

## Supporting Information

### **Cobalt-Catalyzed Defluorosilylation of Aryl Fluorides *via* Grignard Reagent Formation**

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## 1. Materials and Methods

Diethyl ether, toluene, and THF were distilled from deep purple sodium benzophenone ketyl. Acetonitrile was dried over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and vacuum-distilled. Cyclohexane was dried using CaH<sub>2</sub> and vacuum-distilled. DMF was used from a solvent purification system. Most substrates and all other chemicals were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. All deuterated solvents were purchased from Aldrich and Cambridge Isotope Laboratories. Ligands (**L1** = mesityl[3-(mesitylamino)-1-methyl-2-butenylidene]amine, **L2** = 2,4-bis-(2,6-diisopropylphenylimido)pentyl, **L3** = 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-3,5-bis-(2,6-diisopropylphenylimido)heptane) were prepared by the method reported in the literature. Thin-layer chromatography was carried out on pre-coated with 0.25 mm silica gel plates (Merck Silica Gel 60 F254) and analyzed using ninhydrin as TLC stain or UV light. GC/MS analysis was performed on an Agilent 7890B GC model equipped with an Agilent 5977A Mass Spectrometer operating under ionization by electron impact (EI) to collect the mass spectrometry data. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX 500 spectrometer operating at 500 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, 126 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C and 203 MHz for <sup>31</sup>P acquisitions at room temperature. Chemical shifts were referenced to the residual proton solvent peak of CDCl<sub>3</sub> (<sup>1</sup>H: 7.26 ppm, <sup>13</sup>C: 77.16 ppm), CD<sub>3</sub>CN (<sup>1</sup>H: 1.94 ppm, <sup>13</sup>C: 1.32 ppm) and (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO (<sup>1</sup>H: 2.05 ppm, <sup>13</sup>C: 39.52 ppm). Signals are listed in ppm, and multiplicity identified as s = singlet, br = broad, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quin = quintet, sep = septet, m = multiplet; coupling constants in Hz; integration. For HRMS analysis, two types of mass analyzer were used; magnetic sector-electric sector double focusing mass analyzer and Q-TOF mass spectrometer.

## 2. Experimental Data

### 2.1 Reaction optimization described in Table 1

#### General procedure for the reaction optimization

The reactions were carried out under nitrogen atmosphere using oven-dried glassware and magnetic bars in a glove box. 4-Fluorotoluene (44.1 mg, 0.4 mmol), cobalt(II), ligand, and reductant were added to a 4 mL vial. The solvent (0.5 mL) was added and subsequently, the mixture was stirred for 12 h at 25 °C. After the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. Volatiles in the filtrate were removed under vacuum. Subsequently, water (10 mL) and ethyl acetate, dichloromethane, or acidic methanol (20 mL) were added to the crude residue and the solution was shaken vigorously. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite again. Additional organic solvent ( $3 \times 10$  mL) and water ( $3 \times 5$  mL) were poured to the Celite to assure collecting all products. The organic layer was extracted and dried over by anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Known amount of dodecane (68.1 mg) was added to the solution and 0.1 mL of the mixture was filtered through Silica gel. Additional ethyl acetate (1.5 mL) was poured to the silica gel to assure collecting all products. The solution was measured for GC-MS spectroscopy.

## 2.2 Cobalt-catalyzed C–F bond silylation of the substrates described in Figure 2

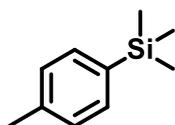
### General procedure A

All the reactions were carried out under an inert atmosphere with stirring using oven-dried glassware and magnetic bars in a glove box unless otherwise noted.

**Setup procedure:** Cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (10.3 mg, 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)), the corresponding ligand, **L1** (13.4 mg, 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)), aryl fluoride (0.4 mmol (1 eq)) and magnesium (19.4 mg, 0.8 mmol (2 eq)) were added to a 4 mL vial. Then dried THF (0.5 mL) and chlorotrimethylsilane (152.3  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol (3 eq)) or chlorotriethoxysilane (235.6  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol (3 eq)) were added. The mixture solution was stirred at 25 °C.

**Workup procedure:** After the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. Volatiles in the filtrate were removed under vacuum. Subsequently, water (10 mL) and ethyl acetate (EA), or dichloromethane (20 mL) were added to the crude residue and the solution was shaken vigorously. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite again. The additional organic solvent (3  $\times$  10 mL) and water (3  $\times$  5 mL) were poured to the Celite to assure collecting all products. The organic layer was extracted and dried over by anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solution was concentrated under vacuum. The purification of the residues was conducted using preparative TLC, column chromatography, or recrystallization.

### Trimethyl(*p*-tolyl)silane (**2a**)

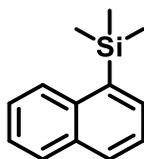


Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
12	2	3	0.1	0.2	0.5

**General procedure A:** After the workup procedure, dodecane (68.1 mg) and ethyl acetate were added to the concentrated residue. The solution was filtered through Silica gel. Additional ethyl acetate (1.5 mL) was poured to the silica gel to assure collecting all products. The solution was measured for GC-MS spectroscopy and the yield was 99%. The product was purified by column chromatography (Hexane 100%) to afford **2a** (31.7 mg, 48%) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 (d, *J* = 6.60 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.35 Hz, 2H), 0.26 (d, *J* = 1.45 Hz, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.6, 136.8, 133.4, 128.6, 21.4, -1.1. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>1</sup>

### Trimethyl(naphthalen-1-yl)silane (**2b**)

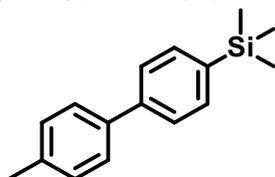


Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
14	1.5	3	0.1	0.1	0.5

**General procedure A:** After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexane 100%) to afford **2b** (65.0 mg, 81%) as colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.10 (d,  $J = 8.68$  Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.70 (dd,  $J = 1.15, 6.75$  Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.44 (m, 3H), 0.47 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.2, 136.9, 133.4, 133.2, 129.7, 129.1, 128.1, 125.6, 125.3, 125.1, 0.3. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>2</sup>

#### Trimethyl(4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)silane (**2c**)



##### 1) General procedure A

Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
5	2	3	0.1	0.1	0.5

After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexane 100%) to afford **2c** (91.4 mg, 95%) as white solid.

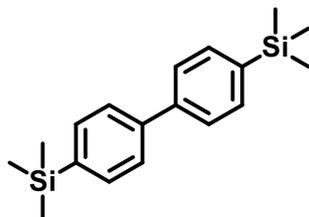
##### 2) Large-scale reaction / General procedure A

Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
5	2	3	0.1	0.1	0.5

Cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (138.1 mg, 0.537 mmol (0.1 eq)), the corresponding ligand, **L1** (179.6 mg, 0.537 mmol (0.1 eq)), aryl fluoride (1.0 g, 5.37 mmol (1 eq)) and magnesium (261.1 mg, 10.74 mmol (2 eq)) were added to a 20 mL vial. Then dried THF (5 mL) and chlorotrimethylsilane (2044.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 16.11 mmol (3 eq)) were added. The mixture solution was stirred at 25 °C. After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexane 100%) to afford **2c** (1.2058 g, 93%) as white solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J = 8.16$  Hz, 4H), 7.28 (d,  $J = 7.86$  Hz, 4H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 0.28 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.6, 138.9, 138.3, 137.1, 133.8, 129.5, 127.0, 126.3, 21.1, -1.1. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>3</sup>

#### 4,4'-Bis(trimethylsilyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**2d**)



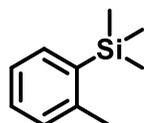
Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
17	6	4	0.1	0.1	0.5

**General procedure A:** After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column

chromatography (Hexane 100%) to afford **2d** (114.5 mg, 96%) as white solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62-7.58 (m, 8H), 0.31 (s, 18H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.6, 139.3, 133.8, 126.5, -1.1. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>4</sup>

#### Trimethyl(*o*-tolyl)silane (**2e**)

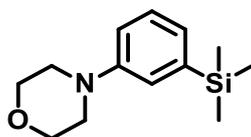


Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
48	2	3	0.1	0.2	0.5

**General procedure A:** After the workup procedure, the product was purified by preparative TLC (Hexanes 100%) to afford **2e** (38.8 mg, 59%) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  7.46 (d,  $J = 6.40$ , 1H), 7.26 (td,  $J = 1.45$ , 7.30, 1H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 0.31 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  143.5, 138.1, 134.3, 129.7, 129.2, 124.9, 2.2, -1.1. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>2</sup>

#### 4-(3-(Trimethylsilyl)phenyl)morpholine (**2f**)

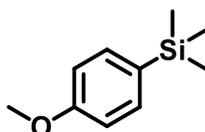


Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
16	2	3	0.1	0.1	0.5

**General procedure A:** After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:EA=40:1) to afford **2f** (78.1 mg, 83%) as a pale brown liquid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30 (t,  $J = 7.43$  Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 8.65$ , 1H), 3.88 (s, 4H), 3.18 (s, 4H), 0.27 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.7, 141.4, 128.6, 125.2, 120.8, 116.3, 67.0, 49.6, -1.1. HRMS (FAB)  $m/z$ : [M] Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{NOSi}$  235.1392; found 235.1391. Magnetic sector-electric sector double focusing mass analyzer was used.

#### (4-Methoxyphenyl)trimethylsilane (**2g**)

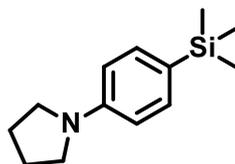


Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
3	2	3	0.1	0.2	0.5

**General procedure A:** After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes 100%) to afford **2g** (64.5 mg, 89%) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.47 (d,  $J = 7.84$  Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 7.85$  Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 0.26 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.3, 134.7, 131.3, 113.5, 55.0,  $-0.9$ . These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>2</sup>

### 1-(4-(Trimethylsilyl)phenyl)pyrrolidine (2h)

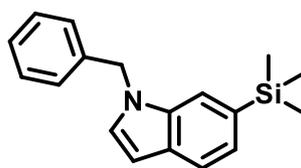


Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
10	2.5	3.5	0.1	0.2	0.5

**General procedure A:** After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes: EA=10:1) to afford **2h** (70%) and 1-phenylpyrrolidine (hydrodefluorinated product, 28%) as pale yellow oil (78.0 mg). Hydrodefluorinated and defluorosilylated products could not be isolated.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR of the mixture (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.46 (d,  $J = 8.42$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t,  $J = 7.92$  Hz, 2H'), 6.73 (t,  $J = 7.26$  Hz, 1H'), 6.65 (d,  $J = 8.37$  Hz, 2H+2H'), 3.37-3.34 (m, 4H+4H'), 2.08-2.04 (m, 4H+4H'), 0.31 (s, 9H). Proton signal from hydrodefluorinated and defluorosilylated products were indicated as H' and H, respectively.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of the mixture (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  148.3, 134.4, 129.1, 124.2, 115.4, 111.6, 111.3, 47.4, 25.5,  $-0.8$ . HRMS (FAB)  $m/z$ : [M] Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{NSi}$  219.1443; found 219.1441. Magnetic sector-electric sector double focusing mass analyzer was used.

### 1-Benzyl-6-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indole-dioxaborolane (2i)

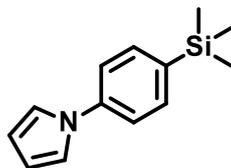


Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
17	2	3	0.1	0.1	0.5

**General procedure A:** After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes 100%) to afford **2i** (109.8 mg, 98%) as pale yellow solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  7.58 (dd,  $J = 0.70, 7.85$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 0.70$  Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.19 (td,  $J = 0.87, 7.80$  Hz, 3H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 0.24 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  138.4, 136.1, 131.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.6, 127.5, 127.1, 123.8, 120.2, 115.0, 101.0, 49.5,  $-1.7$ . HRMS (FAB)  $m/z$ : [M] Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NSi}$  279.1443; found 279.1441. Magnetic sector-electric sector double focusing mass analyzer was used.

### 1-(4-(Trimethylsilyl)phenyl)-1H-pyrrole (2j)

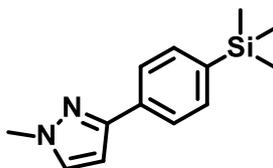


Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
17	2	3	0.1	0.1	0.5

**General procedure A:** After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes: EA=20:1) to afford **2j** (82.4 mg, 96%) as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 2.18 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (t, *J* = 4.35 Hz, 2H), 0.30 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.1, 137.6, 134.6, 119.8, 119.2, 110.4, -1.1. HRMS (FAB) *m/z*: [M] Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NSi 215.1130; found 215.1128. Magnetic sector-electric sector double focusing mass analyzer was used.

### 1-Methyl-3-(4-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl)-1H-pyrazole (2k)

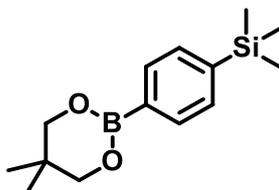


Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
20	2	3	0.1	0.1	0.5

**General procedure A:** After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes: EA=5:1) to afford **2k** (82.5 mg, 90%) as a yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.15 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.17 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 2.25 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 2.27 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 0.28 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.6, 139.6, 133.9, 133.6, 131.3, 124.8, 102.9, 39.1, -1.1. HRMS (FAB) *m/z*: [M] Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 230.1239; found 230.1237. Magnetic sector-electric sector double focusing mass analyzer was used.

### (4-(5,5-Dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborinan-2-yl)phenyl)trimethylsilane (2l)

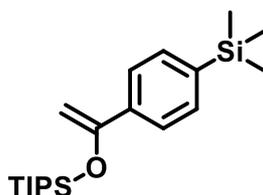


Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
48	2	3	0.1	0.25	0.5

**General procedure A:** After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:Et<sub>2</sub>O=10:1) to afford **2l** (77.2 mg, 74%) as pale brown solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.79 (d,  $J = 7.69$  Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 7.83$  Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 4H), 1.03 (s, 6H), 0.27 (s, 8H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.3, 136.0, 135.9, 133.0, 132.5, 114.7, 114.5, 72.3, 31.9, 21.9, -1.2. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>2</sup>

### Triisopropyl((1-(4-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl)vinyl)oxy)silane (**2m**)

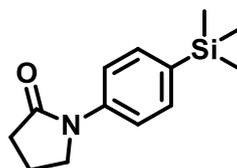


Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
24	2	3	0.1	0.1	0.5

**General procedure A:** After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexane 100%) to afford **2m** (80.9 mg, 58%) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.65 (d,  $J = 7.56$  Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 7.52$  Hz, 2H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.42 (s, 1H), 1.37-1.27 (m, 3H), 1.15 (d,  $J = 7.36$  Hz, 18H), 0.28 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.1, 140.4, 138.3, 133.1, 124.5, 89.9, 18.1, 12.8, -1.1. HRMS (FAB)  $m/z$ : [M] Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{36}\text{OSi}_2$  348.2305; found 348.2306. Magnetic sector-electric sector double focusing mass analyzer was used.

### 1-(4-(Trimethylsilyl)phenyl)pyrrolidin-2-one (**2n**)

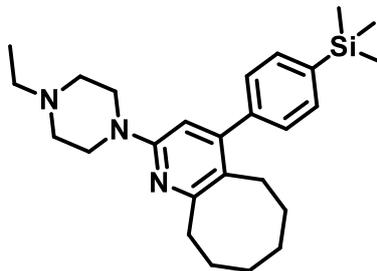


Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
6	2	3	0.2	0.4	0.5

**General procedure A:** After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:EA=4:1) to afford **2n** (35.2 mg, 38%) as yellow solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.89 (t,  $J = 6.90$  Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t,  $J = 8.00$  Hz, 2H), 2.16 (quin,  $J = 7.47$  Hz, 2H), 0.25 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  174.3, 139.9, 136.3, 133.9, 119.2, 48.7, 32.8, 18.1, -1.1. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>5</sup>

**2-(4-Ethylpiperazin-1-yl)-4-(4-trimethylsilyl)phenyl)-5,6,7,8,9,10-hexahydrocycloocta[b]pyridine (2o)**

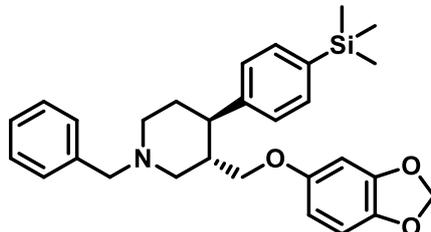


Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
24	2	3	0.1	0.1	0.3

**General procedure A:** The reaction was conducted on a 0.15 mmol scale (The amount of other reactants was also reduced with the same ratio). After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:EA=1:9) to afford **2o** (58.9 mg, 93%) as a yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 Hz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.10 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.09 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 3.50 (s, 4H), 2.86-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.60-2.48 (m, 8H), 1.76-1.71 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.33 (m, 6H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.18 Hz, 3H), 0.29 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 Hz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 159.5, 157.2, 151.5, 141.8, 139.2, 133.1, 127.9, 122.4, 105.8, 52.2, 51.9, 44.8, 35.0, 31.3, 30.5, 26.2, 26.2, 25.6, 11.0, -2.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Si 422.2986; found 422.2987. Q-TOF mass spectrometer was used.

**3-((benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)methyl)-1-benzyl-4-(4-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl)piperidine (2p)**

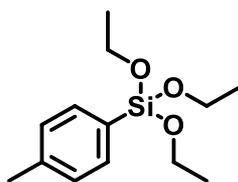


Time (h)	Mg (eq)	TMSCl (eq)	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub> (eq)	Ligand (eq)	Solvent (mL)
24	2	3	0.2	0.2	0.5

**General procedure A:** The reaction was conducted on a 0.2 mmol scale (The amount of other reactants was also reduced with the same ratio.). After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:EA=9:1) to afford **2p** (22.8 mg, 24%) as a yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.45-7.31 (m, 7H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.90 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 8.46 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 2.45 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dd, *J* = 2.50, 8.56 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (s, 2H), 3.75-3.57 (m, 3H), 3.49-3.45 (m, 1H), 3.34 (br, 1H), 3.09 (br, 1H), 2.51 (br, 1H), 2.26-1.83 (m, 5H), 0.24 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.4, 148.1, 141.6, 138.5, 133.9, 133.7, 129.6, 128.7, 128.4, 127.0, 126.8, 107.8, 105.7, 101.1, 98.0, 69.5, 63.0, 57.2, 53.6, 44.4, 41.4, 33.7, -1.1. HRMS (FAB) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>36</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Si 474.2464; found 474.2461. Magnetic sector-electric sector double focusing mass analyzer was used.

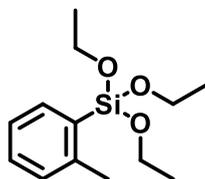
### Triethoxy(*p*-tolyl)silane (**2q**)



**General procedure A:** The reaction time was 12 hours. After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes 100%) to afford **2q** (50.8 mg, 50%) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.57 (d,  $J = 7.90$  Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 7.50$  Hz, 2H), 3.86 (q,  $J = 7.00$  Hz, 6H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t,  $J = 7.00$  Hz, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.3, 134.9, 128.7, 127.3, 58.7, 21.6, 18.2. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>6</sup>

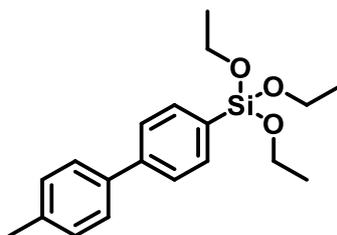
### Triethoxy(*o*-tolyl)silane (**2r**)



**General procedure A:** The reaction time was 25 hours and 20 mol% of **L1** was used. After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:EA=20:1) to afford **2r** (77.6 mg, 68%) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.75 (dd,  $J = 1.74, 8.13$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 (td,  $J = 1.50, 7.69$  Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 2H), 3.88 (q,  $J = 7.00$  Hz, 6H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t,  $J = 7.01$  Hz, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  144.5, 136.5, 130.5, 129.9, 129.7, 124.7, 58.5, 22.4, 18.2. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>6</sup>

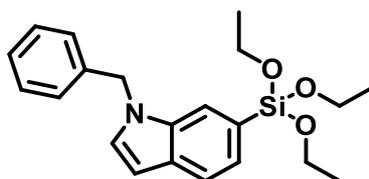
### Triethoxy(4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)silane (**2s**)



**General procedure A:** The reaction time was 16 hours. After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:EA=50:1) to afford **2s** (100.5 mg, 76%) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  7.68 (qd,  $J = 1.94, 7.68$  Hz, 4H), 7.56 (d,  $J = 8.15$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dd,  $J = 0.58, 8.43$  Hz, 2H), 3.87 (q,  $J = 6.99$  Hz, 6H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t,  $J = 7.00$  Hz, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.9, 138.1, 137.4, 135.3, 129.5, 129.2, 127.0, 126.4, 58.8, 21.1, 18.3. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3\text{SiNa}$  353.1543; found 353.1544. Q-TOF mass spectrometer was used.

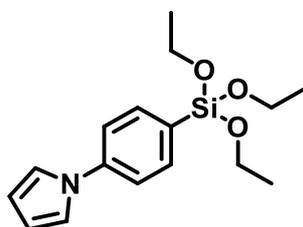
### 1-Benzyl-6-(triethoxysilyl)-1H-indole (2t)



- 1) **General procedure A:** The reaction time was 24 hours and 0.2 mmol of the starting material was used (The amount of other reactants was also reduced with the same ratio.). After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:EA=15:1) to afford **2t** (58.2 mg, 79%) as a yellow oil.
- 2) **Large scale reaction / General procedure A:** Cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (54.0 mg, 0.21 mmol (0.1 eq)), the corresponding ligand, **L1** (70.2 mg, 0.21 mmol (0.1 eq)), aryl fluoride (473.1 mg, 2.1 mmol (1 eq)) and magnesium (102.1 mg, 4.2 mmol (2 eq)) were added to a 20 mL vial. Then dried THF (2 mL) and chlorotriethoxysilane (1237.1  $\mu$ L, 6.3 mmol (3 eq)) were added. The mixture solution was stirred at 25 °C. After workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:Ethyl acetate=15:1) to afford **2s** (490.1 mg, 63%) as a yellow oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.63 (dd,  $J = 0.78, 7.86$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 0.81$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 3.12$  Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.53 (dd,  $J = 0.82, 3.12$  Hz, 2H), 3.79 (q,  $J = 6.99$  Hz, 6H), 1.16 (t,  $J = 7.00$  Hz, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.2, 135.7, 130.7, 130.1, 128.6, 127.5, 126.9, 124.7, 122.5, 120.5, 116.8, 101.1, 58.4, 49.8, 17.6. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_3\text{SiNa}$  392.1652; found 392.1654. Q-TOF mass spectrometer was used.

### Triethoxy(4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)silane (2u)

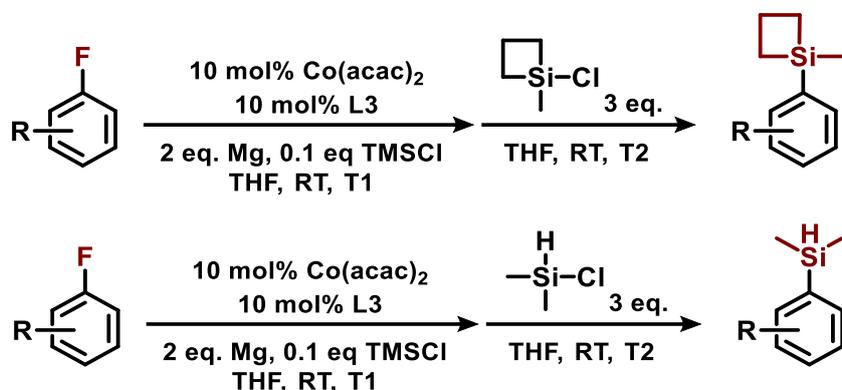


**General procedure A:** The reaction time was 20 hours. After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:EA=20:1) to afford **2u** (49.4 mg, 40%) as a pale yellow oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.75 (d,  $J = 8.46$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.48$  Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t,  $J = 2.20$  Hz, 2H), 3.91 (q,  $J = 7.00$  Hz, 6H), 1.28 (t,  $J = 7.00$  Hz, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.3, 136.3, 128.0, 119.6, 119.1, 110.7, 58.8, 18.3. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3\text{SiNa}$  328.1339; found 328.1341. Q-TOF mass spectrometer was used.

## General procedure B

All the reactions were carried out under inert atmosphere with stirring using oven-dried glassware and magnetic bars in a glove box unless otherwise noted.

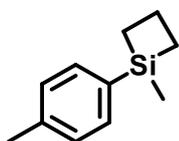


**Figure S1.** Defluorosilylation with 1-chloro-1-methylsilacyclobutane or chlorodimethylsilane.

**Setup procedure:** Cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (10.3 mg, 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)), the corresponding ligand, **L1** (13.4 mg, 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)), aryl fluoride (0.4 mmol (1 eq)) and magnesium (19.4 mg, 0.8 mmol (2 eq)) were added to a 4 mL vial. Then dried THF (0.5 mL) and chlorotrimethylsilane (4.65  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)) were added. After several hours (T1) with stirring at 25°C, 1-Chloro-1-methylsilacyclobutane (147.0  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol (3 eq)) or chlorodimethylsilane (133.3  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol (3 eq)) was added and the mixture solution was stirred at 25 °C for several hours (T2).

**Workup procedure:** After the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. Volatiles in the filtrate were removed under vacuum. Subsequently, water (10 mL) and dichloromethane, or ethyl acetate (20 mL) were added to the crude residue and the solution was shaken vigorously. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite again. Additional organic solvent (3  $\times$  10 mL) and water (3  $\times$  5 mL) were poured to the Celite to assure collecting all products. The organic layer was extracted and dried over by anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solution was concentrated under vacuum. The purification of the residues was conducted using preparative TLC, column chromatography, or recrystallization.

### 1-Methyl-1-(*p*-tolyl)siletane (**2v**)

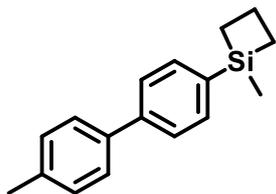


T1 (h)	T2 (h)
5	5

**General procedure B:** 20 mol% of Co(acac)<sub>2</sub> and **L1** were used. After the workup procedure, dibromomethane (5.0 mg) and CDCl<sub>3</sub> were added to the concentrated residue. The CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution was measured for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy and the yield was 47% (see <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra). The product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes 100%) to afford **2v** (25.2 mg, 36%) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.53 (d, *J* = 7.45 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.45 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.18 (quin, *J* = 8.23 Hz, 2H), 1.31-1.25 (m, 2H), 1.19-1.12 (m, 2H), 0.54 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.4, 135.1, 133.6, 128.8, 21.5, 18.2, 14.5, -1.7. HRMS (FAB) *m/z*: [M] Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Si 176.1021; found 176.1019. Magnetic sector-electric sector double focusing mass analyzer was used.

### 1-Methyl-1-(4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)siletane (2w)

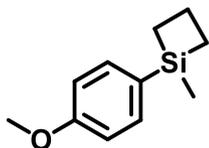


T1 (h)	T2 (h)
1	12

**General procedure B:** The reaction was conducted on a 0.1 mmol scale (The amount of other reactants was also reduced with the same ratio.). After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes 100%) to afford **2w** (10.9 mg, 43%) as white solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dd,  $J = 0.55, 8.39$  Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.25-2.17 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.28 (m, 2H), 1.24-1.17 (m, 2H), 0.58 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  141.9, 137.7, 137.6, 137.0, 134.1, 129.6, 126.8, 126.3, 20.1, 17.8, 13.9, -2.7. HRMS (FAB)  $m/z$ : [M] Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{Si}$  252.1334; found 252.1335. Magnetic sector-electric sector double focusing mass analyzer was used.

### 1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methylsiletane (2x)

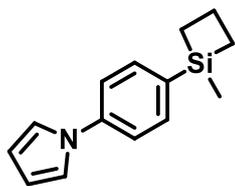


T1 (h)	T2 (h)
3	5

**General procedure B:** 20 mol% of  $\text{Co}(\text{acac})_2$  and **L1** were used. After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:EA=80:1) to afford **2x** (25.8 mg, 34%) as a pale yellow oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.56 (d,  $J = 8.10$  Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.10$  Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.17 (quin,  $J = 8.13$  Hz, 2H), 1.31-1.24 (m, 2H), 1.18-1.12 (m, 2H), 0.54 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.8, 135.0, 129.6, 113.7, 55.1, 18.1, 14.6, -1.8. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>7</sup>

### 1-Methyl-1-(*p*-tolyl)siletane (2y)

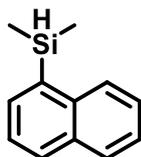


T1 (h)	T2 (h)
3	5

**General procedure B:** 20 mol% of  $\text{Co}(\text{acac})_2$  and **L1** were used. After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:EA=60:1) to afford **2y** (37.2 mg, 41%) as a pale yellow oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.68 (d,  $J = 8.10$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.08$  Hz, 2H), 7.13 (s, 2H), 6.36 (s, 2H), 2.21 (quin,  $J = 8.28$  Hz, 2H), 1.34-1.28 (m, 2H), 1.23-1.17 (m, 2H), 0.58 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.6, 135.7, 134.9, 119.8, 119.2, 110.6, 18.3, 14.5, -1.7. HRMS (FAB)  $m/z$ : [M] Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{NSi}$  227.1130; found 227.1133. Magnetic sector-electric sector double focusing mass analyzer was used.

### 1-Dimethylsilyl-naphthalene (**2z**)



T1 (h)	T2 (h)
22	22

**Large scale reaction / General procedure B:** Cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (51.4 mg, 0.2 mmol (0.1 eq)), the corresponding ligand, L1 (66.9 mg, 0.2 mmol (0.1 eq)), aryl fluoride (292.3 mg, 2.0 mmol (1 eq)) and magnesium (97.2 mg, 4.0 mmol (2 eq)) were added to a 20 mL vial. Then dried THF (2 mL) and chlorotrimethylsilane (25.4  $\mu$ L, 0.2 mmol (0.1 eq)) were added. After 22 hours (T1) with stirring at 25°C, chlorodimethylsilane (666.3  $\mu$ L, 6.0 mmol (3 eq)) was added and the mixture solution was stirred at 25 °C for 22 hours (T2). After the workup procedure, the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes 100%) to afford **2z** (193.8 mg, 52%) as a colorless oil.

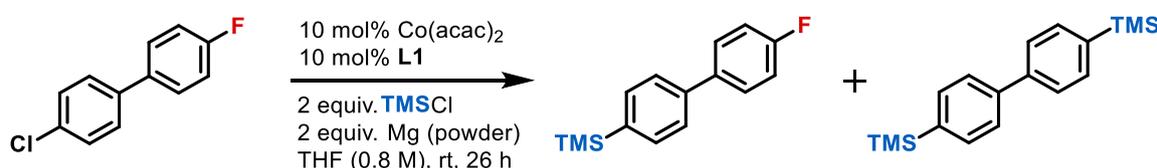
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.14 (d,  $J = 8.21$  Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.75 (dd,  $J = 6.73, 1.25$  Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.47 (m, 3H), 4.89 (sep,  $J = 3.78$  Hz, 1H), 0.52 (d,  $J = 3.79$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.0, 135.7, 133.7, 133.2, 130.0, 129.0, 127.6, 125.6, 125.6, 125.2, -3.2. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>8</sup>

### 2.3 Halogen containing substrates (Cl or Br)

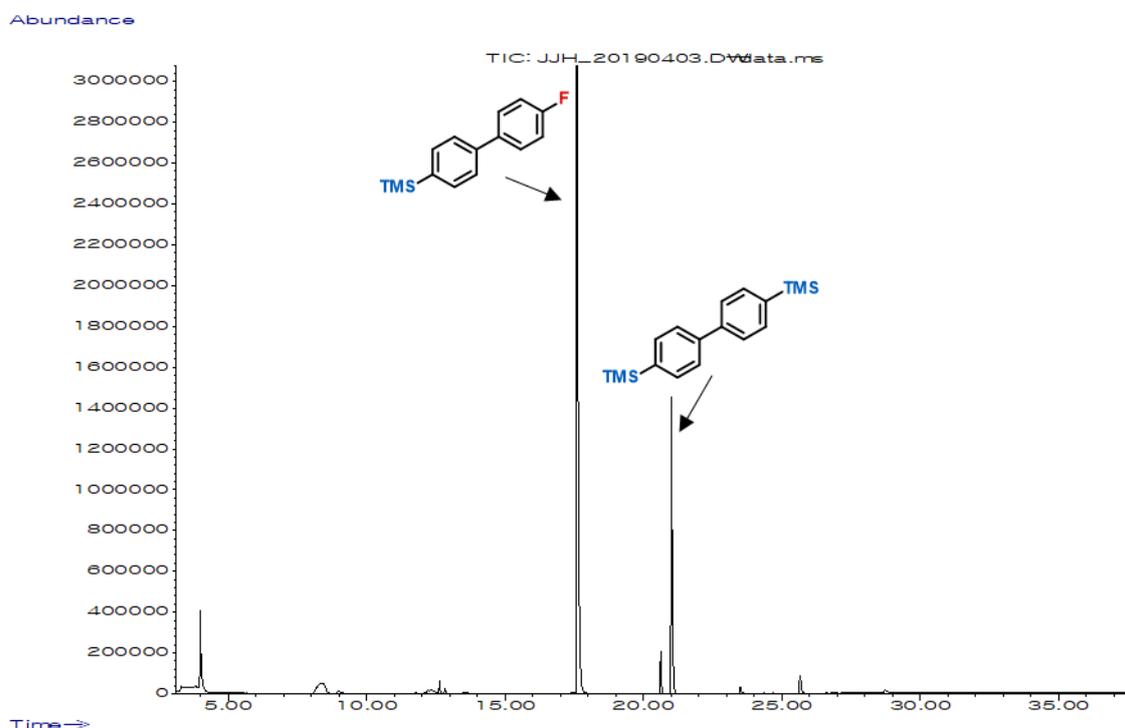
All the reactions were carried out under an inert atmosphere with stirring using oven-dried glassware and magnetic bars in a glove box unless otherwise noted.

4-Chloro-4'-fluorobiphenyl (82.7 mg, 0.4 mmol (1 eq)), cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (10.3 mg, 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)), the corresponding ligand, **L1** (13.4 mg, 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)), and magnesium (19.4 mg, 0.8 mmol (2 eq)) were added to a 4 mL vial. Then dried THF (0.5 mL) and chlorotrimethylsilane (101.5  $\mu$ L, 0.8 mmol (2 eq)) were added. The mixture solution was stirred at 25  $^{\circ}$ C for 26 hours.

After the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. Volatiles in the filtrate were removed under vacuum. Subsequently, water (10 mL) and ethyl acetate, or dichloromethane (20 mL) were added to the crude residue and the solution was shaken vigorously. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite again. The additional organic solvent ( $3 \times 10$  mL) and water ( $3 \times 5$  mL) were poured to the Celite to assure collecting all products. The organic layer was extracted and dried over by anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The solution was concentrated under vacuum and GC-MS spectrum was measured.



**Figure S2.** Dehalosilylation of 4-chloro-4'-fluorobiphenyl.



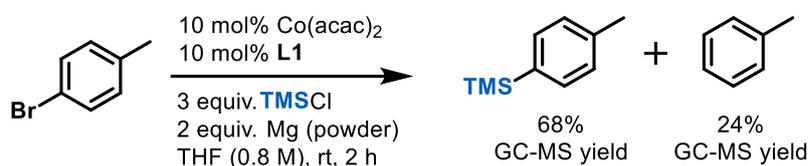
**Figure S3.** GC-MS spectrum after dehalosilylation of 4-chloro-4'-fluorobiphenyl (**Figure S2**).

All  $\text{C}(\text{sp}^2)\text{-Cl}$  bonds are activated and some  $\text{C}(\text{sp}^2)\text{-F}$  bonds remain intact.

Simple aryl bromide (4-bromotoluene) was also used for dehalosilylation.

Cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (10.3 mg, 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)), the corresponding ligand, **L1** (13.4 mg, 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)), and magnesium (19.4 mg, 0.8 mmol (2 eq)) were added to a 4 mL vial. Then dried THF (0.5 mL) and 4-bromotoluene (49.22  $\mu$ L, 0.4 mmol (1 eq)) were added. Lastly, chlorotrimethylsilane (152.3  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol (3 eq)) was added and the mixture solution was stirred at 25  $^{\circ}$ C.

After the reaction, ethyl acetate (5 mL) and water (5 mL) were added to the reaction mixture and it was filtered through a pad of Celite. The additional organic solvent ( $3 \times 10$  mL) and water ( $3 \times 5$  mL) were poured to the Celite to assure collecting all products. The organic layer was extracted and dried over by anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The known amount of dodecane (68.1 mg) was added to the solution and 0.1 mL of the mixture was filtered through Silica gel. Additional ethyl acetate (1.5 mL) was poured to the silica gel to assure collecting all products. The solution was measured for GC-MS spectroscopy.

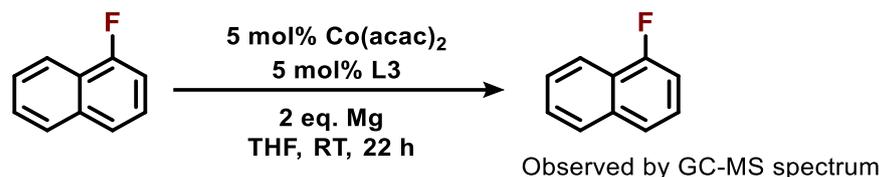


**Figure S4.** Dehalosilylation of 4-bromotoluene.

Compared to 4-fluorotoluene, the reaction time for a full conversion was short, but dehalohydrogenation was observed. Elongated reaction time could not increase the yields of the silylated product.

### 3. Mechanistic study described in Figure 3

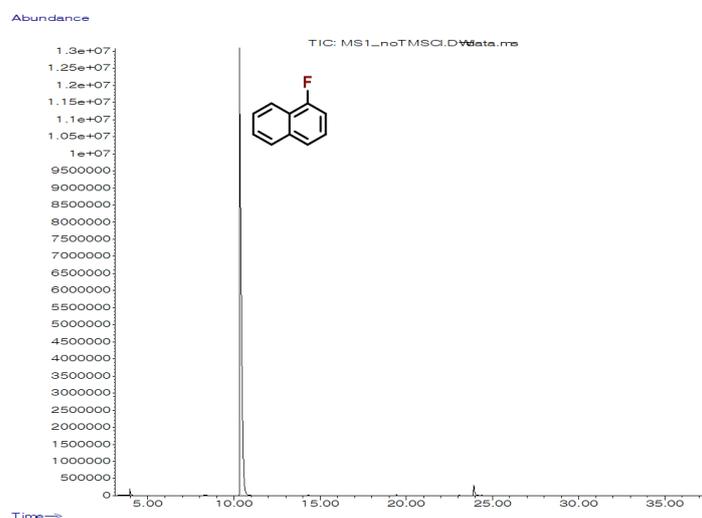
#### 3.1 Reactions without stoichiometric equivalents of TMSCl



**Figure S5.** Reaction without TMSCl.

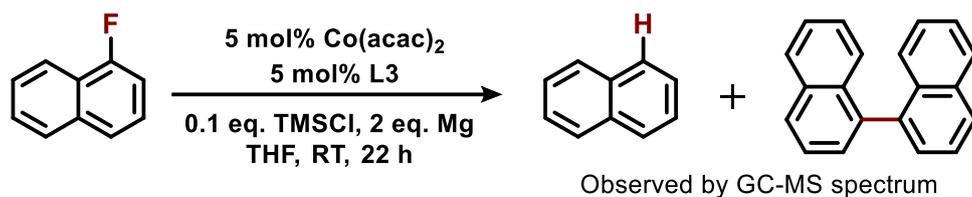
The reaction was carried out under inert atmosphere with stirring using oven-dried glassware and magnetic bars in a glove box. Cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (5.1 mg, 0.02 mmol (0.05 eq)), the corresponding ligand, **L1** (6.7 mg, 0.02 mmol (0.05 eq)), and magnesium (19.4 mg, 0.8 mmol (2 eq)) were added to a 4 mL vial. Then dried THF (0.5 mL) and 1-fluoronaphthalene (51.6  $\mu$ L, 0.4 mmol (1 eq)) were added. The mixture solution was stirred at 25 °C for 22 hours.

After the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. Subsequently, water (10 mL) and dichloromethane (20 mL) were added to the crude residue and the solution was shaken vigorously. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite again. Additional organic solvent (3  $\times$  10 mL) and water (3  $\times$  5 mL) were poured to the Celite to assure collecting all products. The organic layer was extracted and dried over by anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The known amount of dodecane (68.1 mg) was added to the solution and 0.1 mL of the mixture was filtered through Silica gel. Additional ethyl acetate (1.5 mL) was poured to the silica gel to assure collecting all products. The solution was measured for GC-MS spectroscopy.



**Figure S6.** GC-MS spectrum after the reaction without TMSCl (**Figure S5**).

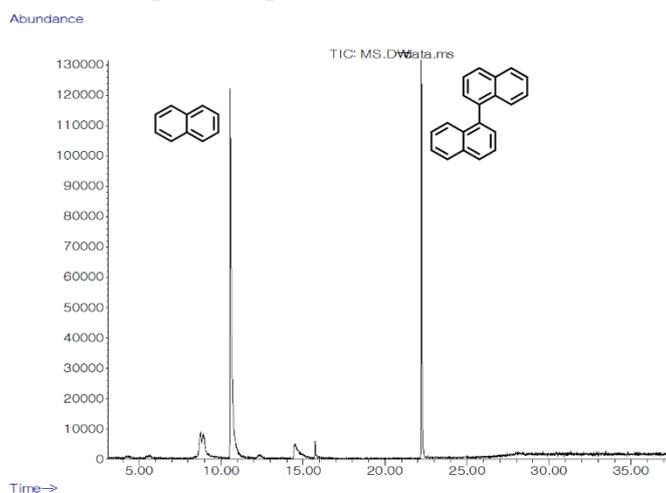
Without TMSCl, C–F bond activation was not observed, as the starting material remained.



**Figure S7.** Reaction with a catalytic amount of TMSCl.

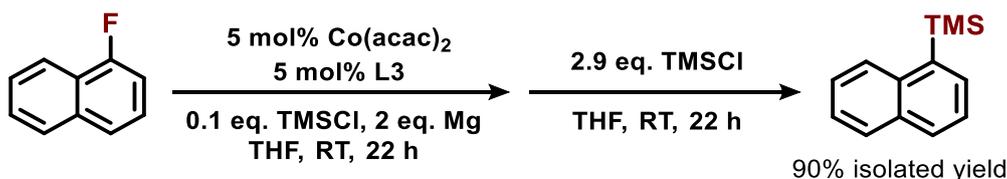
The reaction was carried out under inert atmosphere with stirring using oven-dried glassware and magnetic bars in a glove box. Cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (5.1 mg, 0.02 mmol (0.05 eq)), the corresponding ligand, **L1** (6.7 mg, 0.02 mmol (0.05 eq)), and magnesium (19.4 mg, 0.8 mmol (2 eq)) were added to a 4 mL vial. Then dried THF (0.5 mL), chlorotrimethylsilane (5.08  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)) and 1-fluoronaphthalene (51.6  $\mu$ L, 0.4 mmol (1 eq)) were added. The mixture solution was stirred at 25  $^{\circ}$ C for 22 hours.

After the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. Subsequently, water (10 mL) and dichloromethane (20 mL) were added to the crude residue and the solution was shaken vigorously. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite again. Additional organic solvent ( $3 \times 10$  mL) and water ( $3 \times 5$  mL) were poured to the Celite to assure collecting all products. The organic layer was extracted and dried over by anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . 0.1 mL of the solution was filtered through Silica gel. Additional ethyl acetate (1.5 mL) was poured to the silica gel to assure collecting all products. The solution was measured for GC-MS spectroscopy.



**Figure S8.** GC-MS spectrum after the reaction with a catalytic amount of TMSCl (**Figure S7**).

All C–F bonds were cleavage and converted to C–H or C–C bonds to form naphthalene or 1,1'-binaphthalene with a catalytic amount of TMSCl.

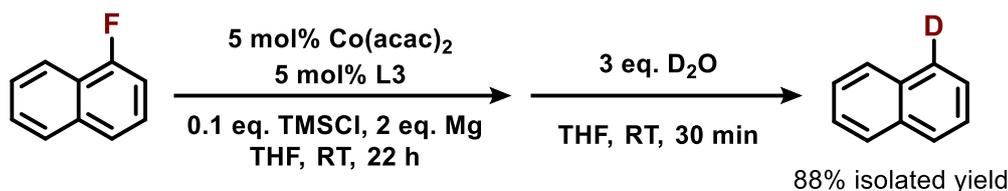


**Figure S9.** Addition of TMSiCl to the reaction intermediate (**Figure 3a.** (1)).

The reaction was carried out under inert atmosphere with stirring using oven-dried glassware and magnetic bars in a glove box. Cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (5.1 mg, 0.02 mmol (0.05 eq)), the corresponding ligand, **L1** (6.7 mg, 0.02 mmol (0.05 eq)), and magnesium (19.4 mg, 0.8 mmol (2 eq)) were added to a 4 mL vial. Then dried THF (0.5 mL), chlorotrimethylsilane (5.08  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)) and 1-fluoronaphthalene (51.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.4 mmol (1 eq)) were added. The mixture solution was stirred at 25 °C for 22 hours. After 22 hours, additional chlorotrimethylsilane (134.9  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.16 mmol (2.9 eq)) was added under inert condition. The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 22 hours.

After the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. Subsequently, water (10 mL) and dichloromethane (20 mL) were added to the crude residue and the solution was shaken vigorously. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite again. Additional organic solvent ( $3 \times 10$  mL) and water ( $3 \times 5$  mL) were poured to the Celite to assure collecting all products. The organic layer was extracted and dried over by anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The solution was evaporated at 0 °C to prevent evaporation of naphthalene moieties, and the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes 100%) to afford **2e** (72.1 mg, 90%) as a colorless oil.

Defluorosilylation was successfully achieved and it indicates that stoichiometric equivalents of intermediates containing magnesium were formed.

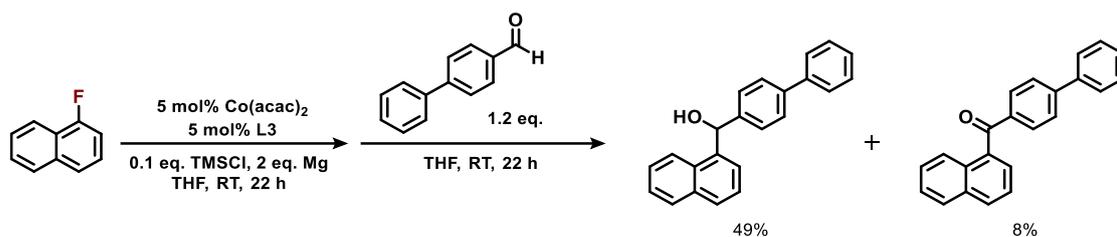


**Figure S10.** Addition of D<sub>2</sub>O to the reaction intermediate (**Figure 3a. (2)**).

The reaction was carried out under inert atmosphere with stirring using oven-dried glassware and magnetic bars in a glove box. Cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (5.1 mg, 0.02 mmol (0.05 eq)), the corresponding ligand, **L1** (6.7 mg, 0.02 mmol (0.05 eq)), and magnesium (19.4 mg, 0.8 mmol (2 eq)) were added to a 4 mL vial. Then dried THF (0.5 mL), chlorotrimethylsilane (5.08  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)) and 1-fluoronaphthalene (51.6  $\mu$ L, 0.4 mmol (1 eq)) were added. The mixture solution was stirred at 25 °C for 22 hours. After 22 hours, D<sub>2</sub>O (24.0  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol (3 eq)) was added to capture the intermediate.

After the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. Subsequently, water (10 mL) and dichloromethane (20 mL) were added to the crude residue and the solution was shaken vigorously. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite again. Additional organic solvent (3  $\times$  10 mL) and water (3  $\times$  5 mL) were poured to the Celite to assure collecting all products. The organic layer was extracted and dried over by anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solution was evaporated at 0 °C to prevent evaporation of naphthalene moieties, and the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes 100%) to afford 1-deuterionaphthalene (45.4 mg, 88%) with a trace amount of **2e** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87-7.84 (m, 4H), 7.48 (d,  $J$  = 3.95 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  127.9, 127.8, 125.8, 125.7. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>9</sup> The NMR spectra are provided in the NMR data section.

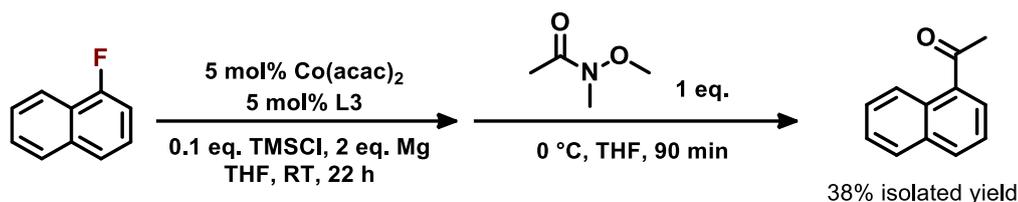


**Figure S11.** Addition of 4-phenylbenzaldehyde to the reaction intermediate (**Figure 3a. (3)**).

The reaction was carried out under inert atmosphere with stirring using oven-dried glassware and magnetic bars in a glove box. Cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (5.1 mg, 0.02 mmol (0.05 eq)), the corresponding ligand, **L1** (6.7 mg, 0.02 mmol (0.05 eq)), and magnesium (19.4 mg, 0.8 mmol (2 eq)) were added to a 4 mL vial. Then dried THF (0.5 mL), chlorotrimethylsilane (5.08  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)) and 1-fluoronaphthalene (51.6  $\mu$ L, 0.4 mmol (1 eq)) were added. The mixture solution was stirred at 25  $^{\circ}$ C for 22 hours. After 22 hours, additional 4-phenylbenzaldehyde (87.5 mg, 0.48 mmol (1.2 eq)) was added under inert condition. The mixture was stirred at 25  $^{\circ}$ C for 22 hours.

After the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. Subsequently, water (10 mL) and ethyl acetate (20 mL) were added to the crude residue and the solution was shaken vigorously. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite again. Additional organic solvent ( $3 \times 10$  mL) and water ( $3 \times 5$  mL) were poured to the Celite to assure collecting all products. The organic layer was extracted and dried over by anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The product was purified by column chromatography (gradient, Hexanes:EA=30:1 to 10:1) to afford the mixture of  $\alpha$ -1-naphthalenyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-methanol (49%) and [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl-1-naphthalenyl-methanone (8%) as white solid (70.7 mg). Alcohol and ketone could not be separated.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR of the mixture (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.10-8.08 (m, 1H+1H'), 7.89-7.88 (m, 1H+1H'), 7.84 (d,  $J = 8.24$  Hz, 1H+1H'), 7.70 (d,  $J = 7.11$  Hz, 1H+1H'), 7.57-7.41 (m, 11H+11H'), 7.35-7.32 (m, 1H+1H'), 6.61 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 1H). Proton signals from alcohol and ketone were indicated as H and H', respectively.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of the mixture (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.2, 140.8, 140.6, 138.8, 134.0, 130.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 126.2, 125.7, 125.7, 124.7, 124.0, 73.5. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>10</sup> The NMR spectra are provided in the NMR data section.

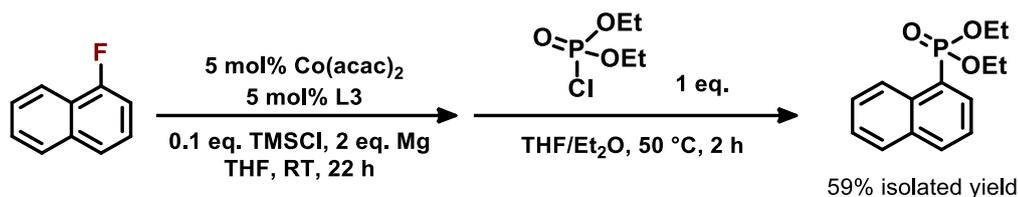


**Figure S12.** Addition of *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylacetamide to the reaction intermediate (**Figure 3a**. (4)).

The reaction was carried out under inert atmosphere with stirring using oven-dried glassware and magnetic bars in a glove box. Cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (5.1 mg, 0.02 mmol (0.05 eq)), the corresponding ligand, **L1** (6.7 mg, 0.02 mmol (0.05 eq)), and magnesium (19.4 mg, 0.8 mmol (2 eq)) were added to a 4 mL vial. Then dried THF (0.5 mL), chlorotrimethylsilane (5.08  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)) and 1-fluoronaphthalene (51.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.4 mmol (1 eq)) were added. The mixture solution was stirred at 25  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 22 hours. After 22 hours, residue solid was filtrated and Weinreb amide, *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylacetamide (42.5  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.4 mmol (1 eq)) was added under inert condition. The mixture was stirred at 0  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 90 minutes.

After the reaction, a cold saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  aqueous solution (2 mL) was added. Subsequently, ethyl acetate (10 mL) was added to the crude residue and the solution was shaken vigorously. The organic layer was extracted and washed with brine. It was dried over by anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:Ethyl acetate=9:1) to afford 1-(1-naphthalenyl)ethanone (25.6 mg, 38%) as yellow oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.74 (d,  $J = 8.66$  Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d,  $J = 8.20$  Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd,  $J = 7.20$ , 1.00 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J = 8.15$  Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.49 (m, 2H), 2.76 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  201.8, 135.6, 134.0, 133.0, 130.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 126.4, 126.0, 124.3, 30.0. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>11</sup> The NMR spectra are provided in the NMR data section.

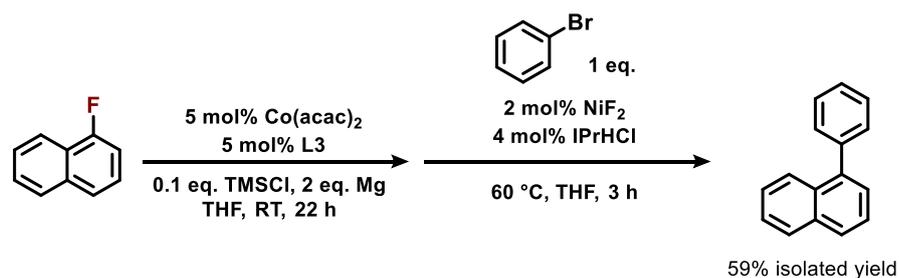


**Figure S13.** Addition of diethyl chlorophosphate to the reaction intermediate (**Figure 3a.** (5)).

The reaction was carried out under inert atmosphere with stirring using oven-dried glassware and magnetic bars in a glove box. Cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (5.1 mg, 0.02 mmol (0.05 eq)), the corresponding ligand, **L1** (6.7 mg, 0.02 mmol (0.05 eq)), and magnesium (19.4 mg, 0.8 mmol (2 eq)) were added to a 4 mL vial. Then dried THF (0.5 mL), chlorotrimethylsilane (5.08  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)) and 1-fluoronaphthalene (51.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.4 mmol (1 eq)) were added. The mixture solution was stirred at 25  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 22 hours. After 22 hours, the residual solid was filtrated and diethyl chlorophosphate (57.9  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.4 mmol (1 eq)) and diethyl ether (1mL) were added under inert condition. The mixture was stirred at 50  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 2 hours. Heating block was used for heating.

After the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and cold 10% HCl aqueous solution (1 mL) was added. Subsequently, diethyl ether (10 mL) was added to the crude residue and the solution was shaken vigorously. The organic layer was extracted and dried over by anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:EA=2:1) to afford 1-diethoxyphosphorylnaphthalene (62.2 mg, 59%) as a yellow oil.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.52 (d,  $J = 8.50$  Hz, 1H), 8.25 (ddd,  $J = 1.20, 7.05, 16.31$ , 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J = 8.20$  Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.10$  Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.51 (m, 2H), 4.25-4.17 (m, 2H), 4.12-4.04 (m, 2H), 1.31 (t,  $J = 7.05$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  134.6 (d,  $J = 8.92$  Hz), 133.6, 132.7 (d,  $J = 10.77$  Hz), 128.8, 127.4, 126.7, 126.3, 125.4, 124.5 (d,  $J = 16.54$  Hz), 124.0, 62.2 (d,  $J = 4.58$  Hz), 16.3 (d,  $J = 6.03$  Hz).  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (203 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  19.20. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>12</sup> The NMR spectra are provided in the NMR data section.



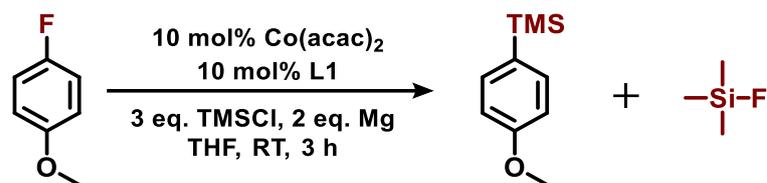
**Figure S14.** Nickel catalyzed Kumada coupling of the reaction intermediate with aryl bromides (**Figure 3a. (6)**).

The reaction was carried out under inert atmosphere with stirring using oven-dried glassware and magnetic bars in a glove box. Cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (5.1 mg, 0.02 mmol (0.05 eq)), the corresponding ligand, **L1** (6.7 mg, 0.02 mmol (0.05 eq)), and magnesium (19.4 mg, 0.8 mmol (2 eq)) were added to a 4 mL vial. Then dried THF (0.5 mL), chlorotrimethylsilane (5.08  $\mu$ L, 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)) and 1-fluoronaphthalene (51.6  $\mu$ L, 0.4 mmol (1 eq)) were added. The mixture solution was stirred at 25 °C for 22 hours. After 22 hours, residue solid was filtrated and nickel(II) fluoride (0.8 mg, 0.008 mmol (0.02 eq)) and 1,3-Bis-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)imidazolium chloride (IPrHCl, 6.8 mg, 0.016 mmol (0.04 eq)) were added under inert condition. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes and bromobenzene (41.9  $\mu$ L, 0.4 mmol (1 eq)) was added and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 3 hours. Heating block was used for heating.

After the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. Subsequently, water (10 mL) and dichloromethane (20 mL) were added to the crude residue and the solution was shaken vigorously. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite again. Additional organic solvent (3  $\times$  10 mL) and water (3  $\times$  5 mL) were poured to the Celite to assure collecting all products. The organic layer was extracted and dried over by anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes 100%) to afford 1-phenyl-naphthalene (48.5 mg, 59%) as a colorless oil.

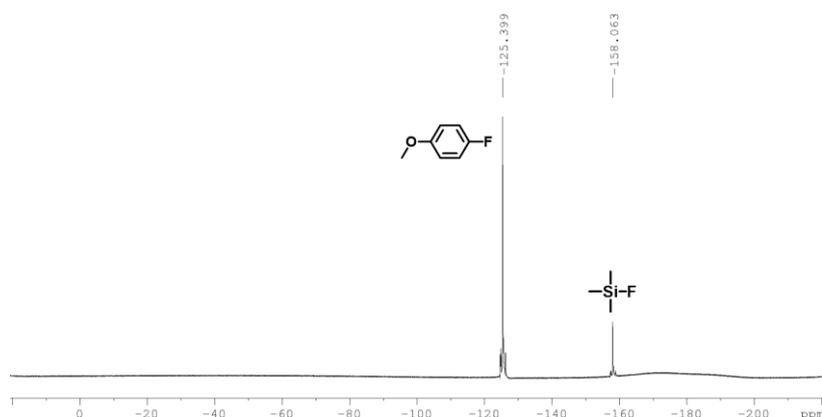
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.93 (d,  $J$  = 9.46 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d,  $J$  = 7.80 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.44 (m, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.8, 140.3, 133.8, 131.7, 130.1, 128.3, 127.6, 127.2, 126.9, 126.1, 126.0, 125.8, 125.4. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>13</sup> The NMR spectra are provided in the NMR data section.

## Evidence for the formation of fluorotrimethylsilane

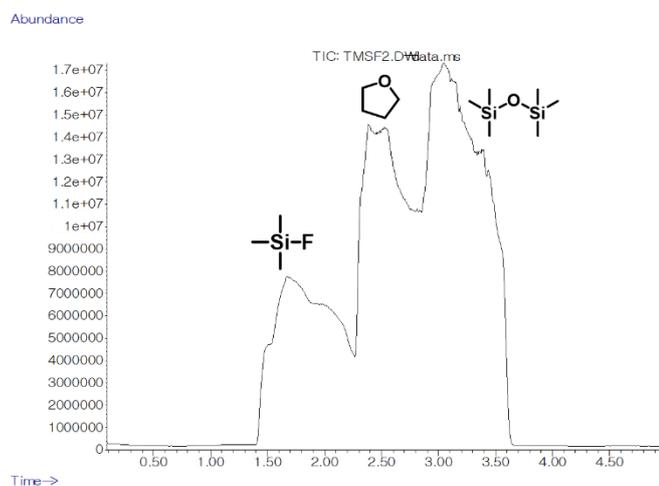


**Figure S15.** Defluorosilylation of 4-fluoroanisole to detect fluorotrimethylsilane.

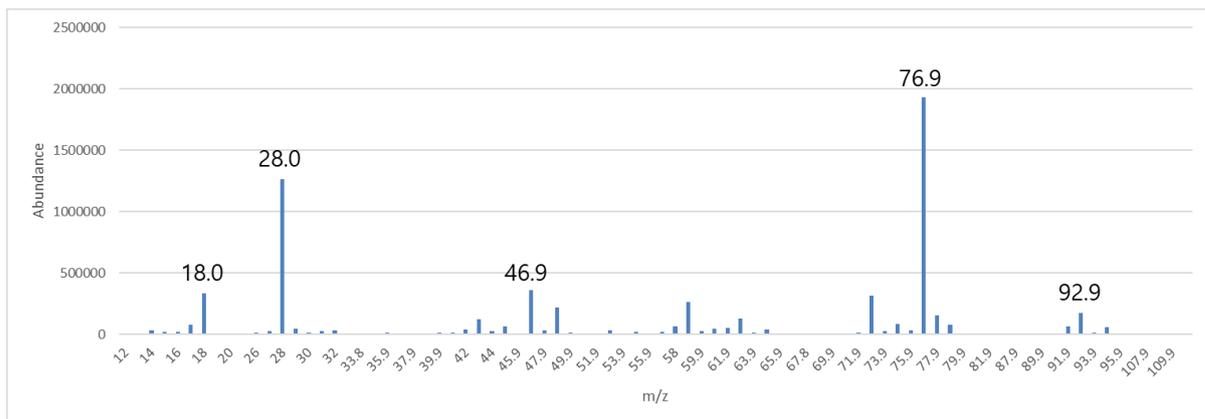
The reaction was carried out under inert atmosphere with stirring using oven-dried glassware and magnetic bars in a glove box. Cobalt(II) acetylacetonate (10.3 mg, 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)), the corresponding ligand, **L1** (13.4 mg, 0.04 mmol (0.1 eq)), and magnesium (19.4 mg, 0.8 mmol (2 eq)) were added to a 4 mL vial. Then dried THF (0.5 mL), chlorotrimethylsilane (152.3  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol (3 eq)), and 4-fluoroanisole (45.3  $\mu$ L, 0.4 mmol (1 eq)) were added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. After the reaction, the reaction mixture and a J-Young NMR tube with CDCl<sub>3</sub> (50  $\mu$ L) were cooled to  $-15$   $^{\circ}$ C. 200  $\mu$ L of the reaction mixture was transferred to the J-Young NMR tube and subsequently, <sup>19</sup>F-NMR data was obtained. The residue reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and the headspace (gas phase) was used for GC-MS measurement. Fluorotrimethylsilane was observed from <sup>19</sup>F NMR and GC-MS spectrum.



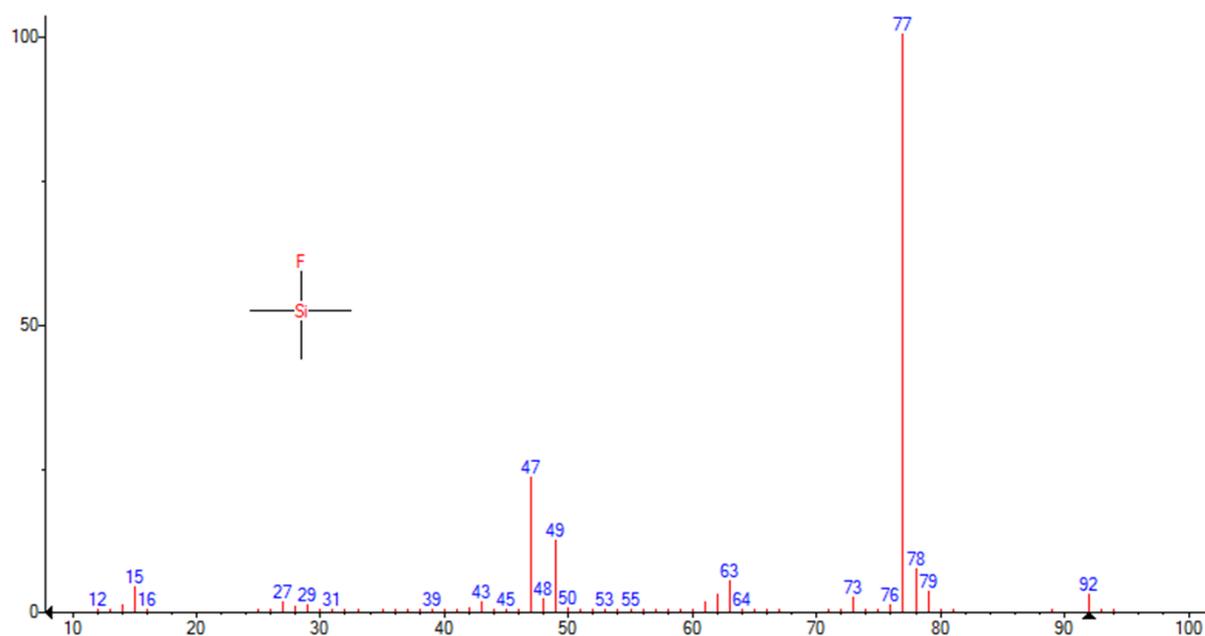
**Figure S16.** Crude <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum after defluorosilylation of 4-fluoroanisole.



**Figure S17.** GC-MS spectrum of headspace (gas phase) after defluorosilylation of 4-fluoroanisole.

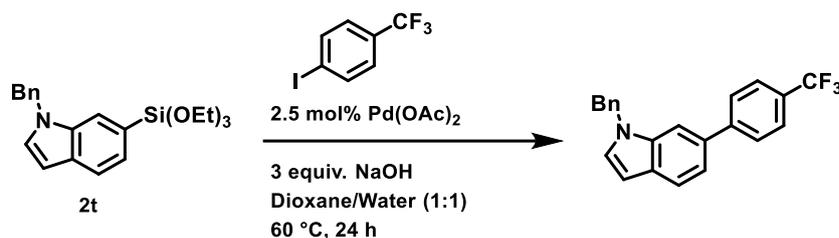


**Figure S18.** Observed MS spectrum of fluorotrimethylsilane.



**Figure S19.** Theoretical MS spectrum of fluorotrimethylsilane.

#### 4. Synthetic methods described in Figure 4

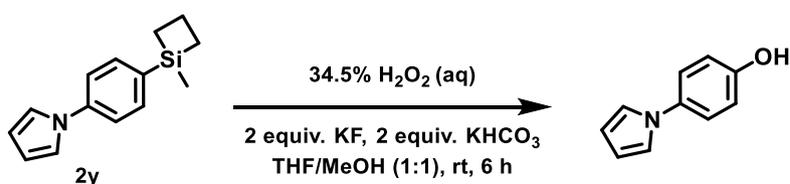


**Figure S20.** C–C bond coupling reaction of the aryl silane (**Figure 4.** (a)).

Organosilane, **2t** (37.0 mg, 0.1 mmol), 4-iodobenzotrifluoride (14.70  $\mu$ L, 0.1 mmol (1 eq)), palladium(II) acetate (0.8 mg, 0.0025 mmol (2.5 mol%)), sodium hydroxide (12.0 mg, 0.3 mmol (3 eq)) were added to a 4 mL vial. Then dioxane (0.5 mL) and water (0.5 mL) were added. The mixture was refluxed at 60 °C for 24 hours. Heating block was used for heating.

After the reaction, ethyl acetate (5 mL) and water (5 mL) were added and the solution was shaken vigorously. The organic layer was extracted and dried over by anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solution was concentrated under vacuum and the product was purified by column chromatography (gradient, Hexanes 100% to Ethyl acetate 100%) to afford 1-benzyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-indole (24.2 mg, 69%) as a yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 Hz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)  $\delta$  7.83-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.68 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.21 (m, 5H), 6.57 (dd,  $J$  = 0.82, 3.14 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 Hz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)  $\delta$  146.0, 138.2, 136.7, 132.8, 130.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 127.0, 125.6, 125.6, 121.3, 118.9, 108.8, 101.3, 49.6. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N 352.1308; found 352.1310. Q-TOF mass spectrometer was used. The NMR spectra are provided in the NMR data section.

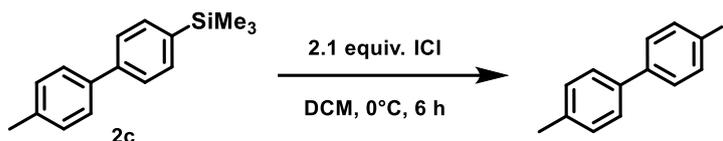


**Figure S21.** Oxidation of the aryl silane (**Figure 4.** (b)).

Organosilane, **2y** (22.7 mg, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in 1 mL of THF/MeOH. Potassium fluoride (11.6 mg, 0.2 mmol (2 eq)), potassium bicarbonate (20.0 mg, 0.2 mmol (2 eq)) and hydrogen peroxide (34.5% in H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 0.4 mL) were added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 hours.

After the reaction, ethyl acetate (2 mL) was added and the mixture was shaken vigorously. The organic layer was extracted and washed with 1.0 M Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution and brine. The organic phase was dried over by anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:EA=10:1) to afford 4-(1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)phenol (12.9 mg, 81%) as pale brown solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 Hz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO)  $\delta$  9.48 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 8.81 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t,  $J$  = 2.15 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.76 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (t,  $J$  = 2.10 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 Hz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO)  $\delta$  155.7, 132.8, 121.7, 119.6, 116.4, 110.03. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>14</sup> The NMR spectra are provided in the NMR data section.

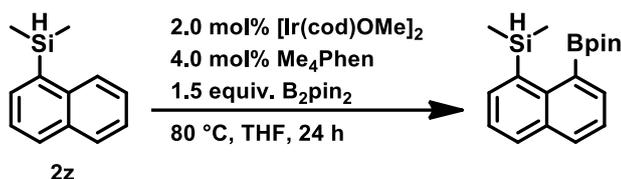


**Figure S22.** Iodination of the aryl silane (**Figure 4. (c)**)

Organosilane, **2c** (96.2 mg, 0.4 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (1 mL). Iodine chloride (44.0  $\mu$ L, 0.84 mmol (2.1 eq)) was added and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and stirred for 6 hours.

After the reaction, 40% Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution was added to the reaction mixture upon which the red solution turns yellow. The organic layer was extracted and washed with aqueous 10% HCl solution and brine. The organic phase was dried over by Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes 100%) to afford 4-iodo-4'-methylbiphenyl (64.4 mg, 55%) as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 Hz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)  $\delta$  7.79 (d,  $J$  = 8.54 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 8.16 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J$  = 8.53 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 7.90 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 Hz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)  $\delta$  140.5, 137.9, 137.9, 136.7, 129.6, 128.8, 126.6, 92.0, 20.1. These spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously reported in the literature.<sup>15</sup> The NMR spectra are provided in the NMR data section.

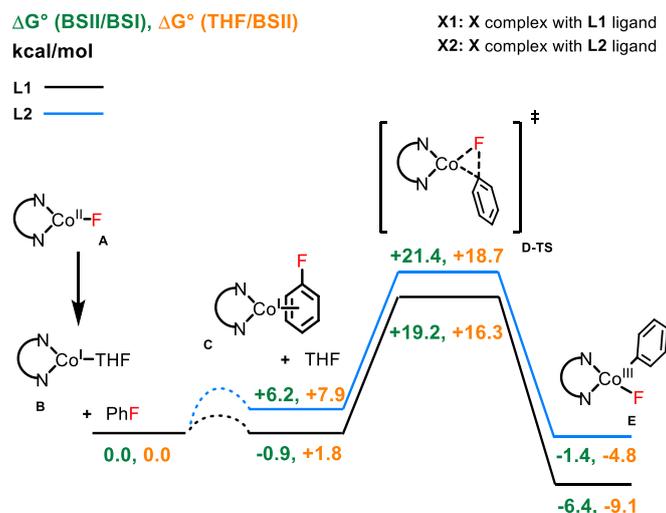


**Figure S23.** Hydrosilane group as a directing group for dehydroborylation (**Figure 4. (d)**).

Iridium catalyst, [Ir(cod)OMe]<sub>2</sub> (5.3 mg, 2.0 mol%), Me<sub>4</sub>Phen (3.8 mg, 4.0 mol%), B<sub>2</sub>pin<sub>2</sub> (152.4 mg, 1.5 eq) and a magnetic bar were added to a 4 mL vial under inert condition. THF (0.5 mL) was added to the vial and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes. After 5 minutes, organosilane, **2z** (74.5 mg, 0.4 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and it was stirred at 80 °C for 24 hours. Heating block was used for heating.

After the reaction, all volatiles were evaporated under vacuum and water (5 mL) and ethyl acetate (5 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated and dried over by Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated and CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> (8.9 mg) and CDCl<sub>3</sub> were added for the measurement of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum. <sup>1</sup>H NMR yield was 58% and the NMR spectrum was provided in the NMR data section. The spectroscopic data are consistent with the previously reported in the literature.<sup>8</sup>

## 5. Density function theory calculations



**Figure S24.** Schematic C–F bond activation and relative free energies (kcal/mol) computed at the B3PW91/BS I//BS II, SMD level in the gas and solution (THF) phase.

To elucidate a feasible mechanism as well as the origin of ligand dependence, a theoretical study was carried out using the Gaussian 16 program<sup>16</sup> package at the B3PW91/BSI//BSII, SMD level in the gas and solution (THF) phase to obtain an energy profile for the cobalt catalysis (see Supporting Information for details of the calculation).<sup>17</sup> The mechanistic study on cobalt-catalyzed C–F bond activation of aryl fluoride was intensively studied by the Holland group. Inspired by the experimental data provided by the group, we investigated further the effect of the supporting beta-diketiminato ligands, which plays a critical role in the successful catalytic performance. **Figure S24** summarizes structural and free energy data for the proposed pathway (a concerted mechanism) suggested by the Holland group. The DFT data clearly demonstrated that **L1** is more effective than **L2**, as the activation energy with **L1** is lower by 2.2 and 2.4 kcal/mol in the gas phase and THF solution, respectively, compared with one with **L2**. The detailed analysis of the transition states for both **D1-TS** and **D2-TS** indicates that the steric factor could affect the efficacy of the catalyst. For example, Co–C and C–F bond distances in the transition states show a significant difference, which induces stronger sigma bonding contribution of Co in **D1-TS** (Co–C and C–F bond: 2.055 Å and 1.594 Å for **D1-TS** vs 2.101 Å and 1.574 Å for **D2-TS**) while Co–F bond distances are almost the same (See the Supporting Information). We assumed that the electronic effect is less important in this catalysis because there are negligible metric differences in other cobalt complexes coordinating to small molecules such as **A** and **B**.

The DFT calculations were performed using Gaussian16<sup>16</sup> at the clusters at Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI) computational resource. Geometry optimizations of all compounds were carried out using the atomic coordinates from energy minimized structures. The nature of all stationary points calculated from full optimizations was confirmed *via* frequency analysis, which revealed zero imaginary frequency for the ground state. All geometries were optimized using the B3PW91<sup>17</sup> under standard convergence criteria with the following basis sets, which include SDD quasirelativistic pseudopotentials on Co (10), with their associated basis sets (Co: (8s7p6d)/[6s5p3d])<sup>18</sup> augmented by polarization functions (Co: f, 2.780),<sup>19</sup> and 6-31G(d,p)<sup>20</sup> on H, C, N and O. For all BS I-optimized geometries, single-point energy calculations were performed with BS II, in which SDD pseudopotentials are used for Co (10) with the associated SDD basis set augmented by (2f1g) functions<sup>21</sup> and for the other atoms described by 6-311G+(2d,p) basis sets.<sup>22</sup> Solvation energies were computed on BS I, gas phase-optimized geometries using SMD model of Cramer and Truhlar.<sup>23</sup>

However, due to the expensive computational cost to calculate Gibbs free energies ( $G^{\circ}_{\text{gas}}$ ) of all the compounds at B3PW91/BSII level, their  $G^{\circ}_{\text{gas}}$  (BSII/BSI) values were combined with thermochemical corrections calculated *via* frequency analyses at B3PW91/BSI level in gas phase without scaling to produce improved estimates in the text and schemes ( $G^{\circ}_{\text{gas}}$  (BSII/BSI) =  $G^{\circ}_{\text{gas}}$  (BSI) + ( $E^{\circ}_{\text{gas}}$  (BSII) -  $E^{\circ}_{\text{gas}}$  (BSI)). The  $G^{\circ}_{\text{THF}}$  (BSII) values were calculated in a similar way ( $G^{\circ}_{\text{THF}}$  (BSII) =  $G^{\circ}_{\text{gas}}$  (BSI) + ( $E^{\circ}_{\text{THF}}$  (BSII) -  $E^{\circ}_{\text{gas}}$  (BSI)). The transition state was confirmed by one substantial imaginary frequency. Energy unit provided below is hatree.

## Optimized Structures

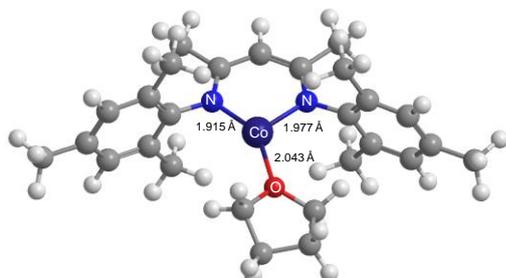
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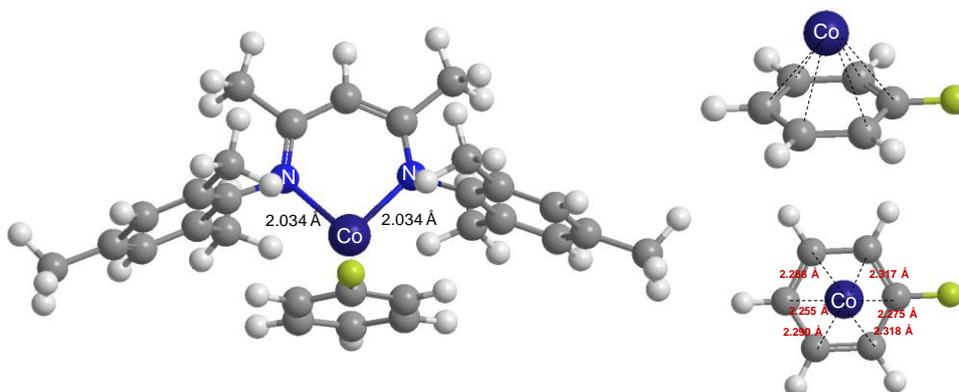
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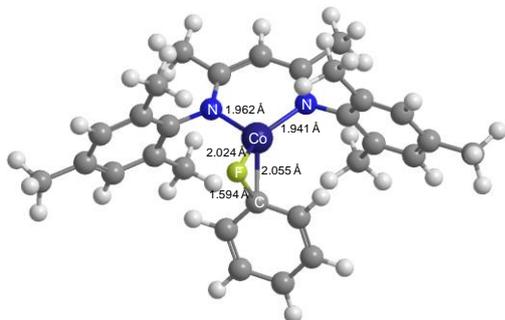
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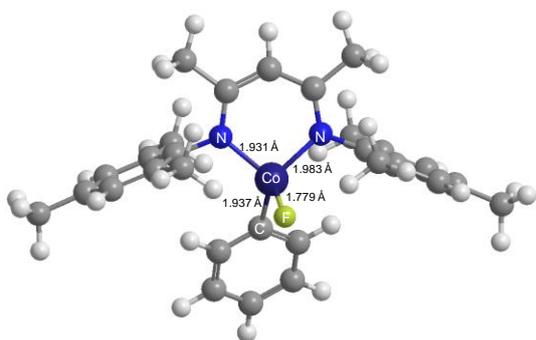
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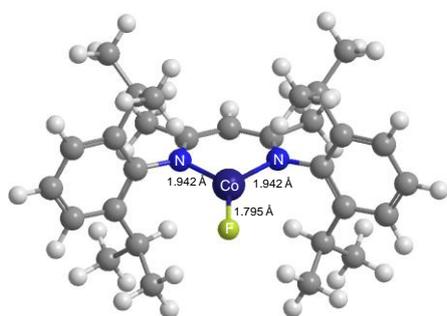
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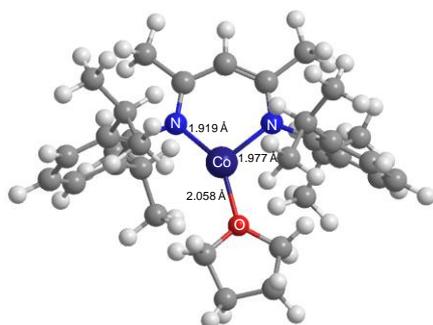
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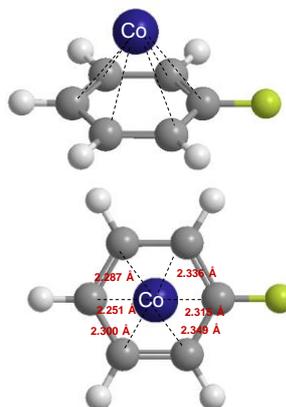
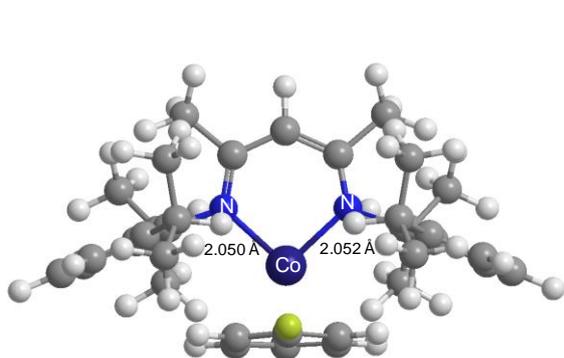


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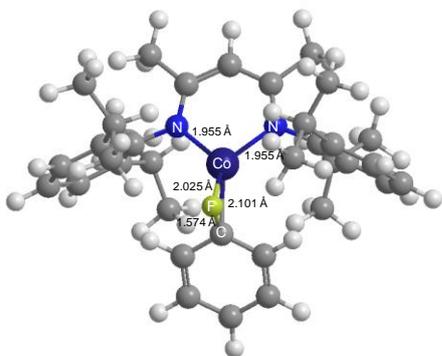
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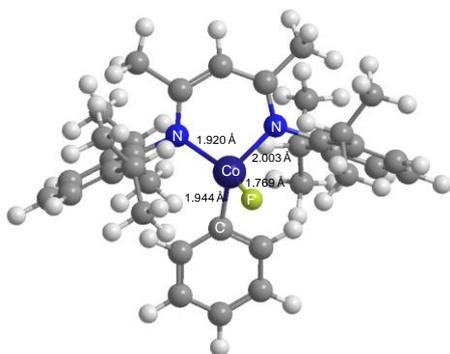


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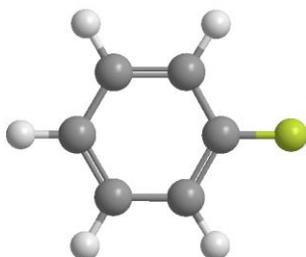
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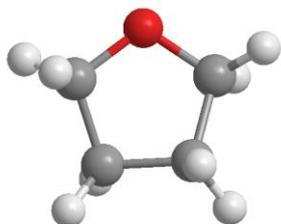
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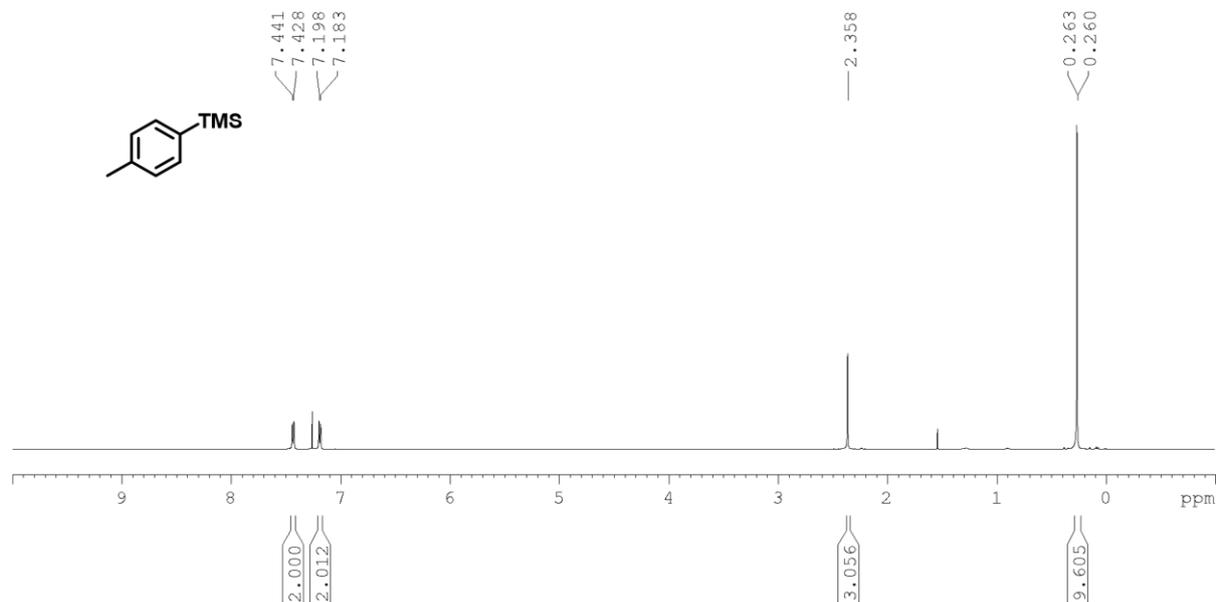
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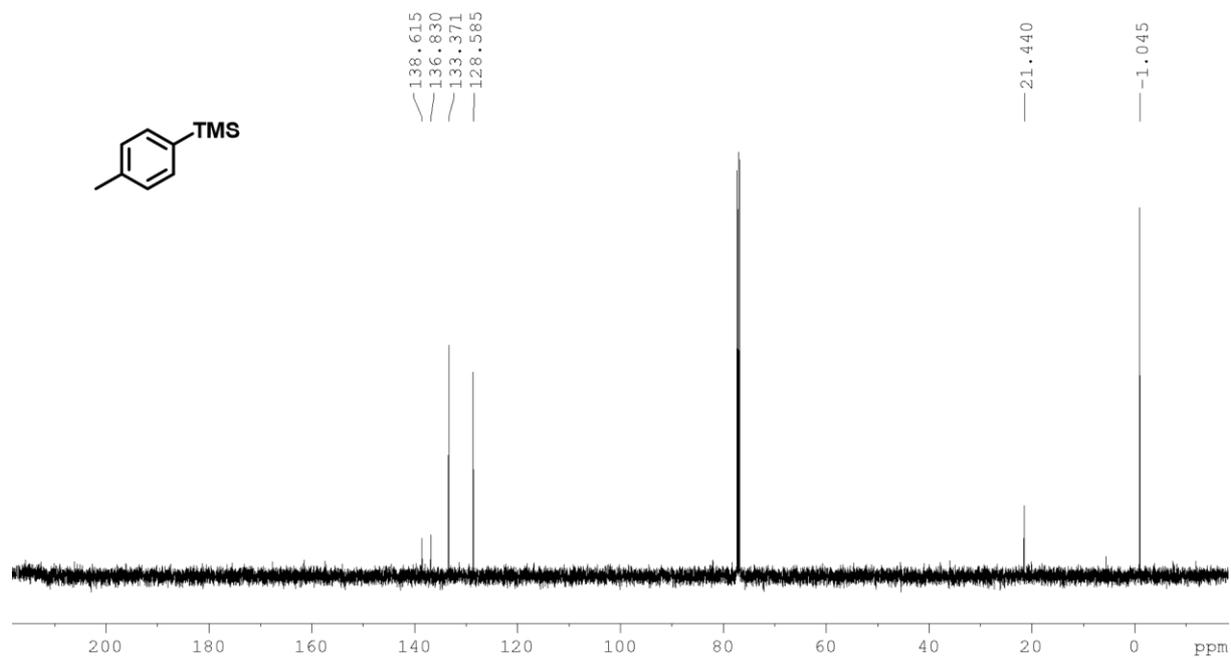
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## 6. $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra

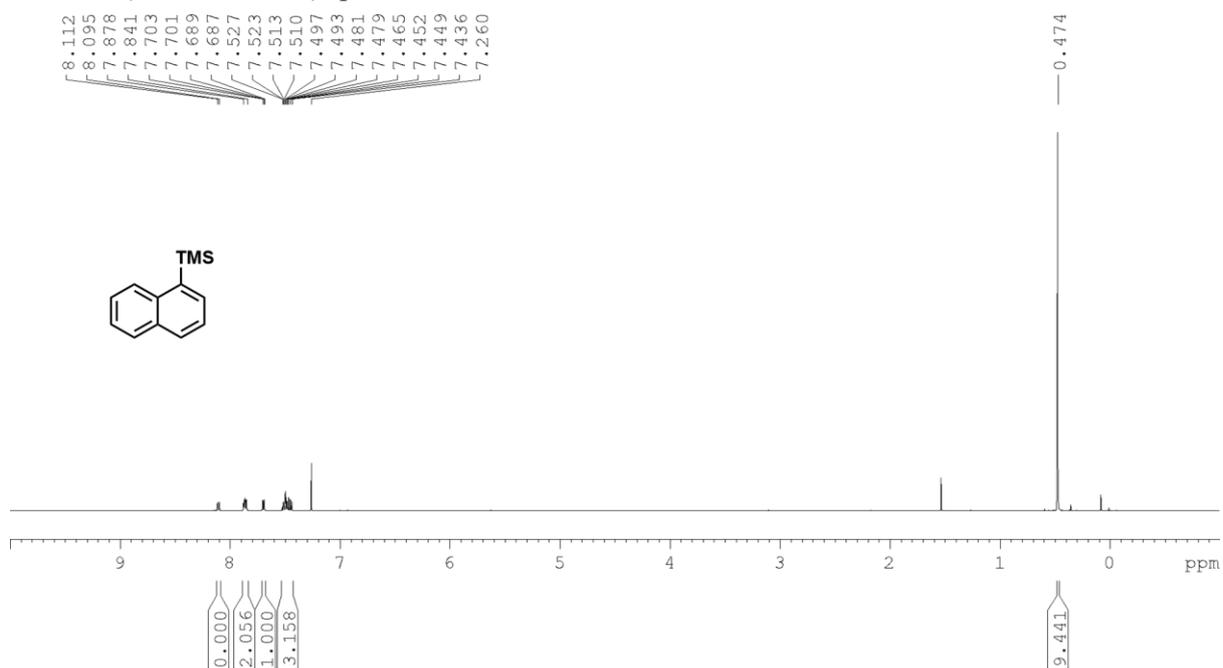
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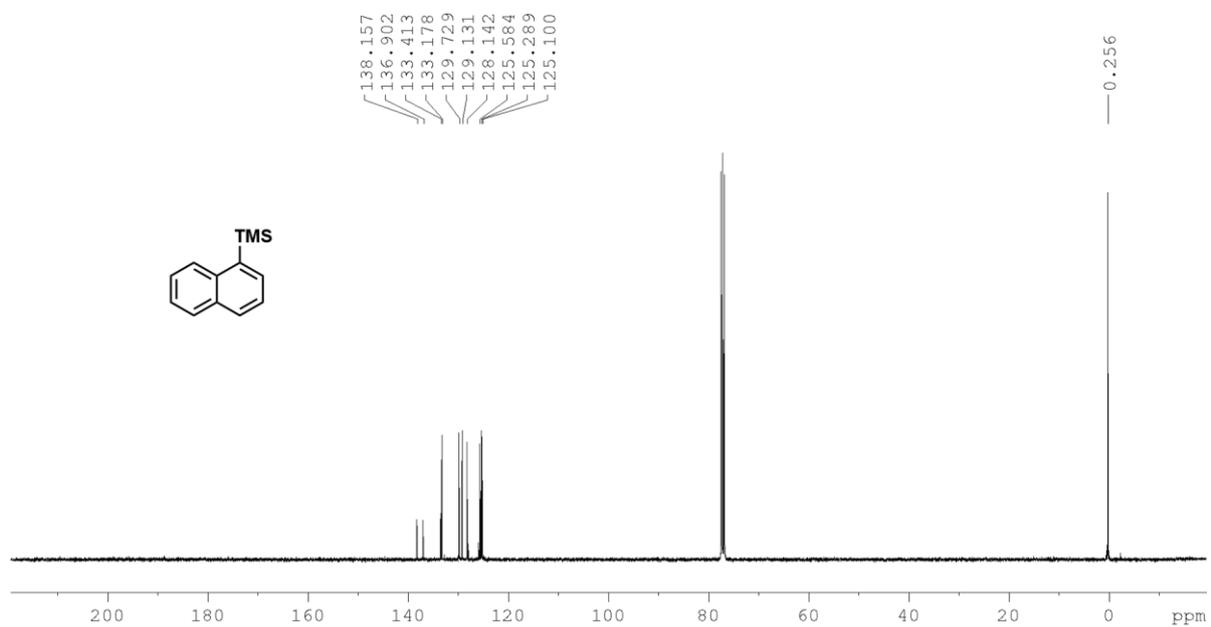
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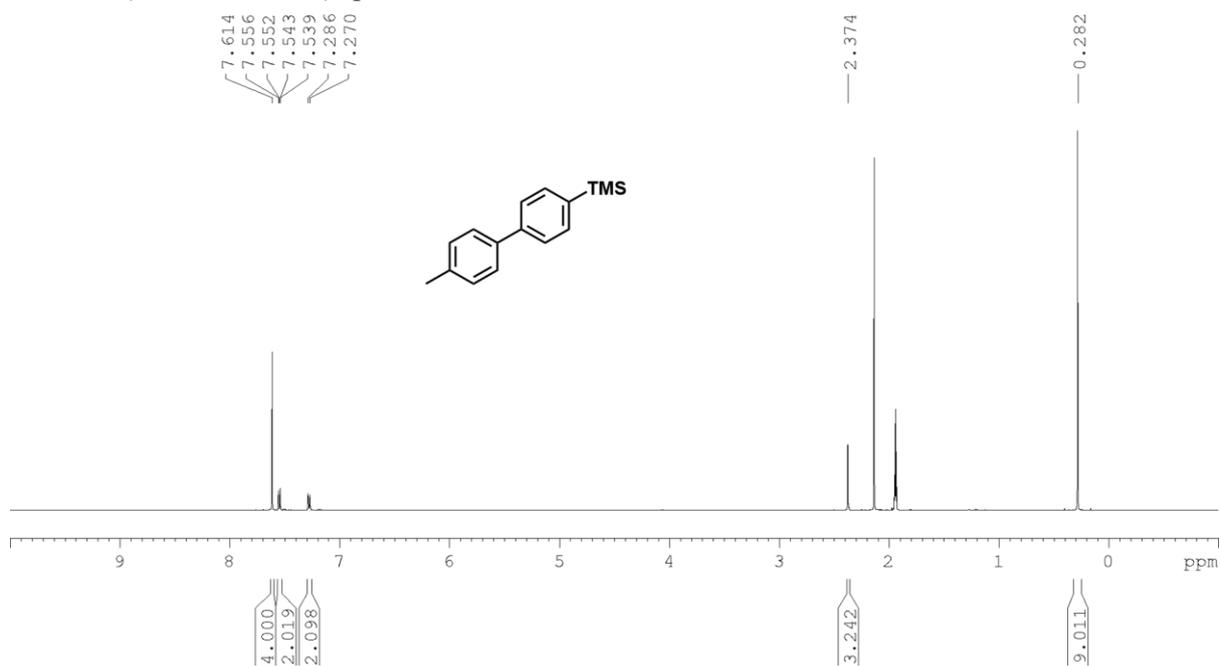
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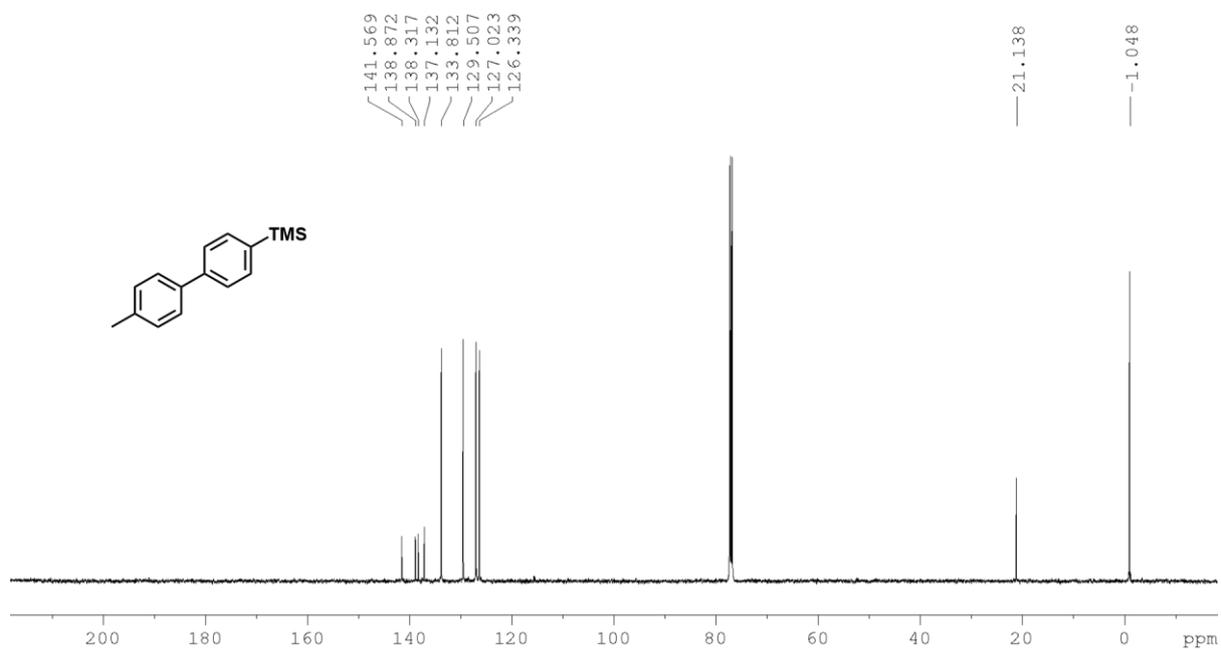
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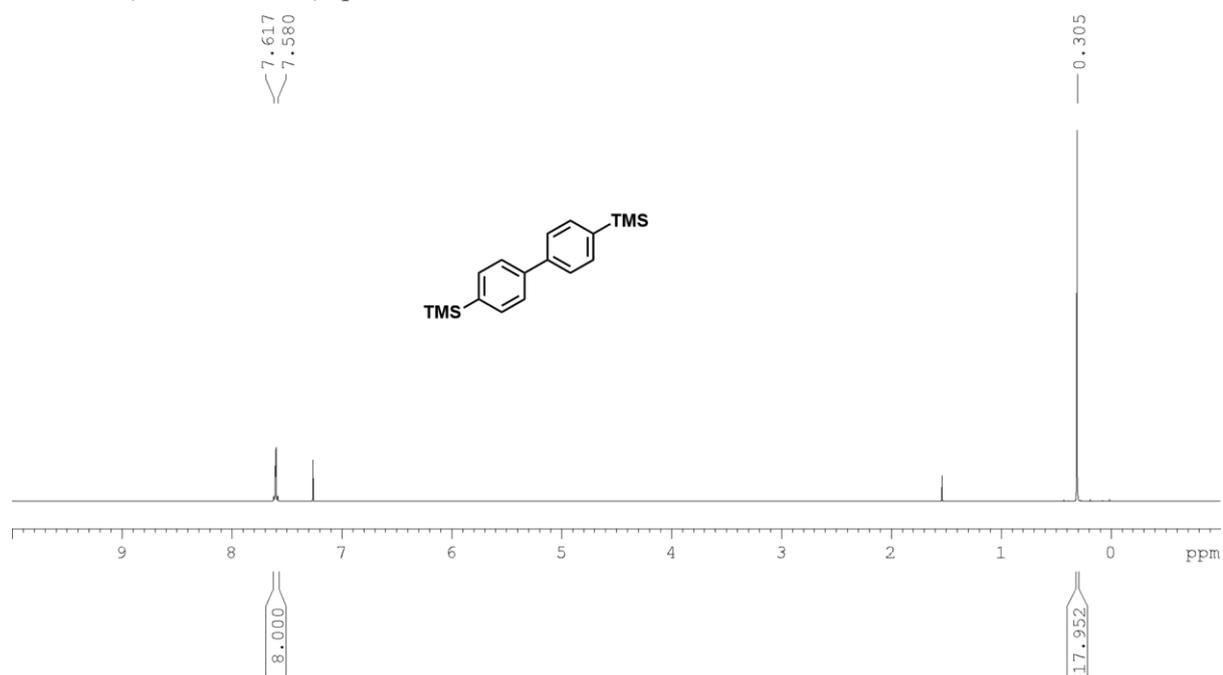
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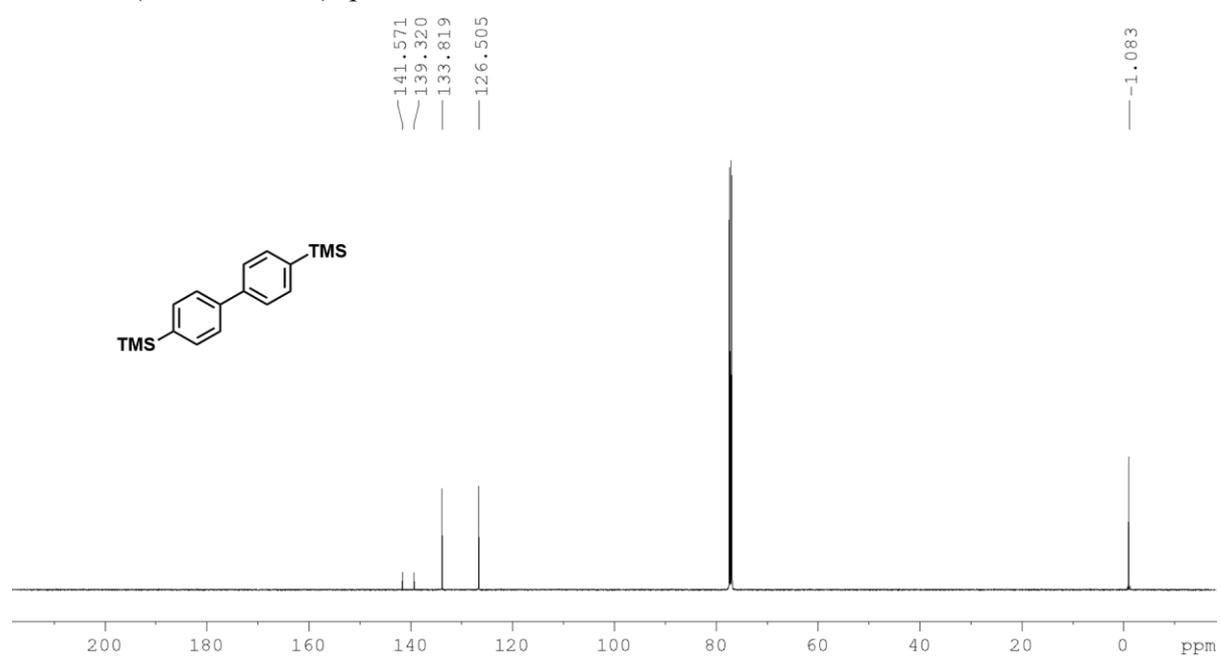
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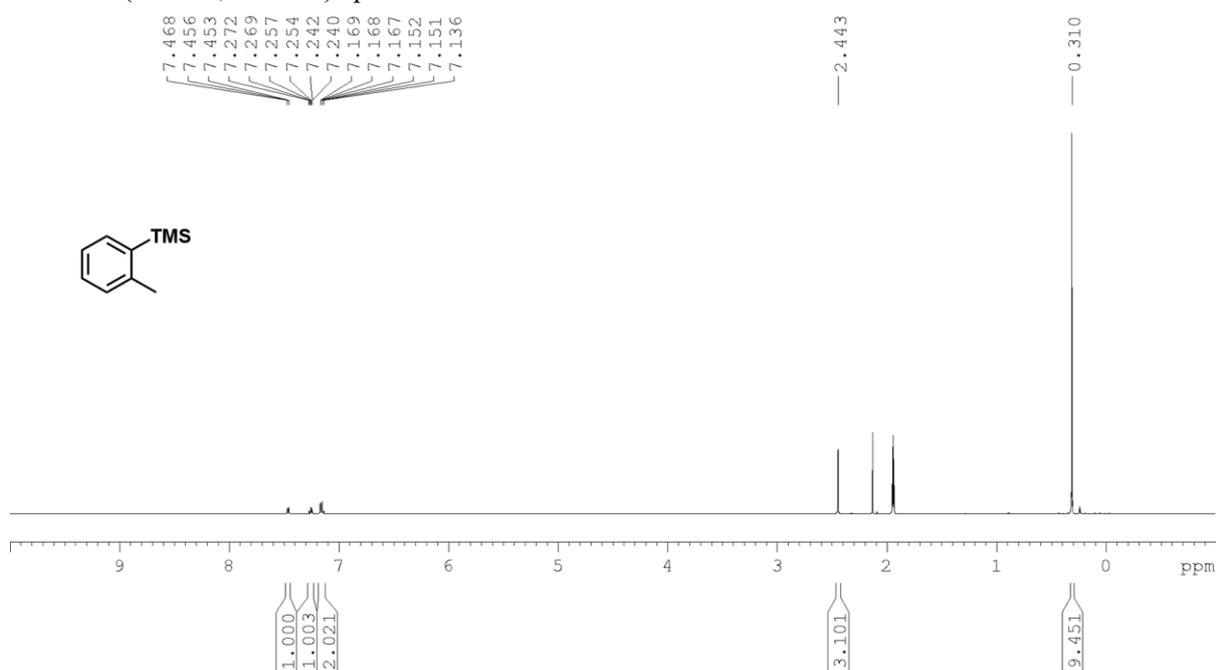
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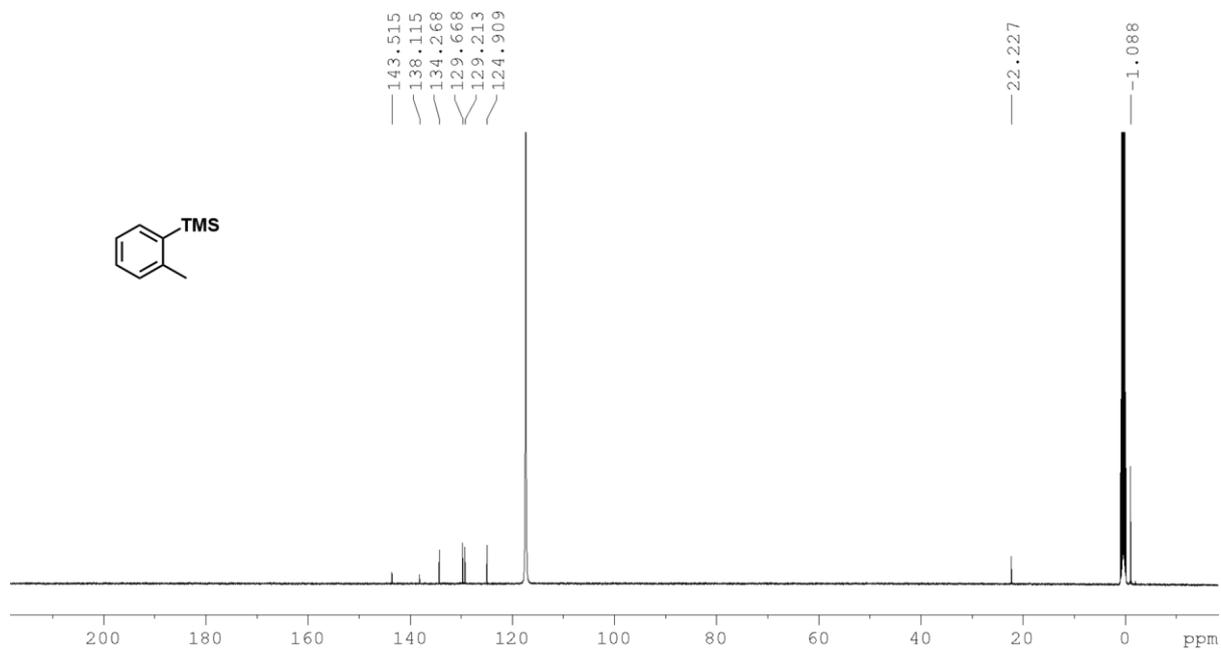
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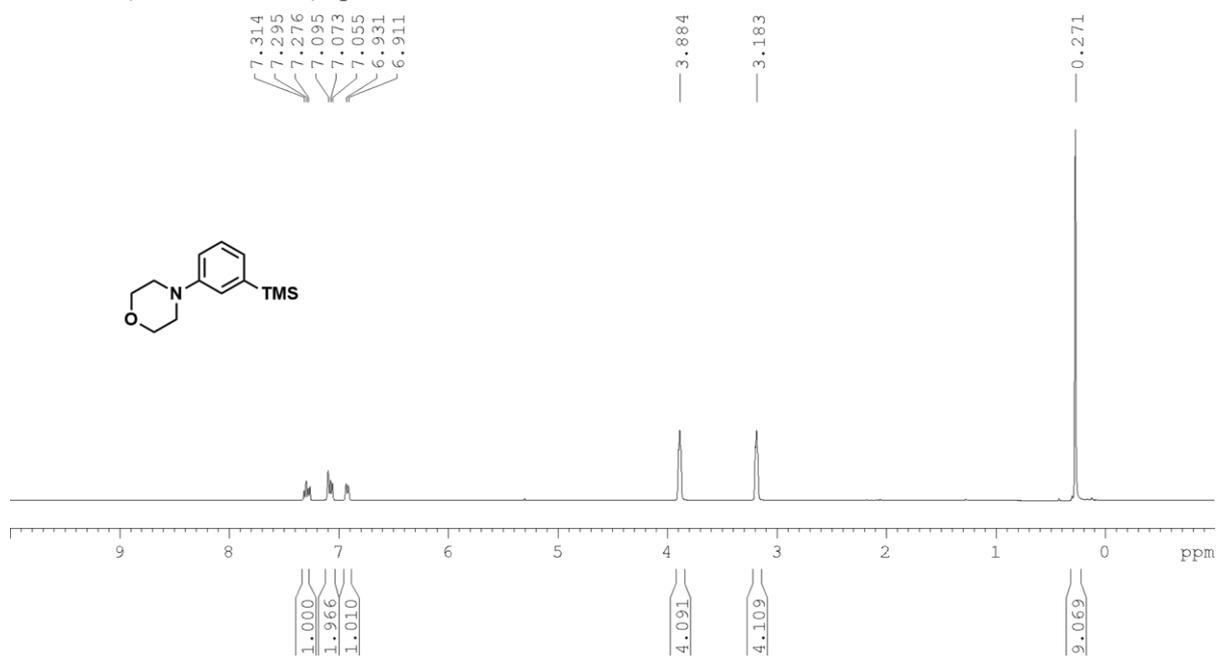
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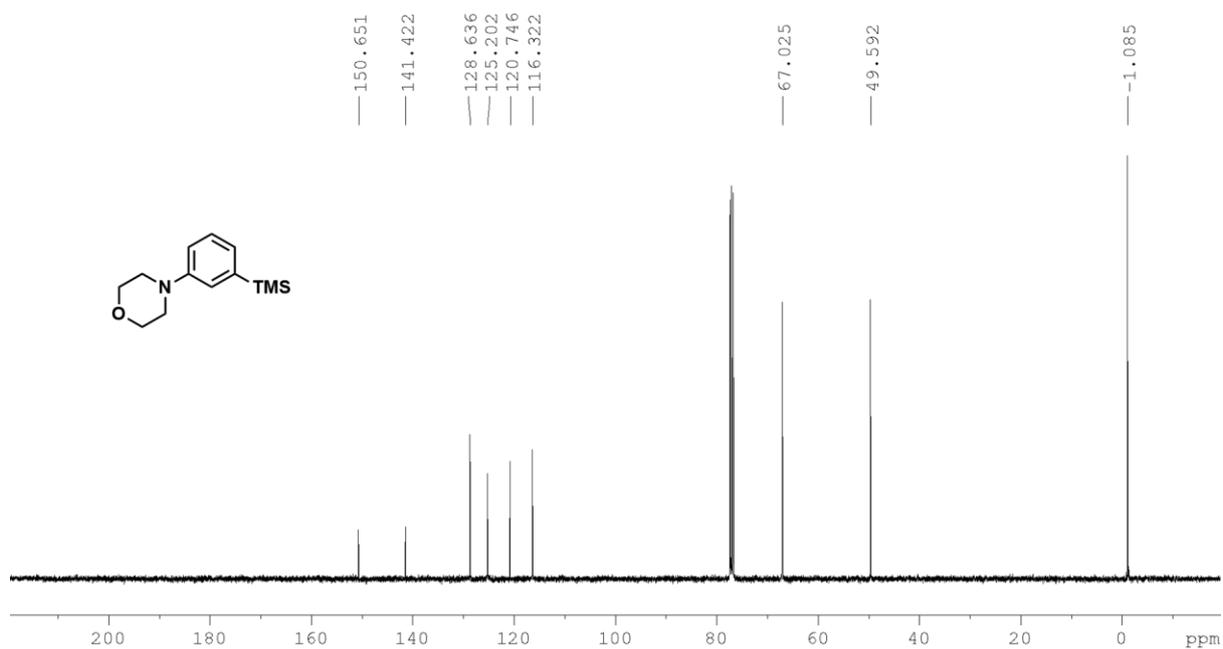
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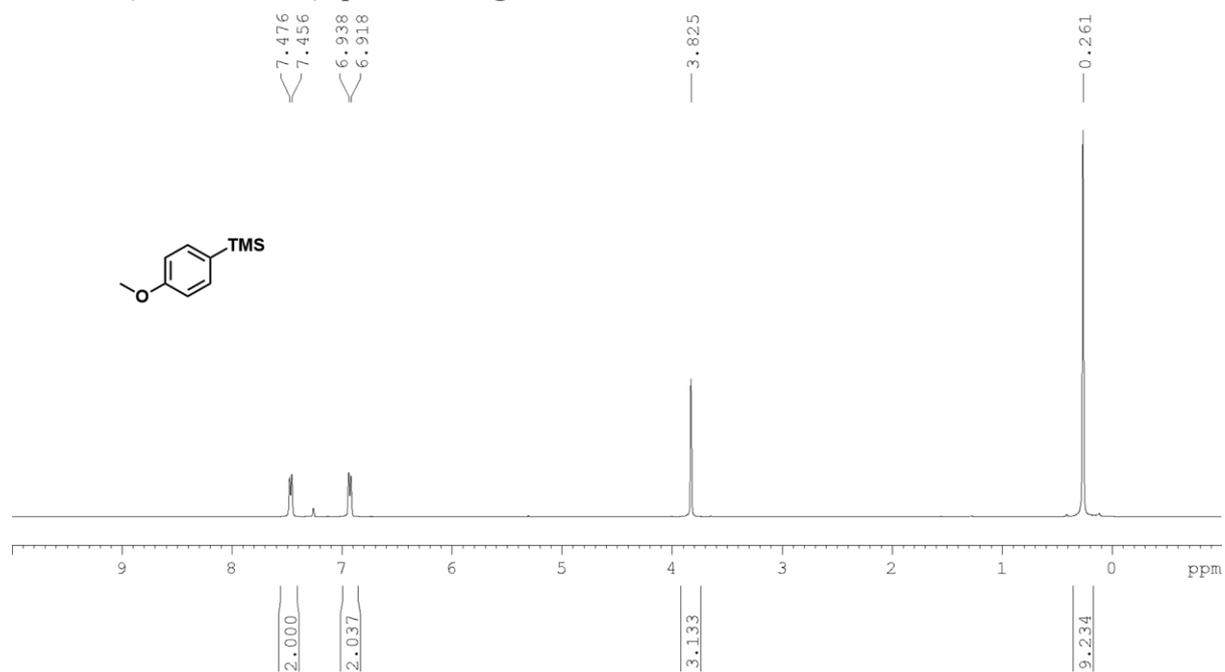
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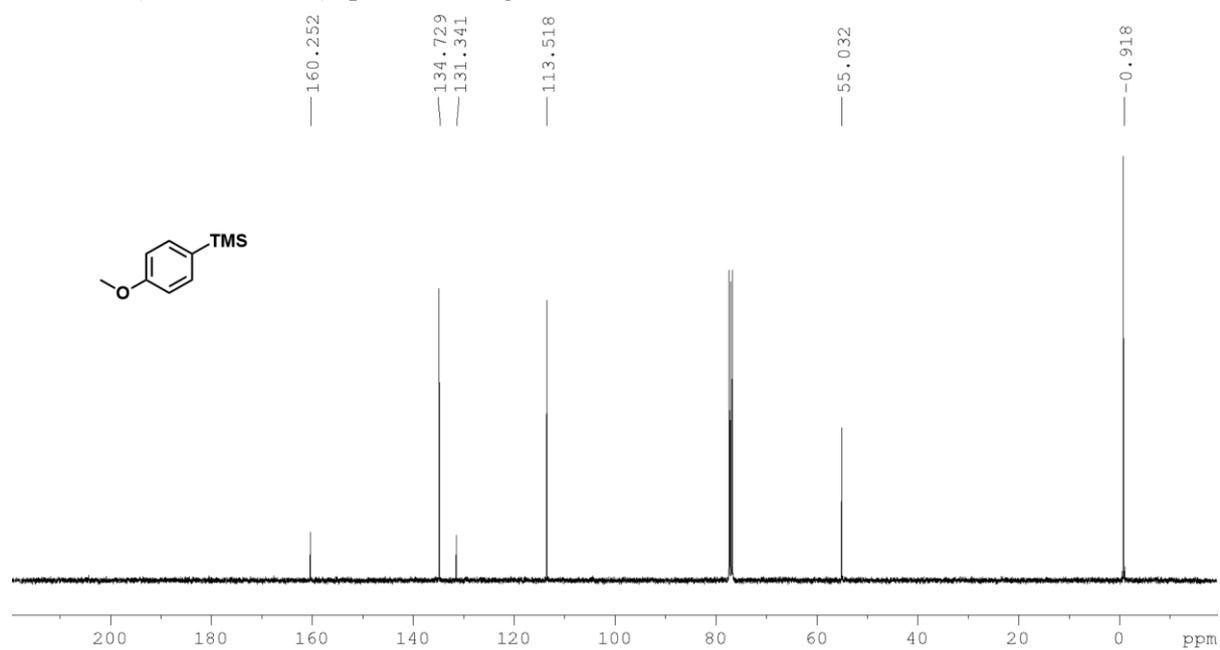
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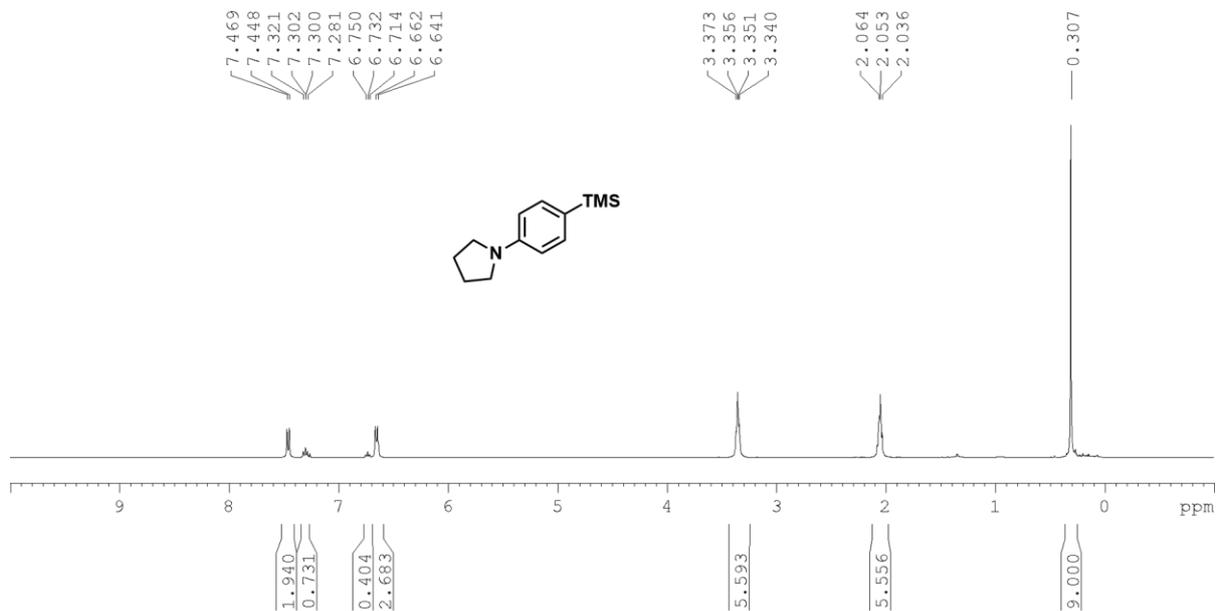


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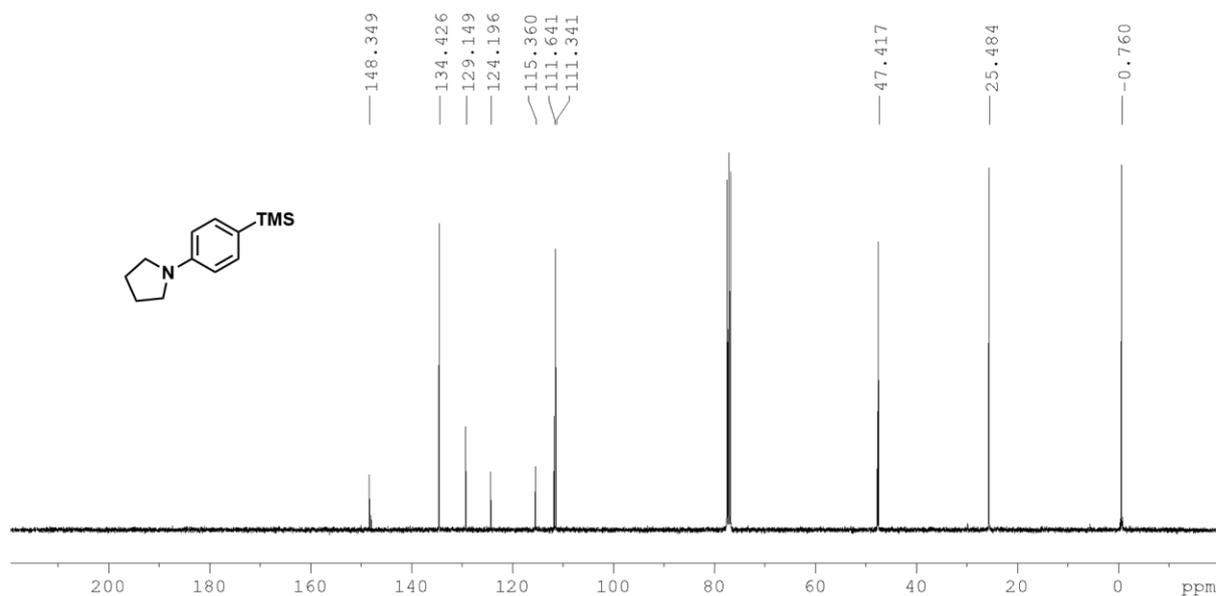
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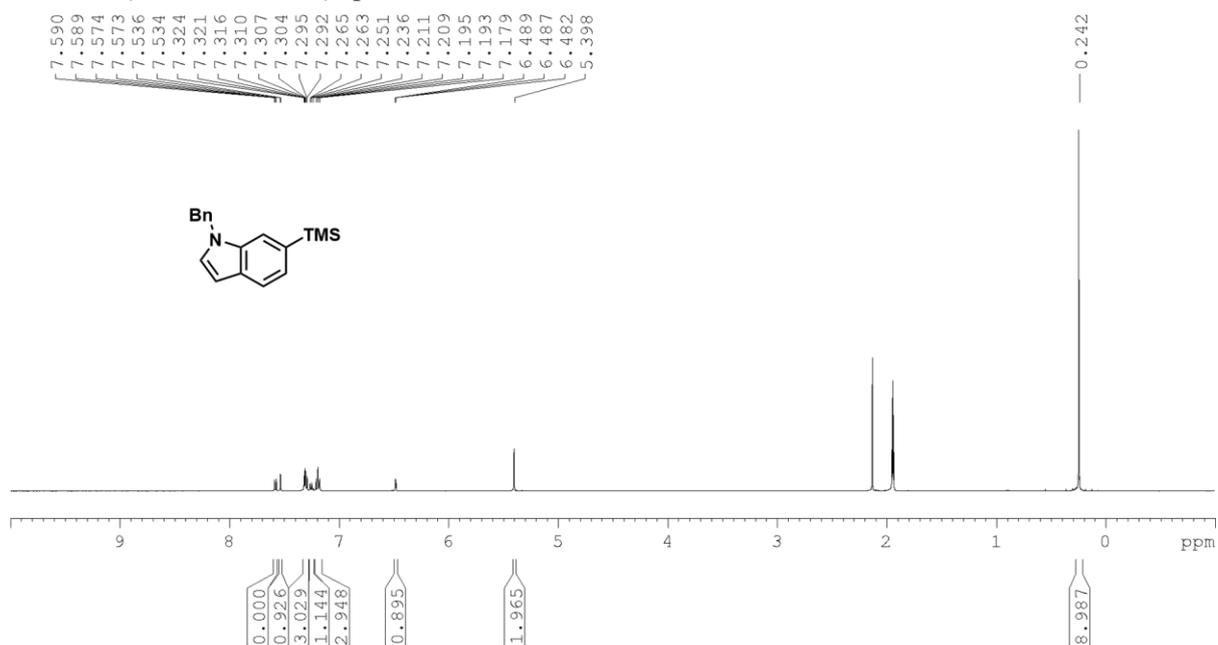


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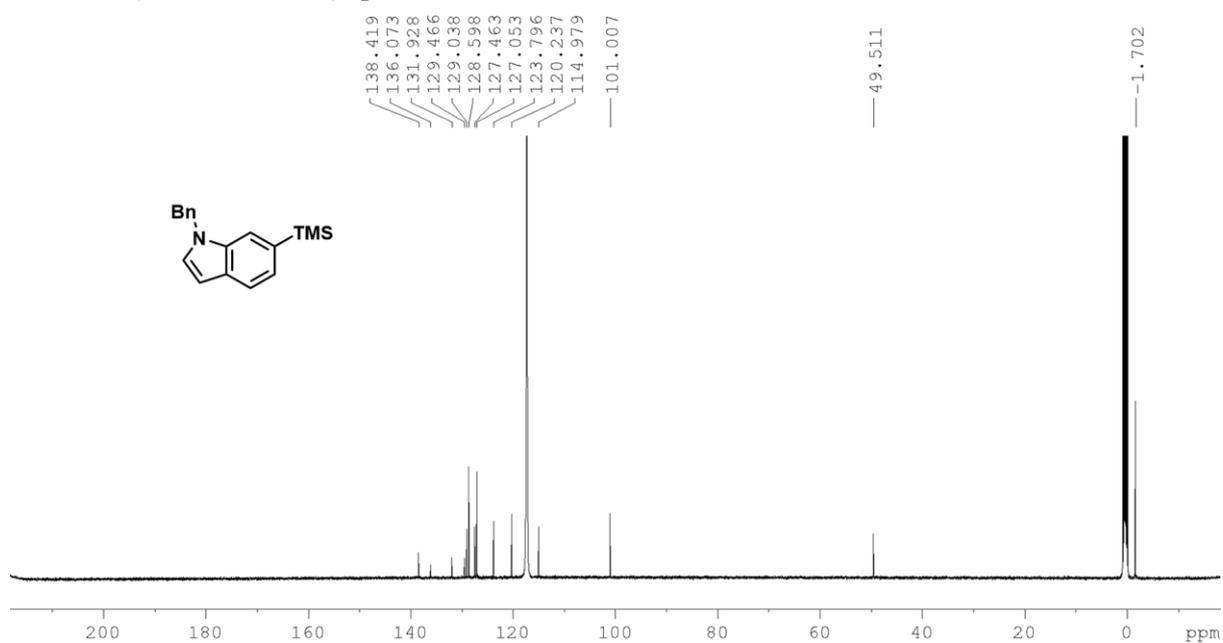
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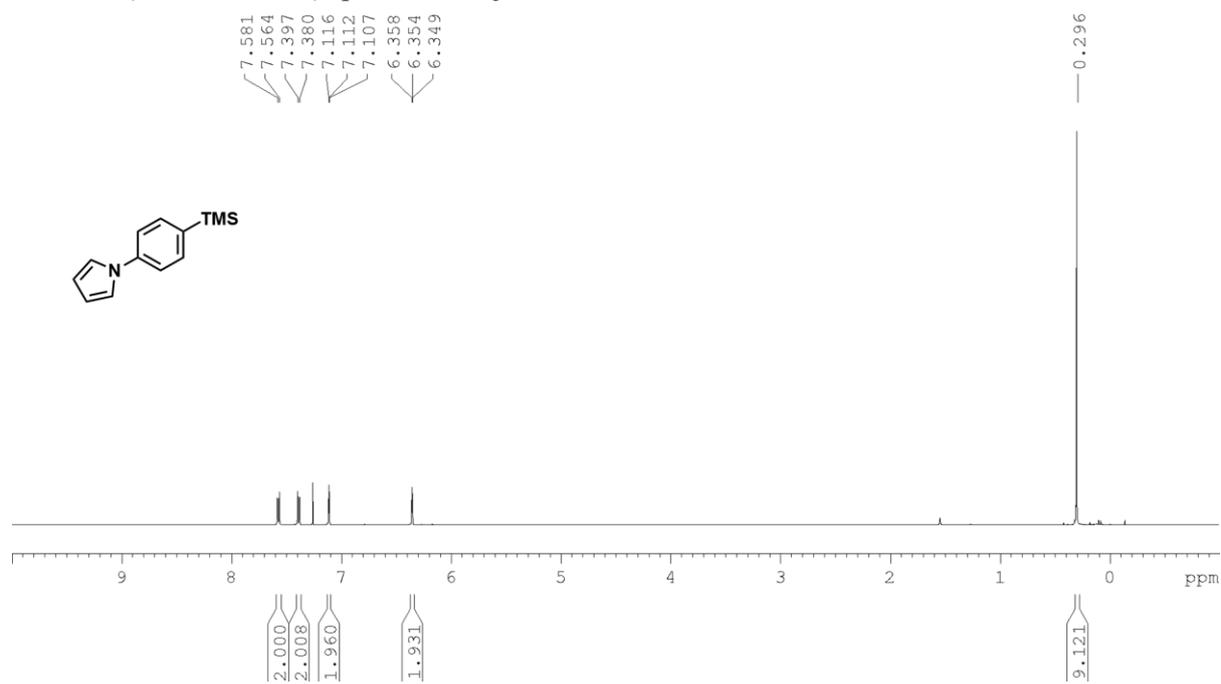
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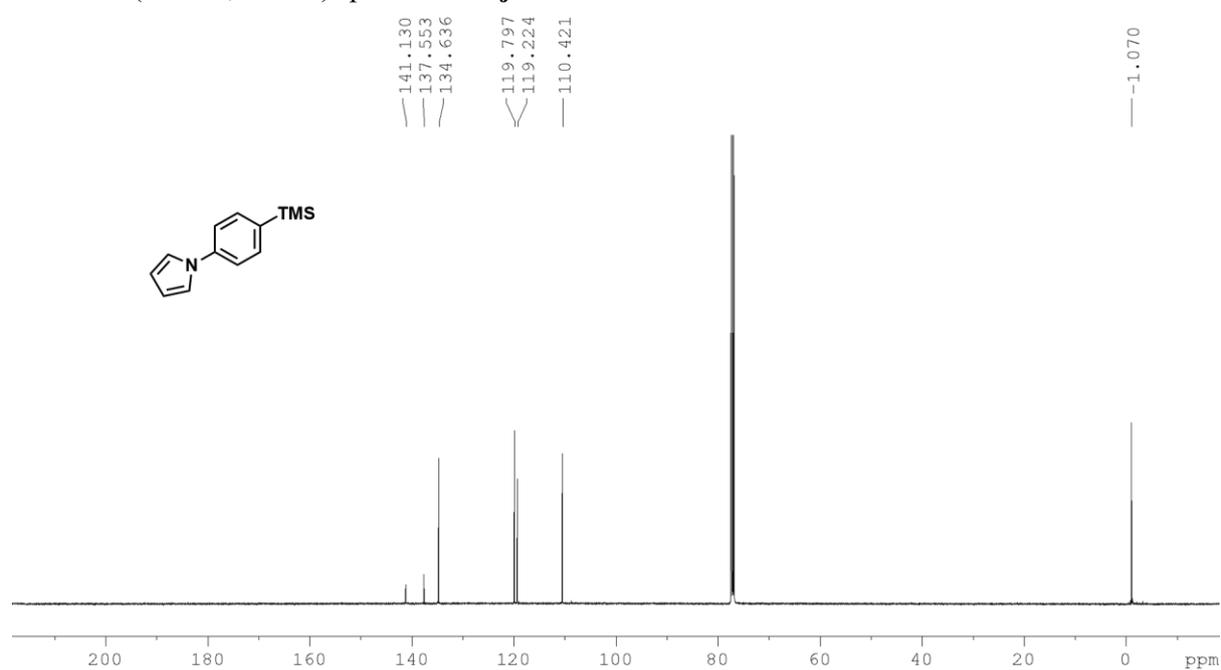
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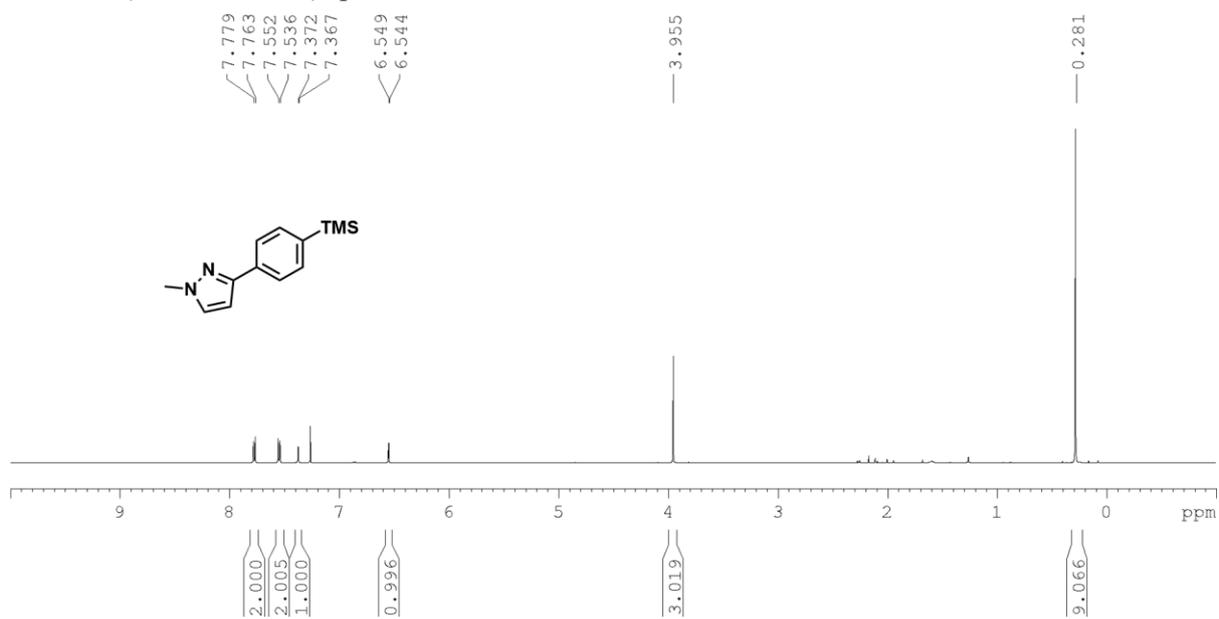
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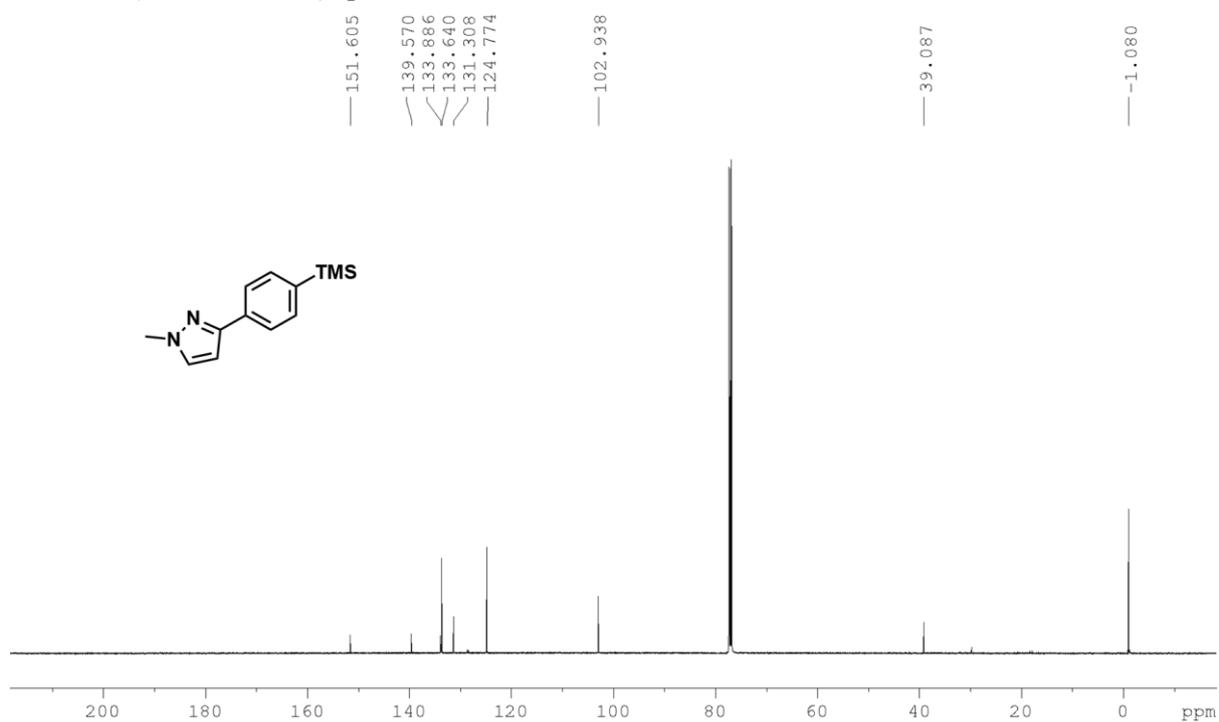
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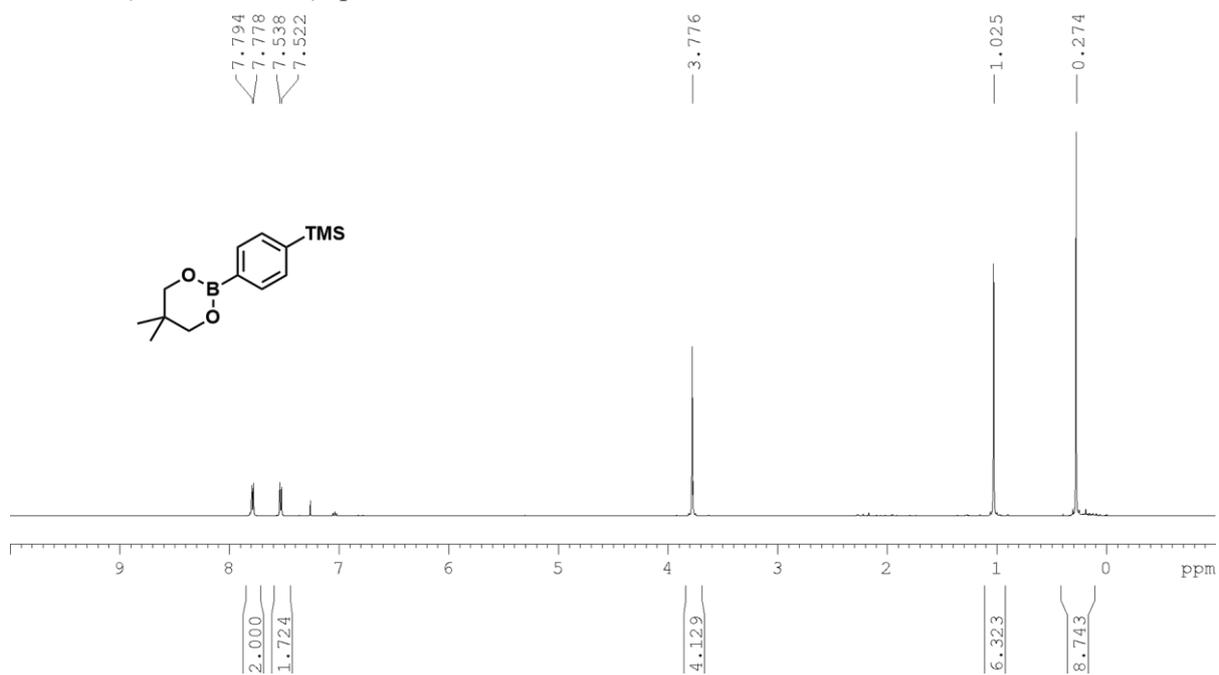
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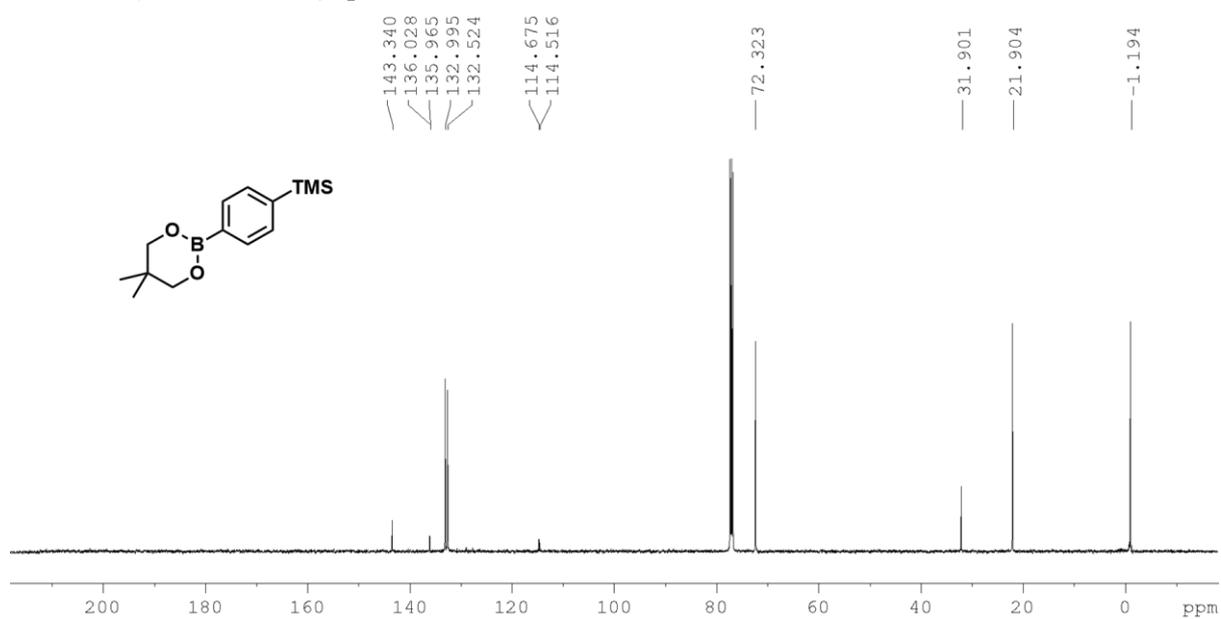
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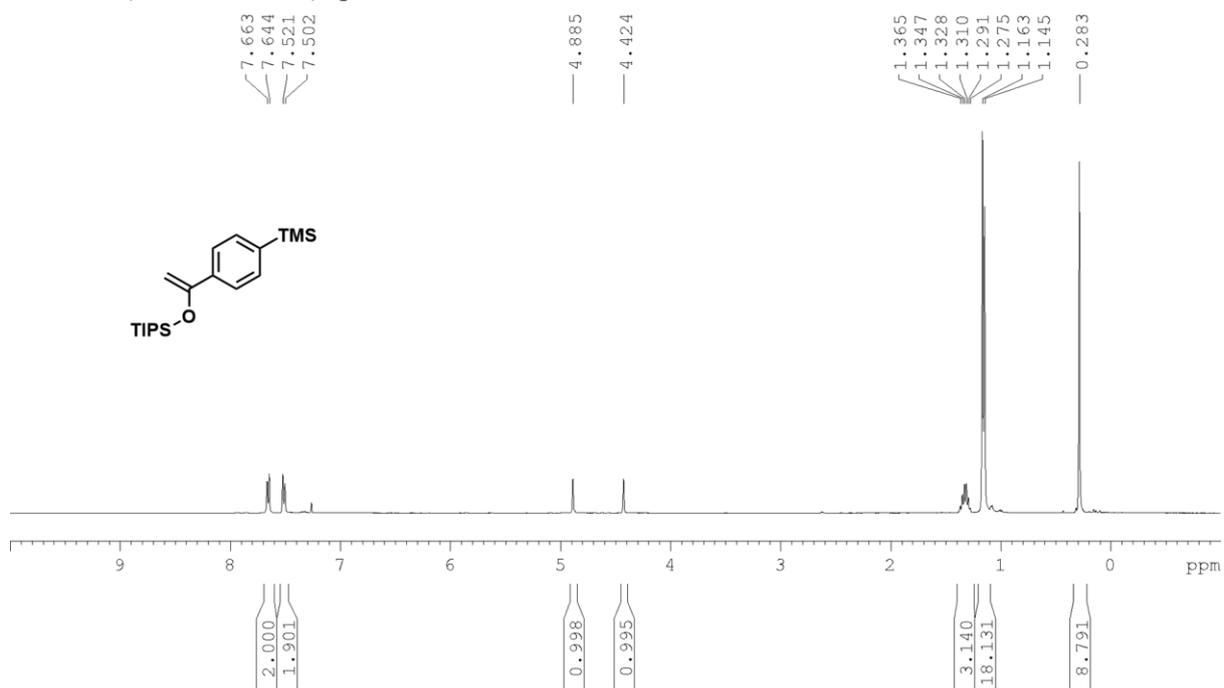
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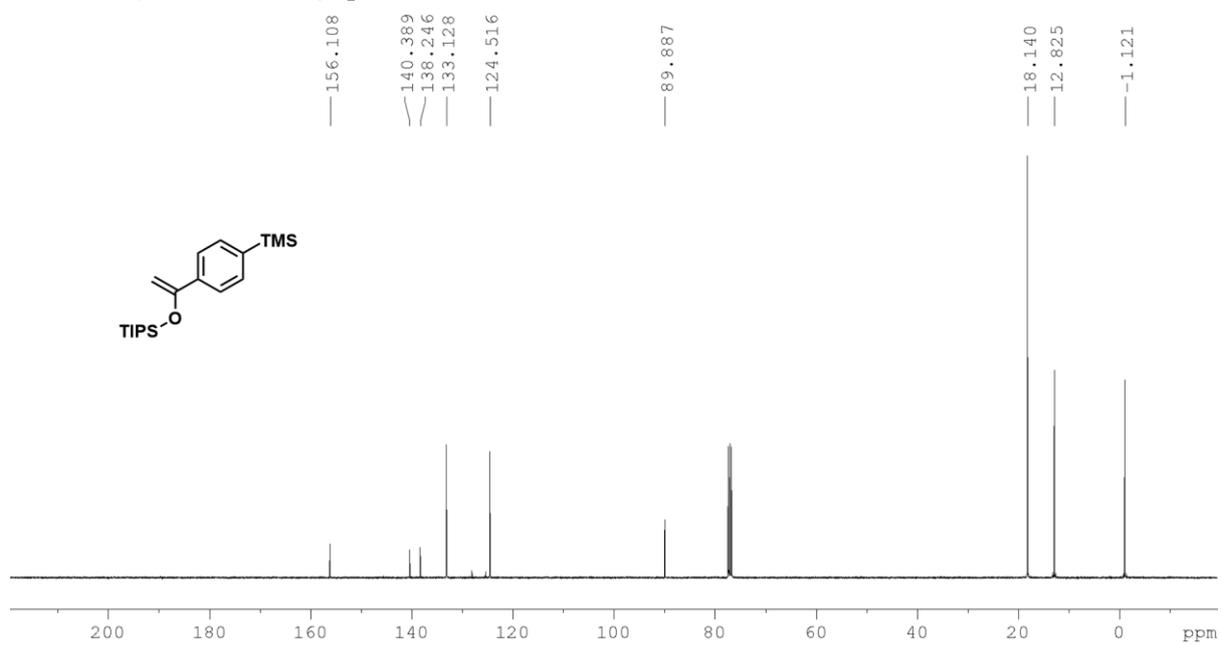
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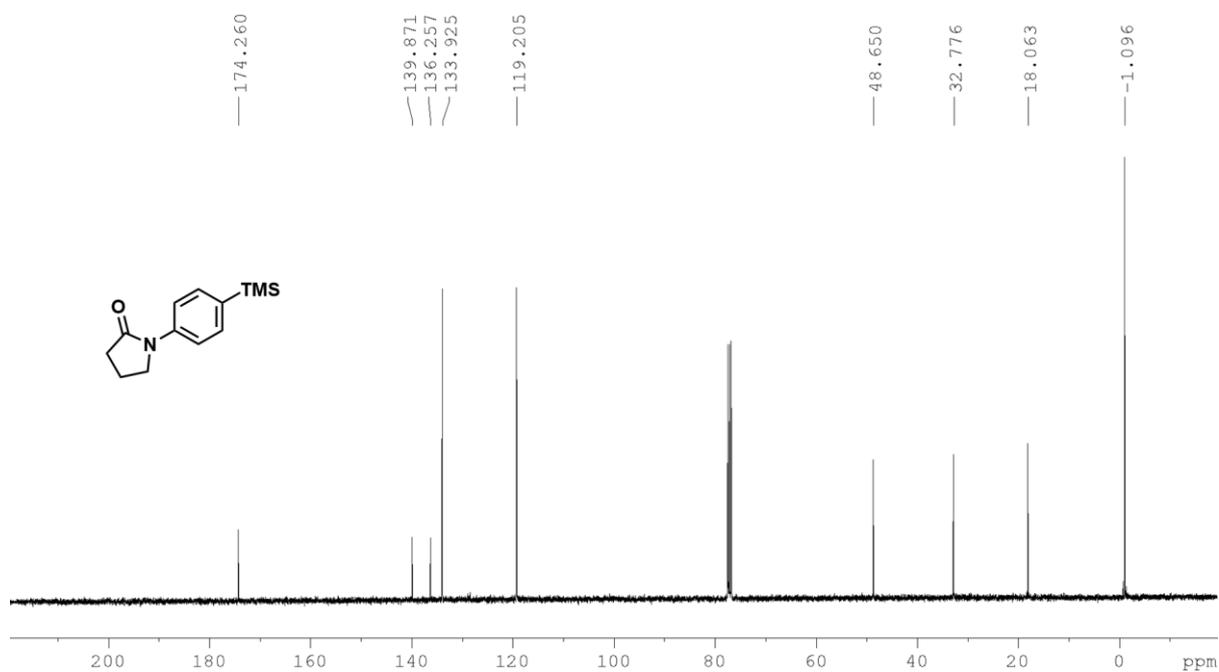
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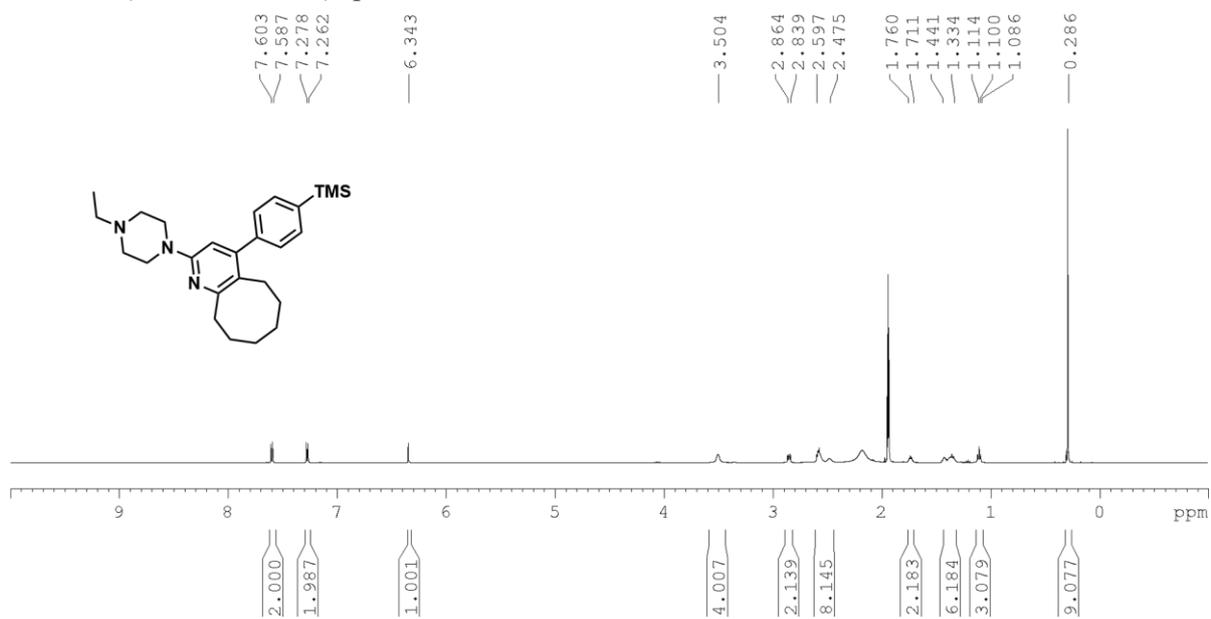
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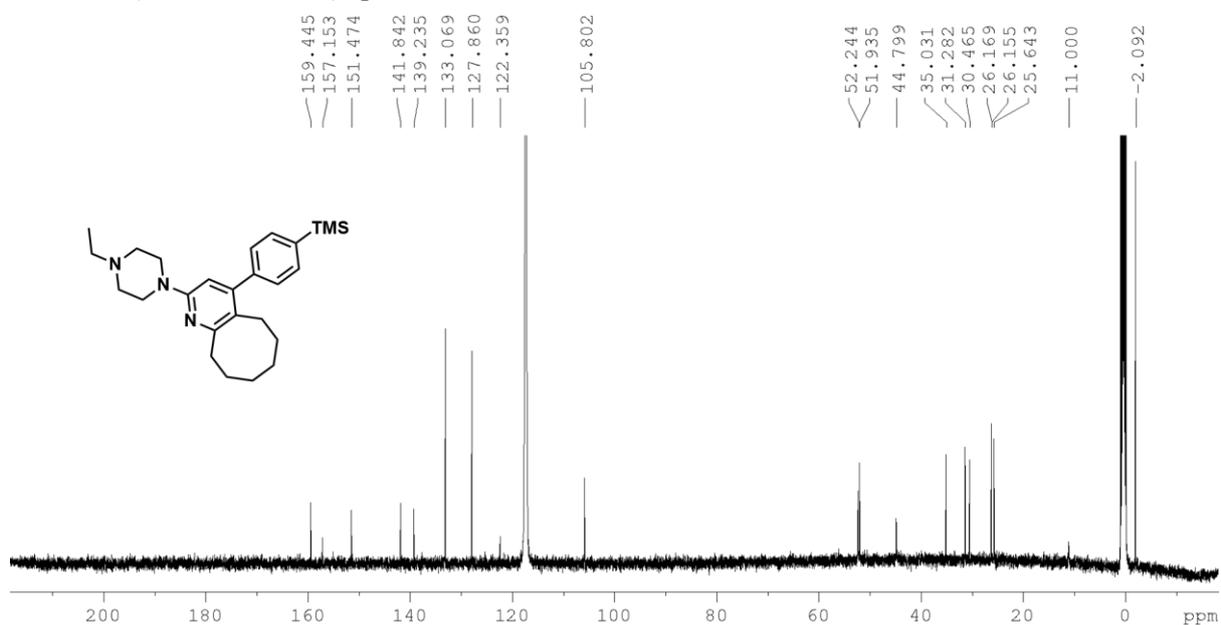
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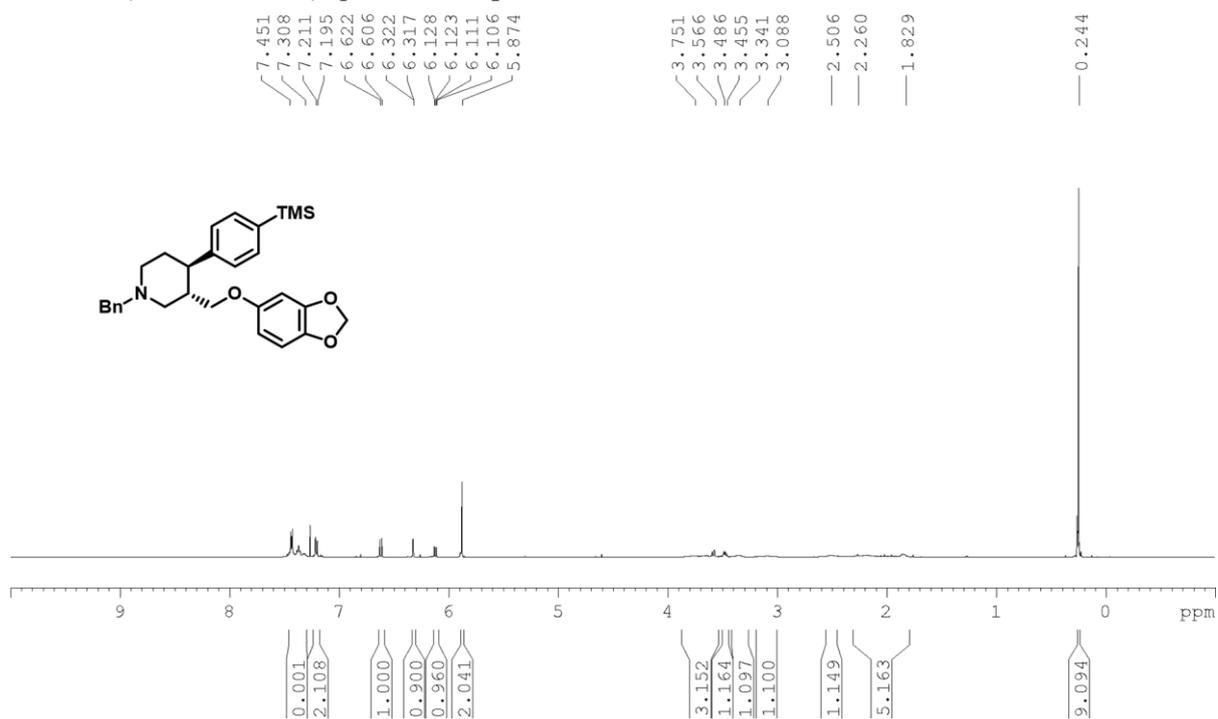
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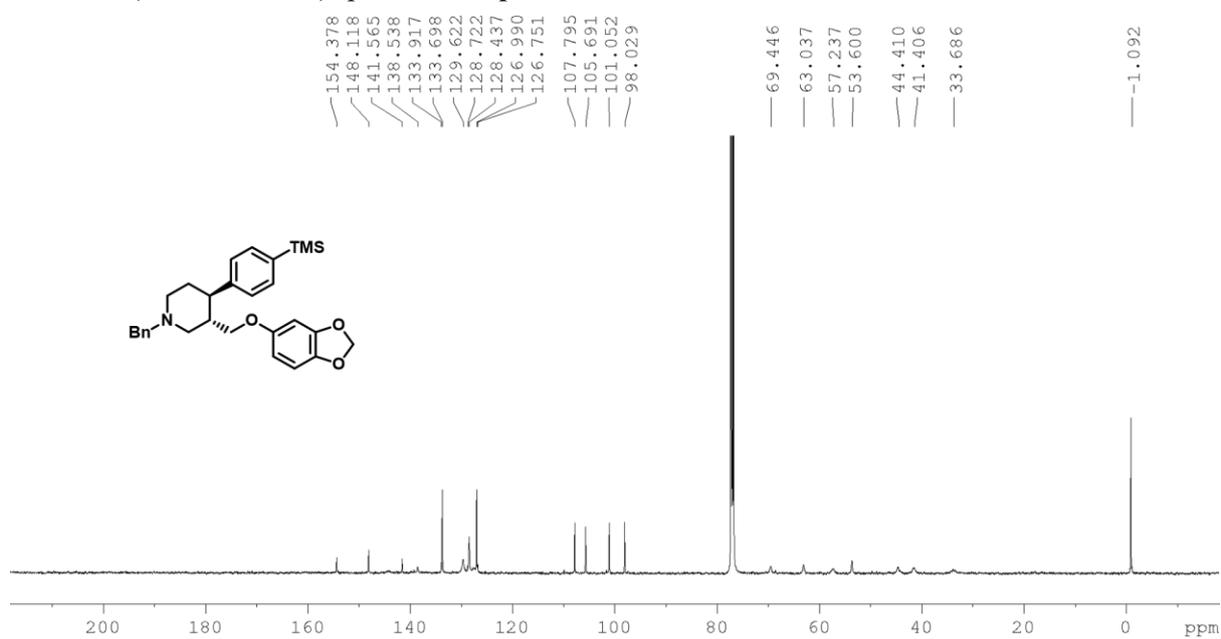
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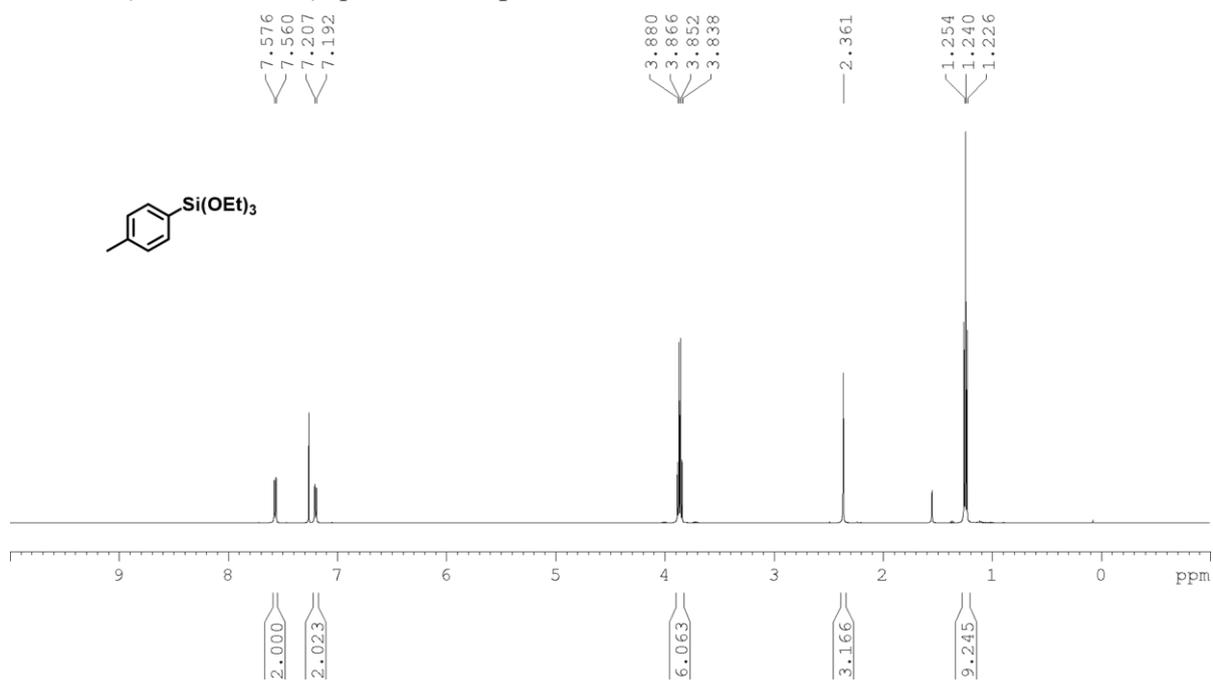
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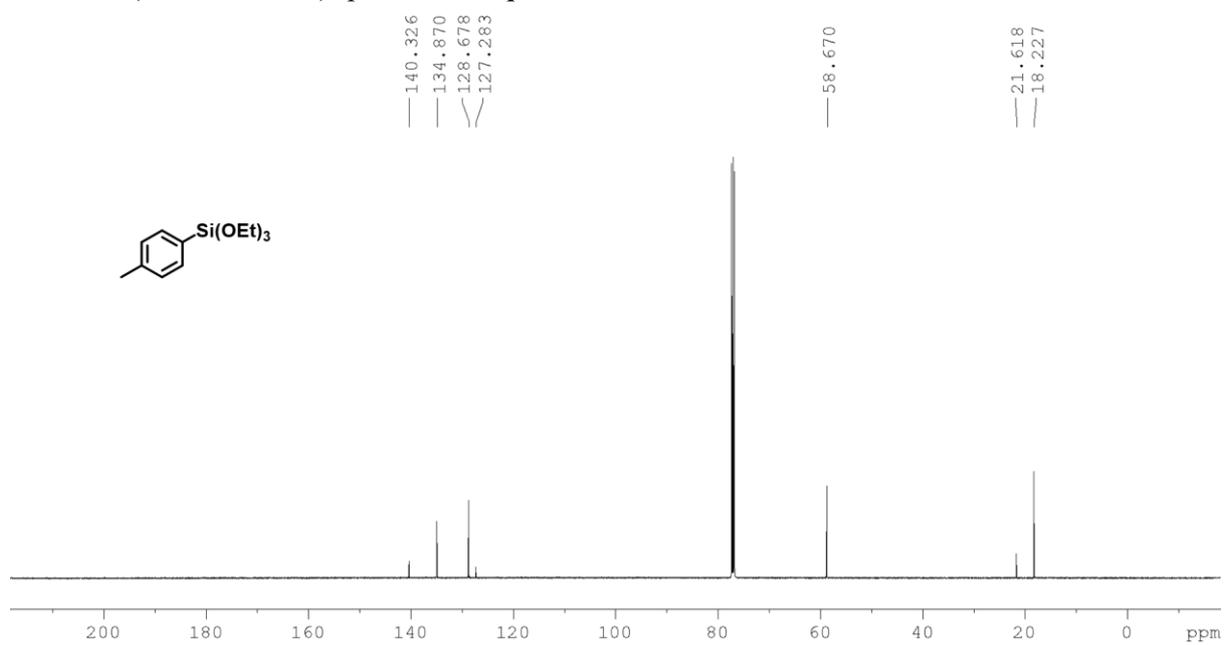
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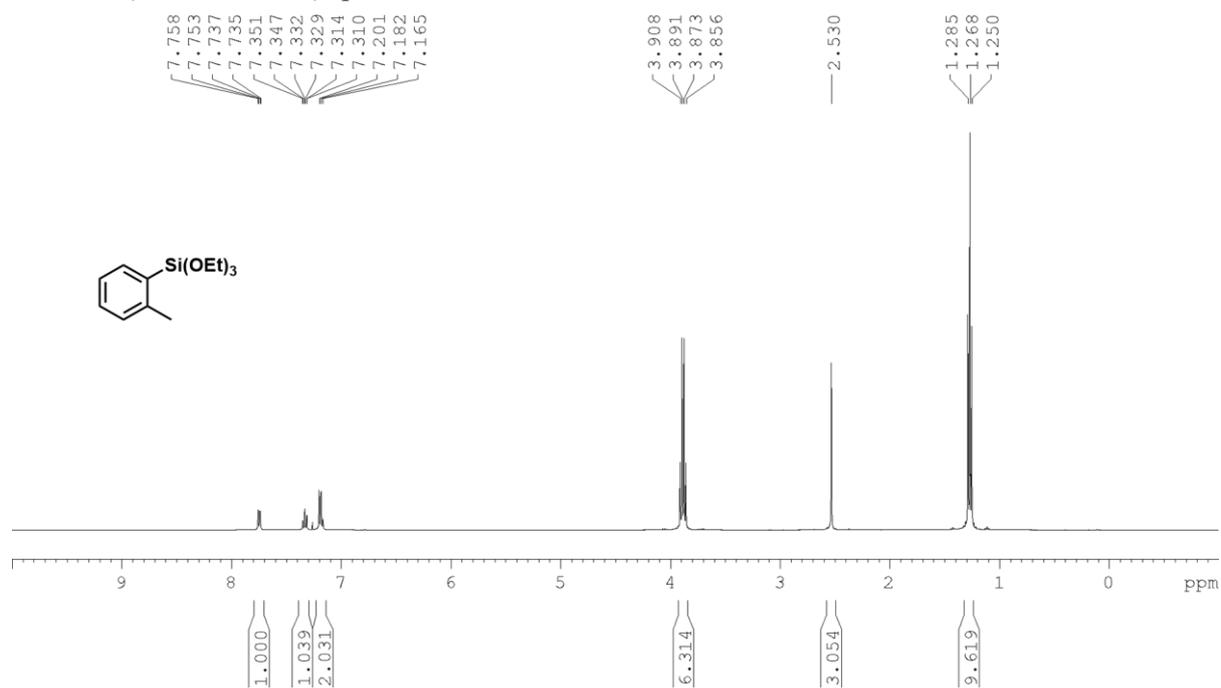
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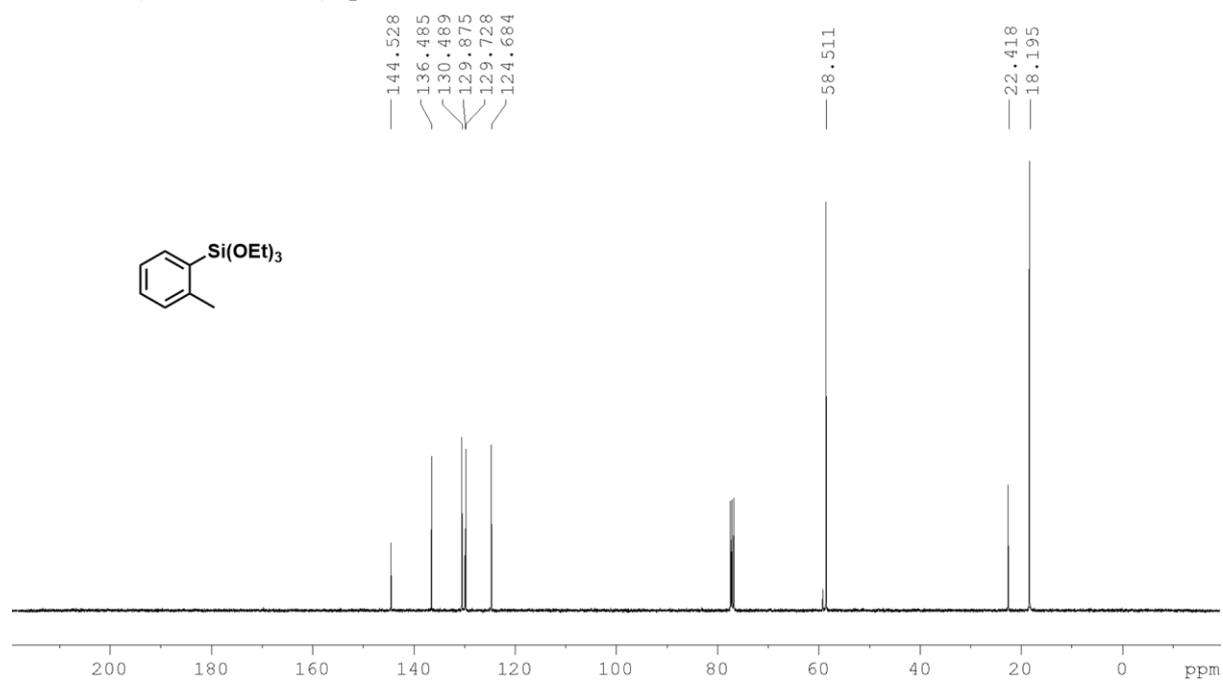
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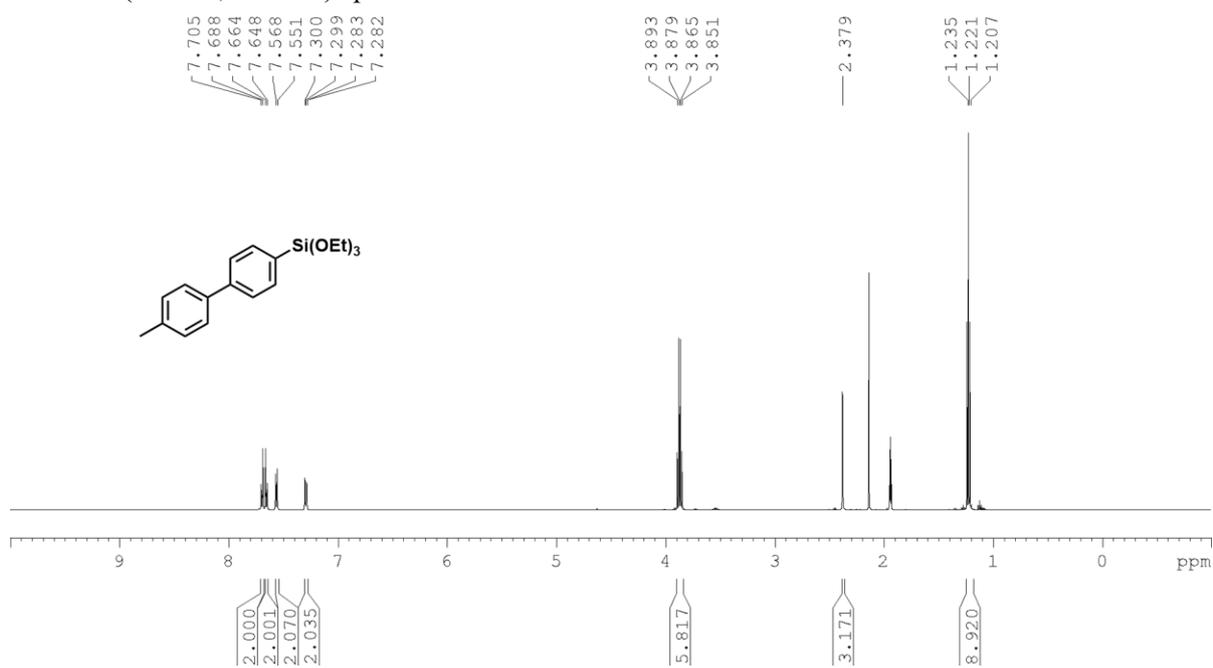
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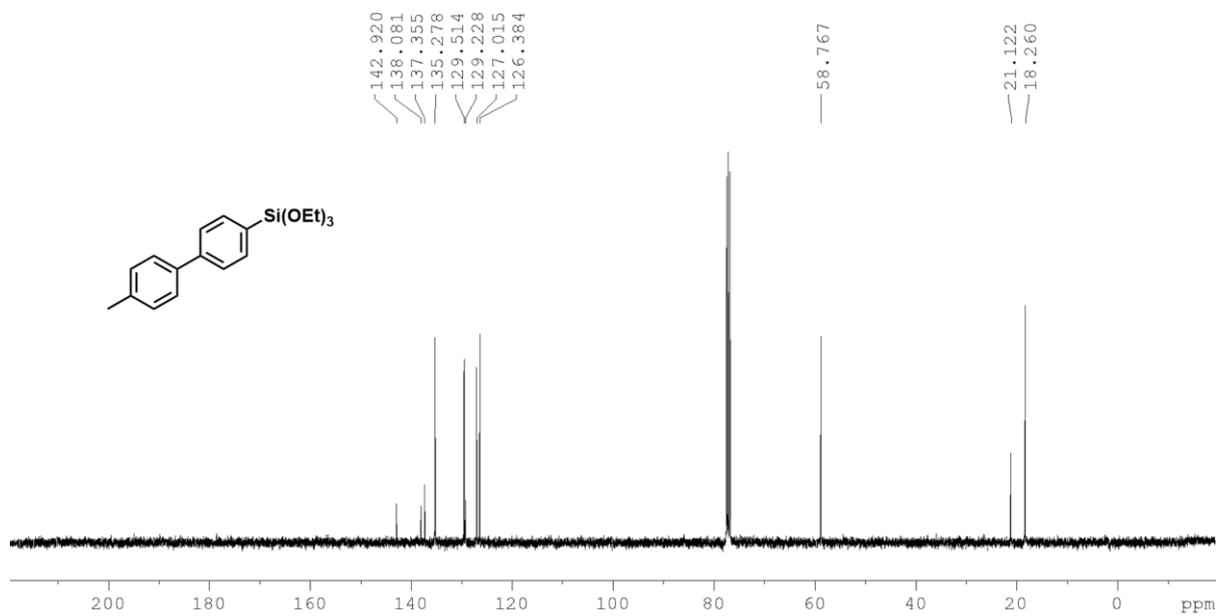
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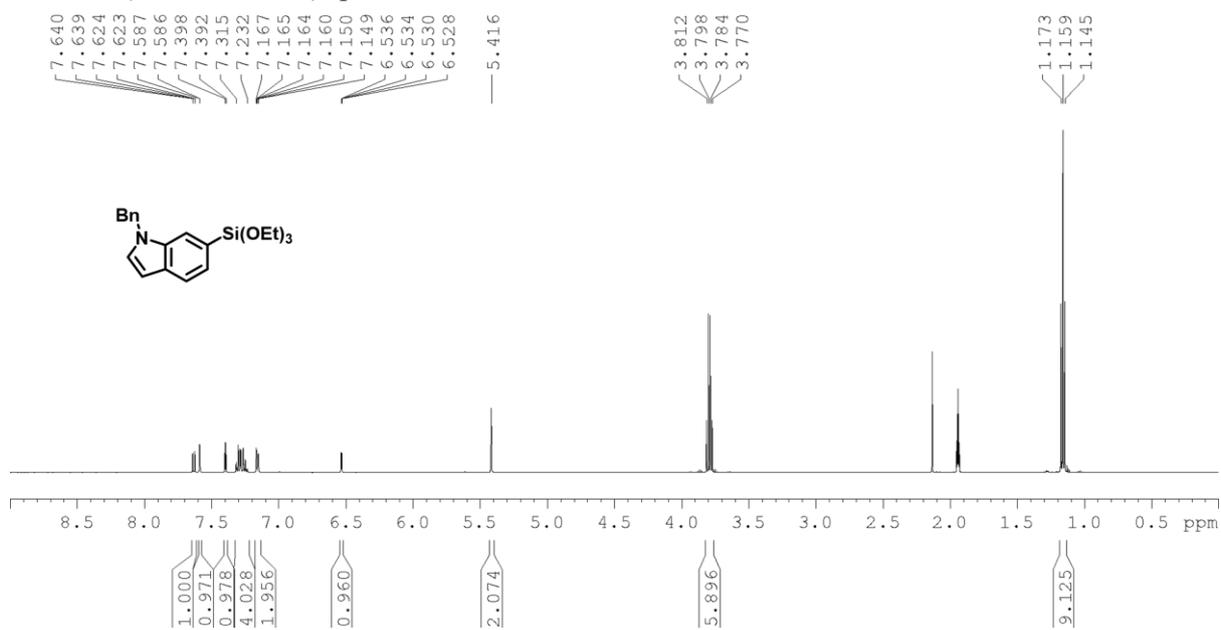
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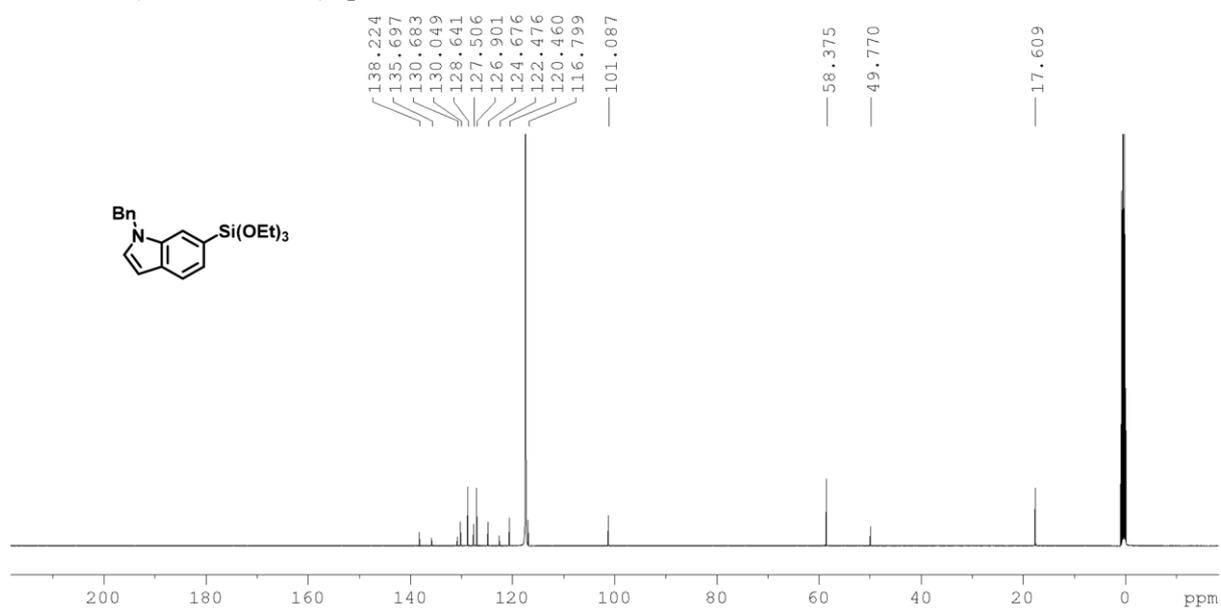
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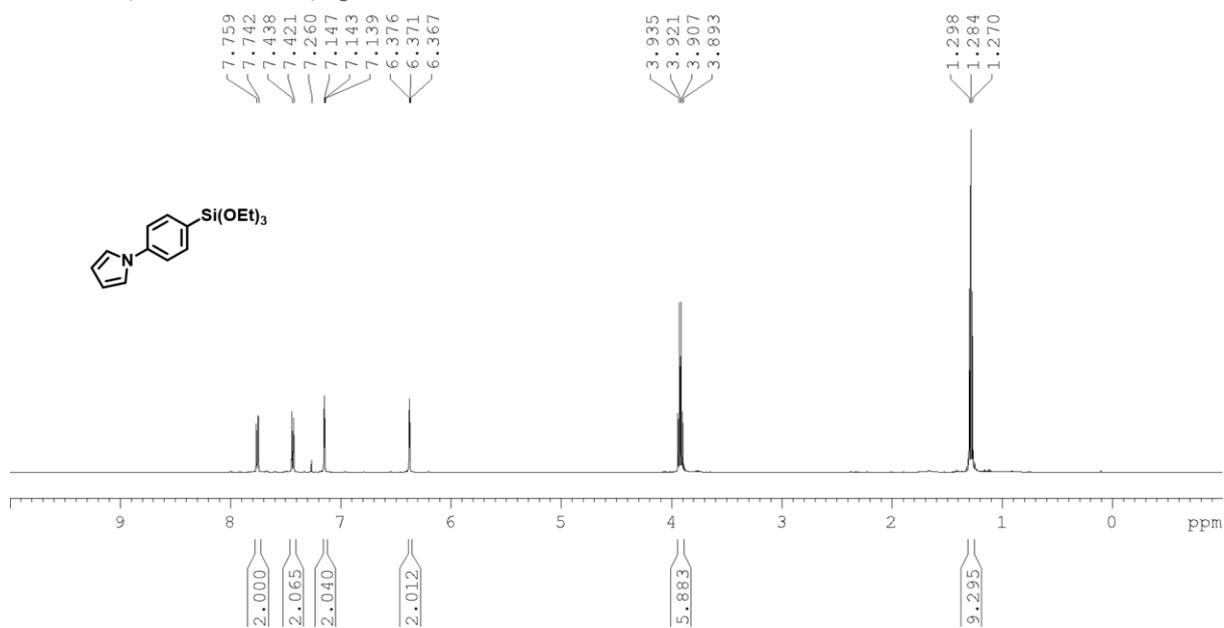
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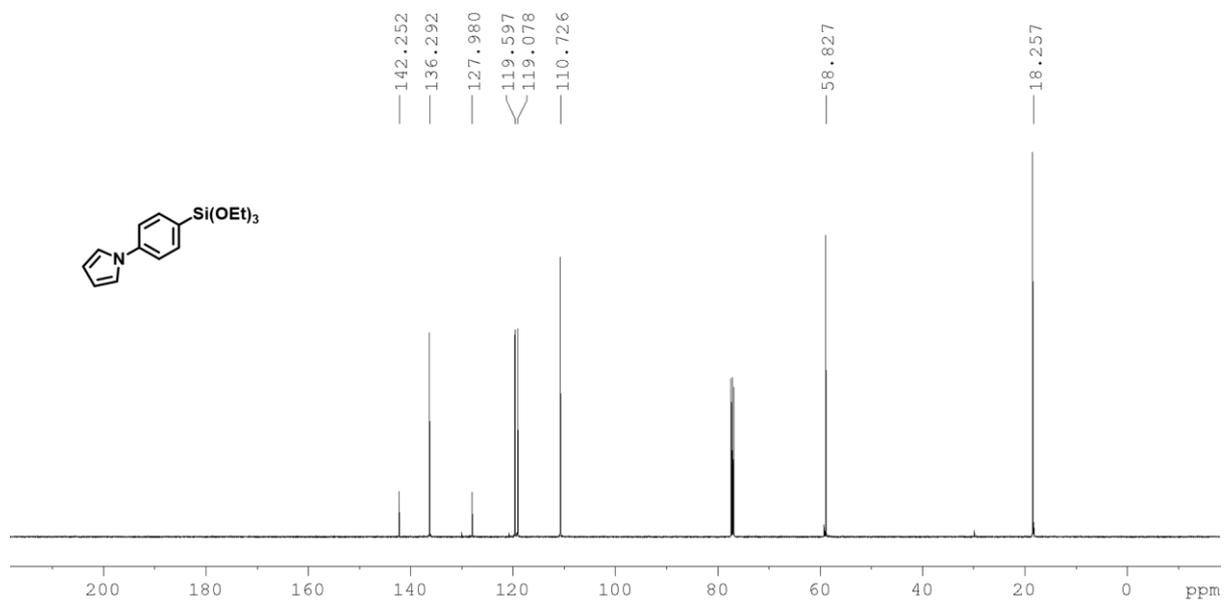
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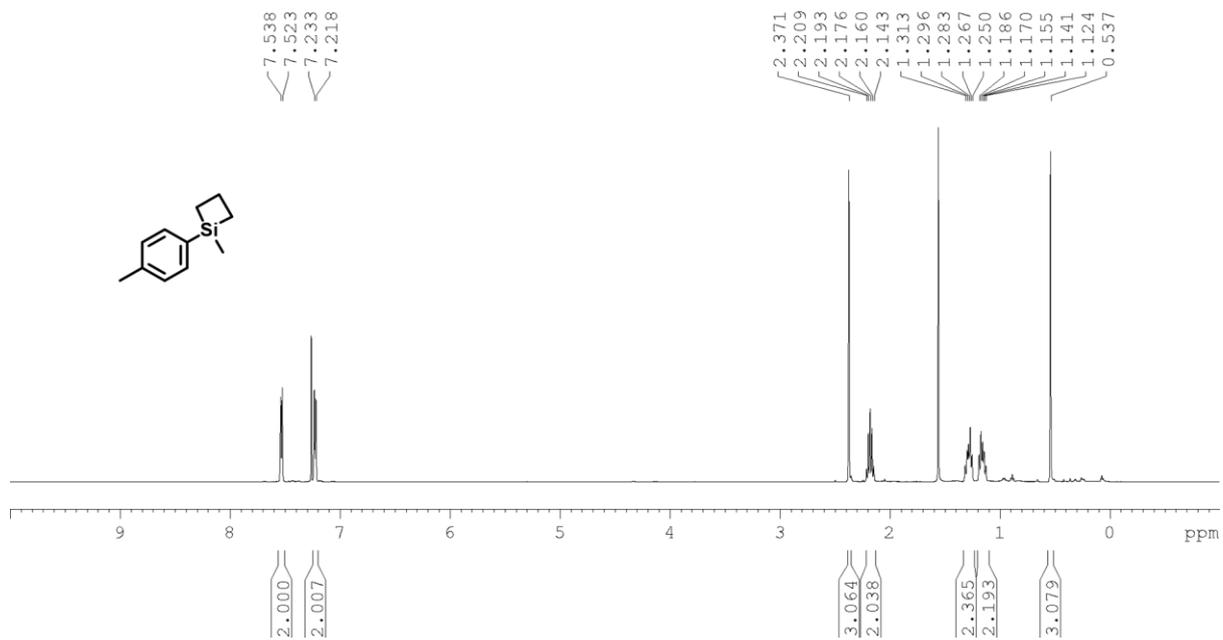
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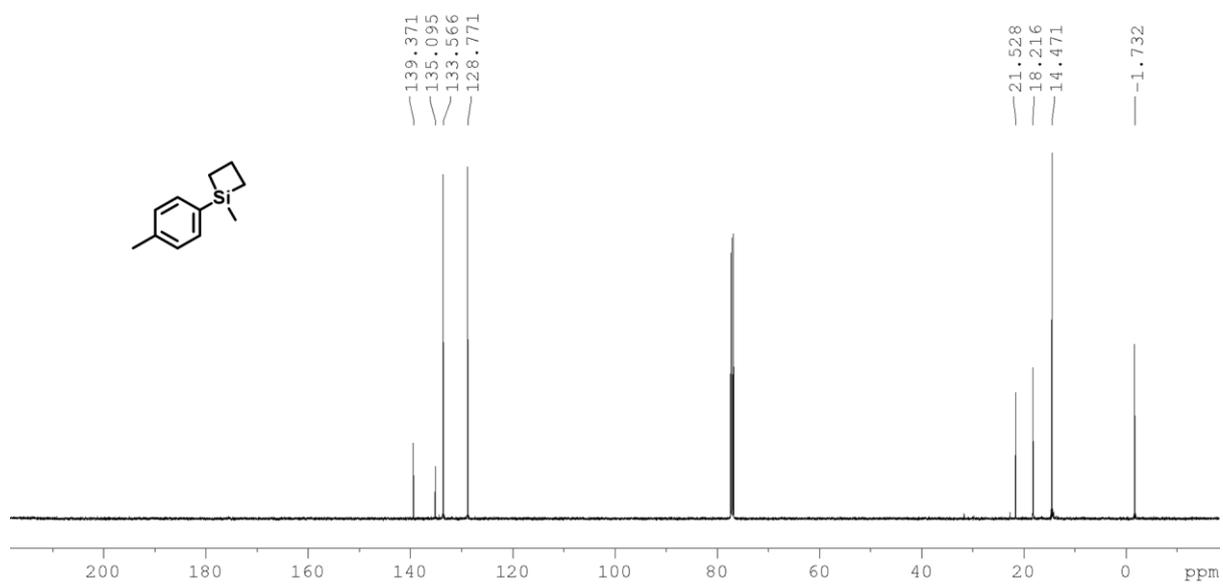
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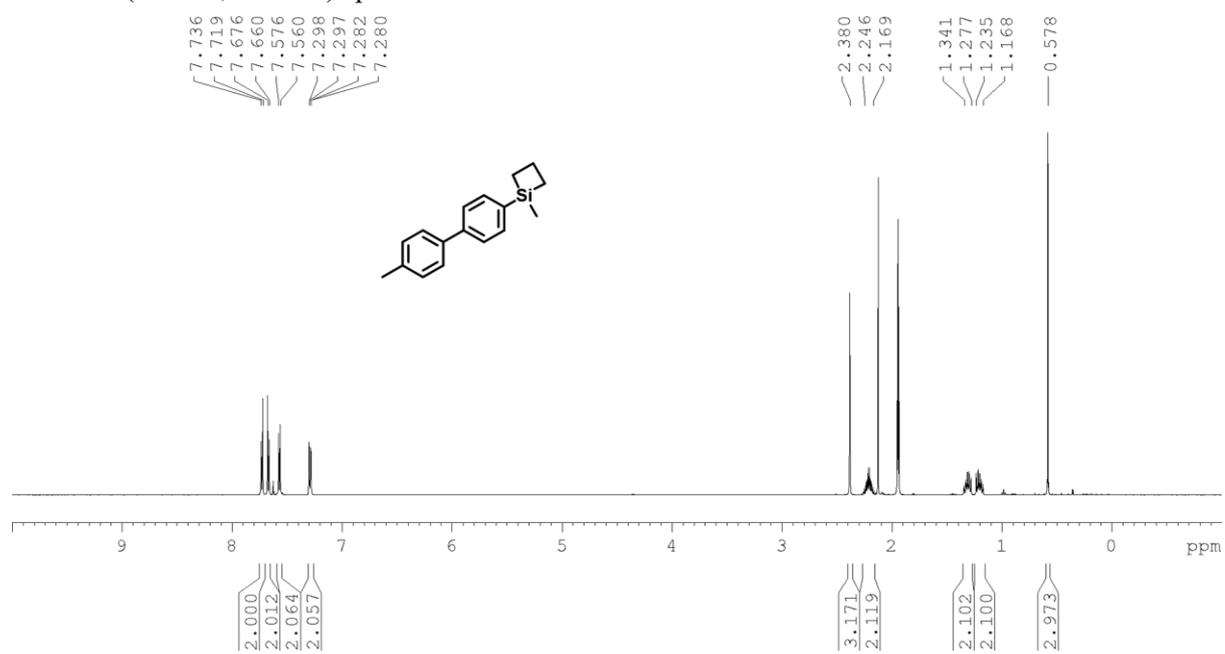
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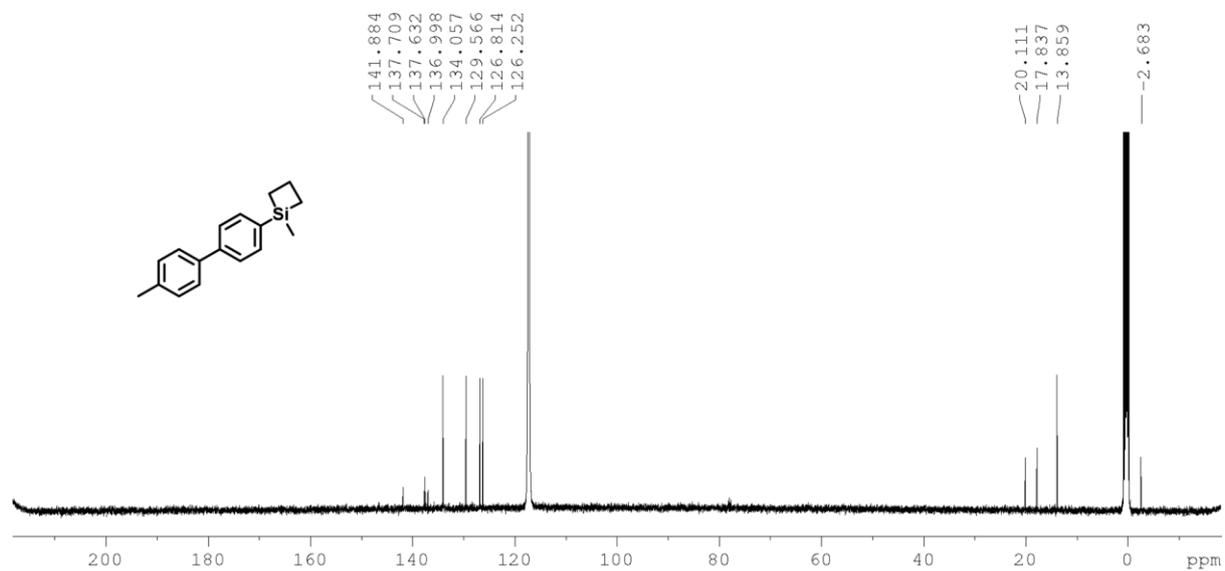
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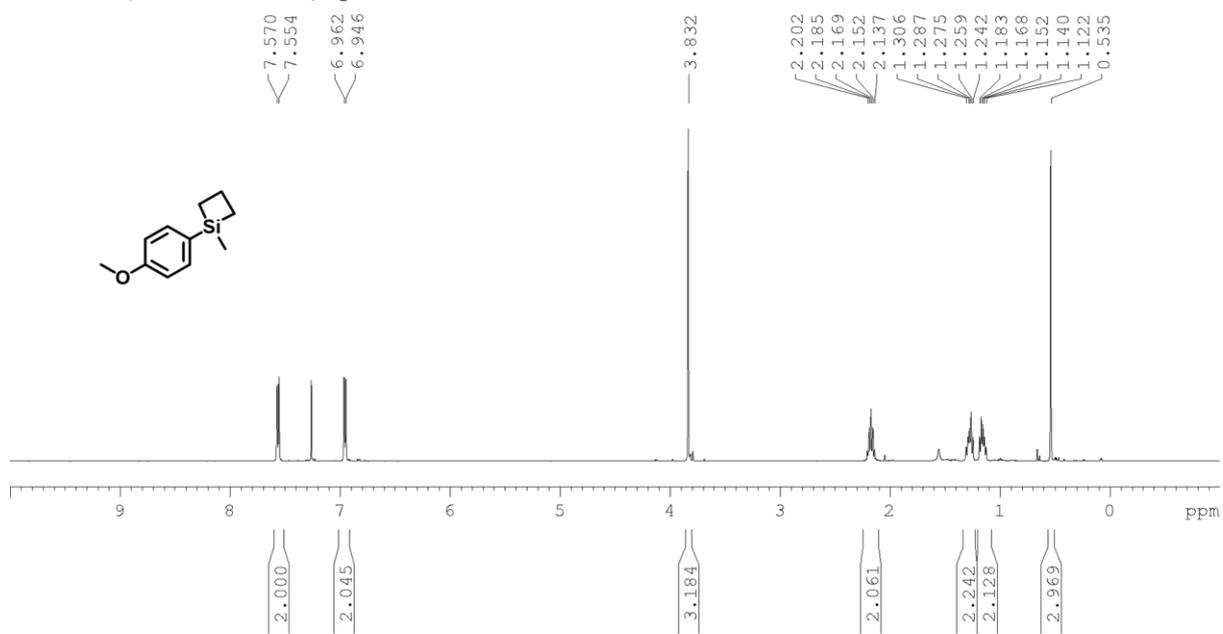
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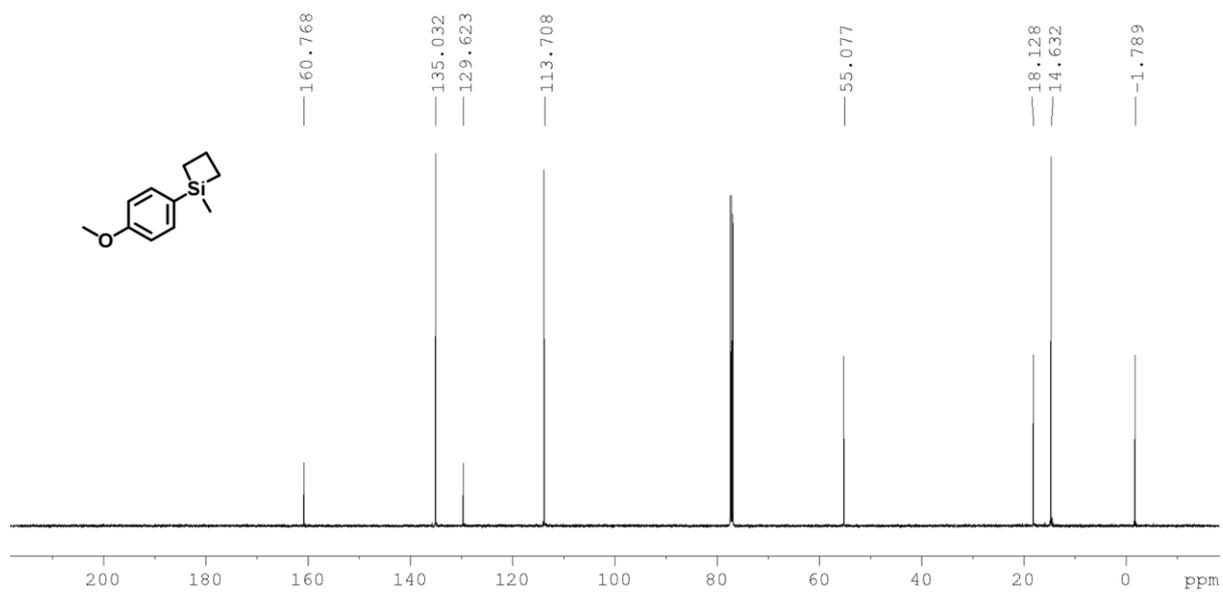
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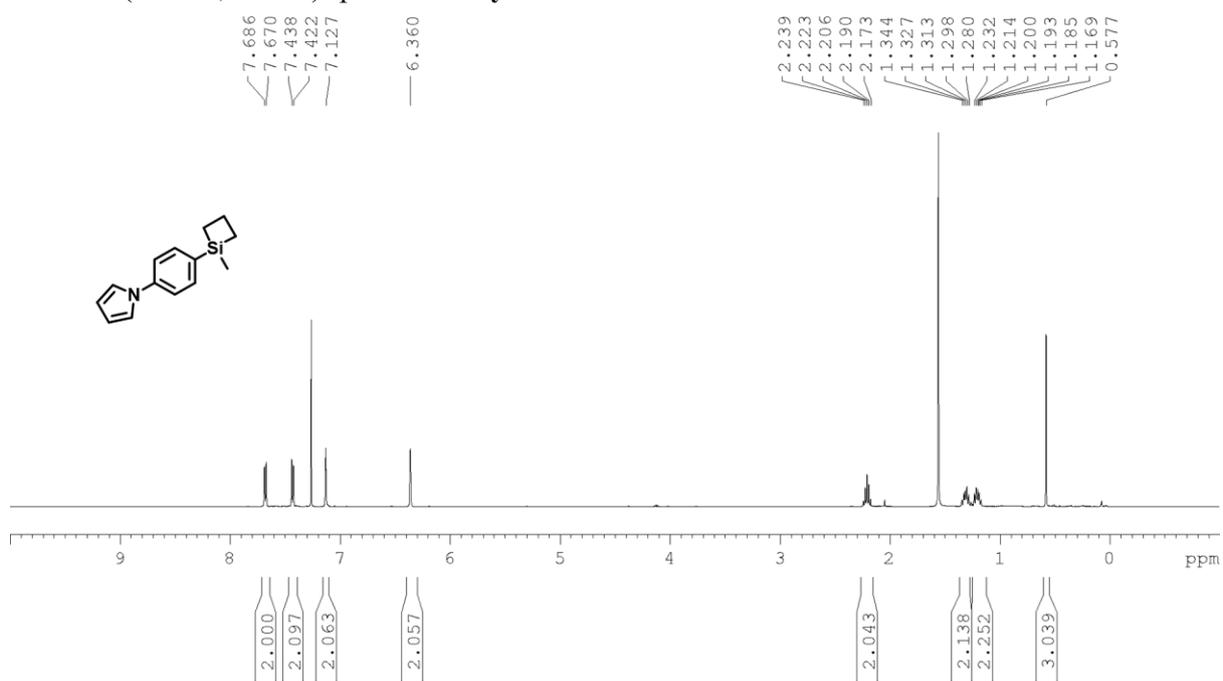
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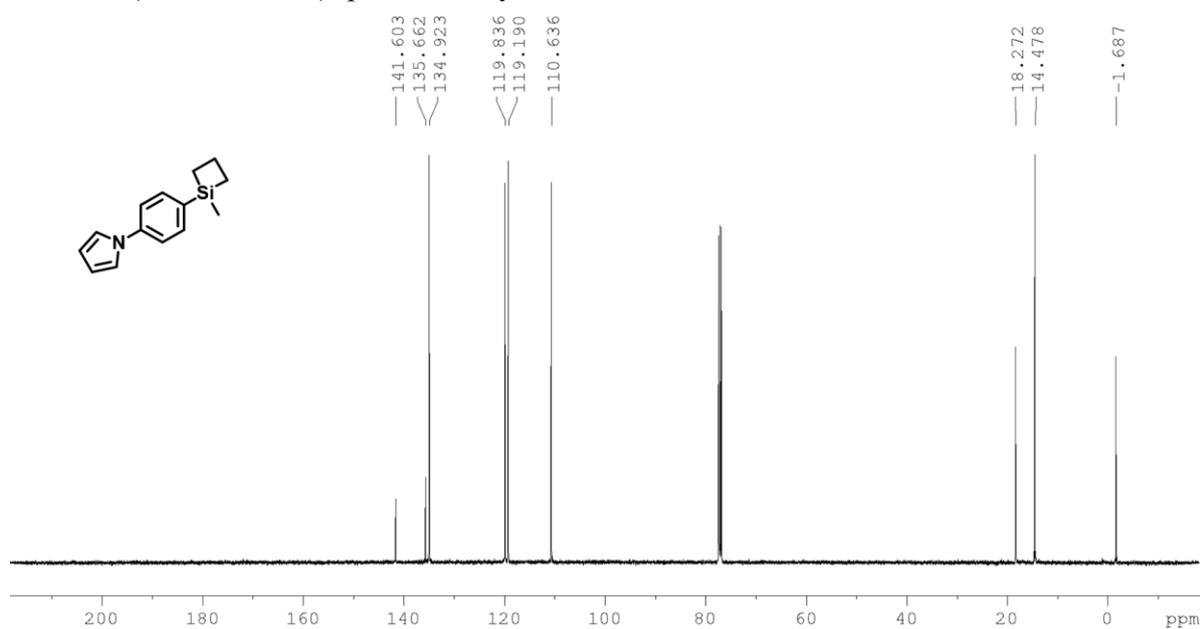
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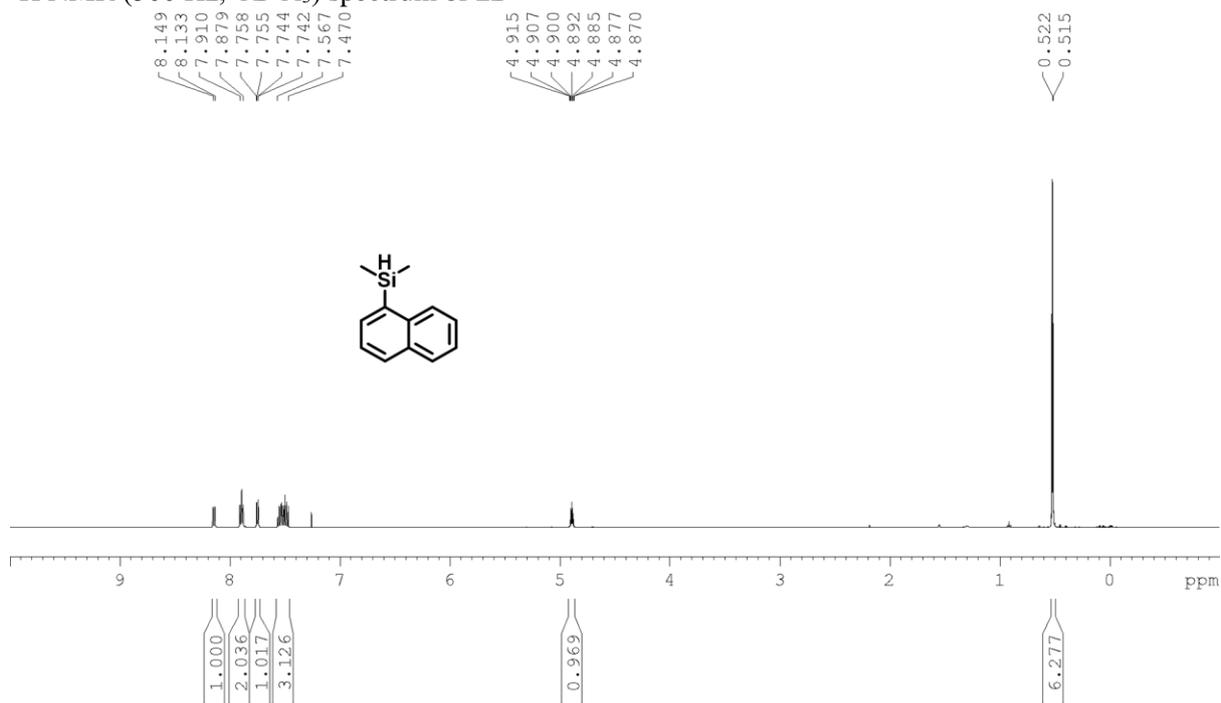
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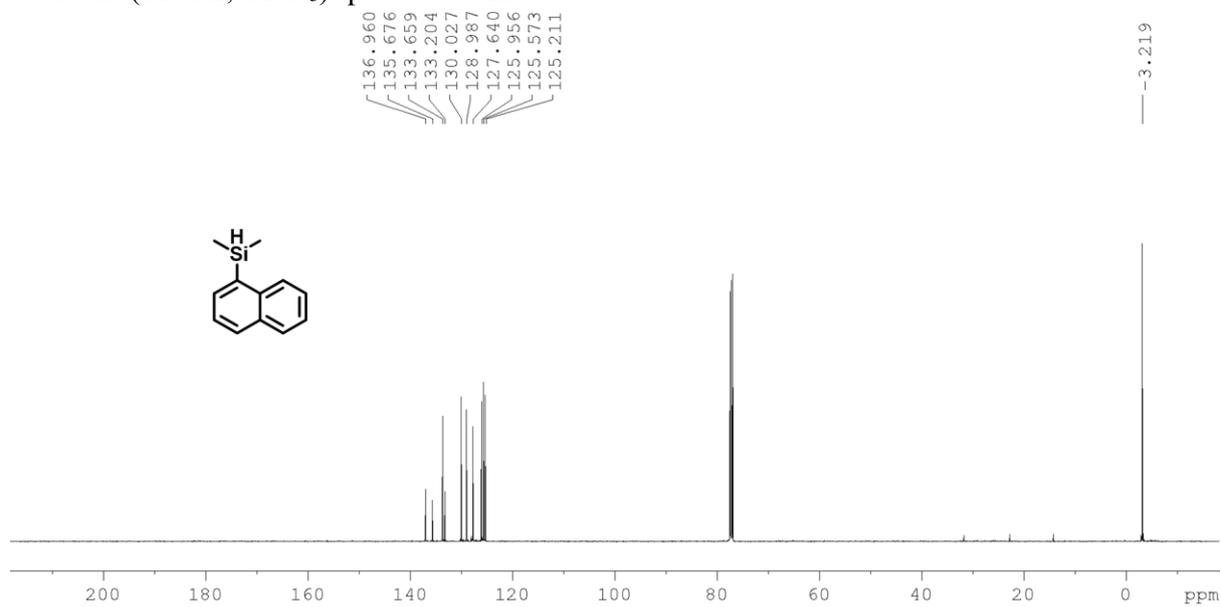
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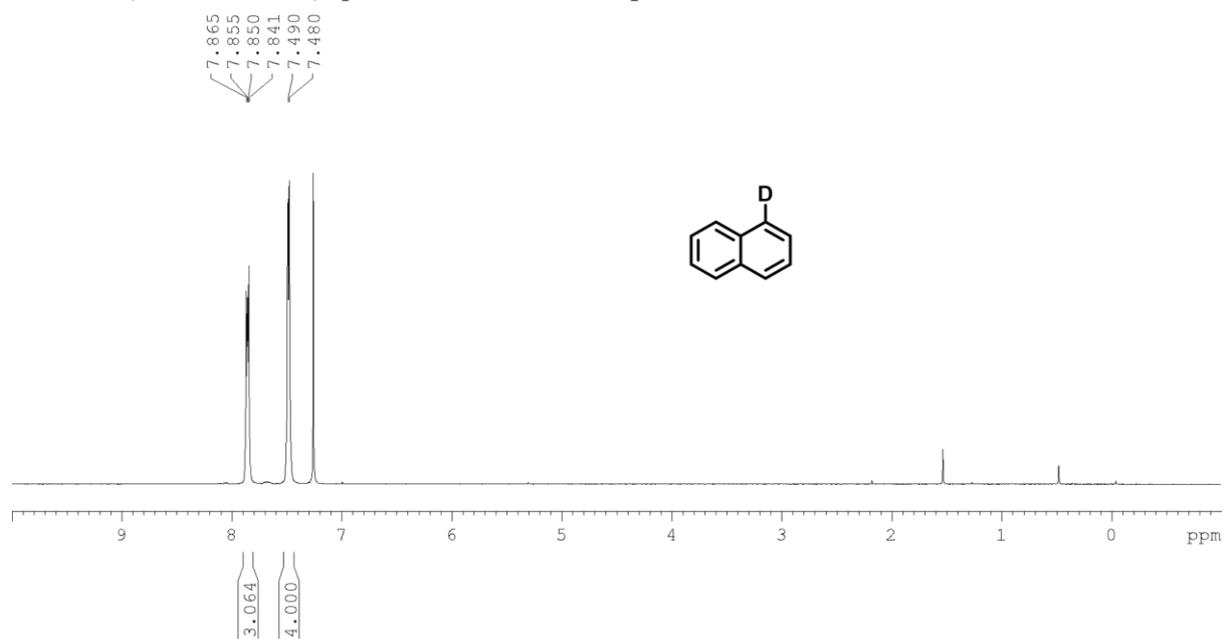
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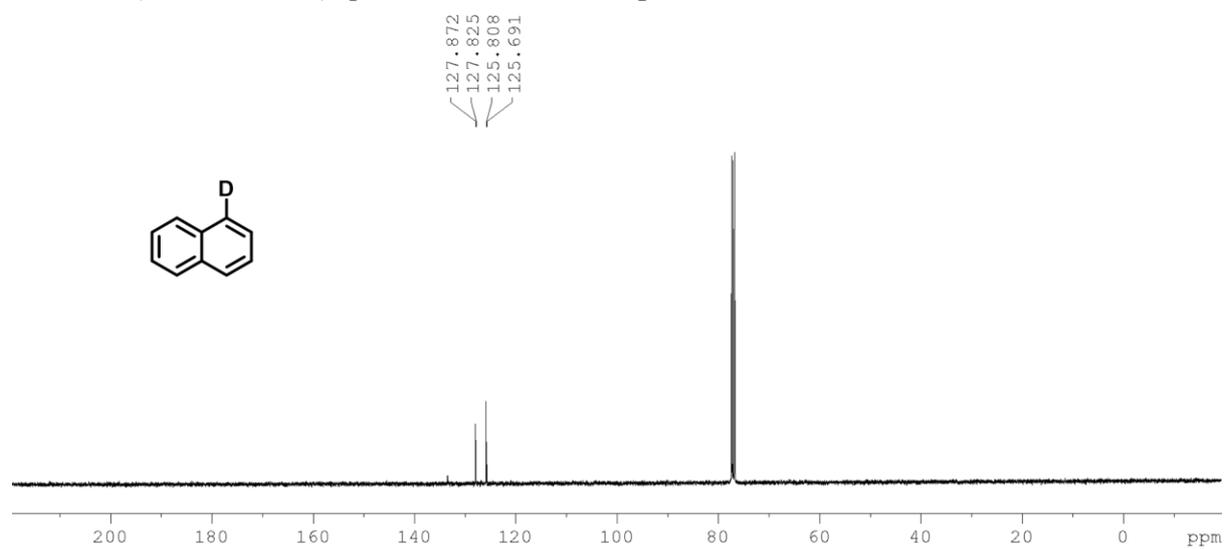
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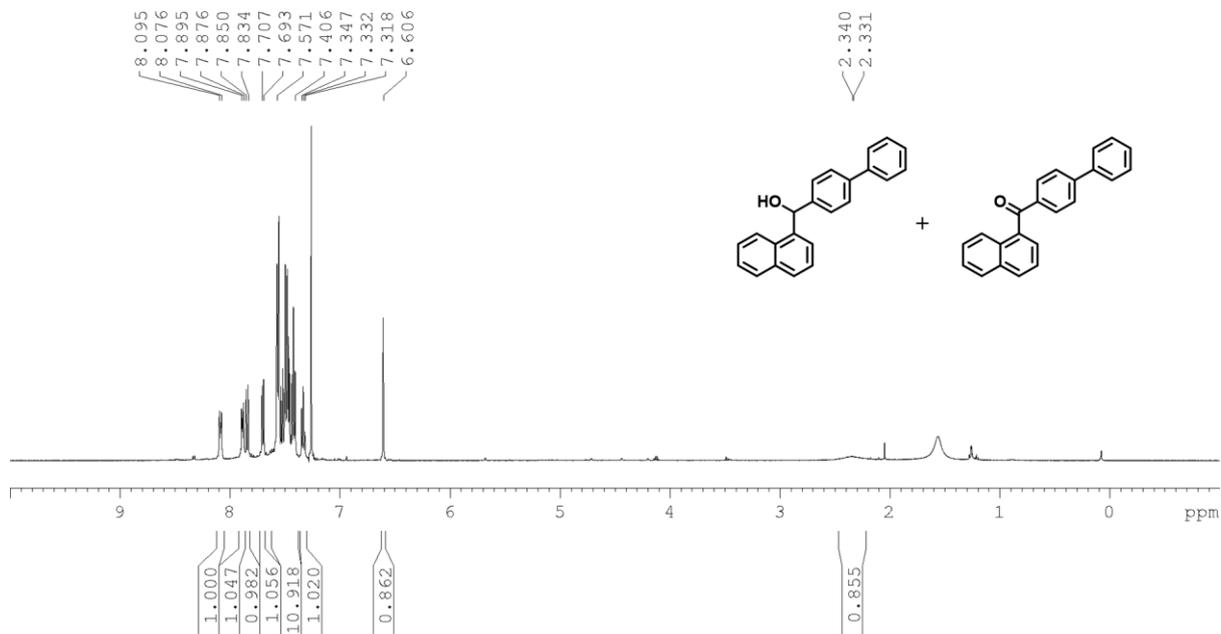
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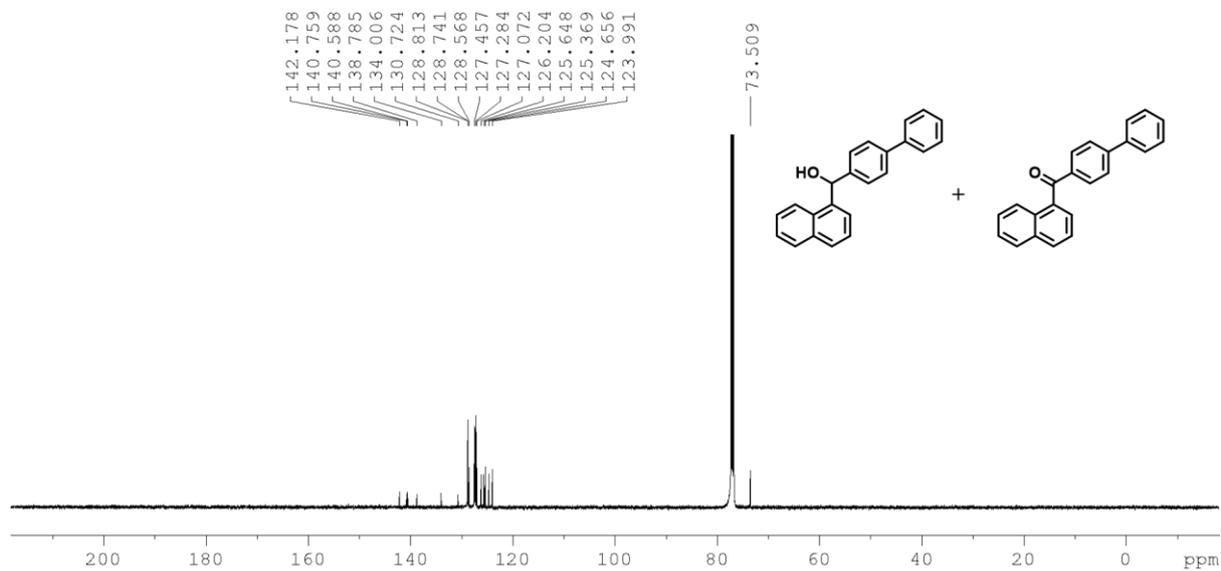
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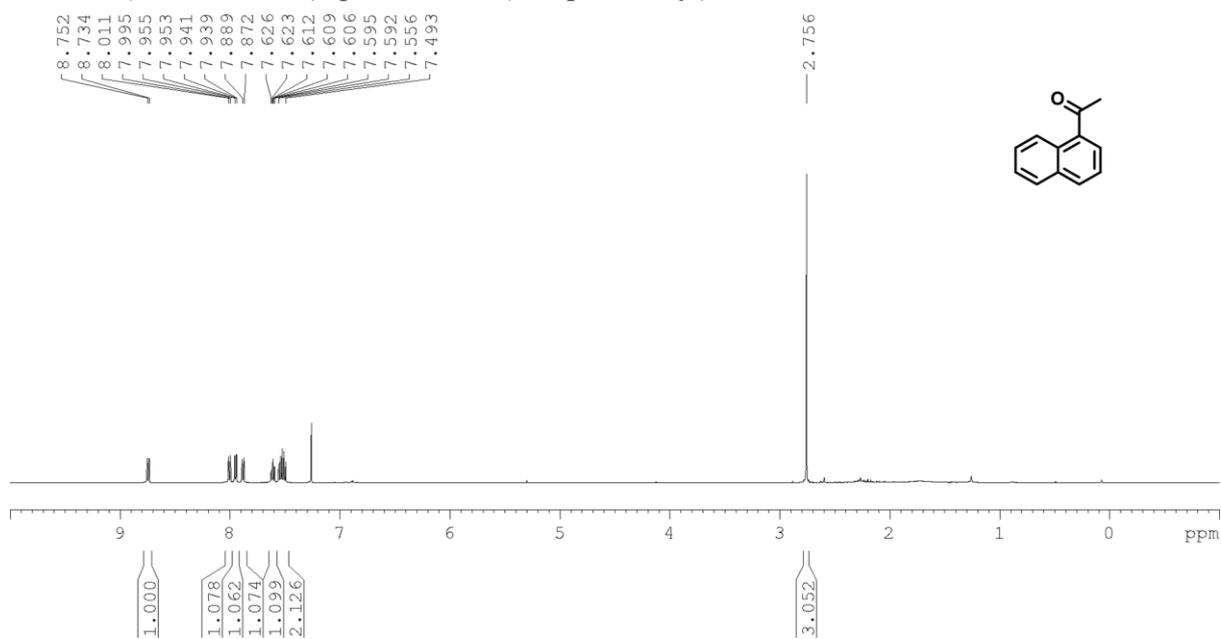
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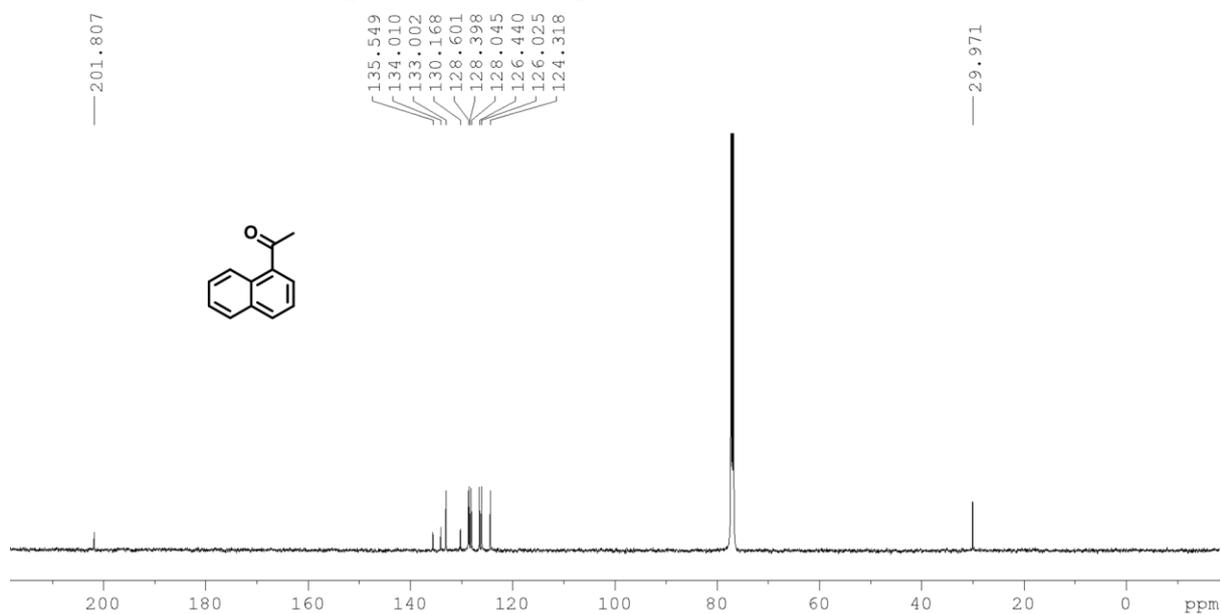
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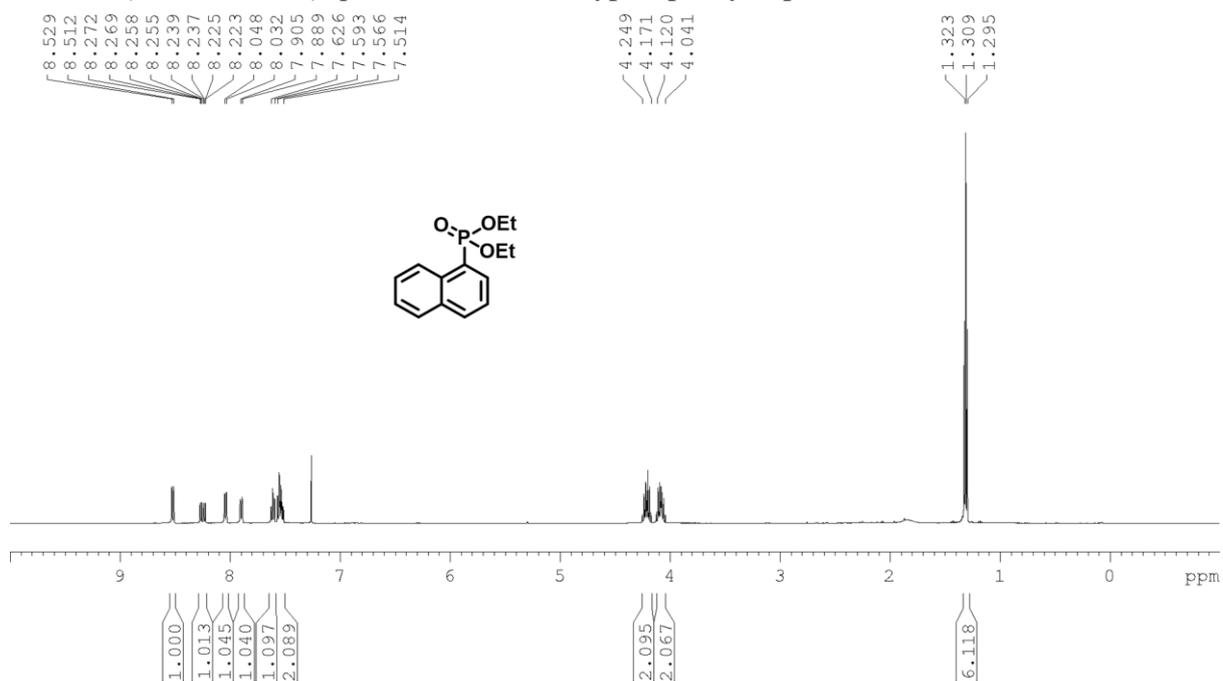
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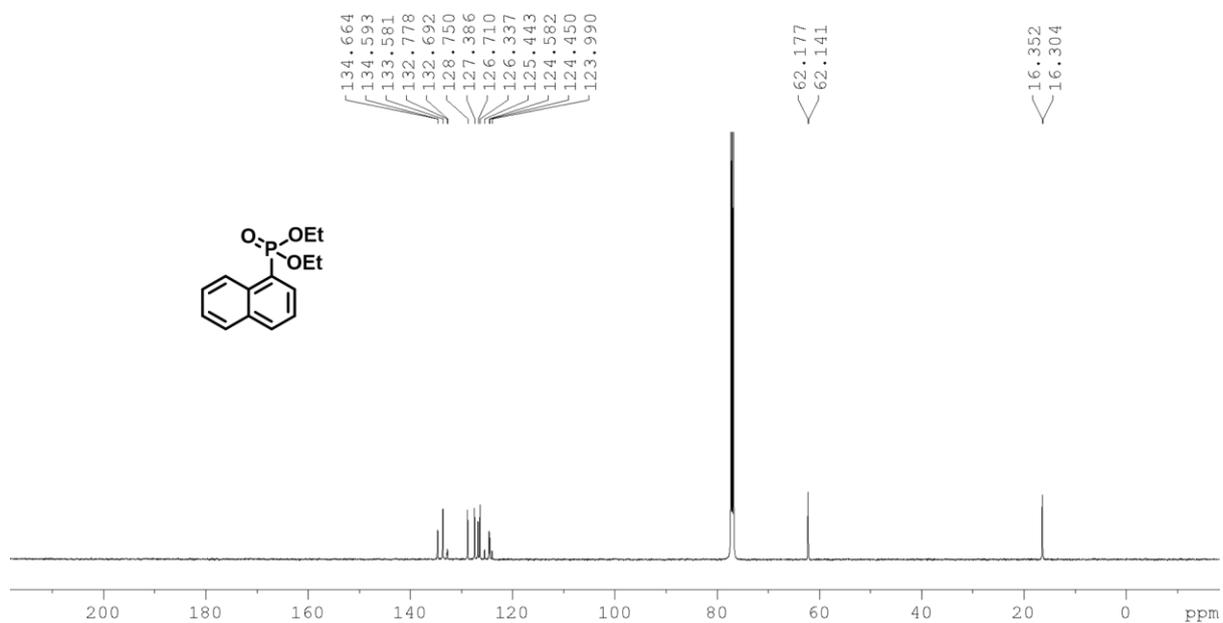
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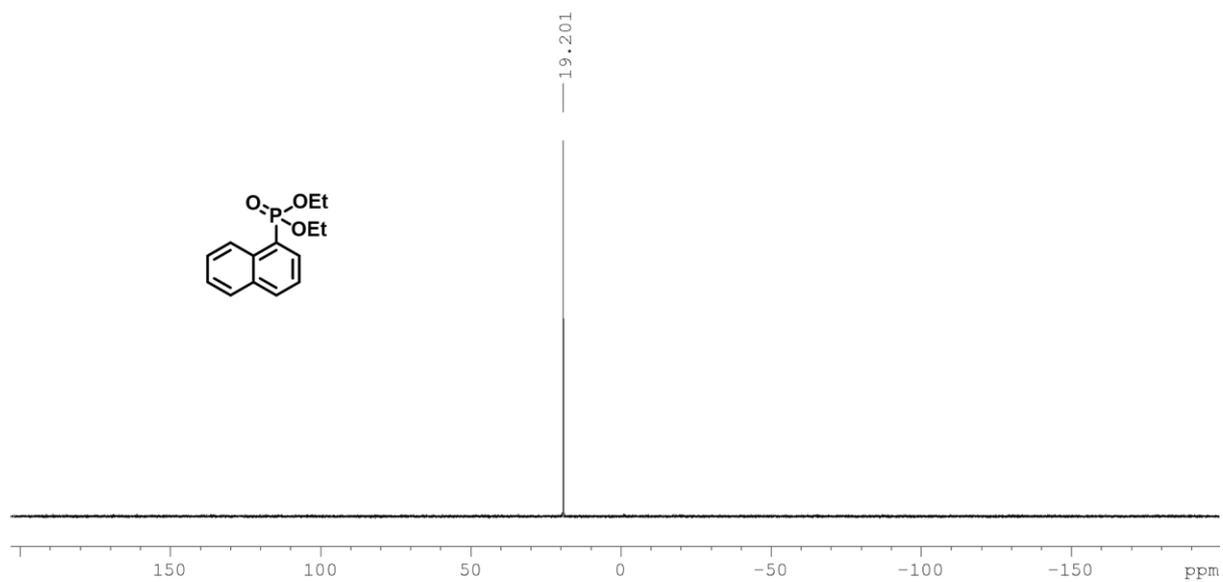
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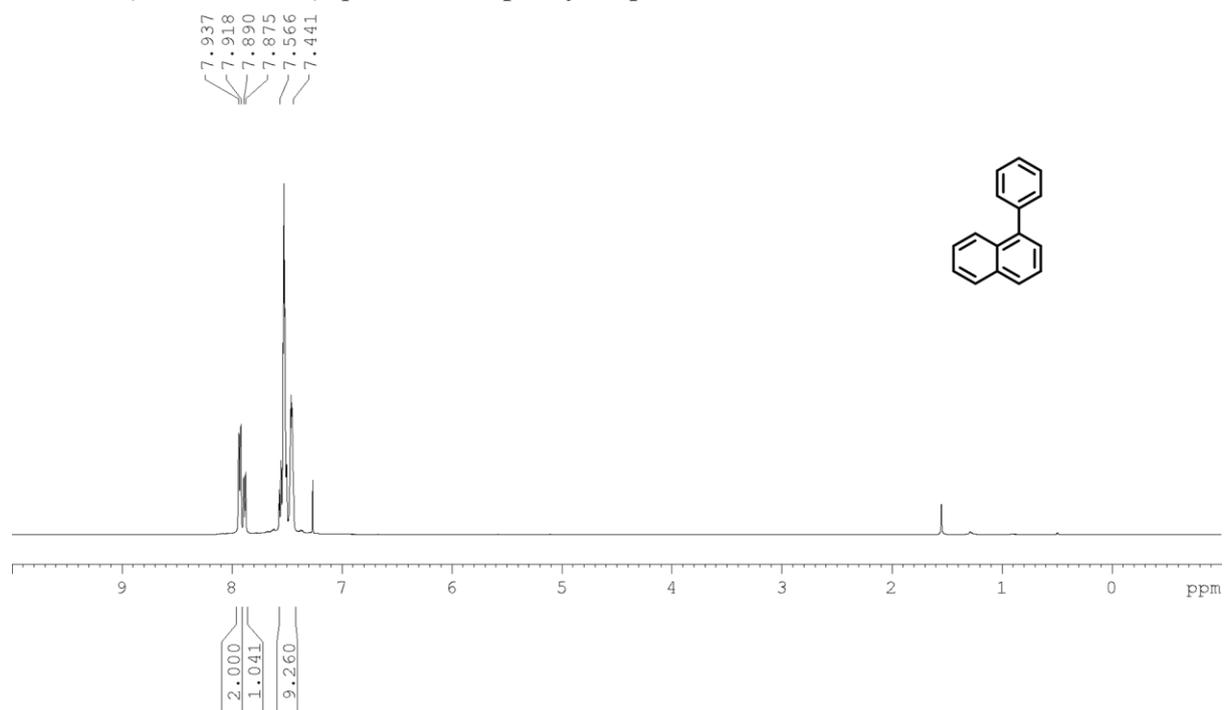
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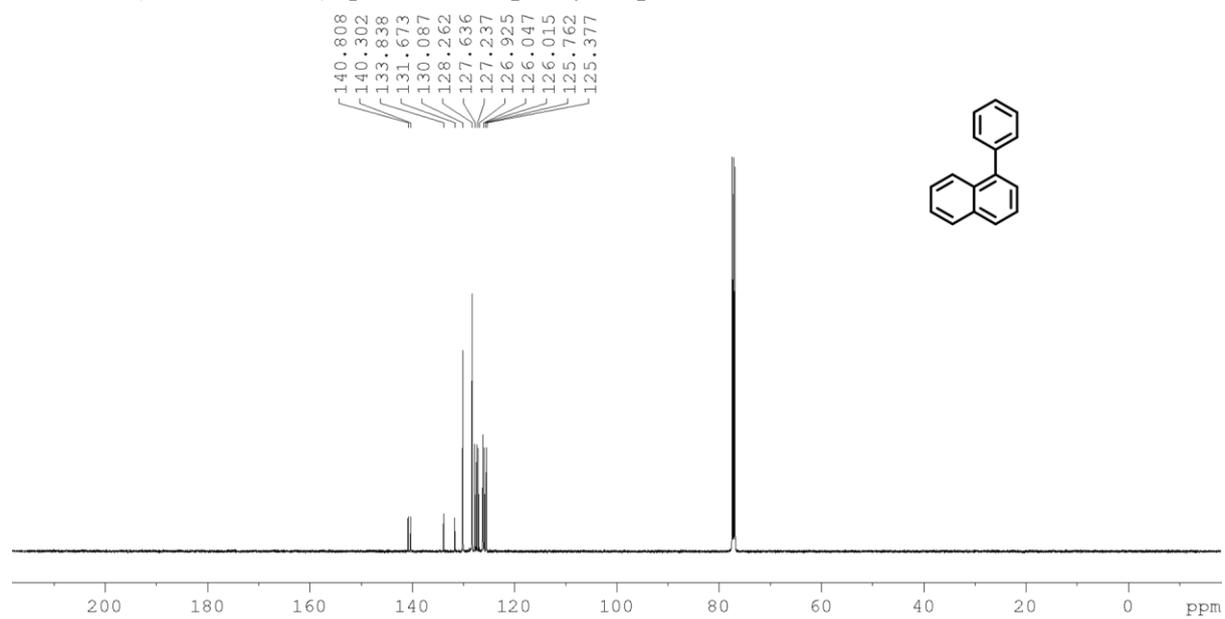
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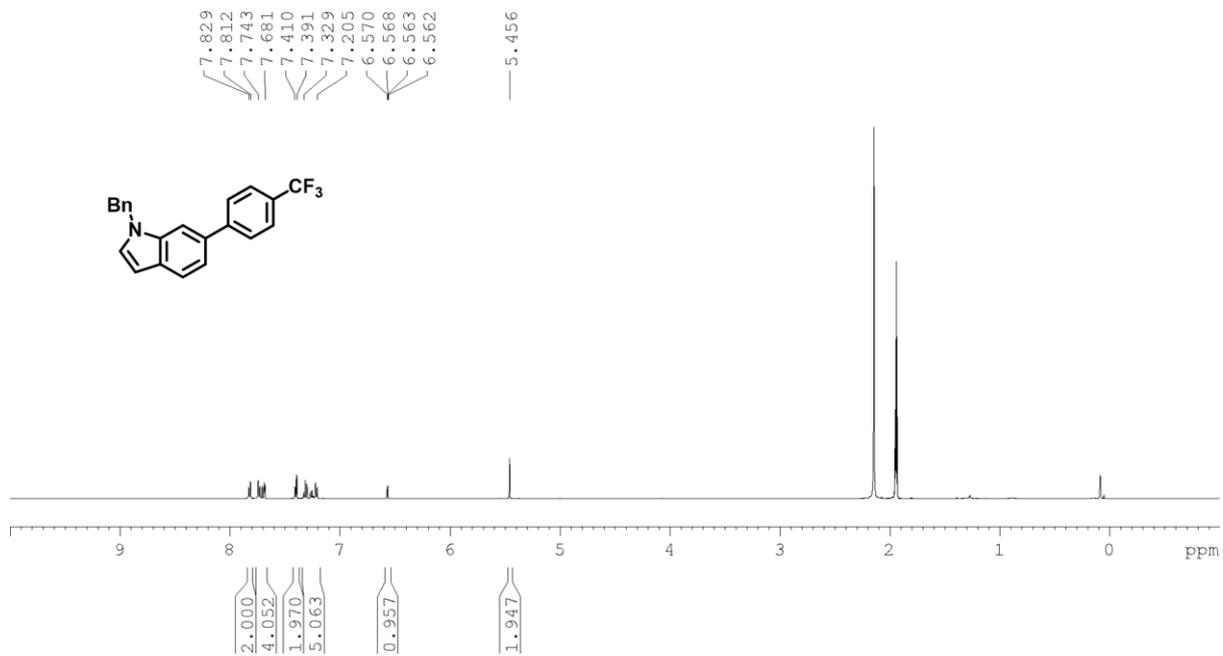
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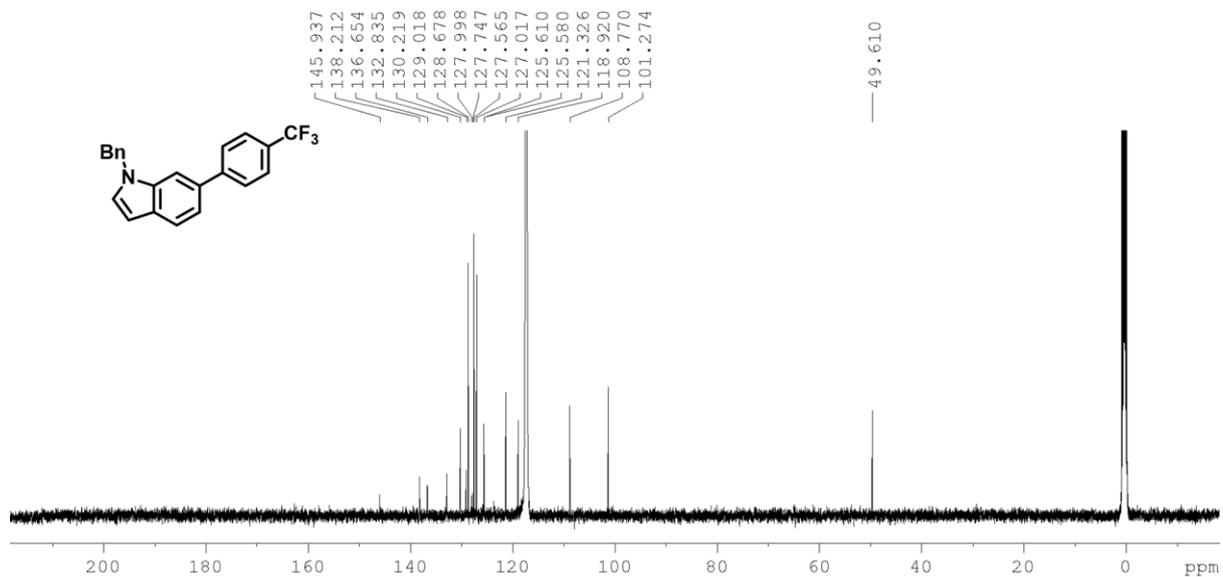
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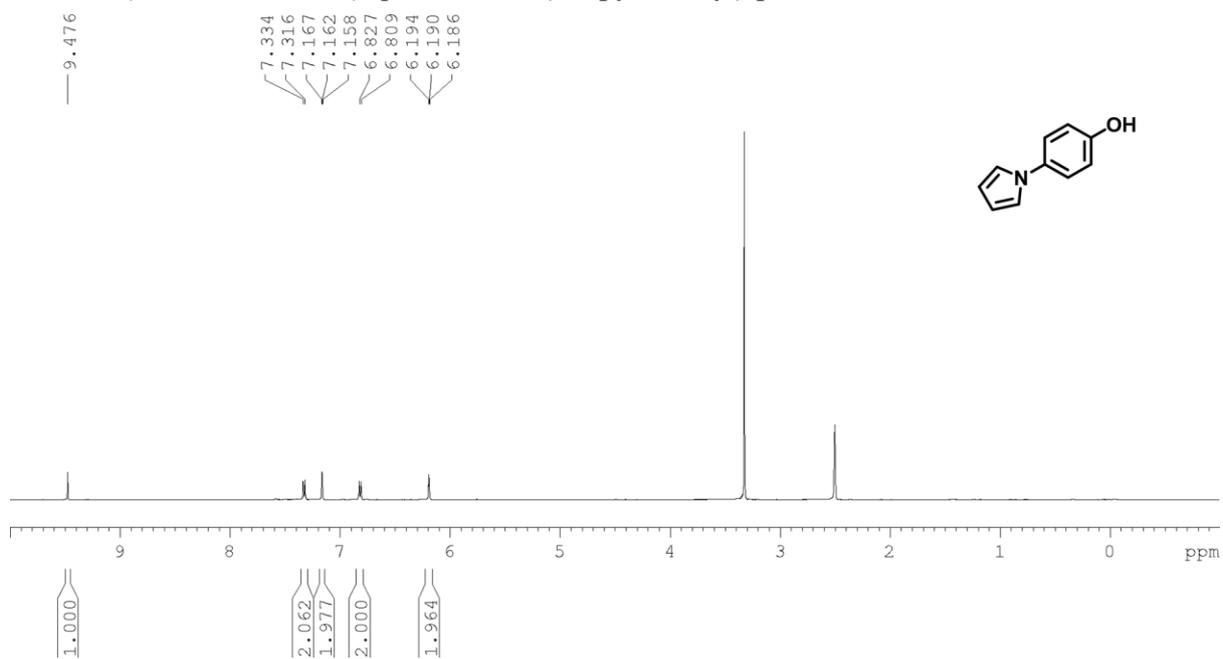
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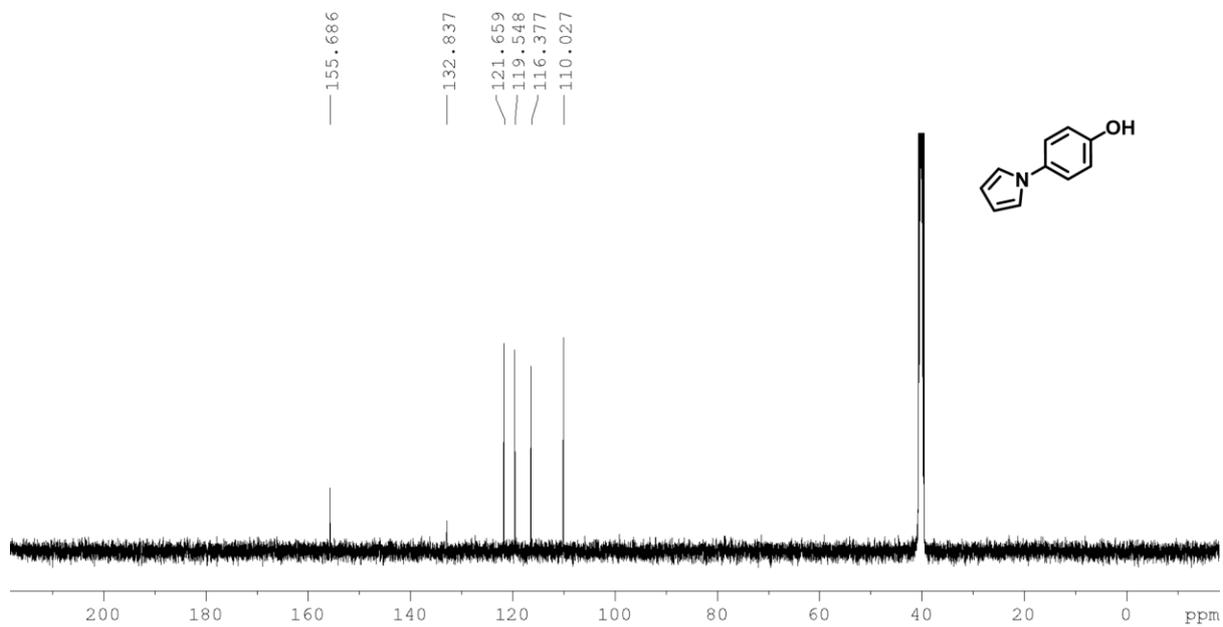
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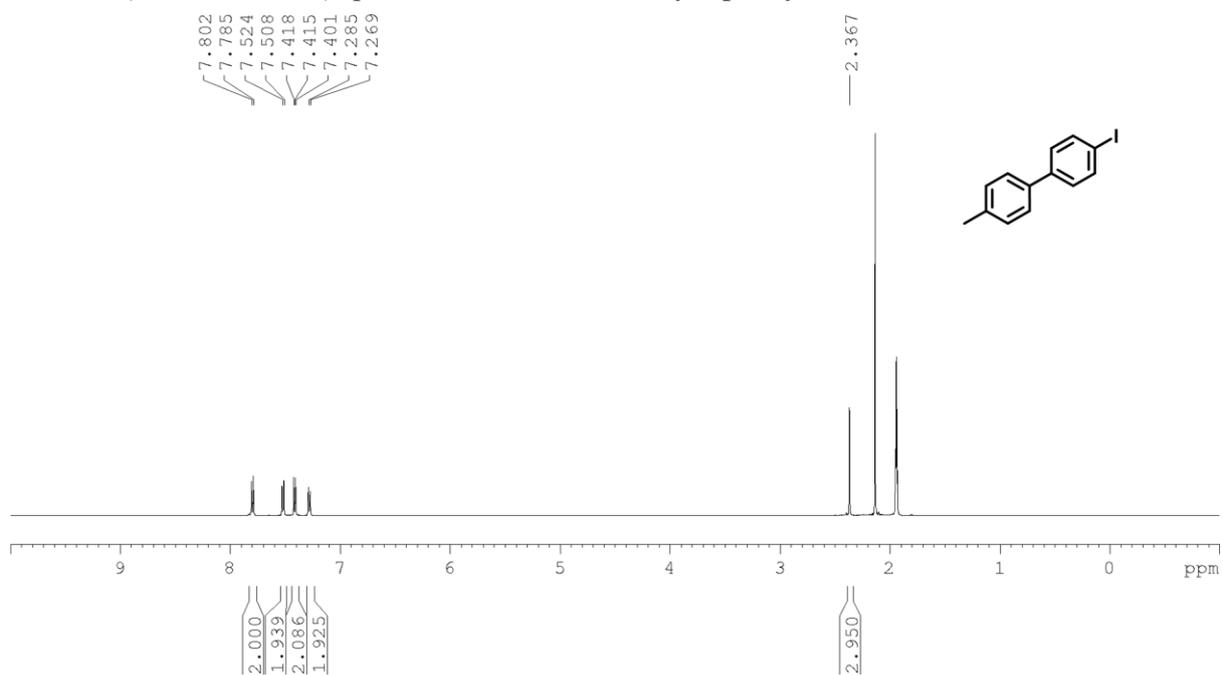
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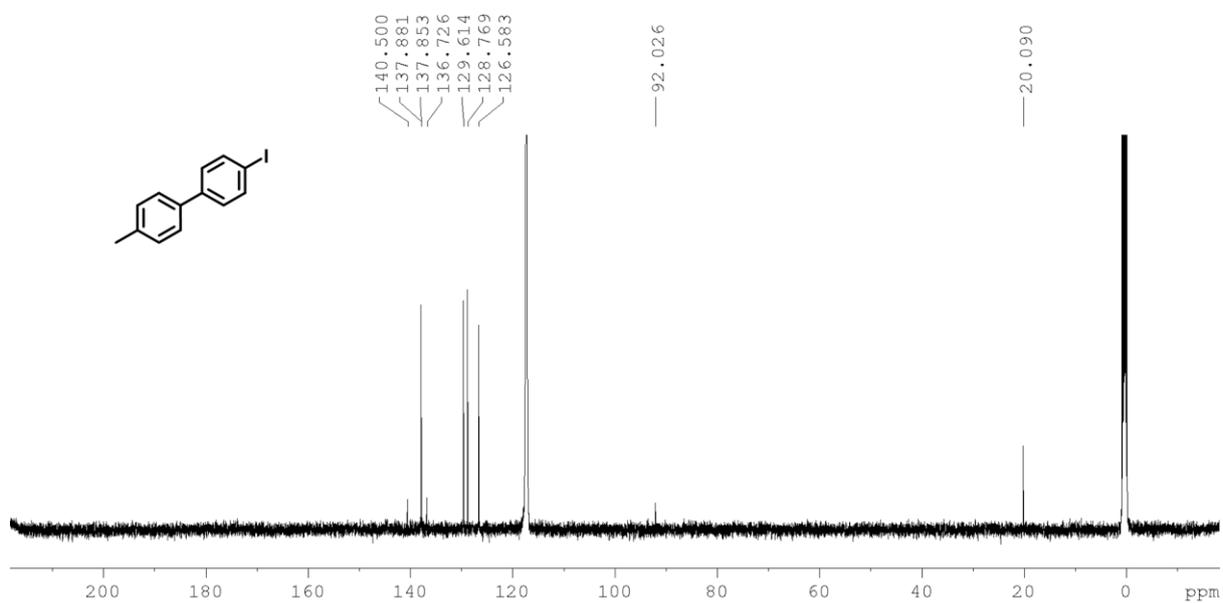
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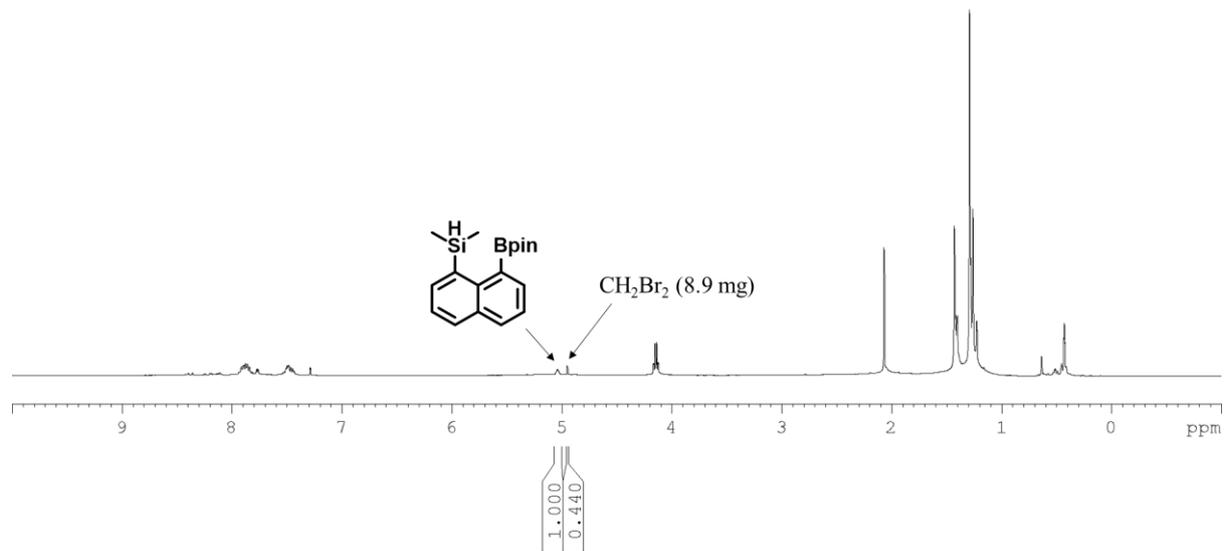
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<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 Hz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) spectrum of 4-iodo-4'-methylbiphenyl



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR yield of **dimethyl(8-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)naphthalen-1-yl)silane**



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