Supporting Information

Alkynes as Equivalent of α-Diazo Ketones in Generating α-Oxo Metal Carbenes: A Gold-Catalyzed Expedient Access to Dihydrofuran-3-ones

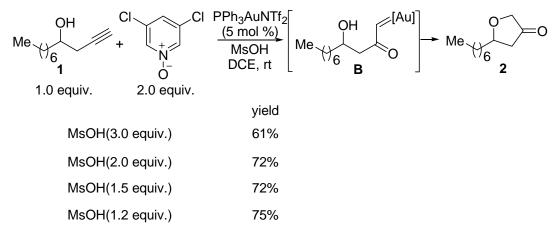
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General. Ethyl acetate (ACS grade), hexanes (ACS grade) and diethyl ether (ACS grade) were purchased from Fisher Scientific and used without further purification. Anhydrous 1, 2-dichloroethane (HPLC grade) was purified by distillation over calcium hydride. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran in Pure-Pac[™] from Aldrich was used directly without further purification. Commercially available reagents were used without further purification. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silicycle pre-coated silica gel plates. Flash column chromatography was performed over silicycle silica gel (230-400 mesh). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 500 MHz Unity plus spectrometer and a Varian 400 MHz spectrometer using residue solvent peaks as internal standards. Infrared spectra were recorded with a Perkin Elmer FT-IR spectrum 2000 spectrometer and are reported in reciprocal centimeter (cm⁻¹). Mass spectra were recorded with Micromass QTOF2 Quadrupole/Time-of-Flight Tandem mass spectrometer using electron spray ionization.

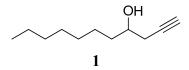
Reaction Conditions Optimization: Different Ratios of N-oxides and Acid



General procedure for the preparation of propargylic alcohol 1 and 3

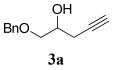
In a typical experiment a solution of Grignard reagent, C_3H_3MgBr in Et_2O was prepared by a literature procedure.¹ This solution was cooled to -30 °C and a solution of the corresponding aldehyde or ketone in Et_2O was added dropwise. The mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. It was then poured into ice water. Saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution was added to dissolve the precipitate and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether and the extracts were combined with the above organic layer. The combined solution was dried over MgSO₄. After evaporation of the solvent the residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography.

Undec-1-yn-4-ol (1)



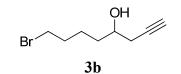
The title alcohol was prepared by reacting prop-2-yne-1-yl magnesium bromide with octanal in 97% yield. This compound is known and the spectroscopic data match those reported.² ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.80 – 3.72 (m, 1H), 2.47 – 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.06 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 1.89 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 1.58 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.27 (m, 10H)), 0.88 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 80.9, 70.7, 69.9, 36.2, 31.8, 29.5, 29.2, 27.3, 25.6, 22.6, 14.1.

1-Benzyloxypent-4-yn-2-ol (3a)



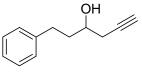
The title alcohol was prepared by reacting prop-2-yne-1-yl magnesium bromide with benzyloxy-acetaldehyde in 83% yield. This compound is known and the spectroscopic data match those reported.³ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 4.00 – 3.93 (m, 1H), 3.61 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.52 – 3.47 (m, 1H), 2.61 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 2.44 (dd, 2H, *J* = 6.0 Hz, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 2.02 – 2.01 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.7, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 80.2, 73.4, 72.7, 70.5, 68.7, 23.4.

8-Bromooct-1-yn-4-ol (3b)



The title alcohol was prepared by reacting prop-2-yne-1-yl magnesium bromide with 5bromo-pentanal in 45% yield.¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.77 – 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.40 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 2.45 – 2.28 (m, 2H), 2.05 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 1.96 (bs, 1H), 1.92 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.47 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 80.6, 71.0, 69.6, 35.2, 33.6, 32.5, 27.4, 24.2; IR (neat): 3386, 3295, 2931, 2864, 1425; MS (ES⁺) Calculated for [C₈H₁₃BrNaO]⁺: 227.0; Found: 227.1.

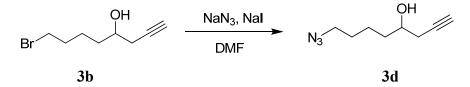
1-Phenylhex-5-yn-3-ol (3c)



3c

The title alcohol was prepared by reacting prop-2-yne-1-yl magnesium bromide with 3-phenyl-propionaldehyde in 77% yield. This compound is known and the spectroscopic data match those reported.⁴ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 3.82 – 3.75 (m, 1H), 2.84 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.50 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.05 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 2.01 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.88 – 1.83 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.6, 128.4, 128.3, 125.8, 80.6, 70.9, 69.0, 37.7, 31.8, 27.4.

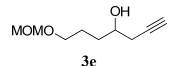
8-Azidooct-1-yn-4-ol (3d)



To a solution of **3b** (612 mg, 3.0 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) was added NaN₃ (0.59 g, 9 mmol) and NaI (0.3 g, 1.5 mmol) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was heated at 80 °C for 12 h and cooled to room temperature before the addition of water (10 mL)

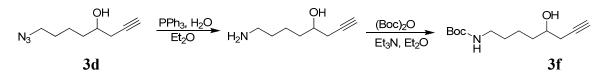
and diethyl ether (20 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 30 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with water (2 × 10 mL), brine (10 mL), dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated. The crude product was purified with flash silica gel column chromatography (eluents: hexanes : ethyl acetate = 5:1) to get **3d** (0.256 g, 1.5 mmol) in 50% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.80 – 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.29 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 2.47 – 2.30 (m, 2H), 2.07 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 1.94 (bs, 1H), 1.69 – 1.42 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 80.6, 71.0, 69.5, 51.3, 35.5, 28.7, 27.4, 22.8; IR (neat): 3395(bs), 3299, 2940, 2866, 2098, 1456, 1350, 1264; MS (ES⁺) Calculated for [C₈H₁₄N₃O]⁺: 168.1; Found: 168.1.

7-Methoxymethoxyhept-1-yn-4-ol (3e)



The title alcohol was prepared by reacting prop-2-yne-1-yl magnesium bromide with 4methoxymethoxy-butyraldehyde in 55% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.58 (s, 2H), 3.78 – 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.53 (t, 2H, *J* = 6 Hz), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.61 (bs, 1H), 2.41 – 2.28 (m, 2H), 2.02 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 1.74 – 1.52 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 96.3, 80.9, 70.6, 69.6, 67.6, 55.2, 33.2, 27.3, 25.9; IR (neat): 3423, 3295, 2937, 1449; Calculated for [C₉H₁₆NaO₃]⁺: 195.1; Found: 195.1.

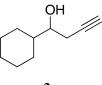
tert-Butyl N-(5-Hydroxyoct-7-ynyl)carbamate (3f)



To a solution of **3d** (70.1 mg, 0.42 mmol) in Et₂O (10 mL) was added PPh₃ (132 mg, 0.5 mmol) and H₂O (0.3 mL) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then added (Boc)₂O (0.685 g, 3.1 mmol) and stirred overnight. The reaction was added water and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3×20 mL)

and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated. The crude product was purified with flash silica gel column chromatography (eluents: hexanes : ethyl acetate = 3:1) to give **3f** (65 mg, 0.27 mmol) in 64% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.54 (bs, 1H), 3.79 – 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.12 (d, 2H, J = 5.6 Hz), 2.45 – 2.29 (m, 2H), 2.06 (t, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz), 2.02 (bs, 1H), 1.64 – 1.36 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.1, 80.8, 79.1, 70.7, 69.6, 40.2, 35.6, 29.9, 28.4, 27.4, 22.6; IR (neat): 3400(bs), 3311, 2977, 2936, 2865, 2119, 1689, 1526, 1366, 1251; MS (ES⁺) Calculated for [C₁₃H₂₃NNaO₃]⁺: 185.1; Found: 185.1.

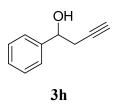
1-Cyclohexylbut-3-yn-1-ol (3g)



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The title alcohol was prepared by reacting prop-2-yne-1-yl magnesium bromide with cyclohexanecarbaldehyde in 80% yield. This compound is known and the spectroscopic data match those reported.⁵ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.51 – 3.47 (m, 1H), 2.48 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.40 – 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.06 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.50 – 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.30 – 0.98 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 81.3, 73.9, 70.6, 42.4, 28.9, 28.1, 26.3, 26.1, 25.9, 24.6.

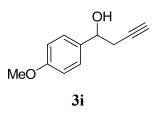
1-Phenylbut-3-yn-1-ol (3h)



The title alcohol was prepared by reacting prop-2-yne-1-yl magnesium bromide with benzaldehyde in 85% yield. This compound is known and the spectroscopic data match those reported.⁶ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 4.87 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.0

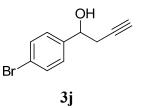
Hz), 2.65 (t, 2H, J = 2.8 Hz), 2.47 (bs, 1H), 2.08 (t, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.4, 128.4, 128.0, 125.7, 80.6, 72.3, 70.9, 29.4.

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)but-3-yn-1-ol (3i)



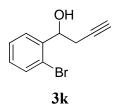
The title alcohol was prepared by reacting prop-2-yne-1-yl magnesium bromide with 4methoxy-benzaldehyde in 78% yield. This compound is known and the spectroscopic data match those reported.⁶ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.90 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 4.84 – 4.80 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.63 – 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.41 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.2 Hz),), 2.06 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.3, 134.6, 127.0, 113.8, 80.8, 71.9, 70.8, 55.2, 29.3.

1-(4-Bromophenyl)but-3-yn-1-ol (3j)



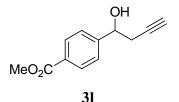
The title alcohol was prepared by reacting prop-2-yne-1-yl magnesium bromide with 4bromo-benzaldehyde in 72% yield. This compound is known and the spectroscopic data match those reported.⁶ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.26 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 4.83 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.62 – 2.59 (m, 2H), 2.50 (bs, 1H),), 2.08 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.3, 131.5, 127.5, 121.8, 80.1, 71.6, 71.3, 29.4.

1-(2-Bromophenyl)but-3-yn-1-ol (3k)



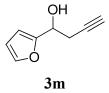
The title alcohol was prepared by reacting prop-2-yne-1-yl magnesium bromide with 2bromo-benzaldehyde in 75% yield. This compound is known and the spectroscopic data match those reported.⁶ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 5.25 – 5.21 (m, 1H), 2.84 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.58 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.11 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.2, 132.6, 129.2, 127.7, 127.3, 121.7, 80.2, 71.2, 70.9, 27.7.

Methyl 4-(1-hydroxybut-3-ynyl)benzoate (3l)



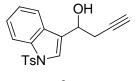
The title alcohol was prepared by reacting prop-2-yne-1-yl magnesium bromide with 4formyl-benzoic acid methyl ester in 65% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 7.47 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.95 – 4.92 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.69 – 2.55 (m, 3H), 2.08 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 147.4, 129.8, 129.7, 125.7, 80.0, 71.8, 71.4, 52.1, 29.4; IR (neat): 3432, 3294, 2952, 1716, 1611, 1435; Calculated for [C₁₂H₁₂NaO₃]⁺: 227.1; Found: 227.1.

(1-Furan-2-yl)but-3-yn-1-ol (3m)



The title alcohol was prepared by reacting prop-2-yne-1-yl magnesium bromide with furan-2-carbaldehyde in 71% yield. This compound is known and the spectroscopic data match those reported.⁶ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (t, 1H, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 6.35 (d, 2H, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 4.88 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 2.78 (dd, 2H, *J* = 6.4 Hz, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 2.45 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.07 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.6, 142.3, 110.2, 106.6, 79.8, 71.1, 66.0, 26.0.

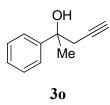
1-[1-(Toluene-4-sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl]but-3-yn-1-ol (3n)



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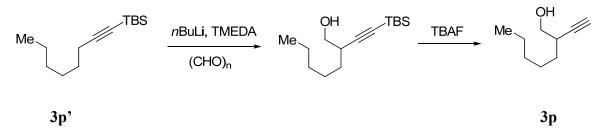
The title alcohol was prepared by reacting prop-2-yne-1-yl magnesium bromide with 1-(toluene-4-sulfonyl)-1H-indole-3-carbaldehyde in 70% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.76 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.62 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 5.10 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.4 Hz, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 2.85 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.58 – 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.10 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.0, 135.3, 135.0, 129.8, 128.6, 126.8, 124.9, 123.6, 123.2, 123.1, 120.1, 113.7, 80.2, 71.5, 66.1, 27.6, 21.5; IR (neat): 3532, 3294, 2918, 1596, 1448, 1368, 1174; MS (ES⁺) Calculated for [C₁₉H₁₇NNaO₃S]⁺: 362.1; Found: 362.1.

2-Phenylpent-4-yn-2-ol (30)



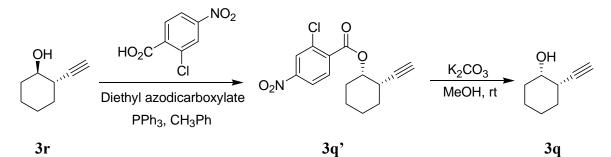
The title alcohol was prepared by reacting prop-2-yne-1-yl magnesium bromide with 1phenyl-ethanone in 65% yield. This compound is known and the spectroscopic data match those reported.⁶ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.29 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.20 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.66 (dq, 2H, *J* = 16.0 Hz, , *J* = 2.4 Hz), 2.35 (s, 1H), 1.99 – 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.3, 128.3, 128.2(1), 128.1(9), 127.1, 124.7, 80.4, 73.2, 71.7, 34.6, 29.2.

2-Ethynylhexan-1-ol (3p)



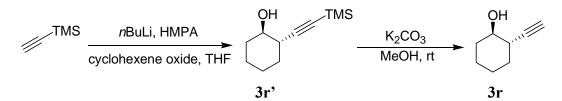
To a solution of **3p**' (750 mg, 6.8 mmol) and TMEDA (8.2 mmol, 1.2 eq) in anhydrous THF (10 mL) cooled to -78 °C was added *n*-BuLi (5.1 mL, 1.6 M in hexanes, 8.2 mmol, 1.2 eq). The resulting mixture was warmed to 0 °C during a 1 h period and cooled in dry ice-acetone bath again before the addition of an aldehyde (1.1 eq). After stirred at -78 °C for 1 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with aq. NH₄Cl, and extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in THF (10 mL), and the resulting solution was treated with TBAF (8.2 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 1.2 eq) at 40 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with aq. NH₄Cl, and extracted with Et₂O. The combine organic layer was washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated. The residue with aq. NH₄Cl, and extracted with Et₂O. The combine organic layer was quenched with aq. NH₄Cl, and extracted with Et₂O. The combine organic layer was washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated. The alkynyl alcohol product was purified with flash silica gel column chromatography to get **3p** in 25% yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.67 – 3.55 (m, 2H), 2.60 – 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.14 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 1.76 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.53 – 1.25 (m, 8H), 0.89 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 85.1, 70.9, 65.4, 35.2, 31.6, 30.8, 26.8, 22.5, 14.0; IR (neat): 3311, 2929, 2860, 1590, 1467; Calculated for [C₉H₁₆NaO]⁺: 163.1; Found: 163.1.

(1S*, 2S*)- 2-Ethynylcyclohexanol (3q)



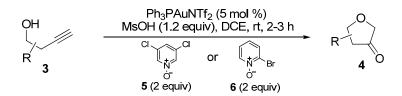
2-Chloro-4-nitro-benzoic acid (202 mg, 1.0 mmol) and Ph₃P (262 mg, 1.0 mmol) were added to a solution of **3r** (62 mg, 0.5 mmol) in toluene (5 mL) at 0 °C under N₂. Diethyl azodicarboxylate (toluene solu., 1.0 mmol) was added dropwise to the resulting solution. The mixture was stirred for 10 h and then treated with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The resulting solution was extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography using hexane-AcOEt (25/1) as the eluent to give **3q**'(138 mg, 90%). **3q**' (138 mg, 0.45 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (10 mL), and the resulting solution was treated with flash silica gel column chromatography to get **3q** in 83% yield. This compound is known and the spectroscopic data match those reported.^{7 1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.71 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 2.85 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.16 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 1.89 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.64 (m, 3H), 1.62 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.36 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.26 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 84.3, 71.7, 69.6, 35.5, 31.2, 28.6, 22.6, 22.0.

(1R*, 2S*)-2-Ethynyl-cyclohexanol (3r)



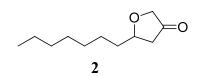
n-BuLi (1.6 M, 11.0 mL, 17.4 mmol) was added dropwise at 0 $^{\circ}$ C to a solution of triethylsilylacetylene (2.3 mL, 15.8 mmol) in THF (20 mL) and HMPA (7.5 mL). The mixture was stirred for 30 min. then cyclohexene oxide (1.7 mL, 15.8 mmol) added and

stirring continued for 12 h. Aqueous NH₄Cl (10 mL) was added, and the mixture then extracted with Et₂O (3 x 20 mL), the combined extracts washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and then condensed in vacuo. Column chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc, 5:1) gave 2-trimethylsilanylethynyl-cyclohexanol **3r'** (2.38 g, 77%) as a colorless oil. **3r'** (1.49 g, 7.6 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (15 mL), and the resulting solution was treated with K₂CO₃ (1.60 g, 11.6 mmol) at rt for 6 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and purified with flash silica gel column chromatography to get **3r** in 85% yield. This compound is known and the spectroscopic data match those reported.⁸ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.48 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 1H), 2.23 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.14 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 2.03 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.672 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.43 – 1.11 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 85.8, 73.4, 70.2, 38.6, 33.1, 30.8, 24.7, 24.1.



Gold catalysis: general procedure: Pyridine *N*-oxide **5** or **6** (0.60 mmol), MsOH (1.8 mL, 0.20 M in DCE), and Au(PPh₃)NTf₂ (11.1 mg, 0.015 mmol) were added in this order to a solution of the propargyl alcohol **1** or **3** (0.30 mmol) in DCE (4.2 mL) at room temperature under N₂. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction typically took 2 - 3 h. Upon completion, the mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford the desired products **2** or **4**.

5-Heptyldihydrofuran-3-one (2)



Compound **2** was prepared in 73% yield using **5** as oxidant according to the general procedure, and its spectroscopic data match well with those reported.⁹ The reaction time was 2.5 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.24 – 4.17 (m, 1H), 4.03 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 3.81 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 2.51 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18.0 Hz, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.14 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18.0 Hz, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 1.80 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.46 – 1.23 (m, 10H), 0.86 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.3, 78.3, 71.3, 43.0, 35.3, 31.7, 29.4, 29.1, 25.4, 22.6, 14.0; IR (neat): 2928, 2857, 1763, 1466, 1384.

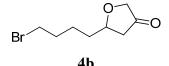
5-Benzyloxymethyldihydrofuran-3-one (4a)



4a

Compound **4a** was prepared in 68% yield using **5** as oxidant according to the general procedure. The reaction time was 3 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 4.59 (dd, 2H, J = 18.0 Hz, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.54 – 4.49 (m, 1H), 4.12 (d, 1H, J = 16.4 Hz), 3.91 (d, 1H, J = 16.8 Hz), 3.74 (dd, 1H, J = 10.4 Hz, J = 3.2 Hz), 3.60 (dd, 1H, J = 10.4 Hz, J = 4.8 Hz), 2.56 – 2.42 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.3, 137.7, 128.4, 127.8, 127.6, 76.7, 73.5, 72.0, 71.4, 38.9; IR (neat): 3087, 3030, 2903, 2864, 1759, 1453, 1361; MS (ES⁺) Calculated for [C₁₂H₁₄NaO₃]⁺: 229.1; Found: 229.1.

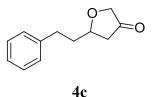
5-(4-Bromobutyl)dihydrofuran-3-one (4b)



Compound **4b** was prepared in 80% yield using **5** as oxidant according to the general procedure. The reaction time was 3 h.¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.27 – 4.20 (m, 1H), 4.06 (d, 1H, J = 17.2 Hz), 3.96 (d, 2H, J = 12.8 Hz), 3.43 (t, 2H, J = 5.6 Hz), 2.56 (dd, 1H, J = 17.6 Hz, J = 4.8 Hz), 2.17 (dd, 1H, J = 17.6 Hz, J = 4.8 Hz), 1.96 – 1.89 (m,

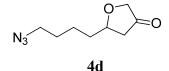
2H), 1.79 - 1.56 (m, 3H), 1.57 - 1.49 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.9, 78.0, 71.4, 42.9, 34.4, 33.4, 32.4, 24.1; IR (neat): 2938, 2865, 1759; Calculated for $[C_8H_{13}BrNaO_2]^+$: 243.0; Found: 243.0.

5-Phenethyldihydrofuran-3-one (4c)



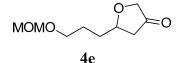
Compound **4c** was prepared in 68% yield using **5** as oxidant according to the general procedure. The reaction time was 3 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 – 7.12 (m, 5H), 4.18 – 4.13 (m, 1H), 4.00 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 3.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 2.77 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.45 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.6 Hz, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.11 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.6 Hz, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 2.07 – 1.89 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.0, 141.1, 128.5, 128.4, 126.1, 77.4, 71.3, 42.9, 37.0, 31.6; IR (neat): 3085, 3026, 2917, 2862, 1759, 1495, 1386; MS (ES⁺) Calculated for [C₁₂H₁₄NaO₂]⁺: 213.1; Found: 213.1.

5-(4-Azidobutyl)dihydrofuran-3-one (4d)



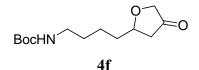
Compound **4d** was prepared in 82% yield using **5** as oxidant according to the general procedure. The reaction time was 3 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.26 – 4.21 (m, 1H), 4.05 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 3.84 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 3.31 (t, 2H, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 2.55 (dd, 1H, *J* = 14.4 Hz, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 2.17 (dd, 1H, *J* = 14.4 Hz, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.80 – 1.47 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.9, 78.0, 71.4, 51.3, 42.9, 34.8, 28.7, 22.7; IR (neat): 2937, 2864, 2094, 1759, 1507, 1456; MS (ES⁺) Calculated for [C₈H₁₃N₃NaO₂]⁺: 168.1; Found: 168.1.

5-(3-Methoxymethoxypropyl)dihydrofuran-3-one (4e)



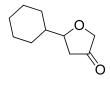
Compound **4e** was prepared in 62% yield using **5** as oxidant according to the general procedure. The reaction time was 3 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.60 (s, 2H), 4.28 – 4.21 (m, 1H), 4.05 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 3.83 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 3.58 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.53 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18 Hz, *J* = 6 Hz), 2.16 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18 Hz, *J* = 6 Hz), 1.84 – 1.62 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.1, 96.4, 78.0, 71.4, 67.3, 55.2, 43.0, 32.1, 25.7; IR (neat): 2950, 2883, 2253, 1761; Calculated for [C₉H₁₆NaO₄]⁺: 211.1; Found: 211.1.

tert-Butyl N-[4-(4-Oxotetrahydrofuran-2-yl)butyl]carbamate (4f)



Compound **4f** was prepared in 64% yield using **5** as oxidant according to the general procedure. The reaction time was 3 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.54 (bs, 1H), 4.27 – 4.20 (m, 1H), 4.05 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 3.83 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 3.14 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.8 Hz, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.53 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18.0 Hz, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.16 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18.0 Hz, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 1.80 – 1.37 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.1, 156.0, 79.1, 78.1, 71.3, 42.9, 40.3, 34.9, 30.0, 28.4, 22.7; IR (neat): 3361, 2977, 2934, 2865, 1760, 1698, 1519, 1365; MS (ES⁺) Calculated for [C₁₃H₂₃NNaO₄]⁺: 280.2; Found: 280.1.

5-Cyclohexyldihydrofuran-3-one (4g)



4g

Compound **4g** was prepared in 72% yield using **5** as oxidant according to the general procedure, and its spectroscopic data match well with those reported.¹⁰ The reaction time was 2 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.04 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 3.97 – 3.91 (m, 1H), 3.82 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 2.46 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18.0 Hz, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.23 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.6 Hz, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 2.00 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 1.80 – 1.52 (m, 5H), 1.30 – 1.15 (m, 3H), 1.08 – 0.97 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.5, 82.7, 71.5, 42.8, 41.0, 29.0, 28.7, 26.4, 25.8, 25.6; IR (neat): 2926, 2853, 1761, 1449; MS (ES⁺) Calculated for [C₁₀H₁₆NaO₂]⁺: 191.1; Found: 191.1.

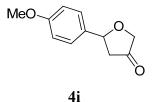
5-Phenyldihydrofuran-3-one (4h)



4h

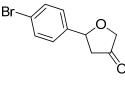
Compound **4h** was prepared in 63% yield using **6** as oxidant according to the general procedure, and its spectroscopic data match well with those reported.¹¹ The reaction time was 2 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 5.29 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.6 Hz, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.25 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 4.01 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 2.86 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18.0 Hz, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.55 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18.0 Hz, *J* = 9.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.2, 139.9, 128.7, 128.3, 125.8, 79.3, 71.7, 44.7; IR (neat): 3087, 3063, 3033, 2959, 2915, 2879, 2829, 1759, 1495, 1372; MS (ES⁺) Calculated for [C₁₀H₁₀NaO₂]⁺: 185.1; Found: 185.1.

5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)dihydro-furan-3-one (4i)



Compound **4i** was prepared in 75% yield using **6** as oxidant according to the general procedure. The reaction time was 3 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.92 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 5.22 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.6 Hz, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 4.22 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 3.98 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.81 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.6 Hz, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.55 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18.0 Hz, *J* = 9.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.5, 159.6, 131.8, 127.3, 114.1, 79.1, 71.7, 55.3, 44.6; IR (neat): 3040, 3006, 2960, 2883, 2838, 1759, 1516, 1464, 1304; MS (ES⁺) Calculated for [C₁₁H₁₂NaO₃]⁺: 215.1; Found: 215.1.

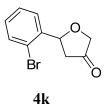
5-(4-Bromophenyl)dihydrofuran-3-one (4j)



4j

Compound **4j** was prepared in 66% yield using **6** as oxidant according to the general procedure. The reaction time was 2 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.24 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 5.20 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.2 Hz, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 4.20 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 3.97 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 2.82 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18.0 Hz, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 2.44 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18.0 Hz, *J* = 9.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.5, 139.0, 131.8, 127.5, 122.1, 78.6, 71.7, 44.6; IR (neat): 3052, 2960, 2880, 2829, 1760, 1490, 1364; Calculated for [C₁₀H₉BrNaO₂]⁺: 263.0; Found: 263.0.

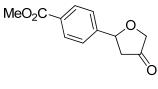
5-(2-Bromophenyl)dihydrofuran-3-one (4k)



Compound **4k** was prepared in 65% yield using **6** as oxidant according to the general procedure. The reaction time was 3 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (dd, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 2.0 Hz), 7.56 (dd, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.22 –

7.17 (m, 1H), 5.52 (dd, 1H, J = 9.2 Hz, J = 6.4 Hz), 4.32 (d, 1H, J = 17.2 Hz), 4.07 (d, 1H, J = 17.2 Hz), 3.13 (dd, 1H, J = 18.4 Hz, J = 6.4 Hz), 2.31 (dd, 1H, J = 18.0 Hz, J = 9.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.6, 140.0, 132.7, 129.4, 127.9, 126.4, 121.4, 78.5, 71.8, 43.7; IR (neat): 3067, 2915, 2883, 2831, 1761, 1472, 1439, 1363; Calculated for [C₁₀H₉BrNaO₂]⁺: 263.0; Found: 263.0.

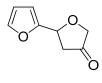
Methyl 4-(4-oxotetrahydrofuran-2-yl)benzoate (4l)



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Compound **4I** was prepared in 55% yield using **6** as oxidant according to the general procedure. The reaction time was 2 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.42 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 5.28 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.4 Hz, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 4.19 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 3.96 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.83 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18 Hz, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 2.44 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18 Hz, *J* = 9.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.3, 166.6, 145.1, 130.0, 125.6, 78.8, 71.7, 52.2, 44.6; IR (neat): 2954, 2884, 1761, 1719, 1612, 1435; Calculated for [C₁₂H₁₂NaO₄]⁺: 243.1; Found: 243.1.

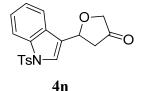
2,3-Dihydro[2,2']bifuranyl-4-one (4m)



4m

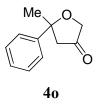
Compound **4m** was prepared in 76% yield using **6** as oxidant according to the general procedure. The reaction time was 3 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 6.38 – 6.36 (m, 2H), 5.36 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.12 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 3.98 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 2.82 – 2.76 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.5, 152.1, 143.2, 110.4, 108.6, 72.2, 70.4, 40.7; IR (neat): 3120, 2925, 2884, 2834, 1760, 1504, 1435, 1403, 1352; Calculated for [C₈H₈NaO₃]⁺: 175.0; Found: 175.0.

5-[1-(Toluene-4-sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl]dihydrofuran-3-one (4n)



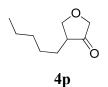
Compound **4n** was prepared in 68% yield using **6** as oxidant according to the general procedure. The reaction time was 2.5 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, *J* = 0.8 Hz), 7.78 (dd, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 7.58 (dd, 2H, *J* = 8.8 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 5.53 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.16 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 4.02 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 2.91 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18.0 Hz, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 2.72 (dd, 1H, *J* = 18.4 Hz, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.6, 145.2, 135.5, 135.1, 130.0, 128.5, 126.9, 125.2, 123.4, 123.2, 121.4, 120.1, 113.8, 73.3, 70.9, 42.6, 21.6; IR (neat): 3112, 3054, 2918, 2849, 1761, 1447, 1369; MS (ES⁺) Calculated for [C₁₉H₁₇NNaO₄S]⁺: 378.1; Found: 378.1.

5-Methyl-5-phenyldihydrofuran-3-one (40)



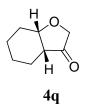
Compound **40** was prepared in 58% yield using **5** as oxidant according to the general procedure. The reaction time was 6 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 4.14 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 3.95 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 2.91 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 2.68 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.6 Hz), 1.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.8, 144.4, 128.6, 127.4, 124.7, 83.7, 70.3, 49.9, 30.1; IR (neat): 2980, 2930, 1762, 1447, 1375; MS (ES⁺) Calculated for [C₁₁H₁₂NaO₂]⁺: 199.1; Found: 199.1.

4-Butyldihydrofuran-3-one (4p)



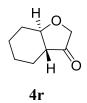
Compound **4p** was prepared in 65% yield using **5** as oxidant according to the general procedure. The reaction time was 3 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.42 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 4.02 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 3.82 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 2.46 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 1.79 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.40– 1.24 (m, 7H), 0.88 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 216.9, 72.5, 71.0, 47.2, 31.6, 27.8, 27.2, 22.4, 13.9; IR (neat): 2931, 2859, 1760, 1462; Calculated for [C₉H₁₆NaO₂]⁺: 179.1; Found: 179.1.

Hexahydrobenzofuran-3-one (4q)



Compound **4q** was prepared in 82% yield using **5** as oxidant according to the general procedure, and its spectroscopic data match well with those reported.¹² The reaction time was 4 h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.35 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.2 Hz, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 4.09 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 3.93 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 2.43 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.6 Hz, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.82 – 1.56 (m, 6H), 1.44 – 1.33 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 216.8, 76.7, 69.9, 46.7, 27.7, 23.0, 22.4, 20.9; IR (neat): 2937, 2858, 1756, 1448.

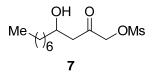
Hexahydro-benzofuran-3-one (4r)



Compound **4r** was prepared in 88% yield at 0 °C using **5** as oxidant according to the general procedure, and its spectroscopic data match well with those reported.¹³ The reaction time was 5 h. Due to its propensity for epimerization, the reaction mixture was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ before concentration instead of direct

concentration, and the resulting residue was passed through silica gel column quickly. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.17 (dd, 1H, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz), 3.80 (d, 1H, J = 17.6 Hz), 3.48 (dt, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz, J = 4.0 Hz), 2.28 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.14 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.62 – 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.31 – 1.16 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.5, 82.3, 72.0, 53.7, 32.3, 25.1, 23.8, 23.0; IR (neat): 2939, 2863, 1763, 1447, 1358.

4-Hydroxy-2-oxoundecyl methanesulfonate (7)



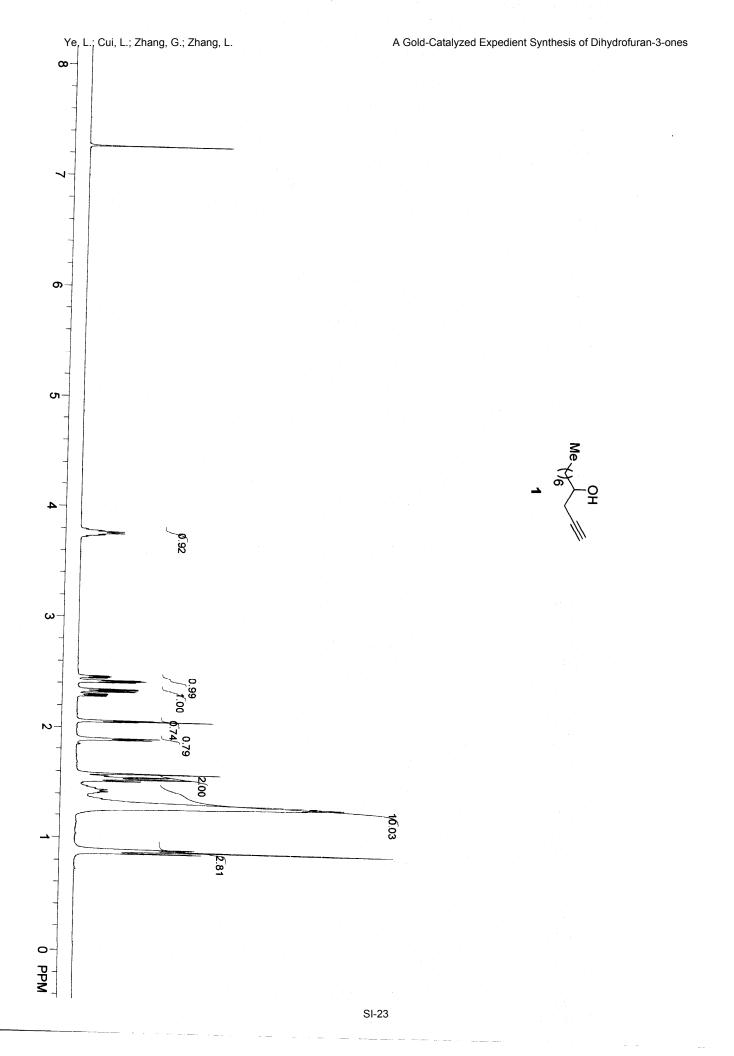
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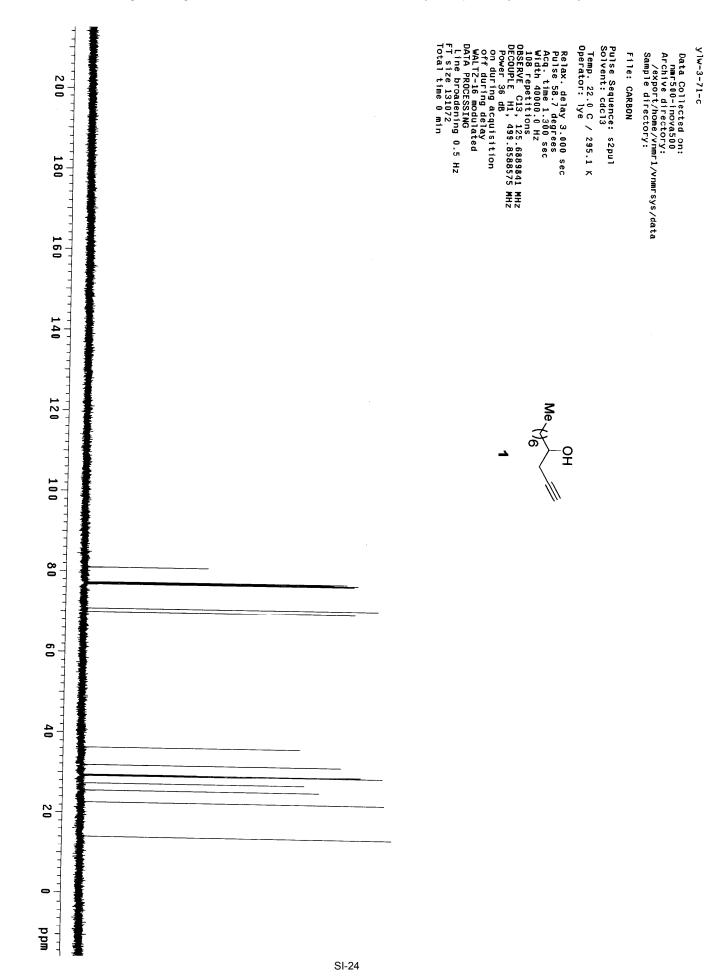
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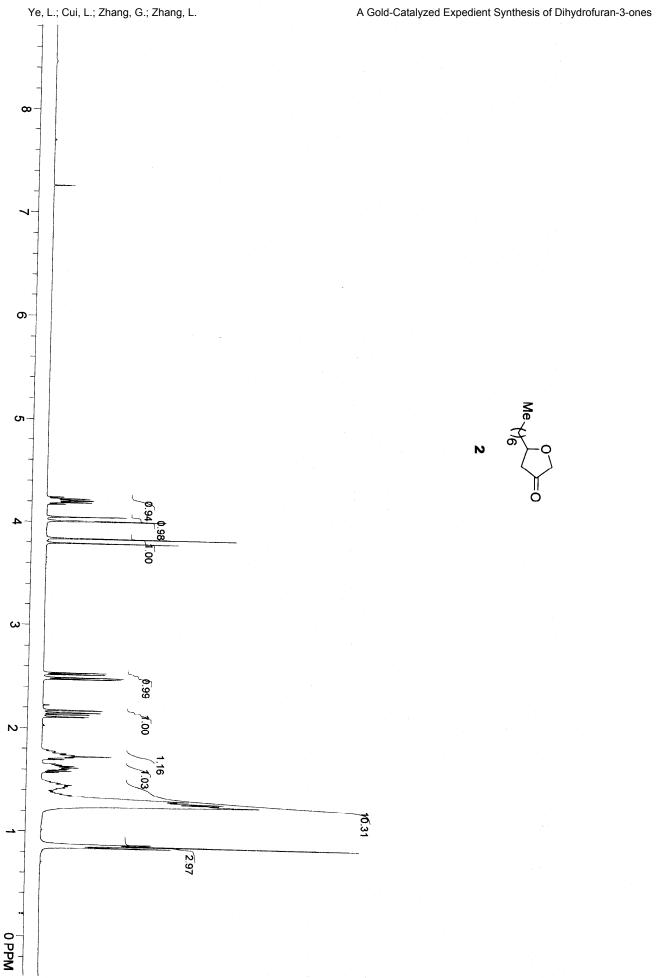
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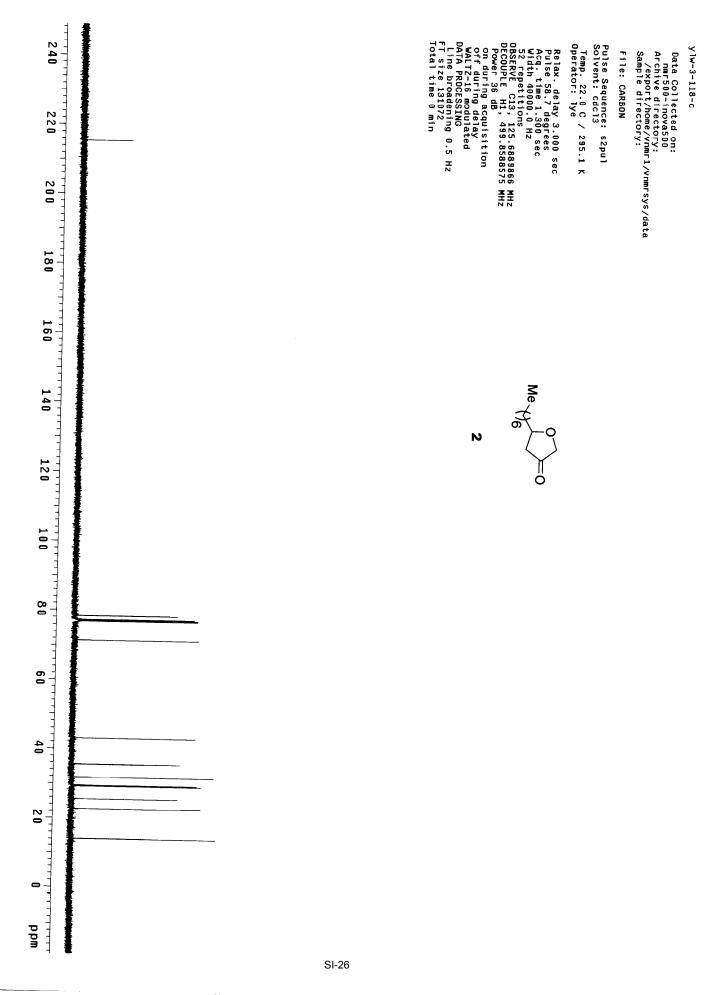
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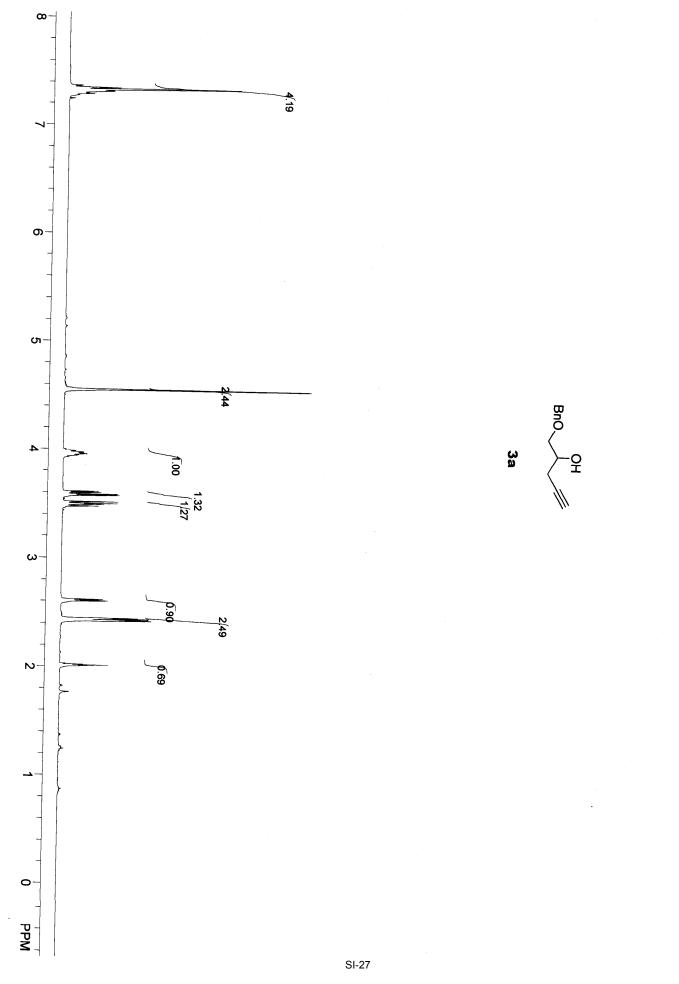


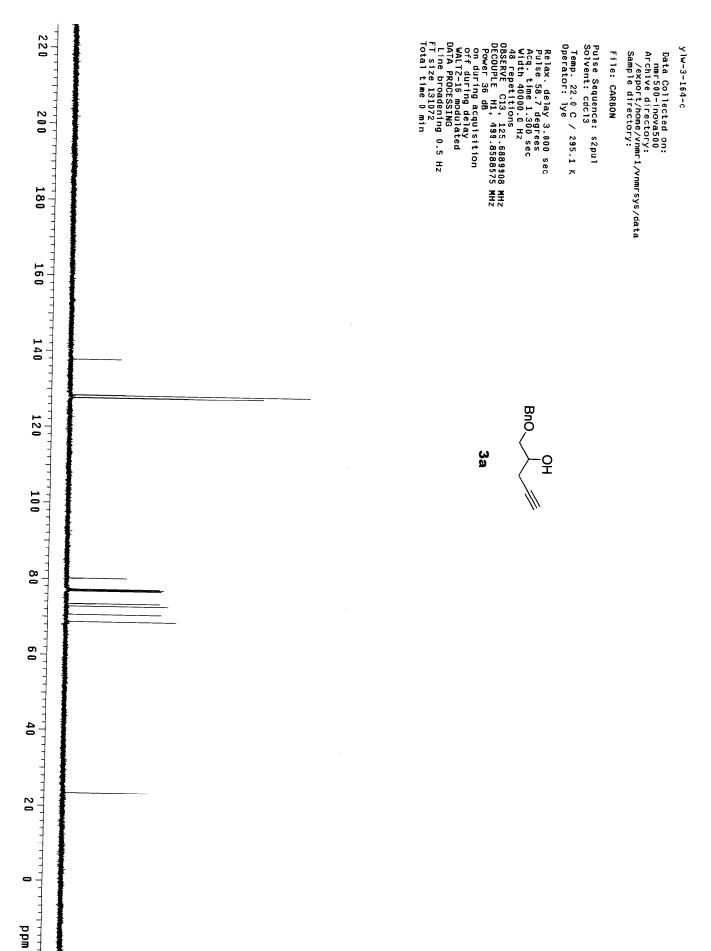


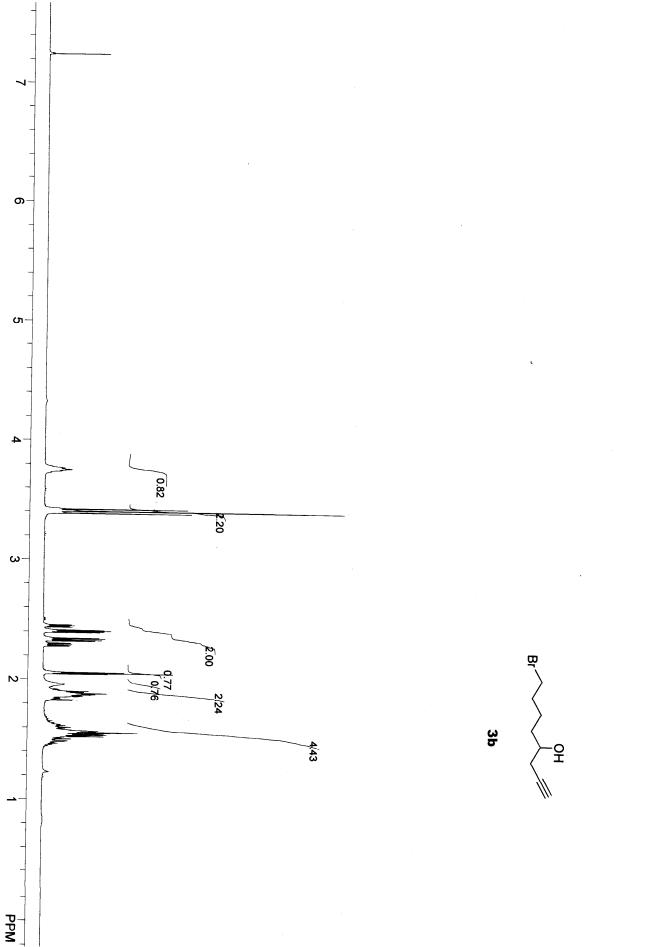


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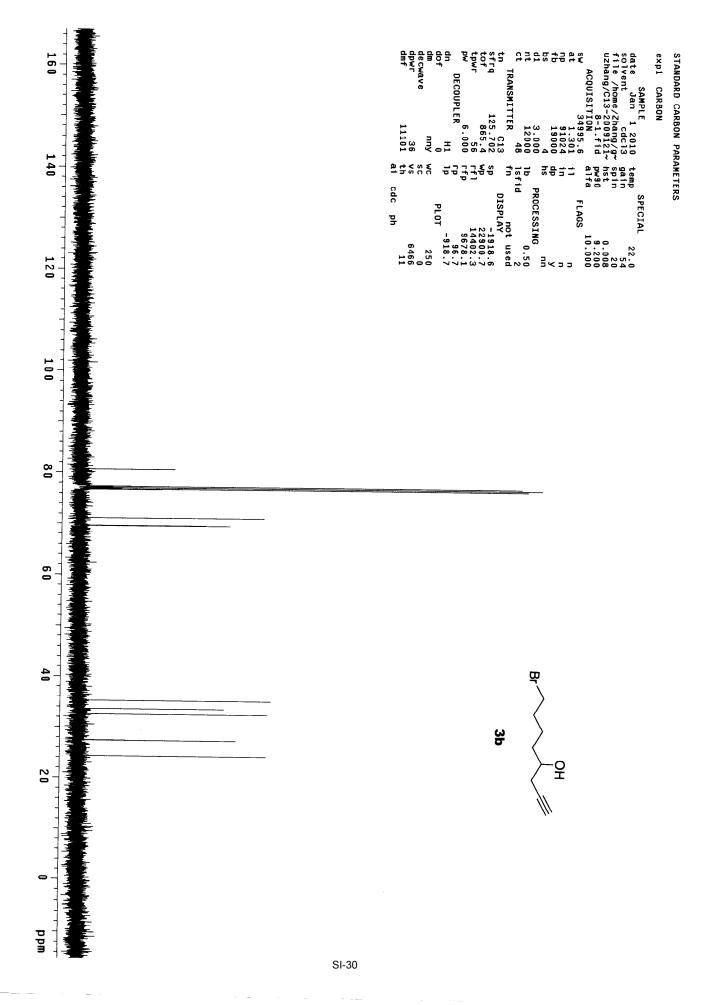


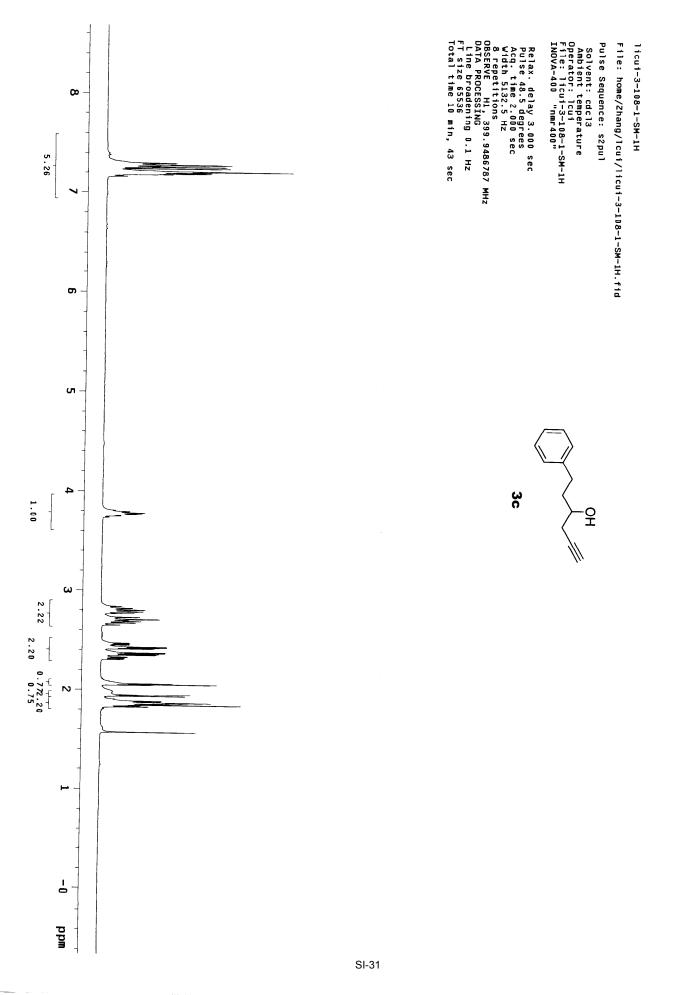


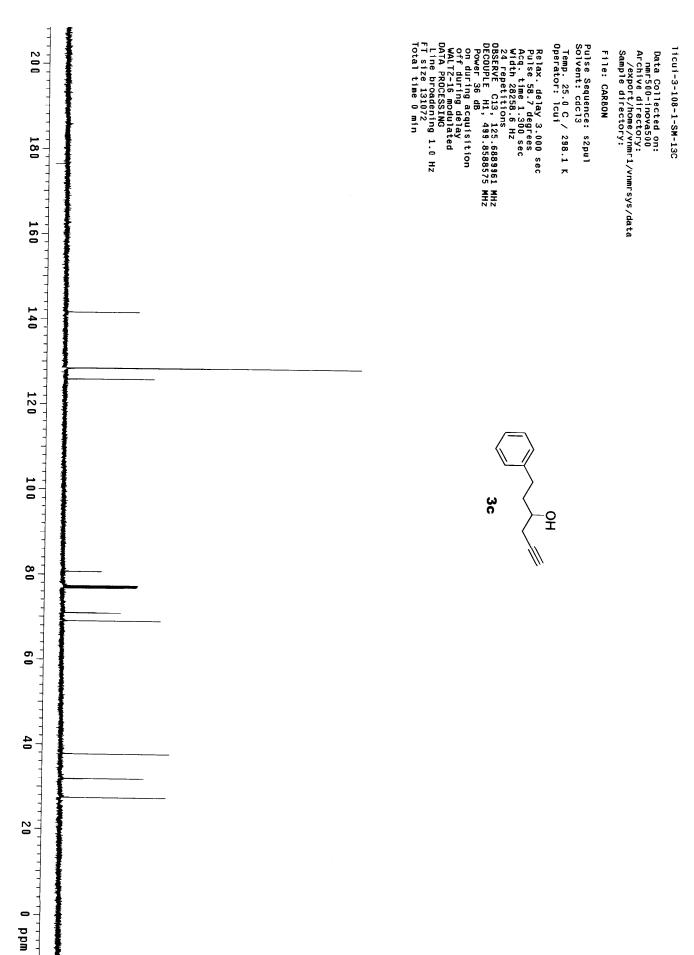


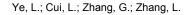


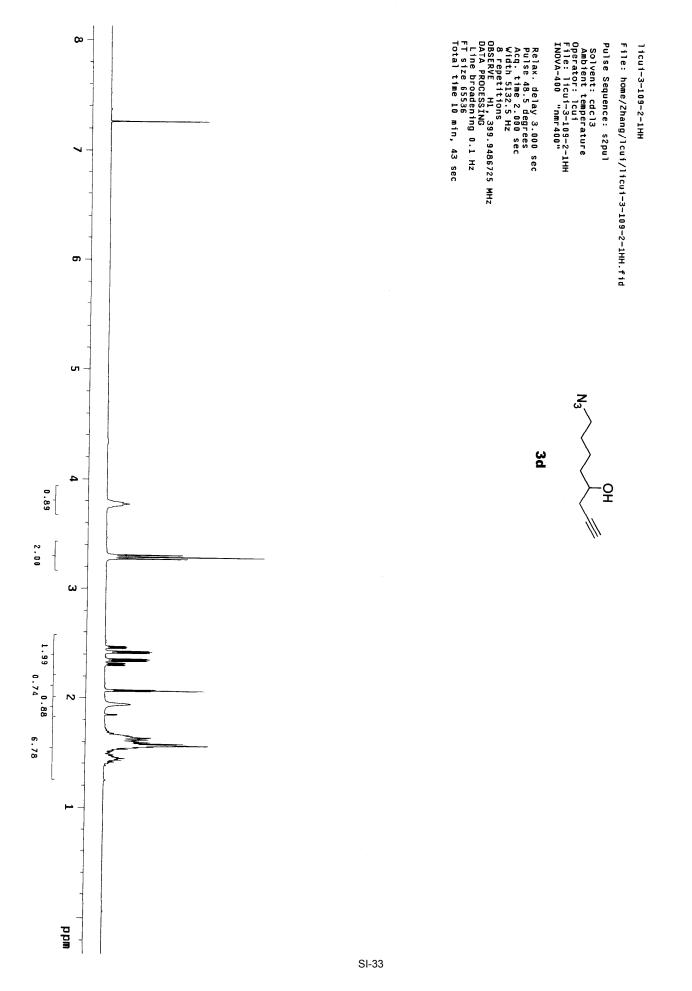
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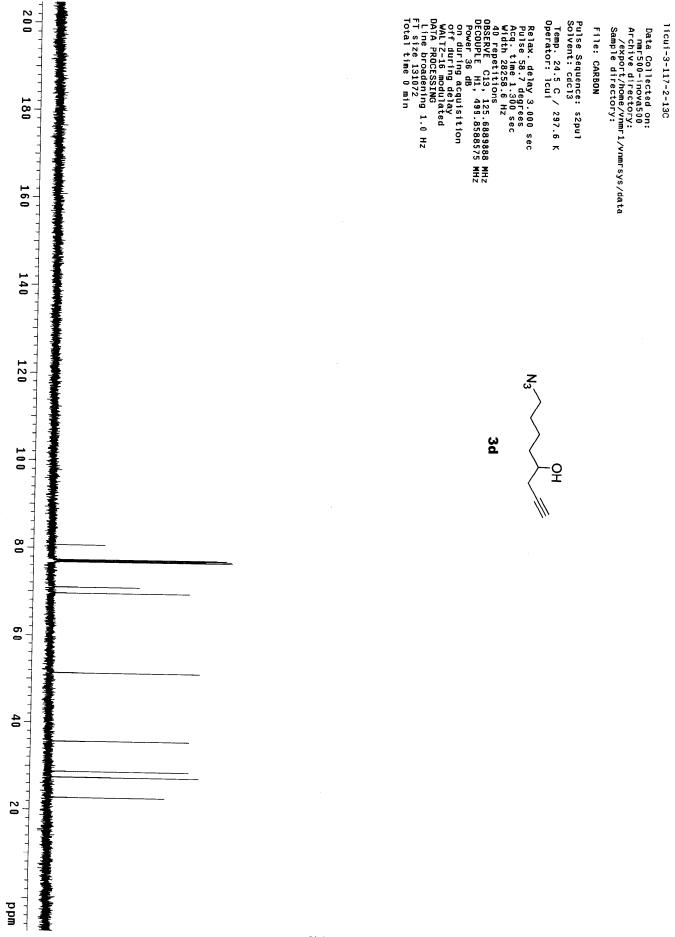






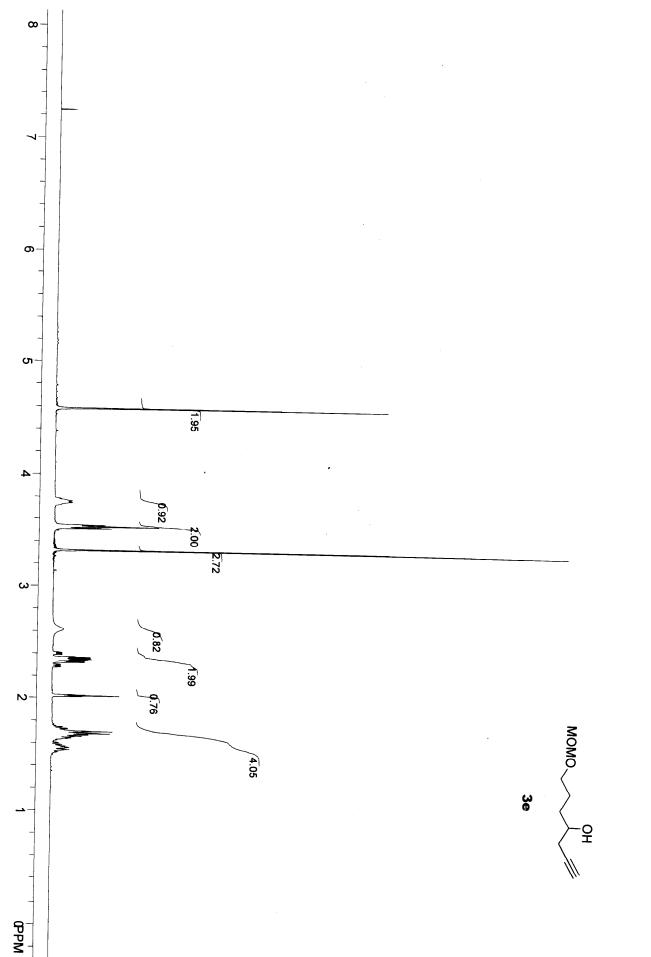


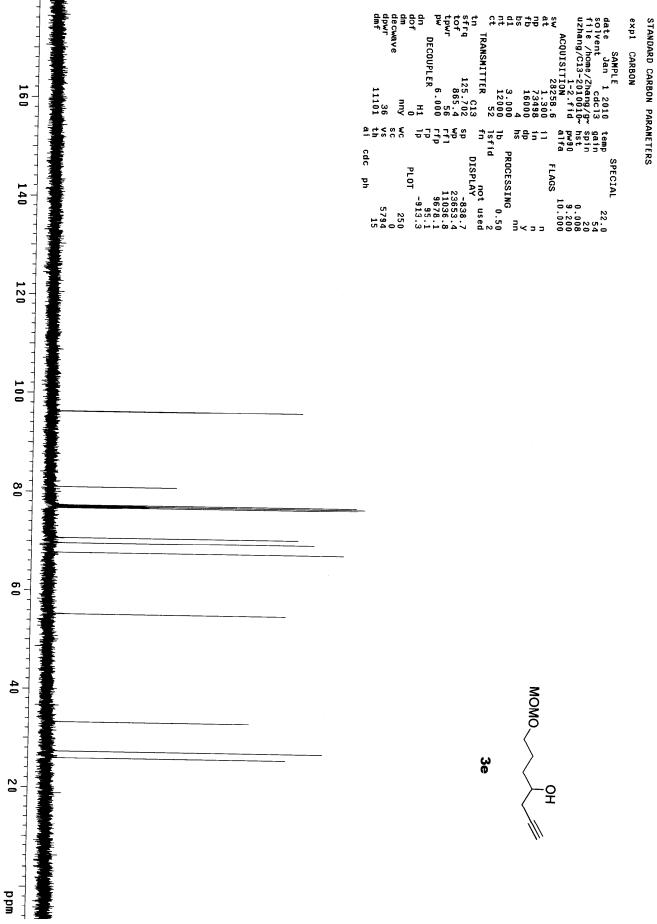


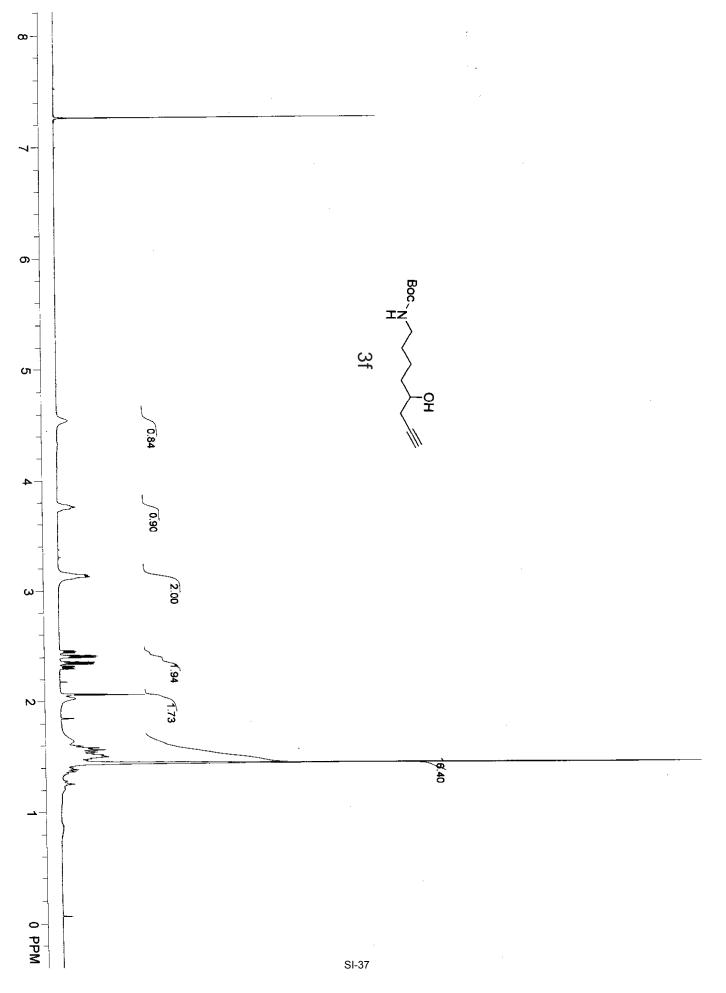


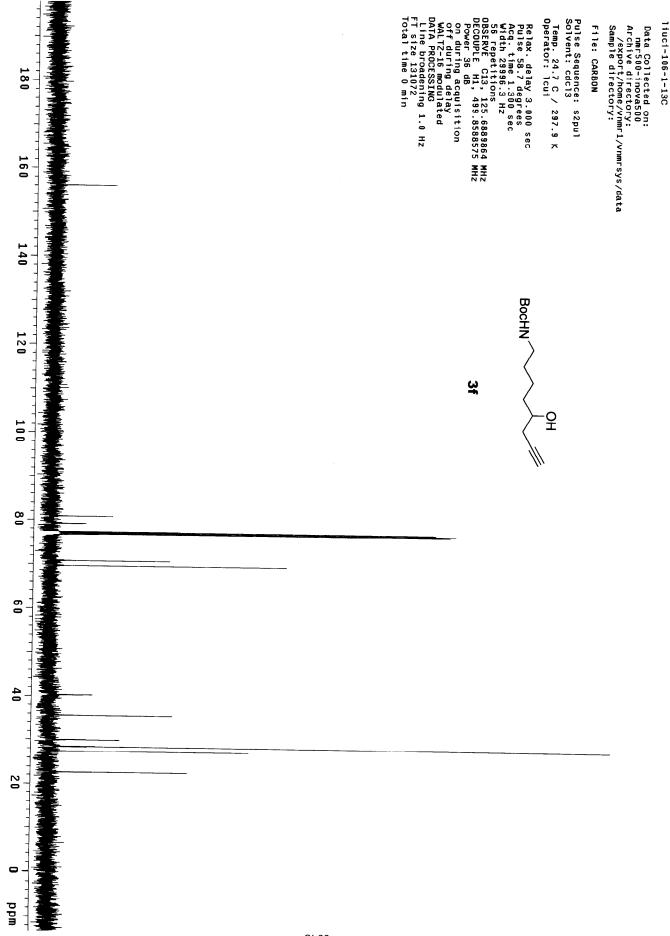
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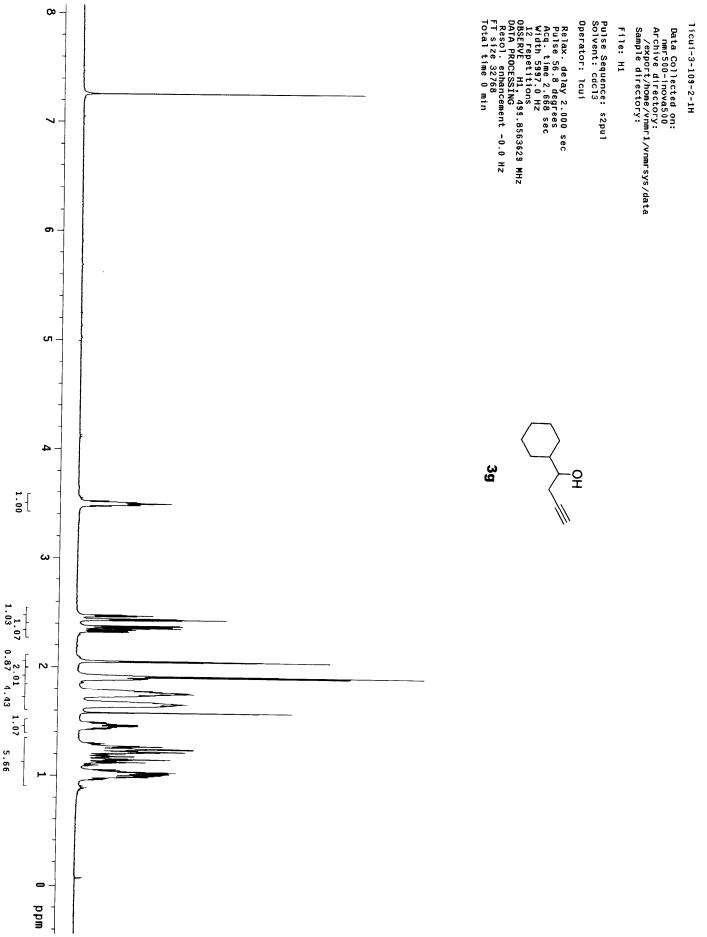
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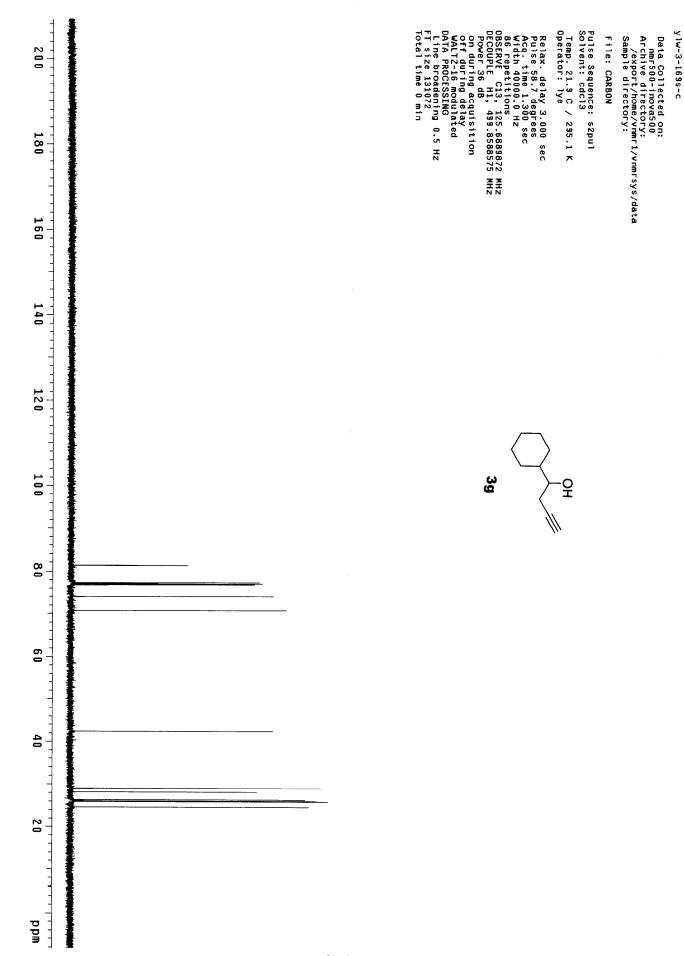


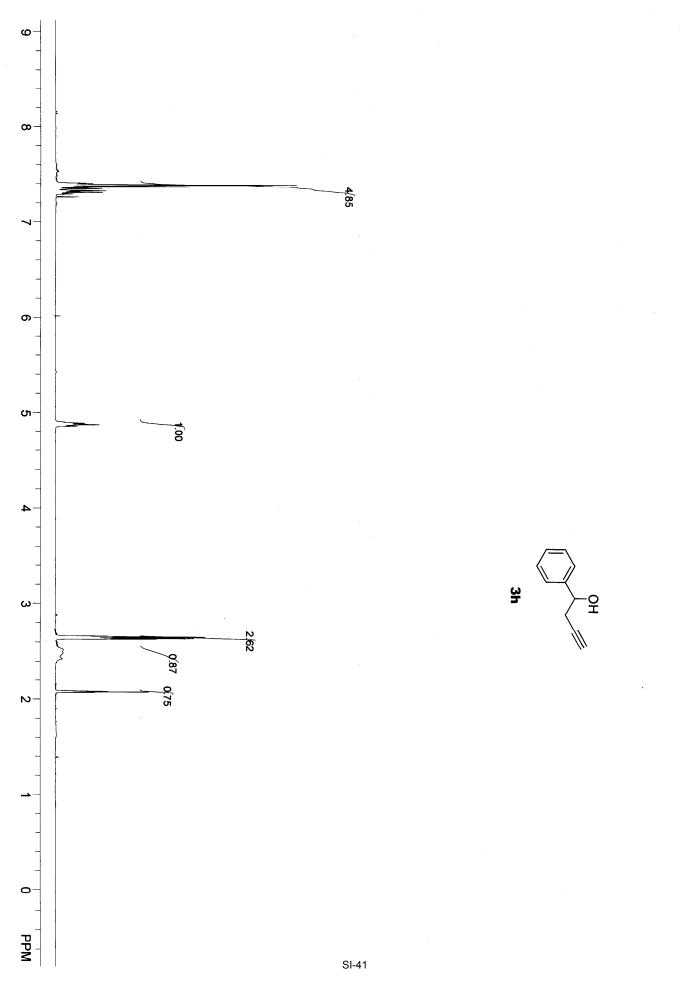


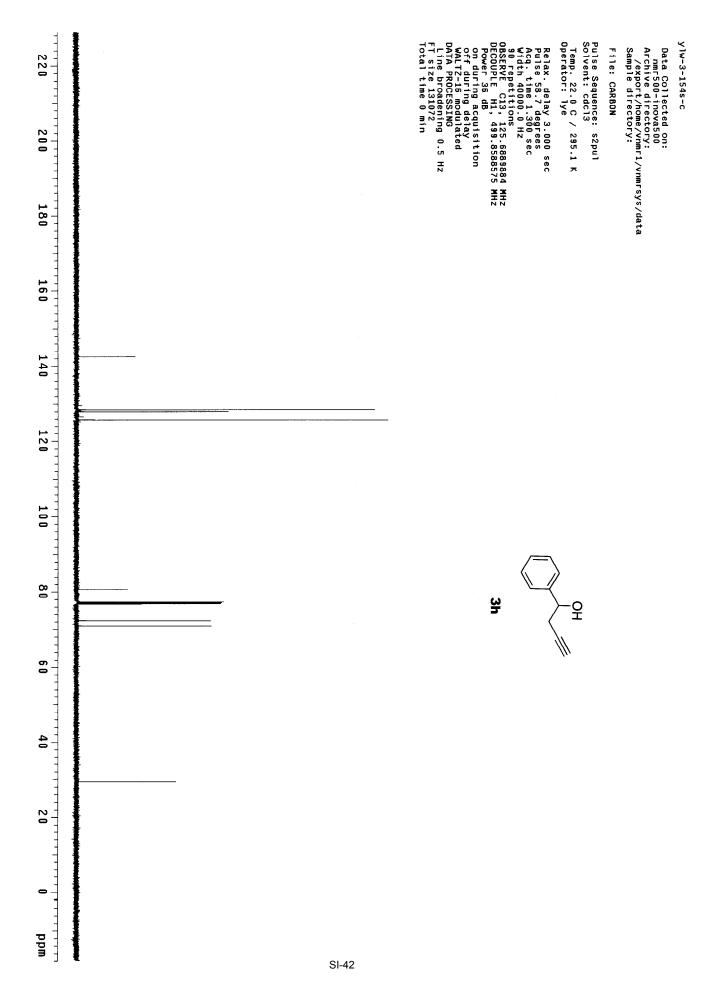


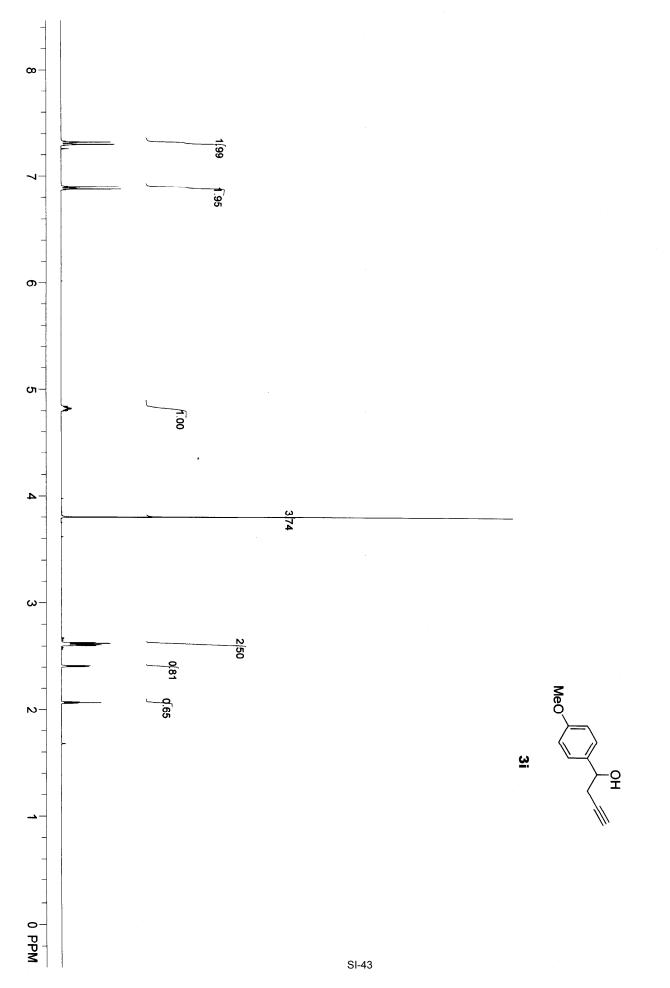


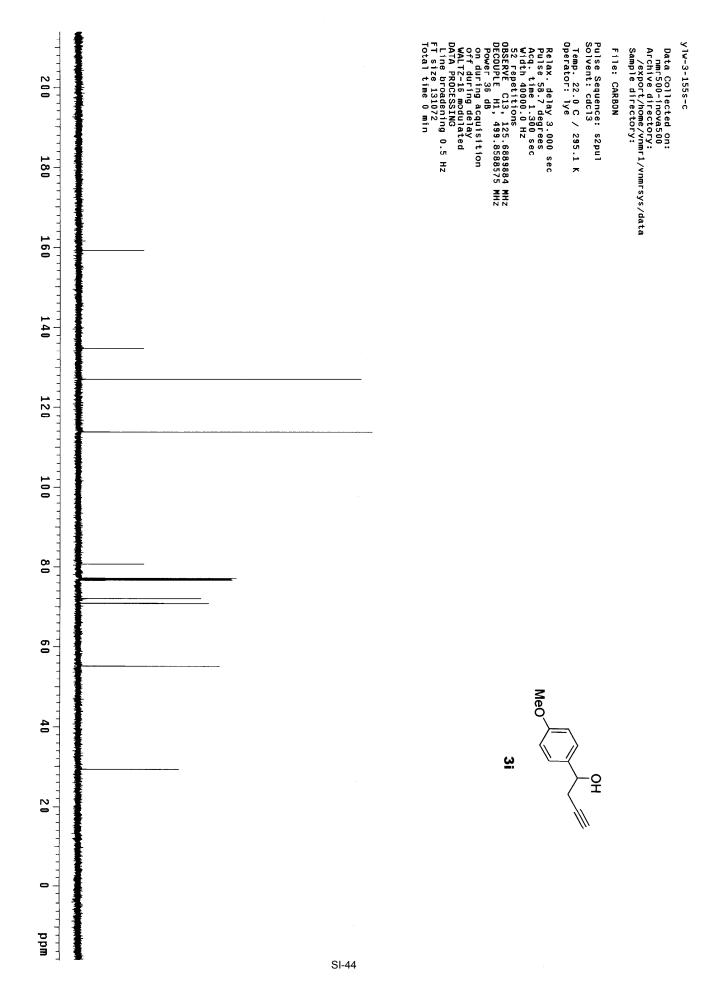


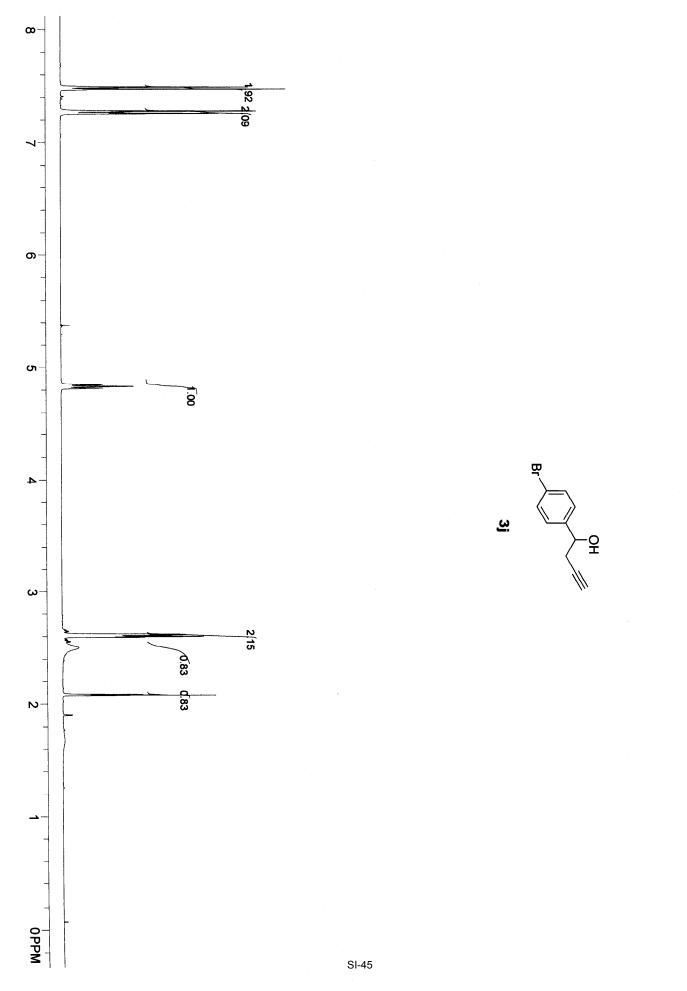


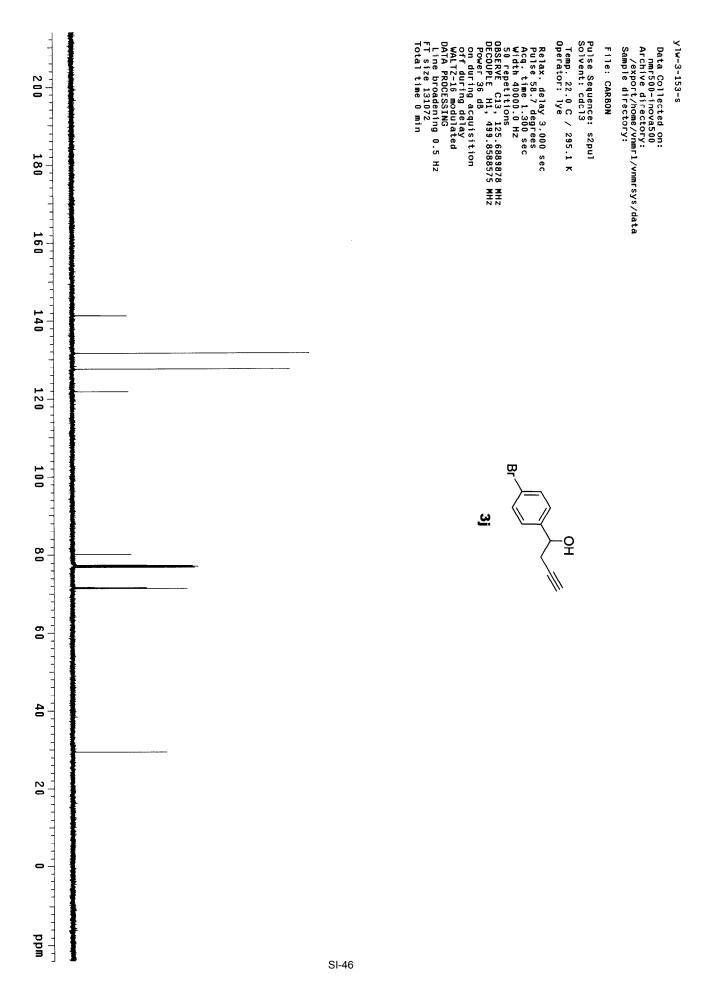


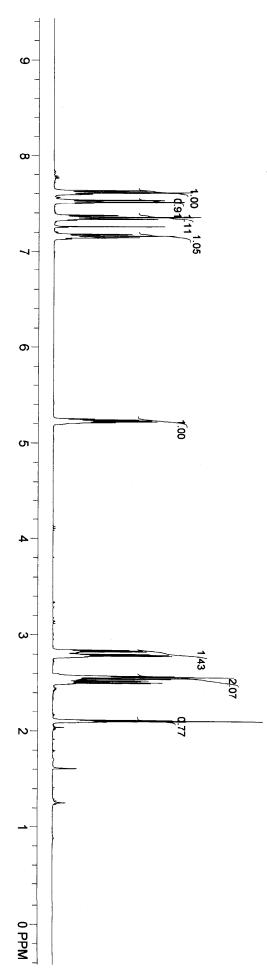












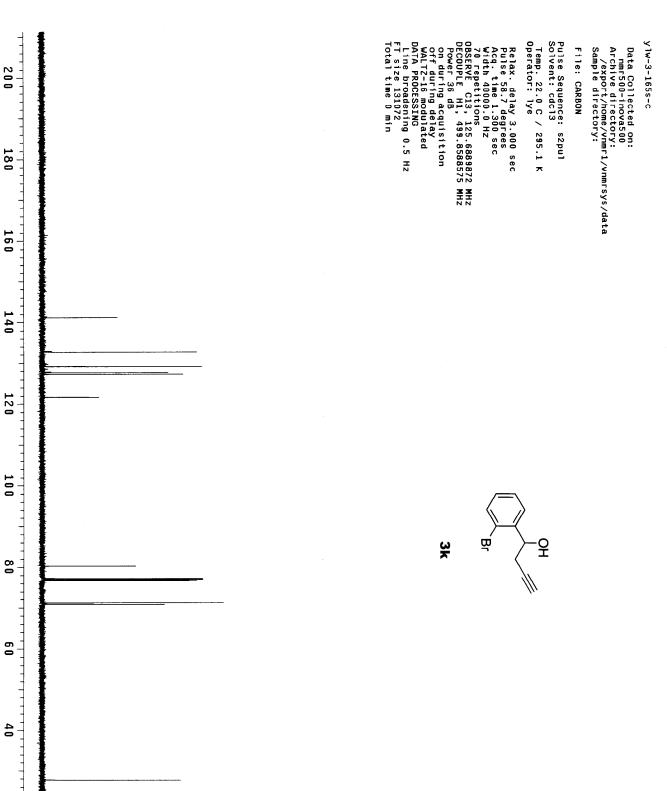


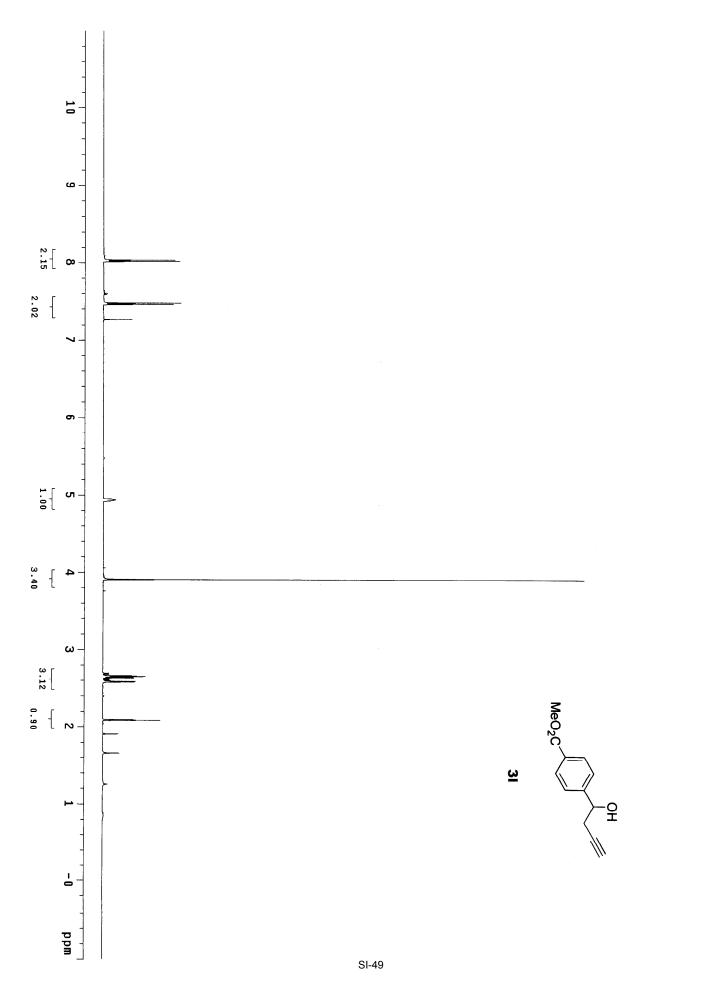
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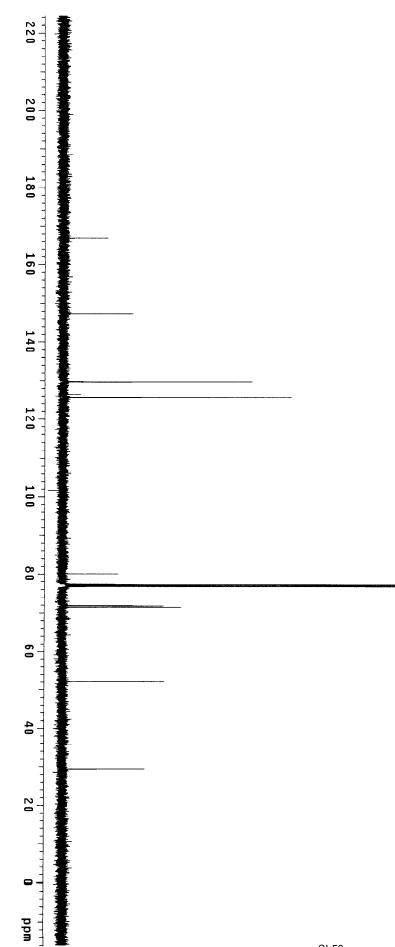
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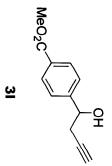
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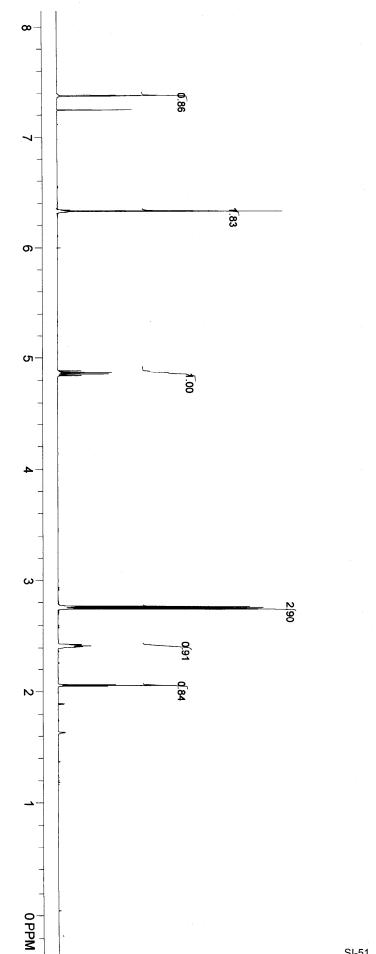


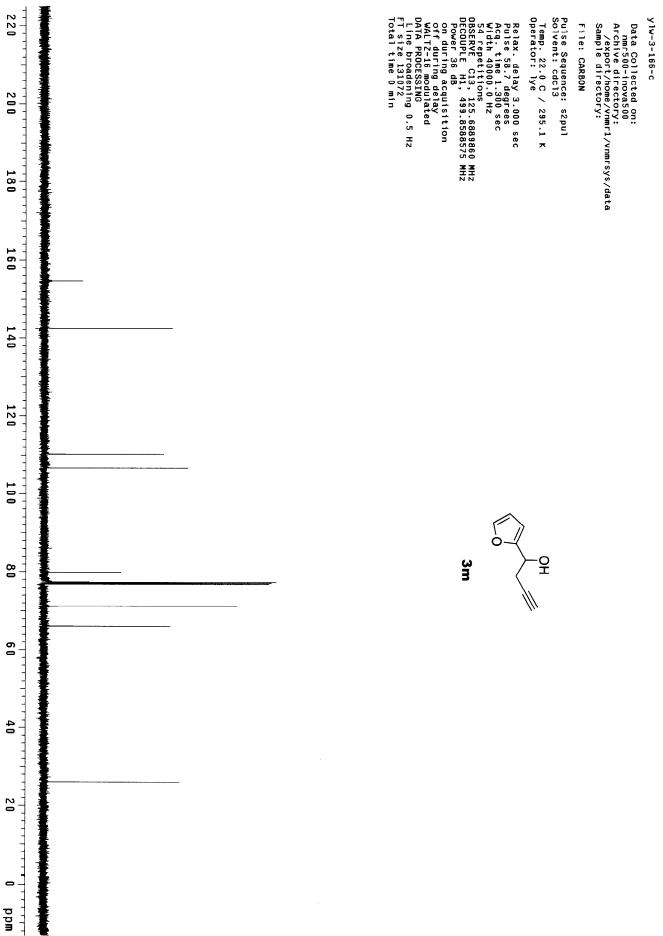
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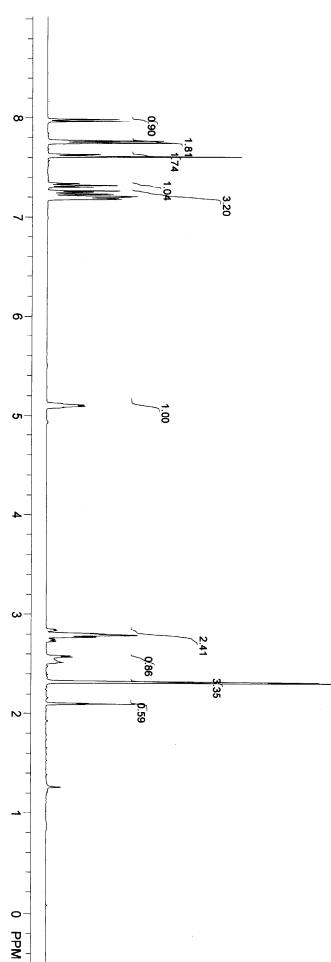


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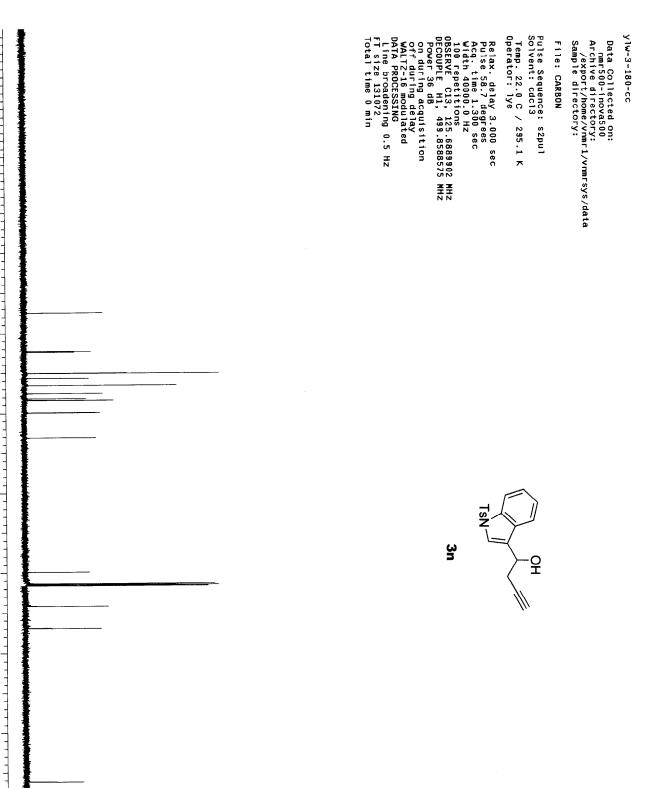
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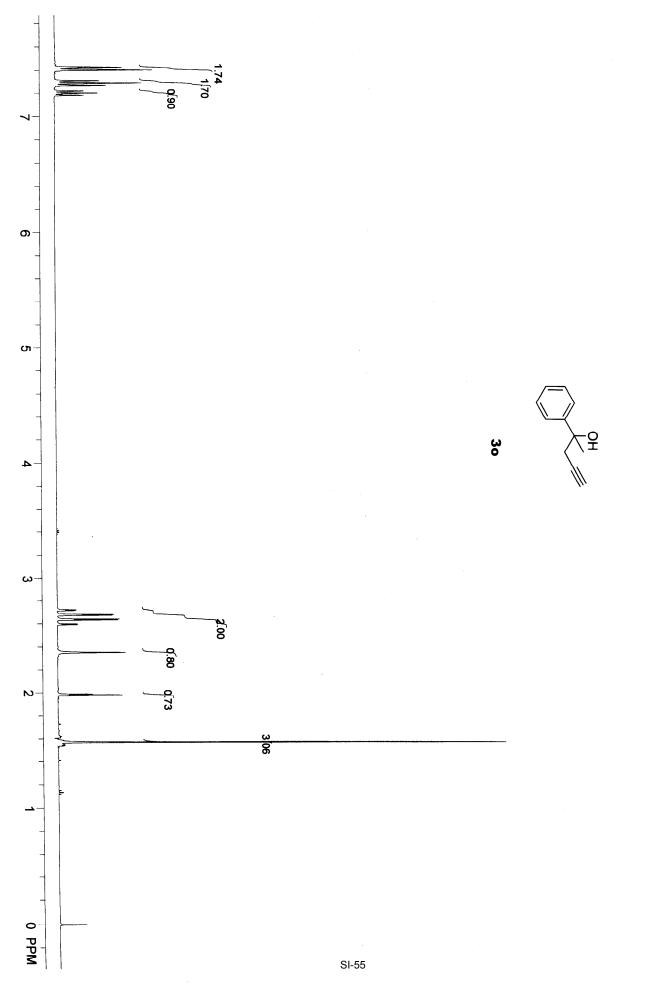
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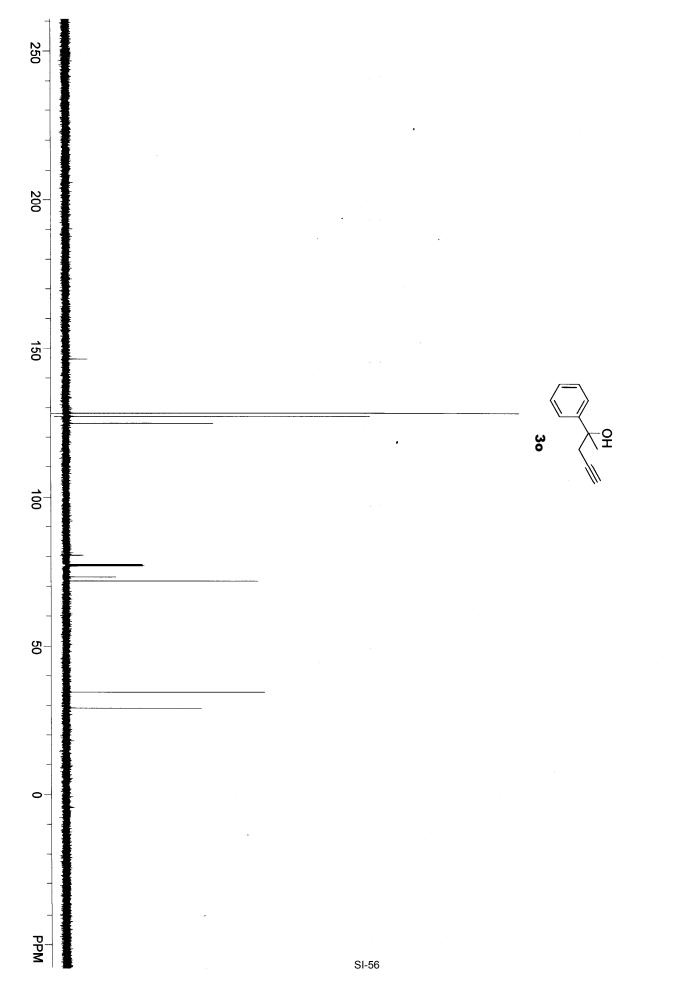
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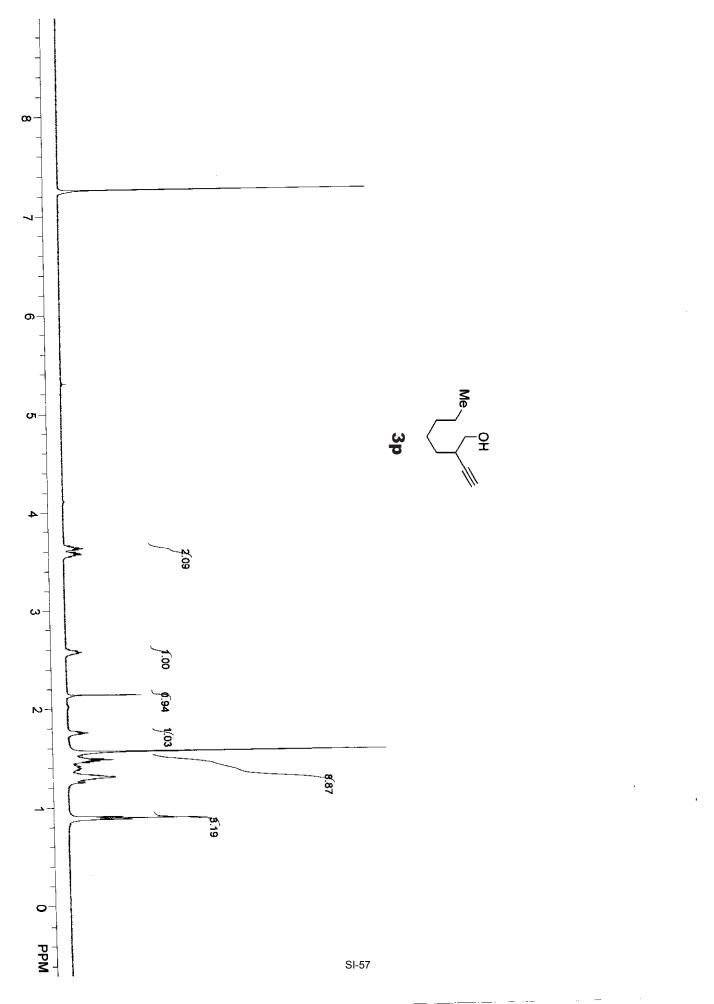
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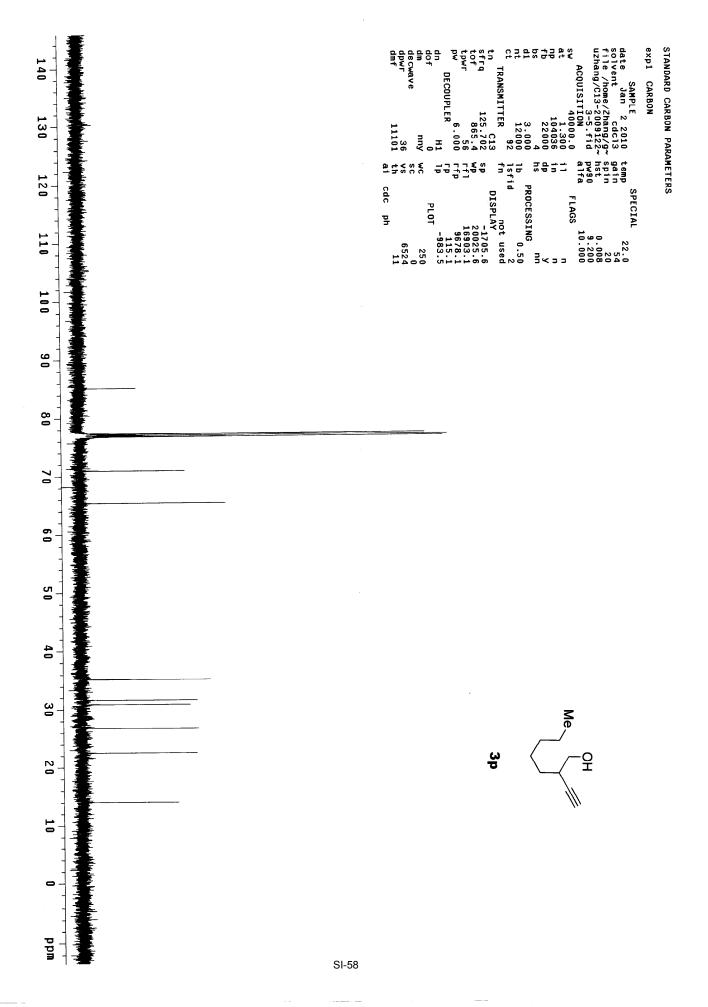
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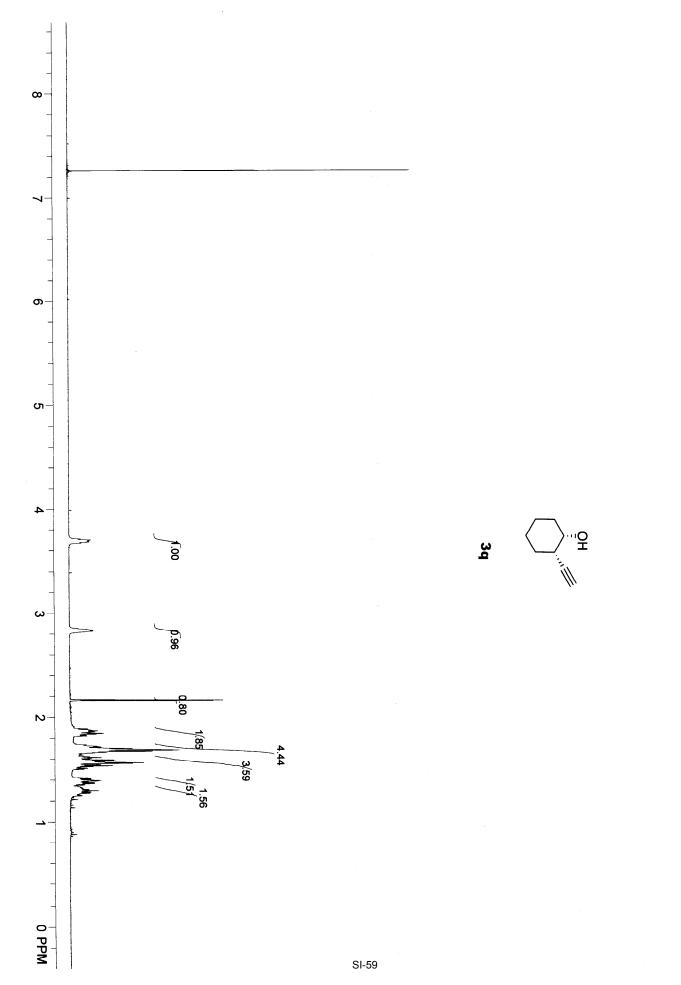


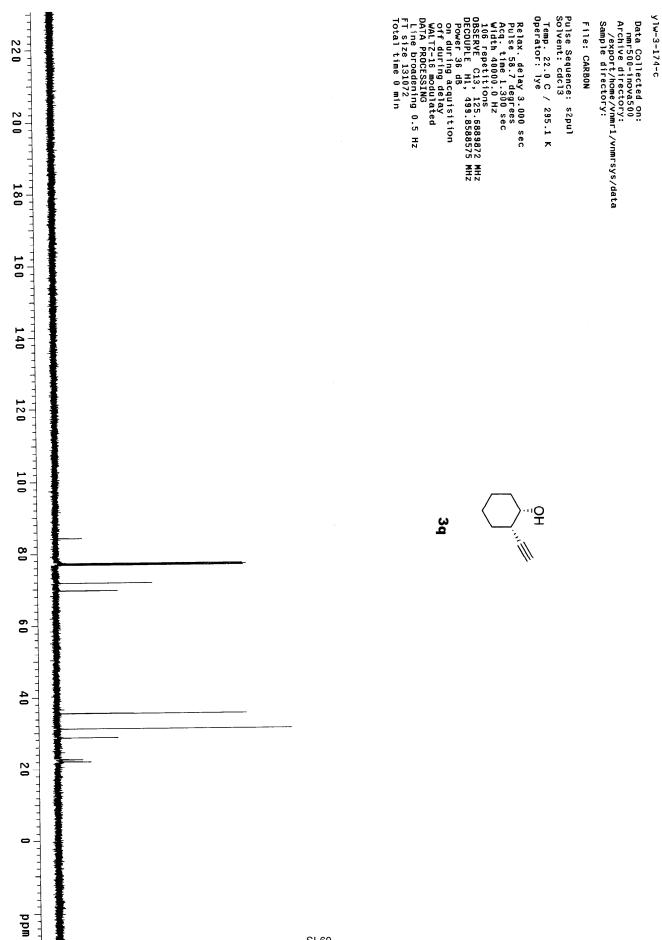


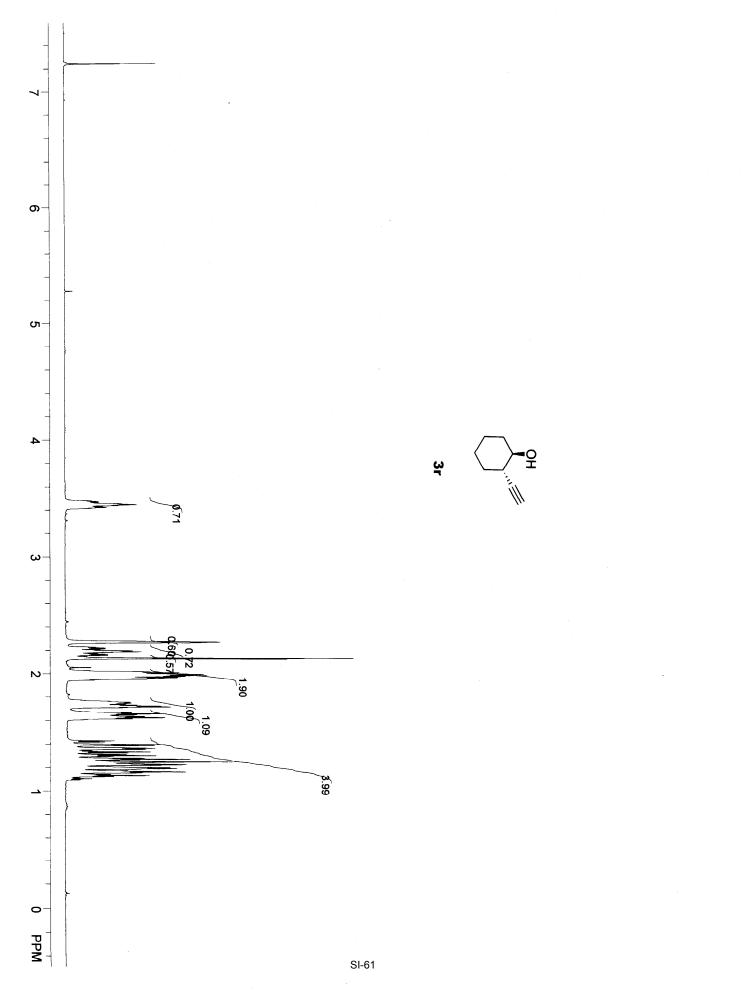


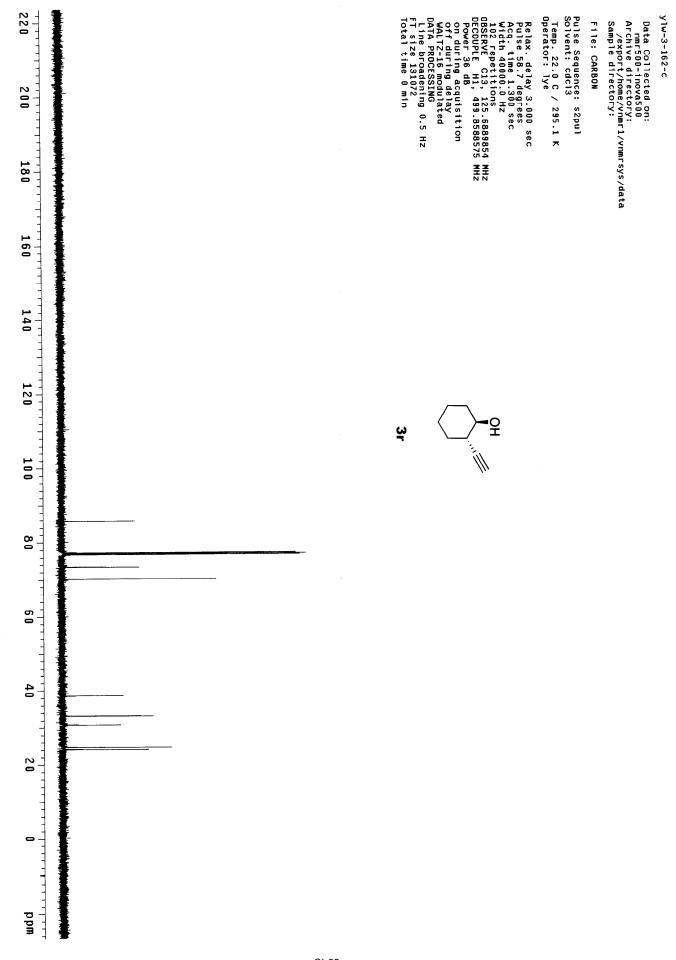




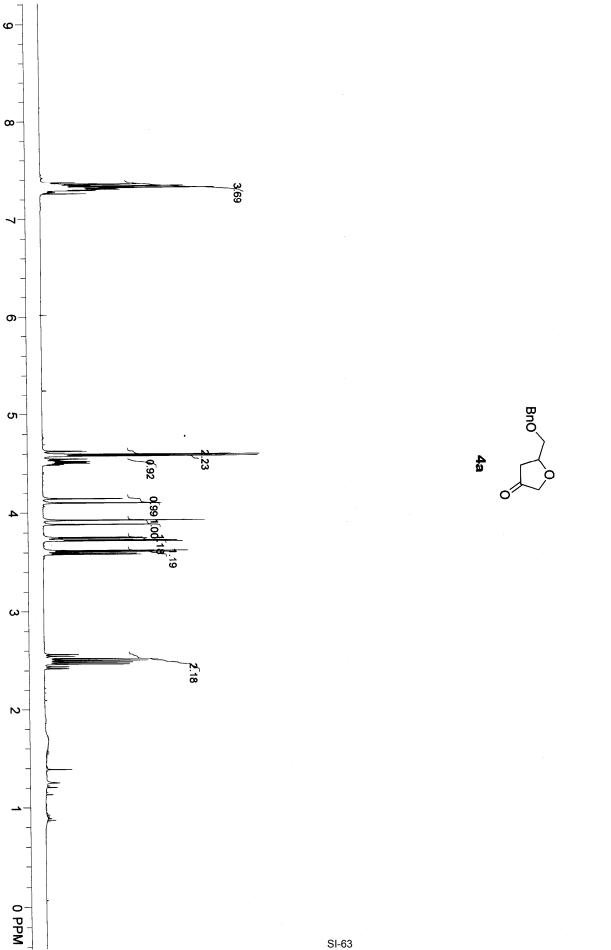


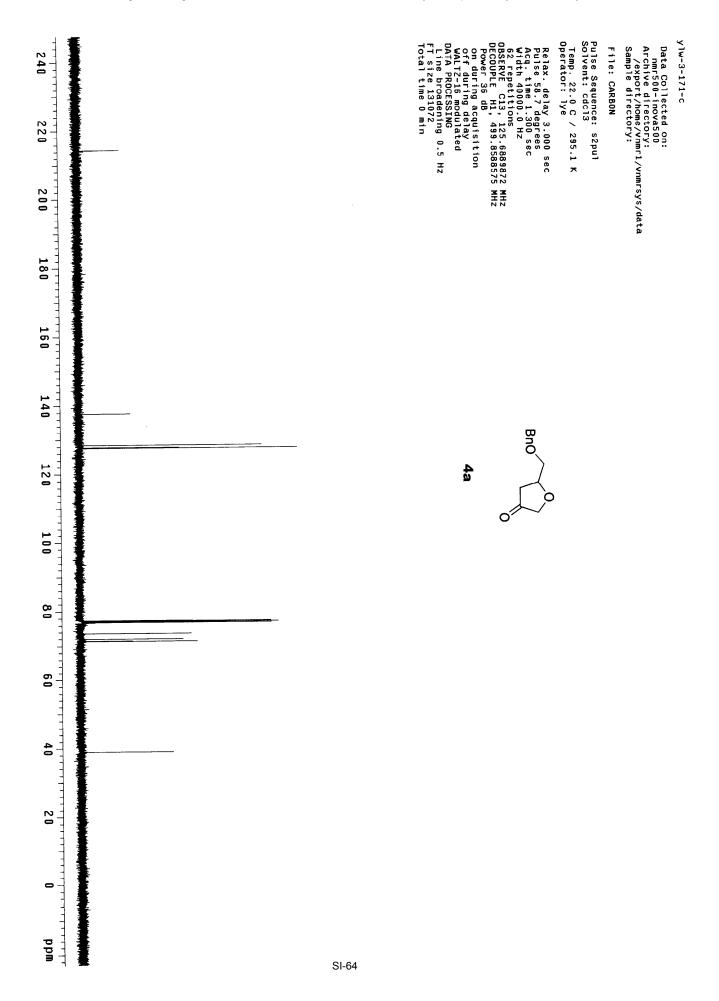


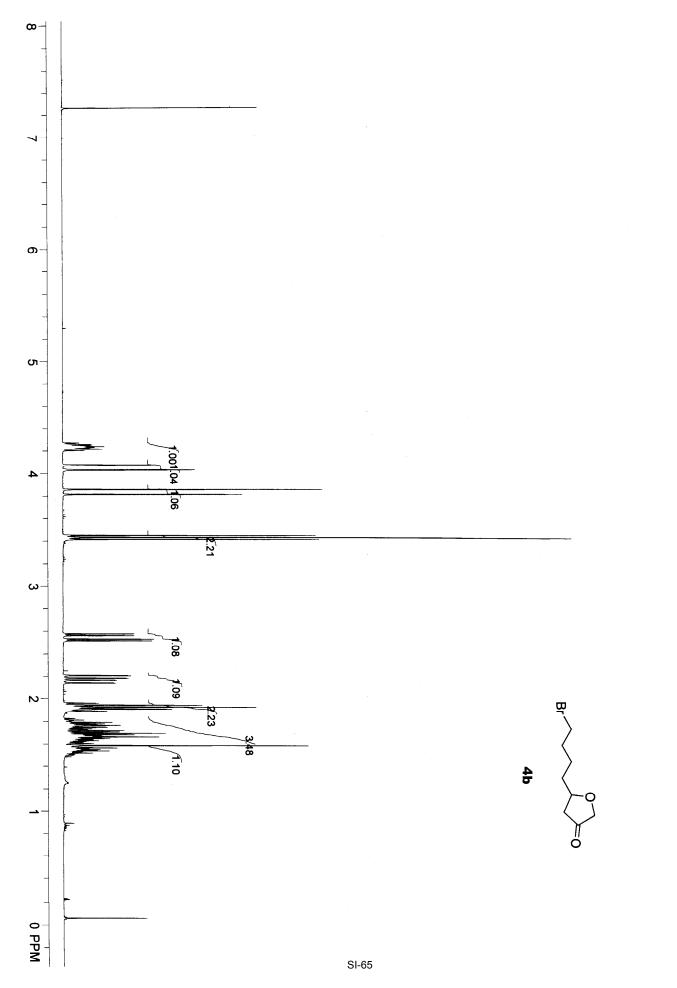


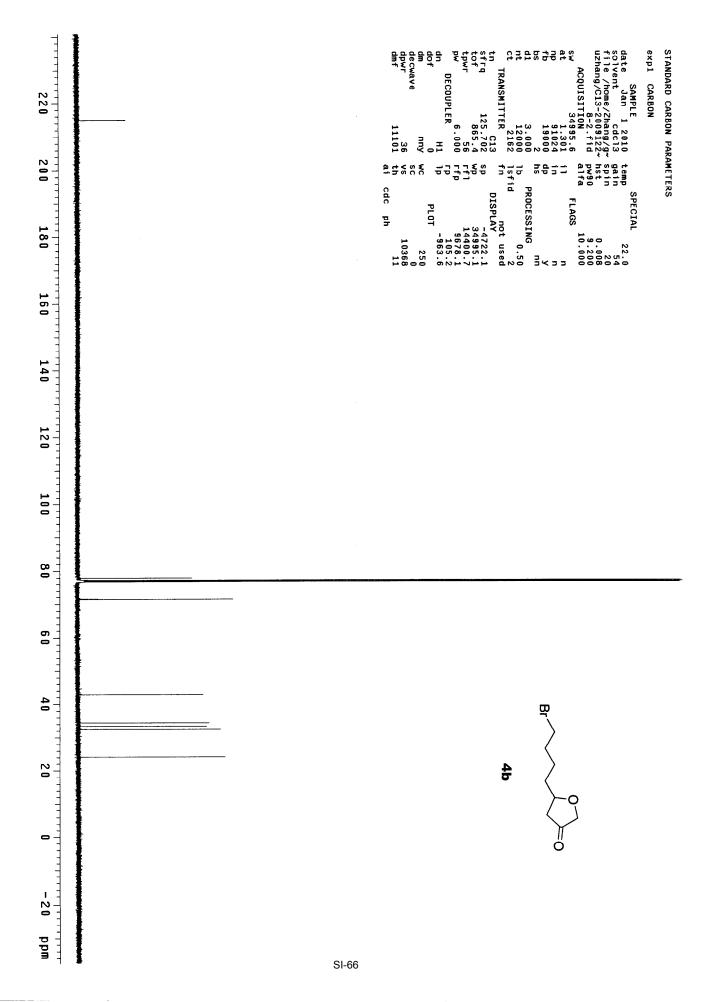


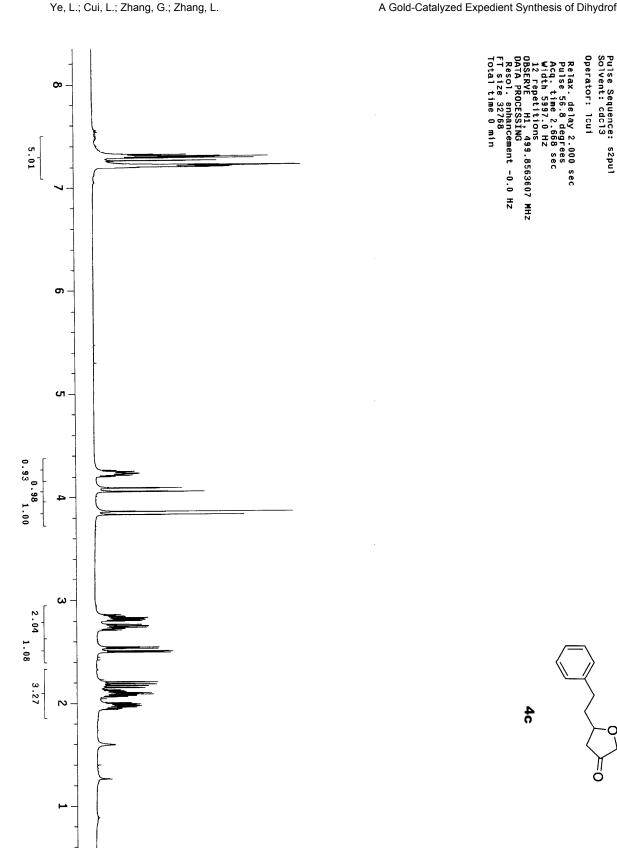
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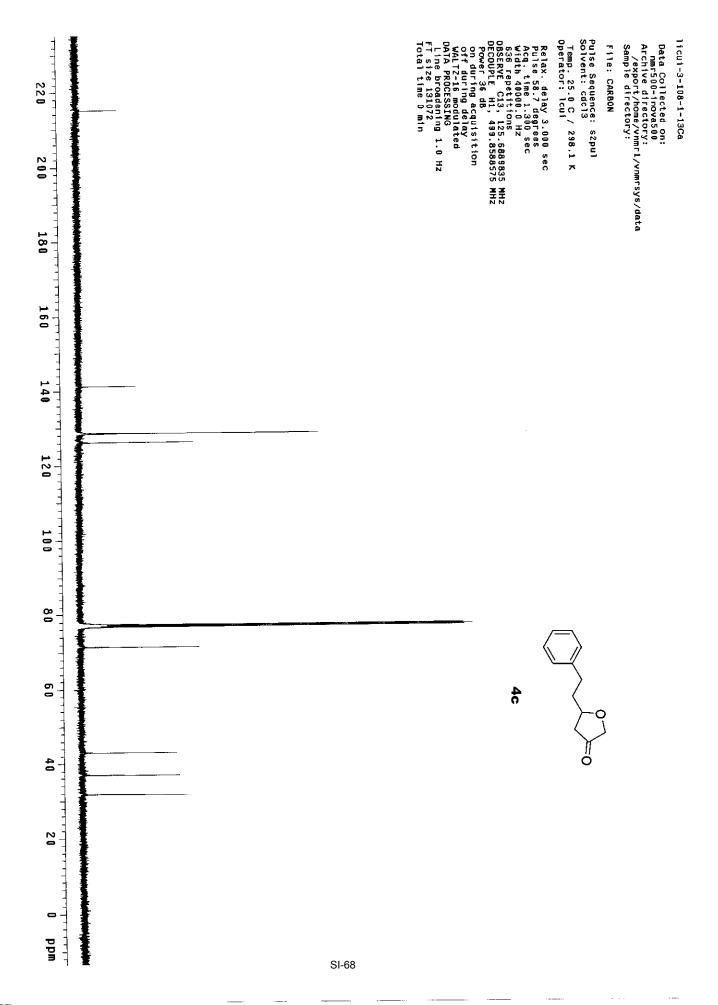
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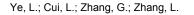
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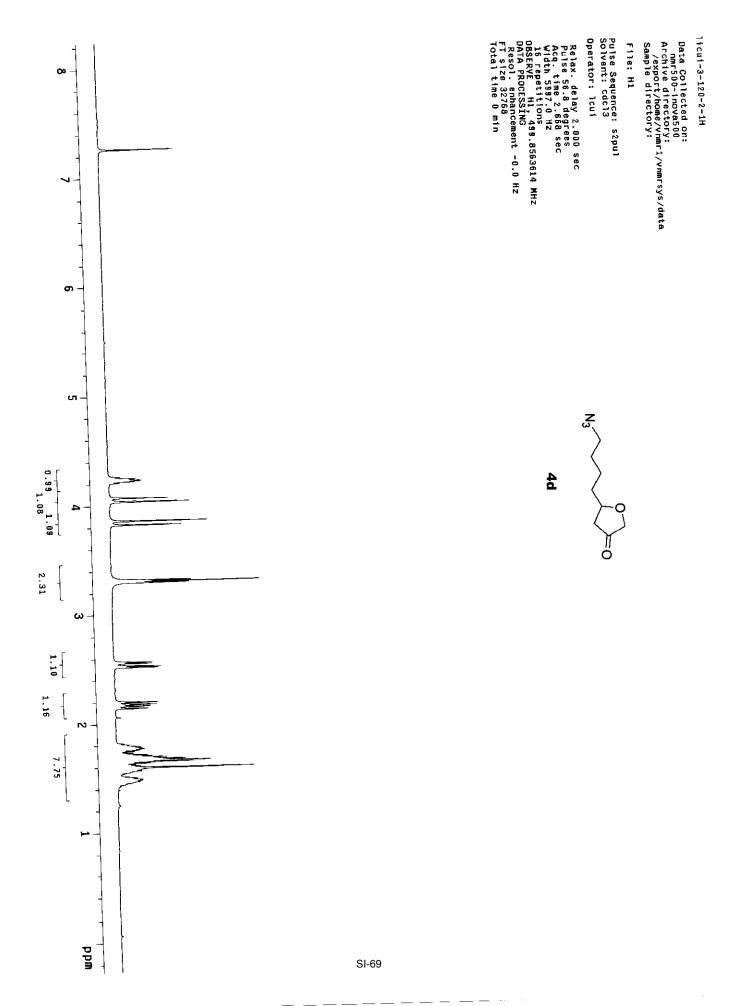
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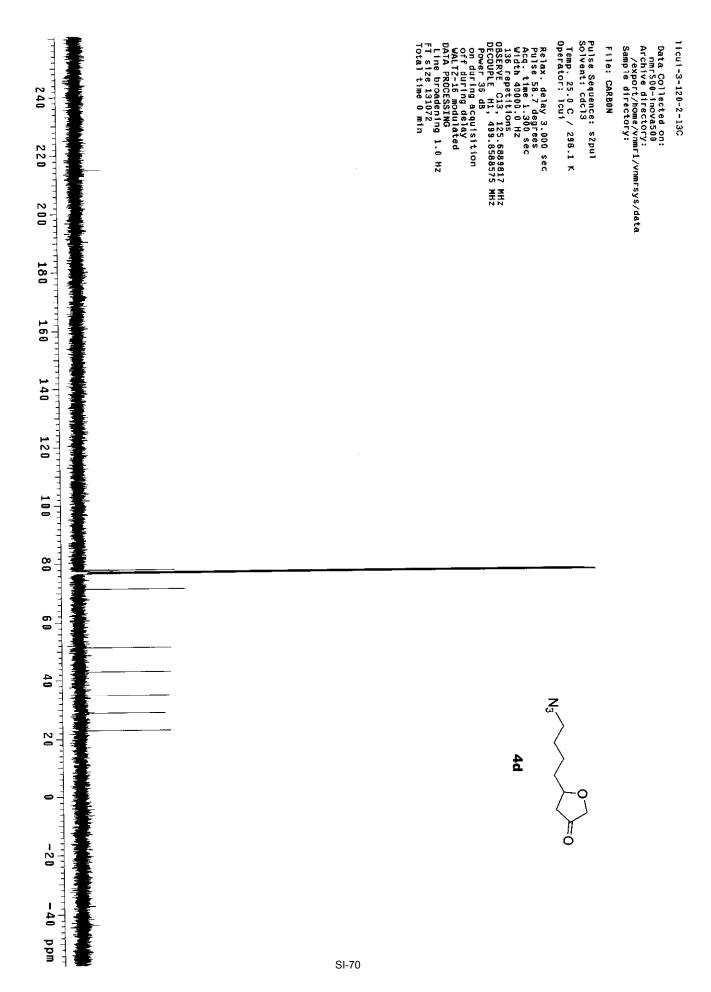
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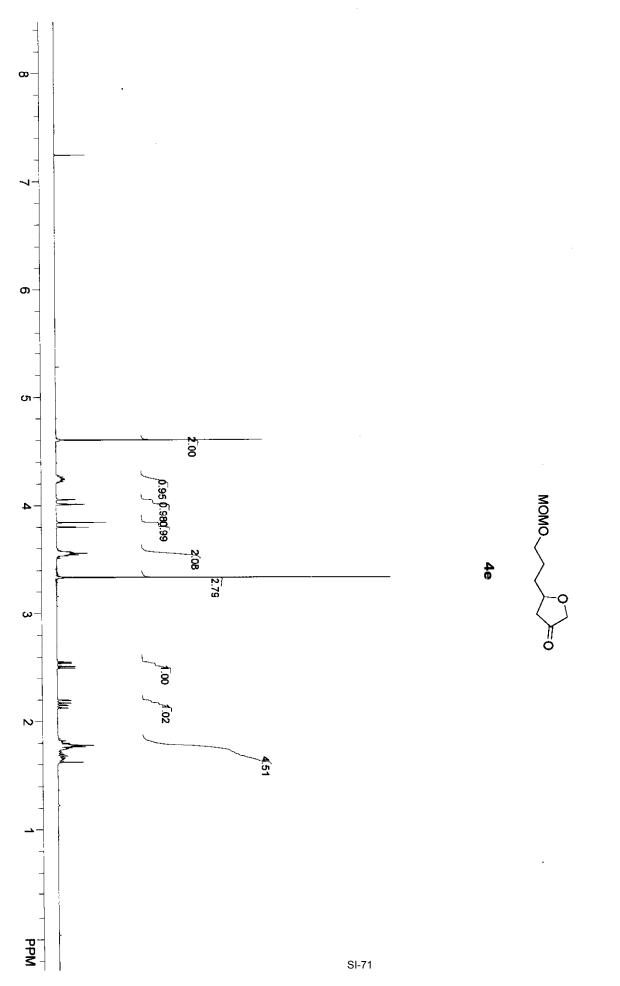
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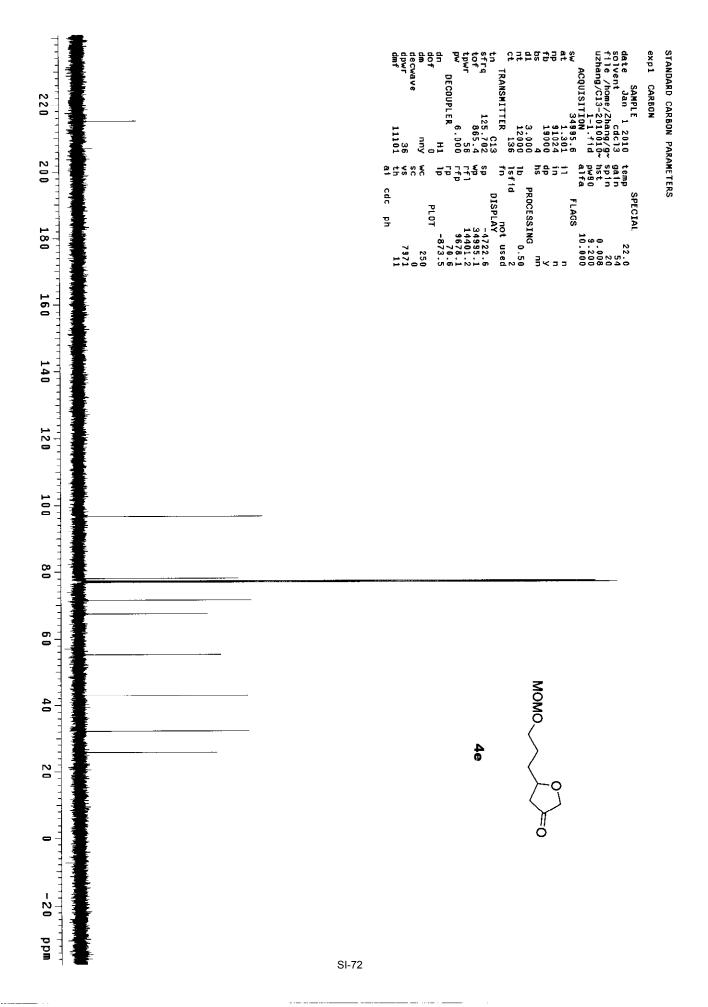


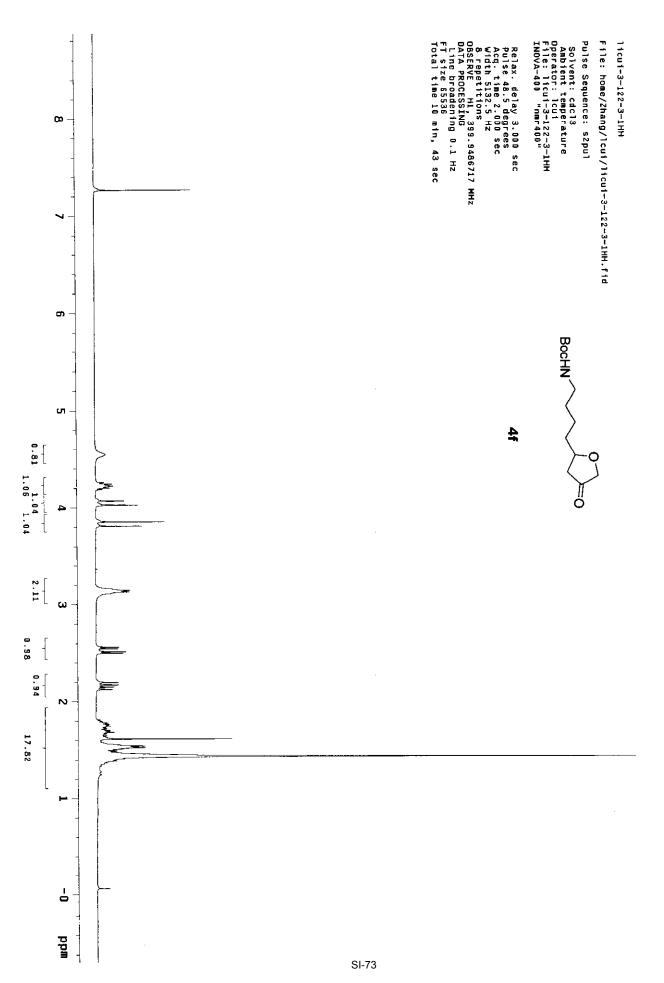


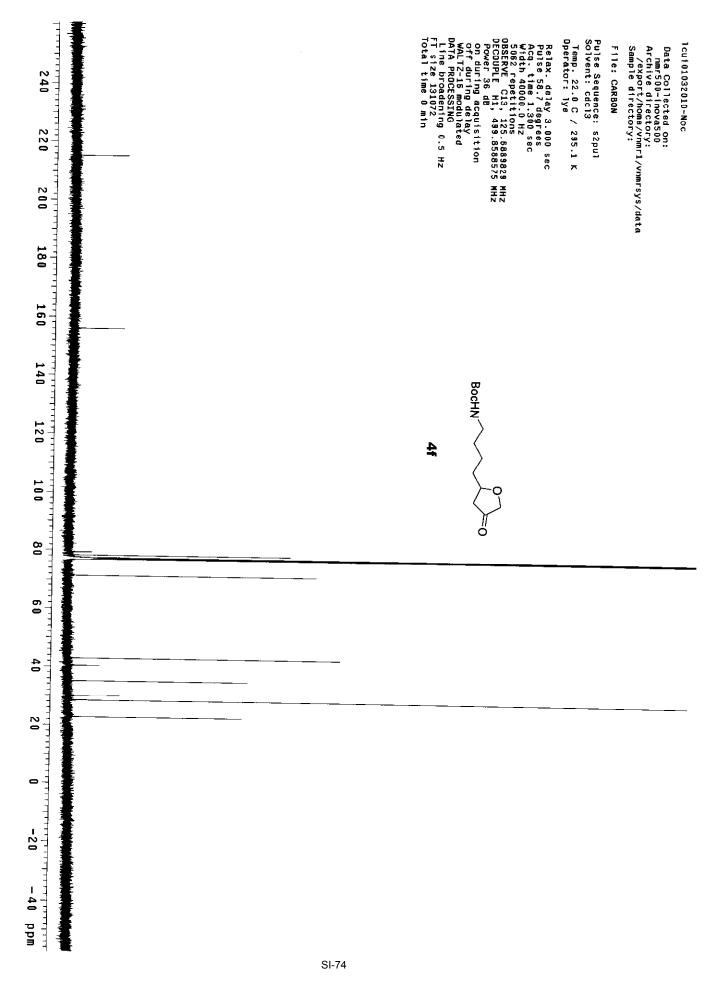












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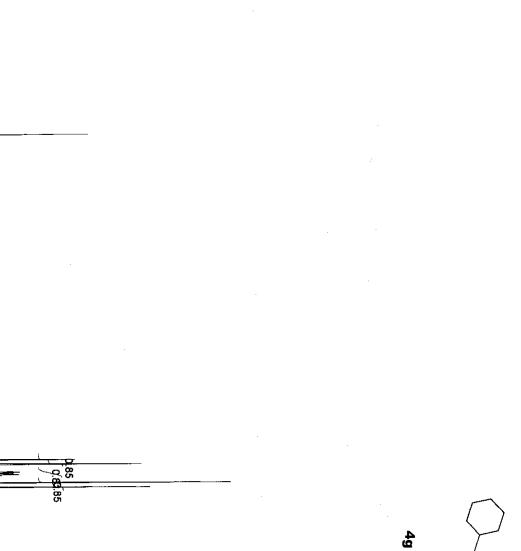
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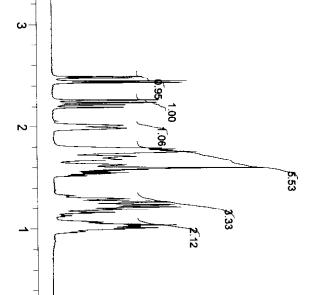
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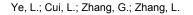
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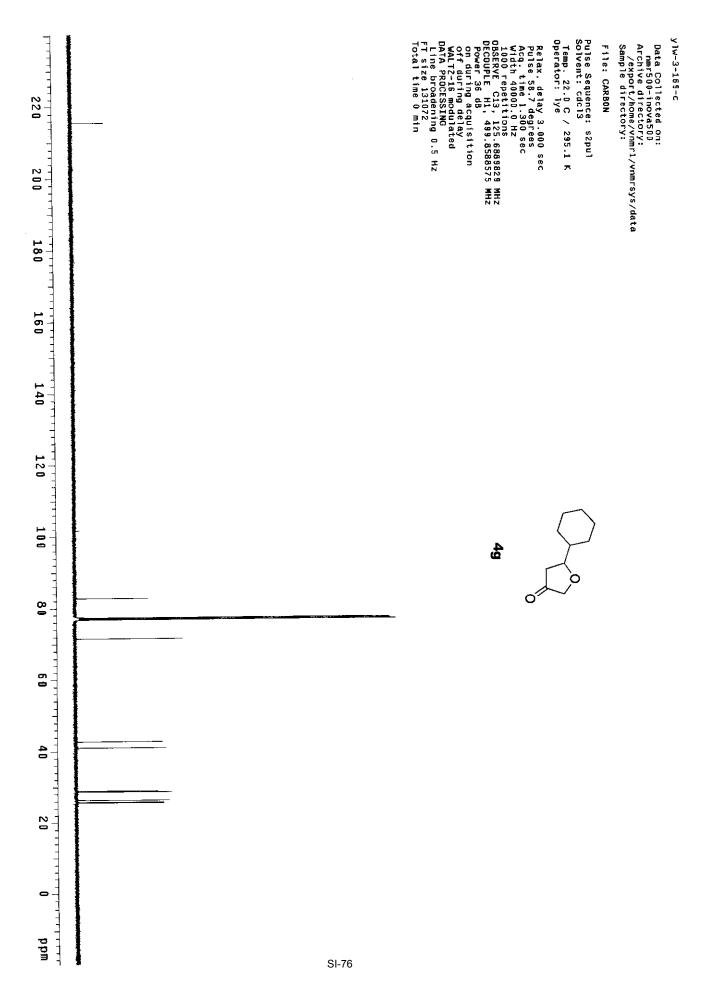


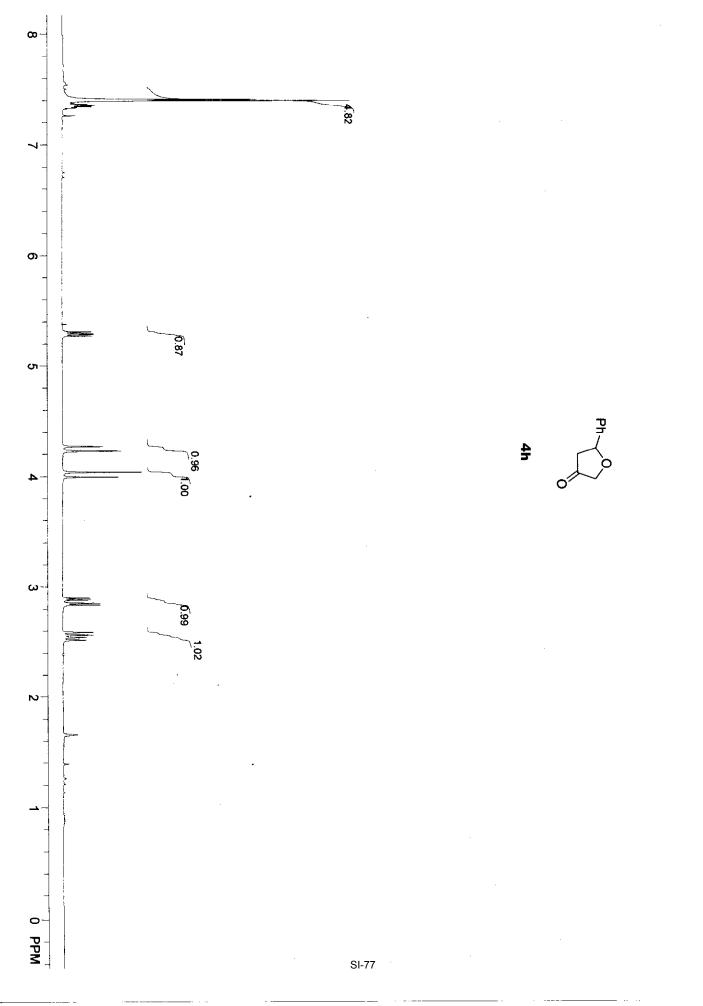


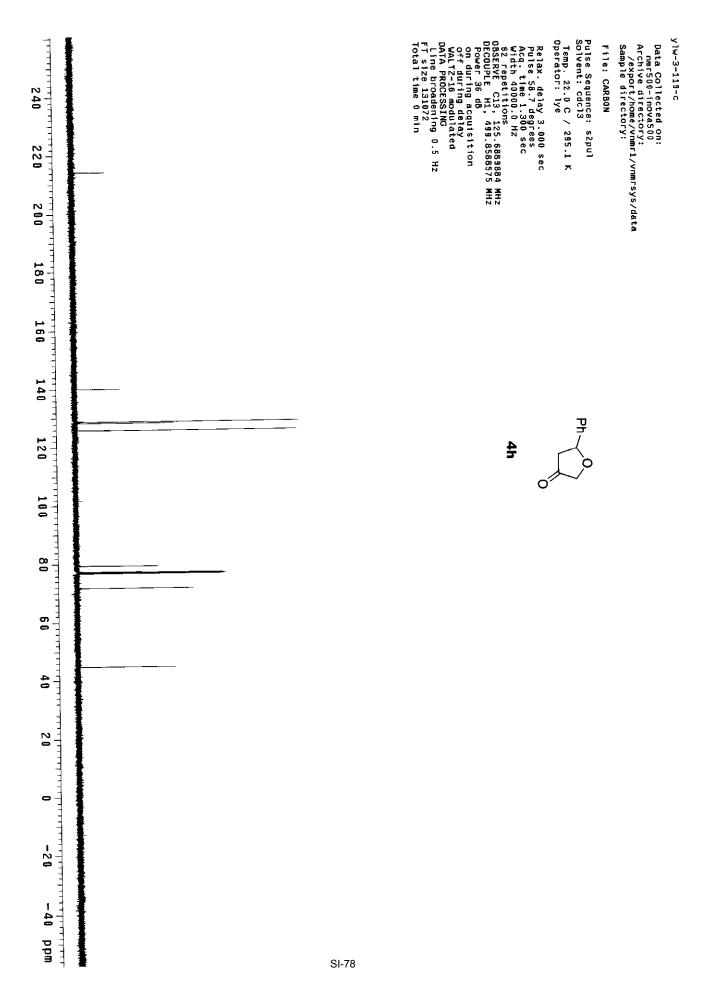


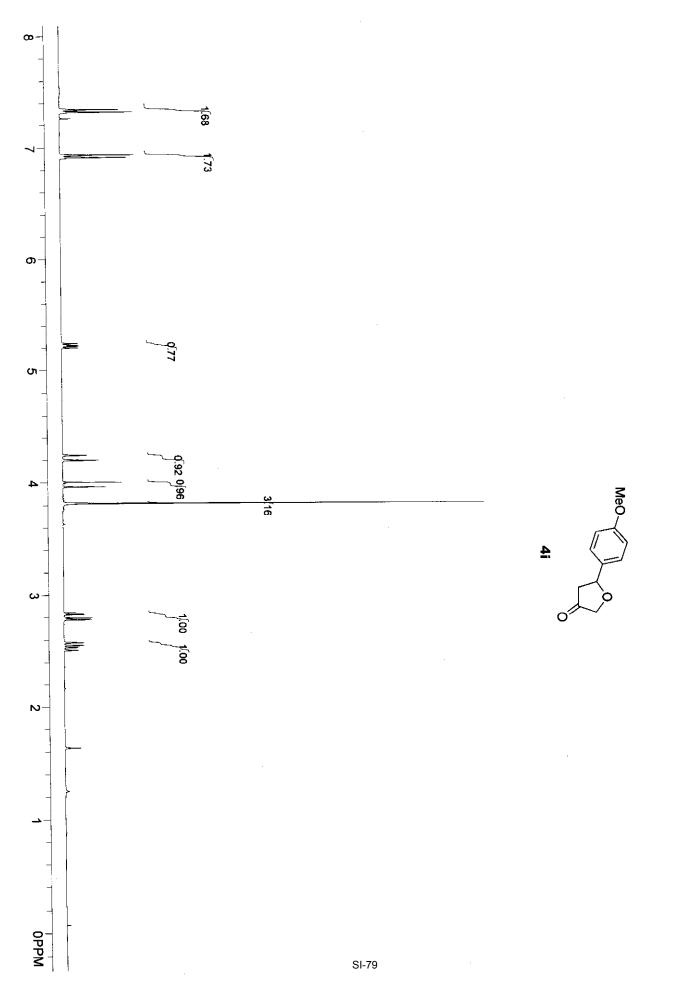
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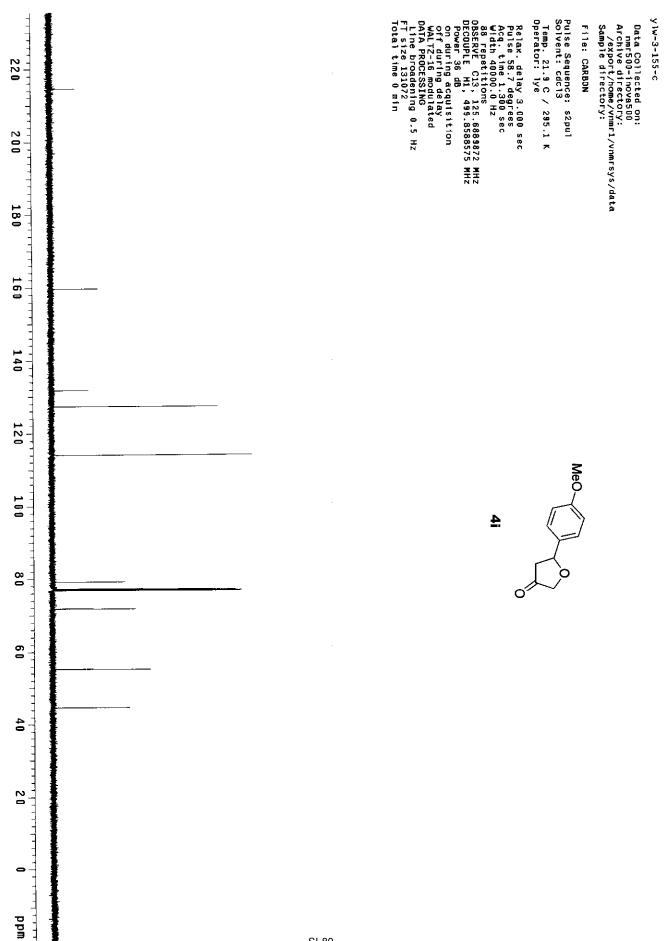


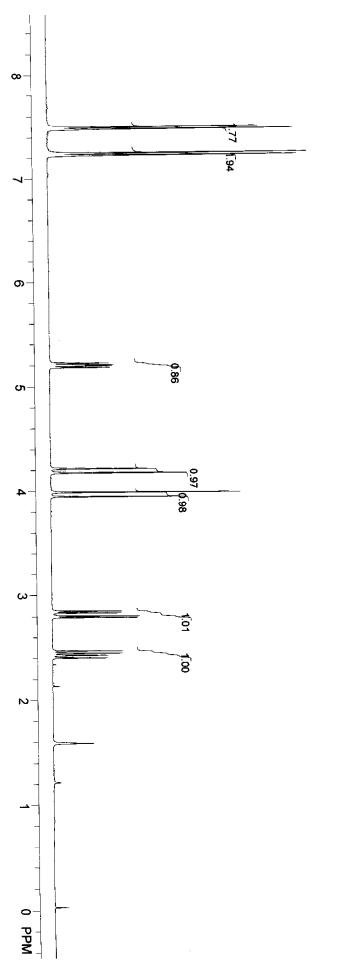


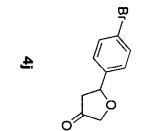


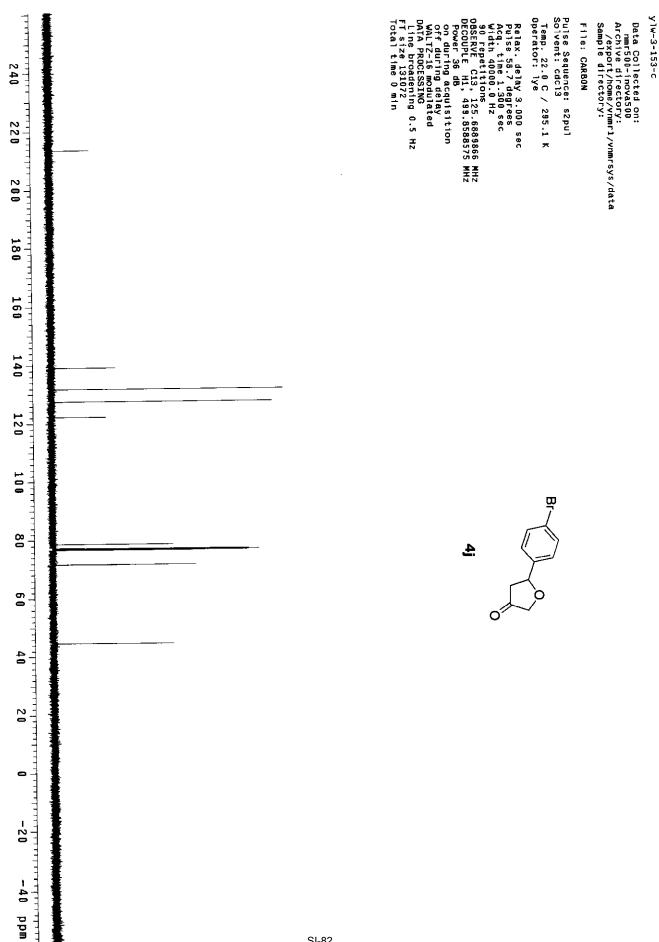


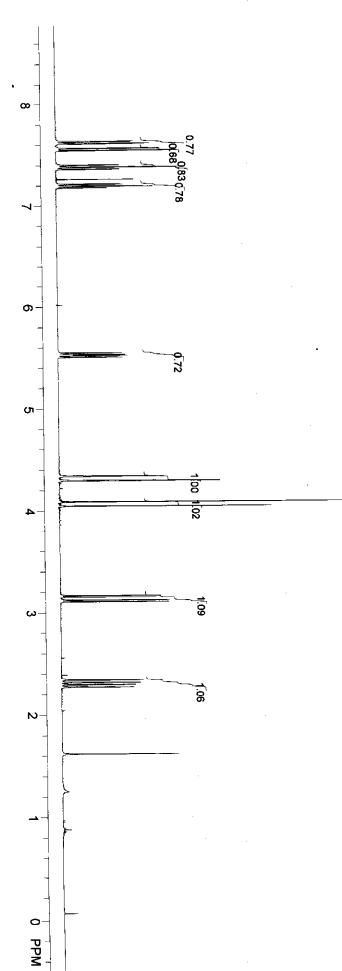


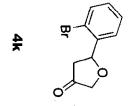


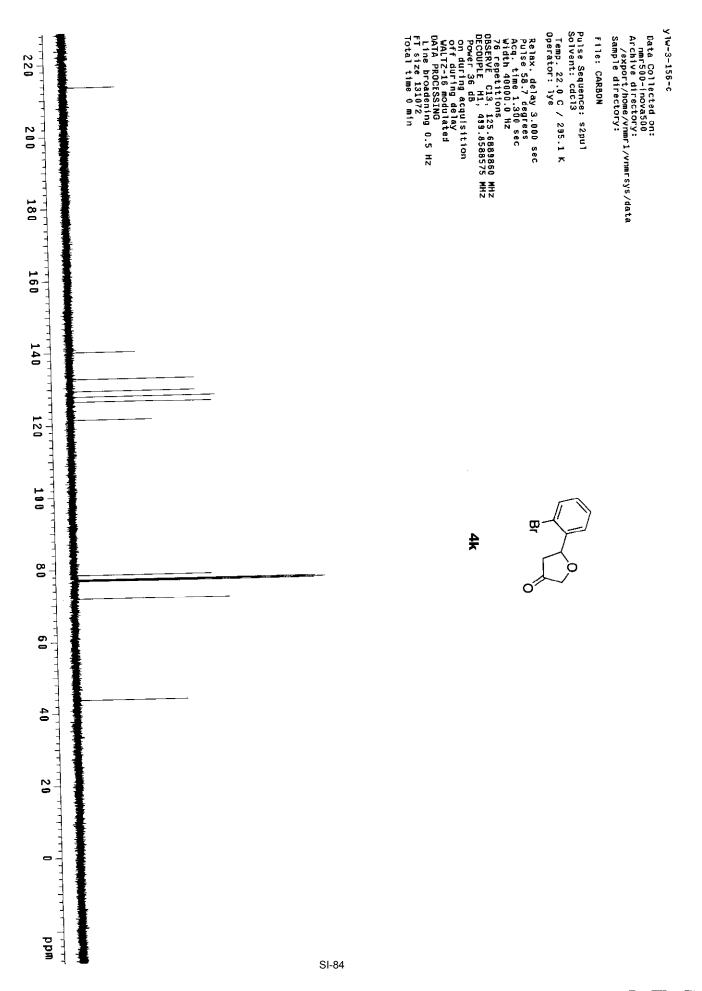


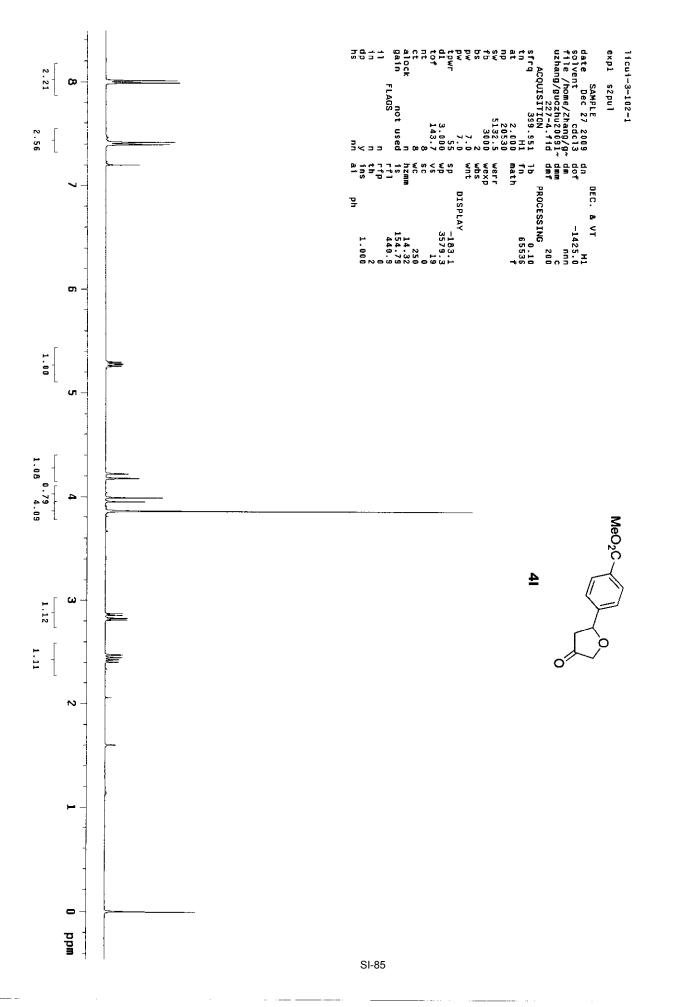


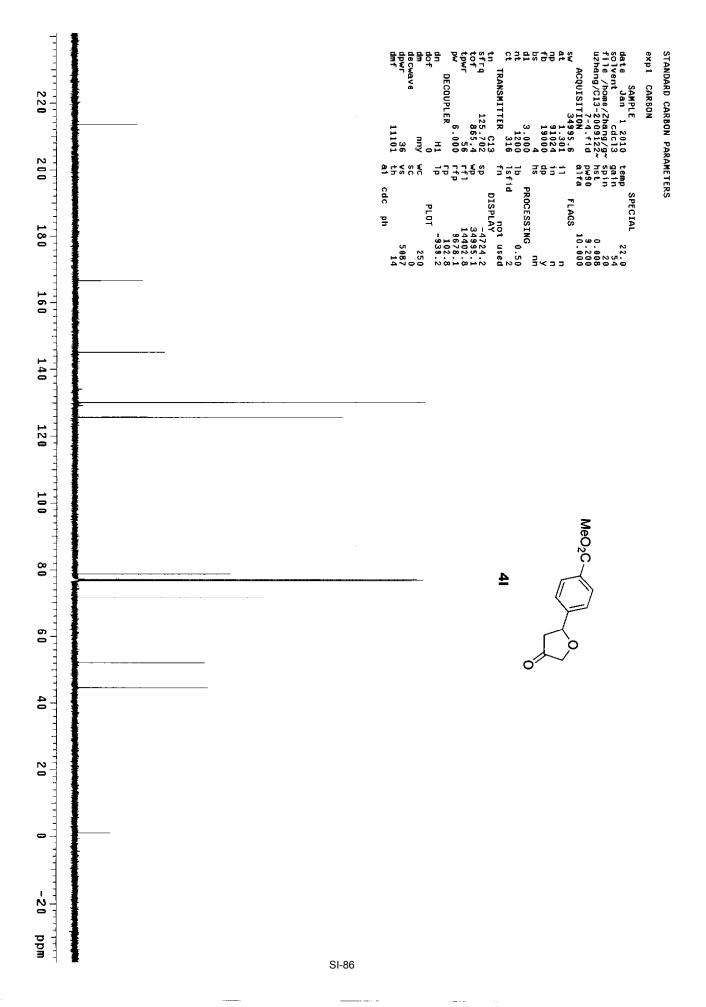


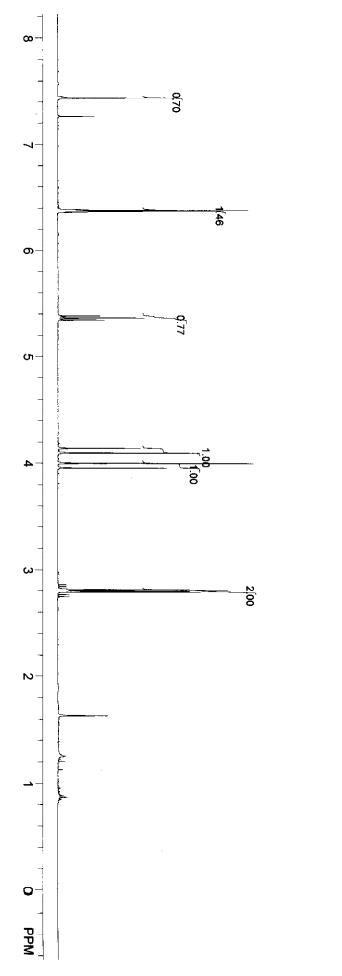


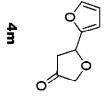


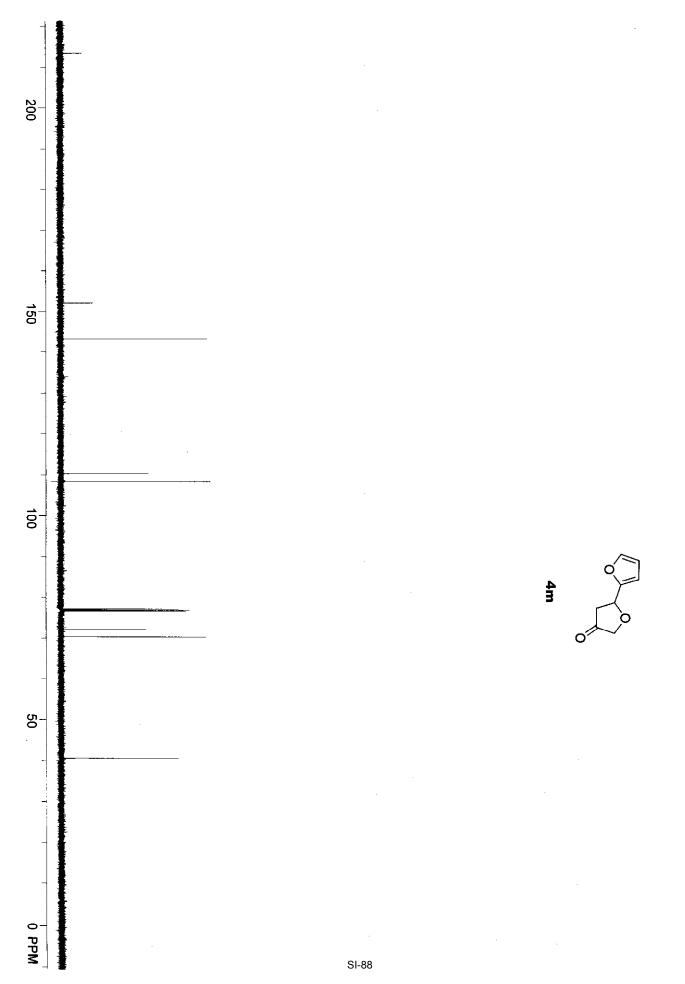


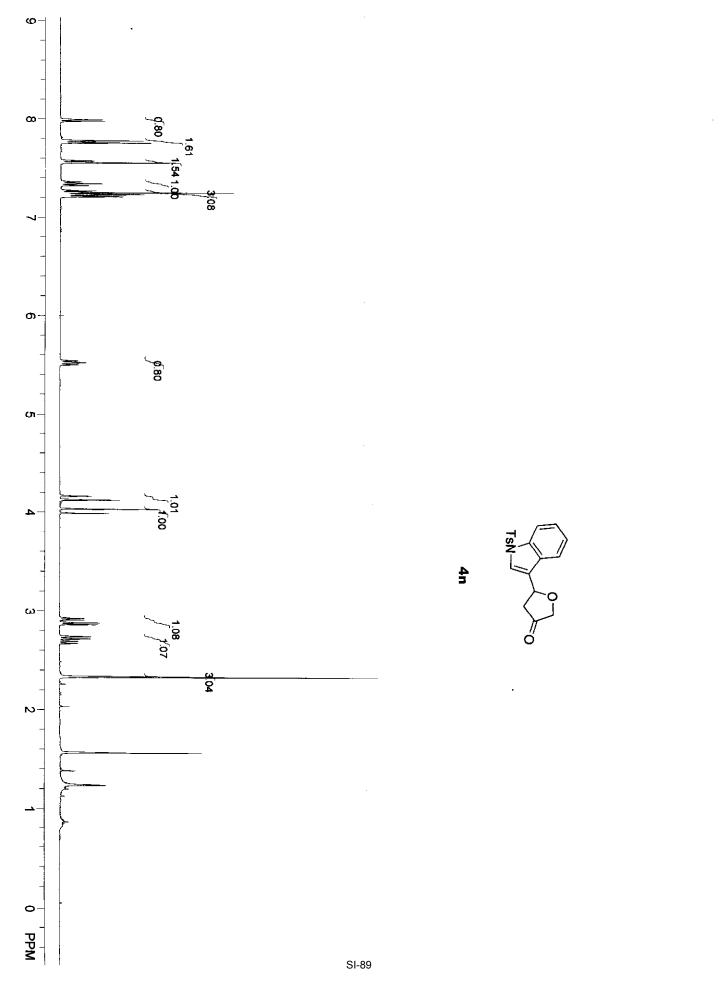


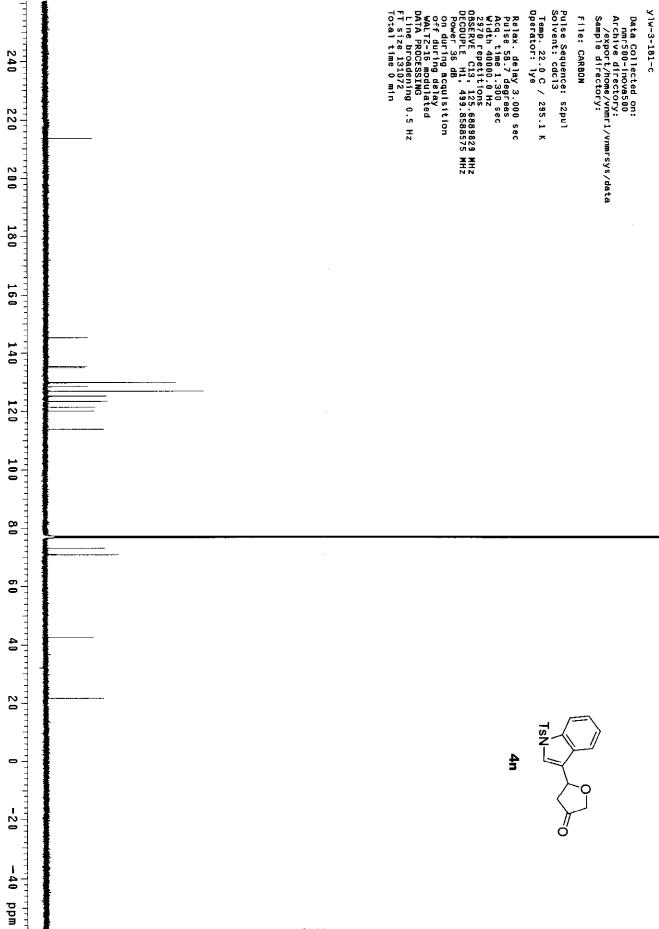


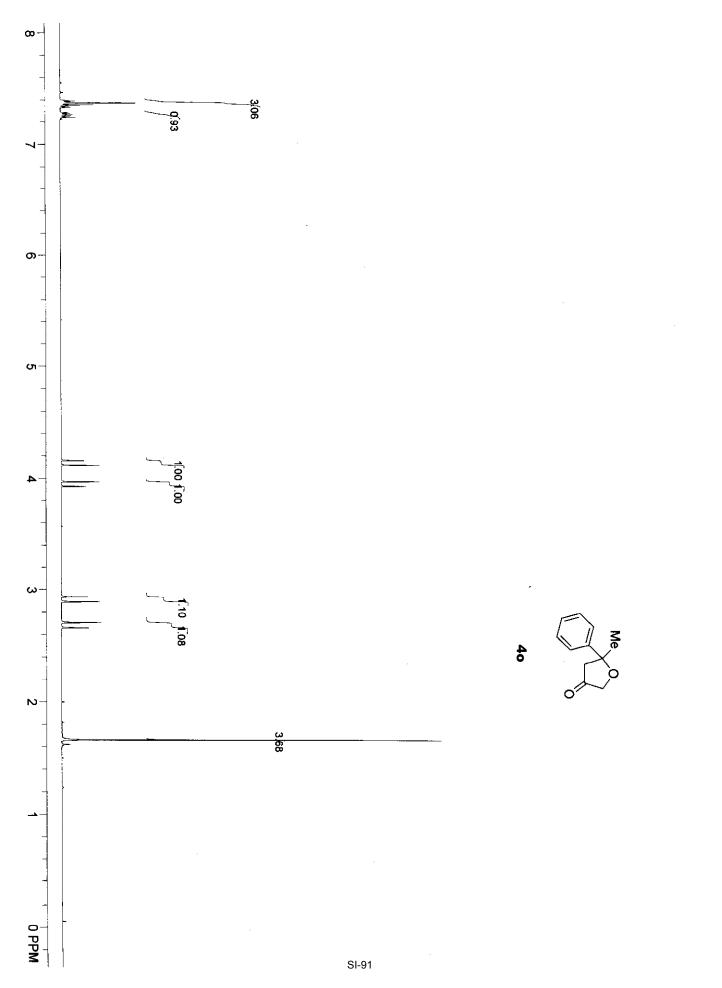


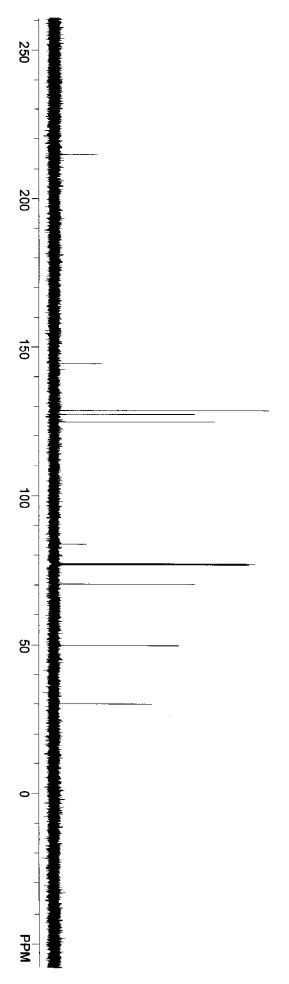


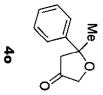


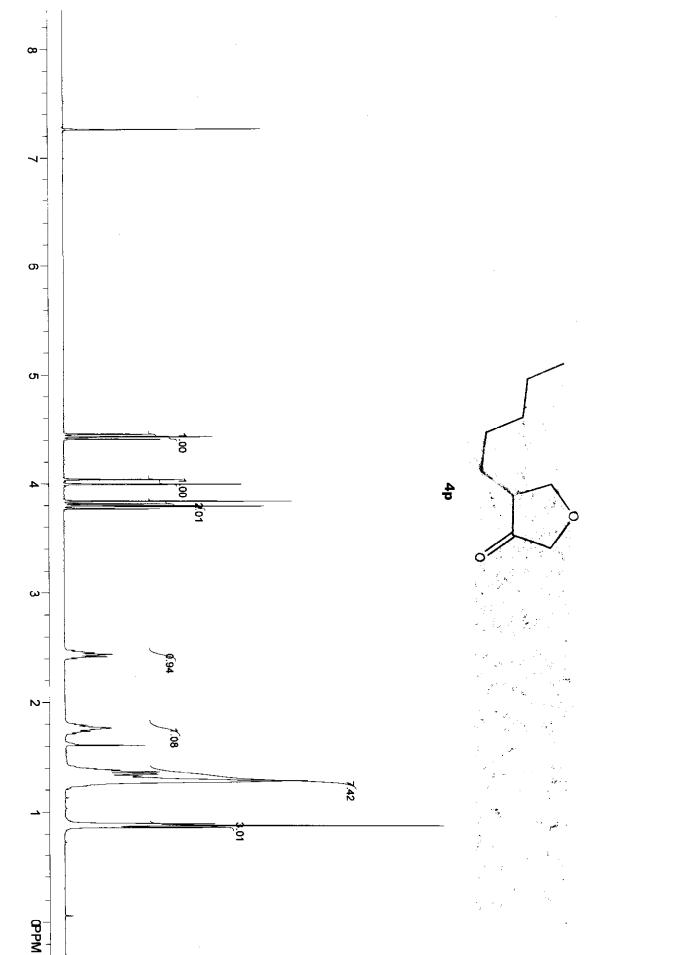








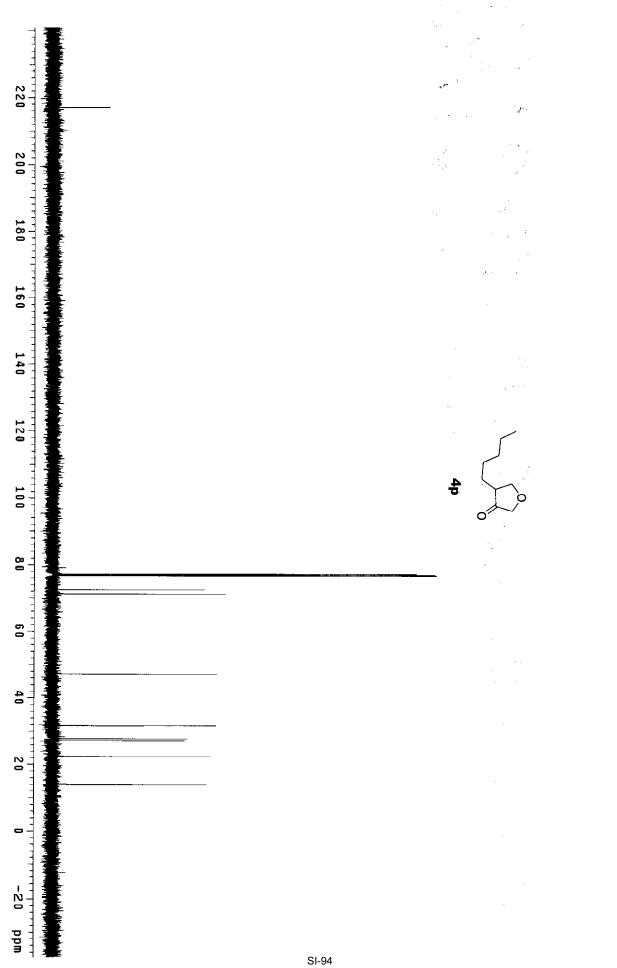




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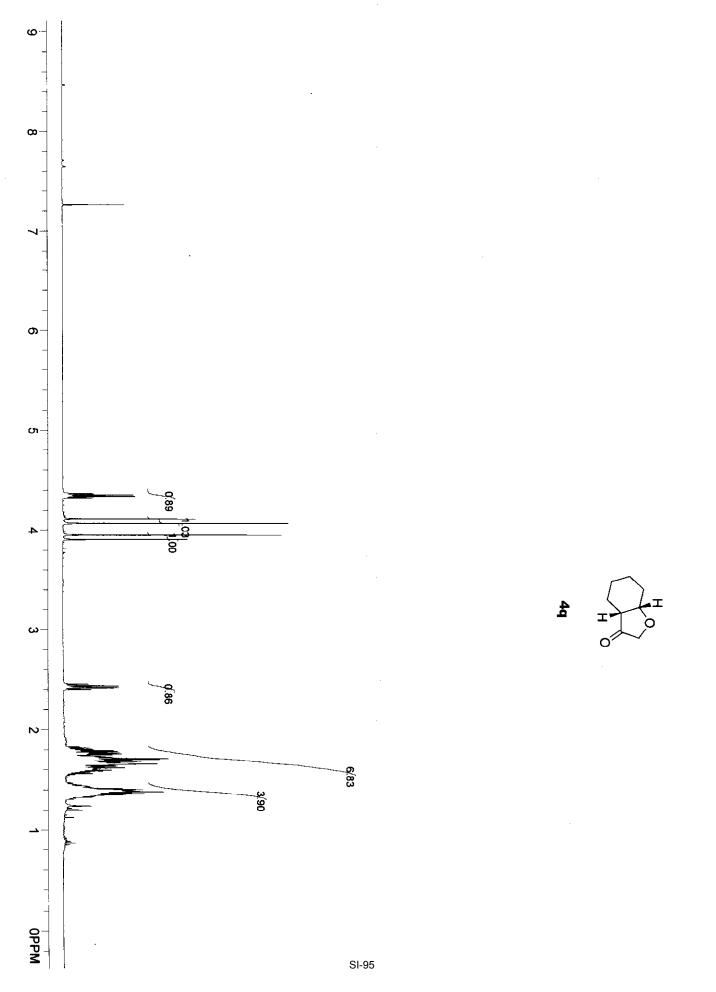
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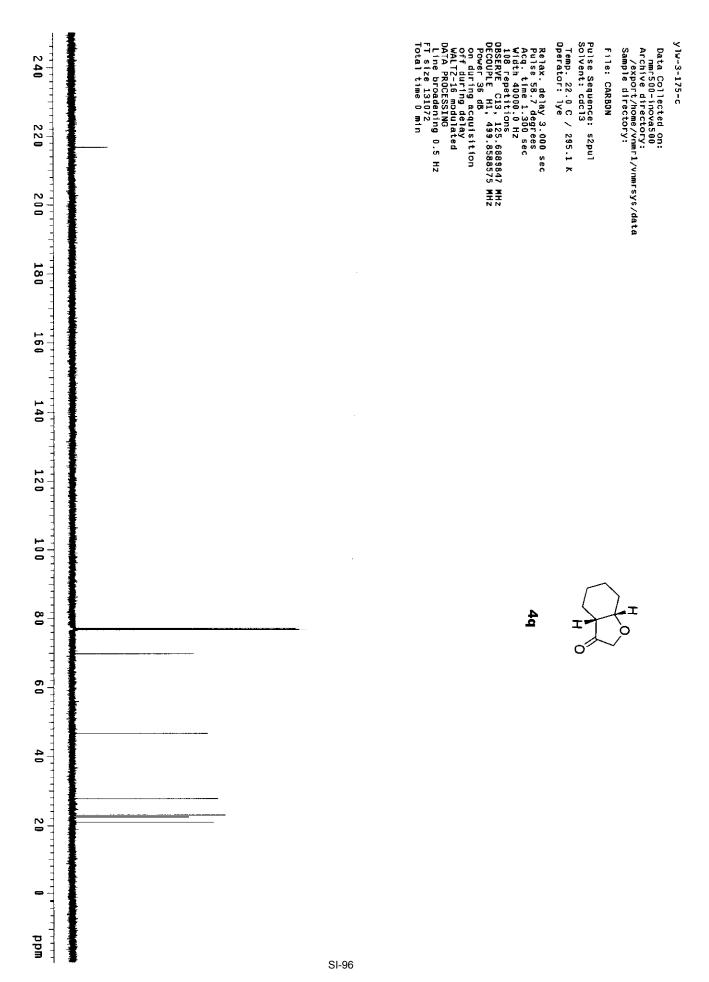


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