

## Supporting Information

### Bromination of 1,1-diarylethylenes with bromoethane

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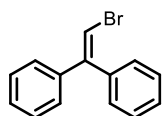
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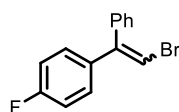
## 1. General Information

All reactions were carried out under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere with dry solvents in flame-dried glassware unless otherwise noted. Bromoethane was purchased from commercial sources and used as received. Flash chromatographic separations were carried out on 200-300 mesh silica gel. Reactions were monitored by TLC or GC analysis of reaction aliquots. GC analyses were performed on an Agilent 7890 Gas Chromatography using a HP-5 capillary column (30 m × 0.32 mm, 0.5 μm film). <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>19</sup>F, and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded in deuterated solvents on a Bruker AVANCE III spectrometer and calibrated using residual undeuterated solvent (CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 7.26 ppm <sup>1</sup>H NMR, 77.16 ppm <sup>13</sup>C NMR). Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants ( $J$ ) are in hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was recorded on a QTOF mass analyzer with electrospray ionization (ESI) through a Agilent 6550 iFunnel Q-TOF and Bruker Daltonics-micrOTOF-QII.

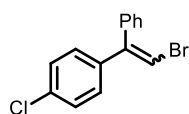
## 2. Representative procedure and characterization of 2a-2u.



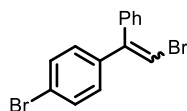
**(2-Bromoethene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (2a).**<sup>1</sup> *Representative Procedure I.* A mixture of 1,1-diphenylethylene (**1a**) (88  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.5 mmol), bromoethane (45  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.6 mmol) in DMSO (1.0 mL) was stirred at 110  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  (oil bath) for 5 hrs under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere. The reaction was quenched with ethyl acetate and water, and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After filtration, the filtrate was concentrated in vacuum and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the desired product **2a** as white solid (116 mg, 90% yield). Melting Point: 49 – 50  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.51 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.33 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  146.94, 140.82, 139.18, 129.77 (2C), 128.54 (2C), 128.34 (2C), 128.22, 128.08, 127.73 (2C), 105.33.



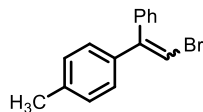
**1-(2-Bromo-1-phenylvinyl)-4-fluorobenzene (2b).**<sup>2</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 1-fluoro-4-(1-phenylvinyl)benzene was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (126 mg, 91% yield); *Z/E* isomer ratio: 1:1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.53 – 7.43 (m, 1.5H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 3.5H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.85 (s, 0.5H), 6.81 (s, 0.5H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.81 (d,  $J = 30.7$  Hz), 161.35 (d,  $J = 30.0$  Hz), 146.00, 145.92, 140.69, 138.99, 136.98 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 135.01 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 131.66 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 129.71, 129.41 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 128.61, 128.43, 128.38, 128.24, 127.72, 115.54 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz), 115.32 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz), 105.57, 105.08;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -113.14, -113.36.



**1-(2-Bromo-1-phenylvinyl)-4-chlorobenzene (2c).**<sup>1</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 1-chloro-4-(1-phenylvinyl)benzene was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (128 mg, 88% yield); *Z/E* isomer ratio: 1:1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.85 (s, 0.5H), 6.85 (s, 0.5H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.58, 145.83, 140.40, 139.24, 138.70, 137.50, 134.20, 134.02, 134.23, 129.69, 128.94, 128.72, 128.63, 128.45, 128.43, 128.29, 127.70, 105.84, 105.79.

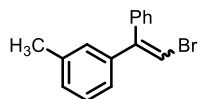


**1-(2-Bromo-1-phenylvinyl)-4-bromobenzene (2d).**<sup>3</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 1-bromine-4-(1-phenylvinyl)benzene was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (151 mg, 90% yield); *Z/E* isomer ratio: 1:1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.85, 140.29, 139.67, 138.59, 137.96, 131.66, 131.57, 131.51, 129.68, 129.23, 128.62, 128.44, 128.29, 127.68, 122.41, 122.27, 105.90, 105.78.

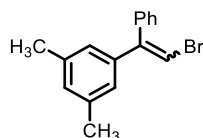


**1-(2-Bromo-1-phenylvinyl)-4-methylbenzene (2e).**<sup>4</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 1-methyl-4-(1-phenylvinyl)benzene was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (126 mg, 93% yield); *Z/E* isomer ratio: 1.5:1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.58 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 2.55 (s, 1.2H), 2.48 (s, 1.8H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.83, 146.76, 141.02, 139.31, 138.06, 138.00, 137.79, 136.18, 129.74, 129.68, 129.20,

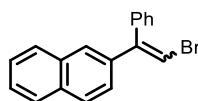
129.00, 128.45, 128.26, 128.12, ,127.96, 127.76, 127.58, 104.91, 104.45, 21.44, 21.24.



**1-(2-Bromo-1-phenylvinyl)-3-methylbenzene (2f).**<sup>3</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 1-methyl-3-(1-phenylvinyl)benzene was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (134 mg, 98% yield); *Z/E* isomer ratio: 1.1:1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69–7.11 (m, 9H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 2.52 (s, 1.4H), 2.46 (s, 1.6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.04, 147.00, 140.85, 140.79, 139.24, 139.09, 138.08, 137.90, 130.22, 129.74, 128.99, 128.81, 128.39, 128.35, 128.27, 128.20, 128.13, 127.99, 127.67, 126.84, 124.95, 105.16, 105.12, 21.53, 21.47.

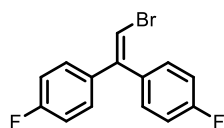


**1-(2-Bromo-1-phenylvinyl)-3,5-dimethylbenzene (2g).** The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 1,3-dimethyl-5-(1-phenylvinyl)benzene was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (142 mg, 99% yield); *Z/E* isomer ratio: 1.5:1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.60–7.09 (m, 8H), 7.05 (s, 0.6H), 6.60 (s, 0.4H), 2.49 (s, 1.8H), 2.48 (s, 1.2H), 2.27 (s, 1.8H), 2.15 (s, 1.2H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.63, 146.40, 141.02, 139.30, 138.71, 138.53, 135.38, 135.29, 133.21, 132.86, 130.84, 130.52, 130.24, 129.83, 129.35, 128.99, 128.89, 128.67, 128.09, 128.02, 127.94, 126.62, 106.51, 105.33, 21.10, 20.95, 19.79, 19.03. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Br<sup>+</sup> 287.0430; Found 287.0441.

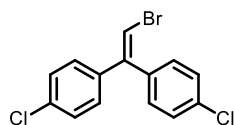


**2-(2-Bromo-1-phenylvinyl)naphthalene (2h).**<sup>1</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 2-(1-phenylvinyl)naphthalene was

used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (130 mg, 84% yield); *Z/E* isomer ratio: 1.5:1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.99 – 7.78 (m, 3.5H), 7.74 (s, 0.6H), 7.63 – 7.30 (m, 8.1H), 6.99 (s, 0.6H), 6.94 (s, 0.4H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  146.90, 140.82, 139.12, 138.14, 136.60, 133.29, 133.04, 132.98, 129.89, 129.17, 128.58, 128.41, 128.35, 128.30, 128.18, 128.16, 127.97, 127.84, 127.70, 127.53, 127.14, 126.55, 126.49, 126.32, 126.35, 105.78, 105.67.

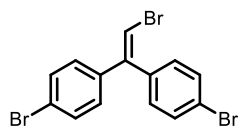


**4,4'-(2-Bromoethene-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) (2i).**<sup>1</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 4,4'-(ethene-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (144 mg, 98% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.35 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.91 (d,  $J = 32.2$  Hz), 161.44 (d,  $J = 31.6$  Hz), 145.01, 136.88 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 134.84 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 131.64 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2C), 129.44 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2C), 115.66 (d,  $J = 9.7$  Hz, 2C), 115.44 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 2C), 105.32;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -112.89, -113.14.

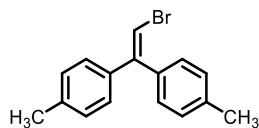


**4,4'-(2-Bromoethene-1,1-diyl)bis(chlorobenzene) (2j).**<sup>1</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 4,4'-(ethene-1,1-diyl)bis(chlorobenzene) was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (160 mg, 98% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.45 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz,

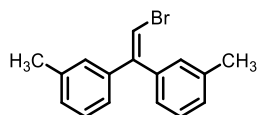
2H), 6.84 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  144.74, 138.81, 137.00, 134.44, 134.26, 131.14 (2C), 128.91 (2C), 128.82 (2C), 128.75 (2C), 106.31.



**4,4'-(2-Bromoethene-1,1-diyl)bis(bromobenzene) (2k).**<sup>5</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 4,4'-(ethene-1,1-diyl)bis(bromobenzene) was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (185 mg, 89% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.80 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  144.87, 139.21, 137.44, 131.81 (2C), 131.74 (2C), 131.46 (2C), 129.23 (2C), 122.71, 122.56, 106.35.

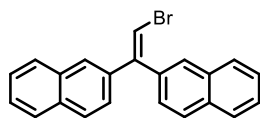


**4,4'-(2-Bromoethene-1,1-diyl)bis(methylbenzene) (2l).**<sup>1</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 4,4'-(ethene-1,1-diyl)bis(methylbenzene) was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (141 mg, 98% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.42 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  146.68, 138.24, 137.97, 137.69, 136.32, 129.67 (2C), 129.16 (2C), 128.96 (2C), 127.65 (2C), 104.06, 21.43, 21.23.

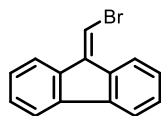


**3,3'-(2-Bromoethene-1,1-diyl)bis(methylbenzene) (2m).**<sup>5</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 3,3'-(ethene-1,1-diyl)bis(methylbenzene) was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title

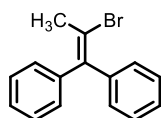
compound as colorless oil (140 mg, 98% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.45–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.21 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  147.17, 140.90, 139.20, 138.08, 137.87, 130.23, 128.96, 128.78, 128.38, 128.33, 128.17, 126.86, 124.96, 104.97, 21.55, 21.49.



**2,2'-(2-Bromoethene-1,1-diyl)dinaphthalene (2n).** The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 2,2'-(ethene-1,1-diyl)dinaphthalene was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (156 mg, 87% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.96 – 7.74 (m, 7H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.59 – 7.45 (m, 5H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  146.95, 138.23, 136.63, 133.35, 133.30, 133.13, 133.10, 129.35, 128.40, 128.39, 128.25, 128.07, 127.93, 127.75, 127.66, 127.34, 126.63, 126.58, 126.39, 125.48, 106.08. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{Br}^+$  359.0430; Found 359.0414.

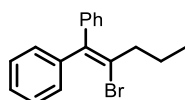


**9-(Bromomethylene)-9H-fluorene (2o).**<sup>6</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 9-methylene-9H-fluorene was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (100 mg, 78% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.62 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.33 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.54, 139.25, 138.93, 138.48, 136.69, 129.55, 128.76, 127.38, 127.33, 125.81, 120.28, 119.96, 119.91, 105.94.

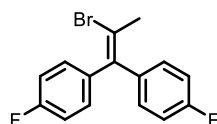




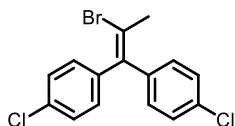
**(2-Bromoprop-1-ene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (2p).**<sup>4</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that prop-1-ene-1,1-diyl dibenzene was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (86 mg, 63% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.68 – 7.01 (m, 10H), 2.57 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.30, 141.82, 140.80, 129.30 (2C), 129.21 (2C), 128.39 (2C), 128.09 (2C), 127.32, 127.23, 121.24, 27.51.



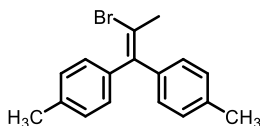
**(2-Bromopent-1-ene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (2q).**<sup>8</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that pent-1-ene-1,1-diyl dibenzene was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (98 mg, 65% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.33 (m, 10H), 2.59 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 1.88 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.47, 142.11, 141.24, 129.21 (2C), 128.95 (2C), 128.49 (2C), 128.17, 128.14 (2C), 127.29, 127.21, 40.42, 22.41, 13.23.



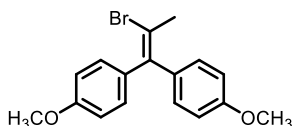
**4,4'-(2-Bromoprop-1-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) (2r).**<sup>7</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 4,4'-(prop-1-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (104 mg, 68% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.92 – 6.85 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 160.74 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 139.77, 138.99 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 136.52 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 131.17 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2C), 130.97 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2C), 121.85, 115.48 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz, 2C), 115.15 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz, 2C), 27.54; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -114.09, -114.23.



**4,4'-(2-Bromoprop-1-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(chlorobenzene) (2s).**<sup>4</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 4,4'-(prop-1-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(chlorobenzene) was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (124 mg, 73% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.55, 138.77, 133.59, 133.41, 130.86 (2C), 130.67 (2C), 128.78 (2C), 128.50 (2C), 122.38, 27.61.



**4,4'-(2-Bromoprop-1-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(methylbenzene) (2t).**<sup>4</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 4,4'-(prop-1-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(methylbenzene) was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (104 mg, 69% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 4H), 7.01 – 6.94 (m, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.57, 140.61, 138.08, 136.97, 129.24 (2C), 129.16(2C), 129.04 (2C), 128.77 (2C), 120.55, 27.57, 21.39, 21.29.



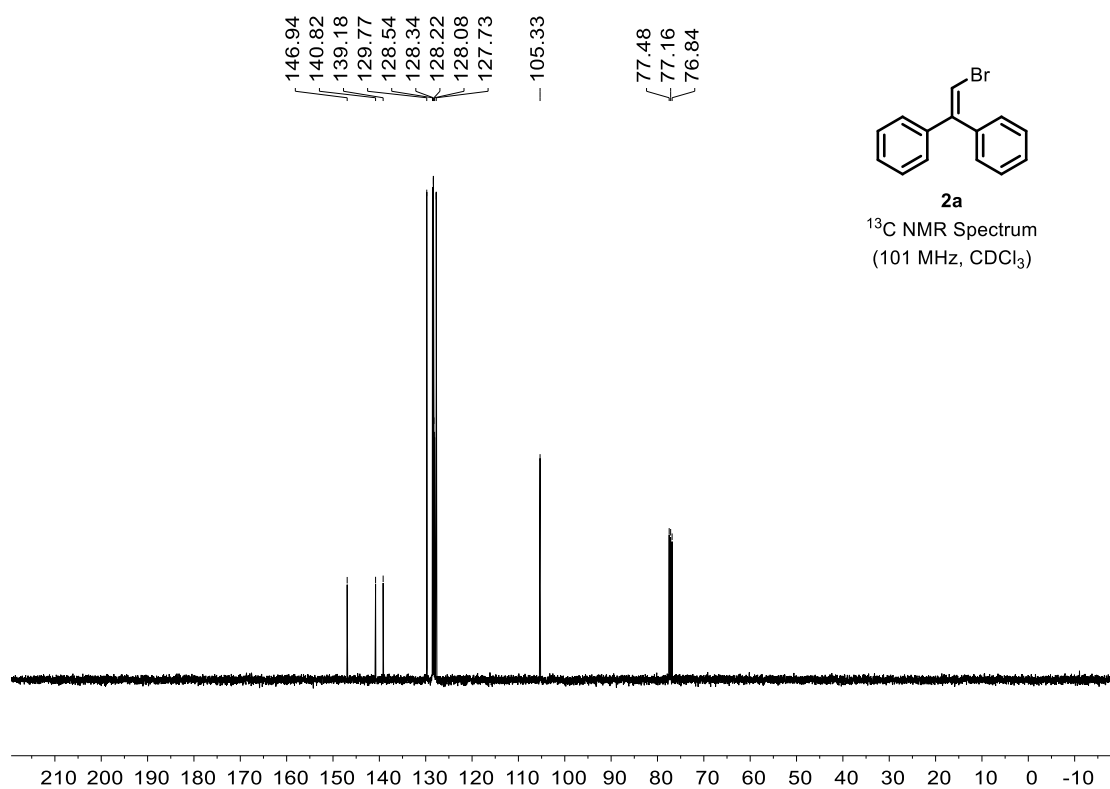
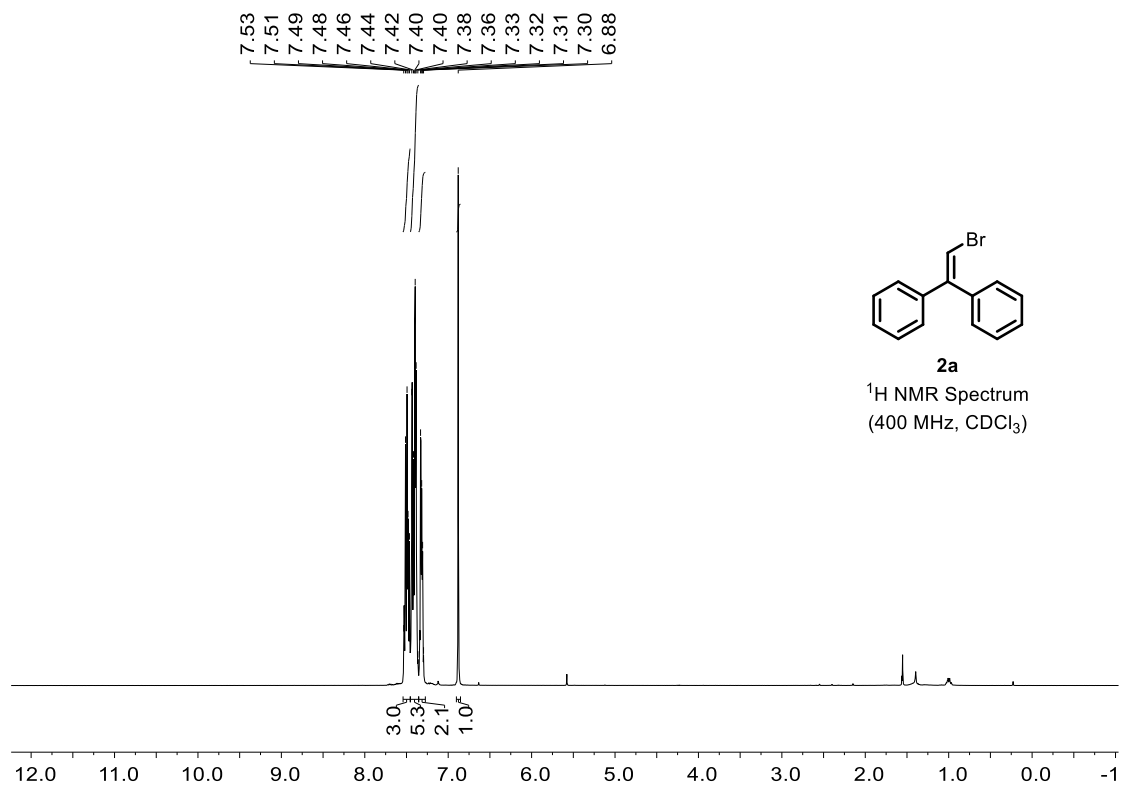
**4,4'-(2-Bromoprop-1-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(methoxybenzene) (2u).**<sup>4</sup> The title compound was prepared according to Representative Procedure I except that 4,4'-(prop-1-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(methoxybenzene) was used instead of 1,1-diphenylethylene. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether) to give the title compound as colorless oil (129 mg, 78% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.74 – 3.47 (m, 6H),

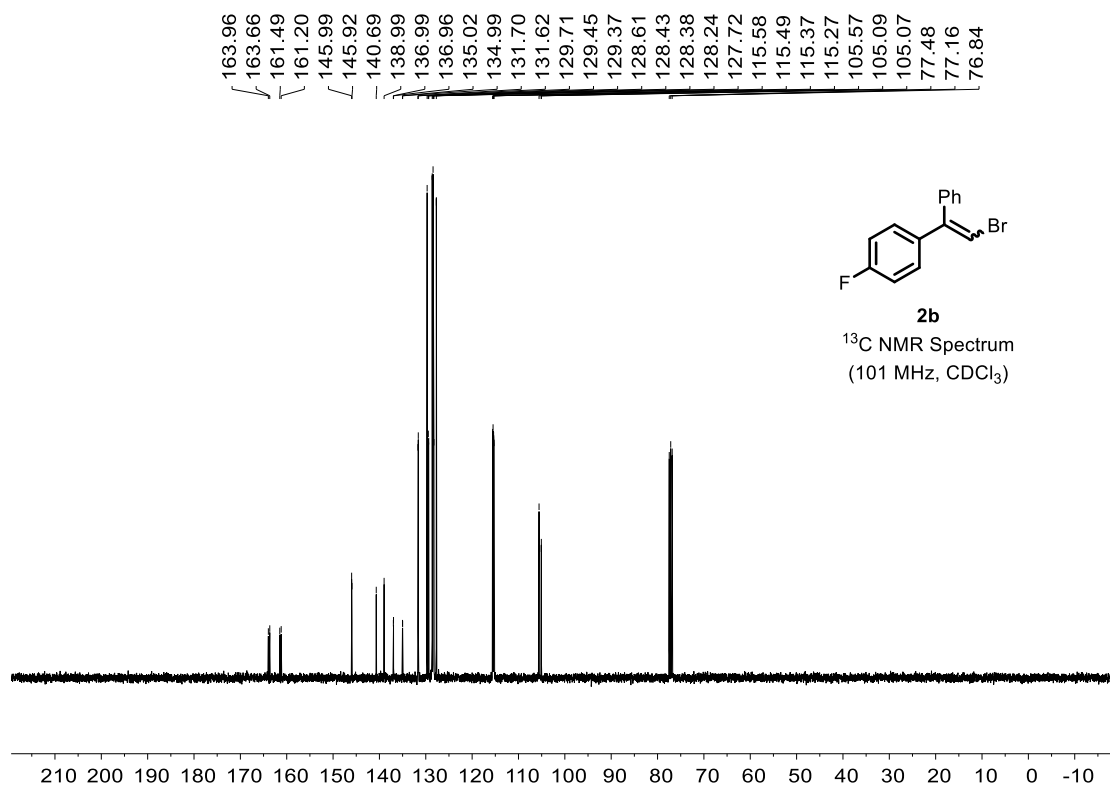
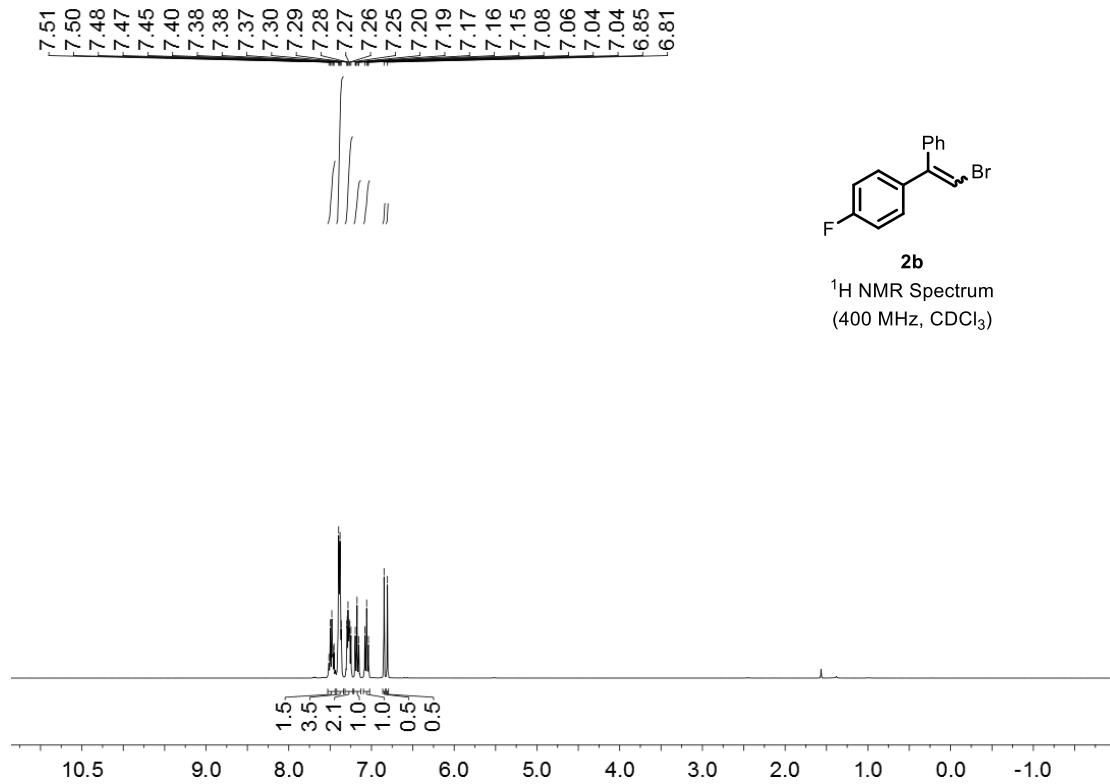
2.31 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.62, 158.49, 140.75, 135.86, 133.32, 130.68 (2C), 130.50 (2C), 119.96, 113.57 (2C), 113.21 (2C), 55.18, 55.10, 27.60.

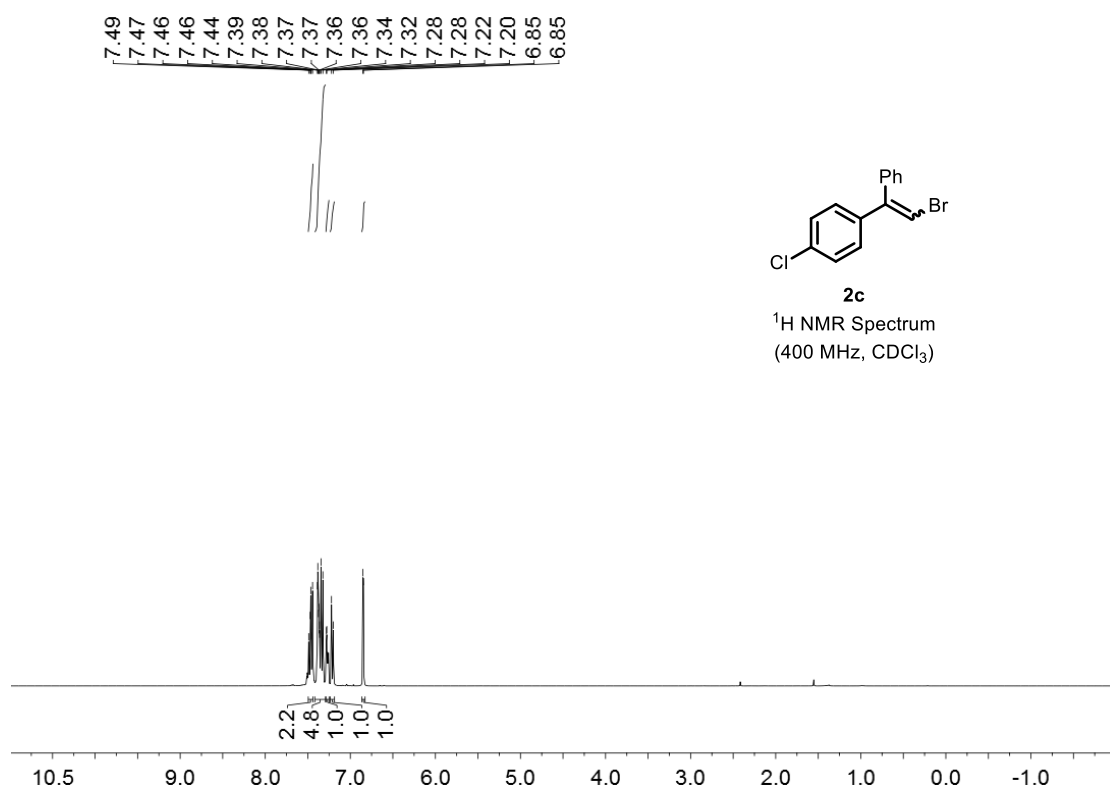
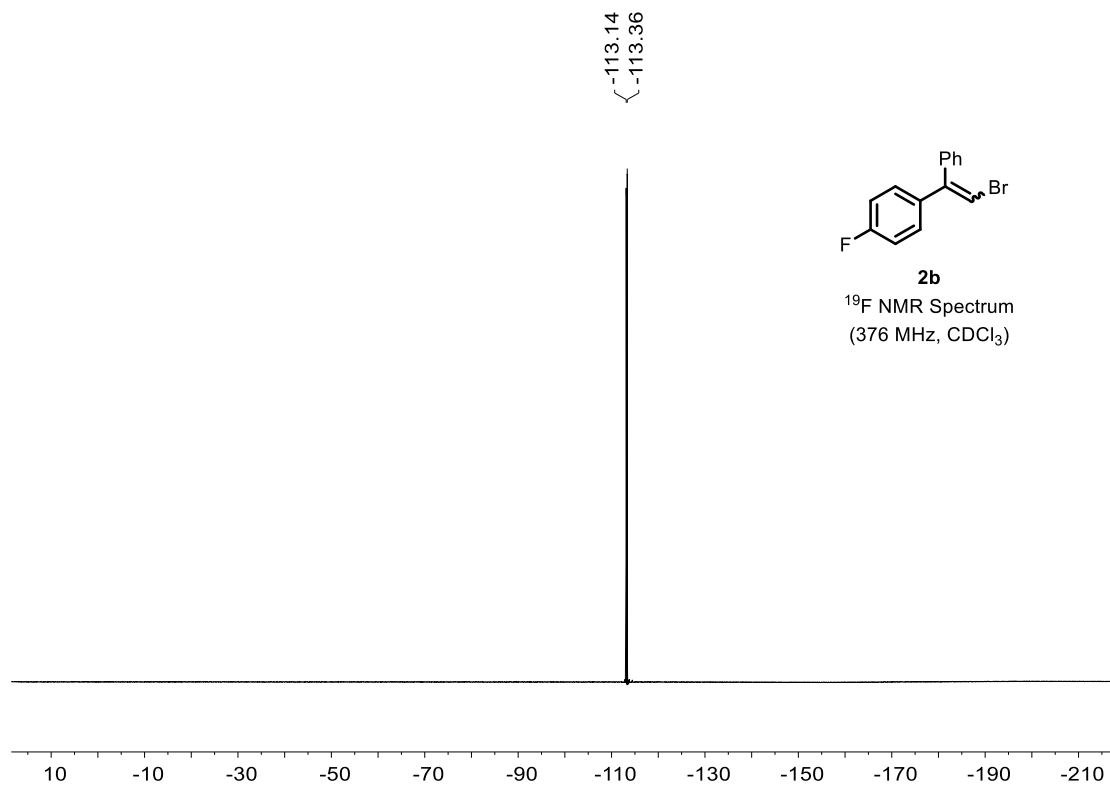
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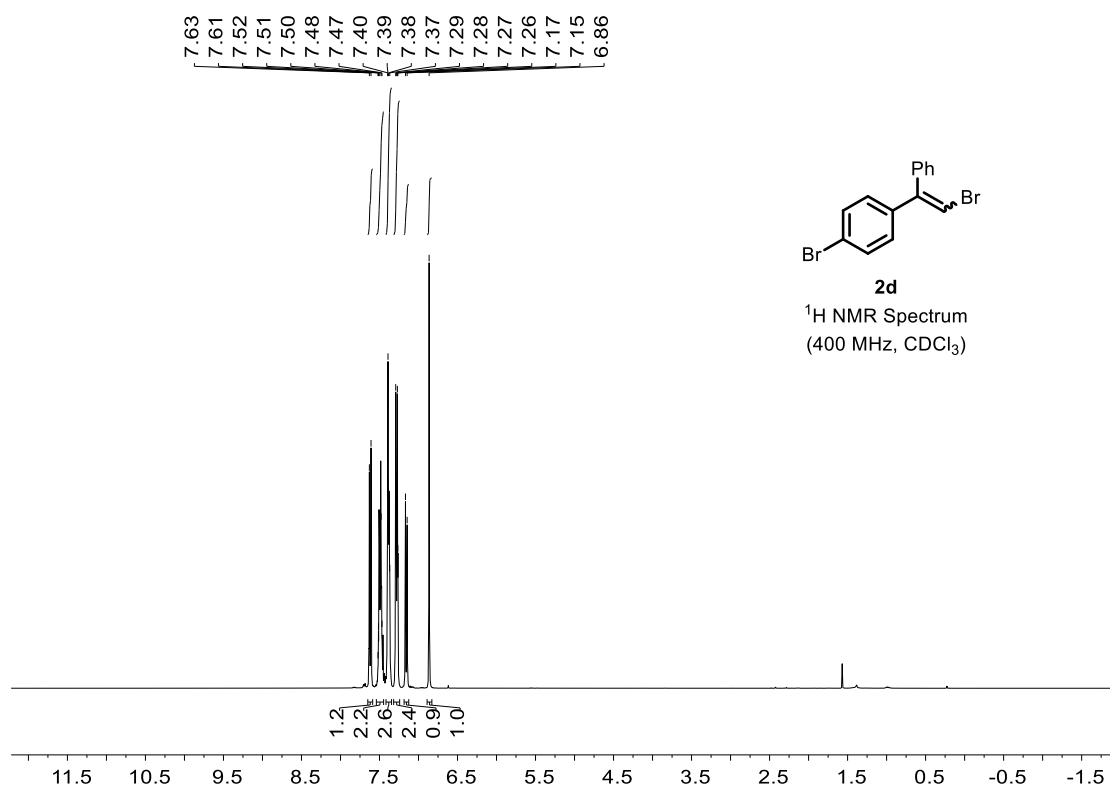
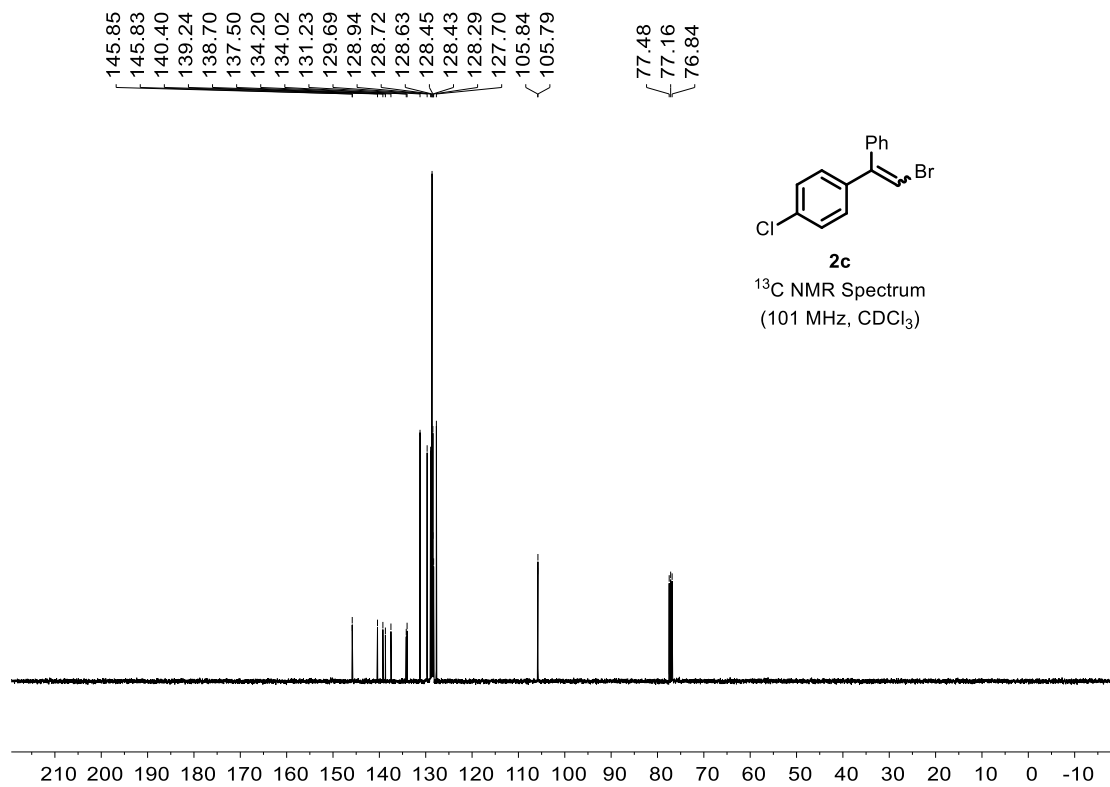
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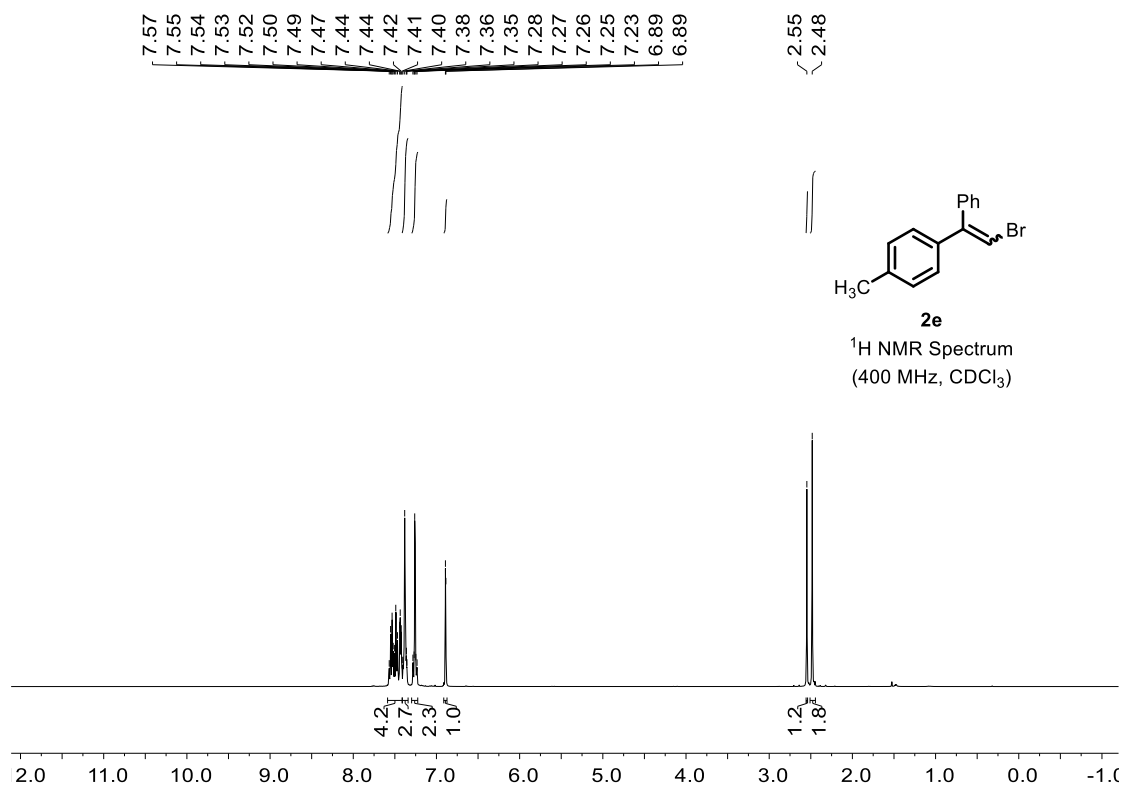
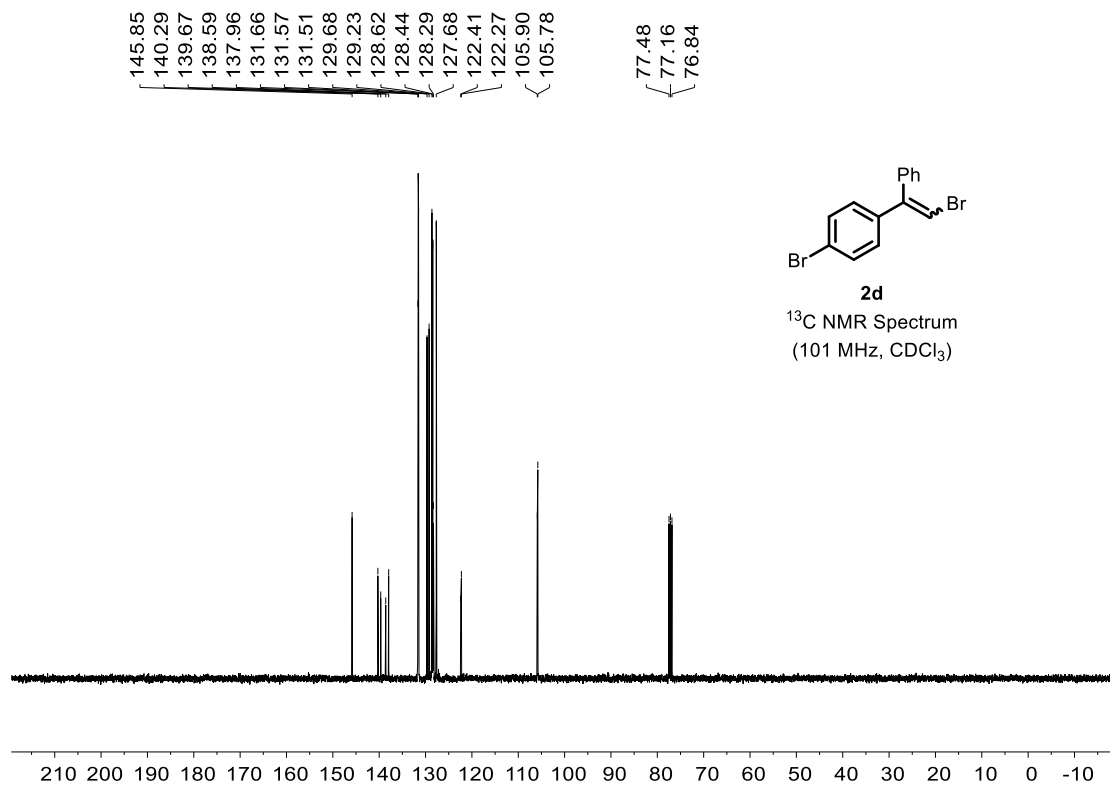
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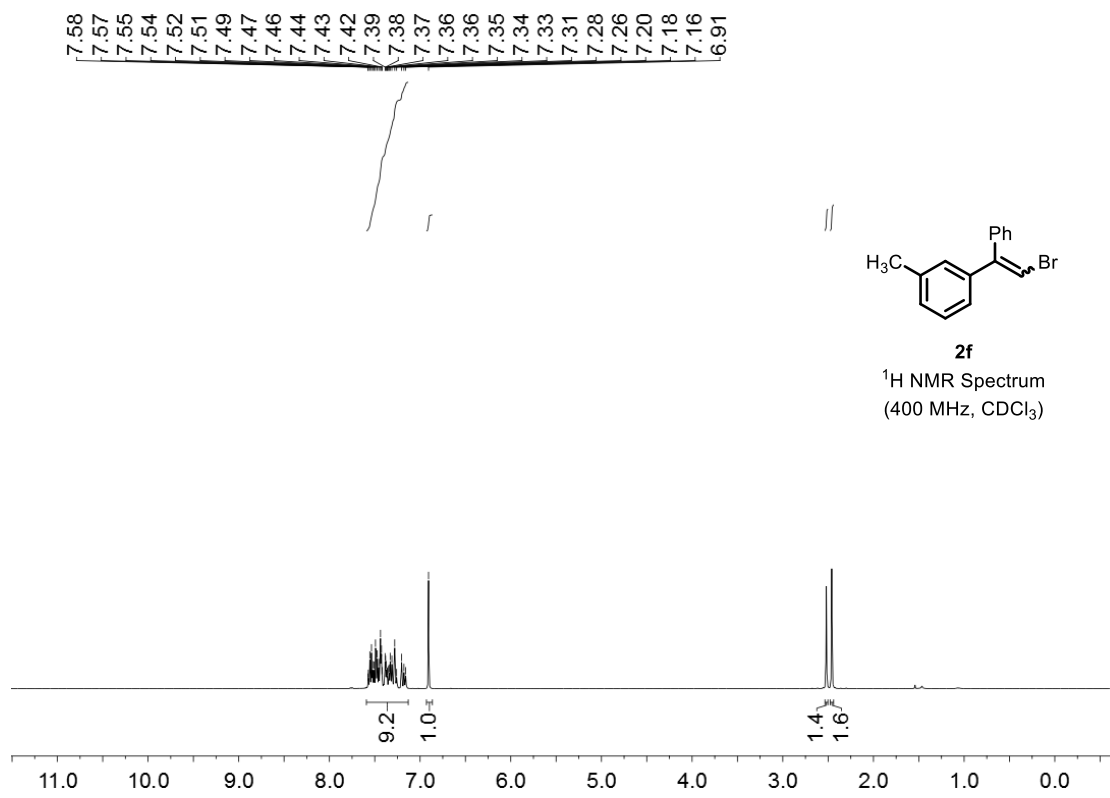
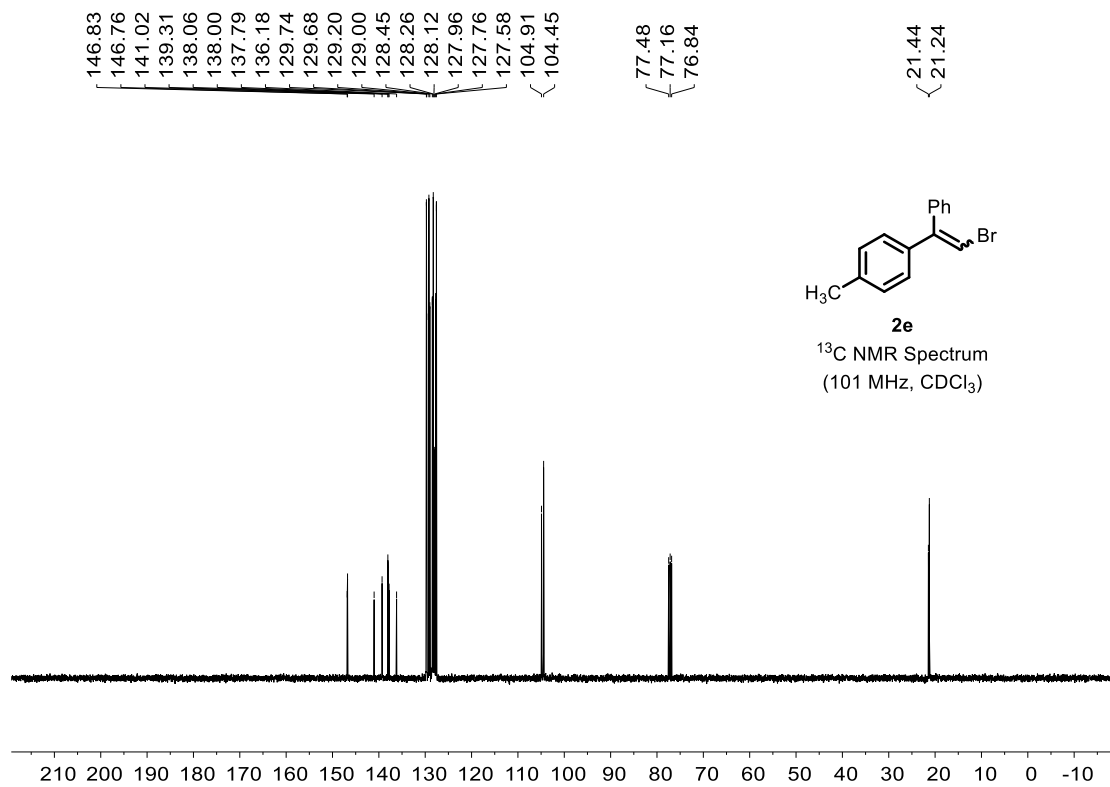


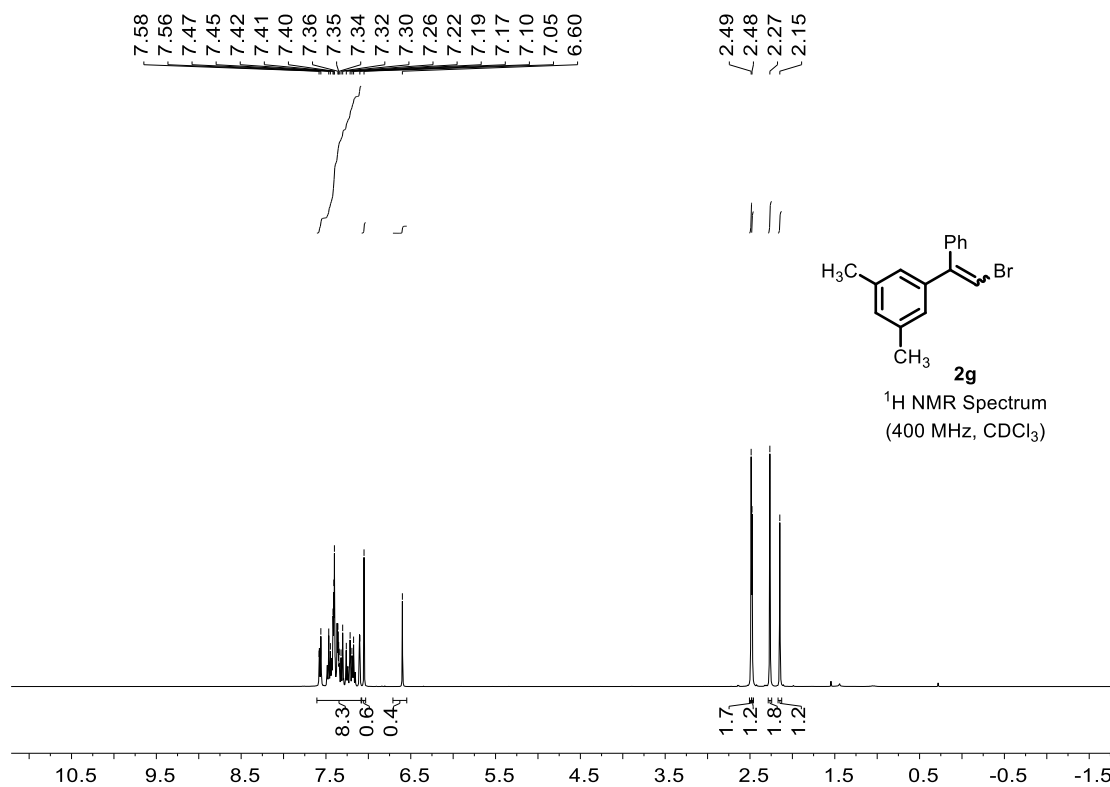
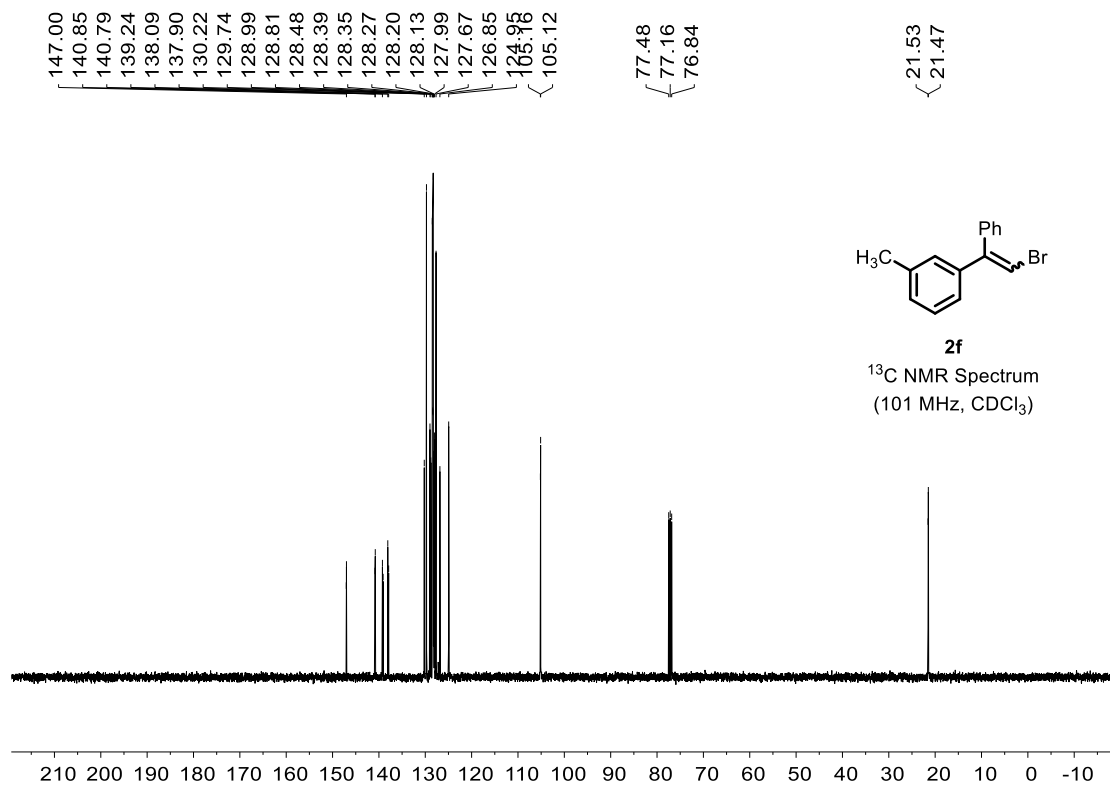


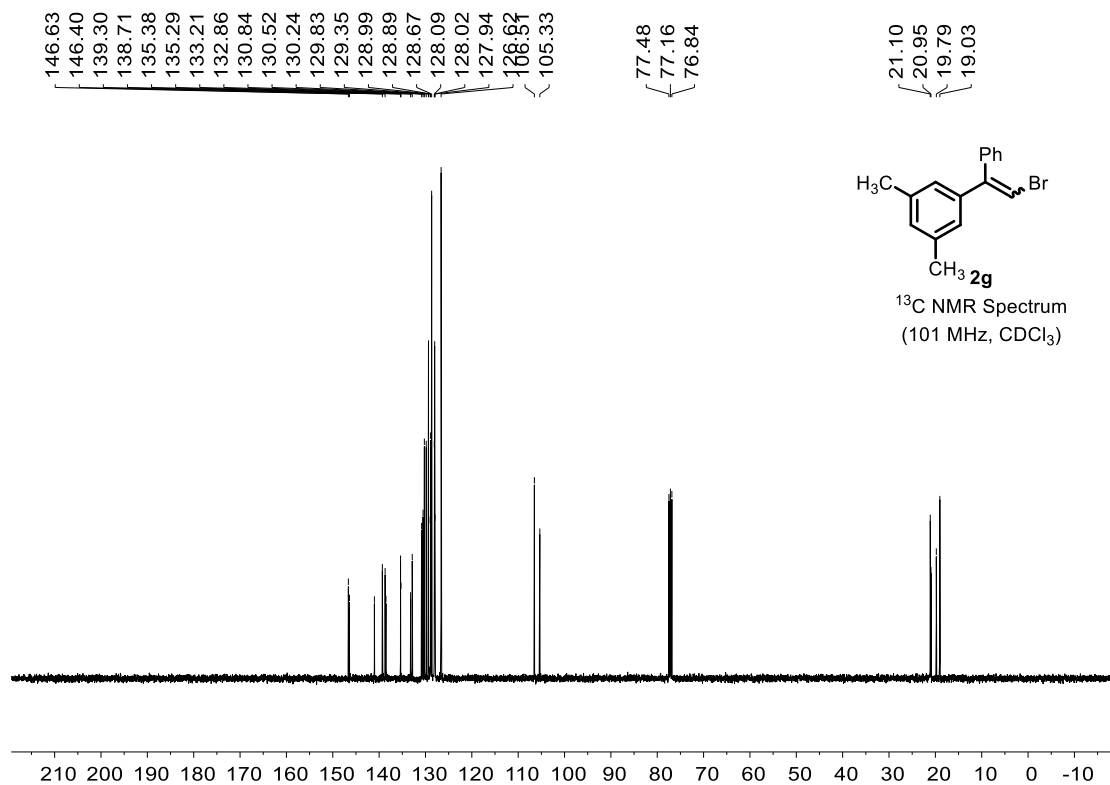




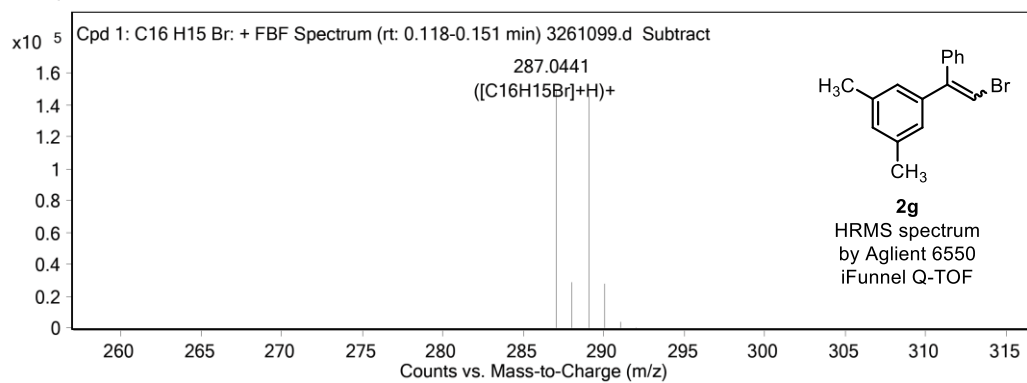


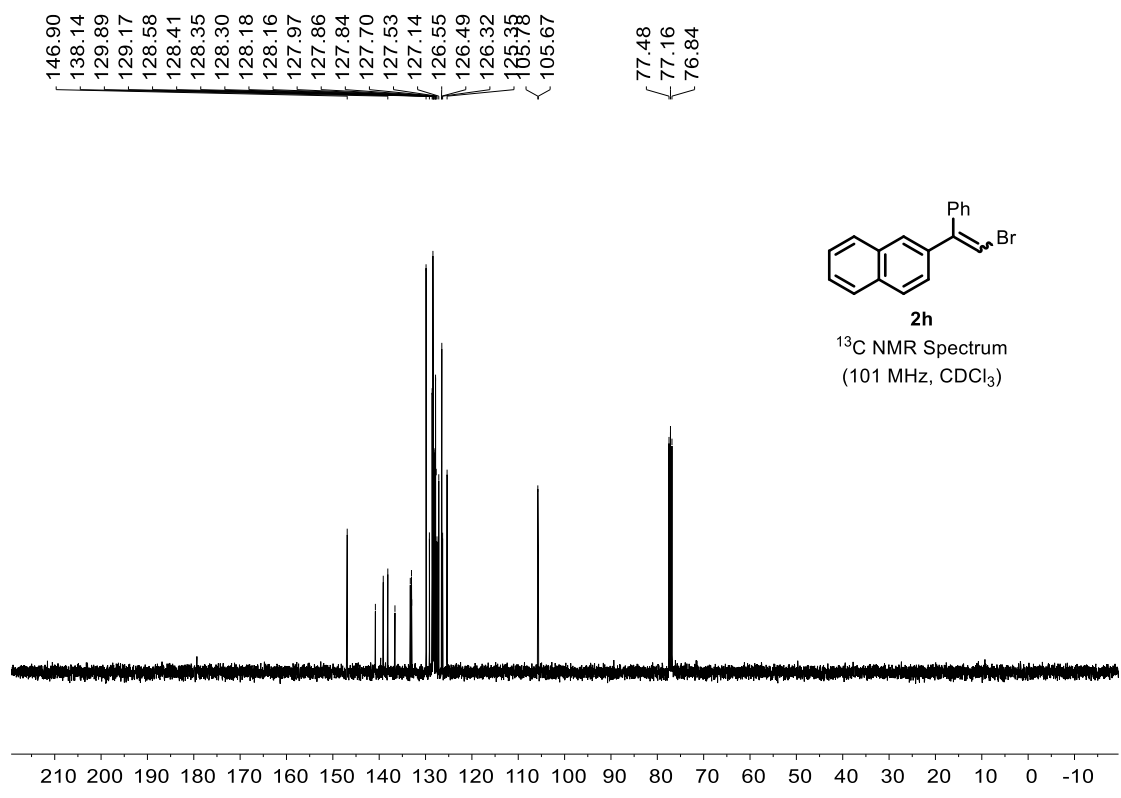
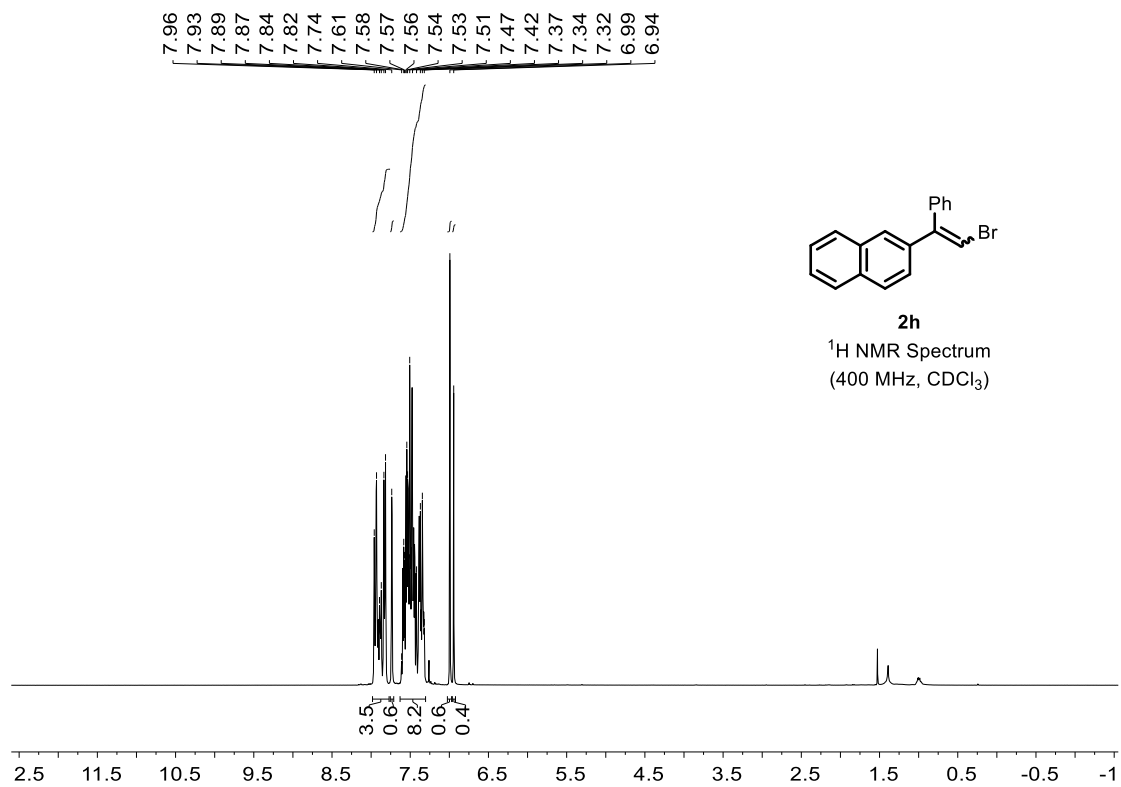


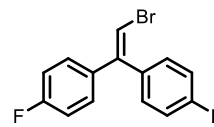
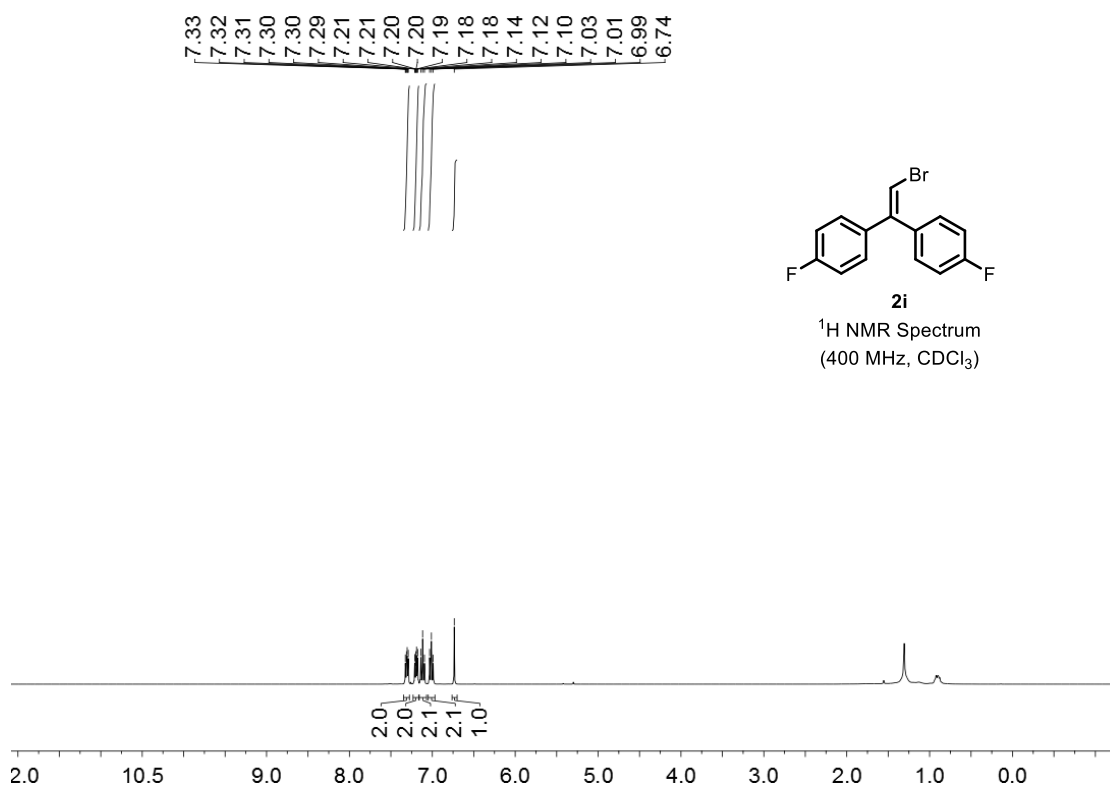




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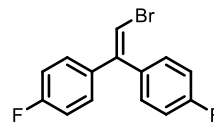
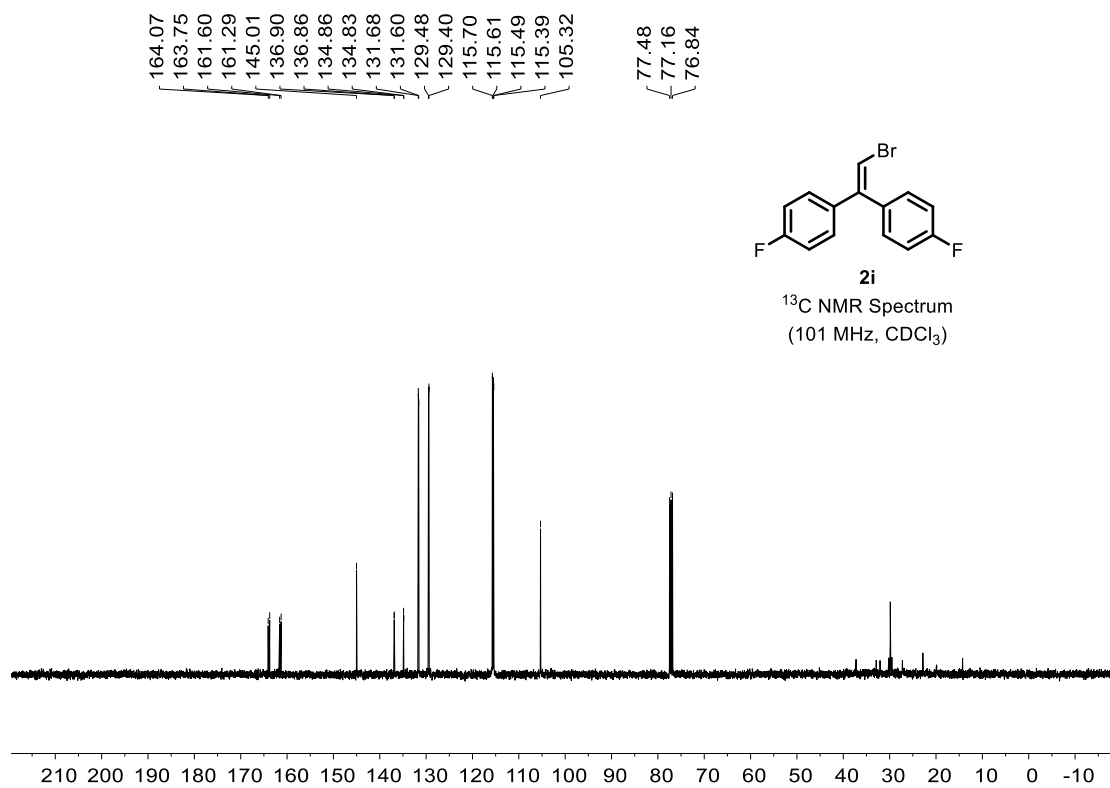






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<sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum  
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<sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum  
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