

Factors Affecting Migration of Tertiary Alkyl Groups in Reactions of Alkylboronic Esters with Bromomethylolithium

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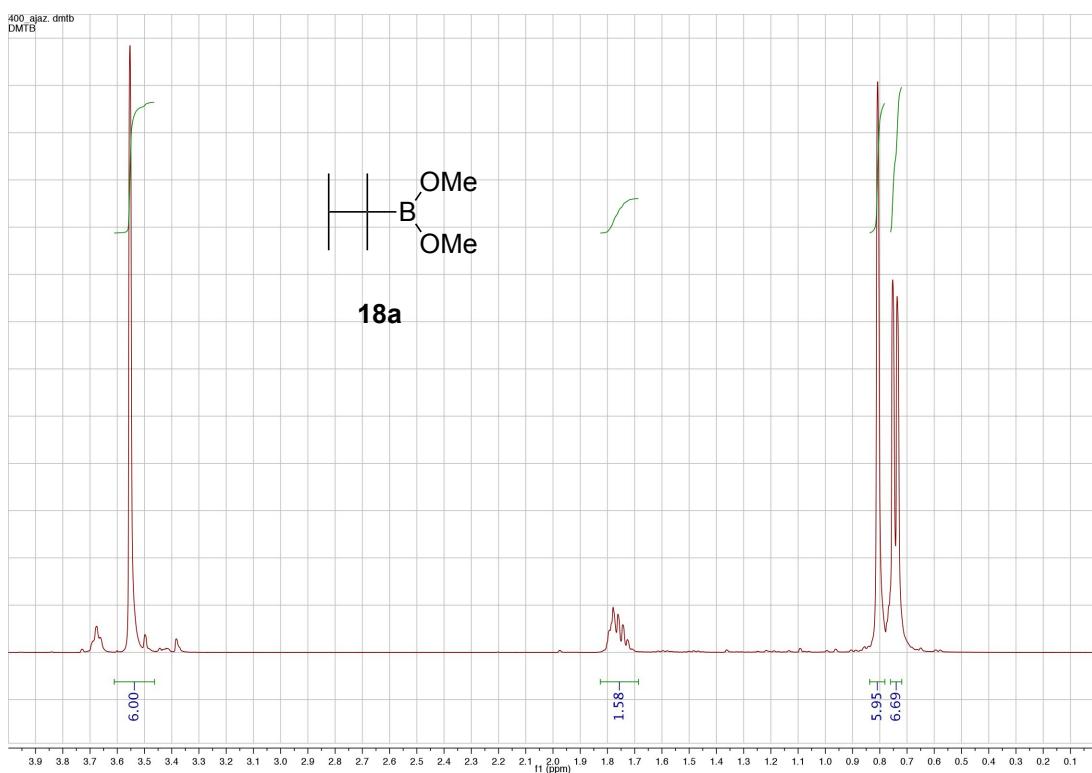
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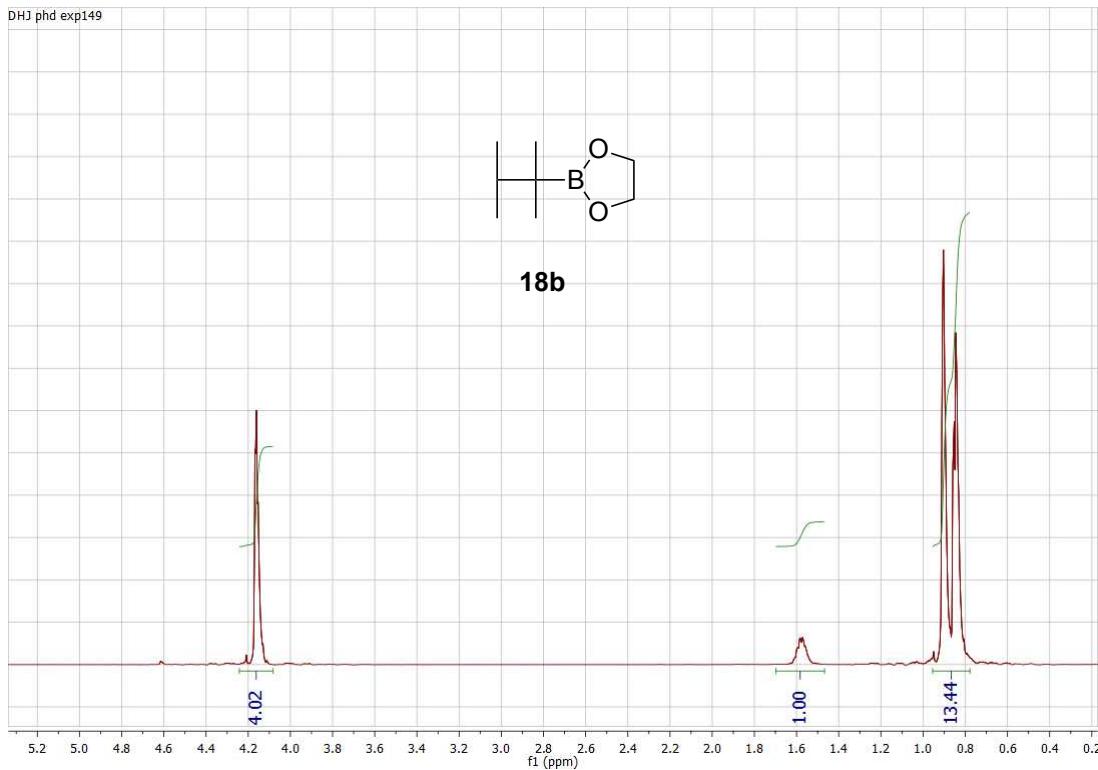
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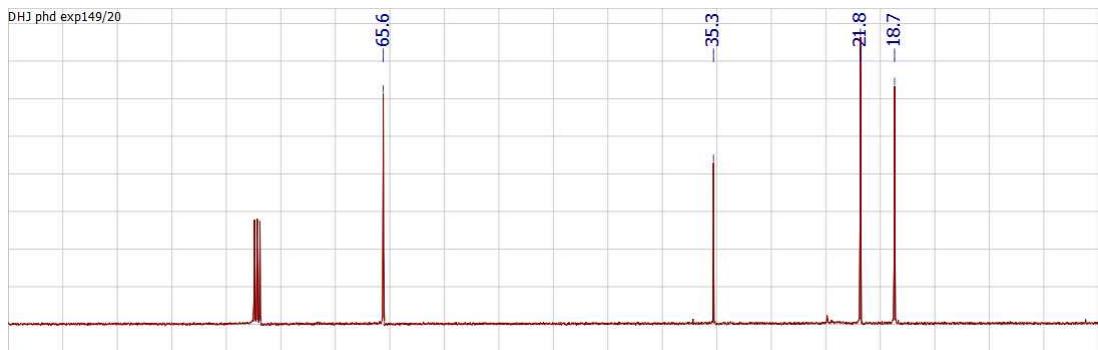


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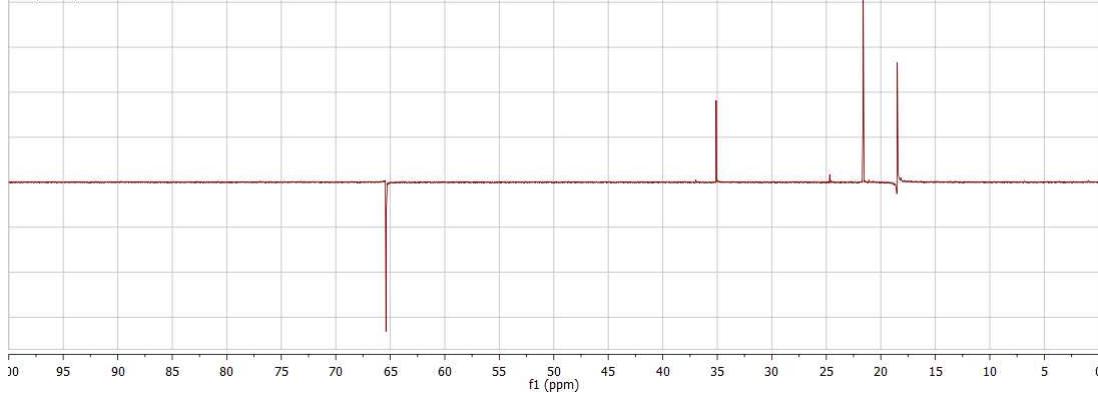
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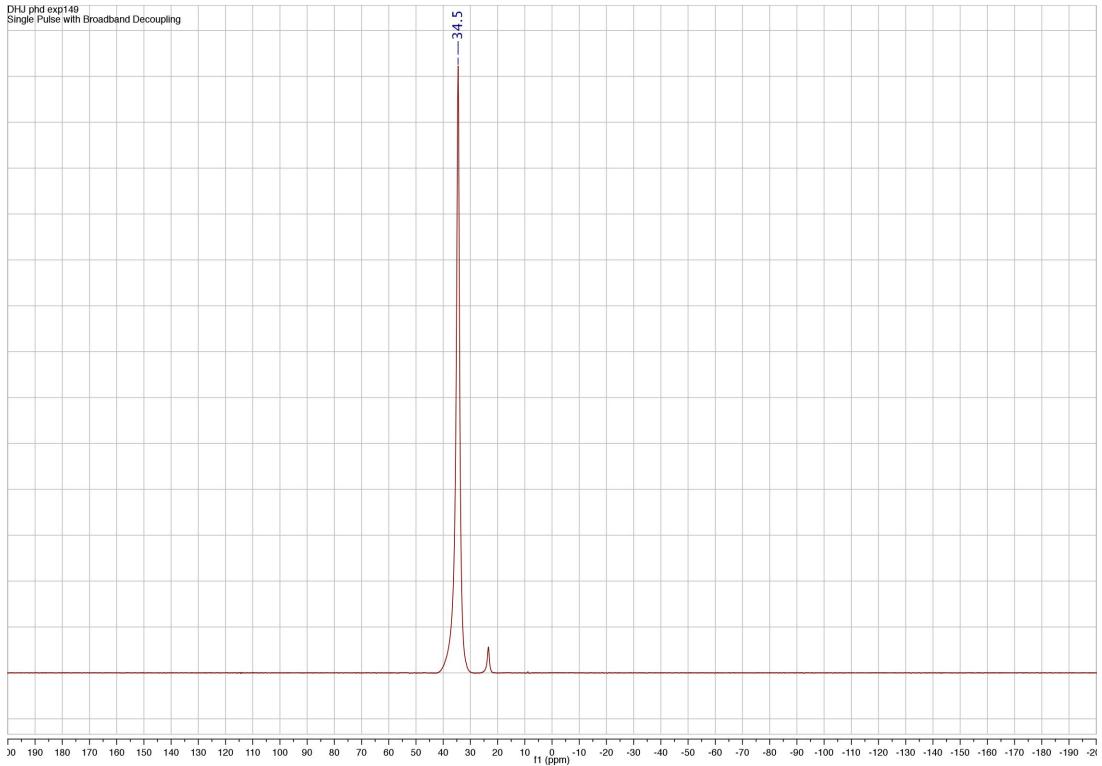


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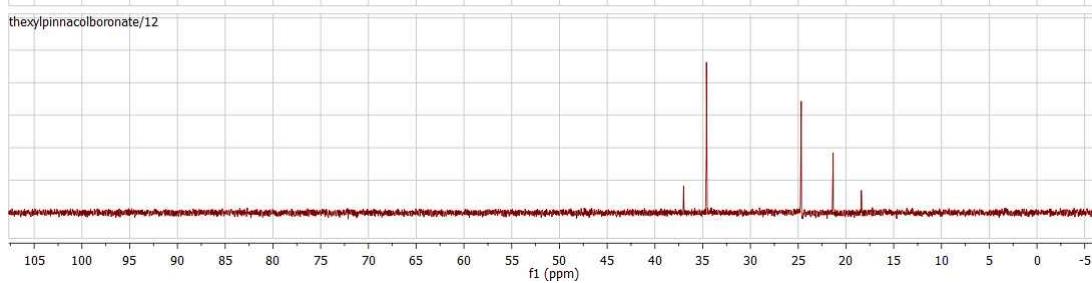
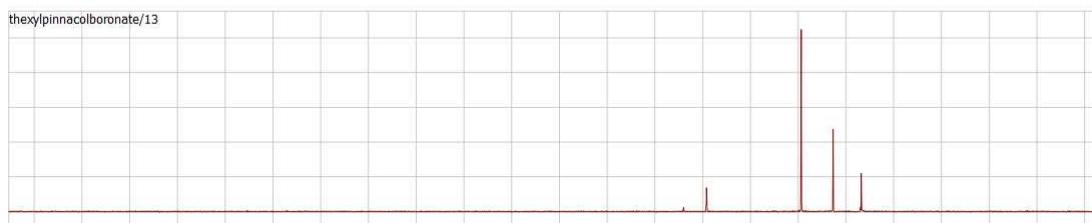
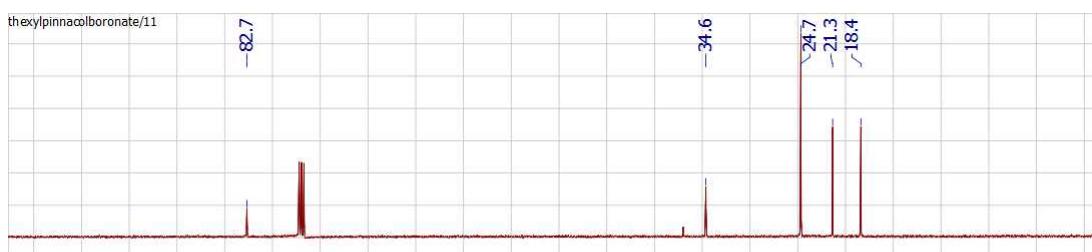
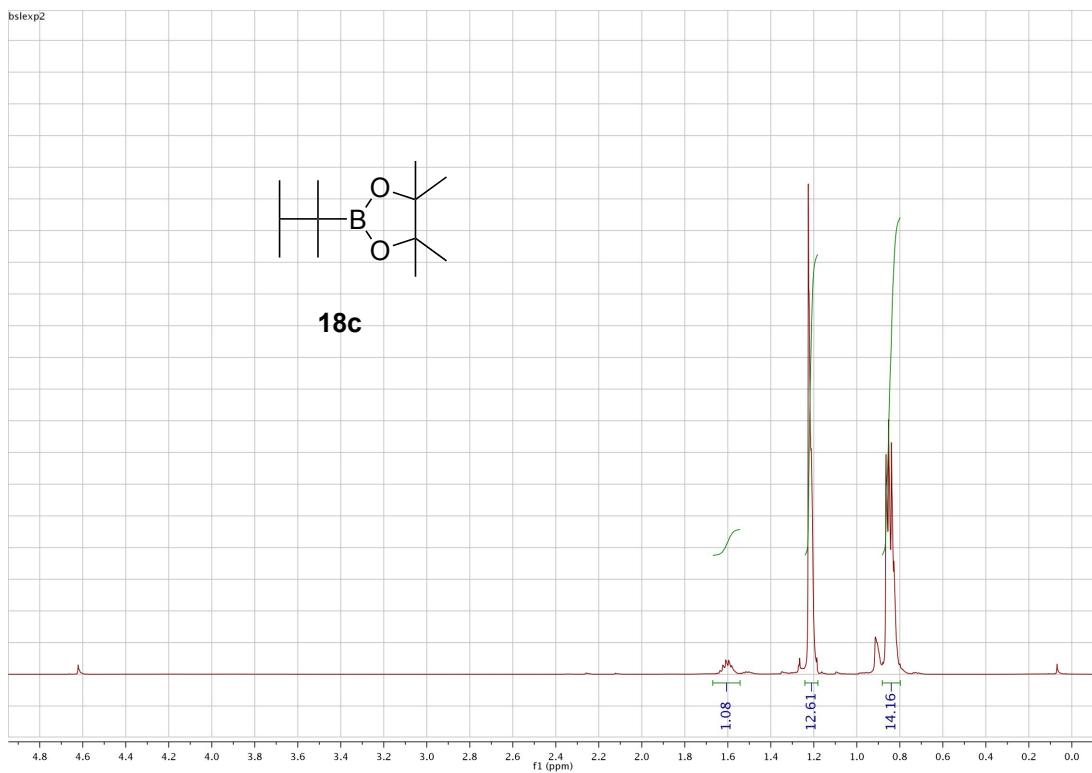


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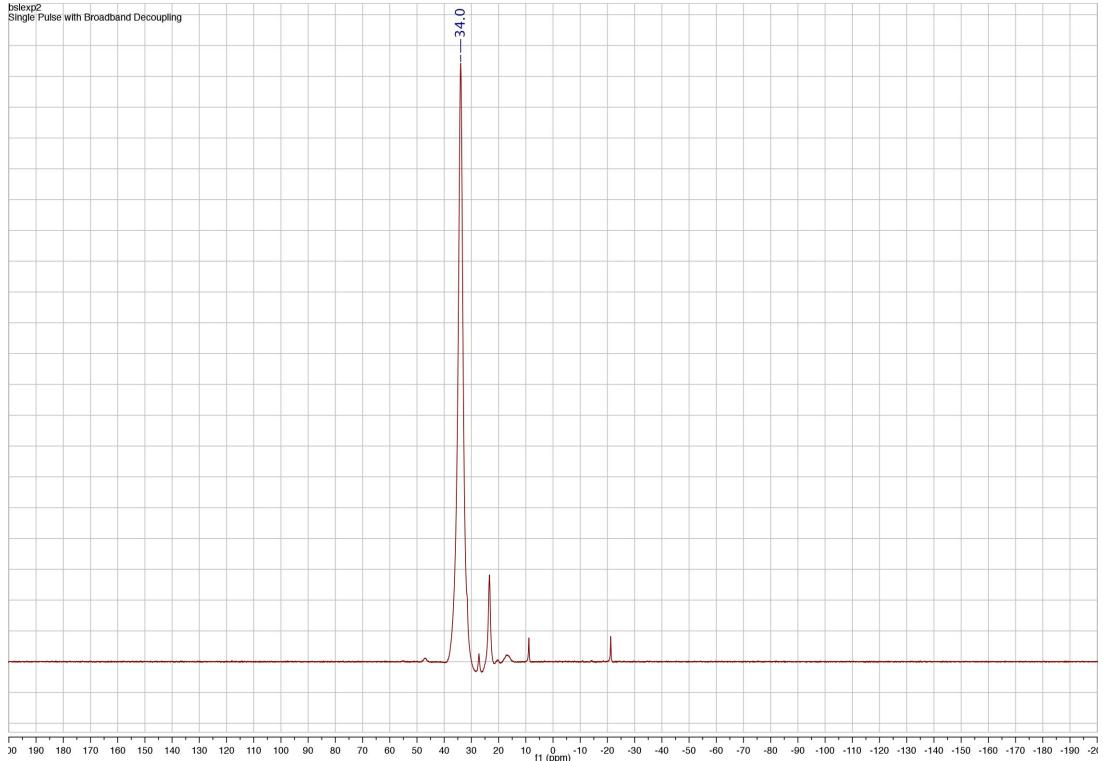




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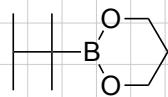


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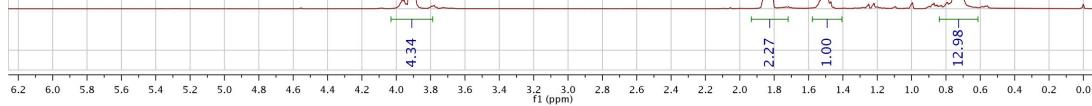


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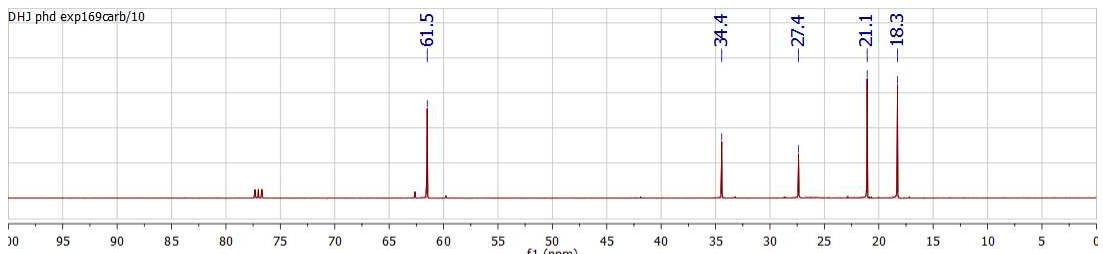
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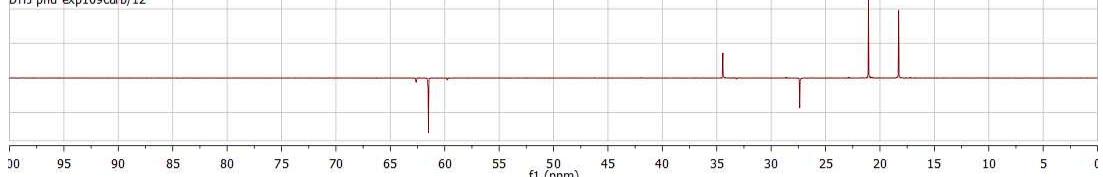
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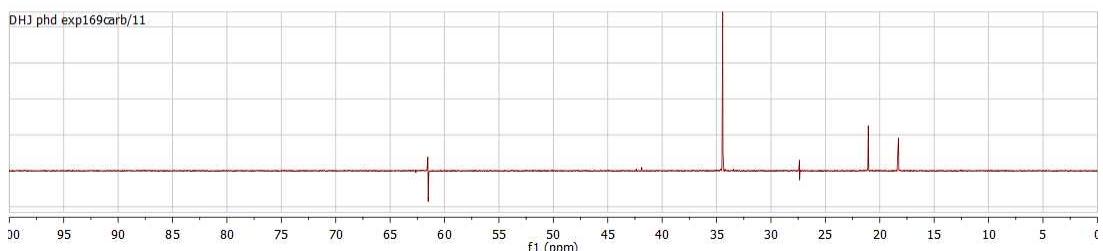
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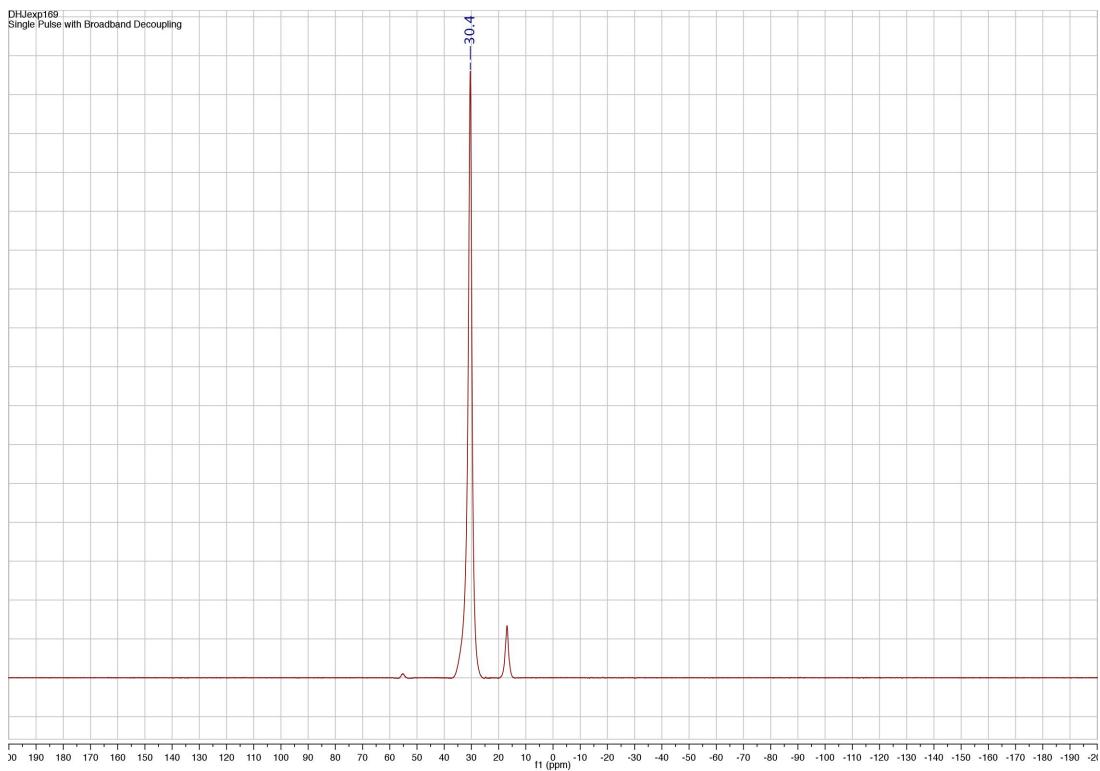


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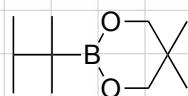
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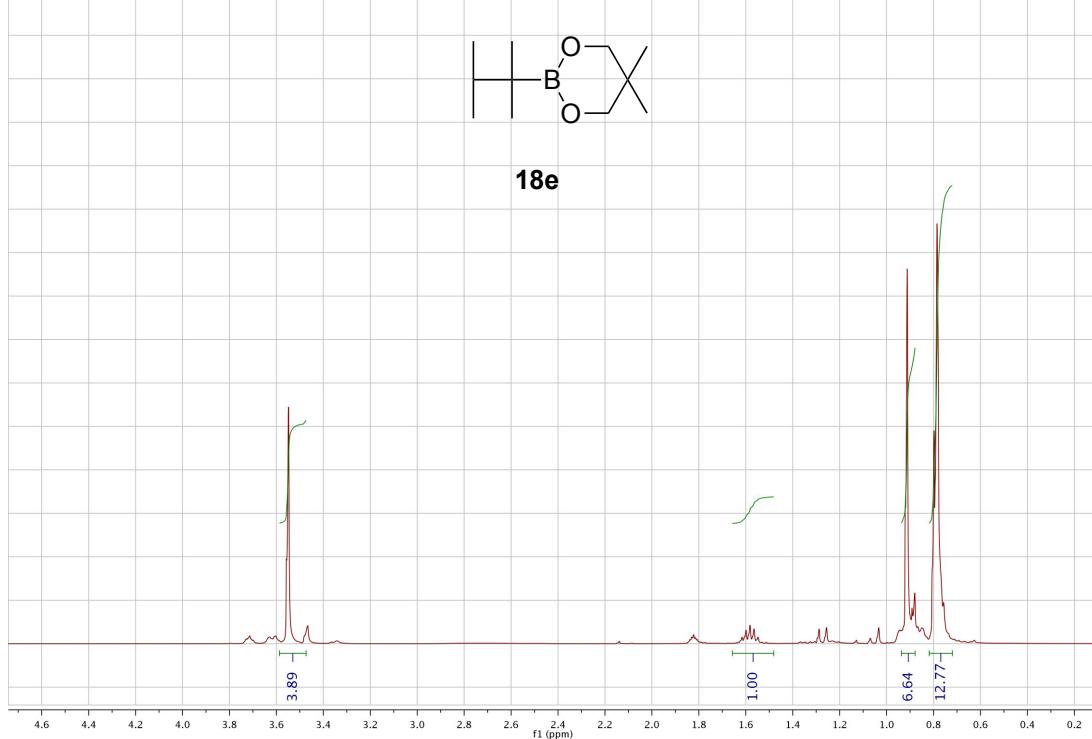


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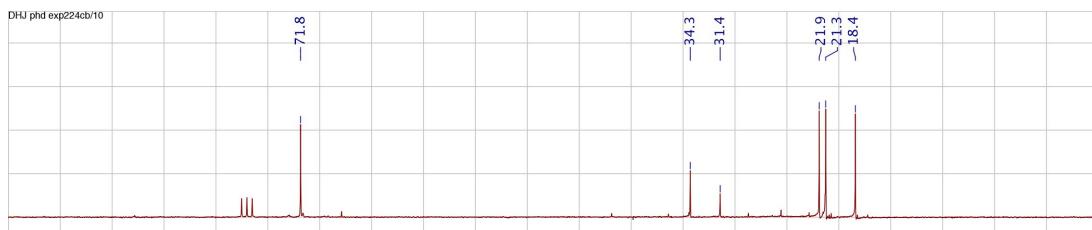
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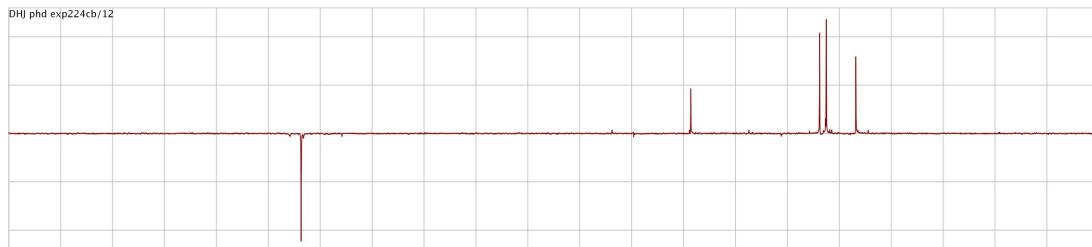
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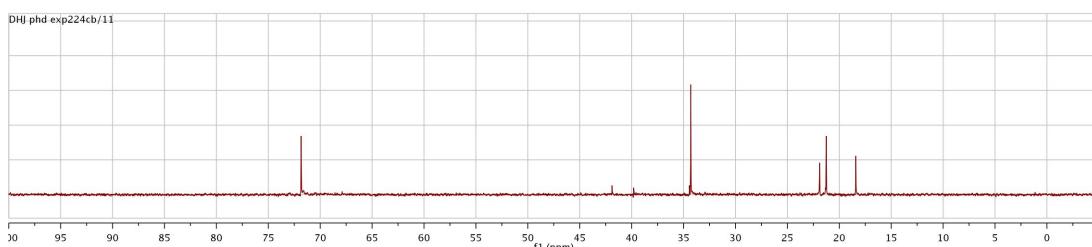
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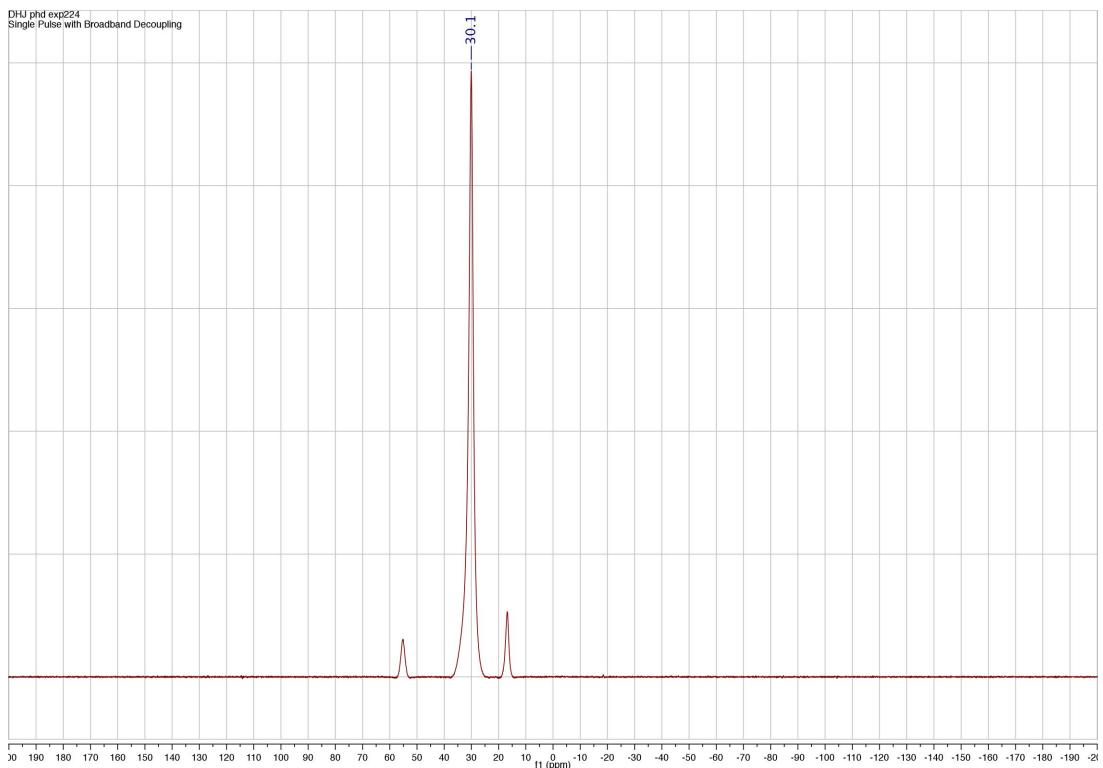


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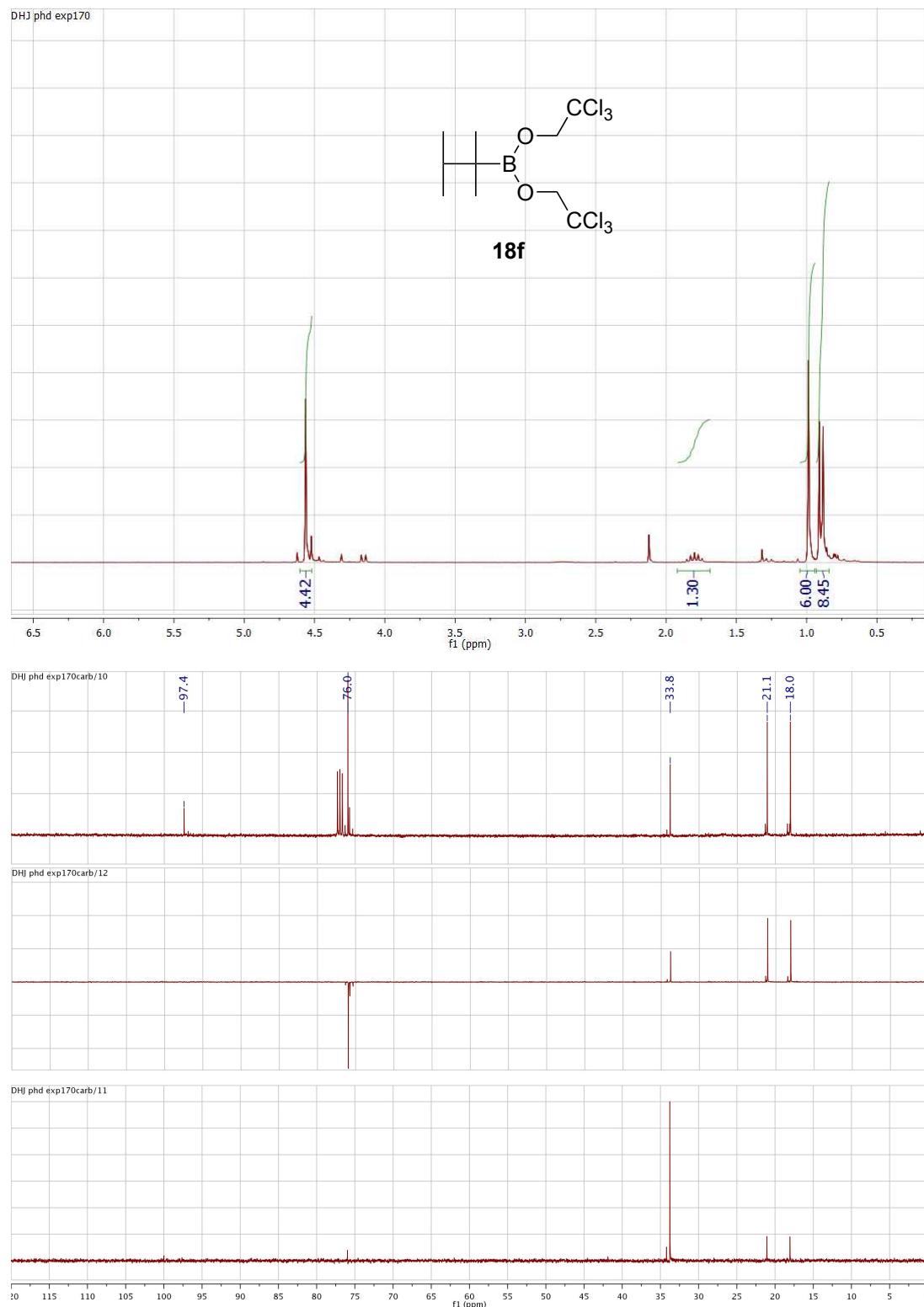


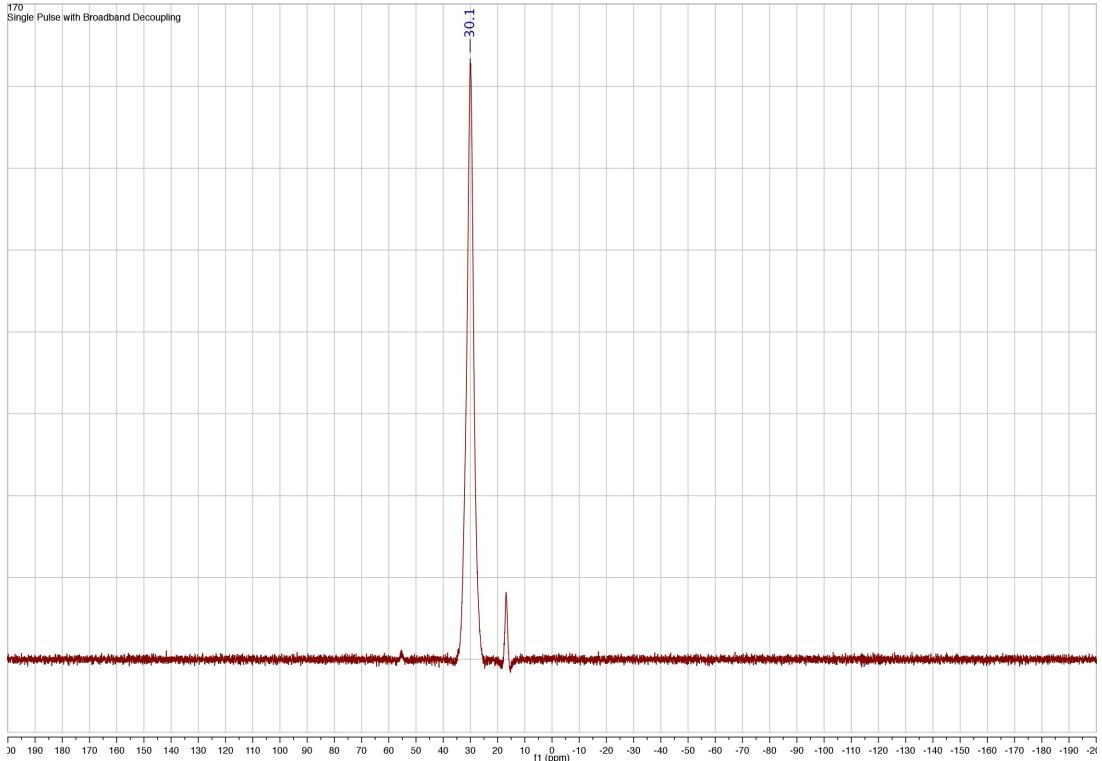
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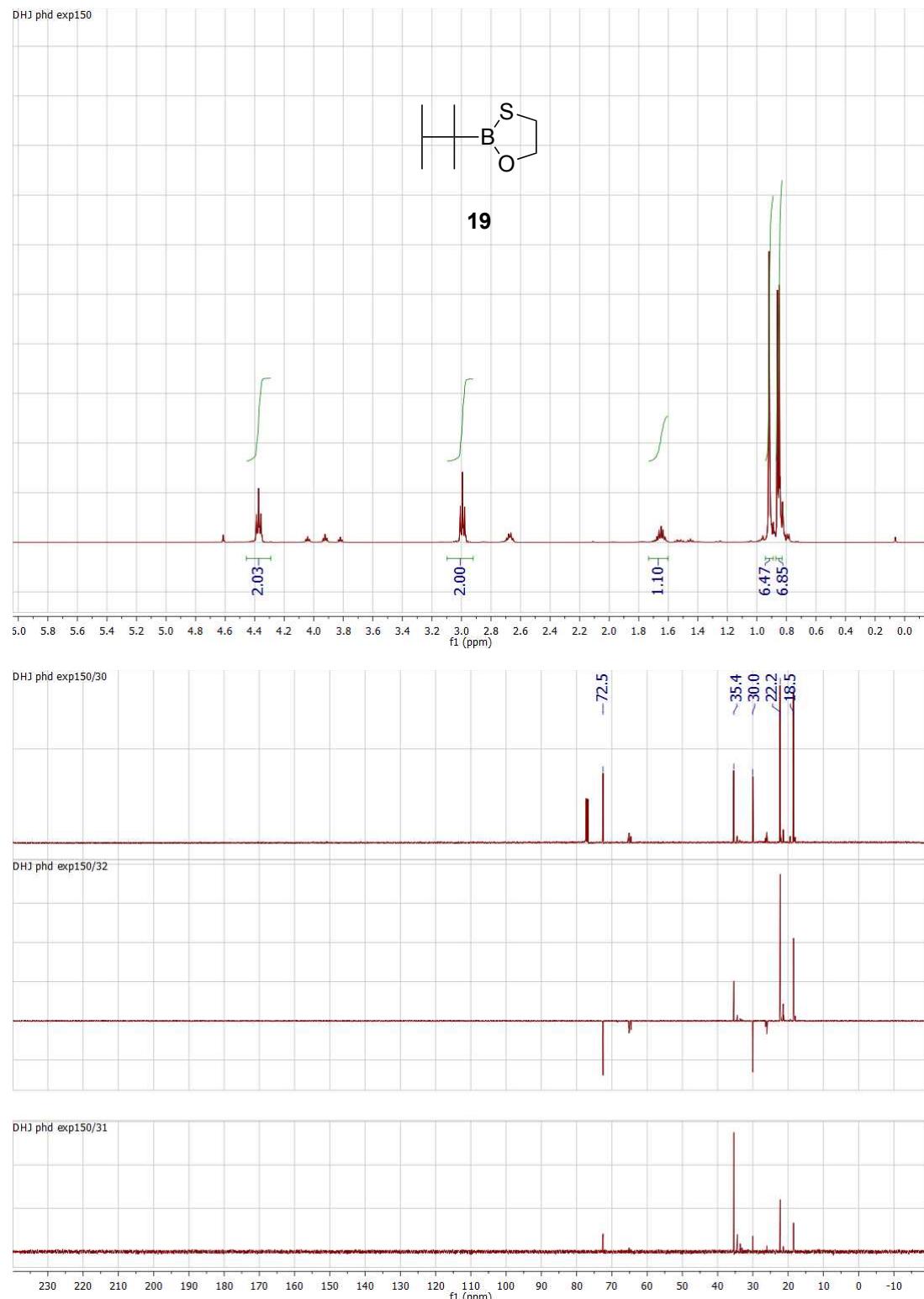
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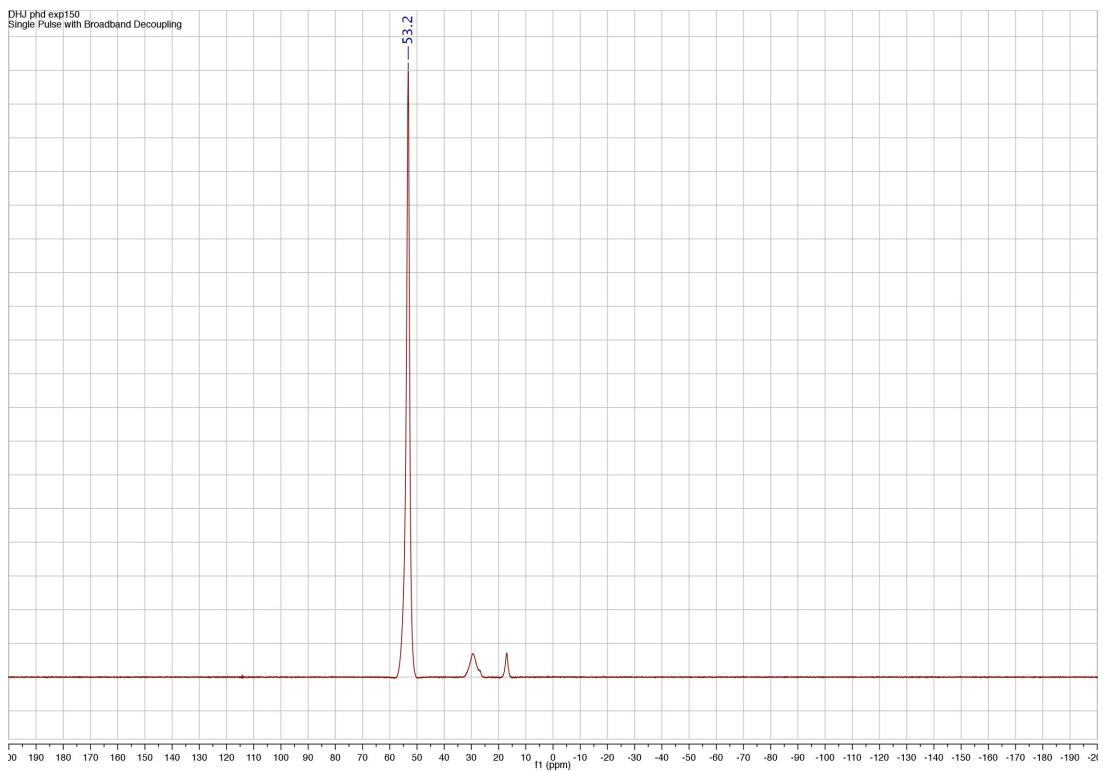




2-Thexyl-1,3,2-oxathiaborolane (19)

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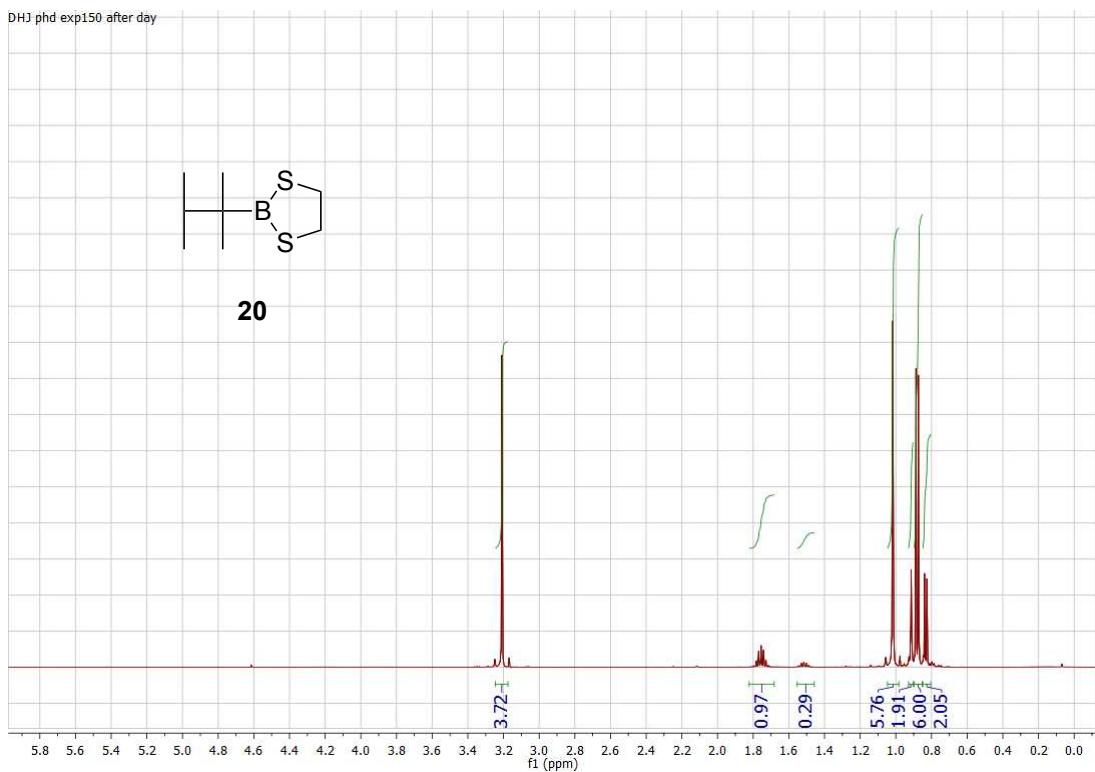




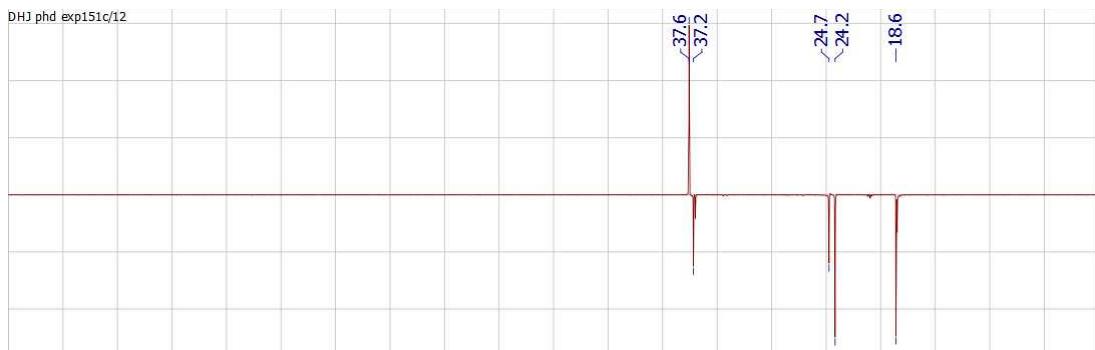
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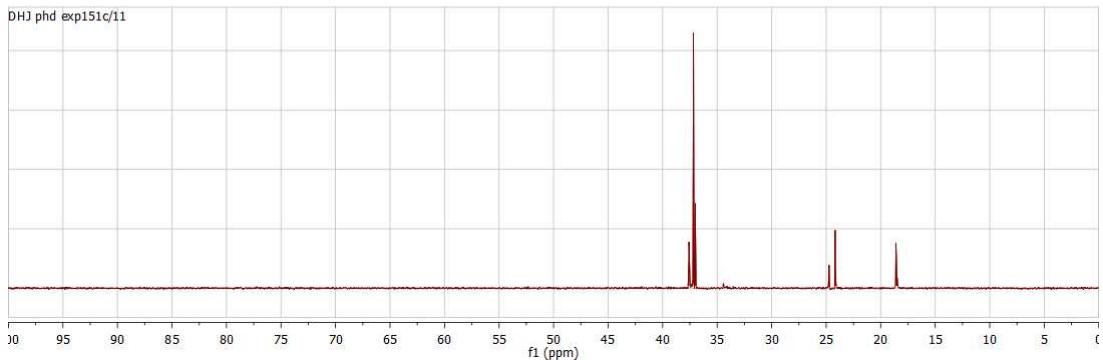
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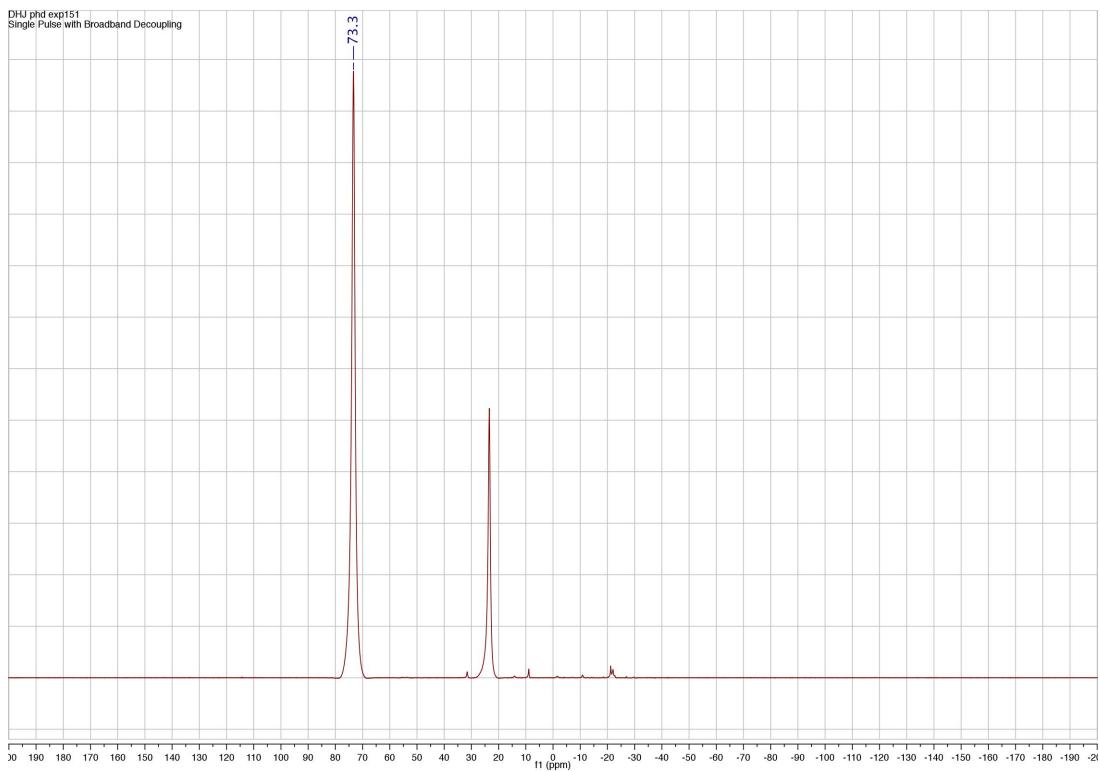


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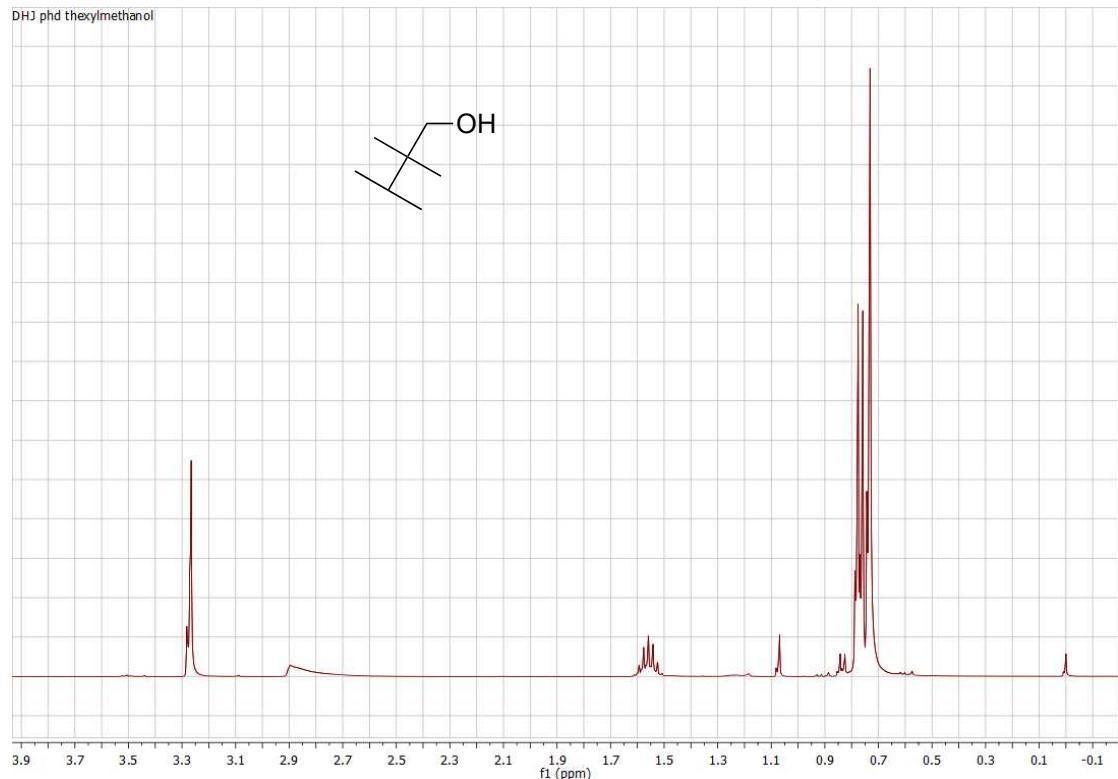
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2,2,3-Trimethyl-1-butanol (thexylmethanol) (purified)

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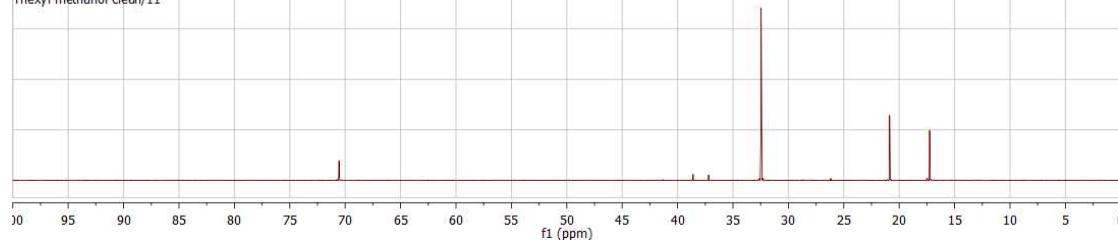
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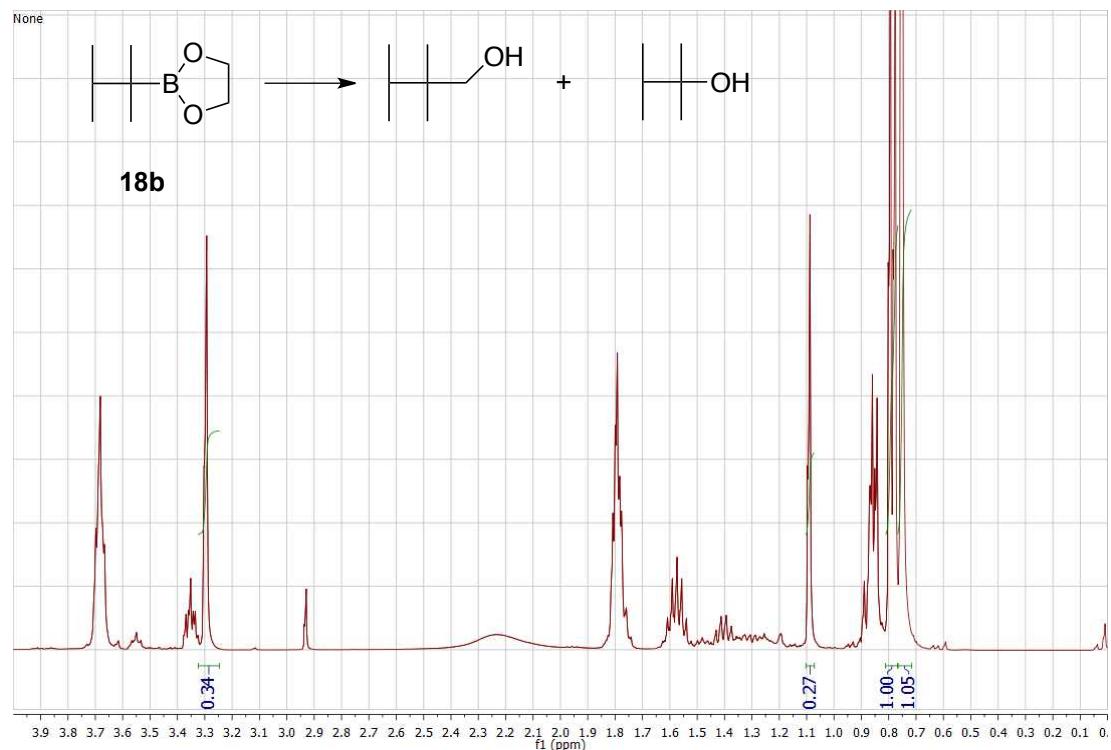
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The hexylmethanol crude reaction mixtures after oxidation

In all cases, evaporation of solvent was deliberately incomplete so that no loss of the homologated products took place.

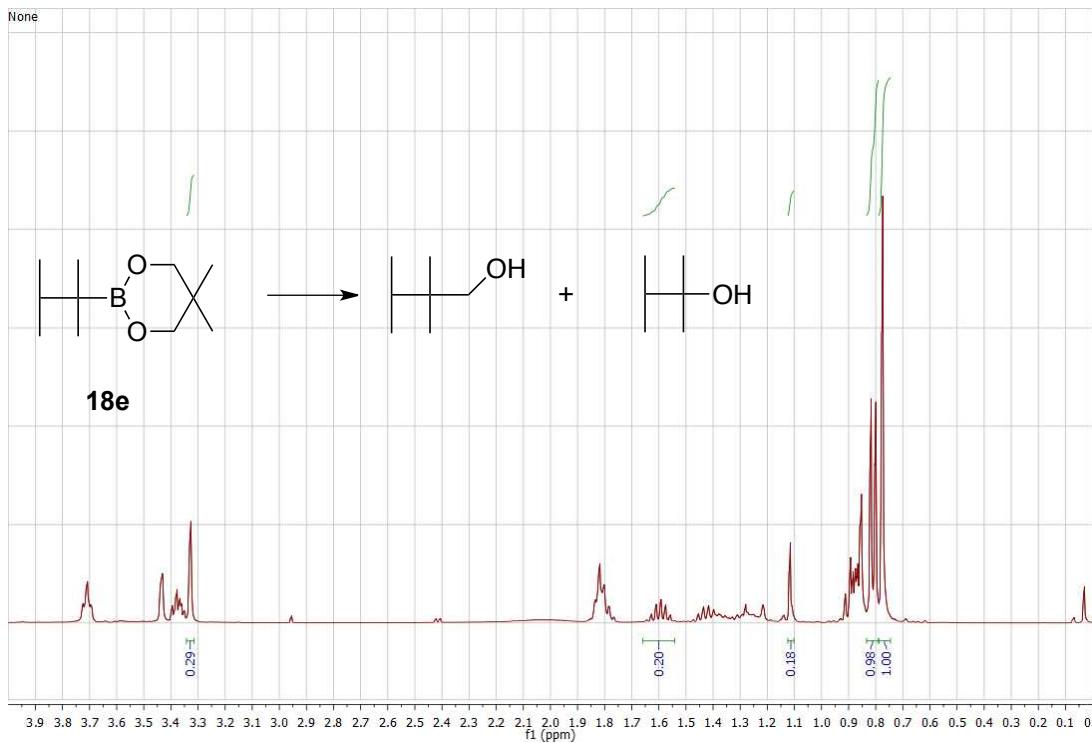
Homologation of 18b using Method A



An 80:20 mixture of the hexylmethanol:hexanol according to integration of the hexylmethanol Me_2C peak (1.05; 0.75 ppm) and the hexanol $\text{Me}_2\text{C}(\text{OH})$ peak (0.27; 1.1 ppm).

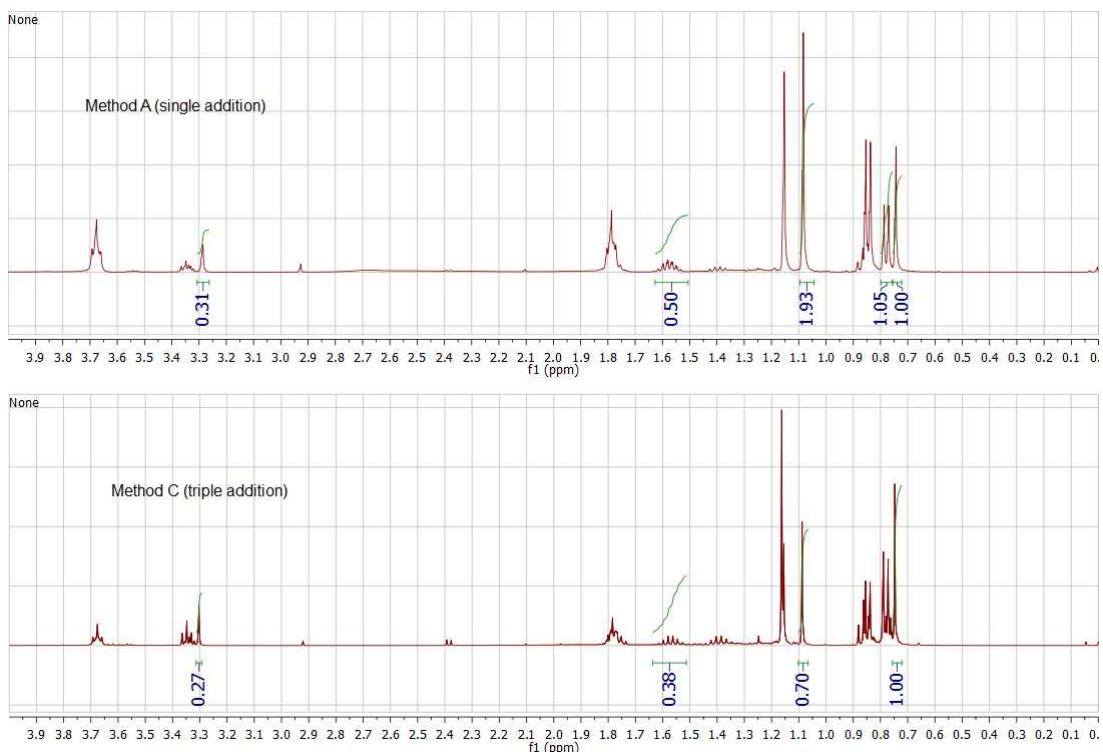
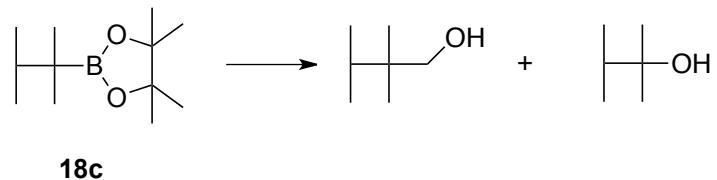
There is clearly a small margin for error in these values, so that all spectra were directly compared to ensure that (for example) a ratio reported as 84:16 does correspond to a better result than a ratio of 80:20.

Homologation of 18e using Method B



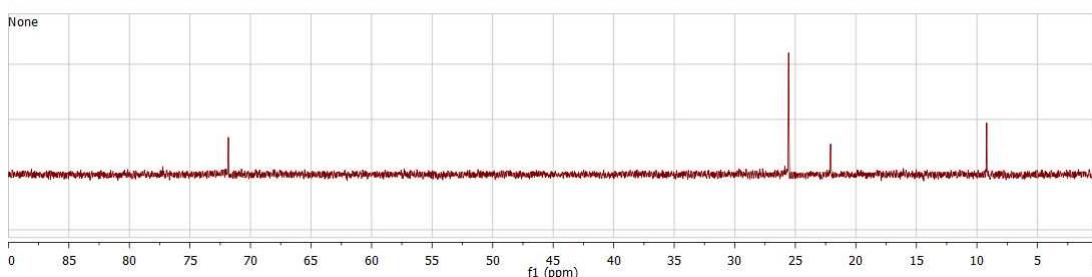
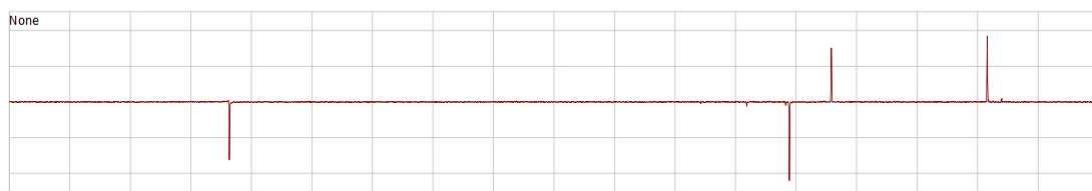
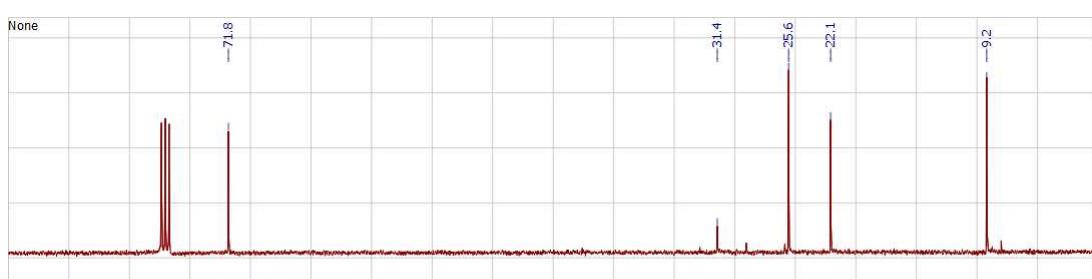
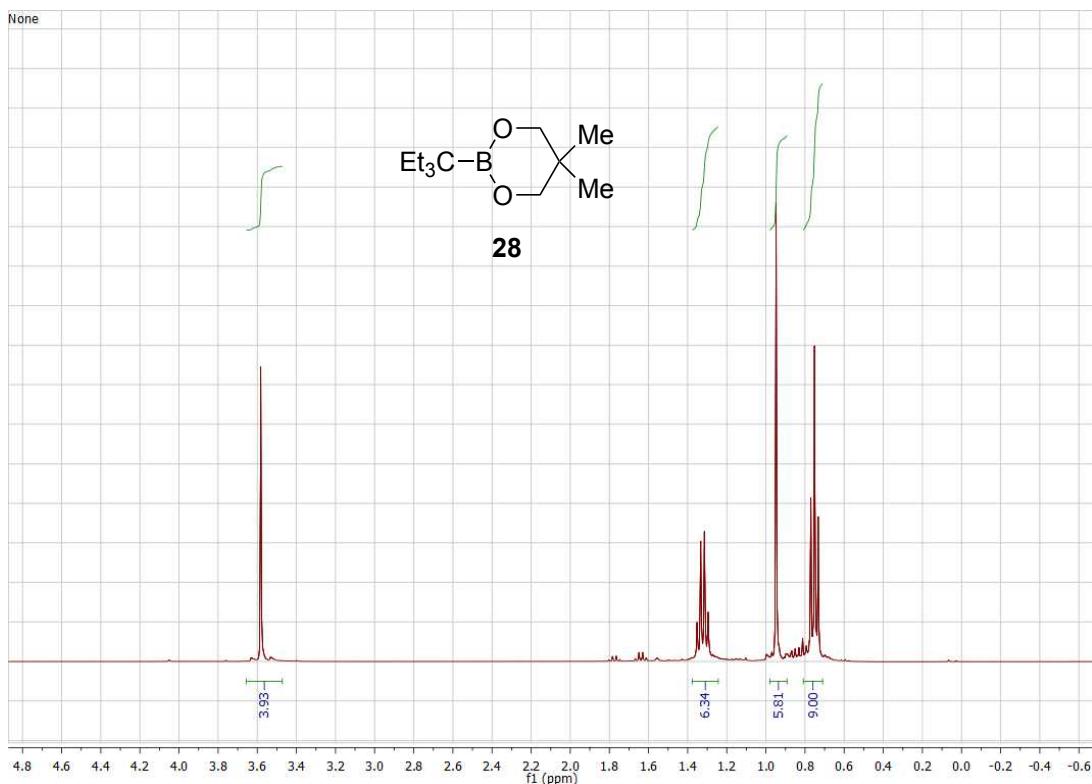
A similar analysis to that described above showed that an 85:15 mixture of the hexylmethanol:hexanol was obtained.

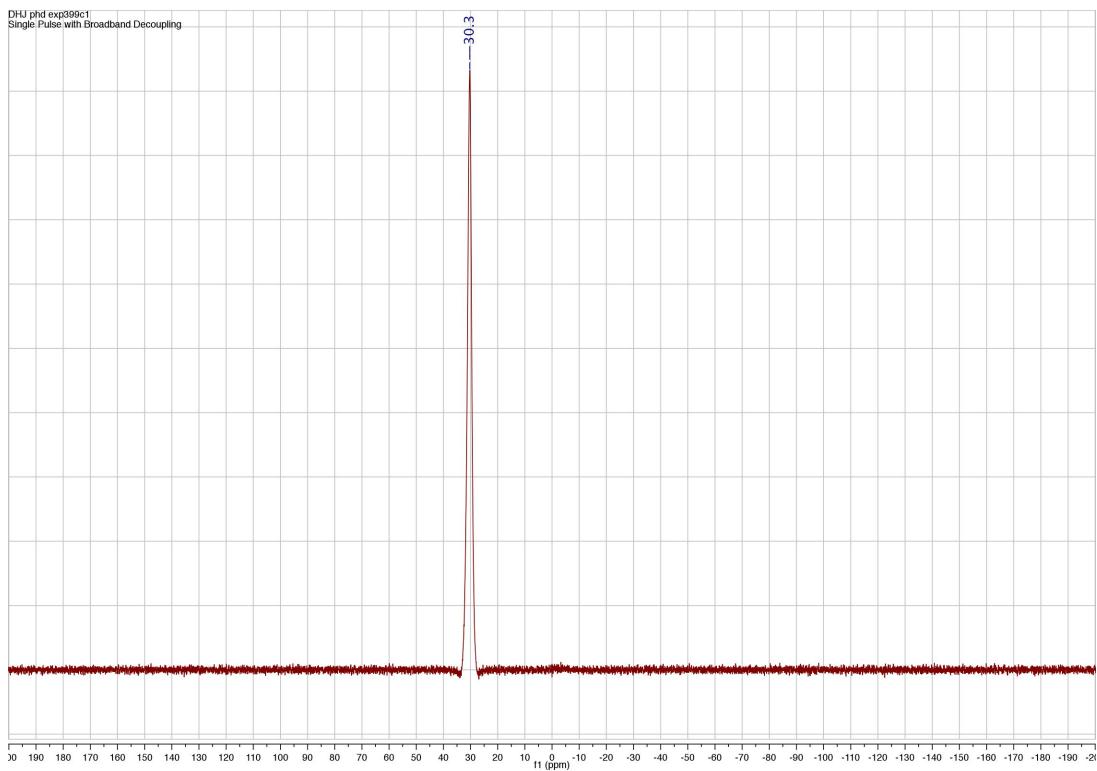
Comparison of Method A and Method B for the homologation of 18c



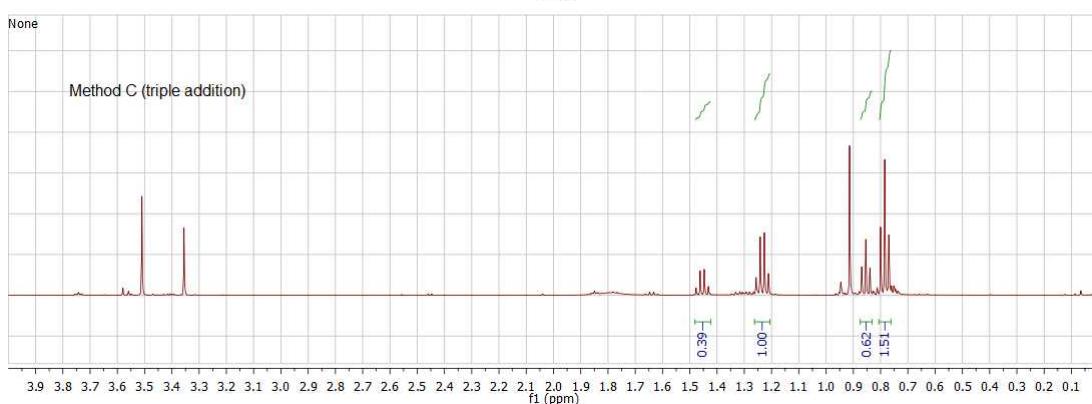
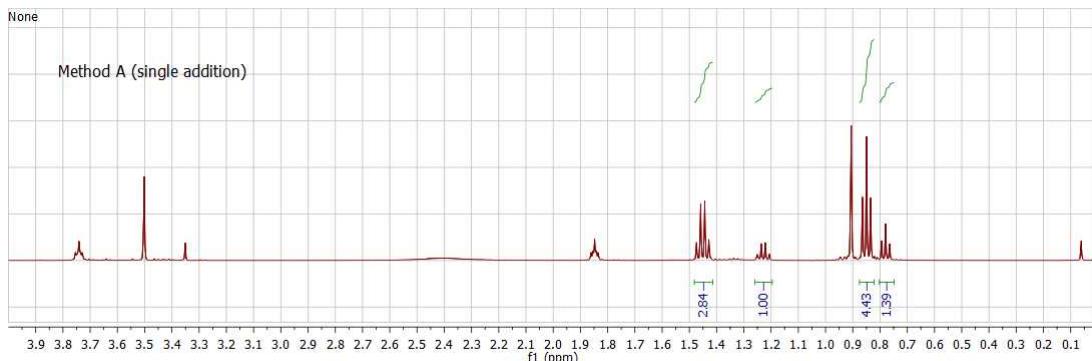
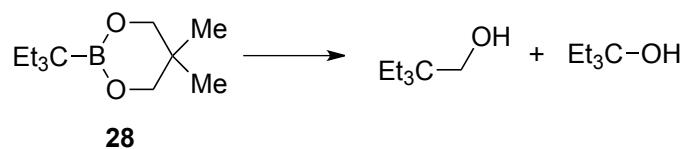
The upper spectrum (**Method A**) shows a 34:66 mixture of the hexylmethanol:hexanol, whereas the lower spectrum (**Method B**) shows a greatly improved 59:41 mixture of the hexylmethanol:hexanol. In these cases, the methyl singlet peaks are distinct for both reactions, so that these were considered to give a more accurate representation.

5,5-Dimethyl-2-(3-ethylpent-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (28)



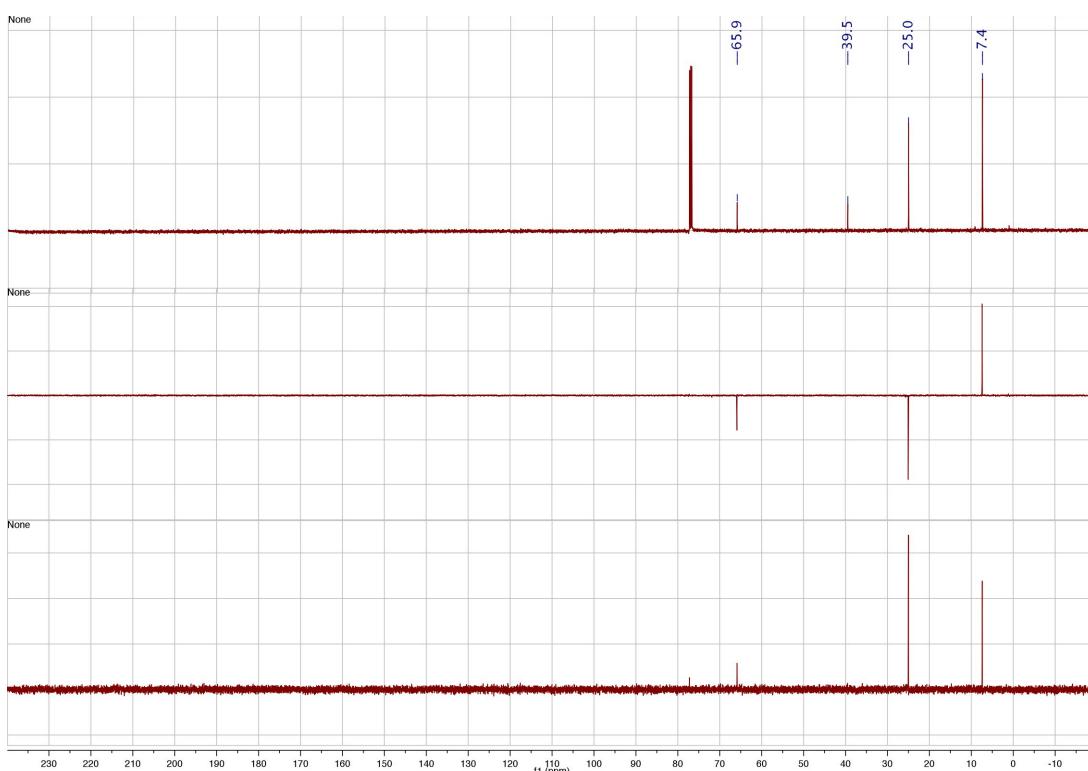
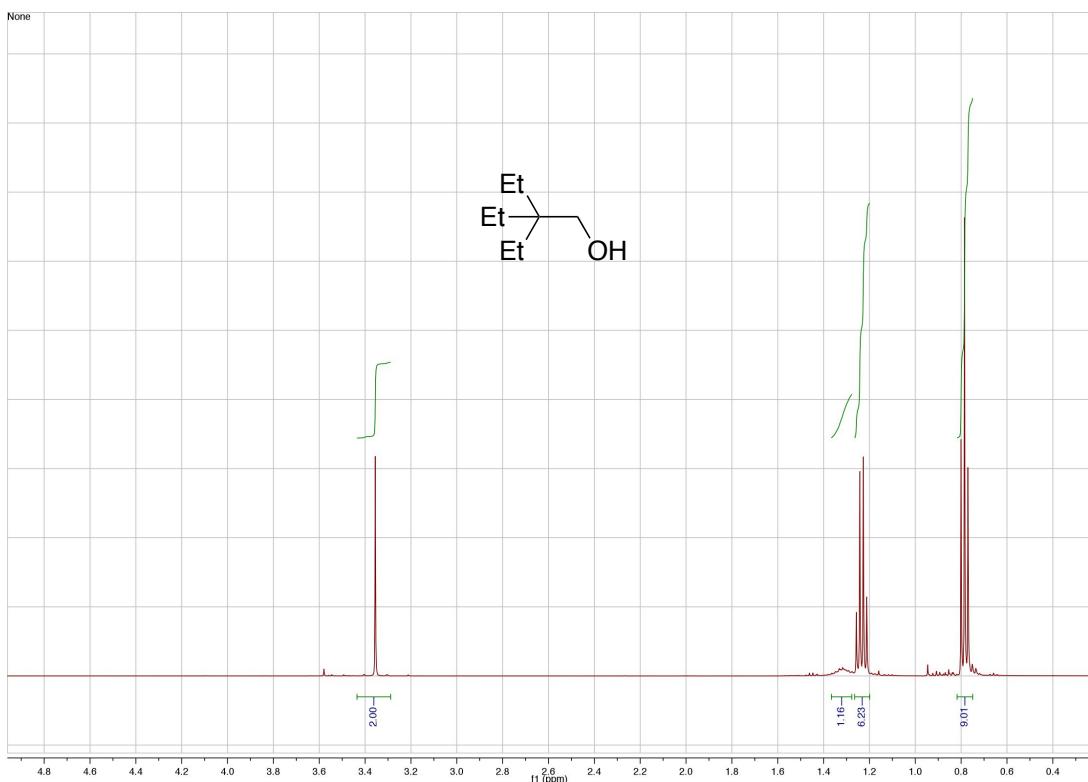


Homologation of compound 28 using Methods A and B

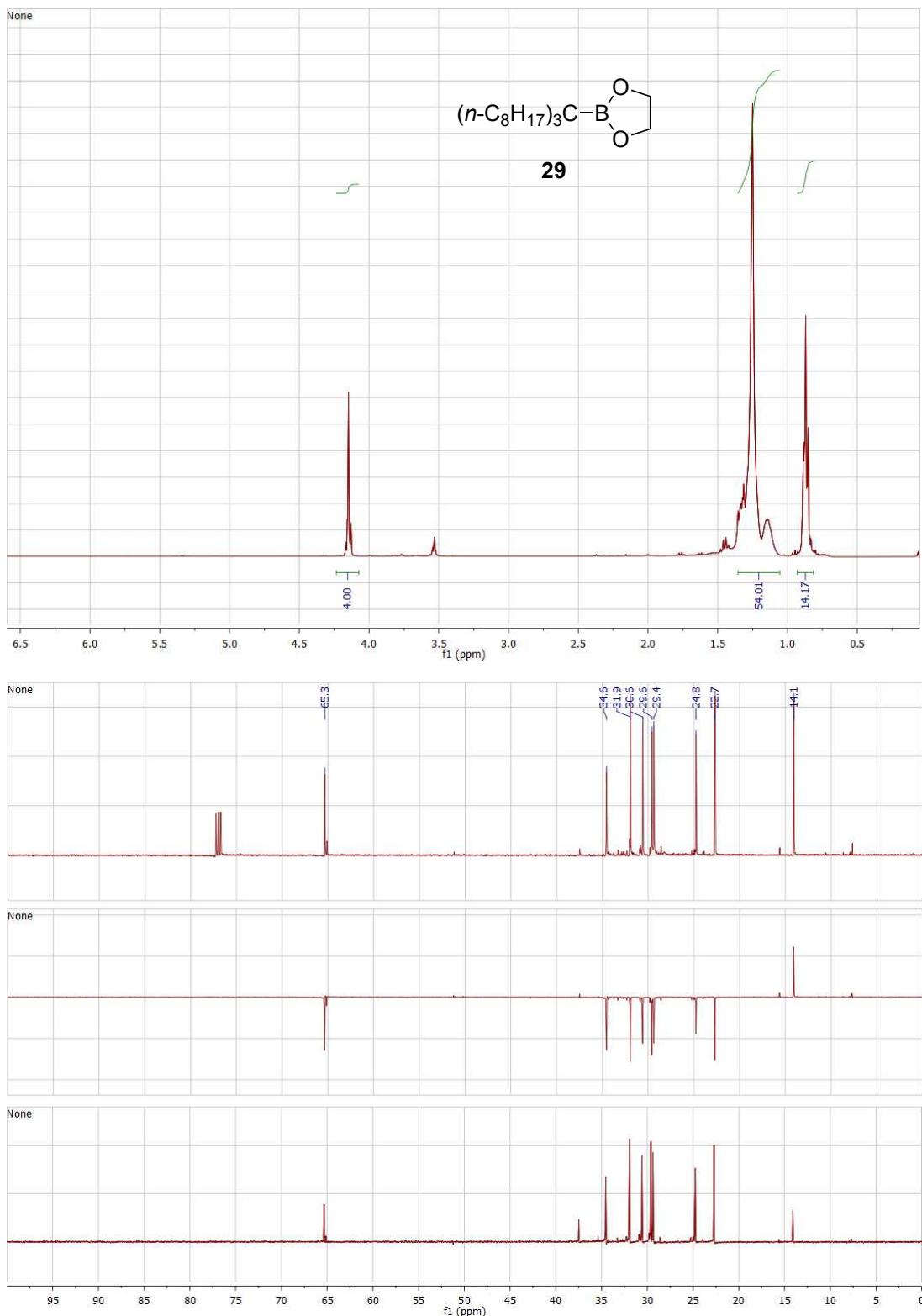


Ratio using **Method A** 26:74 non-homologated:homologated by taking an average of the integrations of the ethyl peaks. Ratio using **Method B** 72:28 homologated:non-homologated.

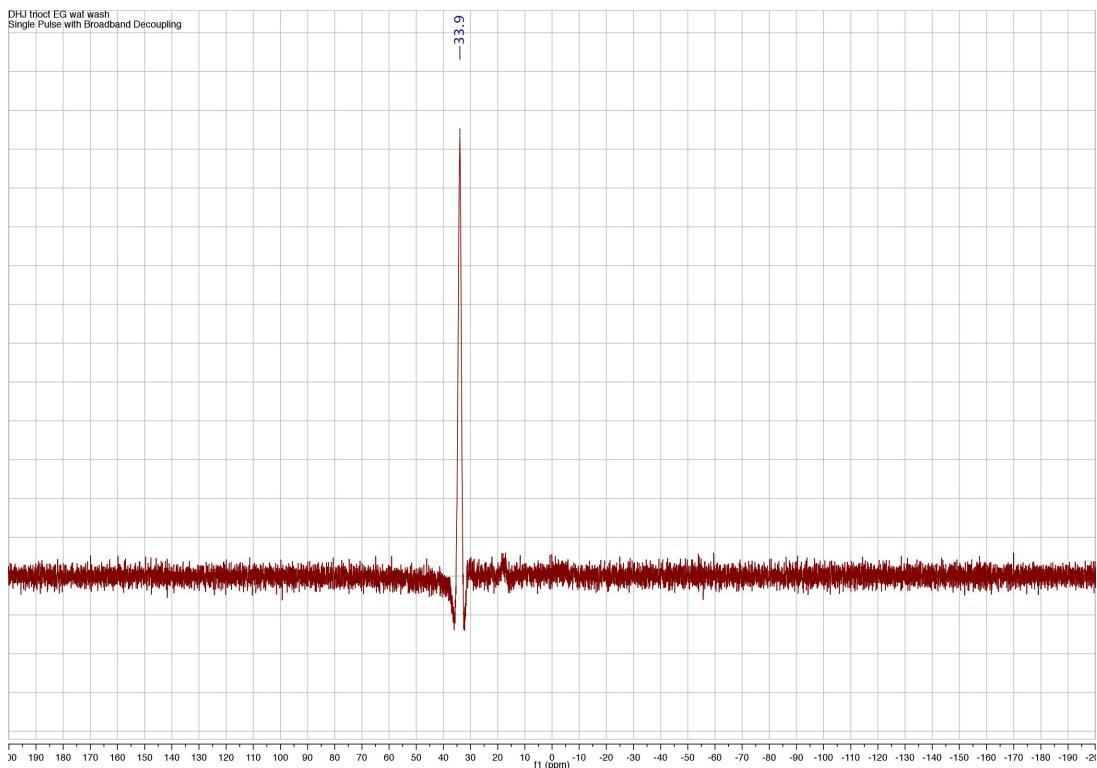
2,2-Diethyl-1-butanol (from the homologation of compound 28)



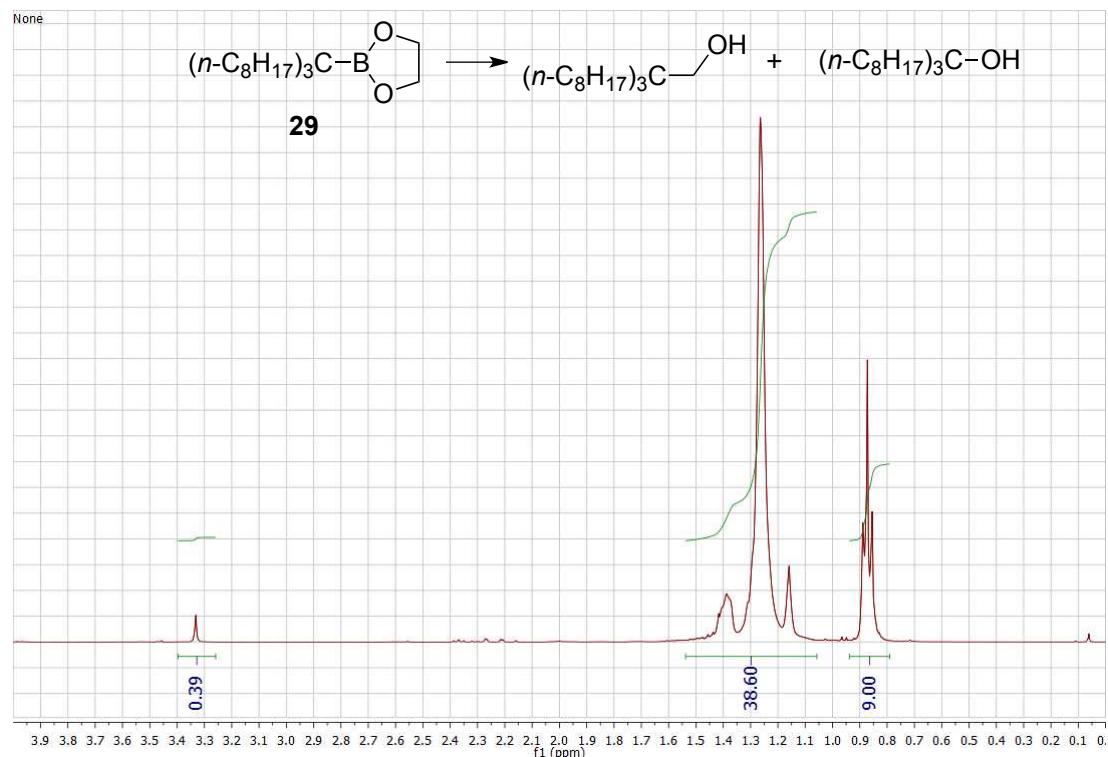
2-(9-Octylheptadecan-9-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (29)



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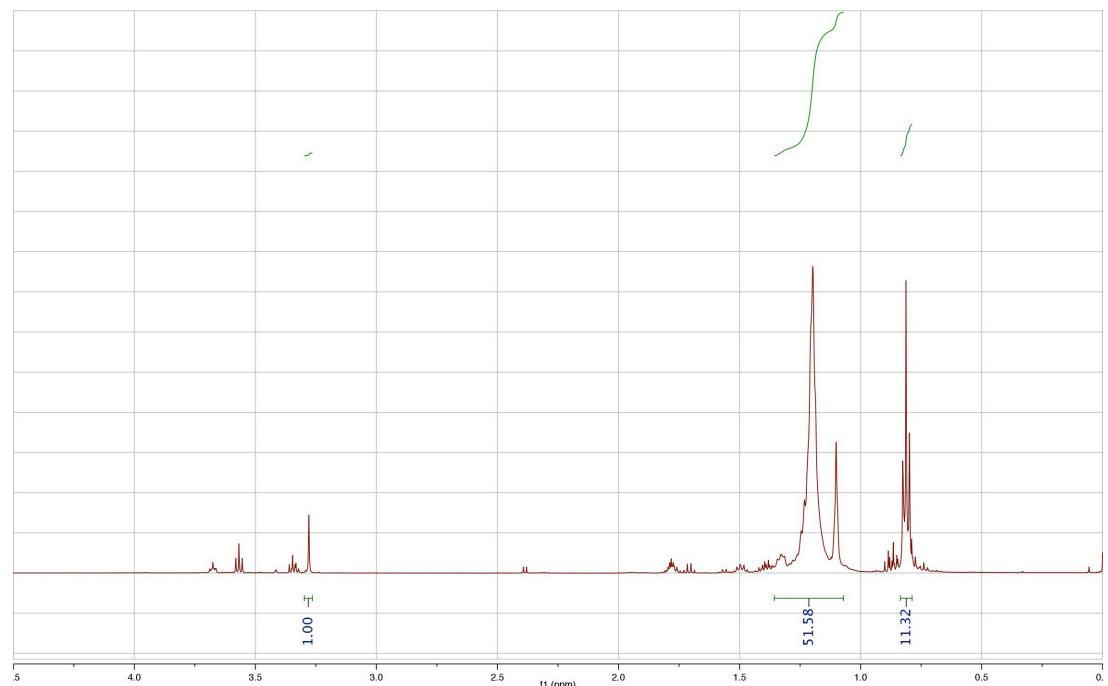


Homologation of compound 29 using Method A



The ratio was determined by assuming that the triplet at 0.9 ppm corresponds to the methyl groups in both compounds (homologated and non-homologated). Since the peak at 3.3 ppm corresponds to the CH_2 group in the homologated product, this leads to a calculated ratio of 20:80 homologated:non-homologated. Any impurities, which are more likely to affect the triplet peak at 0.9 ppm, will render this ratio somewhat conservative.

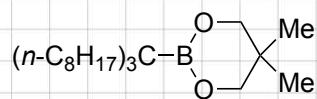
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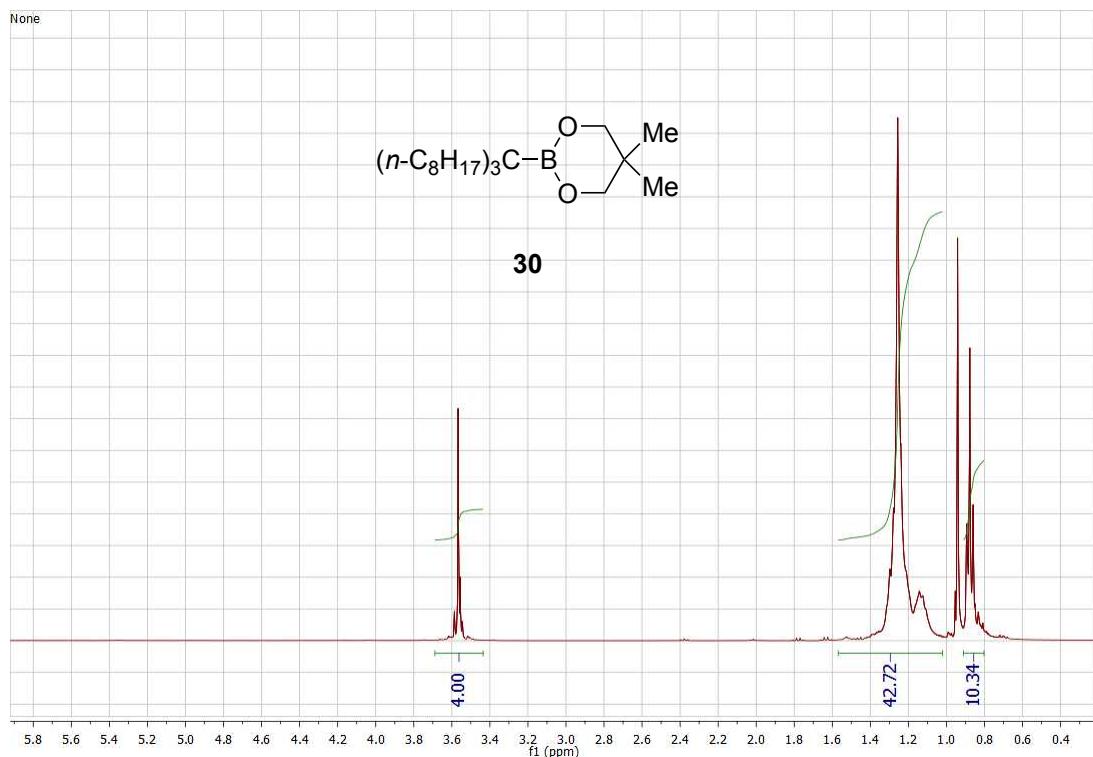
The ratio of homologated:non-homologated products was determined by the method described above to be 40:60. Once again, this will be a conservative estimate.

5,5-Dimethyl-2-(9-octylheptadecan-9-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (30)

None



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None

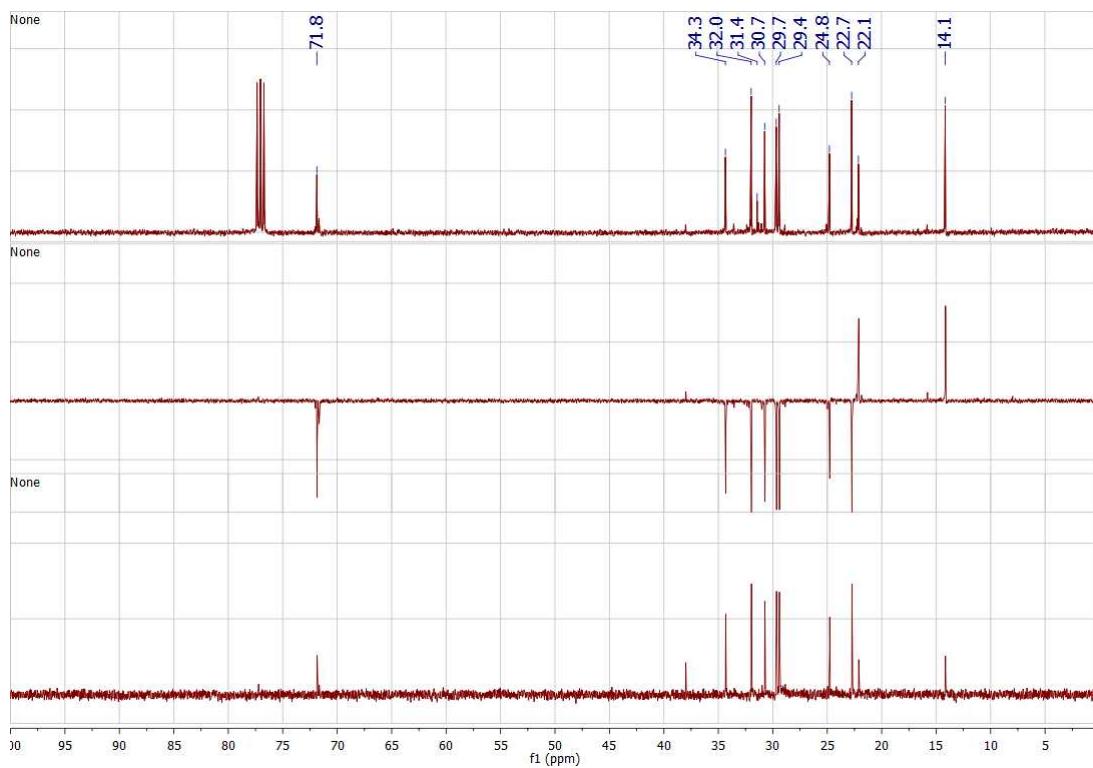
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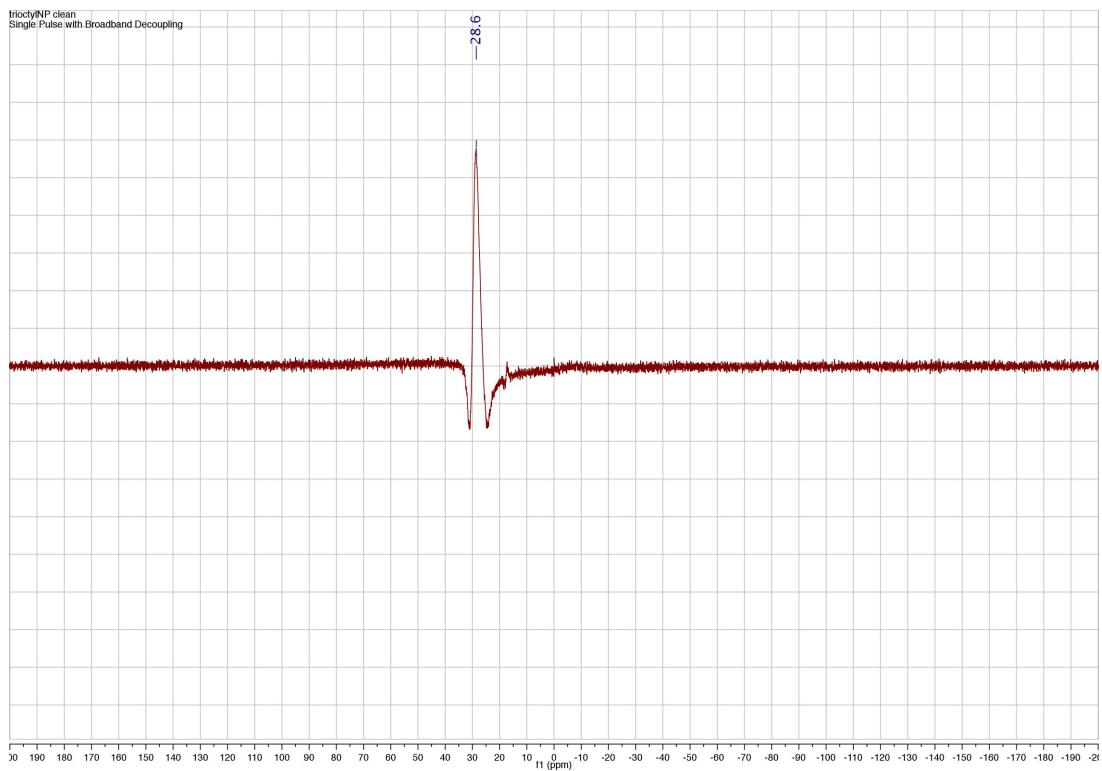
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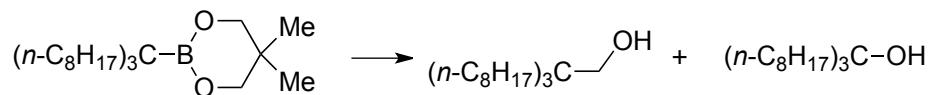
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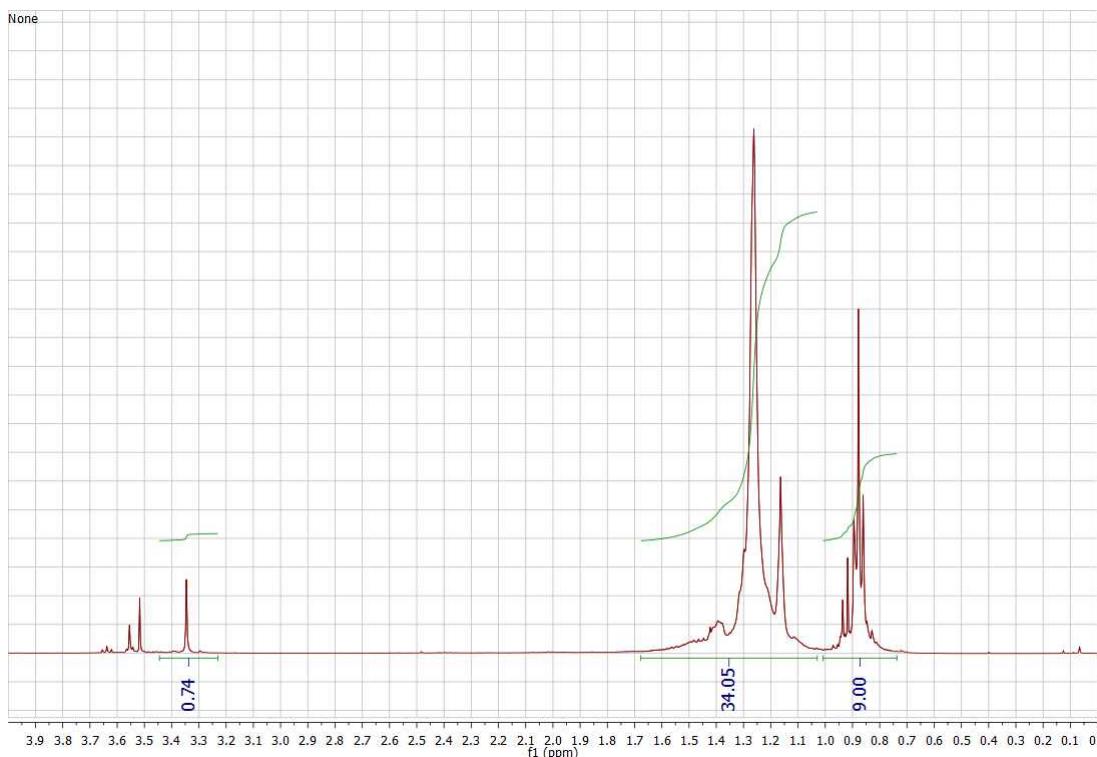
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Homologation of compound 30 using Method B

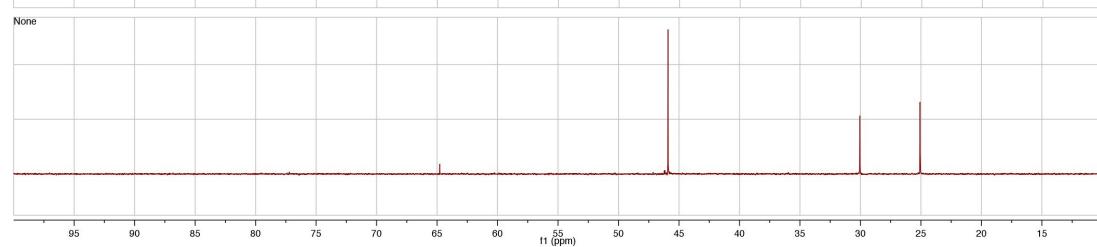
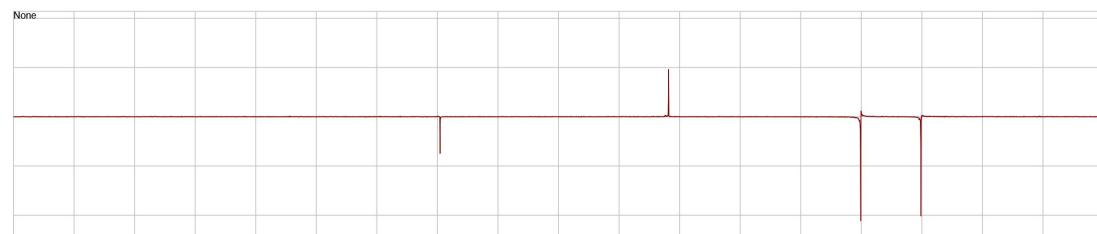
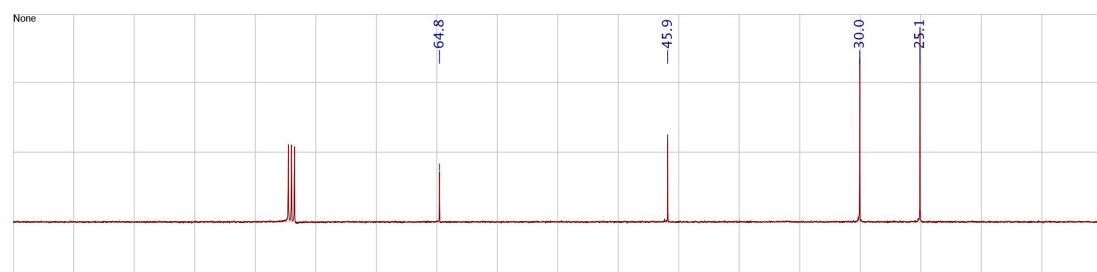
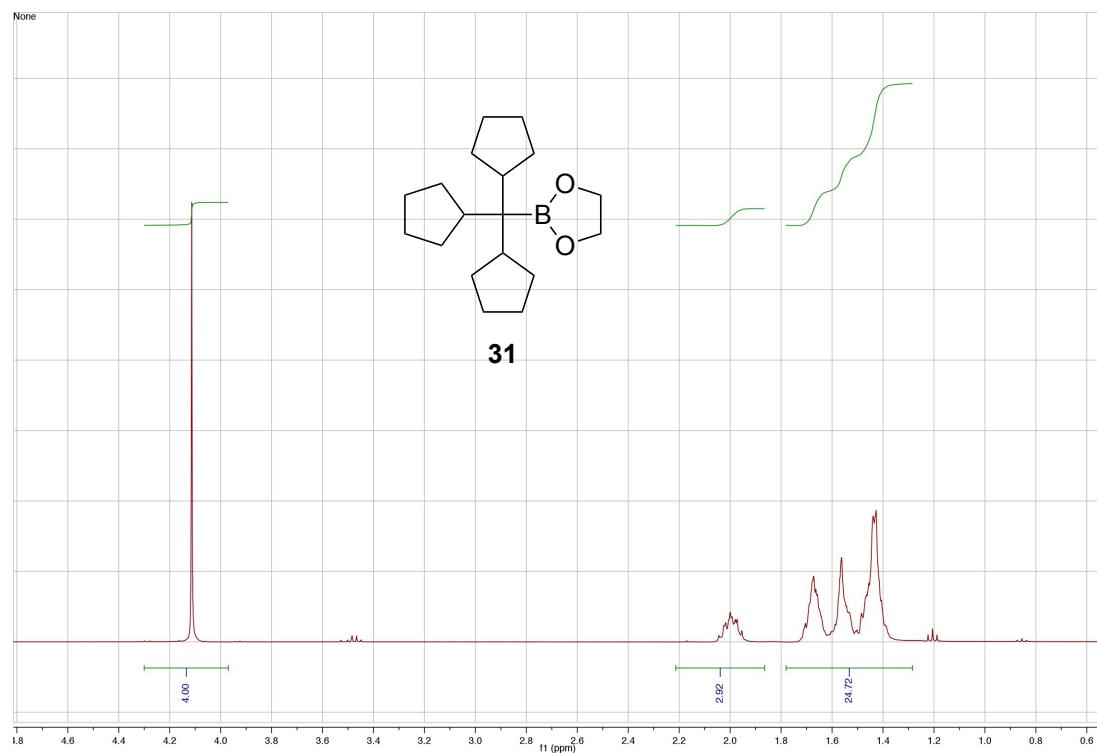


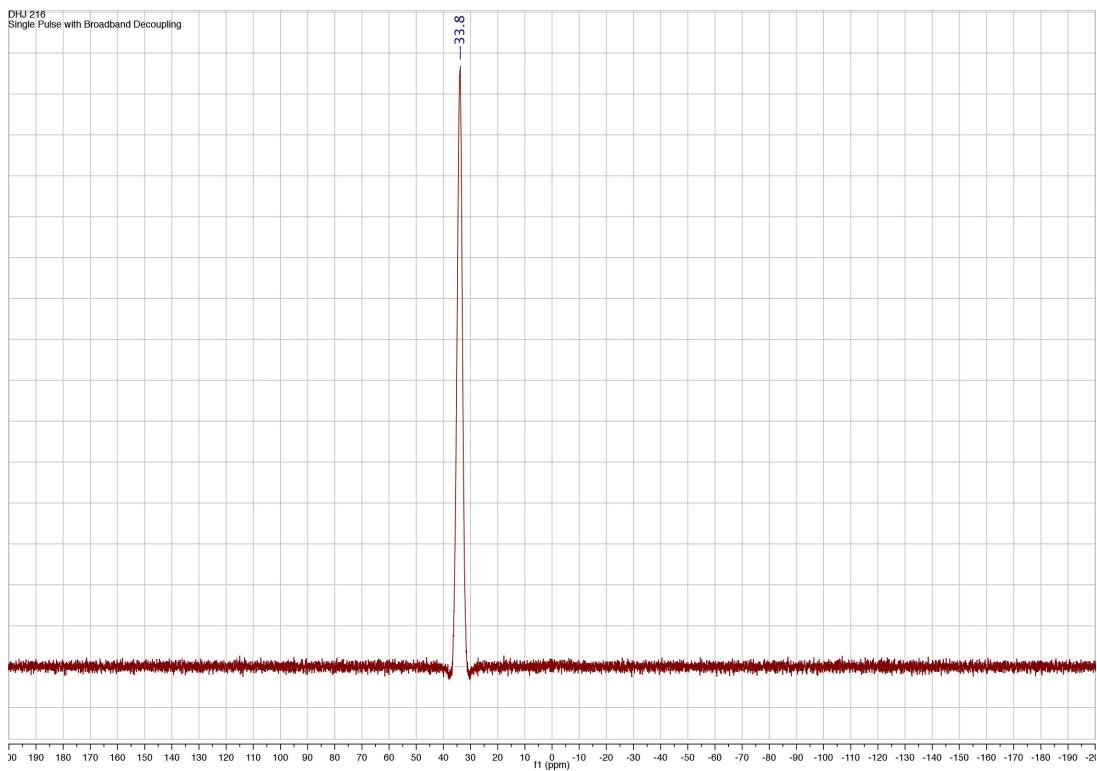
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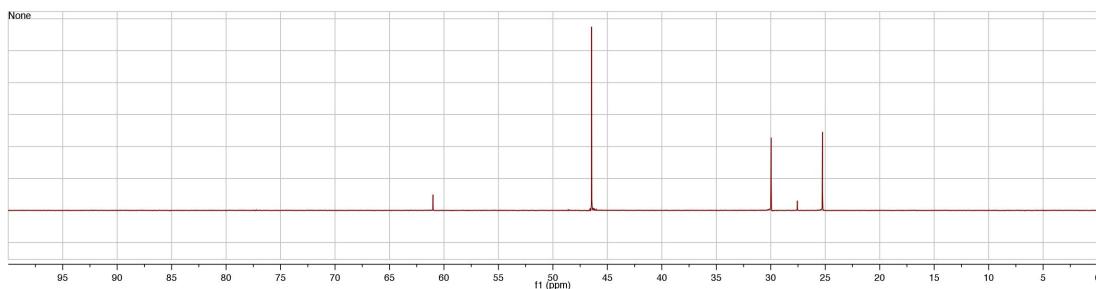
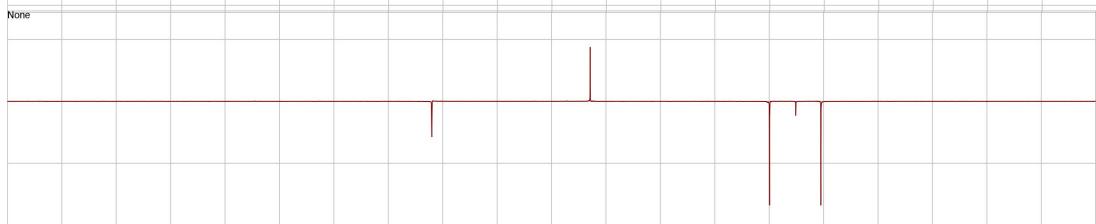
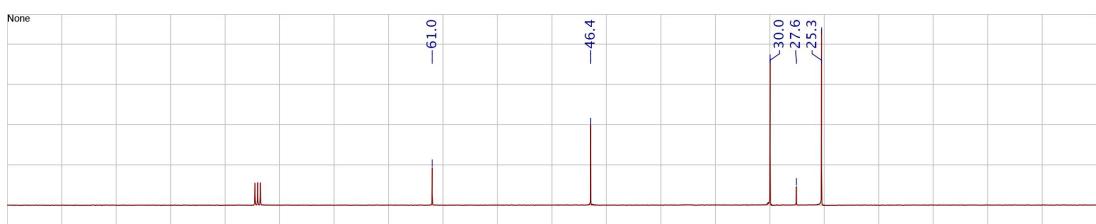
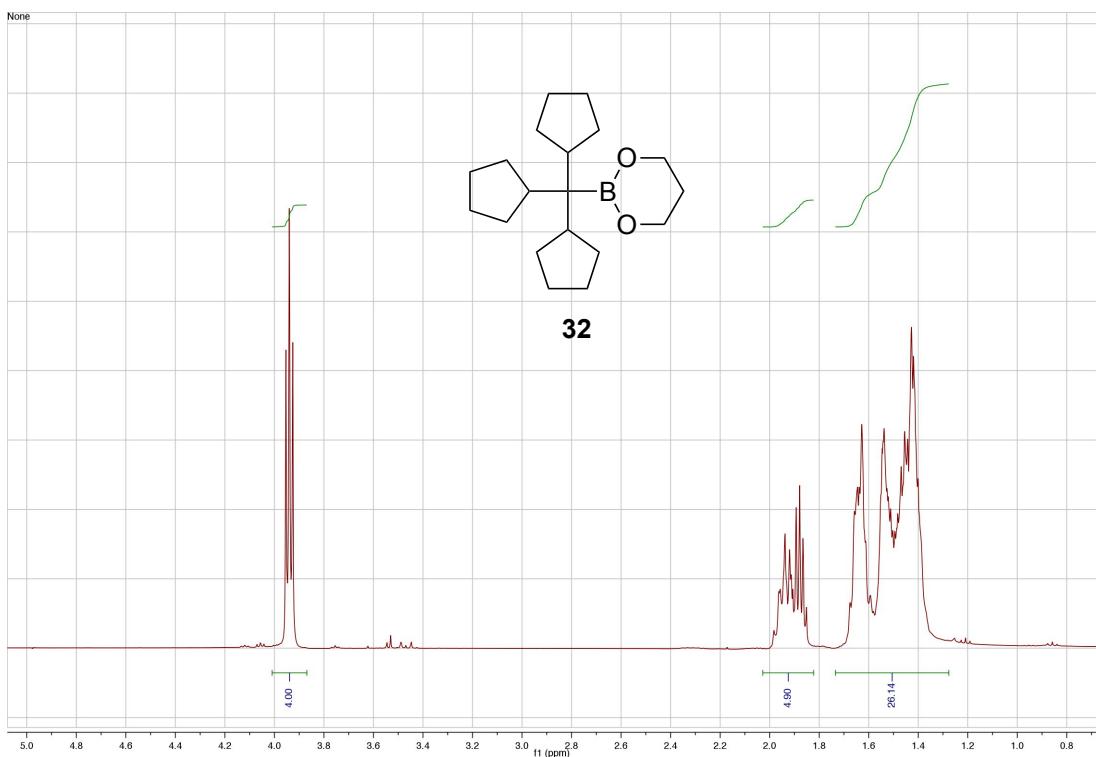
The ratio of homologated:non-homologated products was determined to be 37:63 by the method described above. However, in this case the triplet peak is becoming resolved into two distinct triplets. While we assume that these correspond to the two products, it is possible that one of them is an impurity, which would place the ratio very much on the conservative side.

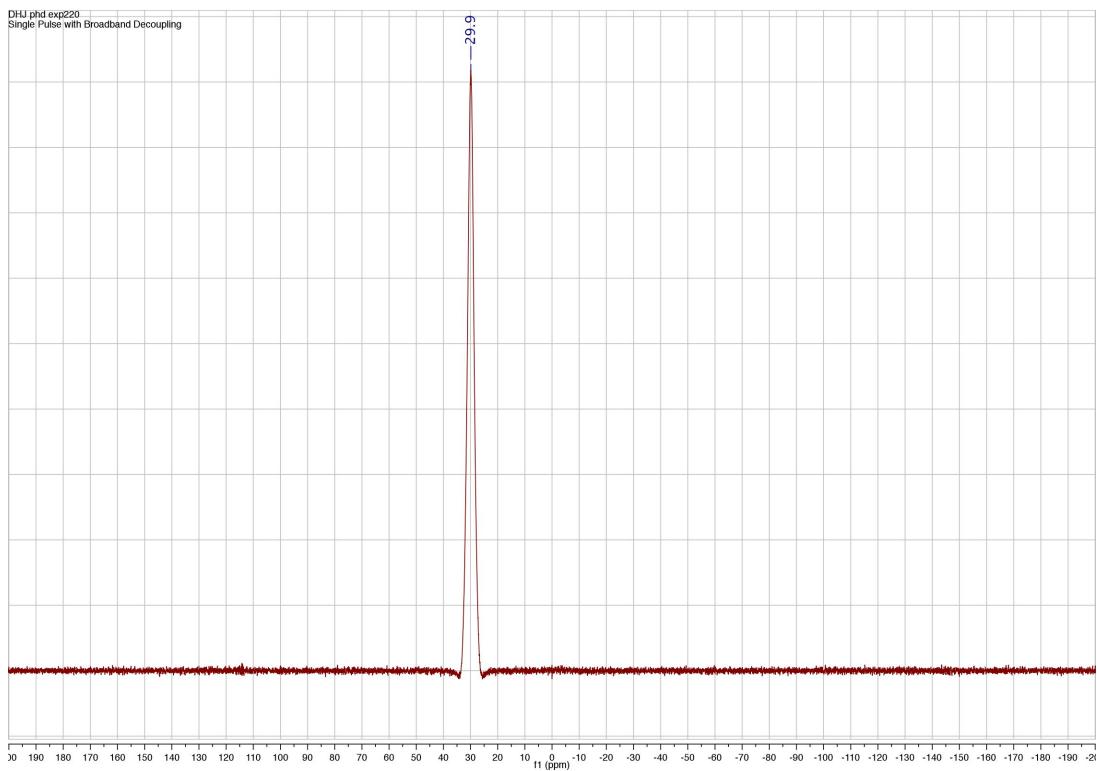
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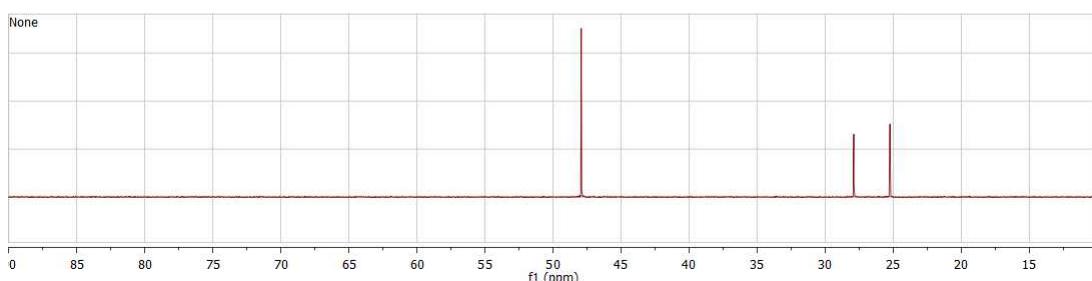
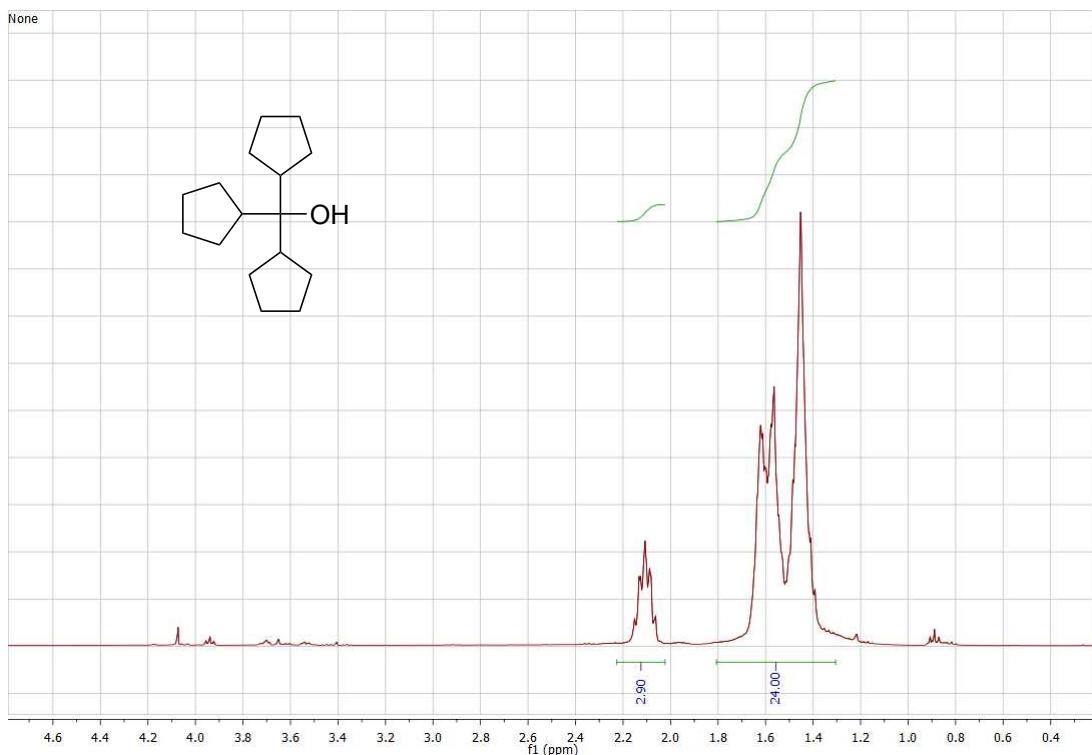


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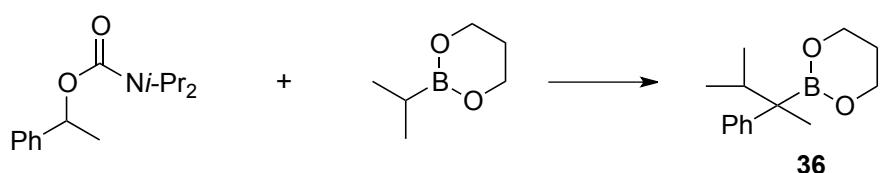
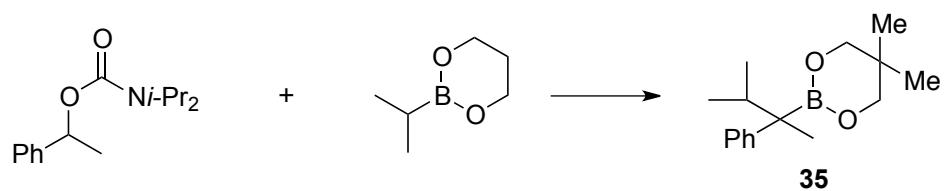
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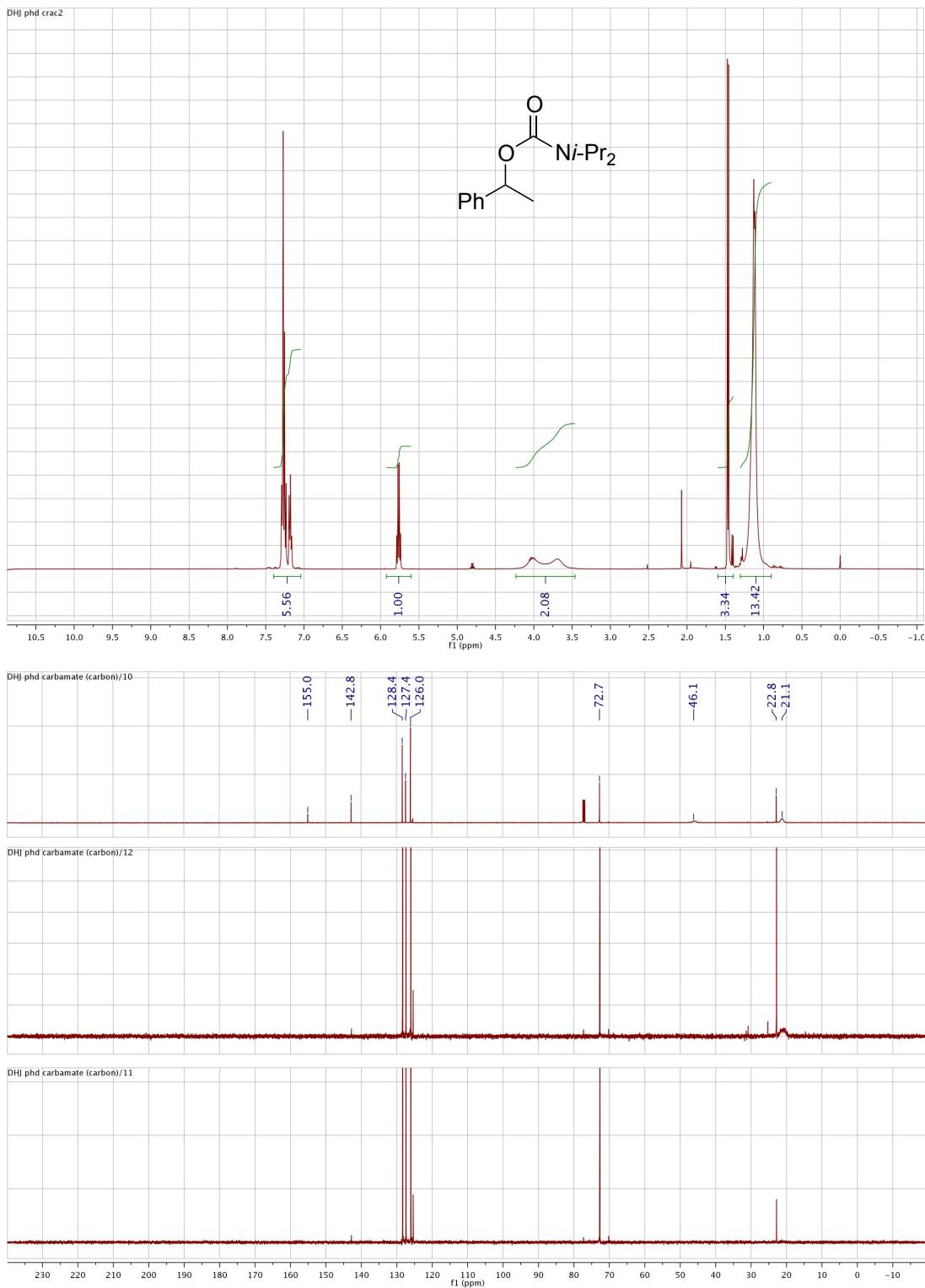
This sample was the crude reaction mixture from the attempted homologation of compound **32** using **Method B**. It is clear that no homologation has taken place, and the sample is extremely clean.

Synthesis of compounds 35 and 36 – Reaction Schemes

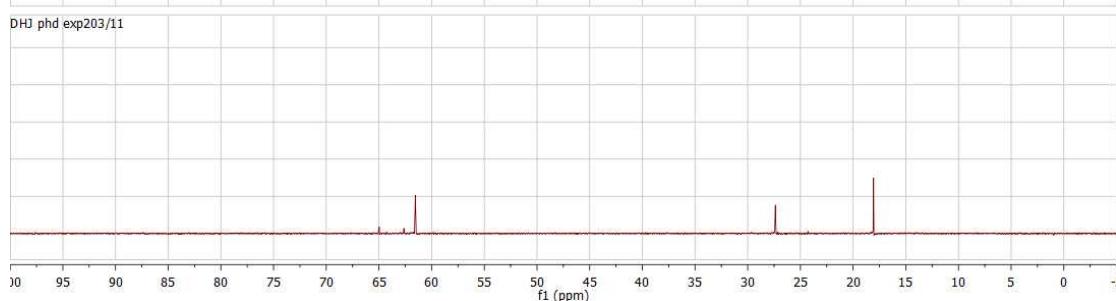
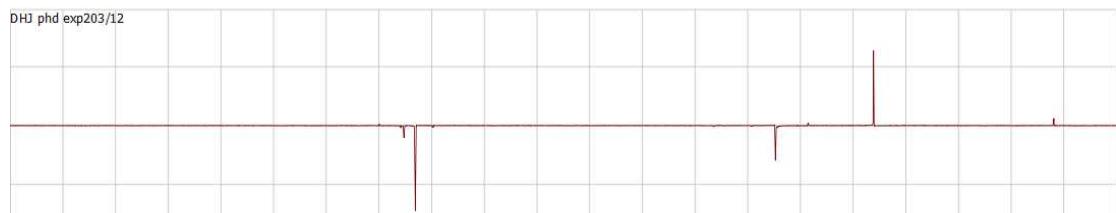
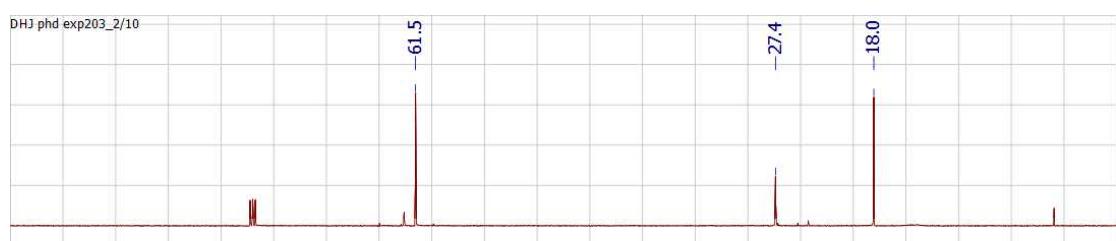
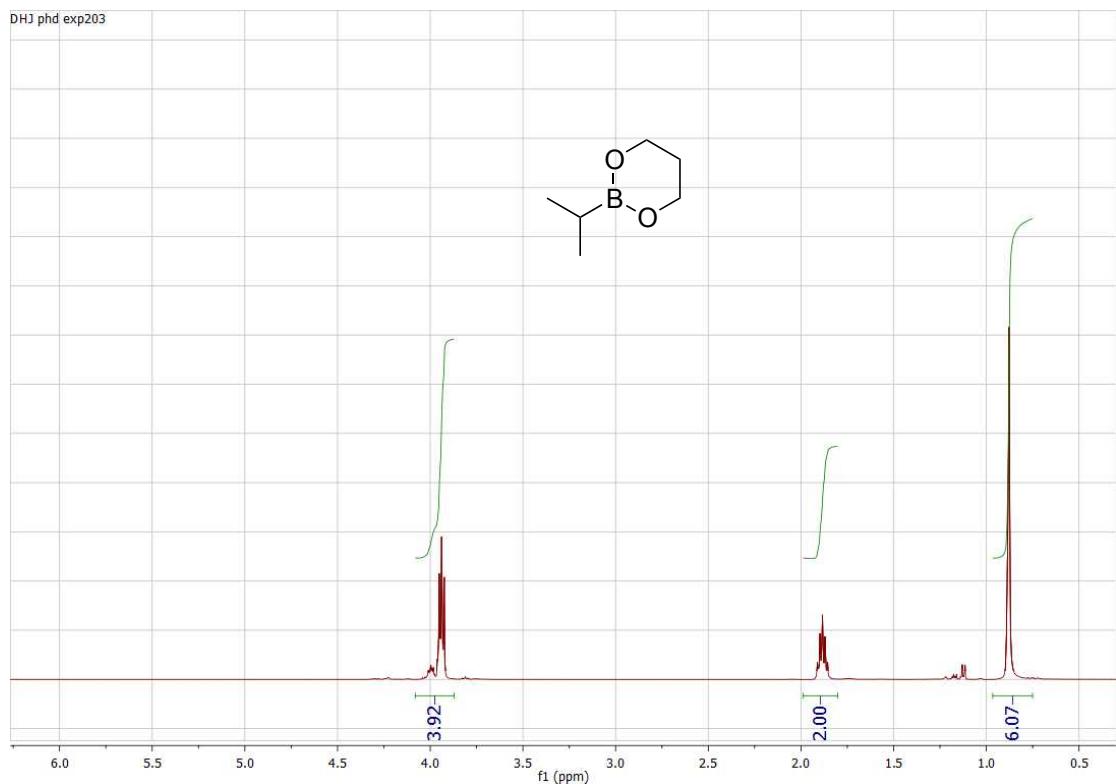
Boronic esters **35** and **36** were prepared according to the method of Aggarwal and co-workers (Sonawane, R. P.; Jheengut, V.; Rabalakos, C.; Larouche-Gauthier, R.; Scott, H. K.; Aggarwal, V. K. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2011**, *50*, 3760-3763) according to the following reaction schemes.

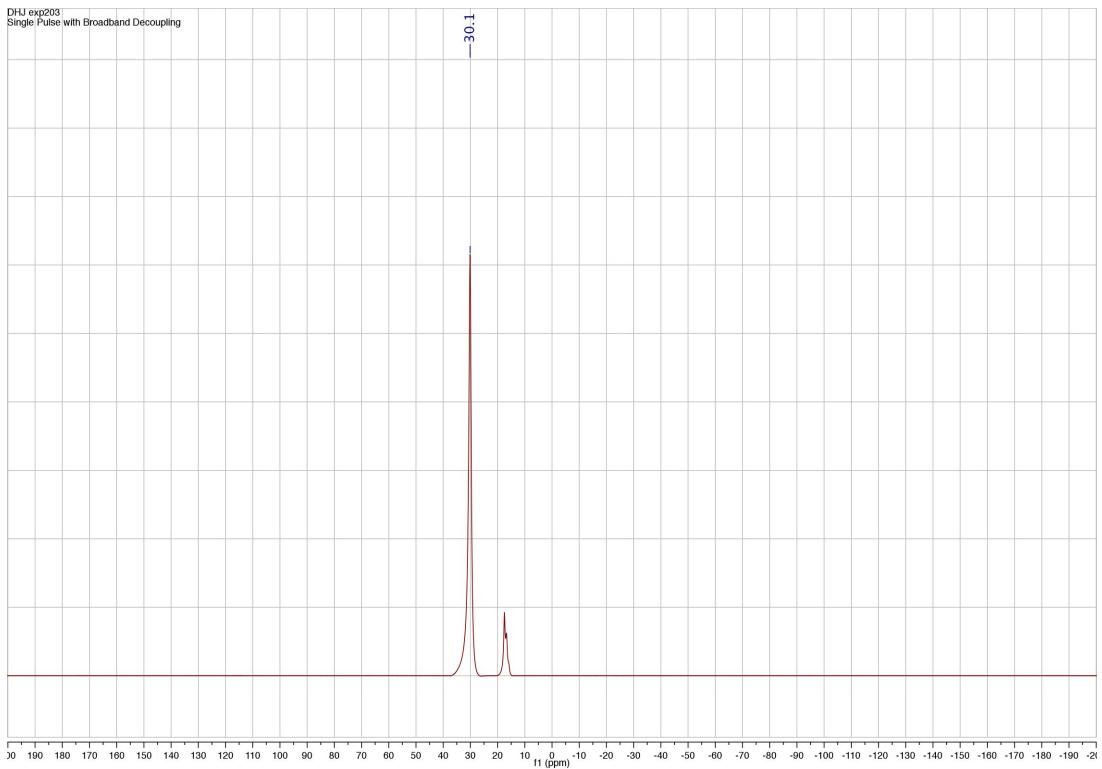


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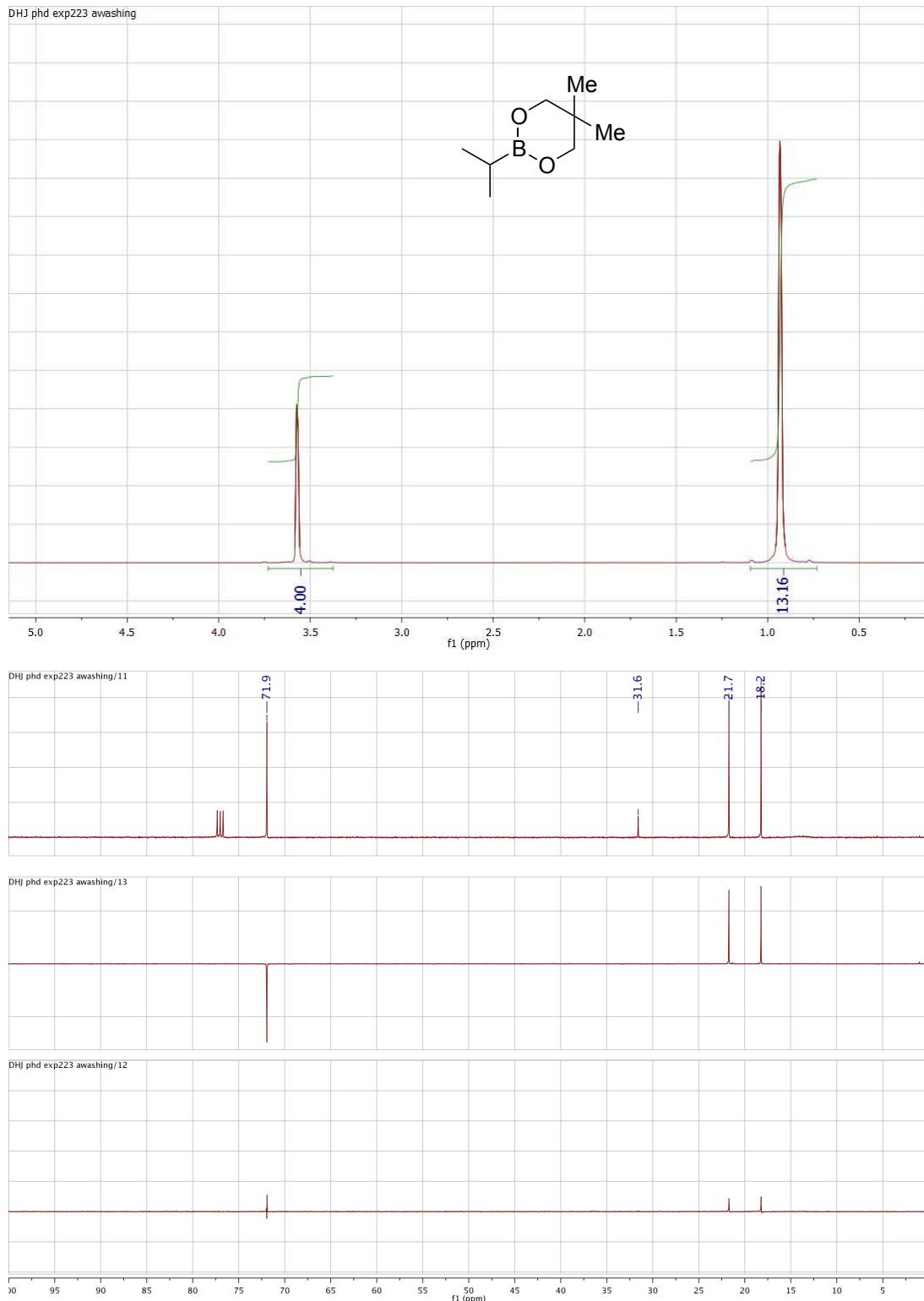


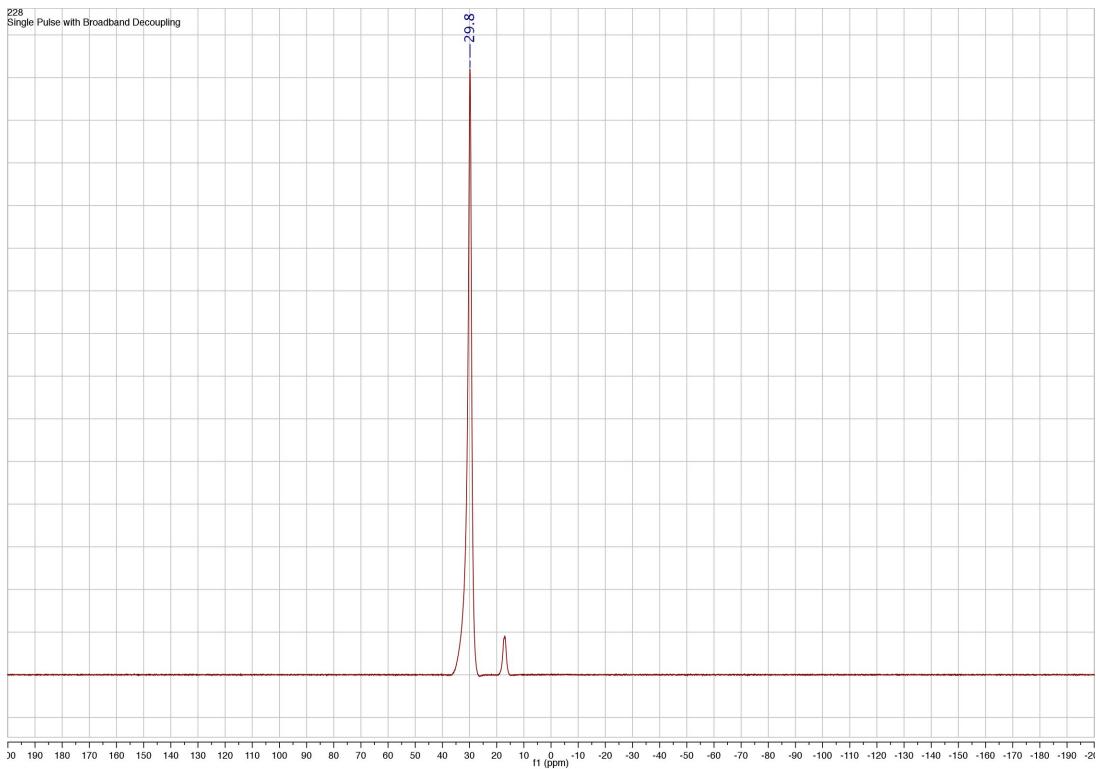
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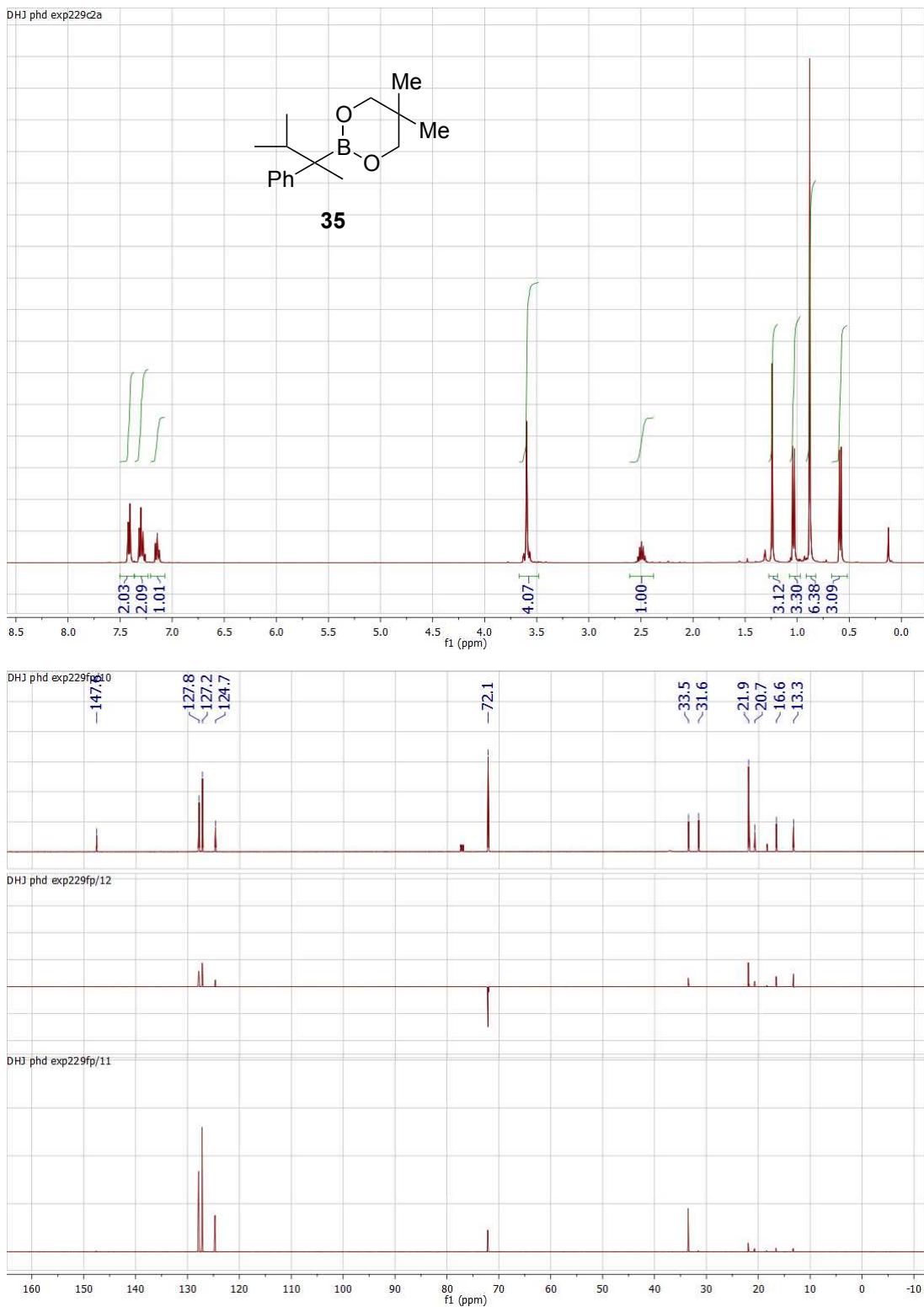


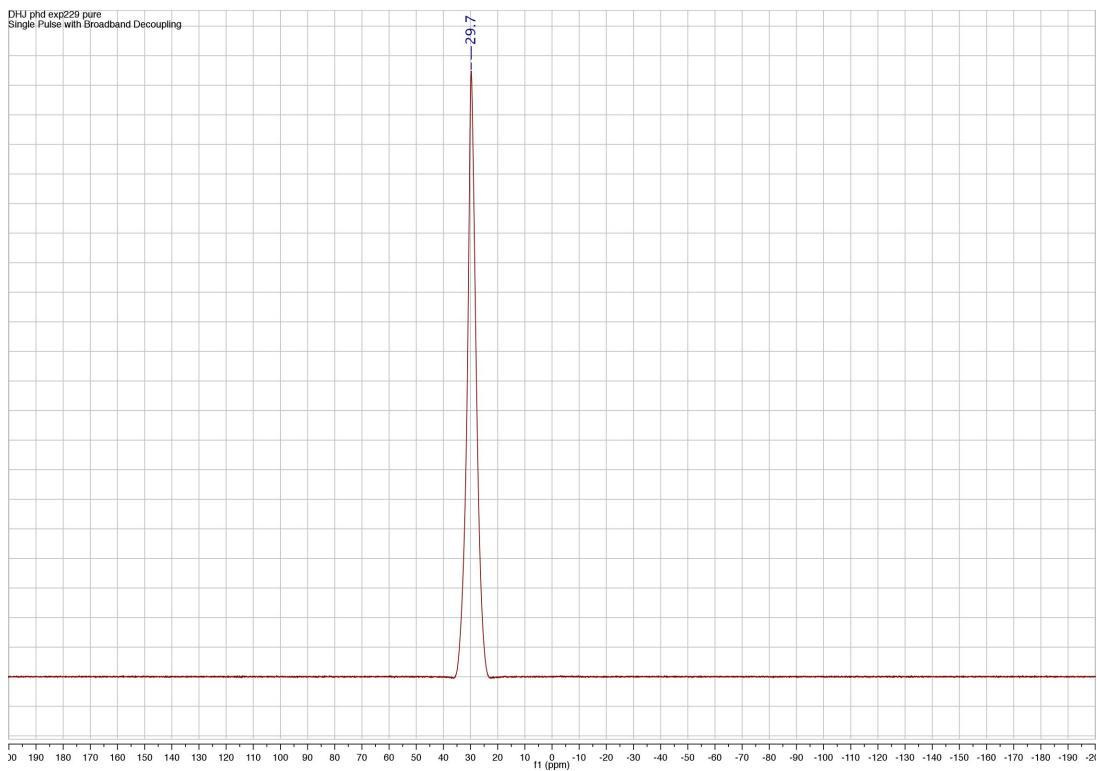
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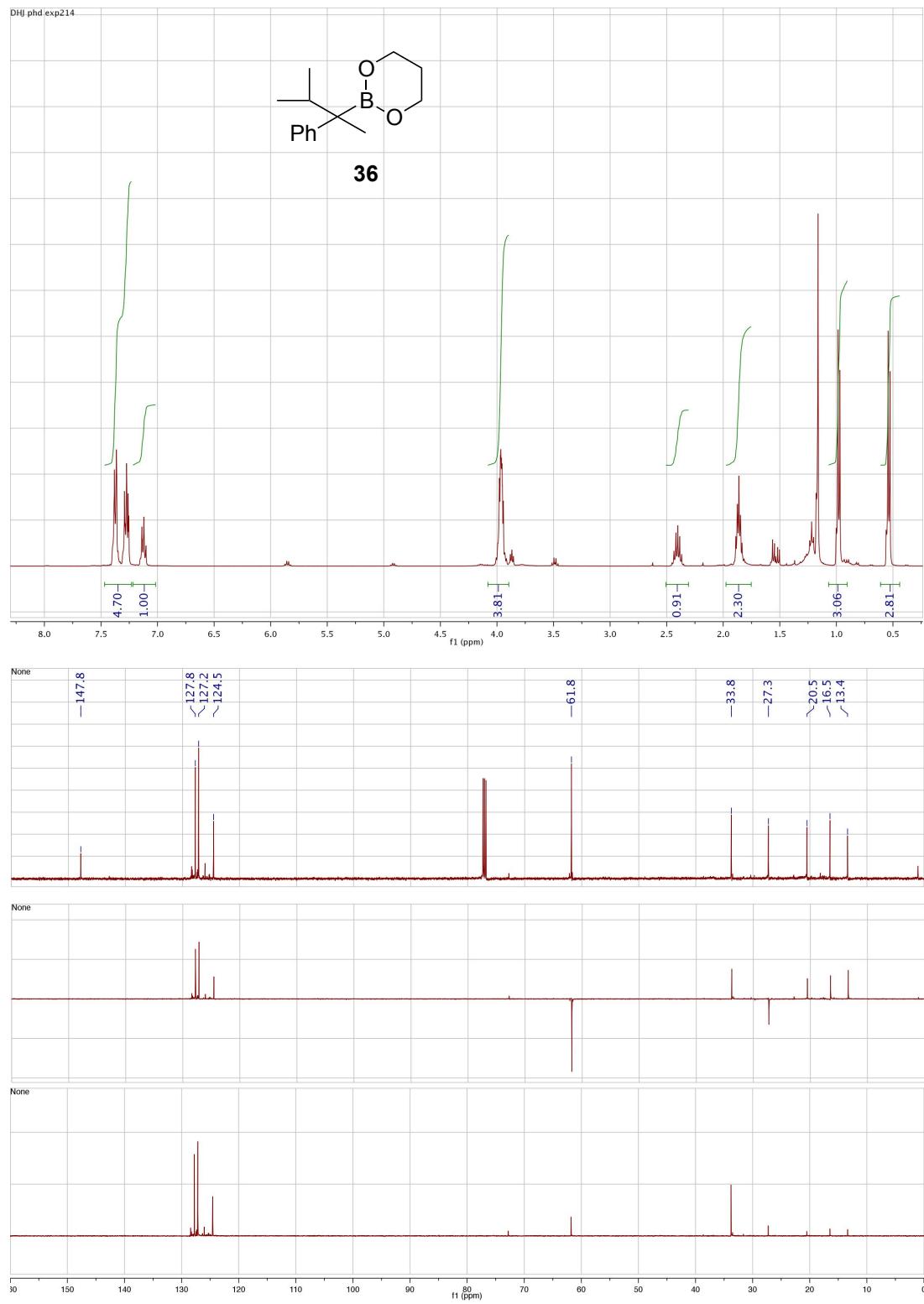


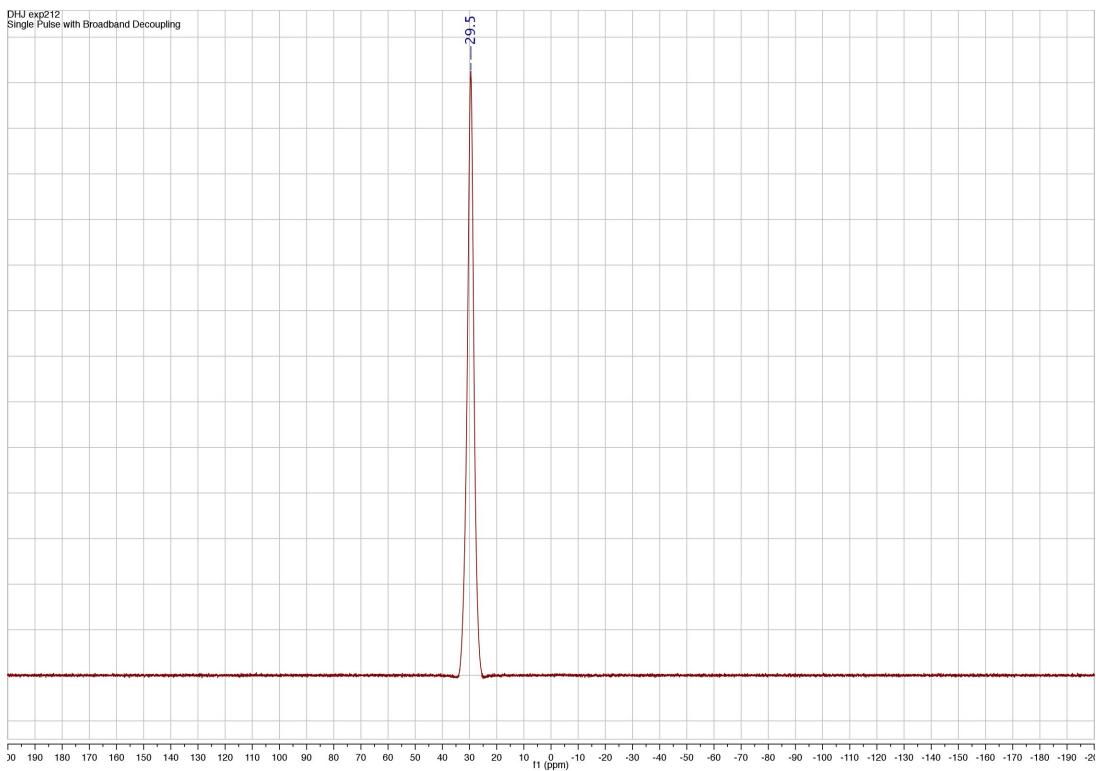
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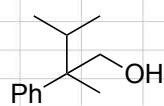
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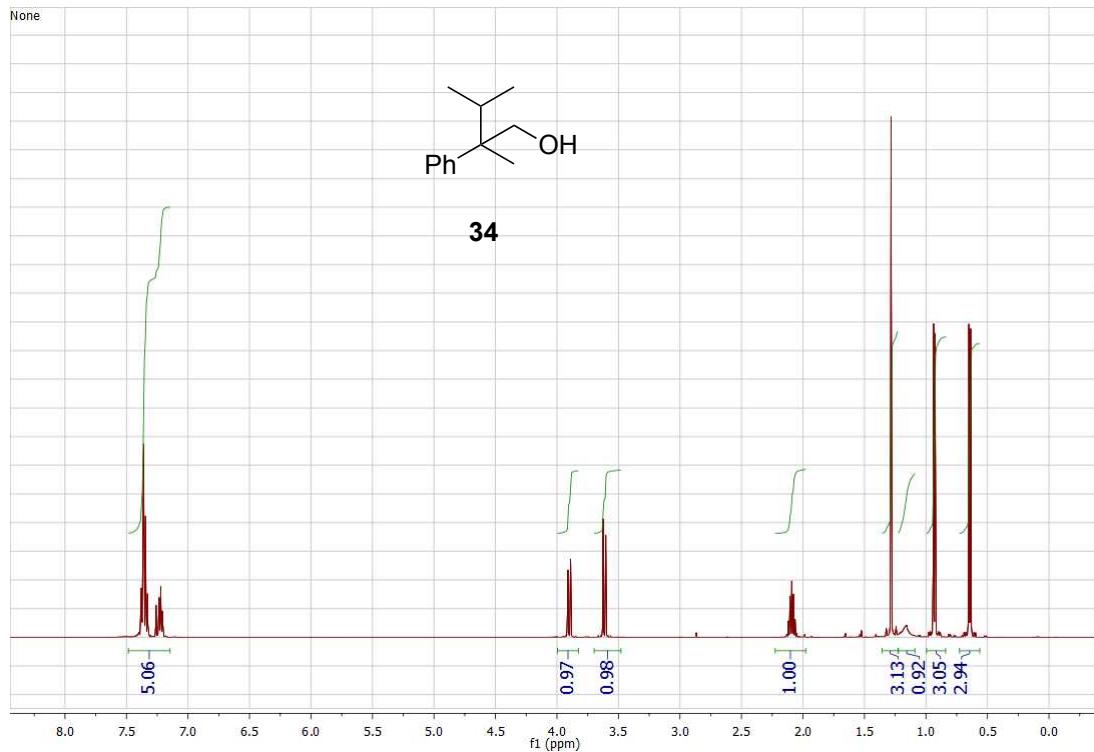


2,3-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-1-butanol (34)

None



34



None

—145.1

—128.4
—127.0
—126.1

—70.8

—46.5

—34.3

—18.0
—17.4
—15.7

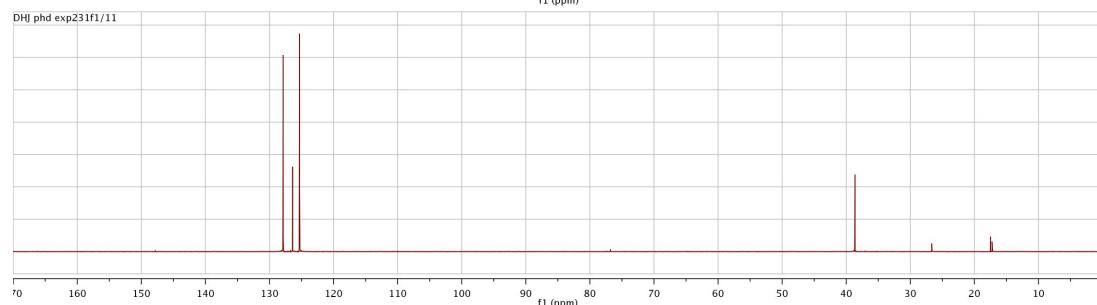
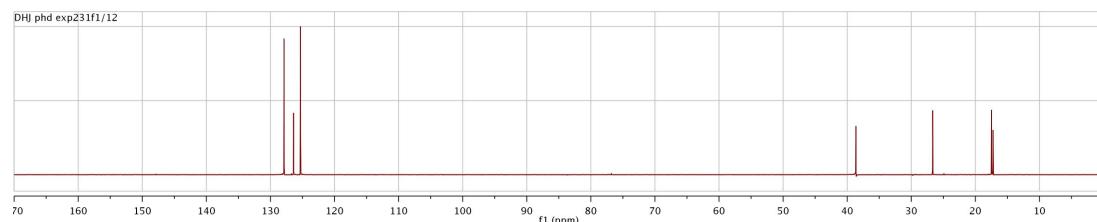
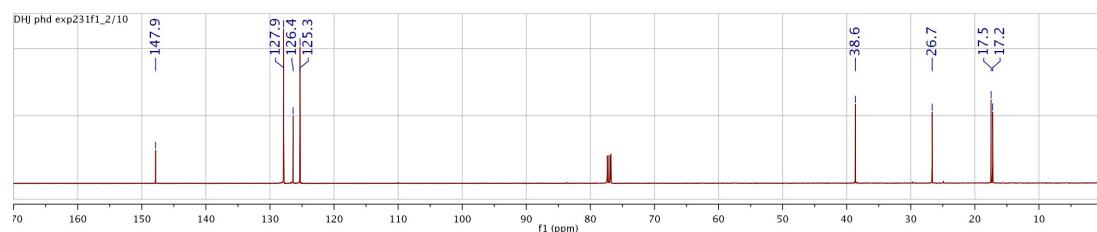
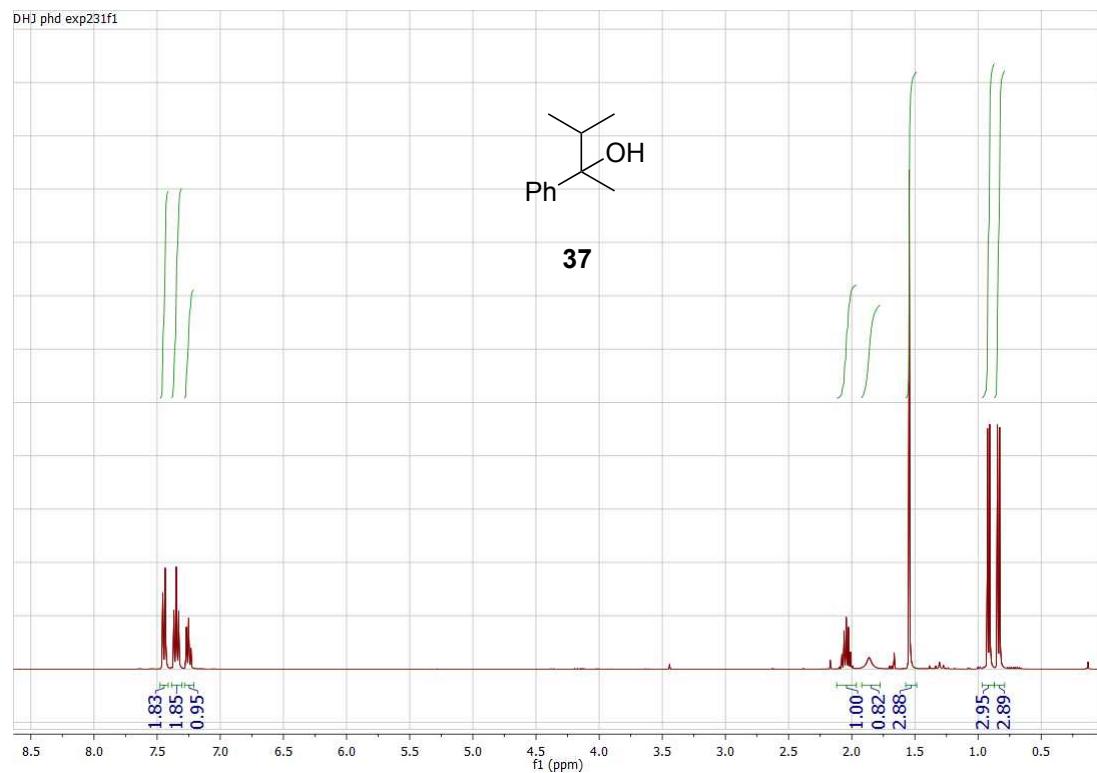
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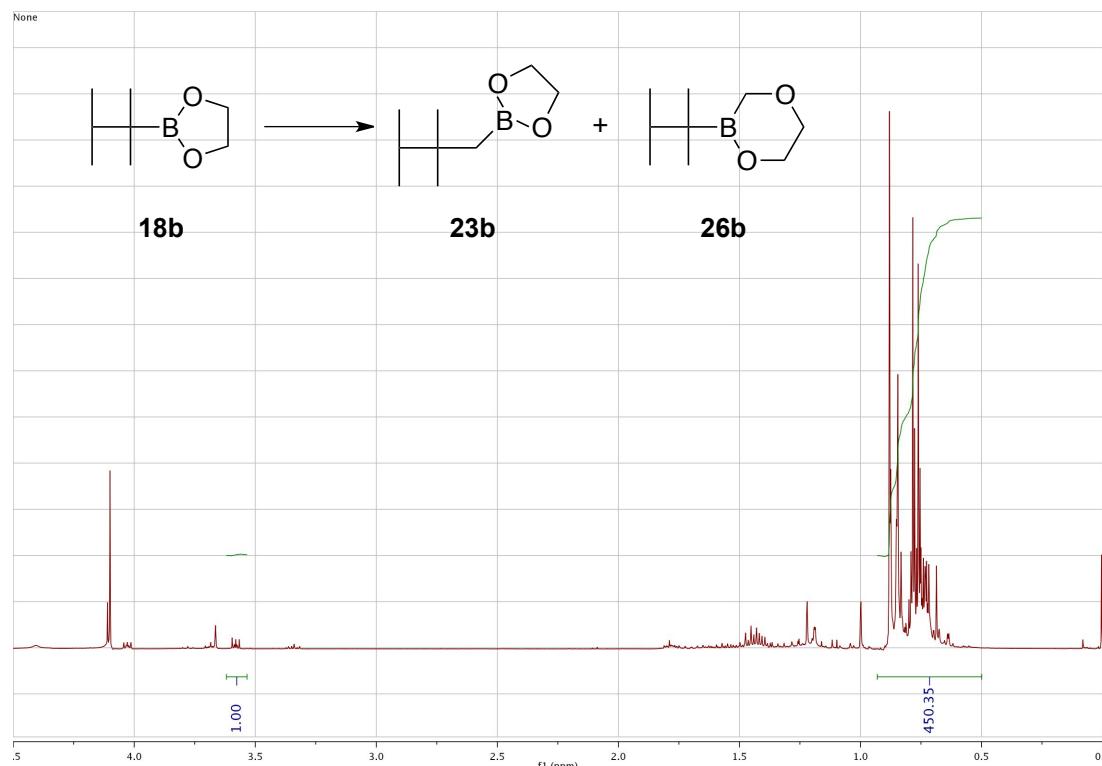
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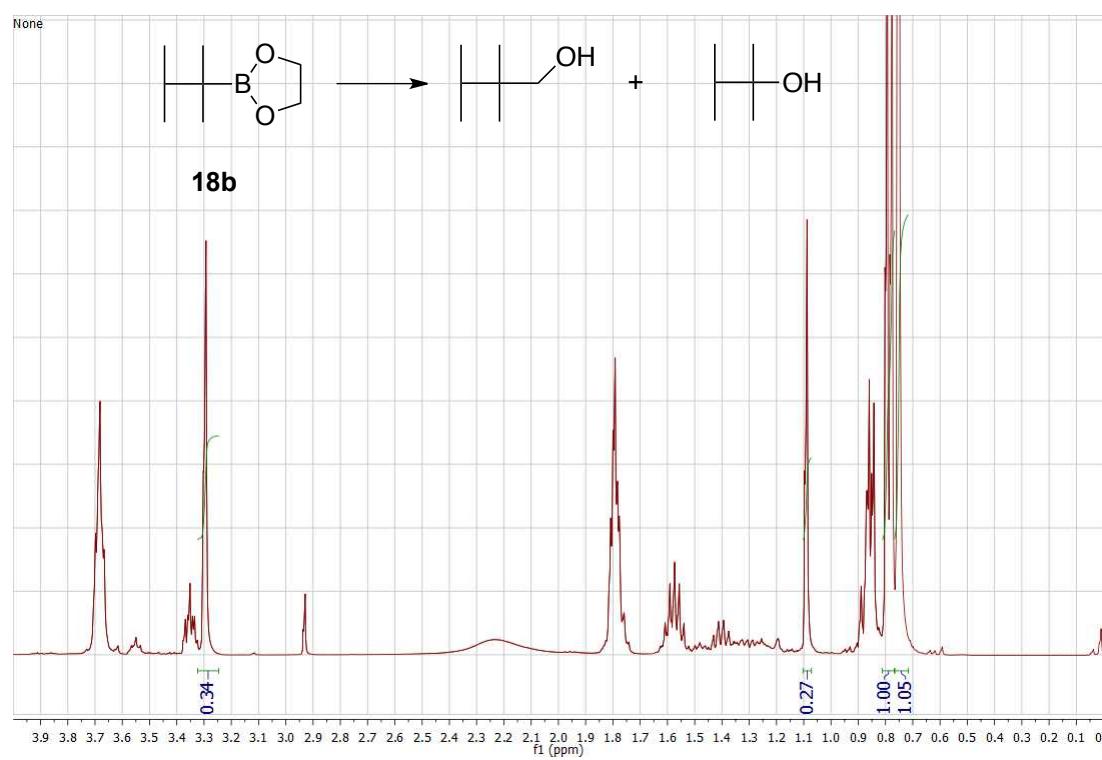
Spectroscopic Study

Experiment 1: 2-Thexyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (18b) + dibromomethane (1.2 equiv.) + *n*-BuLi (1.1 equiv.)

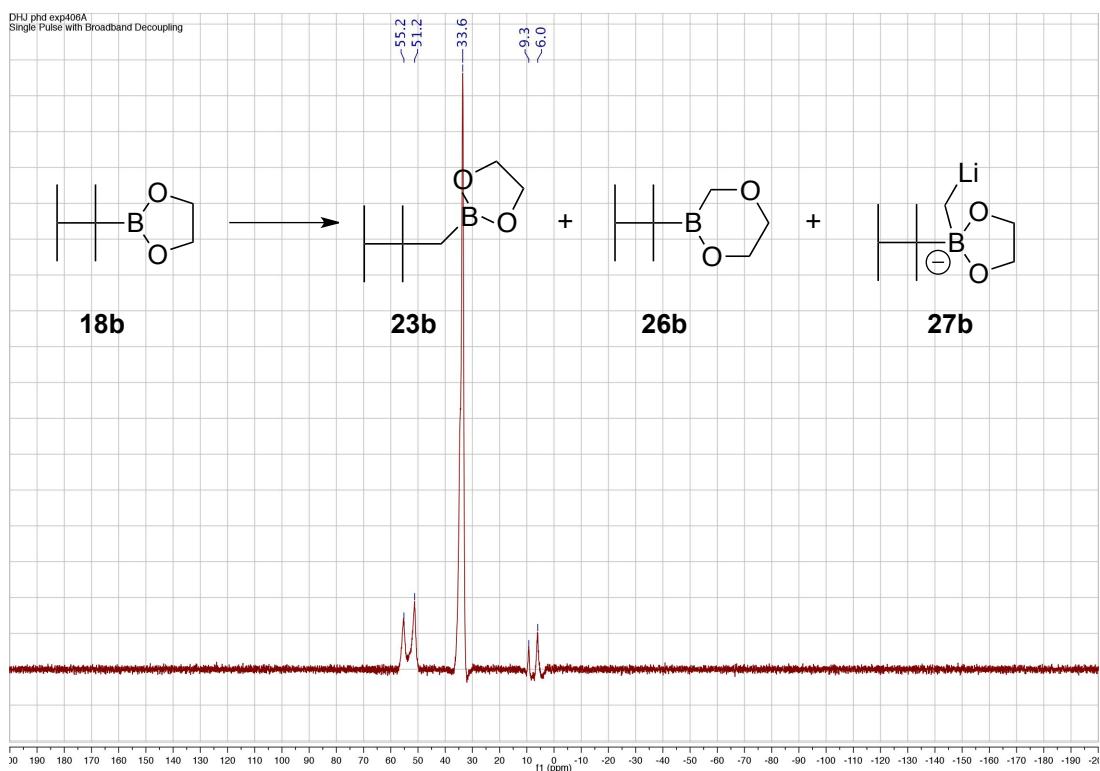
(a) ^1H NMR spectrum after a quick wash with water (reaction mixture not oxidized). The *O*-migration product is visible around 3.6 and 4.1 ppm ($\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$). Based on the ‘total thexyl’ integration, the *O*-migration product corresponds to < 2%.



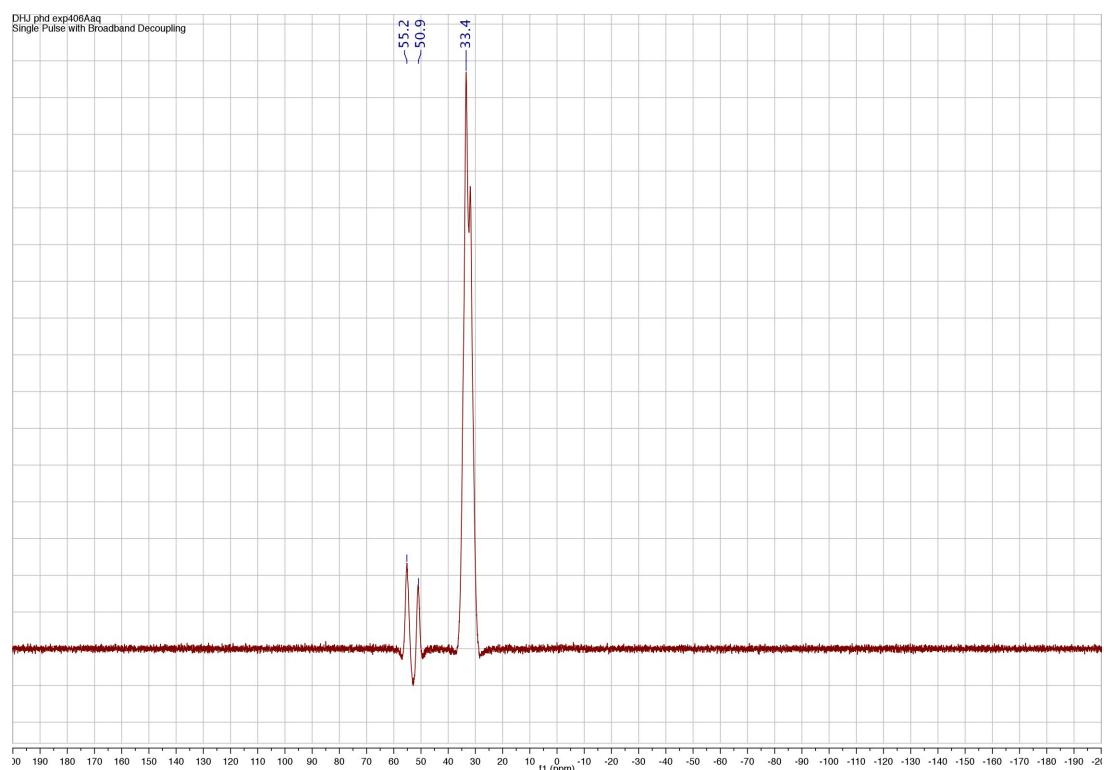
(b) ^1H NMR spectrum after normal oxidative work-up. Significant amounts of THF are present, due to the careful evaporation so that no products were lost.



(c) ^{11}B NMR spectrum after warming and careful evaporation of solvent under a stream of nitrogen. There are two distinct 'borinic' peaks around 50 ppm, as well as a significant peak at 6 ppm, which is tentatively assigned as borate **27b**. The peak at 9 ppm may be a similar species (e.g. solvated or aggregated).

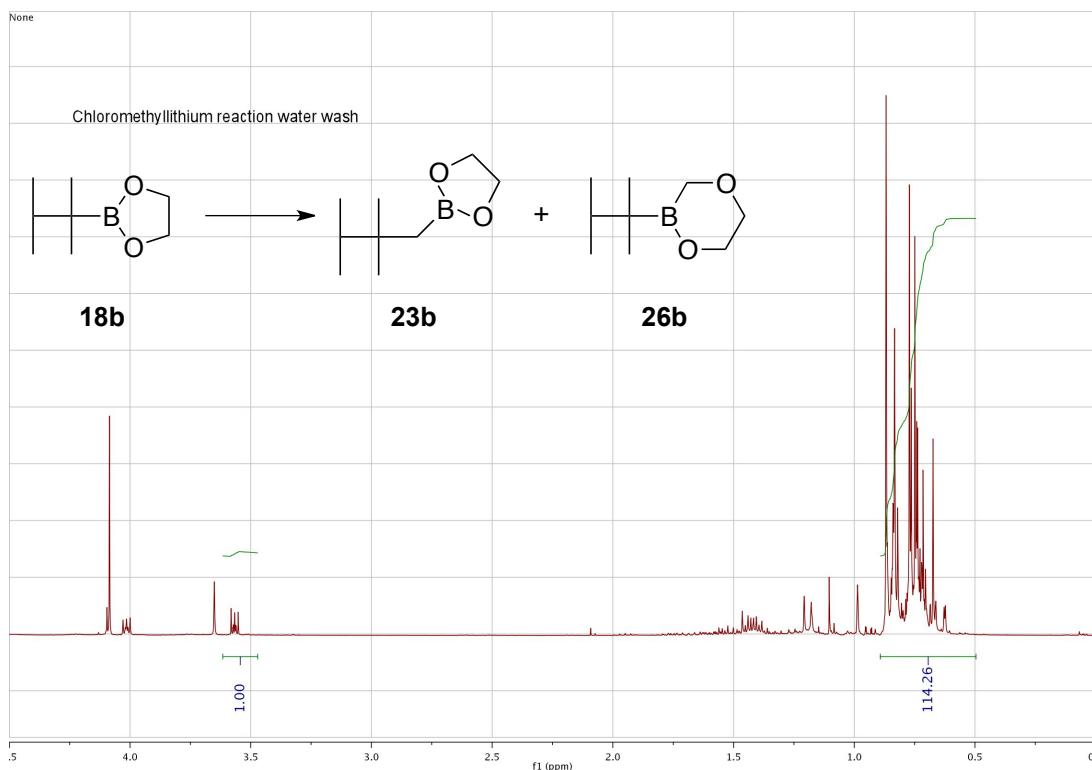


(d) ^{11}B NMR spectrum after washing with water. The peak at 6 ppm has been removed, and the peak at 55.2 ppm has increased in intensity.

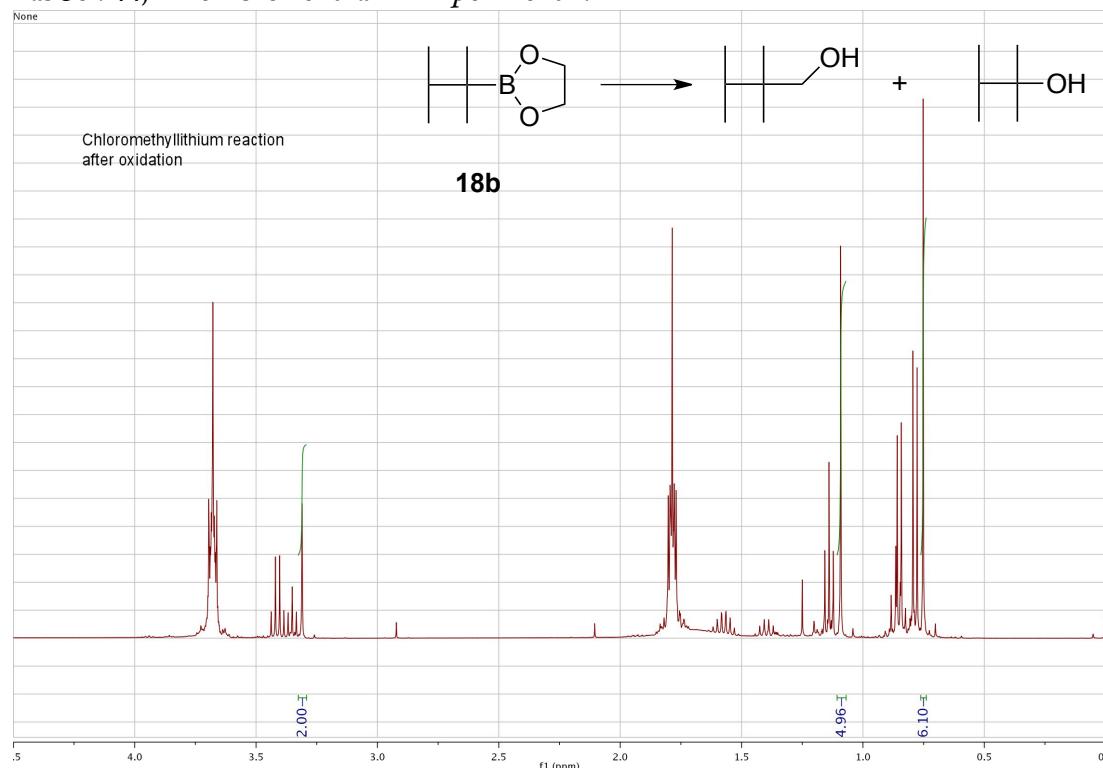


Experiment 2: 2-Thexyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (18b) + bromochloromethane (1.2 equiv.) + *n*-BuLi (1.1 equiv.)

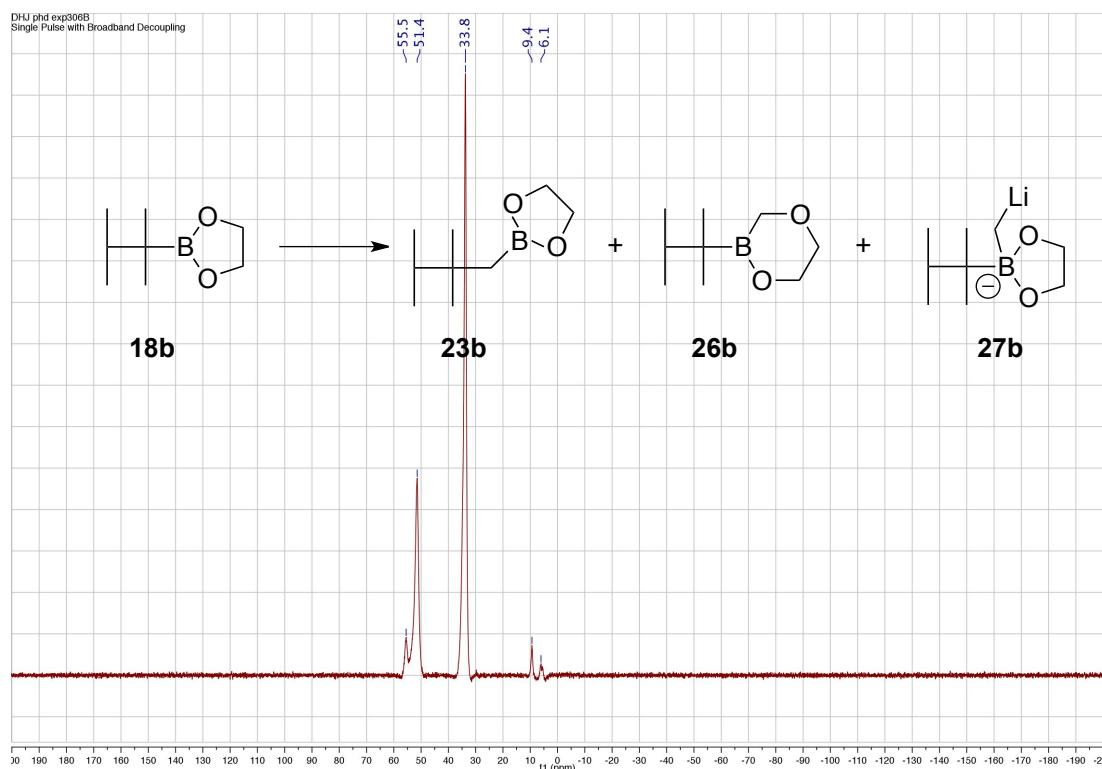
(a) ^1H NMR spectrum after a quick wash with water (reaction mixture not oxidized). The *O*-migration product is visible around 3.6 and 4.1 ppm ($\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$). There is clearly more of the *O*-migration product (*ca.* 5% in this case) compared to *Experiment 1*.



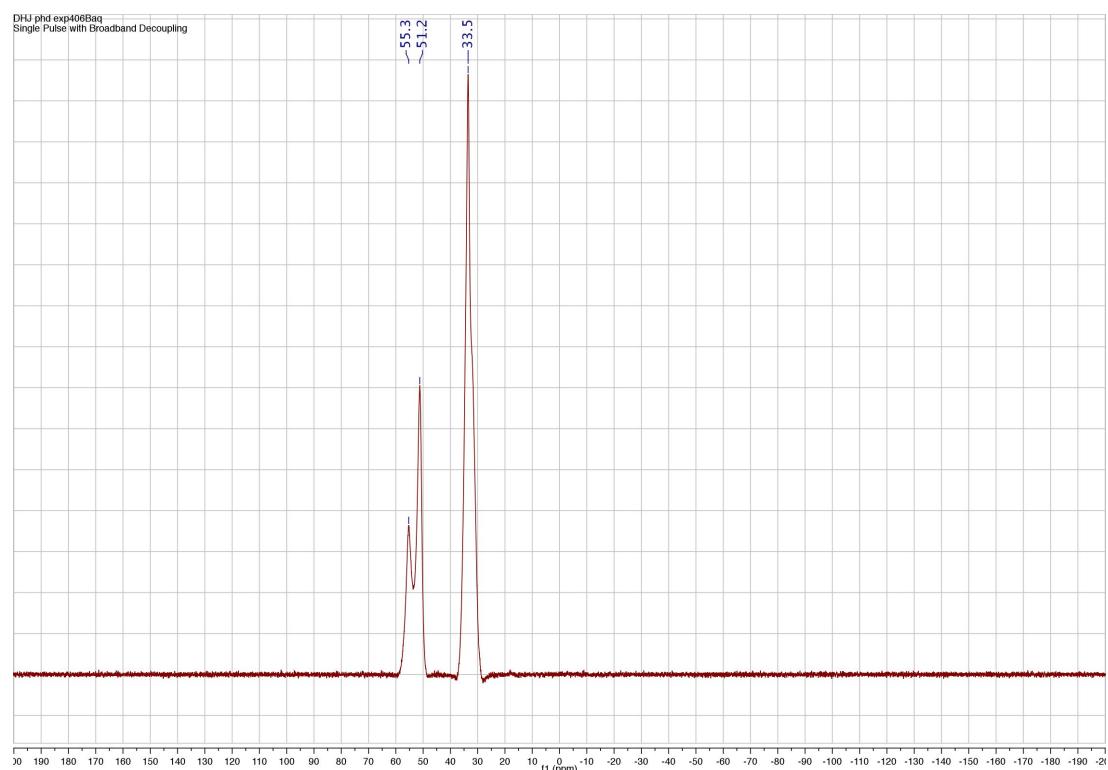
(b) ^1H NMR spectrum after normal oxidative work-up. Significant amounts of THF are present, due to the careful evaporation so that no products are lost. On this occasion, the ratio of the xylmethanol : the xanol was 56 : 44, which is lower than in *Experiment 1*.



(c) ^{11}B NMR spectrum after warming and careful evaporation of solvent under a stream of nitrogen. There are two distinct 'borinic' peaks around 50 ppm, with the peak at 51.4 ppm (attributed to the *O*-migrated product) increased in relative intensity.

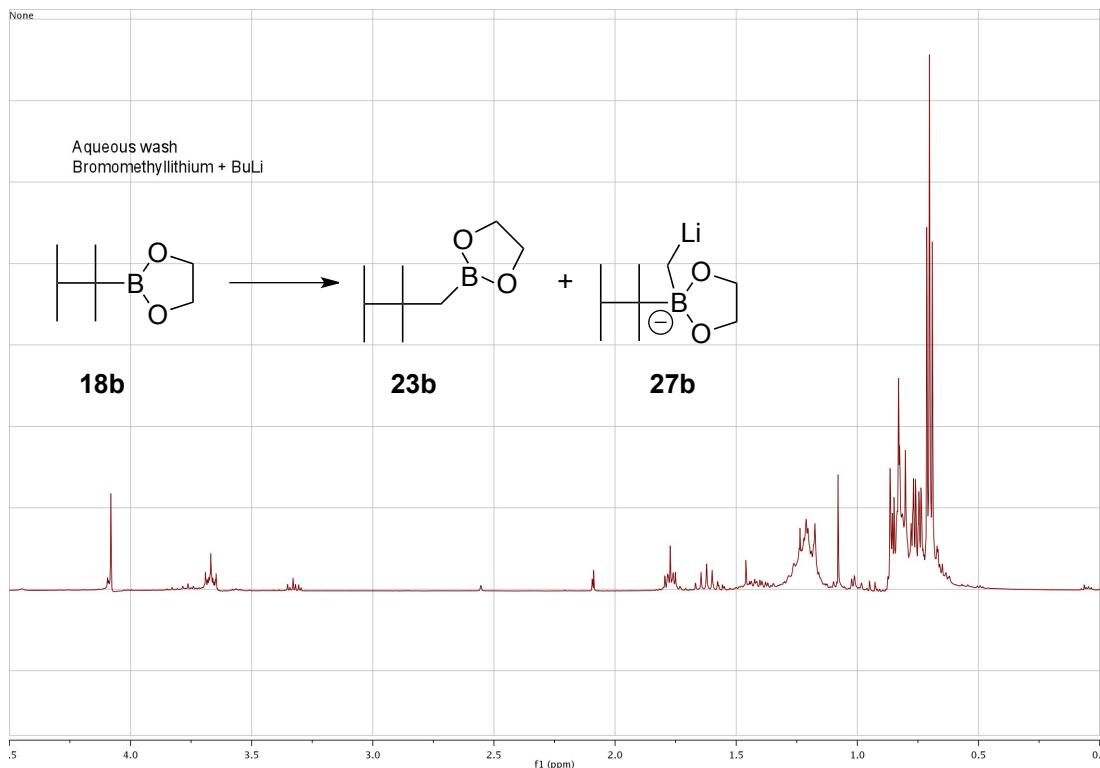


(d) ^{11}B NMR spectrum after washing with water. The peak at 55.7 ppm has increased in intensity at the expense of the 6 ppm and 9 ppm peaks.

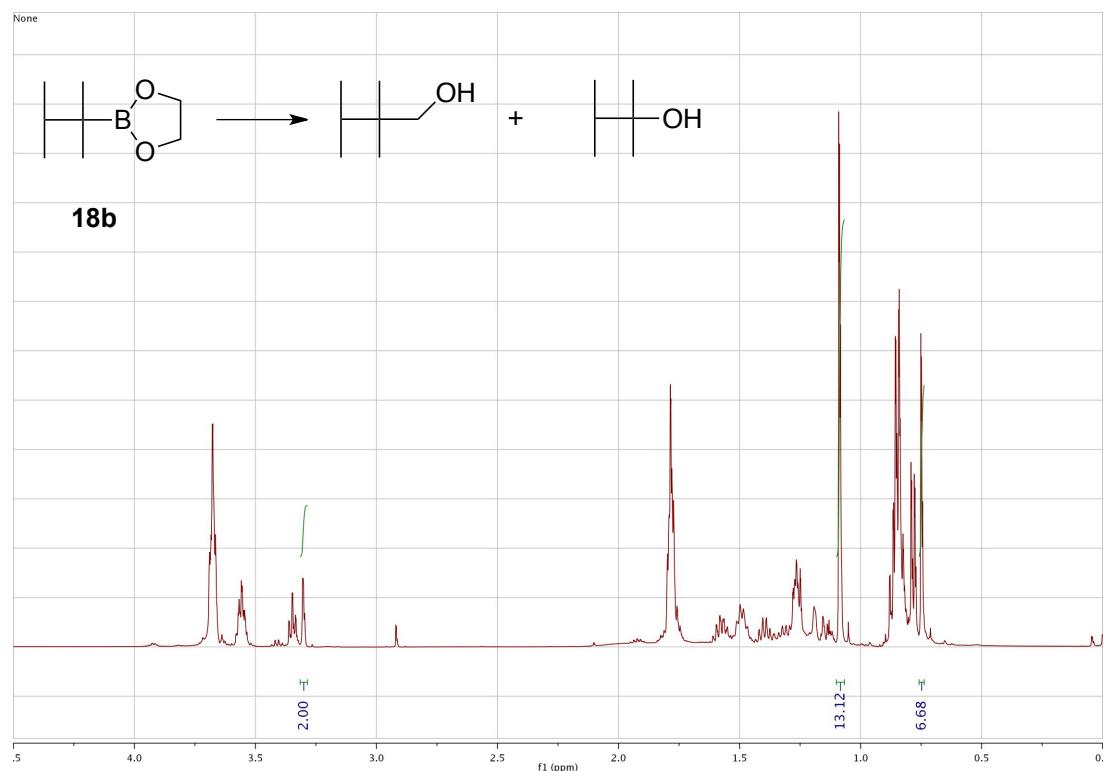


Experiment 3: 2-Thexyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (18b) + dibromomethane (1.2 equiv.) and *n*-BuLi (2.2 equiv.)

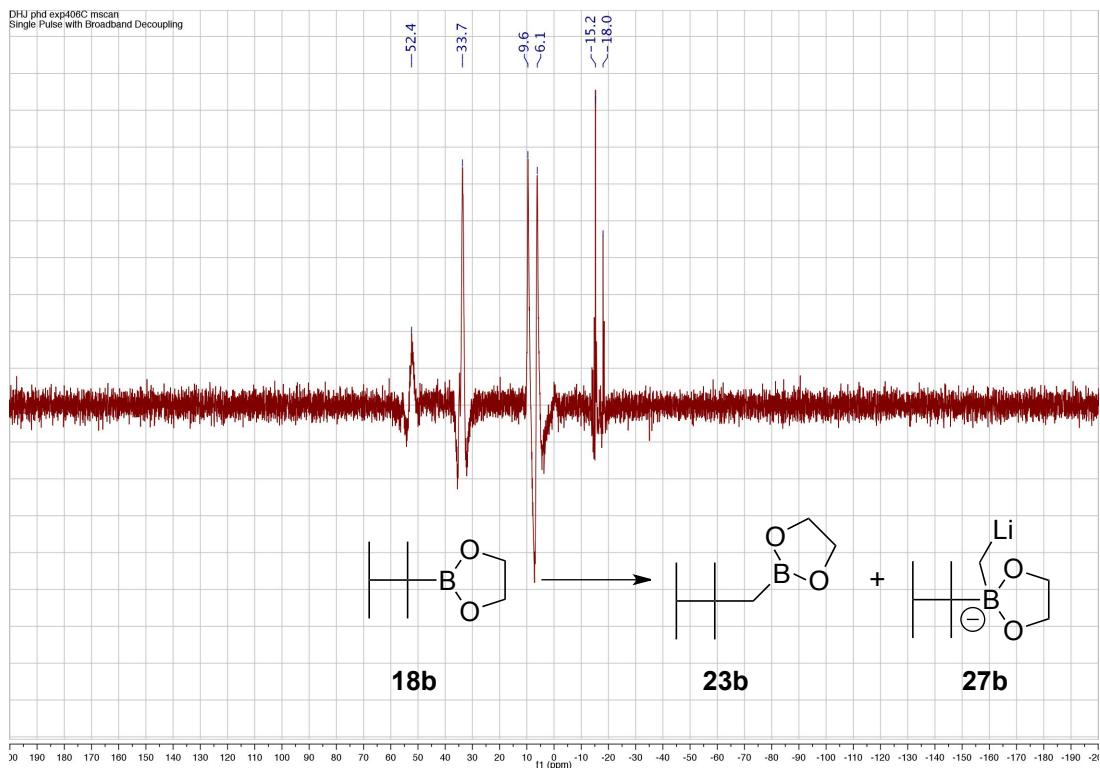
(a) ^1H NMR spectrum after a quick wash with water (reaction mixture not oxidized). In this case, formation of the *O*-migration product has been suppressed, speculated to be a result of lithium-bromine exchange to form **27b** preventing migration.



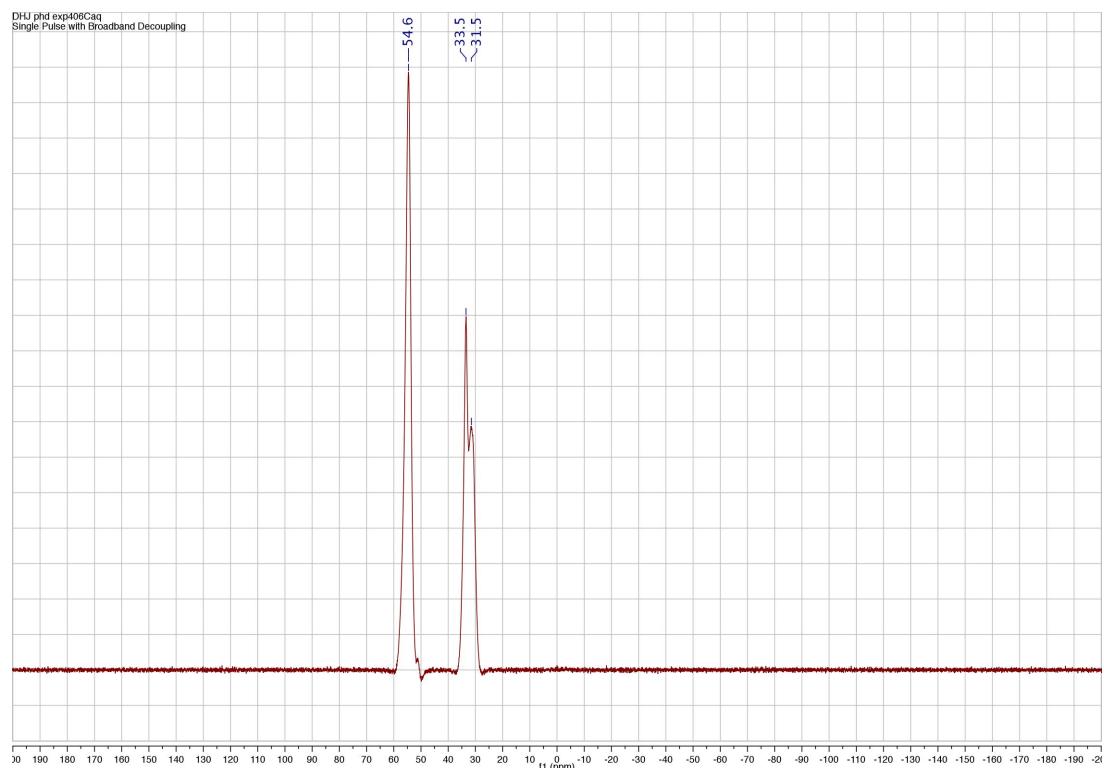
(b) ^1H NMR spectrum after normal oxidative work-up. Some (34%) *C*-migration is still observed, but this is significantly suppressed.



(c) ^{11}B NMR spectrum after warming and careful evaporation of solvent under a stream of nitrogen. Only one 'borinic' peak is now observed (52.4 ppm). The peaks at 6.1 ppm and 9.6 ppm have increased intensity at the expense of the peak at 33.7 ppm.

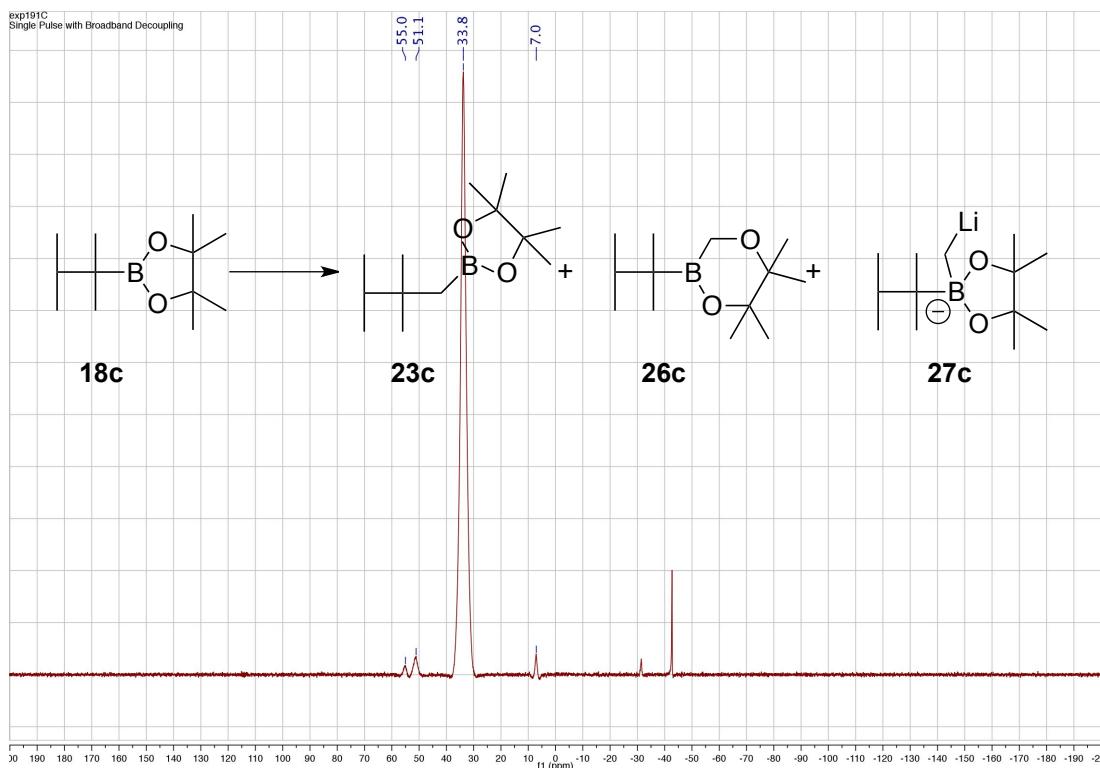


(d) ^{11}B NMR spectrum after washing with water. The peaks around 6 ppm and 9 ppm have been converted into borinic (54.6 ppm) species.



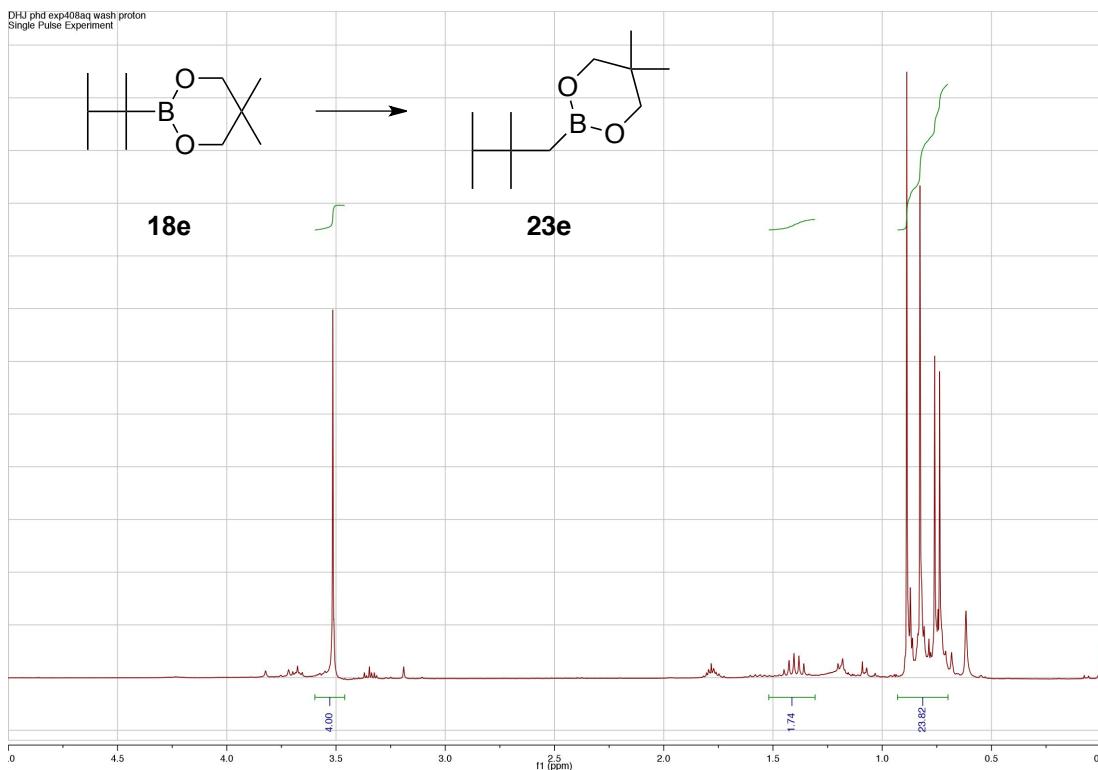
Experiment 4: 2-Thexyl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (18c) + dibromomethane (1.2 equiv.) + *n*-BuLi (1.1 equiv.)

(a) ^{11}B NMR spectrum of the crude reaction mixture after warming. Very similar to that obtained from **18b**, although possibly slightly less Li-Br exchange is taking place (the peak at 7.0 ppm is somewhat smaller). It is clear that *O*-migration (51.1 ppm) is still a (minor) competing reaction.

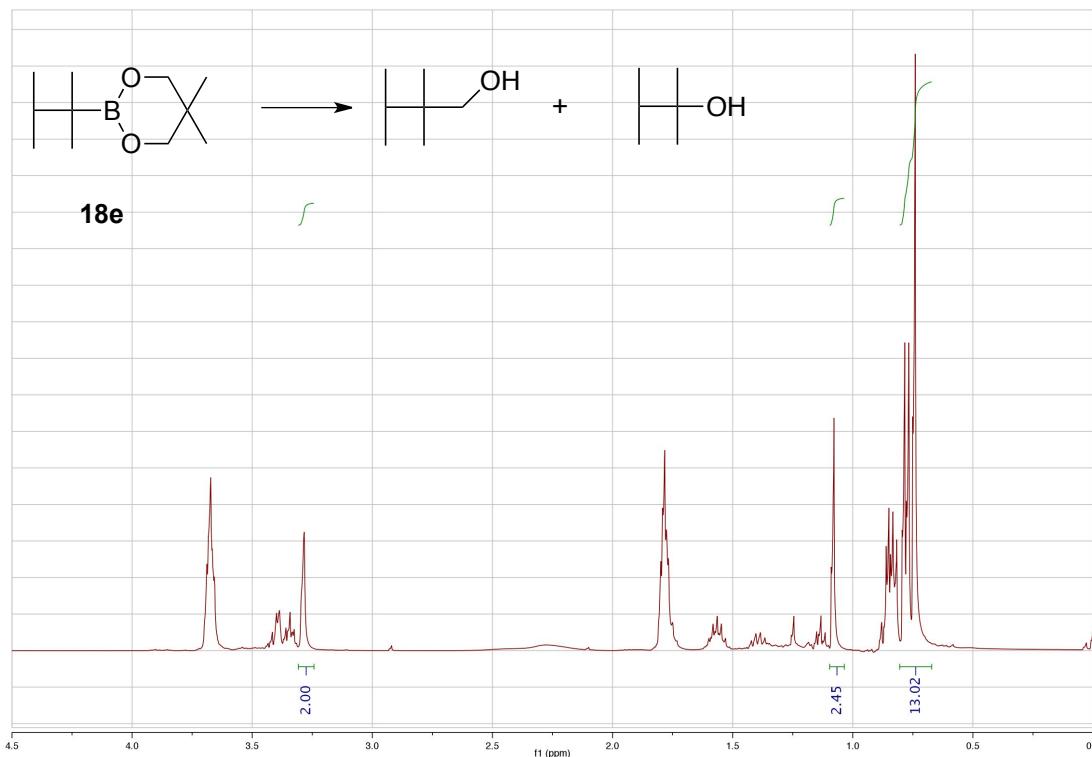


Experiment 5: 2-Thexyl-5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (18e) + dibromomethane (1.2 equiv.) + *n*-BuLi (2.2 equiv.)

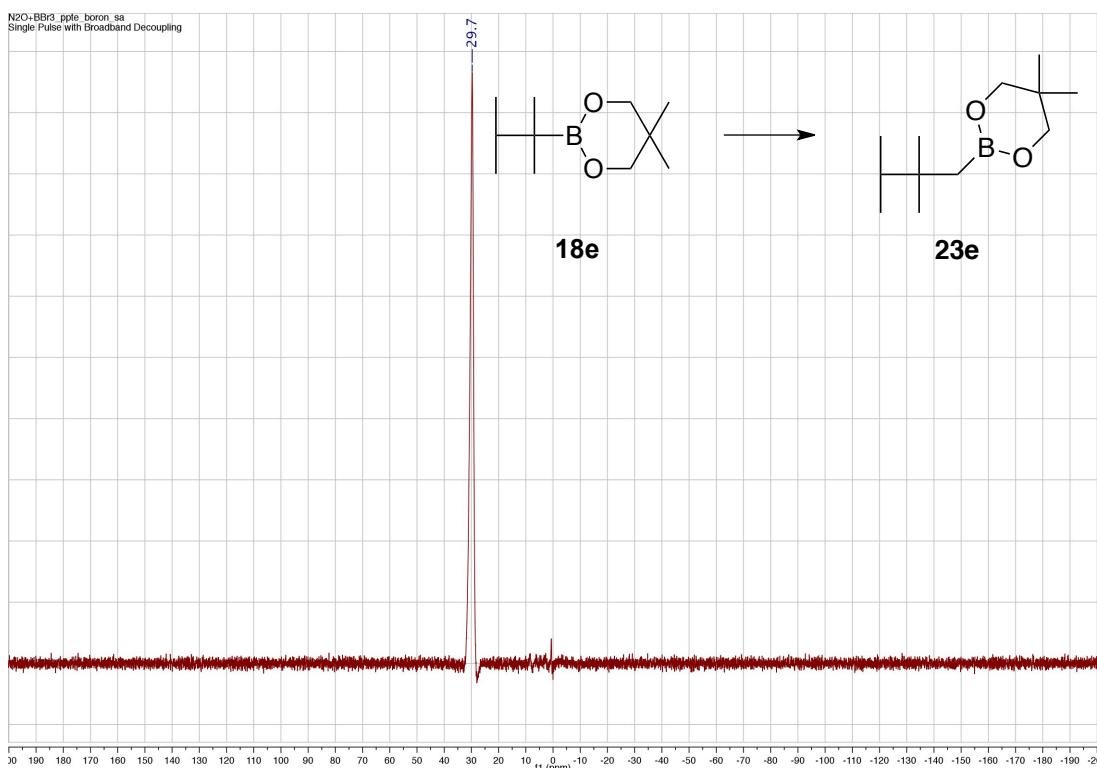
(a) ^1H NMR spectrum after a quick wash with water. Despite the use of excess *n*-BuLi, this appears to be a single species. It is not clear whether any *O*-migration product is present, although this would be conceivable if Li-Br exchange does not occur, and is only there in minute quantities if at all.



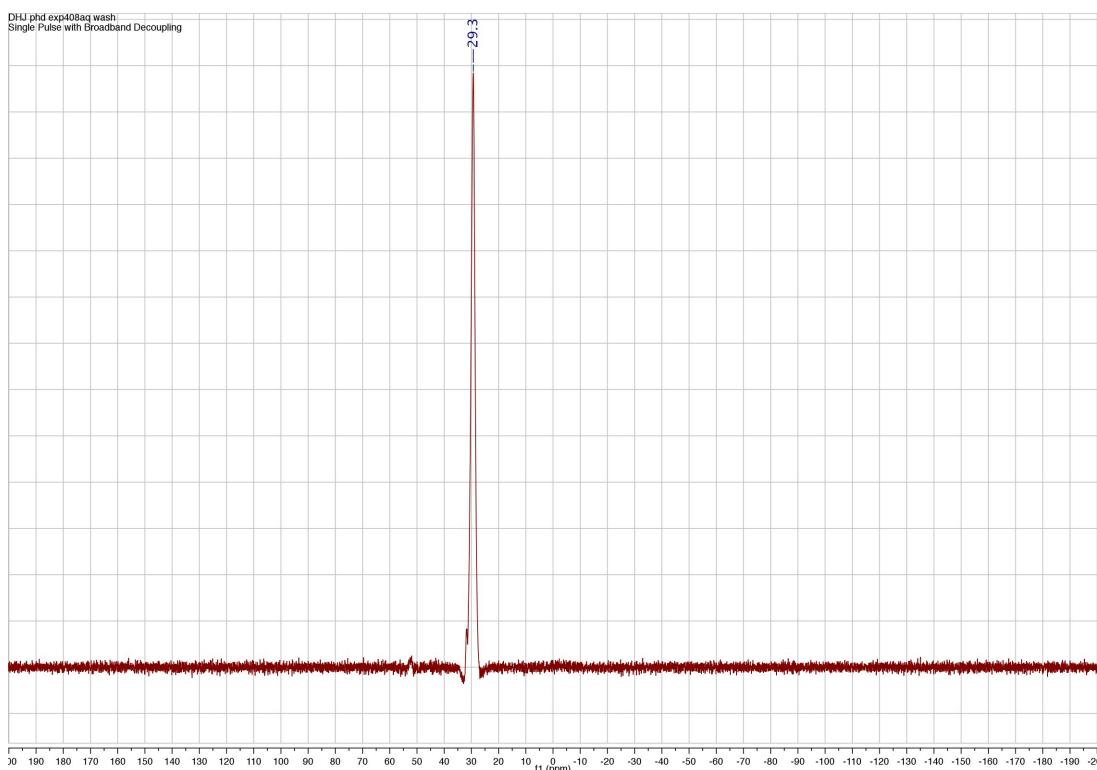
(b) ^1H NMR spectrum after oxidation, showing a very clean approximately 71:29 mixture of homologated:non-homologated products.



(c) ^{11}B NMR spectrum immediately after warming. There is no evidence of lithium-halogen exchange, or borinic species. This is particularly significant since an excess of *n*-BuLi was used.



(d) ^{11}B NMR spectrum after washing with water. The spectrum remains clean. There is now a small borinic peak, but the main product corresponds to boronic ester/acid species.



Experiment 6: 2-Thexyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (18b) + *n*-BuLi (1.1 equiv.)

(a) ^{11}B NMR spectrum after warming to room temperature. A single sharp peak is shown, corresponding to the borate **17**.

