

Supporting Information:

Ru₃(CO)₁₂-Catalyzed Reactions of Catechols with Alkynes: An Atom-Economic Process for Synthesis of 2,2-Disubstituted 1,3-Benzodioxoles from Double Addition of O-H Bond Across a Triple Bond

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1. Experimental section and characterization of products

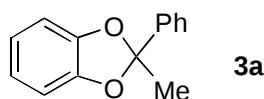
(1) General method

All organic starting materials are analytically pure and used without further purification. $\text{Ru}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ was prepared by the reaction of $\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ with CO in methanol (Bruce, M. I.; Jensen, C. M.; Jones, N. L. *Inorg. Synth.* **1989**, 26, 259). ^1H NMR (300 MHz) chemical shifts (δ) were referenced to TMS, and ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz) chemical shifts (δ) were referenced to internal solvent resonance.

(2) Typical Experimental Procedure for Addition of Phenylacetylene (1a) with 1,2-Benzenediol (2a) To Afford 3a (Table 1, entry 7): A mixture of phenylacetylene (**1a**) (112.3 mg, 1.1 mmol), catechol (**2a**) (110.0 mg, 1 mmol), $\text{Ru}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ (12.7 mg, 0.02 mmol), and toluene (1.0 mL) under nitrogen in a screw-capped tube was heated with stirring at 80 °C for 12 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 to 3.0 mL, and *n*-octadecane (38.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) was added as internal standard material for GC analysis. After GC and GC-MS analyses, solvents and volatiles were removed under vacuum, and the residue was then purified by column chromatography (silica gel, eluted with petroleum ether) to afford **3a** (179.0 mg, 0.84 mmol, 84.0%) as yellow oil. GC analysis of the reaction mixture disclosed that **3a** was formed in 90% yield.

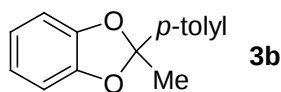
(3) Characterization of products

3b, **3d**, **3f**, **3g**, **3i**, **3i'**, **3j**, **3j'**, **3l**, **3m** and **3n** are new compounds, which were characterized by ^1H , ^{13}C -NMR, mass spectra and elemental analysis. Other products are known compounds and were characterized by ^1H , ^{13}C -NMR and mass spectra.

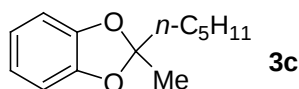


2-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-benzodioxole **3a**^[1]: yellow oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 3H), 6.80-6.76 (m, 4H), 1.98 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.3, 141.3, 129.0, 128.5, 125.1, 121.5, 116.7, 108.8, 27.2; GCMS *m/z* (% relative intensity): 212 (M^+ , 68), 197 (100), 166 (2), 151 (3), 135 (12), 110 (67), 103 (69),

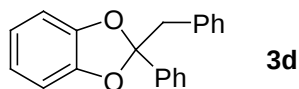
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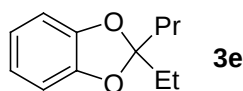
2-Methyl-2-*p*-tolyl-1,3-benzodioxole **3b**: yellow oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47 (d, 2H, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.16 (d, 2H, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 6.80-6.75 (m, 4H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.4, 138.8, 138.4, 129.1, 125.0, 121.4, 116.9, 108.7, 27.1, 21.3; GCMS m/z (% relative intensity): 226 (M^+ , 61), 211 (90), 135 (10), 117 (100), 110 (39), 91 (28), 149 (23). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$: C, 79.65; H, 6.19. Found: C, 79.73; H, 6.24.



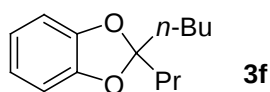
2-Methyl-2-*n*-pentyl-1,3-benzodioxole **3c**^[1]: yellow oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.76-6.73 (m, 4H), 1.90 (t, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.45-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.30 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, 3H, $J = 6.7$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.9, 120.2, 118.4, 107.5, 38.5, 31.1, 23.5, 22.1, 21.8, 13.3; GCMS m/z (% relative intensity): 206 (M^+ , 18), 191 (9), 163 (1), 151 (2), 135 (100), 110 (17), 91 (2), 81 (3).



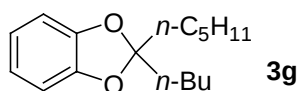
2-Benzyl-2-phenyl-1,3-benzodioxole **3d**: yellow solid; m.p. 83-84 °C (recrystallization with CH_2Cl_2 /cyclohexane); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 5H), 6.78-6.69 (m, 4H), 3.47 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.2, 140.0, 133.9, 130.8, 128.7, 128.0, 127.8, 126.8, 125.5, 121.2, 117.3, 108.5, 46.6; GCMS m/z (% relative intensity): 288 (M^+ , 1), 211 (1), 197 (100), 178 (8), 152 (2), 110 (1), 105 (10), 77 (8). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$: C, 83.33; H, 5.55. Found: C, 83.03; H, 5.41.



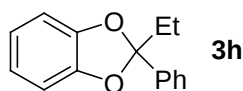
2-Ethyl-2-propyl-1,3-benzodioxole **3e**^[2]: yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.75-6.68 (m, 4H), 1.92-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.52-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.00-0.88 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.4, 121.0, 108.5, 108.1, 39.8, 31.0, 16.4, 14.4, 7.35; GCMS *m/z* (% relative intensity): 192 (M⁺, 45), 163 (93), 149 (100), 134 (8), 121 (8), 110 (36), 92 (2), 81 (3).



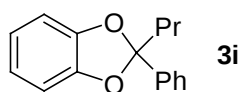
2-*n*-Butyl-2-propyl-1,3-benzodioxole **3f**: yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.78-6.65 (m, 4H), 1.90-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.53-1.26 (m, 6H), 0.99-0.86 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.2, 120.9, 120.7, 108.0, 40.1, 37.7, 25.0, 22.9, 16.3, 14.3, 14.1; GCMS *m/z* (% relative intensity): 220 (M⁺, 27), 177 (94), 163 (100), 147 (5), 135 (10), 121 (9), 110 (23), 91 (1), 81 (3), 77 (1). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₀O₂: C, 76.36; H, 9.09. Found: C, 75.92; H, 8.83.



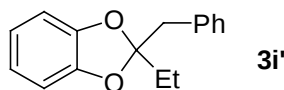
2-*n*-Butyl-2-*n*-pentyl-1,3-benzodioxole **3g**: yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.77-6.69 (m, 4H), 1.90-1.85 (m, 4H), 1.45-1.26 (m, 10H), 0.94-0.85 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.1, 120.8, 120.7, 108.0, 37.8, 37.5, 31.9, 24.9, 22.8, 22.6, 22.5, 14.1, 14.0; GCMS *m/z* (% relative intensity): 248 (M⁺, 23), 191 (83), 177 (100), 147 (7), 135 (14), 121 (9), 110 (20), 81 (4); Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₄O₂: C, 77.42; H, 9.68. Found: C, 77.33; H, 9.75.



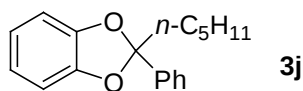
2-Ethyl-2-phenyl-1,3-benzodioxole **3h**^[3]: yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.28 (m, 3H), 6.82-6.74 (m, 4H), 2.24 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 0.99 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.5, 140.6, 128.6, 128.2, 125.3, 121.2, 118.5, 108.4, 33.4, 7.4; GCMS *m/z* (% relative intensity): 226 (*M*⁺, 18), 197 (100), 149 (2), 135 (57), 115 (19), 110 (19), 115 (22), 91 (11).



2-Propyl-2-phenyl-1,3-benzodioxole **3i**: yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 3H), 6.81-6.74 (m, 4H), 2.19 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 1.49 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.4, 140.9, 128.6, 128.2, 125.2, 121.2, 118.2, 108.4, 42.5, 16.5, 13.9; GCMS *m/z* (% relative intensity): 240 (*M*⁺, 14), 197 (100), 149 (55), 181 (7), 115 (7), 110 (5), 105 (8), 91 (12), 77 (11).

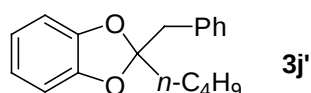


2-Benzyl-2-ethyl-1,3-benzodioxole **3i'**: yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27-7.19 (m, 5H), 6.72 (s, 4H), 3.15 (s, 2H), 1.88 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 0.98 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.8, 134.8, 130.5, 128.1, 126.8, 120.9, 119.7, 108.1, 43.6, 29.9, 6.84; GCMS *m/z* (% relative intensity): 240 (*M*⁺, 7), 211 (2), 149 (100), 134 (4), 115 (3), 110 (1), 91 (12), 77 (2). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆O₂ (a mixture of **3i** and **3i'**): C, 80.00; H, 6.67. Found: C, 79.83; H, 6.24.

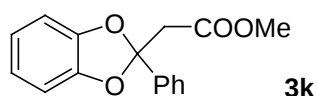


2-*n*-Pentyl-2-phenyl-1,3-benzodioxole **3j**: yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

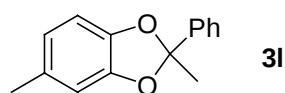
7.57-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.30 (m, 3H), 6.80-6.75 (m, 4H), 2.20 (t, 2H, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 1.43-1.26 (m, 4H), 1.18-1.00 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz); GCMS m/z (% relative intensity): 268 (M^+ , 11), 197 (100), 177 (30), 115 (6), 105 (7), 91 (8), 77 (7).



2-Benzyl-2-*n*-butyl-1,3-benzodioxole **3j'**: yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20-7.08 (m, 5H), 6.61 (s, 4H), 3.04 (s, 2H), 1.75 (t, 2H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 1.41-1.23 (m, 2H), 1.23-1.14 (m, 2H), 0.74 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.9, 134.9, 130.7, 128.2, 126.9, 121.1, 119.6, 108.2, 44.0, 36.7, 24.7, 22.7, 14.1; GCMS m/z (% relative intensity): 268 (M^+ , 5), 211 (4), 177 (100), 147 (3), 135 (13), 121 (8), 115 (7), 91 (17). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₀O₂ (a mixture of **3j** and **3j'**): C, 80.60; H, 7.46. Found: C, 80.65; H, 7.45.

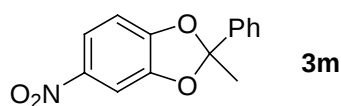


(2-Phenylbenzo[1,3]dioxol-2-yl)acetic acid methyl ester **3k**^[4]: yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 3H), 6.86-6.78 (m, 4H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 146.9, 139.4, 129.2, 128.3, 125.2, 121.7, 114.7, 108.8, 51.9, 44.9; GCMS m/z (% relative intensity): 270 (M^+ , 24), 197 (100), 161 (7), 129 (4), 115 (4), 110 (6), 105 (15), 91 (4).

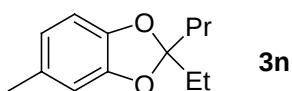


2,5-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-1,3-benzodioxole **3l**: yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.36 (m, 3H), 6.68-6.62 (m, 2H), 6.55 (d, 1H, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.4, 145.2, 141.5, 131.2, 128.9, 128.4, 125.1, 121.4, 116.7, 109.7, 108.1, 27.1, 21.3; GCMS m/z (% relative intensity): 226 (M^+ , 81), 211 (77), 149 (10), 124 (100), 103 (63), 77 (36). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄O₂: C, 79.62; H, 6.24.

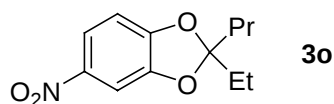
Found: C, 79.73; H, 6.24.



2-Methyl-5-nitro-2-phenyl-1,3-benzodioxole **3m**: yellow oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.6\text{Hz}$, $J = 2.1\text{Hz}$), 7.64 (d, 1H, $J = 2.1\text{Hz}$), 7.54-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.42 (m, 3H), 6.82 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6\text{Hz}$), 2.03 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.8, 147.9, 142.8, 139.7, 129.6, 128.6, 124.8, 120.4, 119.7, 107.6, 104.6, 21.2; GCMS m/z (% relative intensity): 257 (M^+ , 20), 242 (34), 196 (8), 180 (5), 134 (4), 103 (100), 91 (3), 77 (25). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_4$: C, 65.37; H, 4.31; N, 5.44. Found: C, 65.78; H, 4.62; N, 5.42.



2-Ethyl-5-methyl-2-propyl-1,3-benzodioxole **3n**: yellow oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.54-6.60 (m, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.82-1.93 (m, 4H), 1.44-1.51 (m, 2H), 0.91-0.98 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.3, 146.2, 130.5, 120.9, 120.7, 108.8, 107.3, 39.7, 30.9, 21.3, 16.3, 14.3, 7.2; GCMS m/z (% relative intensity): 206 (M^+ , 37), 177 (87), 163 (100), 148 (6), 135 (7), 124 (41), 106 (6), 77 (7). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$: C, 75.69; H, 8.80. Found: C, 75.87; H, 9.00.

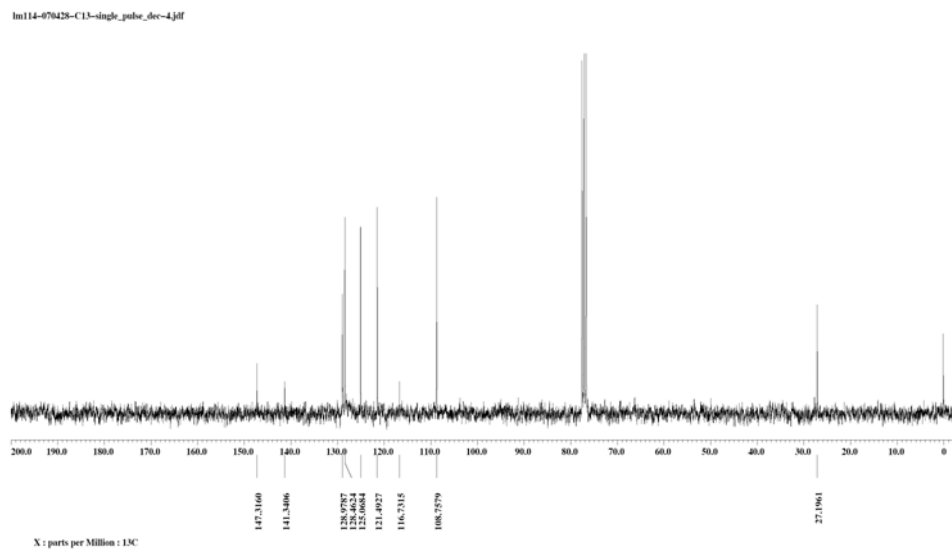
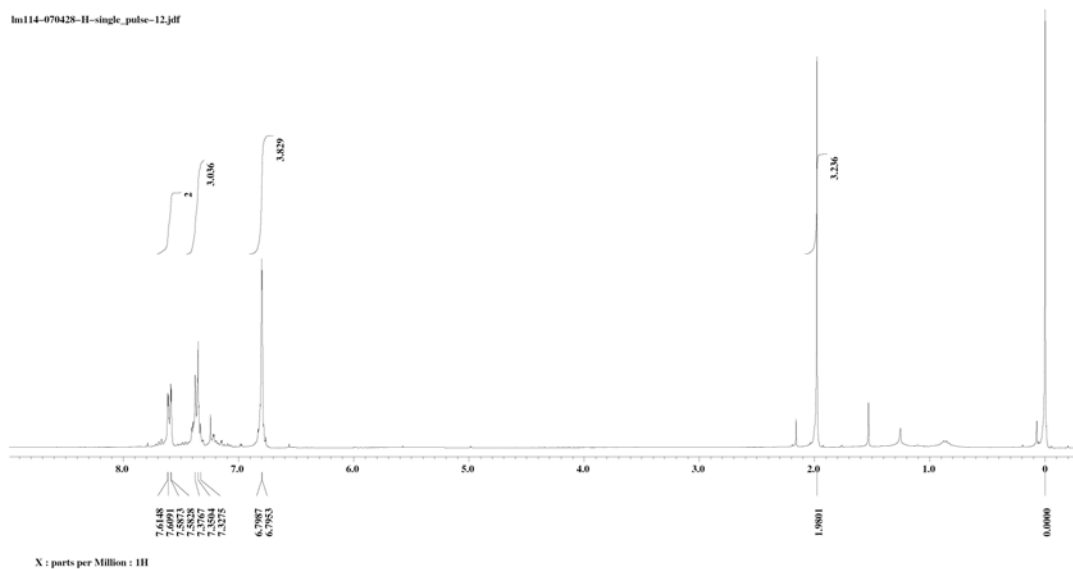
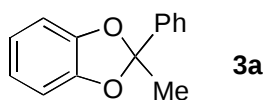


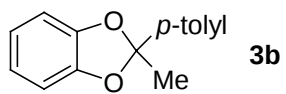
2-Ethyl-5-nitro-2-propyl-1,3-benzodioxole **3o**⁵: yellow oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.6\text{ Hz}$, $J = 2.1\text{ Hz}$), 7.56 (d, 1H, $J = 2.4\text{Hz}$), 6.75 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6\text{ Hz}$), 1.89-1.99 (m, 4H), 1.44-1.50 (m, 2H), 0.94-0.99 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.0, 148.9, 142.4, 124.8, 119.4, 106.8, 103.7, 39.7, 31.0, 16.0, 14.1, 9.7; GCMS m/z (% relative intensity): 237 (M^+ , 13), 208 (69), 194 (100), 162 (32), 148 (45), 125 (6), 92 (22), 79 (18), 77(4).

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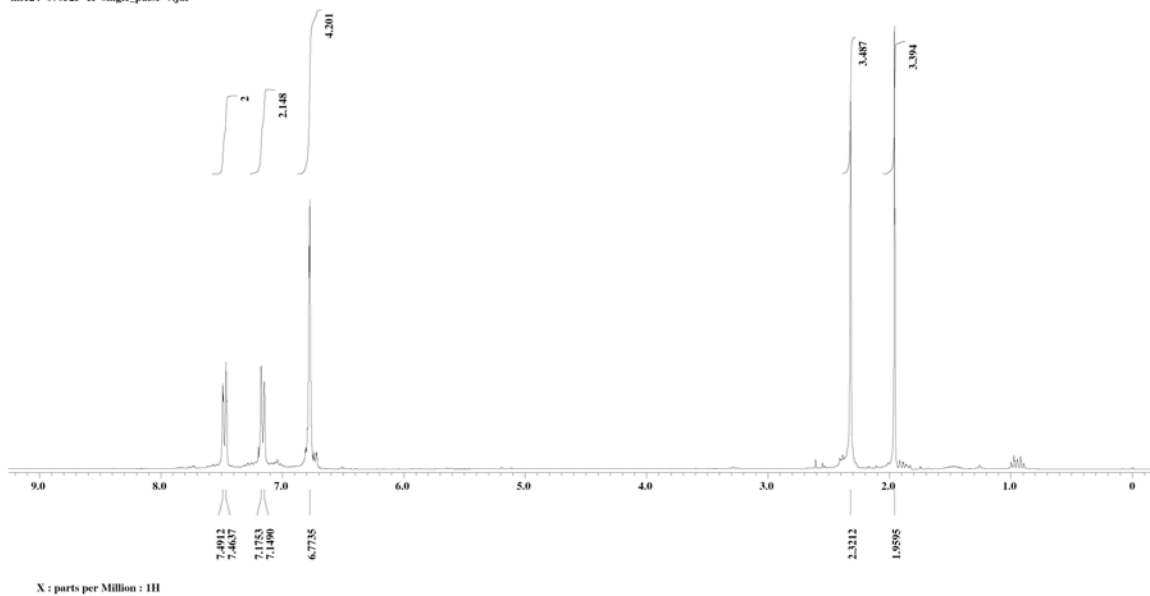
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2. ^1H , and ^{13}C -NMR charts of products

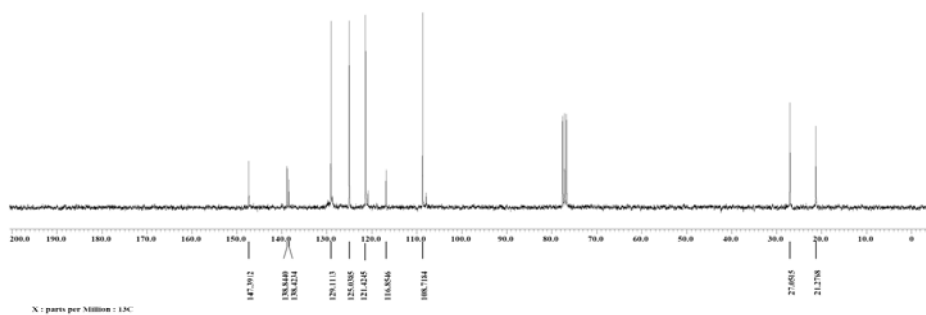


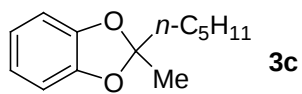


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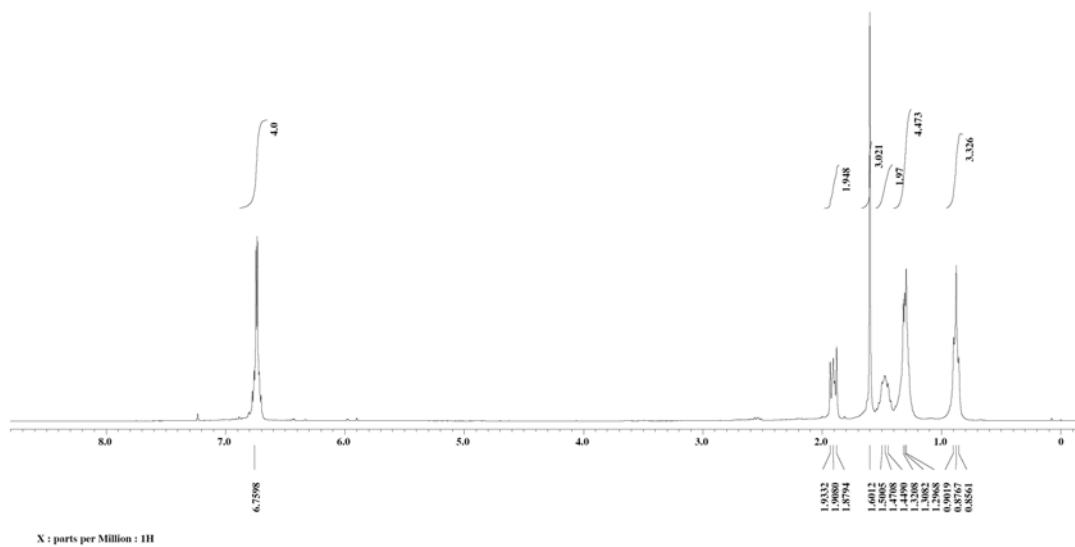


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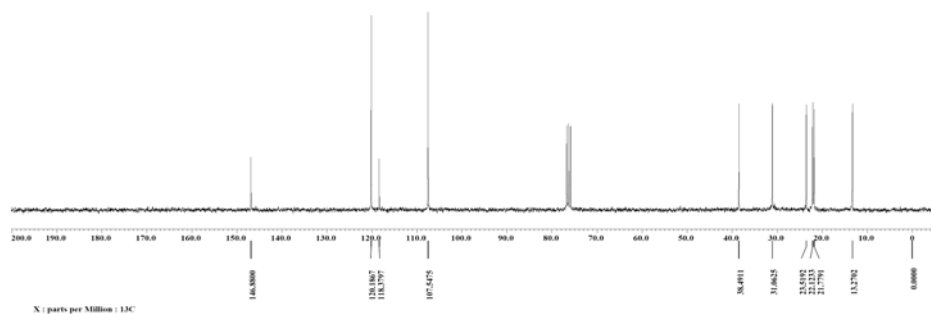


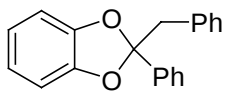


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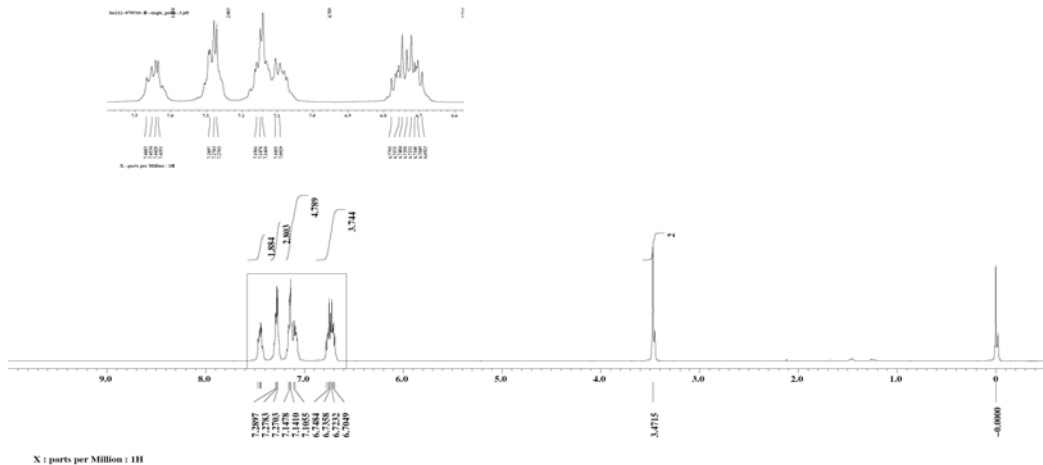




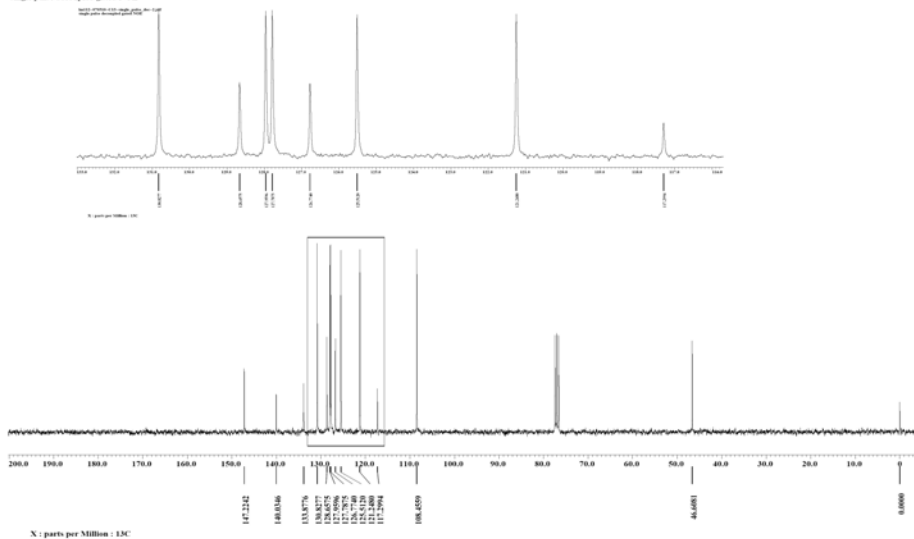
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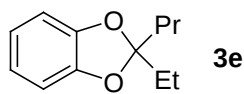
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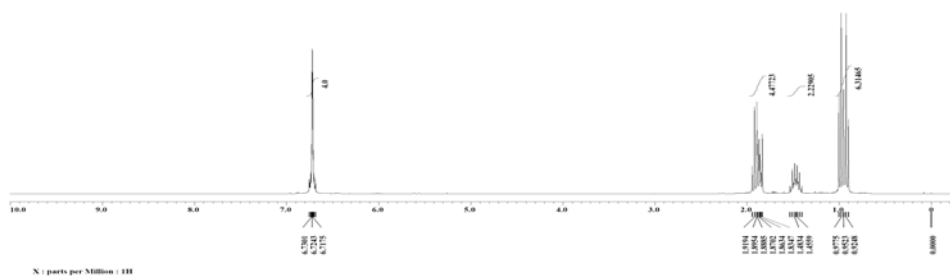


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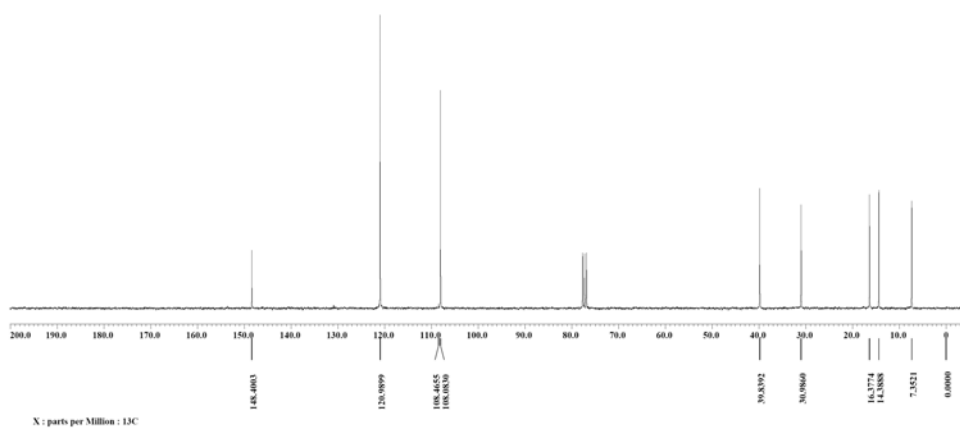


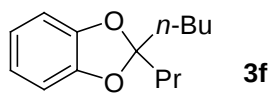


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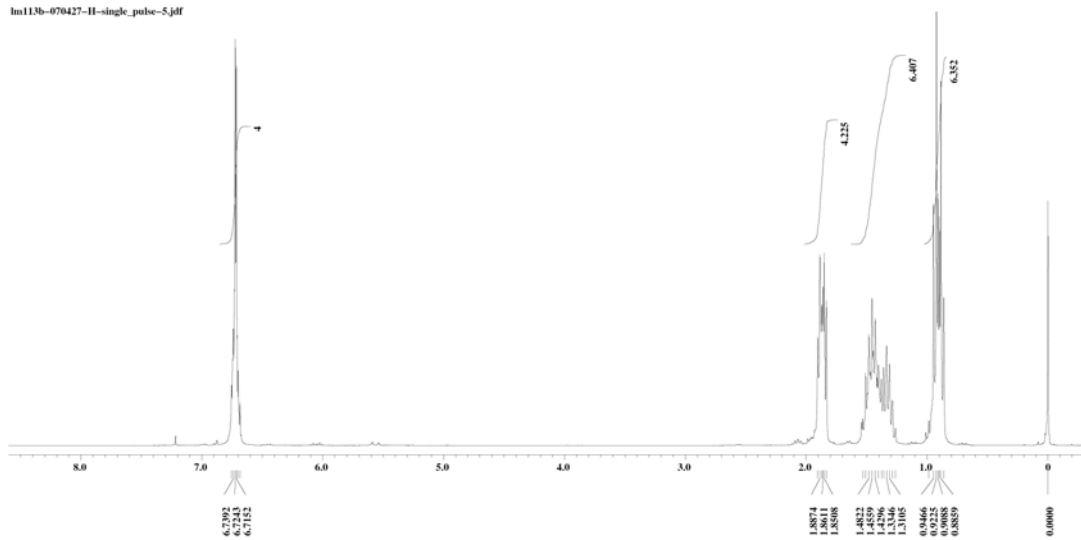


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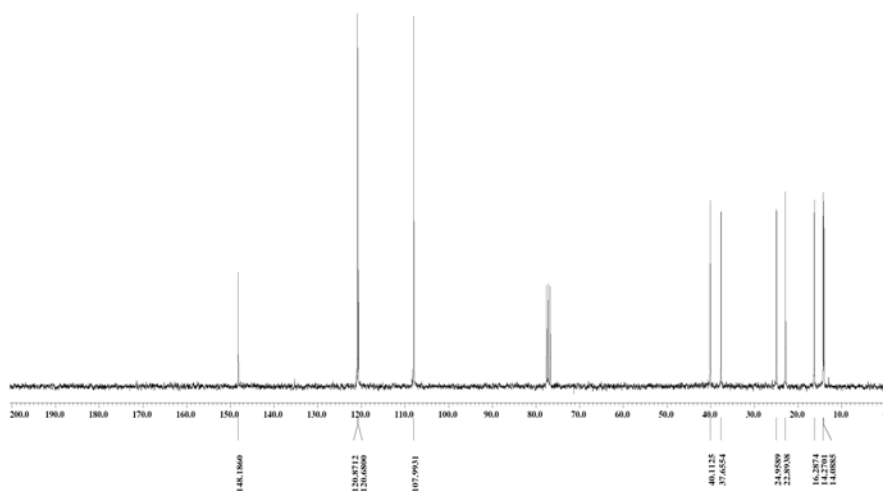


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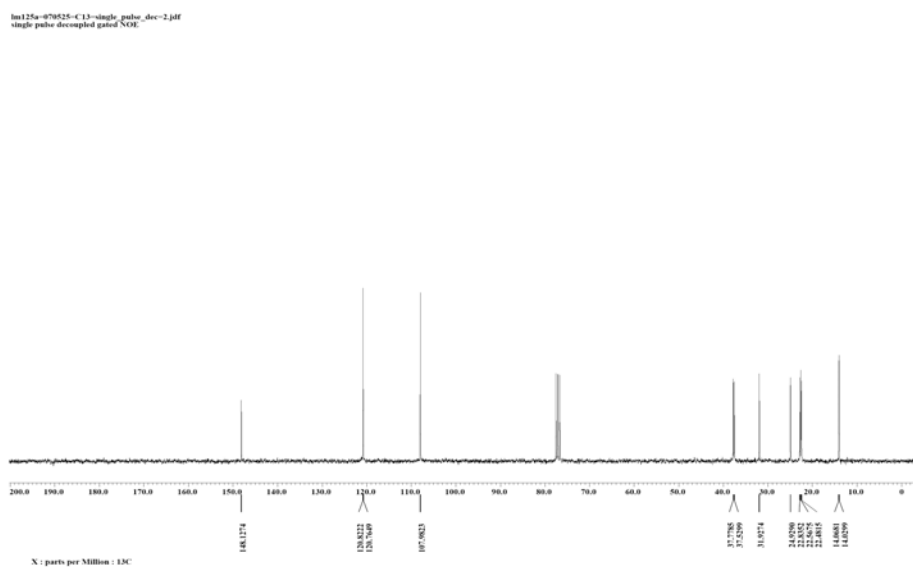


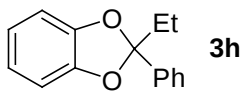
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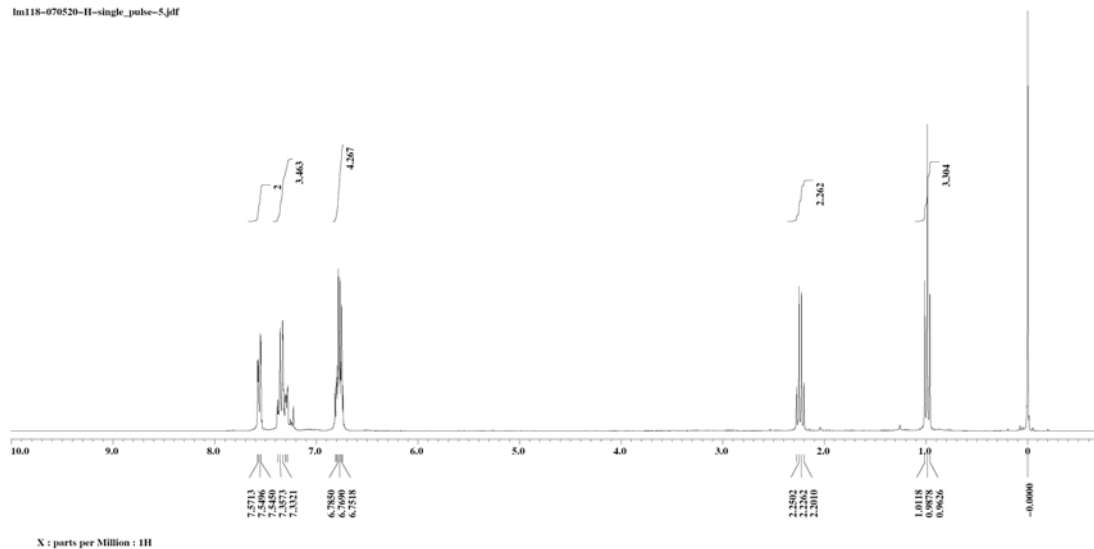


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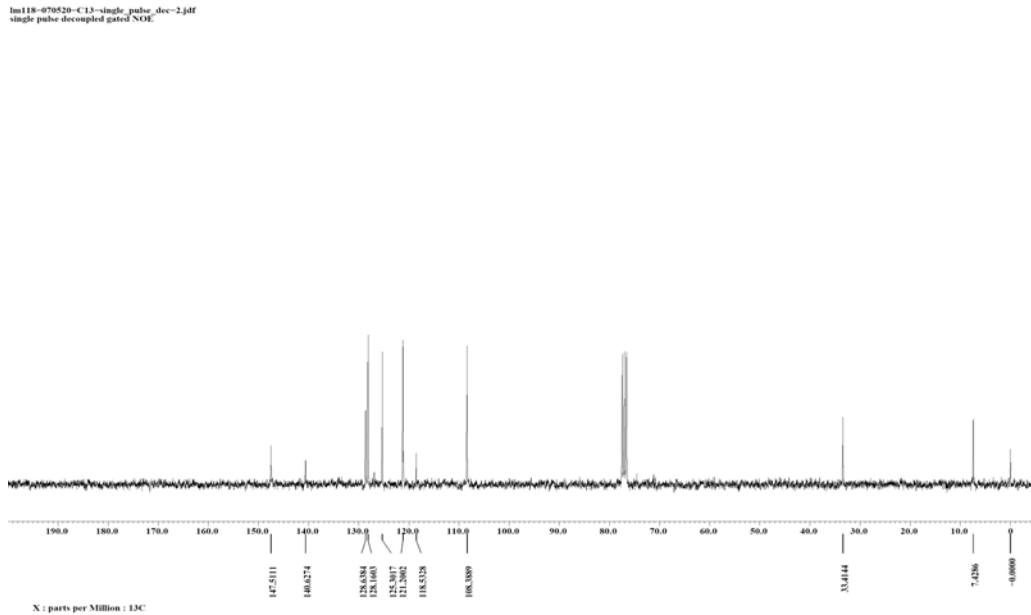
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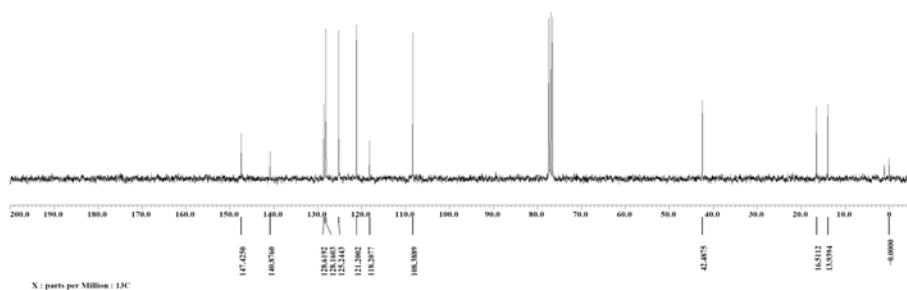
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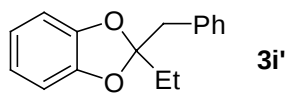
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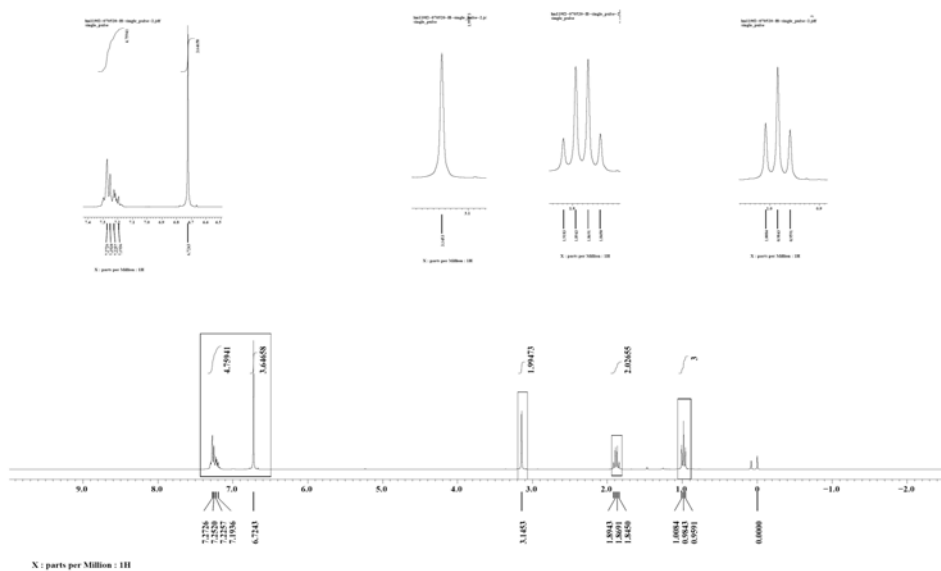
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single pulse decoupled gated NOE



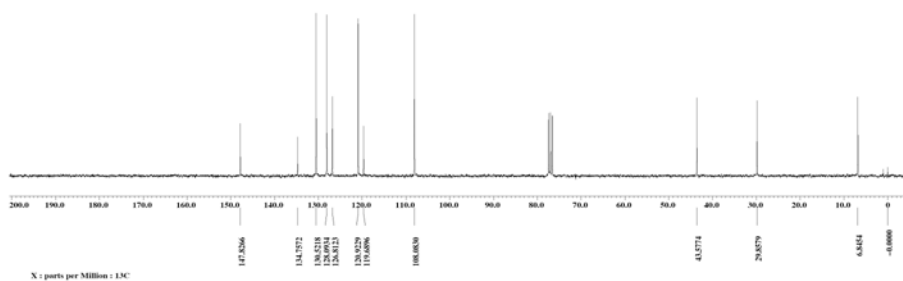
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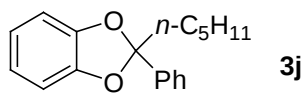


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single_pulse



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single_pulse decoupled gated NOE



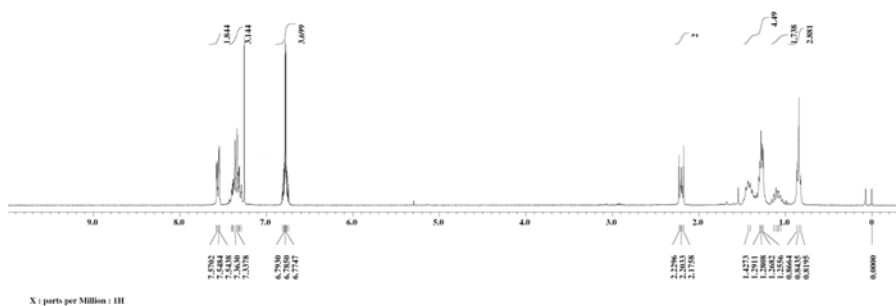


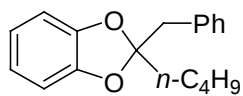
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temperature : 01 : 80 : 100 : 100
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multispectrum
ppm

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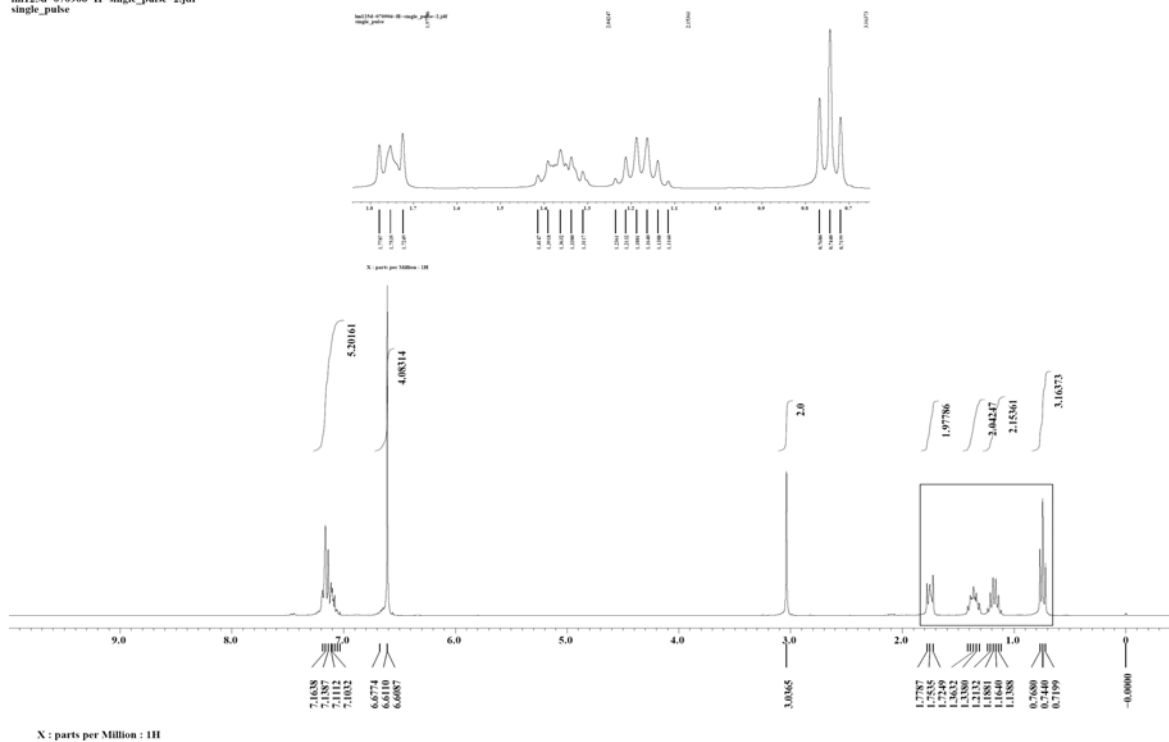
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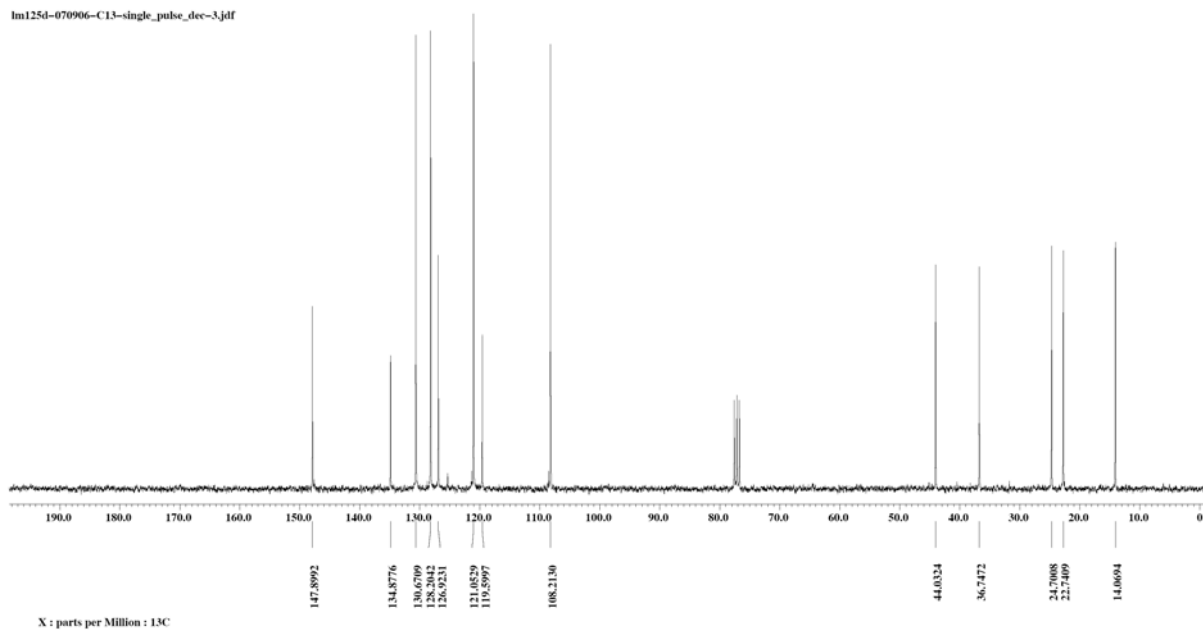


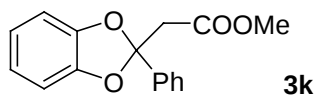
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single_pulse



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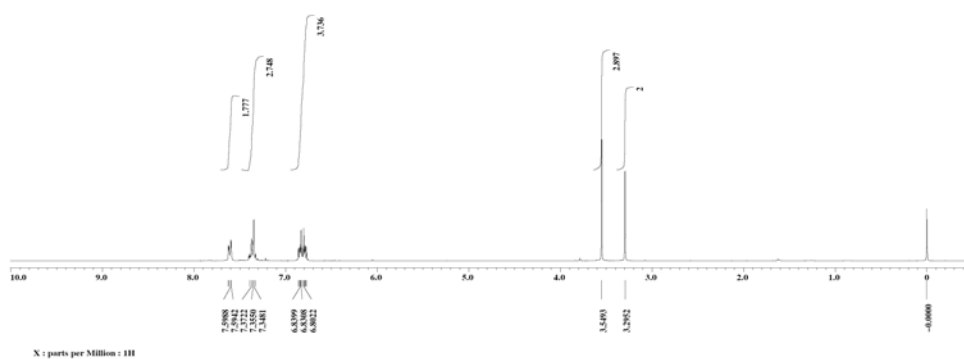


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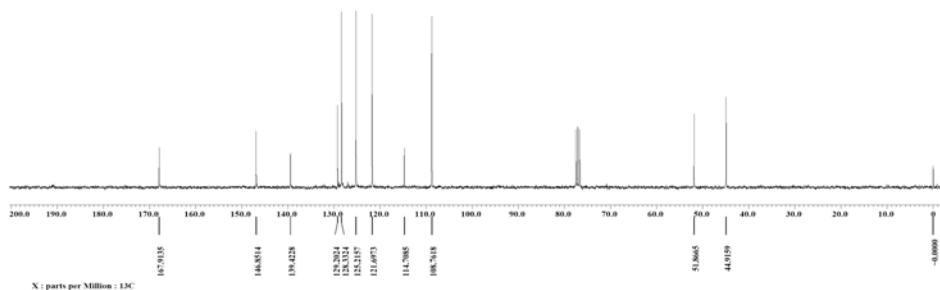
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transmit : 0 [Hz] : 80 [Hz] : 100 [Hz]
zerofill : 1
f2 : 1.2 : TRUE : TRUE
machinphase
ppm

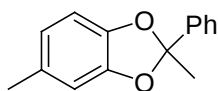
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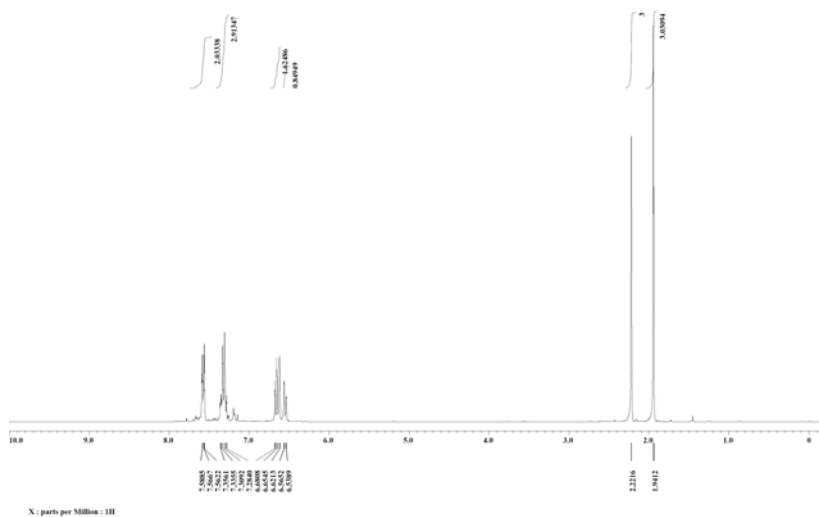
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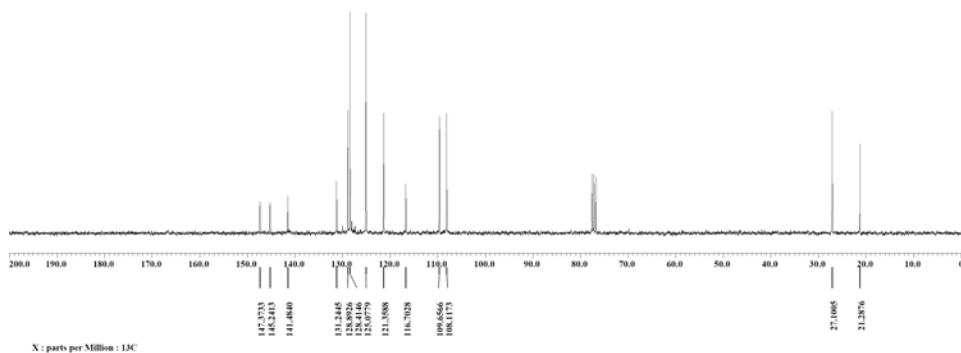


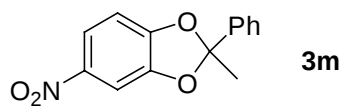
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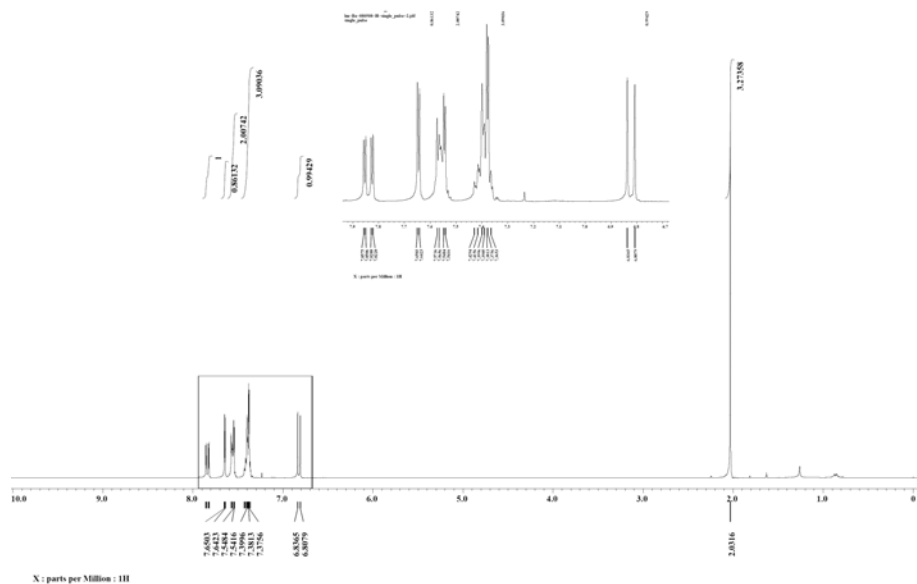


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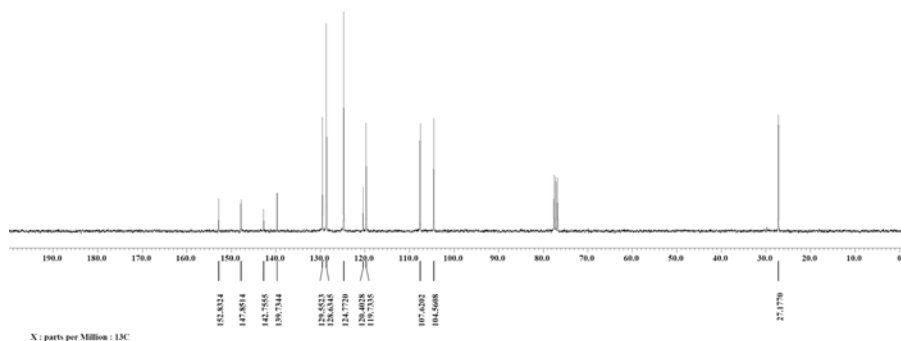


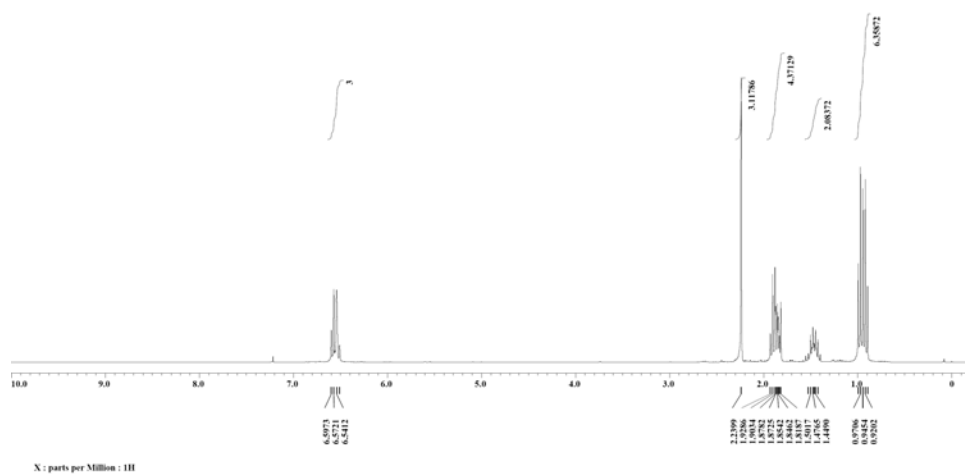
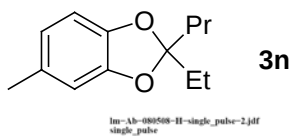


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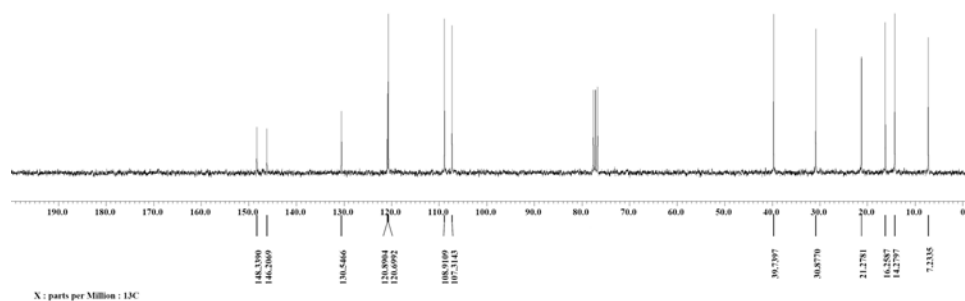


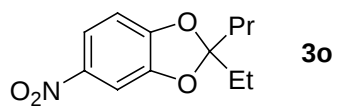
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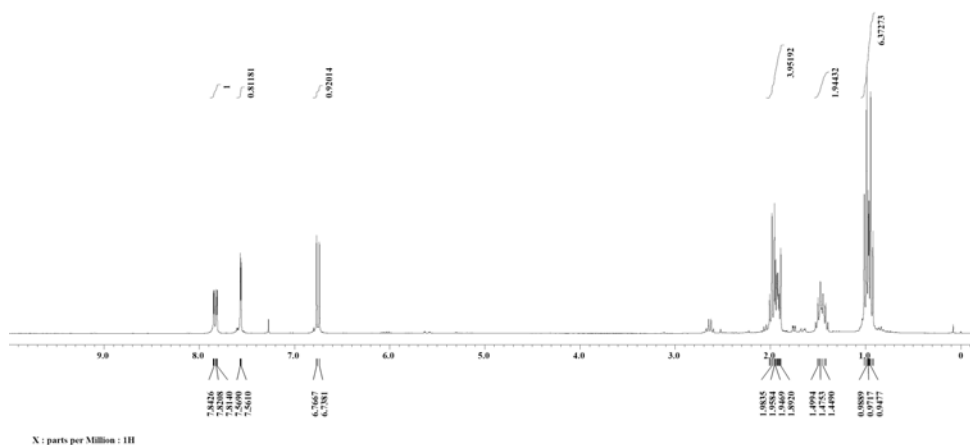


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single_pulse decoupled gated NOE





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single_pulse



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single_pulse decoupled gated NOE

