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#### Abstract

**Chapter 1. Ligand-Controlled Site-Selective NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Protoboration of Monosubstituted Allenes.** Site-selective proto–boryl additions to monosubstituted allenes promoted by NHC–Cu complexes are disclosed. Synthetically useful 1,1disubstituted and Z-trisubstituted alkenylboron compounds are afforded in high efficiency (71%–92% yield) and site selectivity (88% to >98%) through proper choice of NHC ligands. Mechanistic study with the assistance of DFT calculations indicates that protonation of 2-boron-substituted allylcopper complex occurs through six-membered cyclic transition state. The utility of this protocol is demonstrated through application to fragment synthesis of an antibiotic macrolide natural product elansolid A.

**Chapter 2. Cu-Catalyzed Chemoselective Copper–Boron Additions to Monosubstituted Allenes Followed by Allyl Additions to Carbonyl Compounds.** The first examples of catalytic generation of 2-boron-substituted allylcopper species and their in situ use for C–C bond formation are described. The reactions are performed in the presence of bisphosphine– or NHC–Cu complexes at 22 °C. High-value alcoholcontaining alkenylboron compounds are provided in high efficiency (68–92% yield after oxidation) and stereoselectivity (88:12 to >98:2 dr). The reactions proceed with exclusive  $\gamma$ -addition mode through a cyclic six-membered transition state. Enantioselectivity can be achieved with chiral bisphosphine ligands in up to 97:3 enantiomeric ratio.

Chapter 3. Chemo-, Site- and Enantioselective Copper-Boron Additions to 1,3-Enynes Followed by Site- and Diastereoselective Additions of the Resulting Allenylcopper Complexes to Aldehydes. Catalytic enantioselective multicomponent reactions involving 1,3-envnes, aldehydes and  $B_2(pin)_2$  are described. The resulting products contain a primary C–B(pin) bond, as well as alkyne- and hydroxyl-substituted tertiary stereogenic centers. A critical feature is high enantioselectivity of the initial Cu-B addition to an alkyne-substituted terminal alkene. The key mechanistic issues are investigated by DFT calculations. Reactions are promoted in the presence of the Cu complex of an enantiomerically pure  $C_1$ -symmetric bisphosphine and are complete in 8 h at ambient temperature. Products are generated in 66–94% yield (after oxidation or catalytic cross-coupling), 90:10 to >98:2 diastereomeric ratio, and 85:15-99:1 enantiomeric ratio. Aryl-, heteroaryl-, alkenyl-, and alkyl-substituted aldehydes and envnes are suitable substrates. Utility is demonstrated through catalytic alkylation and arylation of the organoboron compounds as well as applications to synthesis of fragments of tylonolide and mycinolide IV.

Chapter 4. Multifunctional Alkenylboron Compounds through Single-Catalyst-Controlled Multicomponent Reactions and Their Applications in Scalable Natural Product Synthesis. A facile multicomponent catalytic process that begins with a chemo-, site- and diastereoselective copper-boron addition to a monosubstituted allene followed by addition of the resulting boron-substituted organocopper intermediate to an allylic phosphate, generating products that contain a stereogenic center, a monosubstituted alkene and an easily functionalizable Z-trisubstituted alkenylboron group in up to 89% yield with >98% branch selectivity and stereoselectivity and an enantiomeric ratio greater than 99:1. The copper-based catalyst is derived from a robust heterocyclic salt that can be prepared in multigram quantities from inexpensive starting materials and without costly column chromatography purification. The utility of the method is demonstrated through enantioselective synthesis of gram quantities of two natural products, rottnestol and herboxidiene/GEX1A.

**Chapter 5. Cu-Catalyzed Enantioselective Allyl and Propargyl 1,6-Conjugate Additions through 3,3'-Reductive Elimination.** Catalytic enantioselective 1,6conjugate additions of allyl-type nucleophiles promoted by NHC–Cu complexes are reported. Propargyl and 2-boron allyl 1,6-conjugate products are formed in high efficiency, diastereo- and enantioselectivity. The unique mechanistic feature is that the transformations proceed through Cu-catalyzed 3,3'-reductive elimination, that is unprecedented for copper catalysis. Further mechanistic study and application to complex molecule synthesis will be conducted.

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## **Chapter 1**

# Ligand-Controlled Site-Selective NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Protoboration of Monosubstituted Allenes

## **1.1 Introduction**

Alkenylboron compounds play a critical role in chemical synthesis, most notably as cross-coupling partners;<sup>1</sup> therefore it is an attractive objective to develop methods for efficient, site- and stereoselective synthesis of such building blocks. Especially, protocols that are promoted by a catalyst are of great value, in which variations of structures of catalysts can lead to different selectivity profiles. Although significant progresses have been made in this area, the majority of Cu-catalyzed processes employ alkynes as substrates.<sup>2</sup> In 2011, Hoveyda and co-workers demonstrated that terminal alkynes can be converted to  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -alkenylboron compounds selectively through adjustment of structures of the NHC ligands of a Cu-based catalyst.<sup>3</sup> Reactions proceed with site-selective Cu–B addition followed by protonation of the alkenylcopper intermediate by

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<sup>(2)</sup> For a Cu-catalyzed hydroboration of phenylacetylene, see (a) Lee, J. E.; Kwon, J.; Yun, J. *Chem. Commun.* **2008**, 733–734. This procedure is ineffective with alkyl-substituted alkynes. For synthesis of alkenylboron entities through Cu-catalyzed protoboration of alkynes, see: (b) Kim, H. R.; Jung, I. G.; Yoo, K.; Jang, K.; Lee, E. S.; Yun, J.; Son, S. U. *Chem. Commun.* **2010**, *46*, 758–760. (c) Semba, K.; Fujihara, T.; Terao, J.; Tsuji, Y. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2012**, *18*, 4179–4184. (d) Moure, A. L.; Arrayás, R. G.; Gárdenas, D. J.; Alonso, I.; Carretero, J. C. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 7219–7222. (e) Park, J. K.; Ondrusek, B. A.; McQuade, D. T. *Org. Lett.* **2012**, *14*, 4790–4793. (f) Moure, A. L.; Mauleon, P.; Arrayás, R. G.; Carretero, J. C. *Org. Lett.* **2013**, *15*, 2054–2057.

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MeOH. Allenes are another important class of unsaturated hydrocarbons that can serve as substrates for copper–boron additions. Development of such protocols provides possible access to not only two isomeric alkenylboron compounds,<sup>4</sup> but also allylboron entities.<sup>5</sup> More recently, in conjunction with studies regarding NHC–Cu-catalyzed enantioselective allylic substitution reactions, Hoveyda group demonstrated that the resulting monosubstituted allenes undergo protoboration in the presence of a Cu-based catalyst, delivering a 9:1 mixture of 1,1-disubstituted and trisubstituted alkenylboron products.<sup>6</sup>

Our interest in establishing a catalytic process to access either 1,1-disubstituted or trisubstituted alkenylboron products in high selectivity originates from not only its wide applications in organic synthesis, but also the mechanistic question regarding impact of catalyst structures on selectivity. We would like to identify catalysts derived from abundant inexpensive metal salts at low catalyst loading and easily accessible ligands to afford a wide range of alkenylboron compounds.

#### 1.2 Background

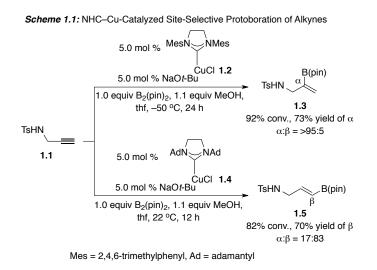
The first example of Cu-catalyzed site-selective protoboration of terminal alkynes is reported by Hoveyda and co-workers.<sup>3</sup> As shown in Scheme 1.1, reaction of propargylic amine **1.1** with  $B_2(pin)_2$  and MeOH in the presence of NHC–Cu complex **1.2** delivers 1,1-disubstituted alkenylboron **1.3** in >95% site selectivity with 73% yield of

<sup>(4) (</sup>a) Yuan, W.; Ma, S. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2012**, *354*, 1867–1872. (b) Semba, K.; Shinomiya, M.; Fujihara, T.; Terao, J.; Tsuji, Y. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2013**, *19*, 7125–7132.

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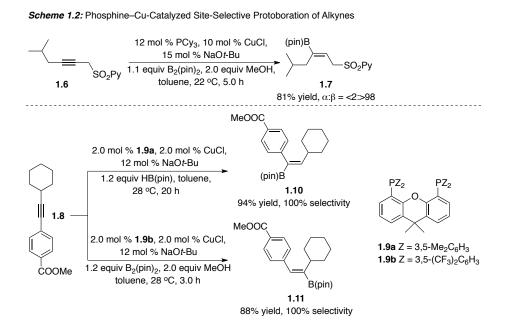
pure  $\alpha$ -product **1.3**. Variation of the Cu complex bearing N–Mes to that derived from adamantyl-containing imidazolinium salt (complex **1.4**) leads to formation of 1,2-disubstituted alkenylboron **1.5**. The reaction proceeds to 82% conversion within 12 h at 22 °C with tetrahydrofuran (thf) as solvent. However, the substrate scope is limited to propargylic alcohols or amines and aryl alkynes.



Subsequently, a variety of protocols regarding Cu-catalyzed protoboration of internal alkynes have been developed. As illustrated in Scheme 1.2, internal alkynes that carry directing groups (e.g. alcohols, ethers, 2-pyridylsulfide and 2-pyridylsulfone) at allylic position undergo Cu–B addition followed by protonation to generate  $\beta$ -alkenylboron products in high site selectivity.<sup>2b</sup> In the presence of 10 mol % Cy<sub>3</sub>P–Cu complex, reaction of alkyne **1.6** affords trisubstituted alkenylboron **1.7** in 81% yield and complete site selectivity.

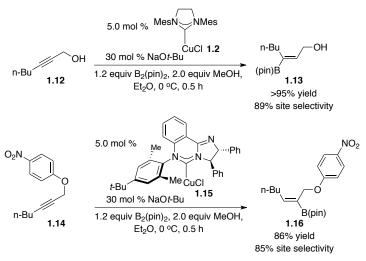
Tsuji and co-workers also reported a catalytic protocol that either isomers of alkenylboron can be accessed in high site selectivity (Scheme 1.2).<sup>2c</sup> Reaction of internal alkyne **1.8** with in situ generated copper hydride from phosphine–Cu complex derived

from **1.9a** provides **1.10** in 94% yield with complete selectivity. In contrast, electronically modified phosphine–Cu complex generated from **1.9b** promotes Cu–B addition/protonation of alkyne **1.8** delivering **1.11** in 88% yield with complete selectivity.



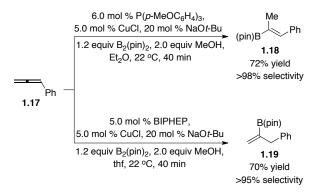
Later, McQuade and co-workers developed a catalytic site-selective protoboration of internal alkynes promoted by NHC–Cu complexes (Scheme 1.3).<sup>2e</sup> Site selectivity can be switched through simple protection of the propargylic alcohol moiety as *para*nitrophenyl ether. Propargylic alcohol **1.12** undergoes site-selective protoboration to give trisubstituted alkenylboron **1.13** in >95% NMR yield and 89% selectivity in the presence of Cu complex **1.2**. Reaction of the corresponding *para*-nitrophenylether derivative **1.14** promoted by NHC–Cu complex **1.15** furnishes the other isomeric product **1.16** in 86% yield and 85% site selectivity. However, the range of substrates is limited.



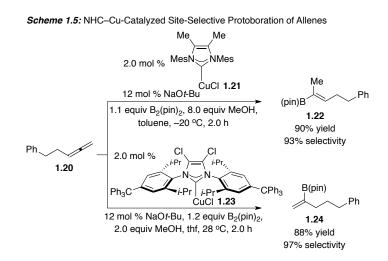


Ma and co-workers developed the first examples of Cu-catalyzed protoboration of allenes (Scheme 1.4).<sup>4a</sup> Phenyl-substituted allene **1.17** is transformed to trisubstituted alkenylboron **1.18** in 72% yield with >98% site selectivity when exposed to 5.0 mol % Cu catalyst derived from electron-rich  $P(p-MeOC_6H_4)_3$ . With bidentate phosphine–Cu complex generated from 2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)biphenyl (BIPHEP), 1,1-disubstituted alkenylboron **1.19** is formed in 70% yield with >95% selectivity. Most cases in this study are limited to aryl-substituted allenes, and no mechanistic rationale for site selectivity is discussed.

Scheme 1.4: Phosphine–Cu-Catalyzed Site-Selective Protoboration of Allenes



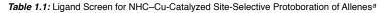
In the meantime of this study, Tsuji and co-workers described an NHC–Cucatalyzed process that furnishes either 1,1-disubstituted or trisubstituted alkenylboron selectively by appropriate choice of the catalysts.<sup>4b</sup> As the examples shown in Scheme 1.5, monosubstituted allene **1.20** is converted to trisubstituted alkenylboron **1.22** in 90% yield and 93% site selectivity upon exposure to 2.0 mol % NHC–Cu complex **1.21**. Moreover, reaction of **1.20** in the presence of 2.0 mol % of a more sterically hindered Cu complex **1.23** delivers 1,1-disubstituted alkenylboron **1.24** in 88% yield and 97% site selectivity.

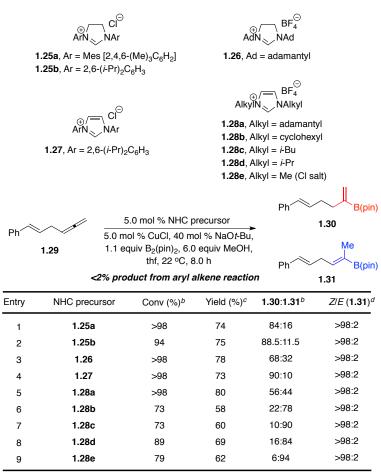


## 1.3 Identification of the Optimal Catalysts for Site-Selective NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Protoboration of Monosubstituted Allenes

We first examined the influence of catalyst structure on site selectivity. With styrene-containing allene **1.29** as standard substrate, the reactions occur chemoselectively favoring addition to allene moiety (<2% addition to alkene, Table 1.1). NHC–Cu complexes that carry sterically more hindered aryl groups deliver higher selectivity for

1,1-disubstituted alkenylboron **1.30** (entries 1–4, Table 1.1). Especially, in the presence of Cu complex derived from **1.27**, a 90:10 mixture of products are formed in 73% yield. The selectivity in favor of **1.31** is improved when allene **1.29** is exposed to Cu complexes containing N–alkyl moiety. Reducing the size of the alkyl units on NHCs results in better selectivity for trisubstituted alkenylboron **1.31** with complete Z selectivity; reaction promoted by N–Me-containing NHC–Cu complex affords **1.31** in 94% selectivity.





<sup>a</sup> Reactions were performed under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. <sup>b</sup> Determined through analysis of 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of unpurified product mixtures. <sup>c</sup> Yields of isolated and purified products (mixture of **1.30** and **1.31**, ±5%). <sup>d</sup> Analyzed by 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of purified materials.

It is noteworthy that copper–boron addition to **1.29** is highly chemselective, as protoboration of  $\beta$ -alkyl styrenes proceeds with similar efficiency,<sup>7</sup> suggesting that less hindered and more Lewis acidic allene moiety coordinates more efficiently with the NHC–Cu–B(pin) complex compared with aryl alkenes.<sup>8</sup> Another observation that supports this hypothesis is that although Cu–B addition to monosubstituted allenes/1,2-addition of the resulting allylcopper species to enals requires 8.0 h, the enal is fully consumed within 4.0 h in the absence of an allene.<sup>9</sup> With the assistance of DFT calculations in the latter transformation, association of allene with the Cu complex is indeed significant more exothermic (by ~10 kcal/mol). The lower efficiency of sterically less congested catalysts in entries 6–8 (Table 1.1) is probably due to the more competitive association of aryl alkene with the Cu complexes and shorter longevity of the catalysts.

Attempts to further improve site selectivity for generation of 1,1-disubstituted alkenylborons lead to investigation of temperature effects. Decreasing reaction temperature from 22 °C to -15 and 4 °C results in lower selectivity (entries 1 and 2, respectively, Table 1.2). Heating the reaction to 40 °C does not increase the site selectivity any further (entry 4, Table 1.2).

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<sup>(8)</sup> Dang, L.; Lin, Z.; Marder, T. B. Organometallics 2008, 27, 4443–4454.

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	5.0 mol % Imidazolium s 5.0 mol % CuCl, 40 mol % 1.1 equiv B <sub>2</sub> (pin) <sub>2</sub> , 6.0 eq thf, 22 °C, 8.0 h	NaOt-Bu	B(pin)	Me B(pin)
1.29	un, 22 °0, 0.0 m	1.	30	1.31
Entry	Temperature (°C)	Conv. (%) <sup>b</sup>	Yield (%) <sup>c</sup>	1.30:1.31 <sup>b</sup>
1	-15	>98	81	78:22
2	4	>98	80	72:28
3	22	>98	73	90:10
4	40	>98	72	90:10
a aQ Table 4.4				

Table 1.2: Temperature Effects on Site Selectivity for NHC-Cu-Catalyzed Protoboration of Allenesa

a-cSee Table 1.1.

Reactions promoted by NHC–Cu complex derived from **1.28e** in different solvents are also explored. Reaction performed in  $CH_2Cl_2$  is not effective at all (entry 1, Table 1.3). With dimethoxyethane (DME) as solvent, efficiency and site selectivity of the reaction is slightly lower (entry 2, Table 1.3). Reaction in dioxane delivers slightly better efficiency and selectivity (entry 3, Table 1.3).

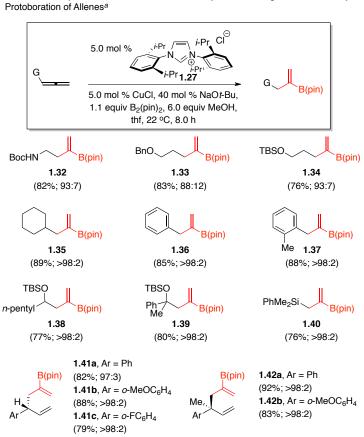
Table 1.3: Solvent Screen for NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Protoboration of Allenes <sup>a</sup> 5.0 mol % Imidazolium salt 1.28e,       B(pin)							
	1.1 equiv B	CuCl, 40 mol % NaO <i>t</i> -B <sub>2</sub> (pin) <sub>2</sub> , 6.0 equiv MeO <b>vent</b> , 22 °C, 8.0 h	$\rightarrow$ $<$ $<$ $<$ $<$	B(pin)			
Entry	Solvent	Conv. (%) <sup>b</sup>	Yield (%) <sup>c</sup>	1.30:1.31 <sup>b</sup>	Z/E (1.31) <sup>d</sup>		
1	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	13	nd <sup>d</sup>	nd <sup>d</sup>	>98:2		
2	DME	68	52	8:92	>98:2		
3	dioxane	84	66	5:95	>98:2		

a-cSee Table 1.1. dNot determined.

## 1.4 Scope of NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Protoboration of Monosubstituted Allenes

A wide range of alkyl- and aryl-substituted allenes are suitable substrates in the catalytic protoboration with Cu complex derived from **1.27** (Scheme 1.6). Protected alcohols and amines are well tolerated in this protocol (cf. **1.32-1.34**, **1.38-1.39**). Transformations of sterically hindered substrates, including those bearing a quaternary

center (cf. **1.38-1.40**, **1.42a-b**), not only proceed with high efficiency but also are more selective than those that contain less congested linear substrates (cf. **1.32-1.34**).

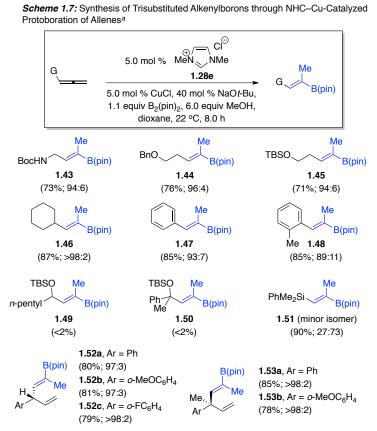


Scheme 1.6: Synthesis of 1,1-Disubstituted Alkenylborons through NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Protoboration of Allenes<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> >98% conversion in all cases; same conditions as those in Table 1.1; site selectivity in parenthesis.

NHC-Cu complex in situ generated from imidazolium salt **1.28e** promotes the protoboration with a variety of monosubstituted allenes in high efficiency and site selectivity, delivering trisubstituted alkenylboron products exclusively as Z isomers (Scheme 1.7). Less congested linear substrates provide better site selectivity compared with those catalyzed by Cu complex derived from **1.27**. Allenes that carry sizable substituents can be less selective; reaction of *o*-tolyl containing allene generates **1.48** in 85% yield and 89% selectivity (vs. 93% with phenyl-substituted allene). Moreover, silyl-

substituted alkenylboron **1.51** is delivered with a preference for the 1,1-disubstituted isomer (73% of mixture). Contrary to the reactions in Scheme 1.6, allyl ethers are not suitable substrates; <2% conversion to desired protoboration products is observed.

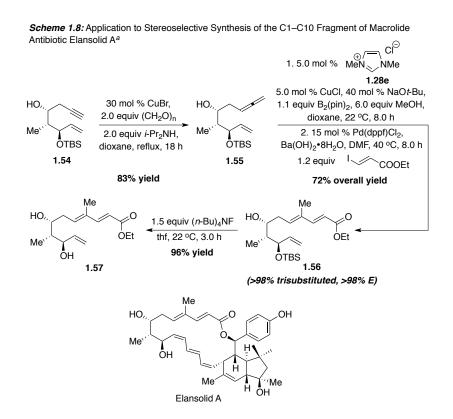


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## 1.5 Application of the Catalytic Protoboration Method to Natural Product Fragment Synthesis

To demonstrate its utility, we applied this method to synthesis of the C1–C10 fragment of macrolide elansolid A, which was isolated by Müller and co-workers

recently.<sup>10</sup> The synthesis commences with Crabbé homologation of terminal alkyne **1.54**, illustrating that highly functionalized allenes such as **1.55** can be easily accessed. NHC–Cu-catalyzed protoboration followed by Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling of the resulting trisubstituted alkenylboron with single purification affords triene **1.56** in 72% overall yield as a single stereoisomer, implying that the mild reaction conditions tolerate highly functionalized substrates. Removal of the silyl group in **1.56** delivers diol **1.57**, which constitutes a potential method for total synthesis of natural product elansolid A.



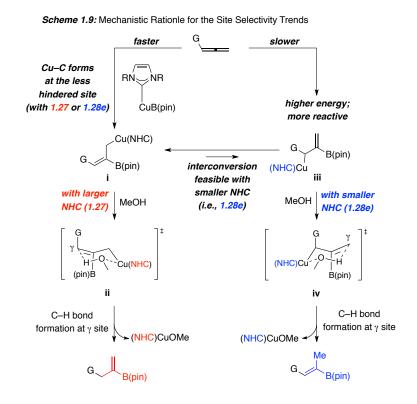
## 1.6 Mechanistic Rationale for Site Selectivity of NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Protoboration of Monosubstituted Allenes

<sup>(10)</sup> Steinmetz, H.; Gerth, K.; Jansen, R.; Schläger, N.; Dehn, R.; Reinecke, S.; Kirschning, A.; Müller, R. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2011, 50, 532–536.

The trends in site selectivity with NHC-Cu complexes that have different steric profiles can be rationalized by the pathways outlined in Scheme 1.9 with assistance of DFT calculations. Initial Cu–B addition places the Cu center at less congested carbon of the monosubstituted allene to generate allylcopper complex i. Subsequent  $\gamma$ -protonation via six-membered transition state delivers 1,1-disubstituted alkenylboron preferentially when Cu complex in situ generated from larger NHC ligand is used (e.g. 1.27). With catalyst derived from smaller ligand **1.28e**, the barrier for isomerization to more hindered allylcopper complex iii bearing a secondary Cu–C bond is lower, and the isomerization pathway to **iii** becomes feasible. The allyl–Cu(I) complexes might exist in the  $\eta^1$  form as there is no empty d orbital in a Cu(I) center to accommodate the  $\pi$  electron of the alkene, supported by theoretical studies.<sup>11</sup> The  $\eta^1$  to  $\eta^1$  interconversion may proceed by an intramolecular process where the B(pin) can engender a steric barrier. It is also possible that two molecules of the allylcopper complexes are involved during the exchange process, which underscores the significance of a smaller NHC to the rate of interconversion. Moreover, DFT calculations indicate that allylcopper complex iii is of higher energy, and can undergo protonaton via iv to provide trisubstituted alkenylboron more rapidly (Curtin-Hammett kinetics). The greater reactivity of allylcopper iii results from higher energy of HOMO of the more substituted Cu-C bond. Furthermore, as the energy of trisubstituted alkenylboron is lower, the activation barrier to furnish such entities would be lower (Hammond's postulate). Protonation proceeds via six-membered transition state iv, which allows for minimization of steric repulsion between allene substituent (G) and the B(pin) and NHC-Cu units, leading to high stereoselectivity.

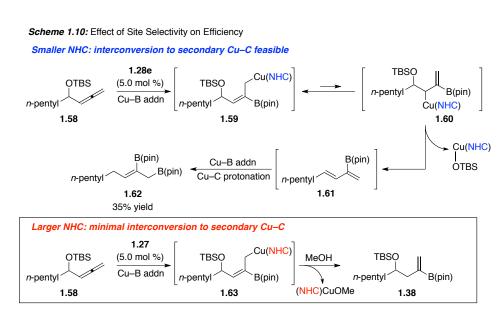
<sup>(11)</sup> For a related report regarding allylzinc systems, see: Lichtenberg, C.; Engel, J.; Spaniol, T. P.; Englert, U.; Raabe, G.; Okuda, J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2012**, *134*, 9805–9811.

Based on this hypothesis, with larger NHC ligand **1.27**, kinetically generated allylcopper complex **i** undergoes protonation faster than equilibration between **i** and **iii**, providing 1,1-disubstituted alkenylborons (non-Curtin–Hammett). With Cu complex bearing smaller ligands, more facile protonation of the allylcopper complex **iii** determines the major product.



The hypothesis described above also provides an explanation for several other observations. For less congested substrates, the activation barrier of isomerization of **i** to **iii** is lower. Protonation of allylcopper complex **iii** becomes more competitive and therefore site selectivity is reduced. As the barrier of protonation of allylcopper **iii** is lower than that of **i**, high selectivity is observed when smaller ligand **1.28e** is employed. As illustrated in Scheme 1.10, the reason why no desired allyl ethers products **1.49-1.50** in the presence of smaller ligand **1.28e** are obtained is likely that the corresponding

allylcopper complexes **iii** such as **1.60** might undergo facile elimination followed by a second protoboration of the resulting dienes, affording allylboron products (cf. **1.62**). With larger NHC derived from **1.27**, isomerization of allylcopper complex **1.63** is disfavored, minimizing the elimination process. After  $\gamma$ -protonation, 1,1-disubstituted alkenylboron **1.38** can be generated efficiently. The unusual site selectivity of silyl-containing substrate favoring 1,1-disubstituted alkenylboron is likely due to hyperconjugative stabilization of electron density at adjacent Cu–C bond by the low-lying C–Si  $\sigma^*$  orbitals in **iv**, which lowers the energy of transition state **iv** and elevates the activation barrier of protonation. Pathway via **ii** becomes more competitive, and Curtin–Hammett pathway is therefore disfavored.



## 1.7 Conclusion

In this chapter, we have developed a catalyst-controlled site-selective protoboration of monosubtituted allenes.<sup>12</sup> The investigation described above not only presents a reliable method to access 1,1-disubstituted or trisubstituted alkenylboron compounds efficiently and selectively, but also provides additional mechanistic insights into the effect of catalyst structures on selectivity. The catalysts can be prepared through simple combination of commercially available imidazolium salts, inexpensive and abundant copper salts and base. A wide range of substrates, the monosubstitued allenes, can be synthesized in high efficiency. Utility of the method is demonstrated through a stereoselective synthesis of C1–C10 fragment of antibiotic macrolide elansolid A. Moreover, the method demonstrates a catalytic site- and stereoselective route to access the 2-boron-substituted allylcopper complexes, providing an opportunity for in situ trap of the organocopper intermediate with electrophiles to form C–C bonds.

#### 1.8 Experimental

**General.** Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker FT-IR Alpha (ATR mode) spectrophotometer,  $v_{max}$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Bands are characterized as broad (br), strong (s), medium (m), and weak (w). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity INOVA 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$  7.26 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, br s = broad singlet, m = multiplet, app. = apparent), and coupling

<sup>(12)</sup> Meng, F.; Jung, B.; Haeffner, F.; Hoveyda, A. H. Org. Lett. 2013, 15, 1414–1417.

constant (Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity INOVA 400 (100 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$  77.16 ppm). High-resolution mass spectrometry was performed on a JEOL AccuTOF DART (positive mode) at the Mass Spectrometry Facility, Boston College. Specific rotations were measured on a Rudolph Research Analytical Autopol IV Polarimeter.

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out with distilled and degassed solvents under an atmosphere of dry  $N_2$  in oven- (135 °C) or flame-dried glassware with standard dry box or vacuum-line techniques. Solvents were purified under a positive pressure of dry argon by a modified Innovative Technologies purification system: toluene, benzene and hexanes were purified through a copper oxide and alumina column;  $CH_2Cl_2$  and  $Et_2O$  were purged with Ar and purified by passage through two alumina columns. Tetrahydrofuran (Aldrich Chemical Co.) was purified by distillation from sodium benzophenone ketyl immediately prior to use unless otherwise specified. Methanol (Aldrich Chemical Co.) was distilled over  $CaH_2$ . All work-up and purification procedures were carried out with reagent grade solvents (purchased from Fisher Scientific) in air.

#### **1.8.1 Reagents and Ligands**

Allenes: prepared according to a previously reported procedure.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>(13) (</sup>a) Crabbé, P.; Fillion, H.; André, D.; Luche, J.-L. J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun. 1979, 859–860. (b) Searles, S.; Li, Y.; Nassim, B.; Lopes, M.-T. R.; Tran, P. T.; Crabbé, P. J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1, 1984, 747–751. (c) Inoue, A.; Kondo, J.; Shinokubo, H.; Oshima, K. Chem. Eur. J. 2002, 8, 1730–1740. (d) Baird, M. S.; Nizovtsev, A. V.; Bolesov, I. G. Tetrahedron 2002, 58, 1581–1593. (e) Tenaglia, A.; Buono, G. Org. Lett. 2011, 13, 308–311. (f) Jung, B.; Hoveyda, A. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2012, 134, 1490–1493.

Allenylboronic acid pinacol ester: purchased from Frontier Scientific, Inc. and used as received.

**Barium hydroxide octahydrate:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

[1,1'-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene]dichloropalladium (II): purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

**Bis(pinacolato)diboron:** purchased from Frontier Scientific, Inc. and recrystallized from pentane.

Copper (I) bromide: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Copper (I) chloride: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

**Diisopropylamine:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Dimethylformamide: purchased from Acros Organics Co. and used as received.

Dioxane: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Imidazolium or imidazolinium salts** (1.25a-b, 1.26-1.27, 1.28a-e): purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Paraformaldehyde: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Sodium *tert*-butoxide (98%): purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

**Tetrabutylammonium fluoride solution (1.0 M in thf):** purchased from Acros Organics Co. and used as received.

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**1.8.2** Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data for Synthesis of 1,1-Disubstituted Alkenylborons through NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Protoboration of Allenes

Representative Experimental Procedure for Synthesis of 1,1-Disubstituted Alkenylborons through NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Protoborations of Allenes: In a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL,  $17 \times 38$  mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with imidazolium salt 1.27 (2.1 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol%), NaOt-Bu (3.8 mg, 0.040 mmol, 40 mol %) and tetrahydrofuran (thf, 0.5 mL). The vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (27.9 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The vial was re-sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and removed from the glove box. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min under an atmosphere of  $N_2$ . Allene **1.29** (15.6 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and MeOH  $(24.6 \,\mu\text{L}, 0.60 \text{ mmol}, 6.0 \text{ equiv})$  were added through syringes. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for eight hours before the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of celite and silica gel and eluted with  $Et_2O$  (3 × 2 mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a yellow oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:Et<sub>2</sub>O=100:1) to afford the mixture of **1.30** and **1.31** as a colorless oil (20.8 mg, 0.073 mmol of **1.30** and **1.31**, 73% yield of **1.30** and **1.31**).

(*E*)-4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(6-phenylhexa-1,5-dien-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (1.30). IR (neat): 3025 (w), 2977 (m), 2927 (w), 1427 (m), 1368 (s), 1308 (s), 1213 (m), 1138 (s), 963 (m), 834 (m), 739 (m), 692 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.31–7.28 (2H, 19 m), 7.26–7.22 (2H, m), 7.17–7.12 (1H, m), 6.35 (1H, d, J = 15.6 Hz), 6.21 (1H, dt, J = 15.6, 6.8 Hz), 5.79 (1H, d, J = 3.2 Hz), 5.62 (1H, d, J = 3.2 Hz), 2.33–2.31 (4H, m), 1.23 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  138.1, 130.9, 130.0, 129.8, 128.6, 126.9, 126.1, 83.5, 35.5, 33.0, 24.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 285.2026; Found: 285.2028.

*tert*-Butyl (3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)but-3-en-1-yl)carbamate (1.32). IR (neat): 3368 (br), 2977 (m), 2930 (w), 1703 (m), 1511 (m), 1366 (m), 1308 (m), 1140 (s), 1056 (w), 967 (m), 862 (m), 833 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  5.87 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 5.68 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 4.82 (1H, br s), 3.21 (2H, q, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 2.32 (2H, t, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 1.43 (9H, s), 1.27 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  156.1, 132.1, 83.8, 79.2, 40.7, 35.6, 28.6, 24.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>29</sub>B<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 298.2190; Found: 298.2198.

**2-(5-(Benzyloxy)pent-1-en-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane** (1.33). IR (neat): 3062 (w), 2978 (m), 2929 (m), 2855 (m), 1453 (m), 1369 (s), 1308 (s), 1141 (s), 969 (w), 860 (m), 736 (m), 697 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.36–7.32 (4H, m), 7.29–7.25 (1H, m), 5.78 (1H, d, J = 2.8 Hz), 5.62 (1H, d, J = 2.8 Hz), 4.50 (2H, s), 3.48 (2H, t, J = 5.2 Hz), 2.23 (2H, t, J = 6.0 Hz), 1.80–1.71 (2H, m), 1.26 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  138.9, 129.5, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 83.5, 72.9, 70.2, 32.0, 29.3, 24.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>28</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 303.2132; Found: 303.2136.

#### tert-Butyldimethyl((4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)pent-4-en-1-

**yl)oxy)silane (1.34).** IR (neat): 2978 (m), 2955 (m), 2857 (m), 1369 (s), 1309 (s), 1254 (m), 1143 (s), 1100 (s), 969 (w), 836 (s), 775 (s), 671 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400

MHz):  $\delta$  5.77 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz), 5.61 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz), 3.60 (2H, t, J = 5.2 Hz), 2.17 (2H, t, J = 6.0 Hz), 1.68–1.62 (2H, m), 1.26 (12H, s), 0.89 (9H, s), 0.04 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  129.3, 83.5, 63.1, 32.5, 31.7, 26.1, 24.9, 18.5, -5.1; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>36</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 327.2527; Found: 327.2533.

**2-(3-Cyclohexylprop-1-en-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane** (1.35). IR (neat): 2978 (w), 2921 (m), 2850 (m), 1367 (s), 1305 (s), 1208 (m), 1142 (s), 966 (m), 863 (m), 738 (w), 671 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  5.77 (1H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 5.54 (1H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 2.04 (2H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.73–1.60 (6H, m), 1.26 (12H, s), 1.22–1.11 (3H, m), 0.89–0.83 (2H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  130.0, 83.4, 43.4, 37.8, 33.3, 26.8, 26.5, 24.8; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>28</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 251.2182; Found: 251.2185.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(3-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (1.36).** IR (neat): 3028 (w), 2978 (m), 2927 (w), 1426 (m), 1362 (s), 1308 (s), 1272 (m), 1134 (s), 944 (m), 861 (m), 745 (m), 699 (s), 553 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.33–7.29 (2H, m), 7.26–7.19 (3H, m), 5.89 (1H, d, J = 3.2 Hz), 5.59 (1H, d, J = 3.2 Hz), 3.54 (2H, s), 1.25 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  140.8, 129.9, 129.3, 128.2, 125.8, 83.6, 41.5, 24.8; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 245.1713; Found: 245.1710.

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(3-(***o***-tolyl)prop-1-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (1.37).** IR (neat): 3064 (w), 2977 (m), 2928 (w), 1422 (m), 1361 (s), 1307 (s), 1214 (w), 1135 (s), 946 (m), 862 (m), 740 (s), 627 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.14–7.10 (4H, m), 5.84 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 5.32 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 3.47 (2H, s), 2.26 (3H, s), 1.26 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  138.7, 136.8, 130.1, 130.0, 129.8, 126.1, 125.8,

83.6, 38.3, 24.9, 19.6; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 259.1869; Found: 259.1879.

### tert-Butyldimethyl((2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)non-1-en-4-

yl)oxy)silane (1.38). IR (neat): 2977 (m), 2928 (m), 2856 (m), 1462 (m), 1387 (s), 1308 (s), 1272 (m), 1143 (s), 1052 (m), 1005 (m), 834 (s), 773 (s), 670 (m), 579 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  5.82 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 5.62 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 3.81–3.76 (1H, m), 2.35 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 3.6 Hz), 2.24 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 6.0 Hz), 1.34–1.32 (3H, m), 1.30–1.23 (14H, m), 1.23–1.19 (4H, m), 1.17–1.09 (2H, m), 0.88 (9H, s), 0.08–0.06 (6H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  132.0, 83.5, 72.0, 44.5, 36.6, 32.1, 26.1, 25.1, 25.0, 24.9, 22.8, 14.2, -4.02, -4.03; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>44</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 383.3153; Found: 383.3155.

*tert*-Butyldimethyl((2-phenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)pent-4en-2-yl)oxy)silane (1.39). IR (neat): 2977 (m), 2958 (m), 2856 (m), 1462 (m), 1304 (s), 1253 (m), 1140 (s), 1001 (s), 916 (w), 829 (s), 772 (s), 678 (s), 577 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.41–7.38 (2H, m), 7.26–7.22 (2H, m), 7.18–7.13 (1H, m), 5.82 (1H, d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 5.47 (1H, d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 2.58 (2H, app. d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 1.59 (3H, s), 1.11 (12H, s), 0.91 (9H, s), 0.04 (3H, s), -0.17 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$ 148.5, 134.1, 127.6, 126.4, 126.2, 83.4, 77.4, 50.8, 27.7, 26.3, 24.9, 18.6, -1.6, -2.3; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M–TBSO]<sup>+</sup>: 271.1869; Found: 271.1862.

Dimethyl(phenyl)(2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)allyl)silane (1.40). IR (neat): 3068 (w), 2978 (m), 2928 (w), 1426 (m), 1371 (s), 1309 (s), 1247 (m), 1143 (s), 952 (w), 833 (s), 699 (m), 603 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.54–7.51 (2H, m), 7.35–7.32 (3H, m), 5.68 (1H, d, J = 3.6 Hz), 5.38 (1H, d, J = 3.6 Hz), 1.92 (2H, s), 1.21 (12H, s), 0.27 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  139.3, 134.0, 128.9, 127.7, 83.5, 24.9, 24.4, –3.1; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>28</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 303.1952; Found: 303.1964.

(*S*)-4-Phenyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1,5-hexadiene (1.41a). IR (neat): 3061 (w), 3027 (w), 2977 (m), 2929 (w), 1624 (w), 1600 (w), 1492 (w), 1448 (m), 1410 (m), 1367 (s), 1343 (m), 1306 (s), 1272 (m), 1212 (m), 1164 (m), 1139 (s), 1111 (m), 1076 (w), 1029 (w), 992 (w), 961 (w), 942 (m), 912 (m), 860 (s), 834 (m), 755 (m), 698 (s), 670 (s), 578 (m), 520 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.29–7.26 (2H, m), 7.21–7.15 (3H, m), 5.97 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.4, 10.0, 7.6 Hz), 5.78 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 5.53 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 5.00 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.0, 1.2 Hz), 4.98 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.4, 1.2 Hz), 3.53 (1H, td, *J* = 7.6, 7.0 Hz) 2.58 (2H, dd, *J* = 7.0, 2.8 Hz), 1.24 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  144.4, 142.1, 131.3, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 126.1, 114.4, 83.4, 49.9, 41.5, 24.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 285.2025; Found: 285.2021; specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>0</sub><sup>23.2</sup> +0.17 (*c* = 1.20, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

#### (S)-4-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1,5-

hexadiene (1.41b). IR (neat): 3064 (w), 2977 (m), 2934 (m), 2835 (w), 1635 (w), 1617 (w), 1598 (w), 1585 (w), 1491 (s), 1463 (m), 1437 (m), 1366 (s), 1306 (s), 1239 (s), 1212 (m), 1164 (m), 1139 (s), 1107 (m), 1052 (m), 1030 (s), 995 (w), 970 (m), 939 (m), 910 (m), 861 (s), 832 (w), 808 (w), 783 (w), 750 (s), 671 (s), 578 (m), 517 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.17–7.12 (2H, m), 6.89 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.01 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.4, 10.0, 7.4 Hz), 5.73 (1H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 5.49 (1H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 4.99–4.94 (2H, m), 3.98 (1H, td, *J* = 7.6, 7.4 Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 2.58 (1H, d, *J* = 23

7.6 Hz), 2.53 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.25 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  156.9, 141.6, 132.5, 130.4, 128.1, 126.8, 120.4, 113.9, 110.7, 83.2, 55.3, 42.3, 40.0, 24.7; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 315.2131; Found: 315.2129; specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{24.6}$  +5.5 (c = 1.70, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

# (*S*)-4-(2-Fluorophenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1,5-hexadiene (1.41c). IR (neat): 3065 (w), 2978 (m), 2929 (w), 1637 (w), 1616 (w), 1583 (w), 1489 (m), 1445 (m), 1425 (m), 1388 (m), 1367 (s), 1308 (s), 1252 (s), 1225 (s), 1165 (m), 1139 (s), 1110 (m), 1036 (w), 992 (m), 970 (m), 942 (m), 914 (m), 861 (s), 827 (m), 802 (w), 753 (s), 737 (m), 679 (m), 578 (w), 555 (w), 520 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): $\delta$ 7.18 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.16–7.11 (1H, m), 7.05 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.03–6.94 (1H, m), 6.00 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.2, 10.4, 7.2 Hz), 5.75 (1H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 5.49 (1H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 5.04–4.99 (2H, m), 3.90 (1H, td, *J* = 7.6, 7.2 Hz), 2.64 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 2.54 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 1.25 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): $\delta$ 160.8 (d, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 244.1 Hz), 140.8, 131.4, 130.9 (d, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 14.1 Hz), 129.2 (d, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 5.2 Hz), 127.5 (d, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 8.2 Hz), 124.0 (d, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 3.8 Hz), 115.5, 115.3, 114.7, 83.5, 42.6 (d, *J*<sub>CF</sub> = 1.4 Hz), 40.5, 24.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>28</sub>B<sub>1</sub>F<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 303.1931; Found: 303.1940;

specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{22.1} + 0.17$  (*c* = 1.20, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(*R*)-4-Methyl-4-phenyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1,5-hexadiene (1.42a). IR (neat): 3084 (w), 3059 (w), 2976 (m), 2930 (w), 1635 (w), 1612 (w), 1493 (w), 1443 (m), 1423 (m), 1365 (s), 1305 (s), 1268 (w), 1212 (m), 1192 (m), 1164 (m), 1140 (s), 1112 (m), 1072 (w), 1029 (w), 1002 (w), 977 (m), 959 (m), 947 (m), 911 (m), 864 (m), 833 (w), 758 (m), 722 (m), 697 (s), 670 (w), 579 (w), 537 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.34 (2H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.27 (2H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.15 (1H, 24 app. d, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.11 (1H, dd, J = 17.6, 10.8 Hz), 5.82 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz), 5.40 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz), 5.07 (1H, d, J = 10.8 Hz), 5.01 (1H, d, J = 17.6 Hz), 2.64 (1H, ABq, J = 12 Hz), 1.30 (3H, s), 1.19 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  147.9, 146.6, 132.9, 128.0, 126.9, 125.8, 112.3, 83.4, 45.6, 44.9, 24.7, 24.1; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 299.2182; Found: 299.2192; specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{21.2}$  +3.70 (c = 2.70, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

### (R)-4-Methyl-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-

**1,5-hexadiene** (**1.42b**). IR (neat): 3060 (w), 2976 (m), 2931 (w), 2833 (w), 1633 (w), 1597 (w), 1580 (w), 1488 (m), 1461 (m), 1433 (m), 1364 (s), 1342 (m), 1303 (s), 1238 (s), 1213 (m), 1190 (m), 1164 (m), 1140 (s), 1070 (m), 1049 (m), 1029 (s), 976 (m), 960 (m), 944 (m), 907 (m), 863 (w), 827 (m), 793 (w), 749 (s), 725 (m), 712 (m), 670 (m), 579 (w), 518 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.19–7.15 (2H, m), 6.86–6.84 (2H, m), 6.33 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.8 Hz), 5.76 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 5.35 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 4.96 (1H, d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 4.90 (1H, d, *J* = 17.6 Hz), 3.82 (3H, s), 2.80 (1H, ABq, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 1.38 (3H, s), 1.17 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  158.4, 147.0, 135.4, 132.4, 128.0, 127.4, 120.3, 111.9, 111.0, 83.3, 55.1, 44.5, 43.2, 25.0, 24.6, 23.5; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 329.2288; Found: 329.2289; specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>21.7</sup> – 15.8 (*c* = 2.30, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

## **1.8.3** Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data for Synthesis of Trisubstituted Alkenylborons through NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Protoboration of Allenes

Representative Experimental Procedure for Synthesis of Trisubstituted Alkenylborons through NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Protoborations of Allenes: In a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL,  $17 \times 38$  mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with imidazolium salt **1.28e** (0.7 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol%), NaOt-Bu (3.8 mg, 0.040 mmol, 40 mol%) and dioxane (0.5 mL). The vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (27.9 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The vial was re-sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and removed from the glove box. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub>. Allene **1.29** (15.6 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and MeOH (24.6 µL, 0.60 mmol, 6.0 equiv) were added through syringes. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for eight hours before the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of celite and silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3  $\times$  2 mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a yellow oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:Et<sub>2</sub>O=100:1) to afford the mixture of 1.30 and 1.31 as a colorless oil (18.8 mg, 0.066 mmol of 1.30 and 1.31, 66% yield of **1.30** and **1.31**).

### 4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-((2Z,5E)-6-phenylhexa-2,5-dien-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane

(1.31). IR (neat): 3025 (w), 2977 (m), 2928 (w), 1627 (m), 1410 (m), 1368 (s), 1303 (s), 1145 (s), 964 (m), 856 (m), 742 (m), 692 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.35– 7.32 (2H, m), 7.30–7.27 (2H, m), 7.21–7.17 (1H, m), 6.43–6.38 (2H, m), 6.21 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.6, 6.8 Hz), 3.05 (2H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.75 (3H, s), 1.26 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 26 100 MHz): δ 142.8, 137.7, 130.5, 128.4, 127.9, 126.9, 126.0, 83.2, 32.3, 24.8, 13.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 285.2026; Found: 285.2035.

(Z)-*tert*-Butyl (3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)but-2-en-1yl)carbamate (1.43). IR (neat): 3360 (br), 2977 (m), 2929 (m), 1702 (s), 1517 (m), 1370 (s), 1309 (s), 1248 (m), 1168 (s), 1142 (s), 1023 (w), 862 (m), 780 (w), 667 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  6.22 (1H, td, *J* = 6.0, 1.6 Hz), 4.54 (1H, br s), 3.88–3.84 (2H, m), 1.71 (3H, s), 1.43 (9H, s), 1.26 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  156.0, 141.8, 83.6, 79.6, 39.0, 28.6, 24.9, 14.2; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>29</sub>B<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 298.2190; Found: 298.2201.

(Z)-2-(5-(Benzyloxy)pent-2-en-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (1.44). IR (neat): 2977 (m), 2926 (m), 2856 (m), 1495 (m), 1370 (s), 1304 (m), 1213 (m), 1135 (s), 1029 (w), 859 (m), 736 (m), 698 (m), 669 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$ 7.35–7.31 (4H, m), 7.30–7.27 (1H, m), 6.31 (1H, td, J = 6.8, 2.0 Hz), 4.53 (2H, s), 3.53 (2H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.48 (2H, app. qd, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz), 1.70 (3H, s), 1.26 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  141.9, 138.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 83.3, 73.0, 69.3, 29.5, 24.9, 14.2; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>28</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 303.2132; Found: 303.2140.

#### (Z)-tert-Butyldimethyl((4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)pent-3-en-1-

yl)oxy)silane (1.45). IR (neat): 2978 (m), 2954 (m), 2929 (m), 2857 (m), 1634 (m), 1369 (s), 1303 (s), 1255 (s), 1136 (s), 1099 (s), 1006 (w), 939 (m), 835 (s), 775 (s), 669 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 6.28 (1H, td, *J* = 5.2, 1.6 Hz), 3.66 (2H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.37 (2H, app. qd, *J* = 8.0, 0.8 Hz), 1.70 (3H, s), 1.26 (12H, s), 0.89 (9H, s), 0.05

(6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 142.0, 83.3, 62.5, 32.7, 26.1, 24.9, 18.6, 14.1, – 5.1; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>36</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 327.2527; Found: 327.2537.

(Z)-2-(1-Cyclohexylprop-1-en-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (1.46). IR (neat): 2978 (m), 2923 (m), 2850 (m), 1631 (m), 1368 (s), 1300 (s), 1226 (w), 1142 (s), 1087 (m), 987 (m), 863 (m), 692 (m), 580 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  6.12 (1H, dd, J = 8.8, 1.2 Hz), 2.40–2.31 (1H, m), 1.72–1.60 (9H, m), 1.27–1.17 (13H, m), 1.16–1.04 (3H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  152.0, 83.2, 37.7, 32.4, 26.2, 26.1, 24.9, 14.0; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>28</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 251.2182; Found: 251.2177.

(Z)-4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (1.47). IR (neat): 3024 (w), 2977 (m), 2929 (w), 1617 (m), 1447 (m), 1366 (s), 1308 (s), 1207 (m), 1144 (s), 1103 (s), 960 (m), 924 (w), 864 (m), 751 (m), 698 (m), 667 (m), 554 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.46–7.38 (4H, m), 7.31–7.26 (2H, m), 2.05 (3H, d, J = 2.0 Hz), 1.37 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  142.5, 138.1, 129.5, 128.2, 127.2, 83.6, 25.0, 16.0; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 245.1713; Found: 245.1720.

(Z)-4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(1-(*o*-tolyl)prop-1-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (1.48). IR (neat): 2977 (m), 2928 (w), 1619 (m), 1482 (m), 1366 (s), 1307 (s), 1214 (m), 1145 (s), 1099 (s), 959 (m), 864 (m), 744 (s), 669 (s), 580 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.30–7.28 (1H, m), 7.21–7.13 (4H, m), 2.28 (3H, s), 1.80 (3H, s), 1.33 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  142.0, 137.3, 136.4, 129.9, 129.1, 127.2, 125.2, 83.6, 25.0, 20.0, 15.8; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 259.1869; Found: 259.1874. (*S*,*Z*)-4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(4-phenylhexa-2,5-dien-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (1.52a). IR (neat): 3081 (w), 3060 (w), 3026 (w), 2977 (m), 2929 (w), 1624 (m), 1600 (w), 1492 (w), 1450 (w), 1407 (m), 1367 (s), 1340 (m), 1303 (s), 1271 (m), 1235 (w), 1213 (w), 1137 (s), 1111 (m), 1097 (m), 1076 (w), 1029 (m), 993 (m), 977 (m), 959 (m), 914 (m), 860 (s), 834 (w), 756 (m), 743 (m), 698 (s), 669 (s), 578 (w), 542 (w), 520 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.32–7.28 (2H, m), 7.26–7.23 (2H, m), 7.20–7.18 (1H, m), 6.45 (1H, d, J = 9.2 Hz), 6.00 (1H, ddd, J = 17.4, 10.0, 8.0 Hz), 5.12–5.08 (2H, m), 4.44 (1H, dd, J = 9.2, 8.0 Hz), 1.78 (3H, s), 1.26 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 145.9, 143.2, 139.7, 128.6, 128.0, 126.4, 126.1, 115.0, 83.3, 48.5, 24.9, 14.3; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 285.2025; Found: 285.2025; specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>21.5</sup> +80.0 (c = 1.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

### (S,Z)-2-(4-(2-Methoxyphenyl)hexa-2,5-dien-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-

dioxaborolane (1.52b). IR (neat): 3078 (w), 2977 (m), 2930 (w), 2836 (w), 1624 (m), 1598 (w), 1585 (w), 1491 (m), 1463 (m), 1438 (w), 1407 (m), 1369 (s), 1339 (m), 1304 (s), 1242 (s), 1214 (w), 1142 (s), 1102 (m), 1051 (w), 1030 (m), 995 (w), 959 (w), 914 (w), 862 (m), 835 (w), 784 (w), 753 (m), 693 (w), 672 (m), 578 (w), 519 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.22 (1H, app. dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz), 7.16 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 6.91 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 6.84 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.41 (1H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 6.02 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.4, 10.0, 6.0 Hz), 5.08–5.03 (2H, m), 4.88 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.8, 6.0 Hz), 3.81 (3H, s), 1.76 (3H, s), 1.24 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  156.9, 146.2, 139.9, 131.9, 128.8, 127.3, 120.8, 114.4, 110.9, 83.2, 77.1, 55.6, 41.2, 24.9, 14.2; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 315.2131; Found: 315.2136; specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>0</sub><sup>22.1</sup> +35.4 (*c* = 1.28, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

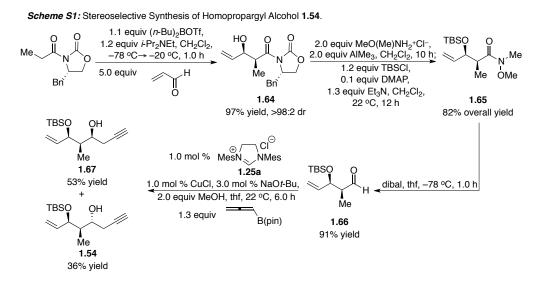
### (S,Z)-2-(4-(2-Fluorophenyl)hexa-2,5-dien-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-

dioxaborolane (1.52c). IR (neat): 2978 (m), 2925 (w), 1626 (m), 1581 (w), 1488 (m), 1454 (m), 1408 (m), 1369 (s), 1339 (m), 1305 (s), 1272 (w), 1228 (m), 1143 (s), 1094 (m), 1034 (w), 966 (w), 919 (w), 859 (m), 802 (w), 754 (m), 692 (w), 670 (m), 579 (w), 552 (w), 521 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.26 (1H, dd, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.20–7.14 (1H, m), 7.08 (1H, dd, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.00 (1H, dd, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 6.42 (1H, d, J = 9.2 Hz), 6.01 (1H, ddd, J = 17.2, 10.4, 7.6 Hz), 5.11–5.06 (2H, m), 4.74 (1H, dd, J = 9.2, 7.6 Hz), 1.76 (3H, s), 1.25 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 160.6 (d,  $J_{CF} = 244$  Hz), 144.5, 138.7, 130.2 (d,  $J_{CF} = 14.8$  Hz), 129.5 d,  $J_{CF} = 5.2$  Hz), 127.9 (d,  $J_{CF} = 8.2$  Hz), 124.3 (d,  $J_{CF} = 3.0$  Hz), 115.6, 115.4, 115.2, 83.4, 41.4 (d,  $J_{CF} = 2.2$  Hz), 24.9, 14.2; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>B<sub>1</sub>F<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 303.1931; Found: 303.1928; specific rotation: [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20.8</sup> +56.2 (c = 1.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

### (*R*,*Z*)-4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(4-methyl-4-phenylhexa-2,5-dien-2-yl)-1,3,2-

dioxaborolane (1.53a). IR (neat): 3083 (w), 3057 (w), 2976 (m), 2929 (w), 1617 (m), 1599 (w), 1491 (w), 1445 (m), 1406 (m), 1368 (s), 1337 (s), 1303 (s), 1271 (m), 1213 (m), 1144 (s), 1102 (s), 1075 (w), 1028 (w), 1001 (m), 964 (s), 913 (s), 860 (s), 834 (w), 822 (w), 765 (m), 732 (w), 700 (s), 668 (s), 578 (w), 539 (w), 522 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.32 (2H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.27 (2H, dd, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.16 (1H, app. d, J= 7.6 Hz), 6.52 (1H, s), 6.24 (1H, dd, J = 17.6, 10.8 Hz), 5.12 (1H, d, J = 10.8 Hz), 5.04 (1H, d, J = 17.6 Hz), 1.52 (3H, s), 1.33 (3H, s), 1.27 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 151.2, 147.9, 144.4, 128.2, 127.0, 125.8, 112.4, 83.4, 48.4, 28.8, 24.9, 16.0; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 299.2182; Found: 299.2178; specific rotation: [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>21.5</sup> -45.4 (c = 1.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). (*R*,*Z*)-2-(4-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-4-methylhexa-2,5-dien-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2dioxaborolane (1.53b). IR (neat): 2976 (m), 2932 (w), 2833 (w), 1617 (m), 1596 (w), 1580 (w), 1488 (m), 1459 (m), 1434 (m), 1406 (m), 1369 (s), 1334 (s), 1298 (s), 1272 (m), 1241 (s), 1214 (m), 1145 (s), 1125 (s), 1094 (s), 1070 (m), 1048 (w), 1028 (m), 1008 (m), 964 (m), 910 (m), 860 (s), 835 (w), 822 (w), 792 (w), 750 (s), 726 (w), 689 (m), 668 (s), 578 (w), 520 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.30 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.19 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 6.90 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 6.86 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.58 (1H, s), 6.34 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.8 Hz), 5.06 (1H, d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 5.00 (1H, d, *J* = 17.6 Hz), 3.72 (3H, s), 1.57 (3H, s), 1.27 (3H, s), 1.24 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 157.7, 152.8, 144.4, 136.6, 127.4, 127.2, 120.7, 112.7, 111.7, 83.1, 55.6, 46.5, 25.3, 24.9, 14.7; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 329.2288; Found: 329.2298; specific rotation: [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>21.8</sup> –53.9 (*c* = 2.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

### 1.8.4 Stereoselective Synthesis of C1–C10 Fragment of Antibiotic Macrolide Elansolid A



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**Experimental Procedure for Synthesis of 1.64:** The experimental procedure has been reported previously.<sup>14</sup>

**Imide 1.64**. The title compound has been previously reported and spectral data match those described.<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.36–7.26 (3H, m), 7.22–7.20 (2H, m), 5.86 (1H, ddd, J = 17.2, 10.4, 5.6 Hz), 5.36 (1H, dt, J = 17.2, 1.6 Hz), 5.23 (1H, dt, J = 10.4, 1.6 Hz), 4.74–4.69 (1H, m), 4.52–4.50 (1H, m), 4.26–4.18 (2H, m), 3.88 (1H, qd, J = 6.8, 3.2 Hz), 3.26 (1H, dd, J = 13.6, 3.2 Hz), 2.85 (1H, d, J = 3.2 Hz), 2.80 (1H, dd, J = 13.6, 9.6 Hz), 1.25 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  176.8, 153.2, 137.4, 135.2, 129.6, 129.1, 127.6, 116.5, 72.7, 66.4, 55.3, 42.6, 38.0, 11.1.

**Experimental Procedure for Synthesis of 1.65:** The experimental procedure has been reported previously.<sup>14</sup>

Weinreb Amide 1.65. The title compound has been previously reported and spectral data match those described.<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 5.82 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.2, 10.4, 6.4 Hz), 5.18 (1H, dt, *J* = 17.2, 1.2 Hz), 5.05 (1H, dt, *J* = 10.4, 1.2 Hz), 4.25–4.21 (1H, m), 3.64 (3H, s), 3.13 (3H, s), 3.02–2.97 (1H, m), 1.17 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 0.87 (9H, s), 0.07 (3H, s), 0.03 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 172.0, 140.2, 115.4, 75.9, 61.6, 42.9, 32.2, 26.0, 18.4, 14.7, -4.1, -4.7.

**Experimental Procedure for Synthesis of 1.66:** The experimental procedure has been reported previously.<sup>14</sup>

Aldehyde 1.66. The title compound has been previously reported and spectral data match those described.<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  9.76 (1H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 5.82 (1H, ddd,

<sup>(14) (</sup>a) Evans, D. A.; Bender, S. L.; Morris, J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1988**, 110, 2506–2526; (b) Evans, D. A.; Gage, J. R.; Leighton, J. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1992**, 114, 9434–9453.

J = 17.2, 10.4, 6.0 Hz), 5.25 (1H, dt, J = 17.2, 1.6 Hz), 5.17 (1H, dt, J = 10.4, 1.6 Hz), 4.55–4.51 (1H, m), 2.54–2.43 (1H, qdd, J = 6.8, 4.4, 1.2 Hz), 1.06 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 0.88 (9H, s), 0.05 (3H, s), 0.03 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  204.8, 138.5, 116.1, 73.7, 52.7, 25.9, 18.3, 8.4, -4.1, -4.9.

**Experimental Procedure for Synthesis of 1.54:** In a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove box, an oven-dried round bottom flask (25 mL) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with imidazolinium salt **1.25a** (6.8 mg, 0.020 mmol, 1.0 mol %), CuCl (2.0 mg, 0.020 mmol, 1.0 mol%), NaO*t*-Bu (5.8 mg, 0.060 mmol, 3.0 mol %) and tetrahydrofuran (thf, 10 mL). The vessel was sealed with a septum and removed from glove box. The solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. AllenylB(pin) (467  $\mu$ L, 2.60 mmol, 1.3 equiv), aldehyde **1.66** (457 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and MeOH (162  $\mu$ L, 4.00 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added to the solution through syringes. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for six hours before the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 10 mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a yellow oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 30:1) to afford the desired product **1.54** and **1.67** as a colorless oil (**1.54:** 194.4 mg, 0.724 mmol, 36% yield; **1.67:** 285.1 mg, 1.062 mmol, 53% yield).

Homopropargyl alcohol 1.54. IR (neat): 3458 (br), 3312 (w), 2955 (w), 2929 (w), 2886 (w), 2857 (w), 1471 (w), 1462 (w), 1405 (w), 1389 (w), 1361 (w), 1252 (m), 1122 (w), 1078 (m), 1026 (m), 992 (m), 957 (w), 924 (m), 833 (s), 774 (s), 671 (m), 628 (s), 586 (w), 539 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  5.89 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.2, 10.4, 6.0 Hz), 5.24 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.2, 1.6, 1.6 Hz), 5.19 (1H, ddd, *J* = 10.4, 1.6, 1.6 Hz), 4.36–4.33 (1H, m), 4.15 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 3.73–3.68 (1H, m), 2.48 (1H, ddd, *J* = 16.8, 4.0, 2.8 Hz), 33

2.30 (1H, ddd, J = 16.8, 6.0, 2.8 Hz), 2.01 (1H, dd, J = 2.8, 2.8 Hz), 1.94 (1H, ddd, J = 9.6, 6.6, 3.2 Hz), 0.90 (9H, s), 0.81 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 0.09 (3H, s), 0.05 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  137.1, 116.4, 81.1, 77.8, 71.7, 70.2, 42.8, 25.9, 25.4, 18.2, 12.5, -4.3, -5.0; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 269.1937; Found: 269.1930; specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21.7} + 20.7$  (c = 2.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**Experimental Procedure for Synthesis of 1.55:** An oven-dried round bottom flask (10 mL) equipped with a reflux condenser and a magnetic stir bar was charged with homopropargyl alcohol (100 mg, 0.370 mmol, 1.0 equiv), paraformaldehyde (23 mg, 0.74 mmol, 2.0 equiv), CuBr (17 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.30 equiv), diisopropylamine (0.10 mL, 0.74 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and dioxane (2 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 110 °C for eight hours and the reaction was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution (5 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with diethyl ether (3 × 5 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 10:1) to afford homoallenyl alcohol **1.55** (87 mg, 0.31 mmol, 83%) as a colorless oil.

Homoallenyl alcohol 1.55. IR (neat): 3447 (br), 2955 (w), 2929 (w), 2886 (w), 2857 (w), 1955 (w), 1471 (w), 1462 (w), 1405 (w), 1388 (w), 1360 (w), 1252 (m), 1188 (w), 1079 (m), 1023 (m), 993 (m), 958 (w), 922 (m), 832 (s), 773 (s), 678 (m), 584 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  5.90 (1H, ddd, J = 17.2, 10.8, 6.4 Hz), 5.25–5.17 (3H, m), 4.66 (2H, ddd, J = 6.8, 3.2, 2.4 Hz), 4.34–4.31 (1H, m), 4.03 (1H, s), 3.69–3.64 (1H, m), 2.36–2.28 (1H, m), 2.13–2.04 (1H, m), 1.85–1.77 (1H, m), 0.90 (9H, s), 0.79 (3H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 0.09 (3H, s), 0.05 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  209.2, 137.1, 116.1, 34

86.0, 78.0, 74.1, 72.8, 42.9, 34.3, 25.7, 18.0, 12.4, -4.5, -5.2; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for  $C_{16}H_{31}O_2Si_1$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 283.2088; Found: 283.2093; specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{21.2}$  +23.0 (*c* = 0.75, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**Experimental Procedure for Synthesis of 1.56:** In a  $N_2$ -filled glove box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL,  $17 \times 38$  mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with imidazolium salt **1.28e** (1.7 mg, 0.013 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (1.2 mg, 0.013 mmol, 5.0 mol %), NaOtBu (9.2 mg, 0.096 mmol, 40 mol %) and dioxane (0.5 mL). The reaction vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (68 mg, 0.27 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added to the solution and the vial was re-sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and removed from the glove box. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The solution of allene **1.55** (68 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and MeOH (58  $\mu$ L, 1.4 mmol, 6.0 equiv) in dioxane (2.0 mL) was added to the mixture through syringes and the resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for eight hours. The reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of celite and silica gel and eluted with diethyl ether  $(3 \times 5)$ mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure with gentle heating to afford yellow oil, which was used in the next step without further purification. An oven-dried vial (4 mL,  $17 \times 38$  mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the crude mixture, Pd(dppf)Cl<sub>2</sub> (26 mg, 0.036 mmol, 15 mol %), Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>·8H<sub>2</sub>O (114 mg, 0.360 mmol, 1.50 equiv), (E)-iodo-ethylacrylate<sup>15</sup> (66 mg, 0.29 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and dmf (2.0 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The vessel was sealed with a cap and the resulting solution was allowed

<sup>(15)</sup> Trost, B.M.; Papillon, J. P. N.; Nussbaumer, T. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 17921–17937.

to stir at 40 °C for eight hours. The reaction was quenched by addition of  $H_2O$  (2 mL) and the aqueous layer was washed with diethyl ether (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3:1) to afford **1.56** (66 mg, 0.17 mmol, 72%) as a colorless oil.

**Triene 1.56.** IR (neat): 3496 (br), 2955 (w), 2930 (w), 2894 (w), 2856 (w), 1710 (s), 1620 (m), 1462 (m), 1389 (m), 1366 (m), 1304 (s), 1252 (s), 1163 (s), 1094 (s), 1029 (s), 1004 (s), 981 (m), 921 (m), 833 (s), 774 (s), 671 (w), 583 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.36 (1H, d, J = 15.6 Hz), 6.09 (1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 5.90 (1H, ddd, J = 17.2, 10.8, 6.4 Hz), 5.78 (1H, d, J = 15.6 Hz), 5.24 (1H, d, J = 17.2 Hz), 5.19 (1H, d, J = 10.8 Hz), 4.29 (1H, m), 4.21 (1H, d, J = 1.6 Hz), 4.19 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.72 (1H, m), 2.44 (1H, m), 2.31 (1H, m), 1.79 (3H, s), 1.28 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 0.91 (9H, s), 0.78 (3H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 0.08 (6H, d, J = 16 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 167.7, 149.6, 138.2, 136.8, 134.3, 116.6, 115.7, 78.3, 73.1, 60.2, 43.3, 34.6, 25.9, 18.2, 14.4, 13.1, 12.6, -4.3, -5.0; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 383.2617; Found: 383.2604; specific rotation: [α]<sub>p</sub><sup>21</sup> +23.9 (c = 1.15, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

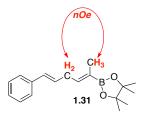
**Experimental Procedure for Synthesis of 1.57:** An oven-dried vial (4 mL, 17 × 38 mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with triene **1.56** (30 mg, 0.078 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thf (1.0 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Tetra(*n*-butyl)ammonium fluoride (0.12 mL of 1.0 M thf solution, 0.12 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added to the solution and the resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1.5 hour. The reaction was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (1 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 2 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), 36

dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1:1) to afford diol **1.57** (20 mg, 0.075 mmol, 96%) as a colorless oil.

**Diol 1.57.** IR (neat): 3399 (br), 2978 (m), 2923 (m), 1706 (s), 1693 (s), 1620 (s), 1444 (m), 1394 (m), 1367 (m), 1305 (s), 1268 (s), 1171 (s), 1117 (m), 1094 (m), 1033 (s), 979 (s), 921 (m), 855 (m), 711 (w), 581 (w), 541 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.34 (1H, d, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 5.99 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 5.93 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.2, 10.8, 6.4 Hz), 5.82 (1H, d, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 5.30 (1H, d, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 5.22 (1H, d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 4.43 (1H, m), 4.21 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.77 (1H, m), 2.74 (1H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 2.67 (1H, d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 2.46 (2H, m), 1.81 (3H, s), 1.30 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 0.91 (3H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  167.6, 149.1, 138.3, 137.1, 135.4, 116.5, 115.8, 75.0, 74.4, 60.4, 42.1, 35.0, 14.4, 12.6, 12.1; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 269.1753; Found: 269.1745; specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>0</sub><sup>20</sup> +35.0 (*c* = 0.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

### **■** Proof of Stereochemistry of the Olefin in β-Alkenylborons

The geometry of the double bond in compound 1.31 was assigned as Z based on nOe study.



### **1.8.5** Theoretical Studies Regarding Mechanism

### **Part 1.** Computational protocol:

Geometry optimizations and frequency calculations were carried out by using the gradient-corrected Density Functional Theory (DFT) BP86 functional<sup>16</sup> and the basis set used was constructed as following: The core electrons on the copper ion were described by using the Los Alamos effective core pseudo-potential (ECP), as implemented in the double-zeta quality LANL2DZ basis set.<sup>17</sup> The valence electrons were augmented with polarization functions of d-type, described by one Gaussian function with an exponent value of  $\alpha = 0.451$ . All other elements were described by using the split-valence 6-31G\*\* basis set. Tetrahydrofuran was simulated by means of the PCM method<sup>18</sup>. The results of harmonic frequency calculations on the optimized geometries showed that all of them are real<sup>19</sup> except for the transition state structures, which have one imaginary frequency. Free energies were computed at 298.15 K and 1.0 atm. by using the unscaled frequencies. The structures involved in the dimeric  $\eta_1 - \eta_1$  isomerization process were computed by using the BP86/LANL2DZ method and solvation was not considered. All calculations were carried out with the Gaussian09 computer program.<sup>20</sup>

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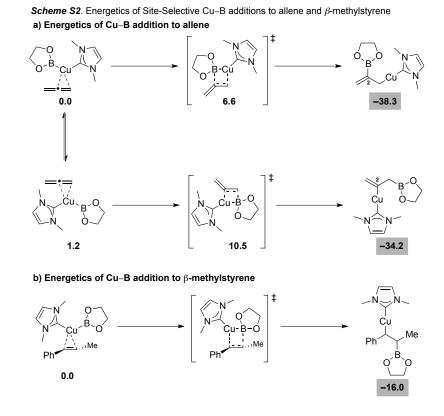
<sup>(19)</sup> The geometry optimized trisubstituted olefin product showed one very small imaginary frequency of  $7i \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

<sup>(20)</sup> Gaussian 09, Revision A.02, Frisch, M. J.; Trucks, G. W.; Schlegel, H. B.; Scuseria, G. E.; Robb, M. A.; Cheeseman, J. R.; Scalmani, G.; Barone, V.; Mennucci, B.; Petersson, G. A.; Nakatsuji, H.; Caricato, M.; Li, X.; Hratchian, H. P.; Izmaylov, A. F.; Bloino, J.; Zheng, G.; Sonnenberg, J. L.; Hada, M.; Ehara, M.; Toyota, K.; Fukuda, R.; Hasegawa, J.; Ishida, M.; Nakajima, T.; Honda, Y.; Kitao, O.; Nakai, H.; Vreven, T.; Montgomery, J. A.; Peralta, J. E.; Ogliaro, F.; Bearpark, M.; Heyd, J. J.; Brothers, E.; Kudin, K. N.; Staroverov, V. N.; Kobayashi, R.; Normand, J.; Raghavachari, K.; Rendell, A.; Burant, J. C.; Iyengar, S.S.; Tomasi, J.; Cossi, M.; Rega, N.; Millam, J. M.; Klene, M.; Knox, J. E.; Cross, J. B.; Bakken, V.; Adamo, C.; Jaramillo, J.; Gomperts, R.; Stratmann, R. E.; Yazyev, O.; Austin, A. J.; Cammi, R.; Pomelli, C.; Ochterski, J. W.; Martin, R. L.; Morokuma, K.; Zakrzewski, V. G.; Voth, G. A.; Salvador, P.; Dannenberg, J. J.;

### Part 2. Chemical models used in the computations:

The precursor of N-heterocyclic carbene (NHC) used in these computational studies is N,N-dimethylimidazolium salt (**1.28e**). The allenes used in these studies are propadiene, methylpropadiene and compound **1.41a**. 1,3,2-dioxaborolane was used as the model of 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (pinacolatoboron, B(pin)), except for compound **1.41a**, where the full model of B(pin) was used.

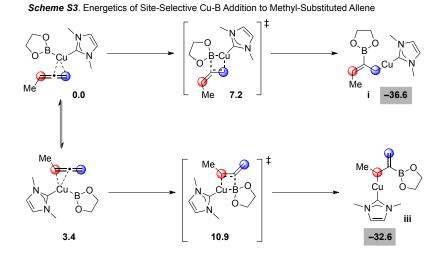
*Part 3.* Regioselective Cu–B addition to allene and  $\beta$ -methylstyrene (C<sub>2</sub>–B vs C<sub>1</sub>–B);<sup>21</sup> values are in kcal/mol



Dapprich, S.; Daniels, A. D.; Farkas, O.; Foresman, J. B.; Ortiz, J. V.; Cioslowski, J.; Fox, D. J. Gaussian, Inc., Wallingford CT, 2009.

(21) Numbers are relative free energies in kcal/mol (298 K).

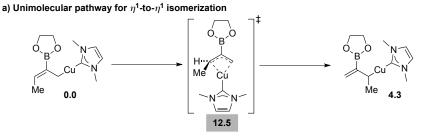
## *Part 4.* Site Selective Cu–C bond formation (intermediate i vs intermediate iii in Scheme 1.9); values are in kcal/mol



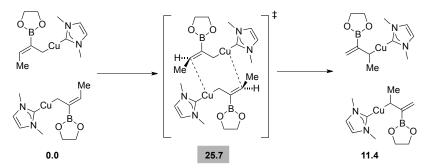
Part 5.  $\eta^1 - \eta^1$  isomerization of NHC-Cu-allyl complex (intramolecular vs

intermolecular isomerization);<sup>22</sup> values are in kcal/mol

Scheme S4. Unimolecular or Bimolecular Isomerization Pathway of Cu-allyl Complex i to iii



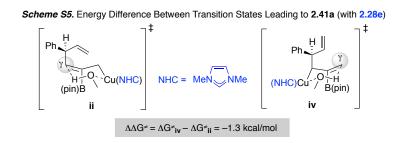
b) Bimolecular pathway for  $\eta^1$ -to- $\eta^1$  isomerization



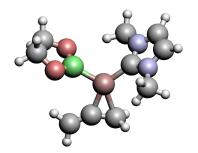
<sup>(22)</sup> In case of bimolecular isomerization, the value for free energy of activation was computed as  $G_{TS^-dimer} - 2*G_{monomer}$  in the gas phase.

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# *Part 6.* Energy Difference Between the Transition States for $\gamma$ -Protonation for Synthesis of Product 1.41a (Scheme 1.6)



GS1\_propadiene

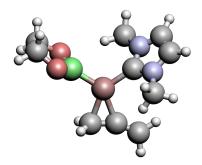


- H -2.517 0.867 2.790
- C -2.710 1.231 1.768
- H -4.636 -0.764 1.260
- H -3.686 1.739 1.741
- H -1.921 1.940 1.479
- C -3.722 -0.809 0.673
- N -2.697 0.125 0.811
- C -3.310 -1.698 -0.283
- H -3.802 -2.571 -0.704
- C -1.642 -0.153 -0.023

- Н 3.151 2.072 -0.136
- H -0.591 2.601 -1.979
- Cu 0.109 0.752 -0.189
- N -2.042 -1.286 -0.687
- H -0.171 -1.803 -1.470
- C -0.198 2.728 -0.963
- C 2.400 2.757 -0.540
- C -1.236 -1.948 -1.715
- Н 2.737 3.758 -0.845
- C 1.117 2.407 -0.657
- Н -0.807 3.332 -0.279
- H -1.469 -3.023 -1.722
- H -1.449 -1.526 -2.711
- B 1.694 -0.451 0.245
- 0 2.550 -0.363 1.350
- 0 2.066 -1.517 -0.592
- C 3.482 -1.483 1.319
- C 3.280 -2.131 -0.068
- H 4.115 -1.917 -0.760
- Н 3.142 -3.224 -0.017
- H 4.507 -1.106 1.472
- Н 3.237 -2.174 2.146

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -871.572951 hartree

### GS2\_propadiene

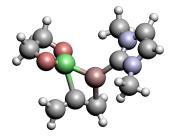


- H -2.150 0.040 2.886 C -2.633 0.333 1.940
- H -3.934 -2.098 1.343
- н -3.719 0.417 2.098
- Н -2.234 1.303 1.609
- C -3.079 -1.838 0.724
- N -2.366 -0.653 0.893
- C -2.479 -2.510 -0.308
- Н -2.720 -3.460 -0.776
- C -1.320 -0.563 0.007
- H -2.985 2.124 -0.825
- H 0.852 3.227 0.450
- Cu 0.096 0.799 -0.125
- N -1.409 -1.721 -0.724
- H 0.483 -1.596 -1.601
- C 0.440 2.810 -0.478

- C -2.179 2.865 -0.858
- C -0.495 -2.055 -1.818
- H -2.473 3.896 -1.113
- C -0.911 2.551 -0.604
- H 1.086 2.888 -1.361
- H -0.386 -3.148 -1.880
- Н -0.878 -1.675 -2.780
- B 1.975 0.045 0.179
- 0 2.692 0.052 1.385
- O 2.717 -0.593 -0.833
- C 3.942 -0.675 1.207
- C 4.022 -0.971 -0.307
- H 4.799 -0.370 -0.814
- H 4.209 -2.036 -0.527
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- Н 3.909 -1.597 1.817

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -871.571058 hartree

TS1\_propadiene

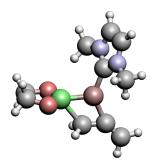


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- H -4.870 -0.189 1.092
- Н -3.805 2.254 1.133
- н -2.039 2.367 0.834
- C -3.919 -0.428 0.624
- N -2.839 0.450 0.638
- C -3.506 -1.544 -0.054
- Н -4.033 -2.461 -0.306
- C -1.749 -0.085 -0.005
- H 2.978 1.946 0.967
- H 0.562 1.545 -2.583
- Cu -0.006 0.691 -0.232
- N -2.182 -1.320 -0.421
- Н -0.303 -1.977 -1.053
- C 0.661 2.143 -1.666
- C 2.612 2.330 0.012
- C -1.360 -2.248 -1.198

- H 3.134 3.189 -0.430
- C 1.574 1.767 -0.650
- H 0.325 3.184 -1.731
- Н -1.530 -3.277 -0.844
- H -1.610 -2.188 -2.270
- B 1.718 -0.292 0.244
- 0 2.406 -0.361 1.456
- 0 2.182 -1.238 -0.681
- C 3.527 -1.273 1.270
- C 3.170 -2.068 -0.001
- H 4.032 -2.227 -0.669
- Н 2.716 -3.048 0.231
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- H 3.634 -1.907 2.165

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -871.562379 hartree

TS2\_propadiene



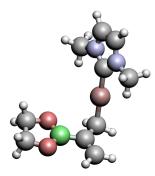
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- Н -3.710 -2.573 -0.984
- C -1.572 -0.233 -0.037
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- N -1.957 -1.292 -0.822
- H -0.081 -1.678 -1.659
- C 0.618 2.608 -0.544
- Н 2.307 1.976 0.717
- C -1.143 -1.824 -1.915
- C 1.789 1.788 -0.236
- C 0.474 3.894 -0.902
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- H -1.367 -1.303 -2.861
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- 0 2.304 -1.141 -0.788
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С	3.386	-1.916	-0.193

- H 4.350 -1.514 -0.556
- H 3.301 -2.968 -0.513
- H 4.157 -1.521 1.852
- H 2.731 -2.607 1.806
- H -0.514 4.333 -1.100
- H 1.324 4.591 -1.020
- H 2.484 1.557 -1.058

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -871.556257 hartree

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- H 2.541 -1.900 2.511
- C 2.669 -1.951 1.418
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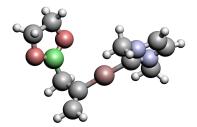
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- C -2.582 -2.544 0.039
- C 2.308 2.269 -1.138
- Н -2.184 -3.504 -0.320
- C -2.194 -1.353 -0.506
- Н -1.022 -2.167 -2.139
- Н 2.131 3.202 -0.580
- Н 3.040 2.456 -1.940
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -871.633961 hartree

PRODUCT2 propadiene



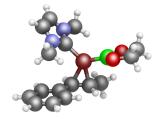
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- C -2.039 -0.051 0.079
- Cu -0.341 0.854 0.282
- N -3.031 0.217 -0.834

- H -1.982 1.786 -1.715
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- Н 3.311 2.239 -0.346
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- C 2.929 -2.184 -0.994
- H 3.401 -2.537 -1.928
- H 2.189 -2.936 -0.670
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- H 0.839 2.796 2.331
- H 2.539 3.142 1.656
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -871.627383 hartree

Addition of NHC-Cu-B(pin) to styrene

### Ground state



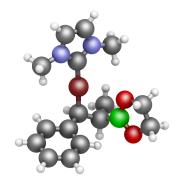
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- C -2.483 0.209 0.002
- B 1.809 -1.907 0.149
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- N -3.311 -0.875 -0.164
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- Cu -0.669 0.233 0.657

- C 1.182 0.366 1.337
- C -2.918 -2.254 0.138
- Н -1.820 -2.302 0.162
- Н -3.299 -2.924 -0.648
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- Н -1.742 2.671 -0.082
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- H -2.918 3.105 -1.369
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- H 2.660 -4.367 -1.252
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- C 2.694 1.140 -0.597
- C 1.520 2.796 0.714
- C 2.055 3.815 -0.081
- C 2.912 3.510 -1.158
- C 3.226 2.163 -1.401
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- H 2.982 0.103 -0.805
- H 3.905 1.899 -2.221
- H 3.332 4.305 -1.782
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- H 1.500 -1.214 3.584

- Н 1.918 -2.757 2.791
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1103.809897 hartree

### Product



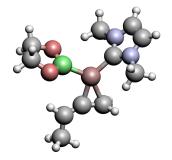
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- C -4.689 -0.907 -0.688

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- Н 3.351 -0.118 1.878
- Н 0.959 -2.726 -0.629
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- Н 5.153 -2.127 -1.513
- H 5.342 -0.593 0.466
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1103.784402 hartree

### GS1 methylpropadiene

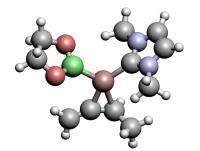


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- Н 4.935 -0.299 1.155
- Н 3.318 -2.327 1.973

- H 1.561 -2.041 1.729
- C 4.051 -0.064 0.567
- N 2.805 -0.632 0.827
- C 3.878 0.778 -0.498
- H 4.585 1.409 -1.031
- C 1.845 -0.166 -0.037
- Н -3.352 -0.826 0.070
- Н -0.032 -2.668 -1.684
- Cu -0.099 -0.522 -0.084
- N 2.531 0.707 -0.844
- H 0.860 1.650 -1.678
- C -0.417 -2.563 -0.662
- C -2.896 -1.767 -0.262
- C 1.908 1.442 -1.947
- C -3.833 -2.923 -0.535
- C -1.566 -1.830 -0.392
- H 0.016 -3.240 0.086
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- H 1.944 0.855 -2.880
- B -1.248 1.121 0.273
- 0 -2.125 1.316 1.349
- 0 -1.265 2.230 -0.591
- C -2.678 2.662 1.271
- C -2.264 3.182 -0.121

H -3.284 -3.820 -	-0.862			
H -4.569 -2.661 -	-1.317			
H -4.416 -3.182	0.369			
H -3.108 3.197 -	-0.836			
H -1.819 4.191 -	-0.089			
H -3.772 2.613	1.405			
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -910.865989				
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### GS2\_methylpropadiene



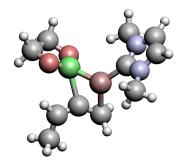
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- N -2.559 -0.427 0.965

- C -3.156 -2.060 -0.406
- Н -3.625 -2.881 -0.942
- C -1.572 -0.460 0.011
- Н 3.020 2.094 -0.080
- Н -0.698 2.267 -1.966
- Cu 0.127 0.547 -0.139
- N -1.961 -1.479 -0.824
- Н -0.127 -1.729 -1.795
- C -0.348 2.512 -0.952
- C 2.240 2.722 -0.520
- C -1.197 -1.880 -2.007
- H 2.522 3.732 -0.854
- C 0.985 2.285 -0.649
- C -1.265 3.389 -0.115
- Н -1.383 -2.944 -2.215
- H -1.490 -1.283 -2.886
- B 1.814 -0.535 0.251
- 0 2.805 -0.262 1.207
- 0 2.154 -1.672 -0.503
- C 3.806 -1.320 1.167
- C 3.480 -2.127 -0.106
- H 4.190 -1.924 -0.929
- H 3.454 -3.217 0.068
- H 4.812 -0.868 1.145

- Н 3.718 -1.930 2.086
- H -2.298 3.001 -0.096
- H -1.308 4.416 -0.530
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### TS1\_methylpropadiene



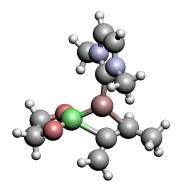
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- H 1.796 -2.554 0.881
- C 4.165 -0.176 0.564
- N 2.933 -0.823 0.628
- C 3.964 0.976 -0.149
- H 4.655 1.761 -0.444
- C 1.955 -0.105 -0.016

- н -3.036 -1.075 1.110
- Н -0.712 -1.395 -2.483
- Cu 0.089 -0.527 -0.174
- N 2.613 1.005 -0.486
- H 0.887 2.002 -1.108
- C -0.880 -1.890 -1.517
- C -2.804 -1.604 0.179
- C 1.973 2.052 -1.282
- C -3.787 -2.655 -0.279
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- 0 -1.675 1.771 -0.694
- C -2.962 2.170 1.254
- C -2.463 2.816 -0.052
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- Н -4.822 -2.263 -0.295
- н -3.797 -3.524 0.408
- Н -3.281 3.121 -0.726
- н -1.813 3.691 0.135
- Н -3.988 1.767 1.153

H -2.934 2.854 2.118

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -910.854474 hartree

TS2\_methylpropadiene

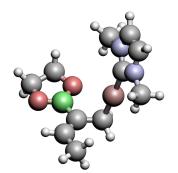


- H -2.652 1.031 2.689
- C -2.832 1.335 1.645
- H -4.918 -0.487 1.086
- H -3.787 1.877 1.582
- H -2.016 1.994 1.312
- C -3.970 -0.661 0.584
- N -2.867 0.170 0.761
- C -3.582 -1.644 -0.287
- H -4.132 -2.484 -0.705
- C -1.786 -0.267 0.034
- H 2.904 1.492 1.468
- H 0.602 1.652 -2.155
- Cu -0.013 0.470 -0.020

- N -2.250 -1.392 -0.605
- H -0.383 -1.981 -1.328
- C 0.715 2.164 -1.185
- C 2.596 2.024 0.565
- C -1.445 -2.190 -1.530
- Н 3.168 2.916 0.276
- C 1.578 1.594 -0.224
- C 0.337 3.635 -1.159
- H -1.648 -3.259 -1.369
- H -1.677 -1.929 -2.576
- B 1.701 -0.601 0.247
- O 2.371 -0.909 1.433
- O 2.201 -1.326 -0.845
- C 3.522 -1.729 1.080
- C 3.202 -2.254 -0.333
- H 4.076 -2.252 -1.004
- H 2.771 -3.272 -0.315
- H 4.428 -1.093 1.091
- H 3.642 -2.531 1.826
- H -0.656 3.814 -1.610
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- H 0.318 4.015 -0.123

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -910.848663

## PRODUCT1\_methylpropadiene

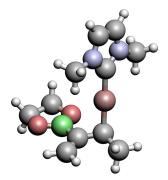


- Н 3.931 2.157 -1.225
- C 3.678 1.766 -0.227
- H 5.384 -0.337 -1.011
- H 4.500 1.987 0.472
- H 2.754 2.245 0.130
- C 4.379 -0.614 -0.702
- N 3.438 0.324 -0.291
- C 3.768 -1.839 -0.625
- H 4.139 -2.835 -0.851
- C 2.245 -0.270 0.046
- H -2.897 2.012 -1.589
- Н -1.385 0.743 2.195
- Cu 0.627 0.558 0.703
- N 2.475 -1.607 -0.169
- H 0.540 -2.166 0.368
- C -1.057 1.337 1.323

- C -2.201 2.198 -0.762
- C 1.476 -2.653 0.058
- C -1.480 3.521 -0.748
- C -2.008 1.213 0.174
- H -0.902 2.384 1.645
- H 1.304 -3.223 -0.869
- H 1.812 -3.339 0.852
- B -2.788 -0.122 -0.018
- 0 -3.722 -0.343 -1.030
- 0 -2.626 -1.231 0.811
- C -4.321 -1.639 -0.804
- C -3.430 -2.308 0.274
- Н -0.380 3.375 -0.702
- Н -1.735 4.128 0.144
- H -1.707 4.130 -1.639
- H -4.015 -2.771 1.087
- H -2.760 -3.076 -0.155
- H -5.362 -1.498 -0.456
- H -4.345 -2.205 -1.751

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -910.924843 hartree

PRODUCT2\_methylpropadiene



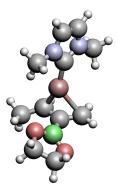
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- H -4.434 -1.273 2.068
- н -2.582 0.666 3.154
- H -1.000 0.466 2.325
- C -3.859 -0.973 1.196
- N -2.621 -0.346 1.296
- C -4.126 -1.095 -0.142
- Н -4.980 -1.523 -0.662
- C -2.094 -0.067 0.058
- H 3.309 1.171 2.132
- Н 1.556 1.384 -1.724
- Cu -0.422 0.811 -0.356
- N -3.044 -0.539 -0.815
- Н -1.978 0.047 -2.505
- C 1.284 1.731 -0.707
- C 2.683 1.713 1.415
- C -2.923 -0.464 -2.272

- C 2.187 1.094 0.296
- C 1.206 3.263 -0.661
- H -2.911 -1.476 -2.708
- H -3.764 0.107 -2.695
- B 2.603 -0.396 0.058
- O 3.245 -1.185 1.010
- O 2.387 -1.071 -1.141
- C 3.607 -2.434 0.375
- C 2.819 -2.441 -0.959
- Н 3.435 -2.749 -1.820
- H 1.927 -3.093 -0.916
- Н 4.700 -2.450 0.215
- Н 3.337 -3.274 1.037
- Н 2.211 3.738 -0.716
- H 0.741 3.634 0.272
- H 0.603 3.659 -1.497
- H 2.467 2.762 1.653

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -910.917961

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Monomeric  $\eta^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$  –  $\eta^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$  isomerization TS



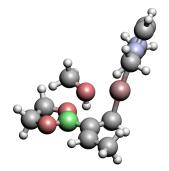
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- Н -2.145 3.088 1.586
- C -3.866 1.661 -0.025
- N -2.517 1.484 0.271
- C -4.320 0.464 -0.513
- Н -5.308 0.161 -0.851
- C -2.099 0.207 -0.026
- H 0.562 -2.606 1.351
- Н 0.393 -2.794 -1.197
- Cu -0.374 -0.555 0.213
- N -3.232 -0.404 -0.512
- H -2.263 -2.106 -1.228
- C 0.998 -1.878 -1.234
- C 1.084 -1.634 1.279
- C -3.278 -1.806 -0.925

- C 1.850 -1.268 2.540
- C 1.548 -1.308 -0.059
- Н 1.333 -1.547 -2.219
- H -3.617 -2.450 -0.097
- H -3.964 -1.918 -1.778
- B 2.545 -0.112 -0.312
- O 3.454 -0.124 -1.359
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- C 3.696 1.856 -0.066
- H 5.189 1.037 -1.496
- Н 3.731 1.726 -2.281
- H 4.512 1.844 0.678
- H 3.356 2.896 -0.200
- H 2.675 -1.982 2.759
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -910.904923

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Protonation GS1\_methylpropadiene



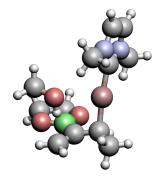
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- H 1.654 0.662 2.804
- C 0.606 0.713 2.452
- H -0.046 0.867 3.328
- O 0.389 1.807 1.557
- H 1.020 1.688 0.801
- Н 0.343 -0.263 1.995
- Н -5.237 0.604 1.496
- C -2.838 1.987 0.978
- C -4.481 0.068 0.928
- N -3.244 0.623 0.622
- C 2.437 1.952 -0.769
- C 4.473 -1.386 1.197
- O 3.836 -0.146 0.809
- C -4.490 -1.192 0.387
- Н -5.251 -1.969 0.401
- C 3.577 -2.497 0.594
- C -2.466 -0.245 -0.104

- B 2.883 -0.446 -0.161
- C 2.080 0.634 -0.957
- N -3.259 -1.361 -0.236
- 0 2.732 -1.814 -0.364
- Cu -0.716 0.025 -0.882
- C 0.983 0.196 -1.860
- C -2.846 -2.581 -0.932
- H 0.814 0.891 -2.704
- Н 1.169 -0.817 -2.264
- H -1.857 -2.396 -1.377
- H -3.567 -2.826 -1.728
- Н -2.780 -3.424 -0.226
- Н -1.738 2.020 1.056
- Н -3.284 2.251 1.949
- Н -3.188 2.703 0.216
- H 4.155 -3.282 0.078
- Н 2.935 -2.978 1.355
- H 5.498 -1.405 0.784
- H 4.538 -1.437 2.297
- H 2.127 4.082 -1.094
- H 0.683 3.071 -1.402
- Н 3.266 2.181 -0.086
- H 2.004 3.095 -2.574

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1026.61199

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Protonation GS2 methylpropadiene



- H 1.418 -2.604 -3.151
- C 0.710 -1.924 -2.632
- H -0.194 -1.837 -3.258
- 0 0.312 -2.429 -1.356
- Н 1.073 -2.256 -0.737
- H 1.184 -0.927 -2.562
- H -5.059 -0.218 -1.417
- C -2.891 -1.926 -0.845
- C -4.219 0.224 -0.888
- H 2.613 -2.913 0.874
- N -3.076 -0.499 -0.565
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- C 2.836 2.758 -0.466
- O 2.196 1.800 0.414

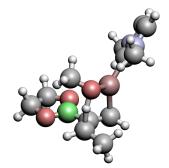
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- Н -4.655 2.381 -0.470
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- C -2.159 0.278 0.100
- B 2.558 0.526 -0.010
- C 2.180 -0.786 0.764
- N -2.767 1.509 0.176
- 0 3.311 0.539 -1.179
- Cu -0.466 -0.228 0.880
- C 1.201 -0.669 1.865
- C -2.163 2.682 0.809
- H 1.361 0.276 2.420
- C 1.082 -1.868 2.811
- Н -1.172 2.389 1.185
- Н -2.787 3.028 1.648
- H -2.051 3.498 0.076
- Н -1.811 -2.138 -0.912
- Н -3.375 -2.170 -1.803
- H -3.347 -2.535 -0.048
- H 4.450 2.150 -1.871
- H 2.800 2.016 -2.559
- Н 3.631 3.279 0.096
- Н 2.093 3.504 -0.796
- H 2.061 -2.156 3.253

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H 0.389 -1.655 3.644

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1026.604540 hartree

Protonation TS1\_methylpropadiene



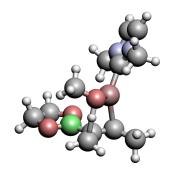
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- C -0.519 -1.454 2.344
- H 0.266 -0.829 2.808
- O -0.141 -1.817 1.018
- H -1.169 -2.002 0.424
- H -1.468 -0.875 2.358
- H 5.433 -0.124 0.786
- C 3.201 -1.856 0.773
- C 4.489 0.298 0.447
- N 3.312 -0.442 0.404
- C -2.226 -1.977 -0.553

- C -4.008 1.650 1.261
- 0 -3.700 0.363 0.671
- C 4.176 1.557 0.006
- H 4.791 2.446 -0.107
- C -3.203 2.674 0.422
- C 2.259 0.308 -0.063
- B -2.630 0.543 -0.195
- C -1.935 -0.631 -0.972
- N 2.819 1.542 -0.300
- 0 -2.249 1.875 -0.322
- Cu 0.443 -0.300 -0.374
- C -0.949 -0.274 -1.937
- C 2.069 2.693 -0.803
- H -0.605 -1.021 -2.667
- Н -0.919 0.762 -2.293
- H 1.044 2.355 -1.013
- H 2.531 3.073 -1.728
- H 2.045 3.497 -0.050
- H 2.130 -2.090 0.899
- Н 3.737 -2.034 1.718
- Н 3.635 -2.495 -0.013
- Н -3.841 3.223 -0.295
- H -2.662 3.407 1.042
- Н -5.097 1.820 1.218

- H -3.696 1.637 2.321
- H -2.145 -4.111 -0.995
- H -0.761 -3.194 -1.629
- H -3.163 -2.090 0.010
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1026.600965 hartree

## Protonation TS2\_methylpropadiene



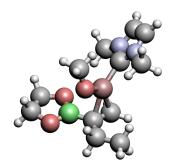
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- O 0.041 -2.020 -1.205
- H 1.053 -2.259 -0.734
- Н 1.252 -0.998 -2.596
- H -5.280 0.454 -0.659
- C -3.355 -1.620 -0.683
- C -4.265 0.724 -0.379

- Н 2.242 -3.152 0.702
- N -3.222 -0.196 -0.362
- Н 3.167 -2.210 -0.586
- C 2.321 -2.227 0.112
- C 3.044 2.570 -0.113
- 0 2.205 1.618 0.588
- C -3.729 1.928 -0.000
- Н -4.186 2.908 0.106
- C 3.675 1.758 -1.272
- C -2.039 0.386 0.027
- B 2.546 0.344 0.135
- C 1.983 -0.986 0.750
- N -2.378 1.701 0.243
- 0 3.460 0.372 -0.912
- Cu -0.332 -0.487 0.288
- C 1.062 -0.850 1.832
- C -1.428 2.726 0.680
- H 1.060 0.116 2.353
- C 0.618 -2.049 2.654
- Н -0.437 2.256 0.765
- Н -1.730 3.133 1.658
- Н -1.386 3.544 -0.056
- H -2.346 -2.019 -0.874
- Н -3.981 -1.739 -1.581

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н 3.180	1.955	-2.240				
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Н 2.427	3.413	-0.465				
н 1.461	-2.497	3.224				
н 0.210	-2.860	2.023				
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Sum of e	lectroni	c and th	ermal	Free	Energies=	-1026.600753

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Protonation PRODUCT1\_methylpropadiene



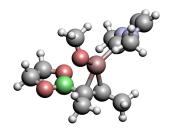
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- C -0.293 0.529 2.866
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- H 2.038 2.346 0.421

- Н 0.115 -0.431 3.275
- Н -5.292 -0.015 0.252
- C -3.139 1.768 0.706
- C -4.294 -0.385 0.031
- N -3.151 0.388 0.218
- C 2.064 2.244 -0.680
- C 3.949 -1.450 0.976
- 0 3.581 -0.161 0.424
- C -3.870 -1.599 -0.439
- Н -4.426 -2.495 -0.703
- C 3.111 -2.479 0.176
- C -2.014 -0.299 -0.127
- B 2.438 -0.349 -0.337
- C 1.645 0.814 -1.012
- N -2.481 -1.526 -0.528
- 0 2.079 -1.692 -0.473
- Cu -0.168 0.377 -0.020
- C 0.664 0.498 -1.964
- C -1.620 -2.618 -0.984
- Н 0.159 1.275 -2.550
- Н 0.562 -0.525 -2.340
- Н -0.573 -2.312 -0.841
- Н -1.800 -2.831 -2.050
- Н -1.817 -3.527 -0.394

- H -2.105 2.009 0.997
- H -3.799 1.861 1.582
- H -3.477 2.462 -0.080
- Н 3.707 -2.991 -0.602
- H 2.641 -3.240 0.819
- H 5.036 -1.599 0.860
- H 3.704 -1.457 2.053
- H 1.601 4.351 -1.003
- H 0.170 3.290 -1.032
- H 3.128 2.365 -0.967
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1026.624227 hartree

Protonation PRODUCT2\_methylpropadiene



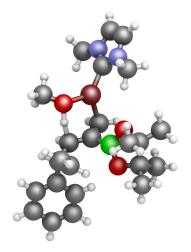
- H -0.170 -2.113 -3.441
- C -0.151 -1.222 -2.765
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- 0 0.306 -1.562 -1.489
- H 1.916 -2.624 0.118
- H 0.487 -0.465 -3.288
- Н -5.194 0.003 -0.523
- C -3.035 -1.834 -0.647
- C -4.201 0.397 -0.322
- H 1.264 -2.838 1.770
- N -3.059 -0.398 -0.355
- Н 2.978 -2.413 1.536
- C 1.955 -2.241 1.152
- C 3.328 2.119 -0.636
- 0 2.229 1.552 0.121
- C -3.783 1.666 -0.018
- Н -4.340 2.593 0.093
- C 4.100 0.896 -1.191
- C -1.929 0.328 -0.071
- B 2.496 0.189 0.277
- C 1.624 -0.757 1.157
- N -2.399 1.601 0.131
- 0 3.633 -0.226 -0.400
- Cu -0.117 -0.438 0.024
- C 0.665 -0.169 2.005
- C -1.546 2.747 0.447
- Н 0.678 0.927 2.078

- C -0.122 -0.869 3.091
- H -0.499 2.416 0.397
- Н -1.766 3.125 1.458
- Н -1.708 3.554 -0.284
- H -1.989 -2.109 -0.866
- H -3.669 -2.045 -1.522
- H -3.407 -2.411 0.216
- H 5.192 0.992 -1.080
- H 3.869 0.702 -2.253
- Н 3.948 2.731 0.044
- H 2.929 2.771 -1.430
- H 0.427 -0.837 4.053
- H -0.319 -1.929 2.862
- Н -1.092 -0.372 3.258

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1026.624247 hartree

Protonation 2.41a TS1



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- Н -0.459 3.210 2.389
- Н -0.817 0.194 -2.161
- N -4.610 0.385 0.172
- H -0.454 -1.616 -2.099
- C -0.449 -0.651 -1.565
- C 1.563 3.264 -0.521
- 0 1.909 1.831 -0.538
- C -6.130 -0.972 -0.694
- Н -7.021 -1.472 -1.066
- C 0.236 3.279 0.339
- Н -0.406 5.335 0.009
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- B 0.743 1.117 -0.294
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- C 1.345 3.675 -1.987
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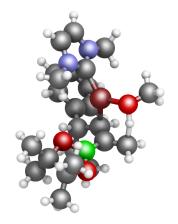
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- Н 2.294 -1.150 3.719
- C 2.646 -0.233 1.822
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- C 2.491 -1.462 0.946
- C 3.759 -1.676 0.100
- H 3.511 0.110 -1.110
- C 4.132 -0.772 -0.920
- C 4.578 -2.801 0.326
- C 5.290 -0.991 -1.683
- C 5.733 -3.028 -0.442
- Н 5.565 -0.276 -2.467
- H 6.350 -3.913 -0.250
- C 6.095 -2.121 -1.451
- Н 6.994 -2.292 -2.052
- H -4.434 2.466 0.458
- Н -2.921 1.517 0.651
- H -4.177 1.479 1.936
- H -5.085 -3.637 -0.860
- H -3.487 -2.990 -1.365

- H -4.901 -2.838 -2.460
- H 2.436 -2.330 1.634

H 4.304 -3.512 1.117

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1492.092671 hartree

Protonation 2.41a TS2



- H 0.756 -1.154 2.822
- 0 0.002 -1.980 2.513
- H -0.468 -3.138 4.206
- C -0.856 -2.285 3.613
- H -0.965 -1.419 4.298
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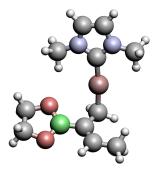
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- C 3.568 1.465 -2.078
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- C 4.418 -0.229 -0.290
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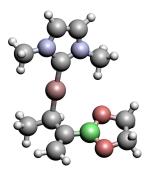


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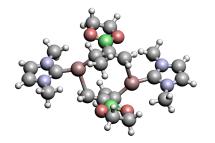
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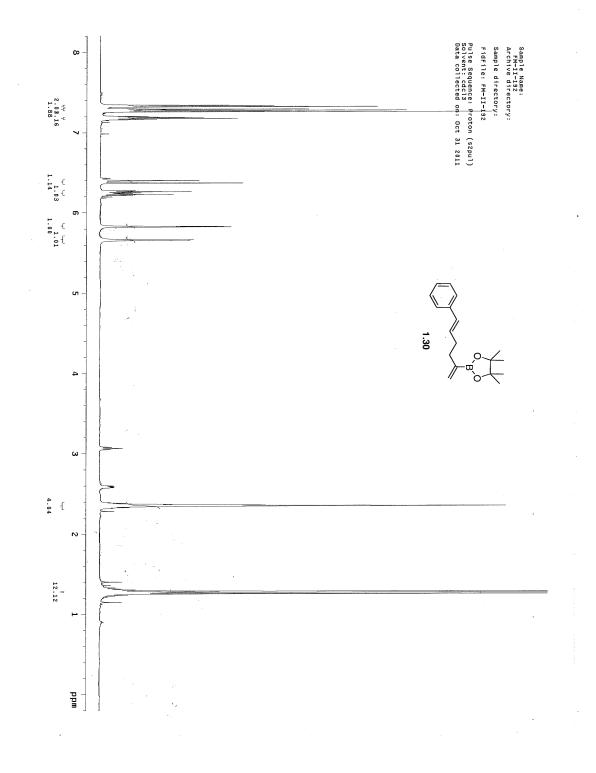
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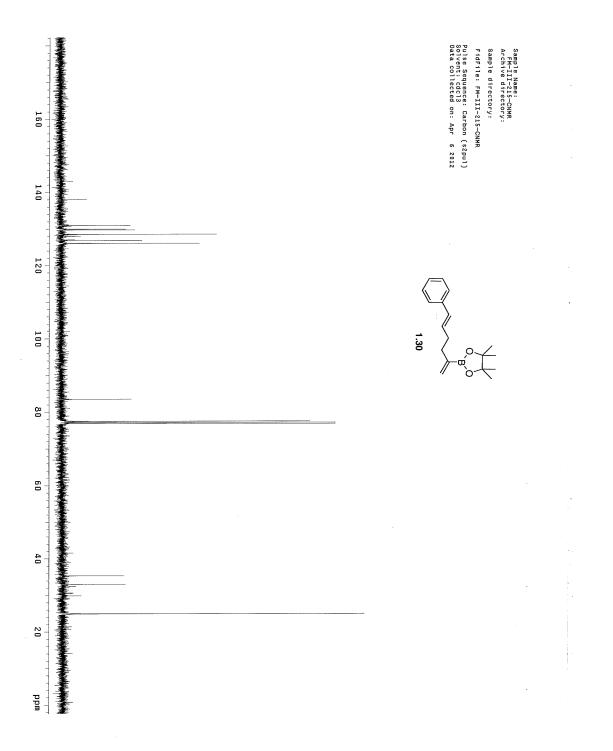
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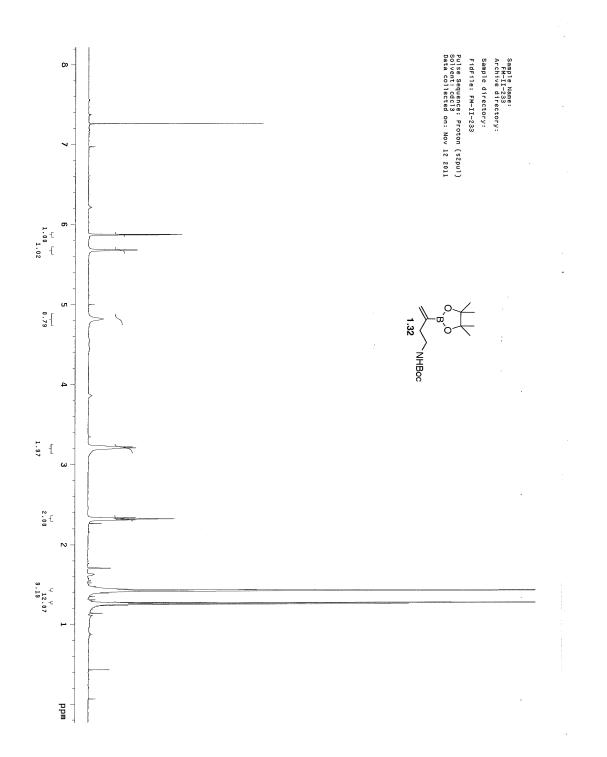
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- C 6.366 0.711 -0.847
- Н 7.217 1.374 -0.981
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- H 4.011 -2.523 -1.931
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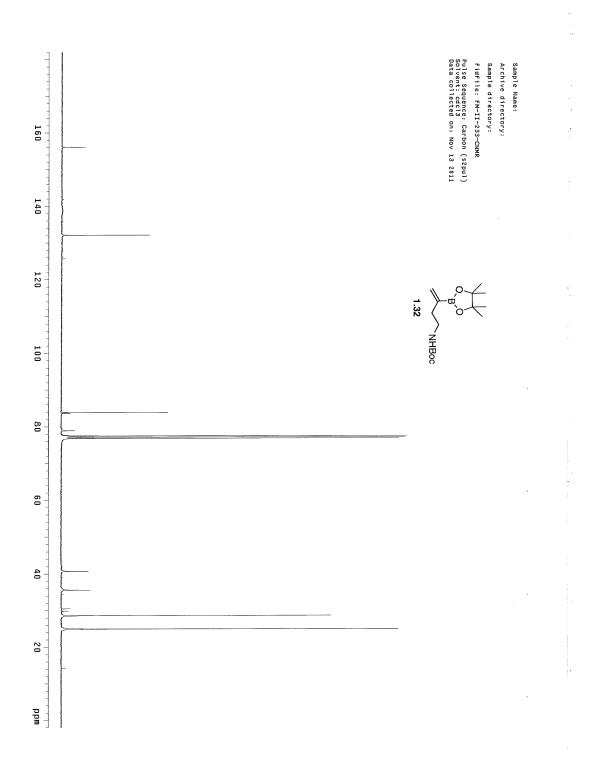
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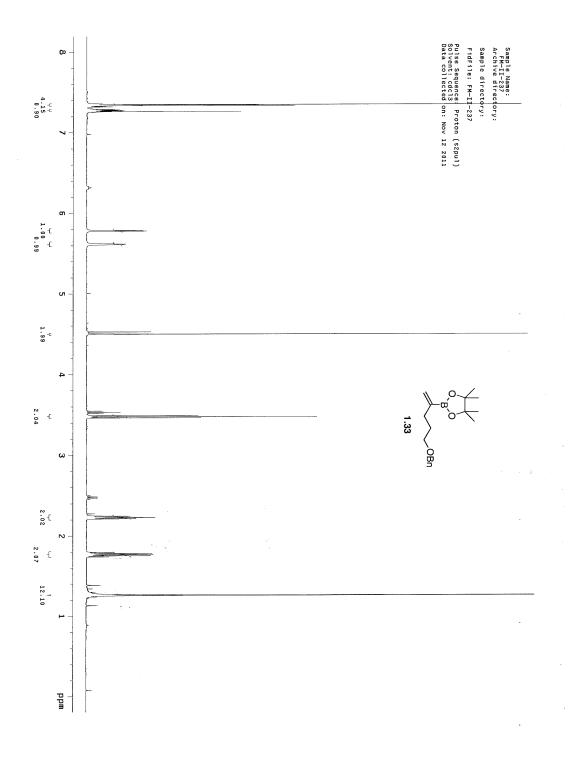
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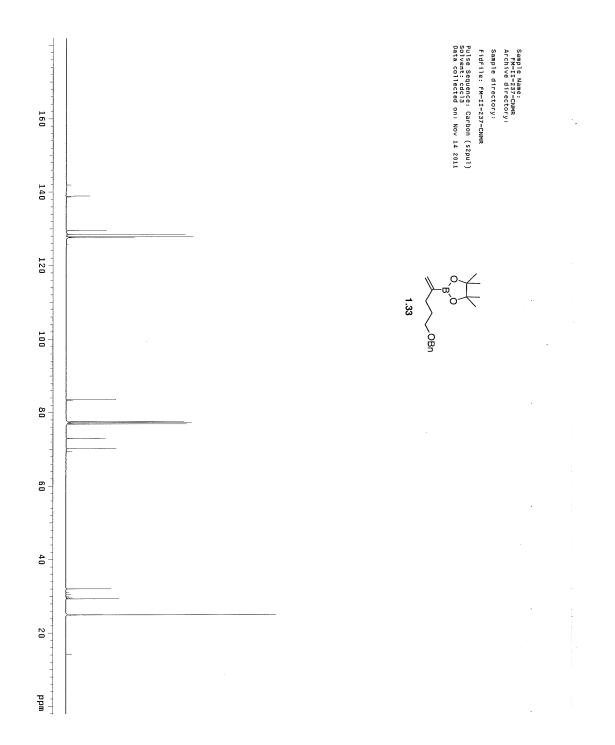


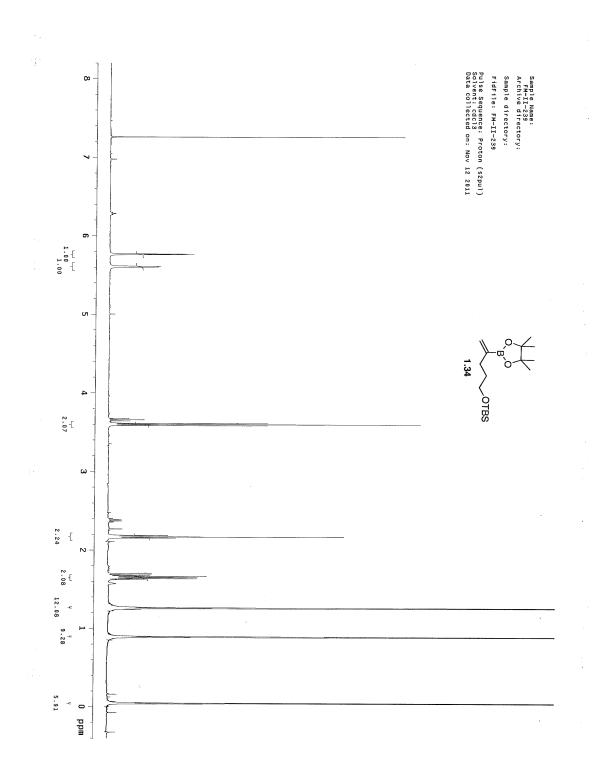


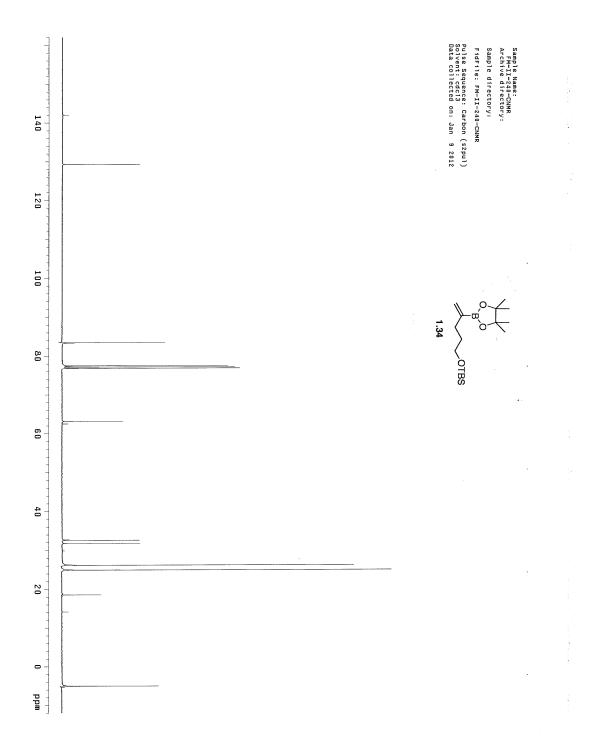


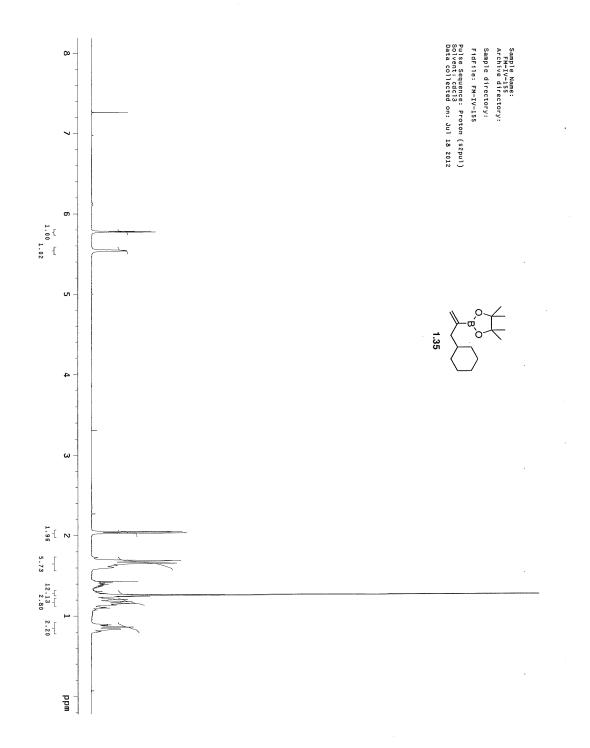


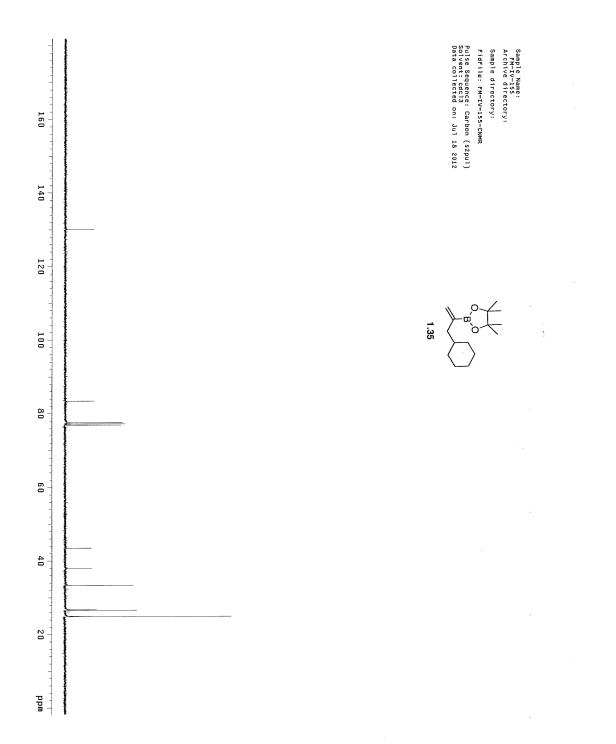


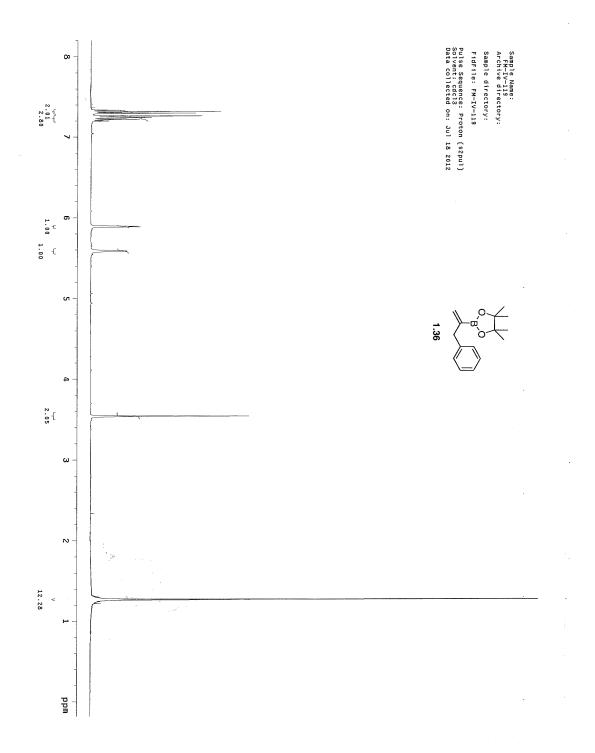


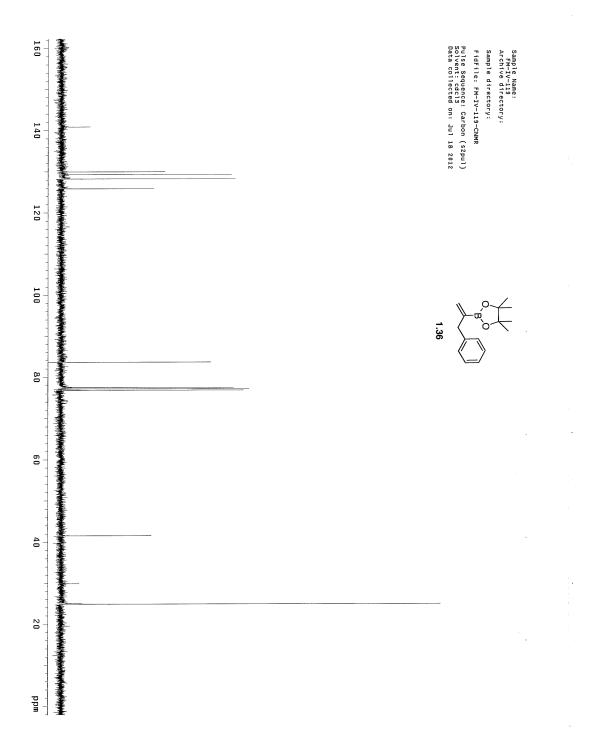


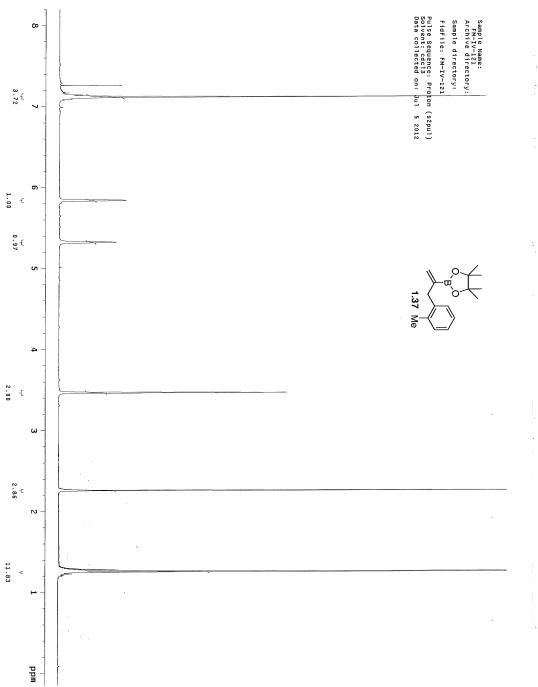


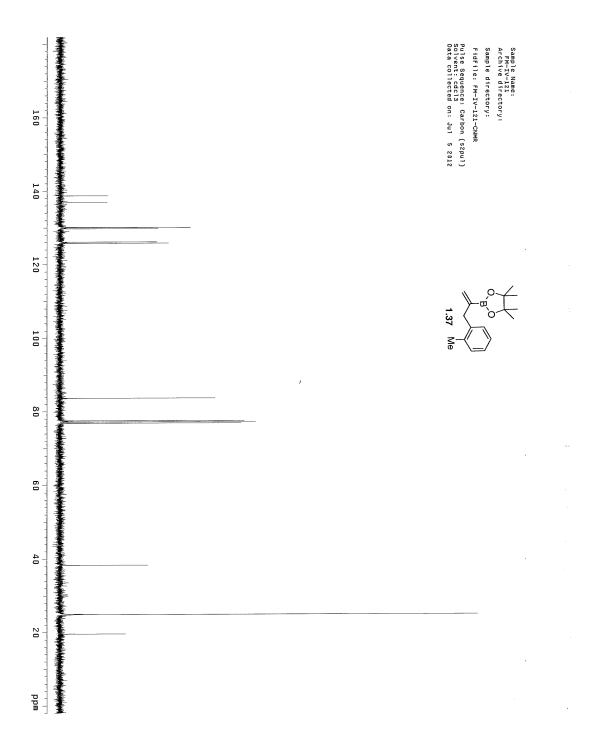


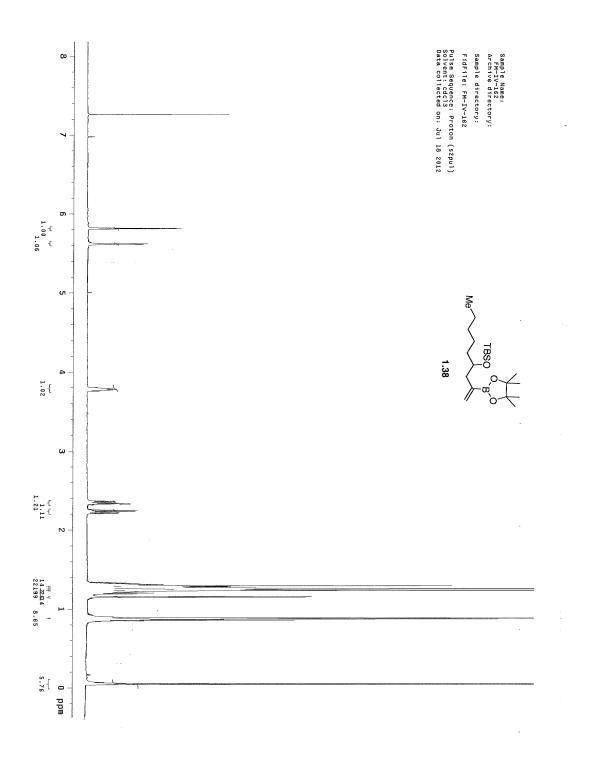


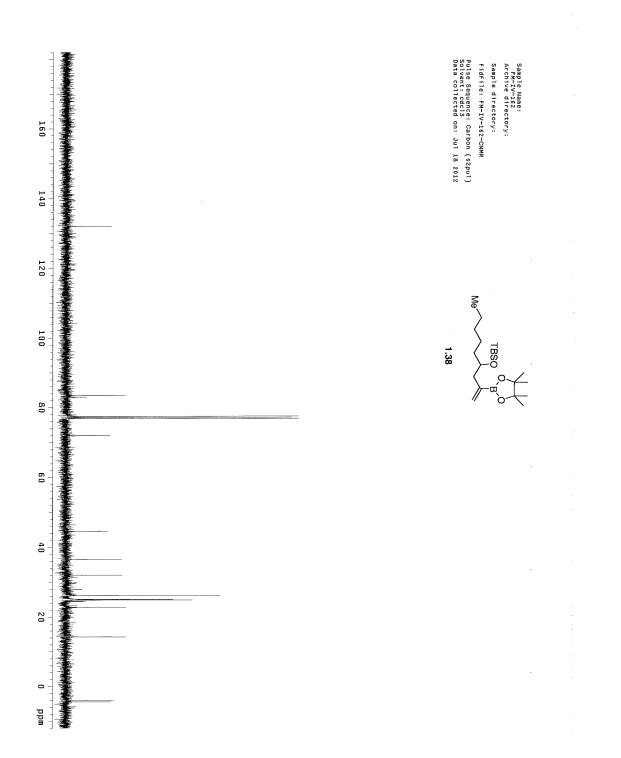


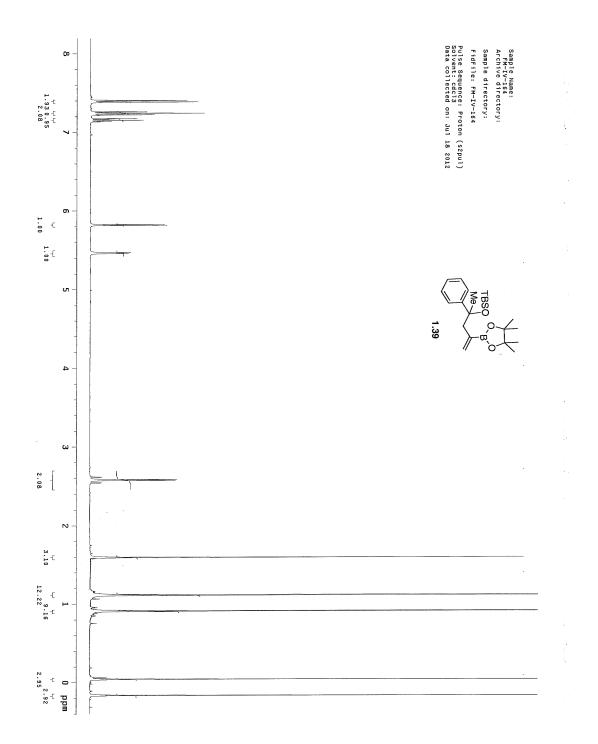


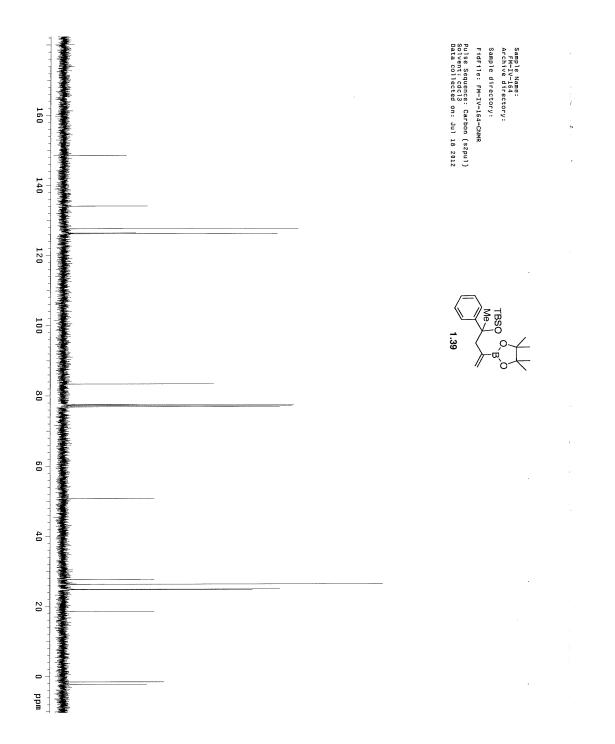


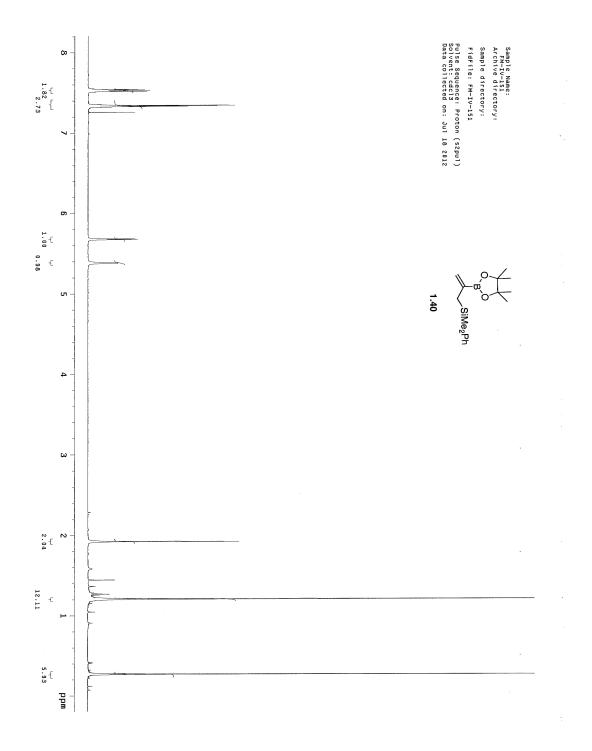


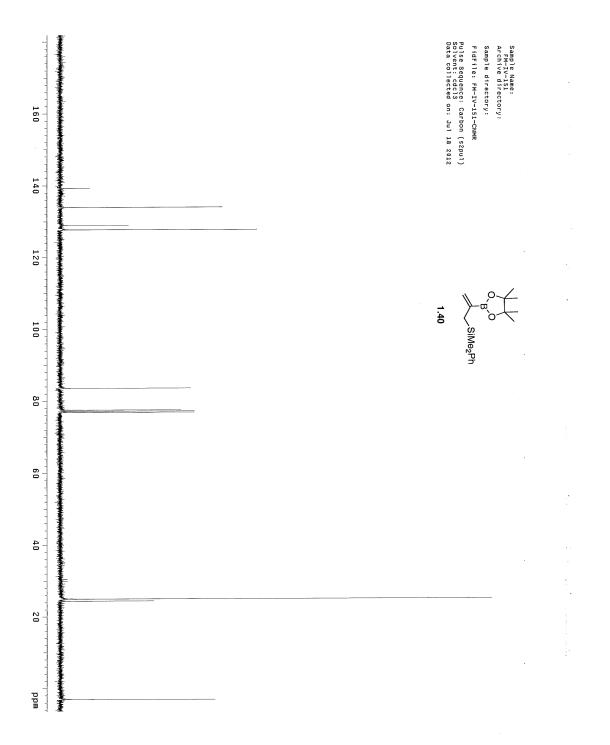


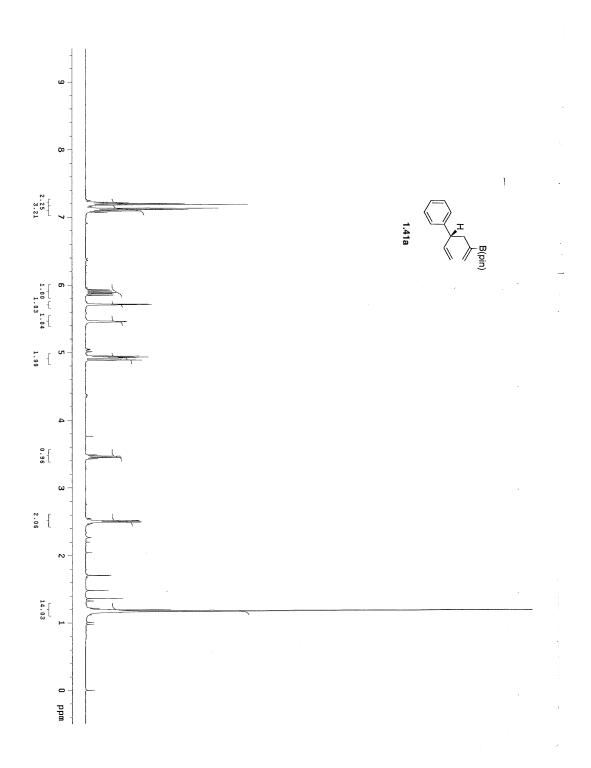


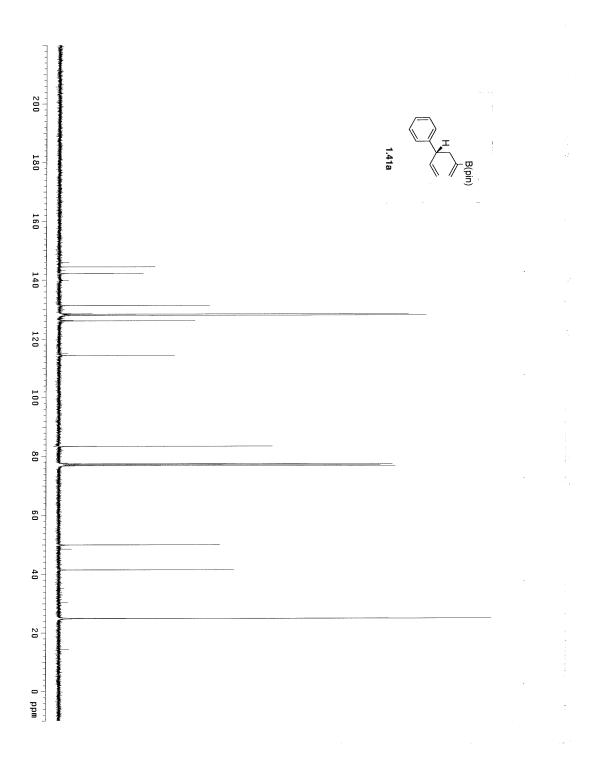


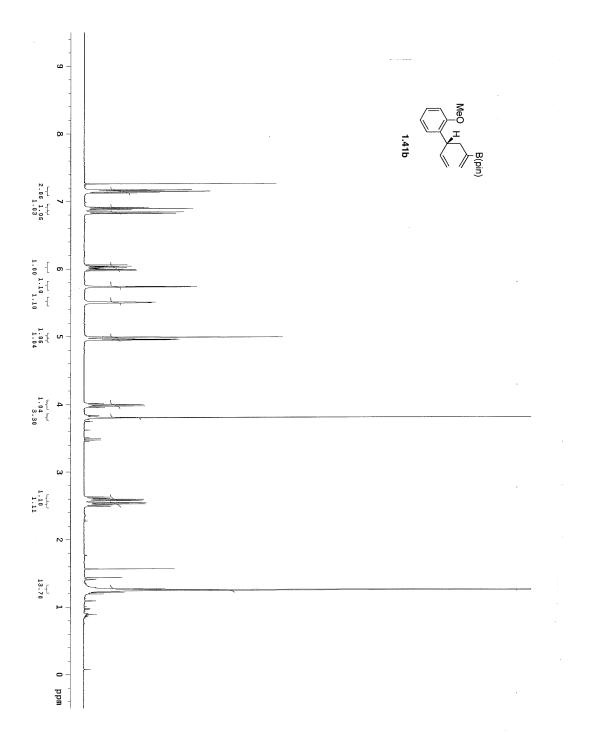


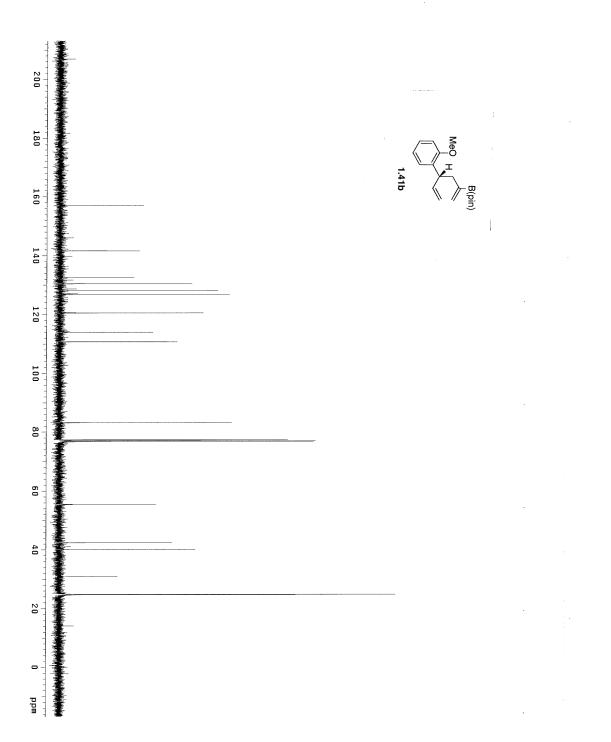


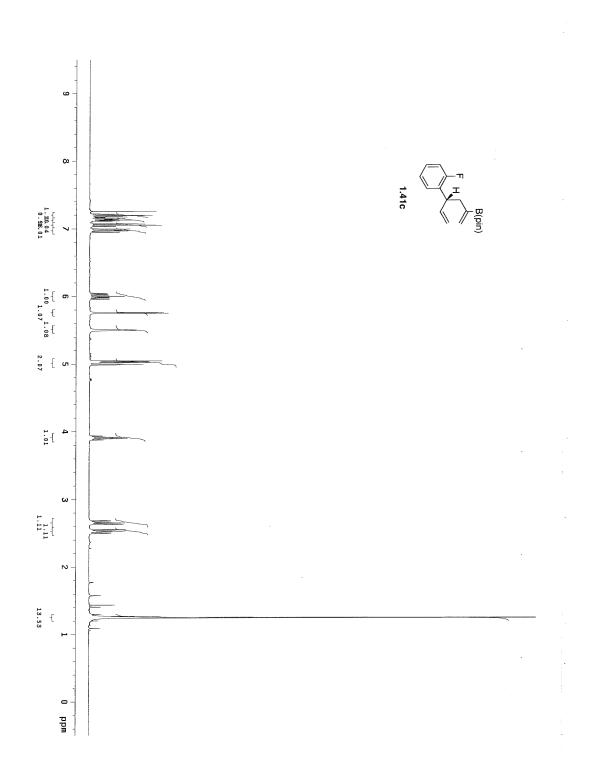


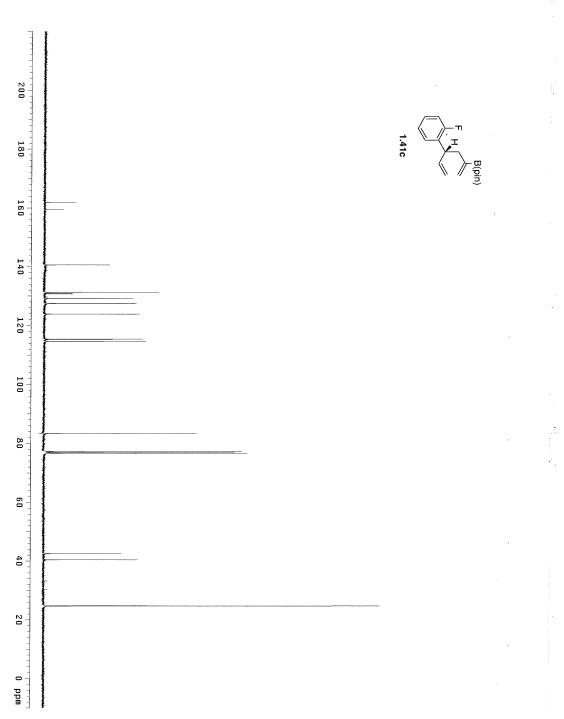




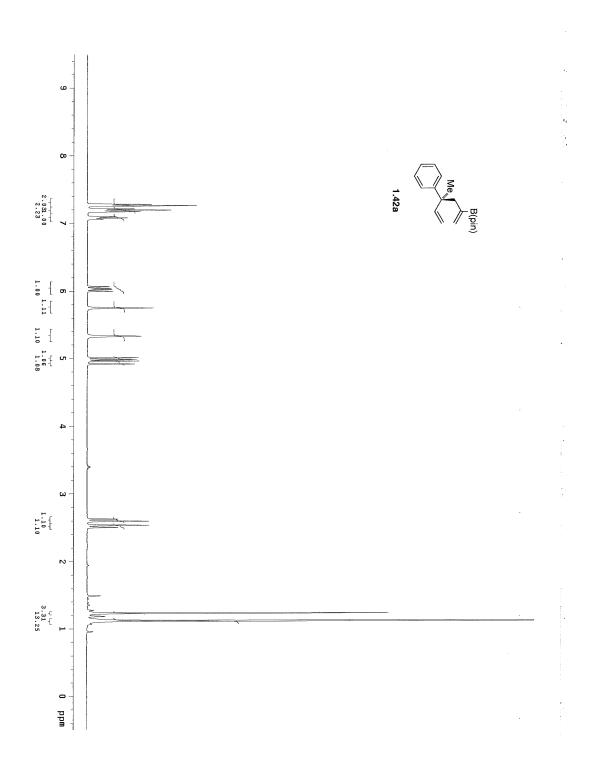


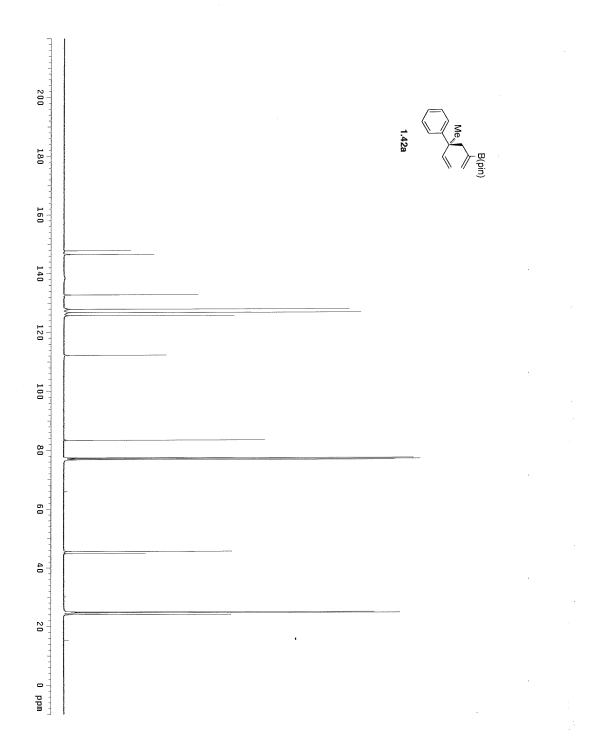


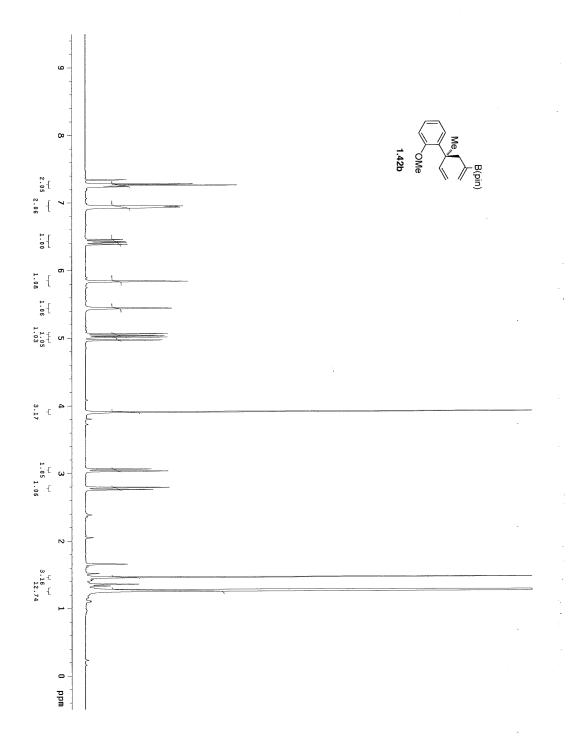


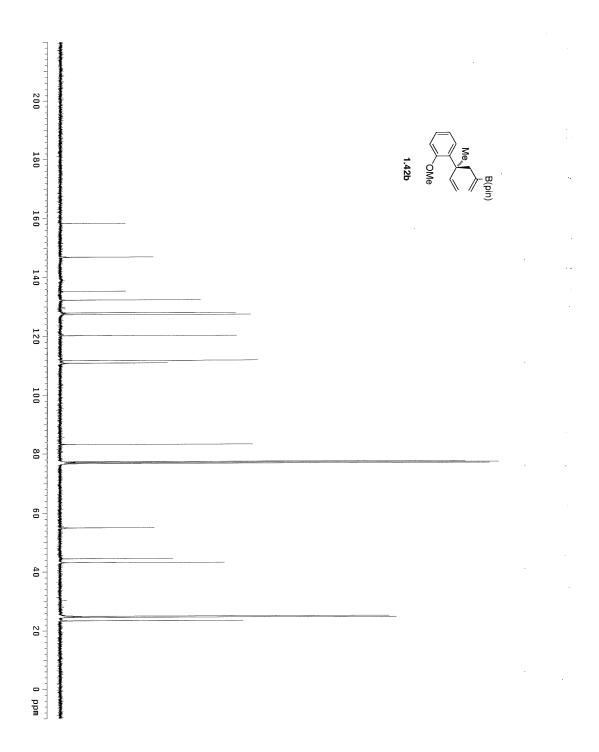


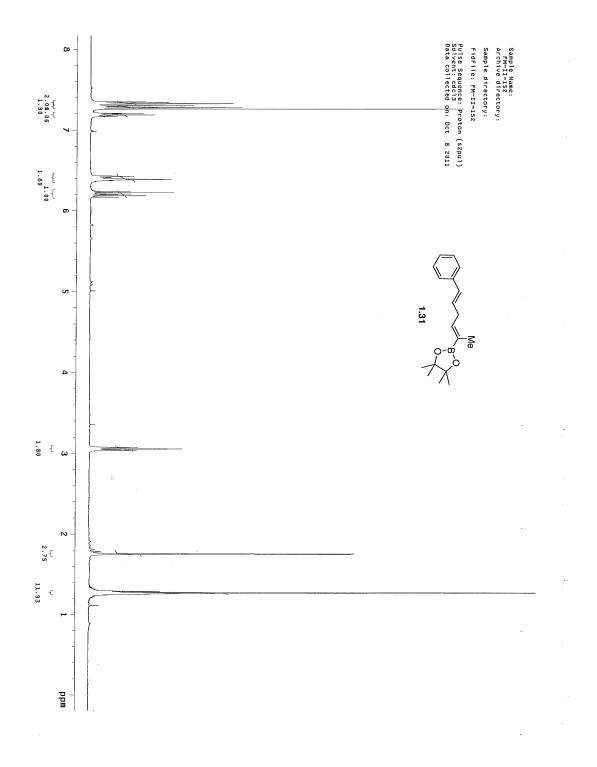
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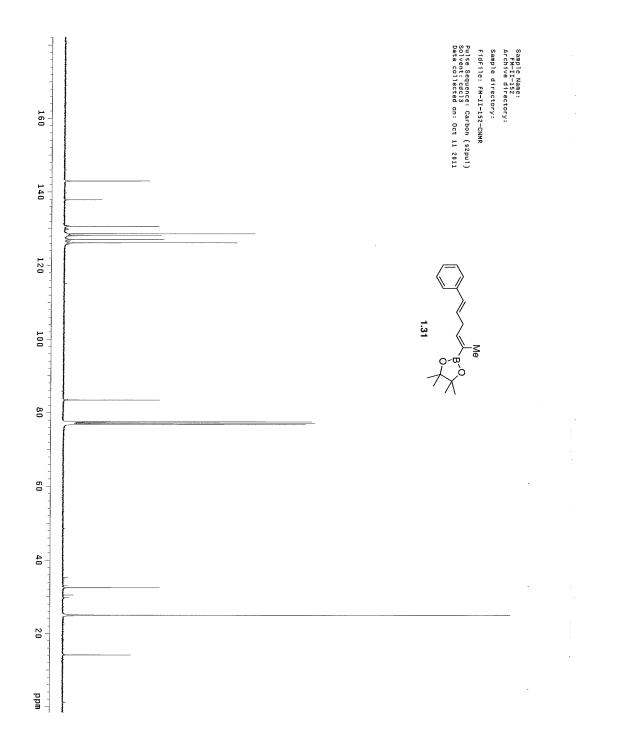


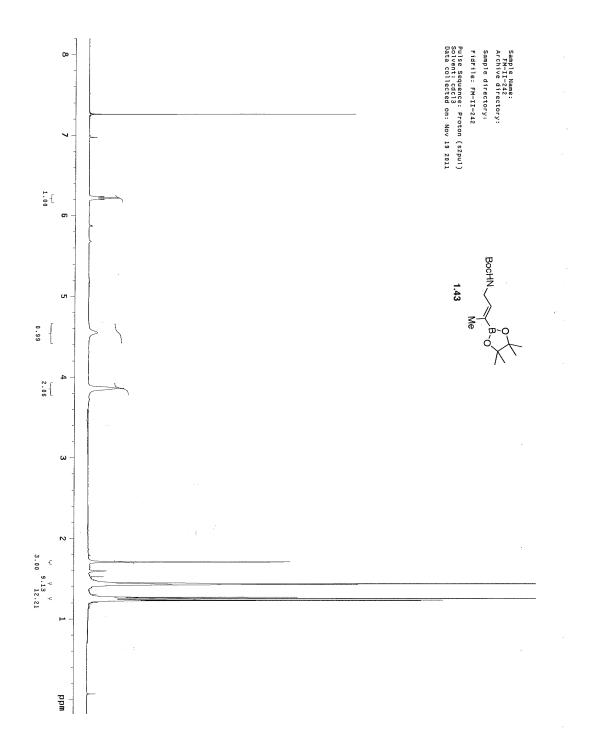


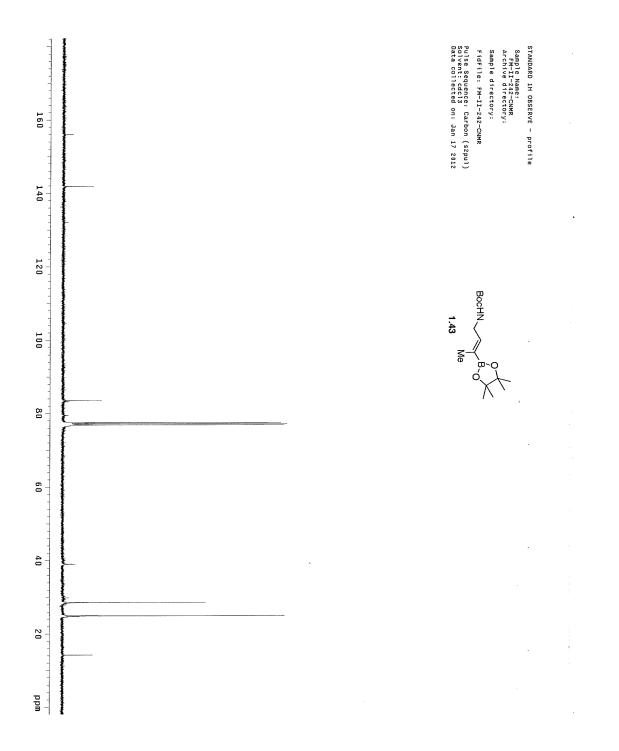


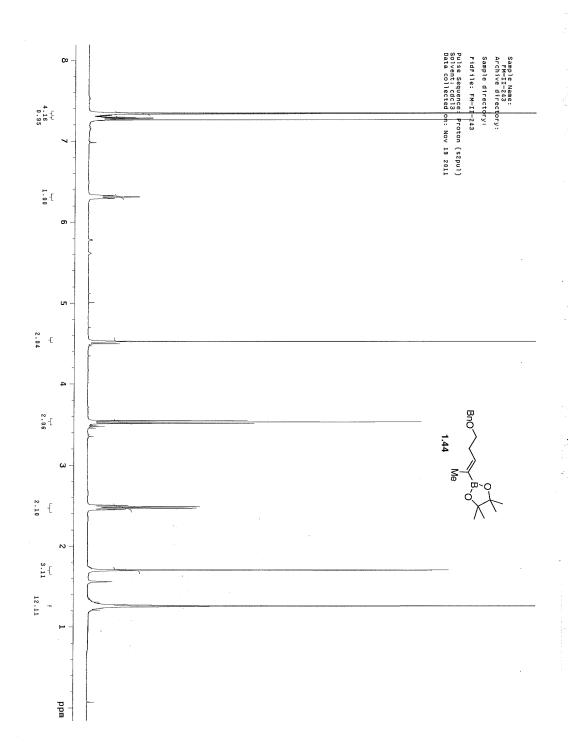


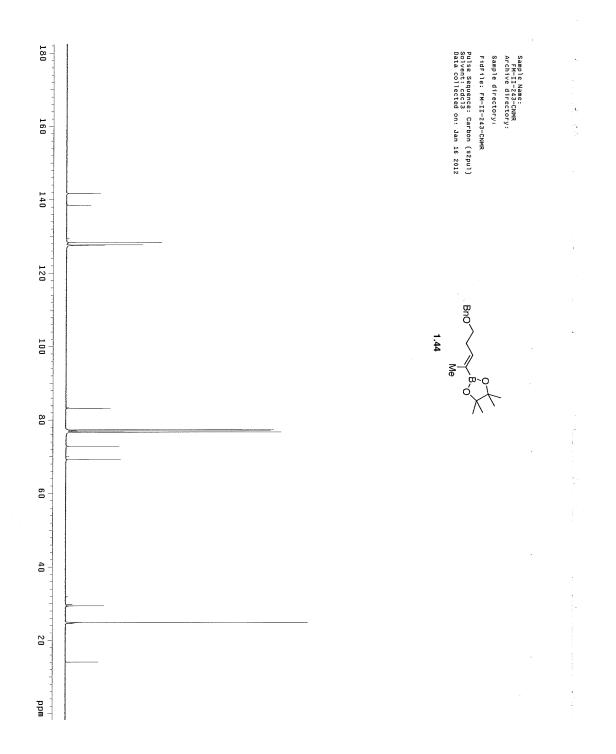


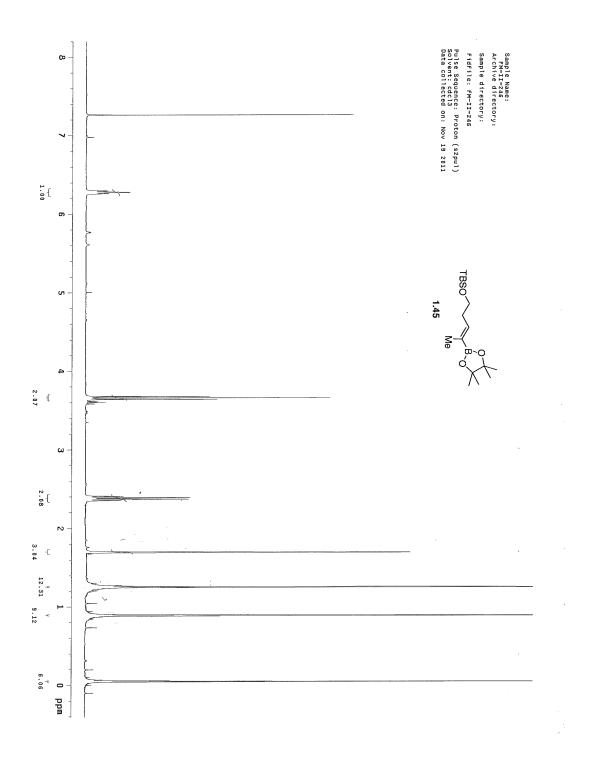


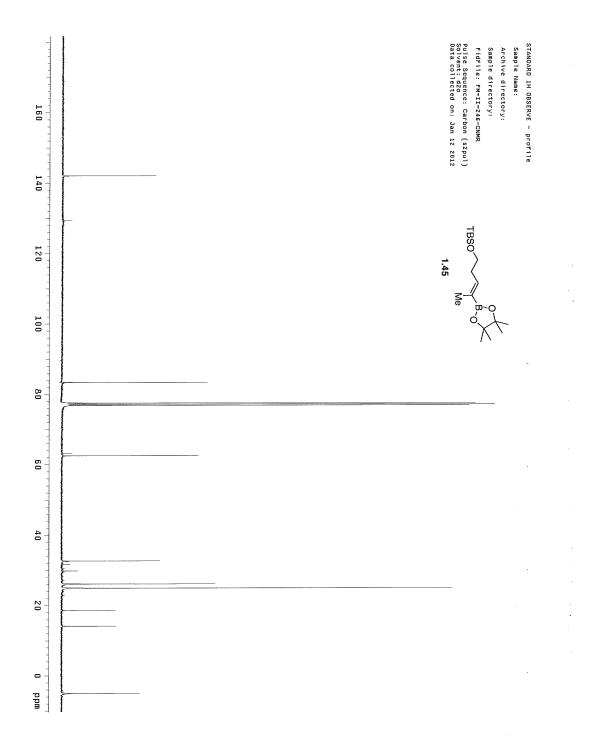


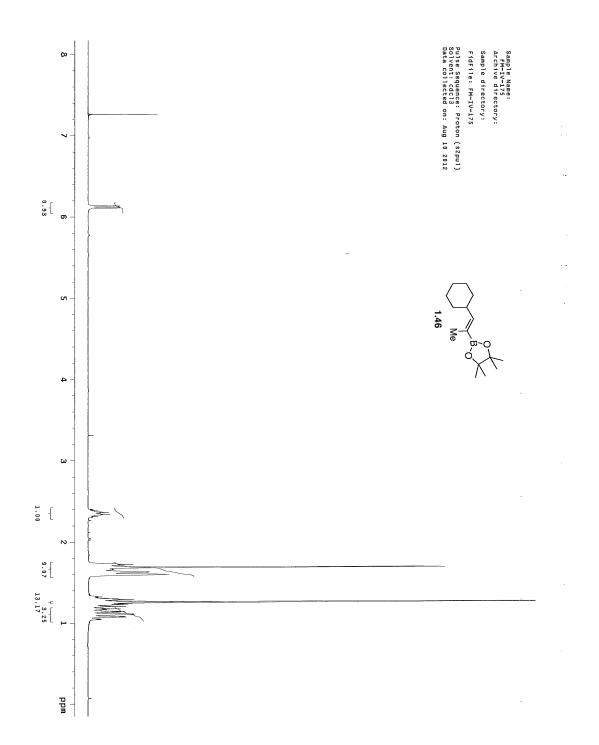


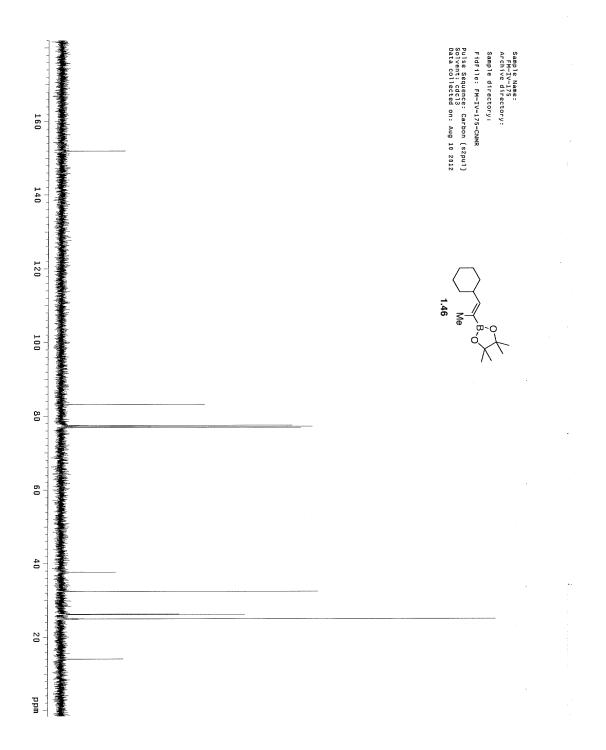


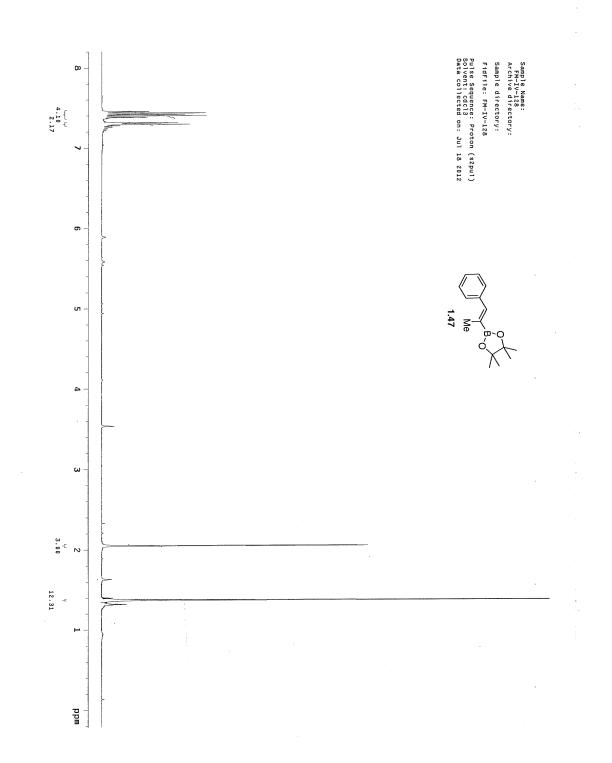


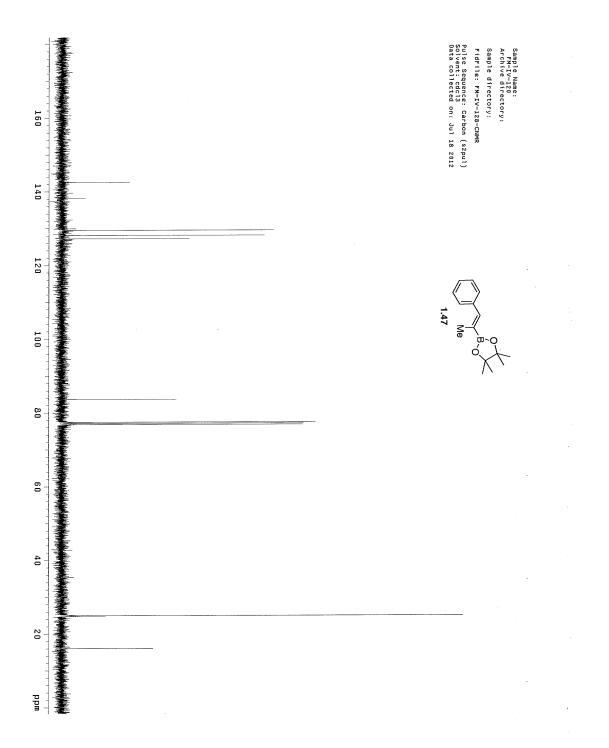


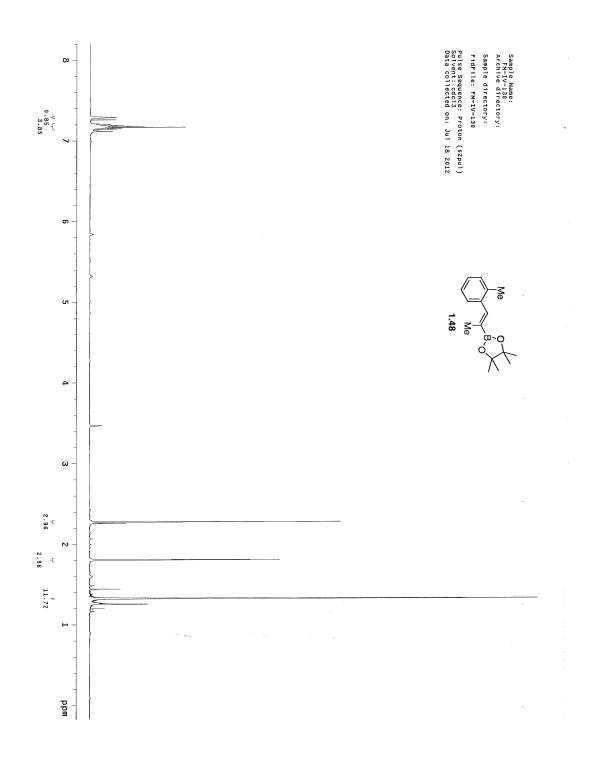


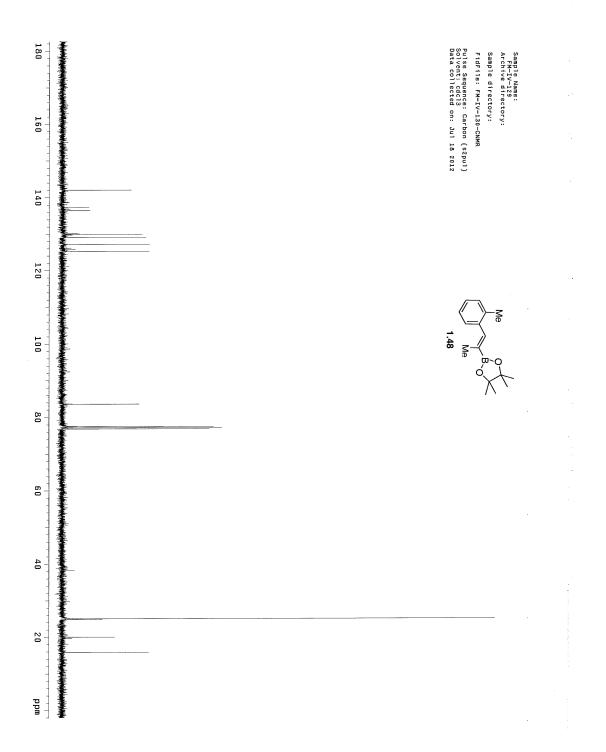


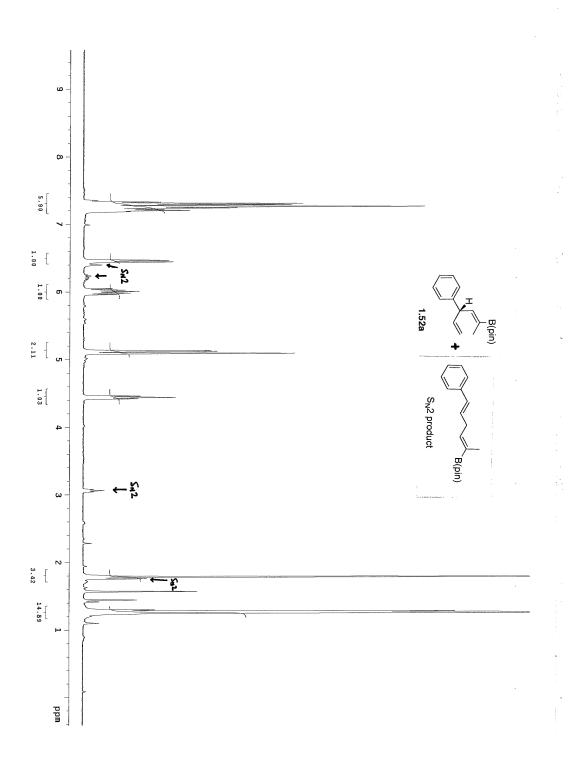


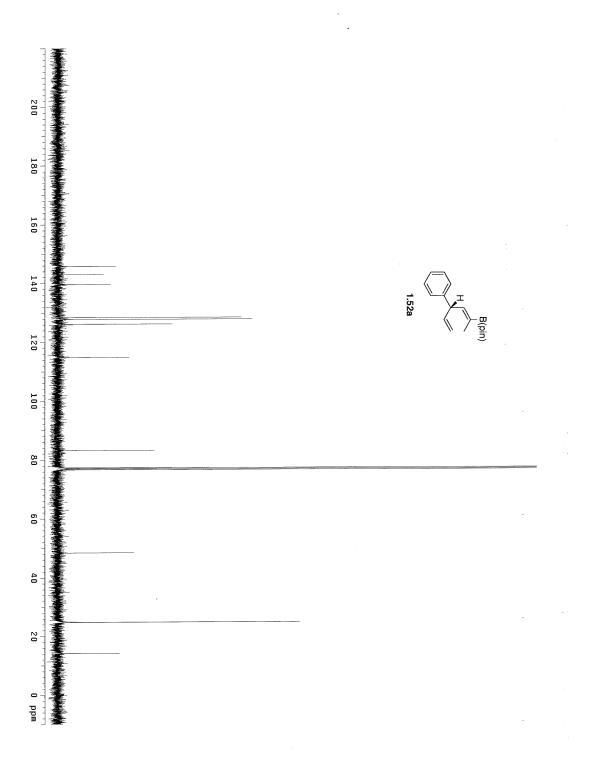


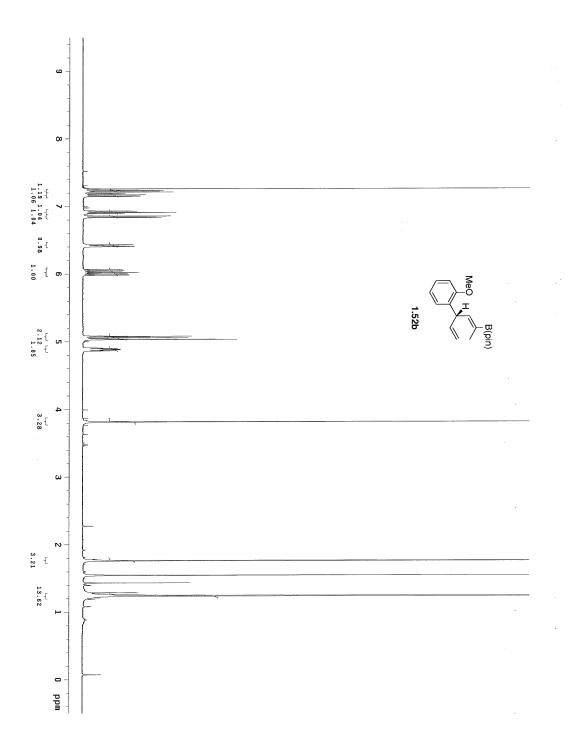


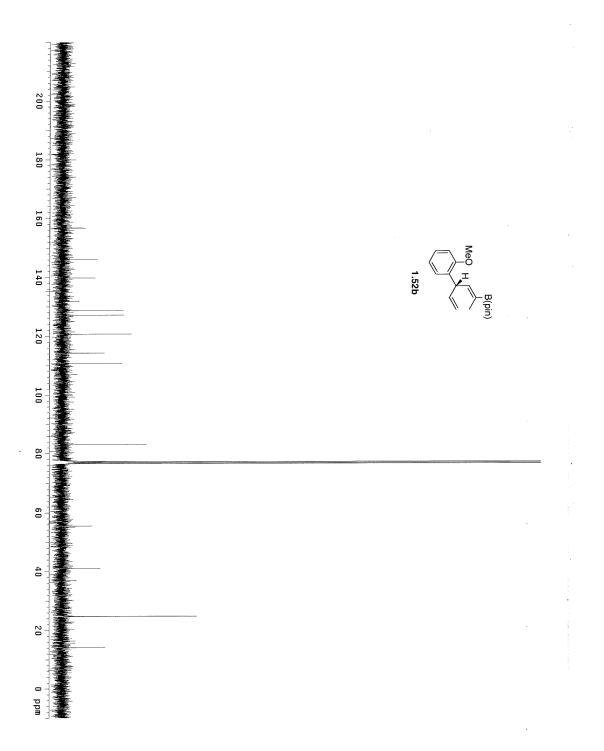


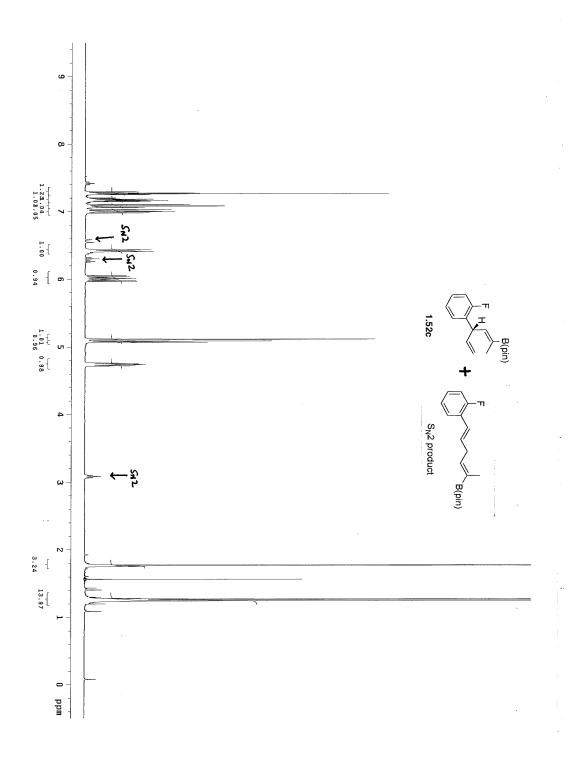


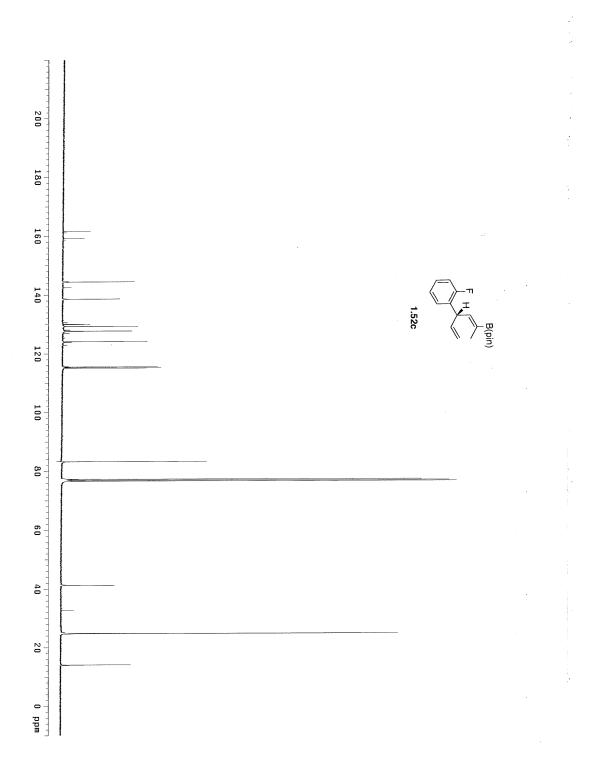


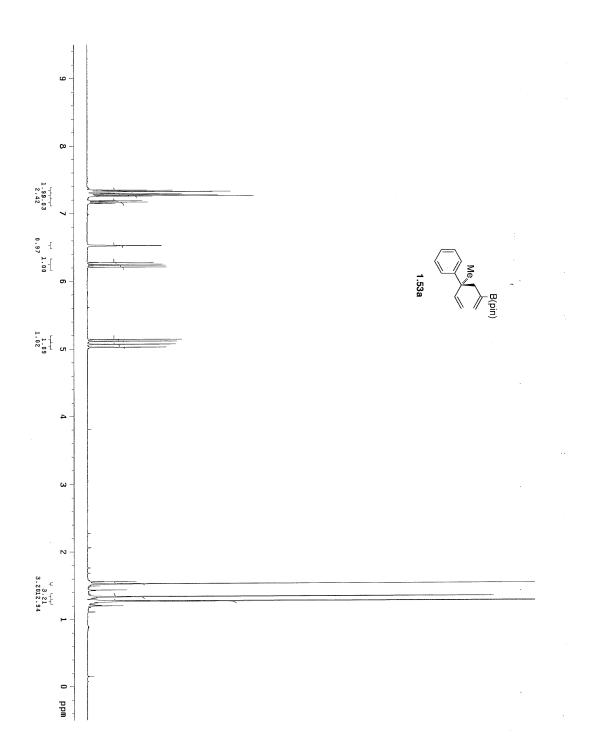


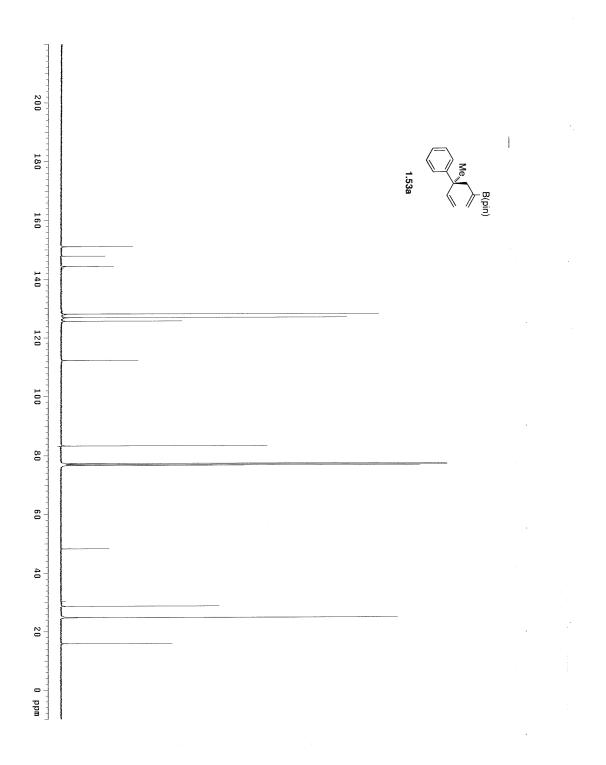


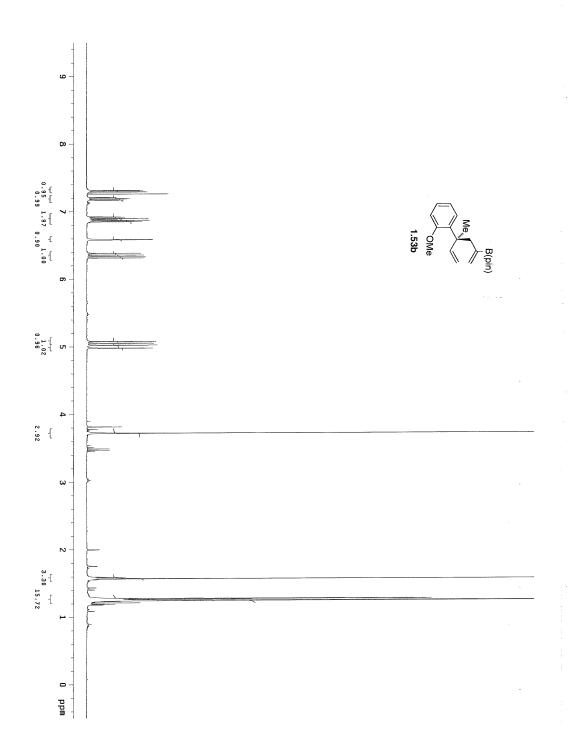


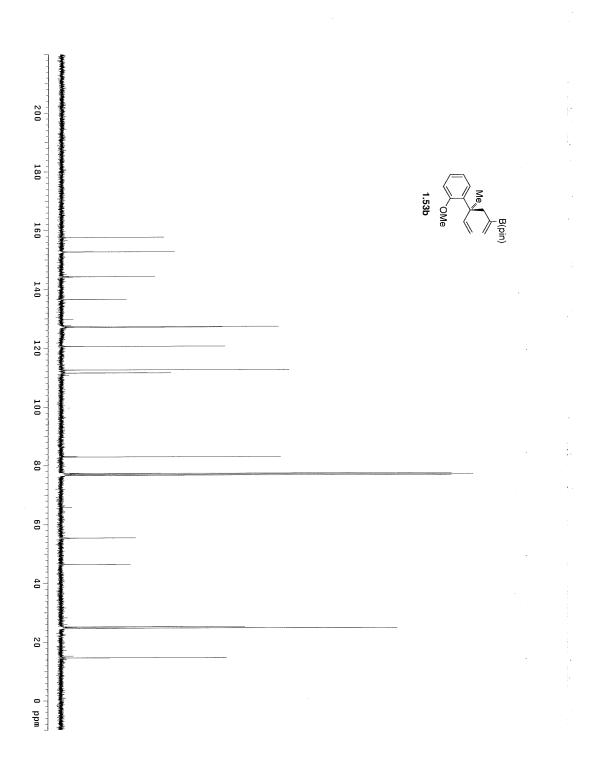


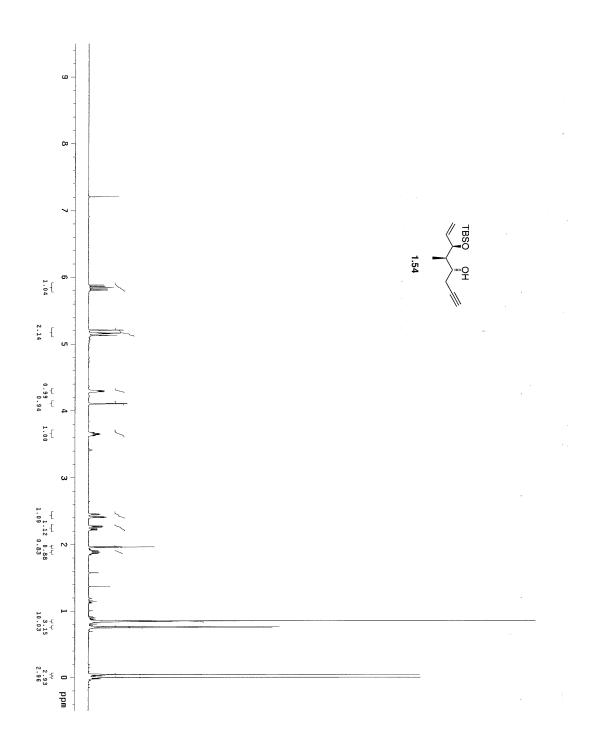


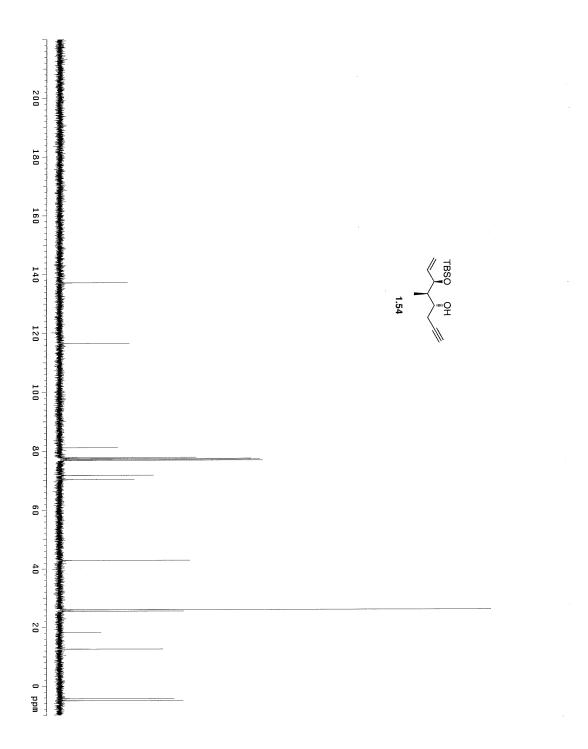


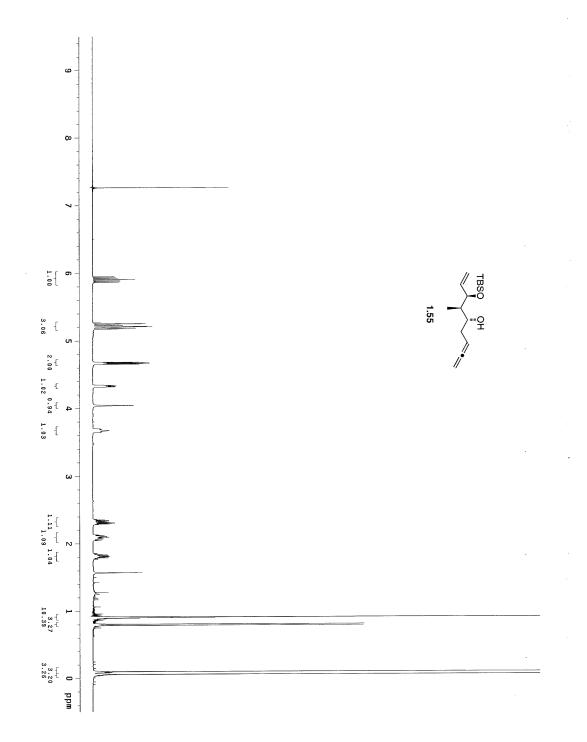


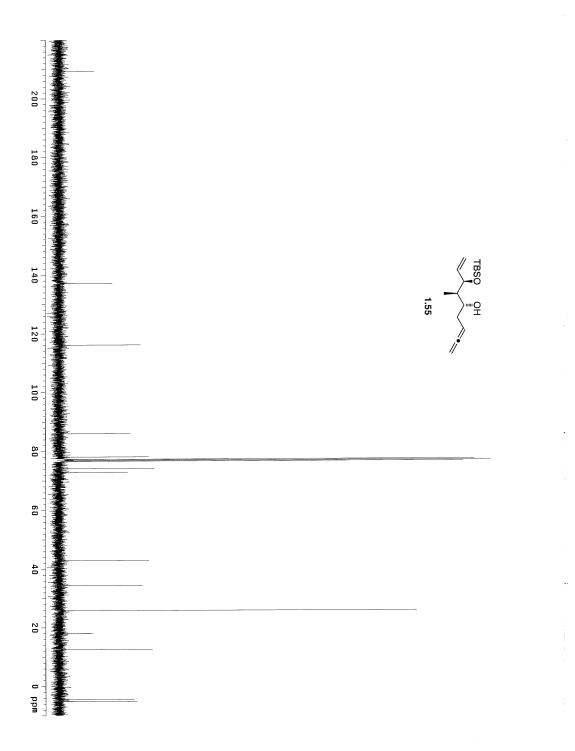


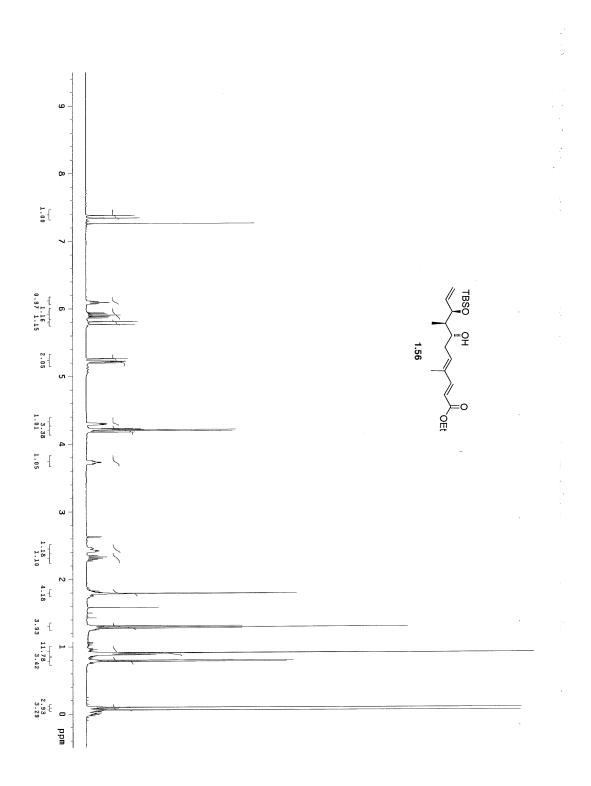


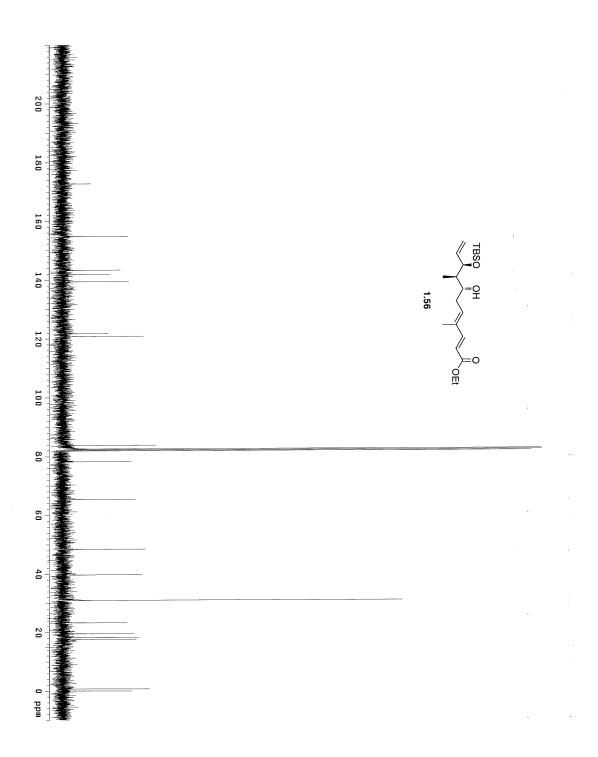


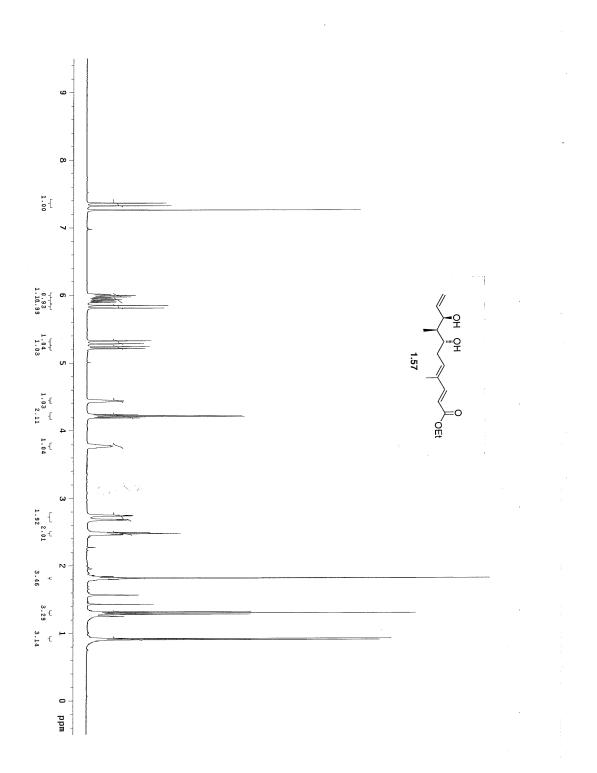


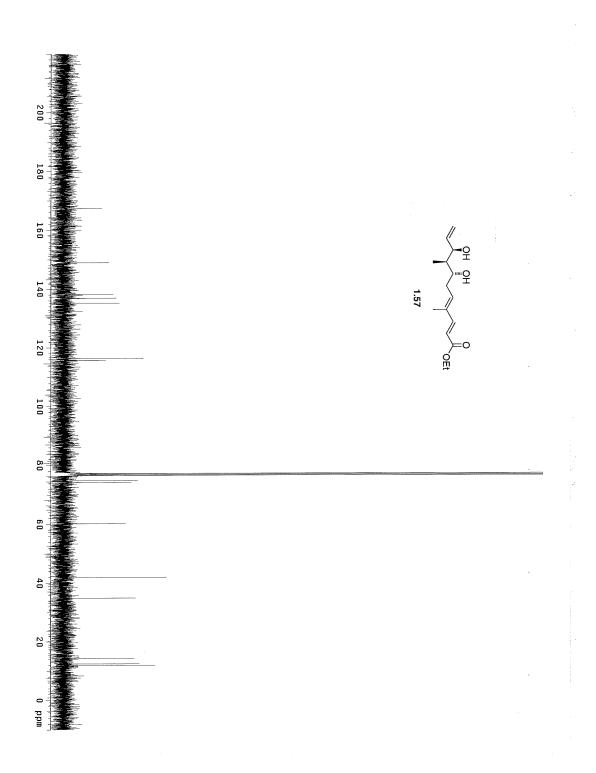


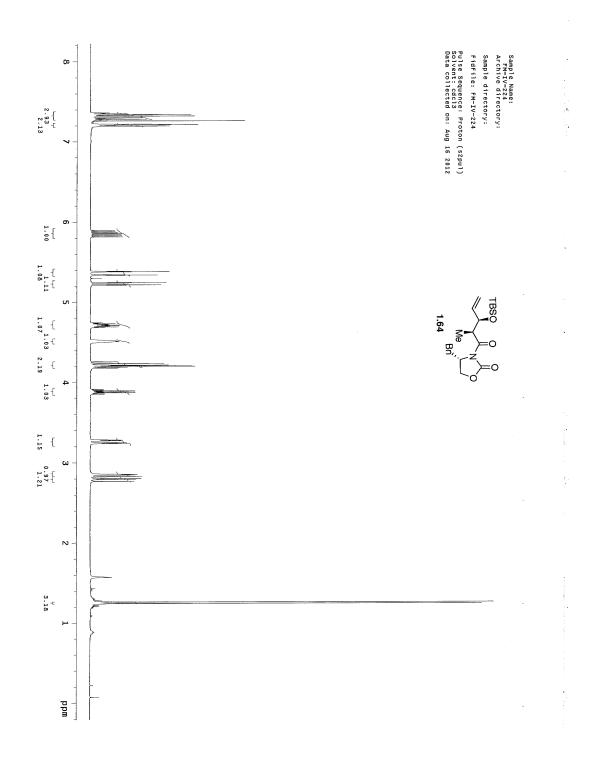


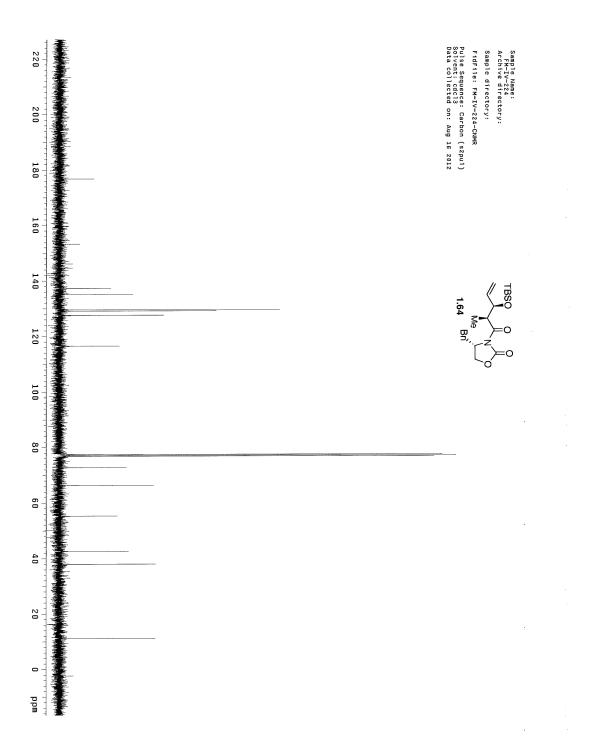


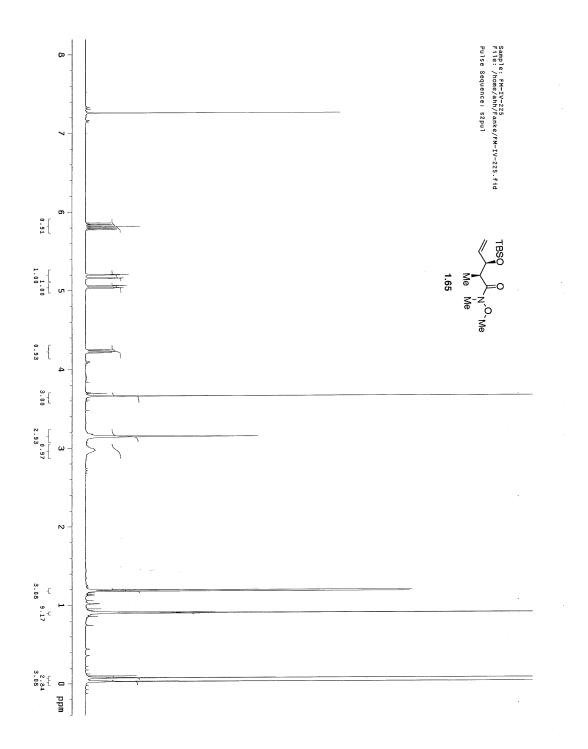


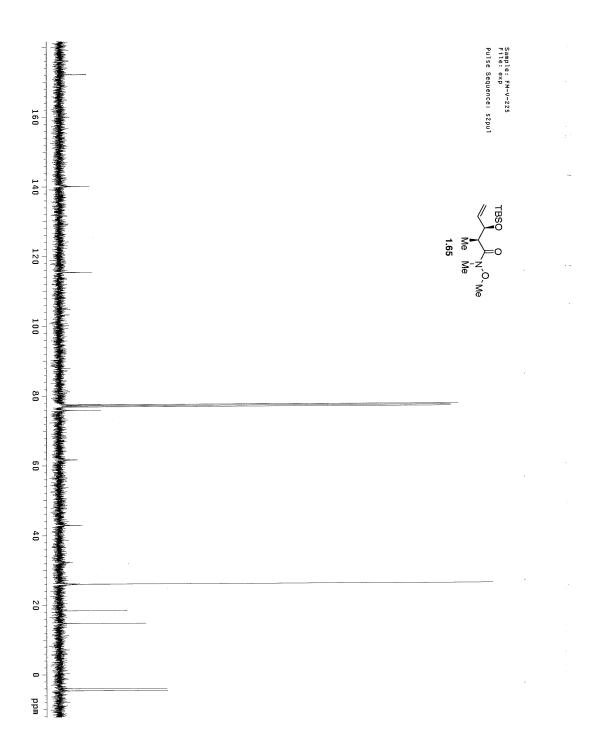


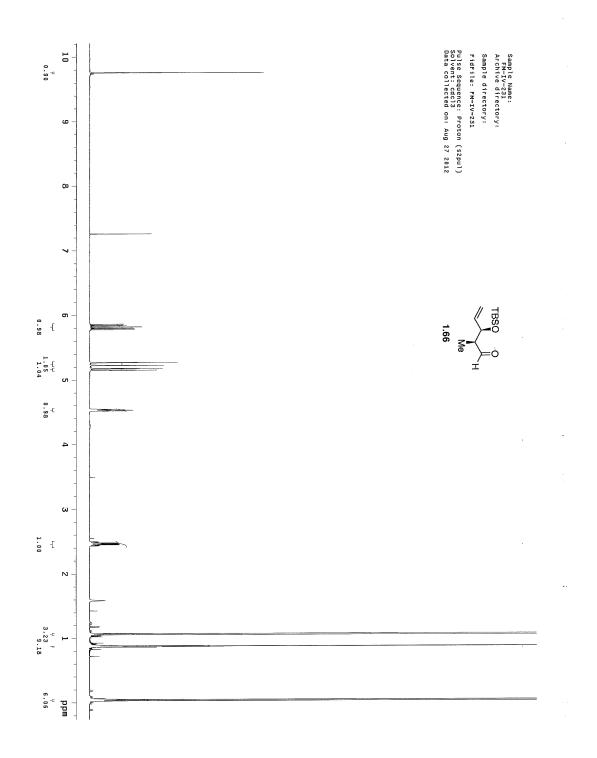


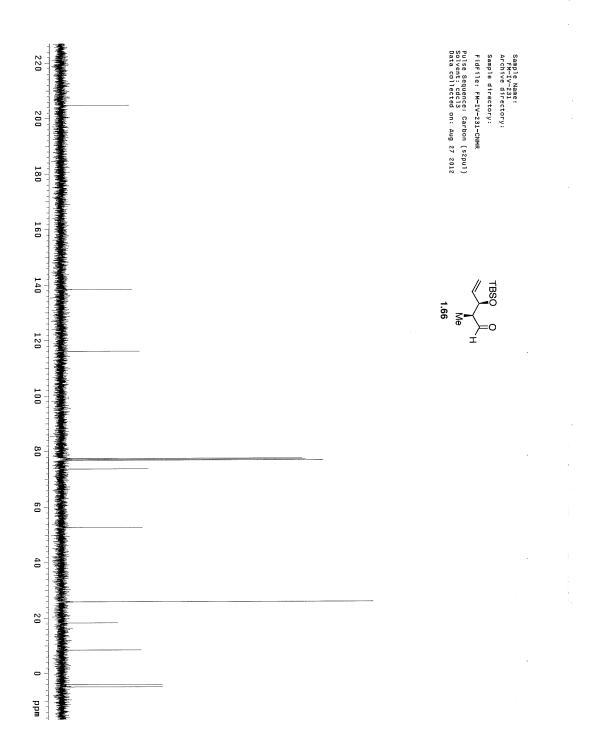


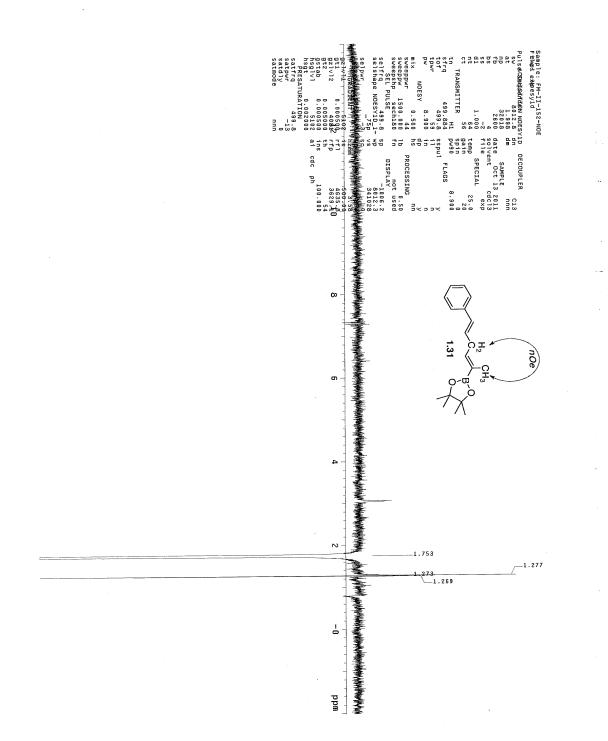












## Chapter 2

## Cu-Catalyzed Chemoselective Copper–Boron Additions to Monosubstituted Allenes Followed by Allyl Additions to Carbonyl Compounds

## 2.1 Introduction

Enantioselective transformations that entail chemoselective catalytic generation of reactive organometallic reagents followed by fusion with a third substrate are of high demand in organic synthesis;<sup>1</sup> such processes may provide access to otherwise difficult-to-access intermediates and products. Wasteful and costly procedures for isolation/purification of sensitive intermediates are unnecessary. Highly functionalized organic molecules can be delivered in a more efficient and operationally simpler fashion.<sup>2</sup> Successful design of such single-catalyst-controlled protocols requires the catalyst to react with the substrates in a desired sequence. As the organometallic intermediate has the catalyst structure incorporated, further control of reactivity and selectivity of the subsequent reaction is possible. The single catalyst must also address all the selectivity issues in each stage of the multistep reaction.

<sup>(1)</sup> For reviews on catalytic multicomponent reactions, see (a) Ramón, D. J.; Yus, M. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. **2005**, 44, 1602–1634. (b) Ruijter, E.; Scheffelaar, R.; Orru, R. V. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. **2011**, 50, 6234–6246. For a review on applications of multicomponent reactions in natural products synthesis, see: (c) Touré, B. B.; Hall, D. G. Chem. Rev. **2009**, 109, 4439–4486.

<sup>(2)</sup> For a relevant discussion, see: Bower, J. F.; Kim, I. S.; Patman, R. L.; Krische, M. J. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2009**, *48*, 34–46. 2-Substituted allylmetal species cannot be accessed by Ir- and Ru-catalyzed reductive couplings with allenes, and there are no related processes involving ketones.

Pioneering investigations by Krische and co-workers lead to identification of enantioselective multicomponent processes that fuse hydrogen and unsaturated hydrocarbons with aldehydes or imines catalyzed by phosphine–Ir or Ru complexes,<sup>3</sup> however, the scope of electrophiles is limited to those activated substrates. Ketones are not reactive in this system. Only a hydrogen atom can be incorporated into the final products.

In 2013, Hoveyda and co-workers described a method for catalytic generation of 2-boron-substituted allylcopper complexes from monosubstituted allenes.<sup>4</sup> After in situ protonation, 1,1-disubstituted or trisubstituted alkenylboron compounds are delivered in high selectivity. We are interested in introduction of a catalytic system that utilizes the allylcopper complexes generated catalytically from monosubstituted allenes in situ to form C–C bonds.<sup>5</sup> Aldehydes and ketones are an important class of electrophiles,<sup>6</sup> since the corresponding allyl addition products, homoallylic alcohols, are motifs that exist widely in natural products and pharmaceuticals.<sup>7</sup> The proposed protocol also provides an opportunity to incorporate a boron group into the final product that can be further functionalized. The ideal scenario of the designed multicomponent reactions meets the

<sup>(3)</sup> For representative examples of Ir- and Ru-catalyzed reductive allylation, see: (a) Ngai, M.-Y.; Barchuk, A.; Krische, M. J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2007**, 129, 12644–12645. (b) Hassan, A.; Krische, M. J. Org. Process Res. Dev. **2011**, 15, 1236–1242.

<sup>(4) (</sup>a) Meng, F.; Jung, B.; Haeffner, F.; Hoveyda, A. H. Org. Lett. **2013**, *15*, 1414–1417. For related studies, see: (b) Yuan, W.; Ma, S. Adv. Synth. Catal. **2012**, *354*, 1867–1872. (c) Semba, K.; Shinomiya, M.; Fujihara, T.; Terao, J.; Tsuji, Y. Chem. Eur. J. **2013**, *19*, 7125–7132.

<sup>(5)</sup> For an overview of three-component coupling reactions with allenes, delivering reagents that can be used in allyl addition processes, see: Jeganmohan, M.; Cheng, C.-H. *Chem. Commun.* **2008**, 3101–3117.

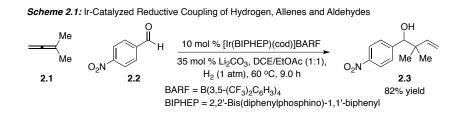
<sup>(6)</sup> For catalytic reductive coupling reactions of allenes and aldehydes, involving in situ generated allylmetal intermediates, promoted by Ir or Ru complexes, see: (a) Skucas, E.; Bower, M. J.; Krische, M. J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2007**, *129*, 12678–12679. (b) Zbieg, J. R.; McInturff, E. L.; Leung, J. C.; Krische, M. J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2011**, *133*, 1141–1144.

<sup>(7)</sup> For reviews on catalytic enantioselective allylation of carbonyl compounds and imines, see: Yus, M.; González-Gómez, J. C.; Foubelo, F. *Chem. Rev.* **2011**, *111*, 7774–7854.

criteria of efficient delivery of the desired products in a chemo-, site- and stereoselective fashion, promoted by commercially available or easily accessible ligands and abundant and inexpensive metals at low catalyst loadings.

## 2.2 Background

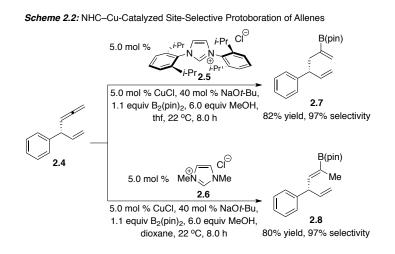
The first examples of catalytic multicomponent reactions that fuse hydrogen and allenes with aldehydes are reported by Krische and co-workers in 2007;<sup>3a</sup> the corresponding transformations involve an in situ generated allylmetal complex from an allene and hydrogen. As shown in Scheme 2.1, reaction of allene **2.1** with a cationic iridium hydride complex delivers the corresponding allyl iridium complex, which subsequently adds to aldehyde **2.2** to generate homoallylic alcohol **2.3** in 82% yield. The same group later described an enantioselective version of this multicomponent reaction. Chiral Ir complex formed from  $[Ir(cod)Cl]_2$ , (*S*)-SEGPHOS, allyl acetate, 3-nitrobenzoic acid and cesium carbonate prove to be optimal.<sup>8</sup>



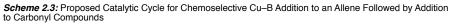
Another method for catalytic generation of allylmetal complexes from unsaturated hydrocarbons involves copper catalysis.<sup>4</sup> Formation of 2-boron-substituted allylcopper complexes through Cu–B addition to monosubstituted allenes followed by γ-protonation leads to 1,1-disubstituted or trisubstituted alkenylboron compounds in high efficiency and

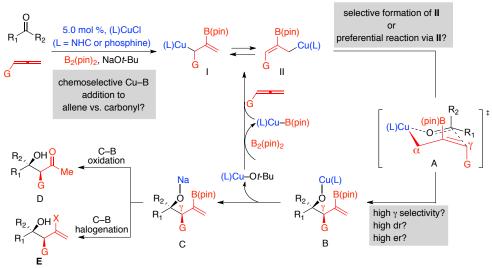
<sup>(8)</sup> Han, S. B.; Kim, I. S.; Han, H.; Krische, M. J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2009, 131, 6916–6917.

selectivity. As illustrated in Scheme 2.2, reaction of allene **2.4** affords 1,1-disubstituted alkenylboron **2.7** in 82% yield and 97% site selectivity upon exposure to NHC–Cu complex derived from **2.5**. Moreover, in the presence of smaller NHC–Cu complex in situ generated from imidazolium salt **2.6**, trisubstituted alkenylboron **2.8** is delivered in 80% yield and 97% site selectivity.



In addition to protonation, we wondered if addition of the allylcopper complex formed in situ to carbonyl compounds could proceed efficiently. The requisite for such multicomponent process is that Cu–B addition to allenes must be chemoselective in the presence of carbonyl compounds. The proposed transformation commences with chemoselective Cu–B addition to an allene, delivering a mixture of 2-boron-substituted allylcopper complexes I and II (Scheme 2.3). Equilibration to thermodynamically more stable II could be expected to be more rapid than addition to a carbonyl, which might occur via an organized six-membered transition state A to afford copper alkoxide B. Release of product C and regeneration of the L–Cu–OtBu complex close the catalytic cycle. The carbon–boron bond in the final product C can be converted to carbon–oxygen, carbon–halogen or carbon–carbon bonds.





# 2.3 Identification of the Optimal Achiral Catalysts and Scope for Cu-Catalyzed Cu–B Additions to Allenes Followed by Carbonyl Additions

We first evaluated how Cu catalysts derived from different types of ligands influence on chemo-, site- and stereoselectivity. Reactions of benzaldehyde **2.9a** and allene **2.11a** with  $B_2(pin)_2$  in the presence of NHC–Cu complexes derived from **2.14a-b** or **2.15a-b** afford, after oxidative work-up,<sup>9</sup>  $\beta$ -hydroxyketone **2.12a** with complete  $\gamma$ selectivity and 92:8 and 94:6 d.r. but in 36–42% yield and 30–41% yield, respectively (Table 2.1, entries 1–4).<sup>10</sup> Low yields originate from competitive Cu–B addition to aldehyde, when NHCs are employed as ligands.<sup>11</sup> With Cu complexes in situ generated from mono- or bidentate phosphine, chemoselectivity improves and the desired product is formed in higher yields with similar diastereoselectivity (78–80% yield, 93:7–95:5 d.r.,

<sup>(9)</sup> The alkenylboron products are unstable to silica gel due to boron chelation with neighboring alcohol.

<sup>(10)</sup> For direct Ti-catalyzed aldol addition involving ketones and aryl aldehydes, see: Mahrwald, R.; Schetter, B. Org. Lett. **2006**, *8*, 281–284.

<sup>(11)</sup> Laitar, D. S.; Tsui, E. Y.; Sadighi, J. P. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128, 11036-11037.

entries 5–7, Table 2.1). In sharp contrast, both NHC- and phosphine-based catalysts promote efficient allyl addition to ketone **2.10a** (entries 8–14, Table 2.1),<sup>12</sup> consistent with a sluggish NHC–Cu–B(pin) addition to ketone.<sup>13</sup> Complete  $\gamma$ -selectivity is observed and diastereoselectivity is high despite the diminished size difference between the ketone substitutents (vs. those of aldehyde); unfavorable diaxial interactions in **A** are likely less severe due to relatively long incipient bonds.<sup>14</sup> It is noteworthy that the stronger  $\sigma$ -donors, NHC ligands, lead to more nucleophilic Cu–B(pin) complexes, resulting in more competitive 1,2-addition to aldehydes and lower chemoselectivity, compared with phosphine ligands.

<sup>(12)</sup> Excess NaOt-Bu is needed for reactions with ketones, presumably because L–Cu–B(pin) regeneration by reaction of the more sterically congested Cu–alkoxide B with  $B_2(pin)_2$  is slower via  $\sigma$ -bond metathesis and must proceed by alkoxide-assisted ligand exchange, see: Gao, F.; Carr, J. L.; Hoveyda, A. H. *Angew*. *Chem.*, *Int. Ed.* **2012**, *51*, 6613–6617.

<sup>(13)</sup> Treatment of ketone **3.10a** to reaction conditions in entry 11 of Table 3.1 but in the absence of allene **3.11a** results in <2% conversion after 18 h. For a precedence of NHC-Cu-B(pin) addition to ketone at elevated temperature, see: McIntosh, M. L.; Moore, C. M.; Clark, T. B. *Org. Lett.* **2010**, *12*, 1996–1999.

<sup>(14)</sup> Further Cu–B additions to alkenylboron products do not occur, see: Lee, Y.; Jang, H.; Hoveyda, A. H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2009**, *131*, 18234–18235.

	O R AR=H DaR=Me —	5.0 mol % ligand, 5.0		Ph OH O Ph Me Pl	R, OH O Me anti	
	_ <b></b> •=	or 1.5 equiv. for	2.10a],		ОТВS	
твѕо		1.1 equiv. B <sub>2</sub> (pin) <sub>2</sub> , thf, 22 °C, 8.0 h ( <b>2.9a</b> ) or 18 h ( <b>2.10a</b> ); NaBO <sub>3</sub> •4H <sub>2</sub> O, thf/H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1), 22 °C, 1.0 h		2.12a R = H; 2.13a R = Me >98% γ selectivity in all cases		
Entry	Substrate	Ligand	Conv. (%) <sup>b</sup>	syn:anti <sup>b</sup>	Yield (%) <sup>c</sup>	
1	2.9a	2.14a	47	92:8	36	
2	2.9a	2.15a	42	94:6	30	
3	2.9a	2.14b	66	92:8	42	
4	2.9a	2.15b	58	94:6	41	
5	2.9a	PPh <sub>3</sub>	>98	93:7	78	
6	2.9a	PCy <sub>3</sub>	>98	93:7	80	
7	2.9a	<i>rac</i> -binap	>98	95:5	80	
8	2.10a	2.14a	>98	91:9	76	
9	2.10a	2.15a	>98	92:8	80	
10	2.10a	2.14b	>98	94:6	70	
11	2.10a	2.15b	>98	93:7	83	
12	2.10a	PPh <sub>3</sub>	76	90:10	64	
13	2.10a	PCy <sub>3</sub>	>98	91:9	79	
14	2.10a	rac-binap	>98	94:6	85	

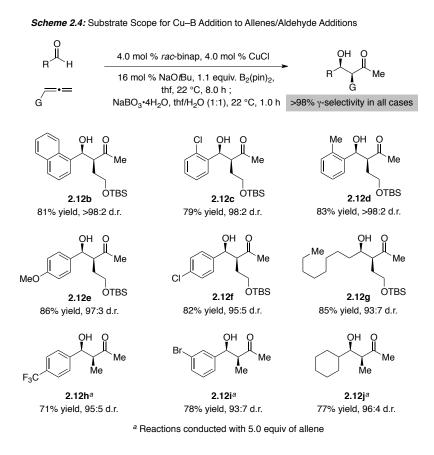
Table 2.1: Screening of Representative Catalyst Types<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Performed under N<sub>2</sub> atm. <sup>b</sup> Determined by analysis of 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of unpurified mixtures (±2%). <sup>c</sup> Yields of isolated and purified products (±5%; major isomer for entries 1–7 and both isomers for entries 8–14).

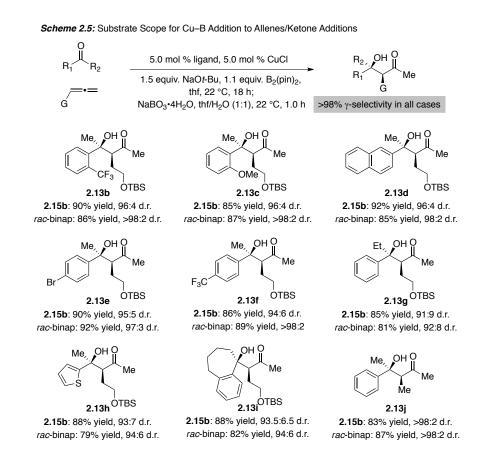


With the optimal conditions in hand, we turn our attention to examination of an assortment of allenes and aldehydes. A variety of aryl-substituted aldehydes are suitable subtrates including those containing an electron-donating group or an electron-withdrawing group (cf. **2.12b-f**, Scheme 2.4). Reactions of sterically congested aryl aldehydes in the presence of 4.0 mol % *rac*-binap and 4.0 mol % CuCl deliver the desired products **2.12b** and **2.12d** in 81% and 83% yield as a single diastereomer, respectively. Transformations with alkyl-substituted aldehydes are facile and selective (cf. **2.12g** and **2.12j**, Scheme 2.4). Reactions of aldehydes with a strong electron-withdrawing

substituent require a large excess of allene (5.0 equiv), otherwise B(pin) addition to aldehyde predominates. Methyl-substituted allene is effective as well (cf. **2.12h-j**, Scheme 2.4).



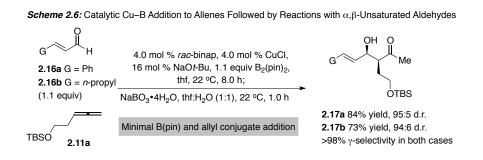
A wide range of aryl ketones can be converted to products that contain tertiary hydroxyl groups (Scheme 2.5). Substrates with sterically hindered (cf. **2.13b-d**), electronwithdrawing (cf. **2.13b**, **2.13e-f**) and electron-donating (cf. **2.13c**) groups react efficiently and selectively. Ethyl ketone transforms in high efficiency albeit lower diastereoselectivity, presumably due to diminished size difference between an ethyl group and a phenyl group (cf. **2.13g**). Heterocyclic and cyclic ketones are suitable substrates as well (**2.13h** and **2.13i**). Facile and selective access to **2.13j** provides an attractive alternative to a propionate ketone aldol process. In all cases, selective 173 generation of trisubstituted enolate would be difficult. Unlike reaction with aliphatic aldehydes, the use of alkyl-substituted ketones leads predominately to side reactions. It is plausible that the lower electrophilicity of aliphatic ketones renders enolization of ketones by NaOt-Bu and following undesired transformations more competitive. Instead, the use of less basic NaOPh leads to formation of desired products in high efficiency and selectivity.



 $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -Unsaturated aldehydes are a more challenging class of electrophiles; possible competitive B(pin) or allyl conjugate addition leads to further complication in addition to 1,2-addition.<sup>15</sup> However, subjection of enals **2.16a** and **2.16b** to the reaction conditions

<sup>(15)</sup> For Cu-catalyzed B(pin) 1,4-additions to unsaturated carbonyls, see: Hartmann, E.; Vyas, D. J.; Oestreich, M. Chem. Commun. 2011, 47, 7917–7932.

results in clean formation of allylic alcohols **2.17a** and **2.17b** in 84% and 73% yield with 95:5 d.r. and 94:6 d.r., respectively. In sharp contrast, reaction of enal **2.16a** in the absence of allene **2.11a** under otherwise identical reaction conditions leads to complete consumption of **2.16a** in only 4.0 h (vs. >98% conv. for the synthesis of **2.17a** and **2.17b** in 8.0 h). High chemoselectivity in favor of reaction initiating with addition to the allene in spite of a slower rate of transformation with an enal might be due to a substantially faster rate of the allene coordination to Cu.<sup>4a</sup>



Reactions of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ketones proceed with high diastereoselectivities in spite of the diminished size difference between the carbonyl substituents (vs. aryl ketones, Table 2.2). With either 5.0 mol % of **2.15a** or *rac*-binap, tertiary allylc alcohols are generated in 53–77% yield; the remaining mass balance is attributed to B(pin) 1,4addition products. Similar with those cases in Table 2.1, the Cu catalyst derived from a phosphine ligand is more chemoselective (entries 2 and 4 vs. entries 1 and 3, Table, 2.2). Dienones are also suitable substrates. Higher efficiency in formation of **2.18c** results from the presence of the congested cyclic substituent, which disfavors the B(pin) 1,4-addition (entries 5 and 6, Table 2.2). The catalyst derived from an NHC ligand provides higher diastereoselectivity, probably because the large phosphine ligand has stronger destabilizing interaction in the transition state.

GMe 2.18a-c		Me	5.0 mol % <b>2.15b</b> or <i>rac</i> -binap, 5.0 mol % Cu <b>1.5 equiv</b> or <b>1.2 equiv</b> NaOt-Bu, <b>1.5 equiv</b> or <b>1.2 equiv</b> B <sub>2</sub> (pin) <sub>2</sub> , thf, 22 °C, 18 h; NaBO <sub>3</sub> •4H <sub>2</sub> O, thf:H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1), 22 °C, 1.0 h			G G C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	
TBS	<sup>O</sup> 2.11a	3				B(pin)	3% γ-selectivity; conj. addn minor; allyl conj. addn
	Entry	Substrate	G	Ligand	d.	r. <sup>b</sup>	Yield (%) <sup>c</sup>
	1	2.18a	Ph	2.15b	>98	3:2	64
	2	2.18a	Ph	<i>rac</i> -binap	91	:9	68
	3	2.18b	n-pentyl	2.15b	>98	3:2	53
	4	2.18b	n-pentyl	<i>rac</i> -binap	91.5	:8.5	77
	5	2.18c	Me Mer	2.15b	90:	10	86
	6	2.18c	Me	<i>rac</i> -binap	87:	13	81

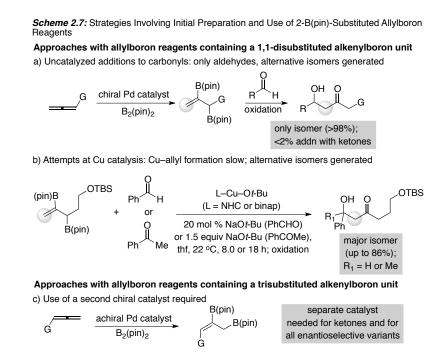
**Table 2.2:** Catalytic Multicomponent Reactions with  $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated Ketones<sup>a</sup>

a-c See Table 2.1.

Several distinguishing advantages of the multicomponent protocol over the corresponding two-component alternative regarding efficiency and selectivity are noteworthy. Pd-catalyzed diboron additions to allenes afford 2-boron-substituted allylborons, which react with aldehydes to deliver acetate aldol products after oxidation (Scheme 2.7a).<sup>16</sup> Related ketone additions have not been reported and might need an additional catalyst. We have also attempted to use the same allylboron reagents as precursors to allylcopper intermediates, as shown in Scheme 2.7b. Reactions of benzaldehyde or acetophenone with the 2-boron-substituted allylboron species lead predominately to the same mode of addition as mentioned above (see Scheme 2.7a). This is likely due to the fact that the corresponding 2-boron-substituted allylcopper complex cannot be generated efficiently through transmetallation of C–B to C–Cu, and therefore both the uncatalyzed allyl addition with the aldehyde as well as the NaOt-Bu-promoted addition to the ketone become competitive. A different type of 2-boron-substituted

<sup>(16)</sup> Woodward, A. R.; Burks, H. E.; Chan, L. M.; Morken, J. P. Org. Lett. 2005, 7, 5505–5507.

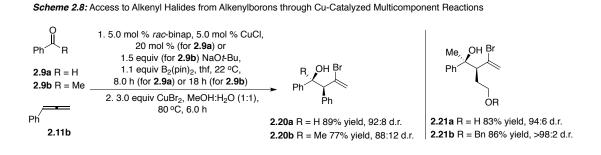
allylboron reagents that contain a trisubstituted alkene moiety can be accessed through Pd-catalyzed diboron addition to allenes.<sup>17</sup> The efficiency of transmetallation might be problematic, as the  $\gamma$ -position of the allylboron entities is more sterically hindered.<sup>18</sup> Also enantioselective transformations of the allylboron reagents with aldehydes or ketones would require the use of a second catalyst.



Alkenyl halides are another synthetically useful class of building blocks. Hydroxyl-containing alkenyl bromides **2.20a** (89% yield and 92:8 d.r.) and **2.20b** (77% yield and 88:12 d.r.) can be accessed by subjection of the initial organoboron product mixtures to  $\text{CuBr}_2$  in a 1:1 mixture of MeOH and water at 80 °C, originating from the reaction of phenyl-substituted allene **2.11b** (Scheme 3.8). Reactions of **2.11a** and benzyl

<sup>(17) (</sup>a) Yang, F.-Y.; Cheng, C.-H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2001, 123, 761–762. For reactions with (pin)B–SiMe<sub>2</sub>Ph and diastereoselective addition of 2-silyl-substituted allylborons to aldehydes, see: (b) Chang, K.-J.; Rayabarapu, D. K.; Yang, F.-Y.; Cheng, C.-H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 126–131. For related studies, see: (c) Suginome, M.; Nakamura, H.; Matsuda, T.; Ito, Y. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1998, 120, 4248–4249. (d) Zbieg, J. R.; Moran, J.; Krische, M. J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2011, 133, 10582–10586.
(18) Ardolino, M. J.; Morken, J. P. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2014, 136, 7092–7100.

derivative of **2.11a** with acetophenone **2.9b** followed by bromination deliver alkenyl bromides **2.21a** and **2.21b** in 83% and 86% yield with 94:6 and >98:2 d.r., respectively. As far as we know, there is no precedence regarding stereoselective synthesis of alkenyl halide-containing tertiary homoallylic alcohols through direct allyl additions to ketones.<sup>19</sup>



# 2.4 Identification of the Optimal Catalysts and Scopes for Cu–B Additions to Allenes Followed by Enantioselective Allyl Additions

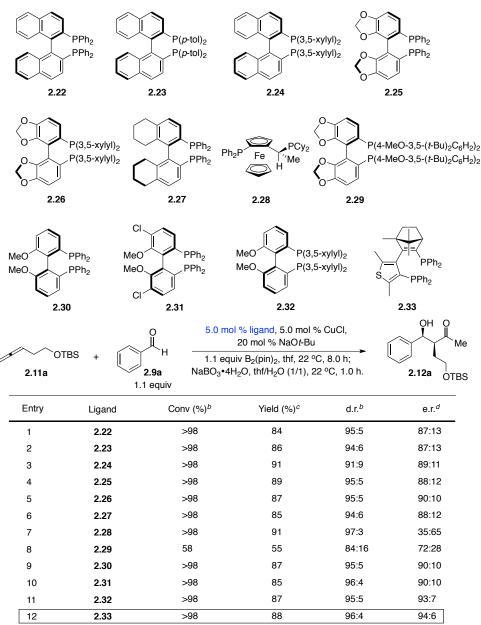
We next investigated numerous chiral ligands for the sequential Cu–B additions to an allene/aldehyde addition. Chiral bisphosphine ligands are essential for not only high chemoselectivity but also enantioselectivity. As illustrated in Table 2.3, change of substituents on phosphorus from Ph to  $3,5-Me_2C_6H_3$  improves the enantioselectivity slightly (entry 1 vs. 3; entry 4 vs. 5; entry 9 vs. 11). Reactions promoted by  $C_2$ -symmetric ligands with different dihedral angles lead to **2.12a** in 84–89% yield with 94:6–95:5 d.r. and 87:13–90:10 d.r. (entries 1, 4, 6 and 9). Transformation in the presence of ferrocene-

<sup>(19)</sup> For catalytic diastereoselective allyl additions to ketones (not 2-B(pin)-substituted), see: (a) Ren, H.; Dunet, G.; Mayer, P.; Knochel, P. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2007, 129, 5376–5377. (b) Peng, Z.; Blümke, T. D.; Mayer, P.; Knochel, P. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2010, 49, 8516–8519. (c) Takeda, T.; Yamamoto, M.; Yoshida, S.; Tsubouchi, A. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2012, 51, 7263–7266. For reactions of ketones and stoichiometric amounts of allylboronic acids (not 2-boron-substituted), isolated from allylic alcohols by a Pd-catalyzed process, see: (d) Raducan, M.; Alam, R.; Szabó, K. J. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2012, 51, 13050–13053.

containing  $C_1$ -symmetric phosphine ligand **2.28** provide **2.12a** in 91% yield with 97:3 d.r. and 35:65 d.r.. An electronically modified phosphine ligand does not alter the selectivity significantly (entry 10). A  $C_1$ -symmetric bisphosphine ligand **2.33** with a camphor backbone delivers the optimal diastereo- and enantioselectivity (entry 11).<sup>20</sup>

<sup>(20)</sup> Kadyrov, R.; Ilaldinov, I. Z.; Almena, J.; Monsees, A.; Riermeier, T. H. Tetrahedron Lett. 2005, 46, 7397–7400.

Table 2.3: Ligand Screen for Chiral Phosphine Ligands<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Performed under N<sub>2</sub> atm. <sup>b</sup> Determined by analysis of 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spetra of unpurified mixtures (±2%). <sup>c</sup> Yields of isolated/purified products (±5%; both isomers). <sup>d</sup> Enantiomeric ratio (er) determined by HPLC analysis (±2%).

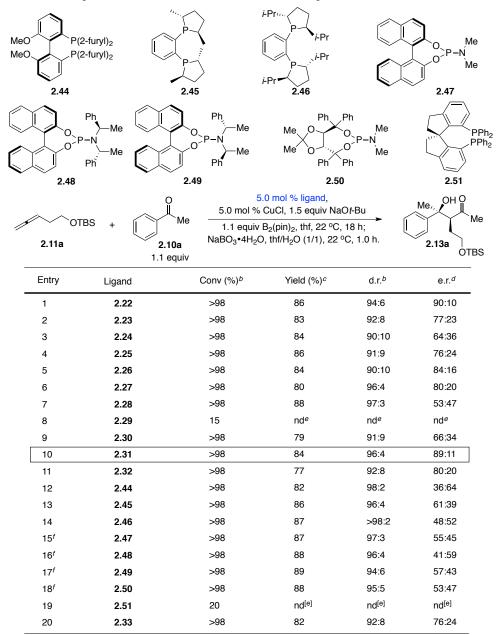
We then turned our attention to identification of the most selective ligand for multicomponent reaction of allenes and ketones, a more challenging class of electrophiles with  $B_2(pin)_2$ . Both NHC and phosphine ligands were investigated. Regardless of the

identity of the imidazolinium salt, monodentate or bidentate,  $C_1$ -symmetric or  $C_2$ -symmetric, is used, the enantioselectivity does not exceed 60:40 e.r. (Table 2.4).

Ph Mes	Ph $BF_4$ $\bigcirc$ N Me Me Me A Me HPr Me	$\begin{array}{c} Ph & Ph \\ \downarrow F \\ O \\ O \\ O \\ O \\ O \\ Pr \\ Ph \\ Ph \\ \downarrow Pr \\ $	⊖ BF₄	Ph, P S, N ® N O 2.36 Ph, P Mes ® N E	$ \begin{array}{c}                                     $
Ph P	Et Ph	$Me 2.38  Ph BF4  O = N \\ Et \\ Et \\ Et 2.41$	Ph Ph B Mes Ph Pr Pr N N N 2.42	2.39 F <sub>4</sub> P	Ph Ph BF₄ h Ph Ph N ⊕ N € 2.43
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2.11a	DTBS + 2.10a 1.1 equ	Me 5.0 mol % 1.1 equiv NaBO <sub>3</sub> •4H <sub>2</sub> O	% imidazolinium sa CuCl, 1.5 equiv NaC B <sub>2</sub> (pin) <sub>2</sub> , thf, 22 °C, ), thf/H <sub>2</sub> O (1/1), 22 °C	Dr-Bu 18 h; [	Me,, OH O 2.13a OTBS
	DTBS + 2.10a	Ae 5.0 mol % 1.1 equiv NaBO <sub>3</sub> •4H <sub>2</sub> O	CuCl, 1.5 equiv NaC B <sub>2</sub> (pin) <sub>2</sub> , thf, 22 °C,	Dr-Bu 18 h; [	2.13a
2.11a	DTBS + 2.10a 1.1 equ	<i>M</i> e	CuCl, 1.5 equiv NaC B <sub>2</sub> (pin) <sub>2</sub> , thf, 22 °C, 0, thf/H <sub>2</sub> O (1/1), 22 °	Dř-Bu 18 h; C, 1.0 h.	2.13a OTBS
2.11a	DTBS + 2.10a 1.1 equ	Ae <u>5.0 mol %</u> 1.1 equiv NaBO <sub>3</sub> •4H <sub>2</sub> C iv Conv (%) <sup>b</sup>	CuCl, 1.5 equiv NaC B <sub>2</sub> (pin) <sub>2</sub> , thf, 22 °C, 0, thf/H <sub>2</sub> O (1/1), 22 °C Yield (%)°	Dr-Bu 18 h; C, 1.0 h. d.r. <sup>b</sup>	2.13a OTBS
2.11a Entry	DTBS + 2.10a 1.1 equ Imidazolinium salt 2.34	Me <u>5.0 mol %</u> 1.1 equiv NaBO <sub>3</sub> •4H <sub>2</sub> C iv Conv (%) <sup>b</sup> >98	CuCl, 1.5 equiv NaC B <sub>2</sub> (pin) <sub>2</sub> , thf, 22 °C, 0, thf/H <sub>2</sub> O (1/1), 22 °C Yield (%)° 75	Dr-Bu 18 h; C, 1.0 h. d.r. <sup>b</sup> 85:15	2.13a OTBS
2.11a Entry 1 2	DTBS + 2.10a 1.1 equ Imidazolinium salt 2.34 2.35	Me <u>5.0 mol %</u> 1.1 equiv NaBO <sub>3</sub> •4H <sub>2</sub> C <u>Conv (%)<sup>b</sup></u> >98 >98	CuCl, 1.5 equiv NaC B <sub>2</sub> (pin) <sub>2</sub> , thf, 22 °C, ), thf/H <sub>2</sub> O (1/1), 22 °C Yield (%)° 75 72	Dr-Bu 18 h; C, 1.0 h. d.r. <sup>b</sup> 85:15 89:11	2.13a OTBS e.r. <sup>d</sup> 57:43 60:40
2.11a Entry 1 2 3	DTBS + 2.10a 1.1 equ Imidazolinium salt 2.34 2.35 2.36	Me 5.0 mol % 1.1 equiv NaBO <sub>3</sub> •4H <sub>2</sub> O iv Conv (%) <sup>b</sup> >98 >98 >98	CuCl, 1.5 equiv NaC B <sub>2</sub> (pin) <sub>2</sub> , thf, 22 °C, , thf/H <sub>2</sub> O (1/1), 22 °C Yield (%) <sup>c</sup> 75 72 62	Dr-Bu 18 h; C, 1.0 h. d.r. <sup>b</sup> 85:15 89:11 88:12	2.13a OTBS e.r. <sup>d</sup> 57:43 60:40 56:44
2.11a Entry 1 2 3 4	DTBS + 2.10a 1.1 equ Imidazolinium salt 2.34 2.35 2.36 2.37	Me <u>5.0 mol %</u> 1.1 equiv NaBO <sub>3</sub> •4H <sub>2</sub> C iv Conv (%) <sup>b</sup> >98 >98 >98 >98	CuCl, 1.5 equiv NaC B <sub>2</sub> (pin) <sub>2</sub> , thf, 22 °C, 0, thf/H <sub>2</sub> O (1/1), 22 °C Yield (%)° 75 72 62 73	Dr-Bu 18 h; C, 1.0 h. d.r. <sup>b</sup> 85:15 89:11 88:12 84:16	<b>e</b> .r. <sup>d</sup> <b>57:43</b> 60:40 56:44 57:43
2.11a Entry 1 2 3 4 5	DTBS + 2.10a 1.1 equ Imidazolinium salt 2.34 2.35 2.36 2.37 2.38	Me <u>5.0 mol %</u> 1.1 equiv NaBO <sub>3</sub> •4H <sub>2</sub> C 1.1 Conv (%) <sup>b</sup> >98 >98 >98 >98 >98 >98	CuCl, 1.5 equiv NaC B <sub>2</sub> (pin) <sub>2</sub> , thf, 22 °C, ), thf/H <sub>2</sub> O (1/1), 22 °C Yield (%) <sup>c</sup> 75 72 62 73 76	Dr-Bu 18 h; C, 1.0 h. d.r. <sup>b</sup> 85:15 89:11 88:12 84:16 87:13	e.r. <sup>d</sup> 57:43 60:40 56:44 57:43 57:43
2.11a Entry 1 2 3 4 5 6	DTBS + 2.10a 2.10a 1.1 equ Imidazolinium salt 2.34 2.35 2.36 2.37 2.38 2.39	Ale         5.0 mol %           1.1 equiv         NaBO <sub>3</sub> •4H <sub>2</sub> C           niv         Conv (%) <sup>b</sup> >98         >98           >98         >98           >98         >98           >98         >98           >98         >98           >98         >98           >98         >98	CuCl, 1.5 equiv NaC B <sub>2</sub> (pin) <sub>2</sub> , thf, 22 °C, ), thf/H <sub>2</sub> O (1/1), 22 °C Yield (%) <sup>c</sup> 75 72 62 73 76 73	Dr-Bu 18 h; C, 1.0 h. d.r. <sup>b</sup> 85:15 89:11 88:12 84:16 87:13 83:17	e.r. <sup>d</sup> 57:43 60:40 56:44 57:43 57:43 57:43 56:44
2.11a Entry 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	DTBS + 2.10a 2.10a 1.1 equ Imidazolinium salt 2.34 2.35 2.36 2.37 2.38 2.39 2.40	Ae 5.0 mol % 1.1 equiv NaBO <sub>3</sub> •4H <sub>2</sub> O Conv (%) <sup>b</sup> >98 >98 >98 >98 >98 >98 >98 >98	CuCl, 1.5 equiv NaC B <sub>2</sub> (pin) <sub>2</sub> , thf, 22 °C, b, thf/H <sub>2</sub> O (1/1), 22 °C Yield (%) <sup>c</sup> 75 72 62 73 76 73 76 73 78	Dr-Bu 18 h; C, 1.0 h. d.r. <sup>b</sup> 85:15 89:11 88:12 84:16 87:13 83:17 82:18	e.r. <sup>d</sup> 57:43 60:40 56:44 57:43 57:43 56:44 57:43 56:44 51:49

Table 2.4: Investigation of Various Chiral Mono- and Bidentate NHCs<sup>a</sup>

The performance of a variety of P-based ligands has been explored (Table 2.5). Notably, high diastereoselectivities are generally observed in most cases. Bisphosphines with biaryl backbones provide higher enantioselectivity (entries 1, 5, 6 and 10). Transformations with Duphos and phosphoramidite ligands deliver low enantioselectivies albeit high diastereoselectivities (entries 13 and 14; entries 15–18). Table 2.5: Investigation of Various Chiral Mono- and Bidentate P-Based Ligands<sup>a</sup>



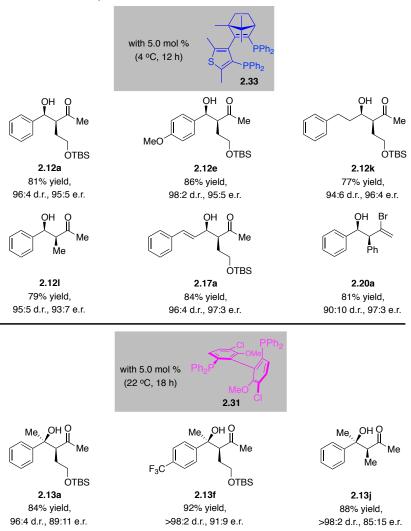
a-d See Table 2.3. <sup>e</sup> Not determined. <sup>f</sup> The reactions were run in the presence of 2.0 mol % (CuOTf)<sub>2</sub>-toluene, 8.0 mol % ligand and 1.5 equiv NaOt-Bu.

Transformations with a range of aryl-, alkyl- and alkenyl-substituted aldehydes in the presence of chiral phosphine **2.33** at 4 °C deliver up to 97:3 e.r. (cf. **2.12a**, **2.12e**,

**2.12k** and **2.17a**, Scheme 2.9).<sup>21</sup> Methyl- and phenyl-substituted allenes are also well tolerated, reactions of which provide 93:7 e.r. and 97:3 e.r. (cf. **2.12i** and **2.20a**, Scheme 2.9). With  $C_2$ -symmetric bisphosphine **2.31**, a variety of  $\beta$ -hydroxyketones can be introduced in 84–92% yield with up to 91:9 e.r. (cf. **2.13a**, **2.13f** and **2.13j**, Scheme 2.9).<sup>22</sup>

<sup>(21)</sup> Direct enantioselective catalytic aldol additions with aldehydes have been reported (none wih ketones). Reactions with cyclic ketones (enol precursors) are more common and the large majority of acyclic cases involve transformations with strongly electron-deficient aryl aldehydes and generate products that bear a methyl or an alkoxy unit adjacent to the carbonyl (higher reactivity of the enol); low to moderate site selectivity is typically observed (propionate vs. acetate aldol). For example, see: (a) Luo, S.; Xu, H.; Li, J.; Zhang, L.; Cheng, J.-P. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2007**, *129*, 3074–3074. (b) Aratake, S.; Itoh, T.; Okano, T.; Nagae, N.; Sumiya, T.; Shoji, M.; Hayashi, Y. Chem. Eur. J. **2007**, *13*, 10246–10256. Reactions with aliphatic aldehydes are scarce (none with enals); one reported example requires >140 h; see: (c) Ma, G.; Bartoszewicz, A.; Ibrahem, I.; Córdova, A. Adv. Synth. Catal. **2011**, *353*, 3114–3122.

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Scheme 2.9: Scope for Phosphine–Cu-Catalyzed Cu–B Additions to Allenes Followed by Enantioselective Aldehyde Additions

# 2.5 Conclusion

In this chapter, we have established a multicomponent protocol involving Cucatalyzed Cu–B additions to allenes followed by in situ enantioselective additions to carbonyls. A wide range of alkenylboron-containing secondary and tertiary alcohols are obtained in high efficiency and selectivity, which can be transformed to a variety of synthetically useful building blocks through conversion of the C–B bond to C–O, C–N and C–C bonds. Catalysts derived from commercially available chiral ligands and inexpensive abundant copper salt promote the reactions. Moreover, the studies outlined herein open up a new opportunity to engineer an assortment of new multicomponent reactions through in situ reactions of catalytically generated boron-containing organocopper intermediates with other electrophiles to form C–C bonds.

# 2.6 Experimental

General. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker FT-IR Alpha (ATR mode) spectrophotometer,  $v_{max}$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Bands are characterized as broad (br), strong (s), medium (m), and weak (w). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity INOVA 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$  7.26 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, br s = broad singlet, m = multiplet, app. = apparent), and coupling constant (Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity INOVA 400 (100 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$ 77.16 ppm). High-resolution mass spectrometry was performed on a JEOL AccuTOF DART (positive mode) at the Mass Spectrometry Facility, Boston College. Enantiomer ratios were determined by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) with a Shimadzu chromatograph (Chiral Technologies Chiralpak AD-H (4.6 x 250 mm), Chiralcel OD-H (4.6 x 250 mm) and Chiralcel OJ-H (4.6 x 250 mm)) in comparison with authentic racemic materials. Specific rotations were measured on a Rudolph Research Analytical Autopol IV Polarimeter.

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out with distilled and degassed solvents under an atmosphere of dry  $N_2$  in oven- (135 °C) or flame-dried glassware with standard dry box or vacuum-line techniques. Solvents were purified under a positive pressure of dry argon by a modified Innovative Technologies purification system: toluene, benzene and hexanes were purified through a copper oxide and alumina column;  $CH_2Cl_2$  and  $Et_2O$  were purged with Ar and purified by passage through two alumina columns. Tetrahydrofuran (Aldrich Chemical Co.) was purified by distillation from sodium benzophenone ketyl immediately prior to use unless otherwise specified. Methanol (Aldrich Chemical Co.) was distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub>. All work-up and purification procedures were carried out with reagent grade solvents (purchased from Fisher Scientific) in air.

#### 2.6.1 Reagents and Ligands:

Allenes (2.11a-b): prepared according to previously reported procedures.<sup>23</sup>

Methyl allene (25% by wt in toluene): purchased from ChemSamp. Co. and used as received.

Aldehydes and aryl ketones: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and purified by distillation over  $CaH_2$  (for liquids) or column chromatography prior to use (for solids).

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Searles, S.; Li, Y.; Nassim, B.; Lopes, M-T. R.; Tran, P. T.; Crabbé, P. J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1, 1984, 747–751. (c) Inoue, A.; Kondo, J.; Shinokubo, H.; Oshima, K. Chem. Eur. J. 2002, 8, 1730–1740. (d)
Baird, M. S.; Nizovtsev, A. V.; Bolesov, I. G. Tetrahedron 2002, 58, 1581–1593.

**Bis(pinacolato)diboron:** purchased from Frontier Scientific, Inc. and recrystallized from pentane.

Copper (II) bromide: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Copper (I) chloride: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

**Imidazolinium or imidazolium salts (2.14a-b, 2.15a-b, 2.34-2.43**<sup>24</sup>): purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

β-Ionone (2.18c): purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and purified by distillation over CaH<sub>2</sub> prior to use.

**4-Methylmorpholine** *N***-oxide** (**NMO**): purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

(*E*)-Non-3-en-2-one (2.18b): purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and purified by distillation over  $CaH_2$  prior to use.

(*E*)-4-Phenylbut-3-en-2-one (2.18a): purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and purified by column chromatography prior to use.

Phosphines (2.22-2.33, 2.44-2.51): purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Sodium *tert*-butoxide (98%): purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Sodium methoxide: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

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**Sodium perborate:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Tetrabutylammonium fluoride solution (1.0 M in thf):** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Tetrapropylammonium perruthenate (TPAP):** purchased from TCI Chemical Co. and used as received.

# 2.8.2 Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data for Cu–Catalyzed Cu–B Addition/Addition to Carbonyls

**■** Representative Experimental Procedure for Cu-Catalyzed Cu-B Addition/ Addition to Aldehydes Followed by *Oxidative Work-up*: In a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL, 17 × 38 mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with *rac*-binap (2.5 mg, 0.0040 mmol, 4.0 mol %), CuCl (0.4 mg, 0.004 mmol, 4.0 mol %), NaOt-Bu (1.5 mg, 0.016 mmol, 16 mol %) and tetrahydrofuran (thf, 0.5 mL). The vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (27.9 mg, 0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The vial was re-sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and removed from the glove box. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub>. Allene **2.11a** (19.8 mg, 0.100 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and benzaldehyde (**2.9a**; 11.2  $\mu$ L, 0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were added through a syringe. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for eight hours before the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of Celite and silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 2 \text{ mL}$ ). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide yellow oil, which was dissolved in thf (0.5 mL). Next, NaBO<sub>3</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (76.9 mg, 0.500 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) were added. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. The reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of silica gel and anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 2 \text{ mL}$ ). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide colorless oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the **2.12a** as colorless oil (25.7 mg, 0.080 mmol of **2.12a**, 80% yield).

**5**-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-**3**-(hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)pentan-2-one (2.12a). IR (neat): 3431 (br), 2954 (m), 2928 (m), 2856 (m), 1703 (m), 1493 (w), 1254 (m), 1090 (s), 1007 (w), 834 (s), 776 (s), 701 (s), 662 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.33– 7.31 (4H, m), 7.27–7.24 (1H, m), 4.93 (1H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 3.59–3.52 (3H, m), 3.03 (1H, app. dd, *J* = 11.6, 6.0 Hz), 2.00 (3H, s), 1.93–1.87 (2H, m), 0.87 (9H, s), 0.02 (3H, s), 0.002 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  212.7, 142.1, 128.5, 127.7, 126.3, 73.8, 61.7, 57.3, 31.3, 30.6, 26.0, 18.4, –5.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 323.20425; Found: 323.20456.

# 5-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(hydroxy(naphthalen-1-yl)methyl)pentan-2-one

(2.12b). IR (neat): 3448 (br), 2954 (m), 2928 (m), 2856 (m), 1701 (m), 1511 (w), 1255 (m), 1084 (s), 1032 (m), 939 (w), 833 (s), 776 (s), 732 (m), 660 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  8.01 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.88–7.86 (1H, m), 7.78 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.69 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.54–7.46 (3H, m), 5.77 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.0, 2.4 Hz), 3.64 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 3.52–3.47 (1H, m), 3.34–3.26 (2H, m), 2.14 (3H, s), 1.96–1.83 (2H, m), 0.76 (9H, s), -0.10 (3H, s), -0.20 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  213.5, 136.9, 189

134.0, 130.1, 129.2, 128.3, 126.3, 125.6, 125.5, 124.6, 122.9, 70.4, 61.5, 54.6, 31.0, 29.7, 18.2, -5.5, -5.7; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 355.20933; Found: 355.21032.

## 5-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-((2-chlorophenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)pentan-2-one

(2.12c). IR (neat): 3458 (br), 2954 (m), 2928 (m), 2856 (m), 1702 (m), 1471 (w), 1254 (m), 1170 (m), 1093 (s), 1006 (w), 832 (s), 775 (s), 704 (m), 680 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.61 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz), 7.34–7.28 (2H, m), 7.24–7.19 (1H, m), 5.37 (1H, app. t, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 3.59 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 3.51–3.45 (1H, m), 3.37–3.32 (1H, m), 3.28–3.24 (1H, m), 2.31 (3H, s), 1.92–1.83 (1H, m), 1.70–1.62 (1H, m), 0.82 (9H, s), -0.04 (3H, s), -0.09 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  214.0, 138.7, 131.4, 129.6, 128.7, 128.5, 127.0, 69.7, 61.4, 51.9, 30.8, 28.3, 25.9, 18.3, –5.4, –5.5; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>30</sub>Cl<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 357.16527; Found: 357.16429.

**5**-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-**3**-(hydroxy(*o*-tolyl)methyl)pentan-**2**-one (**2.12d**). IR (neat): 3421 (br), 2955 (s), 2929 (s), 2857 (m), 1709 (m), 1471 (w), 1256 (m), 1166 (w), 1094 (s), 1026 (m), 940 (w), 835 (s), 776 (s), 759 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.50 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.22 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.16 (1H, td, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz), 7.11 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 5.14 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.6, 2.4 Hz), 3.59–3.55 (1H, m), 3.53–3.49 (1H, m), 3.34 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 3.09–3.05 (1H, m), 2.31 (3H, s), 2.03 (3H, s), 2.01–1.86 (2H, m), 0.86 (9H, s), 0.002 (3H, s), -0.02 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  212.7, 139.9, 134.4, 130.7, 127.6, 126.5, 126.3, 70.1, 61.7, 55.1, 31.2, 30.3, 26.0, 19.3, 18.3, – 5.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 319.20933; Found: 319.21078. **5**-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(hydroxy(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)pentan-2-one (**2.12e**). IR (neat): 3432 (br), 2953 (m), 2929 (m), 2856 (m), 1707 (m), 1512 (s), 1388 (w), 1247 (s), 1173 (m), 1091 (s), 1032 (s), 938 (w), 830 (s), 775 (s), 728 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.24 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 6.86 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 4.84 (1H, app. d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.59 (2H, app. t, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 3.41 (1H, s), 2.99 (1H, app. dd, *J* = 12.0, 6.4 Hz), 1.96 (3H, s), 1.93–1.88 (2H, m), 0.87 (9H, s), 0.02 (3H, s), 0.01 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  212.6, 159.2, 134.3, 127.6, 113.9, 73.7, 61.8, 57.7, 55.4, 31.5, 31.0, 26.0, 18.4, -5.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H– H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 335.20425; Found: 335.20411.

# 5-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-((4-chlorophenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)pentan-2-one

(2.12f). IR (neat): 3445 (br), 2955 (m), 2928 (m), 2857 (m), 1706 (m), 1492 (w), 1256 (m), 1092 (s), 1033 (m), 939 (w), 834 (s), 777 (s), 731 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.32–7.27 (4H, m), 4.93 (1H, dd, J = 5.6, 1.6 Hz), 3.70 (1H, d, J = 1.6 Hz), 3.59–3.56 (2H, m), 3.00–2.96 (1H, m), 2.04 (3H, s), 1.94–1.81 (2H, m), 0.87 (9H, s), 0.03 (3H, s), 0.02 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  212.5, 140.6, 133.4, 128.7, 127.8, 73.1, 61.6, 57.2, 31.4, 30.5, 26.0, 18.4, –5.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>30</sub>Cl<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 357.16527; Found: 357.16585.

**3-(2-((***tert***-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-4-hydroxydodecan-2-one (2.12g).** IR (neat): 3458 (br), 2954 (m), 2925 (s), 2855 (m), 1703 (m), 1464 (w), 1254 (m), 1093 (s), 938 (w), 833 (s), 775 (s), 721 (w), 662 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 3.89–3.82 (1H, m), 3.72–3.68 (1H, m), 3.64–3.59 (1H, m), 2.89 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 2.75–2.71 (1H, m), 2.22 (3H, s), 1.94–1.87 (1H, m), 1.84–1.79 (1H, m), 1.48–1.43 (1H, m), 1.40–1.20 (16H, m), 0.89 (9H, s), 0.04 (6H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 213.1, 71.3, 61.5, 191 54.7, 34.9, 32.0, 31.0, 29.7, 29.5, 29.4, 26.2, 26.1, 26.0, 22.8, 18.4, 14.3, -5.3, -5.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 359.29815; Found: 359.29876.

**4-Hydroxy-3-methyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butan-2-one** (**2.12h).** IR (neat): 3445 (br), 2917 (w), 2849 (w), 1702 (m), 1459 (w), 1322 (s), 1162 (m), 1118 (s), 1066 (s), 1017 (m), 889 (m), 660 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.60 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.45 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 5.21 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 3.28 (1H, s), 2.82 (1H, qd, *J* = 7.2, 3.2 Hz), 2.21 (3H, s), 1.06 (3H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  213.7, 145.8 (app. d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 129.7 (q, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 126.4, 125.3 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 124.3 (q, *J* = 270.8 Hz), 72.1, 52.8, 29.3, 9.7; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 247.09459; Found: 247.09474.

**4-(3-Bromophenyl)-4-hydroxy-3-methylbutan-2-one (2.12i).** IR (neat): 3449 (br), 2963 (w), 2925 (m), 1703 (m), 1569 (w), 1474 (w), 1260 (m), 1070 (m), 1022 (m), 906 (s), 789 (m), 728 (s), 648 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.50–7.49 (1H, m), 7.41–7.37 (1H, m), 7.23–7.20 (2H, m), 5.12–5.10 (1H, m), 3.19 (1H, s), 2.80 (1H, qd, *J* = 7.2, 3.2 Hz), 2.20 (3H, s), 1.06 (3H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  213.7, 144.2, 130.5, 130.0, 129.1, 124.6, 122.7, 72.0, 52.9, 29.4, 9.8; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Br<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 274.04427; Found: 274.04551.

**4-Cyclohexyl-4-hydroxy-3-methylbutan-2-one** (**2.12j**). IR (neat): 3470 (br), 2922 (s), 2851 (m), 1699 (s), 1449 (m), 1357 (m), 1178 (m), 1087 (w), 977 (m), 921 (w), 866 (w), 682 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 3.63 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.70 (1H, qd, *J* = 5.6, 2.0 Hz), 2.56 (1H, s), 2.20 (3H, s), 2.09–2.06 (1H, m), 1.77–1.72 (2H, m), 1.68–1.65 (1H, m), 1.57–1.54 (1H, m), 1.38–1.31 (1H, m), 1.26–1.15 (3H, m), 1.13 (3H, d, *J* = 5.6)

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Hz), 1.00–0.88 (2H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 214.1, 75.1, 48.0, 40.2, 29.6, 29.1, 29.0, 26.5, 26.2, 26.0, 9.2; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 185.15415; Found: 185.15362.

# (E)-3-(2-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-phenylhex-5-en-2-one

(2.17a). IR (neat): 3439 (br), 2954 (m), 2928 (m), 2856 (m), 1705 (m), 1360 (m), 1254 (m), 1169 (w), 1090 (s), 967 (m), 832 (s), 775 (s), 693 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.38–7.36 (2H, m), 7.34–7.28 (2H, m), 7.27–7.21 (1H, m), 6.63 (1H, d, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 6.18 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.4 Hz), 4.57–4.54 (1H, m), 3.73–3.62 (2H, m), 3.17 (1H, s), 2.95–2.91 (1H, m), 2.24 (3H, s), 1.98–1.84 (2H, m), 0.89 (9H, s), 0.05 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  212.3, 136.7, 131.5, 129.3, 128.7, 127.9, 126.7, 72.6, 61.6, 55.3, 31.4, 30.5, 26.0, 18.4, –5.3, –5.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 331.20933; Found: 331.20889.

(*E*)-3-(2-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-4-hydroxynon-5-en-2-one (2.17b). IR (neat): 3454 (br), 2956 (m), 2927 (m), 2857 (m), 1706 (m), 1463 (w), 1254 (m), 1091 (s), 969 (m), 832 (s), 775 (s), 662 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  5.72–5.65 (1H, m), 5.44 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.2 Hz), 4.29–4.26 (1H, m), 3.71–3.57 (2H, m), 2.82–2.78 (2H, m), 2.20 (3H, s), 2.04–1.98 (2H, m), 1.93–1.78 (2H, m), 1.39 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 0.90–0.87 (12H, m), 0.04 (6H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  212.2, 133.6, 129.9, 73.0, 61.7, 55.6, 34.5, 31.5, 30.6, 26.0, 22.4, 18.4, 13.8, –5.3, –5.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 297.22498; Found: 297.22540.

■ Representative Experimental Procedure for Cu-Catalyzed Cu–B Addition/Addition to Ketones Followed by *Oxidative Work-up*: In a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL,  $17 \times 38$  mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with imidazolium salt **2.15b** (2.1 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5.0 mol %) or *rac*-binap (3.1 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol %), NaOt-Bu (14.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and tetrahydrofuran (thf, 0.5 mL). The vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (27.9 mg, 0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The vial was re-sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and removed from the glove box. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub>. Allene **2.11a** (19.8 mg, 0.100 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and acetophenone (2.10a; 12.8  $\mu$ L, 0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were added. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 18 h before the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of celite and silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 2$  mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide yellow oil, which was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (thf, 0.5 mL). NaBO<sub>3</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (76.9 mg, 0.500 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) were added. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. The reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of silica gel and anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3  $\times$  2 mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide colorless oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes: $Et_2O = 18:1$ ) to afford the desired product 2.13a as colorless oil (27.9 mg, 0.083 mmol, 83% yield with **2.13**; 28.6 mg, 0.085 mmol, 85% yield with *rac*-binap).

**3-(2-((***tert***-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-4-hydroxy-4-phenylpentan-2-one (2.13a).** IR (neat): 3482 (br), 2954 (m), 2929 (s), 1697 (s), 1447 (m), 1256 (s), 1202 (w), 1172 (m), 194

1170 (w), 1099 (s), 939 (w), 834 (s), 777 (m), 730 (s), 657 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.44–7.41 (2H, m), 7.35–7.31 (2H, m), 7.25–7.21 (1H, m), 4.04 (1H, s), 3.43–3.37 (1H, m), 3.34–3.29 (1H, m), 3.20 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.6, 4.0 Hz), 2.30 (3H, s), 1.82–1.75 (1H, m), 1.52 (3H, s), 1.50–1.44 (1H, m), 0.85 (9H, s), -0.04 (3H, s), -0.07 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  217.0, 146.0, 128.3, 126.8, 125.0, 75.1, 61.6, 57.9, 33.9, 32.0, 29.7, 26.0, 18.4, –5.41, –5.42; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 337.21990; Found: 337.22030.

# 3-(2-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-4-hydroxy-4-(2-

(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentan-2-one (2.13b). IR (neat): 3466 (br), 2955 (m), 2929 (m), 1698 (m), 1463 (w), 1383 (m), 1303 (s), 1165 (m), 1099 (s), 1034 (s), 960 (w), 833 (s), 670 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.79–7.75 (2H, m), 7.52–7.48 (1H, m), 7.37–7.33 (1H, m), 4.22 (1H, s), 3.58 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.6 Hz), 3.46–3.36 (2H, m), 2.24 (3H, s), 1.92–1.84 (1H, m), 1.64 (3H, s), 1.49–1.41 (1H, m), 0.84 (9H, s), -0.04 (3H, s), -0.07 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  216.3, 144.7, 131.7, 129.3, 128.2 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 127.3, 127.0 (q, *J* = 30.5 Hz), 124.9 (q, *J* = 272.3 Hz), 76.0, 61.5, 56.4, 34.0, 32.2, 29.3, 25.9, 18.3, -5.50, -5.51; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 405.20728; Found: 405.20693.

#### 3-(2-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-4-hydroxy-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)pentan-2-

**one (2.13c).** IR (neat): 3470 (br), 2954 (m), 2856 (m), 1694 (m), 1583 (w), 1488 (m), 1236 (s), 1096 (s), 1027 (m), 938 (w), 832 (s), 755 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.46 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz), 7.26–7.22 (1H, m), 6.95 (1H, td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz), 6.91–6.89 (1H, m), 4.51 (1H, s), 3.89 (3H, s), 3.77 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 3.2 Hz), 3.45–3.39 (2H, m), 2.04 (3H, s), 1.88–1.79 (1H, m), 1.65–1.58 (1H, m), 1.57 (3H, s), 0.85 (9H, s), – 195

0.037 (3H, s), -0.044 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  215.8, 156.2, 133.4, 128.5, 127.7, 121.1, 111.2, 75.2, 61.8, 55.4, 55.2, 33.6, 31.8, 26.0, 25.5, 18.3, -5.40, -5.42; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 349.21990; Found: 349.22066.

# 3-(2-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-4-hydroxy-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)pentan-2-one

(2.13d). IR (neat): 3483 (br), 2954 (m), 2926 (s), 2855 (m), 1697 (m), 1507 (w), 1360 (m), 1256 (m), 1171 (w), 1097 (s), 939 (w), 834 (s), 777 (s), 748 (m), 663 (w), 477 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.99 (1H, s), 7.87–7.81 (3H, m), 7.50–7.46 (3H, m), 4.24 (1H, s), 3.40–3.30 (3H, m), 2.36 (3H, s), 1.88–1.77 (1H, m), 1.61 (3H, s), 1.52–1.46 (1H, m), 0.84 (9H, s), -0.06 (3H, s), -0.10 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  217.1, 143.2, 133.3, 132.4, 128.4, 128.0, 127.6, 126.2, 125.9, 123.9, 123.2, 75.4, 61.5, 57.5, 34.1, 32.1, 29.9, 26.0, 18.3, –5.5; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 369.22520; Found: 369.22498.

#### 4-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(2-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-4-hydroxypentan-2-one

(2.13e). IR (neat): 3479 (br), 2955 (m), 2927 (m), 2856 (m), 1697 (m), 1462 (w), 1256 (m), 1169 (w), 1096 (s), 1007 (w), 833 (s), 777 (s), 696 (m), 611 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.46–7.42 (2H, m), 7.32–7.29 (2H, m), 4.13 (1H, s), 3.43–3.31 (2H, m), 3.15 (1H, dd, J = 9.6, 3.6 Hz), 2.32 (3H, s), 1.80–1.72 (1H, m), 1.49 (3H, s), 1.44–1.25 (1H, m), 0.85 (9H, s), -0.04 (3H, s), -0.06 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  216.8, 145.1, 131.4, 127.0, 120.8, 75.0, 61.4, 57.7, 34.1, 32.0, 29.7, 26.0, 18.4, -5.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>30</sub>Br<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 397.11984; Found: 397.11814.

# 3-(2-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-4-hydroxy-4-(4-

(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentan-2-one (2.13f). IR (neat): 3467 (br), 2955 (m), 2927 (m),

1697 (m), 1462 (w), 1256 (m), 1169 (w), 1094 (s), 938 (w), 831 (s), 775 (s), 695 (s), 661 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.61–7.55 (4H, m), 4.24 (1H, s), 3.47–3.37 (1H, m), 3.34–3.29 (1H, m), 3.22 (1H, dd, J = 9.6, 3.6 Hz), 2.35 (3H, s), 1.81–1.74 (1H, m), 1.48 (3H, s), 1.40–1.33 (1H, m), 0.85 (9H, s), -0.04 (3H, s), -0.08 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  216.8, 150.0 (app. d, J = 1.2 Hz), 129.2 (q, J = 32.3 Hz), 125.5, 125.3 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.3 (q, J = 270.5 Hz), 75.1, 61.3, 57.3, 34.1, 32.0, 29.8, 26.0, 18.3, -5.4, -5.5; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 405.20728; Found: 405.20831.

**3-(2-(***(tert*-**Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)**-4-hydroxy-4-phenylhexan-2-one (2.13g). IR (neat): 3476 (br), 2955 (m), 2928 (m), 2857 (m), 1694 (m), 1495 (w), 1388 (w), 1334 (m), 1093 (m), 1005 (w), 972 (w), 832 (s), 776 (s), 701 (s), 582 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.39–7.36 (2H, m), 7.34–7.30 (2H, m), 7.24–7.19 (1H, m), 3.87 (1H, s), 3.39–3.34 (1H, m), 3.31–3.26 (1H, m), 3.23 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.6 Hz), 2.36 (3H, s), 1.94–1.85 (1H, m), 1.81–1.72 (1H, m), 1.71–1.64 (1H, m), 1.45–1.40 (1H, m), 0.85 (9H, s), 0.62 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), -0.06 (3H, s), -0.09 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  217.9, 143.2, 128.2, 126.6, 125.7, 78.5, 61.5, 57.5, 34.5, 34.3, 32.1, 26.0, 18.3, 7.9, – 5.42, -5.43; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 333.22498; Found: 333.22639.

# 3-(2-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-4-hydroxy-4-(thiophen-2-yl)pentan-2-one

(2.13h). IR (neat): 3479 (br), 2954 (m), 2927 (m), 2856 (m), 1697 (m), 1462 (w), 1256 (m), 1169 (m), 1096 (s), 1023 (w), 938 (w), 833 (s), 777 (m), 696 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.18 (1H, dd, J = 5.2, 1.6 Hz), 6.95 (1H, dd, J = 5.2, 3.6 Hz), 6.84 (1H, dd, J = 3.6, 1.6 Hz), 4.13 (1H, s), 3.51–3.39 (2H, m), 3.14 (1H, dd, J = 9.2, 3.6 Hz), 197

2.22 (3H, s), 1.89–1.81 (1H, m), 1.76–1.68 (1H, m), 1.60 (3H, s), 0.86 (9H, s), –0.02 (3H, s), –0.04 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  215.8, 151.3, 126.9, 123.9, 122.4, 75.0, 61.7, 59.5, 33.5, 32.1, 30.1, 26.0, 18.4, –5.38, –5.40; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>1</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 325.16575; Found: 325.16551.

# 5-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(5-hydroxy-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-

**benzo**[7]**annulen-5-yl)pentan-2-one (2.13i).** IR (neat): 3470 (br), 2926 (m), 2856 (m), 1694 (m), 1360 (w), 1255 (m), 1164 (w), 1087 (s), 964 (w), 833 (s), 776 (s), 567 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.81 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz), 7.20 (1H, td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz), 7.12 (1H, td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz), 7.05–7.03 (1H, m), 4.52 (1H, s), 3.76–3.73 (1H, m), 3.32–3.27 (1H, m), 3.04–2.92 (2H, m), 2.75 (1H, dd, J = 14.0, 4.4 Hz), 2.37 (3H, s), 2.09–2.03 (1H, m), 1.94–1.74 (4H, m), 1.65–1.55 (2H, m), 1.48–1.42 (1H, m), 0.84 (9H, s), -0.08 (3H, s), -0.11 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  217.1, 143.9, 138.7, 131.0, 127.6, 127.2, 126.3, 78.7, 61.1, 41.0, 37.4, 32.6, 31.8, 30.5, 29.8, 28.0, 26.0, 18.3, -5.47, -5.48; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 359.24063; Found: 359.24132.

**4-Hydroxy-3-methyl-4-phenylpentan-2-one** (**2.13j**). IR (neat): 3482 (br), 2974 (w), 2877 (w), 1692 (s), 1495(m), 1373 (m), 1236 (m), 1085 (m), 1024 (m), 911 (m), 866 (w), 786 (m), 701 (s), 657 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.43–7.39 (2H, m), 7.36– 7.32 (2H, m), 7.26–7.22 (1H, m), 4.15 (1H, s), 2.99 (1H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.27 (3H, s), 1.55 (3H, s), 0.90 (3H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  216.6, 145.8, 128.3, 126.7, 124.9, 75.0, 55.0, 31.6, 29.7, 12.6; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H– H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 175.11229; Found: 175.11255. (*E*)-3-(2-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-4-hydroxy-4-methyl-6-phenylhex-5-en-2-one (2.19a). IR (neat): 3387 (br), 3027 (m), 2976 (m), 1709 (w), 1601 (w), 1449 (s), 1372 (s), 1146 (s), 1008 (m), 952 (w), 851 (m), 750 (m), 674 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.39–7.36 (2H, m), 7.33–7.29 (2H, m), 7.26–7.21 (1H, m), 6.67 (1H, d, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 6.08 (1H, d, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 3.62–3.54 (3H, m), 2.95–2.92 (1H, m), 2.32 (3H, s), 1.90–1.85 (2H, m), 1.38 (3H, s), 0.87 (9H, s), -0.02 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  216.0, 137.0, 134.0, 128.7, 128.5, 127.6, 126.6, 74.1, 61.8, 57.0, 33.8, 32.1, 28.1, 26.0, 18.4, -5.33, -5.55; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 345.22498; Found: 345.22596.

# (E)-3-(2-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-4-hydroxy-4-methylundec-5-en-2-one

(2.19b). IR (neat): 3489 (br), 2955 (m), 2926 (s), 2855 (m), 1698 (m), 1461 (w), 1360 (m), 1169 (w), 1097 (s), 1007 (w), 834 (s), 776 (s), 732 (m), 679 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  5.68 (1H, dt, J = 15.6, 6.8 Hz), 5.35 (1H, d, J = 15.6 Hz), 3.64–3.52 (2H, m), 3.21 (1H, s), 2.79 (1H, app. t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.28 (3H, s), 2.21–2.15 (1H, m), 2.05–2.00 (2H, m), 1.84–1.80 (2H, m), 1.43–1.33 (3H, m), 1.32–1.28 (2H, m), 1.28–1.19 (6H, m), 0.88 (9H, s), 0.030 (3H, s), 0.026 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  215.9, 134.3, 129.8, 73.6, 61.9, 57.3, 33.8, 32.4, 31.9, 31.5, 29.1, 28.0, 26.0, 22.6, 18.4, 14.2, – 5.31, –5.34; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 339.27193; Found: 339.27239.

# (E)-3-(2-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-4-hydroxy-4-methyl-6-(2,6,6-

trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)hex-5-en-2-one (2.19c). IR (neat): 3474 (br), 2955 (m), 2927 (m), 2857 (m), 1697 (m), 1461 (w), 1359 (m), 1255 (m), 1169 (w), 1098 (s), 975 (m), 834 (s), 776 (m), 661 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  6.11 (1H, d, J = 16.0 199 Hz), 5.31 (1H, d, J = 16.0 Hz), 3.64–3.52 (2H, m), 3.25 (1H, s), 2.86 (1H, dd, J = 9.2, 4.4Hz), 2.31 (3H, s), 1.98–1.95 (2H, m), 1.92–1.87 (2H, m), 1.76 (3H, s), 1.66–1.57 (2H, m), 1.46–1.43 (2H, m), 1.27 (3H, s), 0.99 (3H, s), 0.98 (3H, s), 0.87 (9H, s), 0.02 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  216.2, 137.8, 137.2, 128.3, 126.6, 74.3, 61.8, 57.2, 39.6, 34.2, 33.9, 32.9, 32.4, 29.0, 28.9, 28.5, 26.0, 21.6, 19.4, 18.4, –5.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 391.30323; Found: 391.30360.

Representative Experimental **Procedure** for **Cu-Catalyzed** Cu–B Addition/Addition to Carbonyls Followed by Conversion to Vinylbromide: In a N<sub>2</sub>filled glove box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL,  $17 \times 38$  mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with rac-binap (3.1 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol %), NaOtBu (1.9 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol %) and tetrahydrofuran (thf, 0.5 mL). The reaction vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (27.9 mg, 0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The vial was re-sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and removed from the glove box. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub>. Allene **2.11b** (11.6 mg, 0.100 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and benzaldehyde (**2.9a**; 11.2 µL, 0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were added through syringes. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for eight hours before the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of Celite and silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 2$  mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide yellow oil, which was used in the next step without further purification. In a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove-box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL,  $17 \times 38$  mm) with 200

a magnetic stir bar was charged with  $CuBr_2$  (67.0 mg, 0.300 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), the solution of unpurified product obtained above in MeOH (1.0 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL). The vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 2 mL) after cooling to 22 °C. The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide yellow oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the desired product **2.20a** as a colorless oil (26.9 mg, 0.089 mmol, 89% yield).

**3-Bromo-1,2-diphenylbut-3-en-1-ol (2.20a).** IR (neat): 3399 (br), 2917 (w), 2849 (w), 1622 (w), 1494 (m), 1452 (m), 1187 (w), 1076 (m), 893 (m), 844 (w), 753 (s), 696 (s), 598 (s), 539 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.40–7.28 (9H, m), 7.19–7.14 (1H, m), 5.70 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 5.40 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 5.37 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.8 Hz), 3.95 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 1.97 (1H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  141.7, 137.2, 134.2, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 126.9, 119.4, 74.8, 63.5; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Br<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 285.02789; Found: 285.02730.

**4-Bromo-2,3-diphenylpent-4-en-2-ol (2.20b).** IR (neat): 3561 (br), 3060 (w), 3027 (w), 2919 (m), 2850 (w), 1492 (m), 1447 (m), 1336 (w), 1279 (w), 1135 (m), 947 (m), 793 (s), 698 (s), 632 (s), 602 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.56–7.51 (1H, m), 7.42–7.36 (2H, m), 7.20–7.18 (3H, m), 7.13–7.11 (4H, m), 6.36 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 5.83 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 4.08 (1H, s), 2.27 (1H, s), 1.85 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  146.6, 137.2, 132.5, 129.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.2, 126.8, 124.9, 121.2, 77.5, 66.7, 29.5; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Br<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 299.04354; Found: 299.04351.

**3-(1-Bromovinyl)-4-phenylpentane-1,4-diol (2.21a).** IR (neat): 3386 (br), 2977 (m), 1492 (m), 1260 (w), 1145 (m), 1028 (m), 948 (m), 850 (w), 762 (m), 732 (m), 700 (s), 672 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.46–7.42 (2H, m), 7.36–7.32 (2H, m), 7.26–7.22 (1H, m), 5.83 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 5.71 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 3.62–3.57 (1H, m), 3.45–3.39 (1H, m), 2.92 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 3.2 Hz), 1.88–1.80 (1H, m), 1.62 (3H, s), 1.50–1.46 (1H, m), 1.26 (1H, s), 1.23 (3H, s), 1.17 (1H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  147.0, 133.7, 128.2, 126.8, 125.0, 121.9, 76.1, 60.5, 55.9, 30.7, 25.0; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Br<sub>1</sub>O<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 267.03845; Found: 267.03963.

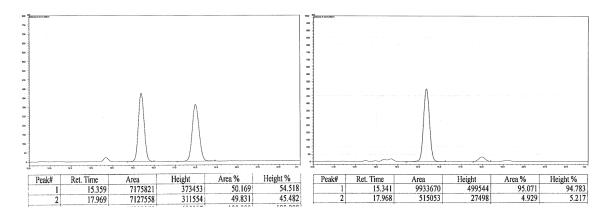
**3-(2-(Benzyloxy)ethyl)-4-bromo-2-phenylpent-4-en-2-ol (2.21b).** IR (neat): 3472 (br), 2967 (w), 2929 (w), 2855 (m), 1446 (m), 1261 (w), 1098 (m), 1068 (m), 1027 (m), 904 (m), 845 (w), 762 (m), 734 (s), 698 (s), 651 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.48–7.45 (2H, m), 7.37–7.29 (4H, m), 7.29–7.23 (4H, m), 5.79 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 5.69 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 4.35–4.27 (2H, m), 3.44–3.39 (1H, m), 3.37–3.31 (1H, m), 2.96 (1H, d, *J* = 10.8, 3.2 Hz), 2.56 (1H, s), 1.88–1.80 (1H, m), 1.69–1.63 (1H, m), 1.62 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  147.0, 138.5, 133.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 126.8, 125.1, 121.9, 76.0, 72.6, 67.6, 56.1, 30.1, 27.6; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Br<sub>1</sub>O<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 357.08540; Found: 357.08525.

■ Representative Experimental Procedure for Enantioselective Cu-Catalyzed Cu–B Addition/Addition to Aldehydes Followed by Oxidative Work-up: In a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL, 17 × 38 mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with phosphine 2.33 (3.1 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol %), NaOtBu (1.9 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol %) and tetrahydrofuran (thf, 0.5 mL). The vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) 202

and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (27.9 mg, 0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The vial was re-sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and removed from the glove-box. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub>. At this time, the mixture was allowed to cool to -78 °C (dry ice/acetone bath) and allene 2.11a (19.8 mg, 0.100 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and benzaldehyde (2.9a; 11.2  $\mu$ L, 0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were added. The vial was placed in a 4  $^{\circ}$ C cold room. After 12 hours, the solution was allowed to cool to – 78 °C and the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of celite and silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 2$  mL). The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to provide yellow oil, which was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (thf, 0.5 mL).  $NaBO_3 \bullet 4H_2O$  (76.9 mg, 0.500 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and  $H_2O$  (0.5 mL) were added. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. The reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of silica gel and anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 2 mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a yellow oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the desired product 2.12a as a colorless oil (26.3 mg, 0.081 mmol, 81% yield).

The characterization of **2.12a** has been described above. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +4.0 (*c* 1.62, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 95:5 e.r.

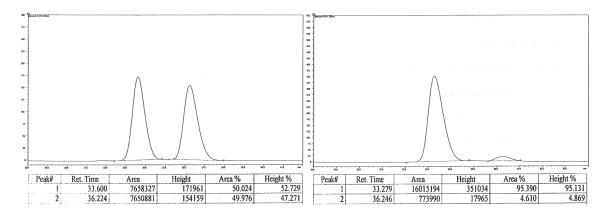
Enantiomeric purity of **2.12a** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (95:5 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OD–H column, 98:2 hexanes/ *i*PrOH, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	15.359	50.169	1	15.341	95.071
2	17.969	49.831	2	17.968	4.929

The characterization of **2.12e** has been described above. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 2.0$  (*c* 0.77, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 95:5 e.r.

Enantiomeric purity of **2.12e** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (95:5 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OD–H column, 98:2 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm).



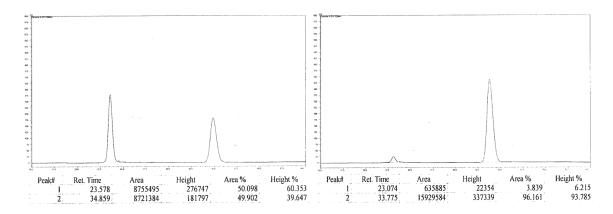
Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	33.600	50.024	1	33.279	95.390
2	36.224	49.976	2	36.246	4.610

<sup>(3</sup>S,4R)-3-(2-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-4-hydroxy-6-phenylhexan-2-one

(2.12k). IR (neat): 3442 (br), 3027 (m), 2952 (m), 2856 (m), 1703 (m), 1496 (w), 1254

(m), 1167 (w), 1088 (s), 937 (w), 832 (s), 776 (s), 699 (s), 662 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.30–7.27 (2H, m), 7.21–7.17 (3H, m), 3.92–3.86 (1H, m), 3.73–3.59 (2H, m), 3.08 (1H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 2.89–2.82 (1H, m), 2.75–2.70 (1H, m), 2.69–2.65 (1H, m), 2.19 (3H, s), 1.98–1.91 (1H, m), 1.89–1.78 (2H, m), 1.71–1.63 (1H, m), 0.89 (9H, s), 0.05 (6H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  212.8, 142.0, 128.6, 128.5, 126.0, 70.5, 61.5, 55.0, 36.7, 32.5, 30.9, 29.8, 26.0, 18.4, –5.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 351.23555; Found: 351.23401; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +6.7 (*c* 1.26, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 96:4 e.r.

Enantiomeric purity of **2.12k** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (96:4 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OD–H column, 98:2 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm).

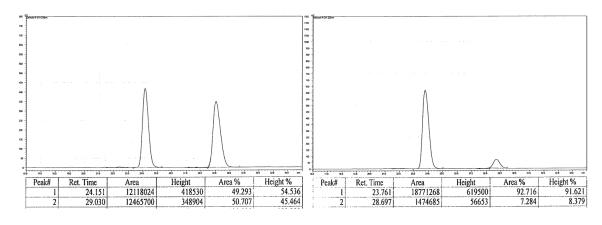


Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	23.578	50.098	1	23.074	3.839
2	34.859	49.902	2	33.775	96.161

(**3***S*,**4***S*)-**4**-Hydroxy-**3**-methyl-**4**-phenylbutan-**2**-one (**2.121**). IR (neat): 3437 (br), 3030 (w), 2976 (m), 2850 (w), 1701 (s), 1493 (m), 1357 (m), 1234 (m), 1176 (m), 1025 (m), 890 (w), 764 (m), 701 (s), 635 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.37–7.24 (5H, m), 5.12–5.08 (1H, m), 3.02 (1H, s), 2.83 (1H, qd, *J* = 7.2, 3.6 Hz), 2.15 (3H, s), 1.09 (3H,

d, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  213.7, 141.9, 128.4, 127.5, 126.0, 73.1, 53.3, 29.5, 10.2; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>1</sub> [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>: 161.09664; Found: 161.09619; Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –13.6 (*c* 0.96, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 93:7 e.r.

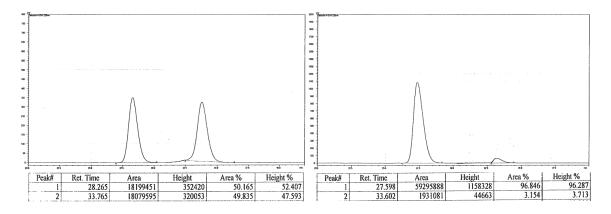
Enantiomeric purity of **2.12l** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (93:7 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OD–H column, 99:1 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	24.151	49.293	1	23.761	92.716
2	29.030	50.707	2	28.697	7.284

The characterization of **2.17a** has been described above. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +7.4 (*c* 0.91, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 97:3 er.

Enantiomeric purity of **2.17a** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (97:3 er shown; Chiralcel OJ–H column, 98:2 hexanes/*i*-PrOH, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm).



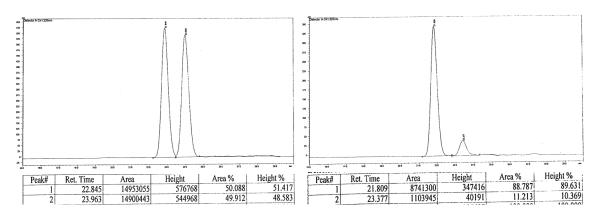
Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	28.265	50.165	1	27.598	96.846
2	33.765	49.835	2	33.602	3.154

■ Representative Experimental Procedure for Enantioselective Cu-Catalyzed Cu-B Addition/Addition to Ketones Followed by Oxidative Work-up: In a N2-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL,  $17 \times 38$  mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with phosphine 2.31 (3.2 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol%), NaOtBu (14.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and tetrahydrofuran (thf, 0.5 mL). The vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (27.9 mg, 0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The vial was re-sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and removed from the glovebox. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min under an atmosphere of N2. Allene 2.11a (19.8 mg, 0.100 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and acetophenone (2.10a; 12.8 µL, 0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were added. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 18 h before the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of celite and silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 2$  mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide yellow oil,

which was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (thf, 0.5 mL). NaBO<sub>3</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (76.9 mg, 0.500 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) were added. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. The reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of silica gel and anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 2$  mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide colorless oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 18:1) to afford the desired product **2.13a** as a colorless oil (28.2 mg, 0.084 mmol, 83% yield).

The characterization of **2.13a** has been described above. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +8.7 (*c* 0.64, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 89:11 e.r.

Enantiomeric purity of **2.13a** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (89:11 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OD–H column, 99:1 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.3 mL/min, 220 nm).

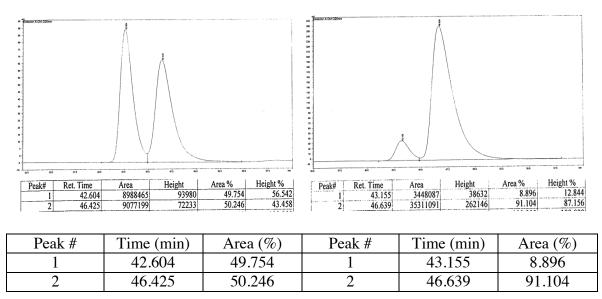


Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	22.845	50.088	1	21.809	88.787
2	23.963	49.912	2	23.377	11.213

The characterization of **2.13f** has been described above. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +8.1 (*c* 

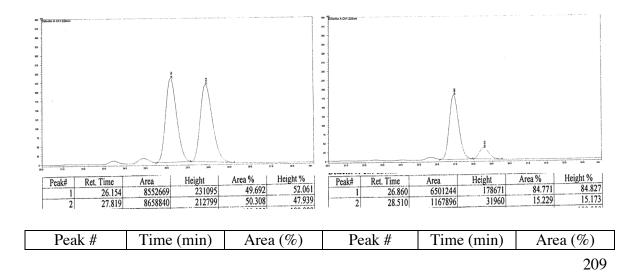
1.73, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 91:9 e.r.

Enantiomeric purity of **2.13f** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (91:9 e.r. shown; Chiralpak AD–H column, 100 % hexanes, 0.2 mL/min, 220 nm).



The characterization of **2.13j** has been described above. Optical rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +9.1 (*c* 0.87, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 85:15 e.r.

Enantiomeric purity of **2.13j** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (85:15 e.r. shown; Chiralpak AD–H column, 99.5:0.5 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm).



1	26.154	49.692	1	26.860	84.771
2	27.819	50.308	2	28.510	15.229

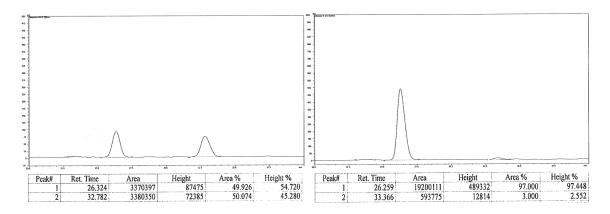
## ■ Representative Experimental Procedure for Enantioselective Cu-Catalyzed Cu-B

Addition/Addition to Carbonyls Followed by Conversion to Vinylbromide: In a N<sub>2</sub>filled glove box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL,  $17 \times 38$  mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with phosphine 2.33 (3.1 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol %), NaOtBu (1.9 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol %) and tetrahydrofuran (thf, 0.5 mL). The reaction vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (27.9 mg, 0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The vial was re-sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and removed from the glove box. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub>. Allene **2.11b** (11.6 mg, 0.100 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and benzaldehyde (**2.9a**; 11.2 µL, 0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were added through syringes. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for eight hours before the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of Celite and silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 2$  mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide yellow oil, which was used in the next step without further purification. In a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove-box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL,  $17 \times 38$  mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CuBr<sub>2</sub> (67.0 mg, 0.300 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), the solution of unpurified product obtained above in MeOH (1.0 mL) and  $H_2O$  (0.5 mL). The vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 2$  mL) after cooled to 22 °C. The combined organic layer was dried over 210

MgSO<sub>4</sub> and was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide yellow oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the desired product **2.20a** as a colorless oil (24.5 mg, 0.081 mmol, 81% yield).

The characterization of **2.20a** has been described above. Optical rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20} - 11.2$  (*c* 0.83, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 97:3 e.r.

Enantiomeric purity of **2.20a** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (97:3 e.r. shown; Chiralpak OD–H column, 98:2 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



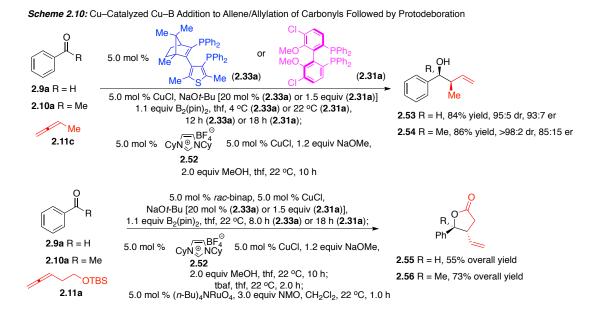
Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	26.324	49.926	1	26.259	97.000
2	32.782	50.074	2	33.366	3.000

■ Proof of Relative and Absolute Stereochemistry: The relative stereochemistry was determined through comparison <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 2.53 and 2.54 with the literature<sup>25,26</sup> and NOE study of compound 2.55 and 2.56. The literature value<sup>24a,b</sup> for compound 2.53 ( $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –15.0 (*c* 0.93, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 55% *ee* and  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –25.9 (*c* 0.80, CHCl<sub>3</sub>),

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<sup>(26)</sup>Wada, R.; Oisaki, K.; Kanai, M.; Shibasaki, M. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2004, 126, 8910-8911.

95% *ee*) is assigned to the (1*S*, 2*R*) enantiomer. The literature value<sup>25</sup> for compound **2.54**  $([\alpha]_D^{20} + 4.4 \ (c \ 1.09, \text{CHCl}_3), 83\% \ ee)$  is assigned to the (2*S*, 3*R*) enantiomer.



Part I. Representative Experimental Procedure for Cu-Catalyzed Cu–B Addition/Allylation of Aldehyde Followed by Cu-Catalyzed Protodeboration: In a N<sub>2</sub>filled glove-box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL,  $17 \times 38$  mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with phosphine 2.33 (3.1 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol %), NaOt-Bu (1.9 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol %) and tetrahydrofuran (thf, 0.5 mL). The vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (27.9 mg, 0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The vial was re-sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and removed from the glove box. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub>. At this time, the mixture was allowed to cool to -78 °C (dry ice/acetone bath) and solution of methyl

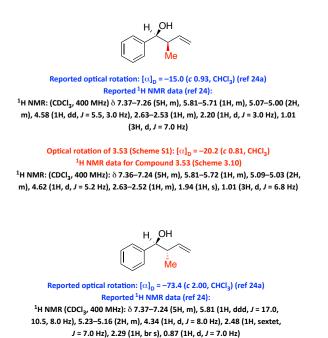
allene <sup>27</sup> (43.3  $\mu$ L, 0.200 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and benzaldehyde (**2.9a**; 10.2  $\mu$ L, 0.100 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added through syringes. The vial was placed in a 4 °C cold room. After 12 h, the solution was allowed to cool to -78 °C and the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of celite and silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3  $\times$ 2 mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide yellow oil, which was used in the next step without further purification. In a N2-filled glove-box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL,  $17 \times 38$  mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with imidazolium salt 2.52 (1.6 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol %), NaOMe (6.5 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and tetrahydrofuran (thf, 0.5 mL). The vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. The unpurified yellow oil obtained from the sequential reaction was added to the NHC–Cu complex solution. MeOH (8.2  $\mu$ L, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added through a syringe. The vial was re-sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and removed from the glove box. The solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for ten hours. The reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O  $(3 \times 2 \text{ mL})$ . The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a yellow oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 18:1) to afford the desired product **2.53** as a colorless oil (13.6 mg, 0.084 mmol, 84% yield).

(1*S*,2*R*)-2-Methyl-1-phenylbut-3-en-1-ol (2.53). The title compound has been previously reported and spectra data match those described.<sup>24</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.36–7.24 (5H, m), 5.81–5.72 (1H, m), 5.09–5.03 (2H, m), 4.62 (1H, d, *J* = 5.2

<sup>(27)</sup> Excess amount of methylallene (2.0 equiv.) was used due to its volatility.

Hz), 2.63–2.52 (1H, m), 1.94 (1H, s), 1.01 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  142.7, 140.4, 128.2, 127.5, 126.6, 115.7, 77.4, 44.8, 14.1. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ –20.2 (*c* 0.81, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 93:7 er.

Enantiomeric purity of **2.53** was determined by HPLC analysis as shown above. Comparison of compounds **2.53** with literature value are shown below:

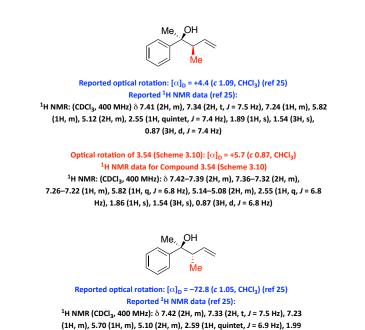


Part II. Representative Experimental Procedure for Cu-Catalyzed Cu–B Addition/Addition to Ketones Followed by *Cu-Catalyzed Protodeboration*: In a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove-box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL,  $17 \times 38$  mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with phosphine **2.31** (3.2 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol %), NaOt-Bu (14.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and tetrahydrofuran (thf, 0.5 mL). The vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (27.9 mg, 0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added to the solution,

causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The vial was re-sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and removed from the glove-box. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub>. Methyl allene solution (43.3  $\mu$ L, 0.200 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and acetophenone (**2.10a**; 11.7  $\mu$ L, 0.100 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added through syringes. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 18 h before the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of celite and silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3  $\times$  2 mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a yellow oil, which was used in the next step without further purification. In a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove-box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL,  $17 \times 38$  mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with imidazolium salt 2.52 (1.6 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol %), NaOMe (6.5 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and tetrahydrofuran (thf, 0.5 mL). The reaction vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. The unpurified yellow oil obtained from the sequential reaction was added to the NHC–Cu complex solution. MeOH (8.2  $\mu$ L, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added through a syringe. The vial was re-sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and removed from the glove-box. The solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for ten hours. The reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 2$  mL). The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to provide a yellow oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:  $Et_2O = 18:1$ ) to afford the desired product 2.54 as a colorless oil (15.2 mg, 0.086 mmol, 86% yield).

(2*S*,*3R*)-3-Methyl-2-phenylpent-4-en-2-ol (2.54). The title compound has been previously reported and spectra data match those described.<sup>25</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.42–7.39 (2H, m), 7.36–7.32 (2H, m), 7.26–7.22 (1H, m), 5.82 (1H, q, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 5.14–5.08 (2H, m), 2.55 (1H, q, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.86 (1H, s), 1.54 (3H, s), 0.87 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  147.1, 140.0, 128.0, 126.6, 125.4, 116.5, 75.9, 49.1, 28.7, 14.9. Optical rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +5.7 (*c* 0.87, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 85:15 er.

Enantiomeric purity of **2.54** was determined by HPLC analysis as shown above. Comparison of compounds **2.54** with literature value are shown below:



**Part III. Representative Experimental Procedure for One-Pot Silyl Ether Removal and Oxidative Lactonization.** The unpurified product prepared following the procedures for Cu-catalyzed Cu–B addition to allene/addition to carbonyls shown above was dissolved in thf (1.0 mL). To this latter solution, tbaf (1.0 M in thf, 0.2 mL, 0.20 mmol,

(1H, s), 1.52 (3H, s), 0.96 (3H, d, J = 6.9 Hz)

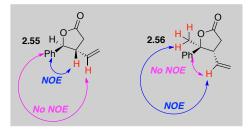
2.0 equiv.) was added through a syringe at 22 °C and the resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for two hours. The reaction was quenched by passing the reaction mixture through a short plug of silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 2$  mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide yellow oil, which was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL). NMO (35.1 mg, 0.300 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and TPAP (1.8 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5.0 mol %) were added at 22 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. The reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 2 \text{ mL}$ ). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide yellow oil, a short plug of silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 2 \text{ mL}$ ). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a yellow oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:diethyl ether = 20:1) to afford the corresponding lactone as a colorless oil (**2.55**, 10.3 mg, 0.055 mmol, 55% yield; **2.56**, 14.7 mg, 0.073 mmol, 73% yield).

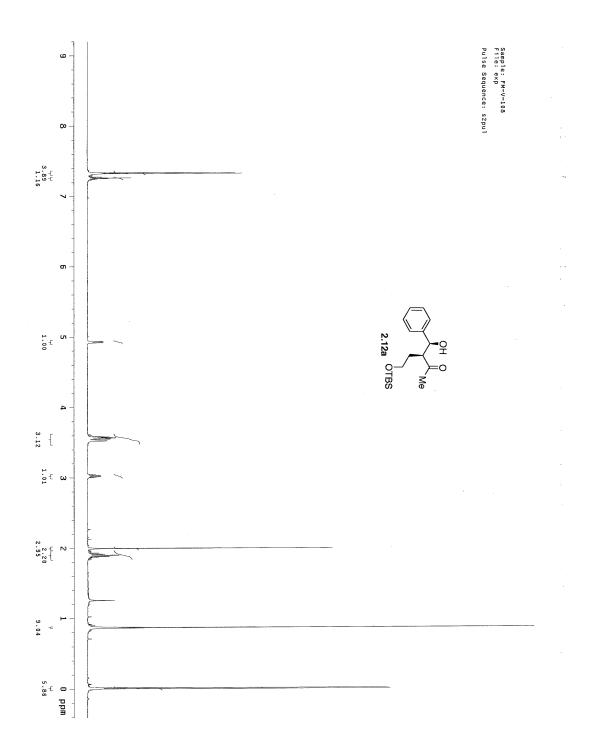
**5-Phenyl-4-vinyldihydrofuran-2**(*3H*)-one (2.55). IR (neat): 3065 (w), 2926 (w), 1776 (s), 1497 (w), 1264 (m), 1205 (s), 1145 (s), 1078 (w), 993 (s), 862 (w), 760 (s), 699 (s), 528 (m), 489 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.41–7.32 (5H, m), 5.87–5.78 (1H, m), 5.18 (1H, app. d, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 5.13–5.06 (2H, m), 3.11–3.03 (1H, m), 2.83 (1H, dd, *J* = 19.2, 8.0 Hz), 2.61 (1H, dd, *J* = 19.2, 10.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  175.5, 137.6, 134.7, 128.8, 128.7, 125.9, 118.8, 85.6, 49.3, 35.5; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 189.09155; Found: 189.09147.

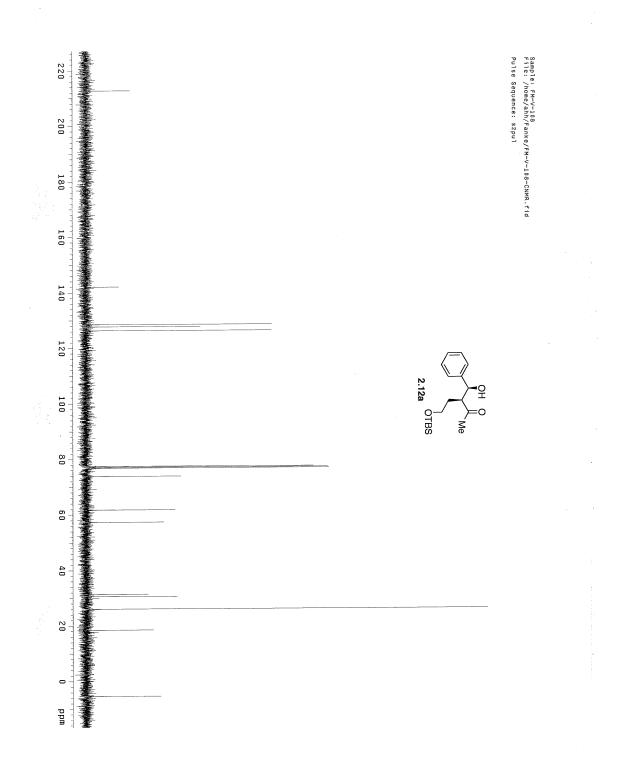
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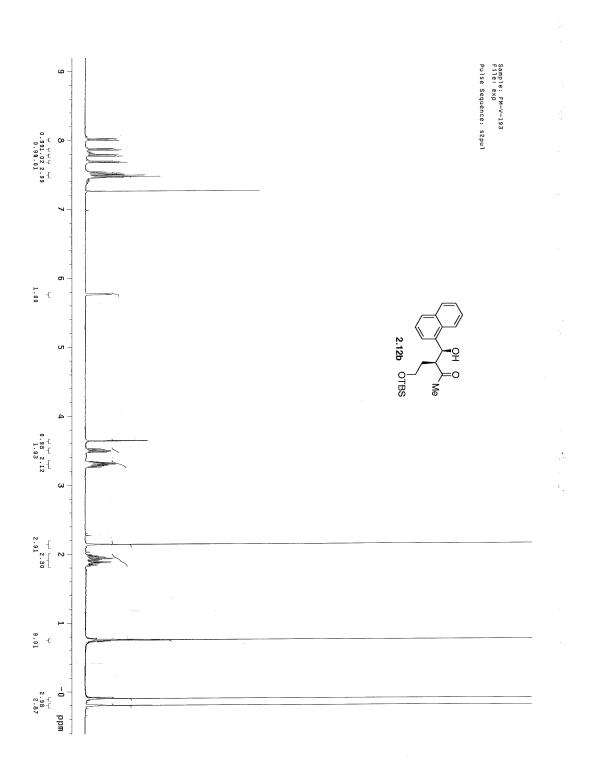
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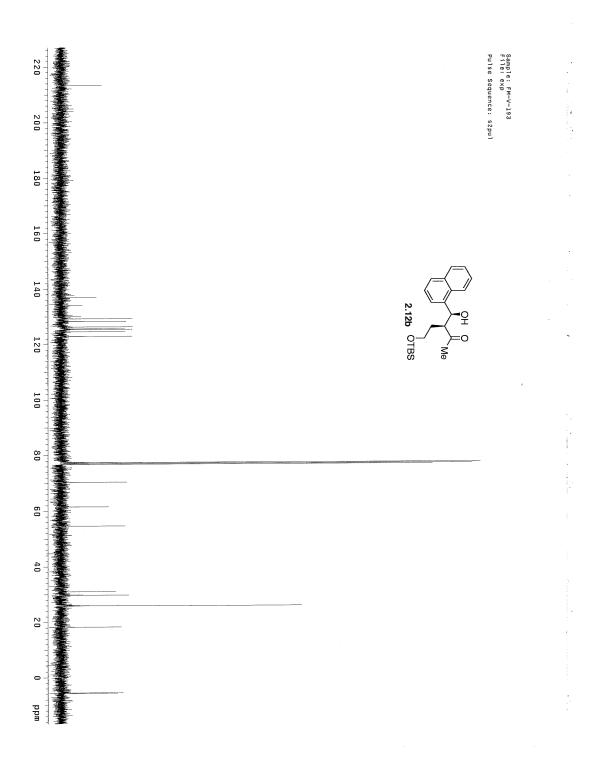
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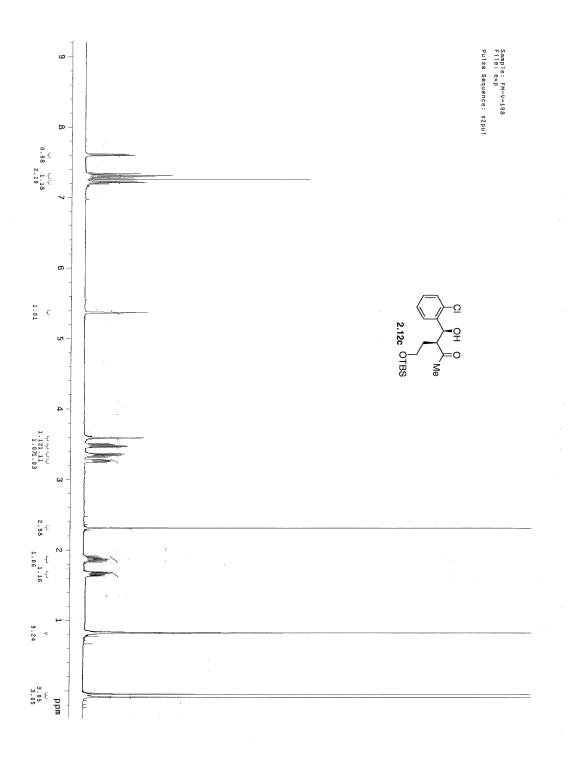


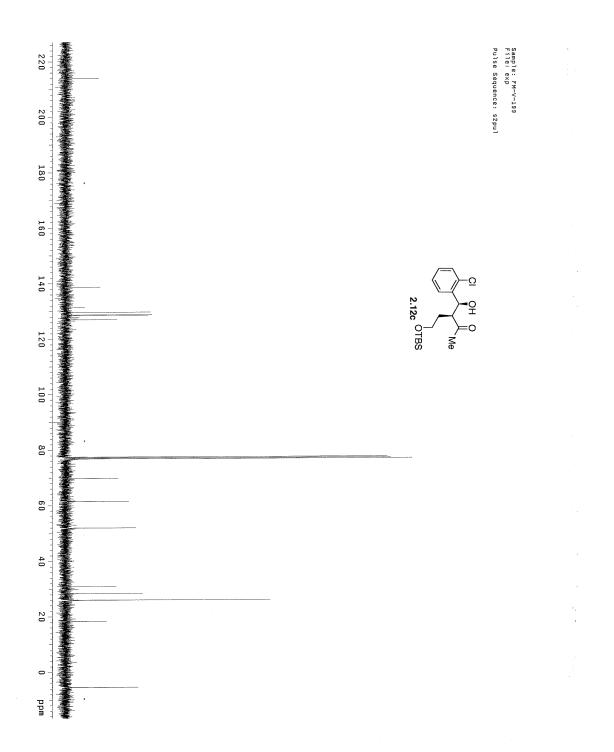


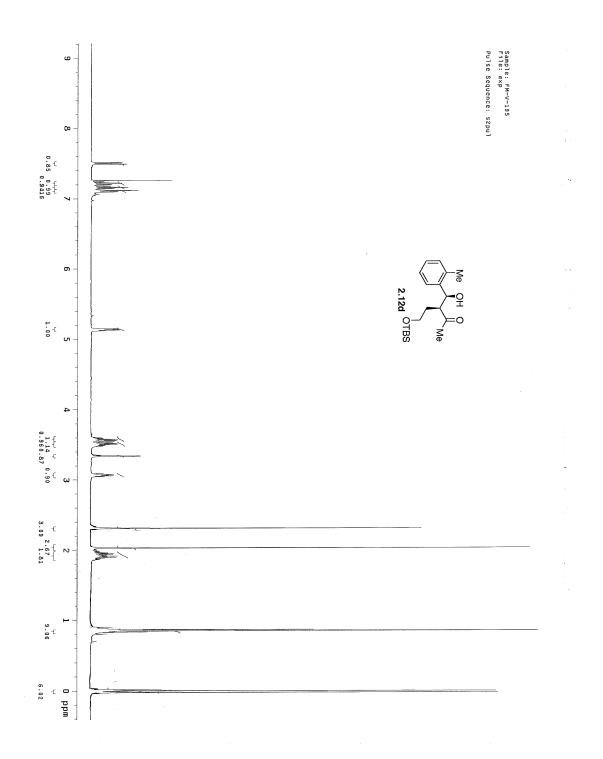


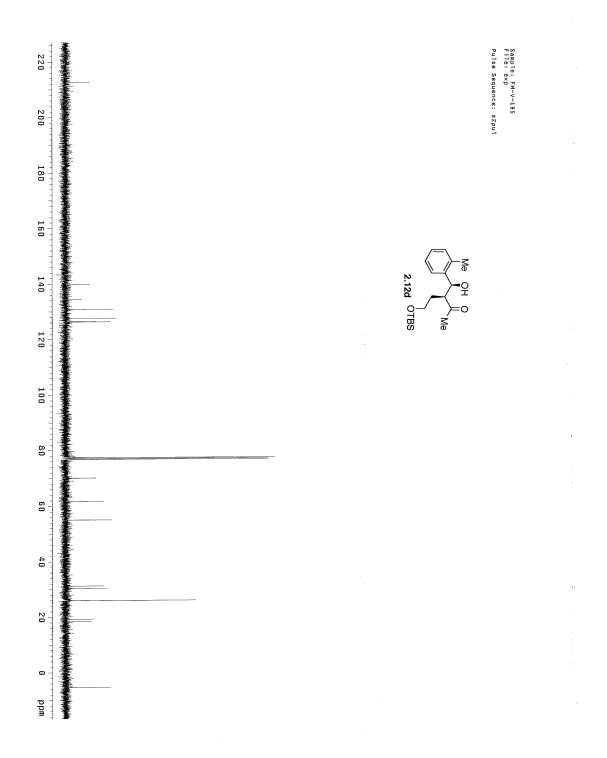


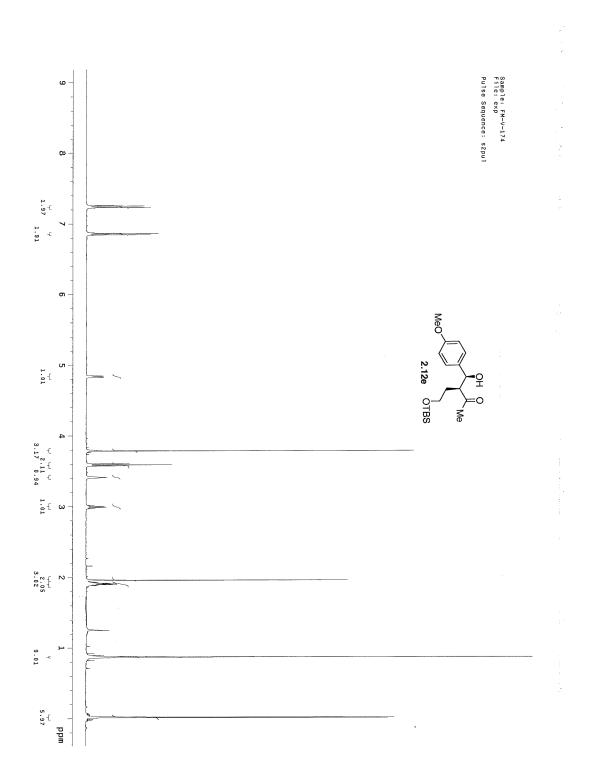


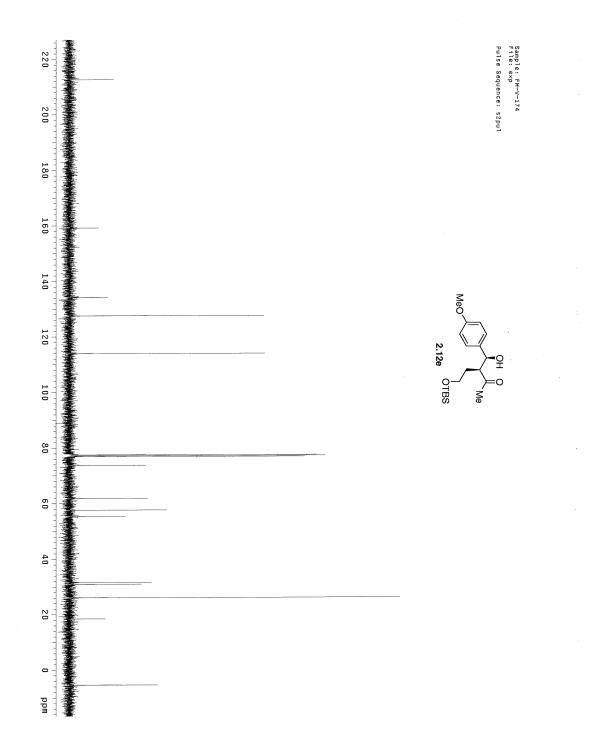


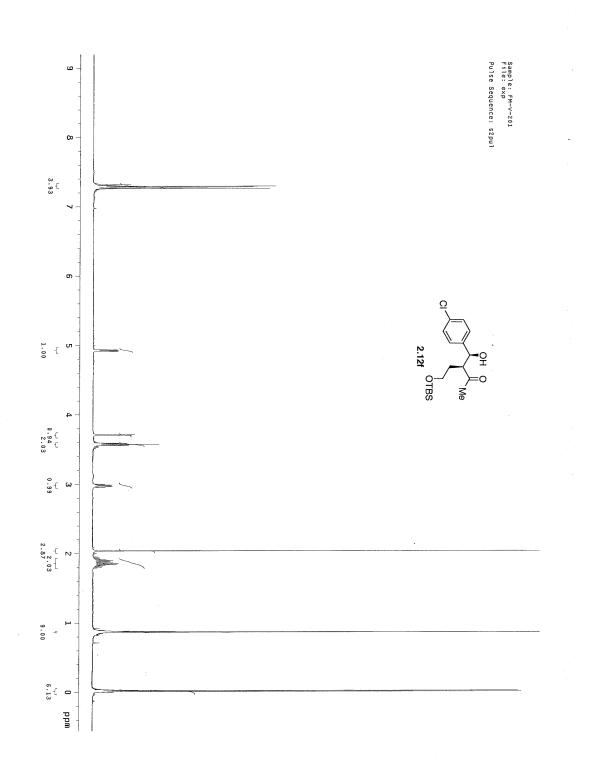


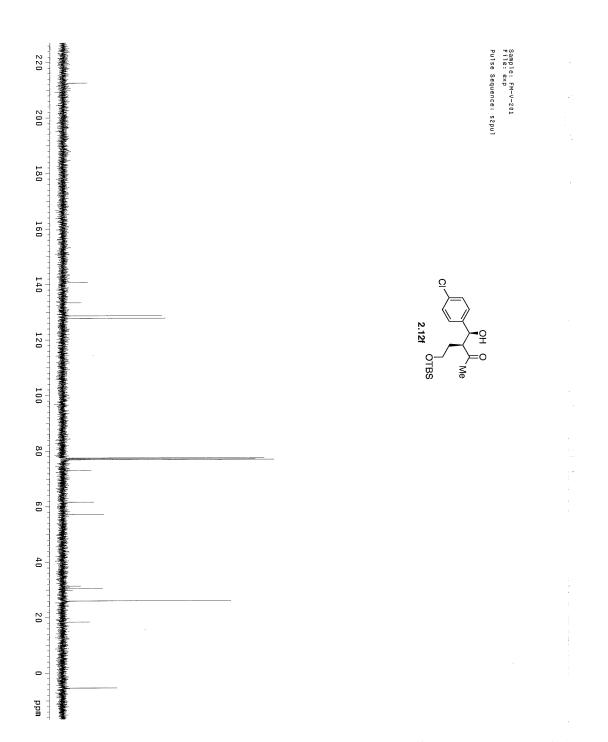


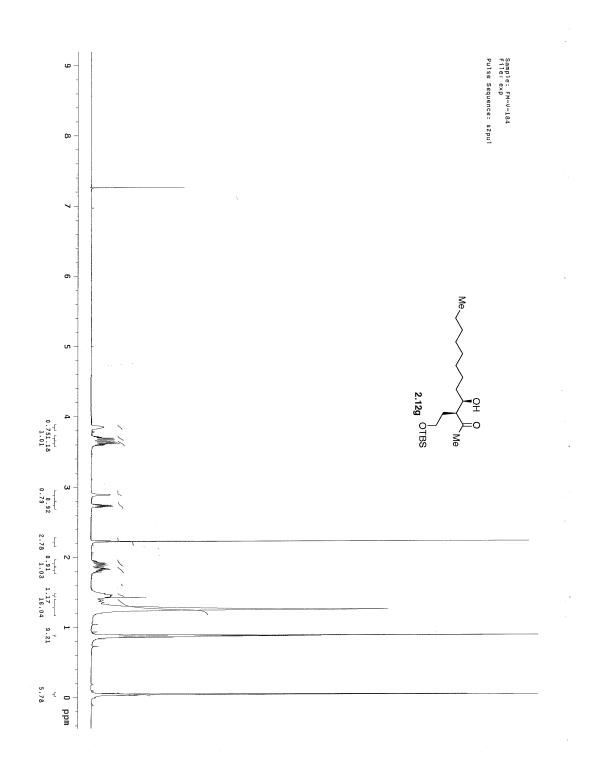


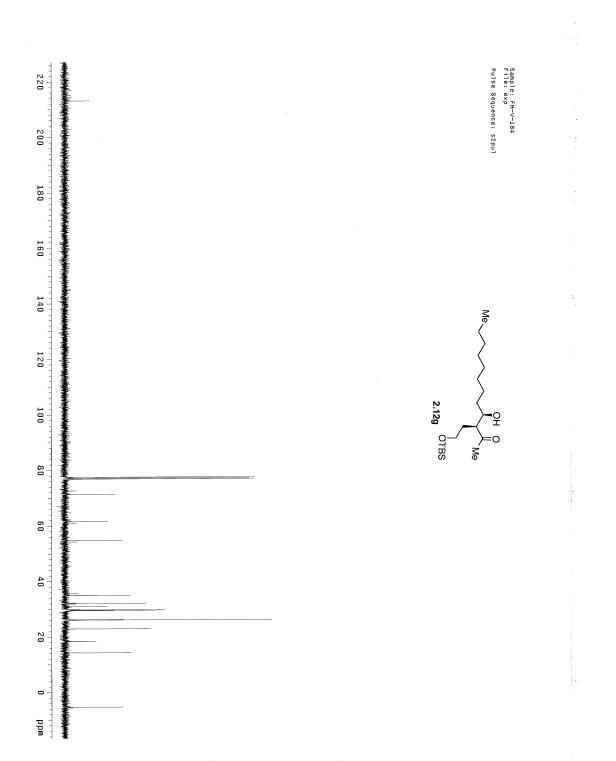


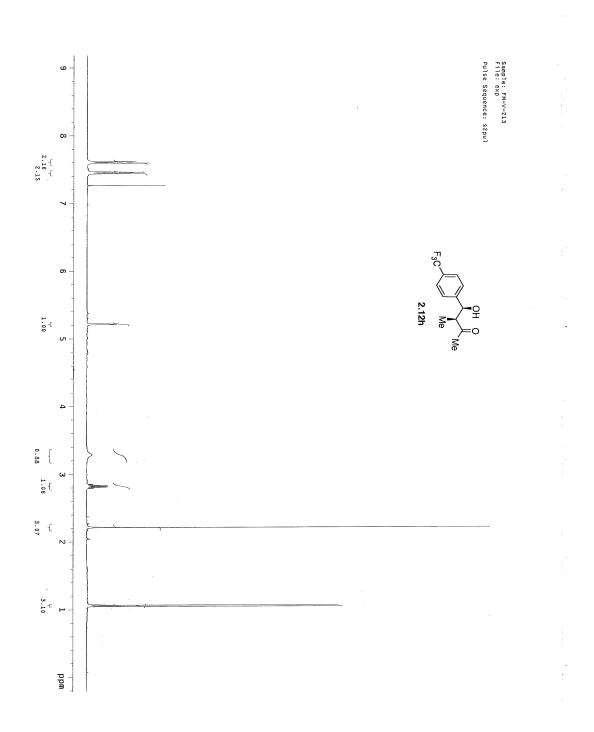


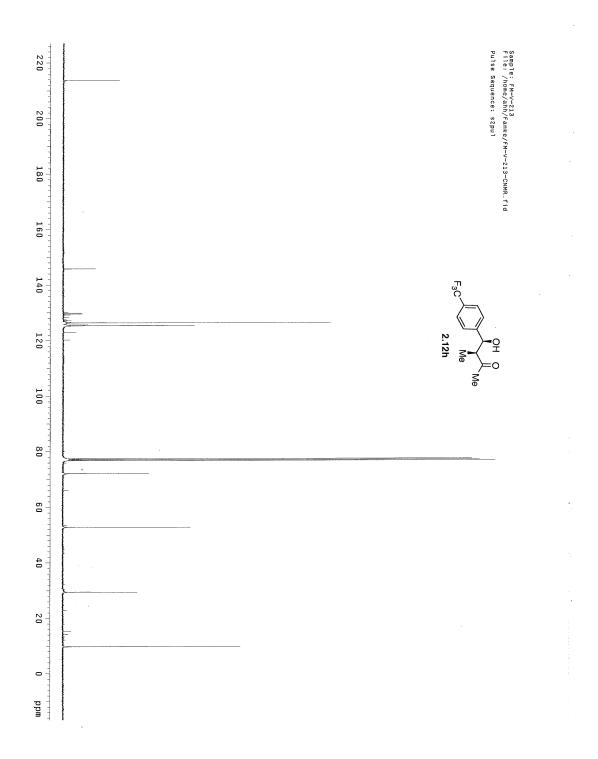


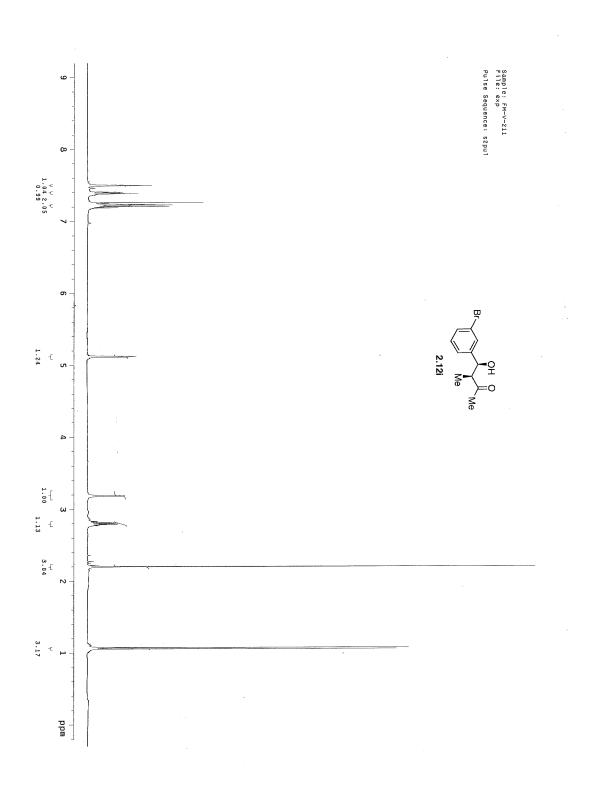


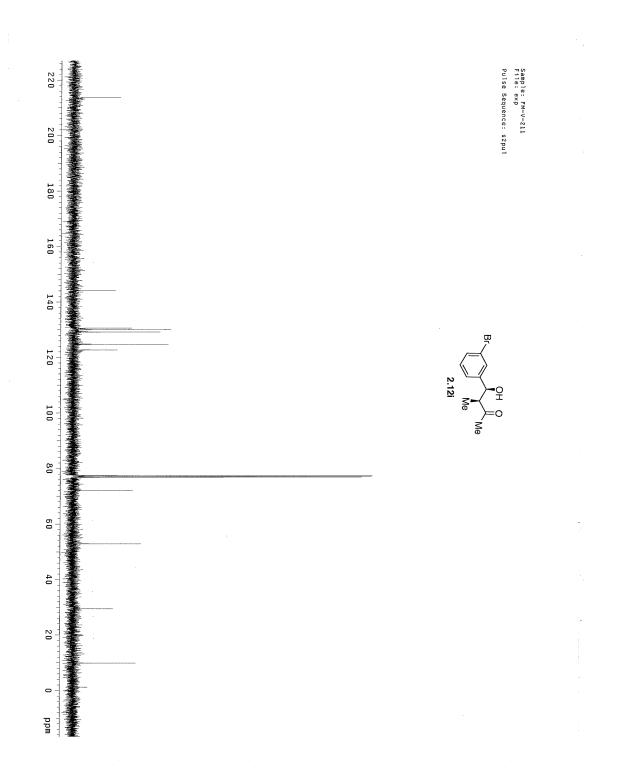


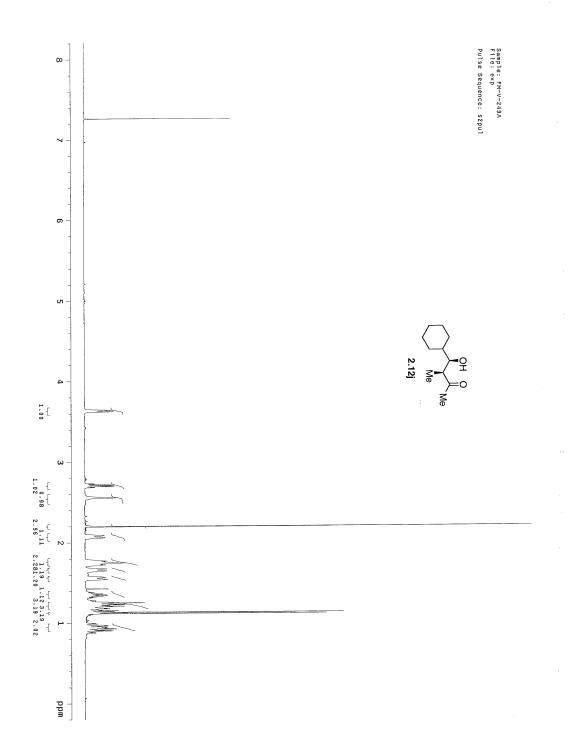


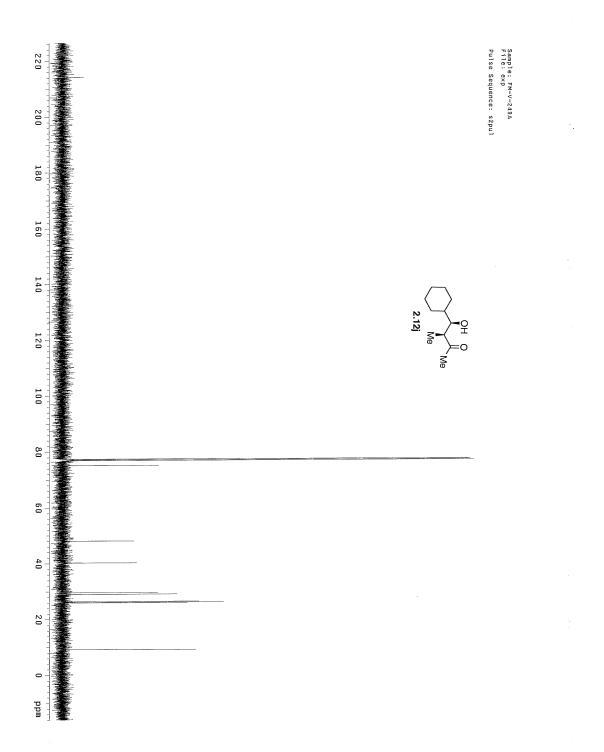


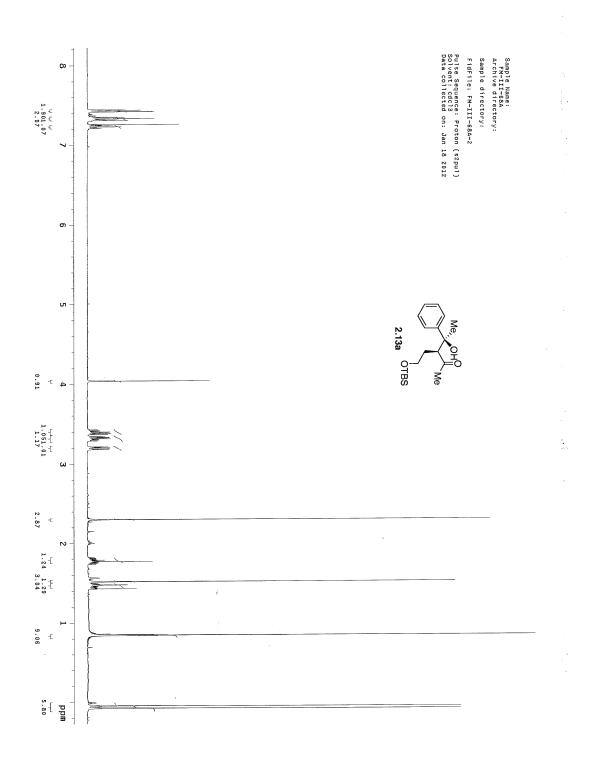


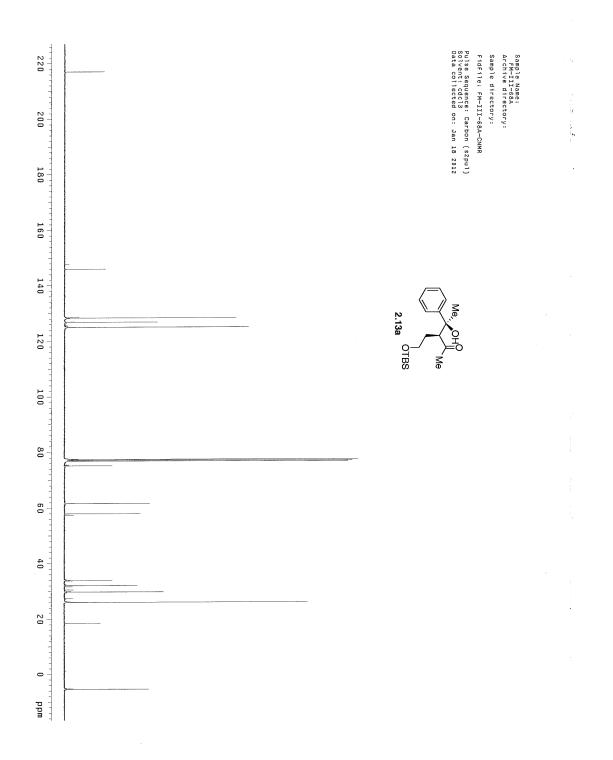


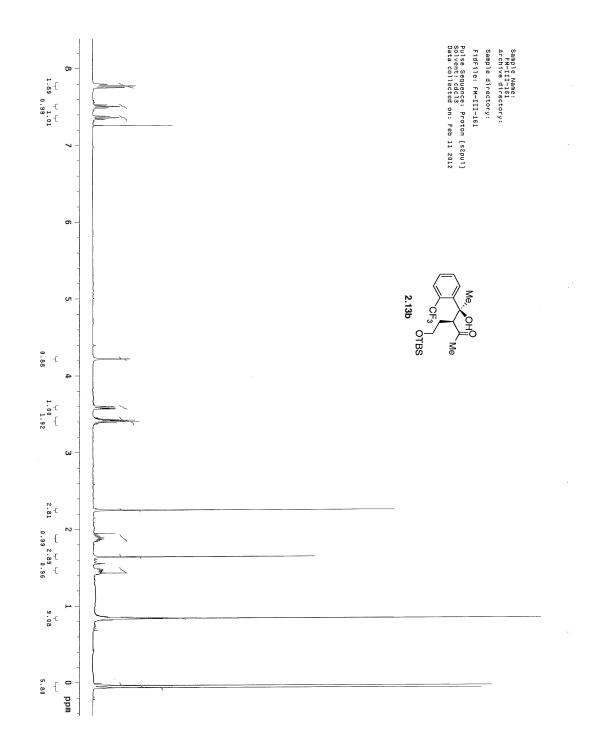


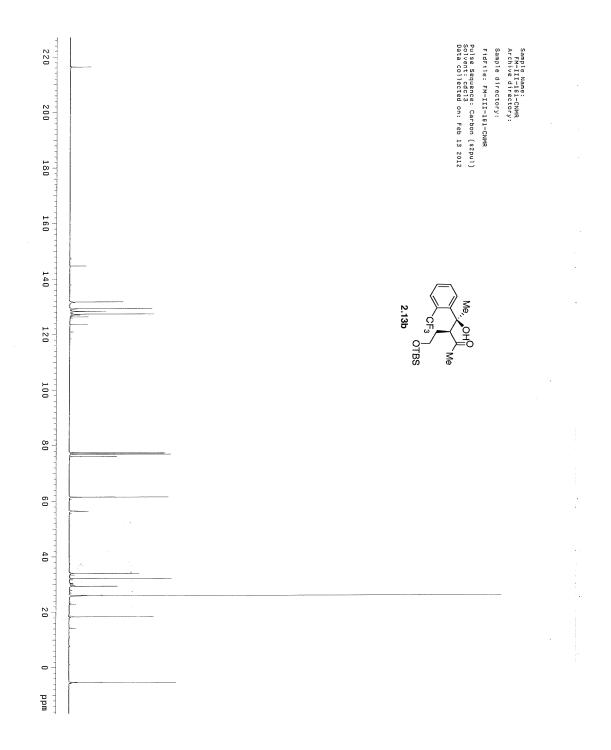


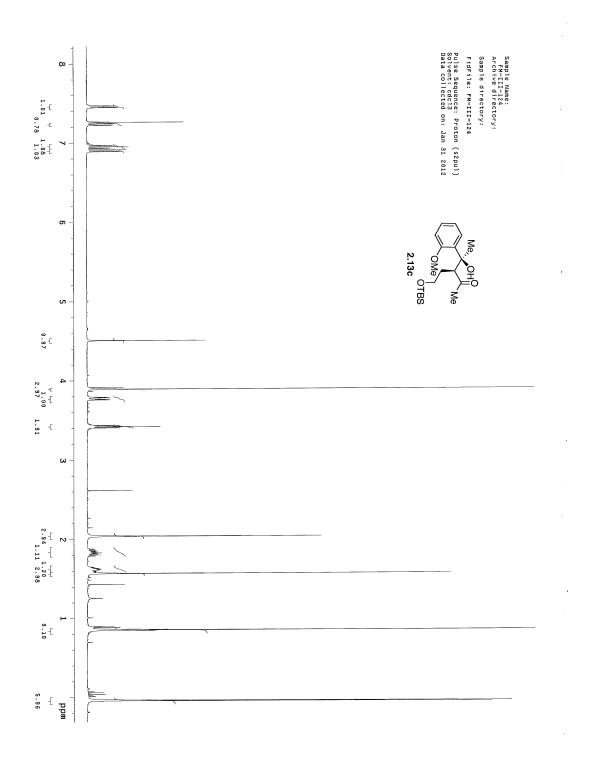


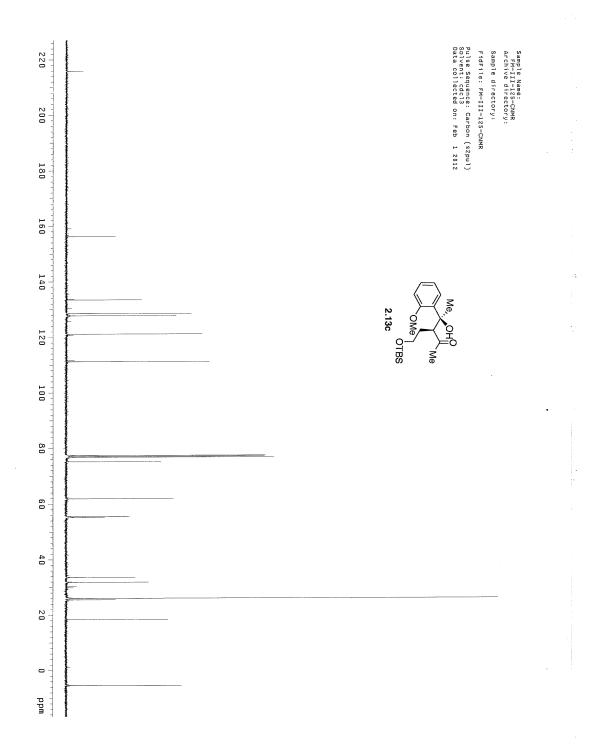


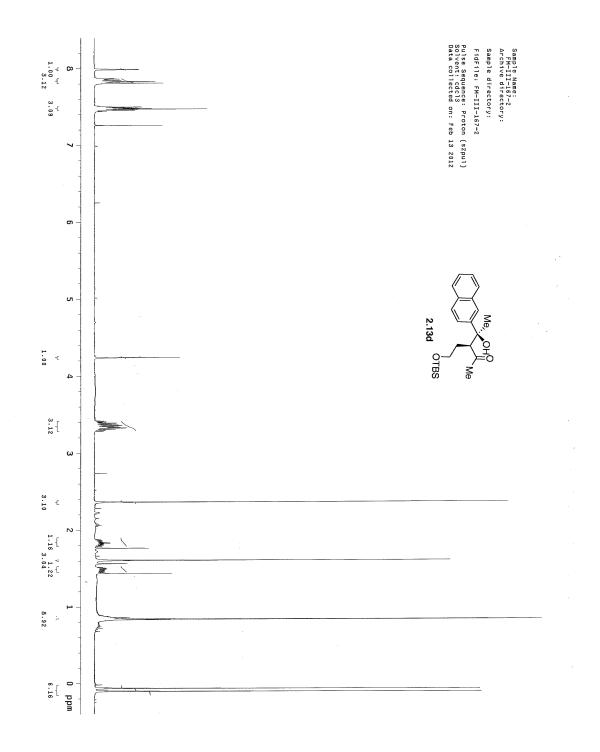


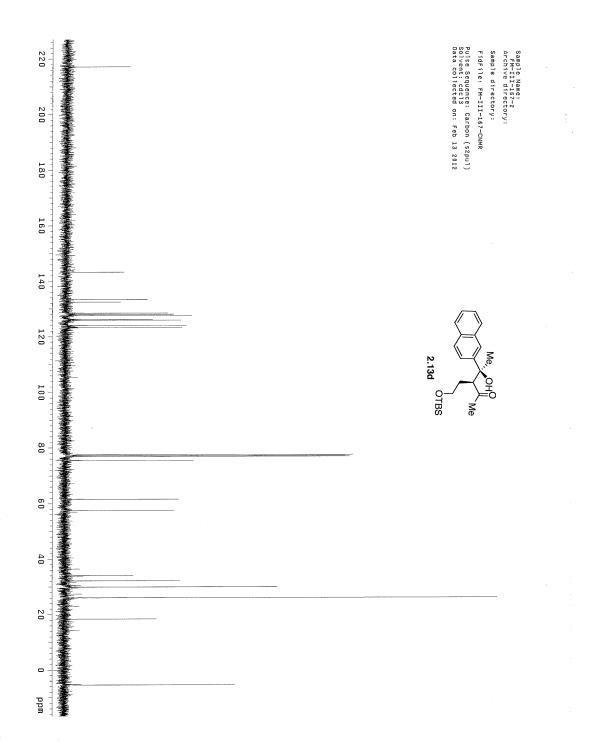


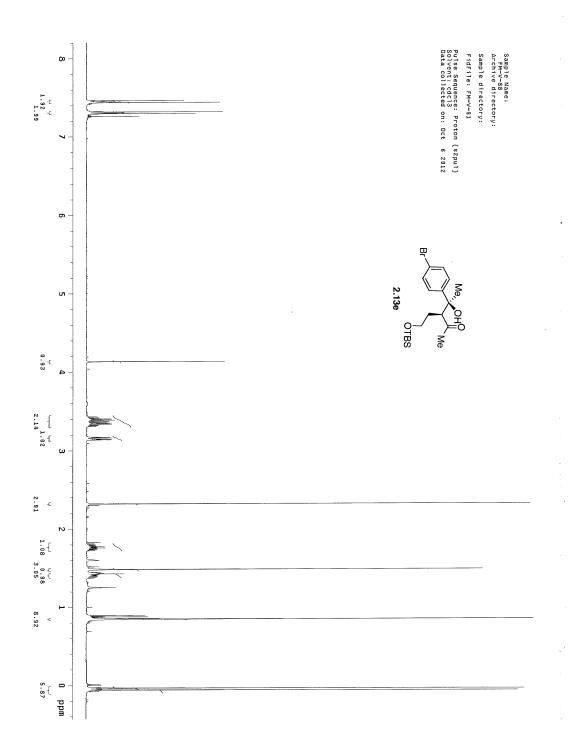


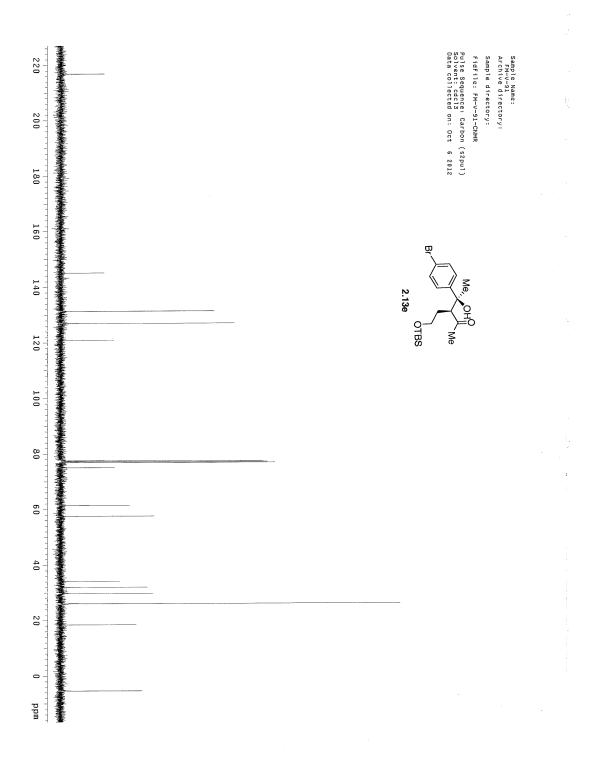


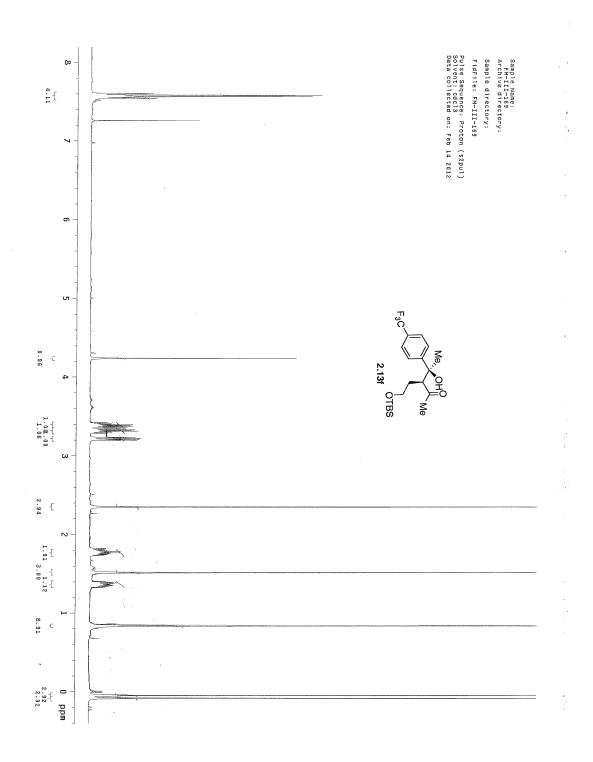


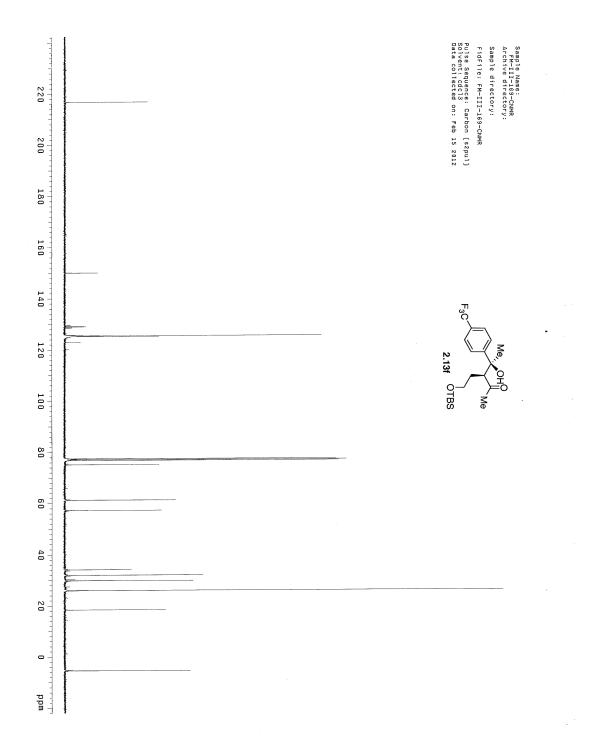


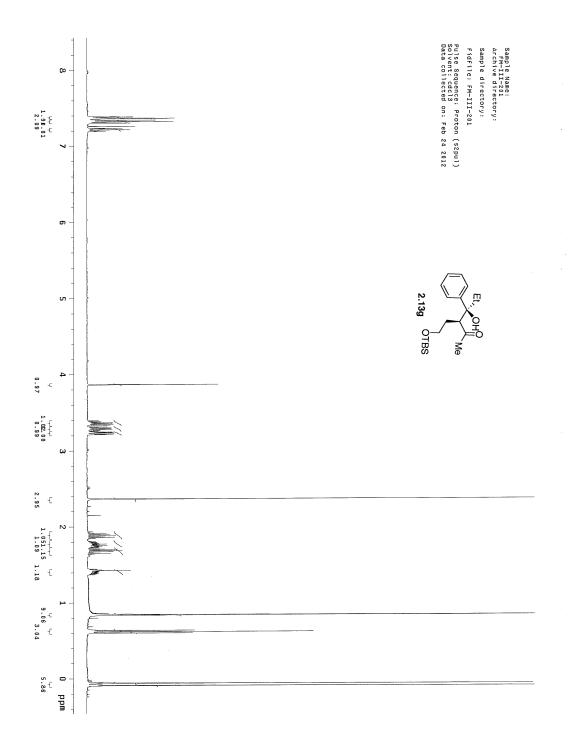


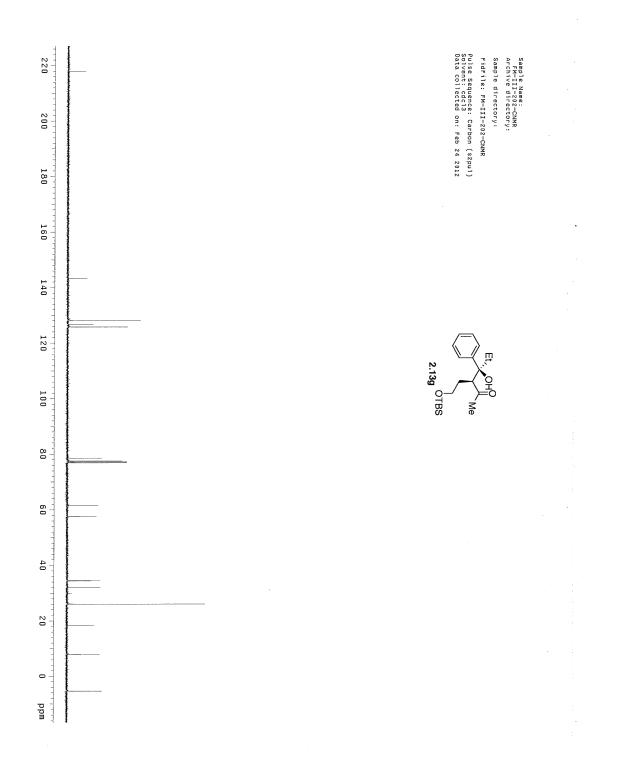


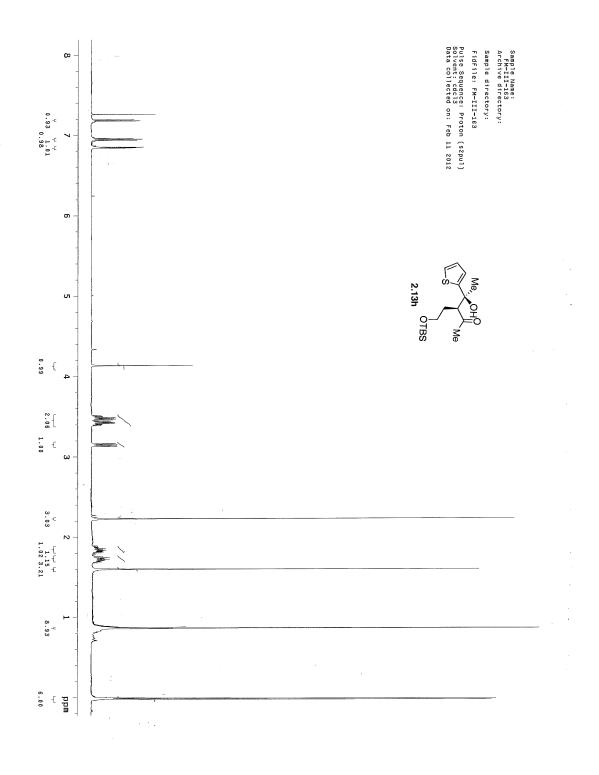


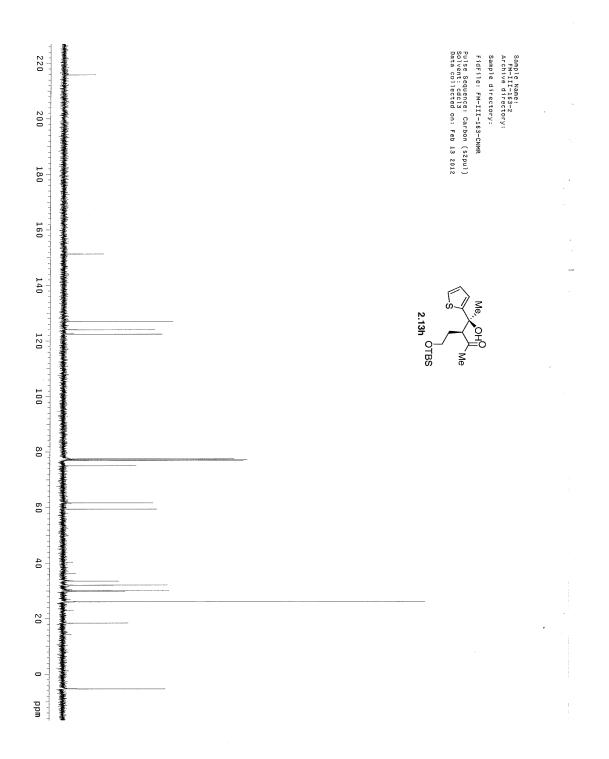


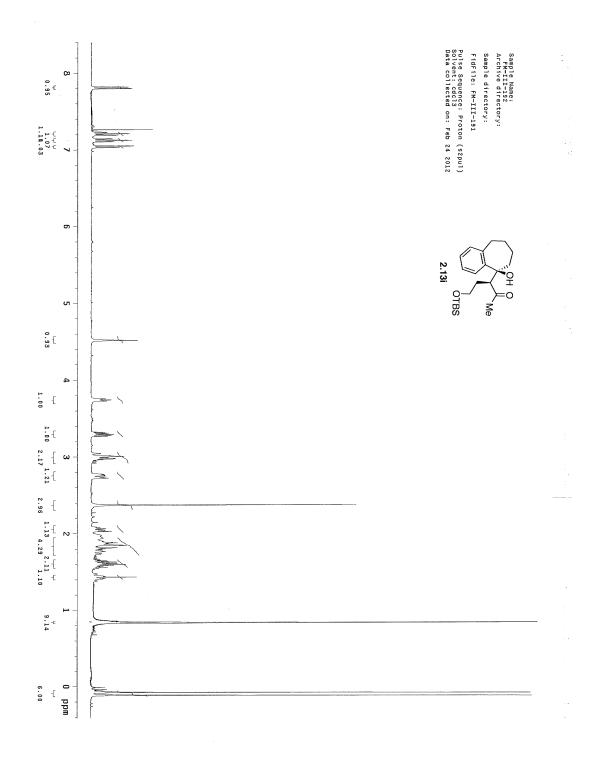


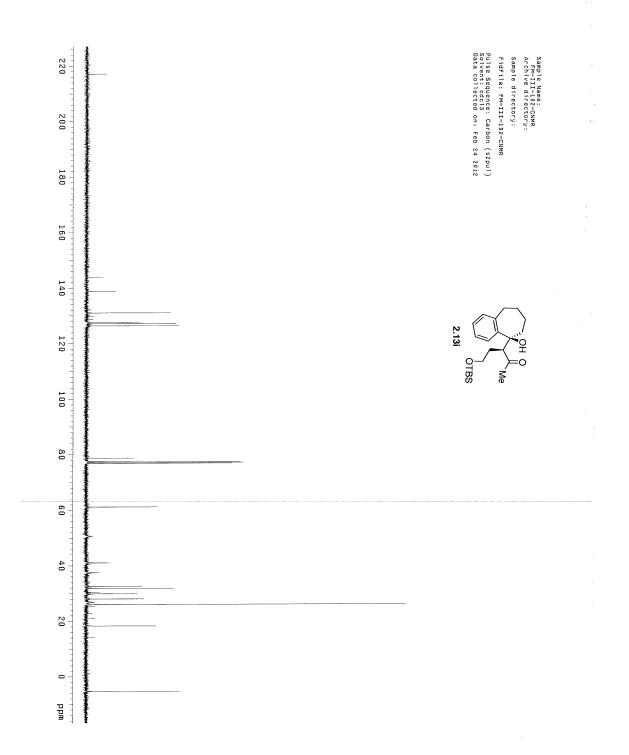


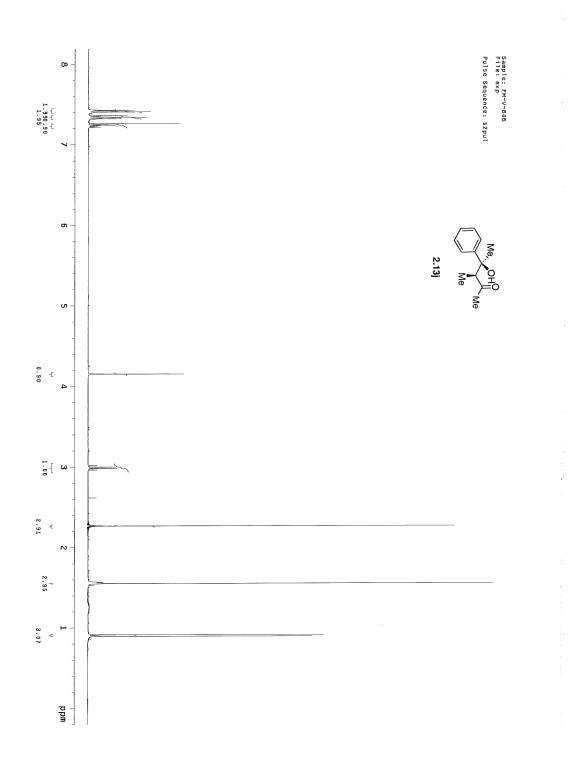


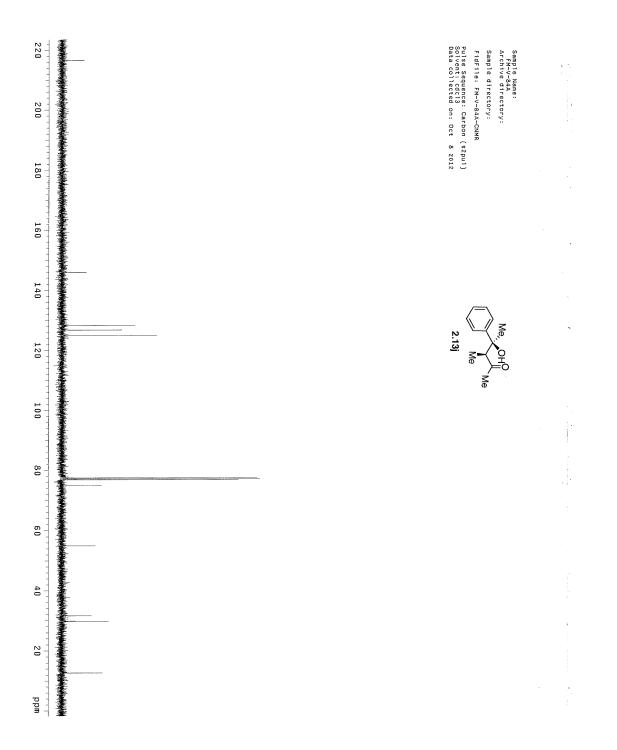


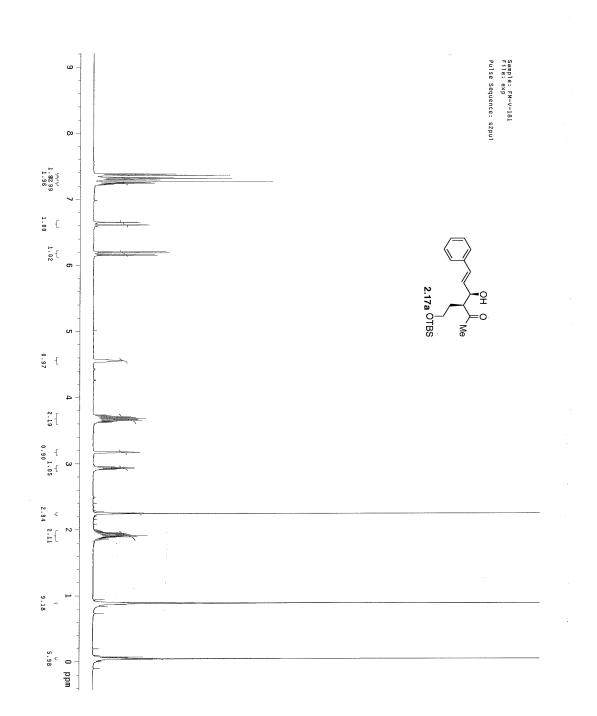


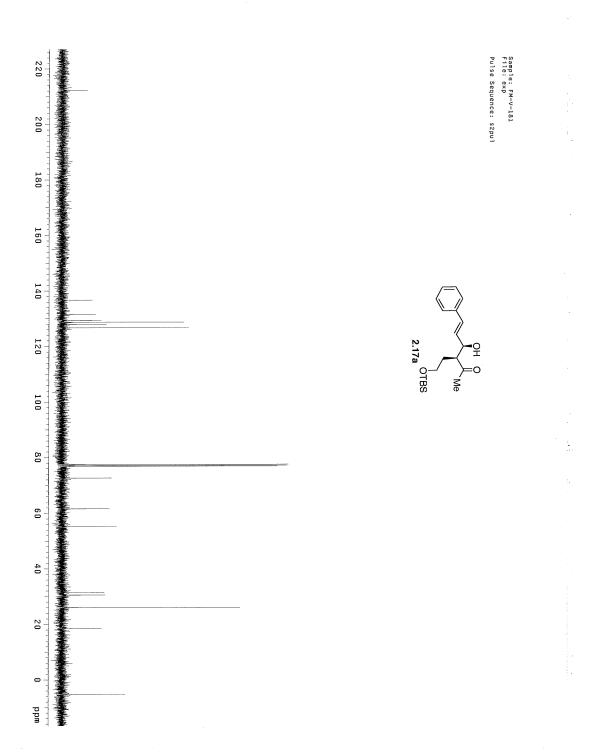


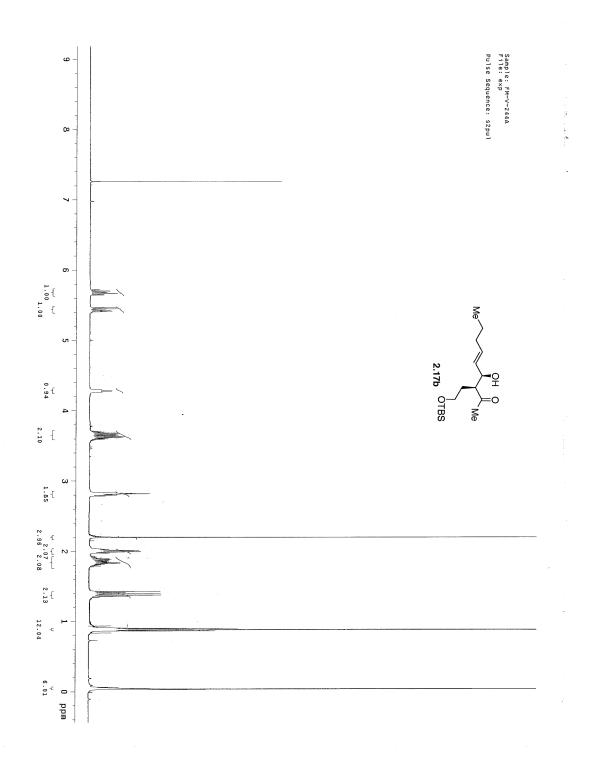


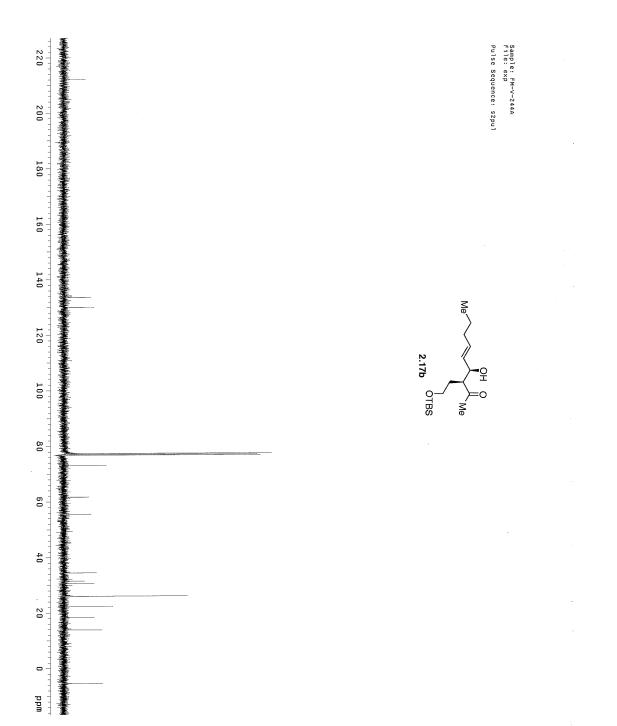


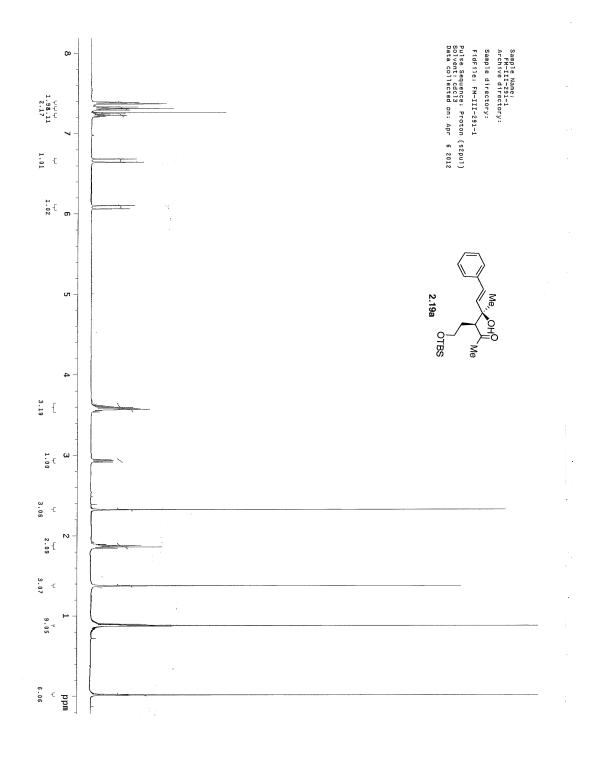


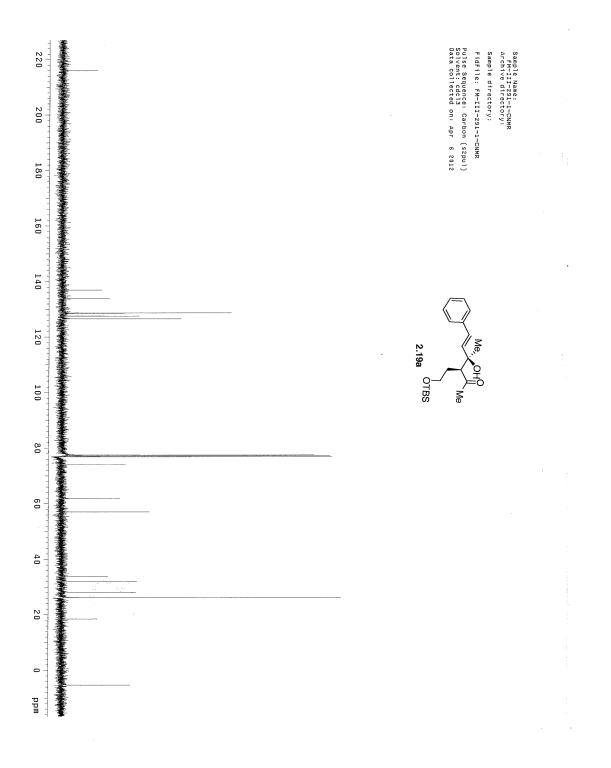


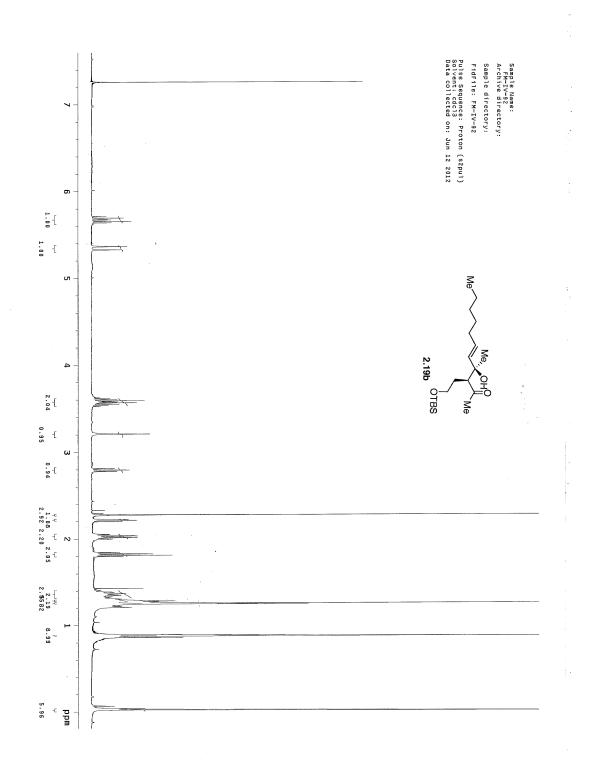


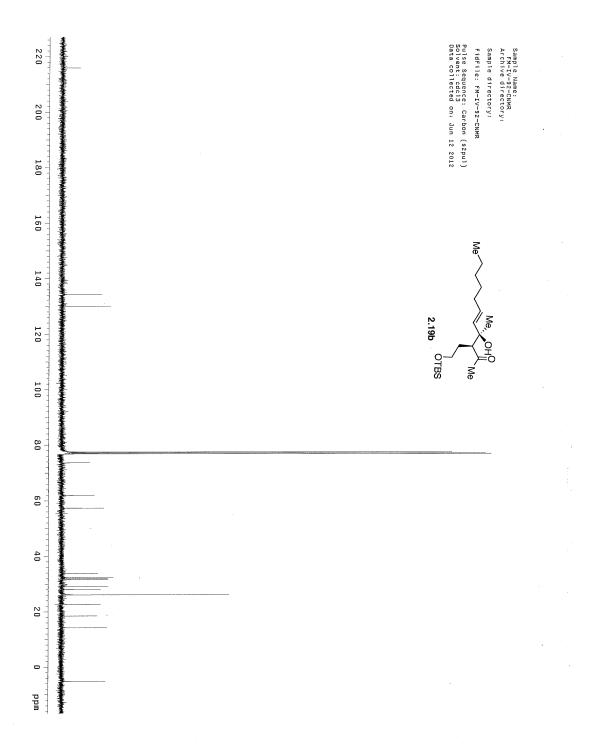


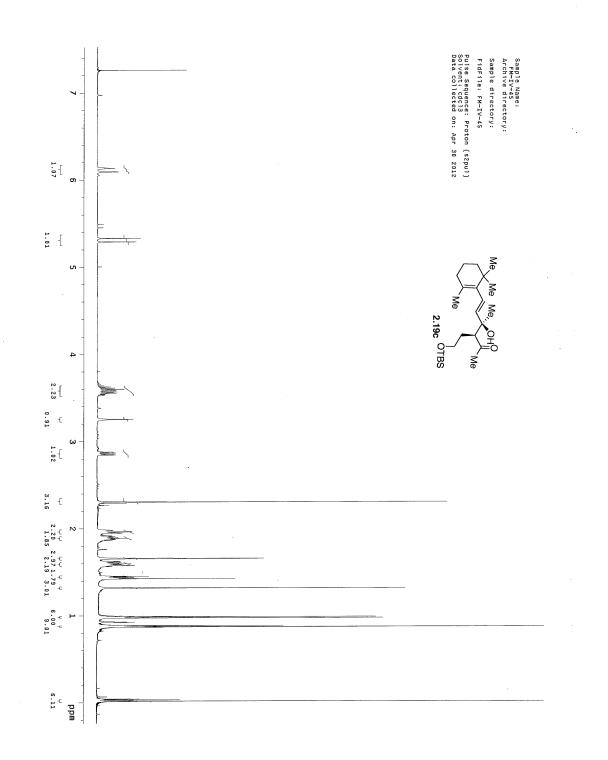


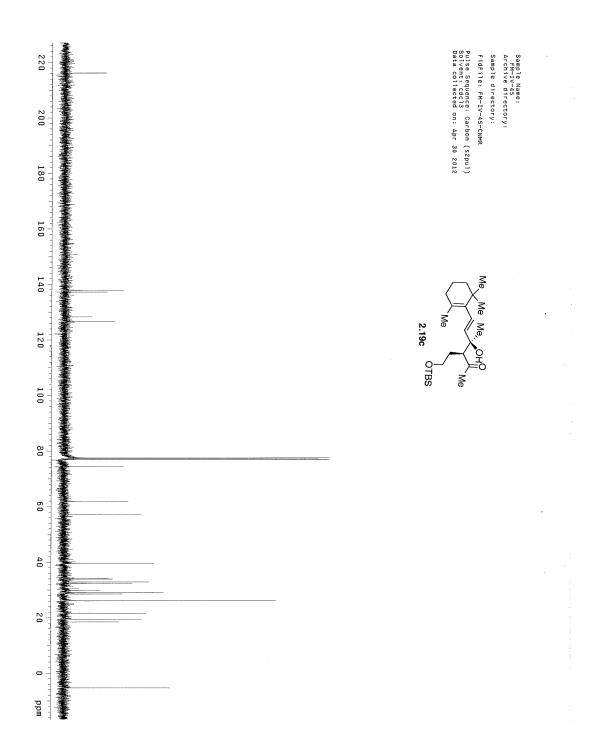


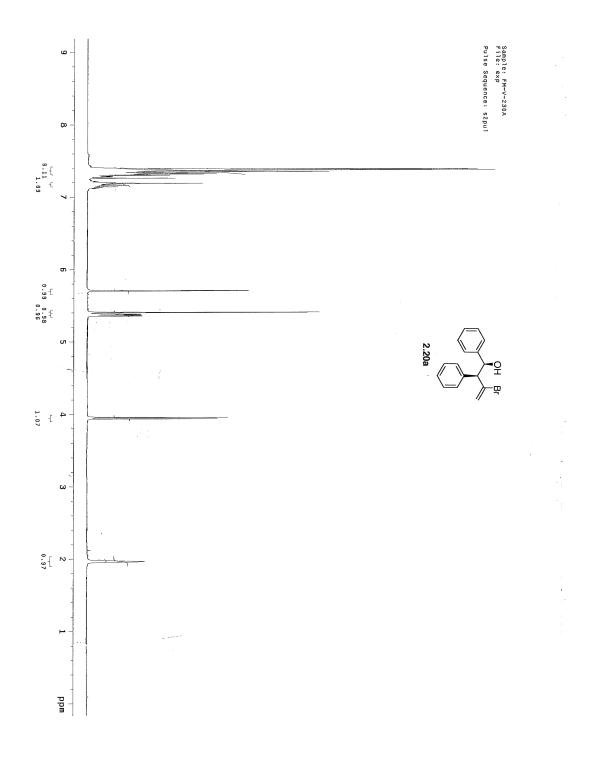


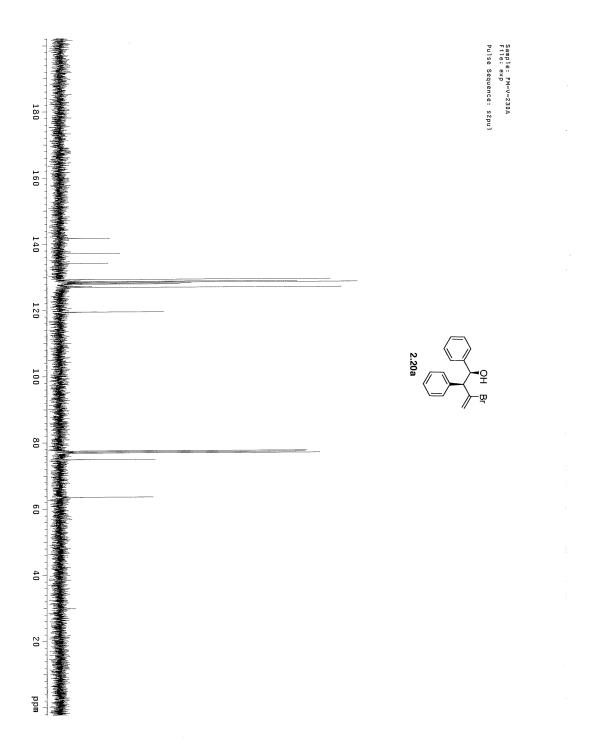


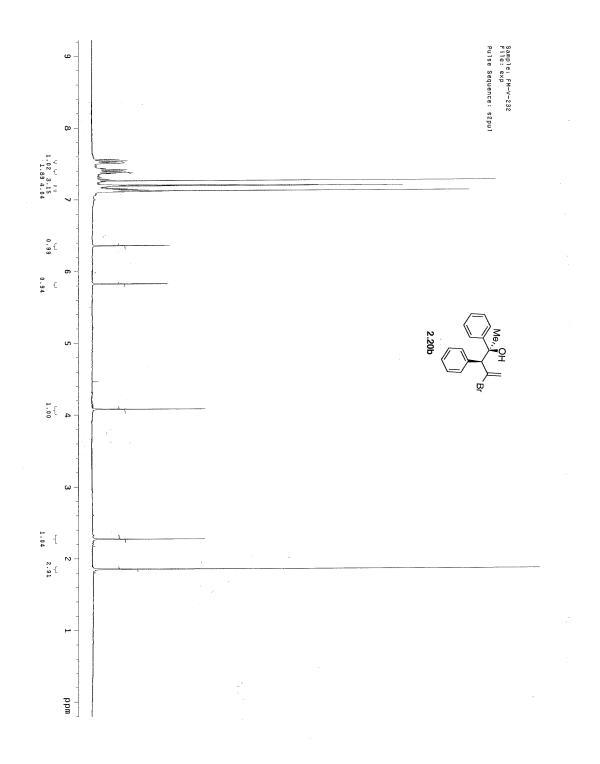


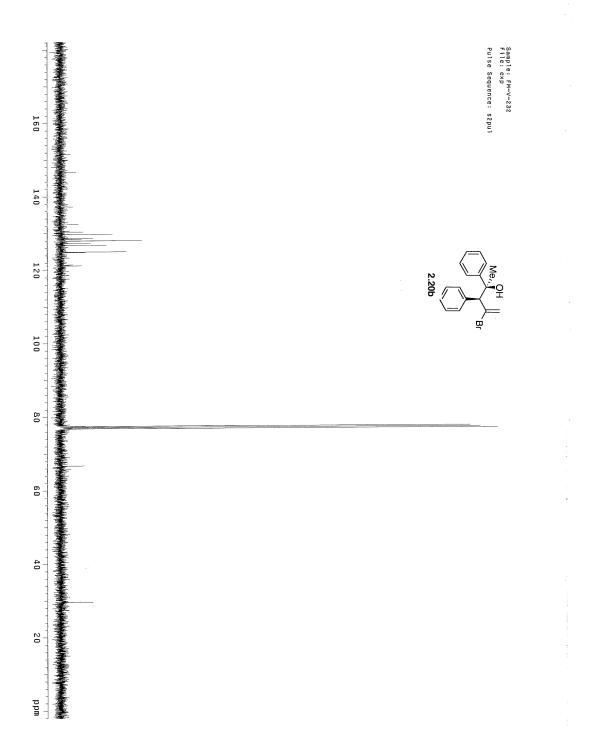


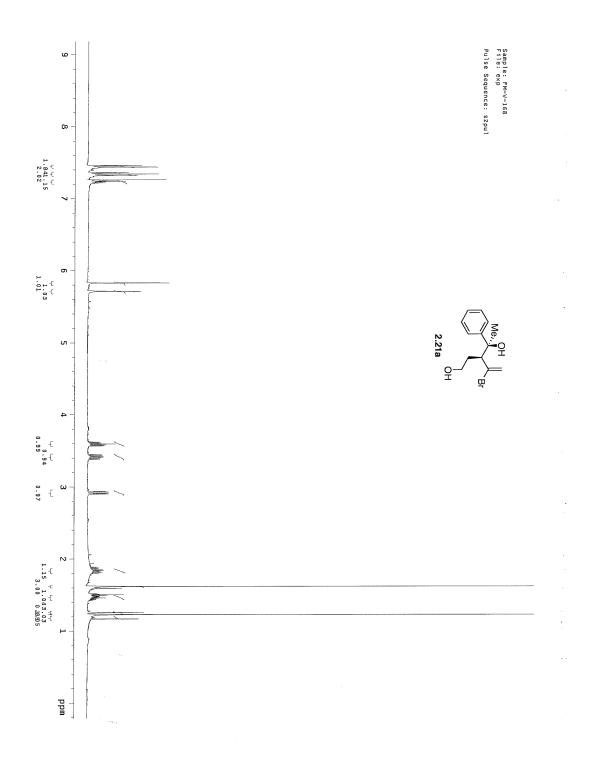


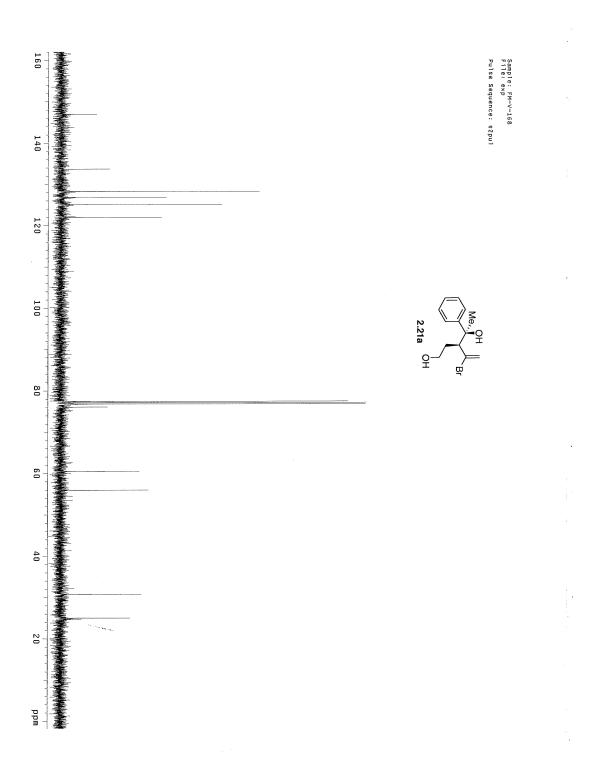


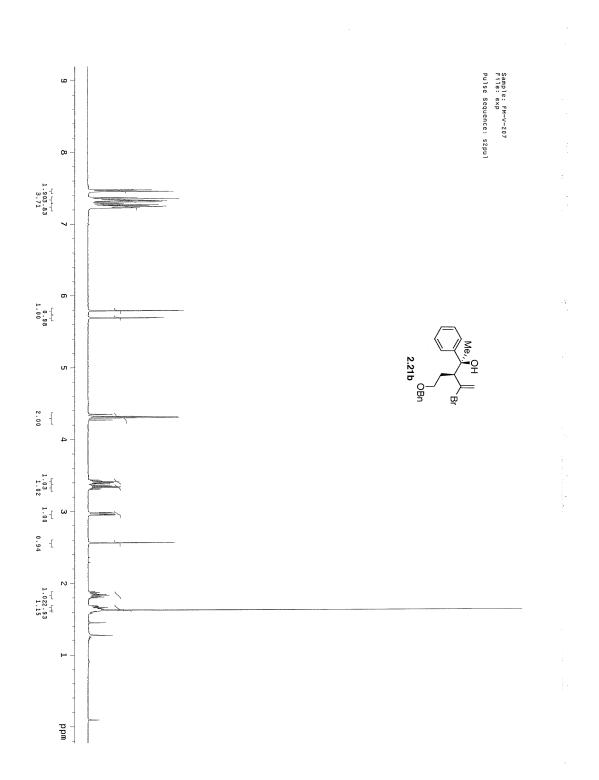


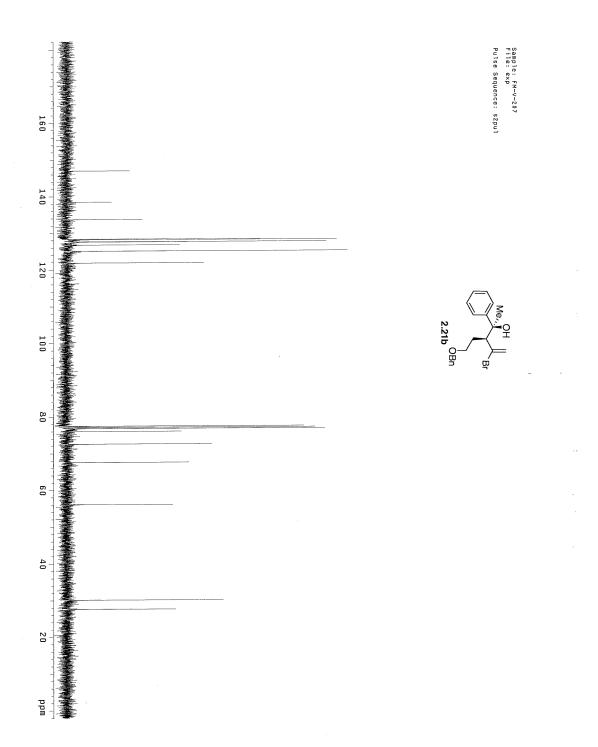


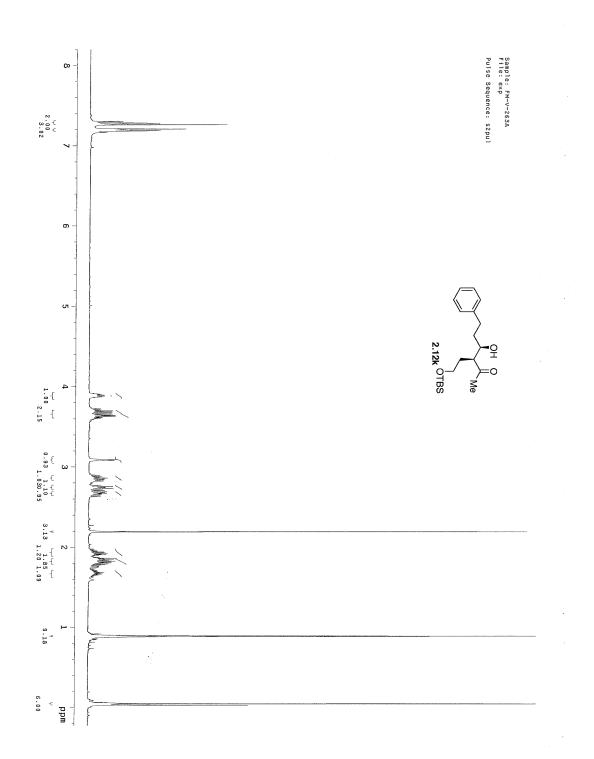


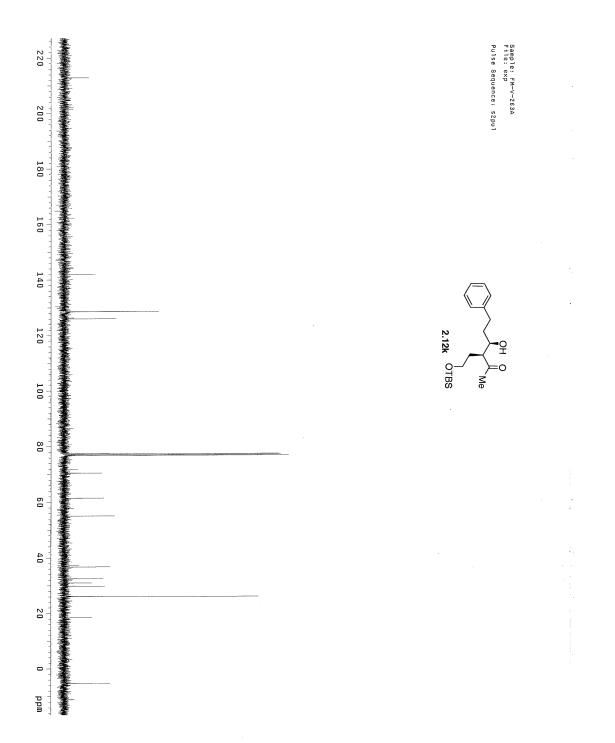


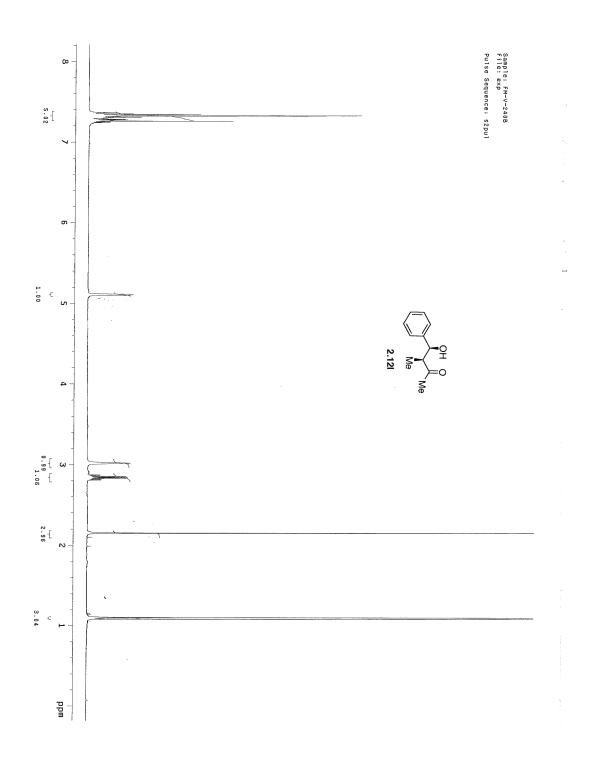


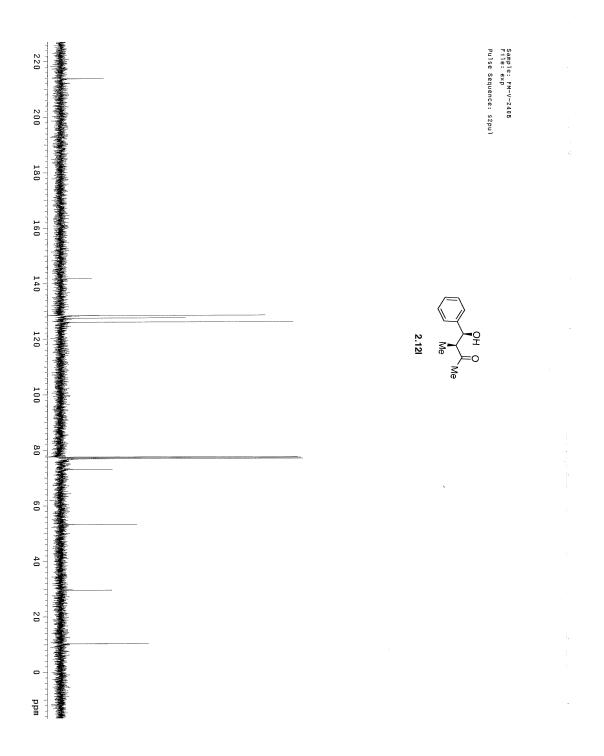


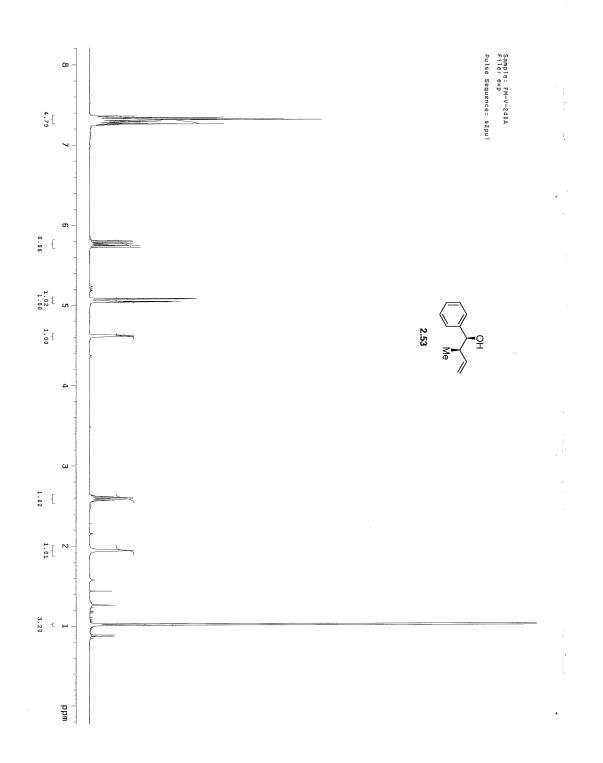


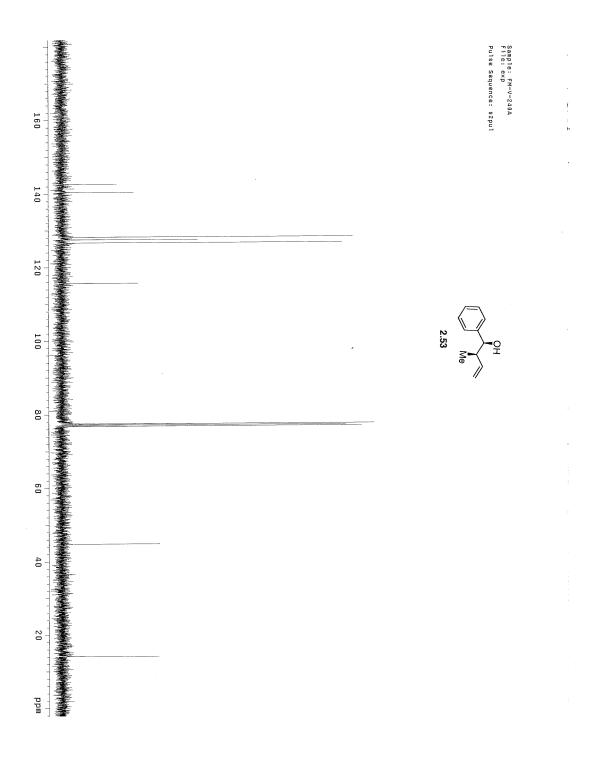


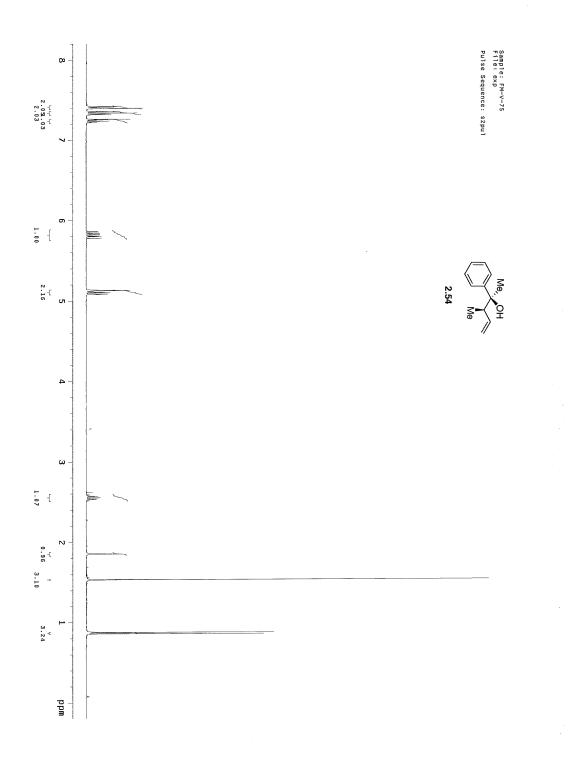


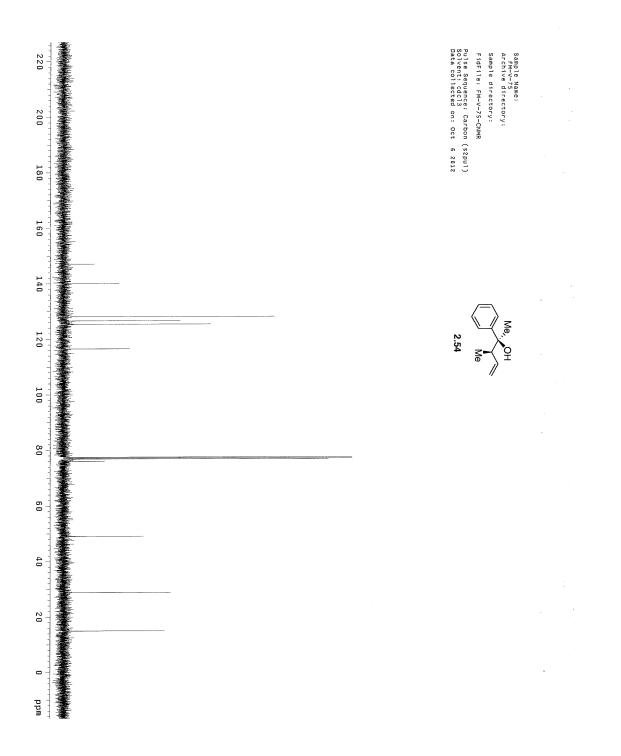


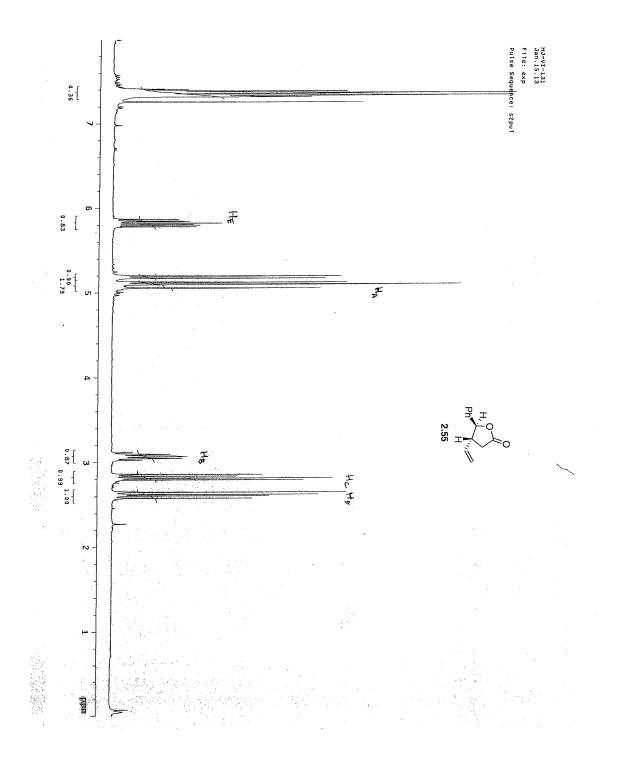


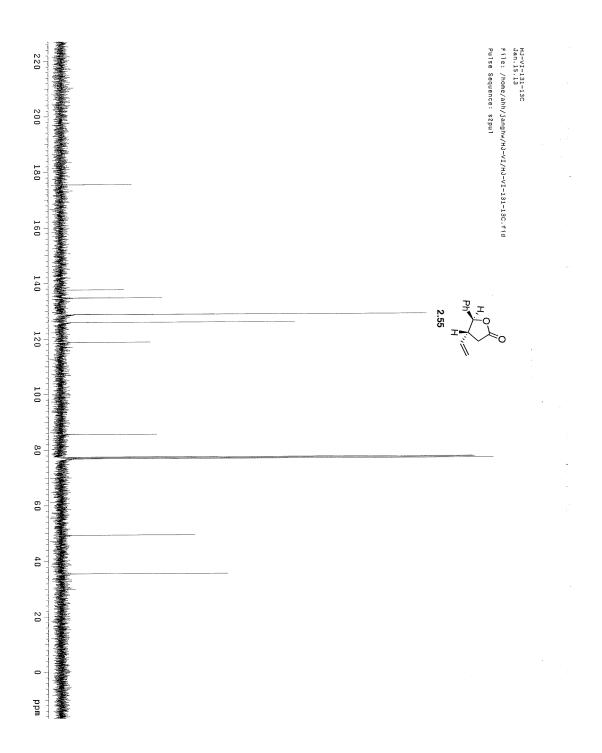


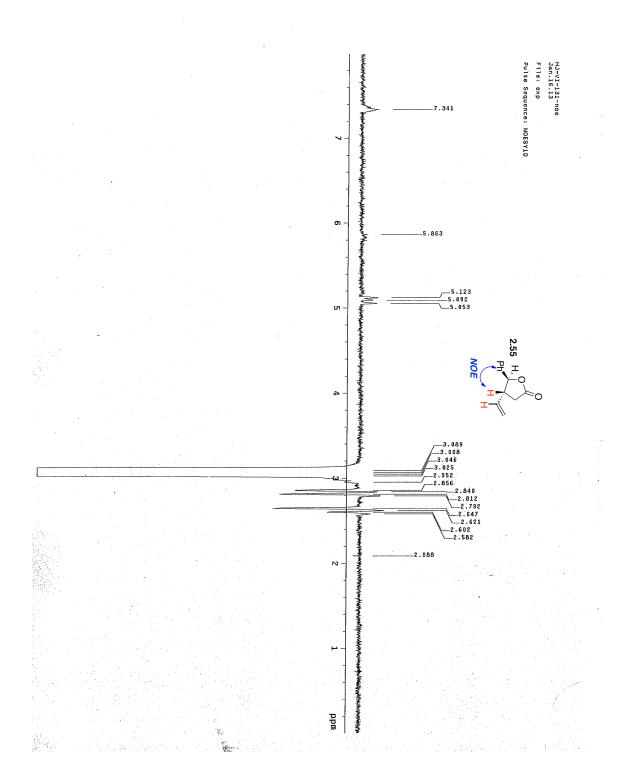


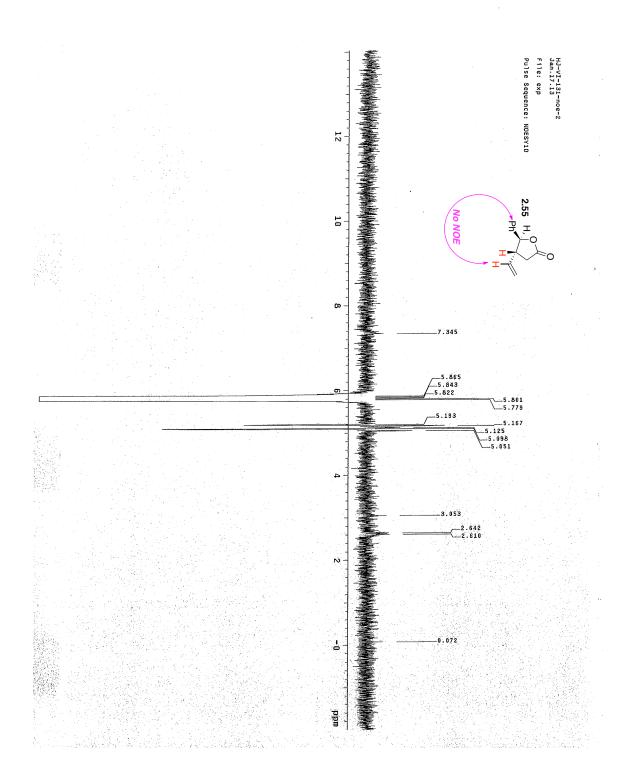


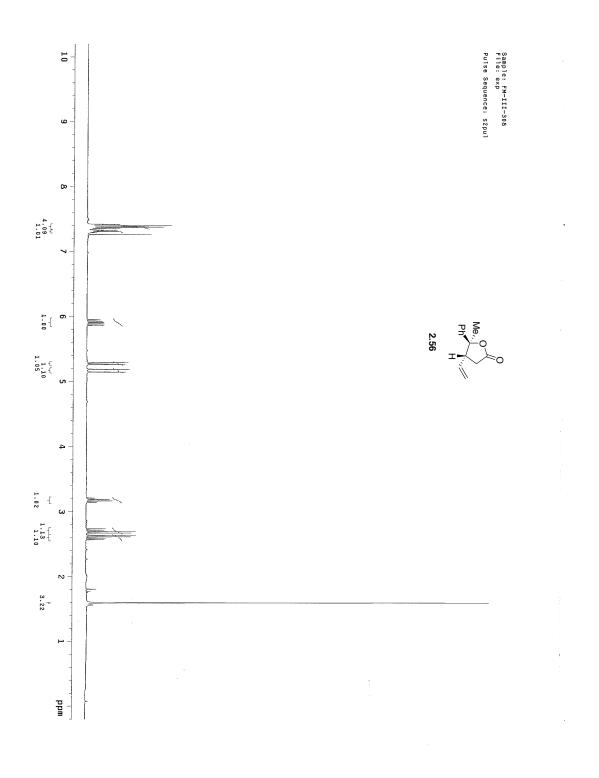


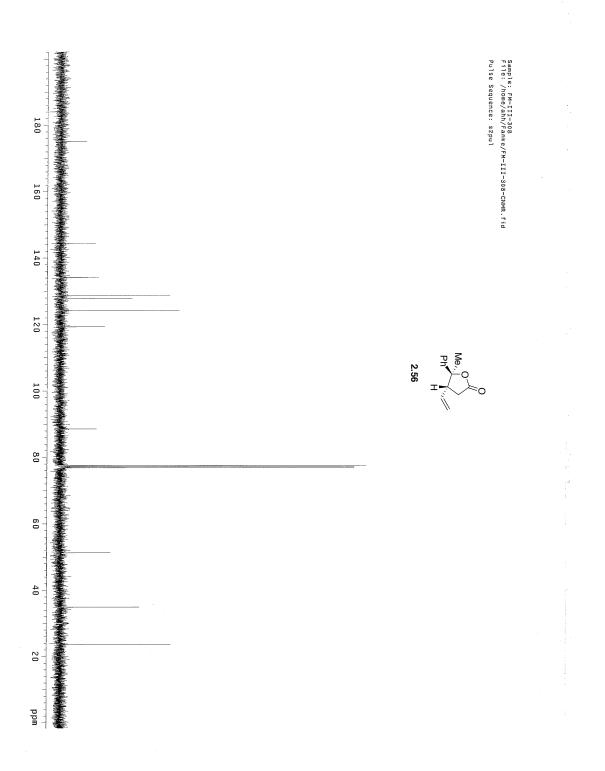


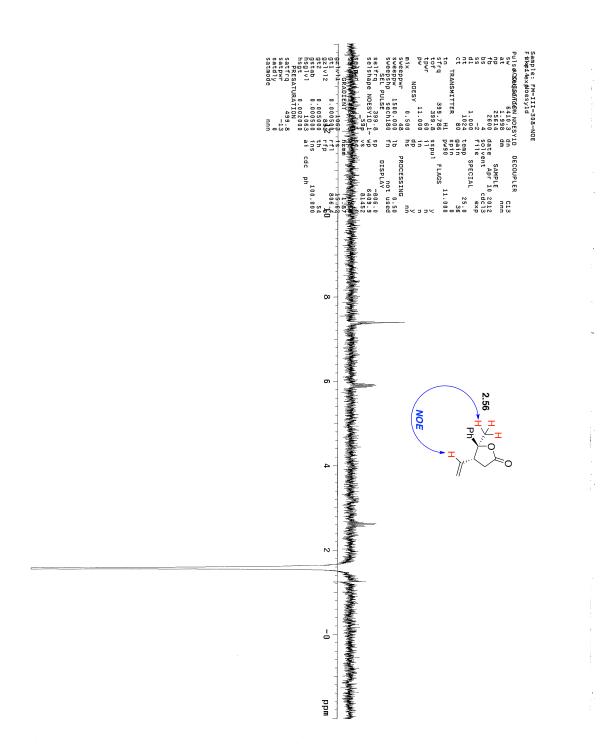


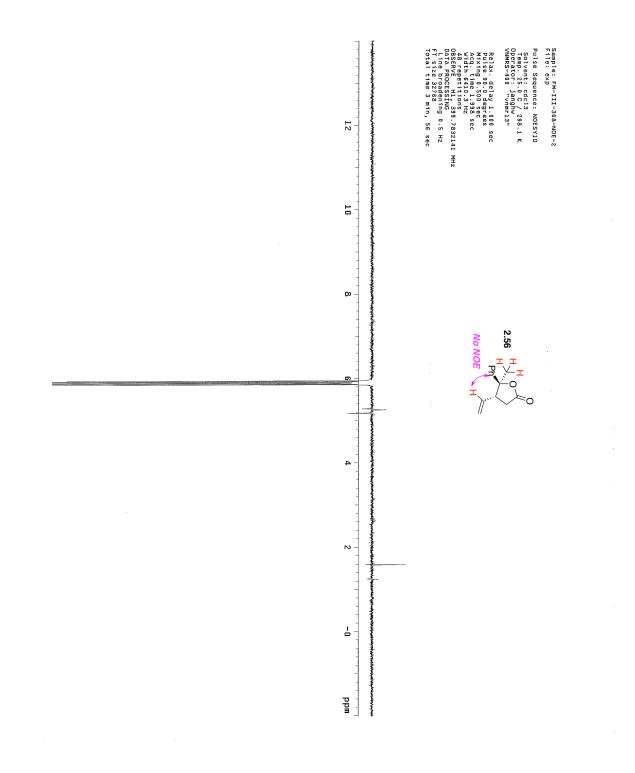












## **Chapter 3**

## Chemo-, Site- and Enantioselective Copper–Boron Additions to 1,3-Enynes Followed by Site- and Diastereoselective Additions of the Resulting Allenylcopper Complexes to Aldehydes

#### 3.1 Introduction

Designing strategies that involve catalytic generation of reactive organometallic reagents and their in situ use for C–C bond forming reactions provides opportunities for invention of new transformations that deliver otherwise difficult-to-access products.<sup>1</sup> Particularly development of such processes requires identification of multitasking catalysts that can address all the issues in each stage of the transformations. Hoveyda and co-workers described a family of multicomponent reactions that involve 2-boron-substituted allylcopper complexes generated from catalytic Cu–B additions to monosubstituted allenes.<sup>1</sup> Another important class of unsaturated hydrocarbons that can serve as precursors for nucleophile is 1,3-enynes. We envisioned that a chiral allenylcopper species **ii**, formed from a site- and enantioselective Cu–B addition<sup>2</sup> to 1,3-

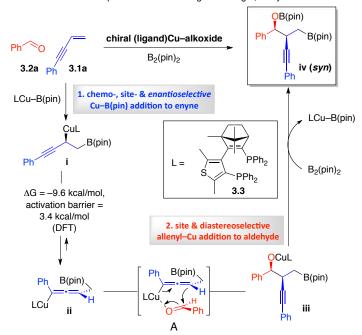
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<sup>(2)</sup> For NHC–Cu-catalyzed enantioselective Cu–B(pin) additions to disubstituted alkenes followed by protonation of the C–Cu bond, see: (a) Lee, Y.; Hoveyda, A. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2009**, 131, 3160–3161. (b) Lee, Y.; Jang, H.; Hoveyda, A. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2009**, 131, 18234–18235. (c) Corberán, R.; Mszar, N. W.; Hoveyda, A. H. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. **2011**, 50, 7079–7082. (d) Meng, F.; Jang, H.; Hoveyda, A. H. *Chem., Eur. J.* **2013**, 19, 3204–3214. For bis-phosphine–Cu-catalyzed enantioselective Cu–B(pin) additions to  $\beta$ -alkylstyrenes, see: (e) Matsuda, N.; Hirano, K.; Satoh, T.; Miura, M. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2013**, 135, 4934–4937.

enyne<sup>3</sup> followed by facile isomerization of the resulting propargylcopper complex **i**, might react with an aldehyde diastereoselectively via transition state **A** (Scheme 3.1). Supported by DFT calculations, the propargylcopper species **i** would collapse to the more energetically favored allenylcopper complex **ii** readily with a low activation barrier (~3.4 kcal/mol). The products of such processes would be boron-containing homopropargyl alcohols that are difficult to introduced otherwise. The resulting multifunctional alkylboron products are versatile building blocks; the alkyne, secondary alcohol and alkylboron moiety can be functionalized selectively. The main challenge of the proposal sequence is that the initial Cu–B addition must be enantioselective, since monosubstituted alkenes are among the most difficult substrates for enantioselective catalysis<sup>4</sup>, especially with a small alkyne substituent. We expect to identify an enantiomerically pure catalyst that can promote each stage of the transformation efficiently and selectively.

<sup>(3)</sup> For phosphine–Cu-catalyzed Cu–B(pin) addition/Cu–C protonation (non-enantioselective) of 1,3enynes, see: Sasaki, Y.; Horita, Y.; Zhong, C.; Sawamura, M.; Ito, H. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2011**, *50*, 2778–2782.

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Scheme 3.1: Multicomponent Reaction Design Involving 1,3-Enyne

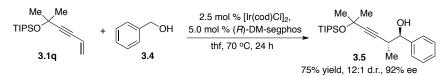
### 3.2 Background

Homopropargyl alcohols are of significant importance in organic synthesis; catalytic enantioselective access to such entities through C–C bond forming reactions plays a critical role in chemical synthesis. One strategy is additions of enantiomerically pure allenylmetal species (Sn-, Zn-, B-, Si-, or In-based) to aldehydes.<sup>5</sup> Catalytic enantioselective propargyl additions of Sn-, Cr-, or B-based allenyl reagents to aldehydes

<sup>(5)</sup> For representative reports, see: (a) Haruta, R.; Ishiguro, M.; Ikeda, N.; Yamamoto, H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1982, 104, 7667–7669. (b) Minowa, N.; Mukaiyama, T. Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn. 1987, 60, 3697–3704.
(c) Corey, E. J.; Yu, C. M.; Lee, D. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1990, 112, 878–879. (d) Marshall, J. A.; Wang, X.-J. J. Org. Chem. 1991, 56, 3211–3213. (e) Marino, J. P.; McClure, M. S.; Holub, D. P.; Comasseto, J. V.; Tucci, F. C. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2002, 124, 1664–1668. (f) Lee, K.-C.; Lin, M.-J.; Loh, T.-P. Chem. Commun. 2004, 2456–2457. (g) Hernandez, E.; Burgos, C. H.; Allcea, E.; Soderquist, J. A. Org. Lett. 2006, 8, 4089–4091. (h) Brawn, R. A.; Panek, J. S. Org. Lett. 2007, 9, 2689–2692. (i) Francais, A.; Leyva, A.; Etxebarria-Jardi, G.; Ley, S. V. Org. Lett. 2010, 12, 340–343.

have also been investigated.<sup>6</sup> The majority of such processes leads to products that contain a single stereogenic center; only a limited number of protocols provide access to generation of two stereogenic centers. In 2012, Krische and co-workers described a pioneering work that a range of enantiomerically enriched homopropargyl alcohols can be generated through reaction of an allenyliridium complex formed from in situ addition of Ir–hydride to 1,3-enynes with aldehydes.<sup>7</sup> As shown in Scheme 3.2, coupling of 1,3-enyne **3.1q** and primary alcohol **3.4** in the presence of 5.0 mol % (*R*)-DM-segphos–Ir complex provides homopropargyl alcohol **3.5** in 75% yield with 12:1 dr and 96:4 er. Both aldehydes (in the presence of HCOOH as external hydride source) and primary alcohols are suitable substrates. One limitation of such process is that the scope of enyne partner is restricted to **3.1q** and only methyl-substituted stereogenic center can be introduced.

Scheme 3.2: Phosphine-Ir-Catalyzed Reductive Fusion Involving 1,3-Enynes

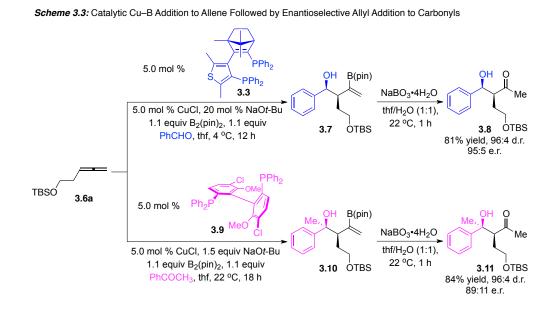


Hoveyda and co-workers developed the first examples of catalytic enantioselective multicomponent reactions involving in situ generation of 2-boron-substituted allylcopper species formed from Cu–B additions to monosubstituted allenes.<sup>1</sup> As illustrated in

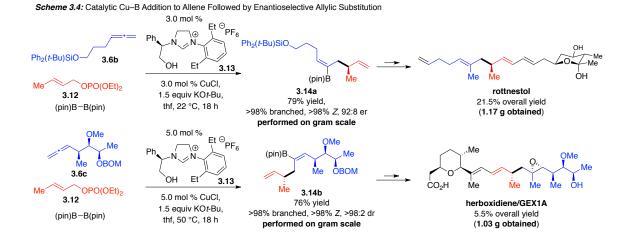
<sup>(6)</sup> For representative reports, see: (a) Keck, G. E.; Krishnamurthy, D.; Chen, X. *Tetrahedron Lett.* 1994, 35, 8323–8324. (b) Yu, C.-M.; Yoon, S.-K.; Baek, K.; Lee, J.-Y. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* 1998, 37, 2392–2395. (c) Denmark, S. E.; Wynn, T. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2001, *123*, 6199–6200. (d) Bandini, M.; Cozzi, P. G.; Melchiorre, P.; Tino, R.; Umani-Ronchi, A. *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* 2001, *12*, 1063–1069. (e) Inoue, M.; Nakada, M. *Org. Lett.* 2004, *6*, 2997–2999. (f) Naodovic, M.; Xia, G.; Yamamoto, H. *Org. Lett.* 2008, *10*, 4053–4055. (g) Liu, S.; Kim, J. T.; Dong, C.-G.; Kishi, Y. *Org. Lett.* 2009, *11*, 4520–4523. (h) Shi, S.-L.; Xu, L.-W.; Oisaki, K.; Kanai, M.; Shibasaki, M. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2010, *132*, 6638–6639. (i) Fandrick, K. R.; Fandrick, D. R.; Reeves, J. T.; Gao, J.; Ma, S.; Li, W.; Lee, H.; Grinberg, N.; Lu, B.; Senanayake, C. H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2011, *133*, 10332–10335. (j) Barnett, D. S.; Schaus, S. E. *Org. Lett.* 2011, *13*, 4020–4023. (k) Jain, P.; Wang, H.; Houk, K. N.; Antilla, J. C. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* 2012, *51*, 1391–1394. (l) Harper, K. C.; Sigman, M. S. *Science* 2011, *133*, 1875–1878.

<sup>(7)</sup> Geary, L. M.; Woo, S. K.; Leung, J. C.; Krische, M. J. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2012, 51, 2972–2976.

Scheme 3.3, an assortment of  $\beta$ -hydroxyketones can be accessed through additions of the 2-boron-substituted allylcopper complexes to carbonyls promoted by copper catalysts derived from either a  $C_1$ -symmetric bisphosphine **3.3** or a  $C_2$ -symmetric bisphosphine ligand **3.9**.<sup>1a</sup>



Subsequently the same group found that allylic phosphates can serve as an appropriate class of electrophiles as well.<sup>1b</sup> The catalytic Cu–B addition to allene/enantioselective allylic substitution sequence promoted by an NHC–Cu complex derived from an easily accessible imidazolinium salt **3.13** and inexpensive abundant copper salt provides access to a variety of 1,5-diene compounds (Scheme 3.4). Applications of such protocols are highlighted in scalable syntheses of rottnestol and herboxidiene.



## 3.3 Identification of the Optimal Catalyst for Catalytic Multicomponent Reactions of 1,3-Enynes and B<sub>2</sub>(pin)<sub>2</sub> with Aldehydes

Our investigations commenced with examination of a variety of different types of ligands with representative substrates **3.1a** and **3.2a**. Achiral monodentate phosphine–Cu complexes promote the multicomponent transformation efficiently, delivering a mixture of homopropargyl alcohols **3.15a** with *syn*-diastereomer as major product albeit selectivity is low (60:40 and 80:20 dr respectively, entries 1 and 2, Table 3.1). Reactions promoted by Cu catalysts derived from bisphosphine ligands also afford **3.15a** in high efficiency but low diastereoselectivity (entries 3–6, Table 3.1). In all the cases, minimal competitive Cu–B addition to aldehyde **3.2a** is observed (<2%), which is similar to the transformations involving monosubstituted allenes.<sup>1a</sup> Phosphine–Cu complexes promote the sequence chemoselectively.

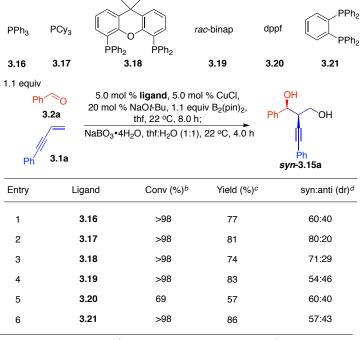


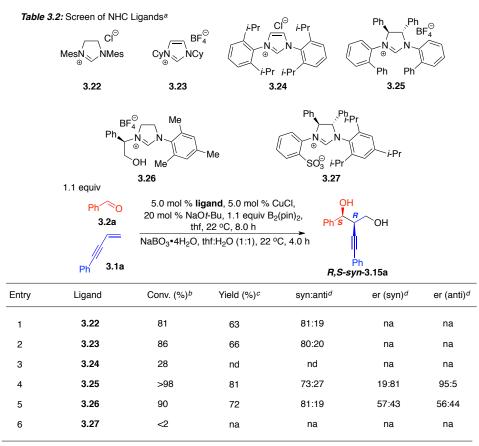
Table 3.1: Screen of Achiral and Racemic Phosphine Ligands<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Performed under N<sub>2</sub> atm. <sup>*b*</sup> Determined by analysis of 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of unpurified mixtures (±2%). <sup>*c*</sup> Yields of isolated/purified products (±5%; both isomers). <sup>*d*</sup> dr was determined by HPLC analysis (±1%). na = not applicable.

rac-binap: (±)-2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthalene dppf: 1,1'-ferrocenediyl-bis(diphenylphosphine)

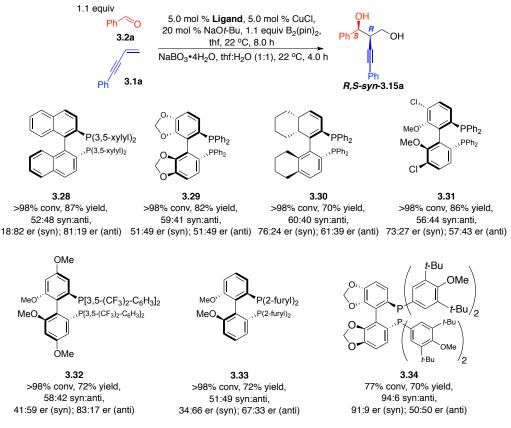
We next examine a number of Cu catalysts derived from NHC ligands. Reactions of 1,3-enyne **3.1a** and aldehyde **3.2a** in the presence of NHC–Cu complexes derived from commercially available precursors **3.22** or **3.23** afford **3.15a** in 63% and 66% yield with 81:19 and 80:20 dr, respectively (entries 1 and 2, Table 3.2); Cu–B(pin) addition to aldehyde is a competitive pathway. With Cu catalyst in situ generated from imidazolium salt **3.24** bearing sterically congested N–aryl group, the efficiency of the transformation is significantly diminished. Exposure of 1,3-enyne **3.1a** and aldehyde **3.2a** to enantiomerically pure NHC–Cu complexes derived from **3.25** or **3.26** leads to low diastereoselectivities (73:27 and 81:19 dr respectively, entries 4 and 5, Table 3.2). Similar

to **3.24**, an NHC–Cu catalyst that contains a large aryl unit cannot promote the multicomponent reaction efficiently (cf. **3.27**, entry 6, Table 3.2).

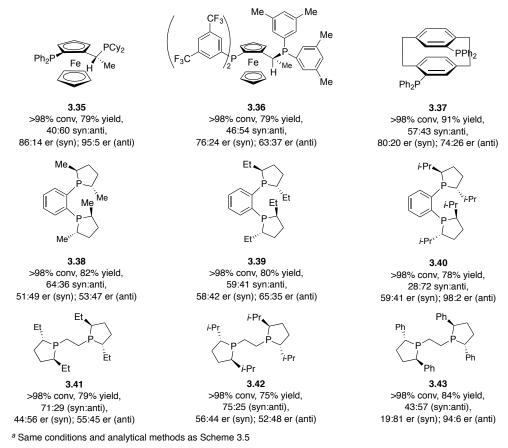


<sup>*a*</sup> Performed under N<sub>2</sub> atm. <sup>*b*</sup> Determined by analysis of 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of unpurified mixtures ( $\pm 2\%$ ). <sup>*c*</sup> Yields of isolated/purified products ( $\pm 5\%$ ; both isomers). <sup>*d*</sup> dr and er were determined by HPLC analysis ( $\pm 1\%$ ). nd = not determined. na = not applicable.

We then turned our attention to chiral phosphine ligands. Cu complexes derived from  $C_2$ -symmetric bisphosphines deliver low diastereo- and enantioselectivies (51:49– 60:40 syn:anti, 18:82–51:49 er, Scheme 3.5) albeit high efficiencies (70–87% yield), except the phosphine–Cu catalyst generated from sterically congested **3.34** which provides desired product in 70% yield with 94% syn-selectivity and 91:9 er. Scheme 3.5: Screen of Chiral C2-Symmetric Bisphosphines with Biaryl Backbones



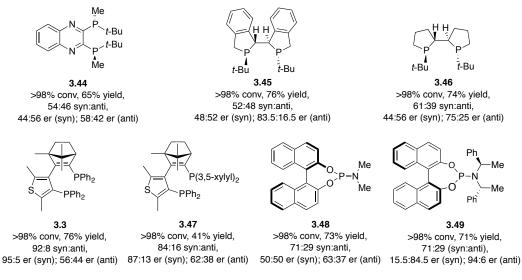
As shown in Scheme 3.6, catalysts bearing ferrocene-containing phosphines do not lead to any improvement on diastereoselectivity (cf. **3.35** and **3.36**). Similarly, other  $C_2$ symmetric ligands with different frameworks provide no higher than 75:25 syn:anti ratio although high enantioselectivities are observed in one of the diastereomers (cf. **3.40**, 98:2 er for anti-**3.15a**; **3.43**, 94:6 for anti-**3.15a**). Scheme 3.6: Screen of Ferrocene-Containing and Other Chiral C2-Symmetric Bisphosphines<sup>a</sup>



Other  $C_2$ -symmetric phosphines that carry P-stereogenic centers with a *t*-Bu group are tested as well, none of which deliver high diastereo- and enantioselectivities. It is the unique  $C_1$ -symmetric phosphine **3.3** with camphor backbone that promotes the multicomponent transformation not only efficiently but also diastereo- and enantioselectively (92:8 syn:anti; 95:5 er (syn)).<sup>8</sup> Modification of the PPh<sub>2</sub> unit attached to the camphor backbone to P(3,5-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> leads to significant loss of efficiency and stereoselectivity (cf. **3.47**, Scheme 3.7). Cu complexes derived from phosphoramidites are not selective either (**3.48** and **3.49**, Scheme 3.7).

<sup>(8)</sup> Kadyrov, R.; Iladinov, I. Z.; Almena, J.; Monsees, A.; Riermeier, T. H. *Tetrahedron Lett.* 2005, 46, 7397–7400.

Scheme 3.7: Screen of Phosphines Carrying t-Bu-Containing P-Stereogenic Center and Other C1-Symmetric Ligands<sup>a</sup>

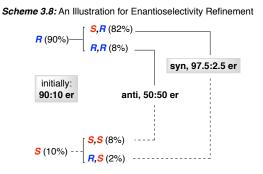


<sup>a</sup> Same conditions and analytical methods as Scheme 3.5

It is noteworthy that the data described above indicate that aldehyde addition is not merely substrate control. The structure of phosphine–Cu complex has a great impact on selectivity. Moreover, The variations in er and dr values in the presence of different Cu complexes imply that selectivity preferences alter in the stereochemistry-generating steps. Formation of one diastereomer in higher er indicates that the other diastereomeric allenylcopper complex has a different preference for selectivity of aldehyde addition, which results in refinement of enantioselectivity of the final product.<sup>9</sup> Namely the enantioselectivity of the final product reflects an improvement on the enantioselectivity of the initial Cu–B(pin) addition. For instance, reactions promoted by **3.34** or **3.3** provide high enantioselectivity for syn isomer albeit nearly racemic anti isomer. As showcased in Scheme 3.8, the small amount of *R*,*R*-anti-**3.15a** formed from the major allenylcopper species is similar to the quantity of *S*,*S*-anti-**3.15a** formed from the major product of addition of the minor allenylcopper complex to aldehyde, leading to low

<sup>(9) (</sup>a) Zhang, W.; Lee, N. H.; Jacobsen, E. N. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1994**, 116, 425–.426 (b) Ozawa, F.; Kubo, A.; Hayashi, T. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1991**, 113, 1417–1419.

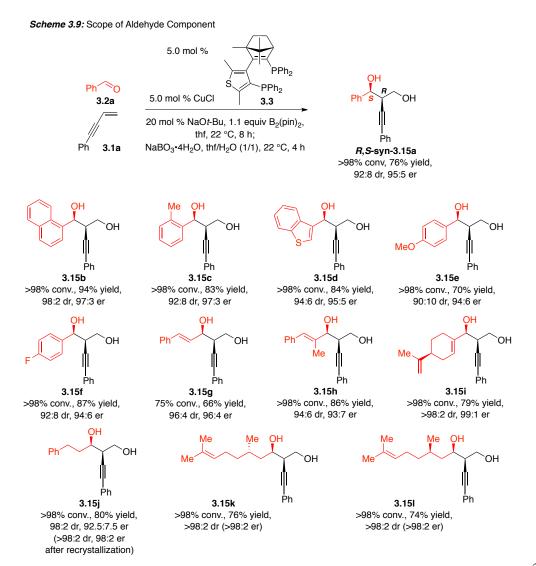
enantioselectivity of anti diastereomer. As the majority of the minor allenylcopper species produces anti diastereomer after aldehyde addition, only a small amount of such intermediate delivers enantiomeric component of S,R-syn-**3.15a**, causing refinement of enantioselectivity in the initial Cu–B(pin) addition step.



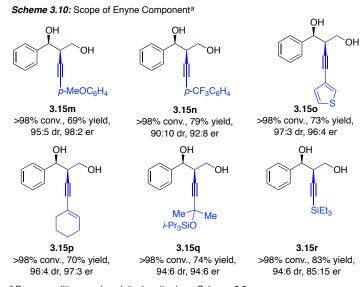
# 3.4 Scope for Catalytic Multicomponent Reactions of 1,3-Enynes and B<sub>2</sub>(pin)<sub>2</sub> with Aldehydes

With the optimal conditions in hand, we examined a variety of 1,3-enynes and aldehydes. As shown in Scheme 3.9, a range of aryl- and heteroaryl-substituted aldehydes are well tolerated (**3.15b–f**, Scheme 3.9), including those carrying sterically hindered *ortho* substituents (**3.15b–c**). Oxidation of the alkylboron products provides the 1,3-diols in 66–94% yield and 92.5:7.5–99:1 er.  $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated aldehydes can be used as well. Although lower chemoselectivity is observed with cinnamaldehyde due to competitive Cu–B(pin) addition to the aldehyde (**3.15g**, 66% yield, 96:4 dr, 96:4 er),  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes that contain trisubstituted alkenes deliver high efficiency and chemo-, diastereo- and enantioselectivities (**3.15h–i**). Aliphatic aldehydes are also effective substrates (**3.15j–l**). Compound **3.15j** can be generated in 80% yield with 92.5:7.5 er.

Simple recrystallization can produce further enrichment of major isomer in certain cases (3.15j, >98:2 dr and 98:2 er after recrystallization). Reactions of two commercially available enantiomerically pure alkyl-substituted aldehydes deliver either isomer in high efficiency and diastereoselectivity, demonstrating that catalyst can effectively control the stereoselectivity in spite of the presence of a stereogenic center in the substrate. It is noteworthy that although the same allenylcopper species is involved in the transformation, the changes in dr and er imply that the structures of aldehydes have impact on the selectivity in the aldehyde addition step.



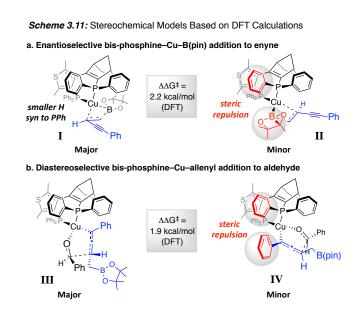
Scope of 1,3-enynes was also investigated (Scheme 3.10). A range of 1,3-enynes can be prepared in 80–96% yield through a single Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling of terminal alkynes with vinyl bromide. Reactions with 1,3-enynes bearing electron-donating or eletron-withdrawing aryl group proceed with high selectivity (**3.15m–n**). Heteroaryl- and alkenyl-substituted substrates undergo the transformation selectively (**3.15o–p**). Enynes with different removable units are also effective (**3.15q–r**); the product that contains more sterically congested tertiary alkyl group (**3.15q**) is formed with higher enantioselectivity (94:6 er vs. 85:15 er).



<sup>a</sup> Same conditions and analytical methods as Scheme 3.9

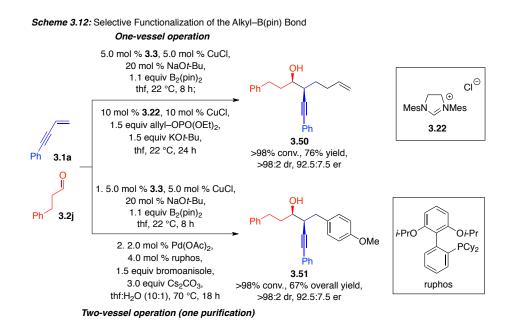
## 3.5 Stereochemical Models for Catalytic Multicomponent Reactions of 1,3-Enynes and $B_2(pin)_2$ with Aldehydes

To gain further insight into the origins of high selectivities and the uniqueness of the ligand, DFT calculations are investigated. The ligand has only one spacious binding pocket underneath the right phenyl group on phosphorus attached to the camphor 306 backbone that can accommodate large group. In the Cu–B(pin) addition step, the sterically congested B(pin) unit prefers to locate in the large pocket (transiton state I, Scheme 3.11a). Otherwise, as shown in transition state II (Scheme 3.11a), steric repulsion between the protruding phenyl group on phosphorus and B(pin) unit results in energetically disfavor. Similarly, in the aldehyde addition step, transition state III with the large allenyl group occupying the spacious pocket is preferred. Otherwise, substituents on allenyl group and phosphorus will cause steric repulsion (transition state IV).



## 3.6 Functionalization and Applications to Natural Product Fragments Synthesis

The multifunctional alkylboron compounds generated from the multicomponent protocol can be converted to a variety of valuable and otherwise difficult-to-access enantiomerically enriched building blocks. Taking advantage of the intramolecular chelation of the hydroxyl group to the boronic ester unit, we expected that activation of the alkyl–B(pin) bond by transition metal is more facile. As illustrated in Scheme 3.12, enyne **3.50** is delivered in 76% yield with complete diastereoselectivity and 92.5:7.5 er through the catalytic multicomponent reaction followed by an NHC–Cu catalyzed alkylation of the resulting alkylboron compound. A Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling<sup>10</sup> is combined with the multicomponent process to provide **3.51** in 67% overall yield with >98% dr and 92.5:7.5 er.



To further demonstrate the utility of the method, we applied the multicomponent protocol to synthesis of fragments of macrolide antibiotic natural products tylonolide<sup>11</sup> and mycinolide IV<sup>12</sup>. As showcased in Scheme 3.13, Cu-catalyzed multicomponent

<sup>(10)</sup> Doucet, H. Eur. J. Org. Chem. 2008, 2013–2030.

<sup>(11)</sup> For previous total syntheses of tylonolide, see: (a) Nicolaou, K. C.; Pavia, M. R.; Seitz, S. P. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1982**, 104, 2027–2029. (b) Masamune, S.; Lu, L. D. L.; Jackson, W. P.; Kaiho, T.; Toyoda, T. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1982**, 104, 5523–5526. (c) Grieco, P. A.; Inanaga, J.; Lin, N. H.; Yanami, T. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1982**, 104, 5781–5784.

<sup>(12)</sup> For a total synthesis of mycinolide IV (via mycinamycin VII), see: Matsumoto, T.; Maeta, H.; Suzuki, K.; Tsuchihashi, G. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1988**, *29*, 3575–3578.

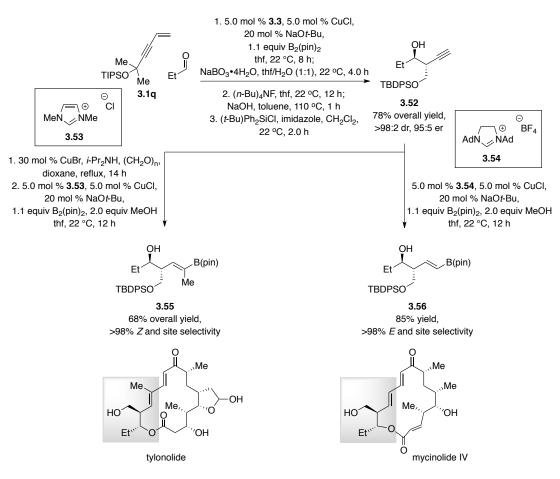
transformation of 1,3-enyne **3.1q** and  $B_2(pin)_2$  with propionaldehyde followed by oxidative work-up, alkyne deprotection and selective protection of the primary alcohol as silyl ether affords **3.52** in 78% overall yield with >98:2 dr and 95:5 er. Cu-catalyzed homologation leads to the corresponding monosubstituted allene, which undergoes a siteselective and diastereoselective protoboration promoted by an NHC–Cu complex derived from commercially available imidazolium salt **3.53** to deliver trisubstituted alkenylboron **3.55** in 68% overall yield and >98% site- and Z-selectivity.<sup>13</sup> The trisubstituted alkenylboron can be used in catalytic cross-coupling with an alkenyl halide<sup>14</sup> in a route to the synthesis of tylonolide. Alternatively, in the presence of NHC–Cu catalyst in situ generated from imidazolinium salt **3.54**, *E*-alkenylboron **3.56** is afforded through a siteselective protoboration of terminal alkyne. <sup>15</sup> This fragment might be used for enantioselective synthesis of mycinolide IV.

<sup>(13)</sup> Meng, F.; Jung, B.; Haeffner, F.; Hoveyda, A. H. Org. Lett. 2013, 15, 1414–1417.

<sup>(14)</sup> Kotha, S.; Lahiri, K.; Kashinath, D. *Tetrahedron* **2002**, *58*, 9633–9695.

<sup>(15)</sup> Jang, H.; Zhugralin, A. R.; Lee, Y.; Hoveyda, A. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2011, 133, 7859–7871.

Scheme 3.13: Application to Synthesis of Fragments of Tylonolide and Mycinolide IV



### 3.7 Conclusion

In this chapter, we have described a Cu-catalyzed multicomponent protocol involving 1,3-enynes as precursors for in situ generation of nucleophilic organometallic reagents through copper–boron addition.<sup>16</sup> A wide range of aldehydes and 1,3-enynes can be fused with  $B_2(pin)_2$  to furnish a variety of multifunctional alkylboron compounds. The process is promoted by a phosphine–Cu complex derived from a commercially available bisphosphine ligand and inexpensive abundant CuCl. DFT calculations are performed to

<sup>(16)</sup> Meng, F.; Haeffner, F.; Hoveyda, A. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2014, 136, 11304–11307.

provide further insights into the origin of high selectivity. The utility of such process is demonstrated by applications to synthesis of fragments of macrolide antibiotic natural products tylonolide and mycinolide IV. Moreover, this study offers an evidence that other unsaturated hydrocarbons can be used in catalytic Cu–B addition to generate boron-containing organocopper species and their in situ use in C–C bond forming reactions.

#### 3.8 Experimental

General. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker FT-IR Alpha (ATR mode) spectrophotometer,  $v_{max}$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Bands are characterized as broad (br), strong (s), medium (m), and weak (w). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity INOVA 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$  7.26 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, br s = broad singlet, m = multiplet, app. = apparent), and coupling constant (Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity INOVA 400 (100 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$ 77.16 ppm). High-resolution mass spectrometry was performed on a JEOL AccuTOF DART (positive mode) at the Mass Spectrometry Facility, Boston College. Enantiomer ratios were determined by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) with a Shimadzu chromatograph (Chiral Technologies Chiralcel OD-H (4.6 x 250 mm), Chiralcel OJ-H (4.6 x 250 mm), Chiralcel OZ-H (4.6 x 250 mm)) in comparison with authentic racemic materials. Specific rotations were measured on a Rudolph Research Analytical Autopol IV Polarimeter.

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out with distilled and degassed solvents under an atmosphere of dry  $N_2$  in oven- (135 °C) or flame-dried glassware with standard dry box or vacuum-line techniques. Solvents were purified under a positive pressure of dry argon by a modified Innovative Technologies purification system: toluene, benzene and hexanes were purified through a copper oxide and alumina column;  $CH_2Cl_2$  and  $Et_2O$  were purged with Ar and purified by passage through two alumina columns. Tetrahydrofuran (Aldrich Chemical Co.) was purified by distillation from sodium benzophenone ketyl immediately prior to use unless otherwise specified. Methanol (Aldrich Chemical Co.) was distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub>. All work-up and purification procedures were carried out with reagent grade solvents (purchased from Fisher Scientific) in air.

#### **3.8.1 Reagents and Ligands**

Aldehydes: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and purified by distillation over  $CaH_2$ (for liquids) or column chromatography (for solids) prior to use.

**Bis(pinacolato)diboron:** purchased from Frontier Scientific, Inc. and recrystallized from pentane.

4-Bromoanisole: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

*tert*-Butyl(chloro)diphenylsilane: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Cesium carbonate: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Copper(I) bromide: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Copper(I) chloride: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Enynes (3.1m-q): prepared according to a previous reported procedure.<sup>17</sup>

Imidazole: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Imidazolinium salt 3.22 and imidazolium salts 3.23 and 3.54:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Imidazolinium salt 3.53: purchased from TCI Chemicals Co. and used as received.

*N*,*N*-Diisopropylamine: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Palladium(II) acetate: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Paraformaldehyde: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Phosphine ligands 3.3, 3.16–3.21, 3.28–3.49:** purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Potassium tert-butoxide: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

RuPhos: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

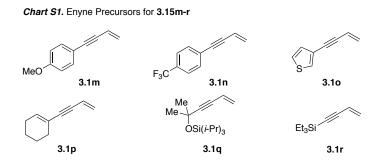
Sodium tert-butoxide: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Sodium perborate: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Tetrabutylammonium fluoride solution (1.0 M in thf):** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

<sup>(17)</sup> Kang, B.; Kim, D.; Do, Y.; Chang, S. Org. Lett. 2003, 5, 3041–3043.

#### 3.8.2 Characterization Data of Enynes



3.1a is a known compound and prepared according to a previous procedure.<sup>18</sup>

**1-(But-3-en-1-yn-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzene (3.1m).** IR (neat): 3041 (w), 3006 (m), 2958 (m), 2909 (m), 2836 (m), 1600 (s), 1507 (s), 1464 (m), 1441 (m), 1290 (s), 1245 (s), 1172 (s), 1106 (m), 1079 (m), 1031 (s), 970 (m), 917 (m), 830 (s), 674 (w), 533 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.38 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.84 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.00 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.6, 11.2 Hz), 5.69 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.6, 1.6 Hz), 5.50 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 1.6 Hz), 3.81 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  159.8, 133.2, 126.2, 117.5, 115.4, 114.1, 90.1, 87.0, 55.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 159.08099 m/z, Found: 159.08151 m/z.

**1-(But-3-en-1-yn-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (3.1n).** IR (neat): 1616 (m), 1405 (w), 1318 (s), 1166 (m), 1123 (s), 1064 (s), 1017 (m), 969 (m), 925 (m), 839 (s), 704(w), 674 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.59–7.53 (4H, m), 6.02 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.6, 11.2 Hz), 5.79 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.6, 1.6 Hz), 5.61 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 1.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  133.0, 131.9, 130.1 (q, *J* = 31.8 Hz), 128.3, 125.4 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz),

<sup>(18)</sup> Waser, J.; González-Gómez, J. C.; Nambu, H.; Huber, P.; Carreira, E. M. Org. Lett. 2005, 7, 4249-4252.

124.1 (q, J = 270.9 Hz), 116.9, 90.5, 88.6; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>: 197.05781 m/z, Found: 197.05815 m/z.

**3-(But-3-en-1-yn-1-yl)thiophene (3.10).** IR (neat): 3106 (m), 3007 (w), 1603 (m), 1517 (w), 1356 (m), 1290 (w), 1236 (m), 1185 (m), 1074 (m), 1031 (s), 970 (m), 917 (m), 853 (s), 777 (s), 689 (m), 623 (m), 555 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.45 (1H, dd, J = 2.8, 1.2 Hz), 7.27 (1H, dd, J = 5.2, 2.8 Hz), 7.12 (1H, dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz), 6.00 (1H, dd, J = 17.6, 11.6 Hz), 5.72 (1H, dd, J = 17.6, 2.0 Hz), 5.54 (1H, dd, J = 11.6, 2.0 Hz), 3.81 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  129.9, 128.8, 126.9, 125.5, 122.3, 117.2, 87.8, 85.2; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>S<sub>1</sub>: 135.02685 m/z, Found: 135.02676 m/z.

**1-(But-3-en-1-yn-1-yl)cyclohex-1-ene (3.1p).** IR (neat): 3026 (w), 2928 (s), 2909 (m), 2858 (m), 1601 (m), 1435 (m), 1347 (m), 1291 (w), 1239 (m), 1174 (w), 1074 (m), 969 (s), 916 (s), 842 (s), 798 (m), 674 (w), 526 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  6.13–6.11 (1H, m), 5.91 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.6, 11.6 Hz), 5.58 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.6, 2.4 Hz), 5.50 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.6, 2.4 Hz), 2.16–2.09 (4H, m), 1.66–1.54 (4H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  135.4, 125.9, 120.8, 117.6, 92.1, 85.7, 29.3, 25.9, 22.4, 21.6; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>13</sub>: 133.10173 m/z, Found: 133.10184 m/z.

**Triisopropyl**((2-methylhex-5-en-3-yn-2-yl)oxy)silane (3.1q). The spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>19</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  5.78 (1H, dd, J = 17.2, 10.8 Hz), 5.55 (1H, dd, J = 17.2, 2.0 Hz), 5.54 (1H, dd, J = 10.8, 2.0 Hz), 1.53 (6H, s), 1.18–1.11 (3H, m), 1.09–1.06 (18H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  126.4, 117.2,

<sup>(19)</sup> Geary, L. M.; Woo, S. K.; Leung, J. C.; Krische, M. J. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2012, 51, 2972–2976.

95.8, 81.1, 66.6, 33.2, 18.5, 13.1.

**But-3-en-1-yn-1-yltriethylsilane (3.1r).** IR (neat): 3082 (w), 3002 (m), 2962 (m), 2988 (m), 1607 (m), 1502 (m), 1437 (m), 1289 (m), 1169 (m), 1089 (m), 972 (s), 919 (m), 831 (s), 670 (w), 532 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 5.83 (1H, dd, J = 17.6, 11.2 Hz), 5.71 (1H, dd, J = 17.6, 2.4 Hz), 5.49 (1H, dd, J = 11.2, 2.4 Hz), 1.00 (9H, t, J = 8.0 Hz), 0.62 (6H, q, J = 8.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 128.0, 117.5, 105.0, 92.7, 7.6, 4.5; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 167.12560 m/z, Found: 167.12523 m/z.

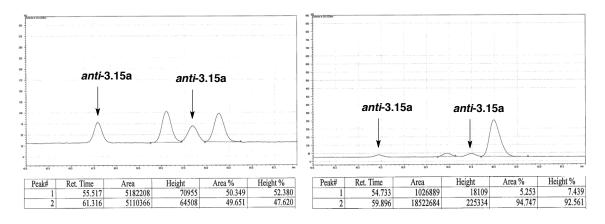
**3.8.3** Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data for Bisphosphine–Cu-Catalyzed Reactions of B<sub>2</sub>(pin)<sub>2</sub>, Enynes and Aldehydes

Representative Experimental Procedure for Bisphosphine–Cu-Catalyzed Reactions of  $B_2(pin)_2$ , Enynes and Aldehydes Followed by Oxidative Work-up: In a  $N_2$ -filled glove-box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL, 17 × 38 mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with bisphosphine **3.3** (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol%), NaOt-Bu (1.9 mg, 0.020 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (thf, 0.5 mL). The vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (27.9 mg, 0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The vial was re-sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and removed from the glove-box. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min under an atmosphere of  $N_2$ . Enyne

**3.1a** (12.8 mg, 0.100 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and benzaldehyde **3.2a** (11.2  $\mu$ L, 0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv) were added through syringes. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 8 h before the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of celite and silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 2 mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide yellow oil, which was dissolved in thf (0.5 mL). NaBO<sub>3</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (76.9 mg, 0.500 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5mL) were added. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for three hours. The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 2 mL). The combined organic layers were concentrated *in vacuo* to provide colorless oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 2.5:1) to afford **3.15a** as white solid (19.2 mg, 0.076 mmol, 76% yield).

(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Phenyl-2-(phenylethynyl)propane-1,3-diol (3.15a). IR (neat): 3354 (br), 3061 (w), 2925 (m), 2889 (m), 1490 (m), 1442 (m), 1120 (m), 1027 (s), 969 (m), 915 (m), 873 (w), 755 (s), 692 (s), 570 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.48–7.45 (2H, m), 7.42–7.37 (4H, m), 7.34–7.26 (4H, m), 5.00 (1H, d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 3.86 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.0 Hz), 3.79 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 4.8 Hz), 3.18–3.14 (1H, m), 2.92 (1H, br s), 2.80 (1H, br s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  141.6, 131.9, 128.5, 128.43, 128.42, 128.1, 126.5, 122.9, 86.0, 74.2, 63.6, 44.2; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 235.11229 m/z, Found: 235.11251 m/z; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –42.4 (*c* 0.79, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 95:5 er.

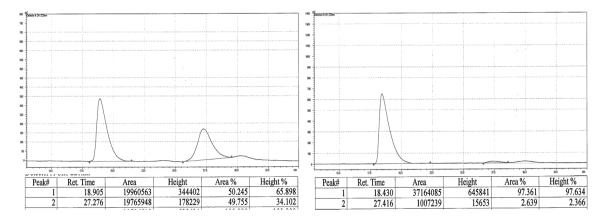
Enantiomeric purity of **3.15a** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (95:5 er shown; Chiralcel OJ–H column, 93:7 hexanes/ *i*-PrOH, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	55.517	50.349	1	54.733	5.253
2	61.316	49.651	2	59.896	94.747

(1*S*,2*R*)-1-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-2-(phenylethynyl)propane-1,3-diol (3.15b). IR (neat): 3378 (br), 3053 (m), 2929 (m), 2887 (m), 1489 (m), 1442 (w), 1164 (m), 1057 (s), 916 (w), 799 (s), 781 (s), 756 (s), 691 (s), 626 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  8.11– 8.08 (2H, m), 7.91–7.88 (1H, m), 7.84–7.80 (2H, m), 7.54–7.47 (3H, m), 7.39–7.34 (2H, m), 7.31–7.25 (3H, m), 5.84 (1H, d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 4.01 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 6.4 Hz), 3.79 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 4.8 Hz), 3.43–3.40 (1H, m), 3.04 (1H, br s), 2.42 (1H, br s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  137.4, 133.9, 131.9, 130.3, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 126.4, 125.7, 125.4, 124.0, 122.9, 122.8, 86.5, 85.6, 69.8, 63.9, 43.5; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 285.12794 m/z, Found: 285.12810 m/z; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –38.0 (*c* 1.42, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 97:3 er.

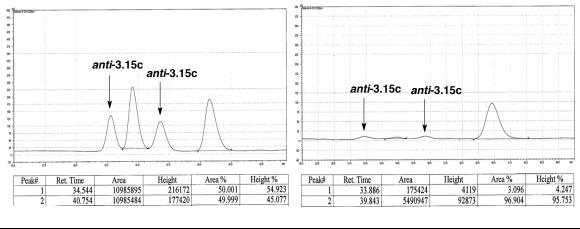
Enantiomeric purity of **3.15b** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (97:3 er shown; Chiralcel OD–H column, 90:10 hexanes/ *i*-PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	18.905	50.245	1	18.430	97.361
2	27.276	49.755	2	27.416	2.639

(1*S*,2*R*)-2-(Phenylethynyl)-1-(*o*-tolyl)propane-1,3-diol (3.15c). IR (neat): 3362 (br), 3061 (m), 2929 (m), 2887 (m), 1489 (m), 1442 (m), 1116 (w), 1028 (s), 912 (m), 867 (w), 753 (s), 691 (s), 528 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.62 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.43–7.40 (2H, m), 7.32–7.27 (3H, m), 7.25–7.23 (1H, m), 7.22–7.17 (1H, m), 7.16 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 5.25 (1H, d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 3.91 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 6.4 Hz), 3.83 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 4.8 Hz), 3.15–3.11 (1H, m), 2.38 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  139.8, 134.8, 131.9, 131.7, 130.5, 128.4, 127.8, 126.2, 126.1, 122.9, 86.0, 85.9, 69.9, 63.8, 43.2, 19.2; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 267.13850 m/z, Found: 267.13762 m/z; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –40.9 (*c* 1.14, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 97:3 er.

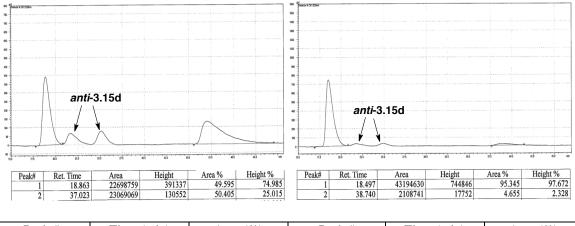
Enantiomeric purity of **3.15c** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (97:3 er shown; Chiralcel OJ–H column, 93:7 hexanes/ *i*-PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	34.544	50.001	1	33.886	3.096
2	40.754	49.999	2	39.843	96.904

(1*S*,2*R*)-1-(Benzo[*b*]thiophen-3-yl)-2-(phenylethynyl)propane-1,3-diol (3.15d). IR (neat): 3363 (br), 3058 (m), 2927 (m), 2887 (m), 1489 (m), 1442 (m), 1428 (m), 1308 (m), 1157 (m), 1099 (s), 1051 (s), 910 (m), 872 (w), 756 (s), 732 (s), 691 (s), 460 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.93–7.87 (2H, m), 7.60 (1H, s), 7.41–7.34 (4H, m), 7.31–7.20 (3H, m), 5.42 (1H, d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 3.99 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 6.4 Hz), 3.92 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 4.8 Hz), 3.42–3.38 (1H, m), 2.94 (1H, br s), 2.39 (1H, br s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  140.8, 137.4, 136.9, 131.9, 128.5, 128.4, 124.6, 124.3, 123.7, 123.1, 122.7, 122.2, 86.4, 85.7, 69.2, 63.7, 42.7; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>1</sub>S<sub>1</sub>: 291.08436 m/z, Found: 291.08549 m/z; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –47.6 (*c* 1.30, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 95:5 er.

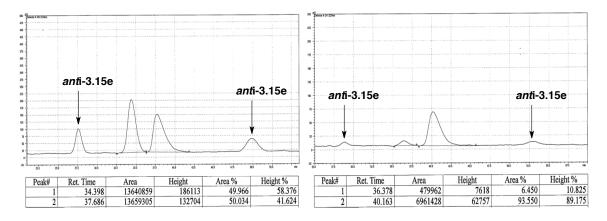
Enantiomeric purity of **3.15d** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (95:5 er. shown; Chiralcel OD–H column, 90:10 hexanes/ *i*-PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	18.863	49.595	1	18.497	95.345
2	37.023	50.405	2	38.740	4.655

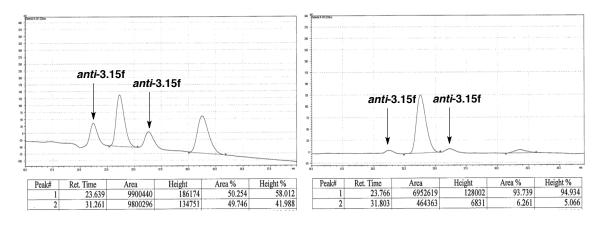
(1*S*,2*R*)-1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(phenylethynyl)propane-1,3-diol (3.15e). IR (neat): 3368 (br), 3058 (w), 2933 (m), 2893 (m), 1612 (m), 1512 (s), 1490 (m), 1442 (m), 1302 (m), 1246 (s), 1175 (s), 1029 (s), 916 (w), 876 (m), 757 (s), 732 (s), 692 (s), 579 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.44–7.38 (4H, m), 7.32–7.26 (3H, m), 6.92–6.90 (2H, m), 4.95 (1H, d, J = 4.8 Hz), 3.83 (1H, dd, J = 10.4, 5.6 Hz), 3.81 (3H, s), 3.76 (1H, dd, J = 10.4, 4.8 Hz), 3.15–3.11 (1H, m), 2.79 (1H, br s), 2.20 (1H, br s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 159.5, 133.7, 131.9, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 122.9, 113.9, 86.3, 85.9, 74.0, 63.6, 55.4, 44.3; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 265.12285 m/z, Found: 265.12378 m/z; Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –39.2 (*c* 1.26, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 94:6 er.

Enantiomeric purity of **3.15e** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (94:6 er shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 93:7 hexanes/ *i*-PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



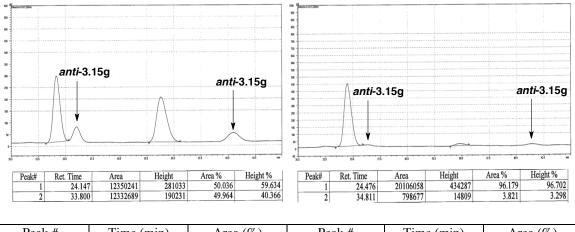
Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	34.398	49.966	1	36.378	6.450
2	37.686	50.034	2	40.163	93.550

(1*S*,2*R*)-1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-(phenylethynyl)propane-1,3-diol (3.15f). IR (neat): 3363 (br), 3058 (w), 2928 (m), 2890 (m), 1604 (m), 1509 (s), 1490 (m), 1442 (m), 1326 (m), 1223 (s), 1158 (m), 1030 (m), 917 (w), 837 (m), 757 (s), 692 (s), 544 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.46–7.41 (2H, m), 7.41–7.37 (2H, m), 7.32–7.26 (3H, m), 7.09–7.03 (2H, m), 5.01 (1H, d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 3.87 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 6.4 Hz), 3.79 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 4.8 Hz), 3.13–3.09 (1H, m), 3.03 (1H, br s), 2.33 (1H, br s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  162.6 (d, *J* = 244.4 Hz), 137.3 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 131.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 115.3 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 86.1, 85.7, 73.6, 63.6, 44.1; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>1</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 253.10287 m/z, Found: 253.10182 m/z; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –38.2 (*c* 0.83, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 94:6 er. Enantiomeric purity of **3.15f** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (94:6 er shown; Chiralcel OD–H column, 93:7 hexanes/ *i*-PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	23.639	50.254	1	23.766	93.739
2	31.261	49.746	2	31.803	6.261

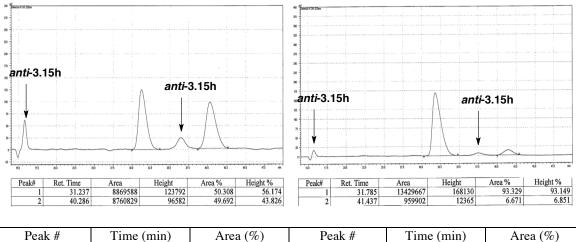
(2*R*,3*R*,*E*)-5-Phenyl-2-(phenylethynyl)pent-4-ene-1,3-diol (3.15g). IR (neat): 3385 (br), 3057 (m), 2926 (m), 2886 (m), 1577 (s), 1490 (m), 1443 (m), 1157 (w), 1108 (m), 1050 (m), 802 (w), 755 (s), 692 (s), 563 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.45– 7.38 (4H, m), 7.35–7.24 (6H, m), 6.74 (1H, d, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 6.41 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.4), 4.63–4.61 (1H, m), 3.98 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.8 Hz), 3.93 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 4.8 Hz), 3.13– 3.09 (1H, m), 2.56 (2H, br s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 136.6, 132.1, 132.0, 129.4, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 126.8, 122.9, 85.8, 85.7, 73.0, 63.6, 42.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 261.12794 m/z, Found: 261.12886 m/z; Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  –30.6 (*c* 0.88, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 96:4 er. Enantiomeric purity of **3.15g** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (96:4 er shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 93:7 hexanes/ *i*-PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	24.147	50.036	1	24.476	96.179
2	33.800	49.964	2	34.811	3.821

(2*R*,3*S*,*E*)-4-Methyl-5-phenyl-2-(phenylethynyl)pent-4-ene-1,3-diol (3.15h). IR (neat): 3364 (br), 3054 (m), 2926 (m), 2887 (m), 1577 (s), 1490 (m), 1442 (m), 1179 (w), 1068 (m), 1029 (m), 918 (m), 870 (w), 813 (w), 754 (s), 691 (s), 513 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.44–7.41 (2H, m), 7.36–7.27 (7H, m), 7.26–7.21 (1H, m), 6.67 (1H, s), 4.43 (1H, d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 3.93 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.0 Hz), 3.88 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 5.2 Hz), 3.21–3.17 (1H, m), 2.63 (1H, br s), 2.33 (1H, br s), 1.95 (3H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  137.7, 137.5, 132.0, 131.8, 129.2, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.1, 126.7, 122.8, 86.0, 76.7, 63.8, 41.2, 14.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 275.14329 m/z, Found: 275.14359 m/z; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –21.6 (*c* 1.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 93:7 er.

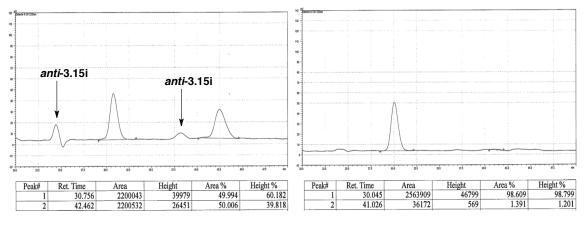
Enantiomeric purity of **3.15h** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (93:7 er shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 94:6 hexanes/ *i*-PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	31.237	50.308	1	31.785	93.329
2	40.286	49.692	2	41.437	6.671

(1*S*,2*R*)-2-(Phenylethynyl)-1-((*S*)-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)propane-1,3diol (3.15i). IR (neat): 3374 (br), 2918 (m), 2837 (m), 1490 (m), 1435 (m), 1374 (m), 1199 (w), 1052 (m), 1029 (m), 965 (m), 916 (m), 887 (m), 828 (w), 755 (s), 691 (s), 541 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.43–7.40 (2H, m), 7.32–7.28 (3H, m), 5.84 (1H, s), 4.75–4.71 (2H, m), 4.23 (1H, d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 3.84 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.0 Hz), 3.79 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 5.2 Hz), 3.10–3.06 (1H, m), 2.33 (1H, br s), 2.29–2.16 (4H, m), 2.10– 1.97 (2H, m), 1.91–1.84 (1H, m), 1.75 (3H, s), 1.55–1.45 (1H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  149.7, 137.2, 131.9, 128.4, 128.3, 123.7, 123.0, 108.9, 86.3, 85.7, 75.4, 63.7, 41.1, 41.0, 30.5, 27.5, 25.1, 20.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 279.17489 m/z, Found: 279.17605 m/z; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>–38.8 (*c* 1.23, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 99:1 dr.

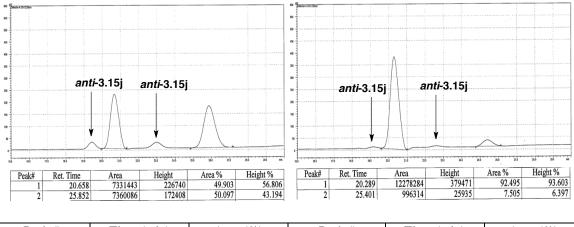
Enantiomeric purity of **3.15i** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (99:1 dr shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 95:5 hexanes/ *i*-PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	30.756	49.994	1	30.045	98.609
2	42.462	50.006	2	41.026	1.391

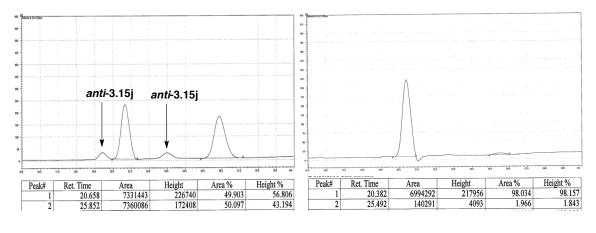
(2*R*,3*R*)-5-Phenyl-2-(phenylethynyl)pentane-1,3-diol (3.15j). IR (neat): 3358 (br), 3060 (m), 2940 (m), 1599 (w), 1490 (m), 1442 (m), 1411 (m), 1333 (m), 1156 (w), 1029 (m), 916 (m), 755 (s), 692 (s), 527 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.45–7.39 (2H, m), 7.33–7.28 (4H, m), 7.26–7.18 (4H, m), 3.97–3.87 (3H, m), 2.95–2.91 (1H, m), 2.89–2.84 (1H, m), 2.79–2.71 (1H, m), 2.31 (2H, br s), 2.11–1.92 (2H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 175.3, 141.8, 132.0, 128.60, 128.59, 128.4, 126.1, 122.9, 85.7, 85.6, 71.2, 64.1, 41.9, 37.6, 32.2; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 281.15415 m/z, Found: 281.15444 m/z; Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –14.3 (*c* 1.12, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 98:2 er.

Enantiomeric purity of **3.15***j* was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material *before recrystallization* (92.5:7.5 er shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 93:7 hexanes/*i*-PrOH, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	20.658	49.903	1	20.289	92.495
2	25.852	50.097	2	25.401	7.505

Enantiomeric purity of **3.15***j* was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material *after recrystallization* (98:2 er shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 93:7 hexanes/*i*-PrOH, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	20.658	49.903	1	20.382	98.034
2	25.852	50.097	2	25.492	1.966

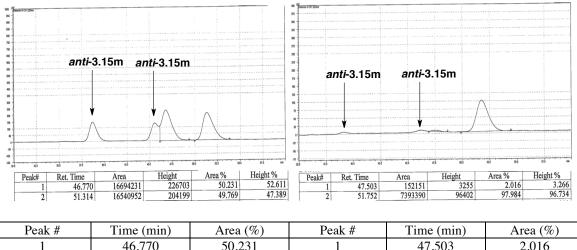
(2*R*,3*R*,5*S*)-5,9-Dimethyl-2-(phenylethynyl)dec-8-ene-1,3-diol (3.15k). IR (neat): 3381 (br), 2959 (m), 2913 (m), 1490 (m), 1442 (m), 1377 (m), 1336 (m), 1048 (m), 961 (w), 837 (w), 755 (s), 690 (s), 542 (m), 527 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.45– 7.39 (2H, m), 7.32–7.27 (3H, m), 5.13–5.08 (1H, m), 4.01–3.88 (3H, m), 2.89–2.86 (1H, m), 2.27 (1H, br s), 2.08–1.93 (2H, m), 1.83–1.70 (2H, m), 1.68 (3H, s), 1.58 (3H, s), 327

1.39–1.35 (2H, m), 1.34–1.19 (2H, m), 0.96 (3H, d, J = 6.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  131.9, 131.4, 128.4, 128.3, 124.8, 123.0, 86.0, 85.6, 69.6, 64.1, 43.2, 42.4, 37.9, 28.9, 25.8, 25.6, 19.3, 17.8; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 301.21675 m/z, Found: 301.21730 m/z; Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –3.5 (*c* 0.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of >98:2 dr.

(2*R*,3*R*,5*R*)-5,9-Dimethyl-2-(phenylethynyl)dec-8-ene-1,3-diol (3.15l). IR (neat): 3373 (br), 2957 (m), 2923 (m), 1490 (m), 1442 (m), 1337 (m), 1049 (m), 962 (w), 835 (w), 755 (s), 691 (s), 542 (m), 526 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.44–7.41 (2H, m), 7.32–7.26 (3H, m), 5.13–5.09 (1H, m), 4.00–3.88 (3H, m), 2.91–2.88 (1H, m), 2.33 (1H, br s), 2.09–1.93 (3H, m), 1.68 (3H, s), 1.67 (1H, br s), 1.64–1.61 (1H, m), 1.58 (3H, s), 1.57–1.52 (1H, m), 1.48–1.40 (1H, m), 1.24–1.13 (1H, m), 0.96 (3H, d, *J* = 5.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  132.0, 131.5, 128.4, 128.3, 124.8, 123.0, 85.8, 85.6, 70.1, 64.2, 43.3, 41.7, 36.9, 29.4, 25.8, 25.5, 20.3, 17.8; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 301.21675 m/z, Found: 301.21661 m/z; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –11.7 (*c* 1.12, CHCl<sub>4</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of >98:2 dr.

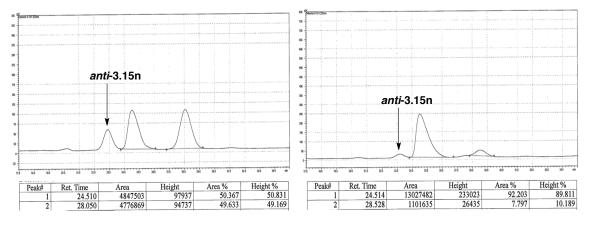
(1*S*,2*R*)-2-((4-Methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1-phenylpropane-1,3-diol (3.15m). IR (neat): 3319 (br), 2933 (m), 2838 (m), 1605 (m), 1509 (s), 1465 (m), 1394 (m), 1324 (w), 1288 (m), 1247 (s), 1172 (m), 1104 (m), 1027 (s), 913 (m), 834 (m), 735 (m), 700 (m), 536 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.47–7.44 (2H, m), 7.40–7.29 (5H, m), 6.84–6.79 (2H, m), 4.98 (1H, d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 3.83 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.0 Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 3.76 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 4.8 Hz), 3.17–3.12 (1H, m), 2.89 (1H, br s), 2.23 (1H, br s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  141.6, 133.3, 128.5, 128.1, 126.5, 115.0, 114.0, 86.0, 84.4, 74.2, 63.6, 55.4, 44.4, 34.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 283.13342 m/z, Found: 328 283.13394 m/z; Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –59.1 (*c* 0.77, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 98:2 er.

Enantiomeric purity of **3.15m** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (98:2 er shown; Chiralcel OJ–H column, 87:13 hexanes/ *i*-PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #Time (min)Area (%)Peak #Time (min)Area (%)146.77050.231147.5032.016251.31449.769251.75297.984(1S,2R)-1-Phenyl-2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)propane-1,3-diol (3.15n). IR

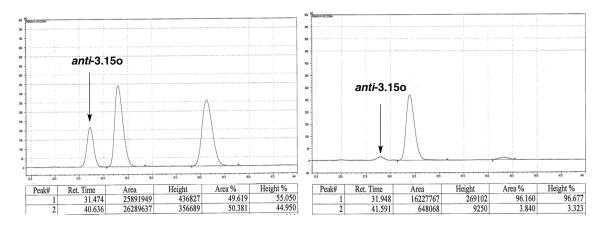
(neat): 3345 (br), 2933 (w), 2891 (w), 1614 (m), 1405 (m), 1320 (s), 1165 (m), 1121 (m), 1065 (s), 1017 (m), 841 (m), 746 (m), 700 (m), 597 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.55–7.51 (2H, m), 7.49–7.45 (4H, m), 7.41–7.37 (2H, m), 7.35–7.32 (1H, m), 5.05 (1H, d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 3.90 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.0 Hz), 3.84 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 4.8 Hz), 3.19–3.15 (1H, m), 2.91 (1H, br s), 2.33 (1H, br s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$ 141.5, 132.1, 131.9, 131.1 (q, *J* = 32.6 Hz), 128.5, 128.2, 126.4, 125.3 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.0 (q, *J* = 270.2 Hz), 89.0, 84.5, 74.2, 63.6, 43.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 303.09967 m/z, Found: 303.10081 m/z; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –33.9 (*c* 1.38, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 92:8 er. Enantiomeric purity of **3.15n** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (92:8 er shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 95:5 hexanes/ *i*-PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	24.510	50.367	1	24.514	92.203
2	28.050	49.633	2	28.528	7.797

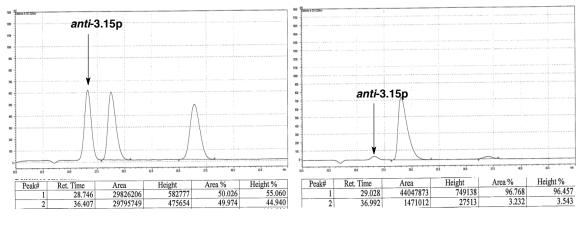
(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Phenyl-2-(thiophen-3-ylethynyl)propane-1,3-diol (3.15o). IR (neat): 3360 (br), 2930 (m), 2886 (m), 1493 (m), 1453 (m), 1357 (m), 1228 (m), 1053 (s), 1025 (s), 909 (w), 848 (w), 782 (s), 701 (s), 626 (s), 570 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.47–7.44 (2H, m), 7.41–7.35 (3H, m), 7.34–7.29 (1H, m), 7.24 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.8, 2.8 Hz), 7.07 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.2, 1.2 Hz), 4.99 (1H, d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 3.84 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.0 Hz), 3.77 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 4.8 Hz), 3.16–3.12 (1H, m), 2.86 (1H, br s), 2.23 (1H, br s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  141.6, 130.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.2, 126.5, 125.4, 121.9, 85.7, 81.1, 74.2, 63.6, 44.3; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>1</sub>: 259.07927 m/z, Found: 259.07976 m/z; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –56.8 (*c* 0.99, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 96:4 er.

Enantiomeric purity of **3.150** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (96:4 er shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 93:7 hexanes/ *i*-PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm).



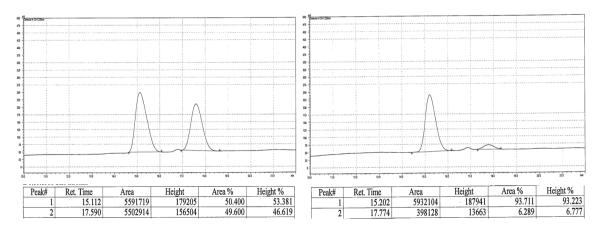
Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	31.474	49.619	1	31.948	96.160
2	40.636	50.381	2	41.591	3.840

(1*S*,2*R*)-2-(Cyclohex-1-en-1-ylethynyl)-1-phenylpropane-1,3-diol (3.15p). IR (neat): 3361 (br), 2927 (s), 2885 (m), 1494 (m), 1450 (m), 1347 (m), 1269 (m), 1199 (m), 1046 (s), 1026 (s), 918 (m), 842 (w), 750 (m), 700 (s), 580 (m), 535 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.42–7.39 (2H, m), 7.38–7.34 (2H, m), 7.32–7.27 (1H, m), 6.09– 6.07 (1H, m), 4.89 (1H, d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 3.73 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.0 Hz), 3.67 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 5.2 Hz), 3.06–3.02 (1H, m), 2.86 (1H, br s), 2.11–2.04 (4H, m), 1.65–1.53 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  141.6, 135.3, 128.4, 128.0, 126.5, 120.3, 88.1, 82.8, 74.0, 63.5, 44.3, 29.5, 25.7, 22.4, 21.6; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 257.15415 m/z, Found: 257.15430 m/z; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –22.6 (*c* 0.90, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 97:3 er. Enantiomeric purity of **3.15p** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (97:3 er shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 95:5 hexanes/ *i*-PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	28.746	50.026	1	29.028	96.768
2	36.407	49.974	2	36.992	3.232

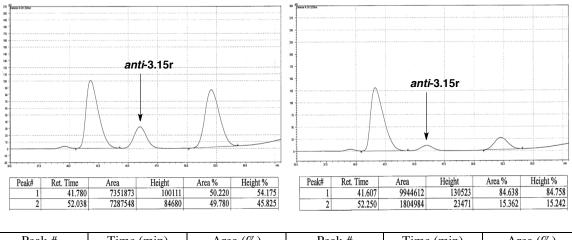
(1*S*,2*R*)-2-(3-Methyl-3-((triisopropylsilyl)oxy)but-1-yn-1-yl)-1-phenylpropane-1,3diol (3.15q). IR (neat): 3379 (br), 2942 (m), 2865 (m), 1463 (m), 1450 (m), 1377 (m), 1358 (m), 1239 (m), 1161 (s), 1043 (s), 918 (m), 831 (w), 753 (m), 699 (s), 679 (s), 555 (m), 505 (m), 468 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.41–7.32 (5H, m), 7.31–7.27 (1H, m), 4.89 (1H, d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 3.73 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.4 Hz), 3.68 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 4.8 Hz), 2.97–2.93 (1H, m), 2.69 (1H, br s), 2.06 (1H, br s), 1.50 (3H, s), 1.48 (3H, s), 1.09–0.99 (21H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  141.5, 128.4, 128.0, 126.4, 91.8, 78.3, 73.8, 66.4, 63.3, 43.6, 33.6, 33.5, 18.41, 18.39, 13.14, 13.10; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H– H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 373.25628 m/z, Found: 373.25456 m/z; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>–13.6 (*c* 1.13, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 94:6 er. Enantiomeric purity of **3.15q** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (94:6 er shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 97:3 hexanes/*i*-PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	15.112	50.400	1	15.202	93.711
2	17.590	49.600	2	17.774	6.289

(1*S*,2*R*)-1-Phenyl-2-(*o*-tolylethynyl)propane-1,3-diol (3.15r). IR (neat): 3375 (br), 2954 (m), 2874 (m), 1496 (m), 1455 (m), 1377 (m), 1178 (m), 1018 (s), 973 (m), 915 (w), 825 (w), 722 (s), 697 (s), 534 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.42–7.39 (2H, m), 7.37–7.32 (2H, m), 7.31–7.27 (1H, m), 4.88 (1H, d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 3.74 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 6.4 Hz), 3.68 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8, 5.2 Hz), 3.01–2.97 (1H, m), 2.80 (1H, br s), 2.17 (1H, br s), 0.97 (9H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 0.59 (6H, q, *J* = 8.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  141.4, 128.3, 128.0, 126.4, 103.9, 88.5, 73.7, 63.4, 44.9, 7.6, 4.5; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>1</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 273.16747 m/z, Found: 273.16680 m/z; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>–28.8 (*c* 0.99, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 85:15 er.

Enantiomeric purity of **3.15r** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (85:15 er shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 98:2 hexanes/ *i*-PrOH, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	41.780	50.220	1	41.607	84.638
2	52.038	49.780	2	52.250	15.362

Representative Experimental Procedure for Bisphosphine-Cu Catalyzed Reaction of  $B_2(pin)_2$ , an Enyne and an Aldehyde Followed by NHC-Cu-Catalyzed Addition to Allylic Phosphate: In a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove-box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL,  $17 \times$ 38 mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with bisphosphine **3.3** (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol%), NaOt-Bu (1.9 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol %) and thf (0.5 mL). The reaction vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (27.9 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The vial was re-sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and removed from the glove-box. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub>. Envne **3.1a** (12.8 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and aldehyde **3.2j** (14.5  $\mu$ L, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) were added through syringes. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for eight hours. After this time, an NHC-Cu complex solution [prepared from mixing imidazolinium salt 3.22 (3.4 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol %), CuCl

(1.0 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol %), KOt-Bu (16.8 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in thf (0.5 mL) for one hour] and allyl–OPO(OEt)<sub>2</sub> (29.1 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were transferred into the reaction mixture through syringes. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 24 h before the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of celite and silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 2$  mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide yellow oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the desired product **3.50** as colorless oil (23.3 mg, 0.076 mmol, 76% yield).

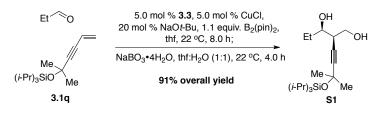
(3*R*,4*S*)-1-Phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)oct-7-en-3-ol (3.50). IR (neat): 3439 (br), 3026 (w), 2927 (m), 2859 (m), 1640 (m), 1599 (m), 1490 (m), 1453 (m), 1442 (m), 1387 (w), 1155 (w), 1069 (m), 1029 (m), 996 (m), 912 (m), 754 (s), 691 (s), 552 (m), 526 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.45–7.41 (2H, m), 7.33–7.29 (5H, m), 7.26–7.19 (3H, m), 5.90–5.80 (1H, m), 5.11–5.00 (2H, m), 3.64–3.58 (1H, m), 2.92–2.85 (1H, m), 2.80–2.69 (2H, m), 2.41–2.33 (1H, m), 2.28–2.19 (1H, m), 2.00–1.94 (2H, m), 1.86–1.76 (2H, m), 1.73–1.65 (1H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 142.0, 138.1, 131.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 126.0, 123.4, 115.4, 88.7, 85.1, 72.7, 39.5, 37.6, 32.3, 31.9, 31.1; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 305.19054 m/z; Found: 305.19122 m/z; Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –9.3 (*c* 1.16, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 92.5:7.5 er. The enantiomeric ratio was shown in **3.15j**.

■ Representative Experimental Procedure for Bisphosphine–Cu Catalyzed Reaction of B<sub>2</sub>(pin)<sub>2</sub>, an Enyne and an Aldehyde Followed by *Pd-Catalyzed Suzuki* 

Coupling of Arylbromide: In a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove-box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL,  $17 \times 38$ mm) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with phosphine 3.3 (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol%), NaOt-Bu (1.9 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol %) and thf (0.5 mL). The reaction vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (27.9 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The vial was re-sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and removed from the glove-box. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub>. Envne **3.1a** (12.8 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and aldehyde **3.2j** (14.5  $\mu$ L, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) were added through syringes. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for eight hours before the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of celite and silica gel and eluted with  $Et_2O$  (3 × 2 mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide yellow oil, which was used in the next step without further purification. In a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove-box, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.4 mg, 0.002 mmol, 2.0 mol %), RuPhos (1.9 mg, 0.004 mmol, 4.0 mol %), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (97.7 mg, 0.300 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 4-bromoanisole (18.8 µL, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added to a solution of unpurifed the product obtained from previous step in thf (1.0 mL) and water (0.1 mL). The reaction vessel was sealed with a cap and removed from the glove-box. The solution was allowed to stir at 70 °C for 18 h. After this time, the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of celite and silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3  $\times$ 2 mL). The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to provide yellow oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the desired product **3.51** as colorless oil (24.9 mg, 0.067 mmol, 67% yield).

(3*R*,4*S*)-4-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-1,6-diphenylhex-5-yn-3-ol (3.51). IR (neat): 3452 (br), 3027 (w), 2930 (m), 2858 (m), 1611 (m), 1511 (s), 1490 (m), 1456 (m), 1442 (m), 1386 (w), 1300 (m), 1244 (s), 1177 (m), 1033 (m), 917 (w), 820 (m), 756 (m), 693 (s), 552 (m), 526 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.41–7.38 (2H, m), 7.32–7.28 (5H, m), 7.23–7.19 (5H, m), 6.88–6.86 (2H, m), 3.82 (3H, s), 3.68–3.60 (1H, m), 2.97–2.95 (2H, m), 2.92–2.81 (2H, m), 2.77–2.69 (1H, m), 2.07–1.93 (2H, m), 1.82–1.80 (1H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  158.3, 142.0, 131.8, 131.5, 130.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 126.0, 123.3, 113.9, 88.6, 85.5, 71.6, 55.4, 42.3, 38.0, 37.5, 32.3; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 371.20110 m/z; Found: 371.20109 m/z; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>0</sub><sup>20</sup> – 12.1 (*c* 1.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 92.5:7.5 er. The enantiomeric ratio was shown in **3.51**j.

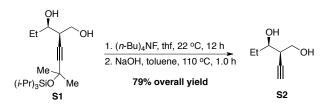
# 3.8.4 Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data for Synthesis of Fragments of Natural Products



■ Experimental Procedure for Synthesis of Fragments 3.55–3.56:

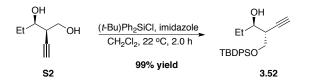
S1 was prepared according to the experimental procedure described above.

(2*R*,3*R*)-2-(3-Methyl-3-((triisopropylsilyl)oxy)but-1-yn-1-yl)pentane-1,3-diol (S1). IR (neat): 3369 (br), 2938 (m), 2867 (m), 1462 (m), 1448 (m), 1374 (m), 1356 (m), 1236 (m), 1160 (s), 1042 (s), 920 (m), 751 (m), 700 (s), 678 (s), 505 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 3.83–3.73 (2H, m), 3.69–3.63 (1H, m), 2.73–2.69 (1H, m), 1.65– 1.57 (3H, m), 1.51 (6H, s), 1.16–1.11 (3H, m), 1.11–1.06 (19H, m), 0.97 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 91.3, 78.2, 72.9, 66.4, 63.6, 40.7, 33.7, 28.6, 18.4, 13.1, 10.4; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 343.26685 m/z, Found: 343.26696 m/z; Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –7.4 (*c* 1.33, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



S2 was prepared according to a previous reported procedure.<sup>19</sup>

(2*R*,3*R*)-2-Ethynylpentane-1,3-diol (S2). The spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>20</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  3.88–3.80 (2H, m), 3.74–3.66 (1H, m), 2.81 (1H, br s), 2.71–2.66 (1H, m), 2.43 (1H, br s), 2.19–2.16 (1H, m), 1.71–1.58 (2H, m), 0.97 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  80.9, 73.2, 73.0, 63.9, 40.2, 28.6, 10.3. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  +1.9 (*c* 1.67, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

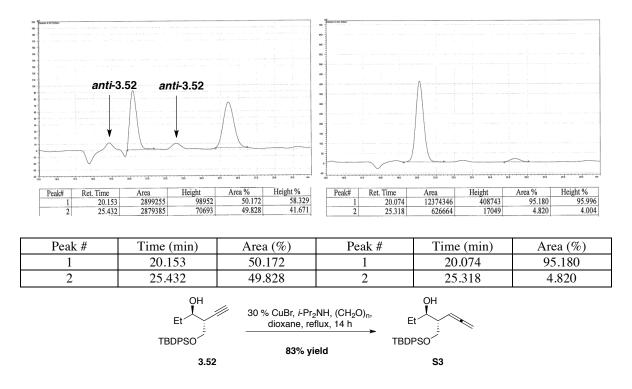


<sup>(20)</sup> Baker, R.; Head, J. C.; Swain, C. J. J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. I 1988, 85-97.

To a solution of **S2** (180 mg, 1.45 mmol) and imidazole (118.5 mg, 1.74 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 mL) was added (*t*-Bu)Ph<sub>2</sub>SiCl (416  $\mu$ L, 1.60 mmol) at 22 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for two hours. The reaction was quenched by addition of water (2 mL) and the aqueous layer was washed with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 × 2 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum. The resulting colorless oil was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate 20:1) to afford **3.52** as colorless oil (526.4 mg, 1.44 mmol, 99% yield).

(*3R*,*4R*)-4-(((*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)methyl)hex-5-yn-3-ol (3.52). IR (neat): 3437 (br), 2959 (m), 2931 (m), 2888 (m), 2857 (m), 1472 (m), 1428 (m), 1391 (w), 1112 (s), 998 (w), 822 (m), 740 (m), 701 (s), 608 (m), 505 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.75–7.71 (4H, m), 7.45–7.39 (6H, m), 3.93 (1H, dd, J = 10.0, 7.6 Hz), 3.85 (1H, dd, J =10.0, 4.8 Hz), 3.85–3.78 (1H, m), 2.72–2.67 (1H, m), 2.34 (1H, br s), 2.12 (1H, d, J = 2.8Hz), 1.74–1.59 (2H, m), 1.09 (9H, s), 1.00 (3H, t, J = 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 135.8, 135.7, 133.3, 133.0, 130.0, 129.8, 127.9, 127.8, 81.1, 72.6, 72.2, 64.8, 40.1, 28.5, 26.9, 19.3, 10.5; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 367.20933 m/z, Found: 367.21082 m/z. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +2.3 (*c* 1.56, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 95:5 er.

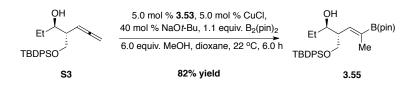
Enantiomeric purity of **3.52** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (95:5 er shown; Chiralcel OD–H column, 99:1 hexanes/ *i*-PrOH, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm).



S3 was prepared according to a previous reported procedure.<sup>21</sup>

(*3R*,*4R*)-4-(((*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)methyl)hepta-5,6-dien-3-ol (S3). IR (neat): 3440 (br), 2959 (m), 2930 (m), 2857 (m), 1471 (m), 1427 (m), 1110 (s), 999 (m), 968 (m), 842 (m), 739 (m), 700 (s), 609 (m), 504 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.73–7.66 (4H, m), 7.46–7.36 (6H, m), 5.27–5.21 (1H, m), 4.68–4.64 (2H, m), 3.87–3.84 (3H, m), 2.67–2.66 (1H, m), 2.39–2.35 (1H, m), 1.63–1.49 (3H, m), 1.08 (9H, s), 0.96 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 209.3, 135.8, 135.7, 133.2, 133.0, 130.0, 129.8, 127.9, 127.8, 86.4, 75.0, 74.7, 66.9, 45.5, 27.7, 27.0, 19.3, 10.5; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 381.22498 m/z, Found: 381.22369 m/z. Specific rotation: [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +1.6 (*c* 0.97, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

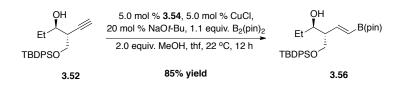
<sup>(21) (</sup>a) Crabbé, P.; Fillion, H.; André, D.; Luche, J.-L. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1979**, 859–860. (b) Searles, S.; Li, Y.; Nassim, B.; Lopes, M.-T. R.; Tran, P. T.; Crabbé, P. *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1*, **1984**, 747–751. (c) Yoshida, M.; Matsuda, K.; Shoji, Y.; Gotou, T.; Ihara, M.; Shishido, K. *Org. Lett.* **2008**, *10*, 5183–5186.



5.55 was prepared according to a previous procedure.<sup>22</sup>

## (3R,4R,Z)-4-(((tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-

dioxaborolan-2-yl)hept-5-en-3-ol (3.55). IR (neat): 3505 (br), 2960 (m), 2930 (m), 2856 (m), 1631 (w), 1462 (m), 1368 (s), 1302 (m), 1143 (m), 1109 (s), 1007 (m), 961 (m), 861 (m), 823 (m), 737 (m), 701 (s), 671 (m), 612 (m), 503 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.69–7.64 (4H, m), 7.46–7.36 (6H, m), 6.37 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.0 Hz), 3.88–3.83 (1H, m), 3.82 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.0, 7.2 Hz), 3.71 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.0, 4.8 Hz), 2.83–2.77 (1H, m), 2.59–2.58 (1H, m), 1.62 (3H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 1.51–1.42 (2H, m), 1.25 (6H, s), 1.24 (6H, s), 1.06 (9H, s), 0.96 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  141.6, 135.8, 135.7, 133.4, 133.1, 129.9, 127.9, 127.8, 83.3, 74.6, 65.7, 45.1, 27.8, 26.9, 25.2, 25.0, 24.9, 19.3, 14.5, 10.7; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>44</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 491.31528 m/z, Found: 491.31502 m/z; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +3.0 (*c* 2.09, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



**3.56** was prepared according to a previous reported procedure.<sup>23</sup>

## (3R,4R,E)-4-(((tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-

dioxaborolan-2-yl)hex-5-en-3-ol (3.56). IR (neat): 3520 (br), 2951 (m), 2930 (m), 2857

<sup>(22)</sup> Meng, F; Jung, B.; Haeffner, F.; Hoveyda, A. H. Org. Lett. 2013, 15, 1414–1417.

<sup>(23)</sup> Jang, H.; Zhugralin, A. R.; Lee, Y.; Hoveyda, A. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2011, 133, 7859–7871.

(m), 1637 (m), 1471 (m), 1428 (m), 1389 (s), 1214 (m), 1143 (s), 1109 (s), 1003 (m), 969 (m), 849 (m), 823 (m), 740 (m), 701 (s), 613 (m), 504 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.68–7.65 (4H, m), 7.46–7.36 (6H, m), 6.66 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.0, 8.0 Hz), 5.49 (1H, d, *J* = 18.0 Hz), 3.88–3.78 (1H, m), 3.86 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.0, 7.2 Hz), 3.80 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.2 Hz), 2.52–2.43 (2H, m), 1.55–1.42 (2H, m), 1.26 (12H, s), 1.06 (9H, s), 0.95 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  150.4, 135.8, 135.7, 133.3, 133.1, 129.92, 129.90, 127.9, 127.8, 83.2, 74.1, 66.0, 52.0, 27.6, 27.0, 24.9, 19.3, 10.6; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>44</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 495.31019 m/z, Found: 495.31020 m/z; Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +3.4 (*c* 1.98, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

### **3.8.5 DFT Calculations**

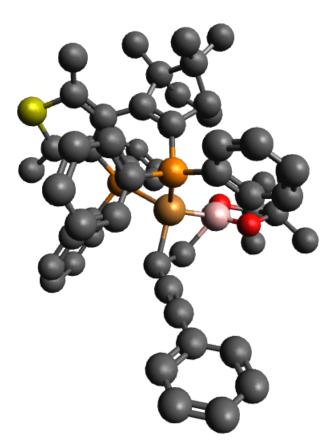
All geometries were optimized using the BP86 density functional<sup>24</sup> and the 6-31G\* splitvalence basis set. Frequency calculations were carried out for all optimized geometries to verify that the structures are minima or 1<sup>st</sup> order saddle points on the potential energy surface. The normal mode frequencies were used to calculate Gibbs free energy corrections at 298 K and 1 atm. THF solvation was simulated by the Polarizing Continuum Model PCM.<sup>25</sup> All calculations were carried out using the Gaussian 09 program.<sup>26</sup>

<sup>(24)</sup> Grimme, S. J. Comp. Chem., 2006, 27, 1787–1799.

<sup>(25)</sup> Tomasi, J.; Mennucci, B.; Cammi, R. Chem. Rev. 2005, 105, 2999-3094.

<sup>(26)</sup> Gaussian 09, Revision A.02, Frisch, M. J.; Trucks, G. W.; Schlegel, H. B.; Scuseria, G. E.; Robb, M. A.; Cheeseman, J. R.; Scalmani, G.; Barone, V.; Mennucci, B.; Petersson, G. A.; Nakatsuji, H.; Caricato, M.; Li, X.; Hratchian, H. P.; Izmaylov, A. F.; Bloino, J.; Zheng, G.; Sonnenberg, J. L.; Hada, M.; Ehara, M.; Toyota, K.; Fukuda, R.; Hasegawa, J.; Ishida, M.; Nakajima, T.; Honda, Y.; Kitao, O.; Nakai, H.; Vreven, T.; Montgomery, J. A.; Peralta, J. E.; Ogliaro, F.; Bearpark, M.; Heyd, J. J.; Brothers, E.; Kudin, K. N.; Staroverov, V. N.; Kobayashi, R.; Normand, J.; Raghavachari, K.; Rendell, A.; Burant, J. C.;

Major Transition State of Cu-B Addition to Enyne (I, Scheme 3.11a)



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С	15.327	-1.976	-8.020
С	15.990	0.227	-7.206

С	16.640	-2.444	-7.857
С	17.309	-0.252	-7.039
С	17.632	-1.577	-7.367
С	18.325	2.535	-3.692
С	17.735	2.500	-4.966
С	16.375	2.157	-5.116
С	17.564	2.223	-2.553
С	16.211	1.875	-2.694
С	15.617	1.844	-3.967
С	16.655	2.558	-9.422
С	16.516	2.965	-7.952
С	16.953	4.258	-7.840
С	15.554	3.376	-10.183
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С	17.427	4.691	-9.261
С	18.325	5.916	-9.403
С	17.963	3.315	-9.833
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С	16.851	5.198	-6.694

C	17.986	5.769	-6.126
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C	10.823	6.446	-4.135
C	11.645	6.228	-5.256
C	11.825	6.858	-9.698
C	12.311	5.947	-8.744
C	12.388	8.139	-9.808
C	13.361	6.318	-7.876
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C	13.929	7.605	-8.000
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Н	19.492	1.779	-9.575
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Н	20.098	3.434	-9.335
Н	19.556	4.620	-7.050
Н	19.892	5.091	-5.366
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Н	11.896	4.935	-8.707
Н	12.012	8.844	-10.558
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Cu	13.475	2.732	-6.809

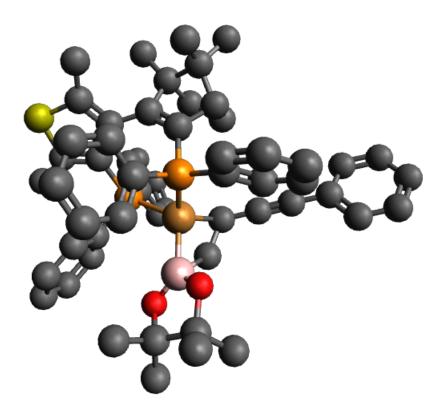
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А	А	А				
Frequencies107.55	72	12.2153	14.9263			
Red. masses 7.789	6	5.8955	5.7985			
Zero-point correction=		0.98	6546 (Hartree/Particle)			
Thermal correction to Energy= 1.050138						
Thermal correction to H	Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 1.051082					
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.886715						
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -5065.867423						
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -5065.803831						
Sum of electronic and t	hermal En	thalpies=	-5065.802887			
Sum of electronic and t	hermal Fre	ee Energies	-5065.967254			

Ite	em	Value	Three	shold Co	nverg	ged?
Maxim	um Force	0.0	00003	3 0.000	450	YES
RMS	Force	0.00	0000	0.00030	0 Y	(ES

SCF = -5066.85396897

## Minor Transition State of Cu–B Addition to Enyne (II, Scheme 3.11a)



Cartesian coordinates (Angstroms):

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В	12.376	1.874	-8.311
0	11.342	2.556	-8.970
0	12.652	0.652	-8.921
С	10.701	1.608	-9.902
С	11.847	0.544	-10.148
С	10.252	2.384	-11.143
С	9.476	1.030	-9.173

С	12.761	0.884	-11.337
С	11.366	-0.907	-10.269
Н	13.153	1.912	-11.270
н	12.226	0.774	-12.297
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н	10.815	-1.233	-9.373
н	12.236	-1.574	-10.396
н	10.711	-1.032	-11.150
н	9.768	0.471	-8.267
н	8.899	0.351	-9.824
н	8.815	1.859	-8.867
н	11.092	2.914	-11.620
н	9.493	3.133	-10.857
н	9.797	1.706	-11.887
С	11.340	3.017	-4.524
С	9.527	4.837	-1.980
С	10.426	3.621	-3.941
С	8.471	5.494	-1.337
С	9.362	4.292	-3.287
С	7.221	5.635	-1.969

С	8.088	4.440	-3.912
С	7.041	5.103	-3.259
С	12.390	2.312	-5.144
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Н	6.072	5.202	-3.762
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Н	11.049	1.462	-6.616
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Н	13.167	1.942	-4.461
Ρ	13.686	4.974	-7.462
C	11.102	5.822	-6.755
C	9.961	6.639	-6.811
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C	12.124	7.134	-8.533
С	10.977	7.941	-8.592
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С	15.579	6.228	-9.235
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С	15.695	5.722	-11.615
С	14.658	4.786	-11.461
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С	15.551	8.540	-5.481
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С	17.097	3.333	-6.757
S	19.405	4.230	-7.536
С	18.342	2.884	-7.203

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С	18.568	6.866	-7.149
С	18.918	1.505	-7.396
Ρ	15.661	2.178	-6.518
С	16.329	0.339	-10.152
С	16.076	1.273	-9.137
С	16.469	-1.026	-9.841
С	15.999	0.862	-7.788
С	16.358	-1.444	-8.507
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С	15.368	-0.282	-3.189
С	15.142	0.344	-4.424
С	16.469	0.088	-2.400
С	16.023	1.345	-4.901
С	17.346	1.085	-2.858
С	17.127	1.706	-4.099
Н	11.142	4.993	-6.038
Н	9.123	6.439	-6.133
Н	9.000	8.329	-7.780
Н	12.963	7.334	-9.208
Н	10.931	8.765	-9.315

Н	16.951	7.184	-10.614
Н	15.928	6.802	-8.373
Н	16.141	5.892	-12.601
Н	14.287	4.228	-12.329
Н	13.274	3.842	-10.074
Н	13.090	6.983	-5.163
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Н	13.448	5.811	-2.943
Н	15.831	4.153	-3.697
Н	15.746	5.410	-2.447
Н	17.669	6.778	-2.927
Н	18.140	7.328	-4.553
Н	18.326	5.613	-4.104
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Н	14.760	9.311	-5.445
Н	15.622	8.188	-6.522
Н	16.502	9.038	-5.214
Н	17.743	7.493	-6.780

Н	18.739	7.130	-8.210	
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Н	16.412	0.679	-11.190	
Н	15.953	2.332	-9.393	
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Н	16.085	-0.850	-6.446	
Н	14.677	-1.059	-2.842	
Н	14.277	0.042	-5.026	
Н	16.642	-0.396	-1.432	
Н	18.209	1.380	-2.251	
Н	17.822	2.475	-4.451	
Cu	13.433	2.849	-6.872	
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Frequ	encies86.2	2770	17.5370	18.8459

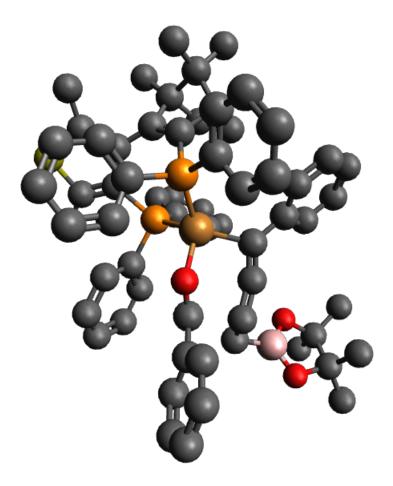
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Red. masses	8.3416	5.8922	5.6257
Zero-point corre	ection=	0.9874	75 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correct	ion to Energy=	1.0	050576
Thermal correct	ion to Enthalpy=	1.	051521
Thermal correct	ion to Gibbs Free	Energy=	0.889791
Sum of electron	ic and zero-point	Energies=	-5065.866121
Sum of electron	ic and thermal Er	ergies=	-5065.803020
Sum of electron	ic and thermal Er	thalpies=	-5065.802076
Sum of electron	ic and thermal Fr	ee Energies=	-5065.963805

Ite	em	Value	Three	shold Con	verged?
Maxim	um Force	0.0	00007	7 0.0004	50 YES
RMS	Force	0.00	0001	0.000300	YES

SCF = -5066.85359627

Transition State of Allenylcopper Addition to Aldehyde Leading to Major Diastereomer (III, Scheme 3.11b)



Cartesian coordinates (Angstroms):

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Н	1.228	-6.219	1.501
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С	1.651	-4.252	2.330
Н	1.950	-4.640	3.312

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С	0.887	-3.240	-0.167
Н	0.583	-2.844	-1.141
С	1.685	-2.871	2.093
С	1.299	-2.336	0.838
Н	2.025	-2.184	2.876
С	1.385	-0.888	0.581
С	2.331	-0.069	0.877
С	3.170	1.031	0.867
Н	4.046	0.920	0.207
С	3.474	1.783	2.175
Н	2.524	2.031	2.682
Н	3.980	2.734	1.923
В	4.397	0.901	3.108
0	3.904	-0.003	4.036
0	5.780	0.922	3.041
С	5.055	-0.513	4.801
С	6.270	-0.222	3.827
С	4.816	-1.994	5.111
С	5.106	0.302	6.104
С	6.536	-1.359	2.826

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С	7.571	0.191	4.522
Н	5.611	-1.655	2.300
Н	6.956	-2.248	3.325
Н	7.262	-1.011	2.071
Н	7.435	1.087	5.147
Н	8.341	0.415	3.763
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Н	5.271	1.374	5.902
Н	5.909	-0.055	6.773
Н	4.144	0.197	6.633
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Н	5.683	-2.425	5.642
С	3.181	3.002	-1.081
Н	3.396	4.550	0.425
С	3.768	4.163	-0.532
Н	5.237	5.740	-0.772
С	5.251	4.362	-2.452
Н	6.052	4.888	-2.983
Н	5.009	2.841	-3.986

C	4.664	3.212	-3.013
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0	1.222	1.609	-1.053
Н	1.711	2.841	0.537
Ρ	-1.377	-0.469	-1.858
С	0.593	-1.598	-3.503
С	1.099	-2.388	-4.549
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С	0.239	-3.224	-5.280
С	-1.639	-2.462	-3.929
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С	-2.074	0.879	-2.928
С	-2.938	2.900	-4.703
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С	-0.273	5.110	0.268
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С	-1.733	0.713	2.915
С	-2.933	0.456	5.028
С	-2.891	0.905	3.698
Cu	-0.036	0.302	-0.258
Cu H		0.302 -0.955	
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н н н н	1.269 2.168 0.633 -2.711 -1.808 -4.753	-0.955 -2.354 -3.845 -2.486 -3.908	-2.927 -4.788 -6.091 -3.705 -5.535 -4.901
н н н н	1.269 2.168 0.633 -2.711 -1.808 -4.753 -3.990	-0.955 -2.354 -3.845 -2.486 -3.908 1.723	-2.927 -4.788 -6.091 -3.705 -5.535 -4.901 -3.342

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Н	-1.420	-2.258	0.957
Н	-2.146	-3.866	1.125
Н	-3.317	-1.299	2.090
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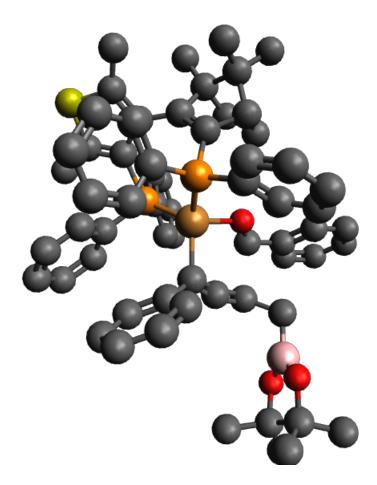
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Н	0.794	5.055	3.522	
Н	-0.268	2.810	3.420	
Н	0.214	-0.877	5.253	
Н	0.280	-0.108	2.881	
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Н	-3.841	0.606	5.622	
Н	-3.769	1.392	3.259	
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	А	А	А	
Freq	uencies19	4.5615	11.8185	15.5558
Red. masses 10.4772		5.1598	5.0928	
Zero-point correction=		1.097073	(Hartree/Particle)	
Thermal correction to Energy=		1.167	748	
Thermal correction to Enthalpy=			1.168	8692
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.988973				

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-5411.375403
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-5411.304729
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-5411.303785
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-5411.483504

Ite	em	Value	Thre	shold (	Conve	rged?	
Maxim	um Force	0.0	00003	3 0.0	00450	YI	ES
RMS	Force	0.00	0000	0.000	300	YES	

SCF= -5412.47247667

Transition State of Allenylcopper Addition to Aldehyde Leading to Minor Diastereomer (IV, Scheme 3.11b)



Cartesian coordinates (Angstroms):

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Н	3.672	3.273	-5.712
Н	8.993	-0.175	-1.730
С	3.251	3.389	-4.706
Н	8.319	1.647	-0.471
Н	3.751	5.500	-4.563
Н	9.527	0.774	0.523

Н	2.623	1.316	-4.571
С	3.295	4.639	-4.063
С	8.644	-1.141	-1.332
Н	8.455	-1.817	-2.185
С	8.488	1.145	0.498
Н	9.453	-1.582	-0.723
С	2.663	2.289	-4.065
Н	8.370	1.897	1.298
Н	4.472	1.908	-1.778
0	6.345	-0.338	-1.343
С	7.366	-0.987	-0.504
С	2.744	4.778	-2.776
С	7.478	0.007	0.724
С	2.108	2.418	-2.772
Н	1.226	0.423	-2.828
В	5.599	0.486	-0.513
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С	6.804	-2.366	-0.121
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Н	7.532	-2.951	0.469
С	3.219	0.173	-1.478
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Н	5.873	-2.272	0.463
Н	0.624	-1.776	-3.077
0	0.689	1.420	-1.098

Н	-3.689	5.173	-1.353
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C	2.557	-0.609	-0.554
Н	-3.422	3.413	-2.609
Н	-0.940	2.755	-1.125
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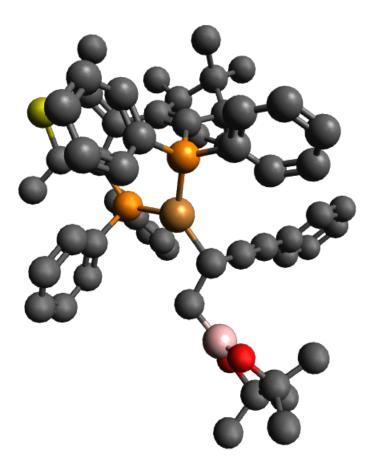
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Free	quencies17	1.3761	9.2816	13.4432
Red	Red. masses 9.2717 5.4448 4.8186			
Zero-point correction= 1.097032 (Hartree/Particle)				
Thermal correction to Energy= 1.167751				
The	Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 1.168695			
The	Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.987851			

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-5411.371220
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-5411.300501
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-5411.299557
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-5411.480401

Ite	em	Value	Thre	sho	ld Conve	erge	d?
Maxim	um Force	0.0	00000	7	0.000450	C	YES
RMS	Force	0.000	0001	0.0	000300	Ył	ES

SCF= -5412.46825222

Propargylcopper Complex Generated from Cu–B Addition to Enyne (i, Scheme 3.1)



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Cartesian coordinates (Angstroms):

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С	18.209	4.663	-9.760
С	18.056	2.119	-8.986
С	18.365	1.465	-10.350
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С	17.797	5.945	-6.696
С	15.429	5.779	-6.809
S	17.246	7.523	-6.184

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С	15.558	7.103	-6.397
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С	14.541	8.181	-6.124
Ρ	13.813	4.898	-6.986
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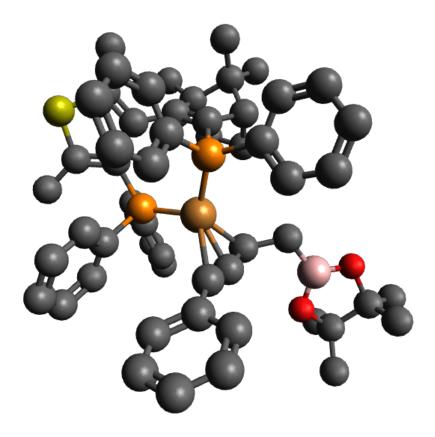
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Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 1.052311				
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.880745				
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=			-5065.900095	
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=			-5065.835189	
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=			-5065.834245	
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=			-5066.005811	

Item		Value	alue Threshold Converged?			ed?
Maxim	um Force	0.0	000020	0.00	0450	YES
RMS	Force	0.000	0002	0.0003	00 Y	ΈS

SCF = -5066.88655580

Transition State of Isomerization of Propargylcopper Complex to Allenylcopper Complex



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Cartesian coordinates (Angstroms):

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С	16.264	6.632	-10.414
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С	14.736	5.314	-9.040
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С	14.978	4.833	-11.424
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С	16.061	5.503	-5.759
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С	14.828	7.653	-2.807
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С	17.143	4.779	-6.478
С	18.307	5.442	-6.857
С	17.226	3.329	-6.716
S	19.516	4.323	-7.432

С	18.483	2.936	-7.177
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С	16.447	0.638	-10.356
С	16.233	1.476	-9.252
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С	11.860	0.816	-9.360
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в	9.881	1.973	-4.340
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С	7.244	1.621	-1.988	
С	6.771	1.668	-4.462	
С	9.384	-0.356	-2.309	
С	7.960	-1.007	-4.282	
н	9.930	0.458	-1.802	
Н	8.651	-0.780	-1.601	
н	10.110	-1.145	-2.570	
н	7.577	-0.713	-5.272	
н	8.643	-1.863	-4.419	
н	7.110	-1.346	-3.663	
Н	7.189	1.559	-5.477	
Н	5.940	0.950	-4.346	
н	6.362	2.688	-4.368	
н	8.018	1.621	-1.204	
Н	6.695	2.577	-1.928	
н	6.530	0.806	-1.775	
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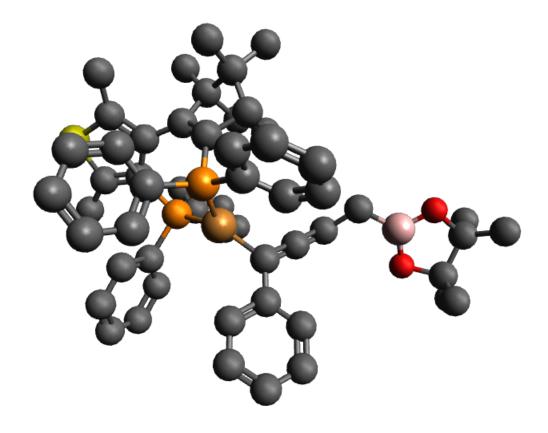
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Zero-point correct	ction=	0.98667	4 (Hartree/Particle)	
Thermal correcti	on to Energy=	1.05	50283	
Thermal correcti	on to Enthalpy=	1.0	51227	
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.885262				
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -5065.898844				
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -5065.835235				
Sum of electroni	c and thermal En	thalpies=	-5065.834291	
Sum of electroni	c and thermal Fre	e Energies=	-5066.000256	

Item		Value Threshold Converged?		erged?	
Maxim	um Force	0.0	00007	0.00045	0 YES
RMS	Force	0.00	0001	0.000300	YES

SCF = -5066.88551809

## Allenylcopper Complex Generated after Isomerization (ii, Scheme 3.1)



Cartesian coordinates (Angstroms):

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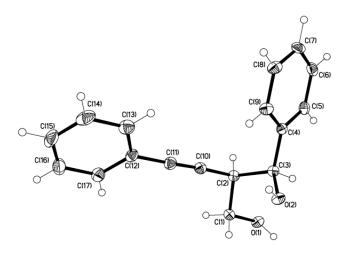
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## Proof of Stereochemistry: X-ray Characterization Data (15,2R)-1-Phenyl-2-(phenylethynyl)propane-1,3-diol (3.15a)



*Table 1.* Crystal data and structure refinement for  $C_{17}H_{16}O_2$ .

Identification code	$C_{17}H_{16}O_2$	
Empirical formula	$C_{17}H_{16}O_2$	
Formula weight	252.30	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	1.54178 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P 21	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.3545(6) Å	α= 90°.
	b = 6.0819(4) Å	β= 106.364(3)°.
	c = 13.8786(10)  Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ .
Volume	c = 13.8786(10) Å 676.62(8) Å <sup>3</sup>	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}.$

Density (calculated)	1.238 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.635 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	268
Crystal size	0.600 x 0.100 x 0.080 mm <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	3.319 to 66.573°.
Index ranges	-9<=h<=9, -7<=k<=6, -16<=l<=16
Reflections collected	7525
Independent reflections	2298 [R(int) = 0.0368]
Completeness to theta = $66.250^{\circ}$	99.1 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7457 and 0.5842
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	2298 / 3 / 180
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.046
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0283, wR2 = 0.0730
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0285, wR2 = 0.0731
Absolute structure parameter	-0.03(6)
Extinction coefficient	na
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.163 and -0.184 e. Å <sup>-3</sup>

*Table 2.* Atomic coordinates (x 10<sup>4</sup>) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(Å^2 x \ 10^3)$  for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U<sup>ij</sup> tensor.

	х	у	Z	U(eq)
O(1)	925(1)	10676(2)	6124(1)	17(1)
O(2)	1168(1)	5013(2)	5730(1)	16(1)
C(1)	965(2)	9097(3)	6887(1)	16(1)
C(2)	2499(2)	7591(3)	7074(1)	15(1)
C(3)	2588(2)	6398(3)	6105(1)	13(1)
C(4)	4241(2)	5238(3)	6232(1)	14(1)
C(5)	5471(2)	6251(3)	5883(1)	17(1)
C(6)	7005(2)	5242(3)	6003(1)	21(1)
C(7)	7337(2)	3214(3)	6474(1)	21(1)
C(8)	6116(2)	2196(3)	6820(1)	20(1)
C(9)	4588(2)	3195(3)	6704(1)	18(1)
C(10)	2483(2)	6082(3)	7897(1)	17(1)

C(11)	2419(2)	4964(3)	8595(1)	19(1)
C(12)	2419(2)	3695(3)	9471(1)	18(1)
C(13)	3164(2)	1627(3)	9638(1)	24(1)
C(14)	3197(2)	468(4)	10502(2)	30(1)
C(15)	2484(2)	1346(4)	11204(2)	32(1)
C(16)	1731(2)	3382(4)	11041(1)	28(1)
C(17)	1684(2)	4570(3)	10181(1)	22(1)

*Table 3.* Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for  $C_{17}H_{16}O_2$ .

O(1)-C(1)	1.423(2)
O(1)-H(1O)	0.84(2)
O(2)-C(3)	1.428(2)
O(2)-H(2O)	0.85(2)
C(1)-C(2)	1.536(2)
C(1)-H(1A)	0.9900
C(1)-H(1B)	0.9900
C(2)-C(10)	1.468(2)
C(2)-C(3)	1.549(2)

C(2)-H(2)	1.0000
C(3)-C(4)	1.516(2)
C(3)-H(3)	1.0000
C(4)-C(5)	1.397(2)
C(4)-C(9)	1.397(3)
C(5)-C(6)	1.388(3)
C(5)-H(5)	0.9500
C(6)-C(7)	1.387(3)
C(6)-H(6)	0.9500
C(7)-C(8)	1.390(3)
C(7)-H(7)	0.9500
C(8)-C(9)	1.381(3)
C(8)-H(8)	0.9500
C(9)-H(9)	0.9500
C(10)-C(11)	1.197(3)
C(11)-C(12)	1.439(2)
C(12)-C(13)	1.394(3)
C(12)-C(17)	1.404(3)
C(13)-C(14)	1.385(3)

C(13)-H(13)	0.9500
C(14)-C(15)	1.384(3)
C(14)-H(14)	0.9500
C(15)-C(16)	1.379(3)
C(15)-H(15)	0.9500
C(16)-C(17)	1.386(3)
C(16)-H(16)	0.9500
C(17)-H(17)	0.9500
C(1)-O(1)-H(1O)	111.0(19)
C(3)-O(2)-H(2O)	111.8(16)
O(1)-C(1)-C(2)	111.84(13)
O(1)-C(1)-H(1A)	109.2
C(2)-C(1)-H(1A)	109.2
O(1)-C(1)-H(1B)	109.2
C(2)-C(1)-H(1B)	109.2
H(1A)-C(1)-H(1B)	107.9
C(10)-C(2)-C(1)	108.33(13)
C(10)-C(2)-C(3)	113.34(14)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	111.98(13)

C(10)-C(2)-H(2)	107.7
C(1)-C(2)-H(2)	107.7
C(3)-C(2)-H(2)	107.7
O(2)-C(3)-C(4)	113.82(13)
O(2)-C(3)-C(2)	110.73(12)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	112.46(13)
O(2)-C(3)-H(3)	106.4
C(4)-C(3)-H(3)	106.4
C(2)-C(3)-H(3)	106.4
C(5)-C(4)-C(9)	118.63(15)
C(5)-C(4)-C(3)	119.33(15)
C(9)-C(4)-C(3)	122.04(15)
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	120.57(17)
C(6)-C(5)-H(5)	119.7
C(4)-C(5)-H(5)	119.7
C(7)-C(6)-C(5)	120.35(17)
C(7)-C(6)-H(6)	119.8
C(5)-C(6)-H(6)	119.8
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	119.33(16)

C(6)-C(7)-H(7)	120.3
C(8)-C(7)-H(7)	120.3
C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	120.56(18)
C(9)-C(8)-H(8)	119.7
C(7)-C(8)-H(8)	119.7
C(8)-C(9)-C(4)	120.57(17)
C(8)-C(9)-H(9)	119.7
C(4)-C(9)-H(9)	119.7
C(11)-C(10)-C(2)	175.49(18)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	176.69(19)
C(13)-C(12)-C(17)	119.24(17)
C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	121.19(17)
C(17)-C(12)-C(11)	119.56(17)
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	120.15(19)
C(14)-C(13)-H(13)	119.9
C(12)-C(13)-H(13)	119.9
C(15)-C(14)-C(13)	120.4(2)
C(15)-C(14)-H(14)	119.8
C(13)-C(14)-H(14)	119.8

C(16)-C(15)-C(14)	119.90(18)
C(16)-C(15)-H(15)	120.1
C(14)-C(15)-H(15)	120.1
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	120.67(18)
C(15)-C(16)-H(16)	119.7
C(17)-C(16)-H(16)	119.7
C(16)-C(17)-C(12)	119.67(18)
C(16)-C(17)-H(17)	120.2
C(12)-C(17)-H(17)	120.2

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

*Table 4.* Anisotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x 10<sup>3</sup>) for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2p^2[h^2 a^{*2}U^{11} + ... + 2hka^*b^*U^{12}]$ 

	U11	U <sup>22</sup>	U <sup>33</sup>	U <sup>23</sup>	U13	U12	
O(1)	19(1)	10(1)	19(1)	0(1)	2(1)	0(1)	

O(2)	17(1)	12(1)	19(1)	2(1)	2(1)	1(1)
C(1)	17(1)	13(1)	18(1)	0(1)	6(1)	0(1)
C(2)	16(1)	13(1)	17(1)	0(1)	5(1)	-1(1)
C(3)	15(1)	8(1)	16(1)	2(1)	4(1)	-1(1)
C(4)	15(1)	12(1)	14(1)	-2(1)	3(1)	0(1)
C(5)	21(1)	15(1)	15(1)	-4(1)	5(1)	-2(1)
C(6)	19(1)	27(1)	18(1)	-8(1)	8(1)	-4(1)
C(7)	15(1)	25(1)	23(1)	-10(1)	3(1)	4(1)
C(8)	22(1)	14(1)	21(1)	-3(1)	1(1)	4(1)
C(9)	17(1)	14(1)	21(1)	0(1)	4(1)	0(1)
C(10)	17(1)	14(1)	18(1)	-1(1)	5(1)	2(1)
C(11)	20(1)	18(1)	18(1)	1(1)	5(1)	2(1)
C(12)	18(1)	18(1)	17(1)	4(1)	2(1)	-2(1)
C(13)	23(1)	22(1)	27(1)	2(1)	6(1)	0(1)
C(14)	25(1)	22(1)	37(1)	13(1)	0(1)	1(1)
C(15)	28(1)	40(1)	24(1)	16(1)	2(1)	-9(1)
C(16)	27(1)	38(1)	20(1)	1(1)	7(1)	-8(1)
C(17)	23(1)	21(1)	21(1)	1(1)	5(1)	-1(1)

	х	у	Z	U(eq)	
H(1O)	240(30)	10310(50)	5579(17)	38(7)	
H(2O)	1320(30)	3750(30)	5997(17)	26(6)	
H(1A)	-60	8190	6686	19	
H(1B)	981	9868	7517	19	
H(2)	3514	8537	7304	18	
H(3)	2517	7567	5587	16	
H(5)	5257	7642	5561	21	
H(6)	7832	5944	5761	25	
H(7)	8389	2526	6558	26	
H(8)	6333	802	7139	24	
H(9)	3766	2487	6948	21	
H(13)	3650	1011	9157	29	
H(14)	3713	-937	10614	36	
H(15)	2514	547	11797	38	

*Table 5.* Hydrogen coordinates ( x 10<sup>4</sup>) and isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x 10 <sup>3</sup>) for  $C_{17}H_{16}O_2$ .

H(16)	1239	3977	11523	34
H(17)	1157	5968	10072	26

**Table 6.** Torsion angles [°] for  $C_{17}H_{16}O_2$ .

O(1)-C(1)-C(2)-C(10)	177.57(13)	
O(1)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	-56.71(18)	
C(10)-C(2)-C(3)-O(2)	61.15(17)	
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)-O(2)	-61.77(17)	
C(10)-C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	-67.43(17)	
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	169.64(13)	
O(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	133.92(14)	
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	-99.12(17)	
O(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(9)	-47.20(19)	
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(9)	79.76(19)	
C(9)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	0.1(2)	
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	179.05(14)	
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	-0.2(2)	

C(5)-C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	0.3(2)
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	-0.4(3)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-C(4)	0.4(3)
C(5)-C(4)-C(9)-C(8)	-0.2(2)
C(3)-C(4)-C(9)-C(8)	-179.13(15)
C(17)-C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	-0.9(3)
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	177.82(18)
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	0.4(3)
C(13)-C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	0.2(3)
C(14)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	-0.2(3)
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)-C(12)	-0.3(3)
C(13)-C(12)-C(17)-C(16)	0.9(3)
C(11)-C(12)-C(17)-C(16)	-177.86(16)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

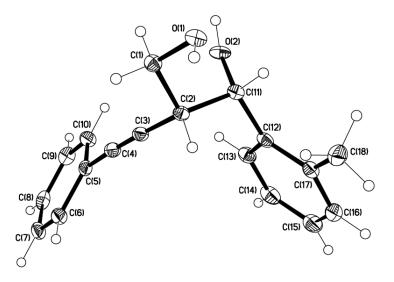
*Table 7.* Hydrogen bonds for  $C_{17}H_{16}O_2$  [Å and °].

D-HA	d(D-H)	d(HA)	d(DA)	<(DHA)
O(1)-H(1O)O(2)#1	0.84(2)	1.88(2)	2.7031(15)	169(3)
O(2)-H(2O)O(1)#2	0.85(2)	1.91(2)	2.7130(17)	157(2)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -x,y+1/2,-z+1 #2 x,y-1,z

(1*S*,2*R*)-2-(Phenylethynyl)-1-(*o*-tolyl)propane-1,3-diol (3.15c)



*Table 1.* Crystal data and structure refinement for  $C_{18}H_{18}O_2$ .

Identification code	$C_{18}H_{18}O_2$
Empirical formula	$C_{18}H_{18}O_2$

Formula weight	266.32	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	1.54178 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P 21	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.1568(10) Å	α= 90°.
	b = 6.1364(6) Å	β=110.030(2)°.
	c = 12.3308(12) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ .
Volume	722.05(12) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.225 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.620 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	284	
Crystal size	0.500 x 0.060 x 0.050 m	m <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	3.815 to 69.364°.	
Index ranges	-11<=h<=12, -7<=k<=7, -14<=l<=14	
Reflections collected	10529	
Independent reflections	2651 [R(int) = 0.0232]	
Completeness to theta = $67.679^{\circ}$	99.1 %	

Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7533 and 0.6573
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	2651 / 3 / 190
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.066
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0257, wR2 = 0.0650
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0258, wR2 = 0.0652
Absolute structure parameter	0.02(3)
Extinction coefficient	na
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.157 and -0.168 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

*Table 2.* Atomic coordinates ( x  $10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x  $10^3$ ) for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U<sup>ij</sup> tensor.

	X	у	Z	U(eq)	
O(1)	808(1)	-315(2)	786(1)	15(1)	
O(2)	1342(1)	5431(2)	1211(1)	17(1)	

C(1)	2020(2)	797(3)	735(1)	15(1)
C(2)	2728(2)	2116(2)	1842(1)	13(1)
C(3)	3967(2)	3265(2)	1778(1)	15(1)
C(4)	4951(2)	4327(3)	1761(1)	16(1)
C(5)	6095(2)	5742(3)	1795(1)	16(1)
C(6)	7486(2)	5136(3)	2392(1)	19(1)
C(7)	8565(2)	6574(3)	2460(1)	21(1)
C(8)	8281(2)	8609(3)	1940(1)	21(1)
C(9)	6908(2)	9214(3)	1343(1)	22(1)
C(10)	5827(2)	7790(3)	1272(1)	20(1)
C(11)	1686(2)	3758(2)	2069(1)	14(1)
C(12)	2296(2)	4772(2)	3256(1)	15(1)
C(13)	3157(2)	6595(3)	3412(1)	18(1)
C(14)	3758(2)	7543(3)	4490(2)	24(1)
C(15)	3499(2)	6653(3)	5433(2)	27(1)
C(16)	2656(2)	4824(3)	5290(1)	25(1)
C(17)	2040(2)	3848(3)	4212(1)	19(1)
C(18)	1121(2)	1871(3)	4104(1)	24(1)

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*Table 3.* Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for  $C_{18}H_{18}O_2$ .

C(7)-H(7)	0.9500
C(8)-C(9)	1.386(2)
C(8)-H(8)	0.9500
C(9)-C(10)	1.382(2)
C(9)-H(9)	0.9500
C(10)-H(10)	0.9500
C(11)-C(12)	1.514(2)
С(11)-Н(11)	1.0000
C(12)-C(13)	1.392(2)
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C(13)-C(14)	1.386(2)
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C(14)-C(15)	1.389(3)
C(14)-H(14)	0.9500
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C(15)-H(15)	0.9500
C(16)-C(17)	1.396(2)
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C(17)-C(18)	1.509(2)

C(18)-H(18A)	0.9800
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C(1)-O(1)-H(1O)	110.6(13)
C(11)-O(2)-H(2O)	109.3(15)
O(1)-C(1)-C(2)	111.20(12)
O(1)-C(1)-H(1A)	109.4
C(2)-C(1)-H(1A)	109.4
O(1)-C(1)-H(1B)	109.4
C(2)-C(1)-H(1B)	109.4
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C(1)-C(2)-C(11)	111.15(11)
C(3)-C(2)-H(2)	108.2
C(1)-C(2)-H(2)	108.2
C(11)-C(2)-H(2)	108.2
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	175.42(16)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	175.09(16)

C(10)-C(5)-C(6)	118.90(14)
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C(7)-C(6)-C(5)	119.77(15)
C(7)-C(6)-H(6)	120.1
C(5)-C(6)-H(6)	120.1
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O(2)-C(11)-C(12)	109.64(12)

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H(18A)-C(18)-H(18C)	109.5
H(18B)-C(18)-H(18C)	109.5

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

*Table 4.* Anisotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x 10<sup>3</sup>) for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2p^2[h^2 a^{*2}U^{11} + ... + 2hka^{*}b^{*}U^{12}]$ 

U <sup>11</sup>	U <sup>22</sup>	U <sup>33</sup>	U <sup>23</sup>	U <sup>13</sup>	U12	

O(1)	14(1)	10(1)	18(1)	1(1)	2(1)	-1(1)
O(2)	17(1)	12(1)	17(1)	2(1)	-2(1)	0(1)
C(1)	14(1)	14(1)	16(1)	-1(1)	5(1)	-1(1)
C(2)	12(1)	12(1)	14(1)	2(1)	3(1)	1(1)
C(3)	14(1)	15(1)	13(1)	0(1)	3(1)	3(1)
C(4)	16(1)	17(1)	14(1)	0(1)	4(1)	1(1)
C(5)	14(1)	19(1)	15(1)	-4(1)	6(1)	-1(1)
C(6)	16(1)	21(1)	19(1)	-1(1)	6(1)	0(1)
C(7)	13(1)	28(1)	22(1)	-6(1)	7(1)	-1(1)
C(8)	21(1)	26(1)	21(1)	-10(1)	12(1)	-10(1)
C(9)	27(1)	18(1)	22(1)	0(1)	10(1)	-2(1)
C(10)	16(1)	22(1)	21(1)	0(1)	5(1)	1(1)
C(11)	13(1)	12(1)	16(1)	1(1)	3(1)	0(1)
C(12)	12(1)	14(1)	18(1)	-2(1)	3(1)	3(1)
C(13)	16(1)	15(1)	22(1)	-1(1)	4(1)	2(1)
C(14)	16(1)	20(1)	31(1)	-10(1)	3(1)	0(1)
C(15)	19(1)	38(1)	21(1)	-14(1)	2(1)	4(1)
C(16)	20(1)	38(1)	18(1)	-3(1)	6(1)	4(1)
C(17)	14(1)	23(1)	19(1)	-1(1)	5(1)	4(1)

*Table 5.* Hydrogen coordinates (  $x \ 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x 10<sup>3</sup>) for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.

	X	У	Z	U(eq)
H(1O)	1020(20)	-1570(30)	1080(16)	19(5)
H(2O)	720(20)	4960(40)	597(16)	27(5)
H(1A)	1745	1791	62	18
H(1B)	2693	-277	631	18
H(2)	3042	1076	2506	16
H(6)	7689	3745	2748	22
H(7)	9507	6163	2867	25
H(8)	9026	9584	1992	25
H(9)	6711	10604	984	26
H(10)	4888	8211	860	24
H(11)	808	2962	2021	16
H(13)	3336	7201	2767	22

H(14)	4341	8790	4582	28
H(15)	3900	7296	6174	33
H(16)	2494	4220	5942	30
H(18A)	1168	1390	4875	36
H(18B)	1447	695	3721	36
H(18C)	151	2242	3647	36

**Table 6.** Torsion angles [°] for  $C_{18}H_{18}O_2$ .

O(1)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	-179.60(12)
O(1)-C(1)-C(2)-C(11)	-56.60(15)
C(10)-C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	0.5(2)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	-176.79(14)
C(5)-C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	-0.2(2)
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	-0.1(2)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	0.2(2)
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)-C(5)	0.1(2)
C(6)-C(5)-C(10)-C(9)	-0.5(2)
C(4)-C(5)-C(10)-C(9)	176.85(15)

54.92(14)
-68.34(15)
-66.69(15)
170.06(12)
-36.51(18)
85.25(16)
145.64(13)
-92.61(16)
-0.8(2)
-178.70(14)
0.2(2)
0.5(3)
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-2.0(2)

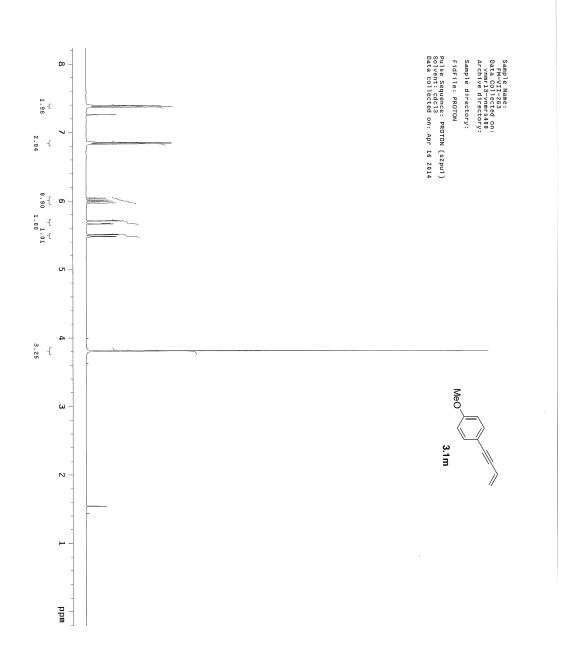
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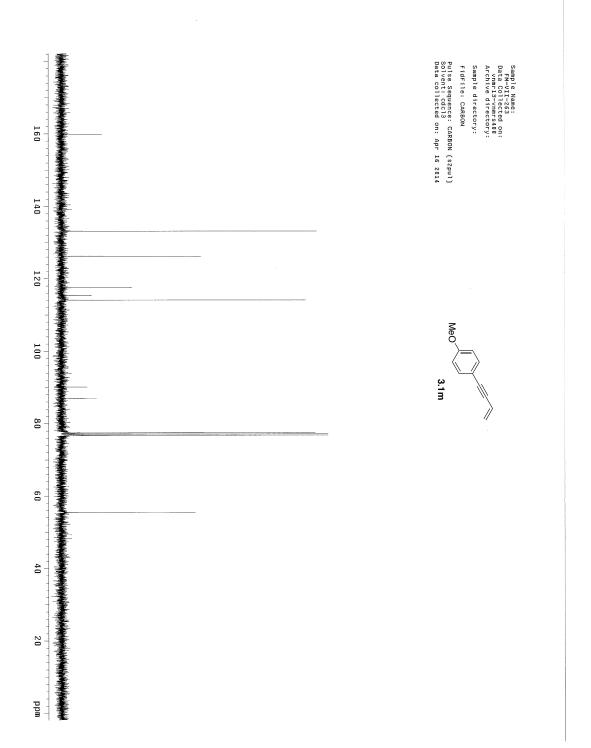
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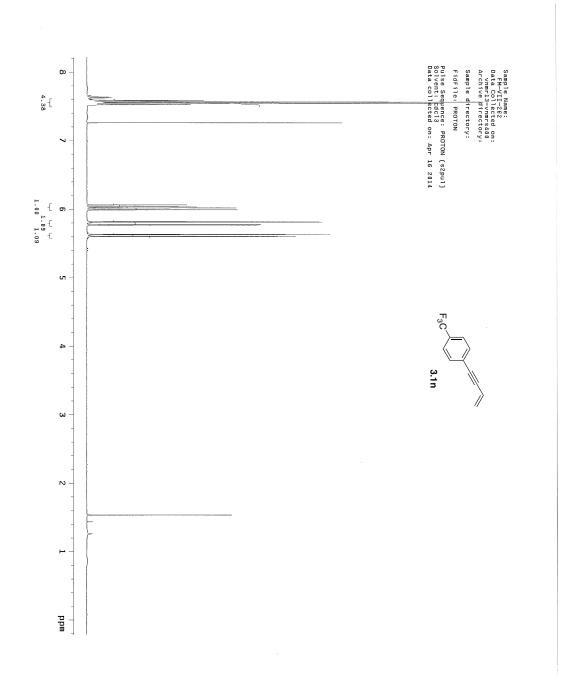
O(1)-H(1O)O(2)#1 0.847(18) 1.867(19) 2.6813(15) 160.9(19) O(2)-H(2O)O(1)#2 0.852(18) 1.881(18) 2.7120(15) 165(2)	D-HA	d(D-H)	d(HA)	d(DA)	<(DHA)
O(2)-H(2O)O(1)#2 0.852(18) 1.881(18) 2.7120(15) 165(2)	O(1)-H(1O)O(2)#1	0.847(18)	1.867(19)	2.6813(15)	160.9(19)
	O(2)-H(2O)O(1)#2	0.852(18)	1.881(18)	2.7120(15)	165(2)

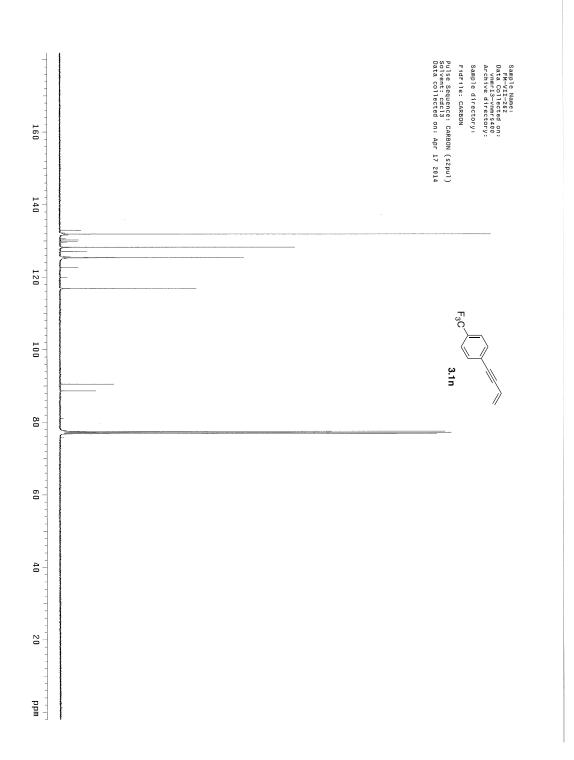
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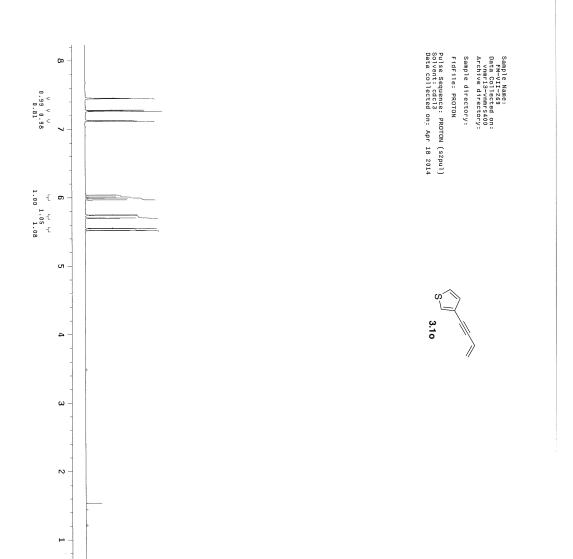
#1 x,y-1,z #2 -x,y+1/2,-z



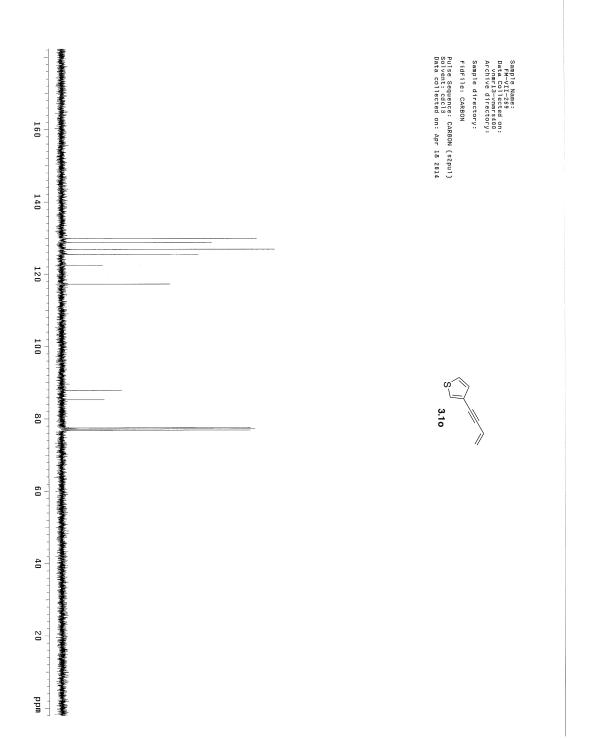


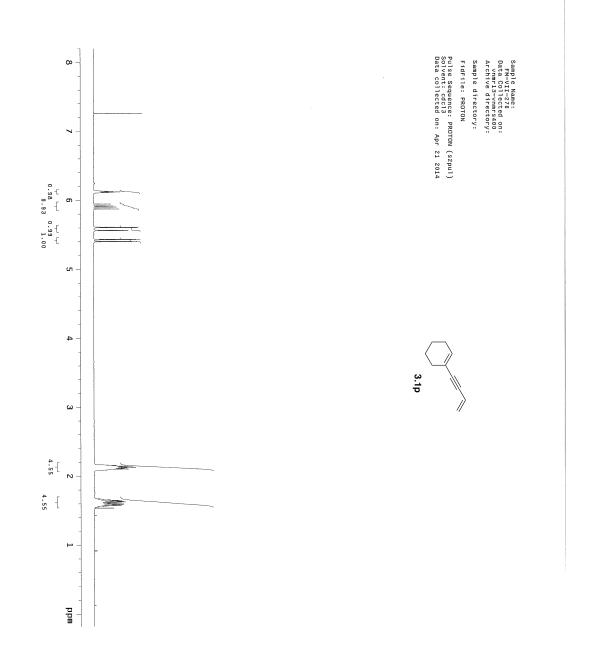


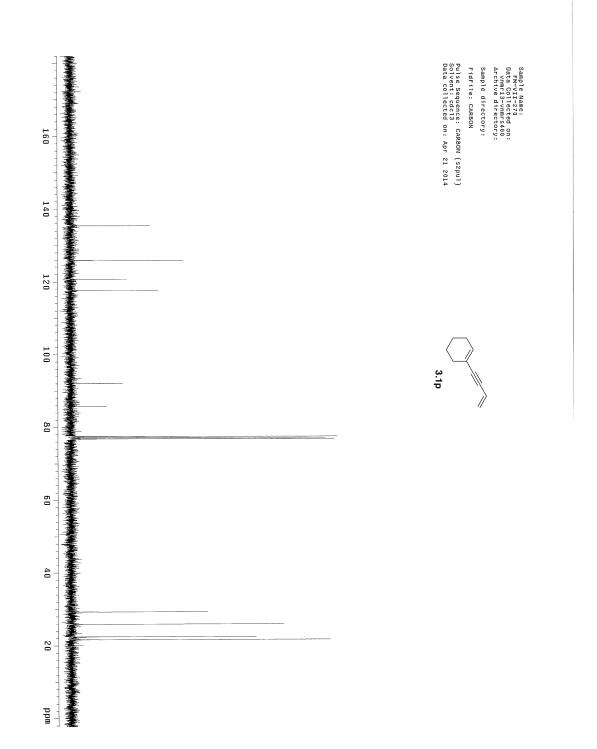


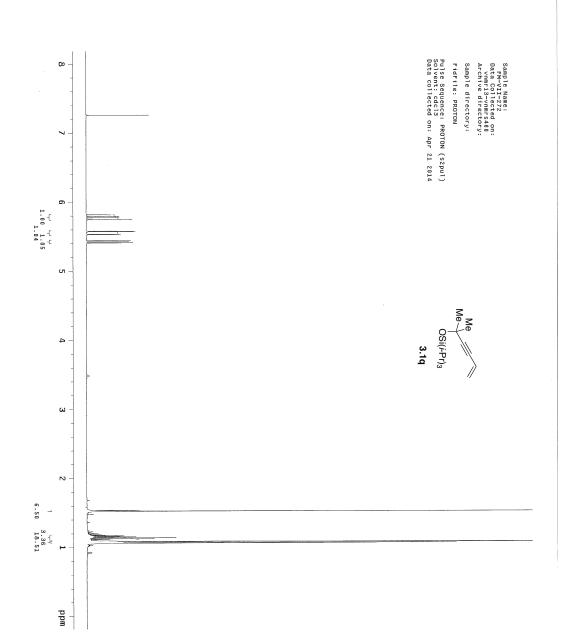


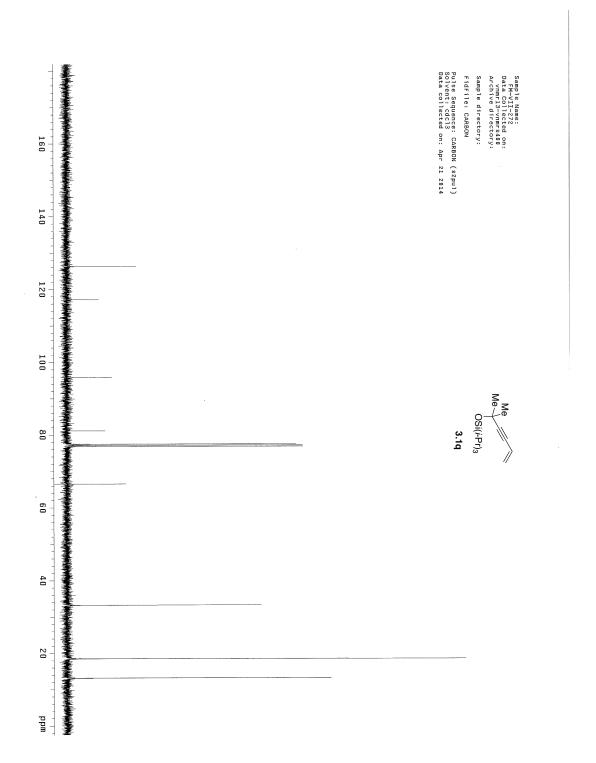
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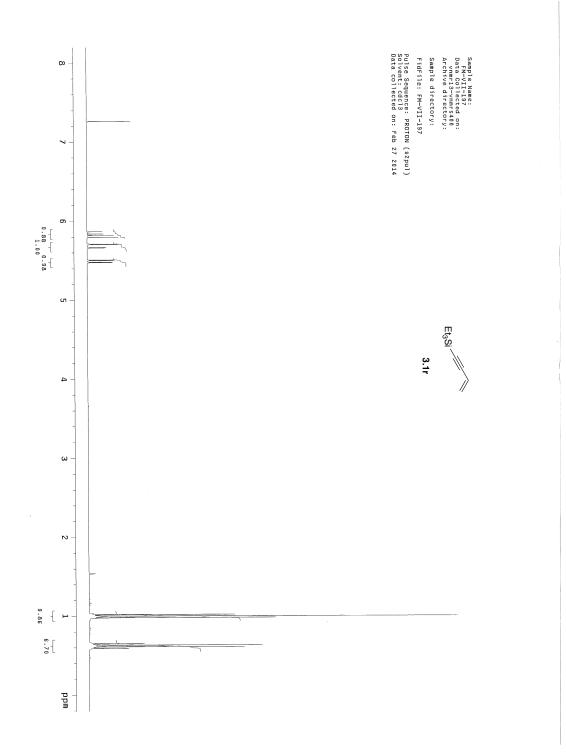


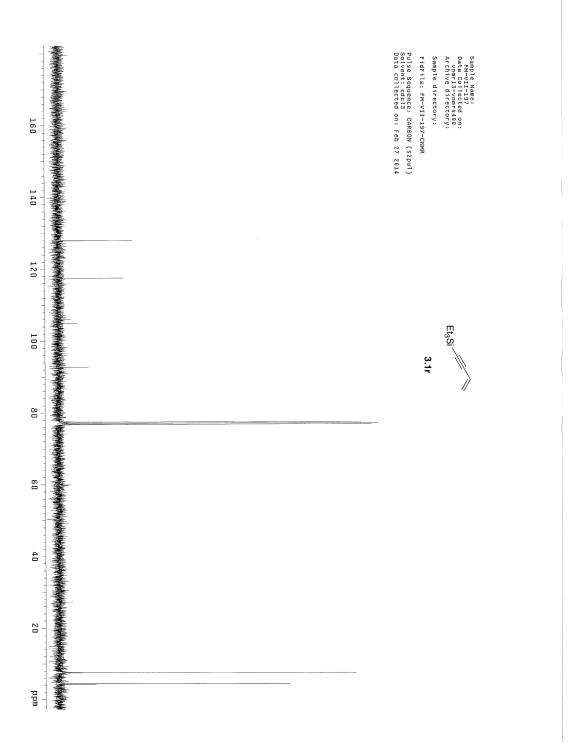


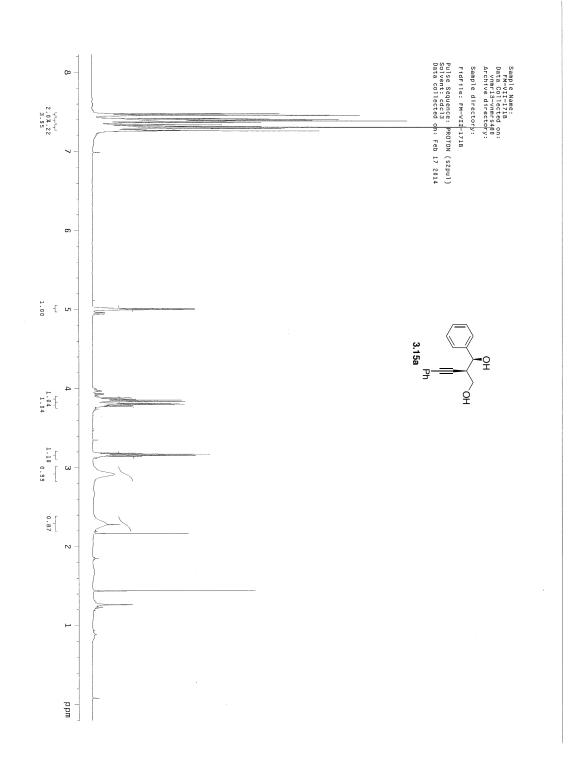


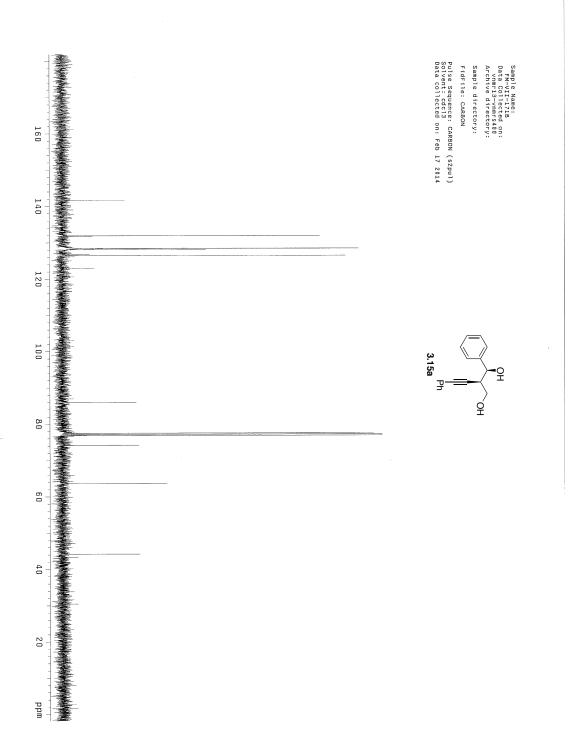


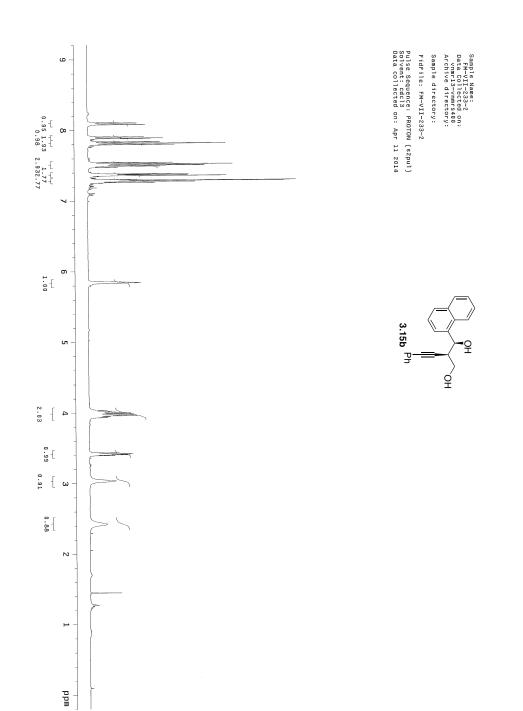


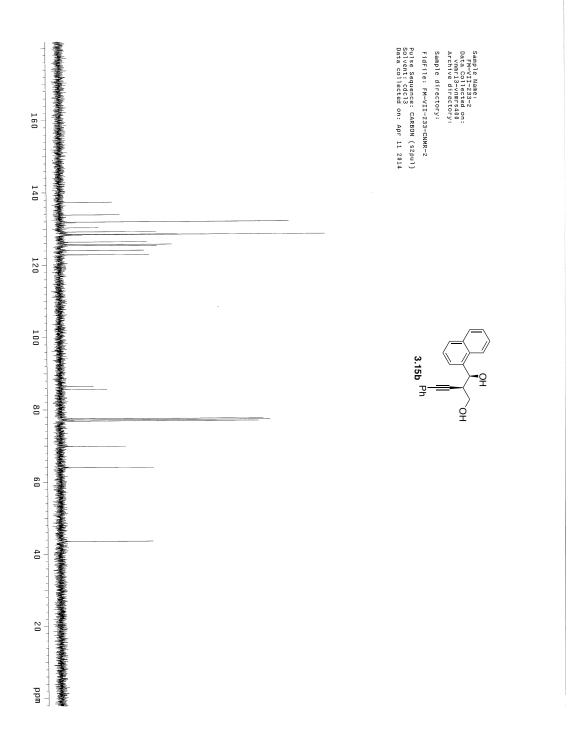


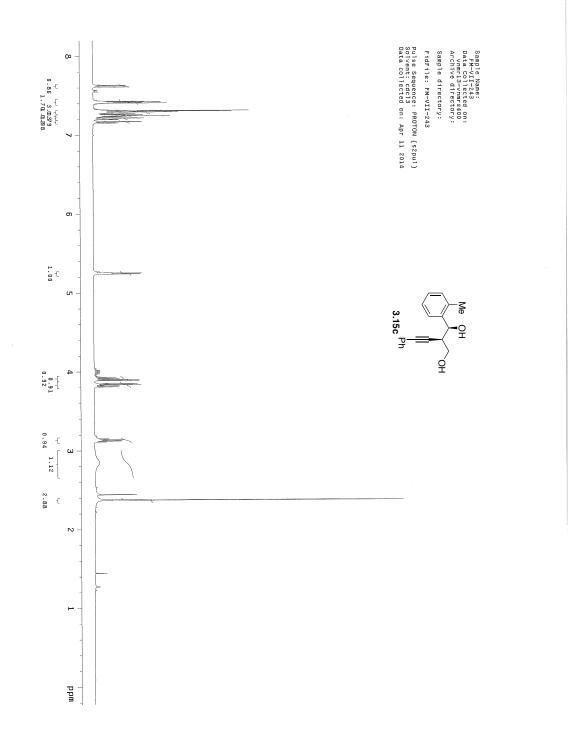


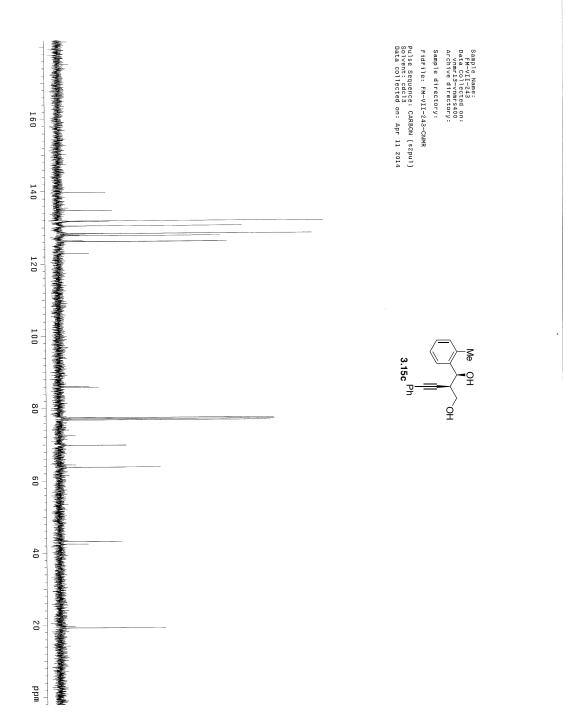


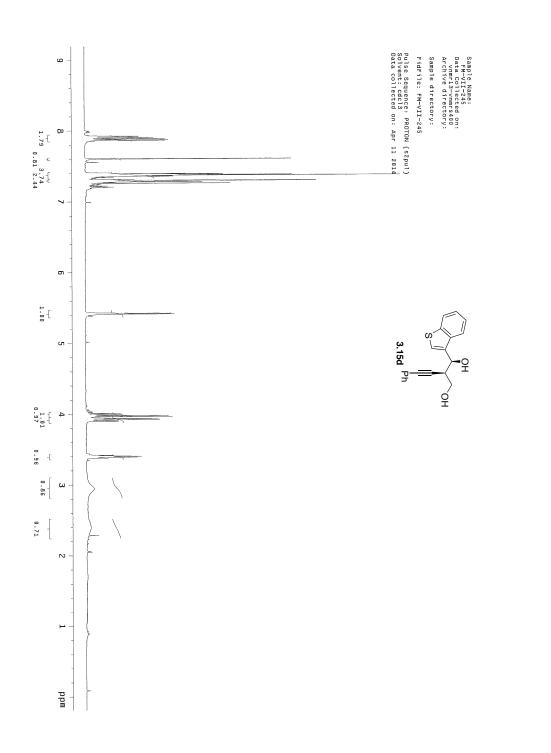


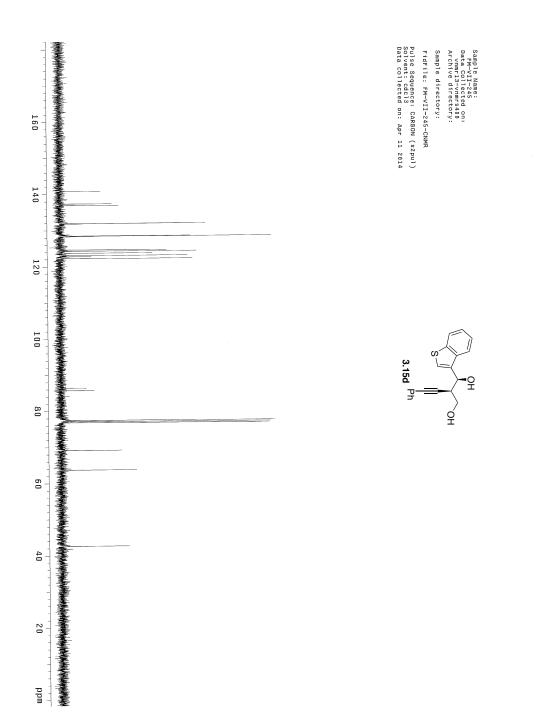


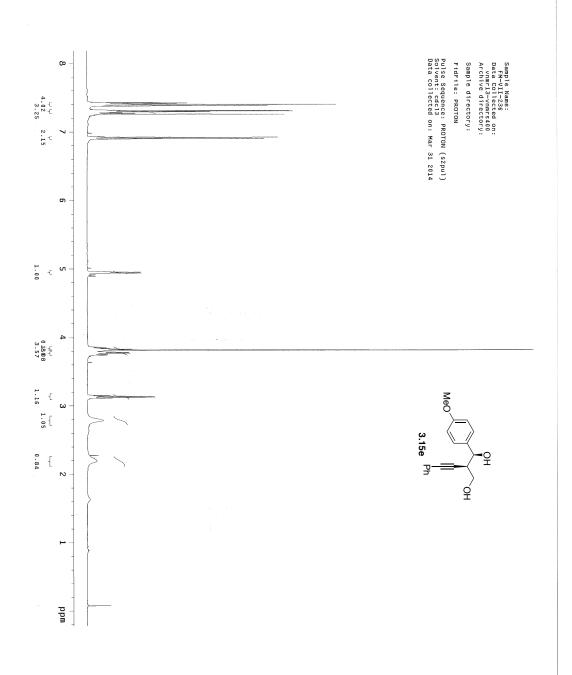


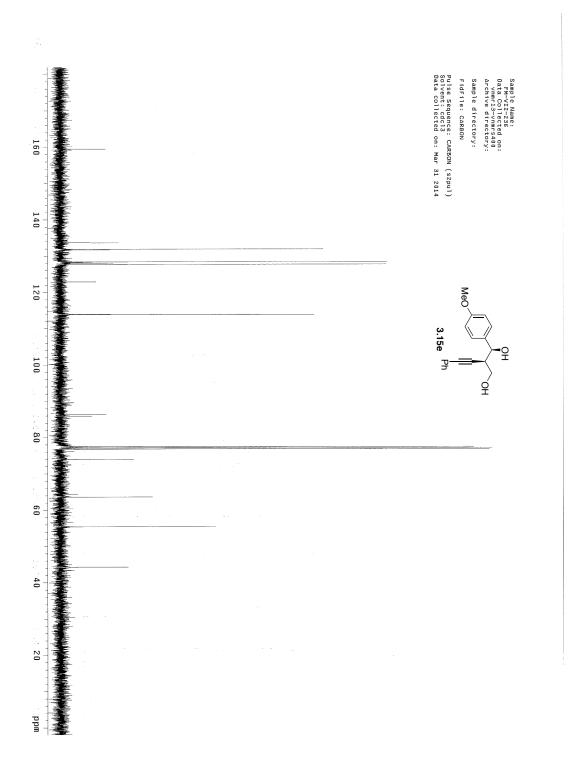


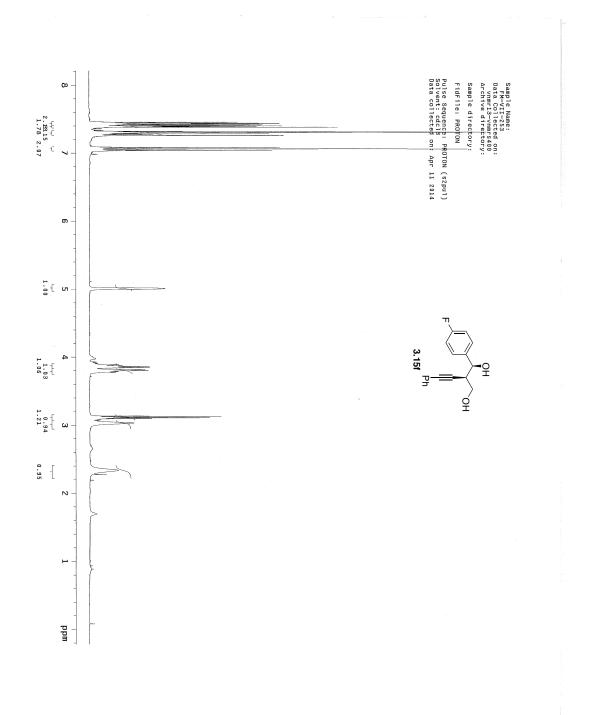


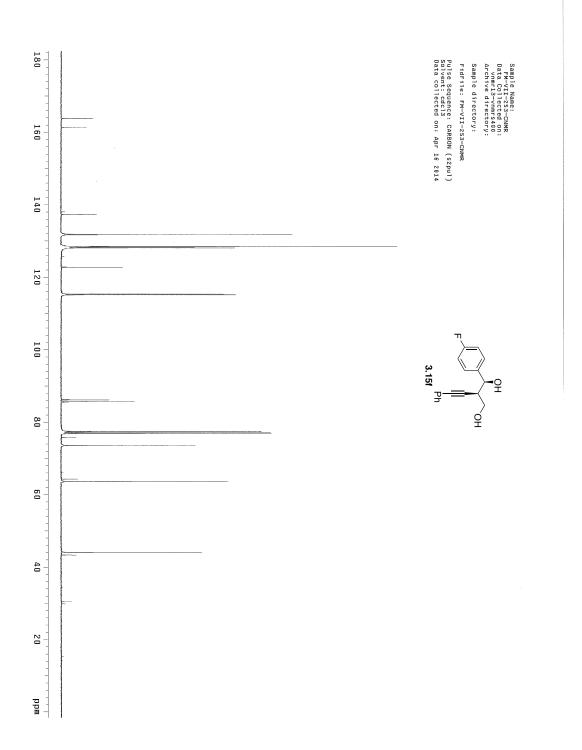


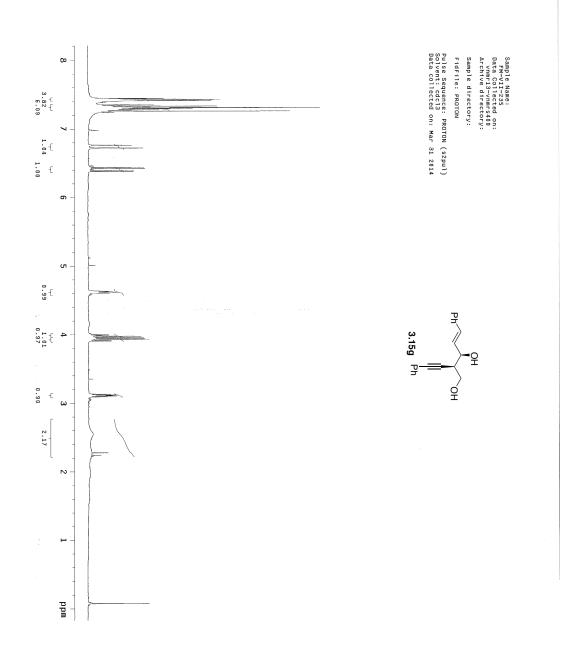


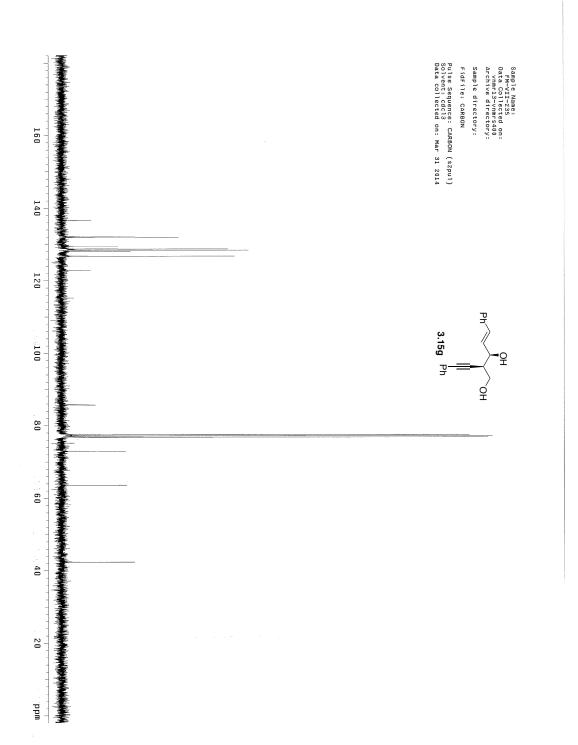


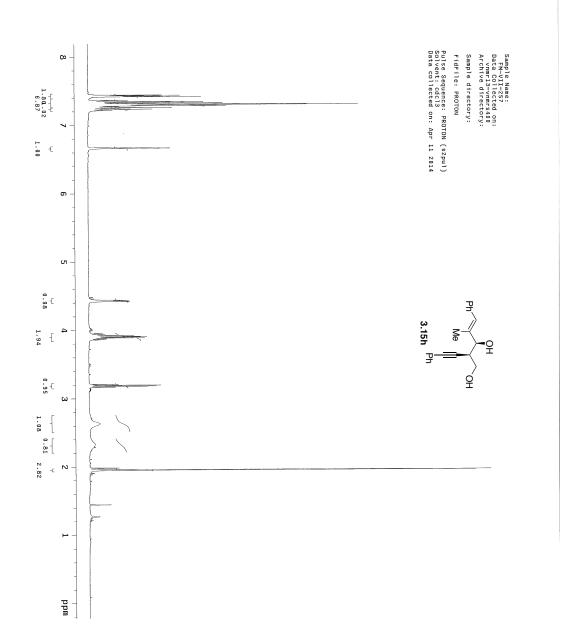


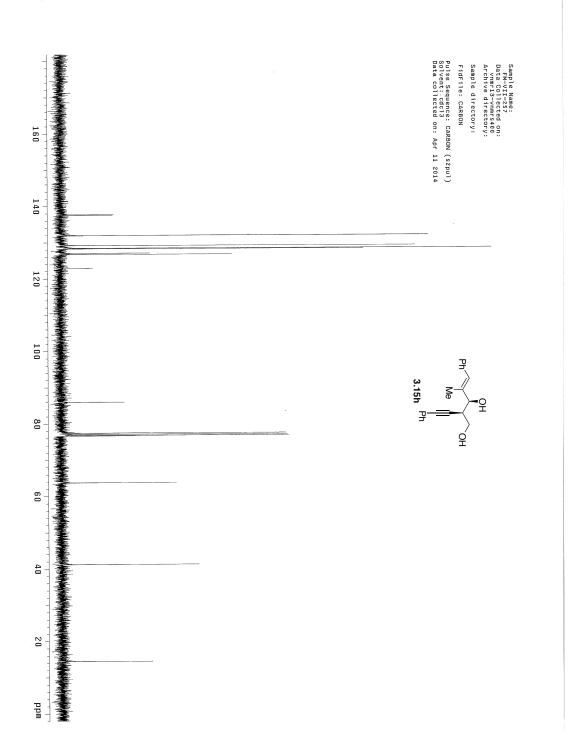


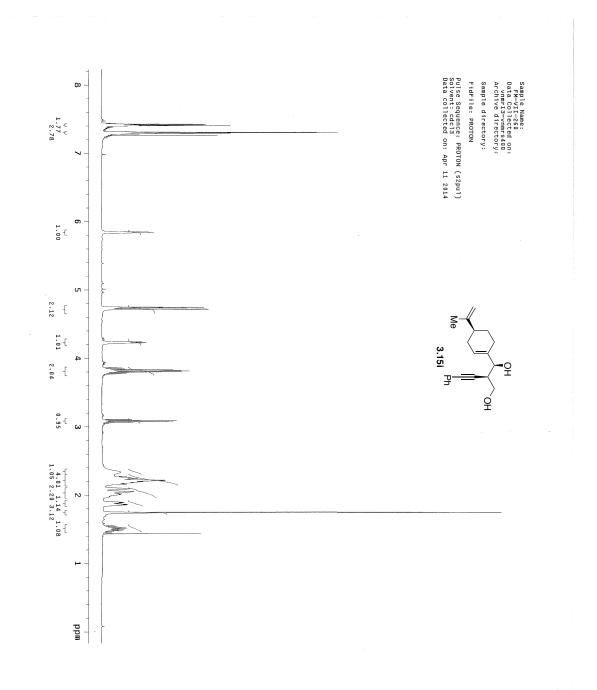


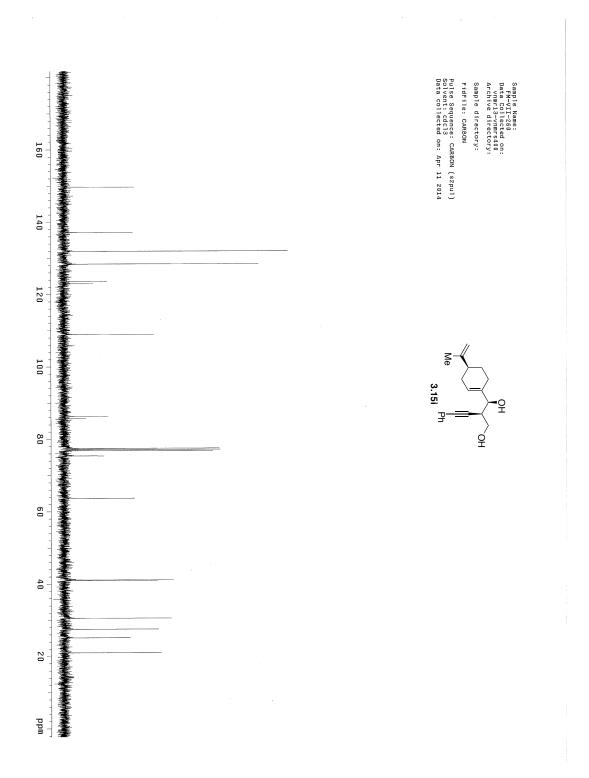


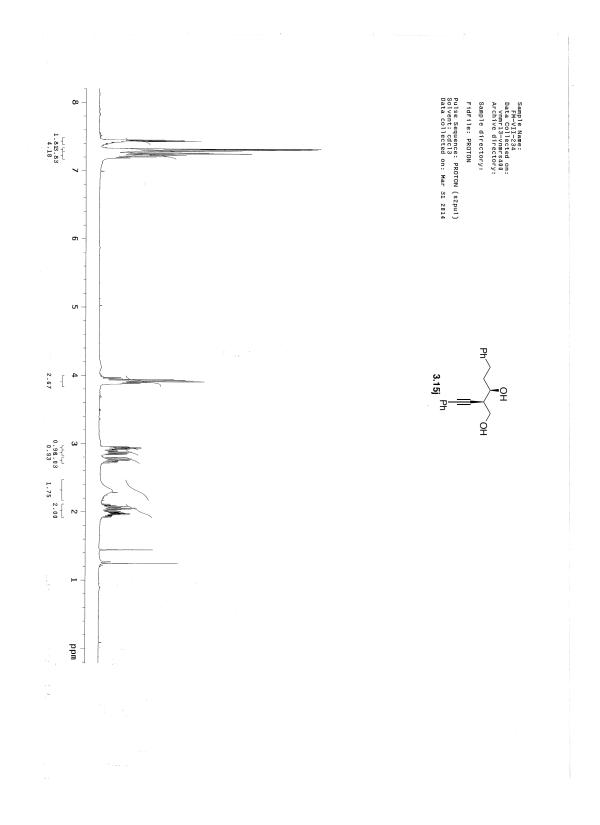


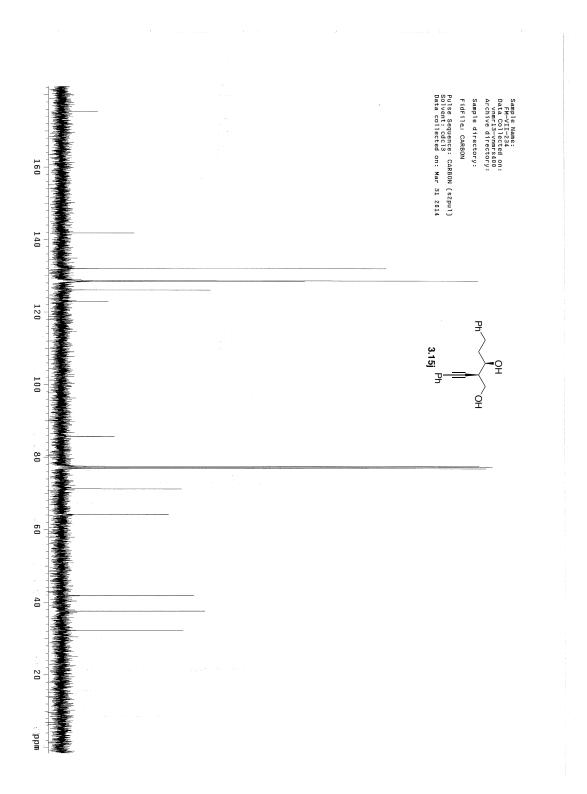


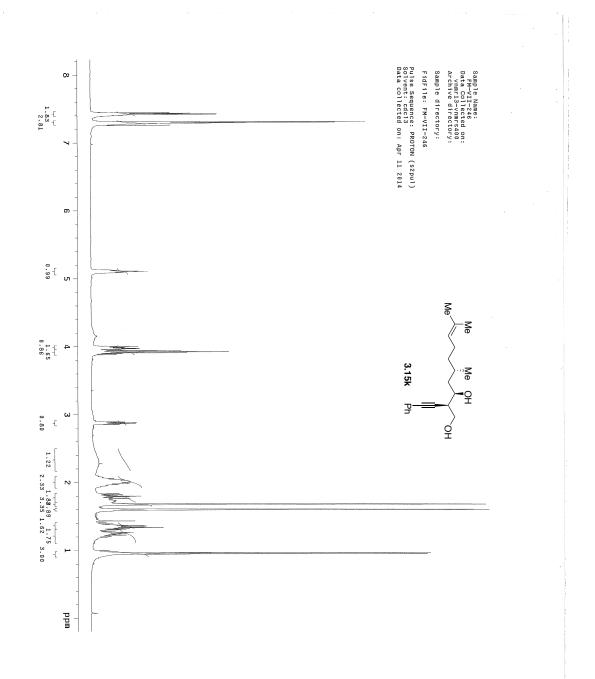


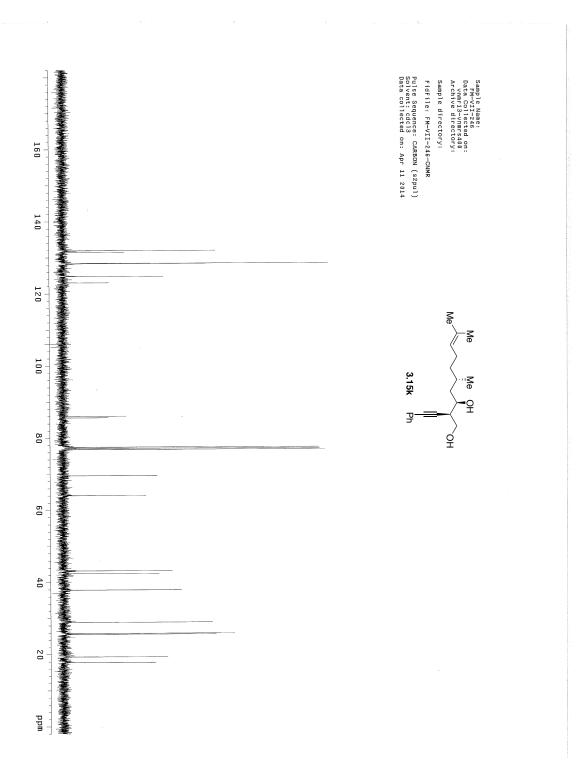


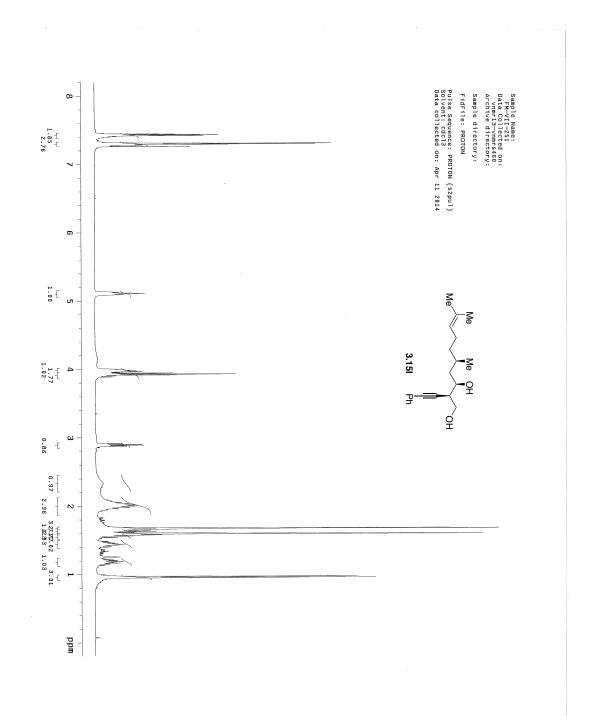


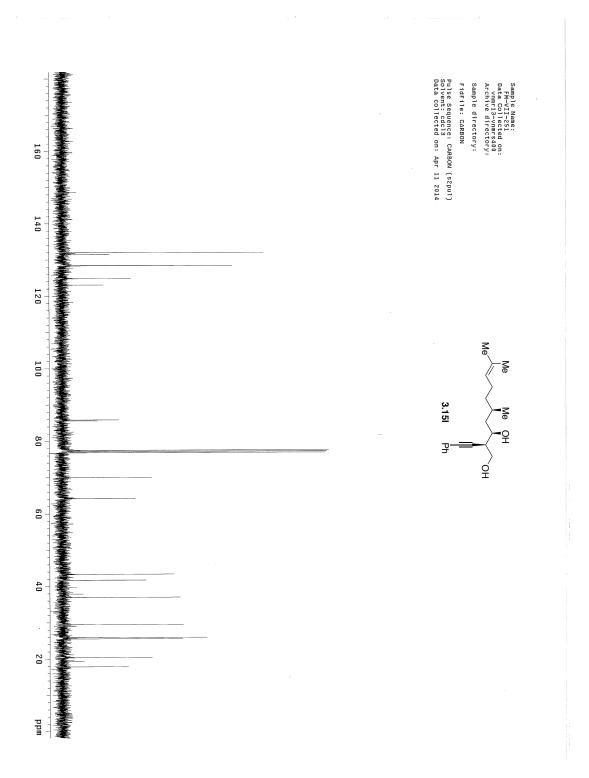


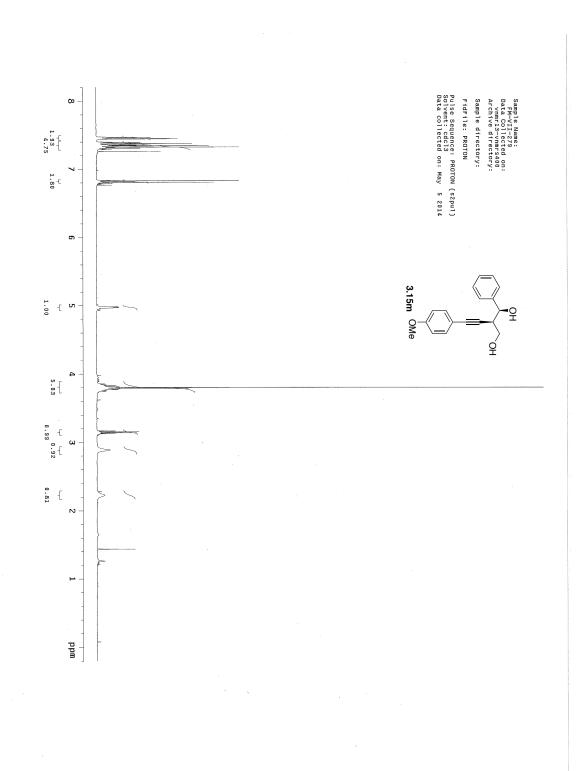


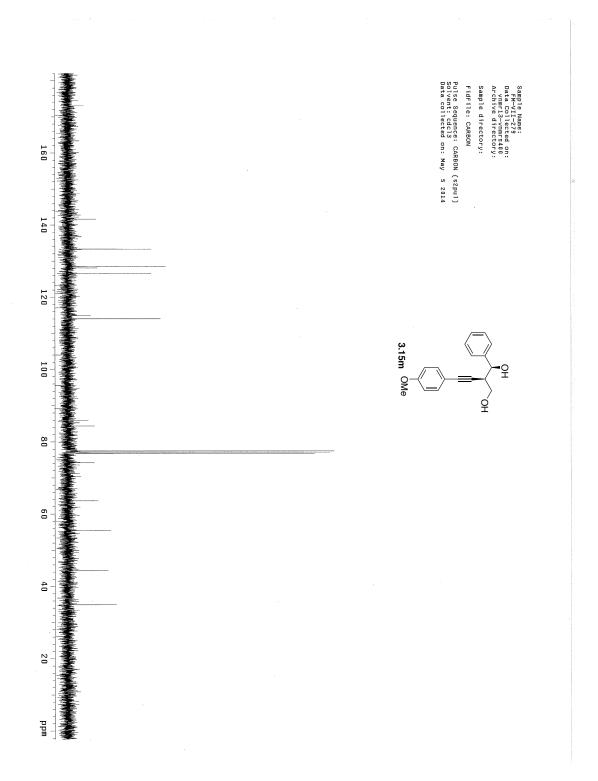


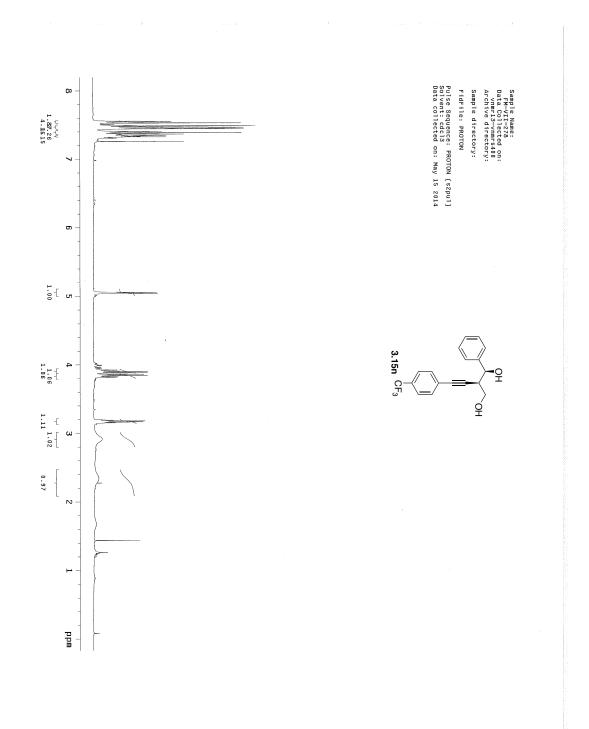


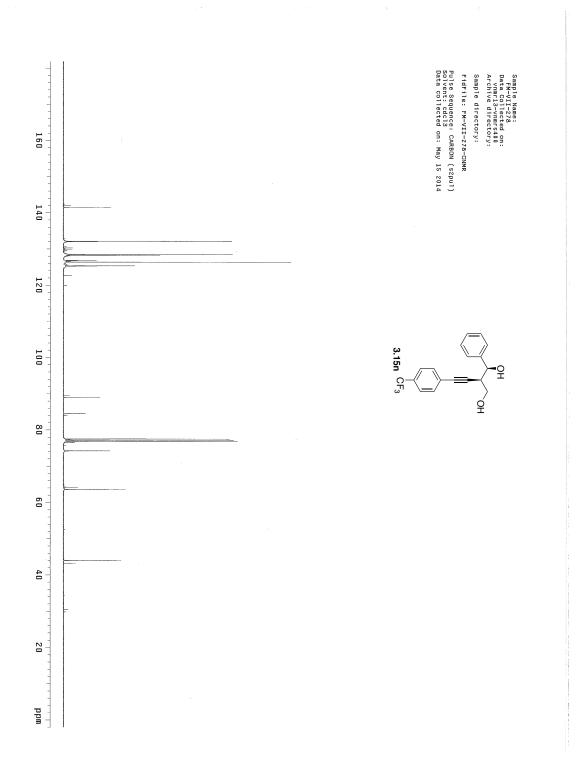


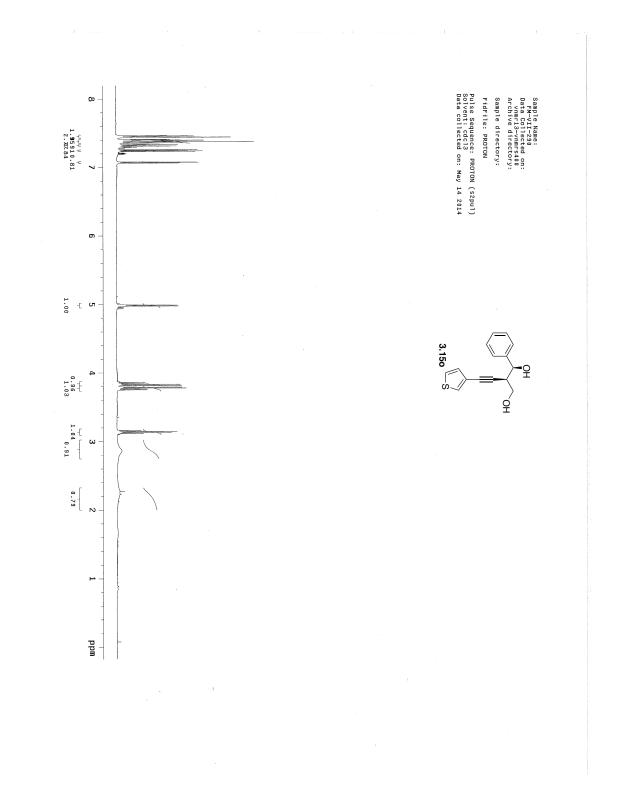


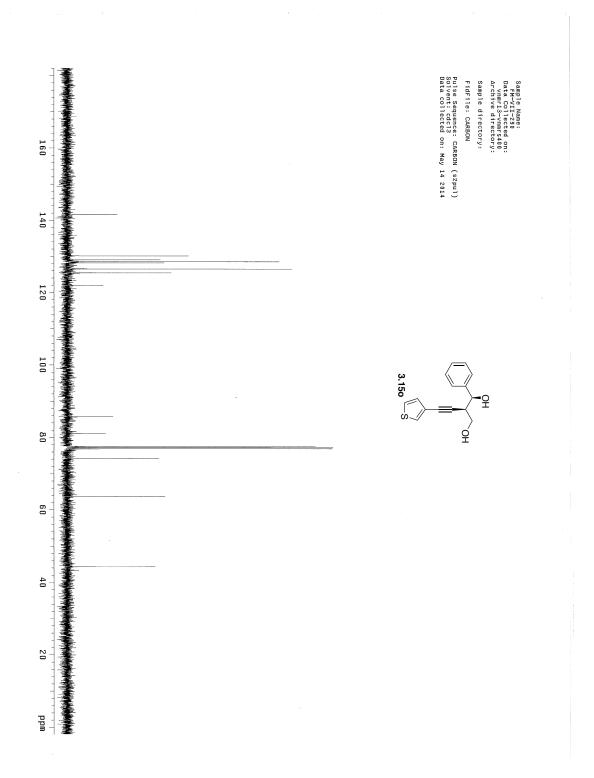


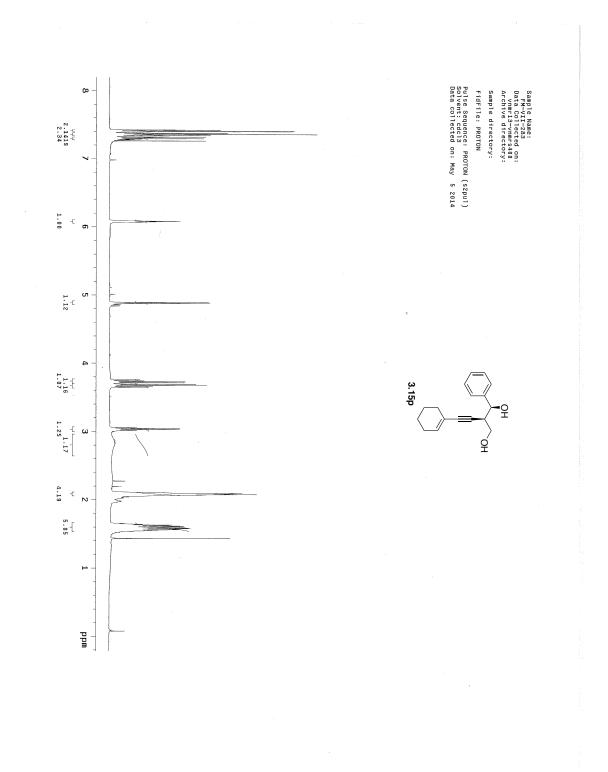


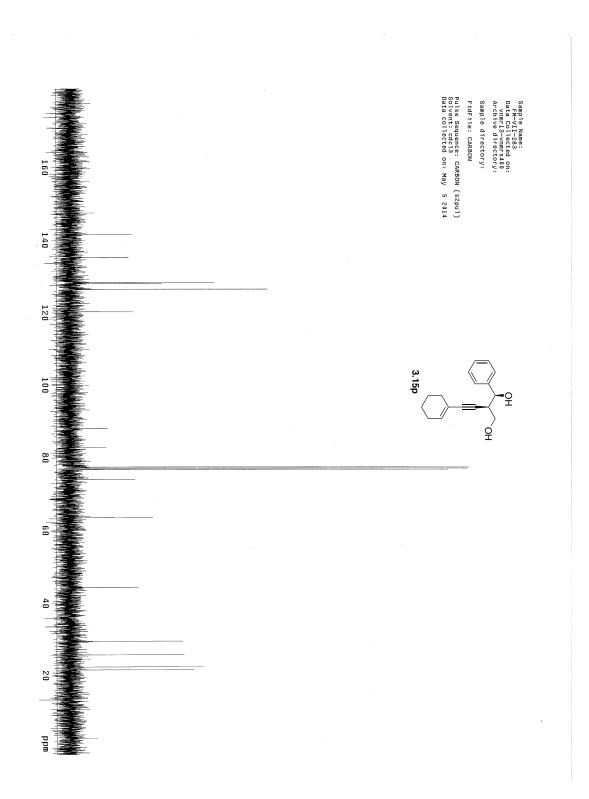


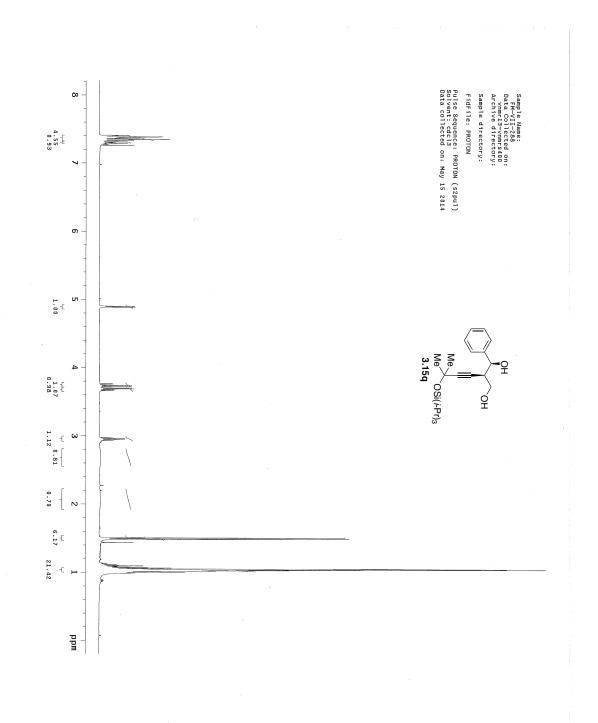


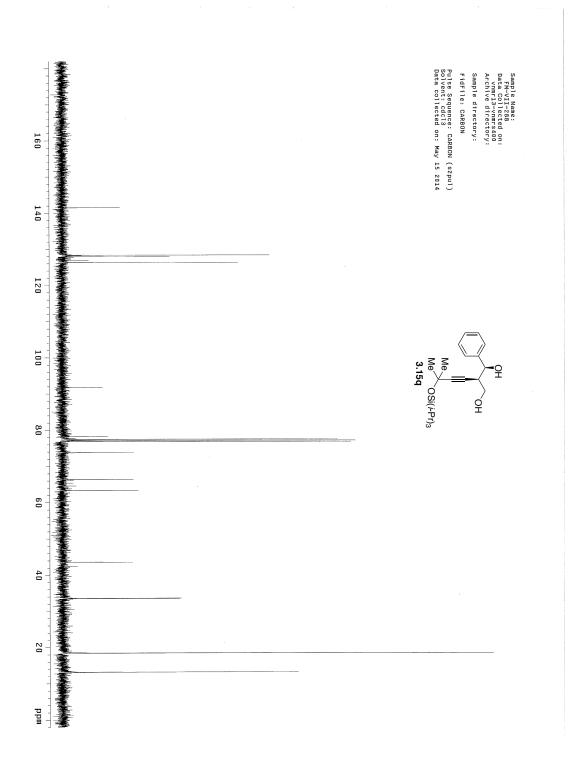


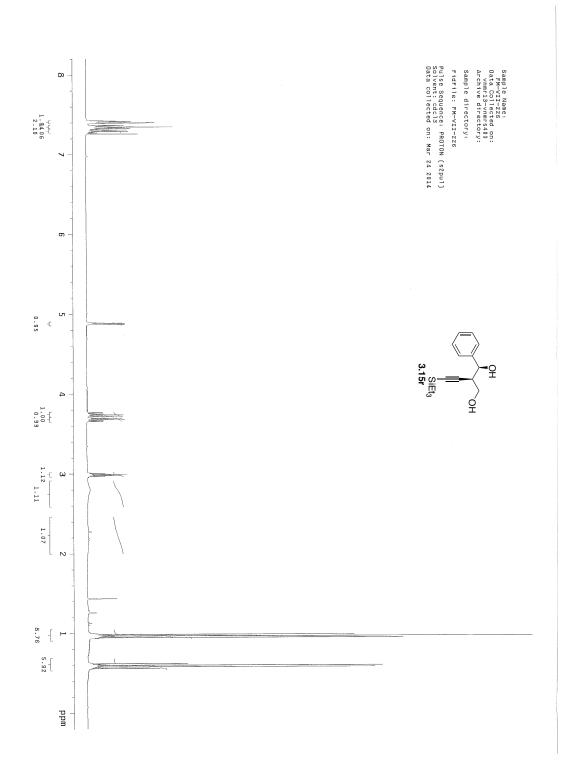


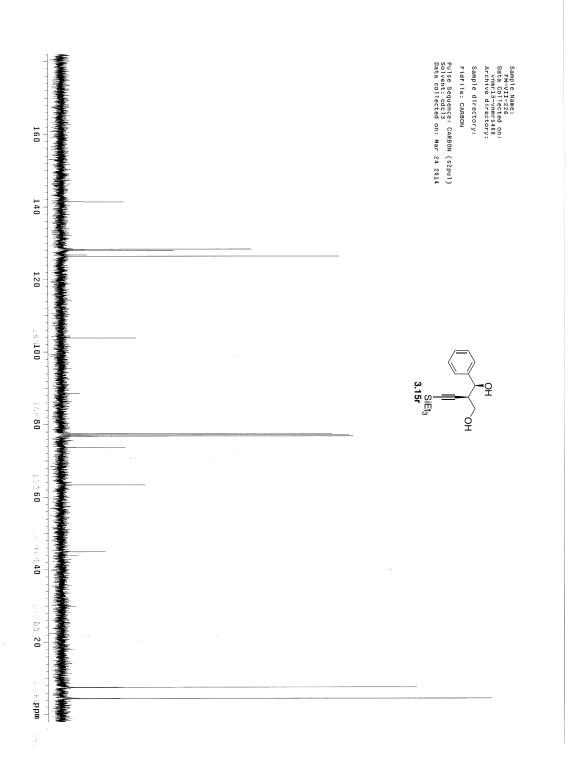


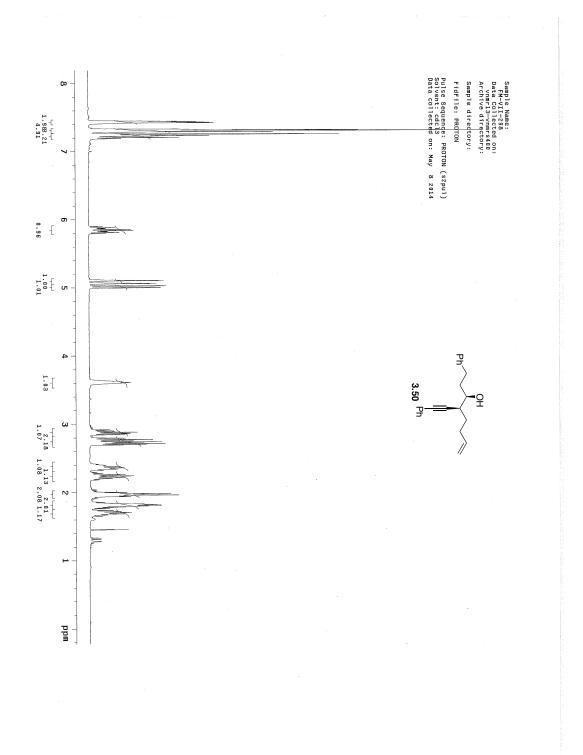


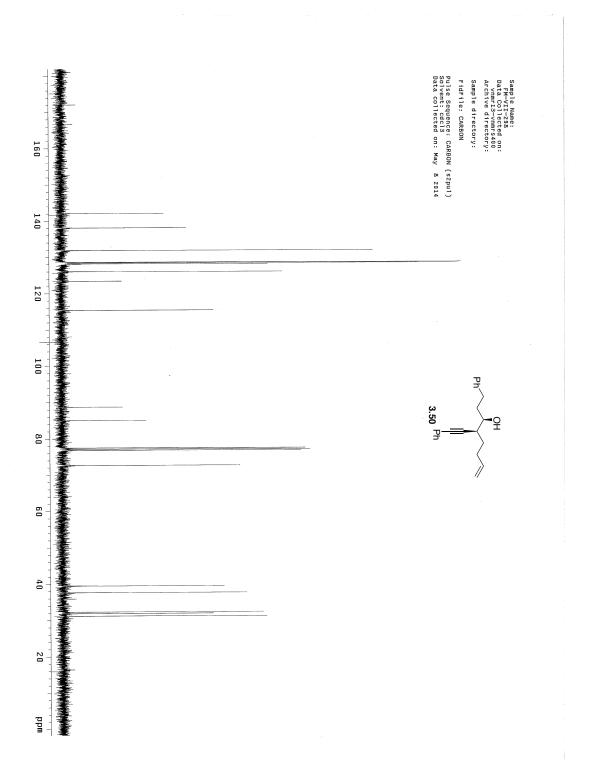


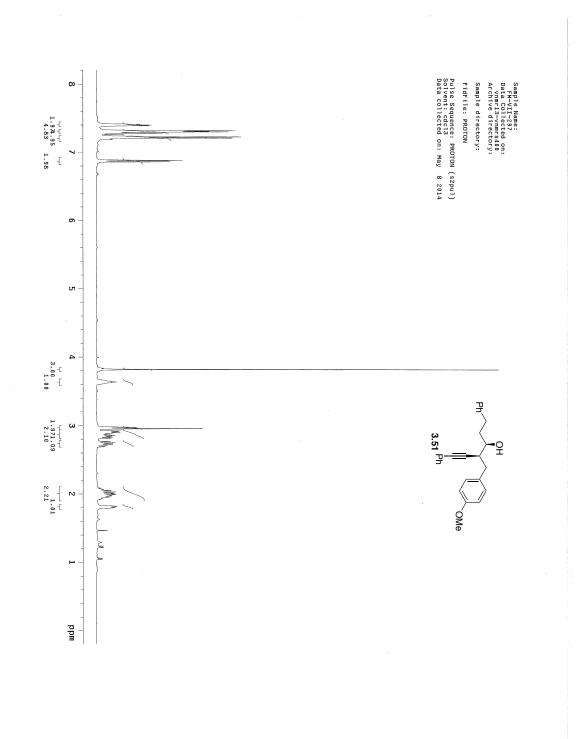


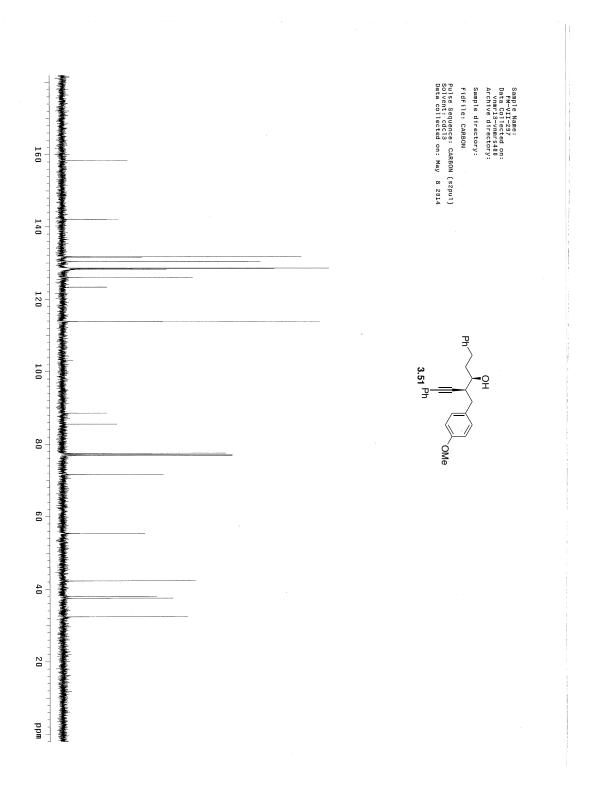


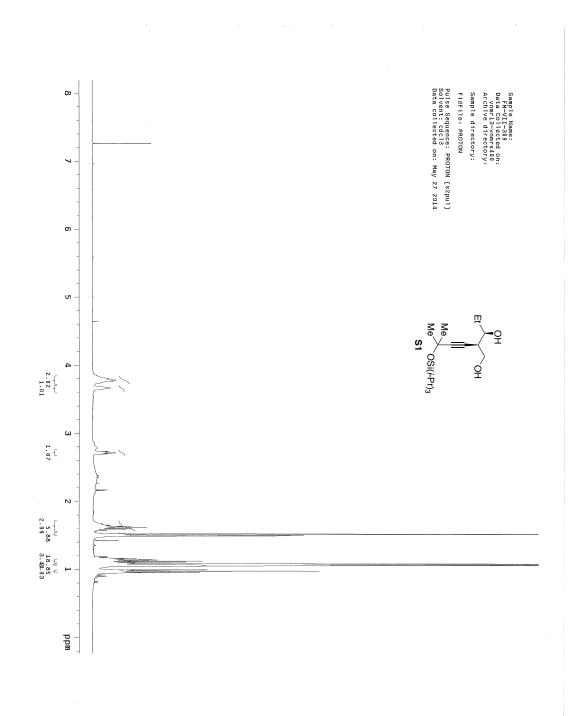


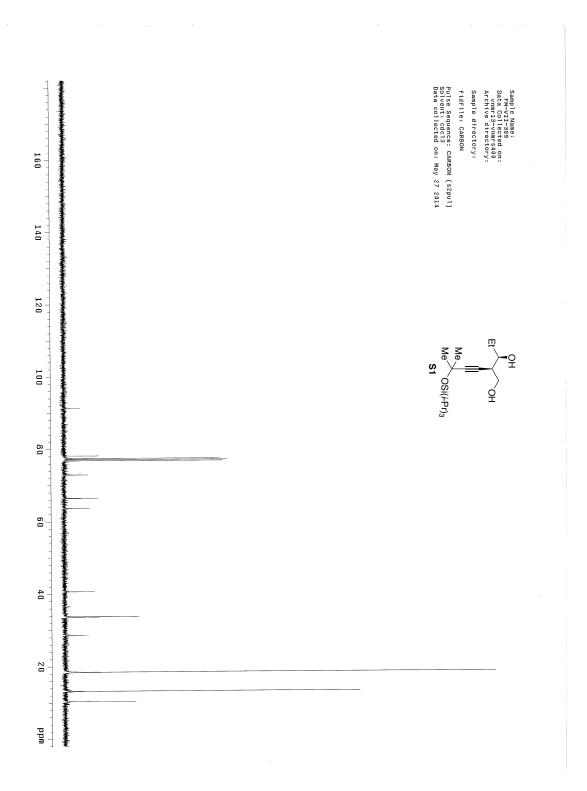


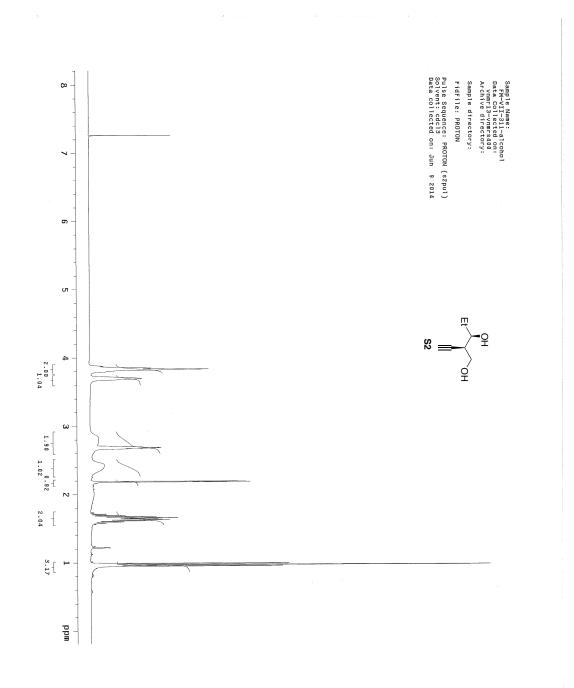


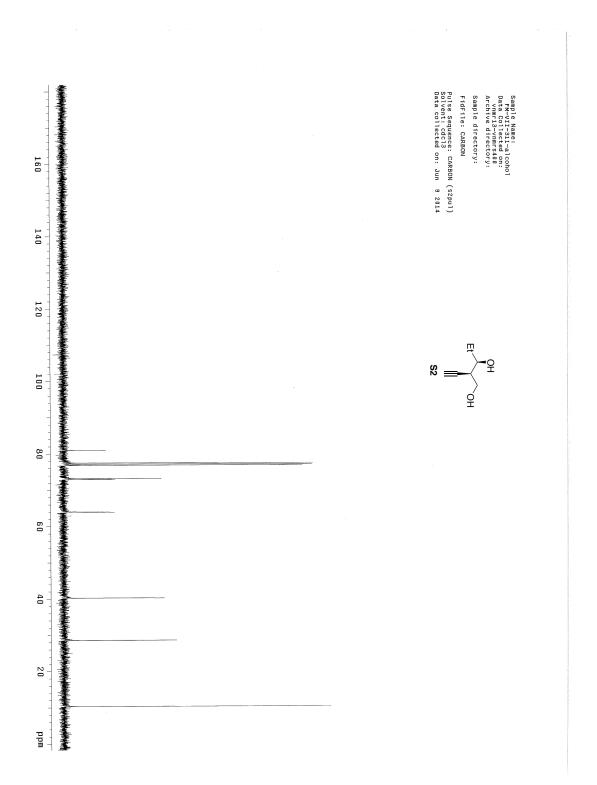


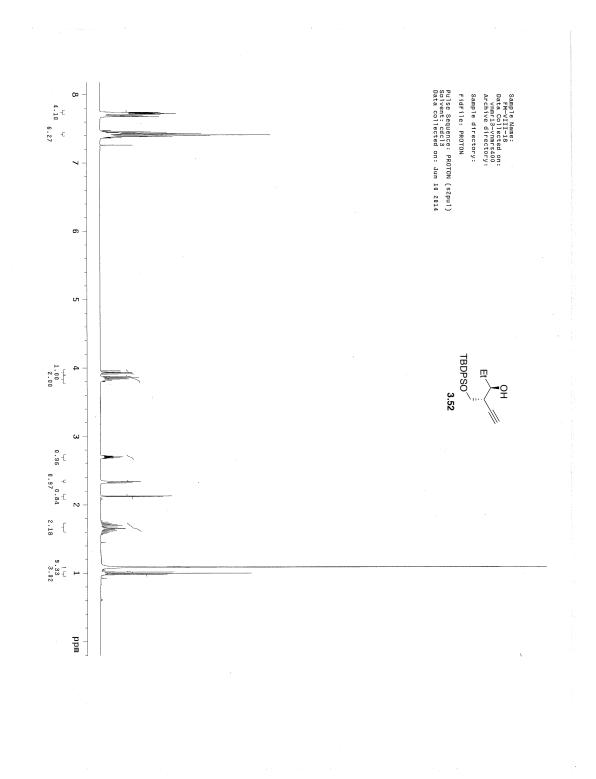


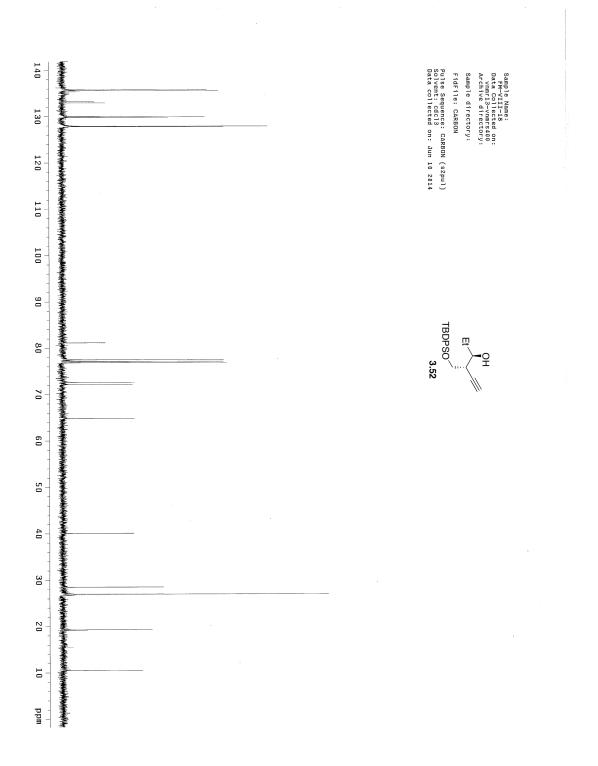


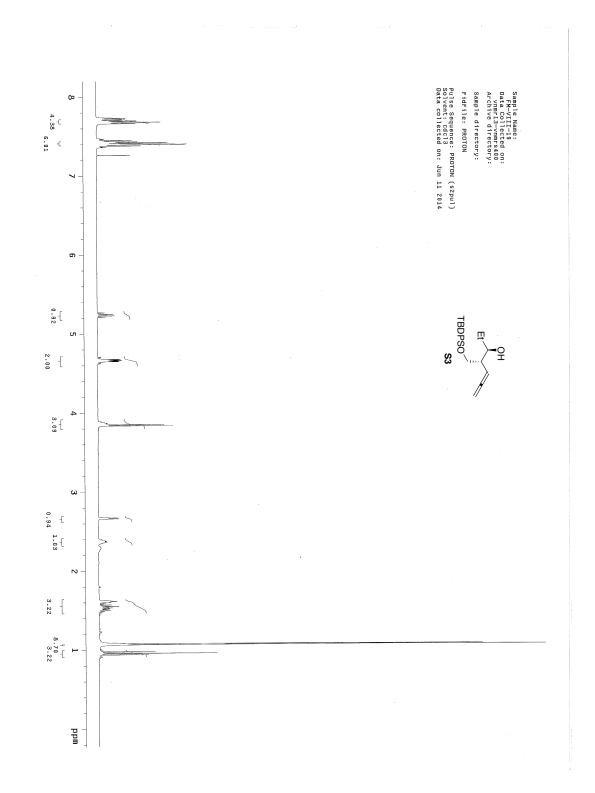


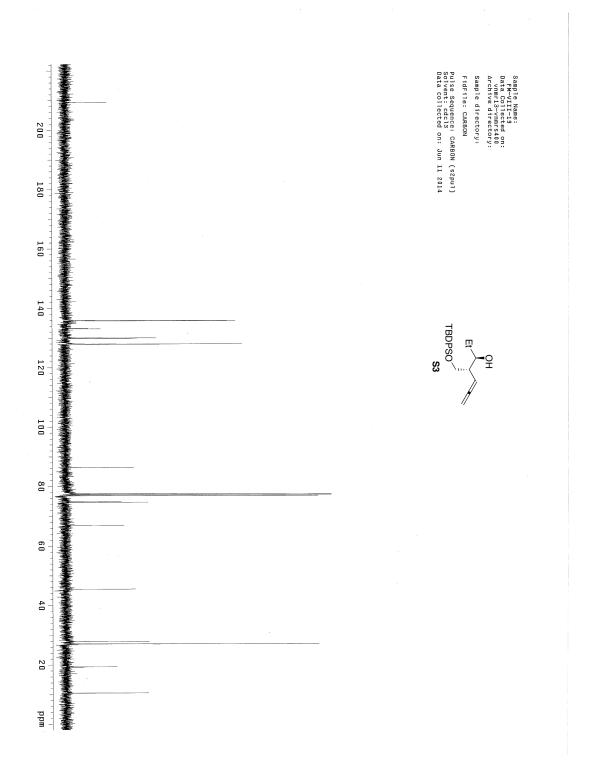


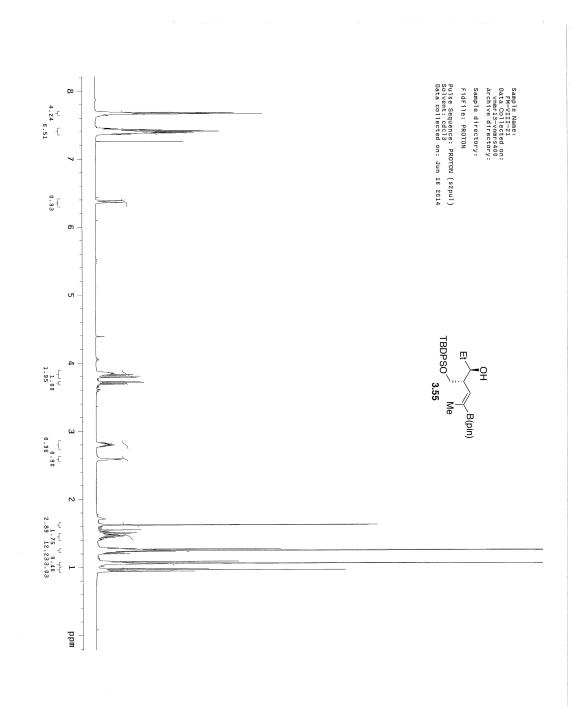


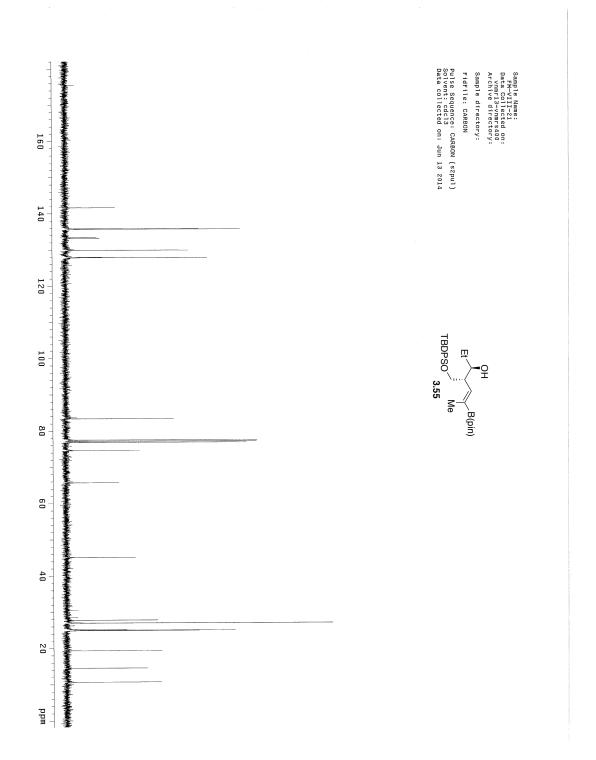


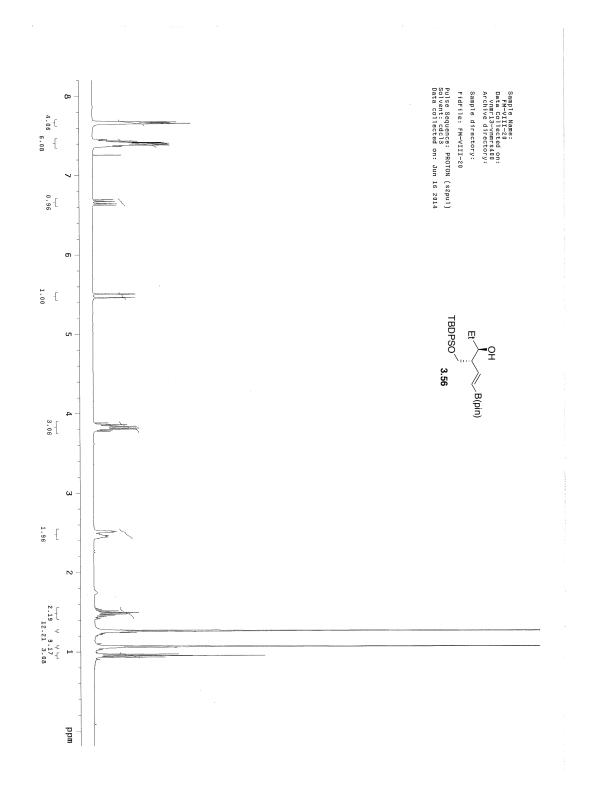


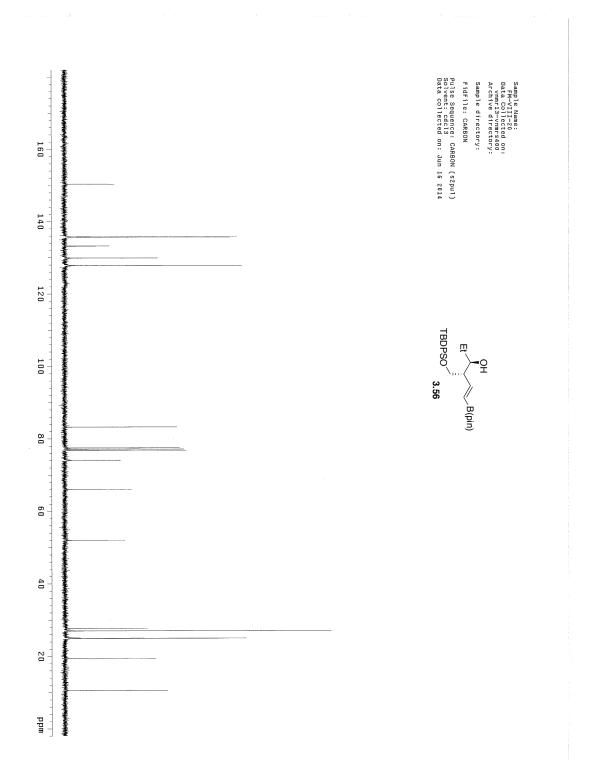












#### Chapter 4

### Multifunctional Alkenylboron Compounds through Single-Catalyst-Controlled Multicomponent Reactions and Their Applications in Scalable Natural Product Synthesis

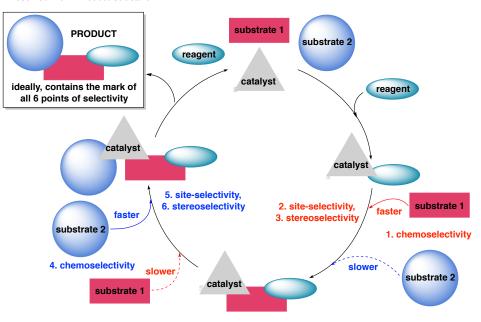
#### 4.1 Introduction

Protocols where a single catalyst unites two substrates and promotes the reaction of the resulting intermediate with a third starting material are sought-after in organic synthesis.<sup>1</sup> Such processes involve intermediates and products that are difficult-to-access otherwise; wasteful and costly isolation and purification of sensitive reagents are avoided.<sup>2</sup> In this way, unprecedented molecular complexity can be built up rapidly if a multitasking catalyst can control all the selectivity issues of each step. These new multicomponent reactions pose unique challenges for catalysis. High chemoselectivity is necessary for each discriminate elementary transformation; the same catalyst has to promote efficient and selective additions in each addition phase. Functionalities of each starting materials are expected to incorporate into the final product (Scheme 4.1). Krische and co-workers have investigated pioneering works for this concept, developing a set of

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<sup>(2)</sup> Bower, J. F.; Kim. I. S.; Patman, R. L.; Krische, M. J. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2009, 48, 34-46.

reductive multicomponent reactions of hydrogen, unsaturated hydrocarbons and carbonyl or imine compounds in the presence of chiral phosphine–Ir or Ru complexes.<sup>3</sup>



Scheme 4.1: Catalytic Cycle for a Multicomponent Reaction with Each Step Inducing Multiple Selectivities that are Preserved within Product Structure

Alkenylboron compounds are widely used in organic synthesis. Single-catalystpromoted multicomponent reactions deliver multifunctional alkenylborons are therefore of great interest. In the first phase of our studies, we developed a protocol for the addition of a phosphine–Cu–B(pin) complex, formed through reaction of an in situ generated phosphine–Cu–Ot-Bu with  $B_2(pin)_2$ , to a monosubstituted allene, which chemoselectively delivers 2-boron-substituted allylcopper complex **i**. Subsequent reaction with an aldehyde generates hydroxyl-containing alkenylboron compound **iii**. A range of aldol-type building blocks can be accessed after oxidiation of the initial boron-substituted allyl addition products in up to >99:1 diastereomeric ratio (d.r.) and 97:3 enantiomeric ratio (e.r.).<sup>4</sup> For

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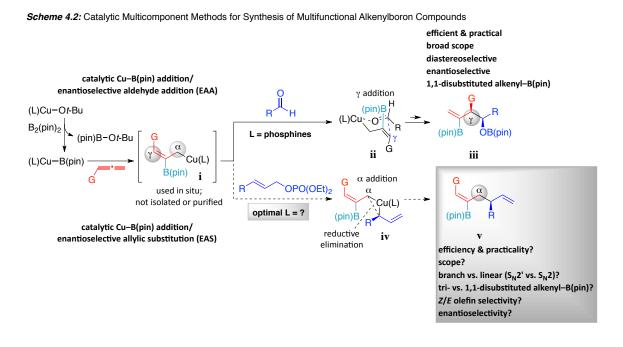
this transformation, NHC ligands, which are stronger  $\sigma$ -donors compared with phosphines, lead to diminished chemoselectivity and enantioselectivity.

Exclusive formation of 1,1-disubstituted alkenylboron products from the above reaction originates from  $\gamma$ -selective addition of the 2-boron-substituted allylcopper complex to the aldehyde through a six-membered transition state ii, which results in loss of the valuable stereochemically defined and modifiable trisubstituted alkenylboron moiety in the initial formed allylcopper intermediate. We hope to design a multicomponent transformation that can preserve this important attribute of the in situ generated organometallic reagent. Besides carbonyl compounds, another valuable class of electrophiles are allylic phosphate. We envisioned that a chemo-, site- and enantioselective transformation of the 2-boron-substituted allylcopper complex generated in situ from a chemo-, site- and stereoselective Cu–B addition to a monosubstituted allene with an allylic phosphate would deliver a multifunctional boron-containing 1,5-diene product  $\mathbf{v}$ . The envisioned catalytic enantioselective allylic substitution (EAS) would be a significant addition to catalytic enantioselective allyl-allyl coupling reactions. The existing strategies require each functional group to be installed individually through extended and less efficient sequence.<sup>5</sup> Also, the state-of-the-art incorporation of allyl groups through EAS is limited to introduction of simple fragments via allylboron,<sup>6</sup> allylmagnesium<sup>7</sup> or allylic alcohol<sup>8</sup> compounds.

<sup>(5)</sup> Takano, D.; Nagamitsu, T.; Ui, H.; Shiomi, K.; Yamaguchi, Y.; Masuma, R.; Kuwajima, I.; Ōmura, S. *Org. Lett.* **2001**, *3*, 2289–2291. (b) Schow, S. R.; Bloom, J. D.; Thompson, A. S.; Winzenberg, K. N.; Smith, A. B. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, *108*, 2662–2674.

<sup>(6) (</sup>a) Zhang, P.; Brozek, L. A.; Morken, J. P. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2010, 132, 10686–10688. (b) Zhang, P.;
Le, H.; Kyne, R. E.; Morken, J. P. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2011, 133, 9716–9719. (c) Brozek, L. A.; Ardolino,
M. J.; Morken, J. P. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2011, 133, 16778–16781. (d) Le, H.; Kyne, R. E.; Brozek, L. A.;

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The expected products from the proposed multicomponent reaction contain a tertiary stereogenic center, a terminal olefin and a stereochemically defined trisubstituted alkene. The two C–C double bonds can be selectively functionalized. For instance, the boron-containing alkene in v can be transformed into a trisubstituted olefin with complete inversion of stereochemistry to generate vi. Chemoselective cross metathesis of the terminal olefin in vi with vinylB(pin)<sup>9</sup> followed by Pd-catalyzed cross couping of the alkenylboron with alkenylhalide<sup>10</sup> delivers a triene motif vii that can be found in a variety of biologically active natural products (Scheme 4.3). A notable case is synthesis of a segment of immunosuppressive agent FK-506.<sup>11</sup> Efficient and stereoselective preparation of such trisubstituted alkene-containing fragments remains a difficult problem. In

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<sup>(7)</sup> Hornillos, V.; Pérez, M.; Fañanás-Mastral, M.; Feringa, B. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2013, 135, 2140–2143.

<sup>(8)</sup> Hamilton, J. Y.; Sarlah, D.; Carreira, E. M. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2014, 136, 3006–3009.

<sup>(9)</sup> Morrill, C.; Grubbs, R. H. J. Org. Chem. 2003, 68, 6031–6034.

<sup>(10)</sup> Kotha, S.; Lahiri, K.; Kashinath, D. Tetrahedron 2002, 58, 9633-9695.

<sup>(11)</sup> Tanaka, H.; Kuroda, A.; Marusawa, H.; Hatanaka, H.; Kino, T.; Goto, T.; Hashimoto, M. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1987, 109, 5031–5033.

previous studies, either the undesired Z olefin was separated from a mixture of isomers formed from an unselective Wittig olefination,<sup>12</sup> or modification of a terminal alkyne through a longer sequence involving carboalumination <sup>13</sup> was required. Selective functionalization of the terminal olefin also provides opportunities for numerous types of modifications. One example shown here is the catalytic cross metathesis with vinylB(pin) followed by cross-coupling, which generates an *E*,*E*-diene moiety that is commonly found in natural products. The representative fragments in nafuredin (NADH-fumarate reductase inhibitor<sup>14</sup>), milbemycin  $\beta_3$  (insecticidal<sup>15</sup>), rottnestol (member of a family of antibiotics<sup>16</sup>), and herboxidiene (phytotoxic, anti-tumor<sup>17</sup>) are highlighted in Scheme 4.3.

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(b) Nakatsuka, M.; Ragan, J. A.; Sammakia, T.; Smith, D. B.; Uehling, D. E.; Schreiber, S. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1990, 112, 5583–5601.

<sup>(13)</sup> Ireland, R. E.; Gleason, J. L.; Gegnas, L. D.; Highsmith, T. K. J. Org. Chem. 1996, 61, 6856–6872.

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 Beutler, J. A.; Cardellina, J. H.; Boyd, M. R. *Tetrahedron* 1995, 51, 11953–11958. For total synthesis of 497

Successful execution of the proposed transformations requires a catalyst for high chemoselectivity. Discrimination of two C–C  $\pi$  bonds (allene vs. allylic phosphate) presents a more challenging problem (allene vs. aldehyde in the aldehyde addition case). Both allenes<sup>4</sup> and allylic carbonates<sup>18</sup> can undergo Cu–B additions. Allenes are sterically less hindered and might react with the Cu-B(pin) complex faster, but competitive association of the Lewis basic phosphate with a transition metal may complicate the matter. Another challenge for such process is that reaction of the 2-boron-substituted allylcopper complex with an allylic phosphate must be eliminated rapidly via iv (Scheme 4.2). In this way, the trisubstituted alkene moiety can be reserved with formation of a stereogenic center.

#### 4.2 Background

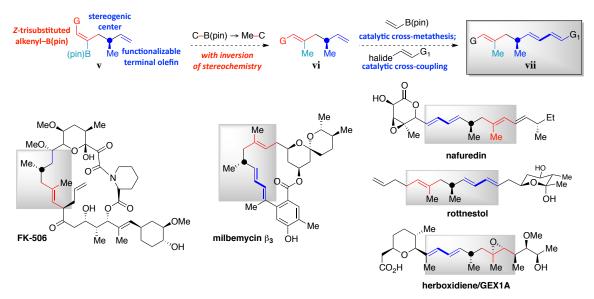
In 2013, Hoveyda and co-workers described an NHC–Cu-catalyzed site-selective protoboration of monosubstituted allenes. 2-Boron-substituted allylcopper complexes are formed through Cu-B addition to monosubstituted allenes, protonation of which

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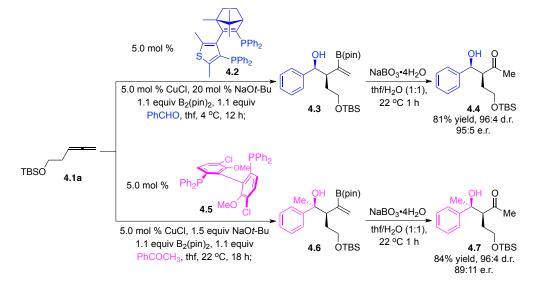
generates 1,1-disubstituted or trisubstituted alkenylboron compounds selectively, depending on the size of the NHC ligands.<sup>19</sup>



Scheme 4.3: Representative Natural Products that may be Prepared through the New Multicomponent Process

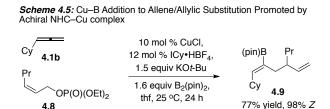
Subsequently, the same group reported the first single-catalyst-controlled multicomponent fusion of monosubstituted allenes, carbonyls and  $B_2(pin)_2$  promoted by chiral phosphine–Cu complexes. As illustrated in Scheme 4.4, reactions of allene **4.1** with benzaldehyde or acetophenone in the presence of Cu complexes derived from either  $C_1$ -symmetric or  $C_2$ -symmetric chiral bisphosphines afford boron-containing secondary or tertiary alcohol **4.3** or **4.6**. After oxidative work-up,  $\beta$ -hydroxyketone **4.4** and **4.7** can be accessed in 81% and 84% yield with 95:5 and 89:11 e.r., respectively.

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Scheme 4.4: Catalytic Cu-B Addition to Allene Followed by Enantioselective Allyl Addition to Carbonyls

Tsuji and co-worker developed the first sequential Cu–B addition to allene/allylic substitution in 2014.<sup>20</sup> As indicated in Scheme 4.5, with achiral NHC–Cu complex in situ generated from cyclohexyl-containing imidazolium salt, transformation of **4.1b** and *Z*-allylic phosphate **4.8** delivers boron-containing 1,5-diene **4.9** in 77% yield with 98% *Z*-selectivity. The scope is limited to *Z*-allylic phosphates with alkyl substituents. The authors only report reactions with achiral ligands; results with chiral ligands are not disclosed.



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# 4.3 Identification of the Optimal Catalyst for Sequential Cu–B Addition to Allene Followed by Enantioselective Allylic Substitution

We began our study by examining the performance of Cu complexes derived from different types of ligands. Neither monodentate phosphines nor phosphoramidites<sup>21</sup> can catalyze the multicomponent reaction (<2% conv; entries 1–3, Table 4.1). Bisphosphines, which promote sequential catalytic Cu-B additions to monosubstituted allenes followed by aldehyde additions in high efficiency and stereoselectivity, induce complete consumption of allylic phosphate 4.10a to the boron allylic substitution product. It is unexpected that monodentate NHC-Cu complexes derived from imidazolinium salt 4.17a or 4.17b induce multicomponent reactions of monosubstituted allene 4.1a and allylic phosphate 4.10a with  $B_2(pin)_2$  in a desired sequence, delivering desired product 4.11a in 81% and 32% yield respectively, with complete branch and Z selectivity, because with aldehyde additions, NHC ligands lead to lower chemoselectivity (entries 6–7, Table 4.1).<sup>4</sup> No alternative products (4.12, 4.13, or 4.14) are detected (<2%). Reactions promoted by chiral bidentate NHC-Cu complexes bearing phenol 4.18<sup>22</sup> or sulfonate 4.19<sup>23</sup> substituents either produce 4.11a in 36% yield with 78:22 e.r., or none at all (entries 8 and 9, Table 4.1). With chiral alternative of **4.17a** that contains a diphenyl backbone (4.20), 4.11a was observed in trace amount (entry 10, Table 4.1). Exposure of monosubstituted allene 4.1a and allylic phosphate 4.10a to 5.0 mol % Cu complex generated from monodentate triazolium salt 4.21 or 4.22 results in formation of 4.11a in 45% and 73% yield albeit 62:38 and 53:47 e.r., respectively (entries 11 and 12, Table

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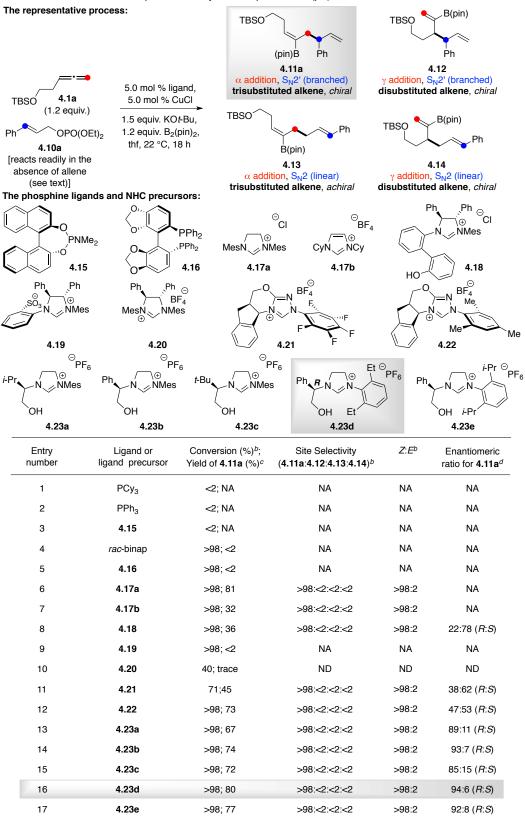
<sup>(22)</sup> Van Veldhuizen, J. J.; Campbell, J. E.; Giudici, R. E.; Hoveyda, A. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 6877–6882.

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4.1). Reaction with enantiomerically pure NHC precursor bearing an N–aryl and an N– alkyl group provides **4.11a** in 67% yield, >98%  $S_N2$ ' selectivity and 89:11 e.r. (entry 13, Table 4.1).<sup>24</sup> Further optimization of the aryl moiety and the aminoalcohol substituent leads to imidazolinium salt **4.23d** that delivers not only higher efficiency but also enantioselectivity (80% yield, 94:6 e.r.; entry 16, Table 4.1). Further increasing the size of the substituents at *ortho* position of the N–aryl does not give any improvement (**4.23e**; entry 17, Table 4.1).

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Table 4.1: Examination of Cu Complexes as Catalysts for Sequential Cu-B(pin) Addition/EAS<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Performed under N<sub>2</sub> atm. <sup>b</sup> Determined by analysis of 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spetra of unpurified mixtures (±2%). <sup>c</sup> Yields of isolated/purified products (±5%; both isomers). <sup>d</sup> Enantiomeric ratio (e.r.) determined by HPLC analysis (±2%). NA = Not Available. ND = Not Determined D3

### 4.4 Scope of Sequential Cu–B Addition to Allene Followed by Enantioselective Allylic Substitution

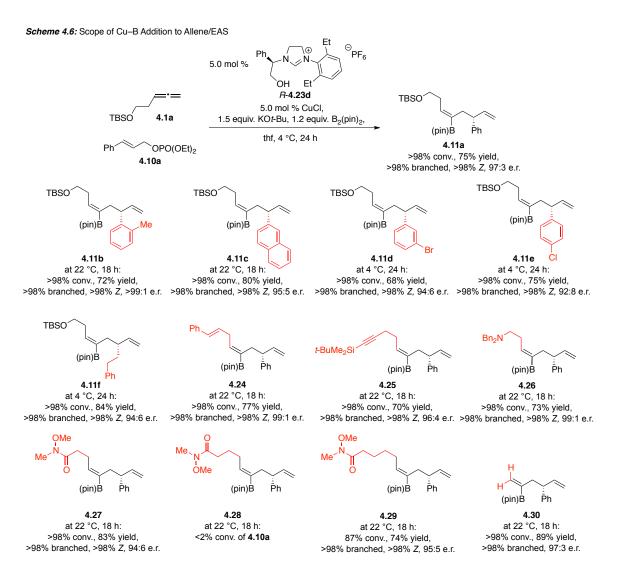
A range of multifunctional alkenylboron compounds can be prepared through the multicomponent protocol in high selectivity (Scheme 4.6). A notable attribute of the catalytic system is that the imidazolinium salt 4.23d, an air-stable solid, can be synthesized in multigram quantities through a modified procedure in four steps without any need for wasteful and costly column chromatography purification<sup>24</sup>: the requisite starting materials and reagents, including either form of enantiomeric form of phenylglycinol, can be purchased at low cost. Allylic phosphates that carry sterically congested aryl entities react in high efficiency and enantioselectivity (4.11b and 4.11c, 72% and 80% yield, >99:1 and 95:5 e.r.). Alkyl- (4.11f) and halogenated aryl-substituted (4.11d, e) allylic phosphates are suitable substrates for this transformation. It is noteworthy that the incorporation of a  $\beta$ -alkylstyrene<sup>25</sup> or an internal alkyne<sup>26</sup>, which can undergo NHC-Cu-B(pin) additions readily, into the allene does not lead to this undesired pathway, probably due to preferential association of the less sizable allene moiety to the Cu complex (4.24 and 4.25). Allenes that contain other modifiable groups, such as an amine (4.26) or an amide (4.27 or 4.29) are well tolerated. The results of transformations that generate 4.27–4.29 indicate the distance between the Lewis basic carbonyl and allene site significantly affect the reaction rate. Reaction of unsubstituted allene provides access

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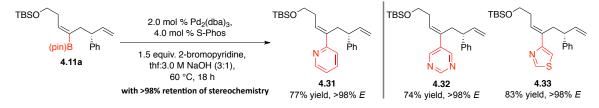
#### to 1,1-disubstituted alkenylB(pin) 4.30 in 89% yield, >98% branch selectivity and 97:3

e.r..



A variety of trisubstituted alkenes can be delivered through Pd-catalyzed crosscoupling reactions with readily available aryl halides with complete retention of stereochemistry (Scheme 4.7).





#### 4.5 Explanation for Origin of High Efficiency and Selectivity

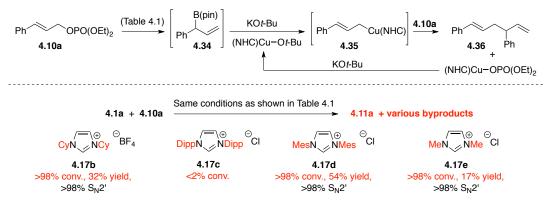
The challenge of designing a single-catalyst-controlled multicomponent reaction is to identify a catalyst that can solve all the efficiency and selectivity issues during the whole process. The difference between percentage of conversion of allylic phosphate **4.10a** and yield of **4.11a** indicates a breakdown in chemoselectivity; competitive Cu–B addition to allylic phosphate 4.10a leads to generation of byproducts. It seems that less Lewis basic and sterically demanding bidentate bisphosphine-based catalysts associate with the allylic phosphate more readily (entries 6 and 7, Table 4.1), distinct from those derived from NHC ligands.<sup>27</sup> It is likely that the HOMO of the bisphosphine–Cu complexes is the  $d_{x-y}^{2-2}$ , which could have better interaction with lower-lying  $\pi^*$  orbital of allylic phosphate.<sup>28</sup> The competitive side reaction with less effective NHC–Cu complexes results from addition of B(pin) to the allylic phosphate 4.10a to generate a branched allylboron intermediate 4.34 that can be subsequently transformed to the allylcopper complex 4.35. Reaction with another molecule of allylic phosphate 4.10a provides 1,5diene 4.36 (Scheme 4.8). NHC–Cu complexes promote the formation of 4.36 efficiently in the absence of allene (e.g. 53% yield for 4.17a, 76% yield for 4.19, 50% yield for

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**4.23d**). Transmetallation of allylboron **4.34** to the bisphosphine–Cu complex or addition of allylcopper **4.35** to allylic phosphate **4.10a** might be less efficient as a result of the decreased Lewis acidity of the Cu center<sup>29</sup>, leading to more complicated side reactions.

Scheme 4.8: Major Side Pathway in NHC-Cu-Catalyzed Reactions and Additonal Findings Relevant to Efficiency



The outcome of transformations performed in the presence of NHC–Cu complexes derived from **4.17b–e** suggest that the appropriate balance between electronic properties and size of the NHC ligand might lead to high efficiency and chemoselectivity. The Cu complex resulting from **4.17c** is too large to promote this reaction, whereas the more nucleophilic ligands **4.17b** and **4.17e** that contain smaller N–alkyl groups (vs. N–aryl) cause lower level of discrimination of allene and allylic phosphate. NHC–Cu complex derived from imidazolinium salt **4.17d** is small enough to promote the desired sequence and not too nucleophilic leading to competitive boron allylic substitution. The Cu catalyst generated from the sulfonate-containing precursor **4.19** is more like the only catalyst which remains a bidentate complex; the cuprate species possesses a higher energy HOMO that has better interaction with the lower-lying  $\pi^*$  orbital of the allylic

<sup>(29)</sup> Denmark, S. E.; Beutner, G. L. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2008, 47, 1560-1638.

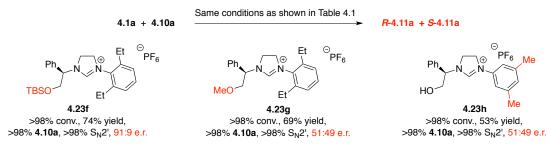
phosphate (vs. an allene), leading to more competitive undesired allylic substitution of a B(pin) group (lower chemoselectivity).

In previous cases, chiral NHC ligands that contain a chelating unit commonly serve as precursors to bidentate Cu complexes (cuprate complex), which usually provide exceptional  $S_N 2'$  selectivity in reactions of organoboron compounds.<sup>30</sup> The selectivity is attributed to facile reductive elimination of the Cu(III) intermediate leading to release of steric hindrance.<sup>29</sup> The less sterically congested monodentate NHC-Cu complexes usually deliver significant amounts of achiral linear  $S_N 2$  products.<sup>30</sup> Furthermore, high enantioselectivities have typically been observed with Cu complexes derived from chiral ligands that are either bidentate (e.g. 4.19, Table 4.1)<sup>24</sup>, or monodentate (e.g. 4.20, Table 4.1) that contains constraining stereogenic centers<sup>31</sup>, or both<sup>18,30</sup>. To further explore the nature of the catalytically active species, we examined the reaction with silvl ether 4.23f, which proceeds with similar efficiency and selectivity as 4.23d (Scheme 4.9). In sharp contrast, methyl ether derivative 4.23g leads to erosion of enantioselectivity (69% yield, 51:49 e.r.). The above data suggest that **4.23d** functions as a monodentate ligand. Cleavage of the Cu–O bond in the NHC–Cu catalyst through reaction with  $B_2(pin)_2$ results in a monodentate complex that bears a neutral metal center.<sup>30a</sup> The large B(pin)substituted chiral appendage is crucial for enantioselectivity, which is emulated by the sizable silyl group in 4.23f.

<sup>(30) (</sup>a) Jung, B.; Hoveyda, A. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2012**, 134, 1490–1493. (b) Gao, F.; Carr, J. L.; Hoveyda, A. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2014**, 136, 2149–2161.

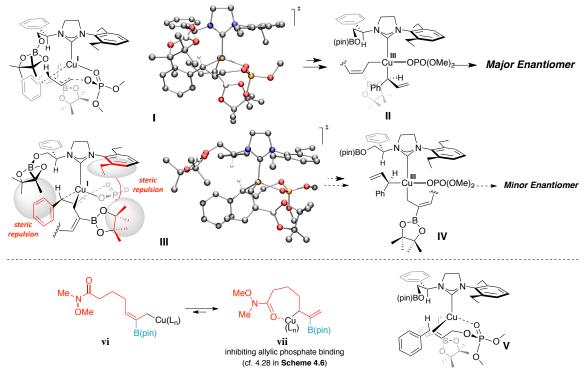
<sup>(31) (</sup>a) Park, J. K.; Lackey, H. H.; Ondrusek, B. A.; McQuade, D. T. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2011**, 133, 2410–2413. (b) Lee, K.-s.; Hoveyda, A. H. J. Org. Chem. **2009**, 74, 4455–4462.

Scheme 4.9: Additional Data Regarding Origin of Enantioselectivity



DFT calculations imply that formation of the major enantiomer proceeds via transition structure **I**. The allylic phosphate occupies two binding sites of the tetrahedral Cu(I) complex to generate a square planar Cu(III) species **II** that undergoes reductive elimination to provide **4.11a** (Scheme 4.10). The association of the Lewis basic phosphate facilitates coordination of the C–C  $\pi$  bond to the sterically hindered metal center. This hypothesis is supported by the different efficiencies observed for transformations delivering **4.27–4.29**. In the case of **4.28**, the Lewis basic amide carbonyl is properly located to chelate the copper center, retarding the association of the allylic phosphate. The ring size in the bidentate complex **vii** is similar to that in the oxidative addition precursor **V**.

Scheme 4.10: Stereochemical Models Based on DFT Calculations



The chelation of the allylic phosphate helps to organize the stereochemistrydetermining transition state, providing high stereochemistry control via **II**. The minor enantiomer might be generated via **III**, in which the large B(pin) group engenders steric repulsion with the protruding allylic phosphate substituent. The B(pin) unit of the allyl group has to come into contact with the ethyl substituents on the N–aryl moiety or the large B(pin) group on the NHC side chain. *Ortho* substituents on the N–aryl moiety are crucial for high enantioselectivity, forcing the allyl group away from them. This proposal is supported by the fact that complete loss of enantioselectivity is observed when the N– aryl substituents are placed at C3 and C5 position (cf. **4.23h**, Scheme 4.9). It is unexpected that the multicomponent transformations proceed with complete branch selectivity promoted by a monodentate Cu complex.<sup>30b, 32</sup> The uniqueness of such process is the presence of the sizable B(pin) group of the allyl unit on the Cu(III) complex, leading to an elevation of the ground state energy of the Cu(III) intermediate species **II** (major) and **IV** (minor).<sup>30</sup> As such, the barrier to reductive elimination is smaller, thereby accelerating the rate of reductive elimination versus collapse to the  $\pi$ -allyl species. This hypothesis is supported by DFT calculations.

#### 4.6 Applications to Gram-Scale Natural Product Synthesis

Synthesis of biological active molecules with catalytic multicomponent reactions as key strategies would be a clear demonstration of the utility of such processes, especially if meaningful quantities of a target molecule could be generated in high efficiency and selectivity. Our goal is to design strategies that each issue of stereochemical control would be addressed by a catalytic transformation.

We first designed a route for total synthesis of gram quantities of rottnestol, which was isolated from the sponge *Haliclona* sp. collected in the waters around Rottnest Island off the coast of Western Australia by Boyd and co-workers in 1995.<sup>16a</sup> Rottnestol, featuring a sensitive hemiketal moiety and polyene side chain with a remote stereogenic center in the molecule is a member of a family of marine natural products that show mild antibiotic activities. We envisioned construction of the polyene side chain could be achieved through the NHC–Cu-catalyzed Cu–B addition/EAS protocol, whereas the

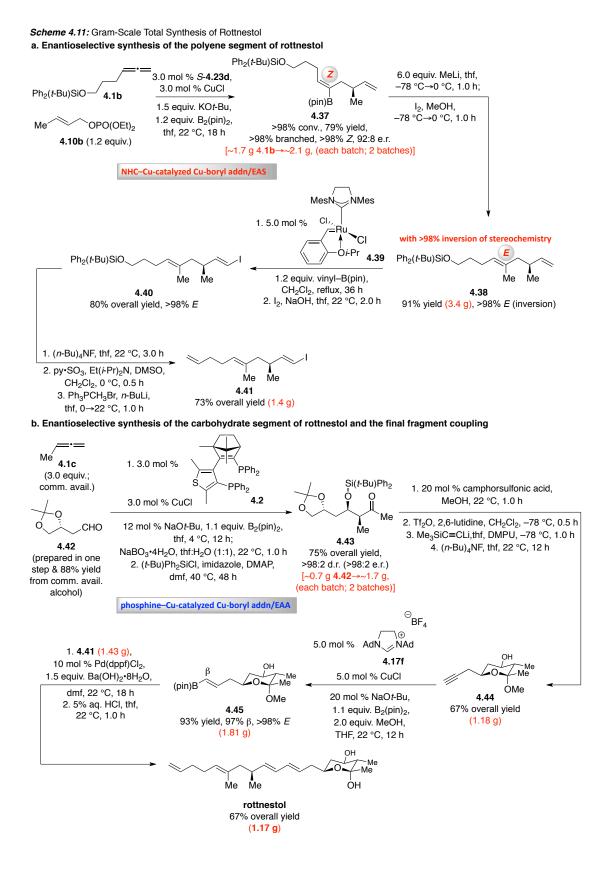
<sup>(32)</sup> Gao, F.; Lee, Y.; Hoveyda, A. H. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2010, 49, 8370-8374.

carbohydrate unit could be built up through a catalytic fusion of an allene and an aldehyde with  $B_2(pin)_2$ .

The synthetic route begins with the catalytic multicomponent reaction with allylic phosphate (Scheme 4.11a). Exposure of monosubstituted allene **4.1b** and methyl-substituted allylic phosphate **4.10b** to 3.0 mol % NHC–Cu complex derived from (*S*)-**4.23d** results in 1,5-diene **4.37** in 79% yield with >98%  $S_N2$ ' selectivity and 92:8 e.r.; the reaction was performed on multigram scale (1.7 g of **4.1b**), delivering a total of ~4.2 g of **4.37**. Subsequently, the trisubstituted alkenylboron unit is transformed to a trisubstituted olefin with complete inversion of stereochemistry through reaction with methyllithium and iodine<sup>33</sup>, generating **4.38** in 91% yield (~3.4 g). Ru-catalyzed cross-metathesis of **4.38** with vinyl–B(pin)<sup>9</sup> promoted by 5.0 mol % Ru carbene **4.39**<sup>34</sup> followed by conversion of the alkenylboron to alkenyliodide<sup>9</sup> leads to formation of **4.40** in 80% overall yield with complete *E* selectivity (~3.6 g). Conversion of the silyl ether moiety in **4.40** to a terminal alkene in three straightforward steps furnishes 1.4 g of triene **4.41** in 73% overall yield.

<sup>(33)</sup> Xu, S.; Lee, C.-T.; Rao, H.; Negishi, E. Adv. Synth. Catal. 2011, 353, 2981–2987.

<sup>(34)</sup> Garber, S. B.; Kingsbury, J. S.; Gray, B. L.; Hoveyda, A. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2000, 122, 8168–8179.



Preparation of the carbohydrate segment commenced with an enantioselective fusion of commercially available methyl-substituted allene **4.1c**,  $B_2(pin)_2$  and an enantiomerically pure aldehyde 4.42 which can be accessed in one step from a commercially available alcohol in the presence of a bisphosphine-Cu complex derived from **4.2** (Scheme 4.11b).<sup>4</sup> Subsequent oxidative work-up followed by silvl protection affords  $\beta$ -hydroxyketone **4.43** in 75% overall yield (~3.4 g through two batches) as a single enantiomer (>98:2 d.r. and e.r.). Acid-promoted cleavage of the ketal with simultaneous cyclization followed by selective conversion of the primary alcohol to a triflate with subsequent alkyne substitution and globle deprotection of the silvl groups furnishes terminal alkyne 4.44 in 67% overall yield (~1.18 g). Site selective protoboration of the terminal alkyne in the presence of NHC-Cu complex in situ generated from imidazolinium salt 4.17f delivers alkenyl-B(pin) 4.45 in 93% yield with 97%  $\beta$  and >98% *E* selectivity (~1.8 g).<sup>26</sup> With the two partners in hand, we investigated Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling of the fragments. It is crucial to perform the reaction at 22 °C; elevated temperatures lead to decomposition of the starting materials and products, probably due to the presence of the sensitive ketal moiety. With 10 mol % Pd(dppf)Cl<sub>2</sub> and Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>•8H<sub>2</sub>O as a base, coupling of alkenyl-iodide 4.41 and alkenyl-B(pin) 4.45 followed by acidic hydrolysis of the ketal to cyclic hemiketal affords rottnestol in 67% overall yield. The route described above is significantly more efficient than those previously (21.5% vs. 3.7% overall yield)<sup>16b, 16c</sup>, wherein only milligram quantities of the target molecule can be accessed.

We next targeted herboxidiene to highlight a different aspect of the NHC-Cucatalyzed multicomponent protocol. In the synthesis of rottnestol, the Cu-B addition/EAS process was employed in early stage. We would like to investigate the performance of the multicomponent transformation in a later stage of a synthetic sequence, demonstrating the reliability of such process on more complex substrates. Herboxidiene was isolated from *Streptomyces* sp. A7847 by Isaac and co-workers in 1992 at Monsanto and identified as a polyketide metabolite with potent and highly selective phytotoxic properties. It was later shown to affect plasma cholesterol and to be active against several tumor cell lines.<sup>17a-f</sup>

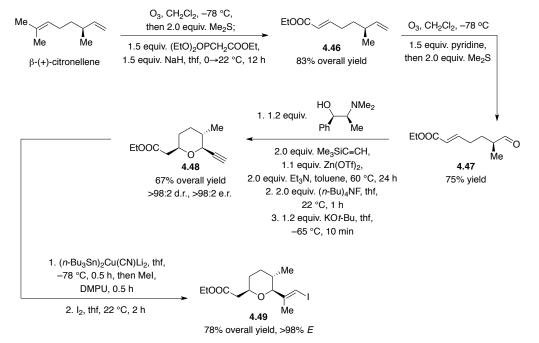
As illustrated in Scheme 4.12, ozone cleavage of the more electron-rich trisubstituted alkene of commercially available  $\beta$ -(+)-citronellene followed by Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons olefination of the resulting aldehyde affords diene **4.46** in 83% overall yield.<sup>35</sup> Chemoselective cleavage of the terminal olefin in the presence of pyridine furnishes aldehyde **4.47** in 75% yield. Zn-mediated alkyne addition<sup>36</sup> followed by desilylation and isomerization<sup>17h</sup> results in tetrahydropyran **4.48** in 67% overall yield with complete stereochemistry control. Cu–Sn addition to the terminal alkyne and subsequent conversion of the C–Sn bond to C–I bond leads to trisubstituted alkenyl–iodide **4.49** in 78% overall yield and >98% *E* selectivity.<sup>37</sup>

<sup>(35)</sup> Fürstner, A.; Feyen, F.; Prinz, H.; Waldmann, H. Tetrahedron 2004, 60, 9543–9558.

<sup>(36)</sup> Anand, N. K.; Carreira, E. M. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2001, 123, 9687-9688.

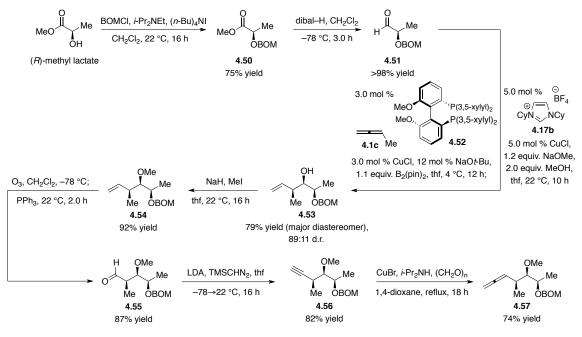
<sup>(37) (</sup>a) Lipshutz, B. H.; Ellsworth, E. L.; Dimock, S. H.; Reuter, D. C. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1989**, *30*, 2065–2068. (b) Liu, P.; Jacobsen, E. N. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, *123*, 10772–10773.





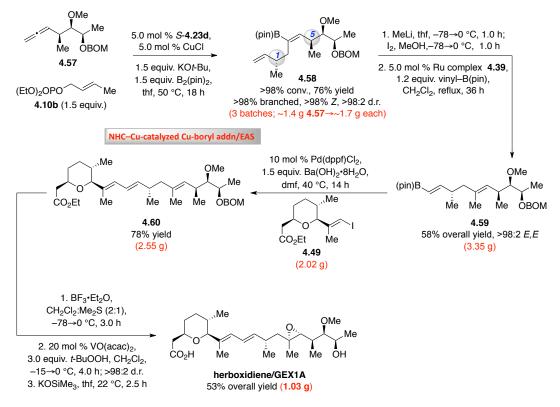
Synthesis of the allene component begins with BOM-protection of commercially available (*R*)-methyl lactate, which is reduced to aldehyde **4.51** by dibal–H in >98% yield (Scheme 4.13). Bisphosphine–Cu-catalyzed fusion of methyl-substituted allene **4.1c**, enantiomerically pure aldehyde **4.51** and  $B_2(pin)_2$  followed by NHC–Cu-catalyzed protodeboration delivers homoallylic alcohol in 89:11 d.r..<sup>4</sup> The desired diastereomer **4.53** can be separated in 79% yield. Methylation of the hydroxyl group and cleavage of the terminal alkene followed by conversion of the resulting aldehyde to terminal alkyne affords **4.56** efficiently. Cu-catalyzed homologation of terminal alkyne provides the highly functionalized allene **4.57** in 74% yield.

Scheme 4.13: Preparation of Allene 4.57



With ~7 g of the complex allene **4.57** prepared in seven steps and 29% overall yield in hand, we turn our attention to examine the key multicomponent transformation involving allylic phosphate **4.10b** (Scheme 4.14). We found that desired 1,5-diene with considerable complexity is generated efficiently when the reaction is performed at 50 °C; ~5.1 g of **4.58** are obtained in 76% yield with complete site-, *Z*- and diastereoselectivity. Conversion of C–B(pin) to C–Me followed by cross-metathesis with vinyl–B(pin) affords ~3.3 g of trisubstituted olefin **4.59** in 58% yield over 2 steps with complete *E*, *E*-selectivity. Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling of the alkenyl–B(pin) **4.59** and alkenyl–iodide **4.49** leads to ~2.55 g of triene **4.60**, which undergoes deprotection of the BOM group, directed epoxidation and hydrolysis of the ethyl ester, delivering ~1.03 g of the anti-tumor agent herboxidiene in 53% yield over 3 steps. The overall yield of this sequence is almost twice as much as that of the most concise one among those previously reported (5.5% vs. 3.4% overall yield).

Scheme 4.14: Completion of Total Synthesis of Herboxidiene



#### 4.7 Conclusion

In this chapter, we have developed a catalytic enantioselective multicomponent protocol to generate multifunctional alkenylboron compounds. The versatility of such products provides access to a variety of enantiomerically enriched organic molecules. A modifiable stereochemical-defined boron-containing trisubstituted alkene, a stereogenic center and a terminal olefin can be introduced in a single transformation, which leads to highly efficient constructure of complexity. The multitasking NHC–Cu catalyst is derived from an easily accessible air-stable imidazolinium salt and inexpensive abundant copper salt. The starting materials, monosubstituted allenes and allylic phosphates, can be synthesized in high efficiency from cheap reliable methods. The utility of the multicomponent reactions is demonstrated through applications to gram-scale synthesis of natural products, rottnestol and herboxidiene. Moreover, this study provides mechanistic insights into the origins of chemo-, site- and stereoselectivity, implying the uniqueness of this transformation and paving way for further design of single-catalystcontrolled multicomponent reactions.

#### 4.8 Experimental

General. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker FT-IR Alpha (ATR mode) spectrophotometer,  $v_{max}$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Bands are characterized as broad (br), strong (s), medium (m), and weak (w). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity INOVA 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$  7.26 ppm, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>: d 7.16 ppm, CD<sub>3</sub>OD: d 3.31 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, br s = broad singlet, m = multiplet, app. = apparent), and coupling constant (Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity INOVA 400 (100 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$  77.16 ppm, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>: d 128.00 ppm, CD<sub>3</sub>OD: d 49.00 ppm). High-resolution mass spectrometry was performed on a JEOL AccuTOF DART (positive mode) at the Mass Spectrometry Facility, Boston College. Enantiomer ratios were determined by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) with a Shimadzu chromatograph (Chiral Technologies Chiralpak AD-H (4.6 x 250 mm), Chiralcel OD–H (4.6 x 250 mm), Chiralcel OJ–H (4.6 x 250 mm) and Chiralcel OZ–H (4.6 x 250 mm)) in comparison with authentic racemic materials. Specific rotations were measured on a Rudolph Research Analytical Autopol IV Polarimeter.

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out with distilled and degassed solvents under an atmosphere of dry  $N_2$  in oven- (135 °C) or flame-dried glassware with standard dry box or vacuum-line techniques. Solvents were purified under a positive pressure of dry argon by a modified Innovative Technologies purification system: toluene, benzene and hexanes were purified through a copper oxide and alumina column;  $CH_2Cl_2$  and  $Et_2O$  were purged with Ar and purified by passage through two alumina columns. Tetrahydrofuran (Aldrich Chemical Co.) was purified by distillation from sodium benzophenone ketyl immediately prior to use unless otherwise specified. All work-up and purification procedures were carried out with reagent grade solvents (purchased from Fisher Scientific) in air.

#### 4.8.1 Reagents

Allenes (4.1a-b): prepared according to previously reported procedures.<sup>38</sup>

**Barium hydroxide octahydrate:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

# [1,1'-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene]dichloropalladium(II), complex with dichloromethane: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

<sup>(38) (</sup>a) Crabbé, P.; Fillion, H.; André, D.; Luche, J.-L. J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun. **1979**, 859–860. (b) Searles, S.; Li, Y.; Nassim, B.; Lopes, M.-T. R.; Tran, P. T.; Crabbé, P. J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1, **1984**, 747–751. (c) Yoshida, M.; Matsuda, K.; Shoji, Y.; Gotou, T.; Ihara, M.; Shishido, K. Org. Lett. **2008**, 10, 5183–5186.

**Bis(pinacolato)diboron:** purchased from Frontier Scientific, Inc. and recrystallized from pentane.

Boron trifluoride: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**2-Bromopyridine:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**5-Bromopyrimidine:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**4-Bromothiazole:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

*tert*-Butyl(chloro)diphenylsilane: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

*tert*-Butyl hydroperoxide solution (5.0 M in nonane): purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

*n*-Butyllithium solution (15% in hexanes, 1.6 M): purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

**Camphorsulfonic acid:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

CatASium® T1 (4.2): purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

(+)-β-Citronellene: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Copper (I) chloride: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Copper (I) cyanide: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

**Diisobutylaluminum hydride:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**2,2-Dimethoxypropane:** purchased from Alfa Aesar Co. and used as received.

**4-(Dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP)**: purchased from Oakwood Products Inc. and used as received.

**Dimethyl sulfide:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Dimethyl sulfoxide:** purchased from Alfa Aesar Co. and used as received.

**1,3-Dimethyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2(1***H***)-pyrimidinone (DMPU):** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub> prior to use.

Ethynyltrimethylsilane: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Hoveyda-Grubbs Catalyst 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation (4.39): purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Hydrogen peroxide solution (30 wt. % in  $H_2O$ ): purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Imidazole: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Imidazolinium or imidazolium salts (4.17a-f, 4.21, 4.22):** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Imidazolinium salts 4.18**,<sup>39</sup> **4.19-4.20**,<sup>40</sup> **4.23a-c**<sup>41</sup>**:** prepared according to previously reported procedures.

Iodine: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**2,6-Lutidine:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub> prior to use.

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<sup>(40) (</sup>a) Brown, M. K.; May, T. L.; Baxter, C. A.; Hoveyda, A. H. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2007**, *46*, 1097–1100. (b) May, T. L.; Brown, M. K.; Hoveyda, A. H. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2008**, *47*, 7468–7472.

<sup>(41)</sup> Clavier, H.; Coutable, L.; Toupet, L.; Guillemin, J-C.; Mauduit, M. J. Organomet. Chem. 2005, 690, 5237–5254.

Methanol: purchased from Acros Organics Co. and used as received.

Methyl allene (25% by wt in toluene) (4.1c): purchased from ChemSamp. Co. and used as received.

Methyl (R)-lactate: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Methyllithium solution (1.6 M in diethyl ether):** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide:** purchased from Alfa Aesar Co. and used as received.

(R)-MonoPhos® (4.15): purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

*N*,*N*-**Diisopropylethylamine:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

*N*,*N*-**Dimethylformamide:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

(1*R*, 2*S*)-(-)-*N*-Methylephedrine: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Potassium *tert*-butoxide (98%): purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

**Potassium trimethylsilanolate:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

SPhos: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

(R)-SEGPHOS® (4.16): purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Sodium *tert*-butoxide (98%): purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Sodium hydride: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Sodium perborate: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Sulfur trioxide pyridine complex:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

*p*-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Tetrabutylammonium fluoride solution (1.0 M in THF):** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Tetrabutylammonium iodide:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Tributyltin hydride: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Triethyl phosphonoacetate: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride ( $Tf_2O$ ): purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Trimethylsilylacetylene: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

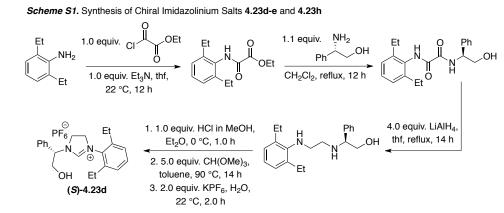
Vanadyl acetylacetonate: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Vinylboronic acid pinacol ester:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and purified by column chromatography followed by distillation over CaH<sub>2</sub> prior to use.

Zinc (II) triflate: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

4.8.2 Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data for Synthesis of Imidazolinium Salts and Allenes

Experimental Procedure for Synthesis of Imidazolinium Salts 4.23d-e and 4.23h



To a solution of 2,6-diethylaniline (7.16 mL, 43.5 mmol) and triethylamine (6.06 mL, 43.5 mmol) in THF (60 mL) was added ethyl chlorooxoacetate (4.86 mL, 43.5 mmol) slowly at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 12 h. The solid was filtered off and the filtrate was washed with 3.0 M aqueous solution of HCl (50 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 40$  mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting light brown oil was employed in the next step without purification.

The oil obtained from the previous step was dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (40 mL) and (S)-2phenylglycinol (6.56 g, 47.8 mmol) was added. The mixture was allowed to stir at 50 °C 525 for 12 h. After this time, the mixture was allowed to cool to 22 °C. The resulting white solid was filtered and washed with cold ethyl acetate  $(3 \times 15 \text{ mL})$ .

The solid was dissolved in THF (60 mL). To the solution was added LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (6.60 g, 174 mmol) in six portions at 0 °C. The suspension was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 30 min and at 80 °C for 14 h. After this time, the mixture was allowed to cool to 22 °C and added into a mixture of potassium sodium tartrate and ice. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 4 h. At this time, the aqueous layer was washed with ethyl acetate (3 × 40 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting yellow oil was used in the next step without further purification.

The oily residue obtained from the previous step was dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL). To this solution was added methanolic solution of HCl (1.0 M, 43.5 mL, 43.5 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 30 min, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting oil was dissolved in toluene (60 mL) and CH(OMe)<sub>3</sub> (23.8 mL, 217 mmol) was added. The mixture was allowed to stir at 90 °C for 14 h. At this time, the mixture was allowed to cool to 22 °C, and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting yellow oil was dissolved in water (60 mL) and the aqueous layer was washed with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL). To the resulting aqueous solution was added KPF<sub>6</sub> (16.0 g, 87.0 mmol) and the mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 2 h. The aqueous solution was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 40 mL) and the combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo to afford (*S*)-4.23d as light yellow solid (10.2 g, 21.8 mmol, 50% overall yield). (*S*)-4.23d: IR (neat): 3309 (br), 2972 (w), 2938 (w), 2880 (w), 1632 (s), 1454 (m), 1277

(m), 1196 (w), 1139 (m), 1072 (m), 837 (s), 767 (m), 702 (m), 558 (m), 496 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.04 (1H, s), 7.44–7.33 (6H, m), 7.18–7.16 (2H, m), 5.03 (1H, dd, J = 9.2, 3.6 Hz), 4.18–4.11 (4H, m), 4.06–3.99 (2H, m), 2.97 (1H, br s), 2.62–2.54 (4H, m), 1.22 (6H, t, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  158.0, 141.8, 133.0, 131.7, 131.0, 129.8, 129.7, 127.8, 127.5, 64.0, 61.3, 51.9, 47.3, 24.0, 15.1. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M–PF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 323.21234, found: 323.21312. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  +25.4 (*c* 2.64, acetone).

(*R*)-4.23e: IR (neat): 3301 (br), 2967 (w), 2931 (w), 2873 (w), 1632 (s), 1458 (m), 1272 (m), 1196 (w), 1138 (m), 1072 (m), 839 (s), 761 (m), 702 (m), 558 (m), 496 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.02 (1H, s), 7.45–7.41 (4H, m), 7.37–7.35 (2H, m), 7.25–7.23 (2H, m), 5.08 (1H, dd, J = 8.4, 4.4 Hz), 4.23–4.08 (6H, m), 2.99 (1H, br s), 2.96–2.87 (2H, m), 1.29 (3H, d, J = 7,2 Hz), 1.26 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.21 (6H, t, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  158.0, 146.9, 133.1, 131.5, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 127.9, 125.1, 64.0, 61.3, 53.1, 47.5, 28.9, 24.9, 24.1, 23.9. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M–PF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 351.24364, found: 351.24430. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –18.6 (*c* 1.95, acetone).

(*R*)-4.23h: IR (neat): 3594 (br), 2924 (m), 1631 (s), 1457 (m), 1286 (m), 1151 (m), 1064 (m), 1028 (m), 951 (w), 832 (s), 741 (w), 697 (m), 557 (s), 463 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.72 (1H, s), 7.44–7.37 (3H, m), 7.33–7.31 (2H, m), 6.90–6.88 (3H, m), 5.03 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.2, 3.6 Hz), 4.43–4.35 (1H, m), 4.32–4.26 (1H, m), 4.26–4.17 (1H, m), 4.10–3.99 (2H, m), 3.90–3.82 (1H, m), 3.23 (1H, br s), 2.30 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  153.7, 140.5, 135.4, 132.6, 129.9, 129.7, 129.6, 127.9, 116.2, 64.6, 61.4, 48.4, 46.8, 21.3. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M–PF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 295.18104, found: 295.18110. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>–10.1 (*c* 0.99, acetone).

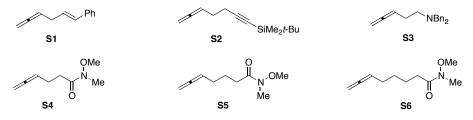
(*R*)-4.23f: IR (neat): 2953 (m), 2930 (m), 2883 (m), 2857 (m), 1632 (s), 1499 (m), 1251 (m), 1102 (m), 912 (w), 827 (s), 779 (s), 610 (w), 556 (s), 468 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.01 (1H, s), 7.45–7.36 (6H, m), 7.21–7.19 (2H, m), 4.96 (1H, dd, J = 6.0, 3.2 Hz), 4.26–4.10 (6H, m), 2.65–2.60 (4H, m), 1.29–1.22 (6H, m), 0.82 (9H, s), – 0.03 (3H, s), –0.06 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.5, 141.4, 133.6, 131.8, 131.0, 129.6, 129.5, 127.9, 127.3, 64.0, 63.4, 52.0, 48.3, 25.8, 23.8, 18.3, 15.1, –5.7. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M–PF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>41</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>1</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 437.29827, found: 437.29800. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>0</sub><sup>20</sup>–26.1 (*c* 1.49, acetone).

(*R*)-4.23g was prepared from (*R*)-4.23d according to a previously reported procedure.<sup>42</sup> IR (neat): 2973 (w), 2937 (w), 1632 (s), 1453 (m), 1267 (m), 1155 (m), 1060 (w), 910 (m), 829 (s), 727 (s), 699 (s), 648 (m), 556 (s), 468 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.94 (1H, s), 7.46–7.34 (6H, m), 7.20–7.18 (2H, m), 5.06 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 3.6 Hz), 4.18–4.09 (4H, m), 4.05–4.00 (1H m), 3.93–3.84 (1H, m), 3.43 (3H, s), 2.61 (4H, q, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.59 (1H, br s), 1.27–1.22 (6H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.9, 141.9, 133.2, 131.8, 131.0, 129.8, 129.7, 128.1, 127.6, 71.0, 62.0, 59.2, 52.0, 48.0, 23.9, 15.1. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M–PF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 337.22799, found: 337.22800. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +3.7 (*c* 1.05, acetone).

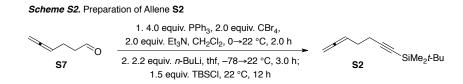
#### Synthesis of Allenes:

<sup>(42)</sup> Shintani, R.; Takatsu, K.; Hayashi, T. Chem. Commun., 2010, 46, 6822-6824.

Chart S1. Numbering of Allene Precursors for Compounds 4.24-4.29 in Supplementary Information



**S1** was prepared according to a formerly reported procedure;<sup>43</sup> **S3, S4-6** were synthesized by Crabbé homologation.<sup>38</sup>



*tert*-Butyl( $6\lambda^5$ -hepta-5,6-dien-1-yn-1-yl)dimethylsilane (S2): To a solution of CBr<sub>4</sub> (1.33 g, 4.00 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was added PPh<sub>3</sub> (2.10 g, 8.00 mmol) at 0 °C. The solution was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 30 min, after which a solution of aldehyde S7 <sup>44</sup> (192 mg, 2.00 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (557  $\mu$ L, 4.00 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 2 h. At this time, the reaction was quenched by addition of a saturated solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo to afford dark-brown oil, which was passed through a plug of silica gel (eluted with hexanes).

The resulting colorless oil was dissolved in THF (10 mL), and *n*-BuLi (1.6 M, 2.75 mL, 4.40 mmol) was added at –78 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to 22 °C slowly and stir for 3 h. After this time, TBSCl (452 mg, 3.00 mmol) was added and the mixture was

<sup>(43)</sup> Meng, F.; Jung, B.; Haeffner, F.; Hoveyda, A. H. Org. Lett. 2013, 15, 1414–1417.

<sup>(44)</sup> Tsukamoto, H.; Matsumoto, T.; Kondo, Y. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2008, 130, 388–389.

allowed to stir at 22 °C for 12 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of a saturated solution of  $NH_4Cl$  (5 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with  $Et_2O$  (3 × 5 mL) and the combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo to provide yellow oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (100% hexanes) to afford **S2** as colorless oil (305 mg, 1.48 mmol, 74% overall yield).

IR (neat): 2953 (m), 2928 (m), 2856 (m), 2175 (m), 1958 (w), 1471 (w), 1389 (w), 1250 (m), 1044 (w), 939 (w), 837 (s), 810 (s), 774 (s), 681 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.17 (1H, dt, J = 13.6, 6.8 Hz), 4.72–4.68 (2H, m), 2.36–2.32 (2H, m), 2.26–2.20 (2H, m), 0.93 (9H, s), 0.08 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  208.7, 107.2, 88.8, 83.2, 75.6, 28.0, 26.2, 20.0, 16.7, -4.3. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>23</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 207.15690, found: 207.15767.

*N*,*N*-Dibenzyl-4λ<sup>5</sup>-penta-3,4-dien-1-amine (S3): IR (neat): 3084 (w), 2924 (m), 2795 (m), 1954 (m), 1494 (m), 1451 (m), 1366 (m), 1246 (m), 1126 (m), 1074 (m), 975 (w), 841 (m), 732 (s), 696 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.40–7.36 (4H, m), 7.33–7.29 (4H, m), 7.25–7.21 (2H, m), 5.10–5.04 (1H, m), 4.64–4.60 (2H, m), 3.59 (4H, s), 2.55 (2H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.27–2.20 (2H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  208.8, 139.9, 128.9, 128.3, 126.9, 88.3, 74.7, 58.3, 53.1, 26.4. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>1</sub>: 264.17522, found: 264.17591.

# 4.8.3 Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data for NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Cu–B Addition to Allenes Followed by Allylic Substitution

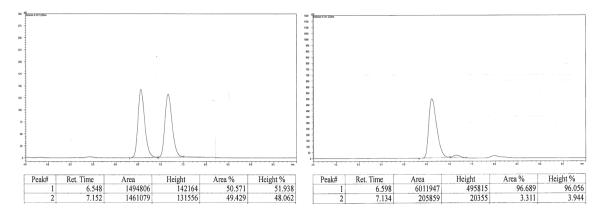
■ Experimental Procedure for NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Cu–B Addition to Allenes Followed by Allylic Substitution at 22 °C: An oven-dried vial (4 mL, 17 × 38 mm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with imidazolinium salt (R)-4.23d (2.3 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5.0 mol %), KOt-Bu (16.8 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and THF (0.5 mL) under  $N_2$  atmosphere. The vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 2 h. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (30.5 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added, causing the mixture to turn dark brown immediately. The solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for an additional 30 min. Allene 4.1a (23.8 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and allyl phosphate 4.10a (27.0 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added by syringe. After 18 h, the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of Celite and silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3  $\times$  2 mL). The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to provide yellow oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (75:1 hexanes:diethyl ether) to afford 4.11a as colorless oil (35.3 mg, 0.080 mmol, 80% yield).

**Experimental Procedure for NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Cu–B Addition to Allene Followed by Allylic Subsititution** *at 4 °C*: An oven-dried vial (4 mL, 17 × 38 mm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with imidazolinium salt ( $\mathbf{R}$ )-4.23d (2.3 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.0050 mmol, 5.0 mol %), KOt-Bu (16.8 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and THF (0.5 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The vessel was sealed with a cap (phenolic open top cap with red PTFE/white silicone septum) and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 2 h. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (30.5 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The mixture 531 was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min. At this time, the mixture was allowed to cool to – 78 °C (dry ice/acetone bath) and allene **4.1a** (23.8 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and allyl phosphate **4.10a** (27.0 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added by syringe. The vial was placed in a 4 °C cold room. After 24 h the solution was allowed to cool to -78 °C and the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of Celite and silica gel and eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 2 mL). The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to provide yellow oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (75:1 hexanes:diethyl ether) to afford **4.11a** as colorless oil (33.2 mg, 0.075 mmol, 75% yield).

## (R,Z)-tert-Butyldimethyl((6-phenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-

yl)octa-3,7-dien-1-yl)oxy)silane (4.11a). IR (neat): 3027 (m), 2976 (m), 2928 (m), 2856 (m), 1372 (m), 1304 (m), 1214 (m), 1146 (s), 1094 (s), 964 (m), 833 (s), 775 (s), 699 (s), 579 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.28–7.25 (2H, m), 7.21–7.15 (3H, m), 6.27 (1H, t, J = 6.0 Hz), 6.00 (1H, ddd, J = 14.0, 7.6, 6.0 Hz), 5.01–4.98 (2H, m), 3.60–3.54 (2H, m), 3.41 (1H, app. q, J = 6.4 Hz), 2.59 (1H, dd, J = 10.8, 6.0 Hz), 2.54 (1H, dd, J = 10.8, 6.0 Hz), 2.35–2.23 (2H, m), 1.21 (12H, s), 0.89 (9H, s), 0.04 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 144.6, 142.9, 142.1, 128.4, 128.0, 126.2, 114.3, 83.2, 62.7, 50.4, 35.0, 32.8, 26.1, 25.0, 24.8, 18.6, –5.1. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>44</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 443.31528, found: 443.31400. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –3.4 (*c* 1.17, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 97:3 e.r.

Enantiomeric purity of **4.11a** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material obtained from the derived ketone, which was synthesized by oxidation of the alkenylboron product with  $NaBO_3 \cdot 4H_2O$  (97:3 e.r. shown; Chiralpak AD–H column, 99.9:0.1 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm).



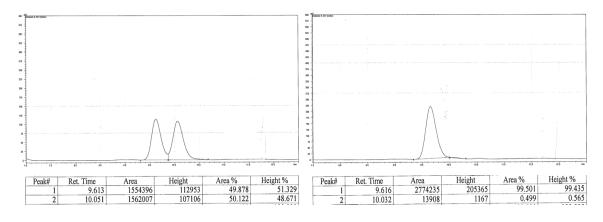
Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	6.548	50.571	1	6.598	96.689
2	7.152	49.429	2	7.134	3.311

(R,Z)-tert-Butyldimethyl((4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-6-(o-

tolyl)octa-3,7-dien-1-yl)oxy)silane (4.11b). IR (neat): 2976 (m), 2954 (m), 2928 (m), 2857 (m), 1632 (w), 1372 (s), 1305 (s), 1255 (m), 1144 (s), 1197 (s), 964 (w), 835 (s), 776 (m), 690 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.27–7.25 (1H, m), 7.18–7.05 (3H, m), 6.30 (1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 5.91 (1H, ddd, J = 17.6, 10.0, 7.2 Hz), 4.96–4.93 (1H, m), 4.91–4.86 (1H, m), 3.71 (1H, app. q, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.59 (2H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.63 (1H, dd, J = 12.8, 8.8 Hz), 2.48 (1H, dd, J = 12.8, 6.4 Hz), 2.35–2.30 (2H, m), 2.33 (3H, s), 1.23 (6H, s), 1.22 (6H, s), 0.89 (9H, s), 0.04 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 142.9, 142.8, 141.7, 136.0, 130.3, 127.0, 126.2, 125.9, 114.3, 83.2, 62.7, 45.4, 34.7, 32.8, 26.1, 24.9, 19.8, 18.6, -5.1. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>46</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 457.33093, found: 457.33025. Specific rotation: [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –9.9 (*c* 1.58, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 99.5:0.5 e.r.

Enantiomeric purity of **4.11b** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material obtained from the derived ketone, which was synthesized by

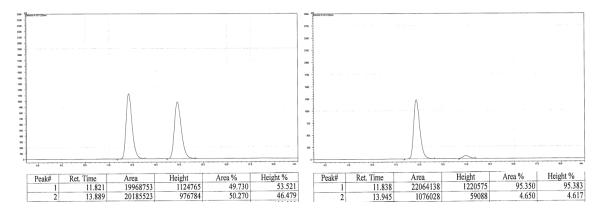
oxidation of the alkenylboron product with NaBO<sub>3</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (99.5:0.5 e.r. shown; Chiralpak AD–H column, 99.9:0.1 hexanes/ *i*PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	9.613	49.878	1	9.616	99.501
2	10.051	50.122	2	10.032	0.499

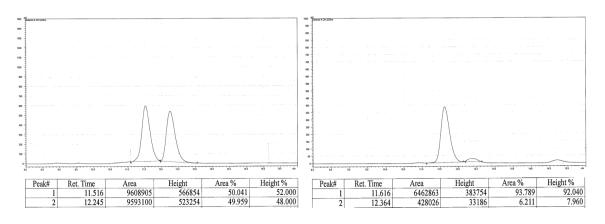
(R,Z)-tert-Butyldimethyl((6-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-

dioxaborolan-2-yl)octa-3,7-dien-1-yl)oxy)silane (4.11c). IR (neat): 3055 (m), 2976 (m), 2954 (m), 2928 (m), 2856 (m), 1631 (w), 1371 (m), 1304 (m), 1214 (w), 1094 (m), 1051 (s), 962 (w), 833 (s), 776 (s), 745 (m), 688 (m), 477 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.78–7.74 (3H, m), 7.63–7.62 (1H, m), 7.45–7.37 (3H, m), 6.29 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.10 (1H, ddd, *J* = 18.0, 10.0, 7.6 Hz), 5.08–5.03 (2H, m), 3.64–3.55 (3H, m), 2.72– 2.63 (2H, m), 2.41–2.27 (2H, m), 1.17 (6H, s), 1.16 (6H, s), 0.88 (9H, s), 0.03 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.0, 142.0, 141.9, 133.7, 132.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 126.9, 126.2, 125.8, 125.3, 114.6, 83.2, 62.6, 50.5, 34.9, 32.8, 26.1, 24.9, 24.7, 18.6, –5.1. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>46</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 493.33093, found: 493.33122. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –1.5 (*c* 1.73, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 95:5 e.r. Enantiomeric purity of **4.11c** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material obtained from the derived ketone, which was synthesized by oxidation of the alkenylboron product with NaBO<sub>3</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (95:5 e.r. shown; Chiralpak AD–H column, 99.9:0.1 hexanes/ *i*PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	11.821	49.730	1	11.838	95.350
2	13.889	50.270	2	13.945	4.650

(*R*,*Z*)-((6-(3-Bromophenyl)-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)octa-3,7dien-1-yl)oxy)(*tert*-butyl)dimethylsilane (4.11d). IR (neat): 2977 (m), 2954 (m), 2928 (m), 2857 (m), 1632 (w), 1472 (m), 1371 (m), 1305 (m), 1255 (m), 1214 (m), 1143 (s), 1094 (s), 964 (m), 833 (s), 775 (s), 678 (m), 579 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.35–7.34 (1H, m), 7.31–7.28 (1H, m), 7.13–7.11 (2H, m), 6.29 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 5.94 (1H, ddd, *J* = 16.8, 10.4, 7.6 Hz), 5.03–4.97 (2H, m), 3.61–3.57 (2H, m), 3.39 (1H, app. q, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.57 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.8, 7.6 Hz), 2.52 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.8, 7.6 Hz), 2.36–2.26 (2H, m), 1.20 (12H, s), 0.89 (9H, s), 0.04 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 146.9, 143.4, 141.4, 131.1, 129.9, 129.3, 126.8, 122.5, 114.9, 83.3, 62.6, 50.0, 34.8, 32.8, 26.1, 24.9, 24.8, 18.6, -5.1. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>43</sub>B<sub>1</sub>Br<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 521.22579, found: 521.22431. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –2.4 (*c* 1.26, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 94:6 e.r. Enantiomeric purity of **4.11d** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material obtained from the derived ketone, which was synthesized by oxidation of the alkenylboron product with NaBO<sub>3</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (94:6 e.r. shown; Chiralpak AD–H column, 99.9:0.1 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm).

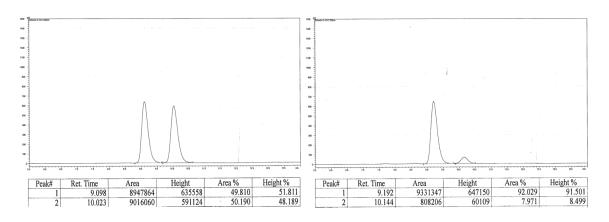


Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	11.516	50.041	1	11.616	93.789
2	12.245	49.959	2	12.364	6.211

(R,Z)-tert-Butyl((6-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-

yl)octa-3,7-dien-1-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane (4.11e). IR (neat): 2977 (m), 2954 (m), 2928 (m), 2857 (m), 1632 (w), 1371 (m), 1305 (m), 1255 (m), 1214 (m), 1144 (m), 1092 (s), 939 (w), 832 (s), 775 (s), 672 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.22 (2H, d, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.12 (2H, d, J = 8.8 Hz), 6.28 (1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 5.96 (1H, ddd, J = 17.6, 10.4, 7.2 Hz), 5.03–4.96 (2H, m), 3.60–3.55 (2H, m), 3.40 (1H, app. q, J = 7.6 Hz), 2.57 (1H, dd, J = 12.8, 7.6 Hz), 2.49 (1H, dd, J = 12.8, 7.6 Hz), 2.35–2.23 (2H, m), 1.20 (12H, s), 0.89 (9H, s), 0.04 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 143.3, 142.9, 141.6, 131.8, 129.5, 128.4, 114.6, 83.3, 62.6, 49.6, 34.8, 32.8, 26.1, 24.9, 24.8, 18.6, -5.1. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>43</sub>B<sub>1</sub>Cl<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 477.27630, found: 477.27456. Specific rotation: [α]<sub>p</sub><sup>20</sup> –1.7 (*c* 1.61, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 92:8 e.r.

Enantiomeric purity of **4.11e** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material obtained from the derived ketone, which was synthesized by oxidation of the alkenylboron product with NaBO<sub>3</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (92:8 e.r. shown; Chiralpak AD–H column, 99.9:0.1 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



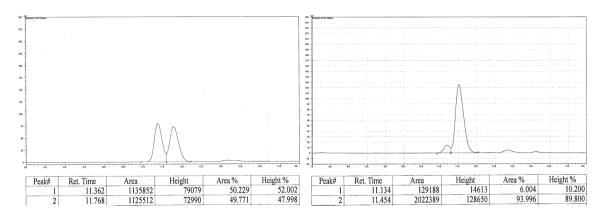
Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	9.098	49.810	1	9.192	92.029
2	10.023	50.190	2	10.144	7.971

(R,Z)-tert-Butyldimethyl((6-phenethyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-

yl)octa-3,7-dien-1-yl)oxy)silane (4.11f). IR (neat): 2977 (m), 2954 (m), 2928 (m), 2857 (m), 1631 (w), 1371 (m), 1304 (m), 1254 (m), 1214 (m), 1144 (s), 1095 (s), 940 (m), 833 (s), 774 (s), 698 (m), 579 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.27–7.23 (2H, m), 7.17–7.13 (3H, m), 6.28 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 5.60 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.2, 10.4, 8.4 Hz), 4.97 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 2.0 Hz), 4.93 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.2, 2.0 Hz), 3.68–3.59 (3H, m), 2.67 (1H, ddd, *J* = 14.0, 10.0, 4.8 Hz), 2.51 (1H, ddd, *J* = 14.0, 10.0, 6.4 Hz), 2.38 (2H, qd, *J* = 7.2, 2.4 Hz), 2.30–2.20 (2H, m), 1.79–1.68 (1H, m), 1.59–1.52 (1H, m), 1.21 (12H, s), 0.89 (9H, s), 0.05 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.0, 142.9, 142.2, 128.5, 128.3, 125.6, 114.9, 83.2, 62.7, 44.8, 36.6, 34.5, 33.8, 32.9, 26.1, 24.9, 24.8, 18.6, –5.1. HRMS

(ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{28}H_{48}B_1O_3Si_1$ : 471.34658, found: 471.34827. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20} - 1.1$  (*c* 1.67, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 94:6 e.r.

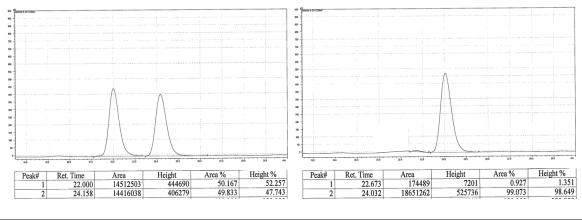
Enantiomeric purity of **4.11f** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material obtained from the derived ketone, which was synthesized by oxidation of the alkenylboron product with NaBO<sub>3</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (94:6 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 99.9:0.1 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	11.362	50.229	1	11.134	6.004
2	11.768	49.771	2	11.454	93.996

2-((R,1E,4Z)-1,7-Diphenylnona-1,4,8-trien-5-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-

**dioxaborolane (4.24).** IR (neat): 3060 (w), 3025 (w), 2977 (m), 2929 (m), 1625 (m), 1372 (s), 1345 (m), 1305 (s), 1213 (m), 1143 (s), 1050 (m), 963 (m), 911 (m), 859 (m), 743 (m), 693 (s), 579 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.35–7.27 (6H, m), 7.24– 7.16 (4H, m), 6.39–6.33 (2H, m), 6.09–6.00 (2H, m), 5.06–5.02 (2H, m), 3.46 (1H, app. q, J = 7.6 Hz), 3.01–2.87 (2H, m), 2.66 (1H, dd, J = 12.0, 7.2 Hz), 2.61 (1H, dd, J = 12.0, 7.2 Hz), 1.24 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  144.4, 143.9, 142.1, 137.8, 130.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.1, 126.2, 126.1, 114.4, 83.3, 50.4, 34.9, 32.6, 24.9, 24.8. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{27}H_{34}B_1O_2$ : 401.26518, found: 401.26632. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –8.3 (*c* 1.63, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 99:1 e.r. Enantiomeric purity of **4.24** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material obtained from the derived ketone, which was synthesized by oxidation of the alkenylboron product with NaBO<sub>3</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (99:1 e.r. shown; Chiralpak AD–H column, 99:1 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.4 mL/min, 220 nm).



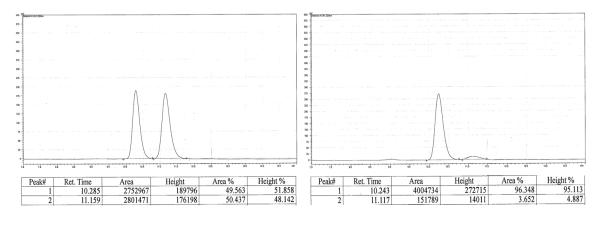
Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	22.000	50.167	1	22.673	0.927
2	24.158	49.833	2	24.032	99.073

(R,Z)-tert-Butyldimethyl(8-phenyl-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-

yl)deca-5,9-dien-1-yn-1-yl)silane (4.25). IR (neat): 2977 (m), 2954 (m), 2928 (m), 2856 (m), 1632 (m), 1410 (m), 1378 (m), 1348 (m), 1249 (m), 1144 (s), 939 (m), 824 (m), 774 (m), 699 (m), 520 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.29–7.25 (2H, m), 7.20–7.14 (3H, m), 6.31 (1H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 6.01 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.6, 8.8, 7.2 Hz), 5.03–4.98 (2H, m), 3.40 (1H, app. q, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.59 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.8, 7.6 Hz), 2.54 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.8, 7.6 Hz), 2.30–2.13 (4H, m), 1.22 (12H, s), 0.93 (9H, s), 0.08 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  144.9, 144.4, 142.0, 128.4, 128.0, 126.2, 114.3, 107.5, 83.2, 50.4, 35.0, 28.2, 26.3, 25.0, 24.9, 24.8, 19.6, 16.7, -4.3. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for

 $C_{28}H_{44}B_1O_2Si_1$ : 401.26518, found: 401.26632. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -6.5 (*c* 1.33, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 96:4 e.r.

Enantiomeric purity of **4.25** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material obtained from the derived ketone, which was synthesized by oxidation of the alkenylboron product with NaBO<sub>3</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (96:4 e.r. shown; Chiralpak AD–H column, 99.9:0.1 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm).

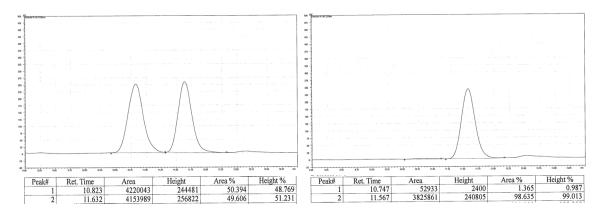


Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	10.285	49.563	1	10.243	96.348
2	11.159	50.437	2	11.117	3.652

**3,7-dien-1-amine (4.26).** IR (neat): 3027 (w), 2977 (m), 2930 (m), 2797 (m), 1705 (w), 1493 (m), 1410 (m), 1371 (m), 1347 (m), 1303 (m), 1214 (m), 1142 (s), 1028 (m), 908 (s), 859 (m), 730 (s), 697 (s), 579 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.39–7.36 (4H, m), 7.33–7.28 (6H, m), 7.25–7.22 (3H, m), 7.18–7.14 (2H, m), 6.26 (1H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 5.96 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.6, 10.0, 7.6 Hz), 4.99–4.95 (2H, m), 3.62–3.54 (4H, m), 3.37 (1H, app. q, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.56–2.40 (4H, m), 2.31–2.22 (2H, m), 1.23 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  144.8, 144.4, 142.0, 139.8, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 126.8, 126.0, 114.2, 83.0, 58.2, 52.4, 50.3, 34.8, 26.4, 24.8, 24.7. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd

for  $C_{34}H_{43}B_1N_1O_2$ : 508.33868, found: 508.34028. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -5.7$  (*c* 1.95, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 99:1 e.r.

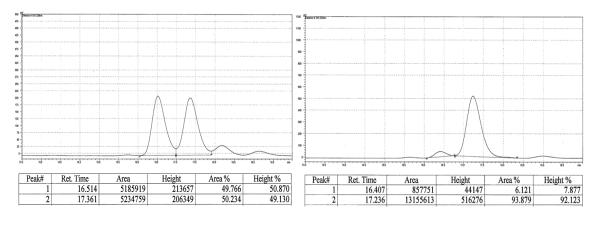
Enantiomeric purity of **4.26** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (99:1 e.r. shown; Chiralpak AD column, 99.5:0.5 hexanes/ *i*PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	10.823	50.394	1	10.747	1.365
2	11.632	49.606	2	11.567	98.635

(R,Z)-N,O-Dimethyl-N-(8-phenyl-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-

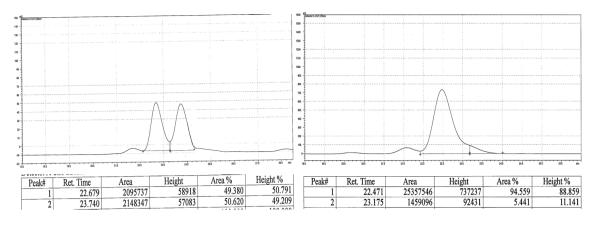
yl)deca-1,5,9-trien-2-yl)hydroxylamine (4.27). IR (neat): 3062 (m), 2977 (m), 2934 (m), 1635 (m), 1472 (m), 1372 (s), 1305 (s), 1143 (s), 965 (m), 912 (m), 852 (m), 746 (m), 700 (m), 674 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.30–7.23 (3H, m), 7.19–7.12 (2H, m), 6.26 (1H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 5.99 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.6, 10.0, 7.6 Hz), 5.01–4.96 (2H, m), 3.63 (3H, s), 3.41 (1H, app. q, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 3.16 (3H, s), 2.59–2.56 (2H, m), 2.41–2.31 (4H, m), 1.21 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  173.0, 144.4, 142.1, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 126.1, 114.3, 83.2, 75.1, 61.3, 50.3, 34.8, 24.9, 24.7, 24.0; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>35</sub>B<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 400.26591, Found: 400.26521; specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –4.9 (*c* 1.29, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 94:6 e.r. Enantiomeric purity of **4.27** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (94:6 e.r. shown; Chiralpak AD–H column, 97:3 hexanes/ *i*PrOH, 0.3 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	16.514	49.766	1	16.407	6.121
2	17.361	50.234	2	17.236	93.879

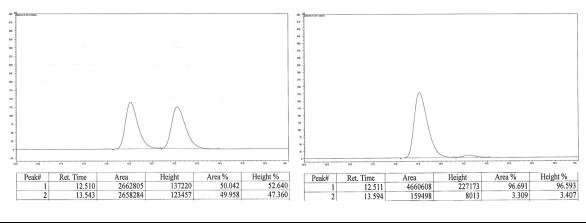
(*R*,*Z*)-*N*-Methoxy-*N*-methyl-9-phenyl-7-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-

yl)undeca-6,10-dienamide (4.29). IR (neat): 2977 (m), 2934 (m), 1638 (m), 1473 (s), 1372 (s), 1305 (s), 1272 (w), 1144 (s), 983 (m), 851 (m), 754 (w), 700 (m), 578 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.28–7.23 (3H, m), 7.19–7.12 (2H, m), 6.28 (1H, t, J =7.2 Hz), 5.99 (1H, ddd, J = 17.6, 10.0, 7.6 Hz), 5.00–4.95 (2H, m), 3.66 (3H, s), 3.37 (1H, app. q, J = 8.0 Hz), 3.16 (3H, s), 2.56–2.49 (2H, m), 2.42–2.35 (4H, m), 2.05–1.98 (2H, m), 1.63–1.55 (2H, m), 1.25 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 173.3, 144.5, 142.1, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 126.0, 114.2, 83.1, 75.2, 61.3, 50.4, 34.9, 28.9, 28.7, 24.9, 24.7, 24.6; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>39</sub>B<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 428.29721; Found: 428.29816; specific rotation: [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –6.7 (*c* 0.93, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 95:5 e.r. Enantiomeric purity of **4.29** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (95:5 e.r. shown; Chiralpak AD–H column, 97:3 hexanes/ *i*PrOH, 0.3 mL/min, 220 nm).



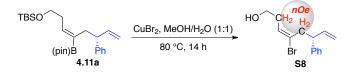
Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	22.679	49.380	1	22.471	94.559
2	23.740	50.620	2	23.175	5.441

(*R*)-4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(4-phenylhexa-1,5-dien-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (4.30). IR (neat): 3061 (w), 3027 (w), 2977 (m), 2929 (w), 1624 (w), 1600 (w), 1492 (w), 1448 (m), 1410 (m), 1367 (s), 1343 (m), 1306 (s), 1272 (m), 1212 (m), 1164 (m), 1139 (s), 1111 (m), 1076 (w), 1029 (w), 992 (w), 961 (w), 942 (m), 912 (m), 860 (s), 834 (m), 755 (m), 698 (s), 670 (s), 578 (m), 520 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.29–7.26 (2H, m), 7.21–7.15 (3H, m), 5.97 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.4, 10.0, 7.6 Hz), 5.78 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 5.53 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 5.00 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.0, 1.2 Hz), 4.98 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.4, 1.2 Hz), 3.53 (1H, td, *J* = 7.6, 7.0 Hz) 2.58 (2H, dd, *J* = 7.0, 2.8 Hz), 1.24 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  144.4, 142.1, 131.3, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 126.1, 114.4, 83.4, 49.9, 41.5, 24.9; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 285.2025; Found: 285.2021; specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –3.8 (*c* 0.85, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample of 97:3 e.r. Enantiomeric purity of **4.30** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material obtained from the derived ketone, which was synthesized by oxidation of the alkenylboron product with NaBO<sub>3</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (97:3 e.r. shown; Chiralpak AD–H column, 99.9:0.1 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	12.510	50.042	1	12.511	96.691
2	13.543	49.958	2	13.594	3.309

■ Proof of stereochemistry: Literature value ( $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +6.0 (*c* 1.53, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 99:1 e.r.) of (*S*)-4.30 is assigned to the *S* enantiomer.<sup>45</sup> The geometry of the double bond in compound 4.11a was assigned as *Z* based on nOe experiments with the corresponding bromide S8.



(*R*,*E*)-4-Bromo-6-phenylocta-3,7-dien-1-ol (S8). IR (neat): 3331 (br), 3027 (w), 2917 (m), 1638 (m), 1492 (m), 1416 (w), 1300 (w), 1191 (w), 1045 (s), 992 (s), 917 (m), 756 (m), 700 (s), 646 (m), 516 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.35–7.29 (2H, m), 7.25–7.18 (3H, m), 6.04 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.6, 10.0, 7.2 Hz), 5.84 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 5.15–5.10 (2H, m), 3.78 (1H, app. q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.41–3.32 (2H, m), 2.87–2.79 (2H, m), 2.16–

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2.07 (1H, m), 1.97–1.88 (1H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  142.6, 140.2, 130.3, 128.6, 128.1, 126.8, 125.7, 115.3, 61.5, 47.5, 42.0, 33.1; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>21</sub>Br<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 298.08065; Found: 298.07997; specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –8.3 (*c* 0.75, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**Experimental Procedure for Suzuki Coupling of the Tri-substituted Alkenylboron with Aryl Halide:** In a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove-box, an oven-dried vial (4 mL, 17 × 38 mm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with alkenylboron compound **4.11a** (44.2 mg, 0.10 mmol), 2-bromopyridine (14.3  $\mu$ L, 0.15 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (1.8 mg, 0.0020 mmol, 2.0 mol %) and S-Phos (1.6 mg, 0.0040 mmol, 4.0 mol %). Tetrahydrofuran (THF, 0.9 mL) and 3M aqueous NaOH solution (0.3 mL) were added by syringe. The vessel was sealed with a cap and removed from the glove-box, and the mixture was allowed to stir at 60 °C for 18 h, after which the mixture was allowed to cool to 22 °C. Water (1 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL) were added to quench the reaction. The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 1 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The red oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) to afford **4.31** as colorless oil (30.4 mg, 0.0772 mmol, 77% yield).

(*R*,*E*)-2-(1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-phenylocta-3,7-dien-4-yl)pyridine (4.31). IR (neat): 2953 (m), 2928 (m), 2856 (m), 1622 (m), 1465 (m), 1338 (w), 1253 (m), 1184 (w), 1092 (s), 937 (m), 833 (s), 774 (s), 698 (s), 551 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.75–8.73 (1H, m), 7.62–7.59 (2H, m), 7.45–7.41 (3H, m), 7.34–7.28 (3H, m), 6.25 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.19 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.2, 9.6, 7.2 Hz), 5.19–5.11 (2H, m), 3.74 (2H, app. t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.55 (1H, app. q, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 3.36 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.2, 7.6 Hz), 545 3.22 (1H, dd, J = 10.2, 7.6 Hz), 2.57–2.51 (1H, m), 2.46–2.40 (1H, m), 1.08 (9H, s), 0.23 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.5, 141.5, 134.9, 130.6, 129.1, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 126.3, 126.1, 125.6, 121.5, 114.5, 62.8, 48.5, 34.6, 32.7, 26.1, 18.5, –5.1, –5.2. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>1</sub>O<sub>1</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 394.25662, found: 394.25556. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ –10.4 (*c* 2.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

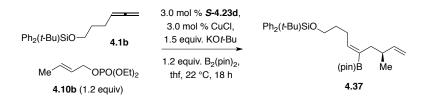
## (R,E)-2-(1-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-phenylocta-3,7-dien-4-yl)pyrimidine

(4.32). IR (neat): 2953 (m), 2928 (m), 2885 (m), 2856 (m), 1637 (m), 1471 (m), 1341 (w), 1253 (m), 1187 (w), 1094 (s), 1005 (w), 910 (m), 833 (s), 775 (s), 728 (s), 700 (s), 631 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.05 (1H, s), 8.55 (2H, s), 7.29–7.27 (1H, m), 7.25–7.20 (1H, m), 7.17–7.13 (1H, m), 7.06–7.04 (2H, m), 5.96 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.6, 10.4, 7.2 Hz), 5.70 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 5.03 (1H, dt, *J* = 10.0, 1.2 Hz), 4.96 (1H, dt, *J* = 17.2, 1.2 Hz), 3.61–3.52 (2H, m), 3.24 (1H, app. q, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.98 (1H, dd, *J* = 14.0, 7.2 Hz), 2.88 (1H, dd, *J* = 14.0, 7.2 Hz), 2.40–2.33 (1H, m), 2.30–2.23 (1H, m), 0.89 (9H, s), 0.04 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  156.9, 154.7, 142.7, 140.7, 133.7, 131.3, 128.6, 127.7, 126.8, 126.1, 115.0, 62.4, 48.5, 35.7, 32.6, 26.0, 18.5, –5.1. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>1</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 395.25186, found: 395.25189. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> – 11.2 (*c* 1.94, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(*R*,*E*)-4-(1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-phenylocta-3,7-dien-4-yl)thiazole (4.33). IR (neat): 2953 (m), 2927 (m), 2855 (m), 1471 (m), 1361 (w), 1252 (m), 1092 (s), 1005 (w), 910 (m), 833 (s), 775 (s), 731 (s), 699 (s), 664 (m), 552 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.74 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 7.29–7.24 (2H, m), 7.19–7.14 (3H, m), 7.00 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 6.37 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.07 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.6, 10.0, 7.2 Hz), 5.06– 4.97 (2H, m), 3.58–3.49 (2H, m), 3.46 (1H, app. q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.03 (1H, dd, *J* = 14.0, 546 7.2 Hz), 2.89 (1H, dd, J = 14.0, 7.2 Hz), 2.35–2.26 (1H, m), 2.21–2.12 (1H, m), 0.90 (9H, s), 0.05 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  158.4, 152.0, 143.8, 141.3, 132.9, 128.4, 128.0, 126.5, 126.1, 114.6, 111.7, 62.8, 48.7, 35.7, 32.4, 26.1, 18.5, -5.1. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>1</sub>O<sub>1</sub>S<sub>1</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 400.21304, found: 400.21327. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  –15.9 (*c* 2.05, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

# 4.8.4 Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data for Total Synthesis of Rottnestol and Herboxidiene

#### ■ Total Synthesis of (–)-Rottnestol



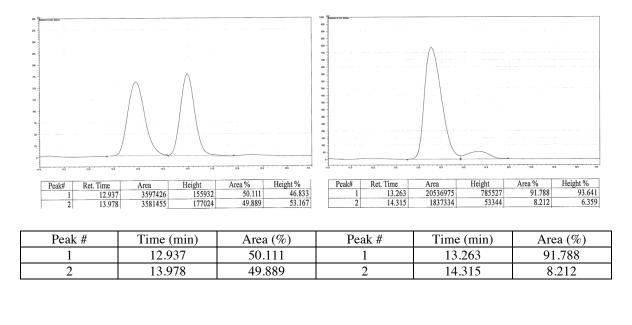
(S,Z)-tert-Butyl((7-methyl-5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)nona-4,8-

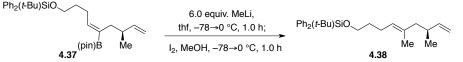
dien-1-yl)oxy)diphenylsilane (4.37). An oven-dried 50 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with imidazolinium salt (*S*)-4.23d (70.3 mg, 0.150 mmol, 3.0 mol %), CuCl (14.8 mg, 0.150 mmol, 3.0 mol %), KOt-Bu (842 mg, 7.50 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and THF (20 mL). The flask was sealed with a rubber septum and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 2 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (1.53 g, 6.00 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min. Allene 4.1b<sup>46</sup> (1.68 g, 5.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and allyl phosphate 4.10b (1.25 g, 6.00 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) were

<sup>(46)</sup> **1b** was synthesized according to known procedure in 77% overall yield, see ref 1c.

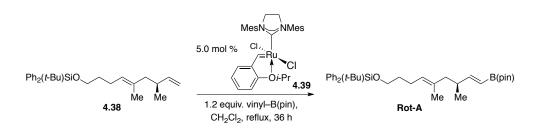
added by syringe. After 18 h, the reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the resulting yellow oil by silica gel chromatography (70:1 hexanes:diethyl ether) affords the desired product **4.37** as colorless oil (2.05 g, 3.95 mmol, 79% yield). IR (neat): 3071 (w), 2976 (m), 2930 (m), 2858 (m), 1472 (m), 1371 (m), 1303 (m), 1143 (s), 1109 (s), 908 (w), 863 (m), 702 (s), 614 (m), 505 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.68–7.66 (4H, m), 7.45–7.36 (6H, m), 6.35 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 5.75 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.2, 10.0, 7.2 Hz), 4.93–4.84 (2H, m), 3.68 (2H, app. t, *J* = 6.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  146.5, 144.9, 135.7, 134.2, 129.6, 127.7, 112.3, 83.1, 63.7, 38.7, 35.6, 32.2, 27.0, 25.5, 24.9, 19.9, 19.4. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>51</sub>B<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 536.37312, found: 536.37499. Specific rotation: [a]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +1.9 (*c* 0.81, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

Enantiomeric purity of **4.37** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material obtained from the derived ketone, which was synthesized by oxidation of the alkenylboron product with NaBO<sub>3</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (92:8 e.r. shown; Chiralpak AD column, 99:1 hexanes/ *i*PrOH, 0.3 mL/min, 220 nm).





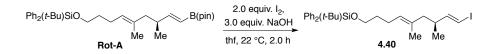
(*S,E*)-*tert*-Butyl((5,7-dimethylnona-4,8-dien-1-yl)oxy)diphenylsilane (4.38). A solution of alkenylboron 4.37 (2.65 g, 5.12 mmol) in THF (40 mL) was treated with MeLi (solution in Et<sub>2</sub>O; 19.2 mL, 1.6 M, 30.7 mmol) at -78 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for one hour. Then the mixture was allowed to cool to -78 °C. A solution of I<sub>2</sub> (7.79 g, 30.7 mmol) in MeOH (40 mL) was added and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C and stir at 0 °C for one hour. The reaction was quenched by an addition of a saturated aqueous solution of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (20 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 20 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the yellow oil residue by silica gel chromatography (80:1 hexanes:diethyl ether) affords 4.38 as colorless oil (1.89 g, 4.64 mmol, 91% yield). IR (neat): 3071 (w), 2957 (m), 2858 (m), 1428 (m), 1107 (s), 939 (w), 822 (m), 700 (s), 613 (m), 504 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.68–7.66 (4H, m), 7.44–7.36 (6H, m), 5.71 (1H, ddd, J = 17.2, 10.0, 7.2 Hz), 5.08 (1H, app. t, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.95–4.85 (2H, m), 3.66 (2H, app. t, J = 6.4 Hz), 2.36–2.26 (1H, m), 2.10–2.06 (2H, m), 2.03–1.98 (1H, m), 1.89–1.84 (1H, m), 1.63–1.55 (5H, m), 1.06 (9H, s), 0.91 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  144.8, 135.7, 134.3, 133.8, 129.7, 127.8, 126.1, 112.1, 63.6, 47.4, 35.6, 32.9, 27.0, 24.3, 19.5, 19.4, 16.0. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>1</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 407.27702, found: 407.27651. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +2.1 (*c* 0.82, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



tert-Butyl(((S,4E,8E)-5,7-dimethyl-9-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-

yl)nona-4,8-dien-1-yl)oxy)diphenylsilane (Rot-A). To a solution of 4.38 (2.00 g, 4.92 mmol) and vinyl boronic acid pinacol ester (1.00 mL, 5.90 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) was added Ru-based complex 4.39 (209 mg, 0.25 mmol) at 22 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at 50 °C for 36 h. The reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of silica gel and eluted with hexanes and diethyl ether (1:1,  $3 \times 30$  mL). The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to provide brown oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (50:1 hexanes:diethyl ether) to afford Rot-A as colorless oil (2.42 g, 4.55 mmol, 92% yield). IR (neat): 2959 (m), 2858 (m), 1636 (m), 1360 (s), 1321 (s), 1214 (w), 1145 (s), 1109 (s), 998 (m), 823 (m), 702 (s), 579 (m), 505 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.68–7.66 (4H, m), 7.44–7.36 (6H, m), 6.56 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.0, 6.8 Hz), 5.39 (1H, d, *J* = 18.0 Hz), 5.09 (1H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 3.66 (2H, app. t, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 2.41–2.33 (1H, m), 2.12–2.03 (3H, m), 1.87–1.81 (1H, m), 1.63–1.56 (5H, m), 1.26 (12H,

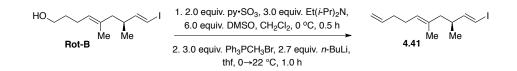
s), 1.06 (9H, s), 0.91 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  160.1, 135.7, 134.2, 133.5, 129.6, 127.7, 126.3, 83.1, 63.6, 46.7, 37.3, 32.9, 27.0, 24.9, 24.3, 19.4, 18.7, 16.0. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>50</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: 533.36223, found: 533.36421. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} - 0.89$  (*c* 2.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



*tert*-Butyl(((*S*,4*E*,8*E*)-9-iodo-5,7-dimethylnona-4,8-dien-1-yl)oxy)diphenylsilane (30). To a solution of alkenyl boron Rot-A (2.42 g, 4.55 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added 3.0 M NaOH aqueous solution (4.57 mL, 13.7 mmol) at 22 °C. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min. Then a solution of I<sub>2</sub> (2.31 g, 9.10 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added, and the mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for two hours. The reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of  $Na_2S_2O_3$  (15 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 15$  mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the resulting yellow oil by silica gel chromatography (80:1 hexanes:diethyl ether) affords 4.40 as colorless oil (2.11 g, 3.96 mmol, 87% yield). IR (neat): 3070 (w), 2957 (m), 2857 (m), 1427 (m), 1106 (s), 948 (w), 822 (m), 738 (m), 699 (s), 613 (m), 503 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ :  $\delta$  7.70–7.66 (4H, m), 7.44–7.36 (6H, m), 6.40 (1H, dd, J = 14.4, 8.0Hz), 5.92 (1H, d, J = 14.4 Hz), 5.09 (1H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.67 (2H, app. t, J = 6.4 Hz), 2.36-2.29 (1H, m), 2.12-2.07 (2H, m), 2.01 (1H, dd, J = 13.2, 7.6 Hz), 1.88 (1H, dd, J = 13.2, 7.6 Hz), 1.8813.2, 7.6 Hz), 1.65–1.59 (2H, m), 1.56 (3H, s), 1.07 (9H, s), 0.93 (3H, d, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 152.1, 135.7, 134.3, 132.9, 129.6, 127.7, 126.9, 73.2, 63.5, 46.8, 38.8, 32.8, 27.0, 24.3, 19.4, 19.1, 16.0. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for 551

 $C_{27}H_{38}I_1O_1Si_1$ : 533.17366, found: 533.17415. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +3.0 (*c* 0.94, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(S,4E,8E)-9-Iodo-5,7-dimethylnona-4,8-dien-1-ol (Rot-B). To a solution of 4.40 (2.11 g, 3.96 mmol) in THF (12 mL) was added tetra(butyl)ammonium fluoride solution (7.92 mL, 1.0 M, 7.92 mmol) at 22 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 3 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of water (10 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 15$  mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the resulting yellow oil by silica gel chromatography (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) affords Rot-B as colorless oil (1.07 g, 3.64 mmol, 92% yield). IR (neat): 3330 (br), 2956 (s), 2924 (s), 2867 (s), 1453 (s), 1376 (m), 1218 (w), 1167 (w), 1057 (s), 948 (s), 892 (w), 742 (w), 703 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.39 (1H, dd, J = 14.4, 7.6 Hz), 5.93 (1H, d, J = 14.0 Hz), 5.12 (1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.64 (2H, app. t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.39–2.32 (1H, m), 2.12–2.07 (2H, m), 2.01 (1H, dd, J = 12.8, 7.2 Hz), 1.93 (1H, dd, J = 12.8, 7.2 Hz), 1.65-1.59 (2H, m), 1.57 (3H, s), 1.49 (1H, br s), 0.95 (3H, s), 1.49 (1H, br s), 0.95 (3H, s)d, J = 6.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  152.0, 133.4, 126.5, 73.3, 62.7, 46.8, 38.9, 32.8, 24.3, 19.3, 16.0. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{11}H_{20}I_1O_1$ : 295.05588, found: 295.05661. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  +3.2 (*c* 0.45, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

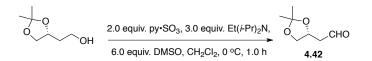


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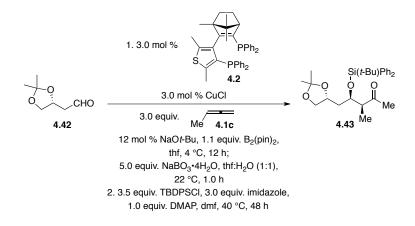
(*S*,1*E*,5*E*)-1-Iodo-3,5-dimethyldeca-1,5,9-triene (4.41). A solution of alcohol Rot-B (1.83 g, 6.22 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) was treated with DMSO (2.65 mL, 37.3 mmol), *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (3.26 mL, 18.7 mmol) and sulfur trioxide pyridine complex (1.97 g, 12.4 mmol) sequentially at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 30 min. Brine (10 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The aldehyde was utilized in the next step without purification.

A suspension of Ph<sub>3</sub>PCH<sub>3</sub>Br (6.68 g, 18.7 mmol) in THF (30 mL) was treated with solution of *n*-BuLi in hexanes (10.5 mL, 1.6 M, 16.8 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 30 min, after which a solution of unpurified aldehyde in THF (10 mL) was added. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h. The reaction was quenched by saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (20 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the resulting yellow oil by silica gel chromatography (hexanes) affords **4.41** as yellow oil (1.43 g, 4.94 mmol, 79% overall yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>47 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.41 (1H, dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.6 Hz), 5.93 (1H, d, *J* = 14.0 Hz), 5.86–5.79 (1H, m), 5.13 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 5.05–4.95 (2H, m), 2.38–2.31 (1H, m), 2.10–2.07 (4H, m), 2.02 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.6, 7.2 Hz), 1.90 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.6, 7.2 Hz), 1.56 (3H, s), 0.95 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  152.1, 138.8, 133.0, 126.7, 114.7, 73.2, 46.8, 38.8, 34.1, 27.5, 19.1, 16.1. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +10.1 (*c* 1.12, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

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(*R*)-2-(2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)acetaldehyde (4.42). To a solution of alcohol (2.00 g, 13.7 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 mL) was added DMSO (5.8 mL, 82.1 mmol), *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (7.1 mL, 41.0 mmol), sulfur trioxide pyridine complex (4.35 g, 27.4 mmol) sequentially at 0 °C. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 1 h. A solution of brine (20 mL) was subsequently added to quench the reaction. The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 20 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting yellow oil was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) to afford **4.42** as colorless oil (1.74 g, 12.0 mmol, 88% yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>47</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.80 (1H, s), 4.56–4.49 (1H, m), 4.19 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 6.4 Hz), 3.58 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 6.4 Hz), 2.84 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.2, 6.8, 2.0 Hz), 2.64 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.2, 6.0, 1.2 Hz), 1.41 (3H, s), 1.36 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  200.1, 109.4, 70.8, 69.3, 48.0, 26.9, 25.6. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –15.7 (*c* 0.75, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

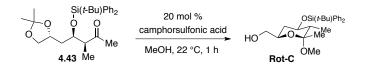


#### (3S,4R)-4-((tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-5-((R)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-3-

methylpentan-2-one (4.43). An oven-dried 25 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with phosphine 4.2 (92.2 mg, 0.150 mmol, 3.0 mol %), CuCl (14.8 mg, 0.150 mmol, 3.0 mol %), NaOt-Bu (288 mg, 3.00 mmol, 12 mol %) and THF (10 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The flask was sealed with a rubber septum and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (1.40 g, 5.50 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min. At this time, the mixture was allowed to cool to -78°C and a solution of methyl allene 4.1c (3.24 mL, 15.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and aldehyde **4.42** (721 mg, 5.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added by syringe. At this time, the reaction flask was placed in a 4 °C cold room. After 12 h, the mixture was allowed to cool to -78°C and the reaction was quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with  $Et_2O$  (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting yellow oil was dissolved in THF (25 mL) and then treated with NaBO<sub>3</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O (3.85 g, 25.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and H<sub>2</sub>O (25 mL). The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of water (20 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 20$  mL). The combined organic layers were dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure.

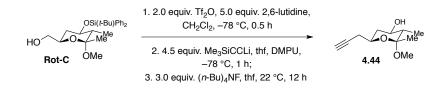
The resulting yellow oil was dissolved in *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (DMF, 40 mL). To this solution was added imidazole (681 mg, 10.0 mmol), 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (611 mg, 5.00 mmol) and TBDPSCl (3.25 mL, 12.5 mmol). The mixture was allowed to stir at 40 °C for 24 h. After this time, imidazole (340 mg, 5.00 mmol) and TBDPSCl [*t*-555

butyl(diphenyl)silyl chloride; 1.30 mL, 5.00 mmol] were added and the resulting solution was allowed to stir at 40 °C for 24 h. A solution of brine (20 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 40 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The yellow oil was purified by silica gel chromatography (15:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) to afford **4.43** as colorless oil (1.71 g, 3.76 mmol, 75% overall yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those reported previously.<sup>47</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.71–7.67 (4H, m), 7.46–7.36 (6H, m), 4.27 (1H, td, *J* = 6.4, 2.8 Hz), 3.90–3.83 (1H, m), 3.74 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 5.8 Hz), 3.14 (1H, app. t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 2.64 (1H, qd, *J* = 7.2, 3.2 Hz), 2.06 (3H, s), 1.73 (1H, ddd, *J* = 14.4, 8.8, 6.4 Hz), 1.55 (1H, ddd, *J* = 14.4, 6.8, 4.0 Hz), 1.27 (3H, s), 1.17 (3H, s), 1.07 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.04 (9H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  210.5, 136.1, 136.0, 134.3, 133.4, 130.0, 129.8, 127.8, 127.6, 108.0, 72.8, 72.6, 69.4, 52.1, 38.5, 29.8, 26.9, 25.8, 19.6, 10.5. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>0</sub><sup>20</sup> +14.8 (*c* 1.20, CHCl<sub>4</sub>).



((2*R*,4*R*,5*S*,6*R*)-4-((*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-6-methoxy-5,6-dimethyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)methanol (Rot-C). To a solution of ketone 4.43 (1.45g, 3.18 mmol) in MeOH (30 mL) was added ( $\pm$ )-camphor-10-sulfonic acid (148 mg, 0.636 mmol) at 22 °C. The solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for one hour. The reaction was quenched by saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution (20 mL). The water layer was washed with diethyl ether (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The yellow oil was purified by silica gel

chromatography (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) to afford **Rot-C** as colorless oil (1.34 g, 3.13 mmol, 77% yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>47</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.71–7.66 (4H, m), 7.44–7.34 (6H, m), 3.89 (1H, app. td, *J* = 10.4, 4.8 Hz), 3.42–3.35 (3H, m), 3.07 (3H, s), 1.78 (1H, br t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.64–1.56 (2H, m), 1.42–1.39 (1H, m), 1.31 (3H, s), 1.07 (3H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.04 (9H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  136.1, 135.9, 134.2, 129.7, 129.6, 127.7, 127.6, 102.0, 71.6, 68.8, 65.9, 48.7, 47.6, 36.9, 27.2, 22.0, 19.6, 12.7. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> – 74.2 (*c* 1.20, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



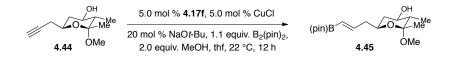
(2R,3S,4R,6S)-2-Methoxy-2,3-dimethyl-6-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ol

(4.44). To a solution of alcohol Rot-C (2.92 g, 6.81 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (30 mL) was added 2,6-lutidine (3.97 mL, 34.1 mmol) and  $Tf_2O$  (2.29 mL, 13.6 mmol) at -78 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at -78 °C for 30 min. The reaction was then quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with diethyl ether (3 × 20 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with saturated CuSO<sub>4</sub> (3 × 30 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo.

The triflate derivative was then dissolved in THF (40 mL), and a solution of lithium trimethylsilylacetylide [prepared from trimethylsilyl acetylene (4.82 mL, 34.1 mmol) and *n*-BuLi in hexanes (19.2 mL, 1.6 M, 30.6 mmol)] in THF (40 mL) and 1,3-dimethyl-

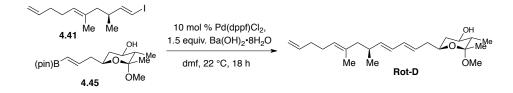
3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2(1*H*)-pyrimidinone (DMPU; 9.0 mL) were added at -78 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at -78 °C for 1 h. The reaction was then quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (40 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 40 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure.

The resulting dark brown oil was dissolved in THF (30 mL), and the resulting solution was treated with tetrabutylammonium fluoride solution (20.4 mL, 1M, 20.4 mmol) at 22 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 12 h. Water was then added and the aqueous layer was washed with diethyl ether (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the resulting dark brown oil by silica gel chromatography (4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) afforded **4.44** as yellow oil (1.18 g, 5.94 mmol, 87% overall yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>47</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.71–3.64 (2H, m), 3.14 (3H, s), 2.41 (1H, ddd, *J* = 16.8, 6.4, 2.8 Hz), 2.29 (1H, ddd, *J* = 16.8, 6.8, 2.8 Hz), 2.09 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.0, 4.4, 2.0 Hz), 2.00 (1H, t, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 1.41–1.36 (1H, m), 1.33–1.21 (4H, m), 1.03 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  101.9, 80.9, 70.1, 69.5, 66.9, 47.9, 47.7, 40.0, 25.6, 21.7, 11.8. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –98.4 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



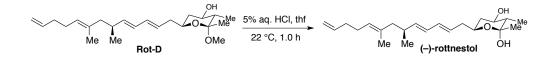
(2*R*,3*S*,4*R*,6*S*)-2-Methoxy-2,3-dimethyl-6-((*E*)-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2dioxaborolan-2-yl)allyl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ol (4.45). An oven-dried 50 mL flask

equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with imidazolinium salt 4.17f (127 mg, 0.297 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (29.4 mg, 0.297 mmol, 5.0 mol %), NaOt-Bu (114 mg, 1.19 mmol, 20 mol %) and THF (25 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The flask was sealed with a rubber septum and the mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (1.66 g, 6.54 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was then added, causing the solution to turn immediately dark brown. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min. At this time, alkyne 4.44 (1.18 g, 5.94 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and MeOH (481  $\mu$ L, 11.9 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) were added by syringe. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 12 h, after which the reaction was guenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL). The water layer was washed with diethyl ether ( $3 \times 20$  mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The yellow oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (3:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) to afford **4.45** as colorless oil (1.81 g, 5.55 mmol, 93% yield). IR (neat): 3444 (br), 2978 (m), 2940 (m), 1639 (m), 1361 (s), 1321 (s), 1214 (w), 1144 (s), 1047 (m), 967 (m), 891 (w), 849 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.60 (1H, dt, J = 18.0, 7.2 Hz), 5.50 (1H, d, J = 18.0 Hz), 3.69-3.59 (2H, m), 3.49-3.44 (1H, m), 3.11 (3H, s), 2.46-2.39 (1H, m), 3.49-3.44 (1H, m), 3.11 (3H, s), 3.46-3.44 (1H, m), 3.49-3.44 (1H, m), 3.11 (3H, s), 3.46-3.44 (1H, m), 3.49-3.44 (1H, m),m), 2.30–2.23 (1H, m), 1.98–1.94 (1H, m), 1.42–1.34 (2H, m), 1.29 (3H, s), 1.25 (12H, s), 1.04 (3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  150.0, 101.6, 83.2, 69.8, 67.5, 48.1, 47.7, 42.4, 40.5, 24.9, 21.9, 11.9. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>31</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na<sub>1</sub>: 349.21622, found: 349.21760. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  –54.7 (*c* 1.22, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



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(2R,3S,4R,6S)-6-((S,2E,4E,8E)-6,8-Dimethyltrideca-2,4,8,12-tetraen-1-yl)-2-methoxy-2,3-dimethyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ol (Rot-D). To a solution of alkenylboron 4.45 (1.81 g, 5.55 mmol) and alkenyl iodide 4.41 (1.43 g, 4.93 mmol) in DMF (40 mL) was added Pd(dppf)Cl<sub>2</sub>•CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (400 mg, 0.49 mmol) and Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>•8H<sub>2</sub>O (2.33 g, 7.40 mmol) at 22 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 18 h. The reaction was quenched through addition of a solution of brine. The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3  $\times$  20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the resulting yellow oil by silica gel chromatography (6:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) affords Rot-D as yellow oil (1.49 g, 4.11 mmol, 83% yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>47</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta$  6.14–6.03 (2H, m), 5.84–5.65 (2H, m), 5.51 (1H, dd, J = 14.0, 4.4 Hz), 5.15 (1H, br t, J = 6.8 Hz), 5.04 (1H, d, J = 16.8 Hz), 4.99 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz), 3.66 (1H, d, J =td, J = 10.0, 7.2 Hz), 3.56–3.50 (1H, m), 3.01 (3H, s), 2.38–2.29 (2H, m), 2.20–2.13 (1H, m), 2.09-1.99 (5H, m), 1.91 (1H, dd, J = 13.2, 8.0 Hz), 1.79-1.75 (1H, m), 1.50 (3H, s), 1.38-1.32 (1H, m), 1.23 (3H, s), 1.16 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.18-1.10 (1H, m), 0.96 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  139.2, 139.1, 134.2, 133.7, 129.2, 128.0, 126.6, 115.1, 102.0, 70.0, 68.9, 49.0, 48.3, 47.8, 41.5, 39.9, 35.3, 34.7, 28.1, 22.3, 20.4, 16.5, 12.4. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  –82.2 (*c* 0.96, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

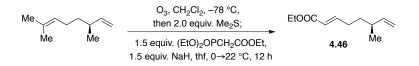


(2R,3S,4R,6S)-6-((S,2E,4E,8E)-6,8-Dimethyltrideca-2,4,8,12-tetraen-1-yl)-2,3dimethyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2,4-diol [(–)-rottnestol]. To a solution of mehyl ketal Rot-D (1.49 g, 4.11 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added 5% aqueous HCl solution (4 mL) 560

at 22 °C. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of  $NaHCO_3$  (20 mL). The aqueous layer was then washed with diethyl ether ( $3 \times 20$  mL), and the combined organic layers were dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting yellow oil was purified by silica gel chromatography (3:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) to afford (-)-rottnestol as yellow oil (1.17 g, 3.36 mmol, 81% yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>47,48</sup> IR (neat): 3388 (br), 2917 (m), 1701 (w), 1640 (w), 1440 (m), 1379 (m), 1260 (w), 1157 (m), 1077 (m), 1013 (s), 987 (s), 913 (s), 777 (w), 619 (m)  $cm^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  6.17–6.07 (2H, m), 5.84–5.76 (1H, m), 5.72 (1H, td, J = 14.4, 7.2 Hz), 5.53 (1H, dd, J = 14.4, 7.2 Hz), 5.17 (1H, br t, J = 6.8 Hz), 5.06 (1H, dd, J = 17.2, 2.0 Hz, 5.00 (1H, d, J = 10.4 Hz), 3.92–3.86 (1H, m), 3.62 (1H, td, J = 10.0, 4.4 Hz), 2.41–2.29 (2H, m), 2.24–2.15 (1H, m), 2.09–2.01 (5H, m), 1.92 (1H, dd, J =13.2, 7.6 Hz), 1.79–1.75 (1H, m), 1.51 (3H, s), 1.32–1.26 (1H, m), 1.23 (3H, s), 1.16 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.17–1.12 (1H, m), 0.98 (3H, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 138.8, 138.7, 133.8, 133.2, 128.8, 128.4, 126.2, 114.8, 99.0, 69.8, 68.3, 47.9, 47.2, 41.3, 39.7, 34.9, 34.3, 28.2, 27.8, 20.1, 16.1, 12.3. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{22}H_{36}O_{3}Na_{1}$ : 371.25567, found: 371.25700. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  -58.3 (c 1.25, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). In the manuscript that reports the isolation of this natural product, the following optical rotation value is reported:  $[\alpha]_{D}$  +67.4 (*c* 0.43, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>);<sup>47</sup> in the first total synthesis of (+)-rottnestol, the disclosed optical rotation value is:  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$  +58.3 (c 0.18, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).<sup>48</sup>

# ■ Total Synthesis of (+)-Herboxidiene

<sup>(48)</sup> Erickson, K. L.; Beutler, J. A.; Cardellina, J. H.; Boyd, M. R. *Tetrahedron* **1995**, *51*, 11953–11958.



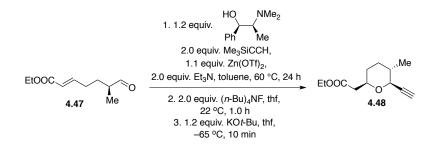
Ethyl (*S*,*E*)-6-methylocta-2,7-dienoate (4.46). Into a solution of (+)- $\beta$ -citronellene (8.00 g, 57.9 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL) ozone was introduced at –78 °C until TLC analysis indicated complete consumption of the diene substrate. At this time, Me<sub>2</sub>S (8.50 mL, 115.8 mmol) was added and the mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h. The volatiles were removed in vacuo and the resulting aldehyde was utilized without purification.

To a solution of triethyl phosphonoacetate (17.2 mL, 86.9 mmol) in THF (120 mL) was added NaH (3.48 g, 60% dispersion in mineral oil, 86.9 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 1 h. A solution of unpurified aldehyde (see above) in THF (20 mL) was then added. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 12 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (60 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 60 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the yellow oil residue by silica gel chromatography (10:1 hexanes:diethyl ether) affords **4.46** as colorless oil (8.79 g, 48.2 mmol, 83% overall yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>49</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.94 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.6, 6.8 Hz), 5.80 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.6, 1.6 Hz), 5.64 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.6, 10.0, 7.6 Hz), 4.99–4.92 (2H, m), 4.17 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.22–2.11 (3H, m), 1.46–1.41 (2H, m), 1.27 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 0.99 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.9, 149.4, 143.9, 121.4,

<sup>(49)</sup> Fürstner, A.; Feyen, F.; Prinz, H.; Waldmann, H. Tetrahedron 2004, 60, 9543-9558.

113.5, 60.3, 37.4, 34.8, 30.0, 20.3, 14.4. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +13.4 (*c* 1.22, CHCl<sub>3</sub>:MeOH = 9:1).

**Ethyl** (*S,E*)-6-methyl-7-oxohept-2-enoate (4.47). A solution of 4.46 (8.79 g, 48.2 mmol) and pyridine (5.85 mL, 72.3 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (120 mL) was treated with O<sub>3</sub> at -78 °C until TLC analysis indicated complete substrate consumption. Subsequently, Me<sub>2</sub>S (7.08 mL, 96.4 mmol) was introduced to the solution and the resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 2 h. The volatiles were then removed in vacuo, and the resulting yellow oil was purified by silica gel chromatography (10:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) to afford 4.47 as colorless oil (6.69 g, 36.3 mmol, 75% yield). IR (neat): 2978 (m), 2876 (m), 1716 (s), 1655 (m), 1459 (m), 1268 (m), 1206 (m), 1174 (m), 1046 (m), 987 (m), 851 (w), 711 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.61 (1H, s), 6.90 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.6, 6.4 Hz), 5.82 (1H, d, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.16 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.36 (1H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.11 (3H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 204.3, 166.5, 147.7, 122.3, 60.4, 45.6, 29.4, 28.7, 14.3, 13.4. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 185.11777, found: 185.11768. Specific rotation: [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> −1.7 (*c* 1.46, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



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Ethyl 2-((2R,5S,6S)-6-ethynyl-5-methyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)acetate (4.47). To a solution of Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (2.00 g, 5.50 mmol), (1R, 2S)-(-)-*N*-methylephedrine (1.08 g, 6.00 mmol) in toluene (15 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.39 mL, 10.0 mmol) at 22 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h and a solution of trimethylsilyl acetylene (1.41 mL, 10.0 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min. At this time, aldehyde 4.47 (921 mg, 5.00 mmol) was introduced into the solution and the mixture was allowed to stir at 60 °C for an additional 24 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated solution of aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (15 mL), and the aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure.<sup>50</sup>

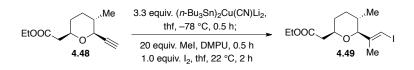
The resulting oil was dissolved in THF (10 mL) and treated with a solution of tetra(butyl)ammonium fluoride (10.0 mL, 1.0 M, 10.0 mmol) in THF at 22 °C, and the mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h. The reaction was quenched by saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (15 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo.

The resulting yellow oil was dissolved in THF (10 mL) and, after cooling the solution to -65 °C, KOt-Bu (673 mg, 6.00 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added; the mixture was allowed to stir at -65 °C for 10 min.<sup>51</sup> The reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (15 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the resulting yellow oil by silica gel chromatography (10:1

<sup>(50)</sup> Anand, N. K.; Carreira, E. M. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2001, 123, 9687-9688.

<sup>(51)</sup> Blakemore, P. R.; Kocieński, P. J.; Morley, A.; Muir, K. J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. I, 1999, 955–968.

hexanes: ethyl acetate) afforded **4.48** as colorless oil (707 mg, 3.36 mmol, 67% overall yield). IR (neat): 3274 (m), 2957 (m), 2873 (m), 1732 (s), 1458 (m), 1370 (m), 1252 (m), 1193 (s), 1074 (s), 1031 (s), 847 (w), 659 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.12 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.77–3.70 (2H, m), 2.62 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 6.4 Hz), 2.44 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 2.38 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 6.4 Hz), 1.84 (1H, dq, *J* = 13.6, 3.6 Hz), 1.73–1.59 (2H, m), 1.40–1.30 (1H, m), 1.23 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 0.96 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.1, 82.4, 74.7, 74.4, 73.4, 60.6, 41.3, 36.1, 31.9, 31.1, 17.8, 14.3. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 211.13342, found: 211.13356. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>–3.6 (*c* 0.96, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



Ethyl 2-((2*R*,5*S*,6*S*)-6-((*E*)-1-iodoprop-1-en-2-yl)-5-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2yl)acetate (4.49). The following procedure for preparation of *n*-Bu<sub>3</sub>SnCu(*n*-Bu)CNLi<sub>2</sub> is based on a method reported by Lipshutz.<sup>52</sup> To a sample of flame-dried CuCN (1.48 g, 16.5 mmol) placed in a flask was added THF (20 mL) and the slurry was allowed to cool to -78 °C. Then *n*-BuLi (20.6 mL, 1.6 M in hexanes, 33.0 mmol) was added in a dropwise manner. The mixture was allowed to warm slightly, giving rise to a colorless homogenous solution; it was then re-cool to -78 °C. *n*-Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (8.88 mL, 33.0 mmol) was added through a syringe and the resulting solution was allowed to stir at -78 °C for 30 min. To the solution of cuprate was added **4.48** (1.05 g, 5.00 mmol) at -78 °C, and the

resulting mixture was allowed to stir at -78 °C for 30 min. At this point, MeI (6.23 mL,

<sup>(52)</sup> Lipshutz, B. H.; Ellsworth, E. L.; Dimock, S. H.; Reuter, D. C. Tetrahedron Lett. 1989, 30, 2065–2068.

100 mmol) and 1,3-dimethyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2(1H)-pyrimidinone (DMPU, 2.5 mL) were added. The resulting solution was allowed to warm slowly to 22 °C, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of  $NH_4Cl$  (20 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 20$  mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo.<sup>53</sup> The brown oil was dissolved in  $Et_2O$ (25 mL), which was subsequently treated with I<sub>2</sub> (1.27 g, 5.00 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 2 h. At this time, the reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of  $Na_2S_2O_3$  (15 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3  $\times$  15 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the yellow oil residue by silica gel chromatography (30:1 hexanes: ethyl acetate) afforded **4.49** as yellow oil (1.38 g, 3.92 mmol, 78% overall yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>54</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.21–6.19 (1H, m), 4.12 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.77 (1H, dtd, J = 11.2, 6.4, 2.0 Hz), 3.50 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz), 2.55 (1H, dd, J = 14.8, 6.4 Hz), 2.39 (1H, dd, J = 14.8, 6.4 Hz), 1.87–1.80 (1H, m), 1.78 (3H, d, J = 1.2Hz), 1.71–1.64 (1H, m), 1.55–1.47 (1H, m), 1.42–1.31 (1H, m), 1.30–1.18 (1H, m), 1.23 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 0.69 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.4, 147.3, 89.2, 80.4, 74.4, 60.5, 41.6, 32.8, 32.3, 31.6, 19.7, 17.6, 14.3. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  +10.6 (c 1.33, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

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<sup>(53)</sup> Liu, P.; Jacobsen, E. N. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2001, 123, 10772–10773.

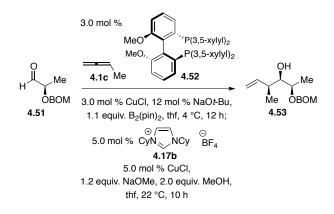
<sup>(54) (</sup>a) Murray, T. J.; Forsyth, C. J. *Org. Lett.* **2008**, *10*, 3429–3431. (b) Pellicena, M.; Krämer, K.; Romea, P.; Urpí, F. *Org. Lett.* **2011**, *13*, 5350–5353.

Methyl (*R*)-2-((benzyloxy)methoxy)propanoate (4.50). To a solution of methyl-(*R*)lactate (9.55 mL, 100 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL) was added tetra(butyl)ammonium iodide (55.4 g, 150 mmol), *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (26.1 mL, 150 mmol) and benzyloxymethyl chloride (18.1 mL, 130 mmol) at 22 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 16 h. The reaction was then quenched by addition of a 10% aqueous solution of HCl (50 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 50 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the yellow oil residue by silica gel chromatography (30:1 hexanes: ethyl acetate) affords **4.50** as yellow oil (16.9 g, 75.4 mmol, 75% yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>55 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.37–7.27 (5H, m), 4.83 (2H, s), 4.68–4.61 (2H, m), 4.30 (1H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.71 (3H, s), 1.43 (3H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 173.6, 137.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 94.1, 71.8, 70.1, 52.1, 18.6. Specific rotation: [α]<sub>0</sub><sup>20</sup> +52.3 (*c* 2.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(*R*)-2-((Benzyloxy)methoxy)propanal (4.51). To a solution of carboxylic ester 4.50 (16.9 g, 75.4 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (100 mL) was added diisobutylaluminum hydride (dibal-H; 14.8 mL, 82.9 mmol) in a dropwise manner at -78 °C. The solution was allowed to stir at -78 °C for 3 h, after which MeOH (2.0 mL) was added at -78 °C to quench the reaction. The mixture was subsequently charged with a saturated aqueous solution of potassium-sodium tartrate (100 mL) was added and allowed to stir at 22 °C for 3 h. The

<sup>(55)</sup> Savage, I.; Thomas, E. J.; Wilson, P. D. J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. I, 1999, 3291–3303.

aqueous layer was washed with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (3 × 50 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the colorless oil by silica gel chromatography (10:1 hexanes: ethyl acetate) affords **4.51** as colorless oil (14.6 g, 75.2 mmol, >98% yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>56 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.64 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 7.38–7.27 (5H, m), 4.87 (2H, s), 4.72–4.63 (2H, m), 4.11 (1H, qd, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz), 1.33 (3H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  202.6, 137.5, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 94.3, 78.3, 70.2, 15.4. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +57.8 (*c* 1.95, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



(2*R*,3*R*,4*S*)-2-((Benzyloxy)methoxy)-4-methylhex-5-en-3-ol (4.53). An oven-dried 25 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with phosphine 4.52 (104 mg, 0.150 mmol, 3.0 mol %), CuCl (14.8 mg, 0.150 mmol, 3.0 mol %), NaOt-Bu (288 mg, 3.00 mmol, 12 mol %) and THF (10 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The flask was sealed with a rubber septum and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (1.40 g, 5.50 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The mixture was then allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min, after which the solution was allowed to cool to -78 °C (dry ice/acetone bath) and

<sup>(56)</sup> Hanessian, S.; Chahal, N.; Giroux, S. J. Org. Chem. 2006, 71, 7403-7411.

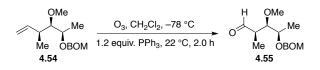
then charged with a solution of methylallene **4.1c** (3.24 mL, 15.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and aldehyde **4.51** (971 mg, 5.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) by syringe. The flask was placed in a 4 °C cold room. After 12 h, the solution was allowed to cool to -78 °C, and the reaction was quenched through addition of an aqueous solution of saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 20 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vauo to give a yellow oil residue, which was used in the next step without purification.

An oven-dried flask (25 mL) with a magnetic stir bar was charged with imidazolium salt **4.17b** (80.0 mg, 0.250 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (24.7 mg, 0.250 mmol, 5.0 mol %), NaOMe (324 mg, 6.00 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and THF (10 mL). The vessel was sealed with a rubber septum and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h. The unpurified yellow oil obtained from the sequential reaction was added to the NHC-Cu complex solution, and MeOH (402  $\mu$ L, 10.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added by syringe. The solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 10 h, after which the reaction was then quenched through addition of an aqueous solution of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 20$  mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the resulting yellow oil by silica gel chromatography (20:1 hexanes: ethyl acetate) afforded 4.53 as colorless oil (994 mg, 3.97 mmol, 79% overall yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>54a</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.38–7.28 (5H, m), 5.84 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.6, 10.0, 7.2 Hz), 5.10–5.03 (2H, m), 4.87 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.82 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.65 (2H, s), 3.87–3.79 (1H, m), 3.30–3.26 (1H, m), 2.42–2.36 (2H, m), 1.25 (3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz), 1.07 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  141.8, 137.7, 569

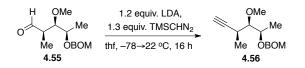
128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 114.8, 93.9, 78.3, 75.3, 69.9, 40.5, 17.5, 14.6. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  +12.4 (*c* 1.22, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

#### ((((((2*R*,3*R*,4*S*)-3-Methoxy-4-methylhex-5-en-2-yl)oxy)methoxy)methyl)benzene

(4.54). To a solution of alcohol 4.53 (10.2 g, 40.7) in THF (100 mL) was added NaH (2.12 g, 60% dispension in mineral oil, 53.0 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 1 h. At this time, MeI (3.80 mL, 61.0 mmol) was then added by syringe, and the mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 16 h. The reaction was then guenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (60 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 50$  mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the resulting yellow oil by silica gel chromatography (20:1 hexanes: ethyl acetate) afforded 4.54 as colorless oil (9.93 g, 37.6 mmol, 92% yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>54a 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37–7.27 (5H, m), 5.86 (1H, ddd, J = 17.6, 10.4, 7.2 Hz), 5.08–4.99 (2H, m), 4.87 (1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.81 (1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.67 (1H, d, J = 11.6 Hz), 4.61 (1H, d, J = 11.6 Hz), 3.90-3.84 (1H, m), 3.51 (3H, s), 2.91-2.88 (1H, m), 2.56–2.48 (1H, m), 1.25 (3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz), 1.07 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 142.0, 138.2, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 114.3, 94.2, 88.7, 74.7, 69.6, 61.4, 39.8, 17.7, 15.3. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +19.1 (*c* 1.35, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



(2*R*,3*R*,4*R*)-4-((Benzyloxy)methoxy)-3-methoxy-2-methylpentanal (4.55). Ozone gas was introduced into a solution of 4.54 (9.93 g, 37.6 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL) at  $-78 \,^{\circ}$ C until the solution turned blue. Next, PPh<sub>3</sub> (11.8 g, 45.1 mmol) was added and the resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 2 h. The volatiles were removed in vacuo, and the resulting yellow oil was purified by silica gel chromatography (10:1 to 3:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) to afford 4.55 as colorless oil (8.73 g, 32.8 mmol, 87% yield). IR (neat): 3064 (m), 2977 (m), 2829 (m), 1720 (s), 1454 (m), 1382 (m), 1171 (m), 1095 (s), 1037 (s), 938 (m), 847 (w), 739 (s), 699 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.77 (1H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 7.37–7.28 (5H, m), 4.80 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.71 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.60 (1H, d, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 4.56 (1H, d, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 3.98–3.92 (1H, m), 3.49 (3H, s), 3.47–3.45 (1H, m), 2.71–2.64 (1H, m), 1.26 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.13 (3H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  203.1, 137.9, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 93.6, 84.5, 72.8, 70.0, 59.9, 47.2, 16.4, 9.5. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na<sub>1</sub>: 289.14103, found: 289.14070. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>p</sub><sup>20</sup>–16.6 (c 1.78, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



#### ((((((2R,3R,4S)-3-Methoxy-4-methylhex-5-yn-2-yl)oxy)methoxy)methyl)benzene

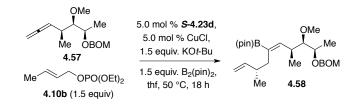
(4.56). To a solution of i-Pr<sub>2</sub>NH (3.64 mL, 26.0 mmol) in THF (60 mL) was added *n*-BuLi (15.0 mL, 1.6 M in hexanes, 24.0 mmol) at -78 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 1 h, after which it was allowed to re-cool to -78 °C. A solution of TMSCHN<sub>2</sub> (13.0 mL, 2.0 M in hexanes, 26.0 mmol) was then added, and the mixture was allowed to stir at -78 °C for 1 h. A solution of aldehyde **4.55** (5.33 g, 20.0 mmol) in THF (30 mL)

was added in a dropwise fashion at -78 °C, and the solution was allowed to stir at -78 °C for 3 h; the mixture was then slowly warmed to 22 °C and stir at 22 °C for 16 h. The reaction was quenched through addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (60 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3  $\times$  50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the yellow oil residue by silica gel chromatography (20:1 hexanes: ethyl acetate) afforded **4.56** as colorless oil (4.27 g, 16.3 mmol, 81% yield). IR (neat): 3292 (m), 2974 (m), 2935 (m), 2884 (m), 1455 (m), 1380 (m), 1201 (w), 1097 (s), 1027 (s), 939 (m), 801 (w), 737 (m), 698 (m), 636 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.38–7.27 (5H, m), 4.88 (1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.86 (1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.68 (1H, d, J = 11.6 Hz), 4.64 (1H, d, J = 11.6 Hz), 4.20 (1H, qd, J = 6.8, 2.8 Hz), 3.56 (3H, s), 3.00 (1H, dd, J = 8.8, 2.8 Hz), 2.90–2.82 (1H, m), 2.08 (1H, d, J = 2.8 Hz), 1.32–1.29 (6H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 138.2, 128.5, 128.1, 127.7, 94.0, 88.1, 86.7, 73.6, 70.3, 69.7, 62.0, 28.4, 17.4, 17.2. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 263.16472, found: 263.16323. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +13.6 (*c* 1.67, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

## (((((2*R*,3*R*,4*S*)-3-Methoxy-4-methyl-6λ<sup>5</sup>-hepta-5,6-dien-2-

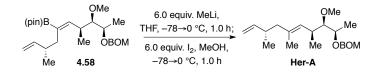
**yl)oxy)methoxy)methyl)benzene (4.57).** A flame-dried flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a reflux condenser was charged with alkyne **4.56** (4.92 g, 18.7 mmol), CuBr (805 mg, 5.61 mmol) and paraformaldehyde (1.13 g, 37.4 mmol); 1,4-dioxane (60 mL) and *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NH (5.24 mL, 37.4 mmol) was then added. The resulting mixture was allowed to

stir at 100 °C for 18 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After this time, the reaction was allowed to cool to 22 °C, and then the reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a plug of Celite eluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the brown oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (20:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) to afford **4.57** as colorless oil (3.81 g, 13.8 mmol, 74% yield). IR (neat): 2971 (m), 2933 (m), 2882 (m), 1955 (m), 1455 (m), 1380 (m), 1149 (m), 1092 (s), 1039 (s), 939 (w), 845 (m), 736 (m), 698 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37–7.27 (5H, m), 5.23–5.18 (1H, m), 4.85 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.81 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.72 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 4.70 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz ), 4.66 (1H, d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 4.62 (1H, d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 3.97–3.91 (1H, m), 3.52 (3H, s), 2.91 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.4, 4.4 Hz), 2.56–2.50 (1H, m), 1.26 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.10 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  208.2, 138.1, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 94.1, 93.7, 88.7, 75.9, 74.4, 69.6, 61.4, 34.9, 17.6, 15.7. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na<sub>1</sub>: 299.16231, found: 299.16089. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>0</sub><sup>20</sup> +11.9 (*c* 1.33, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



2-((3*S*,7*S*,8*R*,9*R*,*Z*)-9-((Benzyloxy)methoxy)-8-methoxy-3,7-dimethyldeca-1,5-dien-5yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (4.58). An oven-dried 50 mL flask with a magnetic stir bar was charged with imidazolinium salt (*S*)-4.23d (117 mg, 0.250 mmol, 5.0 mol %), CuCl (24.7 mg, 0.250 mmol, 5.0 mol %), KOt-Bu (842 mg, 7.50 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and THF (20 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The flask was sealed with a rubber

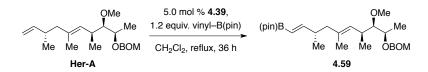
septum and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 2 h. Bis(pinacolato)diboron (1.90 g, 7.50 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added to the solution, causing it to turn dark brown immediately. The mixture was then allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min. At this time, allene 4.57 (1.38 g, 5.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and allyl phosphate 4.10b (1.56 g, 7.50 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added by syringe. The mixture was allowed to stir at 50 °C for 18 h under  $N_{\rm 2}$  atmosphere, after which the reaction was quenched through addition of a saturated aqueous solution of  $NH_4Cl$  (10 mL). The aqueous layer was then washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3  $\times$  10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the resulting yellow oil residue by silica gel chromatography (30:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) affords **4.58** as colorless oil (1.74 g, 3.80 mmol, 76% yield). IR (neat): 2973 (m), 2931 (m), 2832 (m), 1455 (m), 1371 (m), 1303 (m), 1271 (w), 1144 (s), 1092 (s), 1038 (s), 966 (m), 910 (m), 838 (w), 736 (w), 699 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.36–7.27 (5H, m), 6.34 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz), 5.75 (1H, ddd, J = 17.2, 10.0, 3.6 Hz), 4.95–4.83 (3H, m), 4.74 (1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.69 (1H, d, J = 11.6 Hz), 4.54 (1H, d, J = 11.6 Hz), 3.77-3.71 (1H, m), 3.51 (3H, s), 2.91-2.83 (2H, m), 2.29–2.20 (1H, m), 2.18–2.07 (2H, m), 1.27 (3H, d, J = 6.0 Hz), 1.24 (6H, s), 1.23 (6H, s), 1.04 (3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz), 0.95 (3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  149.0, 144.9, 138.2, 128.5, 128.1, 127.7, 112.5, 95.1, 89.0, 83.2, 76.0, 69.6, 61.7, 38.8, 35.0, 25.1, 24.6, 20.0, 18.3, 15.8. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{27}H_{43}B_1O_5Na_1$ : 481.31012, found: 481.31058. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +18.4 (c 0.76, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



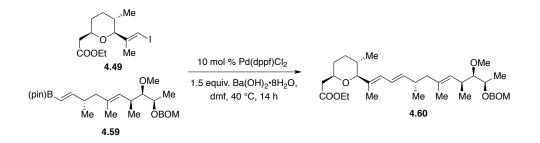
#### ((((((2R,3R,4S,8S,E)-3-Methoxy-4,6,8-trimethyldeca-5,9-dien-2-

yl)oxy)methoxy)methyl)benzene (Her-A). To a solution of alkenylboron 4.58 (5.57 g, 12.1 mmol) in THF (50 mL) cooled to -78 °C, was added a solution of MeLi in Et<sub>2</sub>O (45.5 mL, 1.6 M, 72.8 mmol). The mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 1 h, after which it was allowed to cool back to -78 °C. A solution of I<sub>2</sub> (18.5 g, 72.8 mmol) in MeOH (50 mL) was added and the resulting solution was allowed to warm to 0 °C and stir at 0 °C for an additional hour. At this time, the reaction was quenched by addition of an saturated aqueous solution of  $Na_2S_2O_3$  (60 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 40 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the yellow oil residue by silica gel chromatography (20:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) affords Her-A as colorless oil (2.81 g, 8.50 mmol, 70% yield). IR (neat): 2971 (m), 2930 (m), 2881 (m), 1454 (m), 1380 (m), 1203 (w), 1148 (m), 1097 (s), 1039 (s), 941 (w), 909 (m), 735 (m), 698 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.36–7.27 (5H, m), 5.71 (1H, ddd, J = 17.2, 10.4, 3.6 Hz), 5.05 (1H, d, J = 9.6 Hz), 4.96–4.87 (2H, m), 4.84 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.75 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.69 (1H, d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 4.56 (1H, d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 3.84–3.78 (1H, m), 3.52 (3H, s), 2.81 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.8, 4.4 Hz), 2.72–2.66 (1H, m), 2.35–2.27 (1H, m), 2.00 (1H, dd, J = 13.2, 7.2 Hz), 1.90 (1H, dd, J = 13.2, 7.2 Hz), 1.59 (3H, d, J = 1.2 Hz), 1.28 (3H, d, J = 6.0 Hz), 0.98 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 0.95 (3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  144.5, 138.2, 132.8, 130.2, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 112.3, 94.7, 89.5, 75.6, 69.4, 61.6, 47.4, 35.8, 34.7, 19.8, 18.2, 16.5, 16.4. HRMS

(ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{22}H_{35}O_3$ : 347.25862, found: 347.25992. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +37.1 (*c* 0.83, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

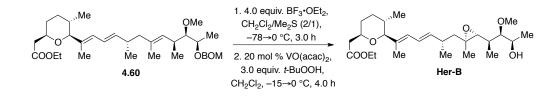


2-((1E,3S,5E,7S,8R,9R)-9-((Benzyloxy)methoxy)-8-methoxy-3,5,7-trimethyldeca-1,5dien-1-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (4.59). To a solution of Her-A (2.81 g, 8.50 mmol) and vinyl boronic acid pinacol ester (1.73 mL, 10.2 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (60 mL) was added NHC-Ru complex 4.39 (361 mg, 0.43 mmol). The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 50 °C for 36 h. The reaction was quenched by passing the mixture through a short plug of silica gel and eluted with hexanes and diethyl ether (1:1,  $3 \times 60$ mL). The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to provide a brown oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (20:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) to afford 4.59 as yellow oil (3.35 g, 7.09 mmol, 83% yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>54a</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.35–7.27 (5H, m), 6.49 (1H, dd, J = 18.0, 7.2 Hz), 5.35 (1H, d, J = 18.0 Hz), 5.03 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.83 (1H, d, J = 7.2Hz), 4.74 (1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.68 (1H, d, J = 11.6 Hz), 4.55 (1H, d, J = 11.6 Hz), 3.82– 3.76 (1H, m), 3.50 (3H, s), 2.80 (1H, dd, J = 6.8, 4.0 Hz), 2.71-2.64 (1H, m), 2.42-2.35(1H, m), 2.05-2.01 (1H, m), 1.92-1.84 (1H, m), 1.56 (3H, d, J = 1.2 Hz), 1.28-1.24 (15H, m)m), 0.96 (3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  159.6, 138.2, 132.5, 130.3, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 94.6, 89.5, 83.1, 75.6, 69.4, 61.6, 46.9, 37.6, 34.7, 24.9, 19.4, 18.2, 16.5, 16.3. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +36.4 (*c* 1.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



Ethyl 2-((2R,5S,6S)-6-((2E,4E,6S,8E,10S,11R,12R)-12-((benzyloxy)methoxy)-11methoxy-6,8,10-trimethyltrideca-2,4,8-trien-2-yl)-5-methyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2yl)acetate (4.60). To a solution of alkenyl iodide 4.49 (2.02 g, 5.74 mmol) and alkenylboron 4.59 (3.35 g, 7.09 mmol) in DMF (60 mL) was added Pd(dppf)Cl<sub>2</sub>•CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (469 mg, 0.57 mmol) and Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>•8H<sub>2</sub>O (2.72 g, 8.61 mmol) at 22 °C. The mixture was then allowed to stir at 40 °C for 14 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, after which the reaction was allowed to cool to 22 °C. A solution of brine (60 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous layer was subsequently washed with  $Et_2O$  (3 × 50 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the resulting oil by silica gel chromatography (10:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) afforded 4.60 as yellow oil (2.55 g, 4.47 mmol, 78% yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>54a</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.35–7.27 (5H, m), 6.16 (1H, dd, J = 15.2, 7.6 Hz), 5.89 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz), 5.51 (1H, dd, J = 15.2, 7.6 Hz), 5.02(1H, d, J = 9.6 Hz), 4.83 (1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.74 (1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.68 (1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz)11.6 Hz), 4.55 (1H, d, J = 11.6 Hz), 4.11 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.81–3.73 (2H, m), 3.50 (3H, s), 3.31 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz), 2.79 (1H, dd, J = 6.8, 4.0 Hz), 2.72–2.64 (1H, m), 2.57 (1H, dd, J = 15.2, 6.0 Hz), 2.41-2.31 (2H, m), 2.06-1.82 (3H, m), 1.73-1.66 (1H, m),1.69 (3H, s), 1.57 (3H, d, J = 1.2 Hz), 1.54-1.48 (1H, m), 1.35-1.29 (1H, m), 1.26 (3H, d, d, d)*J* = 6.4 Hz), 1.24–1.21 (1H, m), 1.23 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 0.96 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 0.94 577

(3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz), 0.67 (3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.4, 140.4, 138.2, 134.4, 132.7, 130.2, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 124.1, 94.6, 90.6, 89.4, 75.4, 74.0, 69.4, 61.5, 60.3, 47.7, 41.7, 35.1, 34.7, 32.4, 32.2, 31.7, 20.3, 18.1, 17.7, 16.5, 16.3, 14.3, 12.1. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  +32.3 (*c* 1.75, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



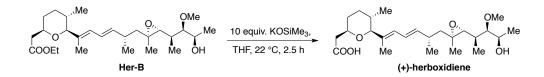
Ethyl 2-((2R,5S,6S)-6-((S,2E,4E)-7-((2R,3R)-3-((2R,3R,4R)-4-hydroxy-3-((2R,3R)-3)-((2R,3R)-4-hydroxy-3-((2R,3R)-3)-((2R,3R)-4-hydroxy-3-((2R,3R)-3)-((2R,3R)-4)-

methoxypentan-2-yl)-2-methyloxiran-2-yl)-6-methylhepta-2,4-dien-2-yl)-5-

**methyltetrahydro-2***H***-pyran-2-yl)acetate (Her-B).** To a solution of substrate **4.60** (2.55 g, 4.47 mmol) and Me<sub>2</sub>S (20 mL) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 mL) was added BF<sub>3</sub>•OEt<sub>2</sub> (2.27 mL, 17.9 mmol) at -78 °C. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at -78 °C for 30 min and warm to 0 °C and stir at 0 °C until TLC analysis indicated complete consumption of starting material. The reaction was then quenched through addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with diethyl ether (3 × 20 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting brown residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (6:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) to afford the desired product contaminated with impurities as yellow oil, which was utilized in the next step without further purification.

To a solution of substrate and VO(acac)<sub>2</sub> (356 mg, 1.34 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (30 mL) was added *t*-BuOOH (2.68 mL, 5.0 M in nonane, 13.4 mmol) at -15 °C. The mixture was then allowed to warm to 0 °C and stir at 0 °C for 4 h, after which the reaction was

quenched by addition of a solution of brine (20 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3  $\times$  20 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the resulting yellow oil by silica gel chromatography (2:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) affords **Her-B** as colorless oil (1.25 g, 2.68 mmol, 60% overall yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>54a 1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.21 (1H, dd, J = 15.2, 10.8 Hz), 5.87 (1H, d, J = 10.8 Hz), 5.42 (1H, dd, J = 15.2, 8.8 Hz), 4.10 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.87-3.80 (1H, m), 3.76–3.71 (1H, m), 3.52 (3H, s), 3.30 (1H, d, J = 9.6 Hz), 2.95 (1H, t, J = 5.2 Hz), 2.56 (1H, dd, J = 15.2, 6.4 Hz), 2.55 (1H, br s), 2.53 (1H, d, J = 10.2 Hz), 2.42– 2.34 (1H, m), 2.36 (1H, dd, J = 15.2, 6.8 Hz), 1.88 (2H, dd, J = 13.6, 4.8 Hz), 1.84–1.80 (1H, m), 1.68 (3H, d, J = 1.2 Hz), 1.70-1.65 (1H, m), 1.55-1.47 (2H, m), 1.37-1.27 (1H, m), 1.55-1.47 (2H, m), 1.37-1.27 (1H, m), 1.55-1.47 (2H, m), 1.57-1.27 (1H, m), 1.57-1.27 (1H,m), 1.26 (3H, s), 1.25–1.17 (2H, m), 1.22 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.16 (3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz), 1.02 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 0.86 (3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz), 0.65 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 171.5, 139.3, 135.4, 128.2, 125.3, 90.7, 87.7, 74.0, 68.4, 66.1, 61.4, 61.3, 60.4, 47.0, 41.7, 35.4, 35.2, 32.4, 32.2, 31.7, 22.1, 19.1, 17.7, 16.6, 14.3, 12.0, 11.9. Specific rotation:  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$  +8.8 (*c* 2.32, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



2-((2R,5S,6S)-6-((S,2E,4E)-7-((2R,3R)-3-((2R,3R,4R)-4-Hydroxy-3-methoxypentan-2yl)-2-methyloxiran-2-yl)-6-methylhepta-2,4-dien-2-yl)-5-methyltetrahydro-2*H*pyran-2-yl)acetic acid [(+)-herboxidiene]. To a solution of ester Her-B (1.25 g, 2.68 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added TMSOK (3.44 g, 26.8 mmol) at 22 °C, and the

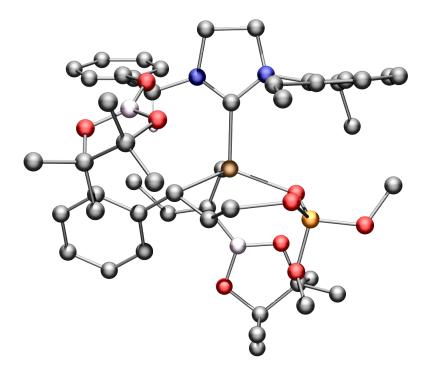
mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 2.5 h. At this time, the reaction was quenched through addition of a 0.5 M aqueous solution of citric acid (20 mL). The aqueous layer (pH = 3-4) was washed with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the yellow oil by silica gel chromatography (95:5 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH) affords (+)-herboxidiene as colorless oil (1.03 g, 2.35 mmol, 88% yield). The physical and spectral data were identical to those previously reported.<sup>54</sup> IR (neat): 3467 (br), 2965 (m), 2926 (m), 2852 (m), 1716 (m), 1455 (m), 1382 (m), 1251 (m), 1198 (m), 1154 (m), 1068 (s), 1018 (m), 967 (m), 904 (w), 883 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  6.31 (1H, dd, J = 15.2, 10.8 Hz), 5.93 (1H, d, J = 10.8 Hz), 5.48 (1H, dd, J = 15.2, 9.2 Hz), 3.80-3.74 (2H, m), 3.53 (3H, s),3.35 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz), 2.98 (1H, dd, J = 6.4, 4.0 Hz), 2.66 (1H, d, J = 9.6 Hz), 2.48-2.42 (1H, m), 2.47 (1H, dd, J = 15.2, 7.6 Hz), 2.39 (1H, dd, J = 15.2, 7.6 Hz), 1.93 (1H, dd, J = 13.6, 4.4 Hz), 1.89-1.84 (1H, m), 1.74-1.68 (1H, m), 1.70 (3H, d, J = 1.2 Hz), 1.61–1.46 (2H, m), 1.39–1.28 (2H, m), 1.28 (3H, s), 1.27–1.15 (2H, m), 1.11 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.05 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 0.84 (3H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 0.69 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 175.2, 140.8, 136.3, 129.7, 126.6, 92.3, 88.6, 75.6, 70.0, 67.9, 62.7, 62.0, 48.2, 42.4, 36.6, 36.5, 33.6, 33.5, 32.9, 22.9, 20.0, 18.3, 17.0, 12.3, 11.7. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: 439.30596, found: 439.30652. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  +6.1 (*c* 1.83, MeOH).

#### **4.8.5 DFT Calculations**

Geometry optimizations and frequency calculations were carried out using B97D

functional<sup>57</sup> and 6-31G\* basis set. Tetrahydrofuran was simulated by means of the PCM method.<sup>58</sup> The results of harmonic frequency calculations on the optimized geometries showed that all of them are real except for the transition state structures, which have one imaginary frequency. Free energies were computed at 298.15 K and 1.0 atm. by using the unscaled frequencies. All calculations were carried out with the Gaussian09 computer program.<sup>59</sup>

### **Transition State Leading to the Major Enantiomer**



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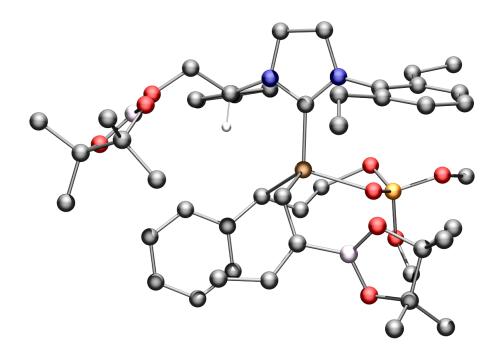
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Thermal correction to Enthalpy=	1.171706
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Ener	rgy= 1.001728
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Ite	m	Value	Threshold	Converged?
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RMS	Force	0.000001	0.000300	YES

# Transition State Leading to the Minor Enantiomer



Cartesian coordinates (Angstroms):

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Red. masses	9.6542	4.6757	4.5476

Zero-point correction=	1.102936 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy=	1.170598
Thermal correction to Enthalpy=	1.171542
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Ener	gy= 1.002570
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energy	gies= -4687.243760
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Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalp	ies= -4687.175154

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RMS	Force	0.000002	0.000300	YES

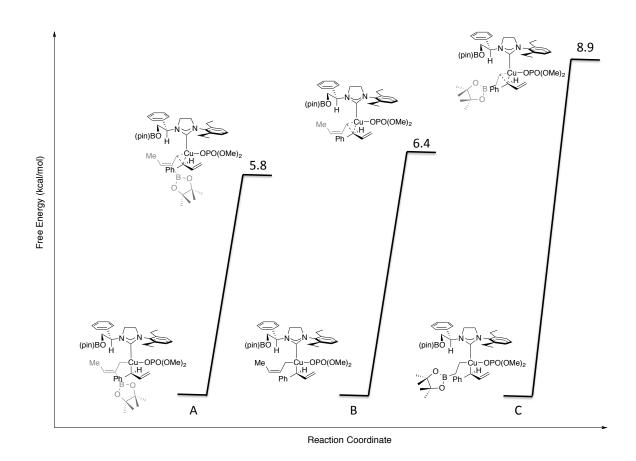


Figure S1. Relative energies for reductive elimination of Cu(III) intermediates. (A) Barrier to reductive elimination of full system. (B) Barrier to reductive elimination of

theoretical system without B(pin) substituent. (C) Barrier to reductive elimination of theoretical system without olefin.

# Cu(III) Intermediate of Full System (Path A)

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Cartesian coordinates (Angstroms):

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н н н н	-3.169928 -3.089726 -1.107163 1.027344 1.089801 -0.246867	-4.383627 -3.144852 -5.488823 -5.359535 -4.114829	-3.653851 -1.511306 -4.547054 -3.228012 -1.094382 3.406662
н н н н	-3.169928 -3.089726 -1.107163 1.027344 1.089801 -0.246867 -1.539162	-4.383627 -3.144852 -5.488823 -5.359535 -4.114829 -3.625593	-3.653851 -1.511306 -4.547054 -3.228012 -1.094382 3.406662 2.790579

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SCF Done: E(RB97D) = -4688.40390726 A.U. after 7 cycles

## **Reductive Elimination Transition State for Full System (Path A)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Cartesian coordinates (Angstroms): \_\_\_\_\_ C 1.595 1.910 -1.507 C 0.470 1.225 -0.906 C 1.469 2.839 -2.514 0 -4.111 3.465 -0.743 P -3.540 1.906 -0.768 0 -4.928 1.018 -0.613 0 -2.869 1.704 -2.106 C -5.679 0.740 -1.811 0 -2.789 1.629 0.542 0 -0.531 -2.526 -3.082 C -1.024 -1.245 -2.635 C -1.850 -1.287 -1.343 C -1.021 -3.262 0.073

- N -1.110 -1.803 -0.182
- C 3.008 -3.151 3.076
- C -0.216 -3.301 1.376
- C 2.339 -1.771 2.893
- C -3.648 -2.664 -2.588
- C -0.848 -1.067 0.924
- C -3.211 -1.977 -1.443
- N -0.402 -1.919 1.879
- C -4.921 -3.261 -2.616
- C 1.119 -1.589 3.775
- C -4.060 -1.910 -0.321
- C -0.194 -1.609 3.257
- C 1.291 -1.351 5.151
- C -5.761 -3.188 -1.494
- C -5.324 -2.511 -0.342
- C -1.323 -1.368 4.078
- C -3.302 -2.718 3.172
- C -2.731 -1.325 3.514
- C 0.189 -1.131 5.986
- C -1.106 -1.132 5.446

С	-4.742	3.922	0.469
С	6.099	3.139	0.112
С	6.033	1.201	-1.495
С	5.247	1.992	-0.436
0	4.076	2.558	-1.111
С	4.589	1.077	0.666
С	5.392	-0.180	1.004
С	4.233	1.839	1.953
В	3.012	1.698	-0.882
0	3.313	0.700	0.040
С	0.217	3.296	-3.198
0	1.483	-2.271	-1.730
С	3.628	-1.832	-2.727
С	3.449	-2.874	-0.447
С	2.839	-2.813	-1.845
В	0.737	-2.894	-2.720
0	1.372	-3.968	-3.321
С	2.584	-4.213	-2.530
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С	2.240	-5.320	-1.520

Н	0.726	0.217	-0.580
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Н	2.392	3.301	-2.881
Н	-6.549	0.146	-1.500
Н	-5.072	0.158	-2.520
Н	-6.019	1.673	-2.292
Н	-0.185	-0.554	-2.492
Н	-1.671	-0.851	-3.431
Н	-2.035	-0.230	-1.126
Н	-0.528	-3.787	-0.749
Н	-2.037	-3.669	0.192
Н	3.902	-3.234	2.438
Н	2.316	-3.966	2.812
Н	3.312	-3.294	4.125
Н	0.853	-3.482	1.192
Н	-0.589	-4.032	2.105
Н	3.072	-0.992	3.155
Н	2.074	-1.611	1.838
Н	-2.997	-2.748	-3.457
Н	-5.249	-3.790	-3.513

- Н -3.721 -1.373 0.565
- H 2.304 -1.323 5.559
- H -6.748 -3.655 -1.516
- Н -5.971 -2.443 0.535
- Н -4.337 -2.628 2.806
- Н -3.301 -3.368 4.061
- Н -2.710 -3.207 2.387
- н -2.745 -0.691 2.614
- н -3.387 -0.840 4.254
- н 0.337 -0.943 7.051
- н -1.967 -0.936 6.089
- н -5.100 4.943 0.271
- н -4.021 3.937 1.303
- н -5.595 3.277 0.737
- Н 5.508 3.803 0.756
- Н 6.504 3.729 -0.725
- Н 6.943 2.737 0.694
- н 5.436 0.361 -1.876
- H 6.972 0.809 -1.077
- Н 6.272 1.873 -2.332

Н	4.857	-0.772	1.760
Н	6.370	0.110	1.417
Н	5.553	-0.807	0.118
Н	3.678	2.760	1.723
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Н	3.197	-1.782	-3.739
Н	4.684	-2.131	-2.806
Н	3.490	-1.858	-0.036
Н	4.472	-3.281	-0.494
Н	2.855	-3.504	0.226
Н	3.863	-3.951	-4.277
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Н	4.636	-4.796	-2.903
Н	1.445	-4.990	-0.835
Н	3.122	-5.598	-0.924

Н	1.887	-6.207	-2.067
С	1.214	5.913	-0.967
С	1.373	4.711	-0.258
С	-0.069	6.418	-1.223
С	0.247	4.008	0.237
С	-1.198	5.717	-0.751
С	-1.041	4.533	-0.030
С	0.420	2.770	0.993
С	-0.462	2.511	2.120
С	-0.239	1.461	3.002
Cu	-0.923	0.861	1.071
Cu H		0.861 6.443	
Н	2.097		-1.334
H H	2.097 2.373	6.443	-1.334 -0.069
H H H	2.097 2.373 -0.193	6.443 4.323	-1.334 -0.069 -1.785
н н н	2.097 2.373 -0.193 -2.203	6.443 4.323 7.346	-1.334 -0.069 -1.785 -0.964
н н н	2.097 2.373 -0.193 -2.203 -1.916	6.443 4.323 7.346 6.085	-1.334 -0.069 -1.785 -0.964 0.293
H H H H	2.097 2.373 -0.193 -2.203 -1.916 -0.904	<ul> <li>6.443</li> <li>4.323</li> <li>7.346</li> <li>6.085</li> <li>3.976</li> </ul>	-1.334 -0.069 -1.785 -0.964 0.293 3.851
н н н н	2.097 2.373 -0.193 -2.203 -1.916 -0.904 0.733	<ul> <li>6.443</li> <li>4.323</li> <li>7.346</li> <li>6.085</li> <li>3.976</li> <li>1.308</li> </ul>	-1.334 -0.069 -1.785 -0.964 0.293 3.851 3.056

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SCF Done: E(RB97D) = -4688.39469068 A.U. after 3 cycles

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А		А	А
Frequencies159.6341		17.5735	19.9445
Red. masses 7.7813		5.1029	4.3605

Zero-point correction=	1.104234 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy=	1.172121
Thermal correction to Enthalpy=	1.173065
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Ener	rgy= 1.002598
Sum of electronic and zero-point Ener	gies= -4687.290457
Sum of electronic and thermal Energie	es= -4687.222569
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalp	bies= -4687.221625
Sum of electronic and thermal Free En	nergies= -4687.392093

Ite	em	Value	Threshold	Converged?
Maxim	um Force	0.000030	0.000450	YES
RMS	Force	0.000003	0.000300	YES

Cu(III) Intermediate for Theoretical System Lacking B(pin) (Path B)

Cartesian coordinates (Angstroms):

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С	-0.508255	-2.228553	-2.421763
С	-0.547540	-1.811720	-0.996061
С	-0.048111	-1.538609	-3.490090
0	4.862728	1.288406	-0.396291
Ρ	3.233466	1.420488	-0.135050
0	3.176550	2.288402	1.277761
0	2.643340	2.153337	-1.307553
С	3.732754	3.621552	1.237385
0	2.708098	0.038929	0.291623
0	-2.908986	2.000459	-1.495620
С	-1.550172	1.714260	-1.874582
С	-0.564249	2.101454	-0.762979
С	-1.805170	1.814929	1.485194
N	-0.828725	1.333125	0.467091
С	-3.535615	-2.623176	2.901988
С	-1.830356	0.648032	2.486420

С	-2.268939	-2.611315	2.016911
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N	-0.661001	-0.155798	2.051218
C	-1.121835	5.928847	-0.790365
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C	-0.597147	-3.514133	3.674087
C	-0.221622	6.335638	0.205331
C	0.547312	5.369946	0.877883
C	0.956032	-1.151977	3.601800
C	1.215120	1.326962	4.242094
C	1.826600	0.088810	3.550203
С	0.545175	-3.401217	4.474052
С	1.314545	-2.230039	4.429123
C	5.649973	0.616805	0.610063
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0	-3.544717	-0.360050	-1.523114

С	-5.329964	-1.111727	-2.962426
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С	-4.849260	-1.032066	-1.504588
В	-3.811174	0.986279	-1.326814
0	-5.107265	1.257797	-0.921550
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Н	-0.806182	-2.665146	-0.352993
Н	-1.319625	-1.047595	-0.850518
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Н	-2.777112	2.012016	1.020885
н	-1.431723	2.746396	1.933615
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Н	1.252800	5.672543	1.654330
Н	1.948486	2.148523	4.247566
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н	0.323905	1.680537	3.705486
Н	2.049940	0.342519	2.506370
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Н	0.846120	-4.229209	5.119054
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н	6.696206	0.680350	0.281257

Н	5.350920	-0.440017	0.697827
Н	5.536545	1.107934	1.590125
Н	1.677566	-0.343277	-3.917309
Н	0.801221	0.172130	-2.462183
Н	0.143807	0.541904	-4.076365
Н	-4.567230	-1.633065	-3.558896
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н	-6.277958	-1.665420	-3.031638
н	-4.036033	-3.031813	-1.593783
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Н	-4.460377	-0.354150	1.132857
Н	-6.017516	-1.224032	1.194992
Н	-5.974183	0.547824	1.440450
С	3.156325	-2.952754	-4.404185
С	2.484888	-3.147098	-3.188438
С	4.213942	-2.032982	-4.486982

С	2.850898	-2.429961	-2.023705
С	4.607836	-1.330894	-3.331994
С	3.941095	-1.531582	-2.119568
С	2.092236	-2.637418	-0.767590
С	2.840312	-2.784773	0.495354
С	2.416436	-3.520770	1.547082
Cu	1.053291	-0.970658	-0.156041
Н	2.849980	-3.517935	-5.287535
Н	1.666242	-3.863629	-3.128996
Н	4.732130	-1.871538	-5.434754
Н	5.432042	-0.615654	-3.377437
Н	4.239424	-0.966342	-1.243515
Н	2.997707	-3.587535	2.466765
Н	1.458812	-4.046835	1.527050
Н	3.781253	-2.238003	0.574601
Н	1.348605	-3.432476	-0.881398
Н	-0.885773	-3.238635	-2.625468

SCF Done: E(RB97D) = -4277.97456106 A.U. after 7 cycles

## **Reductive Elimination Transition State for Theoretical System Lacking B(pin)**

(Path B)

С	artesian	coordin	ates (Angstroms):		
С	-0.720	3.294	-0.976		
С	-0.642	1.895	-0.668		
С	-1.714	3.920	-1.676		
0	-4.879	-0.689	-0.660		
Ρ	-3.274	-1.083	-0.791		
0	-3.323	-2.742	-0.874		
0	-2.772	-0.456	-2.068		
С	-3.844	-3.311	-2.094		
0	-2.576	-0.823	0.550		
0	2.509	0.376	-3.067		
С	1.071	0.316	-3.004		
С	0.575	-0.821	-2.077		
С	2.620	-1.705	-0.789		
N	1.346	-0.922	-0.810		

C	4.531	-0.559	3.663
С	2.844	-1.964	0.709
С	3.089	-0.051	3.440
С	1.350	-2.538	-3.840
С	0.787	-0.798	0.424
С	0.525	-2.193	-2.752
N	1.613	-1.405	1.311
С	1.290	-3.826	-4.395
С	2.040	-1.114	3.706
С	-0.345	-3.161	-2.220
С	1.298	-1.720	2.670
С	1.752	-1.474	5.035
С	0.411	-4.784	-3.866
С	-0.407	-4.447	-2.774
С	0.276	-2.667	2.935
С	0.242	-4.347	0.993
С	-0.544	-3.319	1.836
С	0.747	-2.404	5.325
С	0.016	-2.988	4.279
С	-5.596	-1.192	0.486

C	-2.929	3.280	-2.281
0	2.551	2.207	-1.446
C	3.830	4.221	-1.813
С	3.206	3.481	0.516
С	3.632	3.017	-0.878
в	3.162	1.233	-2.220
0	4.538	1.164	-2.065
С	4.847	2.009	-0.903
С	6.216	2.656	-1.110
С	4.860	1.084	0.323
Н	0.389	1.560	-0.578
Н	-1.318	1.253	-1.237
Н	-1.605	4.996	-1.849
Н	-3.837	-4.401	-1.958
Н	-3.208	-3.038	-2.950
Н	-4.877	-2.968	-2.276
Н	0.665	1.277	-2.669
Н	0.706	0.120	-4.022
Н	-0.454	-0.571	-1.794
Н	3.437	-1.131	-1.240

Н	2.493	-2.635	-1.358
н	5.259	0.241	3.454
Н	4.758	-1.415	3.009
н	4.665	-0.888	4.706
н	3.723	-1.433	1.097
Н	2.937	-3.029	0.963
н	2.907	0.797	4.121
н	2.979	0.335	2.417
н	2.048	-1.805	-4.244
н	1.935	-4.081	-5.239
н	-0.984	-2.902	-1.377
н	2.310	-0.997	5.844
Н	0.364	-5.785	-4.299
н	-1.096	-5.183	-2.355
н	-0.443	-4.882	0.319
Н	0.745	-5.085	1.639
Н	1.000	-3.859	0.366
н	-0.967	-2.550	1.175
н	-1.399	-3.828	2.308
н	0.525	-2.667	6.361

Η	-0.776	-3.706	4.502
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- Н -6.639 -0.865 0.370
- Н -5.181 -0.782 1.421
- Н -5.554 -2.293 0.523
- H -3.843 3.699 -1.821
- Н -2.952 2.190 -2.145
- H -2.986 3.504 -3.362
- Н 2.877 4.762 -1.903
- Н 4.143 3.885 -2.812
- H 4.592 4.906 -1.414
- H 2.353 4.171 0.428
- H 4.034 4.013 1.009
- H 2.904 2.632 1.144
- Н 6.257 3.203 -2.062
- H 6.996 1.880 -1.114
- Н 6.427 3.358 -0.288
- Н 3.860 0.655 0.474
- Н 5.148 1.631 1.232
- H 5.577 0.268 0.155
- C -4.088 4.948 0.630

С	-2.896	4.304	1.001
С	-5.252	4.200	0.408
С	-2.857	2.901	1.192
С	-5.221	2.799	0.570
С	-4.044	2.161	0.959
С	-1.621	2.251	1.612
С	-1.686	1.142	2.544
С	-0.555	0.584	3.117
Cu	-0.802	0.198	0.975
Н	-4.098	6.032	0.500
Н	-1.994	4.888	1.183
Н	-6.177	4.698	0.106
Н	-6.115	2.204	0.374
Н	-4.009	1.077	1.034
Н	-0.652	-0.237	3.824
Н	0.406	1.103	3.095
Н	-2.661	0.693	2.743
Н	-0.754	2.904	1.723
Н	0.100	3.919	-0.607

SCF Done: E(RB97D) = -4277.96435038 A.U. after 1 cycles

1		2		3	
	А		А		А
Frequencies	140.3934		12.595	52	19.7957
Red. masses	8.2110		5.0319		4.7549

Zero-point correction=	0.935066 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy=	0.993123
Thermal correction to Enthalpy=	0.994067
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Ener	rgy= 0.842585
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energy	gies= -4277.029285
Sum of electronic and thermal Energie	es= -4276.971227
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalp	bies= -4276.970283
Sum of electronic and thermal Free En	ergies= -4277.121765

Iter	m	Value	Threshold	Converged?
Maximu	am Force	0.000011	0.000450	YES
RMS	Force	0.000001	0.000300	YES

## Cu(III) Intermediate for Theoretical System Lacking B(pin) (Path C)

C -2.105360 0.339428 -1.184259

C	-1.268204	0.382845	0.109808
0	2.476244	-4.443817	-0.941671
Ρ	2.343771	-2.811789	-0.771276
0	3.845003	-2.411844	-0.183409
0	2.060935	-2.216774	-2.124500
С	4.976633	-2.751861	-1.015018
0	1.413123	-2.500105	0.421461
0	1.147326	3.268538	-2.166939
С	0.986906	1.856582	-2.407124
С	2.077637	1.040757	-1.700162
С	2.761833	2.356250	0.424947
N	2.025530	1.246857	-0.242005
С	-0.638807	3.302080	3.978267
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SCF Done: E(RB97D) = -4611.04748073 A.U. after 7 cycles

## **Reductive Elimination Transition State for Theoretical System Lacking an Olefin**

(Path C)

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Cartesian coordinates (Angstroms):

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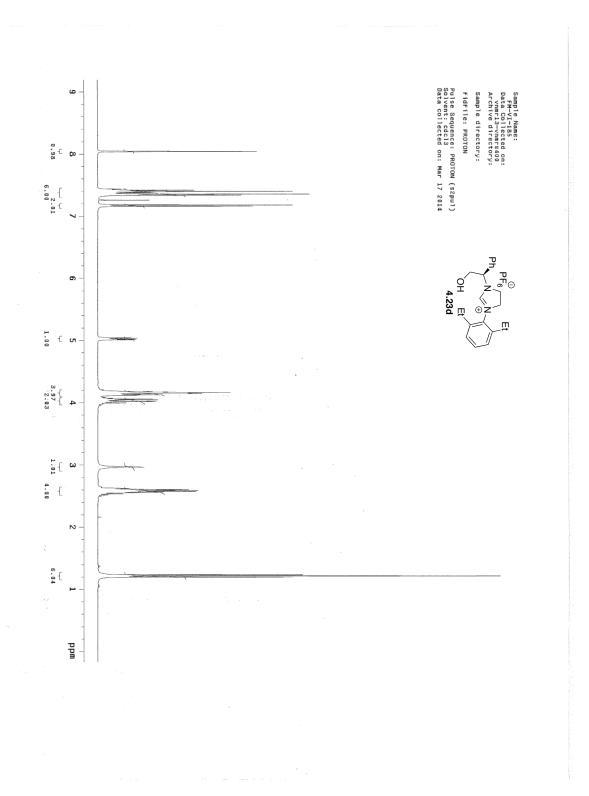
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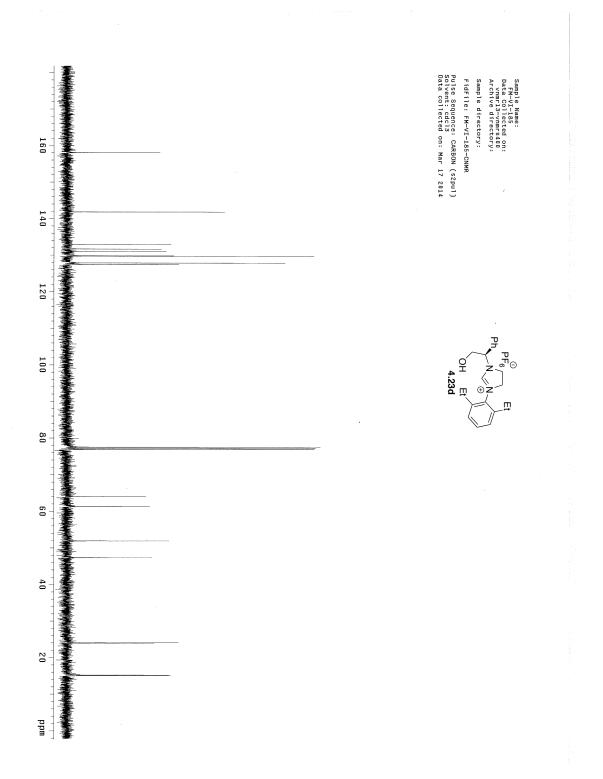
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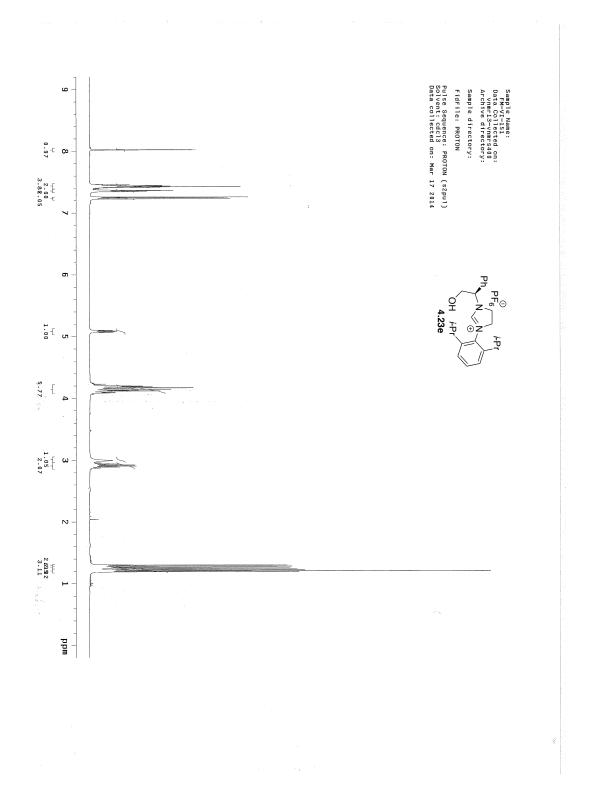
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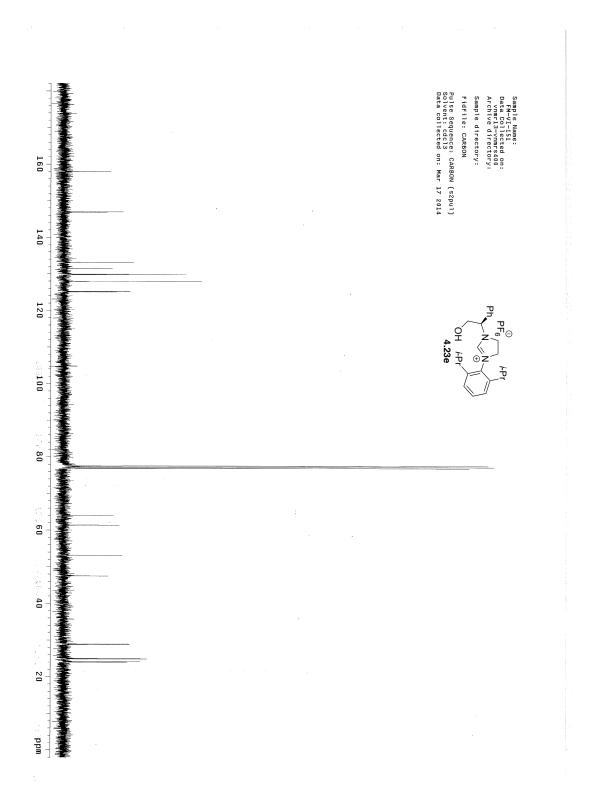
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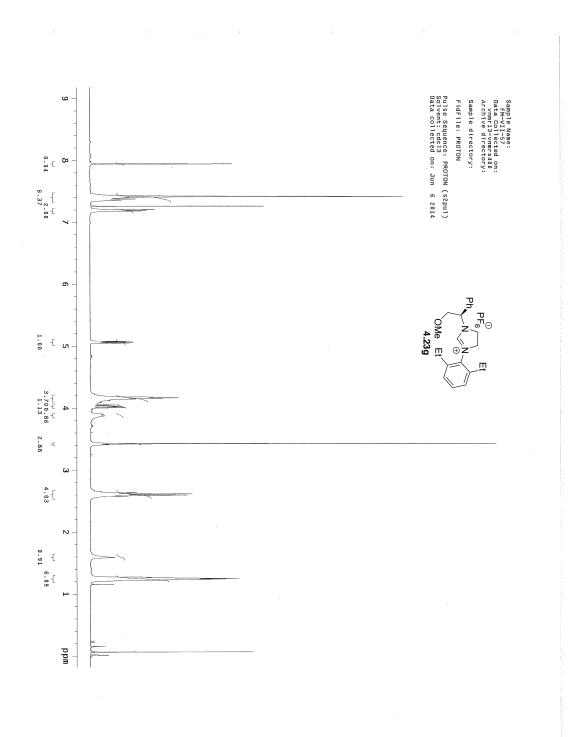
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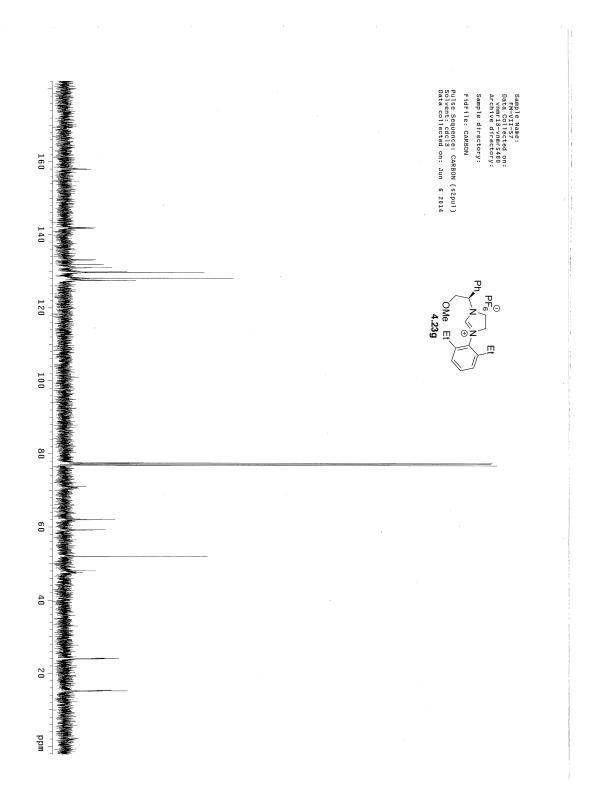


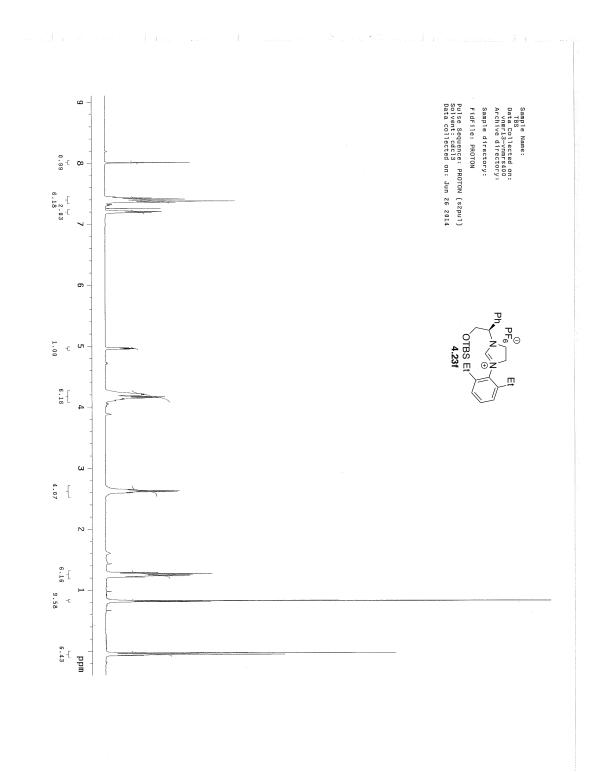


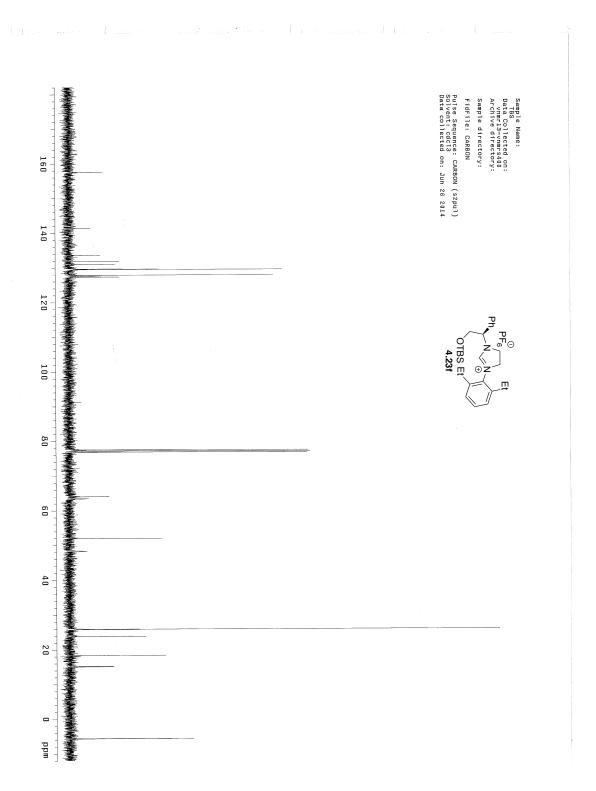


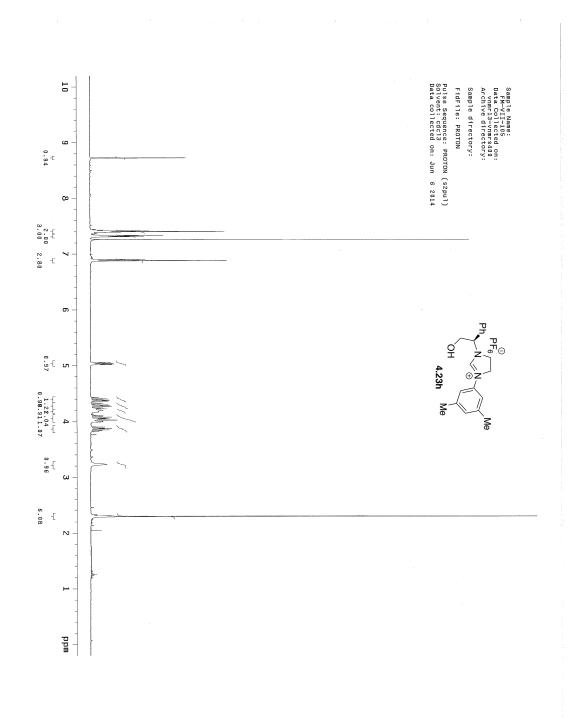


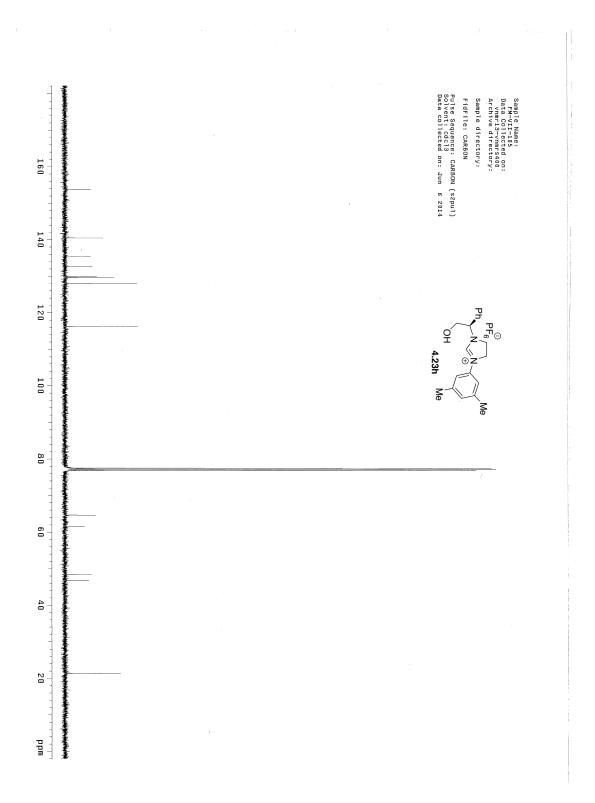


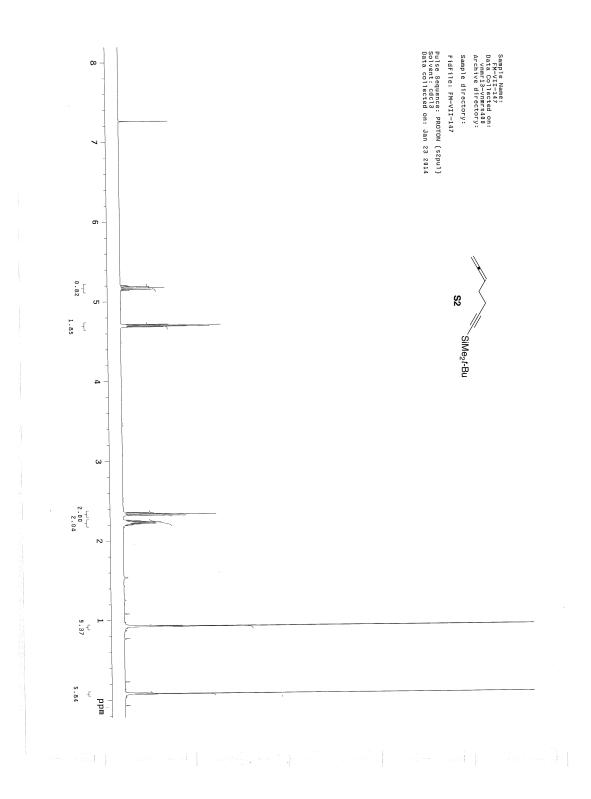


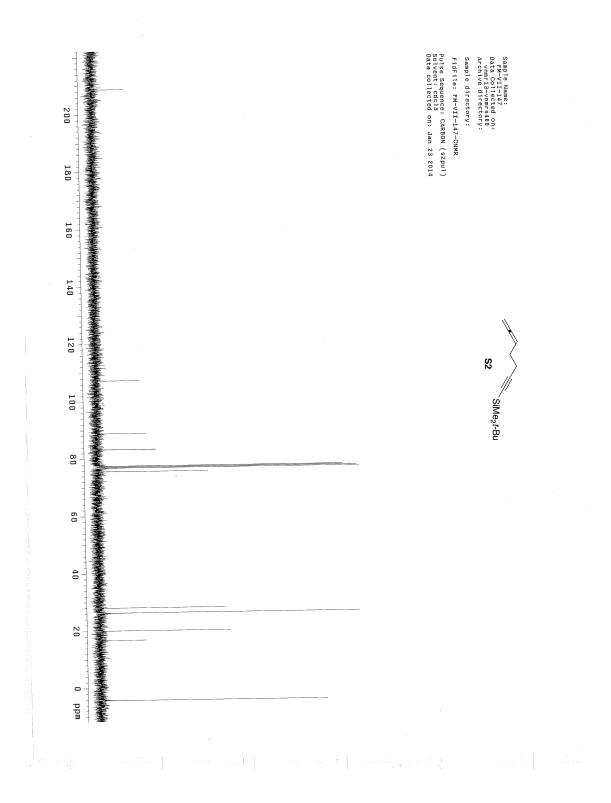


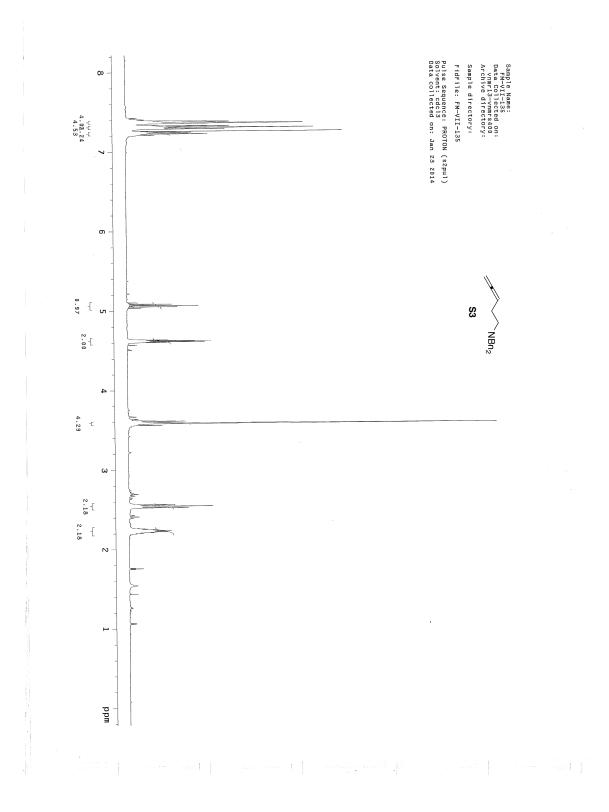


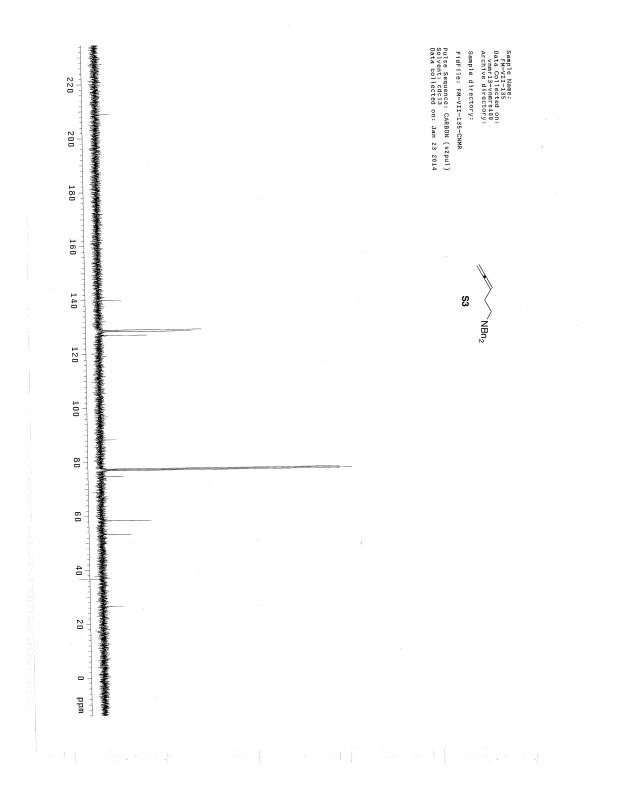


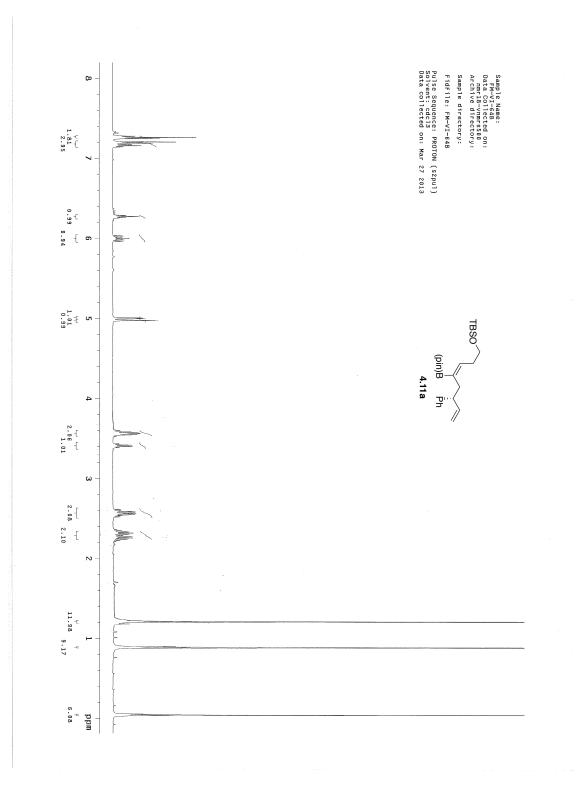


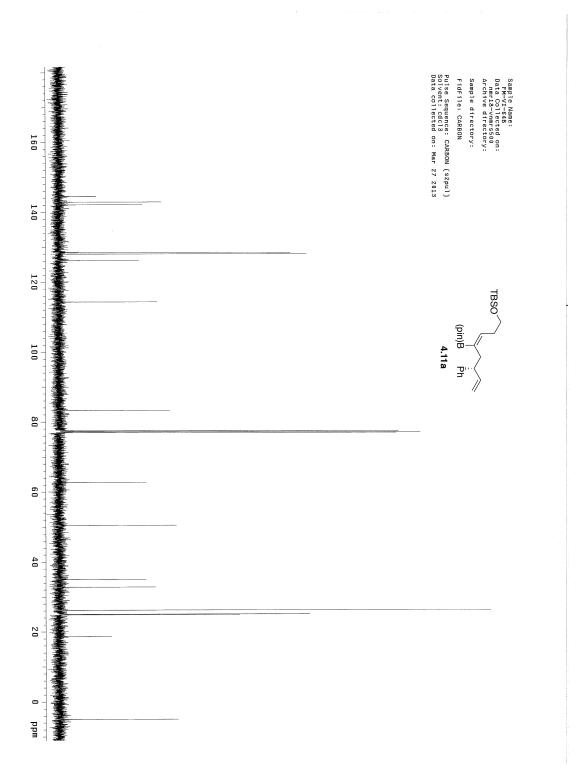


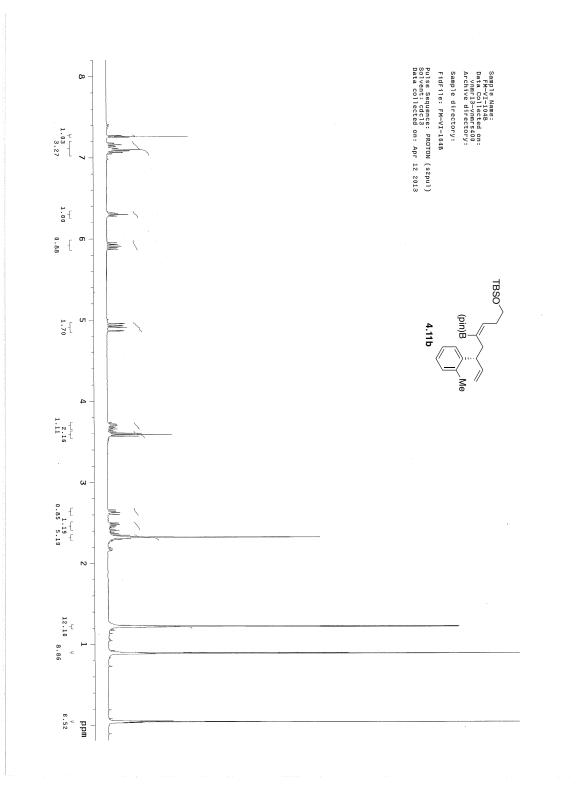


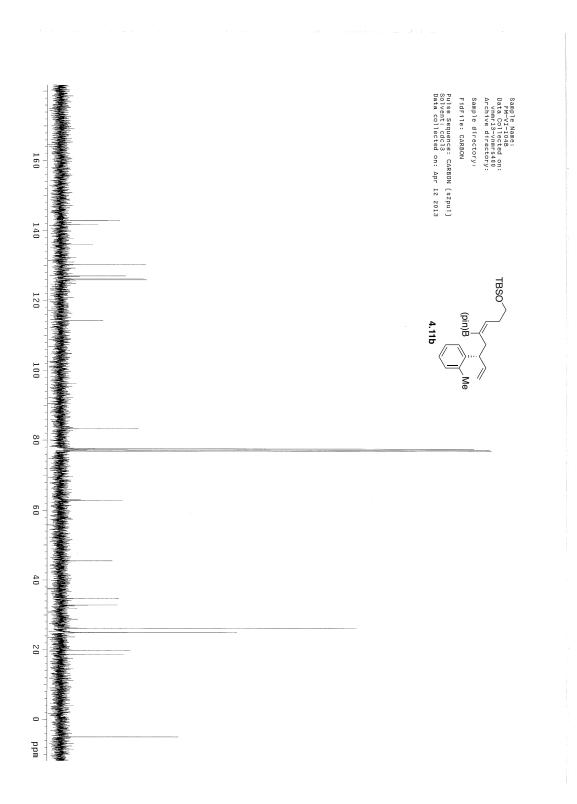


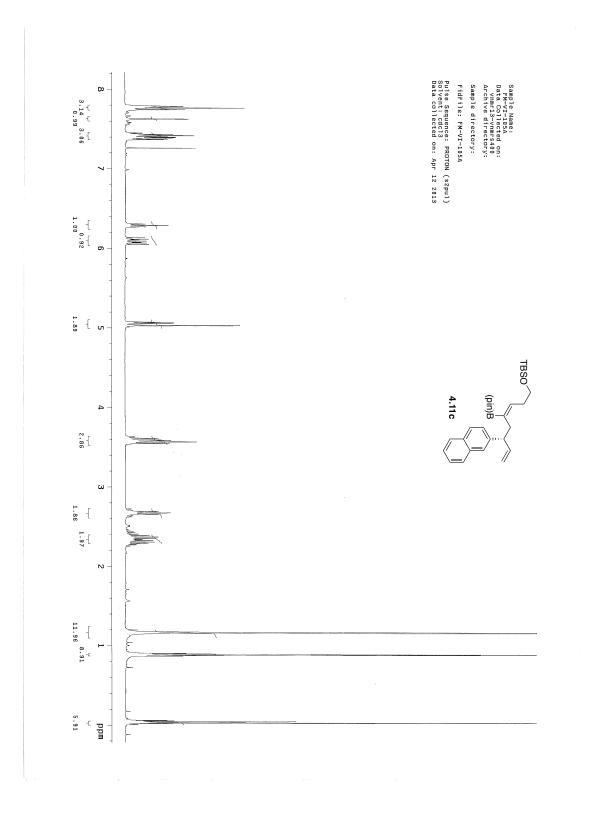


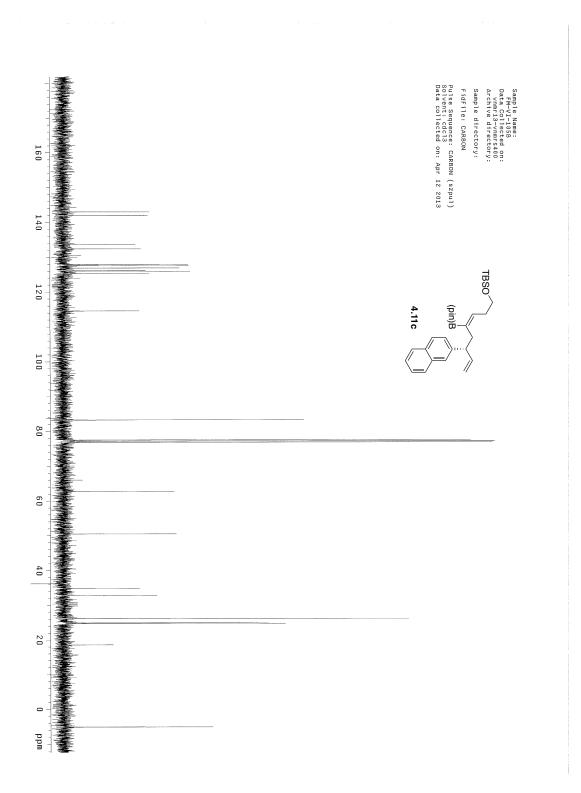


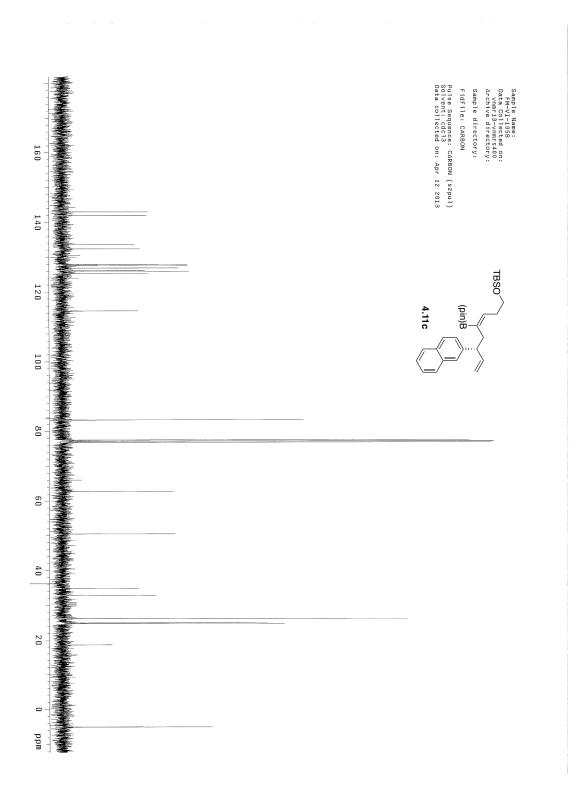


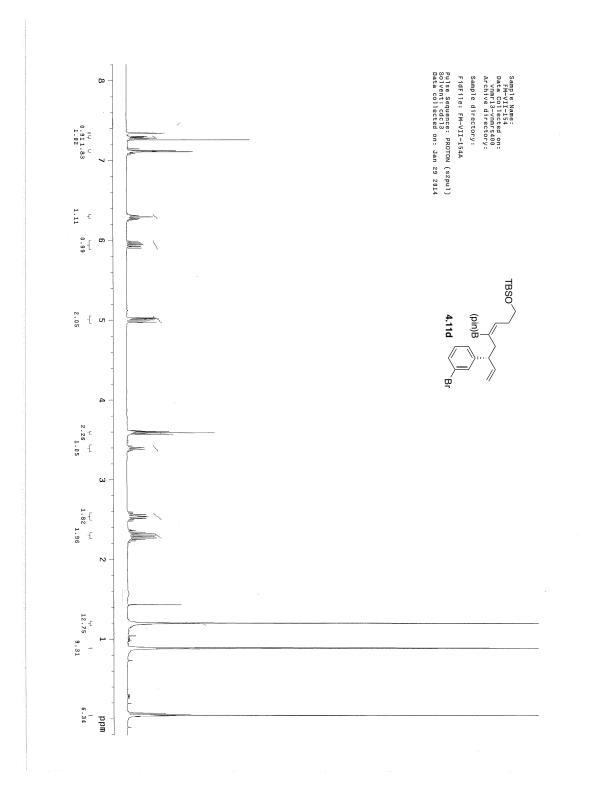


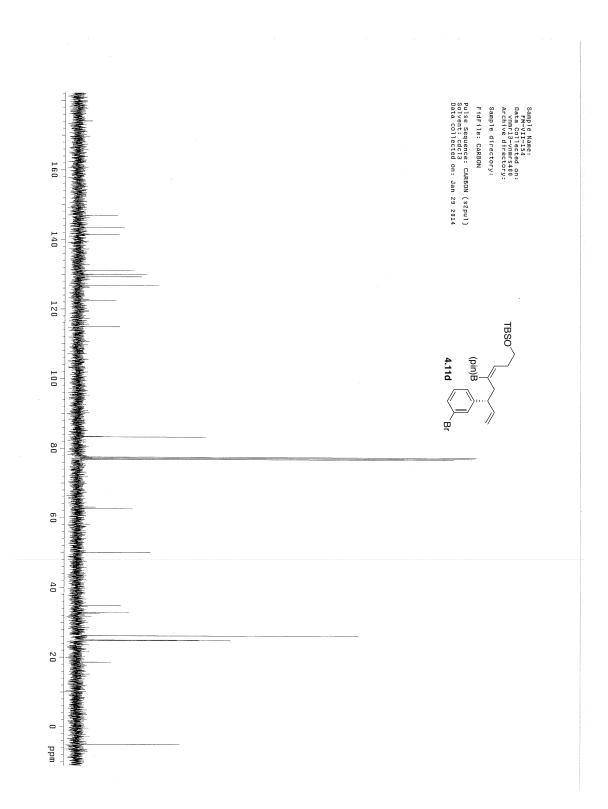


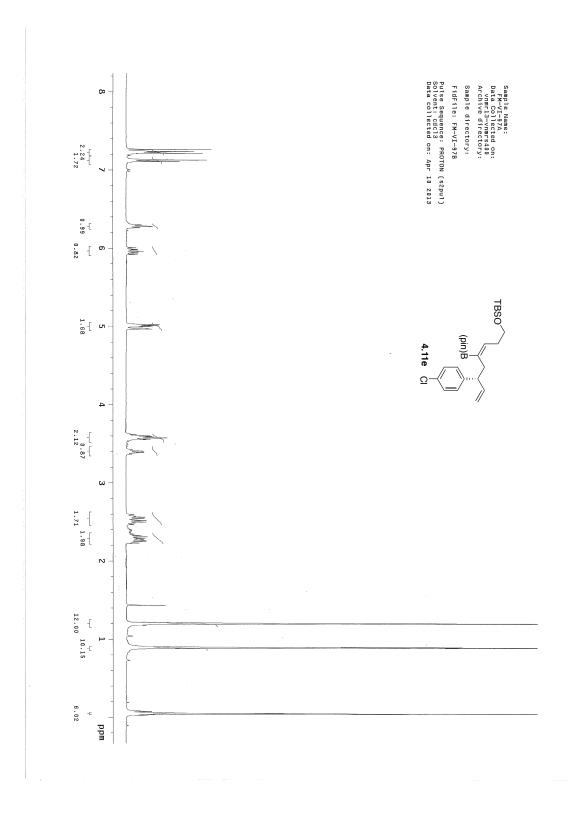


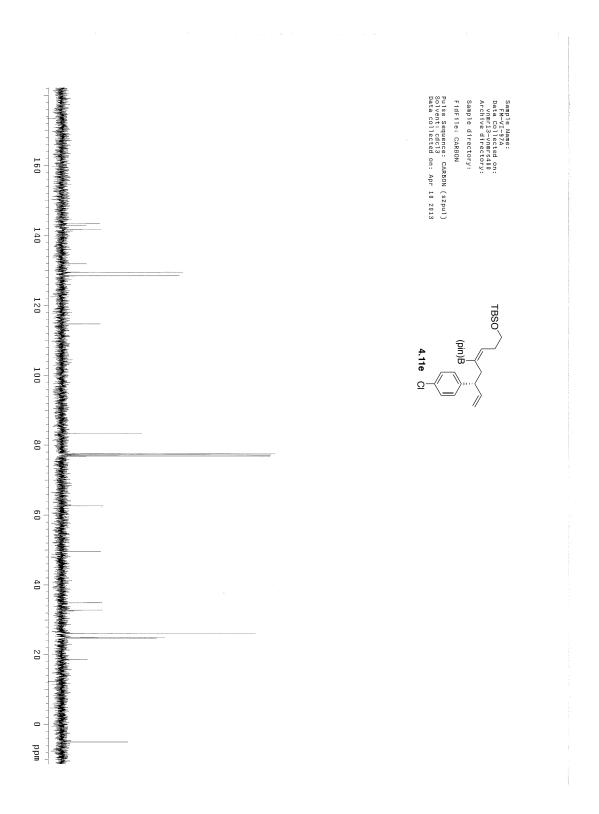


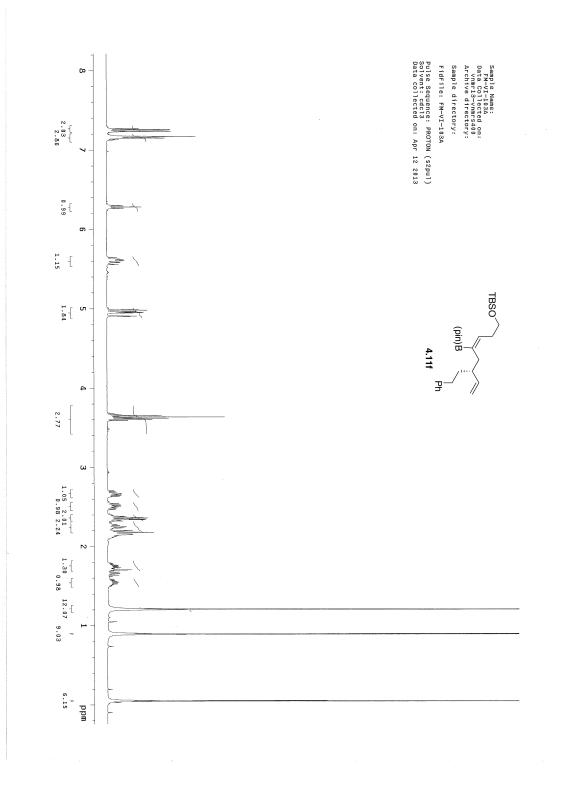


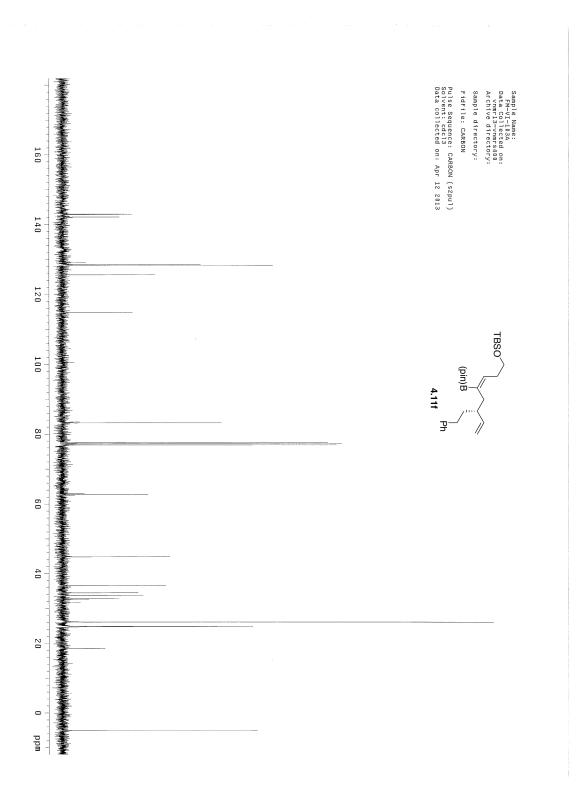


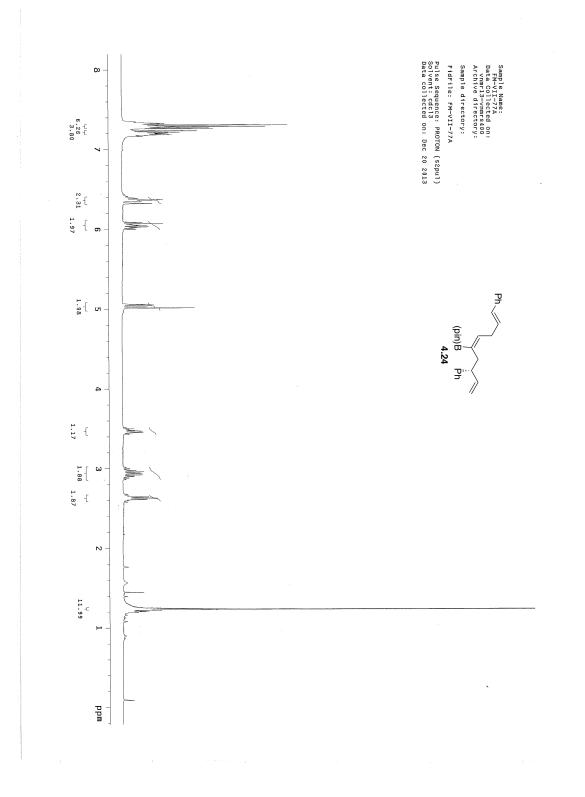


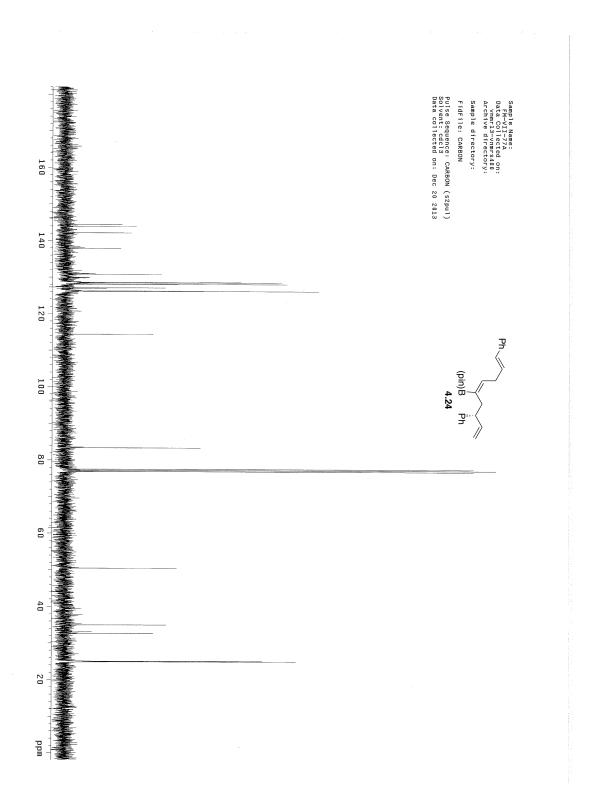


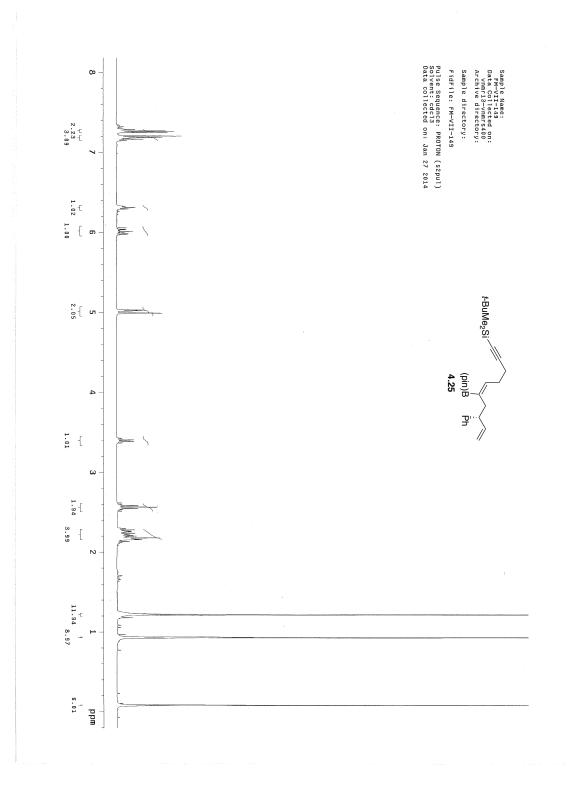


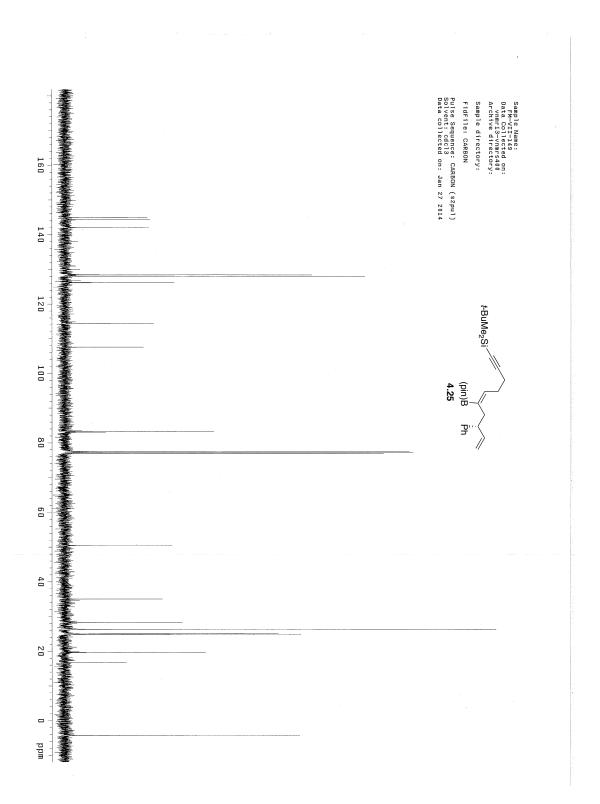


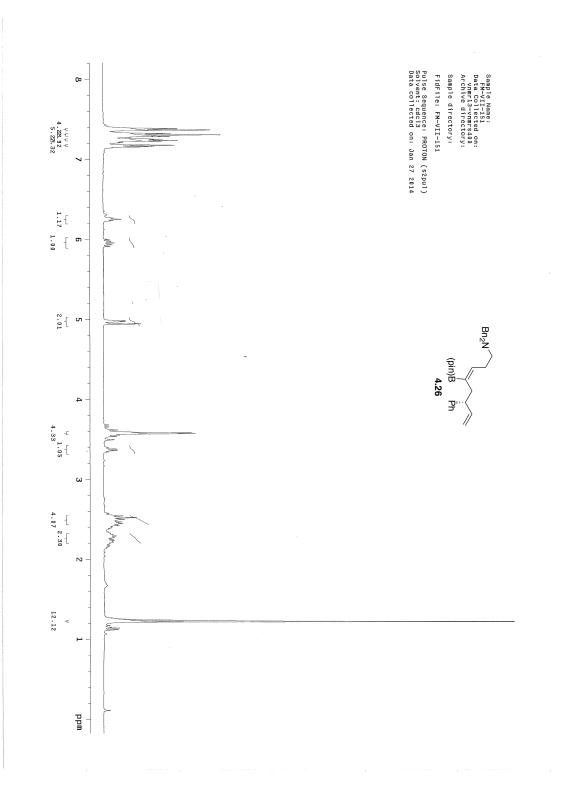


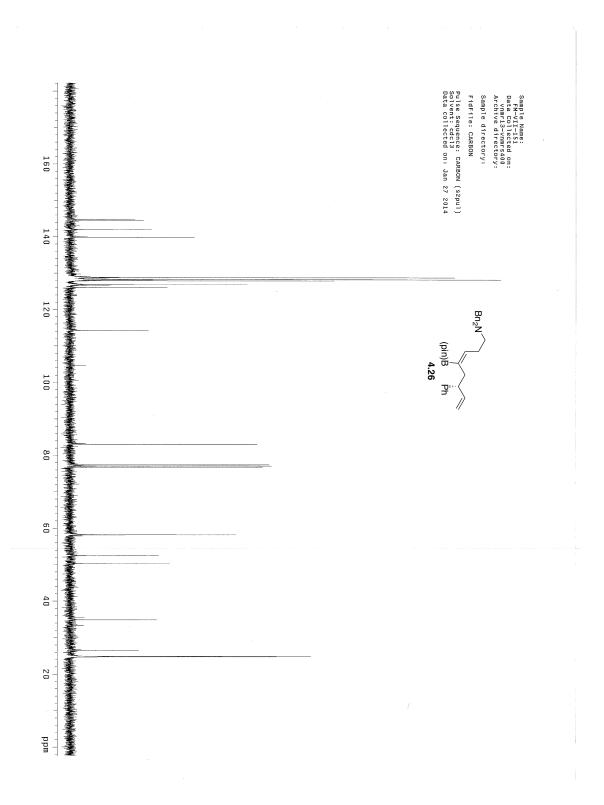


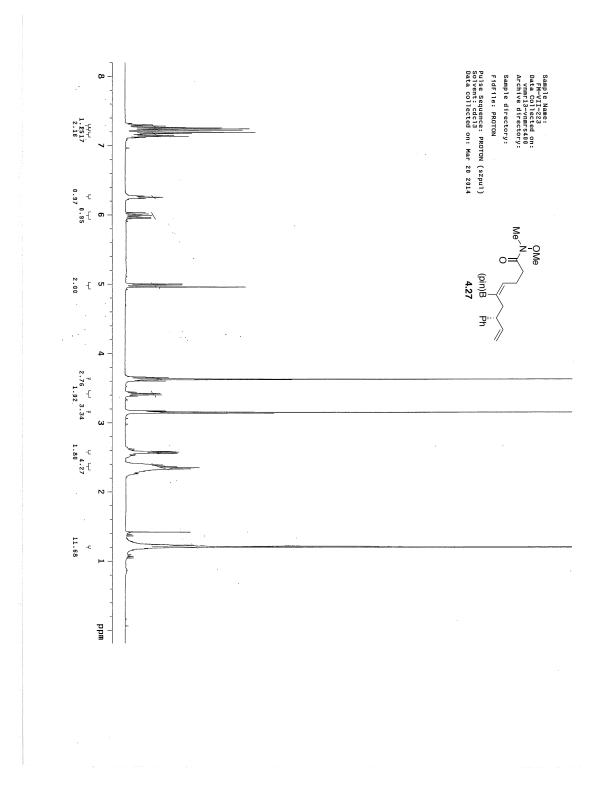


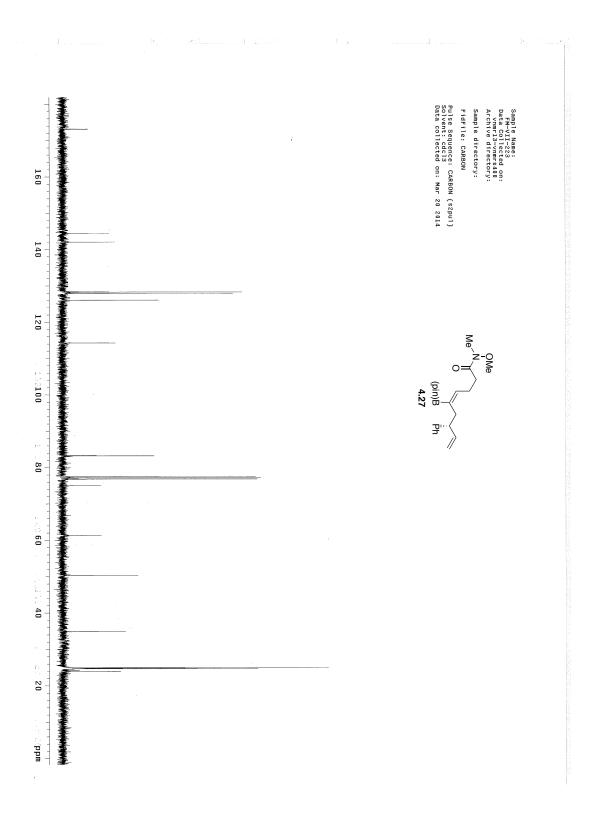


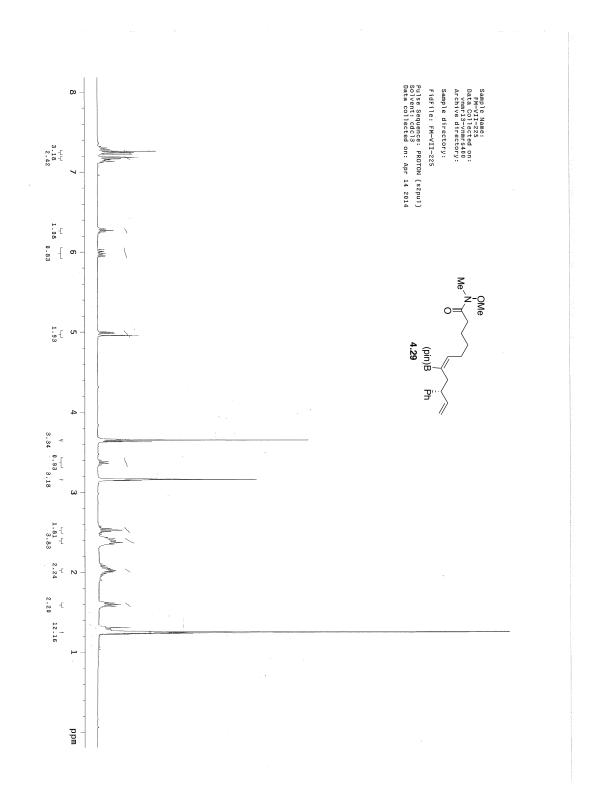


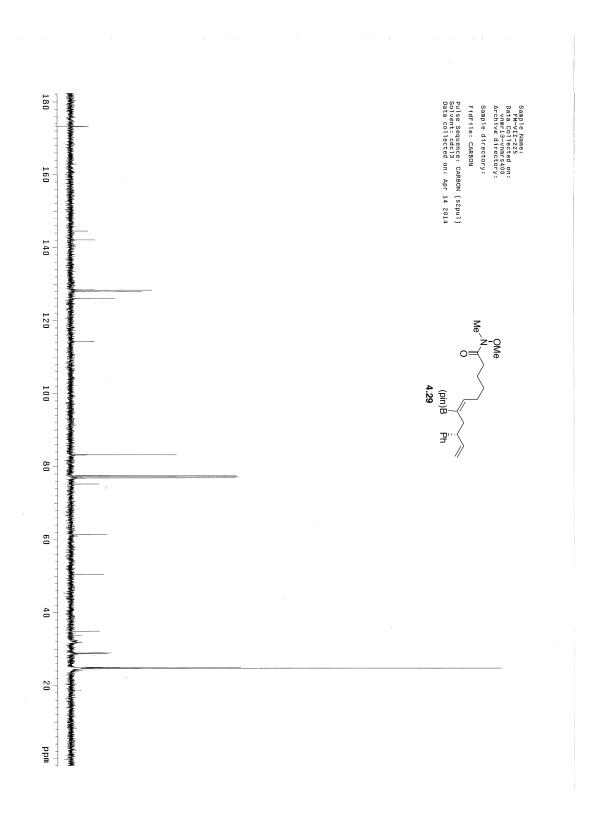


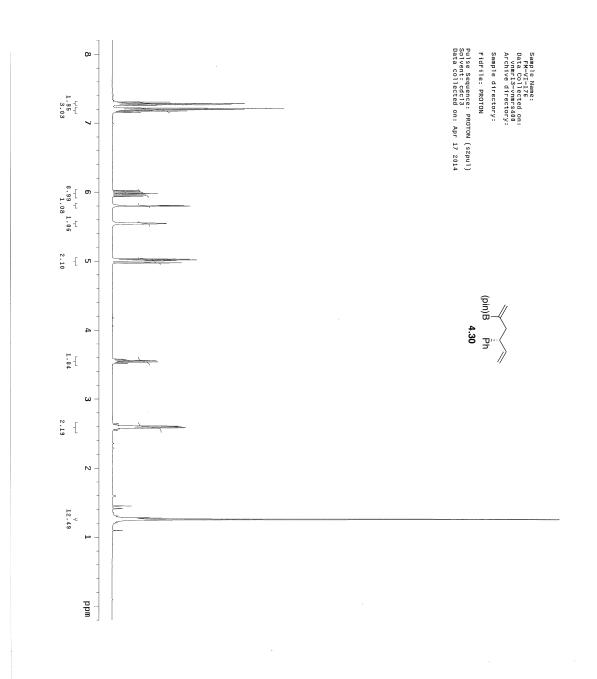


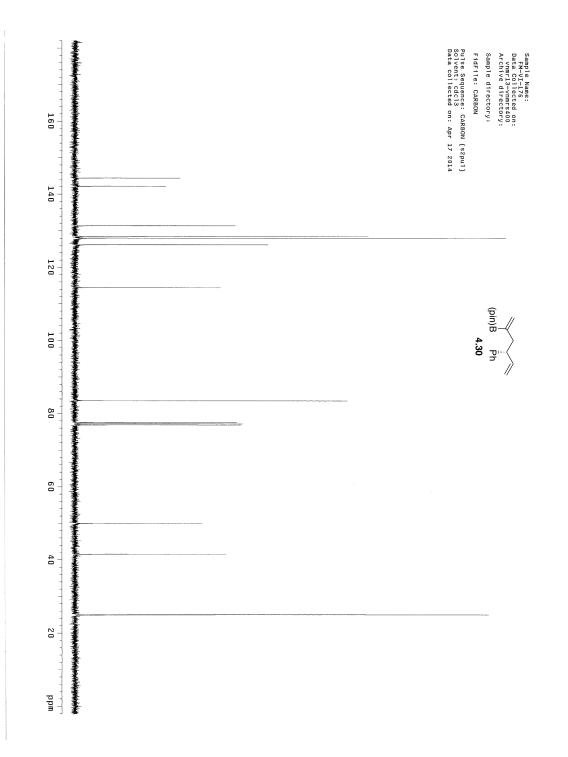


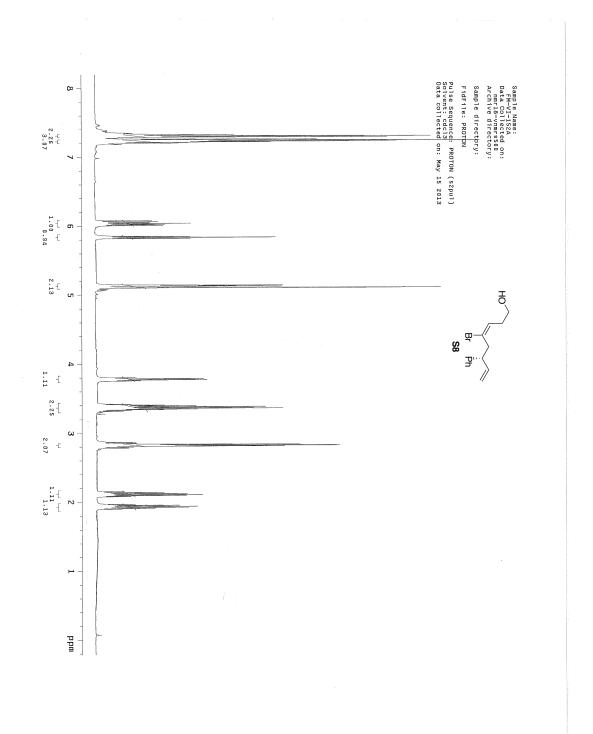


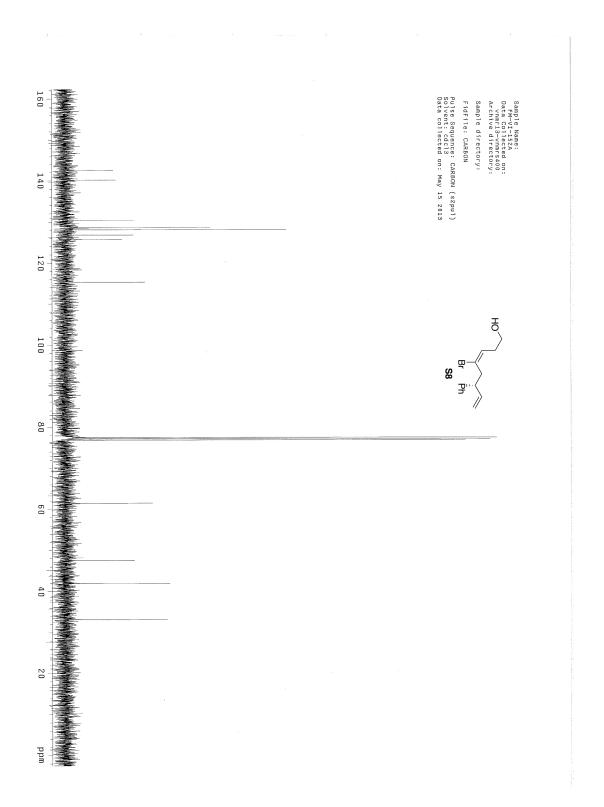


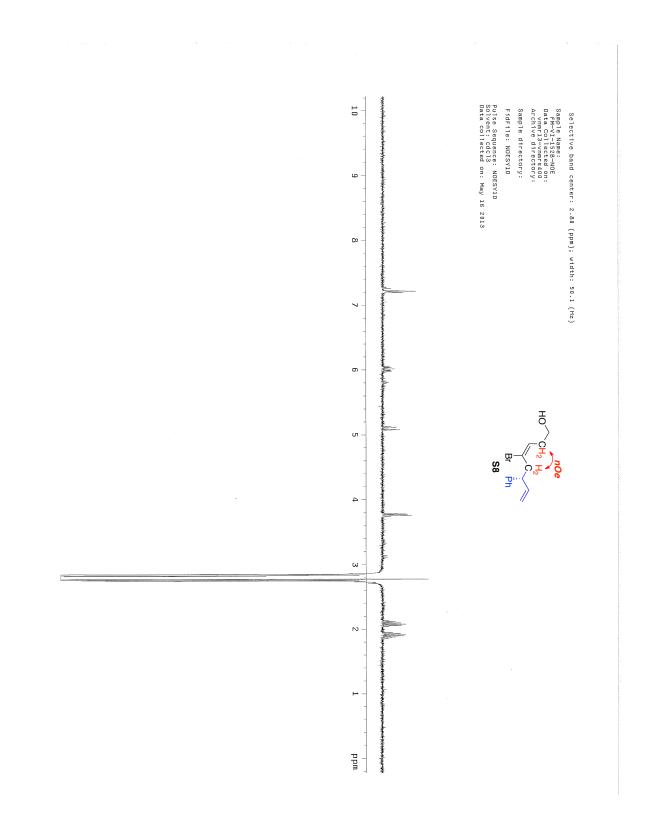


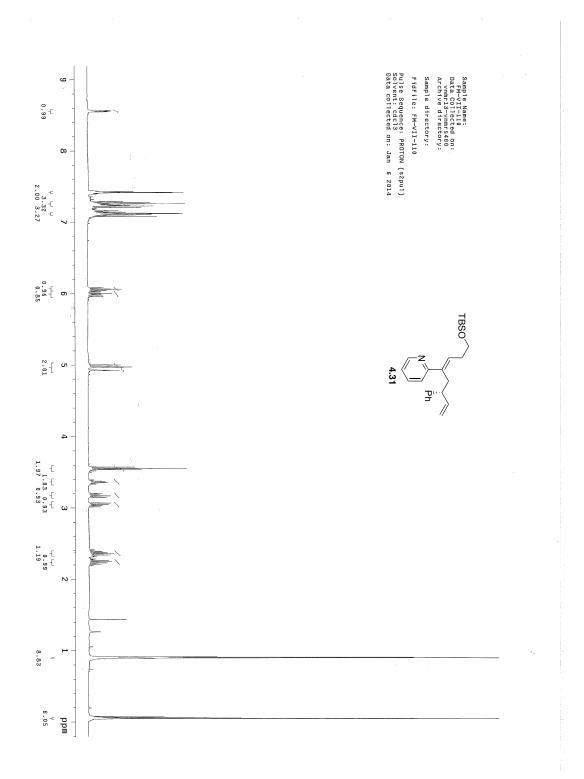


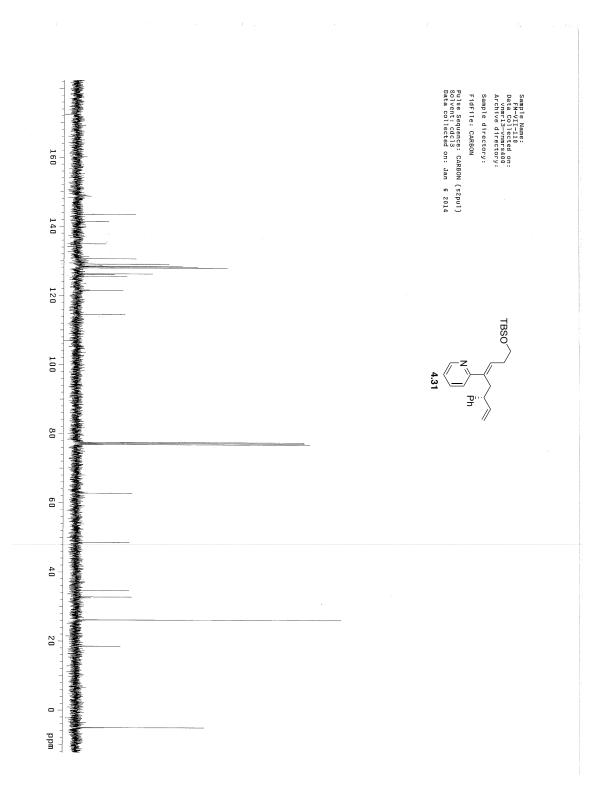


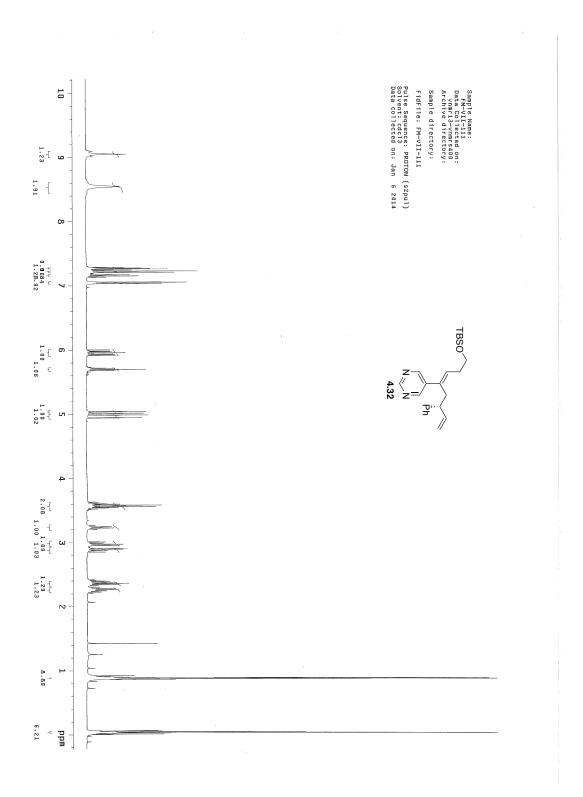


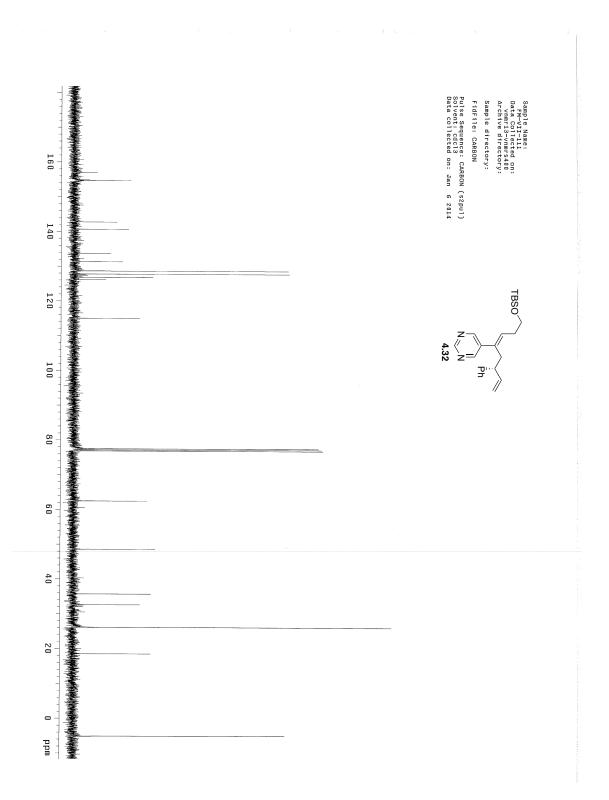


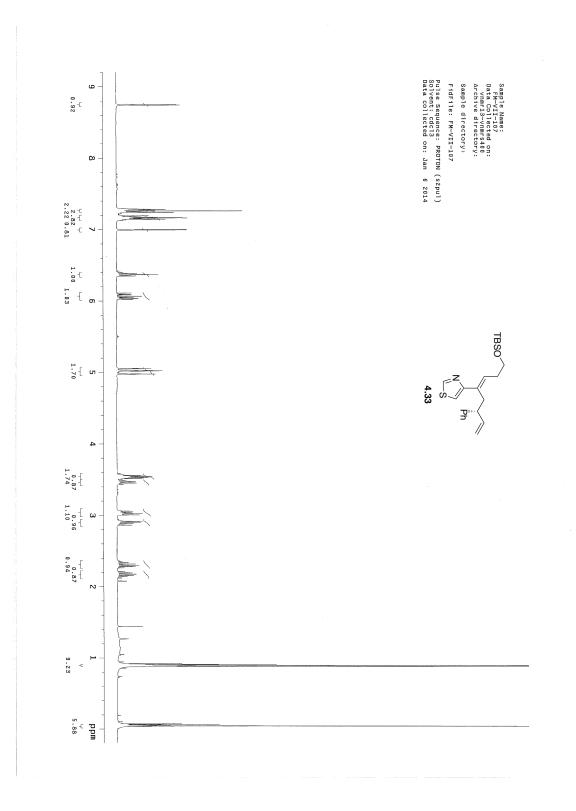


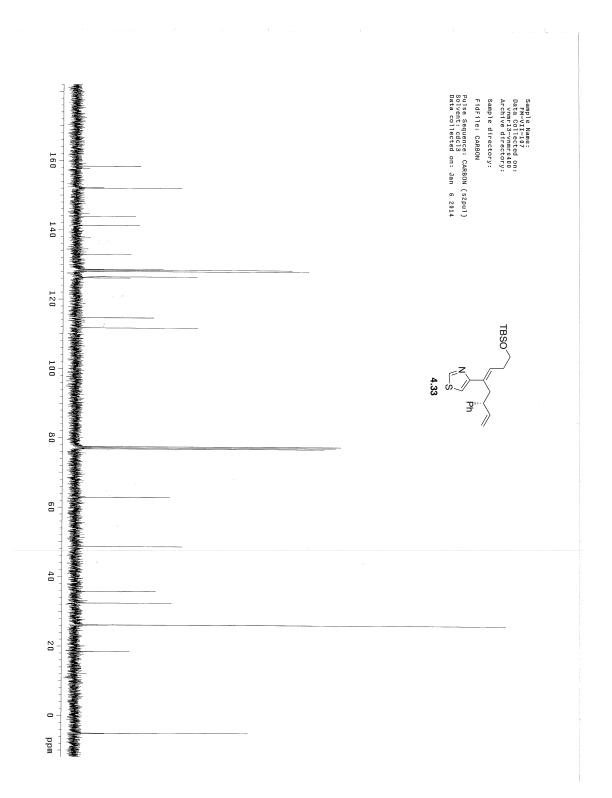


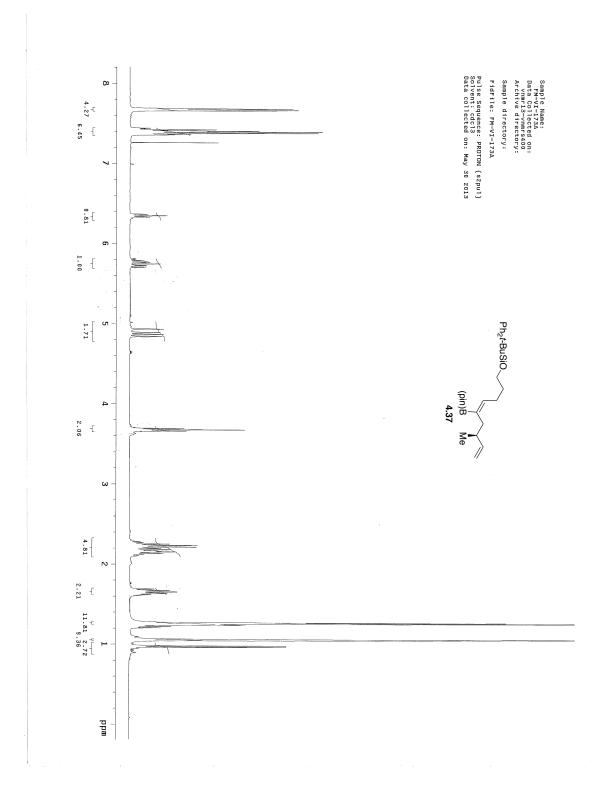


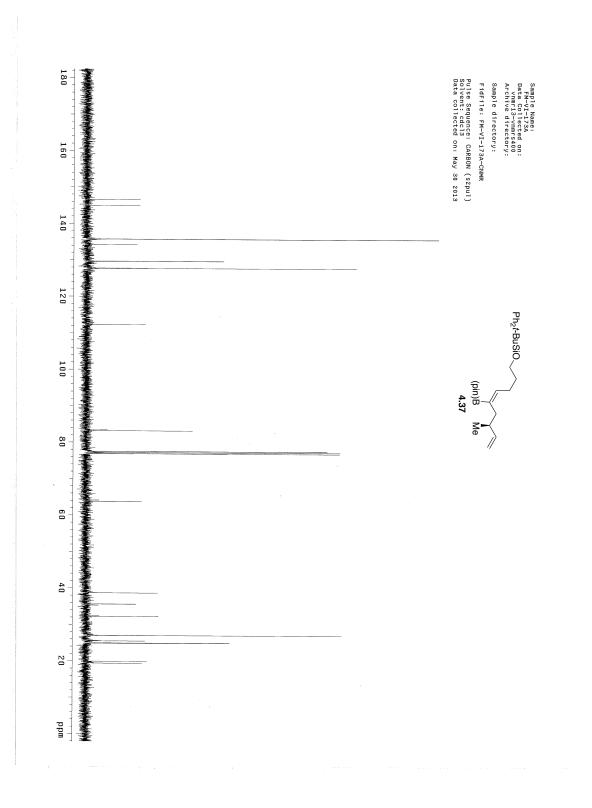


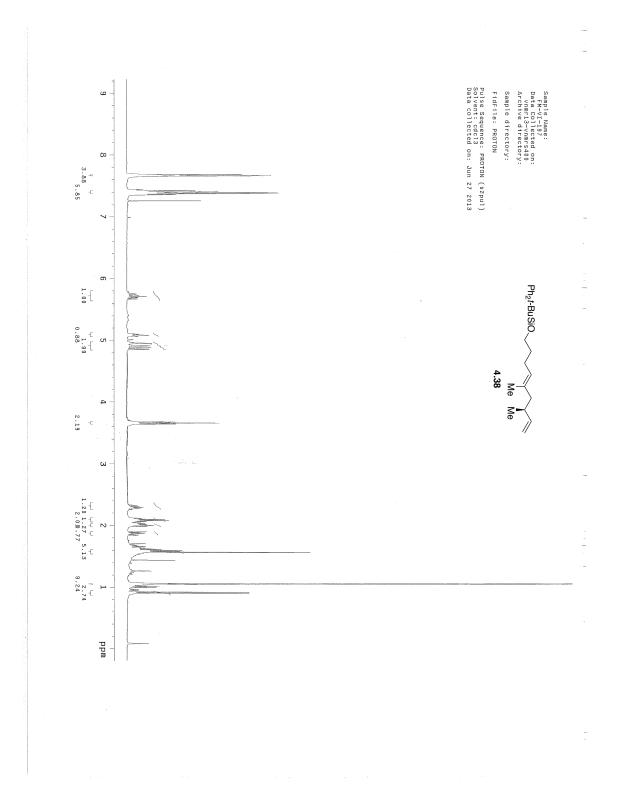


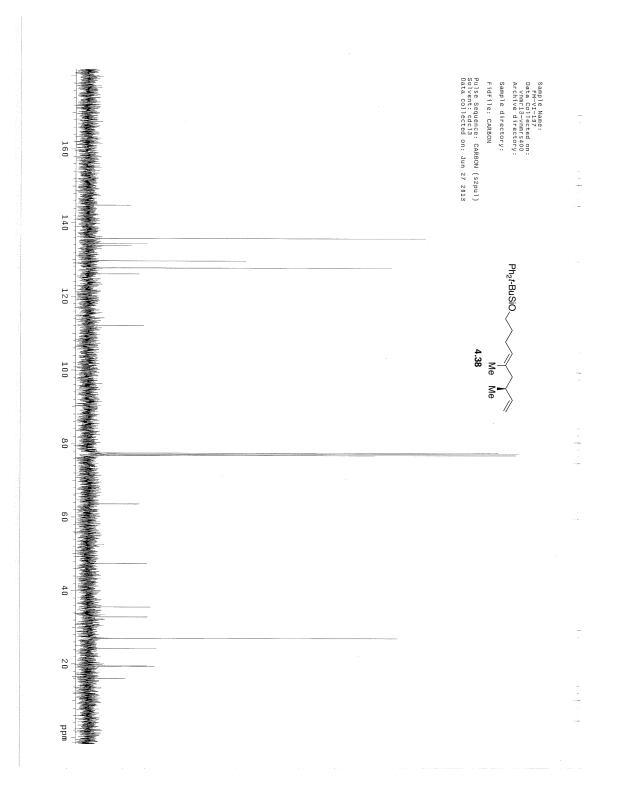


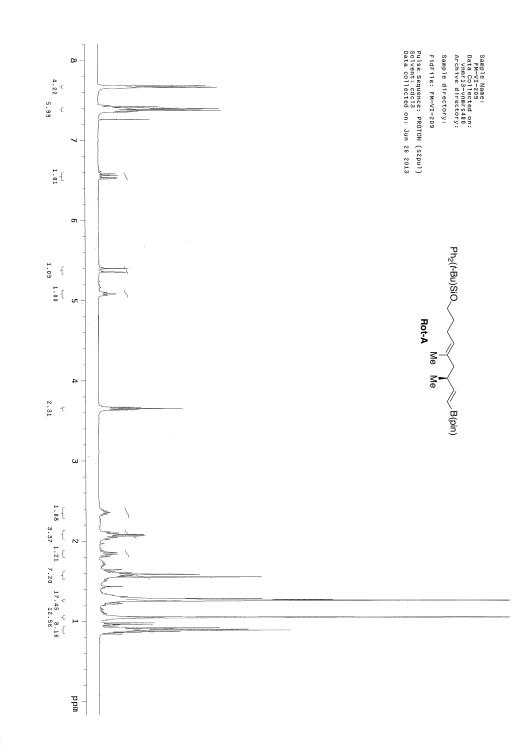


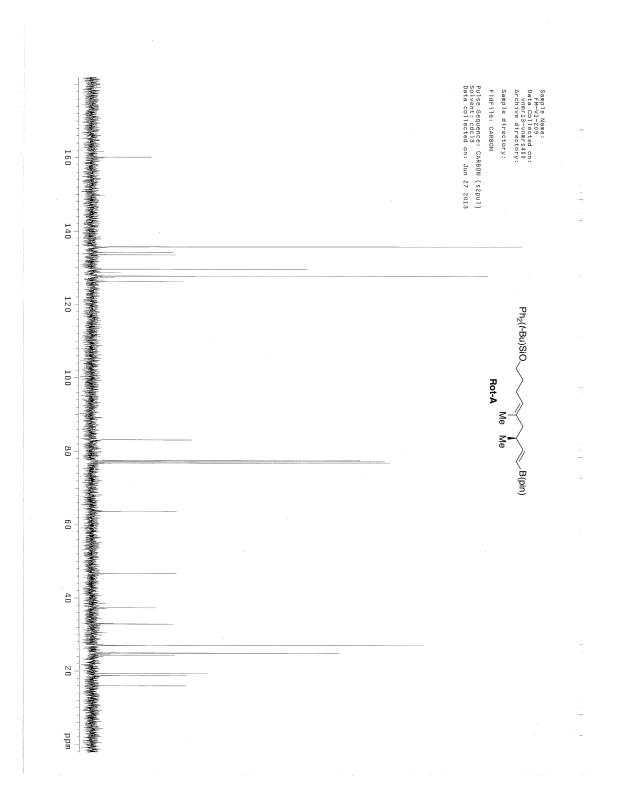


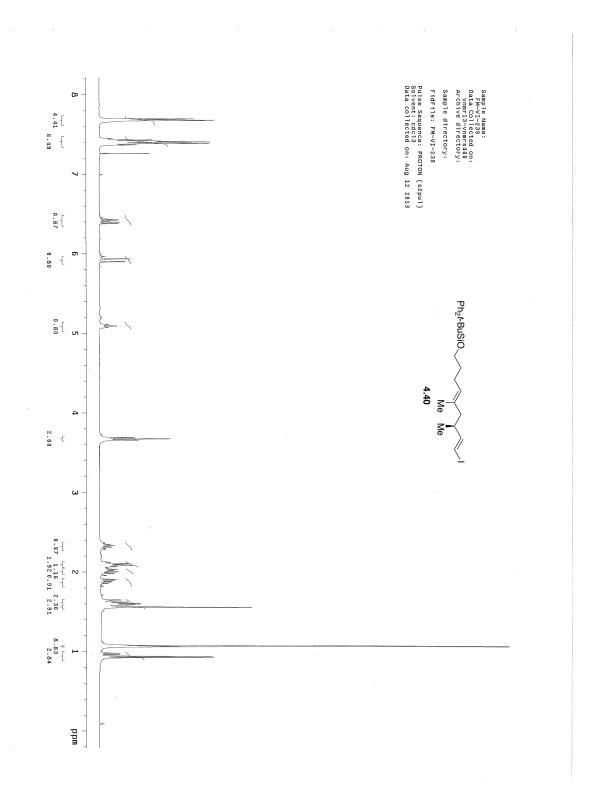


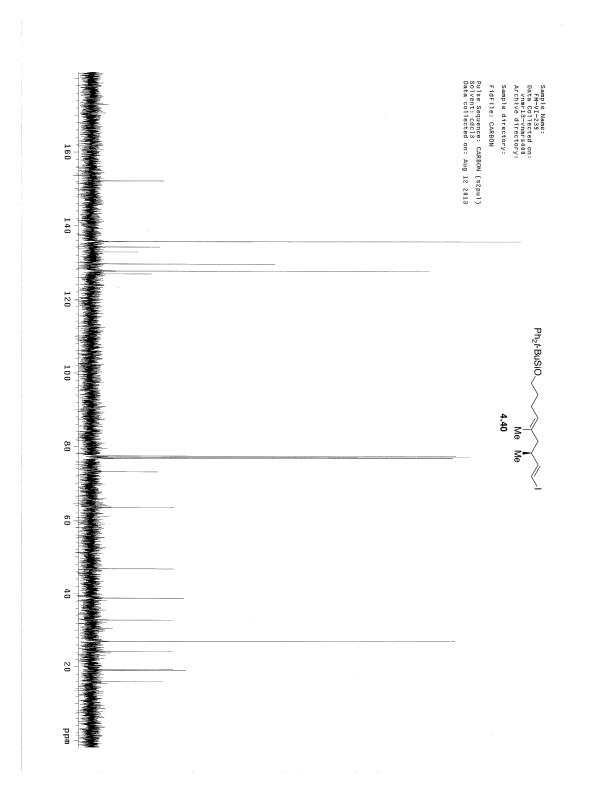


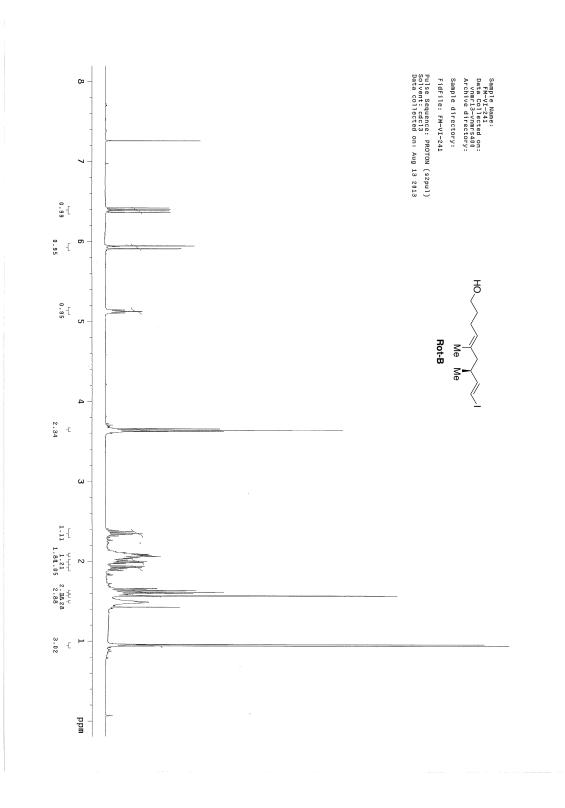


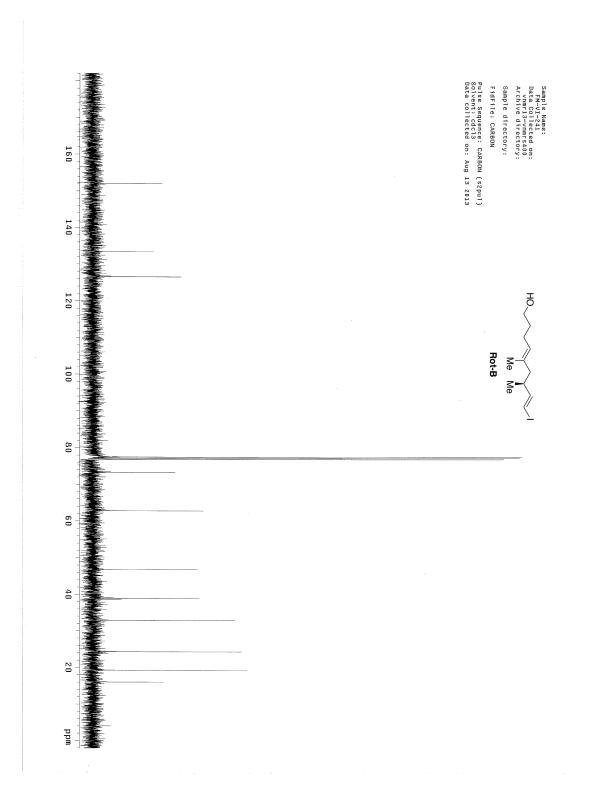


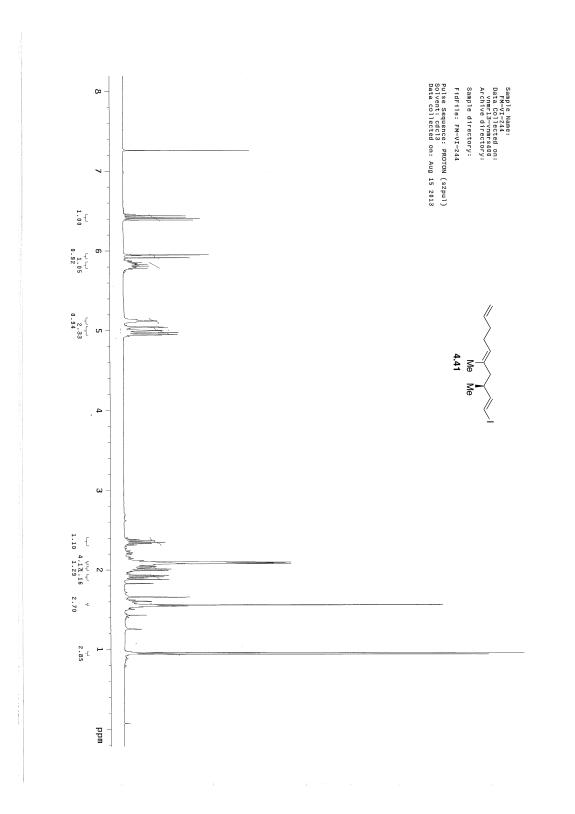


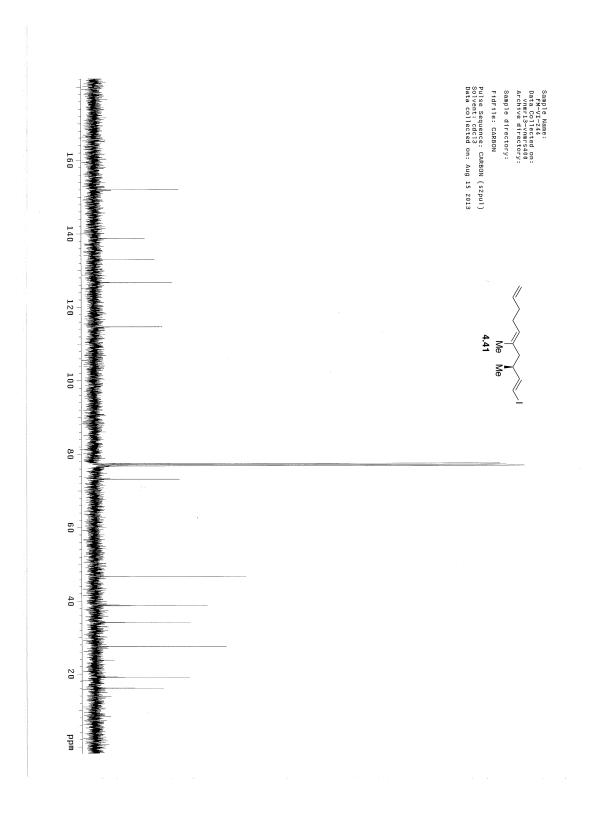


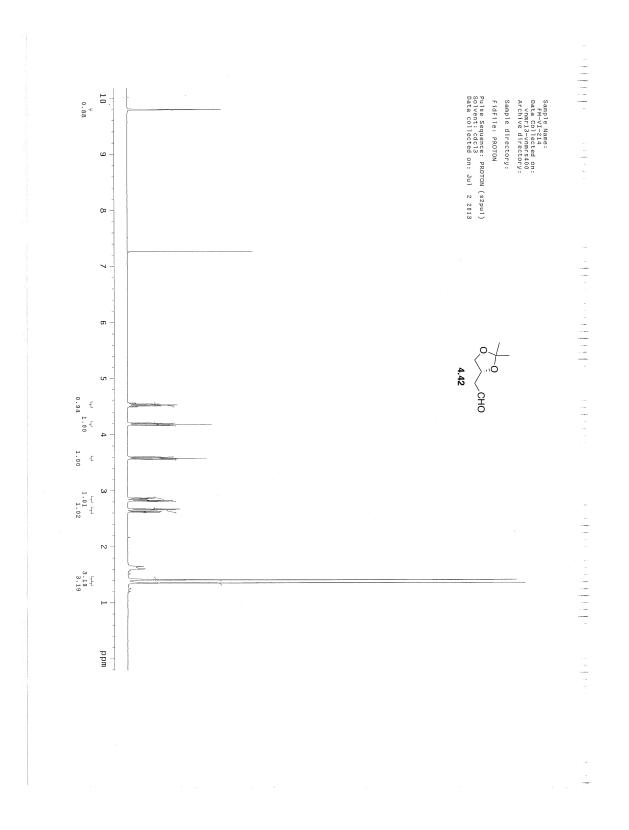


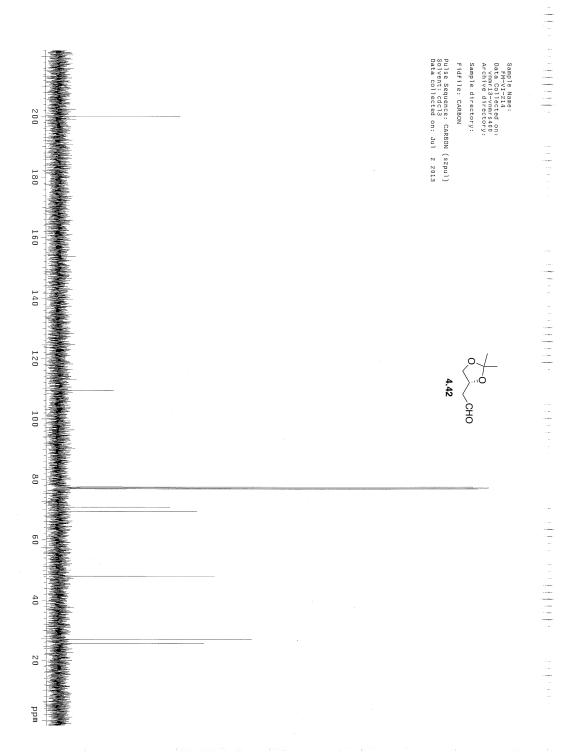


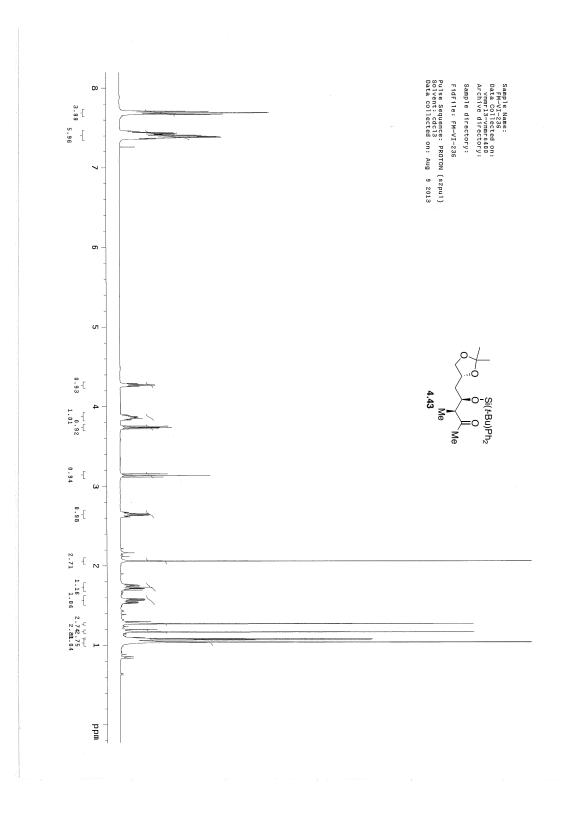


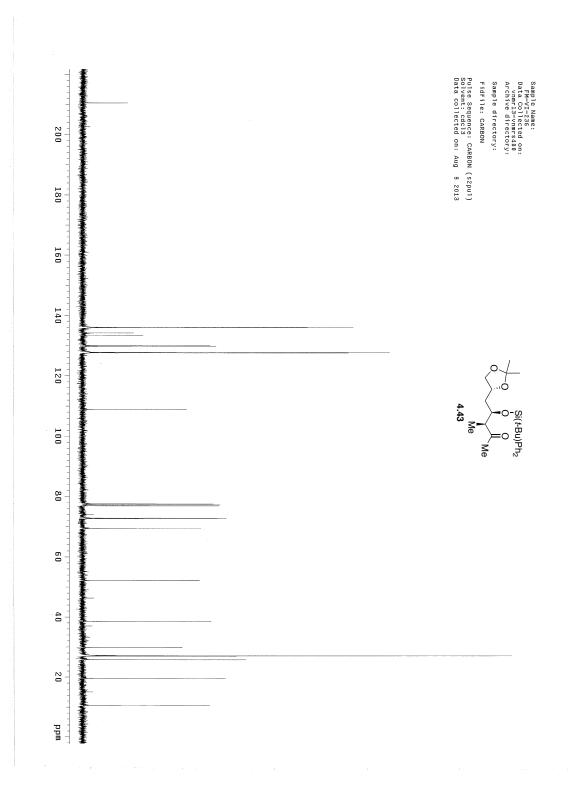


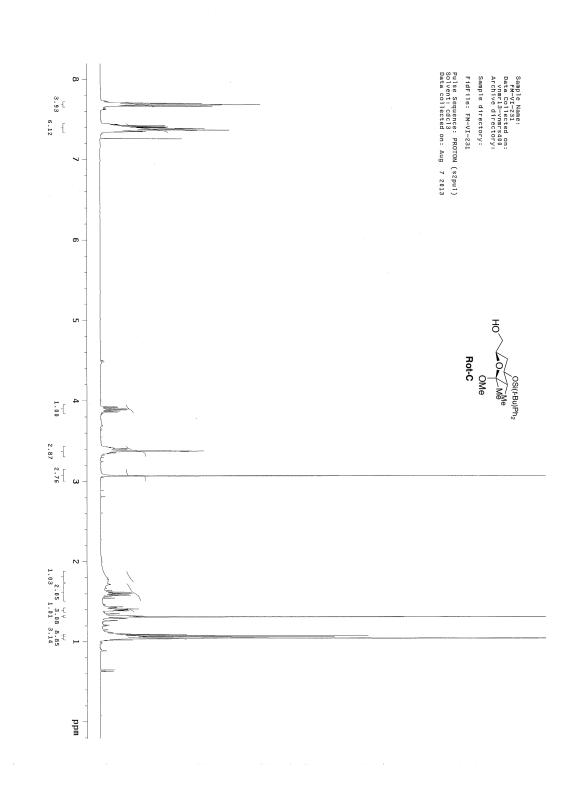


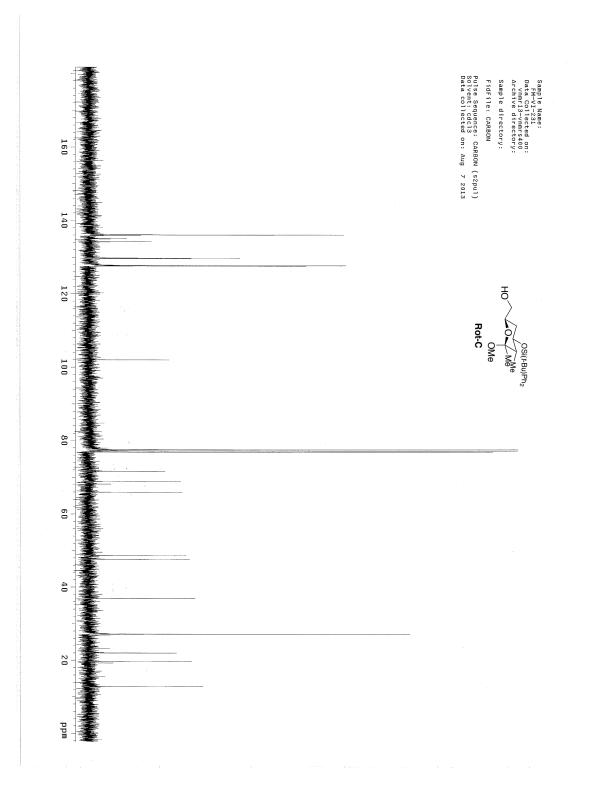


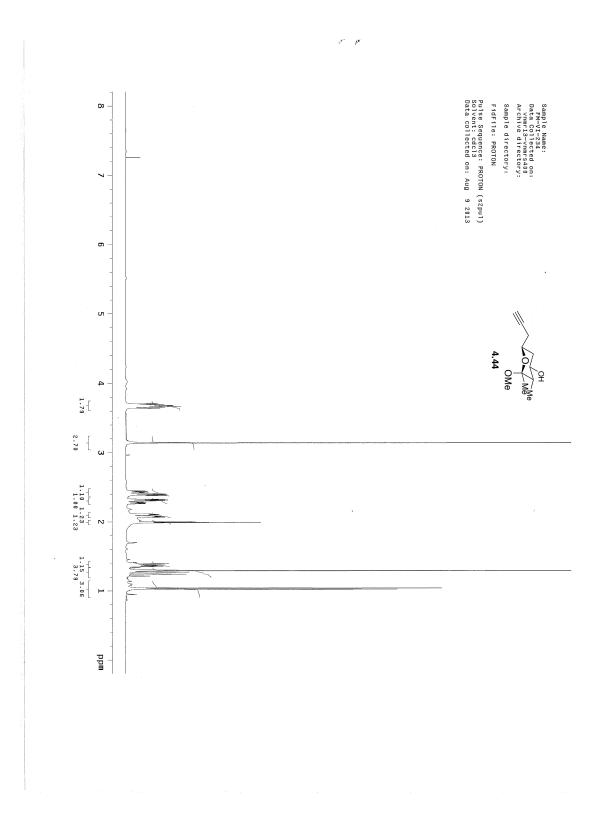


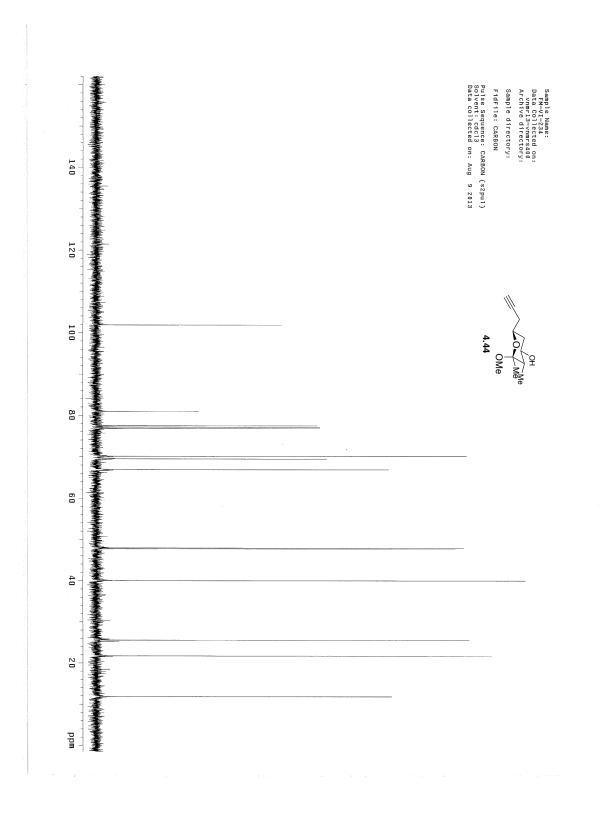


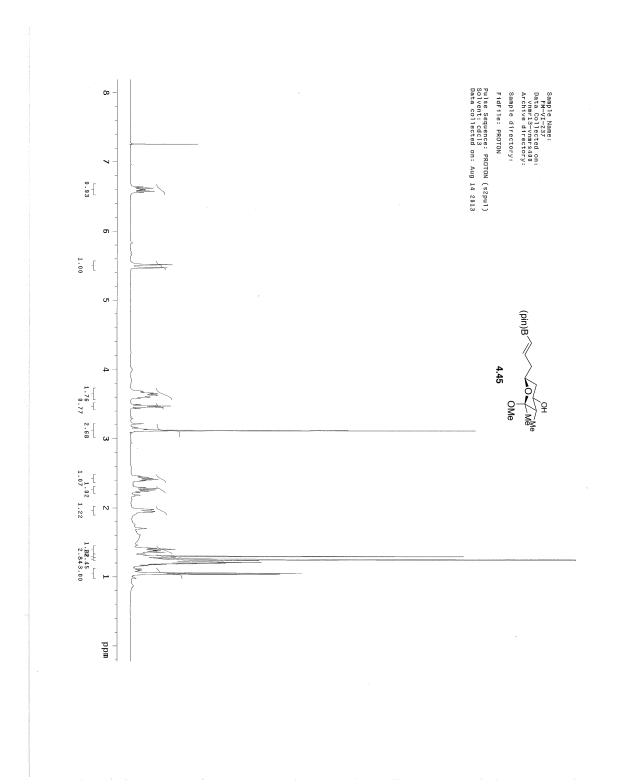


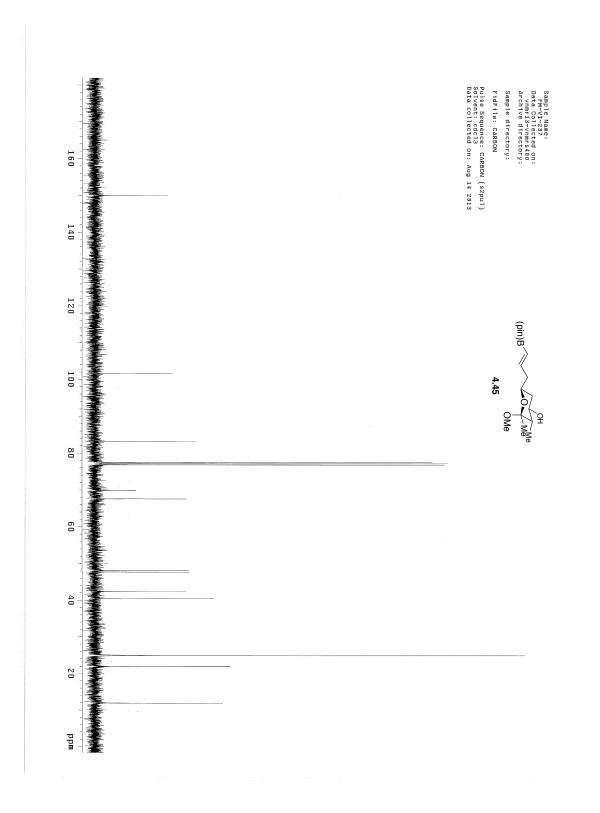


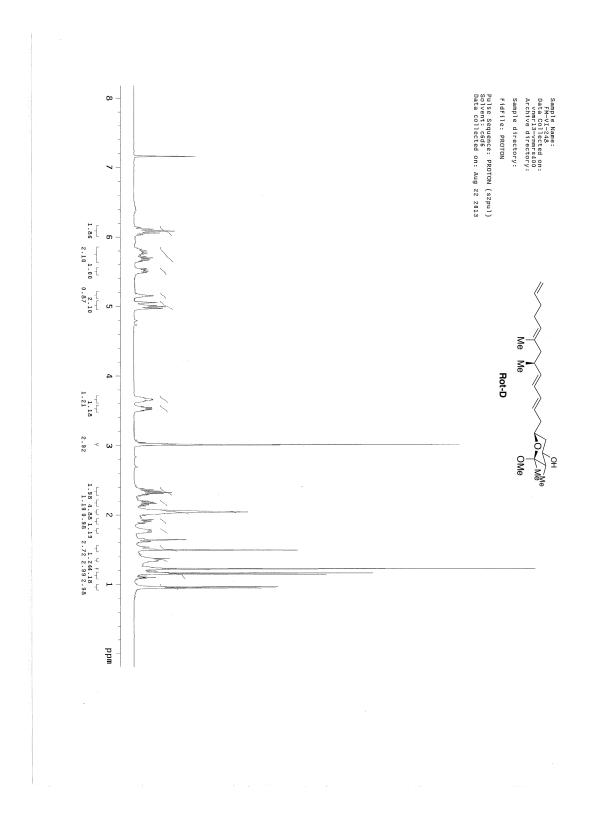


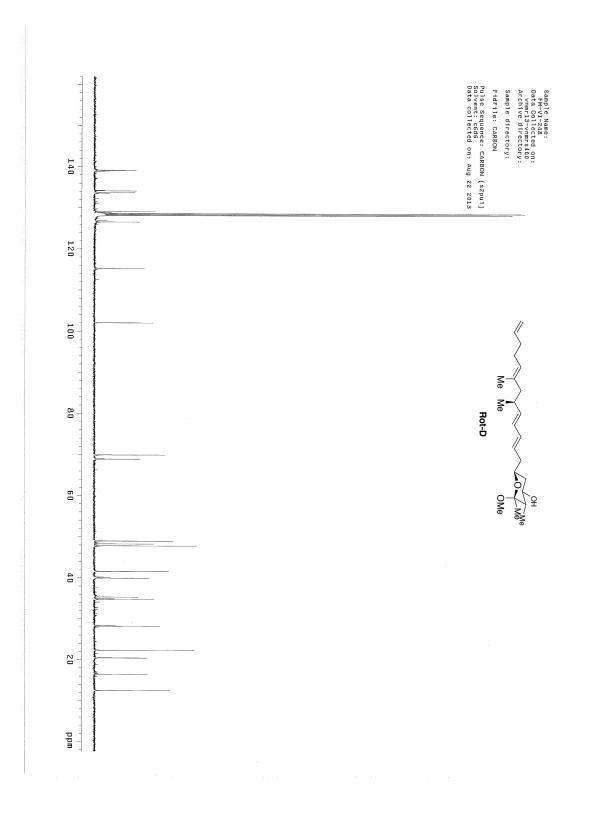


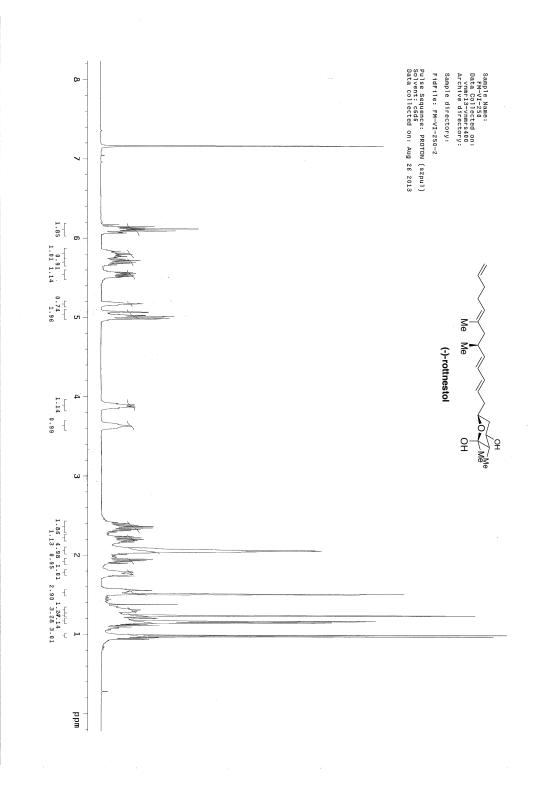


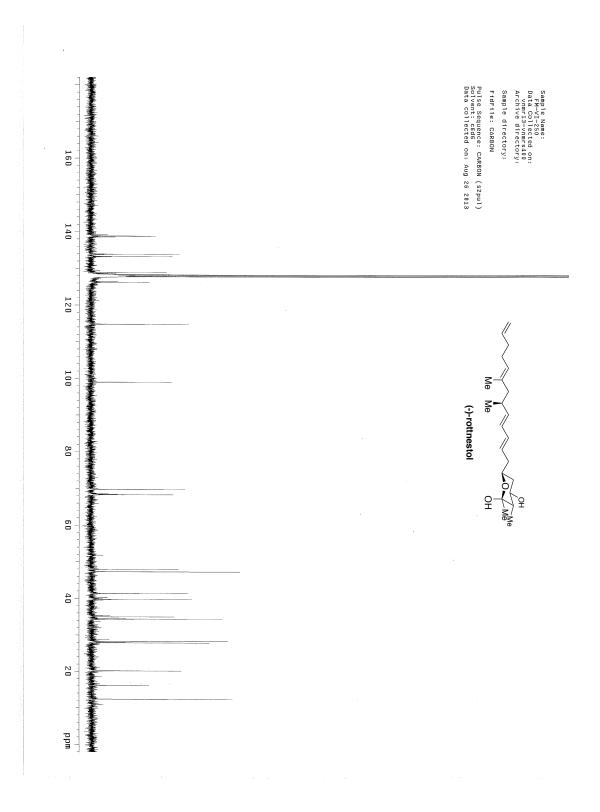


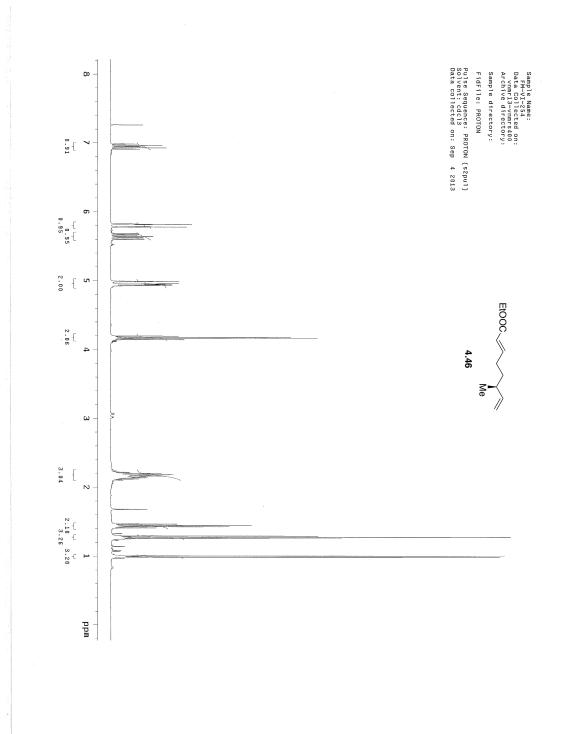


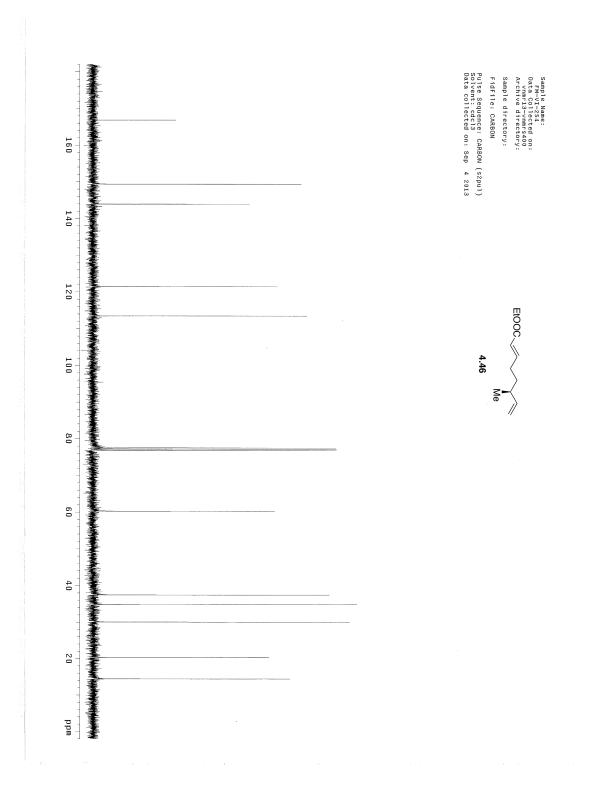


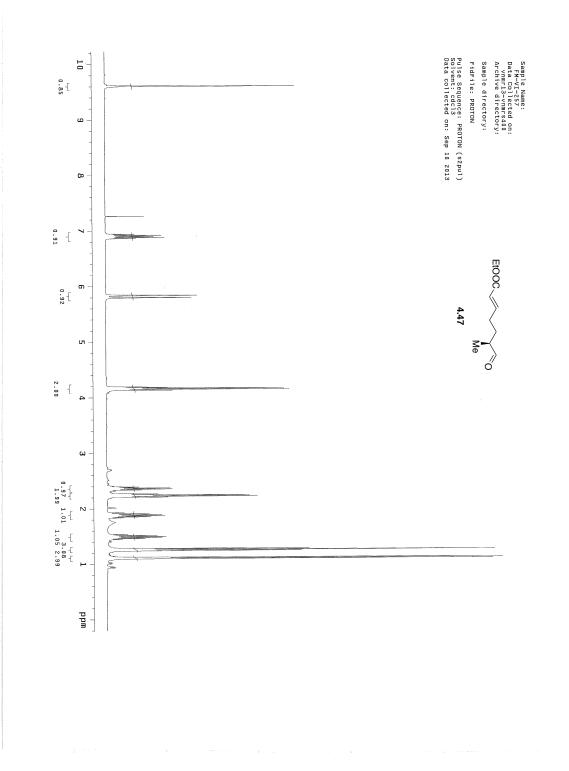


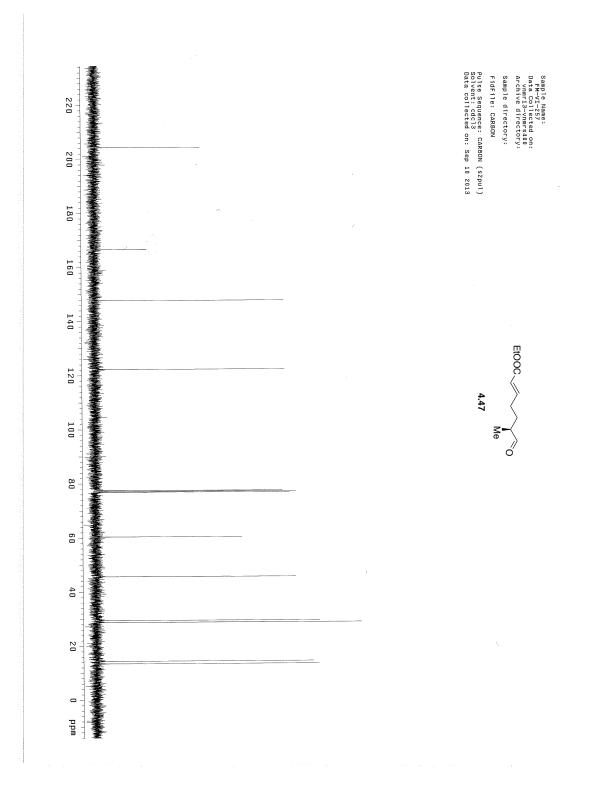


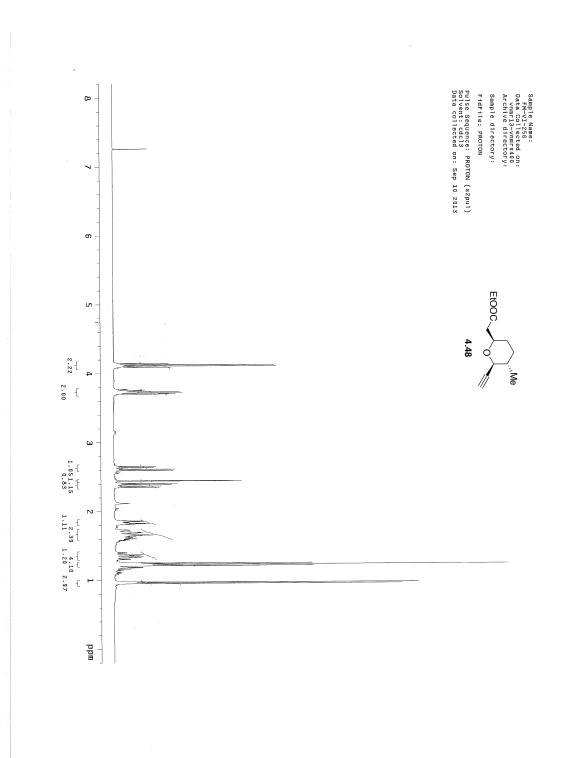


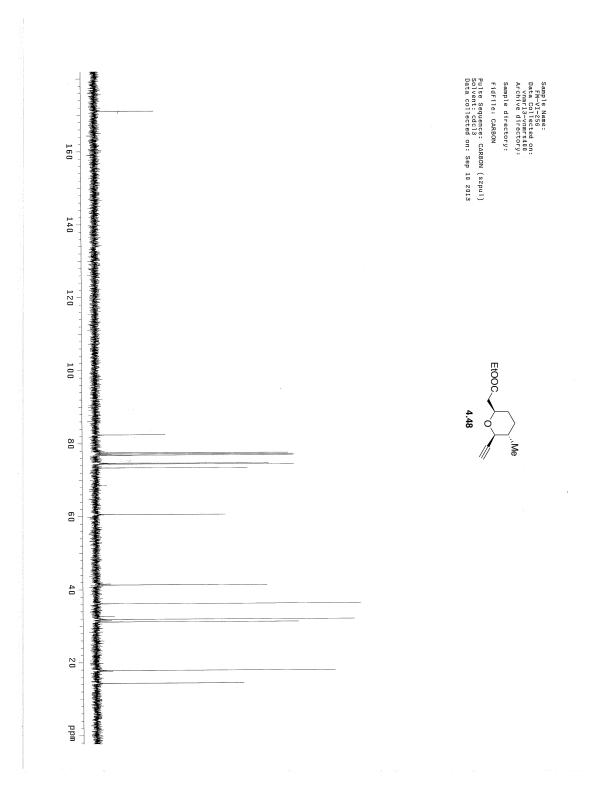


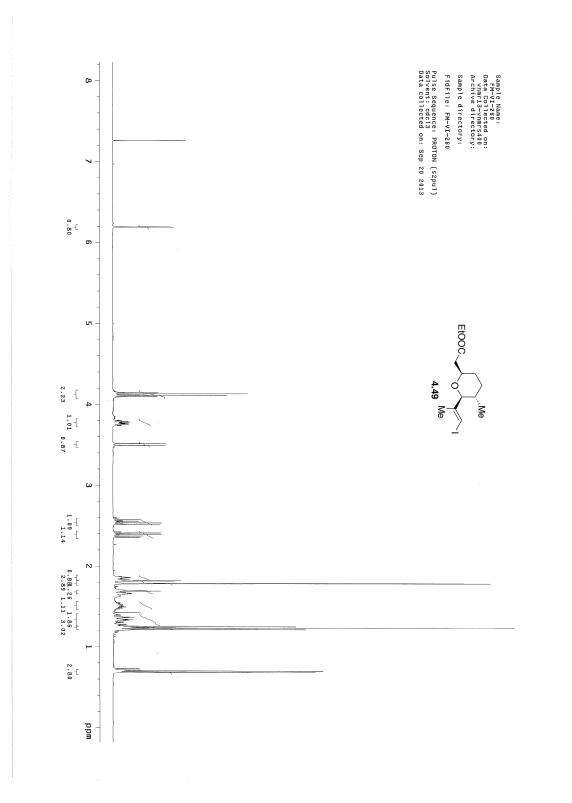


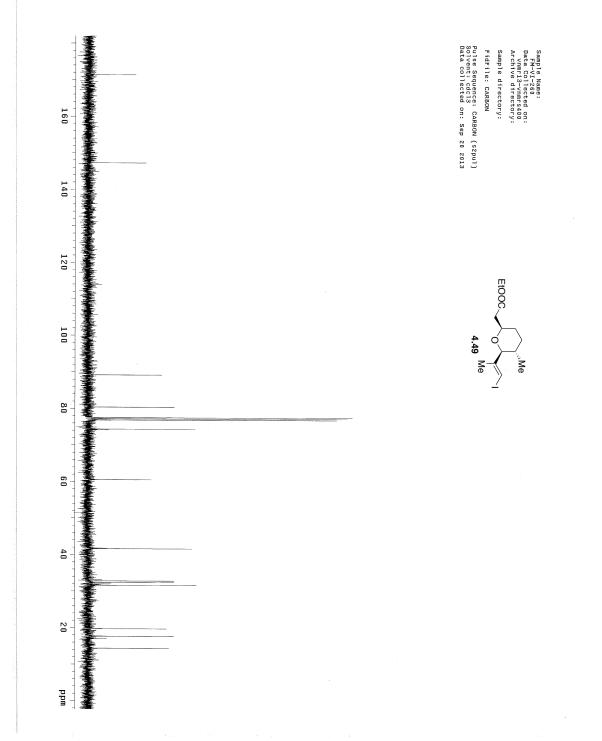


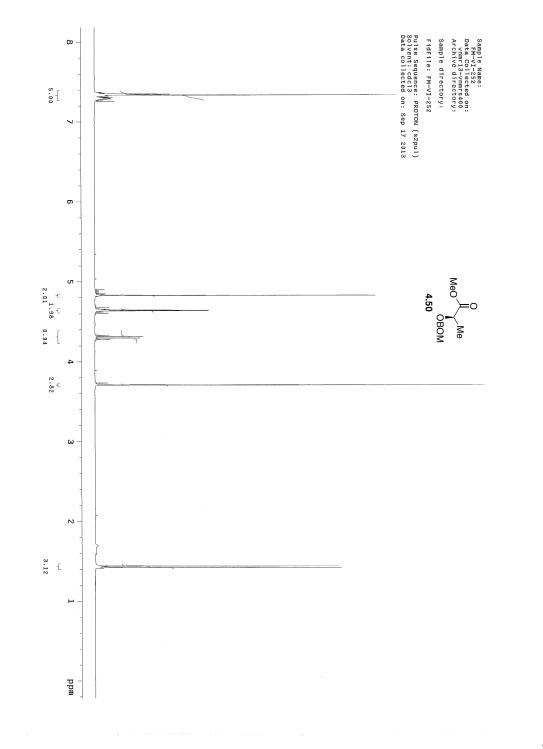


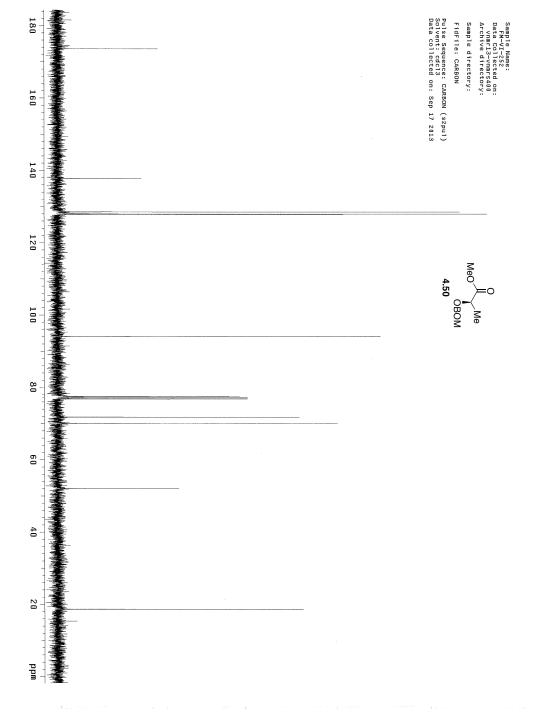




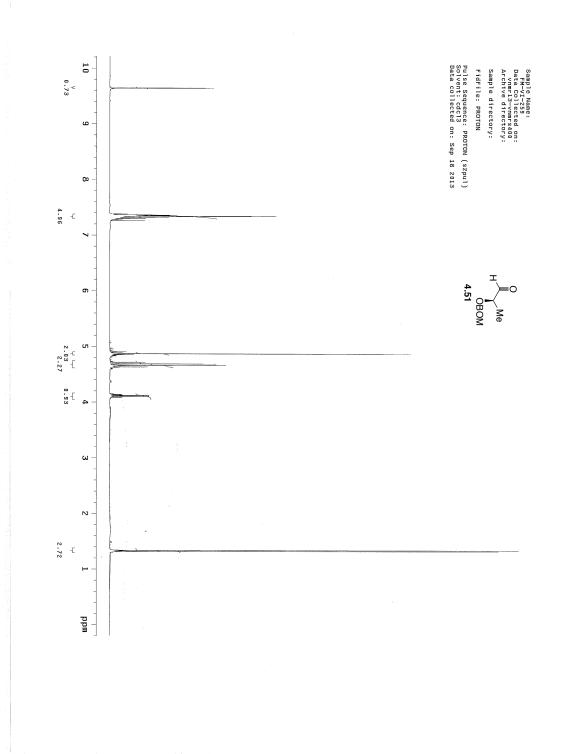


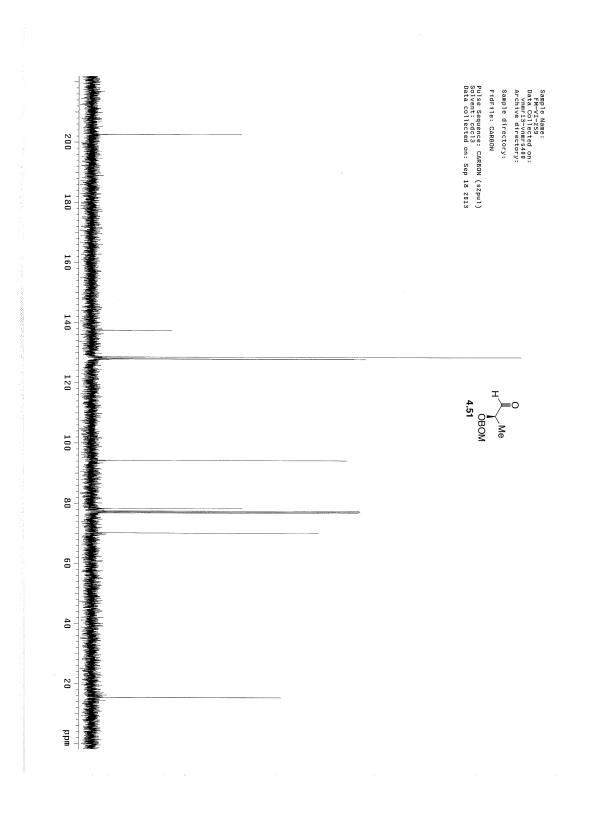


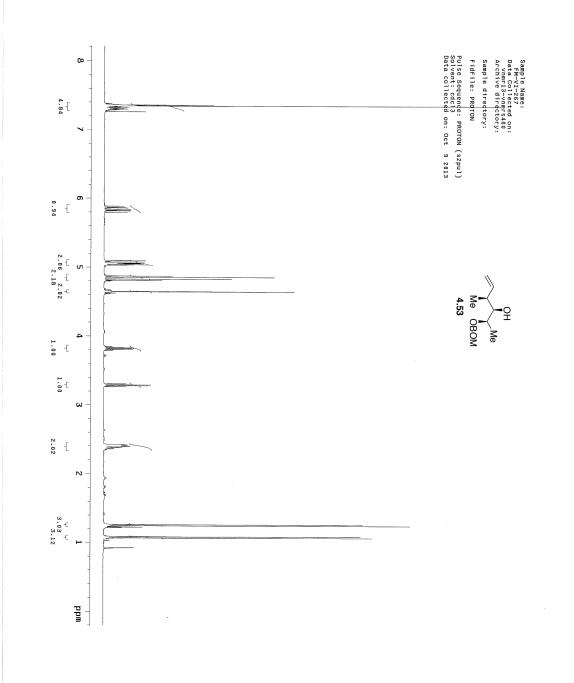


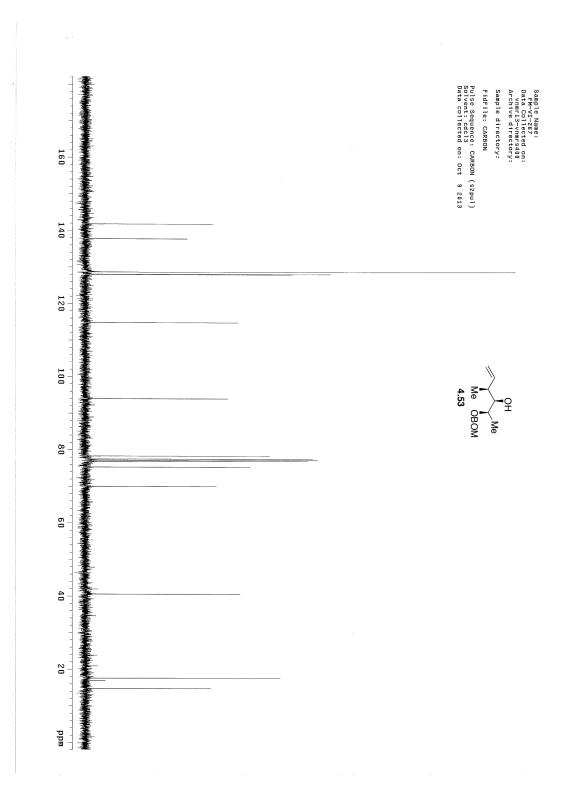


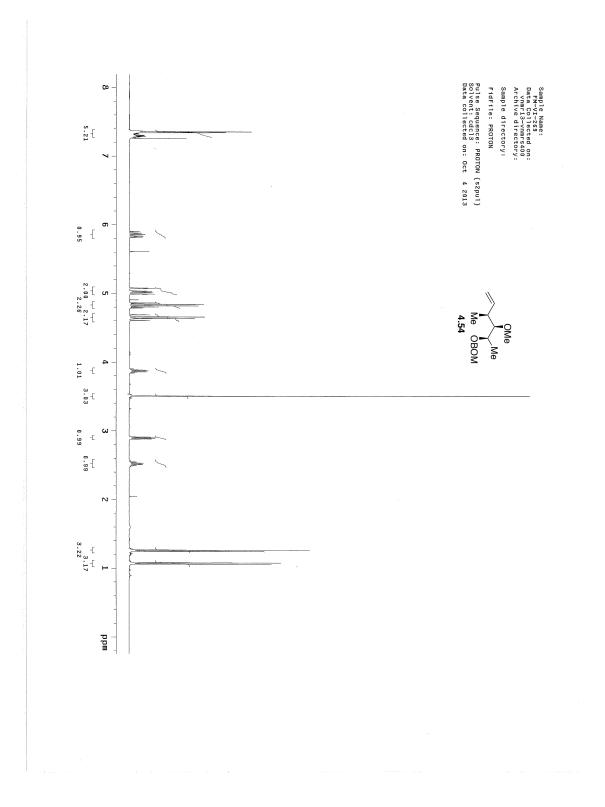
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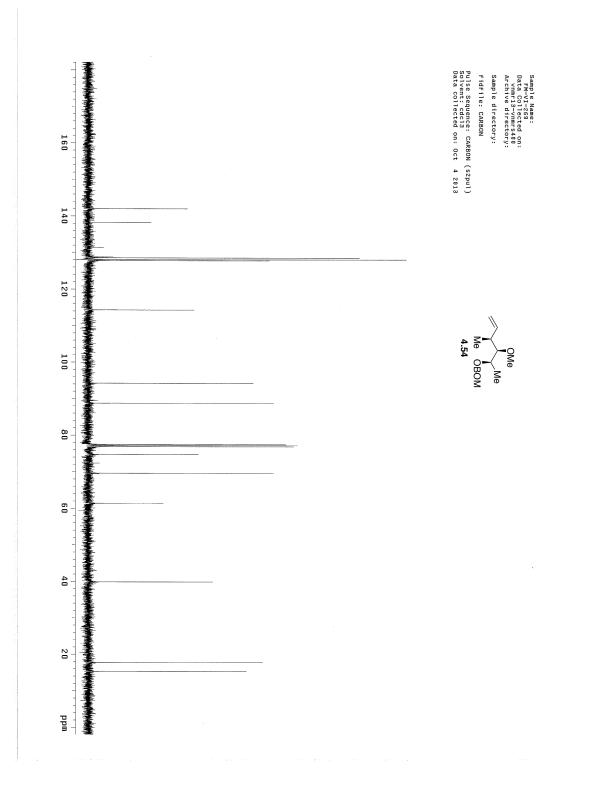


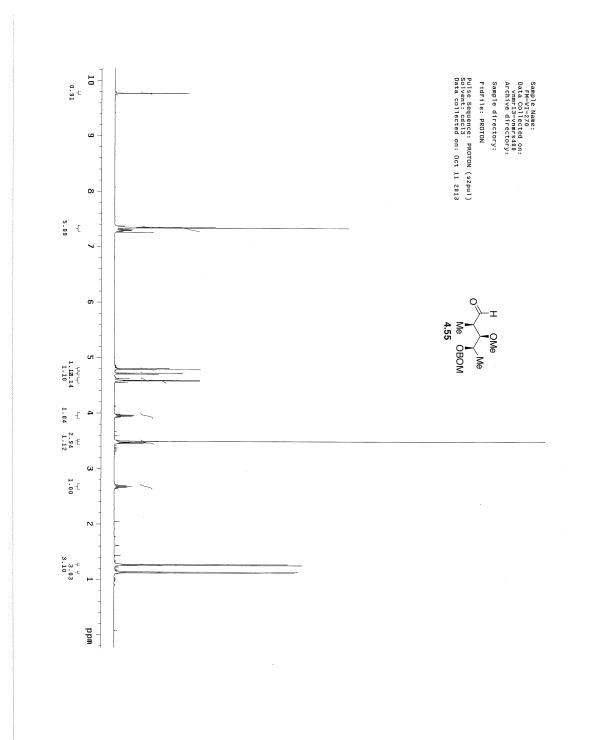


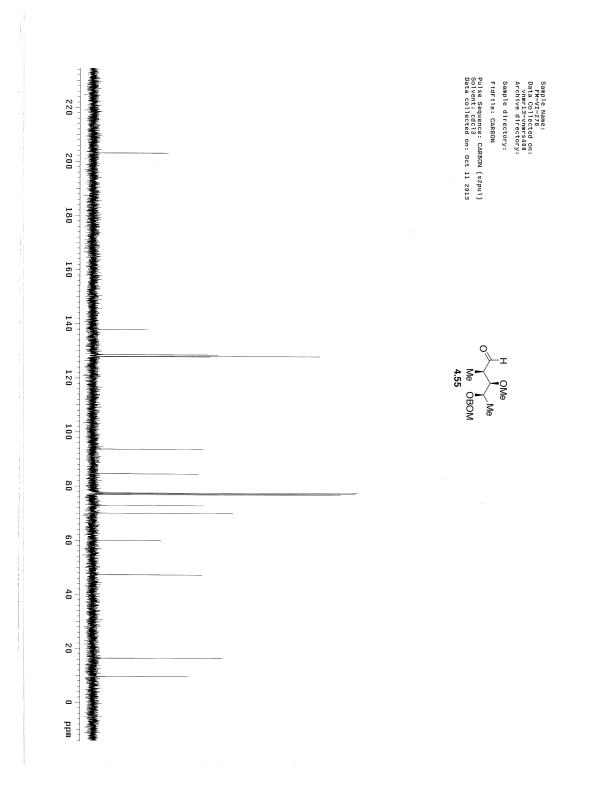


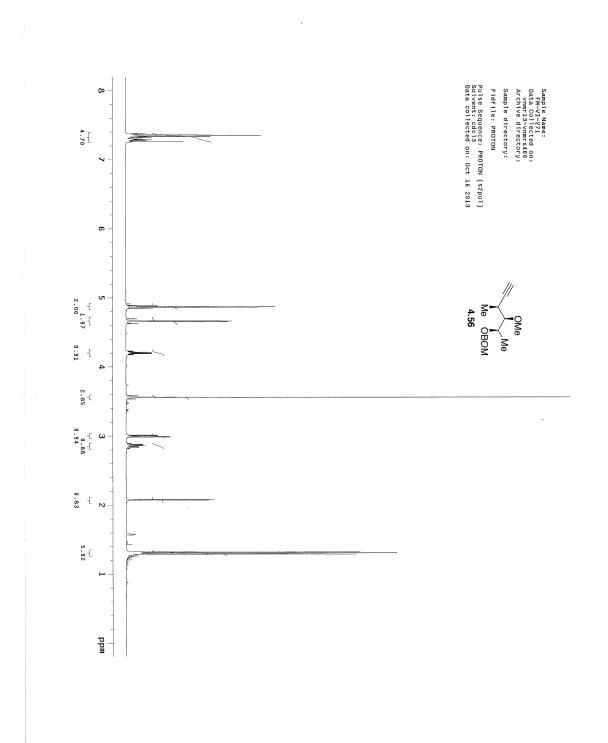


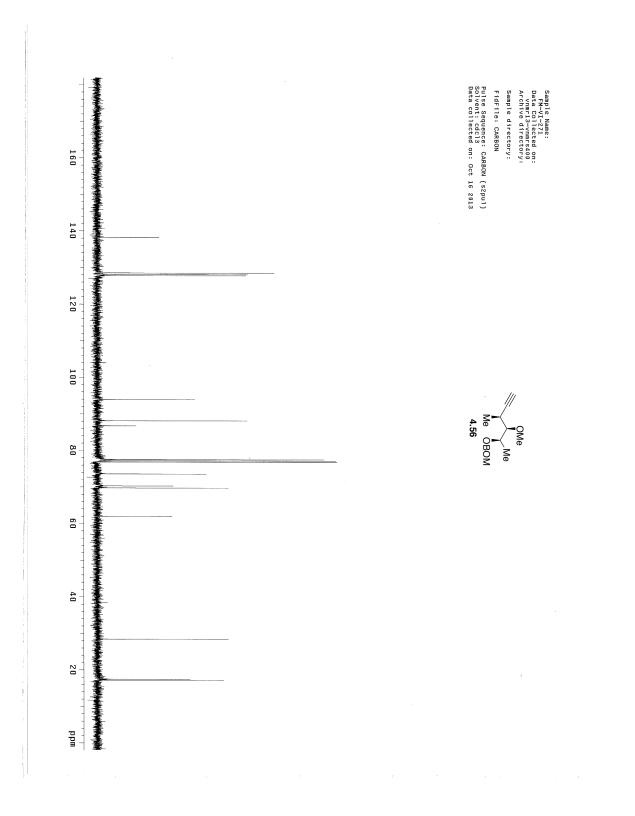


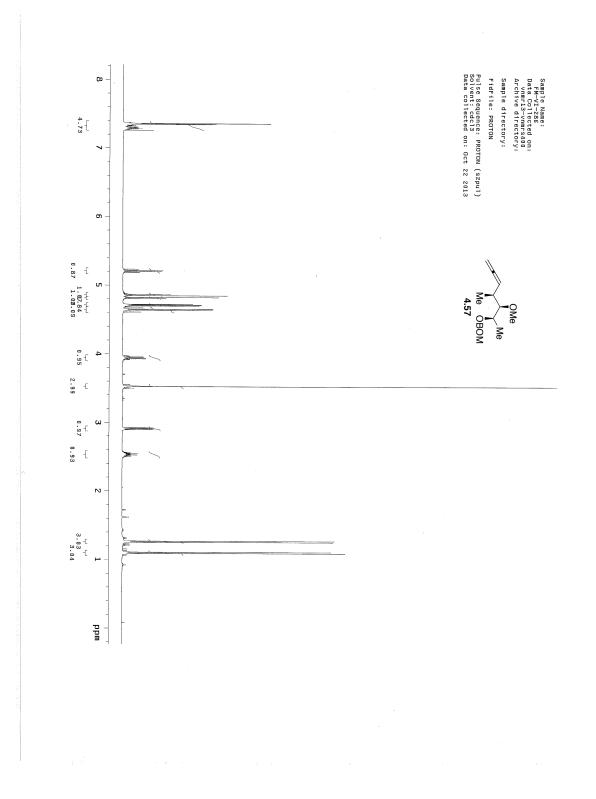


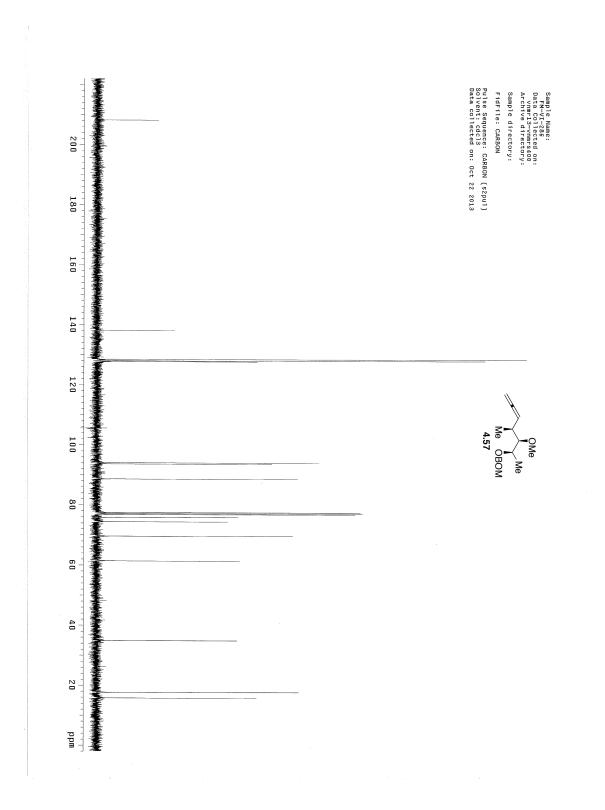


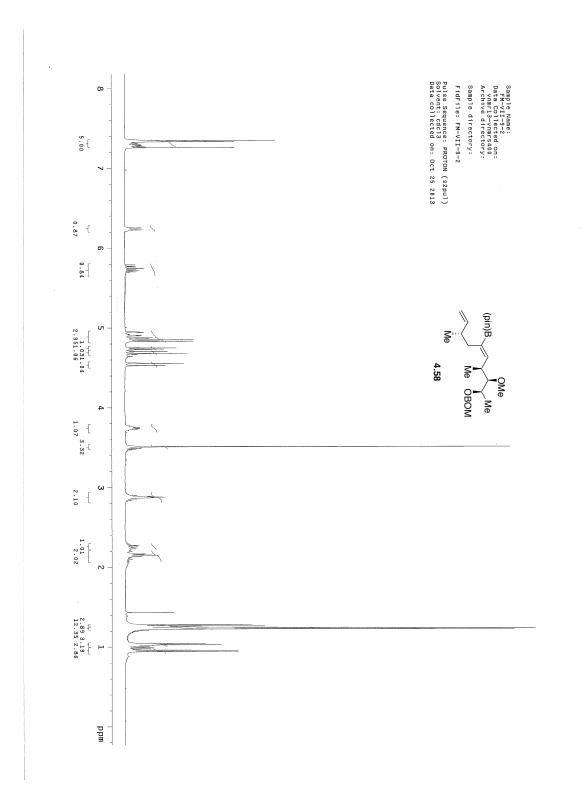


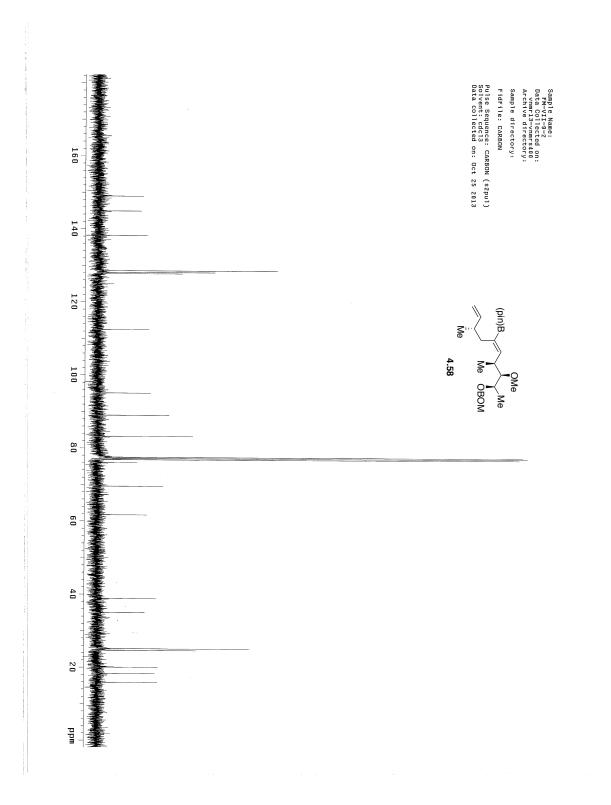


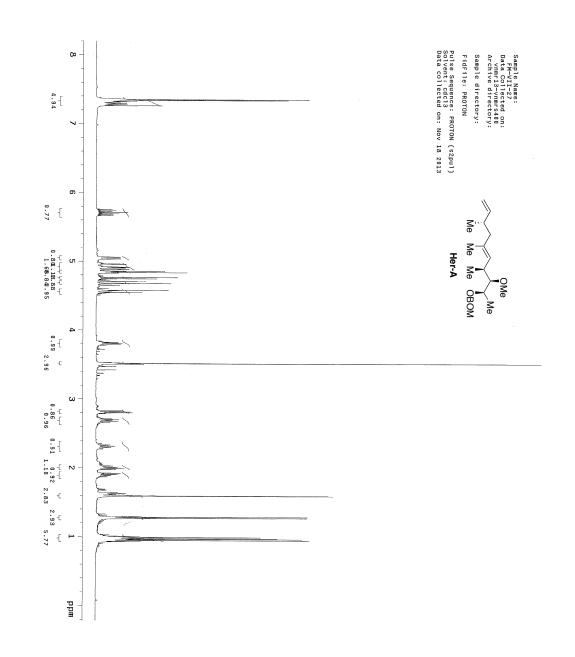


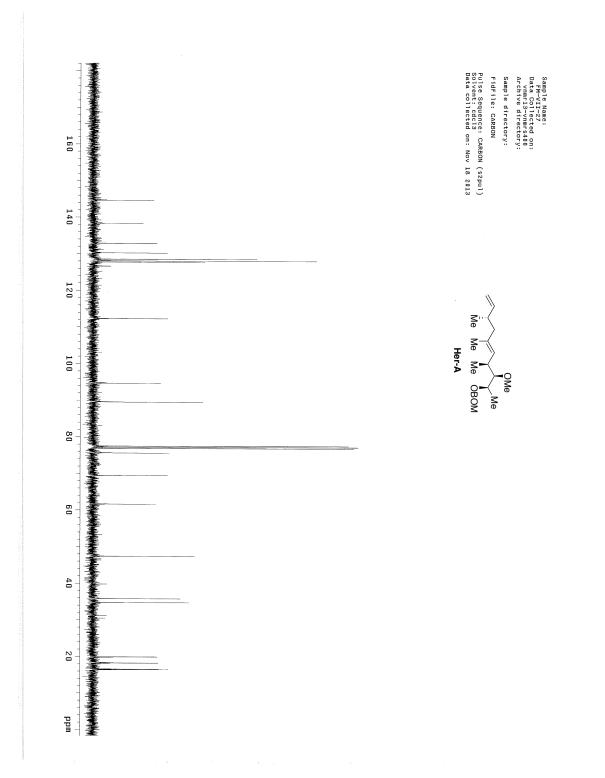


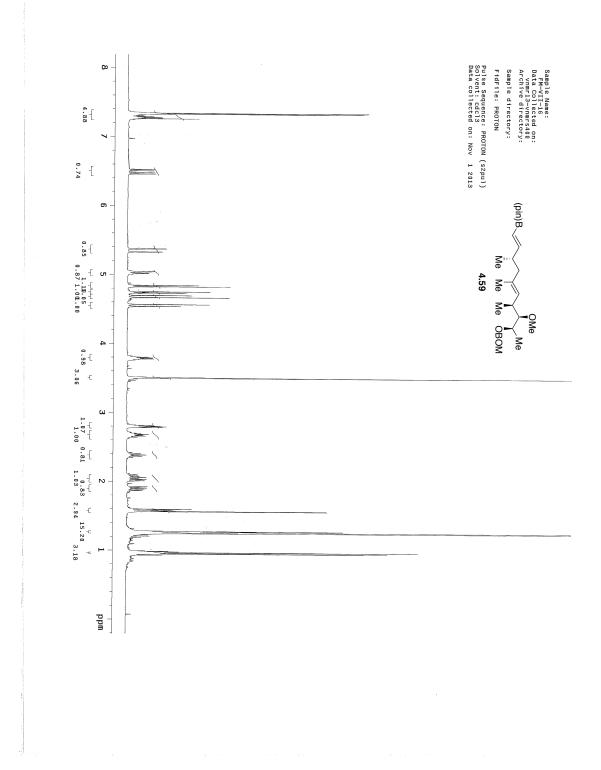


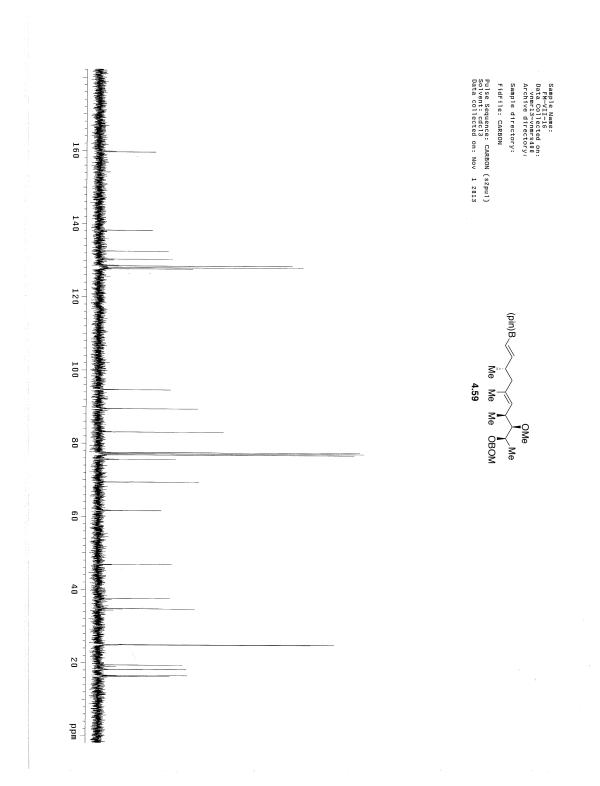


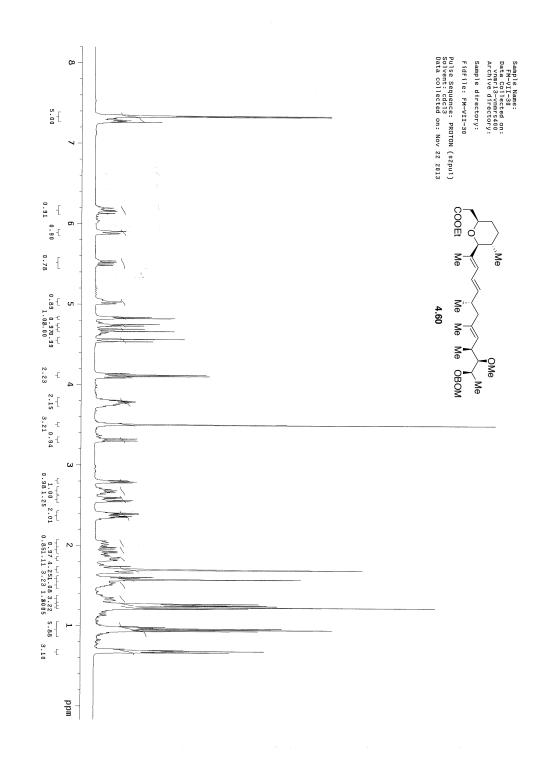


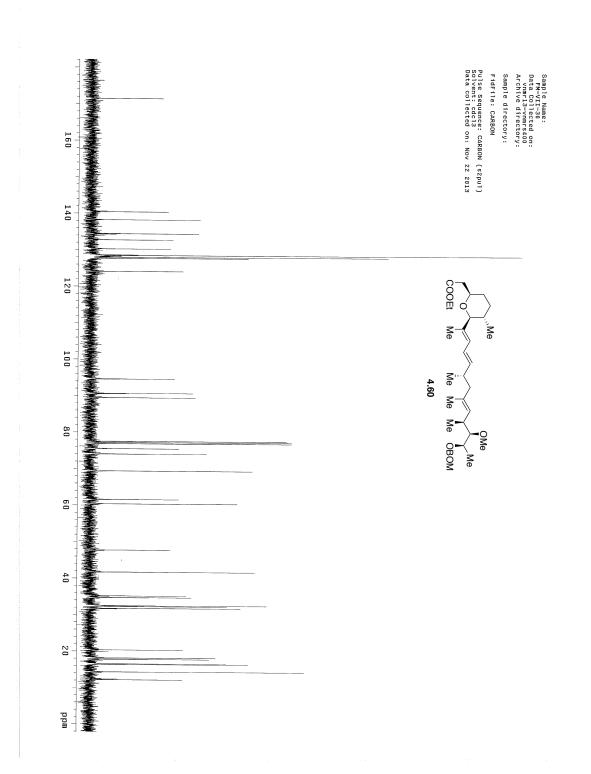


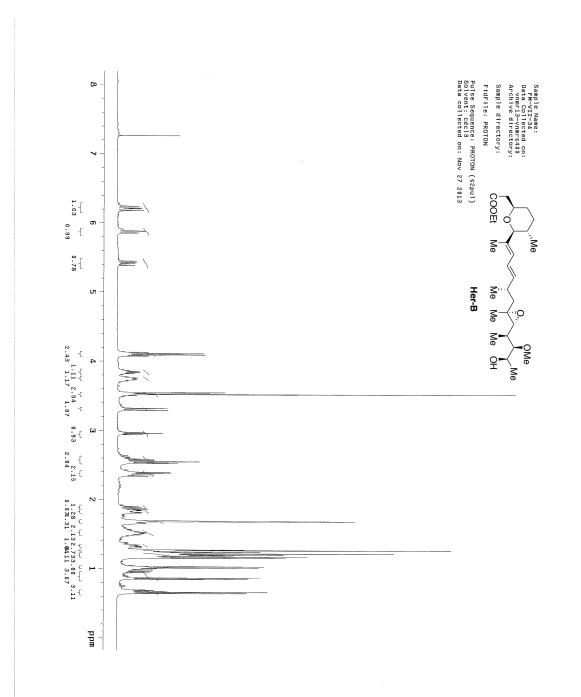


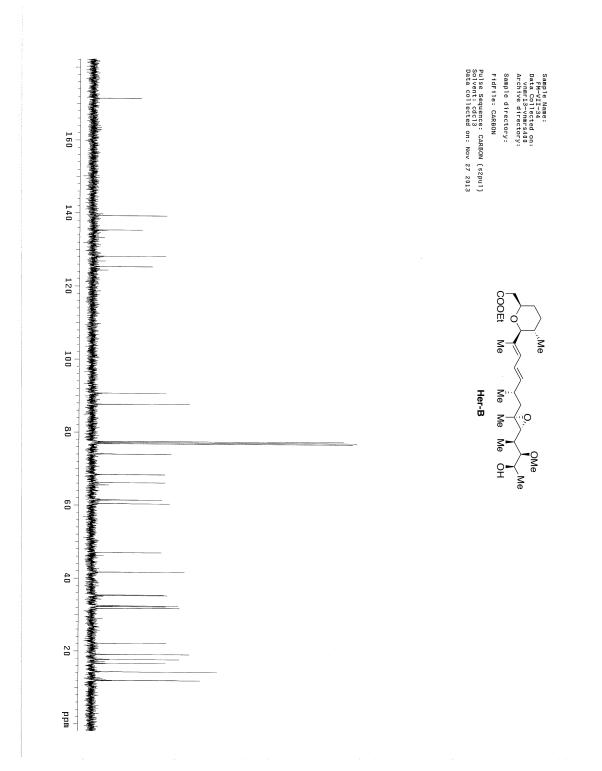


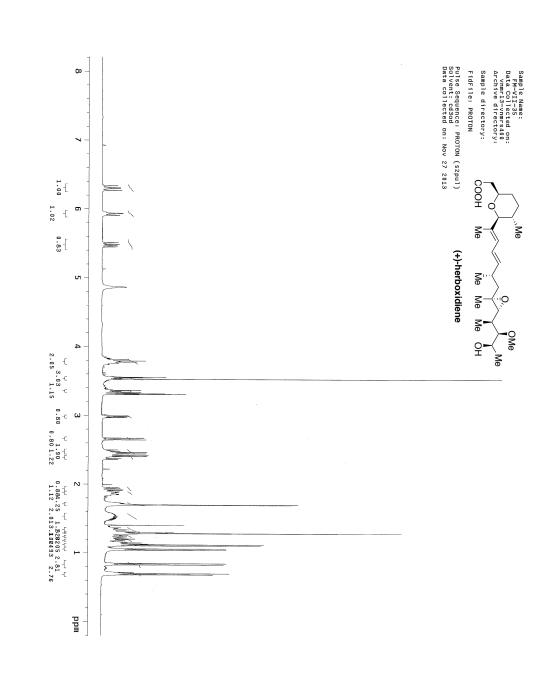


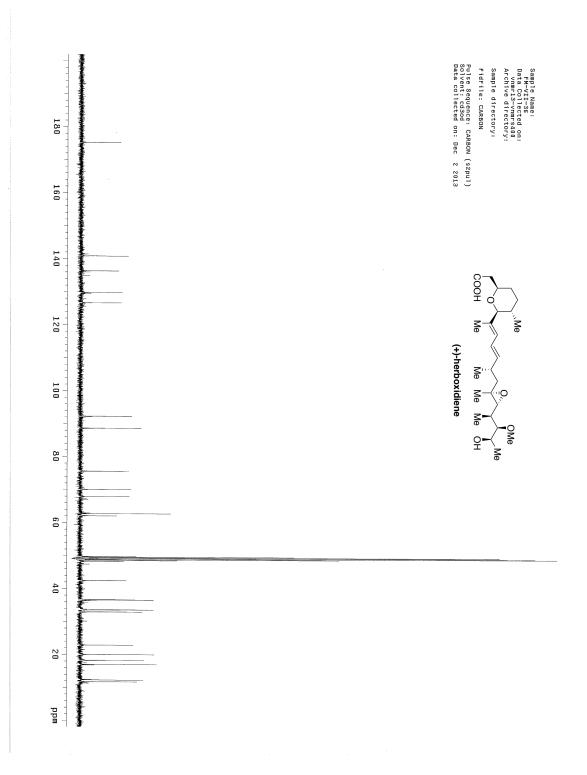


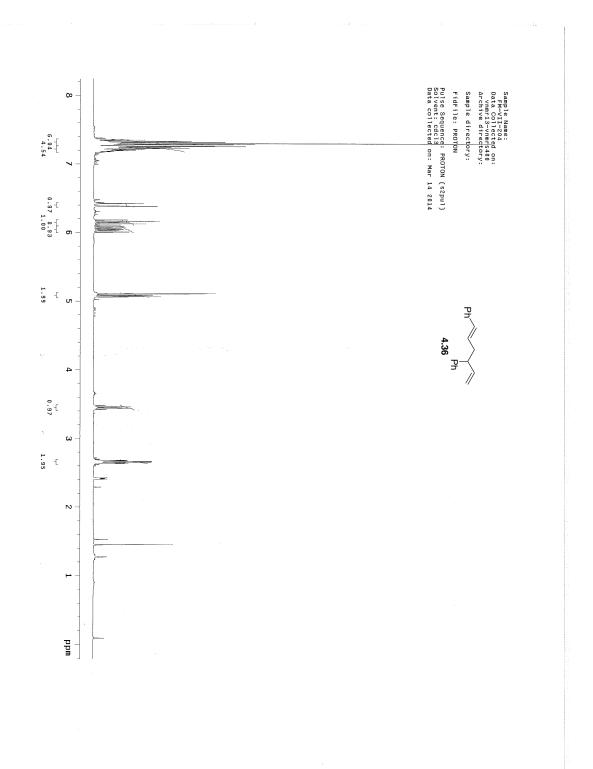


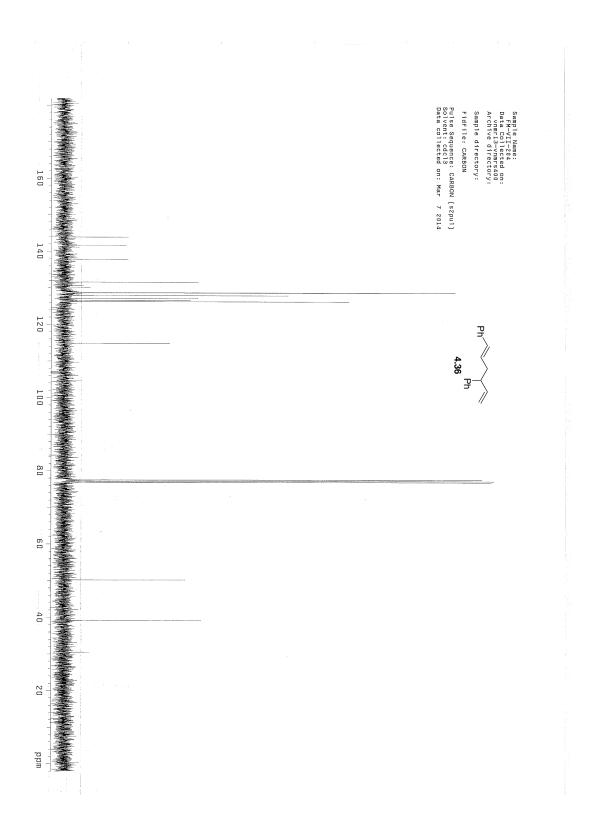












### **Chapter 5**

## Cu-Catalyzed Enantioselective Allyl and Propargyl 1,6-Conjugate Additions through 3,3'-Reductive Elimination

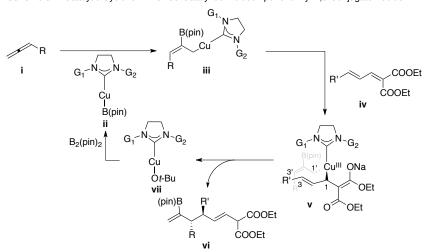
### 5.1 Introduction

Catalytic enantioselective conjugate additions constitute an important class of transformations in organic synthesis.<sup>1</sup> A variety of metal-catalyzed conjugate additions employing organometallic reagents, such as Grignard reagent, organoaluminum, organozinc and organoboron reagents have been developed.<sup>1</sup> Aryl, alkenyl and alkyl groups can be transferred in high efficiency and enantioselectivity. However, there are few catalytic enantioselective protocols that incorporate allyl-type group onto  $\alpha$ . $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compounds.<sup>2</sup> This challenging problem originates from formation of stable  $\pi$ -allyl metal complexes that are reluctant to undergo reductive elimination. The small size of allyl-type groups might also raise the barrier of reductive elimination. In addition, the stronger nucleophilicity of allyl metal intermediates might cause significant competitive background reactions.

<sup>(1)</sup> For representative reviews on catalytic enantioselective conjugate addition, see: (a) Harutyunyan, S. R.; den Hartog, T.; Geurts, K.; Minnaard, A. J.; Feringa, B. L. *Chem. Rev.* **2008**, *108*, 2824–2852. (b) Jerphagnon, T.; Pizzuti, M. G.; Minnaard, A. J.; Feringa, B. L. *Chem. Soc. Rev.* **2009**, *38*, 1039–1075. (c) Córdova, A. *Catalytic Asymmetric Conjugate Reactions*; Wiley-VCH: Weinheim, **2010**. (d) Ji, J.-X.; Chan, A. S. C. *Catalytic Asymmetric Synthesis* (Ed.: I. Ojima); Wiley, Hoboken, **2010**, pp. 439–495.

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Selective 1,6-conjugate addition is also a challenging problem, as the most electrophilic site of dienoate is at 4-position.<sup>3</sup> Common strategy that has been employed in the literature is to introduce steric hindrance to block the 4-position, leading to 1,6-addition as a major pathway. Another method to achieve addition at 6-position selectively is through chelation of the diene system of the dienoate in *s*-*cis* conformation to the metal center followed by group transfer from the metal to the 6-position promoted by late transition metal complexes such as Fe-, Rh-, Ir- and Co-based catalysts.<sup>3</sup>



Scheme 5.1: Catalytic Cycle for NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Multicomponent Allyl 1,6-Conjugate Addition

Hoveyda group has recently developed methods of catalytic generation of boronsubstituted allylcopper species and their in situ use for C–C bond formations.<sup>4</sup> We design that the 2-boron-substituted allylcopper complex **iii** resulting from catalytic Cu–B addition to allene **i** oxidatively adds to a dienoate **iv**, delivering a Cu(III) intermediate **v** that contains two different allyl groups, which might reductively eliminate in a 3,3'-

<sup>(3)</sup> For reviews on catalytic 1,6-conjugate additions, see (a) Silva, E. M. P.; Silva, A. M. S. Synthesis **2012**, 44, 3109–3128. (b) Tissot, M.; Li, H.; Alexakis, A. *Copper-Catalyzed Asymmetric Synthesis* (Ed. Alexakis,

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<sup>(4)</sup> Meng, F.; Jung, B.; Haeffner, F.; Hoveyda, A. H. Org. Lett. 2013, 15, 1414–1417. (b) Meng, F.; Jang,

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fashion to afford 1,6-conjugate addition product **vi**. We envision that 3,3'-reductive elimination pathway might be more facile than 1,1'-reductive elimination pathway if the bisallylcopper intermediate is formed after oxidative addition of the allylcopper complex to a dienoate. Morken group has reported that allyl-allyl coupling can be promoted by phosphine–Pd complexes via bisallyl–Pd intermediate through selective 3,3'-reductive elimination that has lower barrier compared with 1,1'-reductive elimination.<sup>5</sup> Selective allyl 1,6-conjugate addition through Cu-catalyzed 3,3'-reductive elimination is unprecedented.<sup>6</sup> Due to the fundamentally unique mechanistic interest and potential synthetic utilities, we hope to take the advantages of the method that generate the allylcopper species in situ to minimize the background reaction and achieve the multicomponent 1,6-conjugate addition efficienctly and stereoselectively.

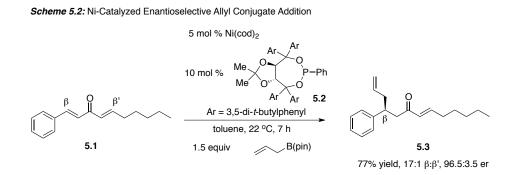
### 5.2 Background

There are few precedents on enantioselective allyl conjugate addition. In 2008, Morken group has developed the first example of Ni-catalyzed allyl conjugate addition to dienone. As shown in Scheme 5.2, reaction of dienone **5.1** with allyl–B(pin) in the presence of a chiral Ni-based catalyst leads to selective addition to styrene to generate **5.2** in 77% yield and 96.5:3.5 enantioselectivity.<sup>2b</sup> The authors proposed the reaction

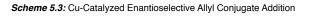
<sup>(5)</sup> For Pd-catalyzed allyl-allyl coupling, see: (a) Zhang, P.; Brozek, L. A.; Morken, J. P. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2010, 132, 10686–10688. (b) Zhang, P.; Le, H.; Kyne, R. E.; Morken, J. P. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2011, 133, 9716–9719. (c) Brozek, L. A.; Ardolino, M. J. Morken, J. P. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2011, 133, 16778–16781. (d) Le, H.; Kyne, R. E.; Brozek, L. A.; Morken, J. P. Org. Lett. 2013, 15, 1432–1435. (e) Le, H.; Batten, A.; Morken, J. P. Org. Lett. 2013, 15, 1432–1435. (e) Le, H.; Batten, A.; Morken, J. P. Org. Lett. 2014, 16, 2096–2099. (f) Ardolino, M. J.; Morken, J. P. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2014, 136, 7092–7100. For Pd-catalyzed allyl–propargyl coupling, see: (g) Ardolino, M. J.; Morken, J. P. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2012, 134, 8770–8773.

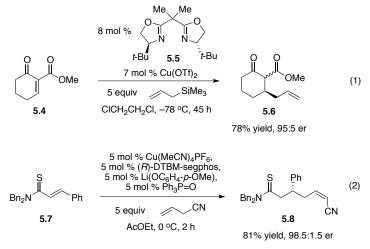
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proceeds through a 3,3'-reductive elimination of the bis-allylnickel intermediate mechanism.



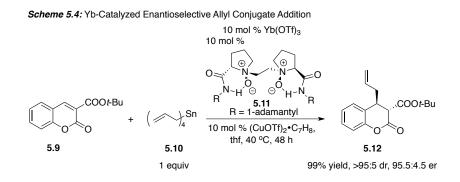
Subsequently protocols that employ Cu-based catalysts have been reported. As illustrated in Scheme 5.3, with Cu complex derived from Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> and bisoxazole ligand **5.5**, allyl addition product **5.6** is generated in 78% yield and 95:5 er (eq. 1).<sup>2c</sup> Reaction of allyl cyanide with thioamide 5.7 promoted by phosphine–Cu complex in situ generated from Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> and (*R*)-DTBM-segphos provide 5.8 in 81% yield and 98.5:1.5 er (eq. 2).<sup>2d</sup>





In 2011, Feng and co-workers reported a process catalyzed by a chiral rare earth metal complex. Reaction of coumarin **5.9** with allylstannane **5.10** in the presence of Yb-

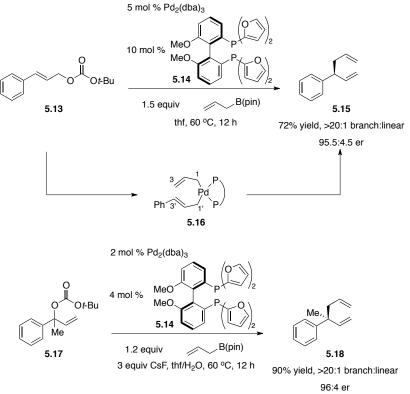
based complex formed from ligand **5.11** affords **5.12** in 99% yield and 95.5:4.5 with complete diastereoselectivity.<sup>2e</sup>



However, although significant progresses have been made, catalytic enantioselective allyl conjugate addition suffers from limited substrate scope, long reaction time and high catalyst loading. Only simple allyl groups can be transferred into the final products. Catalytic enantioselective conjugate additions with functionalized allyl and other allyl-type nucleophiles are unprecedented.

Metal-catalyzed enantioselective allyl–allyl cross-couping reactions through a 3,3'-reductive elimination mechanism have been investigated by Morken and coworkers.<sup>5</sup> They have demonstrated that efficient, branch-selective and enantioselective formation of allyl–allyl product **5.15** from allyl carbonate **5.13** and allyl–B(pin) is promoted by phosphine–Pd complex derived from  $Pd_2(dba)_3$  and chiral bisphosphine **5.14** (Scheme 5.5). They proposed that the reaction proceeds via bis(allyl)palladium intermediate **5.16** through 3,3'-reductive elimination.<sup>5a</sup> Subjection of carbonate **5.17** to similar reaction condition leads to product **5.18** that contains a all-carbon quaternary center in 90% yield, >20:1 branch selectivity and 96:4 er.<sup>5b</sup> Subsequently, they also demonstrated that 2- and 3-substituted allyl–B(pin) reagents can be coupled with allyl

chloride and carbonate efficiently and stereoselectively.<sup>5c-f</sup> Propargyl carbonates are also proved to be suitable substrate to access 1,5-enynes.<sup>5g</sup>



Scheme 5.5: Pd-Catalyzed Allyl–Ally Cross-Coupling through 3,3'-Reductive Elimination

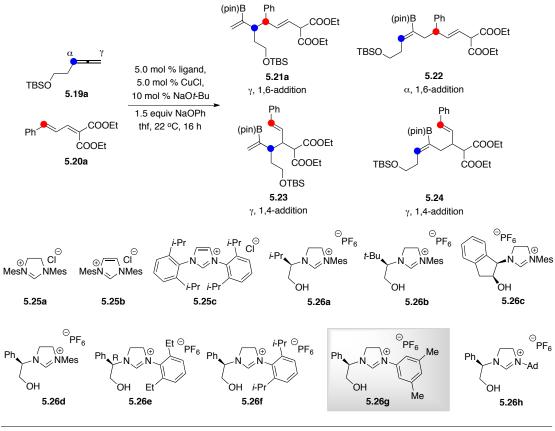
Although significant progress have been made in allyl type cross-coupling reactions through metal-catalyzed 3,3'-reductive elimination, such concept has never been applied to copper catalysis. We hope to design and investigate a set of reactions that might provide otherwise difficult-to-access building blocks based on this conceptually new mechanism.

# 5.3 Identification of Optimal Catalyst for Cu–B Addition to Allene Followed by 1,6-Conjugate Addition

We began our investigation by examination of a variety of NHC–Cu complexes. As shown in Table 5.1, to our delight, reactions of mono-substituted allene 5.19a and dienoate 5.20a in the presence of Cu complexes in situ generated from achiral imidazolinium salts provide desired 1,6-addition product with  $\gamma$  mode of addition exclusively and complete diastereoselectivity albeit in low efficiency (29-40% yield, entries 1-3, Table 5.1). Other possible products **5.22-5.24** are not detected, implying that reaction proceeds exclusively through 3,3'-reductive elimination of bis(allyl)copper intermediate  $(\mathbf{v}, \text{Scheme 5.1})$  and possible alternative reaction pathways do not occur. Low yields of the multicomponent process arise from competitive boron 1,4-addition, resulting in diminished chemoselectivity. NHC-Cu complex bearing sterically more congested 2,6-diisopropylphenyl moiety provide higher chemoselectivity (entry 3 vs. entries 1 and 2, Table 5.1), probably because coordination of less hindered allene is more favored with sterically more hindered metal center. Having established that 1,6-conjugate addition product can be formed selectively via a bis(allyl)copper species generated by NHC-Cu-catalyzed Cu-B addition to allene followed by 1,4-oxidative addition to dienoate, we turned our attention to investigation of chiral NHC ligands for enantioselective version of such process. Promising results are obtained with NHC-Cu complexes derived from aminoalcohol-containing imidazolinium salts. As indicated in Table 5.1, although valinol- and cis-1-amino-2-indanol-derived catalysts provide 1,6conjugate addition product 5.21a in 55% and 49% yield respectively with 81:19 er and complete diastereoselectivity (entries 4 and 6), reactions promoted by Cu complexes in situ generated from imidazolinium salts bearing *tert*-leucinol- and phenylglycinol afford 5.21a in 63% and 58% yield with 92:8 and 89:11 er respectively as a single diastereomer

(entries 5 and 7). To further improve enantioselectivity, modifications of the aniline moiety on the imidazolinium salts are investigated. Increasing the sterically hindrance of 2,6-substituents leads to erosion of enantioselectivity (entry 9 vs. entries 7 and 8). Moving substituents from *ortho*-positions to *meta*-positions results in improvement of enantioselectivity (62% yield, 96:4 er; entry 10 vs. entry 7).

Table 5.1: Ligand Screen for Cu-B Addition to Allene/1,6-Conjugate Addition



Entry number	Ligand precursor	Conversion (%) <sup>b</sup> ; Yield of <b>5.21a</b> (%) <sup>c</sup>	Site Selectivity (5.21a:5.22:5.23:5.24) <sup>b</sup>	Diastereomeric ratio of <b>5.21a</b> <sup>b</sup>	Enantiomeric ratio for <b>5.21a</b> <sup>d</sup>
1	5.25a	>98; 29	>98:<2:<2:<2	>98:2	NA
2	5.25b	>98; 29	>98:<2:<2:<2	>98:2	NA
3	5.25c	>98; 40	>98:<2:<2:<2	>98:2	NA
4	5.26a	>98; 55	>98:<2:<2:<2	>98:2	81:19
5	5.26b	>98; 63	>98:<2:<2:<2	>98:2	92:8
6	5.26c	>98; 49	>98:<2:<2:<2	>98:2	81:19
7	5.26d	>98; 58	>98:<2:<2:<2	>98:2	89:11
8	5.26e	>98; 64	>98:<2:<2:<2	>98:2	90:10
9	5.26f	>98; 57	>98:<2:<2:<2	>98:2	75:25
10	5.26g	>98; 62	>98:<2:<2:<2	>98:2	96:4
11	5.26h	>98; 56	>98:<2:<2:<2	>98:2	80:20

<sup>a</sup> Performed under N<sub>2</sub> atm. <sup>b</sup> Determined by analysis of 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spetra of unpurified mixtures ( $\pm 2\%$ ). <sup>c</sup> Yields of isolated/purified products ( $\pm 5\%$ ; both isomers). <sup>d</sup> Enantiomeric ratio (e.r.) determined by HPLC analysis ( $\pm 2\%$ ). NA = Not Available.

### 5.4 Identification of Optimal Catalyst for NHC-Cu-Catalyzed Propargyl 1,6-

Conjugate Addition with Allenyl-B(pin)

Having identified the optimal catalyst for multicomponent Cu–B addition to allene followed by allyl 1,6-conjugate addition, we are curious whether the bis(allyl)copper intermediate can be generated from corresponding two-component process and undergo 3,3'-reductive elimination selectively, so that a variety of allyl groups with different substituted patterns can be transferred into the products from corresponding substituted allyl–B(pin) reagents. In addition, incorporation of other allyltype groups such as allenyl and propargyl from proparyl–B(pin) and allenyl–B(pin) into the Cu(III) intermediate (**v**, Scheme 5.1) provide new opportunities to access propargyl and allenyl 1,6-conjugate addition products.

We commenced our study with investigation on reactions with allenyl–B(pin) as the nucleophile. As expected, propargyl 1,6-conjugate addition product **5.29a** is formed in 64% yield exclusively in the presence of NHC–Cu complex derived from imidazolinium salt **5.25a** (Table 5.2, entry 1), implying that the Cu(III) intermediate generated from transmetallation of allenyl–B(pin) reagent **5.28** followed by oxidative addition to the dienoate **5.20a** undergoes 3,3'-reductive elimination selectively. Other possible products **5.30–5.32** are not observed. Similar with the multicomponent protocol (Table 5.1), NHC–Cu complexes derived from aminoalcohols provide high enantioselectivity. Reaction with Cu complex in situ generated from imidazolinium salt **5.26d** affords desired product with higher enantioselectivity compared with those derived from imidazolinium salts **5.26a-b** bearing valinol and *tert*-leucinol moieties (97.5:2.5 er vs. 91:9 and 93:7 er; entry 4 vs. entries 2 and 3). Increasing the steric hindrance of the *ortho*-substituents leads to erosion of enantioselectivity (entry 6 vs. entries 4 and 5). Reaction in the presence of Cu complex formed from imidazolinium salt **5.26g** that contains 3,5-substituents delivers **5.29a** in 77% yield and 92:8 er (entry 7), whereas NHC–Cu complex generated from imidazolinium salt **5.26h** bearing an adamantly substituent provides 97.5:2.5 er (entry 8).

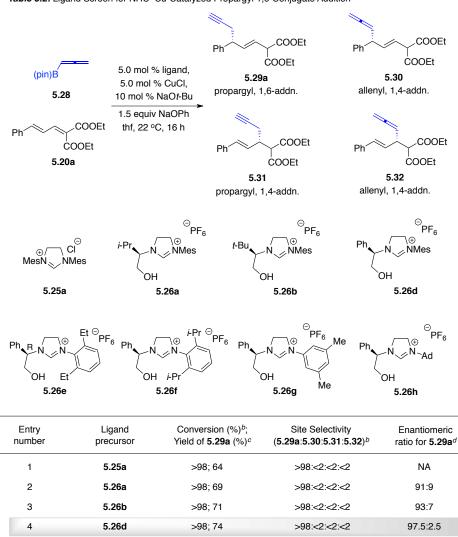


Table 5.2: Ligand Screen for NHC-Cu-Catalyzed Propargyl 1,6-Conjugate Addition

<sup>a</sup> Performed under N <sub>2</sub> atm. <sup>b</sup> Determined by analysis of 400 MHz <sup>1</sup> H NMR spetra of unpurified mixtures (±2%). <sup>c</sup> Yields
of isolated/purified products (±5%; both isomers). <sup>d</sup> Enantiomeric ratio (e.r.) determined by HPLC analysis (±2%). NA
= Not Available.

>98; 72

>98;63

>98;77

>98; 71

5

6

7

8

5.26e

5.26f

5.26g

5.26h

96.5:3.5

67.5:32.5

92:8

97.5:2.5

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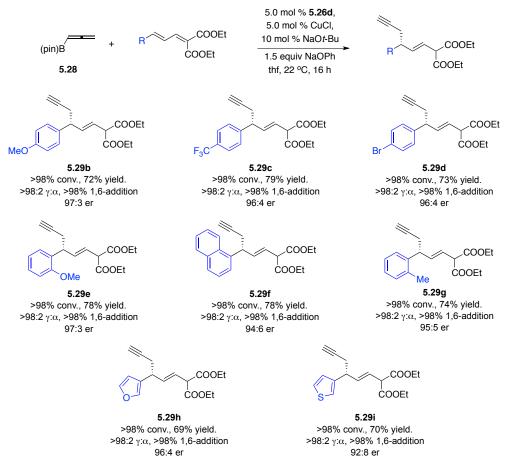
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## 5.5 Scope for NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Propargyl 1,6-Conjugate Addition with Allenyl–B(pin)

Having identified that NHC–Cu complexes derived from both imidazolinium salts **5.26d** and **5.26h** deliver the best enantioselectivity for propargyl 1,6-conjugate addition, we chose **5.26d** as the optimal ligand due to the lower cost of 2,4,6-trimethylaniline starting material to prepare the ligand compared with 1-adamantylamine and investigated the substrate scope. As indicated in Scheme 5.6, dienoates bearing electron-donating (**5.29b** and **5.29e**) and electron-withdrawing (**5.29c-d**) groups are suitable substrates. Halogen substituents are well tolerated (**5.29d**). Reactions of dienoates that contain sterically congested substituents afford desired products in high efficiency and selectivity (**5.29e-g**; 74-78% yield, 94:6-97:3 er). Products that contain furyl and thienyl substituents are generated in 69% and 70% yield with 96:4 and 92:8 er respectively (**5.29h-i**).

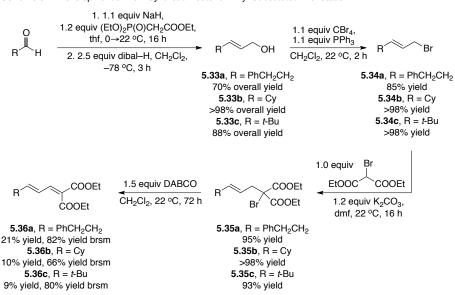
We then turned our attention to reactions with alkyl-substituted dienoates. However, preparation of such class of substrates is not trivial. Employment of the method (Knoevenagel condensation between  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes and diethyl malonate) used for synthesis of aryl-substituted dienoates results in either formation of a complex mixture for primary alkyl-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes due to enolization and self-condensation, or <2% conversion of starting materials for  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes bearing  $\alpha$ -substituents due to steric hindrance and low electrophilicity. The limitation of state-of-the-art synthesis of dienoates prompts us to develop a new way to access this class of building blocks, broadening their scope in organic synthesis.



Scheme 5.6: Substrate Scope for Enantioselective Propargyl 1,6-Conjugate Addition with Aryl-Substituted Dienoates

We envisioned that in addition to Knoevenagel condensation, base-mediated elimination of the corresponding diethyl  $\alpha$ -bromo- $\alpha$ -allylmalonates might afford the dienoates. The challenge is that the products are sensitive to strong base, which might induce retro-condensation and lead to decomposition of the dienoates. Proper choice of base is essential to achieve product formation without decomposition. Investigation on this strategy is shown in Scheme 5.7. The precursors (**5.35a-c**) for elimination are accessed in high efficiency (93%->98% yield) by alkylation of commercially available diethyl bromomalonate with corresponding allyl bromides, which are prepared through Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction and 1,2-reduction with diisobutylaluminum hydride followed by bromination with CBr<sub>4</sub> and PPh<sub>3</sub>. Careful screen of bases leads us to 764

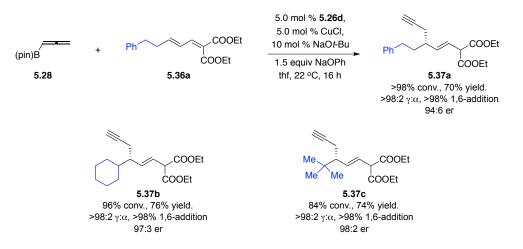
identify DABCO as the optimal choice, which is basic enough to deprotonate the diethyl  $\alpha$ -bromo- $\alpha$ -allylmalonates, but not too basic to cause decomposition. Triethylamine is too weak for deprotonation, resulting in no reaction, while DBU is too strong, causing decomposition of the products. Although the elimination process is low yielding (9%-22% yield), especially with sterically congested cyclohexyl- and *tert*-butyl-substituents (**5.36b**-**c**), the starting materials can be recovered easily in high yield (66%-82% yield). One significant attribute for this route is that all starting materials are commercially available and inexpensive. In addition, each step can be conducted in multi-gram scale.



Scheme 5.7: Development of New Synthetic Route for Alkyl-Substituted Dienoates

With alkyl-substituted dienoates in hand, we explored the NHC–Cu-catalyzed enantioselective propargyl 1,6-conjugate addition. Reaction of dienoate **5.36a** in the presence of Cu complex derived from imidazolinium salt **5.26d** affords desired 1,6-addition product **5.37a** in 70% yield and 94:6 er (Scheme 5.8). Sterically more congested cyclohexyl- and *tert*-butyl-substituted dienoates also react in high efficiency and enantioselectivity (**5.37b**, 76% yield, 97:3 er; **5.37c**, 74% yield, 98:2 er). In all cases, only

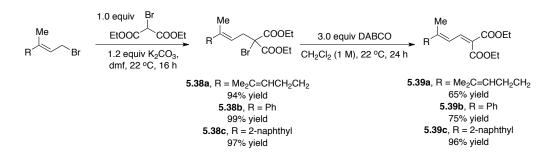
1,6-conjugate addition products are detected, implying 3,3'-reductive elimination pathway is energetically most favored. Even with sterically bulky substrate **5.36c** containing *tert*-butyl group, <2% conversion to 1,1'-reductive elimination product is observed and addition at the congested 6-position occurs exclusively.



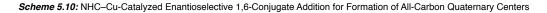
Scheme 5.8: Substrate Scope for Enantioselective Propargyl 1,6-Conjugate Addition with Alkyl-Substituted Dienoates

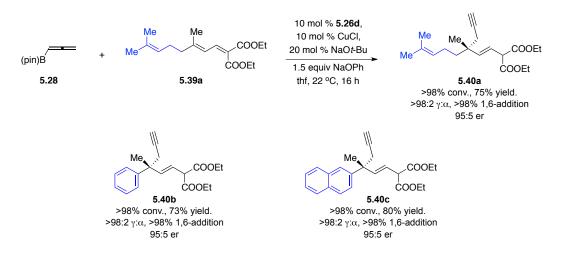
Based on our mechanistic rationale presented in Scheme 5.1, the stereochemical determining step is 1,4-oxidative addition of Cu(I) complex to the dienoate. Thus the enantioselectivity is not sensitive to the substitution patterns at 6-position. We envisioned that similarly high enantioselectivity might be achieved if an additional substituent is incorporated into 6-position of the dienoate, resulting in formation of all-carbon quaternary stereogenic centers. To test this hypothesis, we commenced our investigation with preparation of the substrates. One drawback in the alkyl-substituted dienoates synthesis is low yielding in the elimination step, especially for the sterically congested cyclohexyl- and *tert*-butyl-substituted substrates. We further optimized this step by increasing the reaction concentration and equivalents of base. To our delight, with shorter reaction time, much higher yields of the dienoates are isolated (Scheme 5.9).

Scheme 5.9: Synthesis of Dienoates for Formation of All-Carbon Quaternary Stereogenic Centers



With an efficient method to access the substrates in hand, we began to test the Cucatalyzed enantioselective 1,6-conjugate addition. As illustrated in Scheme 5.10, in the presence of 10 mol % NHC–Cu complex derived from imidazolinium salt **5.26d**, the reactions proceed with high efficiency (73%-80% yield) and enantioselectivity (95:5 er). Alkyl- and aryl-substituted dienoates are suitable substrates. Interestingly even with these sterically congested dienoates, <2% 1,4-reductive elimination products are observed. Another reason for efficient formation of all-carbon quaternary center is that such event occurs intramolecularly via the Cu(III) intermediate (**v**, Scheme 5.1). This conceptually new protocol provides a mechanistically unique way to construct such stereogenic centers.



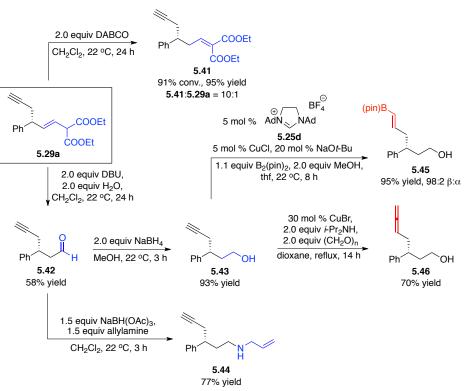


## 5.6 Functionalization of NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Enantioselective Propargyl 1,6-Conjugate Addition Products

The products generated from NHC–Cu-catalyzed enantioselective propargyl 1,6conjugate addition contain a terminal alkyne moiety and an alkenylmalonate moiety. Selective functionalization of each functional group provides access to a variety of synthetically useful building blocks that are otherwise difficult-to-access. First we investigated isomerization of the alkene to conjugation. Interestingly we found that treatment of **5.29a** with DBU results in isomerization of the double bond followed by water conjugate addition and retro-aldol reaction, delivering aldehyde 5.42 in 58% overall yield (Scheme 5.9). The aldehyde 5.42 is the product of enantioselective propargy 1,4-conjugate addition to  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde, a process that is so far unprecedented. The screening of a variety of organic bases prompts us to identify DABCO as a suitable base to induce the isomerization without decomposition of the product. Other alternatives are also effective; Subjection of 5.29a to triethylamine and dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> result in 91% conversion to 5.41 in 95% yield of a 10:1 mixture of 5.41 and 5.29a. Ratio of 5.41 and 5.29a keeps unchanged regardless of which base is used, suggesting that a thermodynamic equilibrium between them has been reached. The aldehyde moiety in 5.42 can be converted to alcohol 5.43 and amine 5.44 in high yield.<sup>7</sup> The alkyne moiety of 5.43 can also be transformed to useful functional groups. Treatment of **5.43** with NHC–Cu complex derived from imidazolinium salt **5.25d** affords alkenylboron **5.45** in 95% yield and 98%  $\beta$ -selectivity.<sup>8</sup> In addition,

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(8) Jang, H.; Zhugralin, A. R.; Lee, Y.; Hoveyda, A. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2011, 133, 7859–7871.

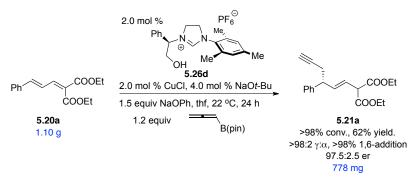
Crabbé homologation of terminal alkyne generates mono-substituted allene **5.46** in 70% yield, which can be further converted to a variety of enantiomerically enriched alkenylboron compounds.<sup>4</sup>



Scheme 5.11: Functionalization of the Enantioselective 1,6-Conjugate Addition Products

The NHC–Cu-catalyzed protocol can be conducted in gram scale, demonstrating the potential utility in organic synthesis. As shown in Scheme 5.10, reaction of 1.10 g dienoate **5.20a** with 1.2 equivalent of allenylboronic acid pinacol ester in the presence of 2.0 mol % NHC–Cu complex in situ generated from imidazolinium salt **5.26d** delivers 778 mg desired product **5.21a** in 62% yield and 97.5:2.5 er.

Scheme 5.12: NHC-Cu-Catalyzed Enantioselective Propargyl 1,6-Conjugate Addition in Gram Scale



### 5.7 Conclusion

In this chapter, we have described a conceptually new set of NHC-Cu-catalyzed enantioselective 1,6-conjugate addition reactions that incorporate allyl-type groups (such as allyl groups with different substitution patterns, propargyl and allenyl groups). The transformations promoted by NHC-Cu complexes derived from an easily accessible class of imidazolinium salts proceed through 3,3'-reductive elimination of the bis(allyl)copper(III) intermediates. Aryl- and alkyl-substituted dienoates are suitable substrates. The scope of accessible substrates is expended by development of a new route for their preparation. Functionalization of the products results in a variety of synthetically useful building blocks that are otherwise difficult-to-access. Furthermore, identification of this mechanistically unique class of highly selective 1,6-conjugate additions opens up opportunities for further development of such reactions with new allyl-type reagents.

#### 5.8 Experimental

**General.** Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker FT-IR Alpha (ATR mode) spectrophotometer,  $v_{max}$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Bands are characterized as broad (br), strong (s),

medium (m), and weak (w). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity INOVA 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$  7.26 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = singlet) triplet, q = quartet, br s = broad singlet, m = multiplet, app. = apparent), and coupling constant (Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity INOVA 400 (100 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$ 77.16 ppm). High-resolution mass spectrometry was performed on a JEOL AccuTOF DART (positive mode) at the Mass Spectrometry Facility, Boston College. Enantiomer ratios were determined by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) with a Shimadzu chromatograph (Chiral Technologies Chiralcel OD-H (4.6 x 250 mm), Chiralcel OJ-H (4.6 x 250 mm), Chiralcel OZ-H (4.6 x 250 mm)) in comparison with authentic racemic materials. Specific rotations were measured on a Rudolph Research Analytical Autopol IV Polarimeter.

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out with distilled and degassed solvents under an atmosphere of dry  $N_2$  in oven- (135 °C) or flame-dried glassware with standard dry box or vacuum-line techniques. Solvents were purified under a positive pressure of dry argon by a modified Innovative Technologies purification system: toluene, benzene and hexanes were purified through a copper oxide and alumina column;  $CH_2Cl_2$  and  $Et_2O$  were purged with Ar and purified by passage through two alumina columns. Tetrahydrofuran (Aldrich Chemical Co.) was purified by distillation from sodium benzophenone ketyl immediately prior to use unless otherwise specified. Methanol

(Aldrich Chemical Co.) was distilled over  $CaH_2$ . All work-up and purification procedures were carried out with reagent grade solvents (purchased from Fisher Scientific) in air.

### **5.8.1 Reagents and Ligands**

Allenes (5.19a): prepared according to previously reported procedures.<sup>9</sup>

Allenylboronic acid pinacol ester: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Allylamine: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Aryl-substituted dienoates: prepared according to previously reported procedures.<sup>10</sup>

**Bis(pinacolato)diboron:** purchased from Frontier Scientific, Inc. and recrystallized from pentane.

Copper bromide: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Copper chloride: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

**Cyclohexanecarboxaldehyde:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**1,4-Diazabicyclo**[**2.2.2**]**octane** (**DABCO**)**:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

<sup>(9) (</sup>a) Crabbé, P.; Fillion, H.; André, D.; Luche, J-L. J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun. **1979**, 859–860. (b) Searles, S.; Li, Y.; Nassim, B.; Lopes, M-T. R.; Tran, P. T.; Crabbé, P. J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1, **1984**, 747–751. (c) Inoue, A.; Kondo, J.; Shinokubo, H.; Oshima, K. Chem. Eur. J. **2002**, 8, 1730–1740. (d) Baird, M. S.; Nizovtsev, A. V.; Bolesov, I. G. Tetrahedron **2002**, 58, 1581–1593.

<sup>(10)</sup> Liu, L.; Sarkisian, R.; Xu, Z.; Wang, H. J. Org. Chem. 2012, 77, 7693–7699.

**1,8-Diazabicyclo**[**5.4.0**]**undec-7-ene** (**DBU**)**:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Diethyl bromomalonate: purchased from Alfa Aesar Co. and used as received.

**Diisobutylaluminum hydride (dibal–H):** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Hydrocinnamaldehyde: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Imidazolinium salts 5.25a-d:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Imidazolinium salts 5.25a-d: prepared according to previously reported procedures.<sup>4c</sup>

*N*,*N*-**Diisopropylamine:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

*N*,*N*-**Dimethylformamide:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Paraformaldehyde: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Potassium carbonate: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Sodium borohydride: purchased from Alfa Aesar Co. and used as received.

Sodium tert-butoxide: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Sodium hydride: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.

Sodium phenoxide: purchased from Alfa Aesar Co. and used as received.

**Sodium triacetoxyborohydride:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

Tetrabromomethane: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

**Triethyl phosphonoacetate:** purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

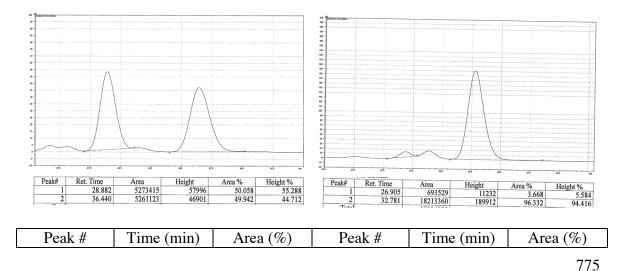
Trimethylacetaldehyde: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received. Triphenylphosphine: purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received.

### 5.8.2 Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data for NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Cu–B Addition to Allenes Followed by 1,6-Conjugate Addition

■ Representative Experimental Procedure for NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Cu–B addition to Allene/1,6-Conjugate Addition. In a  $N_2$ -filled glove box, imidazolinium salt 5.26g (2.2 mg, 0.0050 mmol), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.0050 mmol), NaOt-Bu (0.9 mg, 0.010 mmol) and NaOPh (17.4 mg, 0.15 mmol) and thf (0.5 mL) are added into an oven-dried vial equipped with a stirring bar. The mixture is allowed to premix for 2 h at 22 °C. The resulting mixture is then added into a separate oven-dried vial containing bis(pinacolato)diboron (38.1 mg, 0.15 mmol). The vial is sealed with a Teflon screw cap and removed from the glove box. The mixture is allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min. Then allene 5.19a (29.8 mg, 0.15 mmol) and dienoate 5.20a (27.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) are added into the solution by syringes. The resulting mixture is allowed to stir at 22 °C for 16 h. The mixture is filtered through a short plug of Celite and silica gel eluting with diethyl ether. The filtrate is washed with 1M NaOH aqueous solution, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting yellow oil is purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 25:1) to obtain 37.4 mg 5.21a (0.062 mmol, 62% yield) as colorless oil.

(*E*)-Diethyl 2-(4-(2-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-3-phenyl-5-(4,4,5,5tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)hexa-1,5-dien-1-yl)malonate (5.21a). IR (neat): 3028 (m), 2978 (m), 2955 (m), 2857 (m), 1734 (s), 1417 (m), 1305 (m), 1252 (m), 1141 (s), 1094 (s), 1032 (m), 968 (m), 834 (s), 775 (s), 699 (s), 619 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.21–7.17 (2H, m), 7.10–7.06 (3H, m), 5.80–5.78 (2H, m), 5.63 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 5.32 (1H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 4.21 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.13 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.99– 3.97 (1H, m), 3.63–3.58 (1H, m), 3.55–3.50 (1H, m), 3.44–3.38 (1H, m), 2.60 (1H, td, *J* = 11.2, 2.8 Hz), 1.97–1.88 (1H, m), 1.70–1.61 (1H, m), 1.28 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.23 (6H, s), 1.18 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.18 (6H, s), 0.88 (9H, s), 0.002 (3H, s), -0.003 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.5, 168.3, 143.7, 139.6, 132.2, 128.5, 128.3, 126.0, 122.4, 83.2, 61.8, 61.7, 61.6, 55.8, 53.5, 48.2, 35.0, 26.1, 25.0, 24.8, 18.4, 14.2, 14.1, – 5.12, -5.11; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>54</sub>B<sub>1</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 601.37318 m/z, Found: 601.37467 m/z.

Enantiomeric purity of **5.21a** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (96:4 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 99.9:0.1 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm). Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ –10.6 (*c* 1.56, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



1	28.882	50.058	1	26.905	3.668
2	36.440	49.942	2	32.781	96.332

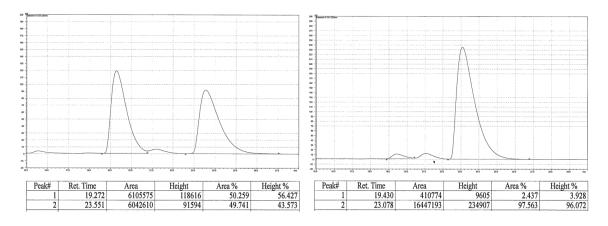
**5.8.3** Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data for NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Enantioselective Propargyl 1,6-Conjugate Addition for Formation of Tertiary Centers

■ Representative Experimental Procedure for NHC-Cu-Catalyzed Enantioselective Propargyl 1,6-Conjugate Addition. In a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove box, imidazolinium salt 5.26d (2.3 mg, 0.0050 mmol), CuCl (0.5 mg, 0.0050 mmol), NaOt-Bu (0.9 mg, 0.010 mmol) and NaOPh (17.4 mg, 0.15 mmol) and thf (0.5 mL) are added into an oven-dried vial equipped with a stirring bar. The mixture is allowed to premix for 2 h at 22 °C. The resulting mixture is then added into a separate oven-dried vial containing allenylboronic acid pinacol ester (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol). The vial is sealed with a Teflon screw cap and removed from the glove box. The mixture is allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min. Then dienoate 5.20a (27.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) is added into the solution by a syringe. The resulting mixture is allowed to stir at 22 °C for 16 h. The mixture is filtered through a short plug of Celite and silica gel eluting with diethyl ether. The filtrate is washed with 1M NaOH aqueous solution, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting yellow oil is purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 20:1) to obtain 23.3 mg 5.29a (0.074 mmol, 74% yield) as colorless oil.

(*R*,*E*)-Diethyl 2-(3-phenylhex-1-en-5-yn-1-yl)malonate (5.29a). IR (neat): 3288 (m), 2982 (m), 2935 (m), 1729 (s), 1601 (w), 1494 (m), 1452 (m), 1368 (m), 1266 (s), 1173 (s), 1030 (s), 970 (m), 863 (m), 700 (s), 637 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.33–7.30 (2H, m), 7.24–7.22 (3H, m), 5.94 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.0, 6.6 Hz), 5.82 (1H, dd, *J* = 776

15.0, 9.0 Hz), 4.23–4.18 (4H, m), 4.03 (1H, J = 9.0 Hz), 3.59 (1H, td, J = 7.2, 7.2 Hz), 2.65–2.57 (2H, m), 1.96 (1H, t, J = 3.0 Hz), 1.27 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.24 (3H, t, J = 7.2Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 168.2, 168.1, 142.1, 137.6, 128.6, 127.8, 127.0, 122.9, 82.1, 70.3, 61.8, 61.7, 55.7, 47.1, 25.4, 14.2, 14.1; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 315.15963 m/z, Found: 315.16119 m/z. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –4.7 (*c* 0.69, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

Enantiomeric purity of **5.29a** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (97.5:2.5 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OD–H column, 99.5:0.5 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



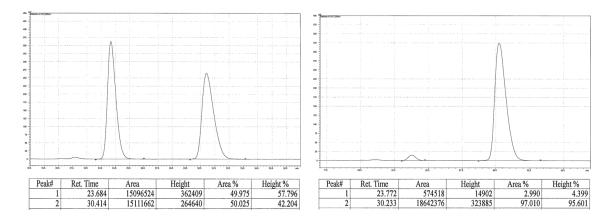
Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	19.272	50.259	1	19.430	2.437
2	23.551	49.741	2	23.078	97.563

**Proof of Stereochemistry:** The corresponding (*R*)-3-phenylhexan-1-ol was obtained after one-pot isomerization and retro-aldol and hydrogenation of the corresponding aldehyde **5.42**. Specific rotation of (*R*)-3-phenylhexan-1-ol:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –6.0 (*c* 1.69, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Literature value:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –6.7 (*c* 2.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).<sup>11</sup>

<sup>(11)</sup> Reyes, E.; Vicario, J. L.; Carrillo, L.; Badía, D.; Uria, U.; Iza, A. J. Org. Chem. 2006, 71, 7763–7772.

(*R*,*E*)-Diethyl 2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)hex-1-en-5-yn-1-yl)malonate (5.29b). IR (neat): 3286 (m), 2982 (m), 2935 (m), 1728 (s), 1610 (m), 1512 (s), 1464 (m), 1246 (s), 1176 (s), 1096 (m), 1030 (s), 971 (m), 830 (m), 640 (m), 545 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.14 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.85 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 5.91 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.2 Hz), 5.78 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.4 Hz), 4.20 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.18 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.02 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.55 (1H, td, *J* = 7.2, 6.8 Hz), 2.60–2.56 (2H, m), 1.95 (1H, t, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 1.27 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.25 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.3, 168.2, 158.6, 138.0, 134.1, 128.7, 122.6, 114.0, 82.3, 70.3, 61.8, 61.7, 55.7, 55.4, 46.2, 25.5, 14.2, 14.1; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 345.17020 m/z, Found: 345.17107 m/z. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –10.0 (*c* 1.24, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

Enantiomeric purity of **5.29b** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (97:3 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 98.5:1.5 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



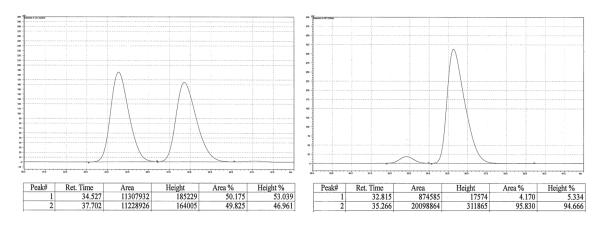
Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	23.684	49.975	1	23.772	2.990
2	30.414	50.025	2	30.233	97.010

(*R*,*E*)-Diethyl 2-(3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)hex-1-en-5-yn-1-yl)malonate (5.29c).

IR (neat): 3299 (w), 2984 (w), 2940 (w), 1730 (s), 1619 (w), 1447 (w), 1324 (s), 1269

(m), 1161 (s), 1113 (s), 1067 (s), 1018 (s), 971 (m), 837 (m), 638 (m), 606 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.57 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.35 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 5.92 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 6.8 Hz), 5.82 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.4 Hz), 4.24–4.16 (4H, m), 4.03 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 2.66 (1H, ddd, *J* = 16.8, 7.2, 2.8 Hz), 1.96 (1H, t, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 1.27 (3H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.24 (3H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.1, 168.0, 146.0, 136.7, 129.3 (q, *J* = 32.6 Hz), 127.9, 125.6 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.3 (q, *J* = 270.2 Hz), 123.8, 81.4, 70.9, 61.9, 61.8, 55.6, 46.8, 25.2, 14.2, 14.1; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 383.14702 m/z, Found: 383.14610 m/z. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –9.5 (*c* 2.16, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

Enantiomeric purity of **5.29c** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (96:4 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 99.5:0.5 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).

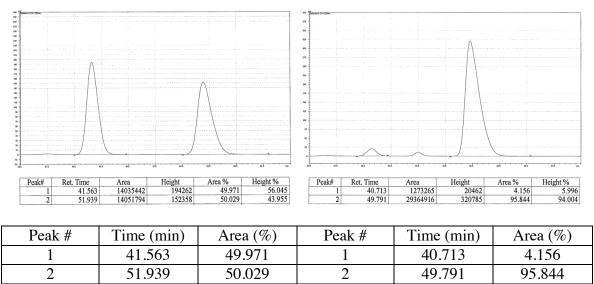


Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	34.527	50.175	1	32.815	4.170
2	37.702	49.825	2	35.266	95.830

(*R*,*E*)-Diethyl 2-(3-(4-bromophenyl)hex-1-en-5-yn-1-yl)malonate (5.29d). IR (neat): 3297 (w), 2982 (w), 2935 (w), 1728 (s), 1488 (m), 1368 (m), 1264 (m), 1150 (m), 1030 (m), 971 (m), 822 (m), 642 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.43 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4

Hz), 7.11 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 5.89 (1H, dd, J = 15.0, 7.2 Hz), 5.79 (1H, dd, J = 15.0, 9.0 Hz), 4.21 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.18 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.02 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 3.55 (1H, td, J = 6.6, 7.2 Hz), 2.61 (1H, ddd, J = 16.8, 7.2, 2.4 Hz), 1.95 (1H, t, J = 2.4 Hz), 1.27 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.24 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 168.1, 168.0, 141.0, 137.1, 131.7, 129.6, 123.4, 120.9, 81.6, 70.7, 61.9, 61.8, 55.6, 46.5, 25.2, 14.2, 14.1; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Br<sub>1</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 393.07015 m/z, Found: 393.06864 m/z. Specific rotation: [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –11.9 (*c* 1.80, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

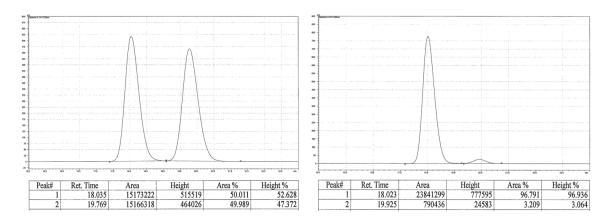
Enantiomeric purity of **5.29d** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (96:4 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 99.5:0.5 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



(*R*,*E*)-Diethyl 2-(3-(2-methoxyphenyl)hex-1-en-5-yn-1-yl)malonate (5.29e). IR (neat): 3292 (w), 2982 (w), 2938 (w), 1729 (s), 1599 (w), 1492 (m), 1439 (m), 1240 (s), 1148 (s), 1027 (s), 970 (m), 861 (w), 754 (s), 637 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$ 7.21 (1H, td, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz), 7.16 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz), 6.91 (1H, td, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz), 6.86 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz), 5.99 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 6.8 Hz), 5.83 (1H, dd, *J* =

15.6, 9.0 Hz), 4.20 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.17 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.03 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 4.00 (1H, td, J = 6.6, 6.6 Hz), 3.82 (3H, s), 2.62–2.60 (2H, m), 1.92 (1H, t, J = 3.0 Hz), 1.27 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.24 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.3, 168.2, 157.0, 137.0, 130.5, 128.4, 128.0, 122.7, 120.6, 110.8, 82.7, 69.8, 61.7, 61.6, 55.8, 55.5, 40.9, 23.9, 14.2, 14.1; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 345.17020 m/z, Found: 345.17007 m/z. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –3.9 (*c* 1.69, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

Enantiomeric purity of **5.29e** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (97:3 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 99:1 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



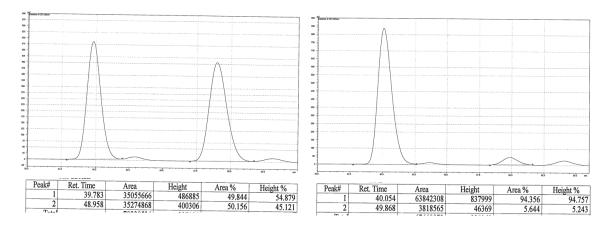
Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	18.035	50.011	1	18.023	96.791
2	19.769	49.989	2	19.925	3.209

(*R*,*E*)-Diethyl 2-(3-(naphthalen-1-yl)hex-1-en-5-yn-1-yl)malonate (5.29f). IR (neat):

3293 (w), 2982 (w), 2935 (w), 1728 (s), 1368 (m), 1258 (m), 1173 (m), 1095 (m), 1030 (m), 971 (m), 861 (w), 779 (s), 639 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  8.08 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.87 (1H, d, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.76 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.54–7.39 (4H, m), 6.07 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 6.8 Hz), 5.90 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 8.8 Hz), 4.46 (1H, td, J = 6.8, 6.4 Hz), 4.20 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.16 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.06 (1H, d, J = 8.8 Hz), 2.80–2.77

(2H, m), 1.98 (1H, t, J = 2.8 Hz), 1.26 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.21 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.2, 168.1, 138.0, 137.4, 134.1, 131.4, 129.1, 127.7, 126.2, 125.7, 125.5, 124.5, 123.4, 123.3, 82.3, 70.5, 61.8, 61.7, 55.8, 42.2, 24.8, 14.2, 14.1; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 365.17528 m/z, Found: 365.17471 m/z. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +23.8 (*c* 1.81, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

Enantiomeric purity of **5.29f** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (94:6 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 99.5:0.5 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).

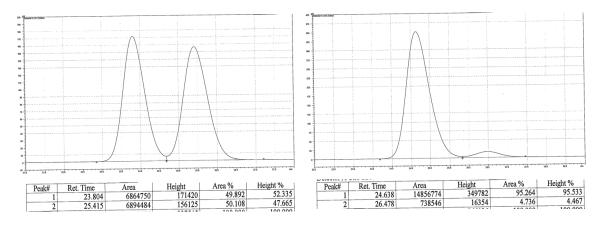


Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	39.783	49.844	1	40.054	94.356
2	48.958	50.156	2	49.868	5.644

(*R*,*E*)-Diethyl 2-(3-(*o*-tolyl)hex-1-en-5-yn-1-yl)malonate (5.29g). IR (neat): 3288 (m), 2982 (m), 2937 (m), 1729 (s), 1463 (m), 1368 (m), 1265 (s), 1148 (s), 1096 (m), 1029 (s), 970 (m), 863 (m), 757 (m), 638 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.19–7.11 (4H, m), 5.86 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 6.8 Hz), 5.75 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.8 Hz), 4.20 (2H, q, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.17 (2H, q, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.01 (1H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 3.85 (1H, td, *J* = 6.8, 7.2 Hz), 2.63–2.59 (2H, m), 2.35 (3H, s), 1.95 (1H, t, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 1.27 (3H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.23 (3H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.2, 168.1, 140.1, 137.4, 136.2,

130.7, 126.8, 126.5, 126.4, 122.8, 82.3, 70.0, 61.8, 61.7, 55.7, 42.8, 24.5, 19.7, 14.2, 14.1; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{25}O_4$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 329.17528 m/z, Found: 329.17450 m/z. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20} - 11.0$  (*c* 1.36, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

Enantiomeric purity of **5.29g** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (95:5 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 99.5:0.5 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).

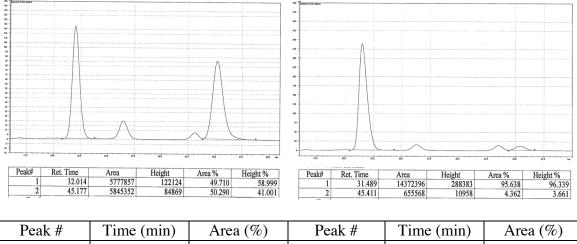


Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	23.804	49.892	1	24.638	95.264
2	25.415	50.108	2	26.478	4.736

(*R*,*E*)-Diethyl 2-(3-(furan-3-yl)hex-1-en-5-yn-1-yl)malonate (5.29h). IR (neat): 3291 (w), 2982 (w), 2936 (w), 1729 (s), 1465 (w), 1368 (m), 1252 (m), 1174 (m), 1113 (m), 1030 (m), 970 (m), 862 (w), 784 (m), 648 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.28–7.26 (1H, m), 7.08–7.07 (1H, m), 7.00–6.98 (1H, m), 5.90 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.2 Hz), 5.82 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.4 Hz), 4.21 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.20 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.03 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 3.69 (1H, td, *J* = 7.2, 6.8 Hz), 2.62–2.59 (2H, m), 1.98 (1H, t, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 1.27 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.26 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.21, 168.19, 142.7, 137.3, 127.2, 125.8, 123.1, 121.0, 82.0, 70.5, 61.8, 55.6, 42.7,

25.2, 14.18, 14.16; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for  $C_{17}H_{21}O_5$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 305.13890 m/z, Found: 305.13793 m/z. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –30.6 (*c* 1.01, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

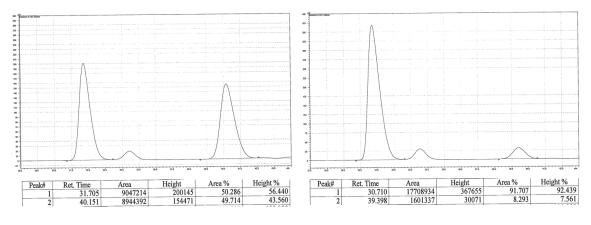
Enantiomeric purity of **5.29h** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (96:4 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OJ–H column, 98.5:1.5 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	32.014	49.710	1	31.489	95.638
2	45.177	50.290	2	45.411	4.362
( <i>R</i> , <i>E</i> )-Diethyl 2-(3-(thiophen-3-yl)hex-1-en-5-yn-1-yl)malonate (5.29i). IR (neat): 3293					

(w), 2983 (w), 2937 (w), 1728 (s), 1505 (w), 1369 (m), 1259 (m), 1152 (s), 1113 (m), 1069 (m), 1026 (s), 969 (m), 876 (m), 790 (m), 731 (m), 639 (m), 600 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.36–7.35 (1H, m), 7.30–7.29 (1H, m), 6.32–6.31 (1H, m), 5.88–5.78 (2H, m), 4.20 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.19 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.03 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 3.50 (1H, td, *J* = 6.4, 6.4 Hz), 2.54–2.51 (2H, m), 1.98 (1H, t, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 1.27 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.26 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.2, 143.1, 139.3, 137.0, 126.1, 123.2, 110.0, 81.9, 70.4, 61.8, 55.5, 38.2, 24.9, 14.2; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 321.11605 m/z, Found: 321.11658 m/z. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –21.2 (*c* 1.97, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

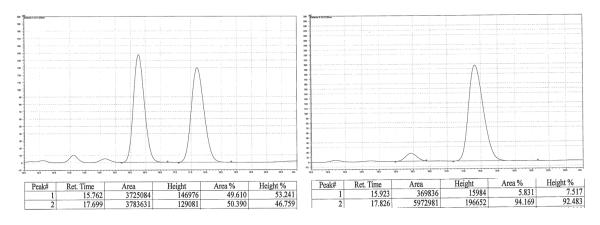
Enantiomeric purity of **5.29i** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (92:8 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OJ–H column, 99:1 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	31.705	50.286	1	30.710	91.707
2	40.151	49.714	2	39.398	8.293
( <i>R</i> , <i>E</i> )-Diethyl 2-(3-phenethylhex-1-en-5-yn-1-yl)malonate (5.37a). IR (neat): 3286 (w),					

2982 (w), 2934 (w), 1730 (s), 1454 (w), 1368 (m), 1262 (m), 1147 (s), 1113 (m), 1030 (s), 971 (m), 862 (w), 748 (m), 700 (m), 639 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.30–7.26 (2H, m), 7.20–7.17 (3H, m), 5.79 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.4 Hz), 5.63 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.4 Hz), 4.23 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.22 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.04 (1H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 2.70–2.62 (1H, m), 2.60–2.51 (1H, m), 2.35–2.27 (3H, m), 1.97 (1H, t, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 1.94–1.85 (1H, m), 1.76–1.67 (1H, m), 1.28 (6H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.4, 168.3, 142.1, 138.5, 128.6, 128.5, 125.9, 123.2, 82.0, 70.0, 61.8, 61.7, 55.8, 40.8, 35.3, 33.3, 24.5, 14.21, 14.19; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 343.19093 m/z, Found: 343.19021 m/z. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +7.8 (*c* 1.26, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

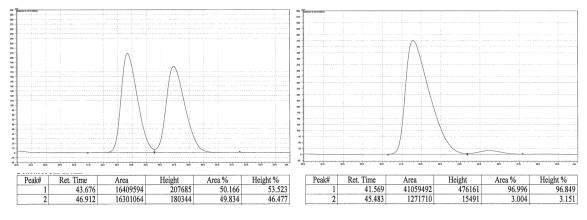
Enantiomeric purity of **5.37a** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (94:6 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 99.5:0.5 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	15.762	49.610	1	15.923	5.831
2	17.699	50.390	2	17.826	94.169
(S,E)-Diethyl 2-(3-cyclohexylhex-1-en-5-yn-1-yl)malonate (5.37b). IR (neat): 3288 (w),					

2982 (w), 2924 (m), 2852 (m), 1732 (s), 1448 (m), 1368 (m), 1265 (m), 1148 (m), 1032 (m), 972 (m), 862 (w), 630 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 5.70 (1H, dd, J = 15.2, 8.4 Hz), 5.59 (1H, dd, J = 15.2, 8.8 Hz), 4.19 (4H, q, J = 7.6 Hz), 4.00 (1H, d, J = 8.8 Hz), 2.30–2.26 (2H, m), 2.09–2.02 (1H, m), 1.93 (1H, t, J = 2.8 Hz), 1.76–1.62 (5H, m), 1.49–1.40 (1H, m), 1.26 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.25 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.22–1.06 (3H, m), 1.00–0.80 (2H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 168.5, 168.4, 137.7, 123.0, 82.7, 69.7, 61.7, 61.6, 55.8, 47.2, 40.0, 31.0, 29.8, 26.6, 26.53, 26.46, 21.7, 14.2; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 321.20658 m/z, Found: 321.20727 m/z. Specific rotation: [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +4.7 (*c* 1.53, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

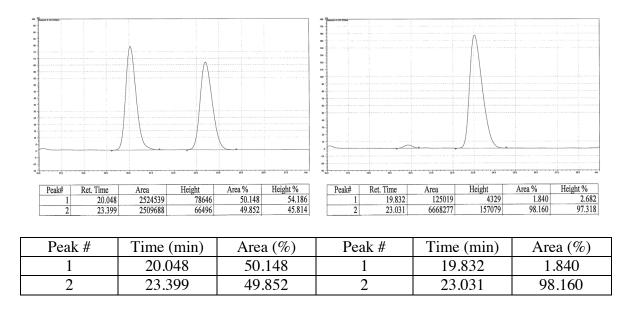
Enantiomeric purity of **5.37b** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (97:3 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 99.6:0.4 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	43.676	50.166	1	41.569	96.996
2	46.912	49.834	2	45.483	3.004
( <i>R</i> , <i>E</i> )-Diethyl 2-(3-( <i>tert</i> -butyl)hex-1-en-5-yn-1-yl)malonate (5.37c). IR (neat): 3289					

(w), 2962 (m), 2872 (w), 1733 (s), 1468 (w), 1368 (m), 1260 (m), 1148 (m), 1033 (m), 971 (m), 862 (w), 628 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  5.75 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.8 Hz), 5.57 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.8 Hz), 4.19 (4H, q, *J* =7.2 Hz), 4.03 (1H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 2.41 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.6, 2.8 Hz), 2.13–2.00 (2H, m), 1.89 (1H, t, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 1.26 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.25 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 0.88 (9H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.5, 168.4, 136.2, 124.2, 83.7, 69.5, 61.7, 61.6, 55.8, 52.6, 33.3, 27.7, 19.6, 14.2; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 295.19093 m/z, Found: 295.19175 m/z. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –2.3 (*c* 1.49, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

Enantiomeric purity of **5.37c** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (98:2 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 99.6:0.4 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.8 mL/min, 220 nm).



**5.8.4** Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data for Synthesis of Alkyl-Substituted Dienoates

Representative **Experimental** Procedure for Alkylation of Diethyl Bromomalonate with Allyl Bromide. To a solution of allyl bromide<sup>12</sup> 5.34a (4.00 g, 17.8 mmol) and diethyl bromomalonate (2.10 mL, 14.8 mmol) in N,N'dimethylformamide (dmf, 30 mL) was added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.25 g, 16.3 mmol) at 22 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 16 h. Water (20 mL) and diethyl ether (30 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous layer was washed with diethyl ether  $(2 \times 30 \text{ mL})$ . The combined organic layers were washed with brine  $(2 \times 30 \text{ mL})$ , dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum. The resulting colorless oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexanes: ethyl acetate = 50:1) to obtain 5.44 g **5.35a** (14.2 mmol, 95% yield) as colorless oil.

<sup>(12)</sup> Fañanás-Mastral, M.; Pérez, M.; Bos, P. H.; Rudolph, A.; Harutyunyan, S. R.; Feringa, B. L. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. **2012**, 51, 1922–1925.

(*E*)-Diethyl 2-bromo-2-(5-phenylpent-2-en-1-yl)malonate (5.35a). IR (neat): 2983 (w), 2936 (w), 1739 (s), 1454 (m), 1367 (m), 1233 (s), 1191 (m), 1096 (m), 1030 (m), 969 (m), 857 (m), 746 (m), 698 (m), 650 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.30–7.26 (2H, m), 7.20–7.16 (3H, m), 5.65 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.6, 6.4 Hz), 5.48 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.6, 6.8 Hz), 4.26 (4H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.99 (2H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.69–2.65 (2H, m), 2.34 (2H, dt, *J* = 7.6, 7.2 Hz), 1.28 (6H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$ 166.7, 141.7, 135.9, 128.5, 128.4, 125.9, 123.4, 63.0, 62.7, 41.7, 35.8, 34.4, 14.0; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>Br<sub>1</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 383.08580 m/z, Found: 383.08507 m/z.

(*E*)-Diethyl 2-bromo-2-(3-cyclohexylallyl)malonate (5.35b). IR (neat): 2981 (w), 2923 (m), 2851 (m), 1741 (s), 1447 (m), 1367 (w), 1232 (s), 1187 (m), 1095 (m), 1022 (m), 971 (m), 858 (m), 649 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  5.52 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.2, 6.4 Hz), 5.37 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.2, 7.2 Hz), 4.24 (4H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.94 (2H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.97–1.88 (1H, m), 1.72–1.60 (6H, m), 1.27 (6H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.25–0.97 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  166.7, 142.8, 120.2, 63.0, 41.8, 40.9, 32.9, 26.2, 26.0, 14.0; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>26</sub>Br<sub>1</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 361.10145 m/z, Found: 361.10139 m/z.

(*E*)-Diethyl 2-bromo-2-(4,4-dimethylpent-2-en-1-yl)malonate (5.35c). IR (neat): 2959 (m), 2867 (w), 1741 (s), 1446 (w), 1365 (m), 1256 (s), 1175 (s), 1095 (m), 1022 (m), 974 (m), 858 (m), 650 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  5.60 (1H, d, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 5.32 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.6, 7.2 Hz), 4.24 (4H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.95 (2H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.28 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 0.98 (9H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  166.7, 147.8, 117.5, 63.00, 62.96, 41.8, 33.3, 29.5, 14.1; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>24</sub>Br<sub>1</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 335.08580 m/z, Found: 335.08415 m/z.

**Representative Experimental Procedure for Elimination of Bromomalonate.** To a solution of bromomalonate **5.35a** (5.44 g, 14.2 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (50 mL) was added DABCO (2.39 g, 21.3 mmol) at 22 °C. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 72 h. Water (30 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous layer was washed with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum. The resulting yellow oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 30:1 to 10:1) to obtain 885 mg **5.36a** (2.9 mmol, 21% yield) and recover 4.07 g **5.35a** (10.6 mmol, 75% yield) as yellow oil.

(*E*)-Diethyl 2-(5-phenylpent-2-en-1-ylidene)malonate (5.36a). IR (neat): 2983 (w), 2937 (w), 1715 (s), 1636 (m), 1454 (m), 1241 (s), 1211 (s), 1094 (m), 1025 (m), 982 (w), 748 (m), 700 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.32–7.27 (3H, m), 7.22–7.16 (3H, m), 6.54 (1H, dd, J = 15.2, 11.6 Hz), 6.32 (1H, dt, J = 15.2, 7.2 Hz), 4.31 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.25 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.78–2.75 (2H, m), 2.57–2.52 (2H, m), 1.33 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.30 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  165.5, 164.9, 148.2, 145.2, 141.0, 128.6, 128.5, 126.4, 126.3, 124.3, 61.39, 61.36, 35.1, 35.0, 14.31, 14.29; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 303.15963 m/z, Found: 303.16021 m/z.

(*E*)-Diethyl 2-(3-cyclohexylallylidene)malonate (5.36b). IR (neat): 2982 (m), 2925 (m), 2852 (m), 1712 (s), 1632 (m), 1448 (m), 1377 (m), 1239 (s), 1122 (m), 1025 (s), 982 (m), 862 (m), 734 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.32 (1H, d, *J* = 11.2 Hz), 6.48 (1H, ddd, *J* = 15.2, 11.2, 1.2 Hz), 6.25 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.2, 6.8 Hz), 4.32 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.24 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.18–2.11 (1H, m), 1.79–1.62 (5H, m), 1.34 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.29 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.25–1.08 (6H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  165.6,

165.0, 155.1, 146.1, 123.8, 123.4, 61.31, 61.28, 41.6, 32.2, 26.1, 25.8, 14.35, 14.31; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 281.17528 m/z, Found: 281.17653 m/z.

(*E*)-Diethyl 2-(4,4-dimethylpent-2-en-1-ylidene)malonate (5.36c). IR (neat): 2962 (m), 2904 (w), 2870 (w), 1715 (s), 1632 (m), 1463 (m), 1366 (m), 1235 (s), 1195 (s), 1144 (m), 1060 (s), 1030 (m), 985 (m), 865 (w), 799 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.34 (1H, d, *J* = 11.2 Hz), 6.46 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 11.6 Hz), 6.31 (1H, d, *J* = 15.2 Hz), 4.33 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.24 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.34 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.30 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.07 (9H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  165.6, 165.0, 160.0, 146.3, 124.0, 120.9, 61.3, 34.5, 29.0, 14.35, 14.31; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 255.15963 m/z, Found: 255.16064 m/z.

## **5.8.5** Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data for Synthesis of Dienoates For Formation of Quaternary Stereogenic Centers

Representative Experimental Procedure for Alkylation of Diethyl Bromomalonate with Allyl Bromide. Bromomalonates 5.38a-c were prepared following previously described procedure.

(*E*)-Diethyl 2-bromo-2-(3,7-dimethylocta-2,6-dien-1-yl)malonate (5.38a). IR (neat): 2981 (m), 2926 (m), 1741 (s), 1445 (m), 1367 (m), 1235 (s), 1175 (m), 1096 (m), 1023 (m), 892 (m), 650 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  5.14 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 5.06 (1H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.25 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.24 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.01 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.09–1.93 (4H, m), 1.66 (3H, s), 1.63 (3H, s), 1.58 (3H, s), 1.27 (6H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  166.9, 140.6, 131.7, 124.0, 117.1, 63.1, 63.0, 39.9, 37.1, 26.6, 25.8, 17.8, 16.7, 14.0; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Br<sub>1</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 375.11710 m/z, Found: 375.11615 m/z.

(*E*)-Diethyl 2-bromo-2-(3-phenylbut-2-en-1-yl)malonate (5.38b). IR (neat): 2982 (w), 2937 (w), 1739 (s), 1465 (m), 1367 (m), 1257 (s), 1184 (s), 1095 (m), 1036 (m), 972 (w), 858 (m), 756 (m), 698 (m), 651 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.37–7.29 (4H, m), 7.27–7.23 (1H, m), 5.74 (1H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.29 (4H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.25 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.07 (3H, s), 1.29 (6H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  166.9, 143.5, 139.7, 128.4, 127.3, 126.0, 120.7, 63.2, 62.6, 37.8, 16.7, 14.0; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Br<sub>1</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 369.07015 m/z, Found: 369.06938 m/z.

(*E*)-Diethyl 2-bromo-2-(3-(naphthalen-2-yl)but-2-en-1-yl)malonate (5.38c). IR (neat): 3055 (w), 2982 (m), 2938 (w), 1740 (s), 1445 (m), 1367 (m), 1260 (s), 1183 (m), 1095 (m), 1036 (m), 892 (w), 858 (m), 748 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.84–7.77 (4H, m), 7.55 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz), 7.49–7.42 (2H, m), 5.91 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.31 (4H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.19 (3H, s), 1.31 (6H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$ 166.9, 140.6, 139.5, 133.5, 132.8, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 126.2, 125.8, 124.6, 124.5, 121.3, 63.2, 62.6, 37.9, 16.7, 14.0; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>Br<sub>1</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 419.08580 m/z, Found: 419.08399 m/z.

■ Representative Experimental Procedure for Elimination of Bromomalonate. To a solution of bromomalonate **5.38a** (3.54 g, 9.4 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10 mL) was added DABCO (3.18 g, 28.3 mmol) at 22 °C. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 24 h. Water (30 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous layer was washed with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum. The resulting yellow oil was purified by silica gel

column chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 12:1) to obtain 1.81 g **5.39a** (6.1 mmol, 65% yield) as yellow oil.

(*E*)-Diethyl 2-(3,7-dimethylocta-2,6-dien-1-ylidene)malonate (5.39a). IR (neat): 2980 (m), 2932 (m), 1715 (s), 1627 (m), 1446 (m), 1380 (m), 1246 (s), 1204 (s), 1143 (m), 1026 (s), 864 (w), 797 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.65 (1H, d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 6.26 (1H, d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 5.05 (1H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.31 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.24 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.21–2.10 (4H, m), 1.93 (3H, s), 1.67 (3H, s), 1.58 (3H, s), 1.33 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.29 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  166.0, 165.2, 155.2, 140.4, 132.6, 123.4, 123.2, 120.5, 61.24, 61.21, 40.9, 26.3, 25.8, 17.8, 17.7, 14.31, 14.30; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 295.19093 m/z, Found: 295.19105 m/z.

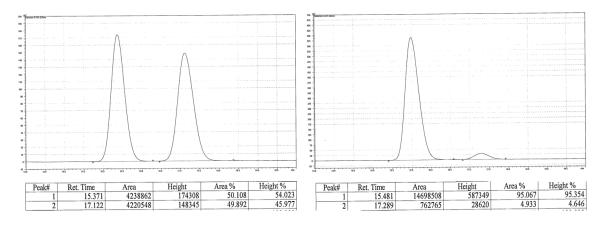
(*E*)-Diethyl 2-(3-phenylbut-2-en-1-ylidene)malonate (5.39b). IR (neat): 2982 (w), 2937 (m), 2904 (w), 1711 (s), 1610 (s), 1446 (m), 1378 (m), 1275 (s), 1237 (s), 1170 (s), 1062 (s), 1024 (m), 948 (w), 864 (w), 797 (m), 695 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.83 (1H, d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 7.51–7.48 (2H, m), 7.39–7.32 (3H, m), 6.89 (1H, d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 4.35 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.29 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.35 (3H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 1.35 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.33 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  165.9, 165.1, 149.9, 141.9, 140.1, 129.0, 128.7, 126.4, 125.3, 121.8, 61.40, 61.38, 16.8, 14.4, 14.3; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 289.14398 m/z, Found: 289.14478 m/z.

(*E*)-Diethyl 2-(3-(naphthalen-2-yl)but-2-en-1-ylidene)malonate (5.39c). IR (neat): 3058 (w), 2981 (m), 2937 (w), 1710 (s), 1604 (s), 1466 (m), 1366 (m), 1244 (s), 1164 (s), 1062 (s), 1023 (m), 857 (m), 749 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.95–7.81 (5H, m), 7.64 (1H, dd, J = 8.4, 1.6 Hz), 7.52–7.47 (2H, m), 7.06 (1H, d, J = 12.0 Hz), 793 4.38 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.31 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.46 (3H, d, J = 1.6 Hz), 1.39 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.35 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  165.9, 165.1, 149.6, 140.1, 139.0, 133.6, 133.3, 128.6, 128.3, 127.7, 126.8, 126.6, 126.0, 125.3, 123.9, 122.2, 61.44, 61.41, 16.8, 14.4, 14.3; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 339.15963 m/z, Found: 339.15929 m/z.

5.8.6 Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data for NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Enantioselective Propargyl 1,6-Conjugate Addition for Formation of Quaternary Centers

■ Representative Experimental Procedure for NHC-Cu-Catalyzed Enantioselective Propargyl 1,6-Conjugate Addition. In a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove box, imidazolinium salt 5.26d (4.6 mg, 0.010 mmol), CuCl (1.0 mg, 0.010 mmol), NaOt-Bu (1.9 mg, 0.020 mmol) and NaOPh (17.4 mg, 0.15 mmol) and thf (0.5 mL) are added into an oven-dried vial equipped with a stirring bar. The mixture is allowed to premix for 2 h at 22 °C. The resulting mixture is then added into a separate oven-dried vial containing allenylboronic acid pinacol ester (36.0 µL, 0.20 mmol). The vial is sealed with a Teflon screw cap and removed from the glove box. The mixture is allowed to stir at 22 °C for 30 min. Then dienoate 5.39a (28.8 mg, 0.10 mmol) is added into the solution by a syringe. The resulting mixture is allowed to stir at 22 °C for 24 h. The mixture is filtered through a short plug of Celite and silica gel eluting with diethyl ether. The filtrate is washed with 1M NaOH aqueous solution, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting yellow oil is purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 20:1) to obtain 24.1 mg 5.40a (0.073 mmol, 73% yield) as colorless oil. (*R*,*E*)-Diethyl 2-(3,7-dimethyl-3-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)octa-1,6-dien-1-yl)malonate (5.40a). IR (neat): 3291 (m), 2968 (m), 2918 (m), 1734 (s), 1447 (m), 1369 (m), 1255 (m), 1176 (m), 1149 (m), 1033 (m), 974 (m), 863 (w), 636 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  5.70–5.61 (2H, m), 5.07 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.19 (4H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.99 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.6, 2.4 Hz), 2.21–2.20 (2H, m), 1.96 (1H, t, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 1.90–1.82 (2H, m), 1.66 (3H, s), 1.57 (3H, s), 1.51–1.38 (2H, m), 1.26 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.25 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.11 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.5, 143.2, 131.6, 124.5, 120.1, 81.6, 70.5, 61.7, 55.9, 39.9, 39.2, 30.5, 25.8, 23.6, 23.0, 17.7, 14.2; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 335.22223 m/z, Found: 335.22233 m/z.

Enantiomeric purity of **5.40a** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (95:5 e.r. shown; Chiralpak AD–H column, 99.9:0.1 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm). Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  –3.1 (*c* 1.28, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

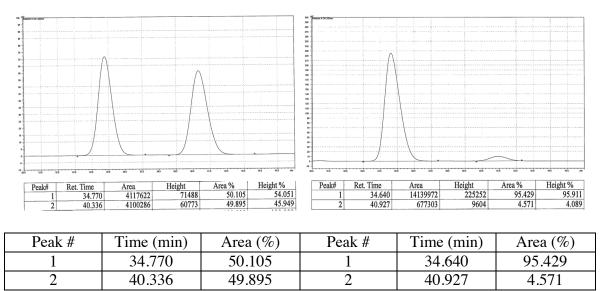


Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	15.371	50.108	1	15.481	95.067
2	17.122	49.892	2	17.289	4.933
( <i>R</i> , <i>E</i> )-Diethyl 2-(3-methyl-3-phenylhex-1-en-5-yn-1-yl)malonate (5.40b). IR (neat):					

3290 (m), 2980 (m), 2938 (w), 1732 (s), 1464 (m), 1369 (m), 1275 (m), 1177 (m), 1031 (m), 976 (w), 861 (w), 766 (m), 700 (m), 642 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$ 

7.36–7.29 (4H, m), 7.24–7.19 (1H, m), 5.97 (1H, d, J = 16.0 Hz), 5.81 (1H, dd, J = 16.0, 8.8 Hz), 4.22 (4H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.06 (1H, d, J = 8.8 Hz), 2.69 (1H, dd, J = 16.4, 2.8 Hz), 2.61 (1H, dd, J = 16.4, 2.8 Hz), 1.94 (1H, t, J = 2.8 Hz), 1.53 (3H, s), 1.280 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.277 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.4, 145.5, 142.9, 128.3, 126.7, 126.6, 120.5, 81.4, 71.0, 61.8, 55.8, 43.9, 31.3, 25.8, 14.2; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 329.17528 m/z, Found: 329.17620 m/z. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –4.7 (*c* 1.33, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

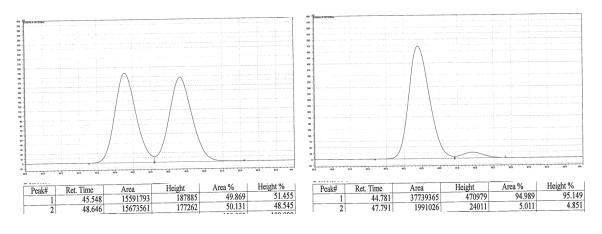
Enantiomeric purity of **5.40b** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (95:5 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 99.5:0.5 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm).



(*R*,*E*)-Diethyl 2-(3-methyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)hex-1-en-5-yn-1-yl)malonate (5.40c). IR (neat): 3293 (w), 2980 (m), 2937 (w), 1731 (s), 1600 (w), 1463 (w), 1368 (m), 1249 (m), 1175 (m), 1096 (m), 975 (w), 858 (m), 819 (m), 750 (m), 645 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.83–7.78 (4H, m), 7.49–7.43 (3H, m), 6.05 (1H, d, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 5.85 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.0, 8.8 Hz), 4.24 (4H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.10 (1H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 2.80

(1H, dd, J = 16.4, 2.8 Hz), 2.73 (1H, dd, J = 16.4, 2.8 Hz), 1.95 (1H, t, J = 2.8 Hz), 1.64 (3H, s), 1.292 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.289 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.3, 142.9, 142.8, 133.3, 132.2, 128.2, 127.9, 127.5, 126.1, 125.9, 125.4, 125.0, 120.9, 81.4, 71.2, 61.8, 55.8, 44.1, 31.3, 25.8, 14.2; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 379.19093 m/z, Found: 379.19093 m/z. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -9.1$  (*c* 2.03, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

Enantiomeric purity of **5.40c** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (95:5 e.r. shown; Chiralcel OZ–H column, 99.5:0.5 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 0.6 mL/min, 220 nm).



Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)	Peak #	Time (min)	Area (%)
1	45.548	49.869	1	44.781	94.989
2	48.646	50.131	2	47.791	5.011

## **5.8.7 Experimental Procedures and Characterization Data for Functionalization of 1,6-Conjugate Addition Product**

■ Experimental Procedure for Isomerization of 1,6-Conjugate Addition Product. To a solution of substrate 5.29a (15.0 mg, 0.049 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) was added DABCO (11.0 mg, 0.098 mmol) at 22 °C. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 797 °C for 16 h. After this time, the solvent was evaporated. The resulting yellow oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 15:1) to obtain 14.2 mg **5.41** (0.045 mmol, 95% yield) as colorless oil.

(*S*)-Diethyl 2-(3-phenylhex-5-yn-1-ylidene)malonate (5.41). IR (neat): 3290 (m), 2982 (m), 2936 (w), 1722 (s), 1453 (m), 1376 (m), 1254 (s), 1224 (s), 1096 (m), 1024 (m), 863 (w), 760 (m), 701 (m), 642 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.34–7.30 (2H, m), 7.26–7.20 (3H, m), 6.87 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 4.29 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.19 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.03–2.98 (1H, m), 2.92–2.85 (1H, m), 2.74–2.62 (1H, m), 2.53–2.50 (2H, m), 1.98 (1H, t, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 1.32 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.25 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  165.4, 163.9, 146.8, 142.3, 130.0, 128.8, 127.5, 127.2, 82.0, 70.6, 61.4, 44.0, 34.9, 26.0, 14.3, 14.2; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 315.15963 m/z, Found: 315.16105 m/z. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>–4.2 (*c* 1.13, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**Experimental Procedure for One-Pot Isomerization and Retro-Aldol Reaction.** To a solution of substrate **5.29a** (400 mg, 1.27 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (5 mL) was added DBU (380 µL, 2.54 mmol) and water (46 µL, 2.54 mmol) at 22 °C. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 24 h. After this time, the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The resulting yellow oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 25:1) to obtain 128 mg aldehyde **5.42** (0.74 mmol, 58% overall yield) as yellow oil.

(*R*)-3-Phenylhex-5-ynal (5.42). IR (neat): 3288 (m), 2920 (m), 2832 (m), 2728 (m), 1721
(s), 1495 (m), 1390 (w), 1283 (m), 1181 (m), 1068 (m), 1029 (m), 762 (m), 701 (s), 642
(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 9.73 (1H, t, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 7.34–7.30 (2H, m), 7.26–7.22 (3H, m), 3.50–3.43 (1H, m), 3.04 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.2, 6.0, 1.6 Hz), 2.84 (1H, 798

ddd, J = 17.2, 8.0, 1.6 Hz), 2.59 (1H, ddd, J = 16.8, 6.4, 2.4 Hz), 2.51 (1H, ddd, J = 16.8, 7.6, 2.8 Hz), 2.02 (1H, t, J = 2.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  201.1, 142.5, 128.8, 127.4, 127.3, 81.8, 71.0, 48.5, 38.6, 26.1; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 173.09664 m/z, Found: 173.09651 m/z. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  –8.3 (*c* 0.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**Experimental Procedure for Reduction of Aldehyde.** To a solution of aldehyde **5.42** (128 mg, 0.74 mmol) in MeOH (2 mL) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (56 mg, 1.48 mmol) at 0 °C. The resulting solution was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 2 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of water (2 mL) and diethyl ether (4 mL). The aqueous layer was washed by diethyl ether (2 × 4 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum. The resulting yellow oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 7:1) to obtain 120 mg alcohol **5.43** (0.69 mmol, 93% yield) as light yellow oil.

(*R*)-3-Phenylhex-5-yn-1-ol (5.43). IR (neat): 3320 (br), 3290 (s), 2933 (m), 1602 (m), 1494 (m), 1325 (w), 1045 (s), 762 (m), 701 (s), 640 (s), 548 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.35–7.30 (2H, m), 7.26–7.21 (3H, m), 3.62–3.57 (1H, m), 3.54–3.47 (1H, m), 3.03–2.96 (1H, m), 2.52–2.50 (2H, m), 2.20–2.12 (1H, m), 1.98 (1H, t, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 1.95–1.86 (1H, m), 1.38 (1H, br s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  143.6, 128.7, 127.6, 126.9, 82.8, 70.0, 60.9, 41.3, 37.8, 26.4; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 175.11229 m/z, Found: 175.11283 m/z. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>–6.8 (*c* 0.80, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**Experimental Procedure for Reductive Amination of Aldehyde.** To a solution of aldehyde **5.42** (30 mg, 0.17 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (1 mL) was added allylamine (20  $\mu$ L, 0.26 mmol) and NaBH(OAc)<sub>3</sub> (111 mg, 0.52 mmol) at 22 °C. The resulting solution was

allowed to stir at 22 °C for 16 h. After this time, the reaction was quenched by addition of water (1 mL). The aqueous layer was washed with diethyl ether (2 × 2 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum. The resulting yellow oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate = 4:1) to obtain 28.6 mg amine **5.44** (0.13 mmol, 77% yield) as yellow oil.

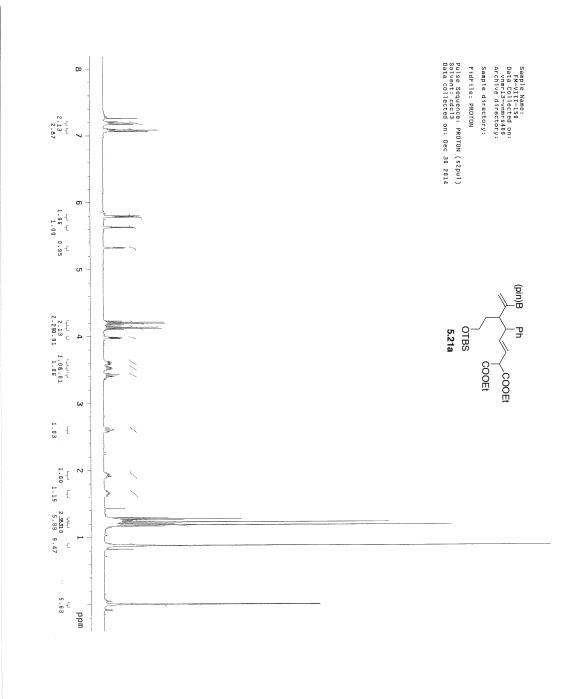
(*R*)-*N*-Allyl-3-phenylhex-5-yn-1-amine (5.44). IR (neat): 3301 (m), 2924 (m), 2812 (m), 1642 (w), 1453 (m), 1297 (m), 1144 (m), 1029 (m), 918 (m), 760 (m), 700 (s), 637 (s), 545 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.33–7.29 (2H, m), 7.25–7.20 (3H, m), 5.92–5.82 (1H, m), 5.19–5.09 (2H, m), 3.80 (1H, br s), 3.25–3.22 (2H, m), 2.92–2.84 (1H, m), 2.63–2.47 (4H, m), 2.19–2.11 (1H, m), 1.96 (1H, t, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 1.98–1.88 (1H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  143.4, 134.9, 128.7, 127.5, 126.9, 117.7, 82.6, 70.1, 51.8, 46.8, 42.7, 34.2, 26.6; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 214.15957 m/z, Found: 214.15932 m/z. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>–9.0 (*c* 1.35, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

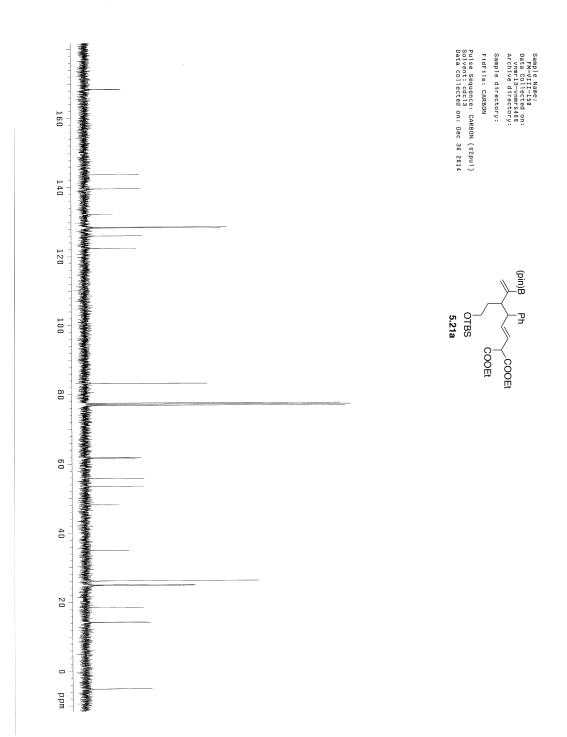
■ Experimental Procedure for NHC–Cu-Catalyzed Protoboration of Alkyne. Alkenylboron **5.45** was prepared according to a previously reported procedure.<sup>10</sup>

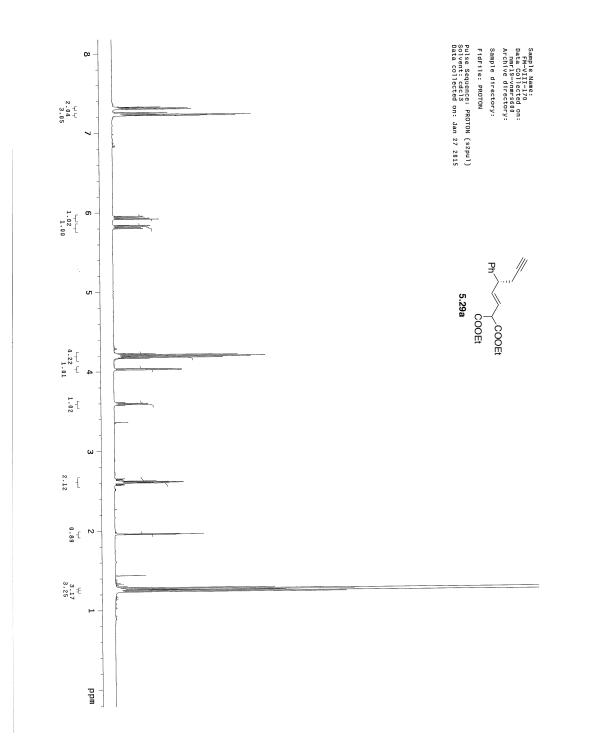
(*R*,*E*)-3-Phenyl-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)hex-5-en-1-ol (5.45). IR (neat): 3421 (br), 2977 (m), 2930 (m), 1637 (m), 1453 (m), 1358 (s), 1319 (s), 1141 (s), 1047 (m), 997 (m), 970 (m), 886 (w), 849 (m), 761 (m), 700 (s), 643 (m), 578 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.31–7.26 (2H, m), 7.24–7.16 (3H, m), 6.52 (1H, dt, J = 18.0, 6.4 Hz), 5.43 (1H, d, J = 18.0 Hz), 3.53–3.39 (2H, m), 2.88–2.81 (1H, m), 2.54–2.41 (2H, m), 2.05–1.96 (1H, m), 1.82–1.72 (1H, m), 1.24 (12H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  152.1, 144.6, 128.6, 127.6, 126.4, 83.2, 61.1, 43.6, 41.8, 38.6, 24.9; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{28}B_1O_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 303.21315 m/z, Found: 303.21342 m/z. Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +7.1 (*c* 2.56, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

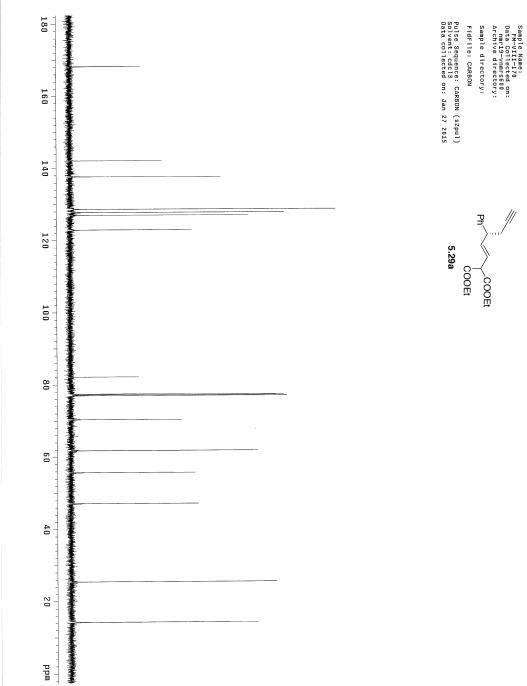
■ Experimental Procedure for Homologation of Alkyne. Allene 5.46 was prepared according to a previously reported procedure.<sup>11</sup>

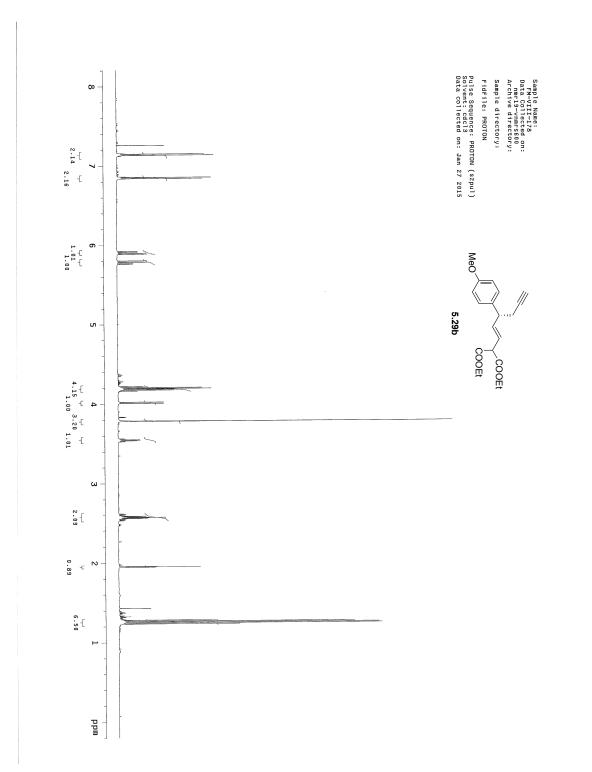
(*R*)-3-Phenylhepta-5,6-dien-1-ol (5.46). IR (neat): 3344 (br), 3027 (w), 2932 (m), 1955 (m), 1602 (w), 1494 (m), 1439 (m), 1364 (w), 1045 (s), 843 (s), 761 (s), 700 (s), 582 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.32–7.27 (2H, m), 7.23–7.17 (3H, m), 4.97–4.89 (1H, m), 4.62–4.52 (2H, m), 3.57–3.43 (2H, m), 2.85–2.78 (1H, m), 2.35–2.30 (2H, m), 2.06–1.98 (1H, m), 1.85–1.76 (1H, m), 1.19 (1H, br s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  209.2, 144.4, 128.6, 127.8, 126.5, 88.1, 74.6, 61.2, 42.6, 38.7, 36.1; HRMS (ESI+): Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>1</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 189.12794 m/z, Found: 189.12825 m/z. Specific rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +21.3 (*c* 0.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

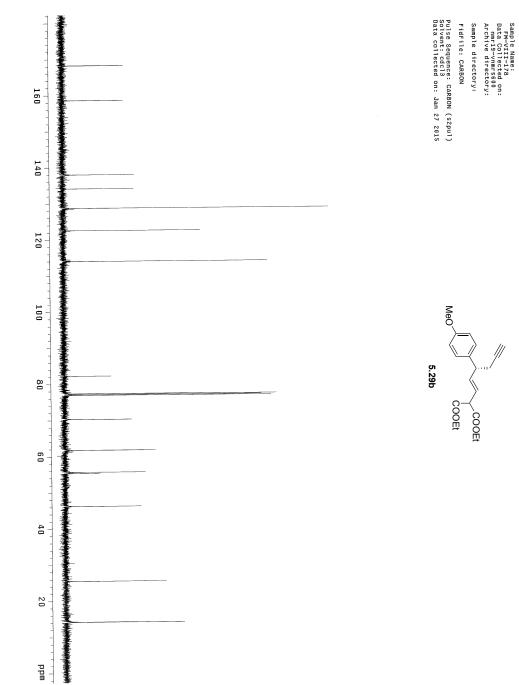


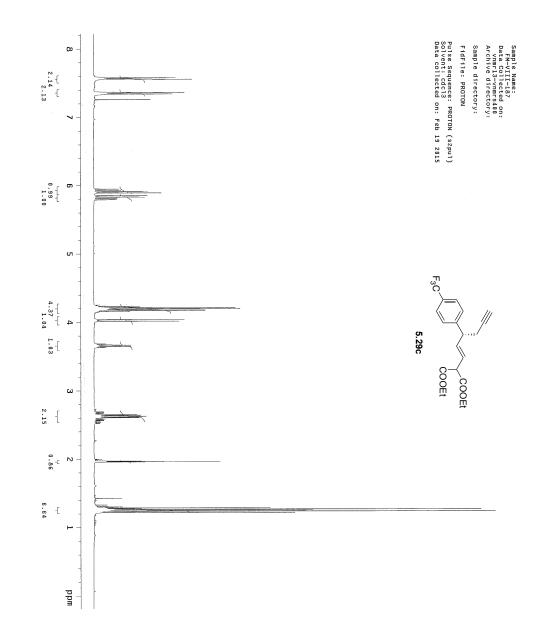


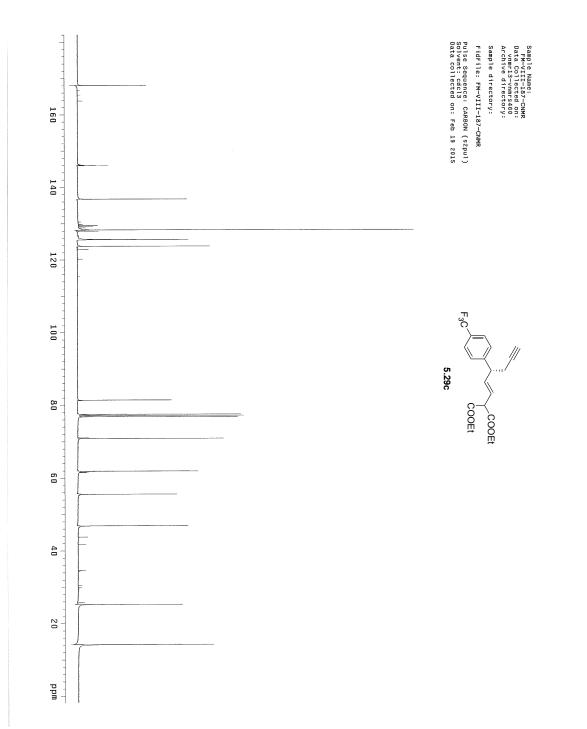


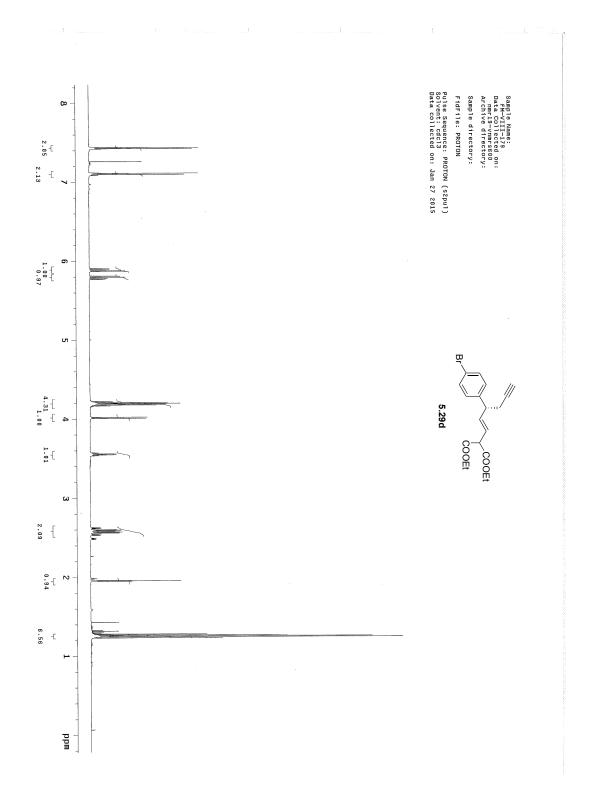


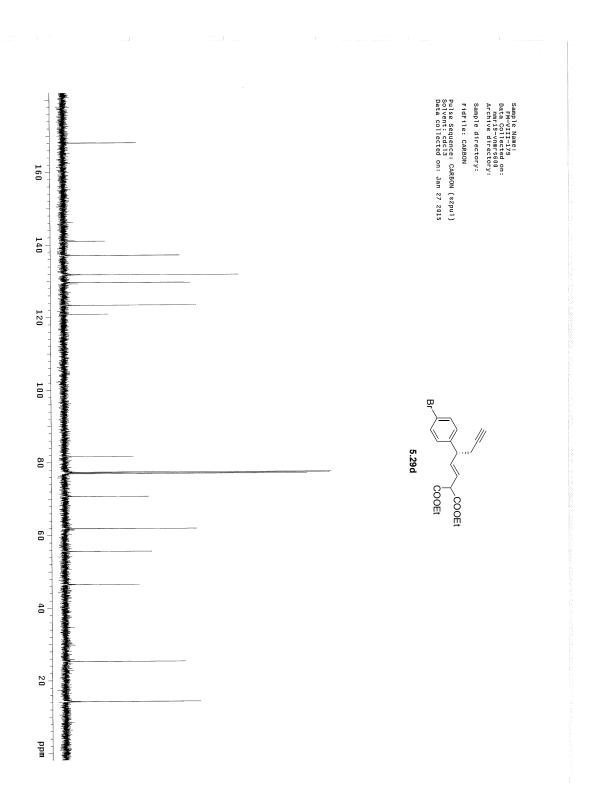


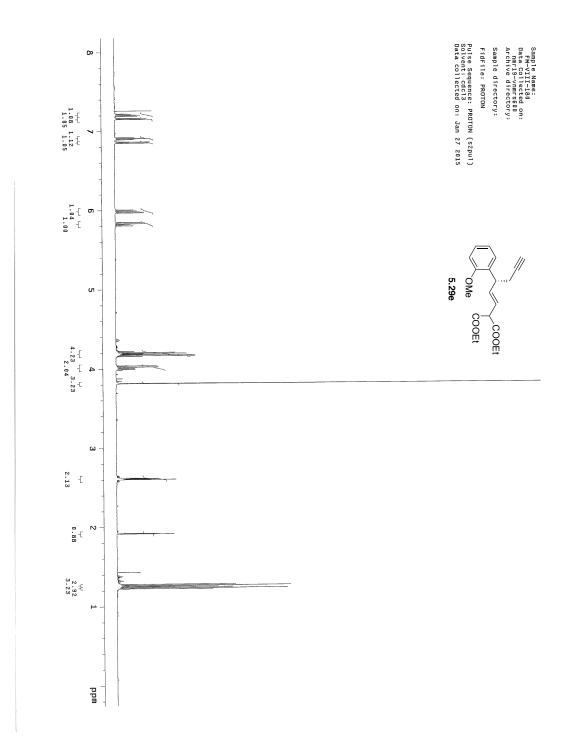


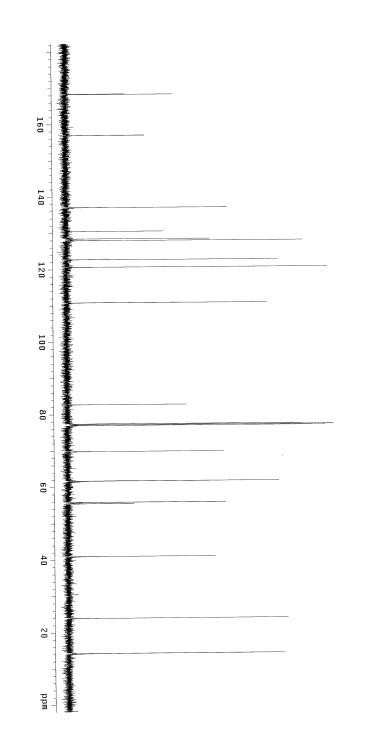






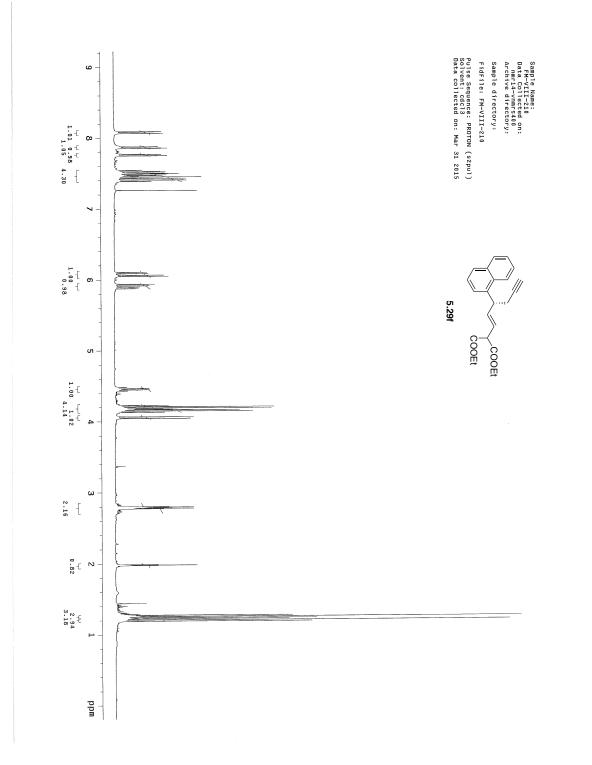


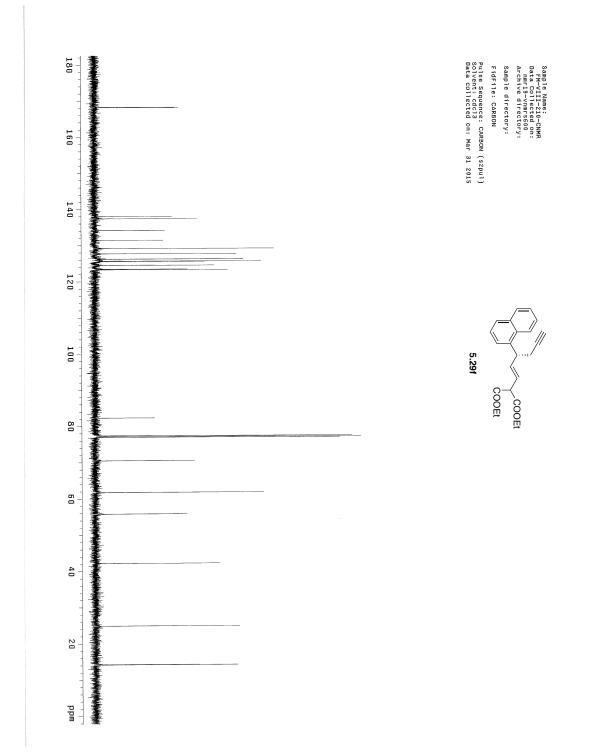


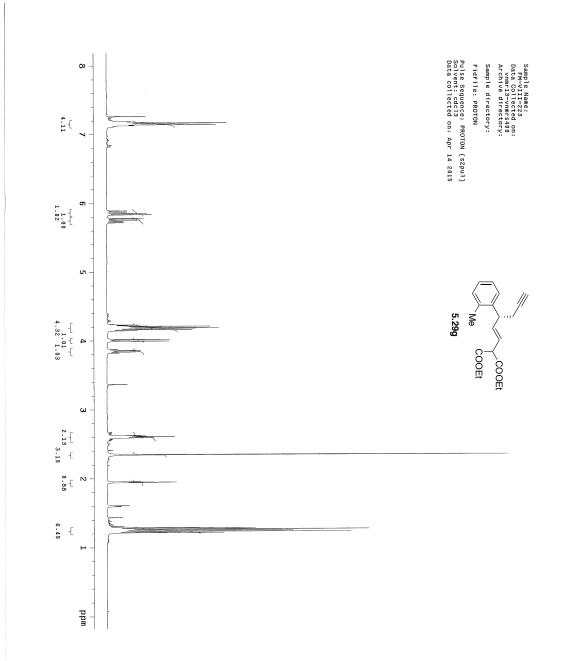


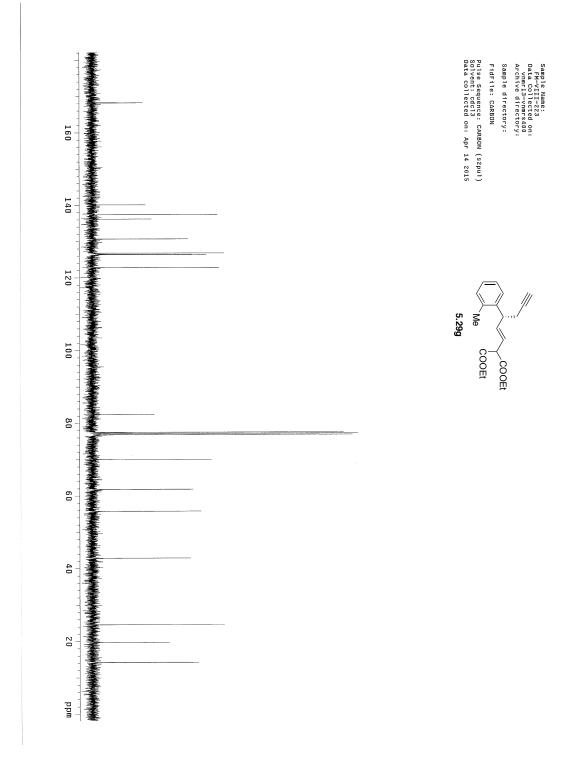


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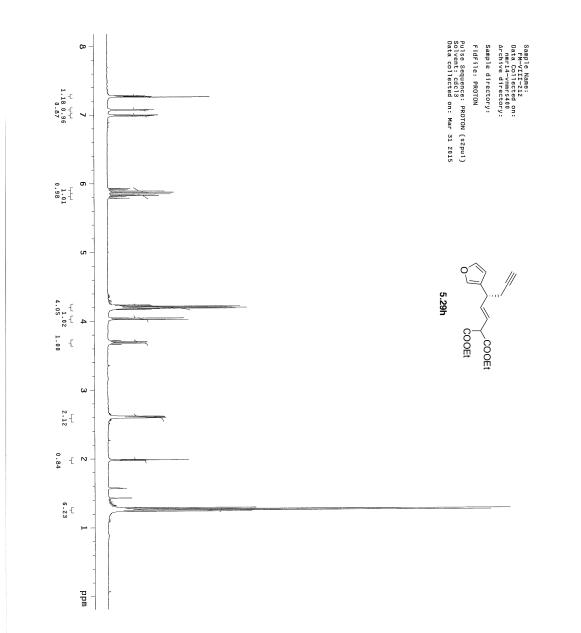


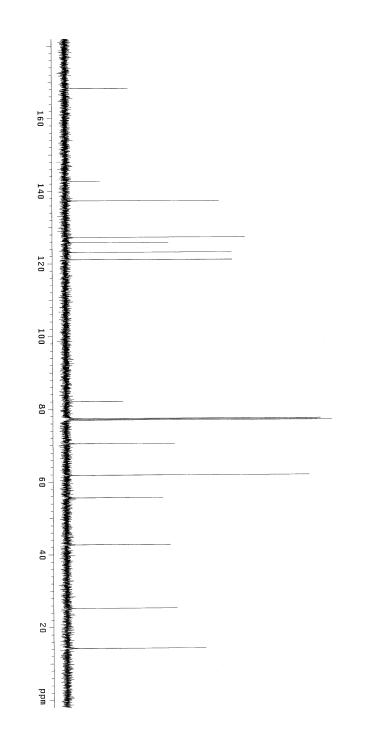












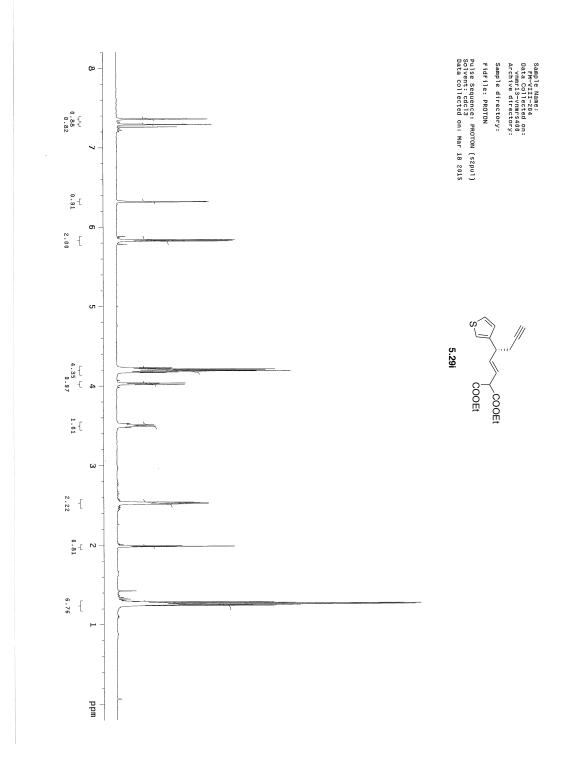


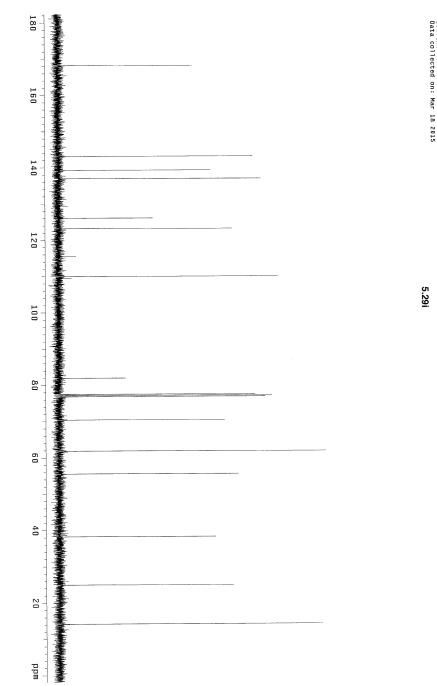
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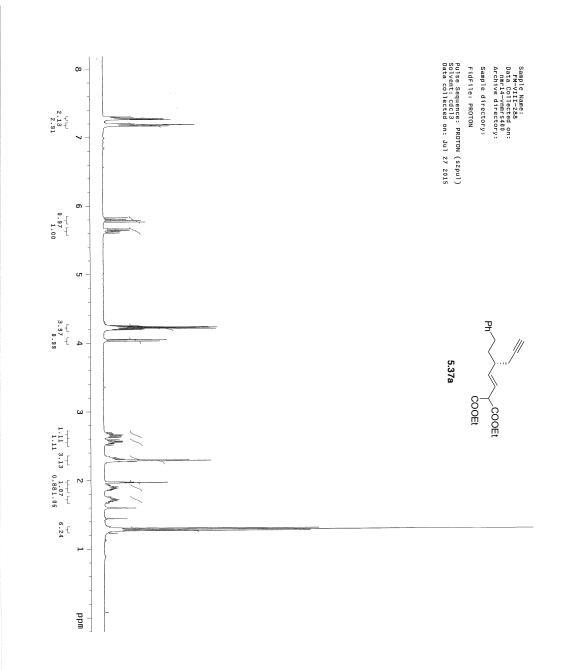


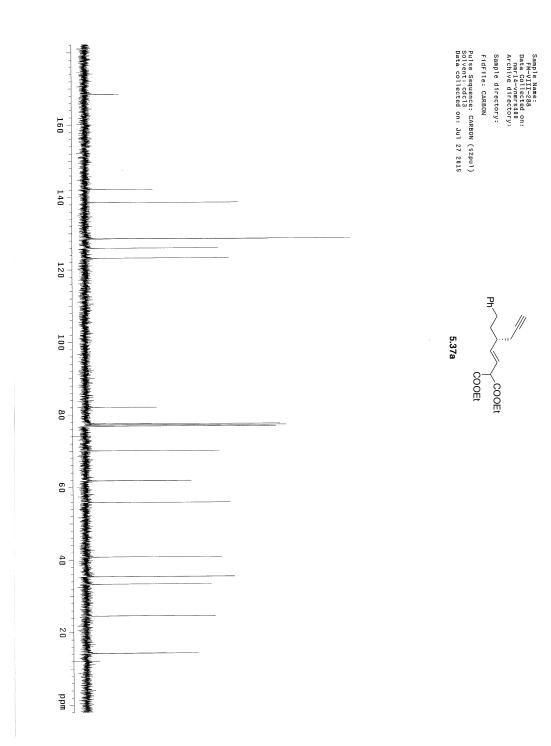


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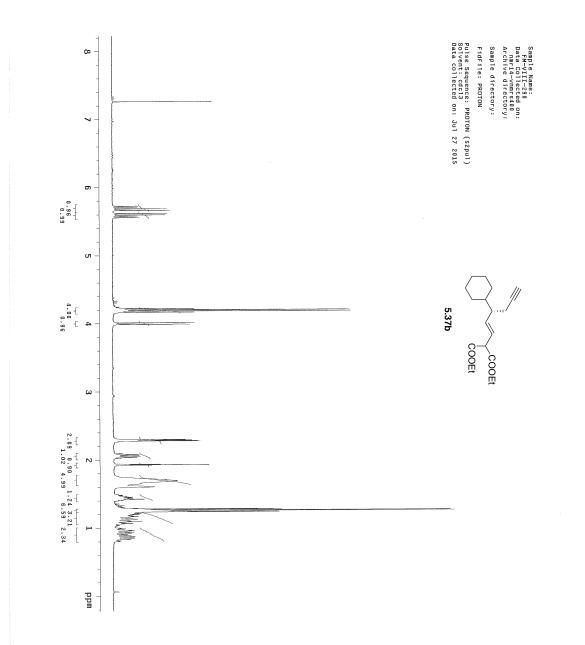
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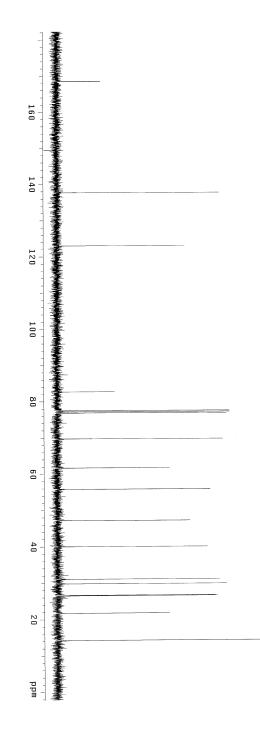
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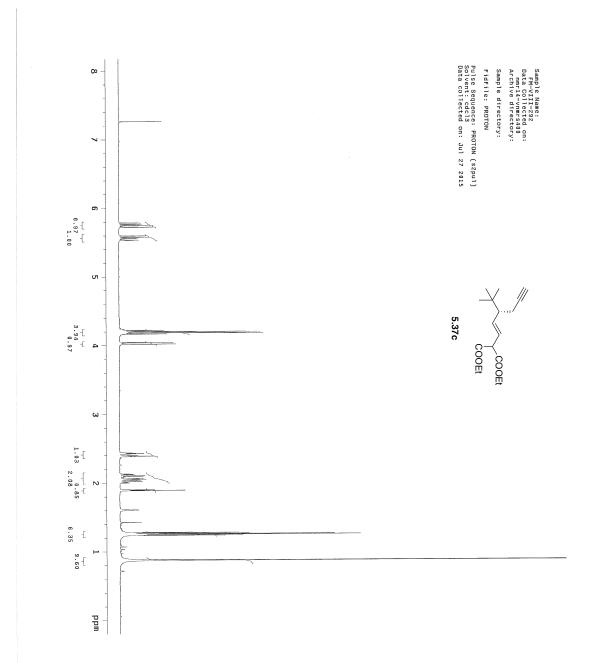


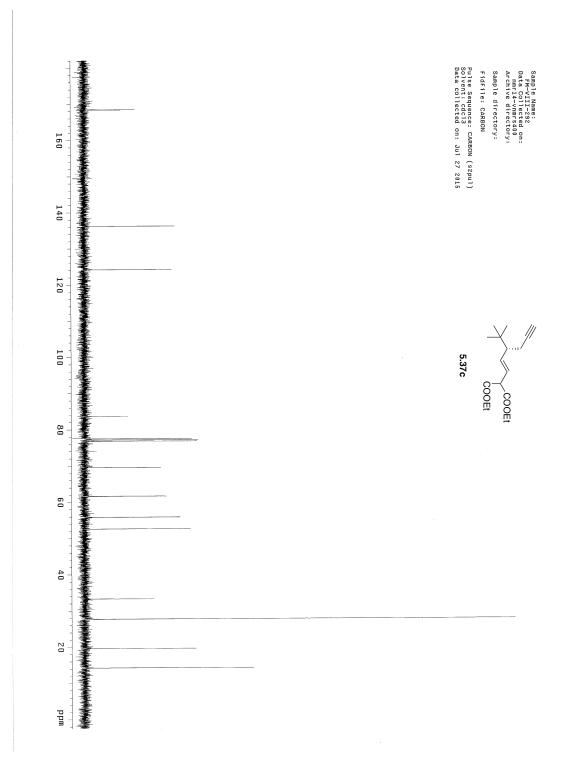


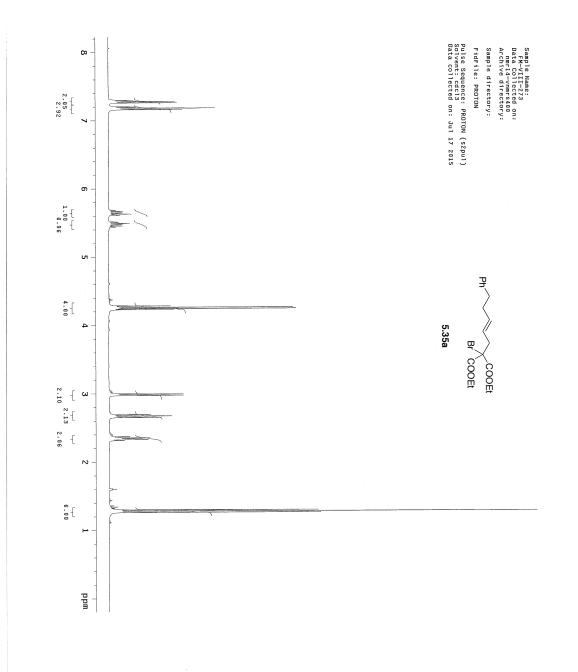


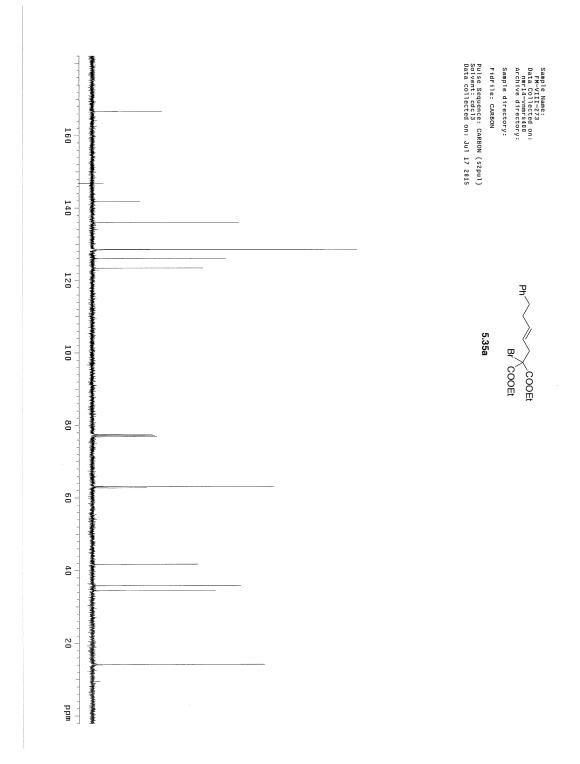
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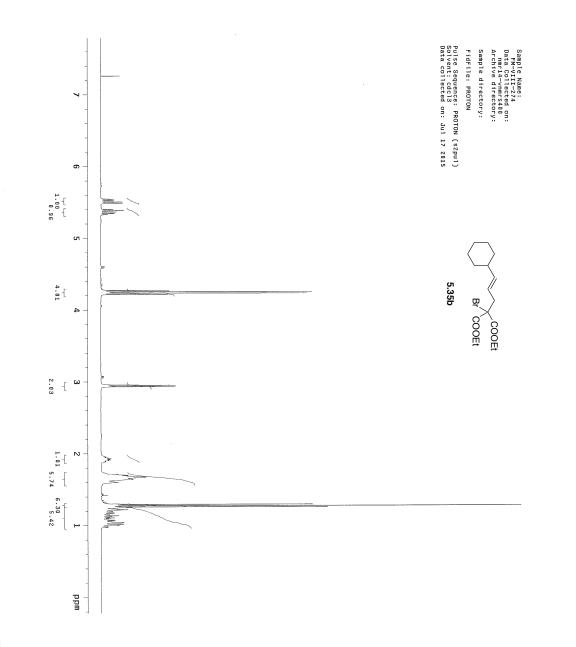
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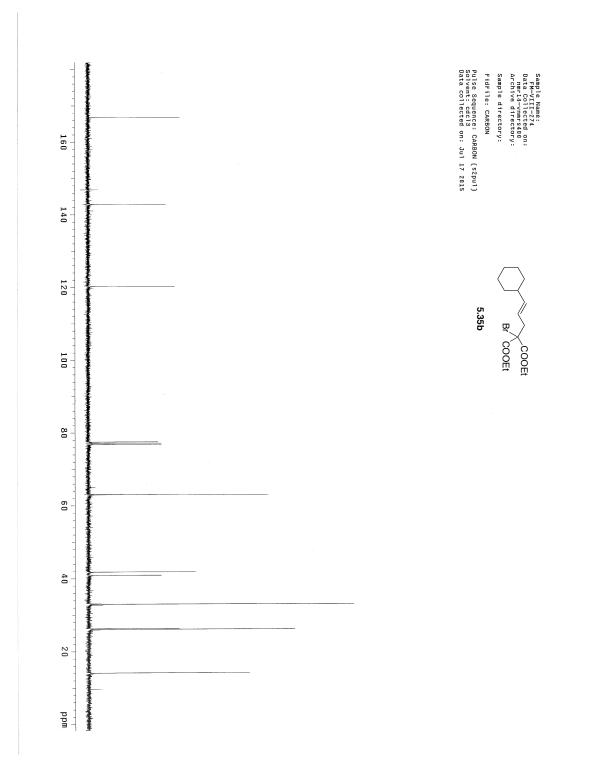


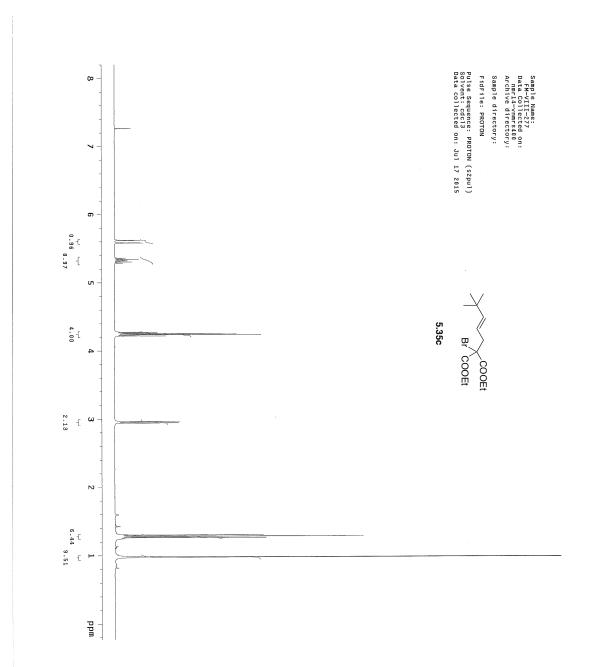


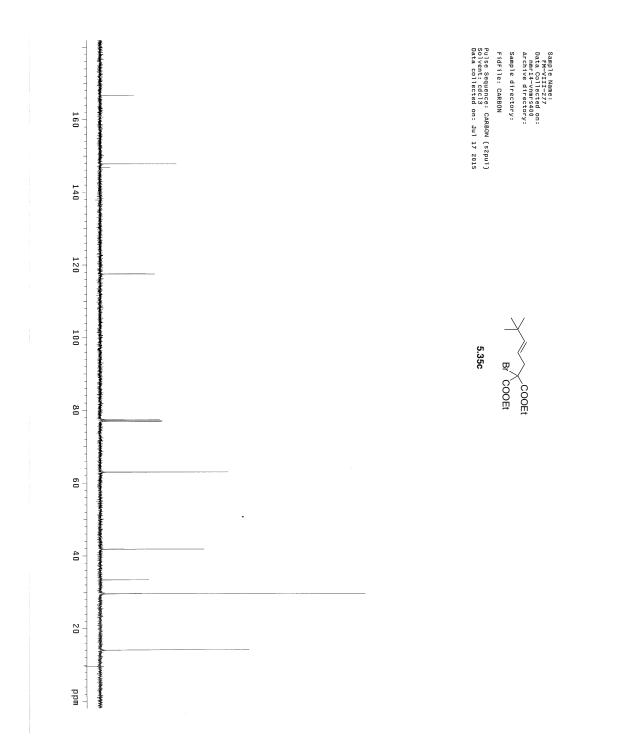


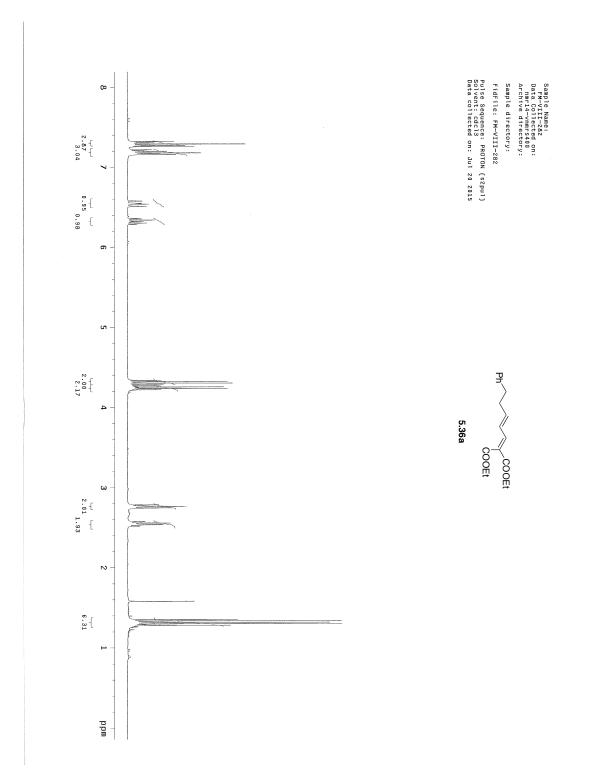


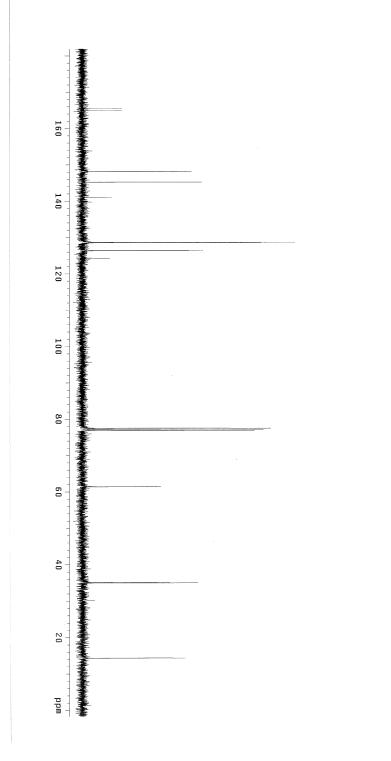






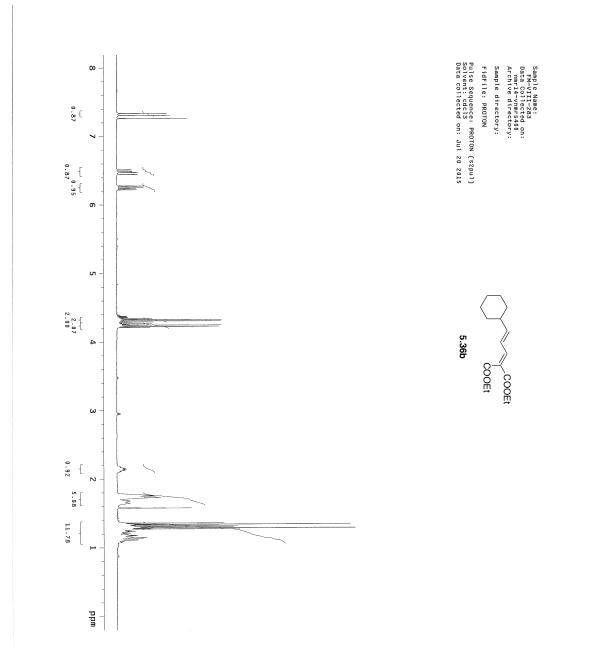


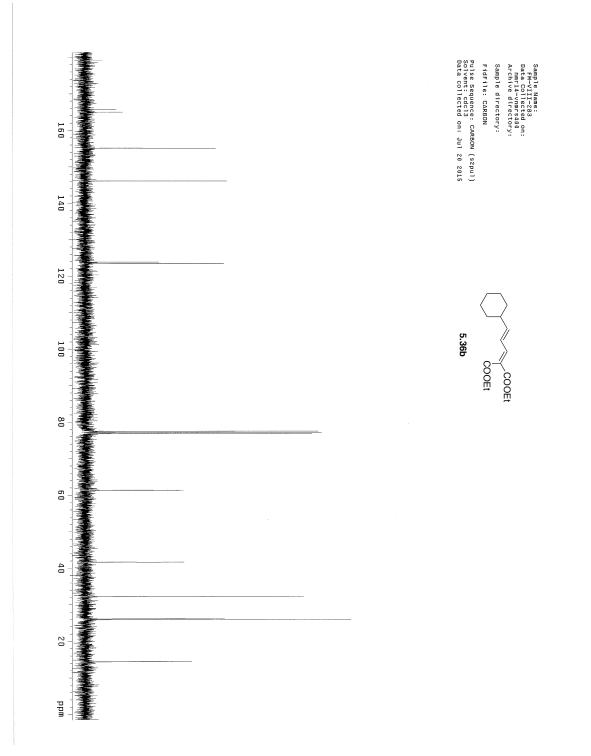


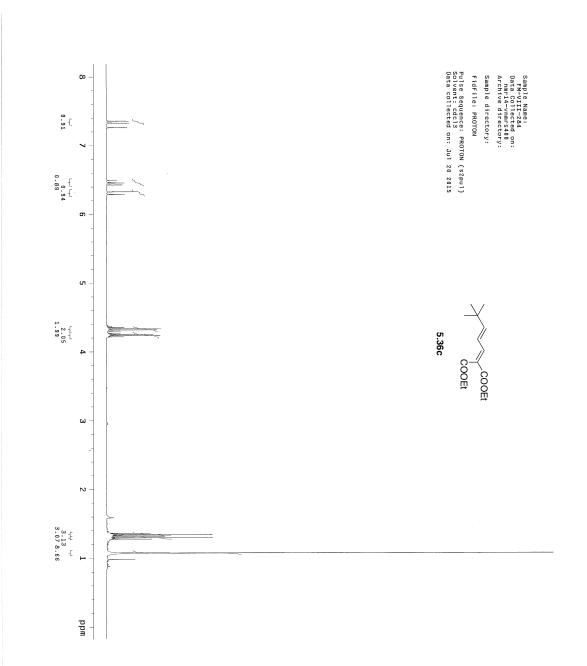


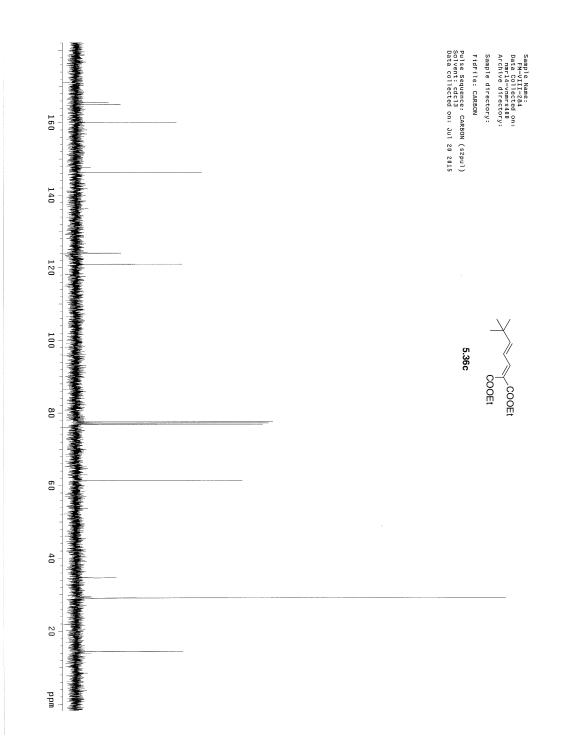
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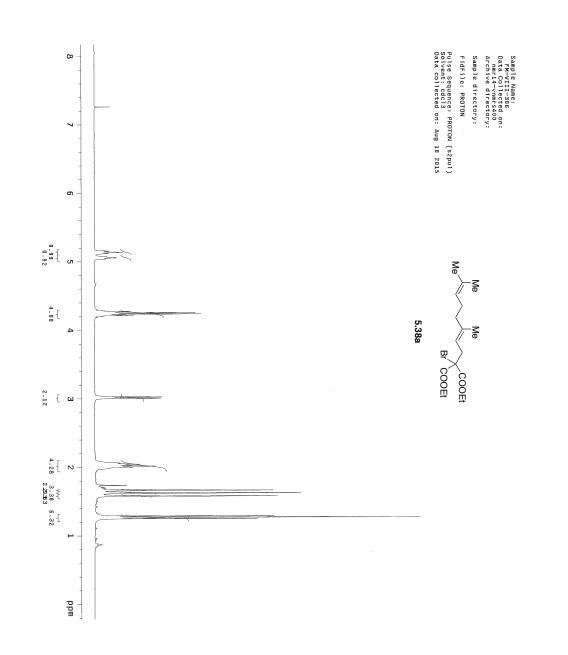
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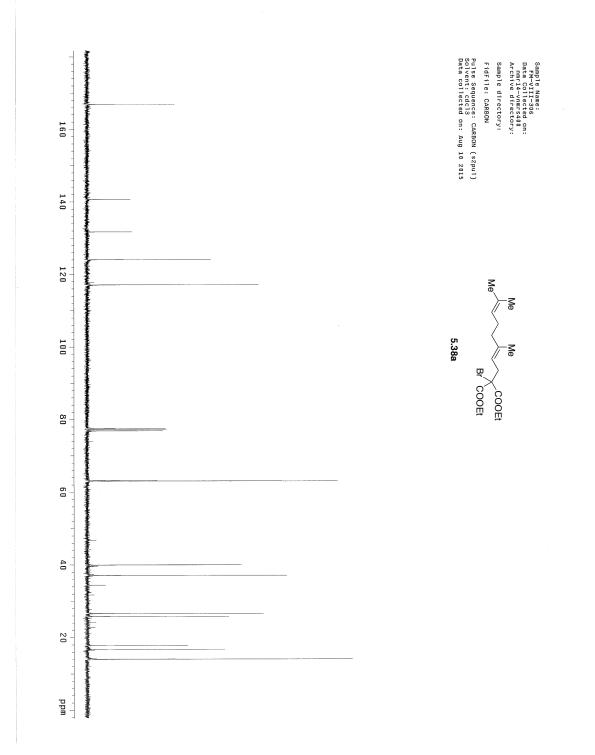


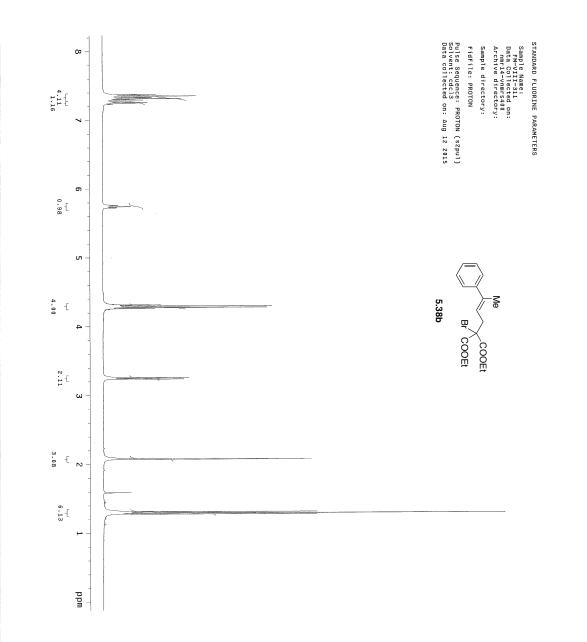


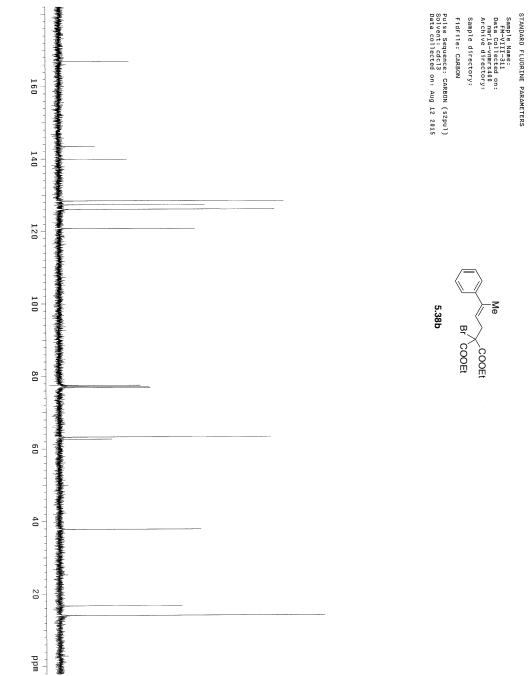


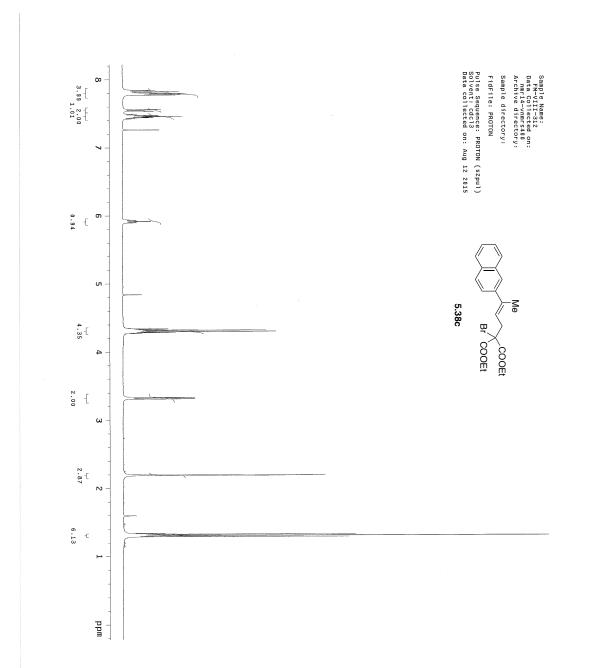


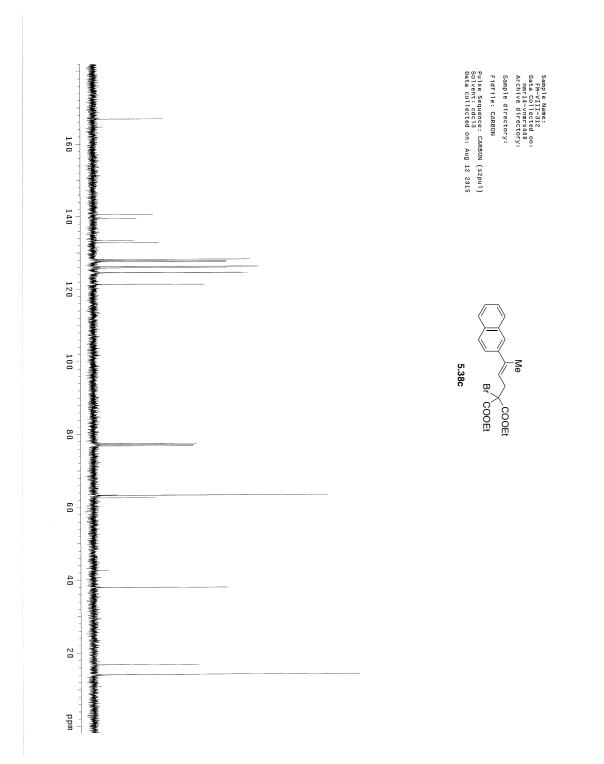


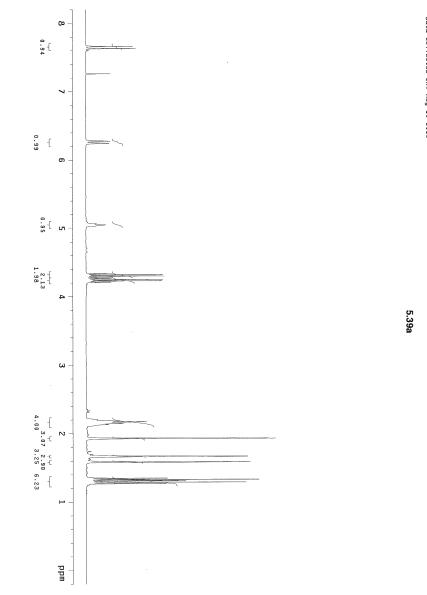




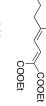










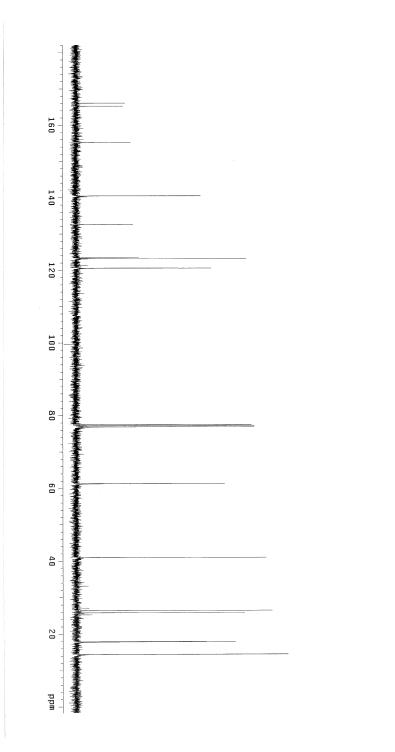


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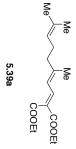
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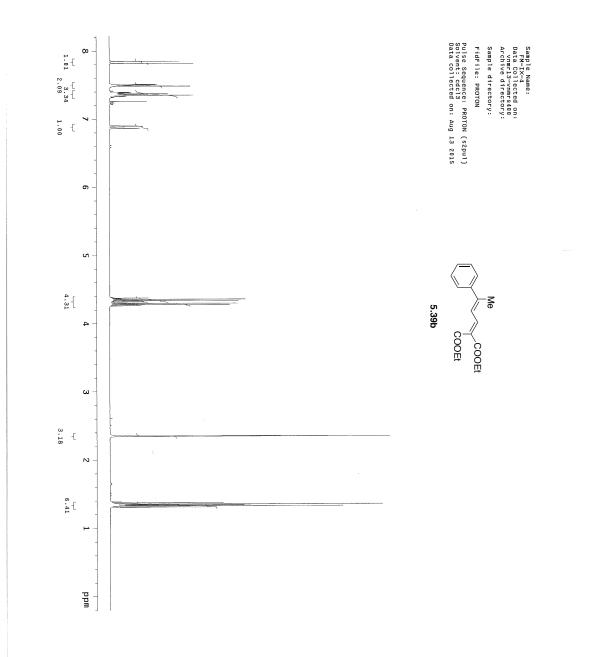
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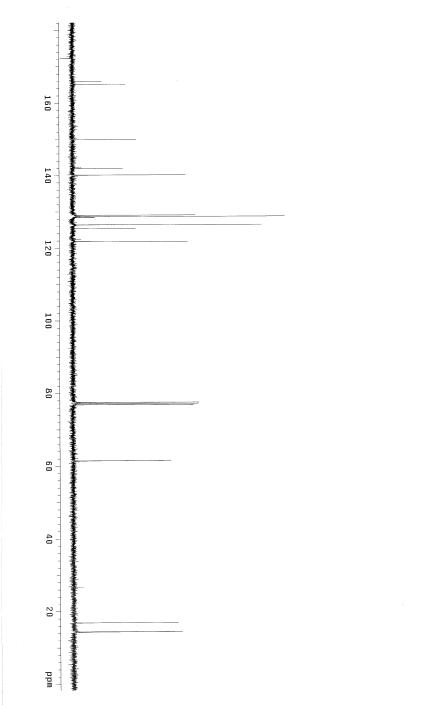




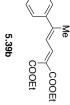




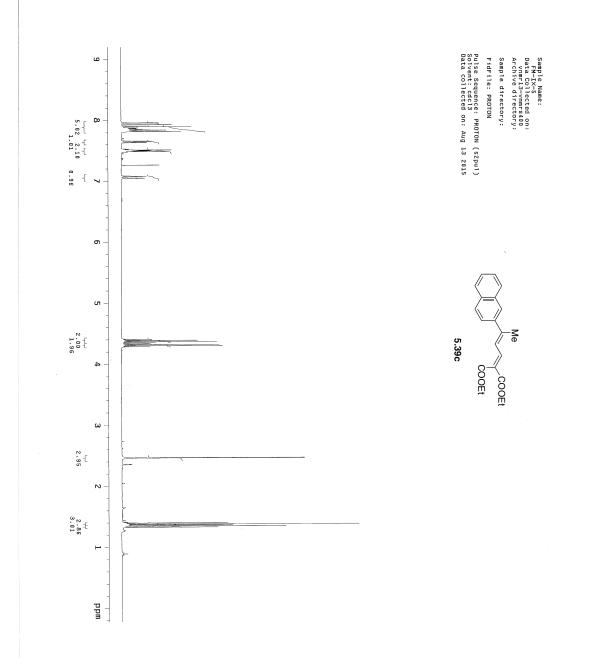


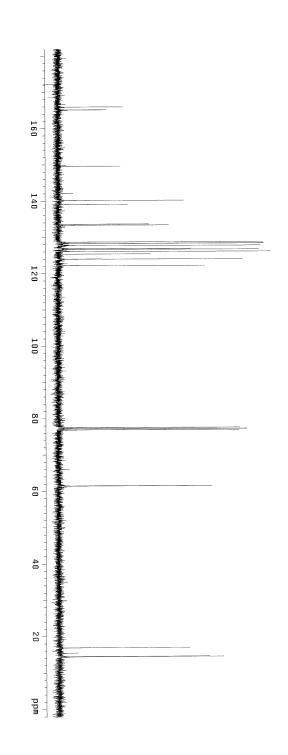














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