# Biaryl Synthesis via Direct Arylation: Establishment of an Efficient Catalyst for Intramolecular Processes

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# **Supporting Information**

**General Methods.** All experiments were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions using a Bruker AVANCE 300 spectrometer with Me<sub>4</sub>Si as an internal standard. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Kratos Concept IIH. Infra-Red analysis was performed with a Bruker EQUINOX 55. Unless otherwise specified, all reagents and solvents were used as is from commercial sources.

Bromo ethers 7 and 15<sup>1</sup>, 11<sup>2</sup>, 3<sup>3</sup> were prepared according to the general procedure and exhibited spectral data identical to literature values<sup>1-3</sup> Cyclization precursors 21<sup>4</sup> and 19<sup>5</sup> were prepared according, and exhibited spectral data identical, to literature.<sup>4-5</sup>

# General procedure for the synthesis of bromo ethers 3, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17:

To a mixture of  $K_2CO_3$  (4.4g, 32mmol, 2eq.) and 4-chloro phenol (6.2g, 48mmol, 3eq.) was added 30mL of acetone in a 100mL round bottom flask equipped with a mechanical stir bar. To the stirring mixture was added 2-bromobenzyl bromide (4g, 16mmol, 1eq.) followed by heating to  $50^{\circ}C$  overnight. The reaction mixture was then poured into a NaOH (2N) solution and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extracts were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification was done by flash chromatography using 15% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford (2-Bromo phenyl)methyl 4-chlorophenyl ether  $15^{\circ}$ , as a clear oil in 90% yield (4.27g).

# 1-(2-Bromo-benzyloxy)-p-toluene (9)

 $R_f$  = 0.64 on silica gel (5% EtOAc:Hexanes); IR ( $v_{max}$  /cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3029 (weak), 1510, 1237, 1024, 816, 745; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 2.26 (3H, s), 5.06 (2H, s), 6.85 (2H, m), 7.10 (3H, m), 7.27 (1H, td, J=8Hz & J=1Hz), 7.52 (2H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 20.47, 69.37, 114.65, 122.17, 127.46, 128.78, 129.04, 129.93, 130.32, 132.49, 136.49, 156.29; HRMS calculated for  $C_{14}H_{13}BrO$  (M+) 276.0163; Found: 276.0150

#### 1-(2-Bromo-benzyloxy)-α,α,α-trifluorotoluene (13)

 $R_f = 0.62$  on silica gel (5% EtOAc:Hexanes); IR  $(v_{max} / cm^{-1})$  2925 (weak), 1320, 1248, 1108, 841, 750; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 5.14 (2 H, s), 7.02 (2 H, d, J=9Hz), 7.17 (1 H, t, J=8Hz), 7.31 (1 H, d, J=7Hz), 7.52 (4 H, m);

 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75MHz, CDCl3, 293K, TMS): 69.51, 114.85, 122.39, 123.34 (q, J = 33 Hz), 124.28 (q, J = 271 Hz), 126.98 (q, J = 31 Hz), 127.68, 128.87, 129.56, 132.77, 135.46. 160.82; HRMS calculated for  $C_{14}H_{11}\text{BrF}_3\text{O}$  (M+) 329.9853; Found: 329.9867

# 1-(2-Bromo-benzyloxy)-naphthalene (17)

 $R_f$  = 0.55 on silica gel (5% EtOAc:Hexanes); IR ( $v_{max}$  /cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3053 (weak), 1364, 1246, 1096, 758; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 5.33 (2H, s), 6.89 (1H, d, J=8Hz), 7.24 (1H, d, J=3Hz), 7.38 (2H, m), 7.49 (3H, m), 7.62 (1H, d, J=8Hz), 7.69 (1H, d, J=8Hz), 7.82 (1H, m), 8.38 (1H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 69.46, 105.35, 120.75, 122.25, 125.34, 125.66, 125.83, 126.49, 127.53, 127.60, 128.72, 129.21, 132.64, 134.56, 136.38, 154.03; HRMS calculated for  $C_{17}H_{13}BrO$  (M+) 312.0046; Found: 312.0150

## 1-Bromo-2-(2-phenoxy-ethyl)-benzene (23)

 $R_f$  = 0.50 on silica gel (5% EtOAc:Hexanes); IR ( $v_{max}$  /cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2938 (weak), 1240, 1036, 747; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 3.22 (2H, t, J=7Hz), 4.17 (2H, t, J=7Hz), 6.91 (3H, m), 7.08 (1H, m), 7.26 (4H, m), 7.53 (1H, dd, J=9Hz & 1Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 35.99, 66.59, 114.47, 120.72, 124.63, 127.45, 128.26, 129.42, 131.29, 123.80, 137.49, 158.60; HRMS calculated for  $C_{14}H_{13}BrO$  (M+) 276.0135; Found: 276.0150

6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromenes 8<sup>1</sup> and 16<sup>1</sup>, 10<sup>1</sup>, 4<sup>3</sup> were prepared according to the general procedure and exhibited spectral data identical to literature values.<sup>1, 3</sup> Cyclization product 22<sup>6</sup> and 20<sup>5</sup> as well as by product 5<sup>3</sup> exhibited spectral data identical to literature values.<sup>3, 4, 6</sup>

## General procedure for cyclization:

To a mixture of *crushed* K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (169mg, 1.22mmol) and bromo ether **15** (169mg, 0.61mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere was added 3mL of *N,N*-Dimethylacetamide (DMA) in a 10mL round bottom flask equipped with a mechanical stir bar. To the stirring reaction mixture was added 50µL of a Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> and Ligand<sup>7</sup> stock solution containing 7mg/mL Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> and 36mg/mL Ligand<sup>7</sup>. (Similar results are obtained if the palladium and ligand are weighed out exactly and placed in the reaction mixture prior to addition the solvent). The reaction mixture is then heated overnight at 125°C. After the reaction was judged complete by TLC or GC/MS analysis, the heat source was removed and the reaction mixture was allowed to cool. The crude mixture was then loaded onto a silica gel flash chromatography column 10% ethyl acetate in hexanes as the eluent to afford 2-Chloro-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene **16**<sup>1</sup> in 92% yield (110mg).

#### 4-Methyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene (12)

 $R_f$  = 0.43 on silica gel (5% EtOAc:Hexanes); IR ( $v_{max}$  /cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2921 (weak), 1421, 1249, 1195, 1020, 752; <sup>1</sup>NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 2.26 (3H, s), 5.08 (2H, s), 6.93 (1H, t, J=7Hz), 7.09 (2H, t, J=7Hz), 7.23 (1H, t, J=7Hz), 7.32 (1H, t, J=3Hz), 7.55 (1H, d, J=8Hz), 7.64 (1H, d, J=8Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,

293K, TMS): 15.93, 68.33, 120.93, 121.41, 122.18, 122.41, 124.48, 126.64, 127.40, 128.32, 130.46, 130.77, 131.37, 152.91; HRMS calculated for  $C_{14}H_{12}O$  (M+) 196.0869; Found: 196.0888

# 2-Trifluoromethyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene (14)

 $R_f$  = 0.43 on silica gel (5% EtOAc:Hexanes); IR ( $v_{max}$  /cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2850 (weak), 1315, 1250, 1112, 752  $^1$ NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 5.12 (2H, s), 7.01 (1H, d, J=8Hz), 7.11 (1H, m), 7.33 (2H, m), 7.44 (1H, m), 7.66 (1H, d, J=7Hz), 7.93 (1H, s);  $^{13}$ C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 68.50, 117.84, 120.61 (q, J=4Hz), 122.17, 123.07, 124.32 (q, J=33Hz), 124.46 (q, J=272Hz), 124.77, 126.30 (q, J=4Hz), 128.56, 128.73, 130.98, 157.22; HRMS calculated for  $C_{14}H_9F_3O$  (M+) 250.0601; Found: 250.0605

## 6H-Dibenzo[c,h]chromene (18)

 $R_f$  = 0.47 on silica gel (5% EtOAc:Hexanes); IR ( $v_{max}$  /cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2870 (weak), 1395, 1351, 1096, 758; <sup>1</sup>NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 5.23 (2H, s), 7.11 (1H, d, J=7Hz), 7.22 (1H, t, J=2Hz), 7.33 (1H, t, J=3Hz), 7.45 (3H, m), 7.65 (1H, d, J=3Hz), 7.75 (2H, m), 8.25 (1H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 68.73, 117.07, 120.90, 121.48, 121.85, 122.19, 124.52, 125.28, 125.71, 126.55, 127.29, 127.57, 128.45, 130.56, 130.62, 134.29, 150.23; HRMS calculated for  $C_{17}H_{12}O$  (M+) 232.0871; Found: 232.0888

## Dibenzoxapine (24)

 $R_f = 0.36$  on silica gel (5% EtOAc:Hexanes); IR ( $v_{max}$  /cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2870 (weak), 1309, 1252, 1030, 758; ; <sup>1</sup>NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 2.82 (2H, t, J=6Hz), 4.57 (2H, t, J=6Hz), 7.14 (1H, d, J=8Hz), 7.29 (4H, m), 7.41 (3H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 33.39, 78.42, 122.31, 124.55, 127.35, 127.71, 128.03, 128.13, 129.02, 129.21, 135.24, 137.37, 138.86, 154.33; HRMS calculated for  $C_{14}H_{12}O$  (M+) 196.0893; Found: 196.0888

## (1,1'-Biphenyl-2-yl)di(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)phosphine (27)

 $R_f = 0.52$  on silica gel (5% EtOAc:Hexanes); IR ( $v_{max}$  /cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2922 (medium), 2860, 1610, 1318, 1107, 1064, 1011, 825, 748, 700; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 7.01-7.06 (1H, m), 7.15-7.19 (2H, m), 7.28-7.47 (10H, m), 7.53-7.57 (4H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): Complex peak patterns due to fluorine and phosphorous coupling; 118.59, 122.20, 125.14, 125.18, 125.23, 125.27, 125.32, 125.36, 125.48, 125.55, 125.81, 127.55, 127.63, 127.81, 127.84, 129.42, 129.59, 129.65, 129.78, 129.80, 130.17, 130.41, 130.48, 130.60, 131.03, 131.46, 133.67, 133.83, 134.04, 134.10, 134.22, 134.30, 134.39, 134.47, 141.19, 141.28, 141.92, 142.13, 148.50, 148.89; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282.2MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TFA): 12.86; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (121.4MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, HMPA): -13.50; HRMS calculated for  $C_{26}H_{17}PF_6$  (M+) 474.0972; Found: 474.0943; MP: 137-138°C (Hex)

# **Intramolecular Kinetic Isotope Effect Experiment**

$$\frac{\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2}{\text{Ligand}} + \frac{\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2}{\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3, \text{DMA}}$$

## (2-bromobenzyloxy)-2-d-benzene (A)

 $R_f$  = 0.64 on silica gel (5% EtOAc:Hexanes); IR ( $v_{max}$  /cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3030 (weak), 1515, 1240, 1028, 819, 735; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 5.14 (2H, s), 6.98 (2H, m), 7.18 (1H, td, J=7.6 et J=1.6), 7.31 (3H, m), 7.57 (2H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293K, TMS): 69.27, 114.87, 121.16, 122.23, 127.56, 128.84, 129.18, 129.43, 129.53, 132.59, 136.33, 158.36; HRMS calculated for  $C_{10}H_{13}DBrO$  (M+) 263.0055; Found 263.0066;

Crude NMR of the experiment shown at the end of experimental data.

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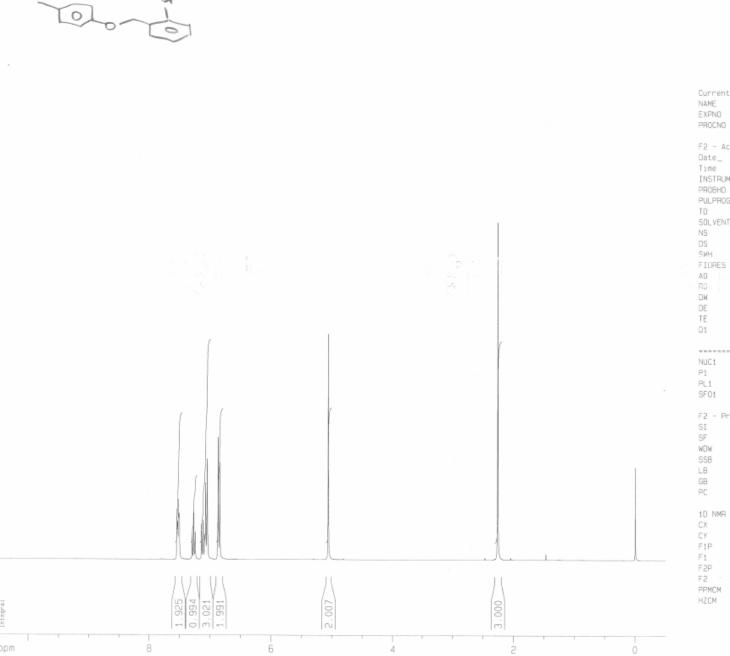
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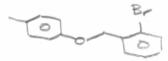
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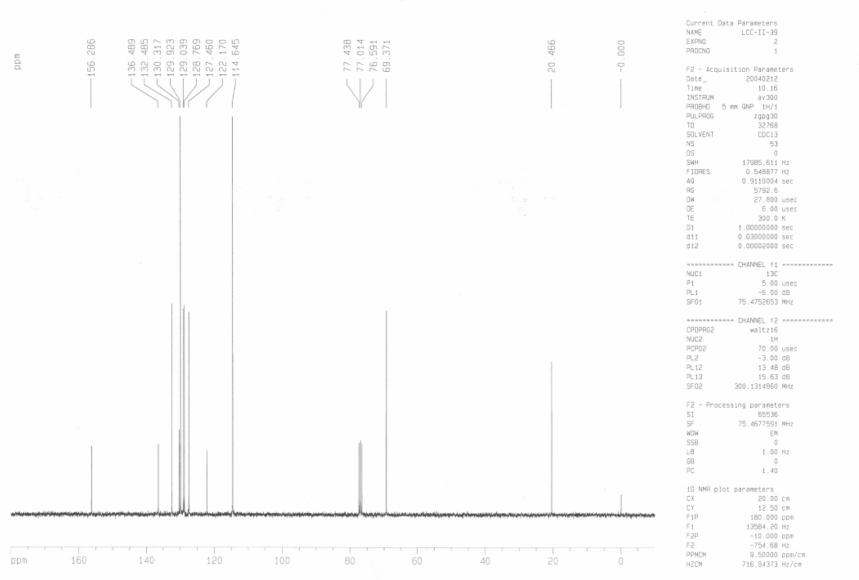
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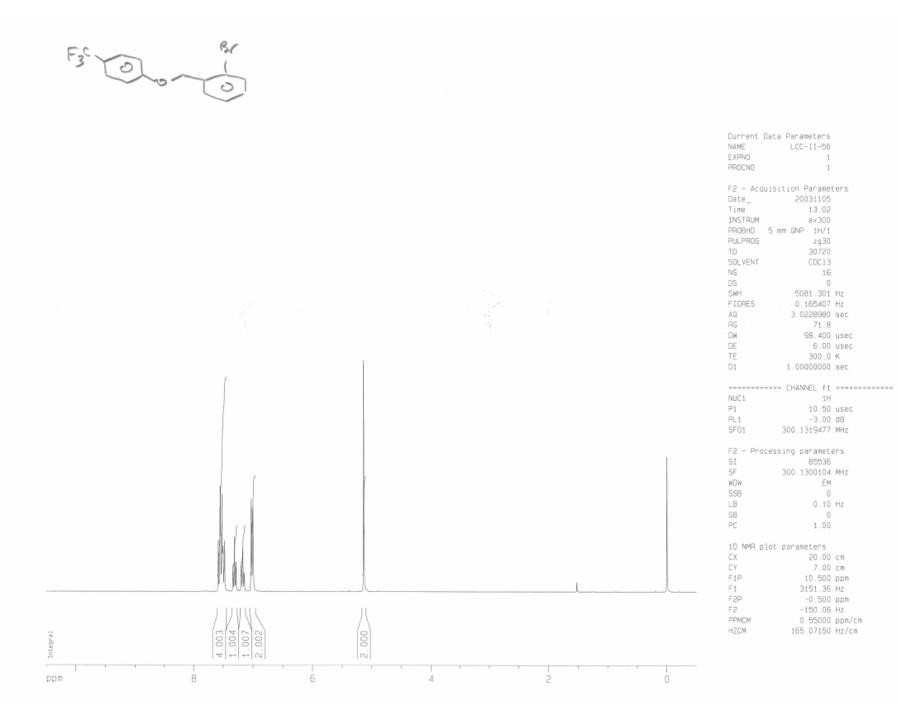


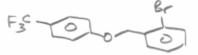
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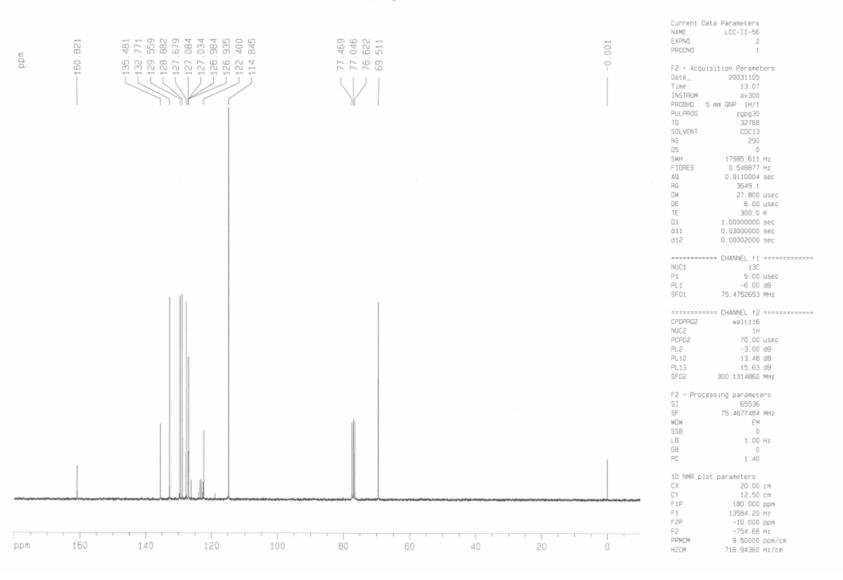
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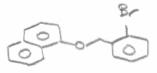


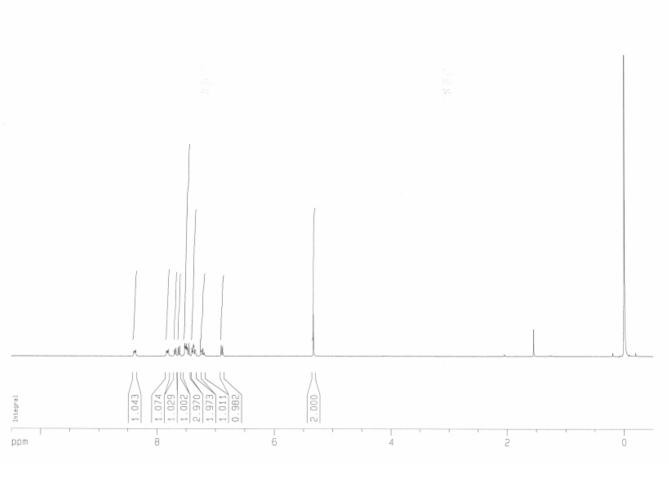




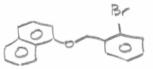
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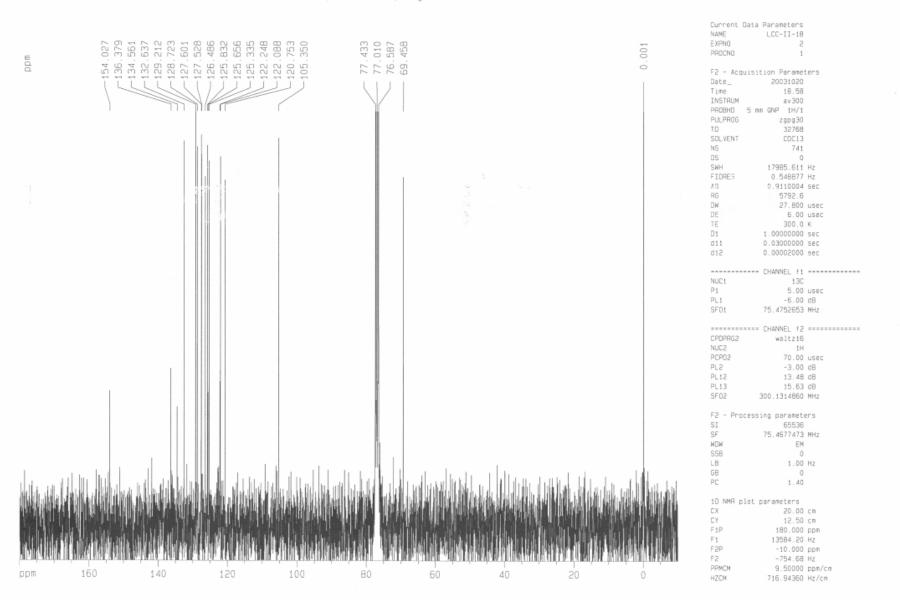


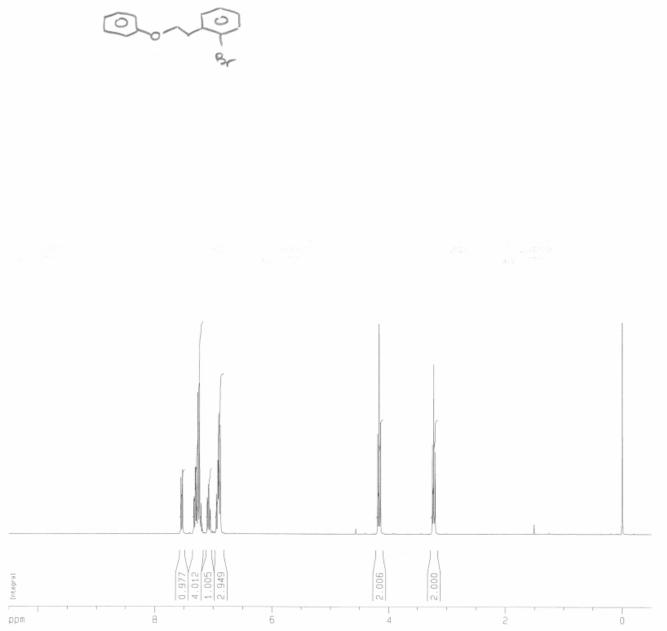


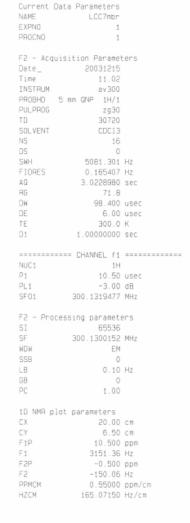
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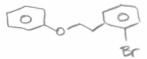


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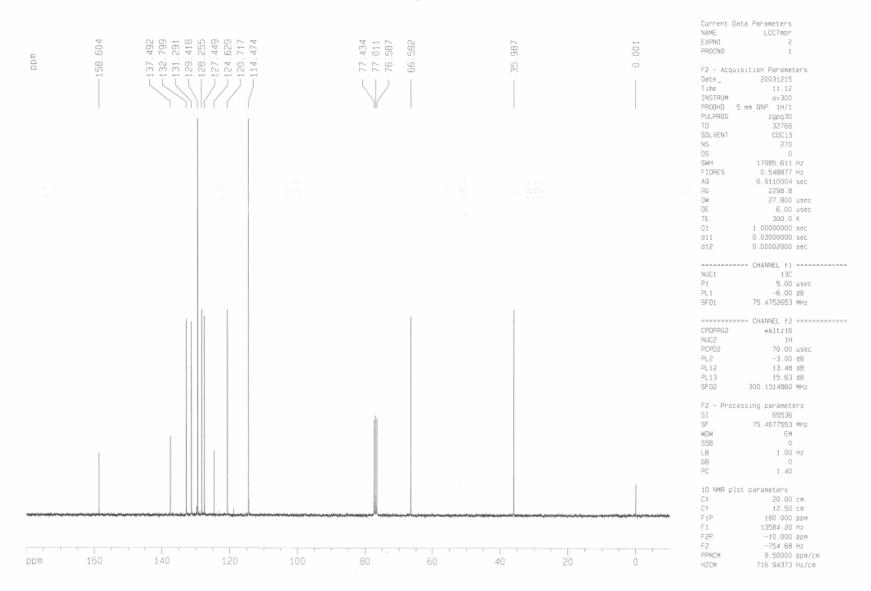


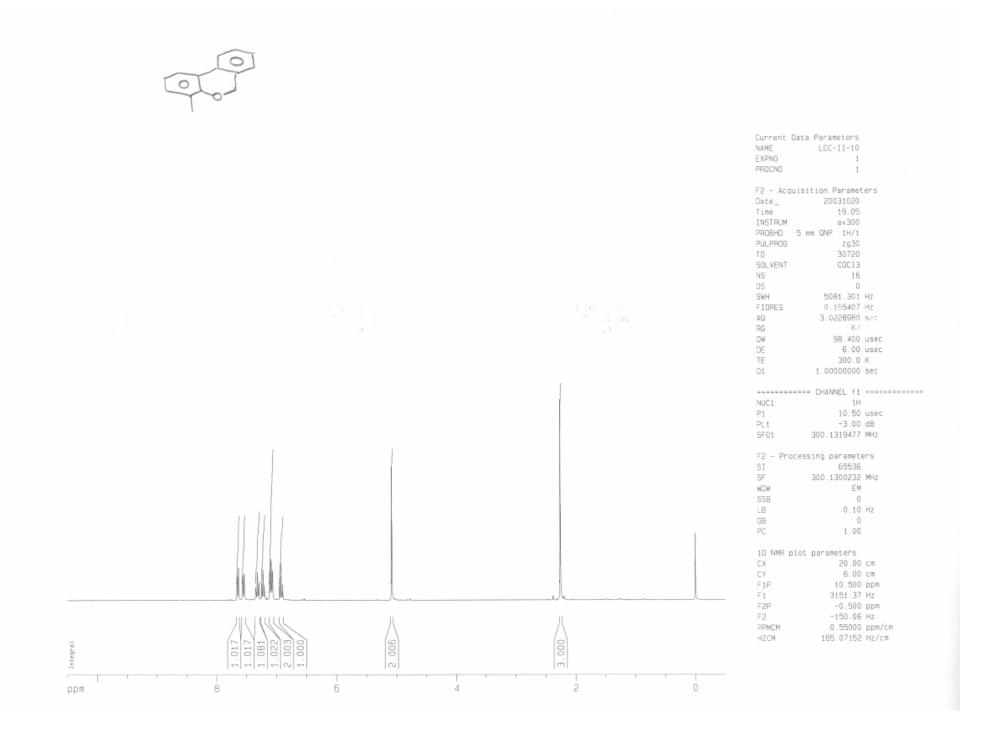






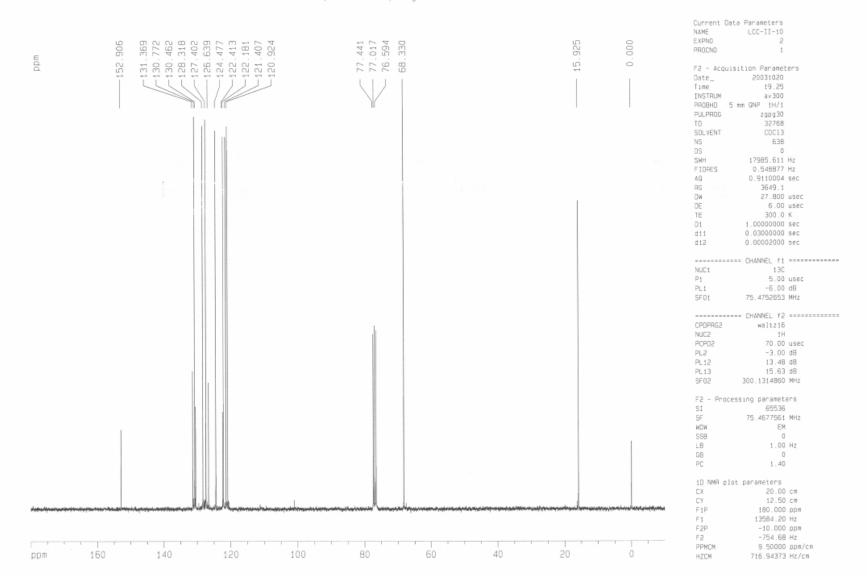
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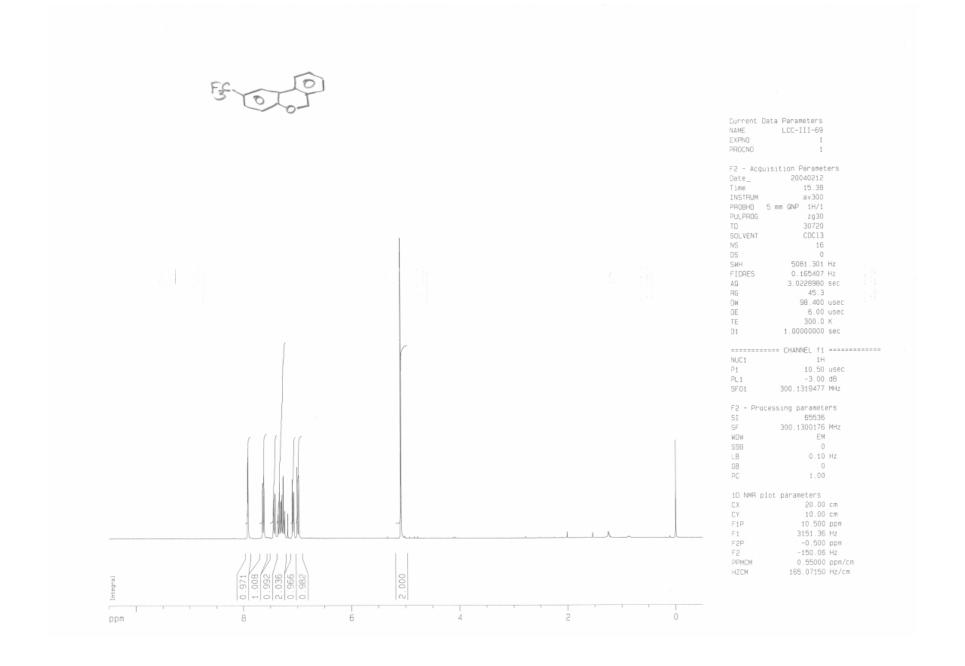


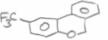


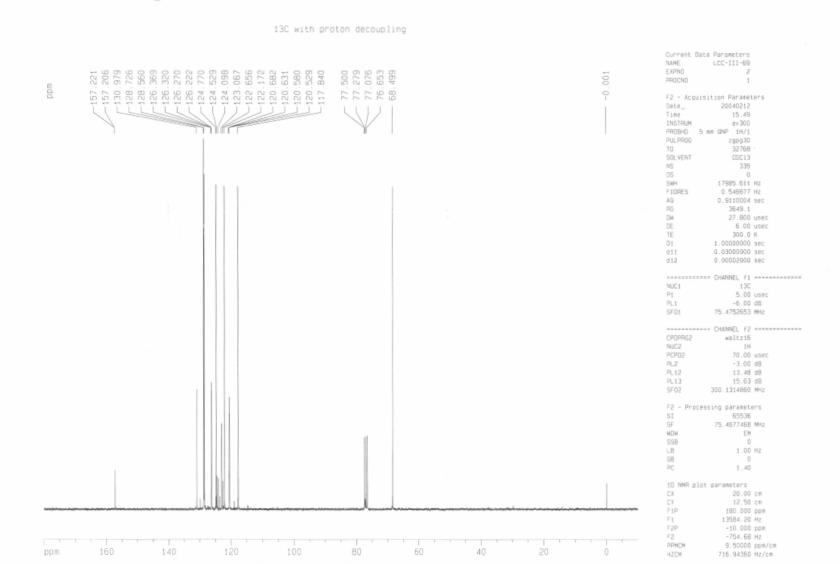


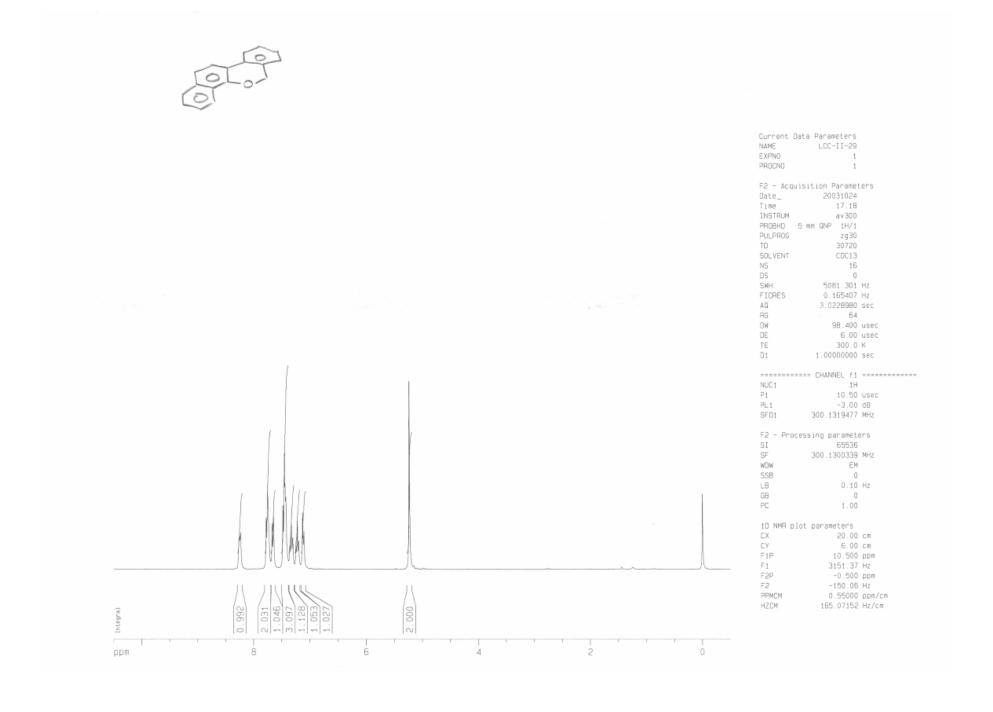
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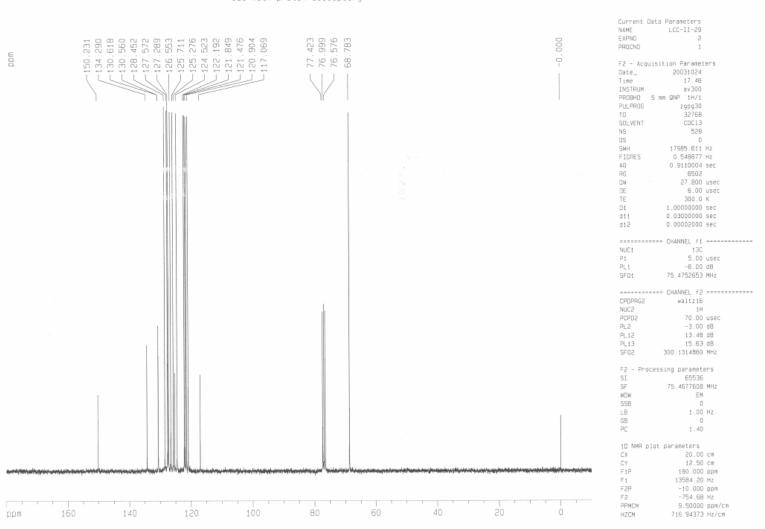


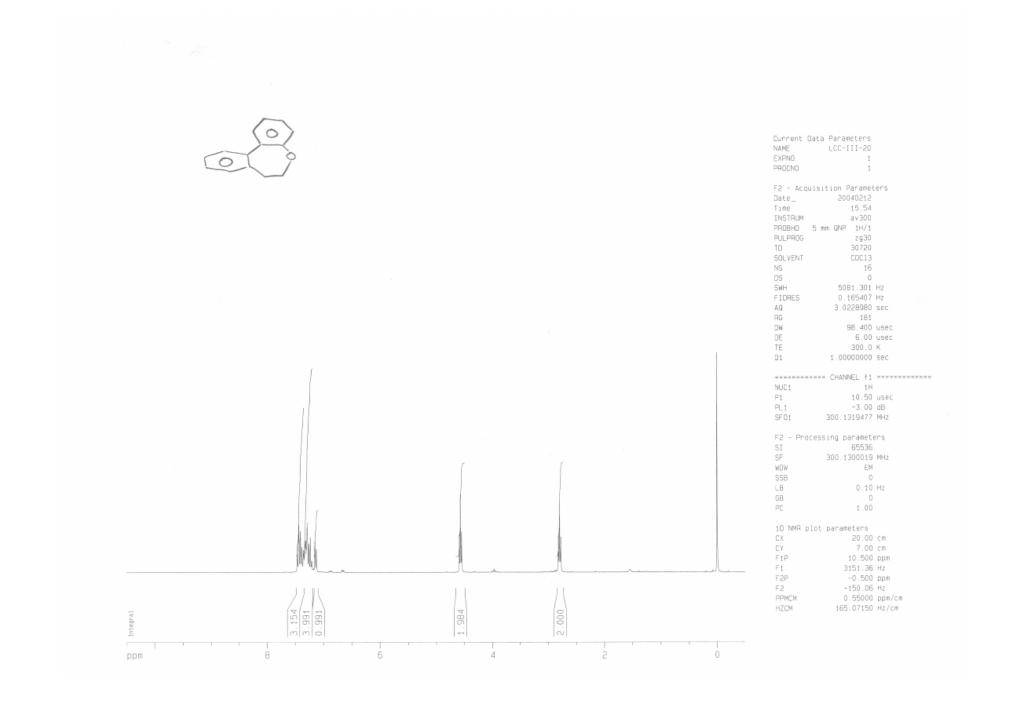






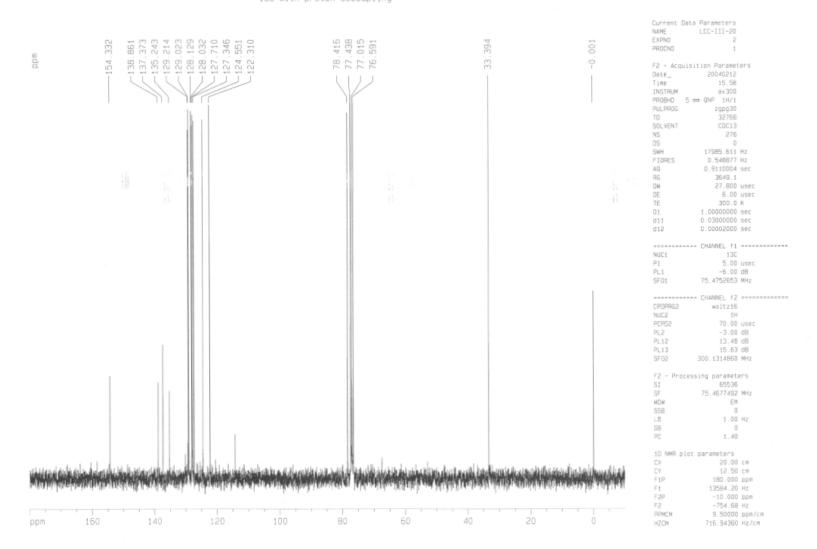
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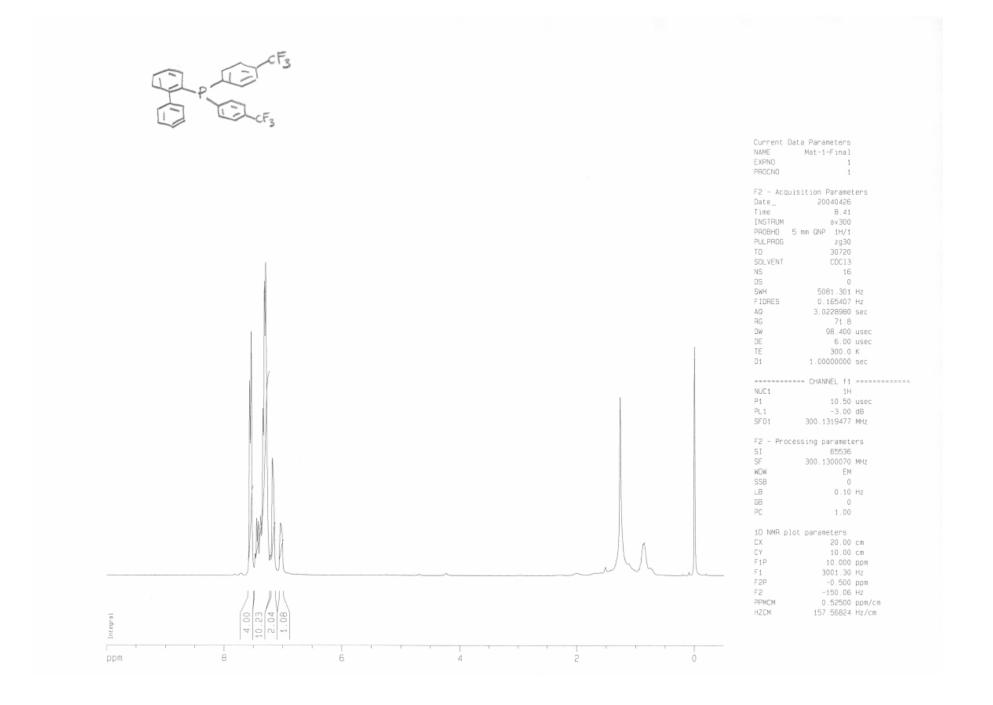




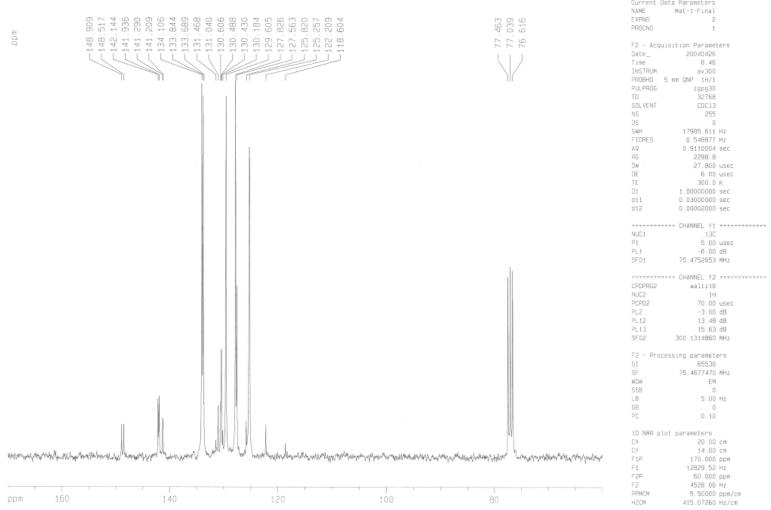


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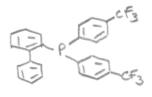


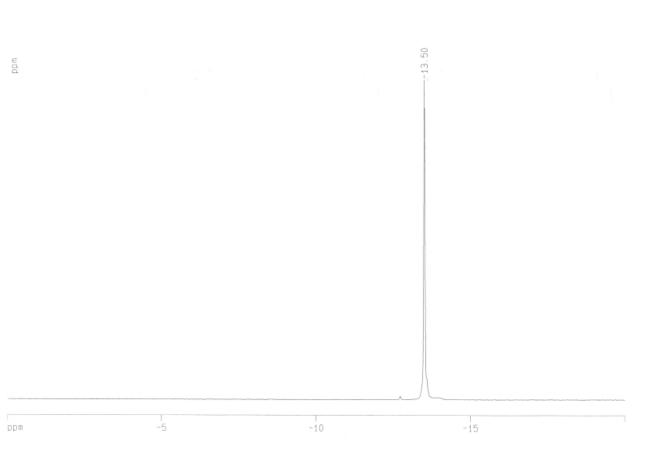


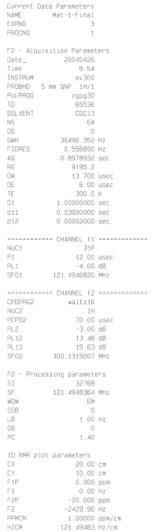
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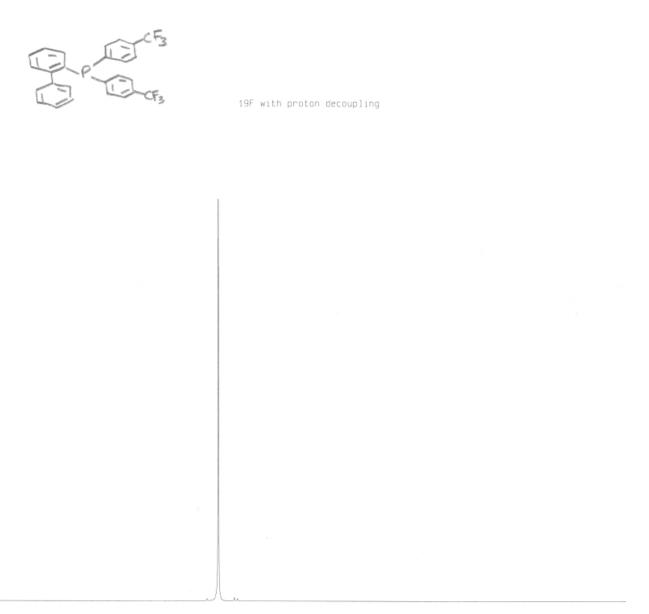


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F2P	60.000	
F2	4528.06	Hz
PPMCM	5.50000	









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Current Data Parameters
NAME Mat-1-Final
EXPNO
             5
PROCNO
F2 - Acquisition Parameters
Date_
           20040426
Time
             9.00
INSTRUM
             av300
PROBHO 5 mm QNP 1H/1
PULPROG
             zg
TD
             32768
SOLVENT
             CDC13
NS
            16
DS
              0
SWH
           75179.281 Hz
FIDRES
           2.294290 Hz
AQ
          0.2179824 sec
RG
             362
             6.651 usec
DW
DE
             9.50 usec
TE
             300.0 K
D1
         1.00000000 sec
----- CHANNEL f1 -----
NUC1
            19F
P1
              7.90 usec
PL1
            -3.00 dB
SF01
         282.3540472 MHz
F2 - Processing parameters
SI
           65536
         282.3829598 MHz
MON
            EM
SSB
               0
LB
              2.00 Hz
GB.
              0
              1.00
1D NMR plot parameters
CX
             20.00 cm
CY
             13.50 cm
F1P
             20.000 ppm
F1
            5647.66 Hz
F2P
             0.000 ppm
F2
             0.00 Hz
PPMCM
            1.00000 ppm/cm
           282.38297 Hz/cm
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