

## Supporting Information for:

### Diastereoselective $\beta$ -Hydroxy Vinylsulfone Isomerizations

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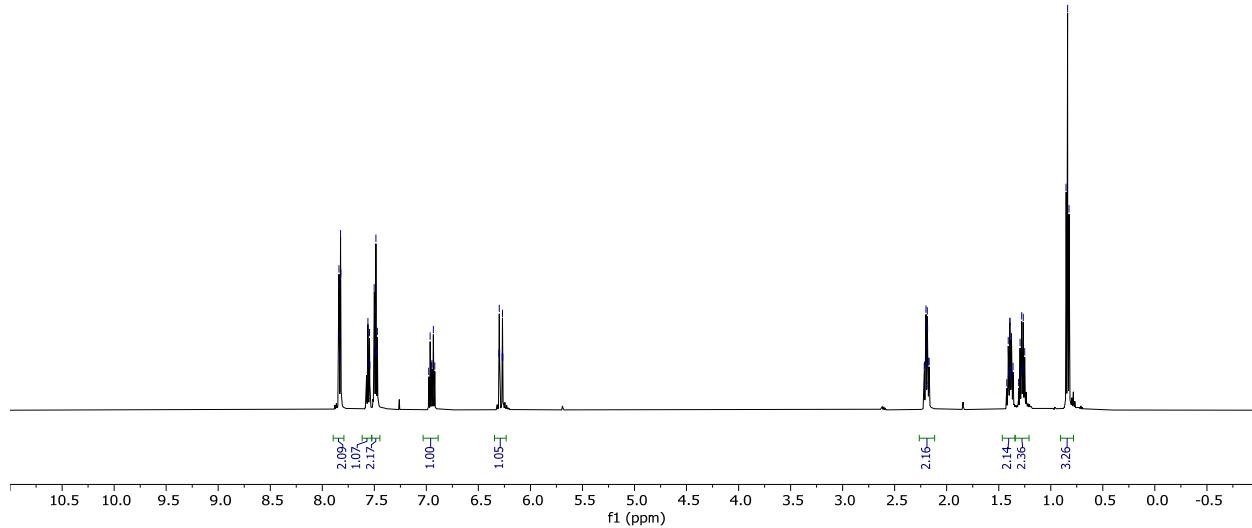
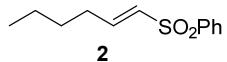
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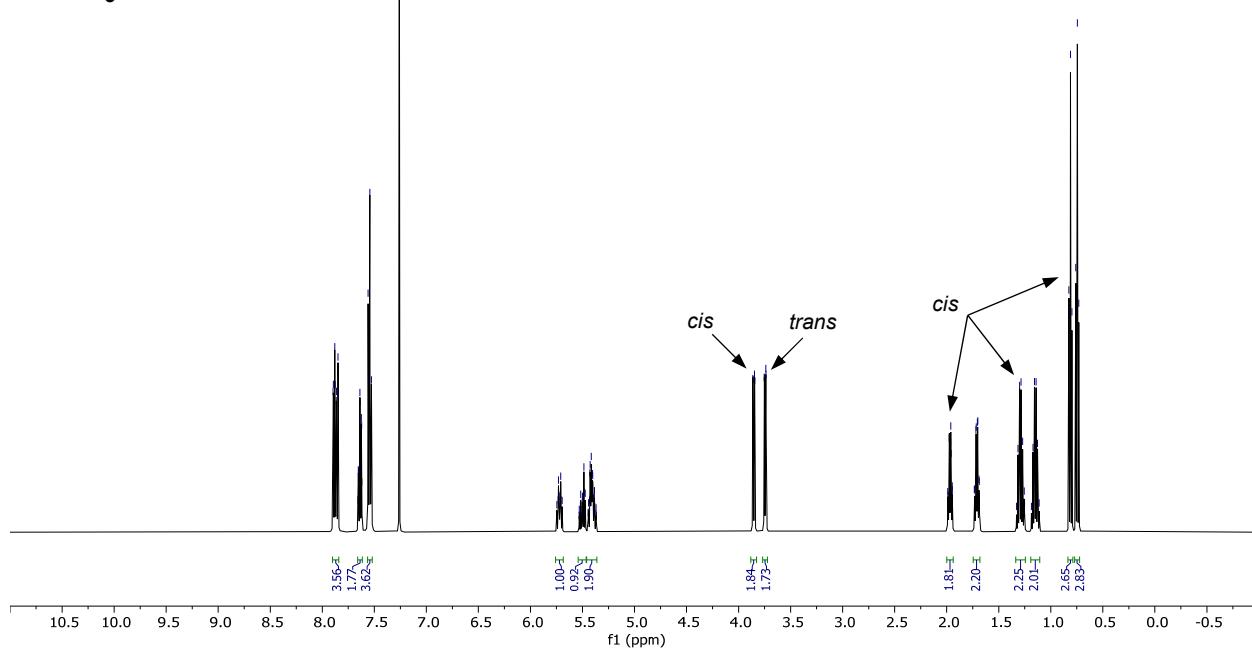
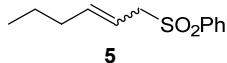
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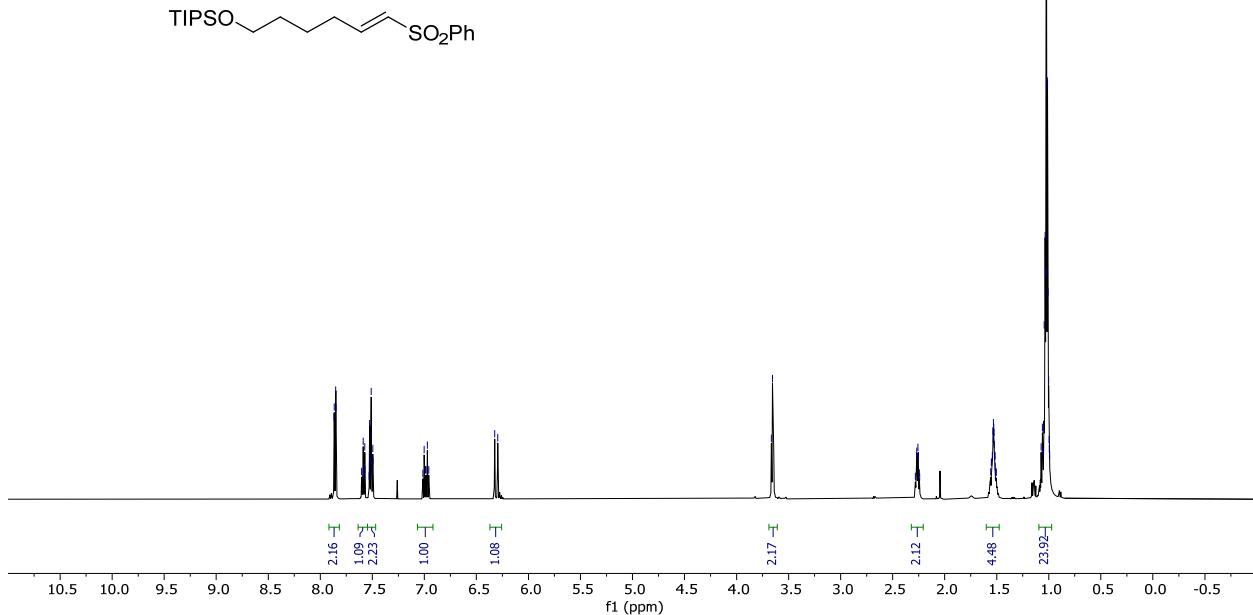


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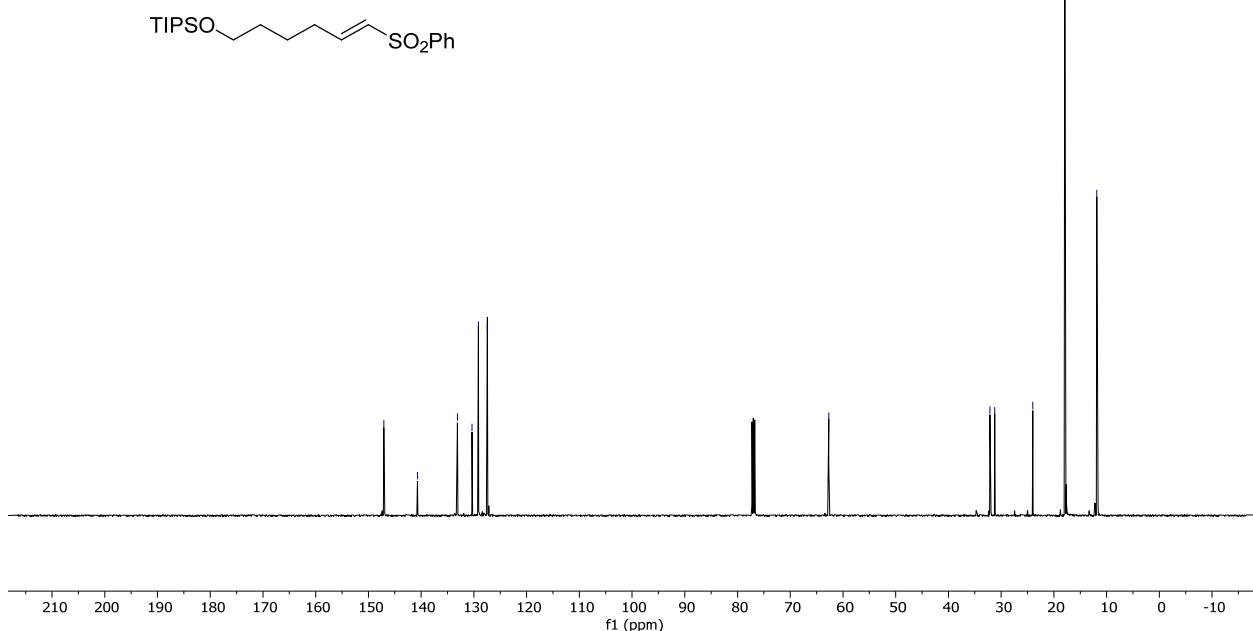


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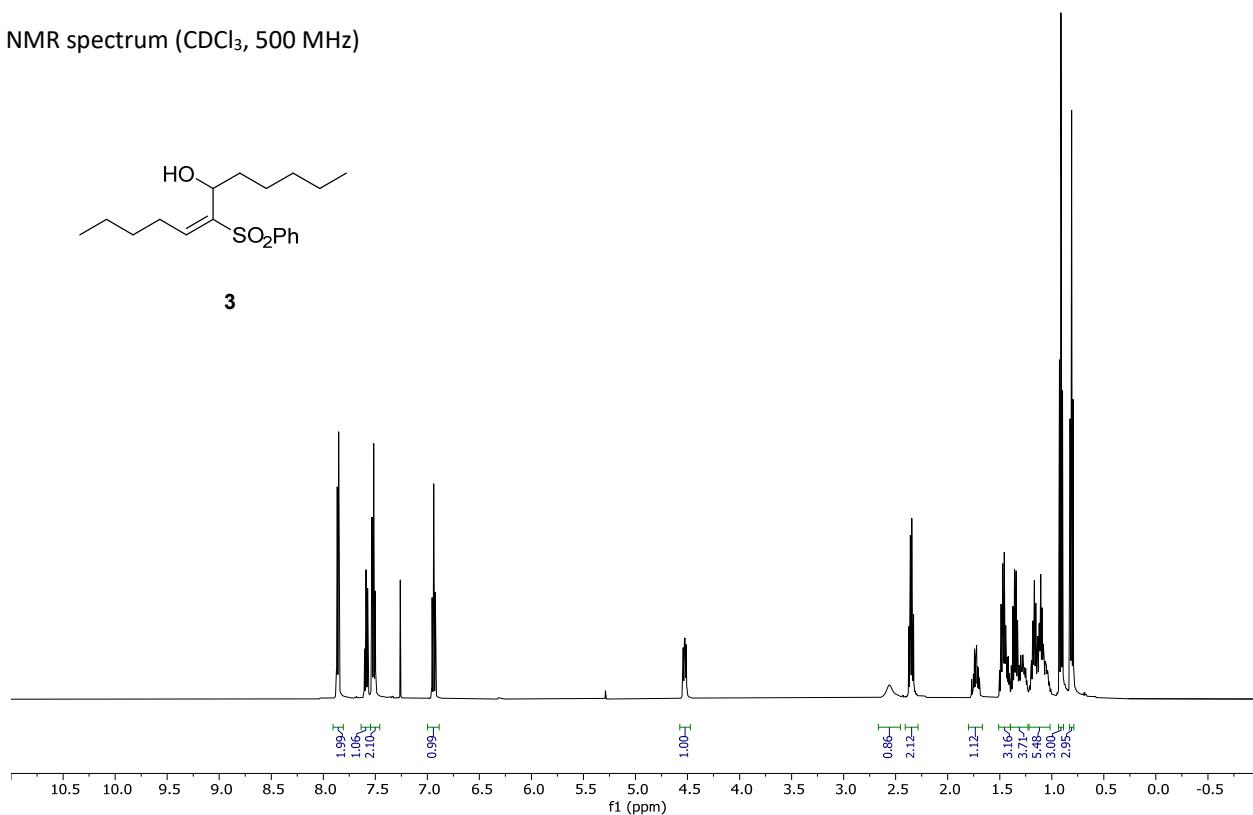


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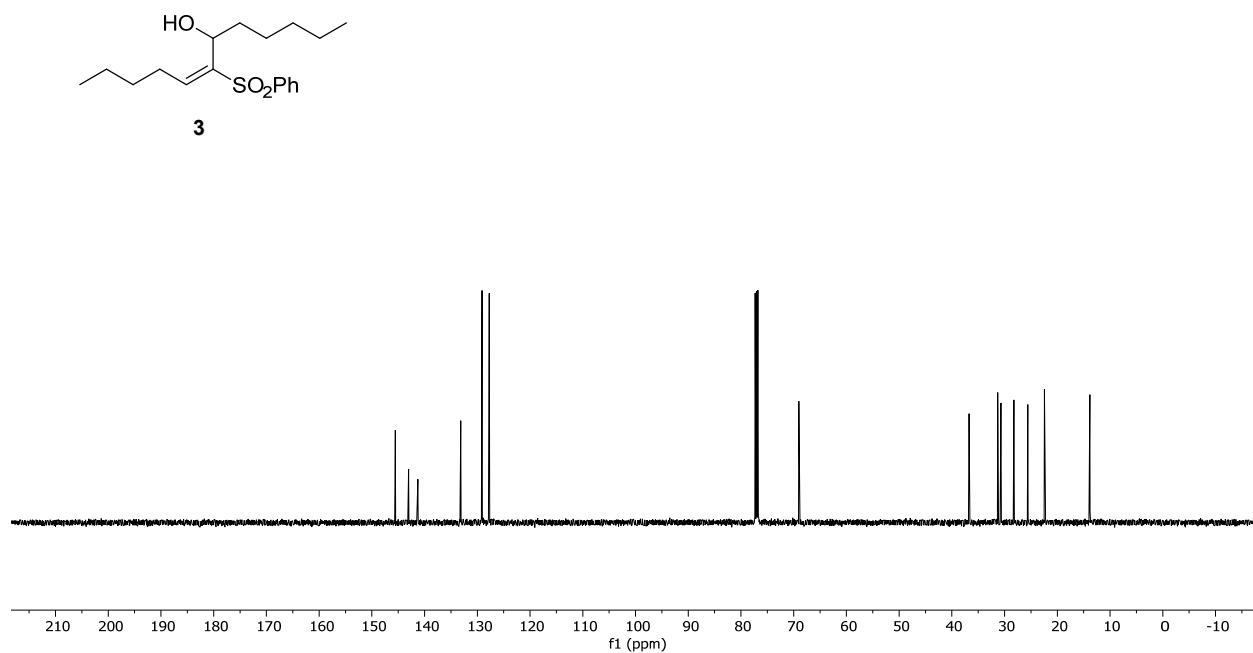
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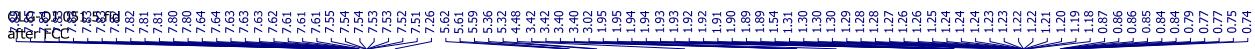


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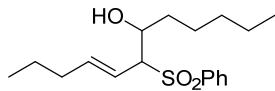


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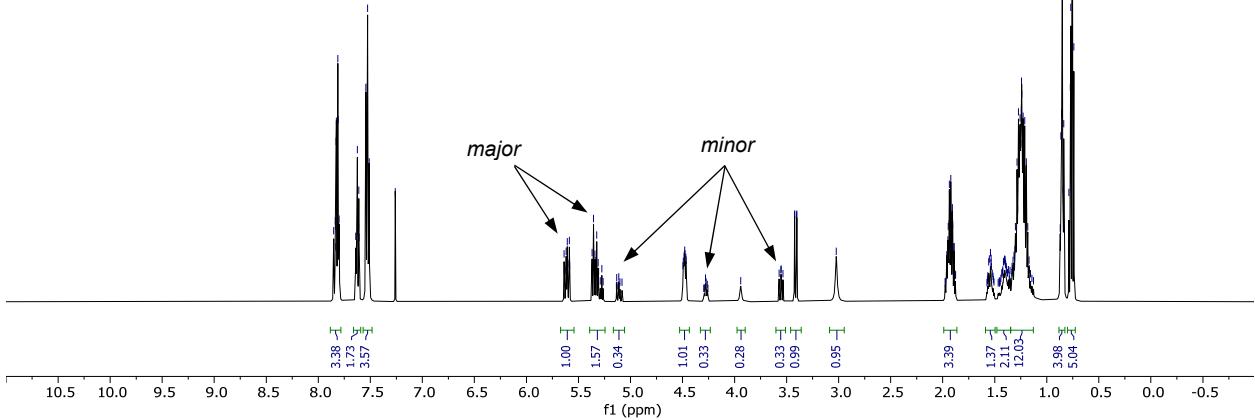




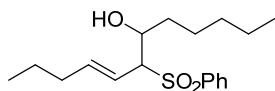
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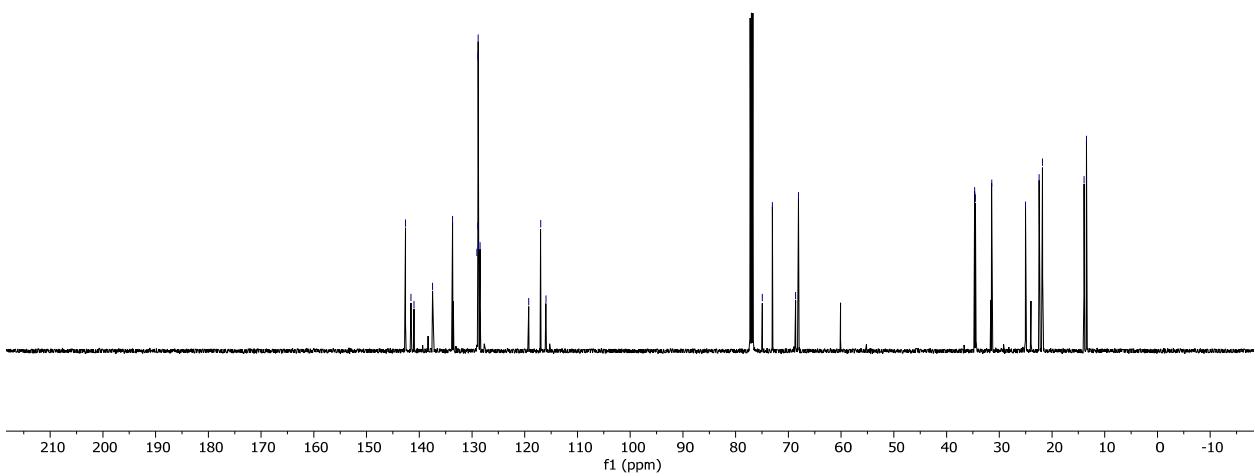
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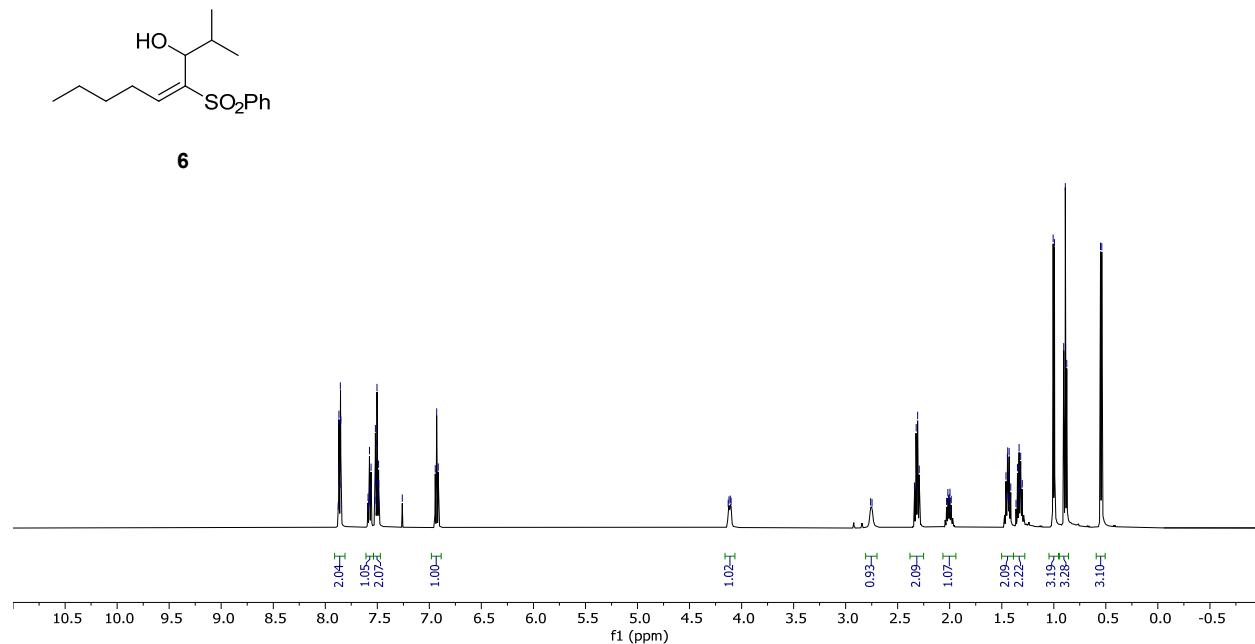
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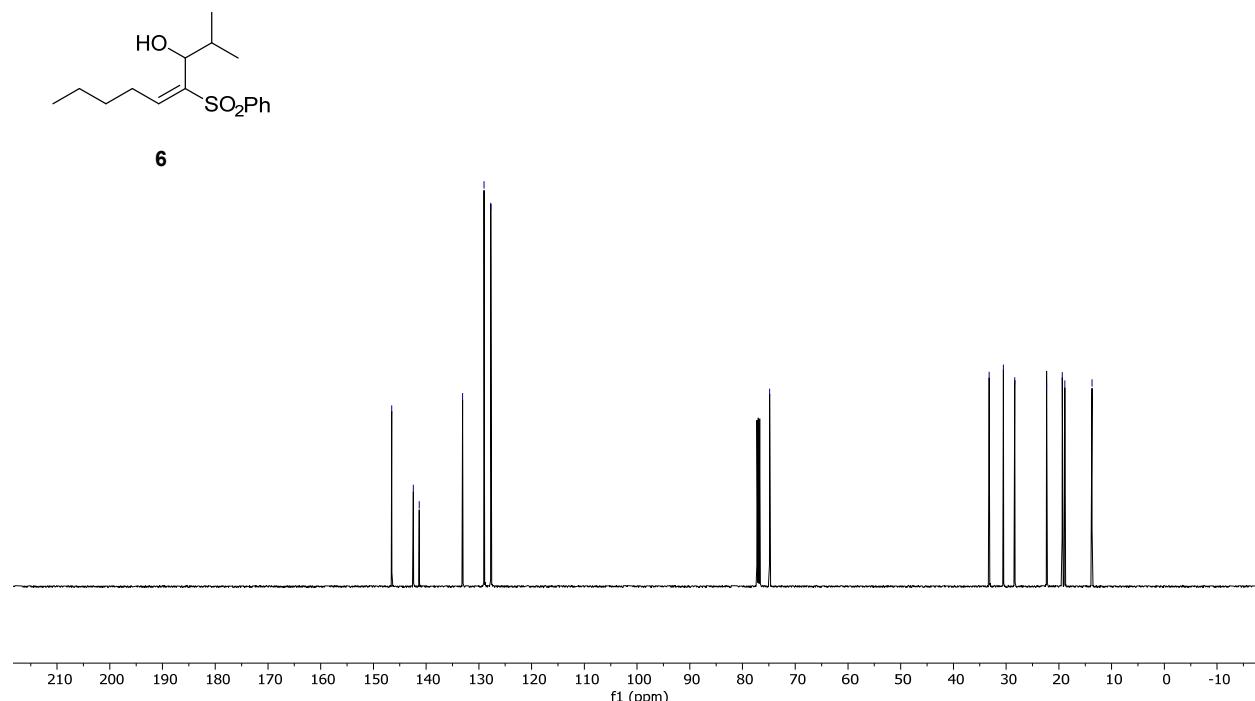
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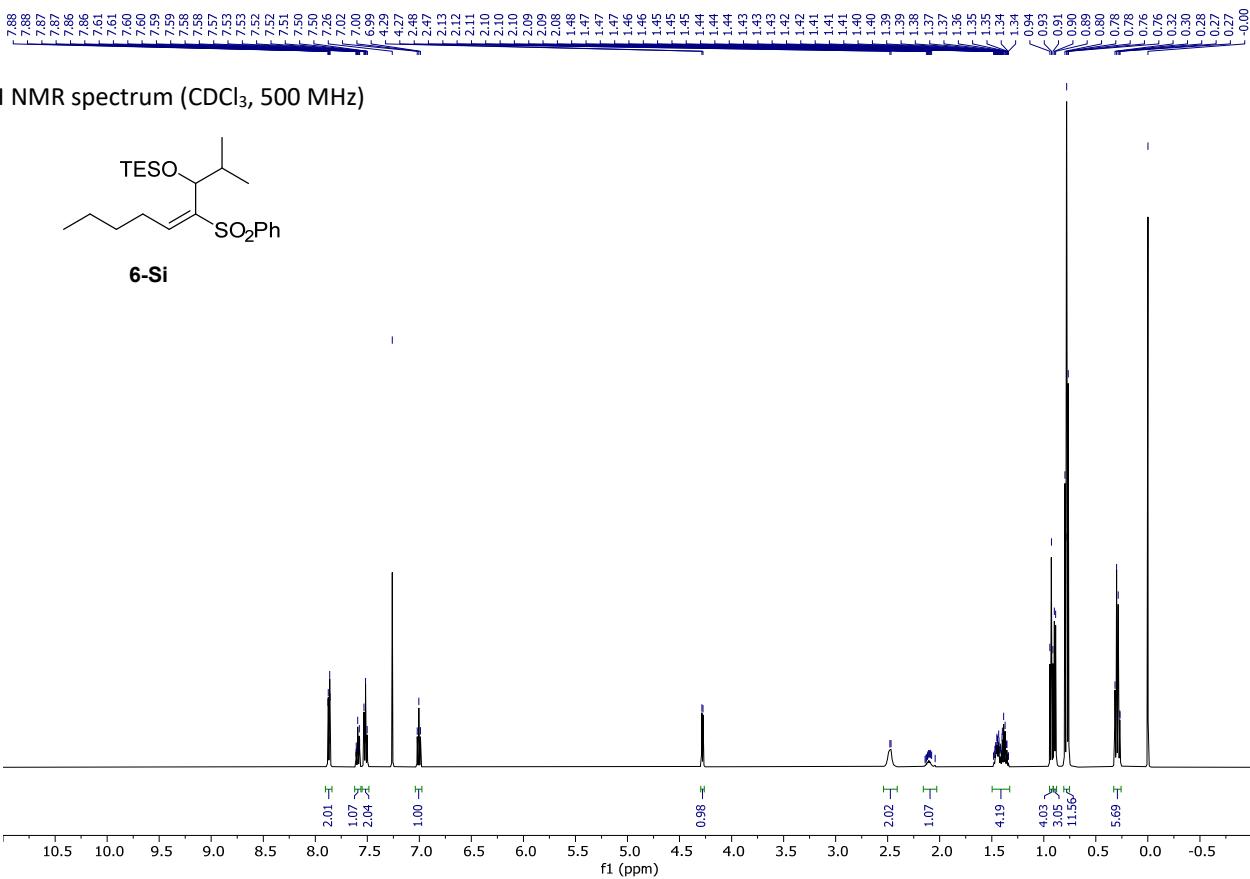
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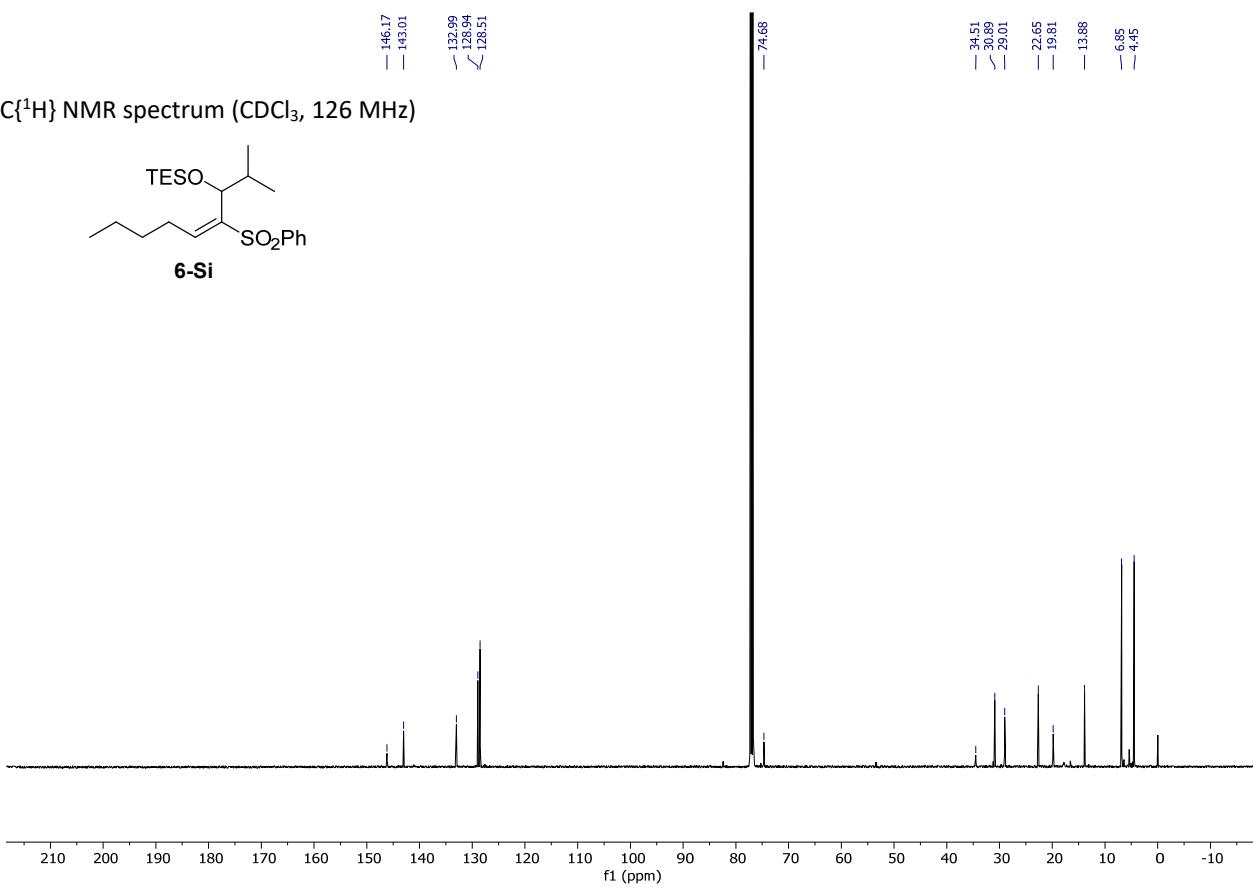
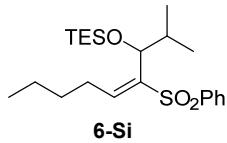


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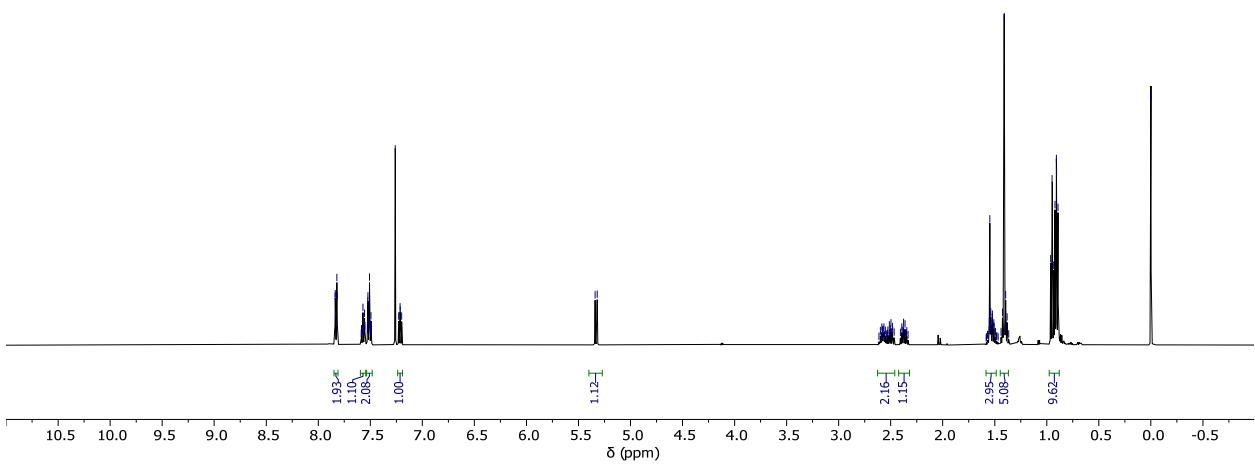
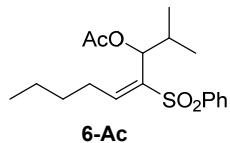


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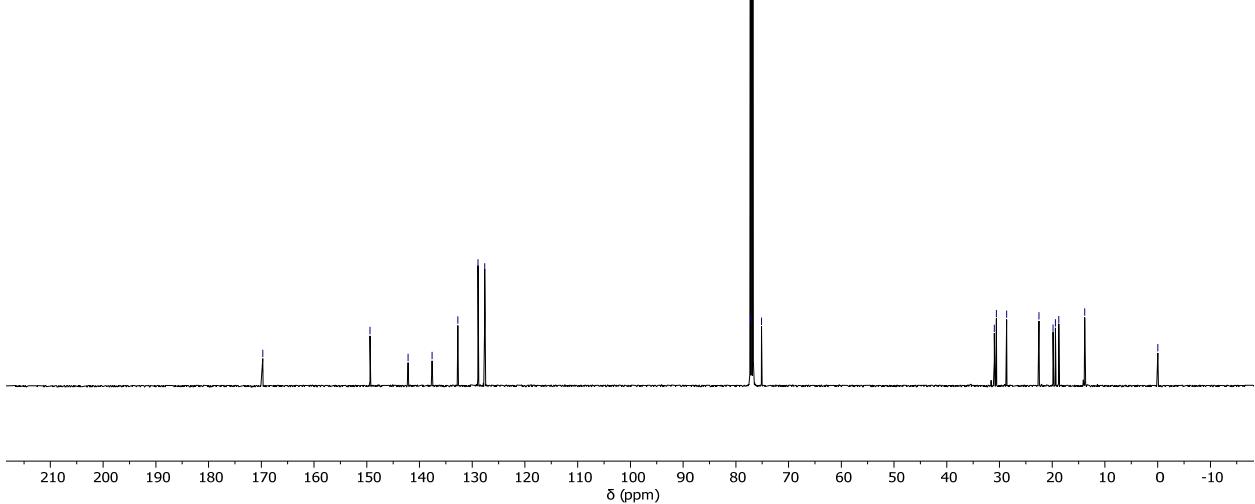
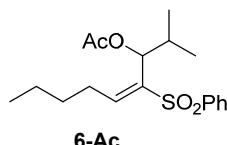


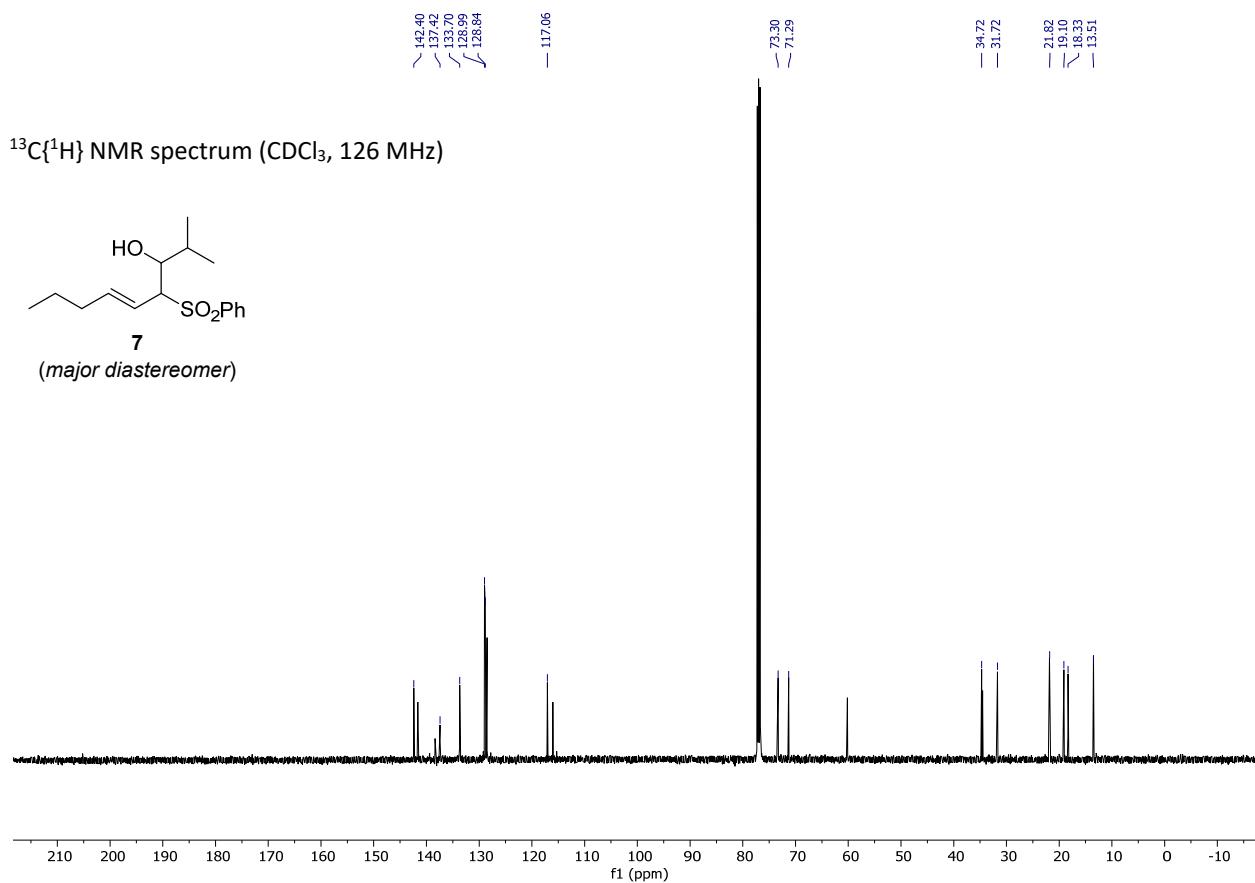
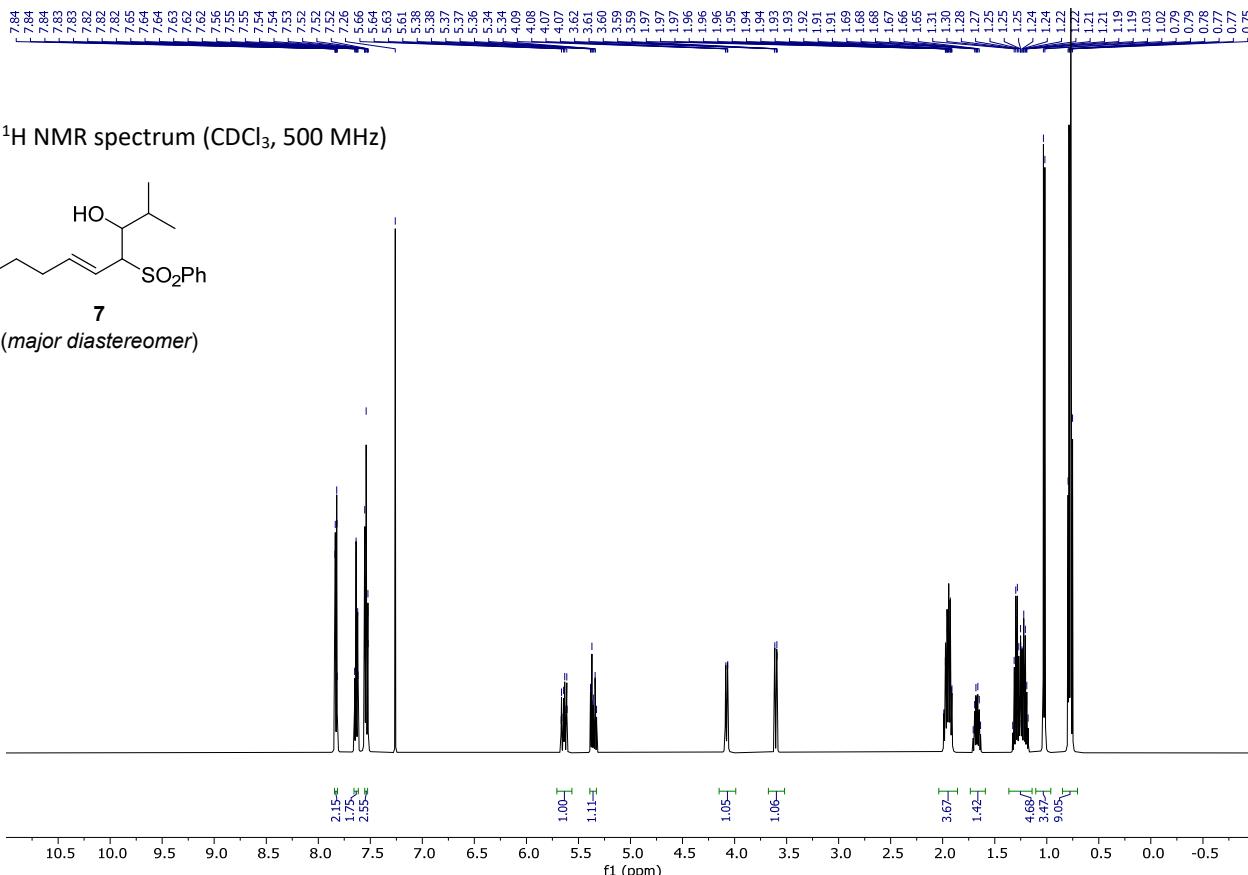


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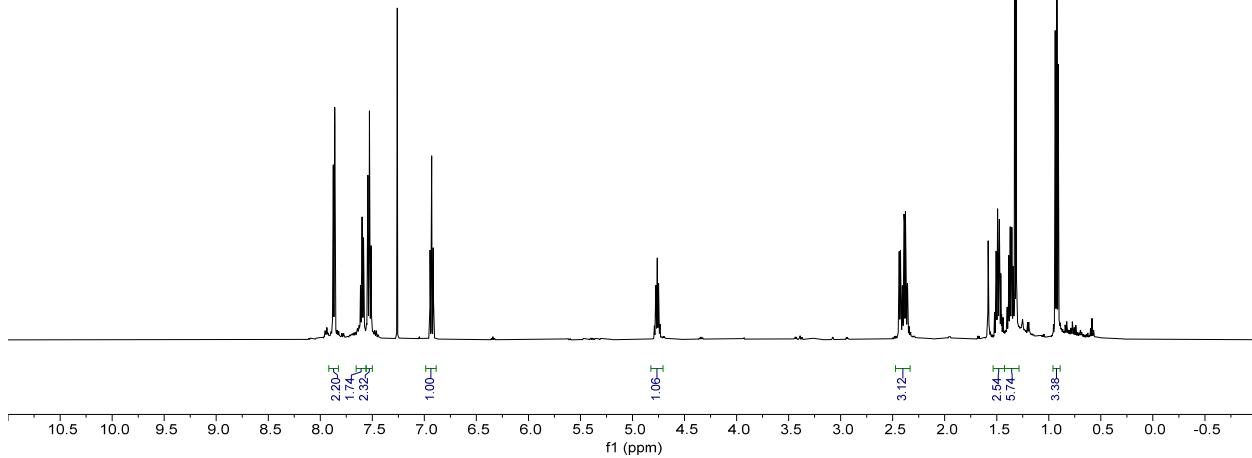
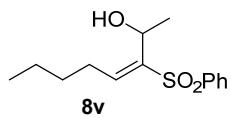
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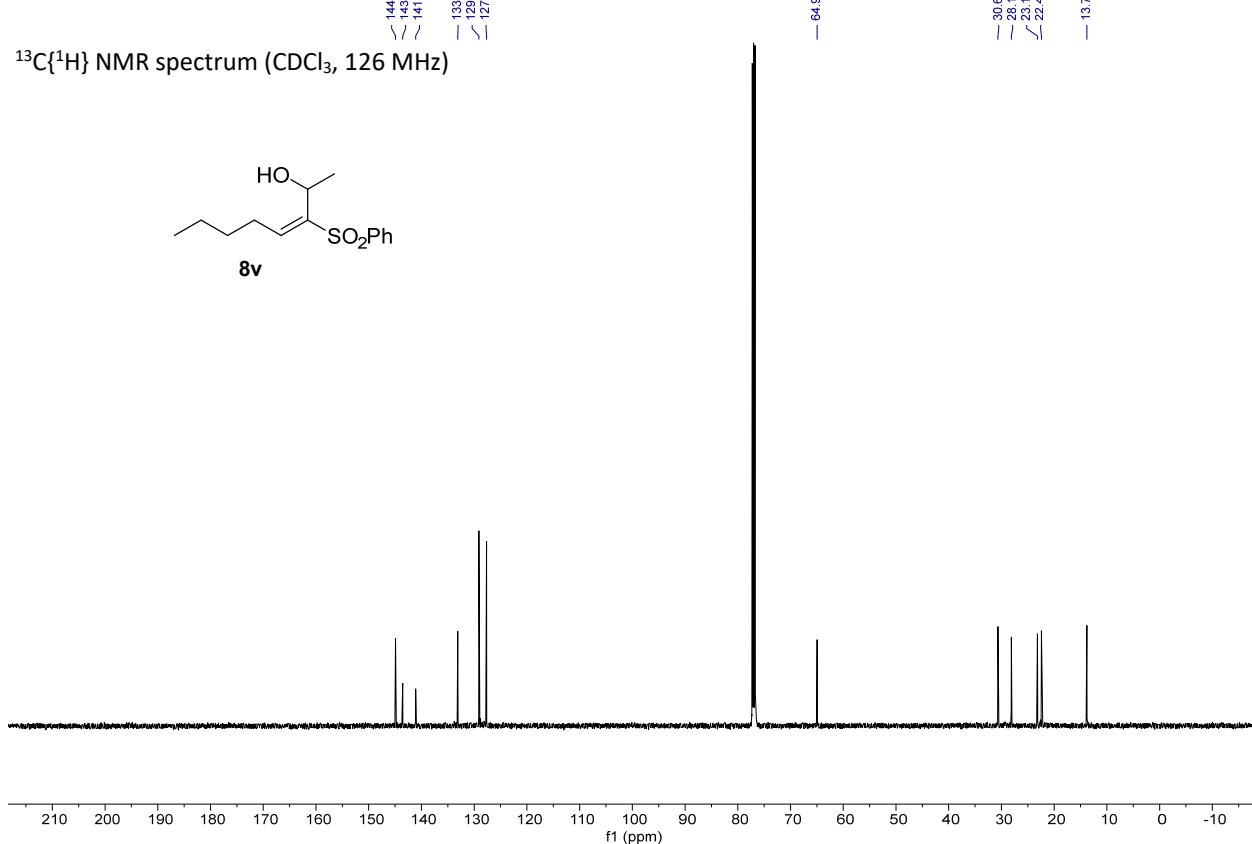
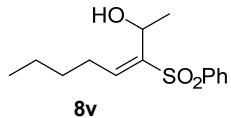


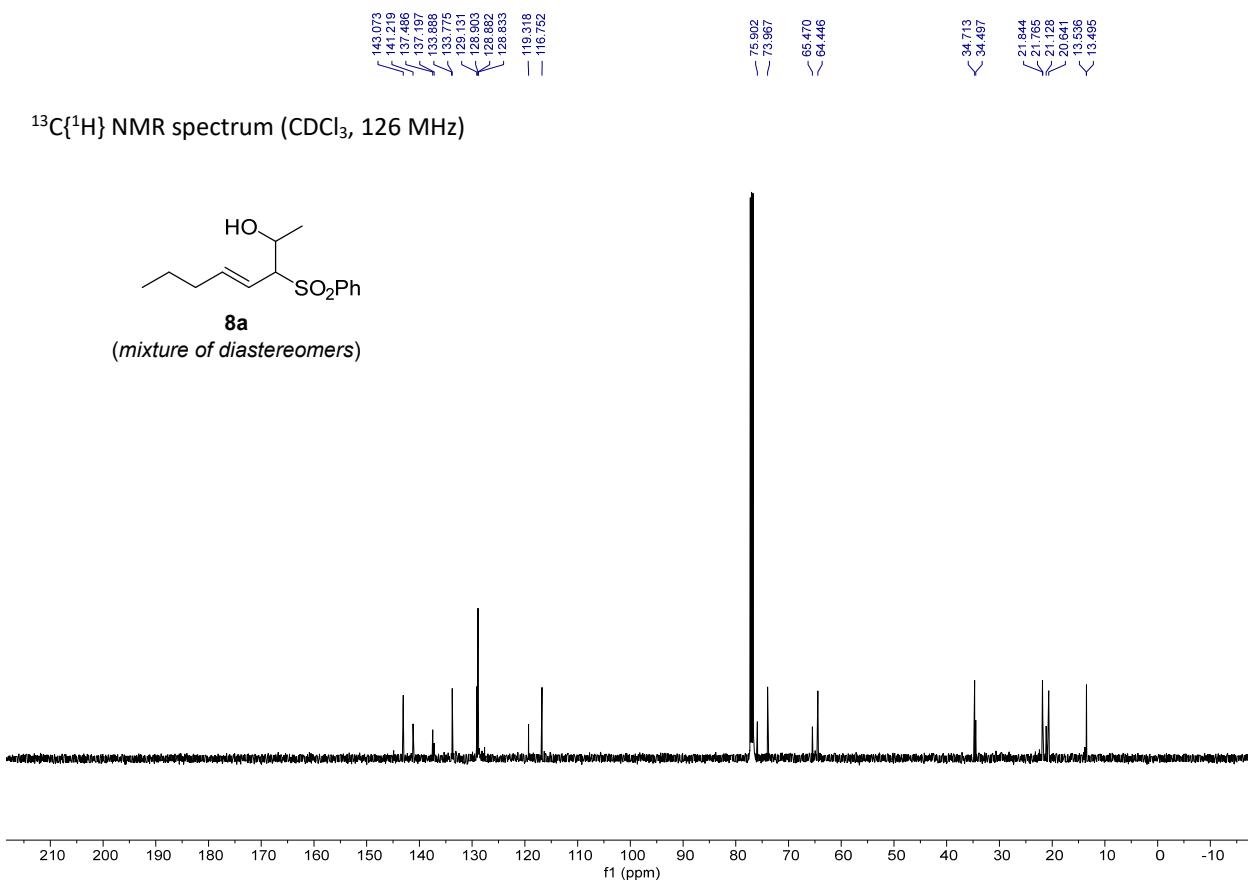
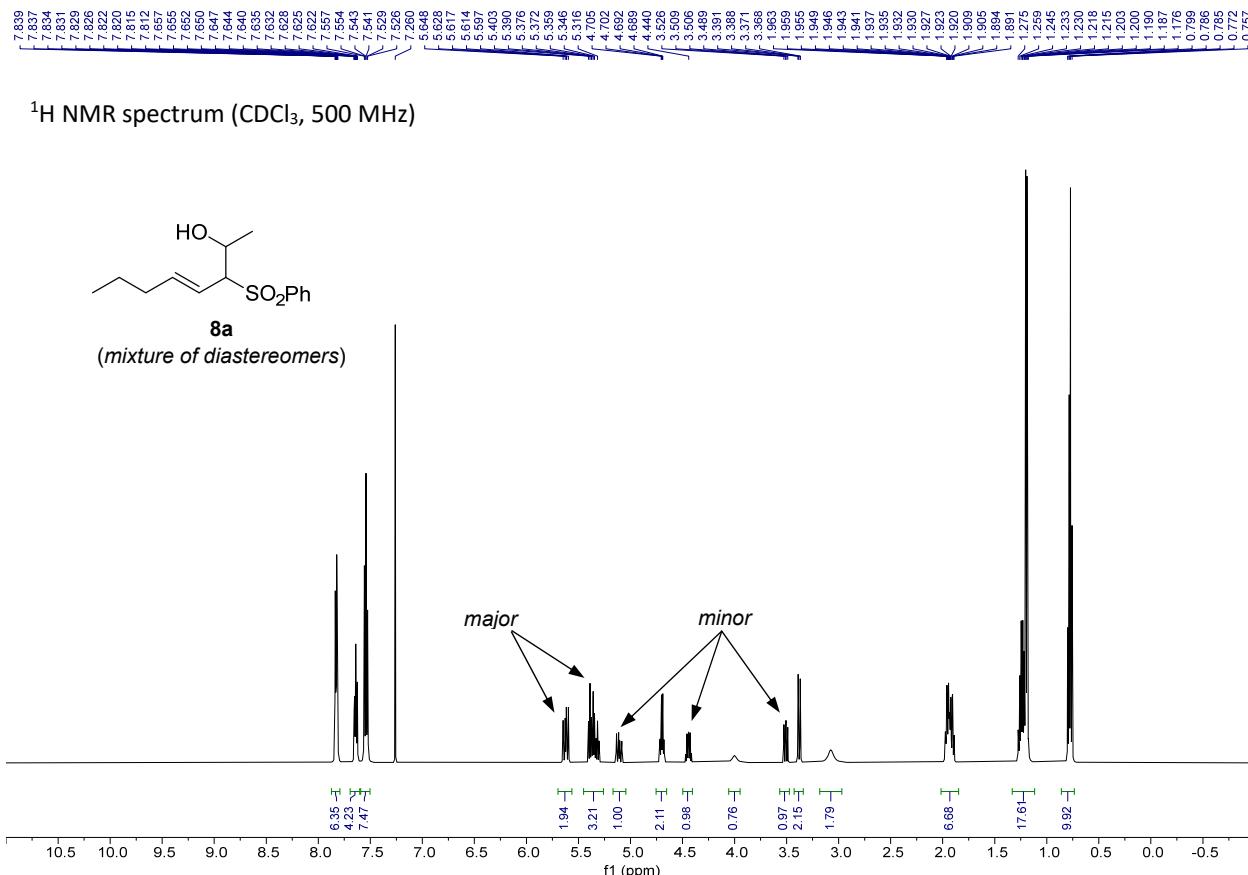
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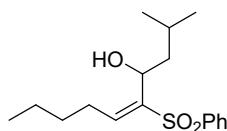
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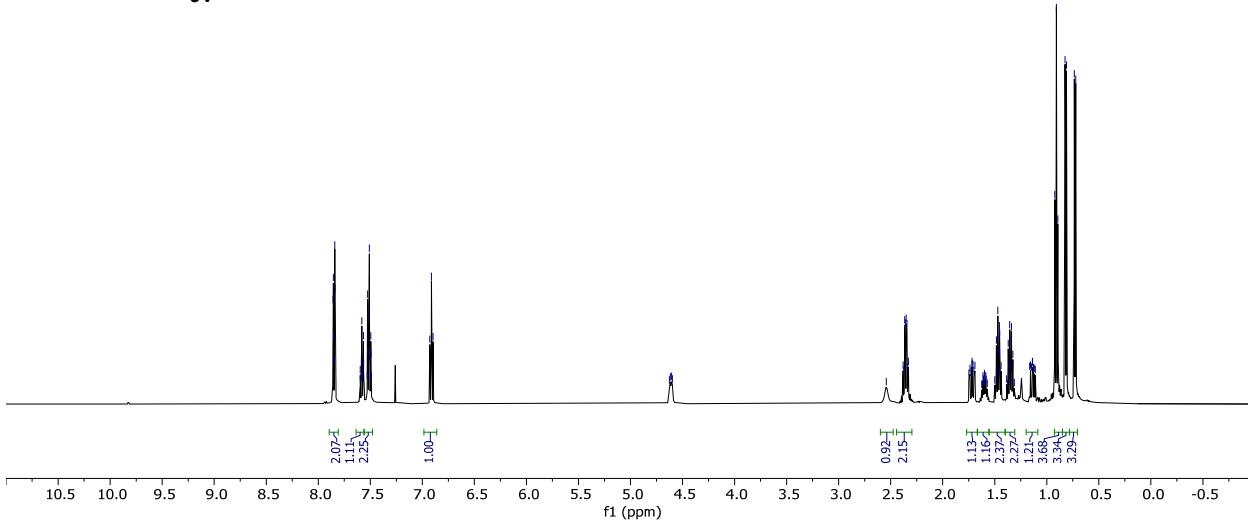




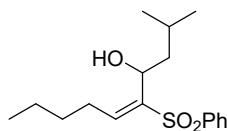
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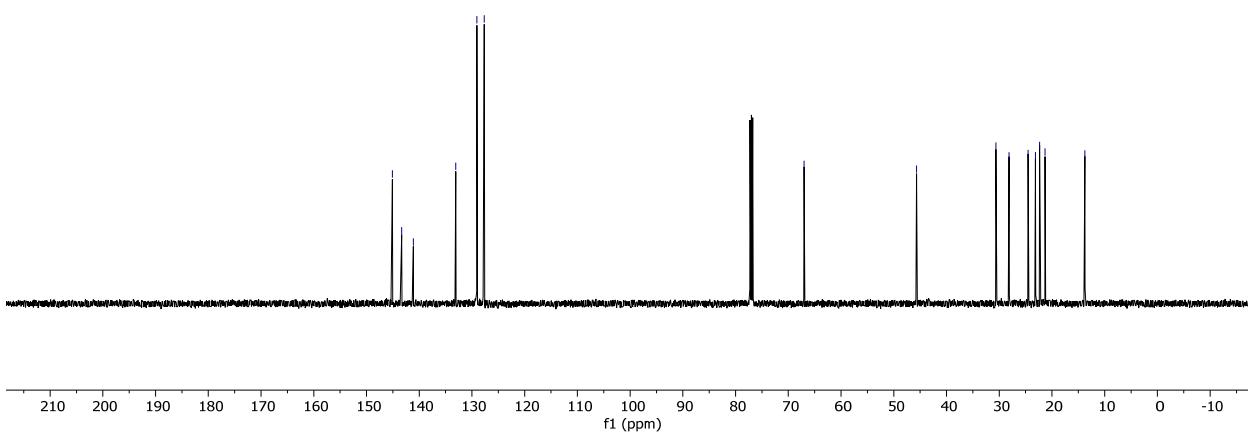
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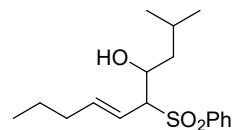


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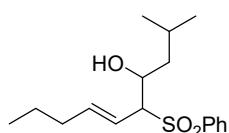
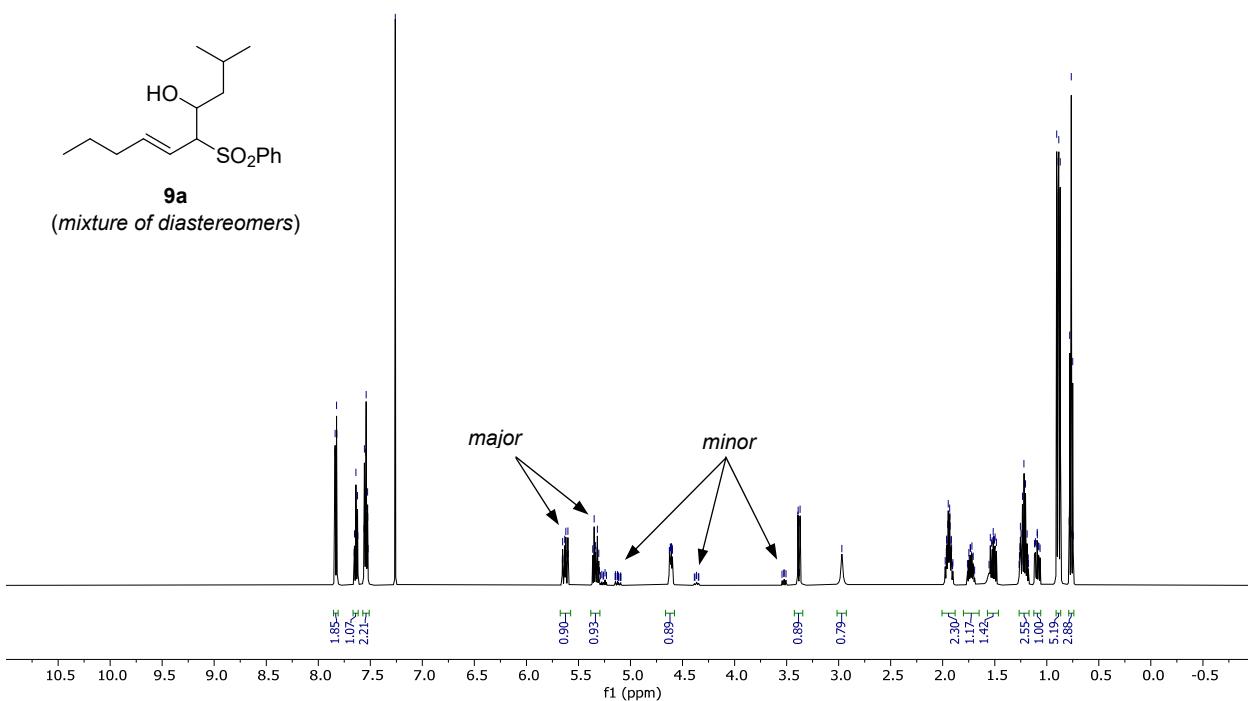




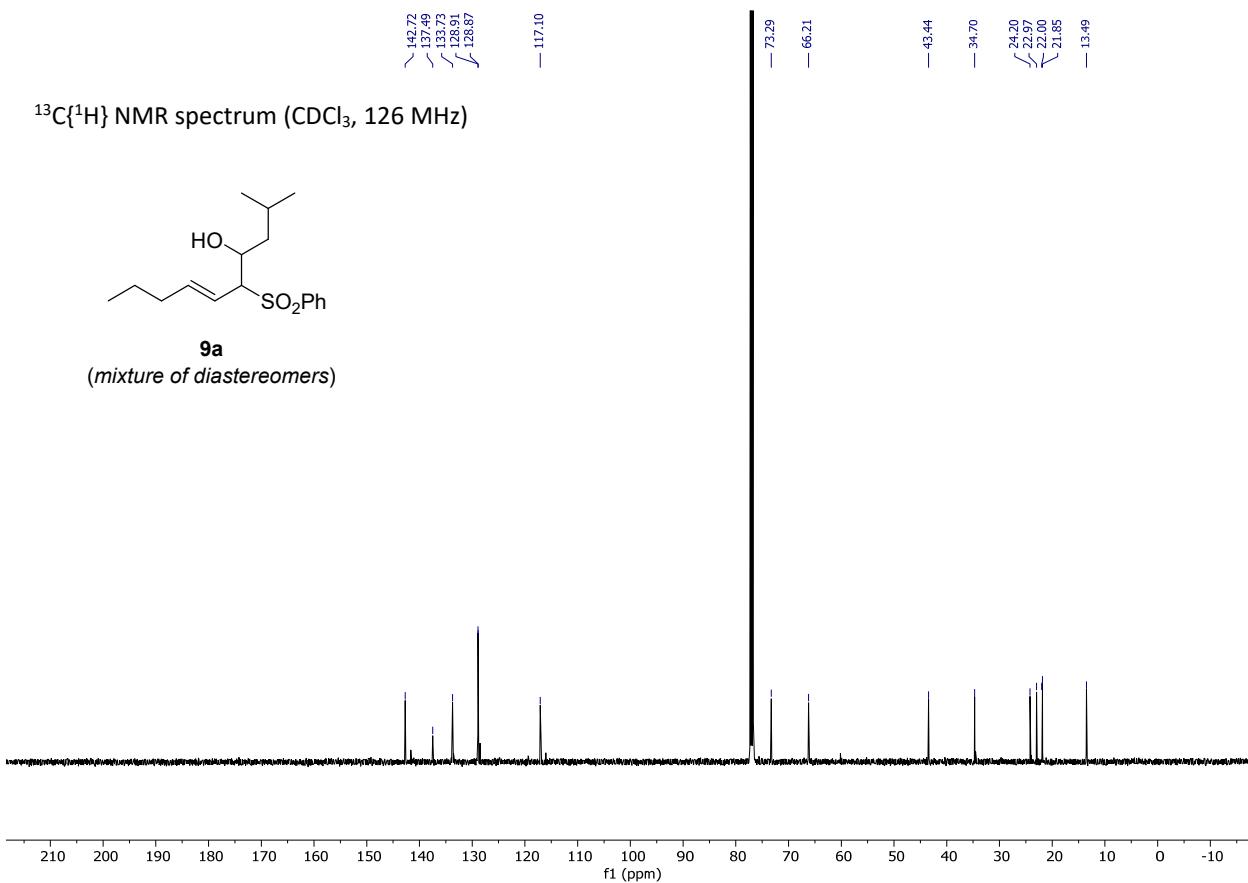
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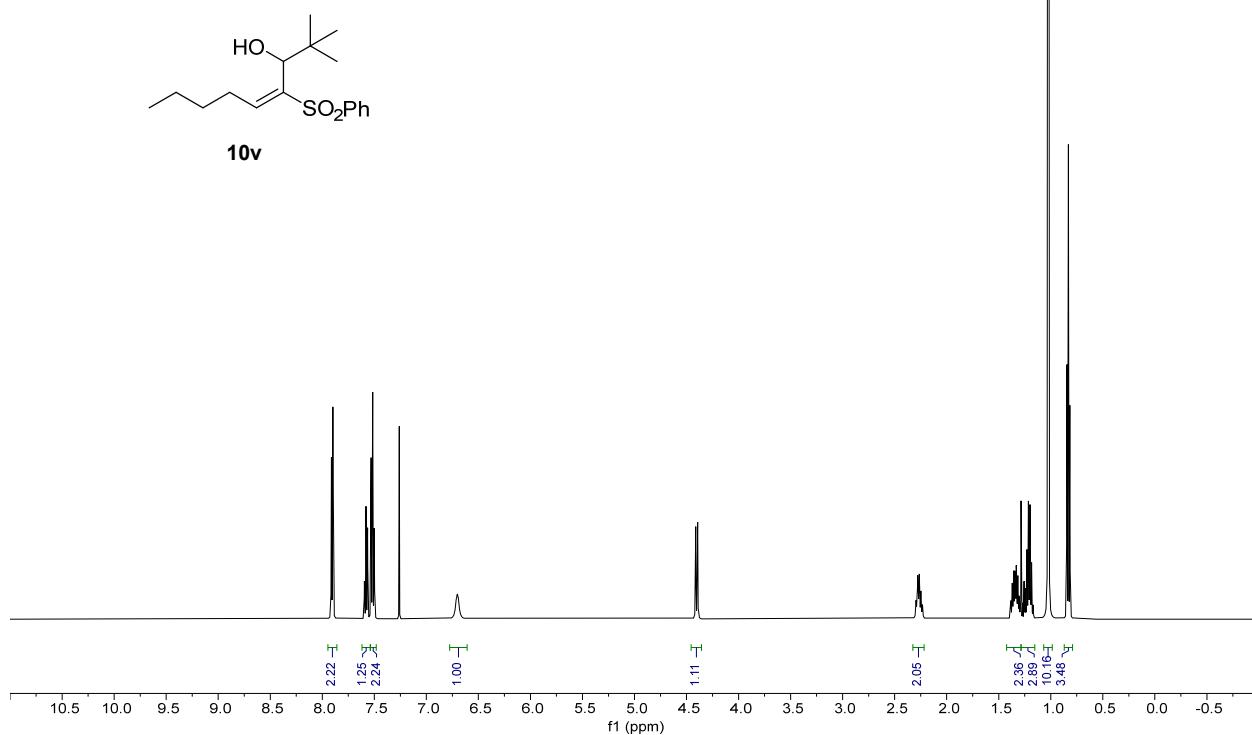


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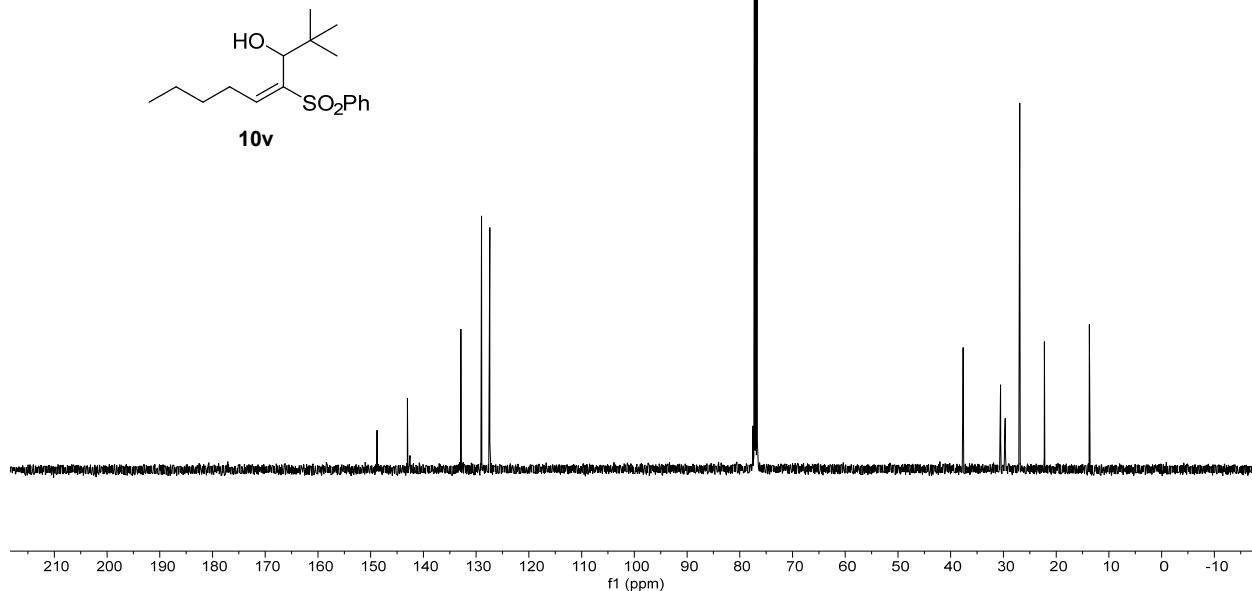
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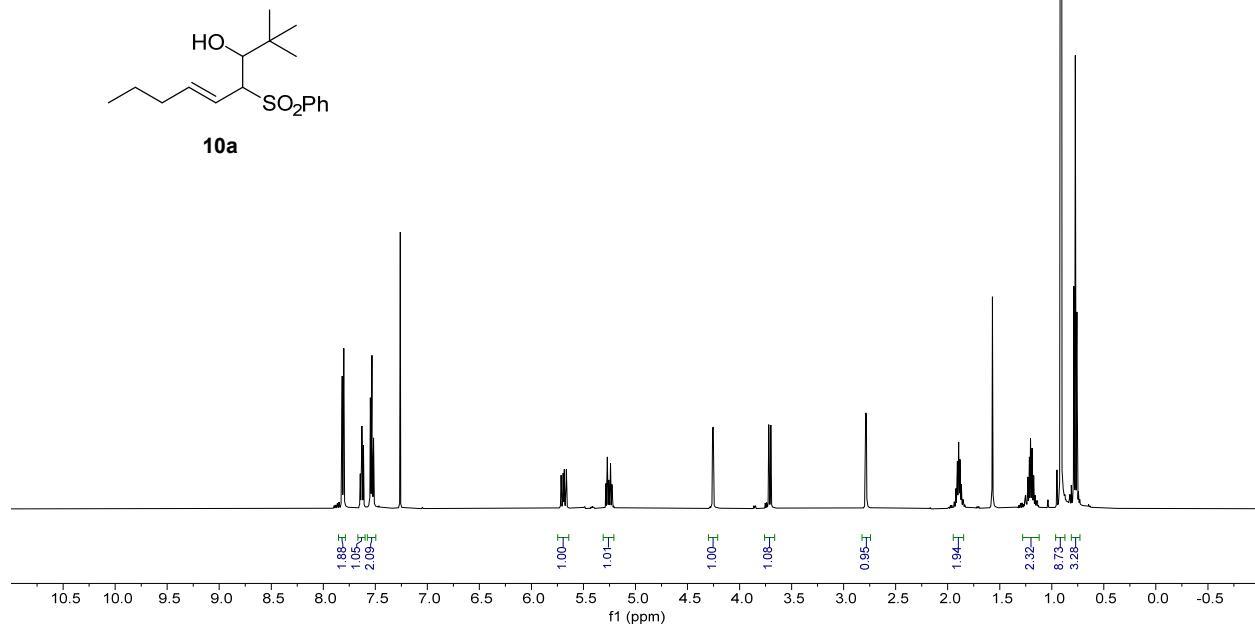
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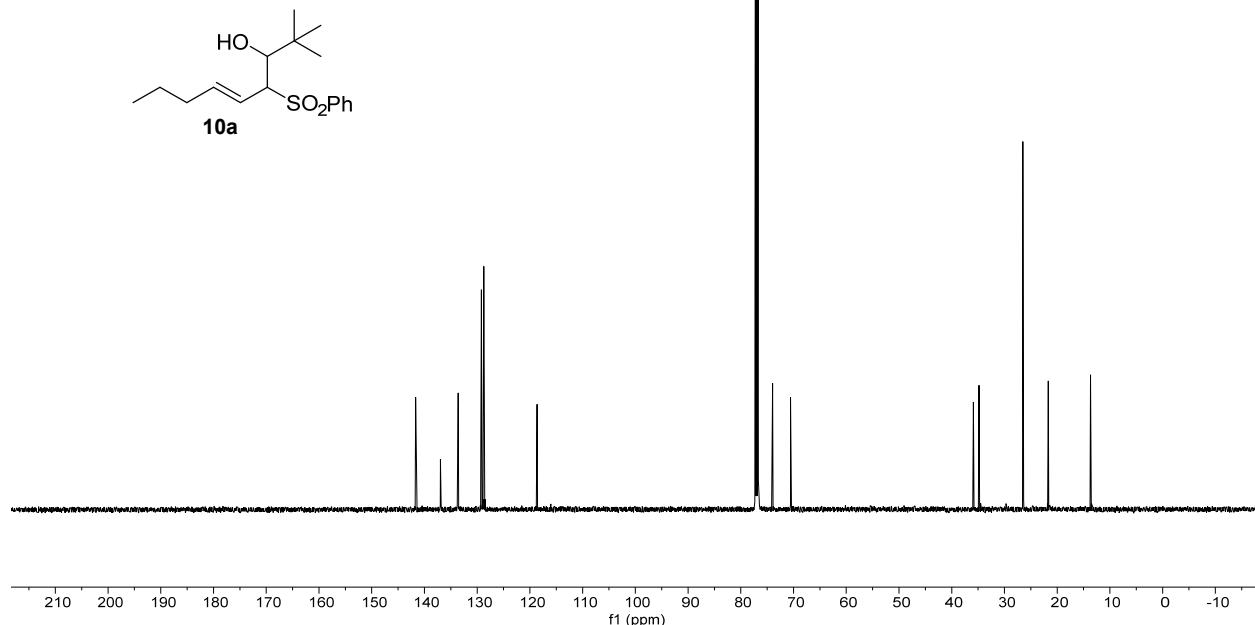
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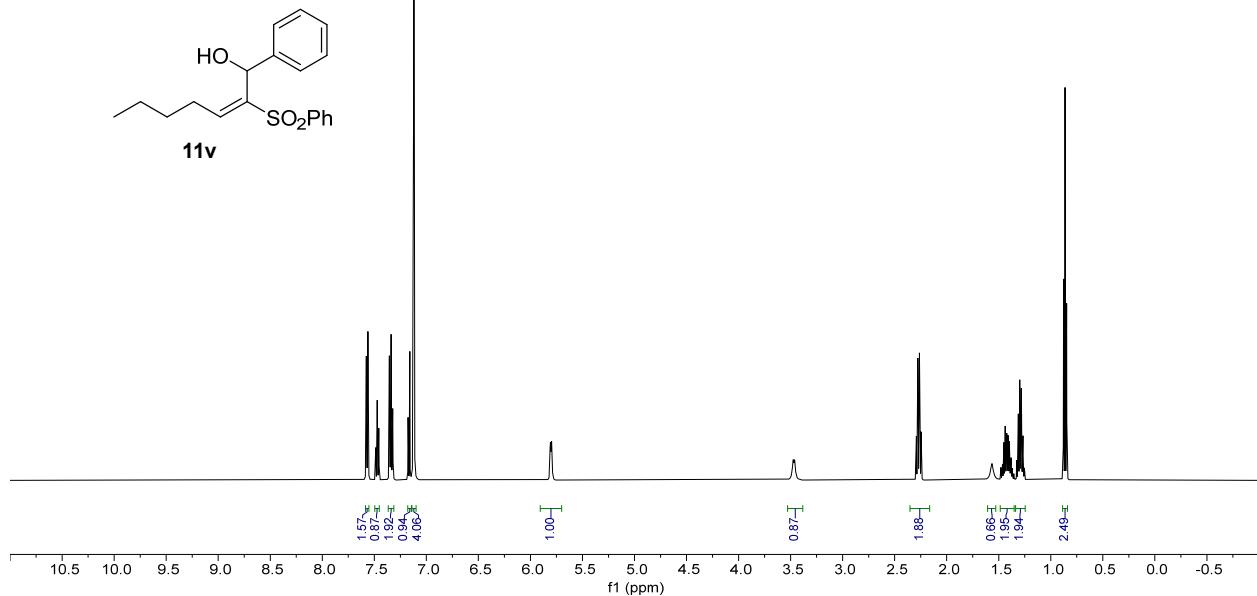
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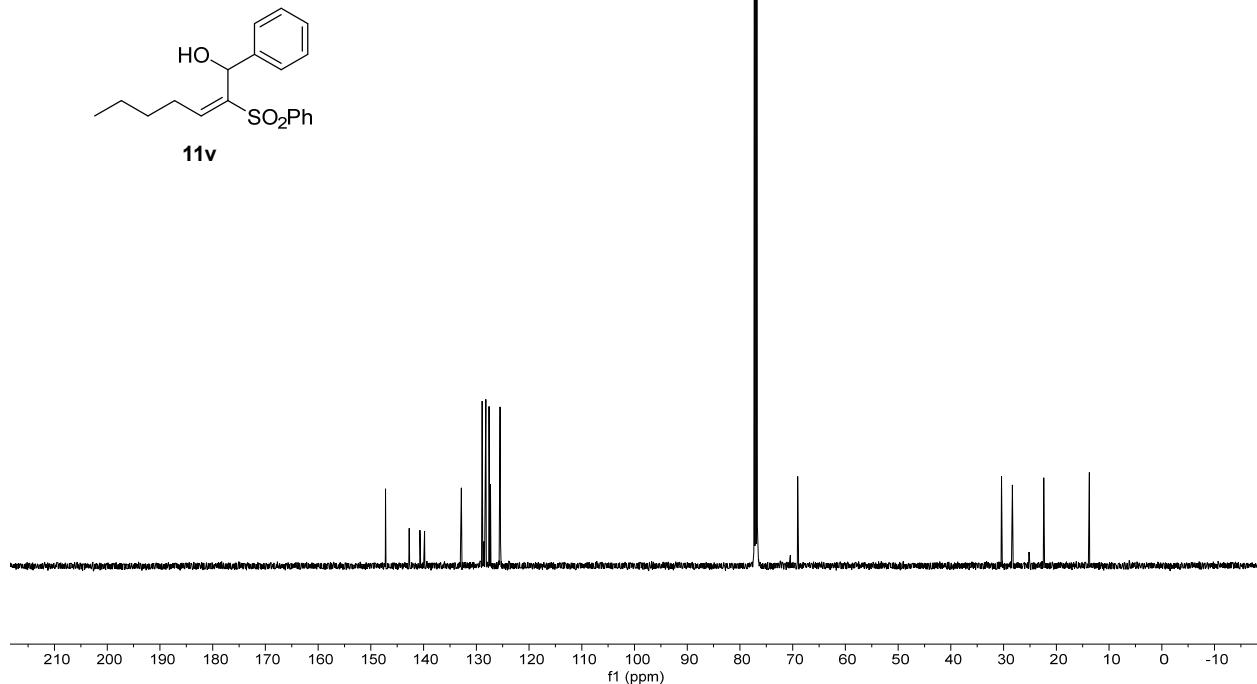
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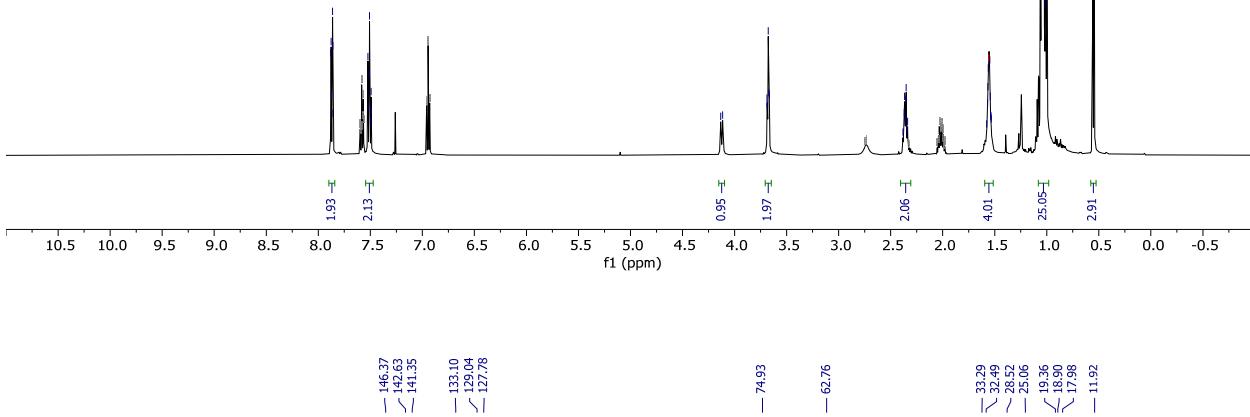
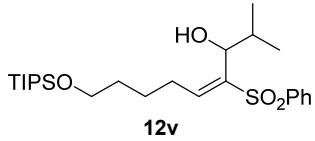
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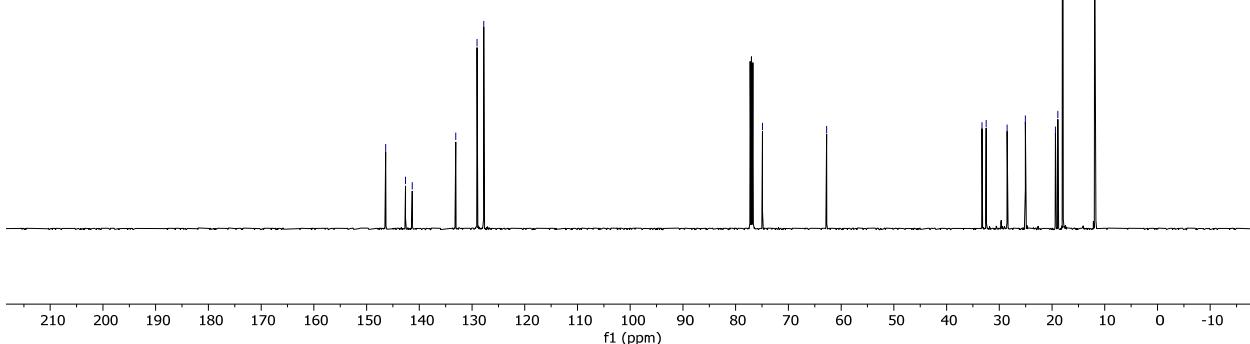
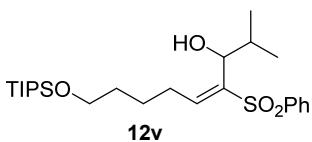




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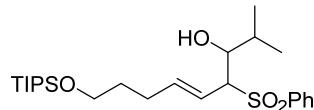


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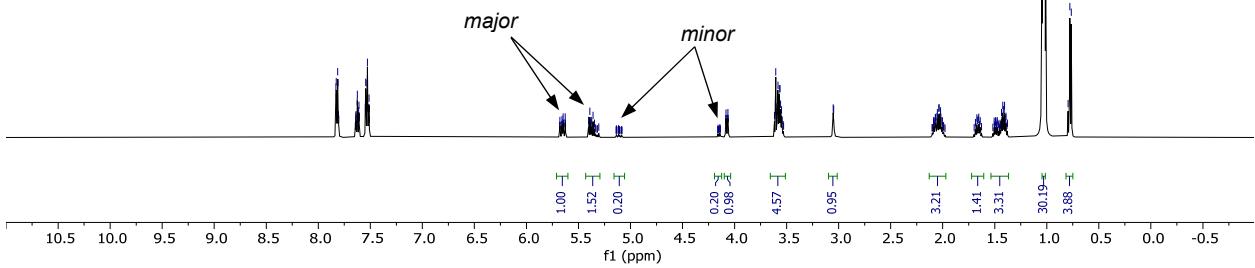




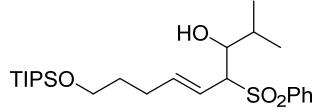
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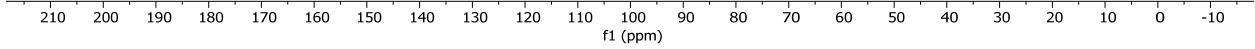
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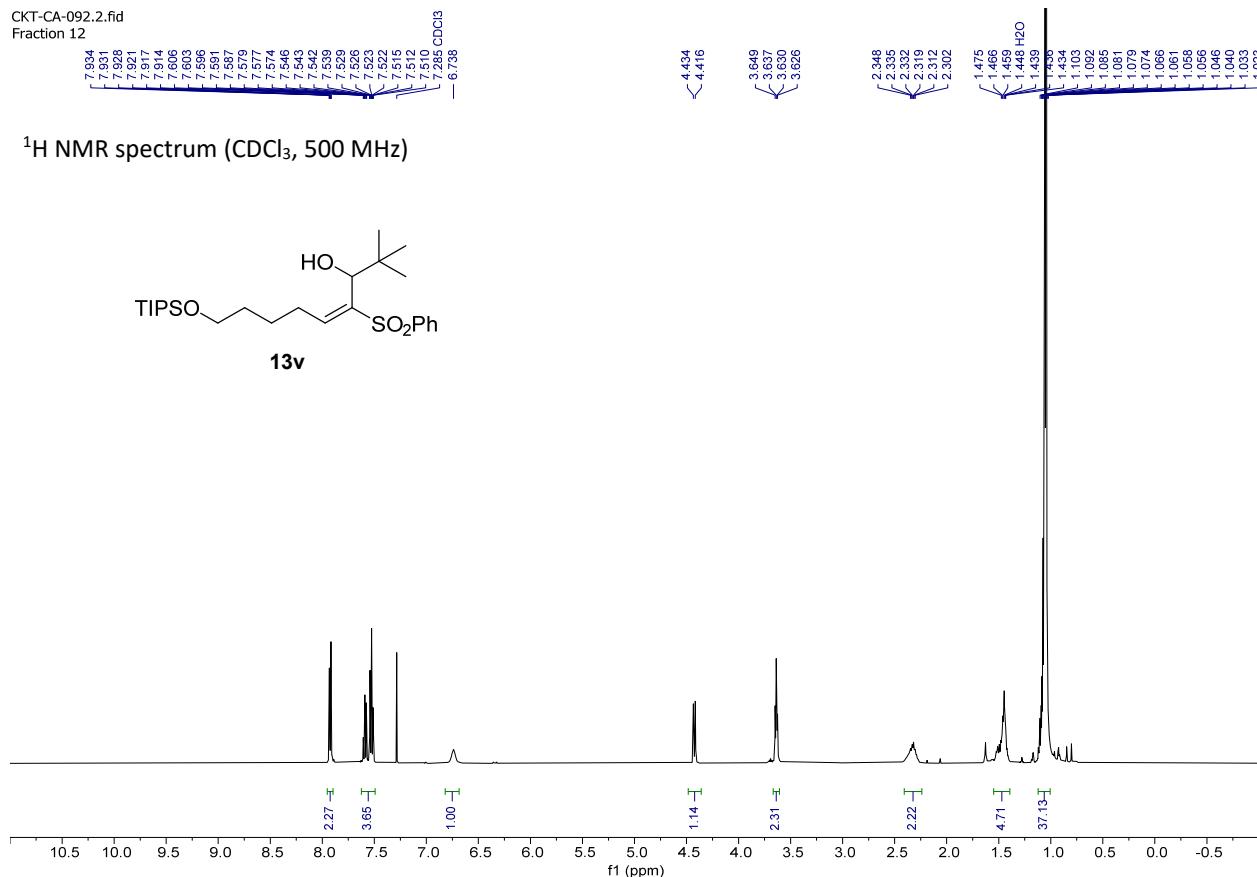
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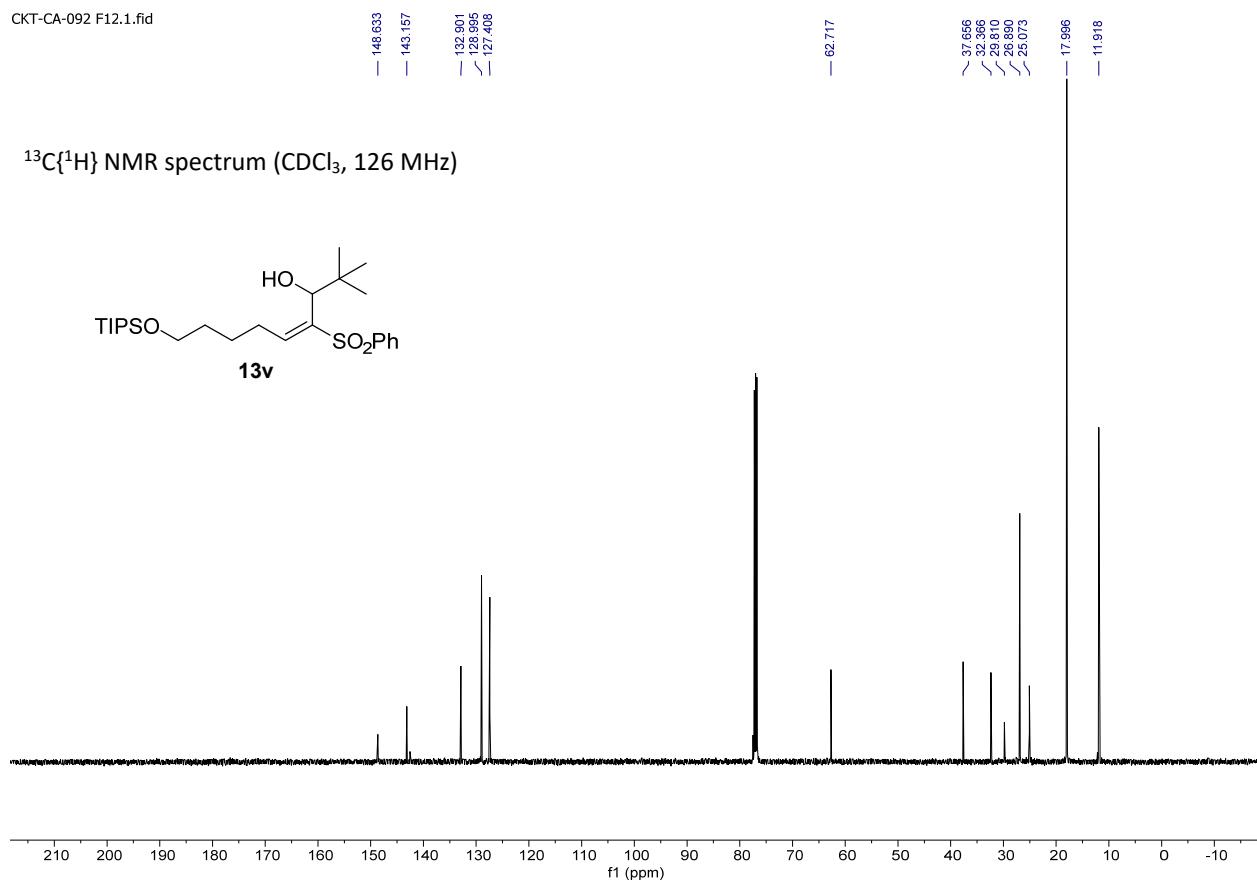
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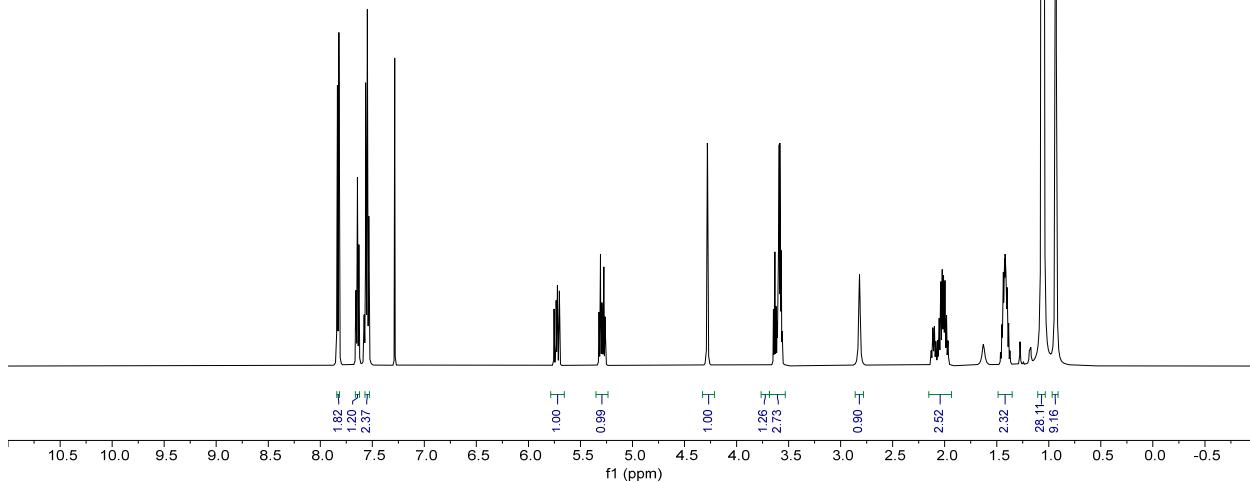
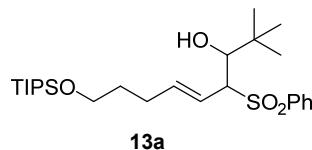


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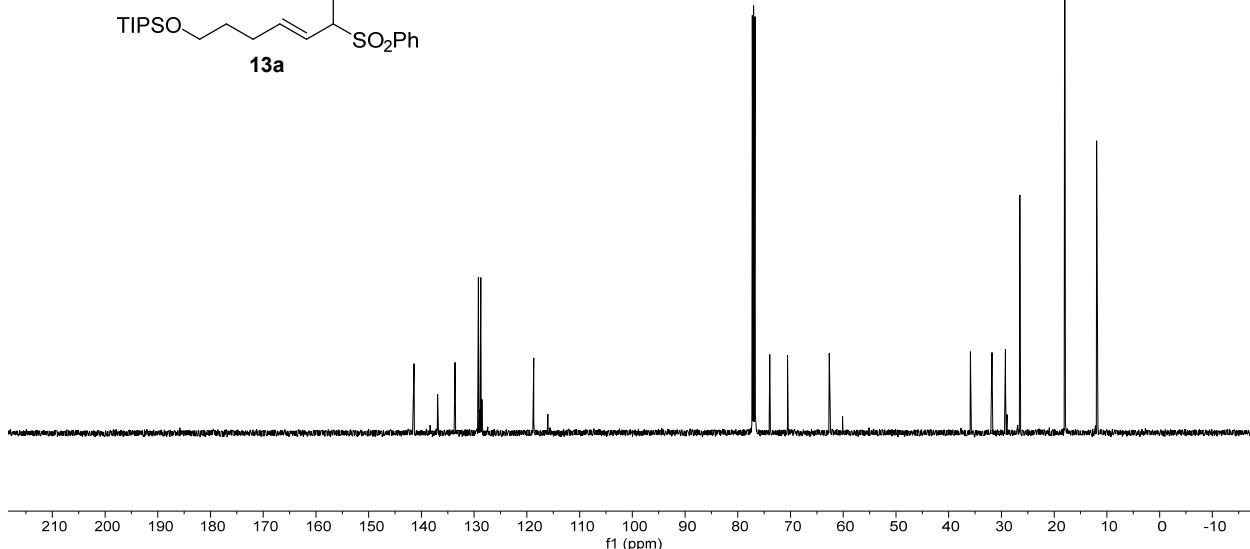
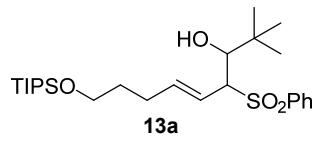
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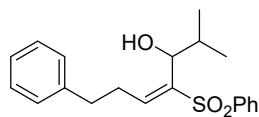


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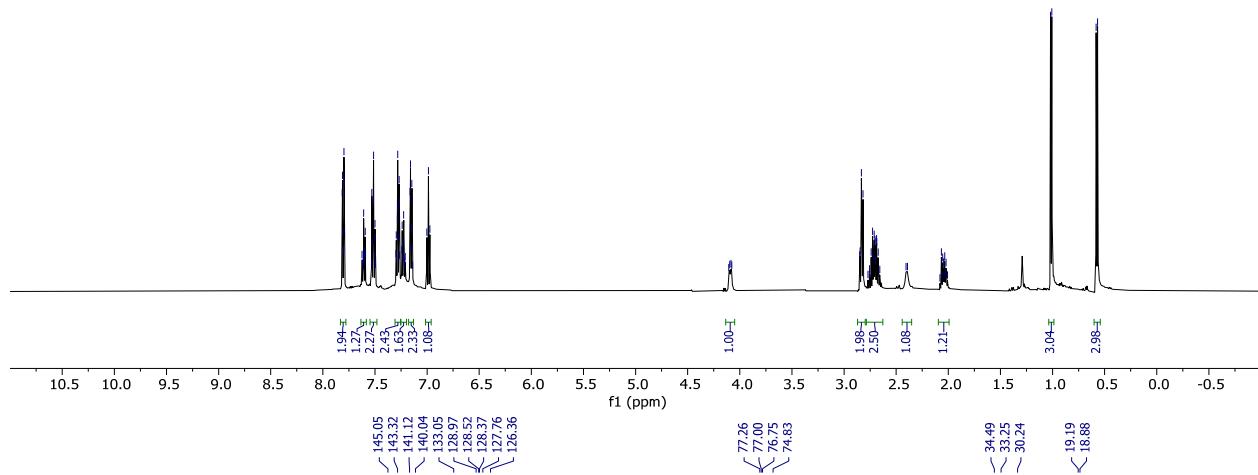




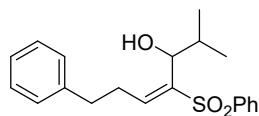
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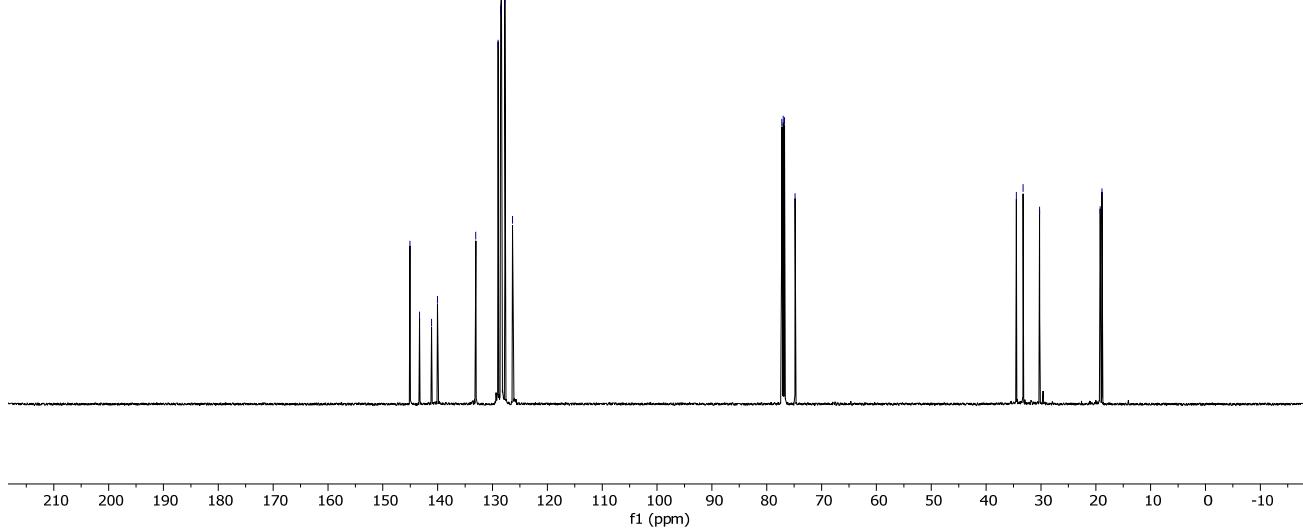
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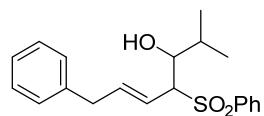


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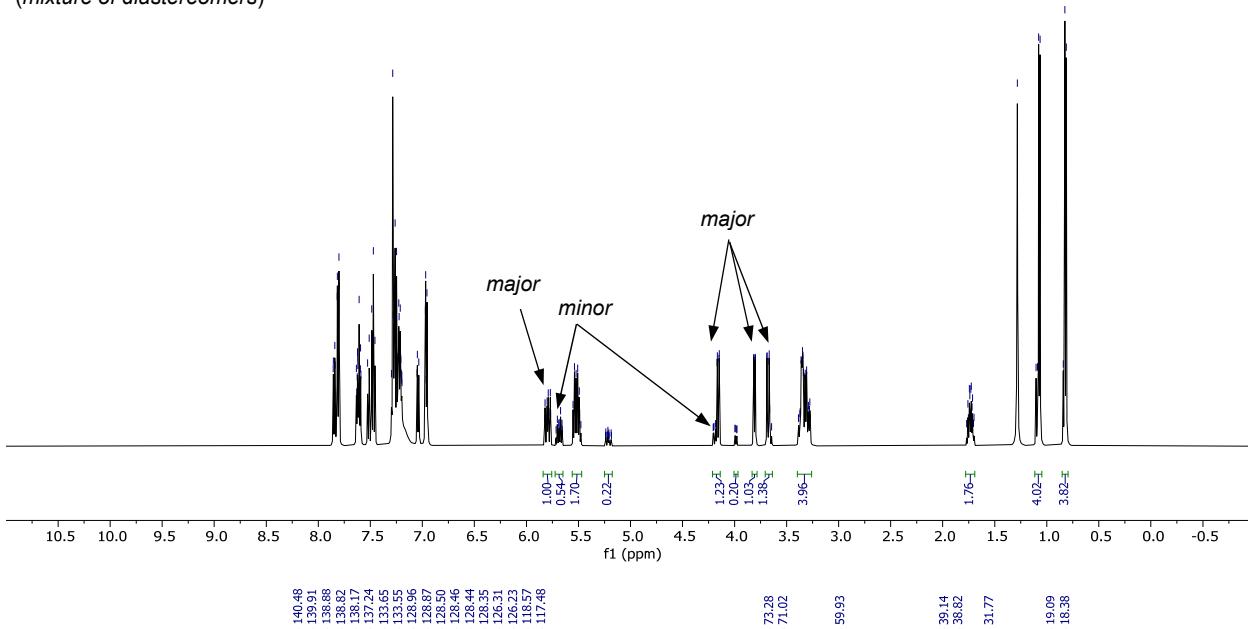




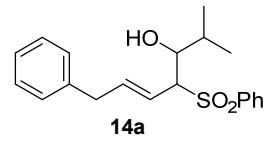
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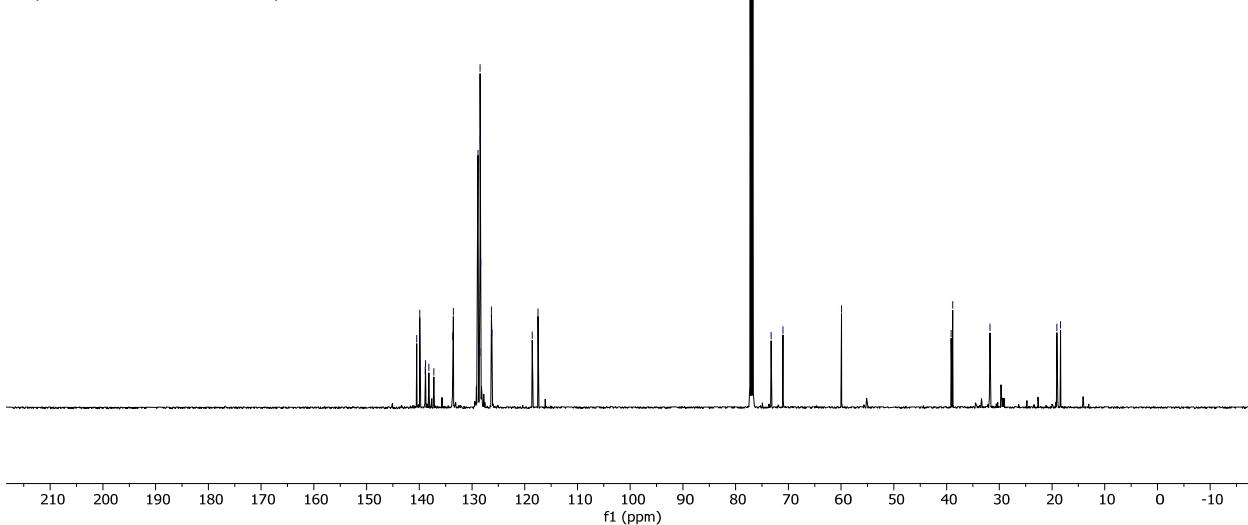
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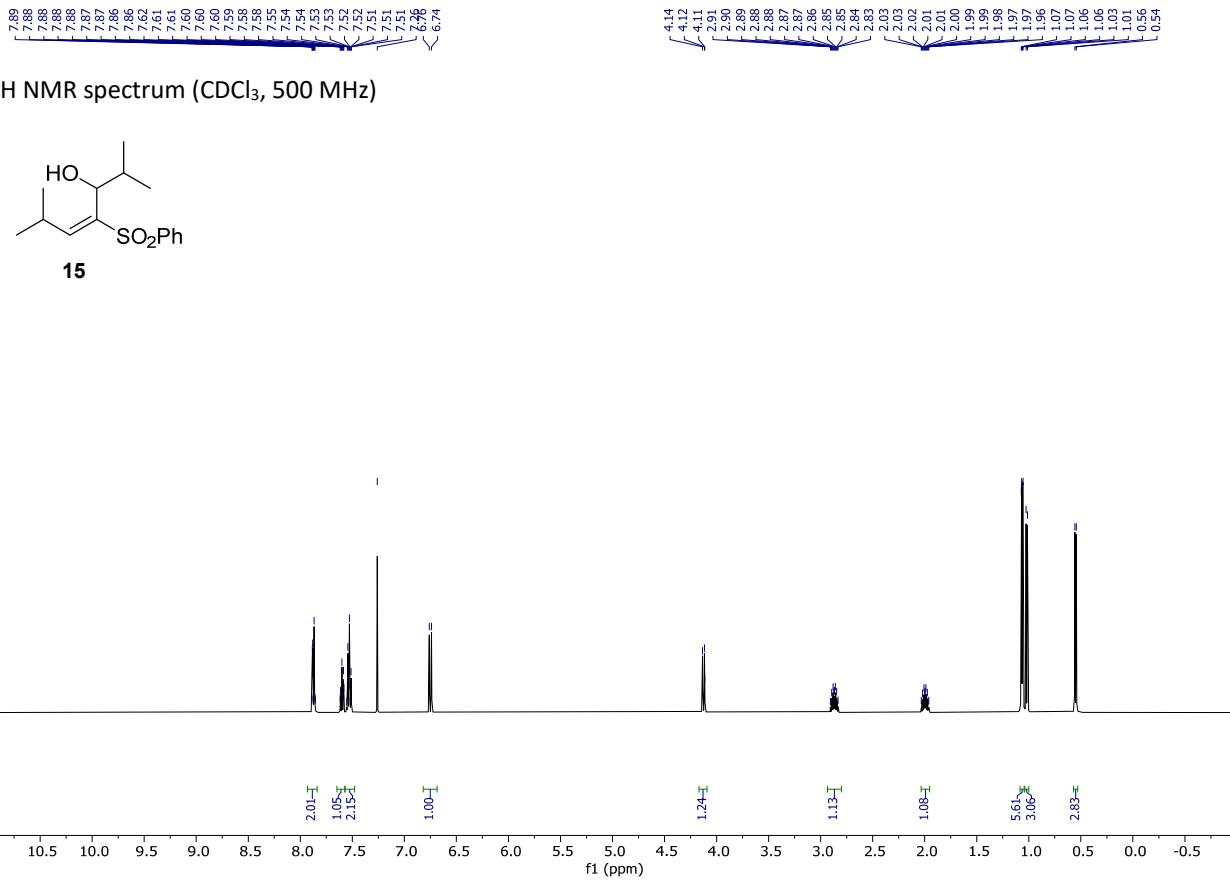


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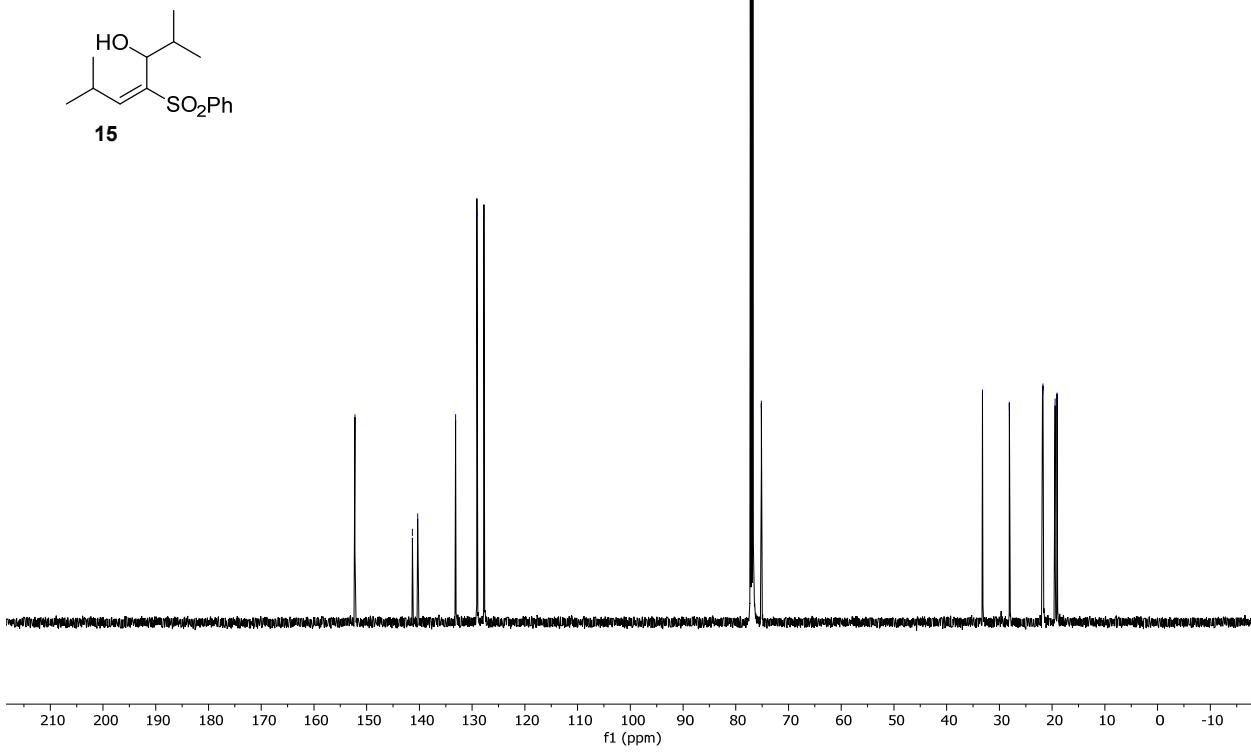


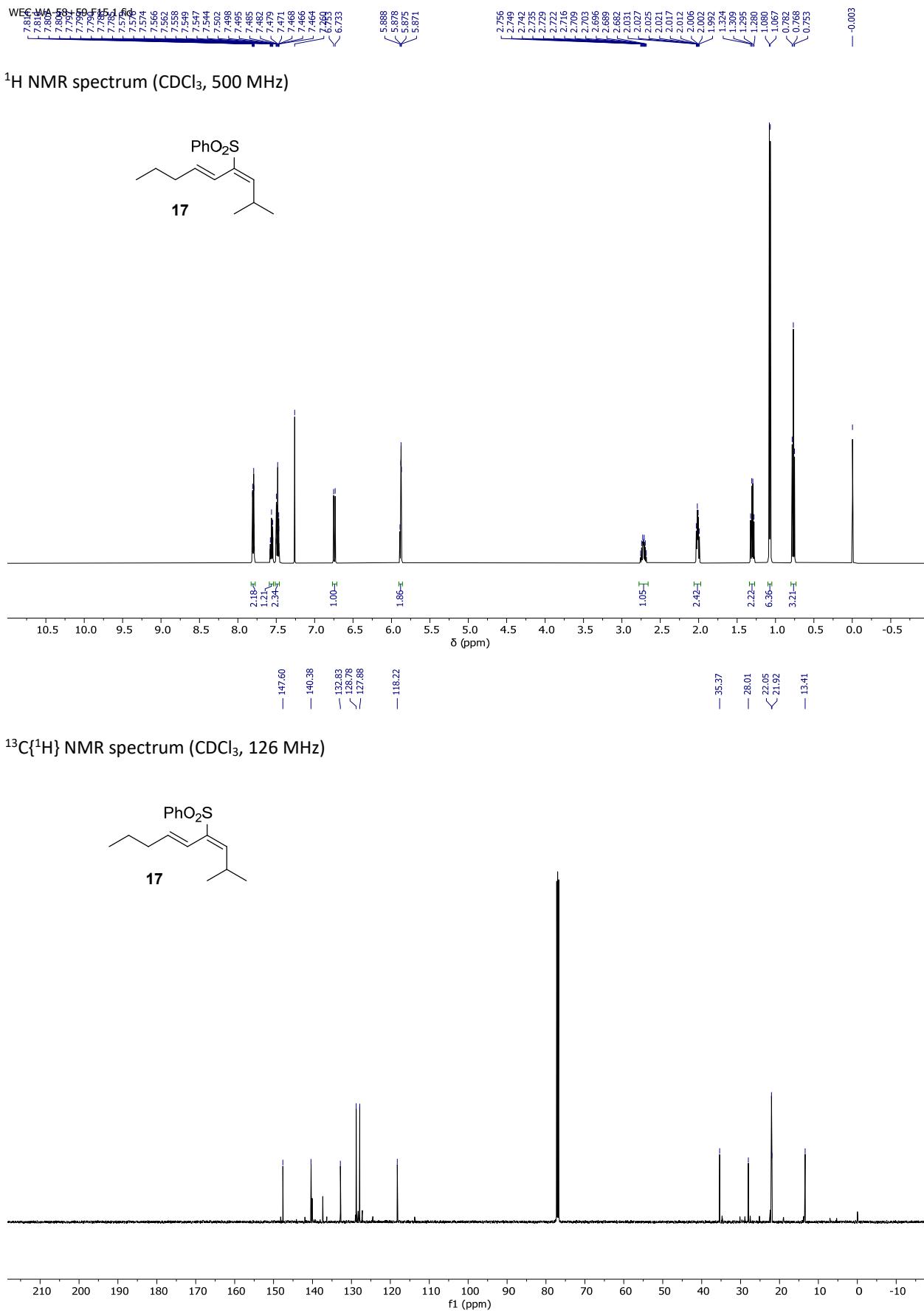
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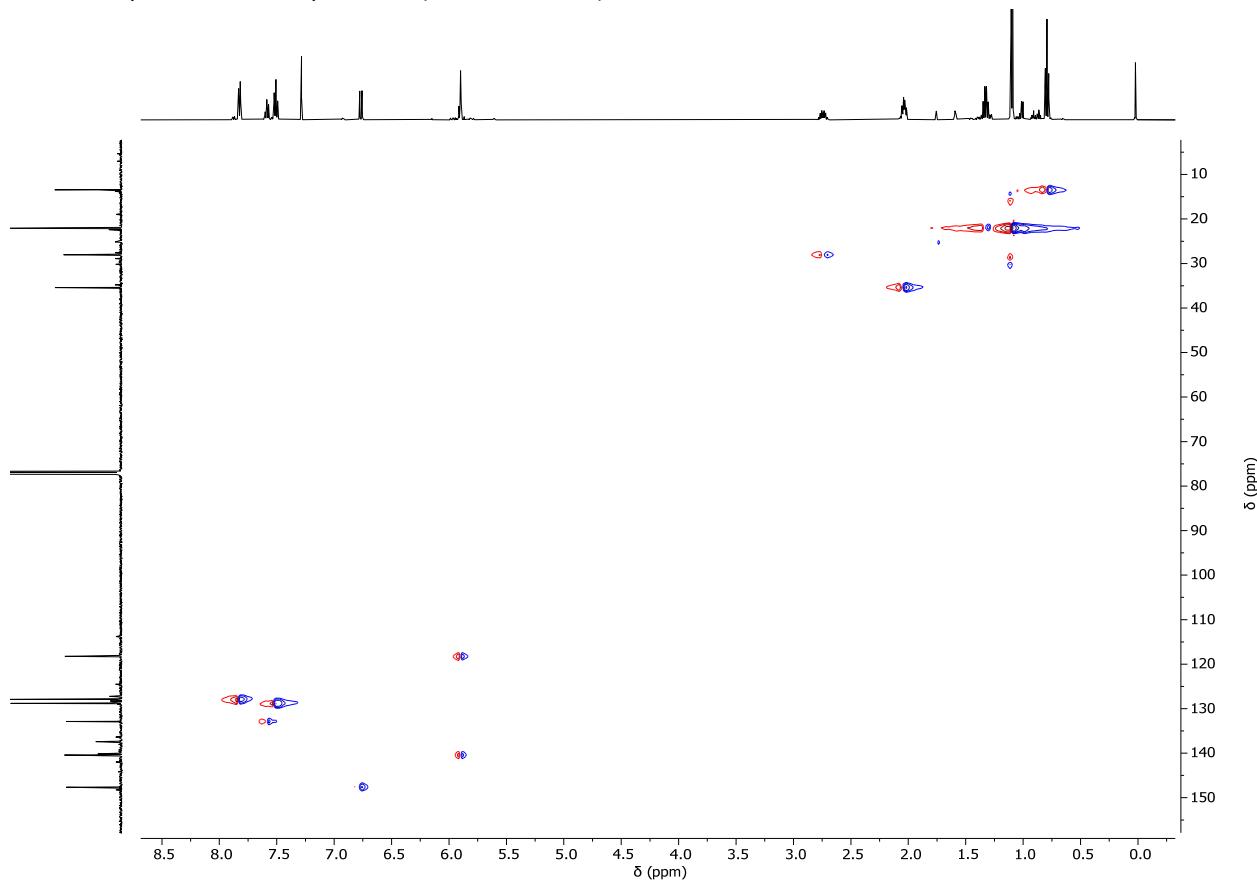


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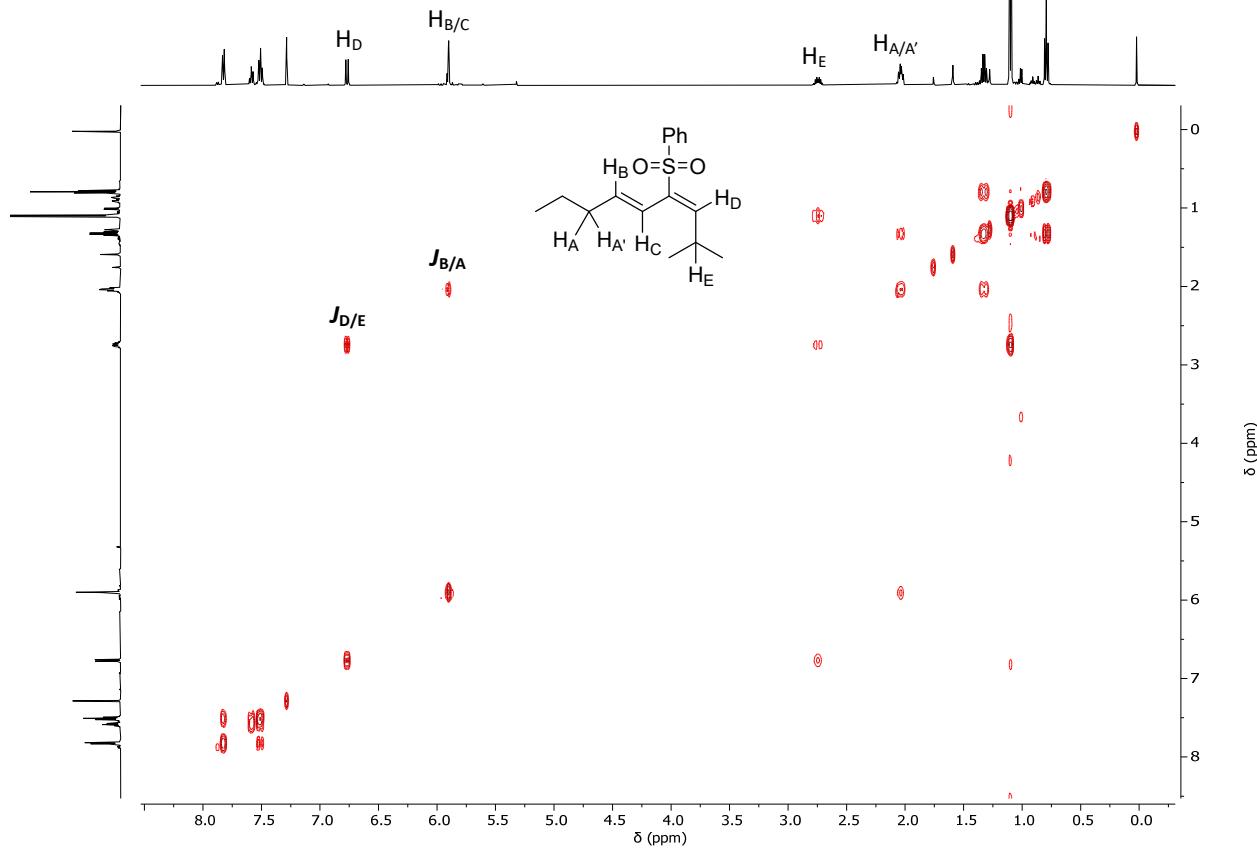




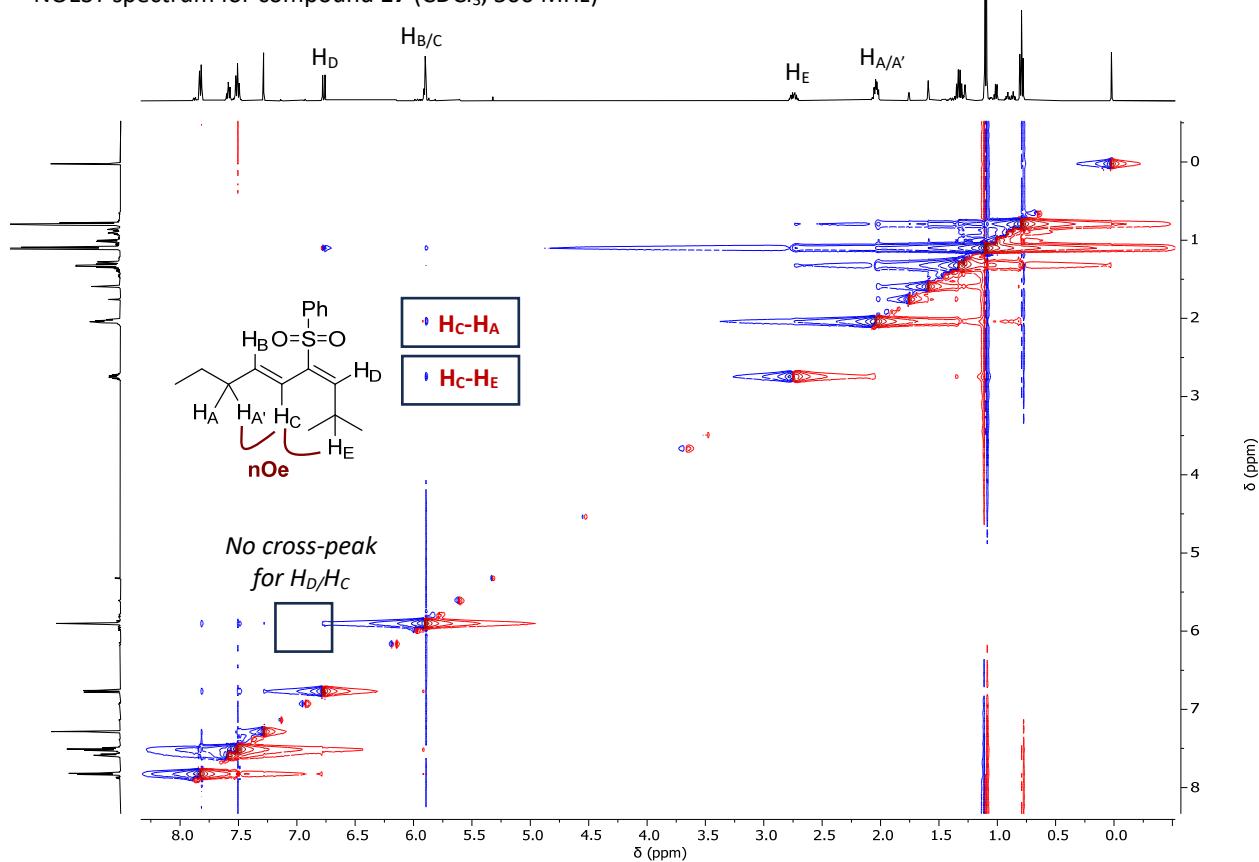
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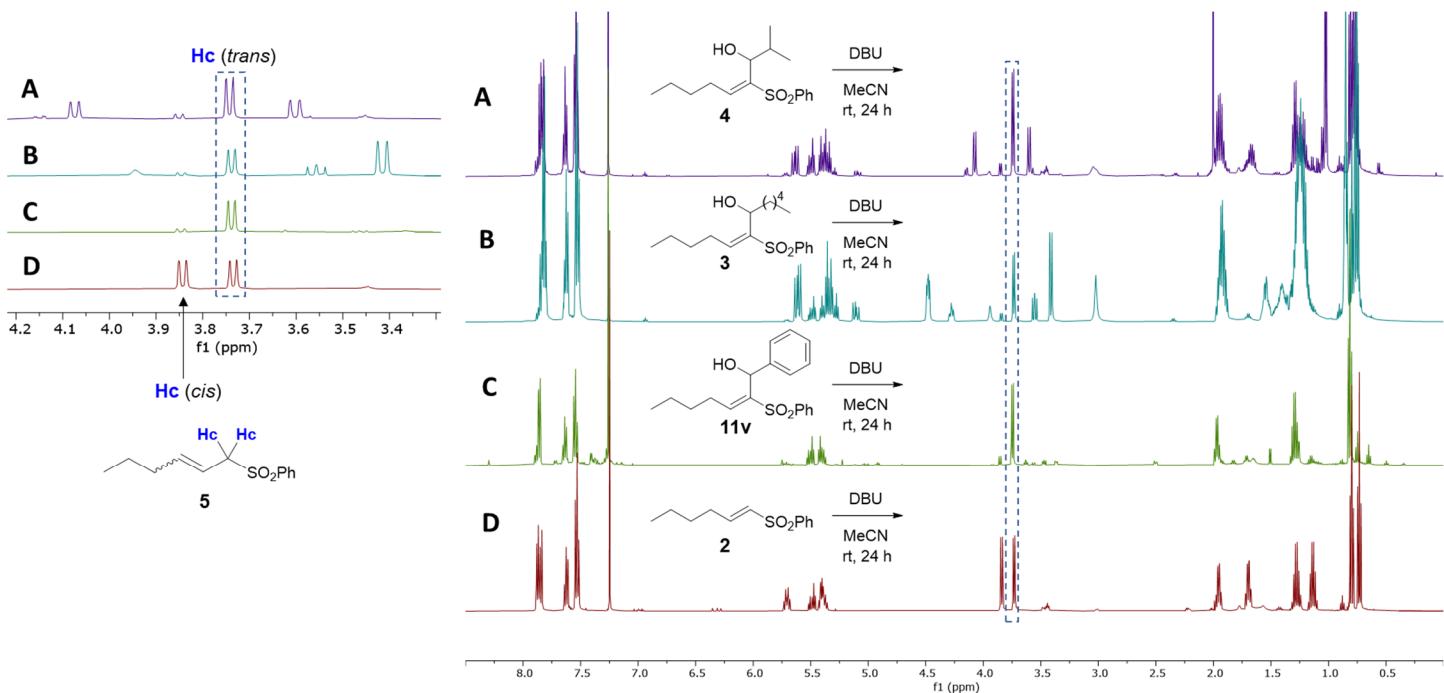


COSY spectrum for compound **17** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)



NOESY spectrum for compound **17** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)





**Figure S1.** Comparison of crude product mixtures by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR obtained from the DBU isomerization of different vinylsulfone starting materials.  $\beta$ -hydroxysulfones **4** (top, spectrum A) and **3** (spectrum B) gave primarily the isomerized allylic sulfone product, whereas **11v** produced almost exclusively the C-C bond cleavage product **5** (spectrum C). All  $\beta$ -hydroxysulfones gave **5** with high *trans*-selectivity, whereas vinylsulfone **2** produced **5** as a  $\sim$ 1:1 *cis:trans* mixture (spectrum D).

**Table S1.** Tables of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR coupling constants for various beta-hydroxysulfones stereoisomers previously reported by Mase and coworkers<sup>1</sup> (left) and from our work (right). Across both data sets, a clear trend can be observed where the *major/erythro*-isomer displayed smaller coupling constants (0.9–1.5 Hz) than the *minor/threo*-isomer.

*erythro*

*threo*

<b>R<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>		<b>J<sub>XY</sub> (Hz)</b>
Ph	<i>i</i> -Pr	<i>erythro</i>	1.2
		<i>threo</i>	8.6
Ph	Et	<i>erythro</i>	1.2
		<i>threo</i>	8.8
Me	<i>i</i> -Pr	<i>erythro</i>	1.4
		<i>threo</i>	6.7
Me	Bu	<i>erythro</i>	1.4
		<i>threo</i>	6.7
Me	Et	<i>erythro</i>	1.4
		<i>threo</i>	6.7

<b>R<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>		<b>J<sub>XY</sub> (Hz)</b>
Pr	Me	<i>major</i>	1.5
		<i>minor</i>	8.6
Pr	<i>n</i> -pent	<i>major</i>	1.4
		<i>minor</i>	8.3
Pr	<i>i</i> -Bu	<i>major</i>	1.3
		<i>minor</i>	8.4
Pr	<i>i</i> -Pr	<i>major</i>	1.4
		<i>minor</i>	9.5
Pr	<i>t</i> -Bu	<i>major</i>	0.9
		<i>minor</i>	NA <sup>a</sup>

Notes for Table:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were acquired in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent. <sup>a</sup>Not available since only a single diastereomer was obtained as detected by NMR.

<sup>1</sup> Mase, N.; Watanabe, Y.; Toru, T.; Kakumoto, T.; Hagiwara, T. Diastereoselective Radical Hydrogenation of  $\alpha$ -(1-Hydroxyalkyl)vinyl Sulfoxides and Sulfones Controlled by Intramolecular Hydrogen Bonding. *J. Org. Chem.* **2000**, *65*, 7083–7090.