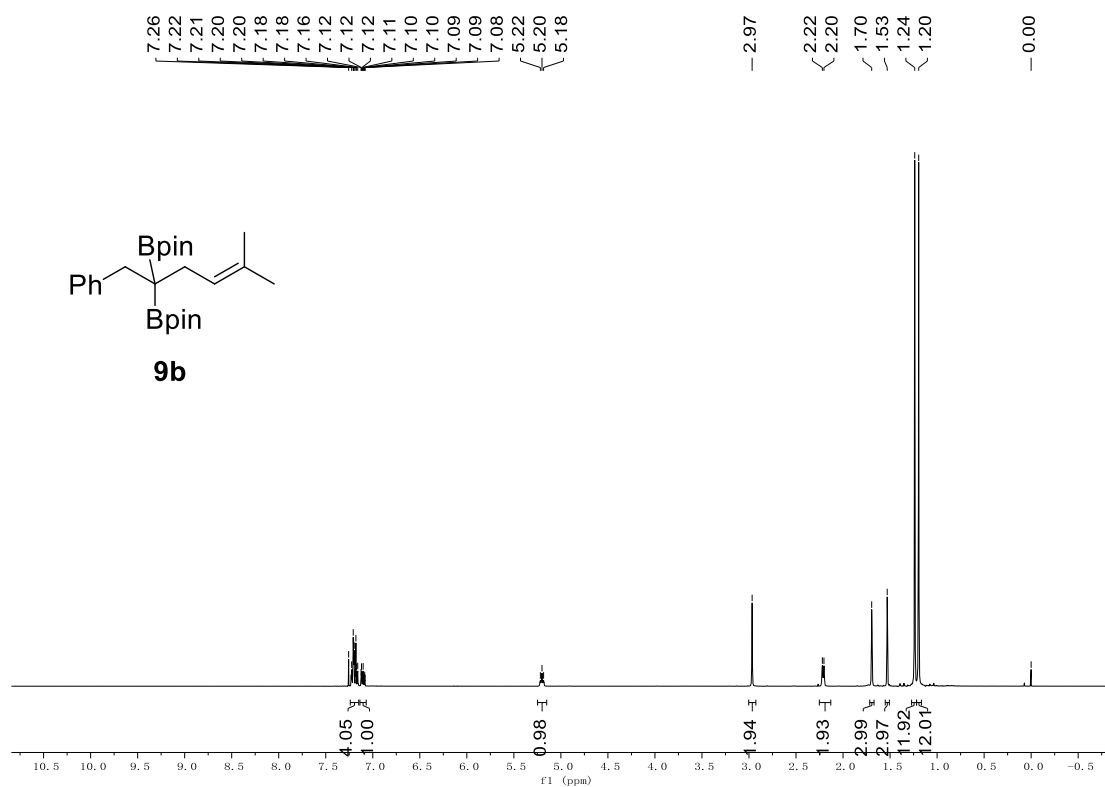
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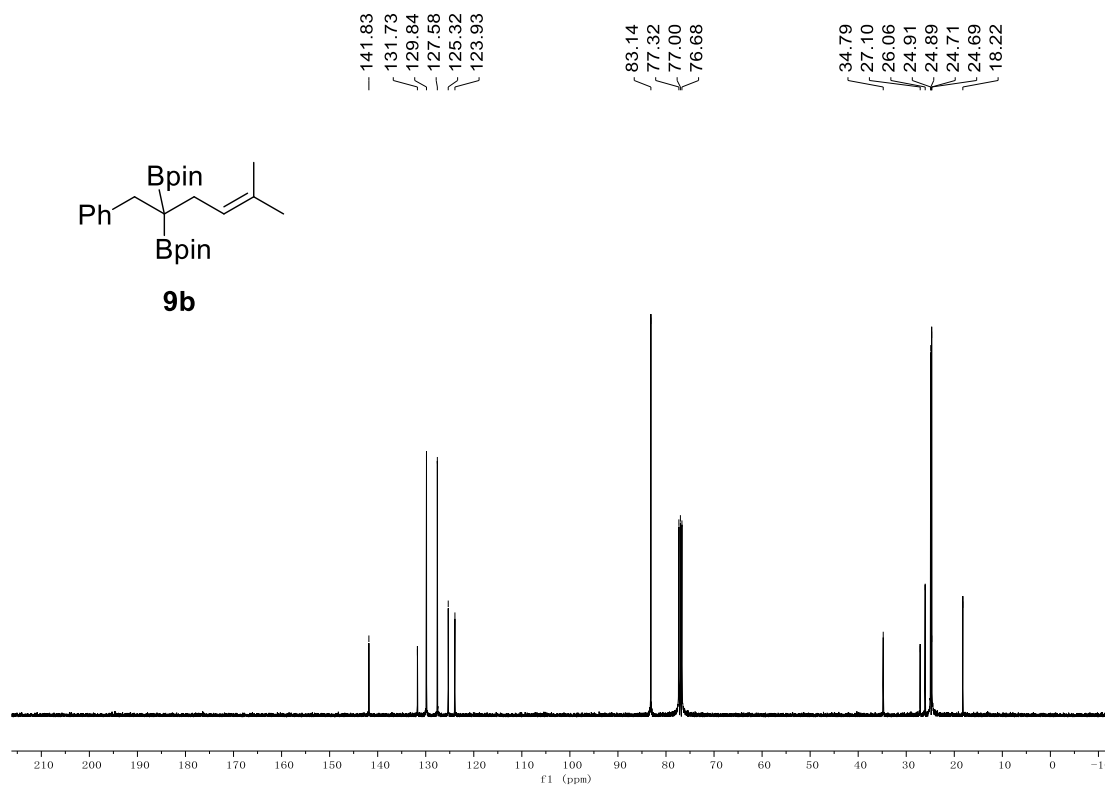
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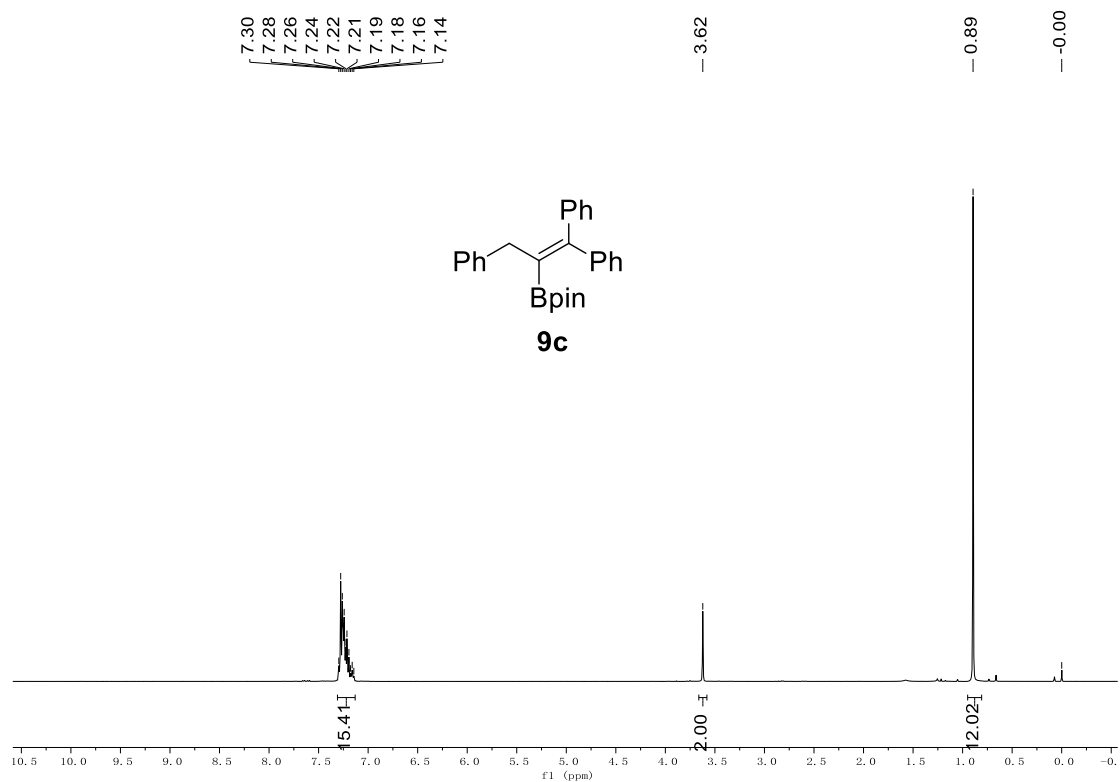
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