# Nickel-Catalyzed, Intermolecular Coupling of Aldehydes, Silyl Triflates, and Alkenes

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#### **General Information.**

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed under an oxygen-free atmosphere of nitrogen or argon with rigid exclusion of moisture from reagents and glassware. Tetrahydrofuran was distilled from a blue solution of sodium benzophenone ketyl. Dichloromethane and toluene was distilled from calcium hydride. All aldehydes were distilled and saturated with nitrogen before use. Bis(cyclooctadienyl)nickel(0) (Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>) and tris-(o-methoxyphenyl)-phosphine was purchased from Strem Chemicals, Inc., stored under nitrogen atomosphere and used without further purification. Ethylene was purchased from BOC Gases and used as received. 1-octene, 4-methyl-1-pentene, 7-methyl-1,6-octadiene were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received. Dicyclohexylphenylphosphine was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co., stored under nitrogen atmosphere and used without further purification. Triethylsilyltrifluoromethanesulfonate (TESOTf) and trimethylsilyl-trifluoromethansulfonate (TMSOTf) were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and were distilled over calcium hydride before use. Tert-butyldimethysilyl-trifluoromethanesulfonate (TBSOTf) was purchased from Alfa Aesar and was distilled over calcium hydride before use.

Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using EM Science silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> plates. The developed chromatogram was analyzed by UV lamp (254 nm), ethanolic phosphomolybdic acid (PMA) or potassium permanganate (KMnO<sub>4</sub>). Liquid chromatography was performed using a forced flow (flash chromatography) of the indicated solvent system on Silicycle Silica Gel (230 – 400 mesh). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian 300 MHz, Varian 500 MHz or Bruker 400 MHz spectrometers in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, unless otherwise noted. Chemical shifts in <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) on the  $\delta$  scale from an internal standard of residual chloroform (7.27 ppm) or residual benzene (7.16 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = singletmultiplet, b = broad), coupling constant in hertz (Hz), and integration. Chemical shifts of <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra are reported in ppm from the central peak of CDCl<sub>3</sub> (77.23 ppm) on the δ scale. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 2000 FT-IR. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a Bruker Daltonics APEXII 3 Tesla Fourier Transform Mass Spectrometer by Dr. Li Li of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Chemistry Instrument Facility. Chiral GC analysis was performed on a Varian CP-3800 gas chromatograph fitted with Chiraldex B-PH, B-DA, and G-TA capillary columns. Chiral HPLC analysis was performed on a Hewlett-Packard 1100 chromatograph equipped with a variable wavelength detector and Chiralcel OD or OD-H columns. Specific Rotations ( $[\alpha]_D$ ) were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 241

polarimeter at 589 nm.

## Preparation of 2,2-dimethyl-3-oxo-propionic acid methyl ester

dimethyl-propionic acid methyl ester (15 g, 113 mmol) in 200 mL dichloromethane was cooled to 0°C. Pyridinium chlorochromate (43 g, 200 mmol) was added. The mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred 24 h. The crude in dichloromethane was filtered through silica gel. Celite was added to the remaining black viscous oil from the reaction mixture until the viscous oil is all absorbed to the celite. Dichloromethane was added to this slurry and the dichloromethane solution was filtered through silica gel. Dichloromethane was removed at reduced pressure (80 Torr) to give a pale yellow crude. Distillation removed residue dichloromethane and obtained 2,2-dimethyl-3-oxo-propionic acid methyl ester as a colorless oil (7 g, 48% yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 9.60 (s, 1H); 3.70 (s, 3H); 1.29 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 199.1, 173.2, 53.9, 52.6, 19.7.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2988, 2958, 1726, 1468, 1278, 1151, 866.

## Nickel-catalyzed couplings of ethylene and liquid aldehydes (1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1h, 1i).

General procedure. A 10 mL round bottom flask and a stir bar were oven-dried and brought into a glove box. Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (27.5 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol%) and tris-o-methoxyphenylphosphine (70.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 40 mol%) were added to the round bottom flask, the flask was sealed with a septum, and the sealed flask was brought out of the glove box and connected to an argon line. The catalyst mixture was dissolved in toluene (2.5 mL) under argon and stirred 15 min at room temperature. The reaction mixture was purged with ethylene for 1 min to remove argon, taken care not to introduce oxygen. The ethylene atmosphere was maintained with an ethylene balloon. Next triethylamine (418  $\mu$ L, 3 mmol, 600 mol%) was added. Silyltriflate (0.875 mmol, 175 mol%, as specified) was added. Aldehyde (0.5 mmol, 100 mol%, as specified) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 – 18 h. The mixture was filtered through a plug of silica gel. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was diluted in hexane. Purification via flash chromatography on silica afforded

the coupling product.

OSiEt<sub>3</sub>

Triethyl-(1-phenyl-allyloxy)-silane (1a). The reaction of ethylene and benzaldehyde (51  $\mu$ L, 0.5 mmol) with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>, tris-o-methoxyphenylphosphine and TESOTf (197  $\mu$ L, 0.875 mmol), triethylamine in toluene following the general procedure above, afforded 1a in 82% isolated yield as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.32 – 7.45 (m, 4H); 7.29 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H); 6.01 (ddd, J = 6.0, 10.2, 16.9 Hz, 1H); 5.34 (dt, J = 1.5, 16.9 Hz, 1H); 5.25 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H); 5.13 (dt, J = 1.5, 10.2 Hz, 1H); 0.99 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9H); 0.66 (dq, J = 1.8, 7.8 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 143.9, 141.8, 128.4, 127.3, 126.2, 113.7, 75.9, 7.0, 5.1. IR (NaCl, thin film): 2956, 2877, 1640, 1454, 1240, 1065, 744, 699. HRMS-ESI (m / z): [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>OSi, 271.149; found, 271.150.

OSiEt<sub>3</sub>

Me Triethyl-(1-p-tolyl-allyloxy)-silane (1b). The reaction of ethylene and p-tolualdehyde (59  $\mu$ L, 0.5 mmol) with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>, tris-o-methoxyphenylphosphine and TESOTf (197  $\mu$ L, 0.875 mmol), triethylamine in toluene following the general procedure above, afforded 1b in 88% isolated yield as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.27 (d, J = 8.0, 2H); 7.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); 5.97 (ddd, J = 5.9, 10.2, 16.9 Hz, 1H); 5.30 (dt, J = 1.5, 17.0 Hz, 1H); 5.17 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H); 5.09 (dt, J = 1.3, 10.2 Hz, 1H); 2.37 (s, 3H); 0.97 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 9H); 0.65 (dq, J = 1.9, 7.5 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 142.1, 141.1, 136.8, 129.1, 126.2, 113.4, 75.8, 21.3, 7.0, 5.2.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2955, 2877, 1640, 1513, 1458, 1415, 1079, 1007, 844. HRMS-ESI (m / z):  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{16}H_{26}OSi$ , 285.165; found, 285.165. OSiEt<sub>3</sub>

**Me** Triethyl-(1-o-tolyl-allyloxy)-silane (1c). The reaction of ethylene and o-tolualdehyde (58  $\mu$ L, 0.5 mmol) with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>, tris-o-methoxyphenylphosphine and TESOTf (197  $\mu$ L, 0.875 mmol), triethylamine in toluene following the general procedure above, afforded 1c in 93% isolated yield as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.50 (d, J = 7.0, 1H); 7.11 – 7.24 (m, 4H); 5.93 (ddd, J = 5.7, 10.2, 17.0 Hz, 1H); 5.36 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H); 5.22 (dt, J = 1.6, 17.1 Hz, 1H); 5.08 (dt, J = 1.5, 10.2 Hz, 1H); 2.34 (s, 3H); 0.95 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9H); 0.61 (dq, J = 2.8, 7.5 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 141.9, 140.7, 134.4, 130.3, 127.1, 126.5, 126.3, 113.7, 73.1, 19.4, 7.0, 5.1.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2955, 2877, 1639, 1461, 1066, 1007, 744.

HRMS-ESI (m / z):  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{16}H_{26}OSi$ , 285.165; found, 285.165.

OSiEt<sub>3</sub>

OMe Triethyl-[1-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-allyloxy]-silane (1d). The reaction of ethylene and p-anisaldehyde (61  $\mu$ L, 0.5 mmol) with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>, tris-o-methoxy-phenylphosphine and TESOTf (197  $\mu$ L, 0.875 mmol), triethylamine in toluene following the general procedure above, afforded 1d in 95% isolated yield as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.30 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H); 6.90 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H); 5.97 (ddd, J = 5.9, 10.2, 16.9 Hz, 1H); 5.29 (dt, J = 1.4, 17.0 Hz, 1H); 5.16 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H); 5.10 (dt, J = 1.4, 10.2 Hz, 1H); 3.83 (s, 3H); 0.96 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 9H); 0.63 (dq, J = 1.8, 7.5 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 158.9, 142.0, 136.2, 127.4, 113.7, 113.4, 75.4, 55.4, 7.0, 5.1.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2955, 2877, 1639, 1511, 1464, 1246, 1037, 744.

HRMS-ESI (m / z):  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{16}H_{26}O_2Si$ , 301.159; found, 301.159.

OSiEt<sub>3</sub>

(1-tert-Butyl-allyloxy)-triethyl-silane (1h). The reaction of ethylene and pivaldehyde (55  $\mu$ L, 0.5 mmol) with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>, tris-o-methoxyphenylphosphine and TESOTf (197  $\mu$ L, 0.875 mmol), triethylamine in toluene following the general procedure above, afforded 1h in 70% isolated yield as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 5.97 (ddd, J = 5.9, 10.2, 16.9 Hz, 1H); 5.12 (bs, 1H); 5.10 (bs, 1H); 5.08 (bs, 1H); 3.67 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H); 0.96 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 9H); 0.86 (s, 9H); 0.63 (q, J = 7.7 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 139.4, 115.8, 82.4, 35.5, 26.0, 7.2, 5.3.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2955, 2877, 1641, 1462, 1239, 1082, 835.

OSiEt<sub>3</sub>
CO<sub>2</sub>Me

## 2,2-Dimethyl-3-triethylsilanyloxy-pent-4-enoic acid methyl ester

(1i). The reaction of ethylene and 2,2-dimethyl-3-oxo-propionic acid methyl ester (70 mg, 0.54 mmol) with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>, tris-o-methoxyphenylphosphine and TESOTf (197  $\mu$ L, 0.875 mmol), triethylamine in toluene following the general procedure above, afforded 1i in 81% (0.28 mmol) isolated yield as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 5.75 (ddd, J = 7.6, 10.4, 17.5 Hz, 1H); 5.17 (bd, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H); 5.15 (bd, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H); 5.10 (dt, J = 1.4, 10.2 Hz, 1H); 4.31 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H); 3.66 (s, 3H); 1.15 (s, 3H); 1.05 (s, 3H); 0.92 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 9H); 0.55 (dq, J = 1.5, 7.6 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 177.4, 137.8, 117.3, 79.2, 51.8, 48.3, 21.4, 19.9, 7.0, 5.2. IR (NaCl, thin film): 2954, 2878, 1745, 1732, 1642, 1468, 1261, 1087, 834. HRMS-ESI (m / z): [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si, 295.170; found, 295.171.

### Nickel-catalyzed couplings of ethylene and 2-naphthaldehyde (1e, 1f, 1j).

**General procedure**. A 10 mL round bottom flask and a stir bar were oven-dried and brought into a glove box. Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (27.5 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol%),

tris-o-methoxyphenylphosphine (70.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 40 mol%) and 2-naphthaldehyde (78 mg, 0.5 mmol) were added to the round bottom flask, the flask was sealed with a septum, and the sealed flask was brought out of the glove box and connected to an argon line. The catalyst mixture was dissolved in toluene (2.5 mL) under argon and stirred 15 min at room temperature. The reaction mixture was purged with ethylene for 1 min to remove argon, taken care not to introduce oxygen. The ethylene atmosphere was maintained with an ethylene balloon. Next triethylamine (418 µL, 3 mmol, 600 mol%) was added. Silyltriflate (0.875 mmol, 175 mol%, as specified) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h. The mixture was filtered through a plug of silica gel. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was diluted in hexane. Purification via flash chromatography on silica afforded the coupling product.

# OSiEt<sub>3</sub>

Triethyl-(1-naphthalen-2-yl-allyloxy)-silane (1e). The reaction of ethylene and 2-naphthaldehyde with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>, tris-*o*-methoxyphenylphosphine and TESOTf (197 μL, 0.875 mmol), triethylamine in toluene following the general procedure above, afforded 1e in 95% isolated yield as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.82 - 7.92 (m, 4H); 7.48 - 7.55 (m, 3H); 6.07 (ddd, J = 6.2, 10.2, 15.8 Hz, 1H); 5.35 - 5.45 (m, 2H); 5.17 (dt, J = 1.3, 10.1 Hz, 1H); 1.00 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 9H); 0.68 (dq, J = 2.5, 7.5 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 141.7, 141.4, 133.5, 133.0, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 126.1, 125.8, 124.8, 124.6, 114.0, 76.0, 7.0, 5.1.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2955, 2876, 1640, 1458, 1239, 1006, 743.

HRMS-ESI (m / z):  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{19}H_{26}OSi$ , 321.165; found, 321.164.

## OSiMe<sub>3</sub>

Trimethyl-(1-naphthalen-2-yl-allyloxy)-silane (1f). The reaction of ethylene and 2-naphthaldehyde with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>, tris-o-methoxyphenylphosphine and TMSOTf (158  $\mu$ L, 0.875 mmol), triethylamine in toluene following the general procedure above, afforded 1f in 60% isolated yield as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.80 - 7.90 (m, 4H); 7.45 - 7.54 (m, 3H); 6.06 (ddd, J = 5.6, 10.2, 17.4 Hz, 1H); 5.30 (dt, J = 1.5, 17.3 Hz, 1H); 5.37 (bs, 1H); 5.17 (dt, J = 1.4, 10.2 Hz, 1H); 0.18 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 141.4, 141.0, 133.5, 133.0, 128.19, 128.18, 127.9, 126.2, 125.9, 124.9, 124.8, 114.4, 76.1, 0.4.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2958, 1640, 1251, 1077, 841.

HRMS-ESI (m / z):  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{16}H_{20}OSi$ , 279.118; found, 279.119.

## OSit-BuMe<sub>2</sub>

Tert-Butyl-dimethyl-(1-naphthalen-2-yl-allyloxy)-silane (1g). The reaction of ethylene and 2-naphthaldehyde with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>, tris-*o*-methoxyphenylphosphine and TBSOTf (201 μL, 0.875 mmol), triethylamine in toluene following the general procedure above, afforded 1g in 67% isolated yield as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.80 - 7.92 (m, 4H); 7.45 - 7.55 (m, 3H); 6.04 (ddd, J = 5.8, 10.2, 16.8 Hz, 1H); 5.39 (dt, J = 1.5, 17.0, 1H); 5.38 (s, 1H); 5.14 (dt, J = 1.5, 10.2 Hz, 1H); 0.99 (s, 9H); 0.16 (s, 3H); 0.06 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 141.8, 141.4, 133.5, 133.0, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 126.1, 125.8, 124.8, 124.6, 113.8, 76.2, 26.1, 18.6, -4.4, -4.6.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2956, 2857, 1636, 1472, 1252, 1081, 837.

HRMS-ESI (m / z):  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{19}H_{26}OSi$ , 321.165; found, 321.164.

#### Nickel-catalyzed couplings of $\alpha$ -olefin and benzaldehyde (1j, 1k, 1l).

n-hex OSiEt<sub>3</sub>

Triethyl-(2-methylene-1-phenyl-octyloxy)-silane (1j). A 25 mL round bottom flask and a stir bar were oven-dried and brought into a glove box. Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (110 mg, 0.4 mmol, 20 mol%) and dicyclohexylphenylphosphine (220 mg, 0.8 mmol,

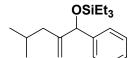
40 mol%) were added to the round bottom flask, the flask was sealed with a septum, and the sealed flask was brought out of the glove box and connected to an argon line. The catalyst mixture was dissolved in toluene (5.0 mL) under argon and stirred 5 min at room temperature. 1-octene (1.57 mL, 10 mmol, 500 mol%) was added. Triethylamine (1.7 mL, 12 mmol, 600 mol%) was added. TESOTf (0.8 mL, 3.5 mmol, 175 mol%) was added. Benzaldehyde (200  $\mu$ L, 2 mmol, 100 mol%) in 5 mL toluene was added to the reaction mixture over 10 min. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 h. The mixture was filtered through a plug of silica gel. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was diluted in hexane. Purification via flash chromatography on silica afforded 1j in 44% isolated yield as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.36 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H); 7.31 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H); 7.24 (t, J = 7.2, 1H); 5.22 (bs, 1H); 5.15 (bs, 1H); 5.25 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H); 4.87 (s, 1H); 1.96 (pentet, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H); 1.76 (pentet, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); 1.15 – 1.40 (m, 8H); 0.93 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9H); 0.87 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); 0.60 (dq, J = 1.6, 7.9 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 152.3, 143.8, 128.1, 127.1, 126.6, 109.5, 78.3, 32.0, 30.8, 29.4, 28.0, 22.8, 14.3, 7.0, 5.1.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2956, 2876, 1647, 1456, 1089, 1066, 742.

HRMS-ESI (m / z):  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{21}H_{36}OSi$ , 355.243; found, 355.242.



# Triethyl-(4-methyl-2-methylene-1-phenyl-pentyloxy)-silane (1k).

A 10 mL round bottom flask and a stir bar were oven-dried and brought into a glove box. Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (27.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 20 mol%) and dicyclohexylphenylphosphine (55 mg, 0.4 mmol, 40 mol%) were added to the round bottom flask, the flask was sealed with a septum, and the sealed flask was brought out of the glove box and connected to an argon line. The catalyst mixture was dissolved in toluene (2.5 mL) under argon and stirred 5 min at room temperature. 4-methyl-1-pentene (633  $\mu$ L, 5 mmol, 1000 mol%) was added. Triethylamine (418  $\mu$ L, 3 mmol, 600 mol%) was added. TESOTf (197  $\mu$ L, 0.875 mmol, 175 mol%) was added. Benzaldehyde (51  $\mu$ L, 0.5 mmol, 100 mol%) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 14 h. The mixture was filtered through a plug of silica gel. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was diluted in hexane. Purification via flash chromatography on silica afforded 1k in 44% isolated yield as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.36 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); 7.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H); 7.25 (t, J = 7.1, 1H); 5.30 (bs, 1H); 5.12 (bs, 1H); 4.87 (bs, 1H); 1.65 – 1.85 (m, 3H); 0.93 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9H); 0.84 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H); 0.82 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H); 0.60 (dq, J = 1.3, 8.3 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 150.5, 143.7, 128.1, 127.1, 126.7, 110.7, 77.9, 41.1, 26.3, 23.0, 22.6, 7.0, 5.0.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2955, 2877, 1646, 1454, 1088, 1067, 743.

HRMS-ESI (m / z):  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{19}H_{32}OSi$ , 327.211; found, 327.212.

## Triethyl-(7-methyl-2-methylene-1-phenyl-oct-6-

enyloxy)-silane (11). A 10 mL round bottom flask and a stir bar were oven-dried and brought into a glove box. Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (27.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 20 mol%) and dicyclohexylphenylphosphine (55 mg, 0.4 mmol, 40 mol%) were added to the round bottom flask, the flask was sealed with a septum, and the sealed flask was brought out of the glove box and connected to an argon line. The catalyst mixture was dissolved in toluene (1.0 mL) under argon and stirred 5 min at room temperature. 7-methyl-1,7-octadiene (825 μL, 5 mmol, 1000 mol%) was added. Triethylamine (418 μL, 3 mmol, 600 mol%) was added. TESOTf (197 μL, 0.875 mmol, 175 mol%) was added. Benzaldehyde (51 μL, 0.5 mmol, 100 mol%) in 1.5 mL toluene was added to the reaction mixture over 6 min. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h. The mixture was filtered through a plug of silica gel. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was diluted in hexane. Purification via flash chromatography on silica afforded 11 in 50% isolated yield as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.40 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H); 7.34 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); 7.27 (t, J = 7.2, 1H); 5.26 (bs, 1H); 5.18 (bs, 1H); 5.10 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); 4.81 (bs, 1H); 1.76 – 2.10 (m, 4H); 1.71 (s, 3H); 1.60 (s, 3H); 1.44 (quintet, J = 7.7 Hz); 0.97 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 9H); 0.62 (dq, J = 1.5, 7.9 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 152.1, 143.7, 131.6, 128.1, 127.1, 126.6, 124.8, 109.5, 78.2, 30.4, 28.2, 28.1, 25.9, 17.8, 7.0, 5.0.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2955, 2877, 1647, 1456, 1091, 1067, 743.

HRMS-ESI (m / z):  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{22}H_{36}OSi$ , 367.243; found, 367.243.

Nickel-catalyzed couplings of  $\alpha$ -olefin and benzaldehyde (2j, 2k, 2l). For entries 10, 11, and 12, in addition to the major products isolated (i.e. 1j, 1k and 1l), homoallylic minor products were also isolated (2j, 2k, 2l). NMR of the crude mixtures of all three entries suggested the ratio of the major product to the minor product was approximately 2.5: 1. Trace amount of other regioisomers could be observed by NMR (<5%).

OSiEt<sub>3</sub> Triethyl-(1-phenyl-non-3-enyloxy)-silane (2j). The reaction of 1-octene and benzaldehyde with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>, dicyclohexylphenylphosphine, TESOTf and triethylamine in toluene (see 1j for experimental procedure) afforded 1j (44%) and 2j in 19% isolated yield as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.20 - 7.40 (m, 5H); 5.30 - 5.50 (m, 2H); 4.63 (dd, J = 5.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H); 2.45 (quintet, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H); 2.35 (quintet, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H); 1.33 (m, 2H); 0.92 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 12H); 0.56 (dq, J = 2.4, 7.6 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 145.6, 133.3, 128.1, 127.1, 126.6, 126.2, 75.6, 44.5, 32.8, 31.6, 29.3, 22.8, 14.2, 7.0, 5.1.

HRMS-ESI (m / z):  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{21}H_{36}OSi$ , 355.243; found, 355.244.

Me OSiEt<sub>3</sub> Triethyl-(5-methyl-1-phenyl-hex-3-enyloxy)-silane (2k). The reaction of 4-methyl-1-pentene and benzaldehyde with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>, dicyclohexyl-phenylphosphine, TESOTf and triethylamine in toluene (see 1k for experimental procedure) afforded 1k (44%) and 2k in ~10% isolated yield as a colorless oil. 2k was isolated together with a small amount of a third regioisomer.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.30 (m, 5H); 5.40 (m, 2H); 4.63 (dd, J = 5.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H); 2.41 (quintet, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H); 2.30 (quintet, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H); 2.24 (septet, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H); 2.00 (m, 2H); 0.95 (dd, J = 6.7, 7.6 Hz, 6H); 0.89 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 9H); 0.62 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 145.6, 140.2, 128.1, 127.0, 126.1, 123.7, 75.7, 44.5, 31.3, 22.6, 7.01, 5.0.

HRMS-ESI (m / z):  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{19}H_{32}OSi$ , 327.212; found, 327.212.

OSiEt<sub>3</sub> Triethyl-(8-methyl-1-phenyl-nona-3,7-dienyloxy)-silane

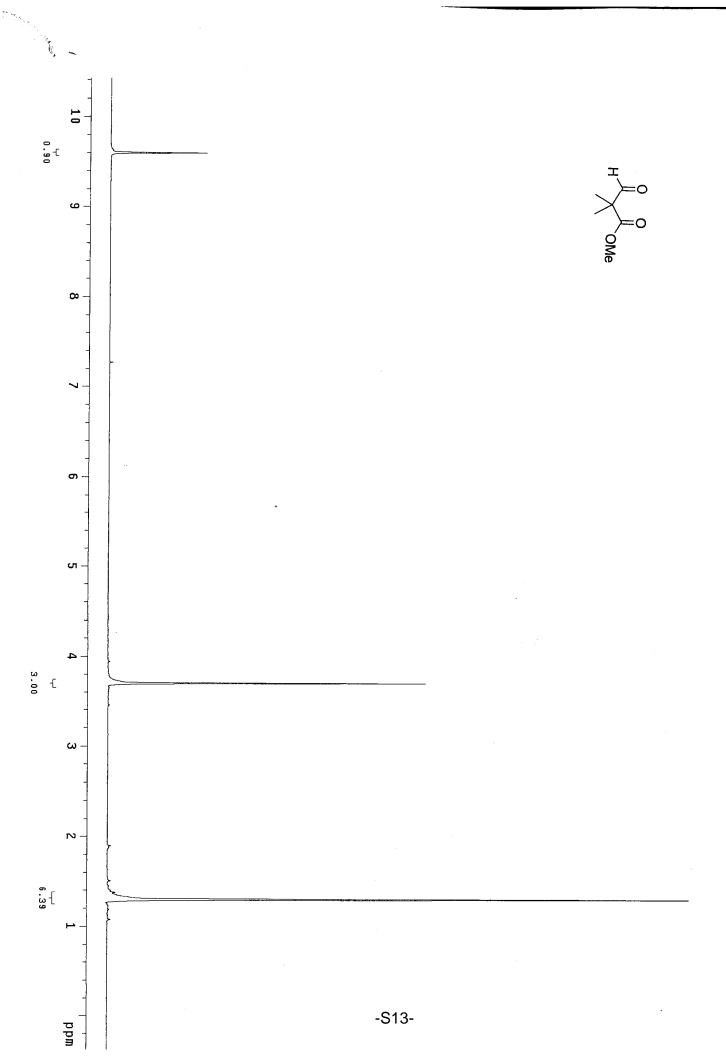
(11). The reaction of 7-methyl-1,7-octadiene and benzaldehyde with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub>, dicyclohexylphenylphosphine, TESOTf and triethylamine in toluene (see 1k for experimental procedure) afforded 1l (50%) and 2l in 22% isolated yield.

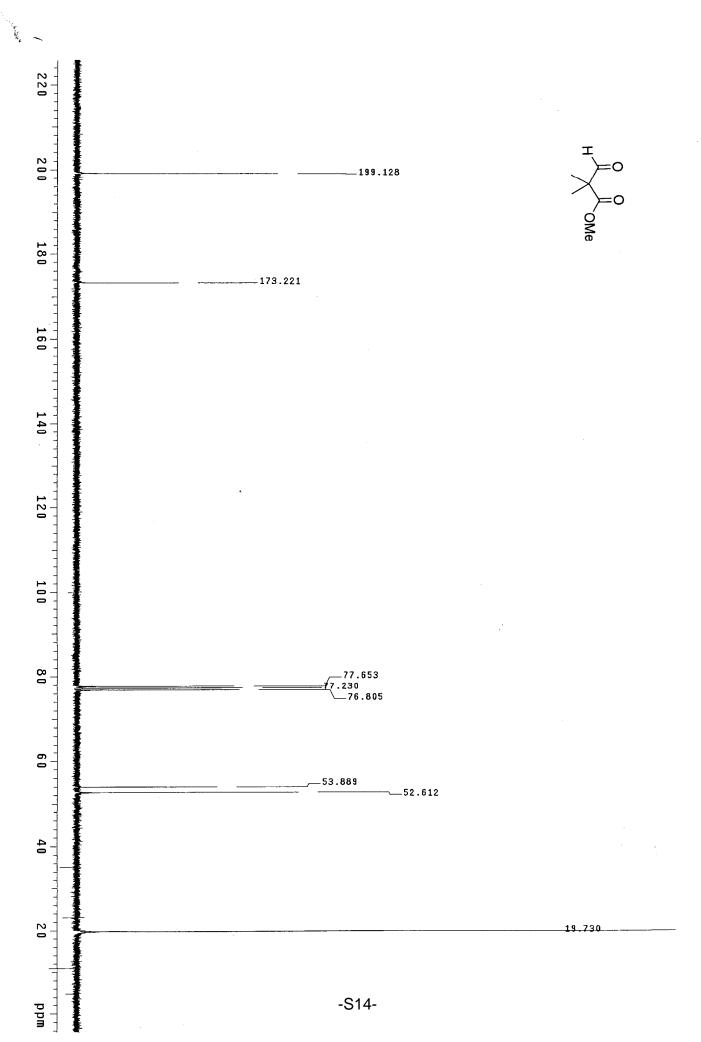
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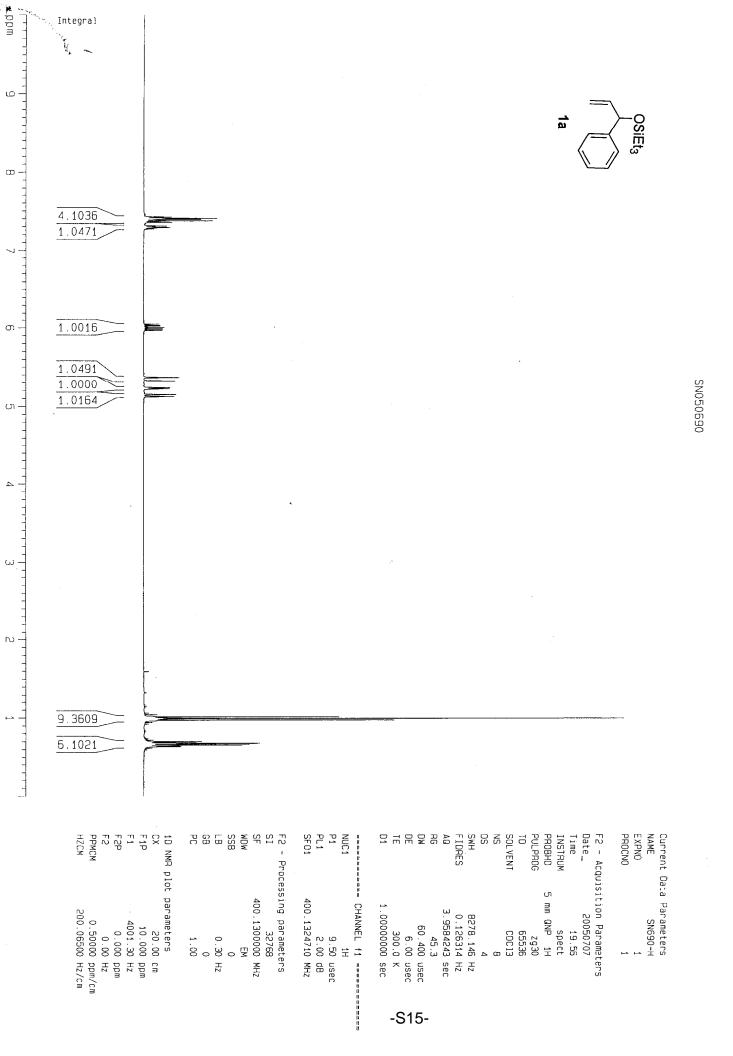
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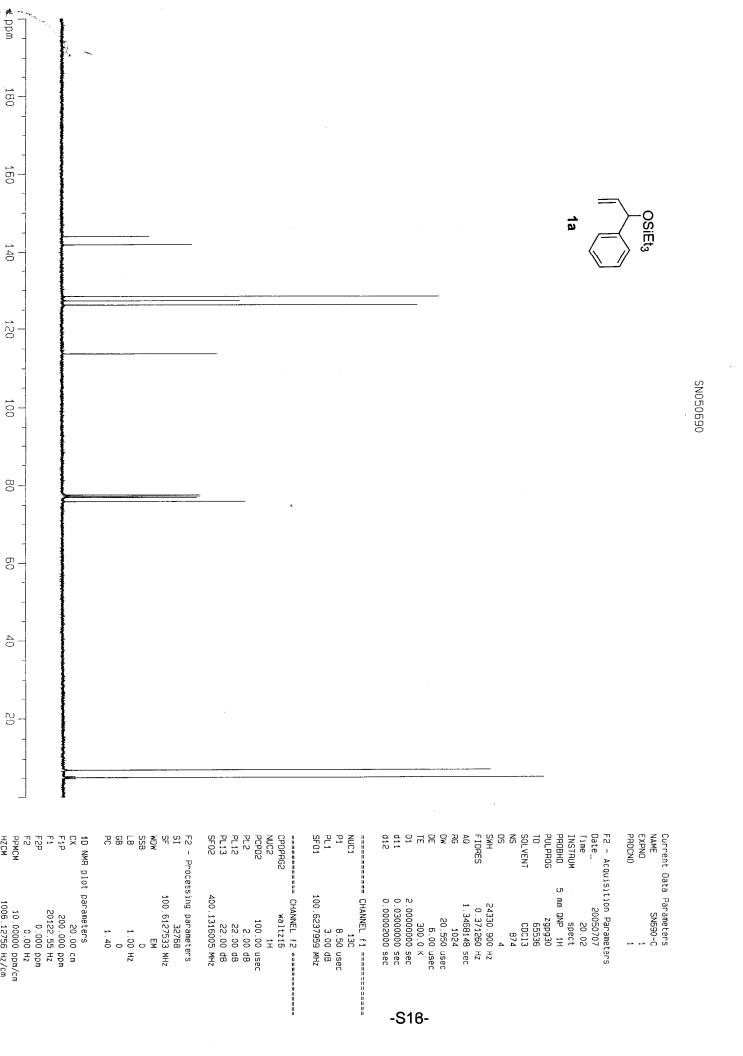
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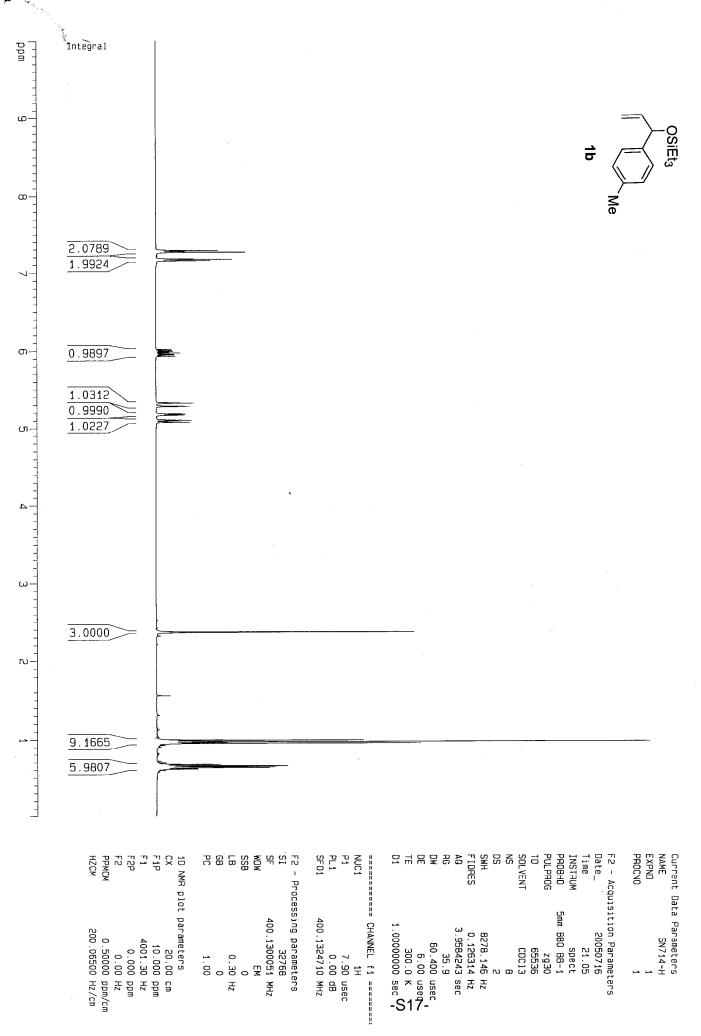
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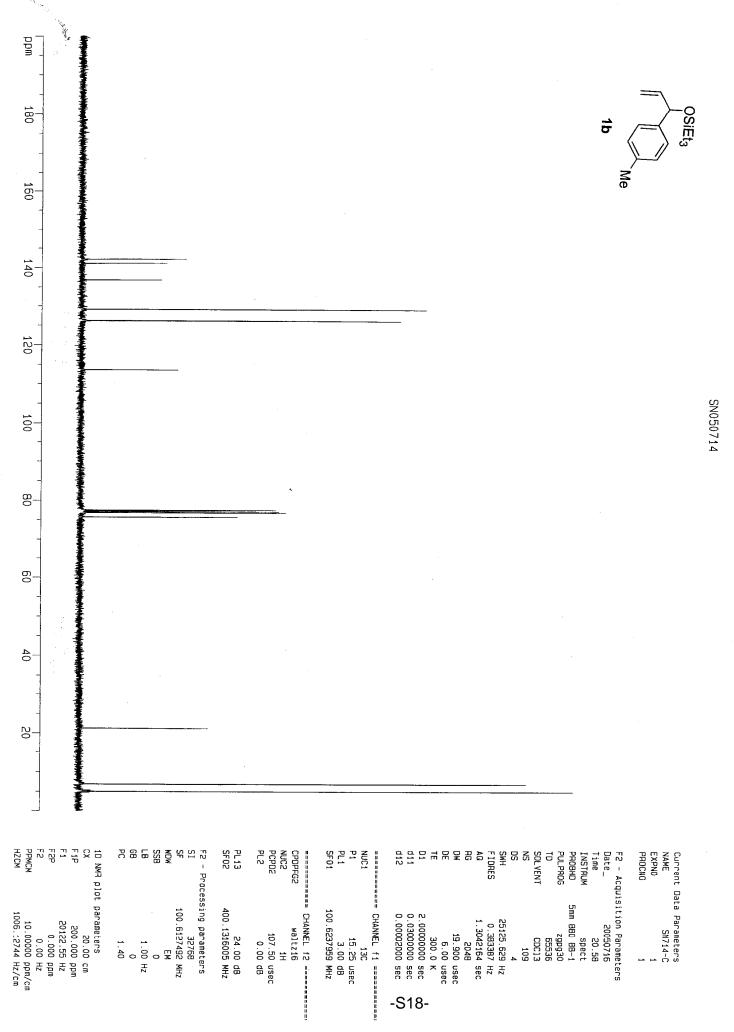




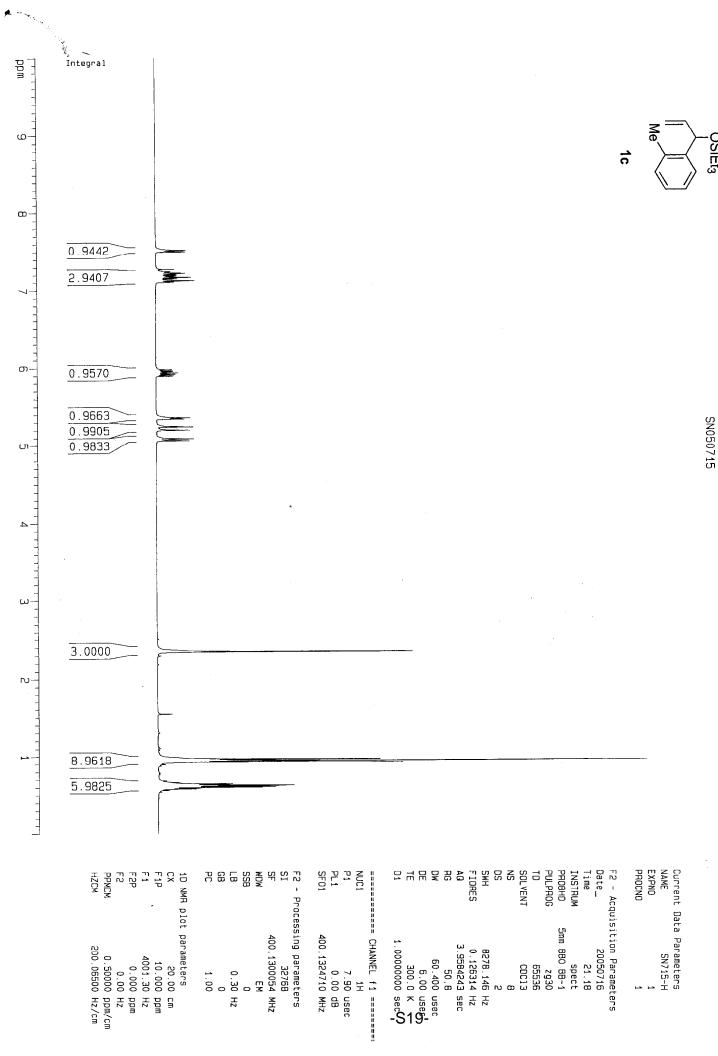


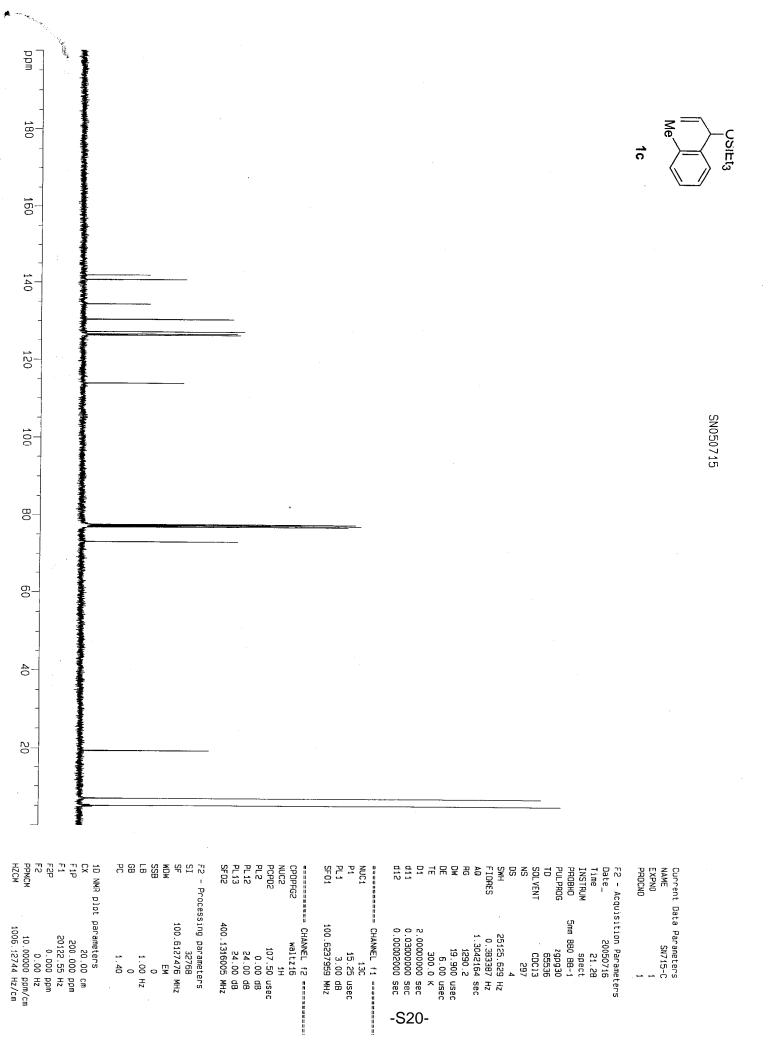


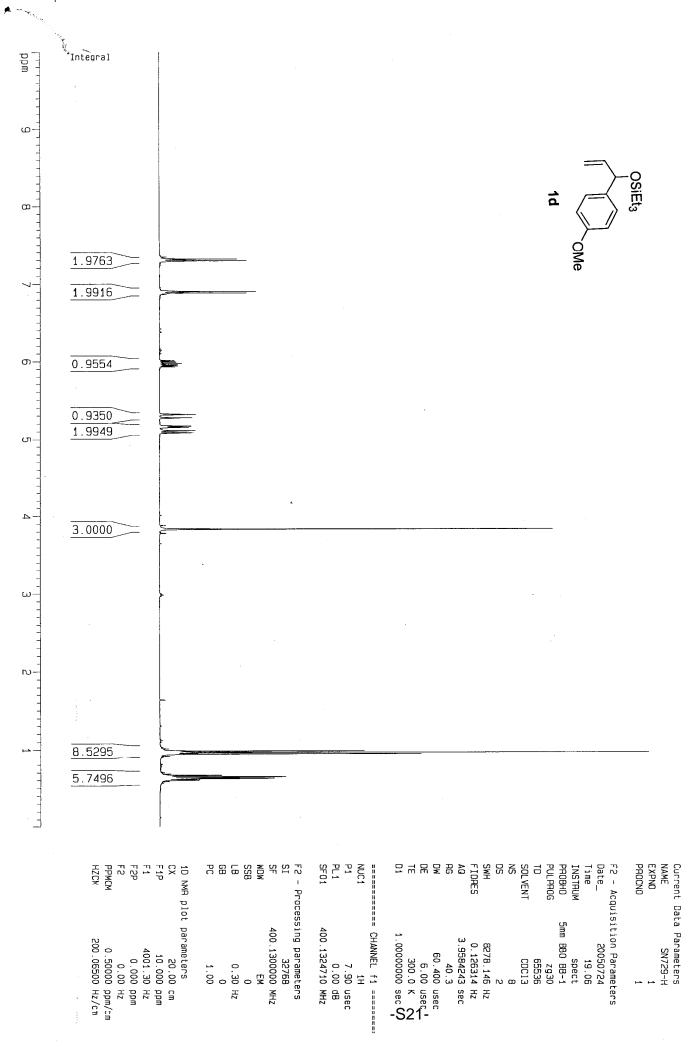


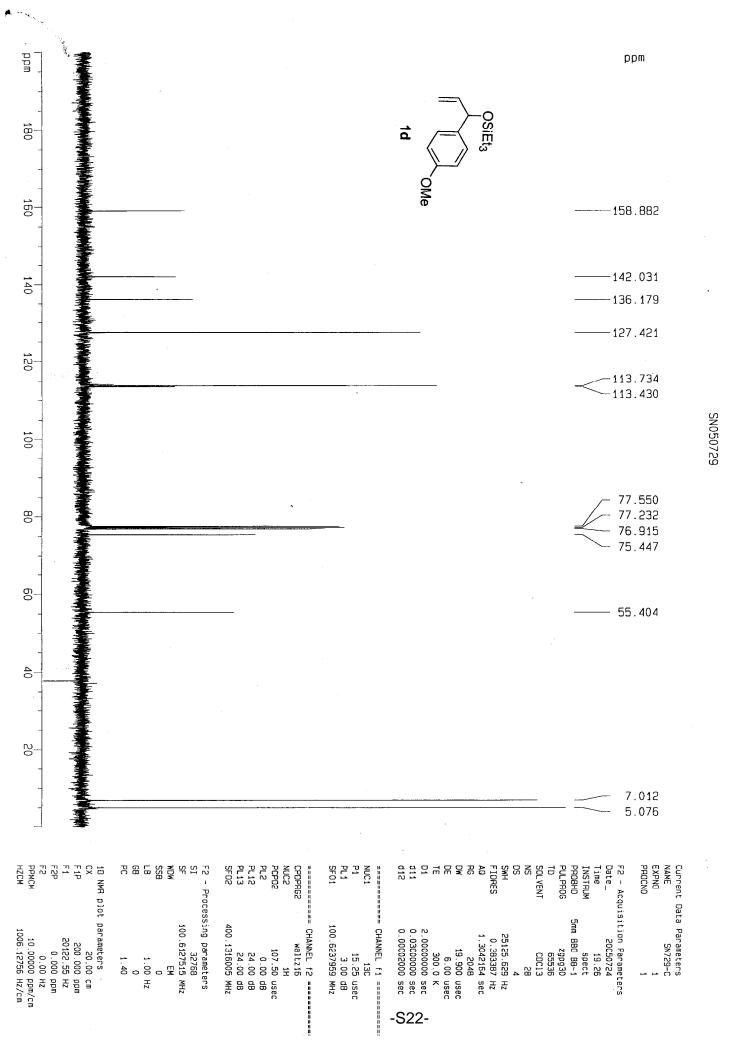


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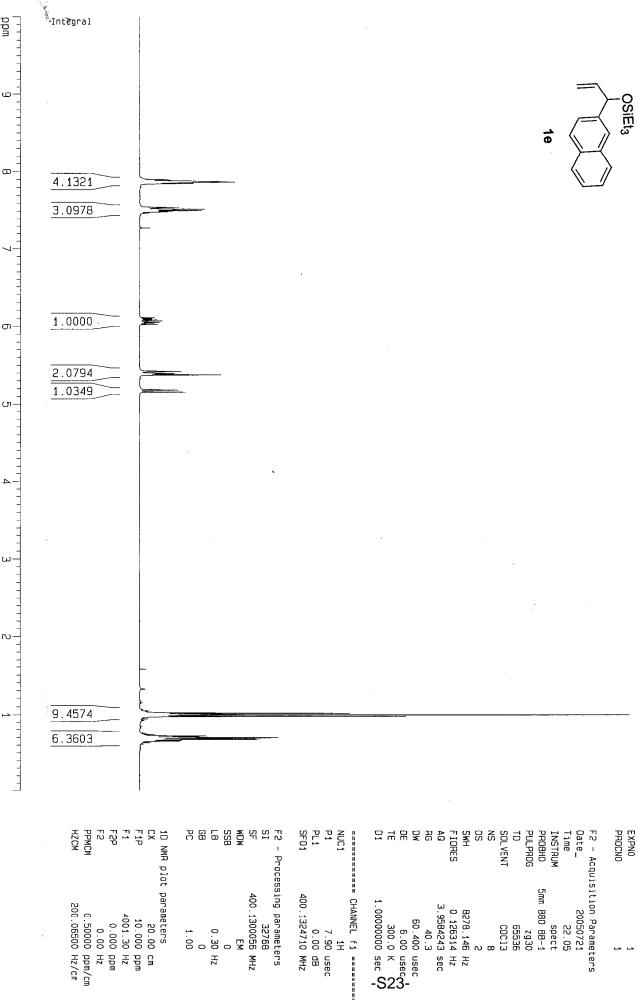








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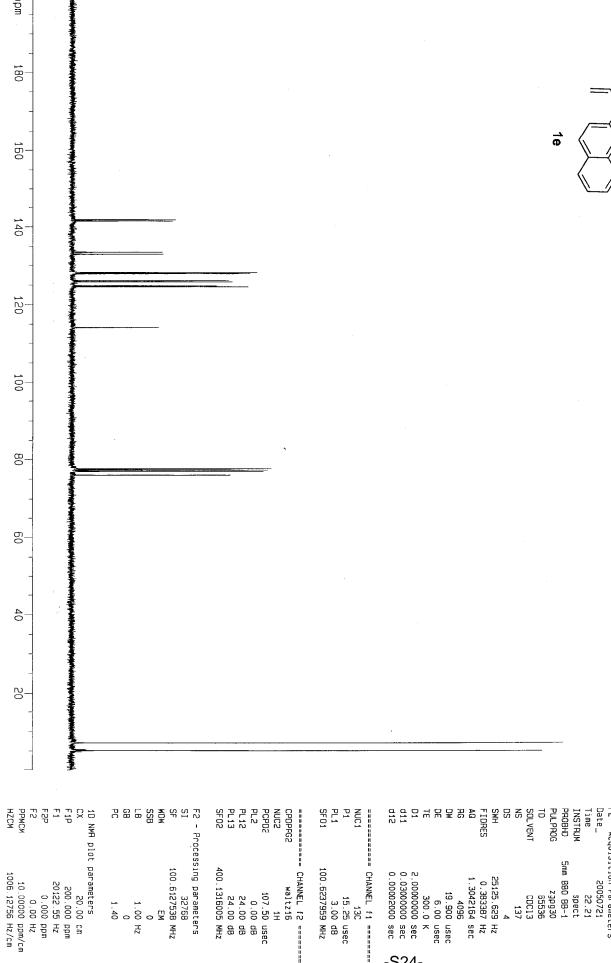
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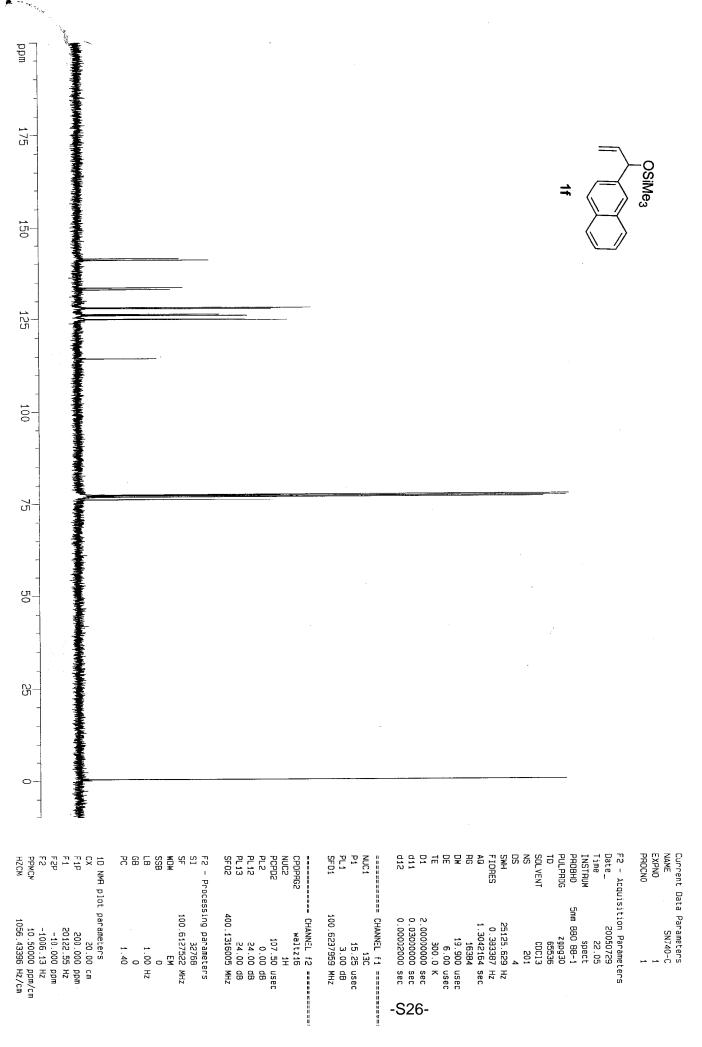
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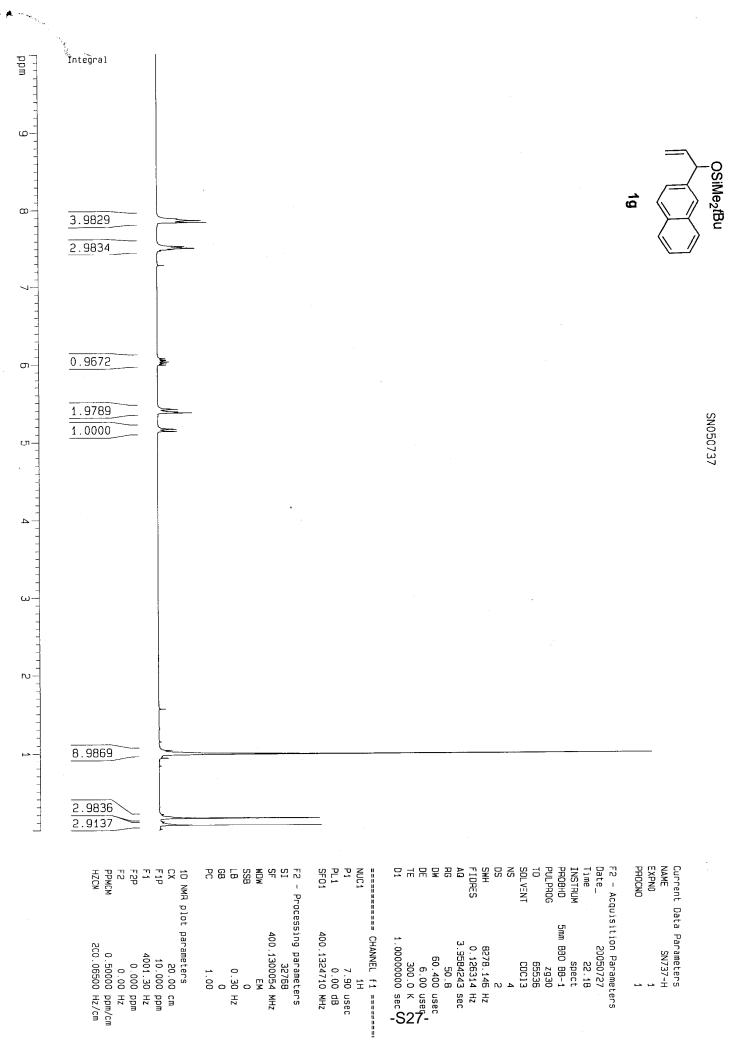
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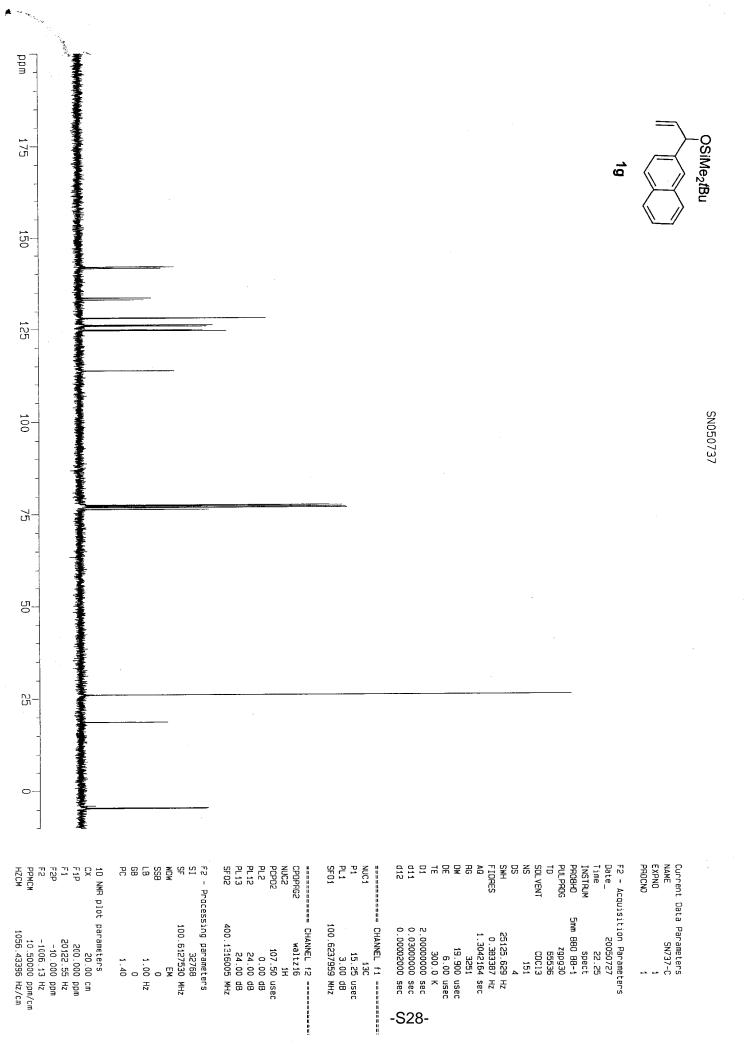
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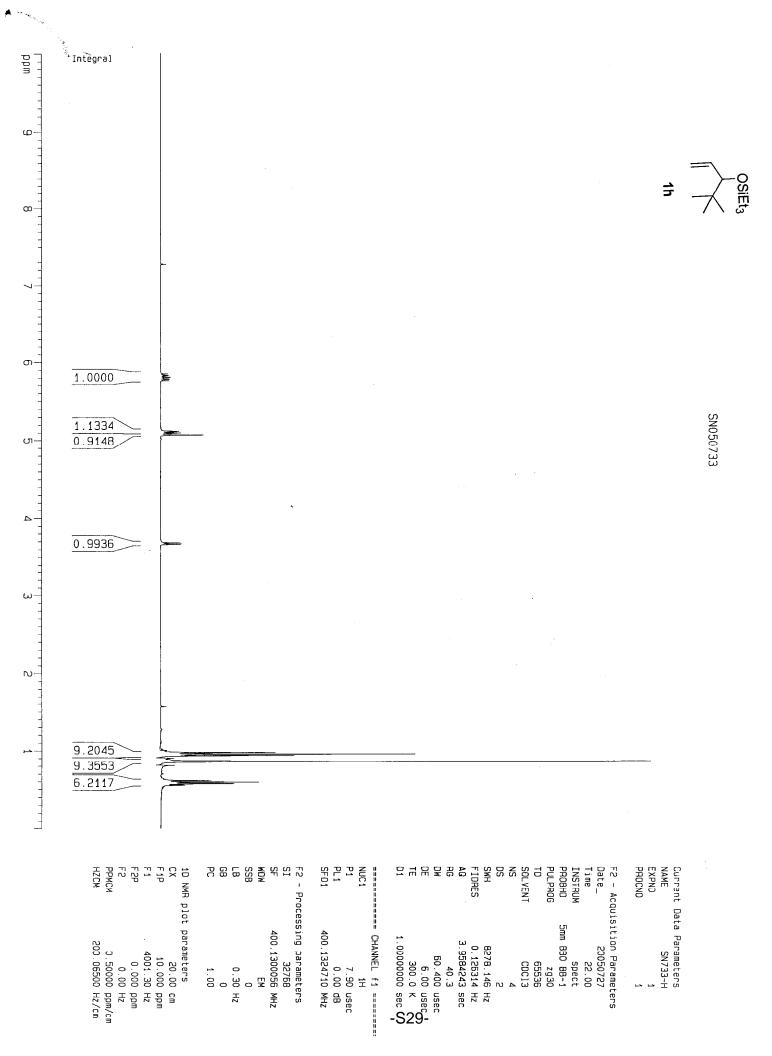
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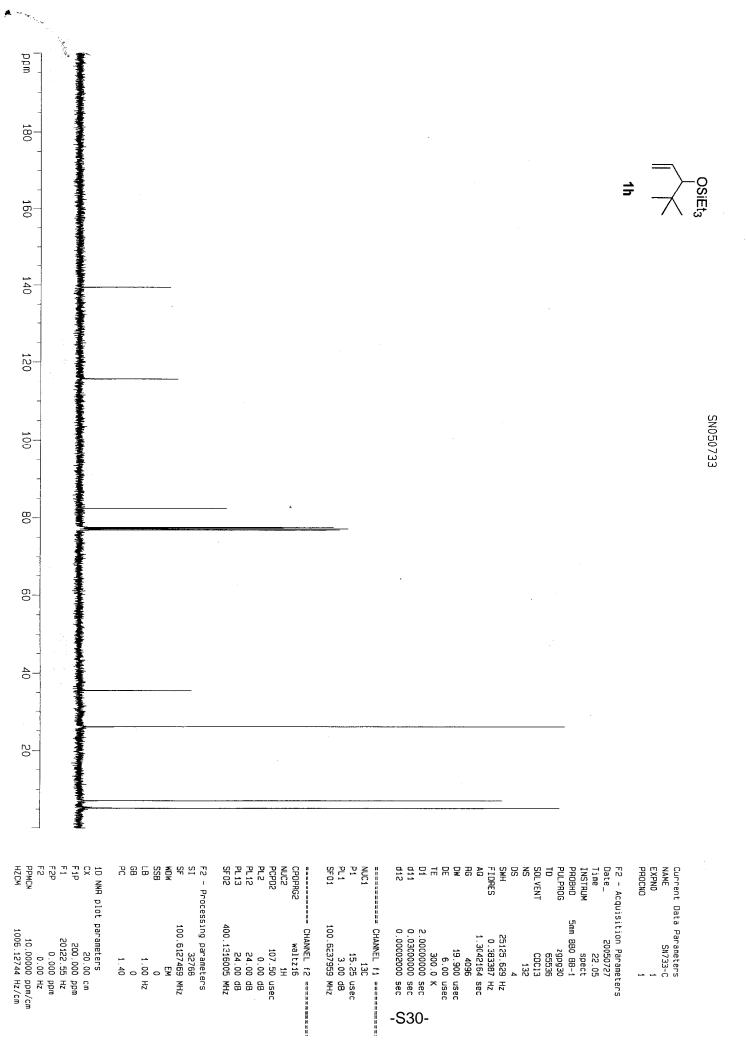


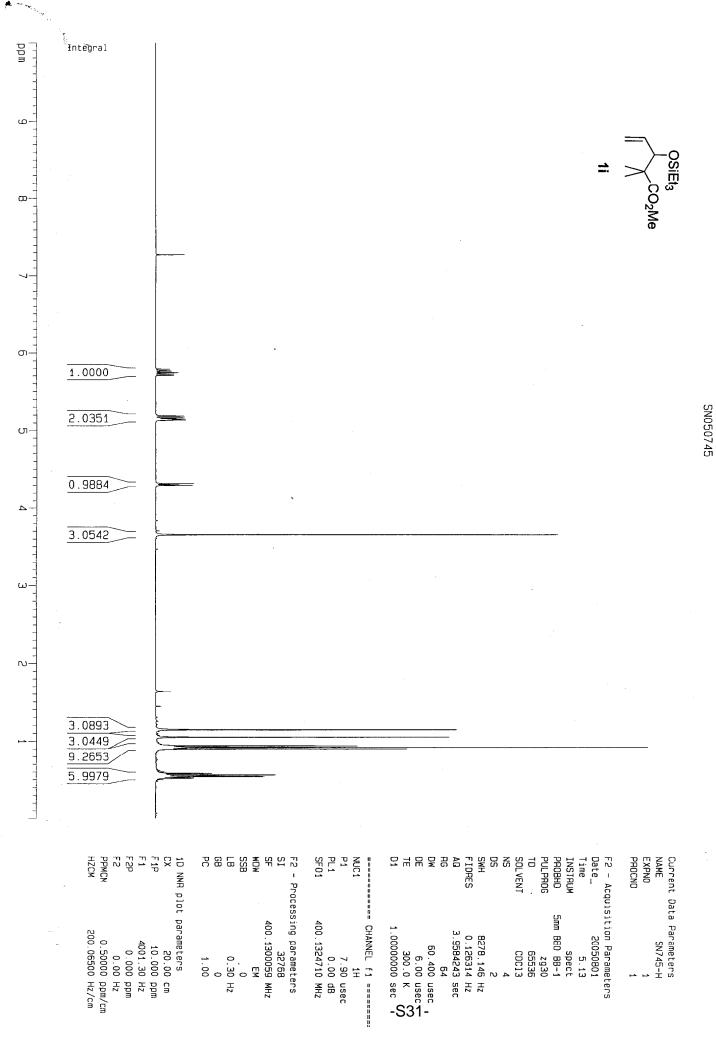
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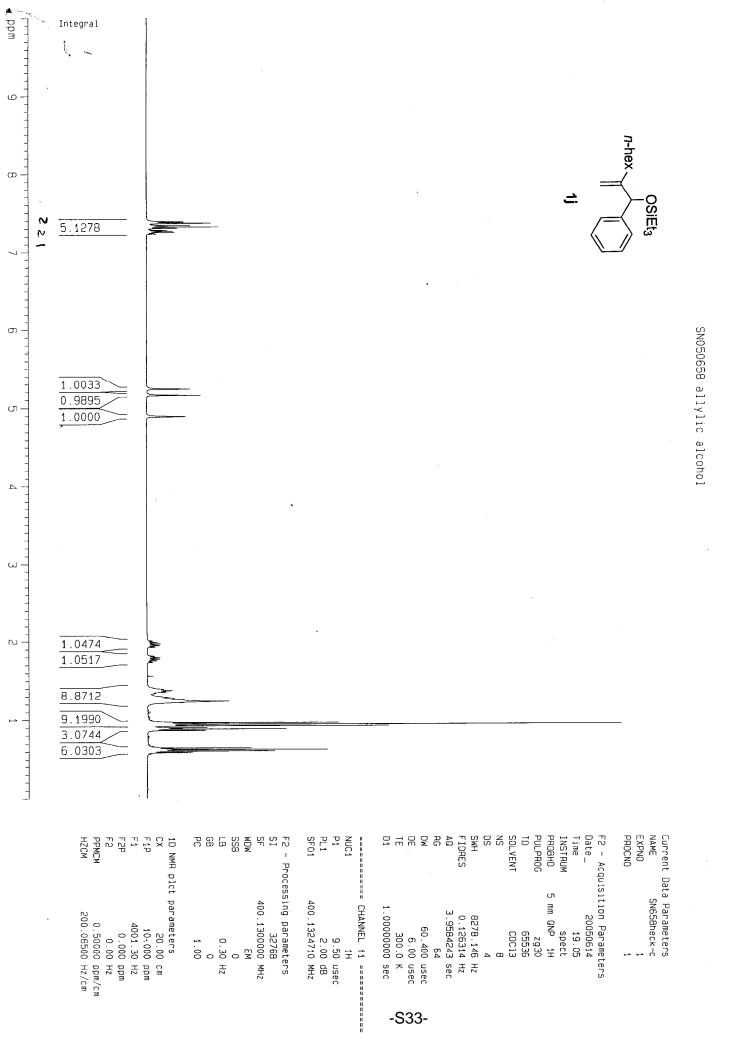
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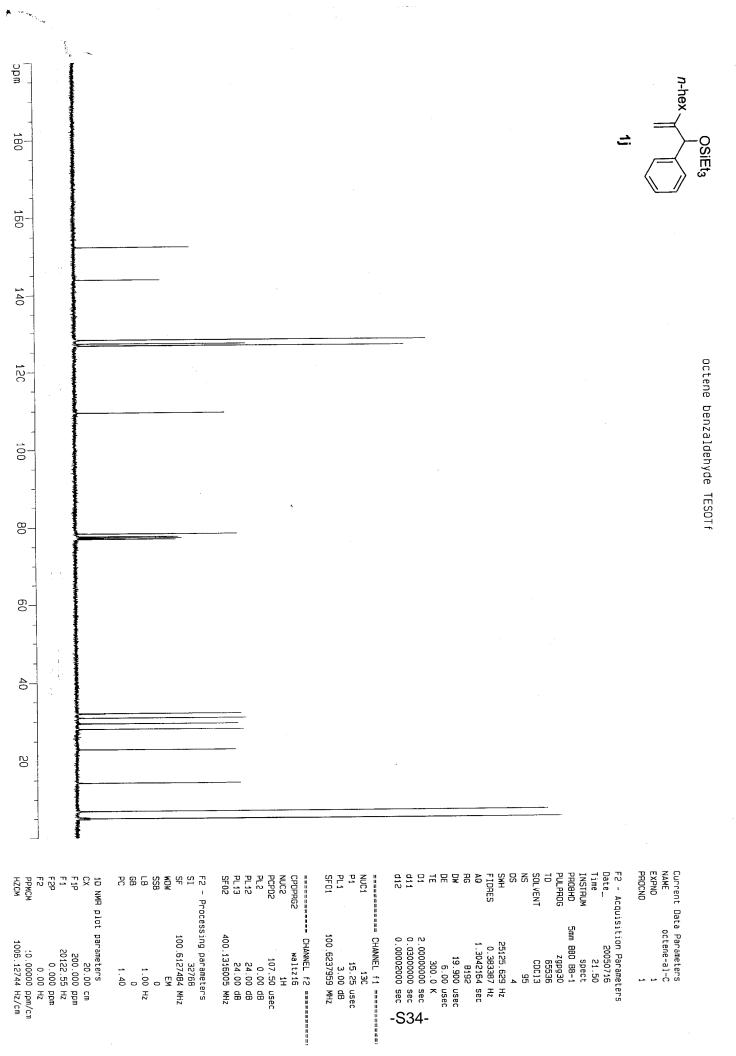
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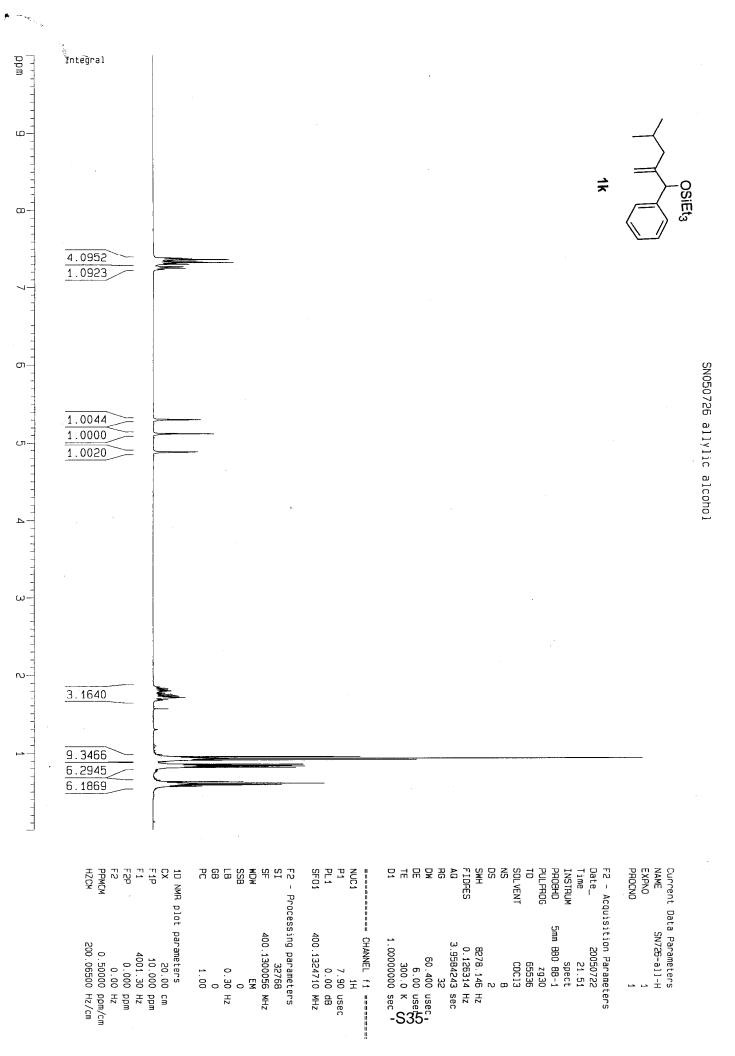
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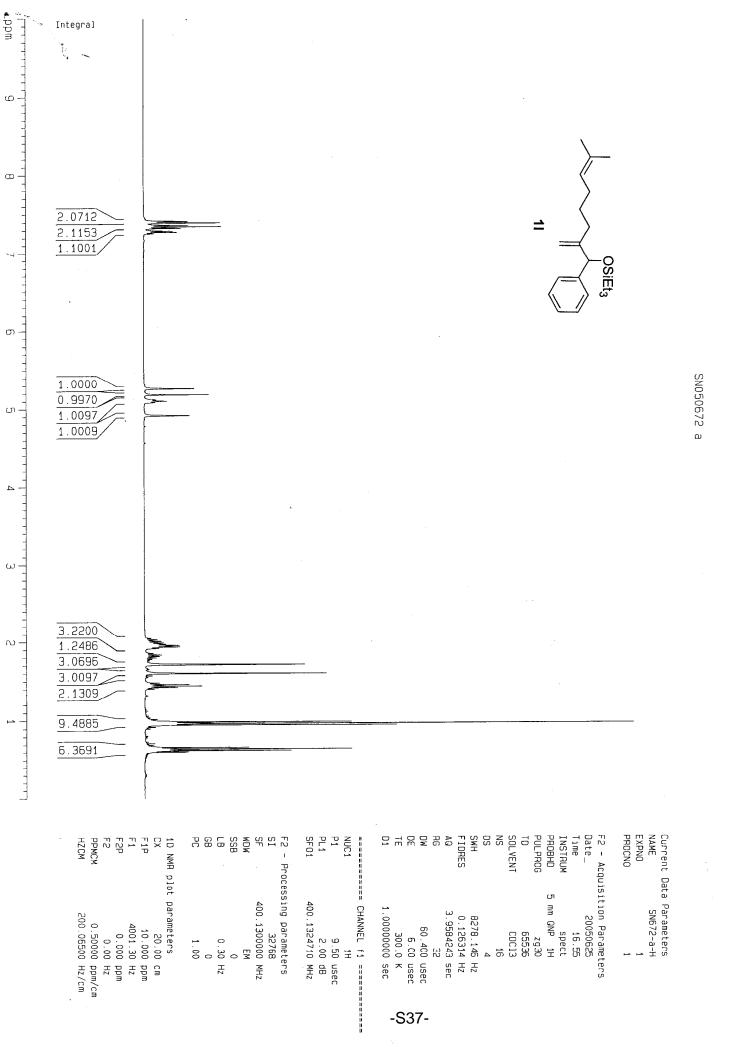


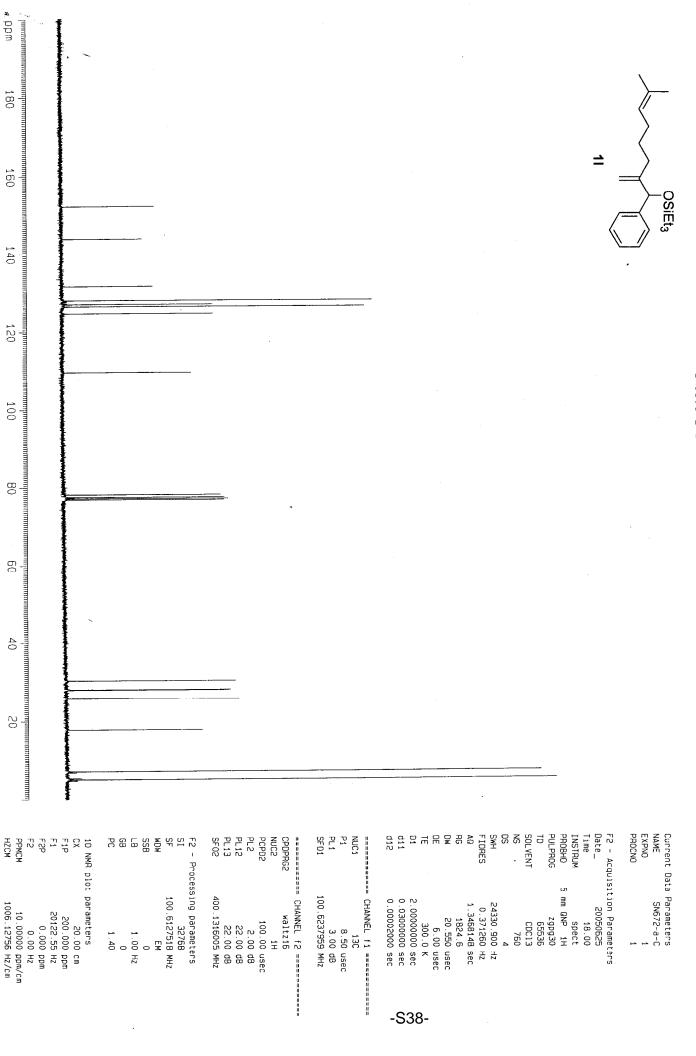


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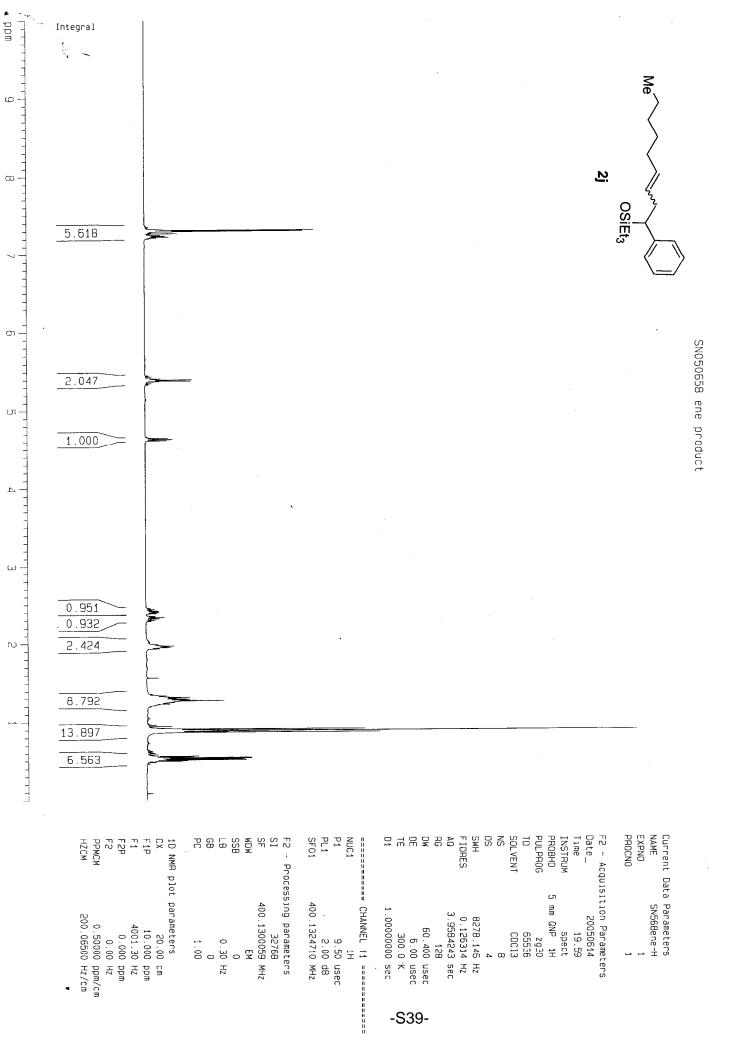
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