

Diels–Alder and Electrocyclic Strategies in Complex Molecule Synthesis

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Abstract

The central theme of this thesis can be considered the study and application of pericyclic reactions, specifically the Diels–Alder and electrocyclisation reaction towards the generation of complex functional molecules. [Chapter 1](#) serves as a brief introduction to these two reactions recounting their respective history, current state and future directions.

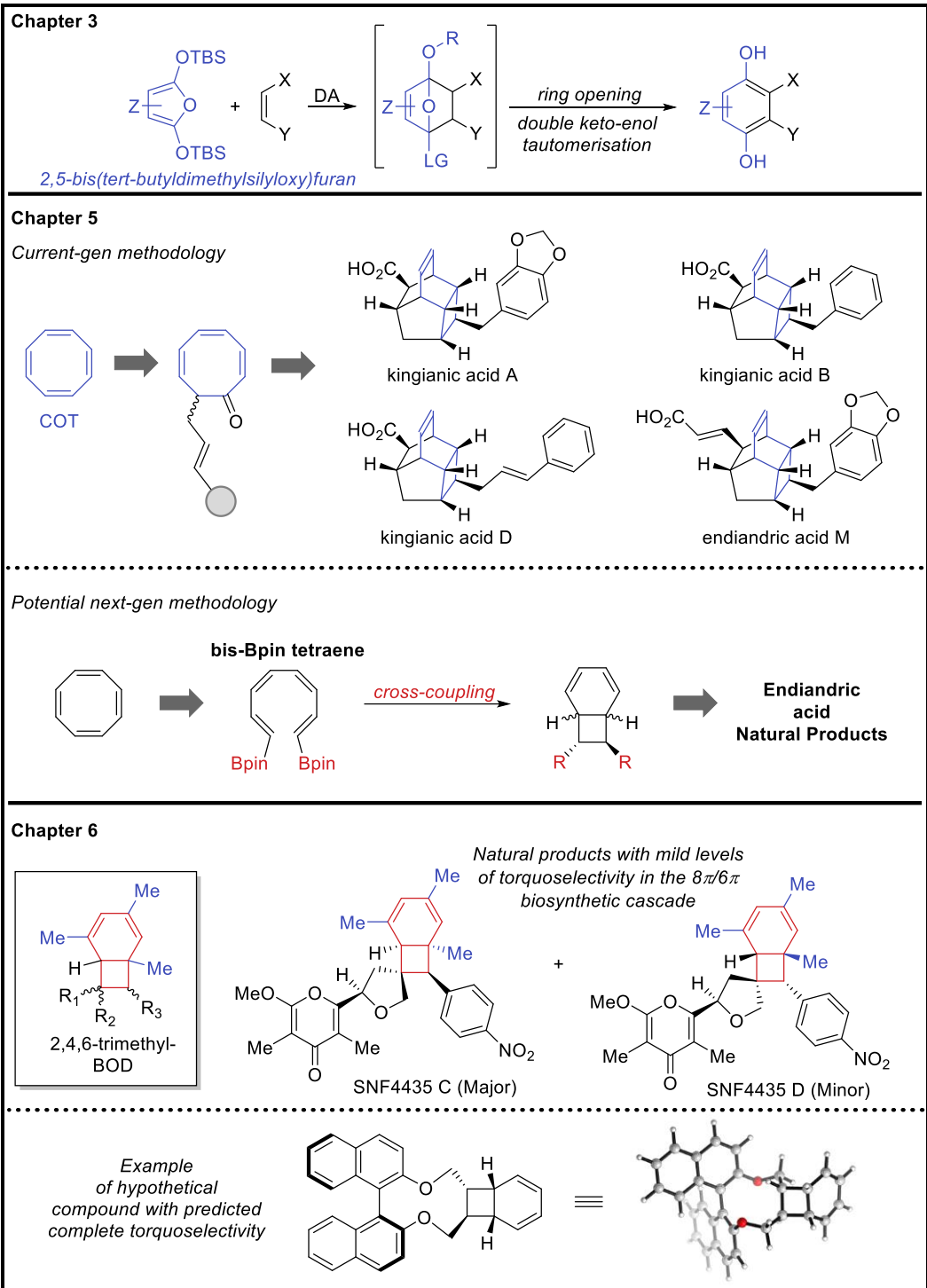
A Diels–Alder (DA) methodology was developed for the synthesis of a synthetically challenging motif. It involved the synthesis of a 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan diene capable of performing a DA cycloaddition followed by an aromatisation sequence to afford a variety of *para*-hydroquinones among other arenes. DA reactions primarily afford non-aromatic six-membered rings, however the 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan diene has been engineered to undergo a facile aromatisation process after the [4+2] cycloaddition. It was therefore appropriate to conduct a non-comprehensive review on a variety of dienes that induce aromatisation after the DA reaction and their application in natural product total synthesis. This review is contained in [Chapter 2](#) and acts as a literature preface for the peer-review published Diels–Alder methodology in [Chapter 3](#) (authorship statement provided).

A great portion of the following synthetic work in this thesis utilises 1,3,5,7-cyclooctatetraene (COT) as the starting material. The oddity of using a bare annulene as a starting material inspired [Chapter 4](#), which is a review focusing on total syntheses of natural products that begin with unfunctionalised annulenes: cyclobutadiene, benzene and COT.

Endiandric acids are a famous natural product family known for its unique skeletal structures, biological activity and specifically for their unique biosynthesis. Their biosynthesis involves a tetraene undergoing a beautiful 8π -electrocyclisation/ 6π -electrocyclisation/intramolecular Diels–Alder cascade to form structurally complex molecules. Multiple historical syntheses involved construction of the tetraene, which can be a challenging and lengthy task. Our group recognised alternative routes via COT that drastically shortened the step count to these fascinating products. In our third-generation methodology, kingianic acids A, B, D and endiandric acid M was synthesised via the lithium enolate of cyclooctatrienone (derived from COT), which is covered in [Chapter 5](#). There are limitations to this methodology, encouraging the development of the next generation. At the end of [Chapter 5](#), we report a successful proof-of-concept involving the creation of a bis-Bpin tetraene molecule that can potentially afford natural product related compounds.

Torquoselective electrocyclisations have been extensively developed for the 4π electrocyclic variant, however is very limited in 6π and 8π electrocyclisations. Certain bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene related natural products have shown to possess low to mild levels of torquoselectivity during the electrocyclisation events of their biosynthesis. [Chapter 6](#) is a purely computational study on the kinetics, thermodynamics and torquoselectivity of the biosynthetic cascade of bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene related natural products. The understanding gained through these experiments inspired hypothetical compounds that have been computationally predicted to undertake fully torquoselective 8π electrocyclisations and aims to stimulate future endeavours in torquoselective electrocyclisations.

The supporting information for experimental chapters (3, 5 and 6) is provided in [Chapter 7](#). References are provided at the end of each chapter. Numbering for compounds, figures, schemes and tables are done according to each chapter i.e., 3.5 (chapter.number). Colour is used in many figures, schemes and tables throughout the thesis to aid in their understanding and must be printed in colour if a physical copy is required.



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Abbreviations

%	percentage or percentage yield or weight by volume percentage
[O]	oxidation
Å	angstrom
Ac	acetyl
Acac	acetylacetonate
AIBN	azobisisobutyronitrile
aq.	aqueous
BINAP	2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl
BINOL	1,1'-bi-2-naphthol
BHT	butylated hydroxytoluene
BMIDA	N-methyliminodiacetic acid boronate ester
Bn	benzyl
BOD	bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene
Bpin	pinacol boronate ester
br.	broad
cat.	Catalyst
CAN	ceric ammonium nitrate
CDI	1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole
COD	1,5-cyclooctadiene
COSY	correlation spectroscopy
COT	cyclooctatetraene
d	doublet
d.e.	diastereomeric excess
d.r.	diastereomeric ratio
DA	Diels–Alder
DBU	1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene
DCC	N,N'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide
DCE	1,2-dichloroethane
DCM	dichloromethane
DDQ	2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone
DFT	density functional theory
DIBAL-H	diisobutylaluminium hydride
DIPEA	N,N-diisopropylethylamine
DMAD	dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate
DMAP	4-dimethylaminopyridine
DMF	dimethylformamide
DMPU	N, N'-dimethylpropyleneurea
DMSO	dimethyl sulfoxide
dppe	1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane
Ea	activation energy
EDC.HCl	1-ethyl-3-(3'-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide · HCl
EDG	electron donating group
e.e.	enantiomeric excess
EI	electron impact
equiv.	equivalents
ESI	electrospray ionization
EWG	electron withdrawing group
g	grams
HMBC	heteronuclear multiple-bond correlation spectroscopy
HMDS	hexamethyldisilazane
HMPA	hexamethylphosphoramide

HOBt	hydroxybenzotriazole
HRMS	high-resolution mass spectrometry
HSQC	heteronuclear single-quantum correlation spectroscopy
h ν	photochemical energy
HWE	Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons
Hz	hertz
IMDA	intramolecular Diels–Alder
IR	infrared
IUPAC	International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry
<i>J</i>	coupling constant
K _a	association rate constant
kcal	kilocalories
kg	kilogram
kJ	kilojoules
kW	kilowatts
L	litre
LDA	lithium diisopropylamide
M	Molar or metal
m	multiplet
m.p.	melting point
M ⁺	molecular ion
MAD	methylaluminum bis (2, 6-di- <i>t</i> -butyl-4-methylphenoxide)
mbar	millibar
mCPBA	meta-chloroperoxybenzoic acid
mg	milligrams
MHz	megahertz
MIDA	methyliminodiacetic acid
min	minute
mL	millilitres
mmol	millimole
mol	mole
mol%	molar percentage
mol. sieves	molecular sieves
Ms	mesyl
MS	mass spectrometry
MTAD	4-methyl-1,2,4-triazoline-3,5-dione
NBS	N-bromosuccinamide
NHC	N-heterocyclic carbene
NMO	N-methylmorpholine N-oxide
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
NOESY	nuclear Overhauser effect spectroscopy
°	degrees
°C	degrees Celcius
p	pentet
Ph	phenyl
PIDA	(diacetoxyiodo)benzene
PMB-Cl	4-methoxybenzyl chloride
Ppm	parts per million
PTAD	4-phenyl-1,2,4-triazole-3,5-dione
q	quartet
RCDA	radical cation Diels-Alder
rel. G	relative Gibbs free energy
R _f	retention factor

RT	room temperature
s	second or singlet
sat.	saturated
SM	starting material
T	temperature
$t_{1/2}$	half-life
TBAF	tetra-n-butylammonium fluoride
TBDMS	tert-butyldimethylsilyl
TBS	tert-butyldimethylsilyl
TES	triethylsilyl
Tf	triflyl
THF	tetrahydrofuran
TIPB	1,3,5-triisopropylbenzene
TLC	thin layer chromatography
TMEDA	N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethane-1,2-diamine
TMS	trimethylsilyl
TPAP	tetrapropylammonium perruthenate
Ts	tosyl
TS	transition state
UV	ultraviolet
V	volts
W	watts
w/v	weight by volume
Xphos	2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2',4',6'-triisopropylbiphenyl
Δ	heat
δ	chemical shift
μL	microlitres
μmol	micromole
μW	microwave

Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Introduction to pericyclic reactions and preamble

There are three recognised classes of organic synthetic reactions by transition state topology: linear, pericyclic and coarctate reactions (Figure 1.1).^[1,2] The most common topology in synthesis is linear, where the transition state (**1.1** as an example) is acyclic. Pericyclic transition states (**1.2** as an example) involve a cyclic geometry, with reaction progression occurring in a concerted manner. The least common is the coarctate topology, where it is characterised by a figure eight-like transition state (**1.3** as an example).

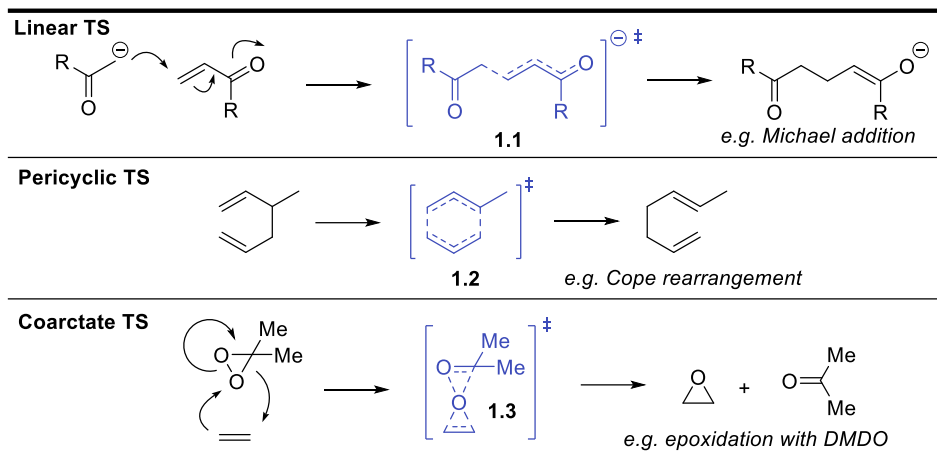


Figure 1.1: The three classes of synthetic reactions by transition state topology

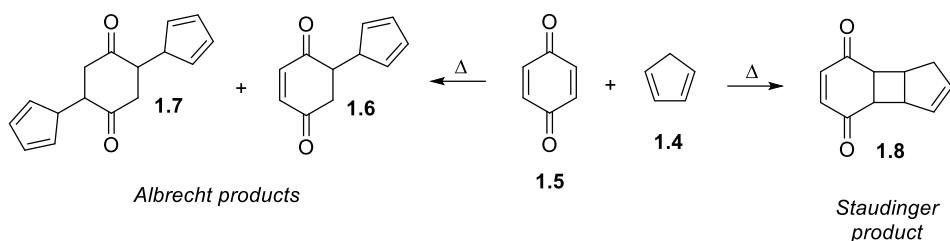
Pericyclic reactions contain sub-classes, two of which are cycloadditions (specifically [4+2]) and electrocyclic reactions. These two are fundamental reactions underpinning the body of work in this thesis. The contents of the thesis aim to contribute to the study and application of these reactions. Broken into two main parts, the first develops a Diels–Alder methodology for the synthesis of a synthetically challenging motif and the later parts applies/studies electrocyclisations in a complex total synthesis setting. Therefore, it is appropriate for this first chapter to concisely introduce the history, current state, future and other important aspects of these reactions.

1.2 Diels-Alder reaction

The Diels–Alder (DA) reaction is one of the most powerful tools within an organic synthetic chemist’s arsenal. Nearly 100 years of research since its introduction to the field, has led it to develop into the most powerful 6-membered ring forming annulation, capable of rapidly generating molecular complexity.

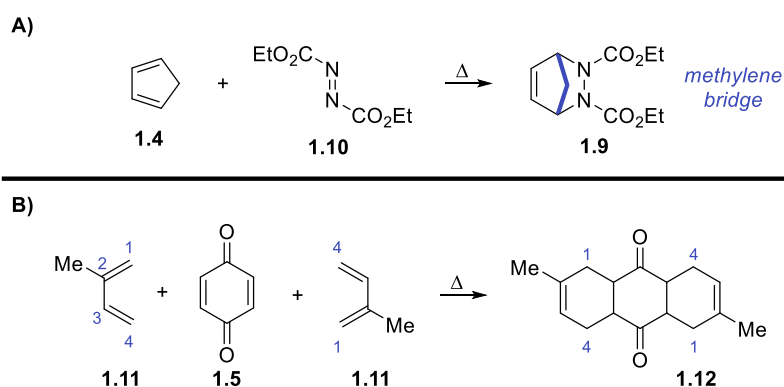
1.2.1 History

The earliest work on the study of the DA reaction was published in a series of 28 articles from 1928 to 1937, authored by Otto Diels and his student Kurt Alder (involved in the first 19 articles), which the reaction bears their joint names.^[3,4] Their first publication detailed the correction to a study by Walter Albrecht in 1906.^[5] Albrecht reported that the reaction between cyclopentadiene **1.4** and 1,4-benzoquinone **1.5** formed cyclopentadienequinone **1.6**, where the cyclopentadiene **1.4** added to the double bond of **1.5** through its methylene group, retaining its diene moiety. He also reported di-cyclopentadiene quinone **1.7** from the double addition of cyclopentadiene **1.4**. Hermann Staudinger hypothesized an alternative cyclobutane product **1.8** in 1912.^[6]



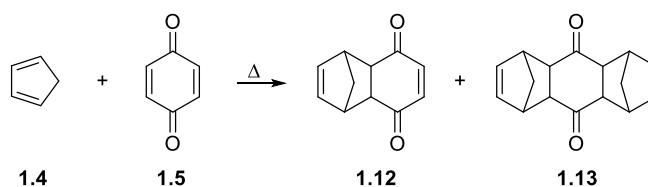
Scheme 1.1: Albrecht and Staudinger's postulated products from the thermal reaction between cyclopentadiene and 1,4-benzoquinone

Diels and Alder provided strong evidence to disprove both Albrecht and Staudinger's assertions. Structural comparison to *N,N'*-dicarboxyethyl-endomethylene tetrahydropyridazine **1.9** highlighted the possibility of a methylene bridge (highlighted in blue in Scheme 1.2A) from the thermal reaction between cyclopentadiene **1.4** and diethyl azodicarboxylate **1.10**. Euler and Josephson's work in 1920, involved the addition of 2 moles of isoprene **1.11** to 1 mole of 1,4-benzoquinone **1.5** to form compound **1.12**, illustrating the formation of bonds to the 1,4 position of the isoprene **1.11** (Scheme 1.2B).^[7]



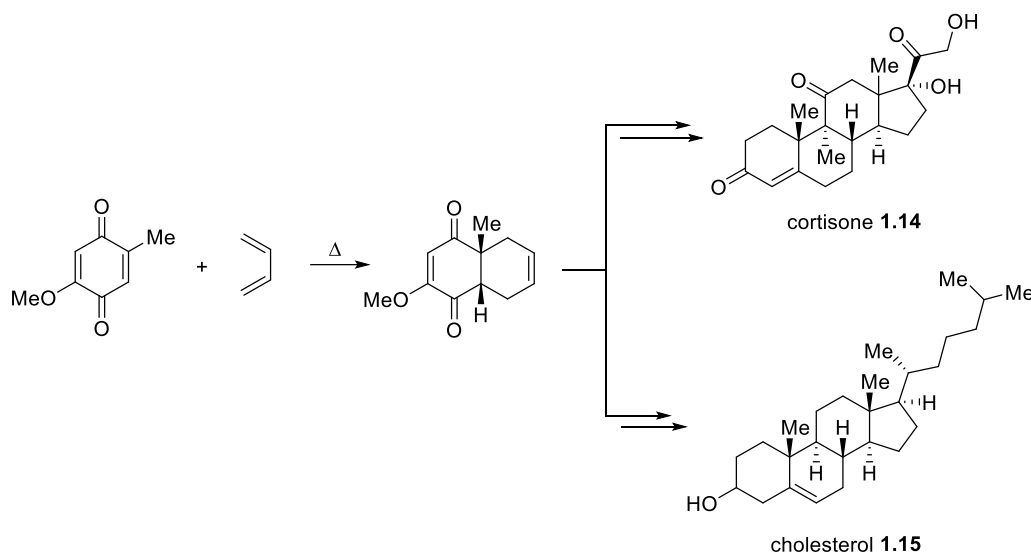
Scheme 1.2: A) Cycloaddition between cyclopentadiene and diethyl azodicarboxylate. B) Euler and Josephson's 1920 synthesis of anthracenedione 1.12

The authors therefore concluded the correct structures to be compound **1.12** instead of **1.6** and **1.13** instead of **1.7** (Scheme 1.3), which are further validated by additional experimentation. It was clear to Diels and Alder that the potential implication of this reaction is great, to the extent they explicitly reserved the right to study and apply this reaction. They postulated synthetic application towards more complex and valuable compounds such as natural products, as well as the reaction being involved in the biosynthesis of such natural products. Fast forward to 1950, well after their 28th and final article in their research series, they were deservedly awarded the Nobel chemistry prize "for their discovery and development of the diene synthesis".^[8]



Scheme 1.3: Diels and Alder's product elucidation

A couple years later, Robert B. Woodward would publish his hallmark synthesis of cortisone **1.14** and cholesterol **1.15** showcasing the first instance of the Diels–Alder reaction in a total synthesis (Scheme 1.4).^[9–13]

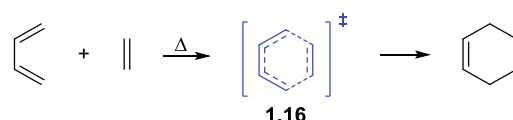


Scheme 1.4: Woodward's total synthesis of cortisone and cholesterol

1.2.2 Current state

1.2.2.1 Mechanism

Robert B. Woodward along with Thomas J. Katz, Roald Hoffmann, as well as many others have been instrumental in the elucidation of the Diels–Alder mechanism since the late 1930s.^[14] The current consensus is the reaction undergoing a concerted $[\pi 4s + \pi 2s]$ cycloaddition, proceeding through a cyclic transition state **1.16** (Scheme 1.5).^[15–18] A high level of understanding on the mechanism of this reaction has currently been achieved, therefore it is apt for the following paragraphs within this section (1.2.2.1) to summarise this in order to render this thesis to be more accessible to the non-expert reader.



Scheme 1.5: Currently agreed transition state of a Diels–Alder reaction between a 1,3-diene and ethylene

Frontier molecular orbital (FMO) theory explains the facile nature of the interaction between a 4π electron system (diene) and 2π electron system (dienophile).^[19] The overlap of the diene and dienophile orbitals is thermally allowed under the Woodward–Hoffmann rules.^[20,21] In a normal demand DA, the electron donating group (EDG) on the diene raises the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and the electron withdrawing group (EWG) on the dienophile lowers the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) (Figure 1.2). In an inverse demand DA, the roles of the electronic effects of the substituent are exchanged, however still lead to the same outcome.

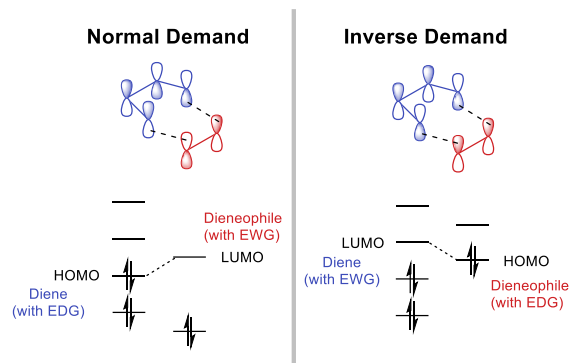
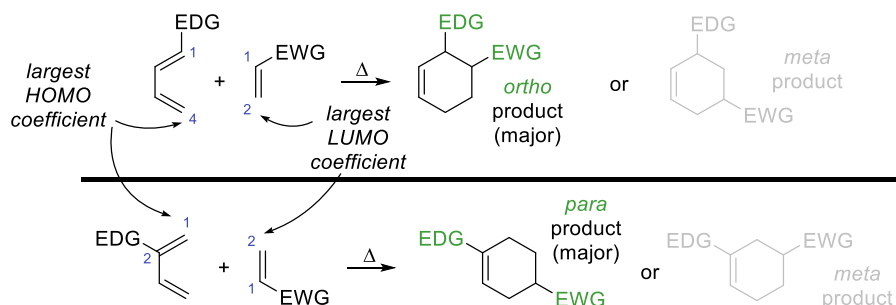


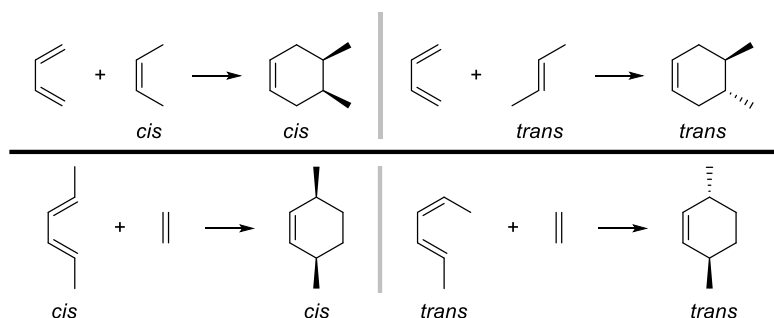
Figure 1.2: Orbital diagrams of normal and inverse Diels–Alder reactions

FMO theory additionally predicts the regioselectivity pattern of appropriately substituted systems.^[22–24] In a more simplistic method, analysis of the resonance structures leads to the general *ortho-para* rule. In general, the carbon with the largest HOMO coefficient forms a bond with the carbon with the largest LUMO coefficient. See scheme 1.6 for a visual summary of all possible outcomes in a normal demand DA reaction.



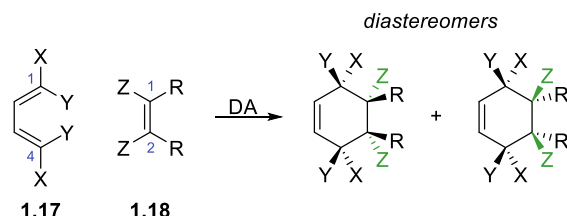
Scheme 1.6: General regioselectivity rules for normal demand DA reactions

Concerted Diels–Alder cycloadditions are stereospecific. Stereochemistry of the diene and dienophile is retained due to suprafacial interaction of the frontier orbitals (antarafacial is symmetry forbidden).^[21] See scheme 1.7 for a visual summary on the outcomes of all possible diene and dienophile combinations.



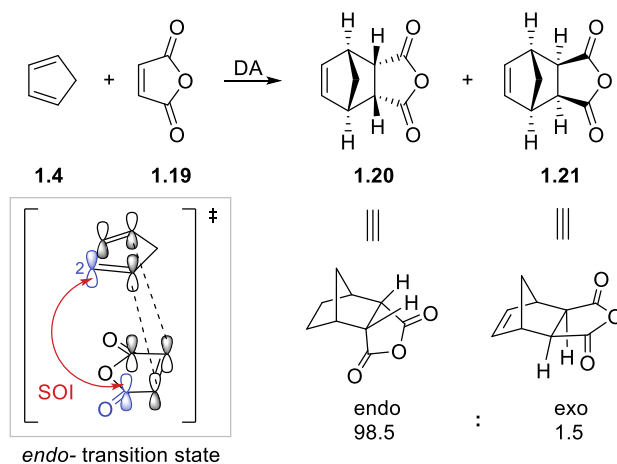
Scheme 1.7: General stereospecificity rules for the DA reaction

Diels–Alder reactions that form two stereocentres on the carbons that bond with each other leads to the possibility of two diastereomers. For this to occur, there must be at least one substituent on either end of a diene (C1 or C4 on diene **1.17**) and one substituent on the dienophile (C1 or C2 on dienophile **1.18**) (Scheme 1.8).



Scheme 1.8: Possible diastereomers from appropriately substituted dienes and dienophiles

Preference for a diastereomer can be predicted depending on the combination of diene and dienophile, leading to an *endo/exo* stereoselectivity model. Early work performed by Alder and Stein lead to an empirical rule known as the “Alder *endo* rule”, dictating the *endo* product is favoured among dienophiles bearing unsaturated groups.^[25,26] Secondary orbital interactions (SOIs), first postulated by Woodward and Hoffmann, explains that the orbital overlap of the diene C2 **1.4** and carbonyl carbon of the dienophile **1.19** induces selectivity of an *endo*-transition state (Scheme 1.9) providing a 98.5:1.5 ratio of diastereomers **1.20** and **1.21** and has been the widely accepted theory.^[21,27–29] It’s accurate in regards to DA reactions involving highly activated cyclic dienophiles under kinetically favoured thermal conditions, however is inconsistent with acyclic dienophiles.^[30] *Exo*-selectivity often arises from the destabilising steric effects in the DA transition state as a result of bulky substituents.



Scheme 1.9: Example of an *endo*-selective DA reaction with transition state showing SOI

1.2.2.2 State-of-Art

Over 38,000 research articles have been published that include the word “Diels–Alder” since 1928.^[31] A whole field was created and careers flourished under the Diels–Alder reaction. Today, the application of the cycloaddition has become extremely diverse, possibly more so than what Diels and Alder originally envisioned, spawning different types of Diels–Alder reactions, all with their own growing areas.^[32–34] Figure 1.3 highlights the main types of Diels–Alders with examples.

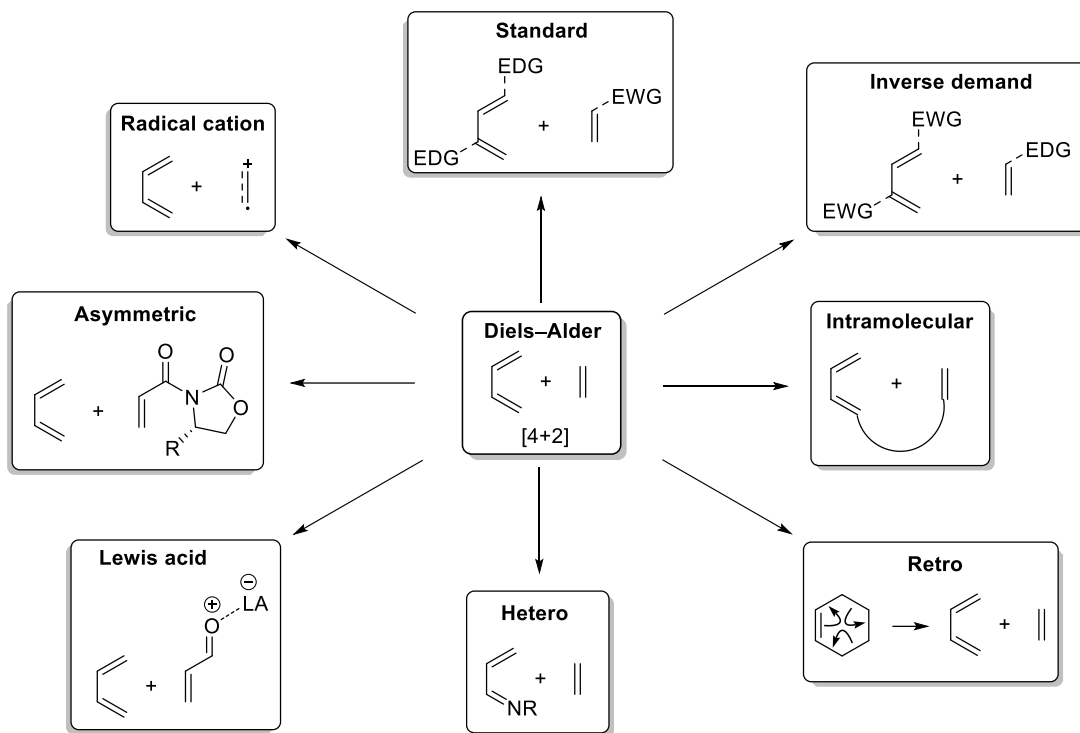
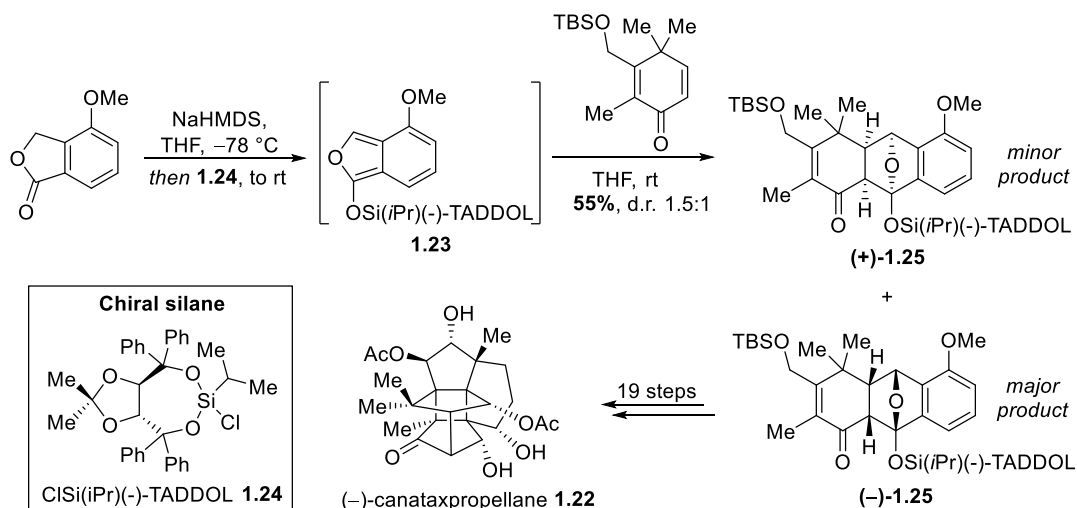


Figure 1.3: Sub-classes of the Diels–Alder reaction

Modern DA reactions are multifaceted due to the ever-growing requirement of synthesising increasingly intricate molecules efficiently. A notable example is Gaich's total synthesis of canataxpropellane **1.22**, where they carry out an asymmetric Diels–Alder with an in situ generated isobenzofuran diene **1.23** in the initial steps (Scheme 1.10).^[35] The chiral silane **1.24** is responsible for inducing a DA transition state that is selective for compound (–)-**1.25** over (+)-**1.25** (1.5:1 d.r.) via steric effects.



Scheme 1.10: Gaich's 2020 total synthesis of canataxpropellane

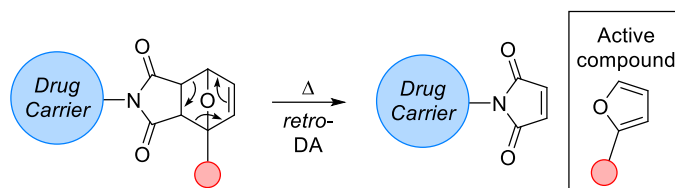
1.2.3 Future directions and Our work

Despite the immense advances in the Diels–Alder reaction, there are still undiscovered chemical reaction spaces and knowledge gaps to be filled.

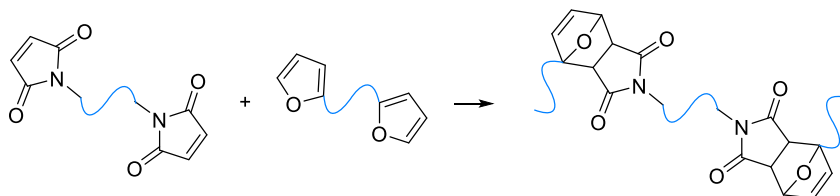
The DA reaction and its retro variant have garnered interest from the biomedical and nanomedicine field due to their atom economy, reversibility and substituent retention.^[36] These characteristics allow for it to be an effective click reaction, allowing for delivery of active ingredients and release upon temperature manipulations (Scheme 1.11A). Use in polymer

chemistry has also been established and is growing due to its simplicity and scalability. Furan/maleimide coupling partners are well-established (Scheme 1.11B), however newer efforts are towards developing new reaction partners (anthracene, myrcene, eugenol, etc.).^[37] The discovery of natural enzymes, Diels–Alderases, has brought immense intrigue to the organic chemistry community. Its research has been a multidisciplinary endeavour in regard to elucidating structures, mechanism and selectivity (Scheme 1.11C left).^[38,39] Further study is required with potential applications in total synthesis chemistry and industry. Organocatalysis has already been recognised in Diels–Alder chemistry, however relatively recent work involving the IDPi catalyst and similar compounds have brought great progress in both enantioselective synthesis but also the construction of compounds that are not synthesisable by standard DA methods (Scheme 1.11C right).^[40–42]

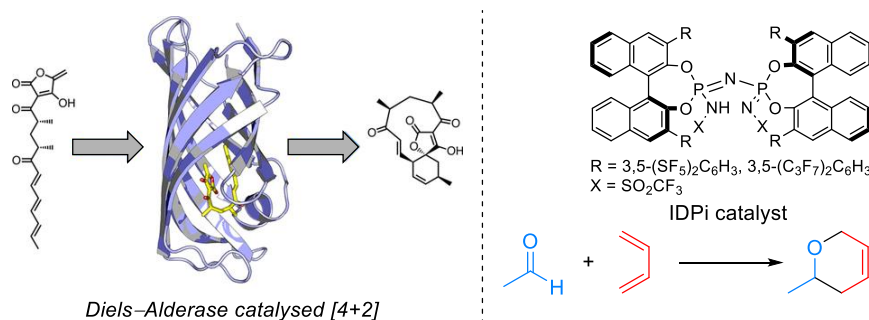
A) Diels–Alder mediated drug release



B) Diels–Alder reaction in polymer chemistry

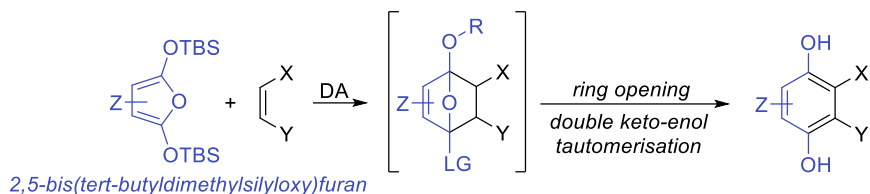


C) Enzyme-catalysed and organocatalysed Diels–Alder reactions



Scheme 1.11: A) Example of drug delivery via a retro DA process. B) Polymerisation via the reaction between a diene and dienophile chain. C) Example of both enzyme and organocatalysis in the DA reaction.

Our work with the Diels–Alder reaction looked at expanding its synthetic utility. It traditionally affords cycloalkene cycloadducts, however we have developed a methodology that delivers aromatic rings. Specifically, 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan diene derivatives were developed, capable of undergoing a [4+2] and facile aromatisation sequence to give afford a variety of *para*-hydroquinones among other arenes. This project constitutes chapter 3 in this thesis, where chapter 2 acts as a literature preface, providing a non-comprehensive review on a variety of dienes that induce aromatisation after the DA reaction and their application in natural product total synthesis.



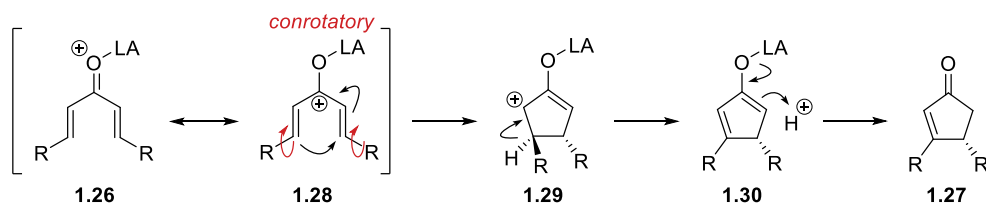
Scheme 1.12: Diels–Alder methodology involving 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan dienes to synthesise a variety of *para*-hydroquinones

1.3 Electrocyclic reactions

Electrocyclisations are rearrangements where ring-opening or closing events occur under photochemical or thermal conditions, and the net result is a loss of one π bond and gain of one σ bond or vice versa.^[43,44]

1.3.1 History

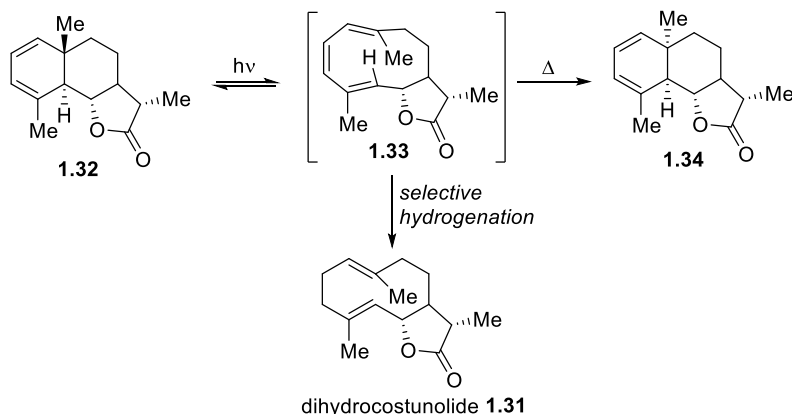
The Nazarov cyclisation is one of the earliest examples of an electrocyclic reaction, elucidated by Ivan N. Nazarov in 1941 (not the first report of a Nazarov cyclisation).^[45–47] The reaction involves a divinyl ketone **1.26** undergoing an acid-promoted cationic 4π electrocyclic ring closure to yield a cyclopentenone **1.27** (Scheme 1.13).^[48,49] The 4π electrocyclic ring closing event is conrotatory under thermal conditions (intermediate **1.28**), hence the *trans* relationship between the two R groups (intermediate **1.29**). This relationship is then destroyed by the elimination reaction providing intermediate **1.30** which then tautomerises to **1.27**.



Scheme 1.13: General mechanism of Nazarov cyclisation

It was only until Robert B. Woodward and Roald Hoffman's hallmark work in the 1960s on the Woodward-Hoffman rules for pericyclic reactions that the stereochemical outcome of electrocyclisations were understood.^[50]

Interestingly, Elias J. Corey's 1963 total synthesis of dihydrocostunolide **1.31** reports an electrocyclic reaction.^[51,52] It proceeded via a photochemically allowed 6π conrotatory ring opening of compound **1.32** followed by a thermally allowed 6π disrotatory ring closing of intermediate **1.33** affording compound **1.34**. Despite a well-defined example of stereoselection, Corey offered no explanation of the stereochemical outcomes at the time.



Scheme 1.14: Corey's 1963 total synthesis of dihydrocostunolide

1.3.2 Current state

1.3.2.1 Mechanism

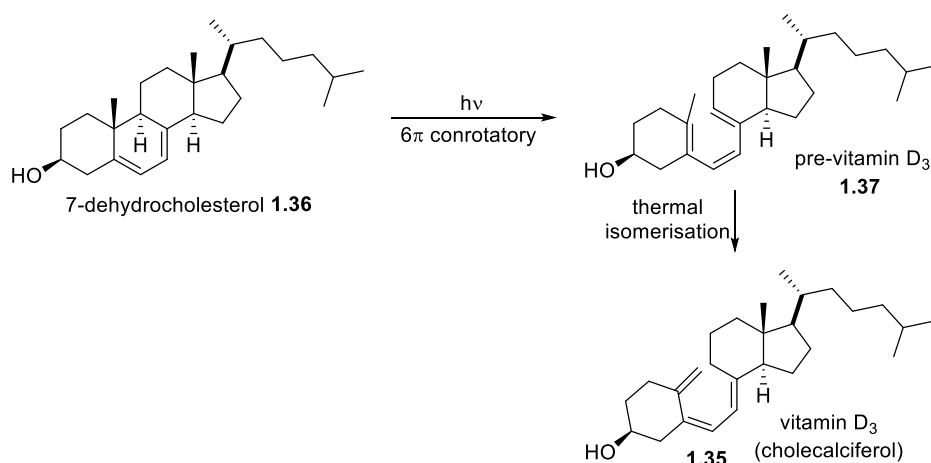
The Woodward–Hoffman selection rules are well-established and accurately predict the *cis/trans* geometry of the product through determining whether the reaction proceeds through a conrotatory or disrotatory mechanism. General rules for determining the rotation based on the number of π electrons and whether the reaction was thermally or photochemically induced is summarised in table 1.1.

No. of π electrons	Thermally allowed	Photochemically allowed
$4n$	Conrotatory	Disrotatory
$4n+2$	Disrotatory	Conrotatory

Table 1.1: Summarised selectivity rules for thermal and photochemical electrocyclic reactions.

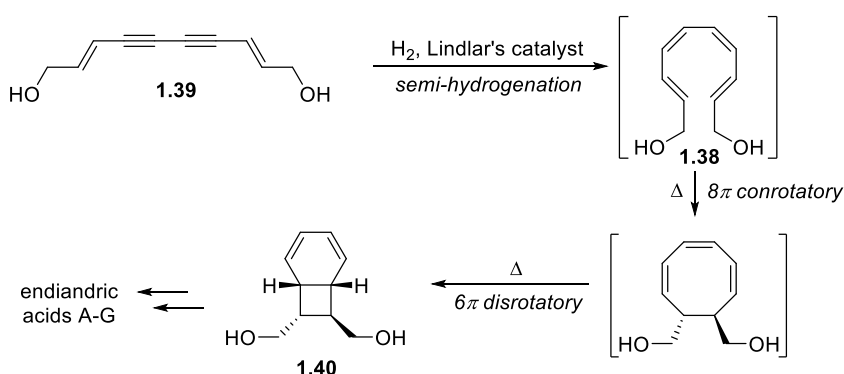
1.3.2.2 Applications in total synthesis

Electrocyclisations are ubiquitous in nature. A notable example is the biosynthesis of vitamin D3 **1.35**, where a photochemically promoted 6π conrotatory ring opening of 7-dehydrocholesterol **1.36** is then followed by a [1,7]-hydride shift from **1.37** (Scheme 1.15).



Scheme 1.15: Biosynthesis of vitamin D3

Biosyntheses that include electrocyclisations have been performed in synthetic laboratory settings. Seminal work by K.C. Nicolaou in his biomimetic approaches to endiandric acids involve the synthesis of a linear *Z,Z,Z,Z* tetraene **1.38**, from the semi-hydrogenation of **1.39**, where an $8\pi/6\pi$ electrocyclisation cascade occurs to yield a bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene (BOD) molecule **1.40**.^[53–57]



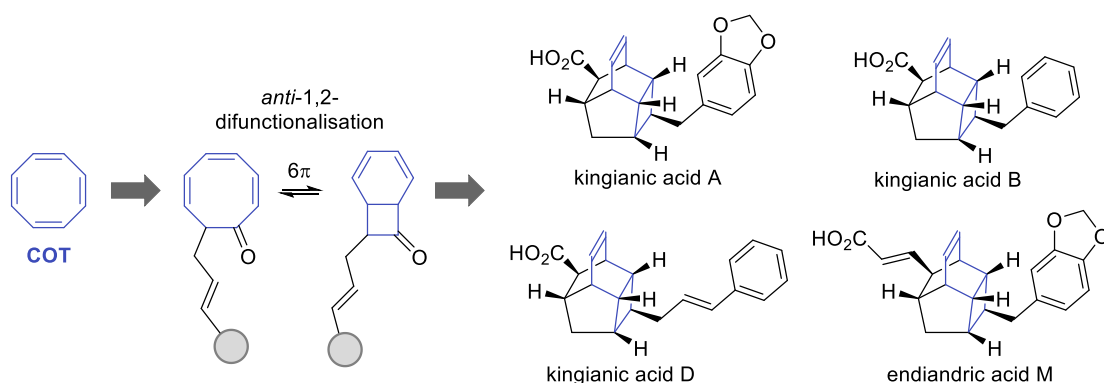
Scheme 1.16: Biomimetic $8\pi/6\pi$ electrocyclic cascade in Nicolaou's total synthesis of endiandric acids A-G

1.3.3 Future directions and Our work

Electrocyclisations continue to be a staple in natural product total synthesis with growing attention towards its asymmetric variants.

1.3.3.1 Total synthesis

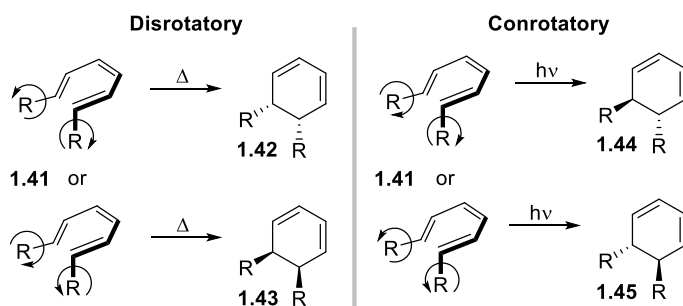
Nicolaou's synthesis of endiandric acids utilised a unique $8\pi/6\pi$ cascade of a linear tetraene to deliver BOD compounds. Our work focuses on the *anti*-1,2-difunctionalisation of cyclooctatetraene (COT), whereby the 8π is skipped and the 6π directly affords a BOD molecule, therefore providing a more efficient sequence to BODs. Chapter 5 constitutes this methodology, where we apply it to the synthesis of a few endiandric acid derivatives (Scheme 1.17). Due to the oddity of using a bare annulene (COT in this case) as a starting material, we felt it apt to write a review focusing on total syntheses of natural products that begin with unfunctionalised annulenes: cyclobutadiene, benzene and COT. This review is held in chapter 4 which also serves as a barrier separating chapters involving Diels–Alders from the electrocyclic related chapters that will follow.



Scheme 1.17: Preview of project in chapter 5 involving the total synthesis of endiandric acid natural products from cyclooctatetraene

1.3.3.2 Torquoselectivity

Torquoselectivity may arise from bias towards inward or outward rotation of substituents in conrotatory or disrotatory mechanisms. This is another level of selectivity in electrocyclisations unrelated to the Woodward–Hoffman rules. Hexatriene **1.41** has two possible directions for a thermal disrotatory 6π giving two possible products, **1.42** and **1.43**, that are enantiomers of each other. Similarly, for a photochemical conrotatory 6π , the two possible products, **1.44** and **1.45**, are enantiomers of each other.



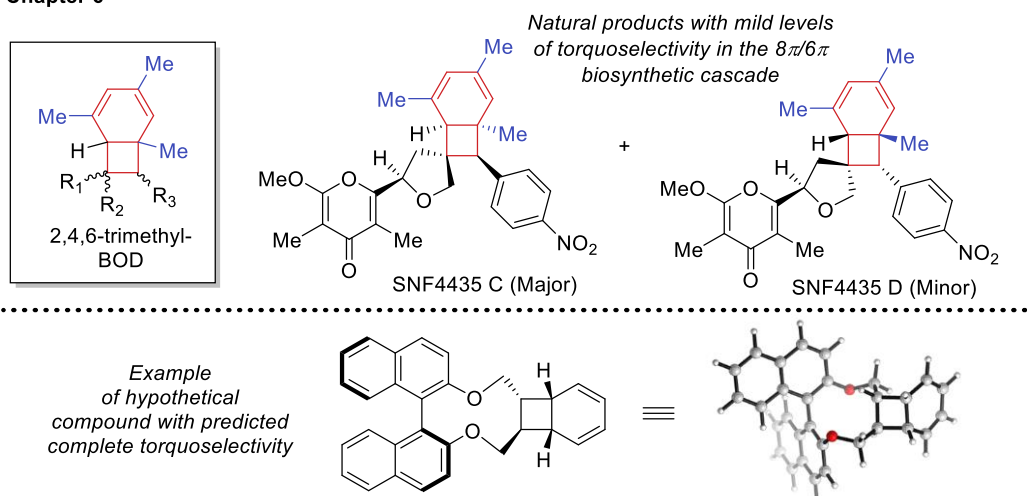
Scheme 1.18: Possible torquoselectivity in 6π electrocyclic ring closing

Some Torquoselective methods have been developed, with selective driving forces often occurring from steric strain, electronic properties of substituents, chiral catalysts, induction

from neighbouring stereocentres (becomes a case of diastereoselectivity) and axial to tetrahedral chirality transfer.^[58]

Torquoselectivity is therefore a major target of research and is a major theme in Chapter 6. Torquoselective electrocyclisations have been extensively developed for the 4π electrocyclic variant, however is very limited in 6π and 8π electrocyclisations. Certain bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene related natural products have shown to possess low to mild levels of torquoselectivity during the electrocyclisation events of their $8\pi/6\pi$ biosynthetic cascade (Scheme 1.19). The project in chapter 6 is a purely computational study on the kinetics, thermodynamics and torquoselectivity of the biosynthetic cascade of bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene related natural products. The understanding gained through these experiments inspired hypothetical compounds that have been computationally predicted to undertake fully torquoselective 8π electrocyclisations and aims to stimulate future endeavours in torquoselective electrocyclisations.

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Scheme 1.19: Preview of project in chapter 6 looking at torquoselectivity in the biosynthesis of natural products

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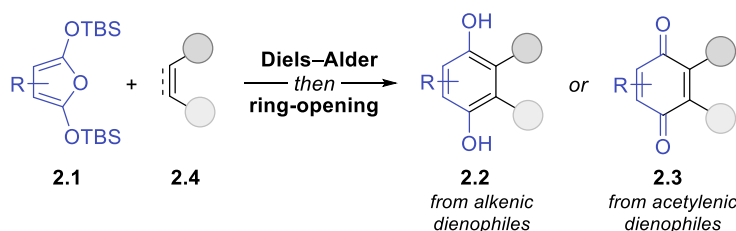
Chapter 2

Dienes in the Diels–Alder reaction that facilitate subsequent aromatisation of the newly formed ring

2.1 Opening remarks

The Diels–Alder (DA) reaction is one of the most powerful tools within an organic synthetic chemist’s arsenal. Nearly 100 years of research since its introduction to the field, has led it to develop into the most powerful 6-membered ring forming annulation, capable of rapidly generating molecular complexity.

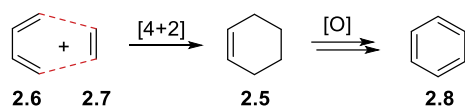
Early PhD work under Assistant Professor Christopher Newton focused on the development of a bis-silyl furan diene **2.1** that can undergo a tandem Diels–Alder, deprotection and tautomerisation that yields a *para*-hydroquinone **2.2** or *para*-quinone **2.3**, depending on the oxidation of the dienophile **2.4**. Typical Diels–Alder (DA) reactions don’t form aromatic 6-membered rings, however by implementing appropriate functionality on either the diene and/or dienophile can allow for this. Therefore, it is apt for this chapter to be a non-comprehensive review on classes of functionalised dienes that synthesise arenes in a total synthesis setting.



Scheme 2.1: Chapter 2 Diels–Alder methodology visual abstract

2.2 The archetypal Diels–Alder reaction

The Diels–Alder in its simplest form yields a cyclohexene molecule **2.5** from a 1,3-butadiene **2.6** and ethylene **2.7** molecule. This transformation alone is quite powerful since the reaction can conceptually help access most natural compounds due to the abundance of six-membered rings. However, this simple form of DA cannot directly access aromatic six-membered rings which are also prolific. Approaches do exist where formation of the cycloadduct is followed by the addition of an oxidant (commonly DDQ), oxidising the ring to an aromatic **2.8**.^[1–3] Although important as a reaction class, redox manipulations can cause issues in synthesis, namely generation of free radicals, formation of undesired products and incompatibility with the substrate.



Scheme 2.2: Simplified Diels–Alder reaction and subsequent oxidation to an aromatic

Through certain types of dienes, addition of acid, base or thermal conditions can enable rearrangement of the cycloadduct to form a benzene ring. Pyrones **2.9**, pyridazine **2.10**, furans **2.11**, and other appropriately substituted acyclic dienes **2.12** undergoing a DA can rearrange to form a substituted aromatic ring **2.8** (Figure 2.1, blue highlights indicate the reactive diene moiety). They will be explored in their respective sections with any notable reactivities and mechanisms summarised as well as their use in total synthesis. Ultimately, this review will serve as a guide for this unique form of DA reactions, as well as inspiration for future projects.

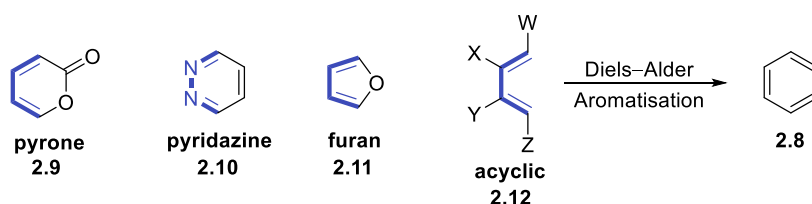
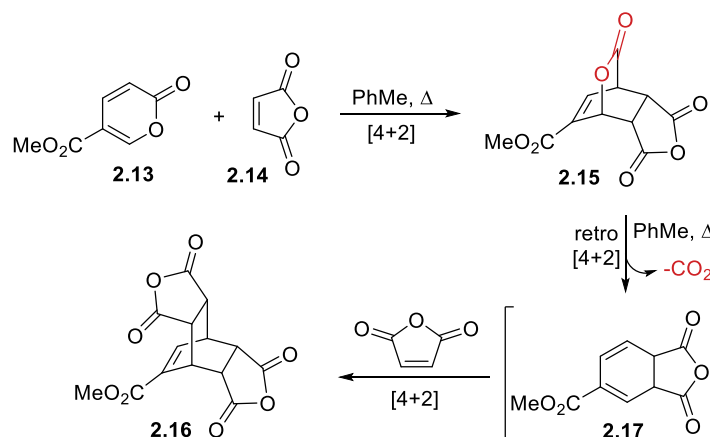


Figure 2.1: Pyrones, pyridazines, furans and acyclic dienes in the synthesis of aromatic compounds

2.3 Pyrone dienes

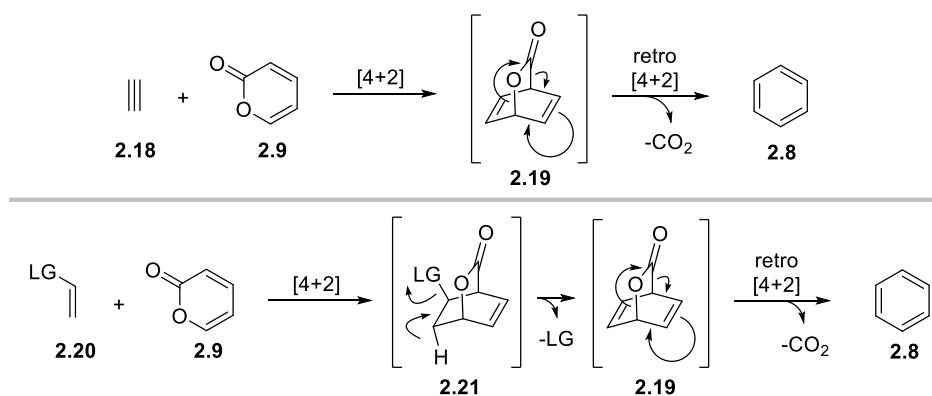
2.3.1 Introduction

2-Pyrone **2.9**, is an unsaturated six-membered cyclic lactone. Its use as a diene was discovered by Otto Diels and Kurt Alder's in 1931, during their period of Diels–Alder investigations.^[4] Methyl coumalate **2.13** and maleic anhydride **2.14** in refluxing toluene undergoes a [4+2] cycloaddition whereby extrusion of carbon dioxide from compound **2.15** occurs by a retro [4+2] yielding a hexadiene intermediate **2.16**, which subsequently undergoes another Diels–Alder with a second equivalent of maleic anhydride to afford compound **2.17**.



Scheme 2.3: Diels and Alder's preliminary work with methyl coumalate

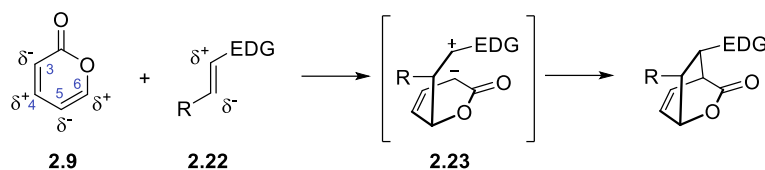
It was only till the 1970s that the use of 2-pyrones **2.9** as dienes in the Diels–Alder was more extensively utilised.^[5–7] It's well documented that 2-pyrones **2.9** with alkynic dienophiles **2.18** form lactone bridged, 1,4-cyclohexadiene intermediates **2.19** that thermodynamically and kinetically undergo facile loss of carbon dioxide through a retro Diels–Alder reaction to synthesise arenes **2.8** (Scheme 2.4). This can also occur with alkenic dienophiles **2.20** which possess a leaving group that can eliminate (see intermediate **2.21**) to form intermediate **2.19** and give an arene **2.8**.



Scheme 2.4: Reaction mechanism of 2-pyrone diene undergoing DA/aromatisation cascade to furnish arenes

The tunability of the electronic properties of 2-pyrones is also synthetically advantageous, following the same selectivity rules as standard Diels–Alder reactions. 2-pyrone dienes participate in inverse electron demand DA (IEDDA) reactions. Scheme 2.5 shows the electron density of 2-pyrone **2.9** to be large at C3 and C5 and deficient at C4 and C6. Highly polarised

2-pyrones and dienophiles **2.22** proceed in a stepwise fashion (see intermediate **2.23**) in contrast to the conventional concerted mechanism.^[8,9]

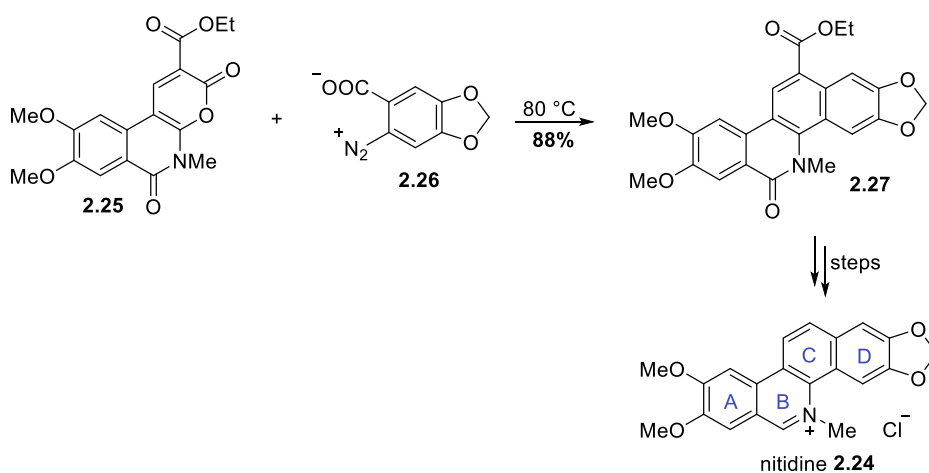


Scheme 2.5: Step-wise mechanism of 2-pyrone IEDDA reaction

The following sections highlight three select examples of 2-pyrone diene DA reactions in the key step of natural product total syntheses.

2.3.2 Nitidine

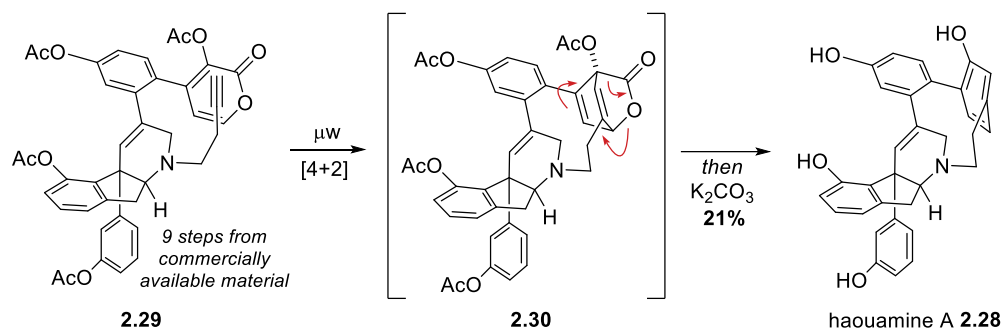
Gutián's 1992 formal synthesis of nitidine **2.24**, an anti-leukemia agent, was prepared from the intermolecular Diels–Alder between 2-pyrone and aryne.^[10] They synthesise a tricyclic pyrone **2.25**, possessing stabilisation from an ethyl ester, which reacts with the corresponding aryne from the thermal decomposition of diazonium 2-carboxylate **2.26**, furnishing the skeletal ring structure **2.27**. Sequential steps of removing the ester and transforming the cyclic amide into an imide provided nitidine **2.24**. An interesting observation is that the reaction evolves three moles of a gaseous molecule (two CO₂ molecules and one N₂), which may provide an easier purification. Previous syntheses were inefficient in constructing the tetracyclic skeleton core, where the common strategy was to connect the A/B ring fragment with the D ring in sequential one bond forming reactions per step and also some using expensive transition metal catalysis (gold and palladium).^[11–15] Gutián's strategy is invariably more efficient in forming ring C in one step.



Scheme 2.6: Total synthesis of nitidine

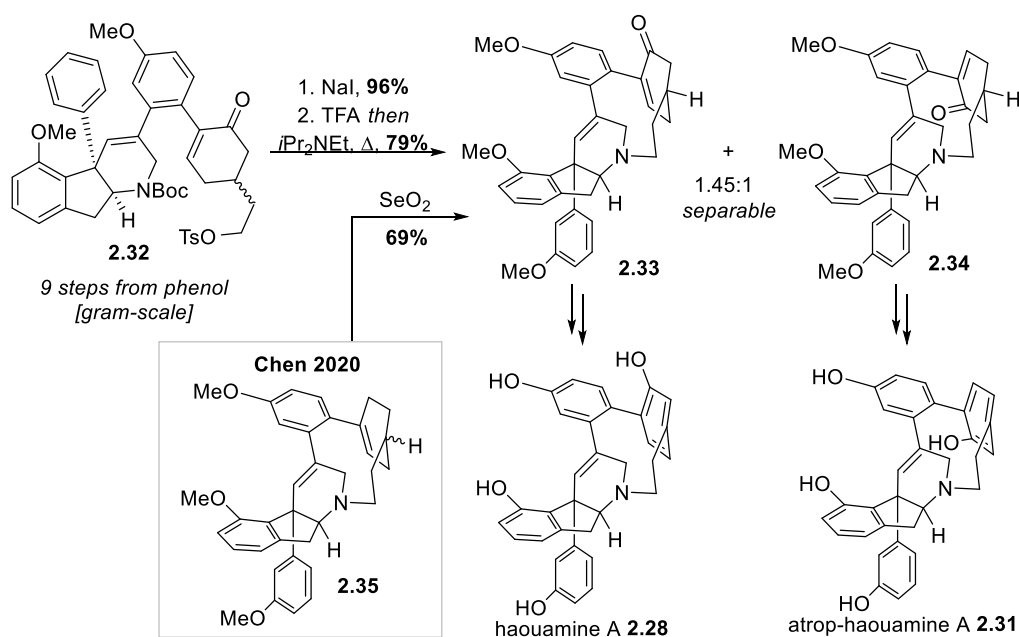
2.3.3 Haouamine A

Haouamine A **2.28** was synthesised by Baran et al. through an intramolecular 2-pyrone Diels–Alder in 2006.^[16] Microwave irradiation of compound **2.29** furnishes the bent arene macrocycle and thereby providing the full heptacyclic framework with high atropselectivity (10:1 in favour of **2.28**). Immediate global deacetylation with potassium carbonate after carbon dioxide evolution (see intermediate **2.30**) imparts the desired natural product **2.28**. Following formal syntheses intersected this synthesis at intermediate **2.29**, highlighting the practicality of the 2-pyrone DA reaction.^[17,18]



Scheme 2.7: Baran's 2006 total synthesis of haouamine A

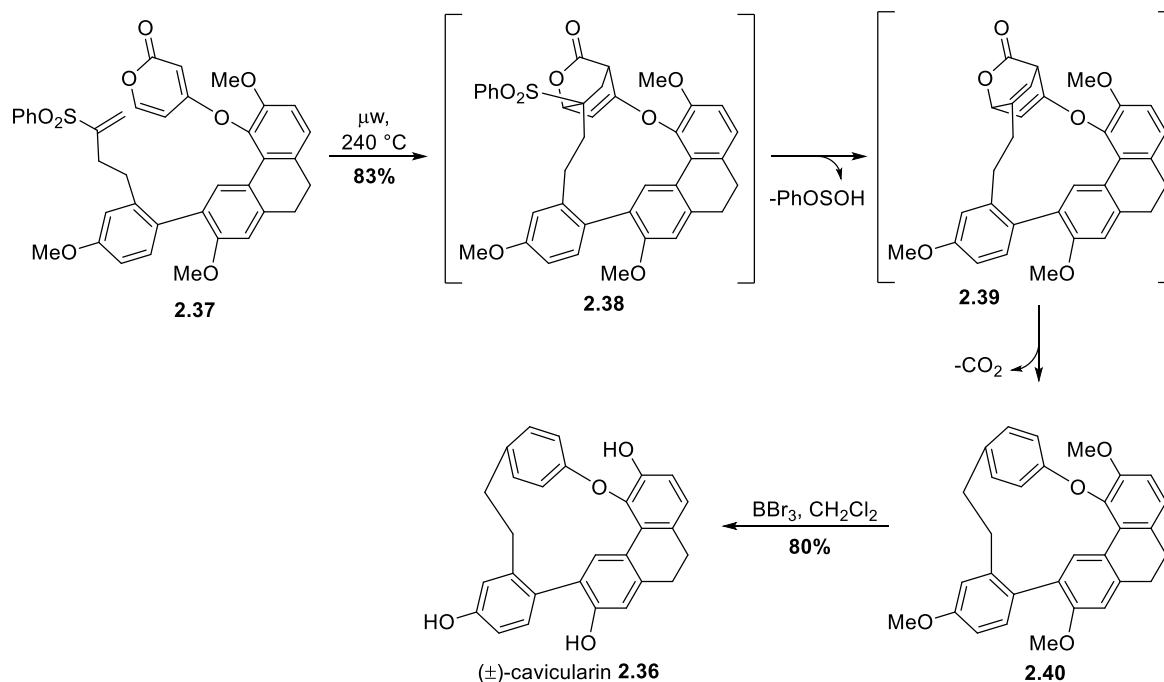
Baran later removed the highly atroposelective 2-pyrone DA reaction for an alternative strategy to access atrop-haouamine A **2.31** as well as for improved scalability.^[19] Compound **2.32** tosyl group was converted to the primary iodide and then Boc deprotection and heating with Hünig's base delivered macrocycles **2.33** and **2.34** in a 1.45:1 mixture. Additional aromatisation and demethylation steps gave the corresponding haouamine A **2.28** and atrop-haouamine A **2.31**. The new method is useful for accessing the atropisomer, however the additional oxidation step is undesirable. Work by Chen in 2020 showcase a formal synthesis exclusively intersecting compound **2.33** from the selective oxidation of cyclohexene **2.35**.^[20] In terms of quickly forming the macrocycle of haouamine A **2.28** with the correct oxidation state/atropselectivity, using the 2-pyrone DA reaction methodology is more appropriate.



Scheme 2.8: Baran's 2009 total synthesis of haouamine A and its atropisomer with Chen's 2020 formal synthesis

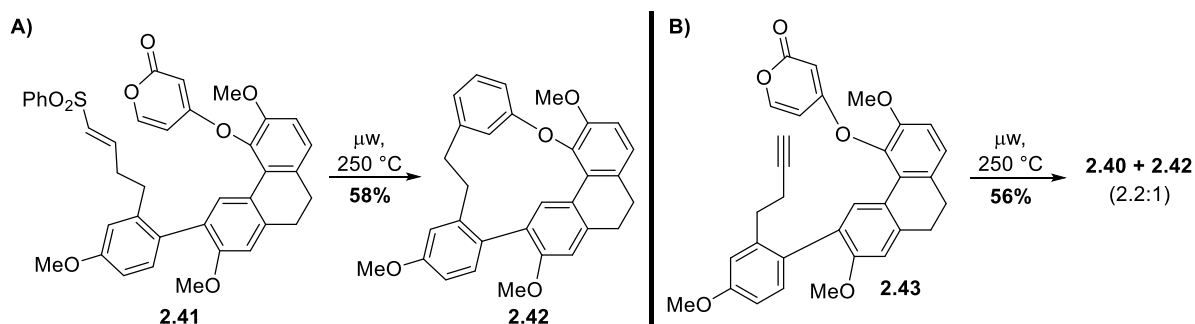
2.3.4 Cavicularin

Another cyclophane natural product, (±)-cavicularin **2.36**, was synthesised by Beaudry et al. in 2013.^[21] Substrate **2.37** was heated to 240 °C via microwave irradiation undergoing the intramolecular [4+2] (intermediate **2.38**) followed by subsequent loss of phenylsufinic acid (intermediate **2.39**) and carbon dioxide producing intermediate **2.40**. The order of the phenylsufinic acid and carbon dioxide eliminations is unknown and inconsequential. Standard boron tribromide mediated demethylation conditions yielded (±)-cavicularin **2.36** in 80% yield. The two previous total syntheses involved an acetylenic dienophile, however this synthesis utilised an alkenic dienophile with an electron withdrawing group (PhO₂S-) that enables aromatisation from its extrusion.



Scheme 2.9: Beaudry's 2013 total synthesis of (±)-cavicularin

Substrates with alternative dienophiles were also tested, however gave undesired outcomes. Isomeric vinyl sulfone **2.41** yielded the undesired regioisomer **2.42**, influenced by the electronic properties of the dienophile. Alkyne substrate **2.43** furnished a mixture of regioisomers **2.40** and **2.42** (2.2:1), owing to a lack of electronic activation.



Scheme 2.10: A) DA with Isomeric vinyl sulfone 2.41. B) DA with Alkyne substrate 2.43

In 2014, the Beaudry group improved upon their previous synthesis, performing it enantio- and regioselectively using a chinchona-based thiourea organocatalyst **2.44**.^[22] The catalyst was developed by the Deng group, where mechanistic studies have indicated the hydrogen bond donor and acceptor motifs raise the HOMO of the diene and lower the LUMO of the dienophile, and also orientating them to be *exo* selective (see Figure 2.2).^[23]

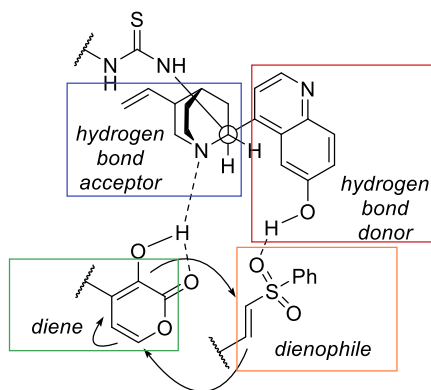
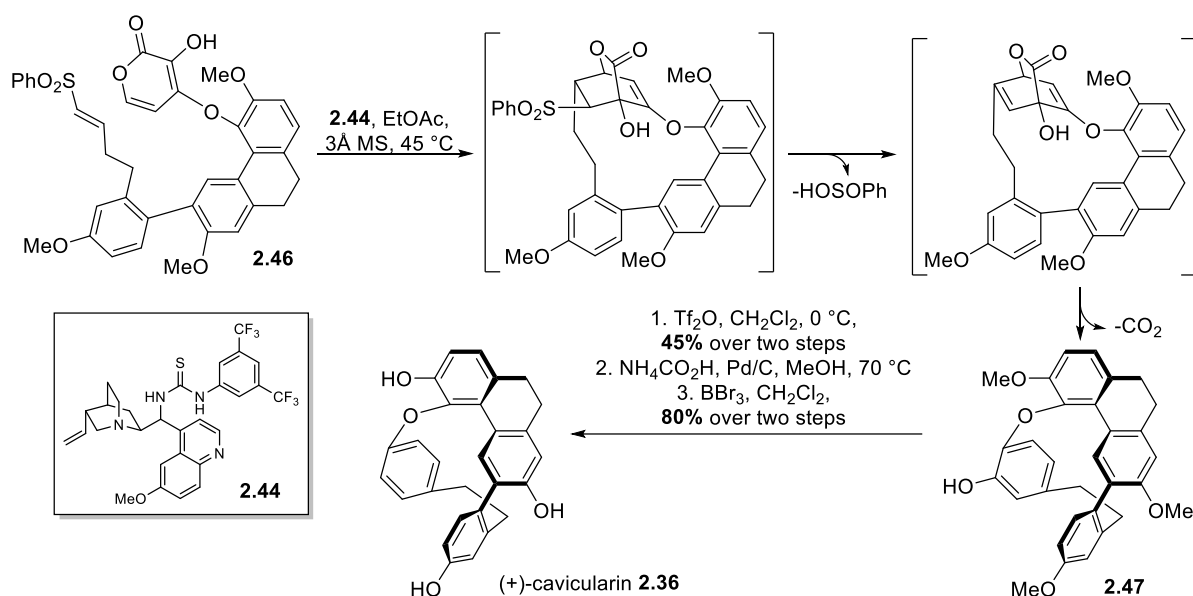


Figure 2.2: Proposed mode of action of bifunctional organocatalyst

Compound **2.46** was subjected to mild thermal conditions with organocatalyst **2.44** to regioselectively form intermediate **2.47** with an enantiomeric ratio of 89:11. End game chemistry to furnish (+)-cavicularin **2.36** proceeded without erosion of enantiopurity. This is the first and only reported case of an organocatalysed enantioselective intramolecular 2-pyrone Diels–Alder reaction.

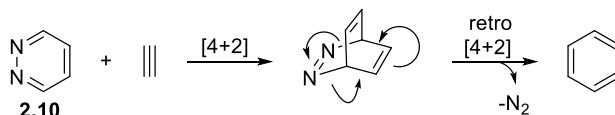


Scheme 2.11: Beaudry's 2014 enantioselective total synthesis of (+)-cavicularin

2.4 Pyridazine dienes

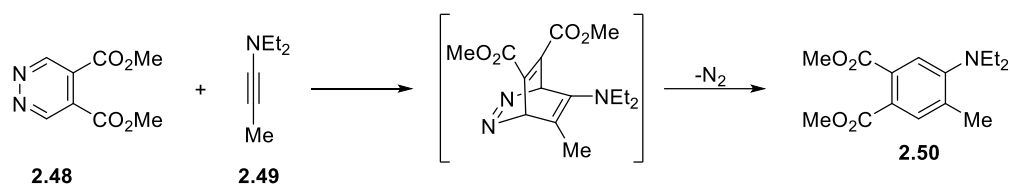
2.4.1 Introduction

Pyridazine (1,2-diazine) **2.10**, is a heterocycle with a 1,2-nitrogen moiety in its aromatic ring. It can be considered analogous to pyrone in that it evolves nitrogen gas instead of carbon dioxide after undergoing the retro [4+2] to yield an arene (Scheme 2.12).



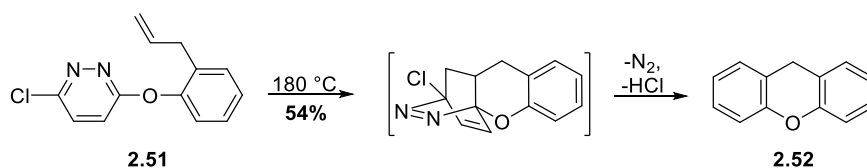
Scheme 2.12:

The earliest reported works surrounding the pyridazine Diels-Alder was in 1972. Neunhoeffer and Werner reported the intermolecular Diels-Alder reaction between a pyridazine dicarboxylate **2.48** and ynamine **2.49**.^[24] [4+2] cycloaddition followed by loss of dinitrogen furnished 1-diethylamino-2-methyl-benzene carboxylate **2.50**.



Scheme 2.13: Neunhoeffer and Werner's 1972 work with pyridazines

Jojima, Takeshiba and Konotsune, in the same year, published an intramolecular pyridazine Diels-Alder reaction.^[25] Intramolecular [4+2] cycloaddition of phenoxy pyridazine substrate **2.51**, then subsequent nitrogen and hydrogen chloride gas extrusion yielded xanthene in a fair 54% yield.



Scheme 2.14: Jojima, Takeshiba and Konotsune's 1972 work with pyridazines

Pyridazine dienes follow the same conventions as hydrocarbon dienes in the Diels-Alder (i.e. regioselectivity, etc.). However, an interesting feature of this diene is that it can undergo thermal cycloadditions despite possessing aromatic character. Computational energy calculations of DA reactions of benzene and aza aromatic compounds (AACs) with ethylene were performed by Rios-Gutierrez and Perez et al. in 2019 (Figure 2.3).^[26] The [4+2] cycloaddition with benzene **2.8** presented a relatively high activation energy of 36.3 kcal/mol compared to 1,4-butadiene **2.53** (27.5 kcal/mol). However, an increase in the number of nitrogen atoms in an aromatic ring, going from pyridine **2.54** to tetrazine **2.56**, decreases the activation energy as well as increase the exothermicity of the reaction (Figure 2.3). An increase in the number of nitrogen nuclei decreases ring electron density, thereby decreasing the aromatic character of the AACs and therefore why pyridazines can undergo thermal DA reactions. The increase in nitrogen atoms also changes the mechanism of the DA reaction from a normal to an inverse demand. Therefore the electron withdrawing nitrogen atoms significantly lower the LUMO coefficient of the diene, and explains why compounds **2.10**, **2.55** and **2.56** are more reactive than butadiene **2.53**.

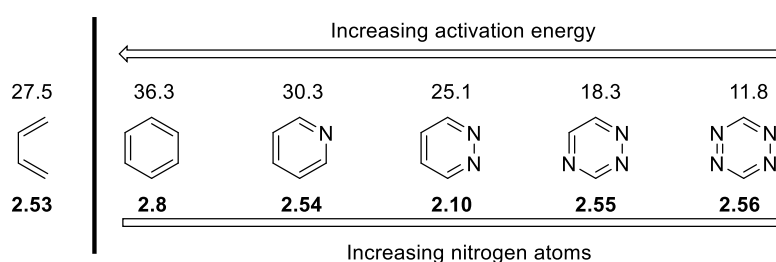


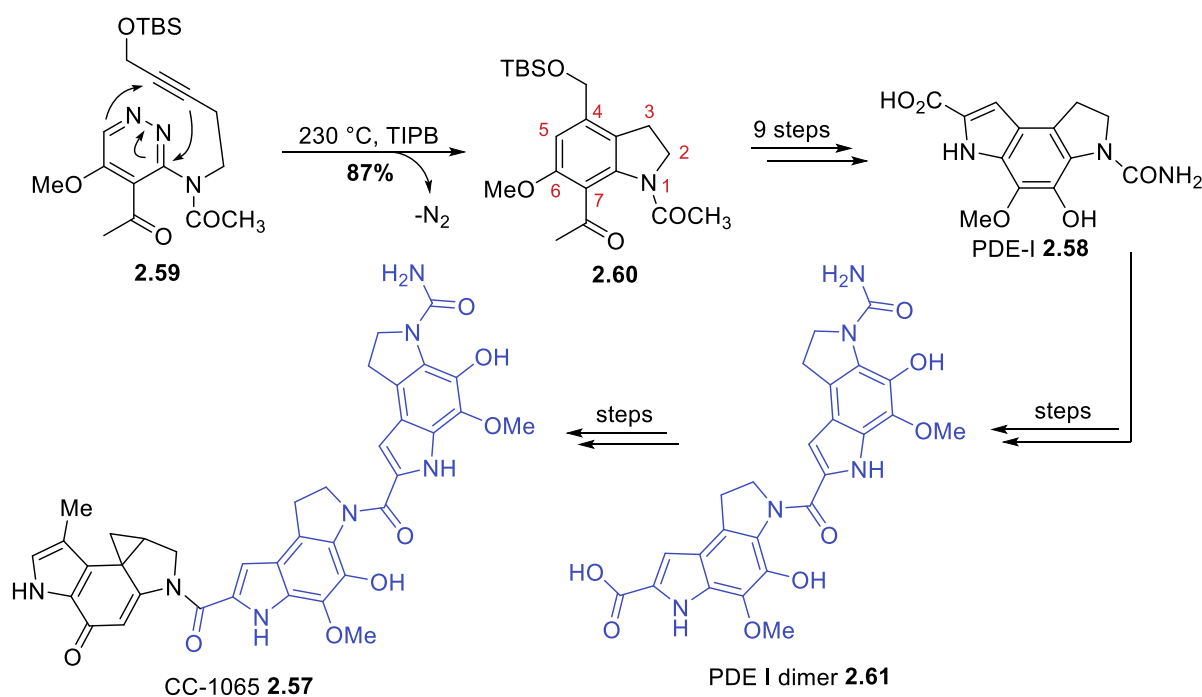
Figure 2.3: DA reactivity of aza aromatic compounds and 1,3-butadiene as dienes reacting with ethylene (dienophile)

Unfortunately, pyridazine has seen limited use in the total synthesis of natural products to form arenes. Instead, it has been typically used to form pyrroles, through a tetrazine **2.56**→1,2-diazine **2.10**→pyrrole pathway strategy.^[27–30] Two total syntheses involving pyridazine Diels-Alder strategies will be explored.

2.4.2 CC-1065

Antitumour, antibiotic CC-1065 **2.57** (duocarmycin family), isolated from *Streptomyces zelensis*, was synthesised by the Boger group in 1987.^[31–33] Its synthesis involved the peptide

coupling between three fragments, two of which is PDE-I **2.58**, a phosphodiesterase inhibitor from *Streptomyces* strain MD769-C6. A prior study by Boger et al. in 1984 established a methodology in constructing indoline ring systems via an intramolecular pyridazine Diels–Alder reaction.^[34] Under prolonged harsh thermal conditions, substrate **2.59** underwent the aza Diels–Alder yielding indoline **2.60** in 87% yield. Another 9 steps were required to install the indole moiety and other functionalities to yield PDE-I **2.58**. PDE-I was dimerised making PDE-I dimer **2.61**, which is the right-hand fragment of CC-1065 **2.57** (shown in blue), and therefore utilised in its the total synthesis. Construction of a 4,6,7-substituted indoline **2.60** is a challenge and even more so for the odd structure of a substituted tetrahydro-pyrrollo-indole **2.58**. Standard electrophilic aromatic substitutions or transition metal cross-couplings would not be able to install these unusual substitution patterns on these heteroaromatics, however the Diels–Alder reaction in this instance was successful. Use of pyridazine dienes may be advantageous for synthetic products bearing unique heteroaromatics, however limitations on applying this style of DA reaction would be on the starting material synthesis of the diene and dienophile partner, which may not be trivial.



Scheme 2.15: Boger's 1987 total synthesis of CC-1065

2.4.3 Cuparene

Cuparene **2.62** and herbertene **2.63** are sesquiterpene natural products. Despite possessing relatively simple chemical structures they have been popular synthetic targets in the organic synthetic community. They are both regioisomers of each other, with the only difference being the position of the methyl on the benzene ring (ortho or para). If a synthetic route to these products begins from the aromatic ring (compounds **2.64** or **2.65**), installation of the cyclopentane ring can only access one of the products (i.e., **2.64**→**2.62** and **2.65**→**2.63** only, Figure 2.4). Therefore, there has been interest for the sake of synthetic economy to develop a divergent strategy.

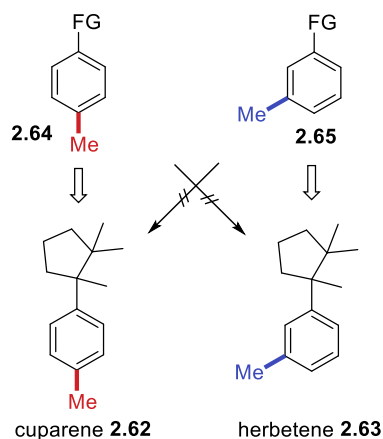
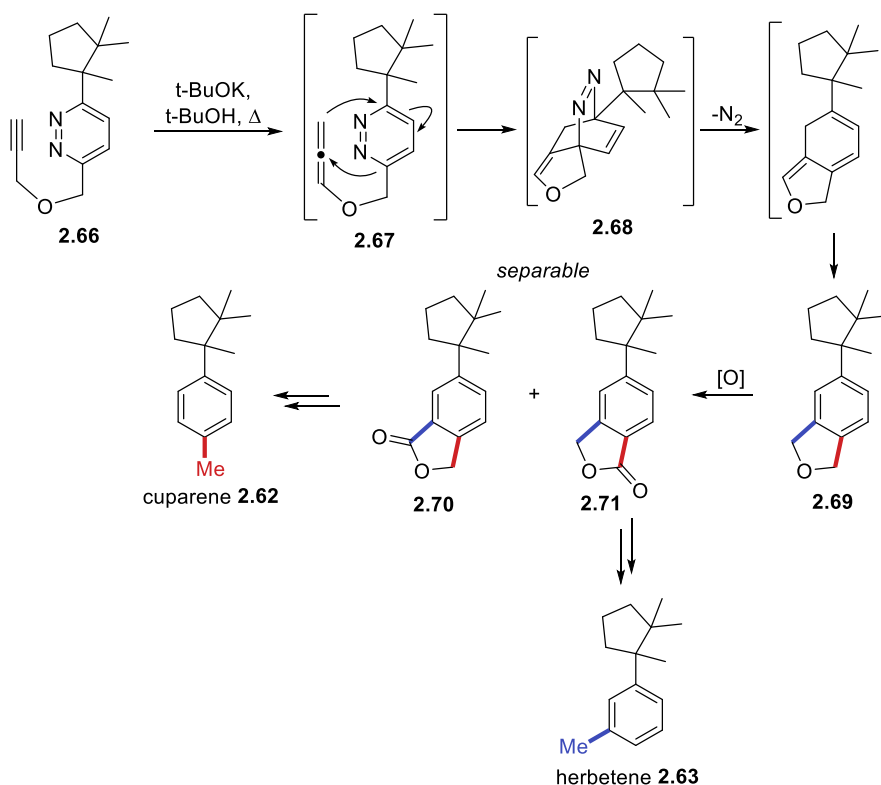


Figure 2.4: Strategy for cuparene and herbertene synthesis

Ho started with the isomerisation of terminal alkyne of substrate **2.66** to an allene **2.67**, which underwent the intramolecular [4+2] **2.68**, dinitrogen extrusion and isomerisation of the alkene into the benzene ring, yielding dihydroisobenzofuran **2.69**. Desymmetrisation by oxidation, allowing separation of the regioisomers **2.70** and **2.71**, is followed by lactone opening and then decarboxylation to produce either cuparene **2.62** or herbertene **2.63**.^[35,36] While the intramolecular aza [4+2] cycloaddition is an entertaining transformation due to the three proposed intermediates enroute to **2.69**, it takes more than 8 steps to synthesise **2.66** to reach the key step and is an unnecessarily complicated synthesis of a very simple product.

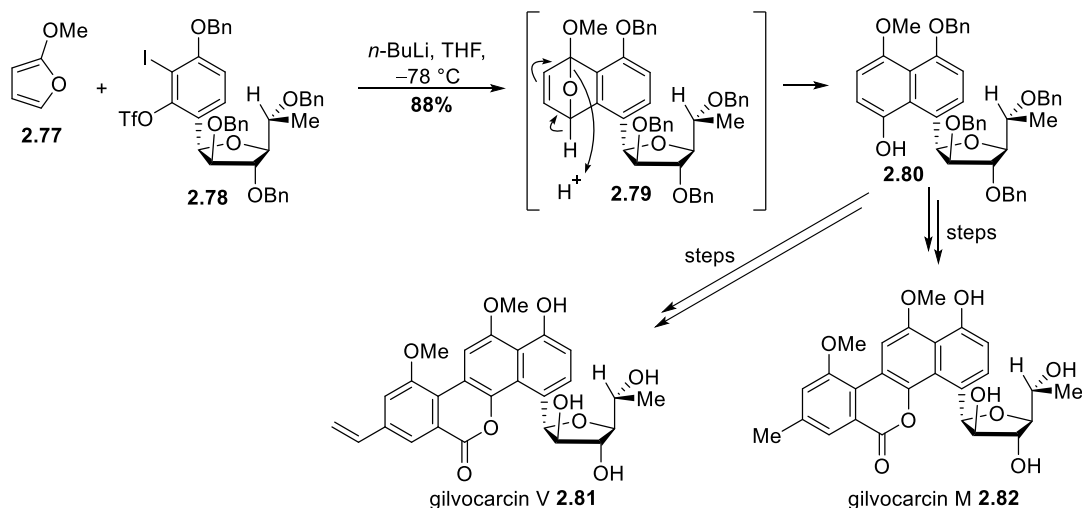


Scheme 2.16: Ho's synthesis of cuparene and herbertene

2.5 Furan dienes

2.5.1 Introduction

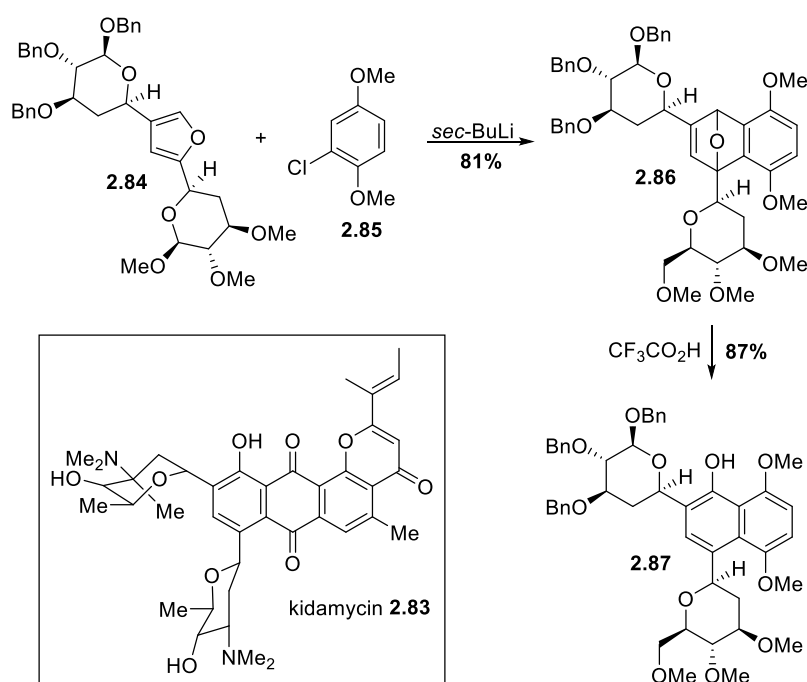
Furans **2.11**, a 5-membered heterocyclic compound possessing a lone oxygen atom, have been extensively researched as a diene in the Diels–Alder reaction since the early work of Diels and Alder.^[37,38] Its weak aromatic character allows for [4+2] cycloadditions with reactive dienophiles, furnishing 7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptanes **2.72**.



Scheme 2.19: Suzuki's 1994 total synthesis of gilvocarcin V and M

2.5.3 C-aryl glycosides

Martin group adopted a similar strategy for accessing major classes of C-aryl glycosides such as kidamycin **2.83**.^[46] Furan glycoside substrate **2.84** underwent a [4+2] with in situ generated benzyne **2.85** to form intermediate **2.86**. Isolated intermediate **2.86** underwent an acid-catalysed rearrangement to C-aryl glycoside derivative **2.87**. The use of a Diels–Alder to construct a complex naphthalene is acceptable here, however, having separate cycloaddition and aromatisation steps is inefficient, where they could easily be telescoped.

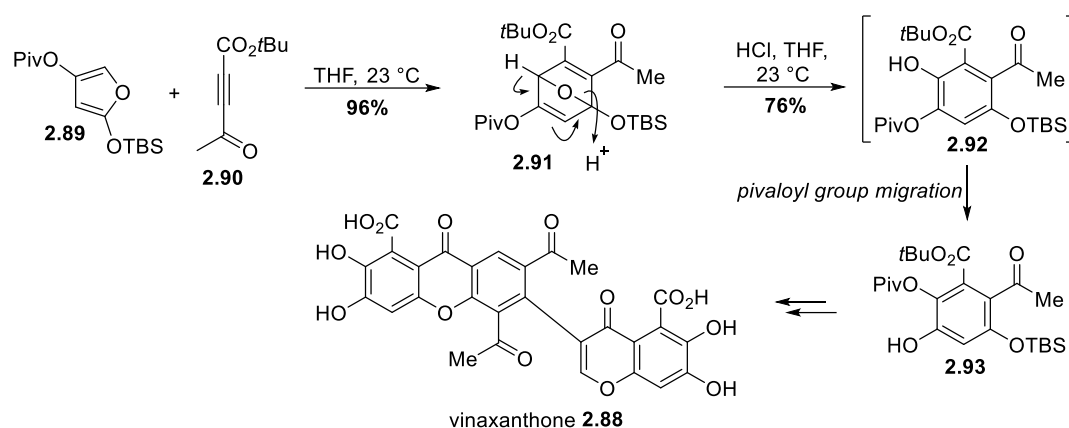


Scheme 2.20: Synthesis of a C-aryl glycoside model

2.5.4 Vinaxanthone

An early building block in the synthesis of vinaxanthone **2.88** was synthesised via an intermolecular Diels–Alder between furan **2.89** and disubstituted alkyne **2.90**.^[47] The reaction boasted very high regioselectivity provided by the high polarisation between the -OTBS and -OPiv groups of diene **2.89** and the ketone on dienophile **2.90** acting as the dominant activating group. Cycloadduct **2.91** was made in 96% yield, where consequent acid-mediated aromatisation to **2.92** and then pivaloyl group migration yielded highly substituted arene **2.93**. It was apt to apply this DA reaction to construct a complex, highly oxidated arene, which otherwise would be difficult to synthesise via substitution or cross-coupling. It is unusual for

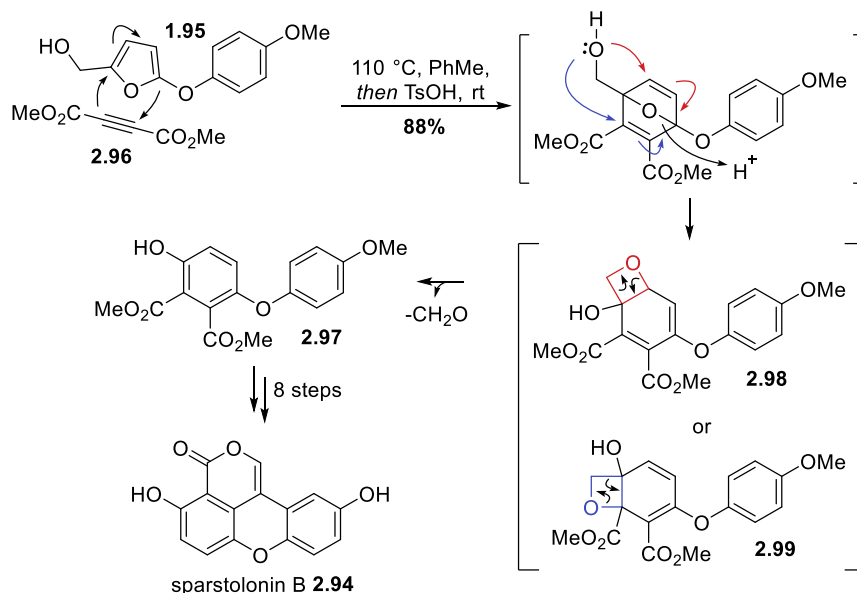
the TBS group on compound **2.91** to survive the acidic conditions, and the pivaloyl migrating, however these events are insignificant to the overall synthesis. Similar to section 2.5.3, the aromatisation step could be combined with the [4+2] cycloaddition in a one-pot procedure.



Scheme 2.21: Total synthesis of vinaxanthone via an intermolecular Diels–Alder furan diene reaction

2.5.5 Sparstolonin B

The Yu et al. synthesis of sparstolonin B **2.94** utilised a unique furan diene **2.95**.^[48] [4+2] cycloaddition of DMAD **2.96** to the diene **2.95** is consequently followed by treatment of acid to initiate rearrangement and aromatisation yielding substrate biphenyl ether **2.97**. A further eight steps installing the last two rings and functional groups furnished sparstolonin B **2.94**. The reaction mechanism of the rearrangement/aromatisation is proposed to go through oxetane ring intermediates **2.98** or **2.99**, and then a retro [2+2] releasing formaldehyde. The previous aromatisation events involve the loss of a proton or alcohol, but this synthesis involves a carbon-containing leaving group, which is inspiring.

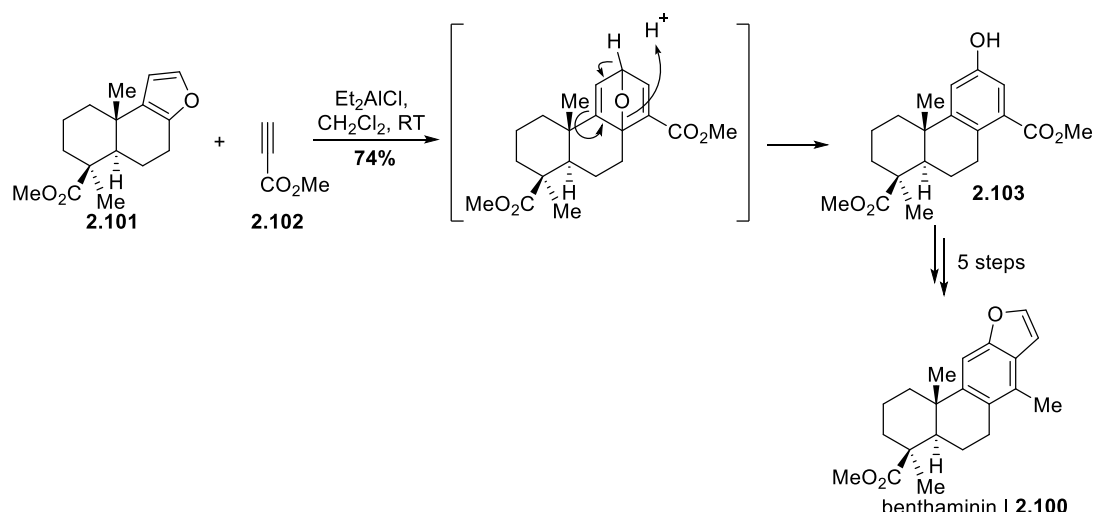


Scheme 2.22: Yu's total synthesis of Sparstolonin B

2.5.6 Benthaminin I

In the synthesis of benthaminin I **2.100** by Chahboun et al., a Lewis acid-catalysed Diels–Alder reaction of a furan **2.101** and methyl propiolate **2.102** generated intermediate **2.103** with complete regioselectivity.^[49] This transformation provides the necessary functional groups for installing the remaining methyl group (from ester) and fused furan ring (alcohol group). The extra five

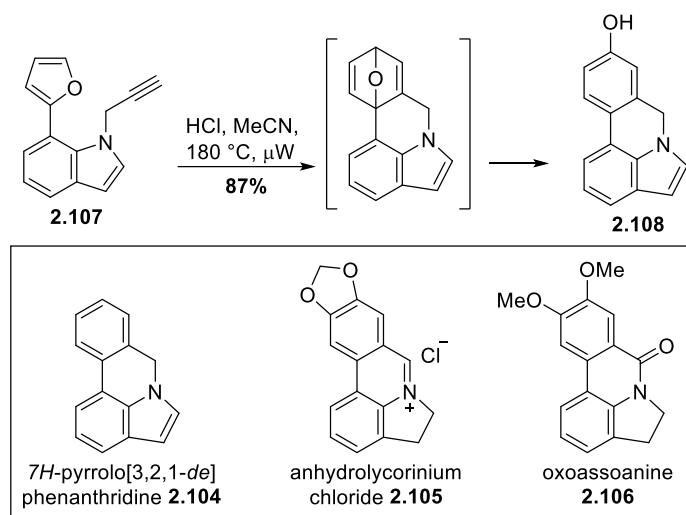
steps to afford benthaminin I **2.100** from compound **2.103** is inelegant, where having a more complex diene and/or dienophile may make the synthesis more attractive.



Scheme 2.23: Chahboun's total synthesis of Benthaminin I

2.5.7 8-Hydroxyphenanthridines

Gunderson group have developed a methodology to synthesis 8-hydroxyphenanthridines **2.104**, the framework of a family of natural products (e.g., anhydrolycorinium chloride **2.105** and oxoassoanine **2.106**), through a microwave assisted IMDAF/aromatisation sequence.^[50] Compound **2.107** undergoes heating at 180 °C to furnish compound **2.108** that maps onto 8-hydroxyphenanthridine **2.104** related products. It is notable that both diene and dienophile partners have no significant activating groups, therefore requiring harsh thermal conditions. Despite the extremely elevated temperatures, compound **2.108** is synthesised in a very good yield of 87% (descriptive language for yields, i.e., very good yield, follow Vogel's 1996 ed. Textbook^[51] and is used throughout this thesis). 8-hydroxyphenanthridine **2.104** scaffolds are possible to be synthesised by cross-coupling reactions, however DA reactions offers an alternative with no transition metal catalysis.



Scheme 2.24: Synthesis of 8-hydroxyphenanthridine framework via microwave assisted IMDAF/aromatisation sequence

2.6 Acyclic dienes

2.6.1 Introduction

Cyclic dienes **2.107** are generally more reactive in the Diels–Alder than their acyclic counterparts due to the locked *s-cis* conformation that is required for a [4+2] cycloaddition transition state. Acyclic dienes can either be *s-cis* **2.108** or *s-trans* **2.109**, but only undergo a DA reaction with the *s-cis* **2.108** conformer. However, established acyclic dienes such as Danishefsky’s diene **2.110** still prove useful, often promoting regiospecific additions, such as the case with methacrolein **2.111** selectively furnishing cyclohexenone **2.113** (Figure 2.5B).^[52] The following three total syntheses highlight the use of a symmetrical and unsymmetrical dienes that can undergo subsequent aromatisation after a [4+2] cycloaddition.

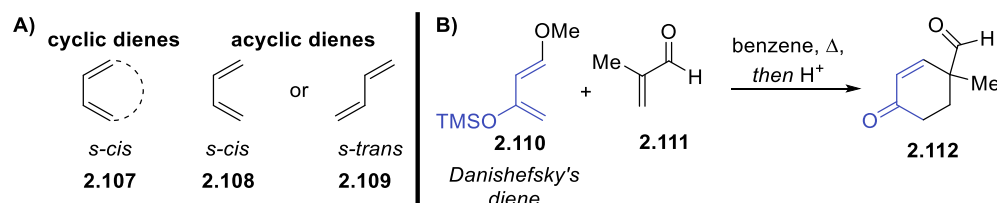
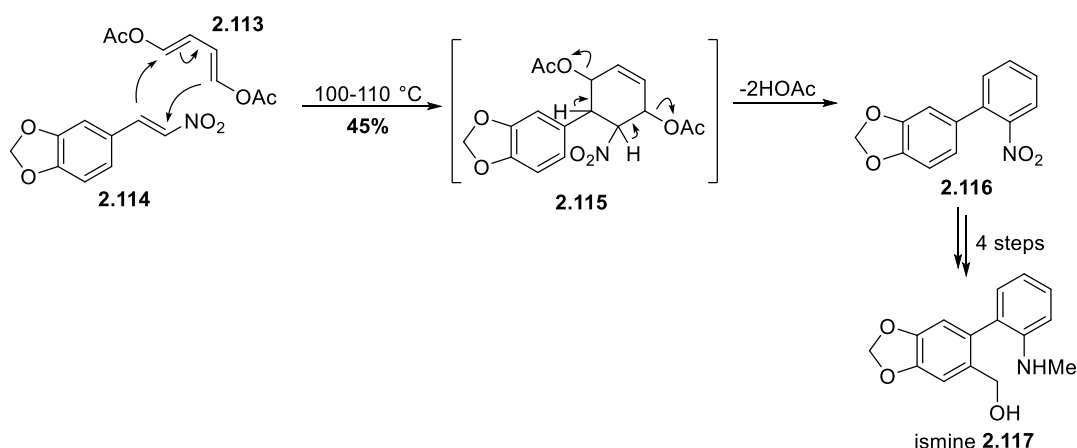


Figure 2.5: A) Conformation of cyclic and acyclic dienes. B) DA with Danishefsky’s diene and maleic anhydride

2.6.2 Ismine

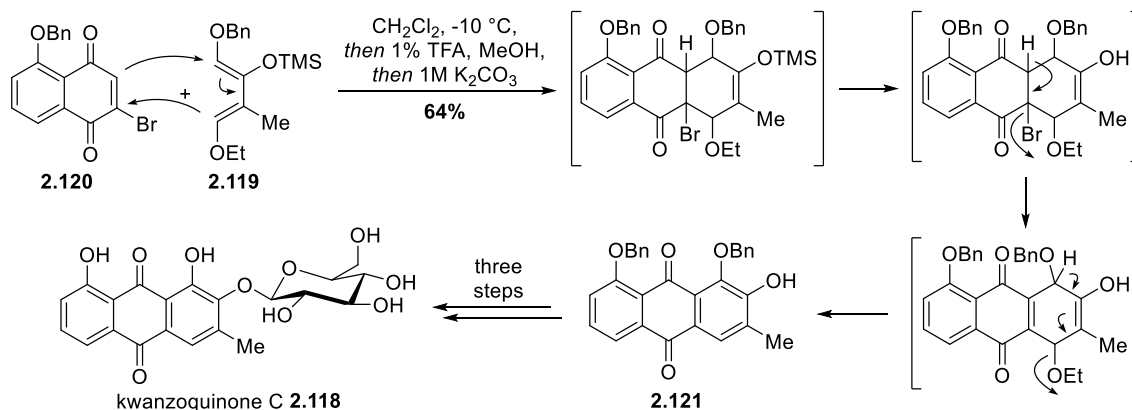
One of the earliest constructions of a benzene ring via a Diels–Alder reaction was reported by Hill and Carlson in 1964.^[53] 1,4-diacetoxybutadiene **2.113** underwent a [4+2] cycloaddition with 3,4-methylenedioxy- β -nitrostyrene **2.114**, followed by elimination of both acetoxy groups (see intermediate **2.115**) to form arene **2.116**. An additional four steps to install the methylene alcohol and amine furnished ismine **2.117**. Diene **2.113** would be very accessible to make and use in a wide variety of natural products/complex molecule synthesis, however it is wasted here on a very simple natural product that can be readily made by an aryl–aryl cross-coupling.



Scheme 2.25: 1964 total synthesis of ismine

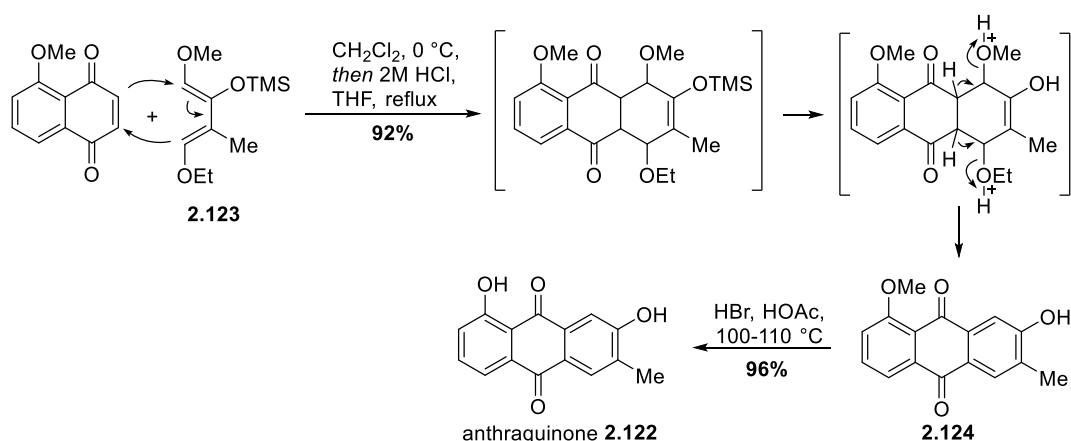
2.6.3 Kwanzoquinone C

In the synthesis of kwanzoquinone C **2.118**, Tietze et al. synthesised a tetrasubstituted 1,3-butadiene **2.119**.^[54] Reaction with bromo-quinone **2.120** followed by subsequent additions of acid and then base, eliminated HBr and ethanol, respectively, to form compound **2.121**. Diene **2.119** is a highly engineered molecule capable of regioselective addition (when temperatures of $-10\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ is maintained), similar to Danishefsky’s diene **2.110**. The acid/base sequence for selective elimination of leaving groups could be altered to arrive at different products and therefore bring greater versatility to this diene **2.120**.



Scheme 2.26: Tietze's synthesis of kwanzoquinone C

Anthraquinone **2.122** was also synthesised with a similar diene. By changing the benzyl to a methyl group on the diene **2.123**, it allowed the methoxy to act as a leaving group and therefore facilitated aromatisation after the [4+2] cycloaddition to compound **2.124**. Only acid was required to force elimination/aromatisation providing an arene **2.124** with a different substitution pattern to compound **2.121**.



Scheme 2.27: Tietze's synthesis of anthraquinone

2.7 Conclusions and Future Perspectives

We wished to highlight functionalised dienes that will allow aromatisation after cycloaddition, to go beyond the conventional utility of the Diels–Alder reaction and showcase its extra capabilities. The presented diverse (however, noncomprehensive) examples of total syntheses that employ these exciting dienes offers an alternative method of building benzene rings. Whole arene moieties are often installed or the starting substrate of a total synthesis, however highly substituted benzenes may be too difficult to add or synthesise by orthodox means depending on the substituents and the substitution pattern. Limitations do exist for the dienes highlighted, where many total synthesis examples require harsh forcing conditions of highly elevated temperatures or too engineered and are not applicable to a wider variety of aromatic scaffolds. Further research in developing methods that use Lewis-acid catalysts and organocatalysts may solve these issues. The development of new dienes may be unnecessary, where dedicating efforts towards new creative strategies to implement them may be more productive. Natural product total synthesis is not the only test for the applicability of this class of reaction. Fabrication of designed molecules for use in medicinal or materials chemistry stand to benefit and possibly prove more important than the classic total synthesis.

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Chapter 3

Bisketene Equivalents as Diels–Alder Dienes

3.1 Introduction

para-Hydroquinones (*p*-HQ) and their substituted derivatives are common motifs in many biologically and structurally fascinating molecules (Figure 3.1A).^[1-7] Notably, these motifs are inherently oxidatively sensitive, converting into their corresponding quinone derivatives under mild conditions as well as being mildly acidic (Figure 3.1B).

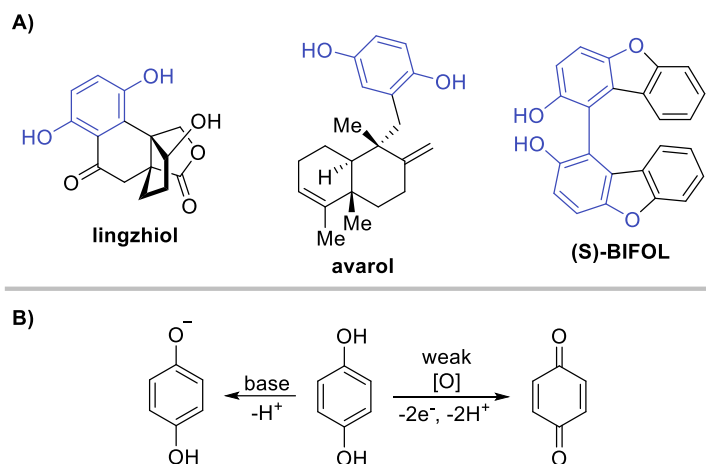


Figure 3.1: A) Select *para*-hydroquinone containing molecules. B) *para*-Hydroquinone sensitivity to basic and oxidative conditions

Therefore, the synthesis of complex hydroquinones typically incorporates two general strategies: iterative functionalisation of an aromatic in a lower oxidation state that will eventually undergo selective redox state adjustment into the desired *p*-HQ or a simple protecting group strategy (Figure 3.2).^[8-10] Both approaches invariably introduce challenges in terms of success and/or step count in difficult settings.^[11,12]

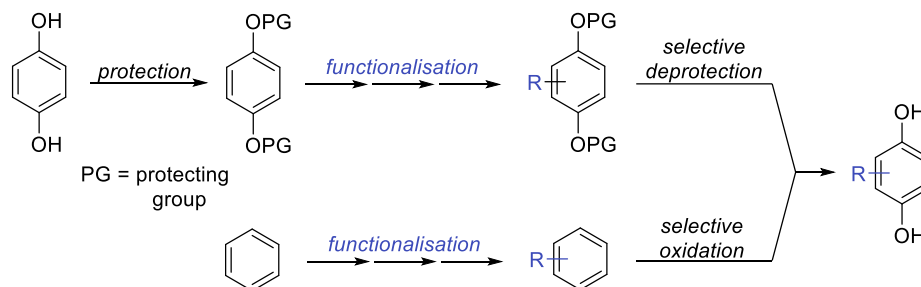
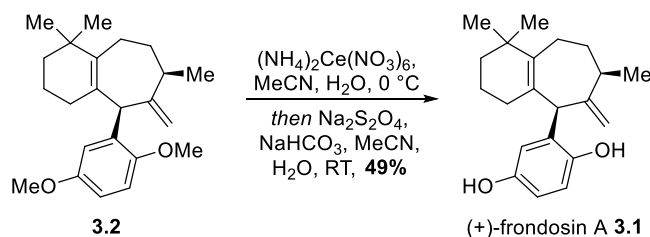


Figure 3.2: Typical approaches to accessing substituted *para*-hydroquinones

For example, in Trost's total synthesis of (+)-frondosin A **3.1**, the final deprotection to form the target compound from **3.2** proved challenging.^[13] Initial attempts involving BBr₃ or sodium ethanethiolate resulted in decomposition and mono-deprotection, respectively. The method ultimately employed was an oxidation/reduction sequence involving ceric ammonium nitrate, followed by sodium dithionite, however this only proceeded in moderate yield (Scheme 3.1).



Scheme 3.1: Deprotection to yield (+)-frondosin A

Strategies such as the Hauser–Kraus (HK) annulation and the Moore rearrangement are distinguished in efficiently accessing *p*-HQs (Figure 3.3). The HK annulation is an anionic Michael–Dieckmann condensation that form dihydroxynaphthalenes **3.3** from isobenzofuranones **3.4** and olefinic Michael acceptors **3.5** (Figure 3.3A).^[14–16] The Moore rearrangement is initiated from the 4π electrocyclic ring opening of a cyclobutenone–alkyne **3.6**, where a radical cyclisation and then subsequent hydrogen abstractions can form either *p*-HQ **3.7** or *p*-benzoquinones (*p*-BQs) **3.8** (Figure 3.3B).^[17–20] Limitations of these established methods involve harsh conditions necessary for substrate preparation and/or cyclisation (e.g. strong base, organolithium nucleophiles, high temperatures), therefore limiting generality. This highlights the need for more general, convergent, non-oxidative strategies that deliver *p*-HQs in unprotected form.

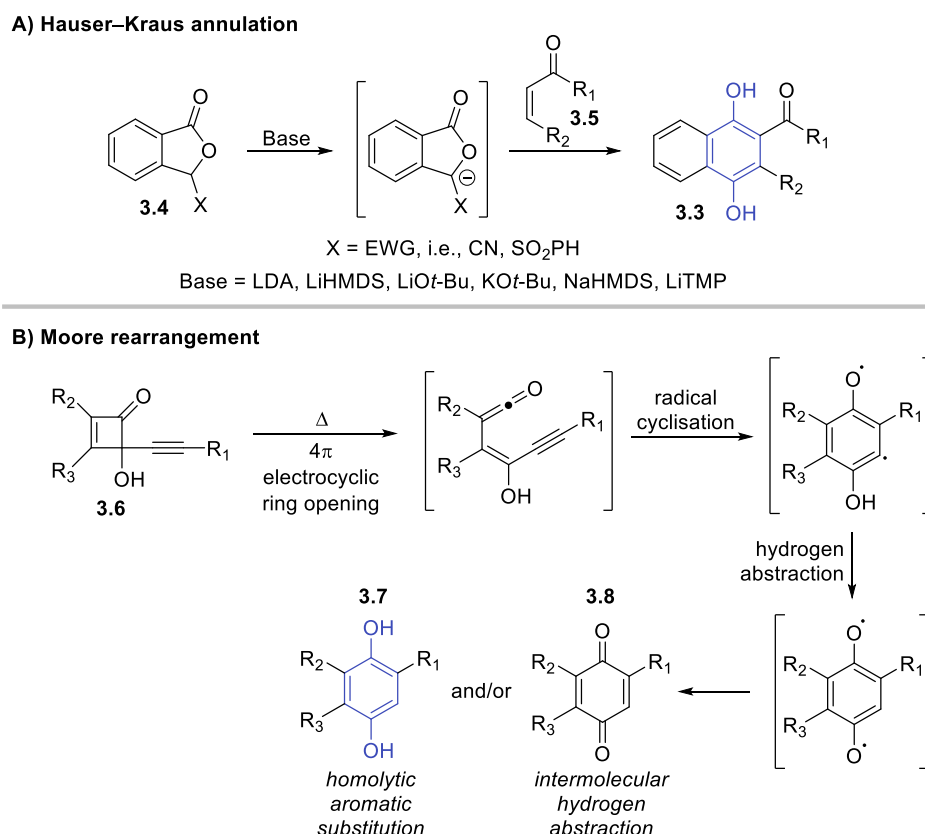


Figure 3.3: A) Generalisation of Hauser–Kraus annulations. B) Generalisation of Moore rearrangement towards *p*-HQs

Para-hydroquinone **3.9** can be retrosynthetically disconnected via a Diels–Alder (DA) transform through their respective bis-keto tautomer **3.10** (Figure 3.4). This reveals 1,3-butadiene-1,4-dione **3.11** as a diene. Ketenes themselves are unsuitable partners for the DA reaction, providing (formally) [2+2] cycloadducts, thus necessitating masking of this functionality during cycloaddition.^[21–24] For DA approaches to *para*-hydroquinones to be of most synthetic value, the masked ketenes must be highly reactive towards cycloaddition, readily accessible, and the DA reaction/ketone unmasking should be achievable in one-pot, either via a domino sequence of reactions, or through the sequential addition of reagents.

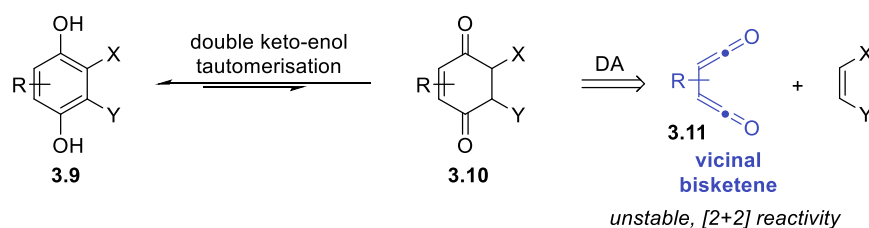
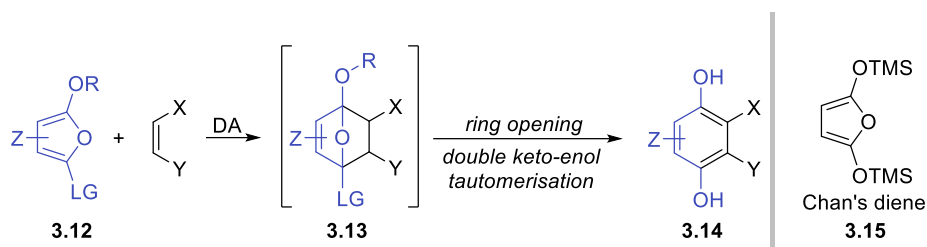


Figure 3.4: DA disconnection of p-HQs (this work)

With respect to the development of a 1,3-butadiene-1,4-dione **3.11** synthetic equivalent, an appropriately functionalised 2,5-substituted furan **3.12** represents a potential candidate.^[25] Cycloaddition forming oxygen-bridged bicyclic **3.13** would be followed by facile ring opening and then tautomerisation to the para-hydroquinone **3.14**. Chan and co-workers in 1980 have developed a simple 2,5-bis(trimethylsilyloxy)furan diene **3.15**, capable of undergoing this DA/ring-opening/tautomerization sequence, with the addition of sodium fluoride for aromatisation.^[26] However, the diene has been described as “very sensitive to moisture and air”, limiting its use and development.^[27–33]



Scheme 3.2: Proposed masked ketene approach to para-hydroquinones via a DA/aromatisation sequence

The development and application of a 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan diene **3.16**, is the subject of the publication in this chapter.^[34]

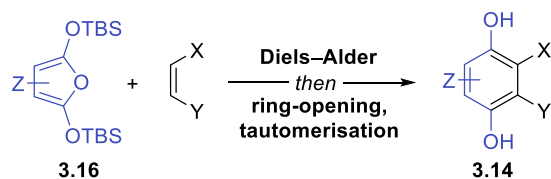


Figure 3.5: 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan diene

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ABSTRACT: 2,5-Bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furans are established as vicinal bisketene equivalents for application as dienes in the Diels–Alder reaction. Cycloaddition with olefinic dienophiles, under exceptionally mild conditions, enables convergent access to highly substituted *para*-hydroquinones in unprotected form via a one-pot Diels–Alder/ring-opening/tautomerization sequence. The synthesis of *para*-benzoquinones from acetylenic dienophiles, including benzynes, is also demonstrated, and 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)pyrroles are established as competent dienes for the synthesis of *para*-iminoquinones. Application in natural product synthesis enables gram-scale access to the neuroprotective agent (\pm)-indanostatin.

The *para*-hydroquinone (*p*-HQ) motif is embedded within a diverse array of pharmaceuticals,¹ natural products,^{2,3} synthetic reagents,⁴ and ligand families⁵ (Figure 1a). Traditional approaches toward the synthesis of highly substituted derivatives typically involve multistep functionalization sequences, initiated from either an aromatic in a lower oxidation state or a simple protected *p*-HQ (Figure 1b).⁶ Selective redox state adjustment^{7,8} or protecting group removal⁹ can be challenging to achieve in these contexts, highlighting the need for more convergent, nonoxidative strategies that deliver *p*-HQs in unprotected form. Although a small number of such strategies have been developed, most notably the Hauser–Kraus reaction of annulated furanones,¹⁰ and Moore rearrangement of γ -hydroxy-cyclobutenones,¹¹ the harsh conditions necessary for substrate preparation and/or cyclization limits generality (e.g., strong base, organolithium nucleophiles, high temperatures).

p-HQs can be retrosynthetically disconnected via a Diels–Alder (DA) transform through their bis-keto tautomer to reveal vicinal bisketenes as synthons (Figure 1c). The pronounced instability of this motif,¹² coupled with the propensity of ketenes to undergo [2 + 2] cycloadditions with olefins,¹³ necessitates the development of a bisketene equivalent to realize the proposed strategy. In principle, a variety of appropriately 2,5-difunctionalized furans may enable direct access to *p*-HQs under redox-neutral conditions via a DA/ring-opening/tautomerization sequence.¹⁴ The feasibility of such an approach was demonstrated by Chan and co-workers in 1980 through DA reactions of simple 2,5-bis(trimethylsilyloxy)furans, followed by NaF promoted aromatization.¹⁵ The authors described 2,5-bis(trimethylsilyloxy)furans as “very sensitive to moisture and air”, noting that the rate of autoxidation increased with additional substitution on the furan backbone.¹⁶ Consequently it appears the challenges associated with substrate stability, combined with a proclivity for users to employ strong acids to promote cycloadduct aromatization,¹⁷ have discouraged efforts to further develop this strategy.^{18,19}

In an attempt to address these limitations we initiated reaction development with a systematic stability study²⁰ of pertinent 2,5-difunctionalized furans (Figure 2a; see Supporting Information for additional details). In alignment with the findings of Chan, 2,5-bis(trimethylsilyloxy)furan (**1**) rapidly decomposed when employing standard handling techniques. Assessment of related candidates revealed diene stability scales with silyl group size (compare **1**–**3**), arriving at 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan (**3**) as a robust and conveniently accessed candidate. Introduction of alternate leaving groups was also explored. Methoxy-derivative **4**, prepared in three steps from commercial materials, exhibited a comparable stability profile relative to **3**. Finally, introduction of bromine (**5**) proved beneficial, resulting in the most stable of all substrates prepared.

The DA reactivities of furans **1**–**5** were benchmarked in PhMe using *N*-methylmaleimide (NMM) as the dienophile (Figure 2b). Bis(silyloxy)furans **1**, **2**, and **3** all reached completion within ~200 min, exhibiting only a small rate retardation with increased silyl group size. Methoxy-derivative **4** proved 3–4 times more reactive, whereas bromide **5** performed the worst, with less than 50% conversion observed after 250 min. Overall, bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan (**3**) strikes the best balance between ease of synthesis, stability, and DA reactivity, and as such we elected to focus exclusively on its continued development.

Studies into the ring opening/tautomerization of DA adducts **6-endo** and **6-exo** revealed that simply stirring in MeOH promotes the desired aromatization event, avoiding the need for addition of an acid, or a fluoride source (Figure 2c). Moreover, conducting the DA reaction in MeOH enabled the

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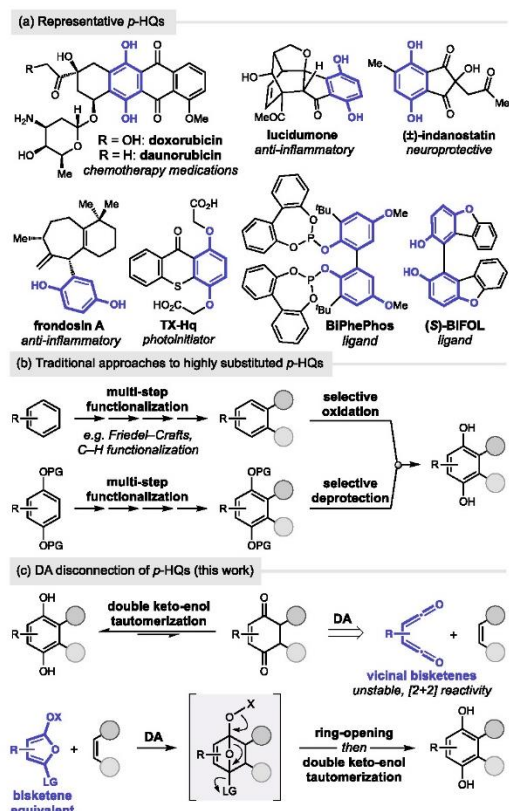


Figure 1. Motivation for reaction development. PG = protecting group, LG = leaving group.

synthesis of *p*-HQ 7 in 88% isolated yield, directly from furan 3, via a one-pot DA/ring-opening/tautomerization cascade.

Having identified a suitable vicinal bisketene equivalent we investigated the scope of *p*-HQ formation (Table 1). With respect to diene structure the reaction appears general, and a library of furans (prepared directly from the corresponding cyclic anhydrides; see Supporting Information) were readily converted into *p*-HQs upon reaction with NMM in MeOH at 65 °C. In the case of monofunctionalized derivatives, methyl (8), allyl (9), and phenyl (10) functionality was well tolerated. More highly substituted five- and six-membered fused bicyclic furans also reacted smoothly (11–15), including steroid-inspired pentacyclic derivative 14. The chemoselectivity of desilylation was highlighted through preparation of silyl enol ether 15 in 95% yield, and notably, no evidence for olefin migration was observed for all substrates screened. With more sterically demanding silylated intermediates, such as for indole 16 and biaryl 17, the rate of MeOH promoted aromatization drops significantly. In these cases *p*-HQ formation can be expedited through addition of an acid additive. Extension to a one-pot double DA/double aromatization strategy provided the BiPhePhos ligand scaffold^{5a} in 53% yield (17), creating opportunities for a highly convergent approach to a library of ligand derivatives. With less reactive dienophiles, the DA reaction is best conducted in an aprotic solvent (or neat)

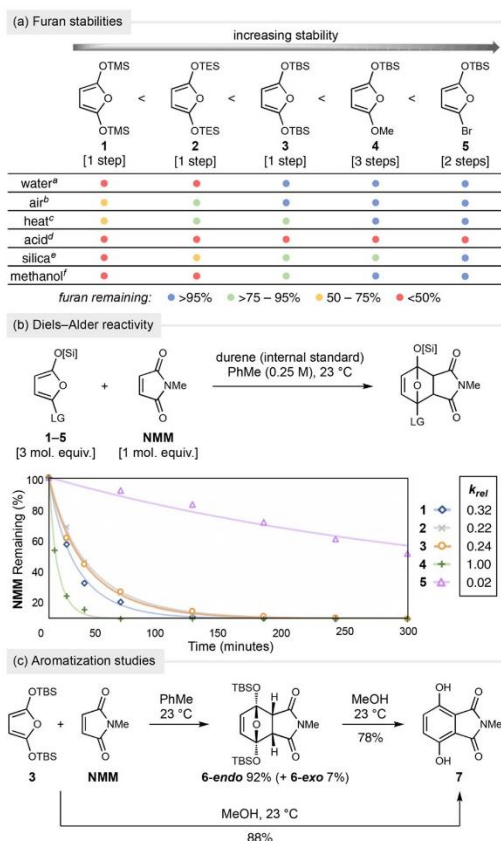
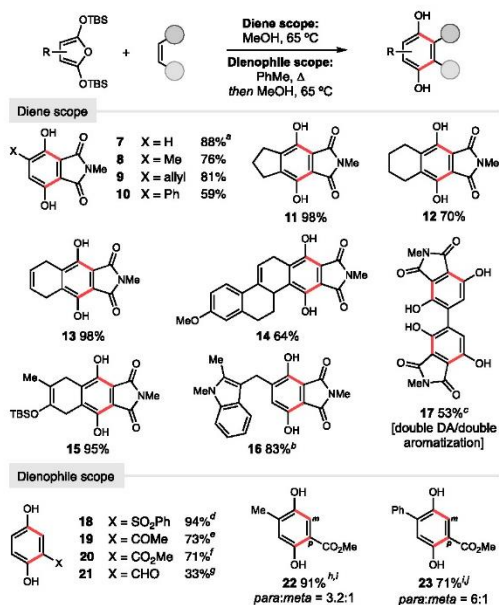


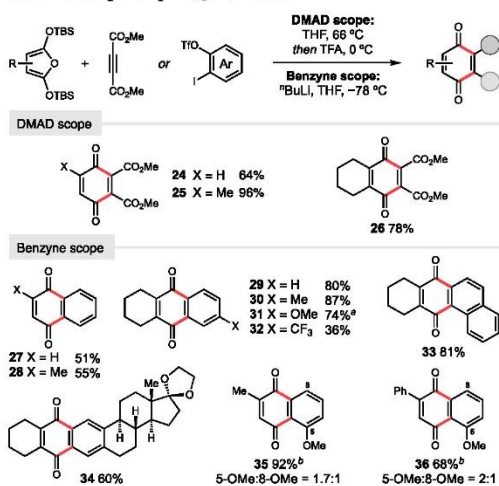
Figure 2. Development of a convenient vicinal bisketene equivalent. LG = leaving group. ^a0.025 M (CD₃)₂CO/D₂O mixture (9:1) stirred for 1 h. ^bCompressed air bubbled through a 0.025 M CDCl₃ solution for 10 min. ^cDilute C₆D₆ solution heated at 120 °C in a microwave reactor for 2 h. ^d0.10 M TFA solution in CDCl₃ stirred for 1 min. ^e1.0 mL of a 0.025 M CDCl₃ solution stirred with untreated silica (250 mg) for 2 h. ^f0.20 M CDCl₃/CD₃OD mixture (1:4) stirred for 1 h.

followed by addition of MeOH. Under these conditions, sulfone (18), ketone (19), ester (20), and aldehyde (21) activating groups were all tolerated. Finally, orientational selectivity of the cycloaddition event was demonstrated through coupling of unsymmetrical monofunctionalized dienes with methyl acrylate (22 and 23, up to 6:1 in favor of the expected *para*-isomer).

Exploratory studies from Chan and co-workers toward the synthesis of *para*-benzoquinones (*p*-BQ) from 2,5-bis(trimethylsilyloxy)furans were hampered by competitive *p*-HQ formation.¹⁵ Optimistic that the 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan motif may be more well suited to *p*-BQ formation, we probed reactivity with acetylenic dienophiles (Table 2). Indeed, cycloaddition of several representative derivatives with dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (DMAD), followed by addition of TFA, provided *p*-BQs 24–26 in good to excellent yields (without any evidence for *p*-HQ formation). Encouraged by these results we evaluated benzynes as coupling partners. *ortho*-Iodotriflates were identified as suitable

Table 1. Scope of *p*-HQ Formation

^aDA at 23 °C. ^bAromatization achieved by addition of TFA at 23 °C. ^cDA in PhMe at 23 °C, aromatization achieved by addition of H₂SO₄ at 23 °C. ^d80 °C. ^e60 °C. ^f111 °C. ^g50 °C. ^hDA neat at 23 °C. ⁱCombined yield of isomers. ^jDA neat at 55 °C.

Table 2. Scope of *p*-BQ Formation

^aDetermined by ¹H NMR. ^bCombined yield of isomers.

precursors, enabling low temperature benzyne generation in the presence of our furans.²¹ In contrast to the DMAD-derived cycloadducts, TFA addition is unnecessary, and intermediate desilylation can be achieved via a simple acidic workup. A brief diene screen revealed that increased steric bulk on the furan backbone resulted in improved yields (27–29). With respect

to benzyne substitution, electron-rich substrates react exceptionally well (30 and 31); however, a significant reduction in yield was observed with incorporation of trifluoromethyl functionality (32). 1-Naphthylne is also a competent dienophile (33), as too are more complex steroid-derived benzyne (34). Although orientational selectivity²² of the cycloaddition is not especially high in the case of 35 and 36 (up to 2:1), isomer separation can be achieved via standard flash chromatography, allowing ready access to the methoxy-naphthalene-1,4-dione fragment present in both doxo- and daunorubicin.¹

The generality of our approach is highlighted through extension to 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)pyrroles as synthetic equivalents of vicinal ketenimine-ketenes (Figure 3a). While these pyrrole derivatives are less stable than their

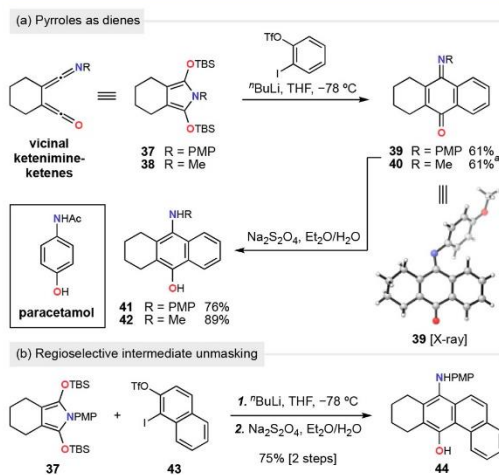


Figure 3. Bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)pyrroles as vicinal ketenimine-ketene equivalents. PMP = *para*-methoxyphenyl. ^aDetermined by ¹H NMR.

corresponding furan congeners (see Supporting Information), they exhibit comparable reactivity with arynes.²³ Thus, reaction of aryl- and alkylated pyrroles 37 and 38 with benzyne provided *para*-iminoquinones (*p*-IQs) 39 and 40, both in 61% yield. Notably, *p*-IQs feature within natural products,²⁴ and derivatives have been demonstrated as versatile intermediates for the synthesis of complex alkaloids²⁵ and BINOL derivatives.²⁶ Moreover, they serve as convenient precursors to the biologically relevant *para*-aminophenol motif (e.g., paracetamol)²⁷ via sodium dithionite promoted reduction (41 and 42). Further experiments demonstrated regioselective ring opening of unsymmetrical cycloadducts can be achieved (Figure 3b). In this example, a two-step reductive coupling of pyrrole 37 with 1-naphthylne (generated from *ortho*-iodotriflate 43) provided phenanthrene 44 in 75% yield.

We became interested in the development of a cross-conjugated extension to further expand the synthetic potential of our methodology (Figure 4a).²⁸ In principle the simplest candidate, vinylfuran 45, would enable a diene-transmissive double DA sequence, which if conducted with two different dienophiles leads to even more highly functionalized aromatics. The success of such a strategy is reliant upon both the inherent

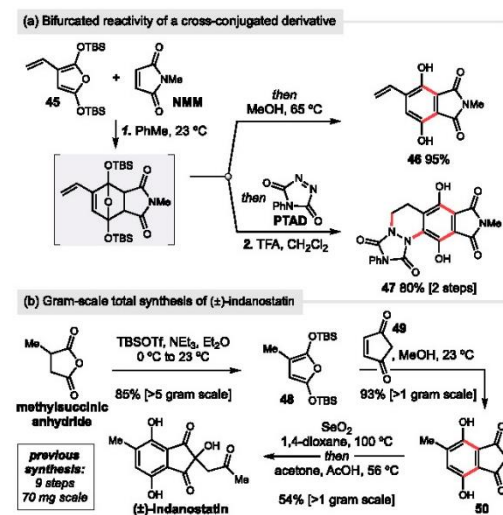


Figure 4. (a) Extension to a cross-conjugated derivative and (b) application of *p*-HQ formation in natural product synthesis.

diene site selectivity of 45 (cyclic versus semicyclic) and the relative rates of the first and second cycloadditions, both of which are difficult to infer from the diverging reactivity reported for related cross-conjugated furans.²⁹ Fortunately, NMM reacted with complete selectivity for the (desired) cyclic diene site of 45.³⁰ Moreover, the second DA reaction is markedly slower than the first, allowing not only a change in dienophile but also bifurcation of reactivity: addition of MeOH promoted aromatization to generate vinyl-substituted *p*-HQ 46, whereas addition of 4-phenyl-1,2,4-triazole-3,5-dione (PTAD) enabled a hetero-Diels–Alder reaction. Although subsequent deprotection and aromatization can be achieved in excellent yield via *in situ* addition of TFA, in this particular case purification is simplified by a stepwise approach, yielding tetracyclic *p*-HQ 47 in 80% yield over two steps from 45.

Finally, to demonstrate scalability of *p*-HQ formation, as well as the applicability of our methodology in natural product synthesis, we pursued the total synthesis of the neuroprotective agent (±)-indanostatin^{3b} (Figure 4b). The marked base sensitivity of our envisioned dienophile, 1,3-cyclopentenedione (49), has precluded its application as a coupling partner in conceptually related anionic (formal) DA strategies toward *p*-HQs.³¹ Pleasingly, methylfuran 48 (synthesized in one step from methylsuccinic anhydride) reacted smoothly with 49 in MeOH at room temperature, providing gram-scale quantities of *p*-HQ 50 in 93% yield, and without the need for chromatographic purification. A subsequent one-pot oxidation³²/alkylation procedure (via the intermediate trione hydrate) yielded over 1 g of (±)-indanostatin in only three steps total (cf. nine steps for the previous total synthesis³¹).

In conclusion, we have established the 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan motif as a general vicinal bisketene equivalent for application as a diene in the DA reaction. A mild, user-friendly protocol provides access to a variety of highly substituted *p*-HQs by reaction with olefinic dienophiles. In turn, employing acetylenic dienophiles provides efficient access to *p*-BQs, or *p*-IQs when 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl-

oxy)pyrroles are utilized as dienes. While one can imagine employing more robust silyloxy substituents in attempts to further tweak furan stability, and indeed we anticipate in some cases this may provide improved results, generally speaking it appears the *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl functionality strikes an excellent balance between diene stabilization and ease of intermediate desilylation. In essence, the methodology disclosed herein represents a transform-based strategy³³ in which two C–C bonds of several *para*-quinone ring systems are made simultaneously via a cycloaddition event. This approach avoids the need for lengthy sequences of redox manipulations and/or functional group interconversions, both of which are commonplace in more classical structure-goal strategies.³³ As such, we believe the methodology developed herein has the potential to permit more step-economic syntheses of *para*-quinones, and a proof-of-principle application has been demonstrated through a gram-scale three-step total synthesis of (±)-indanostatin.

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3.4 Summary of personal contributions

This section constitutes a visual summary of personal contributions to the manuscript. Figures from the manuscript have been included in this section with minor changes.

Five select dienes were synthesised and tested for stability and reactivity to ascertain the optimal diene for further methodology development (Dienes **1-5** in figure 3.6A and B). Elucidation of mechanism in the Diels–Alder/aromatisation protocol was also undertaken (Figure 3.6C).

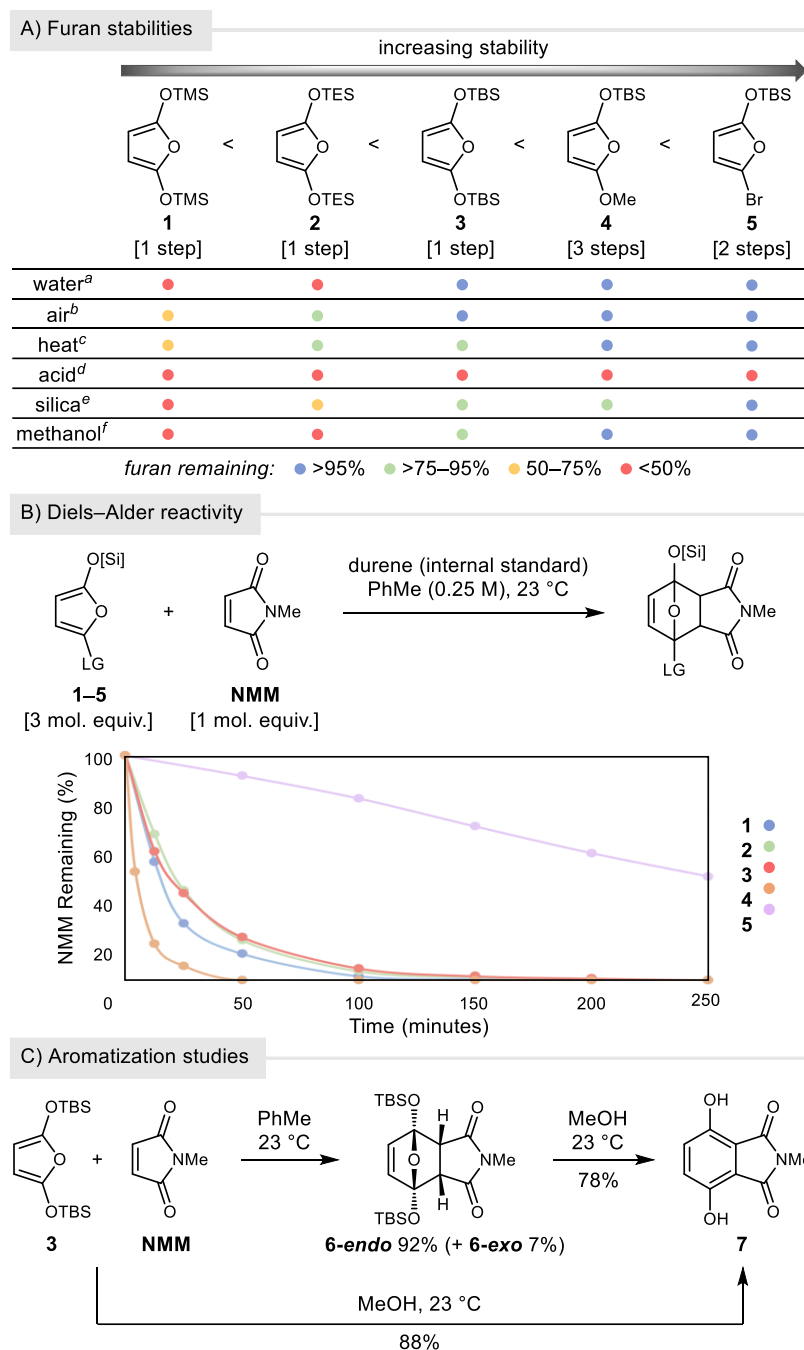


Figure 3.6: Furan stability, reactivity and mechanistic studies. Taken directly from manuscript.

Major efforts to synthesise a diene scope and tests with a variety of dienophiles to furnish *para*-hydroquinones were lead personally (Compounds **7-23**, excluding **16** in figure 3.7). Some involvement occurred in synthesising *para*-benzoquinones (*p*-BQ) with benzynes, however were mainly completed by other authors.

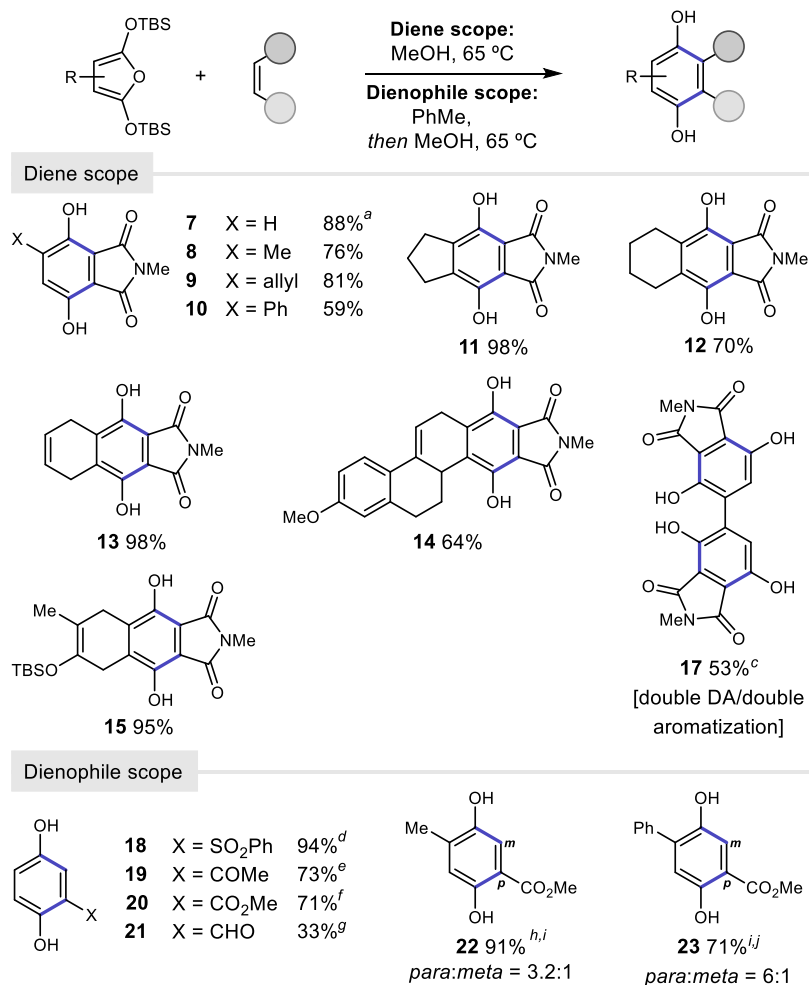


Figure 3.7: Scope of *p*-hydroquinone compound synthesis. Taken directly from manuscript.

The synthesis and reactions of the bifurcated reactive diene was done exclusively (Compounds **45-47** in figure 3.8A). Major contributions were conducted on the short total synthesis of (\pm)-indanostatin **51** (synthesised compounds **48-50** in figure 3.8B).

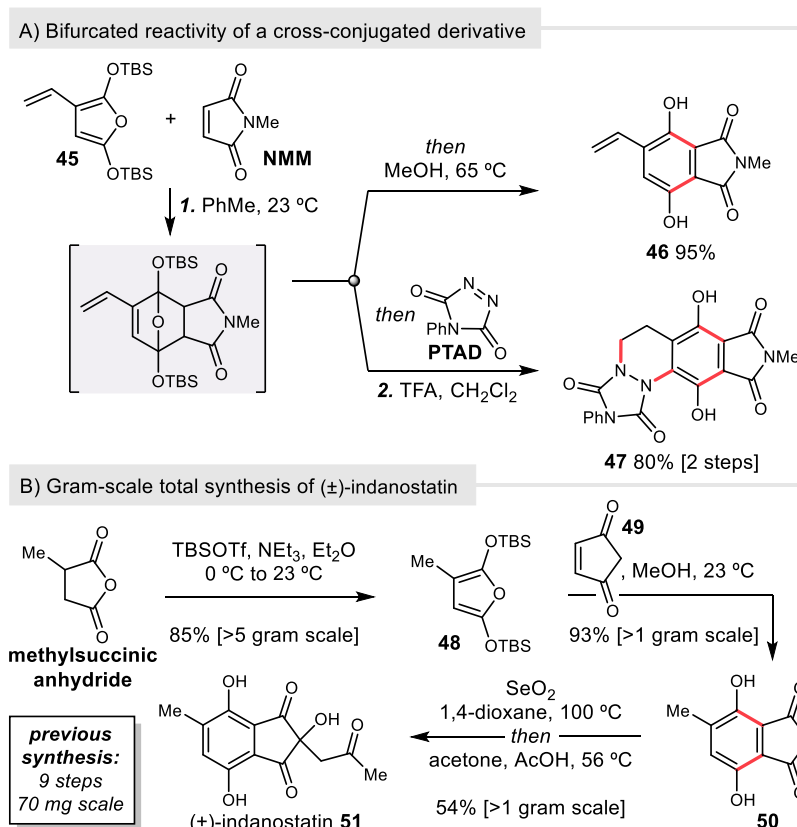


Figure 3.8: A) cross-conjugated diene derivative. B) Natural product synthesis of indanostatin. Taken directly from manuscript.

3.5 Conclusion

In the development of a 1,3-butadiene-1,4-dione **3.11** synthetic equivalent, 2,5-Bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furans **3.16** were established as suitable masked vicinal bisketenes for application as dienes in the Diels–Alder reaction (Figure 3.9A). A variety of highly substituted *p*-HQs **3.14** are readily accessible via a mild, user-friendly protocol. Venturing beyond our original scope, efficient access to *p*-BQs **3.17**, or *para*-iminoquinones (*p*-IQs) **3.18** when 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy) pyrroles **3.19** are utilized as dienes, were achieved with the use of acetylenic dienophiles instead of olefinic dienophiles (Figure 3.9B). Demonstrated utility and generality of our developed methodology has been shown through the syntheses of quinones relevant to pharmaceutical, natural product, catalysis and material fields, particularly through a proof-of-principle application of a gram-scale, three-step total synthesis of (\pm)-indanostatin **51**.

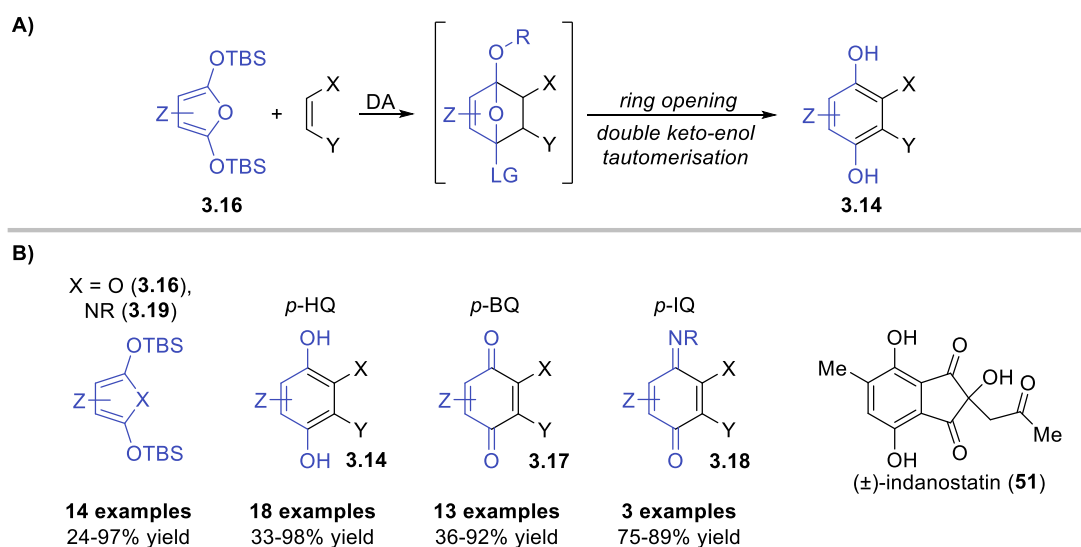
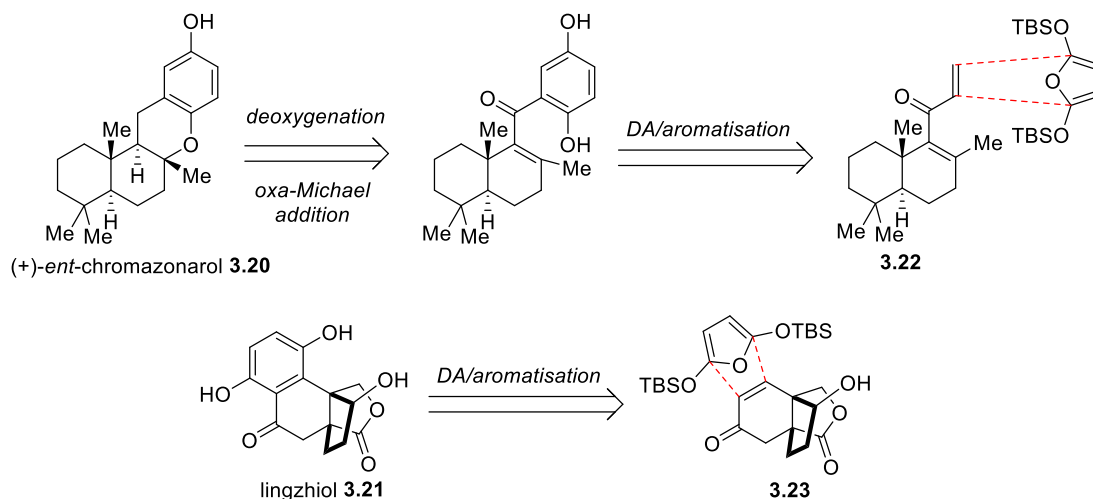


Figure 3.9: A) 2,5-Bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furans (and derivatives) as suitable synthetic equivalents of 1,3-butadiene-1,4-dione. B) Overall scope of the developed methodology

3.6 Future directions

This project is considered a concluded story, however there were proposals to apply this methodology in complex total syntheses. Chromazonarol **3.20** and lingzhiol **3.21** were both viable targets, where we envisioned constructing the *para*-hydroquinone motif at a late stage of their respective syntheses (Scheme 3.3). Synthesis of intermediates **3.22** and **3.23** is a challenging task, but are manageable in a future standalone project.



Scheme 3.3: Proposed retrosynthesis of chromazonarol and lingzhiol utilising our developed DA methodology

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Chapter 4

Annulenes as Starting Materials in the Total Synthesis of
Natural Products




4.1 Opening remarks

This review summarises all past total syntheses that have used unsubstituted annulenes as a starting material or intermediate. Its aim is to highlight the unique strategies displayed to apply these molecules and their viability for future total synthesis targets.

4.2 Introduction

Annulenes are cyclic hydrocarbons containing the maximum amount of unsaturation. According to IUPAC naming conventions they are named as [*n*]annulene, where *n* is the number of carbons in the ring, however the first three are well-known as cyclobutadiene **4.1**, benzene **4.2** and cyclooctatetraene **4.3** (COT).^[1,2] Annulenes have varying aromaticity, with **4.1**, **4.2** and **4.3** being anti-aromatic, aromatic and non-aromatic, respectively. This contributes to their unique reactivity and therefore influences their synthetic utility. Each annulene will have their own respective sections underlining their use in the total synthesis of natural products. [10]Annulene and above will not be mentioned since they are not involved in any reported syntheses that we are aware of.

Table 4.1: Annulenes of relevance to this review.

[4]annulene	[6]annulene	[8]annulene
cyclobutadiene	benzene	cyclooctatetraene
		
4.1	4.2	4.3
Anti-aromatic	aromatic	Non-aromatic

4.3 [4]Annulene

4.3.1 Structural and Chemical Characteristics of [4]annulene

Cyclobutadiene **4.1**, is the smallest of the annulenes, possessing a rectangular structure. Its 4π electrons are localised, making it anti-aromatic.^[3,4] This incurs a heavy electronic penalty resulting in high reactivity and low stability, it however has been observed in a matrix at temperatures below 35 K.^[5,6] One degradation pathway occurs via a Diels–Alder dimerization followed by electrocyclic ring-opening to afford **4.3** (Figure 4.1). This can be suppressed by inclusion in a host-guest complex or by complexation with iron tricarbonyl.^[7–11] Cyclobutadieneiron tricarbonyl **4.4** was first synthesised by Pettit in 1965, from **4.3**.^[9] Rosenblum and Gatsonis, two years later, reported a one-pot procedure from α -pyrone **4.5**.^[10] Interestingly, the complex possesses some aromatic characteristics, undergoing Friedel–Crafts acylation and other substitution reactions through a mechanism that is identical to electrophilic aromatic substitutions.^[12,13] Treatment with ceric ammonium nitrate releases **4.1**, which can then undergo cycloadditions. This compound offers an in-situ generation of cyclobutadiene bypassing its instability, making it available for synthetic utility. This protected form of cyclobutadiene has been used in several total synthesis campaigns.

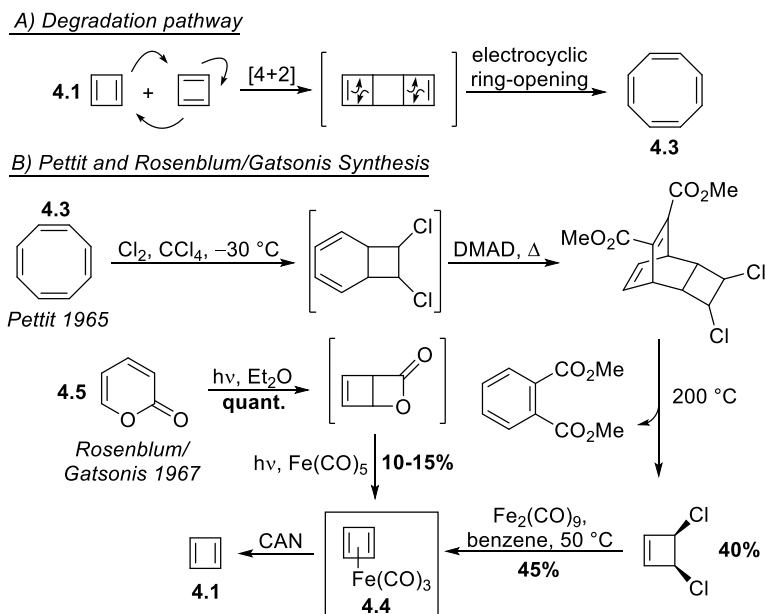
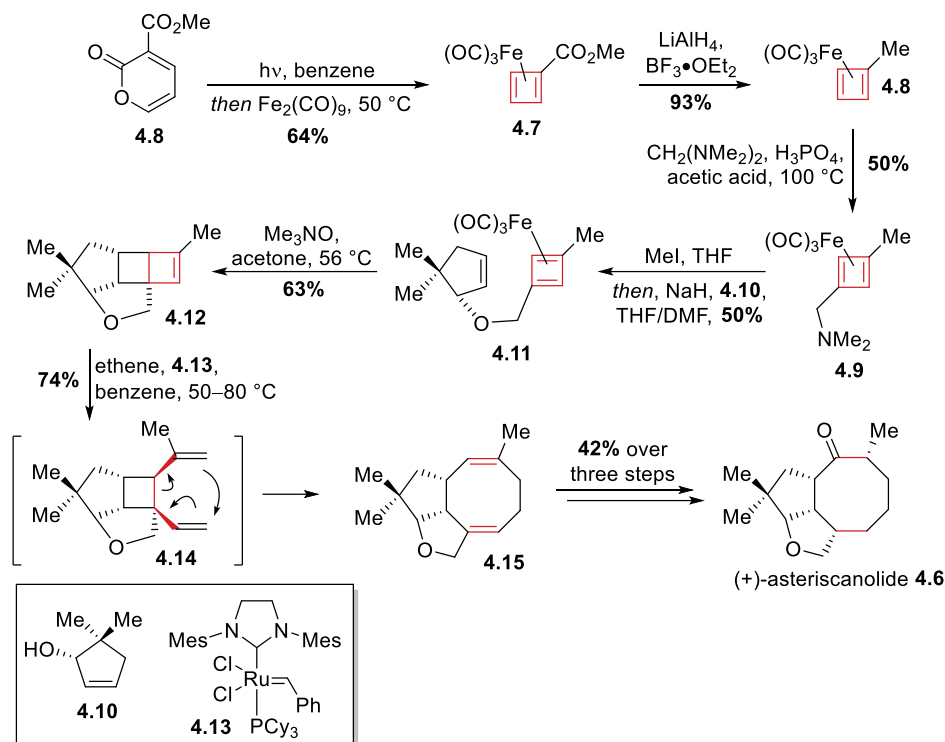


Figure 4.1: A) One degradation pathway of cyclobutadiene. B) Two viable syntheses of stabilised cyclobutadiene.

4.3.2 Asteriscanolide

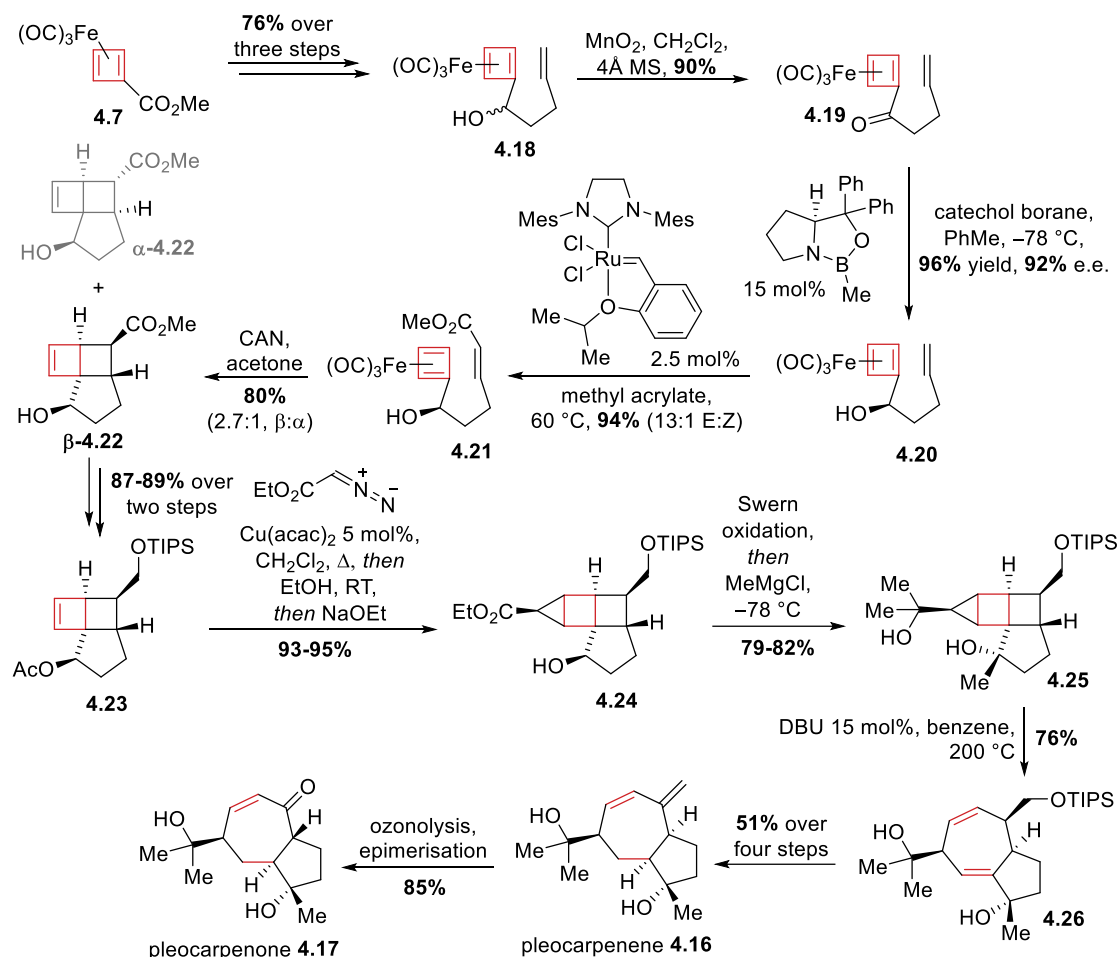
Snapper has accomplished an impressive synthesis of asteriscanolide **4.6** using an ester cyclobutadieneiron tricarbonyl complex **4.7** (Scheme 4.1).^[14] Asteriscanolide is a formidable target for total synthesis due to its unique 5/8/5 tricyclic structure containing three contiguous *syn* stereocentres. Photolysis of pyrone **4.8** is followed by heating in the presence of $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_9$ to form complex **4.7** in 64% yield. Subjection of complex **4.7** to lithium aluminium hydride with a Lewis acid resulted in full reduction of the ester to methyl **4.8** in 93% yield. *Para*-selective electrophilic aminomethylation proceeded in 50% yield. Installation of enantiopure cyclopentenol **4.10** in 50% yield sets the stage for the key transformations. Release of the cyclobutadiene **4.11** from iron tricarbonyl via heating with trimethylamine N-oxide lead to rapid [4+2] cycloaddition, forming cycloadduct **4.12** in 63% yield. Ring-opening metathesis, furnishing dialkenyl cyclobutane intermediate **4.14**, was followed by Cope rearrangement to form compound **4.15** in 74% yield. Over the course of two sequences, the tricyclic structure as well as two of the four stereocentres has been constructed. Other syntheses of this natural product required lengthier successive steps to build the rings or to install the final functionalities.^[15–18] Snapper utilised complex **4.7** as the base from which fast addition of essential structures transpired. This culminated in the cyclobutadiene of **4.11** participating in a cycloaddition/ring-opening/ring-closing sequence over two steps, affording the majority of the structural challenges of **4.6**. It must also be noted where the cyclobutadiene ends up in the final product. The cyclobutadiene is conceptually cleaved in half with a two-carbon insertion in-between the alkenes on both sides to form the 1,4-cyclooctadiene in compound **4.15**. Installation of the remaining functionality over the course of three steps finally gave (+)-asteriscanolide **4.6** in 42% over three steps. Employing the antipode of compound **4.10** would prepare (–)-asteriscanolide.



Scheme 4.1: Snapper's 2000 total synthesis of (+)-asteriscanolide

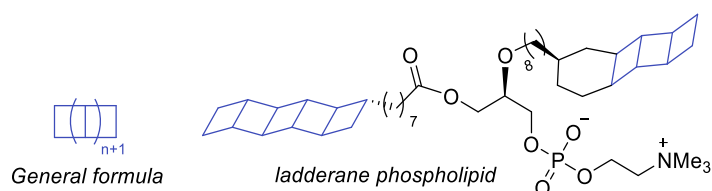
4.3.3 Pleocarpenene and Pleocarpenone

Ester cyclobutadieneiron tricarbonyl **4.7** was used again by Snapper in his 2006 total synthesis of pleocarpenene **4.16** and pleocarpenone **4.17** (Scheme 4.2).^[19] Snapper adopted a similar strategy to his asteriscanolide synthesis, however instead of constructing an eight-membered ring, a seven-membered ring is his focus. Complex **4.7** was converted to alcohol **4.18** in 76% over three steps. Oxidation to **4.19** was followed by asymmetric reduction with (*S*)-B-Me-CBS-catalyst afforded enantioenriched alcohol **4.20** (96% yield and 92% e.e.). Olefin metathesis with methyl acrylate on the terminal alkene gave compound **4.21** in 94% yield. CAN oxidation to unmask the cyclobutadiene was then followed by [4+2] cycloaddition to give a separable diastereomeric mixture of compounds α -**4.22** and β -**4.22**. The antipode of the CBS catalyst from earlier would give the enantiomers of this mixture of diastereomers. Carrying on with β -**4.22**, conversion to bishydroxyl protected compound **4.23** proceeded in 87-89% over two steps. Cyclopropanation with ethyl diazoacetate catalysed by Cu(acac)₂ afforded compound **4.24** in 93-95% yield. Swern oxidation and then addition with methyl magnesium bromide provided compound **4.25** in 79-82% yield. Thermal ring expansion/opening to yield bicyclo[5.3.0]decane **4.26** followed in 76% yield.^[20] Complex **4.7**, again, served as a great base to add functionality, eventually leading to **4.21**, setting the scene for the main transformation. The purpose of the key subsequent cycloaddition/cyclopropanation/thermal rearrangement strategy was to furnish a seven-membered ring with most of the prerequisite functionalities that map onto the natural products (e.g., stereochemistry and functional groups). The constituents of the cyclobutadiene ring have been split, becoming a part of the seven-membered ring. This highlights that by varying the number of carbons of the partner in the cycloaddition for cyclobutadiene, one could hypothetically construct any ring size above four-carbons. Pleocarpenene **4.16** was synthesised from compound **4.26** over four steps in 51% yield. Conversion to pleocarpenone **4.17** occurred through ozonolysis and epimerisation in 85% yield.



4.3.4 Ladderanes

Ladderanes are molecules containing multiple fused cyclobutane rings. It is a motif that is also present in natural products (Figure 4.2).



Previous syntheses of ladderane containing natural products involved strategies where bonds are formed internally within larger ring structures to form multiple four-membered rings. In Corey's 1994 synthesis of pentacycloanammoxic ester **4.27** (will also be discussed more later in the chapter), several manipulations of COT amounted to what could be considered an informal double 4π electrocycloisomerisation of COT to afford the [3]-ladderane **4.28**.^[21] Burns effected a sulfoxide Ramberg–Bäcklund olefination of α -chlorosulfoxide **4.29** to yield bicyclohexane **4.30**, which was then dimerised to compound **4.31** eventually delivering **4.32**.^[22] Compound **4.30** was employed again in the [2+2] cycloaddition with **4.33** to give **4.34**. With the core constructed, further transformations presented **4.35**. These past two syntheses highlighted the preference for a top-down approach versus the opposite strategy.

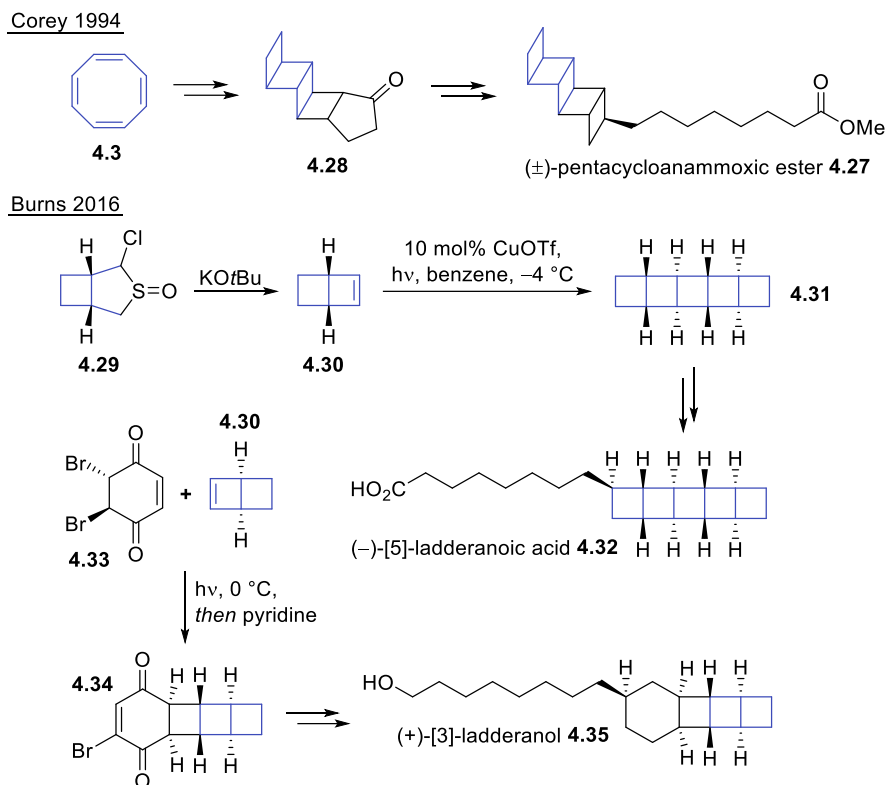
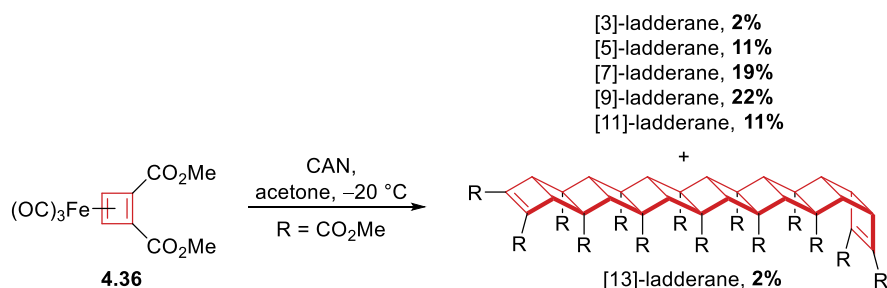


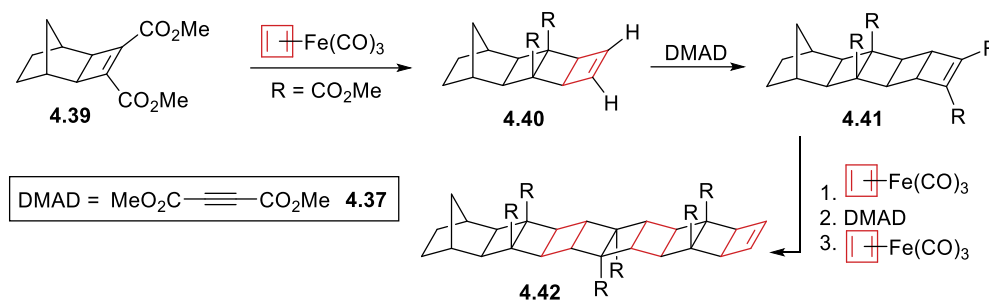
Figure 4.3: Previous total syntheses of ladderane natural products

Cyclobutadiene is an obvious building block for ladderane natural product total synthesis, however it has not been used in this capacity. Work by Mehta and Warrener (shown below) showcase its viability for constructing ladderanes and serves as inspiration for potential future ladderane natural product targets. Mehta in 1994, accomplished the first synthesis and characterisation of [9], [11] and [13]-ladderanes through the oligomerisation of 1,2-dicarbomethoxycyclobutadiene **4.36** (Scheme 4.3).^[23] The reaction was a complicated mixture of five different lengths of ladderanes.



Scheme 4.3: Synthesis of [3], [5], [7], [9], [11] and [13]-ladderane

In the same year, Warrener performed a serial protocol of cyclobutadiene and DMAD **4.37** ruthenium-catalysed cycloadditions to form complex ladderanes (Scheme 4.4).^[24] From starting material **4.39**, iterative cycloadditions over 5 steps eventually provide **4.42**.



Scheme 4.4: Warrenner's synthesis of complex ladderanes

4.4 [6]Annulene

4.4.1 Structural and Chemical Characteristics of [6]annulene

Out of all the annulenes, benzene is arguably the most distinguished. Currently well-established as a stable six-carbon ring containing conjugated π bonds (Figure 4.4), it had a long history of structural elucidation^[25–30] starting from its isolation^[31–35] in the early 1800s to its confirmation in 1929 by Kathleen Lonsdale.^[36,37] It is a planar ring with delocalised π orbitals which contribute to its aromaticity and reactivity.^[38–42] It typically undergoes electrophilic aromatic substitutions and requires forcing conditions for hydrogenations and cycloadditions.^[43,44] Benzene is a readily available feedstock to a variety of commodity chemicals with downstream applications in pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals and materials. However, unfunctionalised benzene itself has seen limited use in total syntheses of natural products.

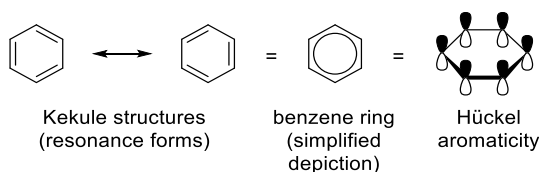
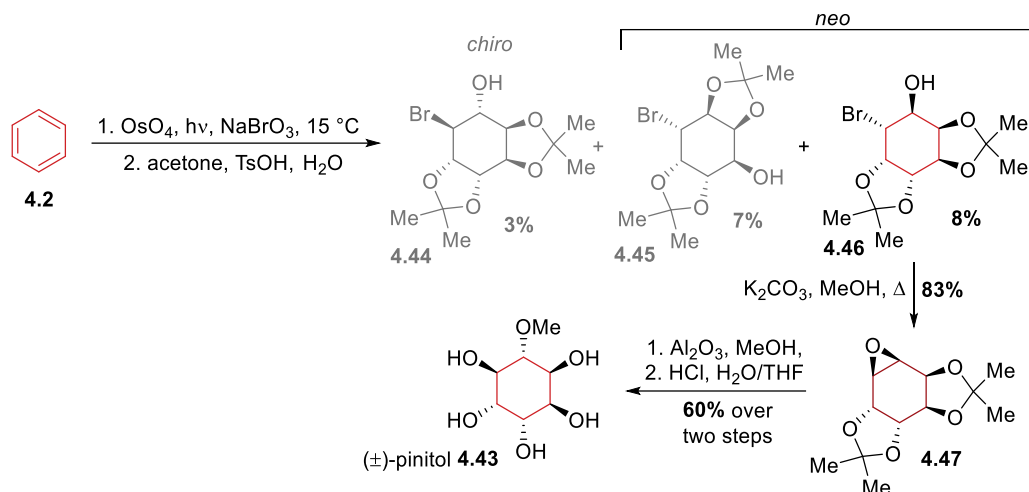


Figure 4.4: Structures of benzene

4.4.2 Pinitol

Motherwell's concise synthesis of pinitol **4.43** started from the temperature-controlled polydihydroxylation of benzene to favour the neo diastereomer formation.^[45] Subsequent protection of the diols gave a mixture of **4.44**, **4.45** with the desired product **4.46** in 8% yield. Base-promoted ring closure formed epoxide **4.47** in 83% yield. Regiospecific ring-opening was followed by acidic workup to in situ deprotect delivering racemic pinitol **4.43** in 60% over two steps. Despite being a relatively small molecule, its synthetic challenge arises from its two *syn* and one *anti* diol relationship. The use of benzene may be convenient as it provides the core six-membered ring, however a major limitation are the poor yields of the regioselective dihydroxylations. It may be more effective to start from an aromatic starting material with an already higher oxidation state.

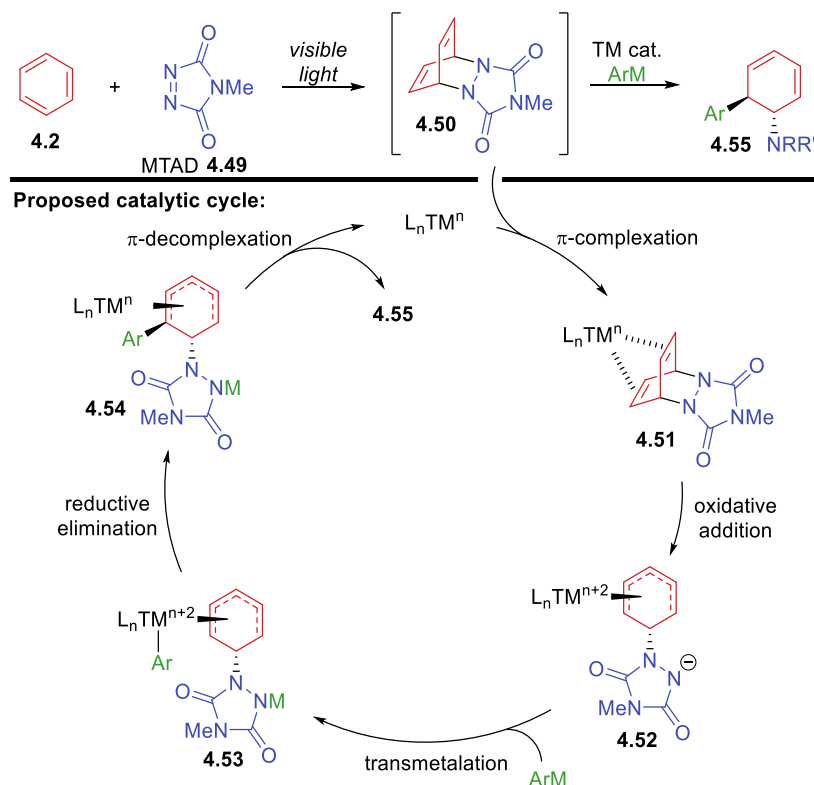


Scheme 4.5: Motherwell's 1997 total synthesis of (±)-pinitol

4.4.3 Sarlah's dearomative methodologies

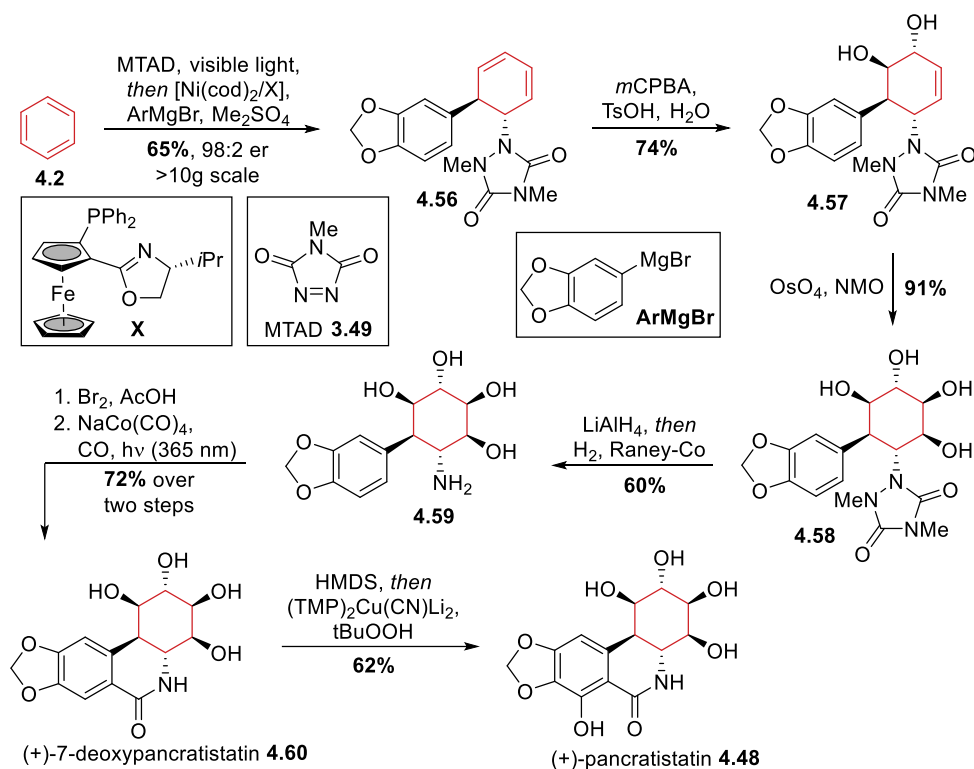
4.4.3.1 Pancratistatin, lycoricidine and narciclasine

Sarlah has developed dearomative methodologies of benzene to access a variety of natural products. An enantioselective, dearomative 1,2-*trans*-carbonamination of benzene methodology was established and utilised in the total synthesis of pancratistatin **4.48**.^[46] The mechanism of this strategy begins with the light-promoted *para*-cycloaddition between benzene **4.2** and MTAD **4.49** to give cycloadduct **4.50**. π -Complexation of the diene in **4.50** to the metal complex *anti* to the arenophile moiety forming **4.51**, is followed by subsequent oxidative addition to intermediate **4.52**. Transmetalation with an aryl metal reagent (ArM, refer to Scheme 4.6) furnished intermediate **4.53**, is followed by reductive elimination to afford complex **4.54**. Final π -decomplexation bears the product **4.55** and regenerates the transition metal catalyst.



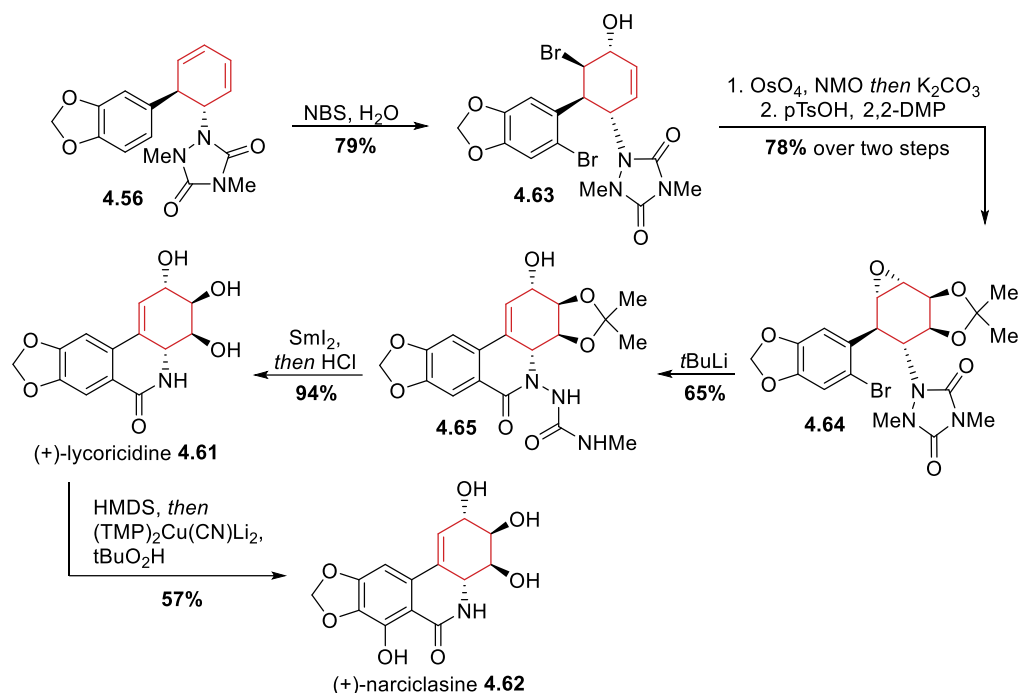
Scheme 4.6: General mechanism of enantioselective, dearomative carboamination of benzene

This reaction was performed in the first step in the total synthesis of pancratistatin to deliver product **4.56** in 65% yield. *trans*-Dihydroxylation of the furthest olefin from the urazole nitrogen occurred in 74% yield, **4.57**. An Upjohn dihydroxylation of the remaining olefin afforded the *cis*-diol **4.58** in 91% yield. LiAlH₄ reduction of the urazole and immediate addition of Raney-cobalt under hydrogen atmosphere generates free amine compound **4.59** in 60% yield. Bromination, followed by carbonylation and amide cyclisation gave the corresponding 7-deoxypancratistatin **4.60** in 72% over two steps. Conversion to pancratistatin **4.48** was affected by the initial persilylation of all hydroxyls with HMDS, followed by cupration and oxidation with *t*BuOOH in 62% yield. The challenge of this natural product is constructing the *trans*, *cis*, *trans* stereochemical relationship on the cyclohexane ring. What Sarlah identified, is that its creation would be possible through an overall triple olefin-like difunctionalisation of benzene. This philosophy has been extrapolated to other total syntheses.



Scheme 4.7: Sarlah's 2017 total synthesis of (+)-pancratistatin

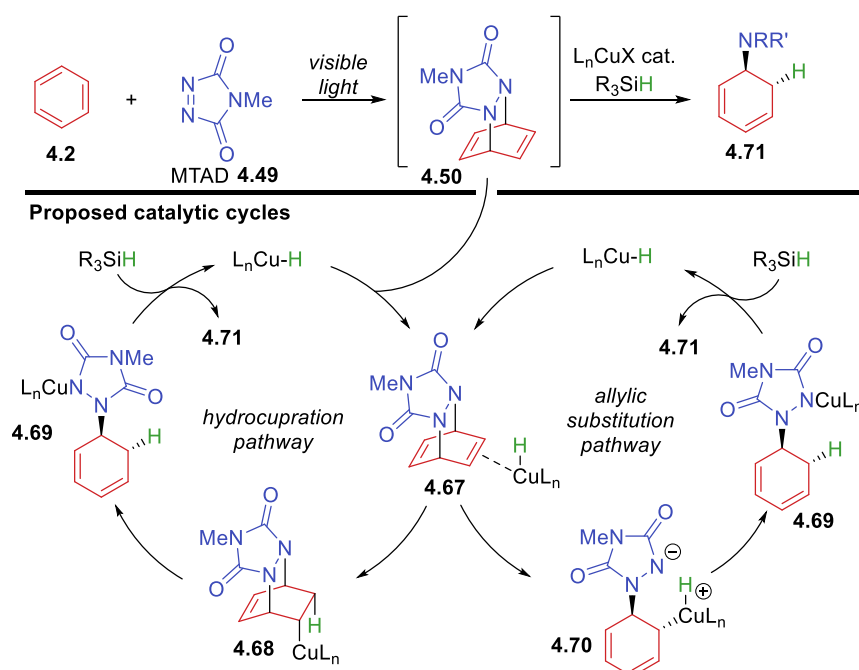
Sarlah employed the same dearomative strategy in his scalable route to lycoricidine **4.61** and narciclasine **4.62**.^[47] These two natural products possess a similar structure to pancratistatins (**4.60** and **4.48**), but differ with its aminocyclitol core containing four contiguous stereocentres instead of six. Only an overall double olefin-like difunctionalisation of benzene strategy would be necessary. From compound **4.56** formation of the bromohydrin and parallel aryl bromination through two equivalents of NBS in THF/H₂O afforded compound **4.63** in 74% yield. Upjohn dihydroxylation and subsequent diol protection delivered compound **4.64** in 78% over two steps. Lithium-halogen exchange via *tert*-butyllithium and then nucleophilic acyl substitution gave the lactam **4.65** in 65% yield. Treatment with samarium iodide furnished lycoricidine **4.61** in 94% yield. The cupration/oxidation conditions stated earlier was repeated to form narciclasine **4.62** in 57% yield.



Scheme 4.8: Sarlah's 2019 total synthesis (+)-lycoricidine and (+)-narciclasine

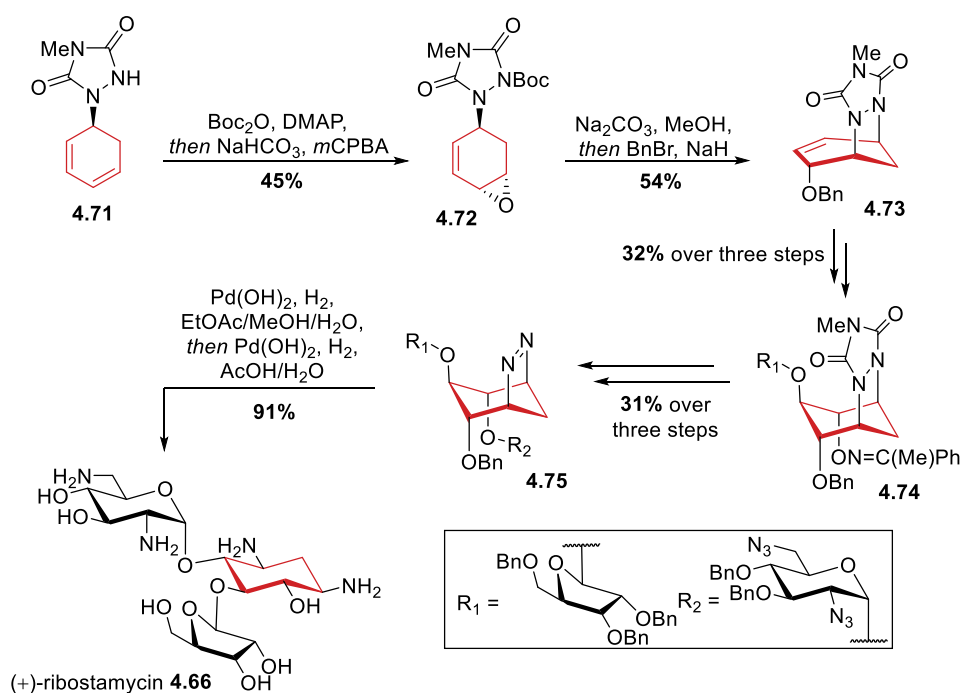
4.4.3.2 Ribostamycin

Recently, Sarlah devised a copper-catalysed 1,2-hydroamination of benzene, which was applied to the total synthesis of ribostamycin **4.66**.^[48] The proposed mechanism starts the same as the previous dearomative strategy with a light-promoted *para*-cycloaddition between benzene **4.2** and MTAD **4.49** to give cycloadduct **4.50**. π -complexation to cycloadduct **4.50** with a ligated copper(I) hydride species (L_nCu-H, Scheme 4.9) gives intermediate **4.67**. In the hydrocupration pathway, **4.67** undergoes hydrometallation *anti* to the arenophile moiety to intermediate **4.68**. β -elimination of bridgehead arenophile moiety delivers diene **4.69**. In the alternative allylic substitution pathway, complex **4.67** could undergo oxidative addition, forming species **4.70**, followed by reductive elimination to afford diene **4.69**. For both pathways, additional equivalent of silane regenerates the copper hydride species and releases the desired product **4.71**.



Scheme 4.9: General mechanism of enantioselective, dearomative hydroamination of benzene

Sensitive diene **4.71** was immediately Boc-protected and epoxidized by *m*CPBA in a 45% yield to give **4.72**. Base Boc-deprotection was followed by a *5-exo-tet* cyclisation yielding a secondary allylic alcohol that was proximately benzyl-protected to give urazole bridgehead **4.73** in 54% yield. Over three steps, installation of the semi-protected trans-1,2-diol and ribose moiety (R_1 , Scheme 4.10) with β -selectivity occurred in 32% yield to deliver **4.74**. Chemoselective removal of the oxime, α -selective installation of the thioglycoside donor (R_2 , Scheme 4.10) and the one-pot conversion of the urazole to provided cyclic diazene **4.75** in 31% yield over three steps. Double use of Pearlman's catalyst resulted in global removal of benzyl groups, and conversion of azides and the bridgehead diazine to amines to provide ribostamycin **4.66** in 91% yield as a tetraacetate salt. The structural challenges of this natural product are different to the aforementioned products in section 4.4.3.1, as it possesses five contiguous alternating stereocentres on the central six-membered ring that is connected to two different sugar motifs. Despite this, an olefin functionalisation approach was still utilised. The developed enantioselective dearomative hydroamination is derivative of the previous methodology, however is a remarkable improvement on previously established dearomative hydroamination conditions that produced inseparable mixtures, low yields and were racemic.^[48] The general idea with all of Sarlah's dearomative reactions is to perform it in the opening step, setting up the initial desired stereocentres which helps direct the subsequent installations of future stereocentres. It must also be highlighted that the development of this methodology to furnish enantiopure, 1,2-*anti*-di-heterosubstituted cyclohexadienes has considerable implications for the syntheses of other molecular targets.



Scheme 4.10: Sarlah's 2022 total synthesis of (±)-ribostamycin

4.4.4 Chemoenzymatic dearomative methodologies

Gibson is credited with the first report of chemoenzymatic benzene **4.2** oxidation to afford *cis*-1,2-dihydrocatechol **4.76**.^[49] This was possible due to a chemically induced mutation of *P. putida* that lacks a key dehydrogenase enzyme. Further research has led to genetic engineering of *E. coli* JM109 (pDTG601) to overexpress the toluene dioxygenase (TDO) enzyme (Figure 4.5B) for the oxidation of toluene **4.77** to **4.78**.^[50] This reaction is highly scalable, producing kilograms to tonnes of catechols with exquisite regio-, stereo- and enantioselectivity. With

minor expansion beyond our initial scope, select total syntheses that begin from toluene derived catechols **4.78** are highlighted.

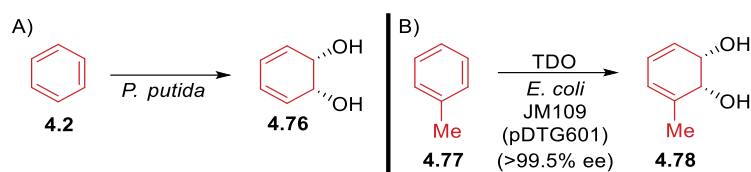
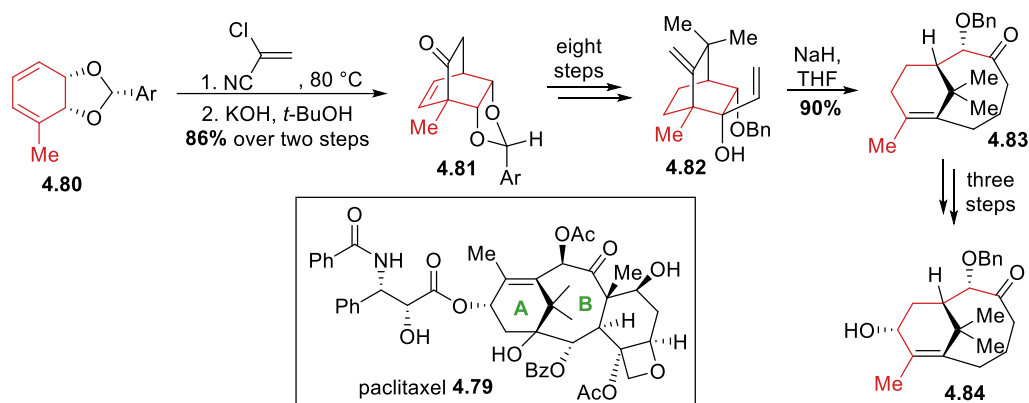


Figure 4.5: A) Chemoenzymatic oxidation of benzene to deliver *cis*-1,2-dihydrocatechol.
B) Chemoenzymatic oxidation of toluene to deliver corresponding *cis*-1,2-dihydrocatechol

4.4.4.1 AB-ring system of *ent*-taxoids

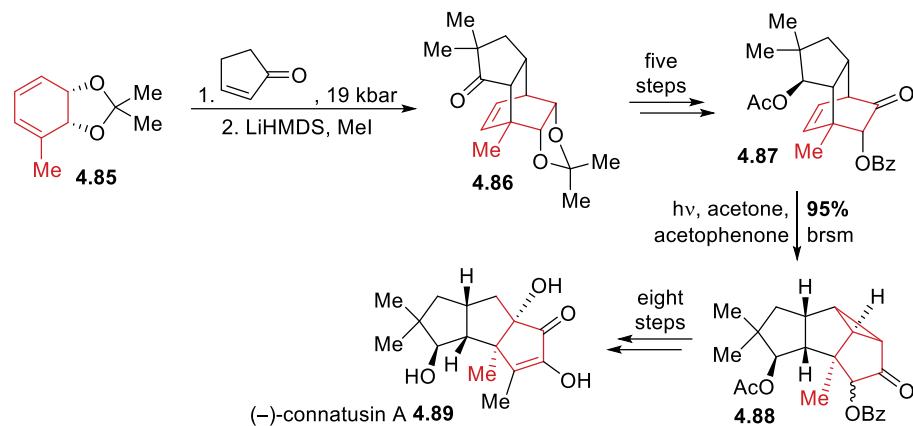
Banwell in 1998 reported a sequence to synthesise the AB-ring systems of taxoids and *ent*-taxoids from toluene **4.77** (refer to paclitaxel **4.79** in Scheme 4.11).^[51] Compound **4.80** was made from the acetylation of **4.78** with *p*-methoxybenzaldehyde dimethyl acetal. Diels–Alder reaction with α -chloroacrylonitrile, followed by hydrolysis afforded bicyclo[2.2.2]octene ketone **4.81** in 86% over two steps. Conversion to compound **4.82** occurred in eight steps to set the stage for the key step. Anionic oxy-Cope rearrangement of **4.82** to **4.83** proceeded in 90% yield. The AB-ring structure of *ent*-taxoids **4.84** was prepared in three steps from **4.83**. Paclitaxel **4.79** is a famous synthetic target due to its structural complexity (contains four rings, over ten stereocentres and high oxidation state) and importance to the pharmaceutical industry. Toluene derived catechol **4.80** serves as a useful platform to build bridged compounds via cycloaddition reactions, leading to more intricate bridged molecules like **4.84**. It must also be highlighted that toluene, over the course of 15 steps, has been cleaved and now constitutes a side of the AB ring system **4.84**.



Scheme 4.11: Synthesis of the AB-ring system associated with *ent*-taxoids

4.4.4.2 (–)-connatusin A

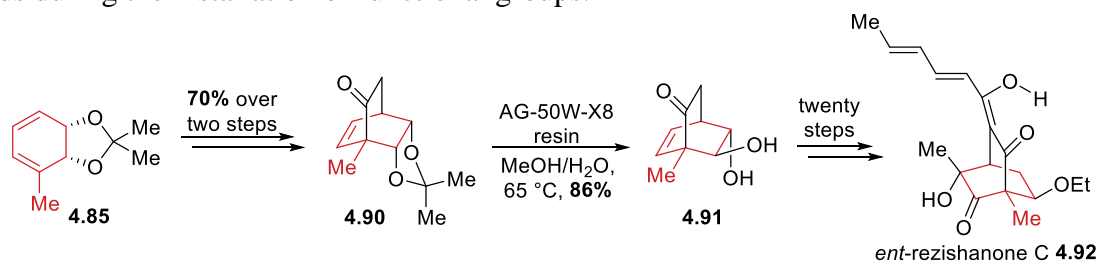
Similar to **4.80**, compound **4.85** was also derived from toluene over two steps. A high-pressure Diels–Alder followed by dimethylation afforded **4.86** and another five steps gave compound **4.87**, setting the scene for the key transformation. A photochemically-promoted oxa-di- π -methane rearrangement of **4.87** gave tetracycle **4.88** in 95% yield (brsm). A final eight steps yielded connatusin A **4.89**.^[52] The comparable approach of initially synthesising the bicyclo[2.2.2]octene through cycloaddition, differed with this key step effectively performing a ring contraction on the toluene skeleton instead of the cleavage in Scheme 4.11.



Scheme 4.12: Total synthesis of (-)-connatusin A

4.4.4.3 *ent*-rezishanone C

Compound **4.90** was accessed from **4.85** with similar α -chloroacrylonitrile DA conditions from scheme 4.11. A one-pot deprotection of the acetal and subsequent stereocentre inversion gave *trans*-diol compound **4.91** in 86% yield. A lengthy twenty steps furnished rezishanone C **4.92**.^[53] This synthesis has maintained toluene's carbon skeletal structure but has saturated its bonds during the installation of functional groups.



Scheme 4.13: Total synthesis of *ent*-rezishanone C

What all these selected total syntheses involving benzene (or toluene) highlight is the common strategy of the initial dearomative reaction. Due to the aromaticity of benzene, it is often limited to electrophilic substitutions which are reactions that have comparatively lower complexity building power (compared to cycloadditions, for example). By developing dearomative methodologies this issue is bypassed, opening further reaction possibilities.

4.5 [8]Annulene

4.5.1 Structural and Chemical Characteristics of [8]Annulene

1,3,5,7-cyclooctatetraene (COT) **4.3** was first synthesised by Richard Willstätter in 1905 from pseudopelletierine **4.93**.^[54] Walter Reppe drastically improved its synthesis via a postulated [2+2+2] cycloaddition of acetylene **4.94** affording yields near 90%.^[55] It is a conjugated eight-carbon ring system possessing 8π electrons, which fulfills the requirements for anti-aromaticity, but escapes it by adopting a tub-shaped conformation instead of planar.^[56,57] The reactivity for COT is similar to ordinary polyenes and has been employed in some total syntheses.

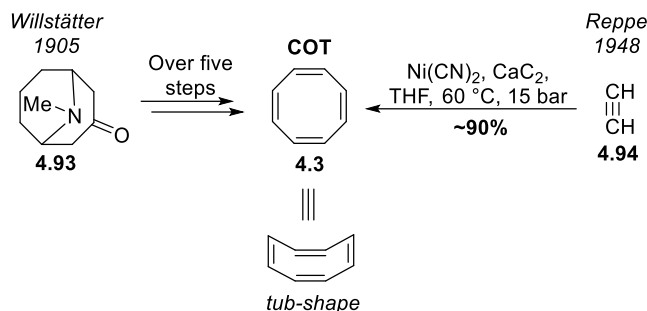
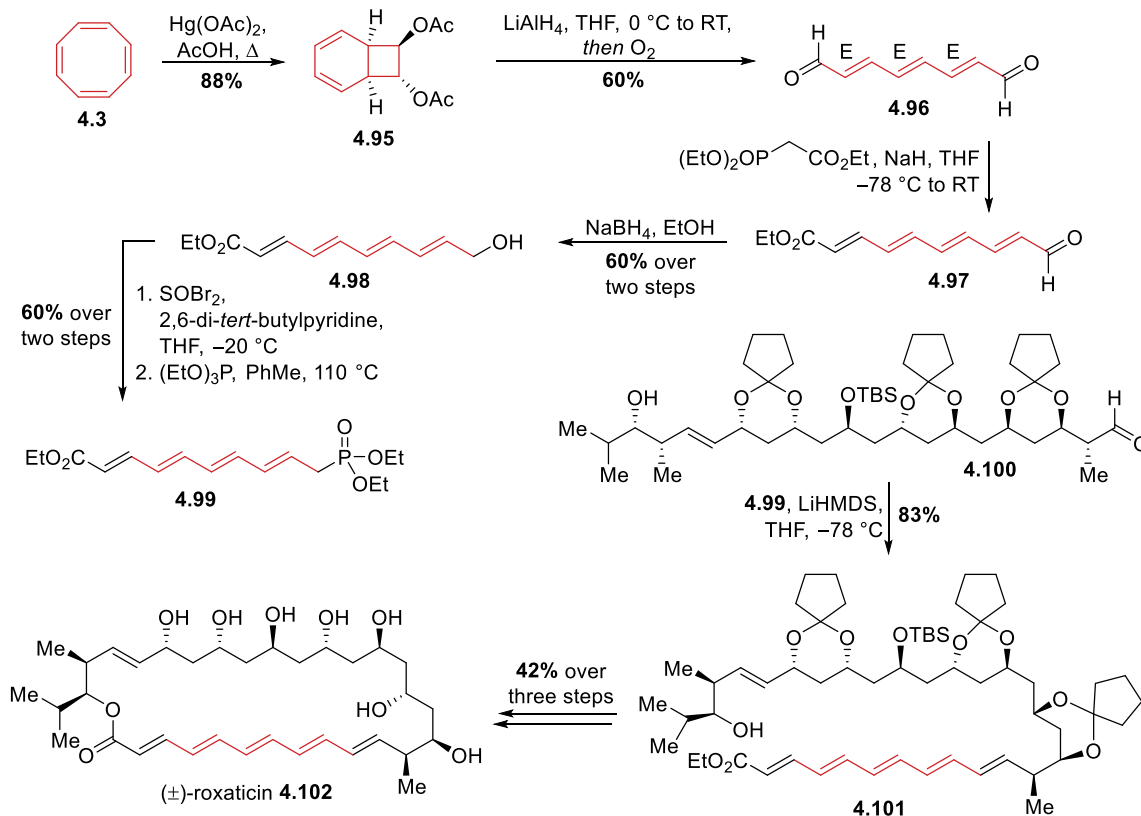


Figure 4.6: Few syntheses of COT

4.5.2 Roxaticin

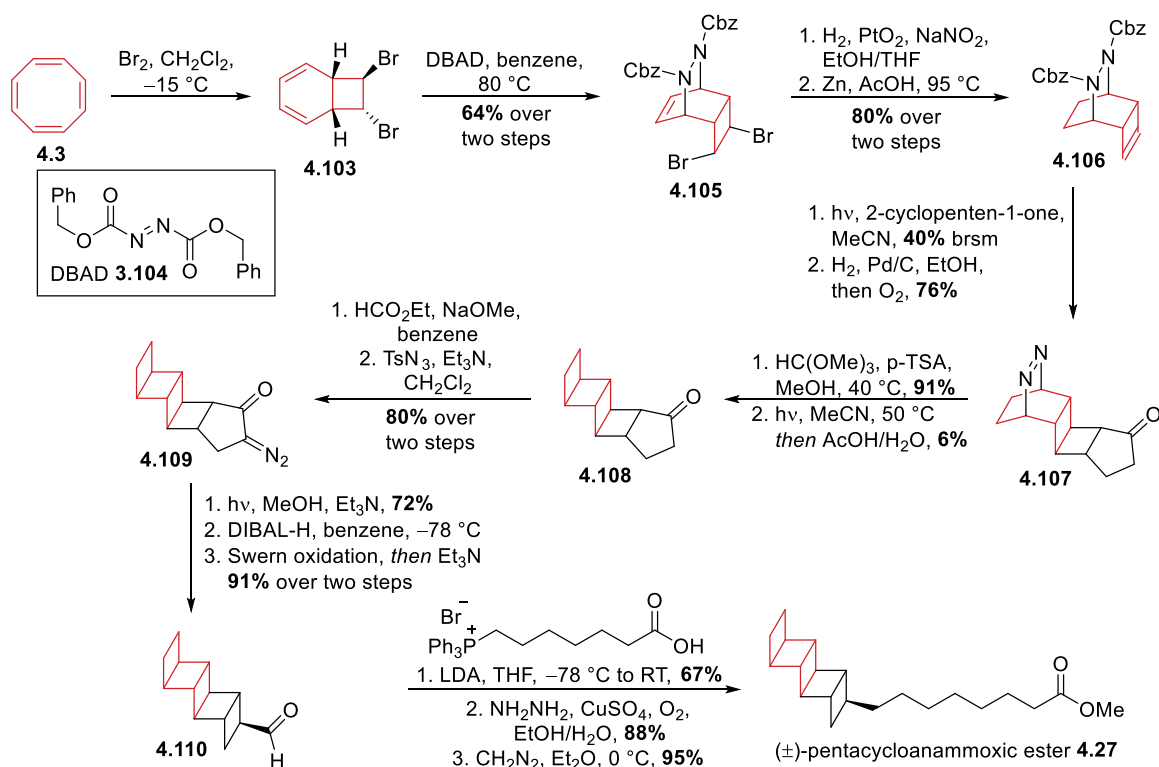
D.A. Evans used COT to synthesise a fragment in his convergent synthesis of roxaticin (Scheme 4.14).^[58] A Hg(II) catalysed *trans*-1,2-acetoxylation of COT **4.3** produced compound **4.95** in 88% yield. Removal of the acetate groups by LiAlH_4 was followed by oxidative ring fragmentation and alkene isomerisation to give unstable di-aldehyde **4.96** in 60%. Ester-aldehyde **4.97** was formed from triethylphosphonoacetate and the aldehyde reduced to an alcohol to give the ester-alcohol **4.98** in 60% over two steps. Nucleophilic substitution of the alcohol with bromide was then proceeded by heating with triethyl phosphite to furnish phosphonate **4.99** in 60% over two steps. Deprotonated **4.99** via LiHMDS was added to aldehyde **4.100** to provide compound **4.101** in 83% yield. Ester hydrolysis followed by macrolactonisation to close the macrocycle and then global deprotection yielded roxaticin **4.102** in 42% over three steps. In the synthesis of **4.99**, conversion of COT **4.3** to a linear polyene required reactions to be carried out in the omission of light to prevent undesirable isomerisations and polymerisations, which represents a limitation. However, the most difficult aspect in this synthesis was likely the installation of alcohol and methyl groups with the desired stereochemistry, whereas COT **4.3** provided easy access to a linear polyene rather than sequential homologation/metathesis steps to build it.



Scheme 4.14: Total synthesis of (±)-roxaticin

4.5.3 Pentacycloanammoxic ester

E.J. Corey published the total synthesis of pentacycloanammoxic ester **4.27**, a ladderane natural product.^[21] The synthesis begins with the bromination of COT to give **4.103** and subsequent Diels–Alder reaction with DBAD **3.104** imparted compound **4.105** in 64% yield over two steps. Selective reduction of the olefin and elimination of the dibromide afforded cyclobutene **4.106** in 80% over two steps. An *exo*-selective [2+2] photocycloaddition with 2-cyclopentenone and then Cbz cleavage under Pd/C conditions furnished azo bridge ketone **4.107** in 40% (brsm) and 76% yield, respectively. Removal of the azo bridge to form [3]-ladderane was affected by initial protection of the ketone (91% yield) and followed by UV irradiation to produce pentacycle **4.108** in a low 6% yield. α -Diazo ketone **4.109** was made from two steps in 80% yield. Photo-Wolff rearrangement formed the butane methyl ester in 72% yield, which was reduced to the alcohol and then oxidised to the aldehyde by Swern oxidation in 91% yield over two steps. Stirring with triethylamine over six days epimerised the aldehyde to the preferred endo diastereomer **4.110** in a ratio of 7:1. Final manipulations of Wittig olefination, alkene reduction and esterification furnished (\pm)-pentacycloanammoxic ester **4.27**.



Scheme 4.15: Total synthesis of pentacycloanammoxic ester

The challenge of synthesising ladderane compounds is the formation of the ladderane moiety. It has already been discussed in Section 4.3.4 that top-down strategies have predominated ladderane natural product synthesis. To further elaborate, Corey has essentially performed a formal electrocyclic ring-closing of COT to create a molecule (cyclopentanone **4.108**) that is similar to synthon **4.111** over 9 steps. While it is a creative strategy, it is plagued by limitations of low yields on the nitrogen extrusion step, and no enantioselectivity. In 2006, Corey reported the improved enantioselective synthesis omitting the use of COT **4.3** (Figure 4.7B).^[59] A [2+2] between cyclobutene **4.112** and cyclopentenone **4.113** delivered **4.114** in 78% yield. A further seven steps provided compound **4.115** which slightly differs from **4.111** by one unsaturation. COT **5.3** was possibly used because it already contains the right number of carbons for a [3]-ladderane, however its required manipulations were clearly limiting in terms of yield. This bottom-up approach was more advantageous for fruitful [3]-ladderane assembly and subsequent enantioselective imparting transformations leading to the asymmetric synthesis of (+)-pentacycloanammoxic ester **4.27**.

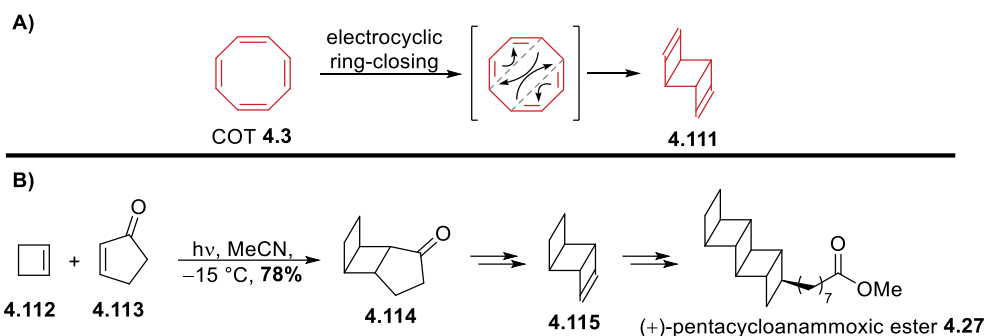
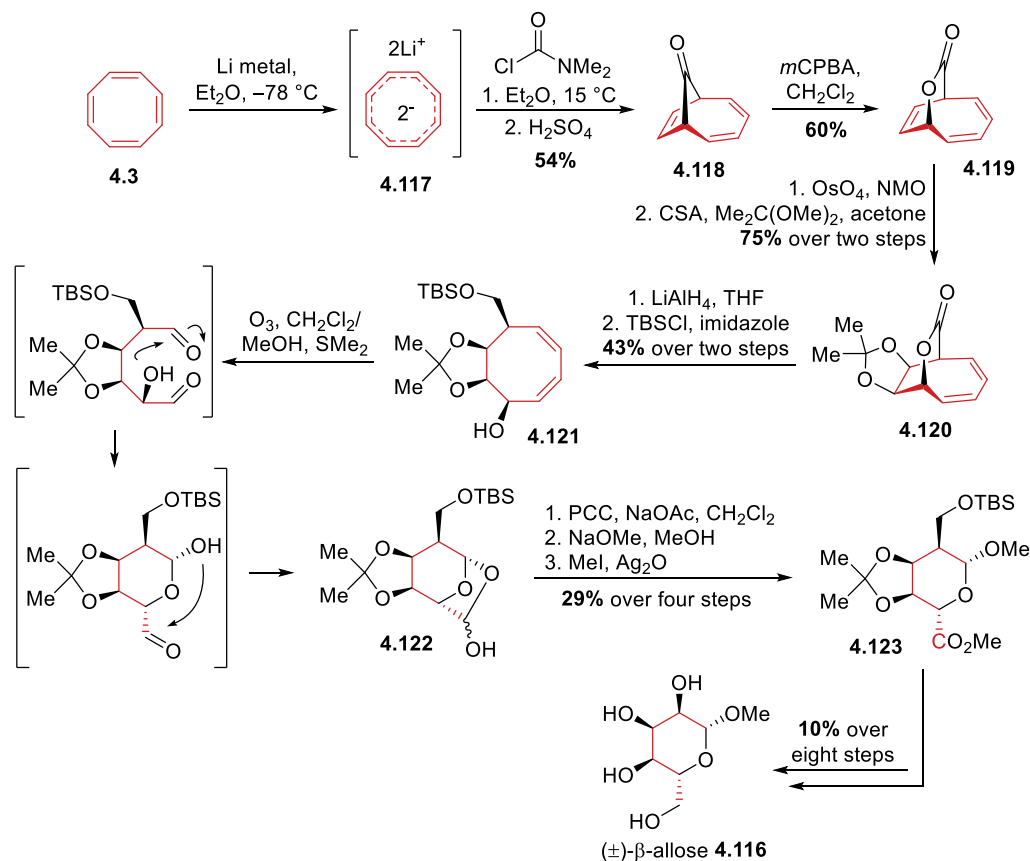


Figure 4.7: A) Electrocyclisation of COT to [3]-ladderene 4.111 B) Summary of enantioselective total synthesis of (+)-pentacycloanammoxic ester

4.5.4 β -Allose

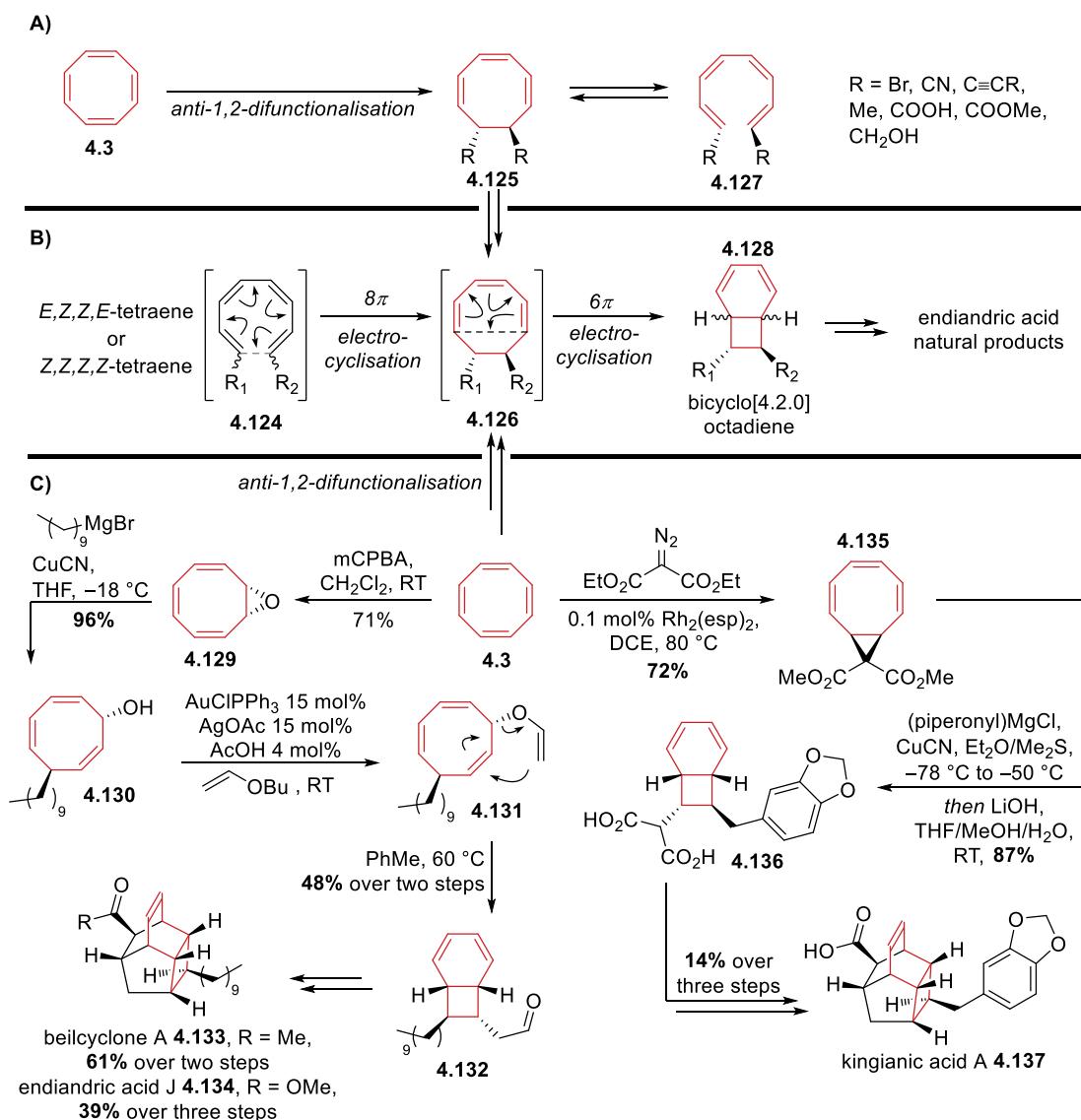
Mehta made β -allose **4.116** in a lengthy sequence starting from COT **4.3**.^[60] The synthesis starts from the formation of the lithium cyclooctatetraenide dianion **4.117** which was then treated with dimethyl carbamoyl chloride to deliver bicyclo[4.2.1]nona-2,4,7-trien-9-one **4.118**. Baeyer–Villiger oxidation formed bicyclic lactone **4.119** in 60% yield. Regio- and stereo-controlled dihydroxylation proceeded through catalytic osmium tetroxide followed by acetonide protection of the diols to give **4.120** in 75% over two steps. Ring opening of the lactone with LiAlH_4 and then TBS protection of the alcohol occurred in 43% yield over two steps to provide **4.121**. Ozonolysis and then rearrangement gave compound **4.122**. Oxidation of the lactol to lactone was then followed by lactone ring opening with methoxide and methylation of the alcohol with methyl iodide (**4.123** in 29% over four steps). A further eight steps furnished β -allose **4.116** in 10% yield. The purpose of the initial seven steps is to install four stereocentres on the left-side of COT **4.3** (end result is **4.121**). Ozonolysis removes the two carbons on the right-side of **4.121** and ensuing rearrangement of the molecule sets all desired stereocentres for the final product. Despite this captivating key step, the challenges of synthesising an allose sugar does not warrant such lengthy complex transformations. The unique structural and chemical characteristics of COT is not utilised to its extent here with other alternatives being more practical.



Scheme 4.16: Mehta's 2004 total synthesis of β -Allose

4.5.5 Endiandric acid derived natural products

Black postulated the biosynthesis of endiandric acid derivatives to arise from the 8π electrocycloisomerization/ 6π electrocycloisomerization/IMDA cascade starting from a linear tetraene molecule **4.124** (Scheme 4.17B).^[61–64] This was later verified by Nicolaou in his hallmark four paper series on the total syntheses of endiandric acid natural products.^[65–68] Nicolaou was also the first to notice that cyclooctatetraene **4.3** can undergo reactions with a variety of electrophiles such as bromine to furnish 1,2-disubstituted cyclooctatrienes **4.125**, which maps onto intermediate **4.126** in the biosynthesis (Scheme 4.17A).^[69] This approach was marred with issues arising from competing ring-opening electrocycloisomerizations (equilibrium with **4.127**, depending on the R group) and lengthy transformations required for synthetic utility and was ultimately abandoned for another strategy. Fallon devised formal *anti*-1,2-difunctionalisation methodologies of cyclooctatriene **4.3** that accessed these bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene **4.128** related natural products (Scheme 4.17C). His 2020 paper began with the epoxidation of COT (forming **4.129**), followed by an *anti*- $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2'$ ring opening using dodecyl cuprate that gave alcohol **4.130** in 96% yield.^[70] A sequence of gold-catalysed vinyl transfer (forming **4.131**), Claisen rearrangement and 6π electrocycloisomerization presented BOD **4.132** in 48% over two steps. Simple olefination manipulations over two steps gave beilcyclone A **4.133** in 61%. Alternative olefinic conditions over three steps gave endiandric acid J **4.134** in 39%. His 2022 paper began with the rhodium-catalysed cyclopropanation of cyclooctatetraene in 72% yield (forming **4.135**), followed by nucleophilic ring-opening using piperonyl cuprate and then hydrolysis to the diacid **4.136** in 87% yield.^[71] Decarboxylation and olefination transformations furnished kingianic acid A **4.137** in 14% yield over three steps. To date, these syntheses are the most concise in accessing the BOD structure **4.128**. COT **4.3** presents itself as the best starting material for the synthesis of these class of natural products because it directly intersects an already rapid structure generating biosynthesis. However, the cuprate chemistry developed in these methodologies are substrate specific and the synthesis of its reagents are non-trivial, limiting its use for the synthesis of other endiandric acid derivatives.



Scheme 4.17: A) Nicolaou's cyclooctatetraene approach B) Black's proposed biosynthesis of endiandric acid derivatives C) Fallon's syntheses of beilcyclone A, endiandric acid J and kingianic acid A from cyclooctatetraene

4.6 Conclusion

Annulenes have been thoroughly studied by researchers for their unique structural and chemical characteristics. They often constitute the core skeleton of several compounds and have been used pre-functionalised to have further synthetic utility, however is not a necessity. The total synthesis examples containing cyclobutadiene possess some functionality for stability, however its bare form also has potential. The use of benzene appears to mainly occur via dearomative methods involving oxygenations and cycloadditions and remains to be a key feedstock in many synthetic pursuits. Cyclooctatriene has been shown to be the most versatile among the three annulene classes in this chapter. It can undergo addition, cycloaddition, oxidation and cleavage reactions to deliver a plethora of natural products. Hopefully, this chapter has displayed simple unfunctionalised annulenes to be viable building blocks and to inspire future complex synthetic endeavours that apply them.

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Chapter 5

Total synthesis of Endiandria/Beilschmiedia derived bridged tetracyclic natural products via the lithium enolate of cyclooctatrienone

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5.1 Introduction to the endiandria/beilschmiedia family of natural products

5.1.1 Isolation

Endiandria and *Beilschmiedia* are both genus of plants in the laurel family, Lauraceae. They are abundant sources of secondary metabolites that have been the focus of rigorous research in the organic chemistry community and are the only known source of endiandric acid derivatives.^[1-11] Molecules within the endiandric acid family of natural products share a bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene **5.1** structural moiety, where they can be assigned into one of three main groups: 13-carbon fused tetracycle **5.2**, 11-carbon bridged tetracycle **5.3** and 16-carbon pentacycle **5.4** (Figure 5.1).

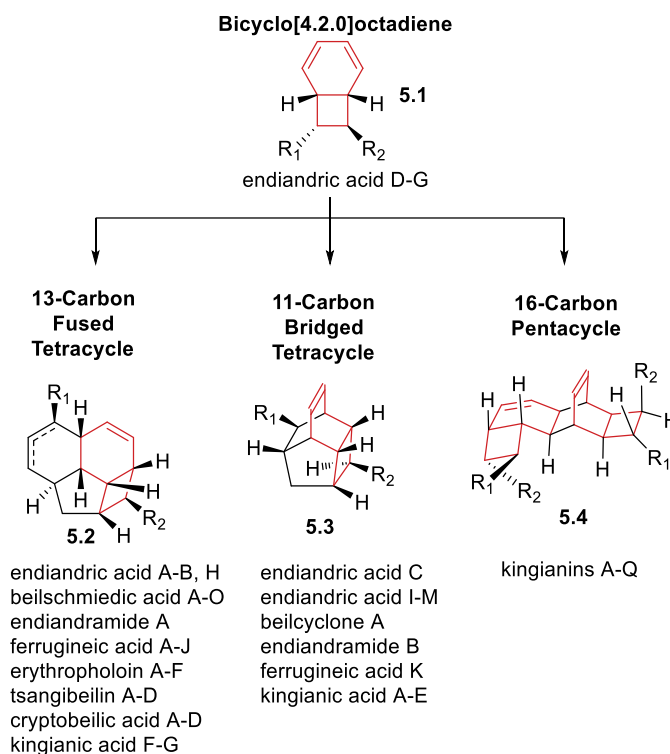
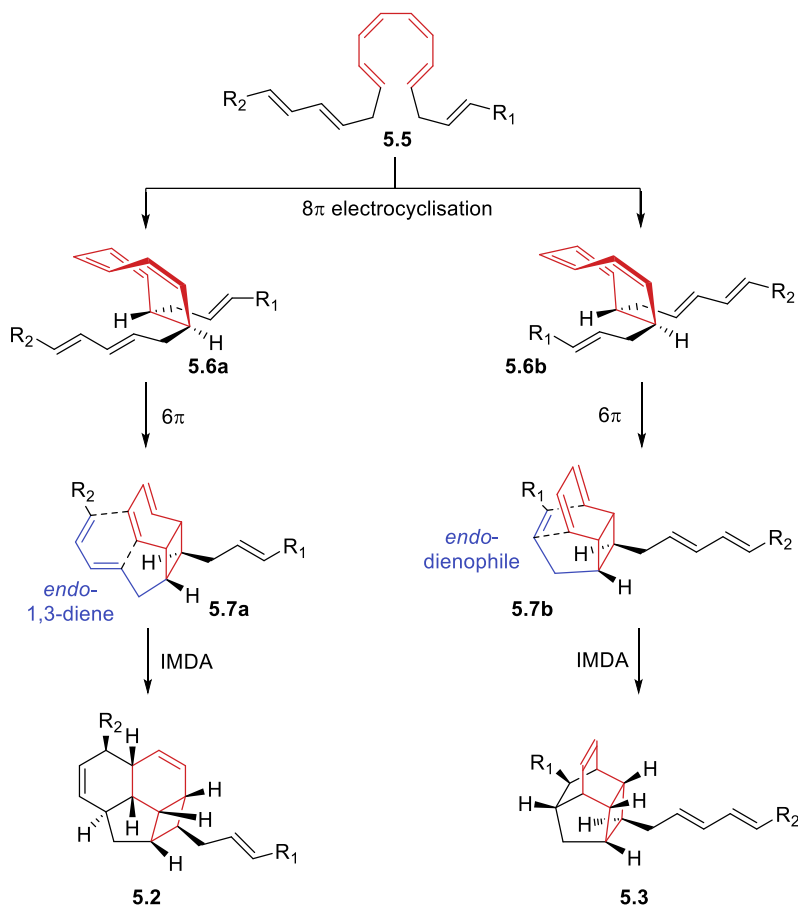


Figure 5.1: The entire isolated family of endiandric acid derivatives

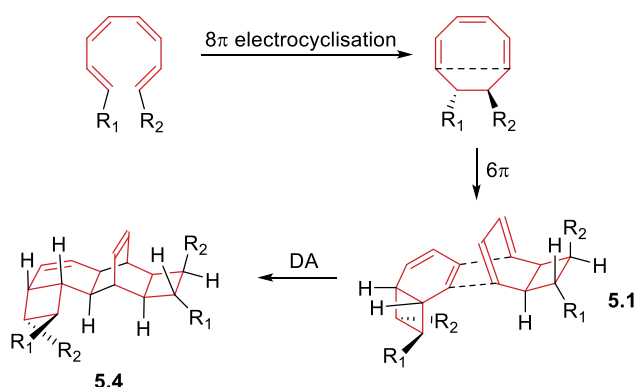
5.1.2 Biosynthesis

In his early isolation work, Black postulated the biosynthesis of this family of natural products.^[11-15] They proposed polyketides, which are also involved in the biosynthesis of 2-pyrone and flavonoid derivatives in the Lauraceae family, convert to E,Z,Z,E polyenes **5.5**. These polyenes contain a central tetraene moiety that undergo facile 8π electrocyclicisation to form a cyclooctatriene ring **5.6**, which in turn undergoes a 6π electrocyclicisation to yield a bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene (BOD) structure **5.7**. Whether a 1,3-diene **5.7a** or alkene **5.7b** is *endo* with respect to the BOD, will influence the mode of the intramolecular Diels–Alder (IMDA) reaction and therefore the corresponding products (**5.2** and **5.3**, respectively). The products are isolated as racemates suggesting origins from achiral substrates and non-enzyme mediated pathways.



Scheme 5.1: Black's postulated biosynthesis of fused and bridged tetracyclic endiandric acids

The kingianins were first reported in 2011 by Litaudon, revealing a third possibility where an intermolecular Diels–Alder between two BOD molecules **5.1** forms a pentacyclic compound **5.4**, which constitutes the kingianin sub-family (Scheme 5.2).^[16]



Scheme 5.2: Postulated biosynthesis of pentacyclic endiandric acids

5.1.3 Bioactivity

Extending beyond the structural and biosynthetic interest of this family, their biological activity has been studied for therapeutic potential. Select endiandric acid related natural products with notable bioactivity are outlined below.

5.1.3.1 Anti-cancer

A variety of endiandric acid derivatives were screened against anti-apoptotic proteins (Bcl-xL and Mcl-1), which are involved in cancer cell survival.^[17–20] Ferrugineic acid B **5.8** exhibited the best binding affinity for Mcl-1 (85% inhibition at 100 μ M), with ferrugineic C **5.9** having

the highest for Bcl-xL (93% inhibition at 100 μM).^[7,10] The 13-carbon fused tetracyclic endiandric natural products had generally good binding affinity for Mcl-1. Kingianins G-L (5.10-5.15) were good inhibiting Bcl-xL, with kingianin G 5.10 with the best (K_i value of $2 \pm 0 \mu\text{M}$).^[16] Pure enantiomers of the kingianins were separated by chiral prep HPLC. (-)-enantiomers were found to exhibit significantly higher binding affinities than their corresponding (+)-enantiomers, highlighted by (-)-kingianin K 5.15 (K_i value of $6.0 \pm 0.2 \mu\text{M}$) and (+)-kingianin K 5.15 (K_i value of $122 \pm 45 \mu\text{M}$).

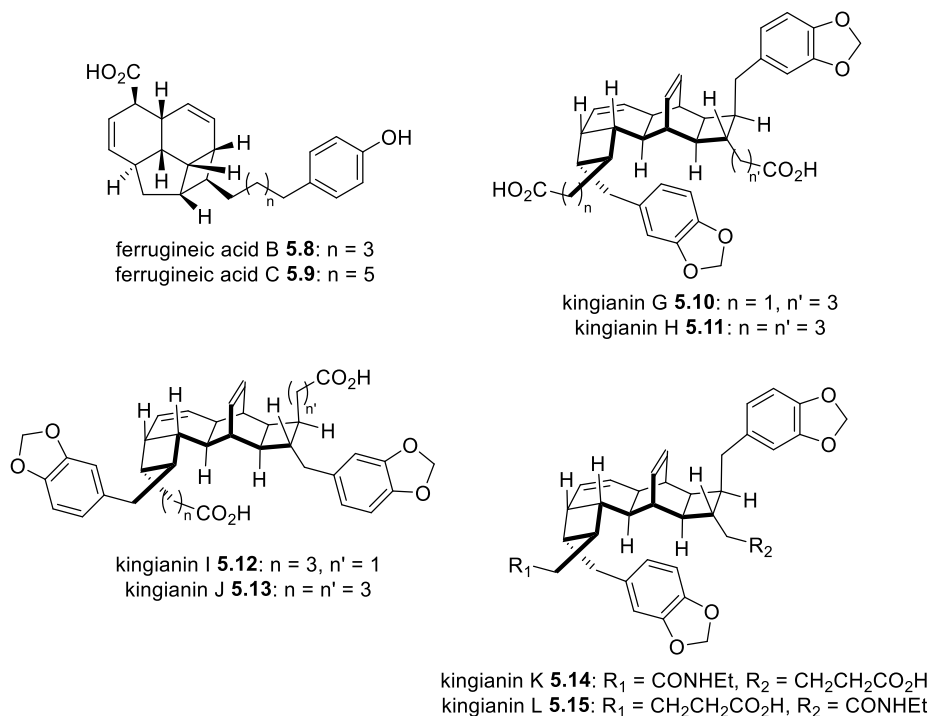


Figure 5.2: Structures of endiandric acid derivatives with anti-cancer properties

5.1.3.2 Cytotoxic

In regards to cytotoxic capabilities, beilschmiedic acids A, K, L, M, N (5.16-5.20) exhibited moderate activity against NCI-H460 human lung cancer cells (LC_{50} values of 5.5, 5.9, 4.4, 8.7, 6.1 μM , respectively).^[8] Kingianic acid A 5.21 had poor IC_{50} against HT-29 (colorectal adenocarcinoma cell lines) and A549 (lung adenocarcinoma epithelial cell lines) of $(35.0 \pm 0.2 \mu\text{M})$ and $(85.4 \pm 0.2 \mu\text{M})$, respectively).^[10] Kingianic acid E 5.22 possessed moderate IC_{50} against A549 and HT-29 ($15.36 \pm 0.19 \mu\text{M}$ and $17.10 \pm 0.11 \mu\text{M}$, respectively).

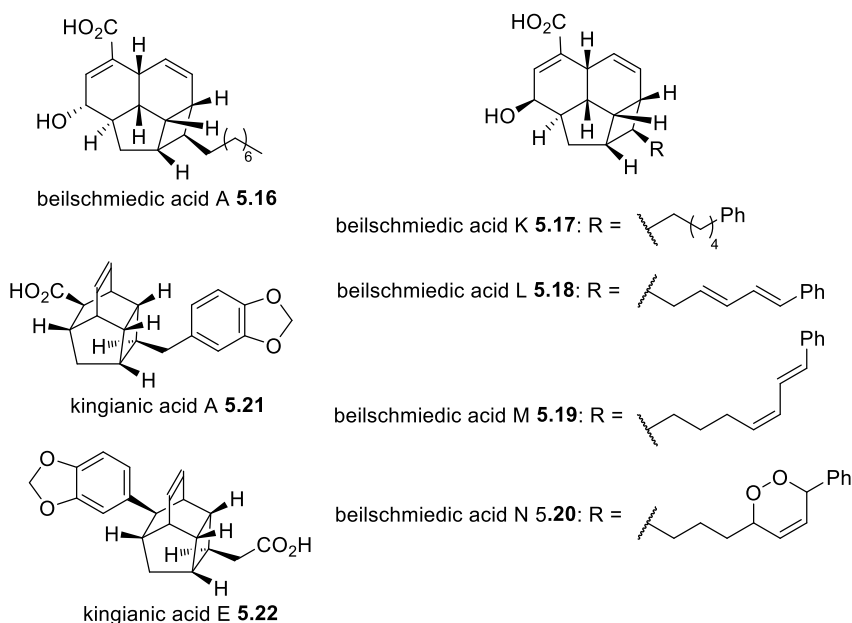


Figure 5.3: Structures of endiandric acid derivatives with cytotoxic properties

5.1.3.3 Anti-malarial

For anti-malaria, cryptobeilic acids A-D (**5.23-5.26**) and tsangibeilin B **5.27** have been reported to exhibit anti-plasmodial activity *in vitro* against *P. falciparum* NF54 (IC₅₀ values of 17.7, 5.35, 14.0, 10.8 and 8.2 μM, respectively).^[9]

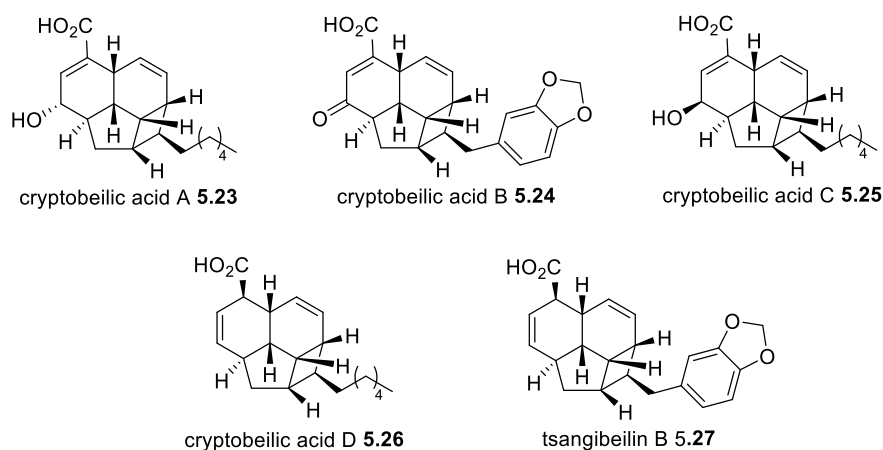


Figure 5.4: Structures of endiandric acid derivatives with anti-malarial properties

5.1.3.4 Anti-asthma and anti-inflammatory

Tested for anti-asthmatic/anti-inflammatory properties, endiandramide A **5.28** and B **5.29** possesses potent iNOS inhibitory activities (IC₅₀ values of 9.59 and 16.40 μM, respectively).^[5,6] Tsangibeilins A **5.30**, B **5.27**, D **5.31** and endiandric acids K **5.32**, L **5.33**, M **5.34** have moderate anti-inflammatory activity (IC₅₀ values 30–96 μM). Endiandric acid H **5.35** and its synthetic derivatives have already been used in the production of medicament for the treatment of allergic, asthmatic disorders, or diseases that can be treated by inhibiting c-maf and NFAT.^[21,22]

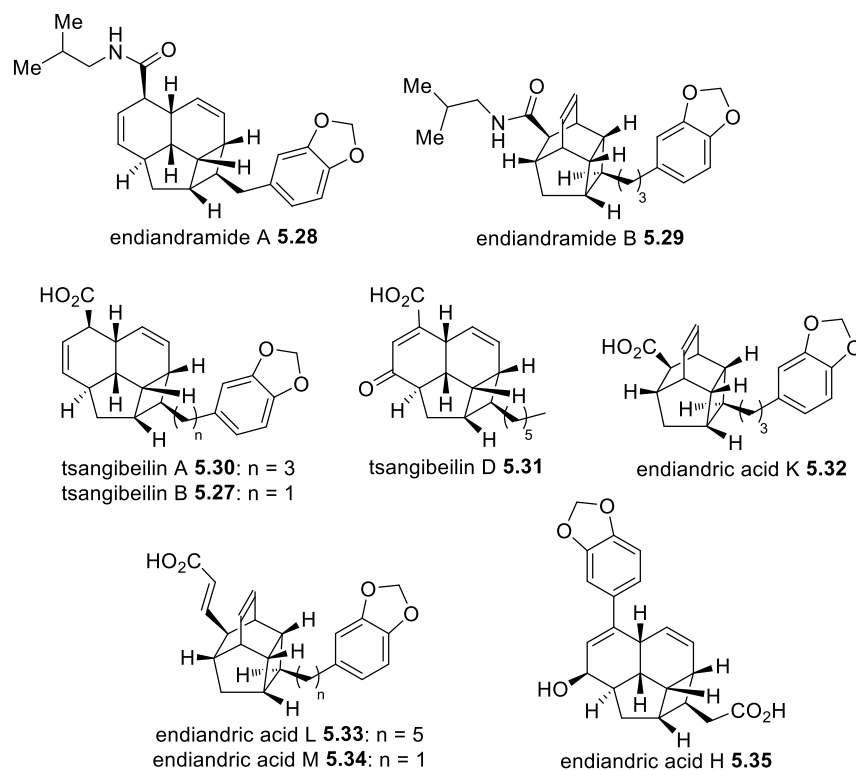
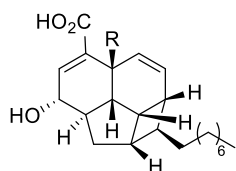


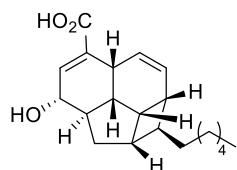
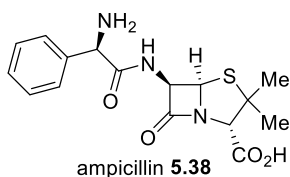
Figure 5.5: Structures of endiandric acid derivatives with anti-asthma and anti-inflammatory properties

5.1.3.5 Anti-microbial

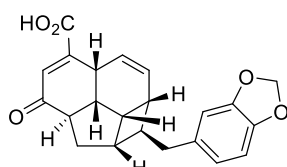
Looking at anti-microbial activity, beilschmiedic acids A-C (**5.16**, **5.36-5.37**) were tested against *Bacillus subtilis*, *Micrococcus luteus* and *Streptococcus faecalis*.^[2] Beilschmiedic acid C **5.37** was found to be the best against the three strains (minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) of 5.6, 0.7 and 22.7 μM , respectively). Beilschmiedic acid B **5.36** (MIC = 11.3 μM) and C **5.37** (MIC = 5.6 μM) were found to be more active than ampicillin **5.38** (MIC = 89.5 μM) against *B. subtilis*. Beilschmiedic acid C **5.37** was more effective than ampicillin **5.38** (MIC = 5.58 μM) against *M. luteus*. Beilschmiedic acids C **5.37** and I–O (**5.39-5.40**, **5.17-5.20**, **5.41**), exhibited potent anti-bacterial activity against methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MIC between 10-13 $\mu\text{g/mL}$).^[8] Cryptobeilic acids A **5.23** and B **5.24** demonstrated anti-bacterial activity against *Escherichia coli* 6r3 (MIC of 10 and 20 $\mu\text{g/mL}$, respectively), which was moderate compared to ampicillin **5.38** (MIC = 5 $\mu\text{g/mL}$).^[9] Erythrophloin C **5.42** displayed anti-tubercular activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (MIC = 50 $\mu\text{g/mL}$).^[23]



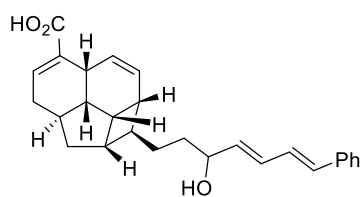
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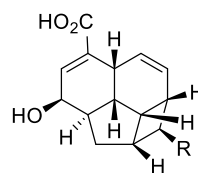
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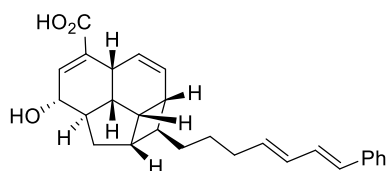
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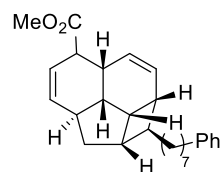
beilschmiedic acid M **5.19**: R =

beilschmiedic acid N **5.20**: R =

beilschmiedic acid O **5.41**: R =



beilschmiedic acid I **5.39**



erythrophloin C **5.42**

Figure 5.6: Structures of endiandric acid derivatives with anti-microbial properties

5.1.3.6 Anti-hyperglycaemic

For anti-hyperglycaemic capabilities, kingianin L **5.15** proved a more potent α -amylase inhibition activity ($IC_{50} = 0.0008903 \pm 0.5$ mg/mL), compared to acarbose **5.43** ($IC_{50} = 0.03 \pm 0.01$ mg/mL). kingianin M **5.44** shown better inhibition against α -glucosidase ($IC_{50} = 0.11 \pm 0.08$ mg/mL), compared to acarbose **5.43** ($IC_{50} = 1.81 \pm 0.1$ mg/mL).^[24]

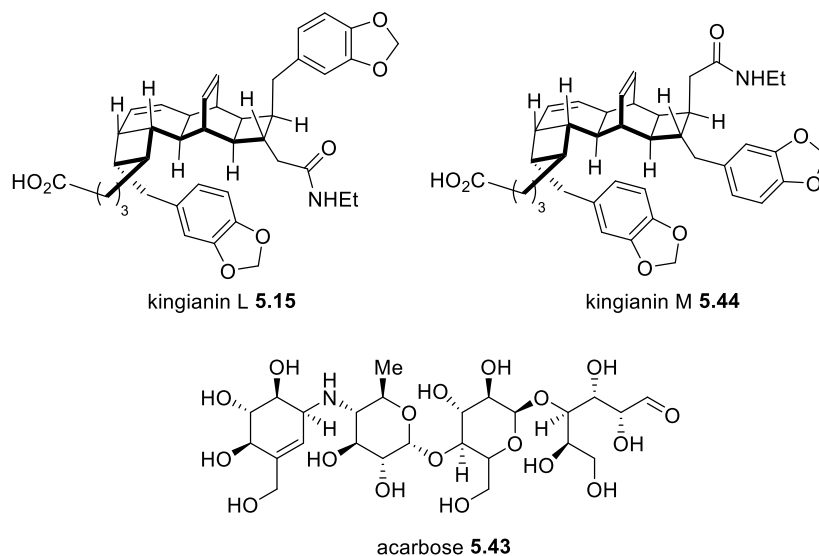


Figure 5.7: Structures of endiandric acid derivatives with anti-hyperglycaemic properties

It must be highlighted that the above biological testings have only been conducted on isolates, with no testing on synthetic material or analogues and represents a gap in knowledge that can be targeted.

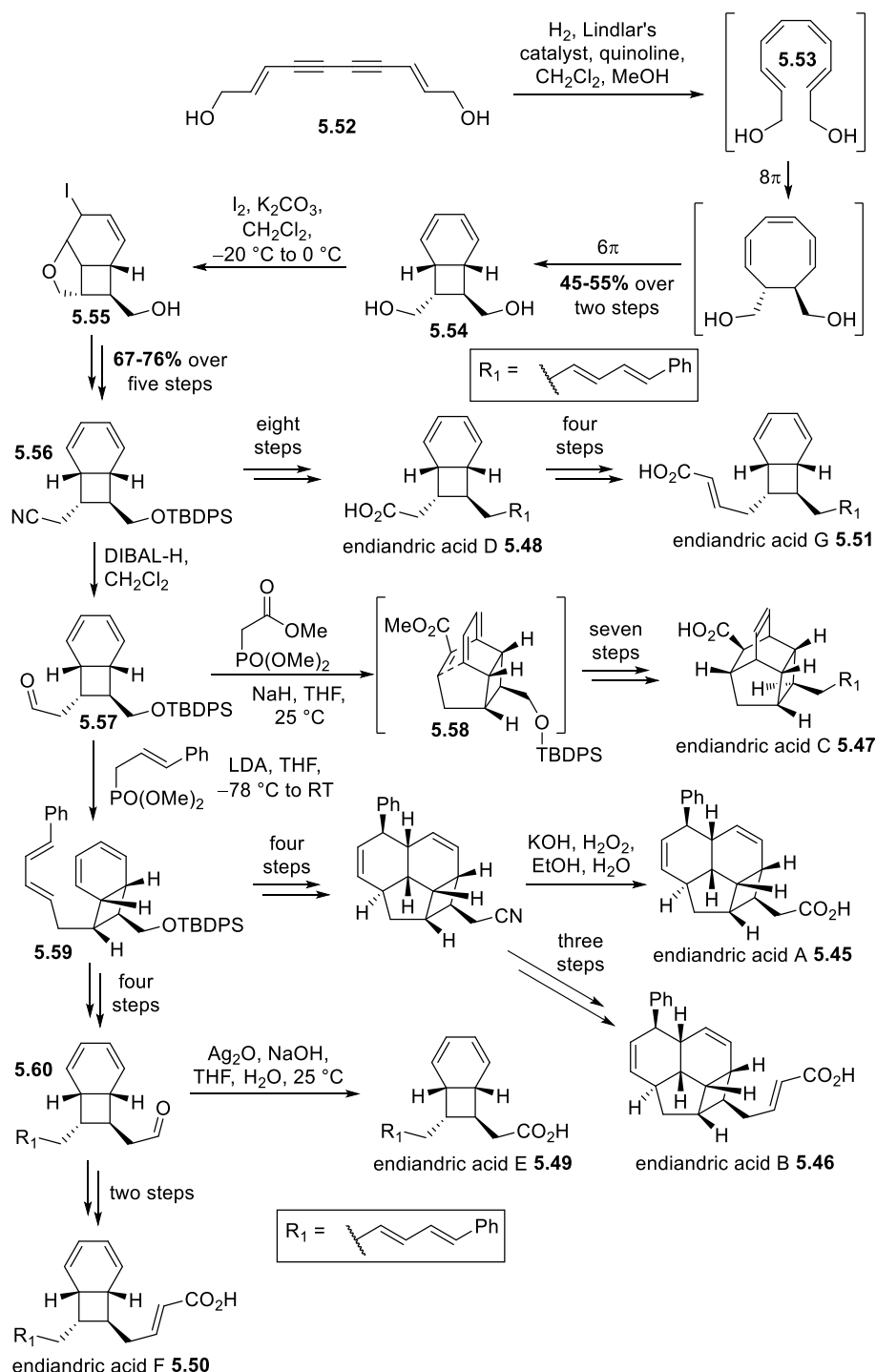
5.2 Summary of all previous total syntheses

The combination of a scholarly interest in the biosynthesis of endiandric acid derivatives and their potential pharmaceutical value led to them becoming a target for total synthesis. All reported syntheses of this family of natural products are summarised within this section.

5.2.1 Nicolaou – endiandric acids A-G

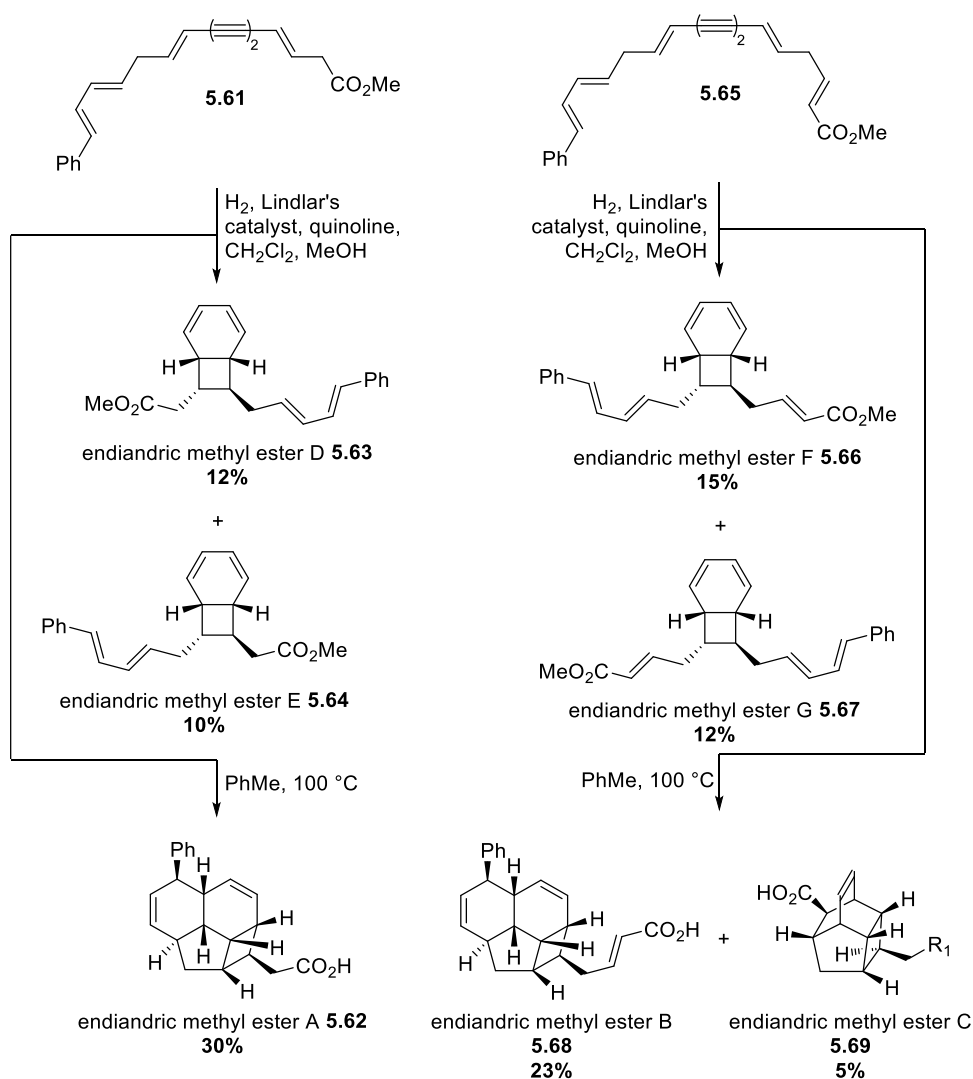
K.C Nicolaou was the first to report total syntheses of members of this family of natural products. A series of four papers in 1982 detailed two approaches to accessing endiandric acids A-G (5.45-5.51).^[25-28] The first two papers report an abiotic approach of selectively accessing individual products and the last two articles follow a biomimetic strategy, taking direct inspiration from Black's proposed biosynthesis, and consequently validating the hypothesis.

The abiotic synthesis began by subjecting decadiene-diyne-diol 5.52 (one step from 2-penten-4-yn-1-ol) to semi-hydrogenation conditions yielding an E,Z,Z,E tetraene diol 5.53 which collapsed into the BOD diol 5.54 through the $8\pi/6\pi$ cascade in 45-55% yield over two steps. Trapping the endo alcohol through an iodoetherification furnished alcohol 5.55. Further manipulations of unmasking the alcohol 5.55 and its conversion to the nitrile 5.56 was to construct a molecule with two different functional handles for derivatisation, ultimately serving as the central intermediate. Endiandric acid D 5.48 was synthesised in eight steps from BOD 5.56, with a further four steps to convert it into endiandric acid G 5.51. DIBAL-H reduction of BOD 5.56 furnished aldehyde 5.57, where choice of Horner–Wadsworth–Emmons (HWE) reagent leads to divergent pathways of either accessing the bridged or fused tetracycles. Installation of a methacrylate moiety through the HWE reaction was followed by the IMDA reaction (see intermediate 5.58) to lock it into the bridged tetracycle. A further seven steps yielded endiandric acid C 5.47. Alternatively, installation of the phenyl diene motif gave compound 5.59 which was further functionalised to fused tetracycles endiandric acid A 5.45 and endiandric acid B 5.46 in five and seven steps, respectively. Compound 5.59 was converted to aldehyde 5.60 (over four steps) providing access to endiandric acids E 5.49 and F 5.50.



Scheme 5.3: Nicolaou's abiotic total synthesis of endiandric acids A-G

Polyenyne **5.61** (accessed in 13 steps) was semi-hydrogenated under the same earlier conditions, followed by heating in toluene at $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to yield endiandric methyl ester **A 5.62** in 30% yield. No observation of endiandric methyl ester **D 5.63** and **E 5.64** was made, however examination of the hydrogenation mixture revealed their presence and were subsequently isolated in 12% and 10%, respectively. No observation of the proposed cyclooctatrienes and conjugated tetraene gave early insight into the kinetics and thermodynamics of this cascade. Polyenyne **5.65** (accessed in 14 steps) was exposed to semi-hydrogenation giving isolated yields of 15% and 12% for endiandric methyl ester **F 5.66** and **G 5.67**, respectively. Semi-hydrogenation followed by consequential thermal conditions yielded a mixture of endiandric methyl ester **B 5.68** and **C 5.69** in 23% and 5% yield, respectively. This result highlighted the preference for the formation of the fused tetracycle **5.68** over the bridged **5.69** (ratio of 4.5:1, respectively) in instances where both modes of the IMDA reactions are possible.

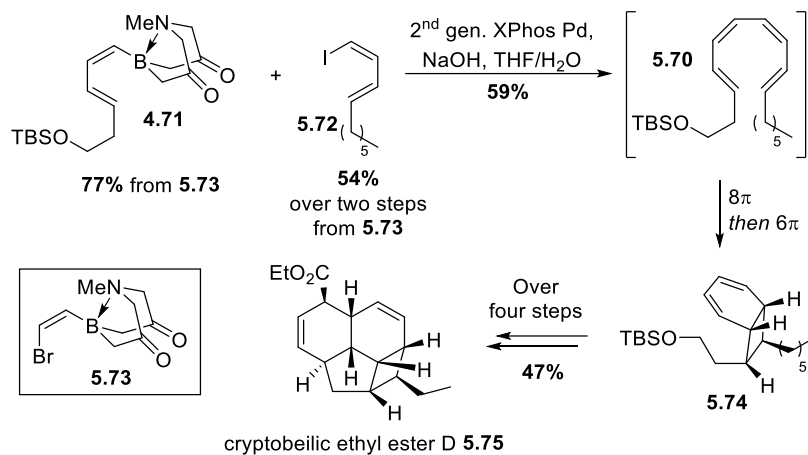


Scheme 5.4: Nicolaou's biomimetic total synthesis of endiandric esters A-G

Nicolaou's work represents a landmark in the application of pericyclic cascades in biomimetic total synthesis, however it has some shortcomings. The high step count and capricious semi-hydrogenation that only provided respectable and reproducible yields of 45-55% with an inaccessible "super" Lindlar catalyst (gifted by John Partridge at Roche inc.) have been major limitations of further utilisation of Nicolaou's methodology.^[29]

5.2.2 Vosburg – cryptobeilic ethyl ester D

Vosburg in 2016 constructed E,Z,Z,E tetraene **5.70** from the Suzuki coupling of fragments **5.71** and **5.72** (both accessed from compound **5.73**) which succumbed to the cascade to form BOD **5.74** in 59% yield.^[30] A further four steps to install the ethyl ester diene and perform the IMDA furnished cryptobeilic ethyl ester D **5.75** in 47% over four steps. An ester hydrolysis would afford the actual natural product: cryptobeilic acid D **5.26**.

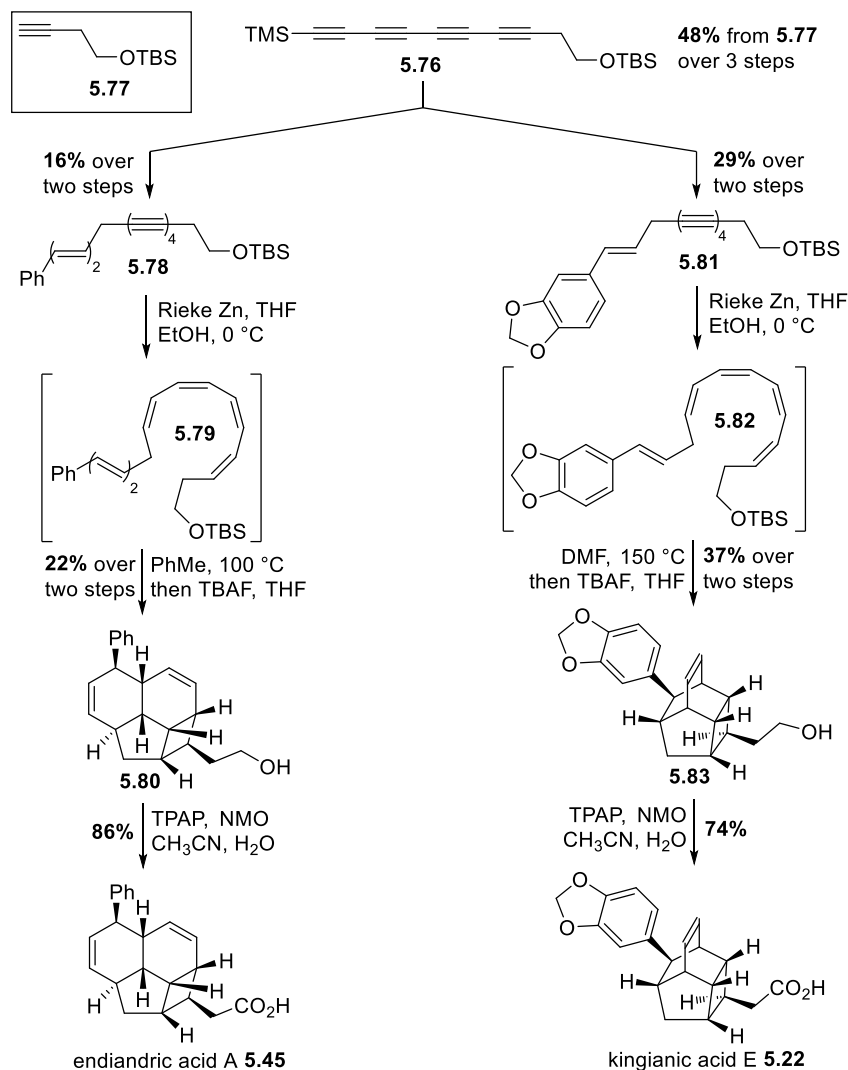


Scheme 5.5: Vosburg's total synthesis of cryptobeilic ethyl ester D

This strategy of cross-coupling two diene fragments (**5.71** and **5.72** in this case) has been commonly used in the synthesis of several BOD containing compounds.^[31–34] The main drawbacks of this approach is the high step count of making the fragments and their substrate specific nature.

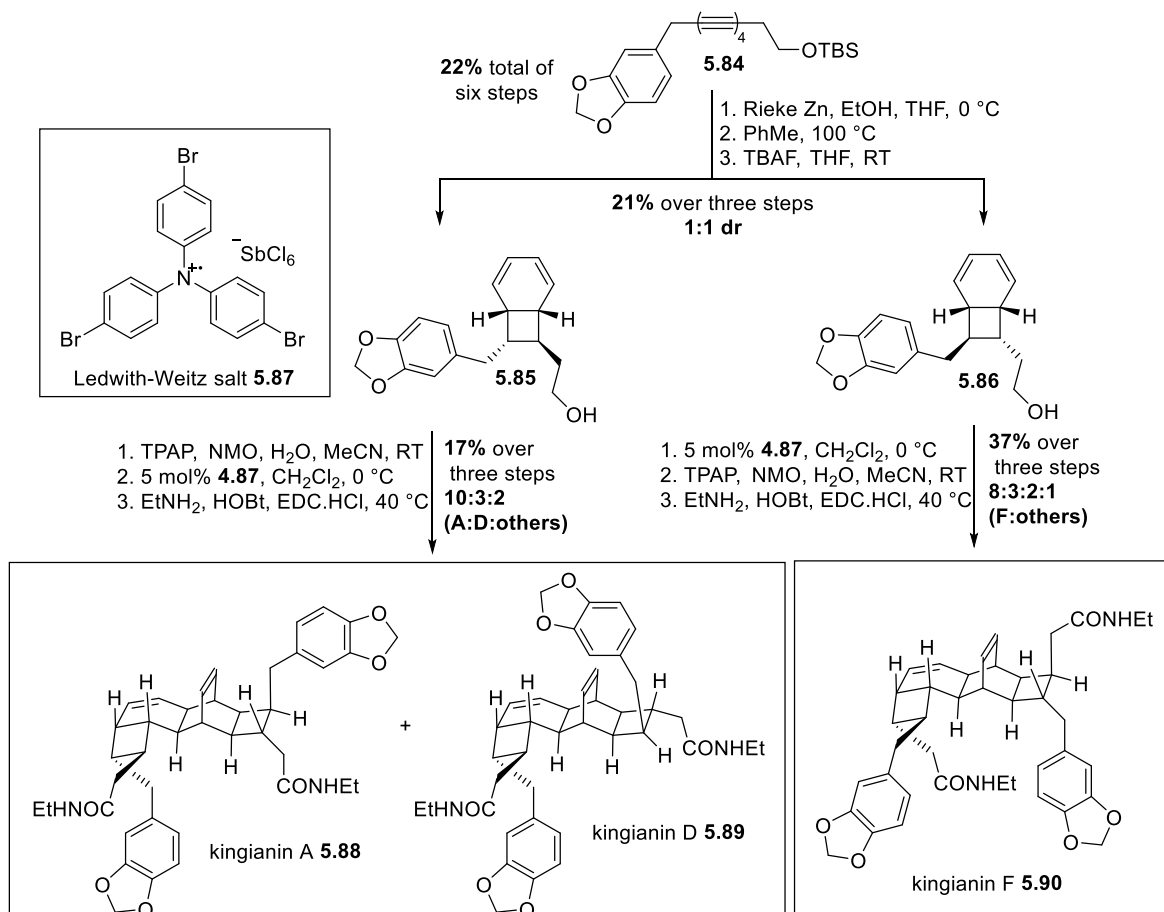
5.2.3 Sherburn and Lawrence – endiandric acid A, kingianic acid F, kingianin A, D and F

Sherburn and Lawrence's approach can be considered complementary to Nicolaou's biomimetic synthesis, focusing on the viability of a *Z,Z,Z,Z*-tetraene undergoing the biosynthetic cascade (instead of a *E,Z,Z,E* tetraene).^[35] Tetryne molecule **5.76** (accessed from **5.77** in 48% over three steps) was converted to phenyl pentadiene tetryne **5.78** in 16% over two steps. Rieke zinc semi-hydrogenation afforded *Z,Z,Z,Z* tetraene **5.79** where subjection to thermal and deprotection conditions yielded fused tetracycle **5.80** in 22% over two steps. Conversion of the primary alcohol to the carboxylic acid via Ley oxidation gave endiandric acid A **5.45** in 86% yield. Under a similar protocol, an isosafrole fragment was coupled, forming compound **5.81**, followed by semi-hydrogenation to intermediate **5.82**. An $8\pi/6\pi$ /IMDA cascade, deprotection (to **5.83**) and oxidation presented kingianic acid E **5.22**.



Scheme 5.6: Sherburn and Lawrence's total synthesis of endiandric acid A and kingianic acid E

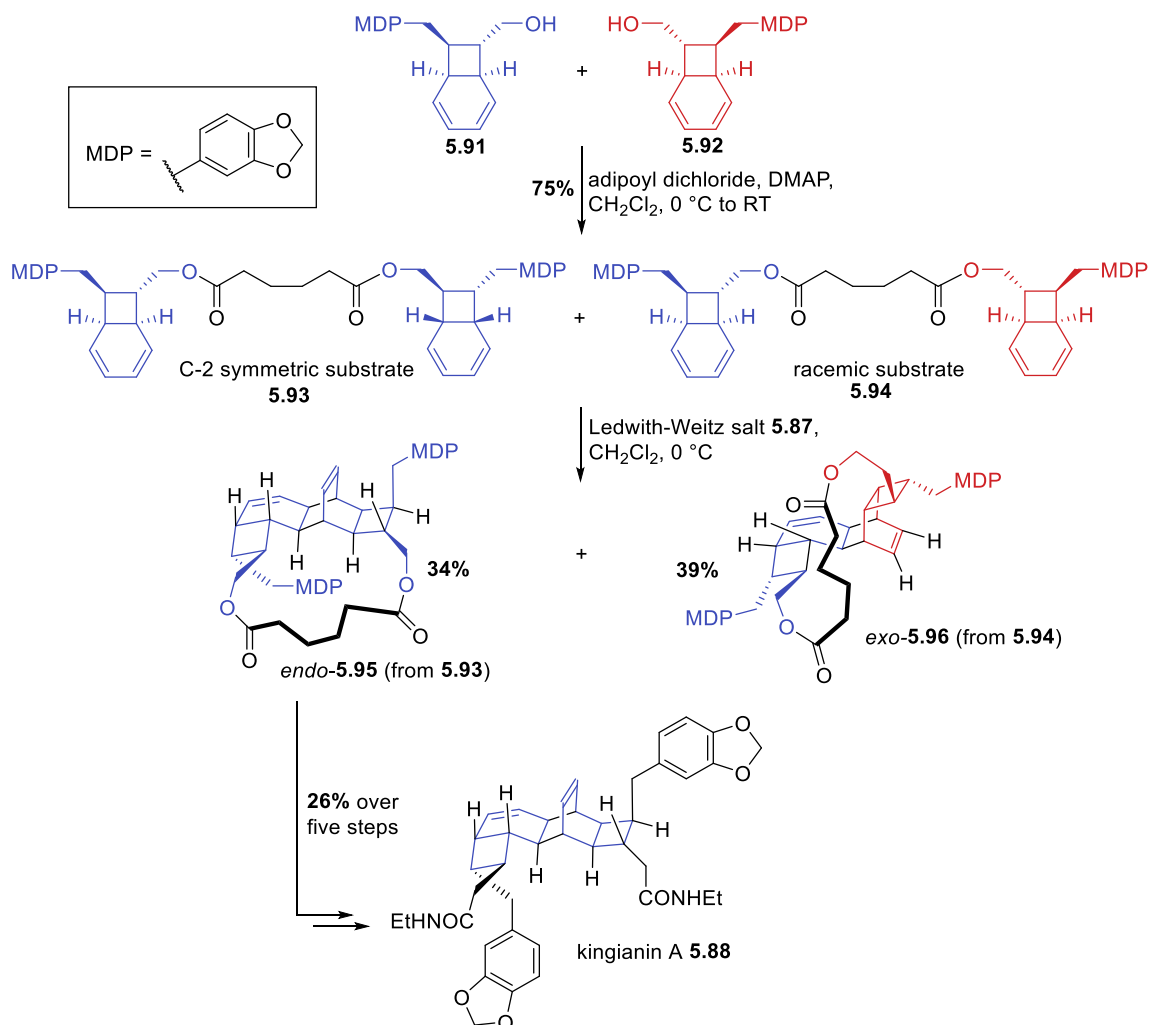
Their kingianin synthesis began with the semi-hydrogenation of tetraene **5.84** (made in 22% yield over six steps), followed by an $8\pi/6\pi$ /IMDA cascade and deprotection to deliver a 1:1 separable mixture of BOD diastereomers **5.85** and **5.86** (Scheme 5.7). BOD diastereomer **5.85** was oxidised to the carboxylic acid and then underwent a radical cation intermolecular DA with Ledwith–Weitz salt **5.87** to afford the pentacyclic framework. Amide coupling gave kingianin A **5.88** and D **5.89** in a 10:3 mixture (17% yield over three steps). BOD diastereomer **5.86** was first subjected to Ledwith–Weitz salt **5.87** followed by oxidation and amide coupling to give kingianin F **5.90** in an 8:6 mixture with other products (37% over three steps).



Scheme 5.7: Sherburn and Lawrence's total synthesis of kingianin A, D and F

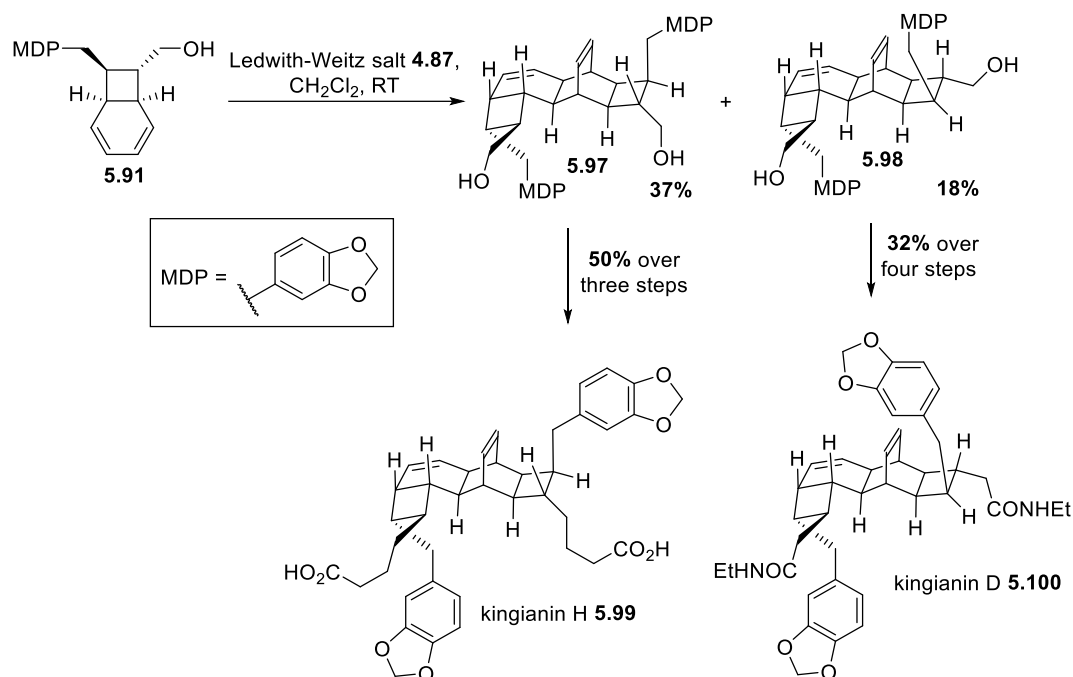
5.2.4 Parker – kingianin A, D, F, H, J

In Parker's first synthesis of kingianin A, a mixture of BOD alcohols **5.91** and **5.92** were linked using adipoyl dichloride to give a mixture of C-2 symmetric dimer **5.93** and racemic substrate **5.94** (Scheme 5.8).^[36] A radical cation DA (RCDA) reaction synthesised the desired product **5.95** in 34% yield and other product **5.96** in 39% yield. Pentacycle **5.95** was converted to kingianin A **5.88** in 26% over five steps. The reasoning behind this strategy was to selectively form pentacycle **5.95**. It was hypothesised that racemic substrate **5.94** wouldn't undergo the RCDA to form the *endo*-cycloadduct, however to their surprise, the *exo*-cycloadduct **5.96** was formed as the major.



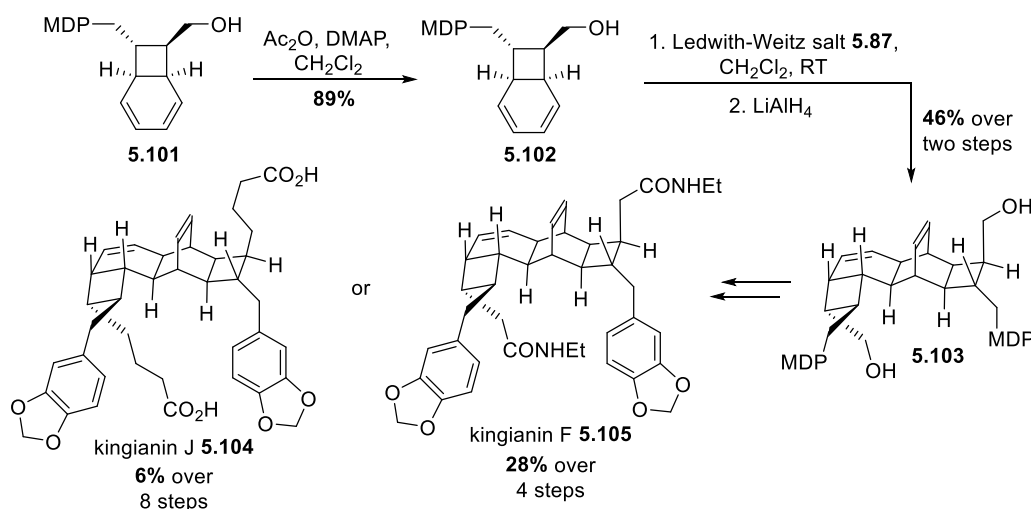
Scheme 5.8: Parker's 2013 total synthesis of kingianin A

Therefore, Parker subsequently chose to forgo the tether strategy when pursuing more kingianin natural products.^[37] The alcohol BOD **5.91** underwent a RCDA, affording a separable mixture of pentacycles **5.97** and **5.98** (along with other compounds) in 37% and 18% yield, respectively (Scheme 5.9). Pentacycle **5.97** was converted over three steps into kingianin H **5.99** in 50% yield and pentacycle **5.98** was converted to kingianin D **5.100** in 32% over four steps.



Scheme 5.9: Parker's 2014 total synthesis of kingianin D and H

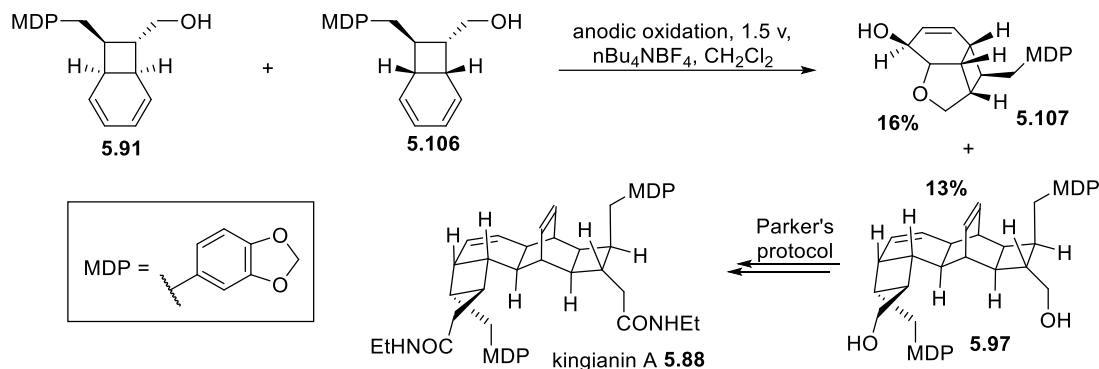
Alcohol BOD **5.101** was converted to acetate **5.102** (in 89% yield) and then subjected to RCDA conditions followed by alcohol deprotection via LiAlH_4 to yield pentacycle **5.103** in 46% yield over two steps. Conversion to kingianin F **5.104** occurred in 28% over four steps or alternative access to kingianin J **5.105** happened in 6% over 8 steps.



Scheme 5.9: Parker's 2014 total synthesis of kingianin F and J

5.2.5 Moses – kingianin A (formal)

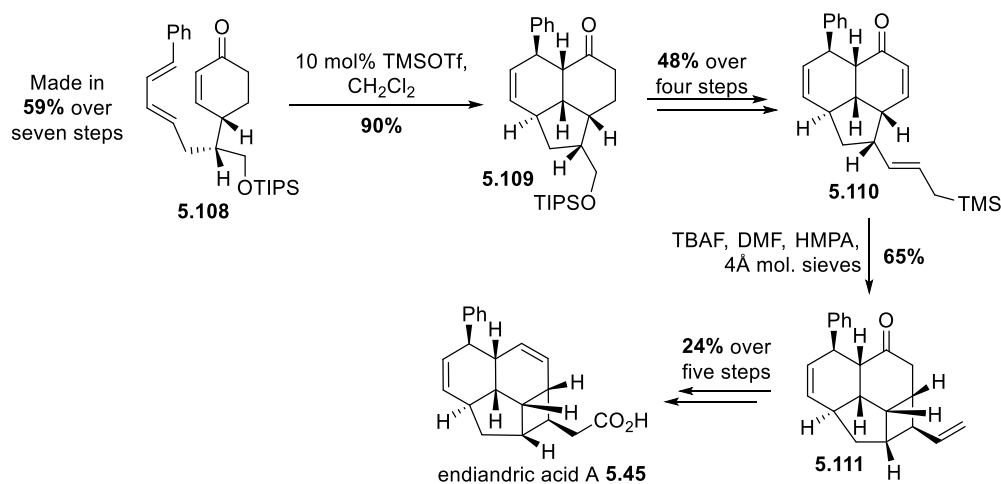
Moses in 2014 reported a formal synthesis of kingianin A **5.88** which employs an electrochemically-mediated RCDA delivering pentacycle **5.97** from BOD **5.91** in 13% yield, intersecting Parker's previous syntheses.^[38] The advantage of the electrochemical RCDA over the Ledwith–Weitz salt **5.87** is the ability to selectively form one pentacyclic species from a mixture of diastereomers without the complication of forming mixed dimeric species. This was owed to an intramolecular cyclisation of BOD **5.106** forming tricycle **5.107**.



Scheme 5.10: Moses' 2014 formal total synthesis of kingianin A

5.2.6 Grieco – endiandric acid A

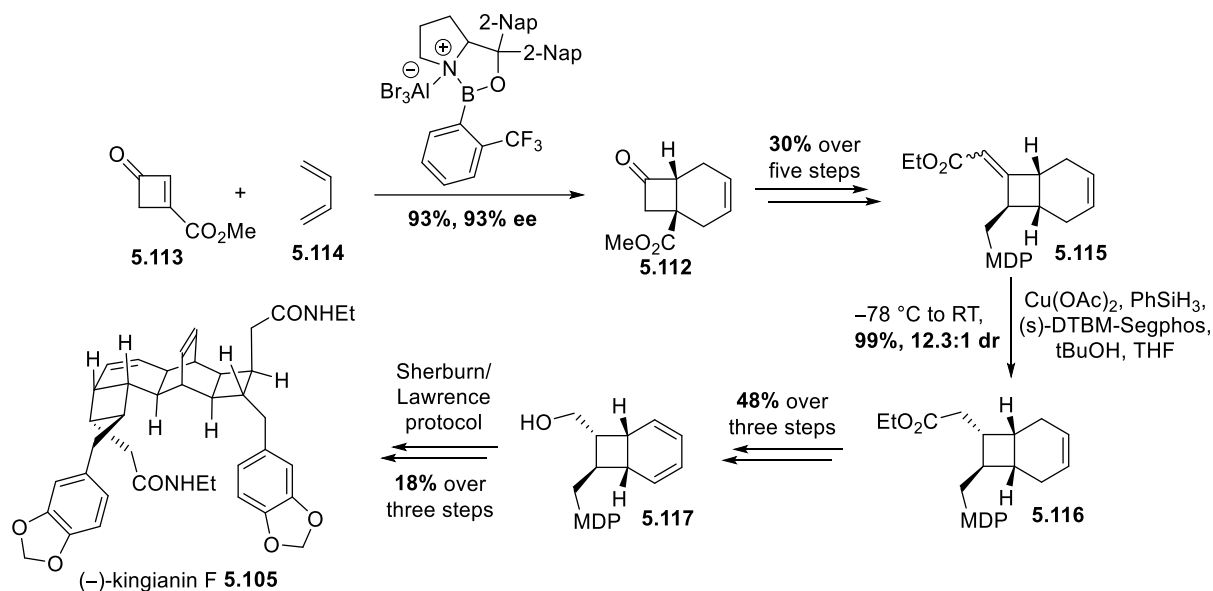
Grieco's synthesis of endiandric acid A is quite unique in how it completely disregards Black's proposed biosynthetic strategy.^[39] Cyclohexenone **5.108** was synthesised in seven steps in 59% overall yield. A Lewis acid catalysed DA gave tricycle **5.109** followed by functionalisations to deliver compound **5.110** in 48% yield over four steps. A 4-exo-trig cyclisation presented the familiar tetracycle **5.111** in 65% yield. A further five steps of functionalisation afforded endiandric acid A **5.45** in 24% yield. The high step count in this purely abiotic total synthesis, supports Black's biosynthetic cascade to be the most efficient way to construct the skeletal cores of the endiandric acid family.



Scheme 5.11: Grieco's 1997 total synthesis of endiandric acid A

5.2.7 Lu – (–)-kingianin F

Recently, Lu developed a methodology on the enantioselective Diels–Alder reaction of cyclobutenones which was applied to the first reported enantioselective synthesis of an endiandric acid natural product.^[40] Bicyclooctene **5.112** was synthesised by the enantioselective DA between cyclobutanone **5.113** and butadiene **5.114** in 93% yield and 93% enantiomeric excess. Over the course of five steps, removal of the ester and installation of the prerequisite substituents occurred in 30% yield providing compound **5.115**. A diastereoselective reduction of the enoate **5.115** to compound **5.116** proceeded in 99% yield and 12:1 diastereomeric ratio. Careful temperature-controlled manipulations to afford BOD **5.117** progressed in 48% yield over three steps. The Sherburn/Lawrence protocol stated earlier was applied here to finally deliver (–)-kingianin F **5.105** in 18% yield over three steps.

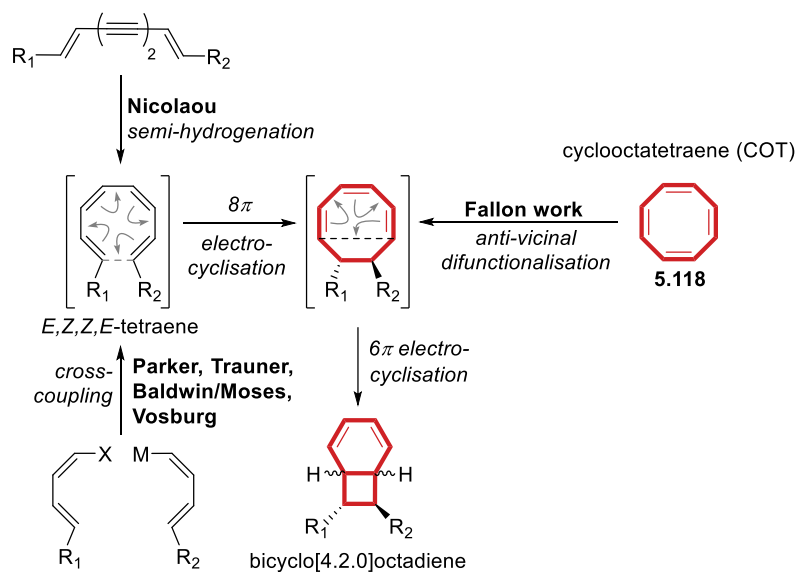


Scheme 5.12: Lu's 2021 enantioselective synthesis of (-)-kingianin F

Lu's synthesis represents a shift in dogma in terms of being able to access enantiopure BOD compounds that have otherwise been experimentally and theoretically shown to racemise during their synthesis (through reversibility in the $8\pi/6\pi$ cascade).^[41–43] The main limitation of this methodology is the non-trivial diastereoselective reduction requiring a specialised ligand, which may not extrapolate well to other BOD substrates.

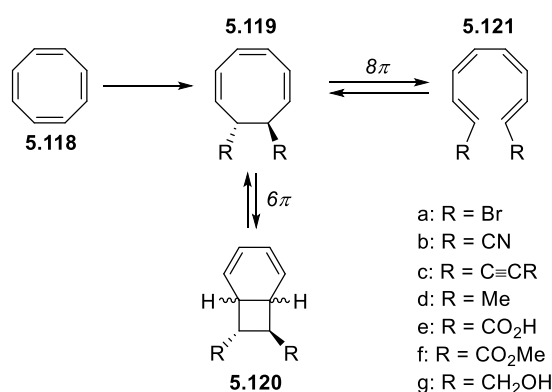
5.3 Aims

The general strategy to form endiandric acid derivatives (shown throughout section 5.2) is to synthesise a tetraene to then undergo Black's biosynthetic cascade, with the exception of a few notable cases (e.g., Grieco and Lu)^[39,40]. Construction of the tetraene often involves cross-coupling or semi-hydrogenation chemistry, which aren't necessarily trivial, have high step counts and are substrate specific (Scheme 5.13). The Fallon group envisioned a methodology involving the *anti*-1,2-difunctionalisation of cyclooctatetraene (**5.118**) (COT) to intersect the biosynthesis, which would invariably be a more efficient synthesis of BOD compounds.



Scheme 5.13: Common methodologies to intersect Black's $8\pi/6\pi$ biosynthetic cascade and our own proposal via cyclooctatetraene

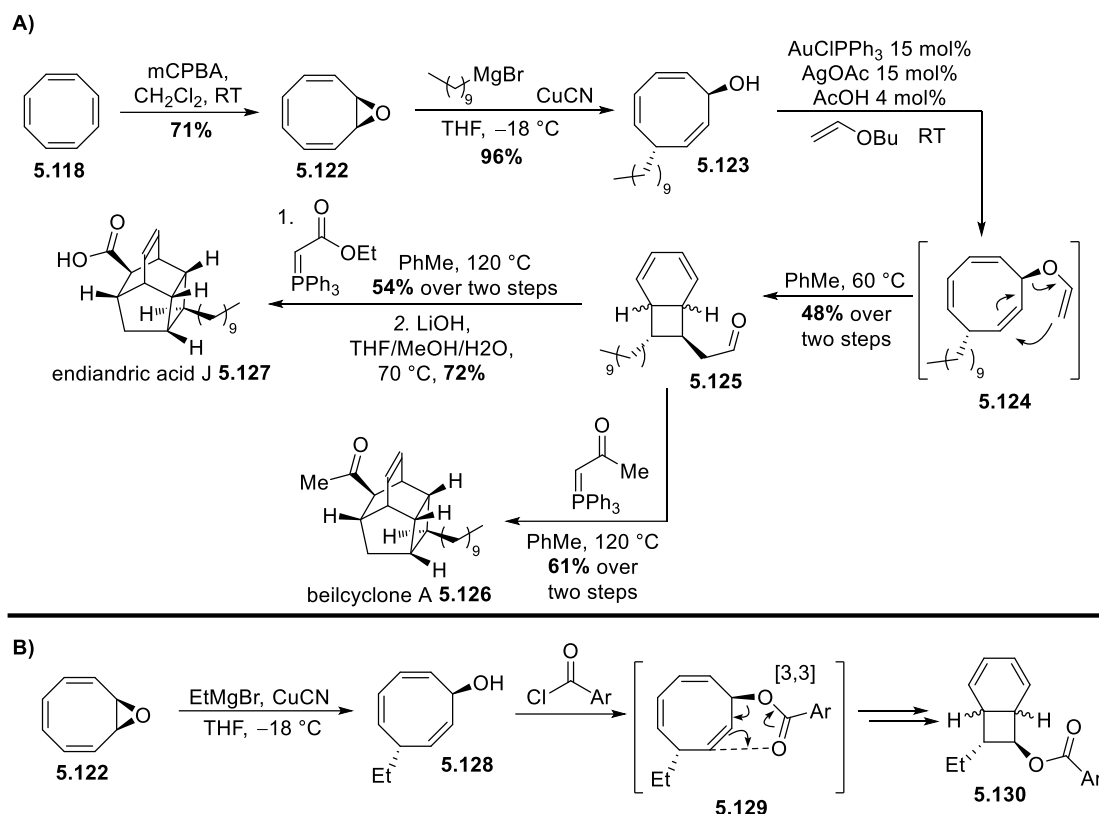
Nicolaou has already previously investigated this strategy during his hallmark total synthesis of endiandric acids A-G (Scheme 5.14).^[29] COT **5.118** is known to undergo addition with electrophiles such as bromine to deliver 1,2-disubstituted cyclooctatrienes **5.119a** which are in equilibrium with the corresponding BOD **5.120a**.^[44] The bromine addition product preferentially lies as the BOD **5.120a**, already delivering the desired BOD skeleton, however requires replacement of the bromine with a carbon substituent. A substitution reaction with KCN initially forms **5.120b** however equilibrates to **5.121b**, since it is thermodynamically favourable for the product to have extended conjugation.^[45] The same outcome occurs when **5.120a** is reacted with acetylenic Grignard reagents to afford the linear tetraene **5.121c**.^[46] The treatment of COT with alkali metals (Li, Na or K) provides a dianion that is capable of delivering 1,2-disubstituted cyclooctatrienes **5.119**, when quenched with a suitable electrophile. Quenching with methyl iodide affords **5.120d** in low yields, and addition of carbon dioxide preferentially gives the linear tetraene **5.121e**.^[47,48] Conversion of acid **5.121e** to the ester derivative presented **5.120f** when the initially formed **5.121f** was heated to 80 °C. Further manipulations to arrive at a synthetically useful compound, such as **5.120g**, would eventually prove unattractive. Despite being a highly direct route, the overall low yields starting from **5.118** and the starting material expense would forcibly turn Nicolaou's attention to another strategy that would ultimately be used in his published total synthesis.^[25–28]



Scheme 5.14: Nicolaou's investigation on cyclooctatetraene derivatisation

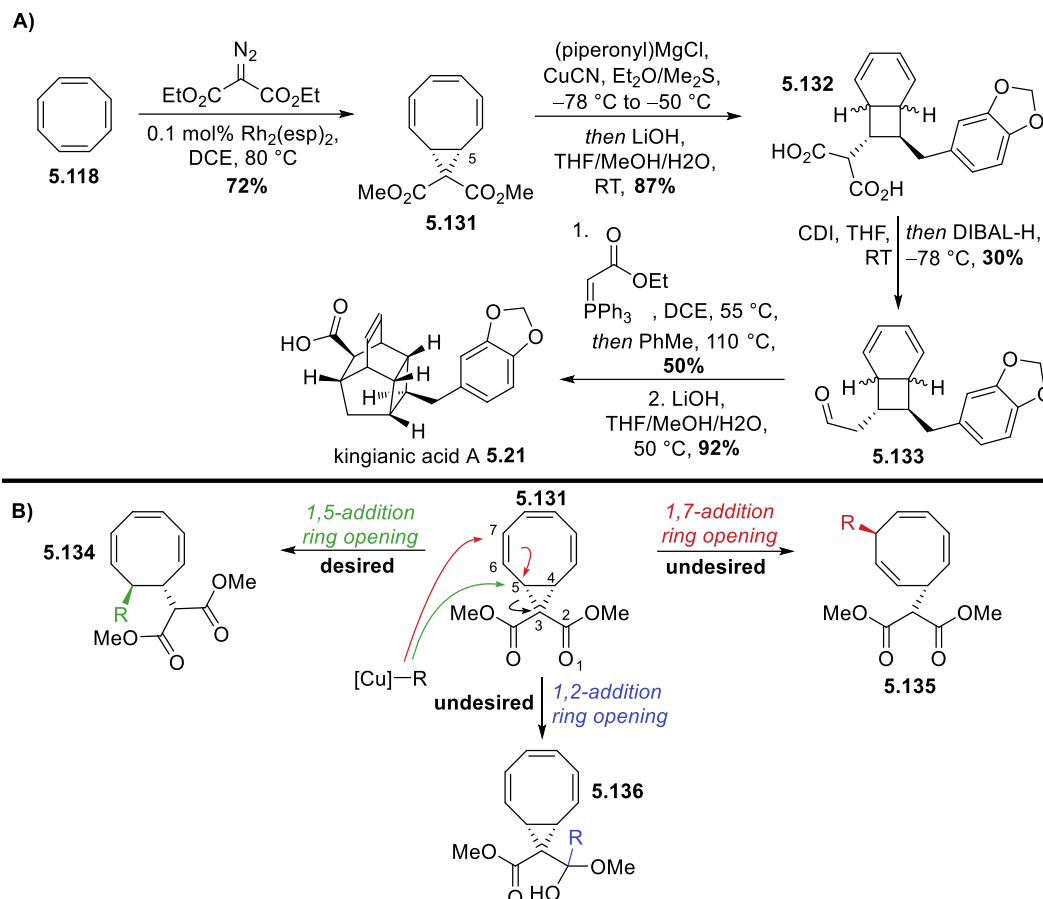
5.3.1 Previous Fallon group approaches

To avoid the issues highlighted by Nicolaou, Fallon group devised indirect *anti*-1,2-difunctionalisation approaches. The first-generation strategy started with the epoxidation of COT **5.118** to give epoxide **5.122** in 71%, followed by an *anti*-S_N2' ring opening using dodecyl cuprate to provide alcohol **5.123** in 96% yield.^[41] Subsequent gold-catalysed vinyl transfer, Claisen rearrangement (see intermediate **5.124**) and 6 π electrocycloisatation presented BOD **5.125** in 48% over two steps. Wittig olefination on the aldehyde handle with 1-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)-2-propanone followed by heating at 120 °C gave beilcyclone A **5.126** in 61% yield over two steps. Use of Ethyl triphenylphosphoranylideneacetate followed by heating afforded endiandric ethyl ester J (54% over two steps) which was then hydrolysed to the acid **5.127** in 72%. The alkylation/vinyl transfer/Claisen key step to form BOD **5.125** was inspired by Pineschi's work on stereoselective and enantioselective *anti*-S_N2' ring opening addition reactions on COT-epoxide **5.122**.^[49,50] Pineschi observed that after esterification to form **5.128**, a [3,3]-ester transposition of **5.129** and subsequent 6 π electrocycloisatation furnished the corresponding BOD ester **5.130** (Scheme 5.15B). Enabling a Claisen rearrangement instead of a [3,3]-ester transposition would lead to intermediates relevant to endiandric acids.



Scheme 5.15: A) Fallon's 2020 total synthesis of beilcyclone A and endiandric acid J. B) Pineschi's alkylation of COT-epoxide

However, the first-generation alkylation/vinyl transfer/Claisen method is still inefficient in constructing BOD compounds and therefore a more concise route was explored. In 2022, the second-generation method led with the rhodium-catalysed cyclopropanation of cyclooctatetraene **5.118** to deliver cyclopropane **5.131** in 72%. A 1,5-nucleophilic ring-opening using piperonyl cuprate was then followed by hydrolysis to the diacid **5.132** in 87% yield. Decarboxylation upon treatment with CDI afforded a N-acyl imidazole intermediate which was then reduced by DIBAL-H to the BOD **5.133** in 30% yield. Wittig olefination followed by reflux and hydrolysis furnished kingianic acid **5.21** in 50% and 92% yield, respectively. This strategy impressively delivers a synthetically useful BOD for total synthesis in a rapid two steps. However, there are major drawbacks which limit its utility in further endiandric acid derivative synthesis. Synthesising organocuprate/copper reagents that are selective for 1,5-addition **5.134** is challenging, where the cuprate species formed may instead undergo 1,7- **5.135** and even 1,2-addition **5.136** (when cuprate has failed to form) (Scheme 5.16B).



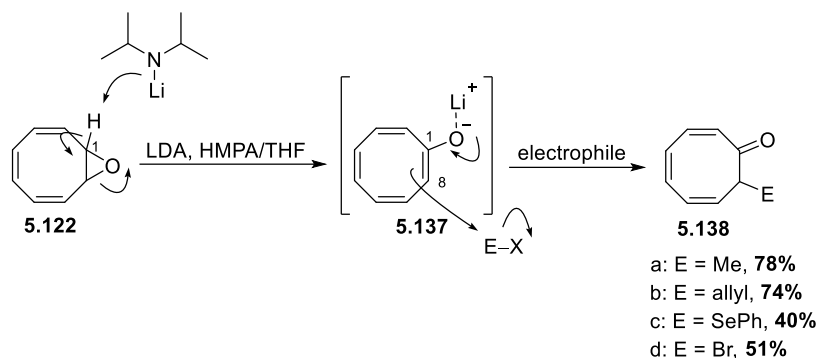
Scheme 5.16: A) Fallon's 2022 total synthesis of kingianic acid A. B) Selectivity issues of cuprate addition

These two approaches provide among the fastest generation of natural product relevant BOD intermediates to date, but are depend on cuprate chemistry which is difficult to perform and substrate specific. Therefore, it would be apt to develop a more user-friendly methodology, based on simple access to a central intermediate that serves as a point of divergence to several endiandric acid derivatives.

5.3.2 Current approach

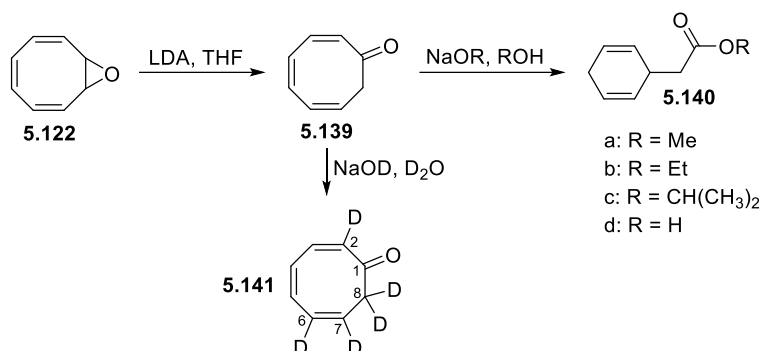
5.3.2.1 Holmes' synthesis of cyclooctatrienone derivatives

We identified Holmes' work as another strategy towards the indirect *anti*-1,2-difunctionalisation of COT from which we envisioned a route to the synthesis of endiandric acid derivatives. Holmes reported the synthesis of a variety of cyclooctatrienone derivatives from COT-epoxide **5.122** (Scheme 5.17).^[51] They found that the treatment of COT-epoxide **5.122** with LDA in a HMPA/THF solvent mix forms a stable COT lithium enolate **5.137** at -78°C . The formation of COT lithium enolate **5.137** was postulated to arise from the deprotonation of C1 on **5.122** and then rearrangement to the enolate.^[52] The HMPA/THF solvent mixture is responsible for stabilising the enolate anion to allow for the subsequent alkylation. Alkylation at the C8 position of **5.137** with a variety of electrophiles such as methyl iodide, allyl bromide, bromoselenobenzene and bromine furnished substituted cyclooctatrienones **5.138a-d**, respectively.



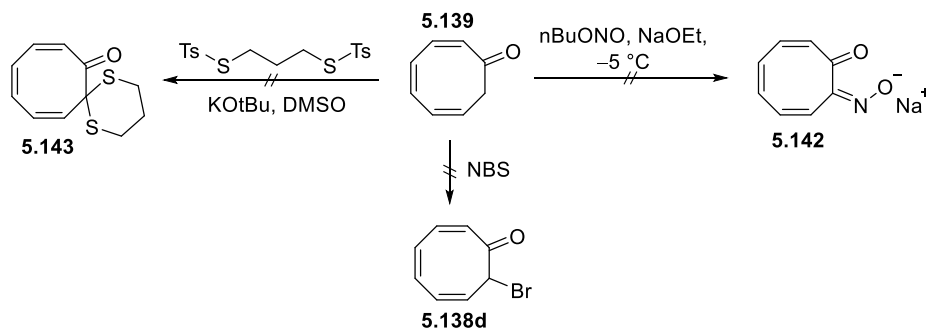
Scheme 5.17: Select examples from Holmes' COT lithium enolate alkylation work

Cyclooctatrienone **5.139** itself is found to be extremely unreactive for derivatisation at the C8 carbon via the enolate anion and is the motive for Holmes' study. The parent unsubstituted cyclooctatrienone **5.139** can be synthesised from the treatment of COT-epoxide **5.122** with LDA in THF solvent. Studies by Matsuda revealed nucleophilic addition of alkoxides to the carbonyl on **5.139** induces a ring contraction to cyclohexadiene compounds **5.140a-d**.^[53] Roberts performed deuterium experiments on **5.139** by reacting it under forcing NaOD, D₂O conditions, incorporating deuterium atoms at the C2, C6, C7 and C8 positions on compound **5.141**.^[54]



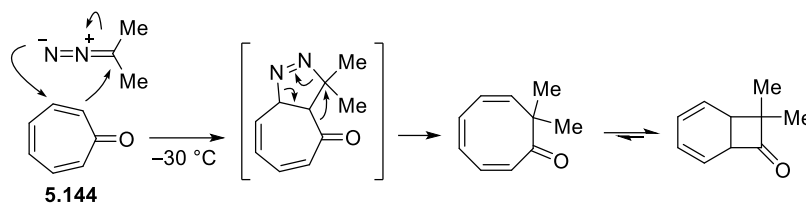
Scheme 5.18: Synthesis of unsubstituted cyclooctatrienone with studies by Matsuda and Roberts

Gund and Carpino have also shown under non-nucleophilic bases and a variety of electrophiles that cyclooctatrienone **5.139** was resistant to substitution.^[55] Reactions with *n*-butyl nitrite, NBS and trimethylene thiosylate all failed to synthesise their corresponding compounds (**5.142**, **5.138d** and **5.143**, respectively).



Scheme 5.19: Studies by Gund and Carpino on substituted cyclooctatrienone synthesis

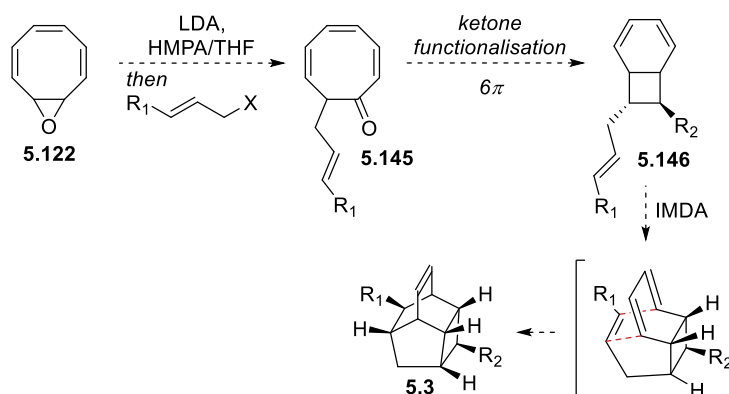
One other known method for preparing cyclooctatriene derivatives is via the diazoalkane induced ring expansion of tropone **5.144**, however the substrate scope is very limited (Scheme 5.20).^[56]



Scheme 5.20: Franck-Neumann's work on diazoalkane induced ring expansion of tropone

5.3.2.2 Our postulated third-generation total synthesis methodology

Taking inspiration from the synthesis of cyclooctatrienone **5.138b**, a derivative of an allylic electrophile should react with the cyclooctatrienone enolate **5.137** to furnish the corresponding compound **5.145**. Functionalisation of the ketone via homologation or 1,2-carbonyl addition/deoxygenation strategies should yield a BOD **5.146** that can undergo an IMDA to form bridged tetracyclic endiandric acid derivatives.

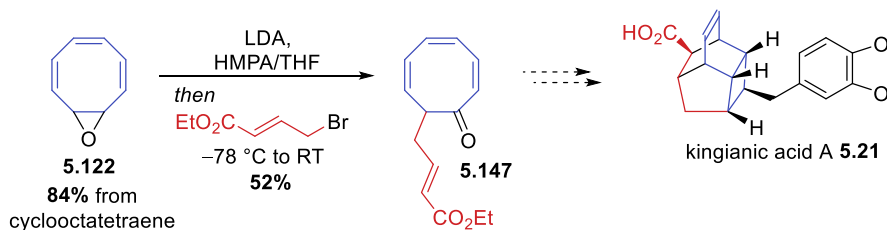


Scheme 5.21: Third-generation methodology for endiandric acid natural product synthesis

5.4 Methodology development

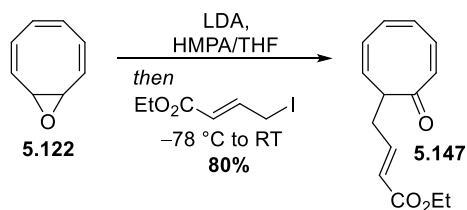
5.4.1 Synthesis of substituted cyclooctatrienones (installation of the first substituent)

We began with the successful synthesis of cyclooctatrienone ester **5.147** with ethyl (E)-5-bromopent-2-enoate as the electrophile in 52% yield (Scheme 5.22). It was theorised that compound **5.147** can easily undergo transformations highlighted in scheme 5.21 (ketone functionalisation followed by 6π /IMDA cascade) to deliver bridged tetracyclic acids such as kingianic acid A **5.21**.



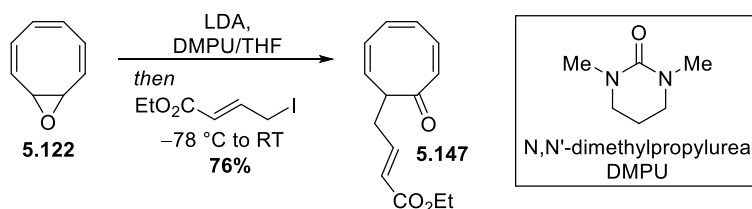
Scheme 5.22: Synthesis of cyclooctatrienone ester 5.147 via ethyl (E)-5-bromopent-2-enoate

Improvements in yield were accomplished by exchanging the bromo-electrophile with an iodo-electrophile, increasing it to 80% yield (Scheme 5.23).



Scheme 5.23: Synthesis of cyclooctatrienone ester 5.147 via ethyl (E)-5-iodopent-2-enoate

HMPA is recognised as a toxic carcinogen, therefore a comparatively safer co-solvent, DMPU, was used with little difference, giving a yield of 76% (Scheme 5.24). We continued to use HMPA out of convenience, but these results highlight safer alternatives to HMPA are viable.



Scheme 5.24: Synthesis of cyclooctatrienone ester 5.147 via ethyl (E)-5-iodopent-2-enoate with DMPU as co-solvent

We also fostered an interest in accessing other bridged tetracycles that either relate to endiandric products or non-natural derivatives. Electrophile 1,3-Benzodioxole, 5-(3-bromo-1-propenyl)-, (*E*)- (ZCI) delivered good yields of 64% yield of cyclooctatrienone **5.148**, which maps on to kingianic acid E **5.22**. Extending beyond the endiandric acid family scope, (*E*)-cinnamyl iodide and 4-(bromomethyl)-2(5H)-furanone provided their corresponding products **5.149** and **5.150** in yields of 47% and 31%, respectively. 3-(Bromomethyl)-2,5-furandione regrettably furnished unsubstituted cyclooctatrienone **5.139**.

Table 5.1: Synthesis of cyclooctatrienones 5.148-5.150

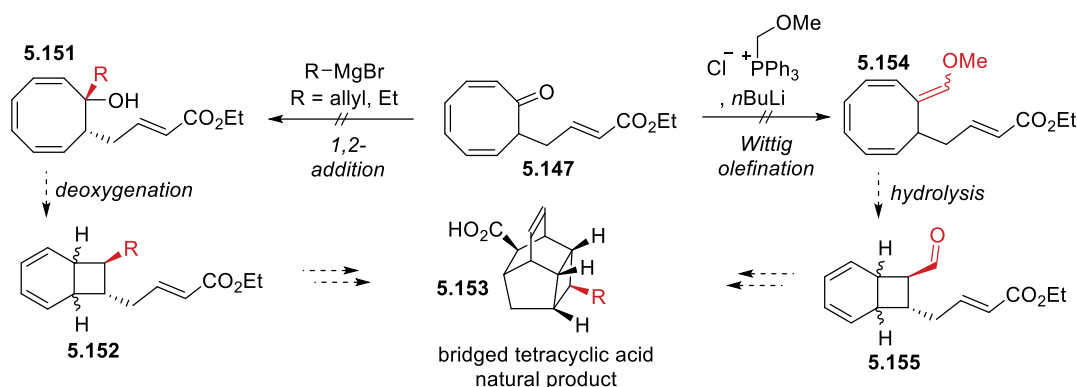
Entry	Electrophile	Result
1		5.148 64%
2		5.149 47%
3		5.150 31%
4		5.139 (Sole product in crude NMR)

5.4.2 Installation of the second substituent via ketone functionalisation

5.4.2.1 Initial investigations

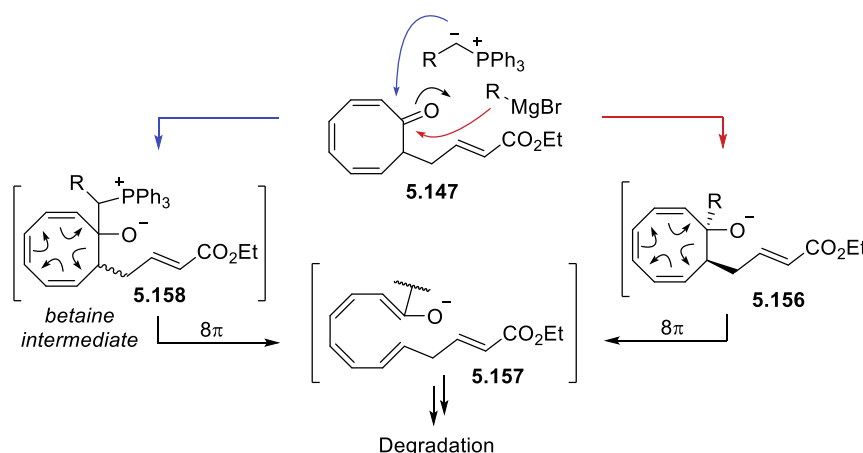
The ketone lends a suitable handle to functionalise and intersect intermediates in endiandric natural product synthesis. We proposed a nucleophilic addition to form alcohol **5.151** from

5.147 and then a deoxygenation to compound **5.152** would complete the formal *anti*-1,2-difunctionalisation of COT, and allow access to relevant natural products **5.153**. However, the 1,2-additions with Grignard reagents were unsuccessful. An alternative tactic by undertaking a Wittig olefination with (methoxymethyl)triphenylphosphonium chloride to produce compound **5.154** and then hydrolysis to aldehyde **5.155**, was also unsuccessful.



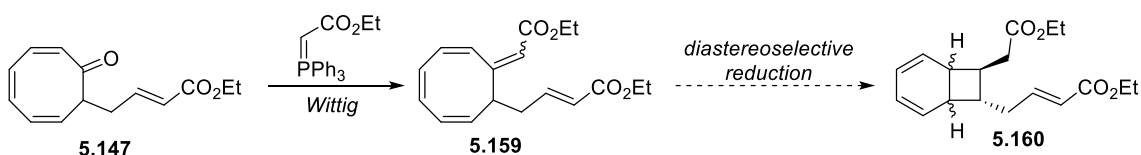
Scheme 5.25: Initial attempts at ketone functionalisation

We conjectured that Grignard addition to the ketone, forming **5.156**, is followed by a facile 8π ring-opening to tetraene **5.157** and then further rearrangements (Scheme 5.26). Wittig reagents that are formed under lithium base conditions generally enable betaine intermediate formation (see intermediate **5.158**), which is similar to the Grignard addition intermediate **5.156** and would undergo the same degradation process.



Scheme 5.26: Proposed mechanisms of degradation

Another proposed idea involving Wittig olefination to **5.159** with ethyl triphenylphosphoranylidenacetate followed by a diastereoselective alkene reduction to **5.160** (see Lu's work)^[40] required highly specialised conditions to avoid diastereoselectivity and regioselectivity issues with other olefins and was disregarded.

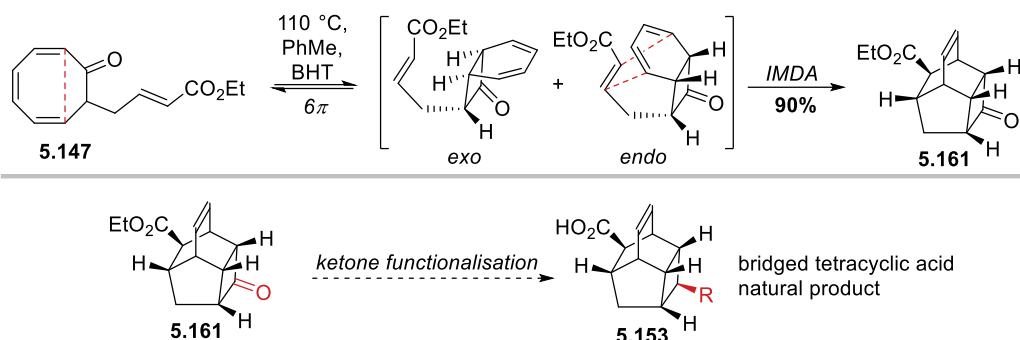


Scheme 5.27: Possible Wittig/diastereoselective reduction strategy

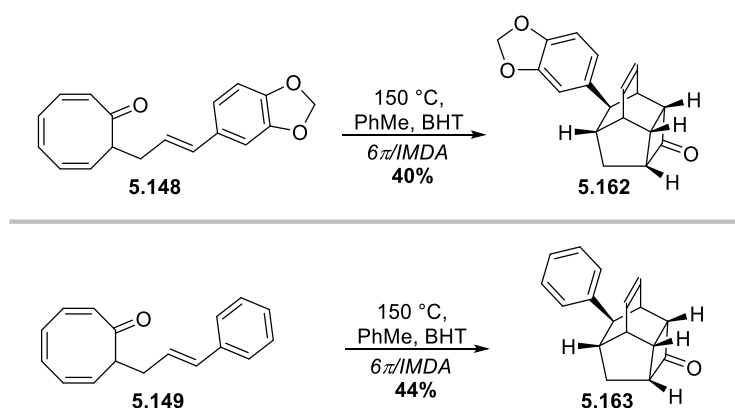
5.4.2.2 Alternative approach via initial formation of bridged tetracycle

The conjugated ketone in compound **5.147** is incompatible with transformations that can produce and maintain the desired BOD structure. This was solved by first performing the 6π

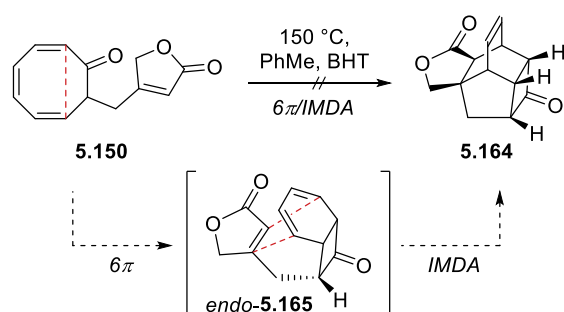
electrocyclisation/IMDA cascade, thereby removing conjugation and forming a robust bridged tetracycle, where the ketone is now safe to address. Cyclooctatrienone **5.147** was dissolved in degassed toluene (0.010 M) with a crystal of BHT and heated to 110 °C to afford ethyl ester tetracycle **5.161** in an excellent 90% yield (Scheme 5.28). The ketone in compound **5.161** should now be able to serve as a site of functionalisation to build relevant natural products **5.153**.



The 1,3-benzodioxole **5.148** and phenyl cyclooctatrienone **5.149** required an elevated temperature of 150 °C to deliver their corresponding tetracycles **5.162** and **5.163** in 40% and 44% yield, respectively (Scheme 5.29).

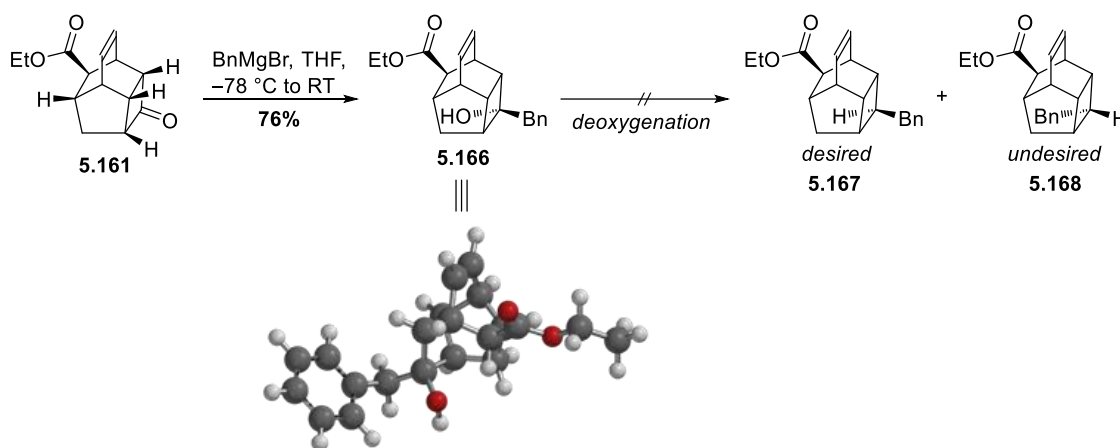


Heating furanone cyclooctatrienone **5.150** at 150 °C only gave degradation. There were no observable cycloaddition products by NMR analysis, with discouraging literature precedent also suggesting formation of **5.164** to be unlikely.^[57,58] The initial 6π electrocycloaddition to *endo*-**5.165** should be feasible, however there has been no previously reported IMDA reaction with a cyclic dienophile and 1,3-hexadiene in these substrate systems.



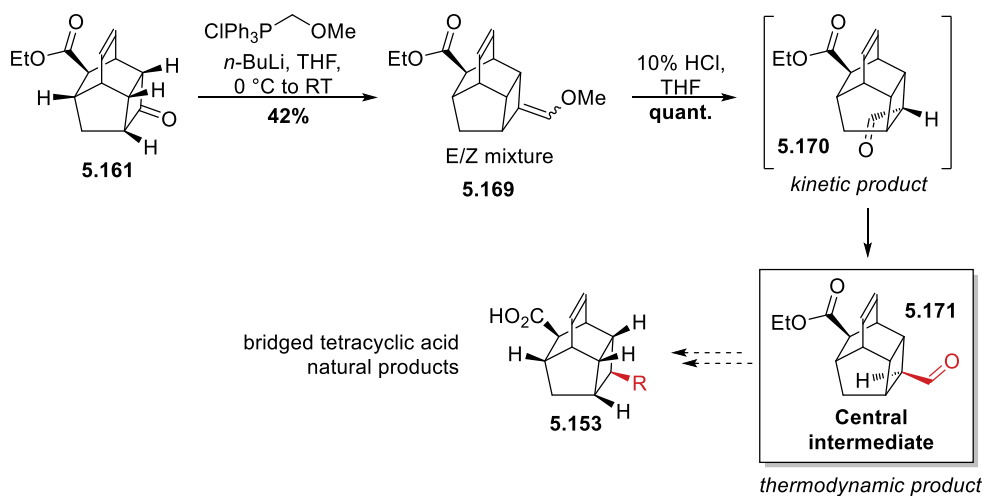
5.4.2.3 Synthesis of the central intermediate for a divergent total synthesis

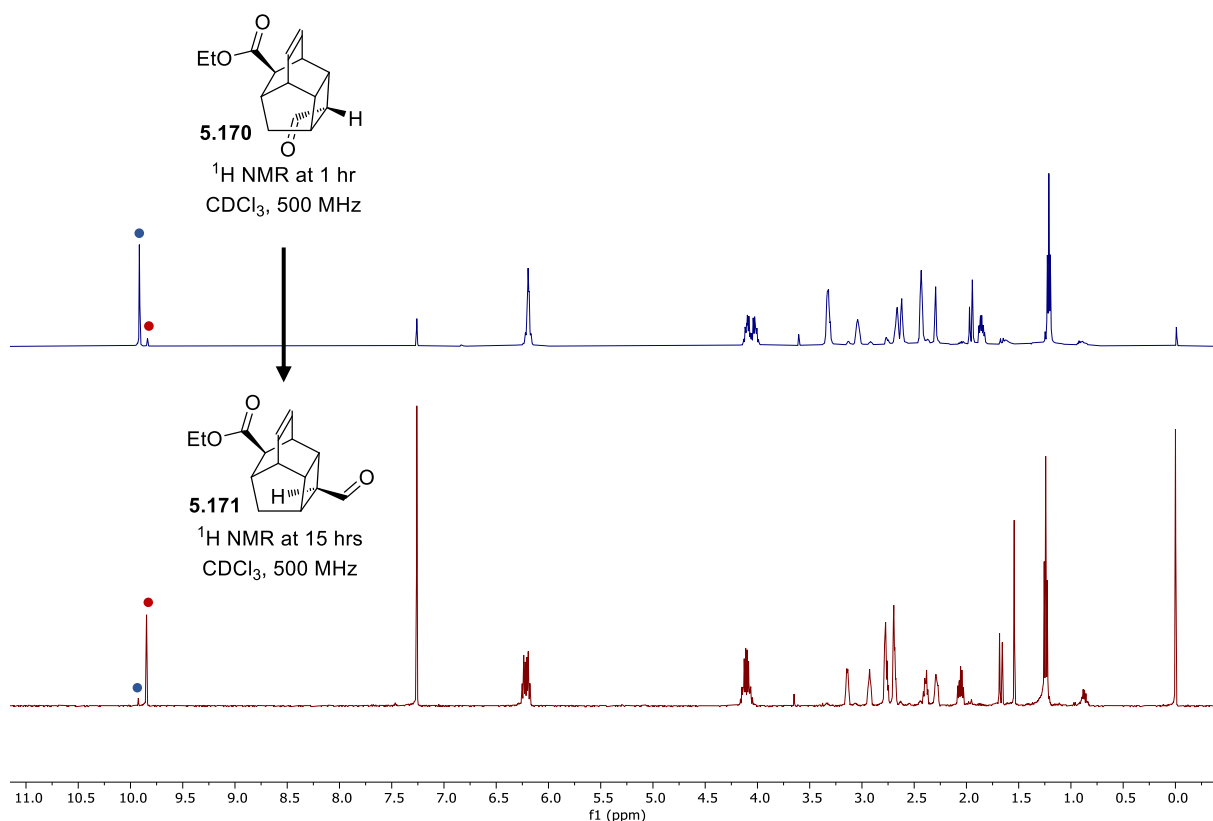
With compound **5.161** in hand, we wished to investigate the feasibility of the addition/deoxygenation tactic. Diastereoselective 1,2-addition with benzyl magnesium bromide to the outside face of the ketone furnished alcohol **5.166**, however subsequent attempts to deoxygenate were unsuccessful (Scheme 5.32). Barton–McCombie and triethylsilane-mediated deoxygenations had no effect on the alcohol. We postulated that the position of the alcohol was too sterically encumbered for it to be functionalised for removal. Deoxygenation also needs to be diastereoselective to afford the desired diastereomer **5.167** over **5.168**, and is difficult to control. This tactic was eventually discarded due to an unreactive alcohol and potential downstream stereoselectivity challenges.



Scheme 5.32: Efforts on Grignard addition/deoxygenation of tetracycle 5.161

Instead, the one-carbon homologation protocol with (methoxymethyl)triphenylphosphonium chloride proved to be successful. Wittig olefination with the phosphonium reagent gave an E/Z mixture of compound **5.169** where subsequent treatment with an acid unmasked the methyl vinyl ether to present aldehyde **5.170**. The kinetic aldehyde **5.170** is under thermodynamic control in the presence of acid and eventually tautomerises to the thermodynamically favoured product **5.171** possessing the desired stereochemistry (see ^1H NMR spectra in Scheme 5.33). The aldehyde in compound **5.171** serves as a suitable functional handle, allowing for divergent synthesis to a variety of bridged tetracyclic endiandric natural products **5.153**, and serving as the central intermediate for this total synthesis project.

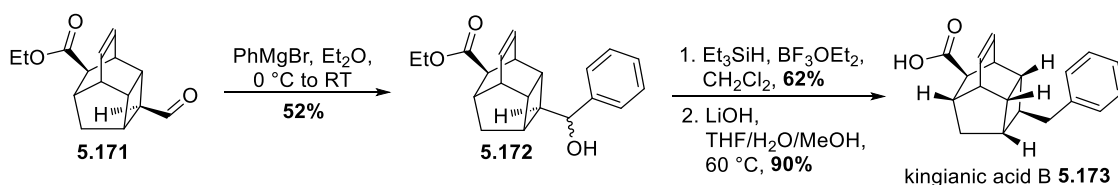




Scheme 5.33: Synthesis of aldehyde 5.171 via a one-carbon homologation protocol and ^1H NMR showing conversion of aldehyde 5.170 to 5.171 overtime

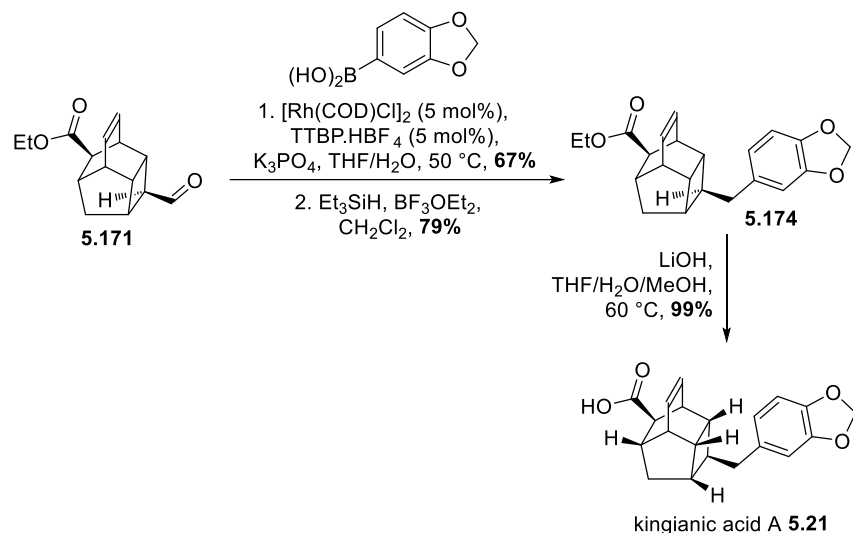
5.5 Total synthesis of kingianic acid A, B, D and endiandric acid M

With possession of the central intermediate **5.171** in hand, divergent total syntheses to a few bridged tetracyclic endiandric acids were accomplished. Treatment of aldehyde **5.171** with phenyl magnesium bromide gave alcohol **5.172** as a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers in 52% yield. This mixture was rendered inconsequential by subsequent triethylsilane-mediated deoxygenation and ester hydrolysis to yield kingianic acid B **5.173** in 56% yield over two steps (Scheme 5.34).



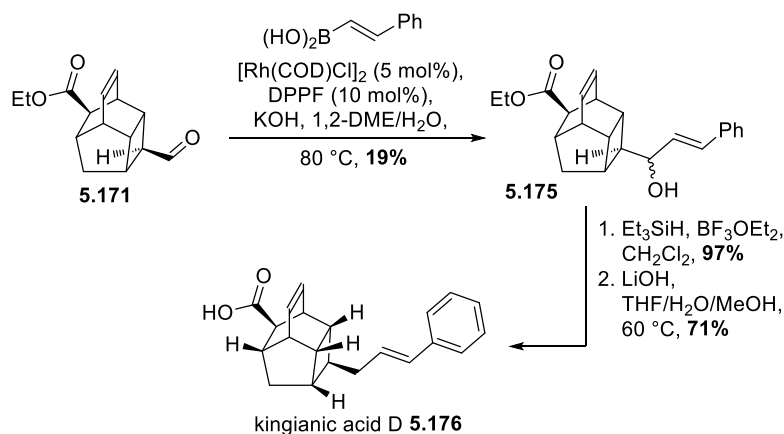
Scheme 5.34: Total synthesis of kingianic acid B

Extending beyond Grignard reagents, rhodium-catalysed 1,2-additions was used to add 3,4-methylenedioxyphenylboronic acid in 67% yield, followed by deoxygenation to **5.174** in 79% yield. Final ester hydrolysis provided kingianic acid A **5.21** in 99% yield.



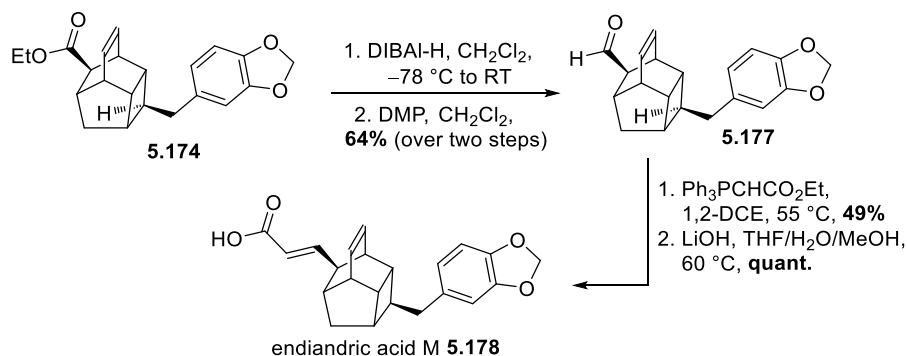
Scheme 5.35: Total synthesis of kingianic acid A

Alternative catalytic conditions were required to couple the less reactive *trans*-2-phenylvinylboronic acid, giving a humble 19% yield of alcohol **5.175** as a diastereomeric mixture. We attributed the low yield to competing proto-deboronation processes. Subsequent deoxygenation and ester hydrolysis in 97% and 71% yield, respectively, delivered the first synthesis of kingianic acid D **5.176**.



Scheme 5.36: Total synthesis of kingianic acid D

From kingianic ethyl ester A **5.174**, DIBAL-H reduction followed by Dess-Martin periodinane oxidation afforded aldehyde **5.177** in 64% yield over two steps. Wittig olefination with ethyl triphenylphosphoranylidenacetate followed by ester hydrolysis in 49% and quantitative yield, respectively, gave the first synthesis of endiandric acid M **5.178**.



Scheme 5.37: Total synthesis of endiandric acid M

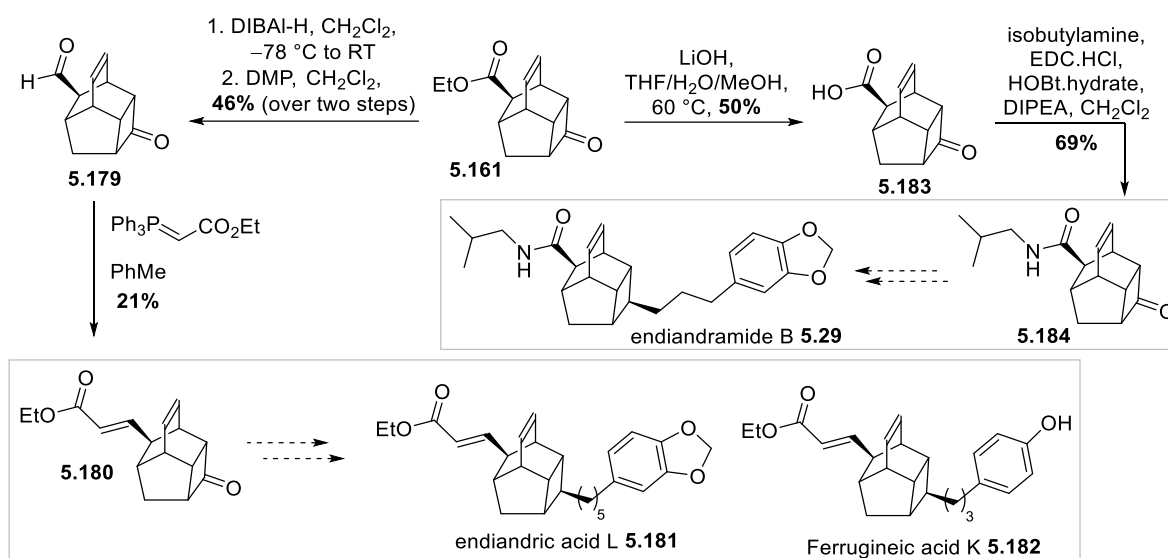
5.6 Additional work

5.6.1 Investigating modularity of synthetic intermediates

We conducted additional studies to assess the viability of functionalising our intermediates through simple functional group interconversions. We hoped to potentially access other endiandric natural products and their derivatives for future medicinal chemistry research.

5.6.1.1 Ethyl ester functional group interconversions

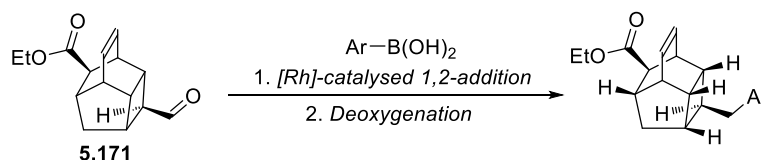
Global reduction of compound **5.161** with DIBAL-H followed by oxidation with Dess-Martin periodinane afforded aldehyde **5.179** in 46% over two steps (Scheme 5.38). Wittig olefination with ethyl triphenylphosphoranylideneacetate synthesises intermediate **5.180**, which can conceptually form endiandric acid L **5.181** and ferrugineic acid K **5.182**, and also served as a model for synthesising endiandric acid M **5.178**. Alternatively, ester hydrolysis of **5.161** in 50% yield to **5.183**, followed by amide coupling to **5.184** in 69% yield, delivers an amide that can be extrapolated to endiandramide B **5.29**.



Scheme 5.38: Functional group interconversions on the ethyl ester of compound **5.161**

5.6.1.2 Rhodium-catalysed 1,2-additions to aldehydes

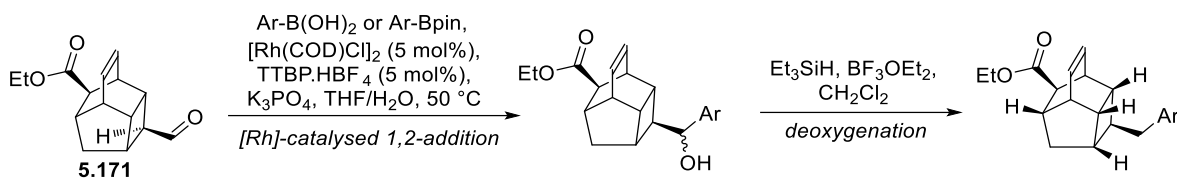
The rhodium-catalysed 1,2-addition, deoxygenation reaction protocol used in the total synthesis (Scheme 5.39), provided a user-friendly avenue towards derivatives for possible medicinal chemistry applications.



Scheme 5.39: General rhodium-catalysed 1,2-addition/deoxygenation reaction protocol

Methoxy **5.185** and fluoro phenyl **5.186** boronic acids were successfully coupled in quantitative and 82% yield, with subsequent deoxygenation proceeding smoothly in 92% and 85%, respectively (Table 5.2). The indole **5.187**, nitrile **5.188** and dimethylamine **5.189** coupled well in 77%, 41% and 56% yield, respectively. Unfortunately, attempted deoxygenation led to degradation for those substrates. The thiophene boronic acid **5.190** was unproductive.

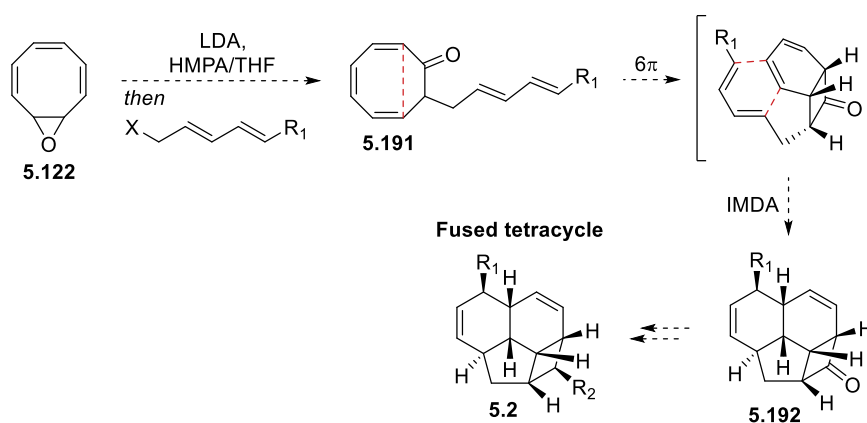
Table 5.2: Summary of attempted rhodium-catalysed 1,2-addition/deoxygenation reaction protocol results



Entry	Aryl-boronic acid or Bpin	[Rh]-catalysed 1,2-addition results	Deoxygenation results
1	5.185	Quant. yield	92%
2	5.186	82%	85%
3	5.187	77%	Degradation
4	5.188	41%	Degradation
5	5.189	56%	Degradation
6	5.190	No reaction	N/A

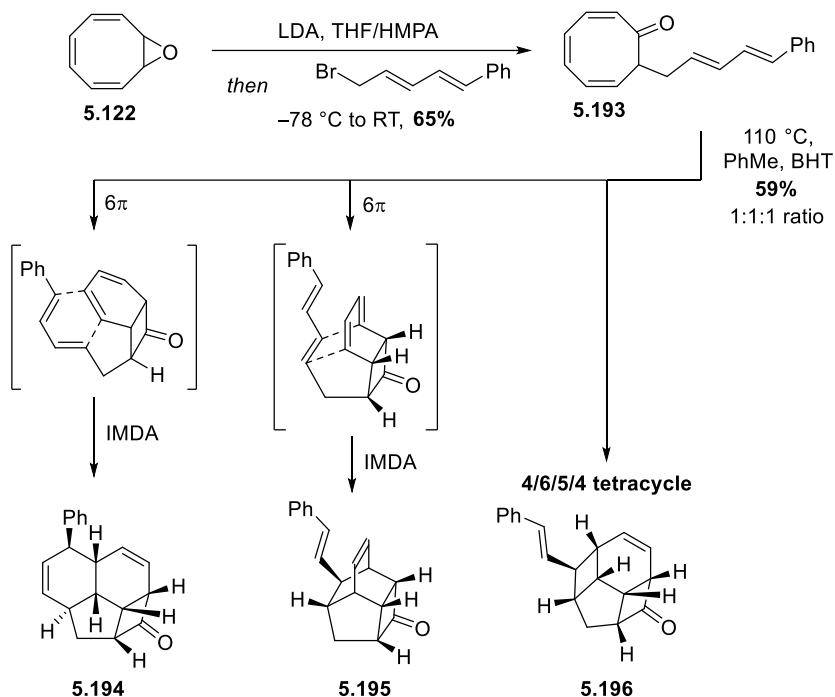
5.6.2 Towards the synthesis of fused tetracyclic endiandric natural products

The current methodology focused on constructing the bridged tetracyclic class of endiandric natural products (**5.21**, **5.173**, **5.176** and **5.178**) as a result of the initial alkylation step using ethyl (E)-5-iodopent-2-enoate (Scheme 5.40). This methodology can be modified to target the fused tetracyclic variants via construction of cyclooctatrienone **5.191** derivatives. The 6π /IMDA cascade to compound **5.192** can be followed with the previous protocols to lend fused tetracyclic natural products **5.2**.



Scheme 5.40: Proposed synthesis of fused tetracyclic endiandric acids

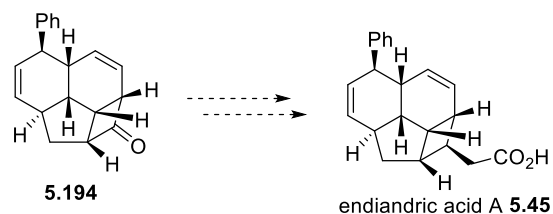
Electrophile [(1E,3E)-5-bromo-1,3-pentadien-1-yl]benzene was used to make benzyl butadiene cyclooctatrienone **5.193** in 65% yield (Scheme 5.41). Subjection to thermal conditions at 110 °C in toluene with a crystal of BHT, yielded a rough 1:1:1 mixture (by NMR) of three compounds **5.194-5.196**. Two of the compounds afforded structures with characterisation data matching the fused **5.194** and bridged **5.195** tetracyclic molecules. In previous total syntheses where both fused and bridged compounds were possible, the fused compound has always predominated.^[25,26]



Scheme 5.41: Synthesis and thermal reaction of cyclooctatrienone 5.193

The third has been characterised as a highly unusual 4/6/5/4 tetracyclic compound **5.196**. The molecule was found to be quite unstable, rapidly degrading at room temperature overnight, making it difficult to obtain quality characterisation data. Its instability is possibly owed to the inherent ring strain of the 4/6/5/4 structure, which also has not been previously reported in literature. The exact mechanism of formation is currently unknown and difficult to elucidate due to the compound's instability.

This methodology has potential to access fused tetracyclic endiandric acids such as endiandric acid A (Scheme 5.42), however is currently limited by the uncontrolled formation of undesired side-products.

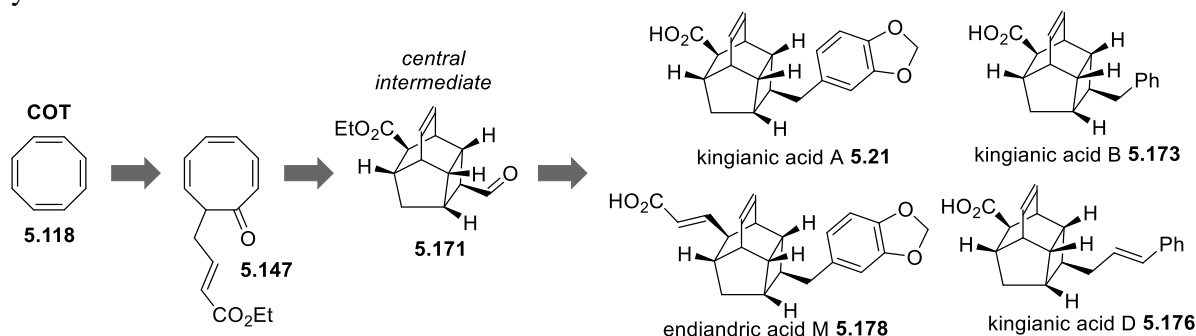


Scheme 5.42: Potential access to endiandric acid A via intermediate 5.195

5.7 Conclusion

In conclusion, we accomplished the total synthesis of kingianic acid A **5.21**, B **5.173**, D **5.176** and endiandric acid M **5.178** via our user-friendly third-generation methodology based on substituted cyclooctatrienones (Scheme 5.43). This methodology is limited to constructing the bridged tetracyclic sub-family of endiandric acids, however can provide easy access to all

reported bridged tetracycles (via central intermediate **5.171**), which previous literature syntheses are unable to do.

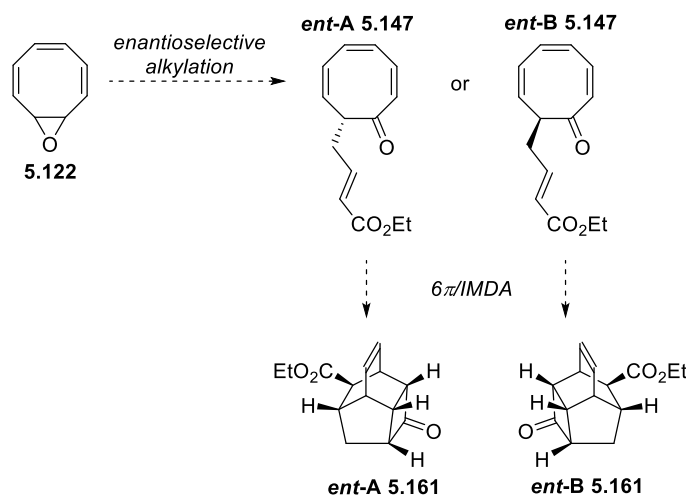


Scheme 5.43: Overview of third-generation methodology to access bridged tetracyclic endiandric acid natural products

5.8 Future directions

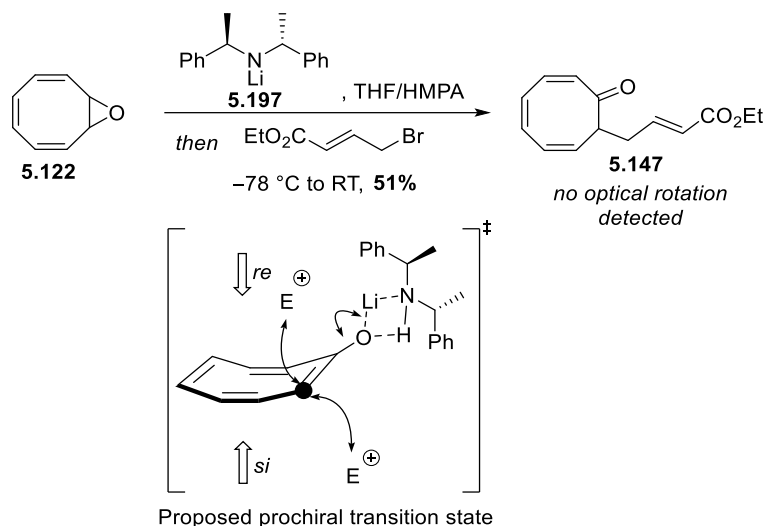
5.8.1 Towards asymmetric synthesis of endiandric acid natural products

We recognised an additional advantage of this methodology is the potential enantioselective synthesis of endiandric acid natural products. An asymmetric alkylation using chiral lithium amide bases can provide either cyclooctatrienone *ent-A* **5.147** or *ent-B* **5.147** which then can undergo the 6π /IMDA cascade to afford products *ent-A* **5.161** or *ent-B* **5.161**, respectively. Locking the cyclooctatrienones in the bridged tetracyclic structure would prevent racemisation.



Scheme 5.44: Hypothesised enantioselective route to enantiopure endiandric acid derivatives

In our preliminary work, bis[(R)-1-phenylethyl]amine **5.197** was used to generate a chiral lithium amide which we anticipated would influence the face (*re* or *si*) of the nucleophilic substitution (see proposed transition state in Scheme 5.45). Disappointingly, the product **5.147** isolated gave no optical rotation. We imagined the high concentration of the HMPA co-solvent preferentially interacts with the lithium enolate over the chiral amide and therefore no chiral influence was imparted.



Scheme 5.45: Preliminary attempt at enantioselective alkylation with chiral lithium amide

Another possible reason for the unsuccessful enantioselectivity could be due to the ineffectiveness of the chiral amide **5.197** to provide a chiral pocket. Cyclooctatrienone lithium enolate could undergo alkene isomerisations shown in figure 7.11A. As a result there are four chemically equivalent quadrants of the cyclooctatrienone lithium enolate that needs to be considered instead of only the *re* and *si* faces (Figure 7.11B). Addition in either quadrants A and B (*re* face) or quadrants C and D (*si* face) would give racemic mixtures. Therefore, a chiral amide base has to be capable of simultaneously blocking the A and D quadrants or the B and C quadrants to achieve enantioselectivity, which is an unsolved challenge.

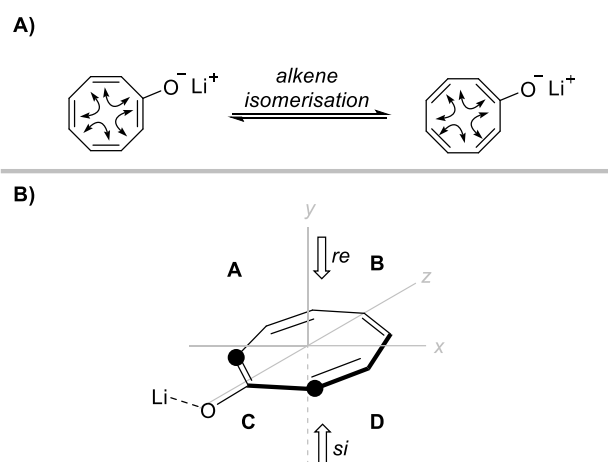


Figure 5.11: A) Alkene isomerisation of cyclooctatrienone lithium enolate. B) The four quadrants from which alkylation can occur

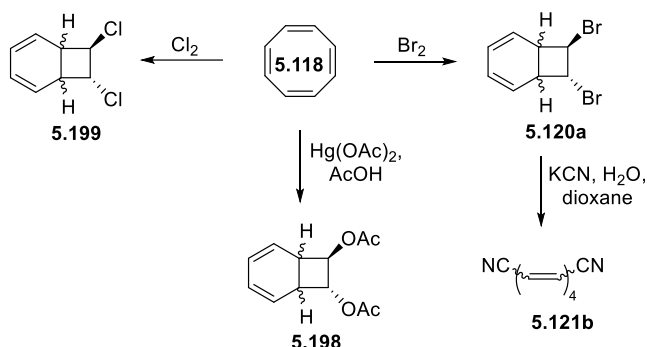
5.8.2 Synthesis of bis-Bpin tetraene – Next generation synthesis of bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene compounds

The following is preliminary work on the potential next generation synthesis of BOD compounds in the Fallon group. Due to the shortness of this project, it has been included in this chapter instead of given its own.

5.8.2.1 Direct methods

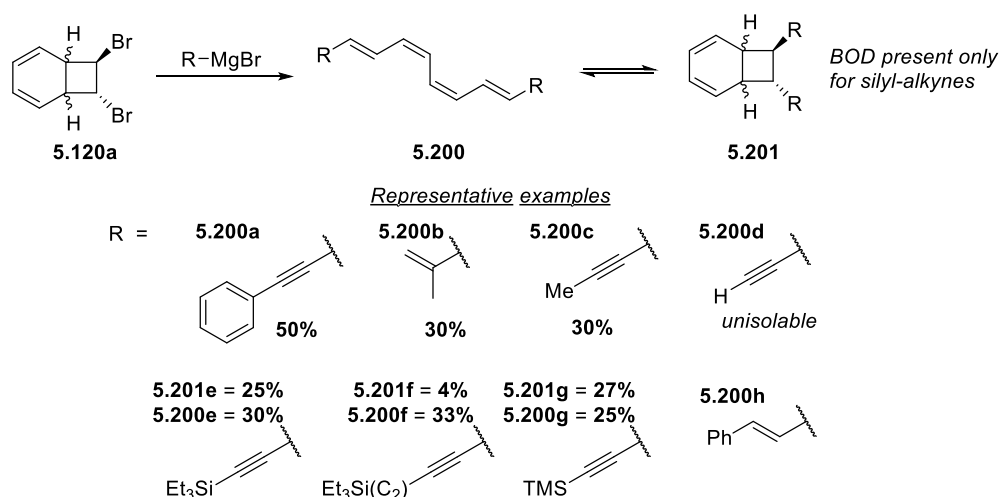
The main work of this chapter described formal anti-1,2-difunctionalisations of COT for total synthesis purposes, however direct approaches have also been previously reported in literature. In Walter Reppe's 1948 work, the difunctionalisation of COT **5.118** with $\text{Hg}(\text{OAc})_2$ yields an

anti-1,2 acetate bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene (BOD) **5.198**.^[44,59] Likewise, addition of chlorine yielded the dichloro BOD **5.199**. The dibromo BOD **5.120a**, made from the addition of bromine, is a noteworthy intermediate in nucleophilic substitutions to install carbon-centred substituents.^[60] The reaction with potassium cyanide yielded a bis-nitrile linear tetraene **5.121b**, which is formed from a ring opening $6\pi/8\pi$ electrocycloisalisation cascade.^[45]



Scheme 5.46: Examples of the anti-1,2-difunctionalisations of COT

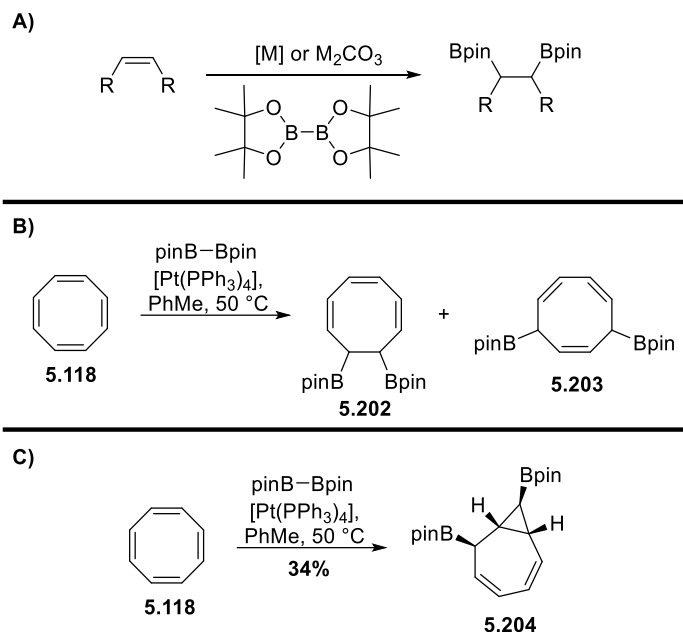
Heating **5.120a** with a variety of alkyne Grignard derivatives were reported to yield their corresponding tetraenes (Scheme 5.47).^[46] The parent ethynyl magnesium bromide product was unisolable. Silyl-alkynes ($R = e, f, g$) interestingly existed as a mixture of the linear tetraene and BOD structure.^[61] The styrenyl tetraene **5.200h** was also reported.^[62]



Scheme 5.47: Substitution of dibromo COT with Grignard reagents

5.8.2.2 Transition metal catalysed methods - Attempted diboration of COT via platinum catalysis

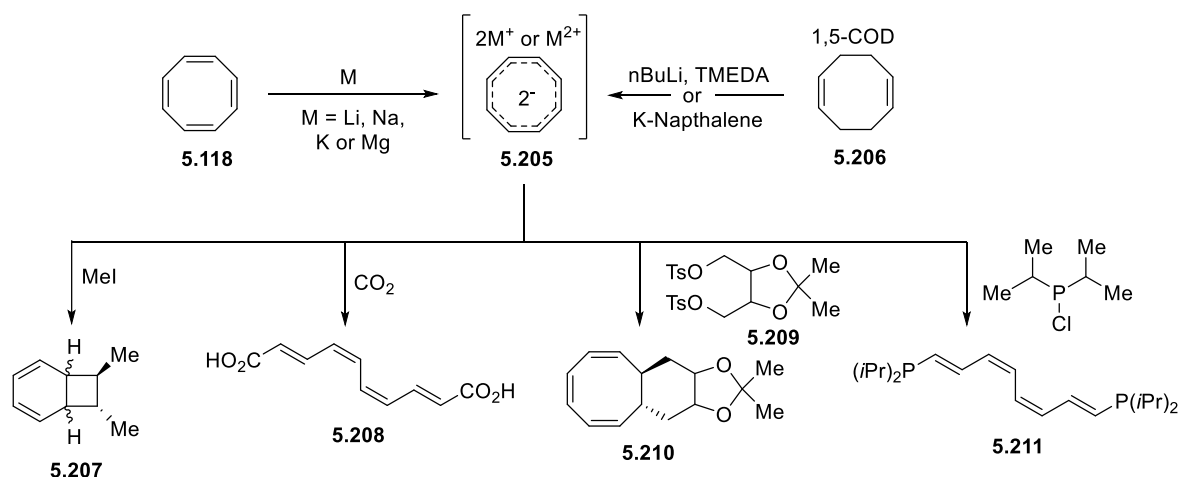
Diboration of alkenes is a powerful reaction leading to many useful synthetic intermediates. The reaction often uses bis(pinacolato)diborane as the borylating reagent and catalysed by a variety of metal catalysts (copper, platinum, rhodium, palladium, iridium, etc.) (Scheme 5.48A).^[63–69] Non-catalytic methods have also been employed with carbonate salts.^[70,71] A patent filed in 1999 described the platinum-catalysed diboration of COT **5.118**, to yield a mixture of the 1,2- **5.202** and 1,4-addition **5.203** products (Scheme 5.48B).^[72] No yield or stereochemistry was stated. Repeating this reaction and acquiring 2D NMR data revealed the major compound to be a diborylated bicyclo[5.1.0]octa-2,4-diene compound **5.204** (Scheme 5.48C). Further attempts at transition metal catalysed diborations were unfruitful and was discontinued.



Scheme 5.48: A) Established alkene diboration methods. B) Patent's work with platinum catalysed diboration of COT. C) Our work with platinum catalysed diboration of COT

5.8.2.3 Methods via the cyclooctatetraene dianion

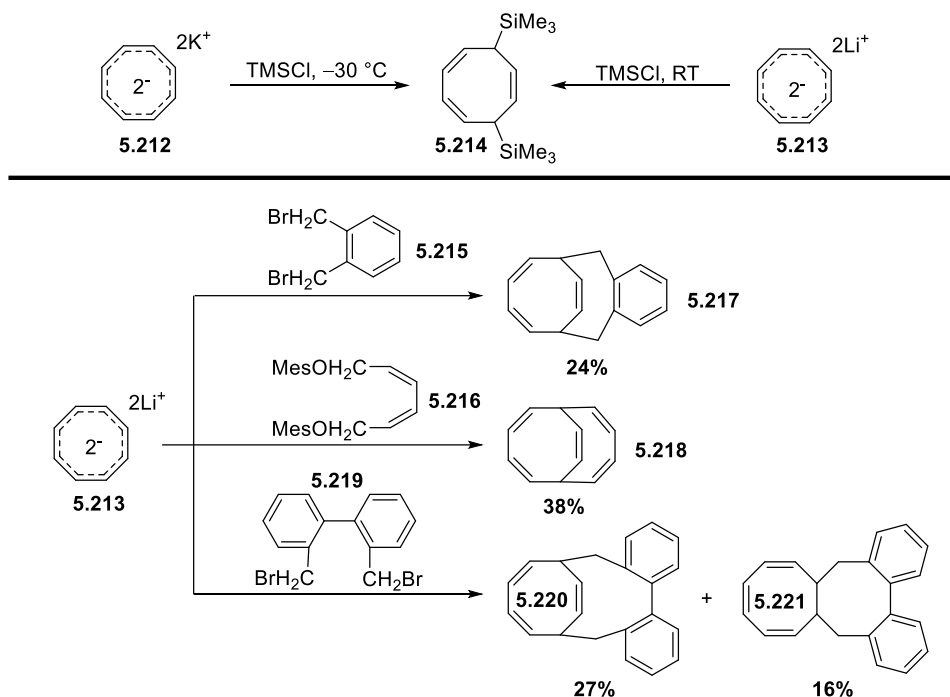
The cyclooctatetraene dianion **5.205** is a flat, aromatic compound with the formula of $(C_8H_8)^{2-}$. It can be synthesised by the addition of lithium, sodium, potassium or magnesium metal to a solution of cyclooctatetraene **5.118**.^[73–78] Alternatively, it can be accessed from 1,5-cyclooctadiene **5.206** with *n*-butyllithium/TMEDA or potassium-naphthalene.^[79,80] COT dianion **5.205** is a well-studied, reactive intermediate for nucleophilic addition to a variety of electrophiles (a few select examples are shown in Scheme 5.49). In Nicolaou's previous work synthesising intermediates that intersect endiandric acid derivatives, treatment of **5.205** with methyl iodide afforded BOD **5.207** and addition to CO_2 yielded di-carboxylic acid tetraene **5.208**.^[29] The synthetic manipulations needed for these substrates to be used in total synthesis proved too cumbersome and was abandoned. Müllen's work in 1991, involved reactions with bis-electrophiles (such as **5.209**) in varying chain lengths, conformational mobility, and leaving groups.^[81] Compound **5.209** undergoes nucleophilic substitution furnishing tricycle **5.210**. COT dianion **5.205** is not limited to carbon-centred electrophiles, reacting with chlorodiisopropylphosphine to afford bis-phosphine tetraene **5.211**.^[82]



Scheme 5.49: Examples of 1,2-difunctionalisations of COT dianion

Cyclooctatetraene dianions can also undergo competitive 1,4-difunctionalisations, depending on the electrophile, representing a potential selectivity issue. Both dipotassium **5.212** and

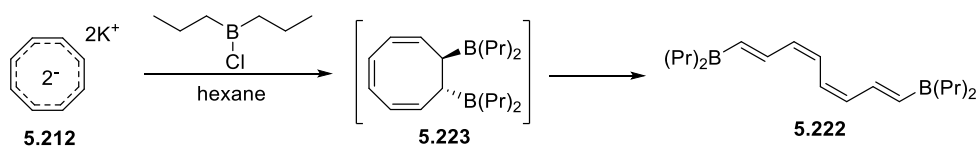
dilithium **5.213** cyclooctatetraenides react with TMSCl to afford 1,4-bis(trimethylsilyl)cyclooctatriene **5.214** (Scheme 5.50).^[83,84] Müllen reacted dilithium cyclooctatetraenide **5.213** with a variety of bis-electrophiles to afford 1,4-disubstituted cyclooctatrienes.^[81] Bis-electrophiles **5.215** and **5.216** exclusively afforded 1,4-disubstituted products **5.217** and **5.218**, respectively. Biaryl bis-electrophile **5.219** gave a mixture of 1,4-**5.220** and 1,2-disubstituted **5.221** products.



Scheme 5.50: Examples of 1,4-difunctionalisations of COT dianion

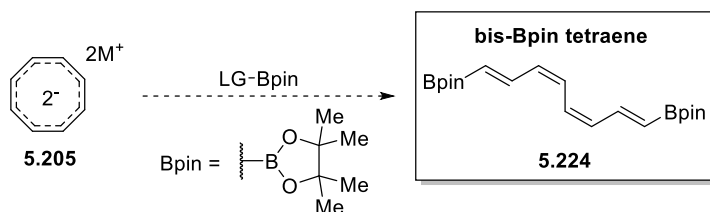
5.8.2.4 Aim

The COT dianion represents an excellent reagent for accessing *anti*-1,2-disubstituted cyclooctatrienes (and corresponding BOD products), however limited electrophile choice due to competing undesired reactivity has led to a lack of useful cyclooctatriene/BOD compounds. An electrophile that can install a functional handle would allow subsequent derivatisation to a variety of synthetically useful compounds. In 1991, Yu N. Bubnov reported the di-borylation of potassium cyclooctatetraenide dianion **5.212** to furnish linear *E,Z,Z,E*-1,8-bis(dipropylboryl)octatetraene **5.222** in quantitative yields, with chlorodipropylborane as the electrophile (Scheme 5.51).^[85,86] It is presumed that the 1,2-adduct **5.223** is initially formed but a facile 8π electrocyclic ring opening occurs to form the thermodynamically favourable tetraene **5.222**.



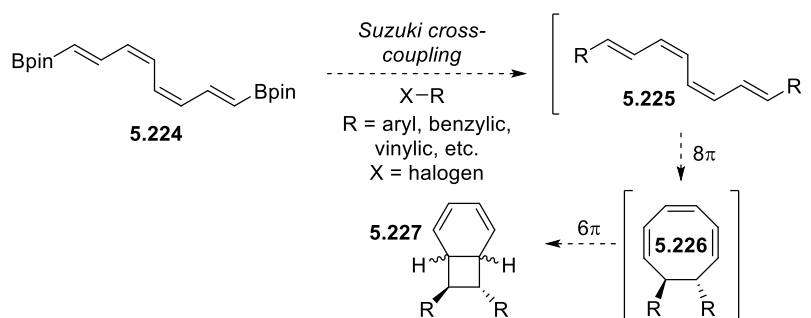
Scheme 5.51: Synthesis of *E,Z,Z,E*-1,8-bis(dipropylboryl)octatetraene **5.222**

Taking direct inspiration, addition of a pinacolborane with an appropriate leaving group would provide a bis-Bpin tetraene **5.224** (Scheme 5.52).



Scheme 5.52: Synthesis of bis-Bpin tetraene

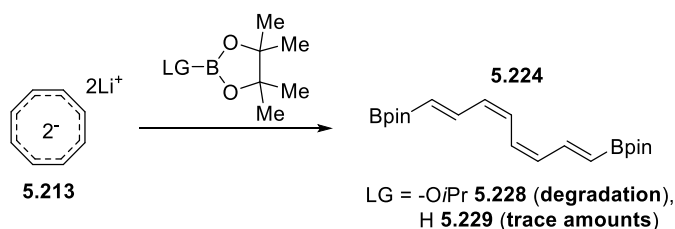
Tetraene **5.224** would provide a better platform than **5.222** for convenient derivatisation through established cross-coupling chemistry. We envision a possible double palladium-catalysed Suzuki cross-coupling reaction with a variety of electrophiles (aryl, benzylic, etc.) would deliver a diverse set of bis-substituted tetraenes **5.225**, which may collapse into the cyclooctatriene **5.226** and then BOD **5.227**, depending on the type of substitution (Scheme 5.53).



Scheme 5.53: Hypothesised synthetic utility of bis-Bpin tetraene

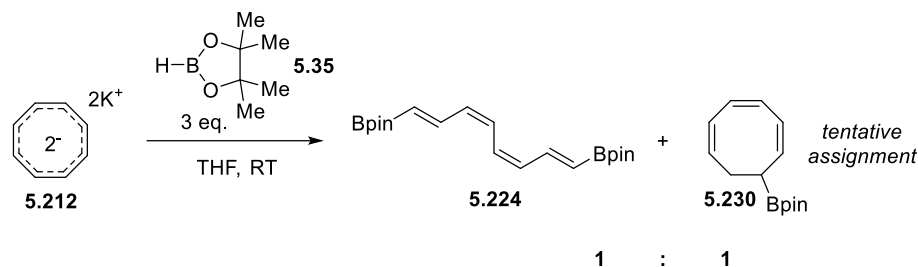
5.8.2.5 Synthesis of bis-Bpin tetraene

Initial efforts started with the lithium cyclooctatetraenide dianion to avoid handling the potassium metal. Addition of commercially available 2-isopropoxy-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane **5.228** was only met with degradation. Pinacolborane **5.229** provided trace amounts of **5.224**, however attempts at optimisation were unfruitful. We attributed these issues to the lithium cyclooctatetraenide dianion, since the choice of the counter metal ion can influence the selectivity.



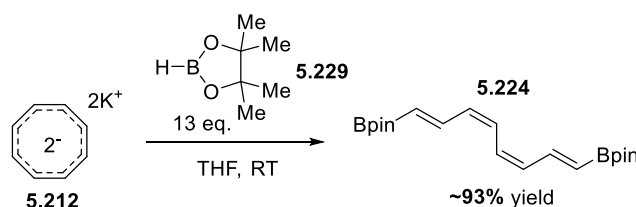
Scheme 5.54: Initial experiments with lithium cyclooctatetraenide dianion

Moving forward, potassium cyclooctatetraenide dianion **5.212** was used, due to its successful use in Bubnov's work. A solution of potassium cyclooctatetraenide dianion **5.212** in THF (0.5 M) was added to three equivalents of pinacolborane **5.229** (neat) at room temperature under inert atmosphere to yield a 1:1 mixture of the desired tetraene **5.224** and mono-Bpin cyclooctatriene **5.230** (Scheme 5.55). The mono-Bpin product **5.230** likely arises from a competing hydroboration reaction.



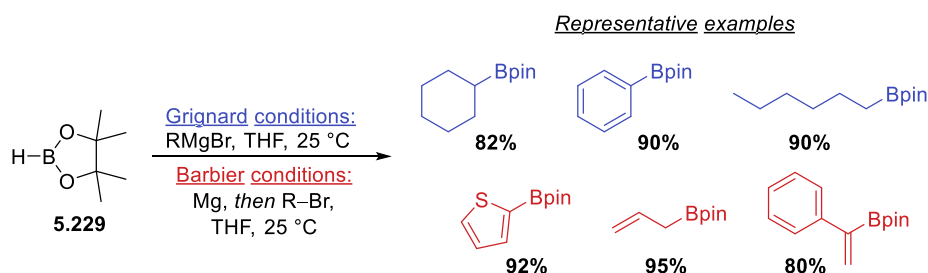
Scheme 5.55: Synthesis of tetraene 5.224 with mono-Bpin cyclooctatriene 5.230

Optimisation revealed a vast excess of pinacolborane **5.229** (>13 equivalences) was required to suppress the formation of the undesired cyclooctatriene **5.230** to deliver the desired tetraene **5.224** in a 93% crude yield (Scheme 5.56). The rate of addition must also be controlled where the blue/purple colour that appears upon addition of the potassium cyclooctatetraenide dianion solution must fully dissipate before adding more of the dianion solution. Purification involved dilution with hexane, filtration to remove salts and concentrating under reduced pressure. The product is a mixture of the tetraene **5.224** and minor amounts of an unremovable borane impurity. Purification by column chromatography degrades tetraene **5.224** and the impurity has similar solubilities in organic solvents ruling out recrystallisation. Nevertheless, the tetraene was used in subsequent cross-coupling reactions.



Scheme 5.56: Current optimised conditions for the synthesis of tetraene 5.224

Pinacolborane **5.229** is an odd choice for an electrophile, having a hydride as a leaving group. Its typical reactivity involves hydroboration of alkenes and alkynes in the presence of a catalyst, catalyst-free hydroboration of aldehydes, ketones and carboxylic acids, and borylations in C-H activation chemistry.^[87] A paper by Singaram in 2011, describes the synthesis of alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, vinyl and allylic pinacol boronic esters from the reaction between pinacolborane **5.229** and organomagnesium halides (Scheme 5.57).^[88] This methodology is similar to our reaction where nucleophilic substitution to the pinacolborane leads to the hydride leaving.



Scheme 5.57: Hydride as a leaving group in the reaction of pinacolborane with Grignard and Barbier reagents

Improving the synthesis of **5.224** may come from using other Bpin reagents that can serve as suitable electrophiles such as chloro- **5.231** and fluoro- **5.232** Bpin, which won't facilitate hydroborations (Figure 5.12). These halo-boranes are inspired by Bubnov's use of chlorodipropylborane.

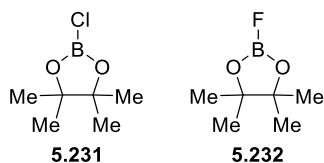
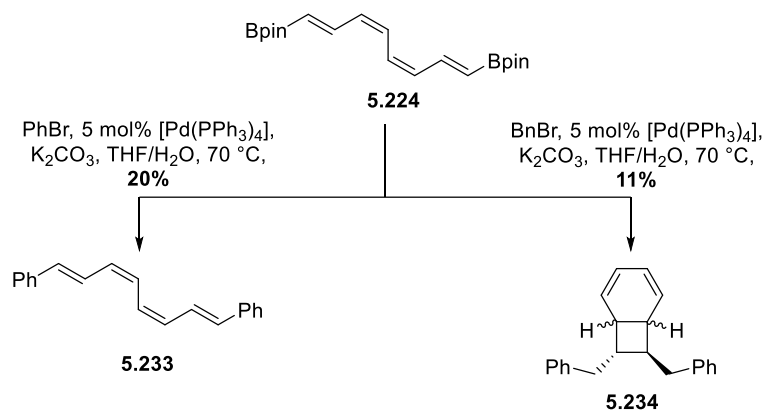


Figure 5.12: Possible reagents for the improved synthesis of tetraene 5.224

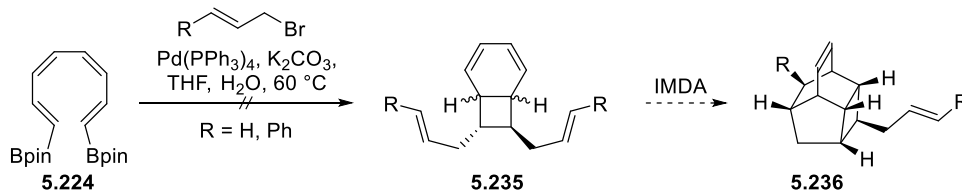
5.8.2.6 Suzuki cross-coupling with bis-Bpin tetraene

A few simple Suzuki cross coupling reactions were performed with bis-Bpin tetraene **5.224**. Reactions with phenyl bromide and benzyl bromide afforded their corresponding products **5.233** and **5.234** in 20% and 11%, respectively. These modest yields could be increased by improving the purity of bis-Bpin tetraene **5.224** and optimising the catalyst conditions. Compound **5.233** sits as the open tetraene, instead of undergoing the $8\pi/6\pi$ cascade to the BOD, in order to maintain the thermodynamically favourable conjugation between tetraene and terminal phenyl groups.



Scheme 5.58: Synthesis of tetraene 5.233 and BOD 5.234 via bis-Bpin tetraene 5.224

Attempts with allylic electrophiles such as allyl bromide and (E)-cinnamyl bromide were unsuccessful so far (Scheme 5.59). Allyl–vinyl cross-couplings are challenging and would likely need more specialised catalytic conditions. Once solved, compound **5.235** should provide convenient access to bridged scaffolds **5.236**.

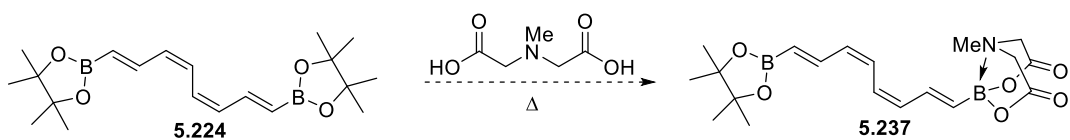


Scheme 5.59: Attempted synthesis of bis-allylic BODs

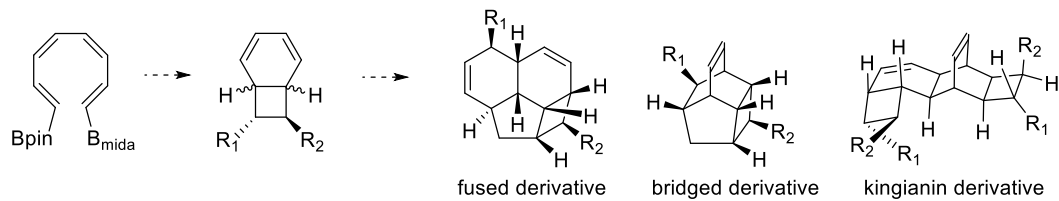
5.8.2.7 Conclusion and Future directions

With encouraging preliminary results, bis-Bpin tetraene **5.224** has potential to access multiple molecules of interest, however further optimisation of its synthesis and synthetic use is required. Possible future directions may involve functionalisation to give di-substituted tetraene **5.237** with a pinacol boronate ester and N-methyliminodiacetic acid boronate ester allowing for selective cross couplings (Scheme 5.60). To expand beyond the tested aryl and benzylic couplings, we would look to develop alkyl, vinyl and allylic couplings as well. Ultimately, this methodology can potentially access natural products in the endiandric acid family, and offers access to more derivatives for medicinal chemistry studies.

Modular diversification



Towards endiandric acid derivatives



Scheme 5.60: Future directions for bis-Bpin tetraene 5.224

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Chapter 6

Computational studies on the kinetics, thermodynamics and torquoselectivity of the $8\pi/6\pi$ electrocyclisation cascade of bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene related natural products

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6.1 Asymmetric electrocyclic reactions

Electrocyclic reactions are a class of pericyclic reaction where either a ring opening or closing event occurs, resulting in the net conversion of a π bond to a σ bond or σ bond to a π bond, respectively.^[1,2] Torquoselectivity in electrocyclic reactions may arise from bias towards inward or outward rotation of the terminal substituents in conrotatory or disrotatory mechanisms, but without torquoselection, a racemic mixture arises (Figure 6.1).^[3,4] This is another aspect of selectivity in electrocyclisations unrelated to the Woodward–Hoffman rules.

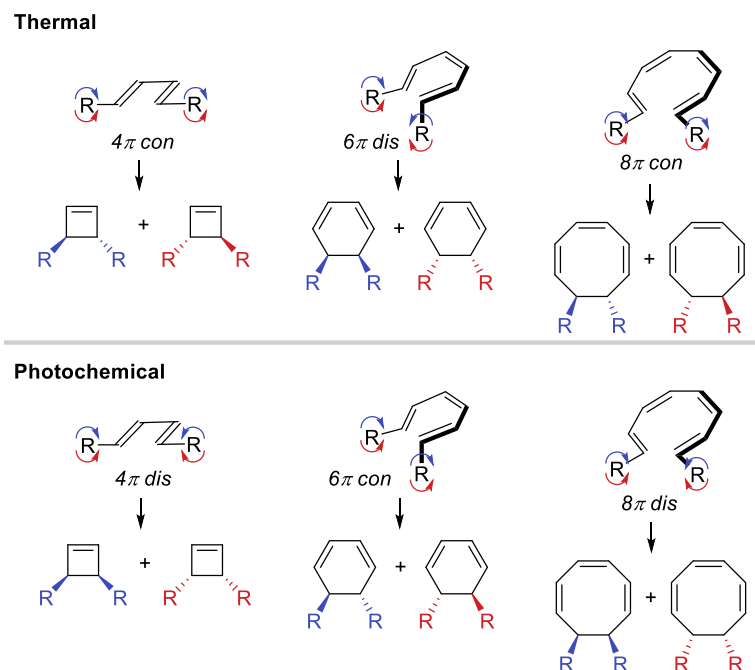
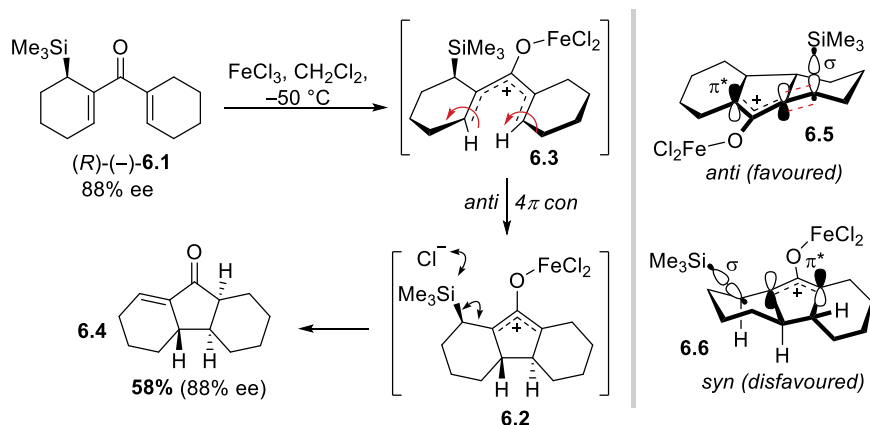


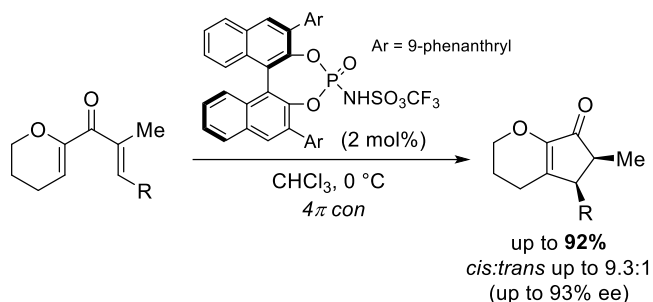
Figure 6.1: Enantiomers of thermal and photochemical 4π , 6π and 8π electrocyclisations

Asymmetric photochemical electrocyclisations are quite limited, however, there has been significant development in asymmetric thermal electrocyclisations.^[5] In regards to thermal 4π electrocyclisations, the Nazarov cyclisation has many powerful substrate and catalyst-controlled asymmetric methods. Denmark et al. in the 1980s developed a chiral silane intermediate **6.1** that transferred asymmetry in the Nazarov cyclisation (Scheme 6.1).^[6–8] Treatment of **6.1** with iron trichloride formed intermediate **6.2** from a torquoselective conrotatory 4π ring closure reaction (see intermediate **6.3**). Silane group elimination afforded tricycle **6.4** in 58% yield which maintained an enantiomeric excess of 88%. They reasoned that the intermediate cation tricycle favoured the C–Si σ bond lying perpendicular to the pentadienyl system (see **6.5**) instead of being equatorial (see **6.6**).



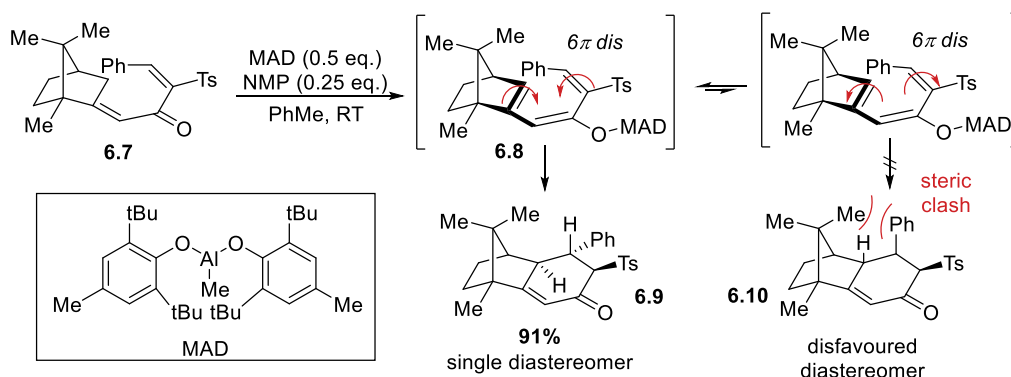
Scheme 6.1: Denmark's silicon chiral auxiliary

Rueping et al. employed a chiral Brønsted acids to an asymmetric Nazarov cyclisation (Scheme 6.2).^[9] The BINOL phosphate catalyst coordinates with the cyclopentadienyl cation intermediate and impose torquoselection during the 4π ring closure.



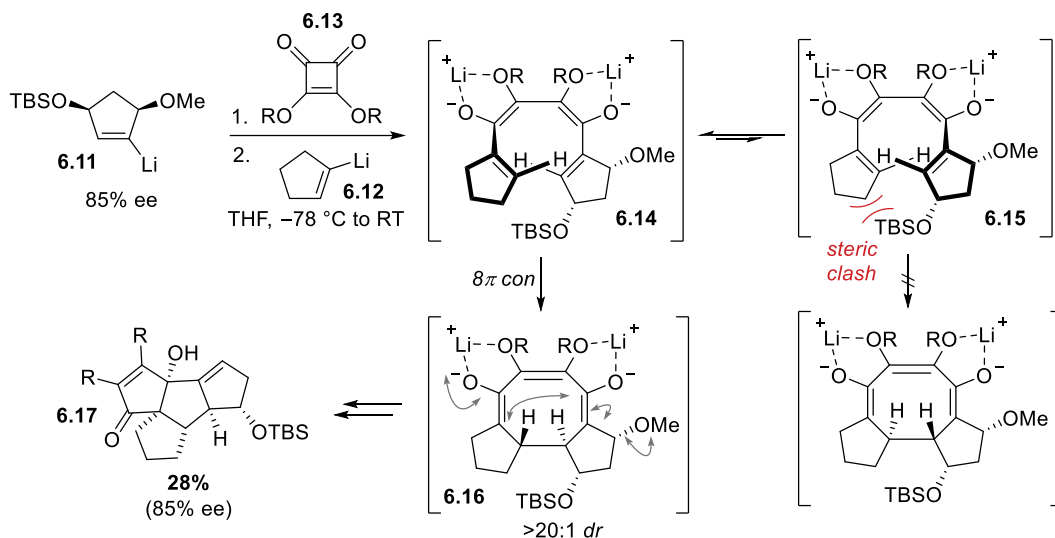
Scheme 6.2: BINOL phosphate catalysed asymmetric Nazarov cyclisation

Torquoselectivity in both 6π and 8π electrocyclisations are mainly substrate dependent and comparatively fewer in number than the 4π . Magomedov achieved a torquoselective 6π electrocyclisation with a camphor-derived compound **6.7** (Scheme 6.3).^[10] The triene **6.8** is formed *in-situ* with the MAD Lewis acid and N-methylpyrrolidine (NMP), where the single diastereomeric outcome **6.9** is a result of the direction of the disrotatory 6π reducing the steric clash between the phenyl and bridgehead dimethyl groups (see **6.10** for disfavoured product).



Scheme 6.3: Magomedov's Lewis acid-catalysed diastereoselective 6π electrocyclization

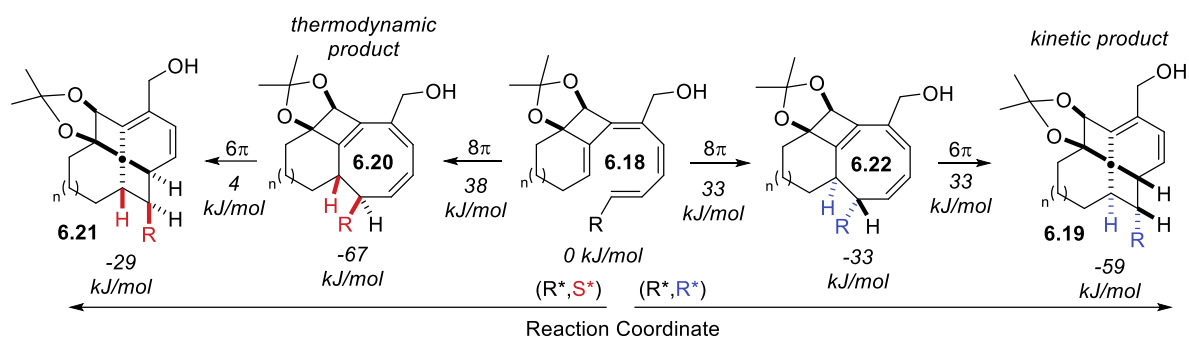
Paquette et al. performed the addition of two alkenyl anions (**6.11** and **6.12**) to a squarate ester **6.13**, which then undergoes a ring opening 4π electrocyclisation to generate charged octatetraenyl intermediates (Scheme 6.4).^[11] The two possible chiral helical intermediates (**6.14** and **6.15**) are in equilibrium with each other, however the stereochemical outcome is dependent on the rates of their respective 8π electrocyclisations. The stereochemistry of the TBSO- group in intermediate **6.15** sterically clashes with the neighbouring cycloalkene and is destabilising the transition state. **6.14** minimises this steric clash and therefore the 8π electrocyclisation can proceed and give intermediate **6.16** with complete diastereoselectivity. Further rearrangement furnishes tetracycle **6.17** with 85% e.e.



Scheme 6.4: Paquette's diastereoselective 8π electrocyclicization

6π electrocyclic reactions often follow 8π electrocyclisations due to the formation of a cyclooctatriene bearing a triene with *cis*-stereochemistry which provides the prerequisite for the 6π to occur. Work by Suffert and Schreiner reported the synthesis of fenestradienes from a diastereoselective $8\pi/6\pi$ electrocyclic cascade.^[12,13] They have conducted computational calculations that elucidate and support their experimental outcomes (Figure 6.2). Starting at tetraene **6.18** ($n = 1$ or 2), the first 8π transition states control the (R,R)- or (R,S)-diastereoselectivities in the cascade. The six-membered tetraene **6.18** ($n=1$) prefers the (R,R)-stereoisomer (5 kJ/mol lower than (R,S)-stereoisomer). Therefore, fenestradiene **6.19** ($n=1$) is the kinetic product from **6.18** ($n=1$). This preference is reversed for the seven-membered tetraene **6.18** ($n=2$), preferring the (R,S)- pathway (13 kJ/mol lower than (R,R)-stereoisomer). Interestingly, cyclooctatriene **6.20** is the thermodynamic product for **6.18** ($n=1$) and both the kinetic and thermodynamic product for **6.18** ($n=2$). It is postulated that the cycloalkane moieties are in their most stable conformations as cyclooctatrienes **6.20** as opposed to the high ring strains in their valence isomer fenestradienes **6.21**. This doesn't apply to cyclooctatriene **6.22** with (R,R)-configuration for both $n = 1$ or 2 , due to unfavourable ring strain to the cycloalkane moiety. This work is currently the best illustration of a fully torquoselective $8\pi/6\pi$ electrocyclisation cascade in literature.

aliphatic 6-membered ring ($n = 1$)



aliphatic 7-membered ring ($n = 2$)

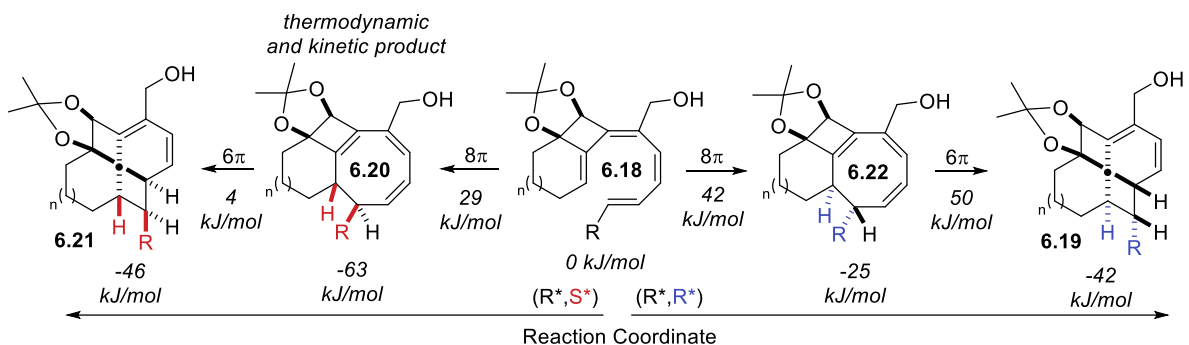


Figure 6.2: Gibbs free energy profile for the two possible stereochemical outcomes in the $8\pi/6\pi$ ring closing cascade for 6-membered tetraene **6.18 ($n = 1$) and 7-membered tetraene **6.18** ($n = 2$)**

Torquoselective $8\pi/6\pi$ electrocyclic cascades also appear in the biosynthesis of several natural products and are a key focus in this chapter.

6.2 2,4,6-trimethylbicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene related natural products

The biosynthesis of the endiandric acid family of natural products begin from a linear tetraene **6.23** that undergoes an 8π electrocyclic to cyclooctatriene **6.24** and then a 6π electrocyclic to afford a bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene **6.25** (BOD) (Figure 6.3A).^[14,15] Depending on the terminal substitutions of the BOD **6.26** (R_1 or R_2), an intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction (IMDA) can occur in one of two modes to furnish either the fused tetracycle **6.27** or bridged tetracycle **6.28** (Figure 6.3B). An intermolecular Diels–Alder reaction between two BODs can also occur to give pentacycle **6.29**. There is no torquoselectivity during the 8π electrocyclic and therefore the final products are racemic. Torquoselectivity in the subsequent 6π electrocyclic is generally minimal with both pathways often leading to mixtures of different natural products. All of these natural products are isolated as their racemates, which was one of the early clues to their non-enzymatic cascade pericyclic biosyntheses. It perhaps also highlights the inherent difficulty of enantio-torquoselective 8π electrocyclics.

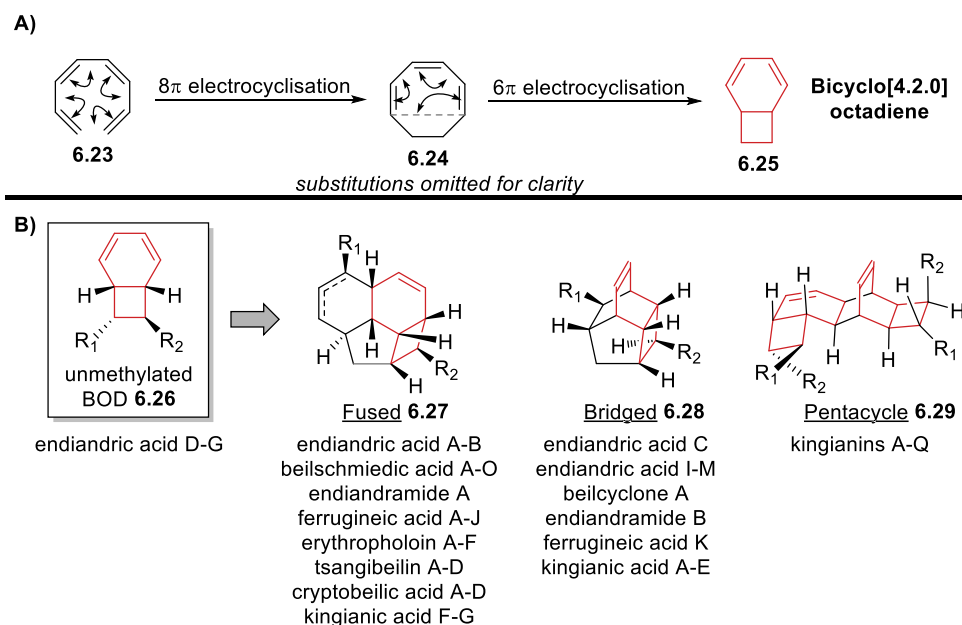


Figure 6.3: A) Biosynthetic pathway of bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene synthesis with terminal substitutions omitted B) All reported endiandric acid derivatives with reference to their shared BOD moiety

Related to this family are a series of secondary metabolites that possess a 2,4,6-trimethylbicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene **6.30** core which are formed from a similar biosynthesis ($8\pi/6\pi$ electrocyclisation cascade). Fascinatingly, the complex substitutions of all these molecules (compounds **6.31** to **6.40** in Figure 6.4) influence the non-enzymatically catalysed torquoselectivity of their electrocyclisations, leading to a selective preference of their respective stereoisomers. However, torquoselectivity is generally modest and diastereomer mixtures were obtained.

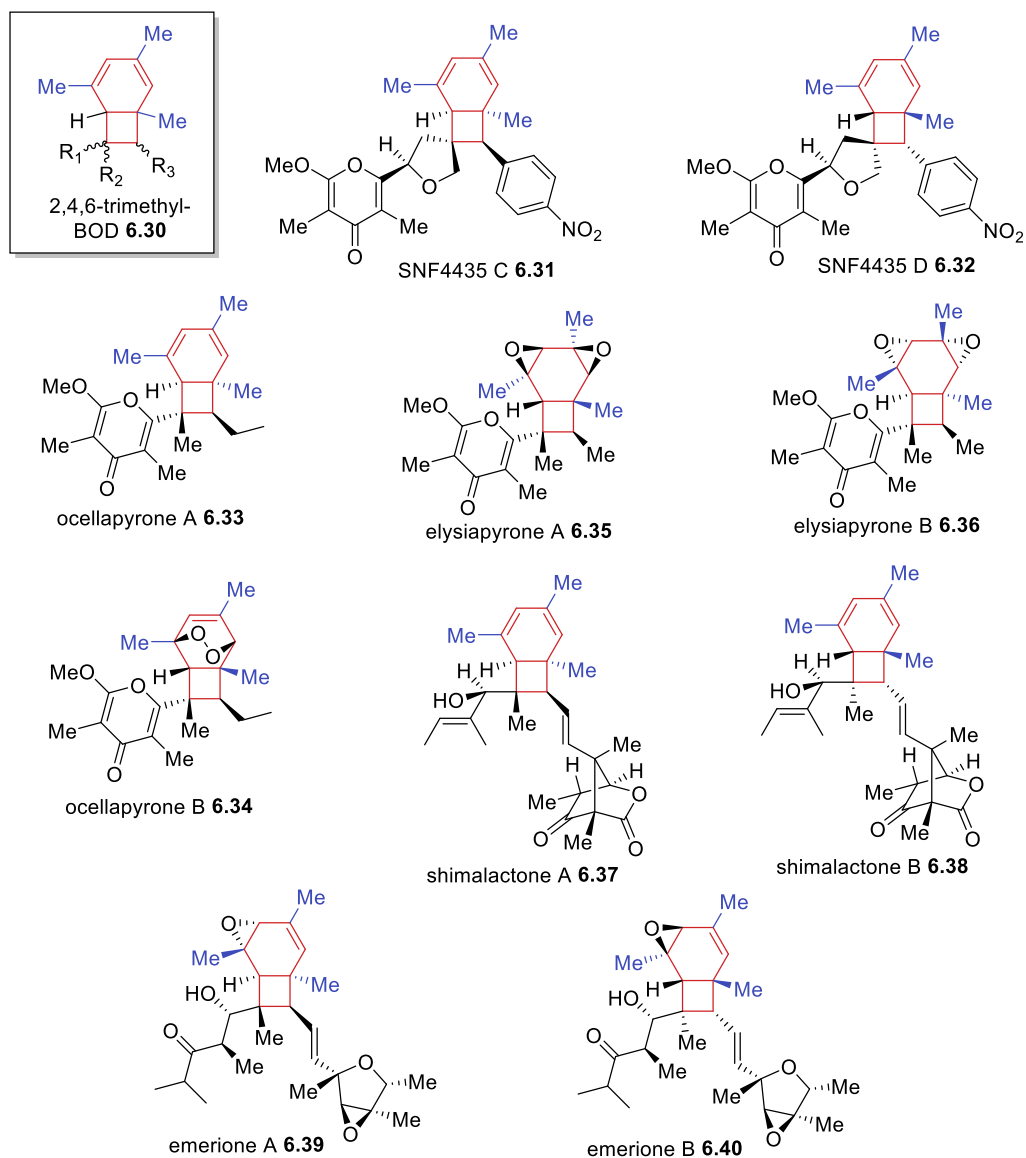
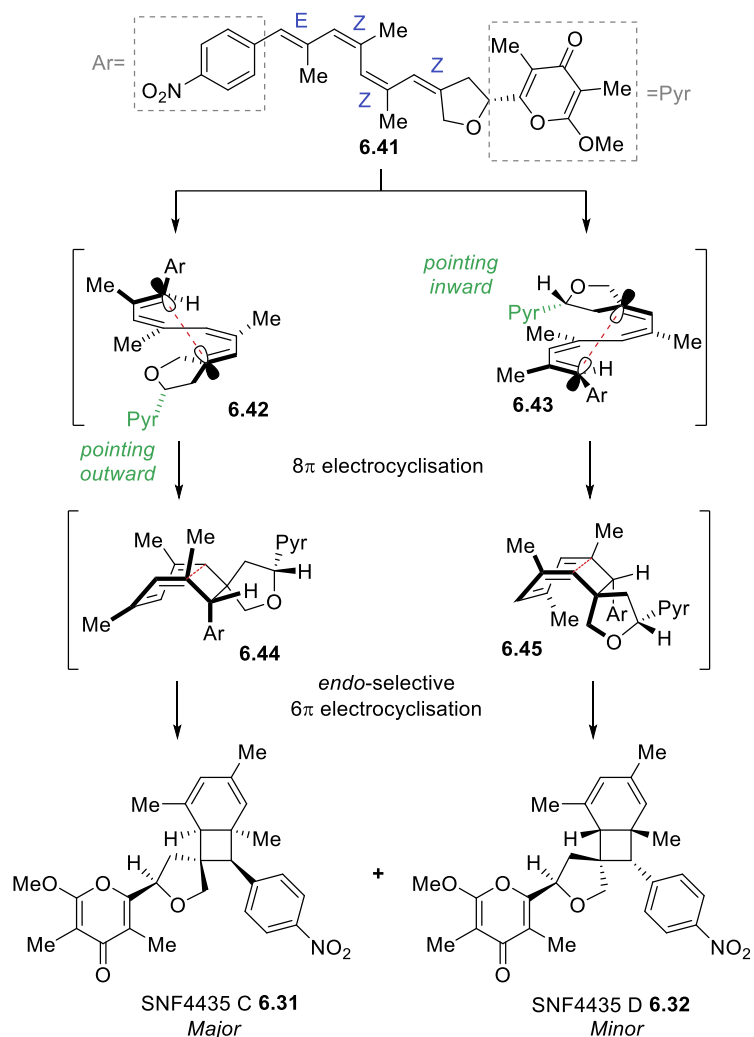


Figure 6.4: All reported 2,4,6-trimethylbicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene related natural products

6.2.1 Previous syntheses of 2,4,6-trimethylBOD related natural products

6.2.1.1 SNF4435 C and D

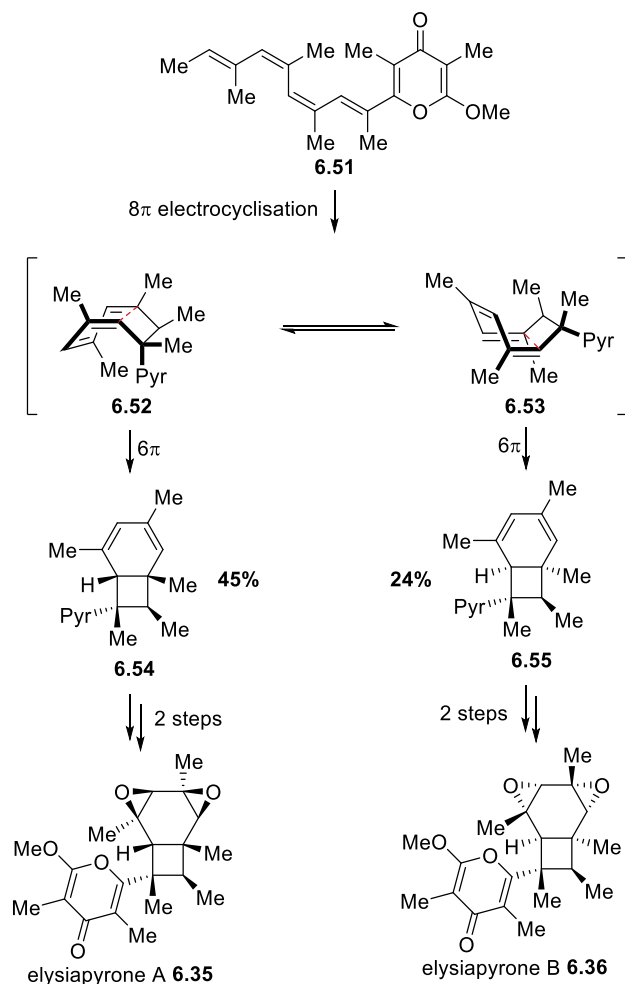
Parker (2004), Baldwin (2005) and Trauner (2005) have all accomplished total syntheses of SNF4435 C **6.31** and SNF4435 D **6.32**.^[16–18] All have intersected compound **6.41** (either directly or from an in-situ alkene isomerisation) to yield similar outcomes. Parker accessed SNF4435 C **6.31** and D **6.32** in a 4:1 ratio. Baldwin undertook a biomimetic approach, reporting a 3.6:1 ratio of **6.31** and **6.32**, respectively. Trauner furnished **6.31** and **6.32** in a 3:1 ratio, respectively. It was highlighted that there had to be torquoselectivity in both the 8π and 6π electrocyclisation. There are two possible 8π transition states: $TS_{8\pi}$ **6.42** and **6.43**. $TS_{8\pi}$ **6.42** has its pyrone moiety pointing away from the aryl substituent whereas $TS_{8\pi}$ **6.43** is pointing towards it. The steric hindrance that arises in $TS_{8\pi}$ **6.42** is proposed to influence selectivity towards the $TS_{8\pi}$ that eventual affords SNF4435 C **6.31**. The 6π electrocyclisation is exclusively endo-selective with $TS_{6\pi}$ **6.44** and **6.45** leading to the corresponding natural products (“endo” denotes the aryl substituent facing the same direction as the cyclohexadiene moiety). The explanation of this outcome will be answered in a later section. Their isolation from natural sources yielded a rough 3:1 ratio, closely matching all previous laboratory syntheses and supports its non-enzymatic origin.



Scheme 6.5: Mechanistic pathway to SNF4435 C and D

6.2.1.2 Ocellapyrone A and B

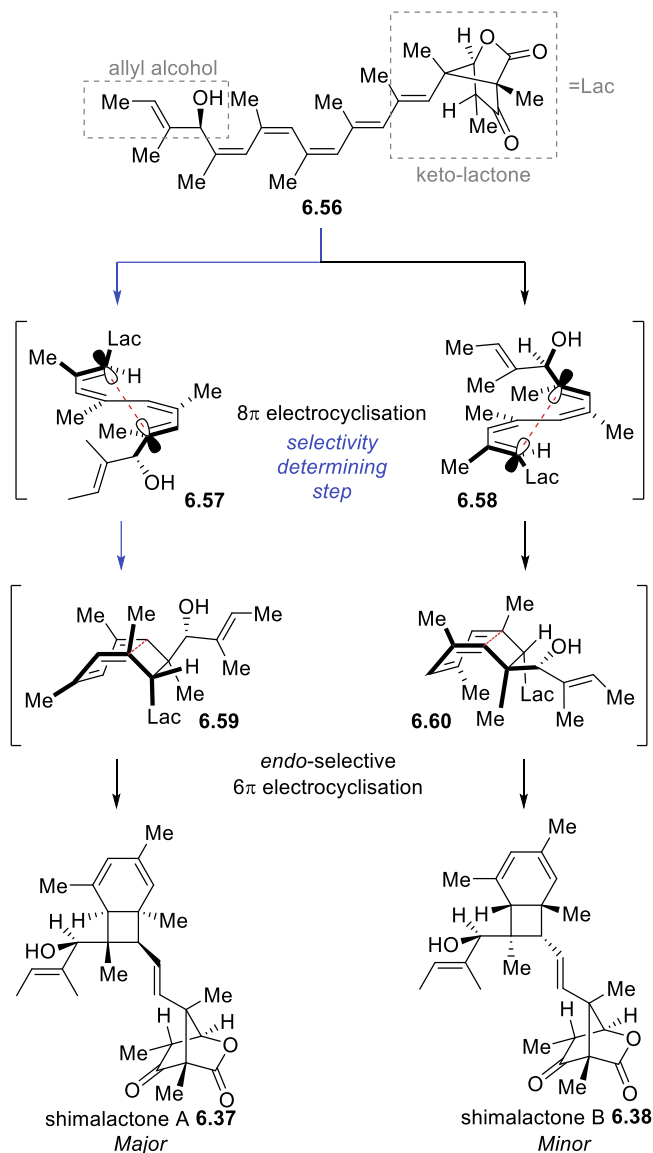
Trauner (2005) and Adlington/Moses (2007) have both intersected compound **6.46** in their respective total syntheses of ocellapyrones.^[19,20] In Trauner's synthesis, the alkene isomerisation to intermediate **6.47**, 8π electrocycloisatation to cyclooctatrienes **6.48** and **6.49** and final 6π electrocycloisatation was performed at 45 °C. Ocellapyrone A **6.33** and compound **6.50** was formed in a 1:9.8 ratio, respectively. Compound **6.50** was then converted to ocellapyrone B **6.34** via a [4+2] cycloaddition with singlet oxygen. At elevated temperatures of 150 °C, ocellapyrone A **6.33** was present but no **6.50**. This outcome was supported by Adlington/Moses where they applied temperatures of 120 °C on compound **6.46** to only furnish ocellapyrone A **6.33** with no compound **6.50**. It was postulated that **6.50** is likely to be the kinetic product in the 6π electrocycloisatation but at high temperatures the reaction becomes reversible with equilibrium favouring the thermodynamically stable *exo* conformer, ocellapyrone A **6.33**. It must also be noted that no torquoselectivity occurs in the 8π electrocycloisatation, therefore leading to racemic products.



Scheme 6.7: Mechanistic pathway to Elysiapyrone A and B

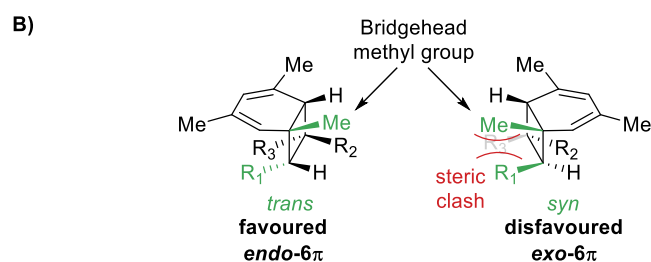
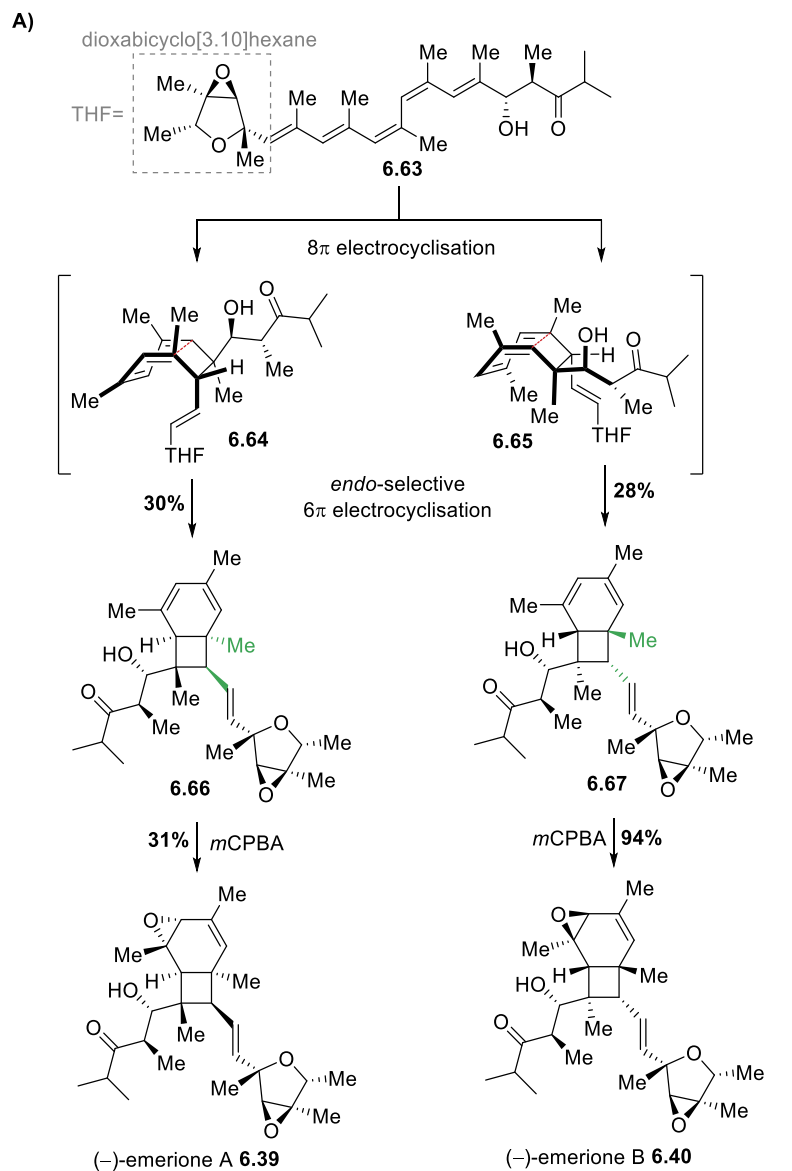
6.2.1.4 Shimalactone A and B

Shimalactones A **6.37** and B **6.38** have been synthesised chemically by Trauner (2008) and chemoenzymatically by Fujii and Uchiyama (2020).^[22,23] In Trauner's synthesis starting from compound **6.56**, the 8π electrocyclisation experiences torquoselectivity due to the steric clash between the two chiral terminal substituents on the tetraene (allyl alcohol and keto-lactone groups highlighted on **6.56**), with TS_{8π} **6.57** being favoured over **6.58**. Similar to the SNF compounds, the 6π electrocyclisation is *endo*-selective (TS_{6π} **6.59** and **6.60**) to furnish shimalactone A **6.37** and B **6.38** in a 5:1 ratio. ("*endo*" denotes the keto-lactone substituent facing the same direction as the cyclohexadiene moiety)



Scheme 6.8: Mechanistic pathway to shimalactone A and B

Fujii and Uchiyama reported an impressive biosynthesis study, where they identified and expressed a biosynthetic gene cluster to synthesise preshimalactone **6.61** and preshimalactone epoxide **6.62**. They confirmed the cascade to the natural products proceeded non-enzymatically from preshimalactone epoxide **6.62** where compound **6.56** is an intermediate. They also modelled the reaction pathway using DFT calculations of the $8\pi/6\pi$ electrocycloisomerization cascade, reporting $TS_{8\pi}$ **6.57** to be 15.1 kJ/mol lower than $TS_{8\pi}$ **6.58**, despite ground state shimalactone B **6.38** being 3.3 kJ/mol lower than **6.37**. This suggests the preference for shimalactone A **6.37** to be kinetically driven.



Scheme 6.10: A) Mechanistic pathway to emerione A and B. B) General graphic for *endo* and *exo* 6 π products

6.3 General Aims

Developments in torquoselective 6 π and 8 π electrocycloislations have been limited to specific engineered substrates. The previous section highlighted substrates which provide low to mild levels of torquoselectivity in the 8 π /6 π electrocycloislation cascade in a total synthesis setting. Literature has already established the importance of the 2-methyl in terms of 6 π torquoselectivity, however, understanding the role of all the methyl groups would give a complete picture on their effects on the kinetics and thermodynamics of the cascade (Figure 6.5A). There have been few attempts on the asymmetric synthesis of bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene compounds and calculating the rate of reversibility of the 8 π /6 π cascade would be important for future endeavours (Figure 6.5B). Modelling the 8 π /6 π cascade of previously synthesised natural

products and engineered molecules that provide mild 8π torquoselectivity (Figure 6.5C) would give complementary insight and serve to test the computational methodology used. Finally, the $8\pi/6\pi$ cascade of several hypothetical substrates will be modelled to test their aptitude for 8π torquoselectivity (Figure 6.5D). By conducting a purely computational study on a selection of examples and models, we hope to fill knowledge gaps, elucidate a general pattern of the $8\pi/6\pi$ electrocyclic cascade and ultimately offer insights for the development of asymmetric 8π electrocyclic reactions.

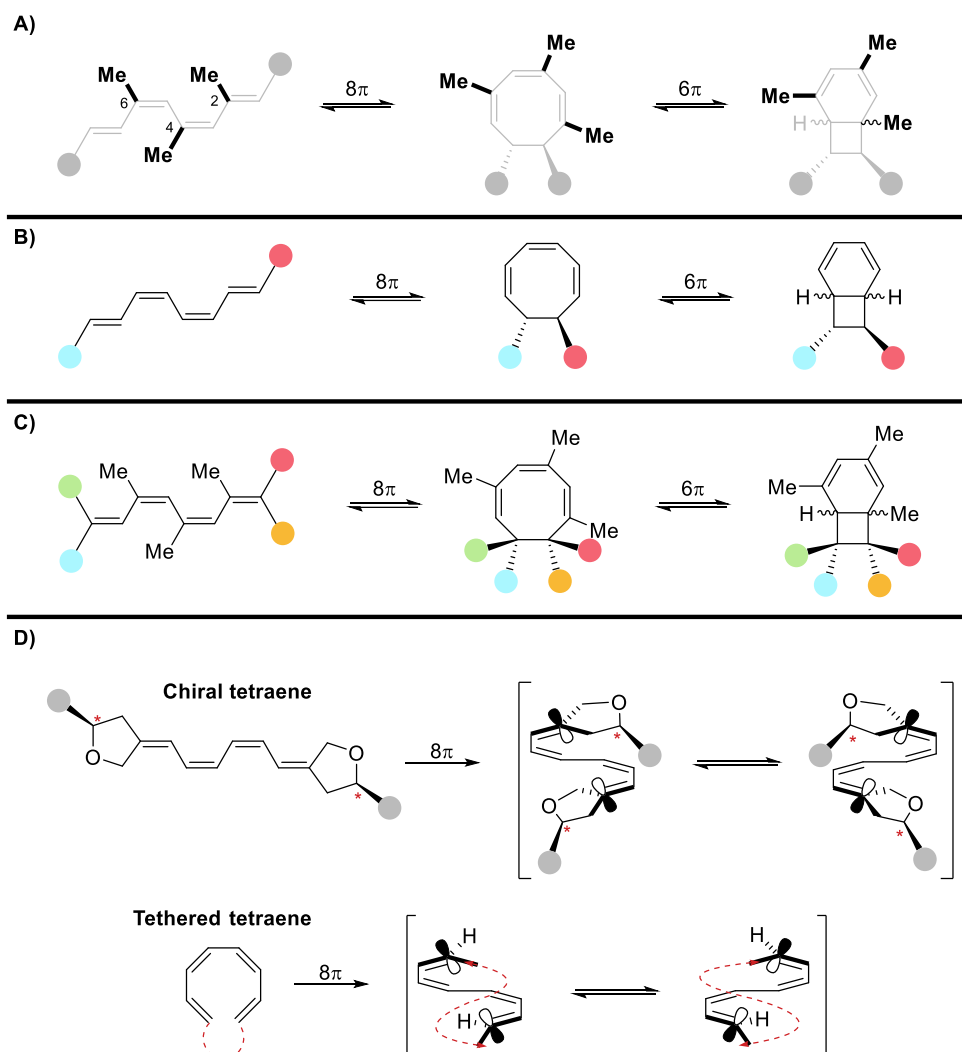


Figure 6.5: A) Observing the effects of methyl groups on the overall kinetics and thermodynamics in the $8\pi/6\pi$ cascade. B) Calculating the rate of reversibility of the $8\pi/6\pi$ cascade. C) Modelling the $8\pi/6\pi$ cascade of natural products and engineered molecules. D) Modelling the $8\pi/6\pi$ cascade of hypothetically 8π torquoselective substrates.

6.4 Results and Discussion

6.4.1 Effects of the methyl substitution on the $8\pi/6\pi$ cascade of 2,4,6-trimethylbicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene

To gain a complete understanding of the methyl group effects, we calculated the energy profile of the synthetic pathway from tetraene to BOD of various combinations of substituted tetraenes **6.68-6.77**, where the positions of the methyl groups directly correlate to the natural products (Figure 6.6). By isolating and having different combinations of methyl groups, we can identify their specific functions.

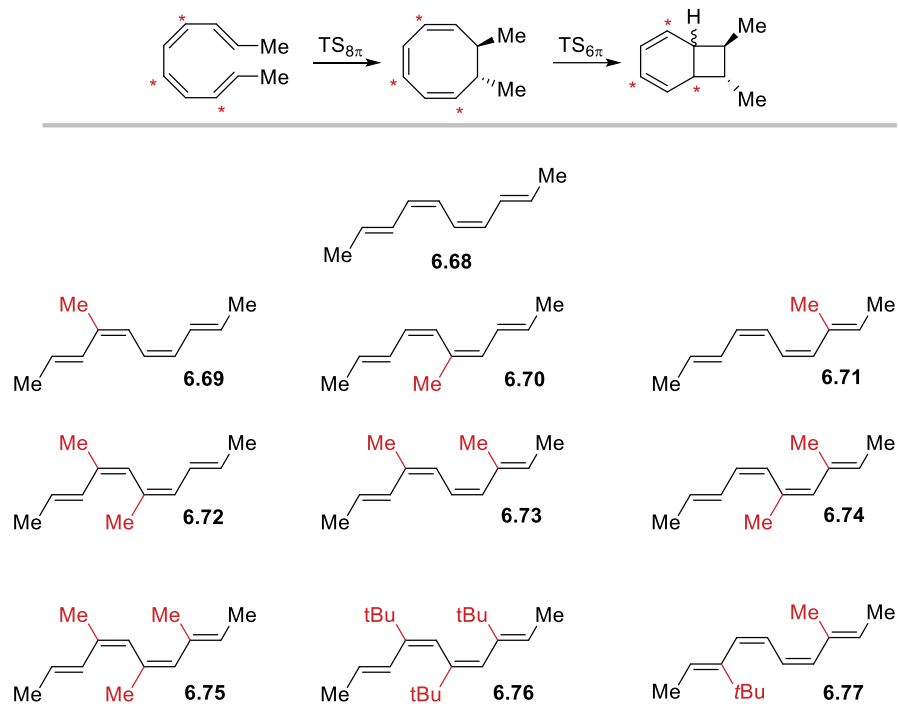


Figure 6.6: Entire scope for methyl tetraenes 6.68-6.77

This section can be considered complementary to Houk's computational work on terminal substituent effects on the $8\pi/6\pi$ cascade of 1,3,5,7-tetraenes (Figure 6.7).^[25] Using M062X/6-31+G(d,p) computations, they reported the 6π electrocyclic ring closure is typically the rate determining step (RDS) of the cascade. For un- and mono-substituted tetraenes (**6.78-6.80**), the 8π is facile, but the 6π closure is slow and reversible. Di- and tri-substituted tetraenes (**6.68, 6.81-6.85**) undergo facile 8π , however are less exergonic due to steric clash destabilising the cyclooctatriene. The subsequent 6π is kinetically facile and thermodynamically favourable due to release of steric hindrance when converted to the corresponding BOD. Tri- and tetra-substituted tetraenes (**6.84-6.86**) exclusively give the BOD structure. It was also highlighted that di- and tri-substituted tetraenes (**6.68, 6.81-6.85**) can undergo diastereoselective 6π electrocyclisations.

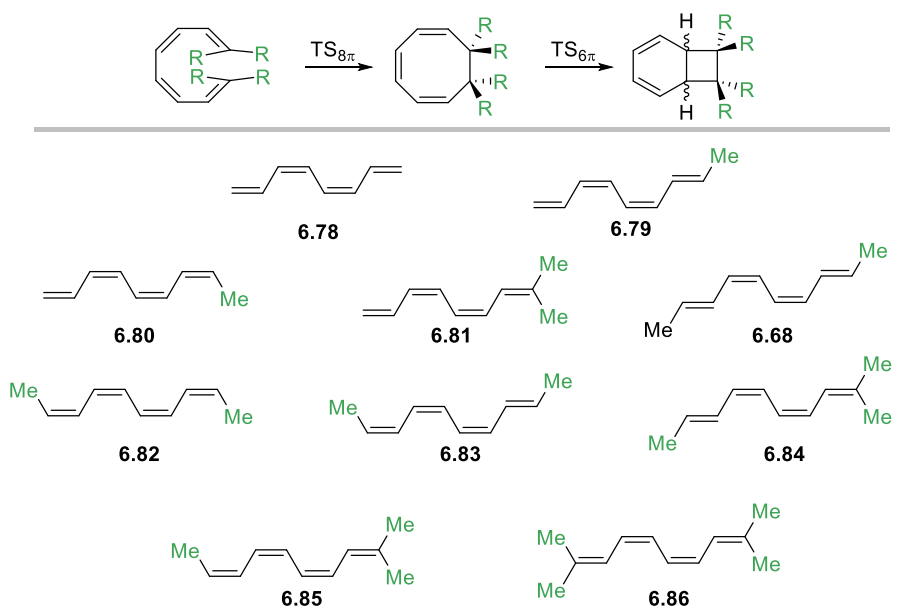
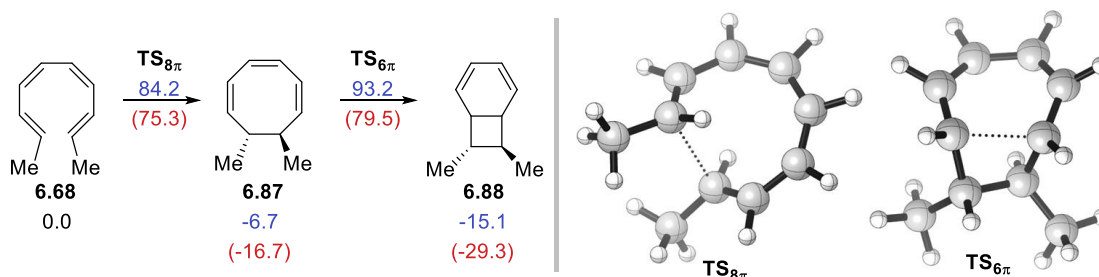


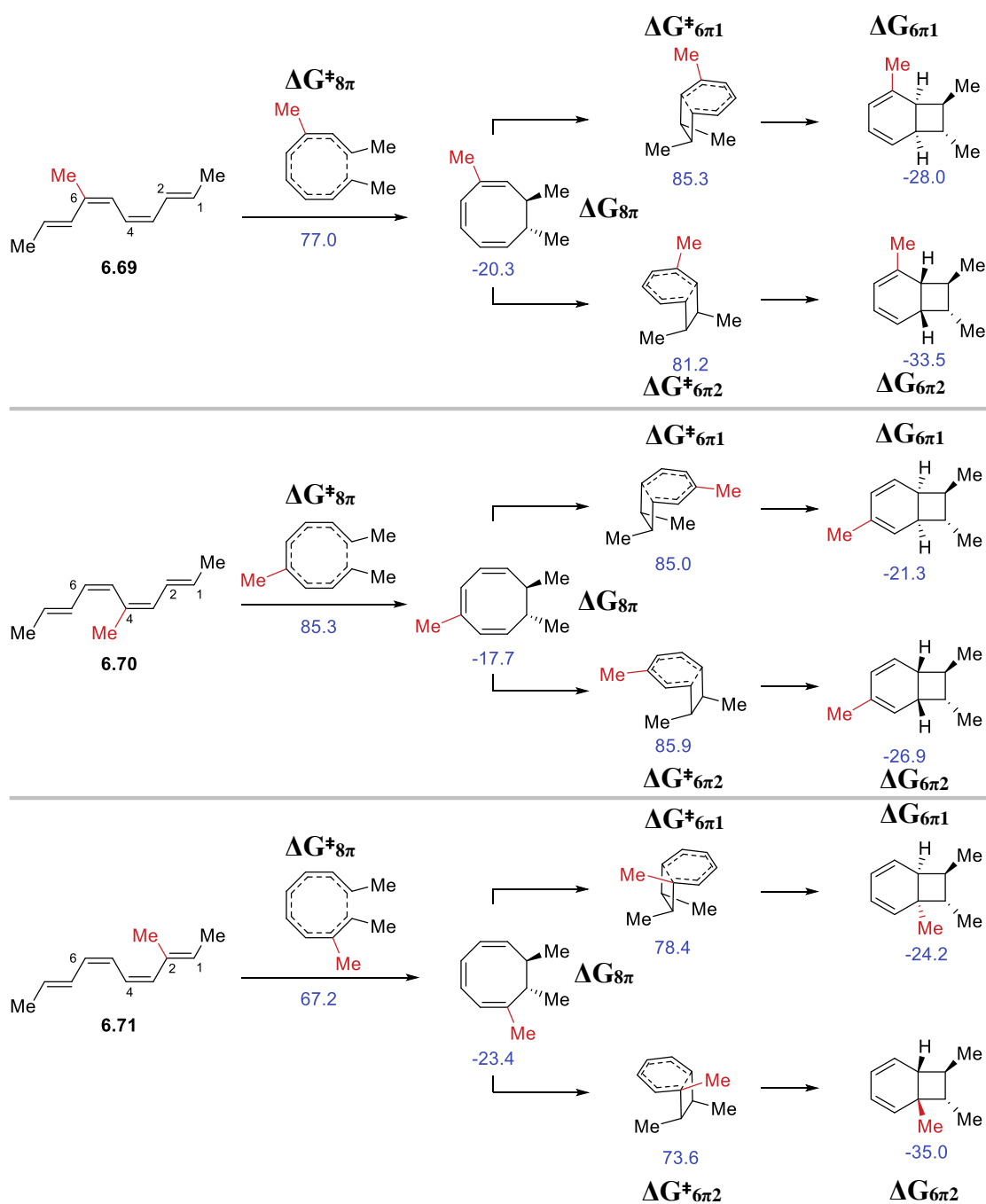
Figure 6.7: Houk's set of 1,3,5,7-octatetraenes

We started with tetraene **6.68**, using M062X functional and def2SVP basis set for geometry optimisations/frequency calculations and the same functional with def2TZVP basis set to calculate the single point energies (and used for all subsequent calculations within this chapter). [26–29] The numbers highlighted in blue are our values and red are Houk’s values that have been converted from kcal/mol to kJ/mol (Scheme 6.11). Using the def2TZVP basis (vs 6-31+G(d,p)) gives similar results with somewhat elevated reaction barriers and predicts somewhat lower product stabilities. The $\text{TS}_{6\pi}$ is the RDS (activation energy of 99.9 kJ/mol) and the BOD **6.88** is the thermodynamic sink (-15.1 kJ/mol) and has a high reverse barrier energy of 108.3 kJ/mol.



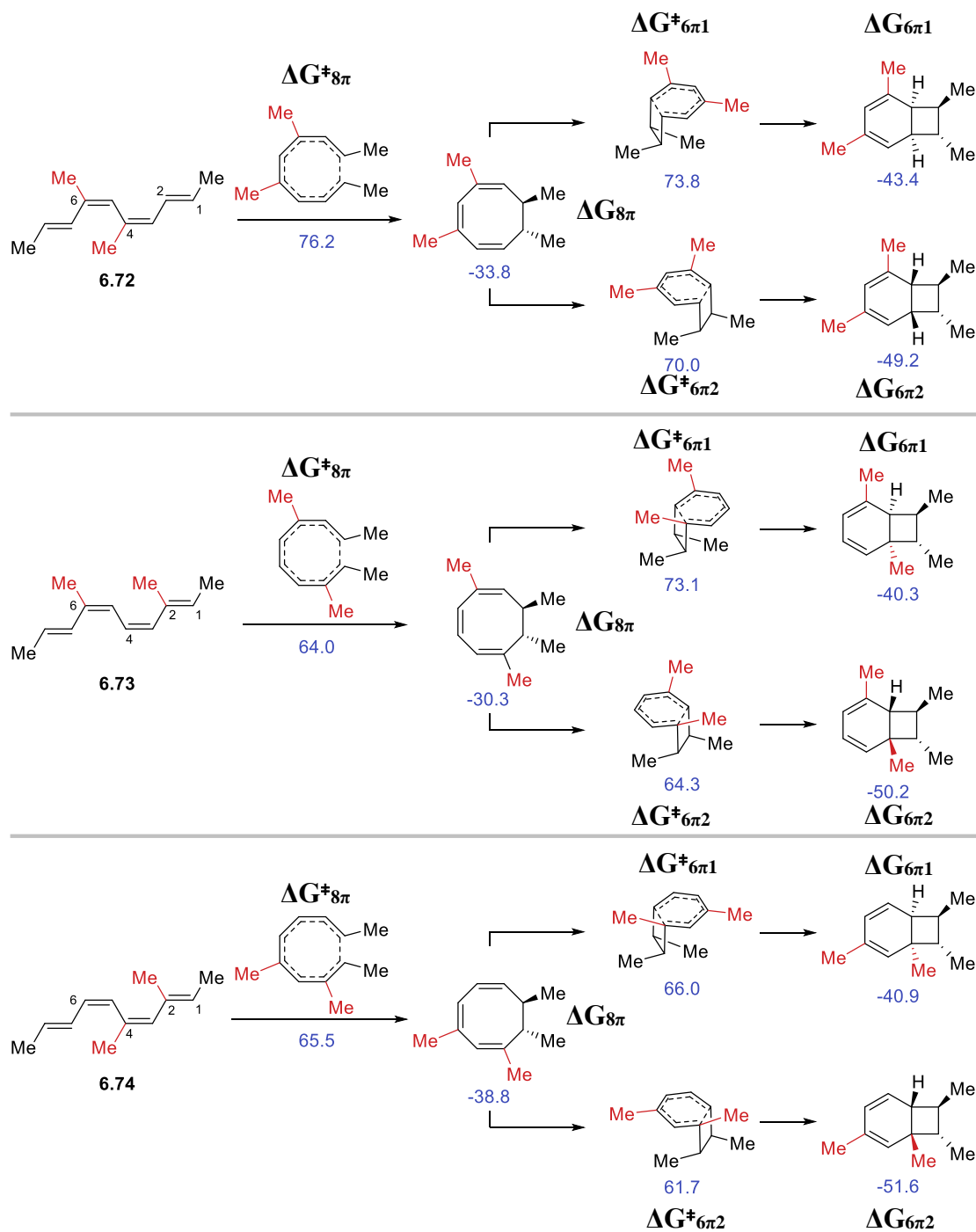
Scheme 6.11: Gibbs free energy profile (kJ/mol) and transition structures for the $8\pi/6\pi$ ring closure cascade of tetraene **6.68**

Our next step is to add one methyl substituent in positions that correlate with the methylation pattern of the natural products to isolate their respective effects. There are three possibilities with a methyl group introduced at C6 (**6.69**), C4 (**6.70**) and C2 (**6.71**). The free energies of activation for 8π ($\Delta G^*_{8\pi}$) and 6π ($\Delta G^*_{6\pi}$) ring closure and the ground state energies for the 8π ($\Delta G_{8\pi}$) and 6π ($\Delta G_{6\pi}$) electrocyclization products for tetraenes **6.69-6.71** have been summarised in scheme 6.12. $\Delta G_{6\pi 1}$ (arising from $\Delta G^*_{6\pi 1}$) designates the unfavourable *syn* BOD and $\Delta G_{6\pi 2}$ (arising from $\Delta G^*_{6\pi 2}$) indicates the favourable *trans* BOD. All Gibbs free energies are reported in kJ/mol and were calculated using the tetraene precursor as the point of reference. In scheme 6.12 for the monomethyl tetraenes **6.69-6.71** calculated free energies, it is clear that the C2 methyl has the greatest effect on lowering the $\Delta G^*_{8\pi}$ (see tetraene **6.71**), with the C4 methyl in tetraene **6.70** having the least. The $\Delta G_{6\pi 2}$ of **6.71** is 10.8 kJ/mol lower than its $\Delta G_{6\pi 1}$ counterpart, whereas $\Delta G_{6\pi 2}$ **6.69** and **6.70** is 5.5 and 5.6 kJ/mol lower, respectively. Therefore, the C2 methyl group imparts the greatest influence on the thermodynamics. Oddly, the $\Delta G^*_{6\pi 2}$ of **6.69** and **6.71** are comparable to their $\Delta G^*_{6\pi 1}$ counterpart. $\Delta G^*_{6\pi 2}$ **6.70** is calculated to be 0.9 kJ/mol higher than $\Delta G^*_{6\pi 1}$ **6.63**, but can be considered isoenergetic.



Scheme 6.12: Summary of computed activation and reaction free energies for 8 π /6 π cascade ring closures of dimethyl tetraenes 6.69-6.71

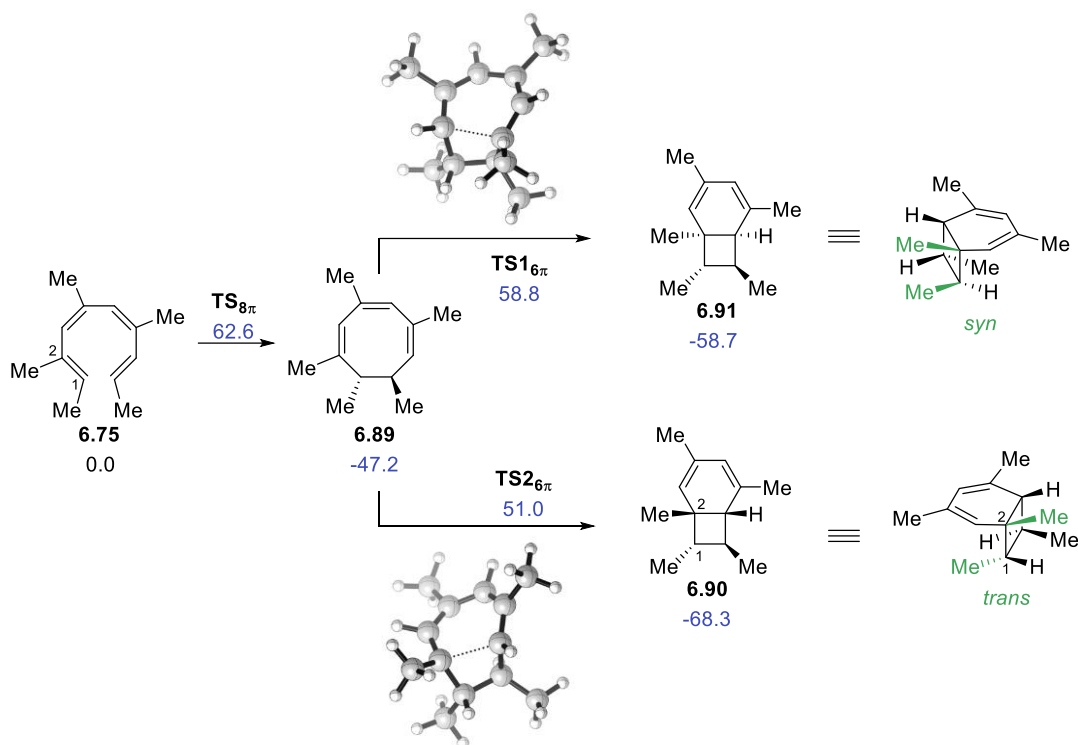
Moving on, we installed the second methyl substituent in positions that correlate with the natural products to observe potential synergetic behaviour. There are three possibilities with methyl groups at C6/C4 (**6.72**), C6/C2 (**6.73**) and C4/C2 (**6.74**). The free energies of activation for 8 π ($\Delta G^{\ddagger}_{8\pi}$) and 6 π ($\Delta G^{\ddagger}_{6\pi}$) ring closure and the ground state energies for the 8 π ($\Delta G_{8\pi}$) and 6 π ($\Delta G_{6\pi}$) electrocyclic products for tetraenes **6.72-6.74** have been summarised in scheme 6.13. The $\Delta G^{\ddagger}_{8\pi}$ of all dimethyl tetraenes **6.72-6.74** are generally lower in energy than the $\Delta G^{\ddagger}_{8\pi}$ of monomethyl tetraenes **6.69-6.71**, with the exception of **6.72**. The absence of the C2 methyl in tetraene **6.72** corresponded to a comparatively higher $\Delta G^{\ddagger}_{8\pi}$ of 76.2 kJ/mol, compared to tetraenes **6.73-6.74**. The $\Delta G_{6\pi 2}$ of **6.73** and **6.74** are roughly 10 kJ/mol lower than their $\Delta G_{6\pi 1}$ counterpart, whereas $\Delta G_{6\pi 2}$ **6.72** is only 5.8 kJ/mol lower. Although the C2 methyl still maintains the greatest influence, we are seeing additive effects from the other methyl groups when present.



Scheme 6.13: Summary of computed activation and reaction free energies for 8 π /6 π cascade ring closures of dimethyl tetraenes 6.72-6.74

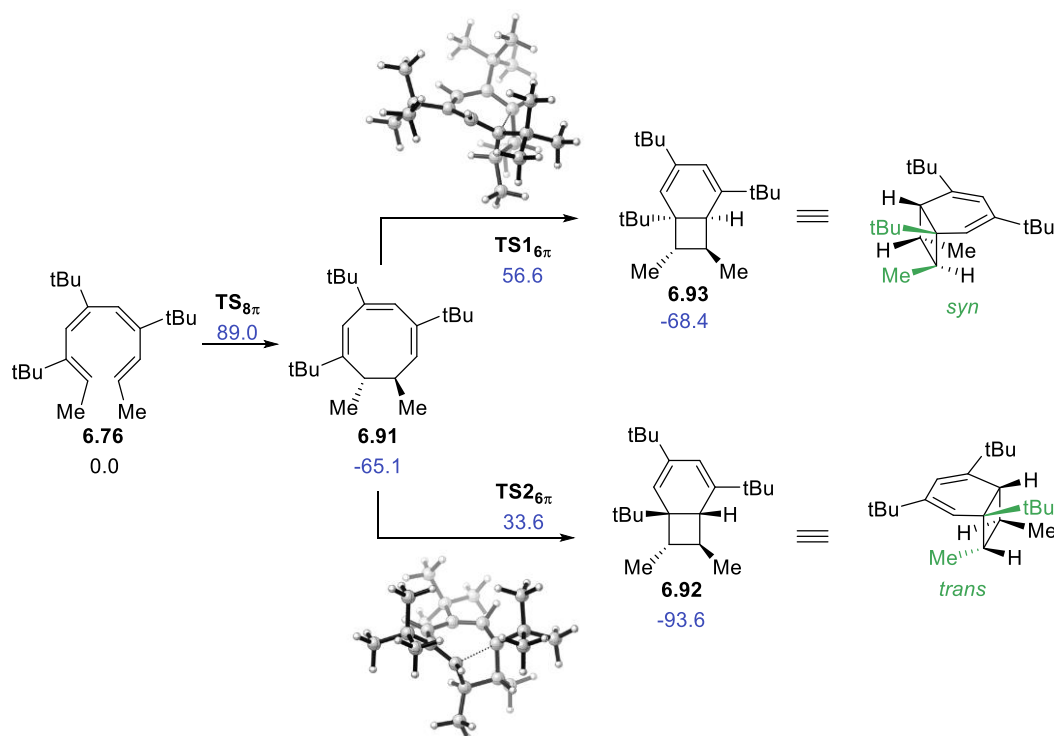
Finally, we modelled the full trimethyl tetraene **6.75**. In comparing tetraene **6.68** to **6.75**, the 8 π is considerably more facile with a transition state barrier of 62.6 kJ/mol to reach cyclooctatriene **6.89** which is also more exergonic than **6.87** with an energy of -47.2 kJ/mol (Scheme 6.14). $\text{TS}_{1_{6\pi}}$ is 7.8 kJ/mol higher than $\text{TS}_{2_{6\pi}}$ and the resulting **BOD 6.90** is 9.6 kJ/mol lower than **BOD 6.91**. The 6 π to **6.90** is both more kinetically rapid and thermodynamically favourable than its diastereomer **6.91**. This was anticipated due to the favourable *trans* relationship between the terminal (on C1) and bridgehead methyl (on C2). Across the 8 π /6 π cascade ring closures in tetraenes **6.69-6.75**, the C2 methyl provides the greatest influence for lowering the 8 π electrocycloisatation activation energy as well as directing the cascade to the favoured $\Delta G_{6\pi 2}$ product. However, the C4 and C6 methyl groups provide an additive effect on the thermodynamic stability of the $\Delta G_{6\pi 2}$ product. Houk's previously stated trend of increasing the

number of substitutions leads to more rapid kinetics and favourable thermodynamics is documented in our work, when you move from unsubstituted tetraene **6.68** to monomethyl **6.69**-**6.71**, dimethyl **6.72**-**6.74** and finally trimethyl tetraene **6.75**.



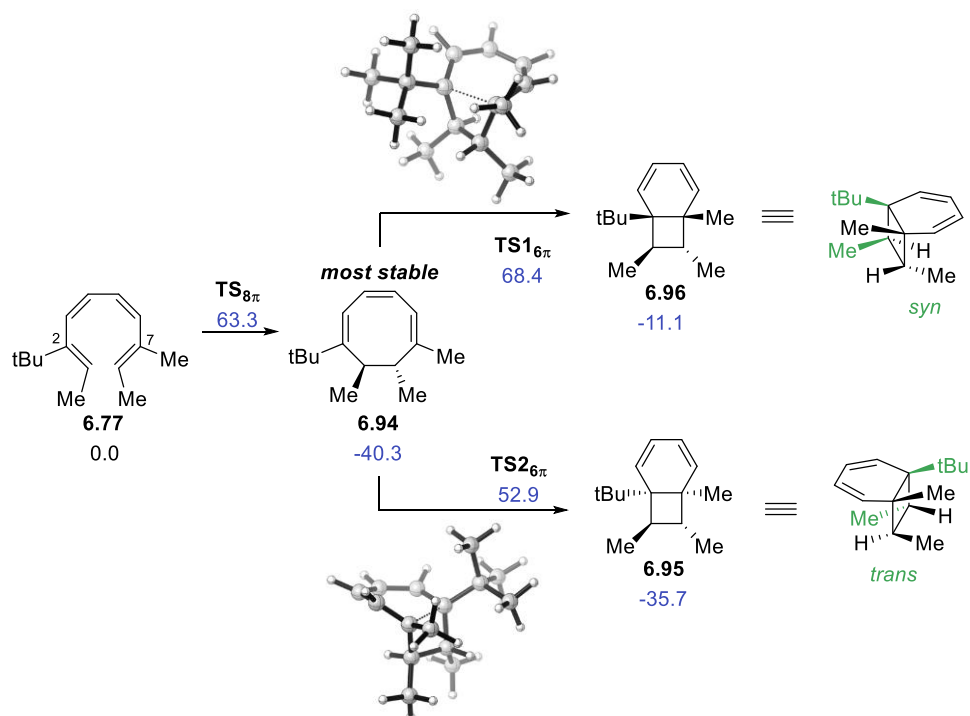
Scheme 6.14: Gibbs free energy profile (kJ/mol) and transition structures for the $8\pi/6\pi$ ring closure cascade of tetraene **6.75**

It can be envisioned that bulkier groups would amplify the aforementioned effects on the $6\pi/8\pi$ cascade. Replacing the three internal methyl groups with *t*-butyl groups gives tetraene **6.76** which was modelled and presented in scheme 6.15. Starting with tetraene **6.76**, a comparatively large 89.0 kJ/mol is required to overcome the 8π transition state barrier to reach cyclooctatriene $\Delta G_{8\pi}$ **6.91**, which could be owed to potential steric clashes of three *t*-butyl groups (Scheme 6.15). $TS_{26\pi}$ is considerably lower than $TS_{16\pi}$, differing by a significant 23 kJ/mol. These large differences continue with **6.92** being 25.2 kJ/mol lower than **6.93**.



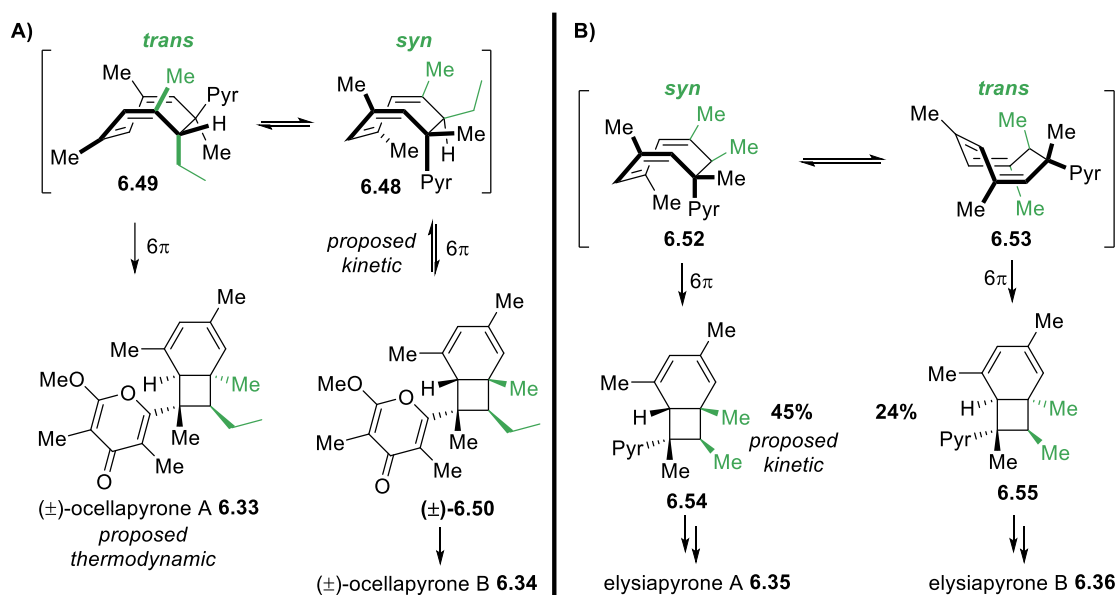
Scheme 6.15: Gibbs free energy profile (kJ/mol) and transition structures for the $8\pi/6\pi$ ring closure cascade of tetraene **6.76**

Venturing a little beyond our scope, we wished to compare the effects different sizes of substituents at the C2 and C7 positions would have on the cascade. Installing a *t*-butyl group at C2 and a methyl group at C7 gives us tetraene **6.77** which has been modelled and presented in scheme 6.16. The 8π cyclisation to **6.94** is facile with an activation energy of 63.3 kJ/mol. **6.95** is shown to be the preferred product in terms of kinetics and thermodynamics when compared to the alternative **6.96**. This likely arises from the favoured least sterically hindered product and associated 6π transition state. In general, the facile nature of converting the methylated tetraenes to their respective BOD structures, either in the natural products or their simple derivatives, arises from the destabilising effects of the methyl groups on the backbone. However, the global minimum of this cascade is the cyclooctatriene intermediate **6.94**, which is likely owed to the cyclobutane moieties in the **6.95** and **6.96** BODs being sterically encumbered and therefore would assume a mixture of both **6.94** (major) and **6.95** (minor).



Scheme 6.16: Gibbs free energy profile (kJ/mol) and transition structures for the $8\pi/6\pi$ ring closure cascade of tetraene **6.77**

Terminal substituents may also have an effect on the torquoselectivity of the 6π electrocycloisatation, instead of solely the methyl groups on the tetraene backbone. Our calculations advised the *trans* products to be both the kinetic and thermodynamic products, however is at odds with some natural product syntheses. This was observed during the synthesis of ocellapyrones, where the kinetic product was the *syn* ocellapyrone **6.34** and the thermodynamic product was the *trans* ocellapyrone **6.33** (Scheme 6.17A). Similarly for the synthesis of elysiapyrones, the major product was the kinetically favoured *syn* elysiapyrone **6.35** (Scheme 6.17B). Therefore, care needs to be taken when applying what was learnt in this section to other related natural products. The C2 substituent does have a major role in torquoselectivity, but terminal substituents may also be important. Future work might involve modelling a variety of terminal substituents to understand the inconsistency with some 2,4,6-trimethylbicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene natural product synthesis outcomes.



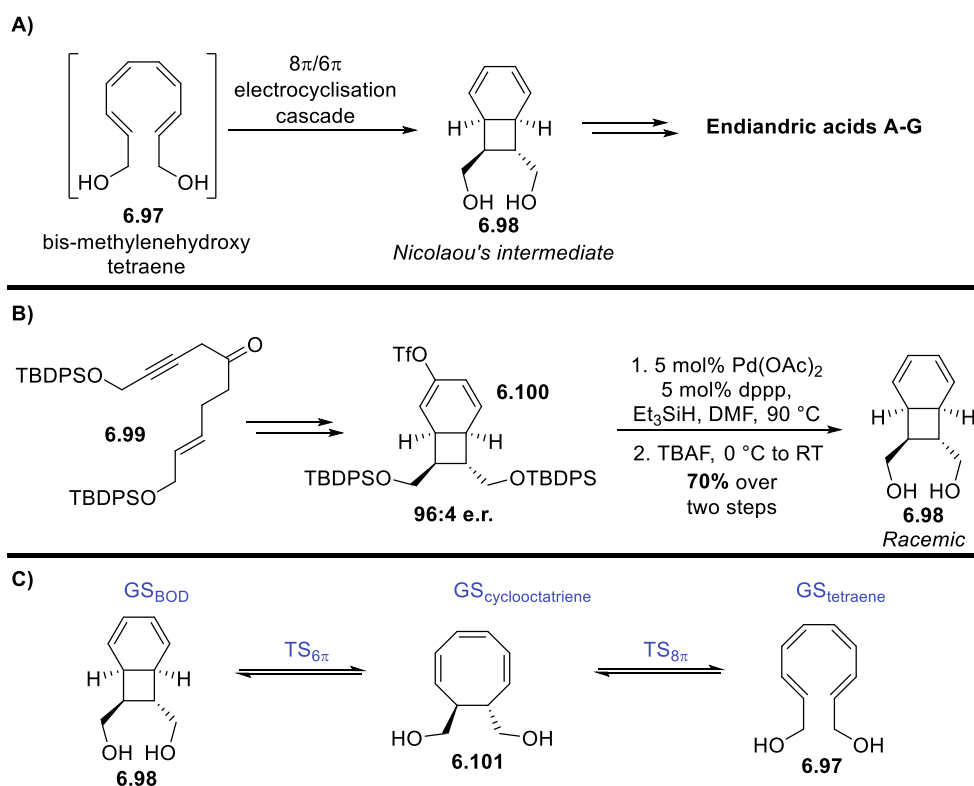
Scheme 6.17: A) Snapshot of ocellapyrone synthesis from scheme 6.6. B) Snapshot of elysiapyrone synthesis from scheme 6.7

6.4.2 Reversibility in the biosynthetic cascade of endiandric acid related natural products

There is no suggested torquoselectivity in the 8π electrocyclisation step of the biosynthetic cascade of endiandric acid derivatives, as they are isolated as racemic mixtures. This was also the original clue in favour of a non-enzymatic biosynthetic cascade. Torquoselectivity in the 6π electrocyclisation is not relevant since the subsequent IMDA only proceeds through an *endo*-selective pathway, in regards to fused **6.27** and bridged **6.28** tetracycles. Despite this, there have been efforts on the enantioselective synthesis of endiandric natural products.

6.4.2.1 Towards enantioselective synthesis of bis-methylenehydroxy BOD

In Nicolaou's hallmark work involving the syntheses of endiandric acids A-G, bis-methylenehydroxy tetraene **6.97** was synthesised and collapsed into BOD **6.98**, which served as an intermediate from which the divergent total synthesis occurred (Scheme 6.18A).^[30–34] In a 2022 paper, Brown reported the enantioselective isomerization/stereoselective [2+2] cycloadditions that access bicyclo[4.2.0]octanes.^[35] To test the applicability of his methodology, Brown devised an enantioselective synthesis of Nicolaou's intermediate **6.98**. Compound **6.99** was transformed into BOD **6.100** over several steps to maintain a high 96:4 enantiomeric ratio (Scheme 6.18B). In the process of removing the triflate group and silyl group deprotection, the final BOD **6.69** lost enantiopurity. It was postulated that the high temperatures during the Pd-catalysed step provided enough energy for the BOD **6.98** to racemise by cycling through the cyclooctatriene **6.101** on its way to tetraene **6.97**, losing its asymmetry (Scheme 6.18C). We conducted a computational study on this pathway to provide insight into the reversibility of this event.



Scheme 6.18: A) Nicolaou's intermediate in the total synthesis of endiandric acids A-G. B) Brown's attempt towards asymmetric synthesis of Nicolaou's intermediate. C) Pathway for racemisation

An energy of 119.7 kJ/mol is required for reversal to **GS_{cyclooctatriene} 6.101** from **GS_{BOD} 6.98** (Figure 6.7). To find the rate constant, we inputted the **TS_{6π}** (119.7 kJ/mol) with the temperature of the reported reaction conditions in Scheme 6.16B (T = 90 °C = ~388.15 K) into the Eyring equation (Equation 6.1).

Equation 6.1:

$$k = \frac{k_b T}{h} e^{-\frac{\Delta G^\ddagger}{RT}}$$

The rate constant (*k*) is calculated to be ~6.302e-4 which is a half-life (*t*_{1/2}) of ~18.3 minutes. An energy of 108 kJ/mol is required for reversal to **GS_{tetraene} 6.97** from **GS_{cyclooctatriene} 6.101** (Figure 6.8). Repeating the Eyring equation, we calculate a rate constant (*k*) of ~2.367e-2 which is a half-life (*t*_{1/2}) of ~29 seconds. The reaction (in Scheme 6.18B) was reported to run for an hour at 90 °C, which according to our calculations, is enough time to allow for reversibility and therefore racemisation. If the authors were able to run their reactions at least 30 °C lower, enantiopurity of **GS_{BOD} 6.98** may have been preserved.

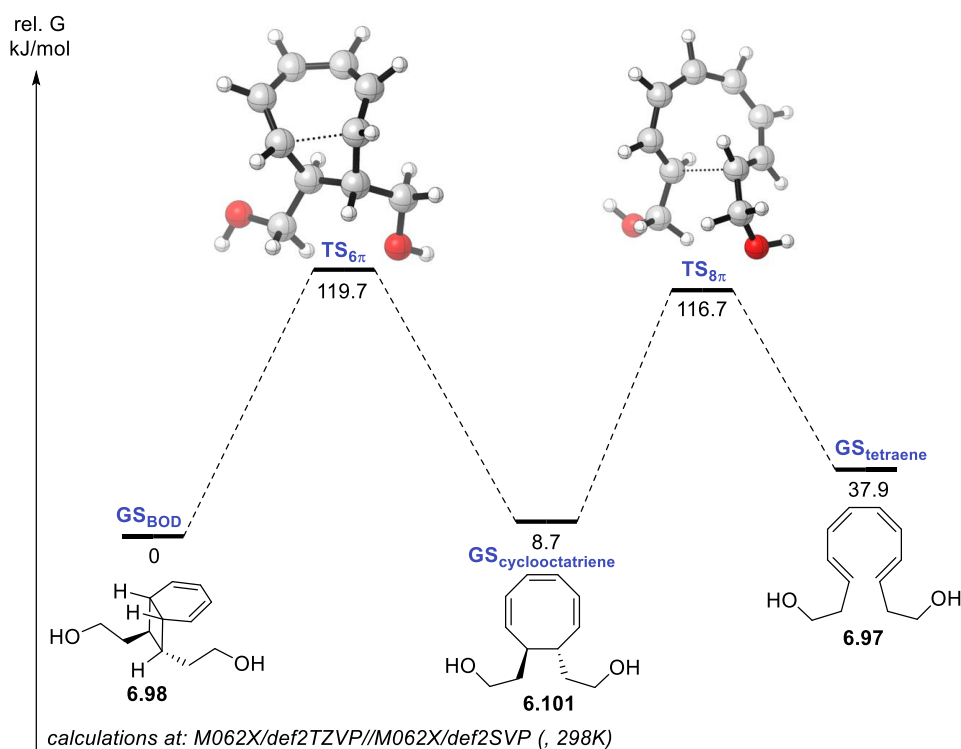
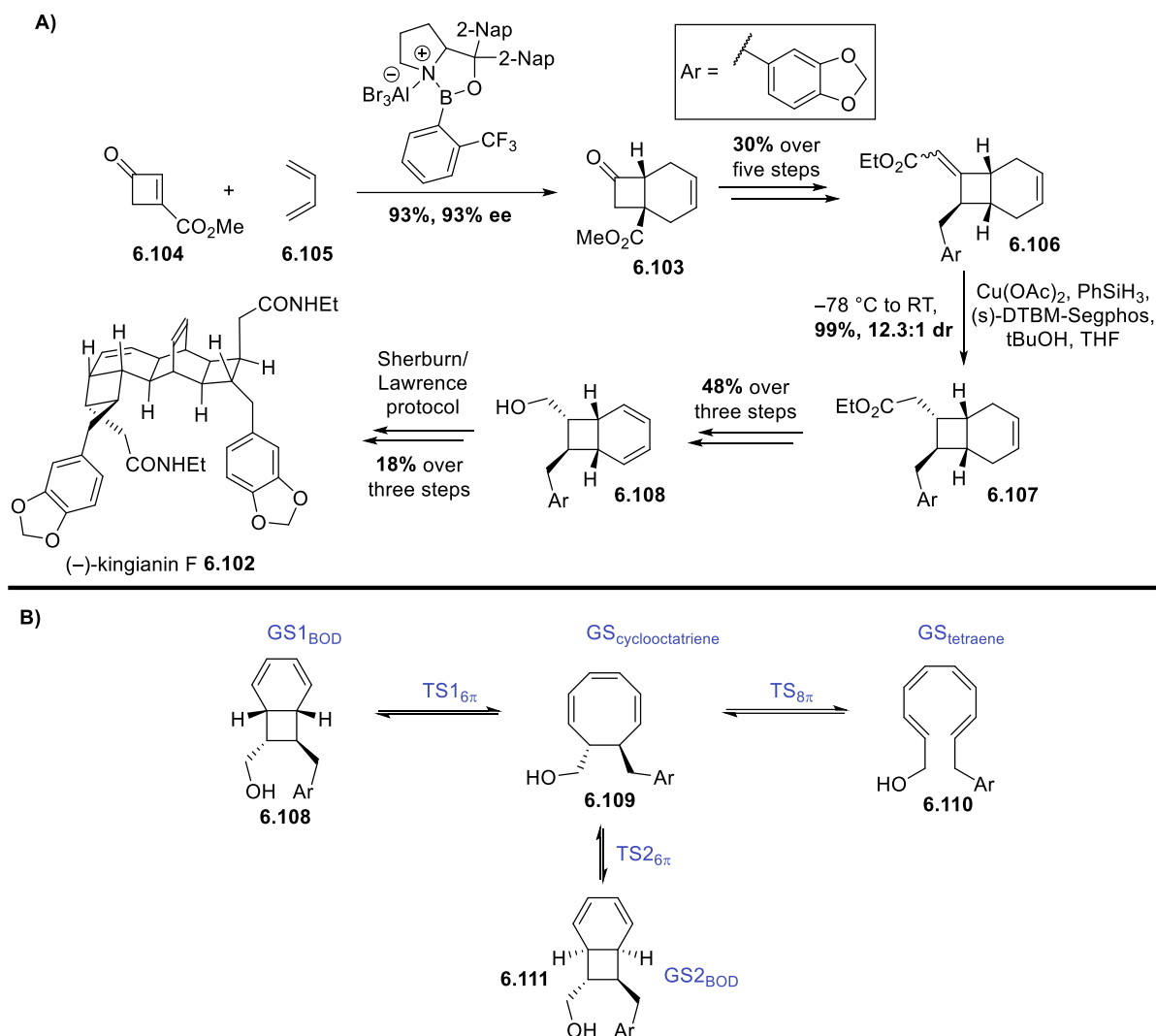


Figure 6.8: Gibbs free energy profile (kJ/mol) and transition structures for the 8π/6π ring opening cascade of BOD 6.98

6.4.2.2 Enantioselective synthesis of (–)-kingianin F

Lu, in 2021, developed an enantioselective Diels–Alder methodology that was successfully utilised in his total synthesis of (–)-kingianin F **6.102** (Scheme 6.19A).^[36] Bicyclo[4.2.0]octene **6.103** was synthesised by the enantioselective DA between cyclobutanone **6.104** and butadiene **6.105** in 93% yield with a 93% enantiomeric excess. Fast forward, a diastereoselective reduction of the enoate **6.106** to **6.107** proceeded in 99% yield and 12:1 diastereomeric ratio. Careful manipulations to afford BOD **6.108** progressed in 48% yield over three steps. A final three steps deliver (–)-kingianin F **6.102** in 18% yield. Lu maintained enantiopurity of his intermediates on his path to (–)-kingianin F **6.102**, namely BOD **6.108**. Therefore, it would be insightful to calculate the pathway for the racemisation of BOD **6.108** (calculating ground and transition state energies to compounds **6.109-6.111**) as a comparison to bis-methylenedioxy BOD **6.98** (Scheme 6.19B).



Scheme 6.19: A) Total synthesis of (-)-kingianin F. B) Proposed pathway for calculation

An energy of 115.2 kJ/mol is required for reversal to $\text{GS}_{\text{cyclooctatriene}}$ **6.109** from Lu's intermediate GS_{BOD} **6.108** (Figure 6.9). In Lu's synthesis of intermediate **6.108**, the temperature has been reported to never exceed room temperature (25 °C) during reactions or subsequent handling. In applying equation 6.1 with a temperature of 298.15 K and $\text{TS}_{1_{6\pi}}$ of 115.2 kJ/mol, the rate constant (k) is calculated to be $\sim 4.0840\text{e-}8$ which is a half-life ($t_{1/2}$) of ~ 196 days. $\text{TS}_{1_{6\pi}}$ and $\text{TS}_{2_{6\pi}}$ are isoenergetic to each other and so the possibility of reversal to $\text{GS}_{\text{cyclooctatriene}}$ **6.109** would lead to a 1:1 diastereomer mixture of $\text{GS}_{1_{\text{BOD}}}$ **6.108** and $\text{GS}_{2_{\text{BOD}}}$ **6.111** (both BODs are also isoenergetic). An energy of 82 kJ/mol is required for reversal to $\text{GS}_{\text{tetraene}}$ **6.110** from $\text{GS}_{\text{cyclooctatriene}}$ **6.109** (Figure 6.9), which we calculate a rate constant (k) of $\sim 2.6760\text{e-}2$ which is a half-life ($t_{1/2}$) of ~ 26 seconds. Therefore, if reversal to $\text{GS}_{\text{cyclooctatriene}}$ **6.109** was to occur, facile racemisation would follow. Lu et al. maintained a consistent low temperature, suppressing reversibility, and maintaining enantiopurity of intermediate **6.108** to ultimately accomplish the first enantioselective synthesis of an endiandric acid derivative: (-)-kingianin F **6.102**.

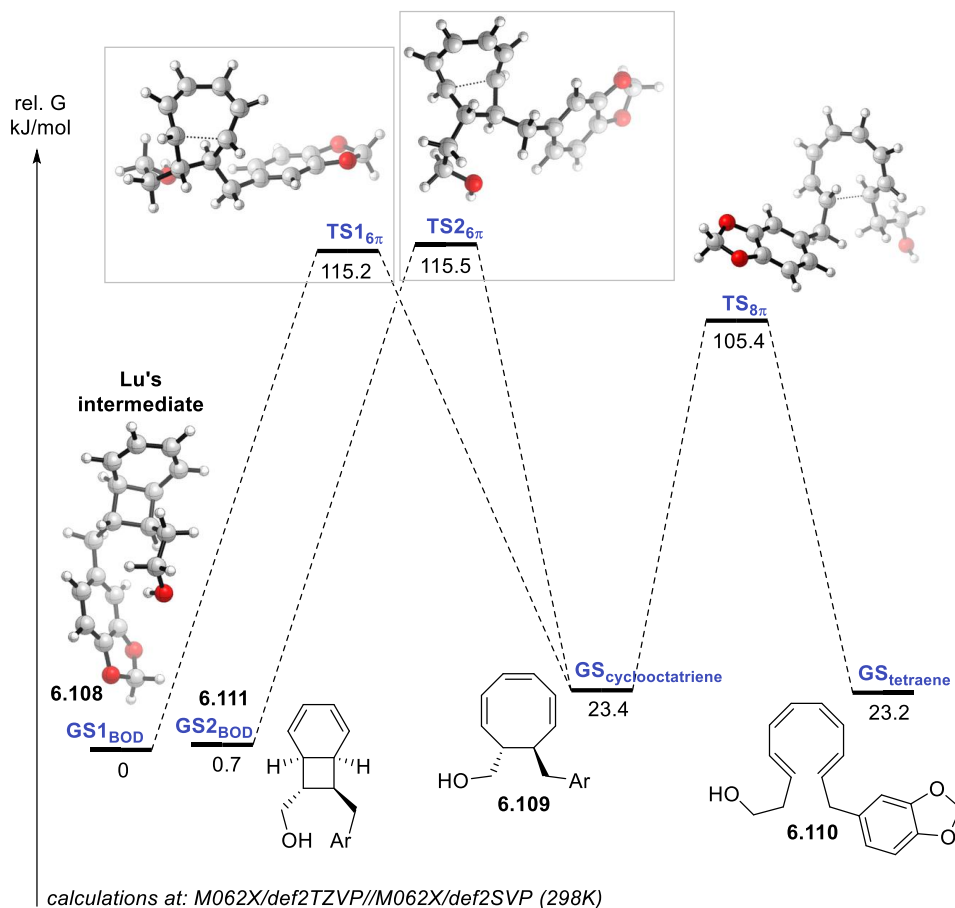
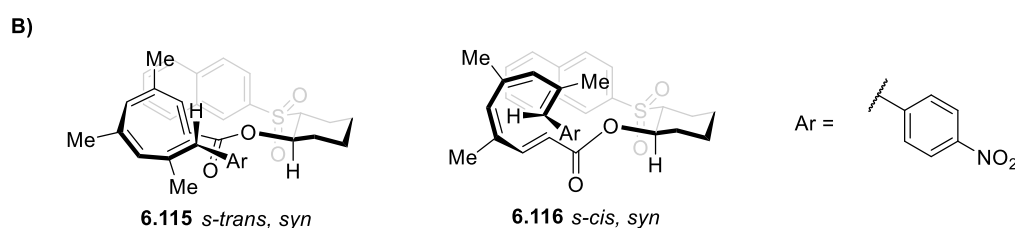
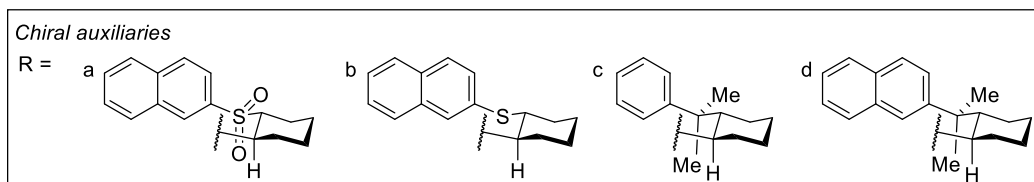
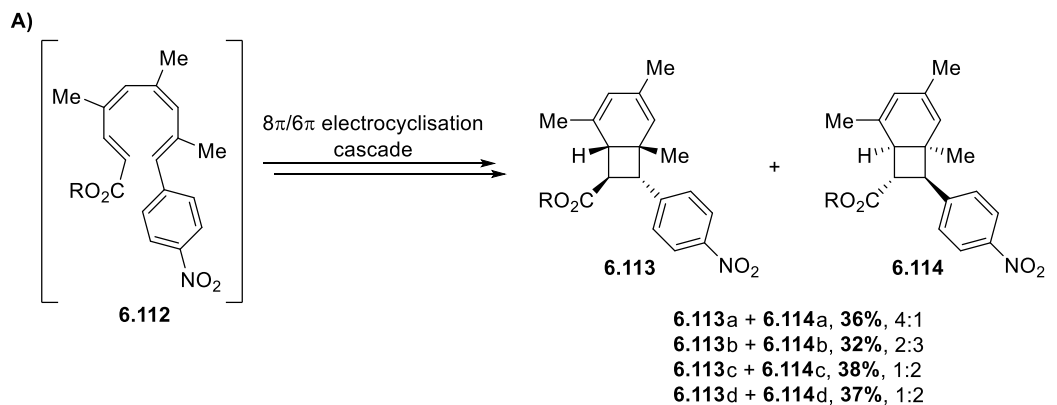


Figure 6.9: Gibbs free energy profile (kJ/mol) and transition structures for the 8 π /6 π ring opening cascade of BOD 6.108

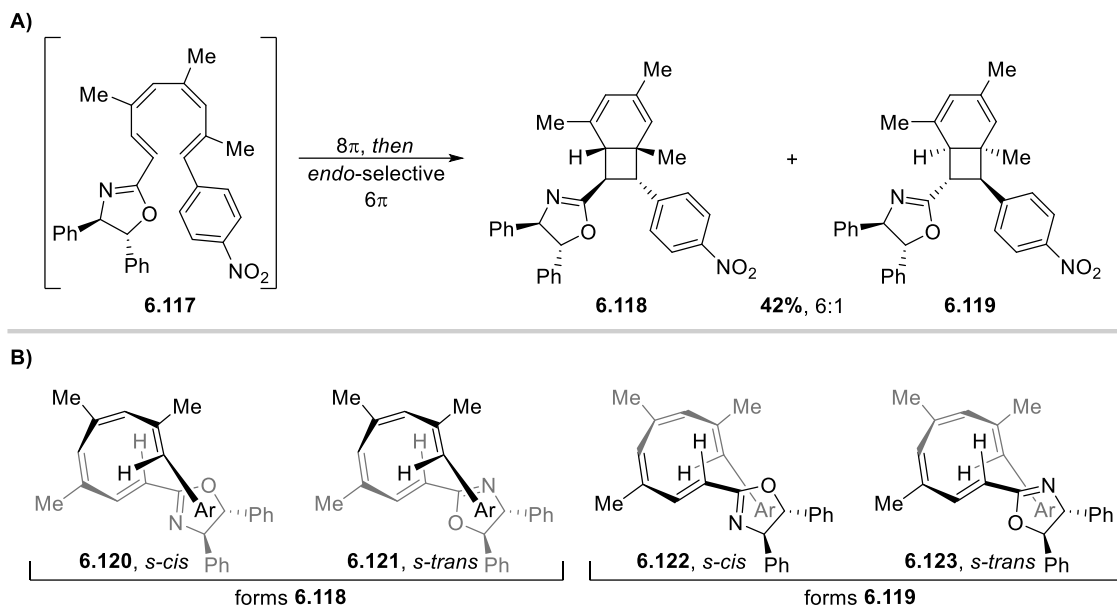
6.4.3 Modelling the synthesis of SNF4435 C and D

We looked at calculating the energies of all the intermediates in the synthetic pathway to SNF4435 C **6.31** and D **6.32** starting from the tetraene **6.41** (Scheme 6.20). The kinetic and thermodynamic insight gained here would further support already established hypotheses on the predominance of **6.31** over **6.32**. This work can be considered complementary to the computational studies conducted on shimalactones A **6.37**, B **6.38**, and emeriones A **6.39**, B **6.40**.



Scheme 6.21: A) Preparation of diastereomeric SNF analogues bearing cleavable chiral auxiliaries B) Helical conformation structures for the 8 π electrocyclisation of tetraene 6.112a

Starting at tetraene **6.112a**, the relative 8 π electrocyclisation transition state energies were calculated to be 50.0 and 62.6 kJ/mol for **TS1**_{8 π} and **TS2**_{8 π} , respectively. **GS1** is 8.3 kJ/mol lower than **GS2**, but the following **TS1**_{6 π} and final **BOD1** is 10.8 and 10.1 kJ/mol higher than their diastereomers, respectively. **TS1**_{8 π} is 12.6 kJ/mol lower than **TS2**_{8 π} , which is a large difference at their energy levels, and would expect a better preference for **BOD1** than the 4:1 product ratio. The potential reversibility of both cyclooctatrienes coupled with the comparatively high 6 π transition state barrier of 124.7 kJ/mol in pathway 1 may explain the mild diastereoselectivity. High reverse barrier energies of the resulting BODs are too high (over 120 kJ/mol) for the reported reaction conditions to allow for reversibility to the thermodynamic **BOD2** product.



Scheme 6.22: A) Asymmetric synthesis of SNF4435 analogs with oxazoline chiral auxiliaries. B) The four possible helical 8π transition states.

Starting at tetraene **6.117**, the relative 8π electrocyclic transition state energies were calculated to be 61.1, 59.2, 79.5 and 58.0 kJ/mol for **TS1 $_{8\pi}$** , **TS2 $_{8\pi}$** , **TS3 $_{8\pi}$** , **TS4 $_{8\pi}$** , respectively (Figure 6.12). The energies of the diastereomer pair's cyclooctatriene ground state (**GS1 $_{\text{cyclooctatriene}}$** and **GS2 $_{\text{cyclooctatriene}}$**), 6π transition state (**TS1 $_{6\pi}$** and **TS2 $_{6\pi}$**) and BOD ground state (**GS1 $_{\text{BOD}}$** and **GS2 $_{\text{BOD}}$**) differ by ~ 1.0 kJ/mol and can be considered isoenergetic to each other. This situation is so finely balanced that selectivity could arise from either the 8π or 6π step, or both. However, the reaction is likely overall to be kinetically controlled by the 8π transition state energies as well as not reversible from the BODs. **TS3 $_{8\pi}$** is an outlier with a comparatively higher energy than **TS4 $_{8\pi}$** (roughly 20 kJ/mol), which may be explained by a potentially unfavourable *s-cis* helical conformation.

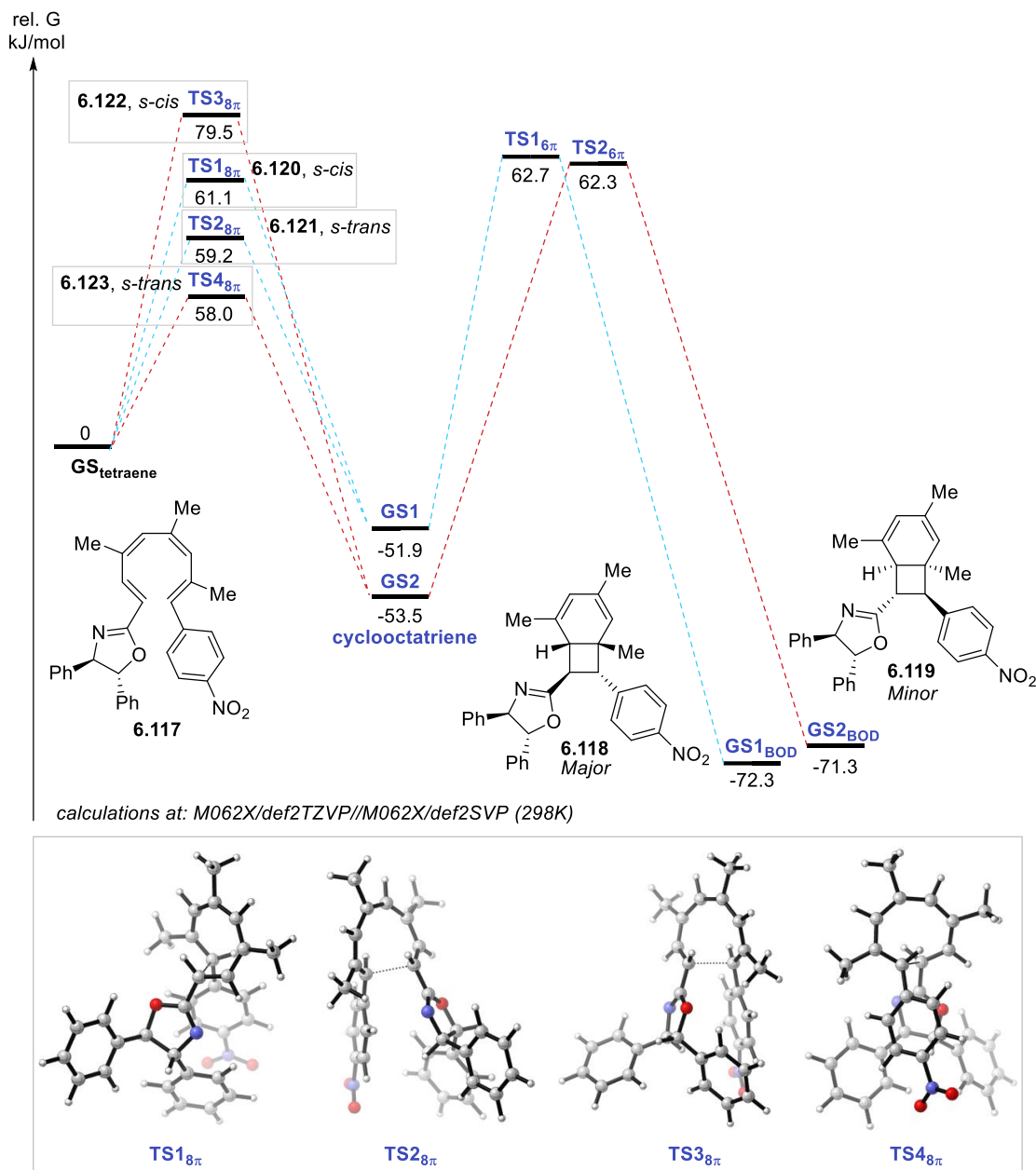
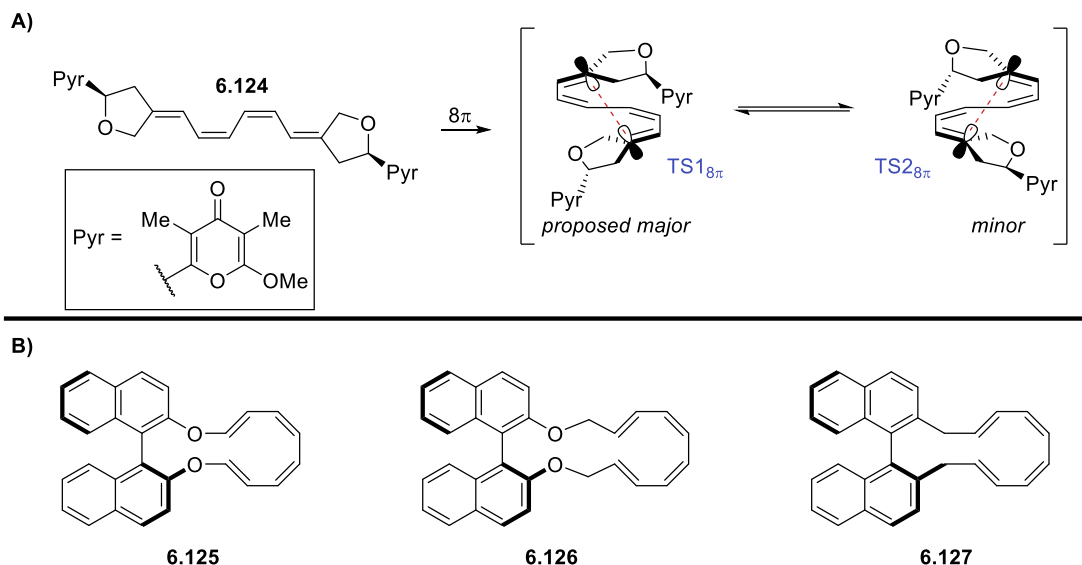


Figure 6.12: Gibbs free energy profile (kJ/mol) and transition structures for the $8\pi/6\pi$ cascade of tetraene 6.117

6.4.5 Hypothetical molecules with torquoselective 8π electrocyclisations

Inspired by the previous sections, we wished to conduct computational calculations on unreported, hypothetical molecules that may undergo a completely torquoselective 8π electrocyclisation. The idea behind tetraene **6.124** is based on doubling the chiral THF moiety in the SNF molecules to increase the steric hindrance during the 8π transition state (Scheme 6.23A). The strategy behind the (S)-BINOL/BINAP tetraenes (**6.125-6.127**) is for the conformation of the biaryl to restrict the 8π electrocyclisation to prefer one transition state (Scheme 6.23B). All ground and transition states from the tetraene to the BOD were calculated for these molecules.



Scheme 6.23: A) Proposed hypothetical tetraene for steric-induced torquoselective 8π electrocycloisomerisation. B) Proposed hypothetical tetraenes for ring-strain-induced torquoselective 8π electrocycloisomerisation

6.4.5.1 Steric-based influence on torquoselectivity

Starting at tetraene **6.124**, the relative 8π electrocycloisomerisation transition state energies were calculated to be 114.1 and 119.6 kJ/mol for $TS1_{8\pi}$ and $TS2_{8\pi}$, respectively (Figure 6.13). $GS2_{\text{cyclooctatriene}}$ is 6.7 kJ/mol lower than $GS1_{\text{cyclooctatriene}}$. The relative 6π electrocycloisomerisation transition state energies of $TS1_{8\pi}$ and $TS2_{8\pi}$ were 114.1 and 124.5 kJ/mol, respectively. The final $GS1_{\text{BOD}}$ product was found to be 14.9 kJ/mol lower than its diastereomer $GS2_{\text{BOD}}$. It is clear $GS1_{\text{BOD}}$ is both the kinetic and thermodynamic product, where both the 8π and 6π steps in pathway 1 are important for selectivity. The thermodynamics are also finely balanced with $GS2_{\text{BOD}}$ being destabilised relative to tetraene **6.124** and $GS1_{\text{BOD}}$ being slightly stabilised. Therefore, we might expect $GS1_{\text{BOD}}$ to predominate in a mixture with the starting tetraene **6.124**.

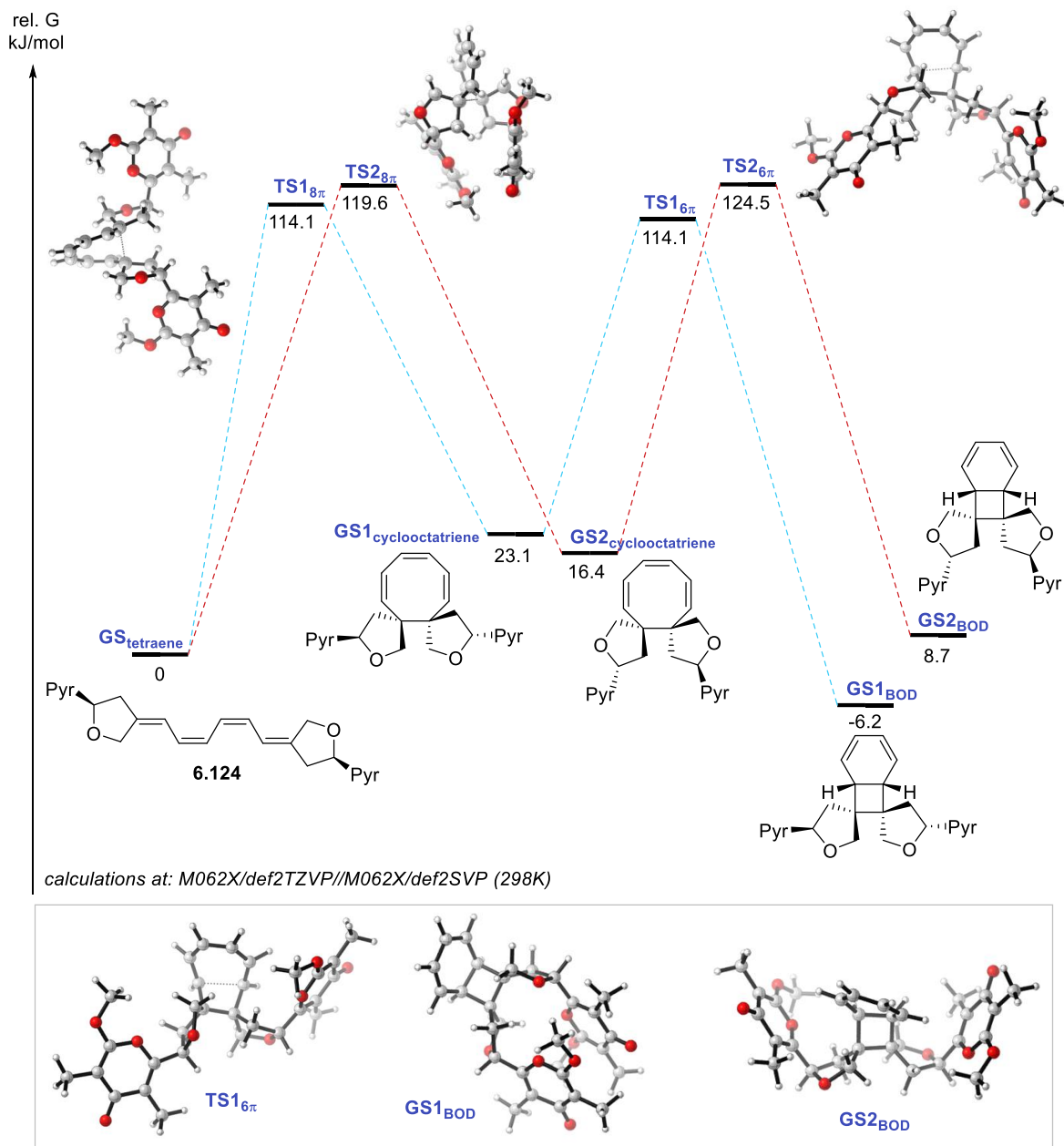


Figure 6.13: Gibbs free energy profile (kJ/mol) and transition structures for the 8 π /6 π cascade of tetraene 6.124

6.4.5.2 Constraint dependent torquoselectivity in the 8 π electrocyclisation

The difference between **TS1_{8 π}** and **TS2_{8 π}** in the tetraene **6.125** cascade is quite substantial (15.7 kJ/mol difference). The activation energy of **TS1_{8 π}** (38.6 kJ/mol) is considerably low, and would rapidly convert to **GS1_{cyclooctatriene}** at room temperature. Interestingly, **GS1_{cyclooctatriene}** (-45.3 kJ/mol) is the minimum within pathway 1, with **GS1_{BOD}** being only -24.8 kJ/mol. Sole rapid conversion of tetraene **6.125** to **GS1_{cyclooctatriene}** would initially occur, however the reverse 8 π barrier energy (83.9 kJ/mol) is much lower than the forward 6 π barrier (110.5 kJ/mol). Therefore, we would likely see an equilibrium with **GS_{tetraene}**, which allows an option to pathway 2. The activation energy of **TS2_{8 π}** (54.3 kJ/mol) is also low, providing an opportunity to convert to **GS2_{cyclooctatriene}**. From here, the low forward 6 π activation barrier (80.9 kJ/mol) is conducive for formation of **GS2_{BOD}**. Over time, the initial predominance of the kinetically favourable **GS1_{cyclooctatriene}** would be overridden by the thermodynamically favourable **GS2_{BOD}**.

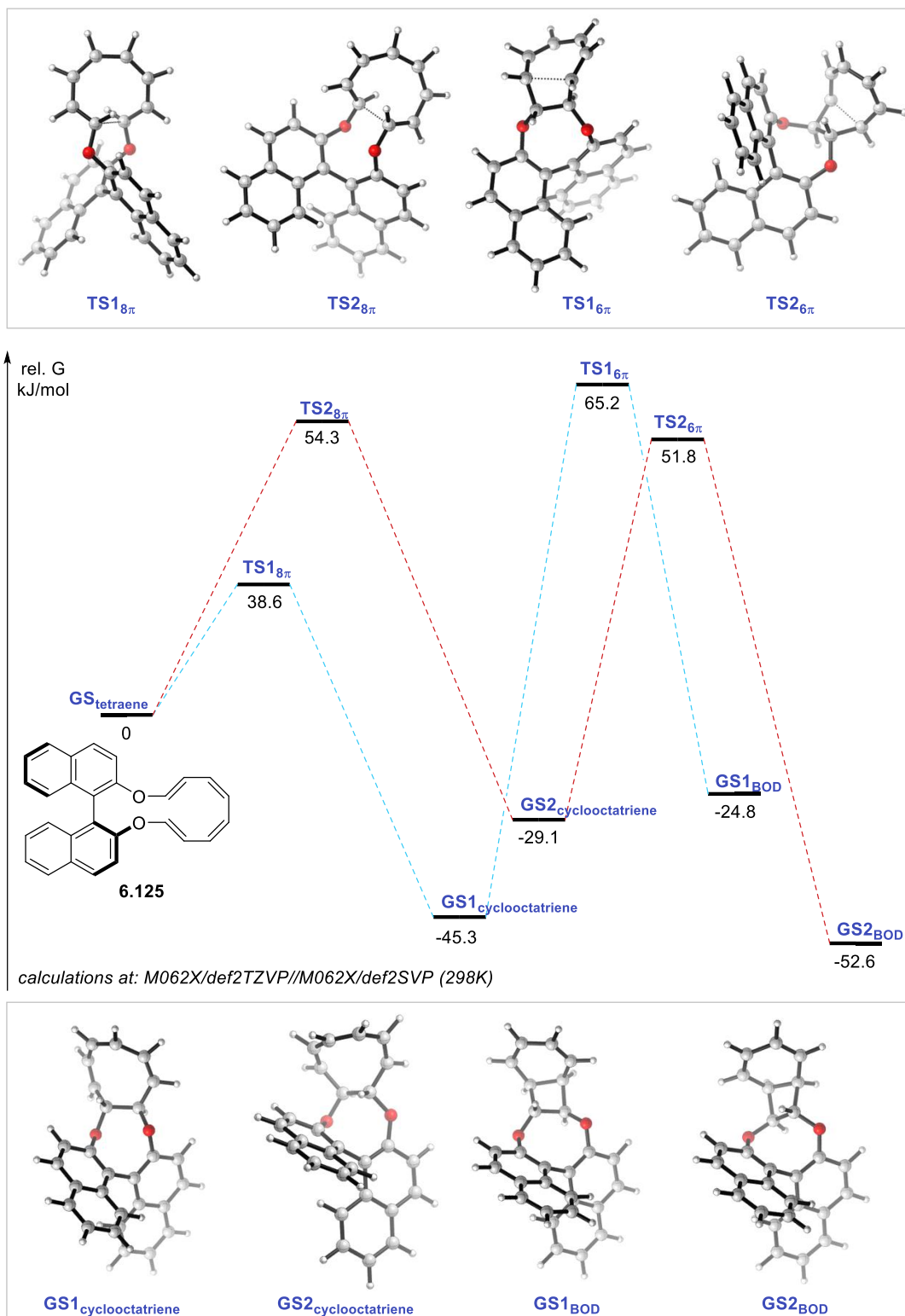


Figure 6.14: Gibbs free energy profile (kJ/mol) and transition structures for the 8π/6π cascade of tetraene 6.125

Moving onto tetraene 6.126, TS₁_{8π} was calculated to be 16.3 kJ/mol lower than TS₂_{8π} (Figure 6.15). Facile formation of GS₁_{cyclooctatriene} would be followed by 6π electrocyclisation (activation energy of 89.2 kJ/mol) to GS₁_{BOD}. Reversal to tetraene 6.126 is possible with an activation energy of 76.4 kJ/mol, but not productive. GS₁_{BOD} is the overall thermodynamic product and has a reverse barrier energy of 116.9 kJ/mol, preventing reversibility. Torquoselectivity in this instance is primarily driven by kinetics in the 8π step of the cascade, with added thermodynamic favourability of the BOD.

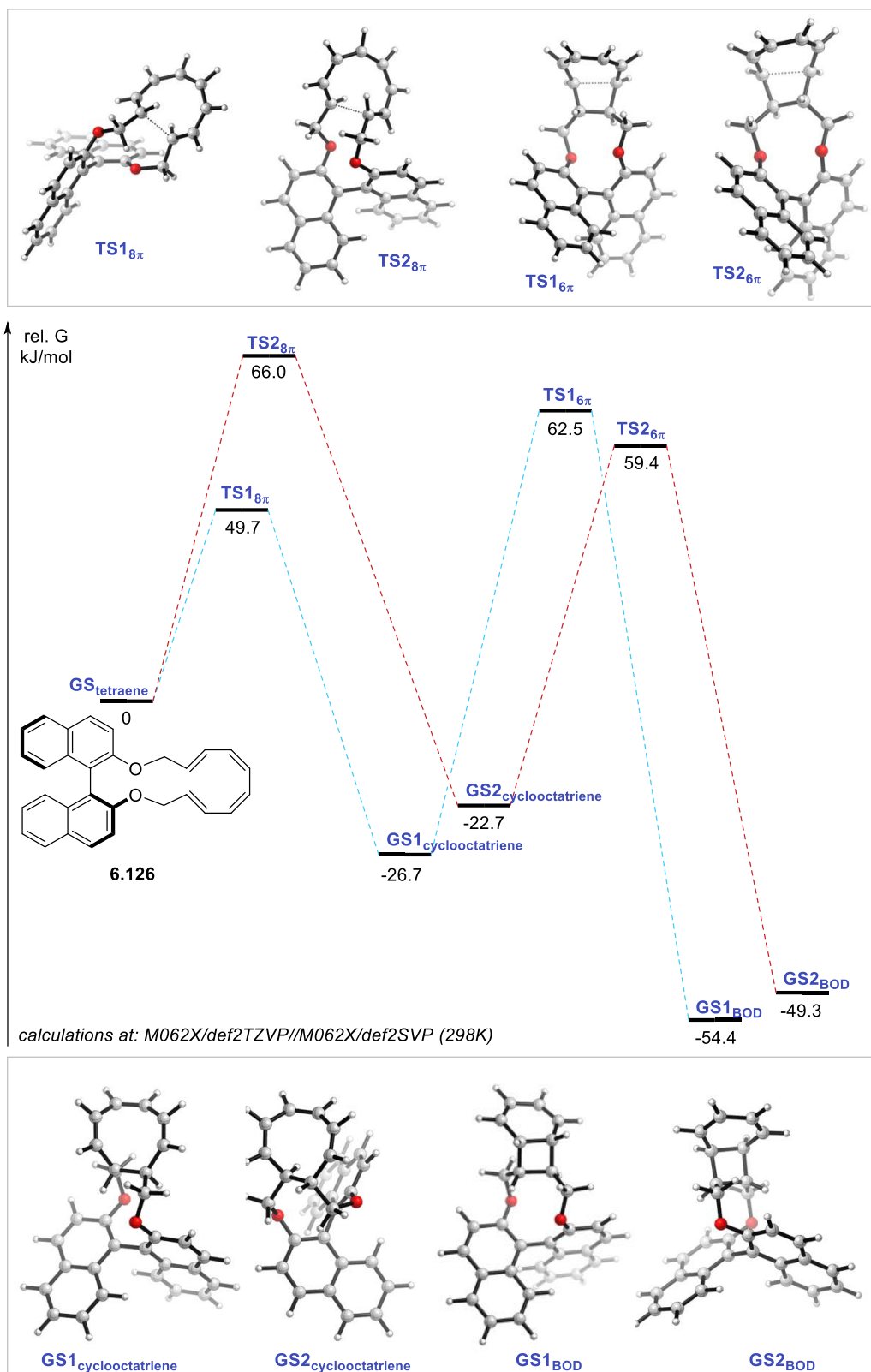


Figure 6.15: Gibbs free energy profile (kJ/mol) and transition structures for the 8 π /6 π cascade of tetraene 6.126

Tetraene **6.127** does not display the same strong preference for **TS1_{8π}** over **TS2_{8π}** (only 4.0 kJ/mol difference) as the previous tetraenes **6.125-6.126** (Figure 6.16). However, a difference of 4.0 kJ/mol at these low energy levels is still significant. Similar to tetraene **6.125**, **GS1_{cyclooctatriene}** of tetraene **6.127** (-48.4 kJ/mol here) is the minimum of pathway 1, but differs by being the global minimum of both pathways. Rapid sole conversion of tetraene **6.127** to **GS1_{cyclooctatriene}** would initially occur, however the reverse 8 π barrier energy (91.9 kJ/mol) is

much lower than the forward 6π barrier (107.1 kJ/mol). Therefore, we may see reversibility to **GS**_{tetraene}, allowing for pathway 2 to occur. Pathway 2 may ultimately be unproductive, since its reverse 8π barrier energy from **GS**_{2cyclooctatriene} is low (70.1 kJ/mol) and would readily go back to **GS**_{tetraene}. Therefore, conversion of **GS**_{2cyclooctatriene} to **GS**_{2BOD} is not kinetically favourable and would not be formed. The energies are finely balanced in this case, where we would see both a kinetic and thermodynamic preference for **GS**_{1cyclooctatriene} as the major product with possibly minor amounts of **GS**_{1BOD} (reverse barrier energy of 97.4 kJ/mol).

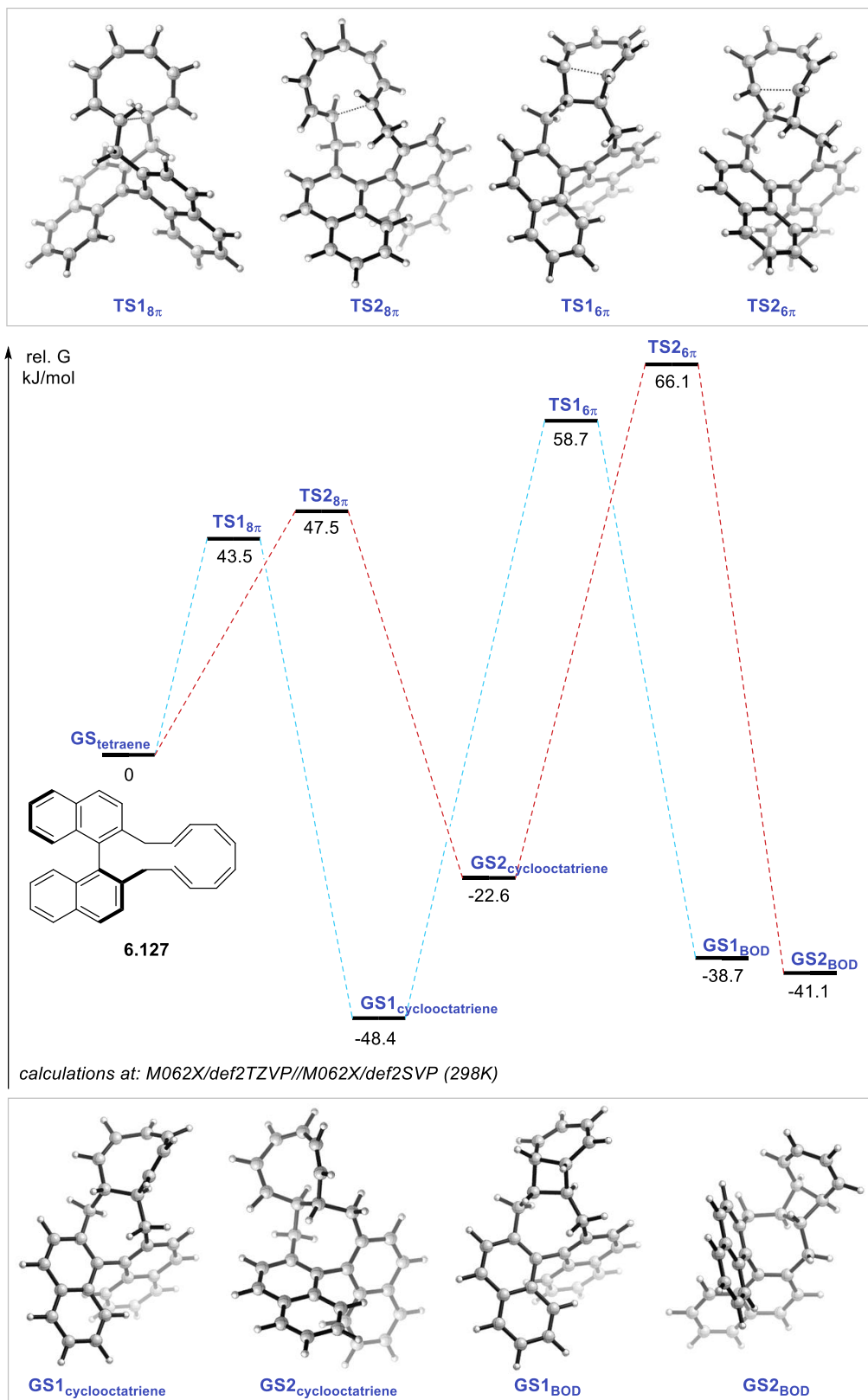


Figure 6.16: Gibbs free energy profile (kJ/mol) and transition structures for the $8\pi/6\pi$ cascade of tetraene 6.127

6.5 Conclusion

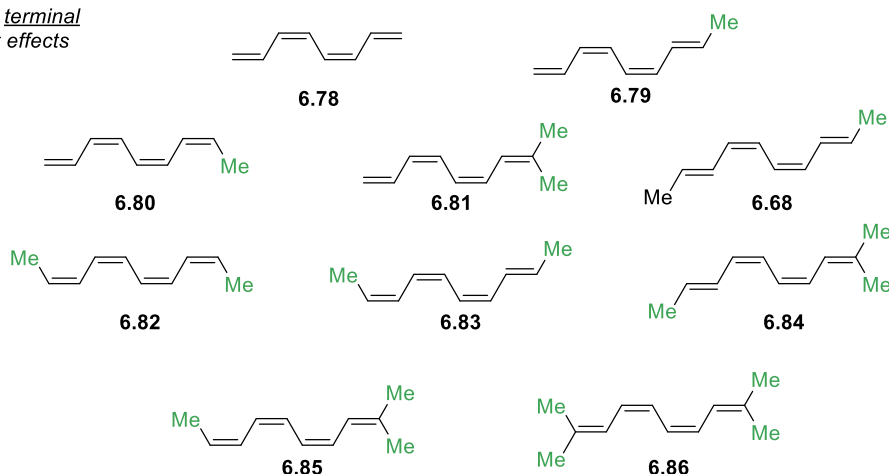
This chapter focused on the computational modelling of torquoselective electrocyclisations in natural product settings. The complete elucidation of the torquoselective 6π requirements in the biosynthetic cascade of 2,4,6-trimethylbicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene related natural products began with the modelling of a variety of truncated substituted tetraenes **6.69-6.77**. It was highlighted that the C2 substituent provides the most influence on the diastereoselectivity, with the C4 and C6 substituent offering additive effects (Scheme 6.24A). Moving on to 8π electrocyclisations, we modelled Brown and Lu's work on the enantioselective syntheses of their respective bicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene compounds (Scheme 6.24B). This revealed that their respective BOD compounds were reversible and susceptible to racemisation, however with careful temperature control, can be prevented. Our computational models of 2,4,6-trimethylbicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene related natural products such as SNF4435 C **6.31** and D **6.32** are not as susceptible to racemisation, as well as agreeing well with their synthetic outcomes. Parker made attempts at improving the 8π torquoselectivity of these natural product systems through cleavable chiral auxiliary derivatives **6.113a-6.114a** and **6.118-6.119** (Scheme 6.24C). Our models keep in line with the mild selectivities experimentally observed for **6.113a-6.114a**, however show that the energies for the pathways for oxazolines **6.118-6.119** to be isoenergetic, despite their experimental mild selectivities. Overall, it has been shown that it is difficult to impose torquoselectivity in both natural and synthesised compounds. Torquoselective 8π electrocyclisations still remain a challenge, however several proposed hypothetical compounds (Scheme 6.24D) have been computationally predicted to exhibit high levels of torquoselectivity.

6.6 Future directions

There are two future projects that naturally stem from this chapter. The first is to validate the proposed torquoselective hypothetical compounds. Compound **6.124** is the most synthetically accessible and provides a suitable starting point. The second is a continuation on the computational work already conducted. Houk's set of tetraenes focused on the terminal substituent effects on the $8\pi/6\pi$ cascade, where our set focused on the internal substituent effects (Figure 6.17). We envisioned by combining these two focuses we could model the $8\pi/6\pi$ cascade of every combination of methyl substitution on the tetraene backbone (see **6.128**). The purpose of this challenging task is to arrive at a conclusion as to why the 2,4,6- substitution pattern is prevalent in the aforementioned natural products and why this pattern is suitable to undergo the $8\pi/6\pi$ biosynthetic cascade as opposed to any other substituent combination. This potential project would provide additional, valuable insight into this class of natural products.

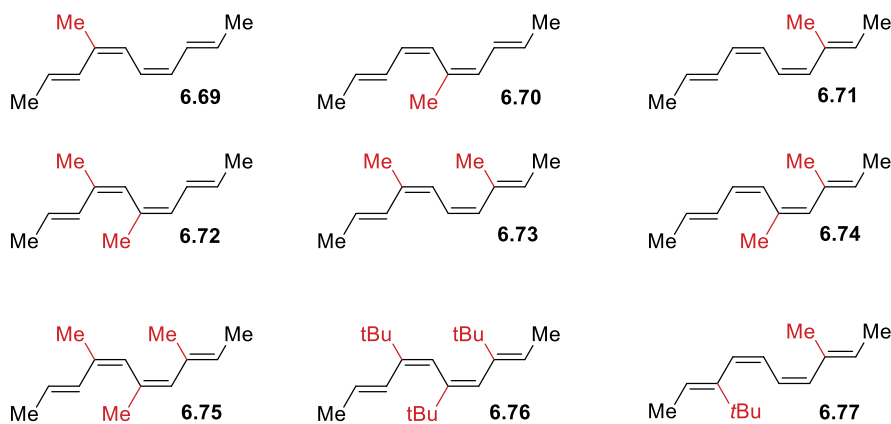
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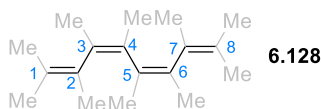


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Potential project



Modelling the $8\pi/6\pi$ cascade of every combination of methyl substitution on the octatetraene backbone

Figure 6.17: Future project inspired by the combination of Houk's and our work with the aim to computationally validate the presence of 2,4,6-trimethylbicyclo[4.2.0]octadiene related natural products in nature

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Chapter 7

Supporting Information

Bisketene Equivalents as Diels–Alder Dienes

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General Experimental

NMR Spectroscopy

¹H NMR spectra were recorded using either an Agilent 500 MHz DD2 console, or Agilent 600 MHz DD2 console with an Oxford 600 MHz magnet and Agilent cryoprobe. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded using either an Agilent 500 MHz DD2 console at 125 MHz, or Agilent 600 MHz DD2 console with an Oxford 600 MHz magnet and Agilent cryoprobe at 150 MHz. ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded using an Agilent 500 MHz DD2 console at 470 MHz. Residual solvent peaks were used as an internal reference for ¹H NMR spectra [CDCl_3 δ 7.26 ppm, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ δ 2.50 ppm, C_6D_6 δ 7.16 ppm, or $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$ δ 2.05 ppm] and ¹³C NMR spectra [CDCl_3 δ 77.16 ppm, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ δ 39.52 ppm, C_6D_6 δ 128.06 ppm, or $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$ δ 29.84, ppm]. ¹⁹F NMR spectra were reported relative to the ¹⁹F resonance of C_6F_6 [CDCl_3 δ -161.64 ppm, or $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$ δ -164.67 ppm]. Coupling constants (*J*) were quoted to the nearest 0.1 Hz. For ¹³C NMR, coupling constants were included only in the case of coupling with ¹⁹F nuclei. The following abbreviations (or combinations thereof) were used to describe ¹H NMR multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, m = multiplet, br = broad.

Infrared Spectroscopy

IR spectra were recorded neat on a Perkin Elmer spectrum 100 FT-IR Spectrometer.

Mass Spectrometry

HRMS measurements (electrospray ionization - ESI) were recorded on an Agilent 6230 time-of-flight LC/MS system.

Chromatography

Flash chromatography was performed with Carl Roth silica gel 60 (0.040–0.063 mm grade). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed with commercial aluminium sheets coated with 0.25 mm silica gel (E. Merck, silica gel 60 F254). Compounds were either visualized under

UV-light at 254 nm, or by dipping the plates in an aqueous potassium permanganate solution followed by heating. All R_f values were measured to the nearest 0.05 cm.

Melting Points

Melting points were measured on a DigiMelt melting point apparatus, model MPA161, and are uncorrected.

Optical Rotations

Optical rotations were recorded on an Anton Paar Modular Circular Polarimeter at the specified temperature.

Preparation of Phosphate Buffered Silica (pH 7)

To a 1 L conical flask equipped with a stir bar was added 1 L of 0.2 M aqueous disodium hydrogen phosphate. Once the phosphate fully dissolved, 100 g of silica was added. The pH was adjusted to pH 7 with phosphoric acid (if necessary). The silica was filtered, dried in an oven overnight, and then stored at room temperature.

Experimental Procedures and Reagents

Commercially available chemicals were used as purchased, or where specified, purified by standard techniques. Solvent compositions are given in v/v. All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen in oven-dried glassware with magnetic stirring, unless otherwise indicated. Et₂O, CH₂Cl₂ and THF were purified by a Pure Solv™ Micro solvent purification system. All other solvents were used as purchased, or where specified, purified by standard techniques.

Microwave

Reaction conditions invoking microwave irradiation were carried out in a CEM Discover SP microwave synthesis system.

General Comments on Compound Characterization

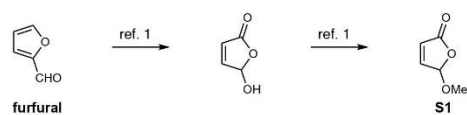
All new compounds were fully characterized when possible. For compounds that have been previously characterized in the literature, if we have made any modification to the reported synthesis, we include our modified method, in addition to compound appearance, R_f , and ^1H NMR data.

Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data

Synthesis of Silyloxyfurans

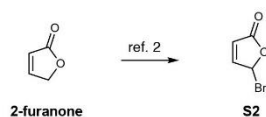
Precursors

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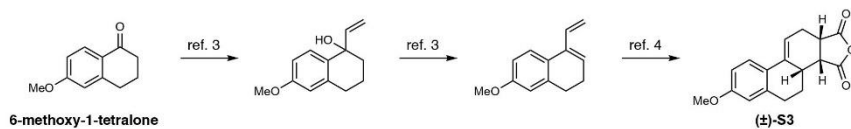
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5-Bromo-2(5H)-furanone (S2)



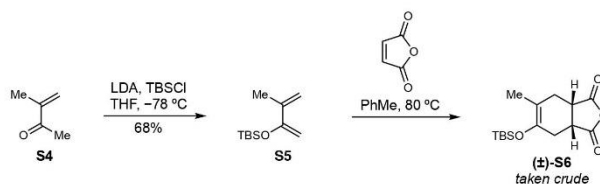
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Tetracyclic anhydride (±)-S3




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Silyl enol ether anhydride (\pm)-S6



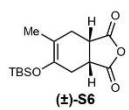
Prepared in two steps from 3-methyl-3-buten-2-one (**S4**) according to a modification of the procedures reported by Liu⁵ and Ireland.⁶

tert-Butyldimethyl((3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-2-yl)oxy)silane (**S5**)

 To an oven-dried two-neck 250 ml round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added diisopropylamine (5.03 ml, 35.7 mmol, 1.50 mol. equiv.) and anhydrous THF (99.0 ml, 0.240 M). The solution was cooled to -78 °C and n BuLi (2.50 M in hexanes, 14.3 ml, 35.7 mmol, 1.50 mol. equiv.) was added dropwise over 20 minutes. After stirring for 30 minutes a solution of 3-methyl-3-buten-2-one (**S4**) (2.00 g, 23.8 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in anhydrous THF (99.0 ml, 0.240 M) was added dropwise over 30 minutes. The reaction was allowed to stir for a further 30 minutes before TBSCl (5.38 g, 35.7 mmol, 1.50 mol. equiv.) was added in one portion. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 36 hours, by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated the reaction has reached completion. The reaction was quenched with water and the aqueous layer extracted with hexanes (3 \times). The combined organics were washed with H_2O (2 \times), brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography [phosphate buffered silica (pH 7), eluting with petroleum ether] yielded diene **S5**. **Yield:** 3.21 g, 16.2 mmol, 68%; Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.⁵ **Appearance:** Cloudy white oil; **R_f:** 0.44 (petroleum ether); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.43 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.48 (s, 1H), 4.32 (s, 1H), 1.88 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.17 (s, 6H) ppm.

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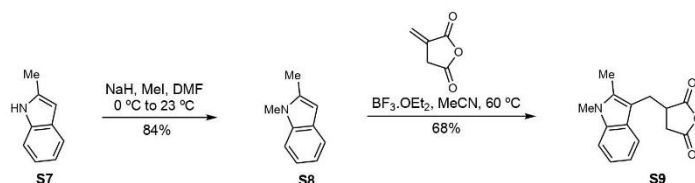
Silyl enol ether anhydride (\pm)-S6



To an oven-dried round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added diene **S5** (1.06 g, 5.35 mmol, 1.05 mol. equiv.) and anhydrous PhMe (10.2 mL, 0.500 M). Following addition of maleic anhydride (0.500 g, 5.10 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) the resulting mixture was heated overnight at 80 °C, whereby ^1H NMR analysis indicated the reaction had gone to completion. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the crude mixture was submitted to the subsequent reaction without further purification. For characterization purposes a small amount was purified by flash column chromatography [phosphate buffered silica (pH 7), eluting with petroleum ether \rightarrow 1:4 EtOAc:petroleum ether]. Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.⁶

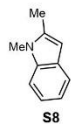
Appearance: White solid; **R_f**: 0.45 (1:4 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.39 (ddd, $J = 10.6, 7.8, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.30 (ddd, $J = 10.0, 7.0, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.57–2.42 (m, 3H), 2.37 (dd, $J = 15.6, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H) ppm.

Indole anhydride **S9**



Prepared in two steps from 2-methylindole (**S7**) according to a modification of the procedures reported by Bull⁷ and Bergman.⁸

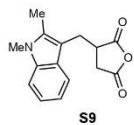
1,2-Dimethylindole (**S8**)



To an oven-dried round-bottom flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added 2-methylindole (**S7**) (3.231 g, 24.65 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). Following addition of anhydrous DMF (30.0 mL, 0.820 M) the resulting suspension was cooled to 0 °C, and NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 1.48 g, 36.9 mmol, 1.50 mol. equiv.) was added portion-wise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 30 minutes. The

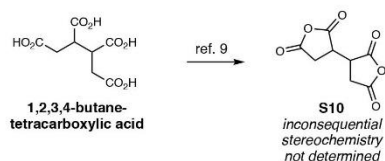
reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and MeI (1.84 mL, 29.5 mmol, 1.20 mol. equiv.) was added dropwise as a solution in anhydrous THF (5.00 mL, 5.91 M). The reaction was allowed to slowly warm to room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched by the slow addition of water (20 mL) and the solution was extracted with EtOAc (3×). The combined organics were washed with H₂O, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated under reduced pressure and then purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with petroleum ether → 5:95 EtOAc:petroleum ether). **Yield:** 3.0 g, 20.72 mmol, 84%; Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.⁷ **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **R_f:** 0.61 (5:95 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H) ppm.

Indole anhydride **S9**



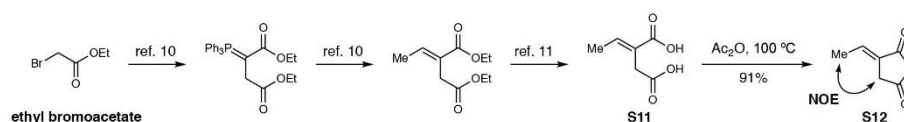
To an oven-dried round-bottom flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar and was added itaconic anhydride (2.22 g, 19.8 mmol, 1.20 mol. equiv.). Following addition of anhydrous acetonitrile (60 mL, 0.300 M) the resulting suspension was cooled to 0 °C, and BF₃·Et₂O (2.44 mL, 19.8 mmol, 1.20 mol. equiv.) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 10 minutes. 1,2-dimethylindole **S8** (2.36 g, 16.2 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) was added, and the resulting mixture was heated at 60 °C overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (3×), brine (2×), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude anhydride **S9** was then washed with a minimum volume of cold Et₂O (3×). **Yield:** 2.83 g, 11.0 mmol, 68%; **Appearance:** Purple solid; **R_f:** 0.35 (1:4 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.50–3.43 (m, 1H), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, *J* = 18.9, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd, *J* = 18.9, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.8, 170.2, 136.9, 134.7, 127.4, 121.4, 119.7, 117.5, 109.1, 105.2, 42.2, 33.5, 29.8, 25.3, 10.7 ppm; **IR:** 2942, 1863, 1775, 1472, 1224, 1056, 924, 746 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₅H₁₅NO₃+H]⁺: 258.1125, found: 258.1126.

1,2,3,4-Butanetetracarboxylic dianhydride (S10)



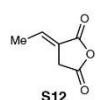
Prepared in one step from 1,2,3,4-butanetetracarboxylic acid according to the procedure of Mukherjee.⁹ Although 1,2,3,4-butanetetracarboxylic dianhydride (**S10**) has been reported several times, to the best of our knowledge complete characterization data for this compound has not been published, and so we include it here. **Appearance:** White solid; **R_f:** 0.31 (2:3 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **M.p.:** Degrades at 240 °C; **¹H NMR** [500 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO]: δ 4.10–4.03 (m, 1H), 3.43–3.34 (m, 1H), 3.32–3.24 (m, 1H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** [150 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO]: δ 173.7, 170.8, 41.9, 33.5 ppm; **IR:** 1852, 1768, 1223, 1064, 1030, 908, 709, 662 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₈H₆O₆+H]⁺: 199.0237, found: 199.0228.

(E)-3-Ethylidenedihydrofuran-2,5-dione (S12)



(*E*)-2-ethylidenesuccinic acid (**S11**) was prepared in 3 steps from ethyl bromoacetate according to the procedures of Lugtenburg,¹⁰ and Zhang.¹¹

(E)-3-Ethylidenedihydrofuran-2,5-dione (S12)



To an oven-dried round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added (*E*)-2-ethylidenesuccinic acid (**S11**) (2.33 g, 16.2 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). Following addition of acetic anhydride (16.2 mL, 1.00 M) the resulting mixture was heated at 100 °C for 4 hours, whereby ¹H NMR analysis indicated the reaction had gone to completion. The flask was cooled to room temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure, and then co-evaporated with PhMe until no acetic anhydride remained. The crude mixture was filtered

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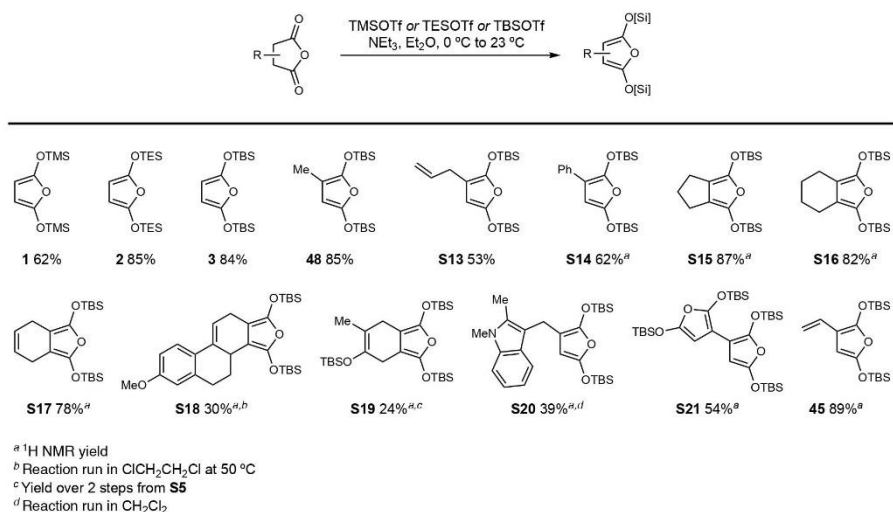
through a silica plug (eluting with Et₂O). **Yield:** 1.86 g, 14.7 mmol, 91%; **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.27 (1:4 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** [500 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO]: δ 7.01–6.94 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 1.93 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO): δ 170.3, 166.3, 139.7, 126.2, 32.5, 16.1 ppm; **IR:** 2957, 2923, 1836, 1769, 1684, 1267, 1226, 1178, 1093, 925, 891, 714, 663 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₆H₆O₃+H]⁺: 127.0390, found: 127.0383.

All other silyloxyfuran precursors were obtained from commercial suppliers.

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2,5-Bis(silyloxy)furans

Summary



General Procedure

Prepared according to a modification of the procedure reported by Simchen.¹² To an oven-dried three-neck round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added the appropriate cyclic anhydride (1.00 mol. equiv.). Following addition of anhydrous Et₂O (0.250 M) the resulting suspension was cooled to 0 °C, and anhydrous triethylamine (3.00 mol. equiv.) was added. After stirring for 10 minutes the appropriate trialkylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (2.20 mol. equiv.) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction was stirred vigorously overnight, yielding a biphasic mixture. **Note:** All furans underwent rapid hydrolysis in the presence of untreated (i.e. acidic) silica. The relative stability of each furan towards hydrolysis was inferred from its stability on phosphate buffered silica (pH 7). The least stable furans were purified using procedure A, moderately stable furans with procedure B, and the most stable furans with procedures C or D. All furans were stored in the freezer (-20 °C) under a nitrogen atmosphere.

Purification Procedure A (furan **1**)

The reaction mixture was diluted with anhydrous Et₂O and filtered through Celite, eluting with additional anhydrous Et₂O. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and anhydrous hexanes were added. All precipitates were removed via filtration, and the solution was concentrated under reduced pressure to yield furan **1**. This was found to decompose rapidly if brought in contact with either untreated (i.e. acidic) silica, or phosphate buffered silica (pH 7).

Purification Procedure B (furan **2**)

The reaction mixture was filtered through phosphate buffered silica (pH 7), eluting with Et₂O. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the corresponding furan. Attempts to purify via flash chromatography with either untreated (i.e. acidic) silica, or phosphate buffered silica (pH 7) resulted in decomposition.

Purification Procedure C (furans **S14**, **S15**, **S16**, **S18**, **S19**, **S20**, **S21**, and **45**)

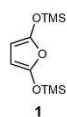
The reaction mixture was filtered through phosphate buffered silica (pH 7), eluting with Et₂O, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. A ¹H NMR yield with the specified internal standard was obtained. Each furan was used in subsequent Diels–Alder reactions without further purification. For characterization purposes a small amount was purified by flash column chromatography [phosphate buffered silica (pH 7), eluting with petroleum ether].

Purification Procedure D (furans **3**, **48**, **S13**, and **S17**)

The reaction mixture was filtered through phosphate buffered silica (pH 7), eluting with Et₂O, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography [phosphate buffered silica (pH 7), eluting with petroleum ether] yielded the corresponding furan.

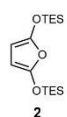
Characterization Data

2,5-Bis((trimethylsilyl)oxy)furan (1)



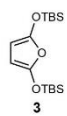
Synthesized from dihydrofuran-2,5-dione and trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate using purification procedure A. **Yield:** 757 mg, 3.10 mmol, 62%; Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.¹² **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f:** N/A (unstable on silica); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.90 (s, 2H), 0.27 (s, 18H) ppm.

2,5-Bis((triethylsilyl)oxy)furan (2)



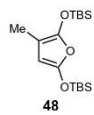
Synthesized from dihydrofuran-2,5-dione and triethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate using purification procedure B. **Yield:** 13.9 g, 42.3 mmol, 85%; **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f:** N/A (unstable on silica); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.89 (s, 2H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 18H), 0.74 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 12H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.4, 83.8, 6.5, 4.7 ppm; **IR:** 2957, 2880, 1626, 1461, 1255, 1183, 1004, 990, 834, 731 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₆H₃₂O₃Si₂]⁺: 328.1884, found: 328.1888.

2,5-Bis((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)furan (3)



Synthesized from dihydrofuran-2,5-dione and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate using purification procedure D. **Yield:** 6.90 g, 21.0 mmol, 84%; **Appearance:** Colorless oil; **R_f:** 0.2 (petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.88 (s, 2H), 0.95 (s, 18H), 0.21 (s, 12H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.5, 84.0, 25.7, 18.2, -4.7 ppm; **IR:** 2930, 2862, 1626, 1250, 1179, 990, 838, 784 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₆H₃₂O₃Si₂+H]⁺: 329.1963, found: 328.1947.

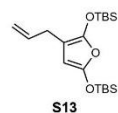
((3-Methylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (48)



Synthesized from methylsuccinic anhydride and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate using purification procedure D. **Yield:** 5.13 g, 15.0 mmol, 85%; **Appearance:** Colorless oil; **R_f:** 0.42 (petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.81 (s, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.20 (s, 6H), 0.19 (s, 6H) ppm; **¹³C**

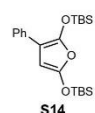
NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.9, 143.2, 92.8, 86.8, 25.7, 25.7, 18.3, 18.1, 8.9, -4.5, -4.7 ppm; **IR**: 2930, 2862, 1662, 1626, 1250, 1102, 887, 838, 784 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₇H₃₄O₃Si₂+H]⁺: 343.2119, found: 343.2116.

((3-Allylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (S13)



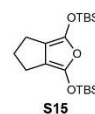
Synthesized from allylsuccinic anhydride and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate using purification procedure D. **Yield**: 1.56 g, 4.22 mmol, 53%; **Appearance**: Colorless oil; **R_f**: 0.44 (petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.91–5.79 (m, 1H), 5.04 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 2.92 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.20 (s, 6H), 0.19 (s, 6H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.0, 143.2, 137.4, 114.7, 95.6, 85.8, 28.4, 25.7, 18.3, 18.1, -4.48, -4.68 ppm; **IR**: 2955, 2858, 2934, 1664, 1626, 1254, 886, 862, 837, 785 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₉H₃₆O₃Si₂+H]⁺: 369.2276, found: 369.2273.

((3-Phenylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (S14)



Synthesized from phenylsuccinic anhydride and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate using purification procedure C. **Yield**: 4.13 mmol, 62% (by ¹H NMR using 1,2-dichloroethane as an internal standard); **Appearance**: Colorless oil; **R_f**: 0.2 (petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 0.25 (s, 12H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.4, 143.9, 133.8, 128.4, 125.5, 124.8, 98.7, 83.6, 25.8, 25.7, 18.3, 18.2, -4.2, -4.7 ppm; **IR**: 2954, 2932, 2861, 1718, 1631, 1257, 1210, 859, 839.9, 787, 727.8, 694 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₂H₃₆O₃Si₂+H]⁺: 405.2276, found: 405.2283.

1,3-Bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-5,6-dihydro-4*H*-cyclopenta[*c*]furan (S15)

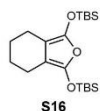


Synthesized from *cis*-1,2-cyclopentanedicarboxylic anhydride and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate using purification procedure C. **Yield**: 12.5 mmol, 87% (by ¹H NMR using durene as an internal standard); **Appearance**:

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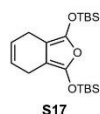
Colorless oil; **R_f**: 0.31 (1:9 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.37 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 4H), 2.18 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (s, 18H), 0.18 (s, 10H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.9, 104.9, 32.3, 25.7, 23.4, 18.2, -4.5 ppm; **IR**: 2953, 2928, 2859, 1687, 1672, 1474, 1327, 1252, 1114, 1057, 876, 838, 822, 807, 785 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₉H₃₆O₃Si₂+NH₄]⁺: 386.2541, found: 386.2561.

1,3-Bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydroisobenzofuran (S16)



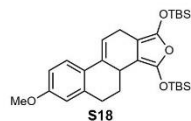
Synthesized from 1,2-cyclohexanedicarboxylic anhydride (predominantly *cis*) and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate using purification procedure C. **Yield**: 2.86 mmol, 82% (by ¹H NMR using 1,2-dichloroethane as an internal standard); **Appearance**: Colorless oil; **R_f**: 0.5 (1:9 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.29–2.25 (m, 4H), 1.59–1.55 (m, 4H), 0.96 (s, 18H), 0.18 (s, 12H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.1, 94.8, 25.7, 23.6, 20.0, 18.1, -4.4 ppm; **IR**: 2930, 2858, 1671, 1649, 1349, 1282, 1250, 1099, 838, 780 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₀H₃₈O₃Si₂+H]⁺: 383.2432, found: 383.2449.

1,3-Bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4,7-dihydroisobenzofuran (S17)



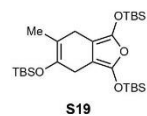
Synthesized from *cis*-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate using purification procedure D. Modifications from general procedure: 4.50 mol. equiv. of triethylamine, 3.30 mol. equiv. of *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate, reaction stirred for 36 hours. **Yield**: 2.45 g, 15.0 mmol, 72%; **Appearance**: Yellow oil; **R_f**: 0.3 (1:9 Et₂O:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.78 (m, 2H), 2.92 (m, 4H), 0.96 (s, 18H), 0.19 (s, 12H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.1, 124.0, 92.1, 26.0, 20.4, 18.1, -4.4 ppm; **IR**: 2957, 2931, 2891, 2856, 1709, 1672, 1650, 1355, 1274, 1252, 1098, 854, 838, 785 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₀H₃₆O₃Si₂+H]⁺: 381.2276, found: 381.2271.

Tetracyclic furan **S18**



Synthesized from tetracyclic anhydride (\pm)-**S3** and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate. Modifications from general procedure: reaction was conducted in 1,2-dichloroethane, with warming to 50 °C after the addition of *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate. Purified using purification procedure C. **Yield:** 1.06 mmol, 30% (by ^1H NMR using 1,2-dichloroethane as an internal standard); **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f:** N/A (unstable on silica); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.50 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.15–6.10 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.26–3.15 (m, 2H), 3.11–2.96 (m, 2H), 2.88 (dd, J = 17.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.59–2.51 (m, 1H), 1.63 (qd, J = 12.9, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.99 (s, 9H), 0.24 (s, 3H) 0.22 (s, 9H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.2, 144.2, 143.1, 140.0, 137.3, 131.9, 128.2, 118.5, 115.9, 115.1, 99.5, 94.2, 79.7, 57.7, 34.4, 32.7, 32.2, 28.2, 28.2, 23.7, 20.6, 20.6, -1.8, -1.8, -1.8 ppm; **IR:** 2957, 2931, 2856, 1703, 1609, 1064, 1252, 910, 835, 788, 731 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{44}\text{O}_4\text{Si}_2+\text{H}]^+$: 513.2851, found: 513.2827.

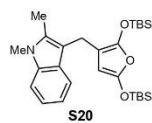
((6-Methyl-4,7-dihydroisobenzofuran-1,3,5-triyl)tris(oxy))tris(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (**S19**)



Synthesized from silyl enol ether anhydride (\pm)-**S6** and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate using purification procedure C. **Yield:** 1.50 mmol, 24% over 2 steps from **S5** (by ^1H NMR using 1,2-dichloroethane as an internal standard); **Appearance:** Pale yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.39 (3:97 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.92 (s, 2H), 2.90–2.86 (m, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 27H), 0.19 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 12H), 0.15 (s, 6H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 141.1, 140.4, 140.4, 109.1, 93.6, 92.6, 26.0, 25.9, 25.9, 25.7, 25.6, 18.4, 18.2, 18.1, 16.9, -3.6, -4.4, -4.4 ppm; **IR:** 2953, 2928, 2884, 2859, 1706, 1675, 1659, 1471, 1361, 1252, 876, 835, 782 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{52}\text{O}_4\text{Si}_3+\text{H}]^+$: 525.3246, found: 525.3223.

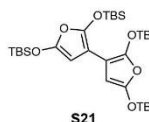
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3-((2,5-Bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan-3-yl)methyl)-1,2-dimethyl-1*H*-indole (S20)



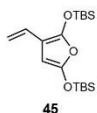
Synthesized from indole anhydride **S9** and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate using purification procedure C. Modifications from general procedure: reaction was conducted in CH₂Cl₂. **Yield:** 0.97 mmol, 39% (by ¹H NMR using 1,2-dichloroethane as an internal standard); **Appearance:** Colorless oil; **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.25 (s, 6H), 0.15 (s, 6H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.8, 142.6, 136.6, 132.9, 128.0, 120.4, 118.7, 118.6, 110.3, 108.4, 97.6, 86.0, 29.6, 25.8, 25.62, 19.0, 18.2, 18.2, 10.4, -4.3, -4.7 ppm; **IR:** 2956, 2931, 2859, 1705, 1472, 1366, 1253, 1176, 839, 789, 735 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₇H₄₃NO₃Si₂+H]⁺: 486.2854, found: 486.2850.

[(3,3'-Bifuran]-2,2',5,5'-tetrayltetrakis(oxy))tetrakis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (S21)



Synthesized from 1,2,3,4-butanetetracarboxylic dianhydride (**S10**) and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate using purification procedure C. **Yield:** 0.545 mmol, 54% (by ¹H NMR using 1,2-dichloroethane as an internal standard); **Appearance:** Orange oil; **R_f:** 0.38 (1:9 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.26 (s, 2H), 0.98 (s, 18H), 0.96 (s, 18H), 0.22 (s, 12H), 0.20 (s, 12H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.9, 142.2, 91.8, 84.6, 84.5, 25.8, 25.7, 18.3, 18.2, -4.3, -4.7 ppm; **IR:** 2957, 2932, 2861, 1724, 1696, 1628, 1606, 1581, 1366, 1251, 1195, 1170, 840, 787, 731 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₃₂H₆₂O₆Si₄+H]⁺: 655.3696, found: 655.3699.

((3-Vinylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (45)



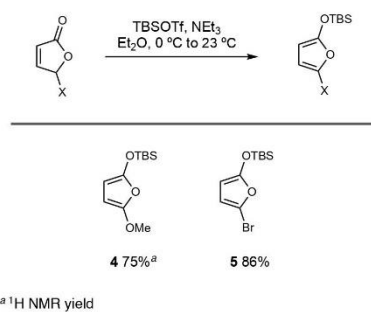
Synthesized from (*Z*)-3-ethylidenedihydrofuran-2,5-dione (**S12**) and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate using purification procedure C. **Yield:** 4.34 mmol, 89% (by ¹H NMR using 1,2-dichloroethane as an internal standard); **Appearance:** Pale yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.34 (petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.39 (dd, *J* = 17.5, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 0.22 (s, 6H), 0.22 (s, 6H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.0, 144.9,

126.7, 108.4, 99.7, 81.6, 25.6 (2 coincident peaks), 18.3, 18.2, -4.4, -4.7 ppm; **IR**: 2957, 2931, 2894, 2859, 1650, 1637, 1603, 1471, 1255, 1070, 1051, 835, 778 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₈H₃₄O₃Si₂+H]⁺: 355.2119, found: 355.2114.

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Summary

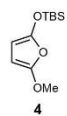


General Procedure

Prepared according to a modification of the procedure reported by Simchen.¹² To an oven-dried two-neck round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added the appropriate substituted furanone (1.00 mol. equiv.). Following addition of anhydrous Et₂O (0.250 M) the resulting suspension was cooled to 0 °C, and anhydrous triethylamine (2.25 mol. equiv.) was added. After stirring for 10 minutes, *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (1.65 mol. equiv.) was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction was stirred vigorously overnight, yielding a biphasic mixture. The reaction mixture was filtered through phosphate buffered silica (pH 7), eluting with Et₂O. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the corresponding furan. Both furans were stored in the freezer (−20 °C) under a nitrogen atmosphere. Attempts to purify either furan via flash chromatography using untreated (i.e. acidic) silica resulted in decomposition.

Characterization Data

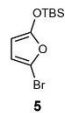
tert-Butyl((5-methoxyfuran-2-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane (**4**)



Synthesized from 5-methoxyfuran-2(5*H*)-one (**S1**). **Yield:** 0.723 mmol, 75% (by ¹H NMR using durene as an internal standard); **Appearance:** Colorless oil; **R_f:** 0.35 (1:39 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.93 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 0.96

(s, 9H), 0.22 (s, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.6, 148.2, 83.8, 80.5, 58.1, 25.6, 18.2, -4.8 ppm; **IR**: 2957, 2931, 2859, 1734, 1712, 1390, 1255, 1217, 1164, 838, 791 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3\text{Si}+\text{H}]^+$: 229.1255, found: 229.1254.

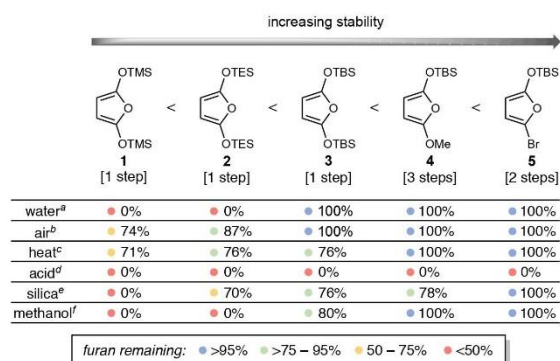
((5-Bromofuran-2-yl)oxy)(tert-butyl)dimethylsilane (5)



Synthesized from 5-bromo-2(5*H*)-furanone (**S2**). **Yield**: 1.10 g, 3.97 mmol, 86%; **Appearance**: Brown oil; **R_f**: 0.31 (petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.11 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.24 (s, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.4, 112.7, 109.0, 86.7, 25.5, 18.2, -4.8 ppm; **IR**: 2957, 2932, 2861, 1618, 1531, 1472, 1254, 1120, 1189, 1008, 971, 840, 787, 756, 684 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrO}_2\text{Si}+\text{H}]^+$: 277.0254, found: 277.0247.

Stability Studies

Summary



^a 0.025 M (CD₃)₂CO/D₂O mixture (9:1) stirred for 1 h

^b Compressed air bubbled through a 0.025 M CDCl₃ solution for 10 min

^c Dilute C₆D₆ solution heated at 120 °C in a microwave reactor for 2 h

^d 0.10 M TFA solution in CDCl₃ stirred for 1 min

^e 1.0 mL of a 0.025 M CDCl₃ solution stirred with silica (250 mg) for 2 h

^f 0.20 M CDCl₃/CD₃OD mixture (1:4) stirred for 1 h

Note: Stability studies are adapted from those disclosed by Sherburn.¹³

Water Stability

0.025 M (CD₃)₂CO/D₂O (9:1) solutions of each substrate were prepared. BHT (ca. 2 mg/mL) was added to inhibit the autoxidative effects of any oxygen present in solution. An internal standard (durene) was added to each sample, and an initial ¹H NMR spectrum was obtained. The flasks were sealed, and each sample was stirred for 1 hour. A second ¹H NMR spectrum was obtained to determine whether any decomposition had occurred.

Air Stability

0.025 M CDCl₃ solutions of each substrate were prepared (CDCl₃ stored over K₂CO₃ to remove any acid). An internal standard (durene) was added to each sample, and an initial ¹H NMR spectrum was obtained. Compressed air (from an Ozito cordless air pump, flow rate of 14 L/min) was then bubbled through each sample for 10 minutes. A second ¹H NMR spectrum was obtained to determine whether any decomposition had occurred.

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Heat Stability

Dilute solutions of each substrate in C₆D₆ were prepared. BHT (ca. 2 mg/mL) was added to inhibit the autoxidative effects of any oxygen present in solution. An internal standard (durene) was added to each sample, and an initial ¹H NMR spectrum was obtained. Each sample was heated to 120 °C for 2 hours in a microwave reactor. A second ¹H NMR spectrum was obtained to determine whether any decomposition had occurred.

Acid Stability

0.025 M CDCl₃ solutions of each substrate were prepared. BHT (ca. 2 mg/mL) was added to inhibit the autoxidative effects of any oxygen present in solution. An internal standard (durene) was added to each sample, and an initial ¹H NMR spectrum was obtained. To 500 μL of each substrate solution was added 500 μL of a 0.2 M TFA solution in CDCl₃, and the samples were stirred for ca. 1 minute. A second ¹H NMR spectrum was obtained to determine whether any decomposition had occurred.

Silica Stability

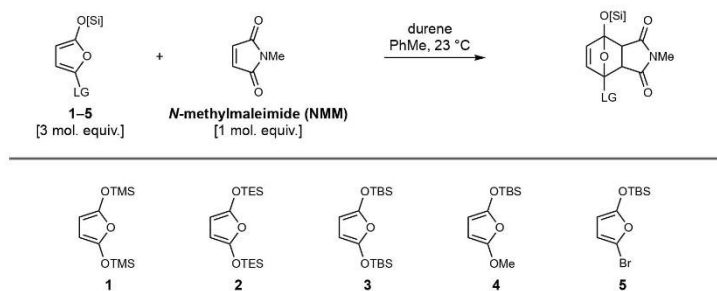
0.025 M CDCl₃ solutions of each substrate were prepared (CDCl₃ stored over K₂CO₃ to remove any acid). BHT (ca. 2 mg/mL) was added to inhibit the autoxidative effects of any oxygen present in solution. An internal standard (durene) was added to each sample, and an initial ¹H NMR spectrum was obtained. 250 mg of silica was added to 1 mL of each furan solution, and the samples were stirred for 2 hours. A second ¹H NMR spectrum was obtained to determine whether any decomposition had occurred.

Note: This test is not necessarily representative of subjecting a compound to flash chromatographic purification with untreated (i.e. acidic) silica. For example, bromide **5** decomposes if attempts are made to purify it by this method.

Methanol Stability

0.020 M $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ (1:4) solutions of each substrate were prepared (CDCl_3 stored over K_2CO_3 to remove any acid). BHT (ca. 2 mg/mL) was added to inhibit the autoxidative effects of any oxygen present in solution. An internal standard (durene) was added to each sample, and an initial ^1H NMR spectrum was obtained. The flasks were sealed, and each sample was stirred for 1 hour. A second ^1H NMR spectrum was obtained to determine whether any decomposition had occurred.

Diels–Alder Rate Studies



General Procedure

To an oven dried 10 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added *N*-methylmaleimide (0.0500 g, 0.450 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), durene (used as a ¹H NMR internal standard, 0.0250 g, 0.186 mmol, 0.410 mol. equiv.) and anhydrous PhMe (0.450 mL, 0.250 M). To this mixture was added the appropriate silylated diene (3.00 mol. equiv.) as a solution in anhydrous PhMe (0.450 mL). The percentage of *N*-methylmaleimide remaining was determined by ¹H NMR via comparison to durene, at the time intervals specified in the table below.

Time (minutes)	<i>N</i> -methylmaleimide Remaining (%)				
	1	2	3	4	5
0	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5	-	-	-	48.39	-
15	52.69	64.89	57.33	16.13	-
30	25.32	40.13	38.67	6.45	-
60	11.76	17.87	19.20	0.00	90.98
120	1.79	4.08	5.33	0.00	80.90
180	0.52	1.57	1.87	0.00	68.44
240	0.00	0.31	0.80	0.00	56.50
300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46.15

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Reaction Kinetics



For $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$:

$$\frac{d[\mathbf{B}]}{dt} = -k[\mathbf{A}][\mathbf{B}]$$

Given initial concentrations of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} , $[\mathbf{A}]_0$ and $[\mathbf{B}]_0$, respectively, the concentration of \mathbf{B} at time t is:

$$[\mathbf{B}] = \frac{([\mathbf{A}]_0 - [\mathbf{B}]_0)[\mathbf{B}]_0}{([\mathbf{A}]_0 e^{k([\mathbf{A}]_0 - [\mathbf{B}]_0)t} - [\mathbf{B}]_0)}$$

The rate data was fit to this equation to obtain the rate constant, k :

$k \text{ (M}^{-1}\text{min}^{-1}\text{)}$				
1	2	3	4	5
0.0164702	0.0112124	0.012082	0.0511795	0.00081359

With relative rate constants, k_{rel} :

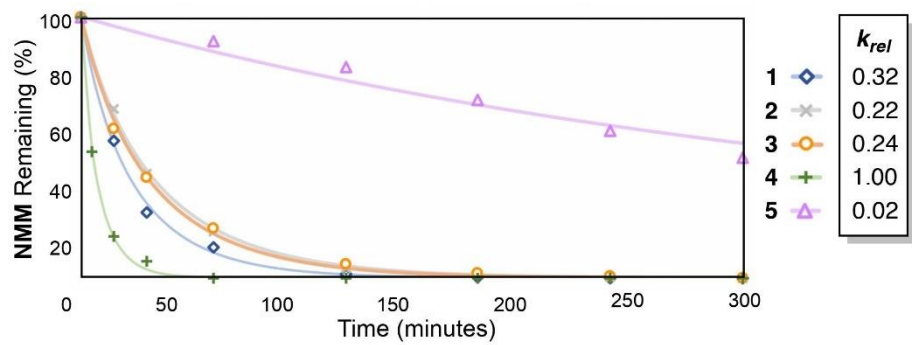
k_{rel}				
1	2	3	4	5
0.32	0.22	0.24	1.00	0.02

Note: For $[\mathbf{A}]_0 \gg [\mathbf{B}]_0$ (which is not the case here), this reduces to the expected equation for pseudo-first order kinetics:

$$[\mathbf{B}] = [\mathbf{B}]_0 e^{-k[\mathbf{A}]_0 t}$$

With pseudo-first order rate constant, k_{pseudo} :

$$k_{pseudo} = k[\mathbf{A}]_0$$

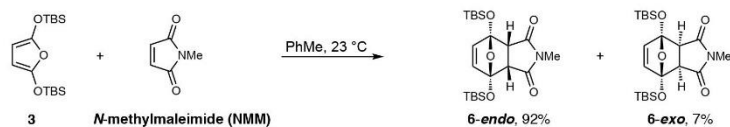


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Synthesis of *para*-Hydroquinones

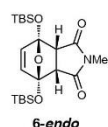
Step-wise Diels–Alder/Aromatization

Isolation of Silylated Intermediates



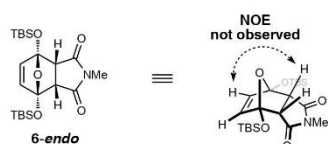
To an oven-dried 10 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan (**3**) (444 mg, 1.35 mmol, 3.00 mol. equiv.), anhydrous PhMe (0.900 mL, 0.500 M), and *N*-methylmaleimide (50 mg, 0.450 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). The reaction was stirred at room temperature overnight, whereby TLC analysis indicated the reaction had gone to completion. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash column chromatography [phosphate buffered SiO₂ (pH 7), eluting with petroleum ether → 1:4 EtOAc:petroleum ether], yielding **6-endo** (182 mg, 0.414 mmol, 92%) and **6-exo** (13.7 mg, 0.031 mmol, 7%).

Intermediate **6-endo**



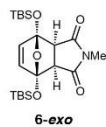
Appearance: White solid; **R_f**: 0.32 (1:19 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **M.p.:** 141.1–145.9 °C; **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 5.90 (s, 2H), 3.03 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 18H), 0.22 (s, 6H), 0.16 (s, 6H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 173.3, 137.5, 105.0, 55.3, 25.8, 24.2, 18.1, –3.1, –3.3 ppm; **IR:** 3471, 2934, 2862, 1711, 1358, 1336, 1237, 838, 784 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₁H₃₇NO₅Si₂+H]⁺: 440.2283, found: 440.2286.

Assignment of Stereochemistry:



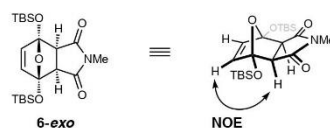
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Intermediate 6-*exo*

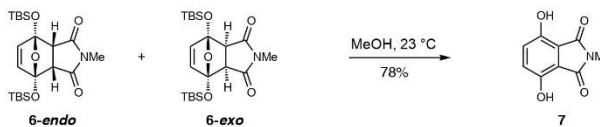


Appearance: White solid; **R_f**: 0.28 (3:17 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **M.p.:** 93.6–98.6 °C; **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 5.82 (s, 2H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 2H), 1.07 (s, 18H), 0.23 (s, 6H), 0.17 (s, 6H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 172.0, 140.2, 104.9, 53.2, 25.9, 24.4, 18.2, -3.2, -3.4 ppm; **IR:** 3465, 2930, 2858, 1703, 1326, 1228, 887, 829, 780 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₁H₃₇NO₅Si₂+H]⁺: 440.2283, found: 440.2288.

Assignment of Stereochemistry:



Aromatization of Silylated Intermediates

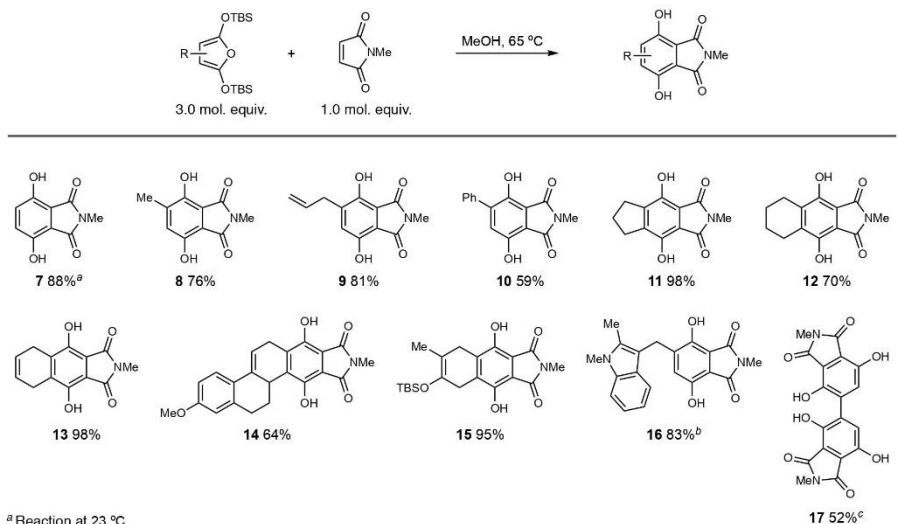


To a 50 ml round-bottom flask open to air and equipped with a stir bar was added a 92:7 mixture of 6-*endo* and 6-*exo* (0.953 g, 2.17 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and MeOH (4.34 mL, 0.500 M, not anhydrous). The reaction was sealed and stirred at room temperature overnight, by which time a yellow solid had crashed out of solution. The crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by washing with petroleum ether to yield 4,7-dihydroxy-2-methylisindoline-1,3-dione (7) (0.327 g, 1.69 mmol, 78%). Characterization data is included in the diene scope section below.

Diels–Alder Reaction Scope

Diene Scope

Summary



^a Reaction at 23 °C

^b Aromatization achieved by addition of TFA at 23 °C

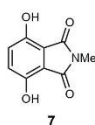
^c 1.0 mol. equiv. furan, 3.0 mol. equiv. *N*-methylmaleimide. Diels–Alder in PhMe at 23 °C, aromatization achieved by addition of H₂SO₄ at 23 °C

General Procedure

To a round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added the appropriate furan (3.00 mol. equiv.), MeOH (not anhydrous, 0.500 M), and *N*-methylmaleimide (1.00 mol. equiv.). The reaction was heated at reflux overnight, by which time a yellow/orange solid had crashed out of solution. The crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified as specified to yield the corresponding *para*-hydroquinone.

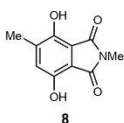
Characterization Data

4,7-Dihydroxy-2-methylisindoline-1,3-dione (7)



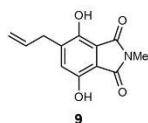
Synthesized from 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan (**3**). Modifications from general procedure: reaction conducted at 23 °C. Purified by washing with Et₂O. **Yield:** 0.114 g, 0.589 mmol, 72%; Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.¹⁴ **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **R_f**: 0.30 (6:4 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** [500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 10.08 (s, 2H), 7.04 (s, 2H), 2.91 (s, 3H) ppm.

4,7-Dihydroxy-2,5-dimethylisindoline-1,3-dione (8)



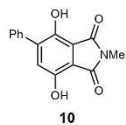
Synthesized from ((3-methylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (**48**). Purified by washing with petroleum ether and then Et₂O. **Yield:** 0.105 g, 0.507 mmol, 76%; **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **R_f**: 0.27 (3:7 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **M.p.:** 214.8–215.9 °C; **¹H NMR** [500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 10.12 (br s, 1H), 9.11 (br s, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** [125 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 167.9, 166.2, 148.0, 145.8, 136.7, 125.9, 114.4, 11.3, 23.1, 16.2 ppm; **IR:** 3422, 2983, 2948, 1747, 1676, 1456, 1165, 1031, 981, 757 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₀H₉NO₄+H]⁺: 208.0604, found: 208.0603.

5-Allyl-4,7-dihydroxy-2-methylisindoline-1,3-dione (9)



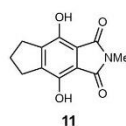
Synthesized from ((3-allylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (**S13**). Purified by washing with petroleum ether and then Et₂O. **Yield:** 0.200 g, 0.856 mmol, 81%; **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **R_f**: 0.36 (3:7 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **M.p.:** 165–168 °C; **¹H NMR** [600 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 10.23 (s, 1H), 9.25 (s, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 5.95–5.88 (m, 1H), 5.10 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.09–5.06 (m, 1H), 2.92 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** [150 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 167.8, 166.2, 148.2, 145.2, 138.7, 135.6, 125.2, 116.8, 114.9, 111.8, 33.4, 23.2 ppm; **IR:** 3402, 1663, 1023, 1000, 823, 762 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₂H₁₁NO₄+H]⁺: 234.0766, found: 234.0759.

4,7-Dihydroxy-2-methyl-5-phenylisoindoline-1,3-dione (10)



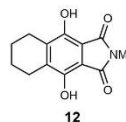
Synthesized from ((3-phenylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (**S14**). Purified by washing with Et₂O. **Yield:** 0.119 g, 0.441 mmol, 59%; **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **R_f:** 0.30 (7:13 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **M.p.:** 235–238 °C; **¹H NMR** [600 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 10.44 (br s, 1H), 9.20 (br s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 2.97 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** [125 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 168.0, 166.0, 148.3, 144.5, 139.1, 136.2, 129.1, 128.3, 128.1, 125.9, 116.0, 112.9, 23.3 ppm; **IR:** 3411, 2950, 2530, 1747, 1672, 1443, 1274, 1302, 1245, 1142, 923, 885, 703, 760 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₅H₁₁NO₄+H]⁺: 270.0761, found: 270.0753.

4,8-Dihydroxy-2-methyl-6,7-dihydrocyclopenta[*f*]isoindole-1,3(2*H*,5*H*)-dione (11)



Synthesized from 1,3-bis((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-5,6-dihydro-4*H*-cyclopenta[*c*]furan (**S15**). Purified by washing with EtOAc. **Yield:** 0.115 g, 0.492 mmol, 98%; **Appearance:** Pale-yellow solid; **R_f:** 0.30 (1:3 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **M.p.:** 250–253 °C; **¹H NMR** [600 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 9.39 (br s, 2H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 2.05 (p, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** [125 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 167.1, 144.5, 141.7, 113.3, 30.0, 24.1, 23.1 ppm; **IR:** 3405, 2953, 2894, 2841, 2515, 1741, 1669, 1634, 1446, 1380, 1274, 1236, 1161, 1057, 979, 938, 760 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₂H₁₁NO₄+H]⁺: 234.0761, found: 234.0764.

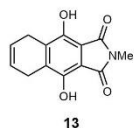
4,9-Dihydroxy-2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]isoindole-1,3(2*H*)-dione (12)



Synthesized from 1,3-bis((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydroisobenzofuran (**S16**). Purified by washing with Et₂O. **Yield:** 0.173 g, 0.700 mmol, 70%; **Appearance:** Pale yellow solid; **R_f:** 0.34 (1:4 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **M.p.:** 237.6–239.7 °C; **¹H NMR** [500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 9.21 (s, 2H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.63–2.54 (m, 4H) 1.73–1.60 (m, 4H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** [125 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 167.6, 145.7, 135.5, 110.3, 23.6, 23.1, 21.2 ppm; **IR:** 3400, 2952, 2930, 1747, 1671, 1452, 1187, 990, 762, 659 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₃H₁₃NO₄+H]⁺: 248.0917, found: 248.0910.

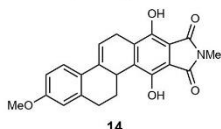
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4,9-Dihydroxy-2-methyl-5,8-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]isoindole-1,3(2*H*)-dione (13)



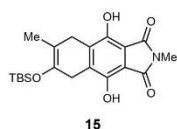
Synthesized from 1,3-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4,7-dihydroisobenzofuran (**S17**). Purified by washing with Et₂O. **Yield:** 0.240 g, 0.980 mmol, 98%; **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **R_f:** 0.44 (3:7 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **M.p.:** >260 °C; **¹H NMR** [600 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 9.43 (br s, 2H), 5.86 (s, 2H), 3.24 (s, 4H), 2.94 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** [150 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 167.5, 145.2, 132.4, 122.8, 110.9, 24.7, 23.2 ppm; **IR:** 3417, 3361, 3038, 2862, 2533, 1744, 1559, 1455, 1214, 1001, 954, 938, 757, 578 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₃H₁₁NO₄+H]⁺: 246.0761, found: 246.0756.

Pentacyclic *para*-hydroquinone 14



Synthesized from tetracyclic furan **S18**. Purified by washing with petroleum ether and then Et₂O. **Yield:** 0.121 g, 0.321 mmol, 64%; **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **R_f:** 0.37 (3:7 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **M.p.:** >260 °C; **¹H NMR** [500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 9.49 (br s, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.59–3.49 (m, 3H), 3.43 (dt, *J* = 25.8, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 3.14–3.04 (m, 1H), 2.95 (s, 3H), 2.88 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (qd, *J* = 12.2, 5.4 Hz, 1H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** [150 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 167.7, 167.3, 158.5, 145.9, 145.2, 137.0, 135.2, 134.2, 132.0, 129.0, 125.3, 114.0, 113.1, 112.5, 111.8, 111.2, 55.0, 35.7, 31.4, 29.9, 26.0, 23.2 ppm; **IR:** 3414, 2944, 2869, 2831, 2527, 1747, 1675, 1603, 1496, 1443, 1377, 1274, 1224, 998, 957, 945, 760 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₂H₁₉NO₅+H]⁺: 378.1336, found: 378.1338.

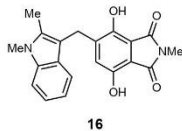
Silyl enol ether *para*-hydroquinone 15



Synthesized from ((6-methyl-4,7-dihydroisobenzofuran-1,3,5-triyl)tris(oxy))tris(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (**S19**). Purified by washing with Et₂O. **Yield:** 0.166 g, 0.426 mmol, 95%; **Appearance:** White solid; **R_f:** 0.34 (1:4 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **M.p.:** 200–202 °C; **¹H NMR** [600 MHz, CDCl₃]: δ 7.18 (br s, 2H), 3.38–3.31 (m, 4H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 9H), 0.19 (s, 5H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** [150 MHz, CDCl₃]: δ 170.0, 169.9, 146.2, 146.1, 139.4, 132.8, 132.8, 109.2, 109.2, 107.3, 30.9, 29.6, 26.0,

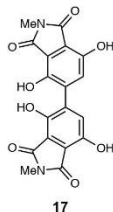
23.6, 18.4, 15.8, -3.6 ppm; **IR**: 3417, 2931, 2856, 1750, 1687, 1468, 1258, 1079, 988, 888, 782, 757 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₀H₂₇NO₅Si+H]⁺: 390.1731, found: 390.1727.

Indole-substituted *para*-hydroquinone **16**



Synthesized from 3-((2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)furan-3-yl)methyl)-1,2-dimethyl-1*H*-indole (**S20**). Modifications from general procedure: aromatization achieved followed by addition of TFA (0.08 mL, 1.07 mmol, 6 eq.) at 23 °C. The reaction was stirred for 1.5 hours, before being purified by washing with Et₂O, then CH₂Cl₂. **Yield**: 0.0520 g, 0.148 mmol, 83%; **Appearance**: Yellow solid; **R_f**: 0.31 (1:4 EtOAc:PhMe); **M.p.**: Degraded at 240 °C; **¹H NMR** [500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 9.97 (s, 1H), 9.34 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.92 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** [125 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 168.0, 166.1, 148.2, 145.2, 140.6, 136.4, 134.4, 127.2, 124.6, 120.3, 118.6, 117.6, 114.7, 111.3, 109.0, 107.1, 29.4, 23.5, 23.2, 10.0 ppm; **IR**: 3412, 2909, 1753, 1683, 1621, 1483, 1458, 1441, 1382, 1276, 1250, 1158, 1013, 933, 736 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₀H₁₈N₂O₄+H]⁺: 351.1339, found: 351.1339.

4,4',7,7'-Tetrahydroxy-2,2'-dimethyl-[5,5'-biisindoline]-1,1',3,3'-tetraone (**17**)

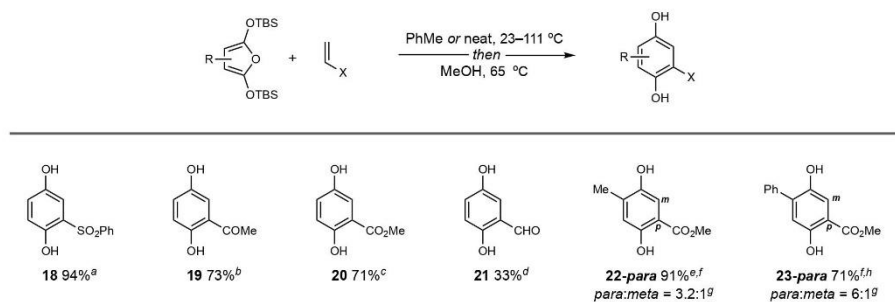


Synthesized from ([3,3'-bifuran]-2,2',5,5'-tetrayltetrakis(oxy))tetrakis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (**S21**). Modifications from general procedure: reaction conducted in PhMe at room temperature with 1.00 mol. equiv. of **S21** and 3.00 mol. equiv. of *N*-methylmaleimide. Aromatization achieved by addition of concentrated sulfuric acid (5 drops), followed by stirring overnight. Purification via washing with CH₂Cl₂ and then EtOAc. **Yield**: 0.200 g, 0.519 mmol, 52%; **Appearance**: Yellow solid; **R_f**: 0.50 (EtOAc); **M.p.**: >260 °C; **¹H NMR** [500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 10.40 (br s, 2H), 9.32 (s, 2H), 6.98 (s, 2H), 2.96 (s, 6H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** [150 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: 167.6, 166.1, 147.7, 145.0, 134.6, 126.7, 115.5, 113.8, 23.3 ppm; **IR**: 3402, 1746, 1677, 1631, 1441, 1375, 1245, 1186, 1126, 996, 978, 933, 765 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₈H₁₂N₂O₈+Na]⁺: 407.0486, found: 407.0486.

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Dienophile Scope

Summary



^a PhMe at 80 °C

^b PhMe at 60 °C

^c PhMe at 111 °C

^d PhMe at 50 °C

^e Neat at 23 °C

^f Combined yield of isomers

^g Determined by ¹H NMR

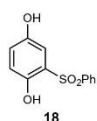
^h Neat at 55 °C

General Procedures

To an oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added the appropriate furan and dienophile. The reaction was either run neat, or in anhydrous PhMe (0.500M with respect to the limiting reagent). The flask was sealed, and the reaction mixture was heated until ¹H NMR analysis indicated the reaction had gone to completion. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature (if necessary), and MeOH (not anhydrous) was added. The reaction was heated at 65 °C overnight, whereby ¹H NMR analysis indicated the reaction had gone to completion. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified according to the specified procedure. **Note:** Individual reaction details (e.g. molar quantities, stoichiometries) are provided below.

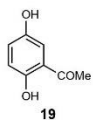
Characterization Data

2-(Phenylsulfonyl)benzene-1,4-diol (**18**)



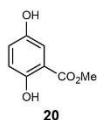
Synthesized from 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan (**3**) (0.493 g, 1.50 mmol, 3.00 mol. equiv.), and phenyl vinyl sulfone (84.1 mg, 0.500 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). Diels–Alder reaction conducted in PhMe at 80 °C overnight. Aromatization achieved with 2 mL of MeOH. Purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:99 MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ → 1:19 MeOH/CH₂Cl₂). **Yield:** 0.117 g, 0.467 mmol, 94%; Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.¹⁵ **Appearance:** Off-white solid; **R_f:** 0.30 (1:19 MeOH:CH₂Cl₂); **¹H NMR** [500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 9.92 (br s, 1H), 9.37 (br s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H) ppm.

1-(2,5-Dihydroxyphenyl)ethanone (**19**)



Synthesized from 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan (**3**) (0.334 g, 1.02 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and methyl vinyl ketone (0.642 g, 9.15 mmol, 9.00 mol. equiv.). Diels–Alder reaction conducted in PhMe at 60 °C for 3 h. Aromatization achieved with 4 mL of MeOH. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and washed with petroleum ether (3×). **Yield:** 0.114 g, 0.748 mmol, 74%; Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.¹⁶ **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **R_f:** 0.36 (3:7 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** [500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 11.33 (s, 1H), 9.19 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H) ppm.

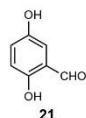
Methyl 2,5-dihydroxybenzoate (**20**)



Synthesized from 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan (**3**) (0.329 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and methyl acrylate (0.630 mL, 7.00 mmol, 7.00 mol. equiv.). Diels–Alder reaction conducted in PhMe at 111 °C overnight. Aromatization achieved with 4 mL of MeOH. The crude reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure and then purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with petroleum ether → 1:4 EtOAc:petroleum ether). **Yield:** 0.119 g, 0.707 mmol, 71%; Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the

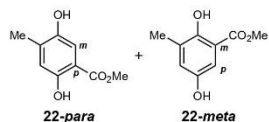
literature.¹⁷ **Appearance:** Off-white solid; **R_f**: 0.29 (1:3 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.36 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H) ppm.

2,5-Dihydroxybenzaldehyde (**21**)



Synthesized from 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan (**3**) (0.329 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), and acrolein (0.392 g, 7.00 mmol, 7.00 mol. equiv.). Reaction conducted in PhMe at 50 °C overnight. Aromatization achieved with 2 mL of MeOH. The crude reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure and then purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with petroleum ether → 1:4 EtOAc/petroleum ether). **Yield:** 0.050 g, 0.330 mmol, 33%; Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.¹⁸ **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **R_f**: 0.38 (3:7 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** [500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 10.18 (s, 1H), 10.02 (s, 1H), 9.18 (s, 1H), 7.00–6.95 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H) ppm.

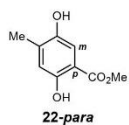
Methyl 2,5-dihydroxy-4-methylbenzoate (**22-para**) and methyl 2,5-dihydroxy-3-methylbenzoate (**22-meta**)



Synthesized from ((3-methylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (**48**) (1.18 g, 3.44 mmol, 1.40 mol. equiv.) and methyl acrylate (0.211 g, 2.45 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). Diels–Alder reaction conducted neat at 23 °C overnight. Aromatization achieved with 2 mL of MeOH. The crude reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with petroleum ether → 1:4 EtOAc:petroleum ether), yielding a mixture of **22-para** and **22-meta** as an off-white solid. **Yield:** 0.406 g, 2.23 mmol, 91%, *para:meta* = 3.2:1 (determined by ¹H NMR); **R_f**: 0.41 (3:7 EtOAc:petroleum ether).

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Methyl 2,5-dihydroxy-4-methylbenzoate (**22-para**)



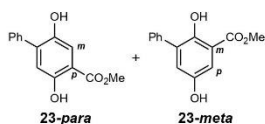
Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.¹⁹ ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.25 (s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 4.46 (br s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H) ppm.

Methyl 2,5-dihydroxy-3-methylbenzoate (**22-meta**)



Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.²⁰ ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.58 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (br s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H) ppm.

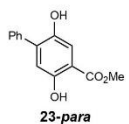
Methyl 2,5-dihydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (**23-para**) and methyl 2,5-dihydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carboxylate (**23-meta**)



Synthesized from ((3-phenylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (**S14**) (2.19 g, 5.40 mmol, 1.80 mol. equiv.) and methyl acrylate (0.258 g, 3.00 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). Diels–

Alder reaction conducted neat at 55 °C overnight. Aromatization achieved with 2 mL of MeOH. The crude reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:9 EtOAc:petroleum ether → 3:7 EtOAc:petroleum ether), yielding a mixture of **23-para** and **23-meta** as a pale orange (minor isomer assigned by analogy to **22-meta**). **Yield:** 0.520 g, 2.13 mmol, 71%, *para:meta* = 6:1 (determined by ¹H NMR); **R_f**: 0.40 (3:7 EtOAc:petroleum ether).

Methyl 2,5-dihydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (**23-para**)

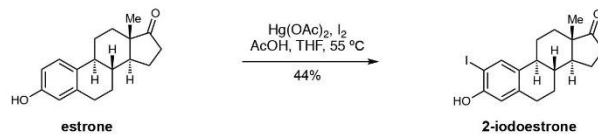


Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.²¹ ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of two orientational isomers – minor isomer omitted for clarity): δ 10.30 (s, 1H), 7.51–7.46 (m, 5H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 4.82 (br s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H) ppm.

Synthesis of *para*-Benzoquinones

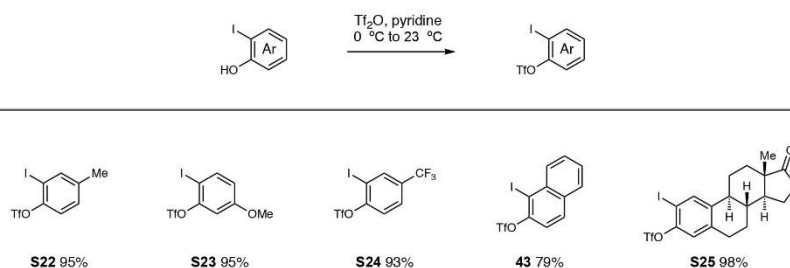
Synthesis of Benzyne Precursors

2-Iodoestrone



Prepared according to a modification of the procedure reported by Potter.²² To a 250 mL round-bottom flask open to air and equipped with a stir bar was added estrone (2.00 g, 7.40 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), acetic acid (113 mL) and tetrahydrofuran (56.9 mL). The mixture was heated to 55 °C, and mercuric acetate (1.18 g, 3.70 mmol, 0.500 mol. equiv.) was added. The reaction was stirred at this temperature for 15 minutes and iodine (1.88 g, 7.40 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) was added. The flask was cooled to room temperature and stirred for a further two hours before being concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was diluted with EtOAc and a solution of 5% aqueous potassium iodide (100 mL) was added. The organic layer was separated and washed with saturated aqueous sodium thiosulfate, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with CH₂Cl₂) yielded pure 2-iodoestrone. **Yield:** 1.32 g, 4.74 mmol, 44%; **Spectroscopic data** matched those previously reported in the literature.²² **Appearance:** White crystalline solid; **R_f:** 0.33 (CH₂Cl₂); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.52 (s, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 2.88–2.79 (m, 2H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 19.1, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.37–2.29 (m, 1H), 2.25–2.10 (m, 2H), 2.09–1.92 (m, 3H), 1.67–1.35 (m, 6H), 0.91 (s, 3H) ppm.

Triflation Summary



Note: 2-Iodo-4-methylphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate was obtained from a commercial supplier.

General Procedure

To an oven-dried two-neck round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added the appropriate *ortho*-iodophenol (1.00 mol. equiv.), and anhydrous pyridine (0.500 M). The reaction flask was cooled to 0 °C and trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (1.25 mol. equiv.) was added dropwise. After stirring for 10 minutes the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and left to stir overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with water, 10% aqueous HCl (2×), saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography, according to the specified conditions, yielded the corresponding triflate.

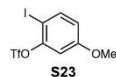
Characterization Data

2-Iodo-4-methylphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (S22)

Synthesized from 2-iodo-4-methylphenol. Purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with petroleum ether → 5:95 EtOAc:petroleum ether). **Yield:** 1.49 g, 4.07 mmol, 95%; Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.²³

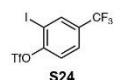
Appearance: Colorless oil; **R_f**: 0.29 (petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.22–7.17 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H) ppm.

2-Iodo-5-methoxyphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (S23)



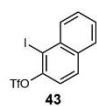
Synthesized from 2-iodo-5-methoxyphenol. Purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with petroleum ether → 1:9 EtOAc:petroleum ether). **Yield:** 0.856 g, 2.25 mmol, 95%; **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f**: 0.30 (5:95 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** [600 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO]: δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** [150 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO]: δ 162.2, 151.7, 141.6, 119.62 (q, *J* = 319.7 Hz), 117.1, 109.6, 77.6, 56.5 ppm; **¹⁹F NMR** [470 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO]: δ -74.5 ppm; **IR:** 1596, 1482, 1426, 1212, 1139, 1047, 951, 827 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₈H₆F₃IO₄S]⁺: 381.8978, found: 381.8978.

2-Iodo-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (S24)



Synthesized from 2-iodo-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenol. Purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with petroleum ether → 5:95 EtOAc:petroleum ether). **Yield:** 1.36 g, 3.01 mmol, 93%; Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.²⁴ **Appearance:** Colorless oil; **R_f**: 0.29 (petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H) ppm.

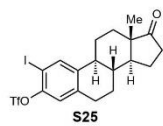
1-Iodonaphthalen-2-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate (43)



Synthesized from 1-iodonaphthalen-2-ol. Purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with petroleum ether → 1:9 EtOAc:petroleum ether). **Yield:** 0.644 g, 1.60 mmol, 79%; Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.²⁵ **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f**: 0.43 (2:98 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H) ppm.

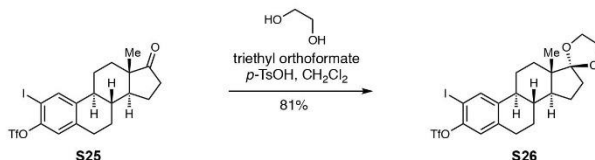
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Estrone-derived keto-triflate **S25**



Synthesized from 2-iodoestrone (see synthesis above). Purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:9 EtOAc:petroleum ether → 2:8 EtOAc:petroleum ether). **Yield:** 0.725 g, 1.37 mmol, 98%; **Appearance:** Sticky white solid; **R_f:** 0.32 (1:4 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 2.91–2.85 (m, 2H), 2.49 (dd, *J* = 19.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.38–2.31 (m, 1H), 2.25 (td, *J* = 10.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.18–2.00 (m, 3H), 1.97 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 1.67–1.38 (m, 6H), 0.90 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 220.1, 148.1, 142.3, 139.6, 137.7, 122.0, 118.8 (q, *J* = 320.7 Hz), 85.0, 50.4, 47.8, 43.8, 37.6, 35.8, 31.5, 29.2, 25.9, 25.7, 21.6, 13.8 ppm; **¹⁹F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -73.1 ppm; **IR:** 2932, 2864, 1737, 1475, 1422, 1245, 1207, 1136, 936, 921, 899, 834, 728 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₉H₂₀F₃IO₄S+H]⁺: 529.0152, found: 529.0153; **[α]_D²²:** +94.6 (c = 0.14, CHCl₃).

Estrone-derived ketal **S26**

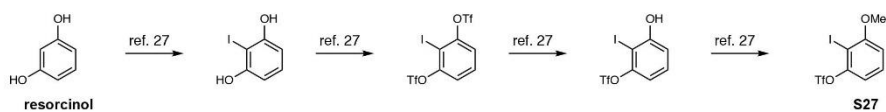


Prepared according to a modification of the procedure reported by Chen.²⁶ To a 100 mL round-bottom flask open to air and equipped with a stir bar was added ketone **S25** (1.75 g, 3.31 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), ethylene glycol (22.3 mL, 397 mmol, 120 mol. equiv.), triethyl orthoformate (4.41 mL, 26.5 mmol, 8.00 mol. equiv.) and *para*-toluenesulfonic acid (158 mg, 0.828 mmol, 0.25 mol. equiv.). The reaction was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 24 hours by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of ketone **S25**. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate and diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer washed with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organics were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated under reduced pressure, and then co-evaporated with PhMe (3×). Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:9 EtOAc:petroleum) yielded estrone-derived ketal **S26**. **Yield:** 1.54 g, 2.69 mmol, 81%; **Appearance:** Sticky white

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solid; **R_f**: 0.36 (1:9 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.72 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 3.96–3.84 (m, 4H), 2.85–2.78 (m, 2H), 2.27–2.16 (m, 2H), 2.04–1.97 (m, 1H), 1.93–1.88 (m, 1H), 1.86–1.79 (m, 1H), 1.78–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.57 (m, 1H), 1.56–1.28 (m, 5H), 0.85 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.0, 143.1, 134.0, 137.7, 122.0, 119.3, 118.9 (q, *J* = 320.7 Hz), 84.9, 65.4, 64.7, 49.4, 46.1, 43.6, 38.3, 34.3, 30.6, 29.4, 26.5, 26.0, 22.4, 14.4 ppm; **¹⁹F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -73.1 ppm; **IR**: 2941, 2867, 1475, 1419, 1207, 1161, 1136, 1108, 918, 890, 852, 827, 784 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₁H₂₄F₃IO₅S+H]⁺: 573.0414, found: 573.0411. **[α]_D²⁵**: +32.8 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).

2-Iodo-3-methoxyphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (S27)

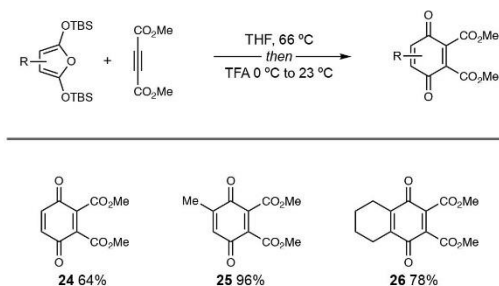


Prepared in four steps from resorcinol according to the procedure of Suzuki.²⁷

Diels–Alder Reaction Scope

Dimethyl Acetylenedicarboxylate (DMAD) as Dienophile

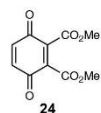
Summary



General Procedure

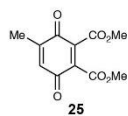
To a round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added the appropriate furan (2.00 mol. equiv.), dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (1.00 mol. equiv.), and anhydrous THF (0.500 M). The reaction mixture was heated at 66 °C until ¹H NMR analysis indicated the reaction had reached completion. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and TFA (20.0 mol. equiv.) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. The resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash column chromatography (eluting with PhMe → 1:9 EtOAc:PhMe) to yield the corresponding *para*-benzoquinone.

Dimethyl 3,6-dioxocyclohexa-1,4-diene-1,2-dicarboxylate (24)



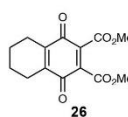
Synthesized from 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan (**3**) (2.24 g, 6.81 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (484 mg, 3.40 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). **Yield:** 0.486 g, 2.17 mmol, 64%; Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.²⁸ **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **R_f:** 0.36 (1:9 EtOAc:PhMe); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.86 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 6H) ppm.

Dimethyl 4-methyl-3,6-dioxocyclohexa-1,4-diene-1,2-dicarboxylate (25)



Synthesized from ((3-methylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (**48**) (1.37 g, 4.00 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (284 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). **Yield:** 0.458 g, 1.92 mmol, 96%; **Appearance:** Orange solid; **R_f:** 0.36 (1:19 EtOAc:PhMe); **M.p.:** 85–88 °C; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.69 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.9, 182.9, 162.7, 162.5, 146.2, 136.6, 135.9, 133.2, 53.4, 53.4, 16.0 ppm; **IR:** 1774, 1752, 1737, 1659, 1438, 1326, 1273, 1220, 1139, 1039, 974, 924, 902, 734 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₁H₁₀O₆+H]⁺: 239.0550, found: 239.0558.

Dimethyl 1,4-dioxo-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydronaphthalene-2,3-dicarboxylate (26)

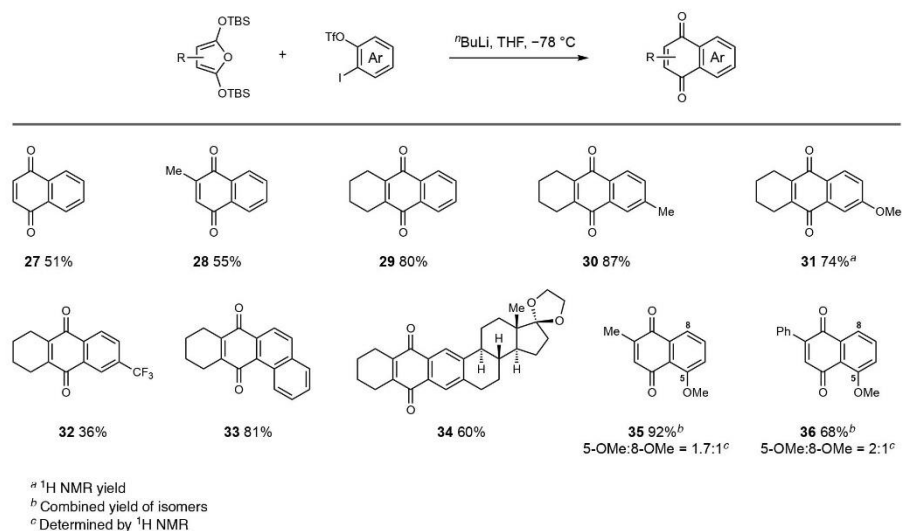


Synthesized from 1,3-bis((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydroisobenzofuran (**S16**) (1.06 g, 2.77 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (197 mg, 1.38 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). **Yield:** 0.302 g, 1.08 mmol, 78%; **Appearance:** Orange solid; **R_f:** 0.36 (1:19 EtOAc:PhMe); **M.p.:** 73–76 °C; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.89 (s, 6H), 2.49–2.42 (m, 4H), 1.74–1.68 (m, 4H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.2, 162.9, 143.0, 135.9, 53.3, 22.8, 20.9 ppm; **IR:** 2953, 1746, 1656, 1435, 1286, 1151, 1045, 958 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₄H₁₄O₆+H]⁺: 279.0863, found: 279.0868.

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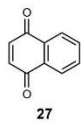
Summary



General Procedure

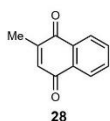
To a round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added the appropriate furan (2.00 mol. equiv.), the appropriate *ortho*-iodoaryl triflate (1.00 mol. equiv.), and anhydrous THF (0.500 M). The reaction mixture was cooled to $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $t\text{BuLi}$ (2.5 M solution in THF, 2.00 mol. equiv.) was added dropwise over 5 minutes. The reaction was allowed to stir for an additional 10 minutes before being quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl . The flask was warmed to room temperature and extracted with EtOAc (2 \times). The organics were combined and washed with 10% aqueous HCl (3 \times), saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 , brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography according to the specified conditions yielded the corresponding *para*-benzoquinone.

Naphthalene-1,4-dione (27)



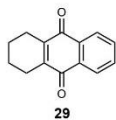
Synthesized from 2,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)furan (**3**) (0.406 g, 1.24 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), and 2-iodophenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.218 g, 0.618 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). Purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:1 CH₂Cl₂/petroleum ether → CH₂Cl₂). **Yield:** 0.049 g, 0.315 mmol, 51%; Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.²⁹ **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **R_f:** 0.39 (1:9 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (s, 2H) ppm.

2-Methylnaphthalene-1,4-dione (28)



Synthesized from ((3-methylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (**48**) (0.400 g, 1.17 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), and 2-iodophenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.206 g, 0.585 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). Purified by flash chromatography (eluting with petroleum ether → 3:2 EtOAc/petroleum ether). **Yield:** 0.0551 g, 0.320 mmol, 55%; Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.³⁰ **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **R_f:** 0.33 (5:95 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (q, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 4H) ppm.

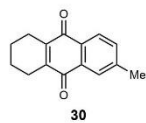
1,2,3,4-Tetrahydroanthracene-9,10-dione (29)



Synthesized from 1,3-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydroisobenzofuran (**S16**) (0.236 g, 0.617 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), and 2-iodophenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.109 g, 0.309 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). Purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 4:6 CH₂Cl₂/petroleum ether → 7:3 CH₂Cl₂/petroleum ether). **Yield:** 0.0521 g, 0.245 mmol, 80%; Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.³¹ **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **R_f:** 0.37 (1:19 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08–8.03 (m, 2H), 7.70–7.65 (m, 2H), 2.61–2.57 (m, 4H), 1.77–1.73 (m, 4H) ppm.

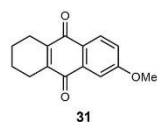
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6-Methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracene-9,10-dione (30)



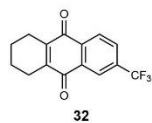
Synthesized from 1,3-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydroisobenzofuran (**S16**) (0.442 g, 1.16 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), and 2-iodo-4-methylphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (**S22**) (0.212 g, 0.578 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). Purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with petroleum ether → 1:1 CH₂Cl₂/petroleum ether). **Yield**: 0.113 g, 0.501 mmol, 87%; **Appearance**: Yellow solid; **M.p.**: 169–171 °C; **R_f**: 0.36 (5:95 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (p, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 4H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.74 (p, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 4H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 185.5, 185.1, 144.9, 144.7, 144.4, 134.2, 132.2, 130.1, 126.6, 126.5, 23.3 (2 coincident peaks), 21.6, 21.3 (2 coincident peaks) ppm; **IR**: 2938, 2869, 1655, 1601, 1300, 716 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₅H₁₄O₂+H]⁺: 227.1067, found: 227.1069.

6-Methoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracene-9,10-dione (31)



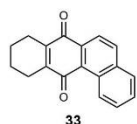
Synthesized from 1,3-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydroisobenzofuran (**S16**) (0.406 g, 1.06 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), and 2-iodo-5-methoxyphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (**S23**) (0.204 g, 0.533 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). Purification by flash chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with petroleum ether → 7:3 CH₂Cl₂/petroleum ether) yielded **31** contaminated with an unknown silyl-containing impurity. For characterization purposes a pure sample was isolated via washing with petroleum ether and then Et₂O. **Yield** 74%, 0.395 mmol (following flash chromatography using 1,2-dichloroethane as an internal standard). **Appearance**: Yellow solid; **M.p.**: 163–165 °C; **R_f**: 0.26 (5:95 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 4H), 1.77–1.70 (m, 4H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 185.2, 184.2, 163.9, 145.1, 144.4, 134.3, 128.7, 125.9, 119.9, 109.6, 56.0, 23.3, 23.3, 21.3, 21.3 ppm; **IR**: 2939, 1655, 1595, 1296 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₅H₁₄O₃+H]⁺: 243.1016, found: 243.1019.

6-(Trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracene-9,10-dione (32)



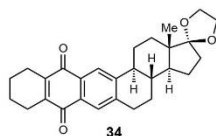
Synthesized from 1,3-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydroisobenzofuran (**S16**) (0.400 g, 1.05 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), and 2-iodo-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (**S24**) (0.220 g, 0.524 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). Purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 2:3 CH₂Cl₂/petroleum ether → 7:3 CH₂Cl₂/petroleum ether). **Yield:** 0.0533 g, 0.189 mmol, 36%; **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **M.p.:** 136–137 °C; **R_f:** 0.44 (1:4 CH₂Cl₂:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66–2.58 (m, 4H), 1.77 (p, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 4H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 184.0, 183.7, 145.7, 145.5, 135.2 (q, *J* = 33.6 Hz), 134.4, 132.7, 129.9 (q, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 127.1, 123.6 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.4 (d, *J* = 273.2 Hz), 23.4, 23.4, 21.1 (2 coincident peaks) ppm; **¹⁹F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –63.2 ppm; **IR:** 2942, 2876, 1661, 1276, 1258, 1163, 1130 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₅H₁₁F₃O₂+H]⁺: 281.0784, found: 281.0789.

8,9,10,11-Tetrahydrotetraphene-7,12-dione (33)



Synthesized from 1,3-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydroisobenzofuran (**S16**) (0.475 g, 1.24 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), and 1-iodonaphthalen-2-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate (**43**) (0.250 g, 0.622 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). Purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with petroleum ether → 3:2 CH₂Cl₂/petroleum ether). **Yield:** 0.132 g, 0.504 mmol, 81%; **Appearance:** Orange solid; **M.p.:** 139–140 °C; **R_f:** 0.34 (5:95 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.55 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.68–2.59 (m, 4H), 1.83–1.73 (m, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 4H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 188.4, 186.0, 146.3, 142.2, 136.5, 134.6, 132.5, 130.1, 129.8, 128.8, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 122.0, 23.5, 22.8, 21.5, 21.2 ppm; **IR:** 2937, 1649, 1301, 761 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₈H₁₄O₂+H]⁺: 263.1067, found: 263.1069.

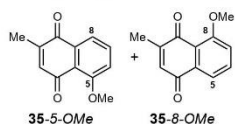
Estrone-derived *para*-benzoquinone **34**



Synthesized from 1,3-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydroisobenzofuran (**S16**) (0.284 g, 0.741 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), and estrone-derived triflate **S25** (0.212 g, 0.371 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.).

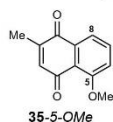
Purified by flash chromatography (eluting with CH₂Cl₂). **Yield:** 0.0962 g, 0.222 mmol, 60%; **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **M.p.:** 126 °C; **R_f:** 0.24 (CH₂Cl₂); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 3.97–3.85 (m, 4H), 3.00–2.86 (m, 2H), 2.53 (s, 4H), 2.49–2.41 (m, 1H), 2.31–2.24 (m, 1H), 2.06–1.97 (m, 1H), 1.97–1.90 (m, 1H), 1.87–1.74 (m, 3H), 1.71 (s, 4H), 1.67–1.48 (m, 3H), 1.46–1.28 (m, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 185.3 (2 coincident peaks), 146.8, 144.8, 144.6, 143.4, 129.8, 129.7, 126.7, 123.4, 119.3, 65.4, 64.7, 49.6, 46.1, 44.5, 38.4, 34.3, 30.7, 29.9, 26.5, 25.9, 23.3, 23.2, 22.4, 21.3, 21.3, 14.4 ppm; **IR:** 2938, 2870, 1656, 1621, 1600, 1329, 1298, 1179, 1101, 1042, 912, 728 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₈H₃₂O₄+H]⁺: 433.2373, found: 433.2371. [α]_D¹⁹: +62.2 (c = 0.18, CHCl₃).

5-Methoxy-2-methylnaphthalene-1,4-dione (**35-5-OMe**) and 8-methoxy-2-methylnaphthalene-1,4-dione (**35-8-OMe**)



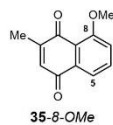
Synthesized from ((3-methylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (**48**) (0.468 g, 1.37 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), and 2-iodo-3-methoxyphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (**S27**) (0.261 g, 0.683 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), yielding a mixture of **35-5-OMe** and **35-8-OMe**. **Yield:** 0.127 g, 0.630 mmol, 92%, **35-5-OMe**:**35-8-OMe** = 1.7:1 (determined by ¹H NMR). For characterization purposes a small amount of each isomer was isolated via flash chromatography using the conditions described above.

5-Methoxy-2-methylnaphthalene-1,4-dione (**35-5-OMe**)



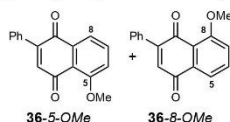
Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.³² **Appearance:** Yellow/orange solid; **R_f:** 0.27 (2:3 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H) ppm.

8-Methoxy-2-methylnaphthalene-1,4-dione (**35-8-OMe**)



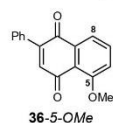
Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.³³
Appearance: Yellow solid; **R_f**: 0.31 (2:3 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 2.16 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H) ppm.

5-Methoxy-2-phenylnaphthalene-1,4-dione (**36-5-OMe**) and 8-methoxy-2-phenylnaphthalene-1,4-dione (**36-8-OMe**)



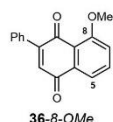
Synthesized from ((3-phenylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (**S14**) (0.627 g, 1.55 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), and 2-iodo-3-methoxyphenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (**S27**) (0.296 g, 0.775 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), yielding a mixture of **36-5-OMe** and **36-8-OMe**. **Yield:** 0.139 g, 0.525 mmol, 68%, **36-5-OMe:36-8-OMe** = 2:1 (determined by ¹H NMR). For characterization purposes a small amount of each isomer was isolated via flash chromatography using the conditions described above.

5-Methoxy-2-phenylnaphthalene-1,4-dione (**36-5-OMe**)



Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.³²
Appearance: Yellow/orange solid; **R_f**: 0.31 (CH₂Cl₂); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H) ppm.

8-Methoxy-2-phenylnaphthalene-1,4-dione (**36-8-OMe**)

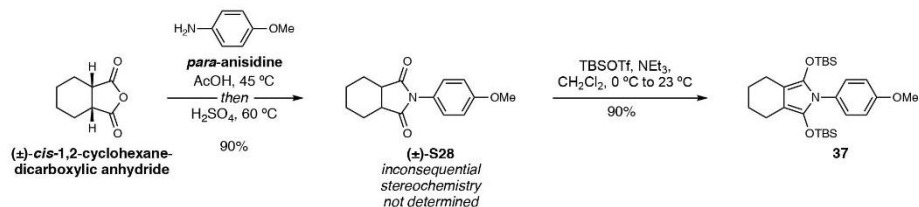


Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.³⁴
Appearance: Yellow solid; **R_f**: 0.40 (CH₂Cl₂); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H) ppm.

Synthesis and Reactivity of Bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)pyrroles

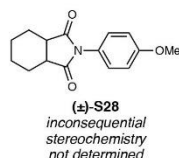
Synthesis

N-(*para*-Methoxyphenyl)pyrrole 37



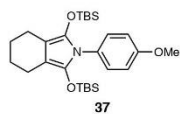
Prepared in two steps from 1,2-cyclohexanedicarboxylic anhydride. The synthesis of cyclic imide (±)-S28 was conducted according to a modification of the procedure reported by Patil.³⁵

Cyclic imide (±)-S28



To a round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added *para*-anisidine (0.477 g, 3.87 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), 1,2-cyclohexanedicarboxylic anhydride (predominantly *cis*) (0.656 g, 4.26 mmol, 1.10 mol. equiv.), and acetic acid (30 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 45 °C for 10 minutes before addition of concentrated H₂SO₄ (1.04 mL, 19.3 mmol, 5.00 mol. equiv.). The solution was heated to 60 °C for 1 hour, cooled to room temperature and poured over crushed ice. The solid was collected by vacuum filtration, washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and brine. The solid was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. **Yield:** 0.907 g, 3.50 mmol, 90%; **M.p.:** 162.8–164.8 °C; **Appearance:** Off-white solid; **R_f:** 0.35 (CH₂Cl₂); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.20–7.16 (m, 2H), 6.99–6.95 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 4H), 3.04–2.97 (m, 2H), 1.98–1.82 (m, 5H), 1.55–1.46 (m, 5H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 179.0, 159.5, 127.6, 124.9, 114.6, 55.6, 40.2, 24.1, 21.9 ppm; **IR:** 3467, 2949, 2929, 2859, 1704, 1607, 1509, 1448, 1383, 1307, 1298, 1249, 1184, 1164, 1131, 1112, 1084, 1025, 887, 843, 828, 820, 806 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₅H₁₇NO₃+H]⁺: 260.1281, found: 260.1286.

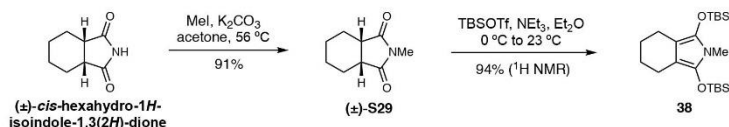
N-(*para*-Methoxyphenyl)pyrrole **37**



To an oven-dried round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added cyclic imide (\pm)-**S28** (1.18 g, 4.57 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). Following addition of anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (18 mL, 0.25 M) the resulting suspension was cooled to 0 °C, and anhydrous triethylamine (1.91 mL, 13.7 mmol, 3.00 mol. equiv.) was added. After stirring for 10 minutes *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (2.31 mL, 10.0 mmol, 2.20 mol. equiv.) was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction was stirred vigorously overnight, yielding a biphasic mixture. The solution was filtered through a phosphate buffered silica (pH 7) plug, eluting with Et_2O , and used without further purification. **Yield:** 2.00 g, 4.10 mmol, 90%; **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f:** N/A (unstable on silica); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.21–7.16 (m, 2H), 6.89–6.84 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.46–2.41 (m, 4H), 1.70–1.65 (m, 4H), 0.77 (s, 18H), –0.20 (s, 12H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.2, 129.7, 129.6, 129.1, 113.7, 96.2, 55.7, 25.7, 24.3, 21.8, 18.1, –4.4 ppm; **IR:** 3299, 2930, 2856, 1699, 1619, 1585, 1514, 1464, 1366, 1247, 1060, 919, 835, 809, 782 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{45}\text{NO}_3\text{Si}_2+\text{H}]^+$: 488.3011, found: 488.2989.

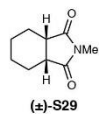
Note: Attempts to purify *N*-(*para*-methoxyphenyl)pyrrole **37** by flash chromatography, using either untreated (i.e. acidic) silica, or phosphate buffered silica (pH 7), resulted in reversion to cyclic imide (\pm)-**S28**.

N-Methylpyrrole 38



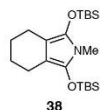
Prepared in two steps from (±)-*cis*-hexahydro-1*H*-isindole-1,3(2*H*)-dione. The synthesis of cyclic imide (±)-**S29** was conducted according to a modification of the procedure reported by Marson.³⁶

Cyclic imide (±)-S29



To an oven-dried round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added (±)-*cis*-hexahydro-1*H*-isindole-1,3(2*H*)-dione (4.01 g, 26.17 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), anhydrous acetone (52.4 mL, 0.50 M), potassium carbonate (4.34 g, 31.4 mmol, 1.2 mol. equiv.) and methyl iodide (1.79 mL, 28.8 mmol, 1.1 mol. equiv.). The resulting solution was heated at reflux overnight. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was filtered, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 3:7 EtOAc:petroleum ether). Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.³⁷ **Yield:** 3.96 g, 23.7 mmol, 91%; **Appearance:** Pale-yellow crystalline solid; **R_f:** 0.31 (3:7 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.94 (s, 3H), 2.82 (q, *J* = 8.0, 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.88–1.79 (m, 2H), 1.75–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.47–1.35 (m, 4H) ppm.

N-Methylpyrrole 38



To an oven-dried round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added cyclic imide (±)-**S29** (1.00 g, 5.98 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). Following addition of anhydrous Et₂O (17.1 mL, 0.25 M) the resulting suspension was cooled to 0 °C, and anhydrous triethylamine (2.50 mL, 17.9 mmol, 3.00 mol. equiv.) was added. After stirring for 10 minutes *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (3.02 mL, 13.2 mmol, 2.20 mol. equiv.) was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction was stirred vigorously overnight, yielding a biphasic mixture. The solution was filtered through Celite, eluting with Et₂O, and used without further purification. **Yield:** 5.62 mmol,

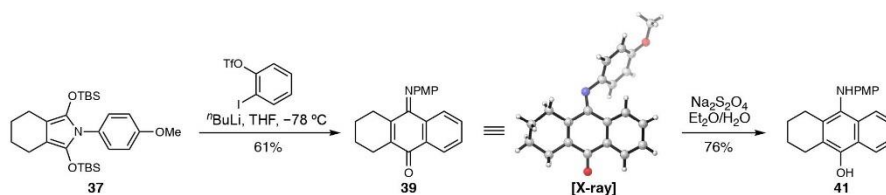
94% (by ^1H NMR using 1,2-dichloroethane as an internal standard); **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f:** N/A (unstable on silica); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.41–2.36 (m, 4H), 1.64–1.60 (m, 4H), 1.00 (s, 18H), 0.17 (s, 12H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 129.1, 95.2, 27.2, 25.9, 24.3, 21.8, 18.3, –3.91 ppm; **IR:** 2954, 2930, 2858, 1701, 1611, 1581, 1472, 1463, 1391, 1252, 1210, 1101, 1067, 1045, 909, 835, 780, 732 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{41}\text{NO}_2\text{Si}_2+\text{H}]^+$: 396.2749, found: 396.2738.

Note: Attempts to purify *N*-methylpyrrole **38** by flash chromatography, using either untreated (i.e. acidic) silica, or phosphate buffered silica (pH 7), resulted in decomposition.

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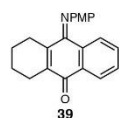
Diels–Alder Reactivity and *para*-Iminoquinone Reduction

10-((4-Methoxyphenyl)amino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracen-9-ol (41)



Prepared in two steps from *N*-(*para*-methoxyphenyl)pyrrole 37.

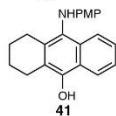
10-((4-Methoxyphenyl)imino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracen-9(10*H*)-one (39)



To a round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added *N*-(*para*-methoxyphenyl)pyrrole 37 (0.910 g, 1.86 mmol, 3.00 mol. equiv.), 2-iodophenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.219 g, 0.621 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), and anhydrous THF (1.24 mL, 0.500 M). The reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C and *t*BuLi (1.07 mL, 1.86 mmol, 3 mol. equiv., 1.75 M solution in THF) was added dropwise over 5 minutes. The reaction was allowed to stir for an additional 10 minutes before being quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl. The flask was warmed to room temperature and extracted with EtOAc (2×). The organics were combined and washed with brine (2×), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was co-evaporated with methanol (3×) and purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with petroleum ether → 1:19 EtOAc/petroleum ether). **Yield:** 0.120 g, 0.377 mmol, 61%; Recrystallization of pure 39 via the slow evaporation of hexane yielded red needle-like crystals suitable for X-Ray analysis. **Appearance:** Red oil (after chromatography); **R_f:** 0.37 (1:9 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.83 (s, 2H), 2.61 (s, 2H), 1.77 (s, 4H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 185.3, 156.8, 156.2, 149.9, 145.3, 138.4, 133.0, 130.9, 130.3, 129.7, 128.4, 126.9, 119.8, 115.0, 55.6, 26.1, 23.2, 22.1, 21.6 ppm; **IR:** 3069, 2935, 2860, 2834, 1647, 1596, 1498, 1459, 1385, 1293, 1239, 1175, 1034, 911, 842, 832, 776, 698, 672 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₁H₁₉NO₂+H]⁺: 318.1489, found: 318.1491.

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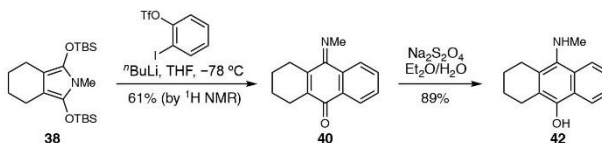
10-((4-Methoxyphenyl)amino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracen-9-ol (**41**)



To a round-bottom flask open to air and equipped with a stir bar was added *para*-iminoquinone **39** (0.0754 g, 0.238 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), Et₂O (2.38 mL, 0.1 M) and saturated aqueous sodium dithionite (7.13 mL). The solution was stirred vigorously for 2 hours, then was extracted with Et₂O (3×), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with hexane → 1:9 EtOAc/hexane). **Yield:** 0.0574 g, 0.180 mmol, 76%; **Appearance:** Red oil; **R_f:** 0.37 (1:3 EtOAc:hexane); **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.19 (br s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.82 (*q*, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 1.92–1.85 (m, 2H), 1.81–1.74 (m, 2H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.4, 146.8, 141.9, 134.1, 130.9, 127.9, 126.0, 124.7, 123.4, 123.2, 121.3, 117.7, 115.0, 114.4, 55.9, 26.2, 23.6, 22.8, 22.6 ppm; **IR** 3388, 2933, 2861, 1590, 1507, 1450, 1378, 1287, 1231, 1179, 1100, 1055, 1032, 907, 820, 729 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₁H₂₁NO₂+H]⁺: 320.1645, found: 320.1651.

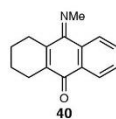
Note: 10-((4-Methoxyphenyl)amino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracen-9-ol (**41**) undergoes facile autoxidation in air, and should be stored under inert atmosphere.

10-(Methylamino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracen-9-ol (**42**)



Prepared in two steps from *N*-methylpyrrole **38**.

10-(Methylimino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracen-9(10*H*)-one (**40**)

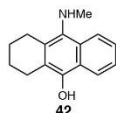


To a round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added *N*-methylpyrrole **38** (0.838 g, 2.12 mmol, 3.00 mol. equiv.), 2-iodophenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.249 g, 1.04 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), and anhydrous

THF (2.08 mL, 0.500 M). The reaction mixture was cooled to $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $n\text{BuLi}$ (1.79 mL, 3.13 mmol, 3 mol. equiv., 1.75 M solution in THF) was added dropwise over 5 minutes. The reaction was stirred for an additional 10 minutes before being quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl . The flask was warmed to room temperature and extracted with EtOAc (2 \times). The organics were combined and washed with brine (2 \times), dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was co-evaporated with methanol (3 \times) to afford crude 10-(methylimino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracen-9(10*H*)-one (**40**), which was used without further purification. **Yield:** 0.636 mmol, 61% (by ^1H NMR using 1,2-dichloroethane as an internal standard); **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f:** N/A (unstable on silica);

Note: Attempts to purify 10-(methylimino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracen-9(10*H*)-one (**40**) by flash chromatography, using either untreated (i.e. acidic) silica, or phosphate buffered silica (pH 7), resulted in hydrolysis to 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracene-9,10-dione (**29**). For characterization purposes a sample of 10-(methylamino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracen-9-ol (**42**) was stirred in CDCl_3 for 4 hours (open to air), resulting in complete autoxidation to yield 10-(methylimino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracen-9(10*H*)-one (**40**). **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.18 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (p, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.71 (s, 2H), 2.53 (s, 2H), 1.73 (s, 4H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 185.4, 159.4, 151.1, 136.4, 133.0, 131.1, 130.2, 130.2, 128.1, 127.4, 43.5, 25.9, 22.9, 22.1, 21.7 ppm; **IR:** 3450, 2934, 2859, 1648, 1593, 1383, 1288, 1177, 842, 774, 701 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2+\text{H}]^+$: 226.1226, found: 226.1223.

10-(methylamino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracen-9-ol (**42**)



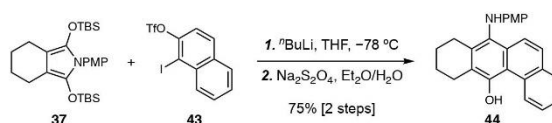
To a round-bottom flask open to air and equipped with a stir bar was added crude 10-(methylimino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracen-9(10*H*)-one (**40**) (0.636 mmol), Et_2O (10.4 mL, 0.1 M) and saturated aqueous sodium dithionite (31.3 mL). The solution was stirred vigorously for 2 hours, then was extracted with Et_2O (3 \times), dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with pentane \rightarrow 1:1 Et_2O /pentane). **Yield:** 0.132 g, 0.581 mmol, 56%; **Appearance:** Brown oil;

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R_f: 0.35 (2:5 Et₂O:pentane); **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.39 (m, 2H), 4.01, (br s, 2H), 2.88 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (s, 3H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 1.90–1.84 (m, 4H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.7, 136.7, 127.9, 127.7, 125.3, 124.5, 123.4, 122.8, 121.4, 117.9, 37.2, 25.6, 23.8, 23.0, 22.6 ppm; **IR** 3369, 3067, 2932, 2858, 1647, 1591, 1448, 1380, 1289, 1211, 1061, 765 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₅H₁₇NO+H]⁺: 228.1390, found: 228.1390.

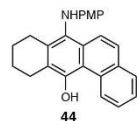
Note: 10-(Methylamino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracen-9-ol (**42**) undergoes facile autoxidation to **40** in air, and should be stored under inert atmosphere.

7-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydrotetraphen-12-ol (**44**)



Prepared in two steps from *N*-(*para*-methoxyphenyl)pyrrole **37**.

7-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydrotetraphen-12-ol (**44**)

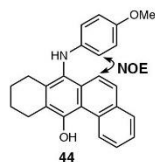


To a round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added *N*-(*para*-methoxyphenyl)pyrrole **37** (0.527 g, 1.08 mmol, 3.00 mol. equiv.), 1-iodonaphthalen-2-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate (**43**) (0.145 g, 0.361 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), and anhydrous THF (0.72 mL, 0.500 M). The reaction mixture was cooled to –78 °C and ⁿBuLi (0.618 mL, 1.08 mmol, 3.00 mol. equiv., 1.75 M solution in THF) was added dropwise over 5 minutes. The reaction was stirred for an additional 10 minutes before being quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl. The flask was warmed to room temperature and extracted with EtOAc (2×). The organics were combined and washed with brine (2×), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was co-evaporated with methanol (3×) and purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with hexane → 1:19 EtOAc/hexane), yielding 0.114 g of an inseparable mixture of 2 compounds (ratio of 3.6:1 by ¹H NMR, tentatively assigned as a mixture of the two possible *para*-iminoquinone regioisomers). **Appearance:** Red oil; **R_f**: 0.38

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(1:9 EtOAc:petroleum ether). To a round-bottom flask open to air and equipped with a stir bar was added the mixture of *para*-iminoquinones (0.114 g), Et₂O (3.1 mL, 0.1 M) and saturated aqueous sodium dithionite (9.3 mL). The solution was stirred vigorously for 2 hours, then was extracted with Et₂O (3×), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated, yielding pure 7-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-8,9,10,11-tetrahydrotetraphen-12-ol (**44**). **Yield:** 0.0998 g, 0.270 mmol, 75%; **Appearance:** Red oil; **R_f:** 0.31 (3:7 Et₂O:pentane); **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.71 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.63 (br s, 1H), 5.13 (br s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.80 (q, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 1.96–1.90 (m, 2H), 1.81–1.74 (m, 2H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.3, 150.4, 141.9, 134.7, 132.6, 130.7, 130.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 126.5, 125.8, 122.6, 120.4, 117.9, 115.0, 114.3, 55.8, 26.0, 23.6, 22.6, 22.4 ppm; **IR** 3562, 3393, 2933, 2861, 1507, 1448, 1342, 1310, 1231, 1200, 1180, 1108, 1038, 905, 819, 726 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₅H₂₃NO₂+H]⁺: 370.1802, found: 370.1785.

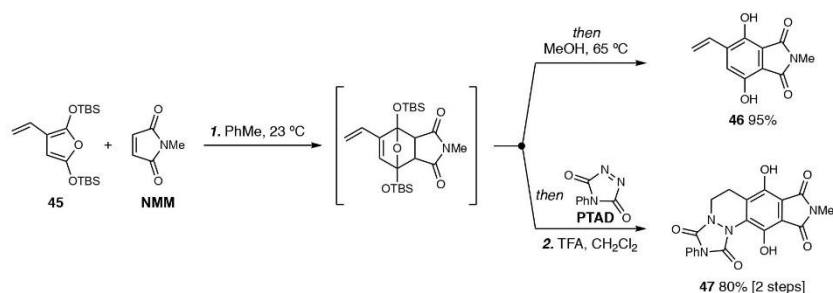
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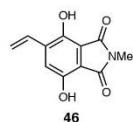
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Diels–Alder Reactivity of a Cross-Conjugated Derivative

Summary



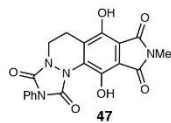
4,7-Dihydroxy-2-methyl-5-vinylisoindoline-1,3-dione (46)



To a 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar and under a nitrogen atmosphere was added ((3-vinylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (**45**) (1.06 g, 3.00 mmol, 3.00 mol. equiv.), *N*-methylmaleimide (111.1 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and anhydrous PhMe (2 mL, 0.500 M). The flask was sealed and the reaction was stirred at room temperature overnight, by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated complete consumption of *N*-methylmaleimide. Methanol (4 mL, 0.250 M) was added and the mixture was heated at 65 °C overnight. The reaction mixture cooled to room temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with CH₂Cl₂), yielding pure 4,7-dihydroxy-2-methyl-5-vinylisoindoline-1,3-dione (**46**). **Yield:** 0.209 g, 0.952 mmol, 95%; **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **R_f:** 0.32 (1:39 EtOAc:CH₂Cl₂); **M.p.:** Degraded at 155 °C; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.47 (br s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 6.94 (br s, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (d, *J* = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.0, 169.2, 148.2, 146.8, 135.7, 129.5, 121.9, 119.7, 113.1, 111.6, 23.7 ppm; **IR:** 3427, 1749, 1674, 1612, 1295, 1248, 1161, 1005, 933 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₁H₉NO₄+H]⁺: 220.0604, found: 220.0602.

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Tetrahydrocinnoline 47



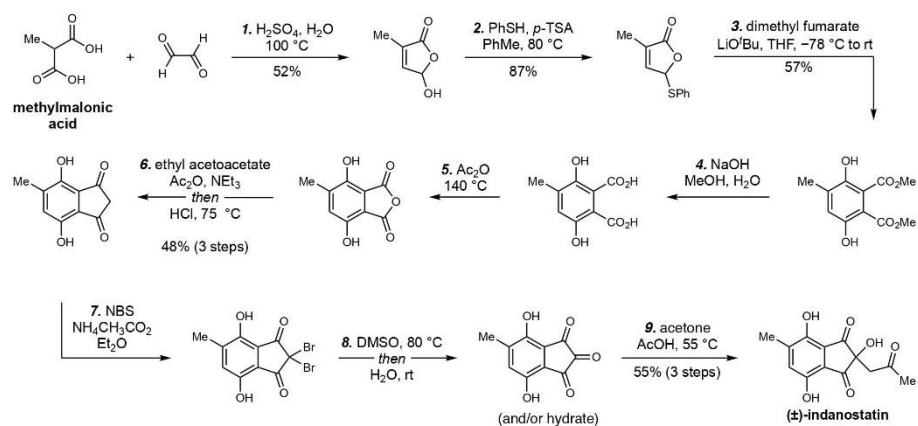
To a 10 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and under nitrogen was added ((3-vinylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (**45**) (1.42 g, 4.00 mmol, 4.00 mol. equiv.), *N*-methylmaleimide (0.111 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and anhydrous PhMe (2.00 mL, 0.500 M). The reaction was stirred overnight at room temperature by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated complete consumption of *N*-methylmaleimide. Anhydrous PhMe (0.500 mL), and 4-phenyl-1,2,4-triazoline-3,5-dione (batchwise addition, 1.23 g, 7.00 mmol, 7.00 mol. equiv.) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated complete consumption of all mono-Diels–Alder adducts. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography [phosphate buffered SiO_2 (pH 7), eluting with 1:9 EtOAc: CH_2Cl_2 , R_f 's of isolated diastereomeric intermediates: 0.61 and 0.29 (1:4 EtOAc: CH_2Cl_2)]. To a 10 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and open to air was added all intermediates, CH_2Cl_2 (2.00 mL, 0.500 M), and trifluoroacetic acid (1.53 mL, 20.0 mmol, 20.0 mol. equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes and then concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via washing with Et_2O , and then EtOAc, yielded tetrahydrocinnoline **47**. **Yield:** 0.314 g, 0.796 mmol, 80%; **Appearance:** Orange solid; **R_f :** 0.30 (3:7 EtOAc: CH_2Cl_2); **M.p.:** Degraded at 200 °C; **^1H NMR** [600 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$]: 10.16 (br s, 1H), 9.96 (br s, 1H), 7.57–7.54 (m, 4H), 7.50–7.45 (m, 1H), 3.97 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.06 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.96 (s, 3H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** [150 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$]: δ 166.9, 165.6, 149.0, 148.5, 144.2, 139.5, 131.1, 129.1, 128.6, 128.3, 126.7, 126.2, 115.2, 112.9, 40.2, 23.4, 21.3 ppm; **IR:** 3592, 3409, 3069, 2941, 2618, 1752, 1674, 1432, 1382, 1326, 1242, 1042, 1033, 927, 753, 743, 684 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6+\text{H}]^+$: 395.0986, found: 395.0992.

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Total Synthesis of (\pm)-Indanostatin

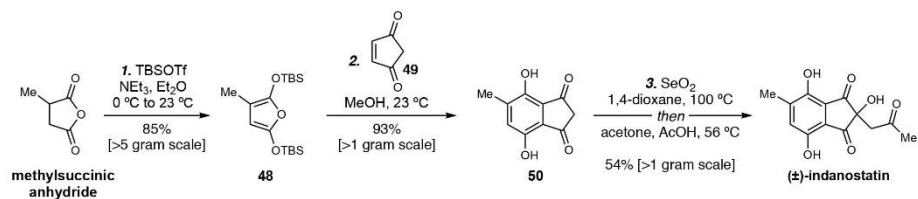
Previous Synthetic Work

Kraus' synthesis from methylmalonic acid (9 steps, 6.8% overall yield, prepared on 69.1 mg scale):^{20,38}



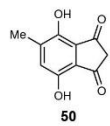
Our Synthesis

From methylsuccinic anhydride (3 steps, 43% overall yield, prepared on 1.14 g scale)



The synthesis of ((3-methylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (**48**) is described earlier in the 2,5-bis(silyloxy)furan synthesis section.

4,7-Dihydroxy-5-methyl-1*H*-indene-1,3(2*H*)-dione (**50**)



To a 50 mL round-bottom flask open to air and equipped with a stir bar was added ((3-methylfuran-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy))bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilane) (**48**) (4.81 g, 14.1 mmol, 1.50 mol. equiv.), 4-cyclopentene-1,3-dione (**49**) (0.900 g, 9.37 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), and MeOH (18.7 mL, 0.500M) at 23 °C. The reaction was placed under a nitrogen atmosphere and stirred overnight by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of starting material. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by washing with Et₂O, yielding pure 4,7-dihydroxy-5-methyl-1*H*-indene-1,3(2*H*)-dione (**50**). **Yield:** 1.67 g, 8.71 mmol, 93%; Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.²⁰ **Appearance:** Yellow solid; **R_f:** 0.25 (3:7 EtOAc:petroleum ether); **¹H NMR** [600 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 10.04 (s, 1H), 9.18 (s, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 3.25 (s, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H) ppm.

(±)-Indanostatin



To a one-neck 250 mL round-bottom flask open to air and equipped with a stir bar and water condenser was added 4,7-dihydroxy-5-methyl-1*H*-indene-1,3(2*H*)-dione (**50**) (1.53 g, 7.96 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), 1,4-dioxane (35.0 mL, 0.220 M), and selenium dioxide (1.06 g, 9.55 mmol, 1.20 mol. equiv.). The reaction was placed under a nitrogen atmosphere and heated to 101 °C for 1.5 hours, by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of starting material. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and acetic acid (35 mL), and acetone (14 mL) were added. The flask was heated to 56 °C and allowed to stir overnight, before being cooled to room temperature and filtered over silica (eluting with EtOAc). The crude reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with CH₂Cl₂ → 2:3 EtOAc:CH₂Cl₂), yielding pure (±)-indanostatin. **Yield:** 1.14 g, 4.30 mmol, 54%; Spectroscopic data matched those of the natural sample.³⁹ **Appearance:** Pale orange solid; **R_f:** 0.38 (3:7 EtOAc:CH₂Cl₂); **¹H NMR** [500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 10.22 (s, 1H), 9.19 (s, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 3.19 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** [125 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO]: δ 206.6, 200.6, 196.8, 148.9, 146.9, 137.3, 127.3, 124.2, 122.3, 73.0, 47.8, 29.6, 16.1 ppm; **IR:** 3438, 2925, 1706, 1682, 1323, 1275, 1166, 1049, 790 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₃H₁₂O₆+Na]⁺: 287.0526, found: 287.0522.

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NMR Comparison Tables

¹H NMR



#	¹ H NMR of Natural (-)-indanostatin ³⁹ 400 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆	¹ H NMR of Synthetic (±)-indanostatin 500 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆	Δ
1	-	-	-
2	-	-	-
3	-	-	-
3a	-	-	-
4	-	-	-
5	-	-	-
6	7.11 (s, 1H)	7.12 (s, 1H)	0.01
7	-	-	-
7a	-	-	-
8	3.17 (s, 2H)	3.19 (d, <i>J</i> = 3.0 Hz, 2H)	0.02
9	-	-	-
10	2.04 (s, 3H)	2.05 (s, 3H)	0.01
11	2.22 (s, 3H)	2.23 (s, 3H)	0.01
2-OH	6.45 (s, 1H)	6.49 (s, 1H)	0.04
4-OH	9.18 (s, 1H)	9.19 (s, 1H)	0.01
7-OH	10.19 (s, 1H)	10.22 (s, 1H)	0.03

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¹³C NMR

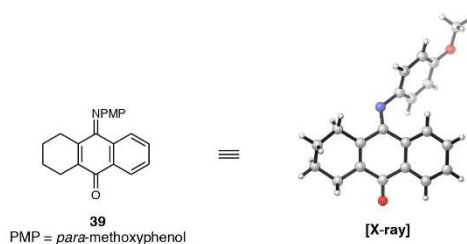


#	¹³ C NMR of Natural (-)-indanostatin ³⁹ 100 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆	¹³ C NMR of Synthetic (±)-indanostatin 125 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆	Δ
1	196.5	196.8	0.3
2	72.8	73.0	0.2
3	200.4	200.6	0.2
3a	124.0	124.2	0.2
4	146.6	146.9	0.3
5	137.0	137.3	0.3
6	127.1	127.3	0.2
7	148.7	148.9	0.2
7a	122.1	122.3	0.2
8	47.6	47.8	0.2
9	206.3	206.6	0.3
10	29.4	29.6	0.2
11	15.9	16.1	0.2
2-OH	-	-	-
4-OH	-	-	-
7-OH	-	-	-

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X-Ray Crystallographic Data

para-Iminoquinone **39**



Procedure

The tip of a suitable crystal was selected and mounted in a thin coating of Paratone-N using a MiTeGen crystal mount on an Oxford Xcalibur diffractometer fitted with an Eos detector. The data collection was conducted at 150(2) K and absorption corrections were applied using empirical methods. Using the Olex2 interface,⁴⁰ the structure was solved by Direct Methods with the ShelXS⁴¹ structure solution program and refined with the ShelXL⁴² using Least Squares minimization. Full data for the structure determination have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as CCDC 2008987. The table below provides the crystal data and structure refinement details.

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Crystal data and structure refinement

Empirical formula	C ₂₁ H ₁₉ NO ₂
Formula weight	317.37
Temperature/K	150.(2)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	<i>Pbca</i>
a/Å	12.2553(9)
b/Å	7.6970(5)
c/Å	33.463(2)
α /°	90
β /°	90
γ /°	90
Volume/Å ³	3156.5(4)
Z	8
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.336
μ/mm^{-1}	0.086
F(000)	1344.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.80 × 0.37 × 0.05
Radiation	MoK α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2 Θ range for data collection/°	6.65 to 58.906
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 16, -10 ≤ k ≤ 9, -42 ≤ l ≤ 46
Reflections collected	18438
Independent reflections	3938 [R _{int} = 0.0605, R _{sigma} = 0.0635]
Data/restraints/parameters	3938/0/218
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.056
Final R indexes [I >= 2 σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0575, wR ₂ = 0.0984
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0970, wR ₂ = 0.1123
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.24/-0.23

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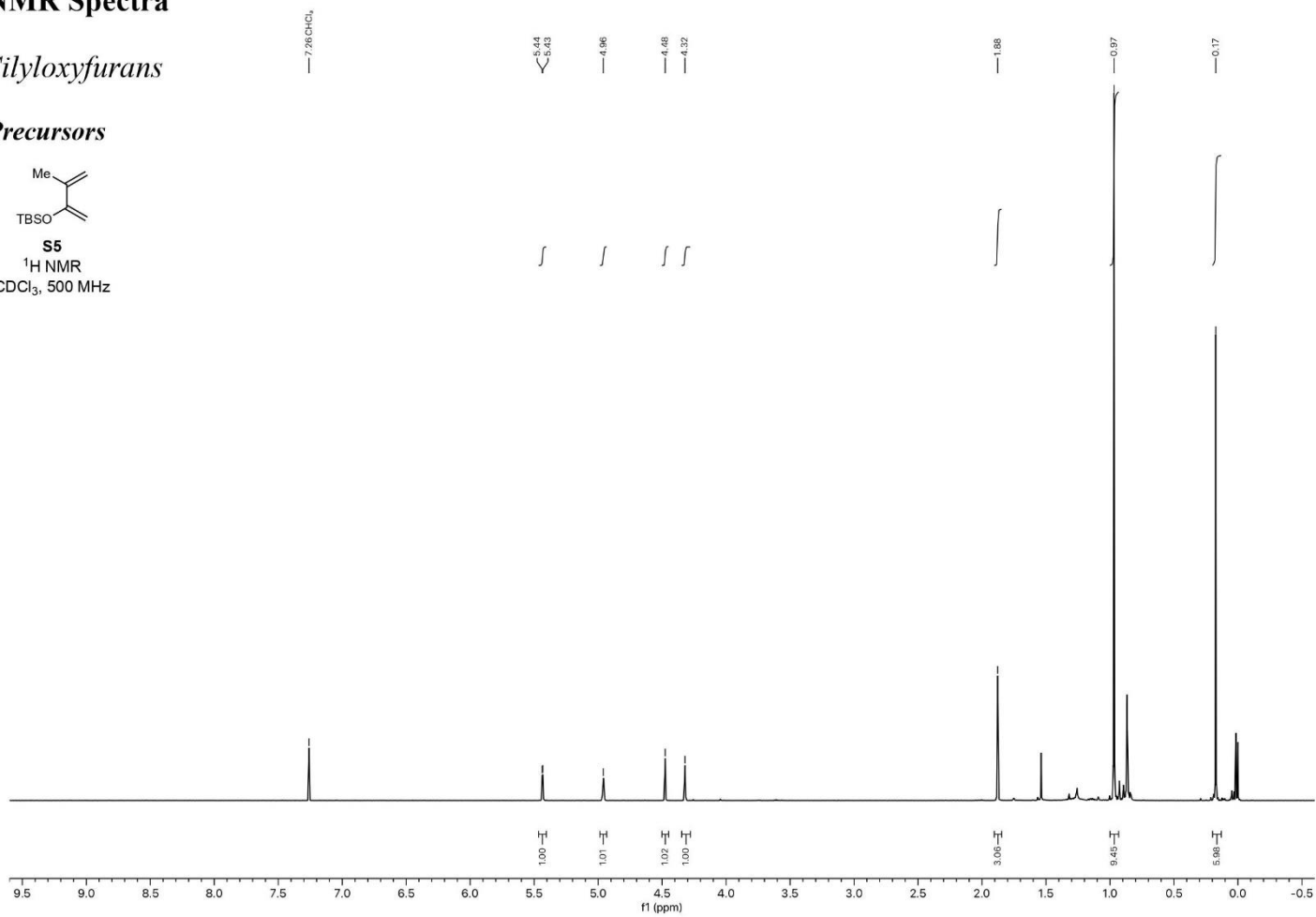
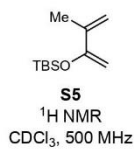
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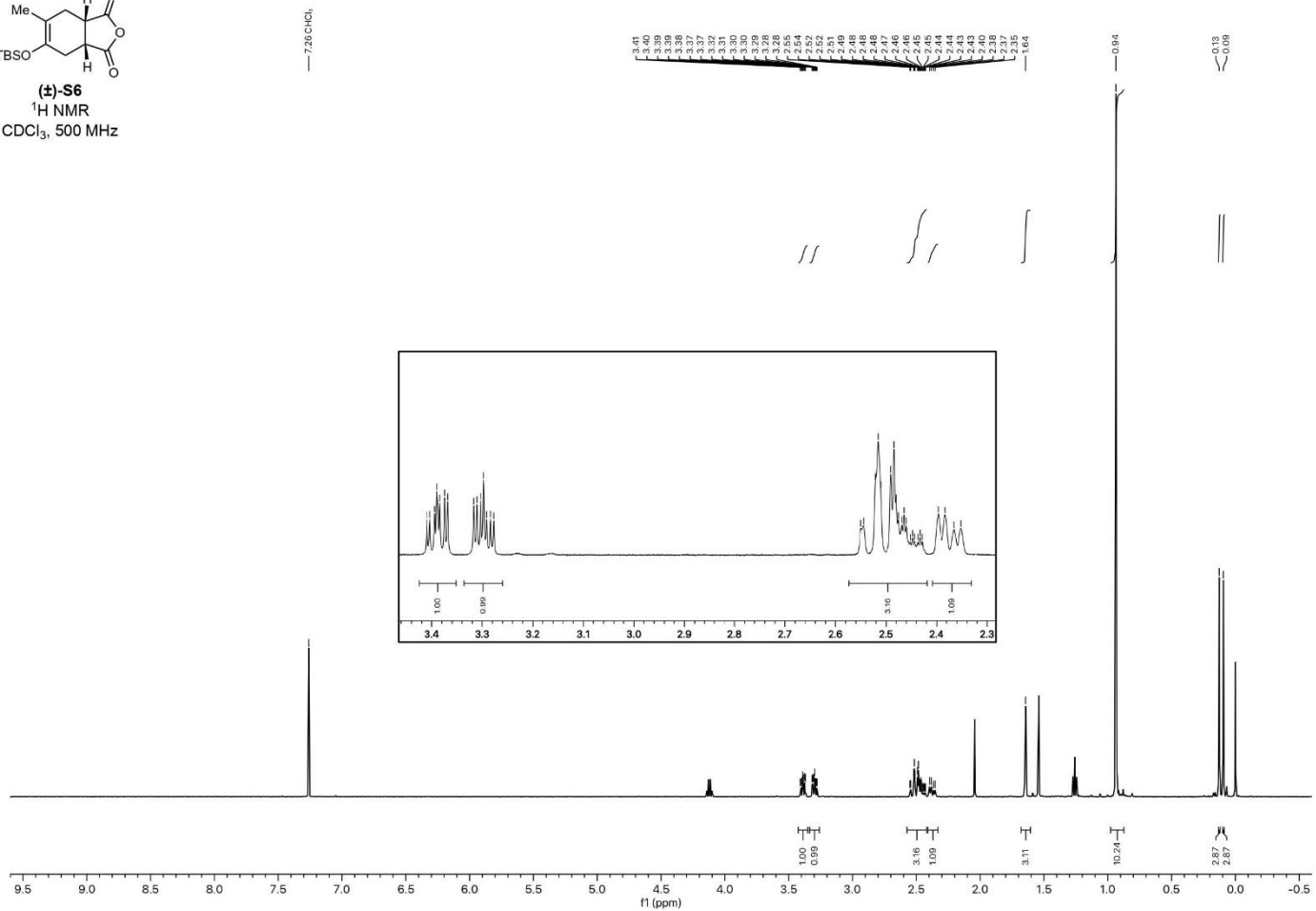
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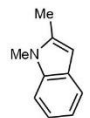
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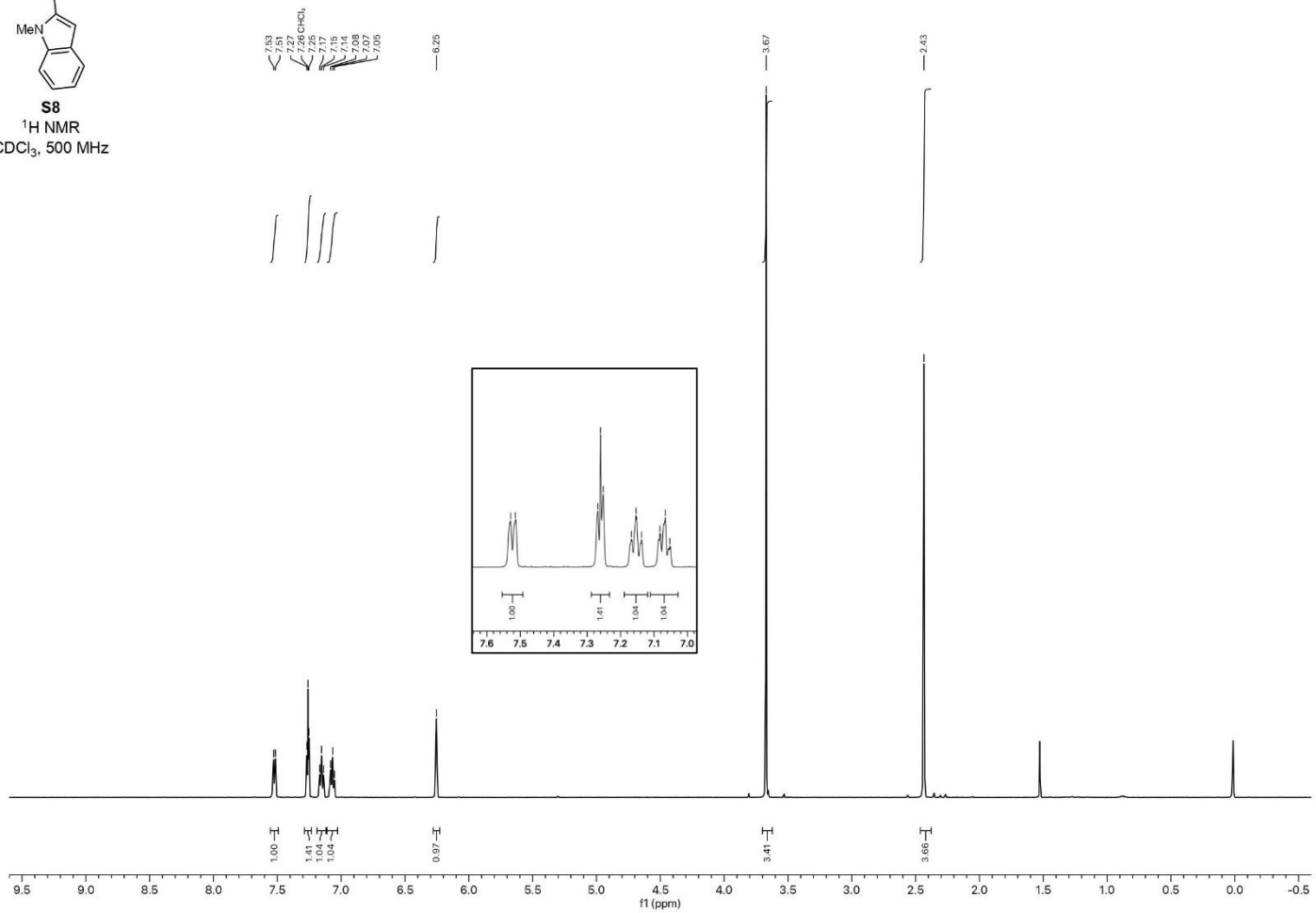


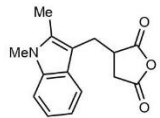


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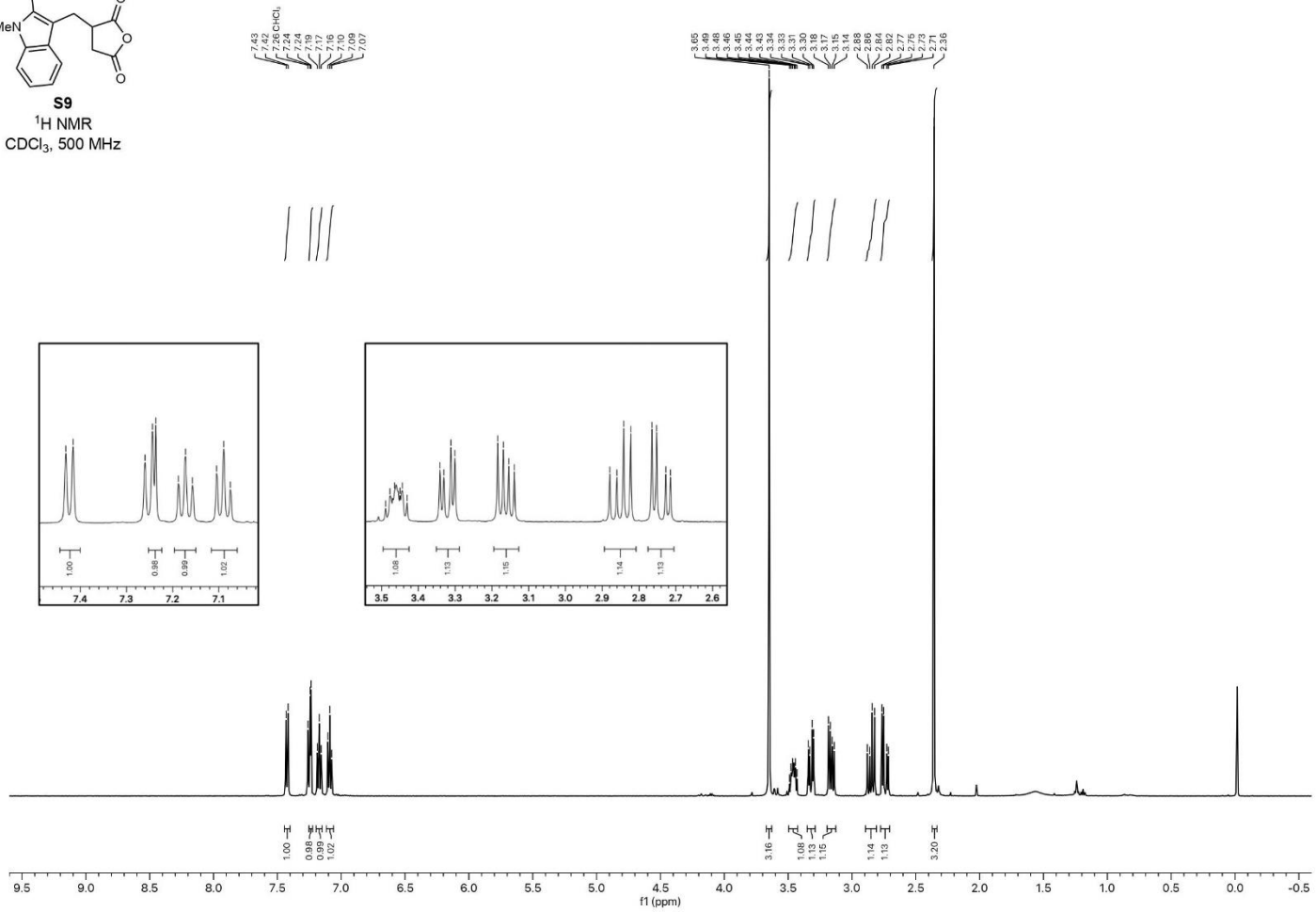


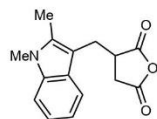
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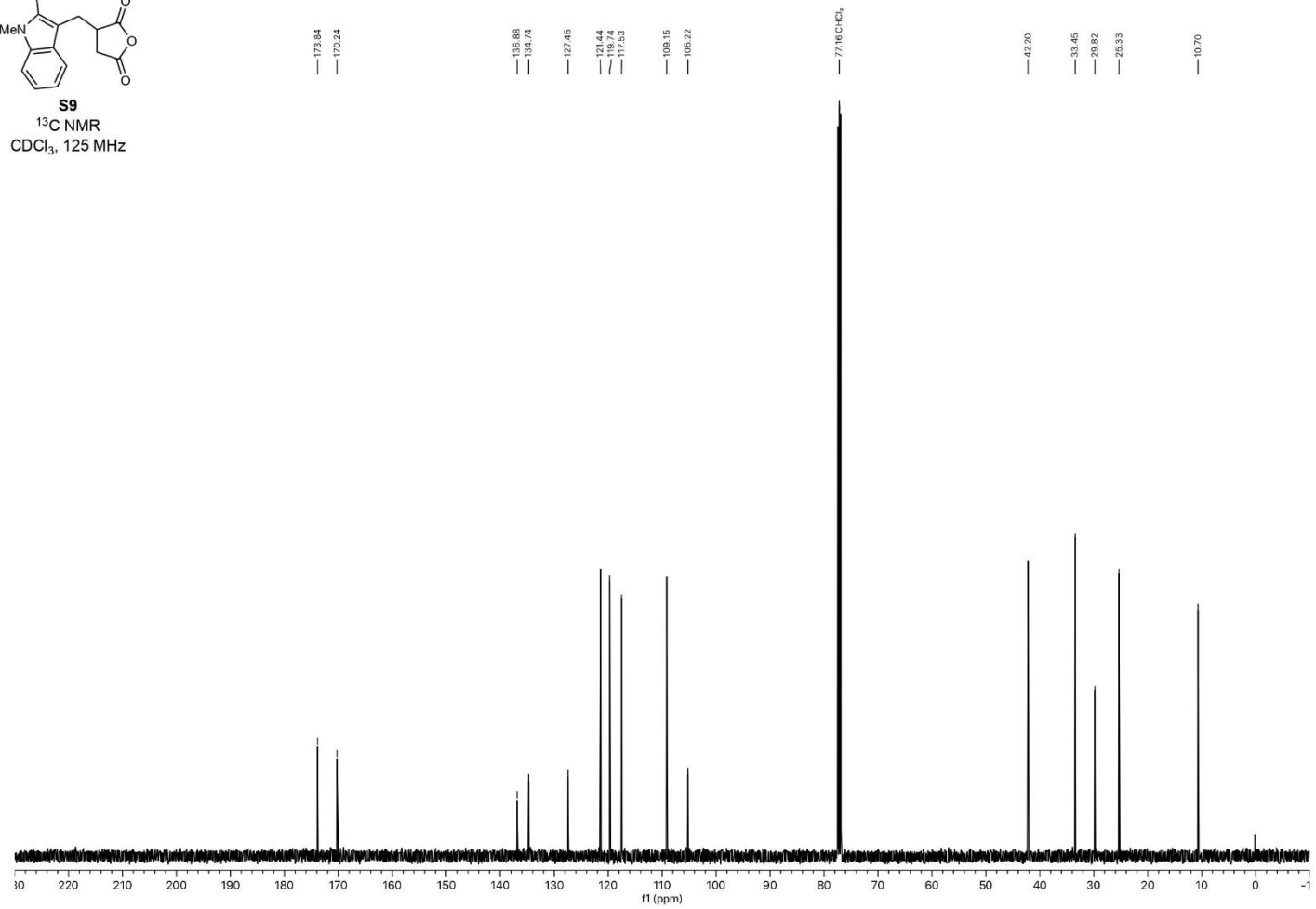


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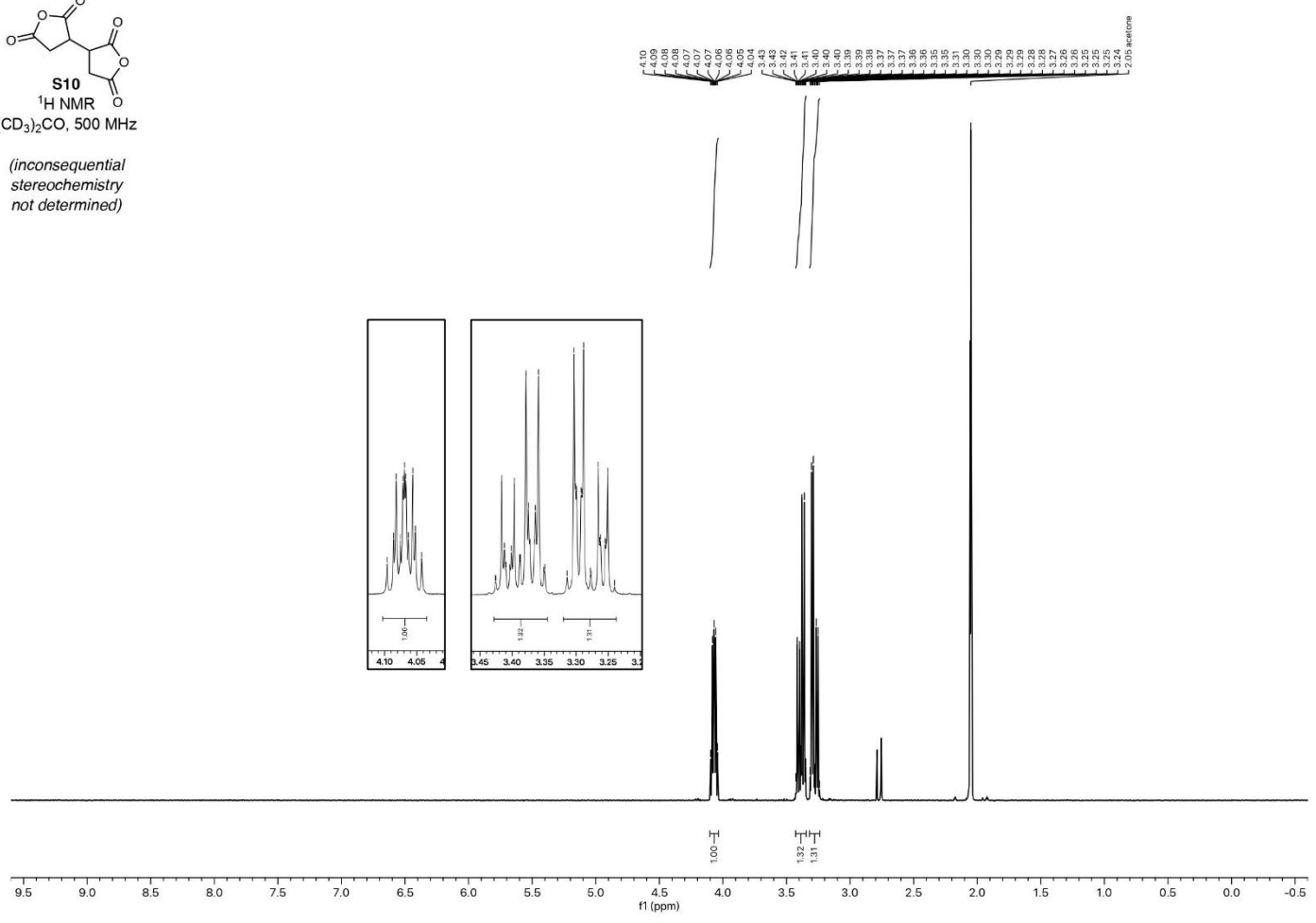


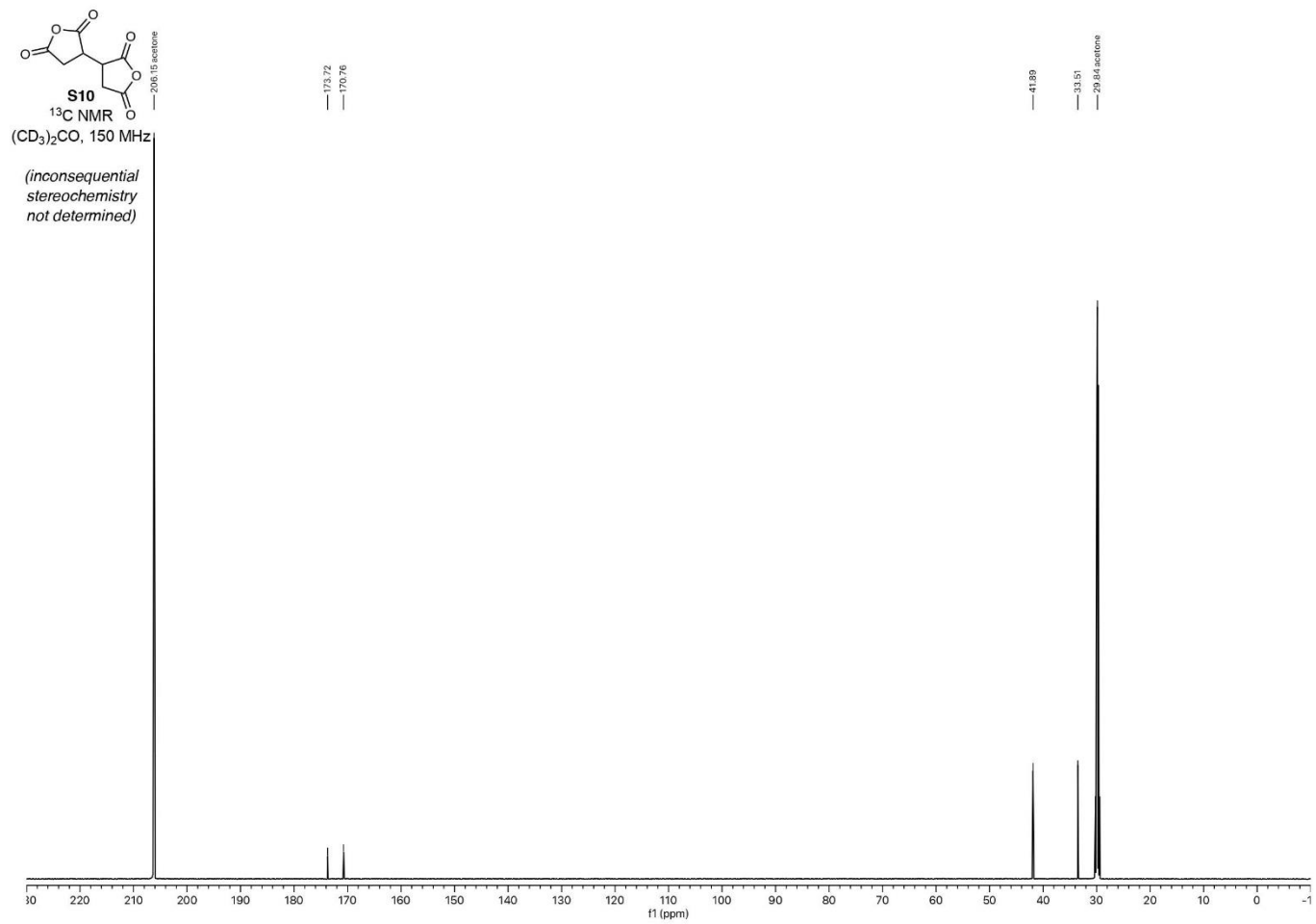
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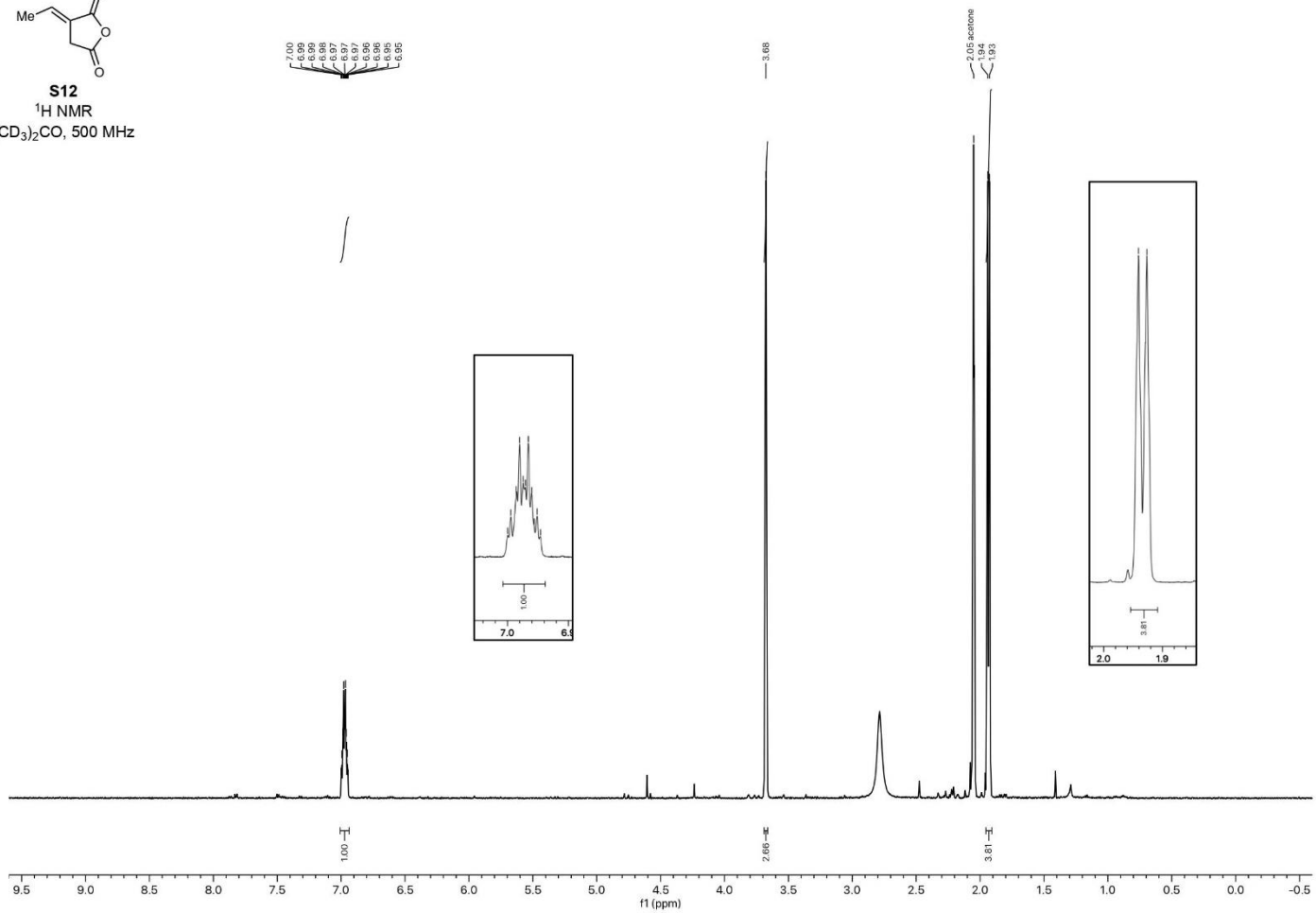
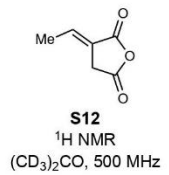


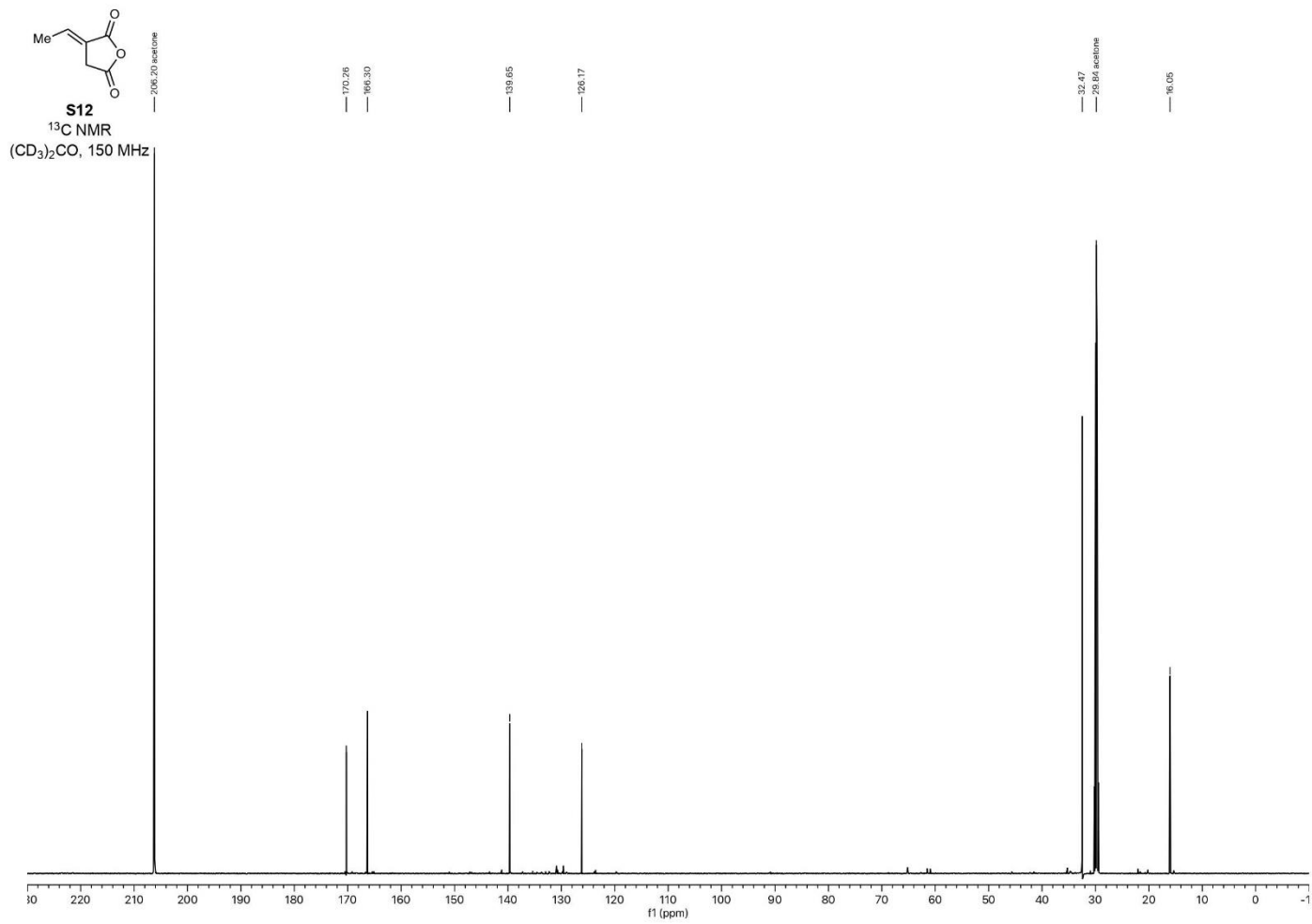
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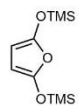
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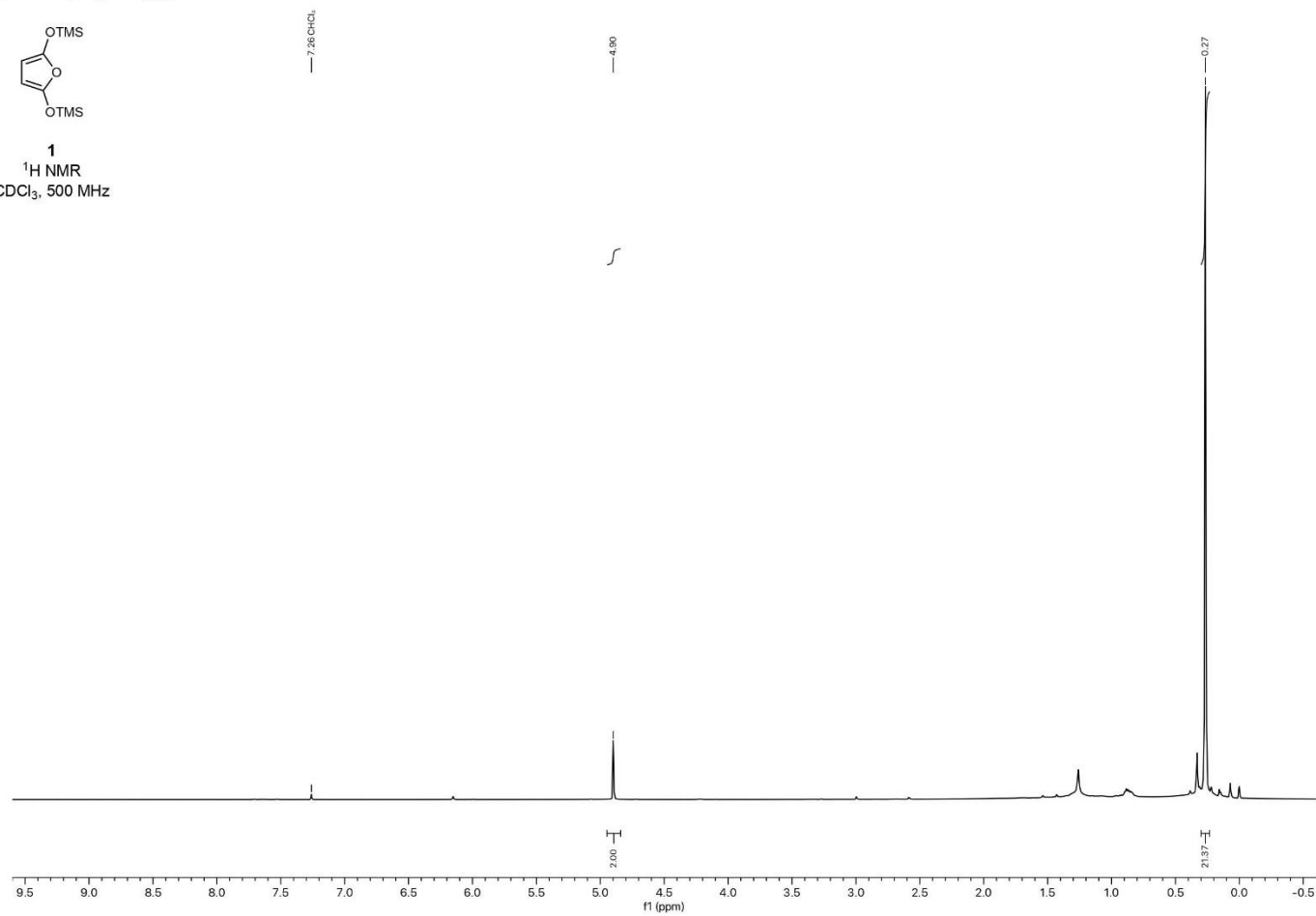


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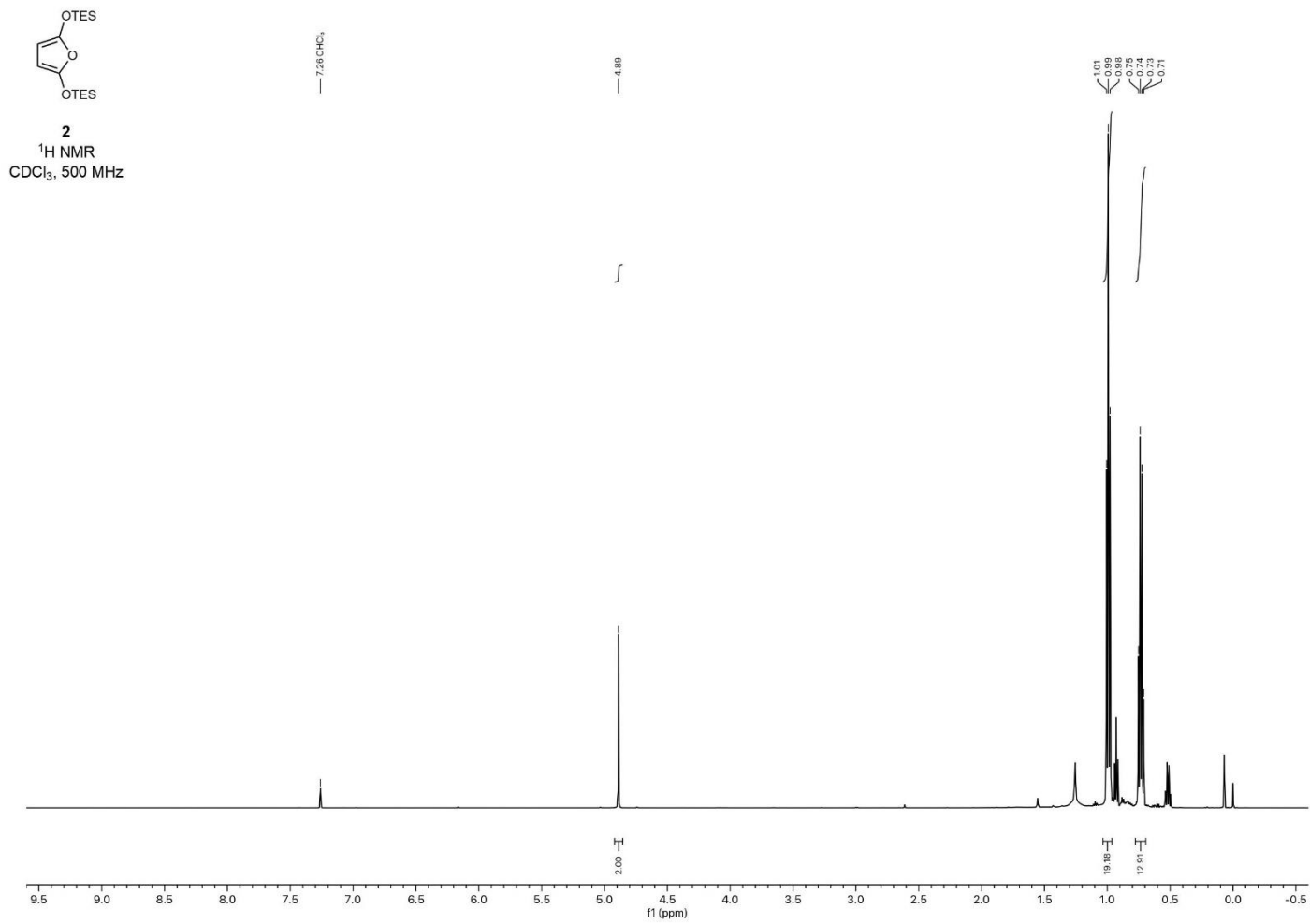
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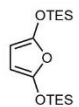
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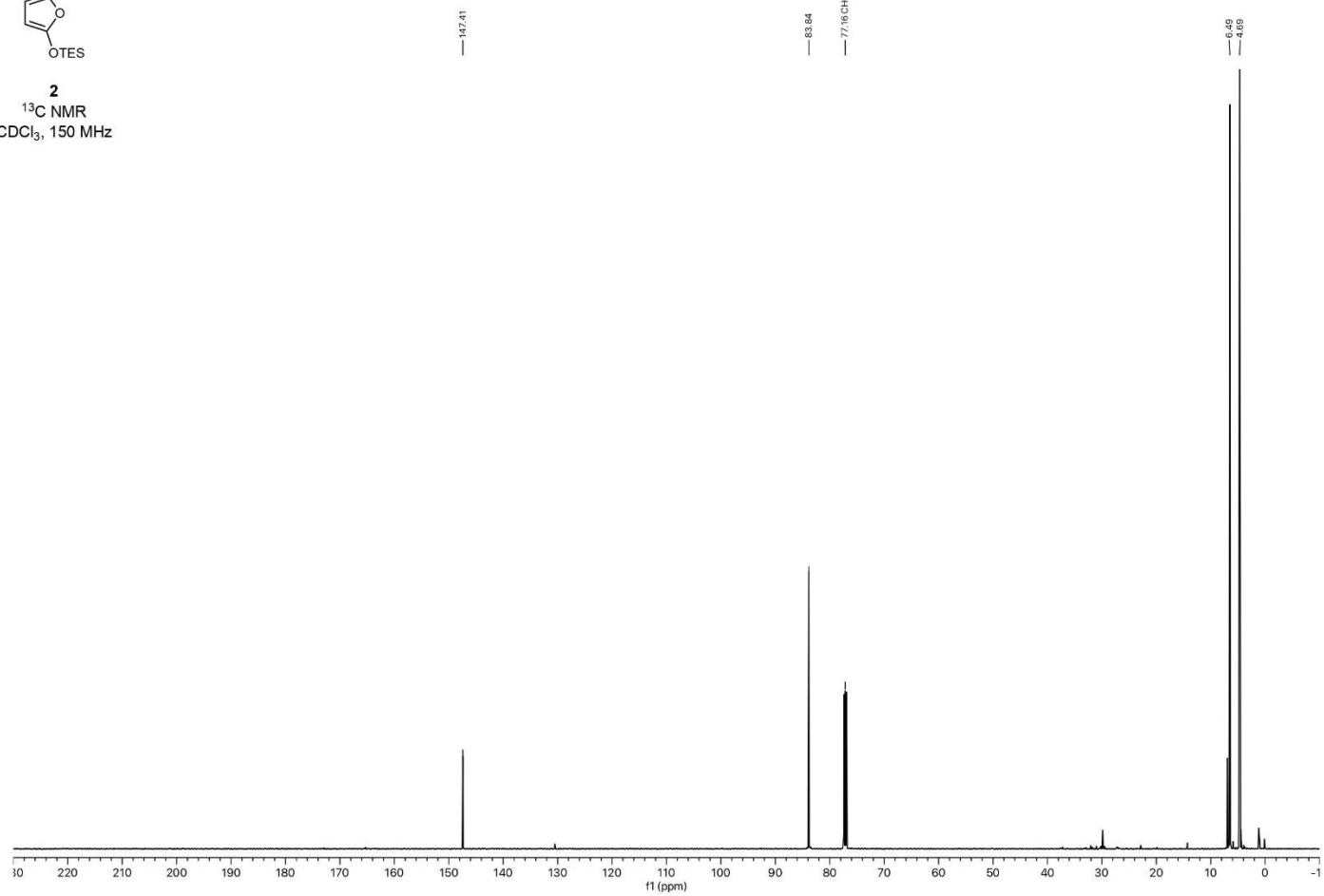
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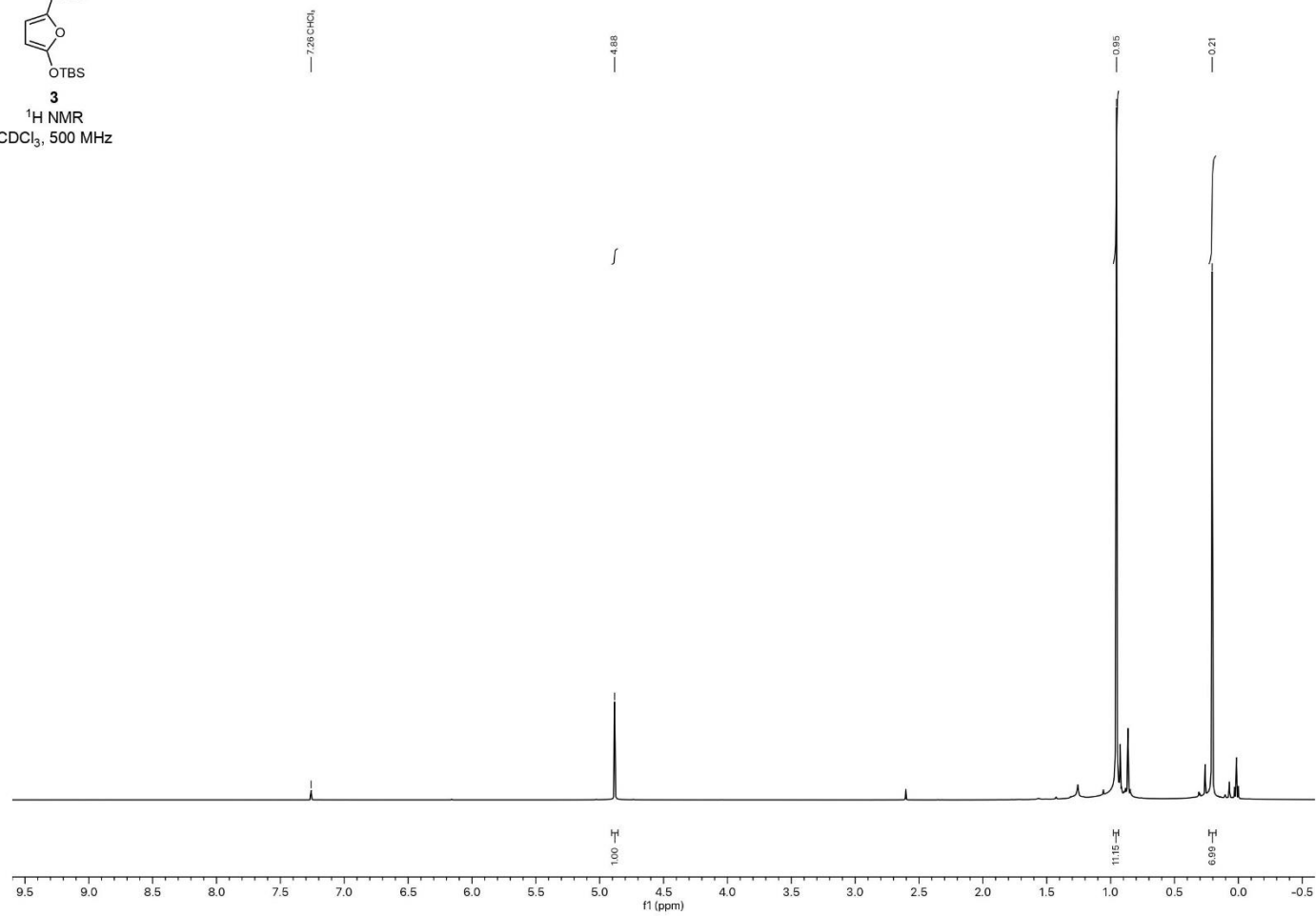
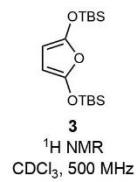


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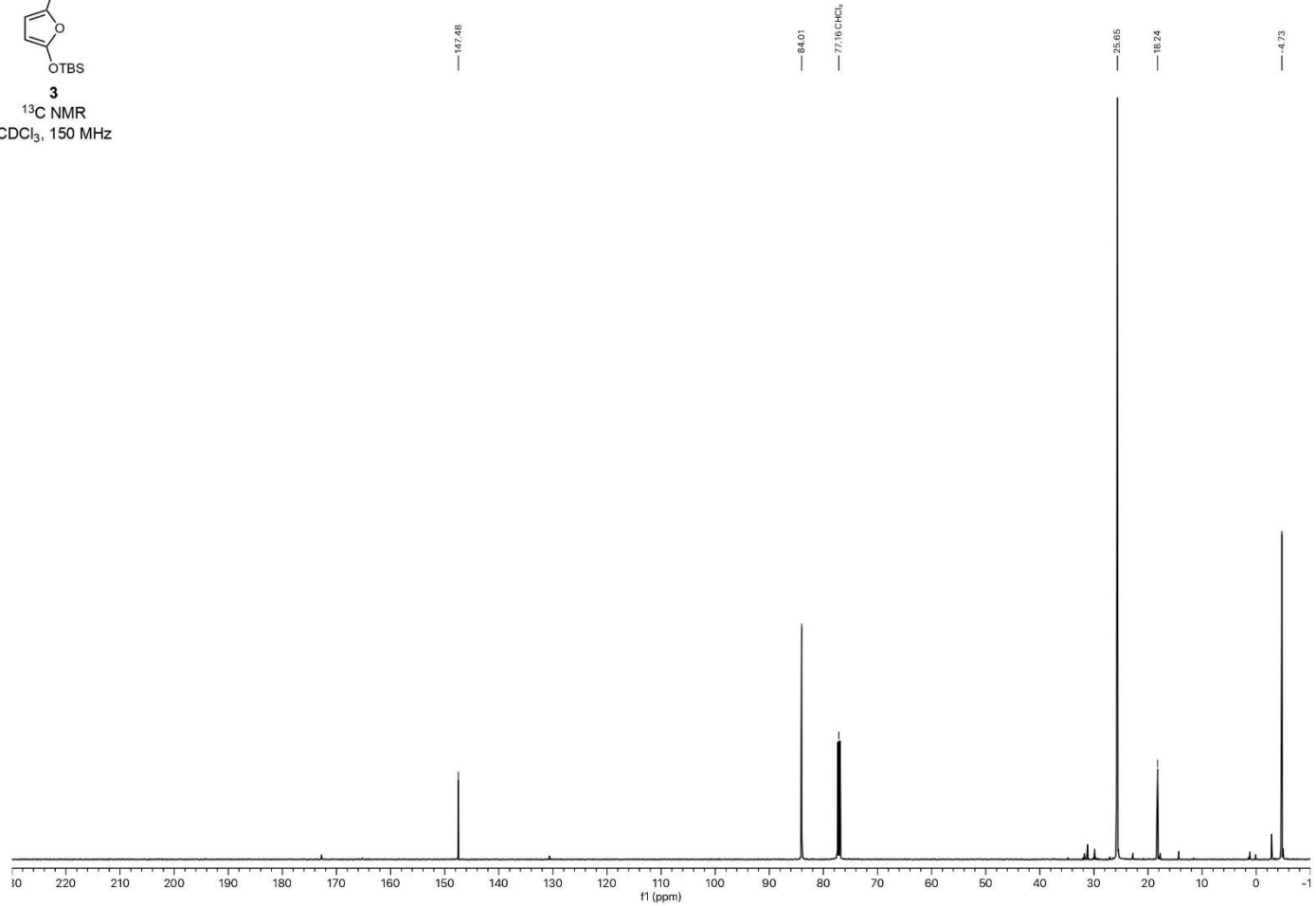
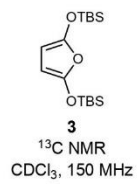


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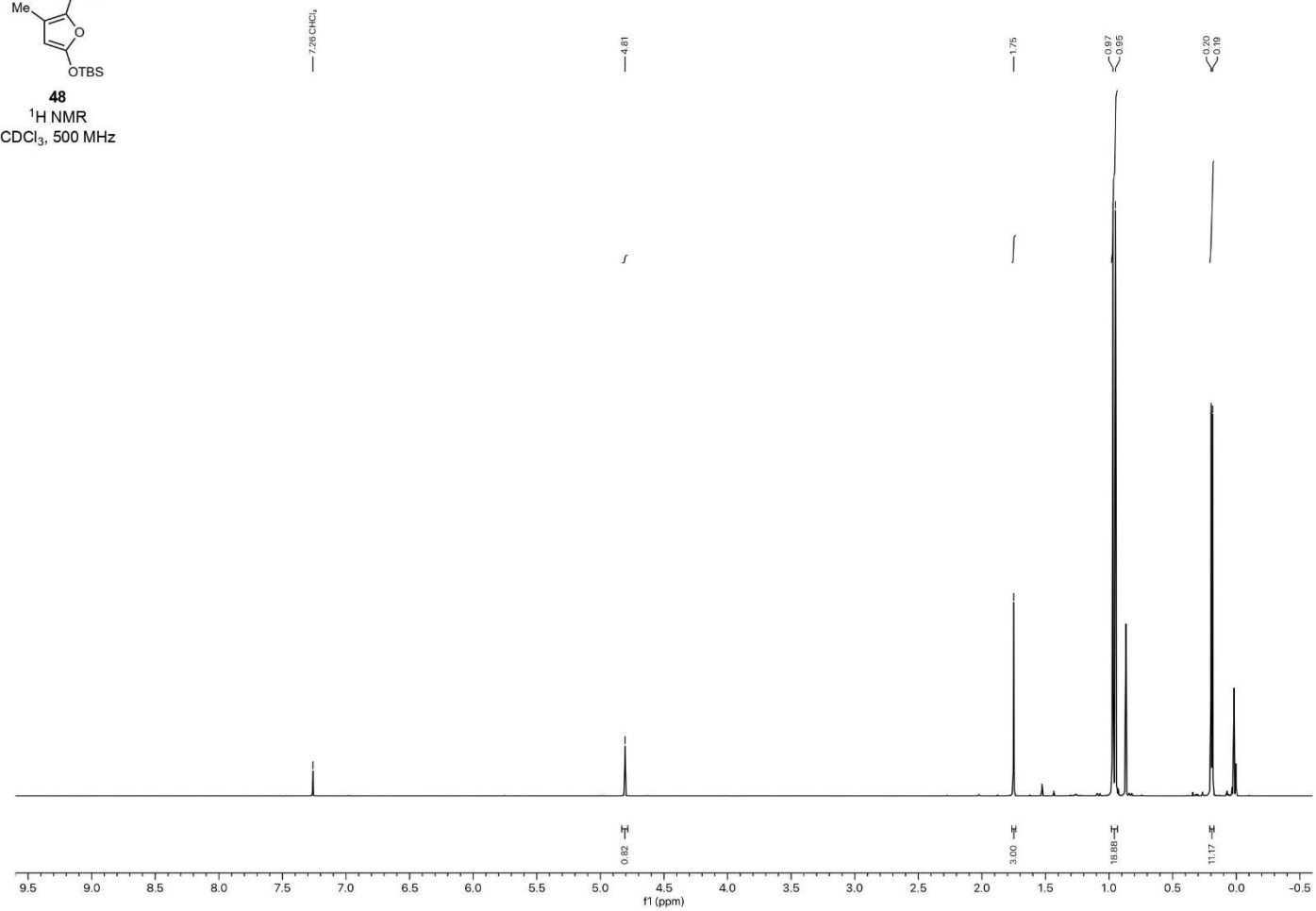
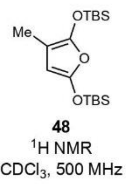


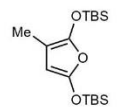


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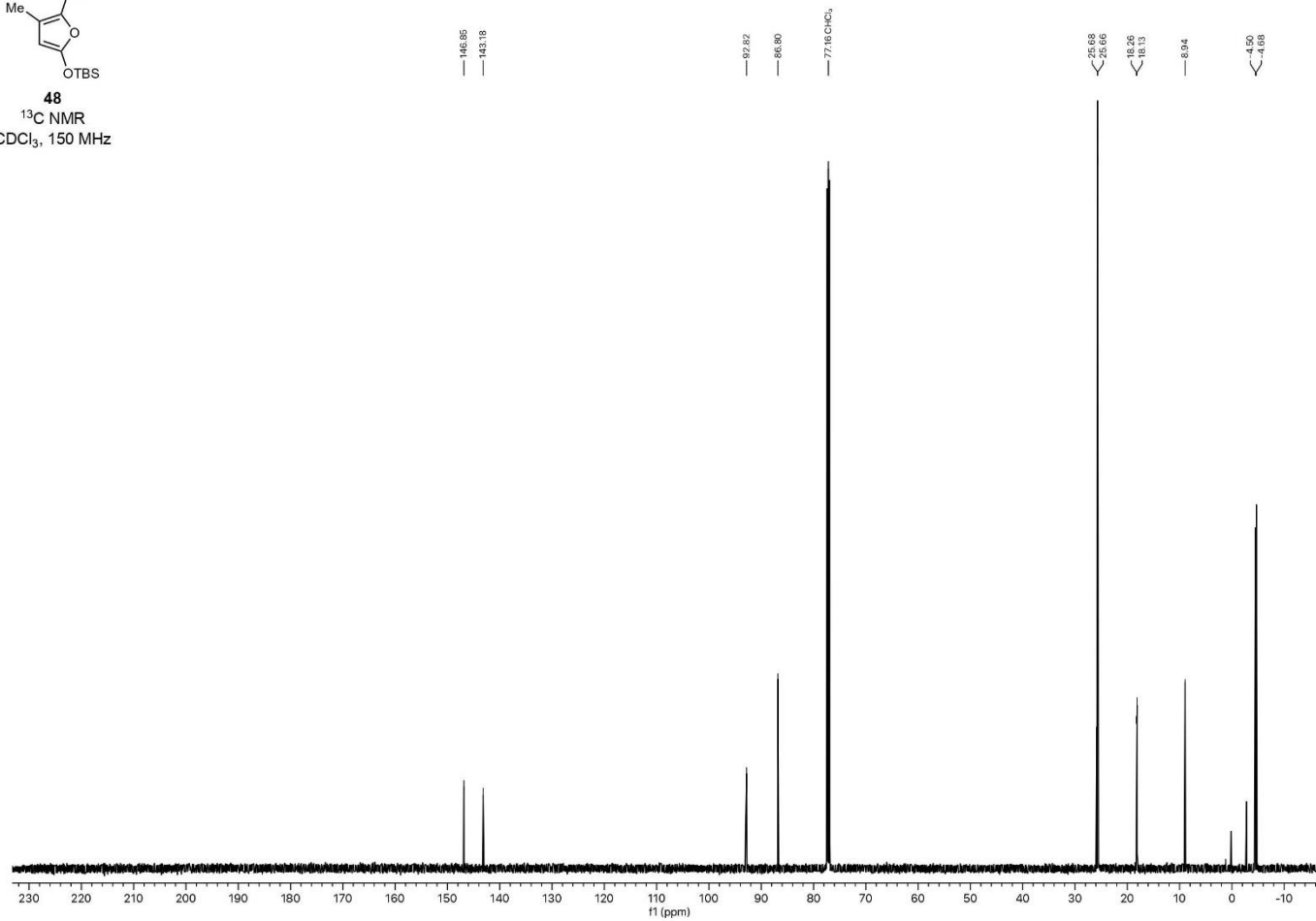


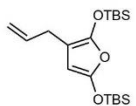
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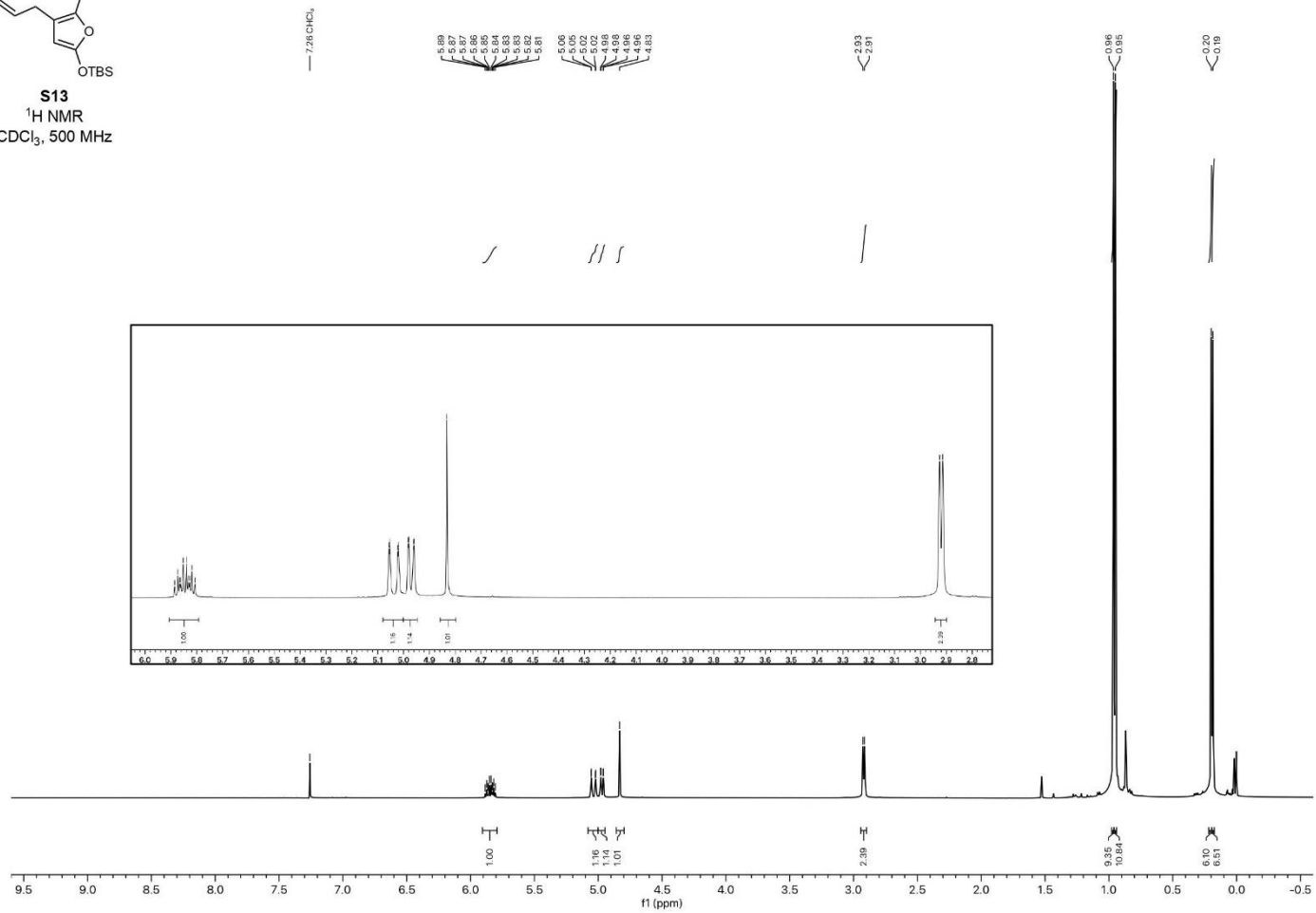


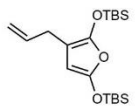
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CDCl₃, 150 MHz



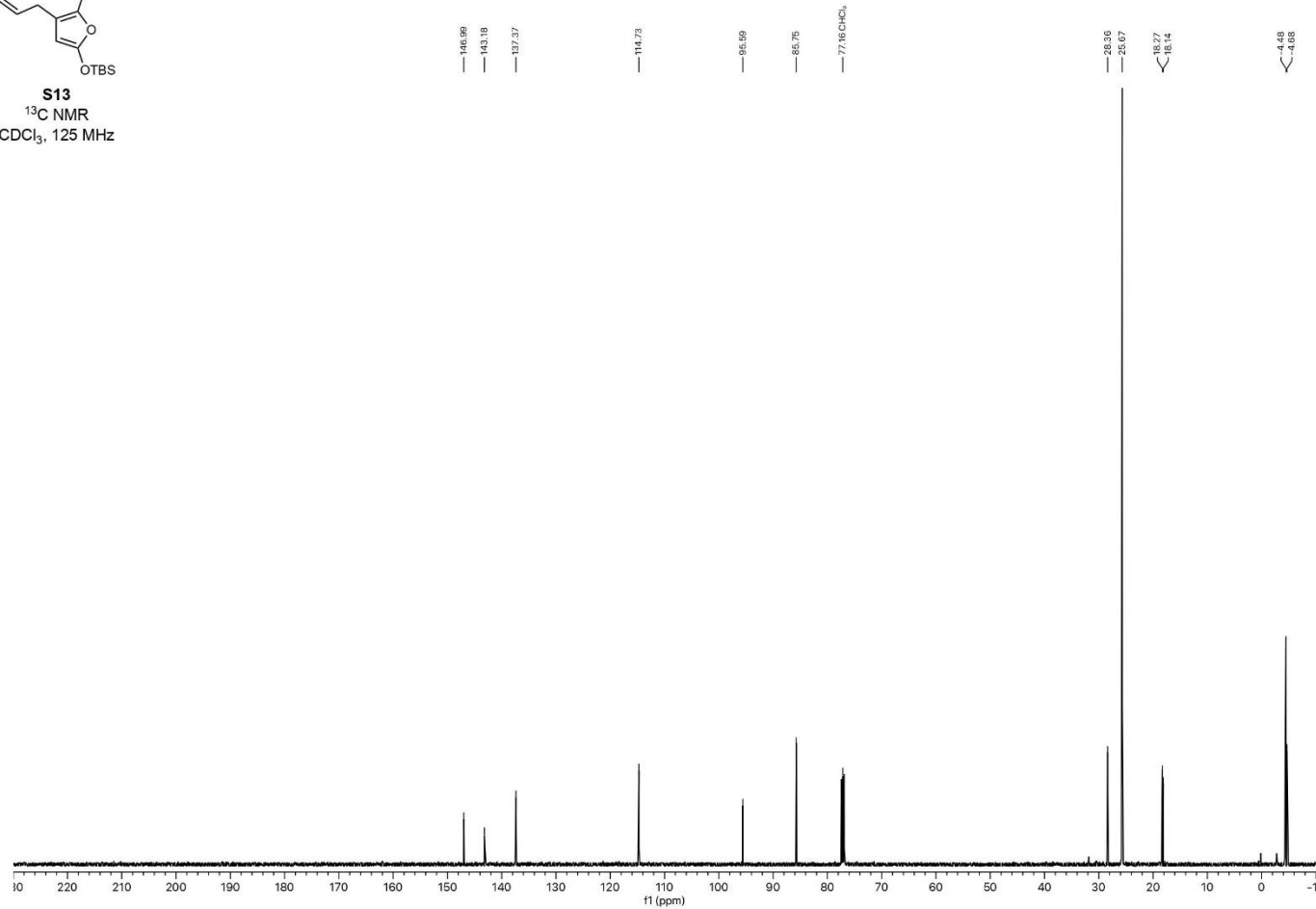


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¹H NMR
 CDCl₃, 500 MHz

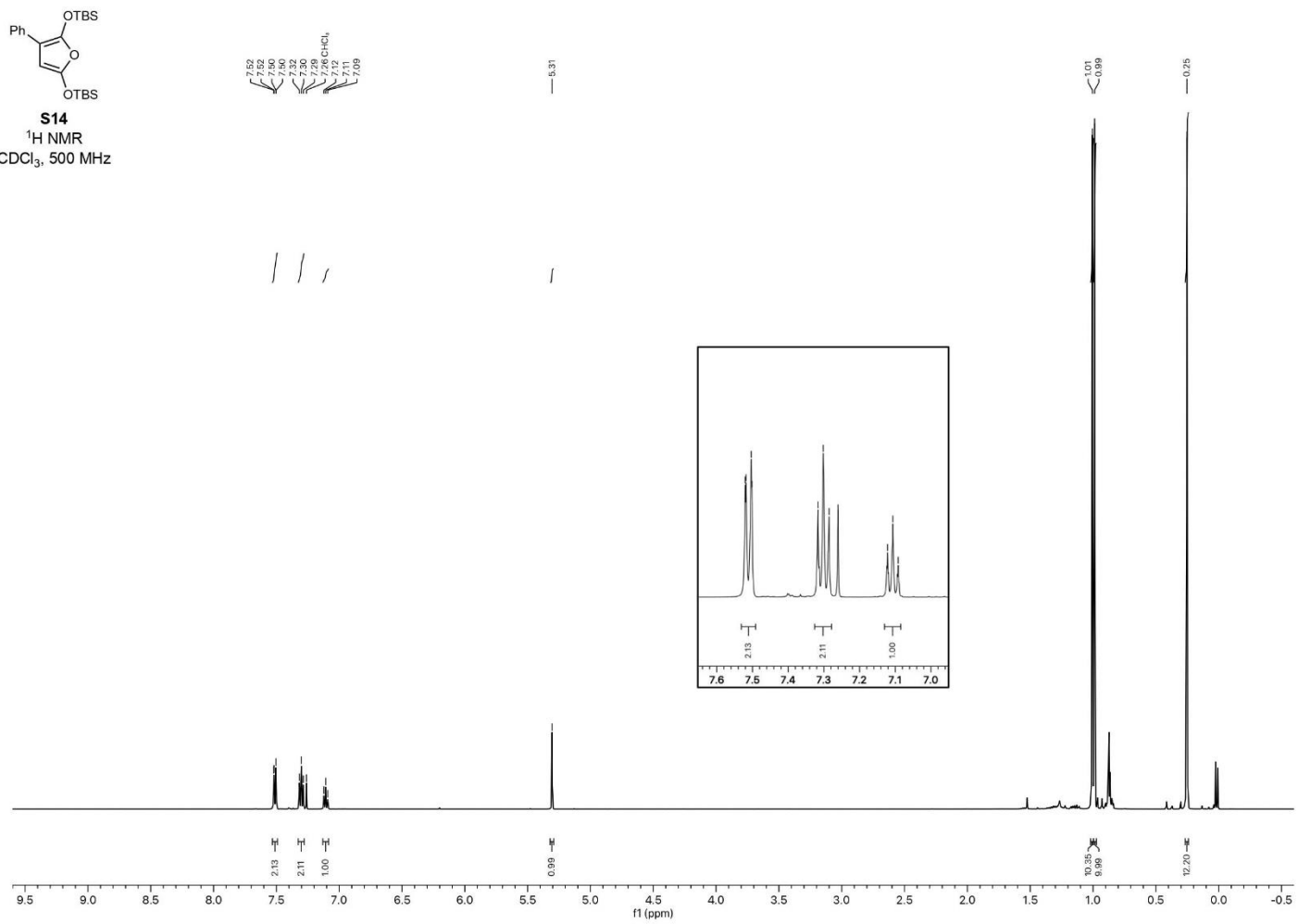
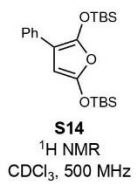


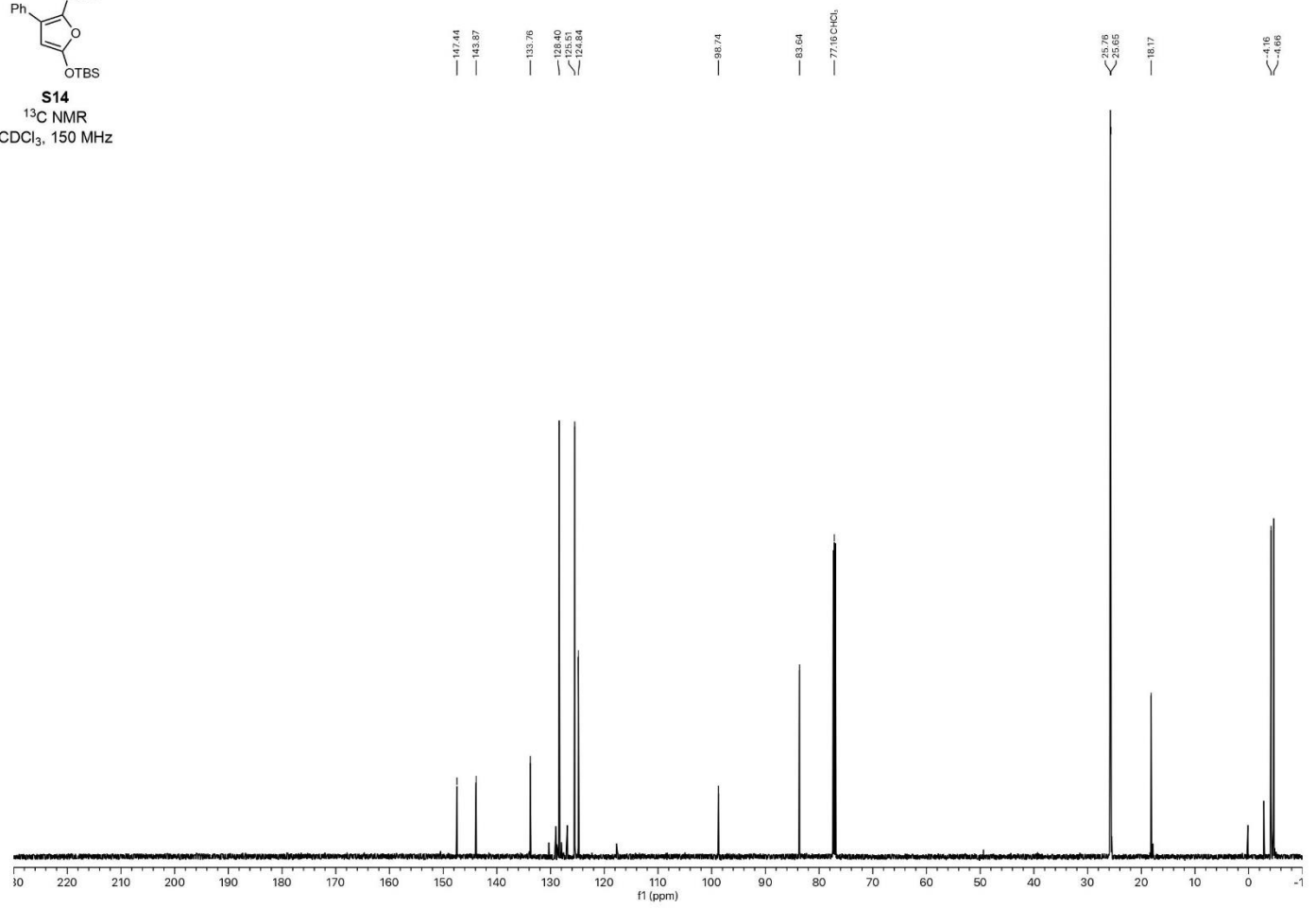
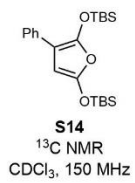


S13
¹³C NMR
CDCl₃, 125 MHz

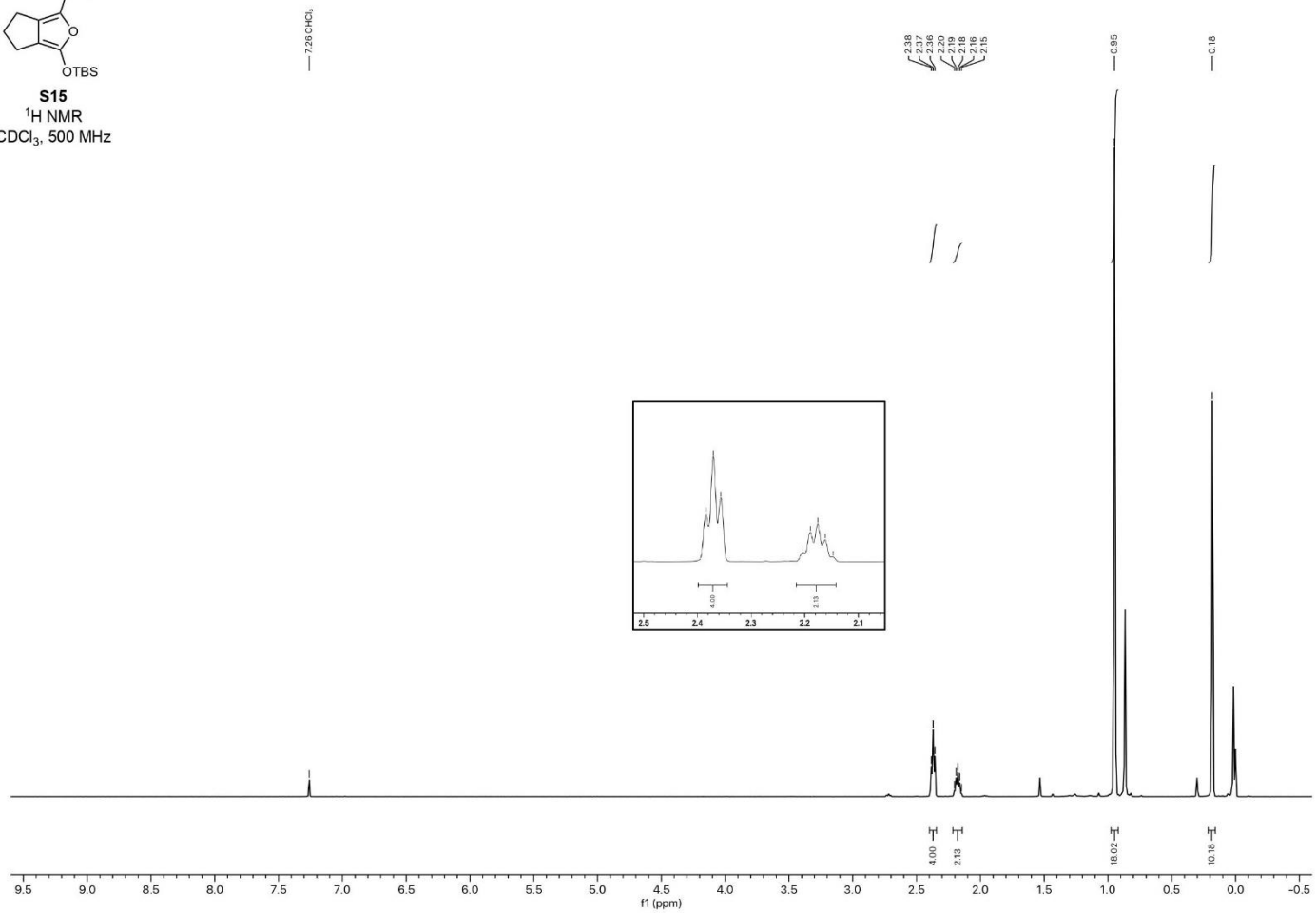
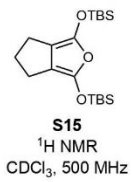


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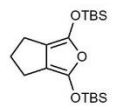




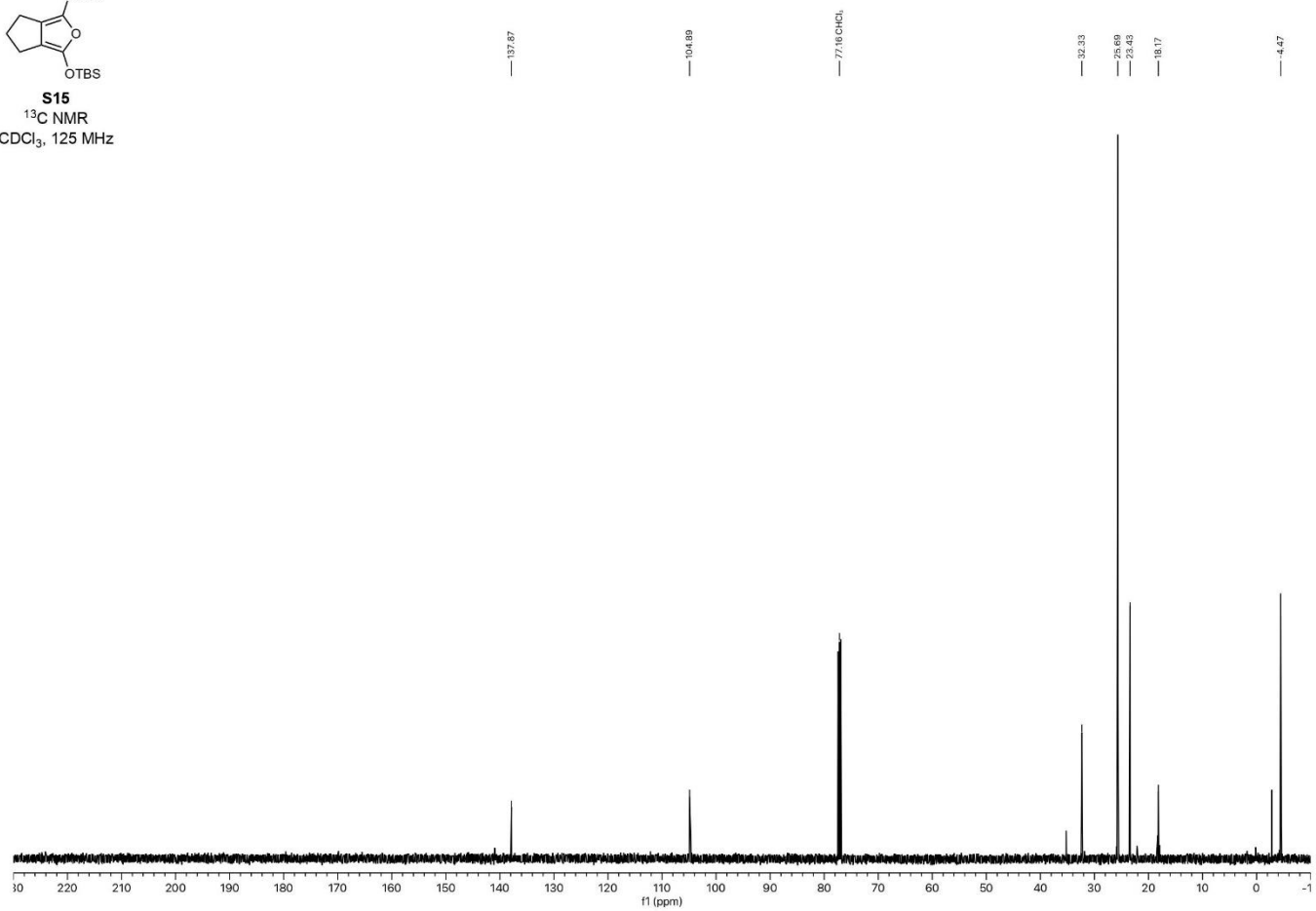
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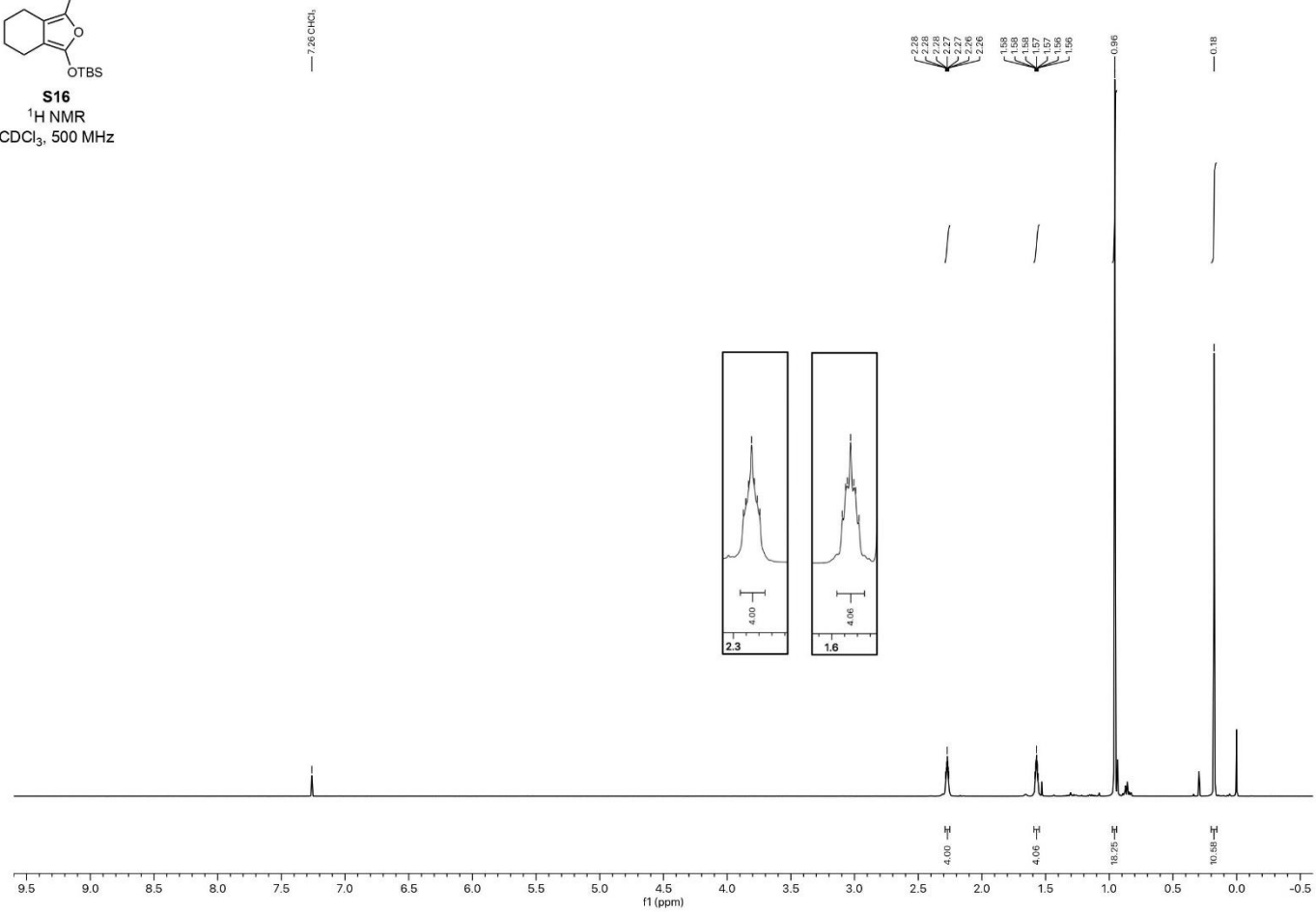
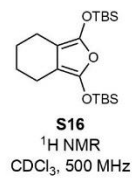
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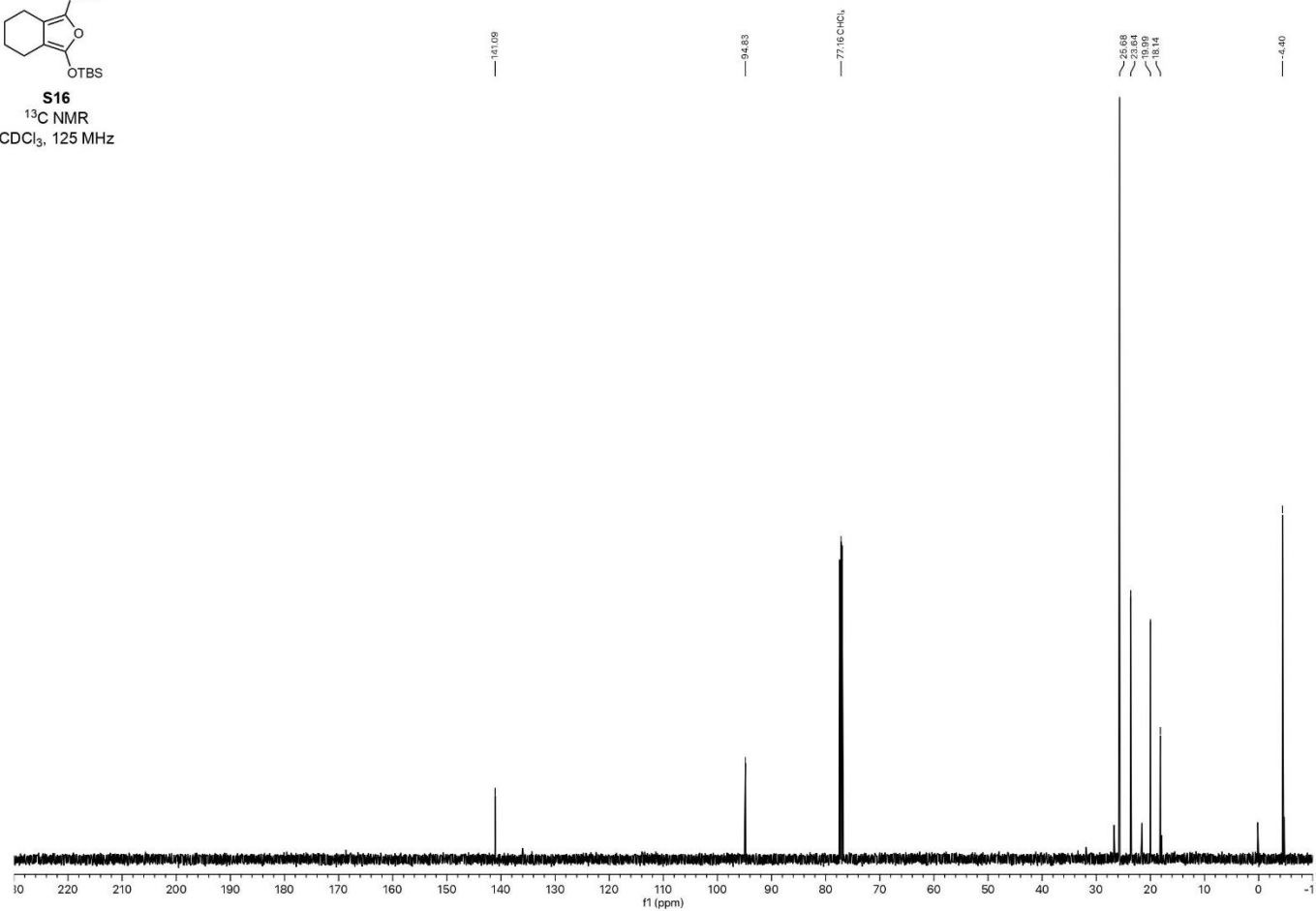
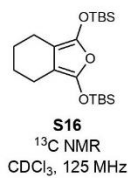
S15
¹³C NMR
CDCl₃, 125 MHz



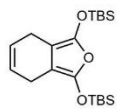
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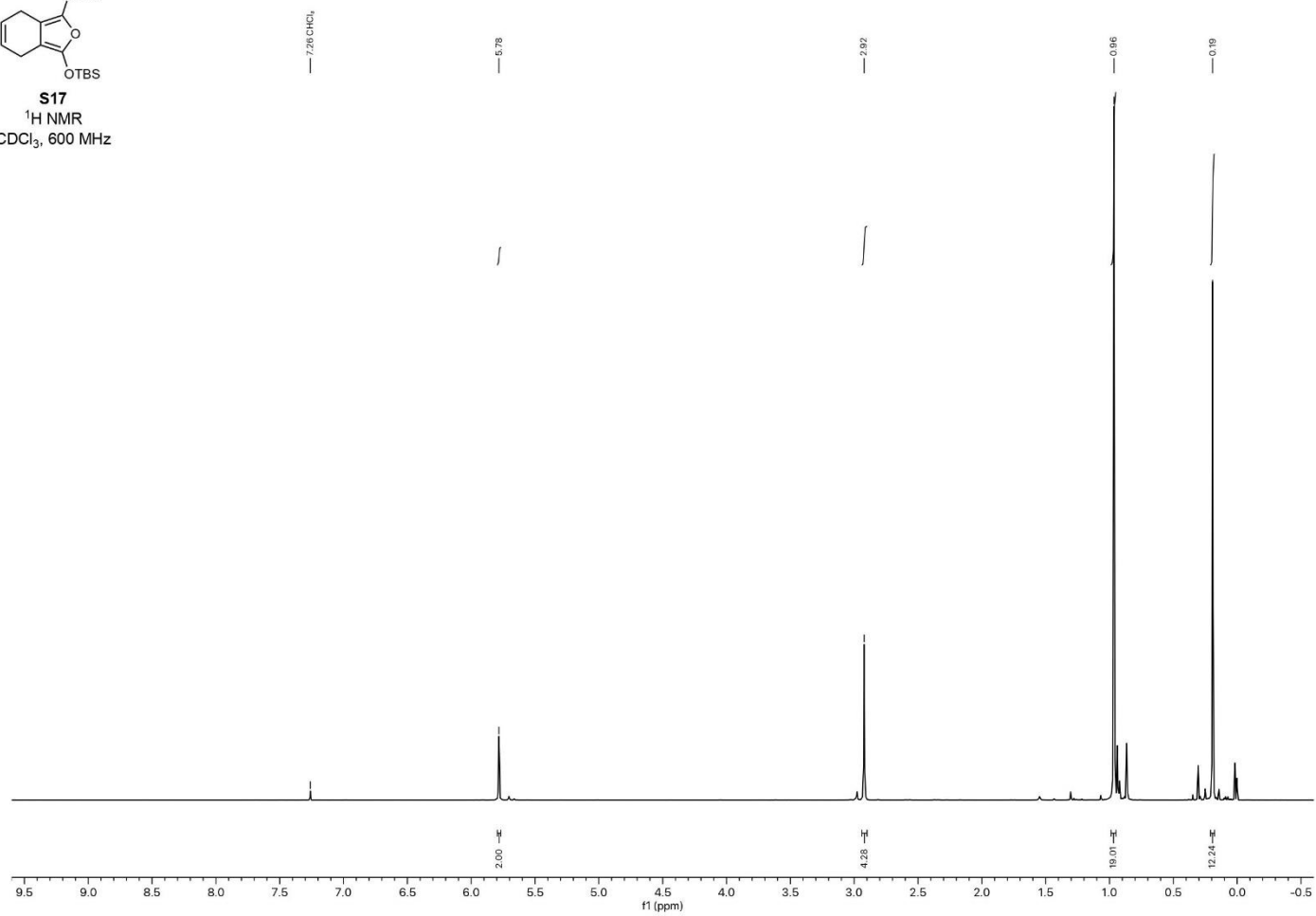
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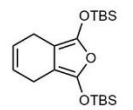


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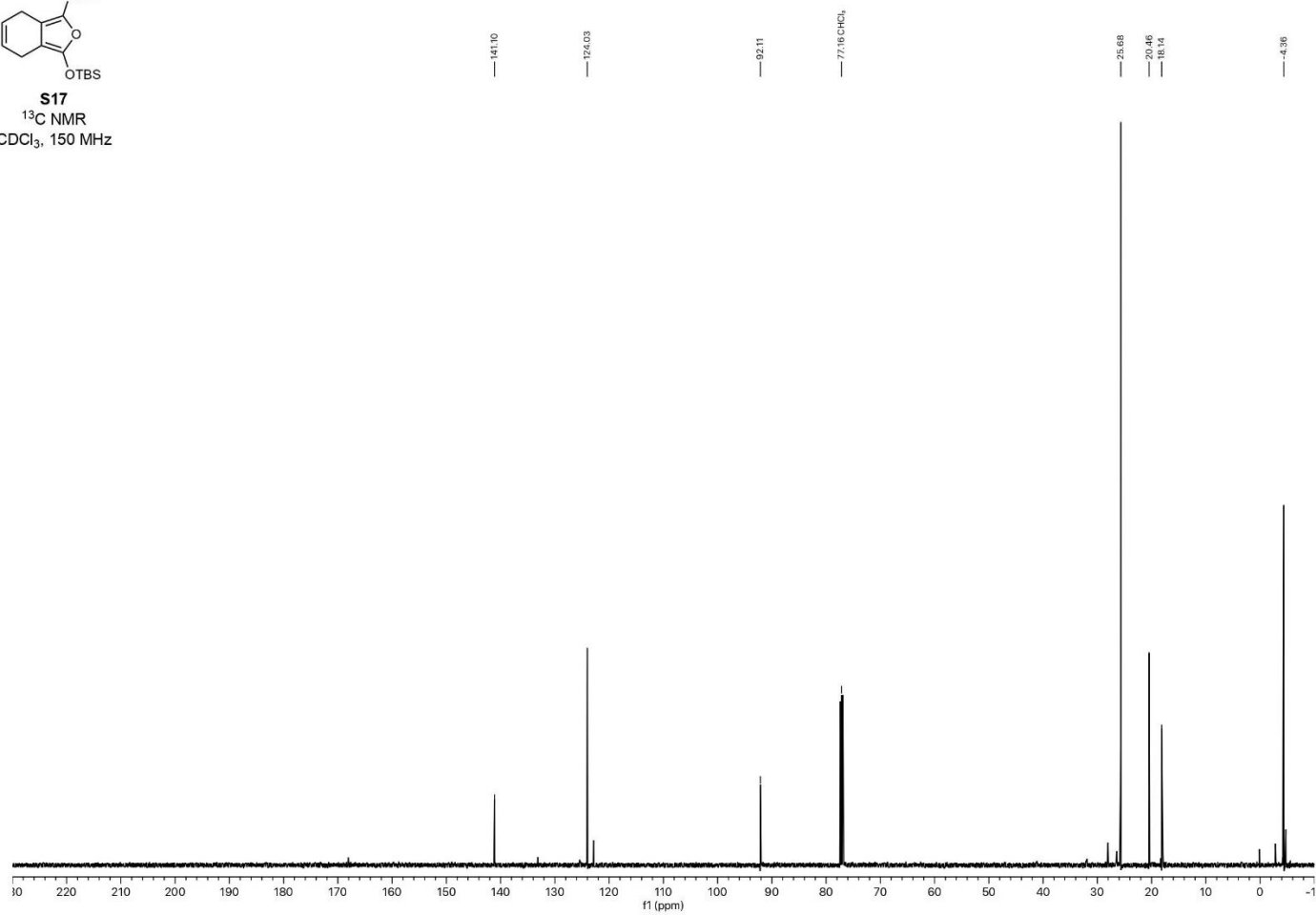


S17
¹H NMR
CDCl₃, 600 MHz

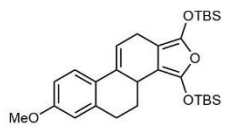




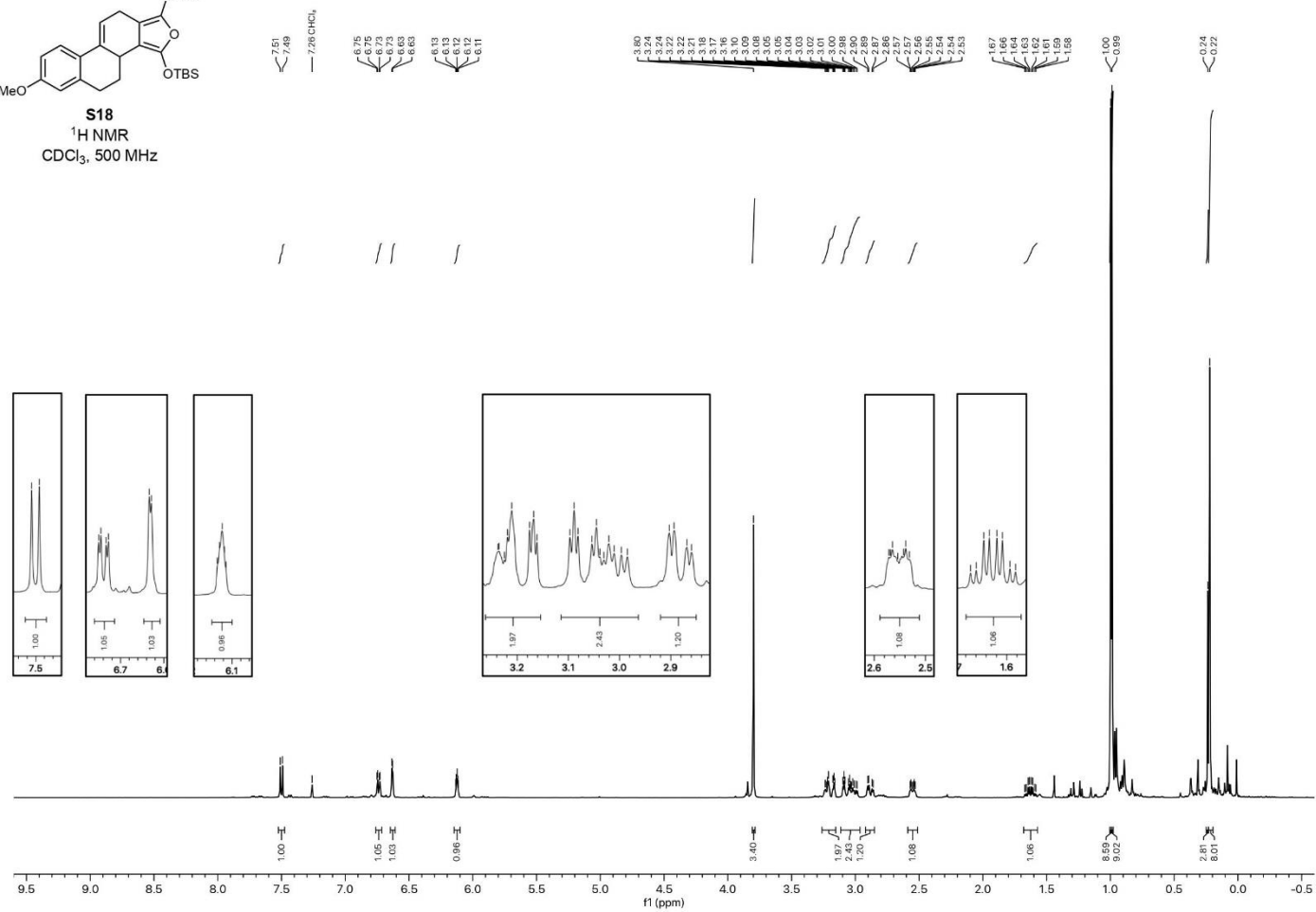
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CDCl₃, 150 MHz



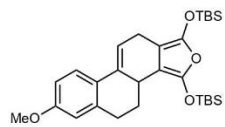
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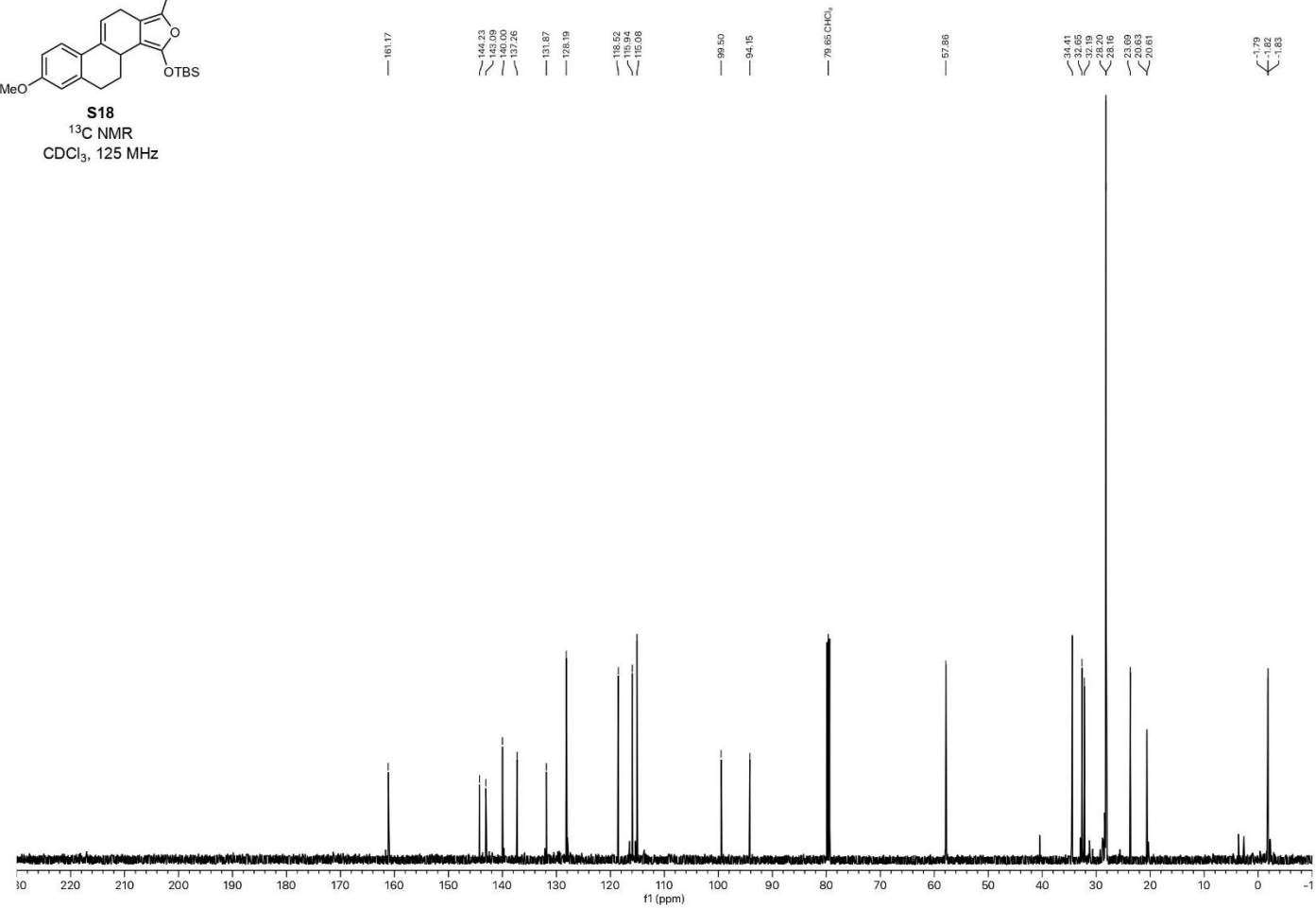
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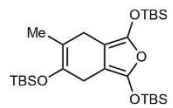


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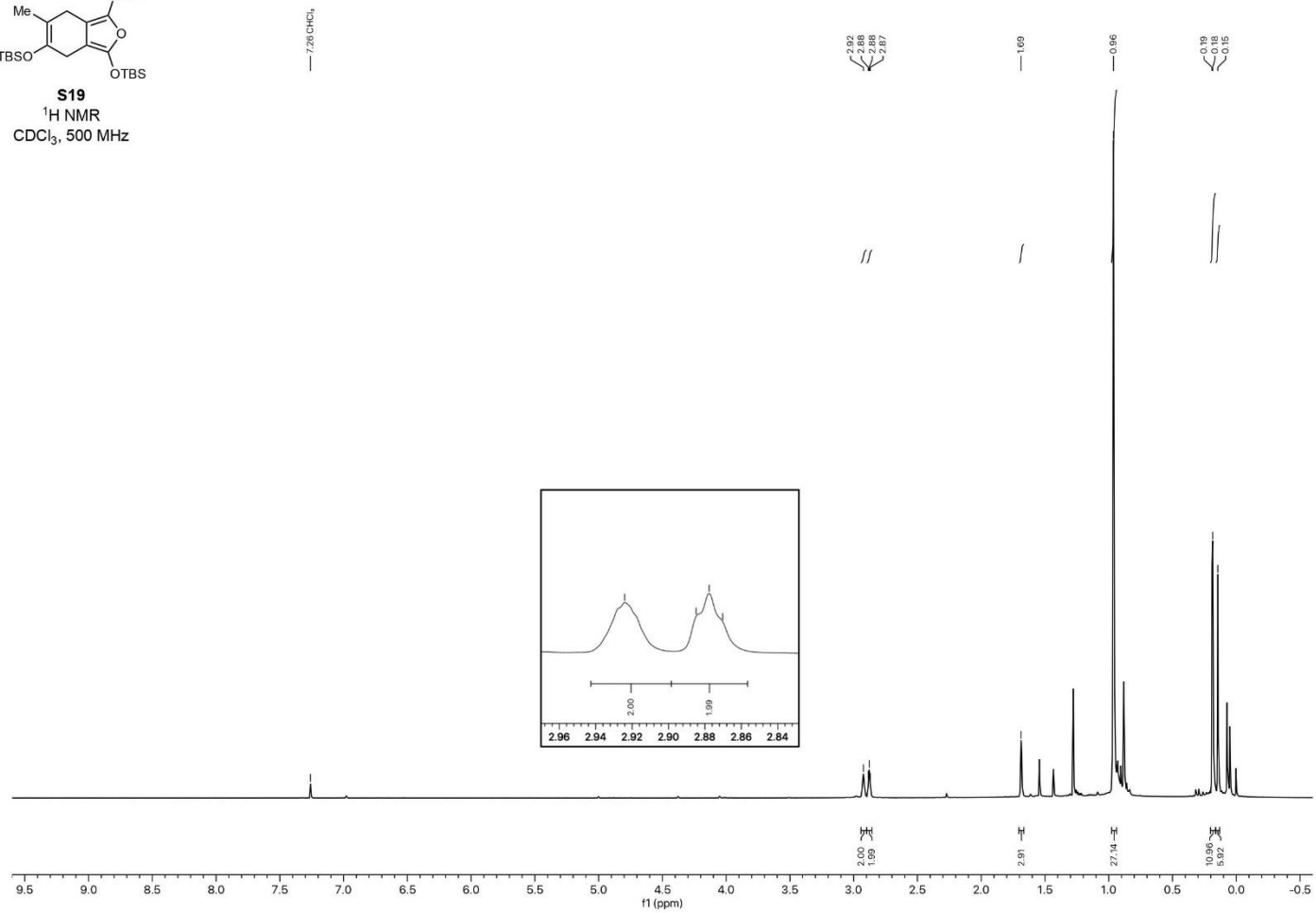


S18
¹³C NMR
 CDCl₃, 125 MHz

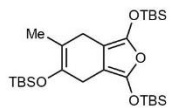




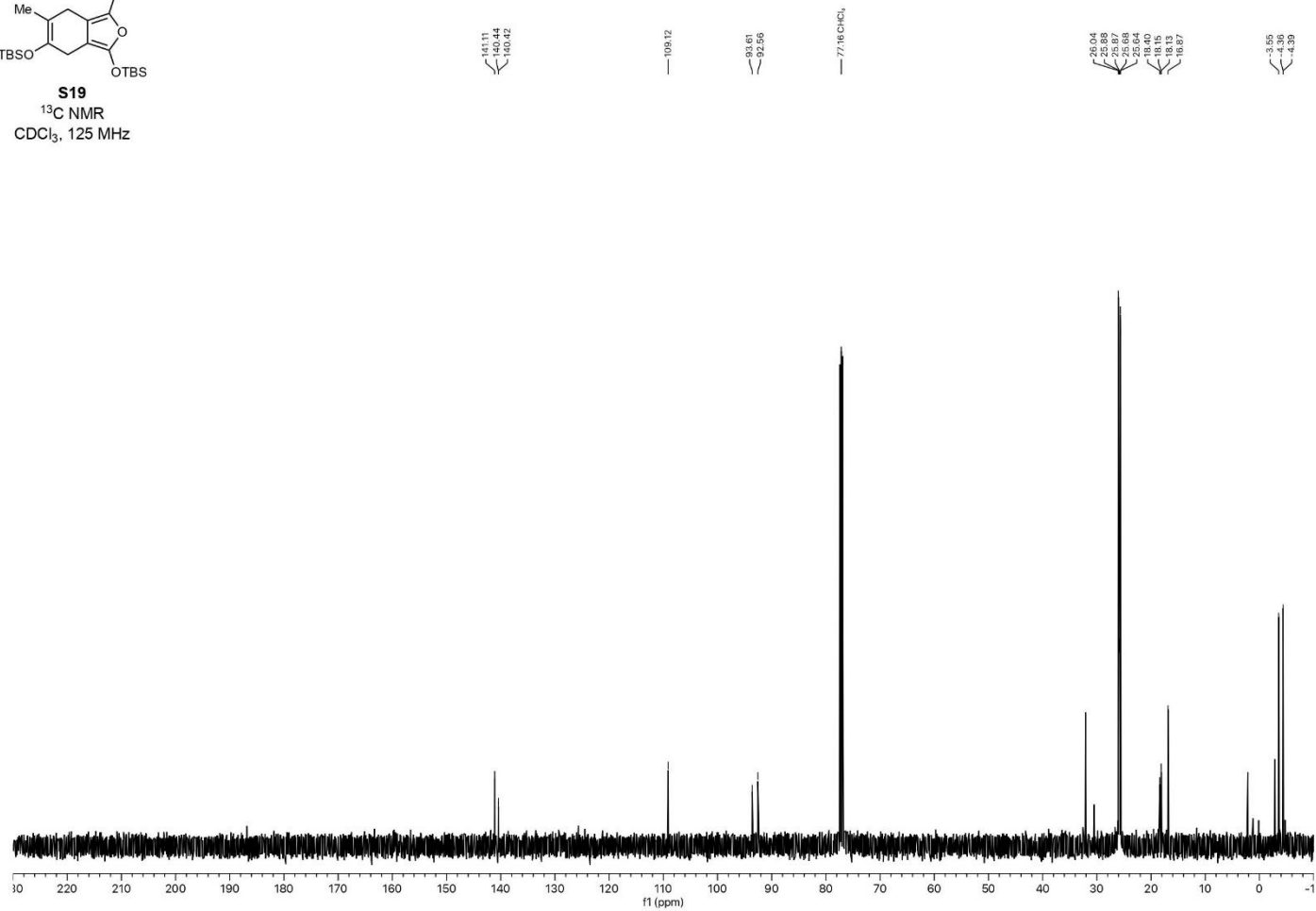
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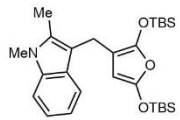


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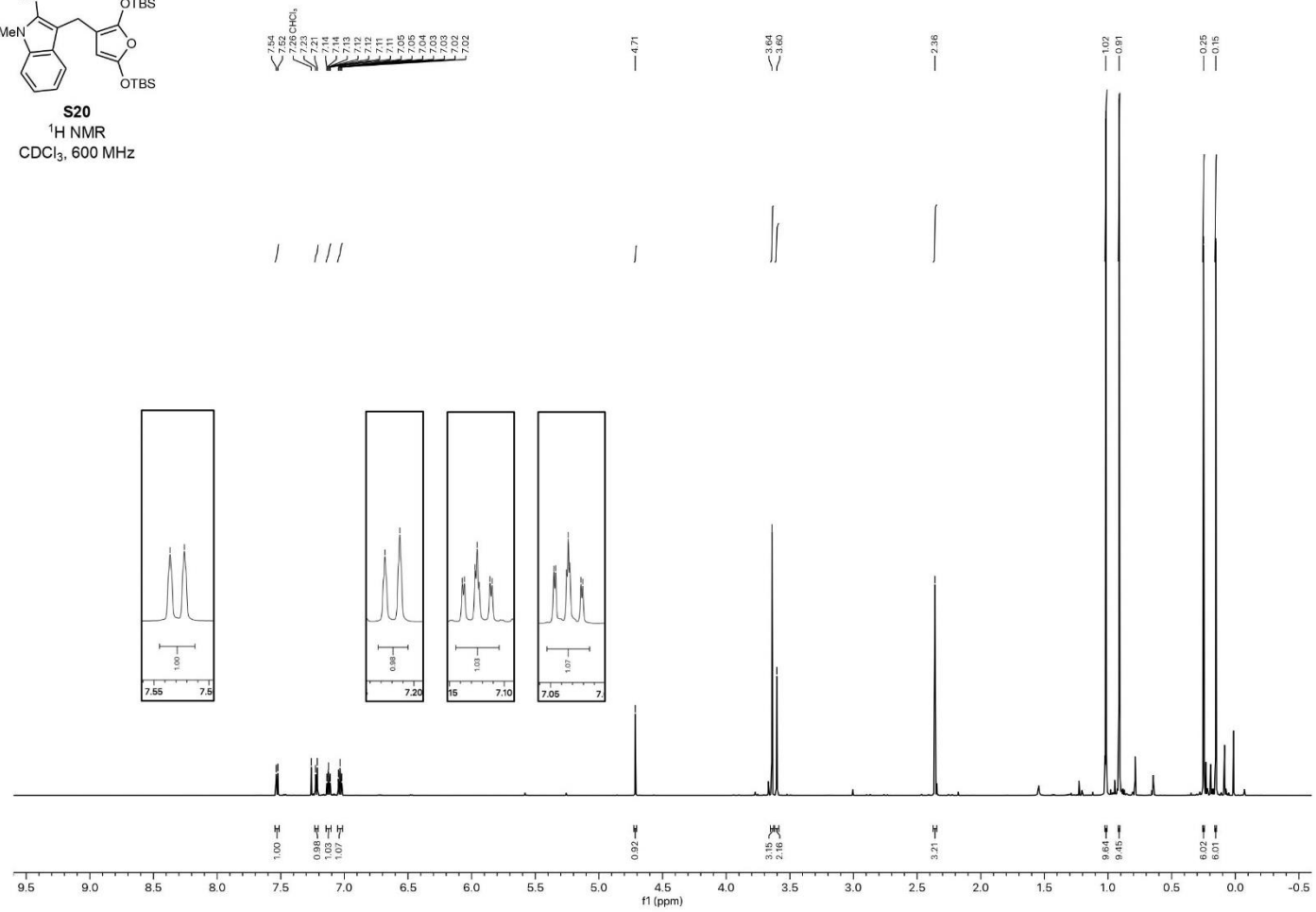


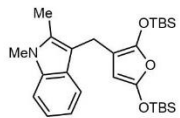
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¹³C NMR
CDCl₃, 125 MHz



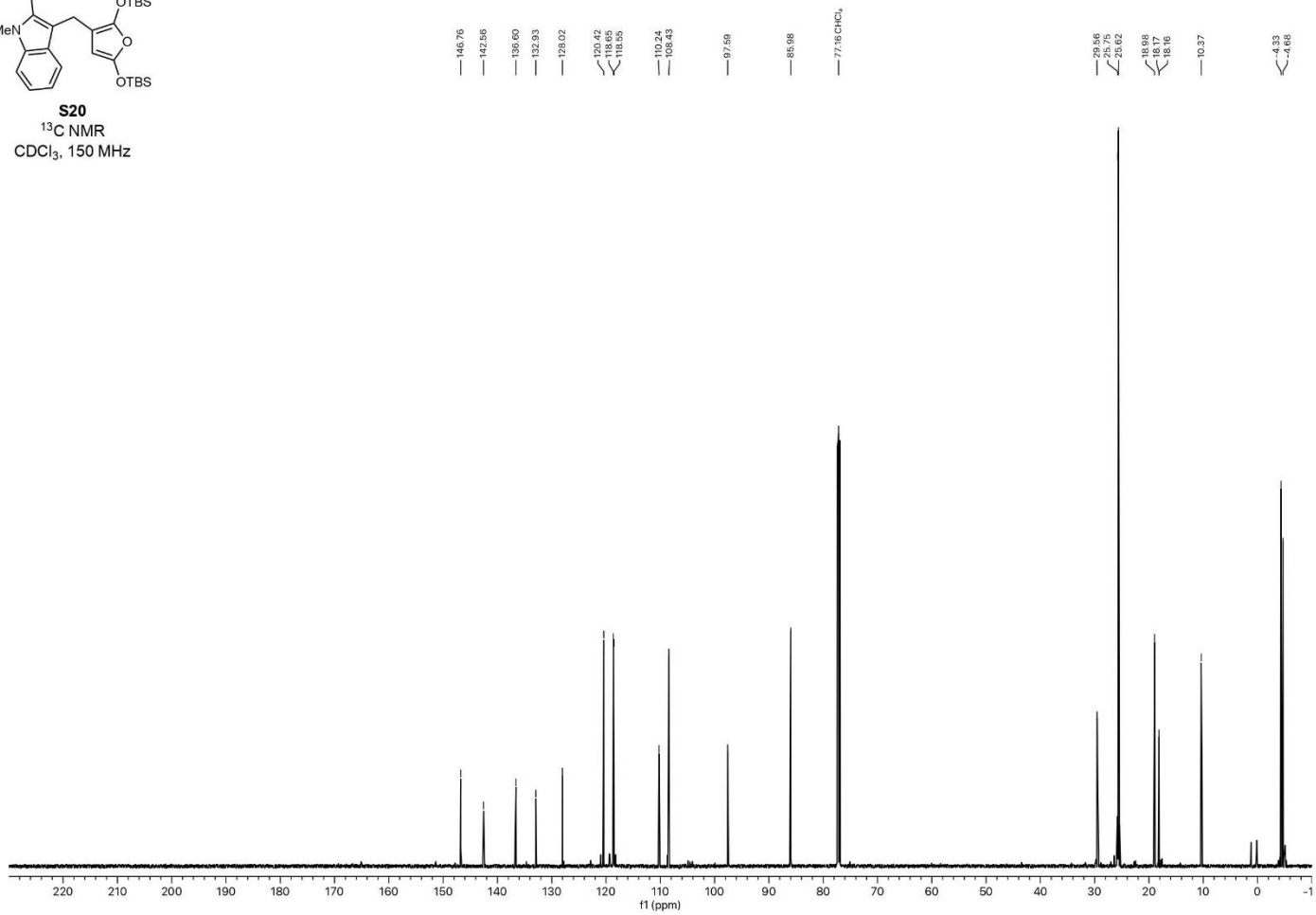


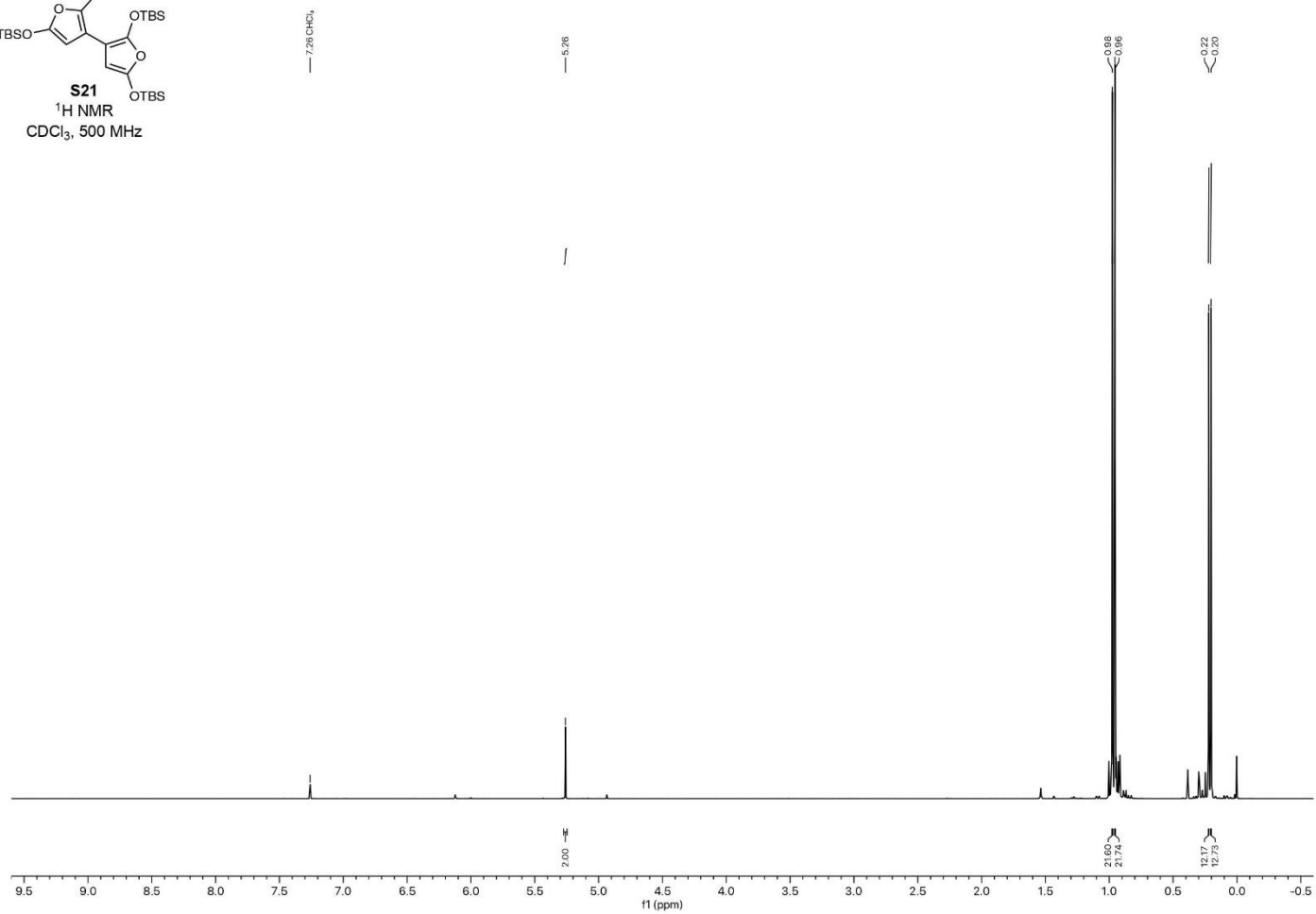
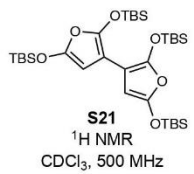
S20
¹H NMR
 CDCl₃, 600 MHz



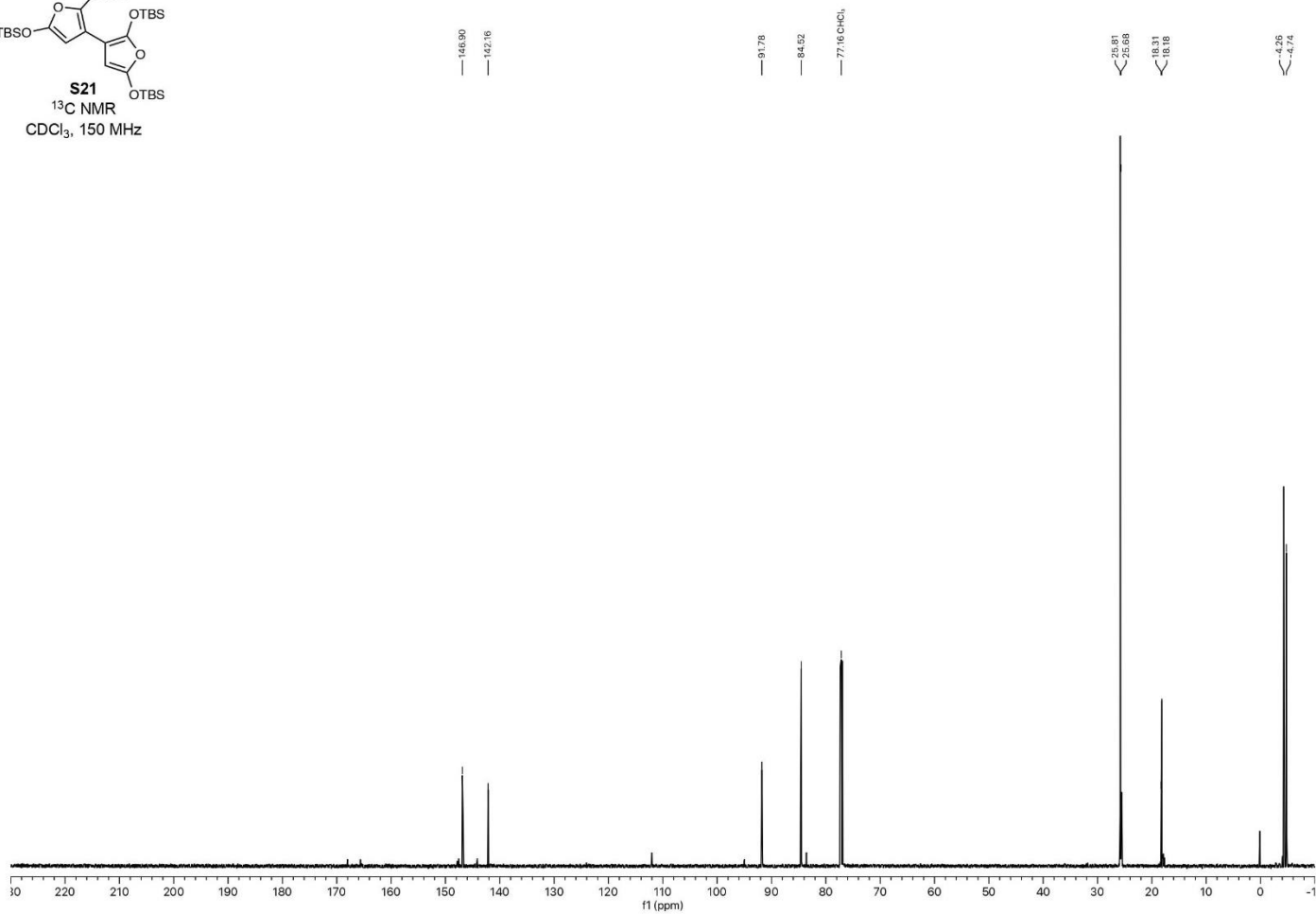
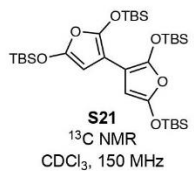


S20
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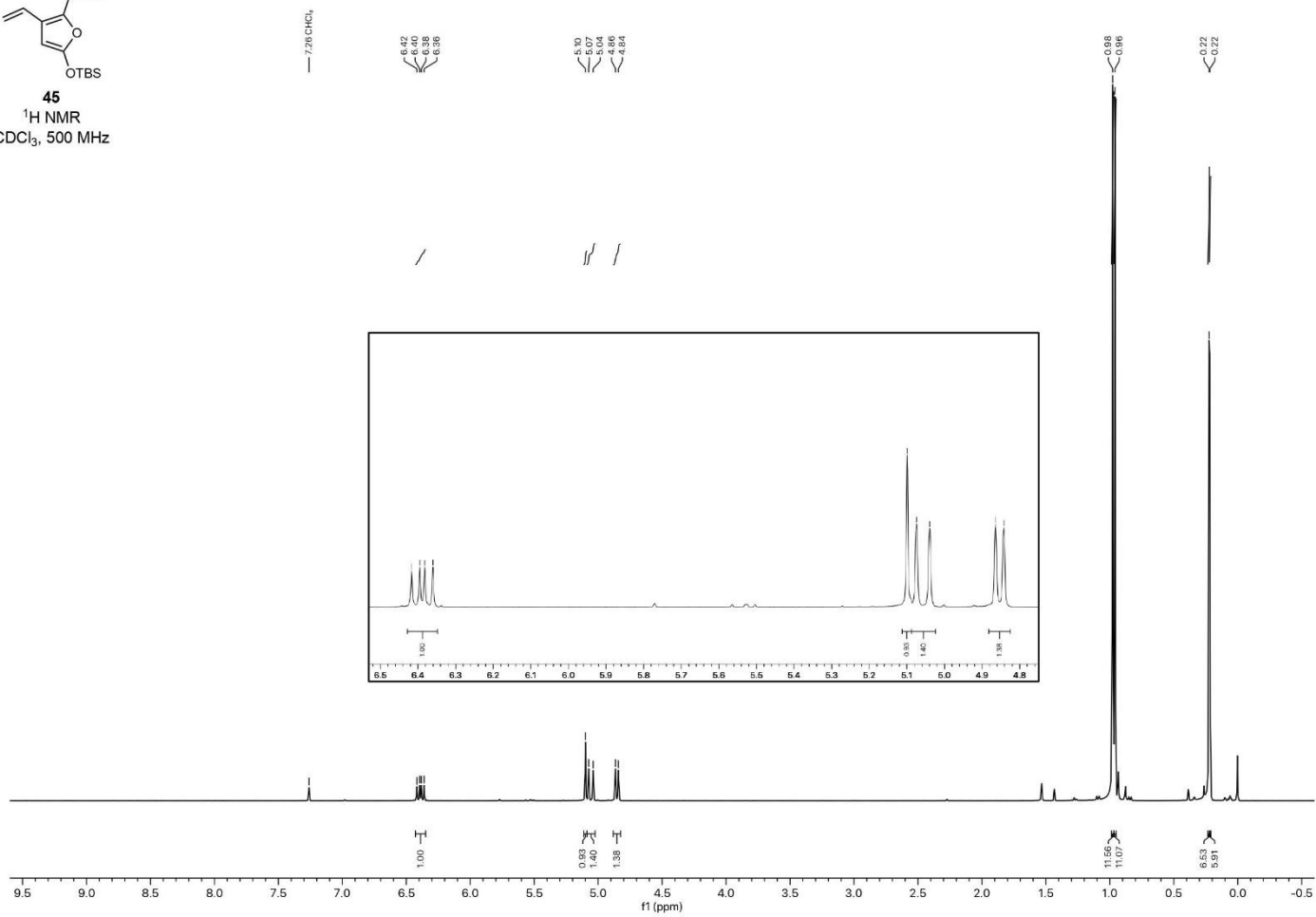
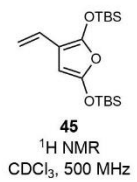




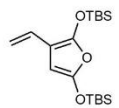
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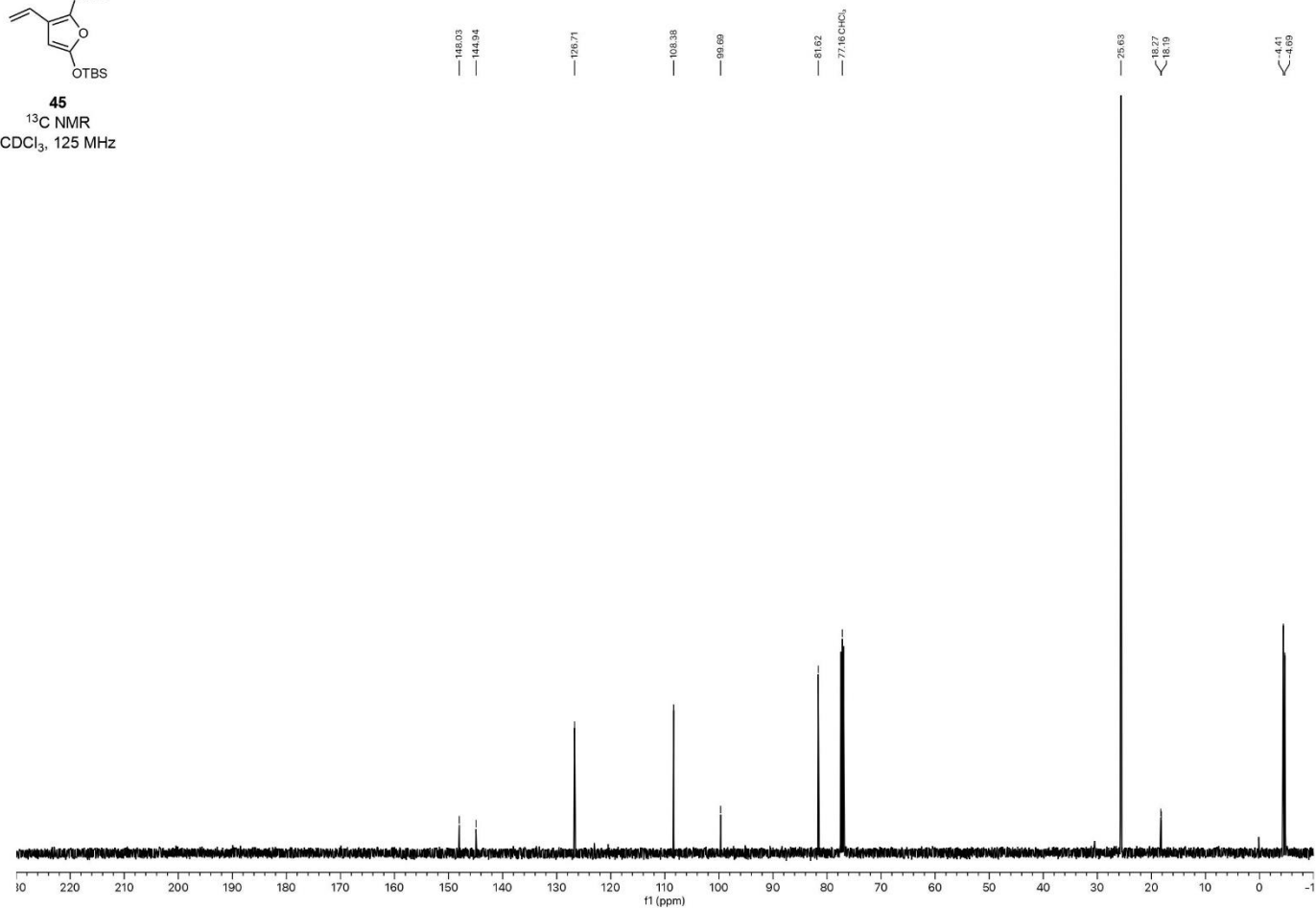
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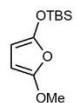


45
¹³C NMR
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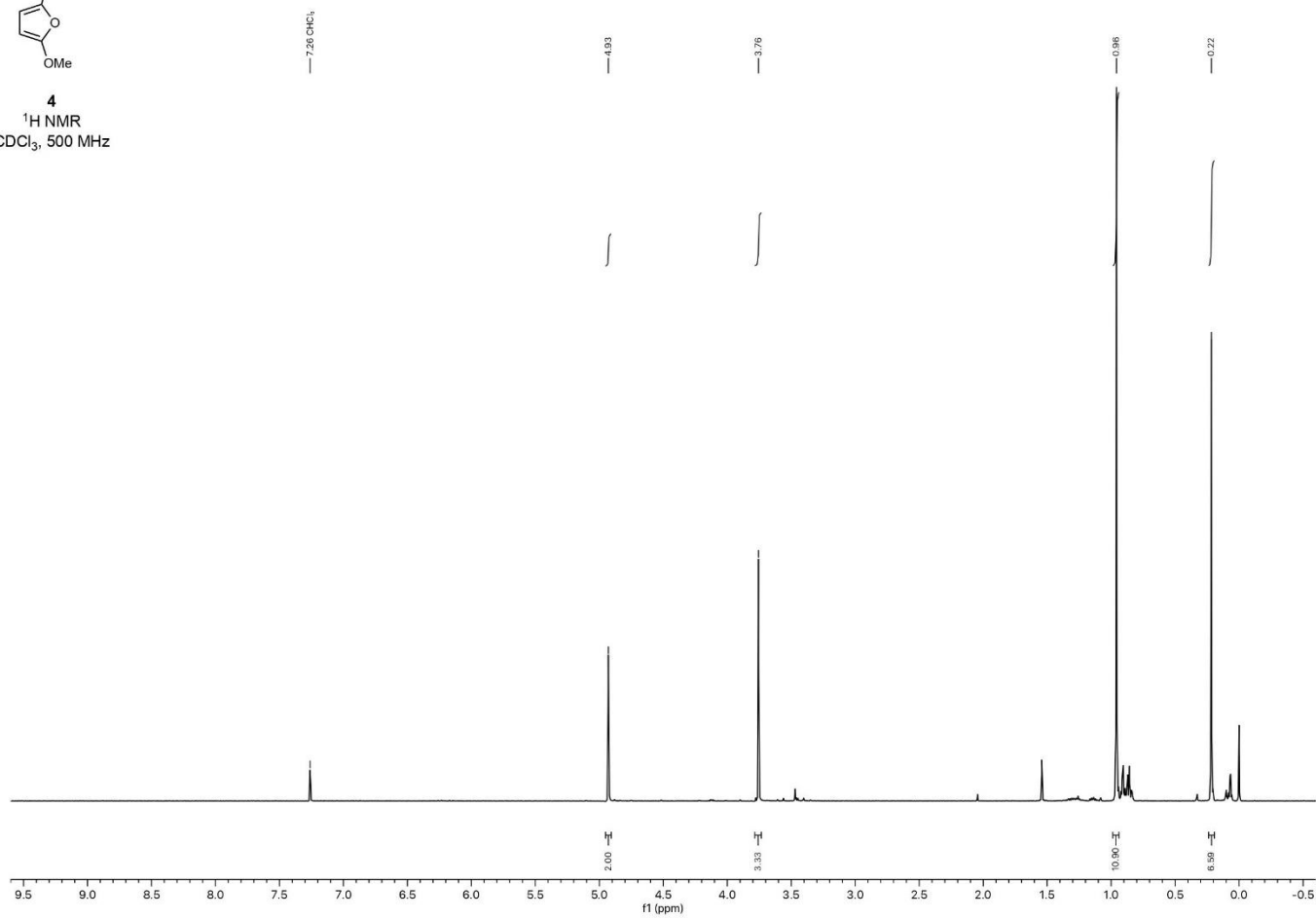


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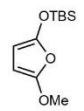
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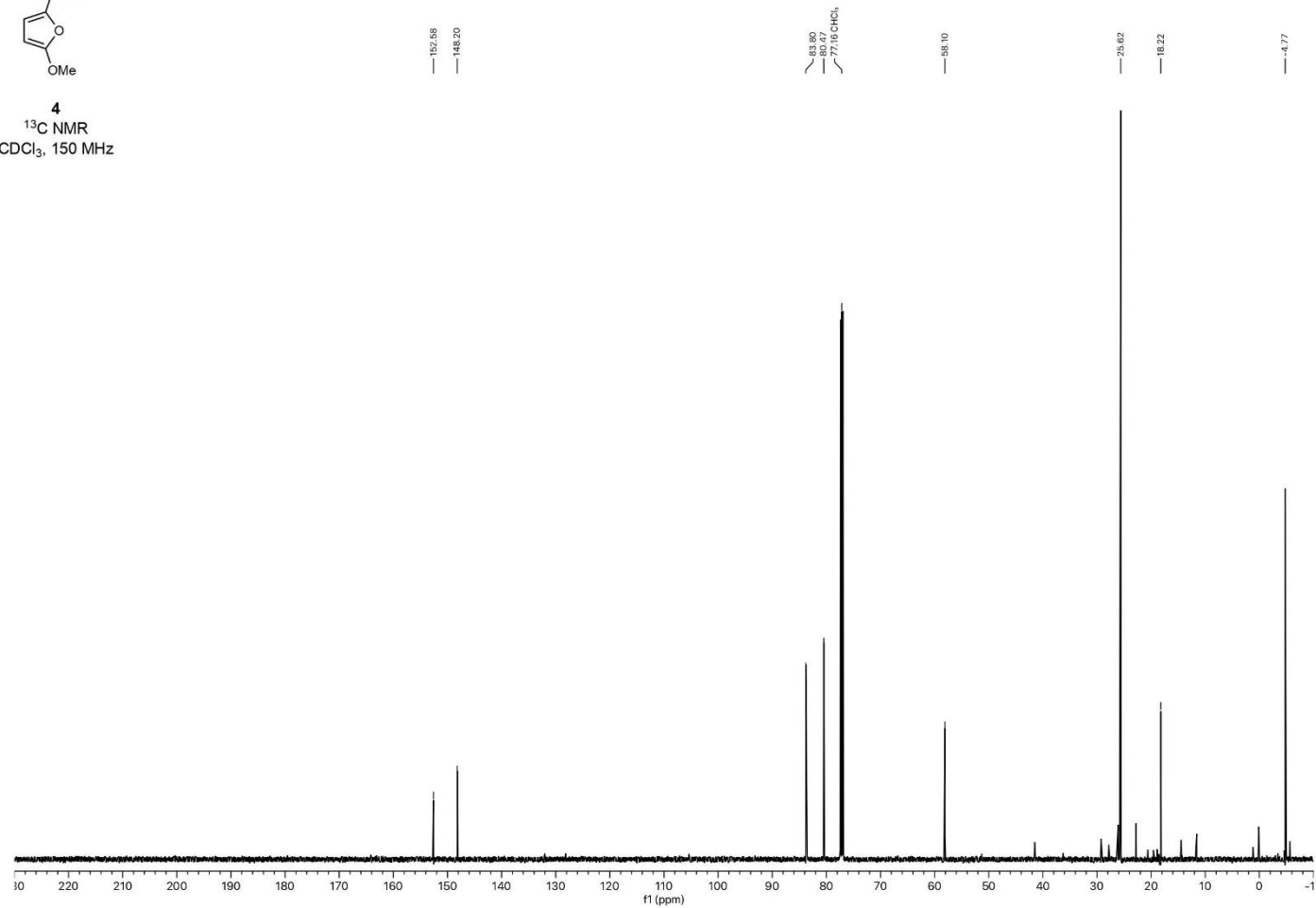
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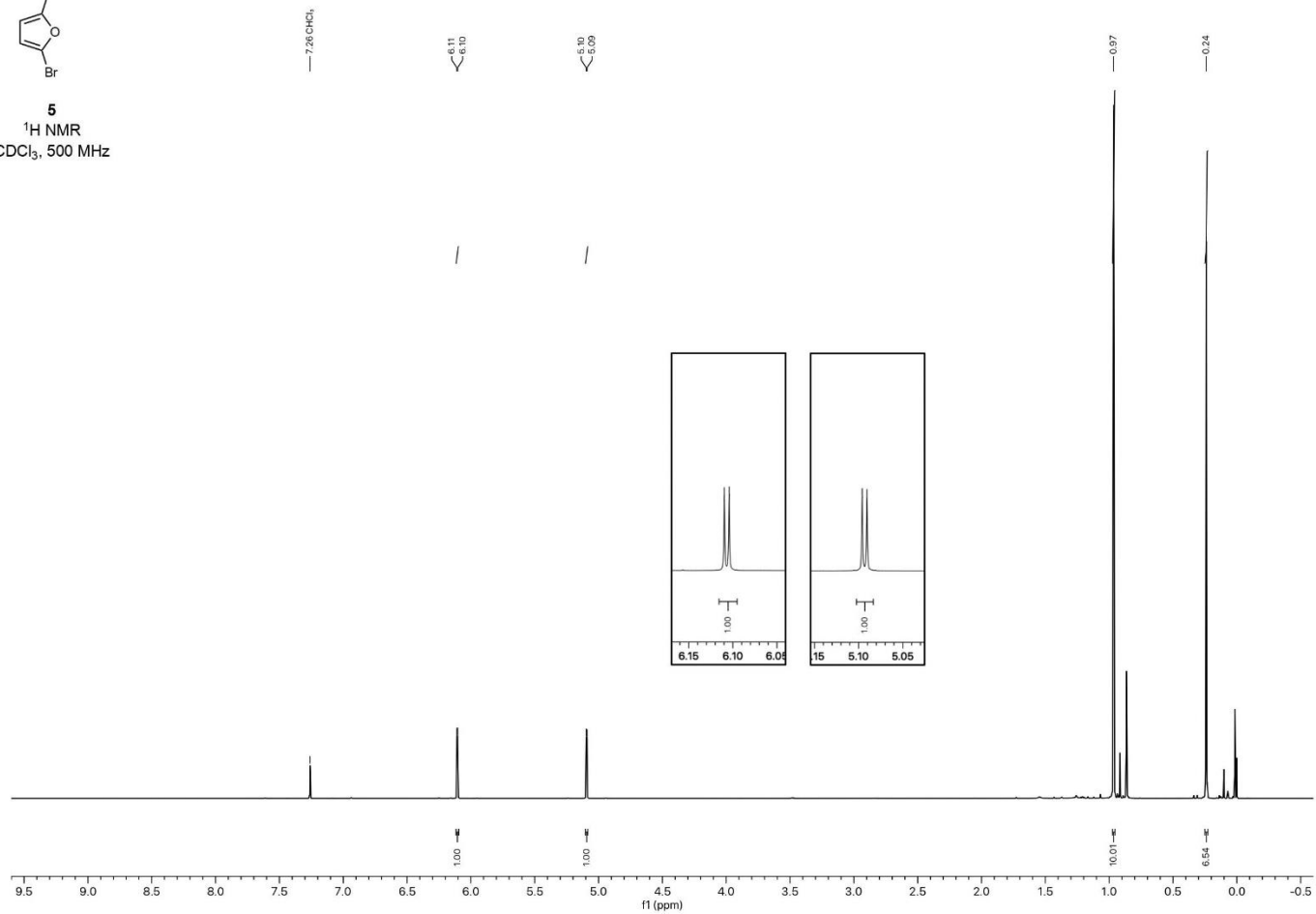
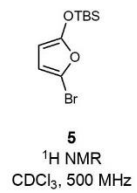


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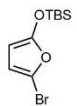


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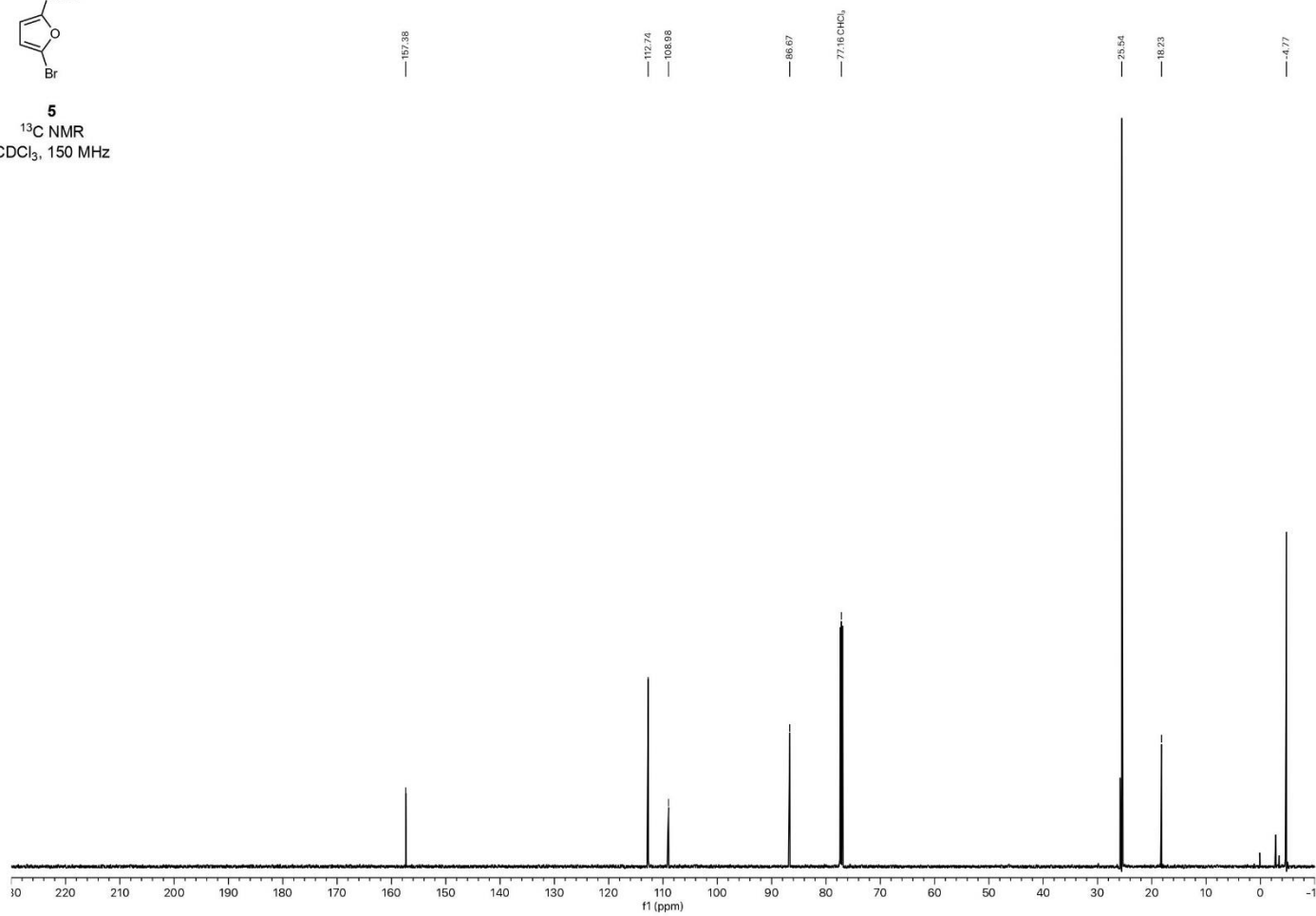




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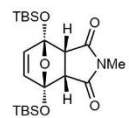
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CDCl₃, 150 MHz



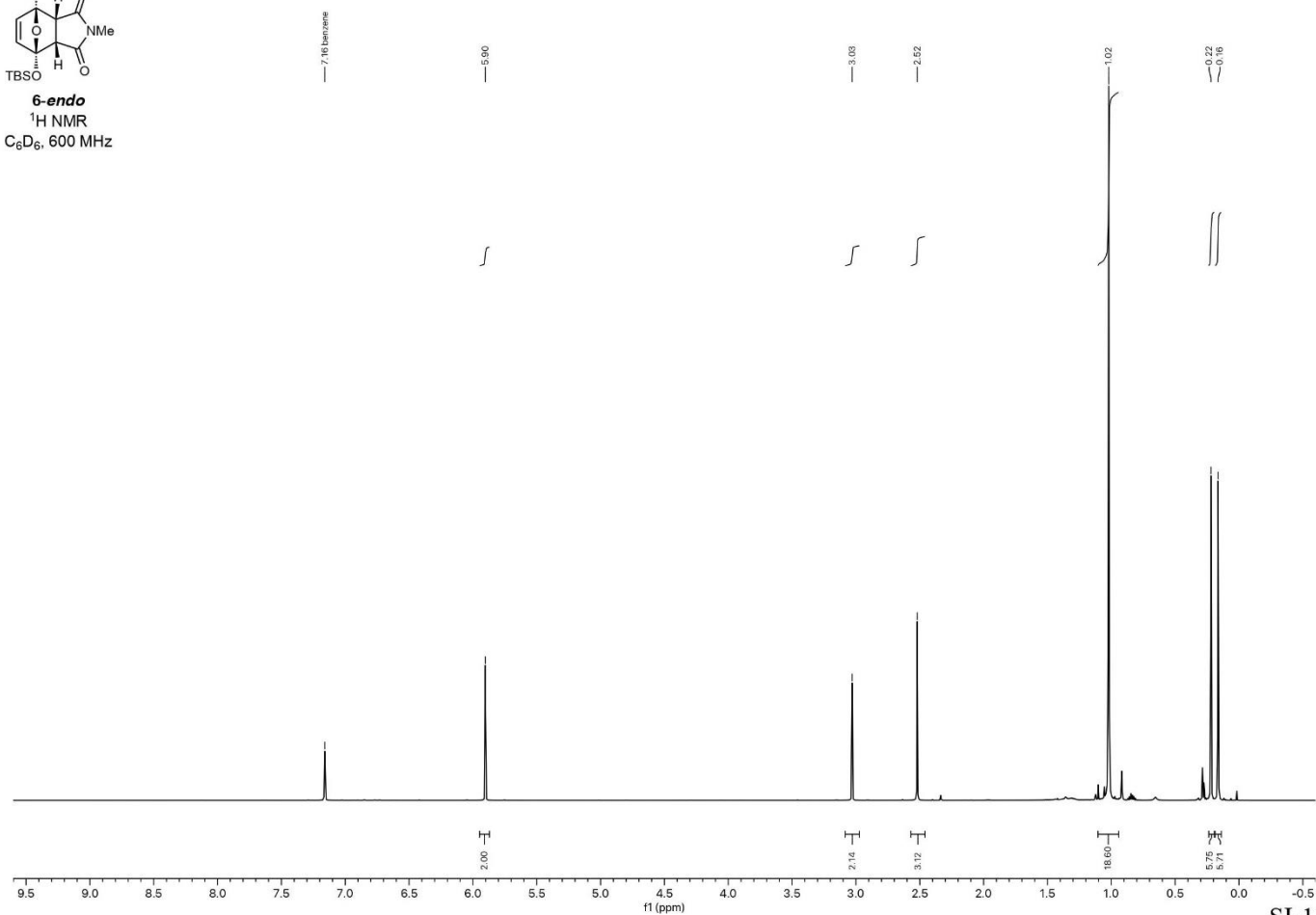
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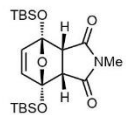
Step-wise Diels–Alder/Aromatization Studies



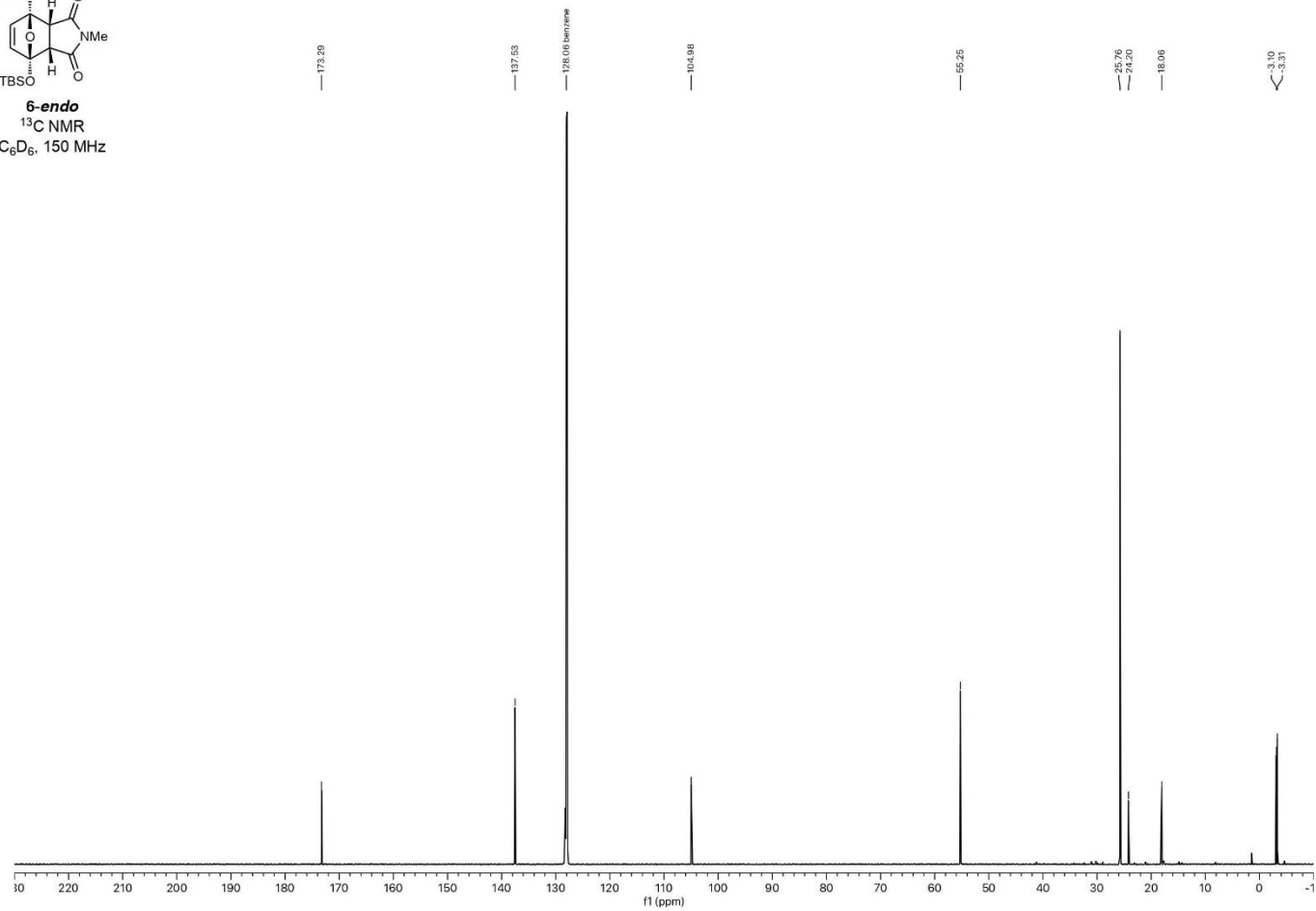
6-endo
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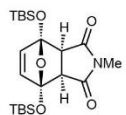
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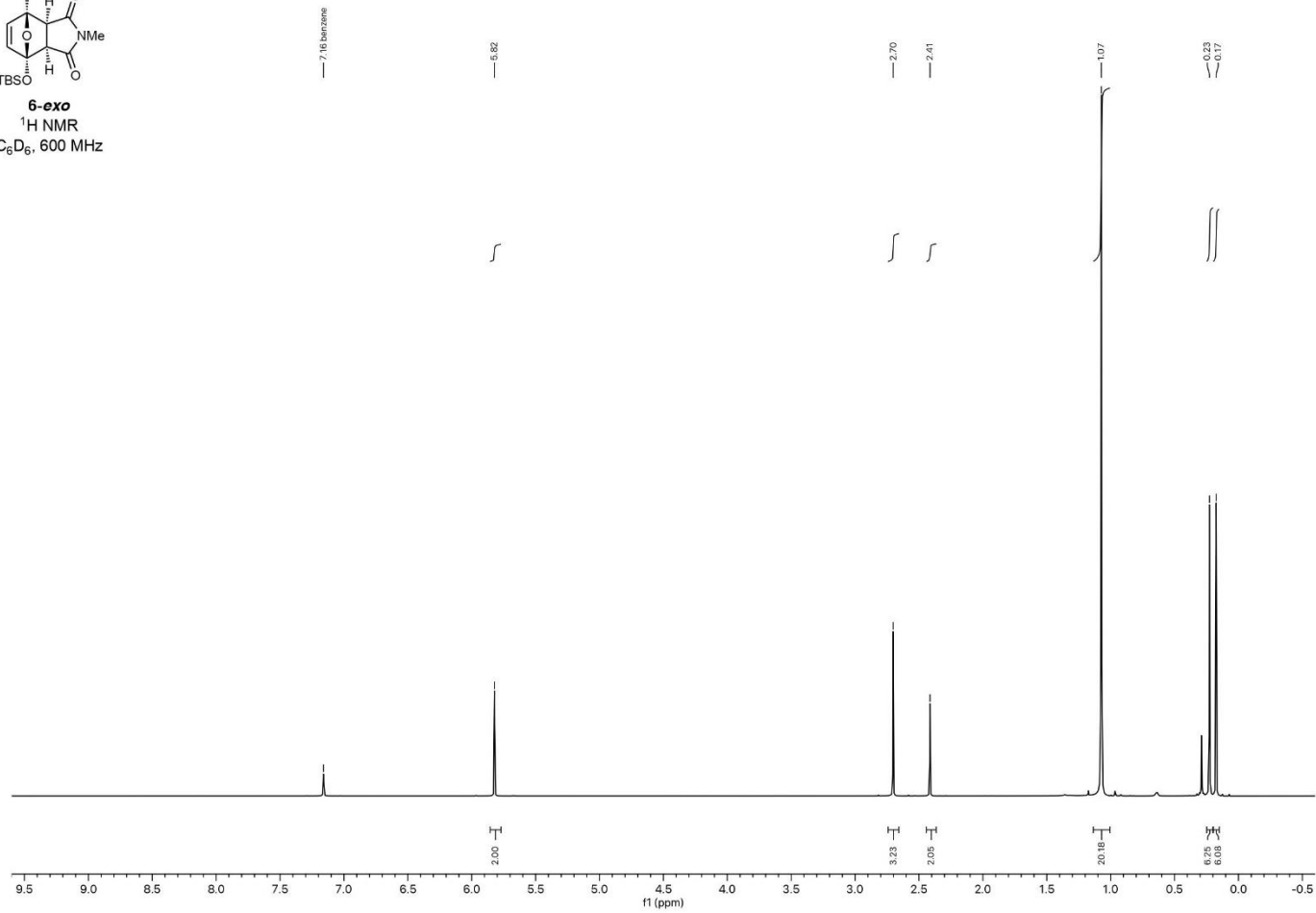
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C₆D₆, 150 MHz



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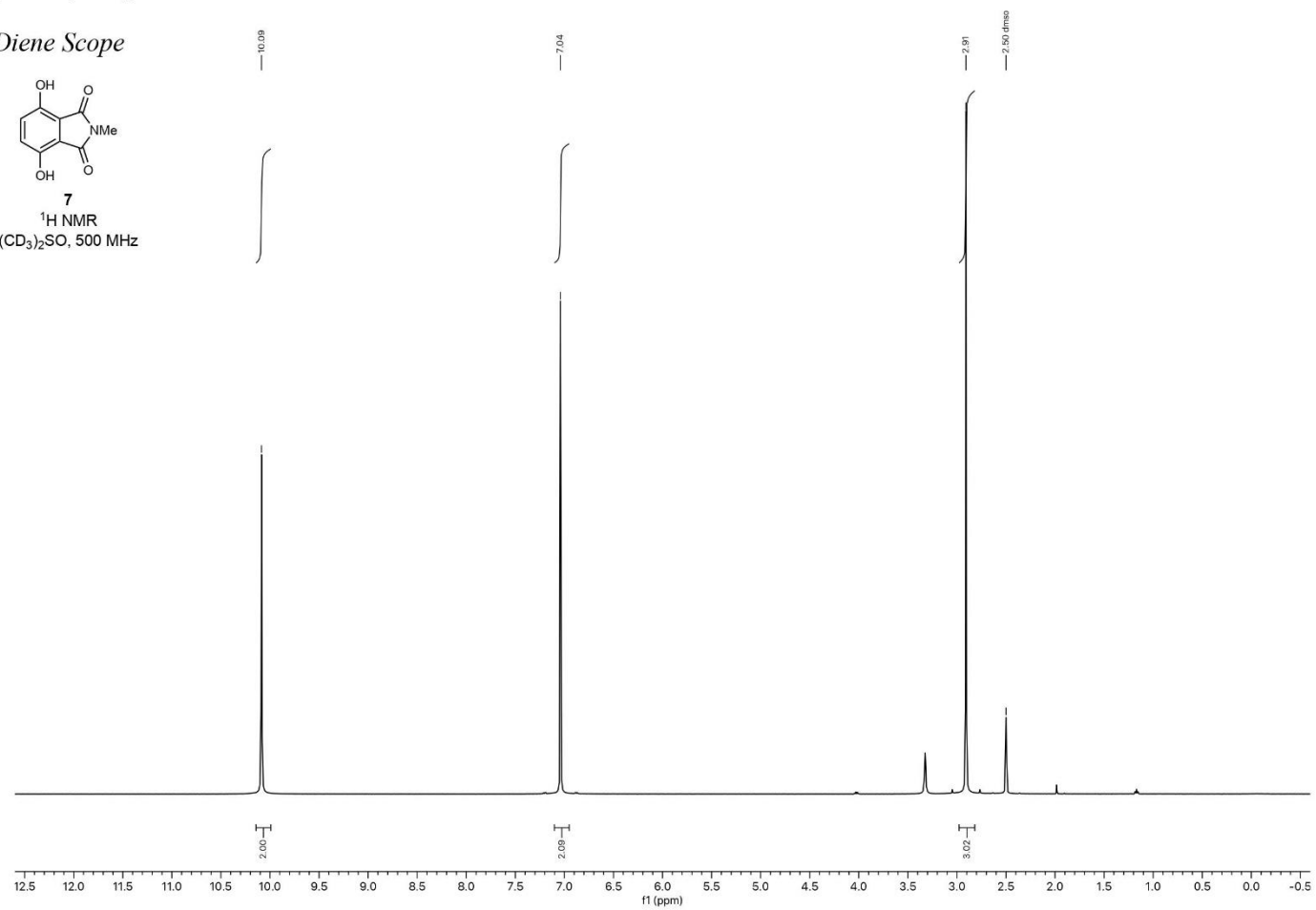
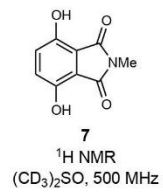
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 C₆D₆, 600 MHz



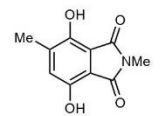
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para-Hydroquinones

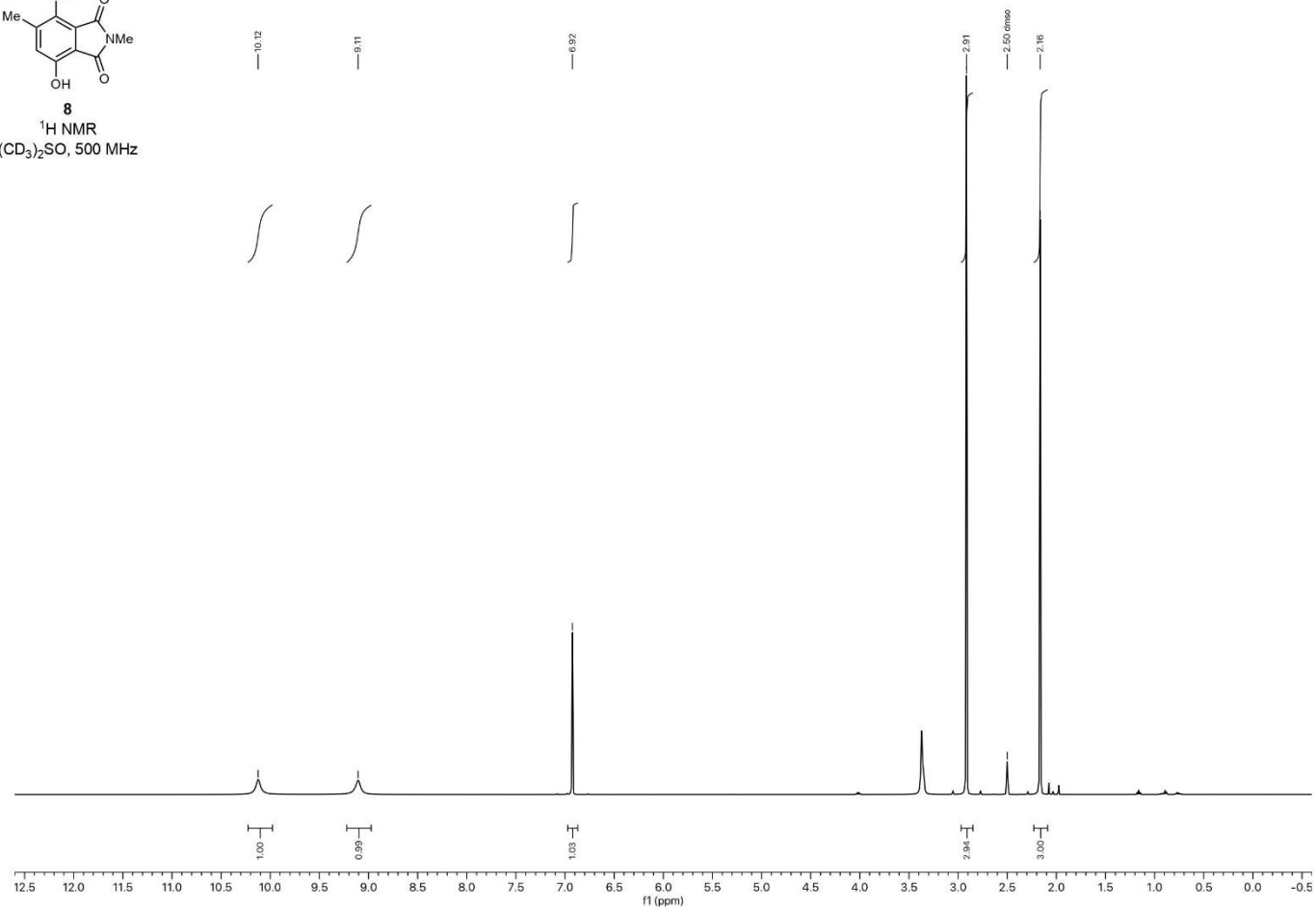
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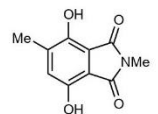
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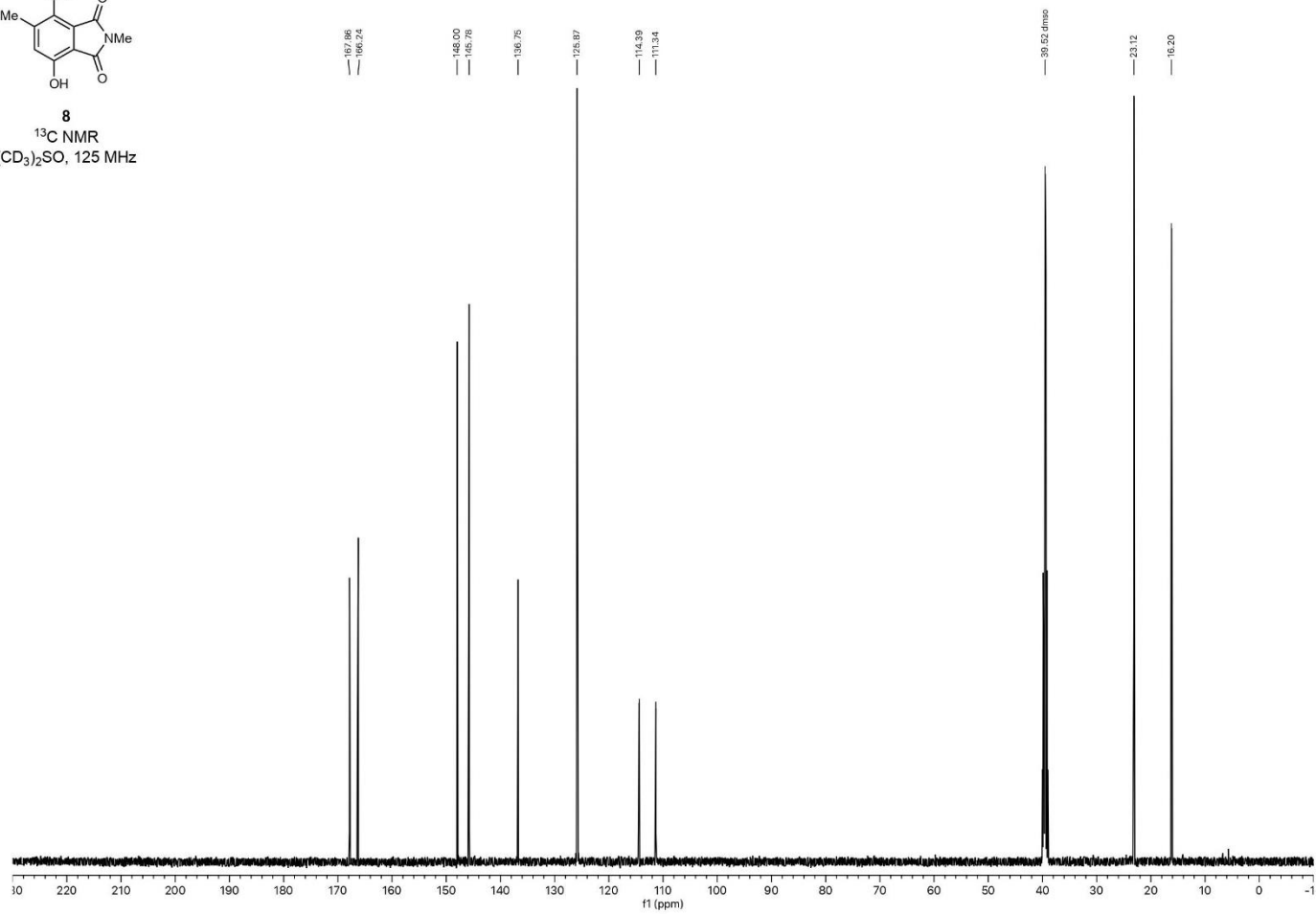
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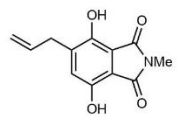


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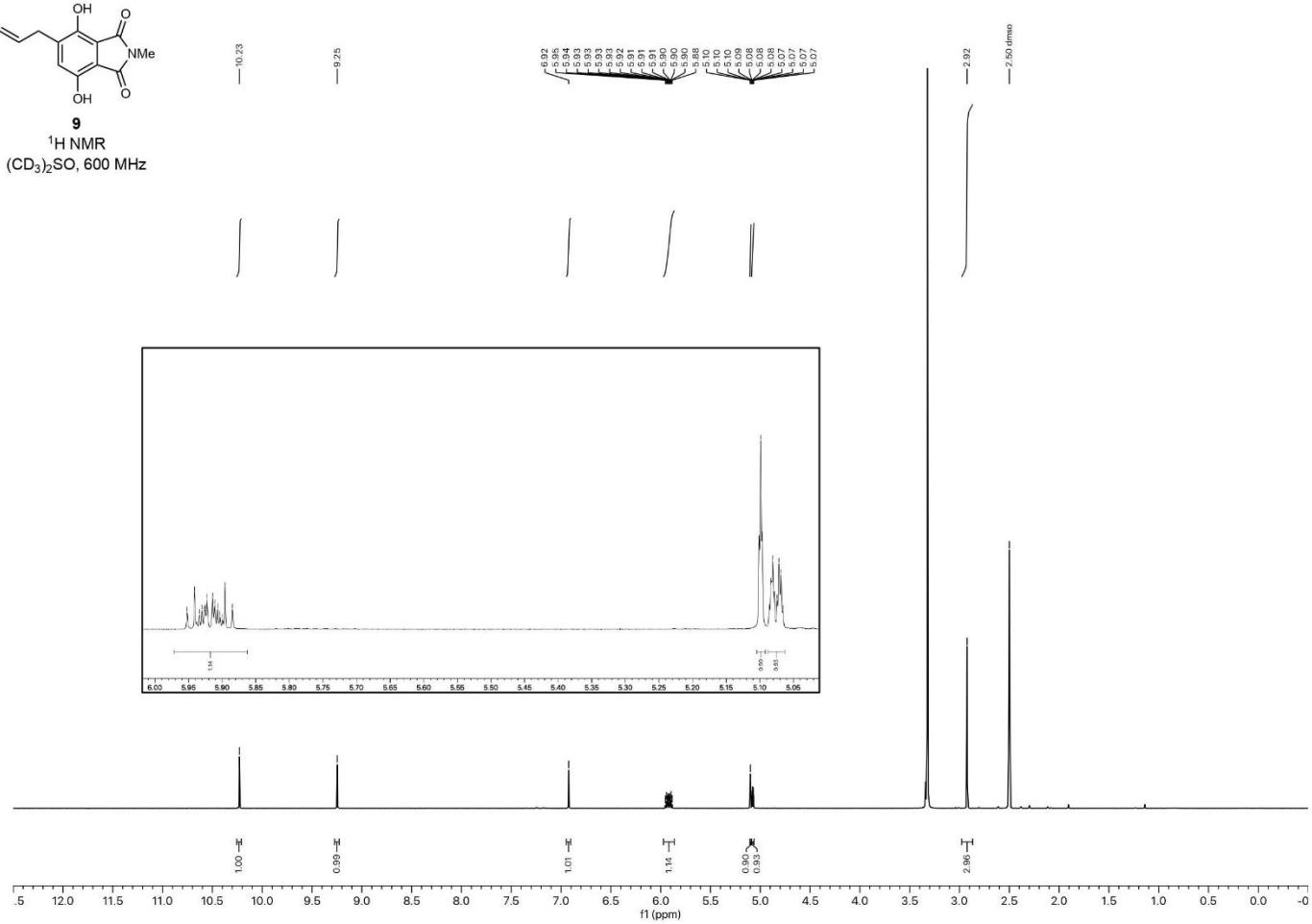


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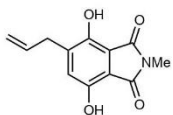




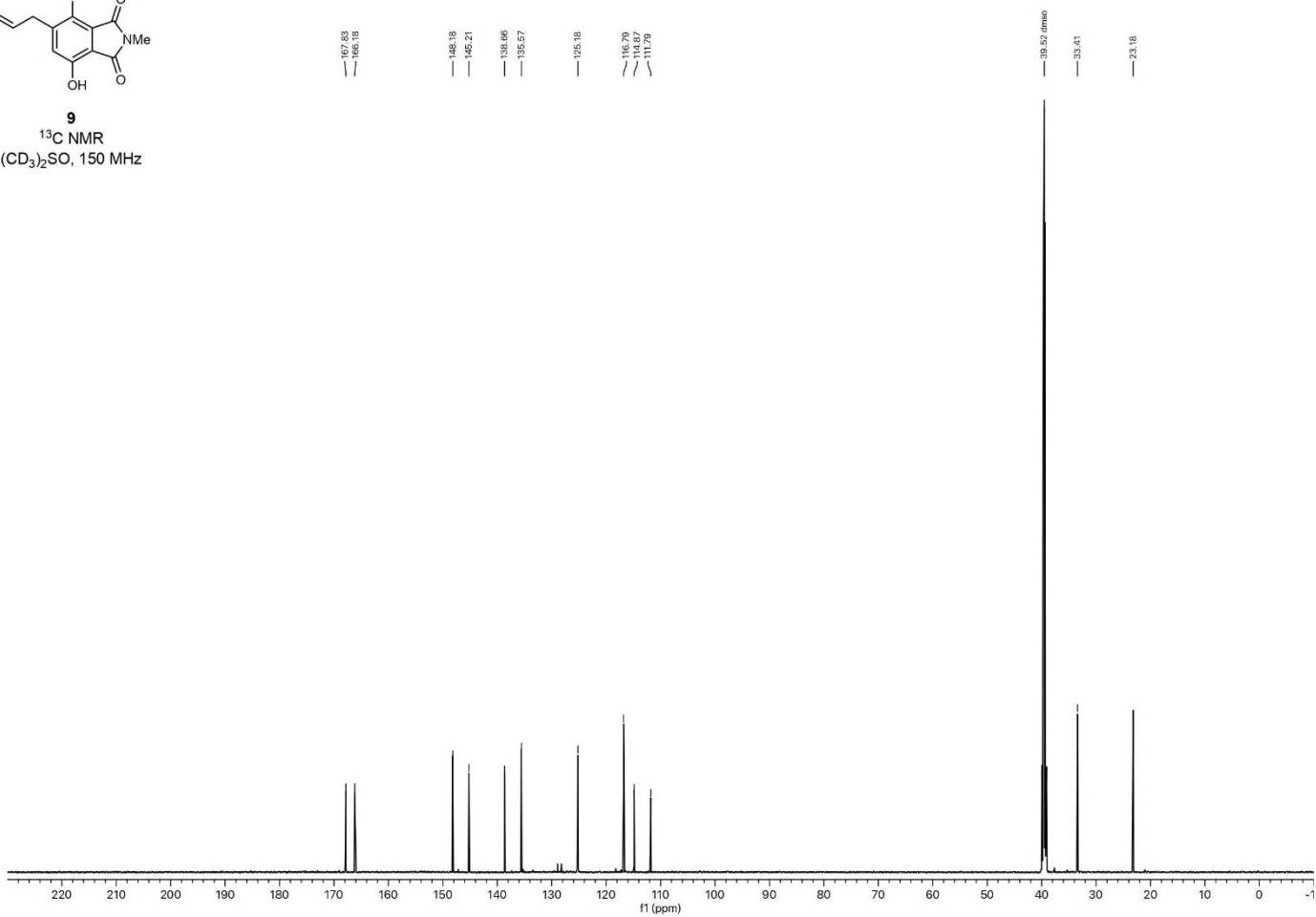
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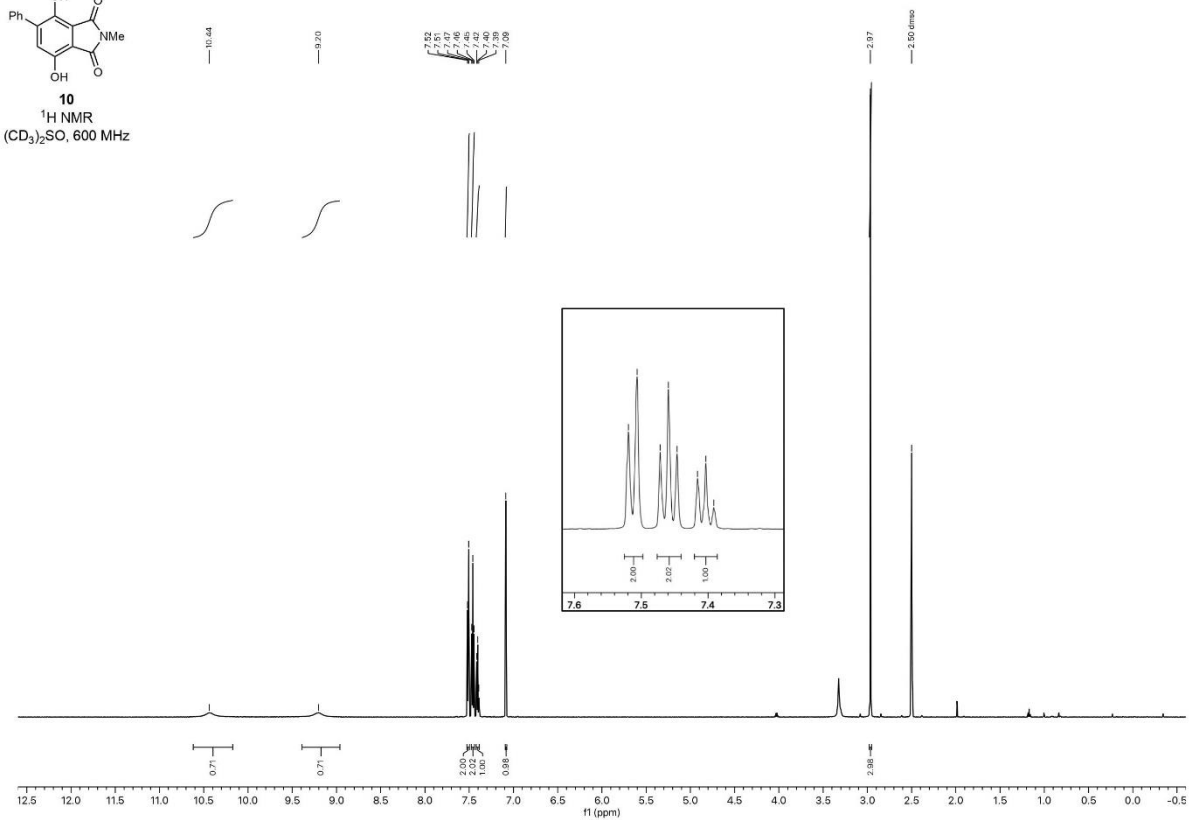
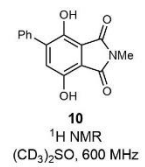


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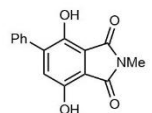


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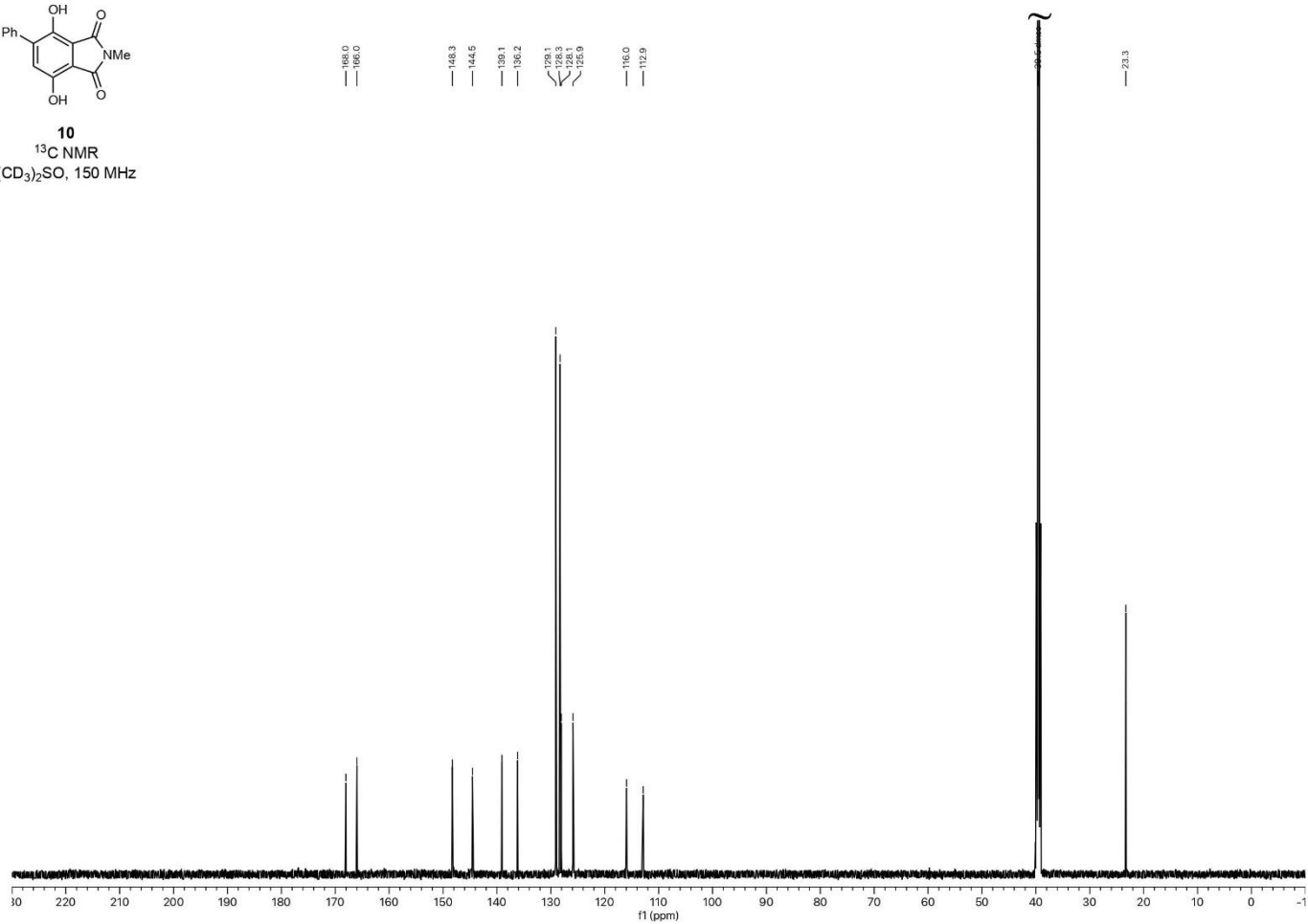




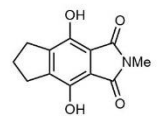
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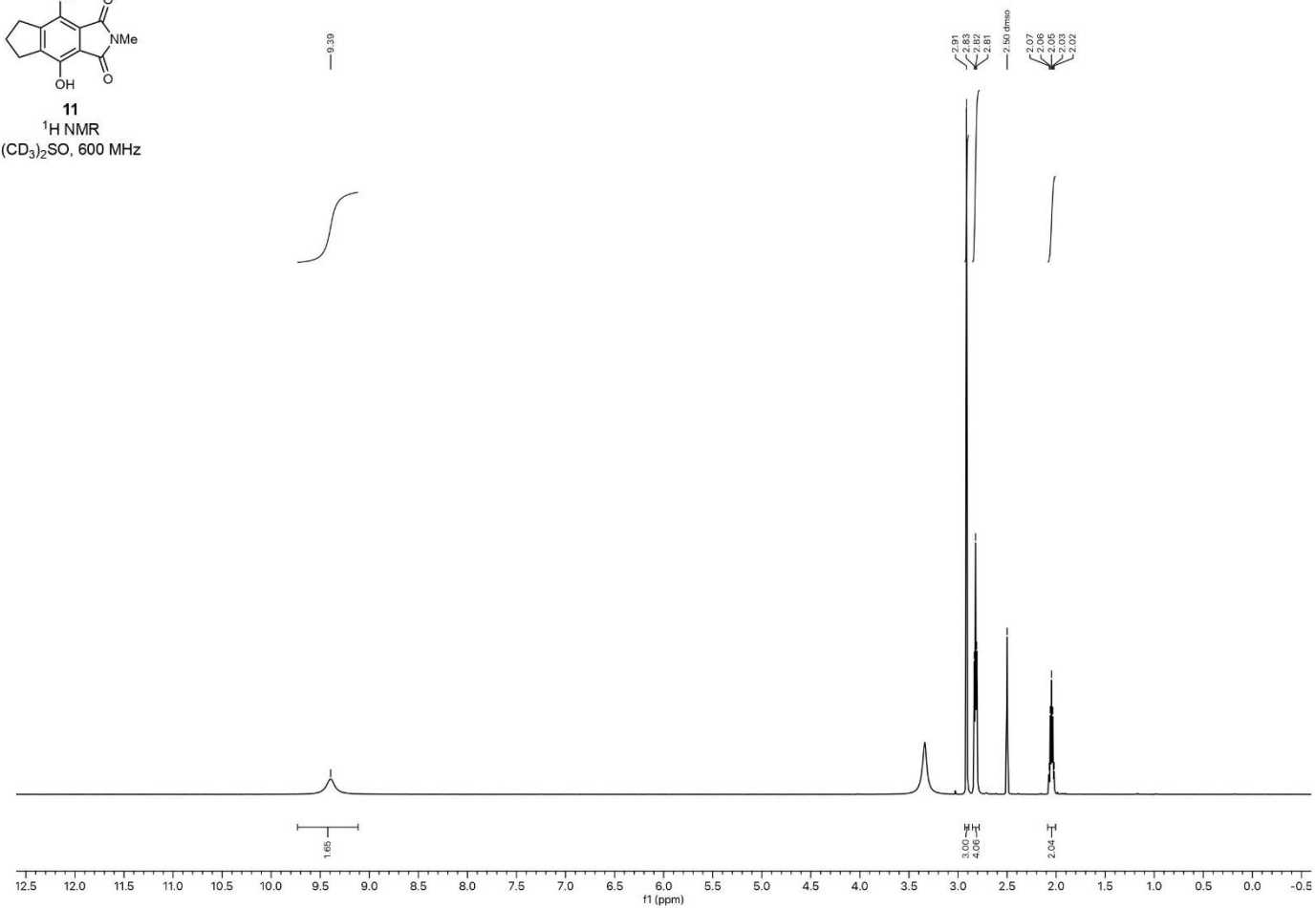
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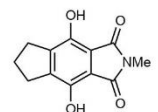
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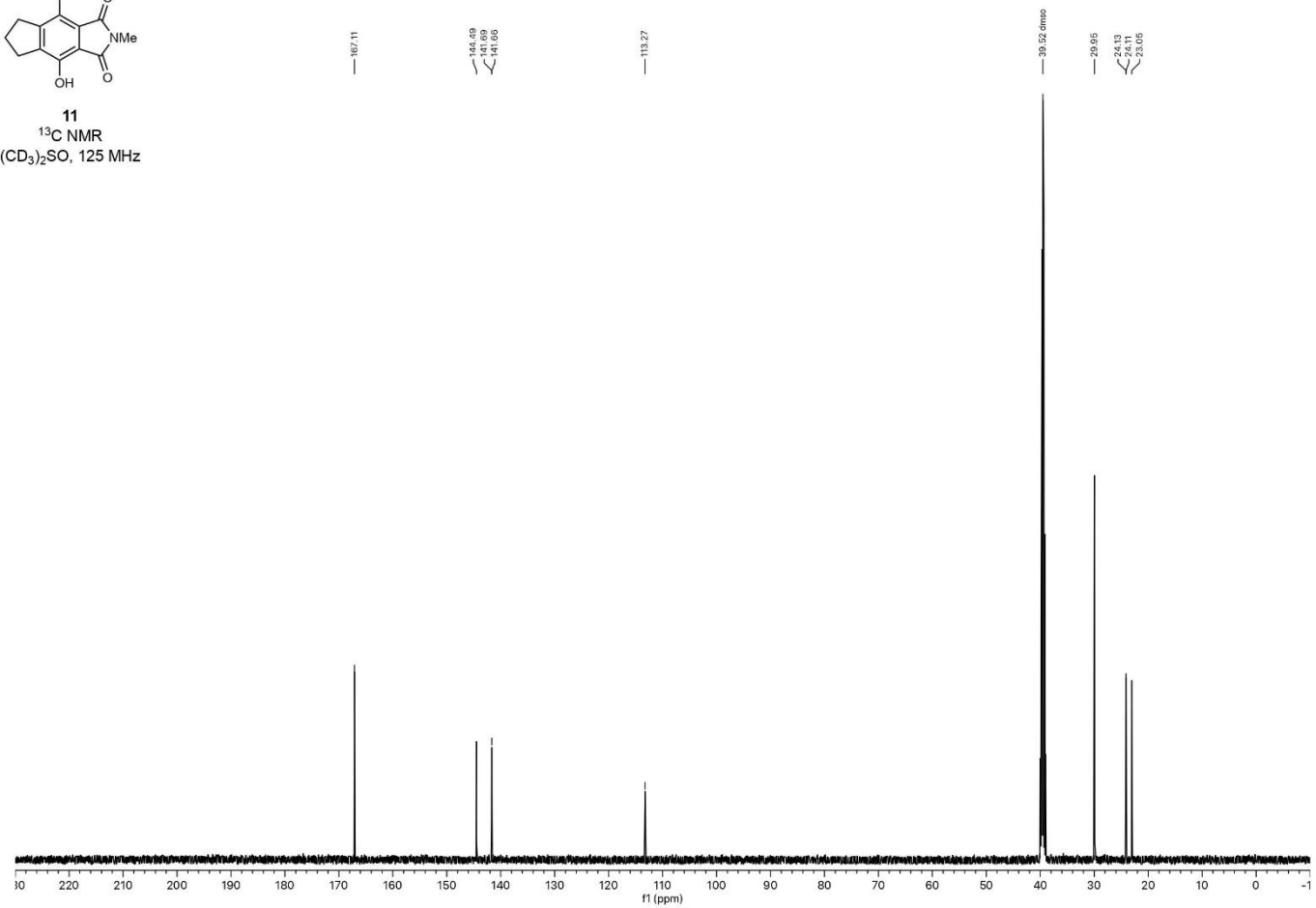
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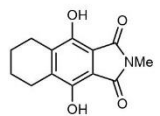
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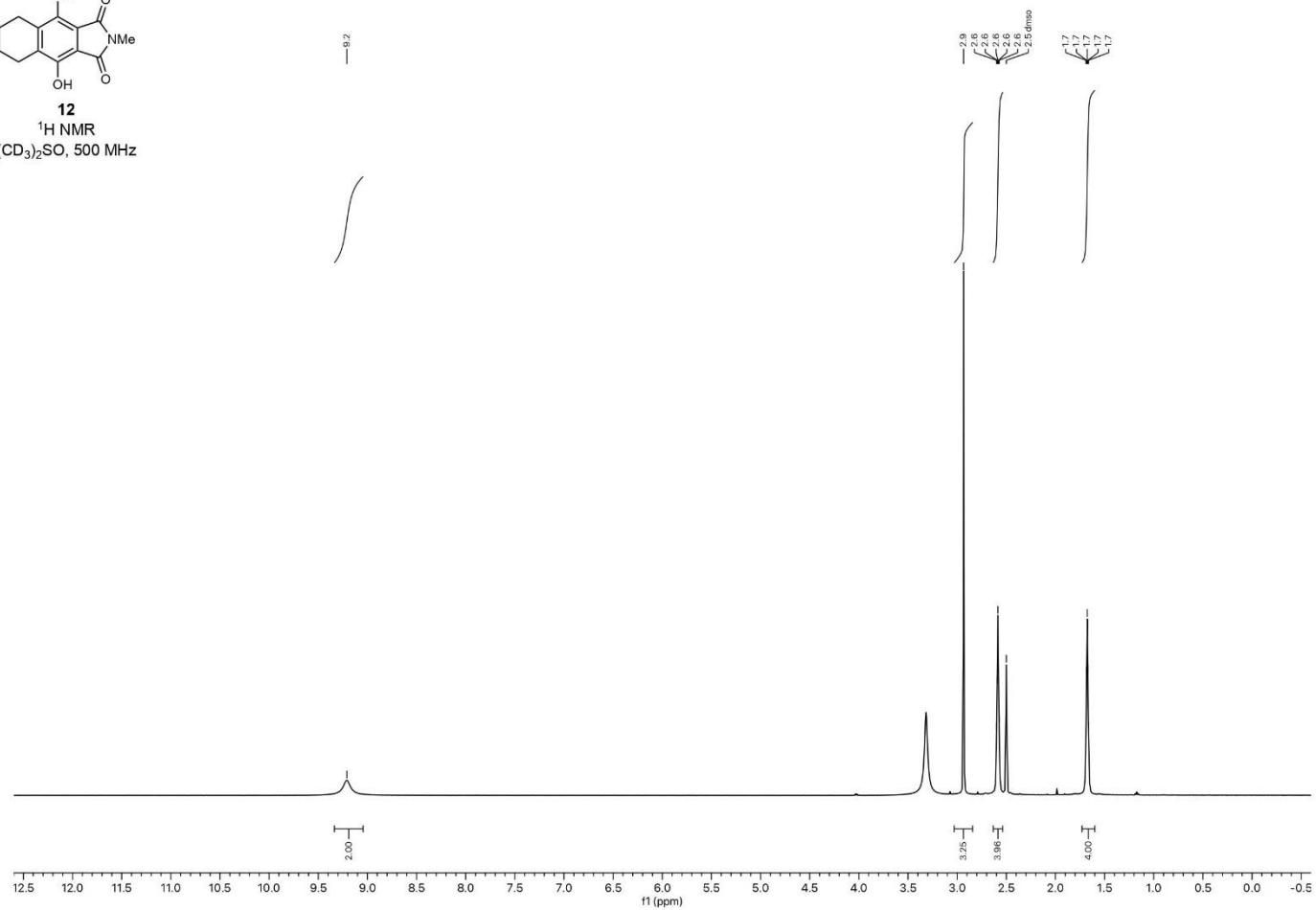
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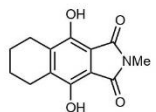
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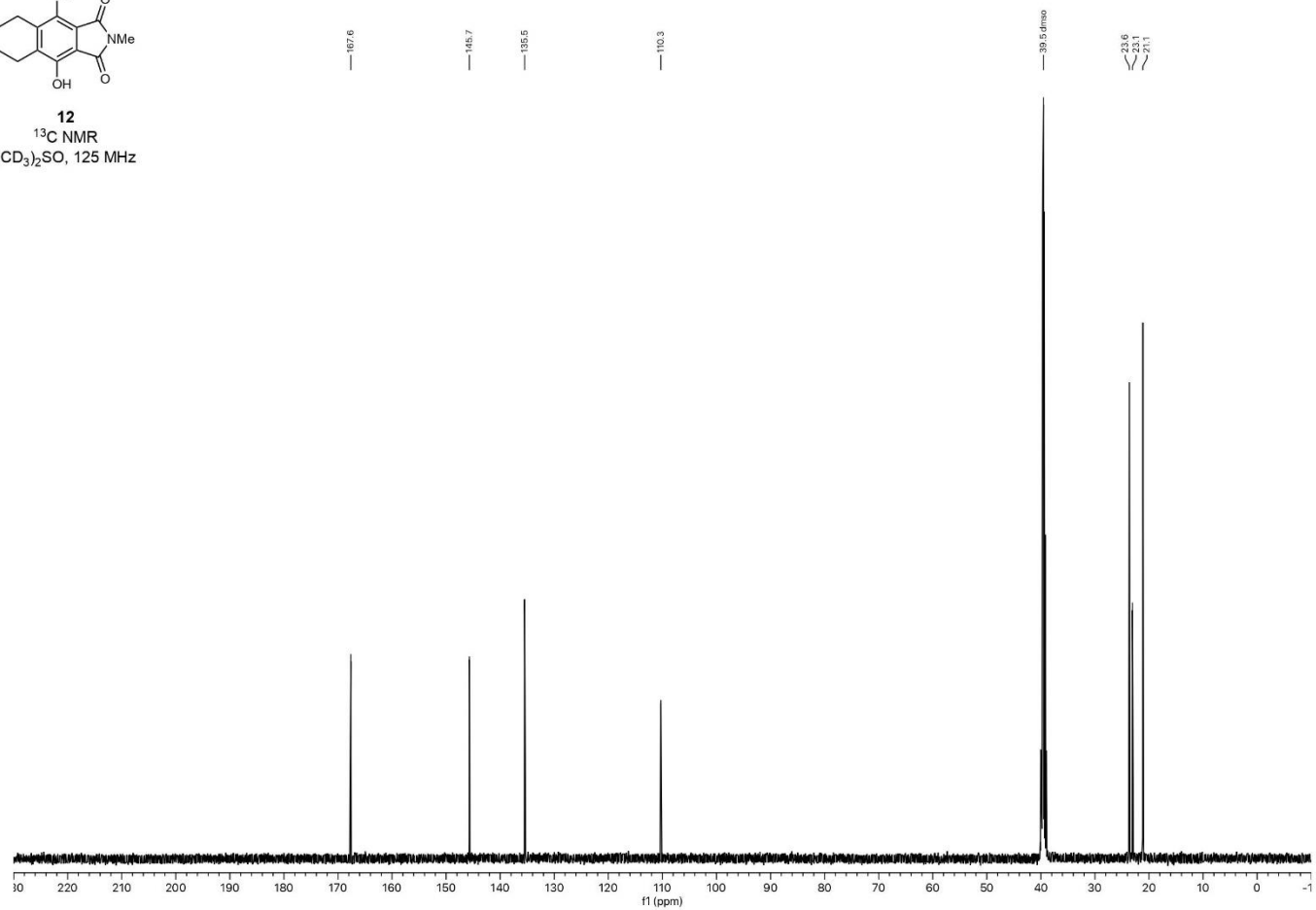
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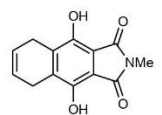
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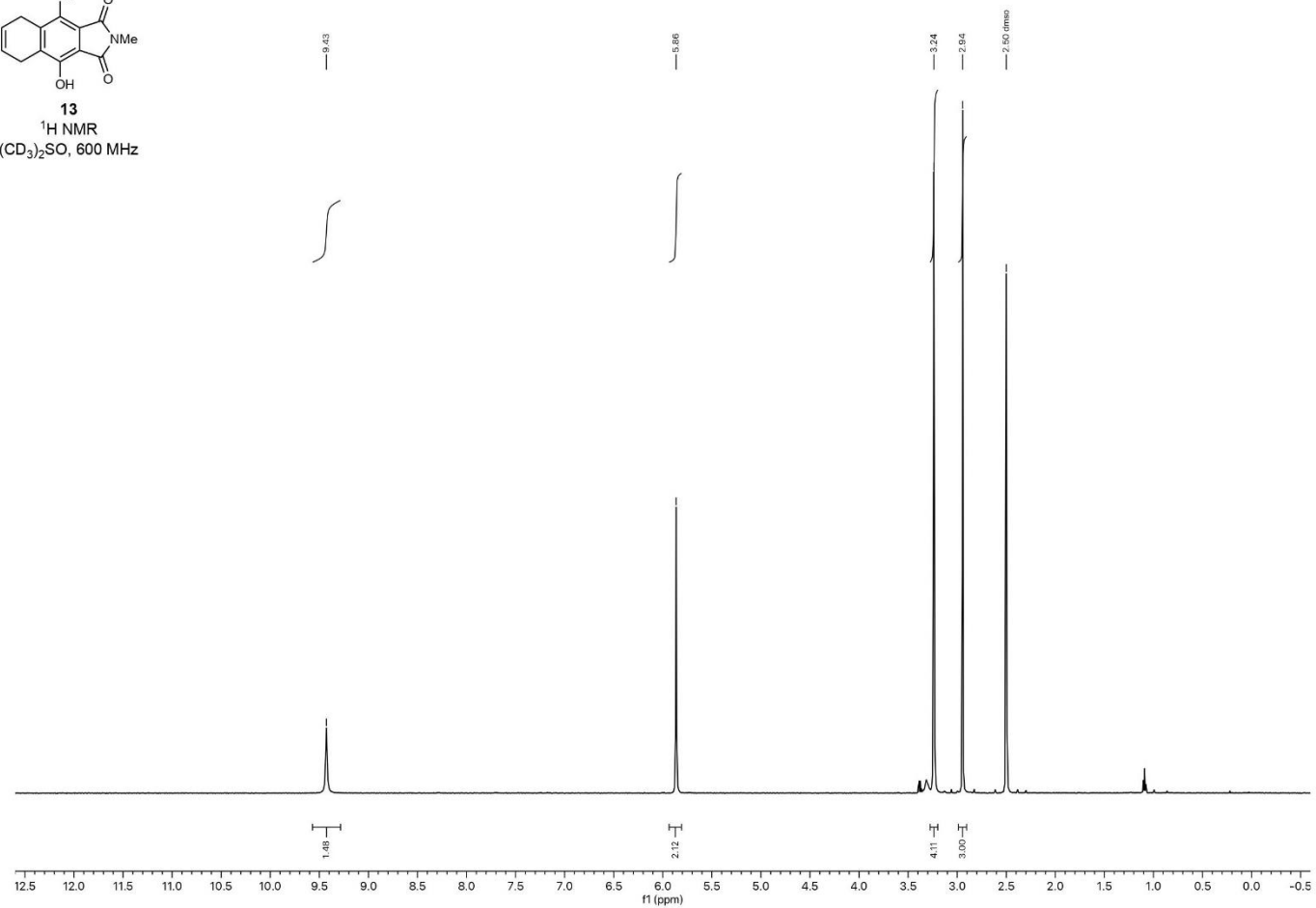
12
¹³C NMR
(CD₃)₂SO, 125 MHz



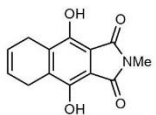
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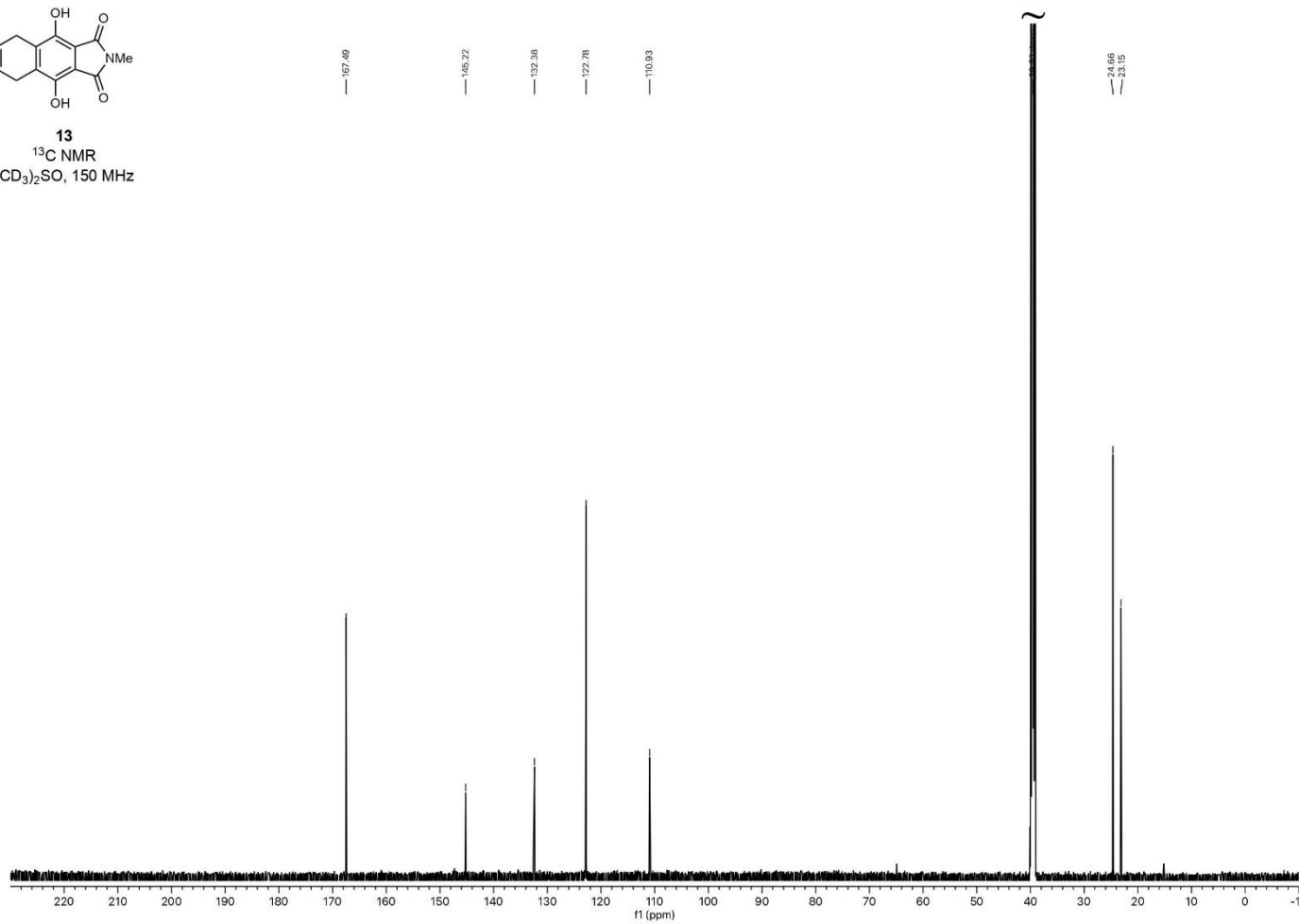
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(CD₃)₂SO, 600 MHz



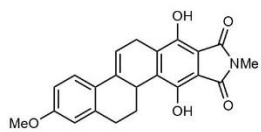
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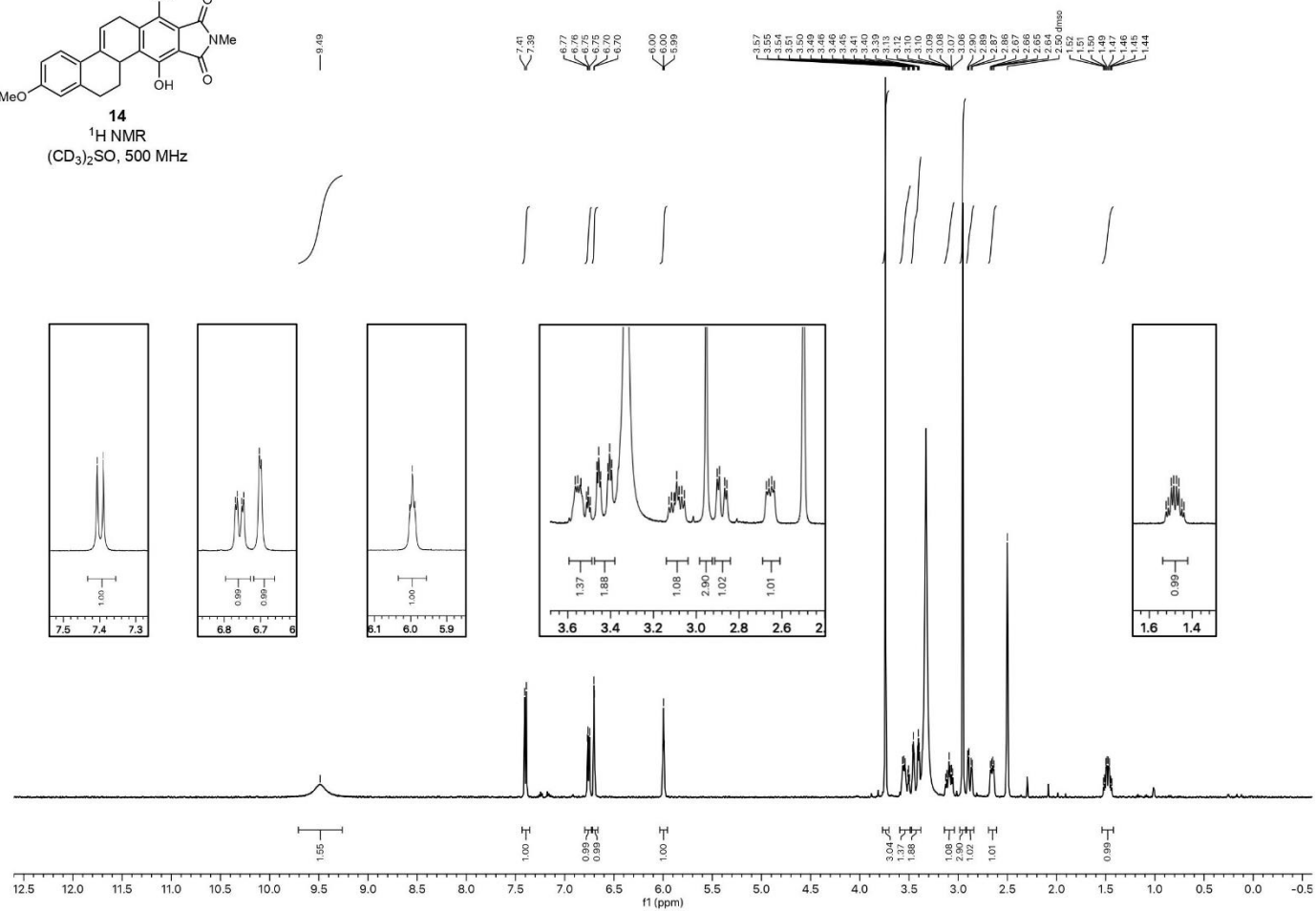
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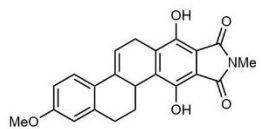


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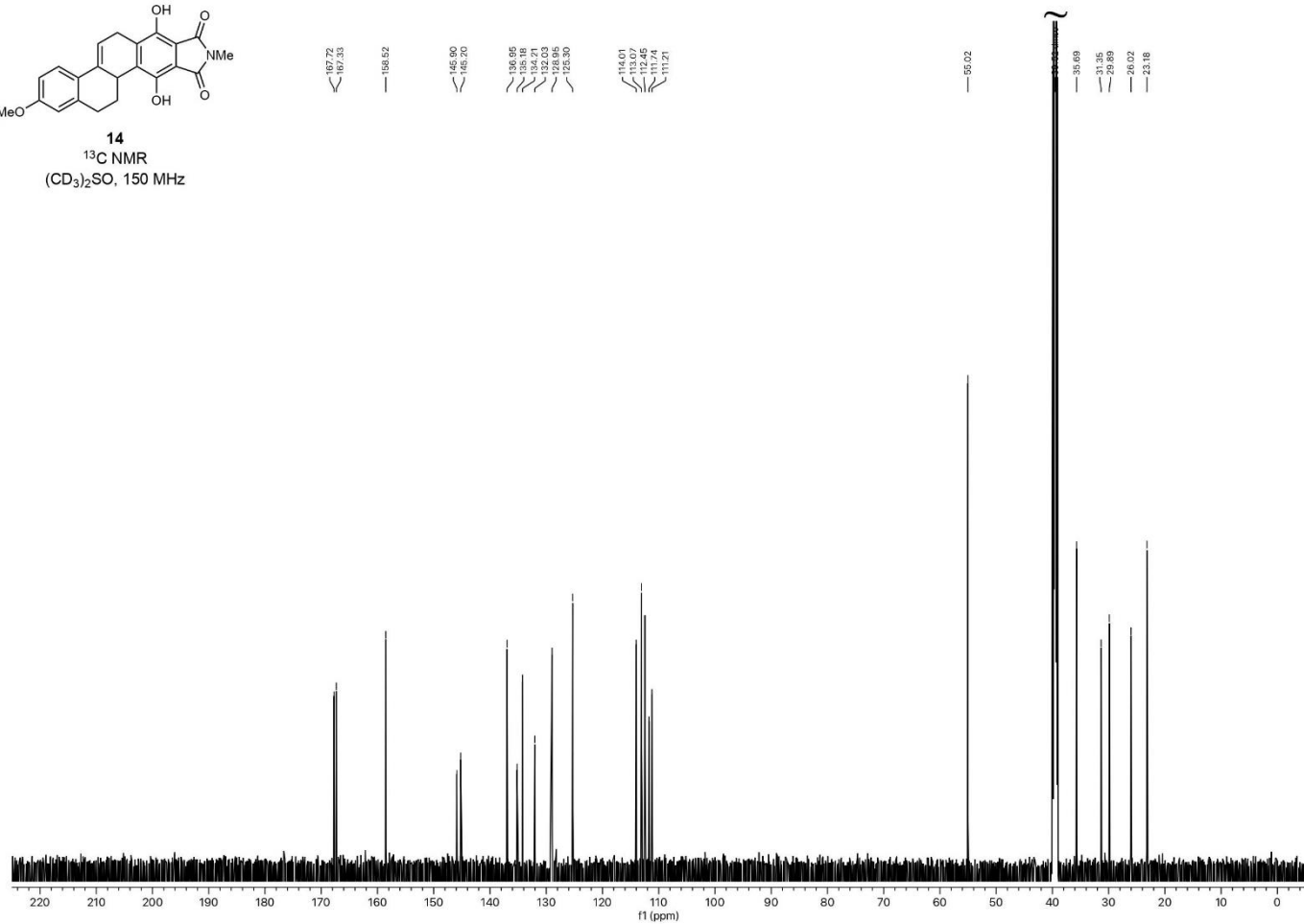


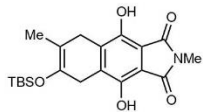
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 $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$, 500 MHz



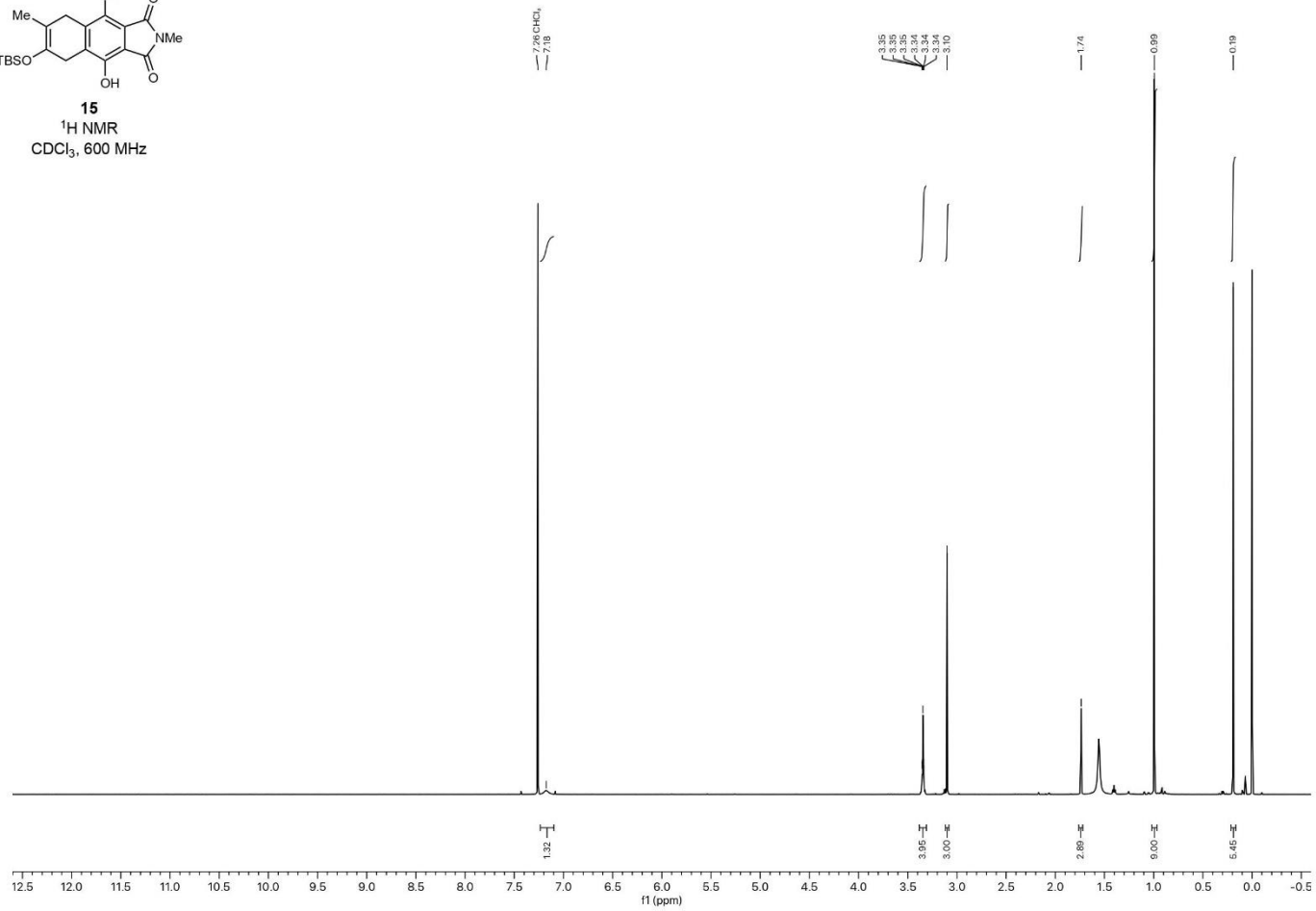


14
¹³C NMR
(CD₃)₂SO, 150 MHz

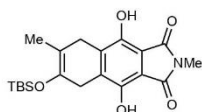




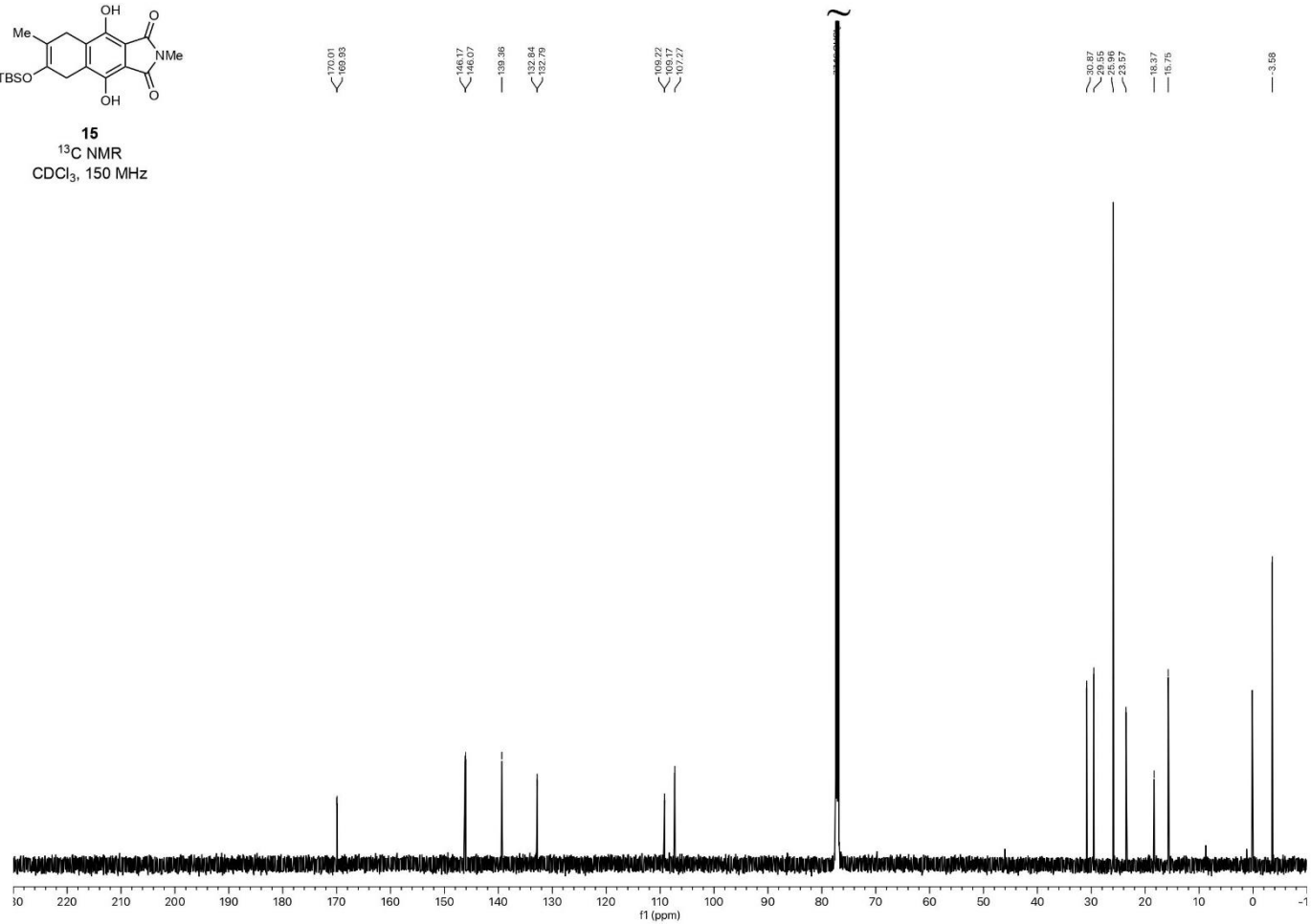
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¹H NMR
CDCl₃, 600 MHz



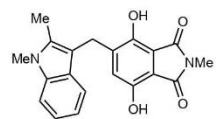
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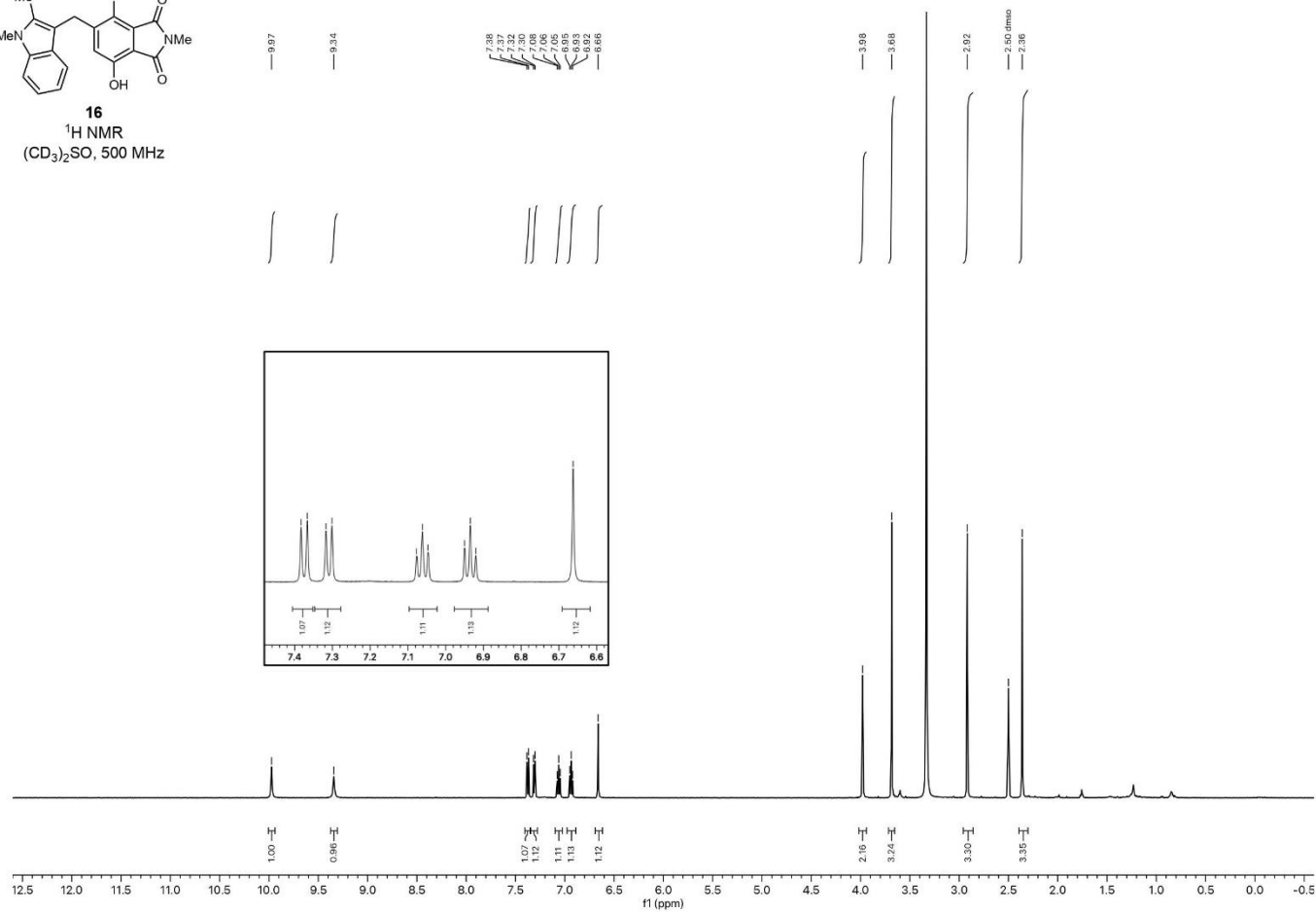
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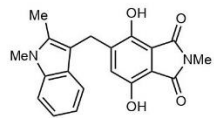
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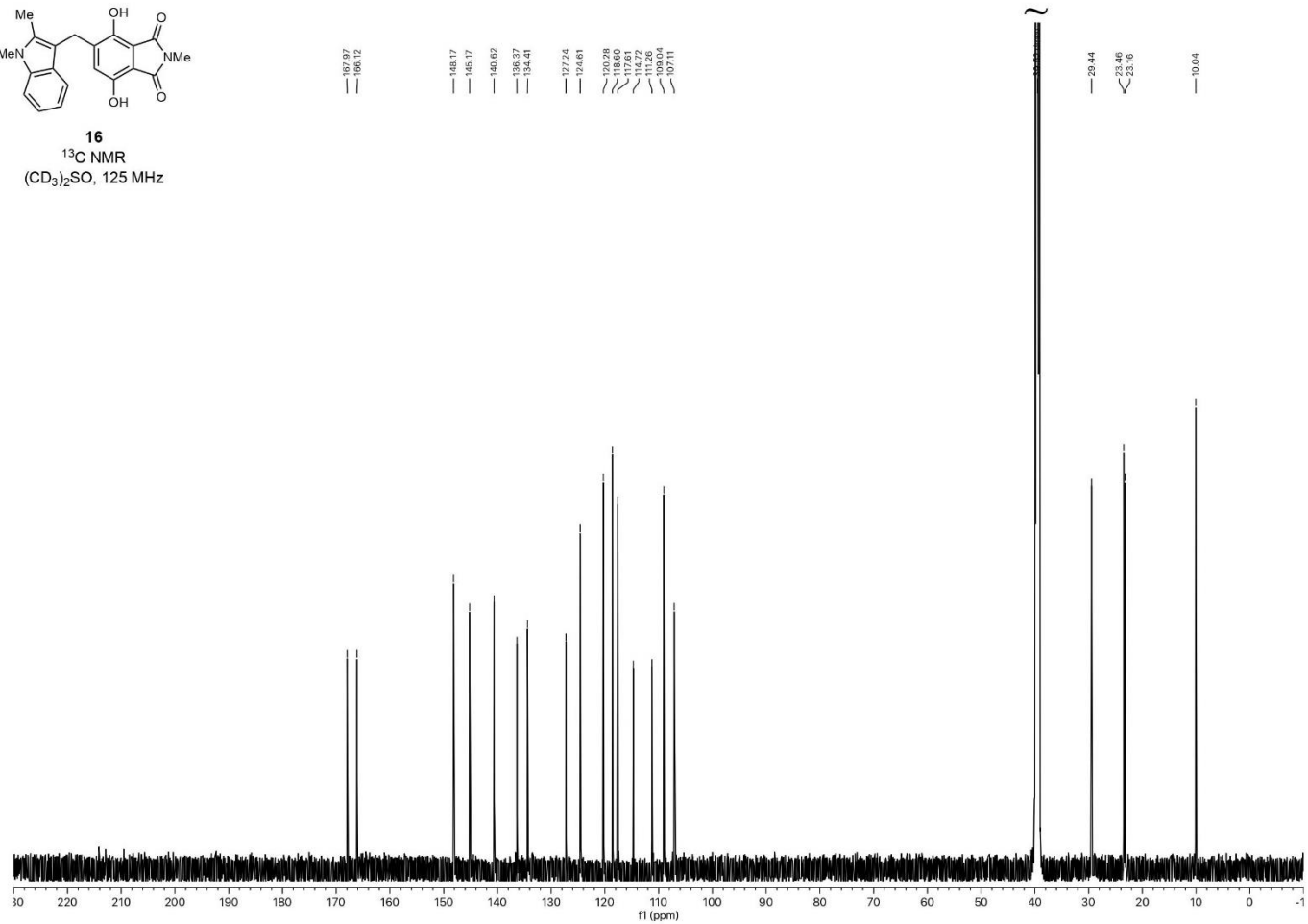
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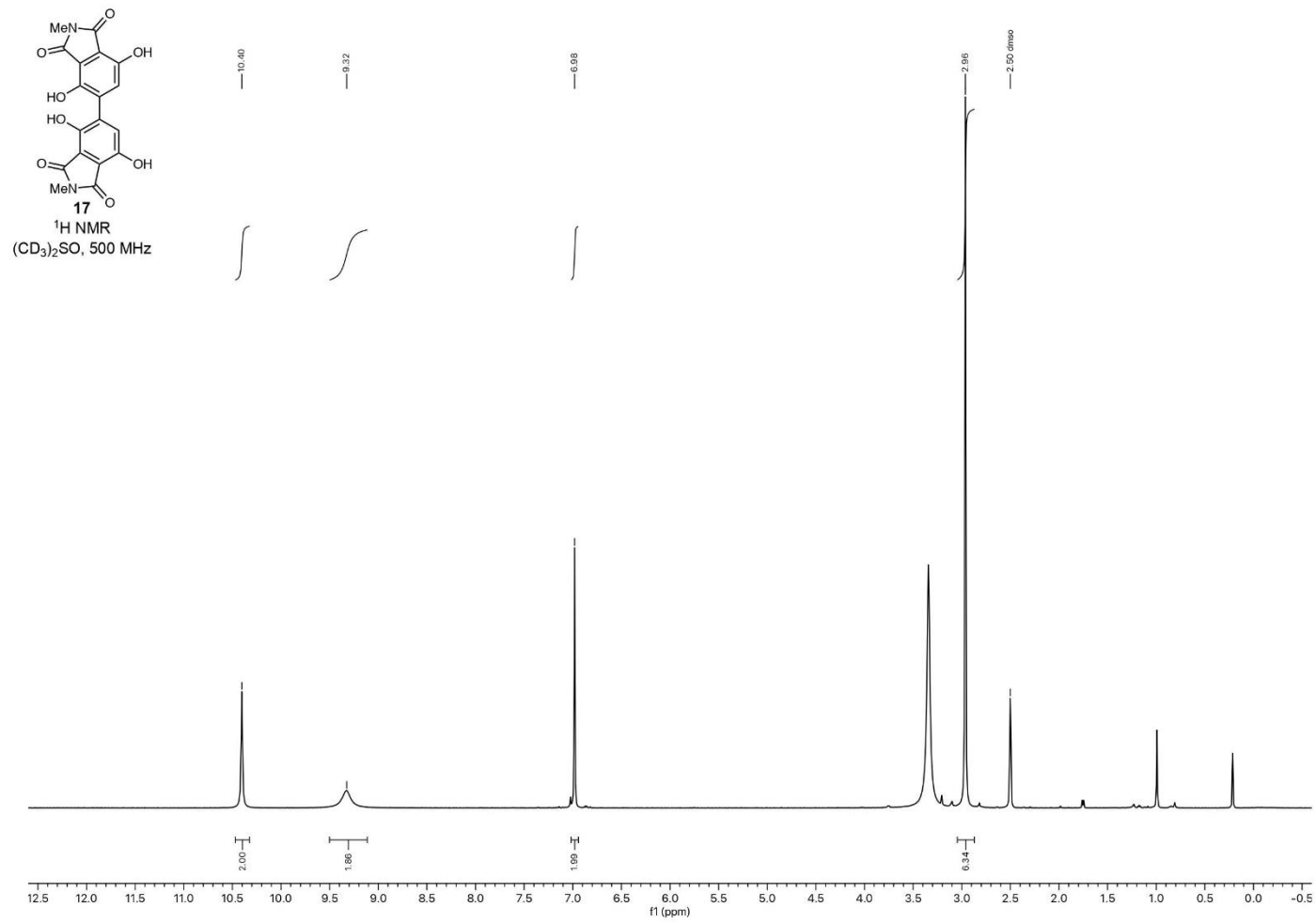
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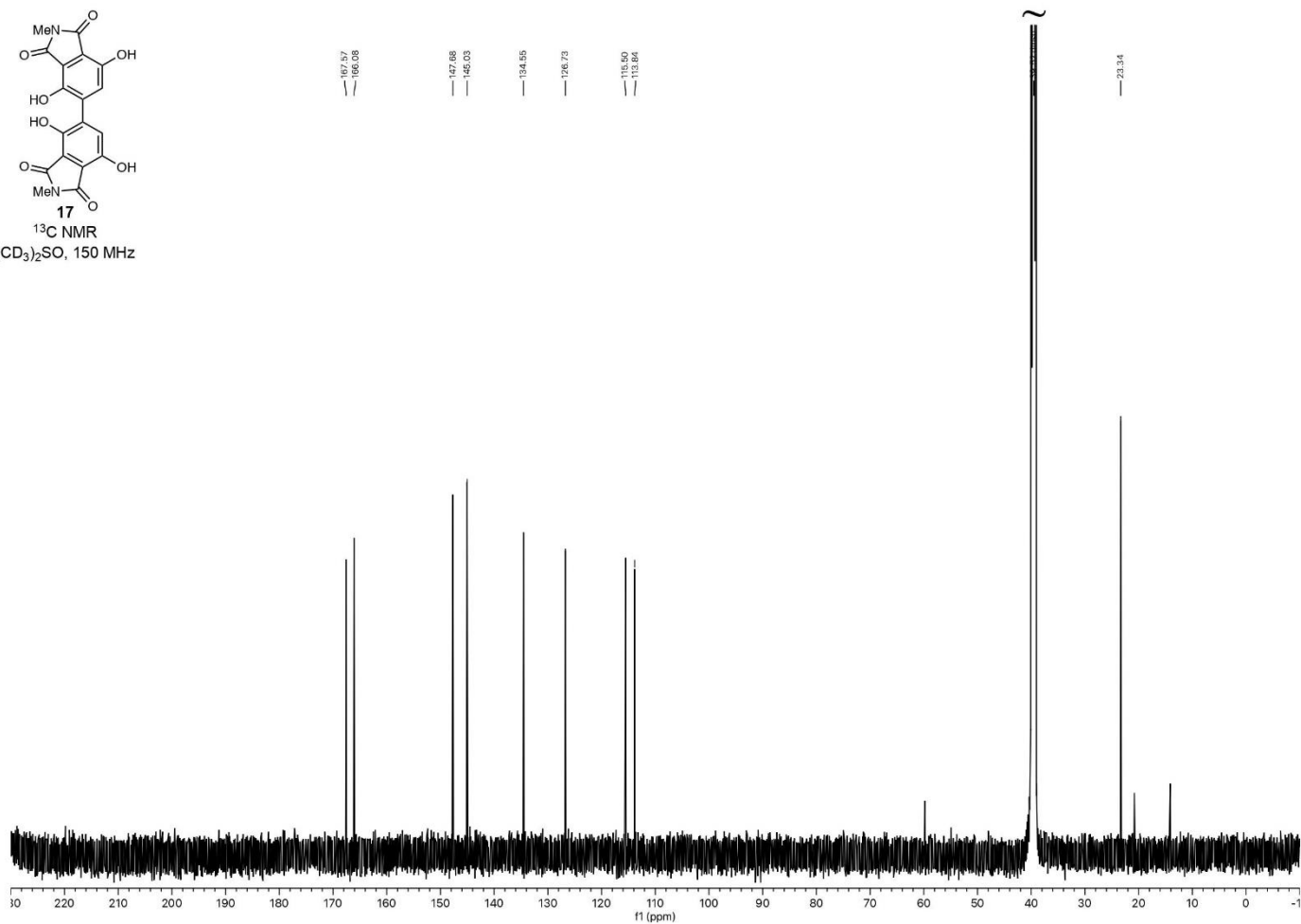
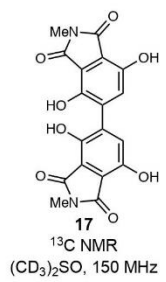
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¹³C NMR
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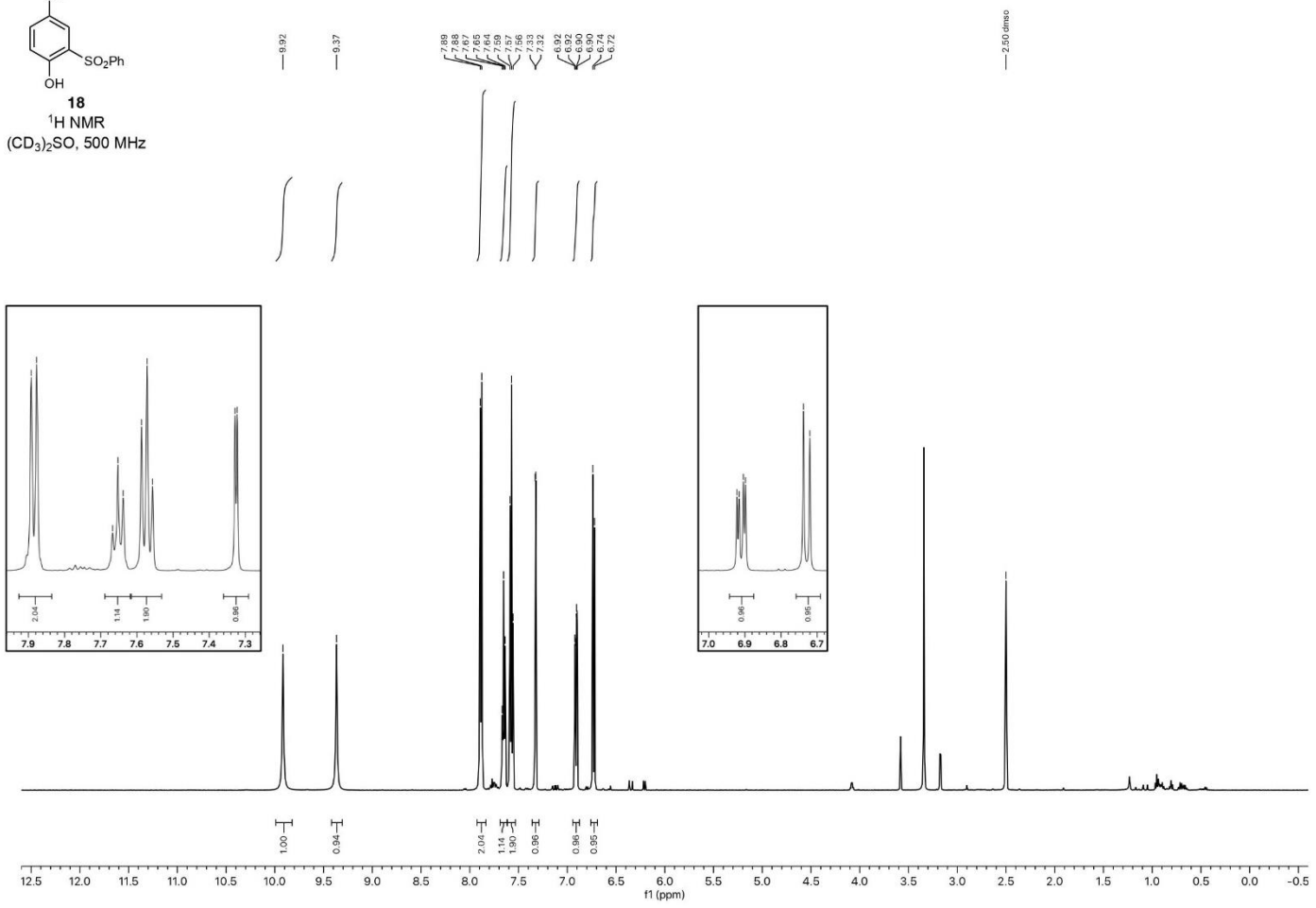
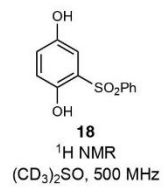
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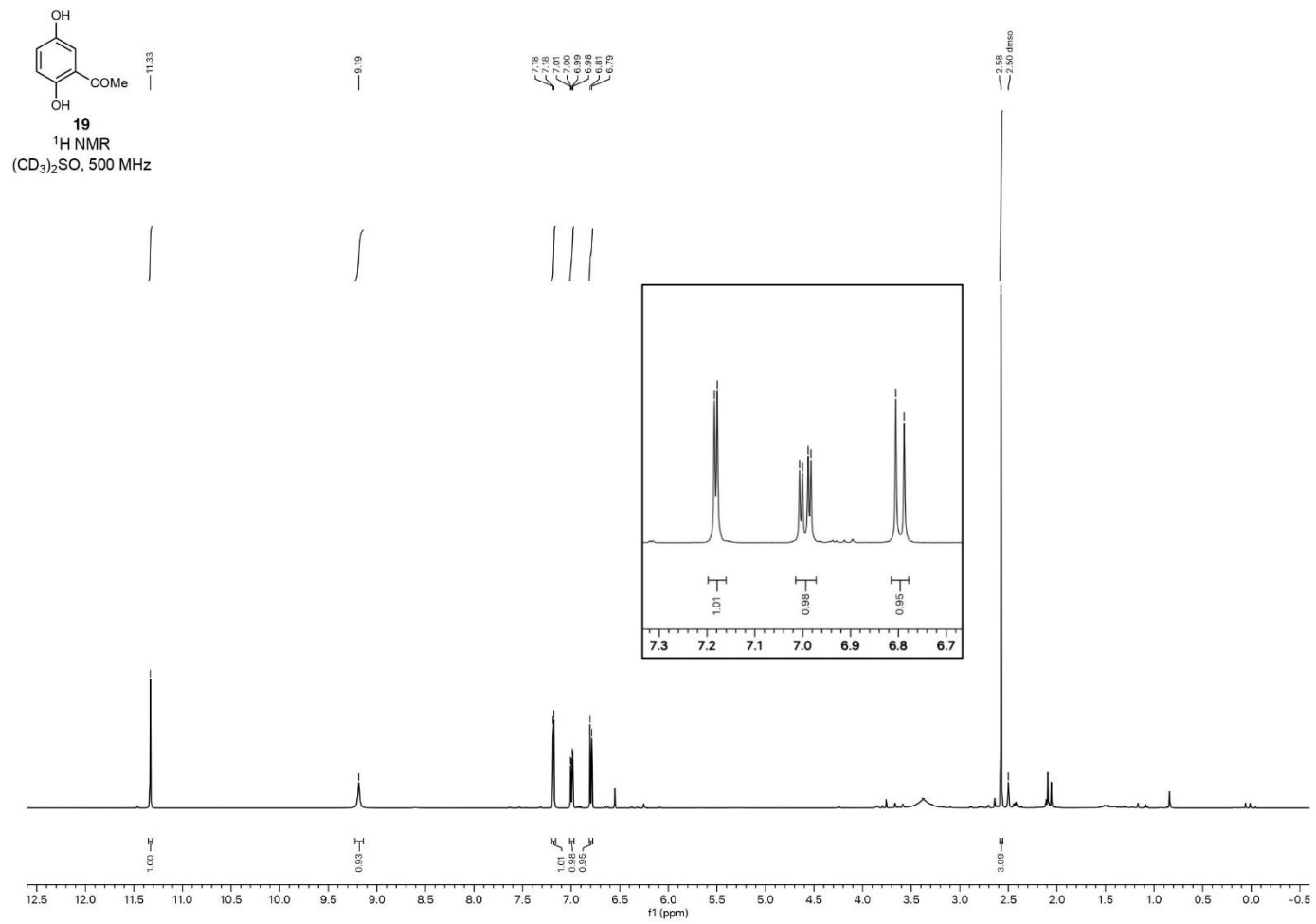


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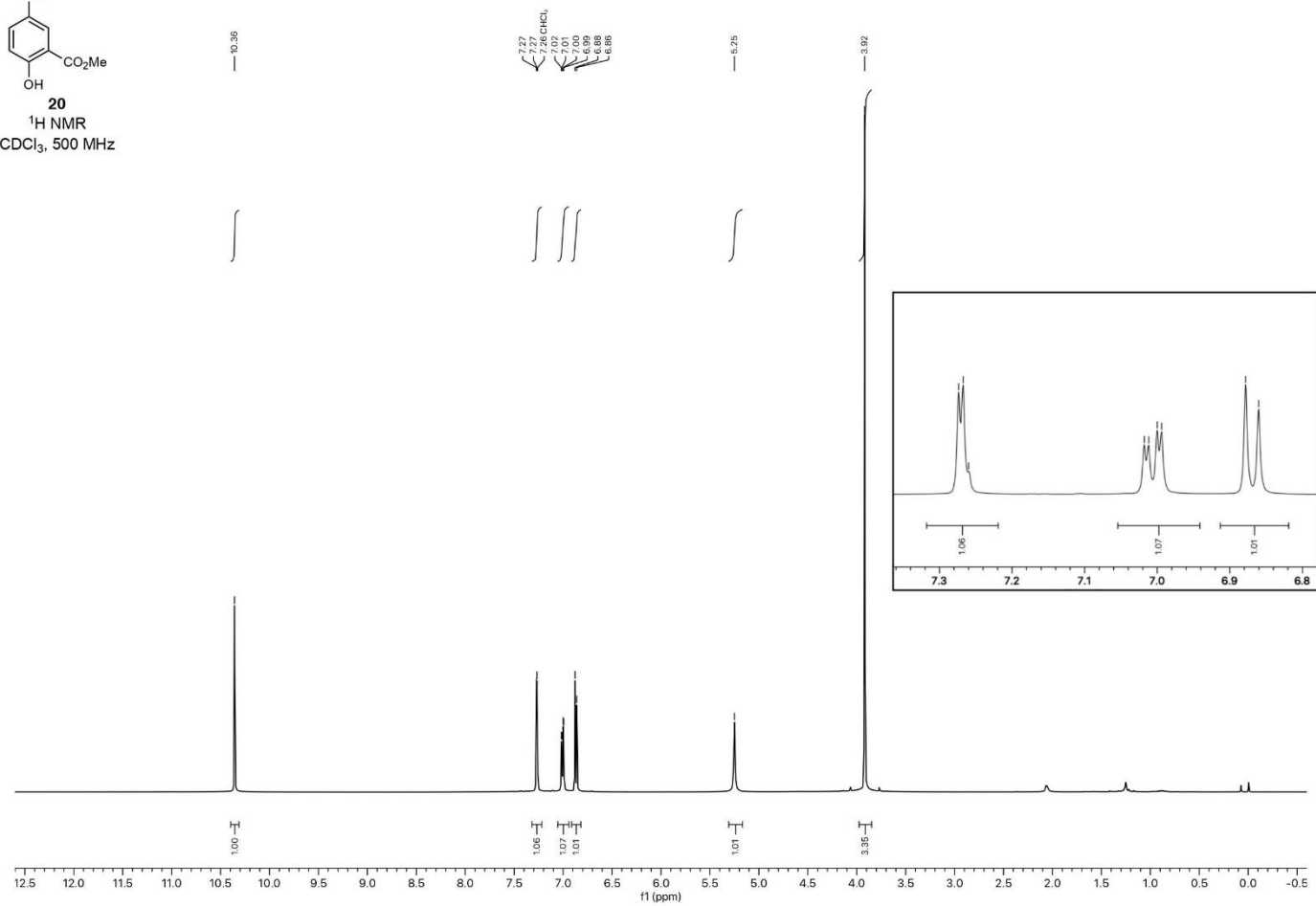
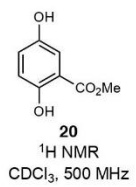


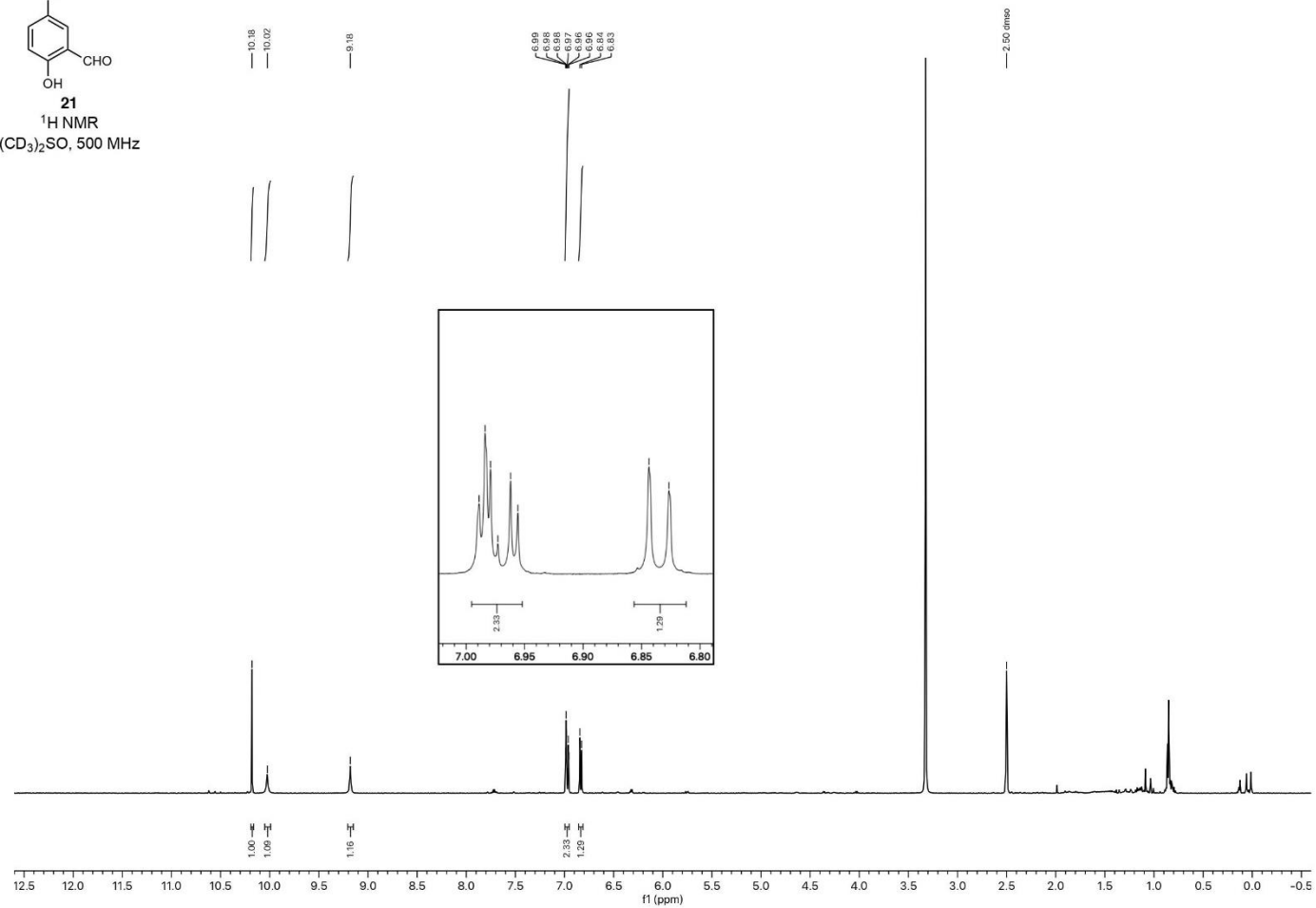
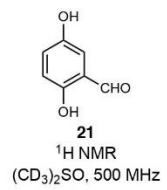
Dienophile Scope



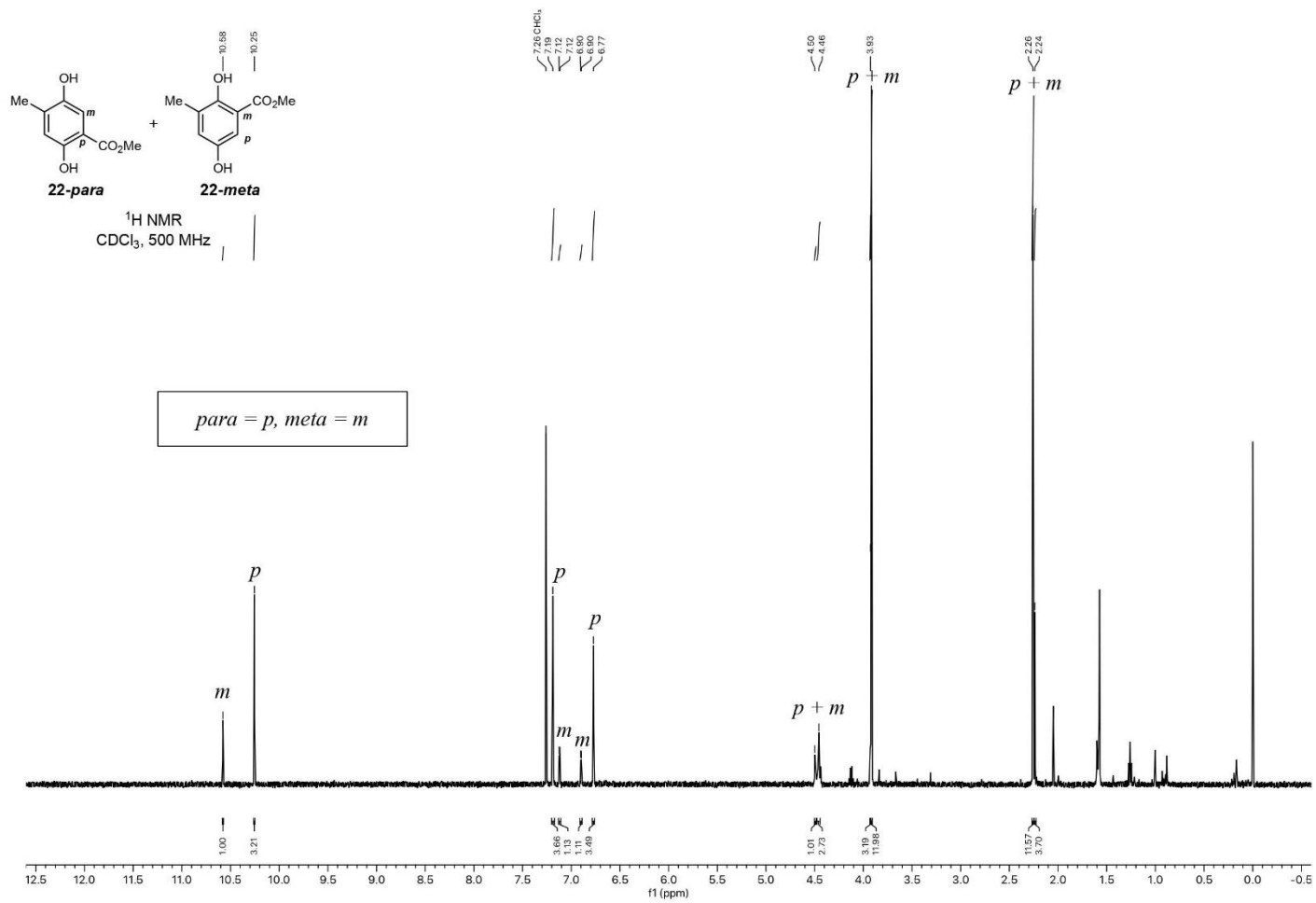


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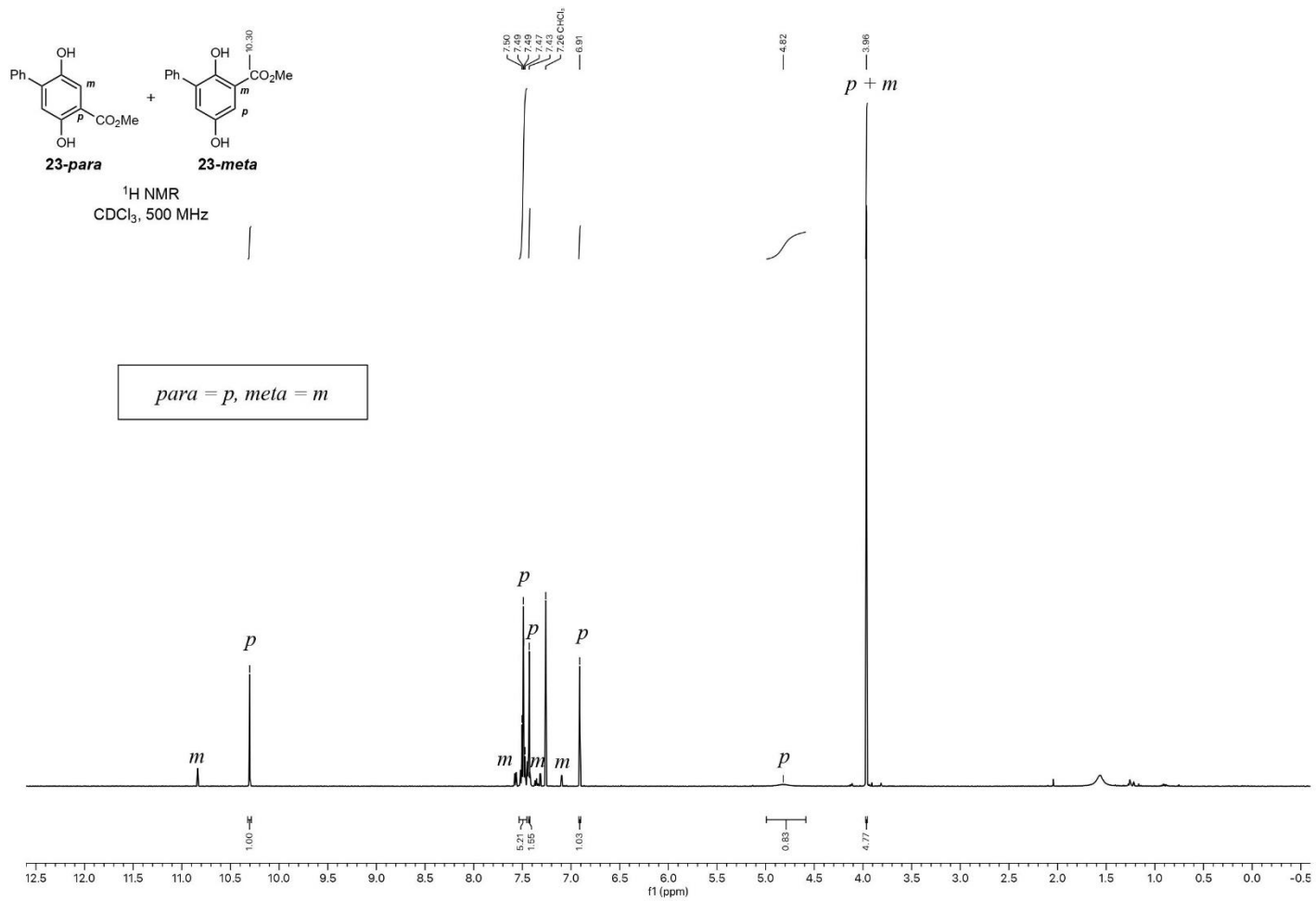




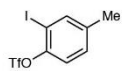
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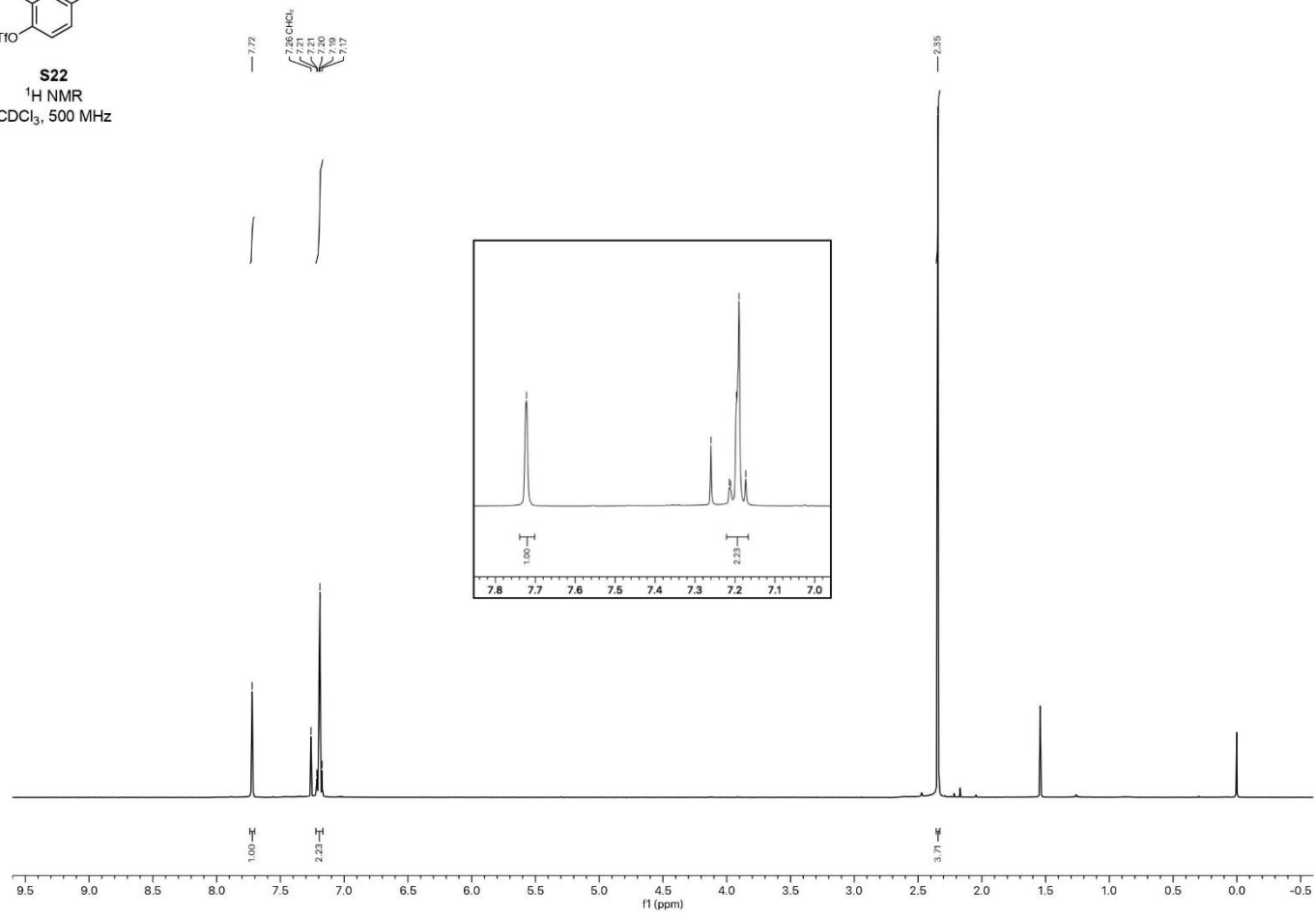
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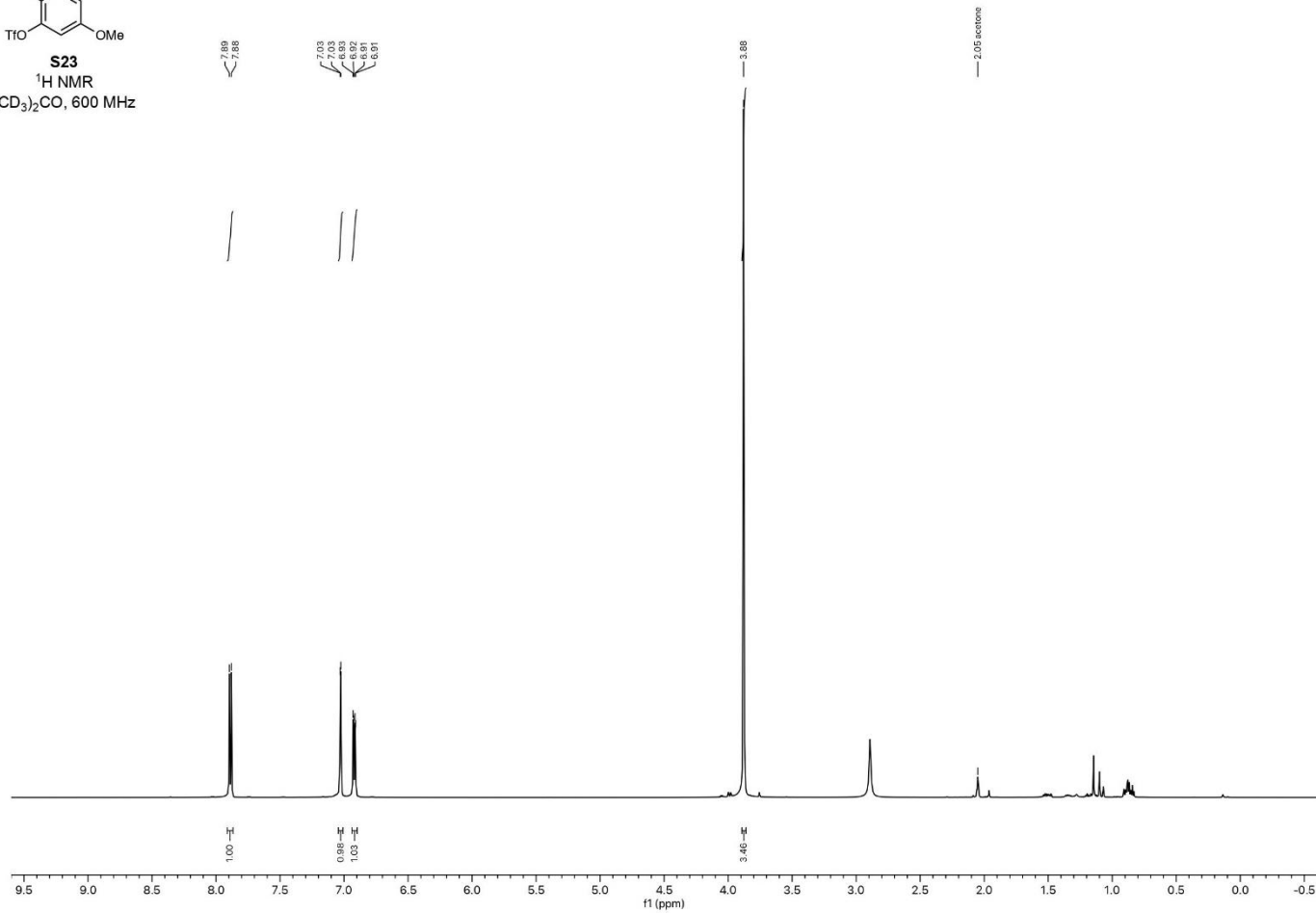
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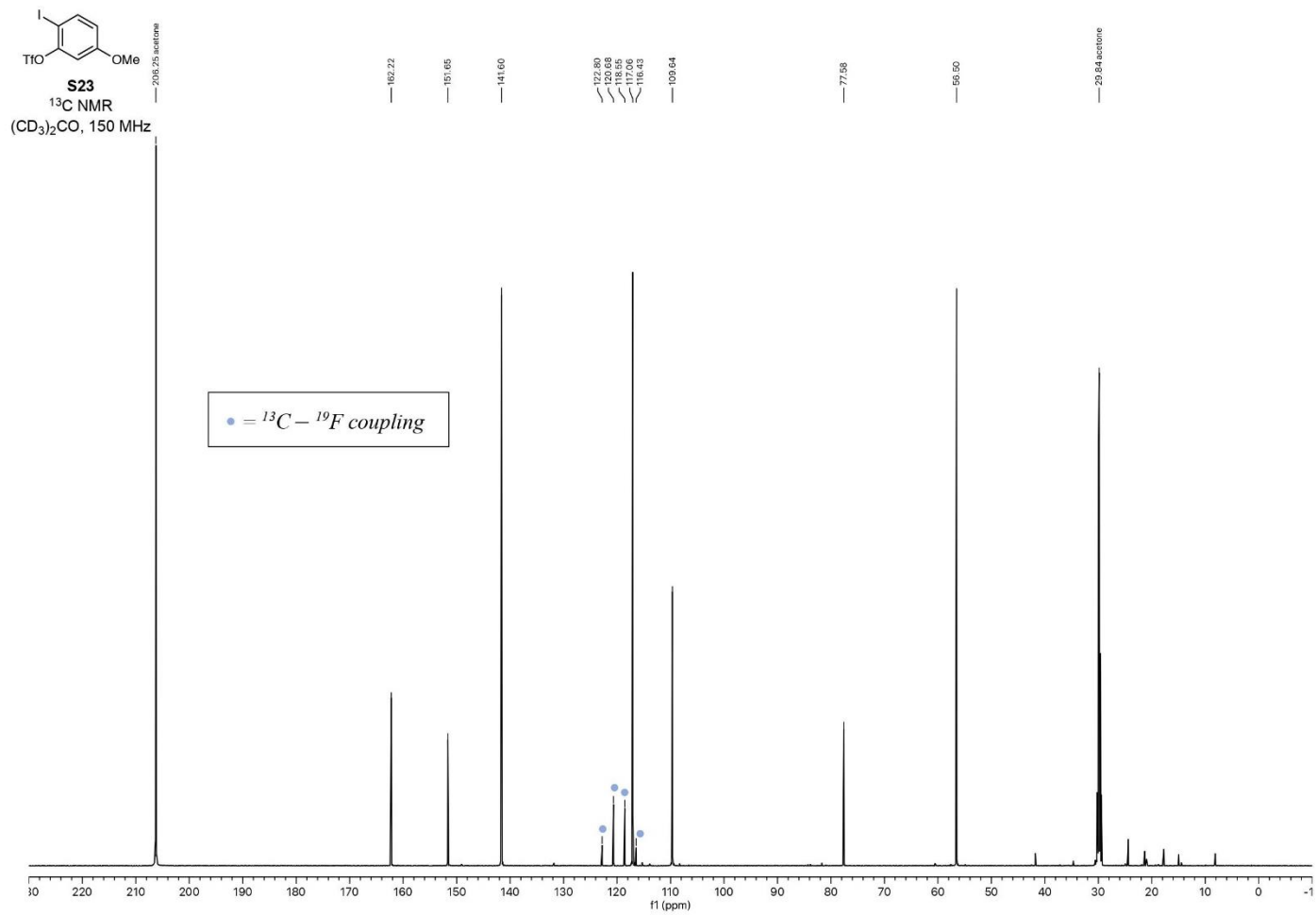


S22
¹H NMR
CDCl₃, 500 MHz

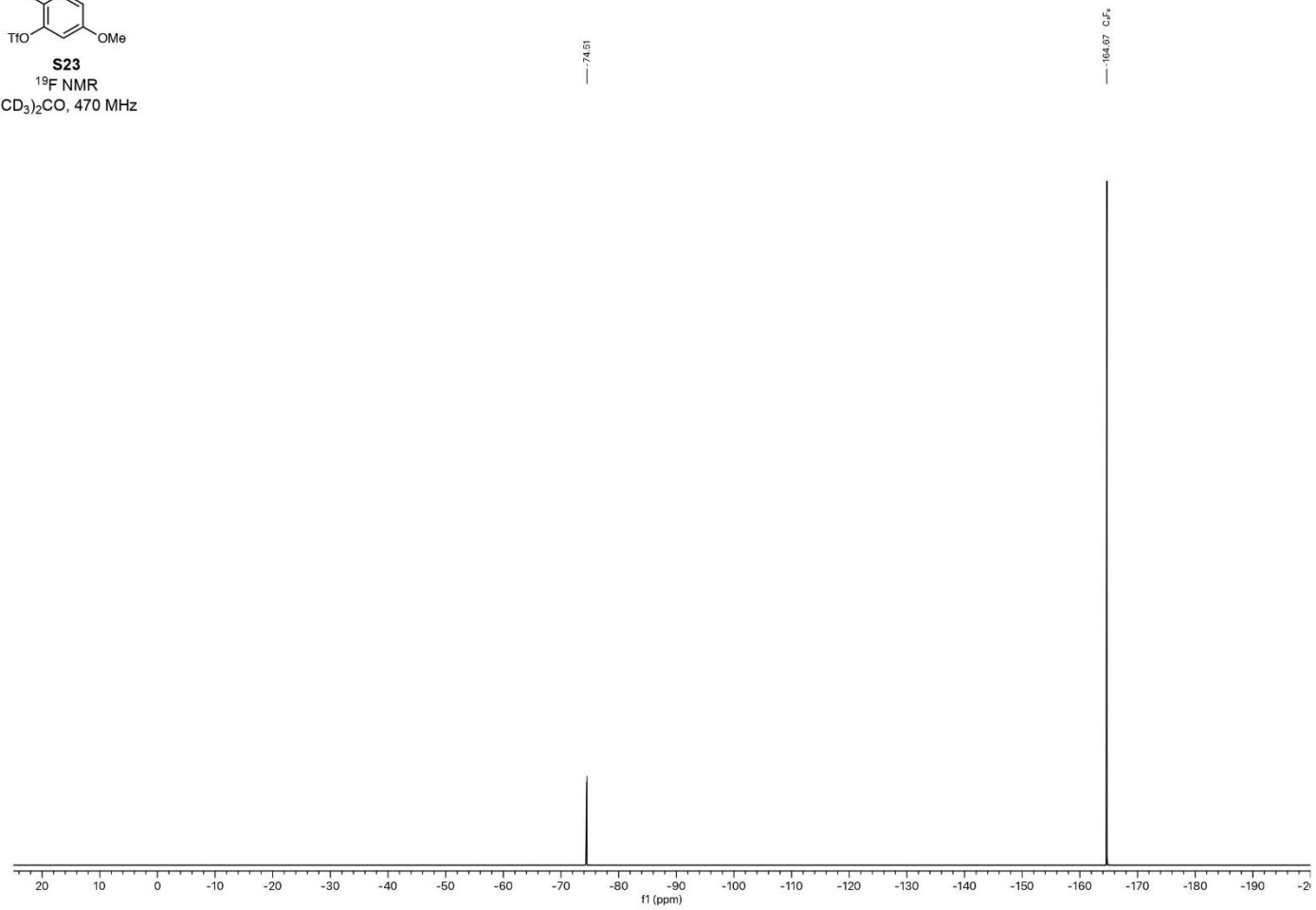


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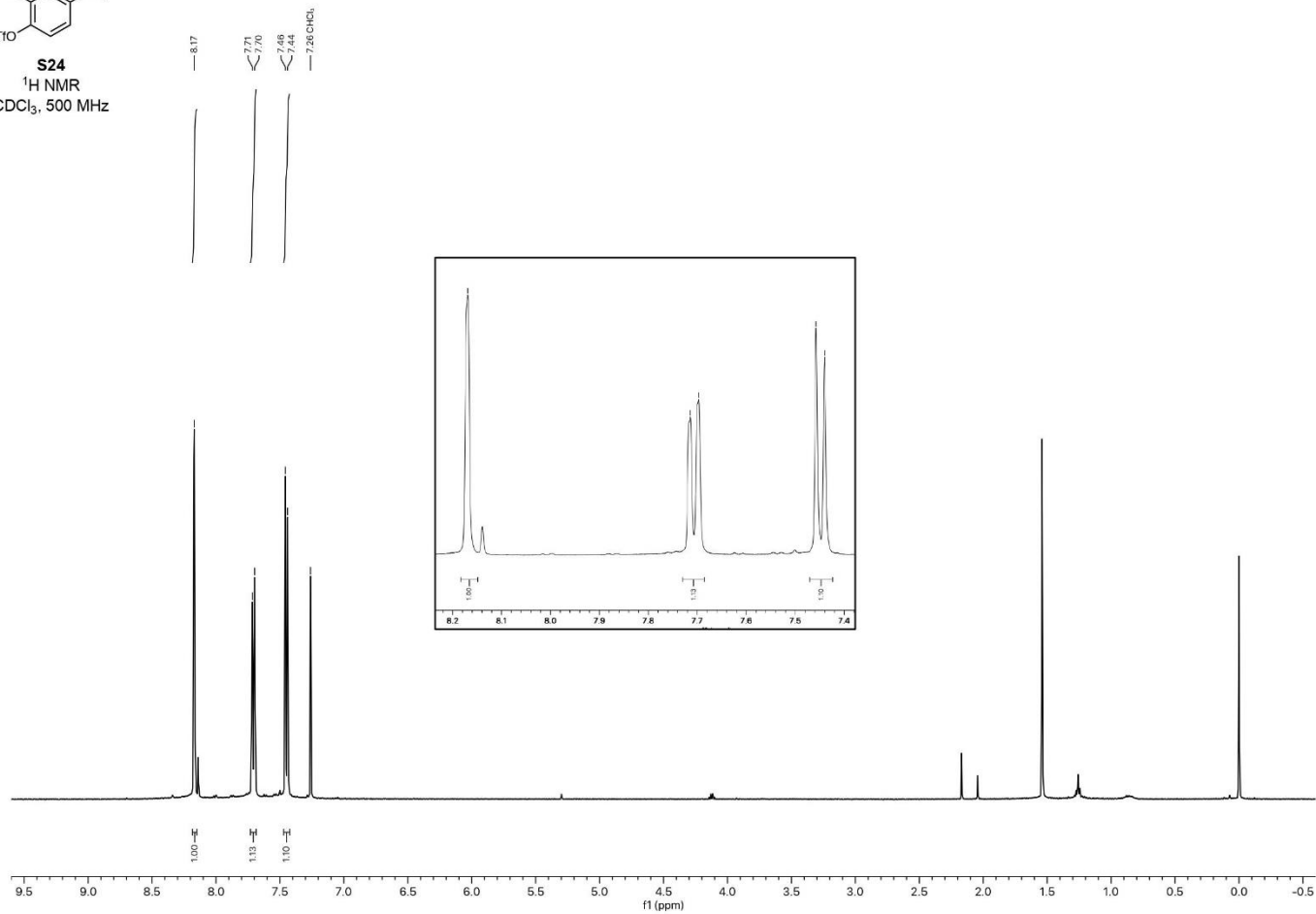
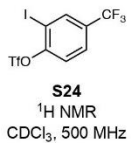




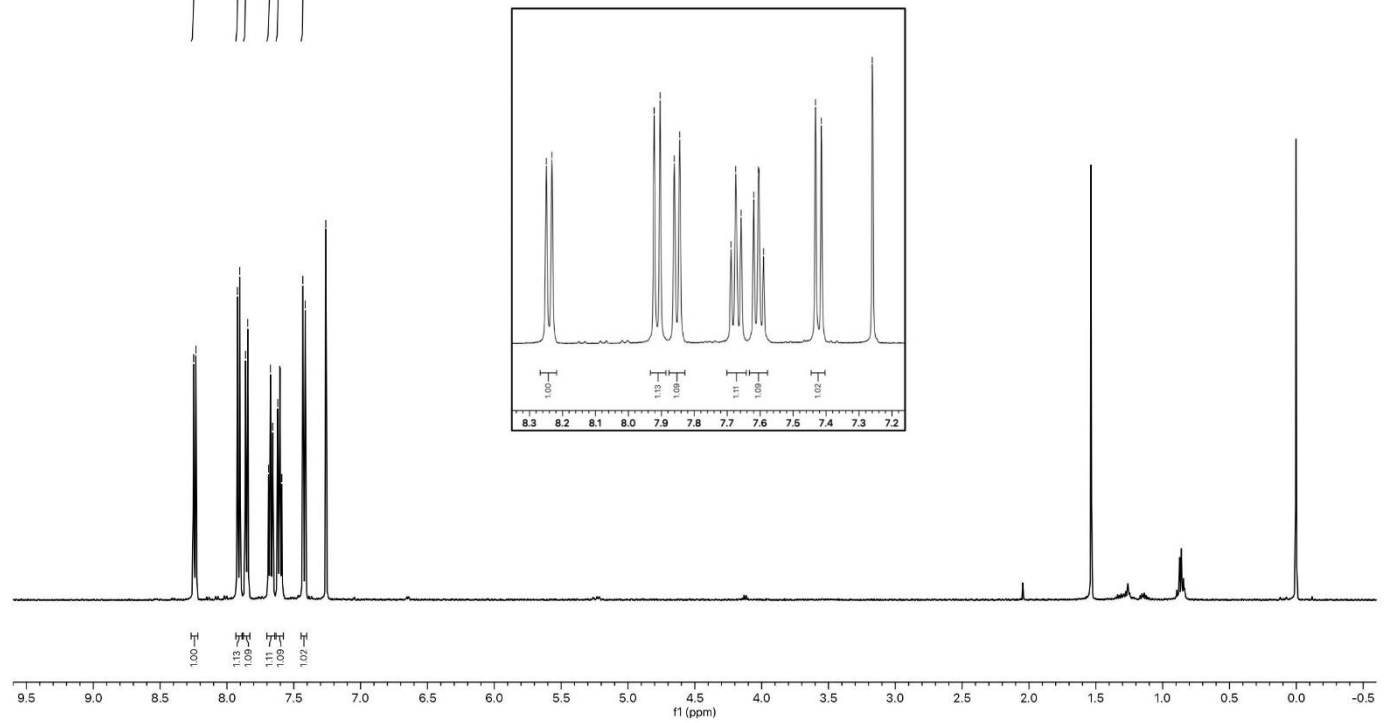
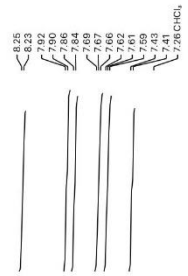
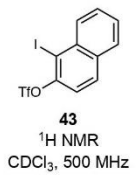
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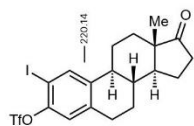
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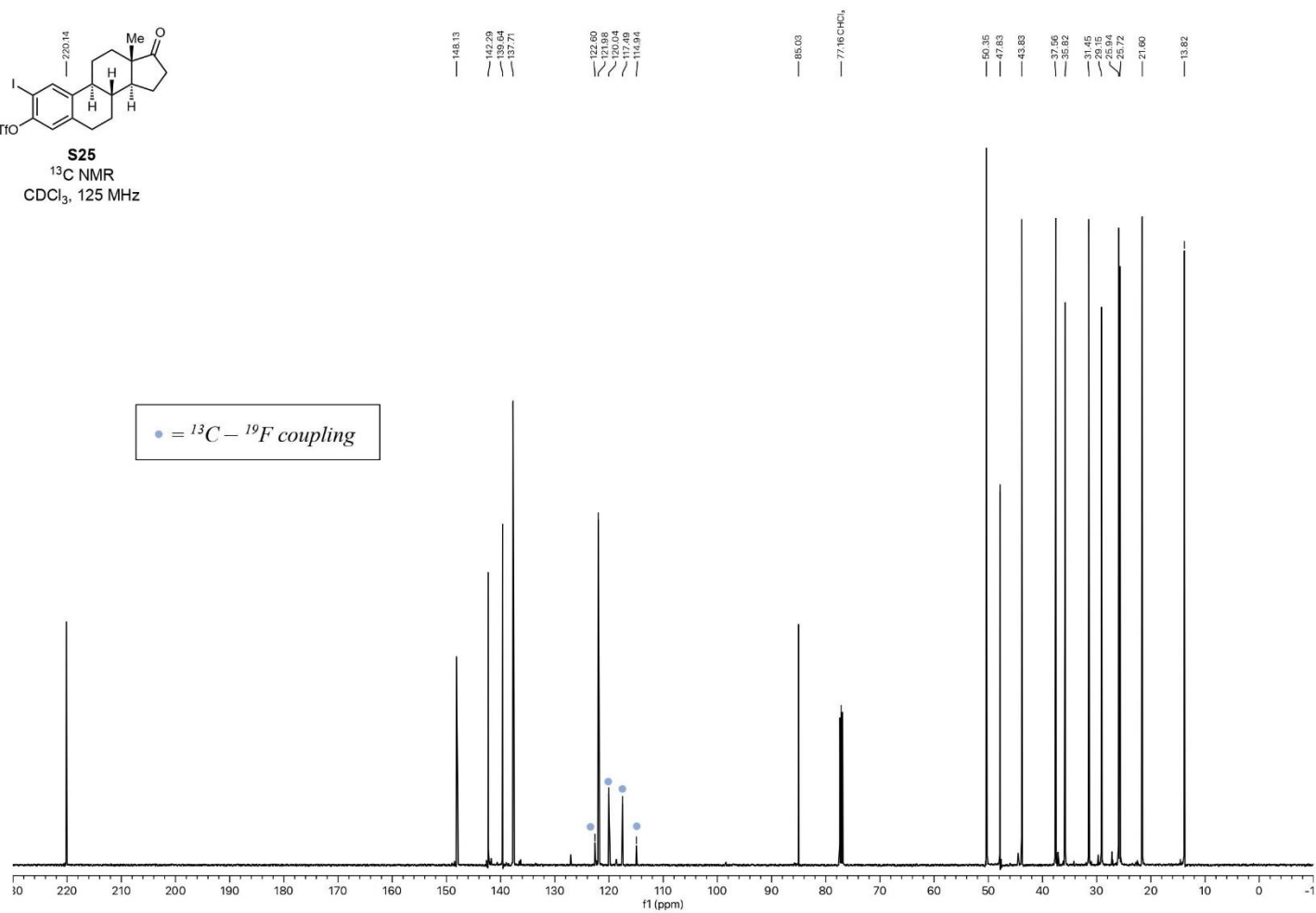
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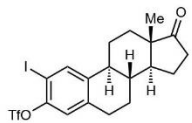


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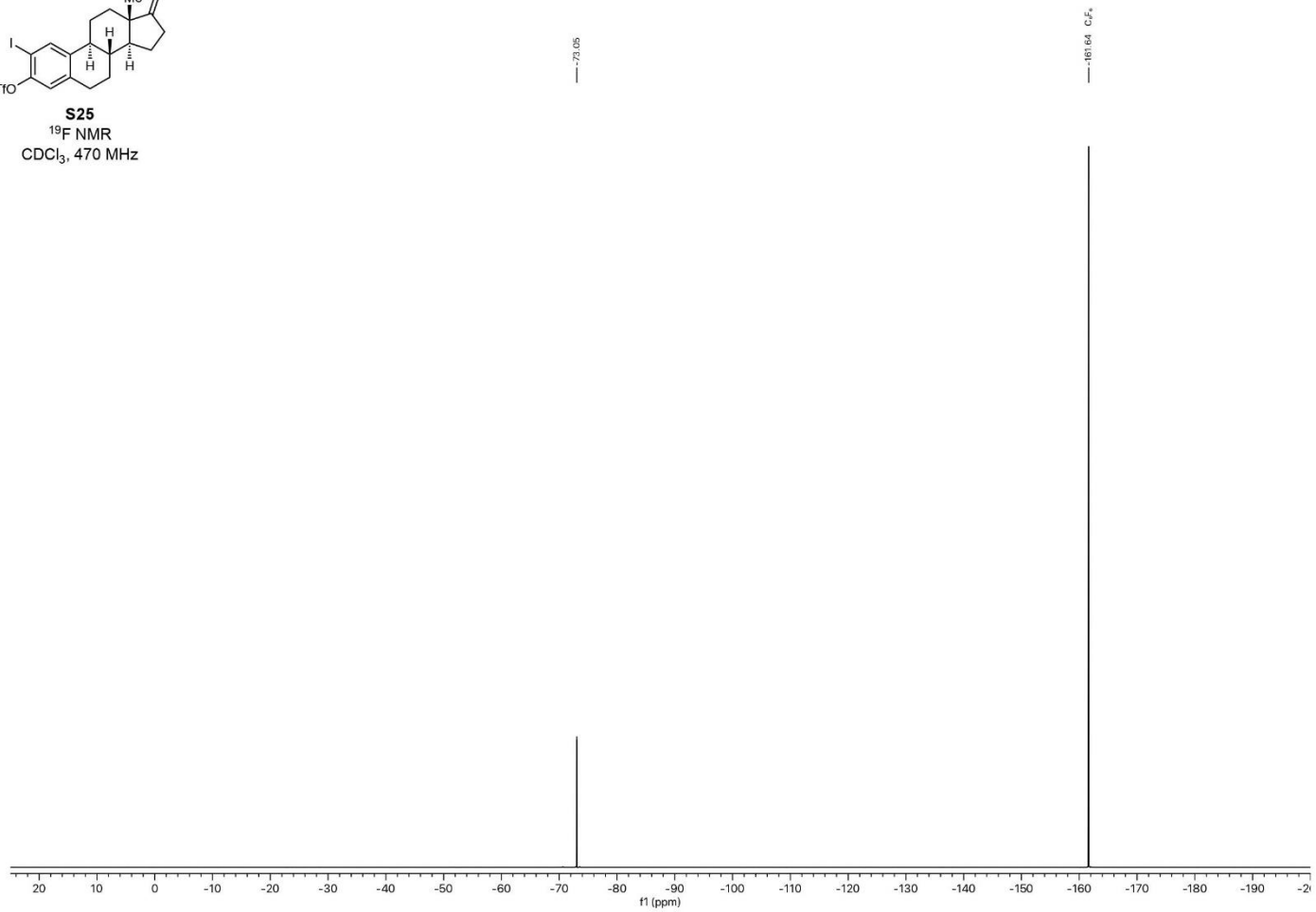


S25
 ^{13}C NMR
 CDCl_3 , 125 MHz

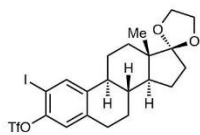




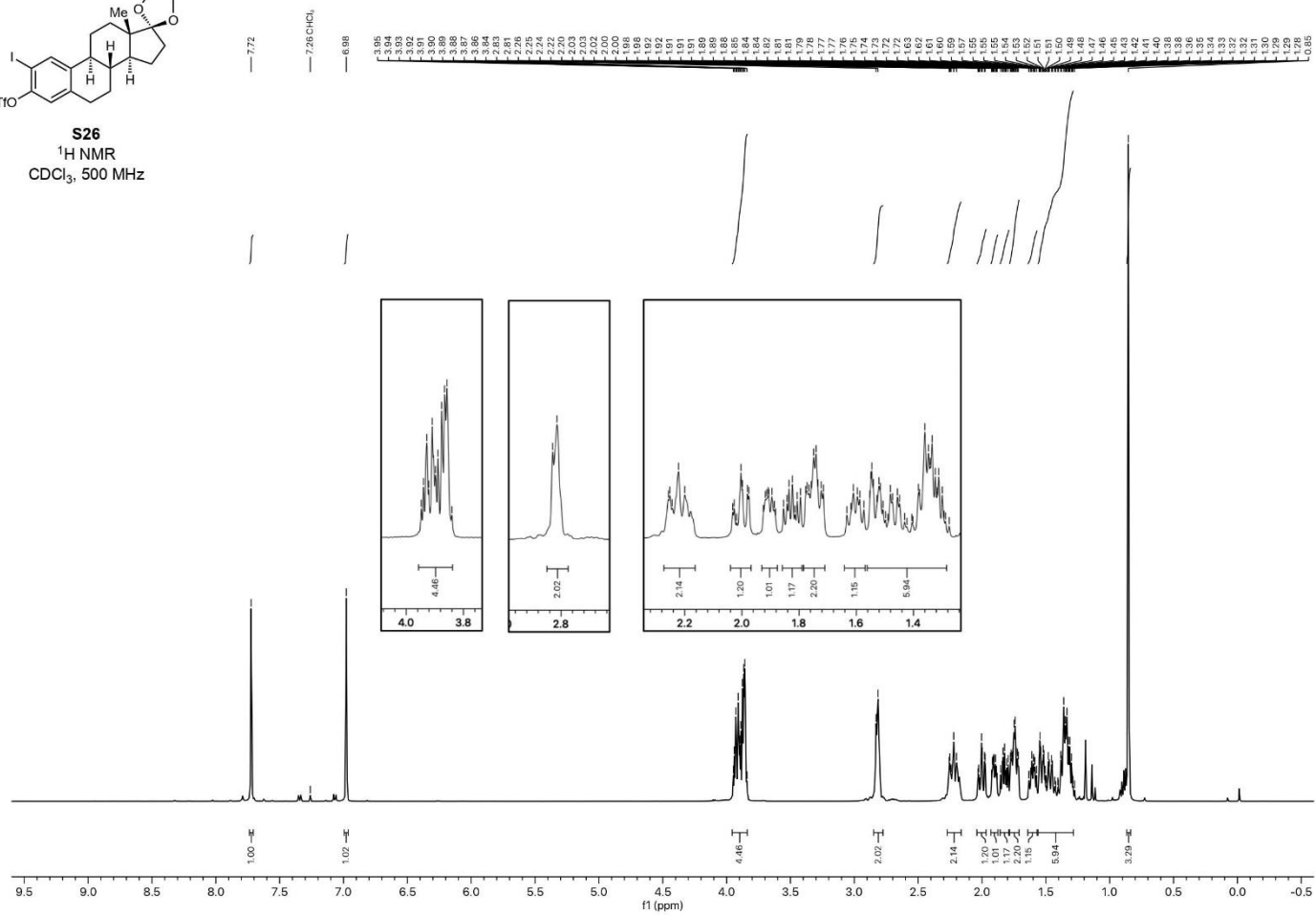
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¹⁹F NMR
CDCl₃, 470 MHz

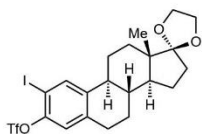


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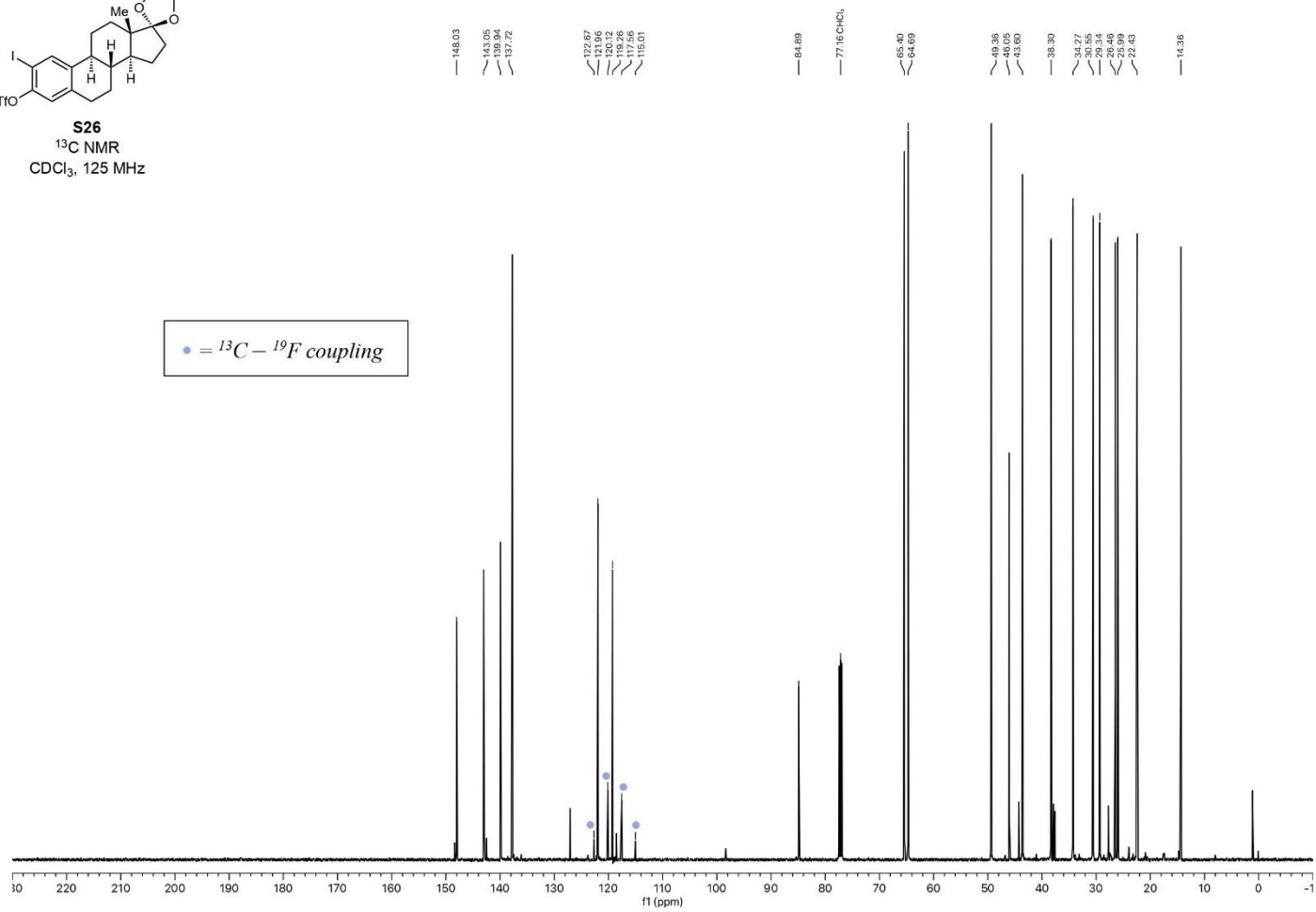


S26
¹H NMR
 CDCl₃, 500 MHz

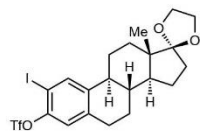




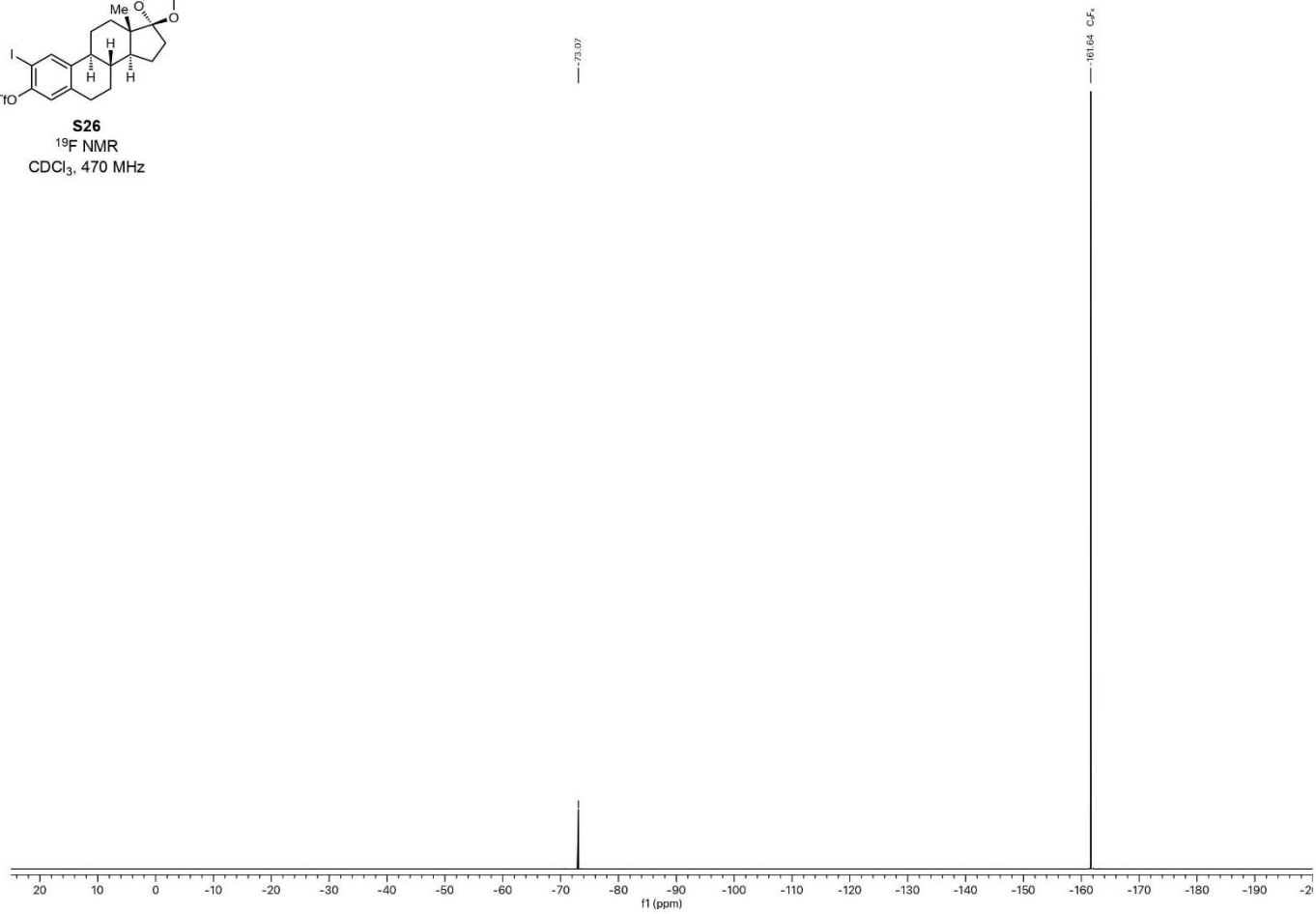
S26
 ^{13}C NMR
 CDCl_3 , 125 MHz



• = $^{13}\text{C} - ^{19}\text{F}$ coupling



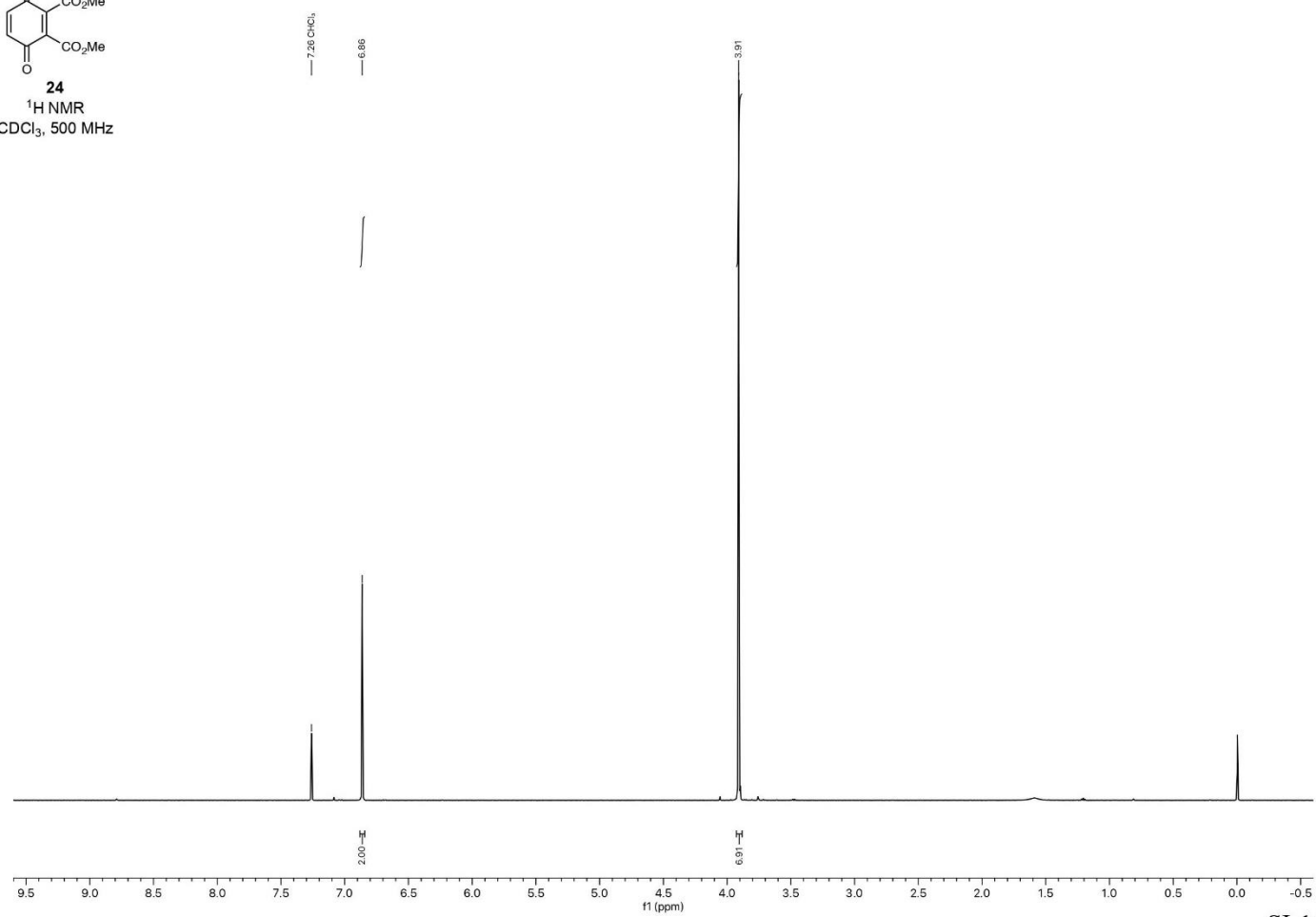
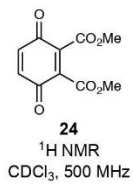
S26
¹⁹F NMR
CDCl₃, 470 MHz



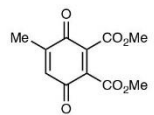
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para-Benzoquinones

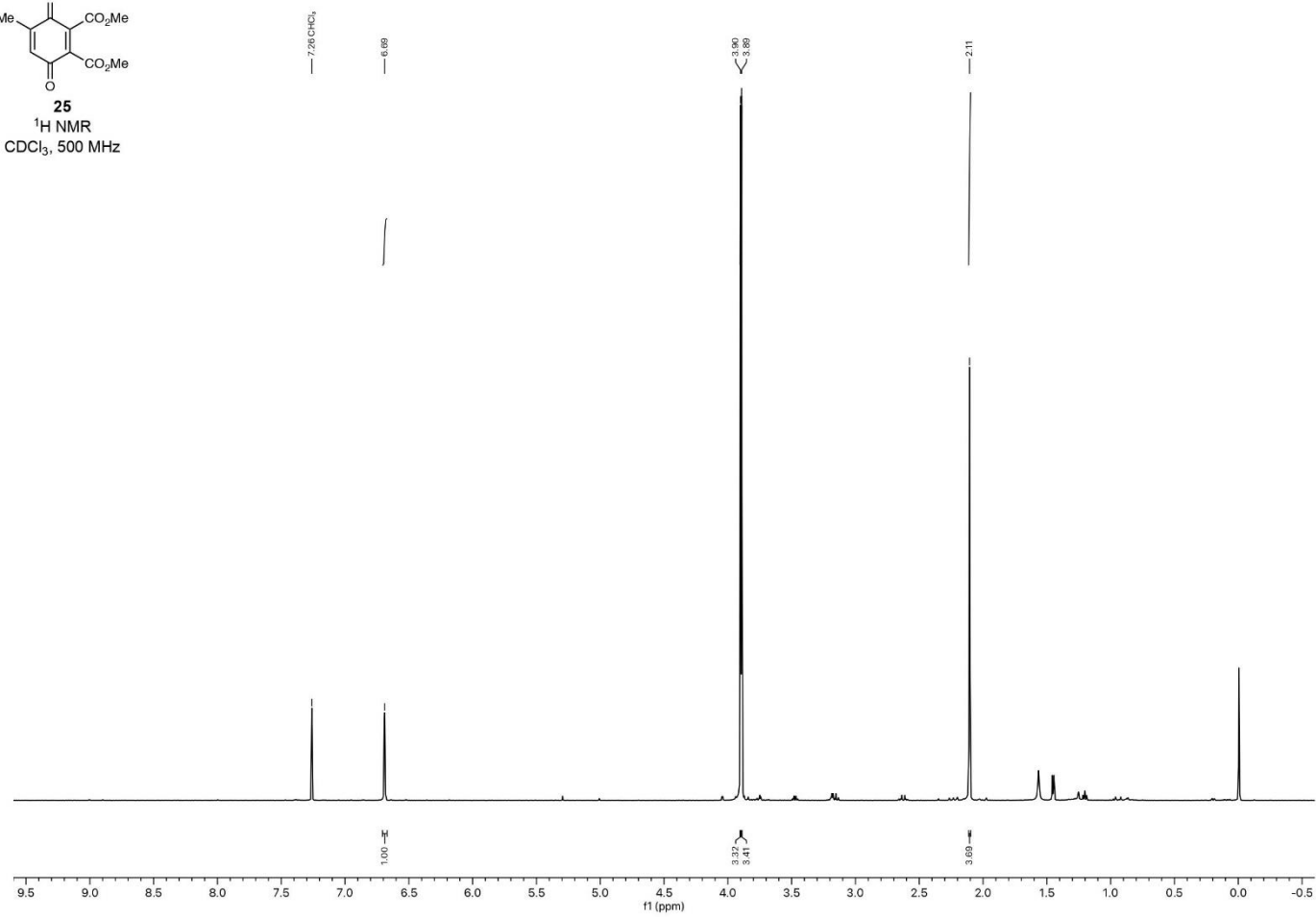
Dimethyl Acetylenedicarboxylate (DMAD) as Dienophile



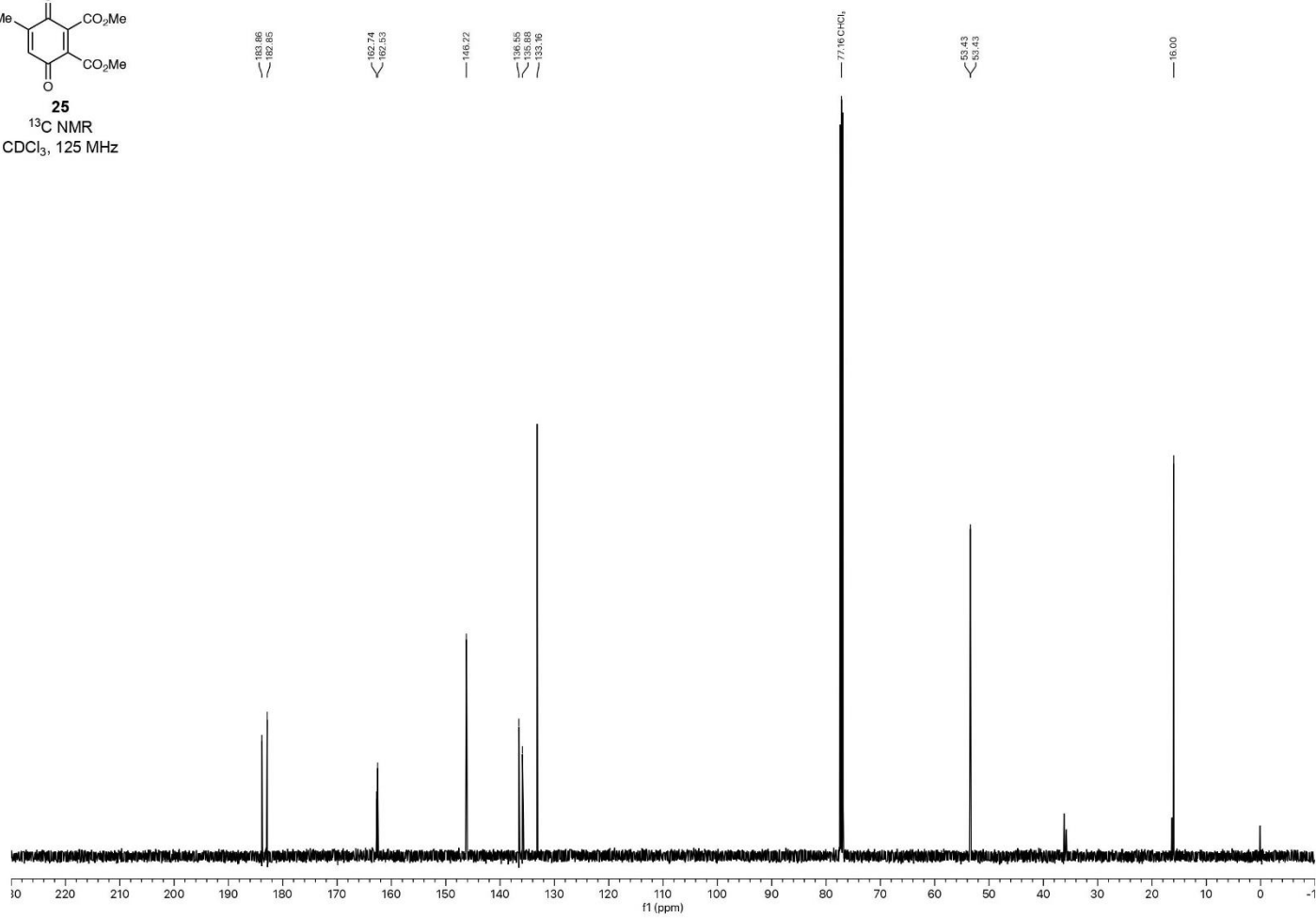
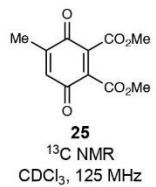
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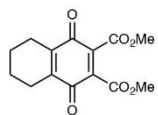
25
¹H NMR
CDCl₃, 500 MHz



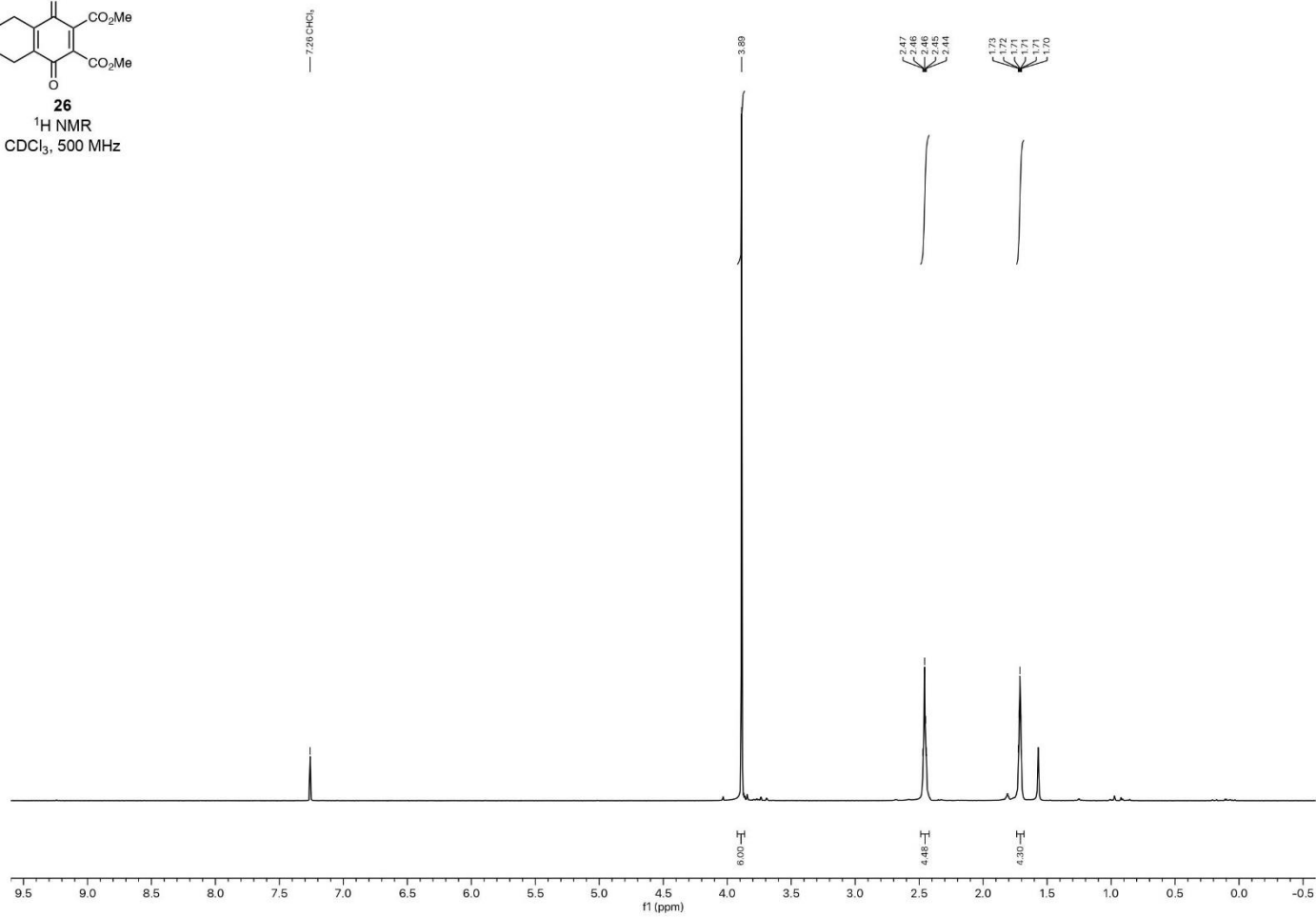
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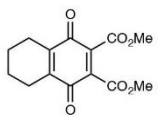


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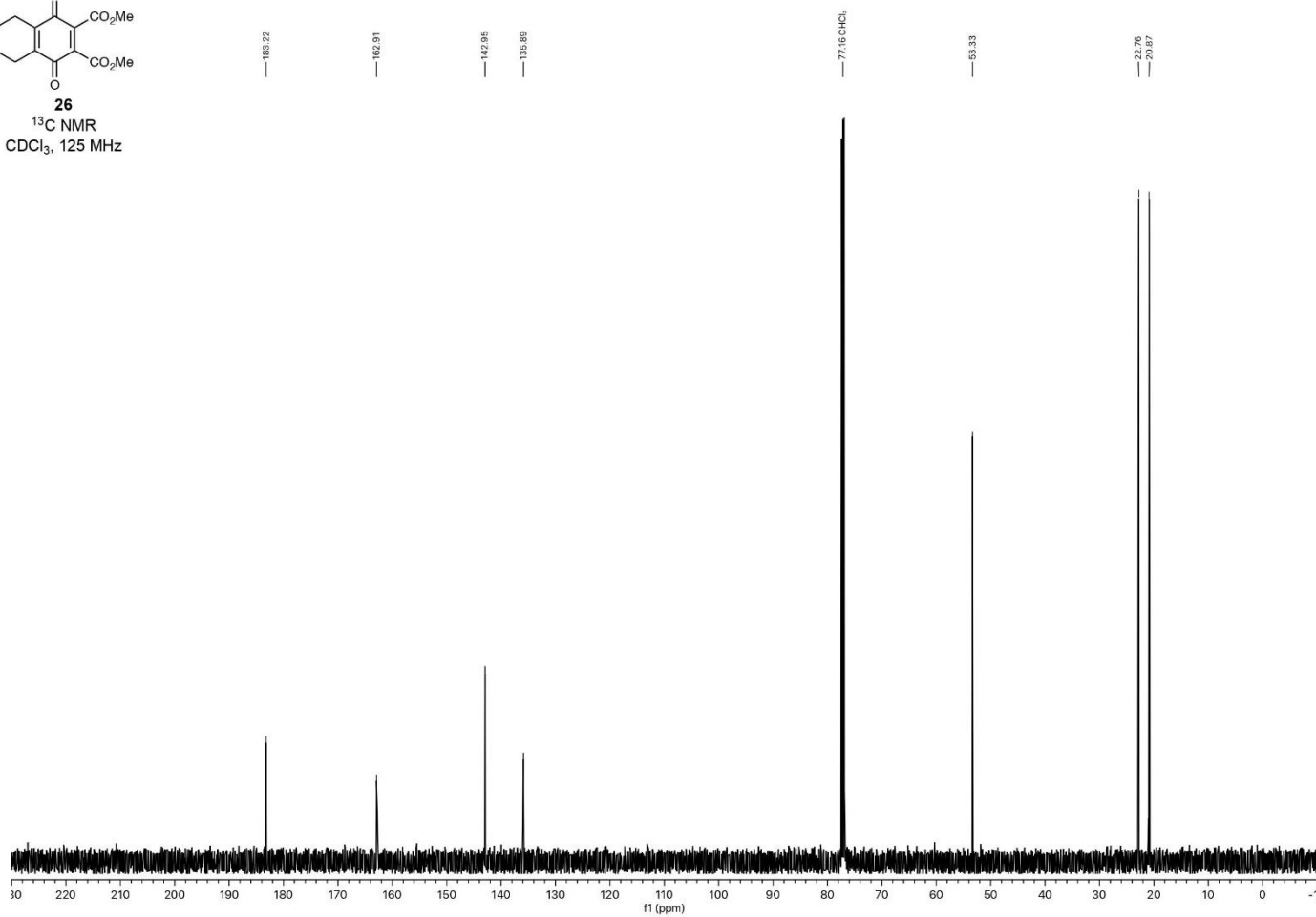


26
¹H NMR
CDCl₃, 500 MHz

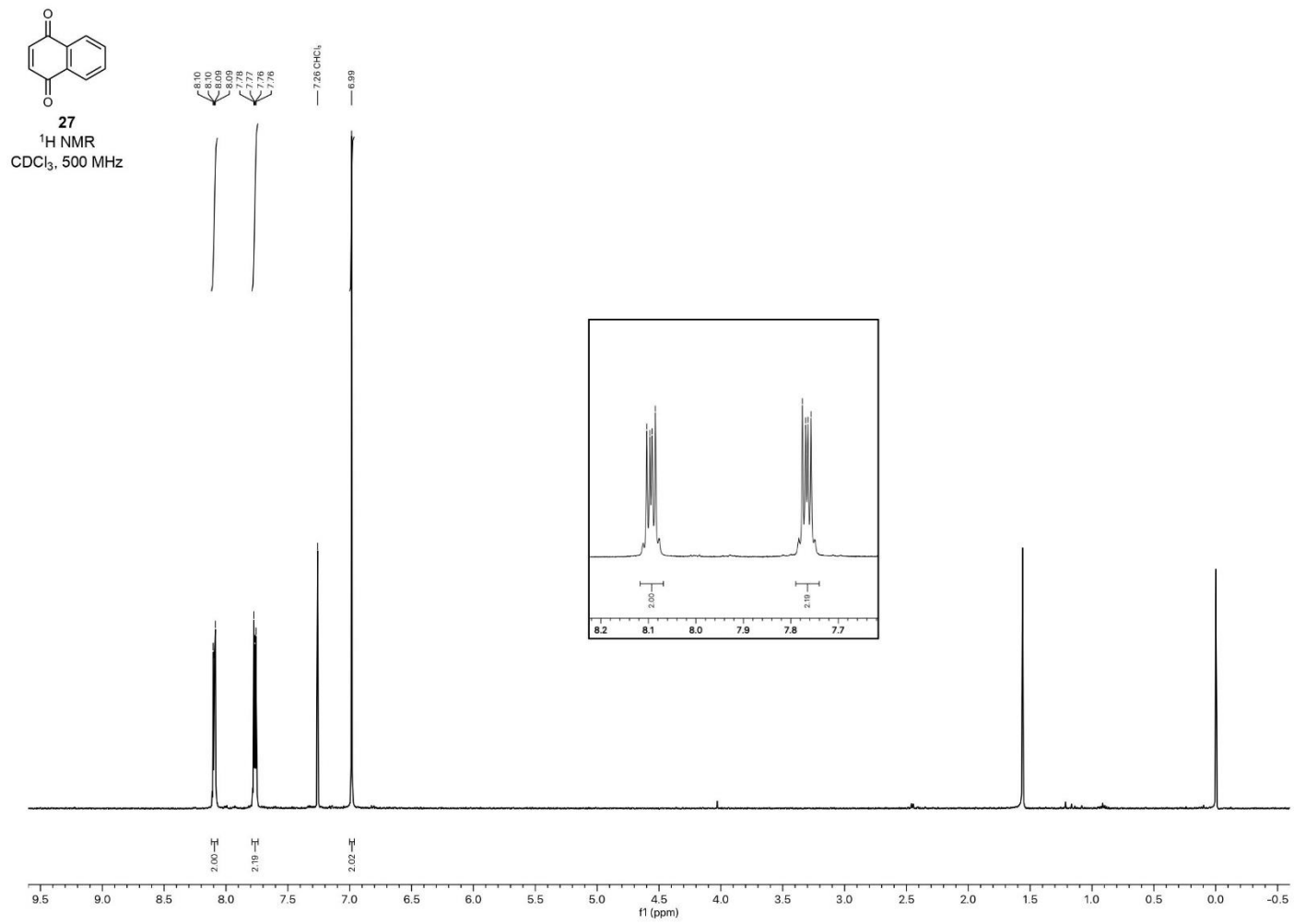




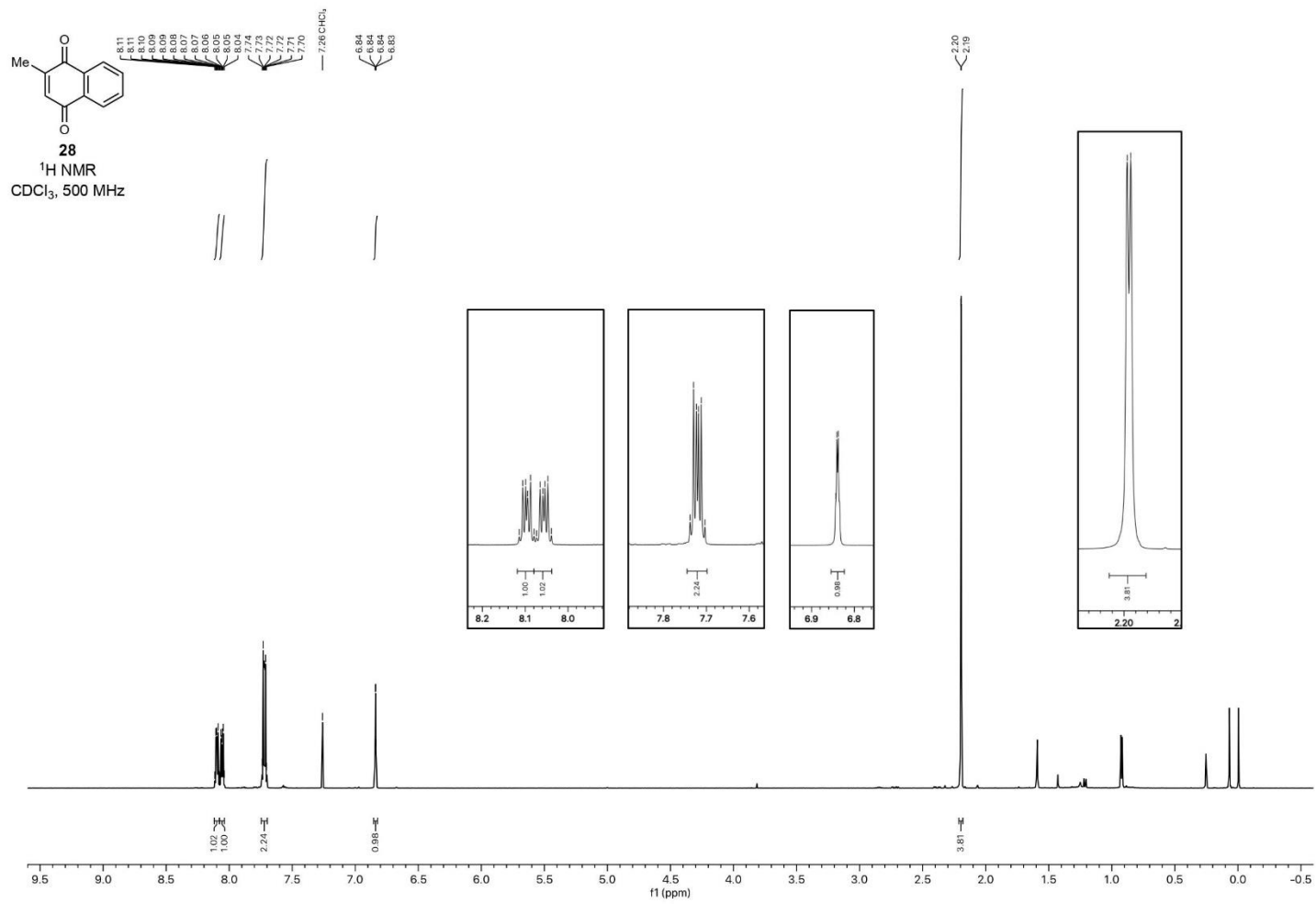
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¹³C NMR
CDCl₃, 125 MHz



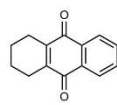
Benzynes as Dienophile



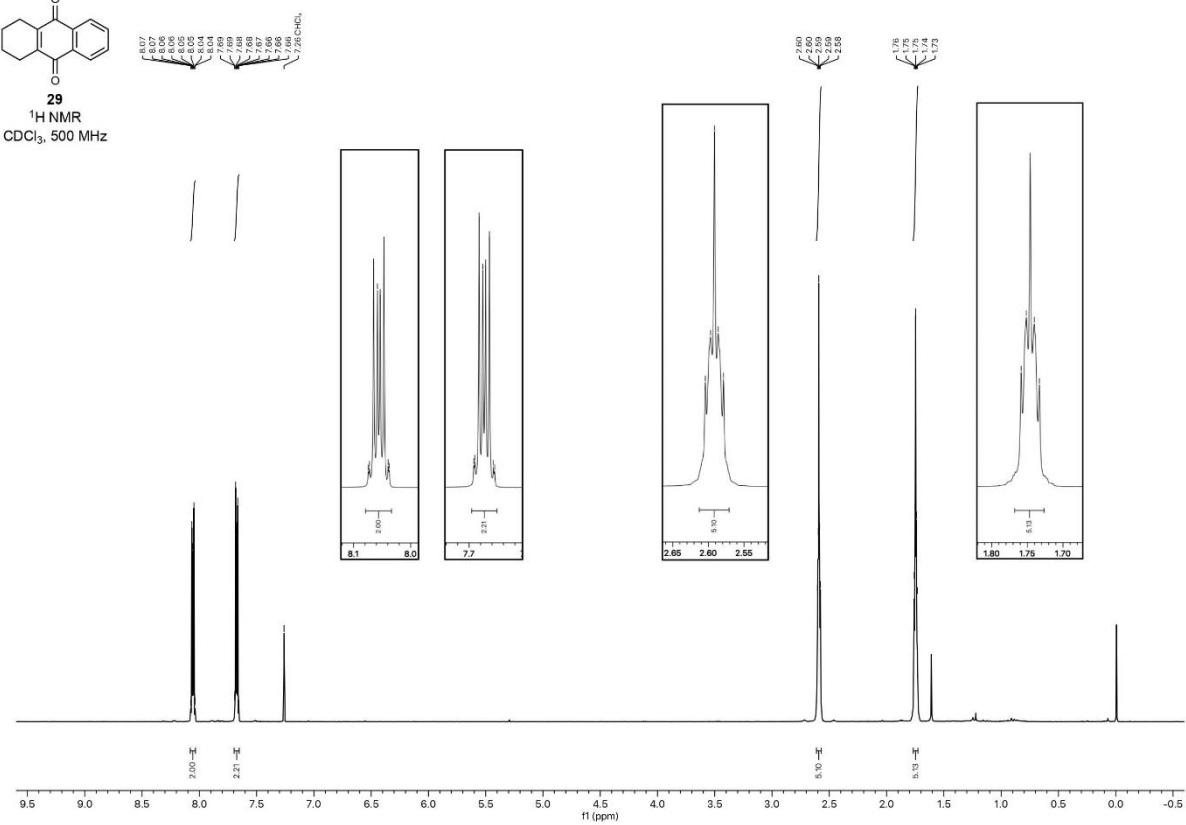
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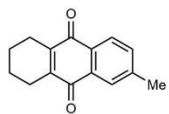
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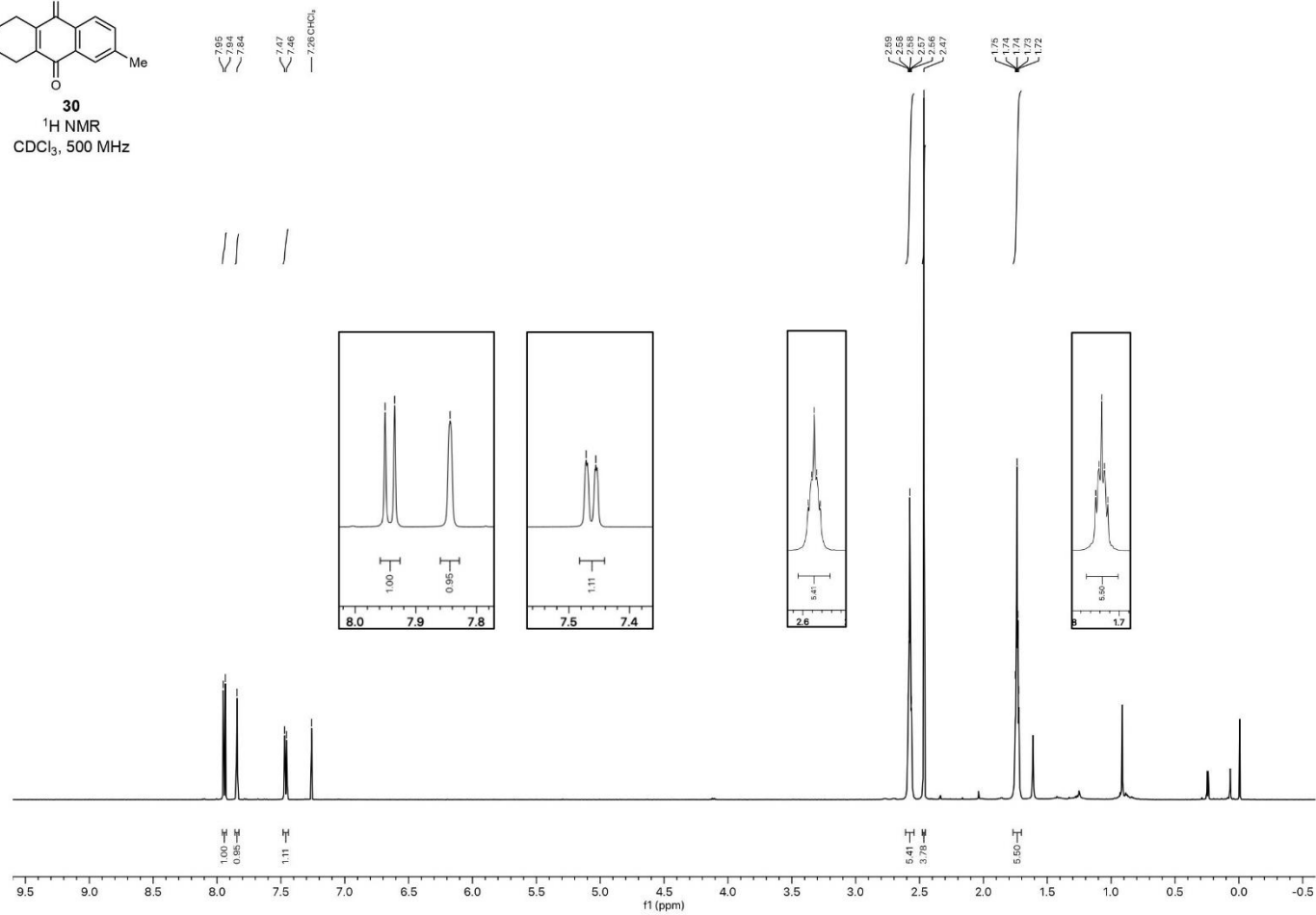
29
¹H NMR
CDCl₃, 500 MHz



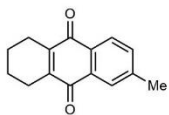
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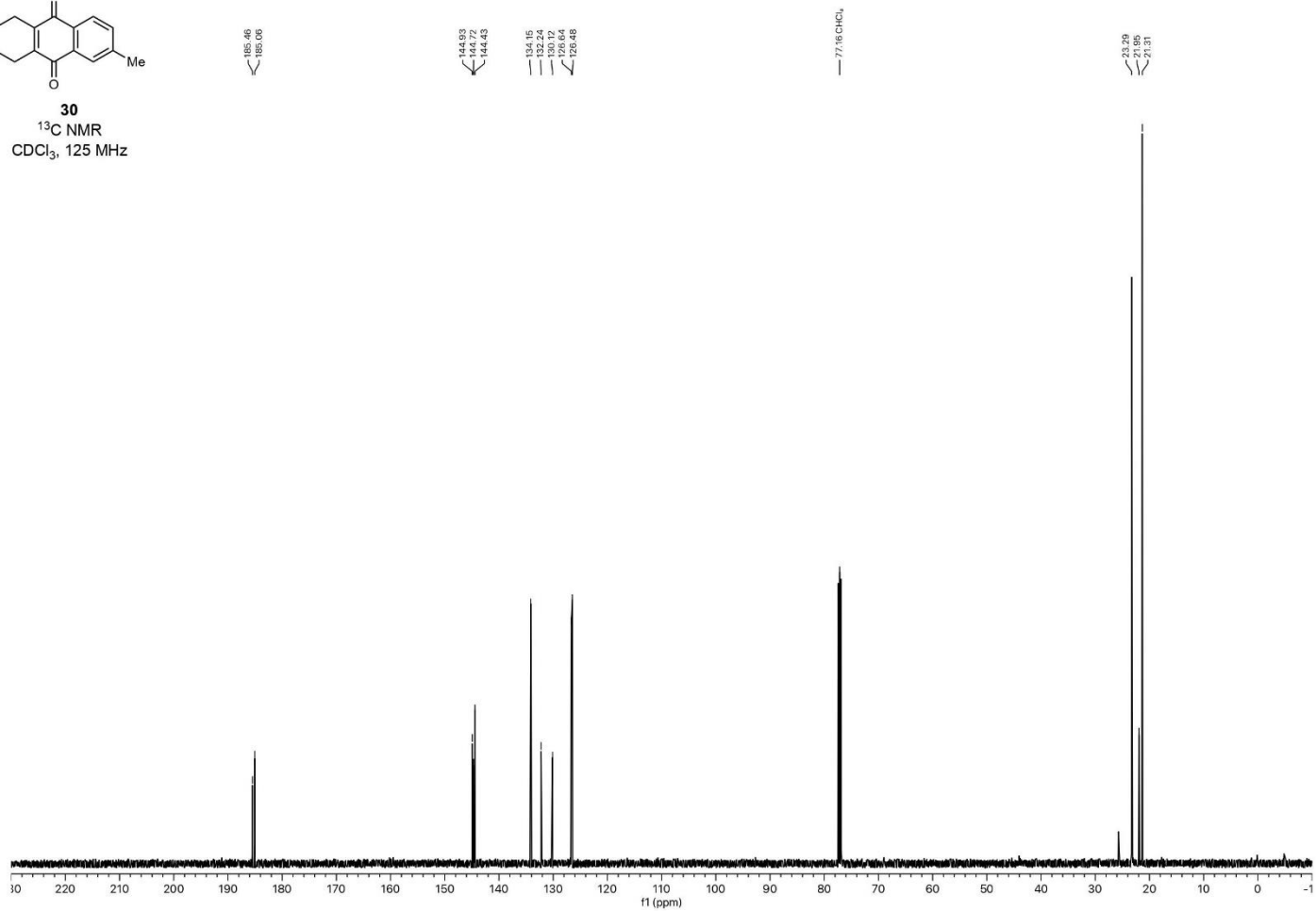
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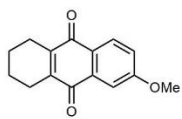


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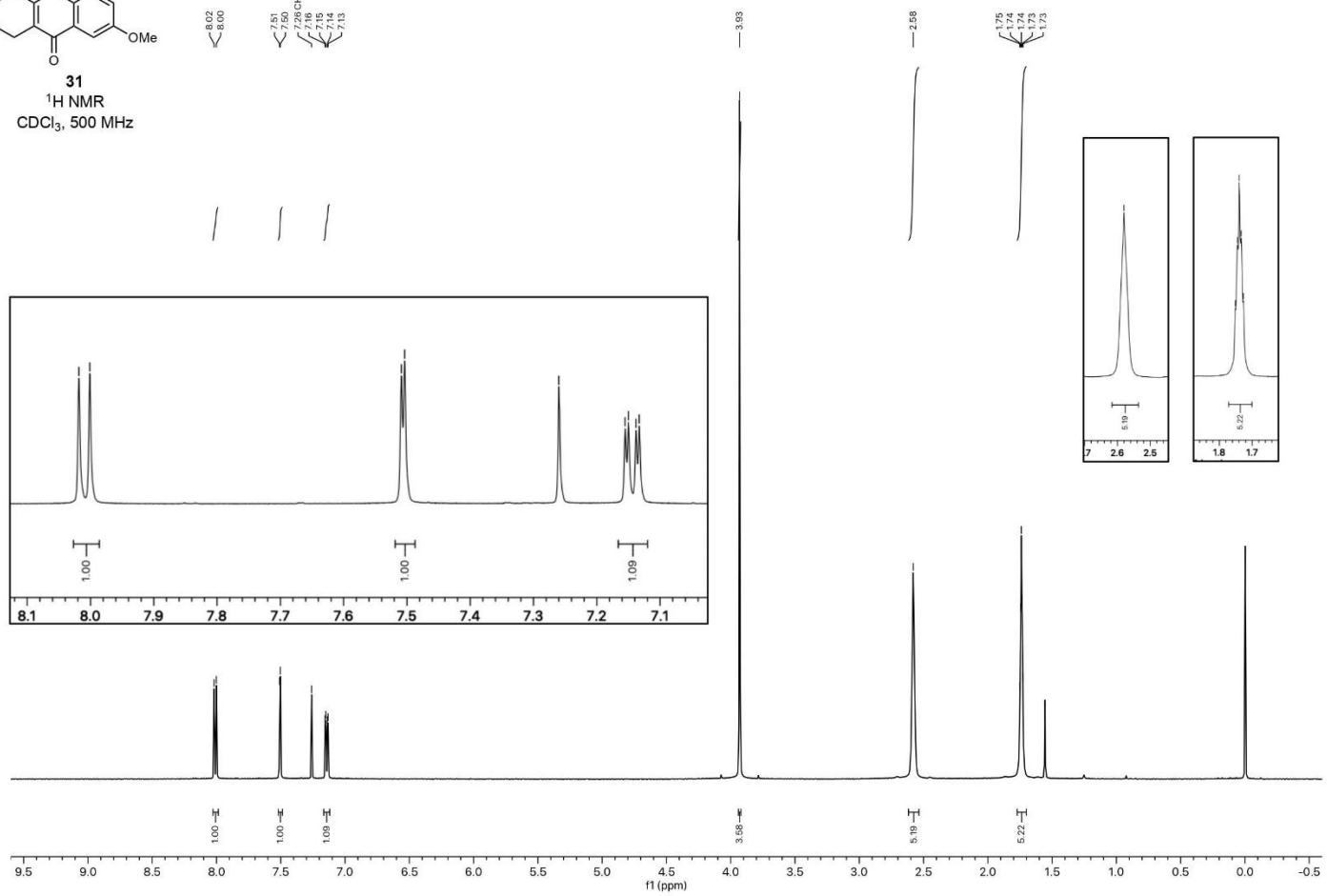


30
¹³C NMR
CDCl₃, 125 MHz

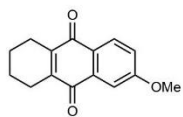




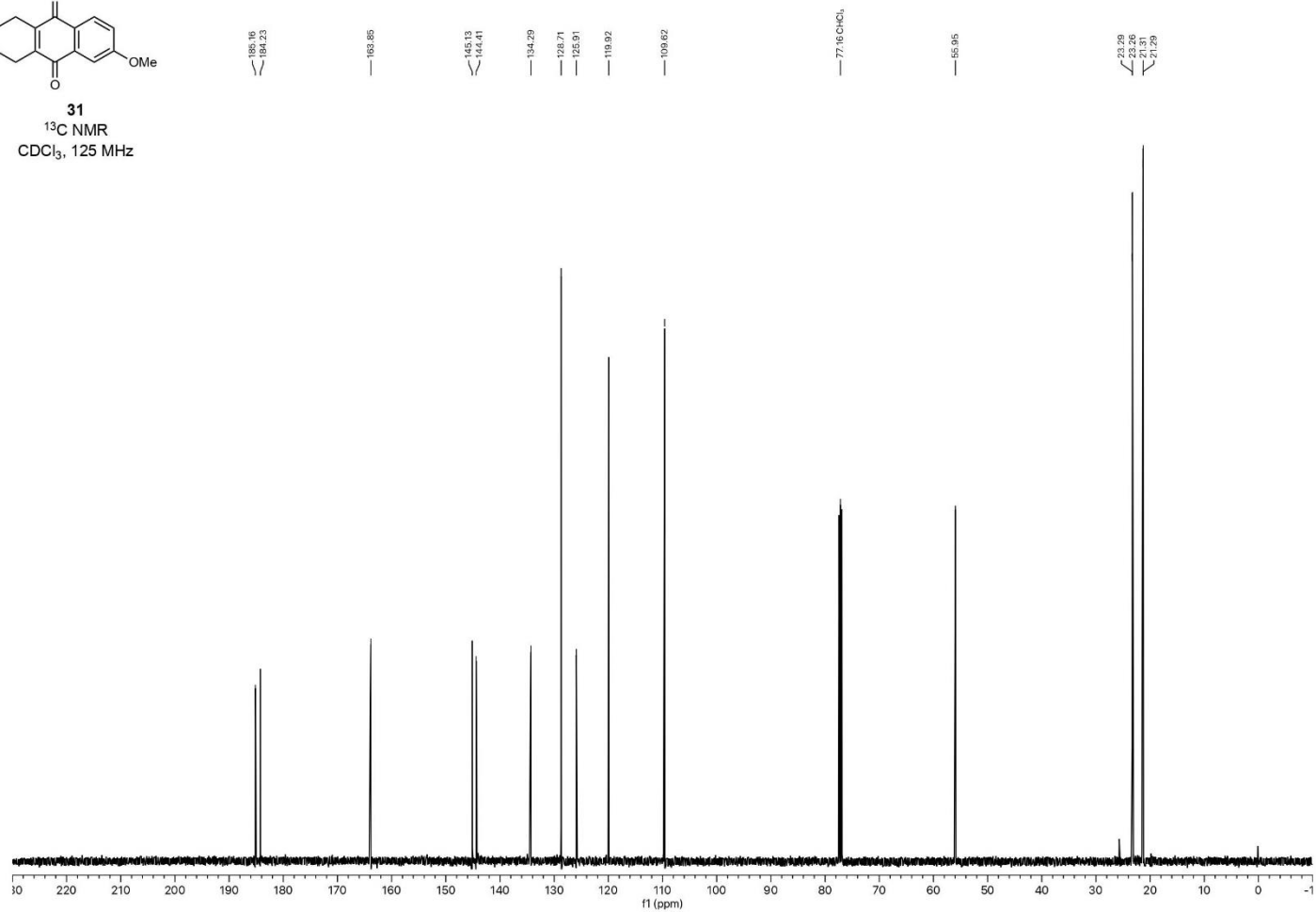
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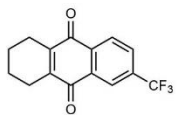


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31
¹³C NMR
CDCl₃, 125 MHz





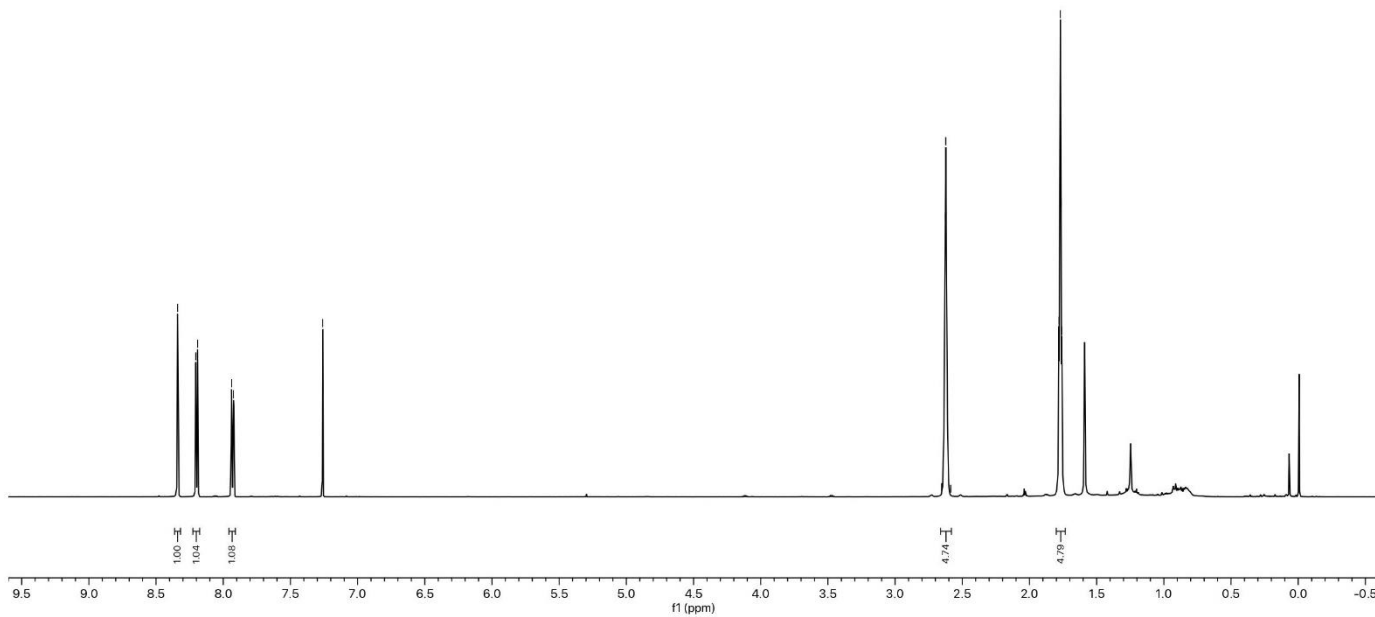
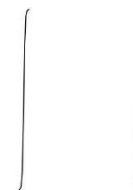
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8.19
7.94
7.92

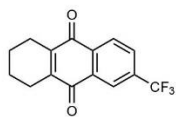
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2.65
2.63
2.62
2.59

1.78
1.77
1.77
1.76



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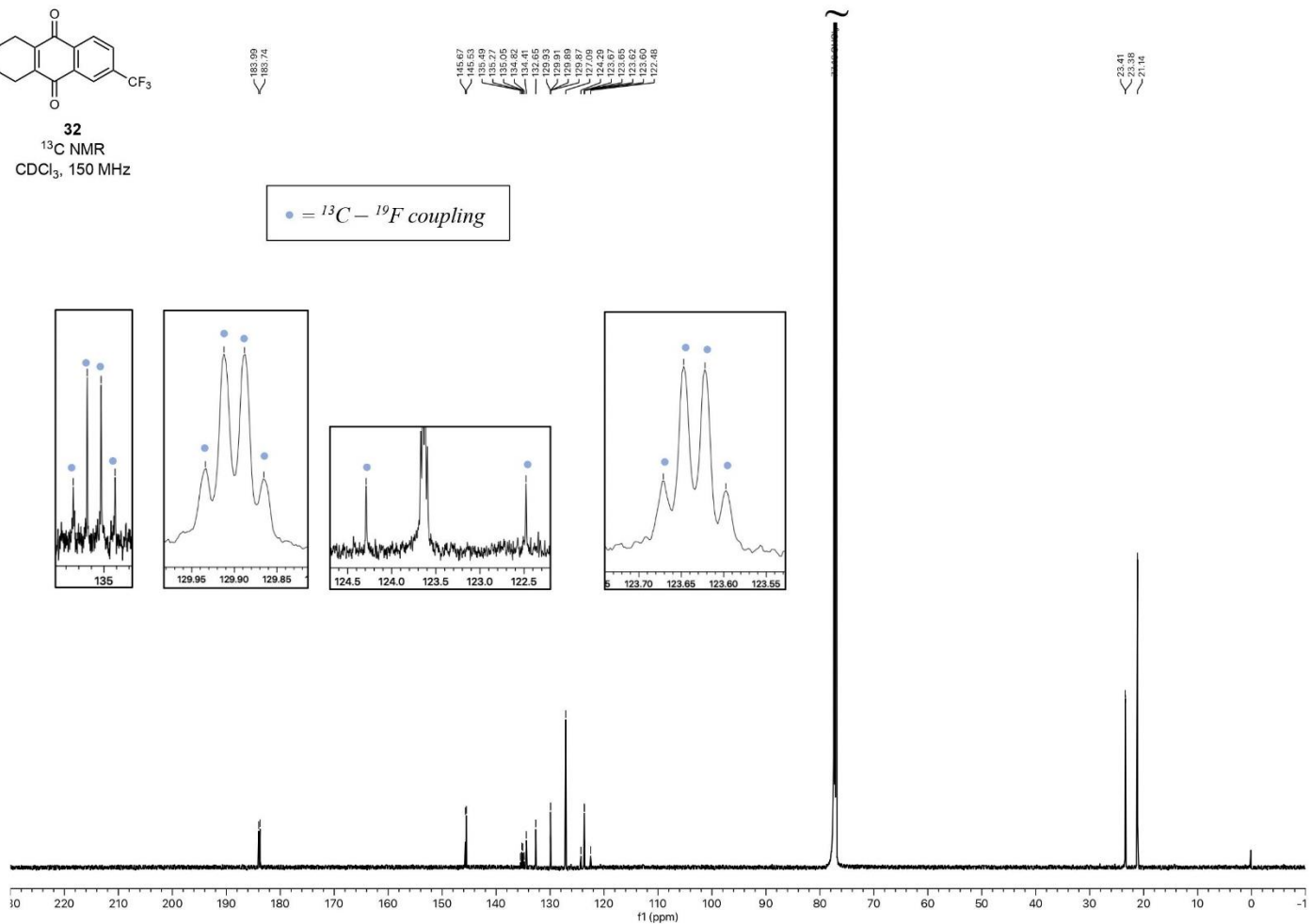
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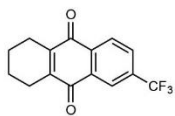
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 183.74

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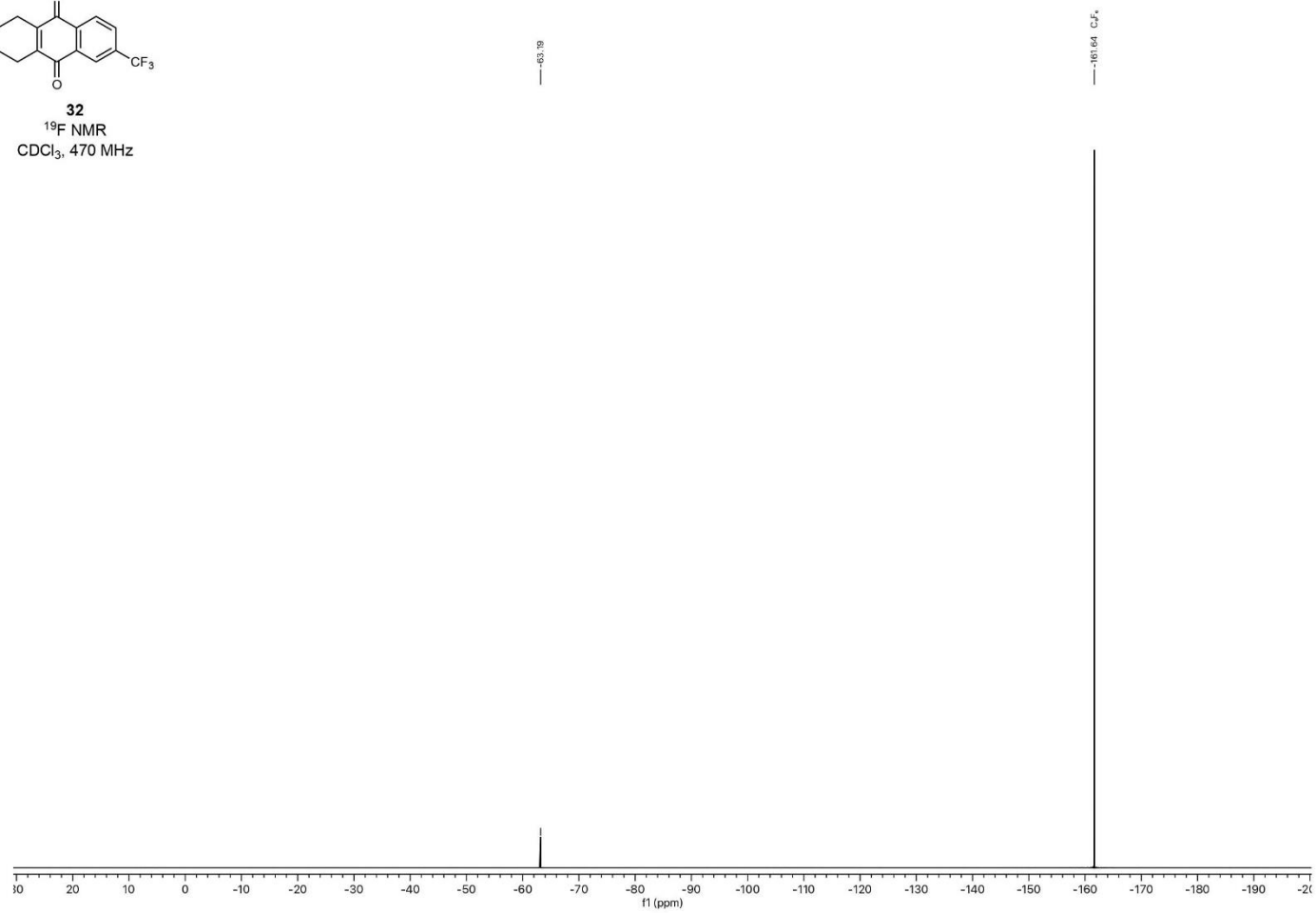
23.44
 23.38
 21.14

• = ¹³C - ¹⁹F coupling

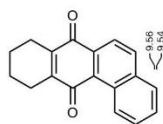




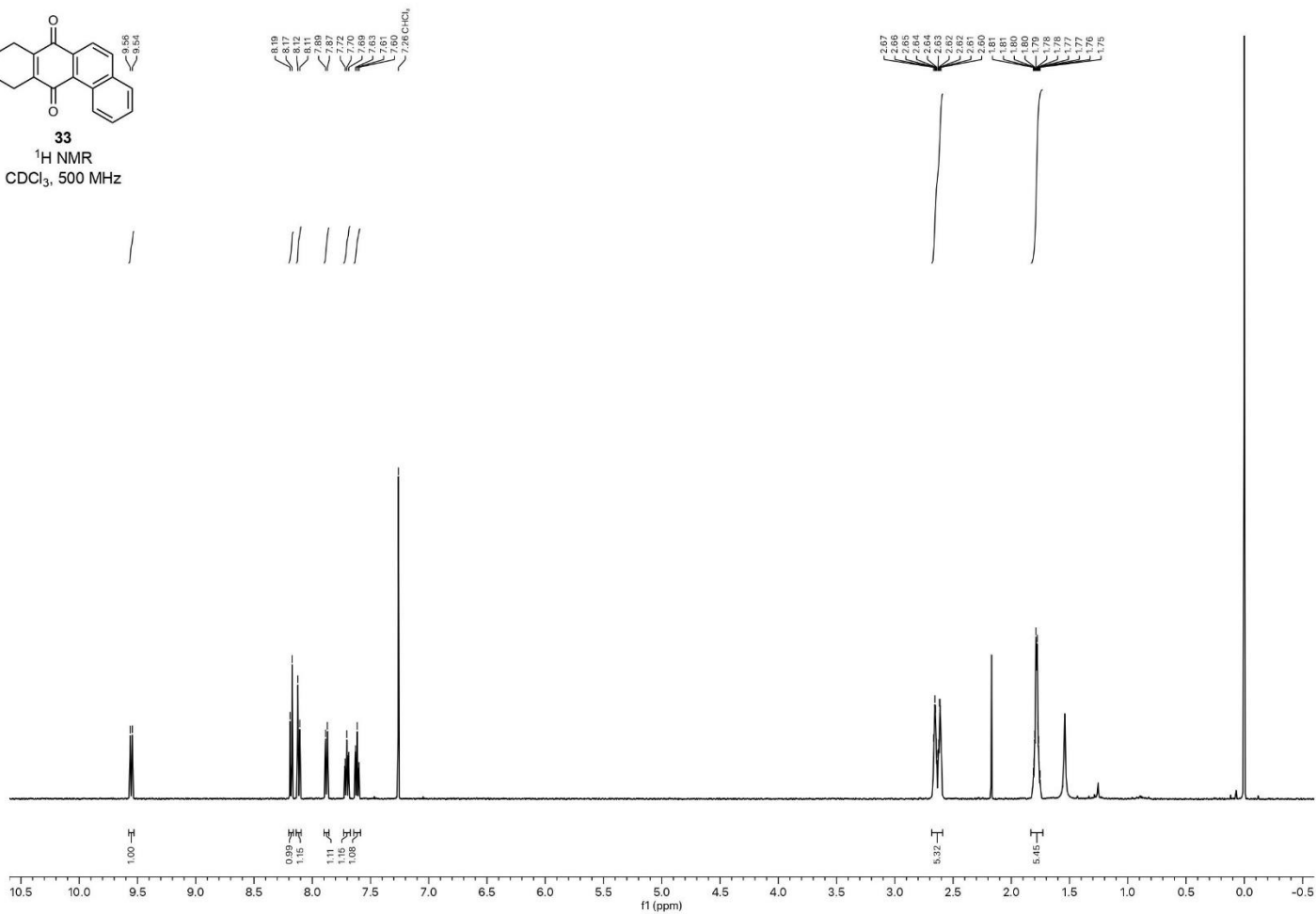
32
¹⁹F NMR
CDCl₃, 470 MHz

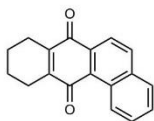


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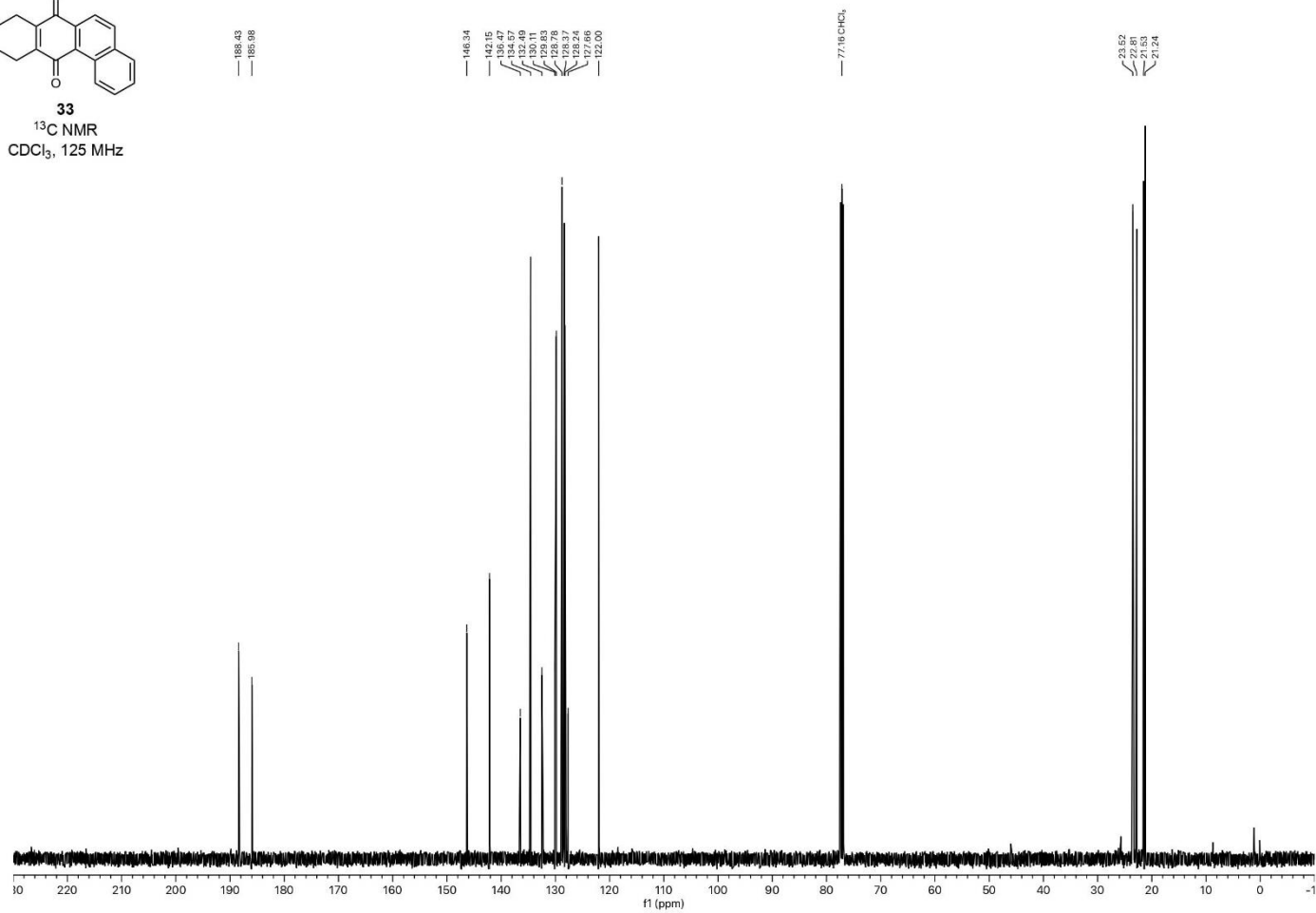


33
¹H NMR
 CDCl₃, 500 MHz

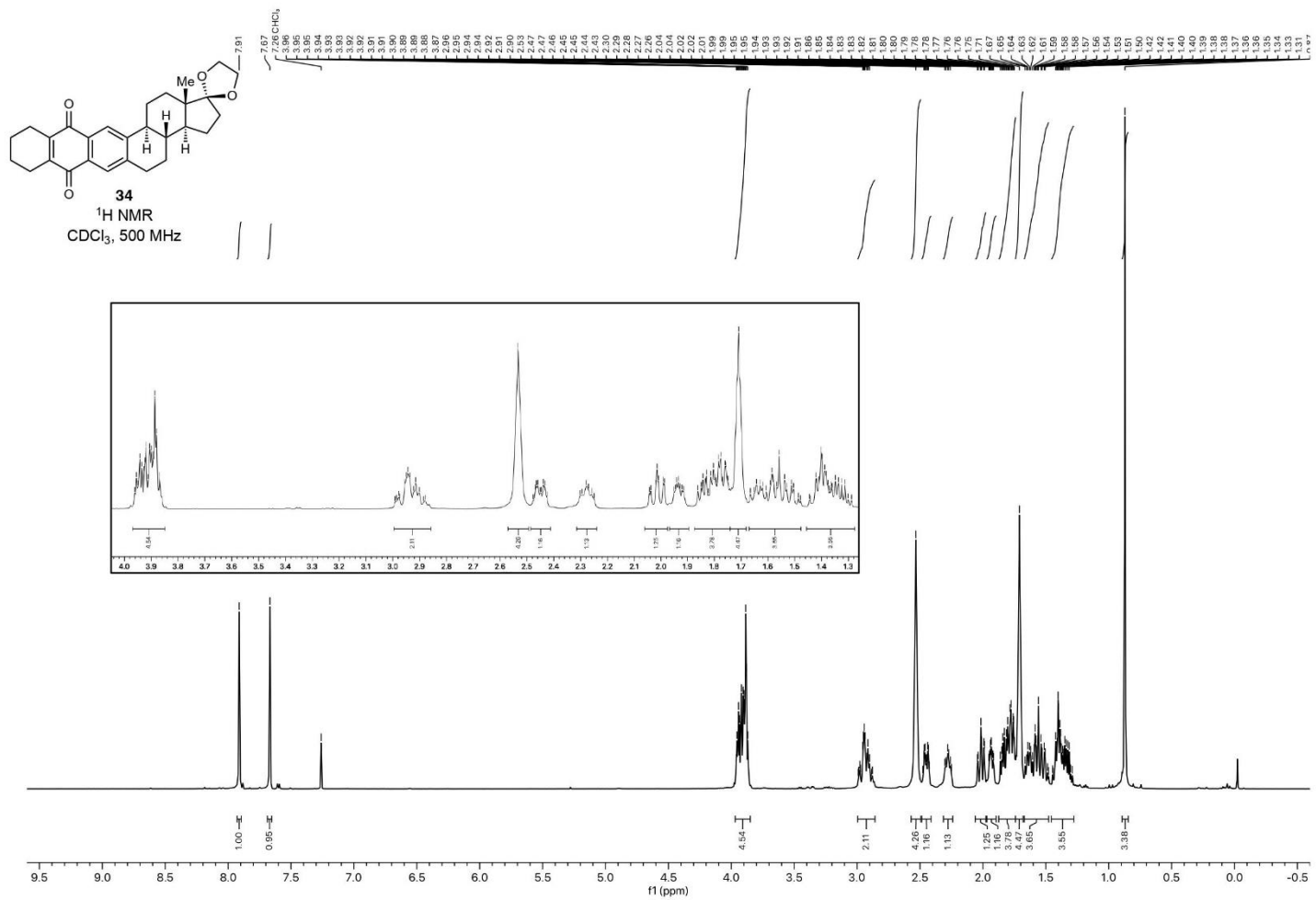


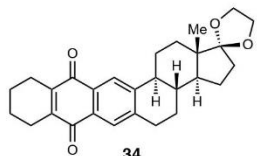


33
¹³C NMR
CDCl₃, 125 MHz

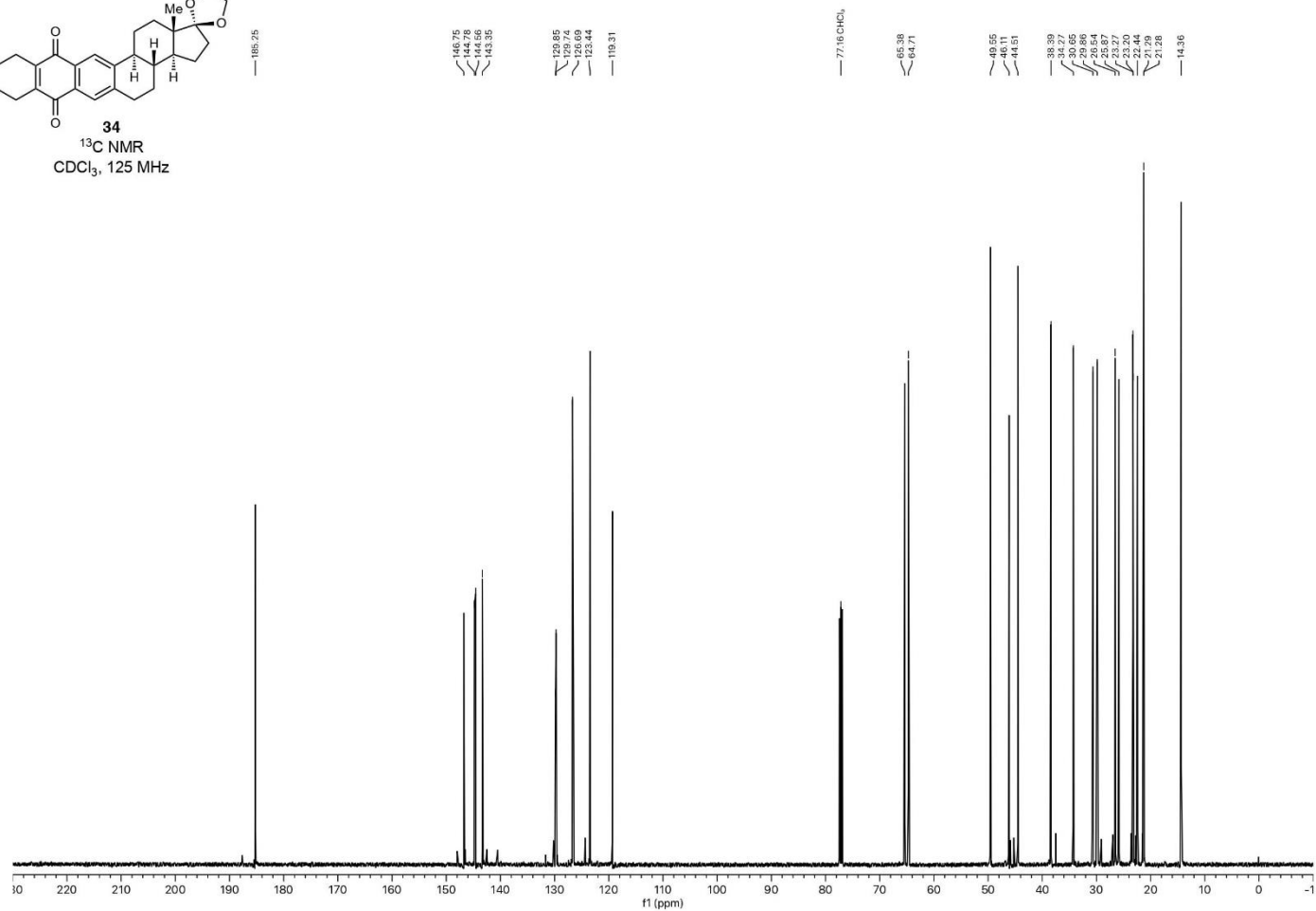


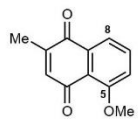
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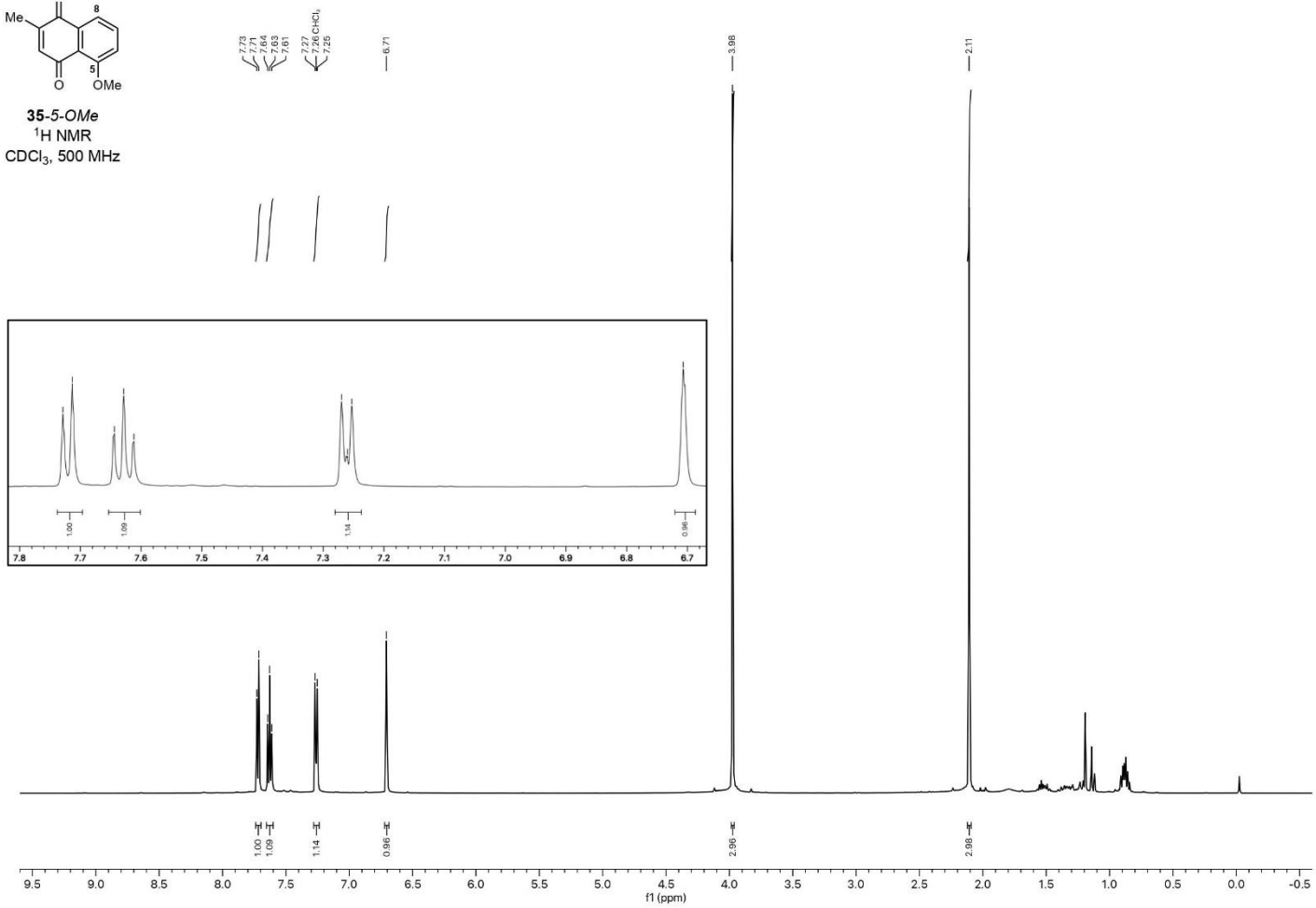


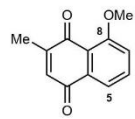
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CDCl₃, 125 MHz



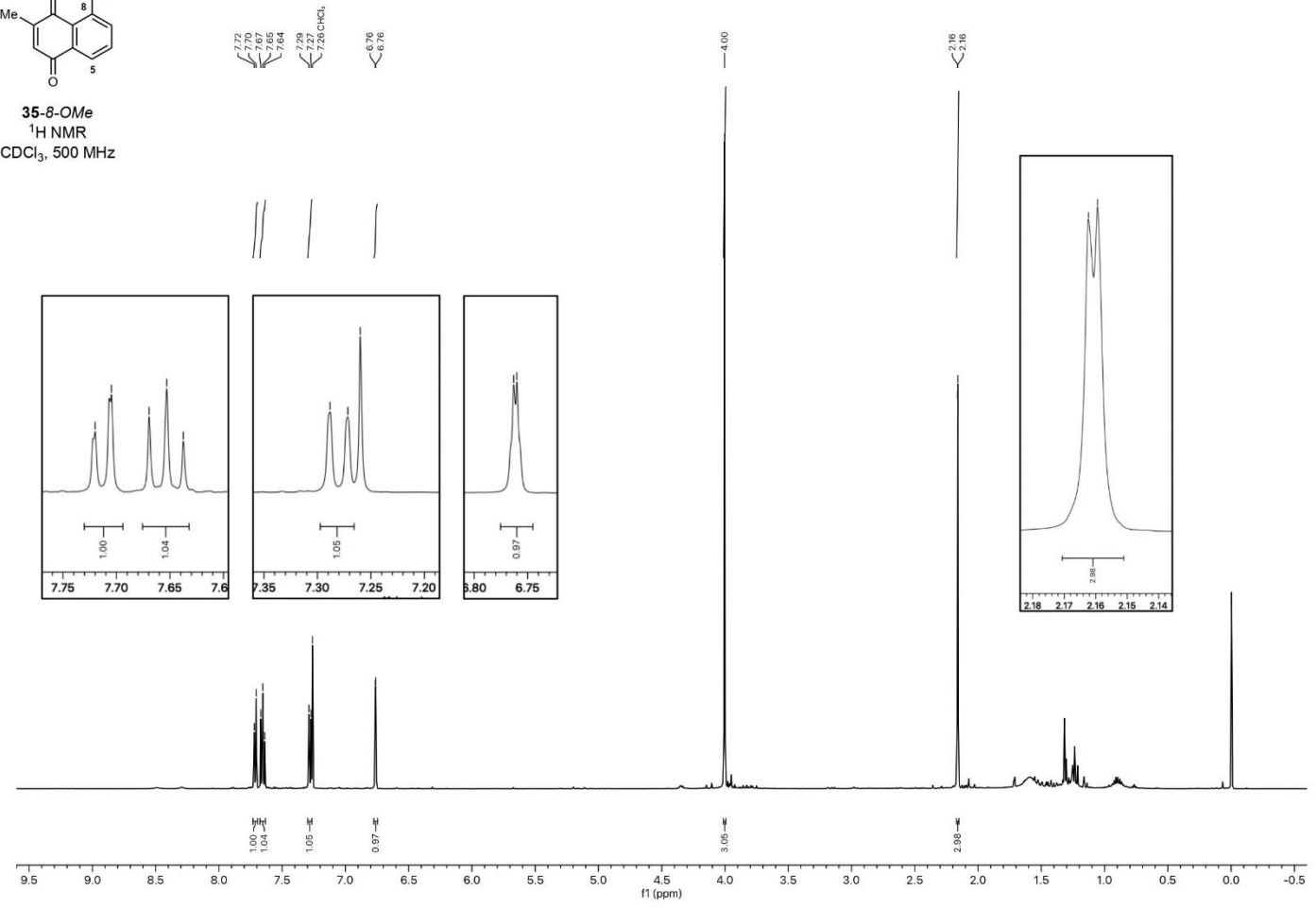


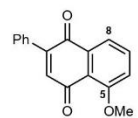
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 CDCl₃, 500 MHz



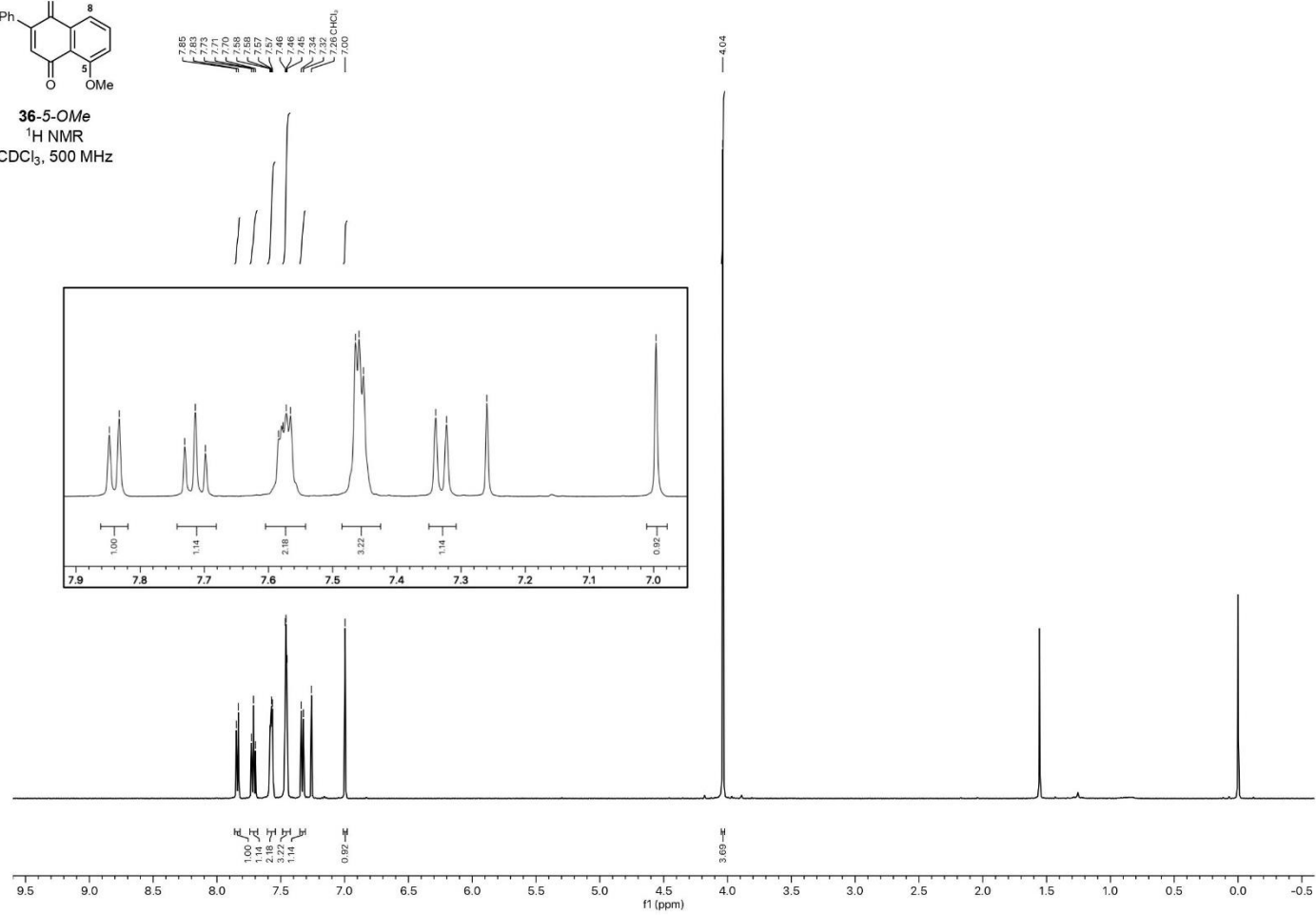


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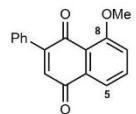




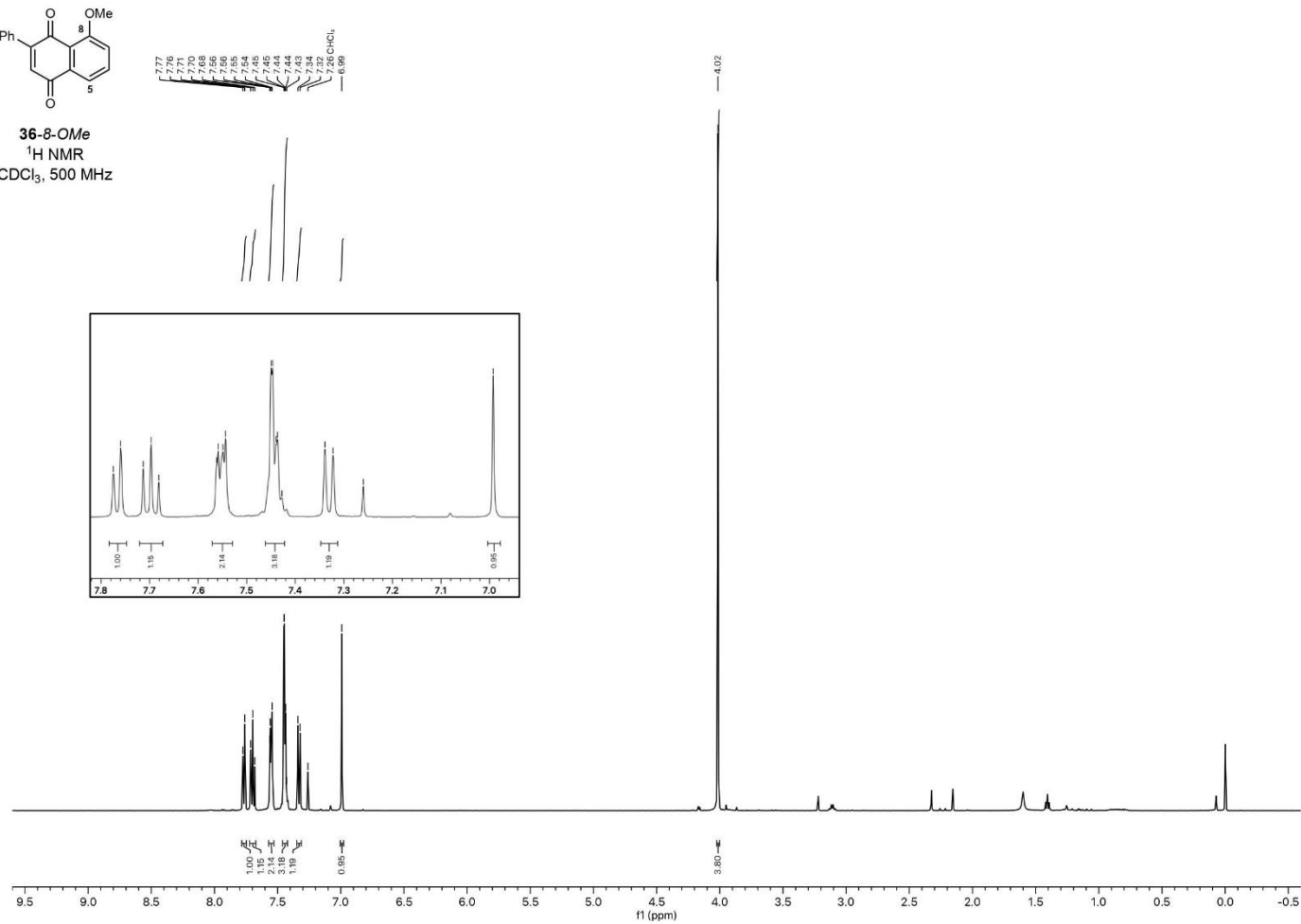
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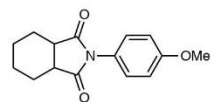
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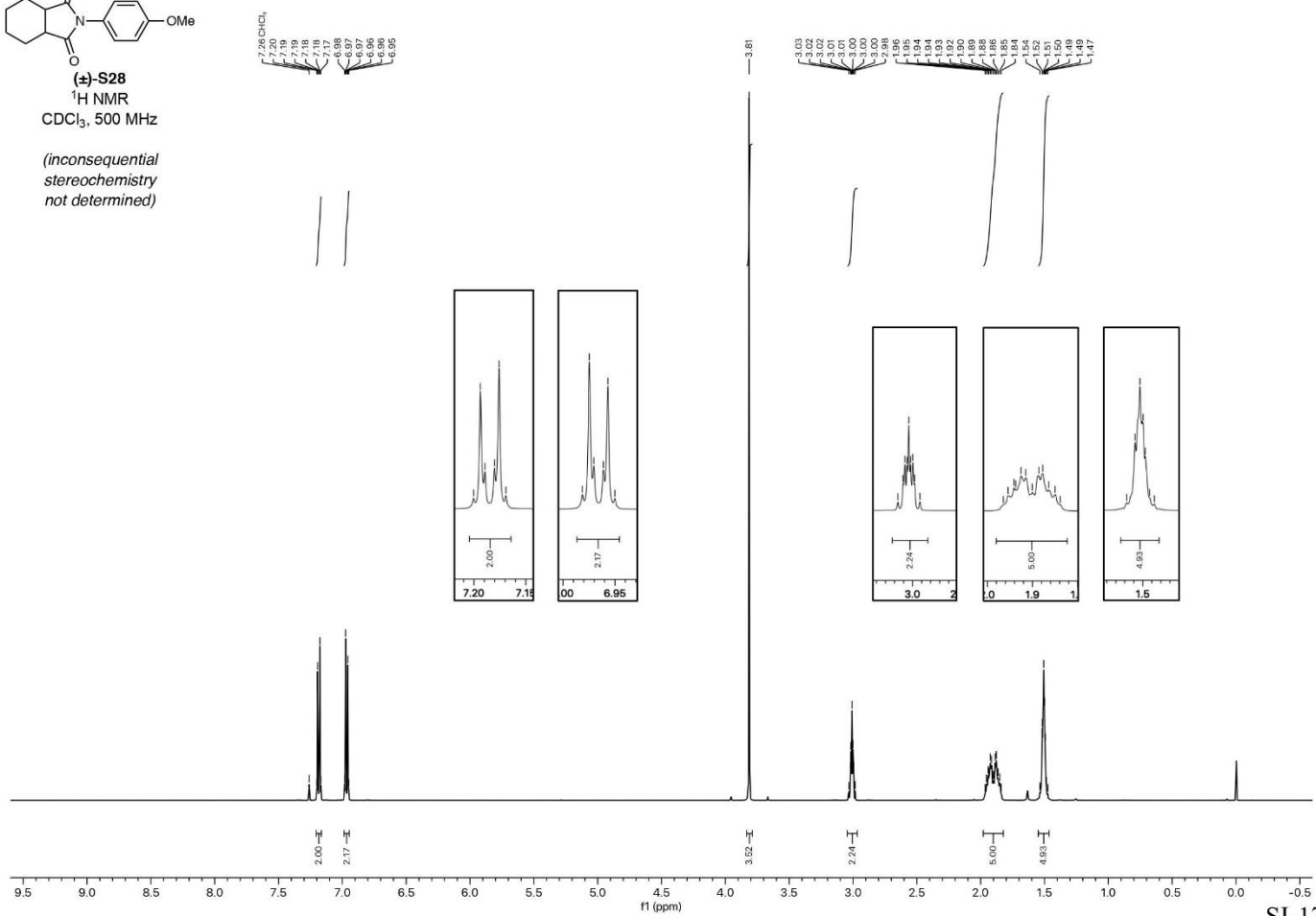
Pyrroles and their Precursors



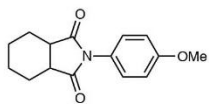
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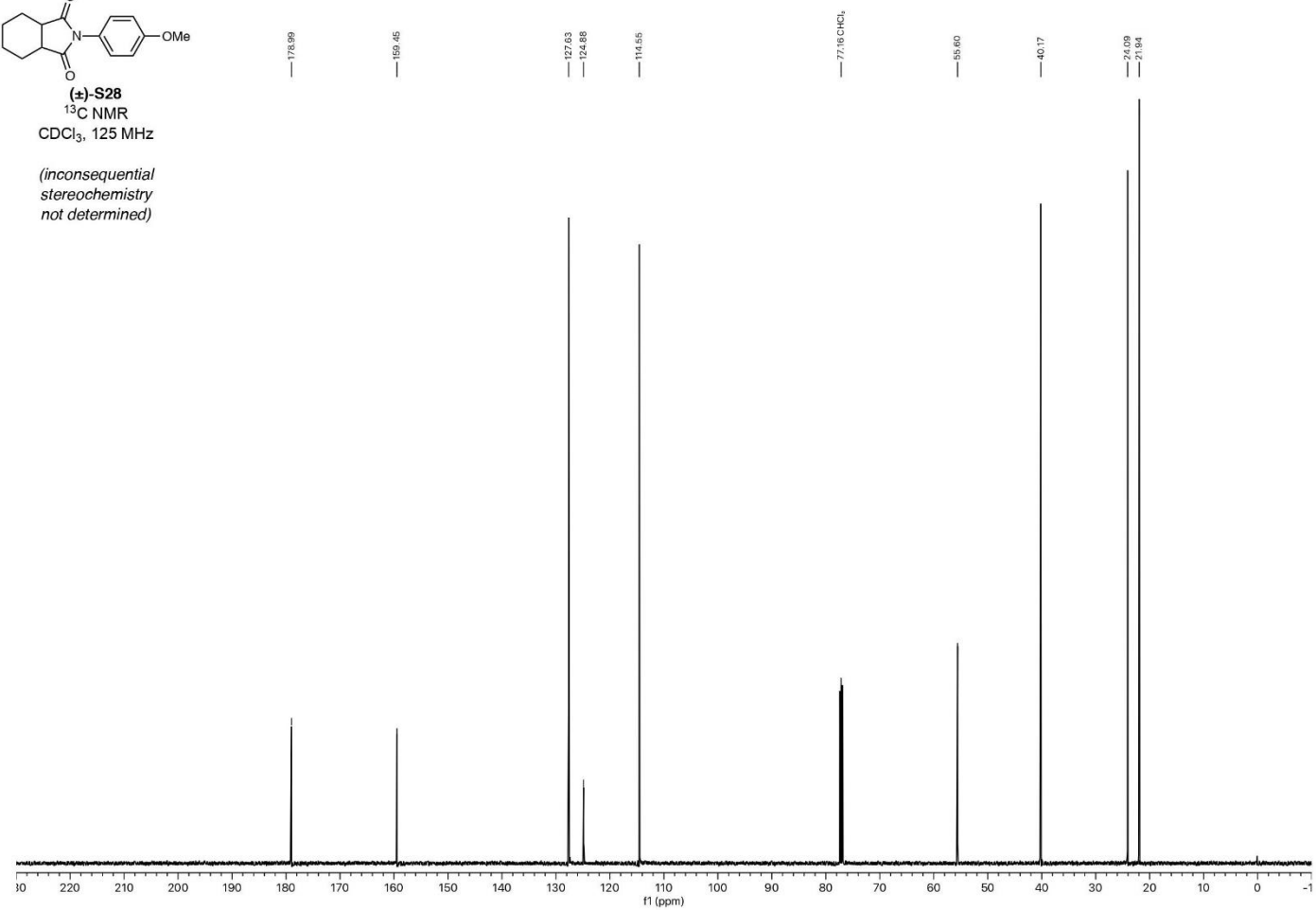


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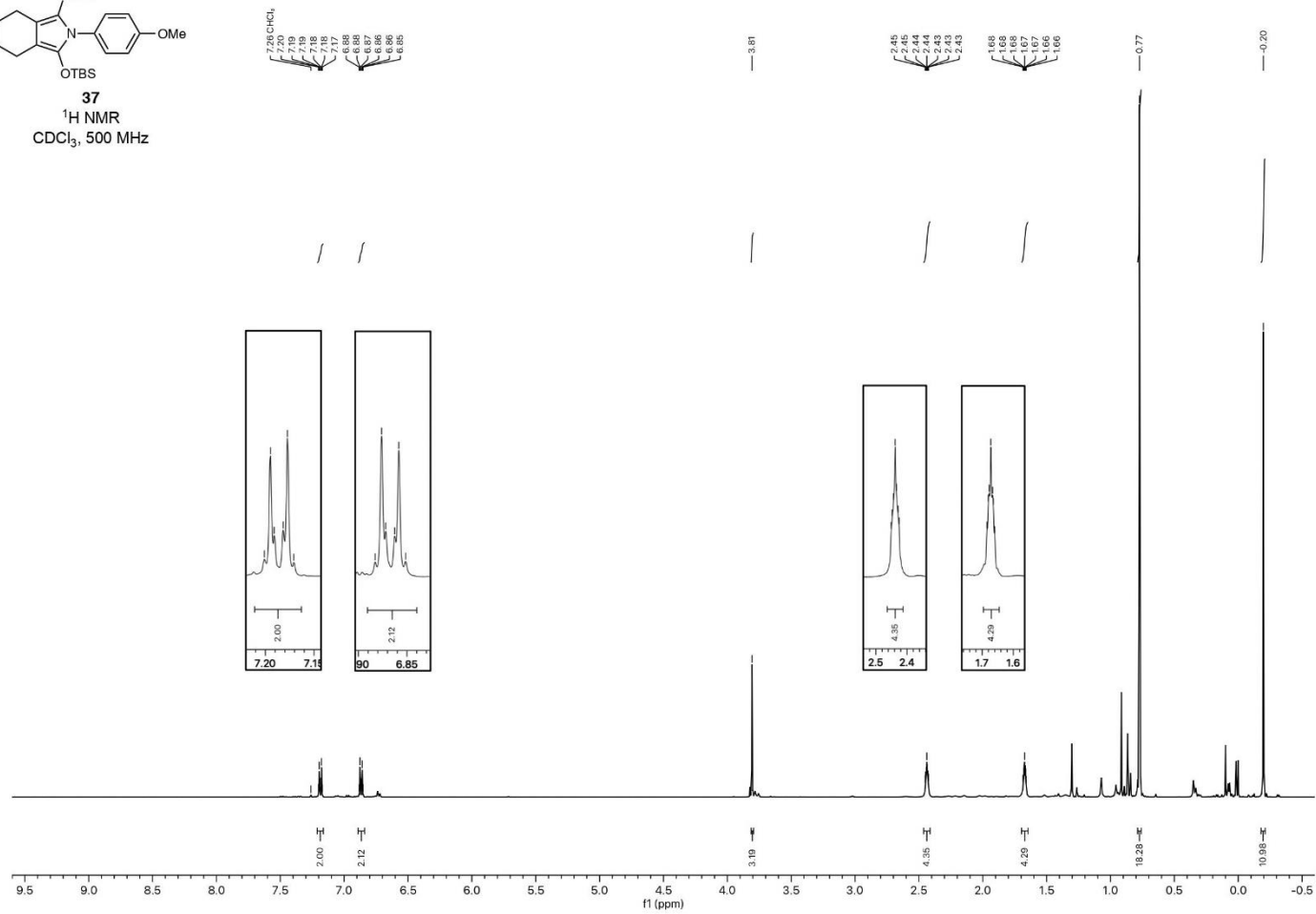
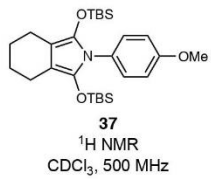
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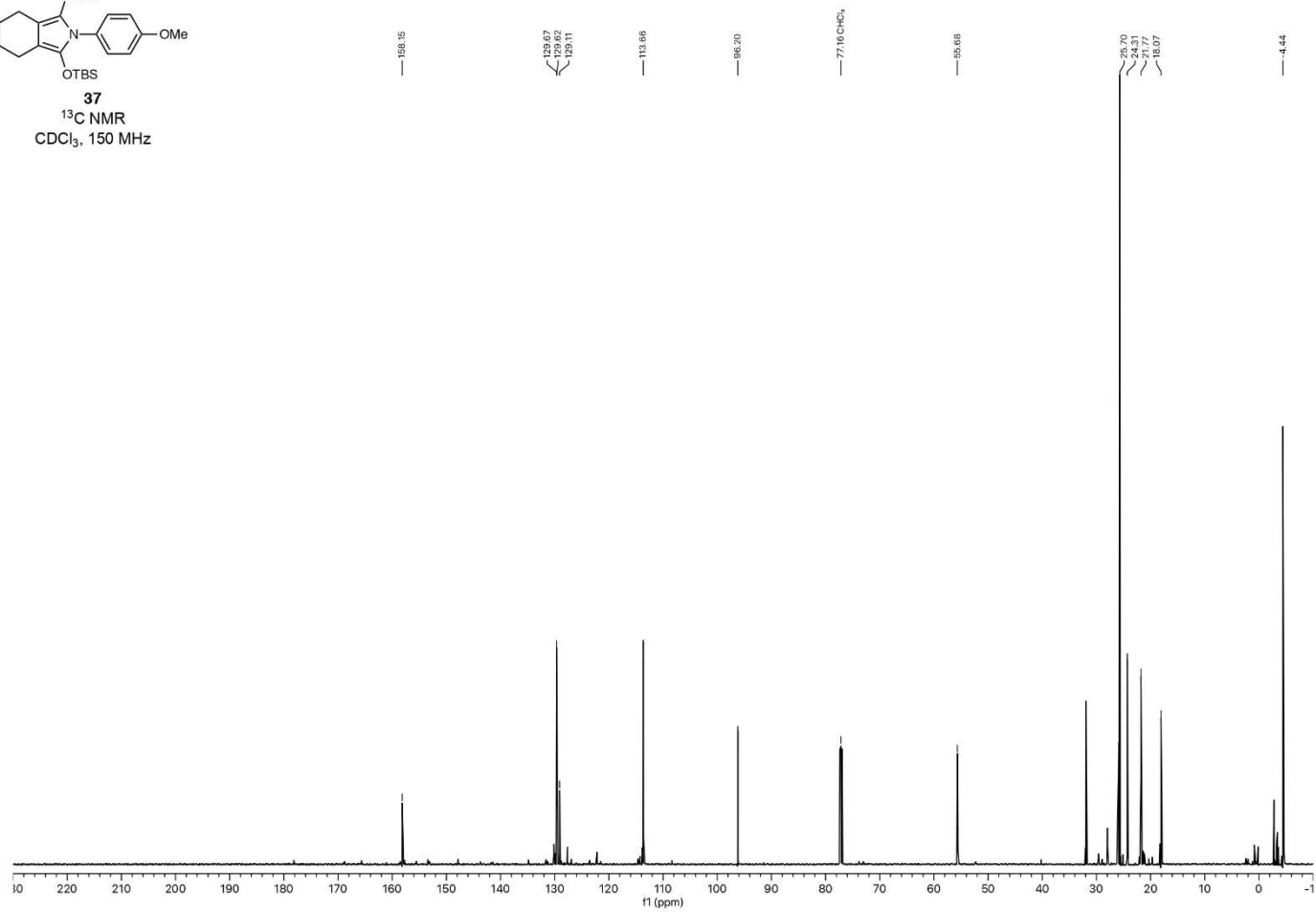
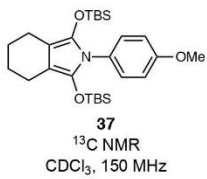
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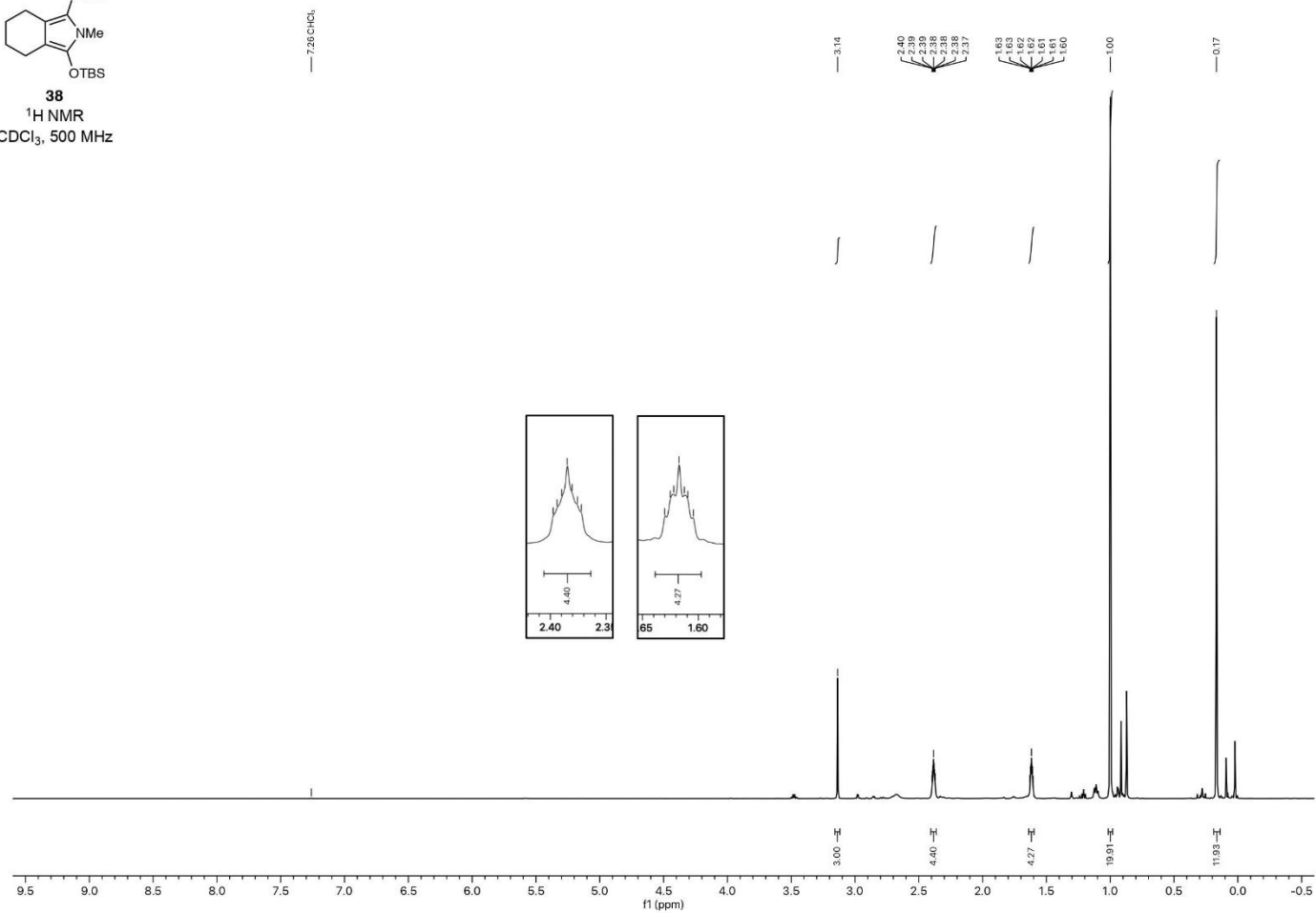
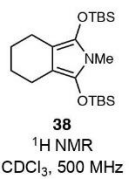
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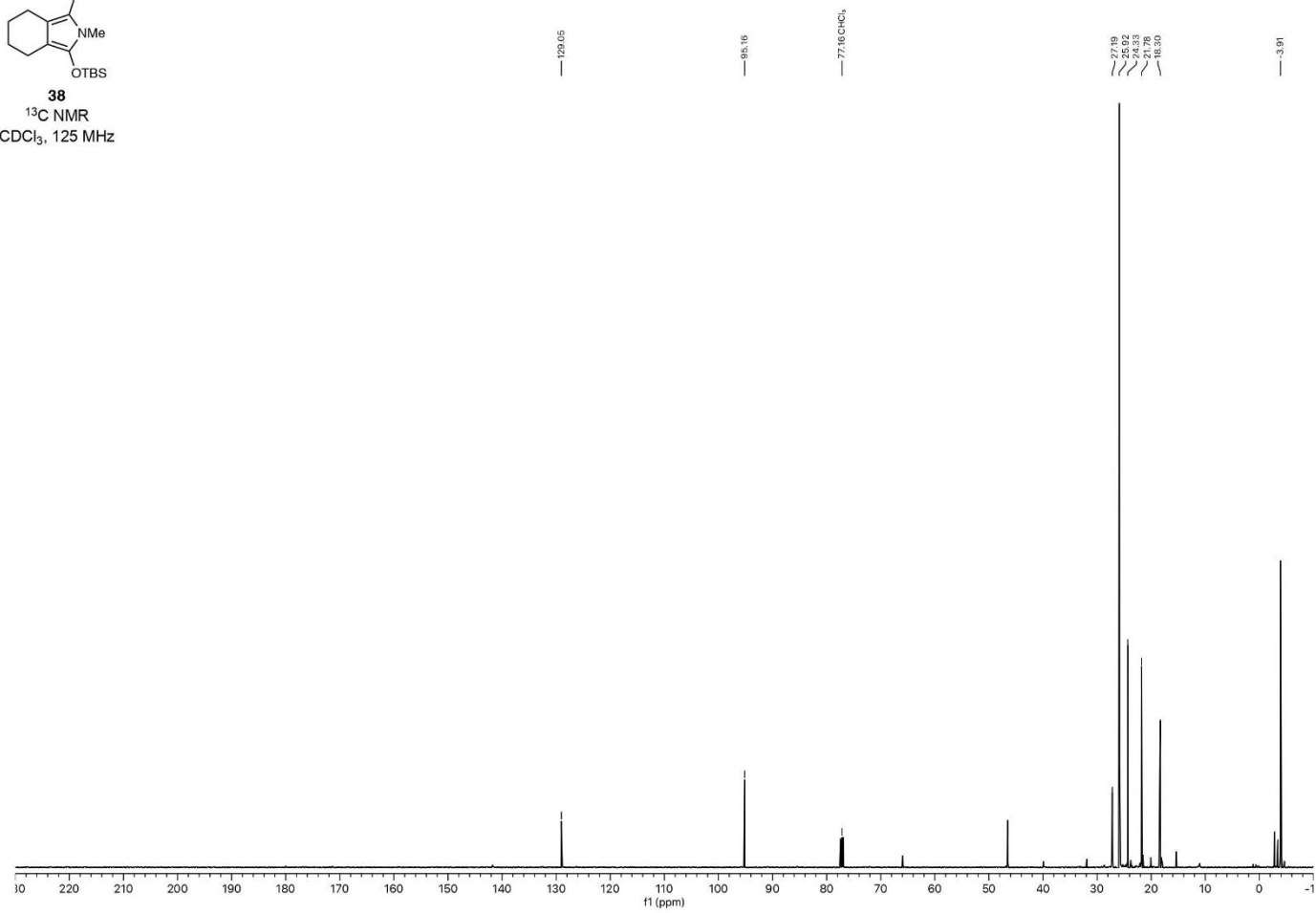
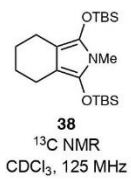
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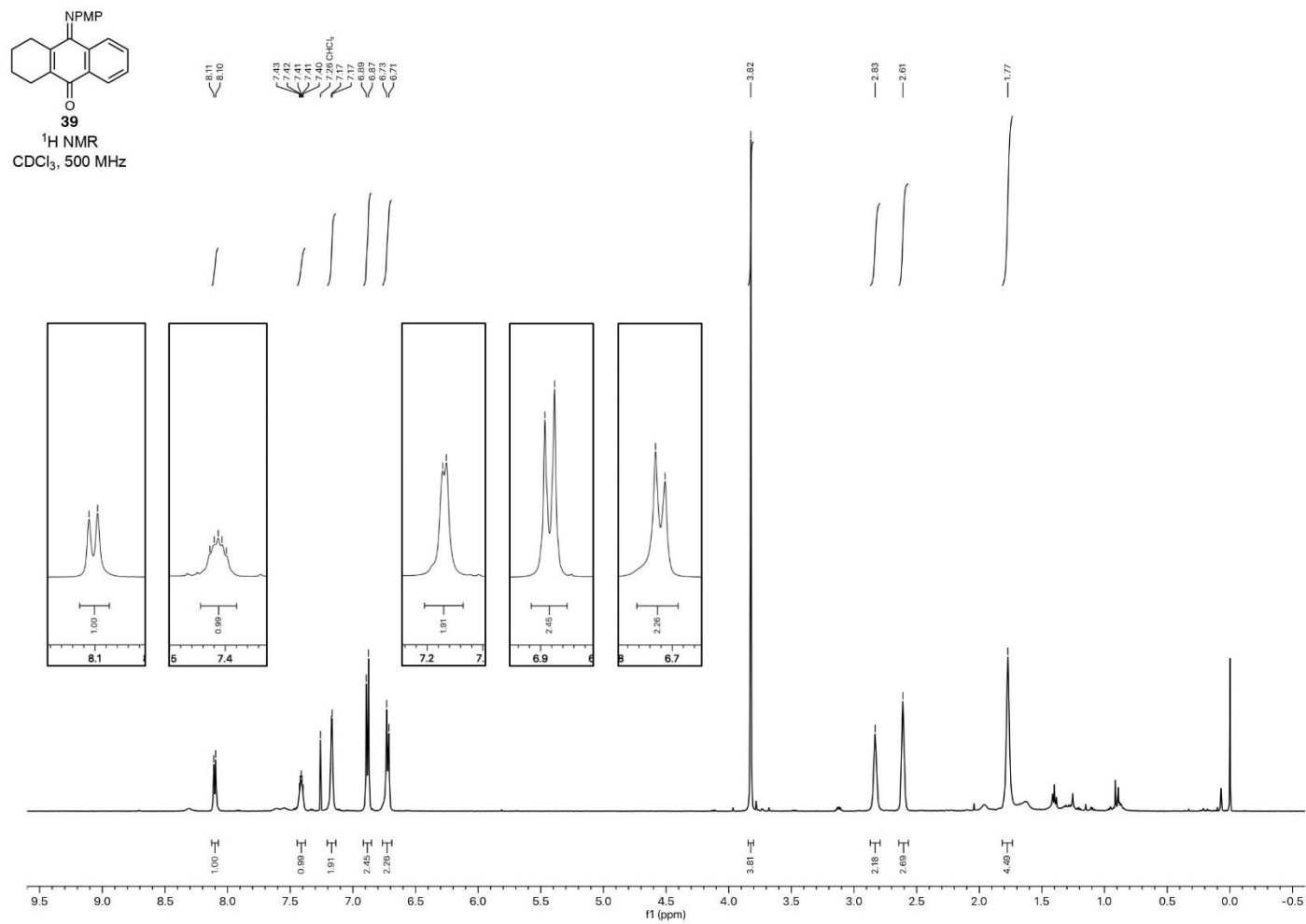


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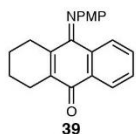


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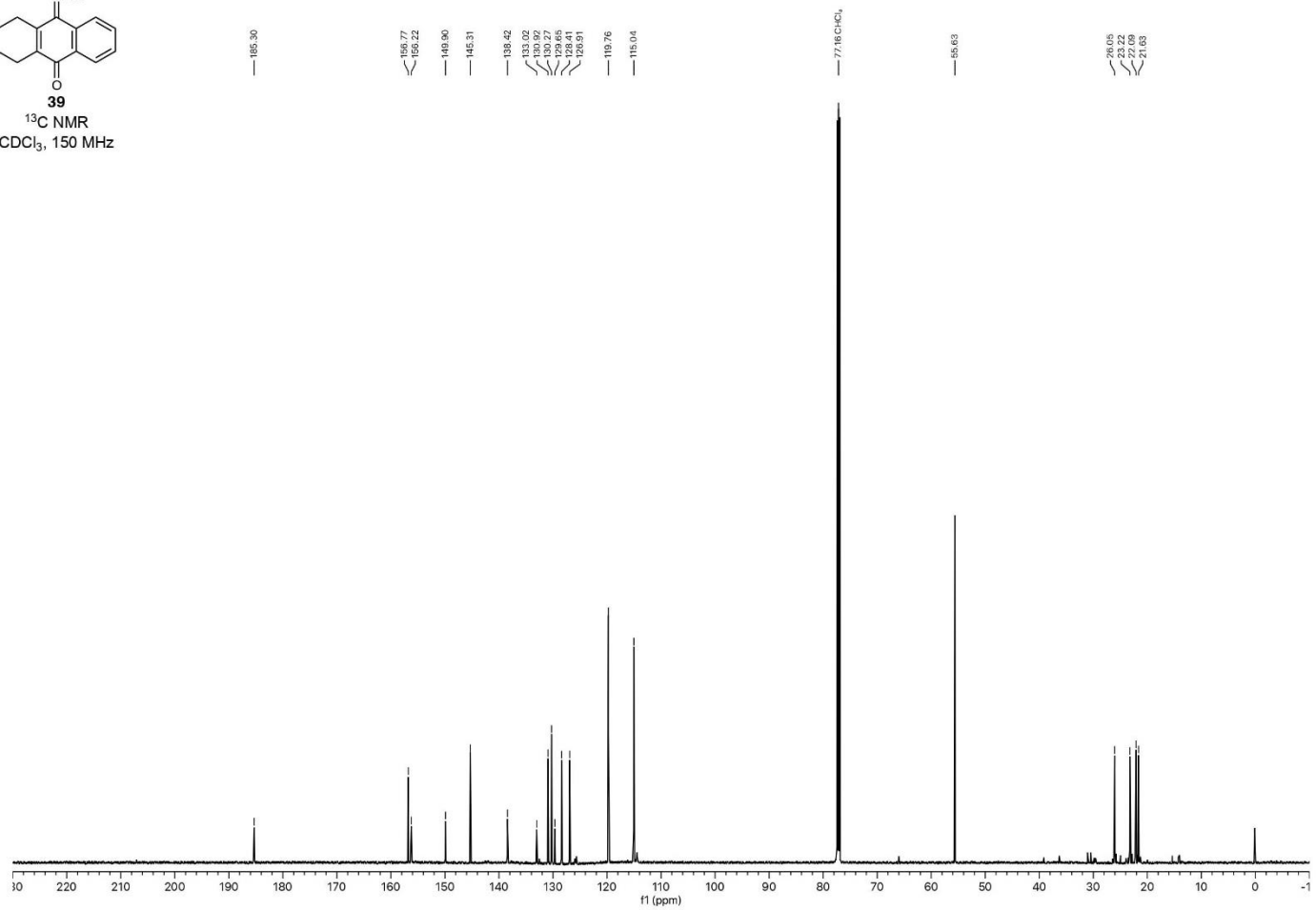
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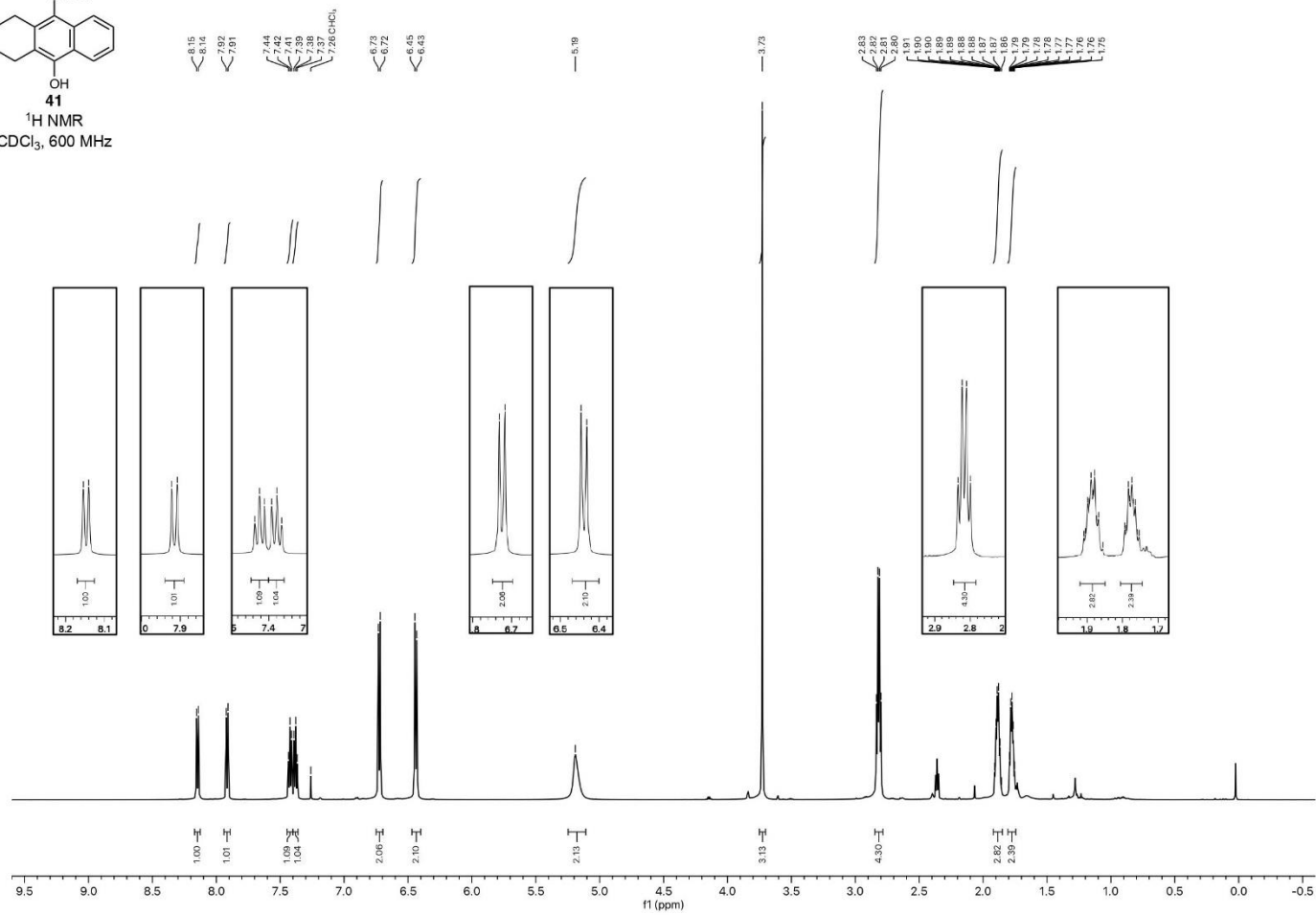
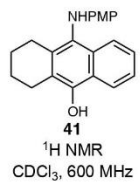
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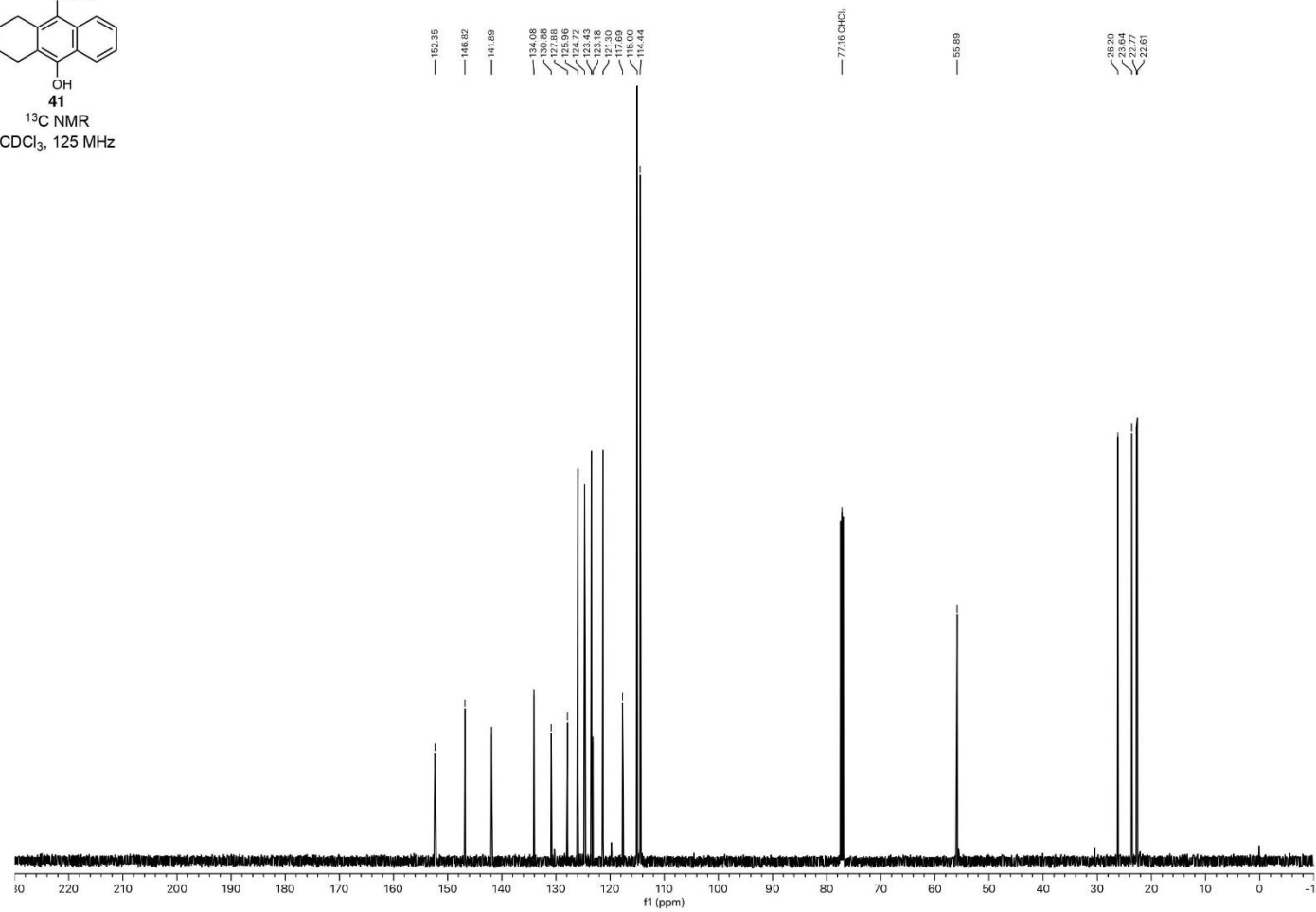
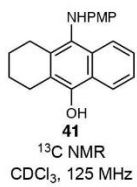
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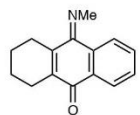
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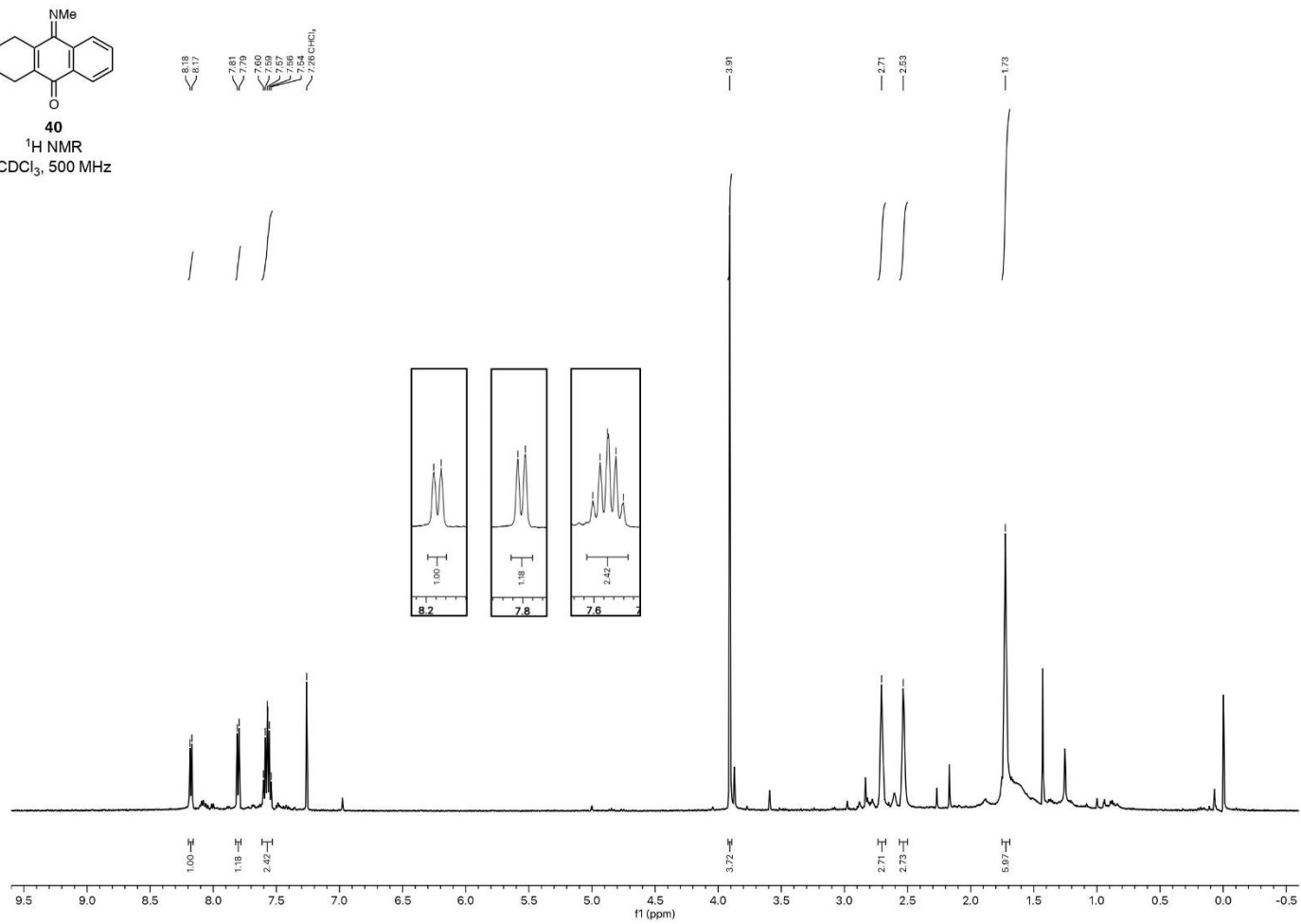
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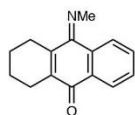


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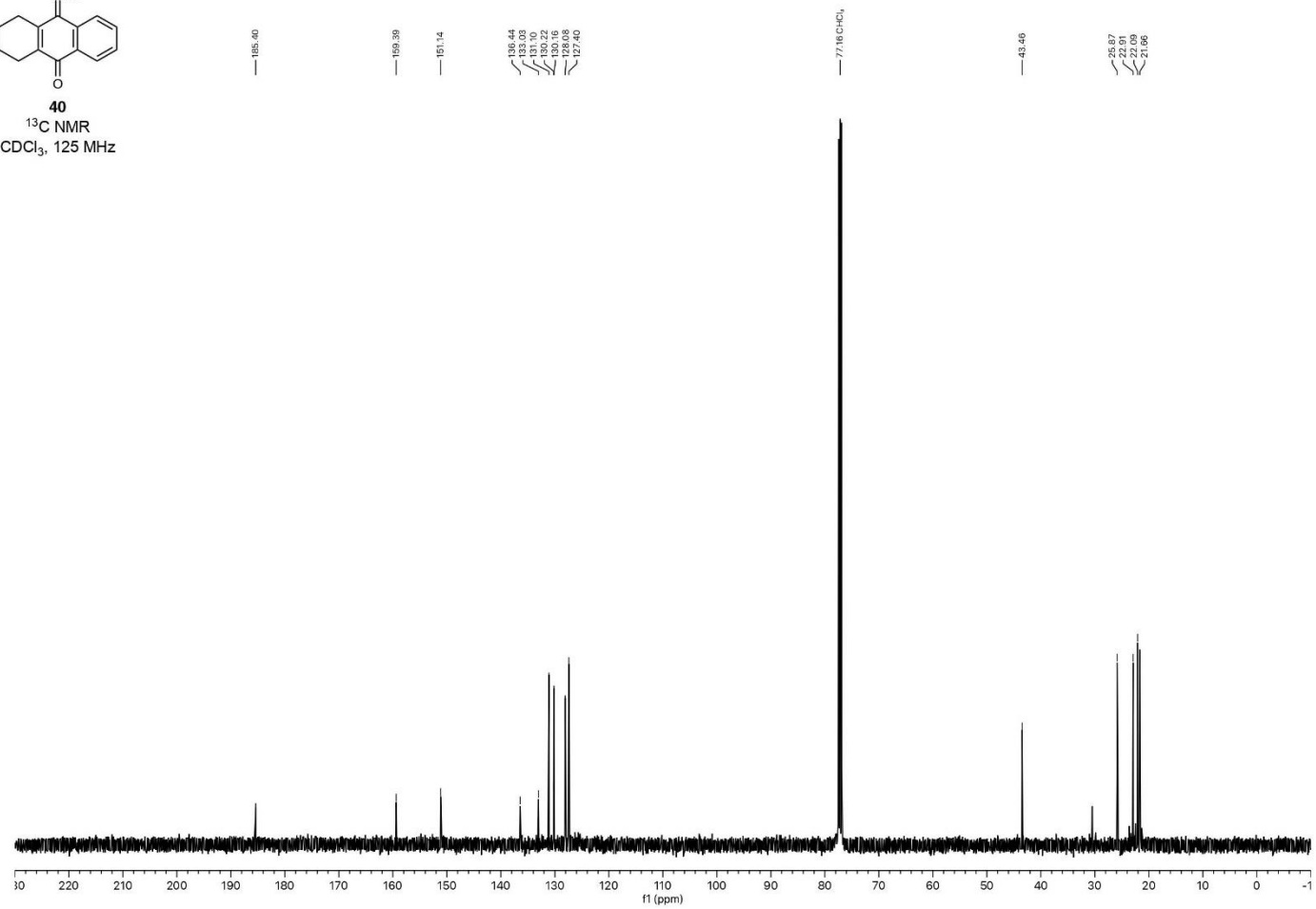


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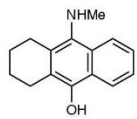




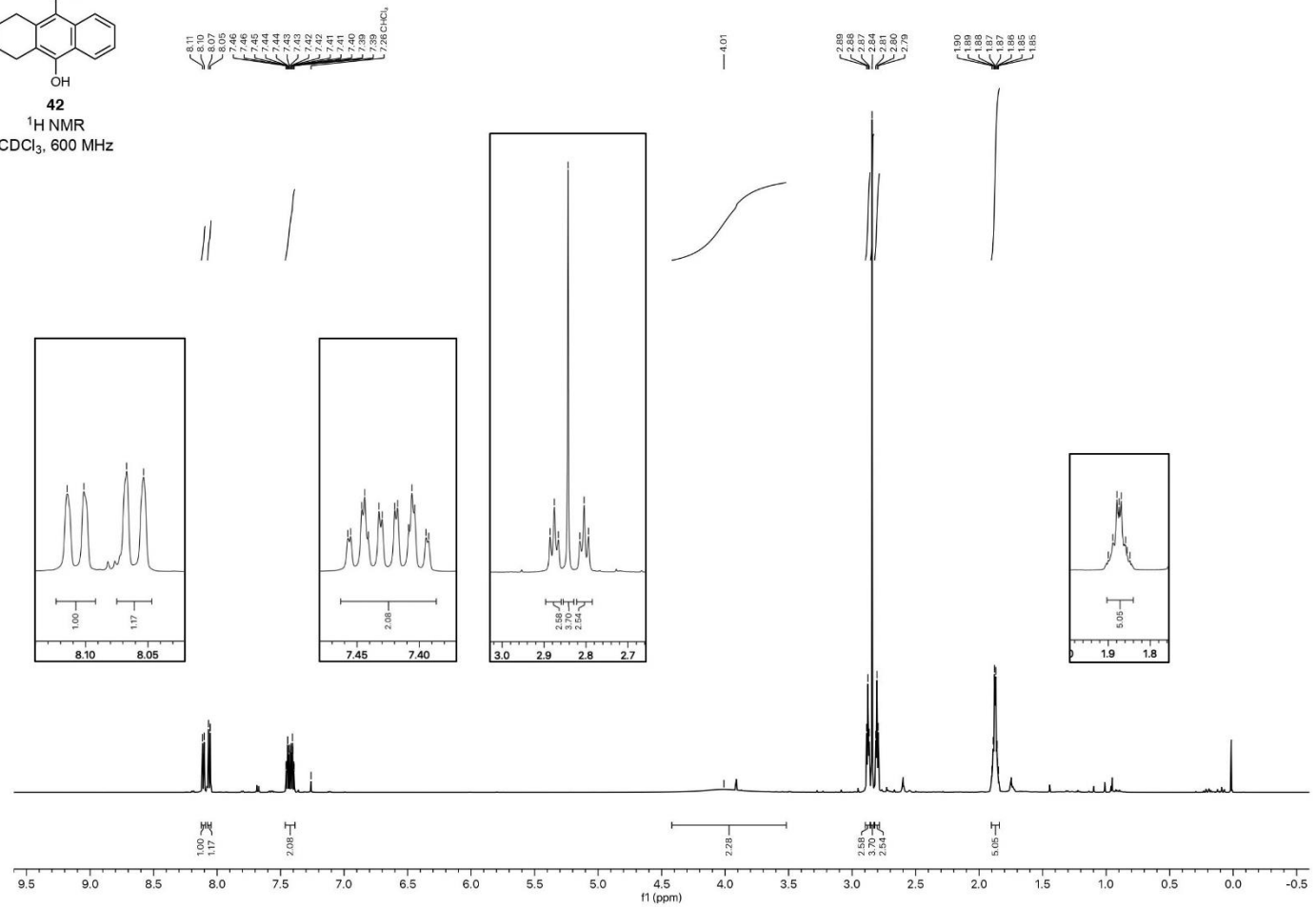
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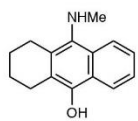


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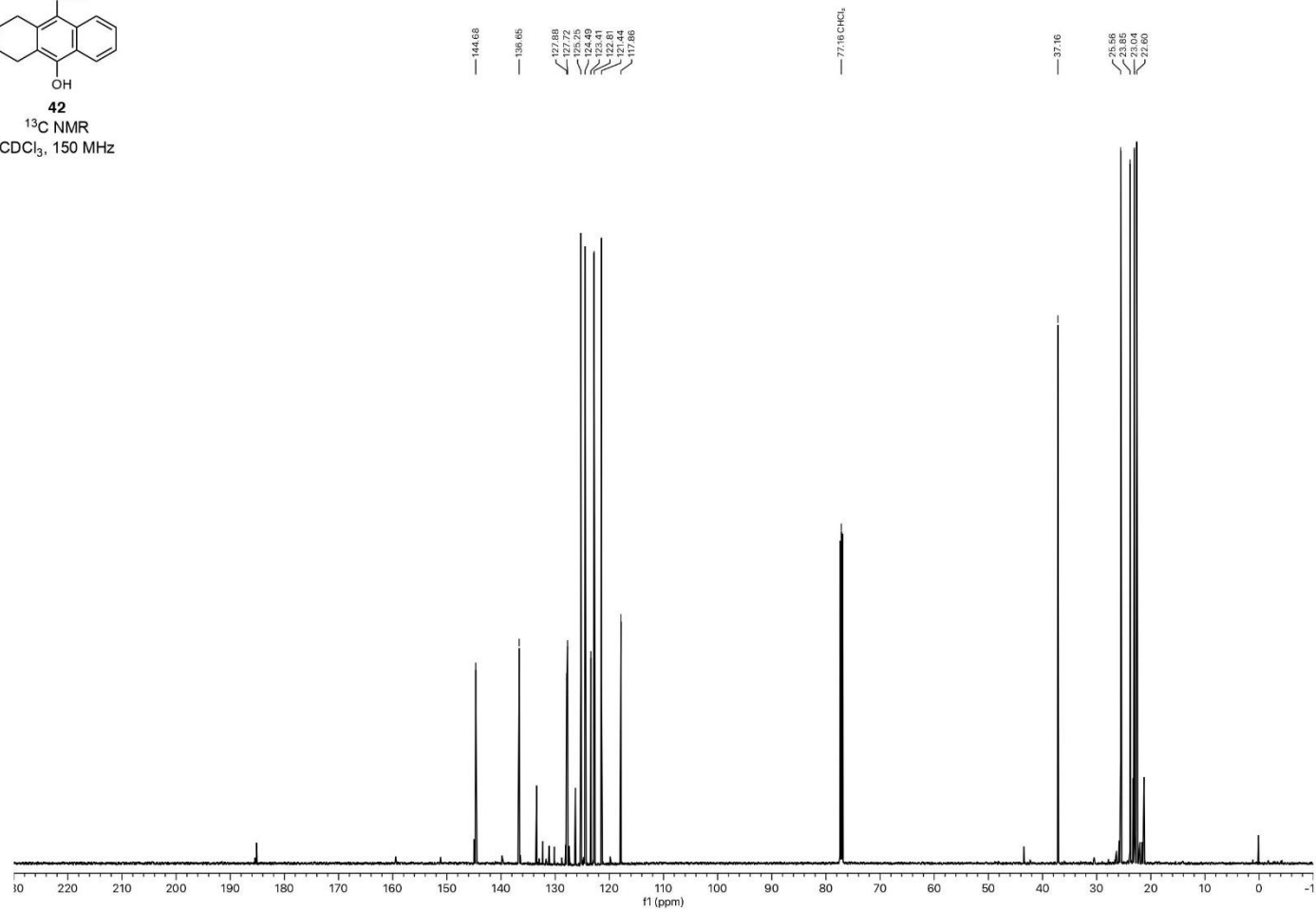


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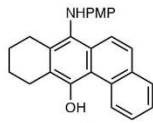




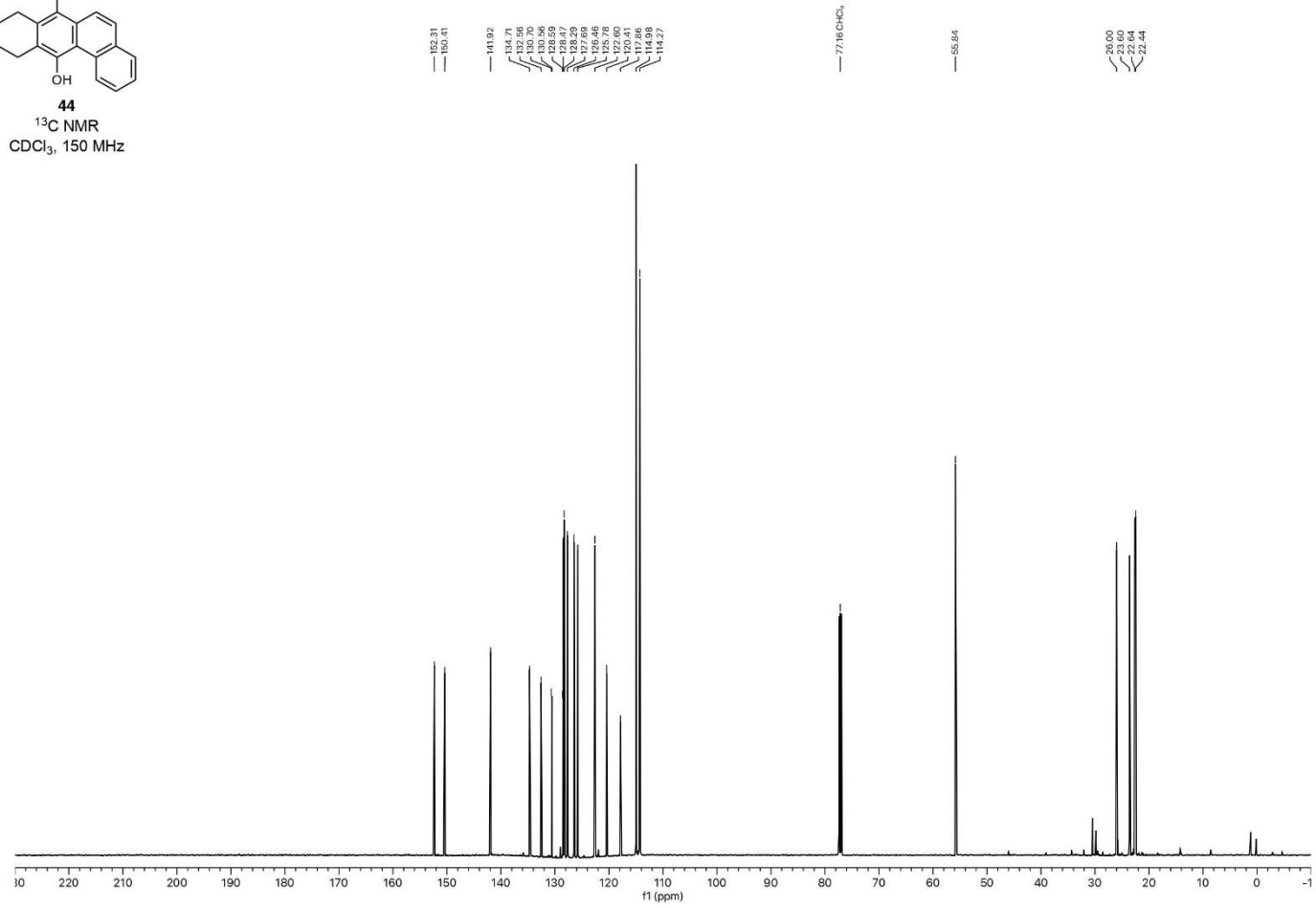
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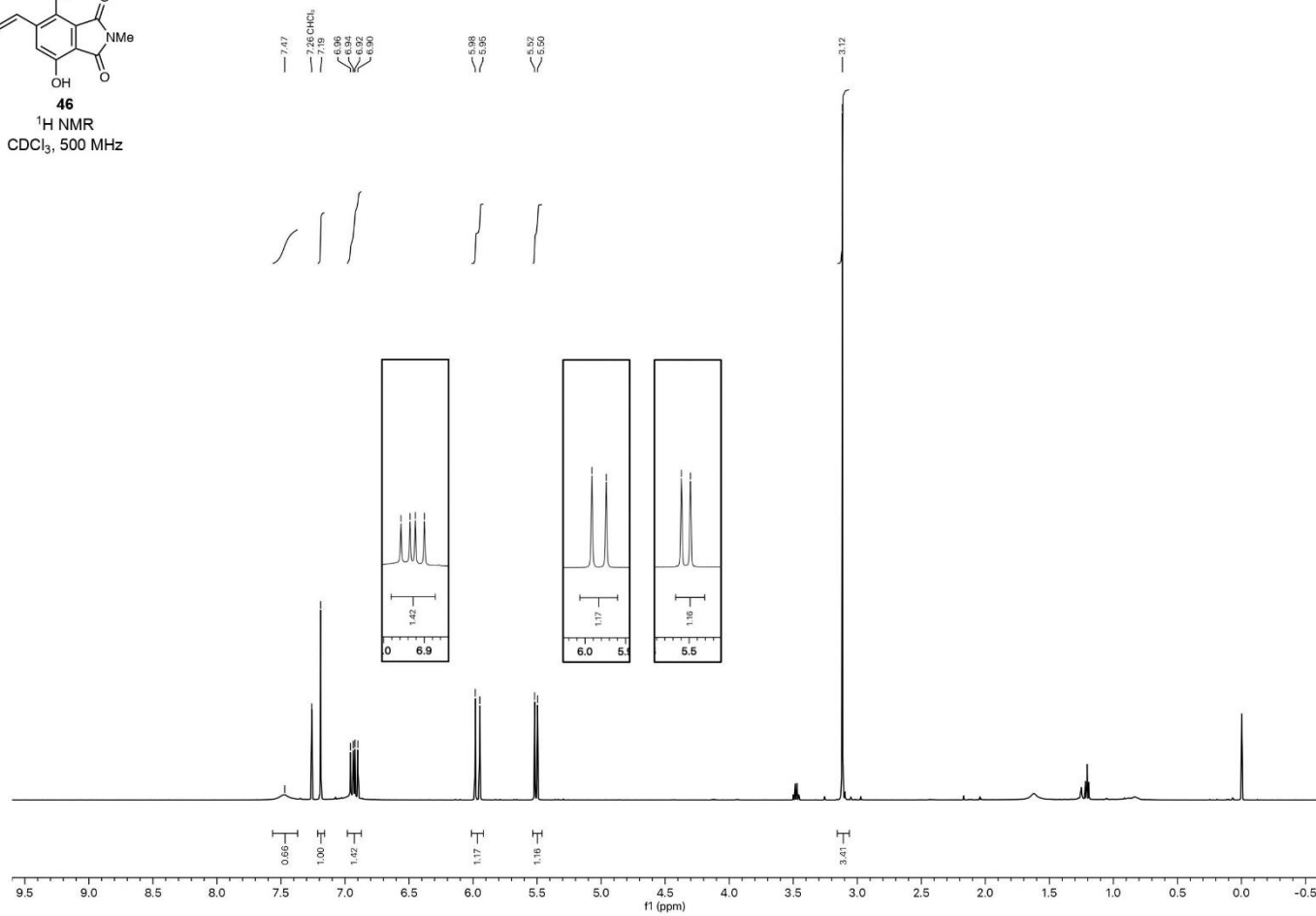
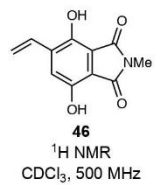


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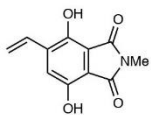


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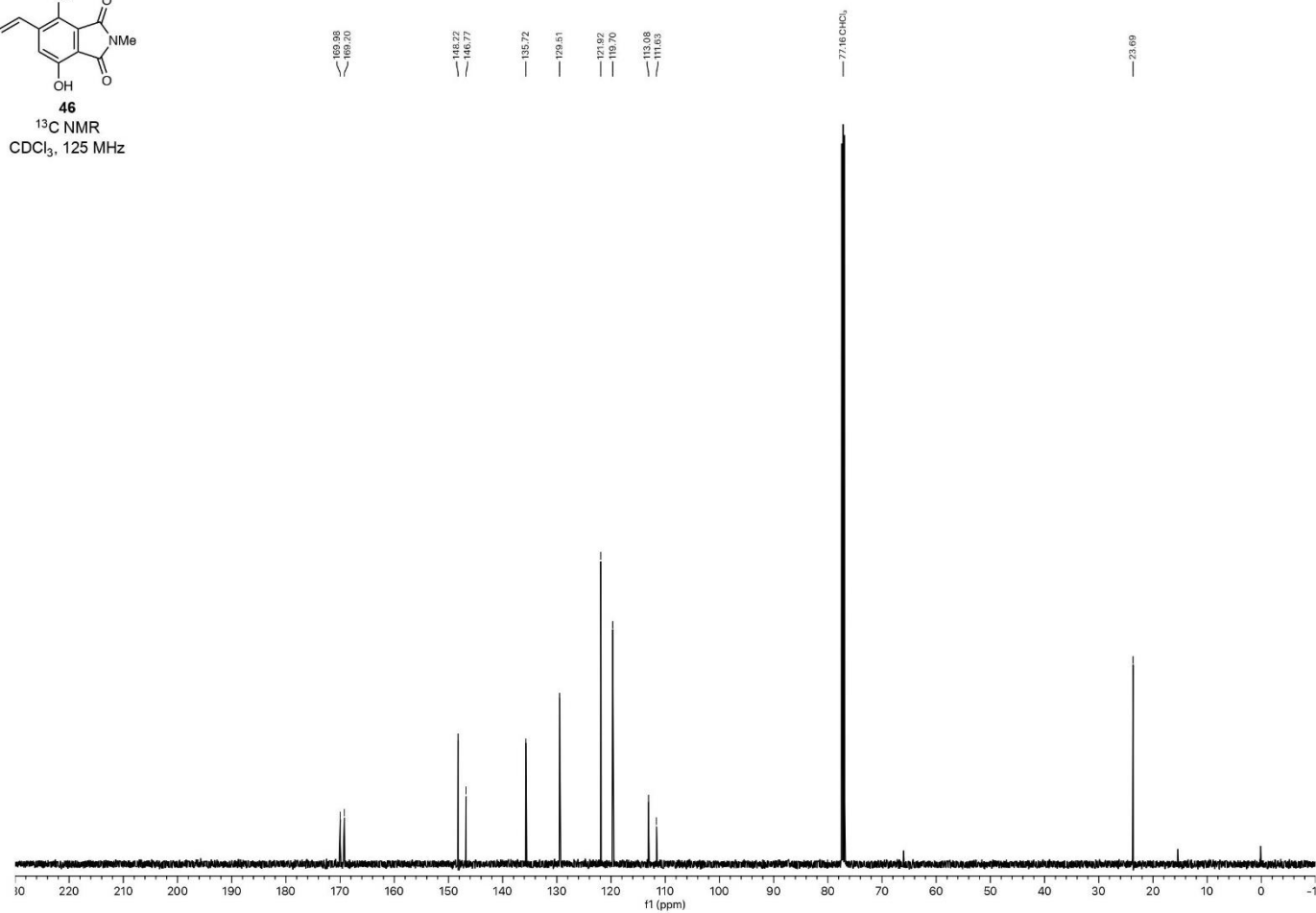
Diels–Alder Adducts of a Cross-Conjugated Derivative

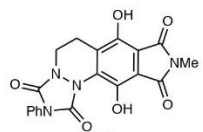


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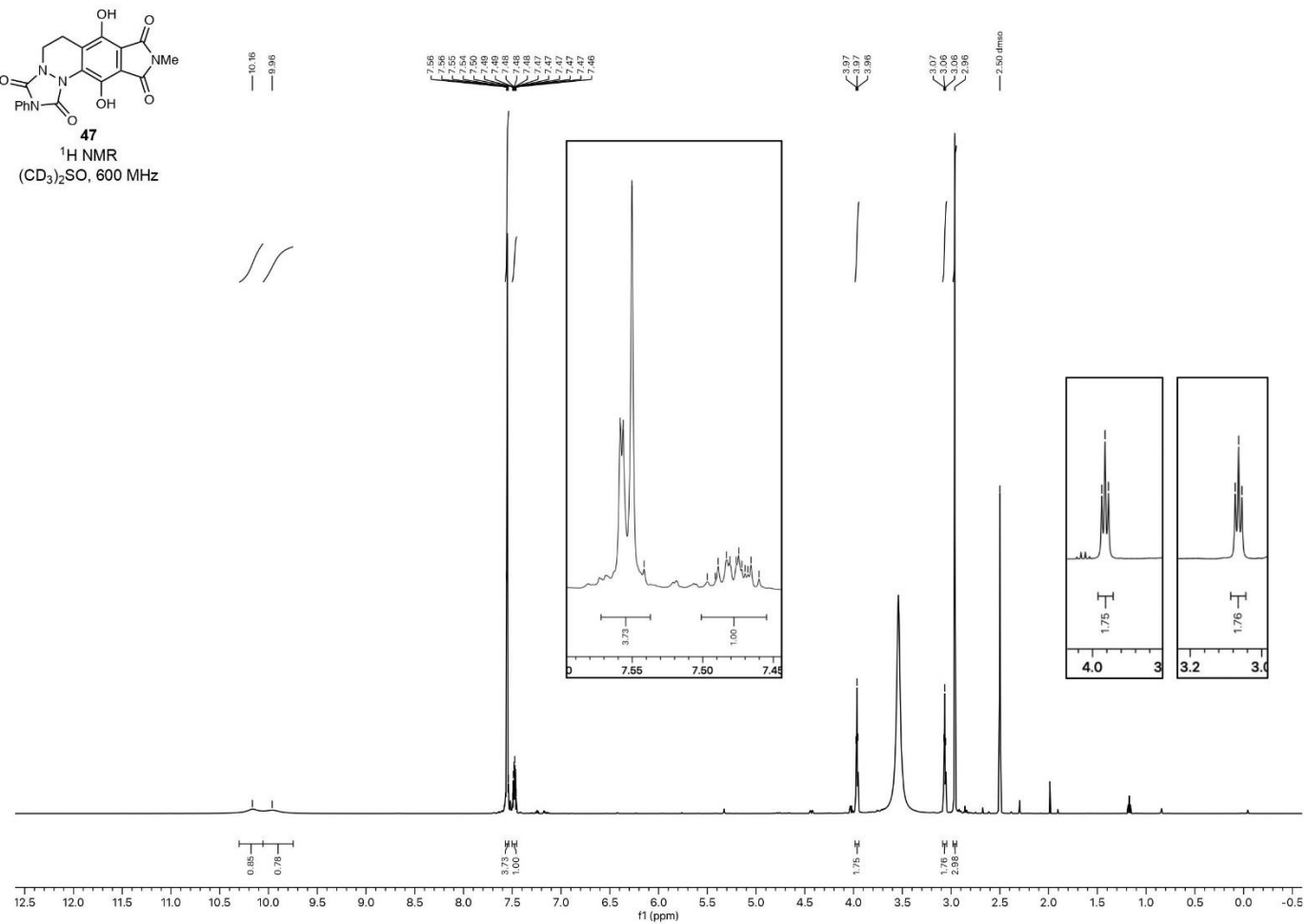


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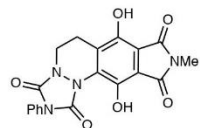




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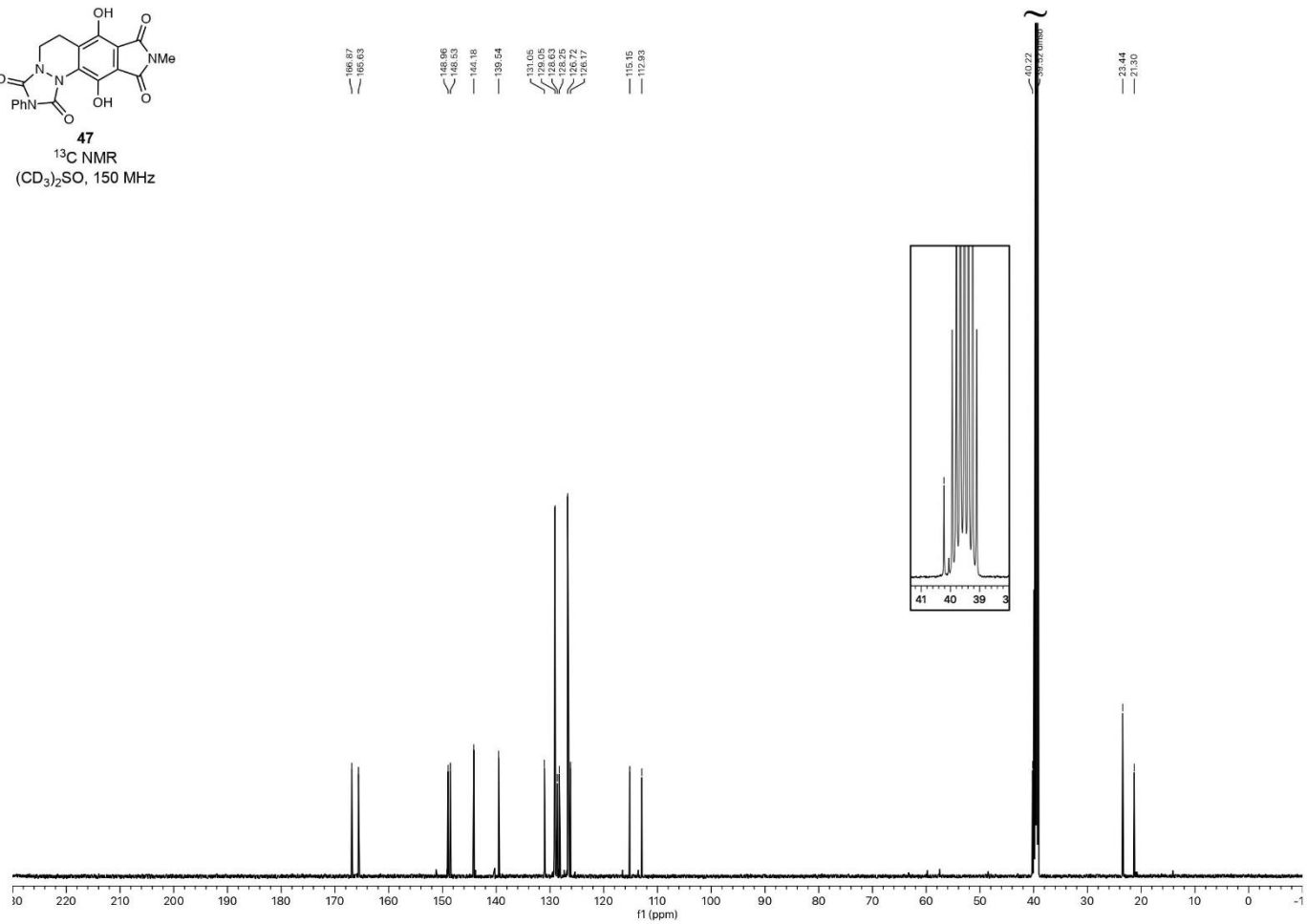


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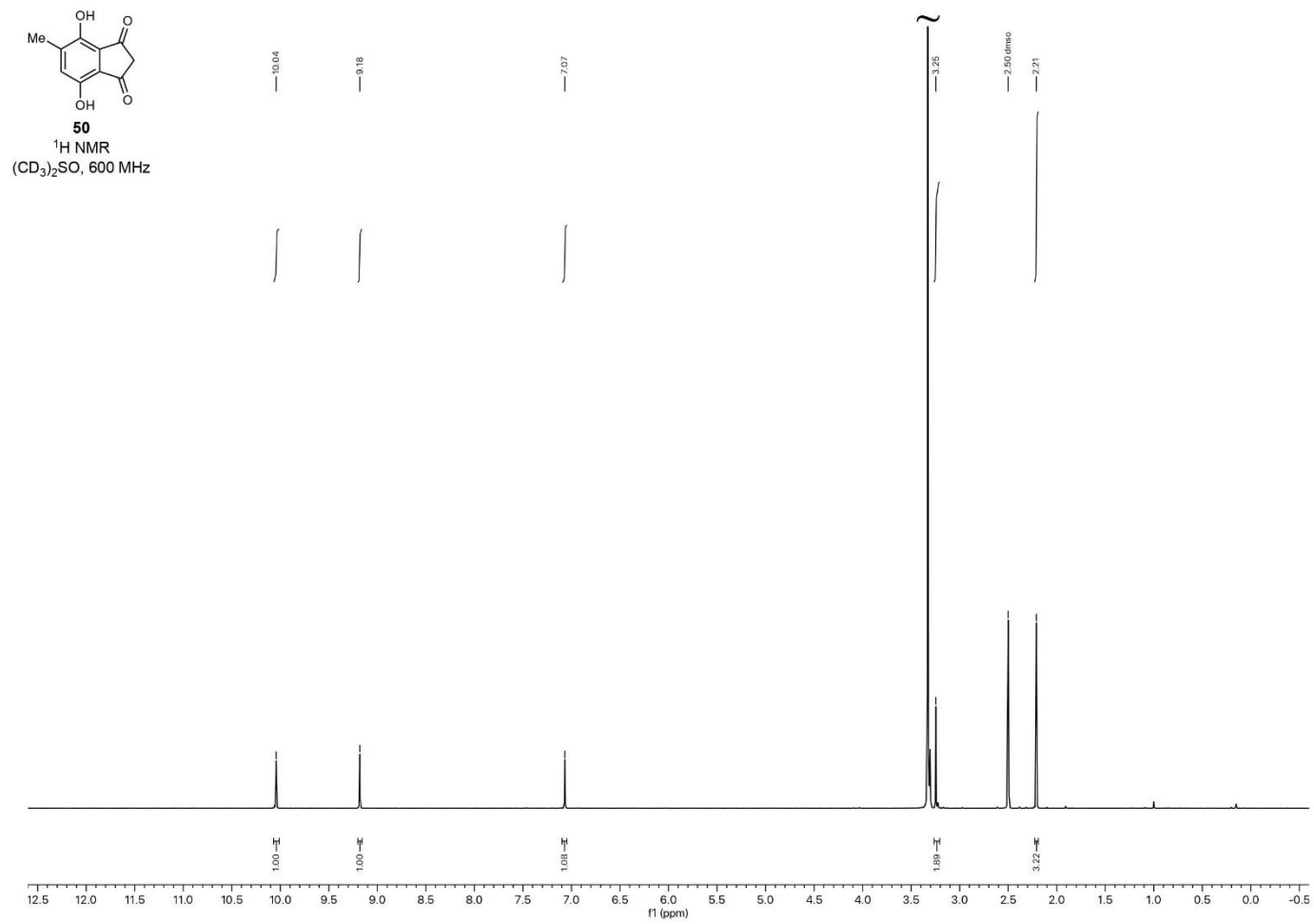
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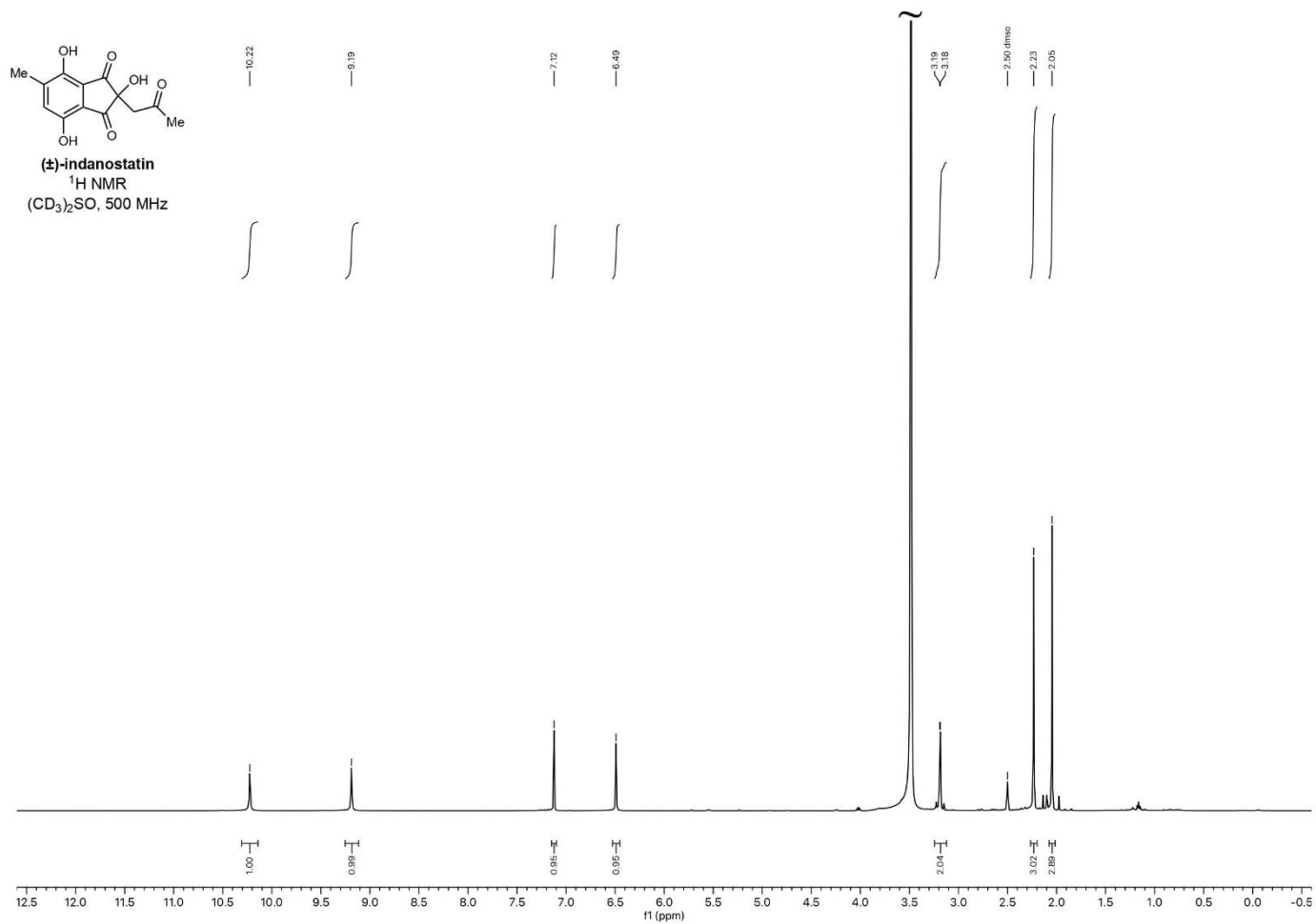


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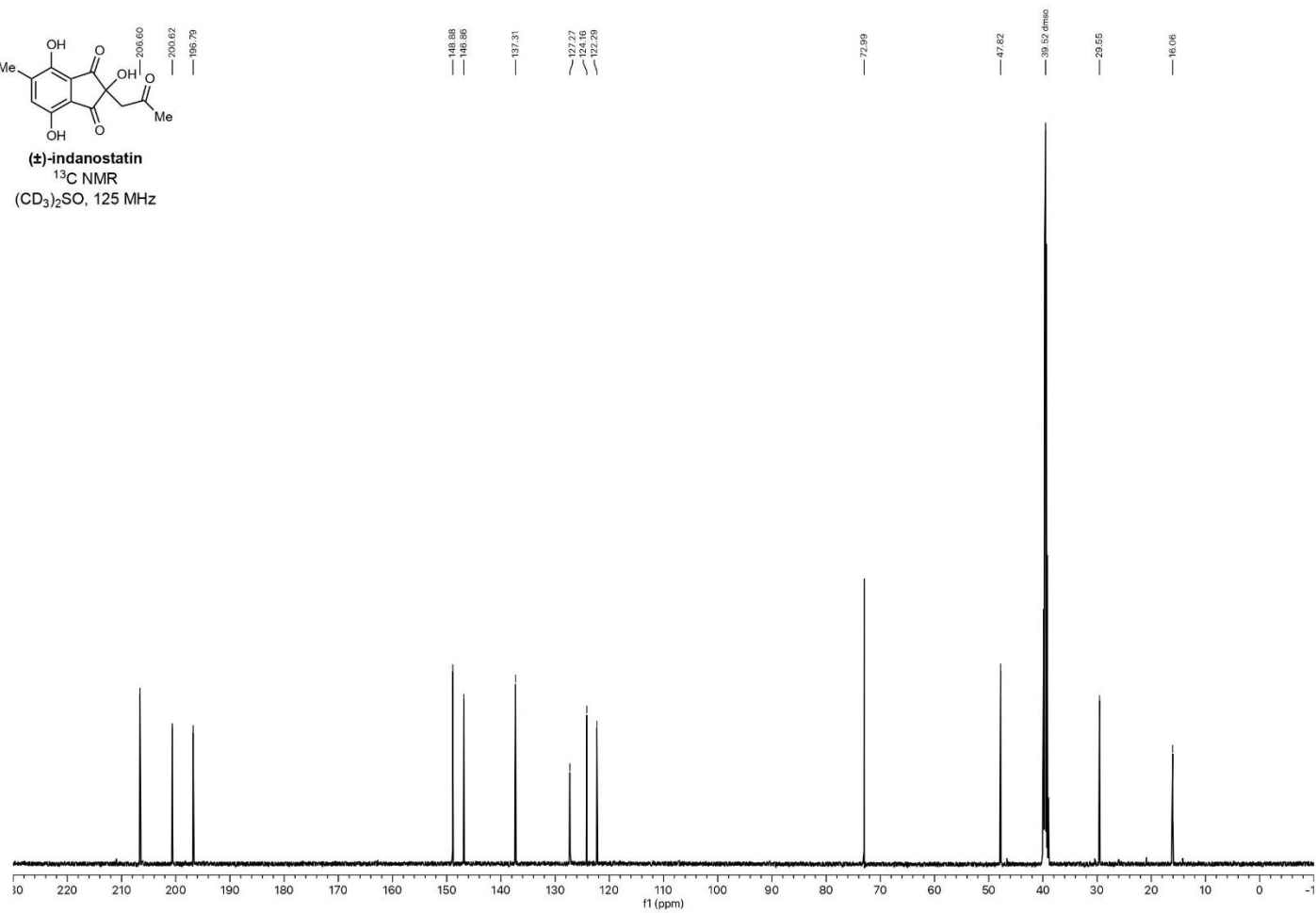
Total Synthesis of (\pm)-Indanostatin

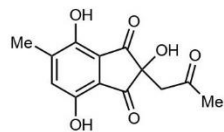


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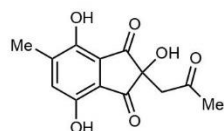
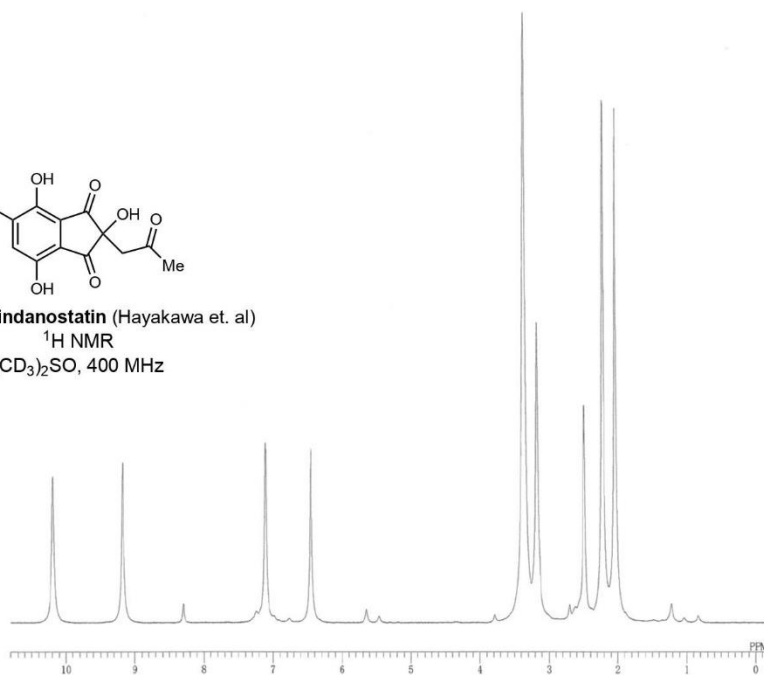


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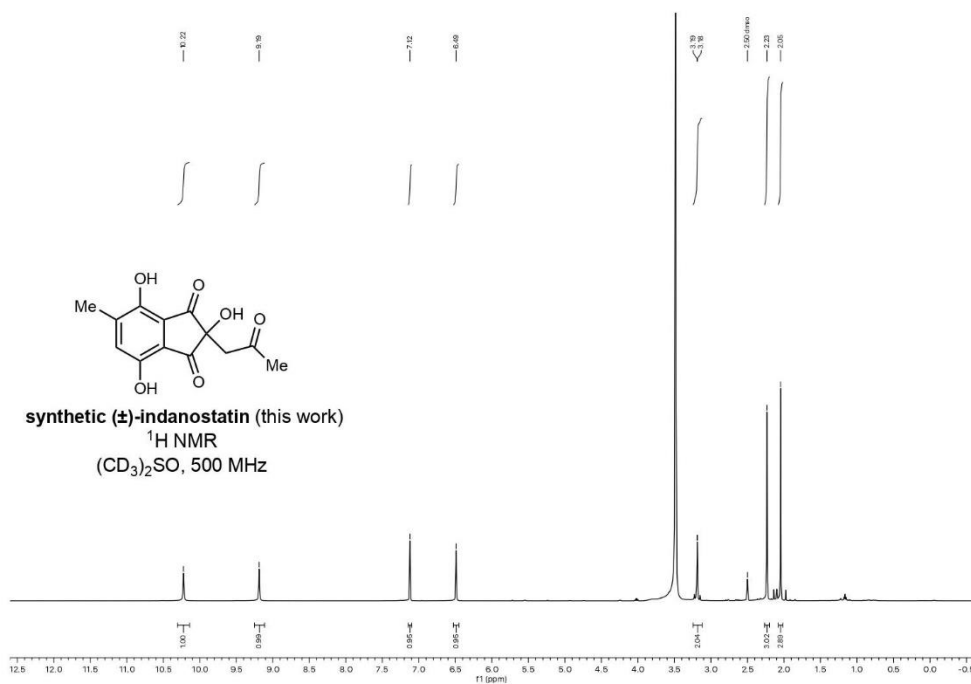


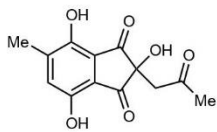


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¹H NMR
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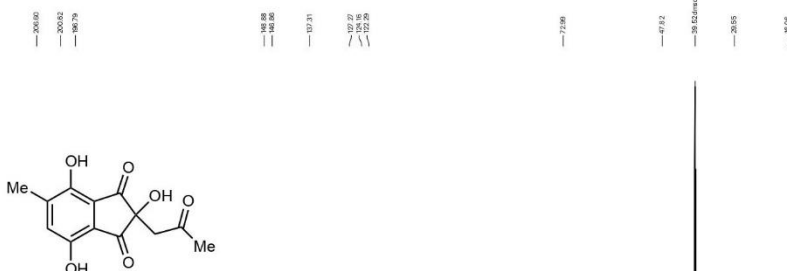
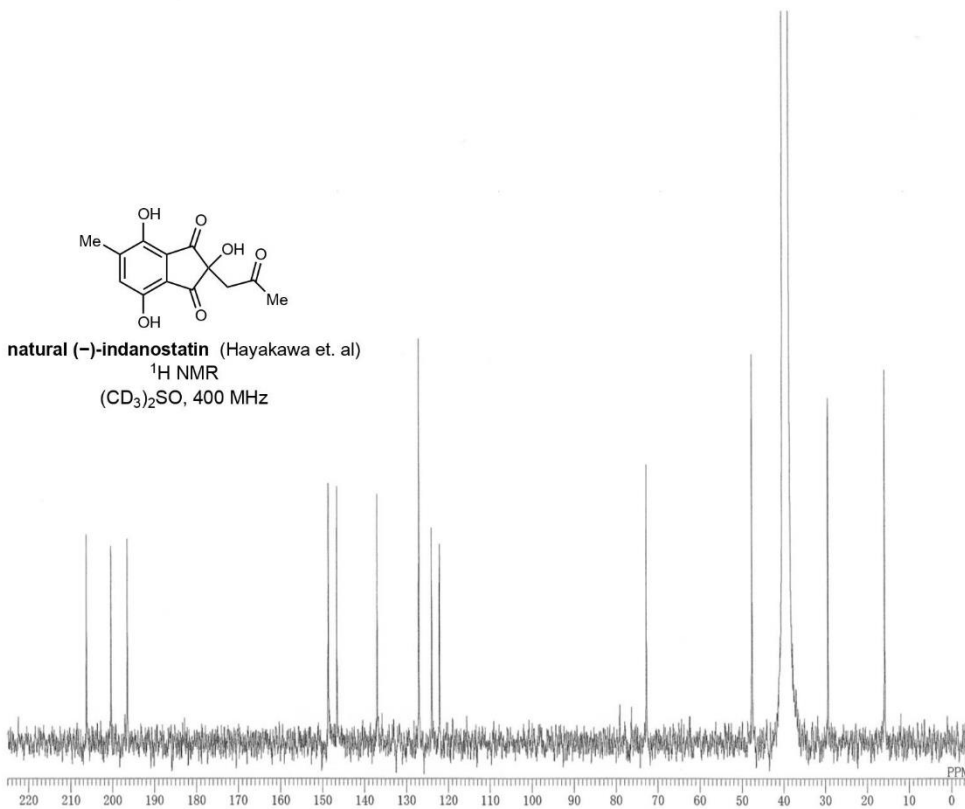


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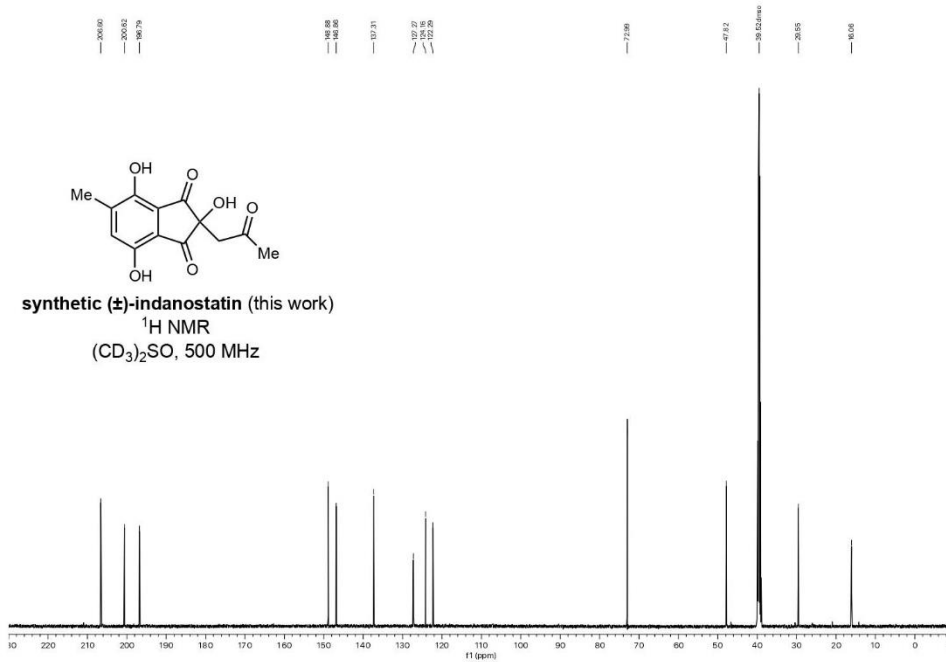




natural (-)-indanostatin (Hayakawa et. al)
¹H NMR
 (CD₃)₂SO, 400 MHz



synthetic (±)-indanostatin (this work)
¹H NMR
 (CD₃)₂SO, 500 MHz



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7.2 Chapter 5 Experimental

General Experimental

NMR Spectroscopy

¹H NMR spectra were recorded using either an Agilent 500 MHz DD2 console, or Agilent 600 MHz DD2 console with an Oxford 600 MHz magnet and Agilent cryoprobe. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded using either an Agilent 500 MHz DD2 console at 125 MHz, or Agilent 600 MHz DD2 console with an Oxford 600 MHz magnet and Agilent cryoprobe at 150 MHz. Residual solvent peaks were used as an internal reference for ¹H NMR spectra [CDCl₃ δ 7.26 ppm] and ¹³C NMR spectra [CDCl₃ δ 77.16 ppm]. Coupling constants (*J*) are quoted to the nearest 0.1 Hz. The following abbreviations (or combinations thereof) were used to describe ¹H NMR multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, m = multiplet, br = broad.

Infrared Spectroscopy

IR spectra were recorded neat on a SHIMADZU IRSpirit FTIR Spectrophotometer with an ATR.

Mass Spectrometry

HRMS measurements (electrospray ionization - ESI) were recorded on an Agilent 6230 time-of-flight LC/MS system.

Chromatography

Flash column chromatography was performed using a Biotage Isolera™ One Flash Chromatography System and iLOK™ Empty Solid Load Cartridges. Flash chromatography was performed with Carl Roth silica gel 60 (0.040–0.063 mm grade). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed with commercial aluminium sheets coated with 0.25 mm silica gel (E. Merck, silica gel 60 F254). Compounds were either visualized under UV-light at 254 nm, or by dipping the plates in a cerium ammonium molybdate stain, followed by heating. All R_f values were measured to the nearest 0.05 cm.

Experimental Procedures and Reagents

Commercially available chemicals were used as purchased, or where specified, purified by standard techniques. Solvent compositions are given in v/v. All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen in oven-dried glassware with magnetic stirring, unless otherwise indicated. Et₂O, toluene, CH₂Cl₂ and THF were purified by a Pure Solv™ Micro solvent purification system. Et₂O and THF were also purified by a benzophenone/sodium still. All other solvents were used as purchased, or where specified, purified by standard techniques.

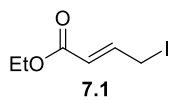
General Comments on Compound Characterization

All new compounds were fully characterized when possible. For compounds that have been previously characterized in the literature, if we have made any modification to the reported synthesis we include our modified method, in addition to compound appearance, R_f, and ¹H NMR data.

Experimental Procedures and Characterisation Data

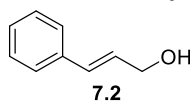
Precursors

Ethyl (E)-5-iodopent-2-enoate (7.1)



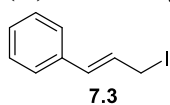
To a 120 mL sealable reaction flask under nitrogen was added ethyl (E)-5-bromopent-2-enoate (3.50 g, 18.1 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), distilled acetone (69.7 mL, 0.260 M) and sodium iodide (6.79 g, 45.3 mmol, 2.50 mol. equiv.). The flask was sealed and stirred at 60 °C overnight by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated completion of the reaction. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and then was diluted with water and extracted with hexanes. The combined organic layers were then washed with a 10% aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was used without further purification. Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.^[2] **Yield:** 3.78 g, 15.8 mmol, 87%; **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f:** N/A; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.04 (dt, *J* = 8.3, 15.3 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

(E)-Cinnamyl alcohol (7.2)



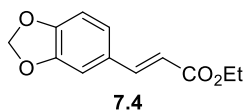
To a 250 mL round bottom flask under nitrogen was added (E)-cinnamaldehyde (2.90 mL, 22.7 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and MeOH (45.4 mL, 0.500 M). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and sodium borohydride (0.945 g, 25.0 mmol, 1.10 mol. equiv.) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated completion of the reaction. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution. The organics was washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:4 EtOAc:hexane → 2:3 EtOAc:hexane) yielded pure (E)-cinnamyl alcohol. Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.^[3] **Yield:** 2.56 g, 19.1 mmol, 84%; **Appearance:** White solid; **R_f:** 0.20 (1:4 EtOAc:hexane); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dt, *J* = 5.7, 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 1H) ppm.

(E)-Cinnamyl iodide (7.3)



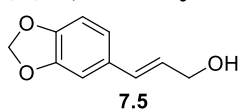
To a 25 mL round bottom flask under nitrogen was added (E)-cinnamyl alcohol (1.00 g, 7.45 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and dry Et₂O (13.5 mL, 0.550 M). The solution was cooled to -15 °C and phosphorus triiodide (1.53 g, 3.73 mmol, 0.50 mol. equiv.) was added. The reaction was allowed to stir at -15 °C for 1 hour by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated completion of the reaction. The reaction mixture was quenched with water, extracted with diethyl ether, washed with water, saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution, 10% aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ solution, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was used without further purification. Product degrades at room temperature. Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.^[4] **Yield:** 1.44 g, 5.89 mmol, 79%; **Appearance:** Off-white solid; **R_f:** N/A; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.48–6.40 (m, 1H), 4.12 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H) ppm.

Ethyl (E)-3,4-(methylenedioxy)cinnamate (7.4)



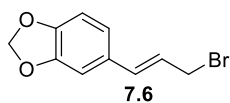
To a 250 mL round bottom flask under N₂ was added ethyl(triphenylphosphoranylidene)acetate (6.03 g, 17.3 mmol, 1.30 mol. equiv.) and dry dichloromethane (66.6 mL, 0.200 M). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and piperonal (2.00 g, 13.3 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) was added dropwise. ethyl(triphenylphosphoranylidene)acetate (a total of 1.00 g) was added until ¹H NMR analysis indicated the piperonal was completely consumed. The reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were then washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:9 EtOAc:hexane) yielded pure ethyl (E)-3,4-(methylenedioxy)cinnamate. Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.^[5] **Yield:** 2.73 g, 12.4 mmol, 93%; **Appearance:** White solid; **R_f:** 0.37 (1:9 EtOAc:hexane); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H) 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm.

(E)-3,4-Methylenedioxcinnamyl alcohol (7.5)



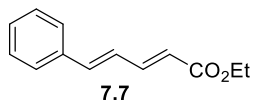
To a two-neck 250 mL two-neck round bottom flask under nitrogen was added ethyl (E)-3,4-(methylenedioxy)cinnamate (2.73 g, 12.4 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and dry CH₂Cl₂ (41.3 mL, 0.300 M) and. The solution was cooled to -78 °C and diisobutylaluminium hydride (22.7 mL, 27.3 mmol, 2.20 mol. equiv., 1.00 M solution in cyclohexane) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated completion of the reaction. The reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether, cooled to 0 °C and water (1.12 mL) was added dropwise followed by a 15% aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide (1.12 mL) and then water (2.80 mL) again. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over fifteen minutes and then MgSO₄ was added, stirred for a further fifteen minutes, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was used without further purification. Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.^[6] **Yield:** 1.96 g, 10.9 mmol, 88%; **Appearance:** White solid; **R_f:** 0.14 (1:4 EtOAc:hexane); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dt, *J* = 5.9, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 4.29 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H) ppm.

1,3-Benzodioxole, 5-[(1E)-3-bromo-1-propen-1-yl]- (ACI) (7.6)



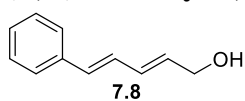
To a 50 mL round bottom flask under nitrogen was added (E)-3,4-methylenedioxcinnamyl alcohol (0.953 g, 5.35 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and dry diethyl ether (17.8 mL, 0.300 M). The reaction was cooled to 0 °C and phosphorus tribromide (0.200 mL, 2.14 mmol, 0.400 mol. equiv.) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for one hour by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated completion of the reaction. The reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate at 0 °C and extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic layers were then washed with a saturated aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was used without further purification. Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.^[7] **Yield:** 1.20 g, 4.96 mmol, 93%; **Appearance:** Pale yellow solid; **R_f:** Degrades on silica; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (s, 2H), 4.15 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H) ppm.

Ethyl (E,E)-5-phenyl-2,4-pentadienoate (7.7)



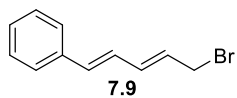
To a 100 mL round bottom flask under N₂ was added ethyl(triphenylphosphoranylidene)acetate (6.33 g, 18.2 mmol, 1.20 mol. equiv.) and dry toluene (16.8 mL, 0.900 M). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and trans-cinnamaldehyde (2.00 g, 15.1 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature over four hours by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated completion of the reaction. The reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were then washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:19 EtOAc:hexane → 1:3 EtOAc:hexane) yielded pure ethyl (E,E)-5-phenyl-2,4-pentadienoate. Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.^[8] **Yield:** 2.09 g, 10.4 mmol, 68%; **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93–6.83 (m, 2H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm.

(E,E)-5-Phenyl-2,4-pentadien-1-ol (7.8)

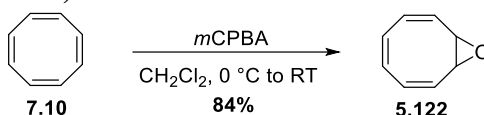


To a 250 mL round bottom flask under N₂ was added ethyl (E,E)-5-phenyl-2,4-pentadienoate (2.09 g, 10.3 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and dry CH₂Cl₂ (51.7 mL, 0.200 M) and. The solution was cooled to -78 °C and diisobutylaluminium hydride (22.7 mL, 22.7 mmol, 2.20 mol. equiv., 1.00 M solution in toluene) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature over two hours by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated completion of the reaction. The reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether, cooled to 0 °C and water (0.91 mL) was added dropwise followed by a 15% aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide (0.91 mL) and then water (2.27 mL) again. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over fifteen minutes and then MgSO₄ was added, stirred for a further fifteen minutes, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield pure (E,E)-5-phenyl-2,4-pentadien-1-ol. Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.^[9] **Yield:** 1.59 g, 9.92 mmol, 96%; **Appearance:** Off-white solid; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 15.3 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dt, *J* = 5.9, 15.3 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H) ppm.

(E,E)-5-Bromo-1-phenyl-1,3-pentadiene (7.9)



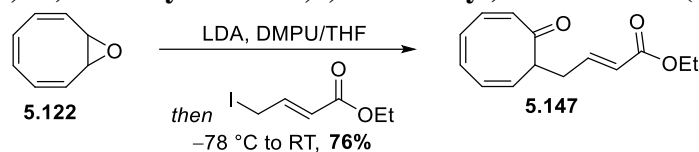
To a 250 mL round bottom flask under N₂ was added (E,E)-5-phenyl-2,4-pentadien-1-ol (5.31 g, 33.1 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and dry diethyl ether (110 mL, 0.300 M) and. The reaction was cooled to 0 °C and phosphorus tribromide (1.25 mL, 13.3 mmol, 0.400 mol. equiv.) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for one hour by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated completion of the reaction. The reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate at 0 °C and extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic layers were then washed with a saturated aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was used without further purification. Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.^[9] **Yield:** 5.92 g, 26.5 mmol, 80%; **Appearance:** Pale yellow solid; **R_f:** Degrades on silica; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 14.9 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 14.9 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H) ppm.

Cyclooctatetraene oxide (5.122)

To a one-neck 250 mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added 1,3,5,7-cyclooctatetraene (2.98 g, 28.6 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and dry CH₂Cl₂ (118 mL, 0.220 M). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and mCPBA (4.49 g, 26.0 mmol, 0.900 mol. equiv.) was added and the reaction allowed to warm to room temperature. mCPBA (a total of 3.00 g) was added until ¹H NMR analysis indicated the 1,3,5,7-cyclooctatetraene was completely consumed. The reaction was washed with 10% aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ solution, saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with hexane) yielded pure cyclooctatetraene oxide. Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.^[10] **Yield:** 2.61 g, 21.8 mmol, 84%; **Appearance:** Pale yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.40 (1:19 EtOAc:hexanes); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.11 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 2H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 2H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 3.49 (s, 2H) ppm.

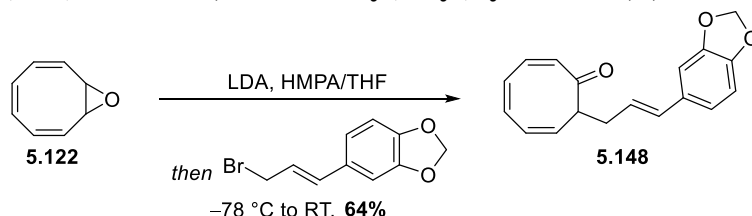
Lithium Enolate Alkylations

ethyl (E)-4-((2Z,4Z,6Z)-8-oxocycloocta-2,4,6-trien-1-yl)but-2-enoate (5.147)



To a two-neck 50 mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added dry tetrahydrofuran (16.7 mL, 0.150 M), dry diisopropylamine (0.460 mL, 3.25 mmol, 1.30 mol. equiv.) and N, N'-dimethylpropyleneurea (2.36 mL, 1.06 M). The solution was cooled to -78 °C and then *n*-butyllithium (1.48 mL, 3.12 mmol, 1.25 mol. equiv., 2.11 M solution in THF) was added dropwise. A solution of cyclooctatetraene oxide (0.300 g, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in tetrahydrofuran (1.50 mL, 1.67 M) was added dropwise, followed by dropwise addition of ethyl (E)-5-iodopent-2-enoate (1.02 mL, 4.24 mmol, 1.70 mol. equiv.) and then allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with hexane, washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with hexane → 1:4 EtOAc:hexane) yielded pure ethyl (E)-4-((2Z,4Z,6Z)-8-oxocycloocta-2,4,6-trien-1-yl)but-2-enoate. **Yield:** 0.442 g, 1.90 mmol, 76%; **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.29 (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes); **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.74 (m, 1H), 6.91–6.85 (s, 1H), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 13.1 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 12.3 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 12.3 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (q, *J* = 7.5, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.95–2.88 (m, 1H), 2.88–2.82 (m, 1H), 2.66–2.60 (m, 1H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.0, 166.6, 146.2, 138.2, 136.4, 134.7, 134.2, 129.5, 127.2, 123.1, 60.4, 50.1, 31.6, 14.4 ppm; **IR:** 2982, 1717, 1660, 1269, 1197, 1177, 1149, 1042, 656 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₄H₁₆O₃+H]⁺: 233.1172, found: 233.1175.

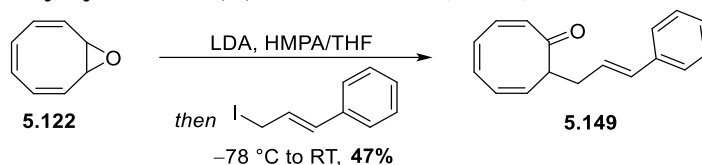
(2Z,4Z,6Z)-8-((E)-3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)allyl)cycloocta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (5.148)



To a two-neck 50 mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added dry tetrahydrofuran (16.7 mL, 0.150 M), dry diisopropylamine (0.305 mL, 2.87 mmol, 1.15 mol. equiv.) and hexamethylphosphoramide (2.36 mL, 1.06 M). The solution was cooled to -78 °C and *n*-butyllithium (1.83 mL, 2.75 mmol, 1.10 mol. equiv., 1.50 M solution in cyclohexane) was added dropwise. A solution of cyclooctatetraene oxide (0.300 g, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in tetrahydrofuran (1.00 mL, 2.5 M) was added dropwise, followed by dropwise addition of a solution of (E)-3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)allyl bromide (2.05 g, 8.49 mmol, 3.40 mol. equiv.) in tetrahydrofuran (5.00 mL, 1.70 M) and then allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with hexane, washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, dichloromethane) yielded pure (2Z,4Z,6Z)-8-((E)-3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)allyl)cycloocta-2,4,6-trien-1-one. **Yield:** 446 mg, 1.59 mmol, 64%; **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.50 (dichloromethane); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.76–6.70 (m, 3H), 6.65 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dd, *J*

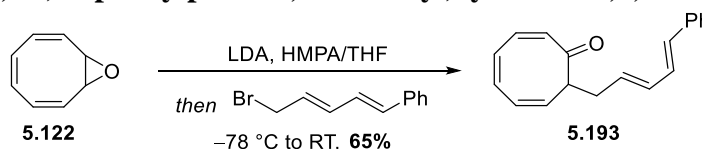
= 7.1, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 6.36–6.30 (m, 2H), 5.99 (dt, $J = 7.2, 15.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.92 (s, 2H), 5.45 (t, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.93–2.86 (m, 1H), 2.86–2.79 (m, 1H), 2.64–2.56 (m, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.8, 148.1, 146.9, 138.5, 136.1, 135.7, 134.2, 132.2, 131.3, 129.0, 127.0, 126.1, 120.6, 108.3, 105.6, 101.1, 51.5, 32.4 ppm; **IR**: 2894, 1660, 1502, 1489, 1445, 1248, 1192, 1038, 964, 930, 794, 783, 656 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3+\text{H}]^+$: 281.1172, found: 281.1173.

(2Z,4Z,6Z)-8-cinnamylcycloocta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (5.149)



To a two-neck 50 mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added dry tetrahydrofuran (13.9 mL, 0.150 M) and dry diisopropylamine (0.338 mL, 2.39 mmol, 1.15 mol. equiv.) and hexamethylphosphoramide (1.96 mL, 1.06 M). The solution was cooled to $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, and then *n*-butyllithium (1.14 mL, 2.29 mmol, 1.10 mol. equiv., 2.00 M solution in cyclohexane) was added dropwise. A solution of cyclooctatetraene oxide (0.250 g, 2.08 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in tetrahydrofuran (1.00 mL, 2.08 M) was added dropwise, followed by dropwise addition of a solution of (*E*)-cinnamyl iodide (0.762 g, 3.12 mmol, 1.50 mol. equiv.) in THF (4 mL, 0.780 M) and then allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether, washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with hexane \rightarrow 1:4 EtOAc:hexane) yielded (2Z,4Z,6Z)-8-cinnamylcycloocta-2,4,6-trien-1-one that contained cinnamaldehyde as an impurity. To remove cinnamaldehyde, the compound was dissolved in MeOH, washed with a saturated solution of sodium sulfite, water, extracted with a 1:9 EtOAc:hexane solvent mixture, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield pure (2Z,4Z,6Z)-8-cinnamylcycloocta-2,4,6-trien-1-one. **Yield**: 0.233 g, 0.986 mmol, 47%; **Appearance**: Yellow oil; **R_f**: 0.40 (1:9 EtOAc:hexanes); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.32 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, $J = 7.3, 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.67–6.60 (m, 2H), 6.45–6.37 (m, 2H), 6.33 (dd, $J = 4.9, 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.17 (dt, $J = 7.1, 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.46 (t, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.96–2.89 (m, 1H), 2.88–2.82 (m, 1H), 2.68–2.60 (m, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.8, 138.5, 137.6, 136.2, 135.7, 134.2, 131.8, 129.0, 128.6, 127.9, 127.2, 127.0, 126.2, 51.5, 32.5 ppm; **IR**: 3023, 1660, 1621, 1149, 965, 734, 693, 656 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$: 237.1274, found: 237.1277.

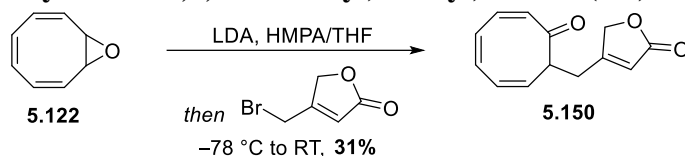
(2Z,4Z,6Z)-8-((2E,4E)-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-yl)cycloocta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (5.193)



To a two-neck 50 mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added dry tetrahydrofuran (27.7 mL, 0.150 M) and dry diisopropylamine (0.734 mL, 5.20 mmol, 1.25 mol. equiv.) and hexamethylphosphoramide (3.90 mL, 1.06 M). The solution was cooled to $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, and then *n*-butyllithium (2.00 mL, 4.99 mmol, 1.20 mol. equiv., 2.50 M solution in THF) was added dropwise. A solution of cyclooctatetraene oxide (0.500 g, 4.16 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in tetrahydrofuran (2.50 mL, 1.67 M) was added dropwise, followed by dropwise addition of a solution of ((1E,3E)-5-bromopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene (1.39 g, 6.24 mmol, 1.50 mol. equiv.) in THF (4 mL, 1.56 M) and then allowed to warm to room temperature

overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with hexane, washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with hexane \rightarrow 1:4 EtOAc:hexane) yielded pure (2Z,4Z,6Z)-8-((2E,4E)-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-yl)cycloocta-2,4,6-trien-1-one. **Yield:** 0.707 g, 2.70 mmol, 65%; **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.37 (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.36 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.77–6.64 (m, 3H), 6.62 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.40 (dd, $J = 7.3, 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, $J = 4.9, 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, $J = 10.4, 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.57 (dt, $J = 7.0, 14.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.43 (t, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.90–2.78 (m, 2H), 2.63–2.55 (m, 1H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.8, 138.5, 137.6, 136.2, 135.7, 134.2, 132.4, 132.4, 130.9, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 127.4, 127.0, 126.3, 51.4, 32.3 ppm; **IR:** 2931, 1656, 1623, 1449, 990, 970, 750, 736, 693, 656 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$: 263.1430, found: 263.1423.

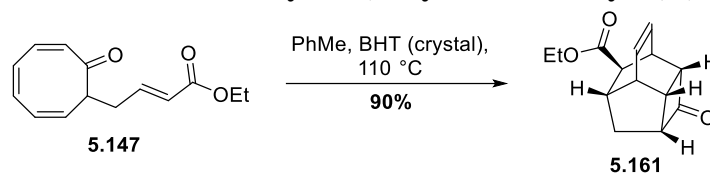
4-(((2Z,4Z,6Z)-8-oxocycloocta-2,4,6-trien-1-yl)methyl)furan-2(5H)-one (5.150)



To a two-neck 25 mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added dry tetrahydrofuran (11.1 mL, 0.150 M) and dry diisopropylamine (0.258 mL, 1.83 mmol, 1.10 mol. equiv.) and hexamethylphosphoramide (1.57 mL, 1.06 M). The solution was cooled to -78 °C, and then *n*-butyllithium (0.873 mL, 1.75 mmol, 1.05 mol. equiv., 2.00 M solution in THF) was added dropwise. A solution of cyclooctatetraene oxide (0.200 g, 1.66 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in tetrahydrofuran (1.00 mL, 1.66 M) was added dropwise, followed by dropwise addition of a solution of 4-(bromomethyl)-2(5H)-furanone (0.441 g, 2.50 mmol, 1.50 mol. equiv.) in THF (2 mL, 1.25 M) and then allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether, washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with 3:7 EtOAc:hexane \rightarrow 1:1 EtOAc:hexane) yielded pure 4-(((2Z,4Z,6Z)-8-oxocycloocta-2,4,6-trien-1-yl)methyl)furan-2(5H)-one. **Yield:** 110.7 mg, 0.511 mmol, 31%; **Appearance:** Pale yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.27 (1:1 EtOAc:hexanes); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.81 (dd, $J = 7.4, 13.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, $J = 4.8, 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, $J = 4.8, 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.40 (dd, $J = 4.5, 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 5.40 (t, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.73 (s, 2H), 3.12 (dd, $J = 6.7, 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.02 (q, $J = 7.3, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, $J = 7.1, 16.5$ Hz, 1H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 191.4, 173.9, 167.9, 138.0, 136.9, 134.0, 133.7, 130.1, 127.8, 116.8, 73.5, 49.7, 28.0 ppm; **IR:** 2926, 1778, 1751, 1559, 1445, 1172, 1152, 1132, 1024, 888, 742 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3+\text{H}]^+$: 217.0859, found: 217.0865.

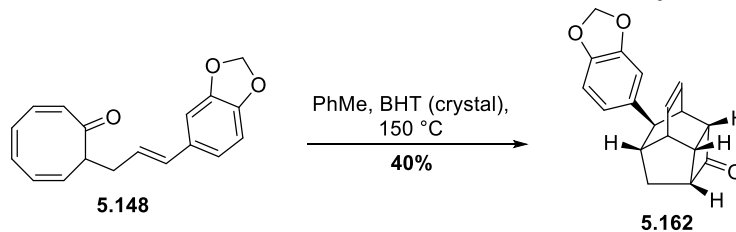
Bridged Tetracycle Synthesis

Ethyl (1aR,1a1S,5S,6aR,7R)-1-oxo-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]indene-7-carboxylate (Ethyl ester tetracycle) (5.161)



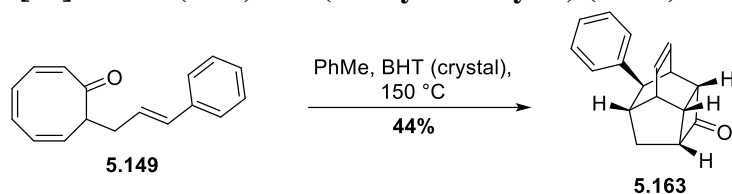
To a one-neck 500 mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added ethyl (E)-4-((2Z,4Z,6Z)-8-oxocycloocta-2,4,6-trien-1-yl)but-2-enoate (0.723 g, 3.11 mmol), dry degassed toluene (311 mL, 0.01 M) and butylated hydroxytoluene (crystal). The reaction was heated to 110 °C for 24 hours by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:4 EtOAc:petroleum ether) yielding pure ethyl ester tetracycle. **Yield:** 0.653 g, 2.80 mmol, 90%; **Appearance:** Pale yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.45 (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes); **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.44–6.40 (m, 1H), 6.28–6.24 (m, 1H), 4.12–4.02 (m, 2H), 3.40 (dt, *J* = 5.4, 5.4, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.25–3.21 (m, 1H), 3.06 (dt, *J* = 5.3, 5.3, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.97–2.93 (m, 1H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.49–2.45 (m, 1H), 2.18–2.15 (m, 1H), 1.95 (ddd, *J* = 5.0, 8.9, 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ 211.0, 172.8, 134.0, 131.9, 62.4, 60.8, 60.0, 50.4, 40.3, 37.4, 34.6, 34.3, 30.9, 14.3 ppm; **IR:** 2975, 1760, 1728, 1185, 1027, 692 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₄H₁₆O₃+H]⁺: 233.1172, found: 233.1173.

(1aS,1a1S,5S,6aR,7R)-7-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-hexahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]inden-1(1aH)-one (1,3-Benzodioxole tetracycle) (5.162)



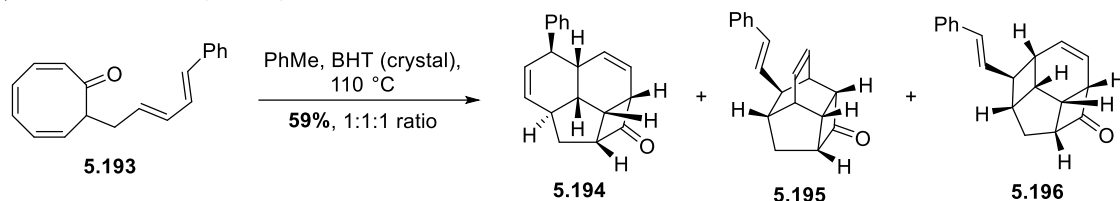
To a 120 mL sealed flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added (2Z,4Z,6Z)-8-((E)-3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)allyl)cycloocta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (81.5 mg, 0.291 mmol), dry degassed toluene (29.1 mL, 0.01 M) and butylated hydroxytoluene (crystal). The reaction was heated to 150 °C overnight by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:4 EtOAc:hexanes) yielding pure 1,3-benzodioxole tetracycle. **Yield:** 32.8 mg, 0.117 mmol, 40%; **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.51 (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 6.54 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.56–6.51 (m, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (s, 2H), 3.42 (dt, *J* = 8.6, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (q, *J* = 5.2, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.53–2.47 (m, 2H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (ddd, *J* = 4.8, 8.7, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ 211.6, 147.2, 145.8, 138.9, 133.4, 132.4, 121.8, 109.4, 107.7, 100.9, 63.8, 59.6, 50.5, 42.6, 40.9, 36.7, 35.5, 34.8 ppm; **IR:** 2941, 1760, 1502, 1489, 1442, 1255, 1232, 1214, 1107, 1037, 928, 796, 699 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₈H₁₆O₃+H]⁺: 281.1172, found: 281.1171.

(1aS,1a1S,5S,6aR,7R)-7-phenyl-1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-hexahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]inden-1(1aH)-one (Phenyl tetracycle) (5.163)



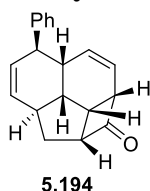
To a 120 mL sealed flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added (2Z,4Z,6Z)-8-cinnamylcycloocta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (231 mg, 0.976 mmol), dry degassed toluene (97.6 mL, 0.01 M) and butylated hydroxytoluene (crystal). The reaction was heated to 150 °C overnight by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with 1:19 EtOAc:hexanes \rightarrow 1:9 EtOAc:hexane) yielding pure phenyl tetracycle. **Yield:** 102 mg, 0.433 mmol, 44%; **Appearance:** Pale yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.44 (1:9 EtOAc:hexanes); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.23 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.58–6.53 (m, 1H), 6.06–6.01 (m, 1H), 3.45 (dt, $J = 5.3, 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dt, $J = 5.2, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.10–3.05 (m, 1H), 2.96–2.93 (m, 1H), 2.58 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.56 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.54–2.50 (m, 1H), 1.99 (ddd, $J = 4.8, 8.7, 12.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.78 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 1H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 211.6, 144.7, 133.4, 132.2, 128.8, 127.9, 126.1, 63.8, 59.6, 50.8, 42.0, 40.9, 36.4, 35.5, 34.8 ppm; **IR:** 2941, 1758, 1492, 1448, 1108, 1031, 744, 713, 697, 667 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$: 237.1274, found: 237.1276.

Diels–Alder reaction of (2Z,4Z,6Z)-8-((2E,4E)-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-yl)cycloocta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (5.193)



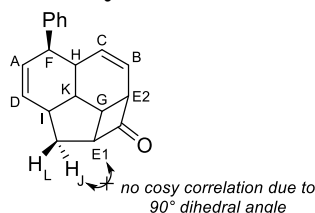
To a 500 mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added (2Z,4Z,6Z)-8-((2E,4E)-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-yl)cycloocta-2,4,6-trien-1-one (707.4 mg, 2.70 mmol), dry degassed toluene (270 mL, 0.01 M) and butylated hydroxytoluene (crystal). The reaction was heated to 110 °C overnight by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with hexane → 1:4 EtOAc:hexanes) to a 1:1:1 mixture of three compounds (see below). **Combined Yield:** 415 mg, 1.59 mmol, 59%. For characterisation, the three compounds were separated via preparative TLC.

Phenyl fused tetracycle (5.194)



Stereochemistry determined by analogy to fused tetracyclic natural products in literature.^[11–13]
Appearance: Pale yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.47 (1:9 EtOAc:hexanes); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.20 (m, 3H), 6.11 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 5.72–5.64 (m, 2H), 3.63 (q, *J* = 7.2, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (s, 1H), 2.87 (q, *J* = 7.6, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (s, 1H), 2.45 (br t, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 2.14–2.11 (m, 1H), 1.56–1.46 (m, 1H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ 215.4, 147.1, 133.9, 130.9, 130.7, 128.7, 127.6, 126.5, 120.4, 63.5, 57.1, 49.8, 41.7, 40.1, 36.8, 33.0, 29.6 ppm; **IR:** 2926, 1764, 1677, 1490, 1449, 1028, 913, 759, 699 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₉H₁₈O+H]⁺: 263.1430, found: 263.1428.

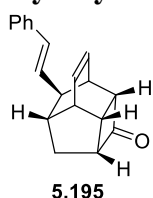
2D NMR analysis of Phenyl fused tetracycle



Position	¹ H (500 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃	¹³ C (125 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃ (see HSQC in NMR data section)	COSY (500 MHz) correlations, CDCl ₃
A	6.11 (d, <i>J</i> = 9.8 Hz, 1H)	130.7	D, F
B	5.81 (d, <i>J</i> = 11.1 Hz, 1H)	133.9	C, E2, H
C	5.72–5.64 (m, 2H)	120.4	B, E2, H
D	5.72–5.64 (m, 2H)	130.9	A, F, I
E1	3.63 (q, <i>J</i> = 7.2, 7.7 Hz, 2H)	63.5	G, L

E2	3.63 (q, $J = 7.2, 7.7$ Hz, 2H)	57.1	B, G
F	3.35 (s, 1H)	49.8	A, D, H, I
G	2.87 (q, $J = 7.6, 8.2$ Hz, 1H)	29.6	E1, E2, K
H	2.75 (s, 1H)	40.1	B, C, F, K
I	2.45 (br t, $J = 11.8$ Hz, 1H)	36.8	D, J, K, L
J	2.25 (dd, $J = 5.3, 12.2$ Hz, 1H)	33.0	I, L
K	2.14–2.11 (m, 1H)	41.7	G, H, I
L	1.56–1.46 (m, 1H)	33.0	E1, I, J, K
Ph	7.32 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.20 (m, 3H)	147.1, 128.7, 127.6, 126.5	-
C=O	-	215.4	-

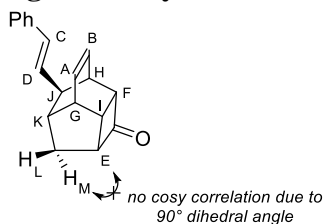
Styrenyl bridged tetracycle (5.195)



Stereochemistry determined by analogy to bridged tetracyclic products in literature.^[11,12]

Appearance: Pale yellow oil; **R_f**: 0.40 (1:9 EtOAc:hexanes); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30–7.24 (m, 4H), 7.21–7.16 (m, 1H), 6.50 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.33 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.96 (dd, $J = 8.5, 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dt, $J = 5.5, 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dt, $J = 5.4, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 (q, $J = 5.4, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.84–2.78 (m, 1H), 2.48 (dt, $J = 5.3, 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.13–2.09 (m, 1H), 2.09–2.03 (m, 1H), 1.91 (ddd, $J = 4.8, 8.6, 12.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.73 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 1H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ 211.7, 137.5, 134.0, 133.1, 132.9, 129.4, 128.6, 127.2, 126.2, 63.6, 59.6, 50.1, 41.8, 40.7, 34.8, 34.6, 34.6 ppm; **IR**: 2939, 1760, 1697, 1490, 1448, 1206, 1110, 1027, 965, 746, 693 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₉H₁₈O+H]⁺: 263.1430, found: 263.1426.

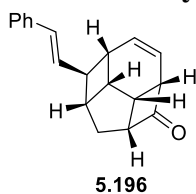
2D NMR analysis of Styrenyl bridged tetracycle



Position	¹ H (500 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃	Key COSY (500 MHz) correlations, CDCl ₃
A	6.50 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H)	B, G
B	6.33 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H)	A, H
C	6.27 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H)	D
D	5.96 (dd, $J = 8.5, 15.9$ Hz, 1H)	C, J
E	3.41 (dt, $J = 5.5, 9.9$ Hz, 1H)	F, I, L

F	3.08 (dt, $J = 5.4, 8.0$ Hz, 1H)	E, H, I
G	2.96 (q, $J = 5.4, 5.3$ Hz, 1H)	A, I, K
H	2.84–2.78 (m, 1H)	B, F, J
I	2.48 (dt, $J = 5.3, 9.4$ Hz, 1H)	E, F, G
J	2.13–2.09 (m, 1H)	D, H, K
K	2.09–2.03 (m, 1H)	G, J, L, M
L	1.91 (ddd, $J = 4.8, 8.6, 12.6$ Hz, 1H)	E, K, L
M	1.73 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 1H)	K, L
Ph	7.30–7.24 (m, 4H), 7.21–7.16 (m, 1H)	-
C=O	-	-

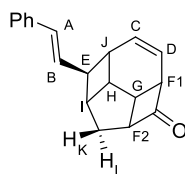
4/6/5/4 tetracycle (5.196)



(Degrades rapidly >0 °C)

Characterised in a mixture with minor amounts of other products. Stereochemistry determined by analogy to other products in mixture. **Appearance:** Pale yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.35 (1:9 EtOAc:hexanes); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.00–5.90 (m, 2H), 5.77 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 (br s, 1H), 3.60–3.50 (m, 2H), 3.32 (q, $J = 8.5, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.19–3.11 (m, 1H), 2.97–2.88 (m, 1H), 2.70 (br s, 1H), 2.26–2.18 (m, 1H), 1.95–1.85 (m, 1H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ 209.4, 142.8, 132.6, 129.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 126.5, 126.2, 63.8, 58.7, 44.9, 44.6, 41.7, 36.9, 36.4, 34.9 ppm.

2D NMR analysis of 4/6/5/4 tetracycle

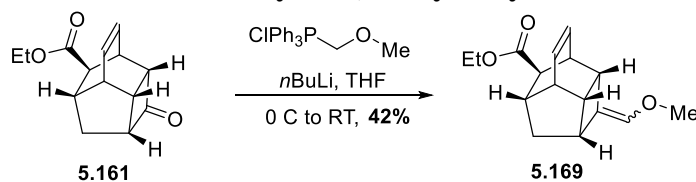


Position	¹ H (500 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃	¹³ C (150 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃ (see HSQC in NMR data section)	COSY (600 MHz) correlations, CDCl ₃	Key HMBC (600 MHz) correlations, CDCl ₃
A	6.00–5.90 (m, 2H)	127.5	B	
B	6.00–5.90 (m, 2H)	132.6	A, E	L, I, H
C	5.77 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H)	126.2	D, J, F1	G
D	5.55 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H)	129.7	C, J, F1	H
E	3.68 (br s, 1H)	44.6	B, I, J	
F1	3.60–3.50 (m, 2H)	58.7	C, D, G	G, H, F2
F2	3.60–3.50 (m, 2H)	63.8	C, D, G, K/L	G, H, K, L

G	3.32 (q, $J = 8.5, 8.3$ Hz, 1H)	34.9	F1, F2, H	H, K
H	3.19–3.11 (m, 1H)	41.7	G, I, J	I, K
I	2.97–2.88 (m, 1H)	44.9	E, H, K/L	G, H, K, L
J	2.70 (br s, 1H)	36.4	C, D, E, H	G, H
K	2.26–2.18 (m, 1H)	36.9	F2, I, L	F, G, H, I
L	1.95–1.85 (m, 1H)	36.9	F2, I, K	F, G, H, I
Ph	7.36 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H)	142.8, 128.6, 128.5, 126.5	-	
C=O		209.4	-	F1, F2, G, K, L, H

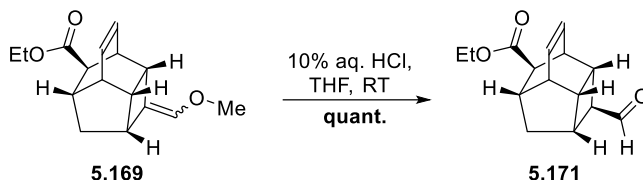
One-Carbon Homologation Protocol

Ethyl (1aR,1a1S,5S,6aR,7R)-1-(methoxymethylene)-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]indene-7-carboxylate (Methyl vinyl ether tetracycle) (5.169)



To a two-neck 10 mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added (methoxymethyl)triphenylphosphonium chloride (295 mg, 0.861 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.) and dry tetrahydrofuran (2.90 mL, 0.150 M). Upon cooling the solution to 0 °C, *n*-butyllithium (0.344 mL, 0.861 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv., 2.50 M solution in THF) was added dropwise. To the reaction mixture, a solution of ethyl ester tetracycle (100 mg, 0.431 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in tetrahydrofuran (0.430 mL, 1.00 M) was added dropwise, and then allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether, quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride, washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:9 EtOAc:hexane) yielded pure inseparable E/Z mixture of methyl vinyl ether tetracycle (1.00:0.78, major:minor, unassigned E/Z isomers). **Yield:** 47.6 mg, 0.181 mmol, 42%; **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.41 (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes); **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.25 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1.94H, minor), 6.22–6.15 (m, 1.98H, major), 5.87 (s, 0.78H, minor), 5.85 (s, 1.00H, major), 4.14–4.00 (m, 4.19H), 3.58 (s, 3.33H, major), 3.56 (s, 2.55H, minor), 3.28 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1.15H), 3.18–3.14 (m, 0.95H), 3.08 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 0.92H), 2.97–2.92 (m, 1.21H), 2.85 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1.10H, major), 2.79 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 0.90H, minor), 2.79–2.75 (m, 0.93H), 2.70–2.65 (m, 2.20H), 2.62–2.57 (m, 3.26H), 2.41–2.35 (m, 2.07H), 1.83 (ddd, *J* = 5.1, 7.3, 12.4 Hz, 2.35H), 1.67–1.63 (m, 1.71H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1.02H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6.13H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ 175.0, 175.0, 140.6 (major), 140.5 (minor), 132.1, 132.1, 132.0, 131.7, 118.9 (minor), 118.7 (major), 60.4 (major), 60.3 (minor), 59.4 (major), 59.2 (minor), 49.4, 49.0, 41.0, 40.9, 40.9, 40.8, 40.8, 40.5, 40.4, 40.2, 39.6, 38.6, 38.4, 37.6, 36.4, 35.2, 14.4, 14.4 ppm; **IR:** 2962, 2934, 1728, 1700, 1191, 1118, 693 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₆H₂₀O₃+H]⁺: 261.1485, found: 261.1484.

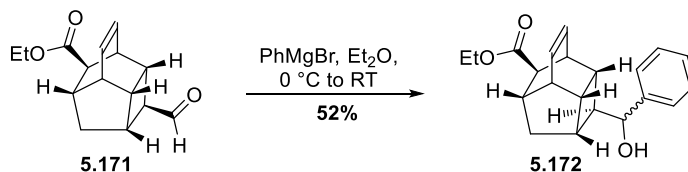
Ethyl (1S,1aR,1a1R,5S,6aR,7R)-1-formyl-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]indene-7-carboxylate (Aldehyde ester tetracycle) (5.171)



To a one-neck 10 mL round-bottom flask open to air and equipped with a stir bar was added methyl vinyl ether tetracycle (316 mg, 1.21 mmol), tetrahydrofuran (2.38 mL, 0.510 M), 10% aqueous HCl solution (2.38 mL, 0.510 M). The reaction was stirred at room temperature overnight by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, quenched with sodium bicarbonate. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield pure aldehyde ester tetracycle. **Yield:** 299 mg, 1.21 mmol, quantitative yield; **Appearance:** Pale yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.42 (2:8 EtOAc:hexanes); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.85 (s, 1H), 6.26–6.17 (m, 2H), 4.17–4.04 (m, 2H), 3.14 (q, $J = 4.9, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.80–2.73 (m, 2H), 2.72–2.66 (m, 2H), 2.39 (dt, $J = 5.5, 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.32–2.25 (m, 1H), 2.05 (ddd, $J = 5.2, 7.2, 13.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.67 (d, $J = 13.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 201.6, 174.0, 131.6, 131.3, 60.6, 51.3, 49.1, 41.9, 40.6, 38.4, 38.3, 35.4, 34.6, 34.0, 14.4 ppm; **IR:** 2961, 1731, 1700, 1205, 1185, 1038, 692 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3+\text{H}]^+$: 247.1329, found: 247.1306 (mass error: -9.1894).

Total synthesis of Kingianic acids A, B, D and Endiandric Acid M

Ethyl (1S,1aR,1a1R,5S,6aR,7R)-1-(hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]indene-7-carboxylate (Phenyl alcohol tetracycle) (5.172)



To a two-neck 10 mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added aldehyde ester tetracycle (92.2 mg, 0.374 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and diethyl ether (1.87 mL, 0.200 M). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and a solution of phenyl magnesium bromide (0.570 mL, 0.374 mmol, 0.657 M solution in diethyl ether) was added and the reaction allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction was stirred at room temperature overnight by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether and quenched with ammonium chloride. The mixture was then extracted with diethyl ether, washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:9 EtOAc:hexane) yielded separate phenyl alcohol tetracycle diastereomer A and B (inconsequential 1:1 diastereomeric ratio). **Yield:** 63.6 mg, 0.195 mmol, 52%; **Appearance:** Pale yellow oil

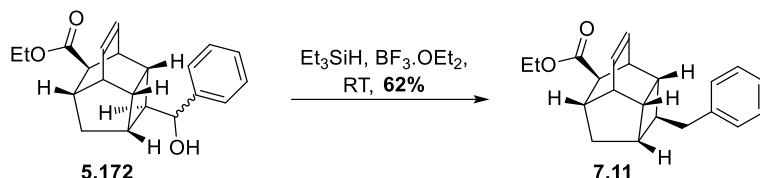
Diastereomer A

R_f: 0.24 (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 1H), 6.24–6.18 (m, 2H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.14–4.02 (m, 2H), 3.11 (q, *J* = 4.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (q, *J* = 5.5, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (dt, *J* = 5.6, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.16–2.09 (m, 2H), 1.91 (br s, 1H), 1.83 (ddd, *J* = 5.7, 7.6, 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.7, 143.1, 131.9, 131.4, 128.6, 127.9, 126.9, 77.7, 60.4, 49.1, 46.5, 42.0, 40.2, 38.4, 38.4, 37.3, 36.6, 35.2, 14.4 ppm; **IR:** 3451, 3045, 2958, 2929, 1728, 1208, 1181, 1042, 700 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₁H₂₄O₃+H]⁺: 325.1798, found: 325.1800.

Diastereomer B

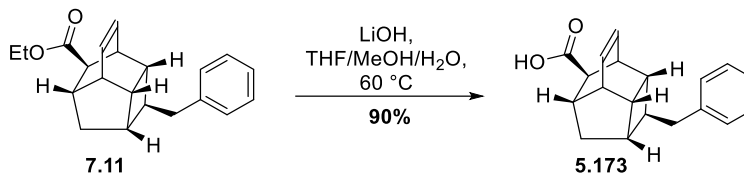
R_f: 0.21 (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes); **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.32–7.28 (m, 1H), 6.21–6.16 (m, 1H), 6.10–6.05 (m, 1H), 4.67 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.13–3.99 (m, 2H), 2.80–2.70 (m, 4H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (dt, *J* = 5.5, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (dt, *J* = 2.1, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (ddd, *J* = 5.5, 7.6, 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (br s, 1H), 1.69–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.6, 142.8, 131.8, 131.4, 128.6, 128.0, 127.0, 78.2, 60.4, 49.2, 46.5, 42.0, 40.1, 38.7, 38.5, 37.9, 36.2, 34.6, 14.4 ppm; **IR:** 3454, 3045, 2959, 2928, 1731, 1208, 1179, 1040, 700 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₁H₂₄O₃+H]⁺: 325.1798, found: 325.1803.

Kingianic acid B ethyl ester (7.11)



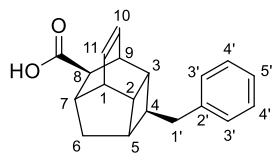
To a 5 mL vial under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added phenyl alcohol tetracycle (28.5 mg, 0.088 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and dry dichloromethane (0.420 mL, 0.210 M). To the solution was added triethylsilane (28.1 μL , 0.176 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.) and then boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (16.7 μL , 0.176 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with a saturate aqueous ammonium chloride solution. The organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with 1:19 EtOAc:hexane) yielding pure kingianic acid B ethyl ester. **Yield:** 16.7 mg, 0.054 mmol, 62%; **Appearance:** Pale yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.36 (1:19 EtOAc:hexanes); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.29 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.21 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.15 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.15–4.01 (m, 2H), 2.97 (q, $J = 4.8, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.91–2.77 (m, 2H), 2.81 (s, 1H), 2.71 (q, $J = 5.6, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 (t, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dt, $J = 10.1, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.37 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.08 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.90 (ddd, $J = 13.0, 7.5, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.79–1.73 (m, 1H), 1.56 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 174.7, 141.1, 132.0, 131.4, 128.9, 128.4, 126.0, 60.4, 49.3, 42.2, 42.1, 40.4, 40.1, 39.9, 39.1, 38.6, 38.5, 35.1, 14.4 ppm; **IR:** 2956, 2925, 1731, 1460, 1453, 1366, 1298, 1202, 1175, 1040, 743, 696 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2+\text{H}]^+$: 309.1849, found: 309.1852.

Kingianic acid B (5.173)



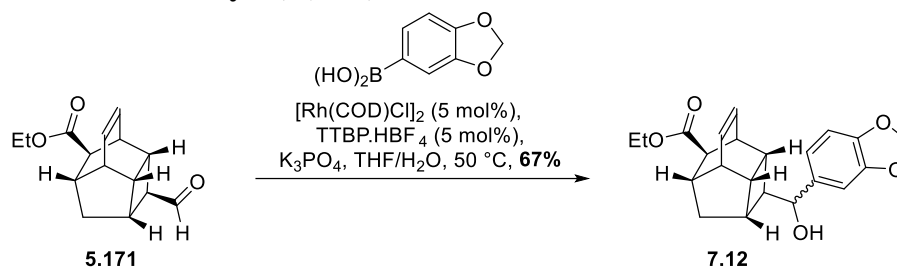
To a 5 mL vial open to air and equipped with a stir bar was added kingianic ester B (10.6 mg, 34.4 μ mol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), tetrahydrofuran (0.115 mL, 0.300 M), methanol (0.115 mL, 0.300 M), water (0.115 mL, 0.300 M) and lithium hydroxide (8.23 mg, 0.344 mmol, 10.0 mol. equiv.). The reaction was heated to 60 °C for 3 hours by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction was acidified with 1M aqueous HCl solution, extracted with diethyl ether, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:9 EtOAc:hexane \rightarrow 1:4 EtOAc:hexane) yielding pure kingianic acid B. **Yield:** 8.70 mg, 31.8 μ mol, 90%; **Appearance:** Pale yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.30 (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes); **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.25–6.19 (m, 2H), 3.00–2.96 (m, 1H), 2.90–2.78 (m, 2H), 2.87 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.74–2.69 (m, 1H), 2.56 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (dt, *J* = 9.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 7.6, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.79–1.74 (m, 1H), 1.55 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 180.4, 141.0, 132.1, 131.4, 128.8, 128.4, 126.0, 49.1, 42.1, 42.0, 40.4, 40.0, 39.8, 39.0, 38.6, 38.4, 34.9 ppm; **IR:** 3026, 2956, 2924, 2855, 1697, 1496, 1453, 1412, 1298, 1239, 743, 693 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₉H₂₀O₂+H]⁺: 281.1536, found: 281.1542.

NMR comparison table for kingianic acid B (5.173)



Position	Kingianic acid B (4.173)			
	Synthetic natural product		Isolated natural product ^[12]	
	¹ H (600 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃	¹³ C (150 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃	¹ H (600 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃	¹³ C (150 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃
1	2.74–2.69 (m, 1H)	42.0	2.72 (dd, <i>J</i> = 1.62, 5.1 Hz, 1H)	41.8
2	2.44 (dt, <i>J</i> = 9.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H)	39.8	2.44 (dt, <i>J</i> = 9.3, 3.7 Hz, 1H)	39.7
3	1.76 (m, 1H)	39.0	1.76 (m, 1H)	38.9
4	2.07 (t, <i>J</i> = 8.2 Hz, 1H)	40.4	2.07 (t, <i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz, 1H)	40.2
5	2.37 (t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz, 1H)	40.0	2.37 (t, <i>J</i> = 6.0 Hz, 1H)	39.9
6	1.90 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 12.9, 7.6, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (d, <i>J</i> = 12.9 Hz, 1H)	38.6	1.90 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 13.0, 7.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (d, <i>J</i> = 12.8 Hz, 1H)	38.4
7	2.56 (t, <i>J</i> = 5.3 Hz, 1H)	38.4	2.56 (t, <i>J</i> = 4.9 Hz, 1H)	38.3
8	2.87 (d, <i>J</i> = 3.7 Hz, 1H)	49.1	2.87 (d, <i>J</i> = 2.6 Hz, 1H)	48.8
9	3.00–2.96 (m, 1H)	34.9	2.98 (m, 1H)	34.8
10	6.25–6.19 (m, 1H)	131.4	6.22 (m, 1H)	131.3
11	6.25–6.19 (m, 1H)	132.1	6.22 (m, 1H)	132.0
1'	2.90–2.78 (m, 2H)	42.1	2.83 (m, 1H), 2.86 (m, 1H)	41.9
2'	-	141.0	-	140.9
3'	7.16 (d, <i>J</i> = 7.5 Hz, 2H)	128.9	7.15 (d, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz, 2H)	128.7, 128.6
4'	7.29 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.5 Hz, 2H)	128.4	7.28 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz, 2H)	128.3, 128.4
5'	7.19 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.4 Hz, 1H)	126.0	7.19 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.3 Hz, 1H)	125.8
C=O	-	180.4	-	179.4

Ethyl (1aR,1a1R,5S,6aR,7R)-1-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl(hydroxy)methyl)-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]indene-7-carboxylate (1,3-Benzodioxole alcohol tetracycle) (7.12)



To an oven-dried 10 mL sealed reaction tube under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added chloro(1,5-cyclooctadiene)rhodium(I) dimer (5.39 mg, 10.9 μ mol, 5.00 mol%), Tri-tert-butylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (3.17 mg, 10.9 μ mol, 5.00 mol%), 3,4-methylenedioxyphenylboronic acid (72.5 mg, 0.437 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), a solution of aldehyde ester tetracycle (53.8 mg, 0.218 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in degassed THF (0.440 mL, 0.500 M) and a degassed aqueous solution of K_3PO_4 (0.131 mL, 0.655 mmol, 5.00 M). The reaction mixture was heated to 50 $^{\circ}C$ overnight by which time 1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with ammonium chloride. The mixture was then washed with brine, dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with 1:9 EtOAc:hexane \rightarrow 1:4 EtOAc:hexane) yielded separate 1,3-benzodioxole alcohol tetracycle diastereomer A and B (inconsequential 1:1 diastereomeric ratio). **Yield:** 54.0 mg, 0.146 mmol, 67%; **Appearance:** Yellow oil

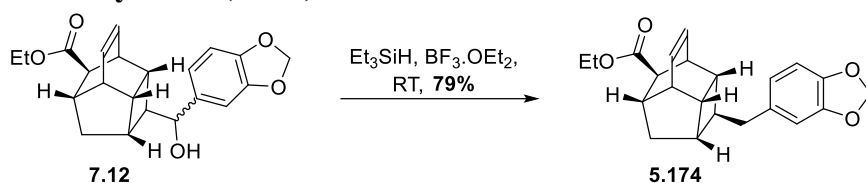
Diastereomer A

R_f: 0.25 (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes); **1H NMR** (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.82–6.75 (m, 2H), 6.24–6.17 (m, 2H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 4.59 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.14–4.02 (m, 2H), 3.15–3.09 (m, 1H), 2.82 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.68 (q, $J = 5.3, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.35 (dt, $J = 5.6, 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.24 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.12–2.07 (m, 1H), 2.04 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.85 (br s, 1H), 1.83 (ddd, $J = 5.4, 7.6, 13.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.45 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 174.6, 148.0, 147.3, 137.2, 131.9, 131.5, 120.5, 108.2, 107.1, 101.2, 77.6, 60.4, 49.1, 46.6, 42.0, 40.2, 38.4 (two coincident peaks), 37.3, 36.7, 35.2, 14.4 ppm; **IR:** 3413, 2931, 1724, 1713, 1503, 1487, 1442, 1242, 1208, 1181, 1038, 936, 809, 696 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[C_{22}H_{24}O_5+H]^+$: 369.1696, found: 369.1703.

Diastereomer B

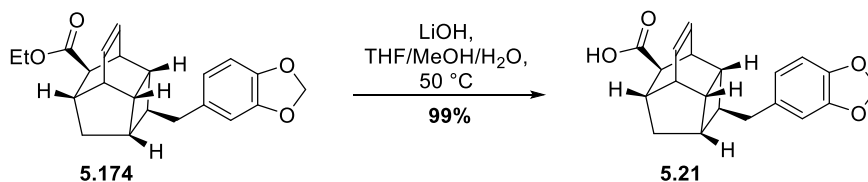
R_f: 0.19 (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes); **1H NMR** (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.80–6.74 (m, 2H), 6.20–6.15 (m, 1H), 6.10–6.05 (m, 1H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 4.57 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.14–3.99 (m, 2H), 2.82–2.75 (m, 2H), 2.75–2.67 (m, 2H), 2.63 (t, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.36 (dt, $J = 5.5, 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.06–1.98 (m, 2H), 1.91 (br s, 1H), 1.66 (d, $J = 12.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.63–1.58 (m, 1H), 1.21 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 174.6, 147.9, 147.3, 136.9, 131.8, 131.4, 120.6, 108.1, 107.1, 101.2, 78.1, 60.5, 49.2, 46.6, 41.9, 40.1, 38.7, 38.5, 38.1, 36.3, 34.5, 14.4 ppm; **IR:** 3461, 2925, 1727, 1717, 1553, 1486, 1442, 1244, 1208, 1179, 1040, 937, 810, 732, 692 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[C_{22}H_{24}O_5+H]^+$: 369.1696, found: 369.1696.

Kingianic acid A ethyl ester (5.174)



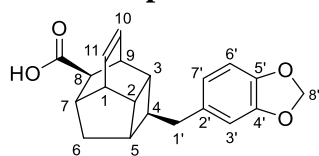
To a 5 mL vial under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added 1,3-benzodioxole alcohol tetracycle (37.6 mg, 0.102 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and dry dichloromethane (0.490 mL, 0.210 M). To the solution was added triethylsilane (32.6 μL , 0.204 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.) and then boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (14.6 μL , 0.153 mmol, 1.50 mol. equiv.). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with a saturate aqueous ammonium chloride solution. The organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield pure kingianic acid A ethyl ester. Spectroscopic data matched those previously reported in the literature.^[14] **Yield:** 28.3 mg, 0.080 mmol, 79%; **Appearance:** Pale yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.38 (1:9 EtOAc:hexanes); **^1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.73 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.61 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.23–6.18 (m, 1H), 6.17–6.12 (m, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 4.15 – 4.02 (m, 2H), 2.96 (q, $J = 5.0, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.82–2.75 (m, 2H), 2.74–2.67 (m, 2H), 2.60 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dt, $J = 5.9, 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.99 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.90 (dt, $J = 6.4, 12.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.75 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.54 (d, $J = 12.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H).

Kingianic acid A (5.21)



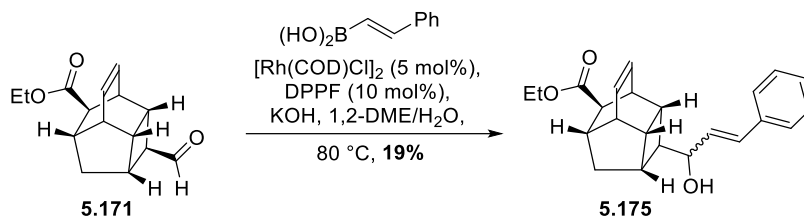
To a 5 mL vial open to air and equipped with a stir bar was added kingianic ester A (28.3 mg, 80.3 μmol , 1.00 mol. equiv.), tetrahydrofuran (0.270 mL, 0.300 M), methanol (0.270 mL, 0.300 M), water (0.270 mL, 0.300 M) and lithium hydroxide (19.23 mg, 0.803 mmol, 10.0 mol. equiv.). The reaction was heated to 50 $^\circ\text{C}$ overnight by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction was acidified with 1M aqueous HCl solution, extracted with dichloromethane, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield pure kingianic acid A. **Yield:** 25.9 mg, 79.8 μmol , 99%; **Appearance:** Pale yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.24 (1:3 EtOAc:hexanes); **^1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.73 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.60 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.25–6.19 (m, 2H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 3.00–2.95 (m, 1H), 2.86 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.80–2.69 (m, 2H), 2.73–2.70 (m, 1H), 2.56 (t, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dt, $J = 9.8, 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.34 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.99 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.90 (dt, $J = 13.0, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.55 (d, $J = 12.9$ Hz, 1H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 179.3, 147.7, 145.8, 134.9, 132.1, 131.5, 121.6, 109.2, 108.2, 100.9, 48.9, 42.0, 41.8, 40.7, 39.9, 39.8, 38.9, 38.6, 38.4, 34.9 ppm; **IR:** 2951, 2921, 1701, 1503, 1489, 1443, 1244, 1040, 938, 926, 692 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2+\text{H}]^+$: 325.1434, found: 325.1435.

NMR comparison table for kingianic acid A (5.21)



Position	Kingianic acid A (4.21)			
	Synthetic natural product		Isolated natural product ^[12]	
	¹ H (600 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃	¹³ C (150 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃	¹ H (600 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃	¹³ C (150 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃
1	2.73–2.70 (m, 1H)	42.0	2.71 (m, 1H)	41.8
2	2.42 (dt, <i>J</i> = 9.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H)	39.8	2.42 (dt, <i>J</i> = 8.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H)	39.7
3	1.76–1.71 (m, 1H)	38.9	1.73 (m, 1H)	38.8
4	1.99 (t, <i>J</i> = 8.2 Hz, 1H)	40.7	2.00 (t, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz, 1H)	40.6
5	2.34 (t, <i>J</i> = 6.4 Hz, 1H)	39.9	2.34 (t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz, 1H)	39.8
6	1.90 (dt, <i>J</i> = 13.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (d, <i>J</i> = 12.9 Hz, 1H)	38.6	1.90 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 13.0, 7.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (d, <i>J</i> = 13.0 Hz, 1H)	38.5
7	2.56 (t, <i>J</i> = 5.3 Hz, 1H)	38.4	2.57 (t, <i>J</i> = 5.0 Hz, 1H)	38.3
8	2.86 (d, <i>J</i> = 3.7 Hz, 1H)	48.9	2.86 (d, <i>J</i> = 3.5 Hz, 1H)	48.8
9	3.00–2.95 (m, 1H)	34.9	2.98 (dt, <i>J</i> = 7.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H)	34.8
10	6.25–6.19 (m, 1H)	131.5	6.22 (t, <i>J</i> = 4.0 Hz, 1H)	131.3
11	6.25–6.19 (m, 1H)	132.1	6.22 (t, <i>J</i> = 4.0 Hz, 1H)	132.0
1'	2.80–2.69 (m, 2H)	41.8	2.72 (m, 1H), 2.78 (m, 1H)	41.7
2'	-	134.9	-	134.7
3'	6.65 (s, 1H)	109.2	6.66 (s, 1H)	109.1
4'		147.7	-	147.5
5'		145.8	-	145.7
6'	6.73 (d, <i>J</i> = 7.9 Hz, 1H)	108.2	6.72 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz, 1H)	108.1
7'	6.60 (d, <i>J</i> = 7.9 Hz, 1H)	121.6	6.60 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz, 1H)	121.5
8'	5.93 (s, 2H)	100.9	5.92 (s, 2H)	100.8
C=O	-	179.3	-	179.3

Ethyl (1aR,1a1R,5S,6aR,7R)-1-(1-hydroxy-3-phenylallyl)-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]indene-7-carboxylate (Styrenyl alcohol tetracycle) (5.175)



To an oven-dried 10 mL sealed reaction tube under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added chloro(1,5-cyclooctadiene)rhodium(I) dimer (5.07 mg, 10.3 μmol , 5.00 mol%), 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene (11.4 mg, 20.6 μmol , 10.0 mol%), *trans*-2-phenylvinylboronic acid (60.9 mg, 0.412 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), potassium hydroxide (11.6 mg, 0.206 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), a solution of aldehyde ester tetracycle (50.7 mg, 0.206 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in degassed dimethoxyethane (0.883 mL, 0.233 M) and degassed distilled water (0.146 mL, 1.41 M). The reaction mixture was heated to 80 °C overnight by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with ammonium chloride. The mixture was then extracted with dichloromethane, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with 1:9 EtOAc:hexane \rightarrow 1:4 EtOAc:hexane) yielded separate styrenyl alcohol tetracycle diastereomer A and B (inconsequential 1:1 diastereomeric ratio). **Yield:** 13.5 mg, 0.038 mmol, 19%; **Appearance:** Orange oil

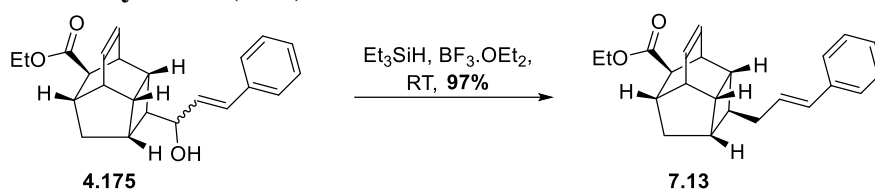
Diastereomer A

R_f: 0.28 (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.40 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.22 (m, 1H), 6.63 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.27–6.17 (m, 3H), 4.33 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 – 4.02 (m, 2H), 3.14–3.07 (m, 1H), 2.83 (s, 1H), 2.71 (q, $J = 5.9, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.64 (t, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.48–2.42 (m, 1H), 2.35 (q, $J = 5.8, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.05–2.00 (m, 1H), 1.98–1.89 (m, 2H), 1.65 (br s, 1H) 1.58 (d, $J = 12.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 174.6, 136.8, 131.8, 131.5, 131.4, 130.4, 128.7, 127.9, 126.6, 75.9, 60.4, 49.1, 45.3, 42.0, 40.7, 38.5, 37.1, 36.1, 35.1, 14.4 ppm; **IR:** 3440, 2956, 2928, 1731, 1495, 1449, 1366, 1298, 1208, 1181, 1040, 967, 750, 693 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3+\text{H}]^+$: 351.1955, found: 351.1959.

Diastereomer B

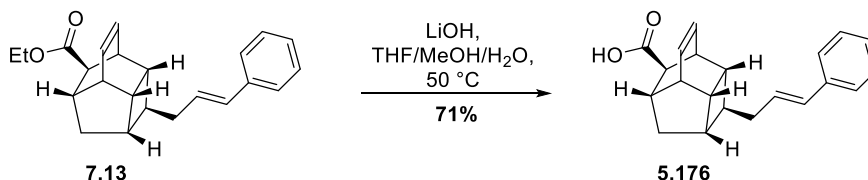
R_f: 0.24 (1:4 EtOAc:hexanes); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.40 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.23 (m, 1H), 6.62 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.25–6.12 (m, 3H), 4.32 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 – 4.02 (m, 2H), 3.04–2.99 (m, 1H), 2.81 (s, 1H), 2.77–2.70 (m, 1H), 2.67–2.61 (m, 2H), 2.40–2.34 (m, 1H), 2.06–1.98 (m, 1H), 1.91 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.68 (br s, 1H) 1.63 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 174.6, 136.8, 131.8, 131.7, 131.5, 130.1, 128.7, 127.9, 126.6, 76.3, 60.4, 49.2, 45.4, 42.0, 40.5, 38.6, 38.4, 37.3, 36.1, 34.8, 14.4 ppm; **IR:** 3451, 2956, 2928, 1728, 1449, 1366, 1305, 1298, 1208, 1181, 1041, 967, 750, 693 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3+\text{H}]^+$: 351.1955, found: 351.1956.

Kingianic acid D ethyl ester (7.13)



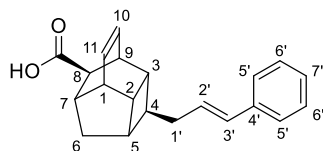
To a 5 mL vial under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added styrenyl alcohol tetracycle (13.5 mg, 38.5 μmol , 1.00 mol. equiv.) and dry dichloromethane (0.183 mL, 0.210 M). To the solution was added triethylsilane (12.3 μL , 77.0 μmol , 2.00 mol. equiv.) and then boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (5.50 μL , 57.8 μmol , 1.50 mol. equiv.). Immediate ^1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with a saturate aqueous ammonium chloride solution. The organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield pure kingianic acid D ethyl ester. **Yield:** 12.5 mg, 37.4 μmol , 97%; **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.46 (1:9 EtOAc:hexanes); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.35 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.24–6.15 (m, 3H), 4.16 – 4.02 (m, 2H), 3.04 (q, $J = 4.9, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.71 (q, $J = 5.5, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.62 (t, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.49–2.32 (m, 4H), 1.96–1.85 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.59 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 174.8, 137.9, 131.9, 131.4, 131.1, 128.9, 128.6, 127.1, 126.1, 60.4, 49.3, 42.1, 40.2, 40.1, 39.6, 39.1, 38.6, 38.5, 35.1, 14.4 ppm; **IR:** 2956, 2926, 1731, 1495, 1449, 1265, 1298, 1205, 1178, 1042, 964, 743, 692 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2+\text{H}]^+$: 335.2006, found: 335.2016.

Kingianic acid D (5.176)



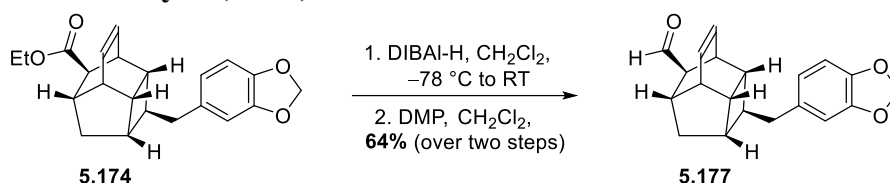
To a 5 mL vial open to air and equipped with a stir bar was added kingianic ester D (10.9 mg, 32.6 μ mol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), tetrahydrofuran (0.110 mL, 0.300 M), methanol (0.110 mL, 0.300 M), water (0.110 mL, 0.300 M) and lithium hydroxide (7.80 mg, 0.326 mmol, 10.0 mol. equiv.). The reaction was at 50 °C overnight by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction was acidified with 1M aqueous HCl solution, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:4 EtOAc:hexane) yielded pure kingianic acid D. **Yield:** 7.1 mg, 23.1 μ mol, 71%; **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.37 (3:7 EtOAc:hexanes); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.27–6.16 (m, 3H), 3.06 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75–2.69 (m, 1H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.50–2.38 (m, 3H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.98–1.90 (m, 1H), 1.87 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.79–1.73 (m, 1H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 180.6, 137.9, 132.1, 131.5, 131.1, 128.8, 128.7, 127.1, 126.1, 49.1, 42.0, 40.1, 40.0, 39.6, 39.1, 39.0, 38.6, 38.4, 34.9 ppm; **IR:** 2955, 2924, 1697, 1412, 1306, 1249, 1238, 964, 908, 739, 690 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₁H₂₂O₂+H]⁺: 307.1693, found: 307.1692.

NMR comparison table for kingianic acid D (5.176)



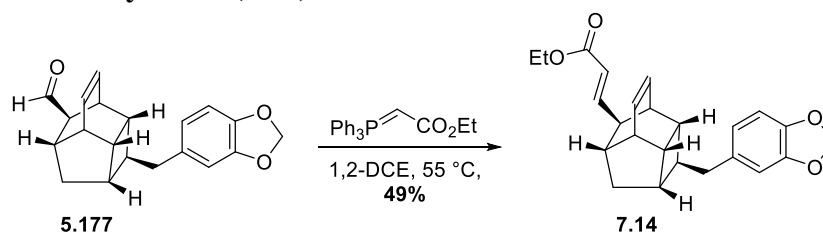
Position	Kingianic acid D (4.176)			
	Synthetic natural product		Isolated natural product ^[12]	
	¹ H (500 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃	¹³ C (125 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃	¹ H (600 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃	¹³ C (150 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃
1	2.75–2.69 (m, 1H)	42.0	2.73 (m, 1H)	41.9
2	2.50–2.38 (m, 1H)	40.0	2.40 (m, 1H)	39.8
3	1.79–1.73 (m, 1H)	39.1	1.76 (m, 1H)	39.0
4	1.87 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.5 Hz, 1H)	39.0	1.88 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.4 Hz, 1H)	38.9
5	2.36 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz, 1H)	40.1	2.36 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.4 Hz, 1H)	39.9
6	1.98–1.90 (m, 1H), 1.59 (d, <i>J</i> = 12.8 Hz, 1H)	38.6	1.93 (m, 1H), 1.61 (d, <i>J</i> = 12.7 Hz, 1H)	38.4
7	2.58 (t, <i>J</i> = 5.2 Hz, 1H)	38.4	2.58 (t, <i>J</i> = 5.1 Hz, 1H)	38.3
8	2.89 (d, <i>J</i> = 3.7 Hz, 1H)	49.1	2.90 (d, <i>J</i> = 3.8 Hz, 1H)	48.6
9	3.06 (t, <i>J</i> = 4.0 Hz, 1H)	34.9	3.06 (t, <i>J</i> = 3.8 Hz, 1H)	34.8
10	6.27–6.16 (m, 1H)	131.5	6.22 (d, <i>J</i> = 3.1 Hz, 1H)	131.4
11	6.27–6.16 (m, 1H)	132.1	6.22 (d, <i>J</i> = 3.0 Hz, 1H)	131.9
1'	2.50–2.38 (m, 2H)	39.6	2.43 (m, 2H)	39.4
2'	6.27–6.16 (m, 1H)	128.6	6.19 (m, 1H)	128.7
3'	6.40 (d, <i>J</i> = 15.8 Hz, 1H)	131.1	6.38 (d, <i>J</i> = 15.8 Hz, 1H)	131.0
4'	-	137.9	-	137.7
5'	7.35 (d, <i>J</i> = 6.9 Hz, 2H)	126.1	7.35 (d, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz, 2H)	126.0
6'	7.30 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.5 Hz, 2H)	128.8	7.30 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz, 2H)	128.5
7'	7.20 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.5 Hz, 1H)	127.1	7.20 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.3 Hz, 1H)	127.0
C=O	-	180.6	-	177.5

Kingianic acid A aldehyde (5.177)



To a 10 mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added kingianic ethyl ester A (149.6 mg, 0.424 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and dry dichloromethane (2.12 mL, 0.200 M). The solution was cooled to -78 °C and diisobutylaluminium hydride (0.934 mL, 0.934 mmol, 2.20 mol. equiv., 1.00 M solution in cyclohexane) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature over two hours by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated completion of the reaction. The reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether, cooled to 0 °C and water (0.04 mL) was added dropwise followed by a 15% aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide (0.04 mL) and then water (0.09 mL) again. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over fifteen minutes and then MgSO_4 was added, stirred for a further fifteen minutes, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude kingianic alcohol A (120 mg). A solution of the crude alcohol (120 mg, 0.387 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in dry dichloromethane (3.87 mL, 0.100 M) was cooled to 0 °C and Dess-Martin periodinane (0.246 g, 0.580 mmol, 1.50 mol. equiv.) was added. The reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature for one hour by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated completion of the reaction. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate, extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with 1:9 EtOAc:hexane) yielding pure kingianic acid A aldehyde. **Yield:** 83.9 mg, 0.272 mmol, 64% (over two steps); **Appearance:** Clear oil; **R_f:** 0.39 (1:9 EtOAc:hexane); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.48 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.61 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.26–6.21 (m, 1H), 6.20–6.16 (m, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 2.98 (q, $J = 5.0, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.84–2.67 (m, 5H), 2.45 (dt, $J = 5.5, 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.02 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.96–1.89 (m, 1H), 1.82–1.77 (m, 1H), 1.55 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 203.9, 147.7, 145.8, 134.8, 133.0, 131.9, 121.6, 109.1, 108.2, 100.9, 57.7, 42.7, 41.8, 40.8, 40.3, 39.8, 39.1, 38.5, 38.0, 33.7 ppm; **IR:** 2924, 1721, 1502, 1489, 1443, 1244, 1187, 1040, 938, 926, 807 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3+\text{H}]^+$: 309.1458, found: 309.1477.

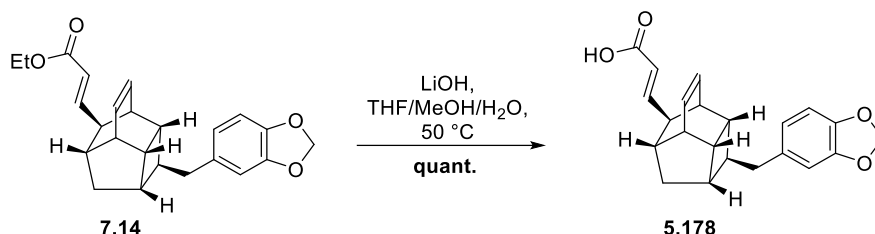
Endiandric acid M ethyl ester (7.14)



To a 10 mL round bottom flask under nitrogen was added kingianic aldehyde A (66.0 mg, 0.214 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), dry 1,2-dichloroethane (1.10 mL, 0.200 M) and ethyl(triphenylphosphoronyl)acetate (149 mg, 0.428 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.). The mixture was heated at 55 °C overnight by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated completion of the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with 1:9 EtOAc:hexane) yielding pure endiandric acid M ethyl ester. **Yield:** 39.8 mg, 0.105 mmol, 49%; **Appearance:** Clear oil; **R_f:** 0.46 (1:9 EtOAc:hexane); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.75 (dd, $J = 8.1, 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J =$

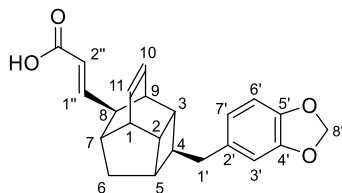
8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.61 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz 1H), 6.26–6.21 (m, 1H), 6.20–6.14 (m, 1H), 5.92 (s, 2H), 5.68 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 (q, $J = 7.1, 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.81–2.65 (m, 4H), 2.52 (dt, $J = 4.2, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dt, $J = 5.4, 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.34 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.10 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.91 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.89–1.82 (m, 1H), 1.75–1.69 (m, 1H), 1.57 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.1, 154.0, 147.6, 145.7, 135.0, 132.7, 130.6, 121.6, 119.8, 109.1, 108.1, 100.8, 60.2, 47.3, 42.3, 41.9, 41.9, 40.1, 40.0, 39.8, 39.7, 39.0, 37.3, 14.4 ppm; **IR**: 2924, 1713, 1647, 1502, 1489, 1442, 1244, 1171, 1037, 937, 923, 809 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_4+\text{H}]^+$: 379.1904, found: 379.1888.

Endiandric acid M (4.178)



To a 5 mL vial open to air and equipped with a stir bar was added endiandric ethyl ester M (39.8 mg, 105 μmol , 1.00 mol. equiv.), tetrahydrofuran (0.350 mL, 0.300 M), methanol (0.350 mL, 0.300 M), water (0.350 mL, 0.300 M) and lithium hydroxide (25.2 mg, 1.05 mmol, 10.0 mol. equiv.). The reaction was heated to 60 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 2 hours by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction was acidified with 1M aqueous HCl solution, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield pure endiandric acid M. **Yield**: 36.9 mg, 105 μmol , quant.; **Appearance**: Pale yellow oil; **R_f**: 0.21 (3:7 EtOAc:hexanes); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.86 (dd, $J = 8.1, 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.61 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz 1H), 6.27–6.22 (m, 1H), 6.19–6.14 (m, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 5.68 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.82–2.67 (m, 4H), 2.55–2.51 (m, 1H), 2.44 (dt, $J = 5.5, 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.35 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.13–2.08 (m, 1H), 1.91 (t, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.90–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.76–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.59 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 172.4, 157.0, 147.6, 145.7, 134.9, 132.6, 130.8, 121.6, 119.1, 109.2, 108.2, 100.9, 47.4, 42.3, 41.9, 41.8, 40.1, 40.0, 39.8, 39.7, 38.9, 37.3 ppm; **IR**: 2963, 2924, 1689, 1644, 1502, 1489, 1442, 1278, 1244, 1208, 1189, 1038, 937, 923, 809, 732 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4+\text{H}]^+$: 351.1591, found: 351.1593.

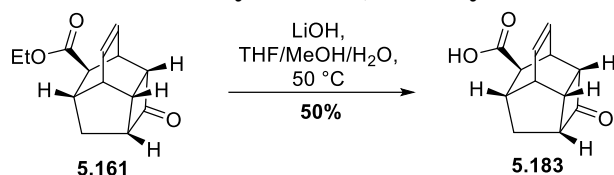
NMR comparison table for endiandric acid M (5.178)



Position	Endiandric acid M (4.178)			
	Synthetic natural product		Isolated natural product ^[11,12]	
	¹ H (500 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃	¹³ C (125 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃	¹ H (500 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃	¹³ C (150 MHz) NMR, CDCl ₃
1	2.82–2.67 (m, 4H)	42.3	2.69	42.3
2	2.44 (dt, <i>J</i> = 5.5, 9.8 Hz, 1H)	40.0	2.44	40.1
3	1.76–1.70 (m, 1H)	39.8	1.73	39.8
4	1.91 (t, <i>J</i> = 4.5 Hz, 1H)	41.8	1.92	41.8
5	2.35 (t, <i>J</i> = 6.0 Hz, 1H)	39.7	2.35	39.7
6	1.90–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.59 (d, <i>J</i> = 12.6 Hz, 1H)	38.9	1.86, 1.58	39.0
7	2.13–2.08 (m, 1H)	40.1	2.10	40.2
8	2.82–2.67 (m, 4H)	47.4	2.78	47.4
9	2.55–2.51 (m, 1H)	37.3	2.53	37.3
10	6.19–6.14 (m, 1H)	132.6	6.16	132.6
11	6.27–6.22 (m, 1H)	130.8	6.24	130.8
1'	2.82–2.67 (m, 4H)	41.9	2.76, 2.71	41.9
2'	-	134.9	-	135.0
3'	6.66 (s, 1H)	109.2	6.66	109.2
4'	-	147.6	-	147.7
5'	-	145.7	-	145.8
6'	6.73 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz, 1H)	108.2	6.73	108.2
7'	6.61 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz 1H)	121.6	6.61	121.6
8'	5.93 (s, 2H)	100.9	5.93	100.9
1''	6.86 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.1, 15.7 Hz, 1H)	157.0	6.85	156.9
2''	5.68 (d, <i>J</i> = 15.7 Hz, 1H)	119.1	5.69	118.9
C=O	-	172.4	-	171.3

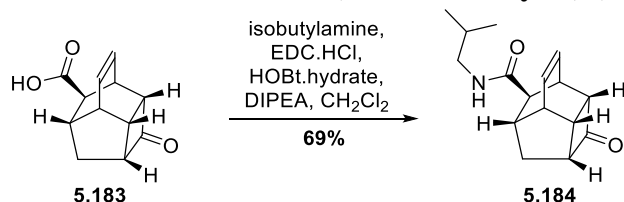
Additional Experiments

(1aR,1a1S,5S,6aR,7R)-1-oxo-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]indene-7-carboxylic acid (Carboxylic acid tetracycle) (5.183)



To a 15 mL sealable reaction tube open to air and equipped with a stir bar was added ethyl ester tetracycle (167.4 mg, 0.721 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), tetrahydrofuran (2.40 mL, 0.300 M), methanol (2.40 mL, 0.300 M), water (2.40 mL, 0.300 M) and lithium hydroxide (86.3 mg, 3.60 mmol, 5.00 mol. equiv.). The reaction was heated to 50 °C overnight by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction was acidified with 1M aqueous HCl solution, extracted with dichloromethane, washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 49.5:49.5:1 EtOAc:hexane:acetic acid) yielding carboxylic acid tetracycle. **Yield:** 73.8 mg, 0.361 mmol, 50%; **Appearance:** white solid; **R_f:** 0.40 (49.5:49.5:1 EtOAc:hexane:acetic acid); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.40 (br s, 1H), 6.45 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dt, *J* = 5.3, 5.3, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.28–3.22 (m, 1H), 3.08 (dt, *J* = 5.4, 5.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.01–2.94 (m, 1H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dt, *J* = 5.7, 5.7, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.26–2.22 (m, 1H), 1.97 (ddd, *J* = 5.1, 8.8, 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ 210.7, 178.5, 134.1, 132.1, 62.2, 60.0, 50.3, 40.3, 37.4, 34.5, 34.2, 30.6 ppm; **IR:** 3139, 2971, 2939, 1763, 1744, 1701, 1268, 1221, 1185, 1158, 689 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₂H₁₂O₃+H]⁺: 205.0859, found: 205.0862.

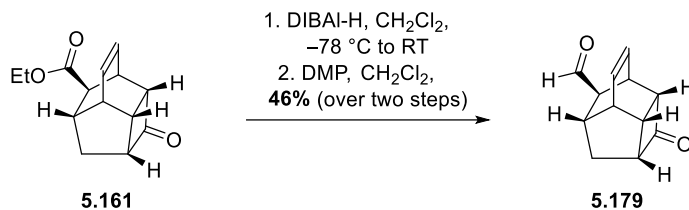
(1aR,1a1S,5S,6aR,7R)-N-isobutyl-1-oxo-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]indene-7-carboxamide (Amide tetracycle) (5.184)



To a 10 mL round-bottom flask open to air and equipped with a stir bar was added carboxylic acid tetracycle (73.8 mg, 0.361 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), dichloromethane (1.45 mL, 0.250 M), isobutylamine (35.9 μL, 0.361 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N'-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (83.1 mg, 0.434 mmol, 1.20 mol. equiv.), hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate (66.4 mg, 0.434 mmol, 1.20 mol. equiv.), and N,N-diisopropylethylamine (0.151 mL, 0.344 mmol, 2.40 mol. equiv.). The reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature overnight by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:1 EtOAc:hexane) yielding amide tetracycle. **Yield:** 64.2 mg, 0.248 mmol, 69%; **Appearance:** white solid; **R_f:** 0.35 (1:1 EtOAc:hexanes); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.49 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (br s, 1H), 3.40 (dt, *J* = 5.4, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.11–2.92 (m, 5H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dt, *J* = 5.3, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (ddd, *J* = 4.9, 8.8, 13.4 Hz, 1H), 1.77–1.66 (m, 1H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H) ppm; **¹³C**

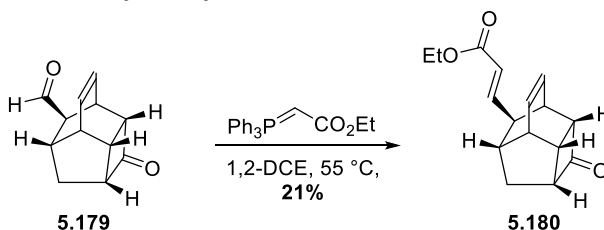
NMR (125 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ 211.0, 172.2, 134.2, 130.8, 62.8, 60.0, 51.3, 47.1, 40.5, 37.5, 34.6, 34.6, 32.5, 28.7, 20.2, 20.2 ppm; **IR**: 3324, 2956, 2934, 1760, 1653, 1533, 1467, 1368, 1261, 1234, 1158, 1110, 685 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₆H₂₁NO₂+H]⁺: 260.1645, found: 260.1643.

(1aS,1a1S,5S,6aR,7R)-1-oxo-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]indene-7-carbaldehyde (Aldehyde tetracycle) (5.179)



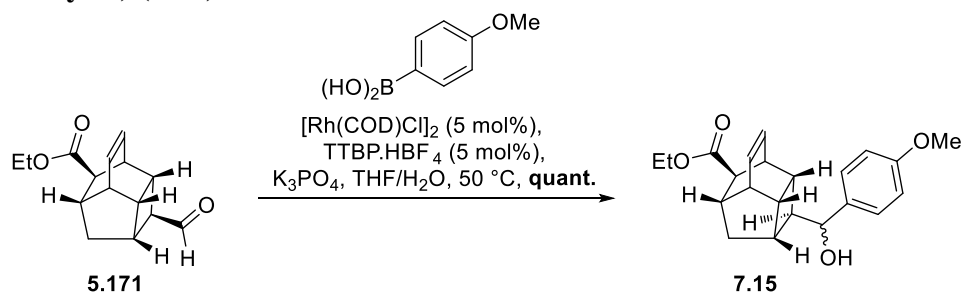
To a two-necked 50 mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added ethyl ester tetracycle (647.5 mg, 2.79 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and dry dichloromethane (14.0 mL, 0.200 M). The solution was cooled to -78 °C and diisobutylaluminium hydride (22.7 mL, 22.7 mmol, 2.20 mol. equiv., 1.00 M solution in toluene) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated completion of the reaction. The reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether, cooled to 0 °C and water (0.44 mL) was added dropwise followed by a 15% aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide (0.44 mL) and then water (1.10 mL) again. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over fifteen minutes and then MgSO₄ was added, stirred for a further fifteen minutes, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude diol (337.4 mg). A solution of the crude diol (337 mg, 1.75 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in dry dichloromethane (18 mL, 0.100 M) was cooled to 0 °C and Dess-Martin periodinane (1.86 g, 4.39 mmol, 2.50 mol. equiv.) was added. The reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature for 30 minutes by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated completion of the reaction. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate, extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:4 EtOAc:hexane) yielding aldehyde tetracycle. **Yield**: 234 mg, 1.24 mmol, 46% (over two steps); **Appearance**: Clear oil; **R_f**: 0.27 (1:4 EtOAc:hexane); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.41 (s, 1H), 6.48–6.43 (m, 1H), 6.30–6.26 (m, 1H), 3.44 (dt, *J* = 5.4, 5.4, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (q, *J* = 5.3, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dt, *J* = 5.2, 5.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (q, *J* = 5.3, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dt, *J* = 5.3, 5.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (ddd, *J* = 4.9, 8.9, 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ 210.5, 201.0, 135.6, 131.6, 62.4, 59.9, 58.5, 41.0, 36.5, 35.0, 34.0, 29.4 ppm; **IR**: 2936, 1760, 1724, 1110, 1052, 1035, 703, 665 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₁₂H₁₂O₂+H]⁺: 189.0910, found: 189.0909.

Ethyl (E)-3-((1aS,1a1S,5R,6aR,7R)-1-oxo-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]inden-7-yl)acrylate (Unsaturated ester tetracycle) (5.180)



To a 10 mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added aldehyde tetracycle (50.0 mg, 0.266 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), toluene (0.295 mL, 0.900 M) and ethyl(triphenylphosphoranylidene)acetate (92.5 mg, 0.266 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). The reaction was stirred at room temperature overnight by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure and was purified via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with 1:4 EtOAc:hexane) yielding unsaturated ester tetracycle. **Yield:** 14.1 mg, 0.055 mmol, 21%; **Appearance:** Clear oil; **R_f:** 0.43 (1:4 EtOAc:hexane); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.64 (dd, $J = 8.2, 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.49–6.44 (m, 1H), 6.30–6.24 (m, 1H), 5.66 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, $J = 7.1, 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.42–3.36 (m, 1H), 3.42–3.36 (m, 1H), 3.09–3.03 (m, 1H), 2.94 (q, $J = 5.1, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.81–2.75 (m, 1H), 2.51–2.45 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.07 (m, 1H), 2.04 (t, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H) 1.89 (ddd, $J = 4.8, 8.8, 12.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.65 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 211.1, 166.7, 151.3, 133.4, 132.3, 120.9, 63.4, 60.4, 59.5, 48.9, 40.8, 40.6, 34.6, 34.4, 33.6, 14.4 ppm; **IR:** 2939, 1763, 1713, 1650, 1301, 1274, 1261, 1249, 1182, 1158, 1037 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3+\text{H}]^+$: 259.1329, found: 259.1338.

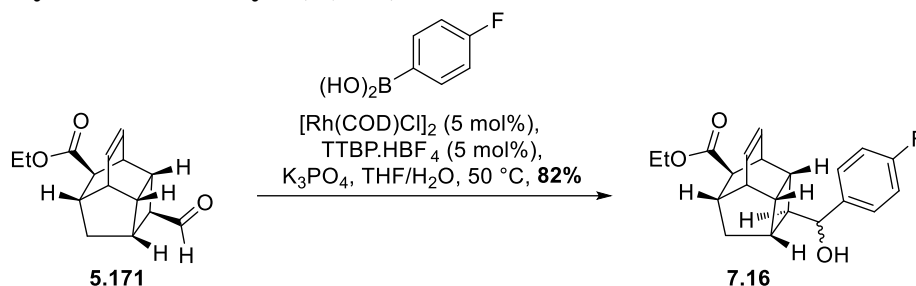
Ethyl (1S,1aR,1a1R,5S,6aR,7R)-1-(hydroxy(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]indene-7-carboxylate (Anisole alcohol tetracycle) (7.15)



To an oven-dried 10 mL sealed reaction tube under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added chloro(1,5-cyclooctadiene)rhodium(I) dimer (5.00 mg, 10.2 μmol , 5.00 mol%), Tri-tert-butylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (2.94 mg, 10.2 μmol , 5.00 mol%), (4-methoxyphenyl)boronic acid (61.7 mg, 0.406 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), a solution of aldehyde ester tetracycle (50.0 mg, 0.203 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in degassed THF (0.410 mL, 0.500 M) and a degassed aqueous solution of K_3PO_4 (0.110 mL, 0.655 mmol, 5.50 M). The reaction mixture was heated to 50 °C overnight by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with ammonium chloride. The mixture was then extracted with dichloromethane, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with 1:4 EtOAc:hexane \rightarrow 3:7 EtOAc:hexane) yielded a rough 1:1 diastereomeric mixture of anisole alcohol tetracycle. **Yield:** 72.0 mg, 0.203 mmol, quant.; **Appearance:** Yellow oil **R_f:** 0.45 and 0.36 (3:7 EtOAc:hexanes); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.30–7.24 (m, 4H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 4H), 6.25–6.15 (m, 3H), 6.09–6.04 (m, 1H), 4.62 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.15–3.99 (m, 4H), 3.81 (s, 6H), 3.15–3.11 (m, 1H), 2.81 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.80–2.76 (m, 2H), 2.75–2.66 (m, 2H), 2.63 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.35 (dq, $J = 5.0, 4.9, 9.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.14–2.07 (m, 3H), 2.02 (ddd, $J = 5.5, 7.7, 12.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.86–1.76 (m, 3H), 1.67 (d, $J = 12.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.62–1.55 (m, 1H), 1.44 (d, $J = 12.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 174.7, 174.6, 159.3, 159.3, 135.3, 135.0, 131.9, 131.8, 131.4, 131.4, 128.2, 128.1, 113.9, 77.7, 77.3, 60.4, 55.4, 49.2, 49.2, 46.5, 42.0, 41.9, 40.1, 40.1, 38.7, 38.5, 38.4, 38.4, 38.0, 37.3, 36.7, 36.3, 35.2, 34.5, 14.4 ppm; **IR:** 3445, 2956, 2929, 1727, 1612, 1512,

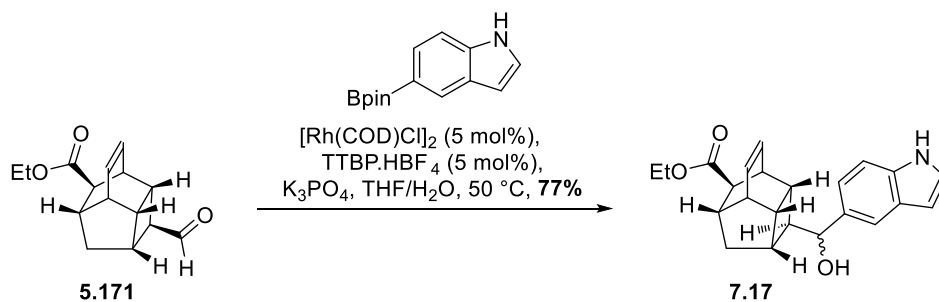
1303, 1245, 1206, 1175, 1035, 827, 732, 693 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_4+\text{H}]^+$: 355.1904, found: 355.1899.

Ethyl (1S,1aR,1a1R,5S,6aR,7R)-1-((4-fluorophenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]indene-7-carboxylate (Fluorophenyl alcohol tetracycle) (7.16)



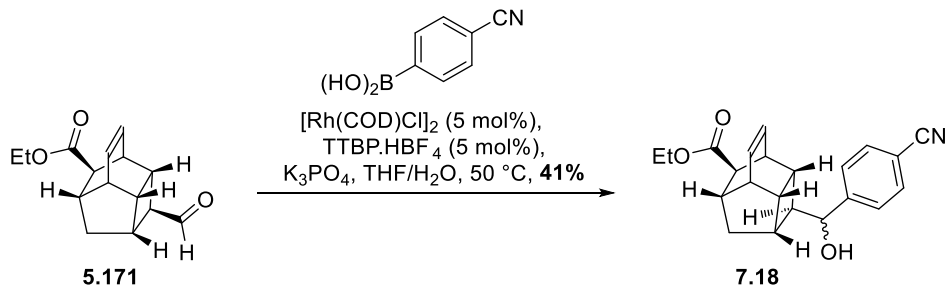
To an oven-dried 10 mL sealed reaction tube under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added chloro(1,5-cyclooctadiene)rhodium(I) dimer (5.00 mg, 10.2 μmol , 5.00 mol%), Tri-tert-butylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (2.9 mg, 10.2 μmol , 5.00 mol%), (4-fluorophenyl)boronic acid (56.8 mg, 0.406 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), a solution of aldehyde ester tetracycle (50.0 mg, 0.203 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in degassed THF (0.410 mL, 0.500 M) and a degassed aqueous solution of K_3PO_4 (0.110 mL, 0.655 mmol, 5.50 M). The reaction mixture was heated to 50 °C overnight by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with ammonium chloride. The mixture was then extracted with dichloromethane, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with 1:4 EtOAc:hexane \rightarrow 3:7 EtOAc:hexane) yielded a 1:1 diastereomeric mixture of fluorophenyl alcohol tetracycle. **Yield:** 57.3 mg, 0.167 mmol, 82%; **Appearance:** Clear oil **R_f:** 0.53 and 0.47 (3:7 EtOAc:hexanes); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.34–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.03 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 6.24–6.15 (m, 3H), 6.10–6.04 (m, 1H), 4.65 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 4.14–3.98 (m, 4H), 3.09 (q, J = 4.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 2H), 2.74–2.66 (m, 3H), 2.62 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.38–2.31 (m, 2H), 2.25 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.14–1.98 (m, 6H), 1.82 (ddd, J = 5.4, 7.7, 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.62–1.57 (m, 1H), 1.42 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 174.6, 174.5, 162.8 (d, J = 245.8 Hz), 161.4 (d, J = 245.8 Hz), 138.9 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 138.6 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 131.9, 131.7, 131.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 115.5 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 77.4, 77.0, 60.5, 60.4, 49.2, 49.1, 46.7, 42.0, 41.9, 40.2, 40.1, 38.6, 38.4, 38.4, 38.3, 37.9, 37.3, 36.5, 36.2, 35.1, 34.5, 14.4 ppm; **^{19}F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -114.6, -114.7 ppm; **IR:** 3453, 2958, 292, 1724, 1604, 1510, 1299, 1219, 1179, 1158, 1040, 830, 695 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{FO}_3+\text{H}]^+$: 343.1704, found: 343.1703.

Ethyl (1S,1aR,1a1R,5S,6aR,7R)-1-(hydroxy(1H-indol-5-yl)methyl)-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]indene-7-carboxylate (Indole alcohol tetracycle) (7.17)



To an oven-dried 10 mL sealed reaction tube under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added chloro(1,5-cyclooctadiene)rhodium(I) dimer (5.00 mg, 10.2 μmol , 5.00 mol%), Tri-tert-butylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (2.94 mg, 10.2 μmol , 5.00 mol%), 5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-indole (98.7 mg, 0.406 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), a solution of aldehyde ester tetracycle (50.0 mg, 0.203 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in degassed THF (0.410 mL, 0.500 M) and a degassed aqueous solution of K_3PO_4 (0.110 mL, 0.655 mmol, 5.00 M). The reaction mixture was heated to 50 $^\circ\text{C}$ overnight by which time ^1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction was diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with ammonium chloride. The mixture was then extracted with dichloromethane, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with 1:4 EtOAc:hexane \rightarrow 2:3 EtOAc:hexane) yielded a rough 1:1 diastereomeric mixture of indole alcohol tetracycle. **Yield:** 56.9 mg, 0.157 mmol, 77%; **Appearance:** Light orange oil **R_f:** 0.38 and 0.32 (2:3 EtOAc:hexanes); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.25 (br s, 2H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 4H), 6.55 (s, 2H), 6.26–6.20 (m, 2H), 6.20–6.14 (m, 1H), 6.06–6.00 (m, 1H), 4.80–4.73 (m, 2H), 4.15–3.97 (m, 4H), 3.17 (br s, 1H), 2.87 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.83–2.77 (m, 2H), 2.77–2.71 (m, 2H), 2.71–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.64 (br t, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (br t, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dq, $J = 5.2, 5.1, 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.28 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.23–2.16 (m, 3H), 2.07–2.00 (m, 1H), 1.98–1.84 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.75 (m, 1H), 1.70 (d, $J = 12.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.67–1.57 (m, 2H), 1.42 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.29–1.21 (m, 6H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 174.9, 174.8, 135.7, 135.6, 134.5, 134.2, 131.9, 131.8, 131.4, 131.4, 127.8, 127.8, 124.9 (two coincident peaks), 121.0, 121.0, 119.3, 119.1, 111.3 (two coincident peaks), 102.6 (two coincident peaks), 79.0, 78.5, 60.4, 49.2, 49.1, 46.6, 42.0, 41.9, 40.1, 40.0, 38.7, 38.5, 38.4, 38.3, 38.2, 37.4, 37.0, 36.4, 35.2, 34.5, 24.9 (two coincident peaks), 14.4, 14.3 ppm; **IR:** 3404, 3370, 2958, 2931, 1713, 1209, 1181, 1040, 729, 695 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3+\text{H}]^+$: 364.1907, found: 364.1905.

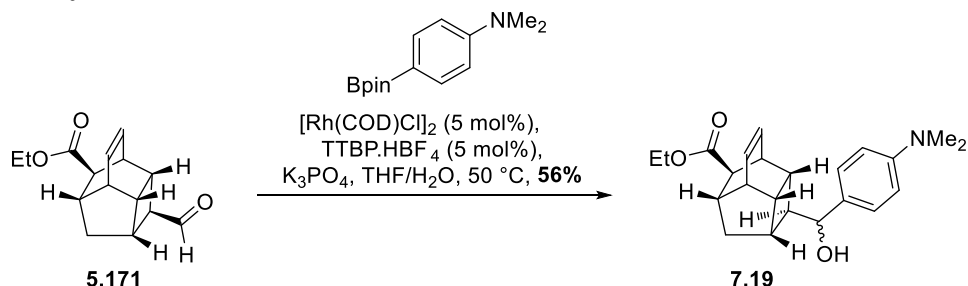
Ethyl (1S,1aR,1a1R,5S,6aR,7R)-1-((4-cyanophenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]indene-7-carboxylate (Benzonitrile alcohol tetracycle) (7.18)



To an oven-dried 10 mL sealed reaction tube under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added chloro(1,5-cyclooctadiene)rhodium(I) dimer (5.00 mg, 10.2 μmol , 5.00 mol%), Tri-tert-butylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (2.94 mg, 10.2 μmol , 5.00 mol%), 4-cyanophenylboronic acid (59.7 mg, 0.406 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), a solution of aldehyde ester tetracycle (50.0 mg,

0.203 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in degassed THF (0.410 mL, 0.500 M) and a degassed aqueous solution of K_3PO_4 (0.110 mL, 0.655 mmol, 5.00 M). The reaction mixture was heated to 50 °C overnight by which time 1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with ammonium chloride. The mixture was then extracted with dichloromethane, dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with 1:4 EtOAc:hexane \rightarrow 2:3 EtOAc:hexane) yielded a rough 1:1 diastereomeric mixture of benzonitrile alcohol tetracycle. **Yield:** 29.4 mg, 0.084 mmol, 41%; **Appearance:** Yellow oil **R_f**: 0.53 and 0.43 (2:3 EtOAc:hexanes); **1H NMR** (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.65 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.50–7.45 (m, 4H), 6.24–6.16 (m, 3H), 6.09 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.13–4.01 (m, 4H), 3.07–3.02 (m, 1H), 2.80–2.68 (m, 5H), 2.67–2.59 (m, 2H), 2.40–2.33 (m, 2H), 2.33–2.28 (m, 1H), 2.08–1.93 (m, 6H), 1.90–1.82 (m, 1H), 1.68–1.64 (m, 1H), 1.61 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 1.27–1.18 (m, 6H) ppm; **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 174.4, 174.3, 148.6, 148.4, 132.3 (two coincident peaks), 131.8, 131.6, 131.5, 131.4, 127.6, 127.5, 118.9 (two coincident peaks), 111.5, 111.5, 76.9, 76.6, 60.5, 60.5, 49.1, 49.1, 46.6, 46.6, 41.9, 41.9, 40.2, 40.1, 38.5, 38.3, 38.3, 38.3, 37.5, 37.1, 36.1, 36.0, 34.9, 34.4, 14.4 (two coincident peaks) ppm; **IR:** 3465, 2958, 2929, 2228, 1721, 1366, 1299, 1206, 1179, 1082, 1040, 914, 827, 732, 693, 572 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[C_{22}H_{23}NO_3+H]^+$: 350.1751, found: 350.1748.

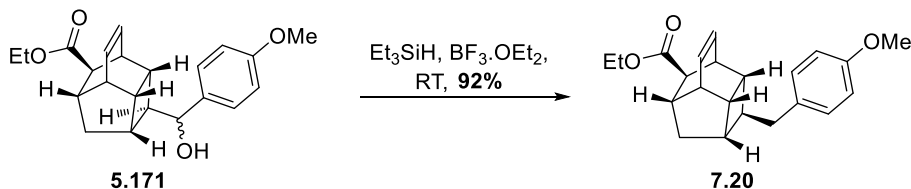
Ethyl (1S,1aR,1a1R,5S,6aR,7R)-1-((4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]indene-7-carboxylate (Aniline alcohol tetracycle) (7.19)



To an oven-dried 10 mL sealed reaction tube under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added chloro(1,5-cyclooctadiene)rhodium(I) dimer (5.00 mg, 10.2 μ mol, 5.00 mol%), Tri-tert-butylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (2.94 mg, 10.2 μ mol, 5.00 mol%), N,N-dimethyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)aniline (100.3 mg, 0.406 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.), a solution of aldehyde ester tetracycle (50.0 mg, 0.203 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in degassed THF (0.410 mL, 0.500 M) and a degassed aqueous solution of K_3PO_4 (0.110 mL, 0.655 mmol, 5.50 M). The reaction mixture was heated to 50 °C overnight by which time 1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with ammonium chloride. The mixture was then extracted with dichloromethane, dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with 1:9 EtOAc:hexane \rightarrow 1:4 EtOAc:hexane) yielded a rough 1:1 diastereomeric mixture of aniline alcohol tetracycle. **Yield:** 41.7 mg, 0.113 mmol, 56%; **Appearance:** Brown oil **R_f**: 0.34 and 0.29 (3:7 EtOAc:hexanes); **1H NMR** (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.20 (dd, J = 5.1, 8.5 Hz, 4H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 6.23–6.19 (m, 2H), 6.19–6.15 (m, 1H), 6.08–6.03 (m, 1H), 4.57 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.14–3.98 (m, 4H), 3.15 (p, J = 4.1, 4.1, 4.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (s, 12H), 2.85 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (s, 2H), 2.74–2.69 (m, 2H), 2.69–2.65 (m, 1H), 2.62 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (dp, J = 4.7, 4.7, 4.2, 4.2, 13.0 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.14–2.08 (m, 3H), 2.01 (ddd, J = 5.4, 7.7, 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (br s, 1H), 1.81 (ddd, J = 5.3, 7.6, 12.9

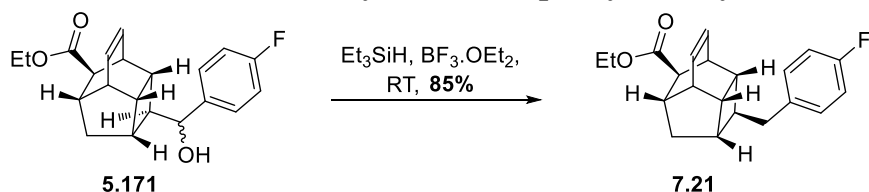
Hz, 1H), 1.67 (d, $J = 12.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.61–1.55 (m, 1H), 1.45 (d, $J = 12.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.19 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 174.7, 174.6, 150.3, 150.3, 131.9, 131.8, 131.4, 131.3, 131.0, 130.7, 127.9, 127.8, 112.5 (two coincident peaks), 77.8, 77.5, 60.3 (two coincident peaks), 49.2, 49.1, 46.2, 46.2, 42.0, 41.9, 40.7 (two coincident peaks), 40.1, 40.0, 38.7, 38.5, 38.4, 38.1, 37.4, 36.9, 36.4, 35.2, 34.6, 14.4 (two coincident peaks) ppm; **IR**: 3445, 2956, 2929, 1731, 1614, 1523, 1340, 1206, 1178, 1164, 1041, 816, 696 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_3+\text{H}]^+$: 368.2220, found: 368.2233.

Ethyl (1S,1aR,1a1R,5S,6aS,7R)-1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]indene-7-carboxylate (Anisole tetracycle) (7.20)



To a 5 mL vial under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added anisole alcohol tetracycle (77.6 mg, 0.219 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) and dry dichloromethane (1.04 mL, 0.210 M). To the solution was added triethylsilane (70.0 μL , 0.438 μmol , 2.00 mol. equiv.) and then boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (31.0 μL , 0.328 mmol, 1.50 mol. equiv.). Immediate ^1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with a saturate aqueous ammonium chloride solution. The organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield pure anisole tetracycle. **Yield**: 68.3 mg, 0.202 mmol, 92%; **Appearance**: Dark yellow oil; **R_f**: 0.30 (1:19 EtOAc:hexanes); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.08 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.21 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.15 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.15–4.01 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.95 (q, $J = 4.9, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.85–2.68 (m, 4H), 2.60 (t, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dt, $J = 5.6, 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.34 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.02 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.93–1.86 (m, 1H), 1.76–1.70 (m, 1H) 1.54 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 174.8, 157.9, 133.2, 132.0, 131.4, 129.7, 113.8, 60.4, 55.4, 49.3, 42.1, 41.3, 40.6, 39.9, 39.0, 38.6, 38.5, 35.1, 14.4 ppm; **IR**: 2955, 2926, 1731, 1512, 1299, 1245, 1204, 1177, 1038, 692 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3+\text{H}]^+$: 339.1955, found: 339.1965.

Ethyl (1S,1aR,1a1R,5S,6aS,7R)-1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1,1a,1a1,2,4a,5,6,6a-octahydro-2,5-methanocyclobuta[cd]indene-7-carboxylate (Fluorophenyl tetracycle) (7.21)



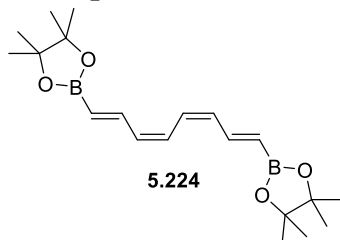
To a 5 mL vial under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added fluorophenyl alcohol tetracycle (37.2 mg, 109 μmol , 1.00 mol. equiv.) and dry dichloromethane (0.517 mL, 0.210 M). To the solution was added triethylsilane (35.0 μL , 0.217 mmol, 2.00 mol. equiv.) and then boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (16.0 μL , 0.163 mmol, 1.50 mol. equiv.). Immediate ^1H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with a saturate aqueous ammonium chloride solution. The organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified via flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , eluting with 1:19 EtOAc:hexane) yielding pure fluorophenyl tetracycle. **Yield**: 30.3 mg, 0.093 mmol, 85%; **Appearance**: Yellow oil; **R_f**: 0.38 (1:19 EtOAc:hexanes); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.11

(dd, $J = 5.4, 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.97 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.23–6.12 (m, 2H), 4.15 – 4.01 (m, 2H), 2.95 (q, $J = 4.9, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.87–2.73 (m, 3H), 2.71 (q, $J = 5.5, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 (t, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dt, $J = 5.5, 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.34 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.02 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.94–1.86 (m, 1H), 1.75–1.69 (m, 1H), 1.54 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 174.7, 161.4 (d, $J = 243.3$ Hz), 136.7 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 131.9, 131.4, 130.1, 130.1, 115.1 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 60.4, 49.3, 42.0, 41.3, 40.5, 40.0, 39.9, 39.0, 38.6, 38.5, 35.0, 14.4 ppm; **^{19}F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl_3): δ –117.7 ppm; **IR**: 2955, 2924, 1733, 1509, 1221, 1208, 1175, 1158, 1041, 831, 692 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{FO}_2+\text{H}]^+$: 327.1755, found: 327.1753.

Procedure for dipotassium cyclooctatetraenide (K₂COT) (5.212) synthesis

To a dry 20 mL sealed reaction tube under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added potassium metal (600 mg, 15.4 mmol, 3.20 mol. equiv.), dry tetrahydrofuran (9.6 mL, 0.500 M) and 1,3,5,7-cyclooctatetraene (0.540 mL, 4.80 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.). The reaction was stirred at room temperature where over the course of 12 hours the colour changed from yellow to dark brown to dark blue signifying the presence of the dipotassium cyclooctatetraenide. The solution was stored at room temperature and used without further purification.

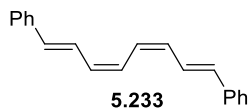
(1E,3Z,5Z,7E)-1,8-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)octa-1,3,5,7-tetraene (Bis-Bpin tetraene) (5.224)



To a 10 mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added pinacolborane (1.00 mL, 6.88 mmol, 13.2 mol. equiv.). A solution of K₂COT (1.00 mL, 0.521 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv., 0.500 M in THF) was carefully added dropwise where the blue colour was allowed to dissipate before adding another drop of K₂COT. Upon completion of the addition of K₂COT, the reaction mixture was diluted with hexane, the solids filtered off and the

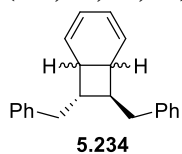
solution concentrated under reduced pressure at room temperature to yield crude product. The product was used without further purification. **Crude yield:** 0.173 g, 0.483 mmol, 93%; **Appearance:** Off-white solid; **R_f:** N/A (unstable on silica); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.51 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 17.4 Hz, 2H), 6.74–6.67 (m, 2H), 6.19–6.13 (m, 2H), 5.65 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (s, 24H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ 143.7, 132.9, 127.4, 123.5 (carbon adjacent to boron), 83.5, 24.9 ppm; **IR:** 2979, 2931, 1613, 1546, 1475, 1459, 1379, 1339, 1142, 970, 850, 669 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₀H₃₂B₂O₄+H]⁺: 359.2560, found: 359.2546.

(1E,3Z,5Z,7E)-1,8-diphenylocta-1,3,5,7-tetraene (5.233)



To an oven-dried 10 mL sealed reaction tube under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (8.8 mg, 7.6 μmol, 5.00 mol%), a solution of bis-Bpin tetraene (54.3 mg, 0.151 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in degassed THF (0.760 mL, 0.200 M), degassed aqueous solution of K₂CO₃ (0.303 mL, 0.607 mmol, 2.00 M) and bromobenzene (0.04 mL, 0.379 mmol, 2.50 mol. equiv.). The reaction mixture was heated to 70 °C overnight by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with ammonium chloride. The mixture was extracted with dichloromethane, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with hexane → 1:9 EtOAc:hexane) yielded product. **Yield:** 8.0 mg, 0.031 mmol, 20%; **Appearance:** Orange solid; **R_f:** 0.18 (hexanes); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.36–7.30 (m, 8H), 7.26–7.23 (m, 2H), 6.68–6.63 (m, 4H), 6.29 (ddd, *J* = 2.4, 6.9, 11.4 Hz, 1H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.5, 134.3, 130.6, 128.8, 127.9, 126.7, 124.8, 124.1 ppm; **IR:** 2924, 2852, 1727, 1489, 1446, 1259, 1071, 1007, 987, 953, 799, 736, 690 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₀H₁₈+H]⁺: 259.1481, found: 259.1480.

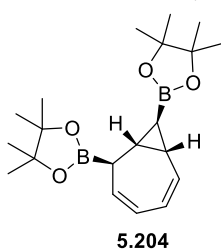
(1R,6S,7S,8S)-7,8-dibenzylbicyclo[4.2.0]octa-2,4-diene (5.234)



To an oven-dried 10 mL sealed reaction tube under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (9.3 mg, 8.1 μmol, 5.00 mol%), a solution of bis-Bpin tetraene (57.7 mg, 0.161 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.) in degassed THF (0.806 mL, 0.200 M), degassed aqueous solution of K₂CO₃ (0.322 mL, 0.645 mmol, 2.00 M) and benzyl bromide (0.05 mL, 0.403 mmol, 2.50

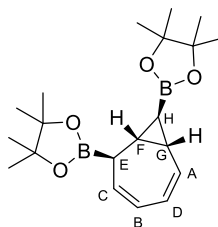
mol. equiv.). The reaction mixture was heated to 70 °C overnight by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with ammonium chloride. The mixture was extracted with dichloromethane, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with hexane) yielded product. **Yield:** 5.0 mg, 0.017 mmol, 11%; **Appearance:** Pale yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.26 (hexanes); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29–7.21 (m, 4H), 7.19–7.13 (m, 4H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.88–5.83 (m, 1H), 5.60–5.54 (m, 2H), 5.31–5.25 (m, 1H), 3.18 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.93–2.79 (m, 2H), 2.73 (p, *J* = 8.1, 1H), 2.68–2.59 (m, 2H), 2.55–2.44 (m, 2H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.5, 141.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.2, 126.6, 125.9, 125.9, 124.3, 121.4, 53.7, 51.7, 41.8, 36.7, 36.4, 35.0 ppm; **IR:** 3026, 2924, 2852, 1603, 1583, 1495, 1455, 1375, 941, 907, 730, 699 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₂H₂₂+H]⁺: 287.17943, found: 287.1793.

2,2'-((1R,2R,7S,8R)-bicyclo[5.1.0]octa-3,5-diene-2,8-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (5.204)



To an oven-dried 25 mL sealed reaction tube under nitrogen and equipped with a stir bar was added tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)platinum(0) (118 mg, 94.5 μmol, 3.00 mol%), bis(pinacolato)diboron (800 mg, 3.15 mmol, 1.00 mol. equiv.), dry degassed toluene (15.8 mL, 0.200 M) and 1,3,5,7-cyclooctatetraene (0.530 mL, 4.73 mmol, 1.50 mol. equiv.). The reaction mixture was heated to 50 °C overnight by which time ¹H NMR analysis indicated the complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was under reduced pressure and then purified via flash column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 1:9 EtOAc:hexane) to yield product. **Yield:** 0.382 g, 1.07 mmol, 34%; **Appearance:** Yellow oil; **R_f:** 0.32 (1:9 EtOAc:hexanes); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 6.01 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (dt, *J* = 6.1, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.24–1.18 (m, 1H), 1.20–1.17 (m, 12H), 1.14 (s, 12H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (125 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 134.2, 132.0, 127.1, 124.4, 83.0, 82.6, 41.3, 26.0, 24.5 (two coincident peaks), 24.4 (two coincident peaks) ppm; **IR:** 2978, 1475, 1448, 1372, 1325, 1167, 1142, 981, 850, 673 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calculated for [C₂₀H₃₂B₂O₄+H]⁺: 359.2560, found: 359.2563.

2D NMR analysis of 2,2'-((1R,2R,7S,8R)-bicyclo[5.1.0]octa-3,5-diene-2,8-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (5.204)

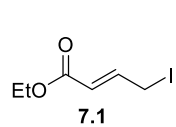


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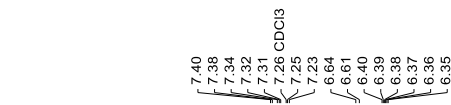
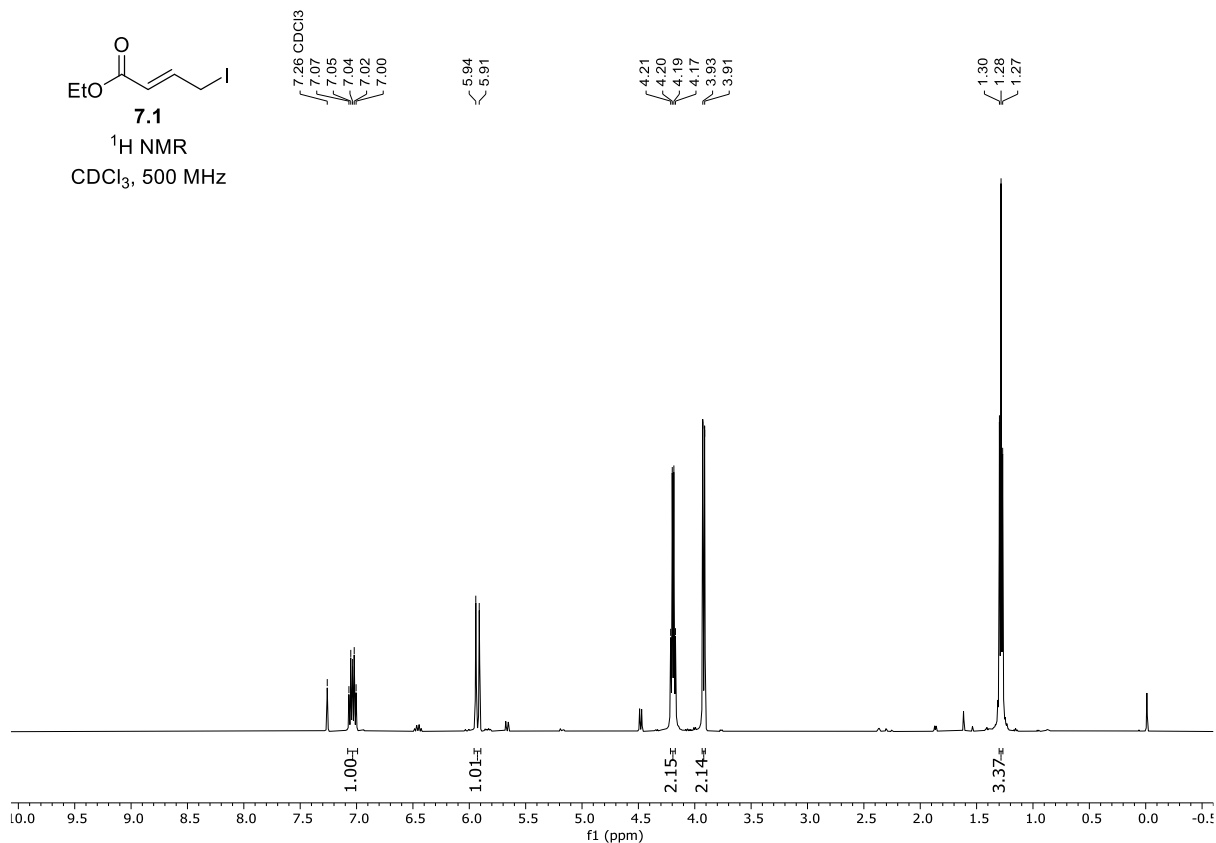
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C	5.60 (dd, $J = 8.3, 10.8$ Hz, 1H)	B, E
D	5.46 (dd, $J = 5.6, 11.6$ Hz)	A, B
E	2.13 (dd, $J = 5.8, 8.4$ Hz, 1H),	C, F
F	1.76 (dt, $J = 6.1, 8.3$ Hz, 1H)	E, G, H
G	1.24–1.18 (m, 1H)	A, F, H
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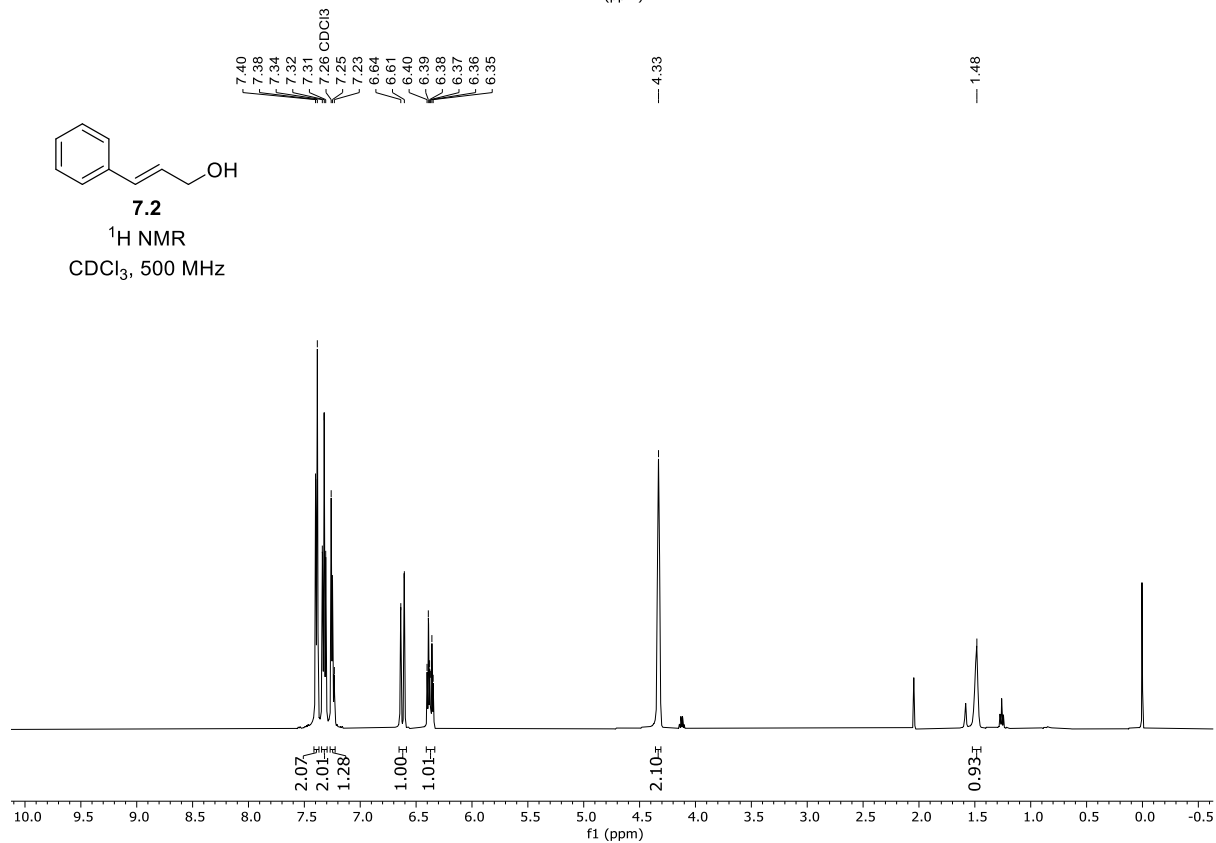
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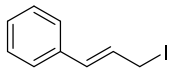


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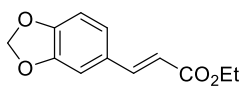
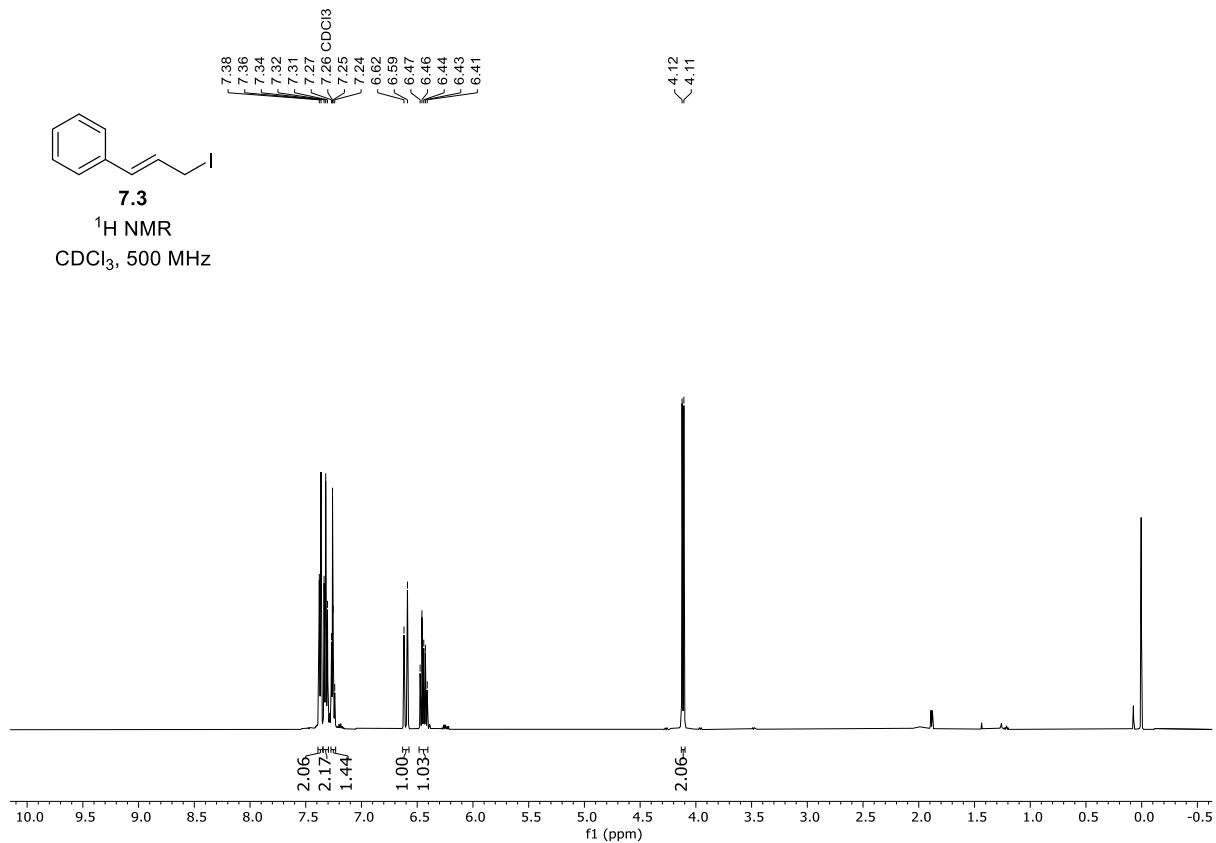
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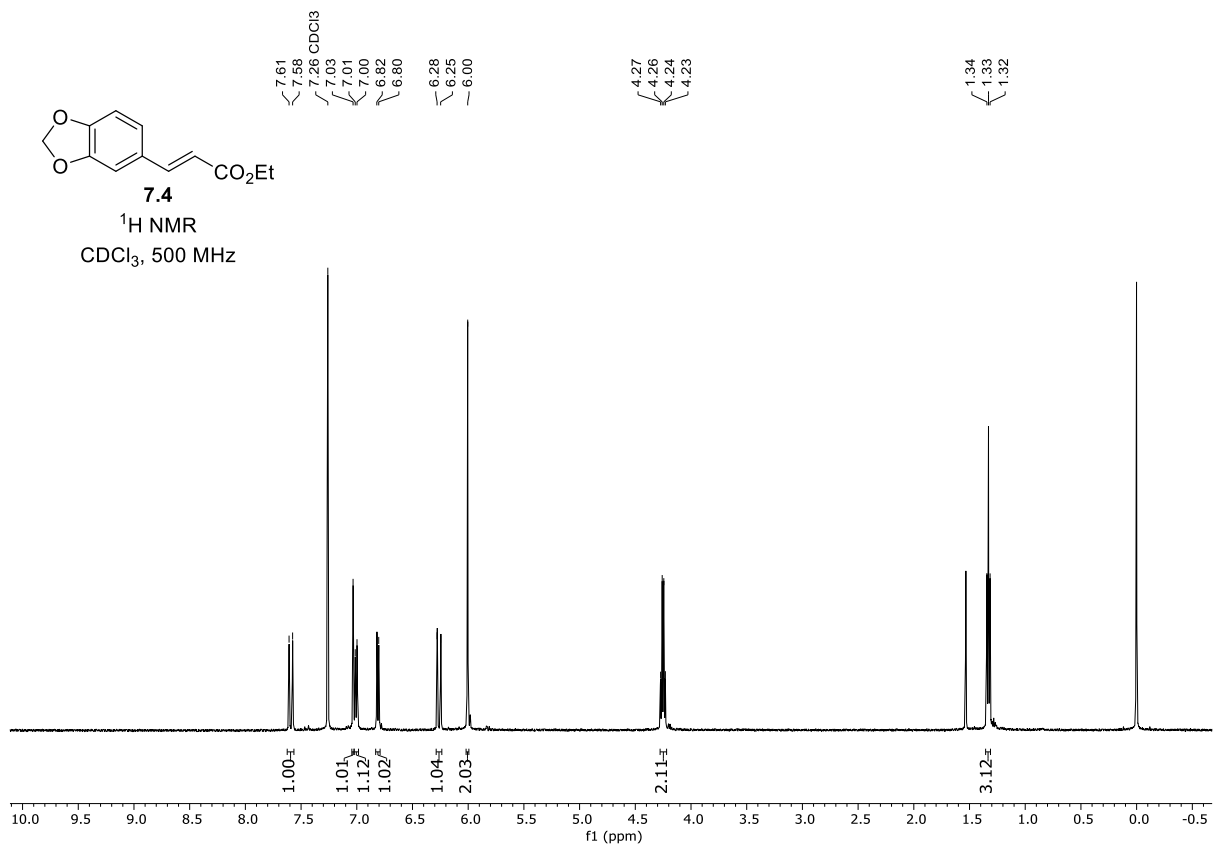
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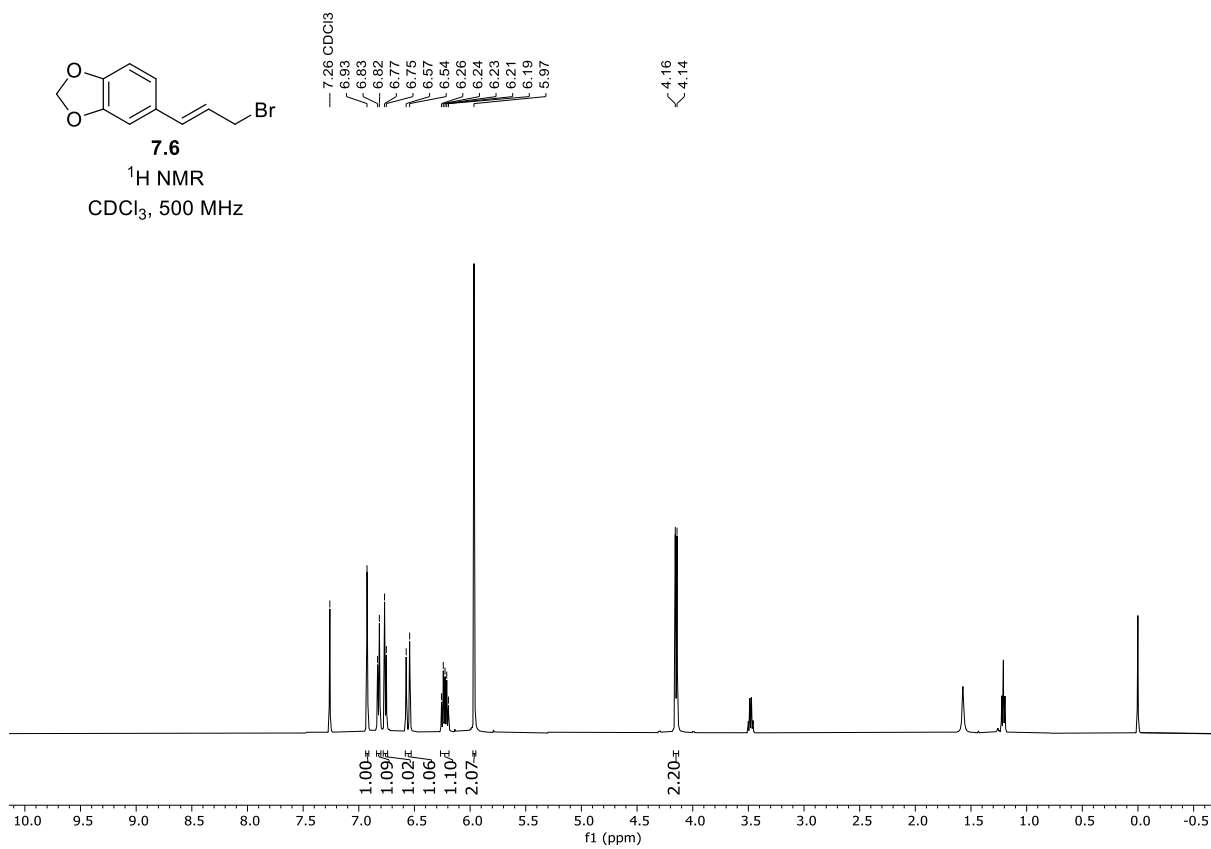
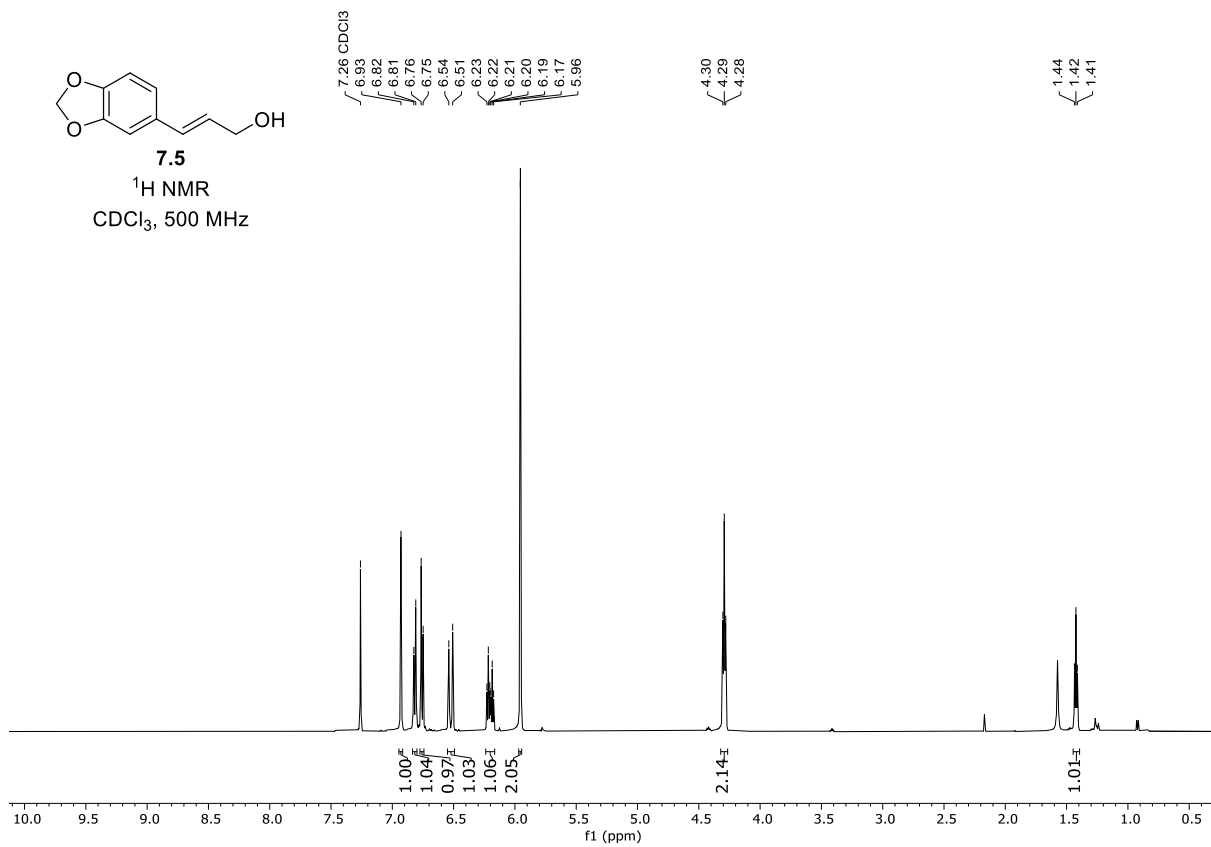
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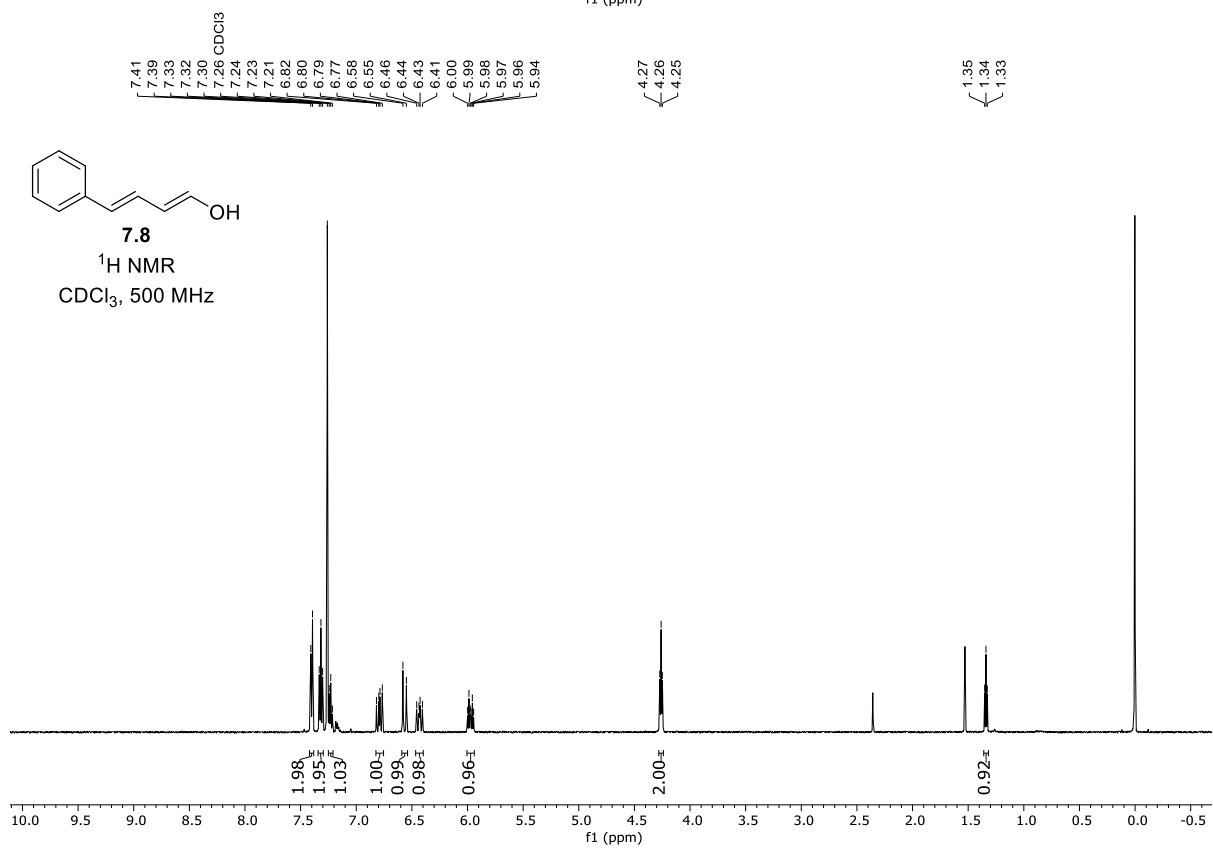
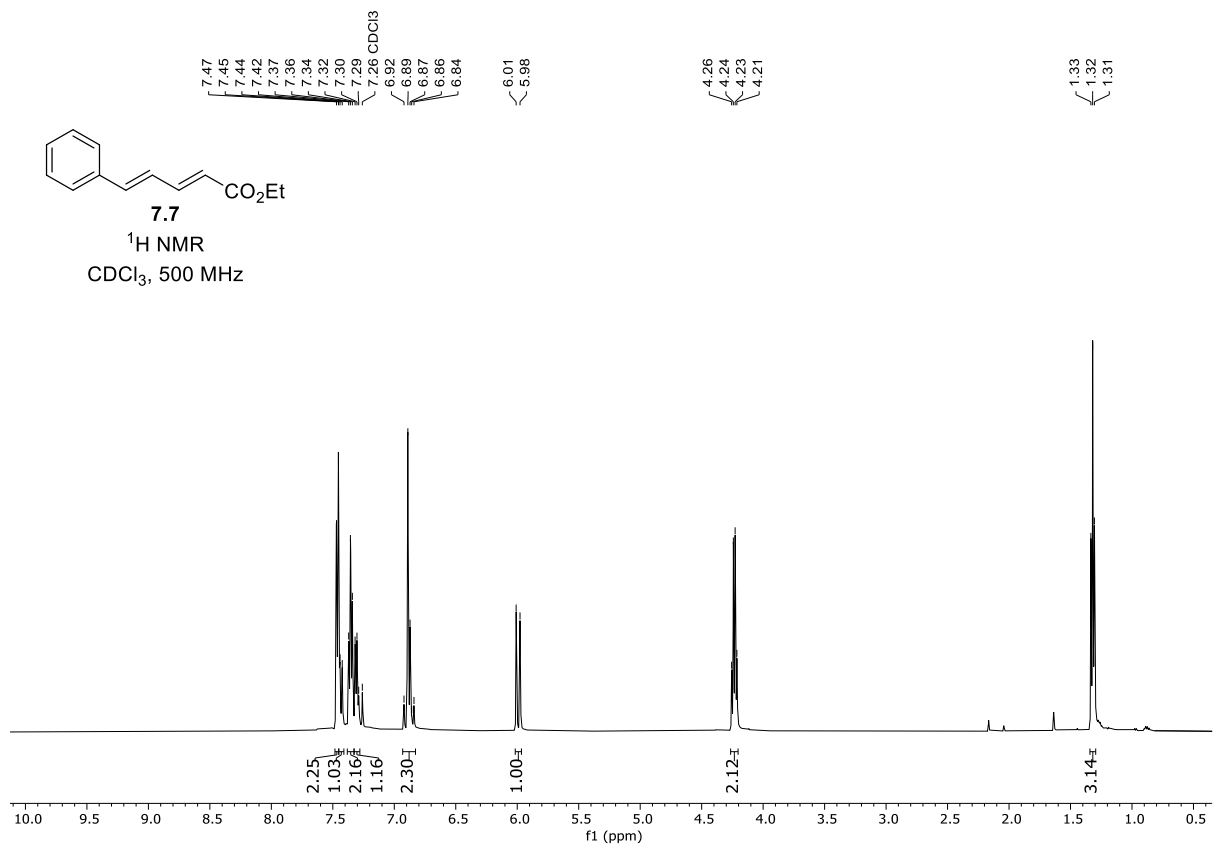


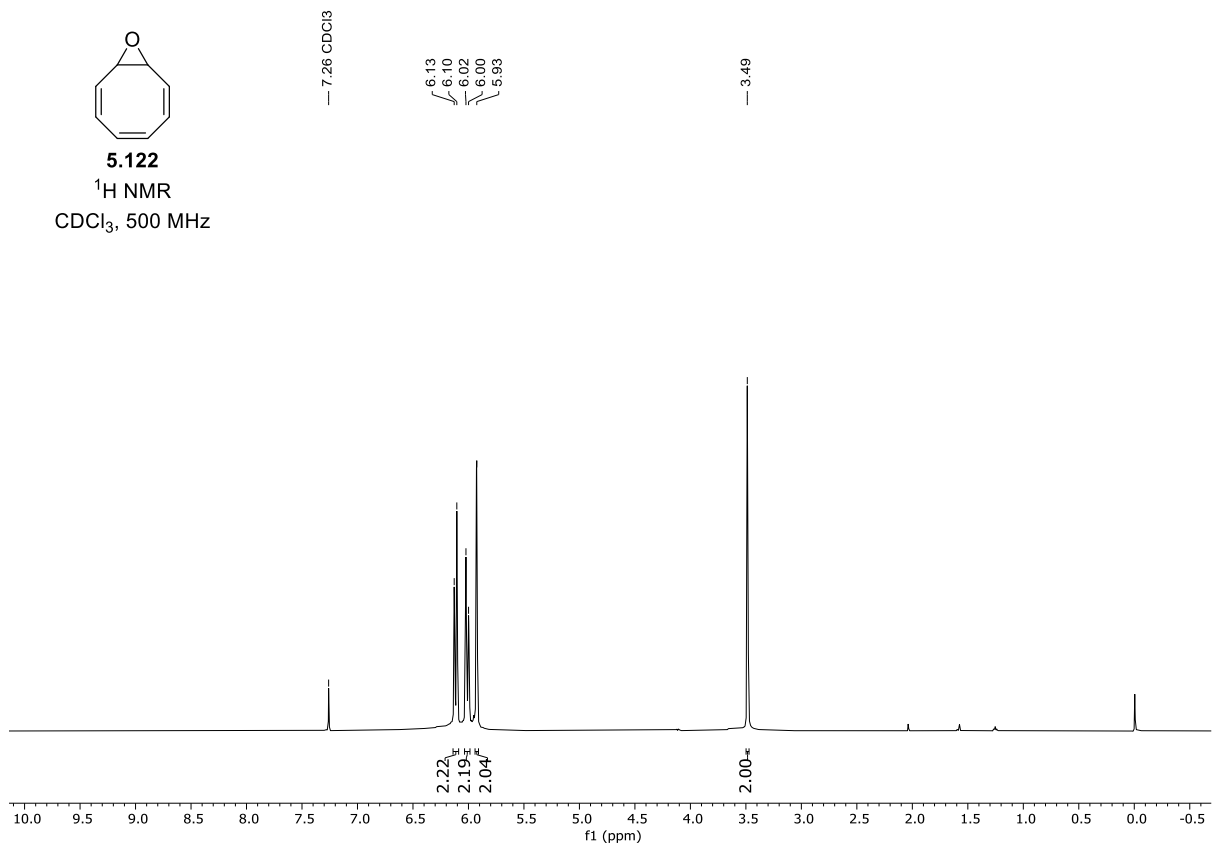
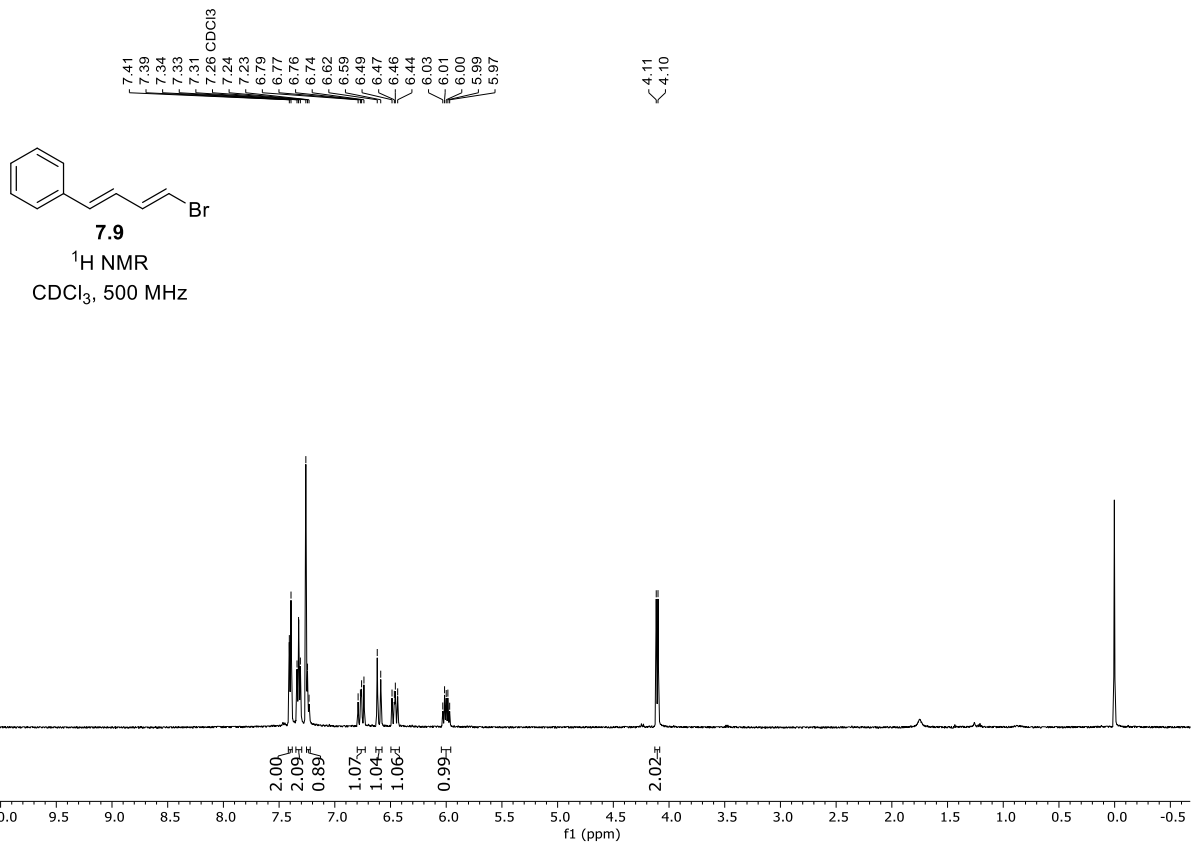
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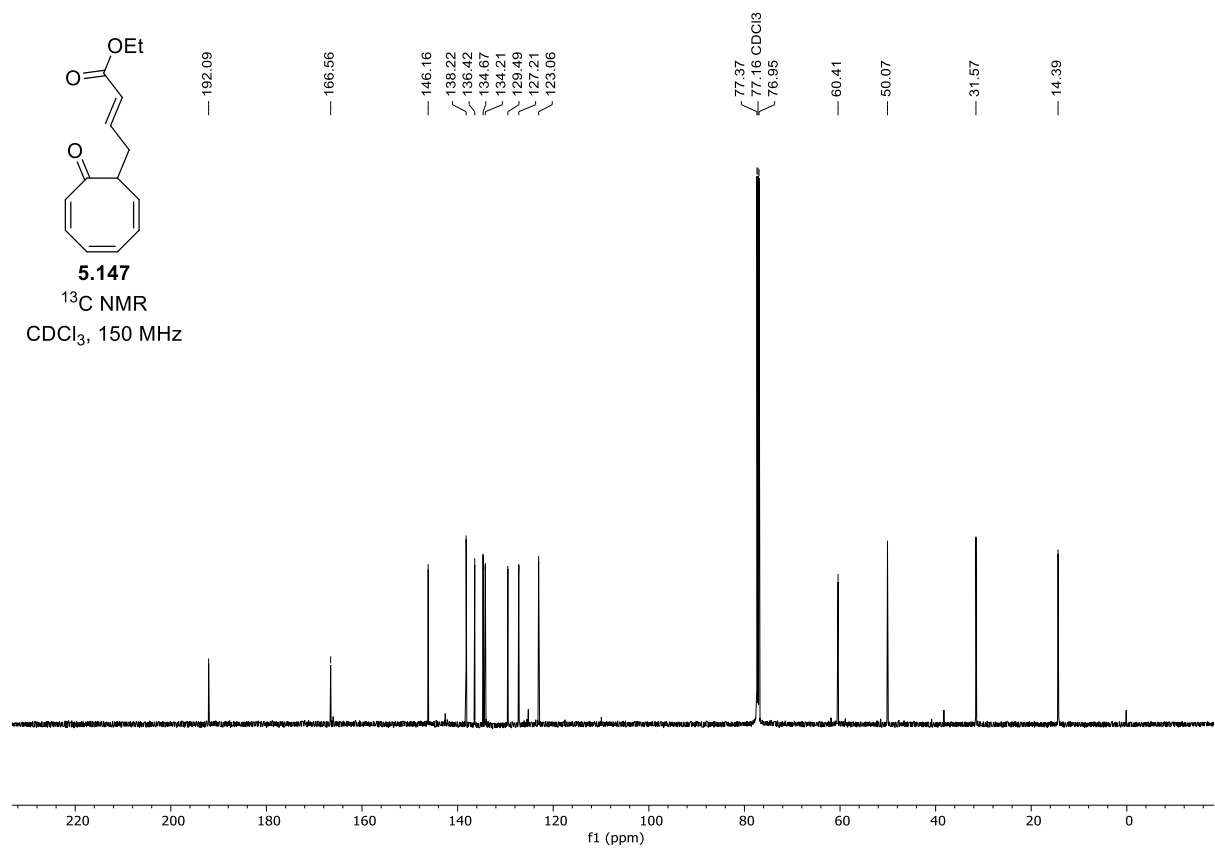
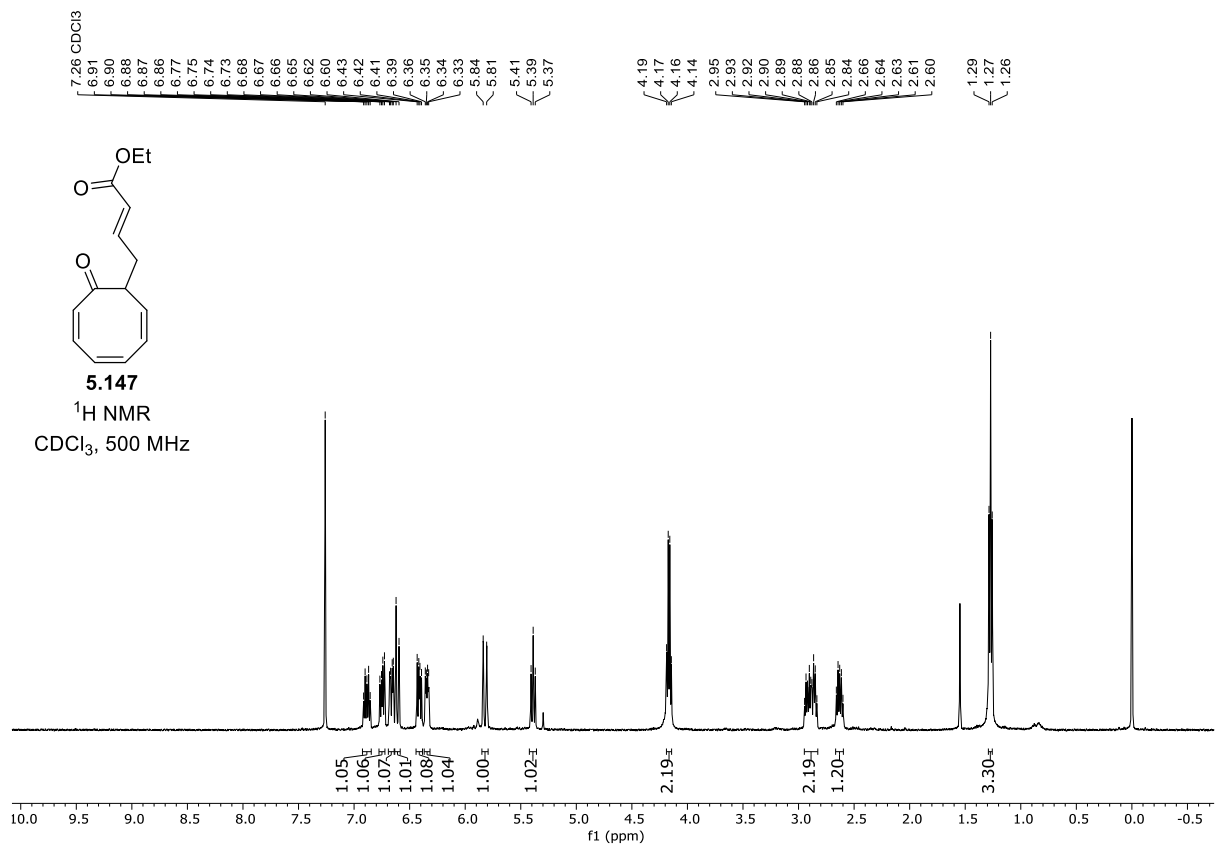
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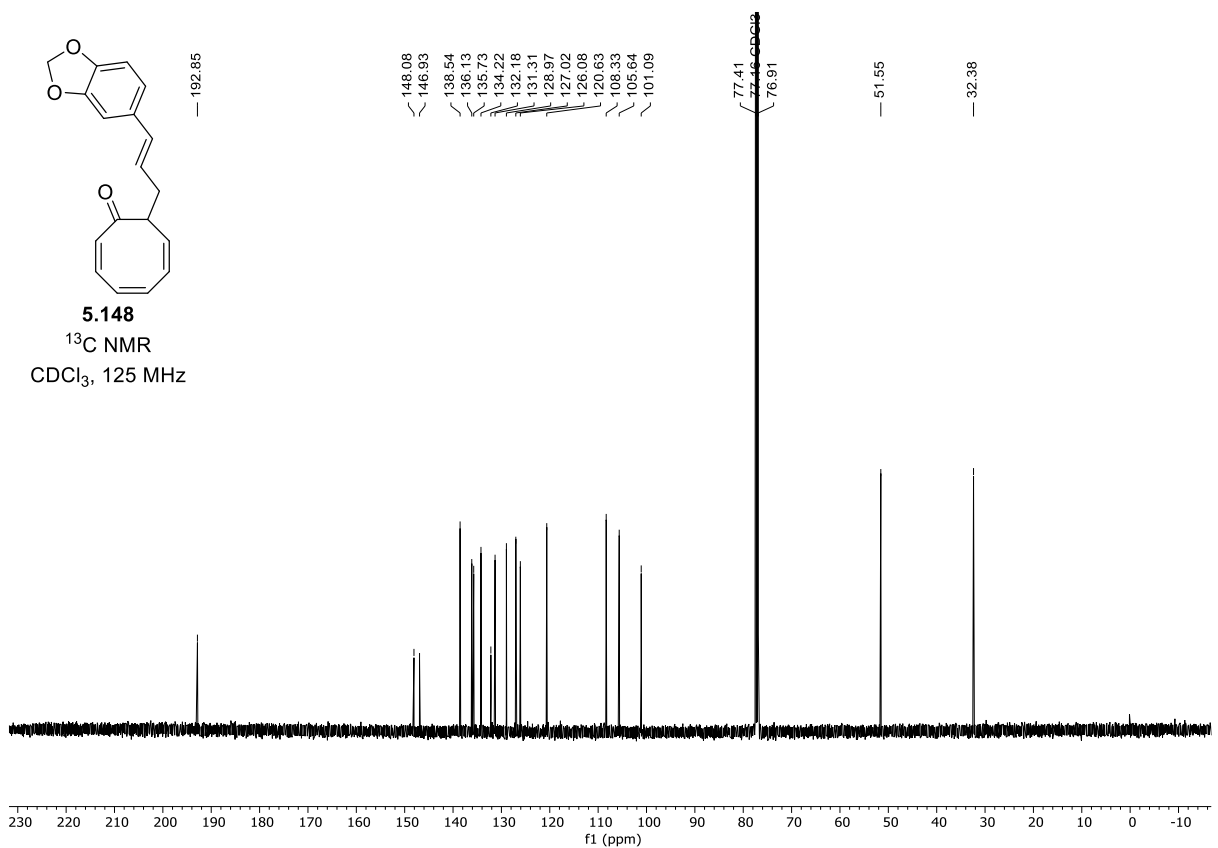
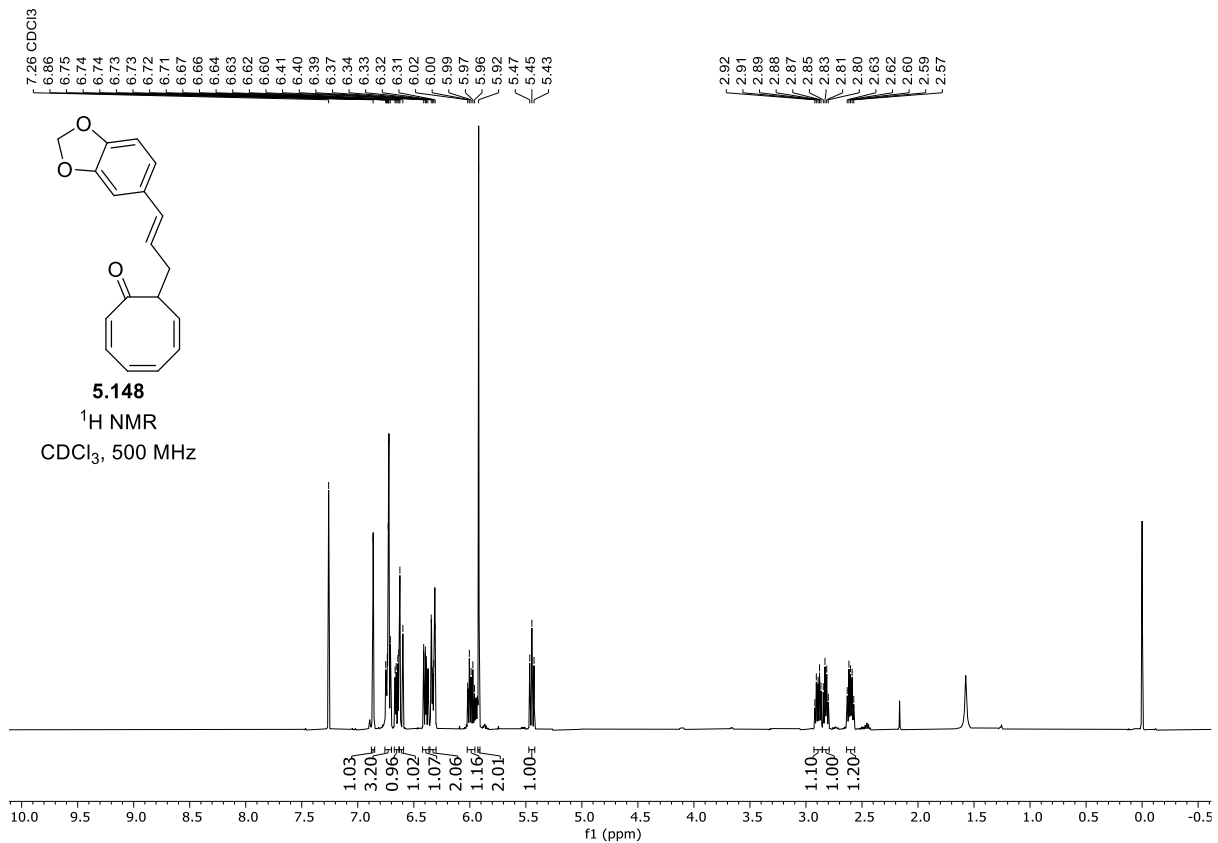


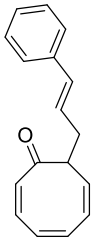






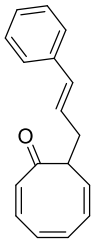
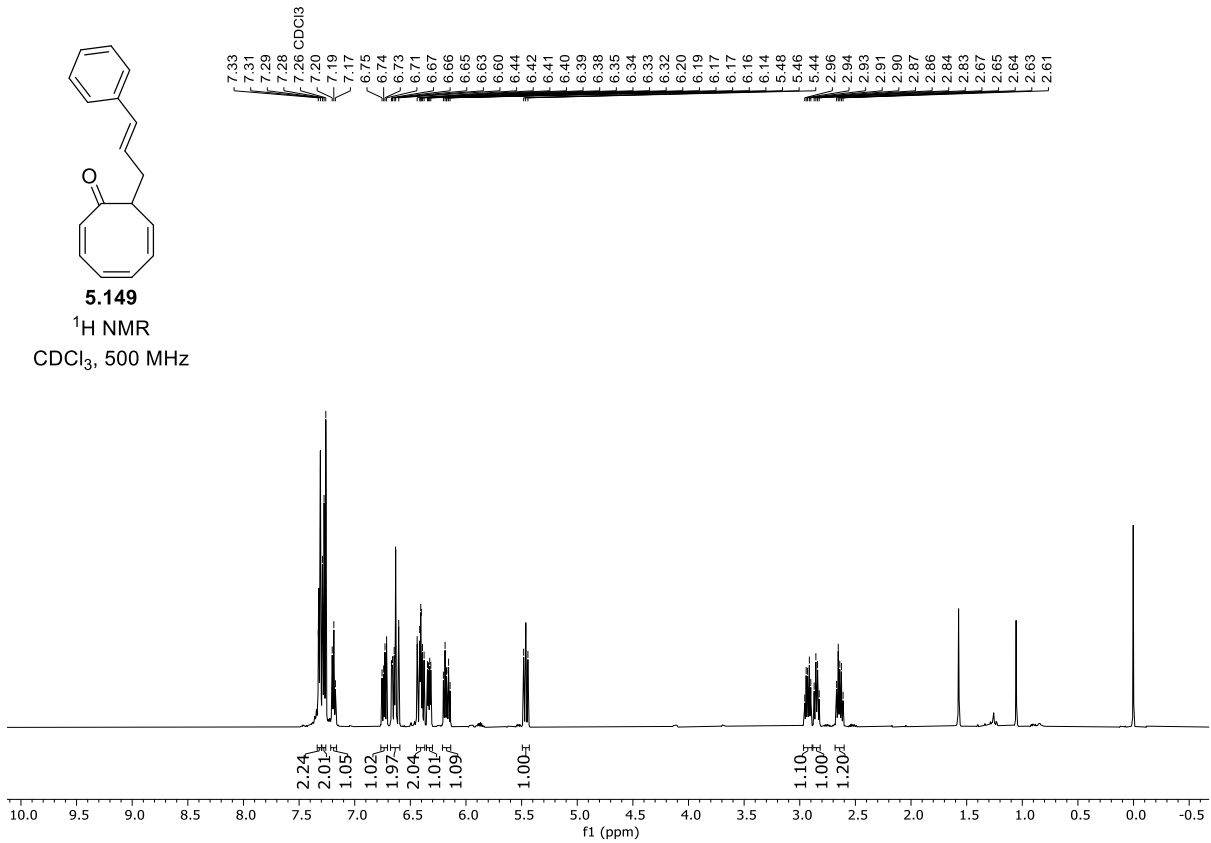






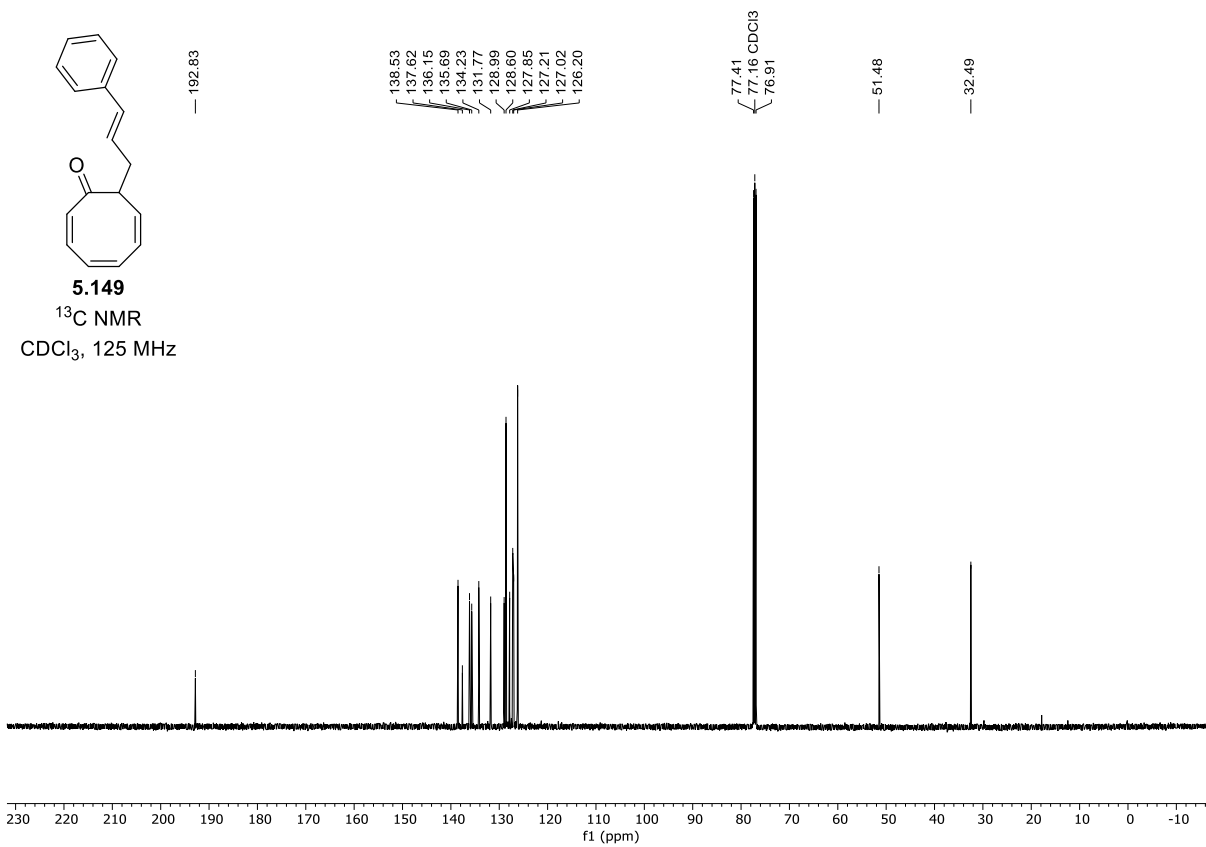
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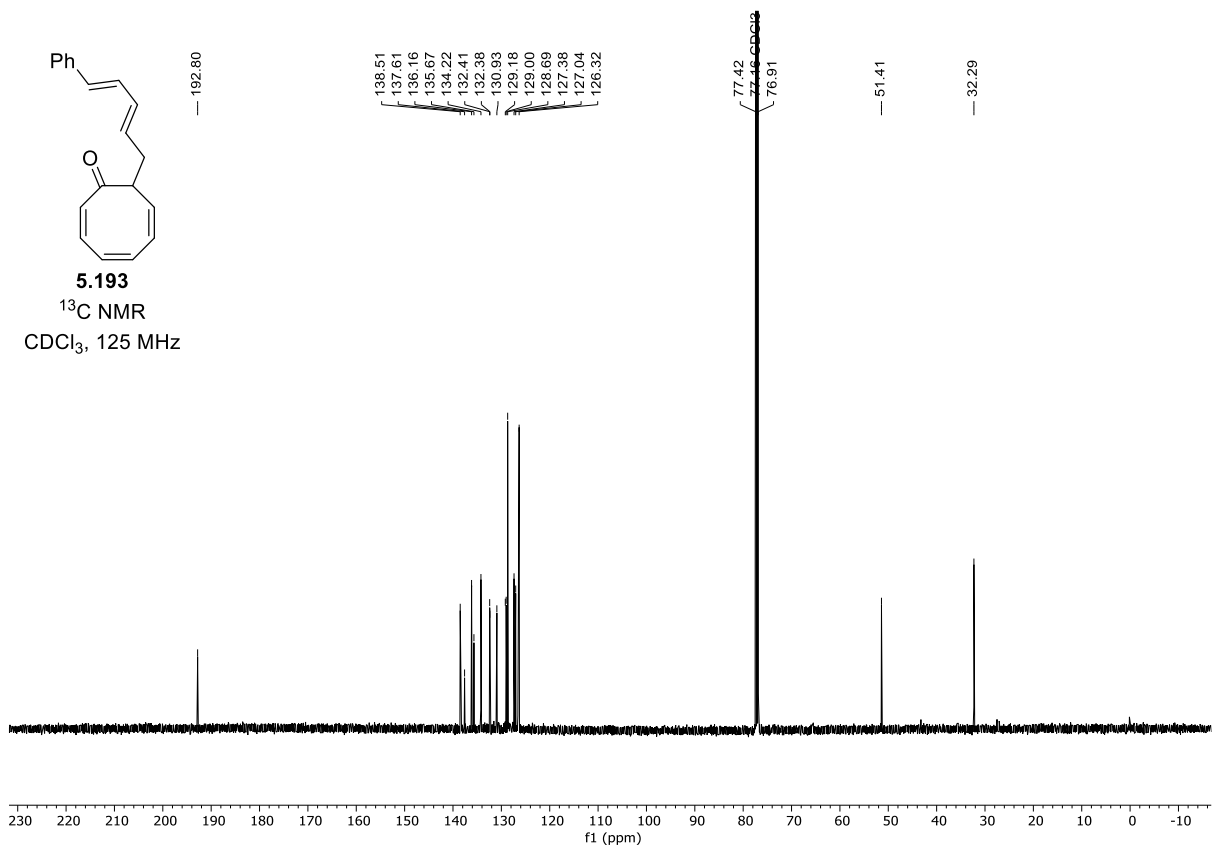
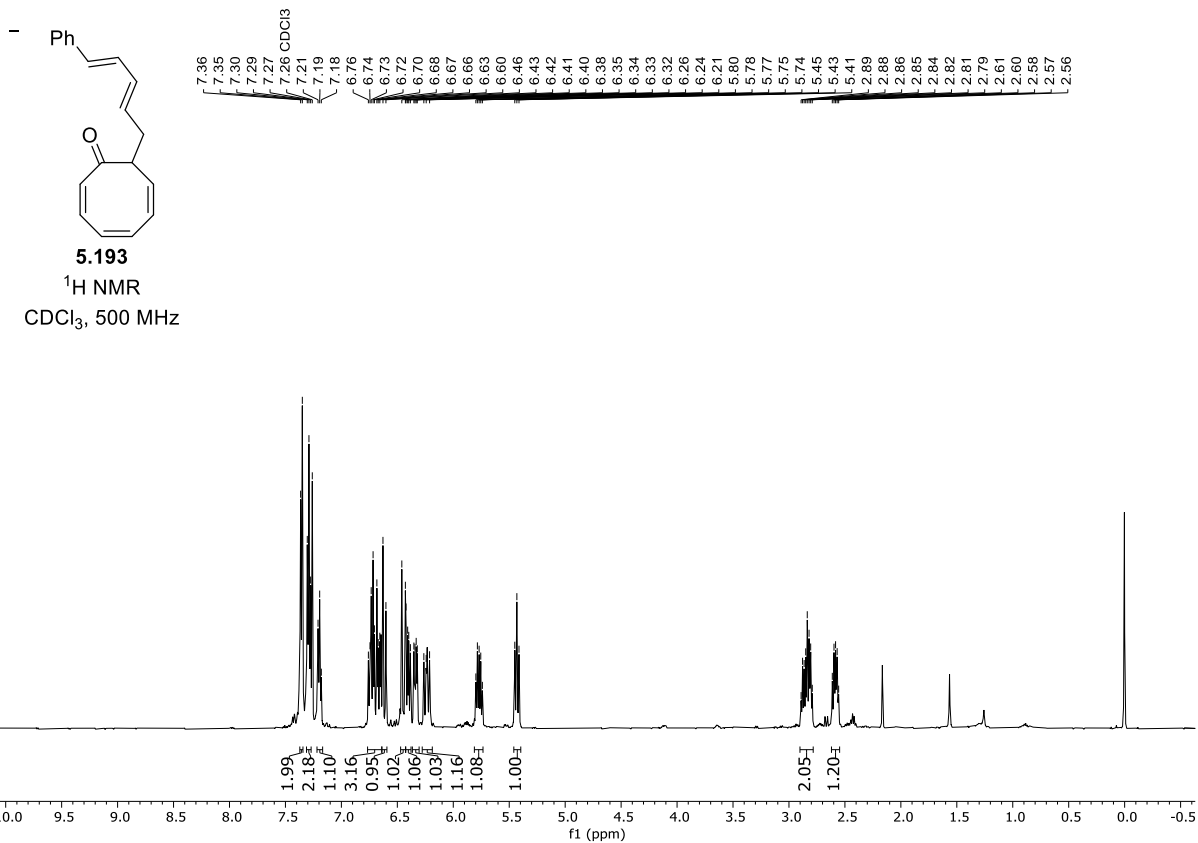
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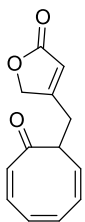


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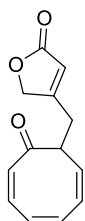
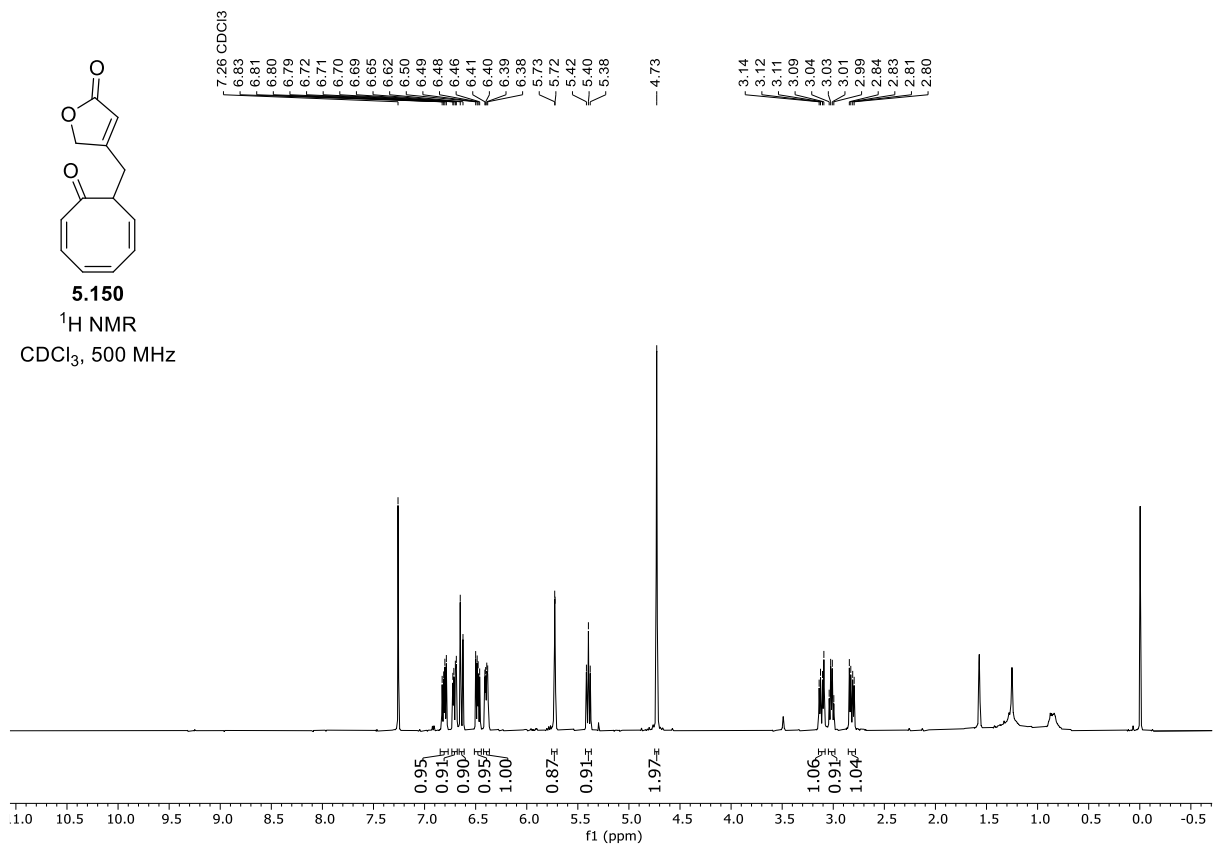






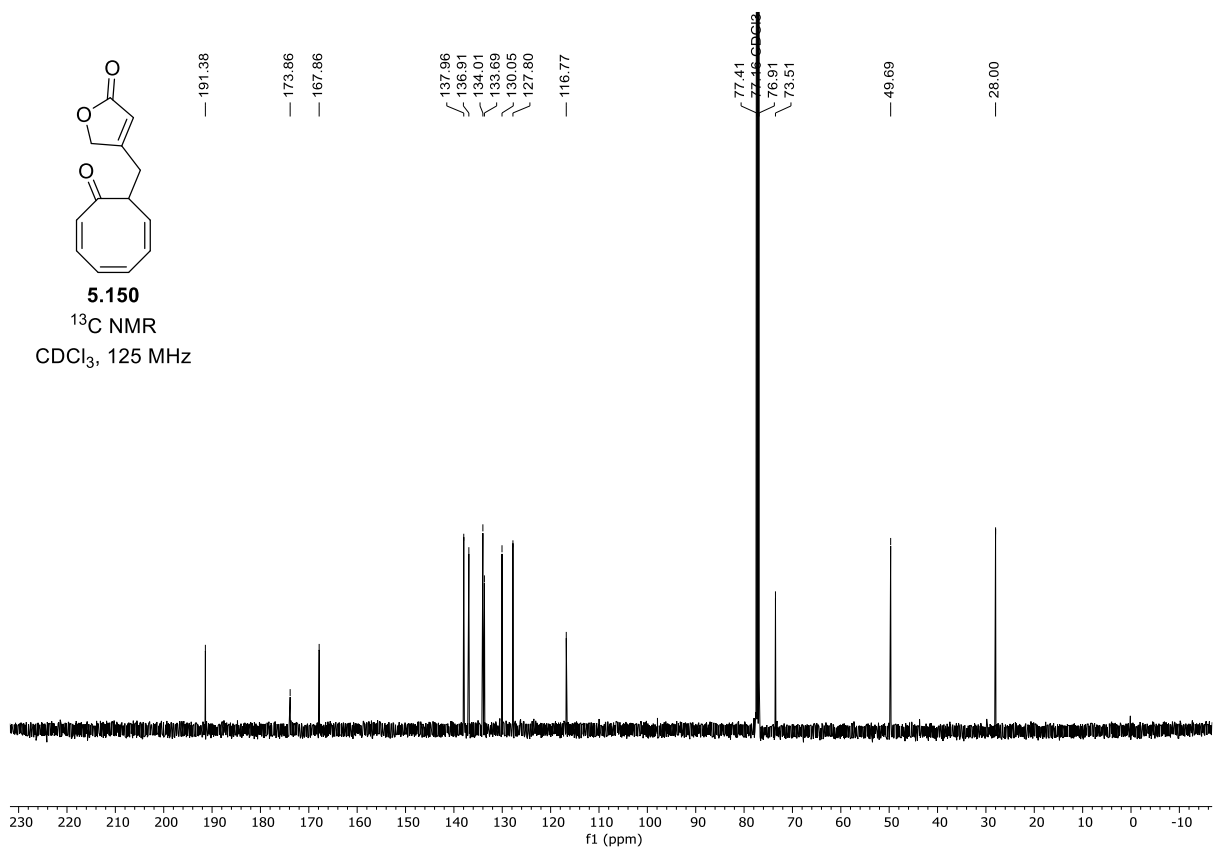
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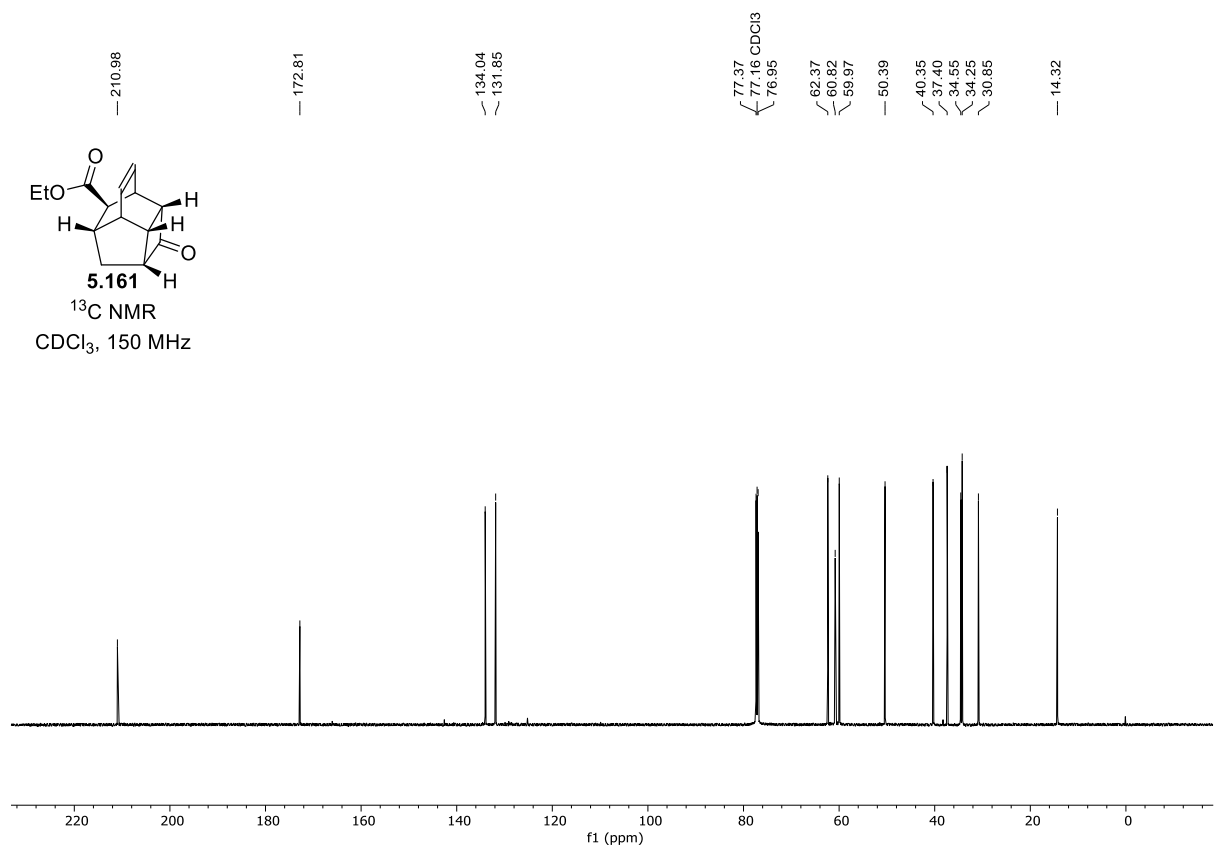
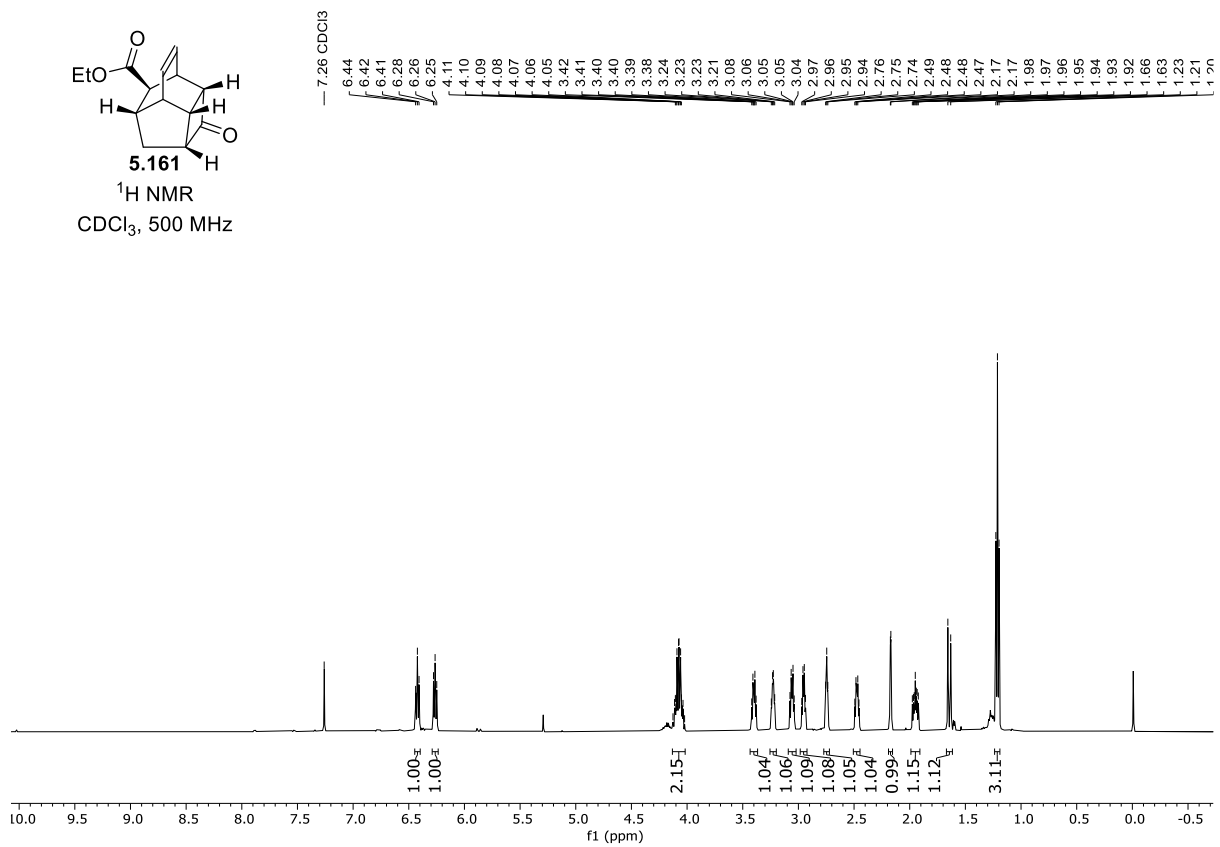
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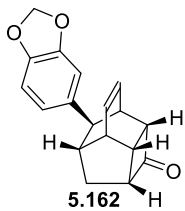


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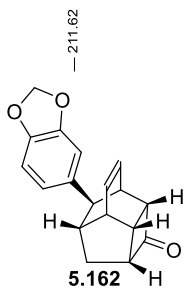
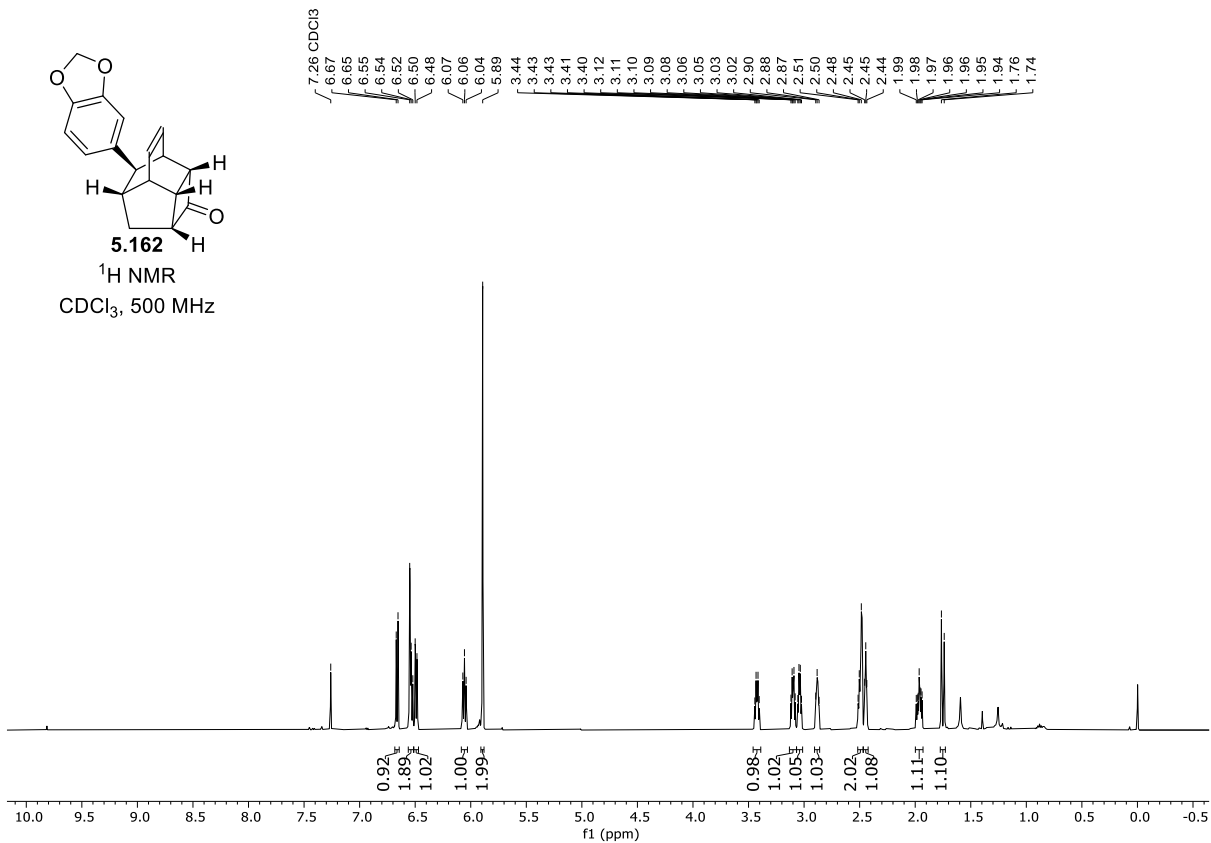
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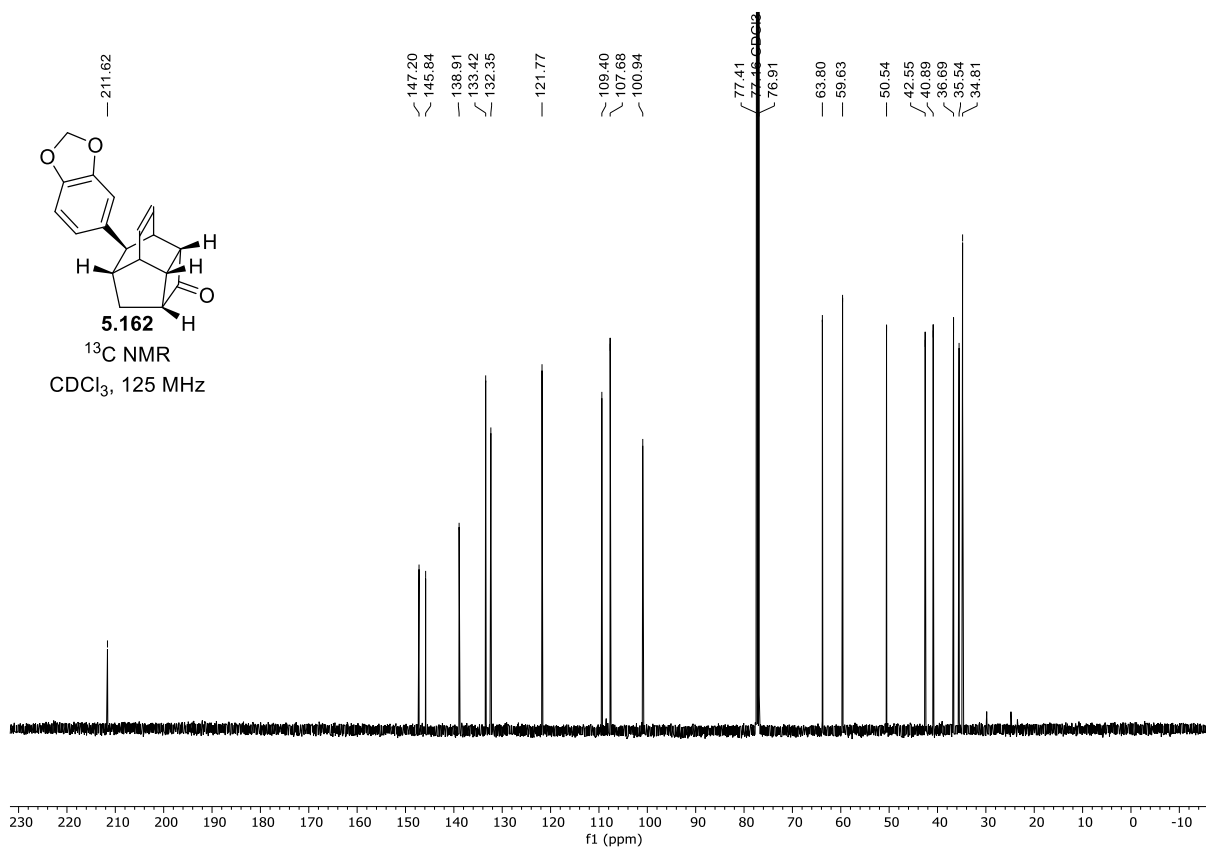


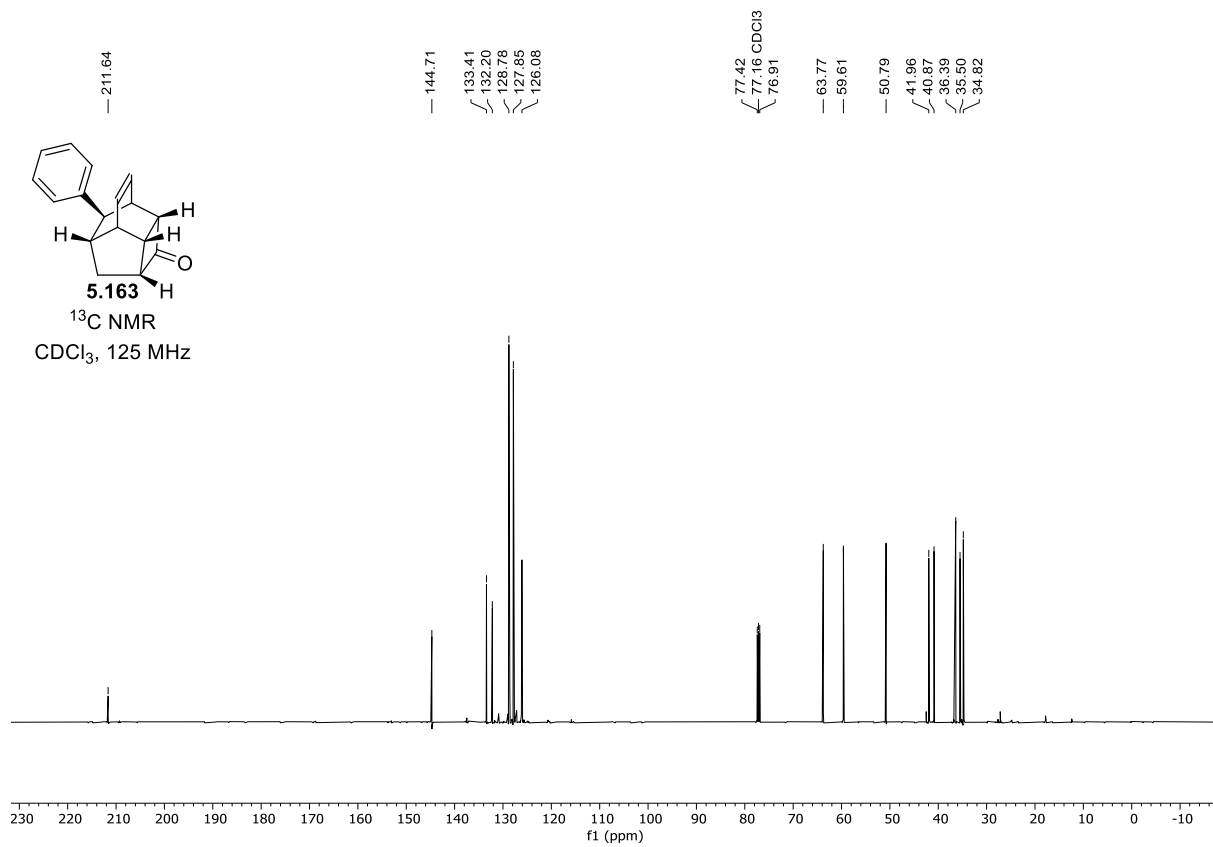
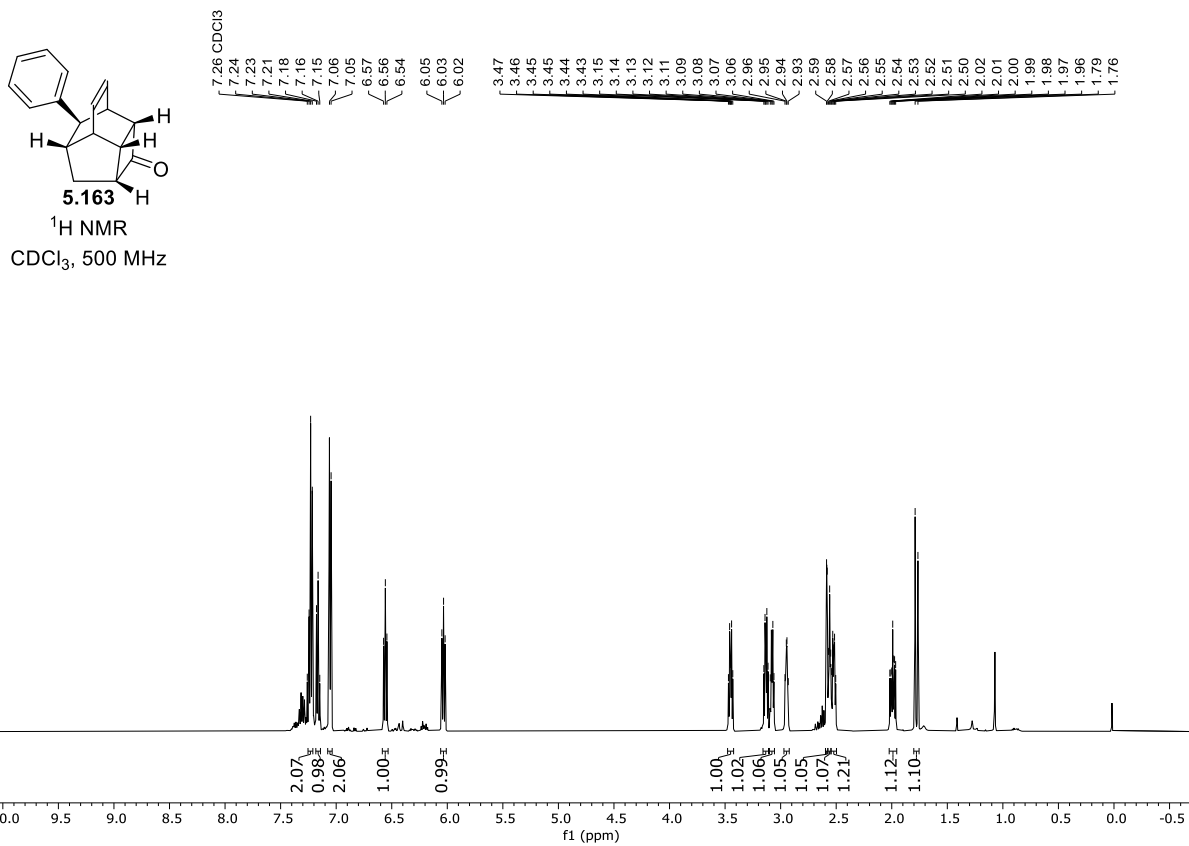


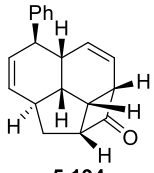
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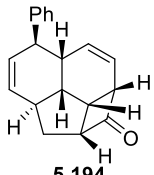
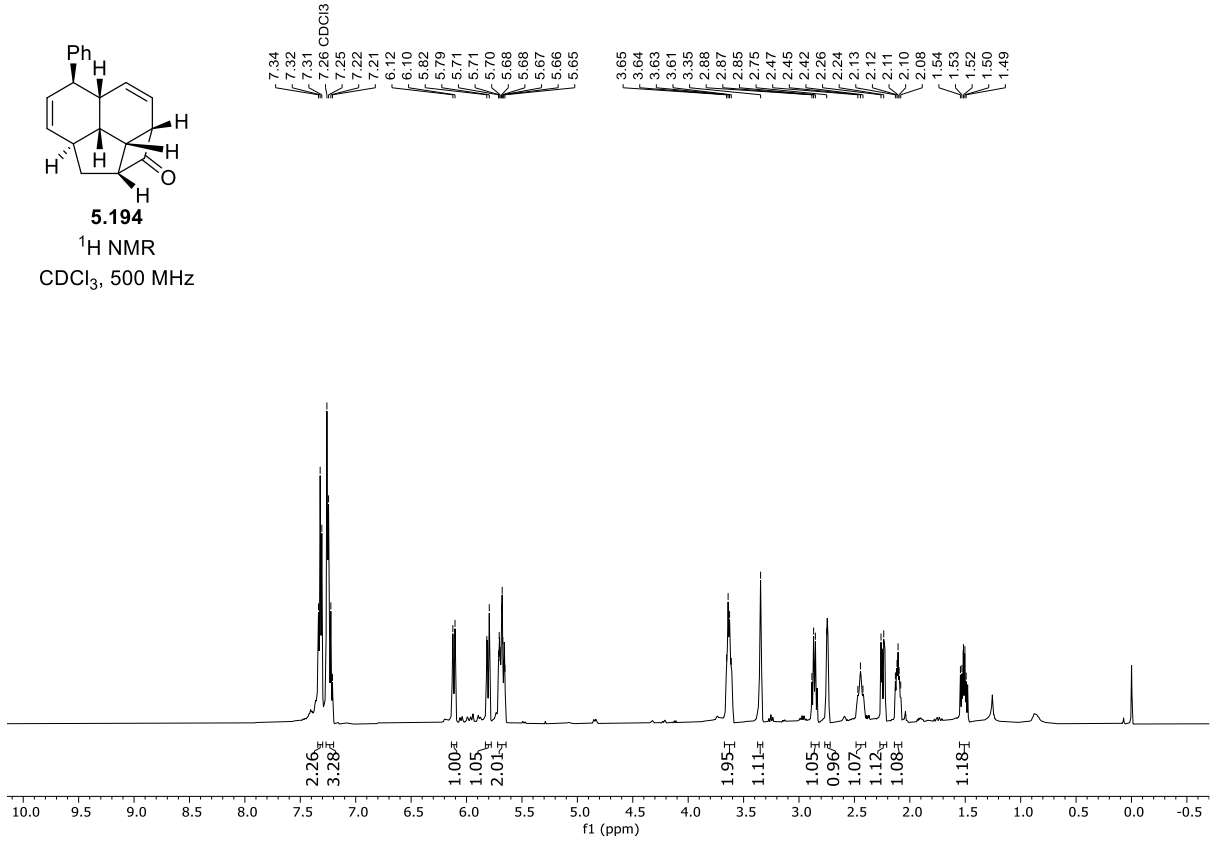
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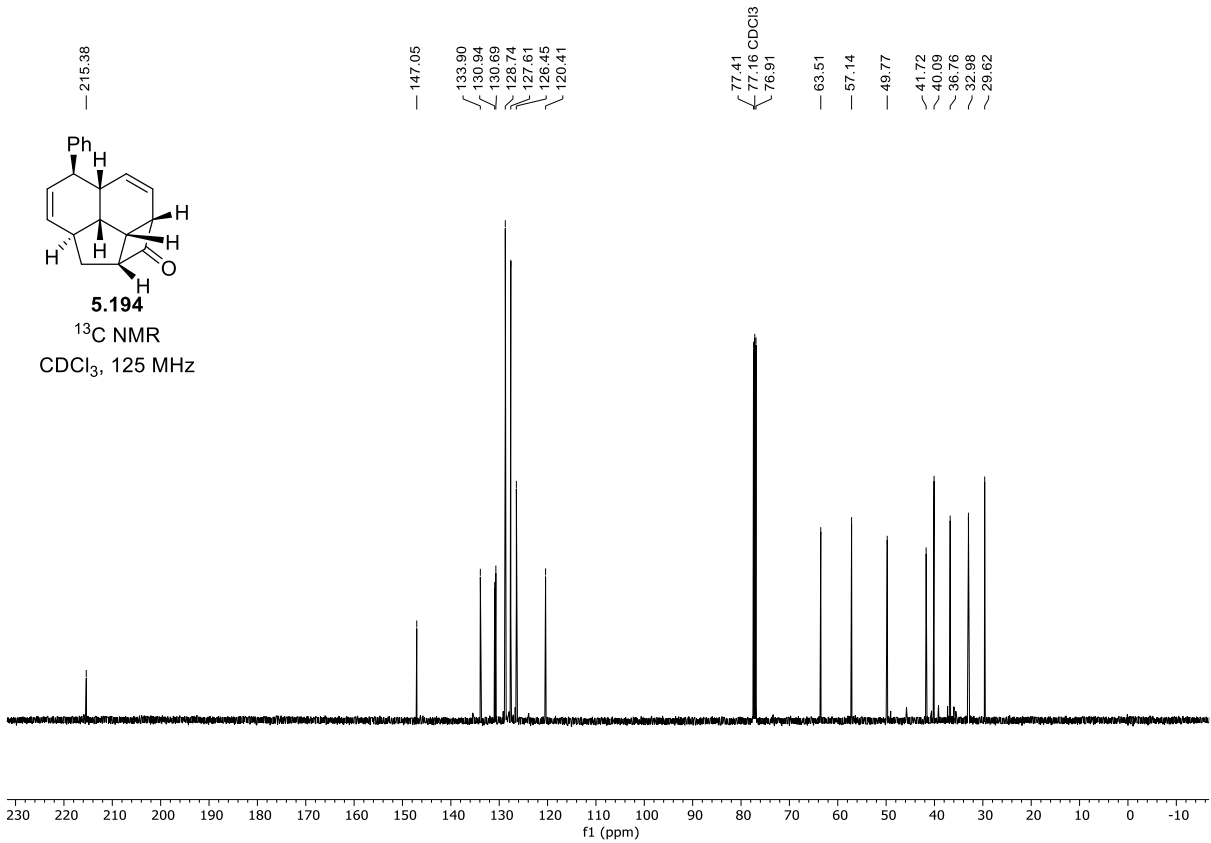


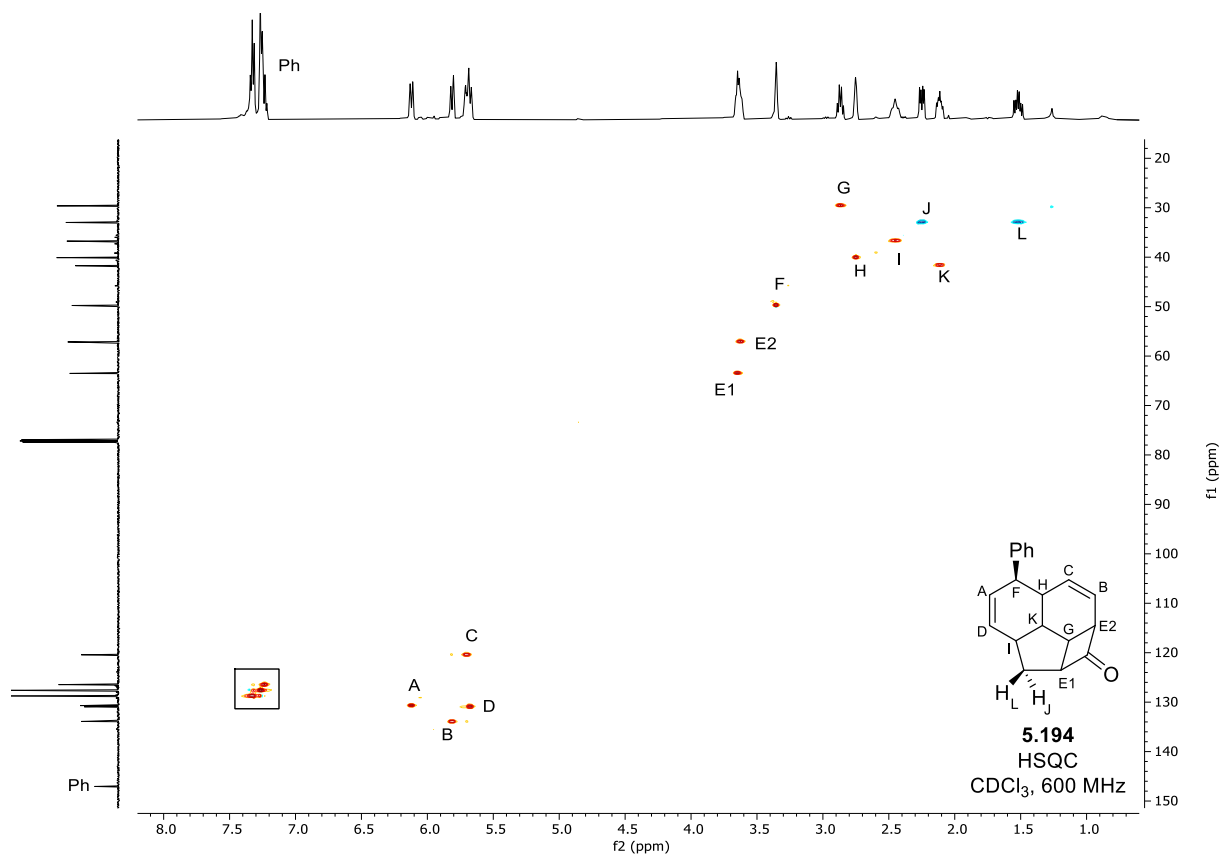
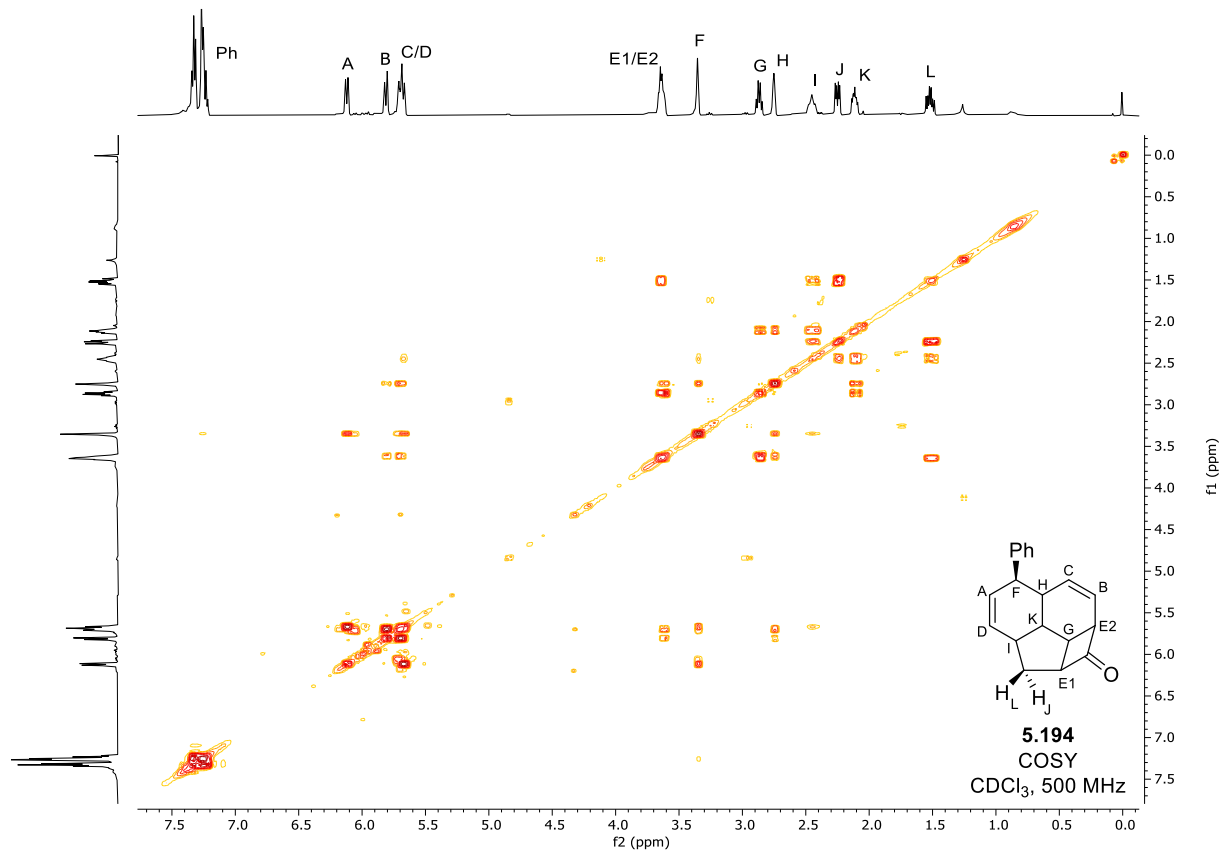


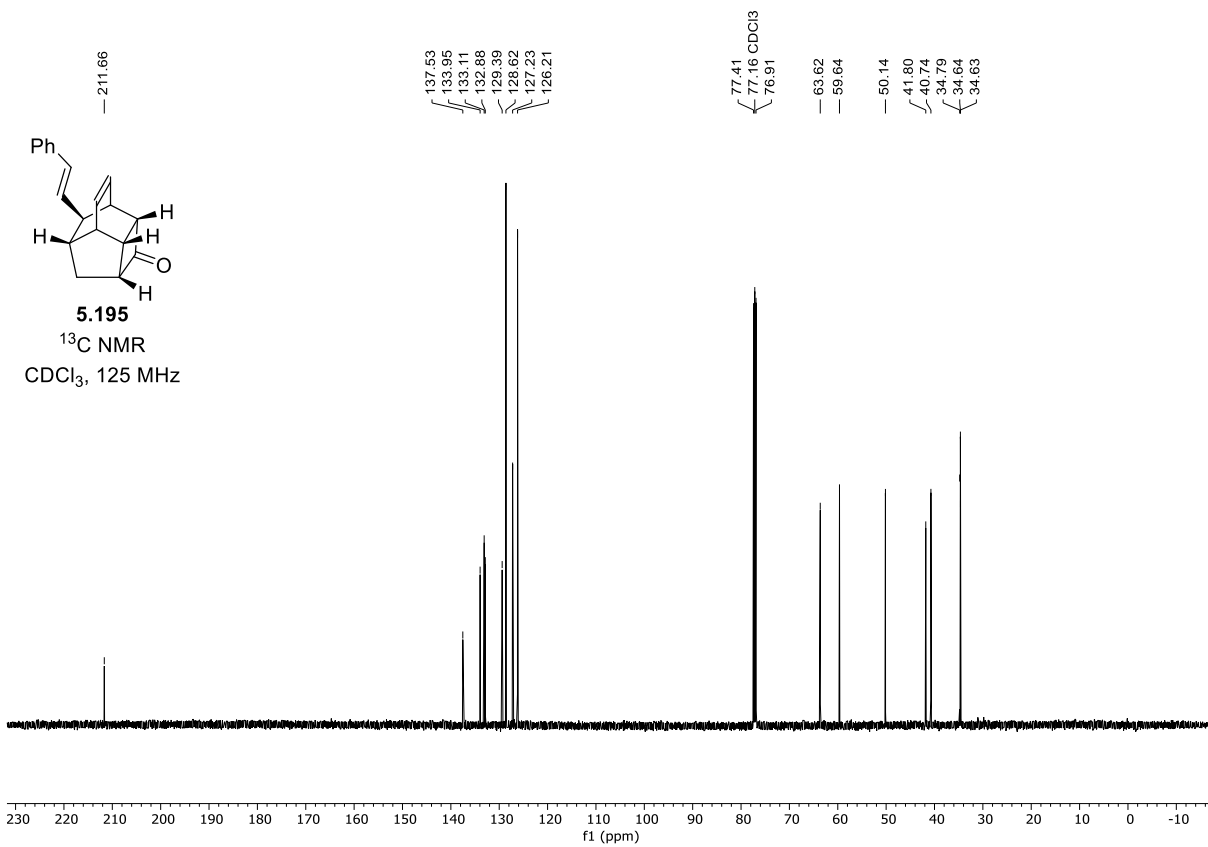
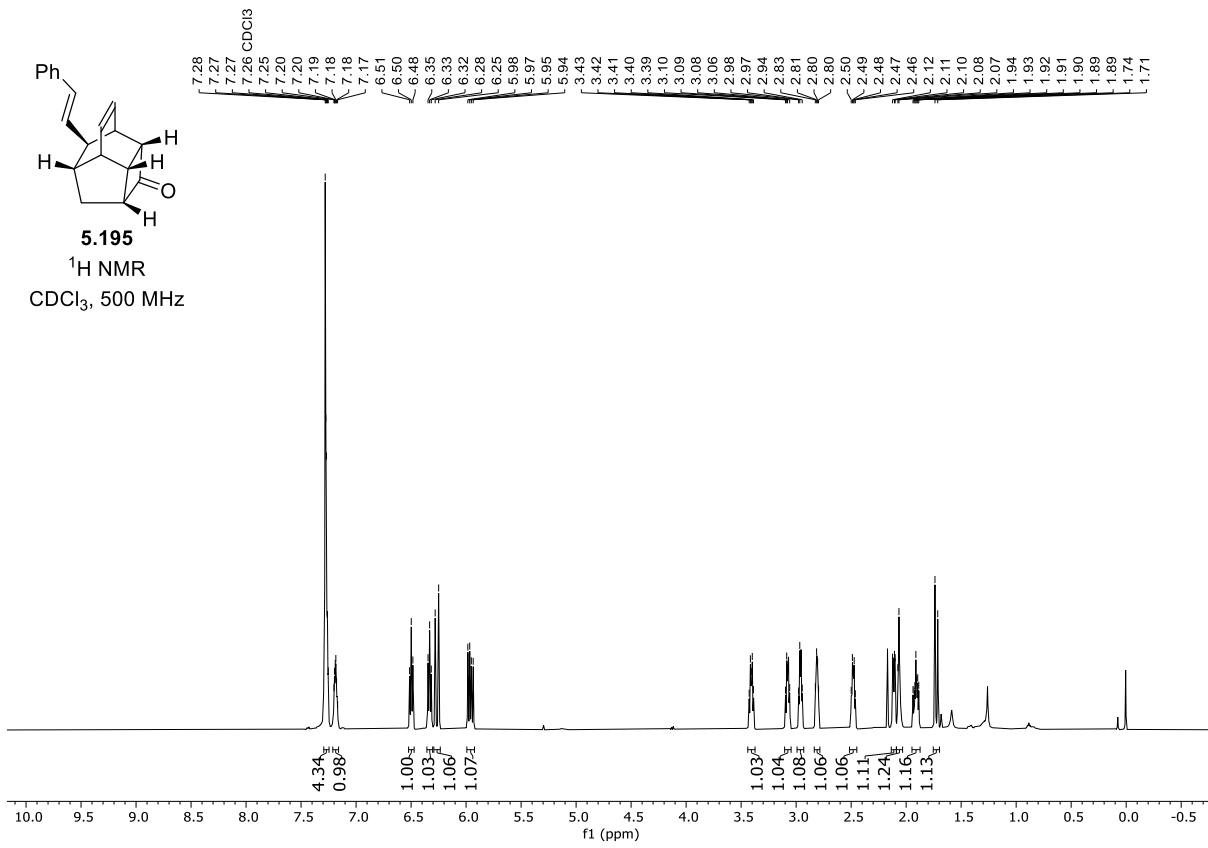
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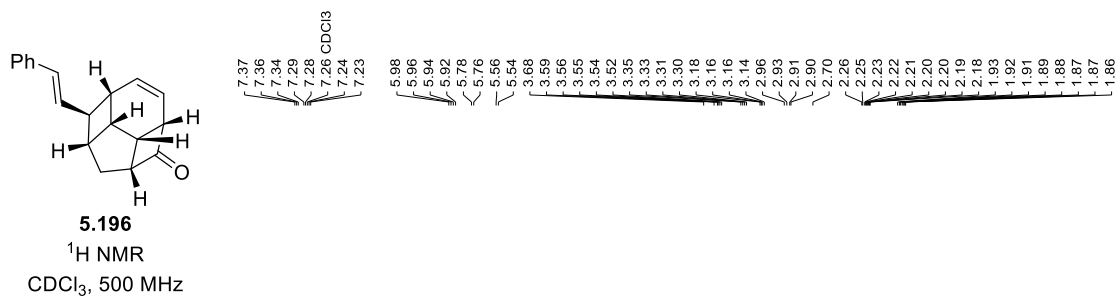
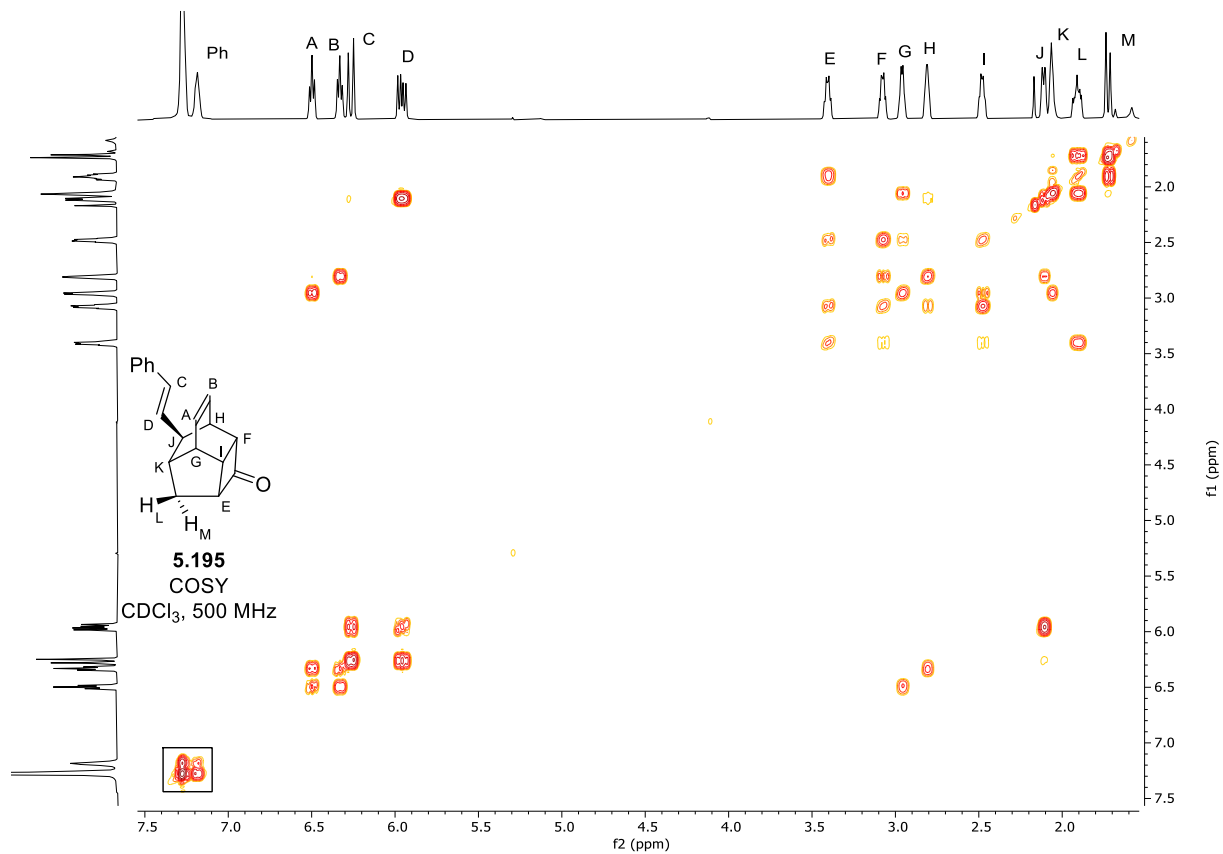


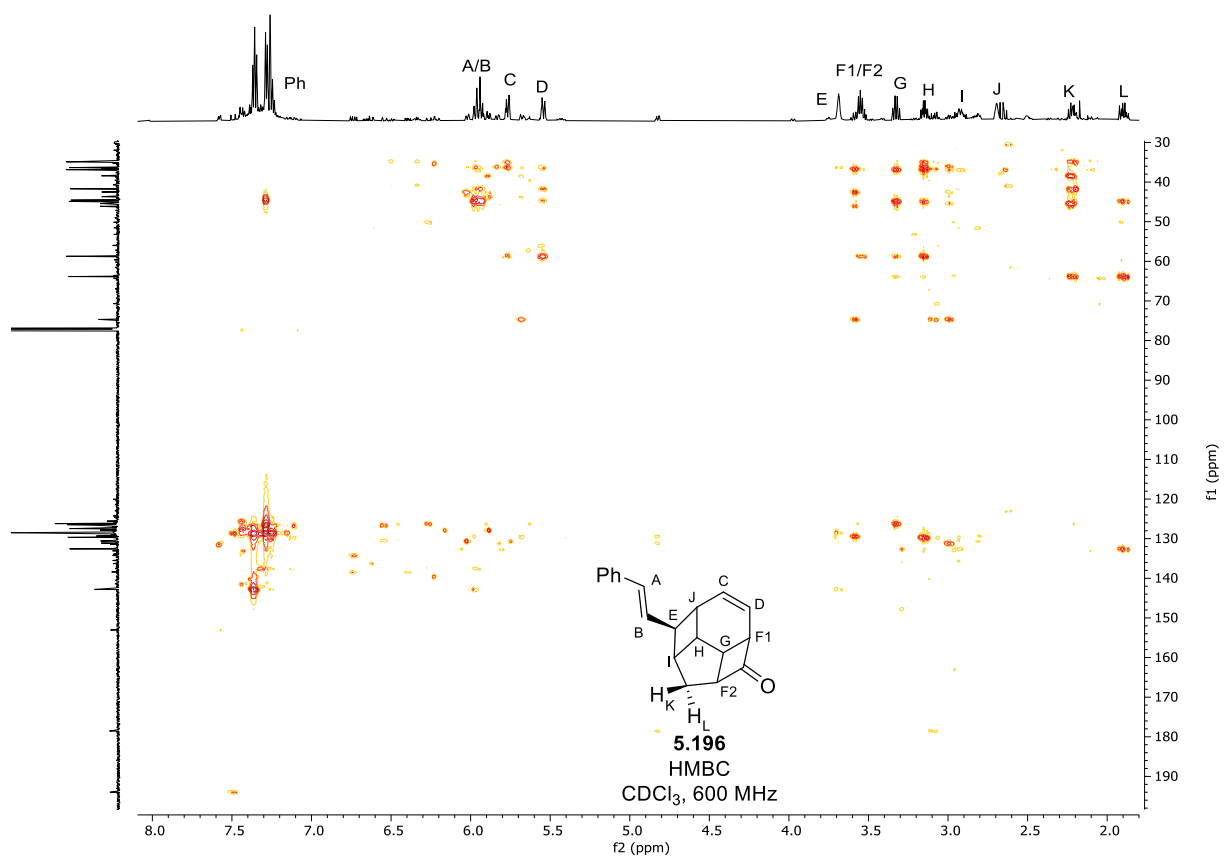
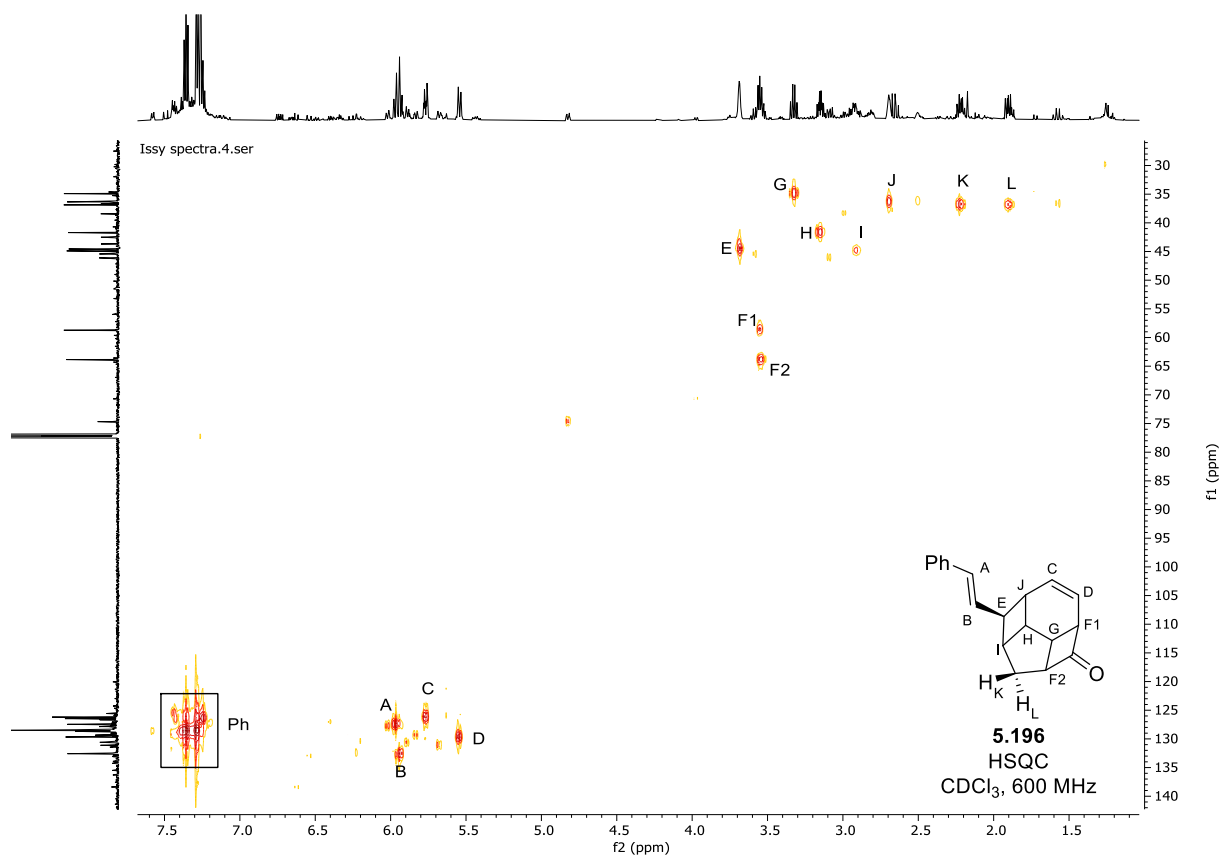
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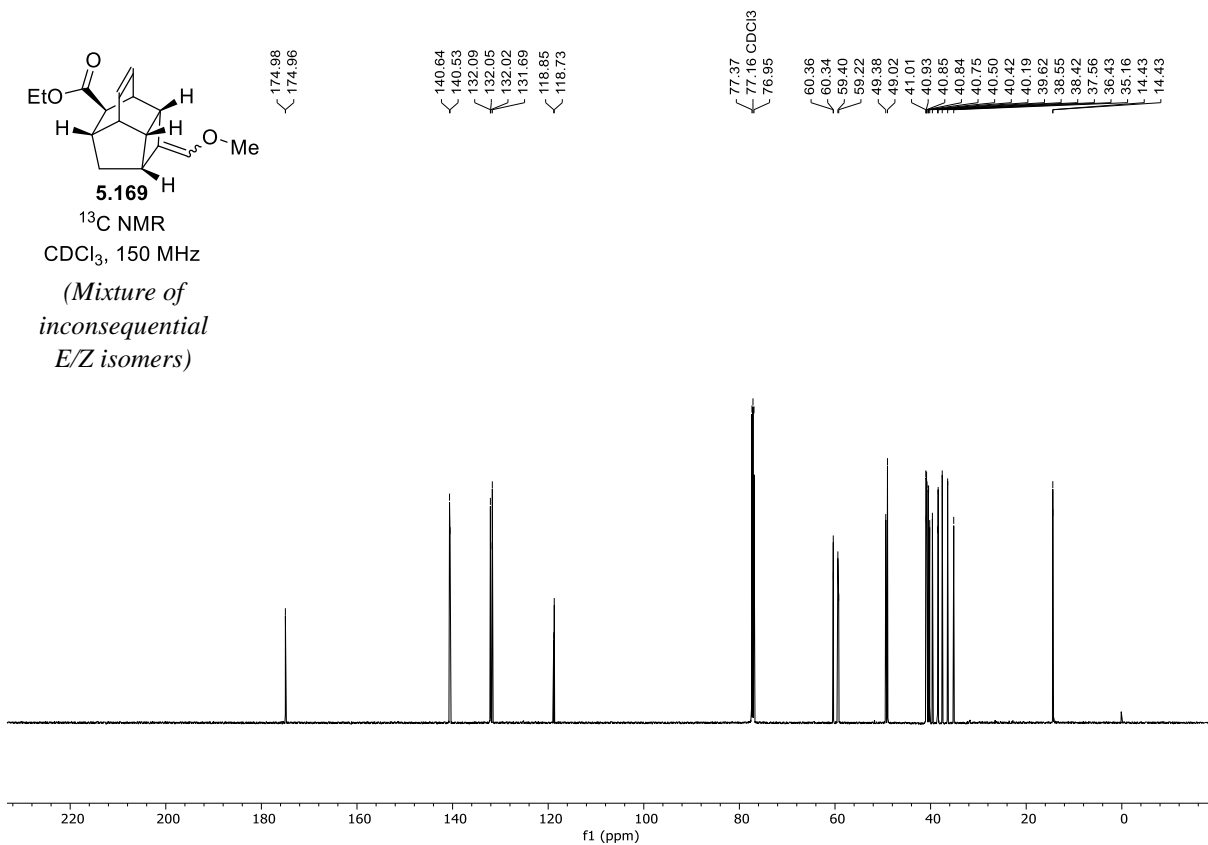
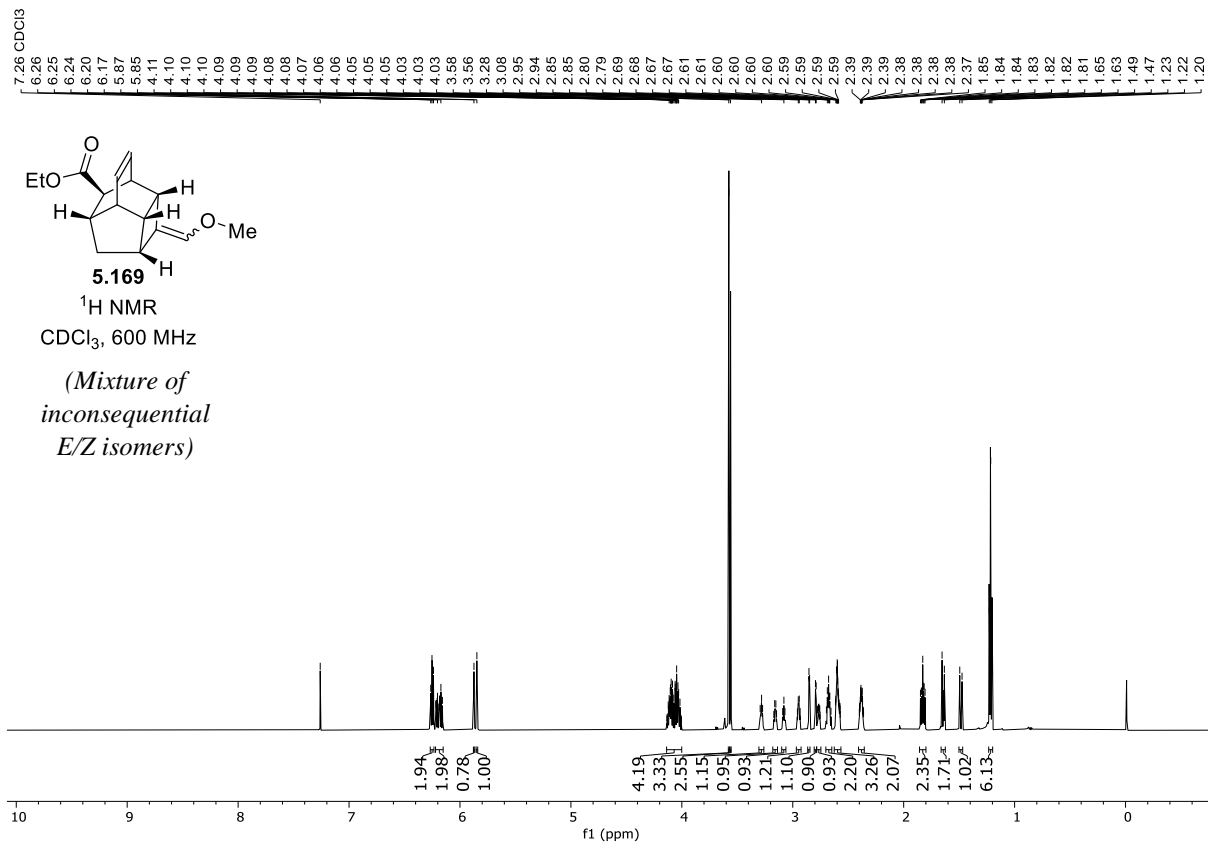


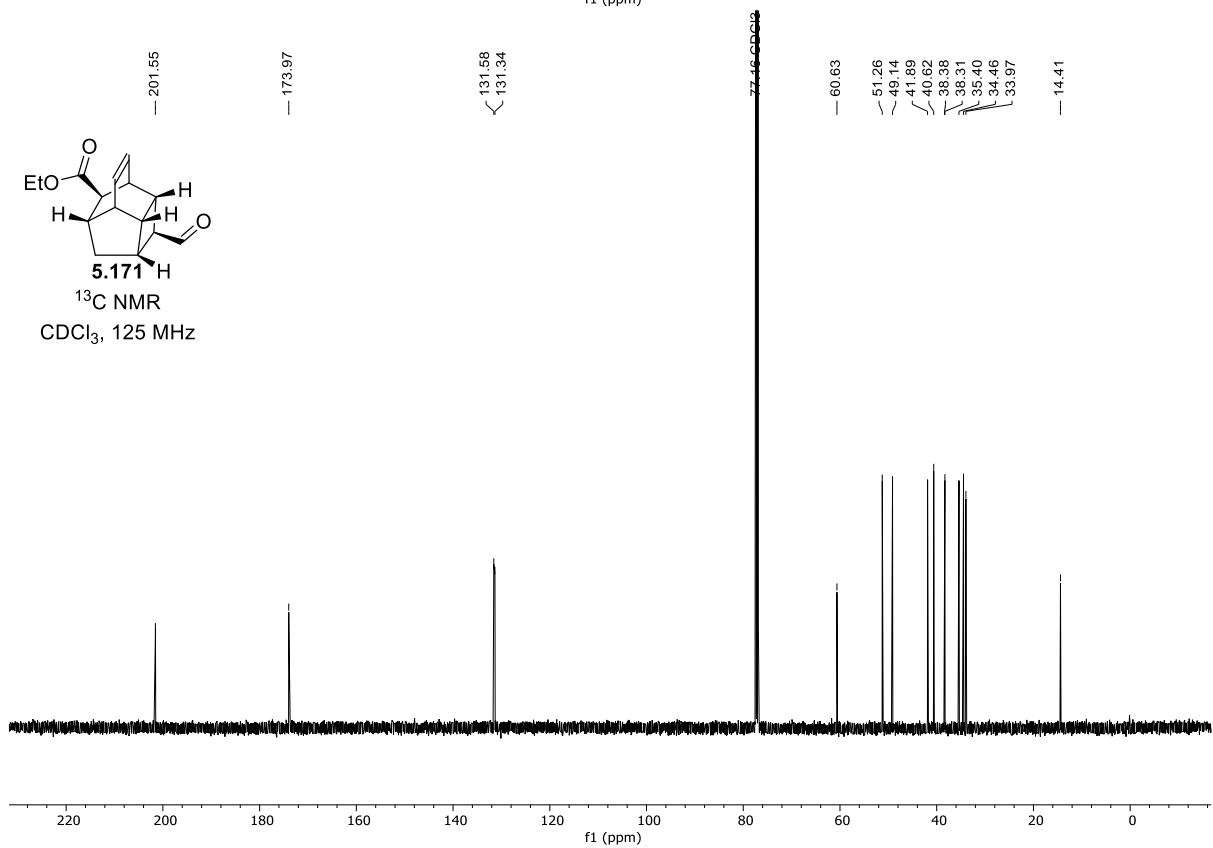
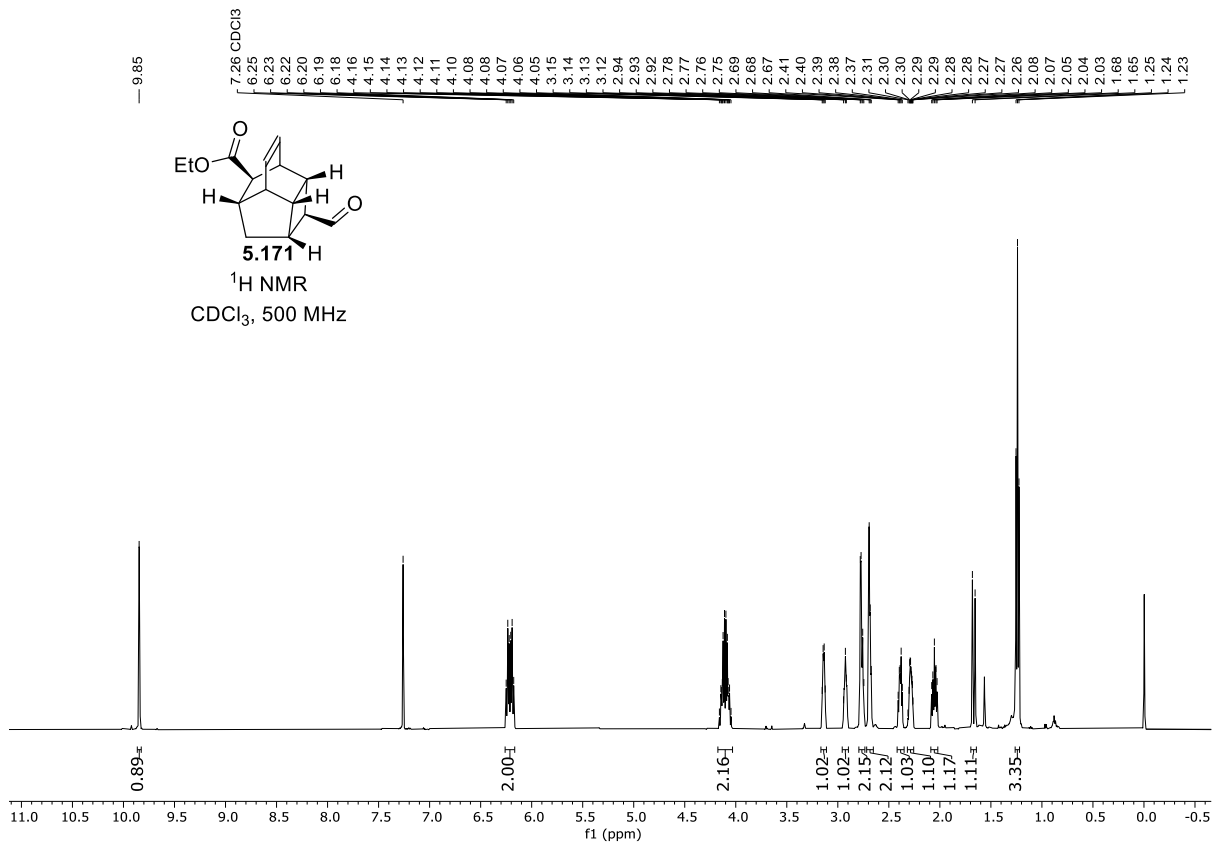


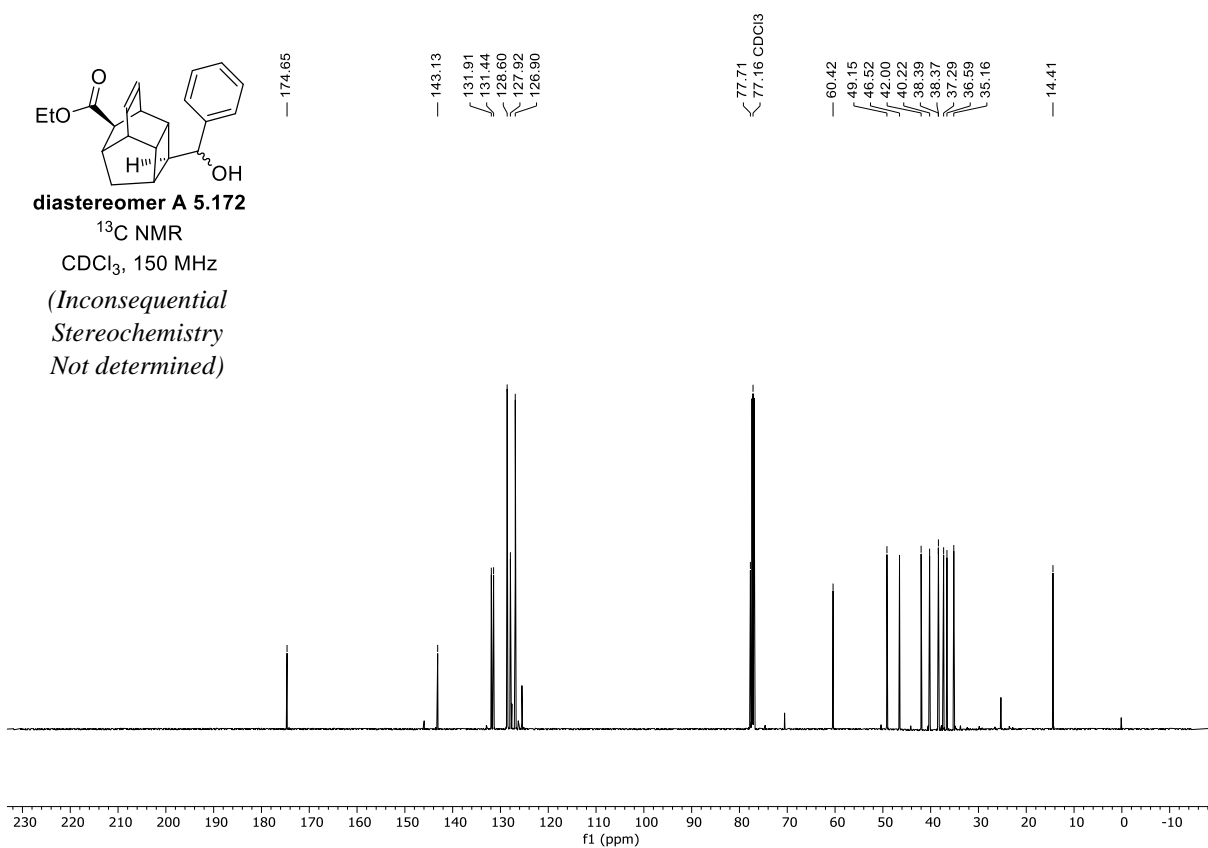
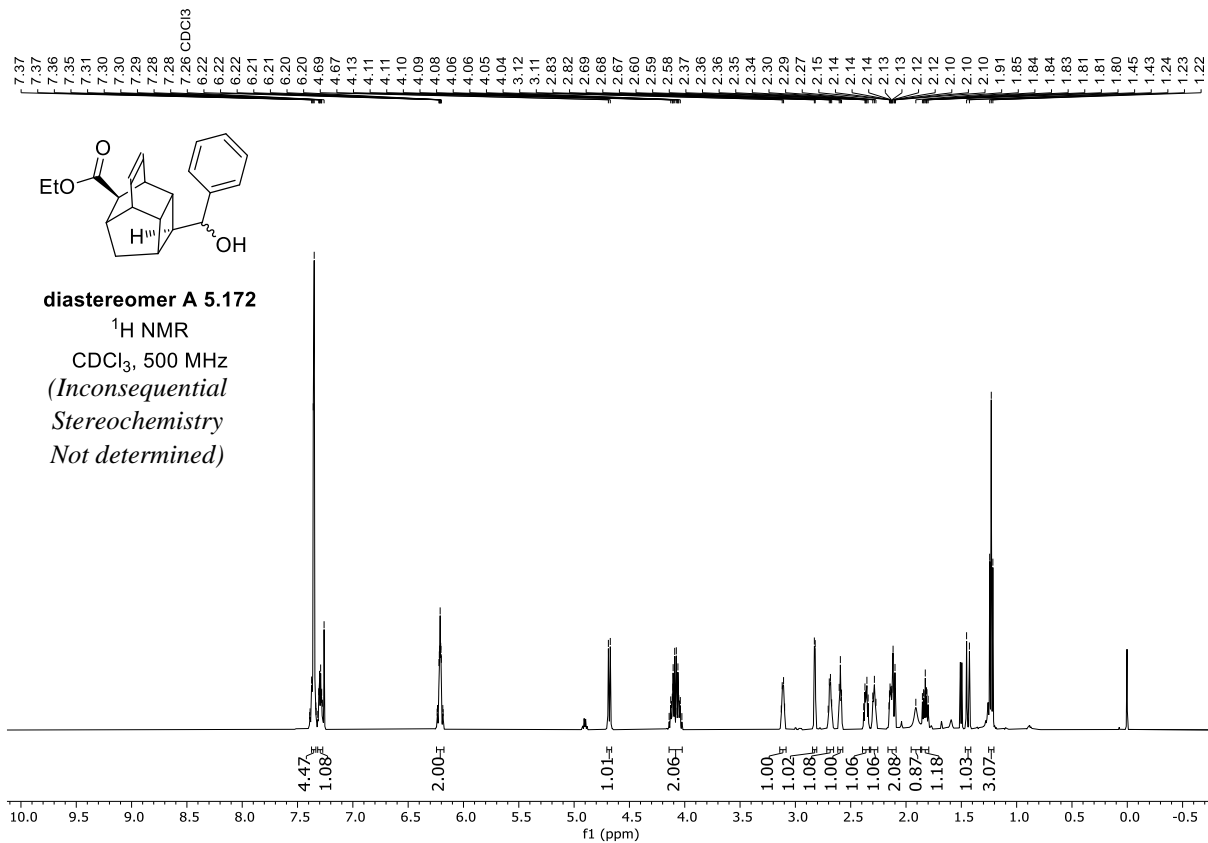


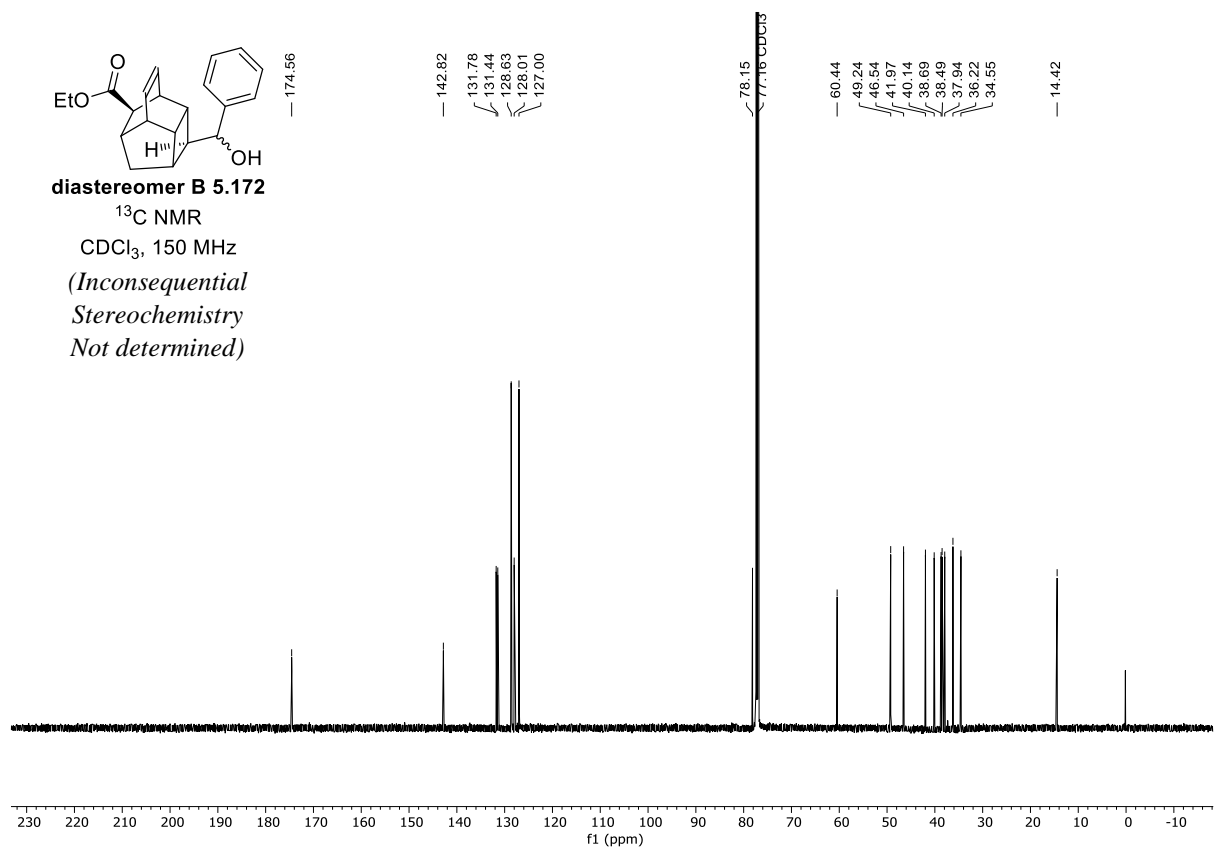
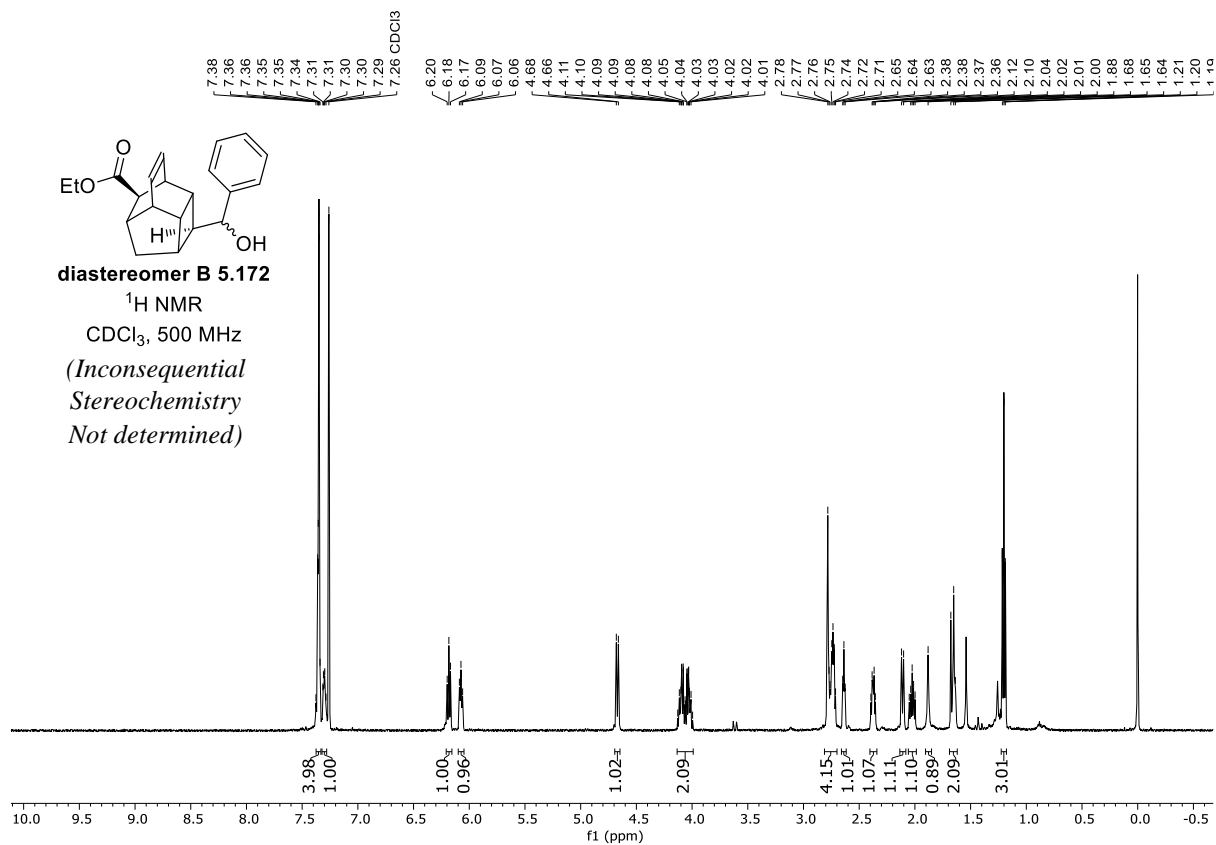


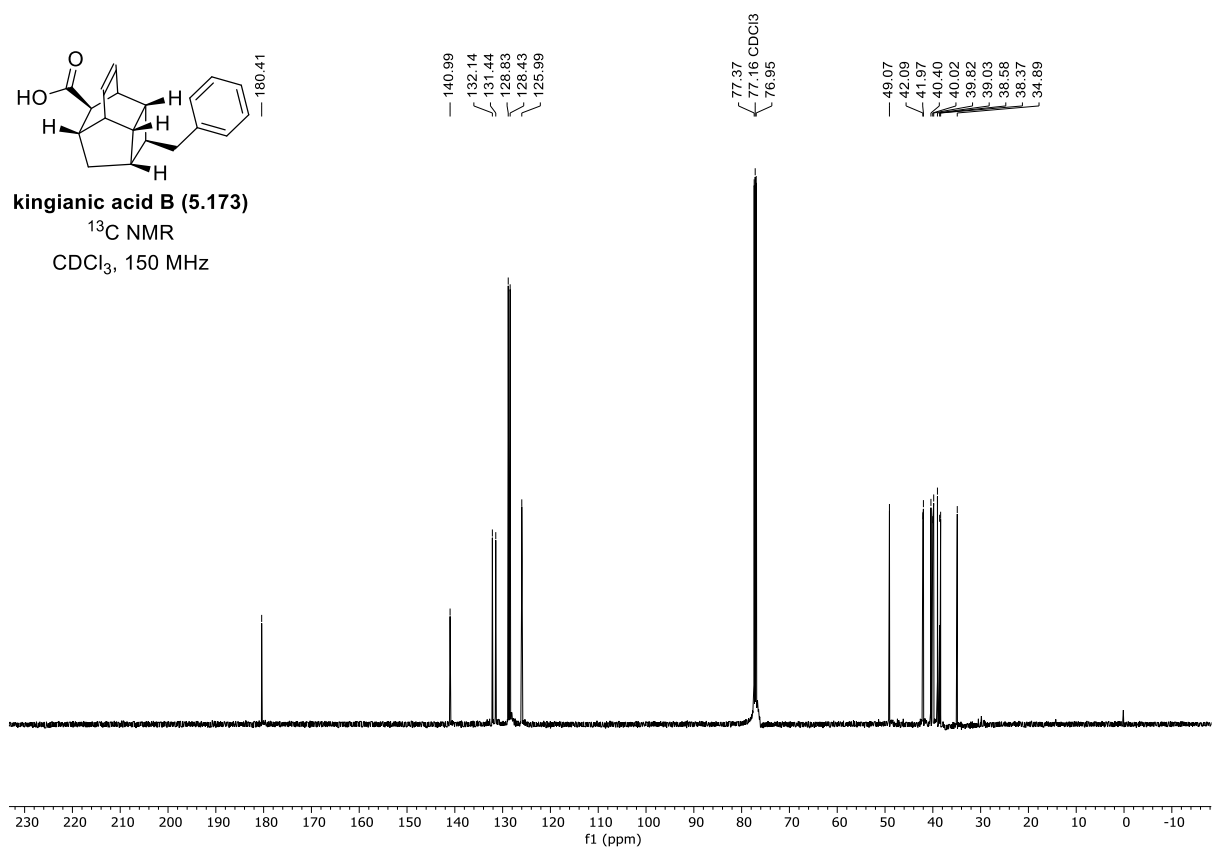
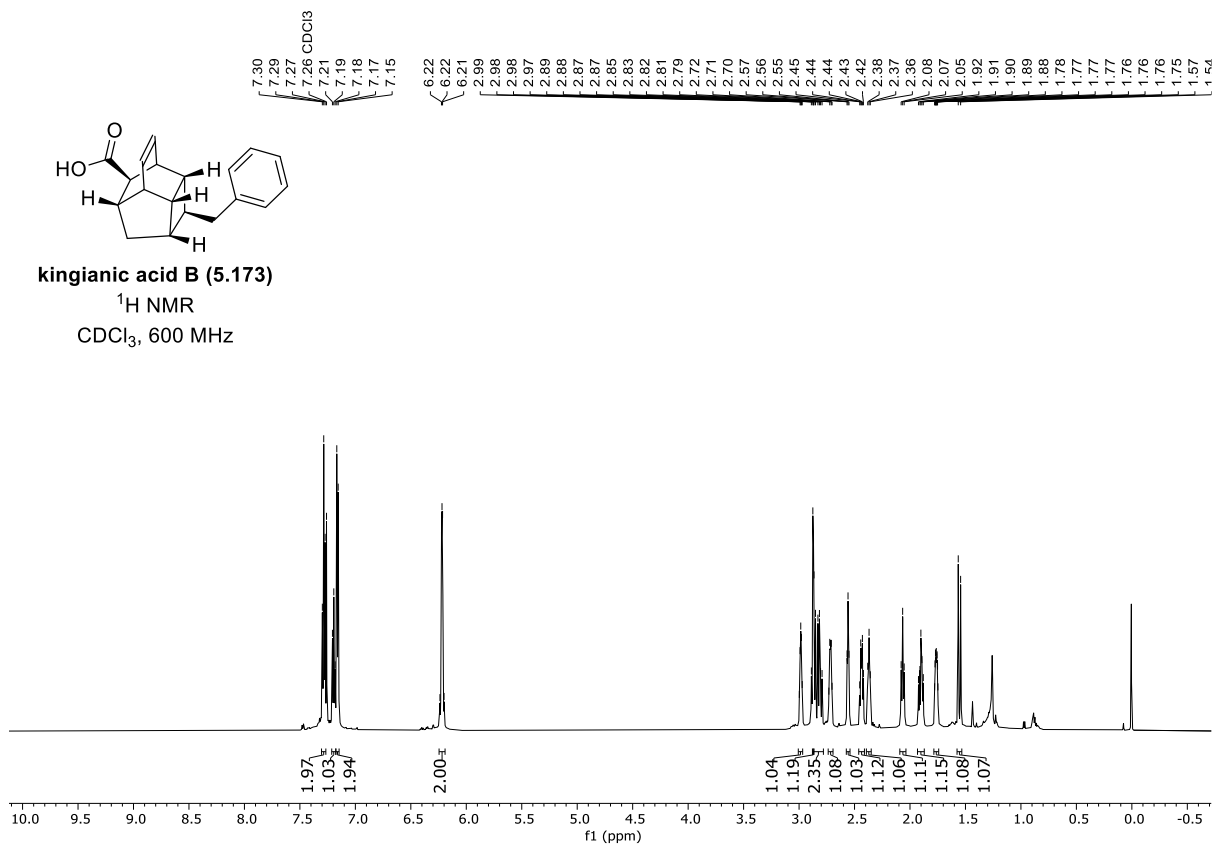




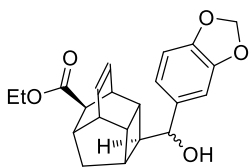








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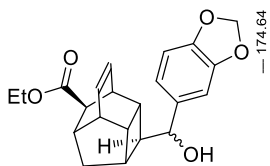
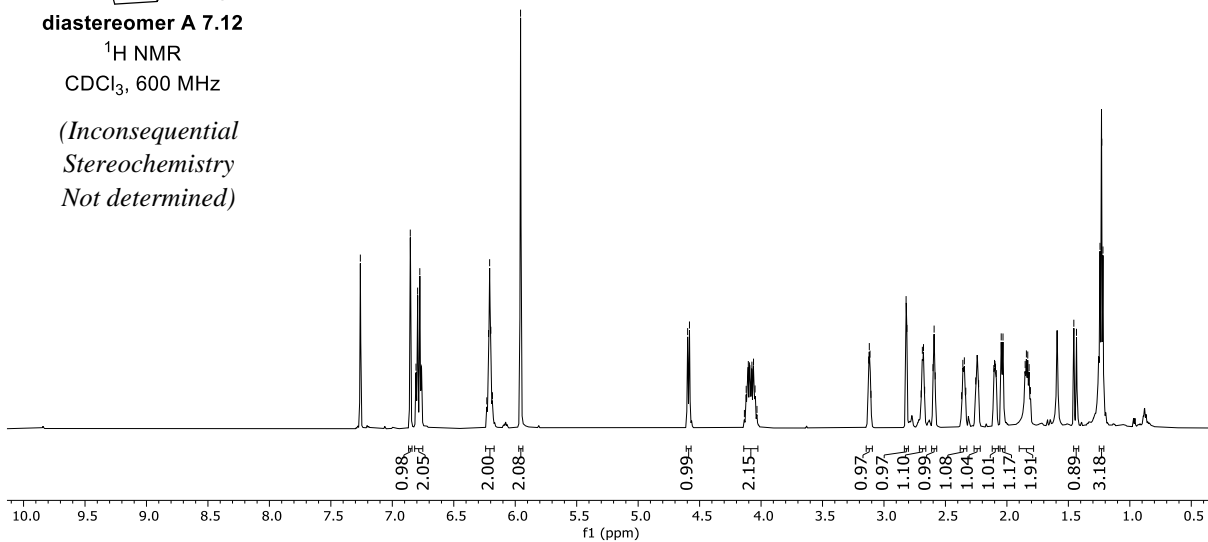


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¹H NMR

CDCl₃, 600 MHz

*(Inconsequential
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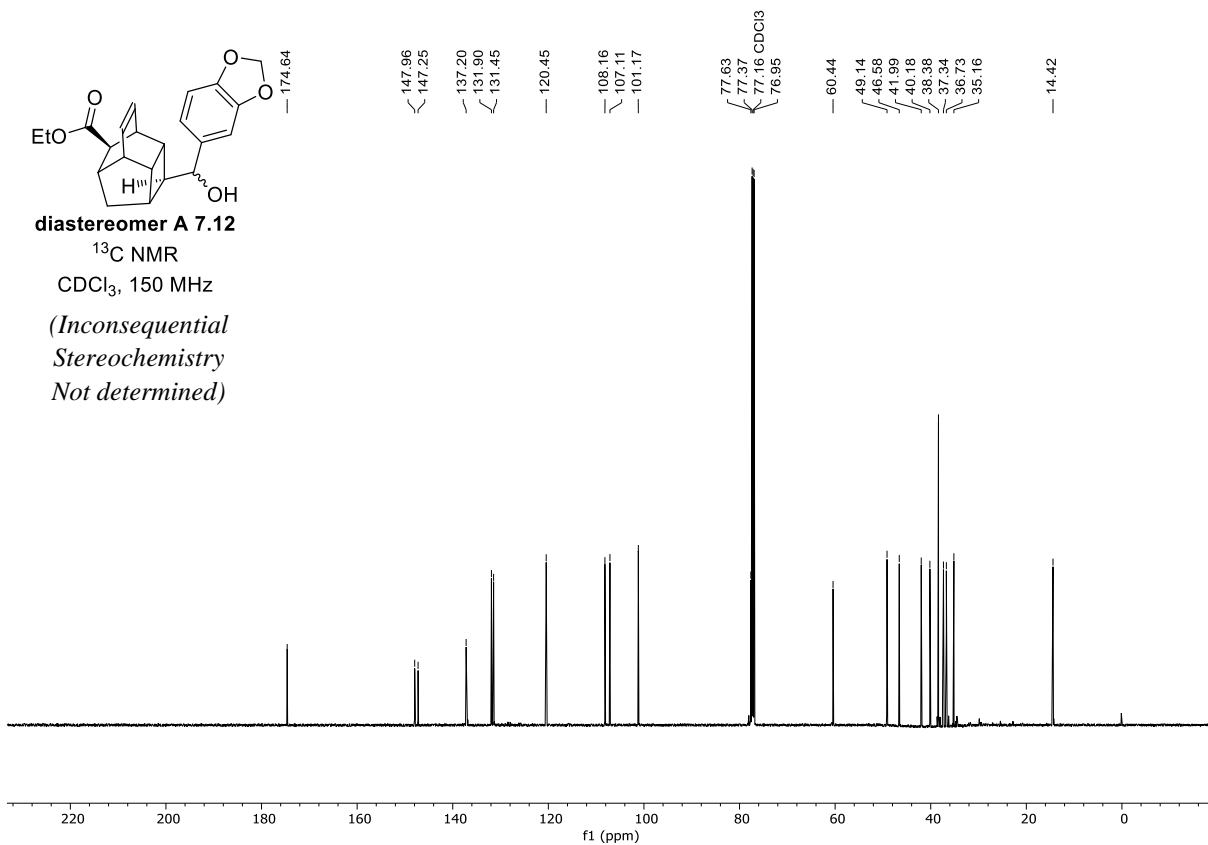


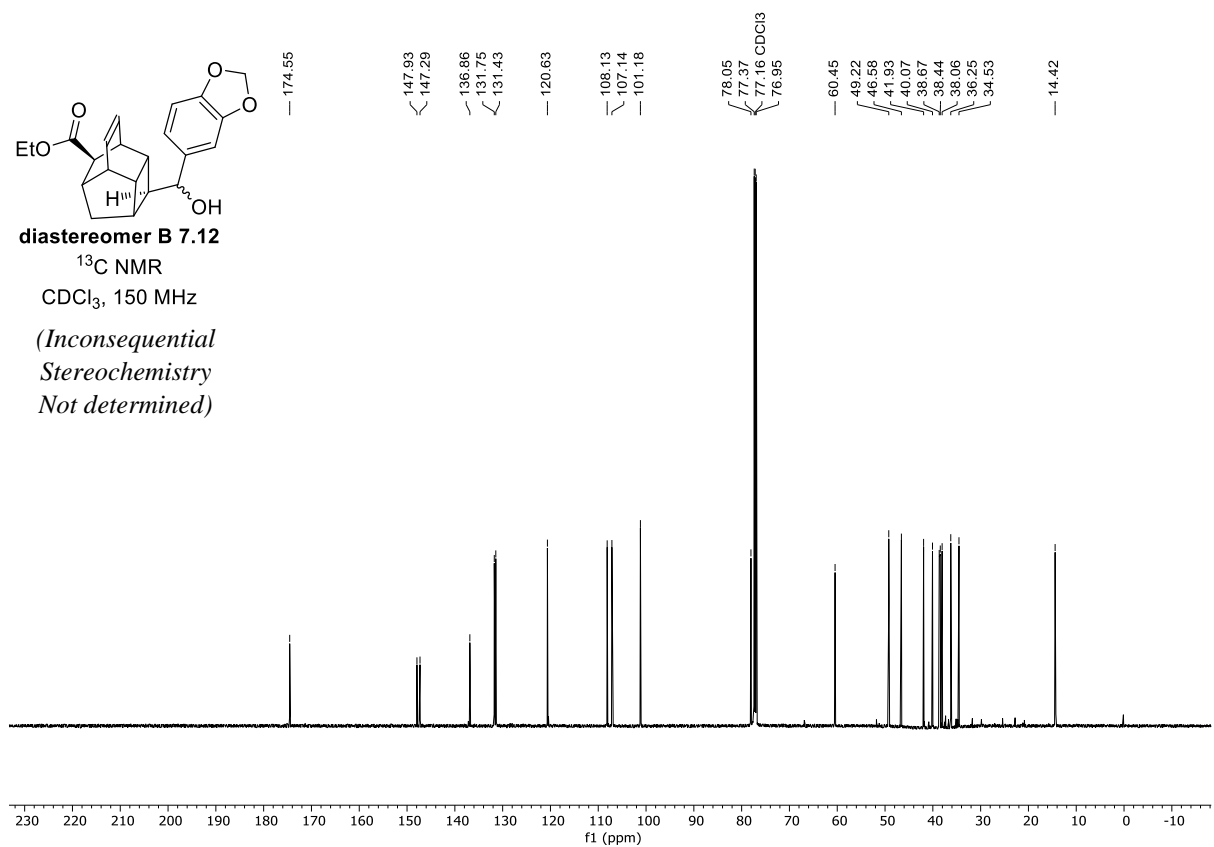
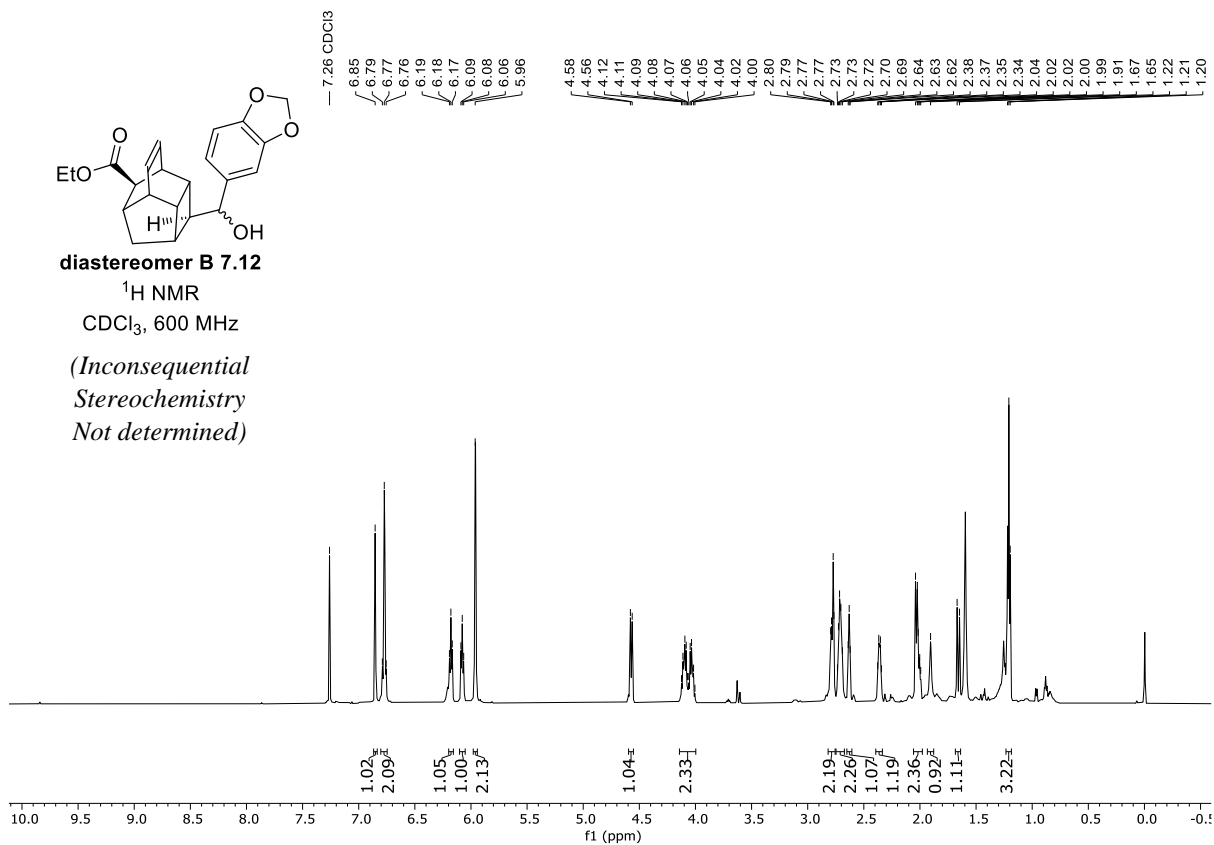
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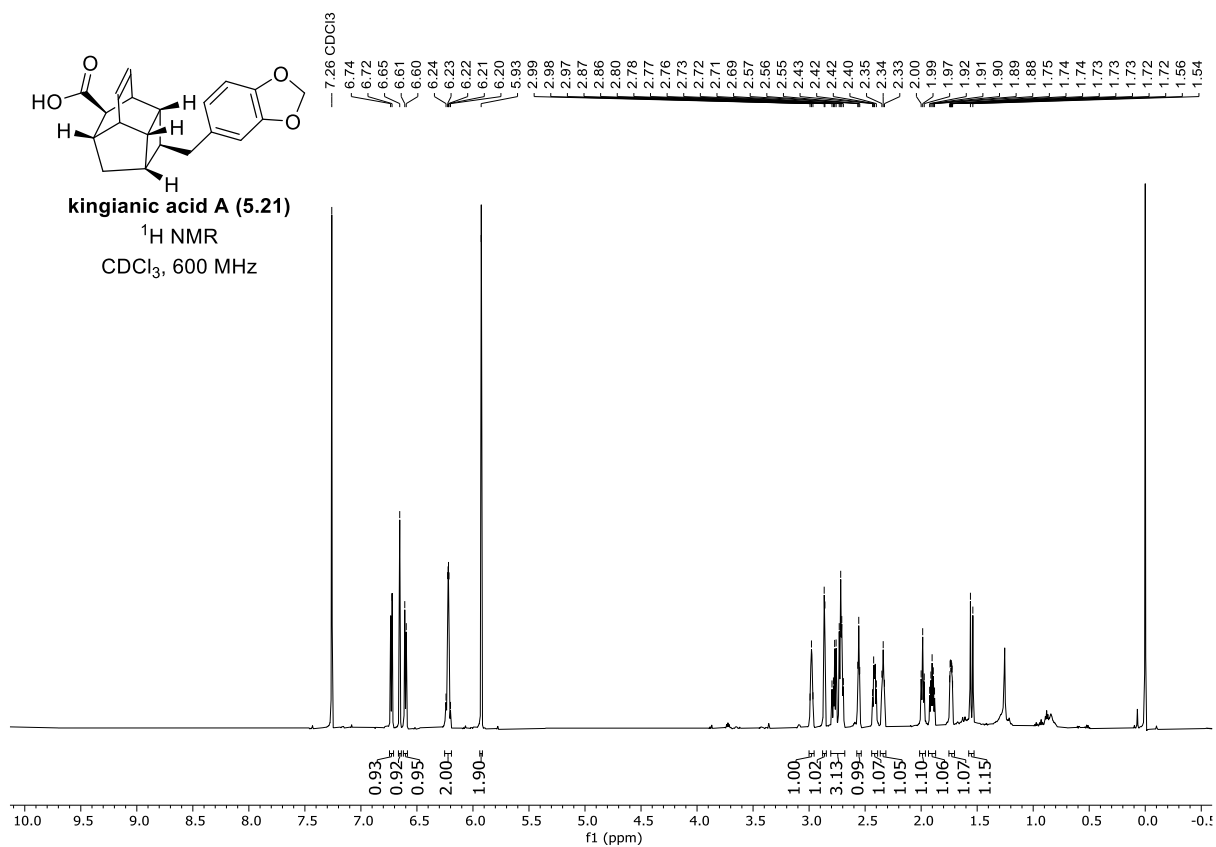
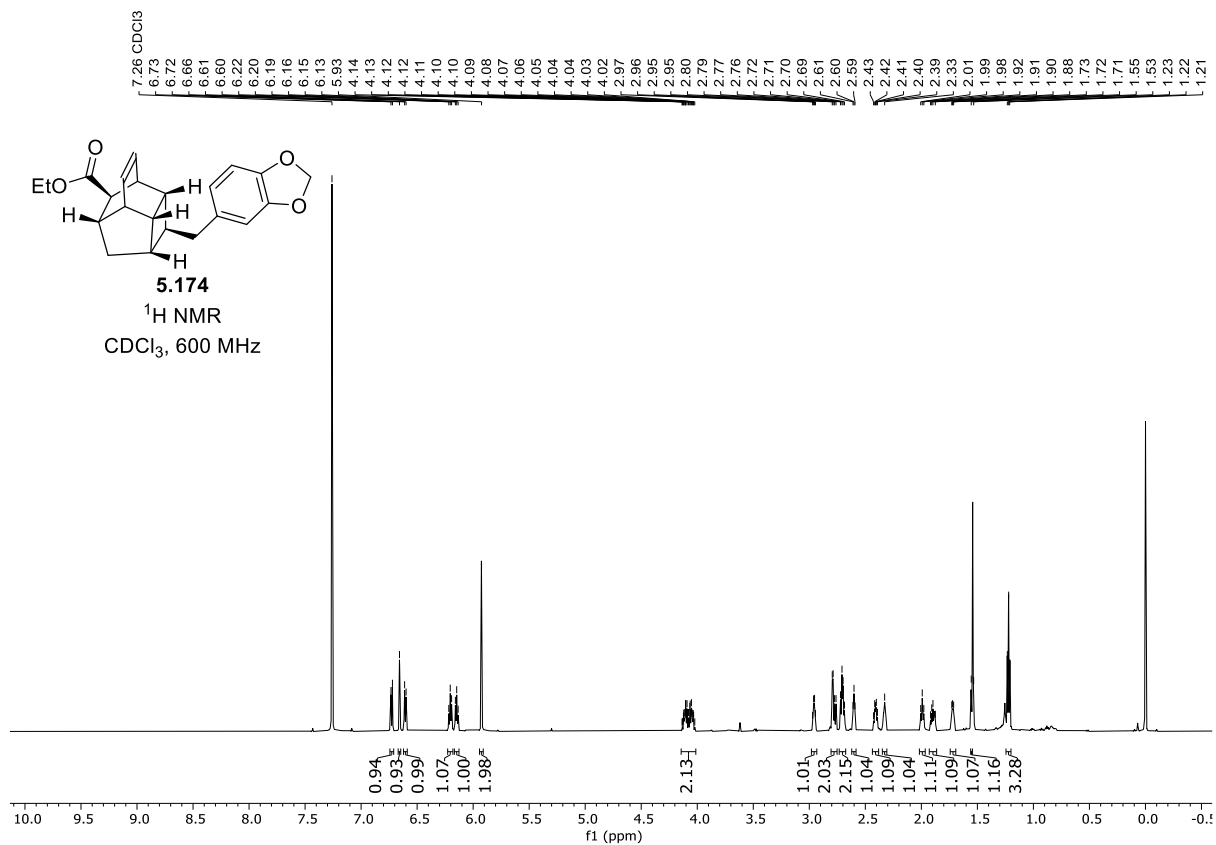
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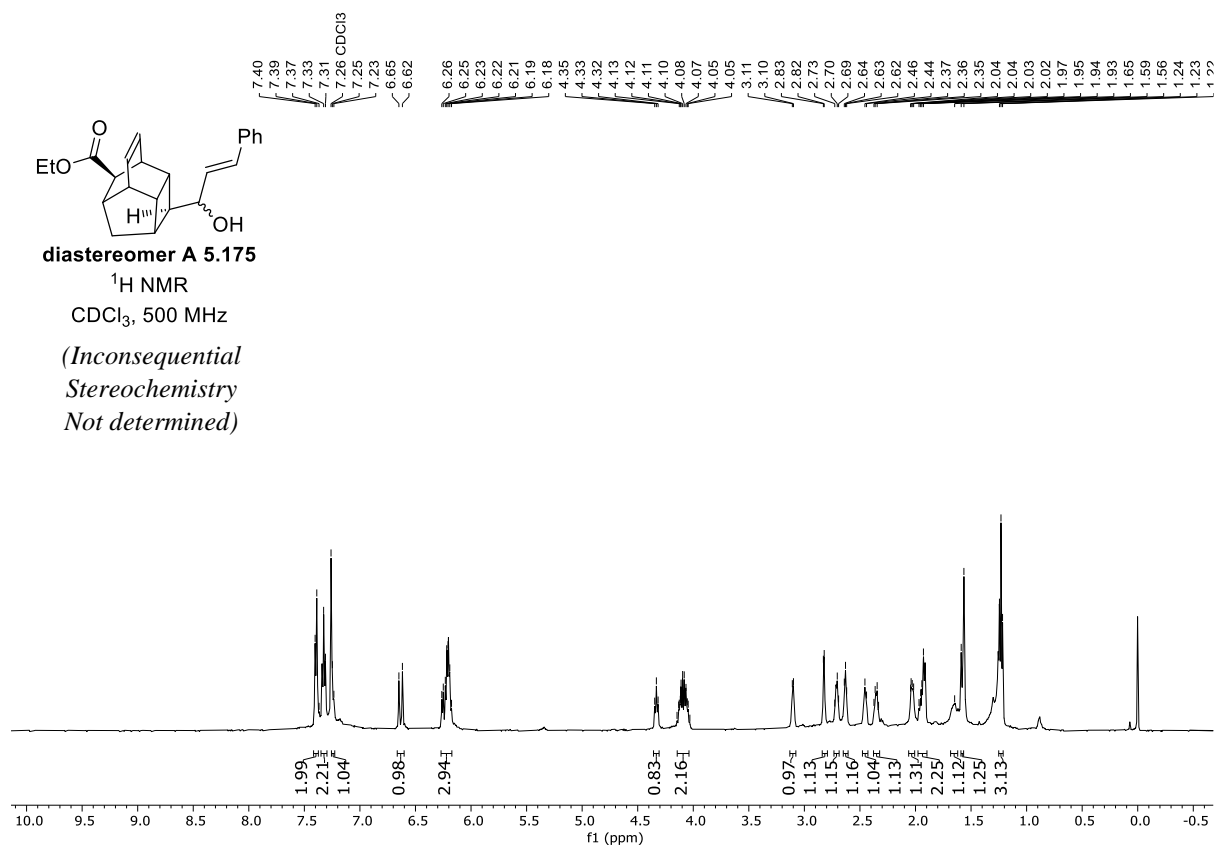
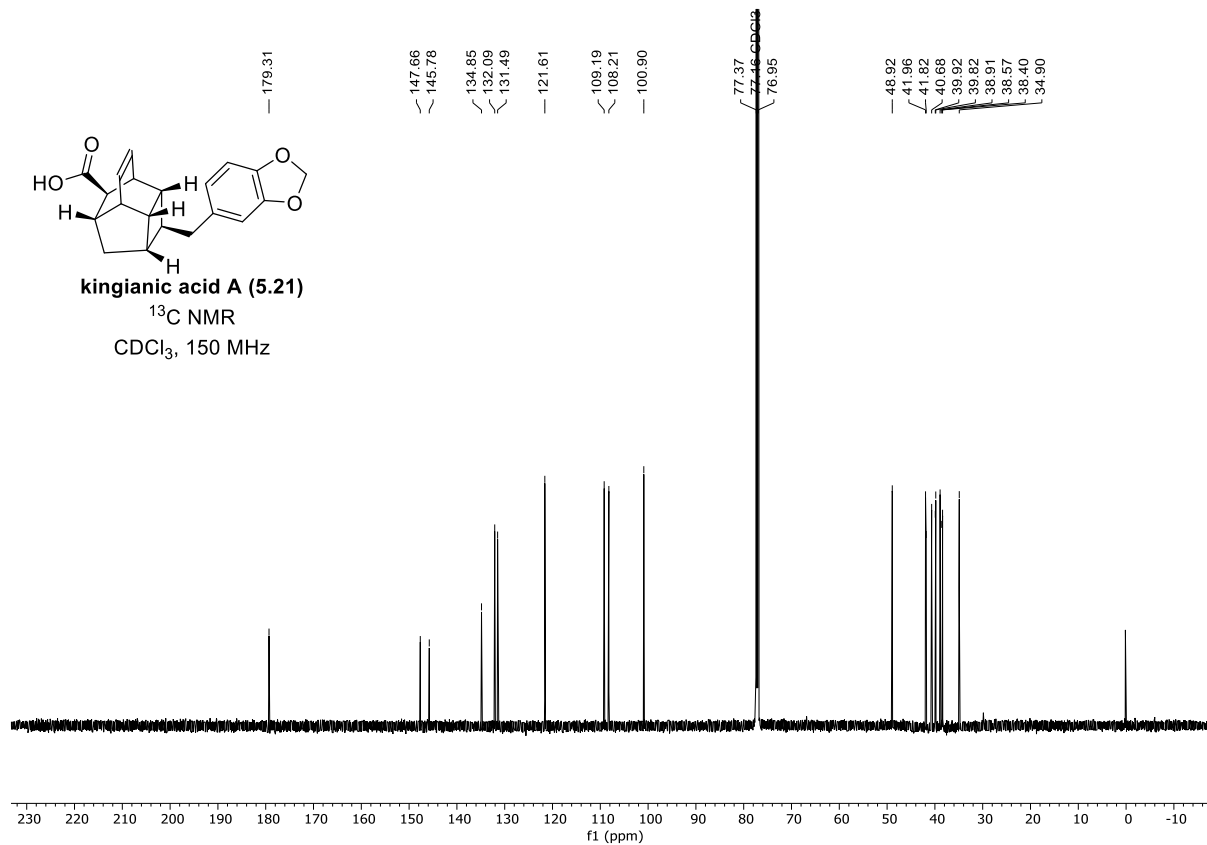
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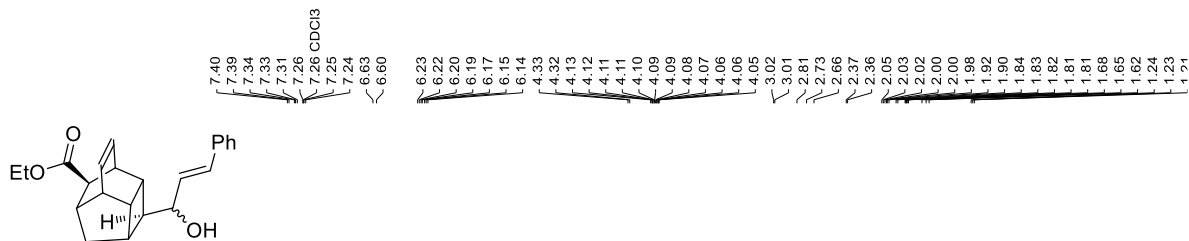
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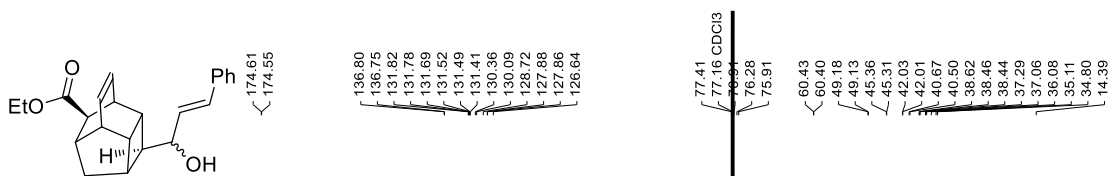
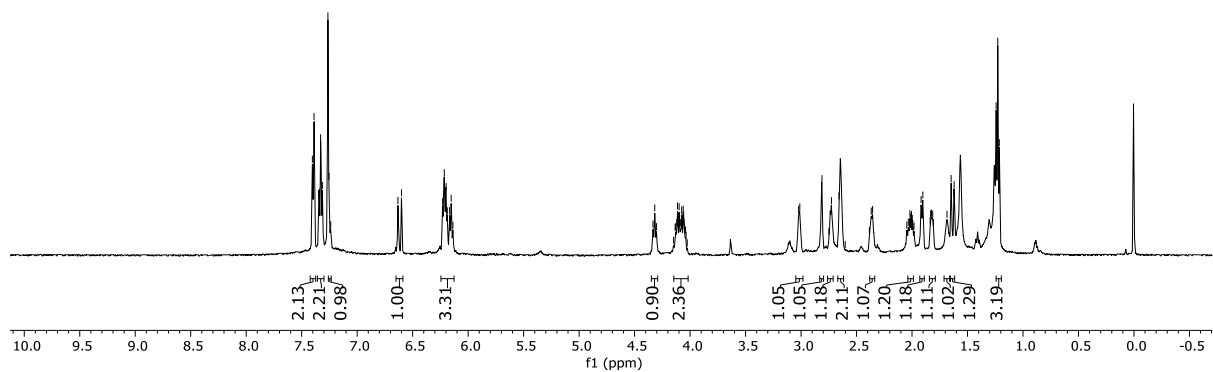


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CDCl₃, 500 MHz

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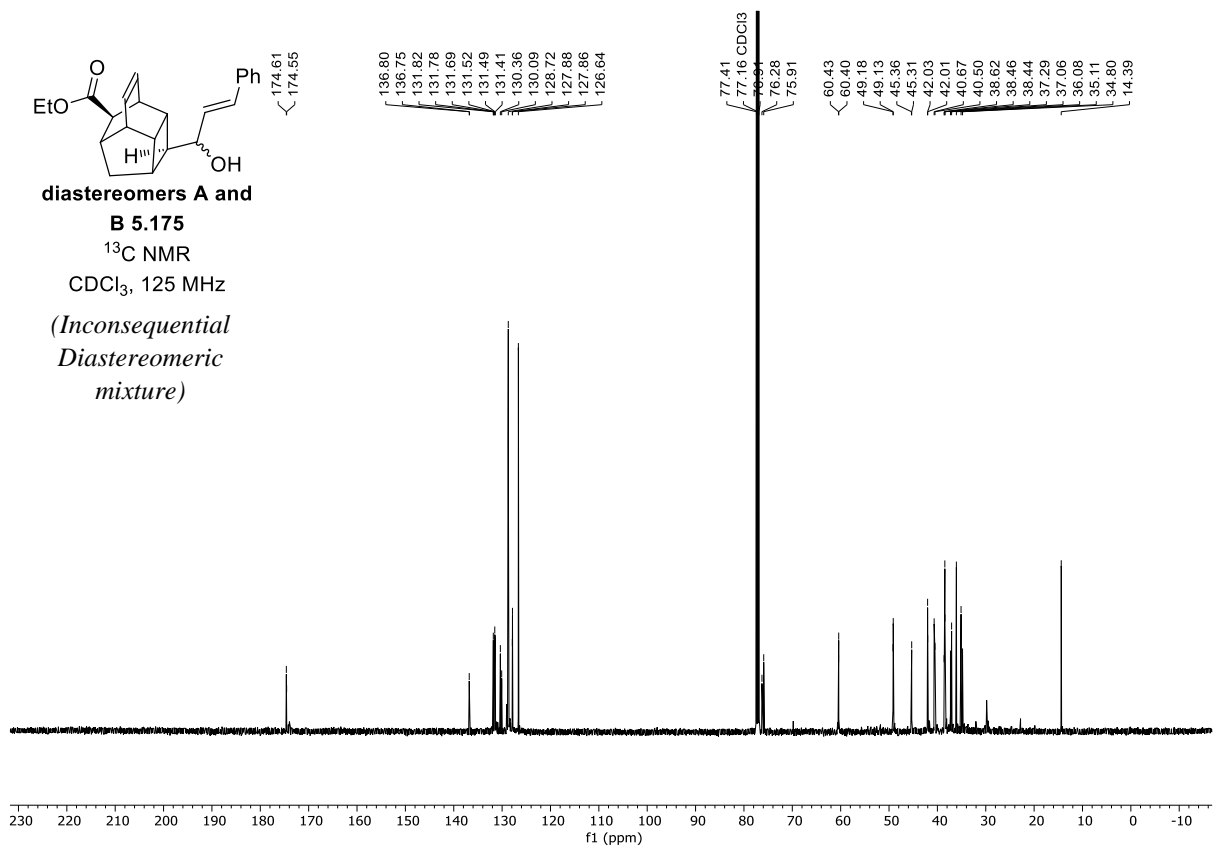
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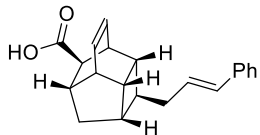
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¹³C NMR

CDCl₃, 125 MHz

(Inconsequential
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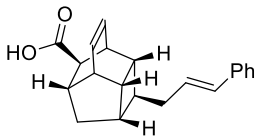
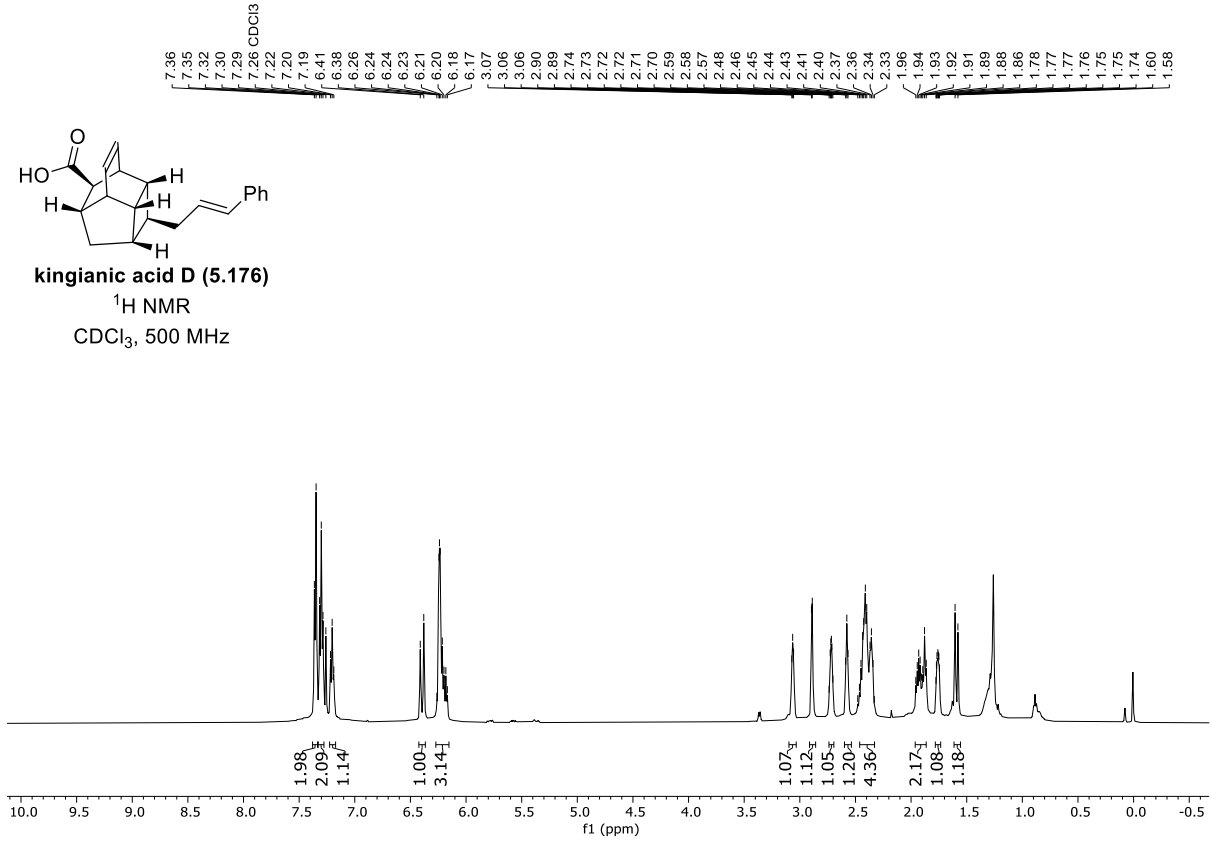




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¹H NMR

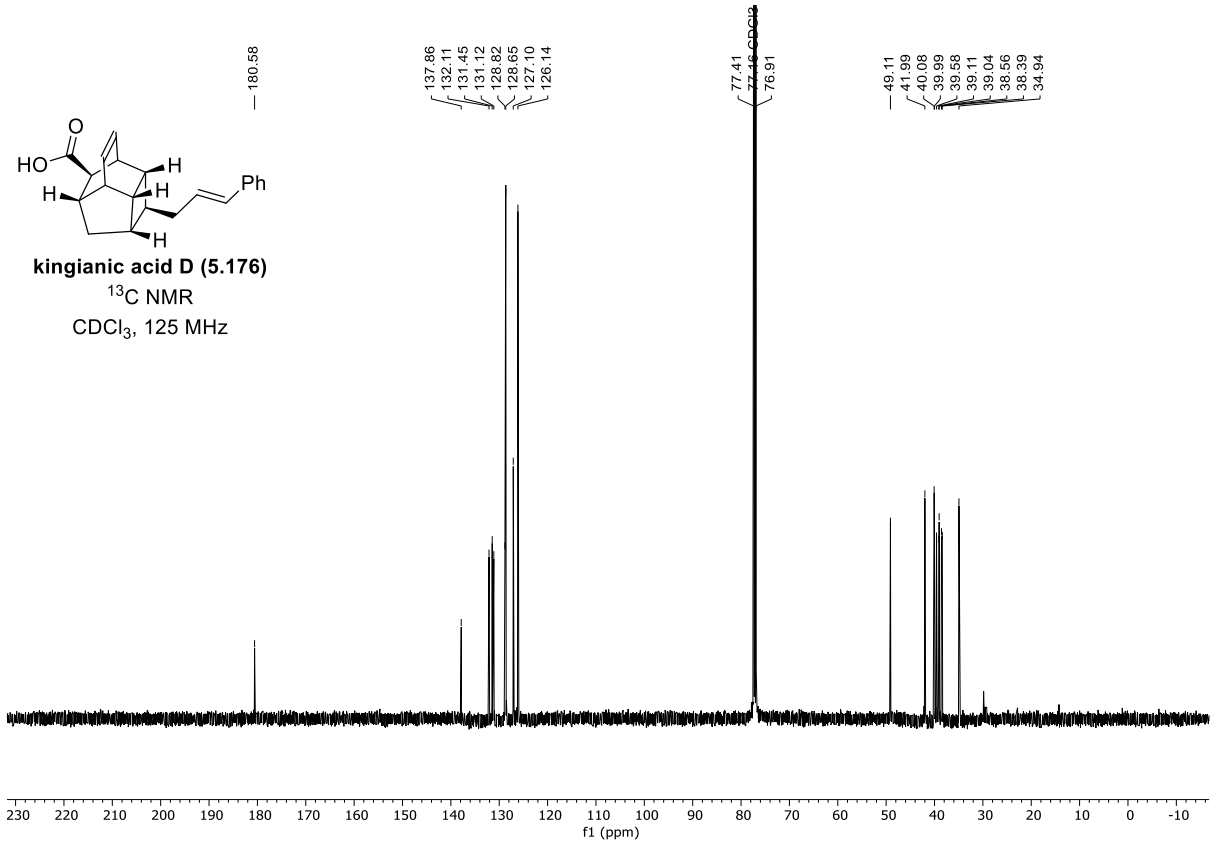
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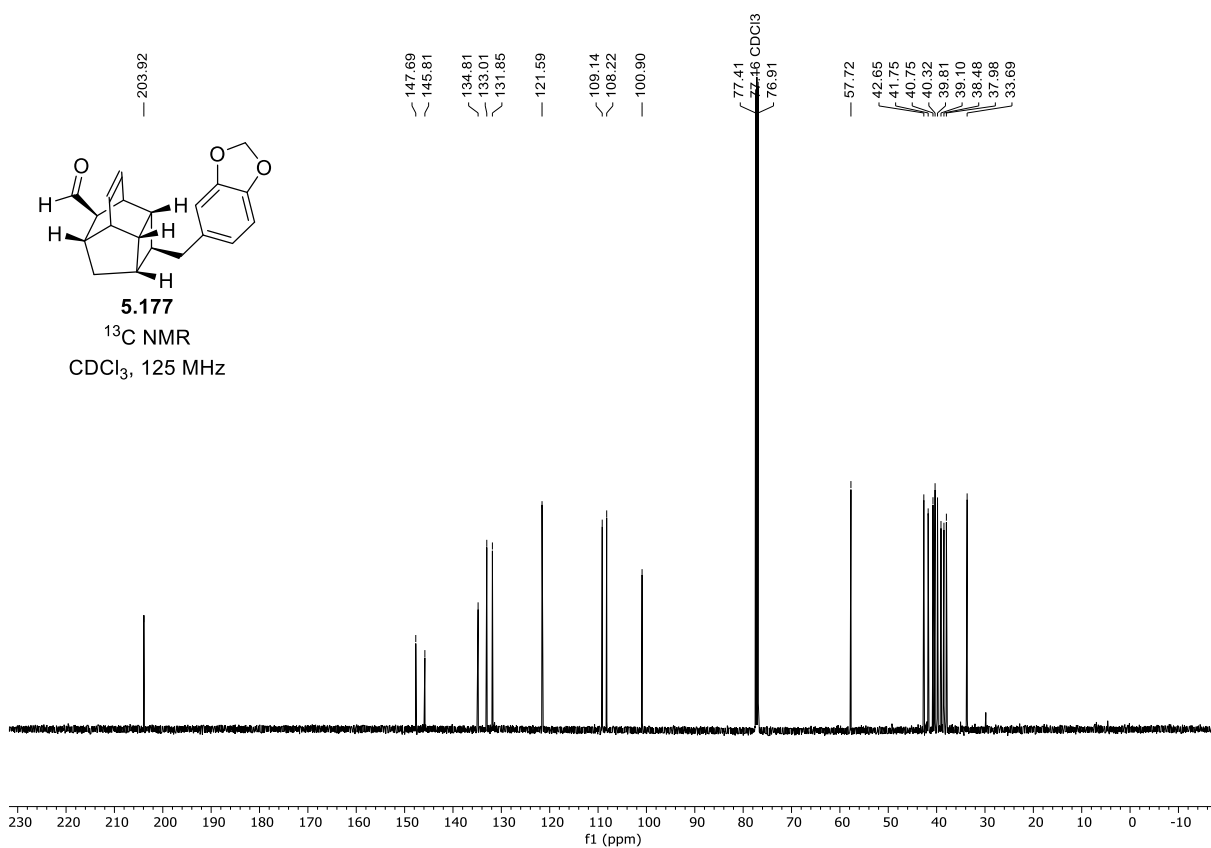
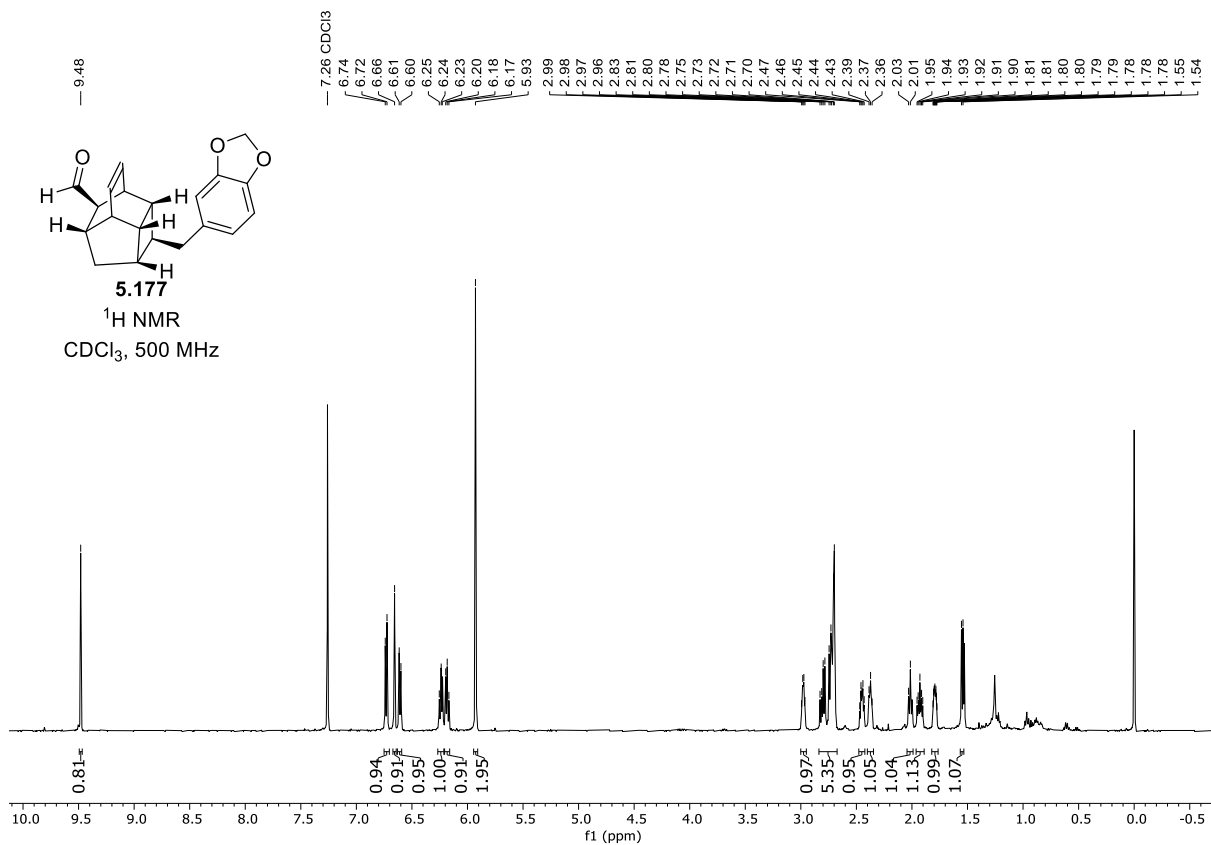


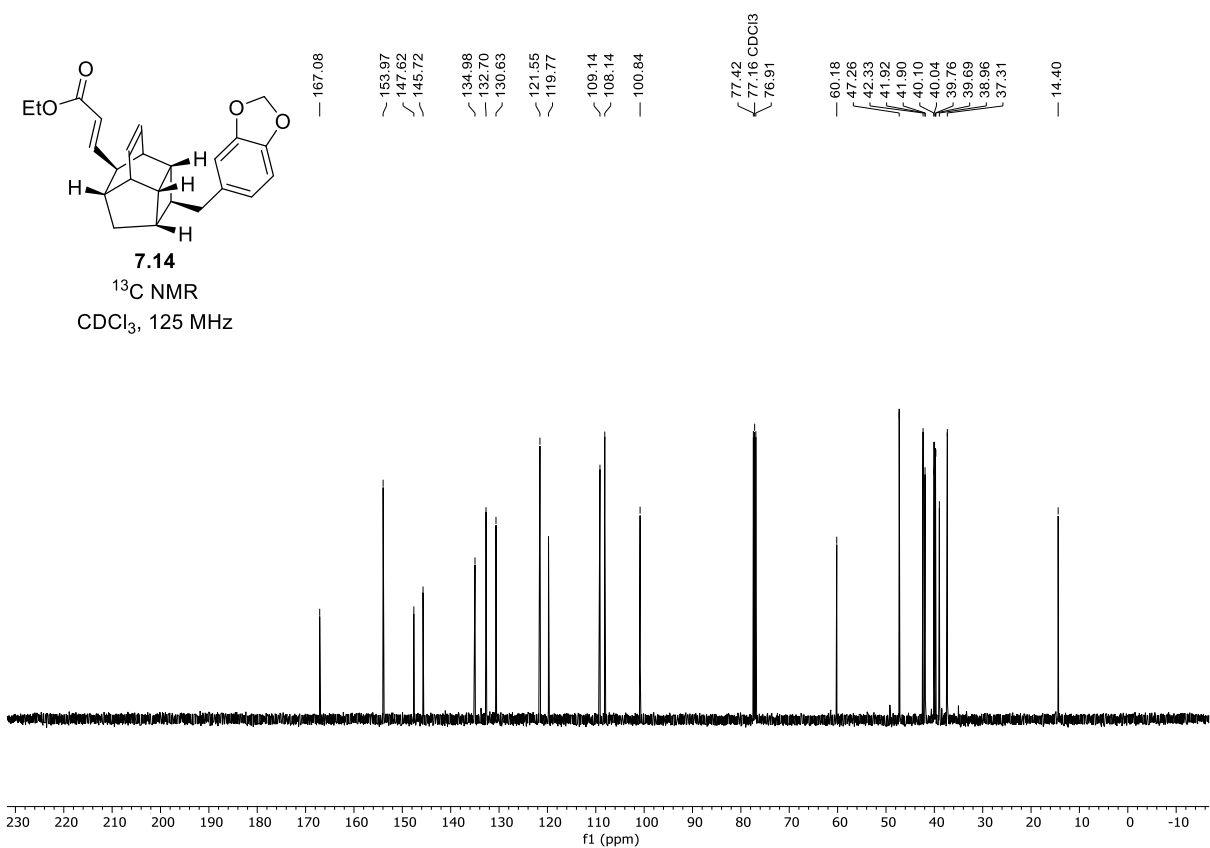
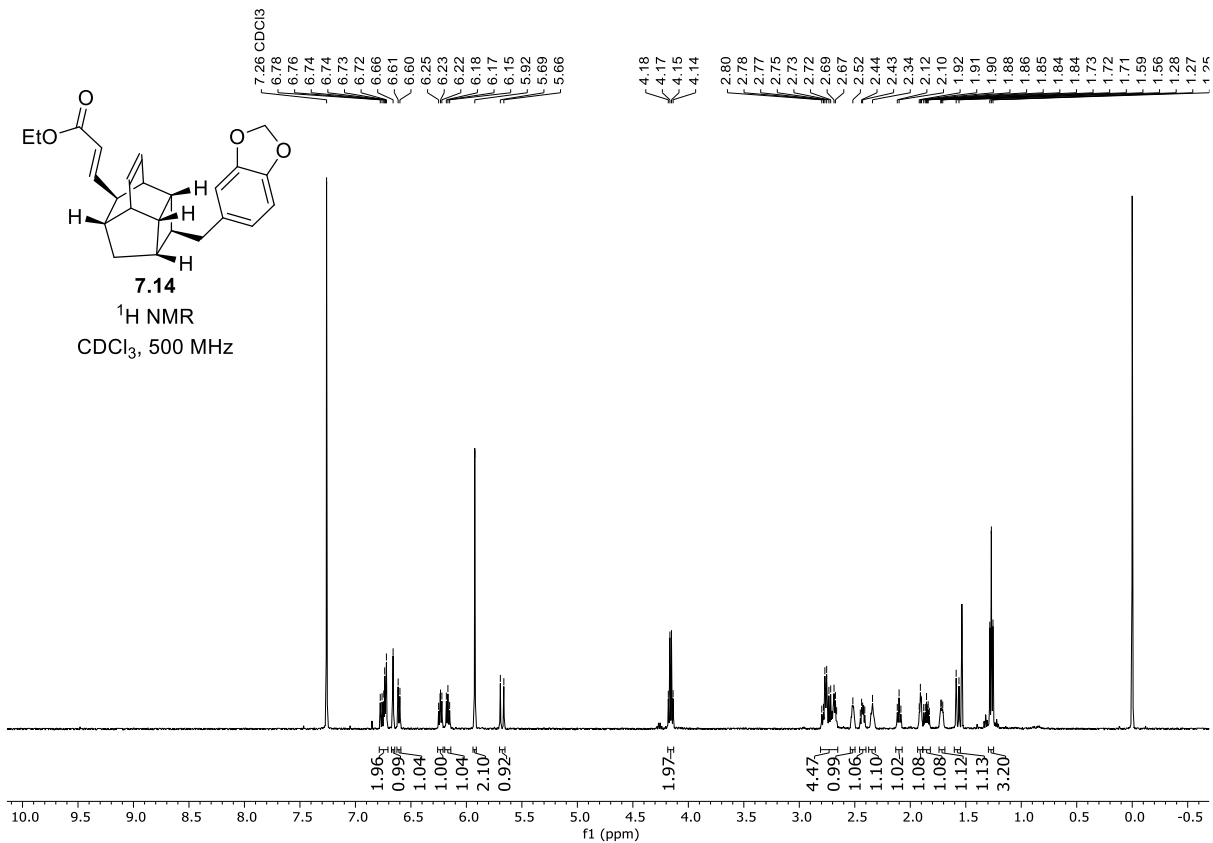
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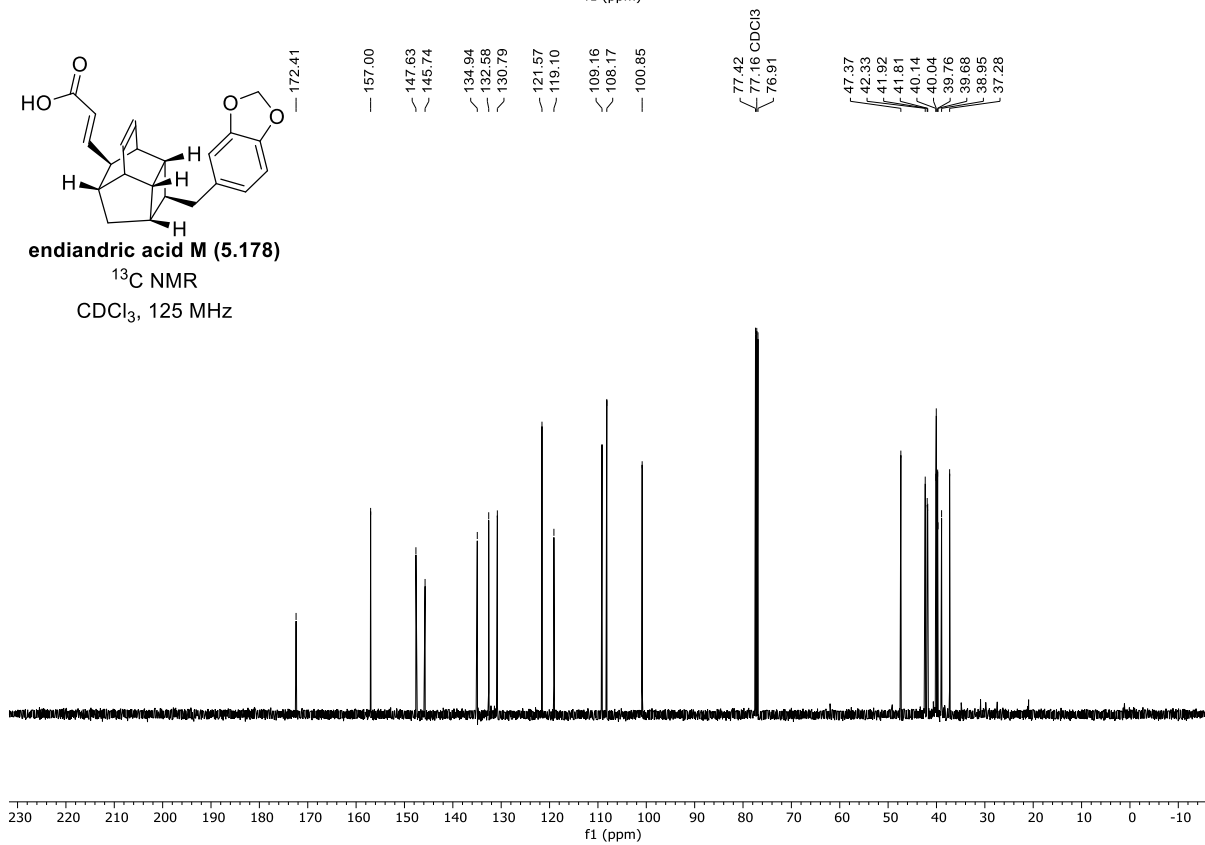
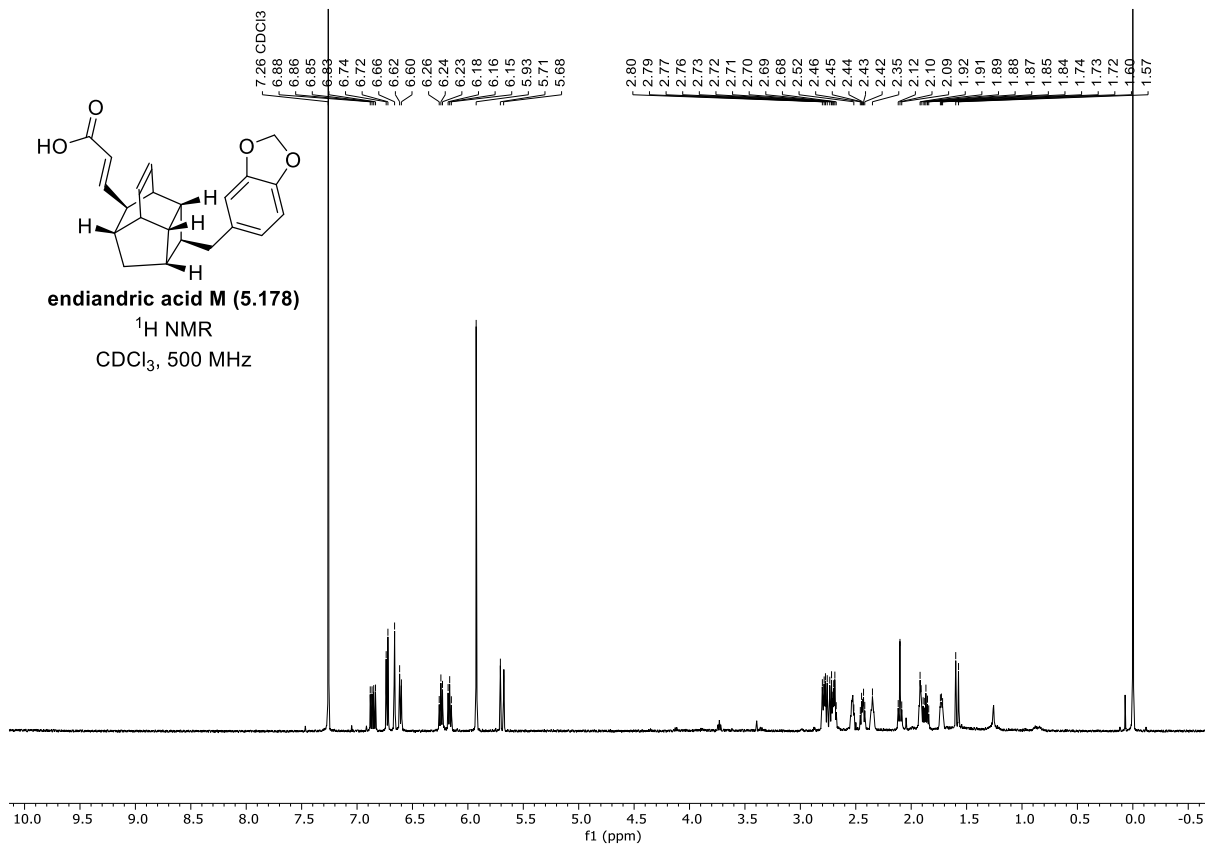
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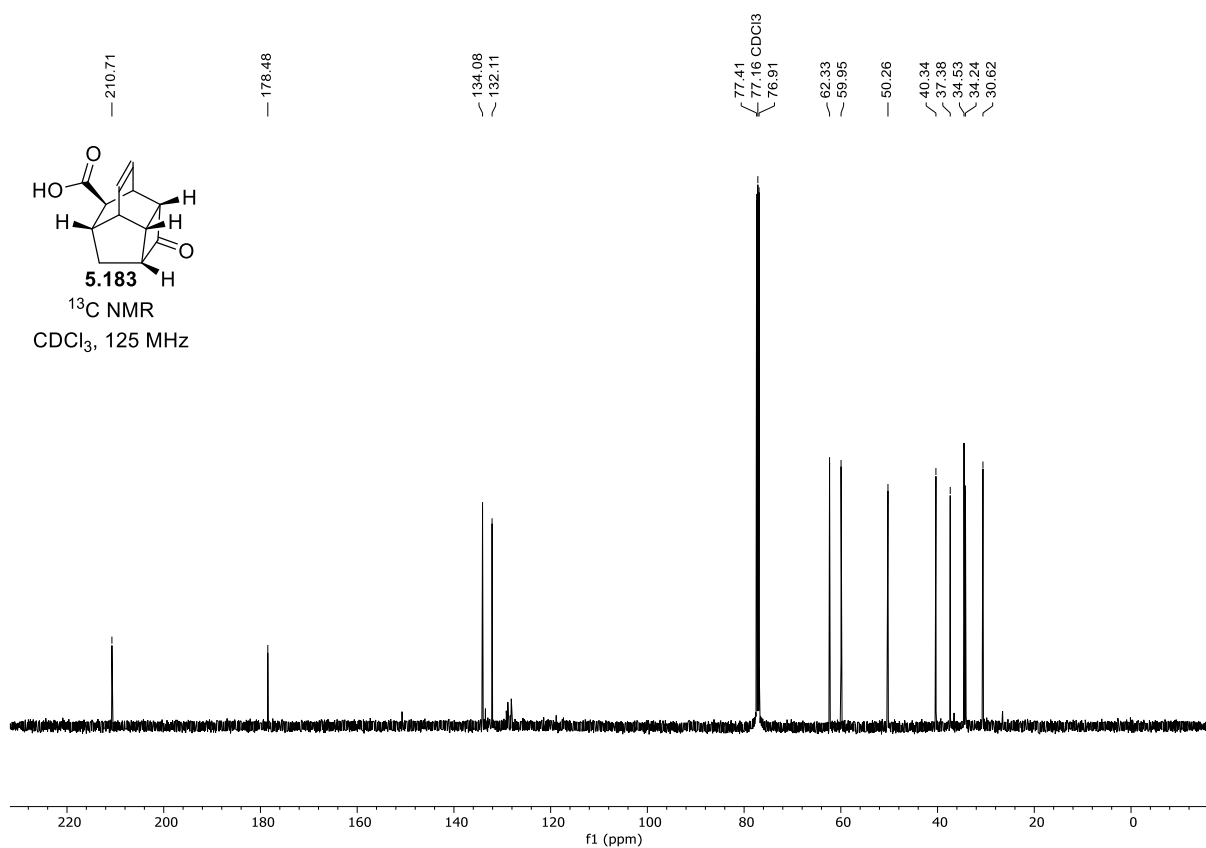
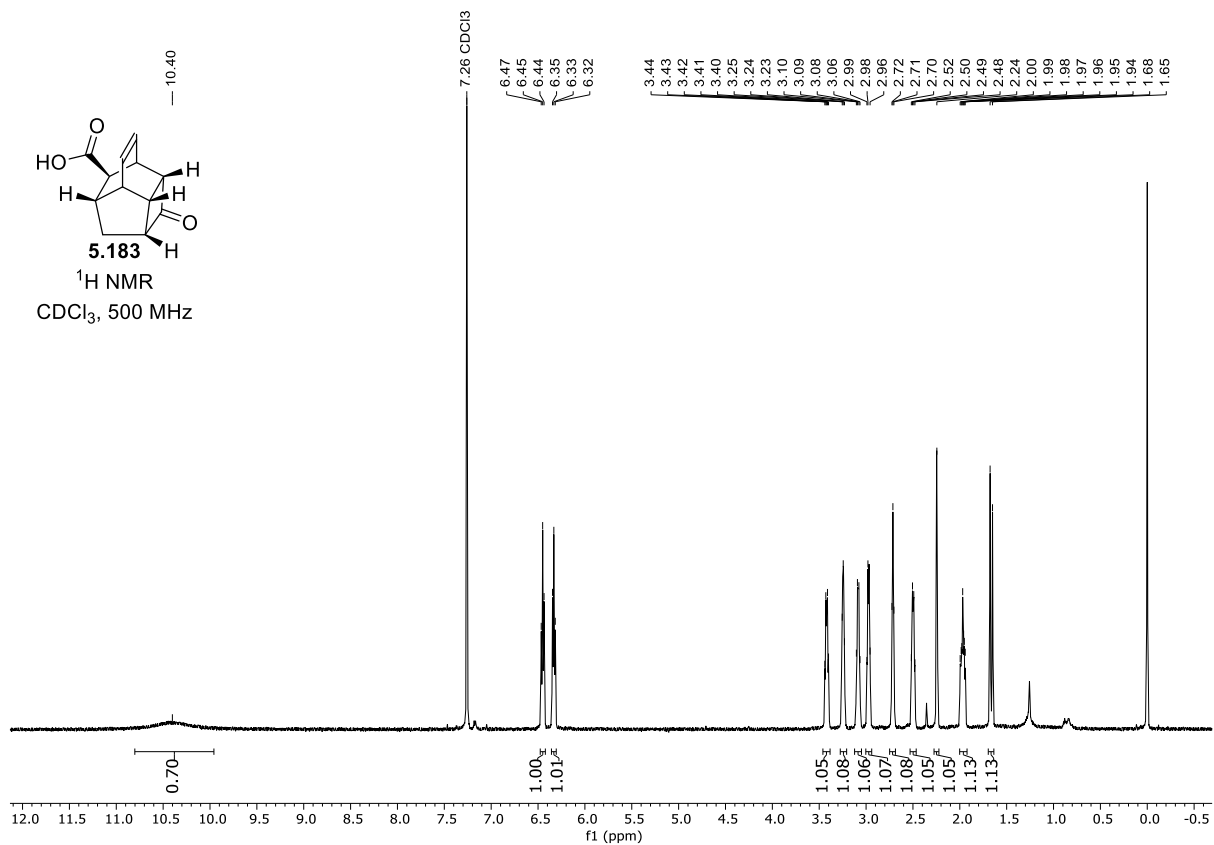
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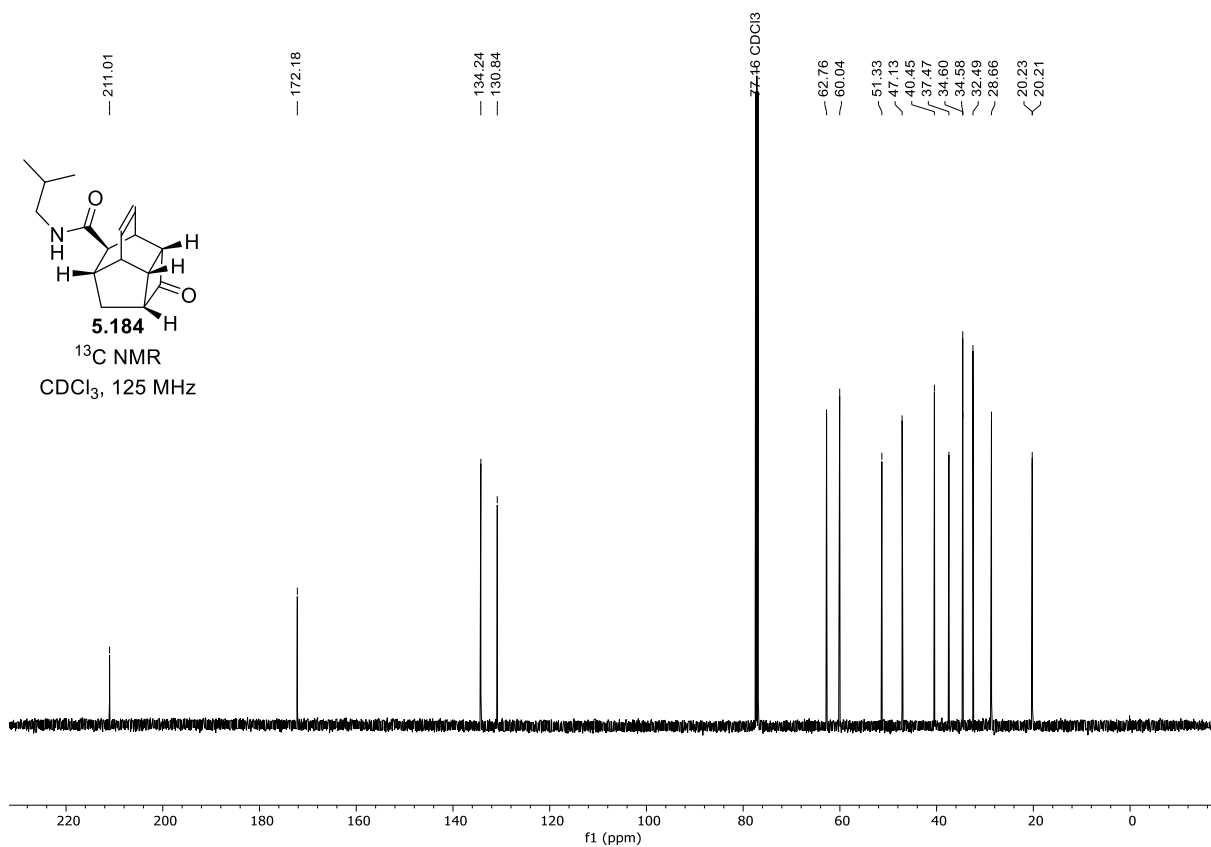
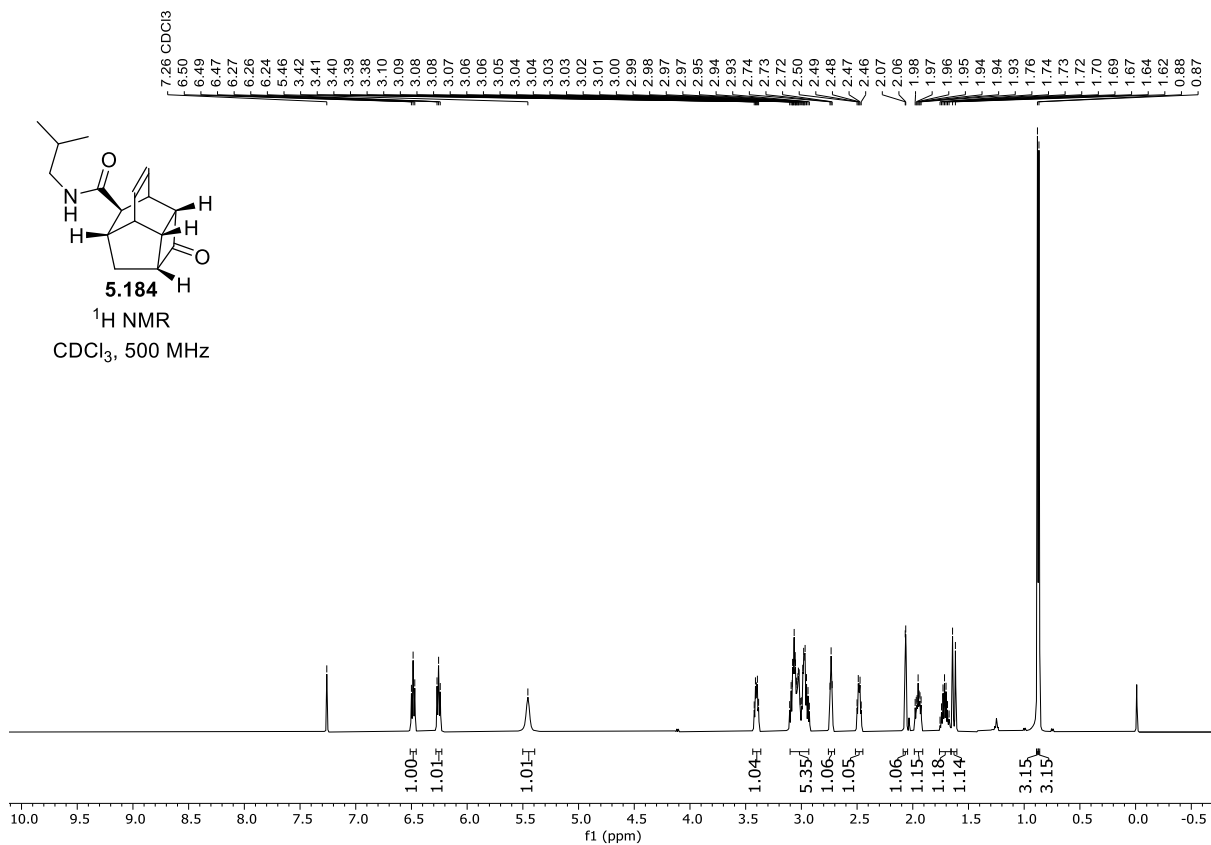


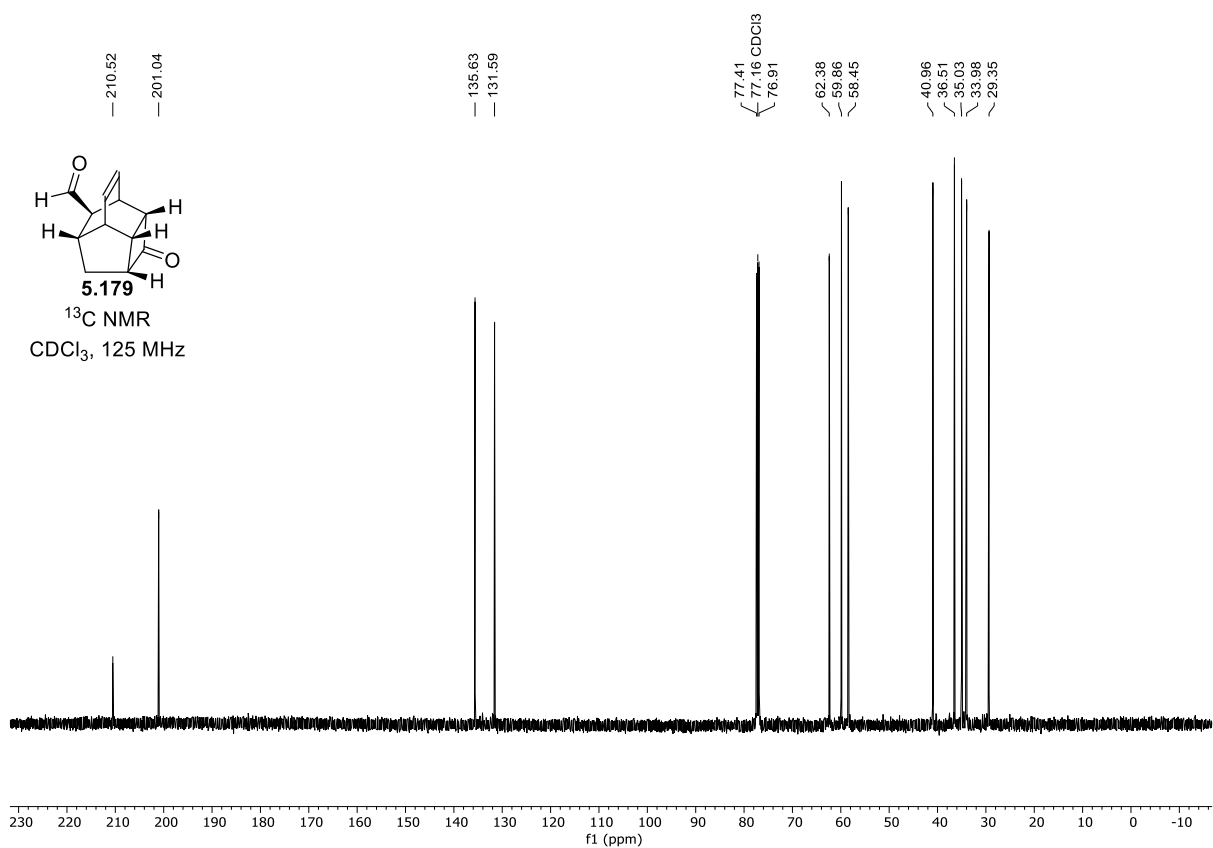
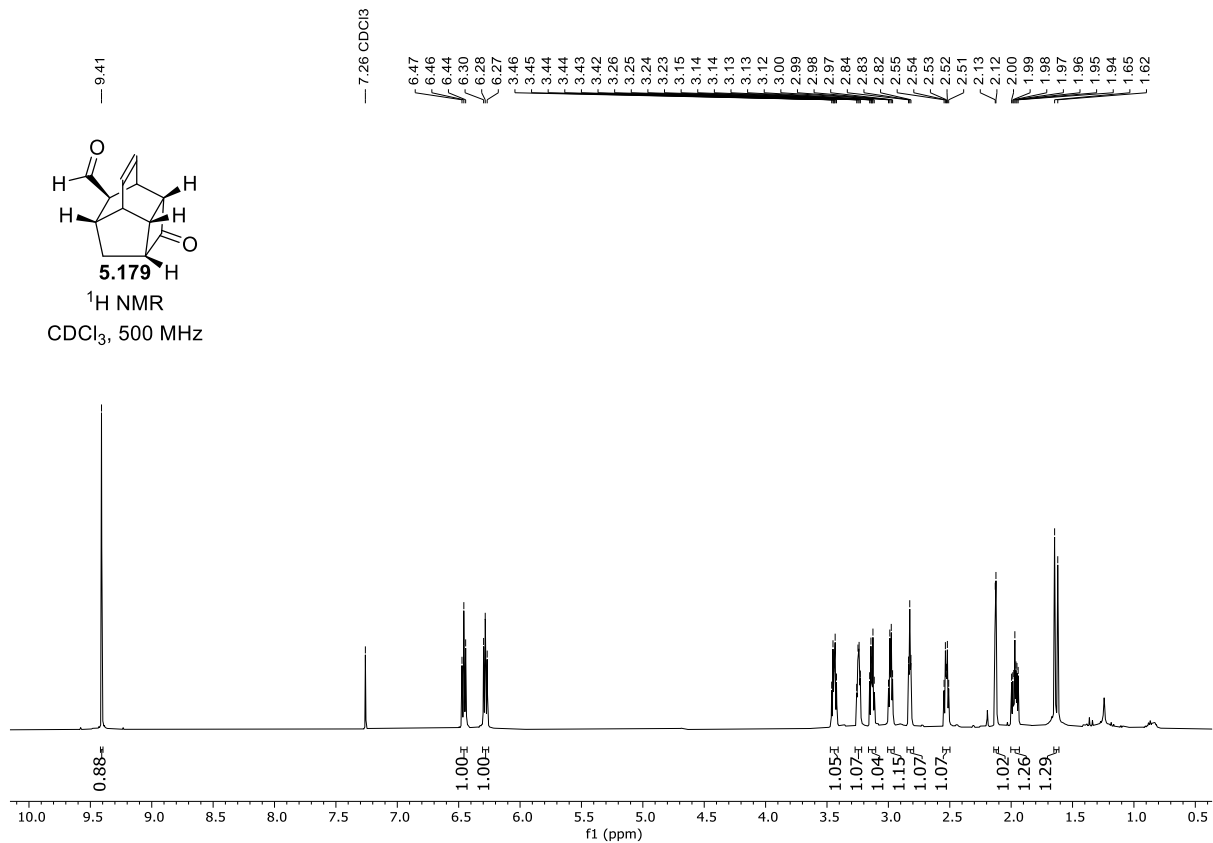


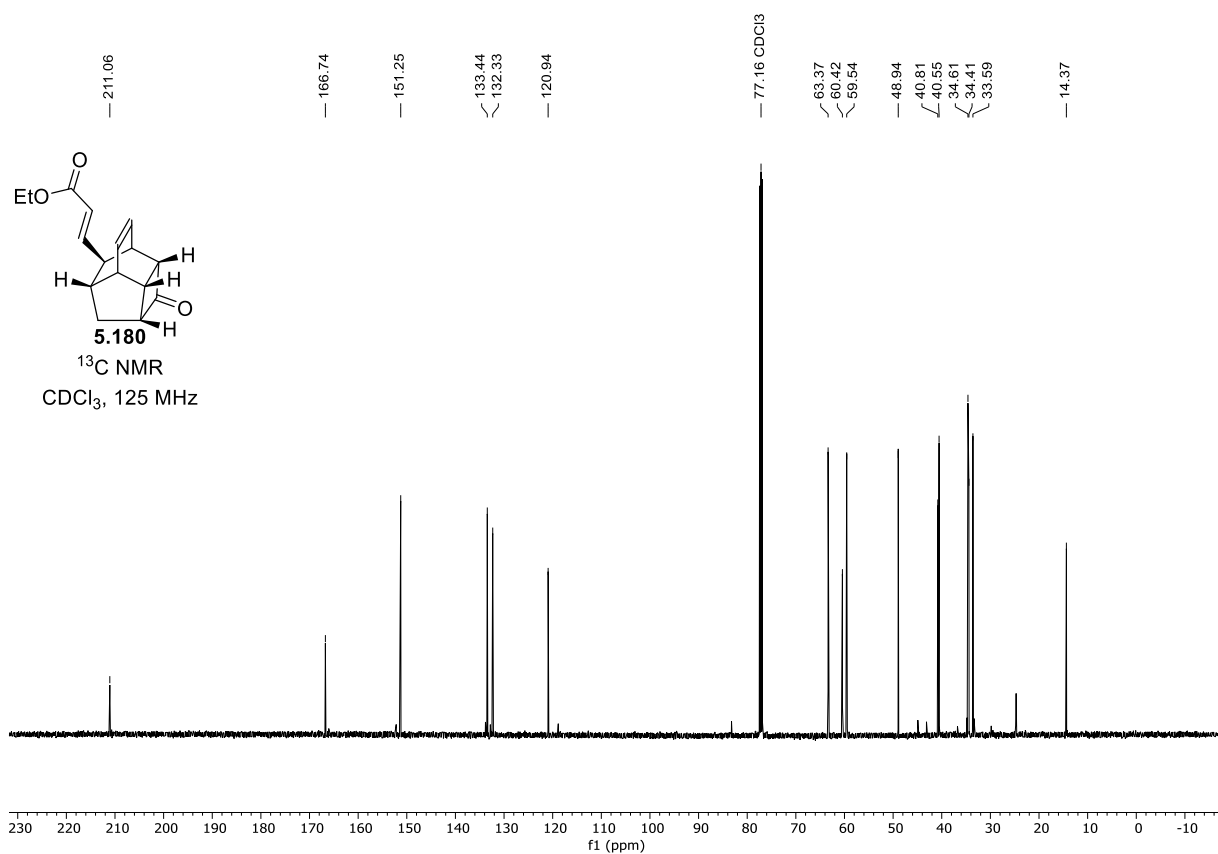
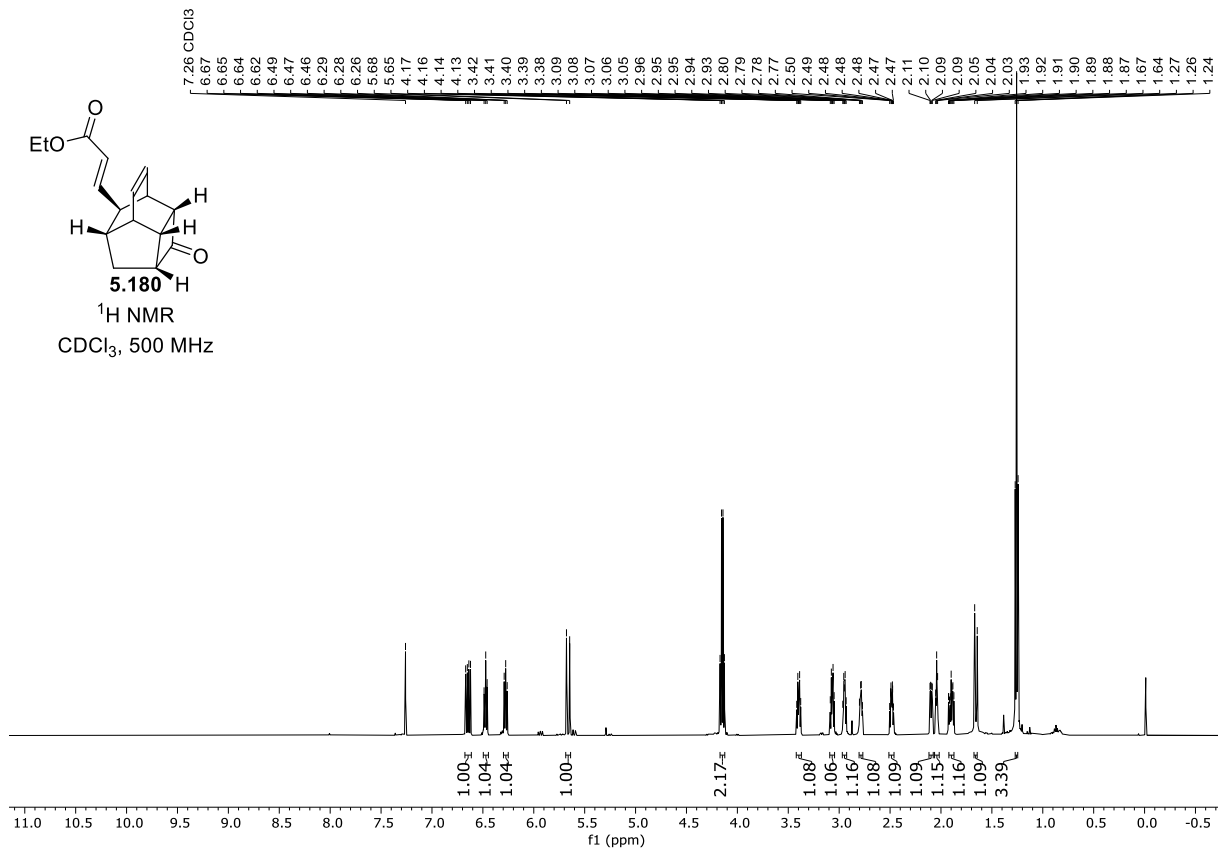


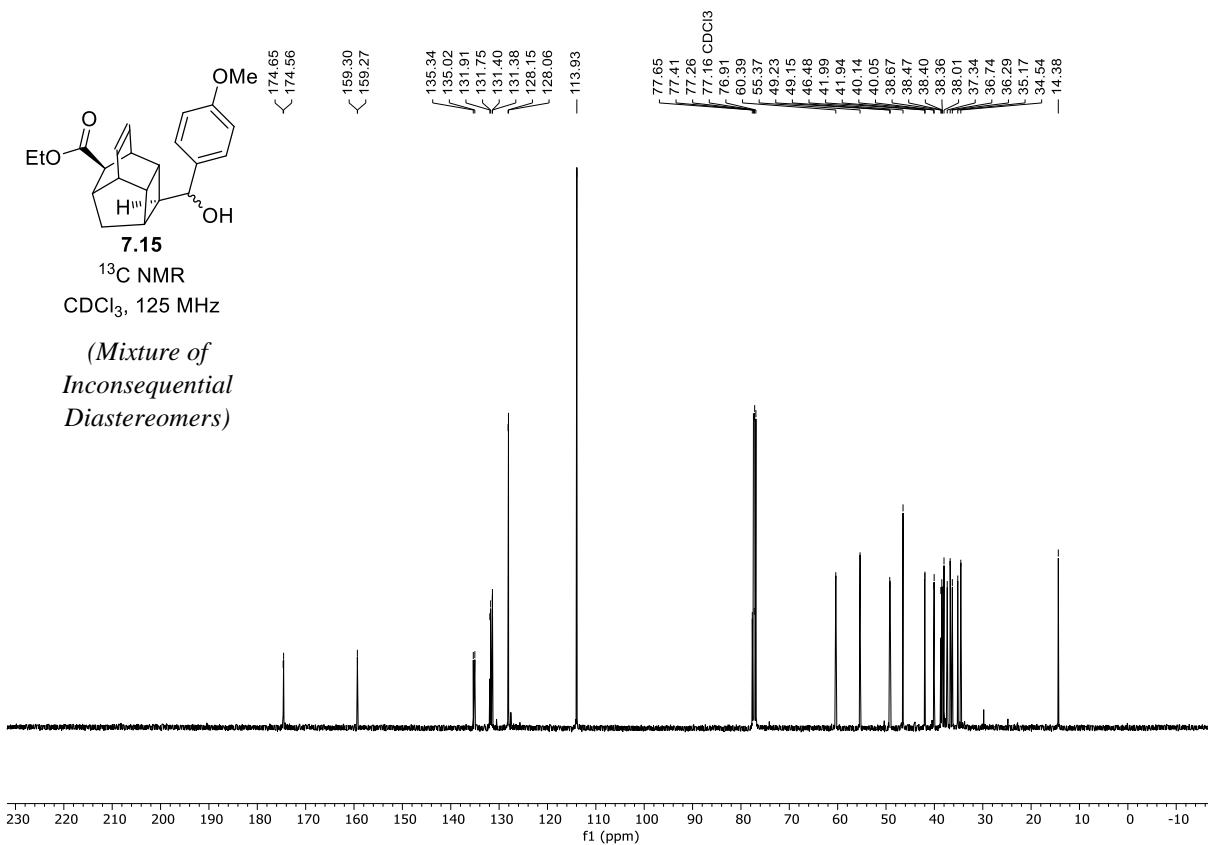
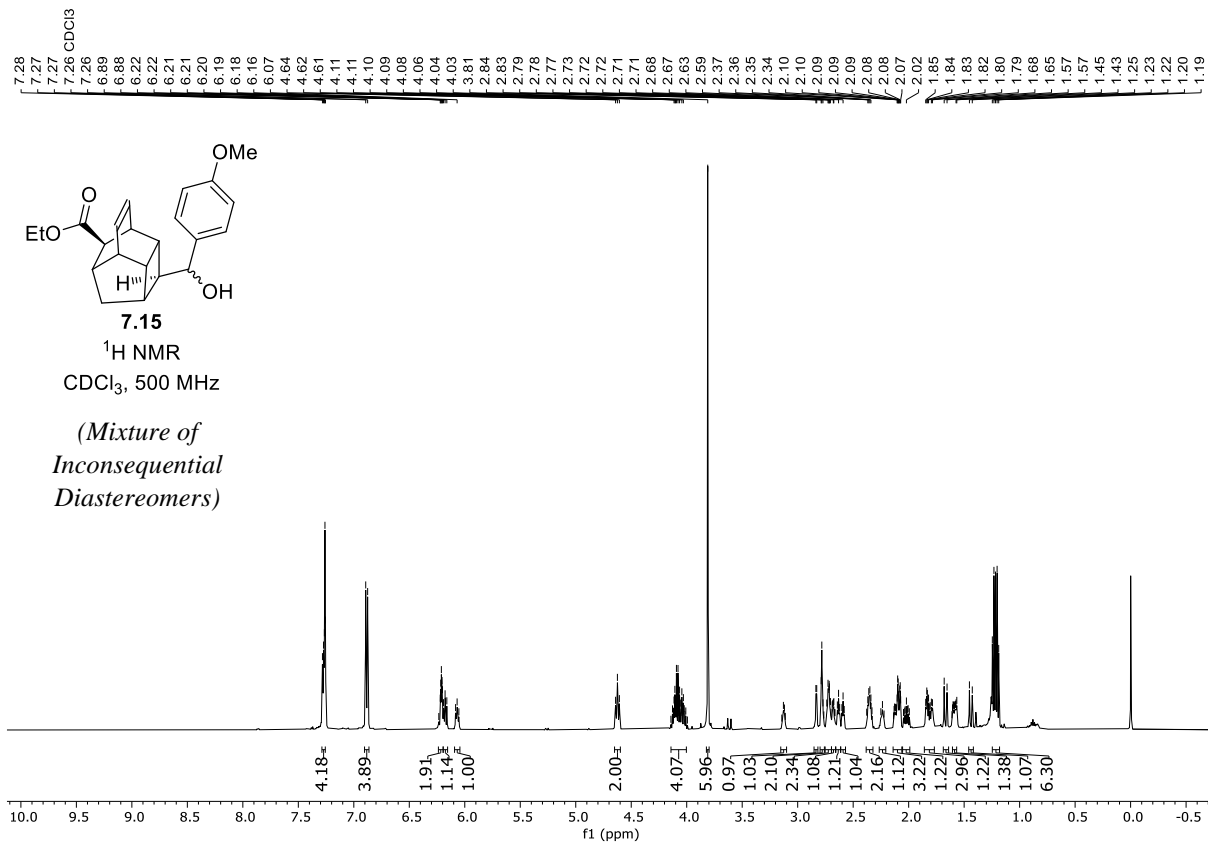


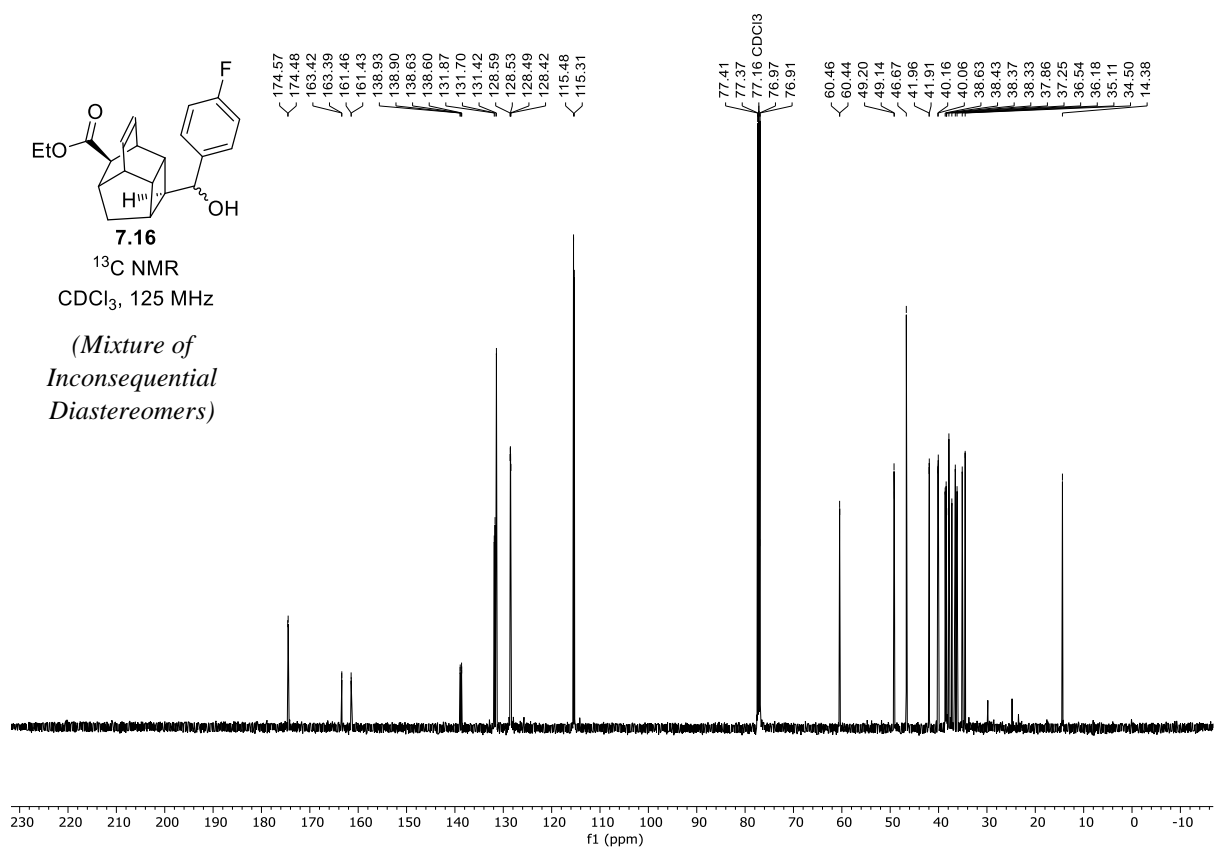
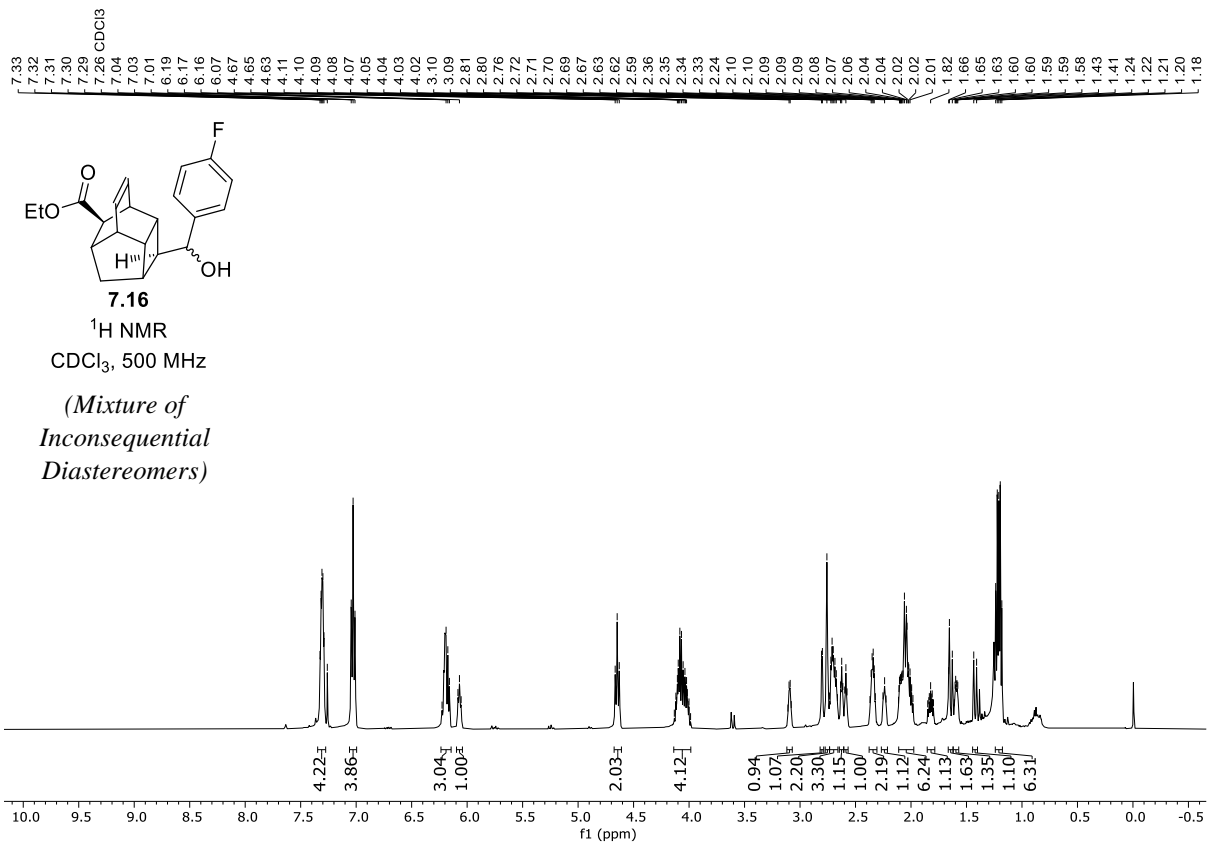


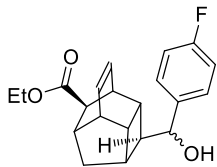










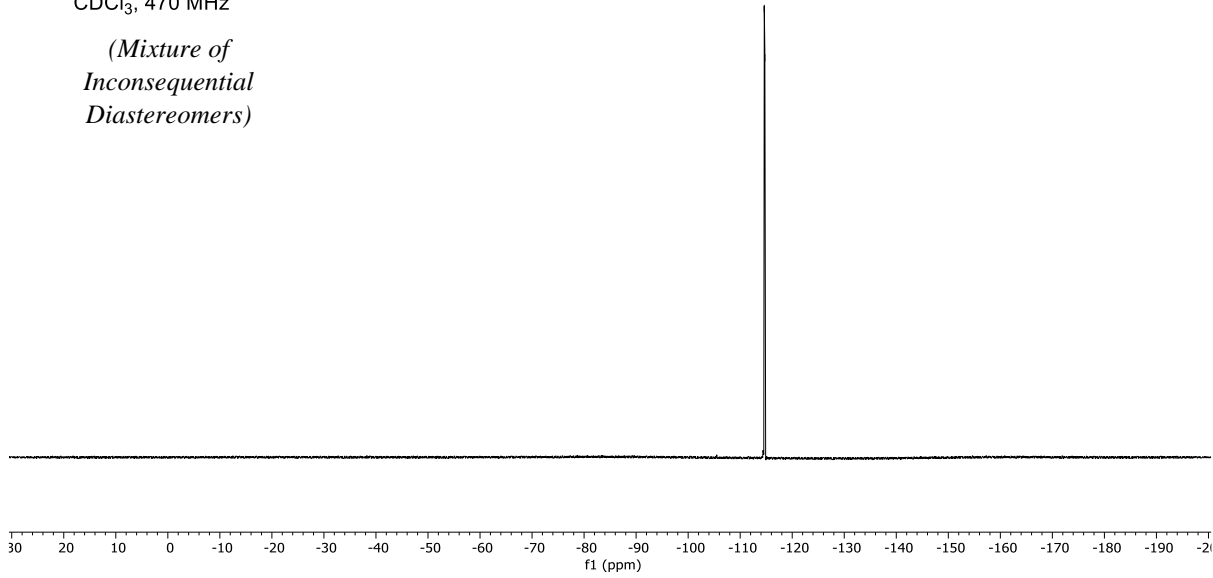


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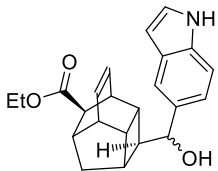
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(Mixture of
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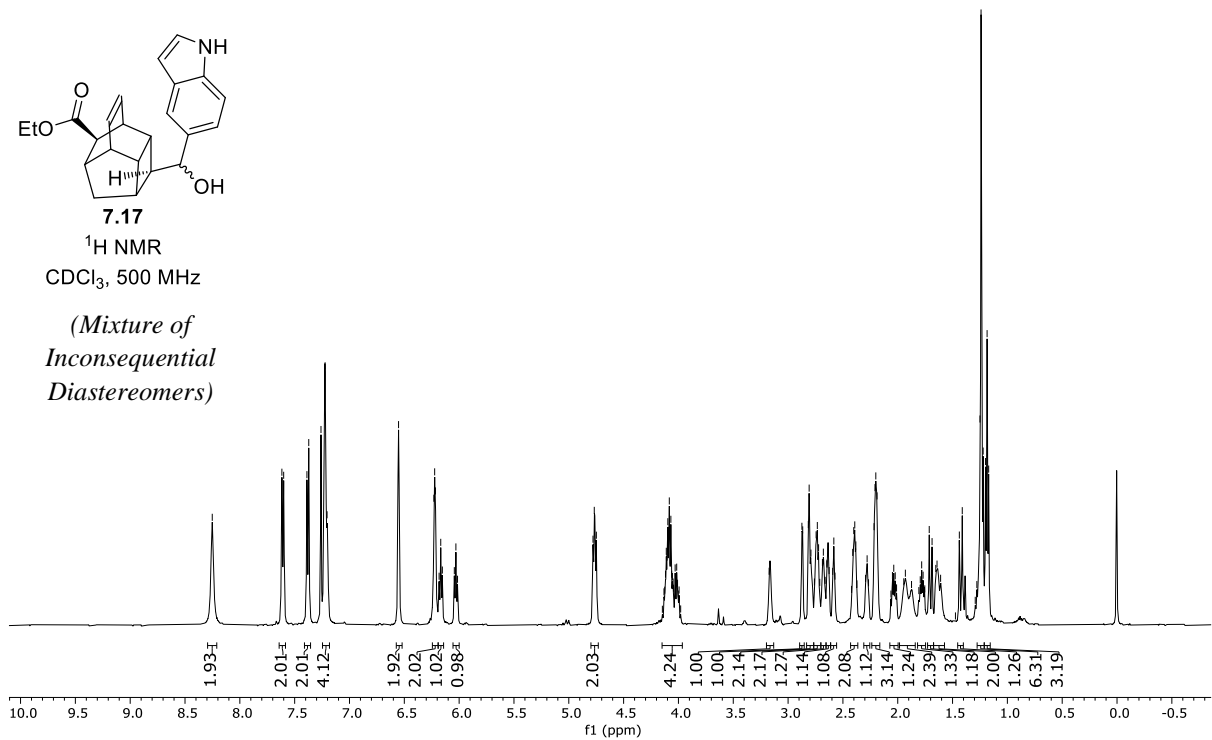
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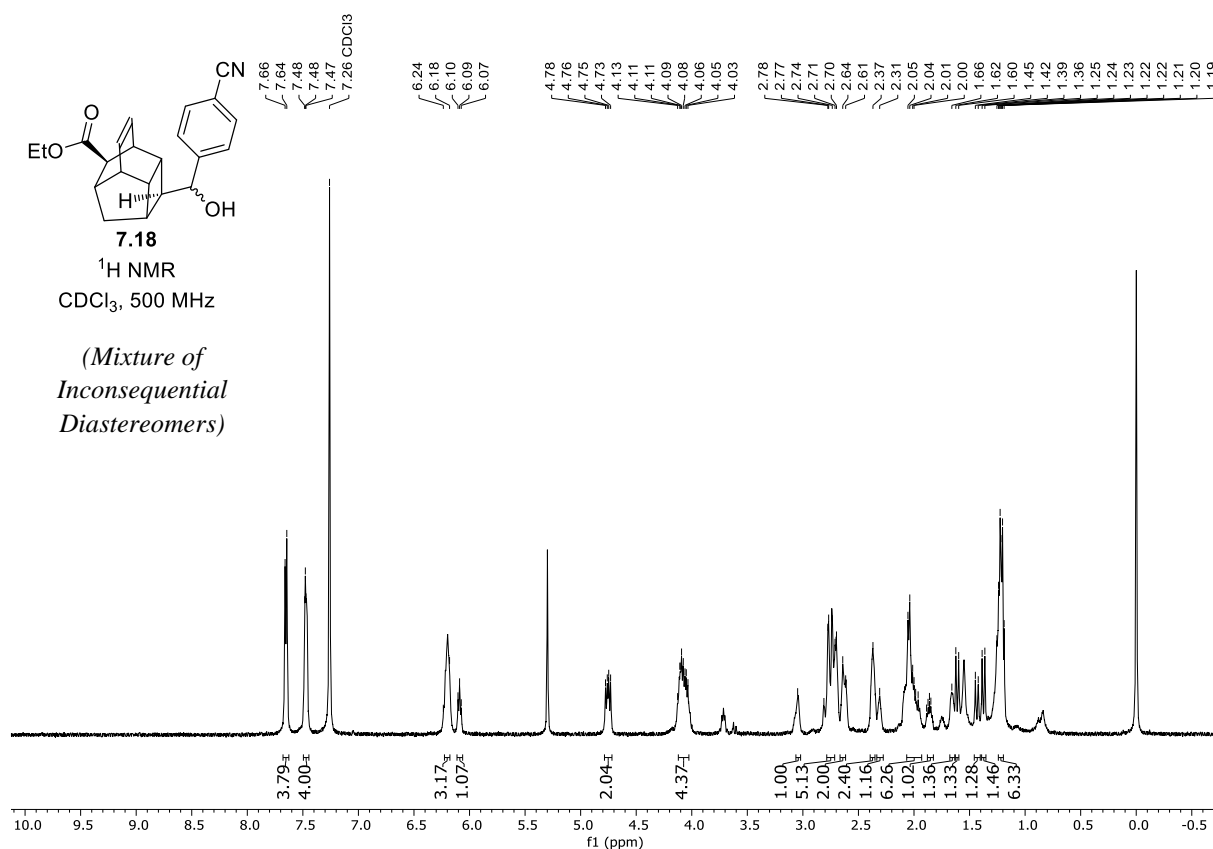
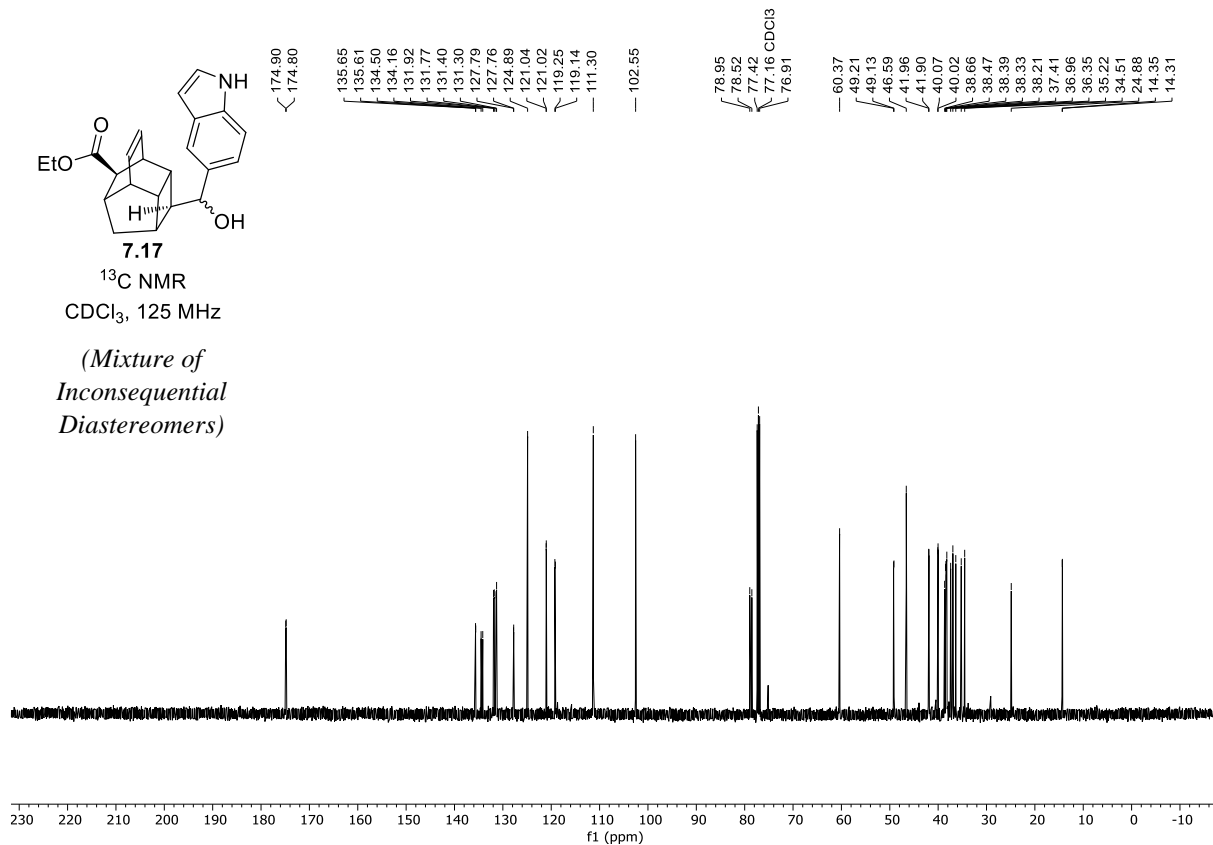


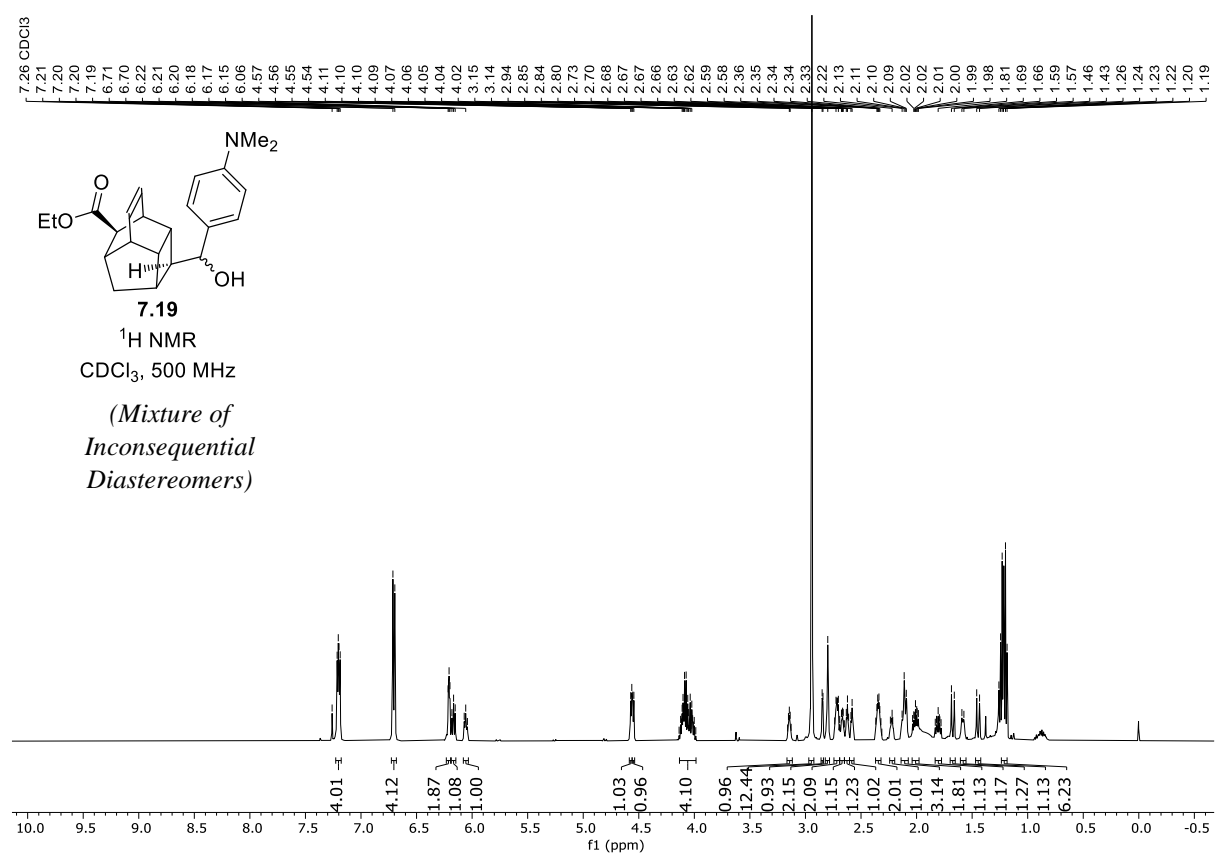
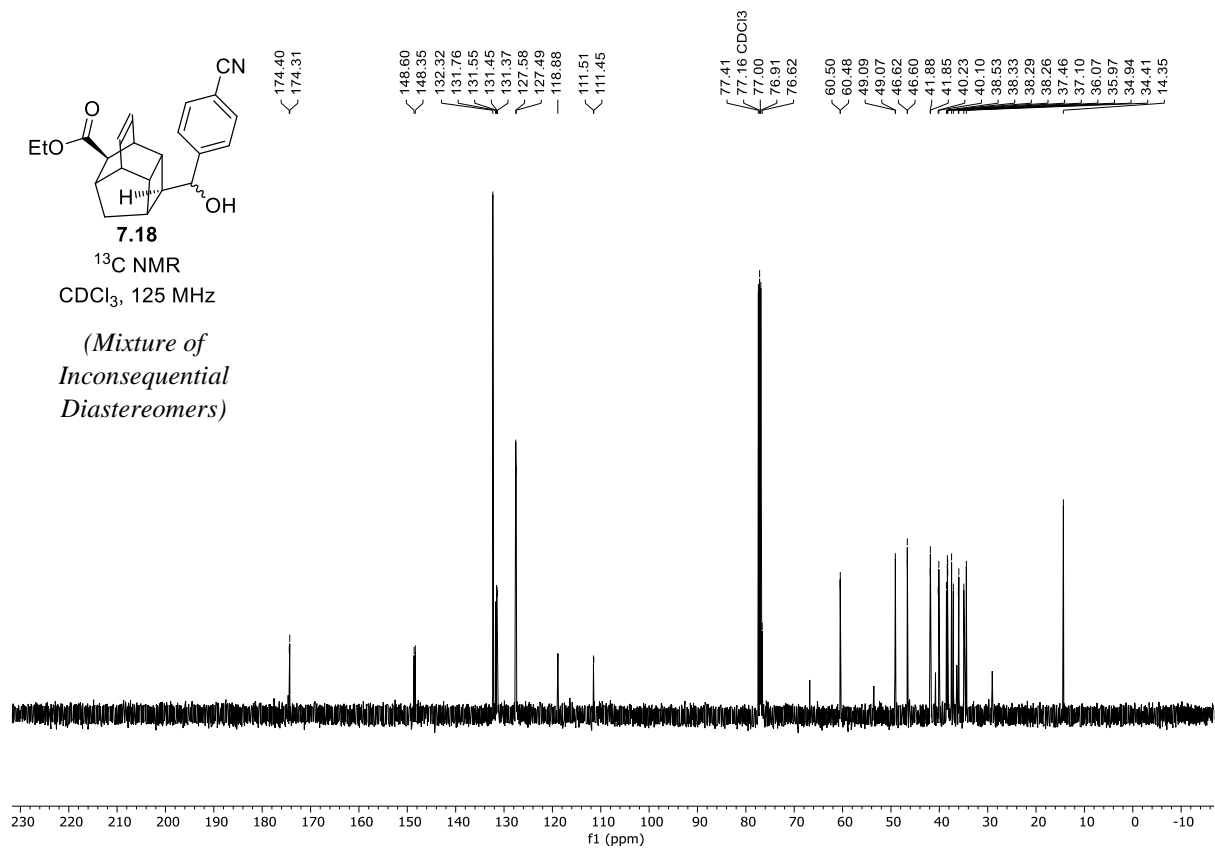
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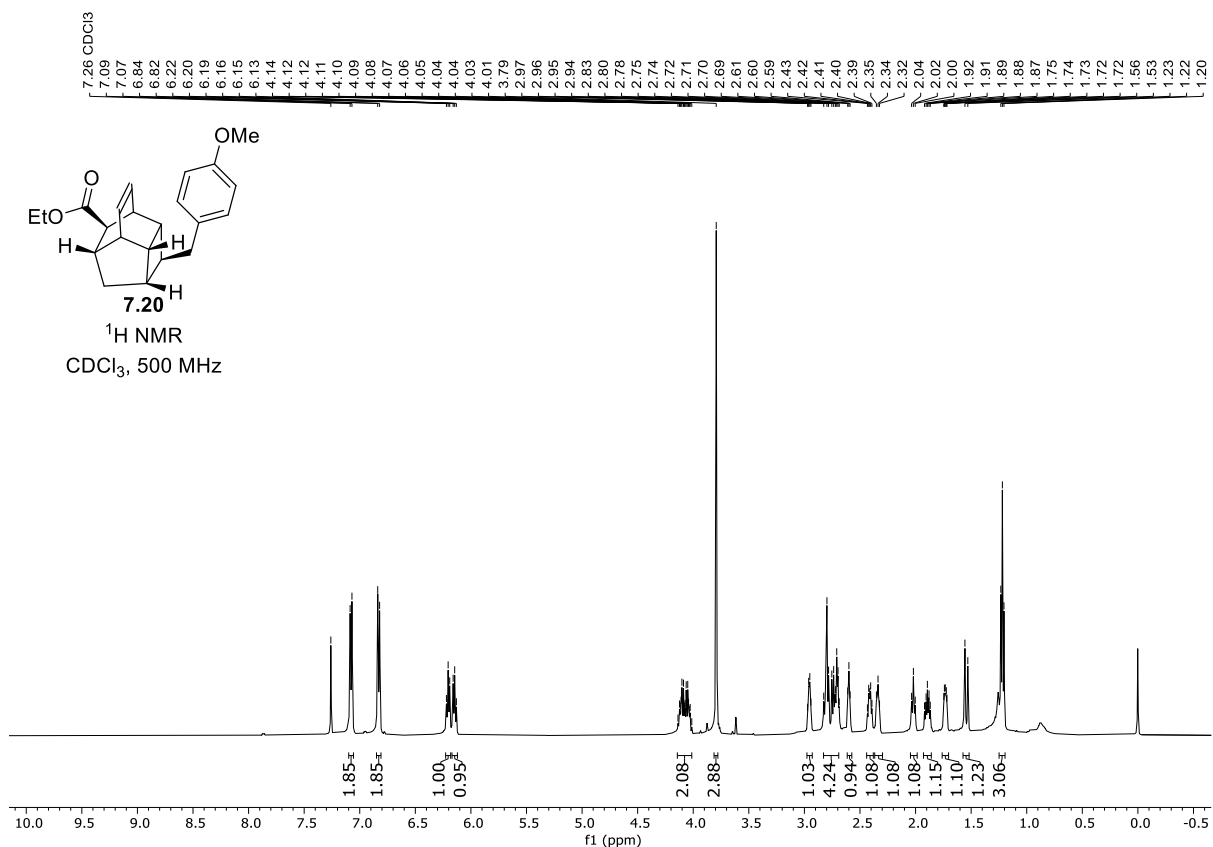
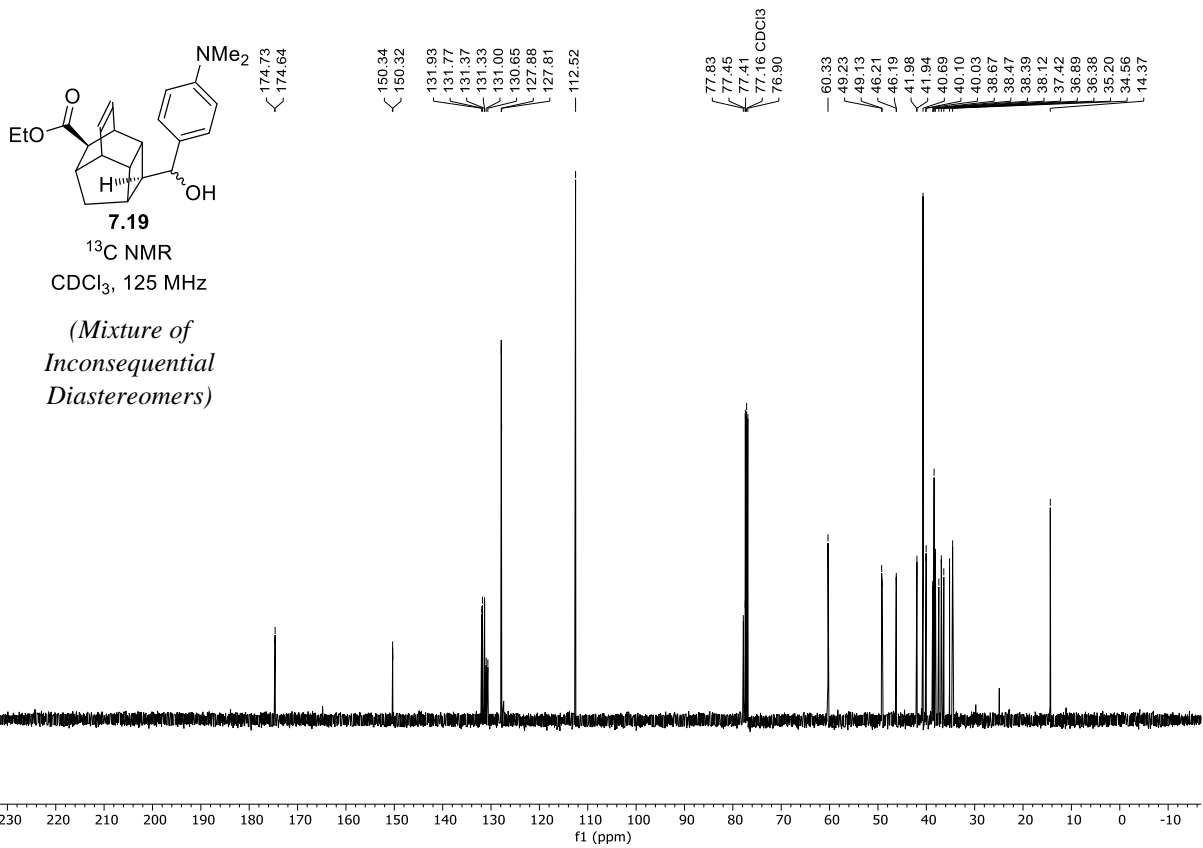
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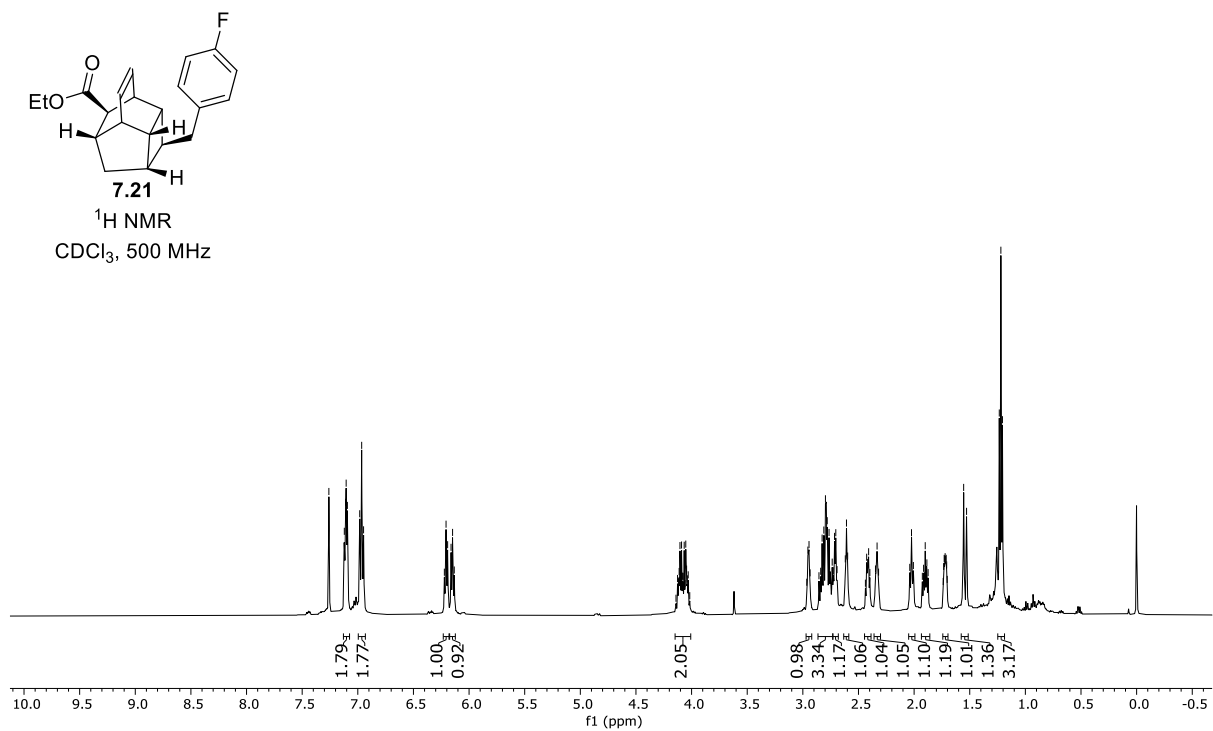
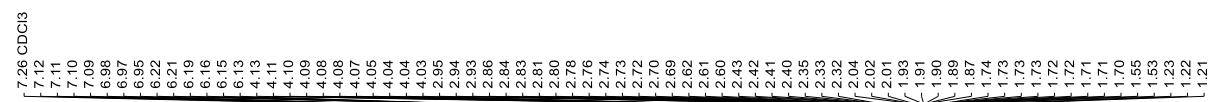
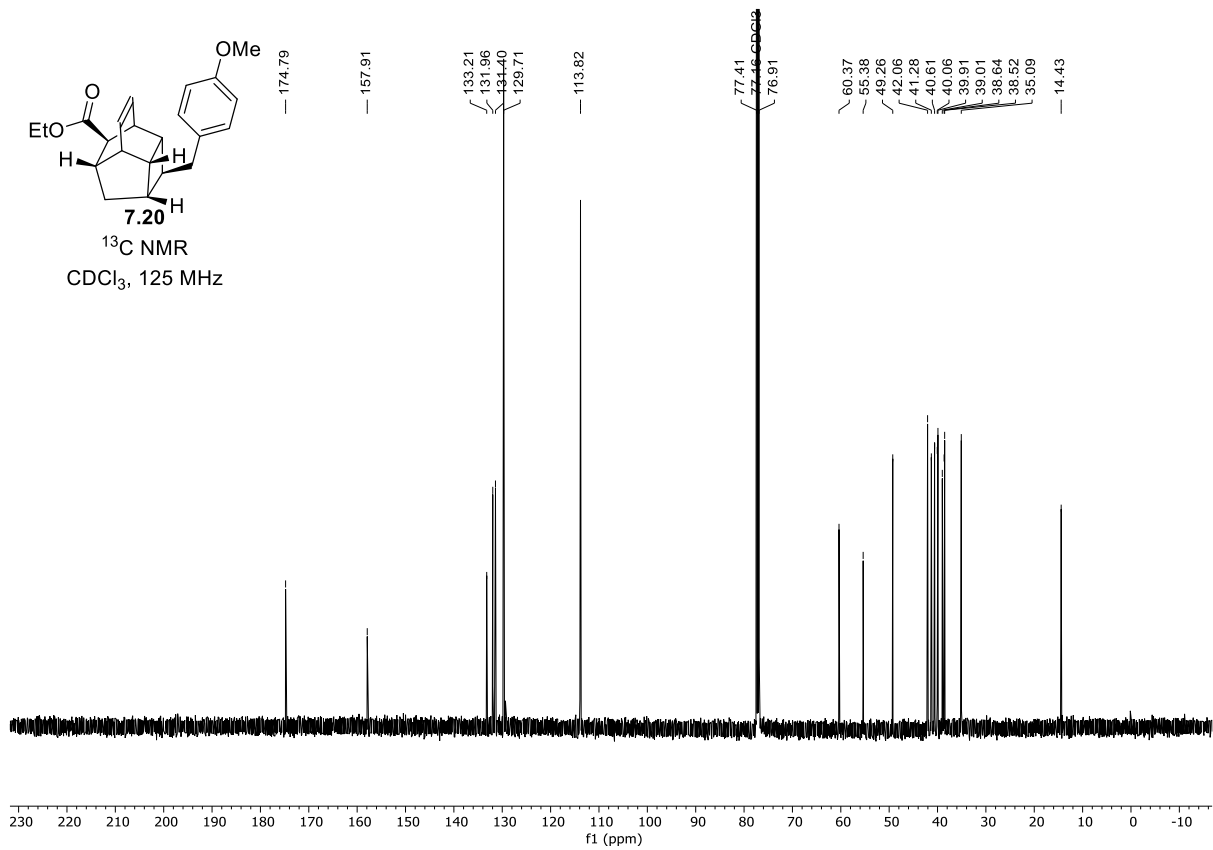
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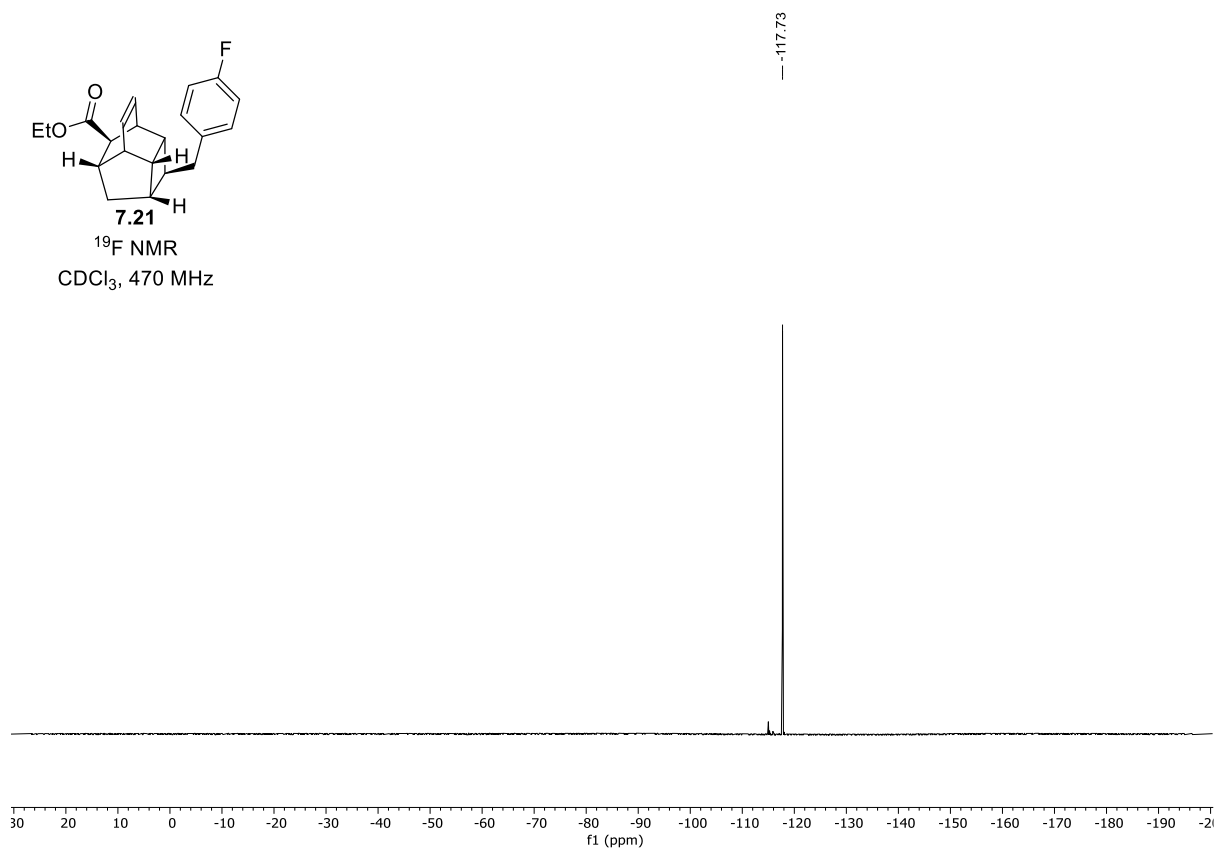
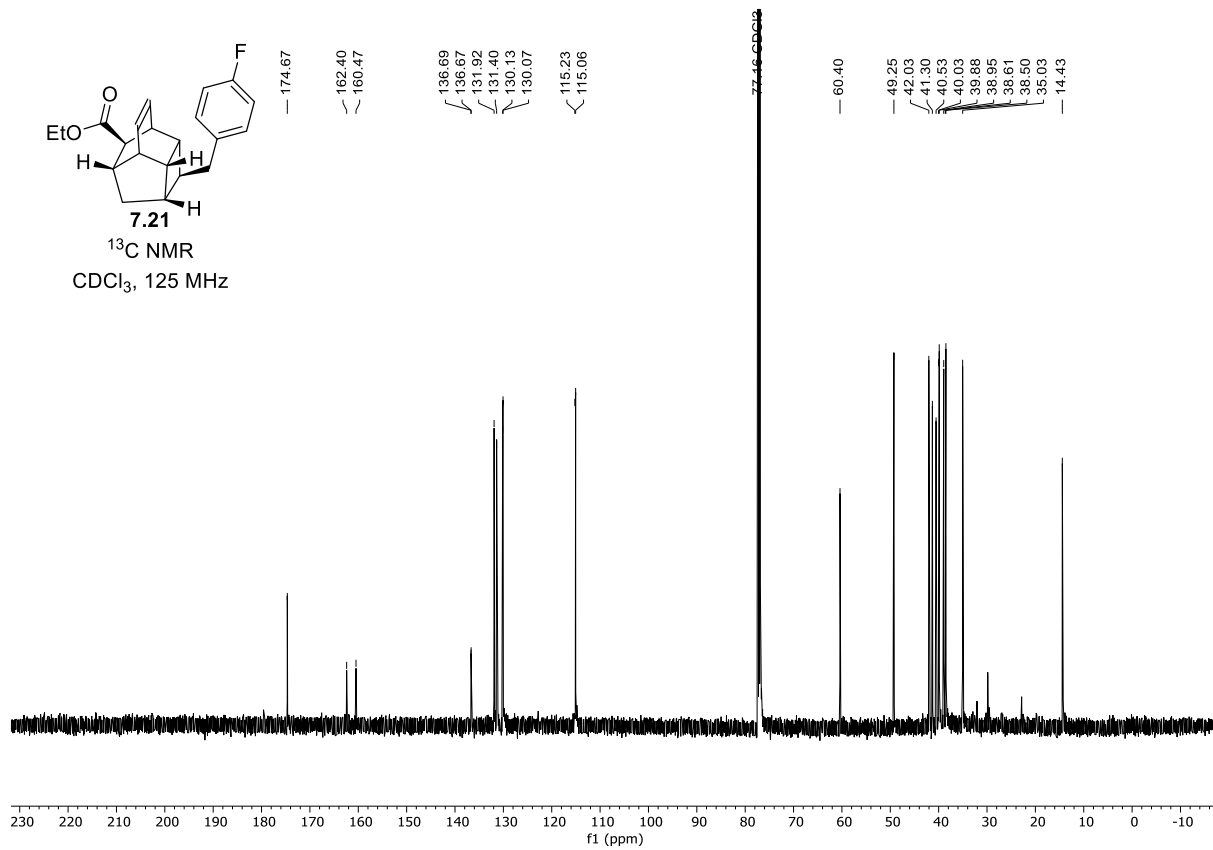


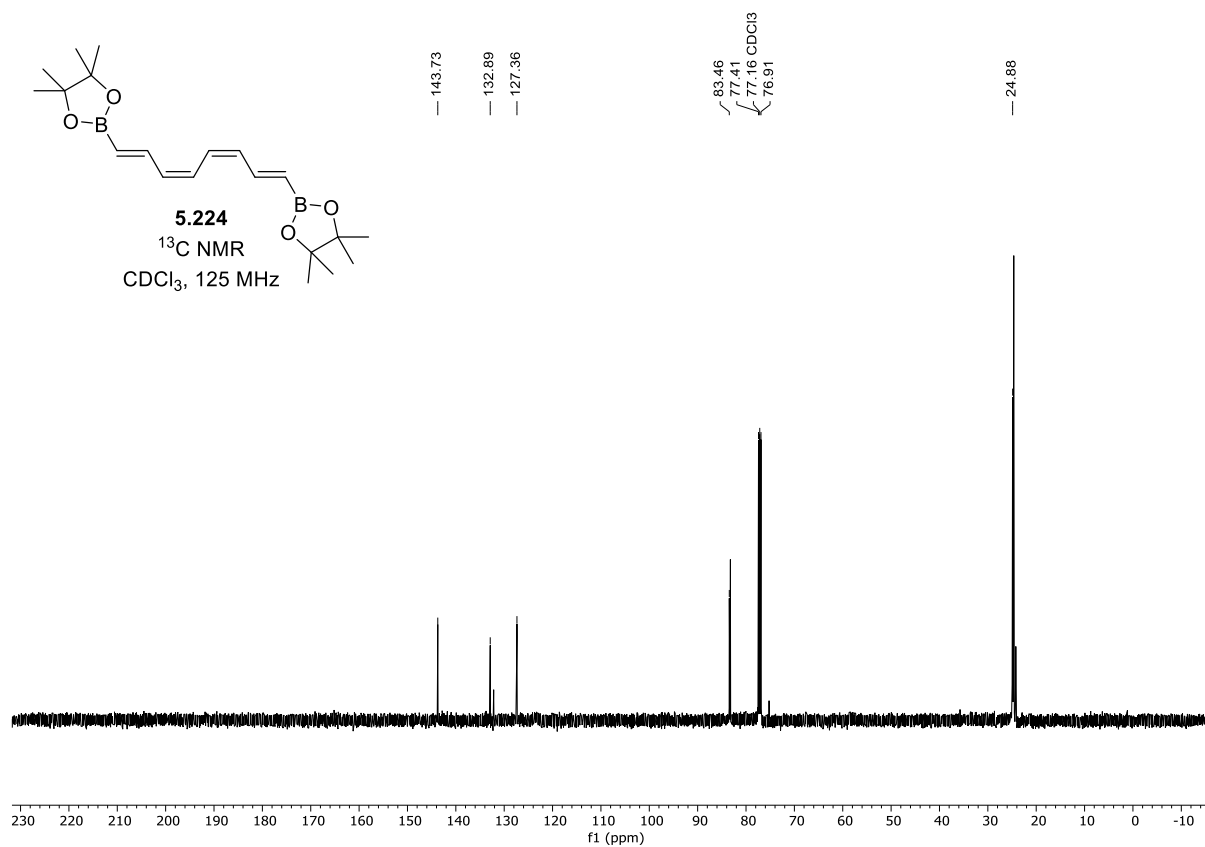
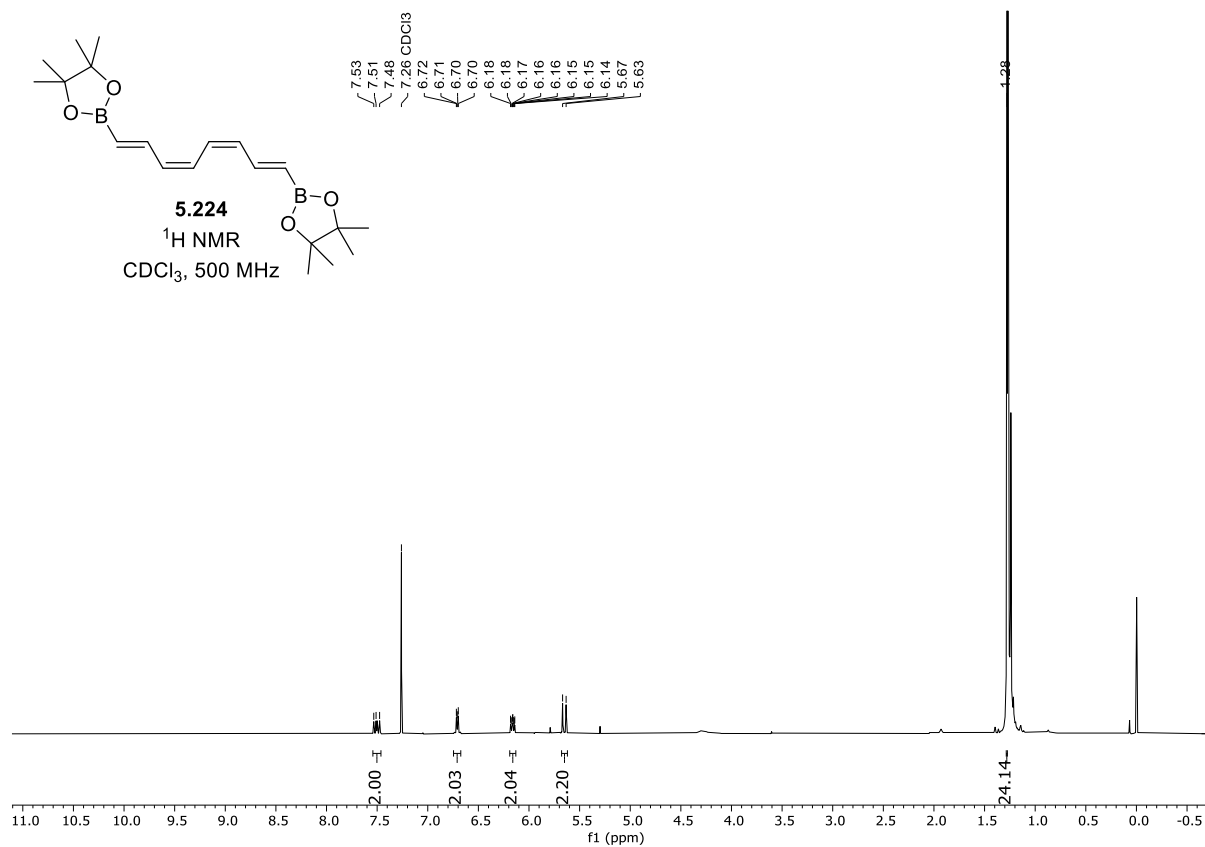


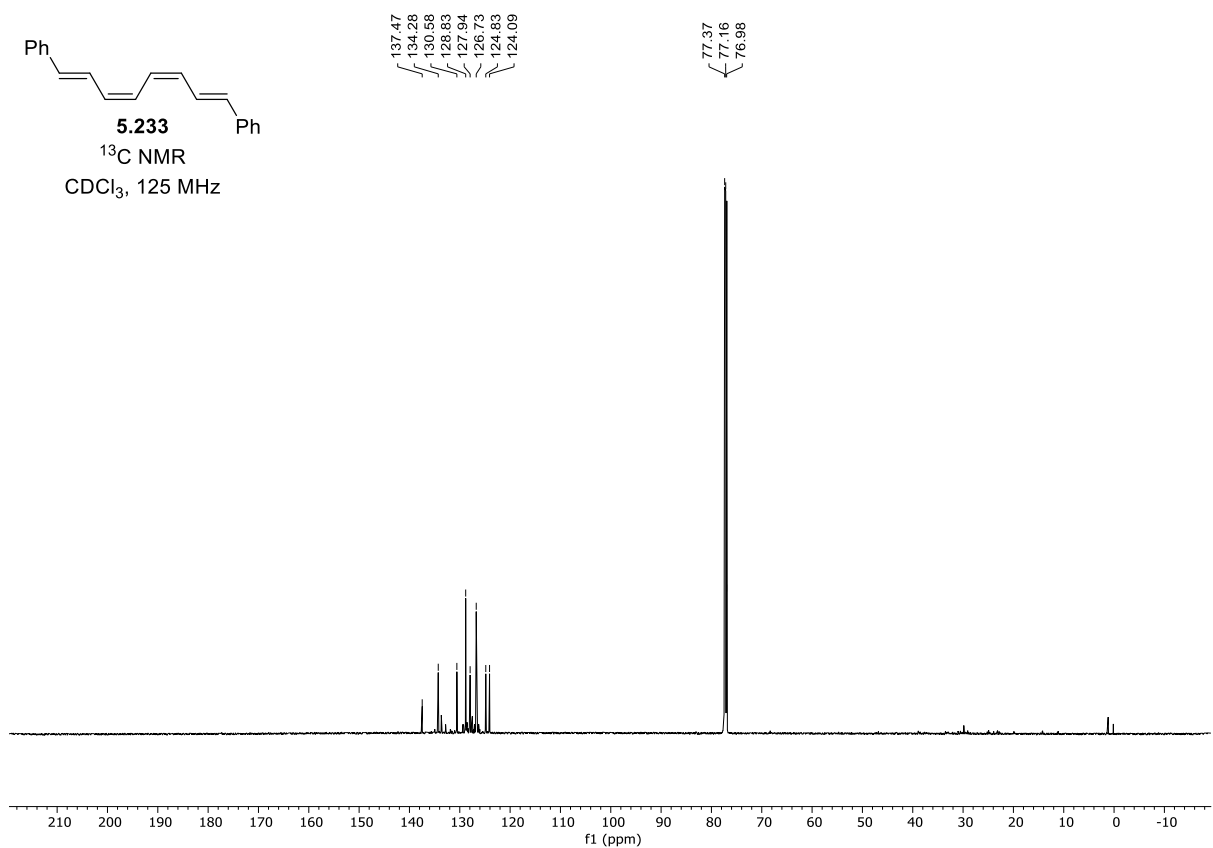
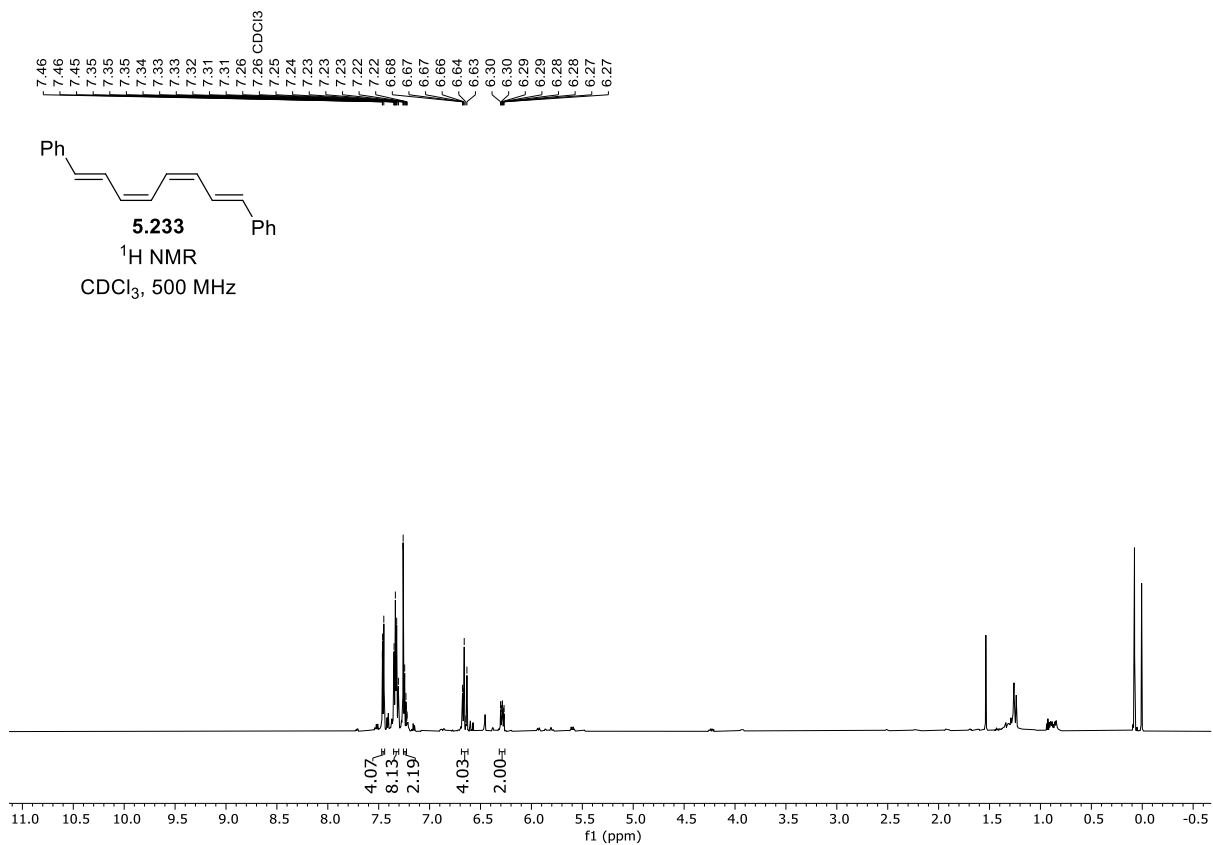


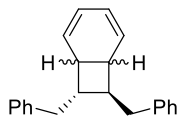






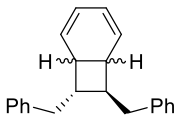
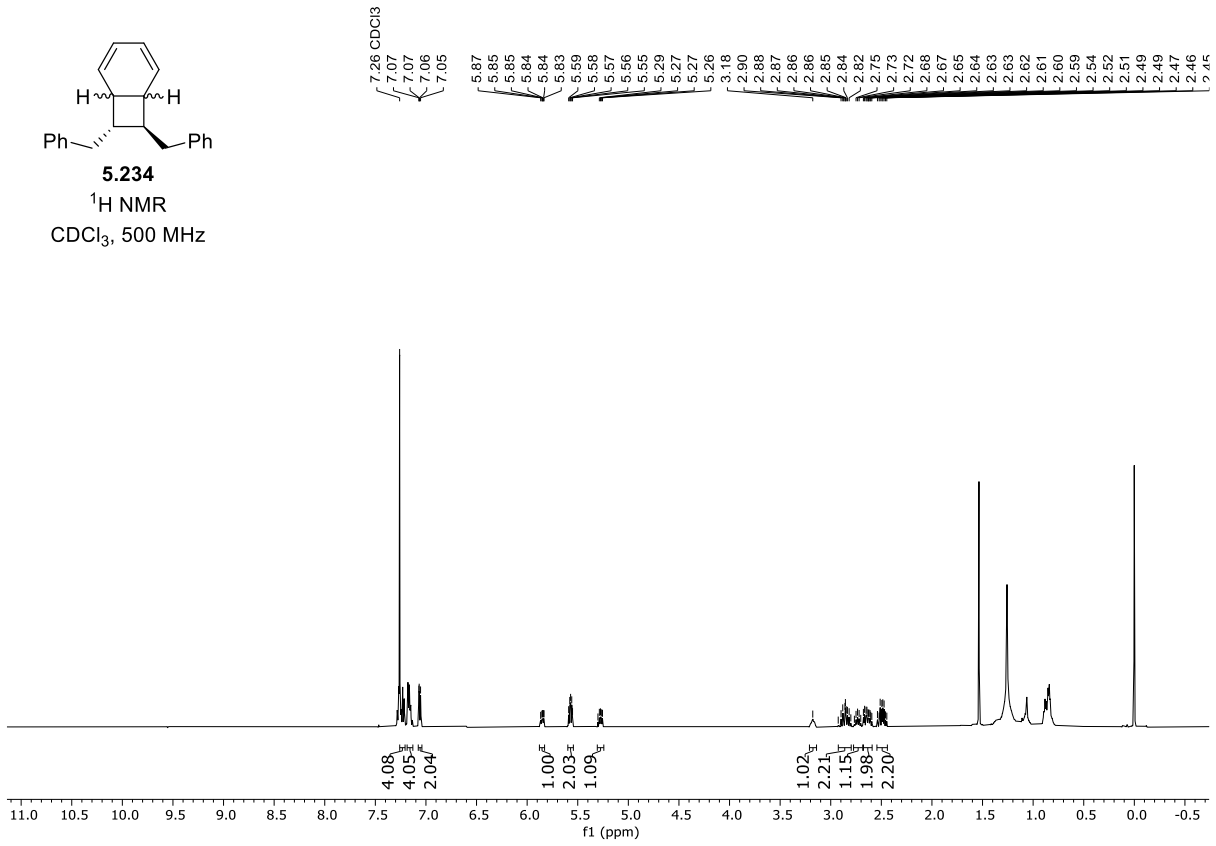






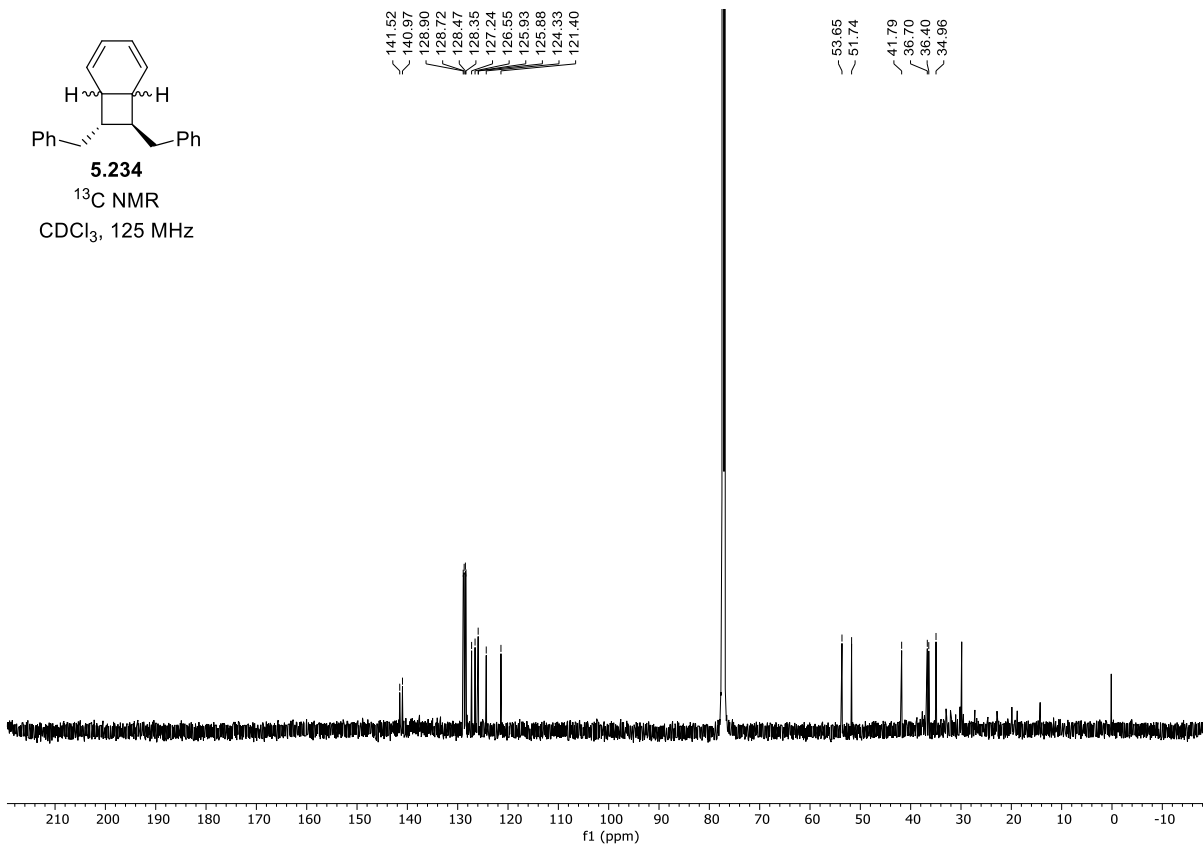
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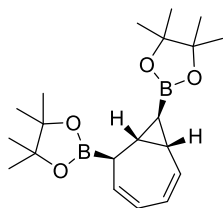
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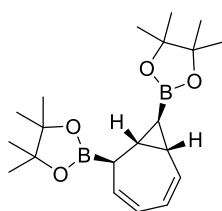
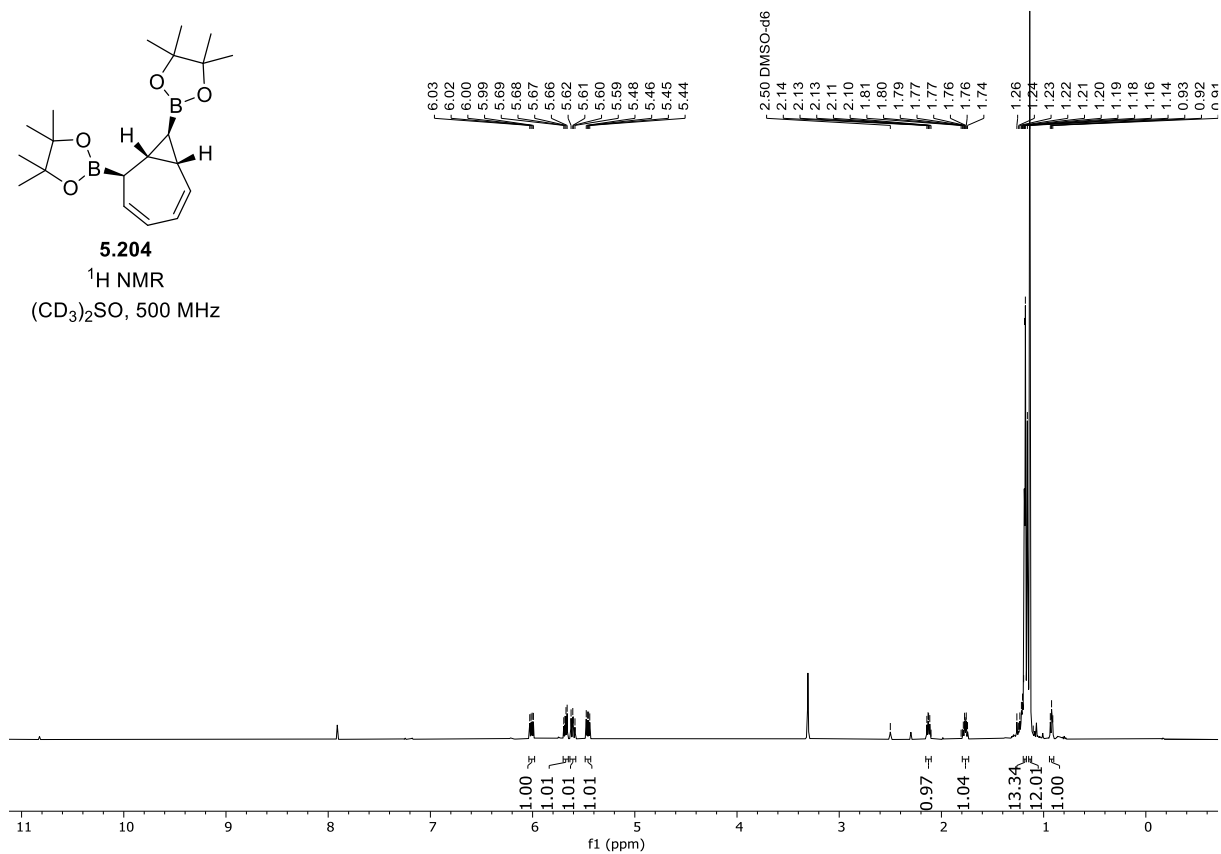




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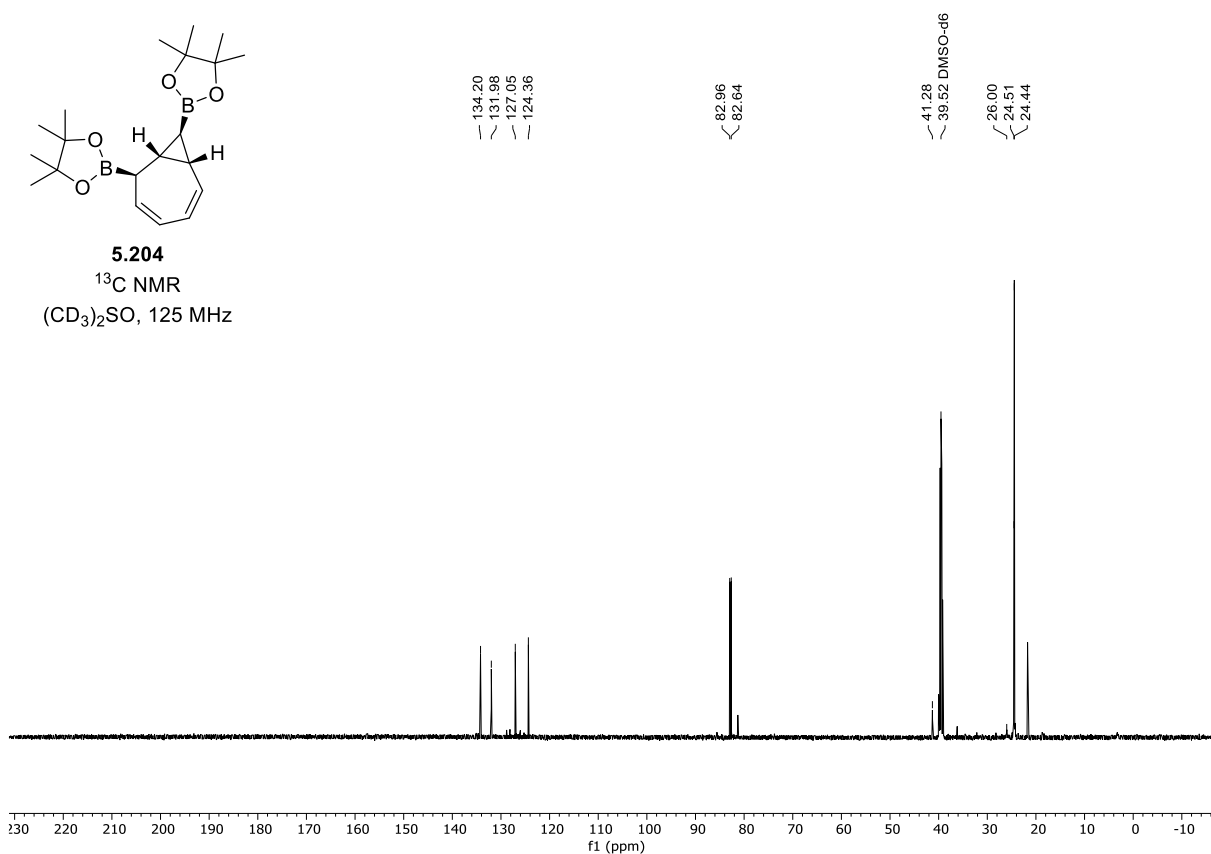
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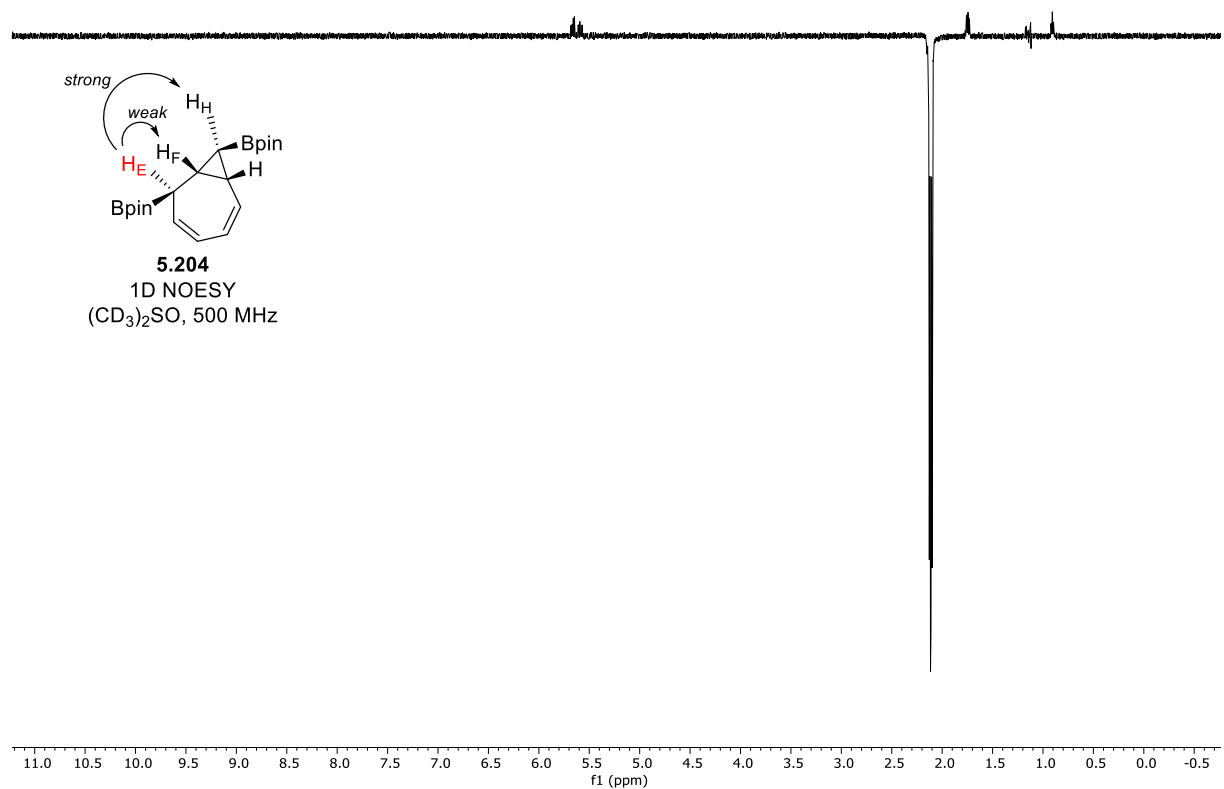
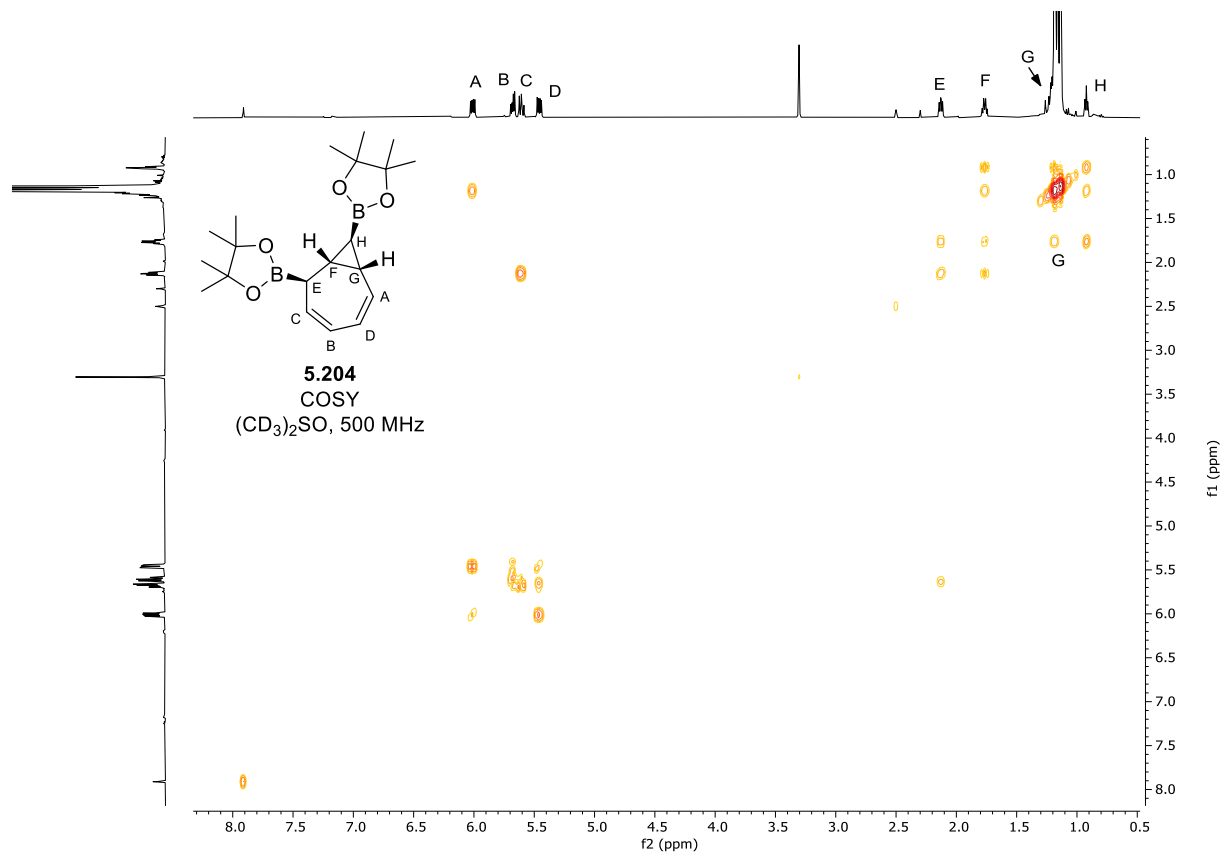


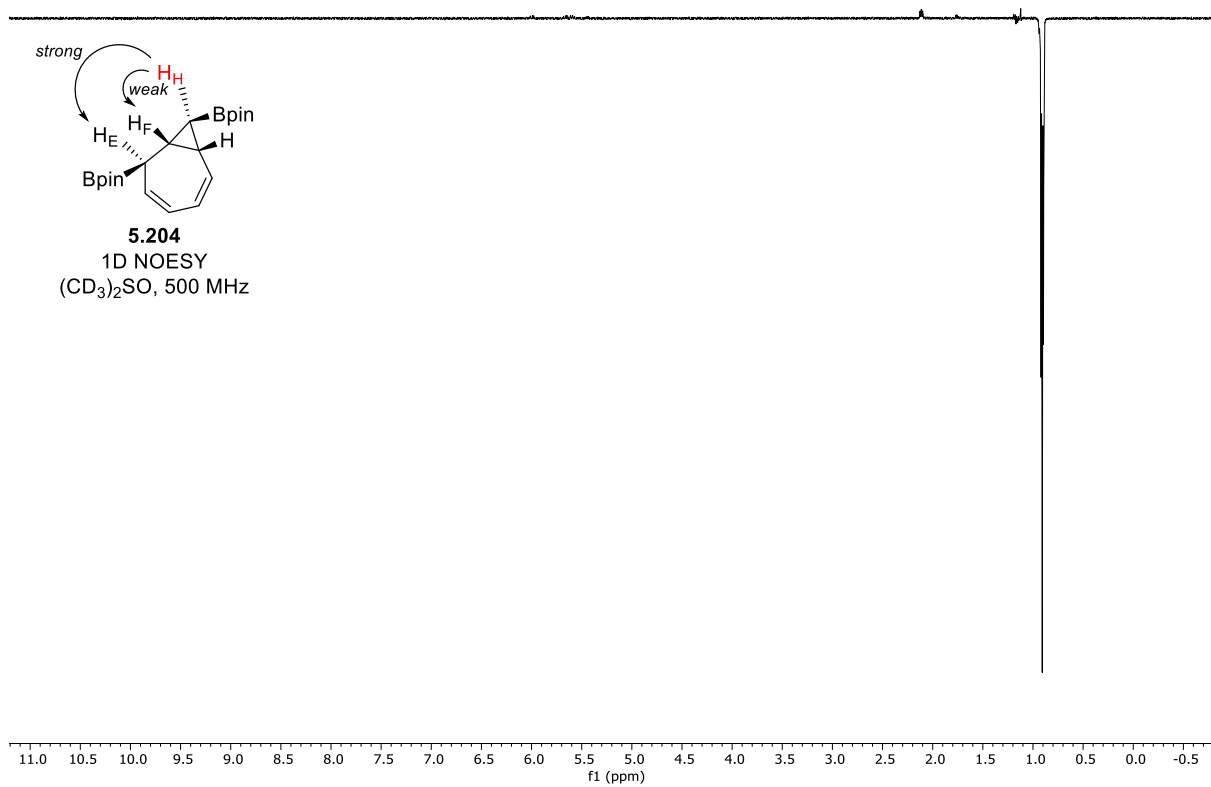
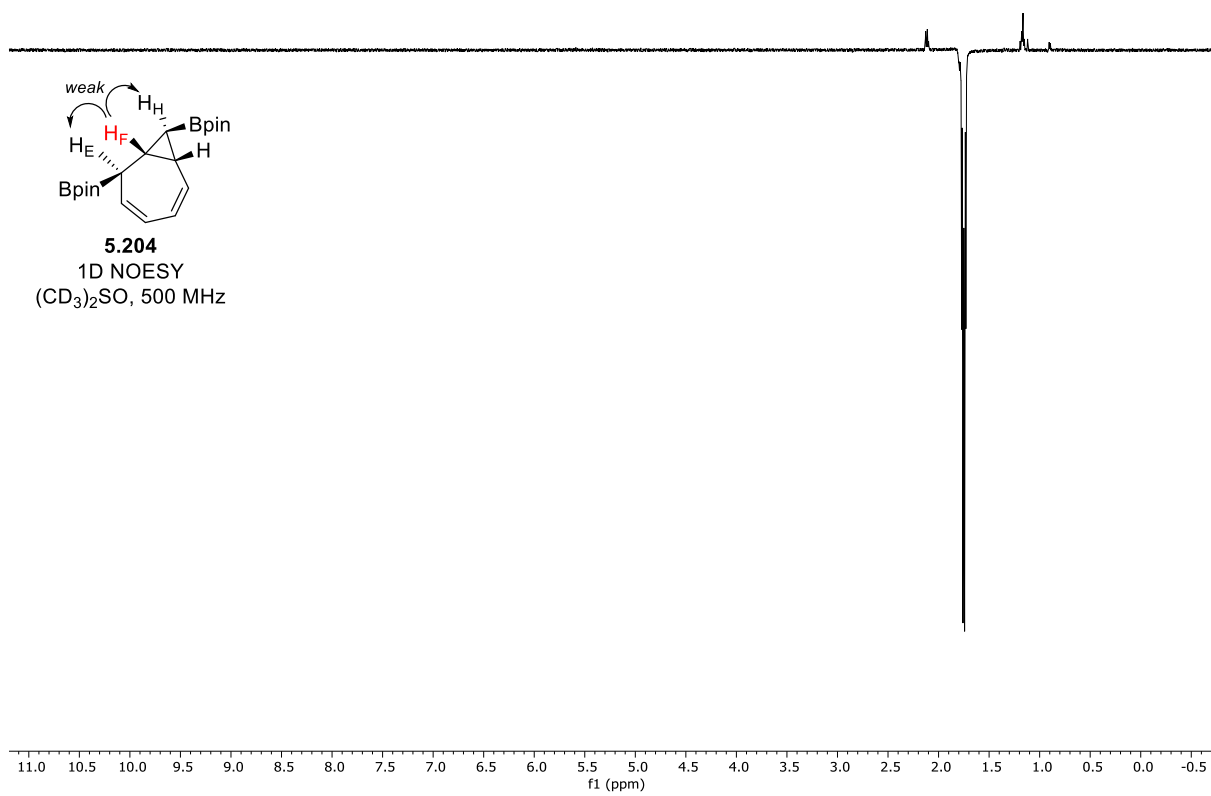
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¹³C NMR

(CD₃)₂SO, 125 MHz







7.3 Chapter 6 Experimental

Computational Methods

Geometry optimisations, frequency calculations, and single point energy calculations were performed using Gaussian 16.^[15] Ground state conformers were assessed using Spartan14 through a sequence of MMFF, Semi-empirical/PM6, HF/3-21G calculations, and the lowest energy conformer selected. Geometry optimisations and frequency calculations were conducted using the M062X functional,^[16-18] and def2SVP basis set^[19]. Ground states and transition structures were verified by inspecting the number of imaginary vibrational frequencies (ground state – zero, transition structure – one). Transition structures were verified using intrinsic reaction coordinate calculations. Finally, the single point energies were calculated with the same functional and the def2TZVP basis set.^[20] The Gibbs free energies were calculated by applying the free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) to the electronic energy (M062X/def2TZVP), and the results are summarised in Tables S1 to S8.

Structure	Number of imaginary frequencies	Free energy correction (Hartree)	Electronic energy (Hartree)	Relative Gibbs free energy (kJ/mol)
Trimethyl				
Trimethyl_tetraene_GS	0	0.248757	-507.298437	0.000
Trimethyl_tetraene_8π_TS	1	0.253028	-507.278848	62.644
Trimethyl_cyclooctatriene_GS	0	0.257082	-507.324735	-47.188
Trimethyl_cyclooctatriene_endo_6π_TS	1	0.255663	-507.282947	58.801
Trimethyl_cyclooctatriene_exo_6π_TS	1	0.25445	-507.284694	51.029
Trimethyl_BOD_endo_GS	0	0.25888	-507.330909	-58.677
Trimethyl_BOD_exo_GS	0	0.257928	-507.333634	-68.331
Dimethyl A				
Dimethyl_A_tetraene_GS	0	0.222551	-467.993693	0.000
Dimethyl_A_tetraene_8π_TS	1	0.226827	-467.968957	76.171
Dimethyl_A_cyclooctatriene_GS	0	0.231384	-468.015406	-33.816
Dimethyl_A_cyclooctatriene_endo_6π_TS	1	0.22933	-467.972351	73.832
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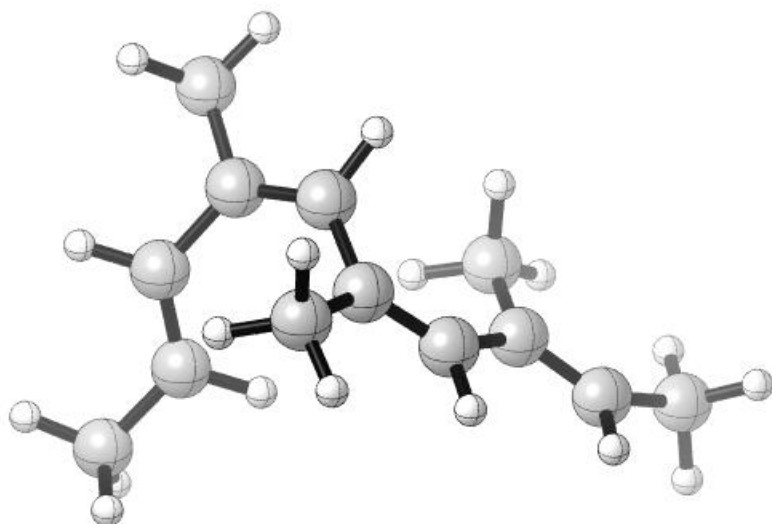
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Dimethyl_A _BOD_exo_GS	0	0.231824	-468.021719	-49.236
Dimethyl B				
Dimethyl_B_tetraene _GS	0	0.223089	-467.993487	0.000
Dimethyl_B _tetraene_8 π _TS	1	0.227364	-467.973404	63.952
Dimethyl_B _cyclooctatriene_GS	0	0.2314	-468.013332	-30.283
Dimethyl_B _cyclooctatriene_end o 6 π TS	1	0.230507	-467.973066	73.091
Dimethyl_B _cyclooctatriene_exo 6 π TS	1	0.22914	-467.975049	64.296
Dimethyl_B _BOD_endo_GS	0	0.233259	-468.019014	-40.320
Dimethyl_B _BOD_exo_GS	0	0.232293	-468.021795	-50.158
Dimethyl C				
Dimethyl_C_tetraene _GS	0	0.223838	-467.992446	0.000
Dimethyl_C _tetraene_8 π _TS	1	0.227843	-467.971489	65.538
Dimethyl_C _cyclooctatriene_GS	0	0.232494	-468.015881	-38.802
Dimethyl_C _cyclooctatriene_end o 6 π TS	1	0.230348	-467.973827	65.976
Dimethyl_C _cyclooctatriene_exo 6 π TS	1	0.229717	-467.974836	61.670
Dimethyl_C _BOD_endo_GS	0	0.233138	-468.017318	-40.884
Dimethyl_C _BOD_exo_GS	0	0.232109	-468.020373	-51.607
Monomethyl A				
Monomethyl_A_tetr aene_GS	0	0.197534	-428.688379	0.000
Monomethyl_A _tetraene_8 π _TS	1	0.201839	-428.663357	76.998
Monomethyl_A _cyclooctatriene_GS	0	0.205792	-428.704355	-20.264
Monomethyl_A _cyclooctatriene_end o 6 π TS	1	0.204002	-428.662345	85.334
Monomethyl_A _cyclooctatriene_exo 6 π TS	1	0.20343	-428.663336	81.230

Monomethyl_A _BOD_endo_GS	0	0.206974	-428.708469	-27.962
Monomethyl_A _BOD_exo_GS	0	0.206244	-428.709861	-33.533
Monomethyl B				
Monomethyl_B_tetra ene_GS	0	0.197805	-428.689803	0.000
Monomethyl_B _tetraene_8 π _TS	1	0.202326	-428.661832	85.308
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Monomethyl_B _cyclooctatriene_exo 6 π _TS	1	0.204024	-428.663322	85.854
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Monomethyl C				
Monomethyl_B_tetra ene_GS	0	0.197127	-428.685855	0.000
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Monomethyl_B _cyclooctatriene_exo 6 π _TS	1	0.204483	-428.665185	73.582
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Monomethyl_B _BOD_exo_GS	0	0.206491	-428.708557	-35.019
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Tributyl_tetraene_8 π _TS	1	0.498259	-861.029896	88.960
Tributyl_cyclooctatri ene_GS	0	0.499592	-861.089925	-65.147
Tributyl_cyclooctatri ene_6 π 1_TS	1	0.499684	-861.043646	56.601
Tributyl_cyclooctatri ene_6 π 2_TS	1	0.49731	-861.050039	33.583

Tributyl_BOD1_GS	0	0.501856	-861.093424	-68.389
Tributyl_BOD2_GS	0	0.500605	-861.101785	-93.625
Butylmethyl				
Butylmethyl_tetraene_GS	0	0.304082	-585.906747	0.000
Butylmethyl_tetraene_8 π _TS	1	0.31038	-585.888927	63.322
Butylmethyl_cyclooctatriene_GS	0	0.313325	-585.931344	-40.312
Butylmethyl_cyclooctatriene_6 π 1_TS	1	0.311469	-585.89397	52.941
Butylmethyl_cyclooctatriene_6 π 2_TS	1	0.312875	-585.889505	68.355
Butylmethyl_BOD1_GS	0	0.315346	-585.93159	-35.652
Butylmethyl_BOD2_GS	0	0.315716	-585.922621	-11.132
Unsubstituted Tetraene				
Unsubstituted_tetraene_GS	0	0.17113	-389.381461	0.000
Unsubstituted_tetraene_8 π _TS	1	0.177641	-389.35589	84.231
Unsubstituted_cyclooctatriene_GS	0	0.179996	-389.39288	-6.703
Unsubstituted_cyclooctatriene_6 π _TS	1	0.178721	-389.353564	93.174
Unsubstituted_BOD_GS	0	0.180521	-389.396602	-15.097

Table S1: Calculated relative free energies of methyl tetraene compounds (6.68-6.77)

Trimethyl Cartesian Coordinates



Trimethyl_tetraene_GS

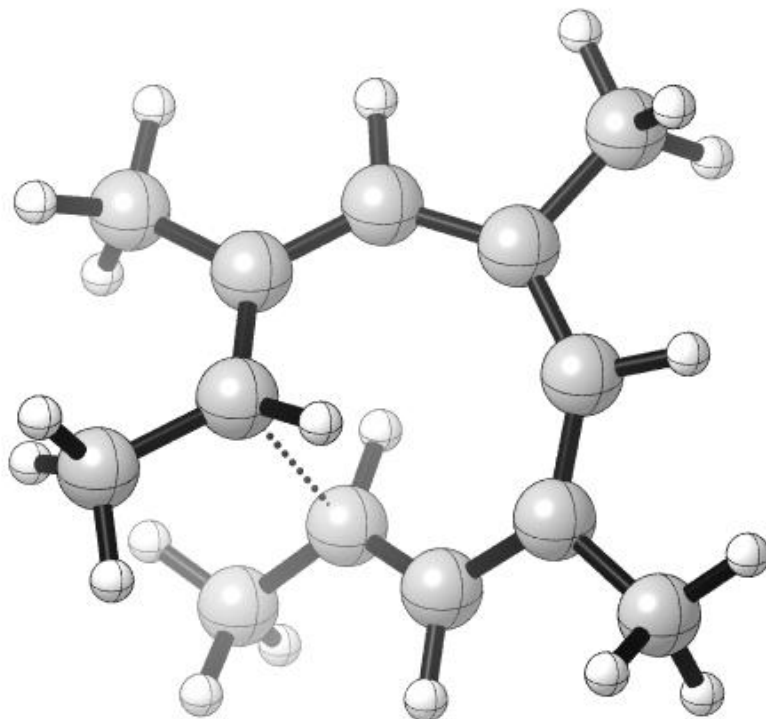
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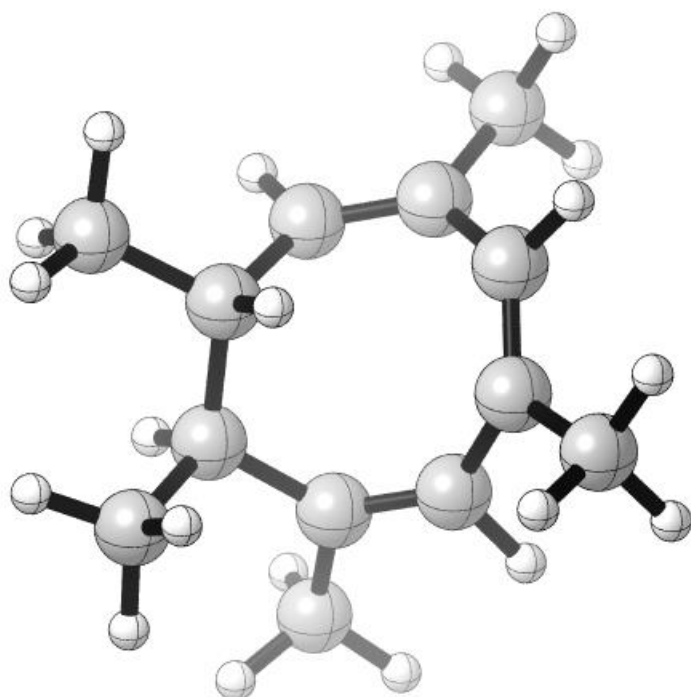
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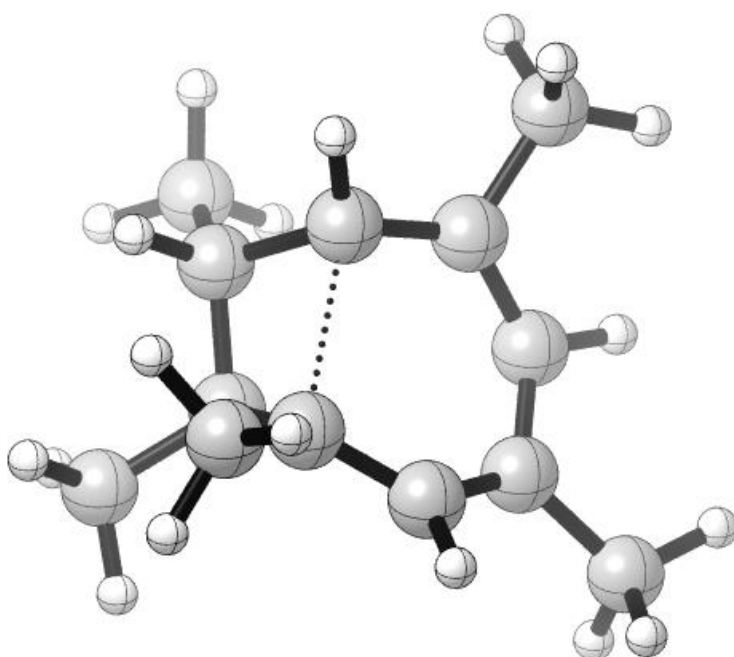
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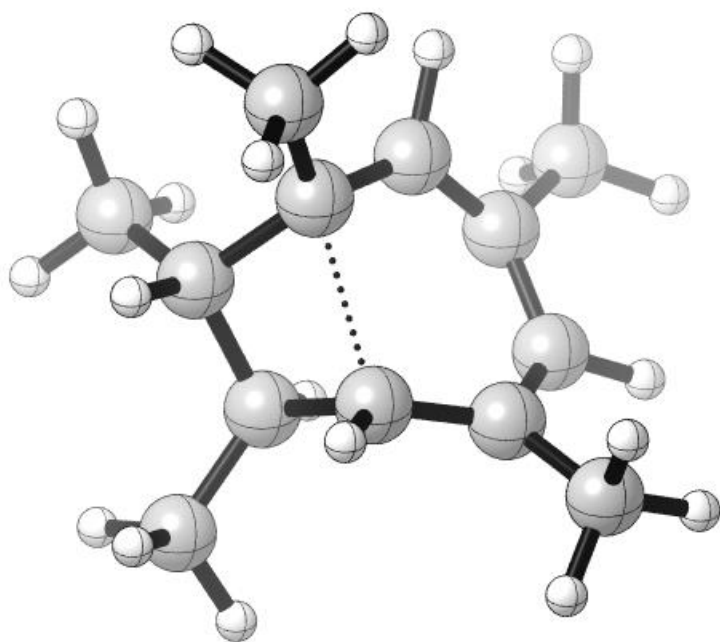
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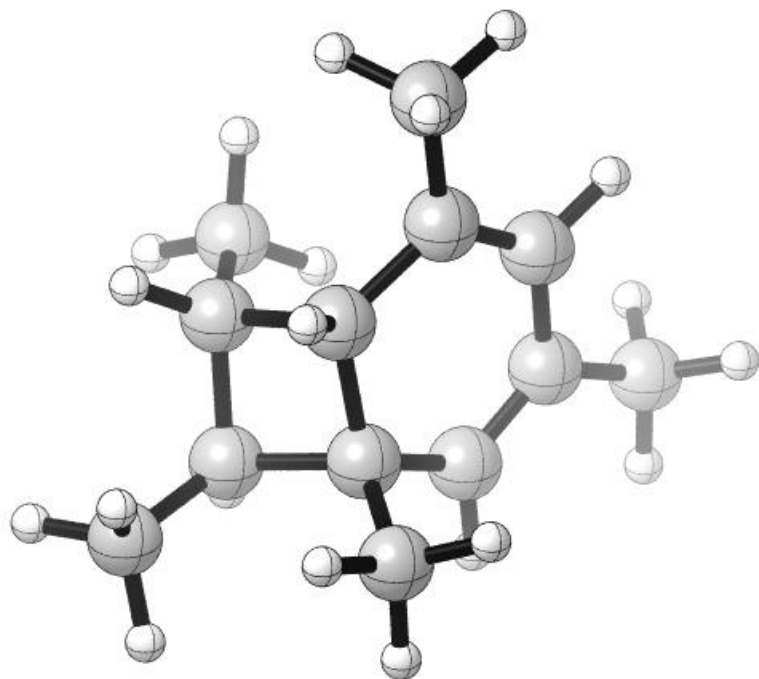
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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.254450 Hartree

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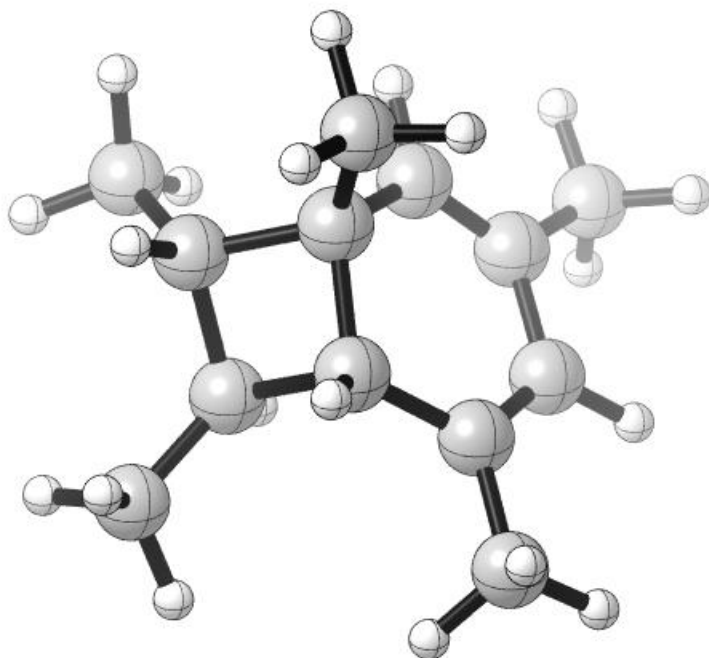
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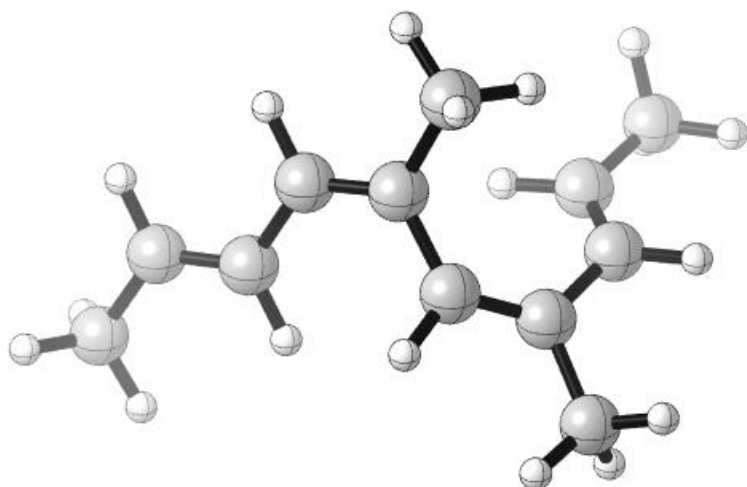
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H	2.90459500	-0.79600800	-1.43564800
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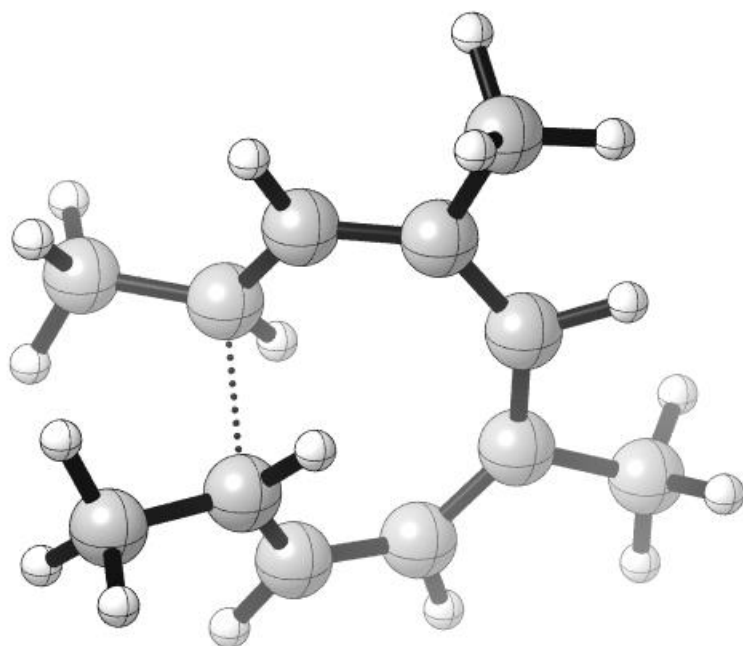
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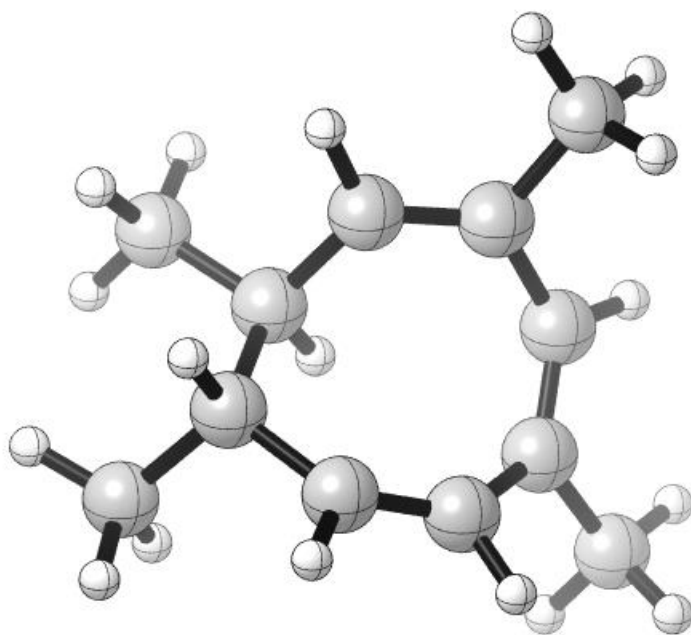
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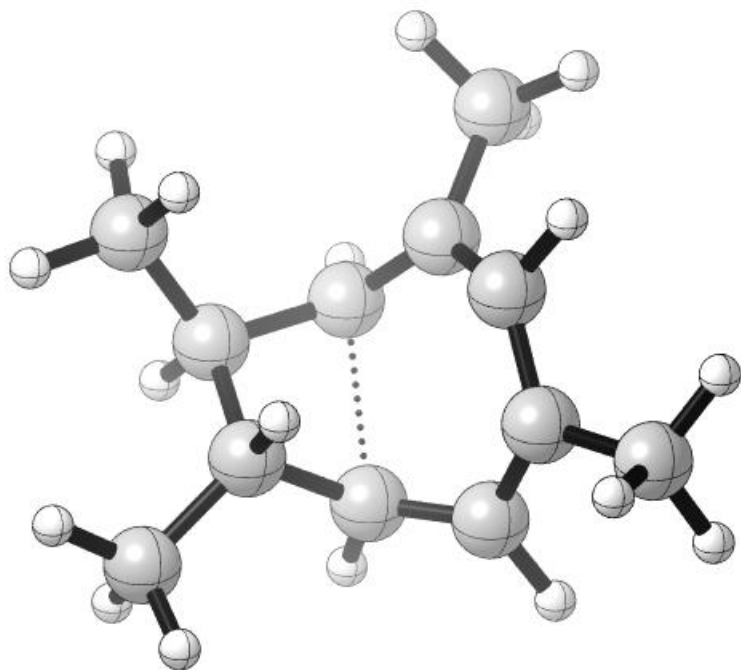
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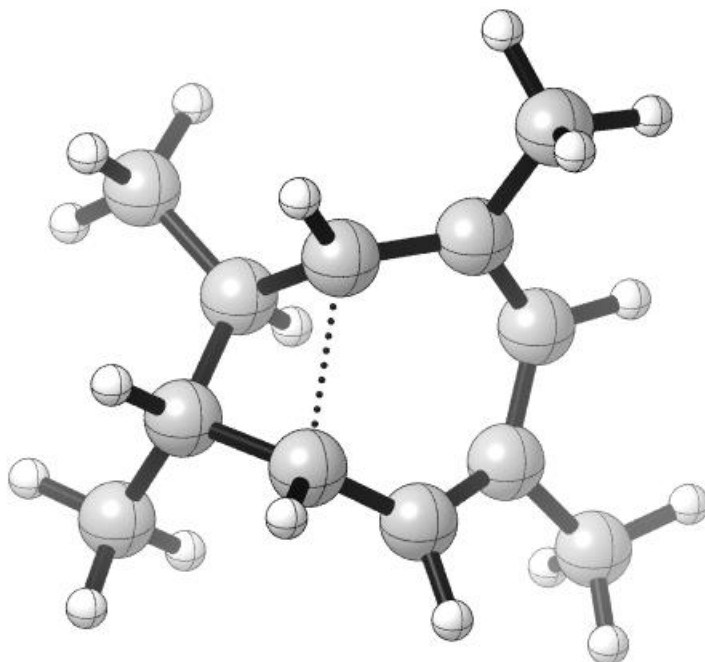
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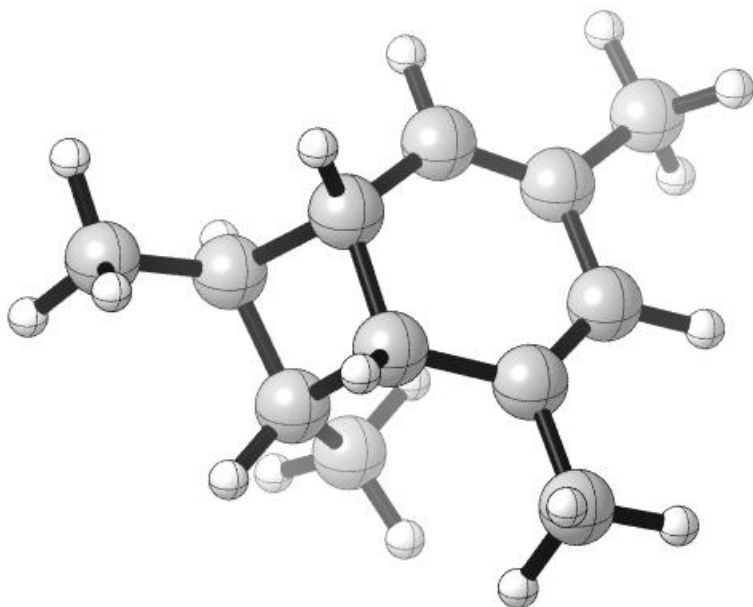
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Dimethyl_A_BOD_endo_GS

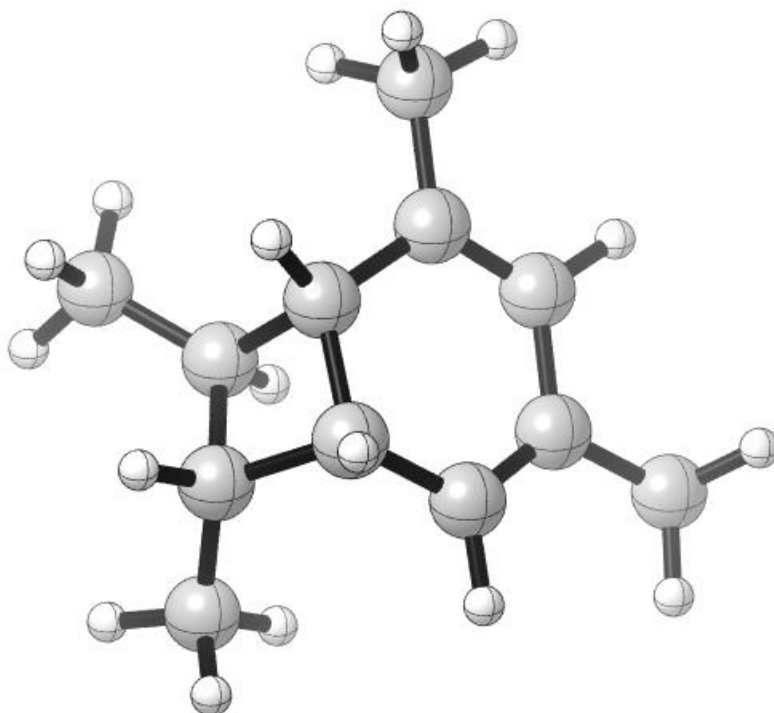
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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.232755 Hartree

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C	-1.85018200	-0.79453700	0.17996000
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C	2.92859600	-1.77477800	0.38882200
H	3.77232300	-1.61226600	-0.30029300
H	2.72098000	-2.85160400	0.43516400
H	3.26098200	-1.44090500	1.38450000



Dimethyl_A_BOD_exo_GS

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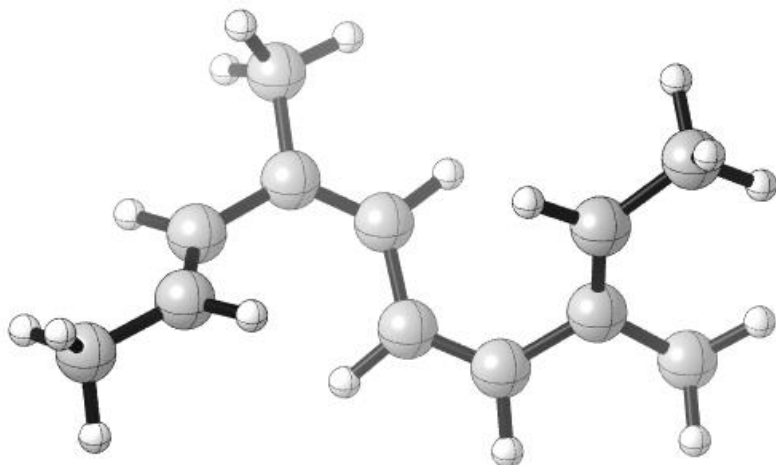
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C	-0.49950400	0.75752900	0.65152000
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C	1.80449100	0.82839000	-0.18146500
H	-0.32868100	-0.89080800	2.19963600
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C	-1.48954100	0.24693300	-0.43218600
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Dimethyl B Cartesian Coordinates



Dimethyl_B_tetraene_GS

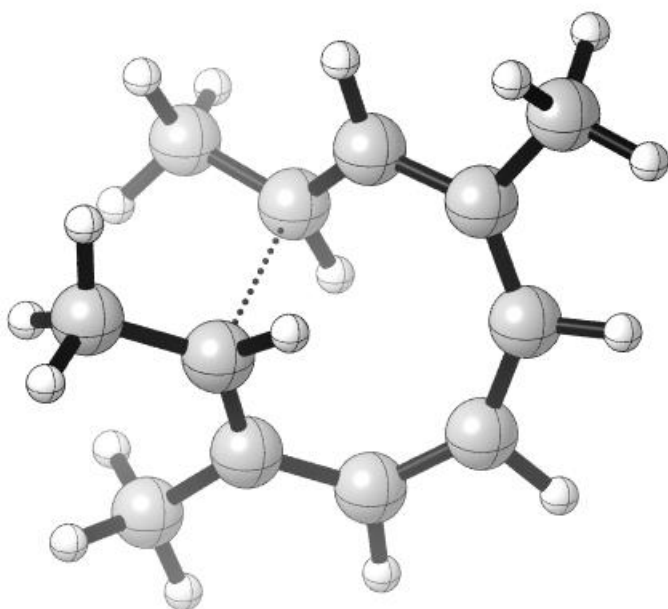
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C	-2.91059100	-0.77467000	0.59766100

H	-2.02173000	-1.07969900	1.16133700
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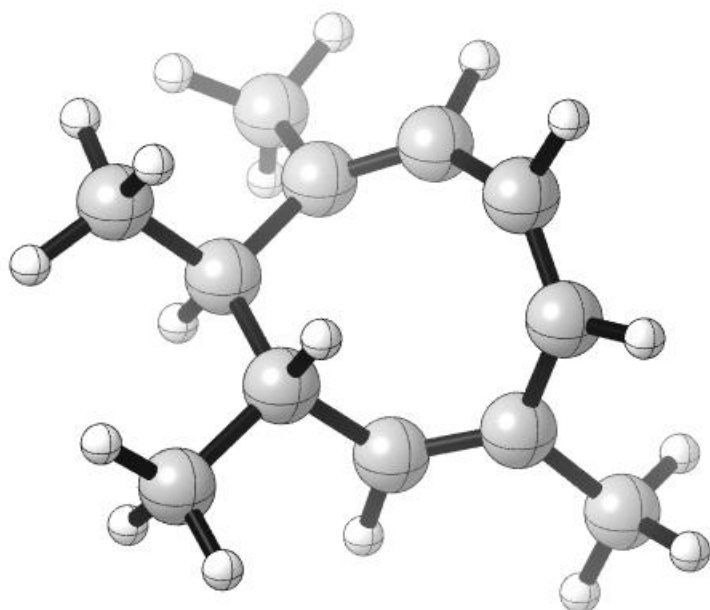
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H	-3.70530200	-0.64670600	0.60511000
H	-3.35252500	-1.79872700	-0.70690500
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Dimethyl_B_cyclooctatriene_GS

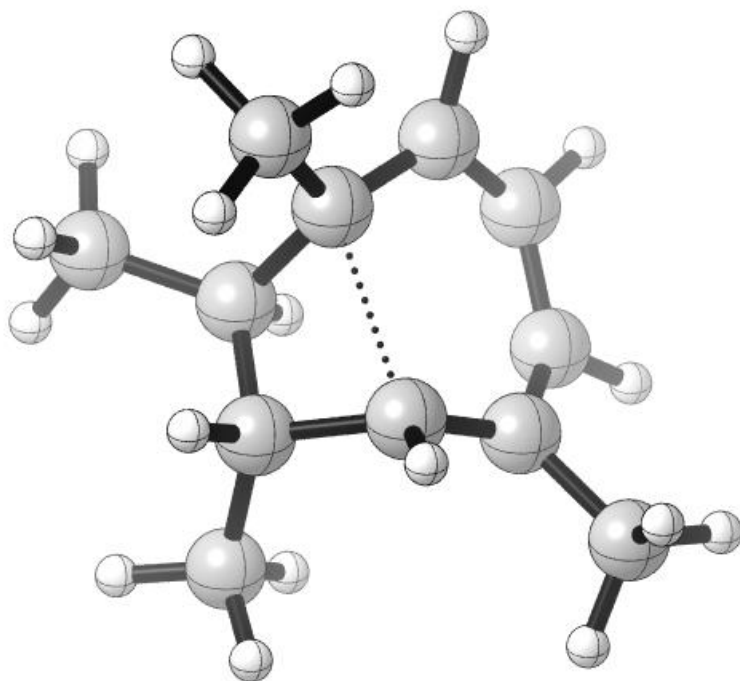
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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.231400 Hartree

G = -1228161.462

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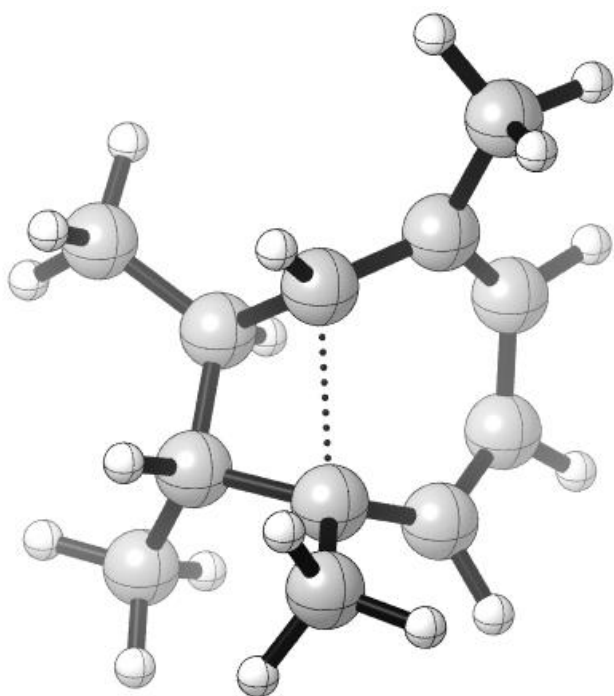
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Dimethyl_B_cyclooctatriene_endo_6π_TS
E(M062X/def2TZVP) = -467.973066 Hartree
Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.230507 Hartree
G = -1228058.089

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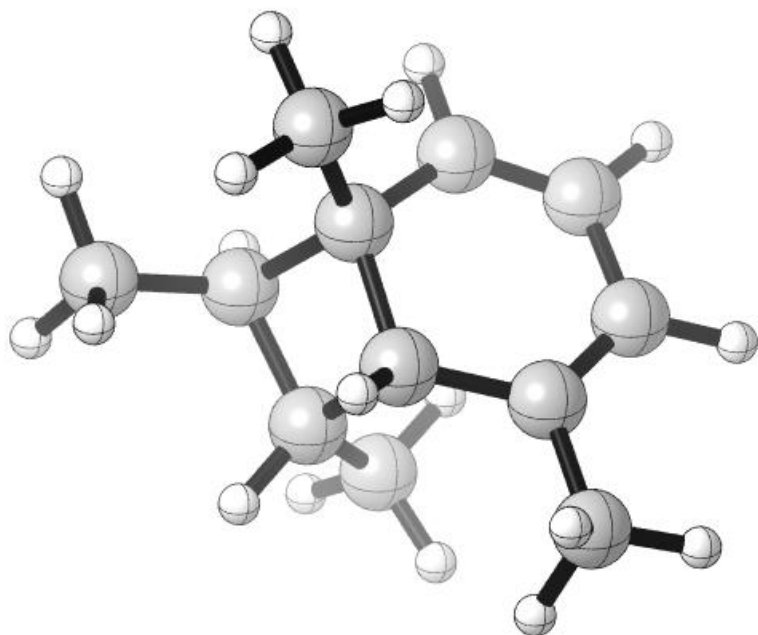
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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.229140 Hartree

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C	0.68580900	0.62021000	0.60325700
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Dimethyl_B_BOD_endo_GS

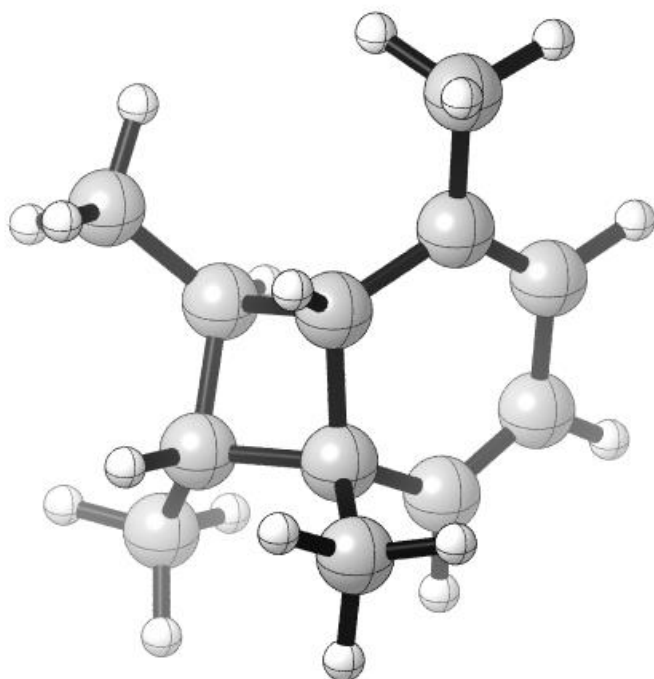
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Dimethyl_B_BOD_exo_GS

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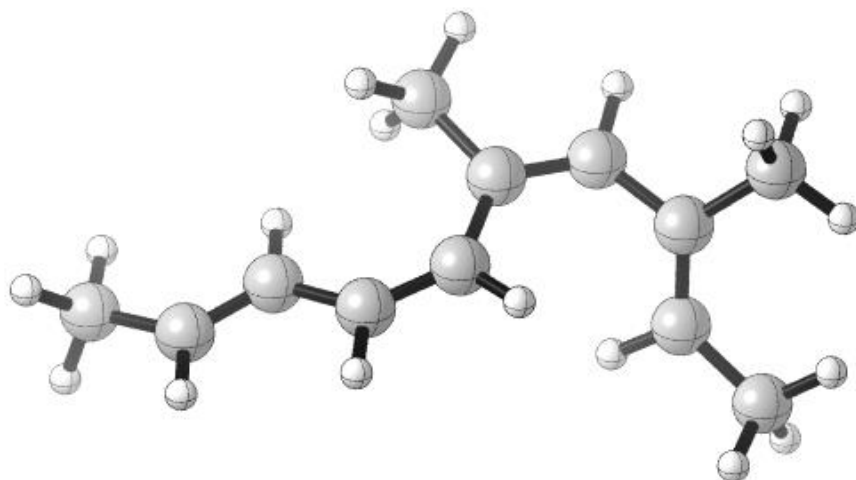
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Dimethyl C Cartesian Coordinates



Dimethyl_C_tetraene_GS

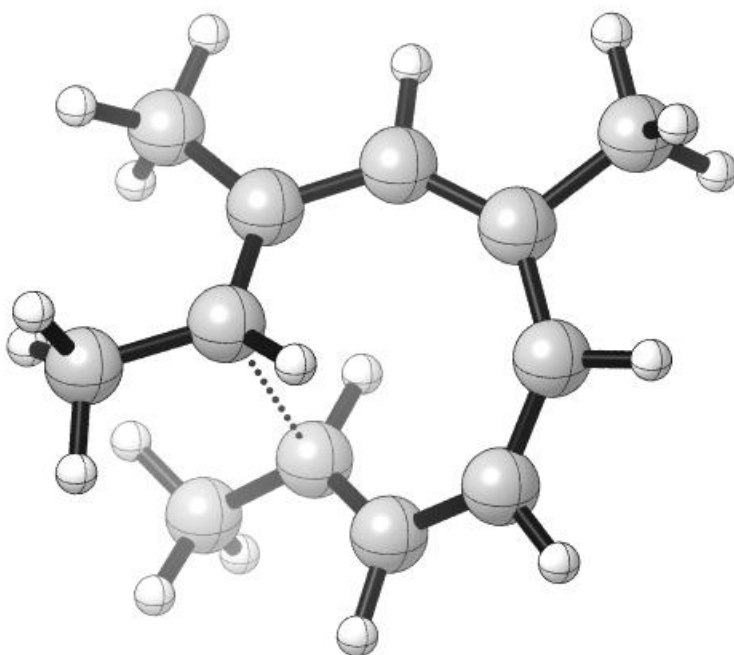
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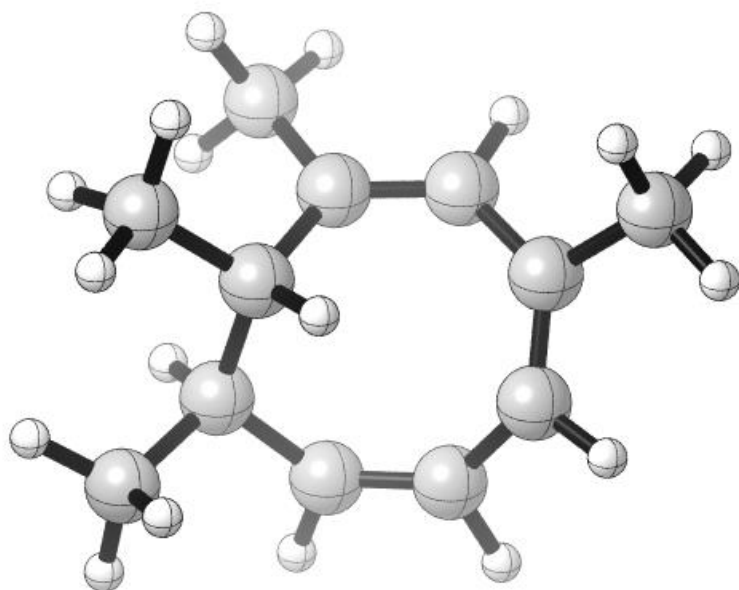
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Dimethyl_C_cyclooctatriene_GS

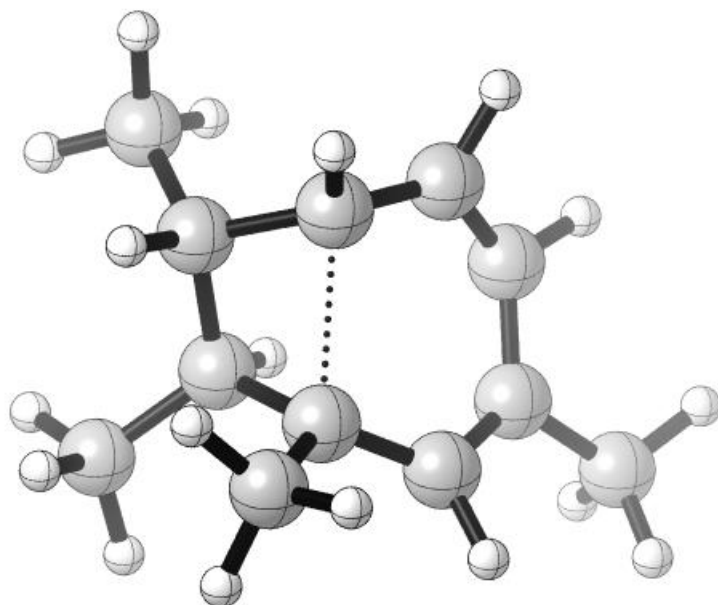
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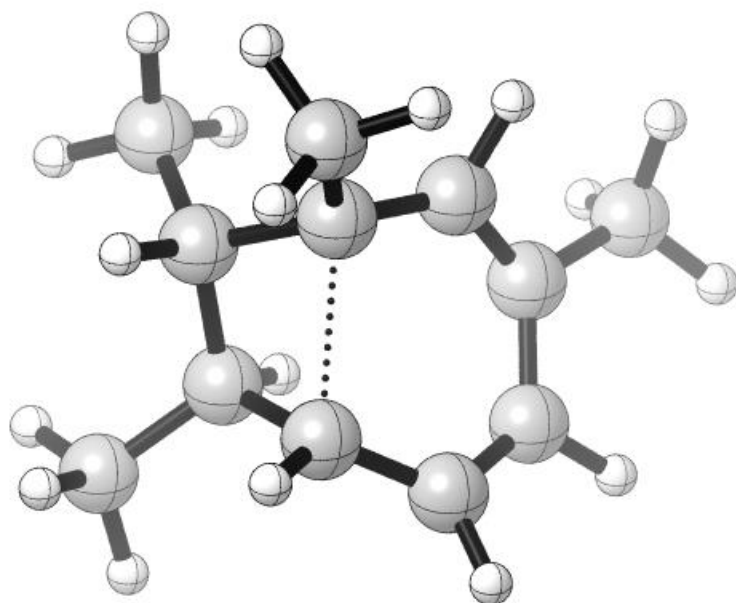
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Dimethyl_C_cyclooctatriene_endo_6 π _TS
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C	1.70868600	-0.62713800	0.13774700
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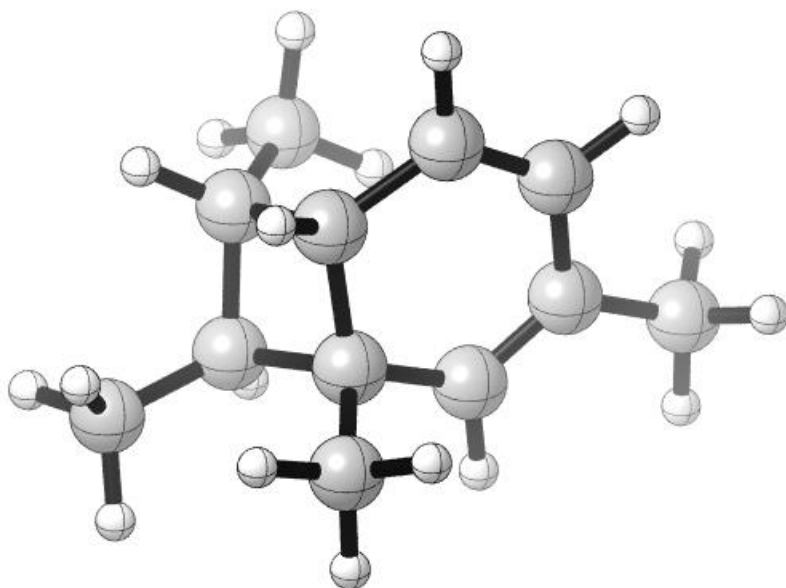
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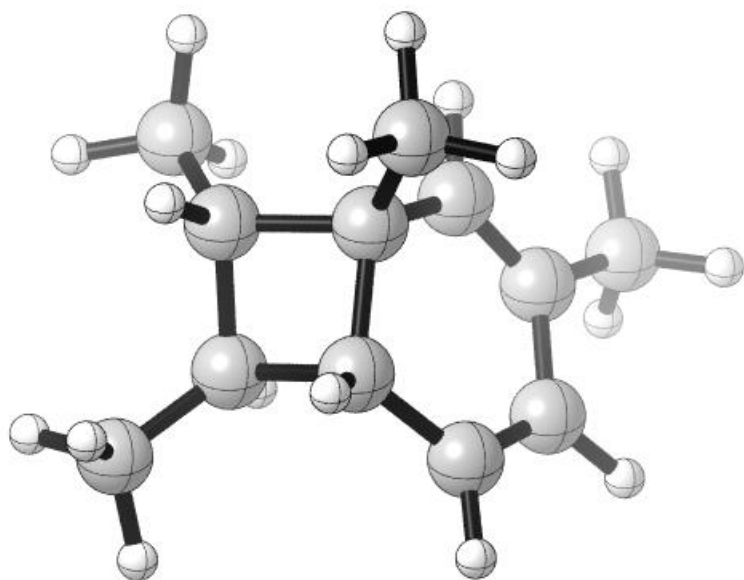
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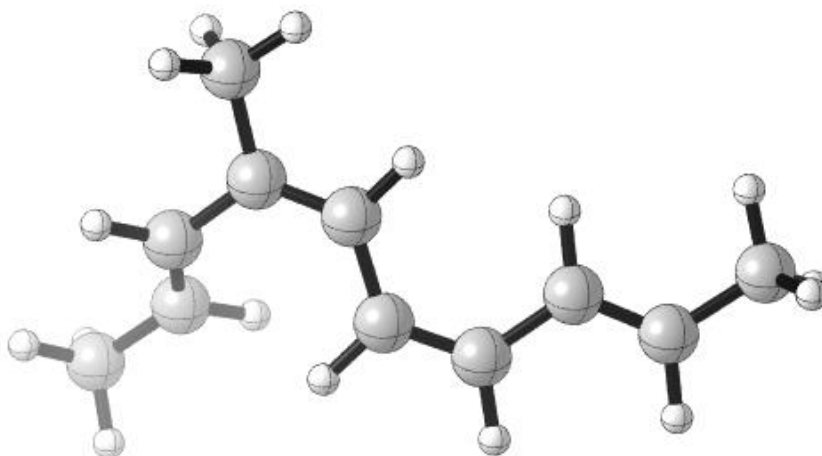
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Monomethyl A Cartesian Coordinates



Monomethyl_A_tetraene_GS

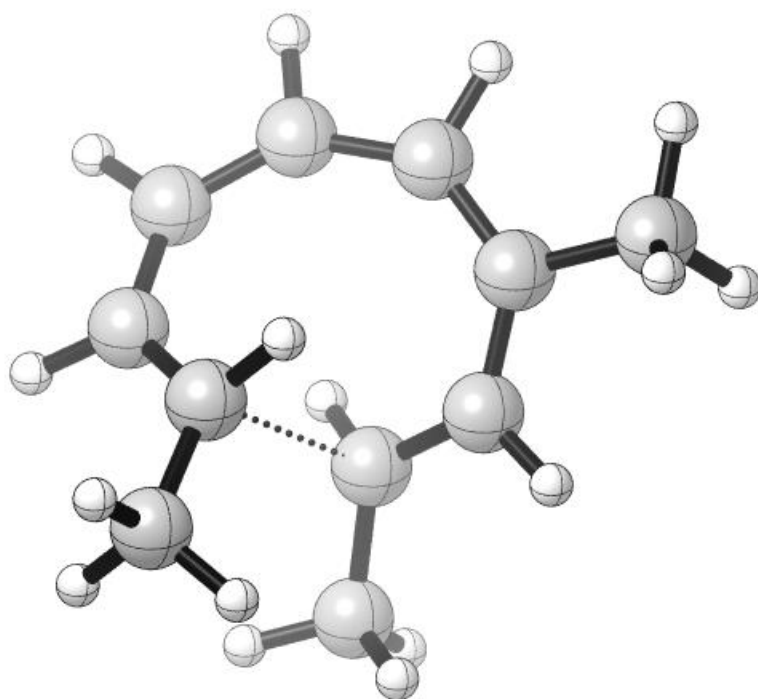
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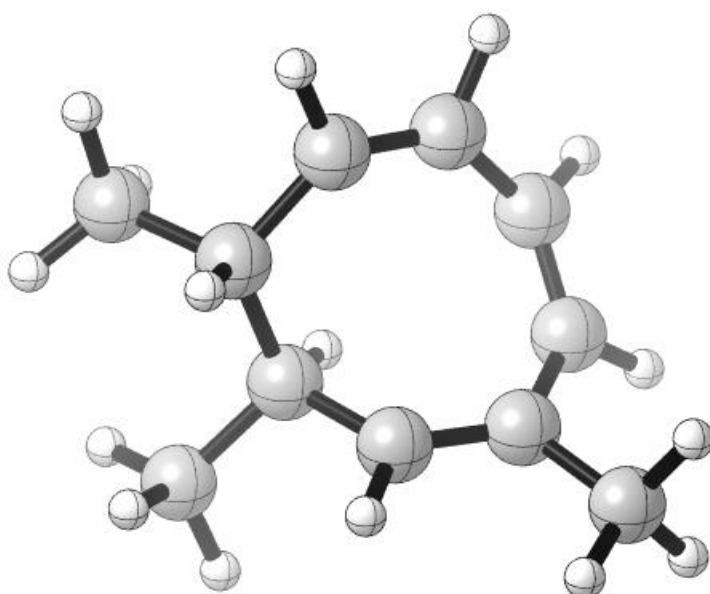
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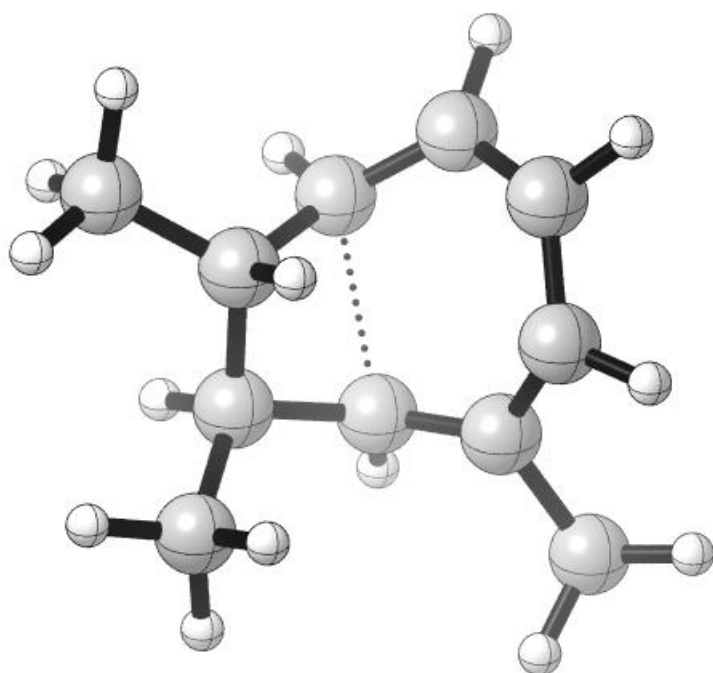
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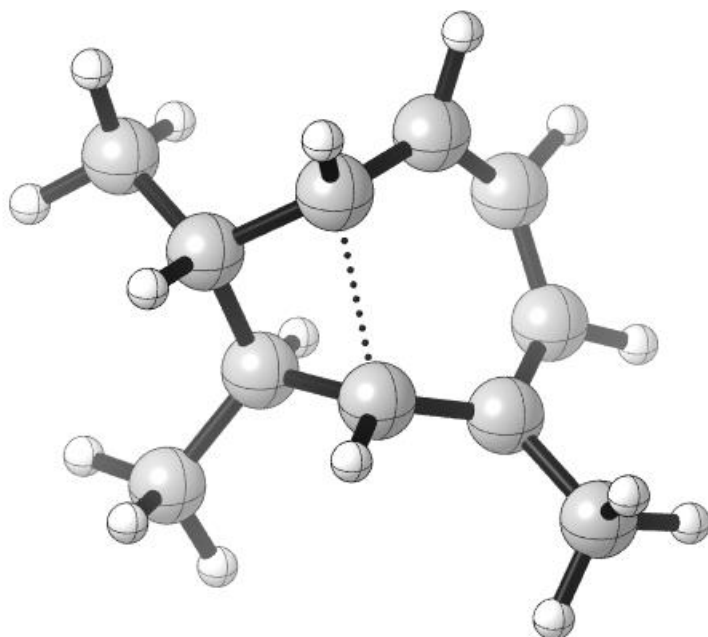
Monomethyl_A_cyclooctatriene_endo_6 π _TS

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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.204002 Hartree

G = -1124917.38

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H	-2.43667500	0.85279600	-1.51845700
H	-1.31781400	2.89149100	-1.12322200
C	0.05575300	2.16816800	0.36665100
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C	-0.46931900	-0.69227600	0.85769500
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H	-2.79975100	-2.08139800	-0.03177800
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H	-3.11295200	-1.00275700	1.33552100
C	0.79796800	-2.34719900	-0.63404000
H	0.29341200	-3.21029500	-0.17343300
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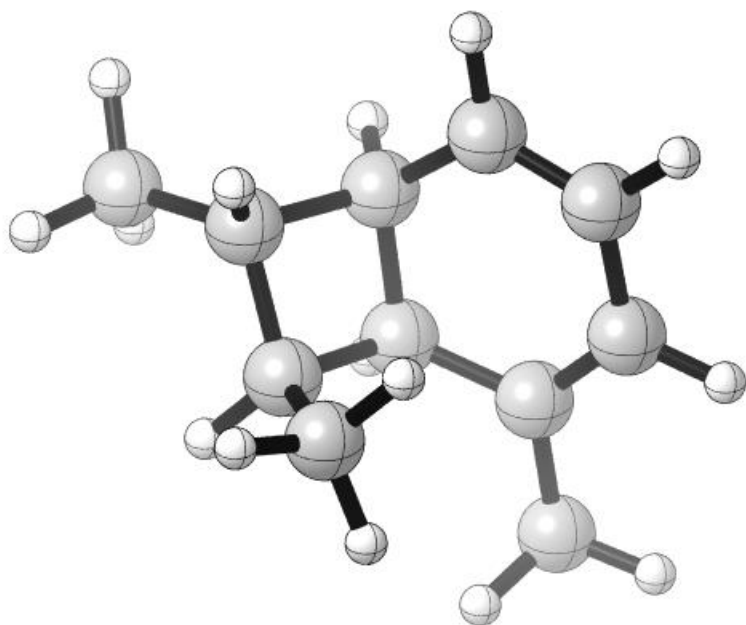


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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.203430 Hartree

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C	-0.80333400	-1.82172200	-0.78840200
H	-1.04435300	-2.72296900	-1.35892000
H	-2.64019000	-0.97581000	-1.45841900
C	-1.72905800	0.31360200	0.00020700
C	0.74027400	-0.97026000	1.03089600
H	1.01709300	-1.32941800	2.03298500
C	-0.50526300	0.73748400	0.53925900
H	-0.55128400	1.42766000	1.39404400
C	0.72971900	0.91860500	-0.32976400
H	0.55149400	0.41457600	-1.29256300
C	1.69780400	0.08965700	0.48619700
H	2.02130800	0.70242100	1.34581000
C	2.92465700	-0.46758600	-0.22193400
H	3.51244900	-1.11511700	0.44580400
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H	2.61780300	-1.06701300	-1.09249300
C	1.11052500	2.37092300	-0.57823700
H	2.03829600	2.43970200	-1.16630800
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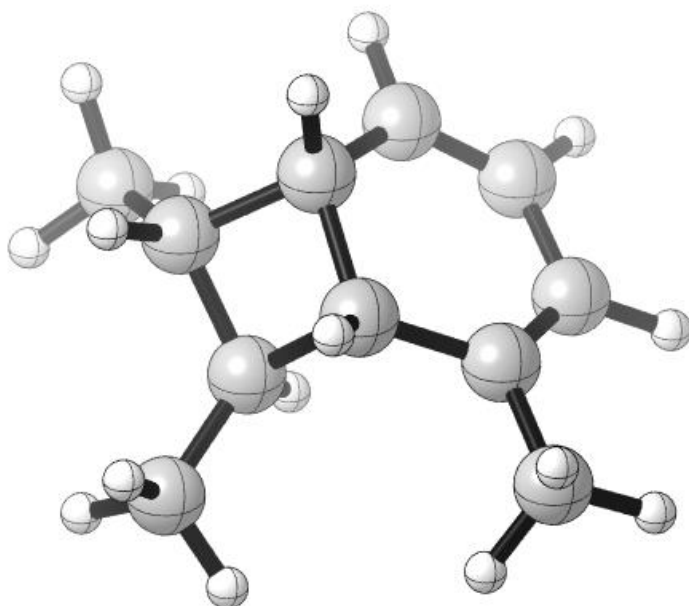


Monomethyl_A_BOD_endo_GS

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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.206974 Hartree
G = -1125030.675

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C	0.09036100	-0.44682800	-0.70865100
C	-0.08859600	1.98747300	0.05803500
C	2.05824100	0.78723400	0.11255900
H	-1.14025400	1.20186300	-1.62801000
H	-0.69050300	2.87591700	0.27077000
H	-0.05751300	-0.97893700	-1.66087600
H	3.12383100	0.85602500	0.34520400
C	-0.82257700	-1.07383500	0.39737000
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C	-1.83341700	0.08666000	0.17433800
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C	2.39687500	-1.55103200	-0.71770900
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H	2.00482900	-2.43208000	-0.18273700
C	-0.23211600	-1.12324800	1.79670400
H	0.58587100	-1.85541000	1.86782200
H	-1.00767800	-1.40739800	2.52399500
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H	-2.78631900	-0.80712700	-1.55386700
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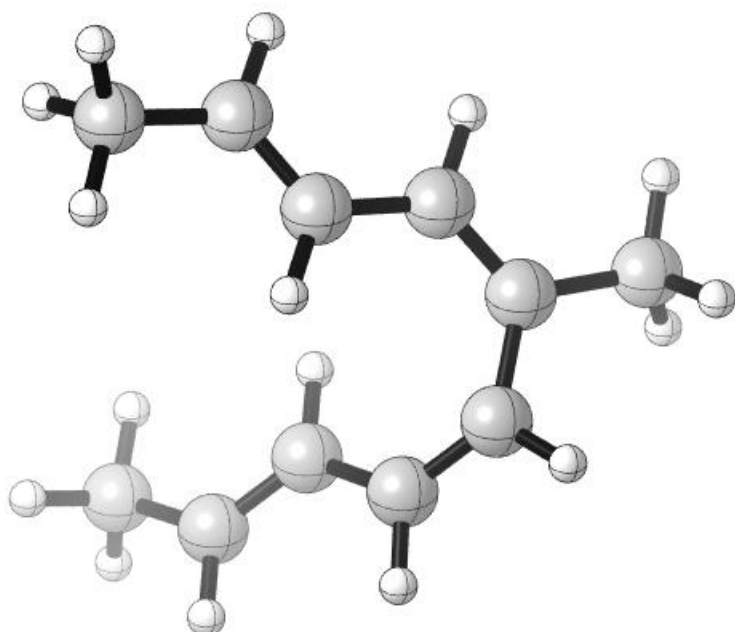
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C	0.58710200	-0.72913200	0.96735000
C	-1.72214500	0.14824900	0.07370600
C	-0.89961800	-2.09884000	-0.48769000
H	0.97887000	-2.78443200	0.19214000
H	-0.45268700	1.13310600	1.51054900
H	0.69890700	-0.99621300	2.03161100
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C	1.75680800	0.12405000	0.39513000
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H	-3.68171000	0.93723200	-0.38438600
H	-2.36929600	2.14715300	-0.38854600
H	-2.97814100	1.52383100	1.14870400
C	0.94776500	2.49483500	-0.43010100
H	1.10356200	2.92972300	0.56948600
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C	2.85101900	-0.53181100	-0.42372900
H	3.46327500	-1.21172200	0.18787100
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Monomethyl B Cartesian Coordinates



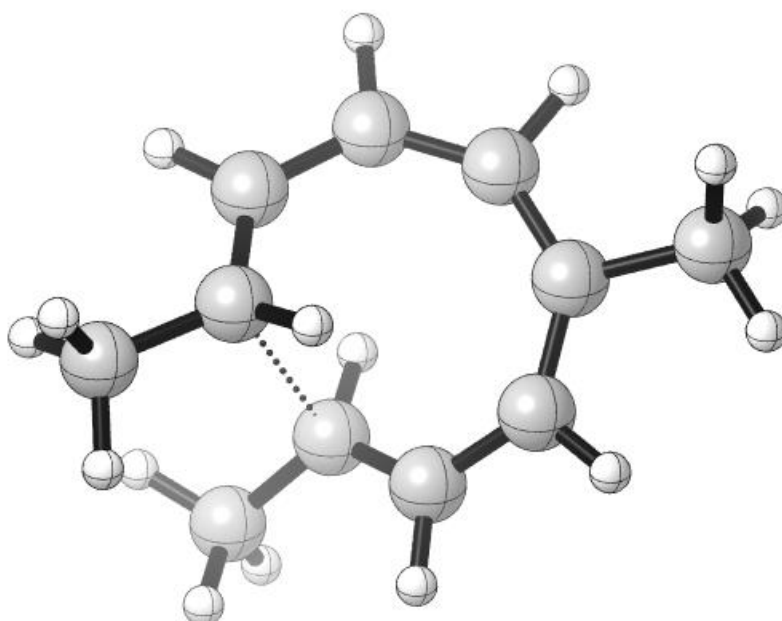
Monomethyl_B_tetraene_GS

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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.197805 Hartree

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C	-1.55804600	-0.75380900	-0.38764700
H	-2.13150200	-1.30866600	-1.13879400
C	-0.44924200	-1.47697500	0.22361700
H	0.06145900	-0.99899700	1.06567900
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C	3.41609400	1.19679000	-0.83969300
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C	-3.20123900	1.08710500	-0.72353800
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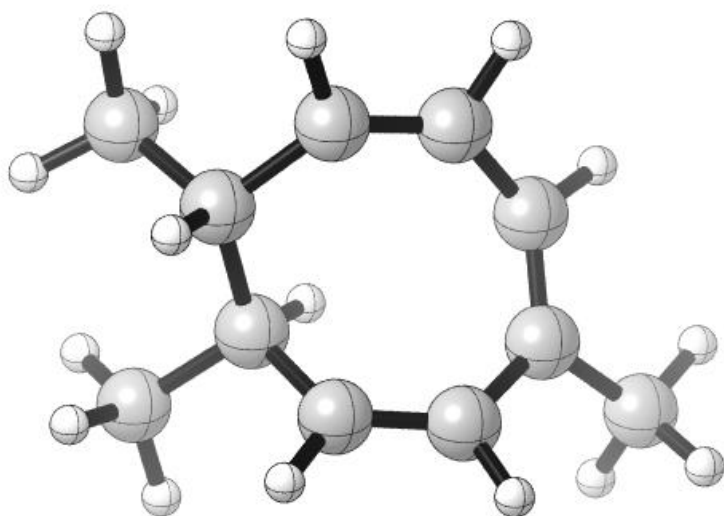
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H	1.75446300	-2.07444000	1.01290000
C	-0.12954000	-1.66635200	0.17626500
H	-0.52800600	-2.52295100	0.73217800
C	-0.80295300	1.74215800	-0.24428400
H	-1.54604400	2.39876400	-0.71027500
C	-0.99655000	-0.97565300	-0.65391600
H	-0.53741400	-0.33599500	-1.40675900
C	-1.24055400	0.80154800	0.67448700
H	-0.48114800	0.38946600	1.33826700
C	-2.37050500	-1.48774100	-0.97175900
H	-3.06951900	-0.66660200	-1.18542400
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H	-2.34074900	-2.12734100	-1.86866000
C	-2.64799200	0.78709100	1.19287900
H	-2.96255100	-0.22579600	1.48149700
H	-3.35650800	1.17385800	0.44658500
H	-2.72752200	1.41872000	2.09236500
H	0.71796400	2.73498900	-1.31802900
C	3.46762900	-0.34116300	0.34853500
H	4.02186400	-0.29602600	-0.60206900
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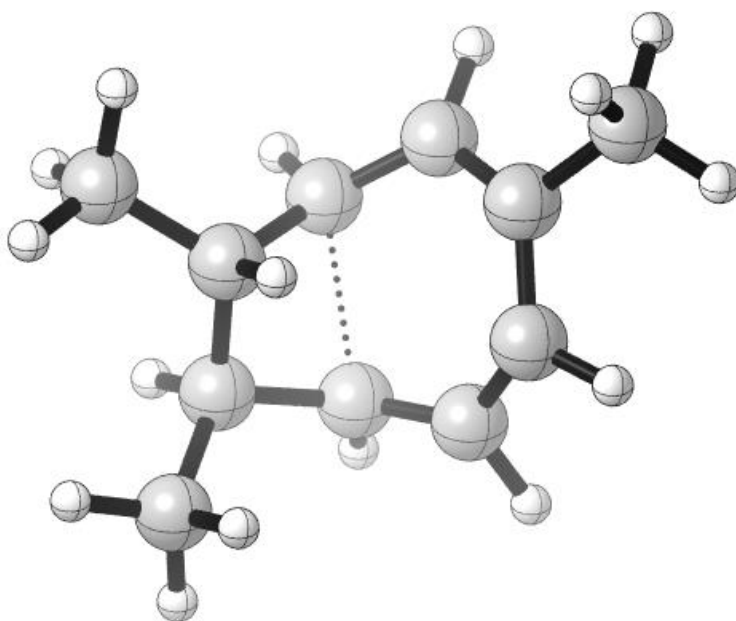


Monomethyl_B_cyclooctatriene_GS

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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.205633 Hartree
G = -1125023.416

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H	2.09483100	1.83519900	-1.09461300
C	1.40831600	-0.89087500	0.89078200
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C	-0.87650700	1.61243900	0.55577300
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H	-0.36381400	-0.53106300	-1.06638700
C	-1.70588100	0.37223300	0.33578100
H	-2.15225900	0.10007200	1.31073200
C	-2.86135200	0.73227800	-0.60928500
H	-3.35929900	1.65580500	-0.28058800
H	-3.62024900	-0.06083300	-0.64667800
H	-2.48010400	0.90095500	-1.62848100
C	-1.79250700	-2.03856700	-0.48578600
H	-2.43771000	-1.84020000	-1.35183200
H	-2.43835300	-2.29072600	0.37136900
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H	0.62578300	3.00075300	0.38653600
C	3.33775000	-0.44254900	-0.66844700
H	3.77403300	0.31304600	-1.33464200
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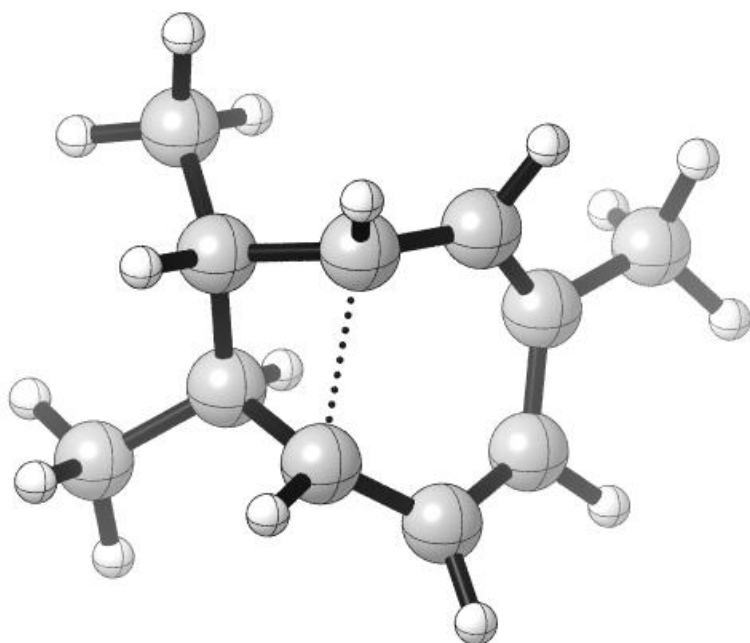


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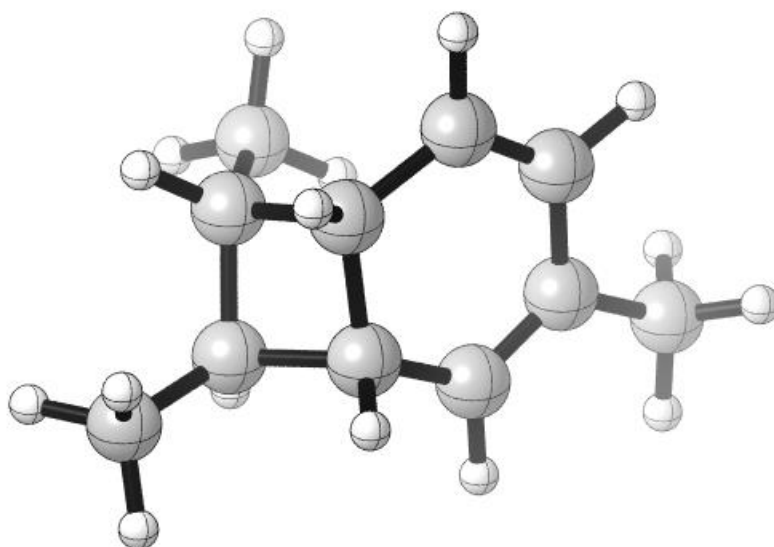
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C	-1.34212800	0.93720800	0.73916500
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C	0.72718800	-1.13613500	0.95350800
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C	1.81870700	-0.35093000	0.22535500
H	2.53490500	-0.01118800	0.99378400
C	2.56514600	-1.13500600	-0.84452500
H	3.04890100	-2.02807800	-0.42142500
H	3.34658400	-0.51689000	-1.31257600
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H	2.50283400	2.03384600	-1.26925600
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H	1.09741900	2.96953400	-0.70700100
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H	-3.33361900	0.90347700	-1.60996100
H	-3.89627600	1.01418800	0.06365300



Monomethyl_B_cyclooctatriene_exo_6 π _TS

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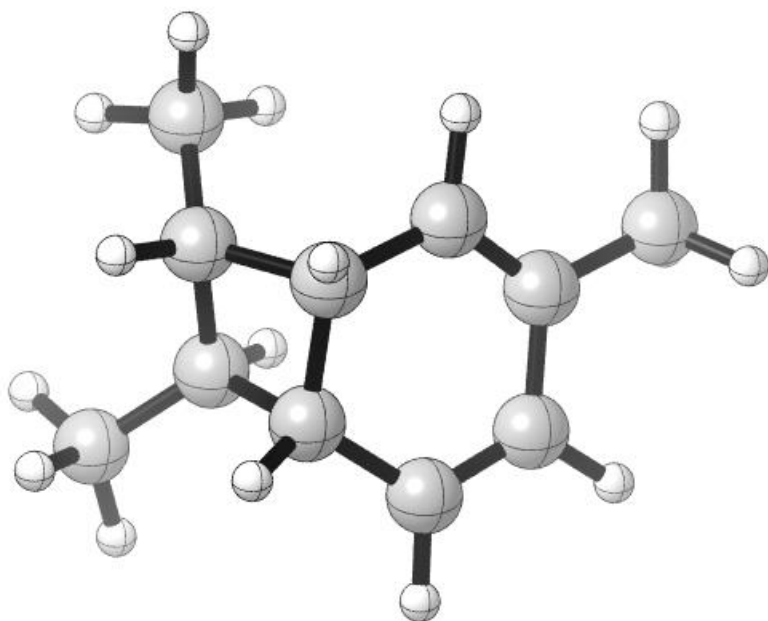
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H	2.46571400	-1.87560500	-0.60114900
C	0.59406400	-1.91420200	0.44341400
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C	-0.60912500	-1.25218900	0.70841700
H	-1.28291800	-1.70112900	1.44966900
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H	2.88765400	1.06868700	-1.81306300
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Monomethyl_B_BOD_endo_GS
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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.206618 Hartree
G = -1125026.999

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C	-0.81435500	-1.25608300	-0.02768900
C	-1.85711100	0.89075100	-0.55955400
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H	-0.10786400	0.99480500	1.74743500
C	2.99715800	-1.17104800	-0.13927400
H	3.21031300	-0.77035700	-1.14316400
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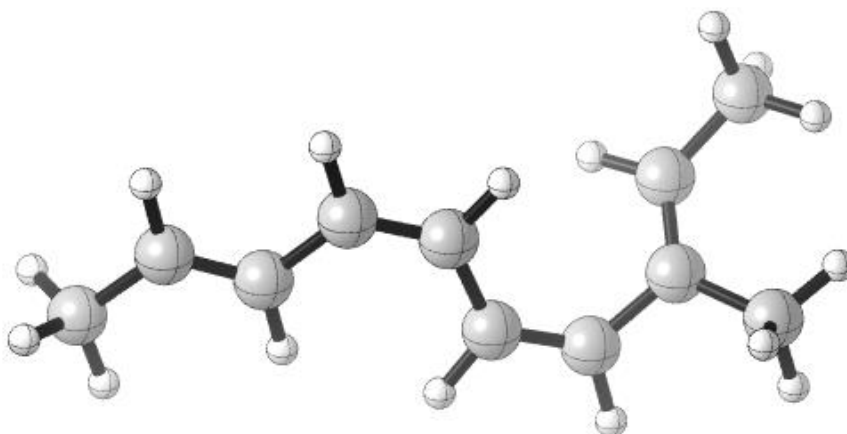


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Monomethyl C Cartesian Coordinates



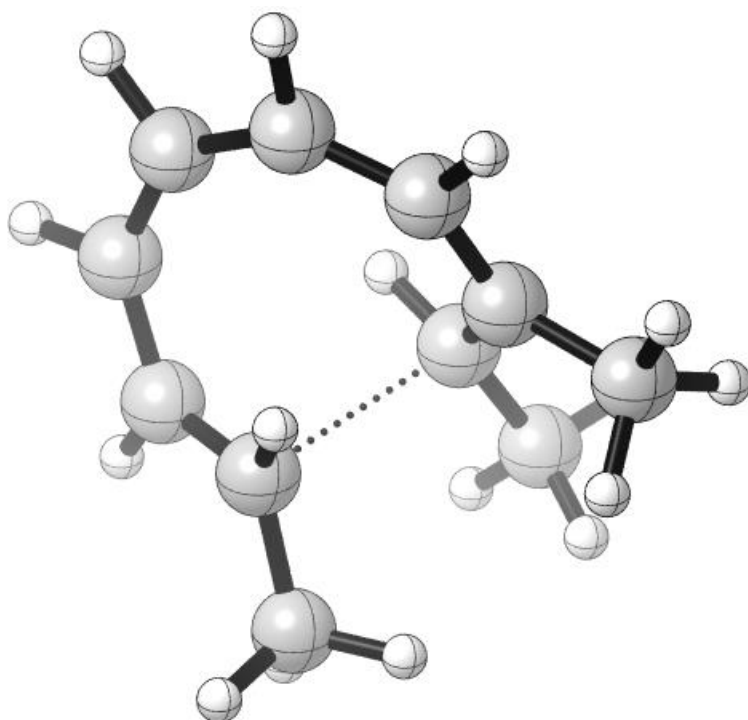
Monomethyl_C_tetraene_GS

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C	-4.08720100	0.46165100	0.16771600
H	-4.24122900	1.37709400	0.75159200
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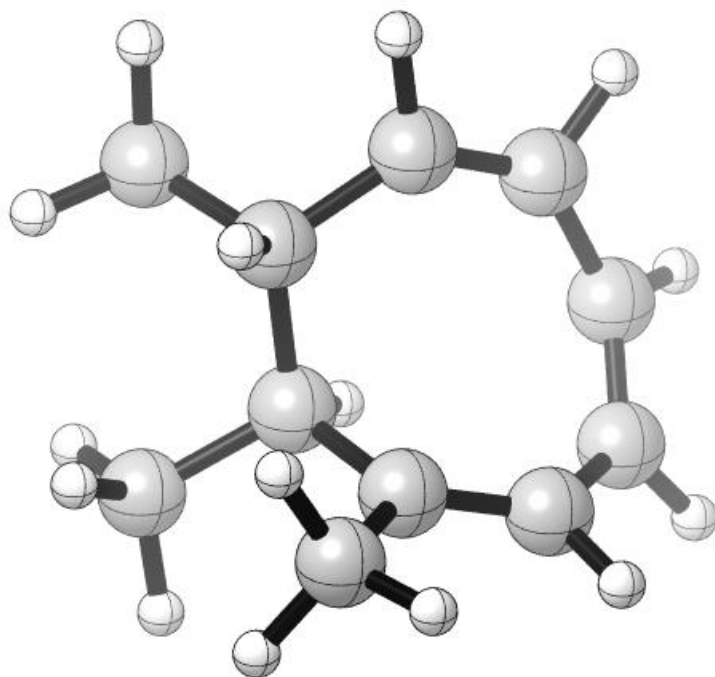
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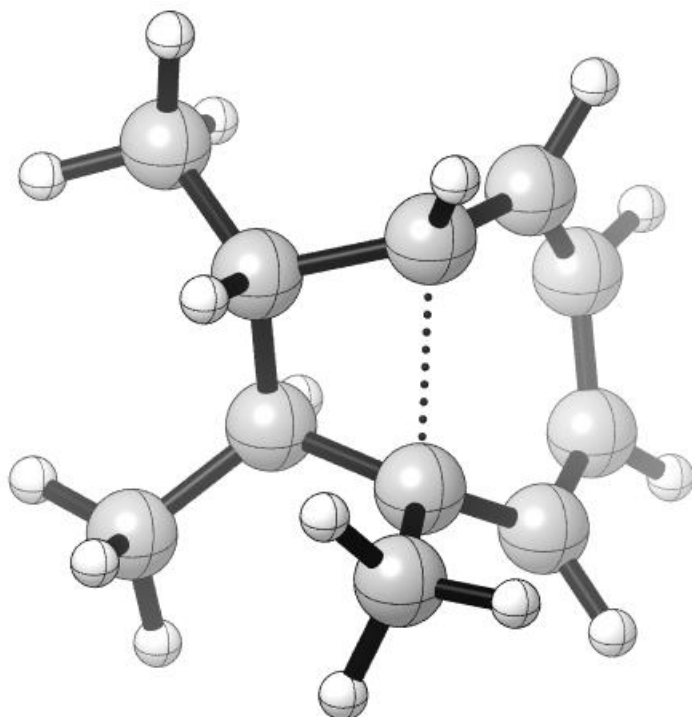


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C	1.33629900	-1.53048200	0.07110200
H	1.78963000	-2.41842100	0.52645800
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C	-0.95552800	0.94907900	0.44390500
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C	-1.89697700	2.01233800	-0.14146000
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H	-1.52273200	2.35512800	-1.11872100
C	-2.05243300	-0.75370100	-1.10655100
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H	-2.80405100	-0.95879400	-0.32790000
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H	-0.16637900	-2.99823000	1.59404300
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Monomethyl_C_cyclooctatriene_endo_6π_TS

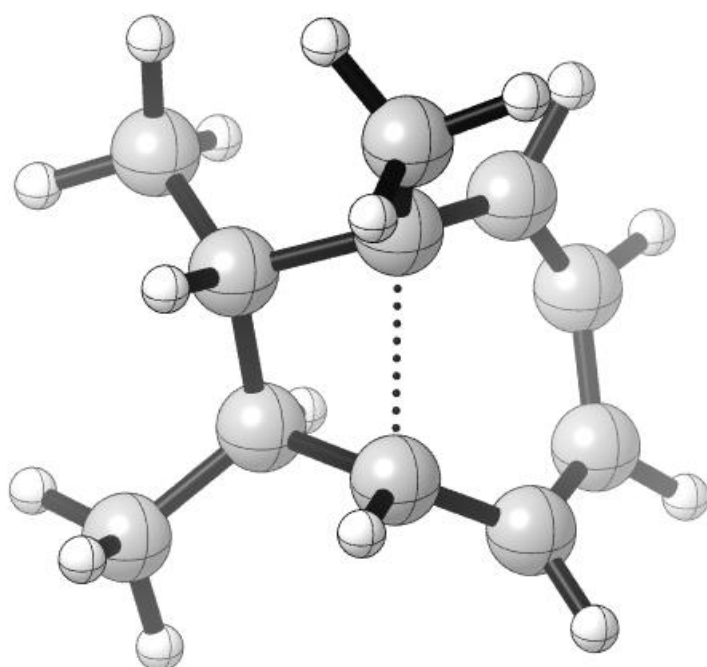
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C	0.23155100	0.91097100	1.11505200
H	0.13821300	1.16778500	2.18061100
C	0.05540000	-1.08100900	0.28132700
C	-0.86481900	-0.22211300	-0.59446100
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H	-0.76993500	2.59234500	-0.94637000
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H	-2.68361600	-0.24238200	-1.77008100
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H	-1.80956800	-1.78993600	-1.77511700
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H	3.02458000	-0.90415800	-1.40184700
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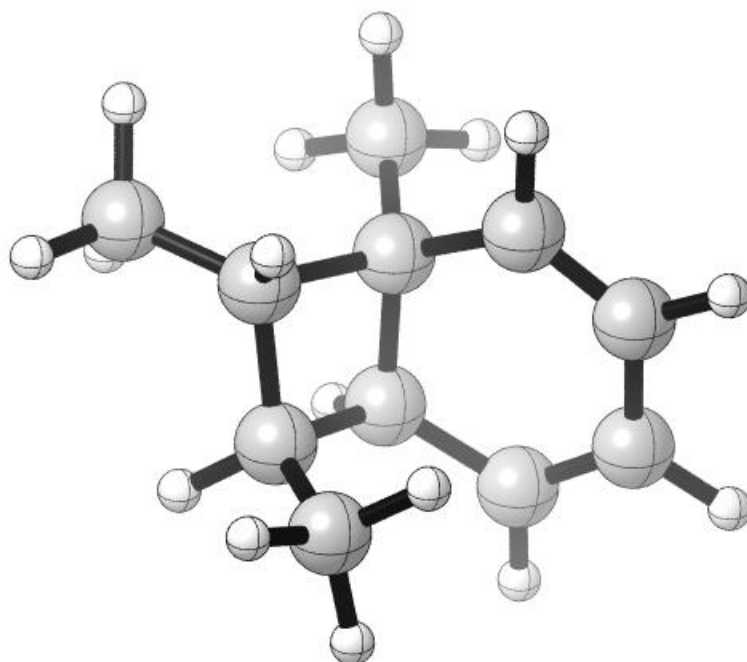
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Monomethyl_C_cyclooctatriene_exo_6 π _TS
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 Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.204483 Hartree
 G = -1124923.573

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H	-2.48987900	-1.06795900	-1.83696900
H	-3.37010900	0.87470700	-0.78370300
C	-1.80204200	1.09998200	0.67260800
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C	-0.44205000	0.91711300	0.94644400
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H	2.94234700	0.03110000	-1.48120900
H	1.43489400	-0.66537200	-2.13998600
C	1.44568800	2.40440200	0.07704200
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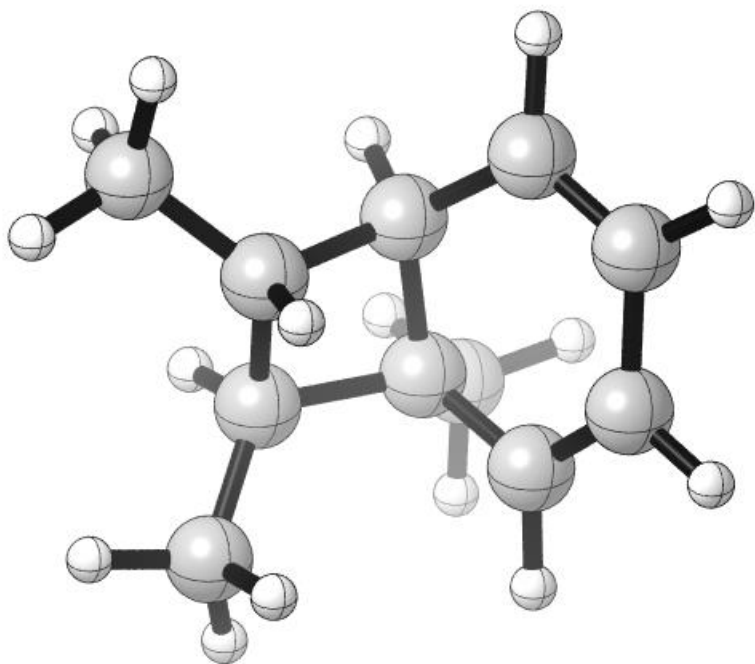
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C	2.47765000	-0.09962100	0.25153400
H	0.31946700	-1.64408700	-1.95755700
H	-0.31345700	0.07132600	1.99497900
H	3.55713500	0.01763000	0.36568100
C	-0.63081900	1.37736800	0.26333700
H	-1.28670800	1.96099200	0.92890600
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C	0.19272500	2.32186900	-0.59585800
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H	2.68361900	-1.09027900	-1.71292600

C	-0.90293200	-2.09457900	0.54446200
H	-0.08349100	-2.67109800	0.99921100
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Monomethyl_C_BOD_exo_GS

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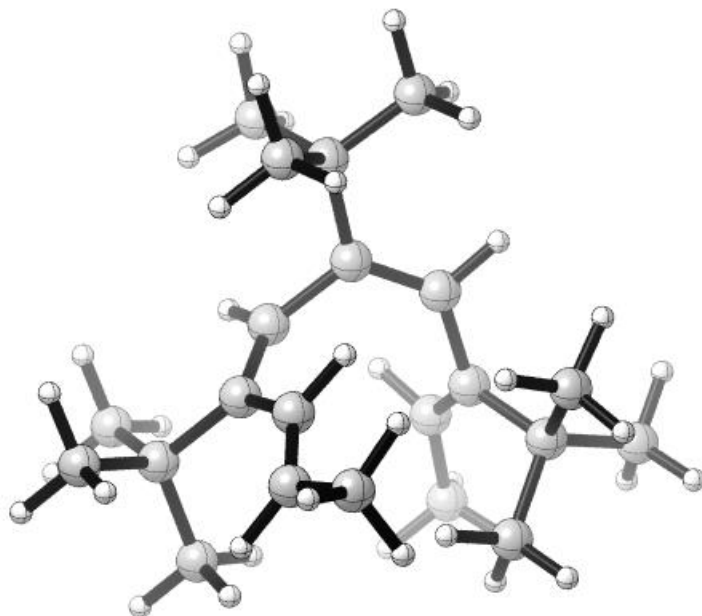
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H	-2.78116300	-0.69849300	-1.77334700
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Tributyl Cartesian Coordinates



Tributyl_tetraene_GS

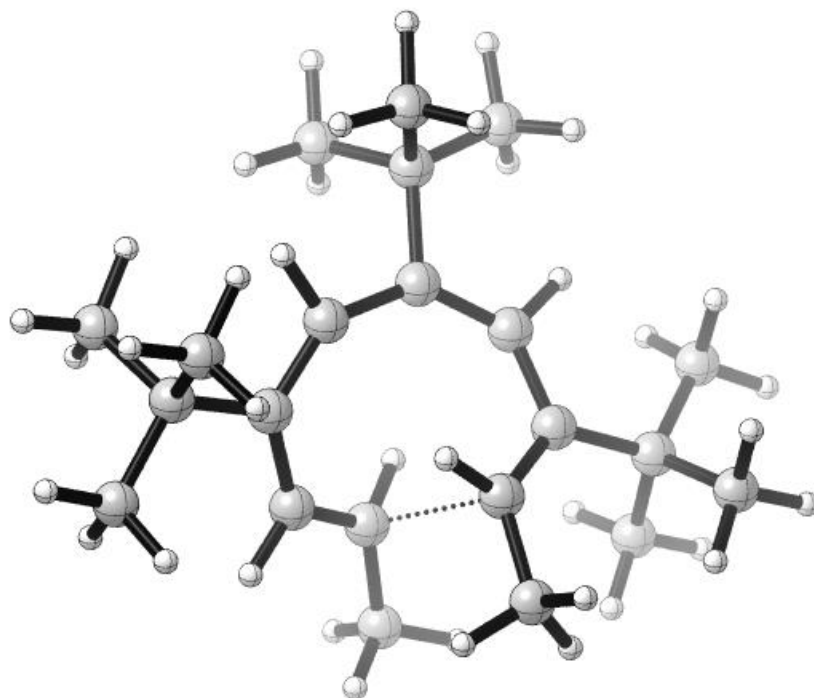
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Tributyl tetraene 8π _TS

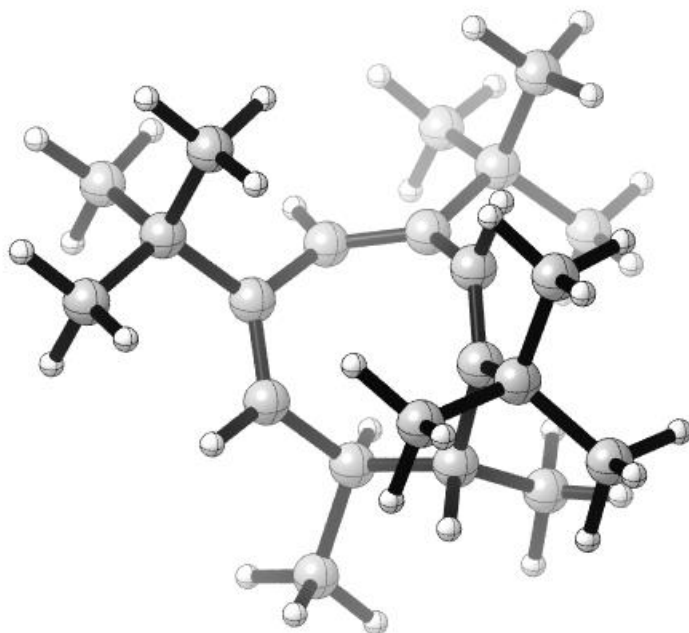
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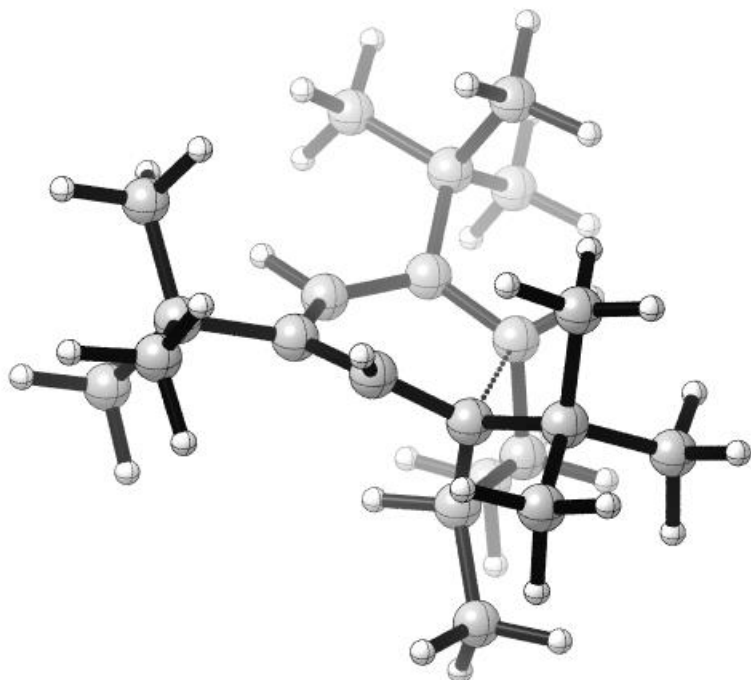
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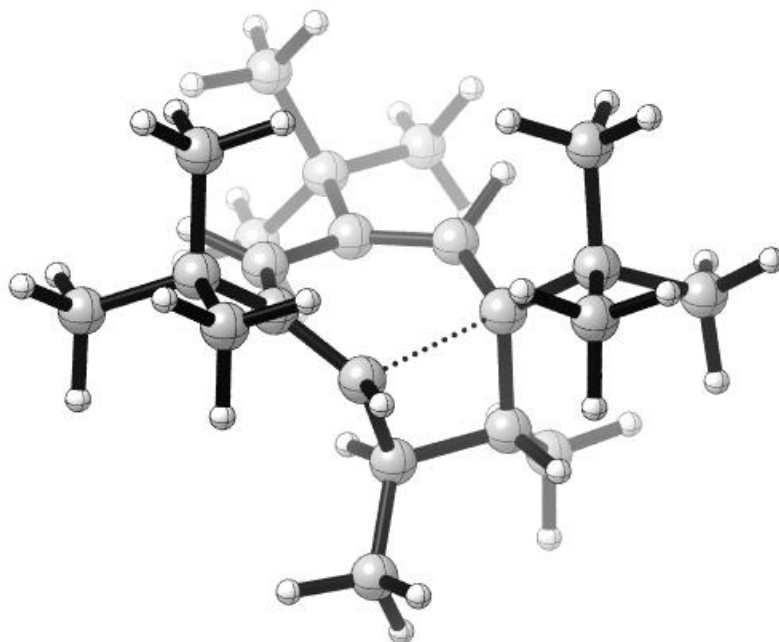
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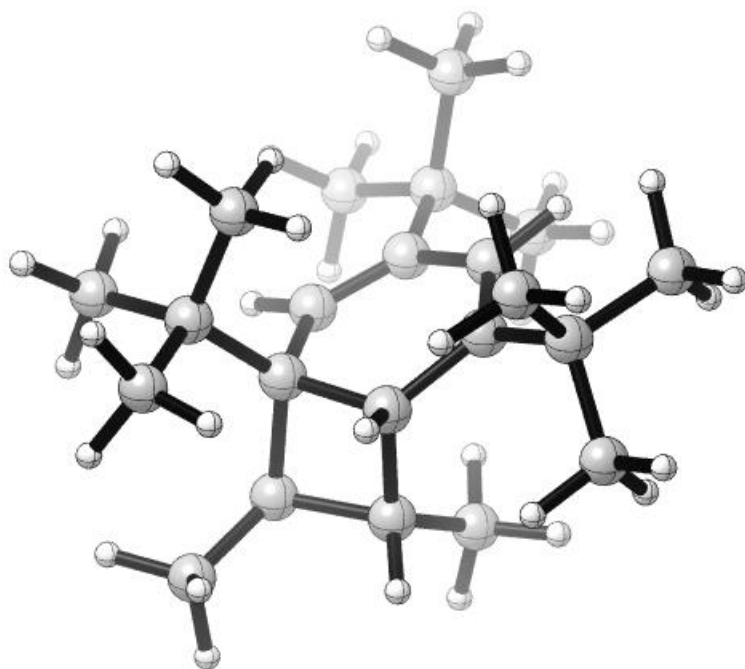
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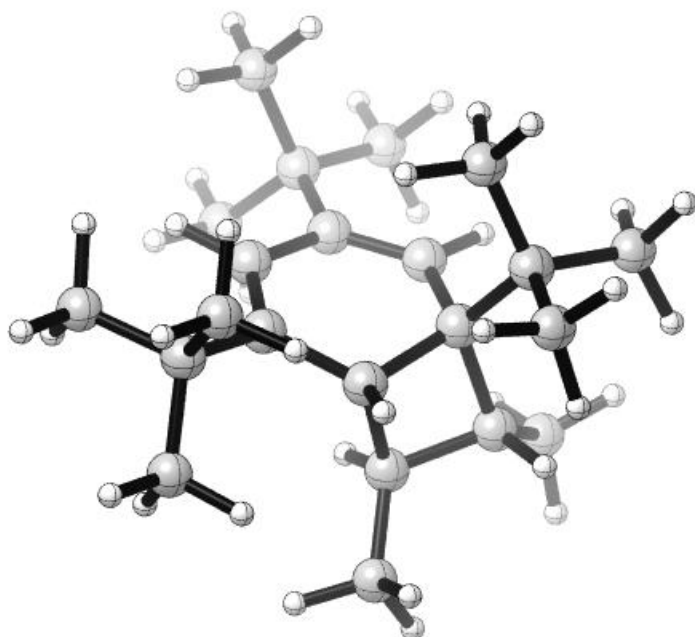
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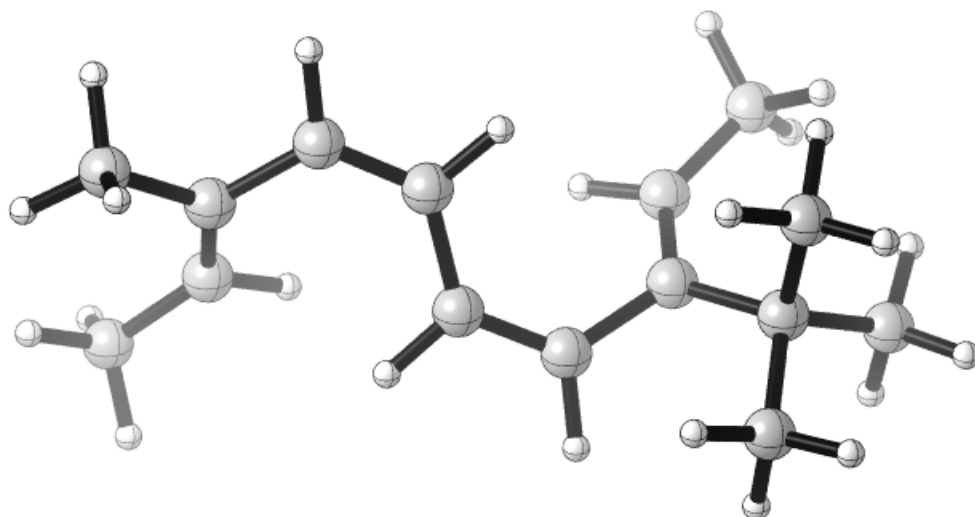
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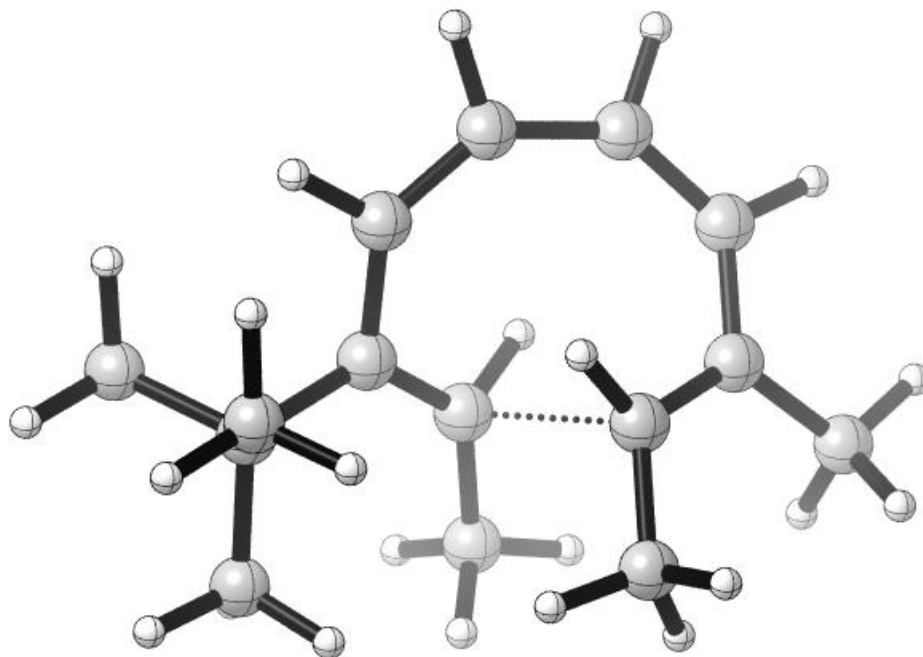
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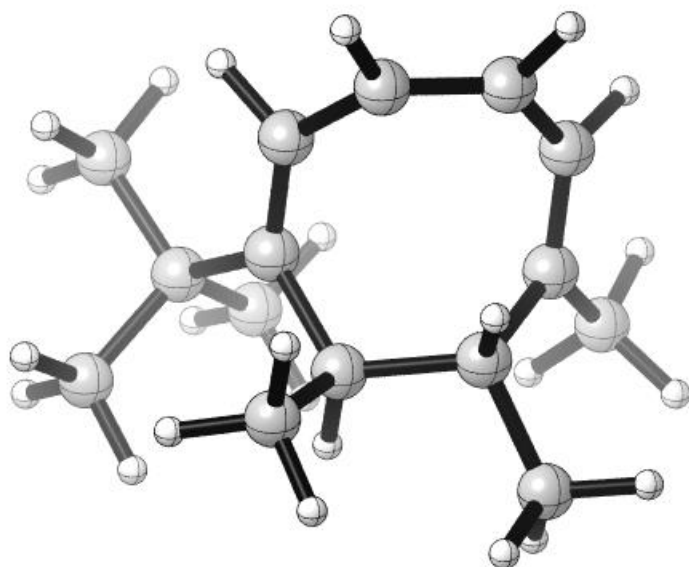
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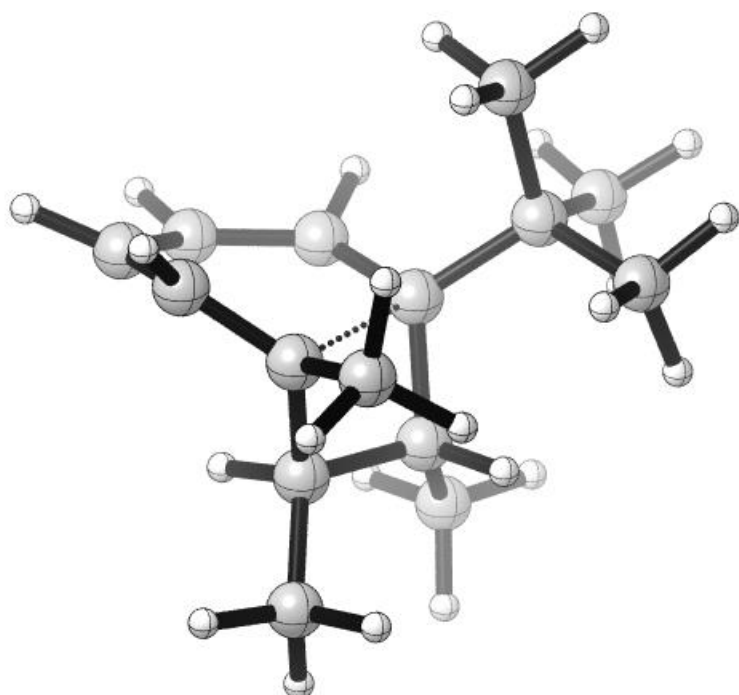
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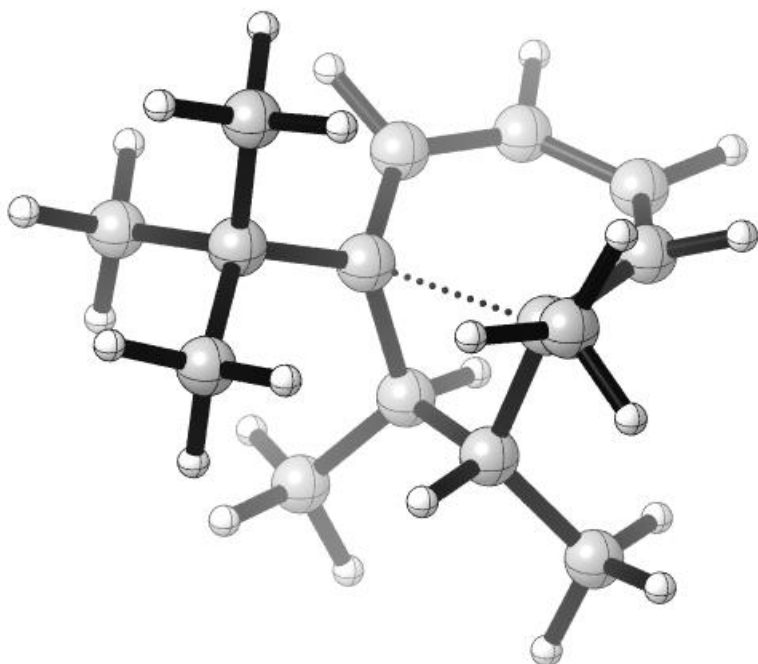
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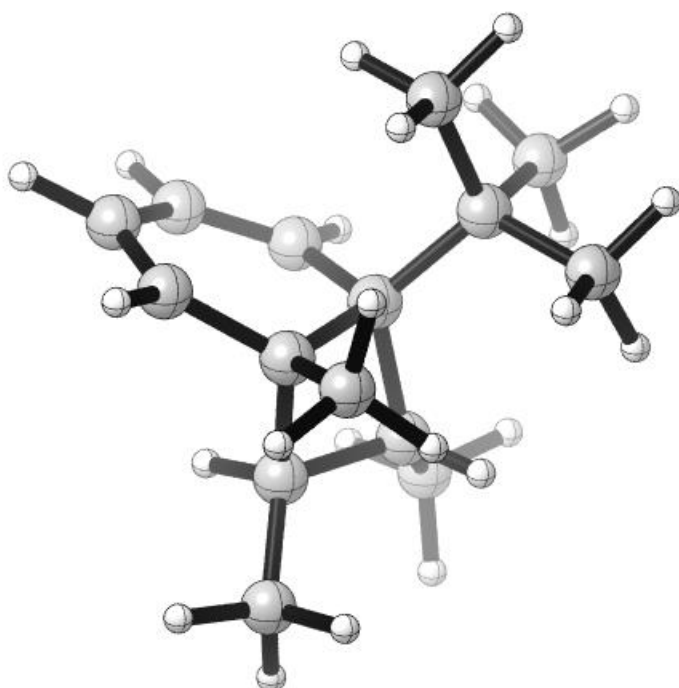
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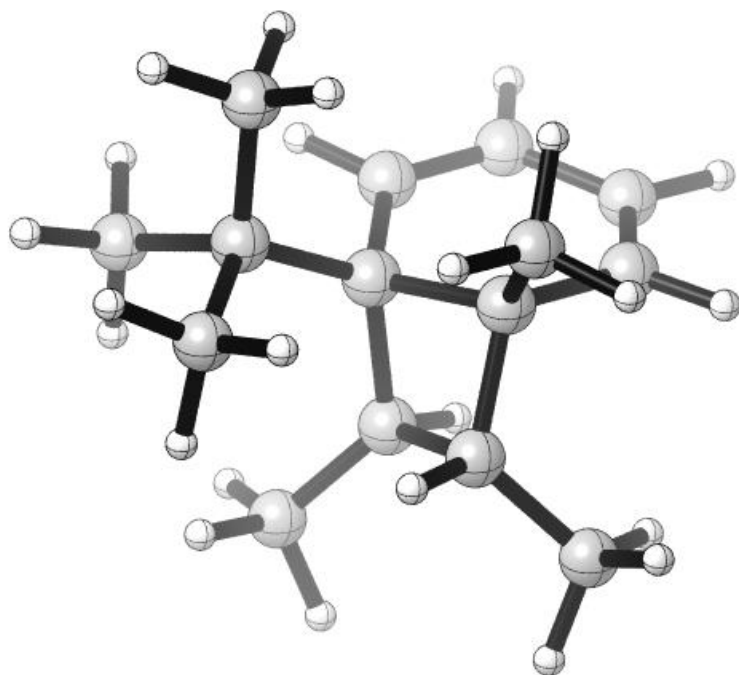
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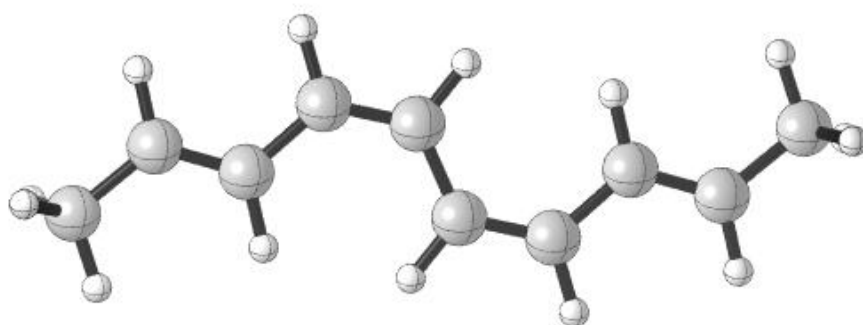
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H	-3.05159900	-2.38169600	-0.84976000
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H	3.77260300	0.19094600	-0.46210400
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C	2.10821300	-1.34923300	1.14276900
H	1.92290100	-2.28166700	0.58941800
H	1.52809500	-1.38731900	2.07273300
H	3.17494000	-1.32386700	1.41458200
C	2.02330400	1.14007200	1.13969100
H	1.37945200	1.21458900	2.02171300
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Unsubstituted Cartesian Coordinates



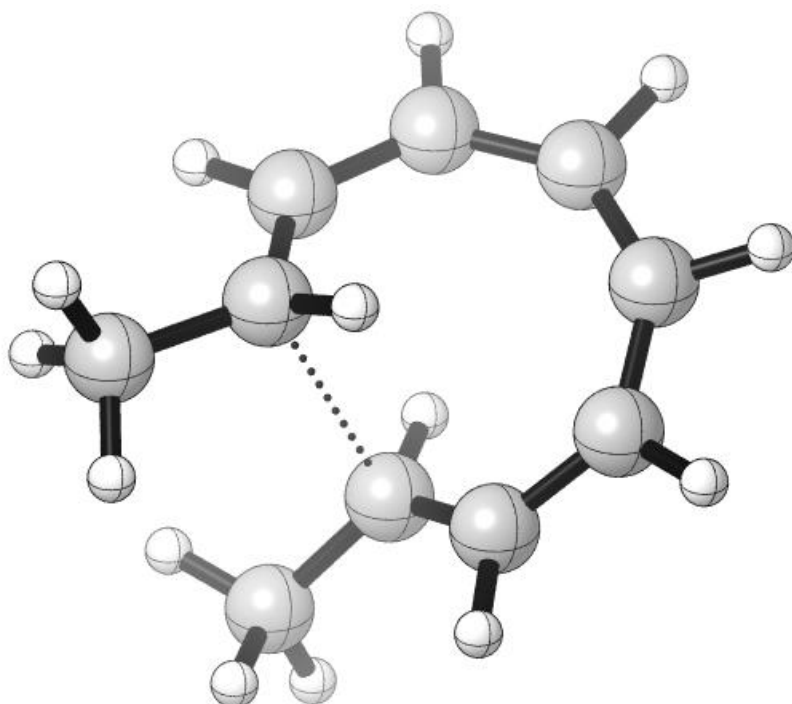
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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.171130 Hartree

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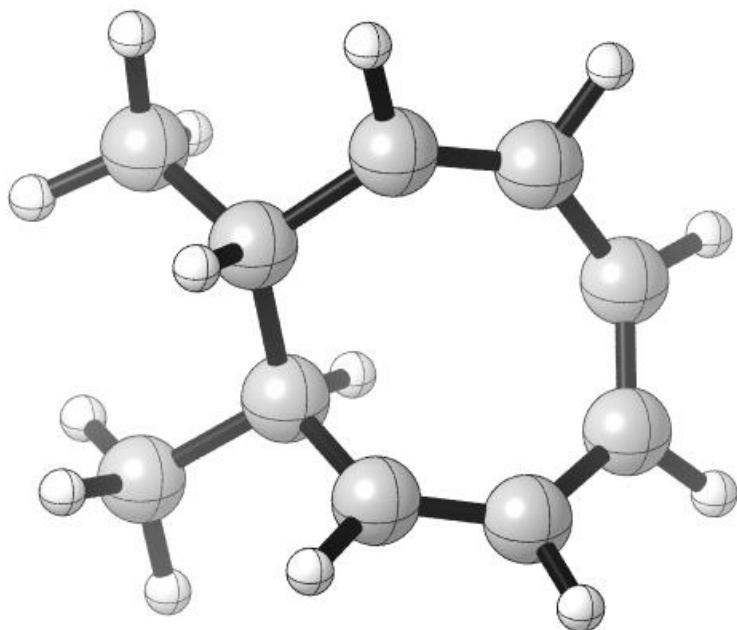
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C	-1.73471500	0.10531300	1.28557600
H	-2.69712400	0.43858300	1.68467500
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C	-0.81246500	-1.35826600	-2.14656200
H	-1.17617300	-2.39813200	-2.17666600
H	0.16261100	-1.34404800	-2.65386200
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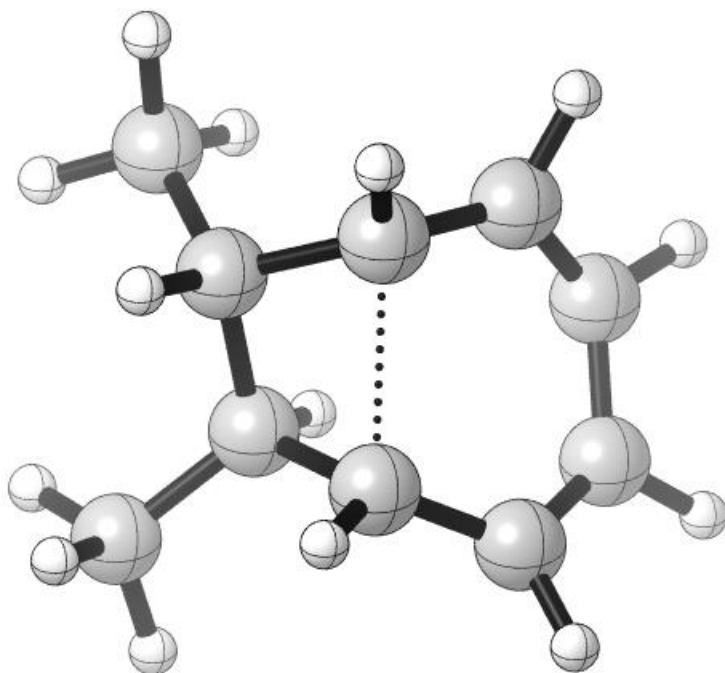
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H	0.23562100	-0.48473100	1.16267200
C	1.18930500	0.55178800	-0.44850400
H	1.54843100	0.30199000	-1.46429100
C	2.36298100	1.19548900	0.30402300
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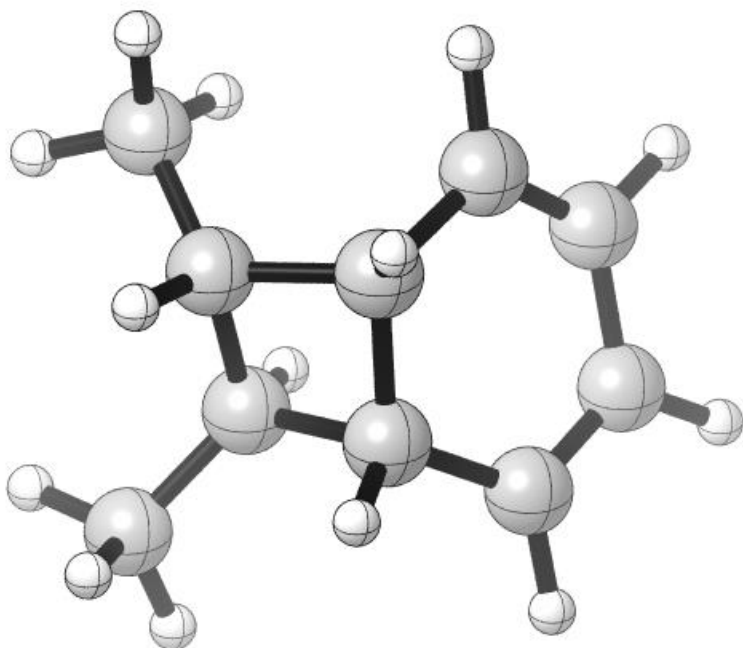
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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.178721 Hartree

G = -1021778.55

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C	-2.20273900	0.54356700	-0.58930000
C	-1.91418400	-0.83056000	-0.69801100
H	-2.62085500	-1.42409000	-1.28434700
C	-1.56386900	1.35613000	0.34052300
H	-2.14104600	2.14802900	0.82752700
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H	0.11271800	-1.62861000	1.90324500
C	-0.26140100	1.06983400	0.76606400
C	0.83291200	0.73349300	-0.23802500
H	0.35482500	0.51535000	-1.20628600
C	1.30406100	-0.56457100	0.38013300
H	1.95825700	-0.31144700	1.23262700
C	2.01794200	-1.56118100	-0.52175600
H	2.24339700	-2.49534700	0.01409100
H	2.96780700	-1.14636800	-0.89232300
H	1.38349100	-1.80991700	-1.38602800
C	1.87363900	1.82857100	-0.41780800
H	2.66378000	1.50923100	-1.11415500
H	2.34896500	2.07529700	0.54457700
H	1.41900600	2.74589400	-0.81893300
H	-1.47802600	-2.52908700	0.45063900
H	-3.13260000	0.88502100	-1.05139600
H	0.10147900	1.58243800	1.66646700



Unsubstituted_BOD_GS

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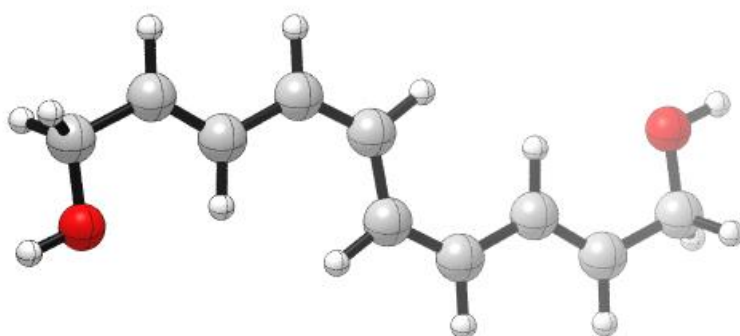
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C	0.11812300	0.65360500	0.96264400
C	1.44514300	-1.44288900	0.15113100
C	2.14193000	0.81592400	-0.48937900
H	1.61631700	-2.52044400	0.21113000
H	0.18437300	0.97065100	2.01703900
H	2.86588600	1.41717000	-1.04324900
C	-1.32510700	0.66003100	0.37922900
H	-2.03418600	0.48020000	1.20470400
C	-1.01037600	-0.68790100	-0.30951500
H	-0.58740900	-0.48447300	-1.30796100
C	-1.79941100	1.81992000	-0.47378500
H	-1.88174500	2.74790500	0.11209400
H	-2.78997100	1.60663700	-0.90299300
H	-1.10085200	2.00325900	-1.30420600
C	-2.09067500	-1.74664500	-0.39398800
H	-2.50089100	-1.96377100	0.60456600
H	-1.69917600	-2.68596600	-0.81208400
H	-2.92114400	-1.41579300	-1.03618600
H	3.26300100	-1.05133500	-0.85960000
H	-0.18562300	-1.44121400	1.56453500
H	1.04129200	2.50621700	0.13224500

Structure	Number of imaginary frequencies	Free energy correction (Hartree)	Electronic energy (Hartree)	Relative Gibbs free energy (kJ/mol)
Bismethylenehydroxy_tetraene_GS	0	0.179757	-539.822768	0.000
Bismethylenehydroxy_tetraene_8 π _TS	1	0.18568	-539.798679	78.797
Bismethylenehydroxy_cyclooctatriene_GS	0	0.189285	-539.843443	-29.266
Bismethylenehydroxy_cyclooctatriene_6 π _TS	1	0.186188	-539.798051	81.779
Bismethylenehydroxy_BOD_GS	0	0.190221	-539.847676	-37.923

Table S2: Calculated relative free energies of bis-methylene alcohol compound

Bis-methylene alcohol compound Cartesian Coordinates



Bismethylenehydroxy_tetraene_GS

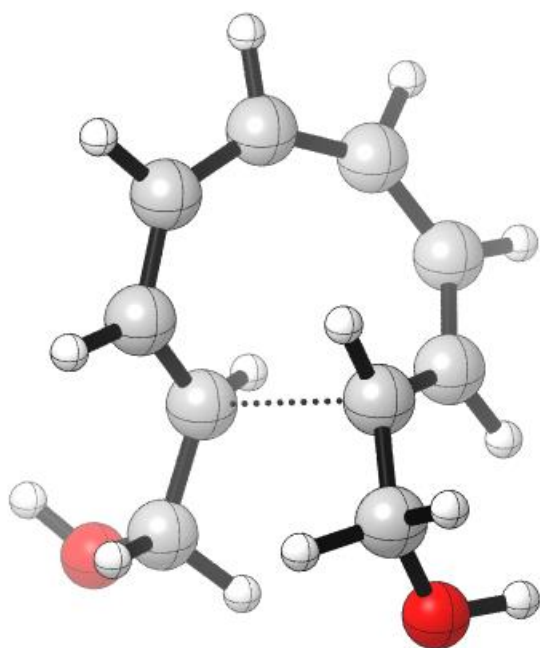
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G = -1416832.725

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C	0.92072800	-1.28325400	-1.00035900
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C	-0.18969100	-1.60874000	-0.11747900
C	5.09217200	-0.42311200	0.20547000
H	4.90296900	-0.37287200	-0.87139800
C	6.33560800	-0.17668800	0.64806200
C	-1.43104300	-1.86015600	-0.56341200
C	7.49796700	0.19381100	-0.21755900
H	7.21210300	0.11550100	-1.27999700
H	-0.00416000	-1.65378200	0.96033600
H	2.90459500	-0.79600800	-1.43564800
H	4.22866300	-0.79759400	2.15410400
H	-1.62847300	-1.80876400	-1.64081900
H	6.52351400	-0.22577000	1.72809400
H	8.33856200	-0.50073200	-0.05410000
C	-2.60480700	-2.18649700	0.31179700

H	-2.27384900	-2.22506700	1.36226200
H	-2.98815300	-3.18842400	0.06075400
C	-3.73712100	-1.18767400	0.16502100
C	-5.80989400	0.63092100	-0.09537100
C	-3.47033000	0.18390300	0.36842400
C	-5.02530700	-1.60597400	-0.16470300
C	-6.09458400	-0.70070700	-0.29930900
C	-4.52228500	1.06146000	0.23302500
H	-2.46867500	0.53650600	0.61758600
H	-5.21221100	-2.66965800	-0.32313300
H	-7.10142600	-1.03018600	-0.55224300
O	-6.64285800	1.70942300	-0.13175600
O	-4.53910600	2.41298300	0.40526900
C	-5.80229000	2.84709200	-0.06516100
H	-5.69048800	3.28440800	-1.07449600
H	-6.22559400	3.58054400	0.63282200
C	8.01353000	1.60669200	0.06657300
H	8.27448900	1.69428600	1.13206000
H	7.20440900	2.33620100	-0.12527200
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Bismethylenehydroxy_tetraene_8π_TS

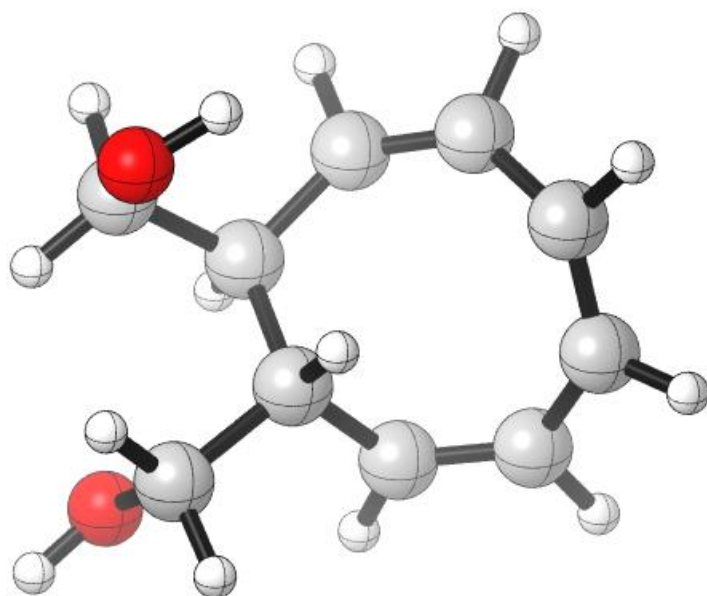
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C	0.56464300	1.52633100	0.86554000
H	0.10710500	2.11253400	1.67171000
C	-0.23527400	-1.12655200	0.57387500
H	0.50213400	-0.85923400	1.33145200
C	-0.26042800	1.02104000	-0.12082600
H	0.20392000	0.71120900	-1.05690300
C	-1.61686500	-1.42435500	1.09897600
H	-1.53275900	-2.21741900	1.86784500
H	-2.01360500	-0.54150500	1.62199000
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O	-2.54987900	-1.76228300	0.10953400
H	-2.32894600	-2.63107200	-0.24199500
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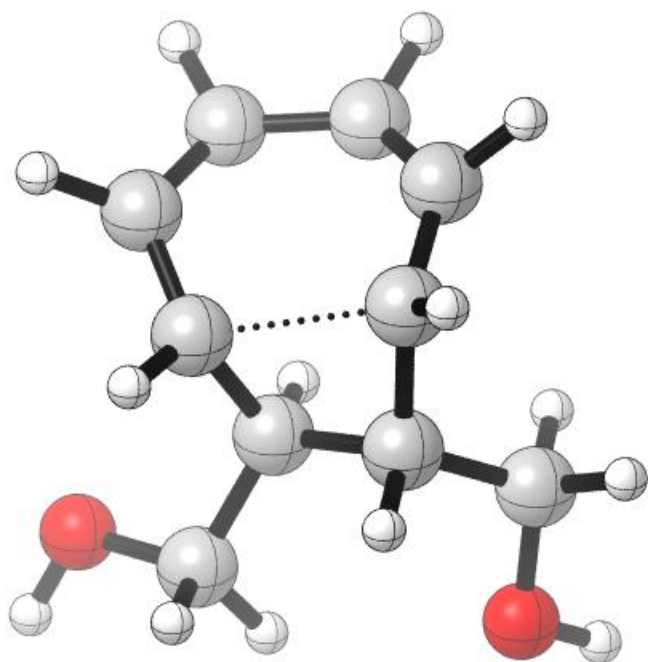
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C	-0.38348200	-0.60660300	0.25033400
H	3.24903800	1.13455700	1.13337600
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Bismethylenehydroxy_cyclooctatriene_6 π _TS

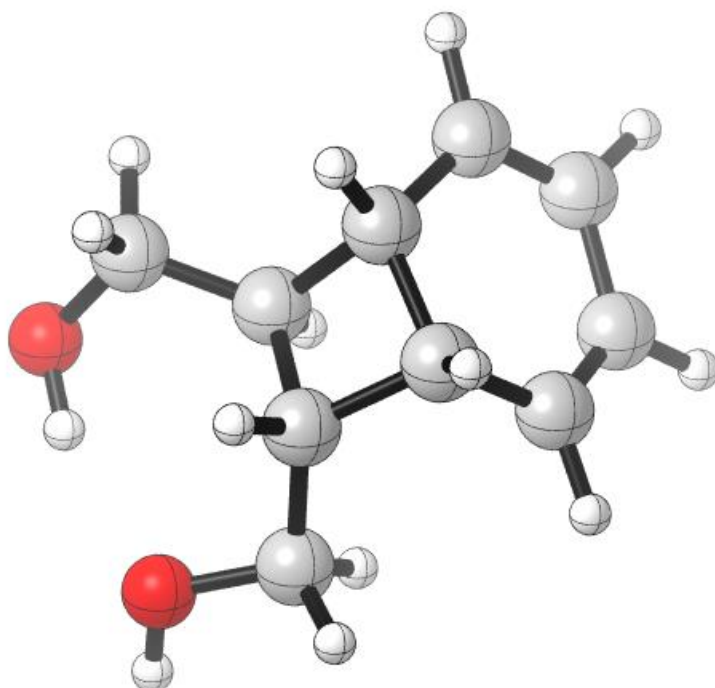
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H	2.87325900	-1.48500800	-1.57274500
C	1.58021000	-1.68405400	0.10171500

C	0.76551400	0.88406000	0.87726300
H	0.52567900	1.36402100	1.83449200
C	0.60166000	-1.26538800	1.02872200
H	0.60567400	-1.85803400	1.95433900
C	-0.78955300	-0.79153400	0.61826300
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H	-1.87727400	1.71290600	1.13452800
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O	-2.82680500	-1.25130300	-0.49699200
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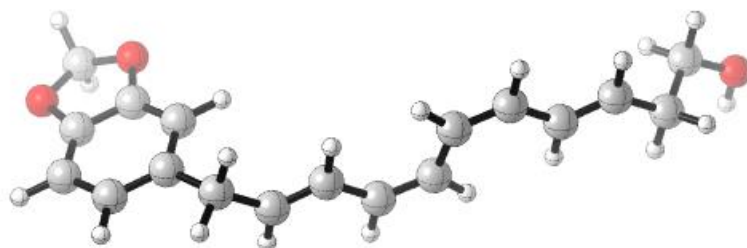
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H	1.27247500	2.68435900	0.48639700
C	1.49687100	-1.80353200	0.10113700
H	1.10039100	-2.75963100	-0.27776500
H	1.72560400	-1.95551200	1.17755000
O	2.64172400	-1.49647600	-0.64041500
H	2.84625300	-0.55905400	-0.49567400
O	2.65951000	1.35843700	-0.32278700
H	3.06816100	1.97250300	-0.94120300

Structure	Number of imaginary frequencies	Free energy correction (Hartree)	Electronic energy (Hartree)	Relative Gibbs free energy (kJ/mol)
Lu_tetraene_GS	0	0.288672	-923.494936	0.000
Lu_tetraene_8π_TS	1	0.294358	-923.469307	82.217
Lu_cyclooctatriene_GS	0	0.299704	-923.505899	4.954
Lu_cyclooctatriene_6π_1_TS	1	0.297496	-923.468721	92.055
Lu_cyclooctatriene_6π_2_TS	1	0.298058	-923.469157	91.034
Lu_BOD1_GS	0	0.301723	-923.516819	-22.464
Lu_BOD2_GS	0	0.299578	-923.514398	-17.517

Table S3: Calculated relative free energies of Lu compound
Lu compound Cartesian Coordinates



Lu_tetraene_GS

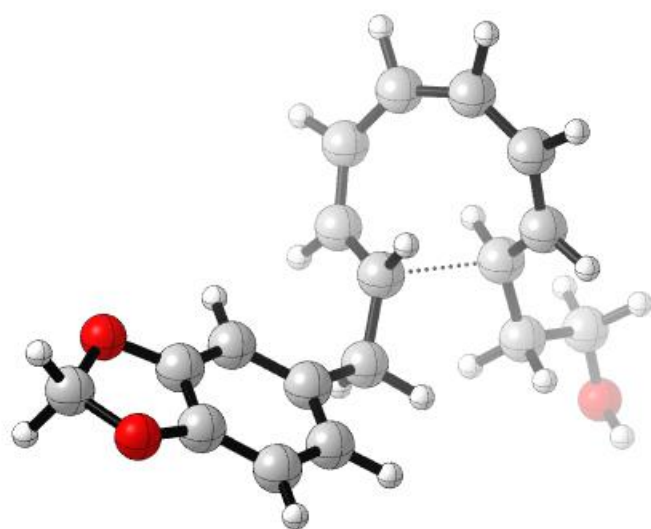
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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.288672 Hartree

G = -2423878.046

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H	2.00370700	-1.25861800	1.52221500
C	3.98509300	-0.75972400	1.08800900
C	0.92072800	-1.28325400	-1.00035900
H	0.67776500	-1.24840800	-2.06664800
C	-0.18969100	-1.60874000	-0.11747900
C	5.09217200	-0.42311200	0.20547000
H	4.90296900	-0.37287200	-0.87139800
C	6.33560800	-0.17668800	0.64806200
C	-1.43104300	-1.86015600	-0.56341200
C	7.49796700	0.19381100	-0.21755900
H	7.21210300	0.11550100	-1.27999700
H	-0.00416000	-1.65378200	0.96033600
H	2.90459500	-0.79600800	-1.43564800
H	4.22866300	-0.79759400	2.15410400
H	-1.62847300	-1.80876400	-1.64081900
H	6.52351400	-0.22577000	1.72809400
H	8.33856200	-0.50073200	-0.05410000
C	-2.60480700	-2.18649700	0.31179700

H	-2.27384900	-2.22506700	1.36226200
H	-2.98815300	-3.18842400	0.06075400
C	-3.73712100	-1.18767400	0.16502100
C	-5.80989400	0.63092100	-0.09537100
C	-3.47033000	0.18390300	0.36842400
C	-5.02530700	-1.60597400	-0.16470300
C	-6.09458400	-0.70070700	-0.29930900
C	-4.52228500	1.06146000	0.23302500
H	-2.46867500	0.53650600	0.61758600
H	-5.21221100	-2.66965800	-0.32313300
H	-7.10142600	-1.03018600	-0.55224300
O	-6.64285800	1.70942300	-0.13175600
O	-4.53910600	2.41298300	0.40526900
C	-5.80229000	2.84709200	-0.06516100
H	-5.69048800	3.28440800	-1.07449600
H	-6.22559400	3.58054400	0.63282200
C	8.01353000	1.60669200	0.06657300
H	8.27448900	1.69428600	1.13206000
H	7.20440900	2.33620100	-0.12527200
O	9.17809100	1.90807400	-0.65522400
H	8.96448700	1.88753500	-1.59404100



Lu_tetraene_8 π _TS

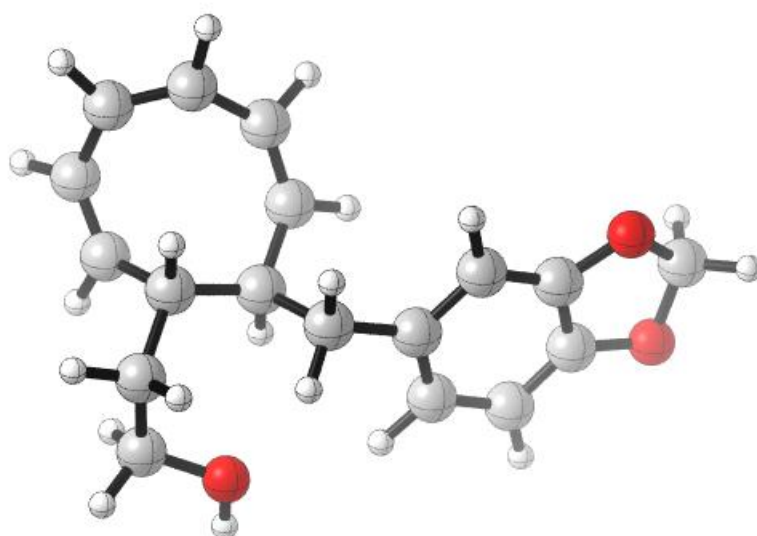
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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.294358 Hartree

G = -2423795.829

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H	2.29893700	4.26499900	-0.41162400
C	1.56996700	2.52803700	-1.26619600
C	2.88017300	1.74281200	1.85563800
H	3.06204000	1.92864900	2.91801800
C	3.00465300	0.40068200	1.45586000
C	1.02805400	1.23354800	-1.35656400

H	0.81354700	0.85510300	-2.36275400
C	2.99920600	-0.03720100	0.14370200
C	0.81820700	0.38508200	-0.28390800
H	1.51329300	3.11844400	-2.18521800
H	2.74618600	3.80160200	1.70607700
H	3.04604800	-0.35177400	2.25204000
C	3.26809100	-1.46875100	-0.21548800
H	2.76781100	-1.73996800	-1.15794500
H	2.87097900	-2.13448000	0.57087300
C	4.76442900	-1.74544200	-0.39104700
H	5.29186400	-1.51860500	0.55442100
H	5.17345400	-1.06676900	-1.15393200
O	5.01721100	-3.05085600	-0.83809000
H	4.72590100	-3.66539300	-0.15633000
H	3.25457600	0.70098800	-0.61699400
H	0.74401100	0.84315200	0.70268800
C	0.11933500	-0.93836300	-0.44405000
H	0.58432600	-1.69322300	0.20681400
H	0.24431800	-1.29079000	-1.48184100
C	-1.35821900	-0.86538000	-0.10070000
C	-4.05895300	-0.79181600	0.51738500
C	-2.17323900	0.10857300	-0.71772200
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C	-3.51117900	0.11402900	-0.39358700
H	-1.76133800	0.83896100	-1.41478700
H	-1.27088300	-2.50631000	1.28167200
H	-3.71313100	-2.44012400	1.85919000
O	-4.49248800	0.95685400	-0.82206000
O	-5.38667400	-0.52243000	0.66781400
C	-5.70873300	0.40103900	-0.35622400
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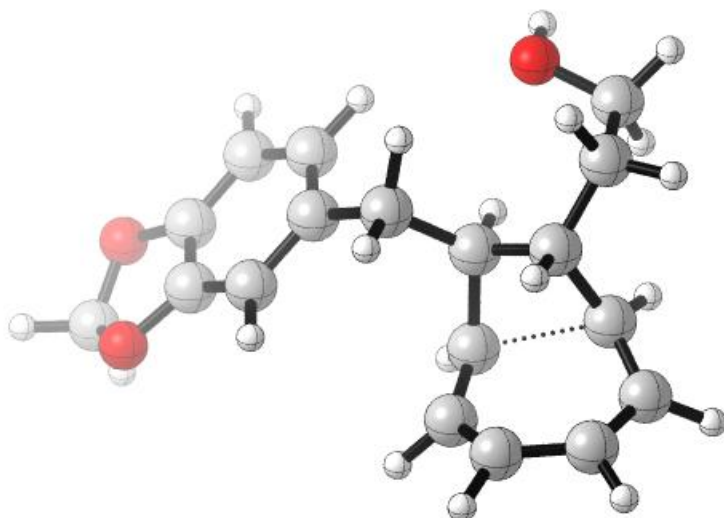
Lu_cyclooctatriene_GS

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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.299704 Hartree

G = -2423877.865

C	2.75960700	-2.92114600	0.21731200
C	4.00391100	-2.46831400	-0.02906900
H	4.84401000	-3.05359700	0.35825400
C	4.32286700	-1.29597900	-0.84324100
C	0.92744600	-1.26682200	-0.57839200
C	1.48766700	-2.47153400	-0.37104800
H	0.87878300	-3.31923400	-0.70872800
C	3.72005200	-0.10527100	-0.71995200
H	4.01688900	0.68810800	-1.41444800
C	2.74090600	0.27173900	0.36234400
C	1.28311000	0.11919600	-0.10337900
C	0.28076000	0.51951300	1.00833700
H	0.42225500	-0.15922800	1.86493600
H	5.11746100	-1.40987100	-1.58787200
H	2.67958200	-3.84335000	0.80303900
H	-0.04590100	-1.29850400	-1.07938000
C	3.09490800	1.67272600	0.90351300
H	4.16663700	1.66298900	1.15796300
C	2.85589100	2.85427800	-0.02473400
H	3.26838500	2.64376700	-1.02932200
H	3.40755400	3.72516200	0.37282000
O	1.47477700	3.14263900	-0.10095600
H	1.35087100	3.91078500	-0.66755400
C	-1.15908100	0.49041900	0.55613800
C	-3.76461100	0.47768500	-0.38636100
C	-1.63365900	1.51154300	-0.27225400
C	-2.01230400	-0.56862200	0.92633100
C	-3.30288100	-0.54590900	0.43975100
C	-2.95093900	1.52682400	-0.75981600
H	-0.94534500	2.31697800	-0.53713100
H	-1.66750000	-1.37836000	1.57009500
H	-3.32370900	2.32809000	-1.39680500
O	-4.32390700	-1.42074600	0.67355200
O	-5.08112200	0.25617600	-0.67517600
C	-5.34604700	-1.06323900	-0.23834200
H	-5.32476300	-1.75147400	-1.10444100
H	-6.32077500	-1.09927800	0.26431800
H	1.11414400	0.81599300	-0.94222700
H	2.56087800	1.86987600	1.84545000
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Lu_cyclooctatriene_6π1_TS

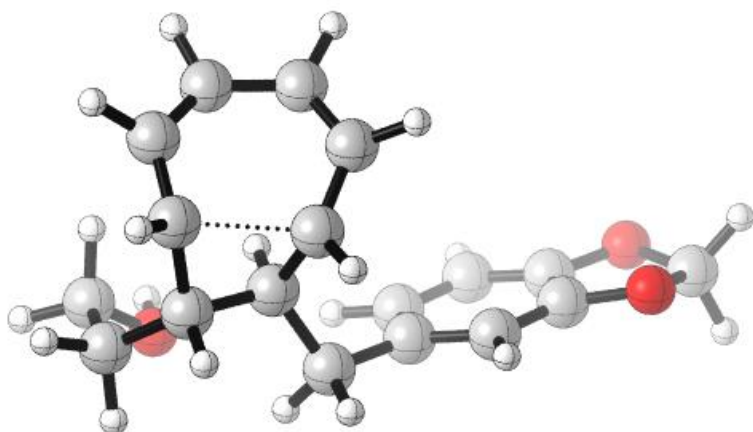
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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.297496 Hartree

G = -2423786.051

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C	3.69271100	-2.64239400	0.08225500
H	4.42532700	-3.42640000	0.29030000
C	4.00860600	-1.63759200	-0.82547700
C	1.12628500	-1.04791500	-0.73906100
C	1.24635800	-2.30737200	-0.11493100
H	0.40482100	-2.99633200	-0.26525800
C	3.20590500	-0.49585600	-0.93938500
H	3.34669700	0.13249400	-1.82839800
C	2.74381000	0.25699500	0.30154700
C	1.26821100	0.29262900	-0.02067100
C	0.30175300	0.53365200	1.14032300
H	0.46067900	-0.24602500	1.90224000
H	4.82012300	-1.81392000	-1.53812900
H	2.19672000	-3.84463000	1.00222900
H	0.35684900	-1.03541600	-1.52392700
C	3.47453400	1.57668900	0.57078300
H	4.55829600	1.39537800	0.48926800
C	3.09273600	2.73406400	-0.33495600
H	3.07107600	2.40305600	-1.39184100
H	3.86019100	3.52490000	-0.25868100
O	1.83125300	3.22544900	0.07043000
H	1.58115200	3.95401700	-0.50663100
C	-1.13877000	0.54404000	0.69426800
C	-3.73778900	0.59009800	-0.26614500
C	-1.66622000	1.68773700	0.08804600
C	-1.93380600	-0.61296500	0.82316200
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H	-1.02403700	2.56682500	-0.00170600

H	-1.54795100	-1.51729300	1.29497400
H	-3.39666500	2.63168200	-0.86220900
O	-4.19532900	-1.51401100	0.36877700
O	-5.04031200	0.36511100	-0.61056400
C	-5.23447100	-1.02831500	-0.46111700
H	-5.17541300	-1.51892700	-1.45107500
H	-6.20627200	-1.21934400	0.01126100
H	1.09290400	1.07756500	-0.77284300
H	3.28704200	1.90328000	1.60634400
H	2.90242700	-0.40363800	1.16760800
H	0.55886700	1.50846900	1.58247500



Lu_cyclooctatriene_6π2_TS

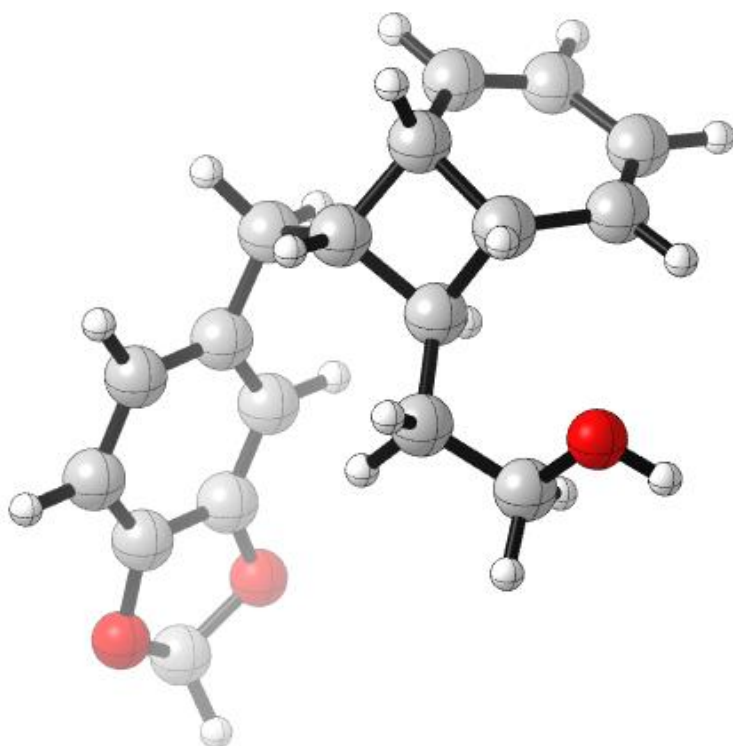
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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.298058 Hartree

G = -2423785.72

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H	0.70204400	2.79664700	2.13886100
C	0.67629700	2.26422000	0.05884300
C	3.30446300	1.21009300	-0.75326300
C	3.49683100	1.65381600	0.57621400
H	4.49635000	2.04510300	0.80678500
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H	0.89493000	1.61727400	-1.97076500
C	1.39013900	-0.07366300	-0.63995100
C	2.80294600	-0.17442300	-1.16604400
C	0.35595100	-1.02207100	-1.24648600
H	0.71771300	-2.04847100	-1.08171500
H	2.74677500	-0.16264500	-2.26821700
H	-0.05761100	3.03329300	-0.19956600
H	2.94857100	2.14122500	2.56781200
H	4.07218800	1.60261500	-1.43716200
H	1.39363100	-0.21857700	0.44961700
H	0.29734000	-0.85375900	-2.33448200
C	3.68758500	-1.35944300	-0.76206400

H	4.73692600	-1.10862200	-0.98865000
H	3.43511100	-2.23827600	-1.37792800
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H	3.65245000	-0.89429600	1.34676400
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O	2.35021400	-2.45524200	0.87475800
H	2.23401400	-2.63610800	1.81278400
C	-1.00505600	-0.85556800	-0.61805000
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H	-0.46491500	-2.01017800	1.10217300
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H	-2.67527000	-1.68571100	2.27939200
O	-4.29829700	0.79206500	-0.97171600
O	-4.68977500	-0.13815200	1.07420800
C	-5.31819700	0.42887000	-0.05930800
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Lu_BOD1_GS

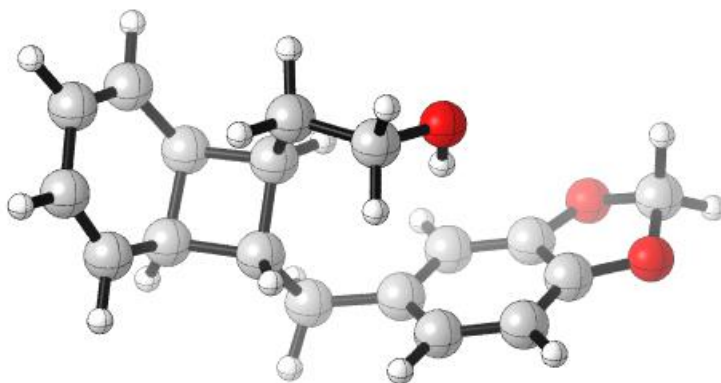
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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.301723 Hartree

G = -2423901.235

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C	4.24009300	-0.08454200	1.46963200

C	3.17454900	-2.03120700	0.40599300
C	2.92292100	0.30830400	-0.57818300
C	2.77334700	-1.22434000	-0.79598400
C	3.84333600	0.76443000	0.51101800
C	3.84113600	-1.50047100	1.44229200
H	3.14143600	0.83342700	-1.51875200
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H	4.13388900	-2.13578500	2.28107500
H	2.93997500	-3.10007800	0.40111100
H	3.26324300	-1.64213500	-1.69128000
C	1.24192600	-0.99975500	-0.96112300
C	1.39618000	0.38499400	-0.29279200
C	0.96011200	2.88608000	-0.22602200
H	0.24708100	3.65892800	-0.56684600
O	2.27766500	3.21130000	-0.61470800
C	-1.90095100	-1.33971000	-1.50651000
C	-2.87926800	-0.21228000	0.79502300
C	-1.14335900	-1.39804400	-0.33389900
C	-3.15824200	-0.71465600	-1.55613400
C	-3.62239400	-0.15661000	-0.38342500
C	-1.64235700	-0.82059400	0.85200600
H	-3.74538200	-0.66874800	-2.47245300
H	-1.07393100	-0.84905000	1.78216800
O	-3.56429800	0.43288200	1.78159700
O	-4.78037100	0.52597800	-0.14731500
C	-4.86057500	0.66405500	1.25905400
H	-5.18702600	1.68013400	1.51440200
H	2.52841800	4.04029100	-0.19592200
H	-1.50079800	-1.79345600	-2.41582500
C	0.58977800	1.54965200	-0.84045100
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H	0.56129300	-2.21853400	0.67809700
H	0.25967300	-2.92925700	-0.91747300
H	-0.48400300	1.36358200	-0.67234100
H	0.87420800	2.81829000	0.87551500
H	1.23085800	0.28705000	0.79575600
H	-5.56184300	-0.08800300	1.66609200
H	1.00842900	-0.85630000	-2.02954600



Lu_BOD2_GS

E(M062X/def2TZVP) = -923.514398 Hartree

Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.299578 Hartree

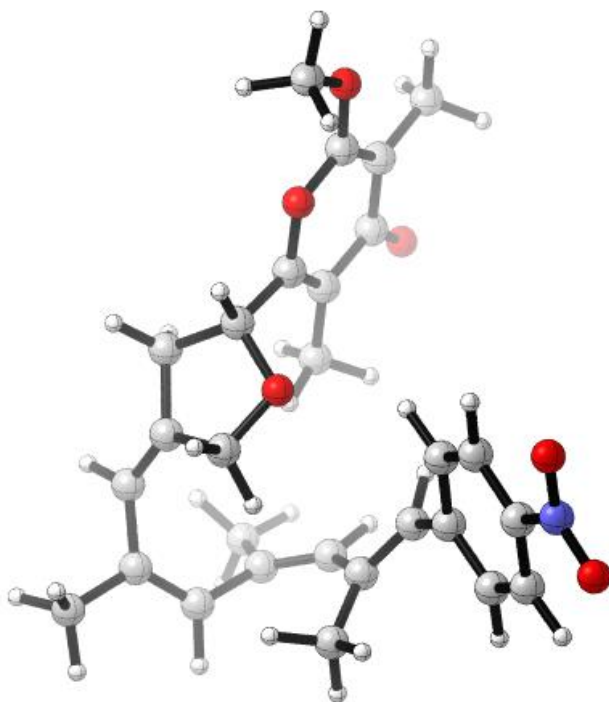
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C	-2.89042400	-1.22878500	-0.33979400
C	-2.79254100	0.02671600	-1.25145300
C	-3.96067100	-1.14835800	0.70970400
C	-4.91083900	0.88193000	-0.29691600
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H	-0.63333100	0.60754200	-1.19762200
C	-1.45565600	-0.94261000	0.18293400
H	-1.39966400	-0.87679600	1.28252700
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H	-1.75532900	2.55279100	-0.14679700
C	-0.30988200	1.82011600	1.27093600
H	-0.19094200	0.96723700	1.96735400
H	-0.41333200	2.72243400	1.89159500
O	0.84586100	1.99366700	0.49060800
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H	0.82800300	-1.67305900	2.08312000

H	1.50137400	-0.93580200	-2.12708800
H	3.05538700	-0.66565300	2.64626500
O	4.71282200	0.31648100	0.60096200
O	4.00615700	0.17811500	-1.56196200
C	4.90939800	0.84731600	-0.69719700
H	5.93973800	0.66077800	-1.02259100
H	4.67949000	1.92849600	-0.69228800
H	1.07985800	1.14103700	0.10553700

Structure	Number of imaginary frequencies	Free energy correction (Hartree)	Electronic energy (Hartree)	Relative Gibbs free energy (kJ/mol)
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SNF_BOD2_GS	0	0.480302	-1591.535833	-69.599

Table S4: Calculated relative free energies of SNF4435 compounds
SNF4435 compounds Cartesian Coordinates



SNF_tetraene_GS

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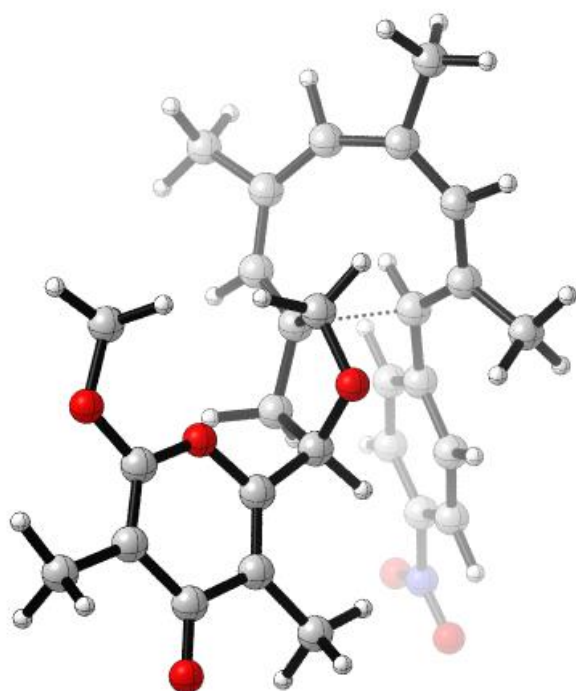
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H	-2.07165800	4.26696100	-1.60619300
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H	0.92429900	0.15084300	1.83887100
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H	0.44060600	1.25955600	-2.56314500
O	-0.46342500	0.28994000	-0.96343300
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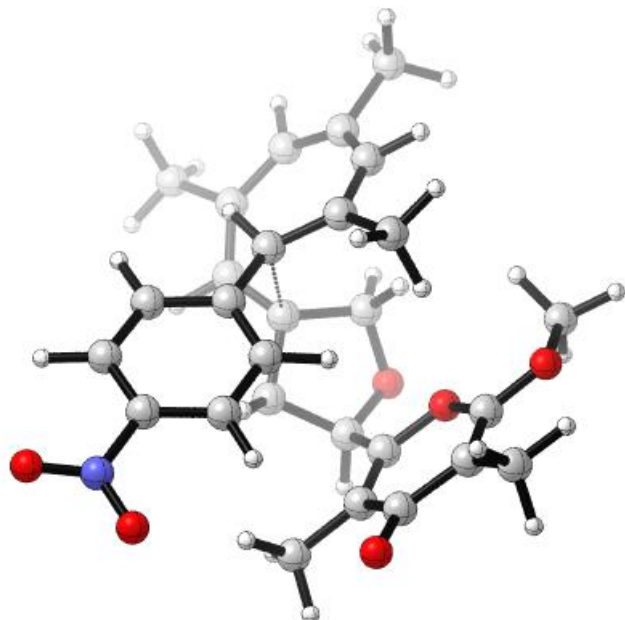
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H	1.64043000	-1.38720200	1.95062000
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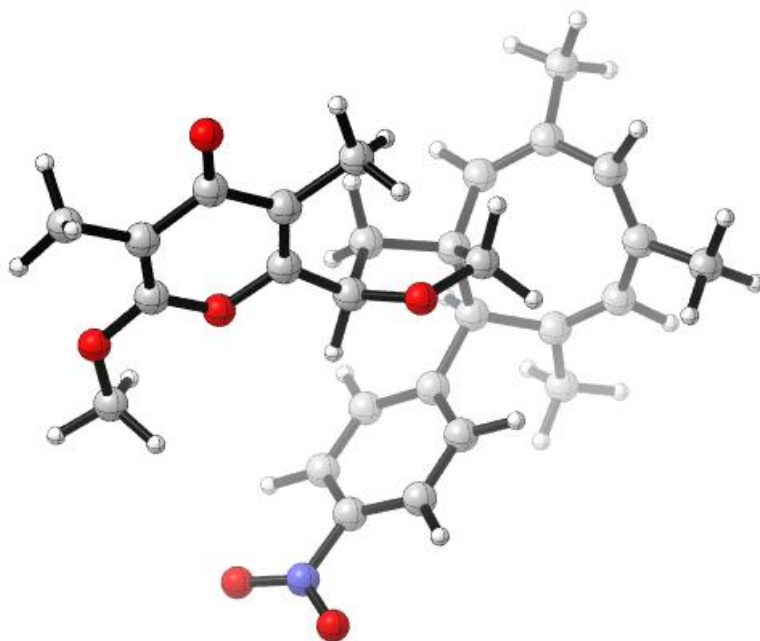
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C	-2.63862100	-2.64066700	-0.76648300
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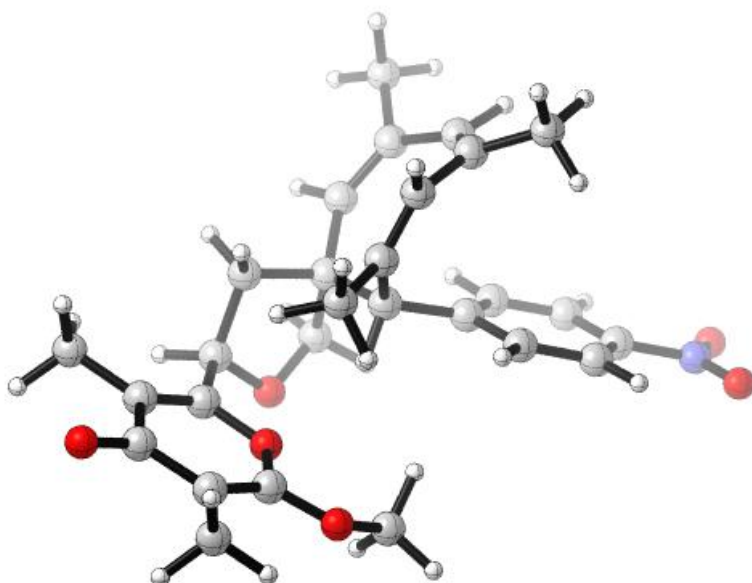
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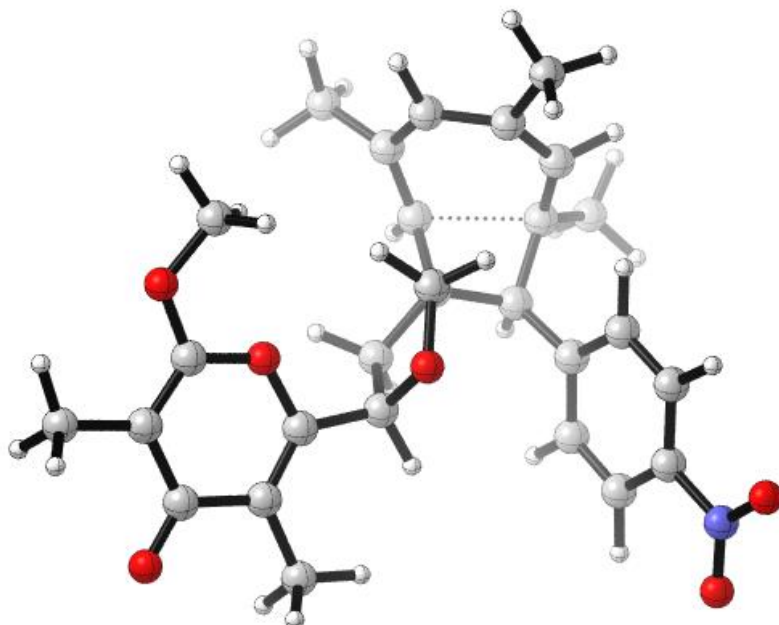
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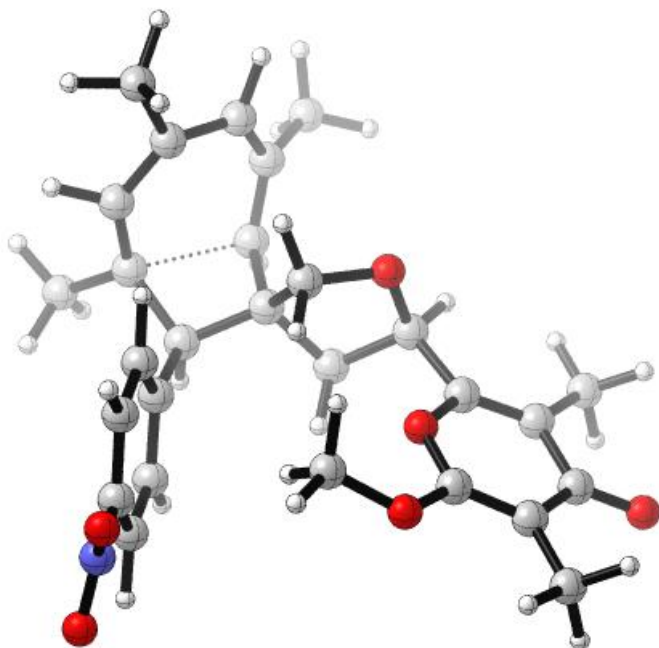
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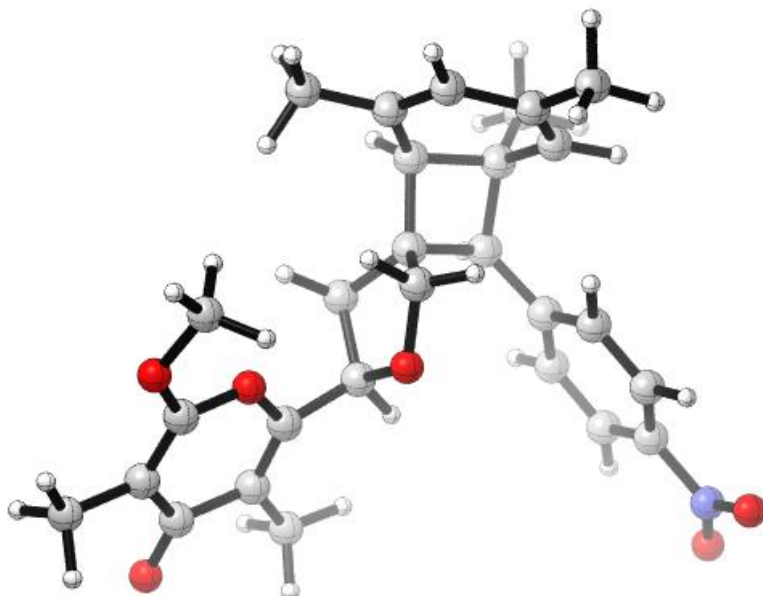
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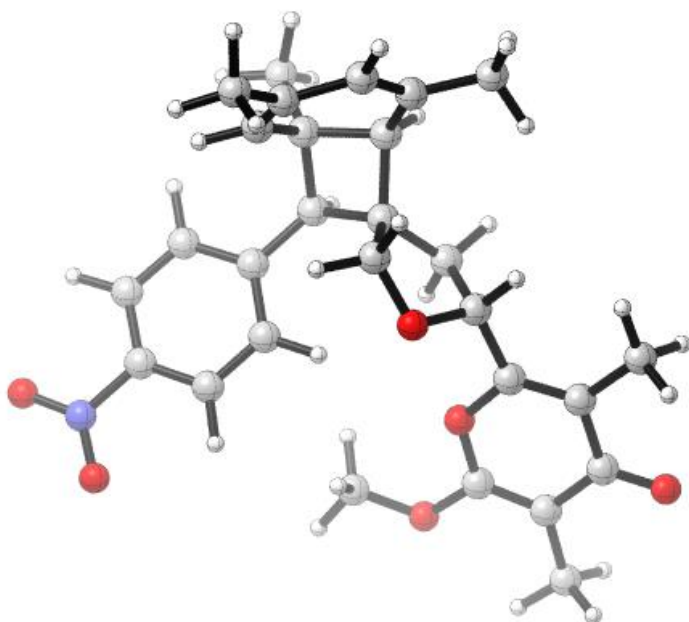
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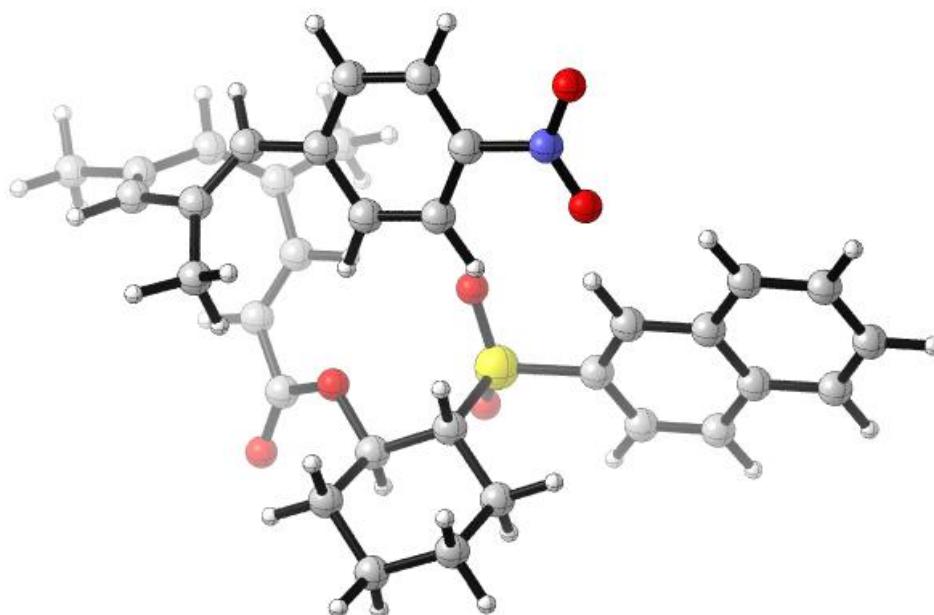
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Parkerester_BOD2_GS	0	0.562295	-2220.812211	-66.795

**Table S5: Calculated relative free energies of Parker Chiral Ester compound
Parker Chiral Ester Compound Cartesian Coordinates**



Parkerester_tetraene_GS

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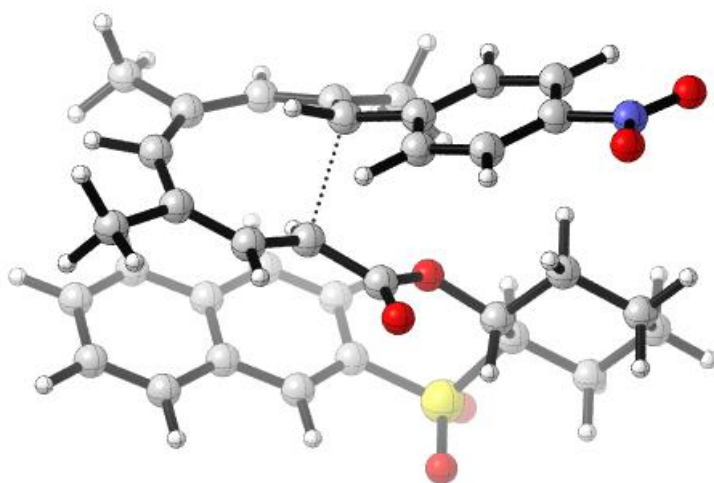
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C	-5.57980500	0.66639000	0.44607900
H	-6.32072600	0.36666600	1.19643300
C	-4.27052300	1.09056600	0.97798700
C	-3.03826400	-0.50197900	-1.41536900
H	-1.99622300	-0.20592700	-1.22956600
C	-3.46494700	-1.67431800	-0.92658000
C	-3.63099500	2.16157900	0.46374900
H	-4.16643300	2.76023300	-0.27894100
C	-2.25364400	2.58851400	0.74359400
C	0.37832900	3.41875300	1.06952600

C	-1.91684200	3.95562600	0.69630400
C	-1.22830200	1.64963900	0.95273200
C	0.08658700	2.06166500	1.11806800
C	-0.60740700	4.38205800	0.86592100
H	-2.70344800	4.68986100	0.51430400
H	-1.44712000	0.58102500	0.90973500
H	0.89448900	1.34455700	1.24605800
H	-0.33048900	5.43431700	0.82665600
N	1.77890300	3.84311100	1.18317200
O	2.62364900	2.97177300	1.24391800
O	2.01472100	5.02445000	1.20247600
C	-3.75561800	0.25717600	2.12322700
H	-3.31841500	-0.68554600	1.75762900
H	-4.58974300	-0.00819500	2.78960100
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H	-7.81662000	0.80109300	-1.85796500
H	-7.94148100	-0.10302900	-0.32450800
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C	-3.09060300	0.82619800	-3.53313200
H	-2.16638200	1.35363400	-3.24744100
H	-3.70507300	1.49444700	-4.14988700
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H	-4.45459400	-2.07758700	-1.14987100
C	-2.58966900	-2.56001100	-0.13000700
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O	-1.53517100	-1.89778000	0.40613500
C	-0.50552100	-2.69179900	0.98184200
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C	4.94480700	-1.84581400	-1.60609700
C	4.65952300	0.42057900	-0.69143100
C	3.59667700	-2.07521300	-1.50026800
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C	5.22231400	1.66292100	-0.28577900
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E(M062X/def2TZVP) = -2220.764300 Hartree

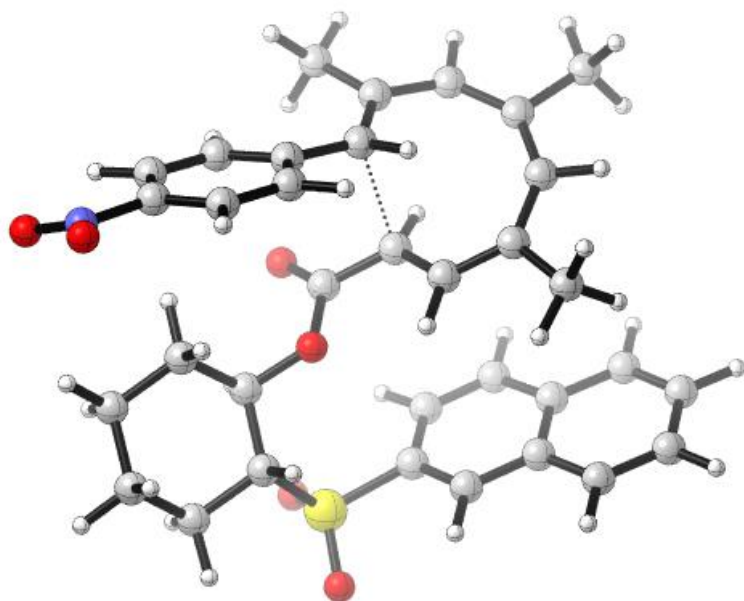
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C	4.35233800	-2.22987600	-0.13193900
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C	3.40316500	-2.58543400	-1.08445500
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H	4.78318500	-1.66068300	1.88979200
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H	-2.35194400	-3.46839500	-3.23146900
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C	1.58961400	1.79851900	-0.38787900
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Parkerester_tetraene_8 π 2_TS

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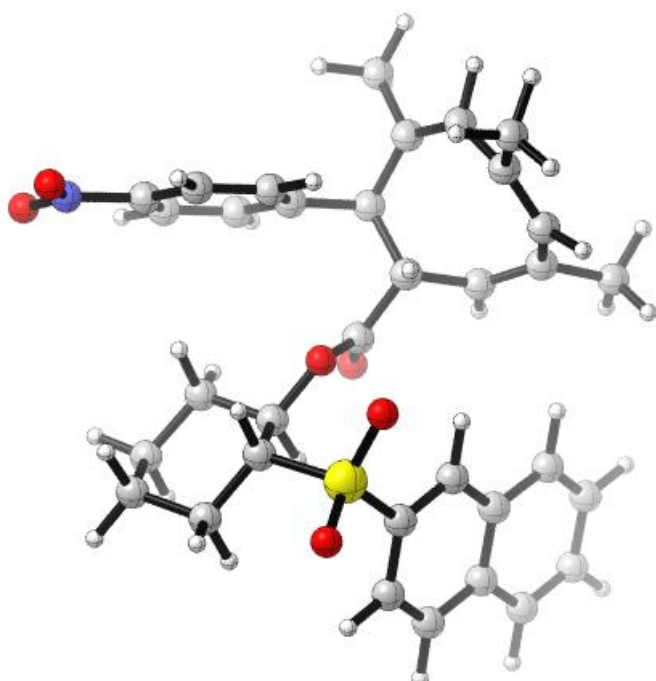
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C	-4.19667600	1.68138900	-0.34256000
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H	-1.43618800	2.43579000	2.27639400
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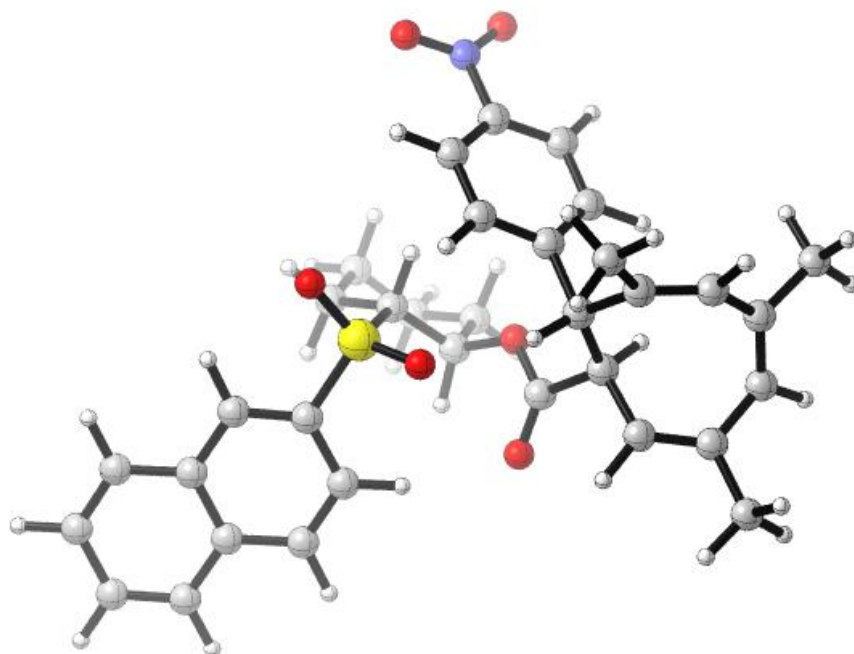
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O	-5.99422900	-2.37230300	-1.34679500
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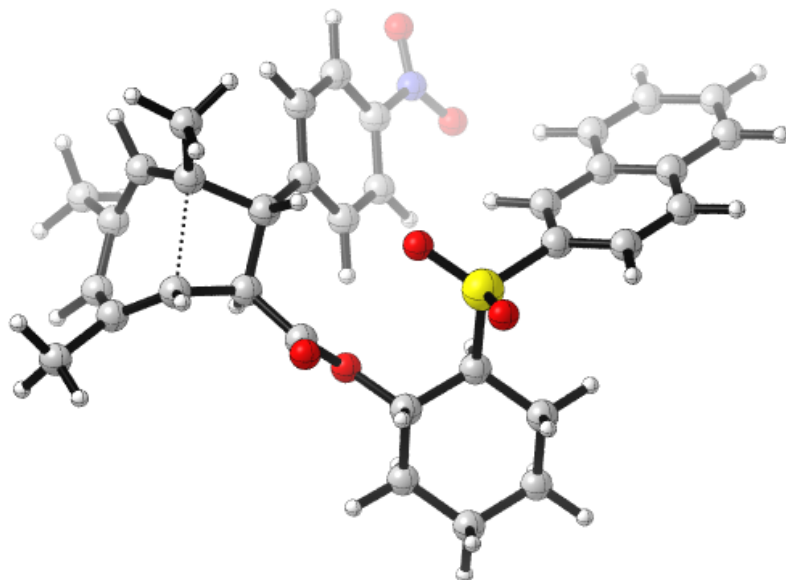
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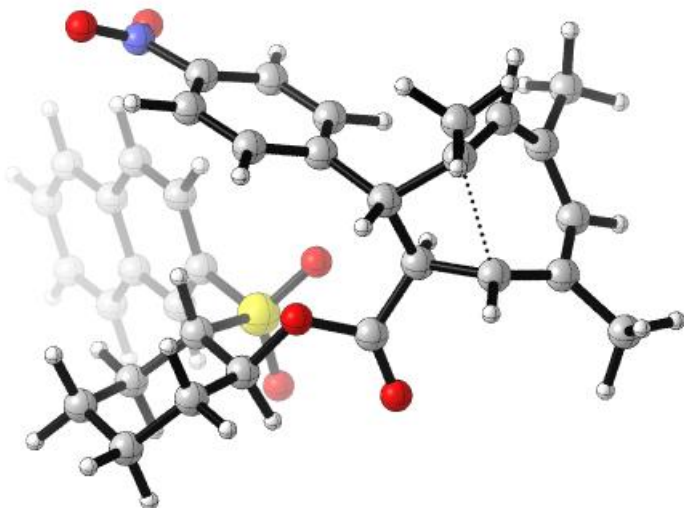
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H	-1.85937800	3.07659000	1.78056300
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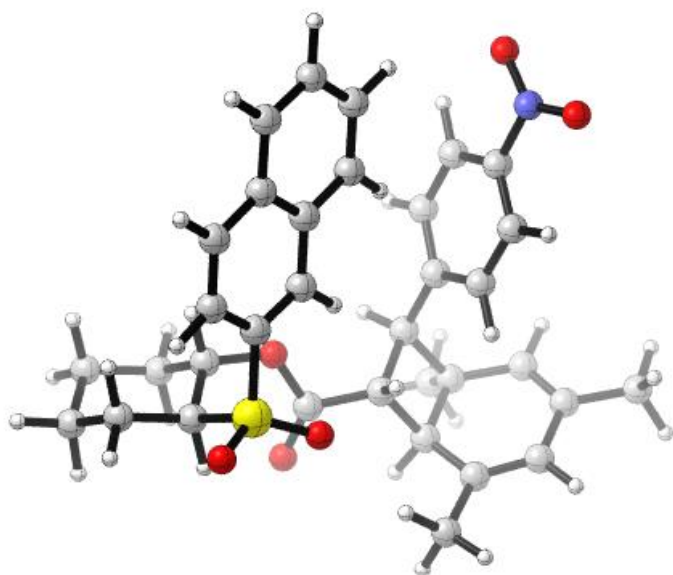
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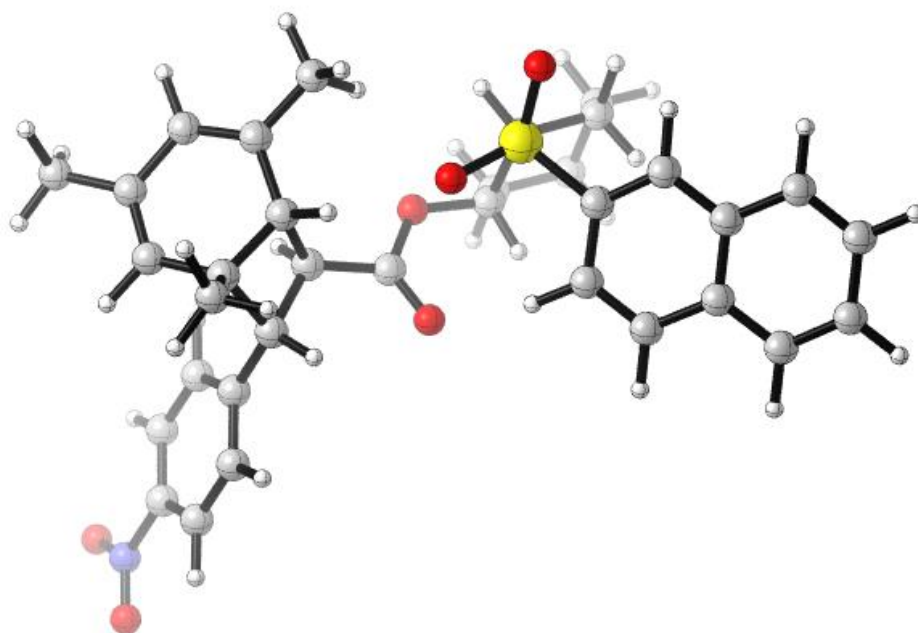
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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.562295 Hartree

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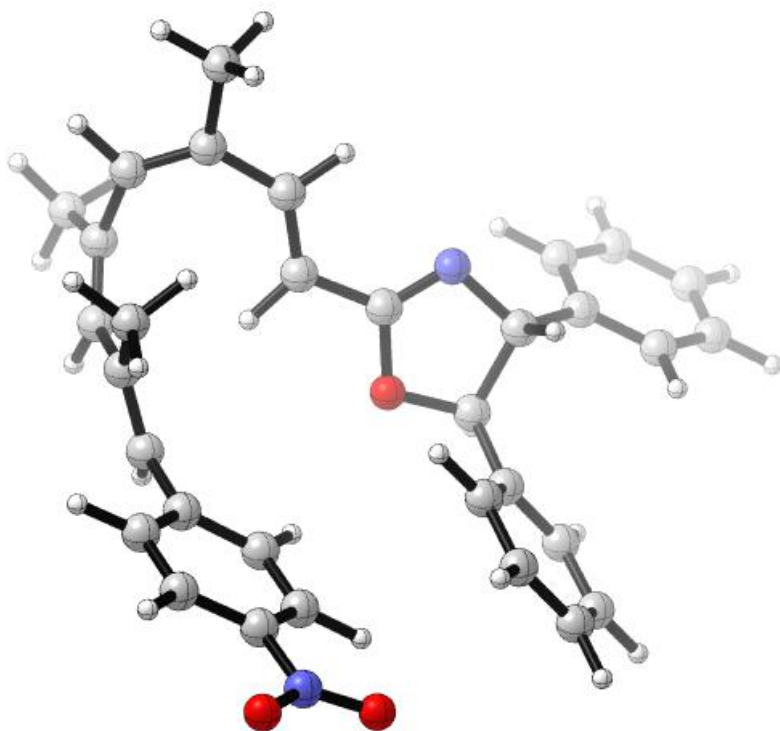
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H	4.52719800	-2.17509800	1.75728600
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C	5.22391100	2.48497300	-0.82464700
C	7.28521600	1.16959400	-1.07617900
H	1.98715700	1.41878800	-0.38791500
H	5.50204100	4.63355200	-0.93049500
H	3.31919900	3.50669000	-0.62062000
C	8.01019600	2.32731000	-1.21229000
H	7.77595600	0.19545400	-1.11922200
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H	7.94957700	4.49958300	-1.26809800
C	6.00348300	3.66471300	-0.96958500

Structure	Number of imaginary frequencies	Free energy correction (Hartree)	Electronic energy (Hartree)	Relative Gibbs free energy (kJ/mol)
Parkeroxazoline_tetraene_GS	0	0.478297	-1572.415676	0.000
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Parkeroxazoline_cyclooctatriene2_GS	0	0.488258	-1572.446004	-53.474
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Parkeroxazoline_cyclooctatriene2_6π_TS	1	0.48282	-1572.396456	62.337
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Parkeroxazoline_BO D2_GS	0	0.484775	-1572.449308	-71.293

Table S6: Calculated relative free energies of Parker Chiral Oxazoline compound

Parker Chiral Oxazoline compound Cartesian Coordinates



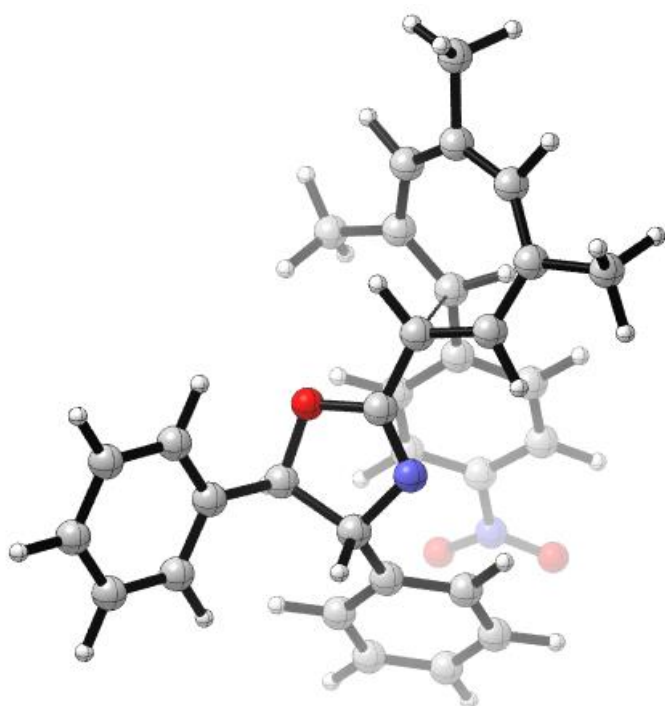
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C	-4.95009900	-1.30974100	0.16512100
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H	2.74479600	-0.93473800	1.56439800
C	4.40003400	-0.45132500	0.31192100

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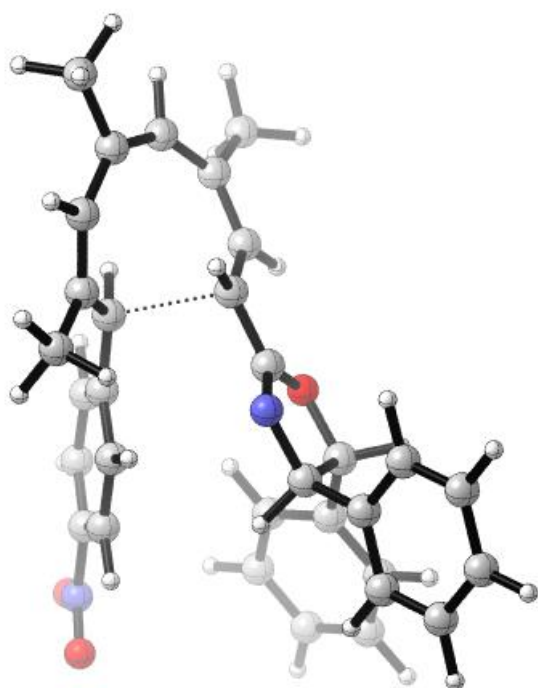
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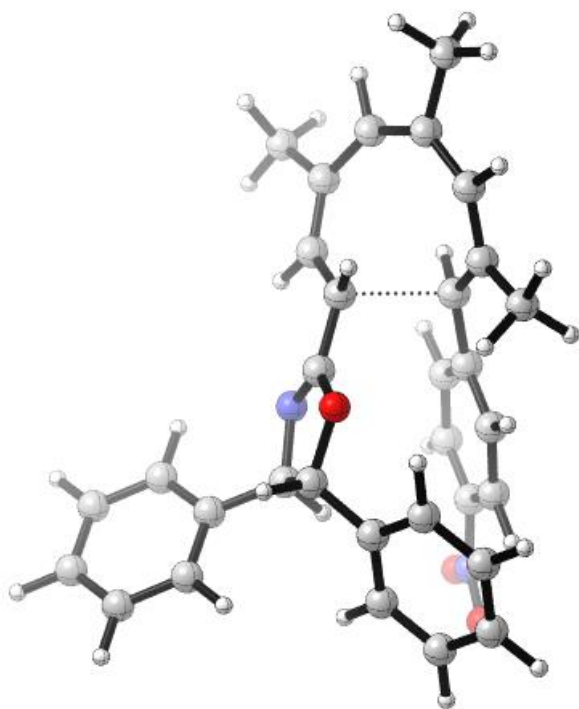
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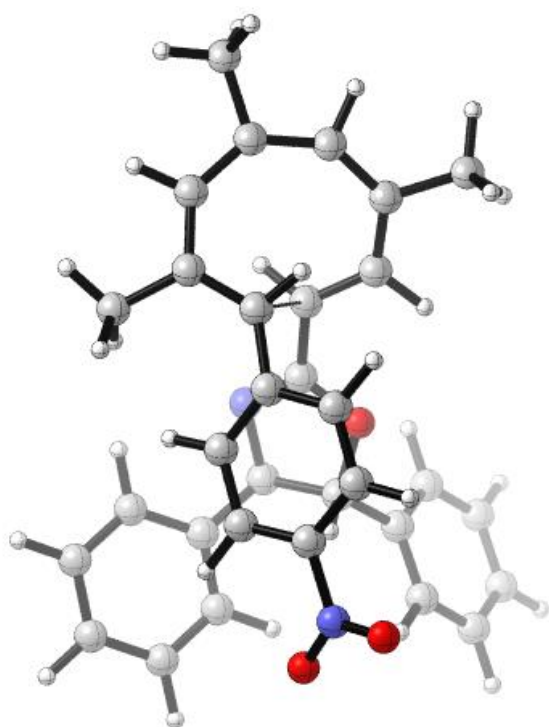
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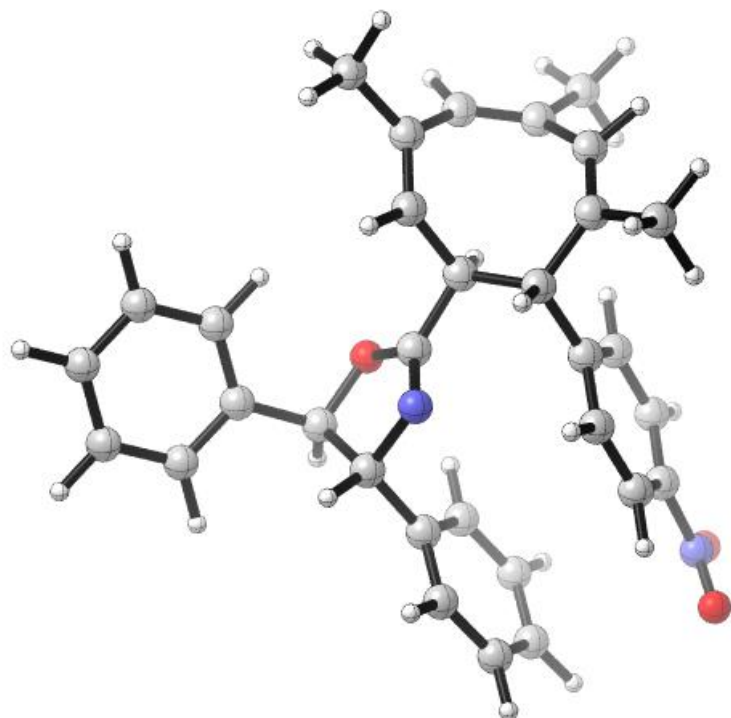
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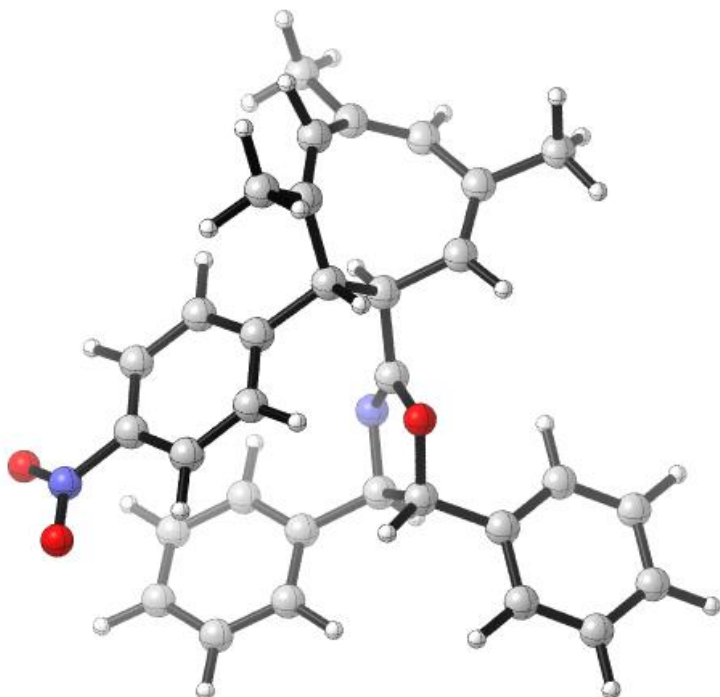
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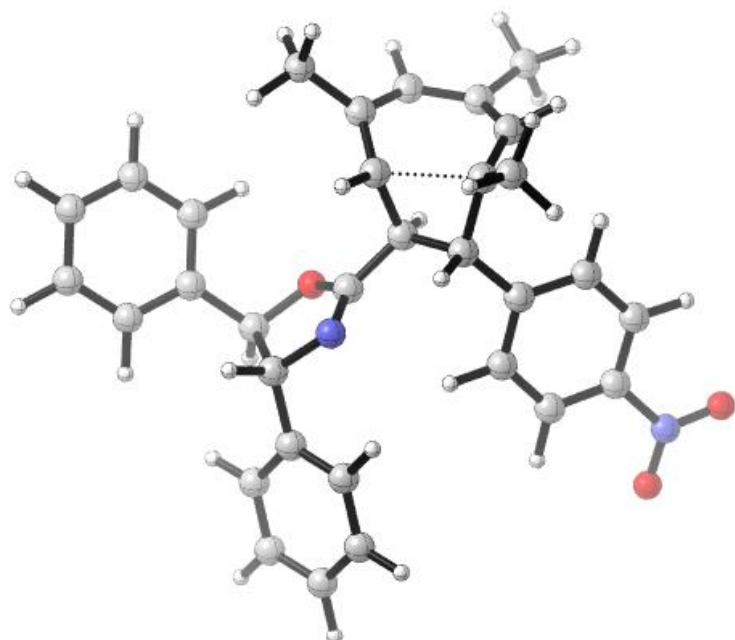
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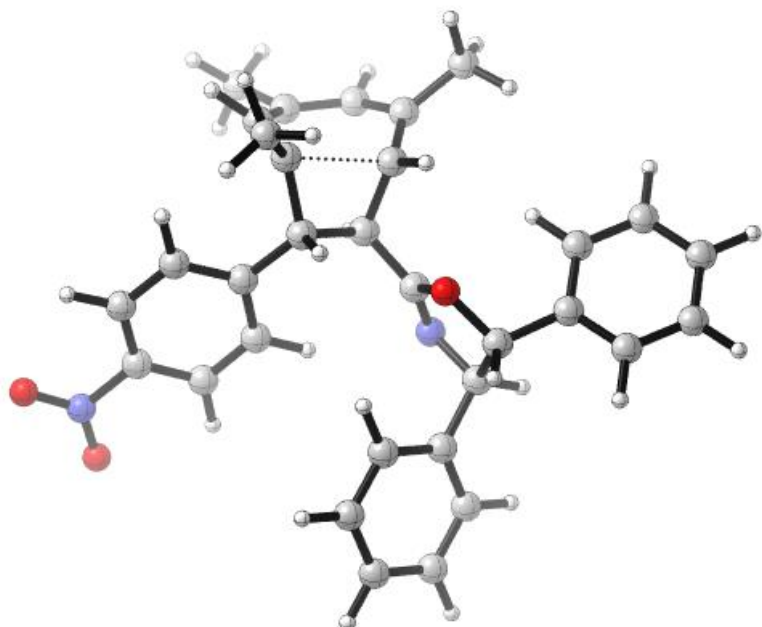
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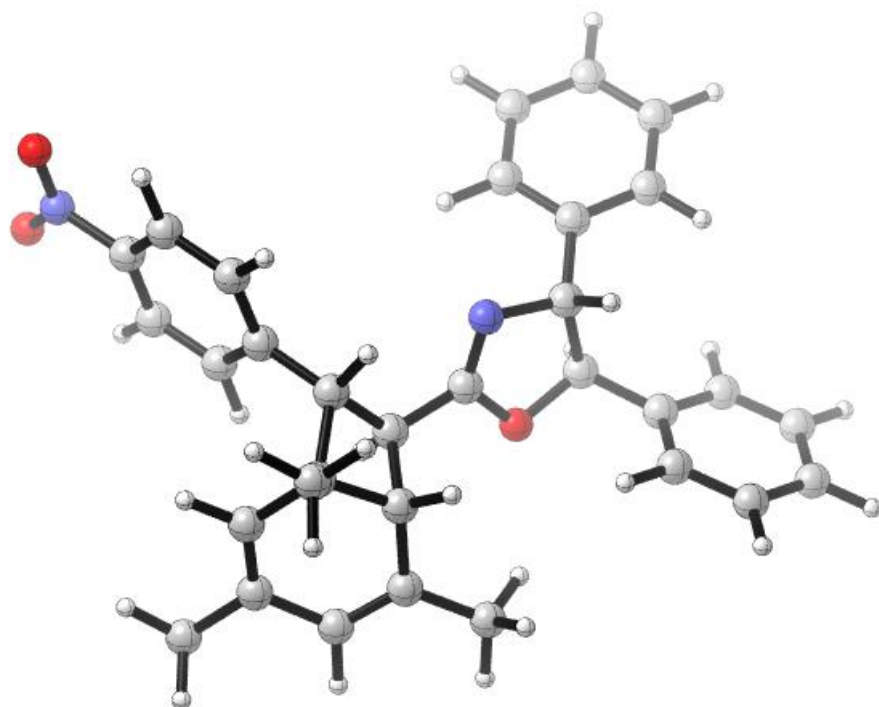
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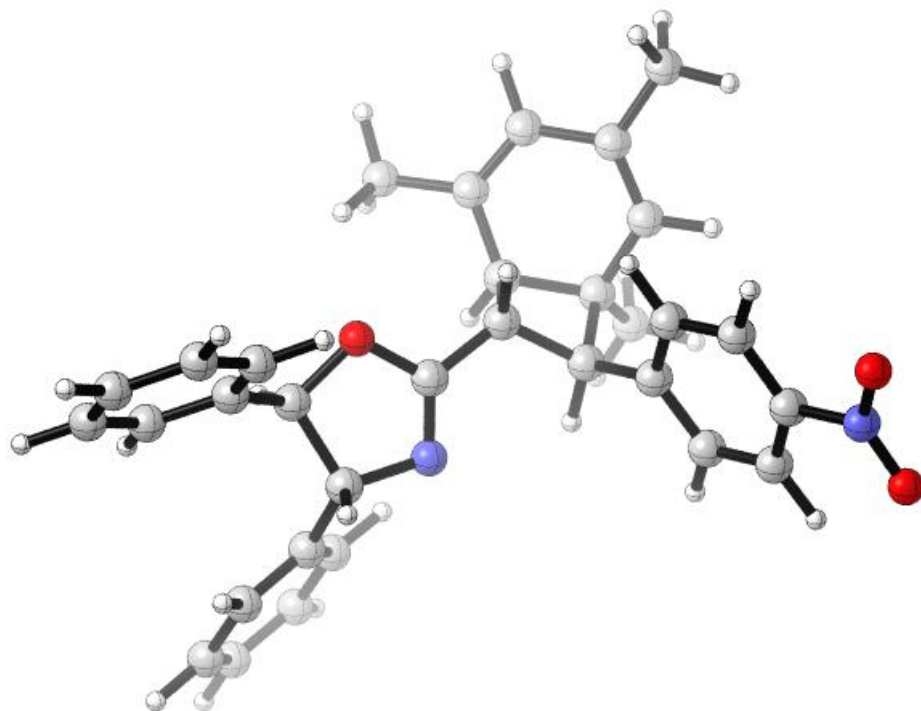
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Parkeroxazoline_BOD2_GS

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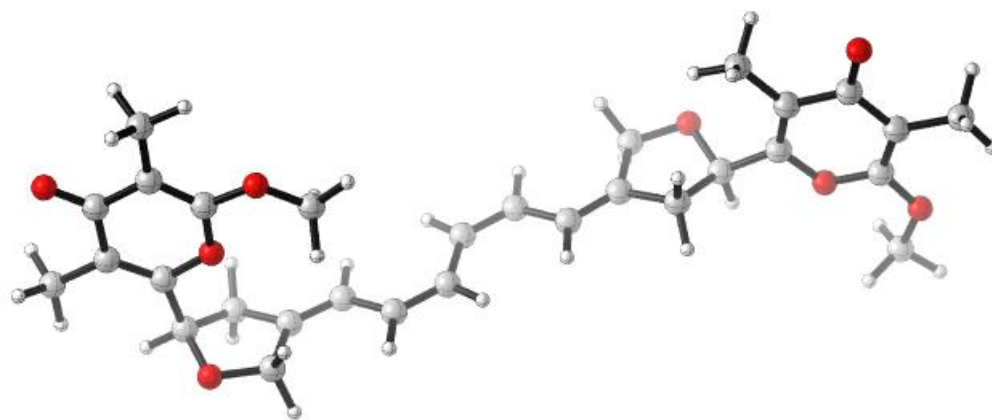
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Structure	Number of imaginary frequencies	Free energy correction (Hartree)	Electronic energy (Hartree)	Relative Gibbs free energy (kJ/mol)
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Table S7: Calculated relative free energies of Double THFpyr compound

Double THFpyr compound Cartesian Coordinates



THFpyr_tetraene_GS

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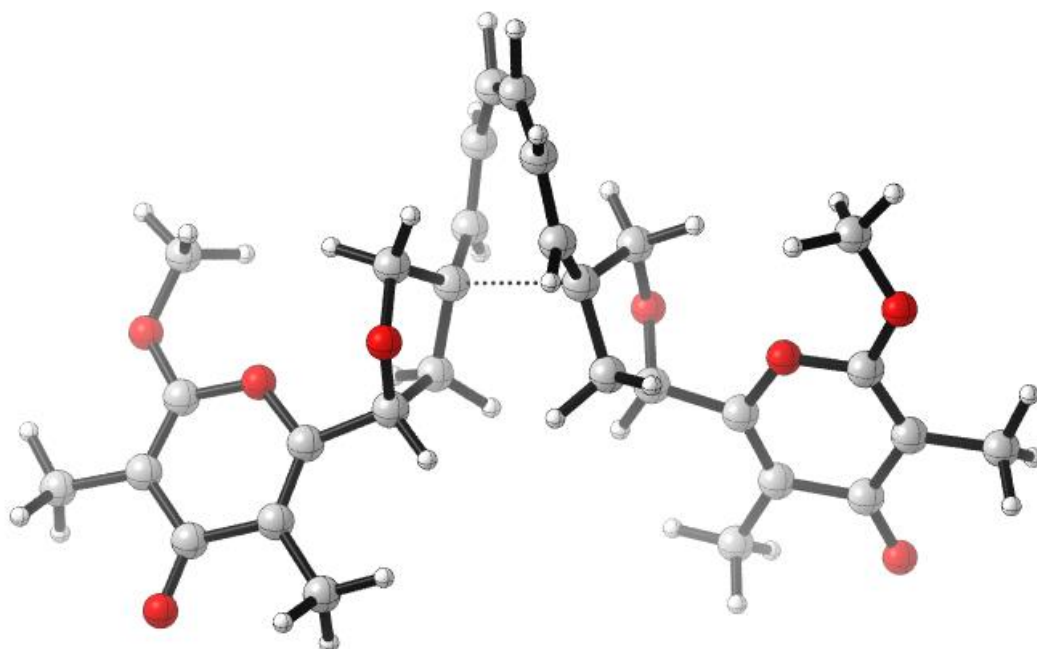
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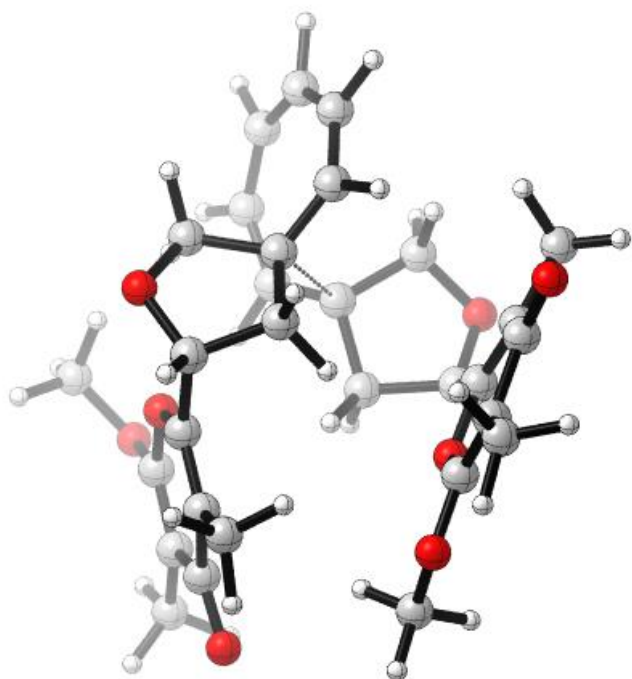
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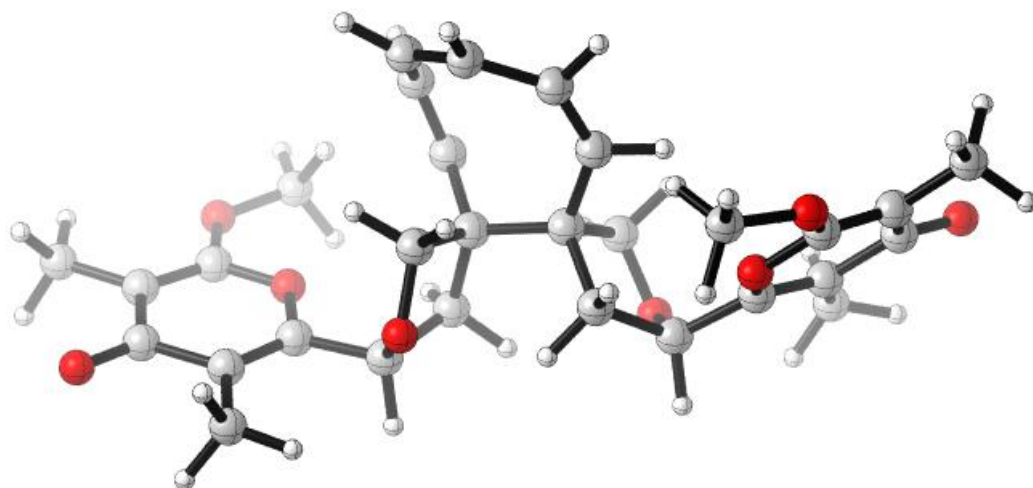
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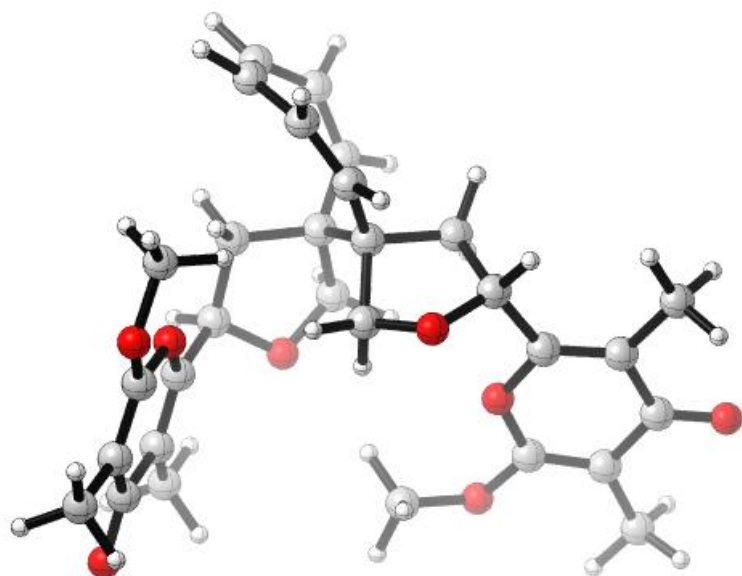
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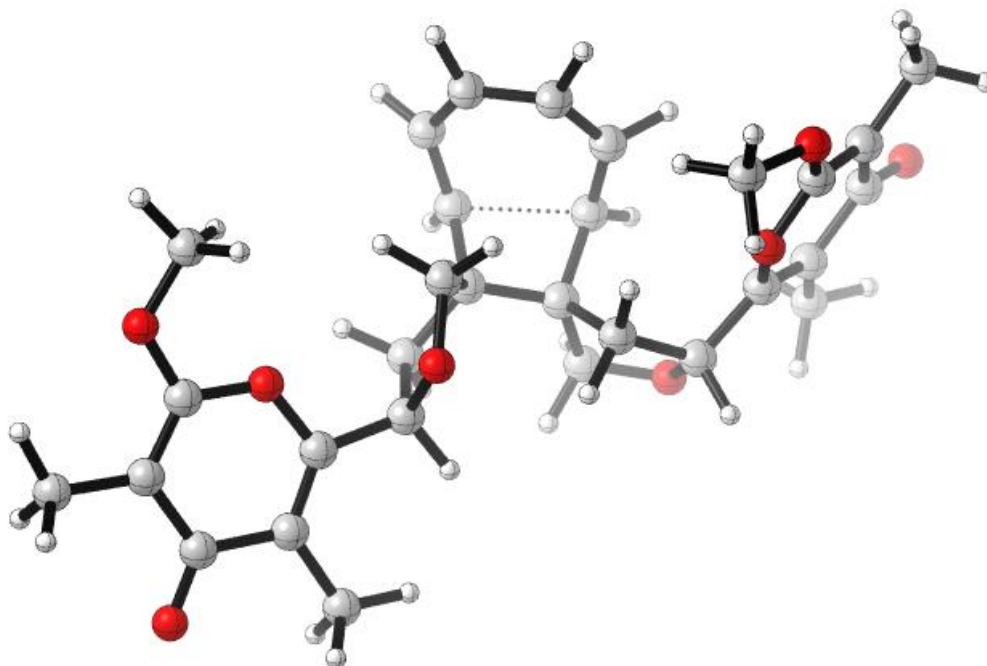
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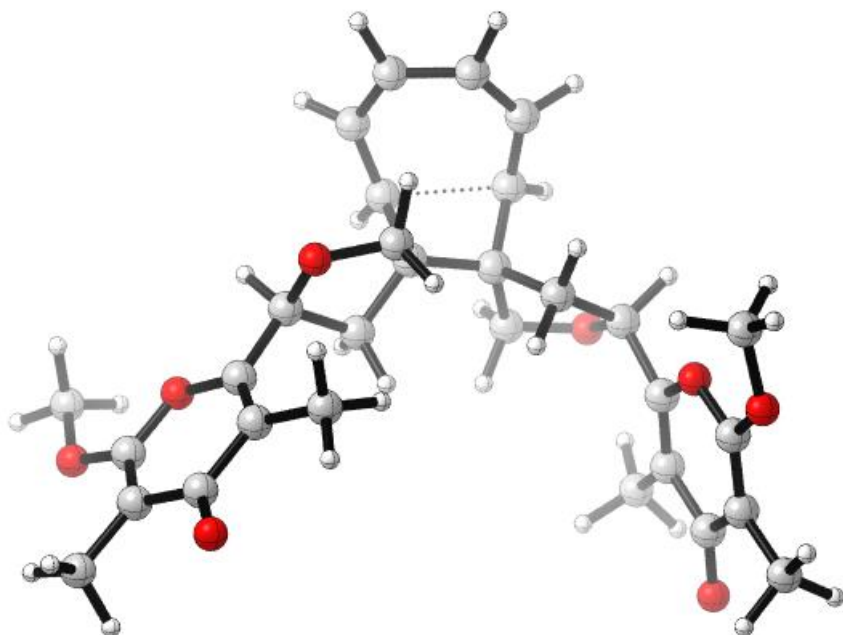
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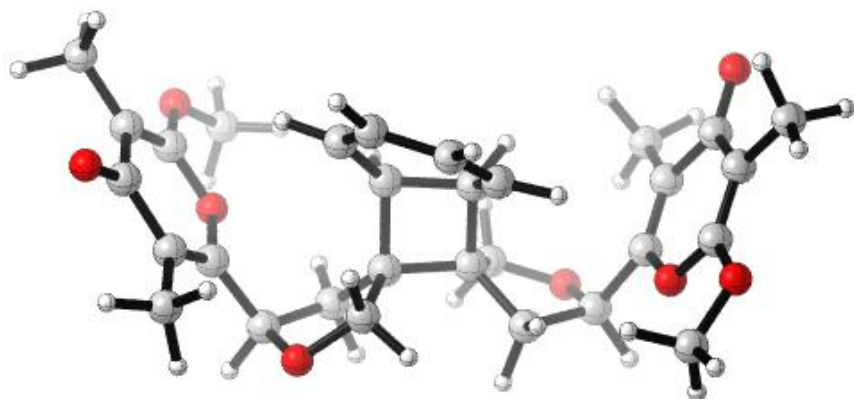
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THFpyr_BOD1_GS

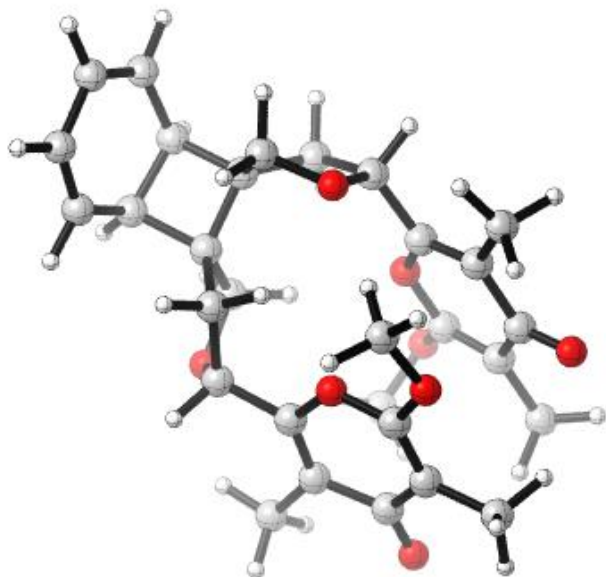
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THFpyr_BOD2_GS

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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.540113 Hartree

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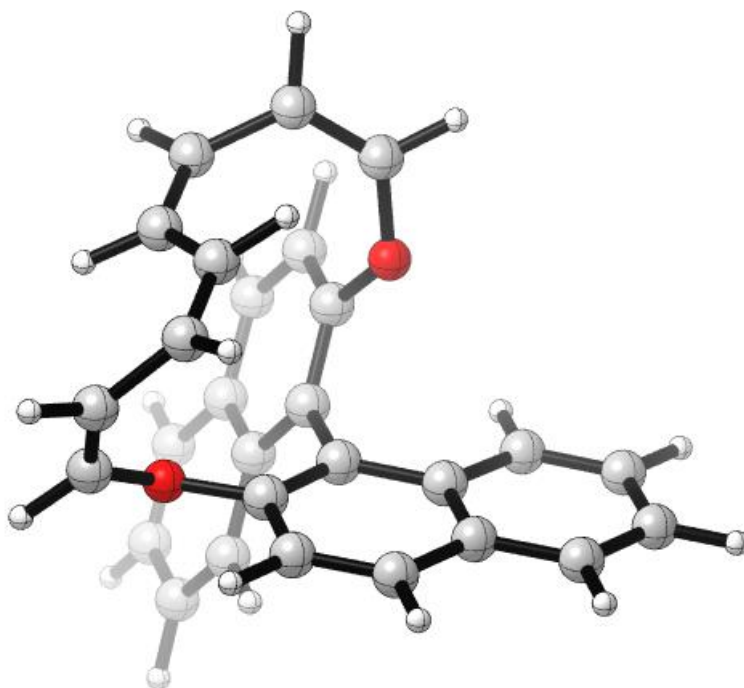
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C	-3.22645600	0.53018600	1.50261300
C	-1.79310900	2.40686400	0.68022400
O	-0.85157700	0.43306100	1.55573800
O	-2.00277500	-1.25821000	2.43177900
O	-4.12436400	2.37786900	0.33621000
C	-0.75249400	-1.69799400	2.94889200
H	-0.35713400	-0.97033000	3.67309000
H	-0.02237800	-1.85121800	2.14089500
H	-0.95883700	-2.64663300	3.45399000
C	-4.55419600	-0.08728100	1.82343000
H	-4.59207400	-0.41024800	2.87327600
H	-4.74025500	-0.97385800	1.19849100
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H	-2.17514400	4.47920500	0.98033200
H	-2.37982000	3.94788200	-0.67672200
H	-0.72146900	4.15603500	-0.02588900

Structure	Number of imaginary frequencies	Free energy correction (Hartree)	Electronic energy (Hartree)	Relative Gibbs free energy (kJ/mol)
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SBINOL_tetraene_8π2_TS	1	0.354466	-1229.329214	54.259
SBINOL_cyclooctatriene1_GS	0	0.354776	-1229.367443	-45.298
SBINOL_cyclooctatriene2_GS	0	0.35447	-1229.360953	-29.062
SBINOL_cyclooctatriene1_6π_TS	1	0.354665	-1229.325229	65.244
SBINOL_cyclooctatriene2_6π_TS	1	0.353633	-1229.32932	51.793
SBINOL_BOD1_GS	0	0.356513	-1229.361364	-24.777
SBINOL_BOD2_GS	0	0.355446	-1229.370907	-52.633
MSBINOL				
MSBINOL_tetraene_GS	0	0.405653	-1307.957772	0.000
MSBINOL_tetraene_8π1_TS	1	0.408142	-1307.941346	49.661
MSBINOL_tetraene_8π2_TS	1	0.407905	-1307.934904	65.953
MSBINOL_cyclooctatriene1_GS	0	0.409809	-1307.972108	-26.728
MSBINOL_cyclooctatriene2_GS	0	0.409576	-1307.970358	-22.745
MSBINOL_cyclooctatriene1_6π_TS	1	0.408737	-1307.937068	62.455
MSBINOL_cyclooctatriene2_6π_TS	1	0.409282	-1307.938758	59.449
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MSBINOL_BOD2_GS	0	0.410619	-1307.981533	-49.346
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SBINAP_tetraene_GS	0	0.398865	-1157.524179	0.000

SBINAP_tetraene_8π1_TS	1	0.399871	-1157.508611	43.515
SBINAP_tetraene_8π2_TS	1	0.401894	-1157.509113	47.508
SBINAP_cyclooctatriene1_GS	0	0.402889	-1157.546635	-48.393
SBINAP_cyclooctatriene2_GS	0	0.402462	-1157.53639	-22.616
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SBINAP_cyclooctatriene2_6π_TS	1	0.401246	-1157.501379	66.113
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Table S8: Calculated relative free energies of BINOL-tetraene compounds

SBINOL Cartesian Coordinates



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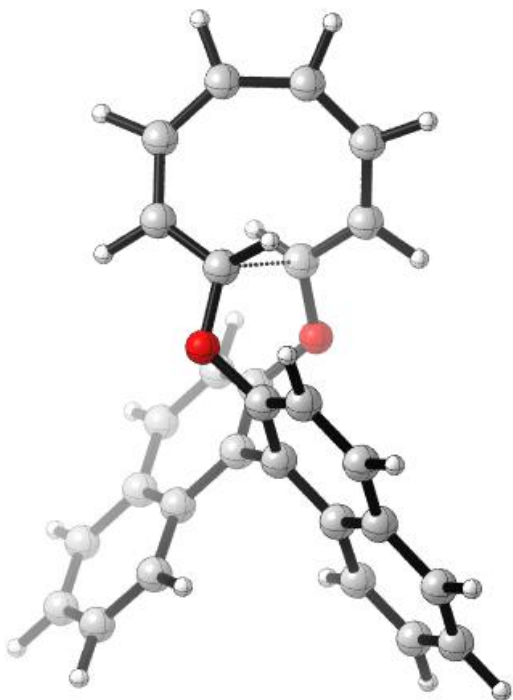
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C	-2.89535900	0.14620800	1.81638300
H	-3.81993500	0.72158100	1.72809600
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H	3.81993500	-0.72158100	1.72809600
H	1.39568300	2.38390100	3.23494400
C	1.53575400	0.83142900	0.12346000
C	0.33554300	0.66367500	-0.53765900
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C	2.20791600	2.08116900	0.13549700
C	0.42372800	3.04365400	-1.20039000
C	-1.45632200	1.67699100	-1.95466400
H	3.15720900	2.16936500	0.66329900
H	0.36982000	5.11159000	-1.84378800
H	2.17179800	4.12125400	-0.49781300
C	-1.98677100	2.76568200	-2.60345100
H	-1.96681300	0.71440100	-1.99326900
H	-2.92123300	2.66204100	-3.15717900
C	-1.33265100	4.02125500	-2.56435400
H	-1.76650300	4.87707000	-3.08328000
C	-0.15123600	4.15236500	-1.87791700
C	-1.53575400	-0.83142900	0.12346000
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C	0.23767800	-1.78186900	-1.22733000
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C	1.45632200	-1.67699100	-1.95466400
H	-3.15720900	-2.16936500	0.66329900
H	-0.36982000	-5.11159000	-1.84378800
H	-2.17179800	-4.12125400	-0.49781300
C	1.98677100	-2.76568200	-2.60345100
H	1.96681300	-0.71440100	-1.99326900
H	2.92123300	-2.66204100	-3.15717900
C	1.33265100	-4.02125500	-2.56435400
H	1.76650300	-4.87707000	-3.08328000
C	0.15123600	-4.15236500	-1.87791700
H	-3.36590400	-0.62006800	3.68529000
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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.350731 Hartree

G = -3226688.896

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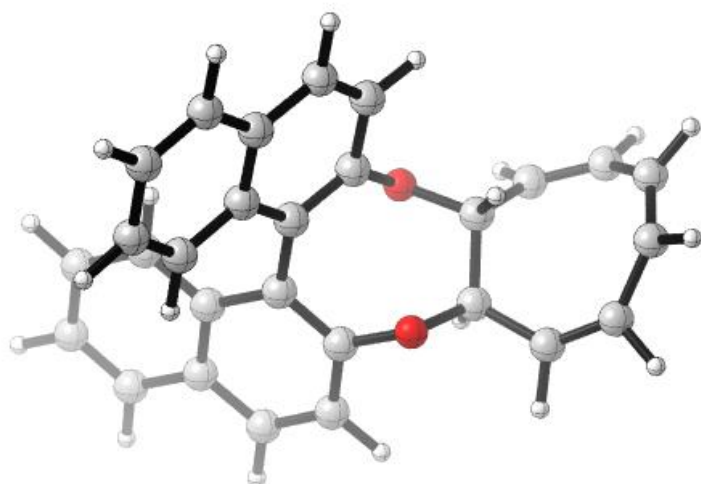
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G = -3226673.201

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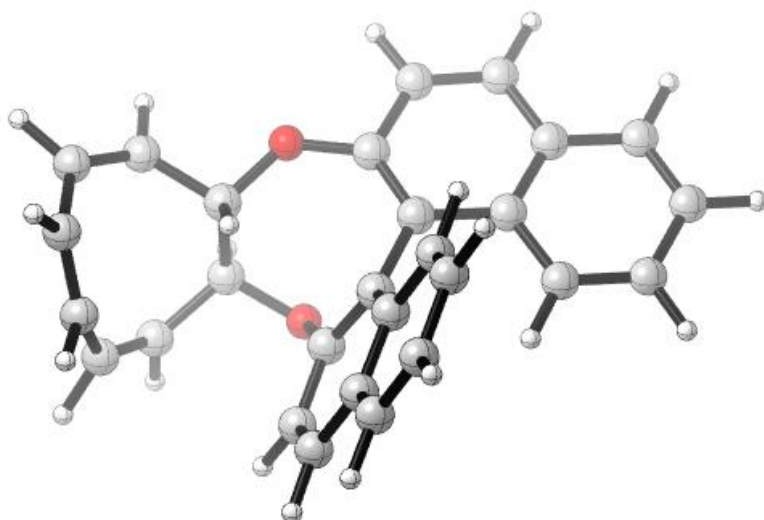
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C	4.54133400	-2.68694000	1.06120400

H	5.46017800	-3.18724500	1.36995000
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C	-3.44172900	-1.31936000	-1.44286800
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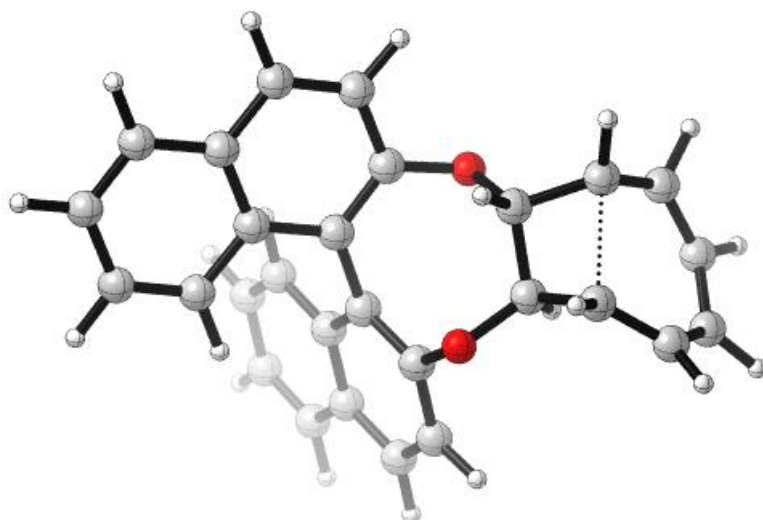
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H	3.38794900	-3.77174900	-1.02047400
C	4.48489100	0.48407700	1.02323300
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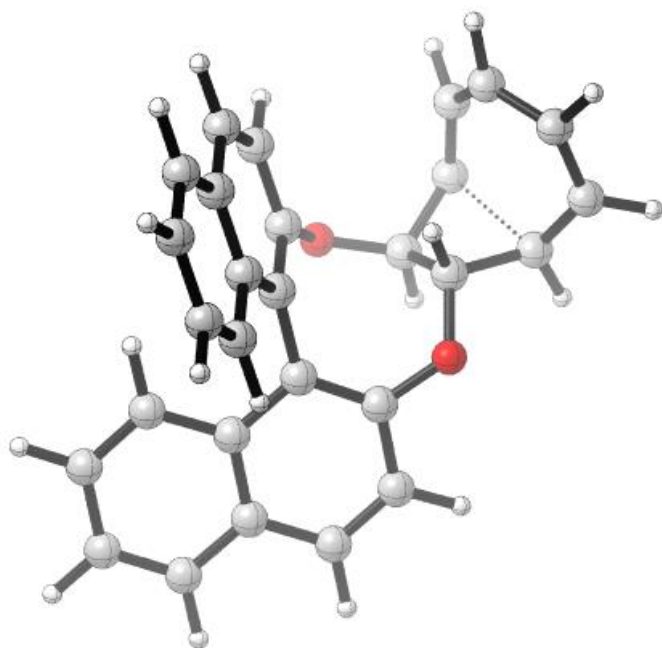
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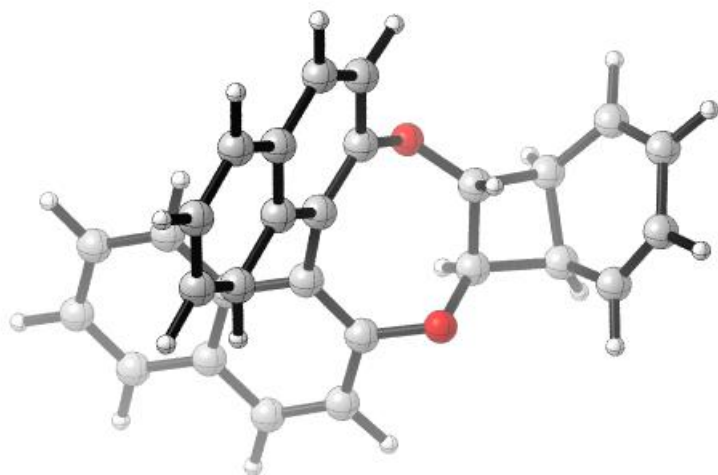
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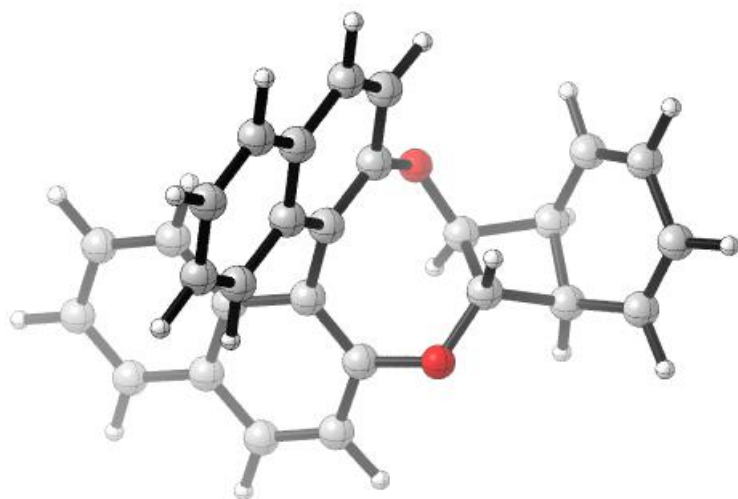
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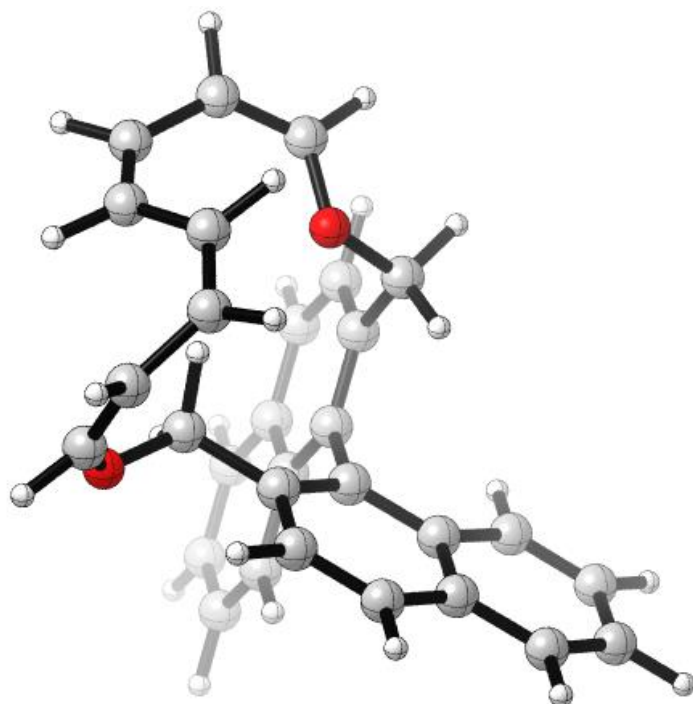
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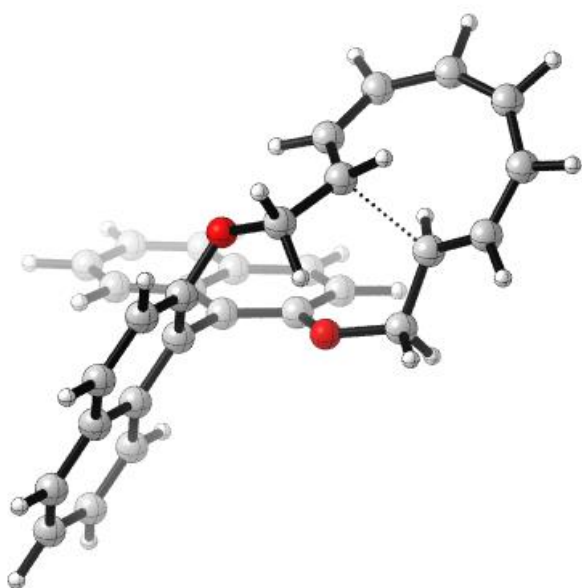
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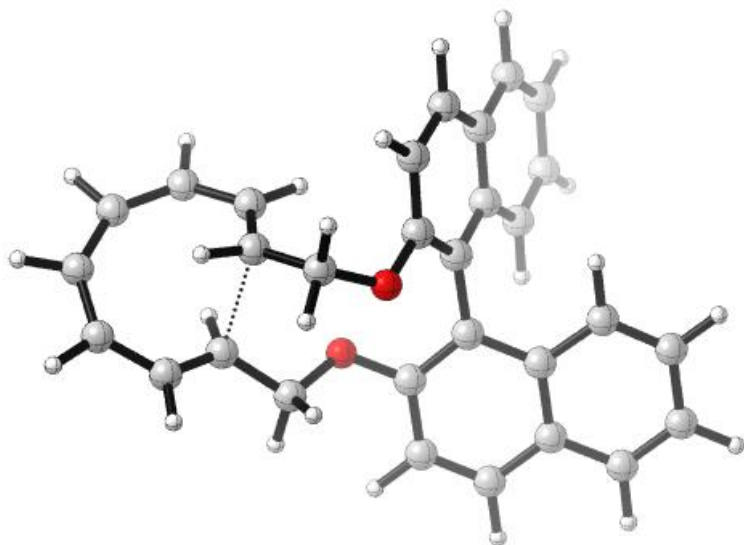
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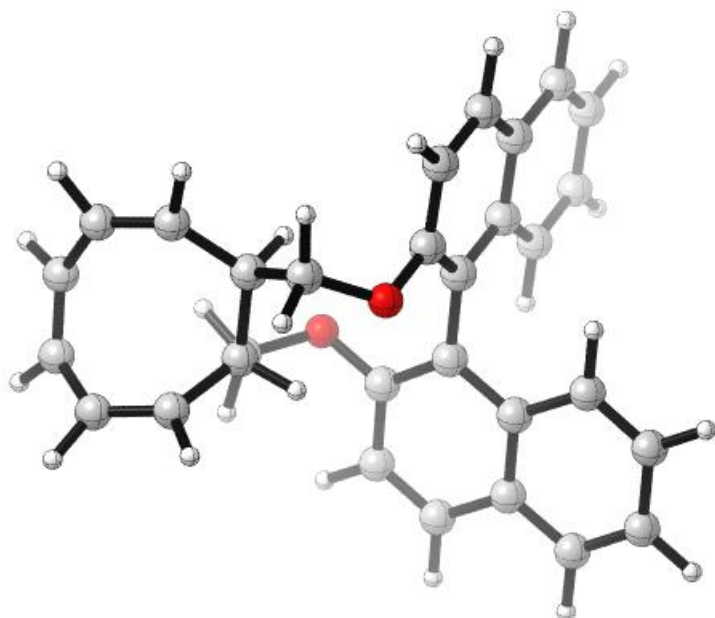
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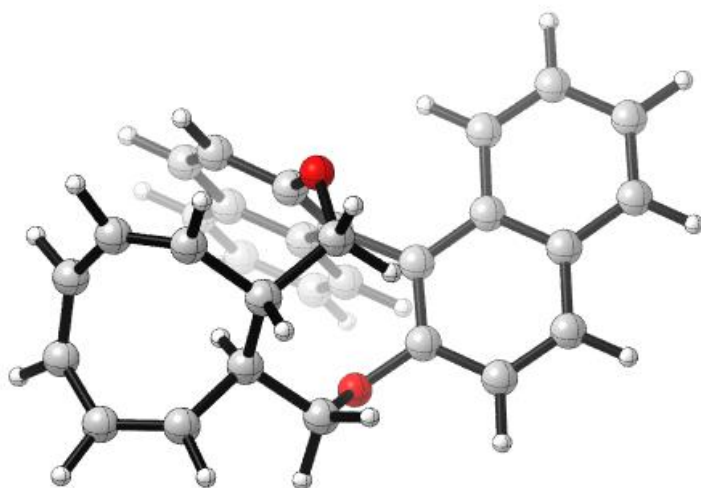
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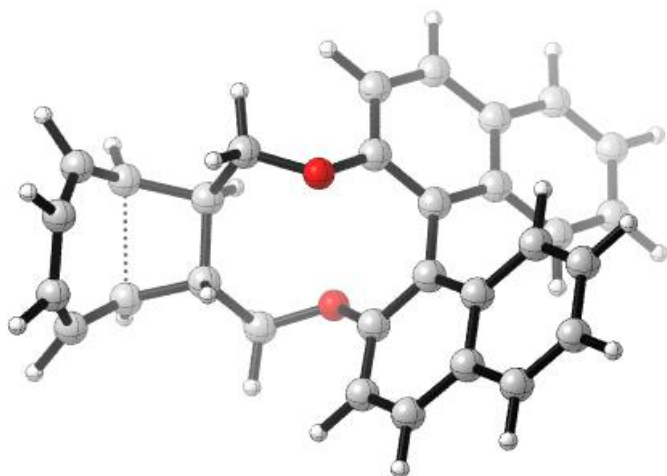
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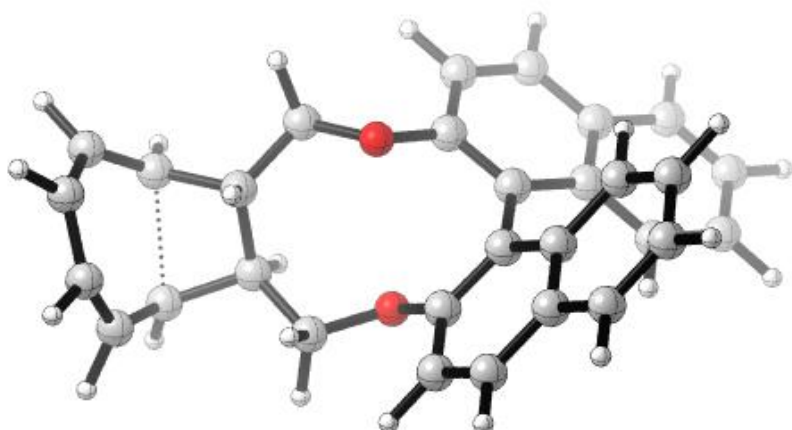
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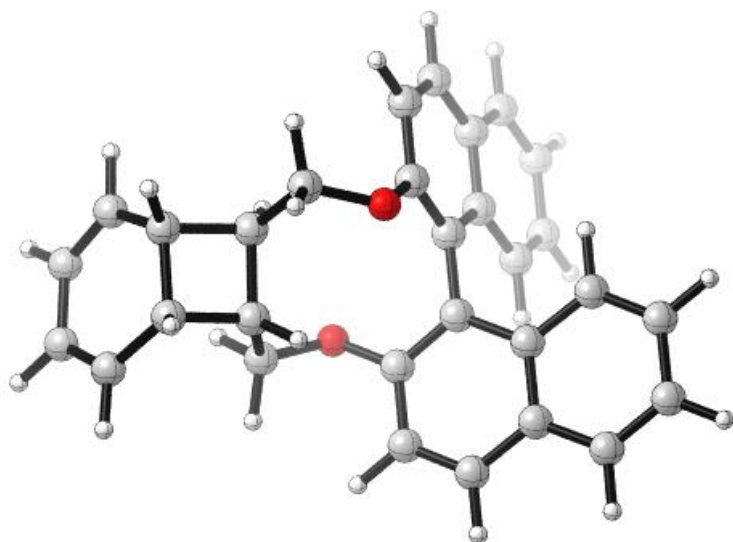
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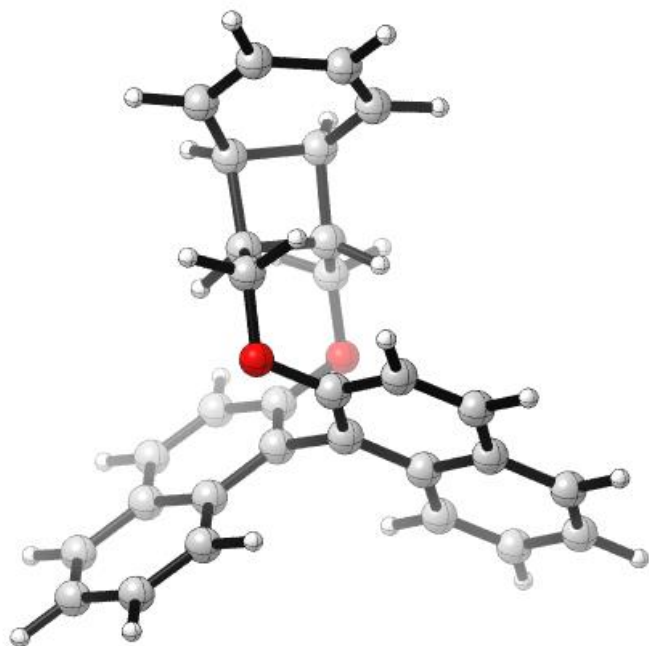
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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.410739 Hartree

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C	3.27979800	-1.09247300	1.06561700
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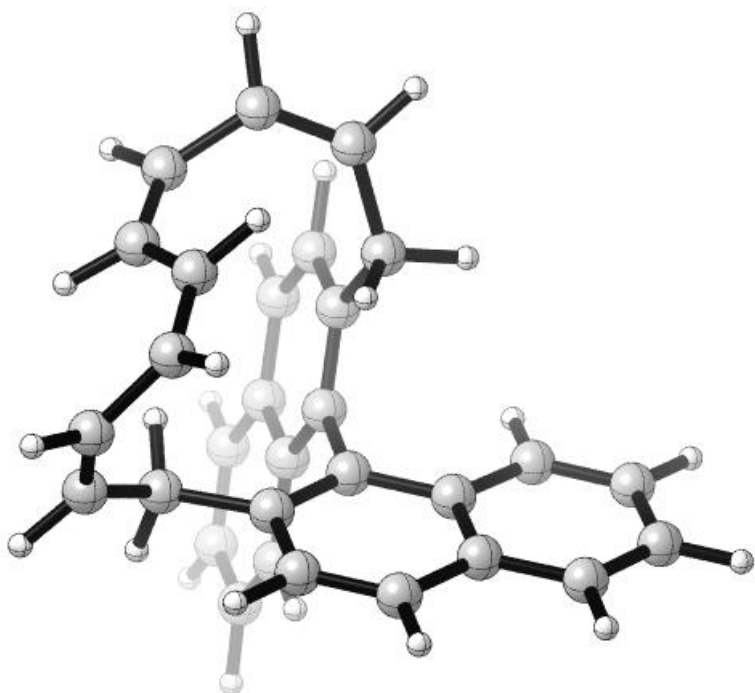
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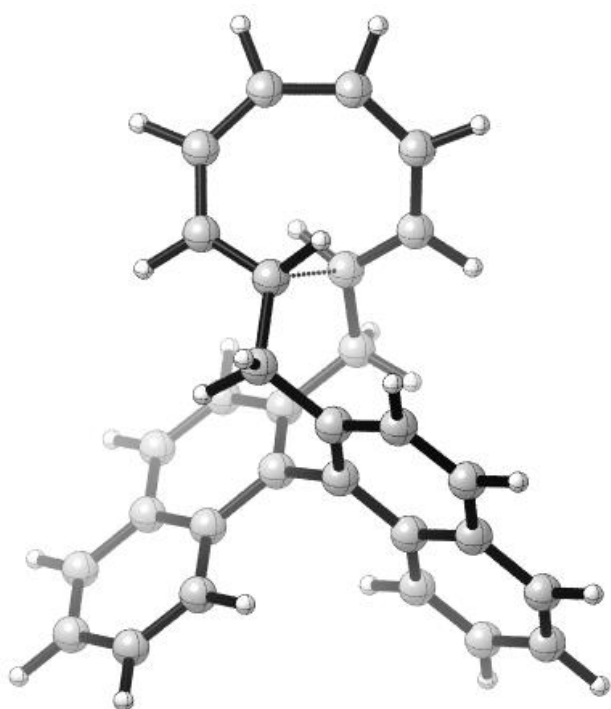
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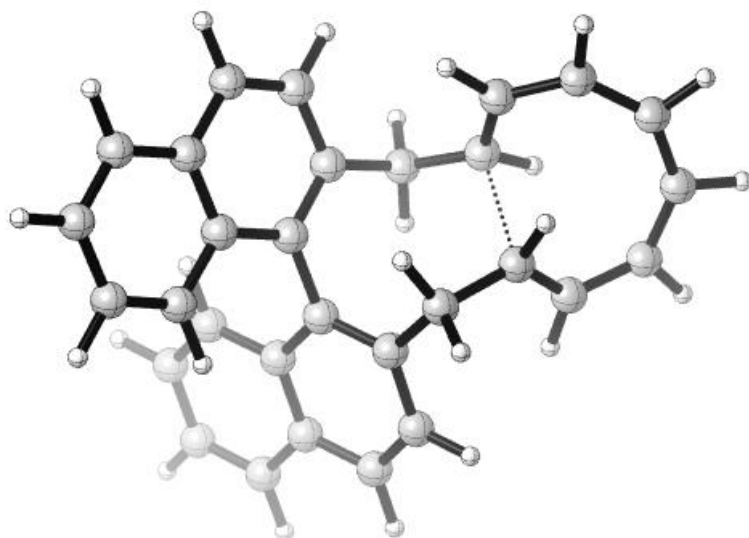
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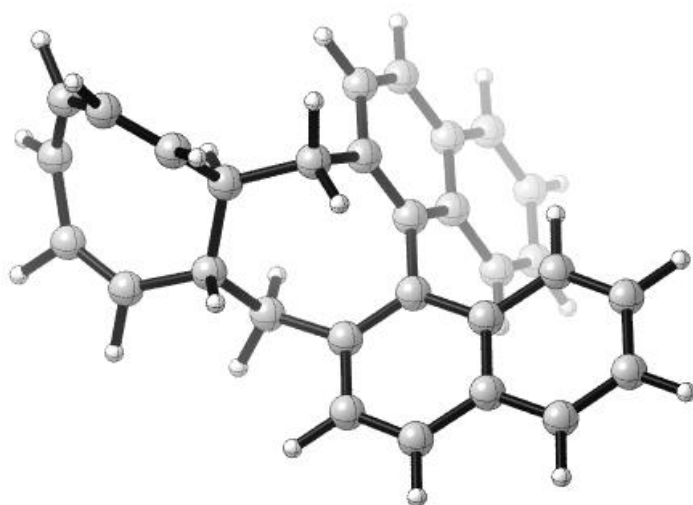
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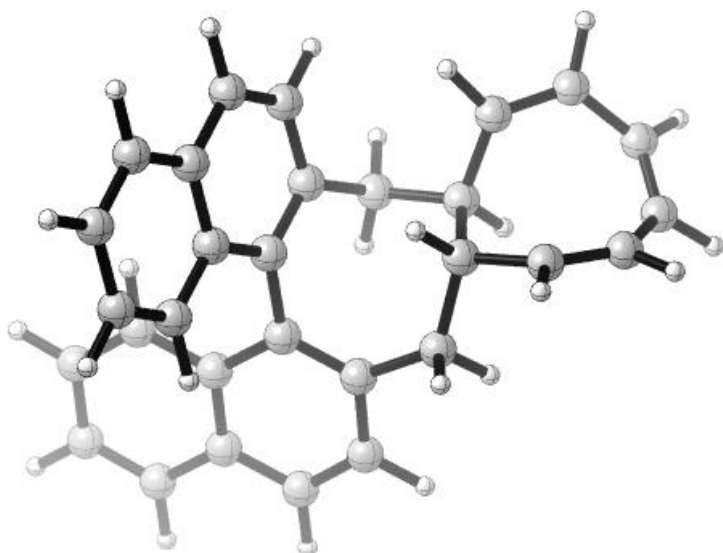
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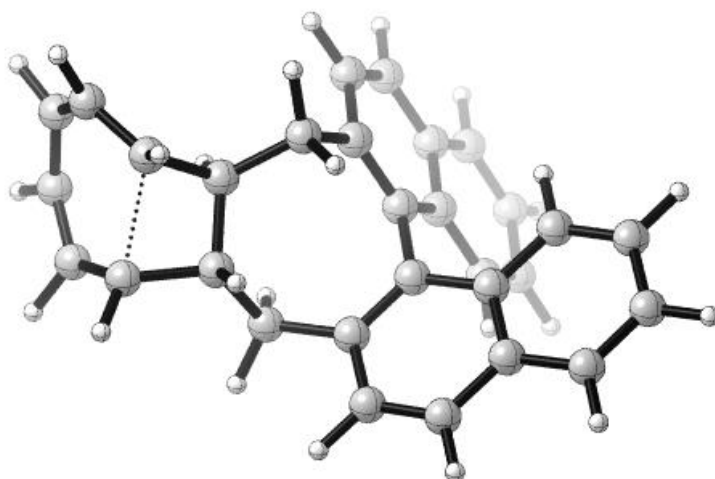
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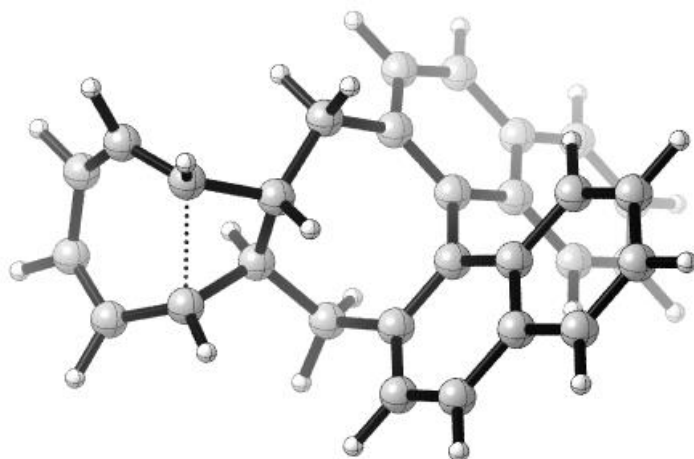
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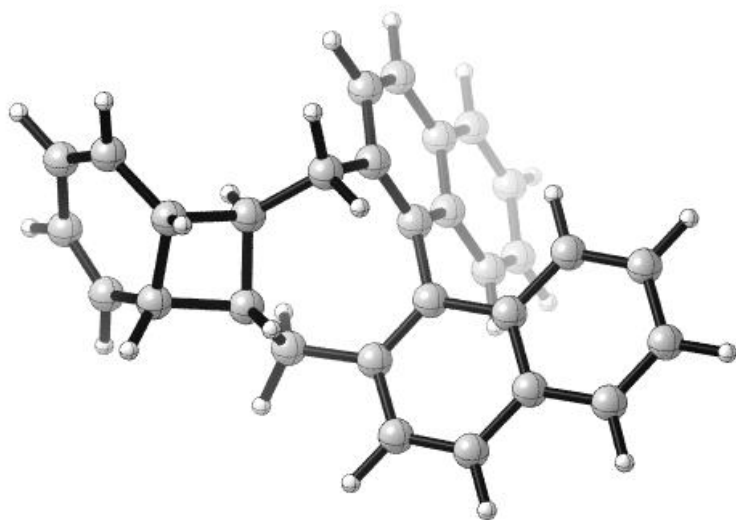
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G = -3037966.399

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H	1.15015900	4.48952800	1.38107200
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H	2.75584400	0.03229700	-1.54315400
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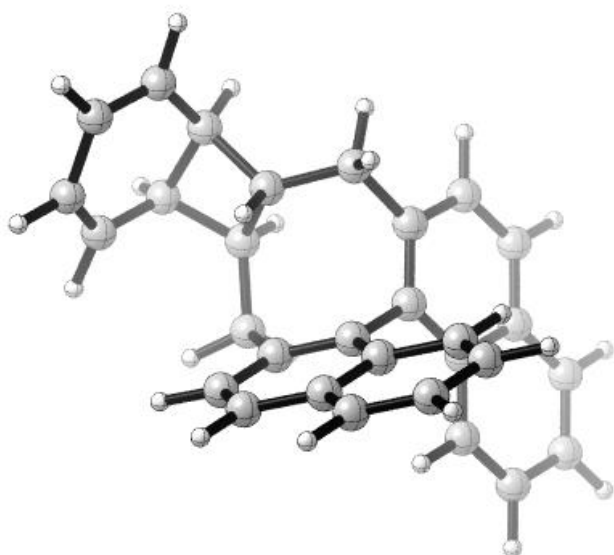


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Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.404040 Hartree
G = -3038071.19

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C	0.09110000	3.30153600	1.16954800
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C	-0.60198700	2.23764300	1.67920600
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C	2.28503600	1.60215400	-1.33819400
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C	2.96330300	2.67533500	-1.86469600
H	2.48489800	0.59736600	-1.71179300
H	3.70005800	2.51485300	-2.65319700
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H	3.26131600	4.83013500	-1.82028000
C	1.78286200	4.19330000	-0.40789900
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H	4.19912900	-4.02807000	-0.04741100
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C	4.16568200	-1.11703300	1.73013500
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SBINAP_BOD2_GS

E(M062X/def2TZVP) = -1157.544016 Hartree

Free energy correction (M062X/def2SVP) = 0.403040 Hartree

G = -3038073.632

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