

Supporting Information

Sulfur(IV)-Mediated Transformations: From Ylide Transfer to Metal-Free Arylation of Carbonyl Compounds

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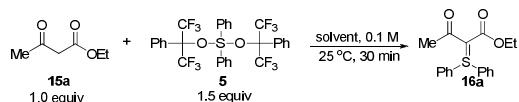
Part I Experimental part

General information

Unless otherwise indicated, all glassware was oven dried by a heat gun before use and all reactions were performed under an atmosphere of Argon. All solvents were distilled from appropriate drying agents prior to use. All reagents were used as received from commercial suppliers unless otherwise stated. β -Ketoesters were prepared according to the procedures reported in the literature.¹ Reaction progress was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) performed on plastic plates coated with keiselgel F₂₅₄ with 0.2 mm thickness or GC-MS. Visualization was achieved by ultraviolet light (254 nm). Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh, Merck and co.). Neat infra-red spectra were recorded using a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum 100 FT-IR spectrometer. Wavelengths (ν) are reported in cm^{-1} . Mass spectra were obtained using a Finnigan MAT 8200 or (70 eV) or an Agilent 5973 (70 eV) spectrometer, using electrospray ionization (ESI). Melting points were recorded using a BÜCHI Melting Point thermometer (B-540). All ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV-500 in CDCl₃. Chemical shifts were given in parts per million (ppm, δ), referenced to the peak of tetramethylsilane, defined at $\delta = 0.00$ (¹H NMR), or the solvent peak of CDCl₃, defined at $\delta = 77.0$ (¹³C NMR). Coupling constants were quoted in Hz (J). ¹H NMR Spectroscopy splitting patterns were designated as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), pentet (p), septet (se), octet (o). Splitting patterns that could not be interpreted or easily visualized were designated as multiplet (m) or broad (br).

¹ Brown, D. S.; Marples, B. A.; Smith, P.; Walton, L. *Tetrahedron* **1995**, *51*, 3587.

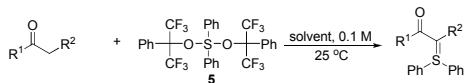
1.1 Survey of solvents' effect on the formation of sulfonium ylide **16a**^a



| solvent | Et ₂ O | DCM | CHCl ₃ | PhMe | THF | MeCN | MeCO ₂ Et |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----|-------------------|------|-----|------|----------------------|
| yield (%) ^b | 99 | 99 | 99 | 95 | 95 | 99 | 99 |

^a Reaction conditions: **15a** (0.2 mmol), **5** (0.3 mmol), dry solvent (2 mL, 0.1M), 30 min to 2h. ^b Isolated yield based on **15a**.

1.2 General procedure to prepare diphenylsulfonium ylides²



Typical procedure. Take the preparation of **16aa** as a representative example (Table 2).

A dry schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar was charged with Martin's sulfurane **1** (201.8 mg, 0.3 mmol). Sulfurane **5** was dissolved by diethyl ether (2 mL, 0.1M), followed by the addition of ketoester **15a** (26 µL, 0.2 mmol) via a syringe. After stirring at room temperature for 30 min, GC-MS showed a complete conversion of **15a**. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/3) to give the corresponding sulfonium ylide.

Ethyl 3-oxo-2-(diphenylsulfuranylidene)butanoate (**16a**)

Compound **16a** was obtained in 99% yield as a white solid, $R_f = 0.56$ (ethyl acetate); mp 93-94 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 6H), 4.02 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.08 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.0, 166.4, 131.1, 129.8, 129.4, 129.3, 75.5, 59.2, 29.7, 14.4; IR (neat) ν

² ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compounds **16a** to **16g**, **16j**, and **16l** to **16t** see: Huang, X.; Goddard, R.; Maulide, N. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2010**, *49*, 8979.

1649, 1585, 1570, 1368, 1320, 1087, 754; EIMS m/z (%): 314 (100), 186 (68), 121 (48), 77 (30), 43 (50); HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{18}H_{18}O_3S$, 314.0977; found 314.0973.

Benzyl 3-oxo-2-(diphenylsulfuranylidene)butanoate (16b)

Compound **16b** was obtained in 88% yield as a white solid, $R_f = 0.43$ (*n*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/4); mp 97-98 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.56-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.23 (m, 5H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 191.1, 166.1, 136.8, 131.1, 129.7, 129.4, 129.3, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 75.4, 65.2, 29.8; IR (neat) ν 1663, 1600, 1578, 1317, 1306, 1225, 1053, 736; EIMS m/z (%): 376 (48), 186 (52), 91 (100); HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{23}H_{20}O_3S$, 376.1133; found 376.1133.

Allyl 3-oxo-2-(diphenylsulfuranylidene)butanoate (16c)

Compound **16c** was obtained in 74% yield as a white solid, $R_f = 0.43$ (*n*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/4); mp 69-70 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.61-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.52-7.45 (m, 6H), 5.90-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.26-5.22 (m, 1H), 5.16-5.14 (m, 1H), 4.59-4.58 (m, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 191.0, 166.1, 133.2, 131.2, 129.7, 129.39, 129.36, 117.0, 75.2, 64.1, 29.8; IR (neat) ν 1664, 1588, 1313, 1264, 1049, 741, 683; EIMS m/z (%): 326 (29), 186 (100), 43 (37); HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{19}H_{18}O_3S$, 326.0977; found 326.0979.

Ethyl 3-oxo-3-phenyl-2-(diphenylsulfuranylidene)propanoate (16d)

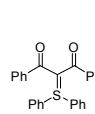
Compound **16d** was obtained in 88% yield as a white solid, $R_f = 0.39$ (*n*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 2/1); mp 143-144 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.65-7.62 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 8H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 3H), 3.83 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 0.79 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 189.6, 166.2, 142.9, 131.3, 129.8, 129.53,

129.47, 129.2, 127.5, 127.2, 75.6, 59.3, 13.8; IR (neat) ν 1675, 1560, 1327, 1306, 1244, 1043, 747; EIMS m/z (%): 376 (50), 186 (25), 105 (100), 77 (40); HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{23}H_{20}O_3S$, 376.1133; found 376.1130.

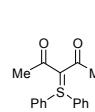
1-Phenyl-2-(diphenylsulfuranylidene)butane-1,3-dione (16e)

 Compound **16e** was obtained in 99% yield as a white solid, $R_f = 0.38$ (*n*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/4); mp 154-155 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.64-7.62 (m, 4H), 7.53-7.46 (m, 8H), 7.44-7.34 (m, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 190.7, 190.0, 142.8, 131.3, 129.8, 129.54, 129.46, 129.3, 128.1, 127.3, 90.5, 30.4; IR (neat) ν 1607, 1582, 1570, 1327, 787, 752; EIMS m/z (%): 346 (70), 186 (68), 105 (100), 77 (60); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{18}O_2NaS$, 369.0920; found 369.0919.

1,3-Diphenyl-2-(diphenylsulfuranylidene)propane-1,3-dione (16f)³

 Compound **16f** was obtained in 99% yield as a white solid, $R_f = 0.20$ (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/1); mp 184-185 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.73-7.68 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 6H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.00-6.92 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 189.8, 141.8, 131.4, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 128.6, 127.3, 90.0, (one carbon overlapped); IR (neat) ν 1537, 1326, 1298, 875, 727.

3-(Diphenylsulfuranylidene)pentane-2,4-dione (16g)

 Compound **16g** was obtained in 99% yield as a white solid, $R_f = 0.23$ (ethyl acetate); mp 167-168 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.62-7.60 (m, 4H), 7.53-7.45 (m, 6H), 2.47 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 189.9, 131.3, 131.0, 129.4, 129.3, 88.9, 30.0; IR (neat) ν 1609, 1591, 1575, 1364, 1315, 749; EIMS m/z (%):

³ Nozaki, H.; Nakamura, K.; Takaku, M. *Tetrahedron* **1969**, 25, 3675.

284 (55), 186 (30), 147 (32), 77 (20), 43 (100); HRMS-(EI) (*m/z*): M⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₆O₂S, 284.0871; found 284.0869.

Ethyl 2-nitro-2-(diphenylsulfuranylidene)acetate (16h)

 Diethyl ether was used as solvent. Compound **16h** was obtained in 98% yield as colorless oil. R_f = 0.33 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/1); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52-7.51, (m, 6H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 4H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.3, 132.3, 129.9, 129.4, 127.2, 94.0, 60.6, 14.3; EIMS *m/z* (%): 317 (21), 271 (39), 197 (54), 186 (100), 121 (30); HRMS-(ESIpos) (*m/z*): [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₅NO₄SNa, 340.0614; found 340.0612.

Methyl 2-(diphenylsulfuranylidene)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)acetate (16i)

 Diethyl ether was used as solvent. Compound **16i** was obtained in 99% yield as a white solid. R_f = 0.22 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/1); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (bs, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.47-7.44, (m, 2H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.34-7.20 (m, 2H), 3.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9, 145.1, 131.6, 131.4, 130.3, 129.6, 129.1, 128.3, 126.8, 66.0, 50.9; EIMS *m/z* (%): 398 (30), 367 (7), 257 (100), 186 (50), 125 (55); HRMS-(ESIpos) (*m/z*): [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₈O₄S₂Na, 421.0539; found 421.0538.

Dimethyl-2-(diphenylsulfuranylidene)malonate (16j)

 Compound **16j** was obtained in 85% yield as a white solid, R_f = 0.32 (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/4); mp 126-127 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 6H), 3.58 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 131.2, 130.2, 129.3, 129.1, 59.8, 50.9; IR (neat) ν 1709, 1581, 1562, 1192, 1045, 746;

EIMS m/z (%): 316 (20), 285 (20), 207 (100), 186 (40), 77 (28); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{17}H_{16}O_4NaS$, 339.0661; found 339.0663.

Dimethyl 2-(diphenylsulfuranylidene)-2-oxopropylphosphonate (16k)

Diethyl ether was used as solvent. Compound **16k** was obtained in 99% yield as a white solid. $R_f = 0.22$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/1); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.65 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 4H), 7.49-7.42, (m, 6H), 3.69 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 6H), 2.21 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 189.7 (d, $J = 19.1$ Hz), 131.1, 130.6 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 129.4, 129.2, 58.4 (d, $J = 213.0$ Hz), 52.0 4 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz), 27.8; ^{31}P NMR (202 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 27.3; EIMS m/z (%): 350 (100), 257 (74), 186 (71), 148 (59), 121 (70); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{17}H_{19}O_4PSNa$, 373.0634; found 373.0637.

2-(Diphenylsulfuranylidene)cyclohexane-1,3-dione (16l)

Compound **16l** was obtained in 57% yield as a white solid, $R_f = 0.47$ (ethyl acetate/methanol = 8/1); mp 183-184 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.59-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 6H), 2.43 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.91 (p, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 192.5, 131.5, 129.9, 129.6, 128.7, 89.3, 38.1, 20.2; IR (neat) ν 1584, 1569, 1297, 1176, 753; EIMS m/z (%): 296 (100), 185 (28), 121 (50), 77 (25); HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}O_2S$, 296.0871; found 296.0869.

3-(Diphenylsulfuranylidene)furan-2,4(3*H*,5*H*)-dione (16m)

Compound **16m** was obtained in 73% yield as a white solid, $R_f = 0.21$ (ethyl acetate); mp 179-180 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.80-7.78 (m, 4H), 7.63-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 4H), 4.52 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 191.3, 172.7, 132.6, 130.2, 129.8, 128.7, 72.1, 67.2; IR (neat) ν 1725, 1643, 1629, 1344, 1316, 1025, 742; EIMS m/z


 (%): 284 (90), 226 (38), 186 (100), 121 (76), 77 (60); HRMS-(EI) (*m/z*): M⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₂O₃S, 284.0507; found 284.0505.

5-(Diphenylsulfuranylidene)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione (16n)

Compound **16n** was obtained in 88% yield as a white solid, R_f = 0.49 (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/4); mp 215-216 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71-7.69 (m, 4H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 4H), 1.71 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.2, 132.2, 129.9, 129.6, 128.5, 103.5, 60.4, 26.2; IR (neat) ν 1653, 1311, 1055, 751; EIMS *m/z* (%): 328 (10), 270 (15), 186 (25), 121 (100), 77 (28); HRMS-(ESIpos) (*m/z*): [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₆O₄NaS, 351.0662; found 351.0658.

2-(Diphenylsulfuranylidene)malonodinitrile (16o)


 Compound **16o** was obtained in 90% yield as a white solid, R_f = 0.65 (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/4); mp 144-145 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 133.1, 130.7, 130.1, 128.5, 117.6, 17.5; IR (neat) ν 2190, 2165, 1476, 1441, 728; EIMS *m/z* (%): 250 (28), 186 (100), 109 (95), 77 (25); HRMS-(ES) (*m/z*): M⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₀N₂S, 250.0565; found 250.0566.

3-Oxo-2-(diphenylsulfuranylidene)-3-phenylpropanenitrile (16p)

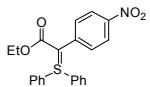

 Compound **16p** was obtained in 98% yield as a white solid, R_f = 0.53 (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/4); mp 130-131 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.47 (m, 10H), 7.39-7.30 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.8, 137.8, 132.6, 131.1, 130.4, 130.2, 129.21, 129.17, 128.0, 120.2, 58.0; IR (neat) ν 2167, 1590, 1563, 1333, 750; EIMS *m/z* (%): 329 (30), 186 (20), 105 (100), 77 (34); HRMS-(ESIpos) (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₆NOS, 330.0947; found 330.0947.

2-(Diphenylsulfuranylidene)-2-bromo-1-phenylethanone (**16q**)



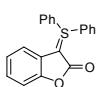
The reaction was run in chloroform. Compound **16q** was obtained in 76% yield as a pale yellow solid, $R_f = 0.32$ (ethyl acetate); mp 100-101 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64-7.47 (m, 11H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 183.7, 141.0, 132.0, 131.1, 130.9, 129.9, 128.9, 128.1, 127.5, 57.7; IR (neat) ν 1543, 1322, 1300, 742, 706; EIMS m/z (%): 384 (15), 382 (15), 277 (21), 279 (21), 186 (70), 105 (100), 77 (60); HRMS-(ES) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{OBrS}$, 382.0027; found 382.0027.

2-(Diphenylsulfuranylidene)-ethyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)acetate (**16s**)



After stirring at room temperature for 40 hours in diethyl ether, TLC showed that ethyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)acetate was not completely consumed. Concentrated, the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel. Compound **16s** was obtained in 69% yield as a yellow solid, $R_f = 0.47$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 8.08-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.91-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.65 (m, 4H), 7.63-7.66 (m, 6H), 4.03 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.05 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 165.7, 149.3, 141.1, 131.8, 131.3, 130.0, 129.3, 124.1, 123.8, 59.4, 58.9, 14.6; IR (neat) ν 1643, 1574, 1485, 1299, 1273, 1052, 847, 749.

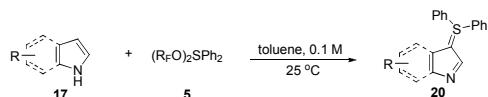
3-(Diphenylsulfuranylidene)-benzofuran-2(3*H*)-one (**16t**)



Compound **16t** was obtained in 74% yield as a yellow oil, $R_f = 0.26$ (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/3); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.08-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 4H), 6.99 (dd, $J = 0.8$ Hz, $J = 0.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dt, $J = 1.3$ Hz, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dt, $J = 1.0$ Hz, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, $J = 1.0$ Hz, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.5, 148.4, 132.1, 130.2,

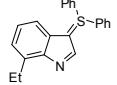
129.8, 128.9, 128.0, 122.0, 120.5, 113.6, 109.5, 52.4; IR (neat) ν 1686, 1644, 1577, 1273, 1243, 741, 683; EIMS m/z (%): 318 (15), 241 (11), 186 (100).

1.3 General procedure to prepare indole or pyrrole sulfonium ylides

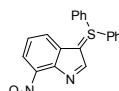


Typical procedure. Take the preparation of **20c** as a representative example (scheme 4). A dry schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar was charged with Martin sulfurane **5** (201.8 mg, 0.3 mmol). Sulfurane **5** was dissolved by toluene (2 mL, 0.1M), followed by the addition of indole (23.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). After stirring at room temperature for 2 hours, TLC showed a complete conversion of indole. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (dichloromethane/methanol/triethyl amine/ammonium hydroxide = 10/1/1/1) to give the corresponding sulfonium ylide.

7-Ethyl-3-diphenylsulfonioindolide (**20a**)

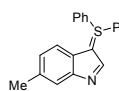
 Compound **20a** was obtained in 95% yield as a pale yellow solid, R_f = 0.43 (ethyl acetate/methanol/triethyl amine/ammonium hydroxide = 10/2/2/1); mp 183-184 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.37 (m, 10H), 6.92 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.4 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.7, 147.8, 135.3, 132.0, 130.7, 130.2, 128.7, 127.8, 120.1, 119.2, 114.0, 74.8, 24.6, 14.8; IR (neat) ν 1439, 1426, 1397, 1215, 1151, 743; EIMS m/z (%): 329 (100), 252 (80), 220 (40), 143 (80); HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{NS}$, 329.1238; found 329.1236.

7-Nitro-3-diphenylsulfonioindolide (20b)



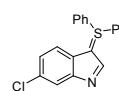
Compound **20b** was obtained in 99% yield as a yellow solid, $R_f = 0.19$ (ethyl acetate/methanol/triethyl amine/ammonium hydroxide = 100/5/5/1); mp 184-185 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.87 (dd, $J = 7.5$ Hz, $J = 0.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.44 (m, 10H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 7.3$ Hz, $J = 0.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.5, 143.2, 139.1, 132.6, 132.4, 130.5, 129.3, 128.6, 122.3, 118.4, 117.9, 78.8; IR (neat) ν 1501, 1332, 1295, 1229, 1160, 744, 734; EIMS m/z (%): 346 (100), 237 (91), 223 (56), 191 (30); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$, 347.0849; found 347.0848.

6-Methyl-3-Diphenylsulfonioindolide (20c)



Compound **20c** was obtained in 99% yield as a pale yellow solid, ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 4H), 6.94 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.1, 148.2, 132.0, 130.5, 130.22, 130.17, 128.6, 125.3, 121.6, 119.6, 115.9, 74.8, 21.4; IR (neat) ν 1441, 1408, 1170, 796, 746; EIMS m/z (%): 315 (81), 238 (100), 223 (55), 206 (55); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{NS}$, 316.1154; found 316.1152.

6-Chloro-Diphenylsulfonioindolide (20d)



Compound **20d** was obtained in 99% yield as a pale yellow solid, $R_f = 0.19$ (ethyl acetate/methanol/triethyl amine/ammonium hydroxide = 40/4/1/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.36 (m, 10H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.0, 149.8, 132.2, 130.3, 130.1, 128.5, 126.5, 126.0, 120.1, 119.5, 116.6, 75.4;

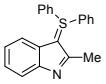
IR (neat) ν 1443, 1406, 1157, 741, 682; EIMS m/z (%): 335 (82), 258 (76), 223 (100); HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{20}H_{15}NClS$, 336.0608; found 336.0606.

3-Diphenylsulfonioindolide (20e)

Compound **20e** was obtained in 99% yield as a pale yellow solid, $R_f = 0.34$

 (dichloromethane/methanol/triethyl amine/ammonium hydroxide = 10/1/1/1); mp 187-188 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.39 (m, 10H), 7.09-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.87 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 150.2, 147.7, 132.2, 130.4, 130.3, 128.8, 127.9, 120.9, 120.2, 119.6, 116.2, 75.5; IR (neat) ν 1667, 1443, 1410, 1156, 737; EIMS m/z (%): 301 (80), 224 (100), 192 (90), 186 (10), 77 (35); HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{20}H_{15}NS$, 301.0925; found 301.0922.

2-Methyl-3-diphenylsulfonioindolide (20f)

Compound **20f** was obtained in 99% yield as a pale solid, $R_f = 0.29$

 (dichloromethane/methanol/triethyl amine/ammonium hydroxide = 25/5/5/1); mp 188-200 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.59 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.35 (m, 10H), 6.97-6.94 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.75-6.72 (m, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.5, 150.1, 131.8, 130.3, 130.1, 129.1, 128.6, 120.2, 119.2, 118.6, 115.7, 71.7, 15.7; IR (neat) ν 1336, 1251, 738; EIMS m/z (%): 315 (72), 238 (100), 223 (50), 206 (50); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{21}H_{18}NS$, 316.1154; found 316.1153.

2-Phenyl-3-diphenylsulfonioindolide (20g)

Compound **20g** was obtained in 99% yield as a pale solid, $R_f = 0.40$ (ethyl acetate/methanol/triethyl amine/ammonium hydroxide = 100/5/5/1); mp 102-103 °C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.77-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.68-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.24

(m, 13H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.83-6.73 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.5, 150.6, 136.0, 131.9, 130.2, 130.1, 129.8, 129.6, 128.7, 128.1, 127.8, 120.9, 119.9, 119.8, 116.5, 71.4; IR (neat) ν 1442, 1334, 1259, 738, 683; EIMS m/z (%): 377 (90), 300 (100), 268 (44); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{NS}$, 378.1310; found 378.1314.

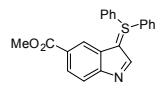
Ethyl 2-carboxylate-3-diphenylsulfonioindolide (20h)

 Compound **20h** was obtained in 99% yield as a pale solid, $R_f = 0.53$ (ethyl acetate/methanol/triethyl amine/ammonium hydroxide = 100/5/5/1); mp 161-162 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.38 (m, 10H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.78-6.74 (m, 1H), 6.49 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.0, 149.3, 144.9, 132.1, 130.2, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 122.2, 121.5, 121.4, 116.7, 79.1, 60.9, 14.3; IR (neat) ν 1693, 1201, 736; EIMS m/z (%): 373 (63), 329 (70), 300 (60), 223 (100), 105 (60), 77 (22); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$, 374.1209; found 374.1211.

5-Methoxy-3-diphenylsulfonioindolide (20i)

 Compound **20i** was obtained in 94% yield as a pale yellow solid, $R_f = 0.35$ (ethyl acetate/methanol/triethyl amine/ammonium hydroxide = 10/2/2/1); mp 189-190 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 10H), 6.71-6.69 (m, 1H), 6.53 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.2, 148.3, 146.6, 131.9, 130.7, 130.2, 129.0, 128.6, 120.4, 109.1, 99.6, 73.6, 55.6; IR (neat) ν 1475, 1443, 1412, 1146, 1034, 745; EIMS m/z (%): 331 (100), 254 (90), 222 (68); HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{NOS}$, 331.1031; found 331.1029.

Methyl 5-carboxylate-3-diphenylsulfonioindolide (20j)

 Compound **20j** was obtained in 99% yield as a pale yellow solid, $R_f = 0.55$ (ethyl acetate/methanol/triethyl amine/ammonium hydroxide = 10/2/2/1); mp 197-198 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.40 (m, 10H), 3.75 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.3, 154.0, 150.5, 132.4, 130.4, 130.0, 128.7, 127.9, 121.7, 121.3, 119.3, 118.7, 77.2, 51.6; IR (neat) ν 1689, 1410, 1300, 1247, 1156, 743; EIMS m/z (%): 359 (84), 282 (63), 250 (100), 223 (62); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$, 360.1053; found 360.1052.

4-Methyl-3-diphenylsulfonioindolide (20k)

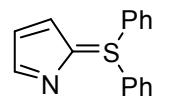
 Compound **20k** was obtained in 90% yield as a pale yellow solid, $R_f = 0.35$ (ethyl acetate/methanol/triethyl amine/ammonium hydroxide = 15/3/1/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 10H), 6.99-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) one carbon missed δ 145.0, 132.3, 132.0, 130.4, 128.8, 128.7, 125.9, 121.8, 120.5, 117.3, 76.5, 21.1; IR (neat) ν 1443, 1424, 1249, 1164, 740, 683; ESI m/z (%): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 316; HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{NS}$, 316.1155; found 316.1151.

4-Bromo-3-diphenylsulfonioindolide (20l)

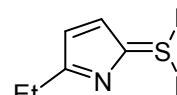
 Compound **20l** was obtained in 99% yield as a white solid, $R_f = 0.45$ (ethyl acetate/methanol/triethyl amine/ammonium hydroxide = 40/4/1/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 10H), 7.12 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.9, 146.6, 132.3, 131.4, 130.4, 129.3, 129.1, 123.5, 120.9, 119.0, 109.3, 77.8; IR (neat) ν 1443, 1428, 1182, 744,

684; EIMS m/z (%): 381 (60), 379 (57), 304 (41), 302 (39), 272 (40), 270 (41), 223 (100); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{15}NBrS$, 380.0103; found 380.0100.

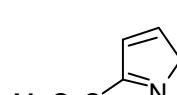
2-Diphenylsulfonylpyrrolide (20m)

 Compound **20i** was obtained in 98% yield as a brown solid, $R_f = 0.57$ (ethyl acetate/methanol/ammonium hydroxide = 95/5/5); 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.64-7.63 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.41 (m, 7H), 6.87 (dd, $J = 3.5$ Hz, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.35 (q, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 139.0, 132.2, 131.6, 130.2, 129.5, 120.4, 111.2, 104.4; IR (neat) ν 1475, 1441, 1351, 1016, 741, 721; EIMS m/z (%): 251 (79), 174 (42), 142 (100), 115 (37); HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}NS$, 251.0769; found 251.0766.

2-Ethyl-5-diphenylsulfonylpyrrolide (20n)

 Compound **20n** was obtained in 52% yield as a brown oil, $R_f = 0.57$ (ethyl acetate/methanol/ammonium hydroxide = 10/1/1); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.71-7.69 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.44 (m, 6H), 6.90 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.78 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 157.2, 133.3, 131.6, 129.9, 129.4, 121.1, 108.8, 101.8, 25.0, 15.5; IR (neat) ν 1474, 1444, 1019, 741, 682; EIMS m/z (%): 279 (64), 264 (32), 202 (40), 186 (34), 170 (100); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{18}H_{18}NS$, 280.1154; found 280.1157.

Methyl 2-carboxylate-5-diphenylsulfonylpyrrolide (20o)

 Compound **20o** was obtained in 83% yield as a white solid, $R_f = 0.62$ (ethyl acetate/methanol/triethyl amine/ammonium hydroxide = 100/5/5/1); 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.55-7.41 (m, 10H), 7.07 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 164.8, 140.4, 132.5,

130.5, 130.3, 129.6, 117.8, 117.4, 113.6, 51.0; IR (neat) ν 1700, 1441, 1336, 1157, 745, 680; EIMS m/z (%): 309 (100), 278 (32), 250 (28), 200 (49), 172 (31); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₅NO₂NaS, 332.0716; found 332.0713.

Methyl 2-carboxylate-4-diphenylsulfoniopyrrolide (20o')

Compound **20o'** was obtained in 16% yield as a colorless oil, Rf = 0.40 (ethyl acetate/methanol/triethyl amine/ammonium hydroxide = 40/5/5/2); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58-7.43 (m, 11H), 7.12 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.9, 139.3, 138.0, 132.7, 131.1, 130.6, 129.0, 116.6, 90.0, 51.1; IR (neat) ν 1714, 1475, 1444, 1155, 1103, 747, 728, 683; MS-(ESIpos) m/z: [M+H]⁺ 310; HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₆NO₂S, 310.0896; found 310.0894.

1.4 Optimization of conditions for α -arylation of β -ketoesters.

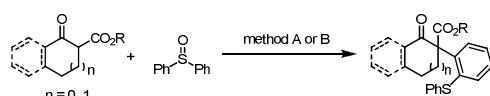
Acetic anhydride was ineffective (table S1, entries 1 and 2). In contrast, stronger activating reagents led to shorter reaction times and higher yields of the desired product (entries 3, 4 and 5). Further tuning of the ratios of reactants, solvents and concentrations led to two sets of optimal reaction conditions (entries 10 and 11).

Table S1. Optimization of the direct arylation of β -ketoester **17a** with diphenyl sulfoxide.^a

| Entry | x | y | Anhydride | Reaction time (h) | Solvent | Conc. (M) | Yield ^b (%) |
|-----------|------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 2 | Ac ₂ O | 24 | CH ₂ Cl ₂ | 0.25 | - ^c |
| 2 | 1.2 | 2 | | 48 | | | - ^c |
| 3 | 1.2 | 2 | TFAA | 36 | CH ₂ Cl ₂ | 0.25 | 64 |
| 4 | 1 | 2 | Tf ₂ O | 0.5 | | | 66 |
| 5 | 1.2 | 2 | | | | | 79 |
| 6 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 53 |
| 7 | 1.2 | 2 | | | EtNO ₂ | | 60 |
| 8 | 1.2 | 2 | | | Et ₂ O | | - ^c |
| 9 | 1.2 | 2 | | | PhMe | | 35 |
| 10 | 1.2 | 1.5 | | | CH₂Cl₂ | 0.5 | 80 |
| 11 | 1.2 | 1.5 | | 24 | MeCN | 0.5 | 79 |

[a] All reactions were performed at 25 °C and Tf₂O was employed unless mentioned otherwise; [b] Yields refer to pure, isolated material obtained after column chromatography; [c] Yield not determined. TFAA = trifluoroacetic anhydride; Tf₂O = trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride; Ac = acetyl.

1.5 Direct arylation of carbonyl compounds with sulfoxides⁴



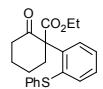
Typical procedure for method A (Table 4): Triflic anhydride (126 μ L, 0.75 mmol) was added to a solution of β -ketoester **17a** (82 μ L, 0.50 mmol) and diphenyl sulfoxide **18a** (121 mg, 0.60 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL, 0.5 M) under Argon at -70 °C, and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature, typically 25 °C, and stirred at this temperature for 30 min. The mixture was poured into saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (15

⁴ ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for compounds **19aa** to **19na**, **19ab**, **19ac**, and **19ae** to **19aj**, see: Huang, X.; Maulide, N. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, *133*, 8510.

mL), and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL x 3). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, *iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 6/1, and provided the desired product.

Typical procedure for method B (Table 5): Trifluoroacetic anhydride (104 µL, 0.75 mmol) was added to a solution of β-ketoester **17a** (82 µL, 0.50 mmol) and diphenyl sulfoxide **18a** (121 mg, 0.60 mmol) in CH₃CN (1 mL, 0.5 M) under argon at 25 °C, and stirred at this temperature for 24 h. TLC showed a complete conversion of **17a**. The mixture was poured into saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (15 mL), and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL x 3). The combined organic layers were dried over andydrus Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, *iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 6/1, and provided the desired product.

Ethyl 2-oxo-1-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)cyclohexanecarboxylate (**19aa**)

 Compound **19aa** was obtained as white solid, 142 mg, 80% yield, m.p 98-99 °C, R_f = 0.39 (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 4H), 4.12-4.07 (m, 2H), 2.63-2.58 (m, 3H), 2.53-2.50 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.15 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.5, 170.7, 141.5, 138.1, 136.3, 135.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 127.94, 127.86, 126.1, 67.7, 61.8, 41.0, 36.6, 25.9, 22.4, 13.9; IR (neat) ν 1700, 1707, 1215, 1136, 1024, 739; EIMS *m/z* (%): 354 (100), 309 (7); HRMS-(ESIneg) (*m/z*): M⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₁O₃S, 353.1217; found 353.1215.

Ethyl 2-oxo-1-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)cyclopentanecarboxylate (19ba)

Compound **19ba** was obtained as colorless oil, 155 mg, 91% yield, $R_f = 0.40$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.32-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.10 (m, 4H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 3H), 7.01-6.99 (m, 1H), 4.07-4.01 (m, 1H), 3.92-3.89 (m, 1H), 2.99 (p, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.44 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.28 (p, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.00 (o, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.78-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.07 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 213.6, 170.1, 141.4, 137.3, 136.1, 134.4, 128.80, 128.77, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 126.2, 67.0, 61.8, 38.8, 36.4, 19.4, 13.7; IR (neat) ν 1750, 1717, 1227, 1023, 732, 690; EIMS m/z (%): 340 (100), 295 (5), 239 (63), 211 (60); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$, 363.1025; found 363.1023.

Methyl 2-oxo-1-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)cyclopentanecarboxylate (19ca)

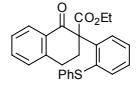
Compound **19ca** was obtained as colorless oil, 127 mg, 78% yield, $R_f = 0.31$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 4H), 7.10-7.07 (m, 3H), 7.02-7.00 (m, 1H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.07-3.01 (m, 1H), 2.47 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.27 (p, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.08-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.72 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 213.9, 170.7, 141.6, 137.2, 136.4, 134.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 126.3, 67.1, 52.9, 39.1, 36.8, 19.4; IR (neat) ν 1750, 1720, 1230, 733, 690; EIMS m/z (%): 326 (100), 239 (59), 211 (56); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$, 349.0869; found 349.0866.

2-Acetyl-2-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)cyclohexanone (19da)

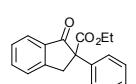
Compound **19da** was obtained as white solid, 82 mg, 51% yield, m.p 107-108 °C, $R_f = 0.32$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.09 (m, 7H), 6.93-6.91 (m, 1H), 2.70-2.66 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.54

(m, 1H), 2.41-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.20 (m, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.93-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.63 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 208.1, 204.8, 142.8, 137.2, 135.9, 135.0, 129.2, 129.0, 128.19, 128.15, 127.9, 126.6, 74.0, 42.0, 35.2, 27.9, 25.4, 22.2; IR (neat) ν 1701, 1580, 1130, 1121, 755, 691; EIMS m/z (%): 324 (40), 282 (100), 265 (60), 173 (52); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$, 347.1076; found 347.1077.

Ethyl 1-oxo-2-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (19fa)

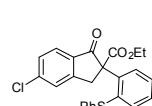
 Compound **19fa** was obtained as pale yellow solid, 110 mg, 55% yield, 38 mg of β -ketoester **17f** was recovered. m.p 139-140 °C, $R_f = 0.38$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (dd, $J = 7.8$ Hz, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.25 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.01 (m, 8H), 6.92 (dd, $J = 7.9$ Hz, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.15-4.11 (m, 1H), 4.01-3.98 (m, 1H), 2.99-2.98 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.79 (m, 2H), 2.57-2.52 (m, 1H), 1.09 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.7, 171.1, 143.2, 140.3, 138.0, 136.7, 134.9, 133.6, 128.9, 128.62, 128.58, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 126.9, 126.1, 64.6, 61.8, 32.6, 26.0, 13.8; IR (neat) ν 1730, 1675, 1247, 1192, 754, 738; EIMS m/z (%): 402 (62), 293 (68), 247 (42), 220 (100); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$, 425.1181; found 425.1182.

Ethyl 1-oxo-2-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate (19ga)

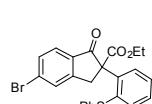
 Compound **19ga** was obtained as pale yellow oil, 160 mg, 82% yield. $R_f = 0.33$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.05 (m, 8H), 4.42 (d, $J = 17.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.10-4.04 (m, 1H), 3.89-3.82 (m, 1H), 3.11 (d, $J = 17.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.04 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.0, 169.6, 152.9, 142.6, 136.8, 135.8,

135.7, 134.8, 134.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 126.31, 126.27, 124.7, 67.1, 62.2, 41.7, 13.7; IR (neat) ν 1741, 1708, 1464, 1209, 1003, 732, 689; EIMS m/z (%): 388 (100), 343 (10), 314 (57), 237 (39); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{24}H_{20}O_3SNa$, 411.1025; found 411.1023.

Ethyl 5-chloro-1-oxo-2-(phenylthio)phenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate (19ha)

 Compound **19ha** was obtained as pale yellow oil, 185 mg, 90% yield. R_f = 0.55 (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.69 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.07 (m, 8H), 4.39 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.11-4.05 (m, 1H), 3.91-3.84 (m, 1H), 3.08 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 1.06 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 199.5, 169.3, 154.3, 142.33, 142.30, 136.7, 135.9, 134.3, 133.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 126.5, 126.4, 125.8, 67.3, 62.4, 41.3, 13.8; IR (neat) ν 1743, 1709, 1597, 1580, 1203, 899, 732, 689; EIMS m/z (%): 422 (100), 348 (62), 299 (44), 271 (55); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{24}H_{20}O_3ClS$, 423.0816; found 423.0814.

Ethyl 5-bromo-1-oxo-2-(phenylthio)phenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate (19ia)

 Compound **19ia** was obtained as yellow oil, 189 mg, 81% yield. R_f = 0.41 (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.20 (m, 8H), 4.52 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.19 (m, 1H), 4.05-3.98 (m, 1H), 3.22 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 1.20 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 199.7, 169.3, 154.3, 142.3, 136.7, 135.9, 134.3, 133.7, 131.4, 131.3, 129.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 126.4,

125.8, 67.2, 62.4, 41.2, 13.8; IR (neat) ν 1721, 1709, 1594, 1580, 1204, 893, 734, 689; EIMS m/z (%): 469 (26), 468 (100), 467 (26), 394 (65), 284 (44), 176 (37); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{24}H_{19}O_3BrSNa$, 489.0131; found 489.0132.

Ethyl 6-methyl-1-oxo-2-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate (19ja)

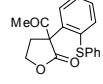
Compound **19ja** was obtained as white solid, 147 mg, 73% yield. m.p 102-103 °C, R_f = 0.43 (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.21 (m, 9H), 4.52 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.19 (m, 1H), 4.04-3.97 (m, 1H), 3.21 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 201.0, 169.7, 150.3, 142.8, 137.7, 137.1, 136.9, 135.7, 135.1, 134.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.04, 127.99, 127.92, 126.3, 126.0, 124.6, 67.5, 62.2, 41.4, 20.9, 13.8; IR (neat) ν 1715, 1707, 1215, 1023, 734, 689; EIMS m/z (%): 402 (100), 356 (26), 328 (75), 279 (53), 251 (68), 220 (53); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{25}H_{22}O_3SNa$, 425.1182; found 425.1181.

Ethyl 5-methoxy-1-oxo-2-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate (19ka)

Compound **7ka** was obtained as pale yellow oil, 87 mg, 42% yield. R_f = 0.48 (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 3/1); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.72 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.09 (m, 8H), 6.85 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 4.11-4.06 (m, 1H), 3.91-3.86 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.05 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 198.9, 170.2, 166.3, 156.2, 143.0, 137.1, 135.8, 134.4, 129.0, 128.8, 128.2, 128.14, 128.08, 126.6, 126.3, 116.2, 109.1, 67.3, 62.2, 55.7, 41.7, 13.8; IR (neat) ν

1699, 1595, 1261, 1219, 1022, 734, 690; EIMS m/z (%): 418 (100), 372 (20), 344 (54), 295 (37), 267 (69), 236 (50); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{25}H_{22}O_4S$, 419.1311; found 419.1313.

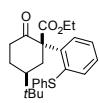
3-Acetyl-3-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (19la)

Compound **19la** was obtained as white solid, 93 mg, 60% yield. m.p 77-78 °C,
 $R_f = 0.48$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 3/1); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.38-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.14 (m, 8H), 4.35-4.30 (m, 1H), 4.10-4.05 (m, 1H), 3.49-3.43 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.17 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 201.7, 173.9, 138.5, 134.6, 134.2, 134.1, 130.4, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.0, 127.5, 67.0, 66.2, 32.7, 27.3; IR (neat) ν 1760, 1709, 1475, 1193, 1159, 1020, 741, 732, 689; EIMS m/z (%): 312 (35), 270 (100), 197 (42), 147 (31), 43 (42); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}O_3SNa$, 335.0712; found 335.0709.

Ethyl 2-methyl-3-oxo-2-(phenylthio)phenylbutanoate (19ma)

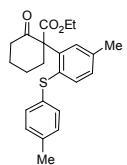
Compound **7al** was obtained as white solid, 68 mg, 41% yield. $R_f = 0.39$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.35-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.06 (m, 7H), 4.12-4.07 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 204.8, 171.8, 142.9, 137.3, 136.1, 134.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 126.3, 65.7, 61.8, 28.1, 22.4, 13.8; IR (neat) ν 1709, 1581, 1204, 1013, 734, 689; EIMS m/z (%): 328 (37), 286 (63), 240 (100), 211 (96), 197 (61); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{19}H_{20}O_3SNa$, 351.1025; found 351.1021.

Ethyl 5-tert-butyl-2-oxo-1-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)cyclohexanecarboxylate (19na)⁵



Compound **7am** was obtained as colorless oil, 155 mg, trans/cis = 1/9, 75% yield. R_f = 0.39 (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.48 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.19 (m, 8H), 4.25-4.22 (m, 1H), 4.07-4.03 (m, 1H), 3.02 (dt, J = 7.4 Hz, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (se, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.51-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.34-2.89 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.61 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.51 (m, 1H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.6, 171.1, 140.0, 137.2, 136.2, 135.9, 128.98, 128.95, 128.7, 128.2, 127.7, 126.4, 67.4, 61.7, 41.7, 39.9, 37.5, 32.5, 29.3, 27.4, 13.9; IR (neat) ν 1732, 1708, 1477, 1222, 736, 690; EIMS m/z (%): 410 (100), 301 (64), 239 (42), 197 (38), 57 (56); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$, 433.1808; found 433.1811.

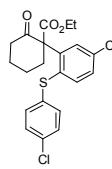
Ethyl 1-(5-methyl-2-(p-tolylthio)phenyl)-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxylate (19ab)



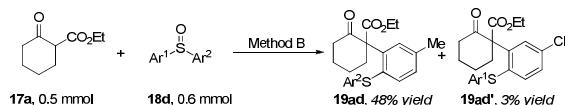
Compound **19ab** was obtained as colorless oil, method A: -40°C, 80 mg, 40% yield; method B: 113 mg, 59%. R_f = 0.40 (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.05 (m, 5H), 6.97 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.29-4.25 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.60 (m, 4H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.04-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.7, 171.0, 141.5, 137.8, 136.3, 136.0, 135.0, 131.8, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 67.9, 62.0, 41.2, 36.8, 25.9, 22.7, 21.4, 21.0, 14.1; IR (neat) ν 1720, 1710, 1202, 1015, 804, 735; EIMS m/z (%): 382 (100), 187 (39); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$, 405.1495; found 405.1496.

⁵ A study on arylation of β -ketoesters using aromatic lead reagents with similar stereo chemistry, see: Elliott, G. I.; Konopelski, J. P.; Olmstead, M. M. *Org. Lett.* **1999**, 1, 1867.

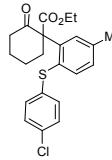
Ethyl 1-(5-chloro-2-(4-chlorophenylthio)phenyl)-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxylate (19ac)



Compound **19ac** was obtained as colorless oil, method A: -40°C, 110 mg, 50% yield; method B: 92 mg, 42%. $R_f = 0.47$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.25 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 4H), 7.01-6.99 (m, 2H), 4.14-4.03 (m, 2H), 2.77-2.73 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.56 (m, 2H), 2.40-2.35 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.69-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.17 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.0, 170.4, 143.2, 136.2, 134.2, 133.8, 132.4, 130.0, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 67.2, 62.2, 40.9, 36.8, 26.0, 22.2, 13.9; IR (neat) ν 1721, 1696, 1476, 1240, 1206, 808; EIMS m/z (%): 422 (91), 279 (41), 207 (100); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$, 445.0402; found 445.0408.



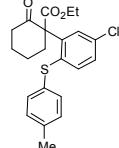
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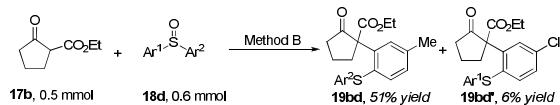


Compound **19ad** was obtained as colorless oil, method B: major product, 96 mg, 48%. $R_f = 0.24$ (*n*-Pentane/ethyl acetate = 10/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.05 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.72-2.67 (m, 3H), 2.54-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.02-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.6, 170.8, 141.9, 138.6, 137.3, 136.8, 131.6, 130.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 67.6, 61.9, 41.0, 36.9, 25.8, 22.4, 21.4, 13.9; IR (neat) ν 1710, 1475, 1238, 1203, 812, 730; EIMS m/z (%): 404 (40), 402 (100), 259 (61), 187

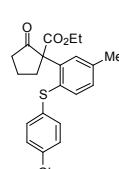
(64); HRMS-(ESIpos) (*m/z*): [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₃ClO₃SnA, 425.0949; found 425.0951.

Ethyl 1-(5-chloro-2-(p-tolylthiophenyl)-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxylate (19ad')

 Compound **19ad'** was obtained as colorless oil, method B: minor product, 7 mg, 3%. R_f = 0.26 (*n*-Pentane/ethyl acetate = 10/1); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21 (t, *J* = 8.24 Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 1H), 7.05-6.96 (m, 5H), 4.20-4.10 (m, 2H), 2.71-2.67 (m, 1H), 2.64-2.58 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.44 (m, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.95-1.80 (m, 3H), 1.71-1.63 (m, 1H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.0, 170.5, 142.5, 136.9, 136.5, 135.2, 133.7, 133.4, 129.9, 129.8, 128.2, 128.1, 67.5, 62.2, 41.0, 36.6, 26.0, 22.4, 21.0, 14.0; IR (neat) ν 1729, 1710, 1237, 1205, 805; EIMS *m/z* (%): 404 (40), 402 (100), 281 (5), 279 (14); HRMS-(ESIpos) (*m/z*): [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₃ClO₃SnA, 425.0949; found 425.0950.

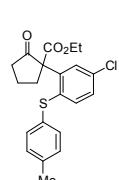


Ethyl 1-(5-Methyl-2-(4-chlorophenylthio)phenyl)-2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate (19bd)

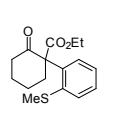
 Compound **19bd** was obtained as colorless oil, method B: major product, 99 mg, 51%. R_f = 0.24 (*n*-Pentane/ethyl acetate = 10/1); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dt, *J* = 8.7 Hz, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 7.9 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dt, *J* = 8.7 Hz, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (dq, *J* = 10.8 Hz, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dq, *J* = 10.8 Hz, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (p, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.23-2.19 (m, 1H), 2.06-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.7, 170.2, 142.1, 138.7, 136.89, 136.88, 131.7, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 67.0,

62.0, 39.0, 36.7, 21.3, 19.5, 13.8; IR (neat) ν 1750, 1717, 1475, 1221, 1091, 812, 728; EIMS m/z (%): 390 (39), 388 (100), 245 (10); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{21}H_{21}ClO_3SNa$, 411.0792; found 411.0795.

Ethyl 1-(5-chloro-2-(p-tolylthiophenyl)-2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate (19bd')

 Compound **19bd'** was obtained as colorless oil, method B: minor product, 12 mg, 6%. $R_f = 0.26$ (*n*-Pentane/ethyl acetate = 10/1); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.22-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.05-6.99 (m, 5H), 4.12 (dq, $J = 10.9$ Hz, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (dq, $J = 10.9$ Hz, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.02 (p, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 (td, $J = 7.7$ Hz, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.34-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.11-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.14 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 213.1, 169.8, 142.1, 137.1, 136.1, 134.8, 133.2, 132.8, 130.2, 130.0, 128.3, 127.9, 66.8, 62.3, 38.9, 36.2, 21.0, 19.6, 13.9; IR (neat) ν 1752, 1719, 1225, 805, 735; EIMS m/z (%): 390 (39), 388 (100), 267 (1), 265 (4); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{21}H_{21}ClO_3SNa$, 411.0792; found 411.0792.

Ethyl 1-(2-(methylthio)phenyl)-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxylate (19ae)

 Compound **19ae** was obtained as colorless oil, 82 mg, 56%. $R_f = 0.29$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.46 (dd, $J = 7.8$ Hz, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (td, $J = 7.5$ Hz, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, $J = 7.6$ Hz, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, $J = 7.9$ Hz, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.15 (m, 2H), 2.60-2.47 (m, 4H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.95-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.68-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.20 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 205.4, 170.8, 141.2, 137.7, 133.6, 128.0, 127.5, 126.9, 67.7, 61.8, 40.9, 37.0, 25.9, 22.4, 19.6, 13.9; IR (neat) ν 1709, 1236, 1205, 1130, 749;

EIMS m/z (%): 292 (71), 245 (30), 201 (100); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{16}H_{20}O_3SNa$, 315.1025; found 315.1027.

Ethyl 1-(2-(ethylthio)phenyl)-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxylate (19af)

Compound **19af** was obtained as colorless oil, 88 mg, 57%. $R_f = 0.26$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.45 (dd, $J = 7.7$ Hz, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.99-6.98 (m, 1H), 4.26-4.13 (m, 2H), 2.78 (q, $J = 7.43$ Hz, 2H), 2.64-2.47 (m, 4H), 2.02-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.73 (M, 1H), 1.67-1.59 (m, 1H), 1.21-1.16 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 205.3, 170.8, 141.5, 136.3, 133.9, 127.71, 127.68, 126.9, 67.8, 61.8, 41.0, 30.6, 25.8, 22.5, 13.94, 13.88; IR (neat) ν 1729, 1710, 1237, 1204, 728; EIMS m/z (%): 308 (18), 245 (3), 215 (100), 20 (24); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{17}H_{22}O_3SNa$, 329.1182; found 329.1180.

Ethyl 1-(5-methyl-2-(methylthio)phenyl)-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxylate (19ah)

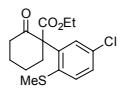
Compound **19ah** was obtained as colorless oil, 73 mg, 48%. $R_f = 0.39$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.36 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, $J = 7.9$ Hz, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.28-4.15 (m, 2H), 2.62-2.40 (m, 4H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.02-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.80-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.67-1.58 (m, 1H), 1.21 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 205.4, 170.9, 141.6, 137.0, 134.3, 133.9, 128.9, 128.4, 67.7, 61.8, 41.0, 37.2, 25.7, 22.6, 21.2, 19.9, 13.9; IR (neat) ν 1729, 1709, 1202, 813; EIMS m/z (%): 306 (100), 259 (37), 215 (88); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $C_{17}H_{22}O_3SNa$, 329.1182; found 329.1180.

Ethyl 1-(5-bromo-2-(methylthio)phenyl)-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxylate (19ai)

Compound **19ai** was obtained as colorless oil, 85 mg, 45%. $R_f = 0.26$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.31 (s, 2H), 7.12

(app t, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.17 (m, 2H), 2.67-2.51 (m, 3H), 2.41-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.95-1.89 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.67-1.61 (m, 1H), 1.21 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.8, 170.4, 143.0, 137.2, 134.8, 131.0, 130.6, 120.9, 67.3, 62.1, 40.9, 37.0, 25.9, 22.3, 19.5, 13.9; IR (neat) ν 1728, 1710, 1206, 907, 726; EIMS m/z (%): 372 (69), 370 (67), 325 (31), 281 (100); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3\text{BrSNa}$, 393.0130; found 393.0129.

Ethyl 1-(5-chloro-2-(methylthio)phenyl)-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxylate (19aj)



Compound **19aj** was obtained as colorless oil, 72 mg, 44%. $R_f = 0.38$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.26-4.16 (m, 2H), 2.67-2.52 (m, 3H), 2.42-2.36 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.95-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.70-1.63 (m, 1H), 1.21 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.8, 170.4, 142.9, 136.5, 134.7, 132.9, 128.1, 127.8, 67.4, 62.1, 40.9, 37.0, 25.9, 22.3, 19.7, 13.9; IR (neat) ν 1729, 1709, 1205, 907, 728; EIMS m/z (%): 326 (100), 235 (55), 211 (37); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3\text{ClSNa}$, 349.0636; found 349.0636.

Ethyl 2-oxo-1-(phenylthio)cyclohexanecarboxylate (9)⁶



Compound **9** was obtained as colorless oil, 92 mg, 66%. $R_f = 0.30$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H), 4.21-4.09 (m, 2H), 2.67 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.50-2.40 (m, 2H), 2.02-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.70 (m, 3H), 1.62-1.55 (m, 1H), 1.21 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 202.9, 168.3, 137.1, 129.6, 128.5, 67.4,

⁶ T. Tetsuaki, A. Tsutomu, F. Xie, U. Shuji, I. Chuzo, I. Toshimasa, I. Yasuko, M. Naoyoshi, *Synlett* **2000**, 32.

61.8, 40.8, 27.0, 22.8, 13.8; EIMS m/z (%): 278 (100), 250 (17), 176 (22), 110 (36), 67 (41); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₈O₃SNa, 301.0869; found 301.0867.

1.6 Condition optimization of the arylation of cyclohexanone derivatives

We probed a wide range of reaction conditions and cyclohexanone derivatives. As the results in table S2 show, solvents have huge impacts on the reaction. When the reaction was run in high polar solvents, the reaction was dominated by the self-reduction of the sulfoxide (entries 3-5).⁷ Similar results were obtained when the preformed enolate **23** was used instead of the normal ketone **8** (entry 6). To our delight, changing the reaction medium to toluene, and using toluenesulfonic anhydride **29** as activating reagent, the desired product **9** was isolated in much higher yield (entry 7). Several other solvents, such as acetone, diethyl ether and ethyl acetate, were also tested for this reaction, no improvements were observed (entries 8-10). Because of the low stability of **23** in the acidic environment, the effects of other preformed enolates were examined. Changing the protecting group from TMS to TBS or acyl group, resulted in no conversion of both reactants (entries 10 and 11). However, when 1-methoxycyclohex-1-ene **26** or bench stable enamine **27** were applied to the system, no arylated products were detected (entries 13 and 14). Raising the temperature to 50 °C, resulted in a higher reaction rate and slight yield increase, along with significant amounts of diphenyl sulfide (entry 15). Interestingly, adding the nucleophile **23a** and anhydride **25** in portions, gave the arylated product in high isolated yield (entry 16). In comparison, the addition of cyclohexanone in a similar manner, only trace product can be detected by TLC (entry 17).

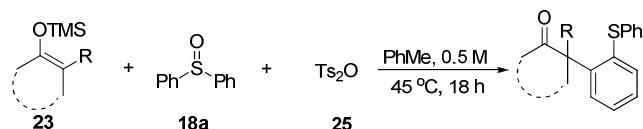
⁷ For a review on hypervalent Organosulfur Compounds, see: Furukawa, N.; Sato, S. *Top. Curr. Chem.* **1999**, 205, 89.

Table S2. Condition optimization of the arylation of cyclohexanone derivatives.^a

| nucleophile +  + anhydride | | | conditions |  | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| x | y | z | | | | | |
| nucleophile |  |  |  |  | | | |
| | | |  |  | | | |
| anhydride |  |  | TFAA | Tf ₂ O | | | |
| entry | Nucleophile | anhydride | x/y/z | temp. (°C) | reaction time (h) | Solvent | yield (%) |
| 1 | 8 | TFAA | 1:1.2:1.5 | 25 | 20 | MeCN | 9 ^b |
| 2 | 8 | Tf ₂ O | 1:1.2:1.5 | 25 | 1 | DCM | - ^c |
| 3 | 8 | 24 | 1:1.2:1.5 | 25 | 16 | DCM | - ^d |
| 4 | 8 | 25 | 1:1.2:1.5 | 25 | 16 | DCM | - ^d |
| 5 | 8 | 25 | 1:1.2:1.5 | 25 | 16 | MeNO ₂ | - ^d |
| 6 | 23a | 25 | 1:1.2:1.5 | 25 | 20 | DCM | - ^d |
| 7 | 23a | 25 | 1:1.2:1.5 | 25 | 20 | PhMe | 29 ^b |
| 8 | 23a | 25 | 1.5:1:1.5 | 25 | 20 | Me ₂ CO | 33 ^e |
| 9 | 23a | 25 | 1.5:1:1.5 | 25 | 20 | Et ₂ O | 13 ^e |
| 10 | 23a | 25 | 1.5:1:1.5 | 25 | 20 | AcOEt | 30 ^e |
| 11 | 23b | 25 | 1.5:1:1.5 | 25 | 20 | AcOEt | - ^c |
| 12 | 23c | 25 | 1.5:1:1.5 | 25 | 20 | Me ₂ CO | - ^c |
| 13 | 23d | 25 | 1.5:1:1.5 | 25 | 20 | Me ₂ CO | - ^c |
| 14 | 23e | 25 | 1.5:1:1.5 | 25 | 20 | Me ₂ CO | - ^c |
| 15 | 23a | 25 | 1.5:1:1.5 | 50 | 2 | PhMe | 32 ^b |
| 16 | 23a | 25 | 4:1:3 | 45 | 18 | PhMe | 65^{b, f} |
| 17 | 8 | 25 | 4:1:3 | 45 | 5 | PhMe | - ^{c, f} |

^a The reaction was run in 0.5 mmol scale, and the concentration was 0.5 M. ^b Isolated yield after column chromatography. ^c Yield not determined. ^d Yield not determined, diphenylsulfide was obtained as main product. ^e NMR yield, using dibromomethane as internal standard. ^f **23a** and **25** were added in portions, each time in 0.5 mmol scale in an interval of 1 h. After the final addition of **23** (3h), the reaction was continuing stirred at 45 °C for 15 h.

1.7 Arylation of silyl enol ethers with diphenyl sulfoxide



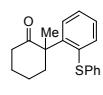
Typical procedure: To a solution of silyl enol ether (0.5 mmol, 105 µL) and diphenyl sulfoxide (104 mg, 0.5 mmol) in dry toluene (1 mL, 0.5 M), was added toluenesulfonic anhydride (163 mg, 0.5 mmol). After stirring at 45 °C for 1h, 1.0 equivalent of silyl enol ether and anhydride were added to the mixture. 1h later, another portion of each was added. After stirring at 45 °C for one more hour, 1.0 further equivalent of silyl enol ether was added to the reaction mixture. After stirring for 15h at 45 °C, the mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, poured into saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (15 mL), and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL x 3). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, *iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 7/1, and provided the desired product.

2-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)cyclohexanone (**9**)⁸

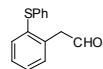
 Compound **9** was obtained as colorless oil, 92 mg, 65% yield, R_f = 0.46 (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 4H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 3H), 4.25-4.21 (m, 1H), 2.42-2.24 (m, 2H), 2.11-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.96-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.67 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.5, 141.7, 137.4, 134.8, 133.3, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 127.7, 126.1, 54.8, 42.2, 35.0, 27.6, 25.6.

2-methyl-2-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)cyclohexanone (**26**)

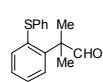
⁸ Martin, J. C.; Franz, J. A.; Arhart, R. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1974**, 96, 4604-4611.


 Compound **26** was obtained as colorless oil, 95 mg, 64% yield, $R_f = 0.37$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 (dd, $J = 7.9$ Hz, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, $J = 7.8$ Hz, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dt, $J = 7.5$ Hz, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 3H), 2.52-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.33 (m, 2H), 2.04-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.72 (m, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 213.5, 148.0, 137.3, 136.1, 133.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 127.5, 127.1, 126.3, 54.8, 41.2, 39.1, 26.6, 24.9, 21.8; EIMS m/z (%): 296 (56), 225 (29), 187 (100); HRMS-(ESIpos) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{OSNa}$, 319.1127; found 319.1126.

2-(2-(Phenylthio)phenyl)acetaldehyde (27)


 Compound **27** was obtained as colorless oil, 38 mg, 33 % yield, $R_f = 0.49$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.57 (t, 1H), 7.39-7.36 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 6H), 7.28-7.05 (m, 8H), 3.77 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.3, 136.4, 135.6, 135.1, 134.7, 131.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 127.1, 49.2; IR (neat) ν 1713, 1581, 736, 685; EIMS m/z (%): 228 (88), 200 (100), 165 (37); HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{OS}$, 228.0609; found 228.0611.

2-Methyl-2-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)propanal (28)


 Compound **28** was obtained as colorless oil, 93 mg, 73% yield, $R_f = 0.54$ (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.70 (s, 1H), 7.39 (dd, $J = 7.9$ Hz, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 7.8$ Hz, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dt, $J = 7.4$ Hz, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.2, 147.0, 137.2, 136.3, 132.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.35, 128.33, 127.4, 126.3, 51.0, 24.7; IR (neat) ν 1712, 1583, 735, 685; EIMS m/z (%):

256 (49), 228 (100), 211 (46), 134 (378); HRMS-(ESIpos) (*m/z*): M⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₆OSNa, 279.0814; found 279.0813.

2-Ethyl-2-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)butanal (29)

Compound **29** was obtained as pale yellow oil, 65 mg, 46 % yield, R_f = 0.30 (pentane/diethyl ether = 15/1); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.75 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.05 (m, 4H), 7.02-7.98 (m, 2H), 2.10-1.86 (m, 4H), 0.71 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.5, 144.5, 137.8, 137.1, 132.-8, 129.4, 129.0, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 126.2, 57.9, 26.7, 8.0; IR (neat) ν 1714, 1582, 1025, 736, 689; EIMS *m/z* (%): 284 (67), 256 (69), 227, (100), 197 (56); HRMS-(EI) (*m/z*): M⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₂₀OS, 284.1235; found 284.1235.

1-(2-(Phenylthio)phenyl)cyclohexanecarbaldehyde (30)

Compound **30** was obtained as colorless oil, 63 mg, 43 % yield, R_f = 0.49 (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.0 (s, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.06 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.12 (m, 3H), 6.99-6.97 (m, 2H), 2.23-2.19 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.56 (m, 5H), 1.36-1.33 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.7, 148.3, 137.6, 136.6, 132.8, 129.0, 128.44, 128.39, 128.10, 127.98, 1326.3, 53.9, 33.9, 25.5, 22.7; IR (neat) ν 1716, 1583, 1020, 737, 688; EIMS *m/z* (%): 296 (45), 268 (100), 197 (87); HRMS-(ESIpos) (*m/z*): [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₀OSNa, 319.1127; found 319.1126.

2-Methyl-2-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)butanal (31)

Compound **31** was obtained as colorless oil, 85 mg, 63% yield, R_f = 0.57 (*iso*-Hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.76 (s, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 (dt, *J* = 7.2 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.07 (tt, *J* = 7.4 Hz,

J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.00 (m, 2H), 2.00 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 0.69 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.8, 145.5, 137.5, 136.6, 132.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 126.3, 54.7, 29.7, 21.4, 8.3; IR (neat) ν 1713, 1581, 1024, 735, 688; EIMS *m/z* (%): 270 (43), 242 (96), 211 (100), 197 (52); HRMS-(ESIpos) (*m/z*): [M+Na] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{OSNa}$, 293.0971; found 293.0972.

2-Methyl-2-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)pentanal (32)

 Compound **32** was obtained as pale yellow oil, 57 mg, 40 % yield, R_f = 0.43 (pentane/diethyl ether = 10/1); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.74 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.22-6.66 (m, 6H), 1.92-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.25-1.18 (m, 2H), 0.92-0.82 (m, 2H), 0.73 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.7, 145.8, 137.5, 136.8, 132.4, 129.0, 128.60, 128.55, 128.2, 128.1, 126.3, 54.6, 39.3, 22.0, 17.2, 14.4; IR (neat) ν 1714, 1582, 736, 689; EIMS *m/z* (%): 284 (50), 256 (100), 211 (87), 197 (48); HRMS-(ESIpos) (*m/z*): [M+Na] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{OSNa}$, 307.1127; found 307.1129.

1.8 X-ray crystal structure of **16a** and **19aa**

The crystal was prepared by slow diffusion of pentane to the solution of **16a** in dichloromethane, and was found suitable for X-ray crystal analysis.

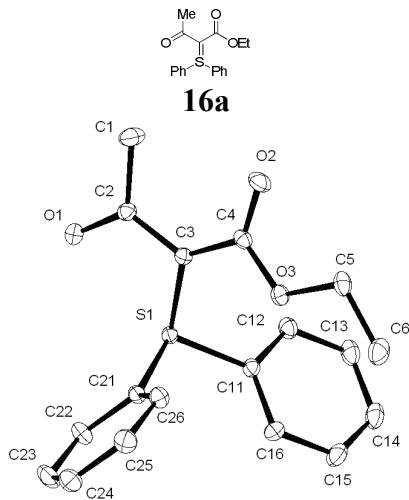


Figure S1. Solid state structure of **16a**.

The crystal was prepared by slow diffusion of pentane to the solution of **19aa** in diethyl ether, and was suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis. Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre number: 798559

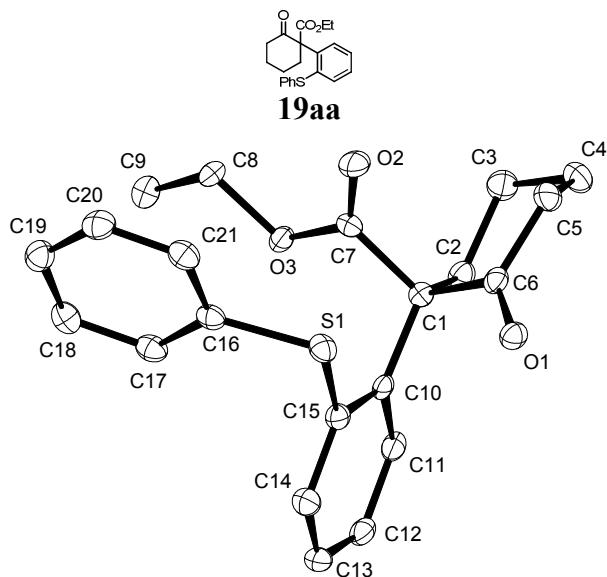


Figure S2. Solid state structure of **19aa**

Part II Mechanistic studies

2.1 Computational details

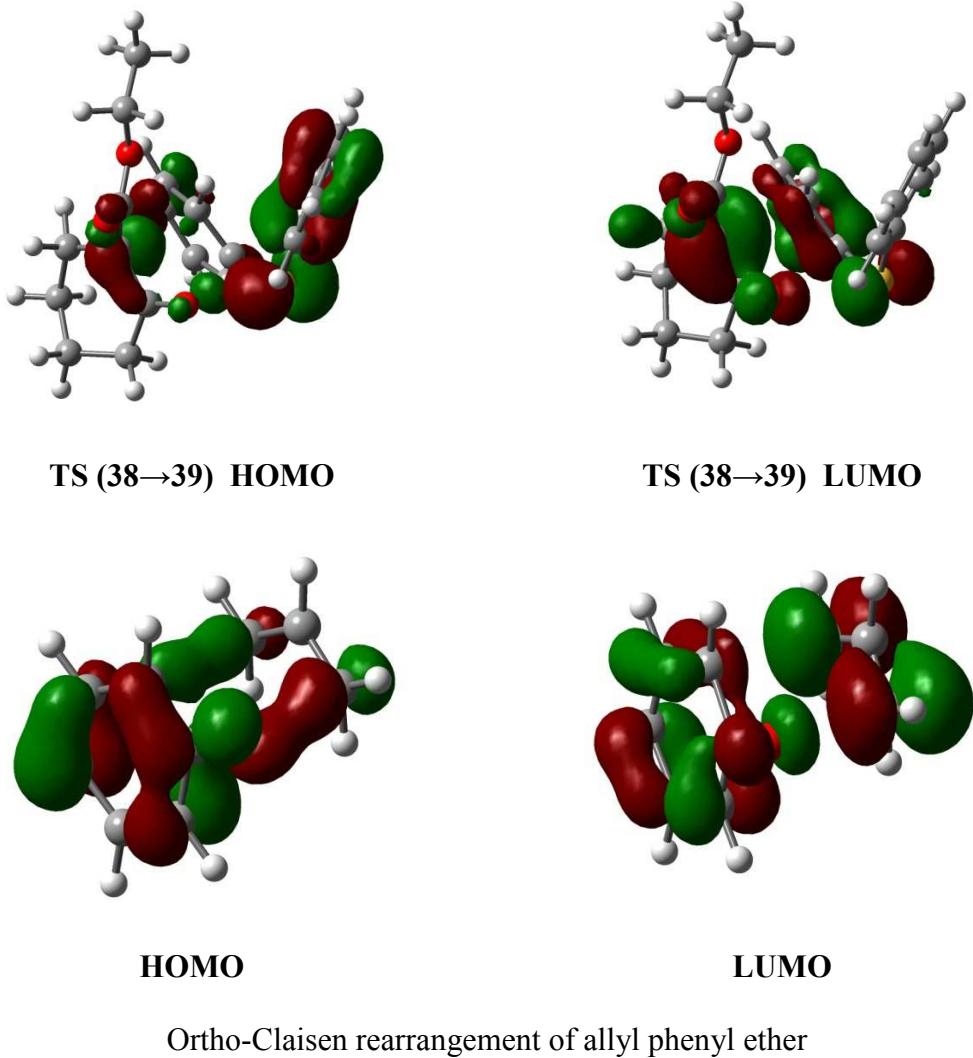


Figure S3. Frontier molecular orbitals of TS (38→39) and of a transition state for a typical sigmatropic rearrangements (B3LYP).

Table S3. Optimized geometries (B3LYP-I, Cartesian coordinates in Å) and single-point energies of reactants, intermediates and transition states (in a.u.). Notation: E = total electronic energy from B3LYP-I (in parenthesis: B3LYP-II), Tc = thermal correction at 298K to obtain the Gibbs free energy (B3LYP-I), Nimag = number of imaginary frequencies (B3LYP-I). See main paper for notation of the species and for computational methodology.

| 15a E = -460.3907561 (-460.406968) Tc = 0.117416 Nimag = 0 | | | | 'OC(CF₃)₂Ph E = -1020.4393113 (-1020.467863) Tc = 0.086435 Nimag = 0 | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
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| 6 | 1.985042 | -0.266845 | 0.184630 | 6 | -1.195949 | -1.281213 | 0.091291 |
| 6 | 3.298344 | -0.764737 | -0.366258 | 9 | -1.119148 | -1.371611 | 1.454964 |
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| 1 | 3.931906 | -1.130563 | 0.443037 | 9 | -2.516134 | -1.393416 | -0.205925 |
| 8 | 1.643023 | -0.459592 | 1.341648 | 6 | -0.540307 | 0.000125 | -0.562553 |
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| | | | | 9 | -0.600608 | 2.404218 | -0.390177 |

| 34 E = -1881.5821275 (-1881.6475001) Tc = 0.257009 Nimag = 0 | | | | 5 E = -2902.0432356 (-2902.1631825) Tc = 0.368413 Nimag = 0 | | | |
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| 6 | -3.861193 | 1.332140 | 2.134652 | | 1 | -0.583684 | 5.415228 | -1.949750 |
| 1 | -1.765742 | 0.864920 | 2.310261 | | 6 | -0.672843 | 0.244893 | 1.806512 |
| 6 | -4.881273 | 0.813667 | 0.009677 | | 6 | 0.203962 | -0.065514 | 2.850162 |
| 1 | -3.603451 | -0.051074 | -1.474686 | | 6 | -1.996912 | 0.623677 | 2.063720 |
| 6 | -4.987905 | 1.315773 | 1.309251 | | 6 | -0.259123 | -0.006321 | 4.168643 |
| 1 | -3.930440 | 1.719408 | 3.146723 | | 1 | 1.234697 | -0.315275 | 2.652246 |
| 1 | -5.748921 | 0.794920 | -0.642707 | | 6 | -2.435597 | 0.688801 | 3.387893 |
| 1 | -5.939696 | 1.690107 | 1.674126 | | 1 | -2.680709 | 0.845811 | 1.253965 |
| 9 | -1.433195 | 0.591107 | -2.423986 | | 6 | -1.574664 | 0.370138 | 4.441910 |
| 9 | 0.598023 | 0.318010 | -1.697491 | | 1 | 0.422843 | -0.250132 | 4.977130 |
| 9 | -0.596808 | 1.984027 | -0.974712 | | 1 | -3.460016 | 0.987102 | 3.588134 |
| | | | | | 1 | -1.926785 | 0.417693 | 5.467751 |
| | | | | | 8 | 1.718676 | 0.487282 | 0.632335 |
| | | | | | 6 | 2.796775 | -0.050943 | -0.074097 |
| | | | | | 6 | 4.015907 | 0.140320 | 0.904409 |
| | | | | | 6 | 3.049406 | 0.832239 | -1.349031 |
| | | | | | 6 | 2.689195 | -1.557121 | -0.413932 |
| | | | | | 6 | 3.174602 | -2.119418 | -1.604931 |
| | | | | | 6 | 2.134422 | -2.413648 | 0.549893 |
| | | | | | 6 | 3.091580 | -3.497228 | -1.826733 |
| | | | | | 1 | 3.623738 | -1.506103 | -2.374978 |
| | | | | | 6 | 2.056545 | -3.789537 | 0.329932 |
| | | | | | 1 | 1.761913 | -2.012453 | 1.483296 |
| | | | | | 6 | 2.534067 | -4.338698 | -0.862506 |
| | | | | | 1 | 3.468471 | -3.907568 | -2.758609 |
| | | | | | 1 | 1.621922 | -4.428108 | 1.092913 |
| | | | | | 1 | 2.472882 | -5.408533 | -1.037282 |
| | | | | | 9 | 4.272677 | 0.646905 | -1.905654 |
| | | | | | 9 | 2.130008 | 0.555777 | -2.304693 |
| | | | | | 9 | 2.945523 | 2.145310 | -1.074144 |
| | | | | | 9 | 5.154597 | -0.407116 | 0.421882 |
| | | | | | 9 | 3.764578 | -0.449514 | 2.092879 |
| | | | | | 9 | 4.276478 | 1.441328 | 1.158780 |

| TS(35→36) | | | | 35 + OC(CF ₃) ₂ Ph | | | |
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| E = -2341.500302 (-2341.5945057) | | | | E = -2341.5410652 (-2341.6352825) | | | |
| Tc = 0.382572 Nimag = 1 (-27.70 cm ⁻¹) | | | | Tc = 0.379269 Nimag = 0 | | | |
| 6 | -2.979513 | -1.369628 | -1.761106 | 6 | -1.333775 | 0.719686 | -0.727984 |
| 6 | -1.984751 | -2.371818 | -1.782788 | 6 | -1.561088 | 0.791968 | -2.254641 |
| 6 | -1.047072 | -2.382420 | -2.992411 | 6 | -1.015156 | -0.329855 | -3.095655 |
| 1 | -1.131261 | -3.348568 | -3.503995 | 1 | -0.983051 | -0.013037 | -4.139006 |
| 1 | -1.257828 | -1.585756 | -3.711655 | 1 | -0.020729 | -0.626232 | -2.750817 |
| 8 | -1.784241 | -3.259641 | -0.899984 | 8 | -2.118139 | 1.769450 | -2.720814 |
| 6 | -4.021457 | -1.224631 | -0.792403 | 6 | -1.919040 | 1.930463 | -0.007185 |
| 8 | -4.852071 | -0.157588 | -1.120180 | 8 | -1.036017 | 2.923995 | -0.038295 |
| 8 | -4.257296 | -1.894438 | 0.223418 | 8 | -3.019893 | 1.989720 | 0.507149 |
| 6 | -5.961269 | 0.100146 | -0.240573 | 6 | -1.452386 | 4.204916 | 0.537301 |
| 1 | -5.586072 | 0.321087 | 0.764908 | 1 | -1.690536 | 4.035618 | 1.590259 |
| 1 | -6.587805 | -0.795762 | -0.171431 | 1 | -2.358669 | 4.527043 | 0.018558 |
| 6 | -6.740772 | 1.274592 | -0.807207 | 6 | -0.307771 | 5.179052 | 0.355126 |
| 1 | -7.593260 | 1.500077 | -0.157698 | 1 | -0.592867 | 6.146449 | 0.780165 |
| 1 | -6.113465 | 2.169494 | -0.871585 | 1 | 0.592859 | 4.830079 | 0.868245 |
| 1 | -7.123623 | 1.047052 | -1.807404 | 1 | -0.077876 | 5.323746 | -0.704421 |
| 1 | -3.008518 | -0.669609 | -2.588307 | 1 | -0.226849 | 0.653526 | -0.559398 |
| 1 | -0.009602 | -2.288569 | -2.651751 | 1 | -1.669410 | -1.207012 | -3.021848 |
| 16 | -0.043761 | 0.177363 | 0.316461 | 16 | -1.834504 | -0.940336 | -0.049343 |
| 6 | -1.012161 | 1.668242 | 0.192232 | 6 | -1.904305 | -0.700694 | 1.748390 |

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| 6 | -1.390643 | 2.020837 | -1.112166 | | 6 | -0.671761 | -0.484731 | 2.374325 |
| 6 | -1.371520 | 2.442449 | 1.304295 | | 6 | -3.100122 | -0.813035 | 2.458415 |
| 6 | -2.127106 | 3.189286 | -1.302407 | | 6 | -0.657162 | -0.351771 | 3.765176 |
| 1 | -1.128356 | 1.392356 | -1.955286 | | 1 | 0.241477 | -0.411007 | 1.783043 |
| 6 | -2.107890 | 3.605560 | 1.092060 | | 6 | -3.056271 | -0.689889 | 3.849621 |
| 1 | -1.097734 | 2.149731 | 2.310159 | | 1 | -4.042905 | -0.990524 | 1.955852 |
| 6 | -2.481233 | 3.979414 | -0.205000 | | 6 | -1.841717 | -0.456002 | 4.500961 |
| 1 | -2.429130 | 3.473648 | -2.304610 | | 1 | 0.286993 | -0.175297 | 4.270677 |
| 1 | -2.394948 | 4.216815 | 1.941004 | | 1 | -3.976511 | -0.774683 | 4.418522 |
| 1 | -3.058761 | 4.885546 | -0.357537 | | 1 | -1.818322 | -0.359481 | 5.581900 |
| 6 | -0.413740 | -0.558252 | 1.906696 | | 6 | -3.490221 | -1.358341 | -0.615023 |
| 6 | 0.107389 | -0.040065 | 3.099755 | | 6 | -3.630478 | -2.696725 | -1.010142 |
| 6 | -1.238299 | -1.687312 | 1.862030 | | 6 | -4.553724 | -0.451201 | -0.693677 |
| 6 | -0.231484 | -0.675938 | 4.292848 | | 6 | -4.869540 | -3.134674 | -1.481046 |
| 1 | 0.776291 | 0.812379 | 3.100360 | | 1 | -2.791302 | -3.382368 | -0.953818 |
| 6 | -1.571320 | -2.295338 | 3.076605 | | 6 | -5.780623 | -0.906790 | -1.179435 |
| 1 | -1.603377 | -2.102844 | 0.922483 | | 1 | -4.424528 | 0.576171 | -0.377249 |
| 6 | -1.074242 | -1.794704 | 4.281893 | | 6 | -5.940462 | -2.240914 | -1.568072 |
| 1 | 0.166093 | -0.297603 | 5.228789 | | 1 | -4.989718 | -4.168600 | -1.786861 |
| 1 | -2.211316 | -3.171497 | 3.069469 | | 1 | -6.612955 | -0.214063 | -1.249246 |
| 1 | -1.332239 | -2.282025 | 5.216841 | | 1 | -6.900183 | -2.582781 | -1.942501 |
| 8 | 1.480515 | 0.838780 | 0.681334 | | 8 | 1.322268 | -0.153475 | -0.067422 |
| 6 | 2.623473 | 0.568894 | -0.168060 | | 6 | 2.644039 | 0.014534 | -0.222627 |
| 6 | 3.812779 | 1.020567 | 0.760598 | | 6 | 3.148376 | 1.064852 | 0.839904 |
| 6 | 2.512933 | 1.546019 | -1.388066 | | 6 | 2.917006 | 0.583226 | -1.666681 |
| 6 | 2.782441 | -0.901981 | -0.551671 | | 6 | 3.473131 | -1.300239 | -0.045805 |
| 6 | 3.195668 | -1.311157 | -1.829508 | | 6 | 4.869219 | -1.385405 | -0.171384 |
| 6 | 2.555882 | -1.876354 | 0.436463 | | 6 | 2.754543 | -2.462695 | 0.256528 |
| 6 | 3.364073 | -2.668142 | -2.111327 | | 6 | 5.524638 | -2.608548 | 0.004519 |
| 1 | 3.394843 | -0.595360 | -2.615638 | | 1 | 5.457678 | -0.506475 | -0.405460 |
| 6 | 2.720012 | -3.230369 | 0.146059 | | 6 | 3.407716 | -3.685954 | 0.433232 |
| 1 | 2.255778 | -1.587297 | 1.436323 | | 1 | 1.677224 | -2.381732 | 0.347070 |
| 6 | 3.125407 | -3.631180 | -1.129053 | | 6 | 4.797804 | -3.763739 | 0.308052 |
| 1 | 3.680237 | -2.966883 | -3.105527 | | 1 | 6.605463 | -2.655079 | -0.095960 |
| 1 | 2.532633 | -3.967507 | 0.919952 | | 1 | 2.830779 | -4.576400 | 0.667984 |
| 1 | 3.253884 | -4.684978 | -1.355193 | | 1 | 5.309577 | -4.712194 | 0.444704 |
| 9 | 3.664237 | 1.638986 | -2.078095 | | 9 | 4.207286 | 0.943759 | -1.926637 |
| 9 | 1.549771 | 1.116504 | -2.234932 | | 9 | 2.588043 | -0.345836 | -2.601788 |
| 9 | 2.169139 | 2.784025 | -0.997597 | | 9 | 2.163652 | 1.678917 | -1.936008 |
| 9 | 4.989925 | 0.801629 | 0.147563 | | 9 | 4.471884 | 1.391719 | 0.770738 |
| 9 | 3.806192 | 0.325566 | 1.910812 | | 9 | 2.943295 | 0.585987 | 2.093747 |
| 9 | 3.747285 | 2.326742 | 1.078975 | | 9 | 2.474222 | 2.239590 | 0.761170 |

| TS(36→16a) | | | | (16a + HOC(CF ₃) ₂ Ph) | | | |
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| E = -2341.5356879 (-2341.6339353) | | | | E = -2341.5723308 (-2341.6596874) | | | |
| Tc = 0.379642 NImag = 1 (-1096.69 cm ⁻¹) | | | | Tc = 0.385163 NImag = 0 | | | |
| 6 | -1.142101 | 0.768297 | -0.473265 | 6 | -1.969602 | -0.211518 | 0.124196 |
| 6 | -1.177886 | 1.300945 | -1.891936 | 6 | -0.630041 | -0.203407 | -0.403824 |
| 6 | -0.866325 | 0.343432 | -3.023472 | 6 | -0.387482 | -0.003324 | -1.897981 |
| 1 | -0.534550 | 0.923101 | -3.886638 | 1 | 0.688204 | -0.004847 | -2.074861 |
| 1 | -0.103012 | -0.384855 | -2.740961 | 1 | -0.840350 | -0.802821 | -2.491500 |
| 8 | -1.405198 | 2.484610 | -2.109644 | 8 | 0.370069 | -0.344738 | 0.339693 |
| 6 | -1.589892 | 1.725081 | 0.600901 | 6 | -2.385042 | -0.386653 | 1.513671 |
| 8 | -0.749208 | 2.755513 | 0.692086 | 8 | -1.392675 | -0.703456 | 2.369748 |
| 8 | -2.565128 | 1.577782 | 1.324543 | 8 | -3.554190 | -0.264725 | 1.887678 |
| 6 | -1.069992 | 3.789126 | 1.669573 | 6 | -1.773107 | -0.882935 | 3.760148 |
| 1 | -1.060615 | 3.333110 | 2.663260 | 1 | -2.513052 | -1.686257 | 3.821488 |
| 1 | -2.079930 | 4.154034 | 1.464418 | 1 | -2.239555 | 0.038709 | 4.119927 |
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| 1 | -0.245343 | 5.673749 | 2.261351 | 1 | -0.767634 | -1.366132 | 5.591182 |
| 1 | 0.974364 | 4.499092 | 1.733165 | 1 | -0.052043 | -2.135926 | 4.162075 |
| 1 | -0.048342 | 5.323141 | 0.533717 | 1 | 0.217834 | -0.406307 | 4.471108 |

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| 1 | 0.125627 | 0.400560 | -0.316361 | | 1 | 1.928062 | -0.415039 | -0.120054 |
| 1 | -1.772551 | -0.201930 | -3.313119 | | 1 | -0.799777 | 0.945305 | -2.255217 |
| 16 | -1.904734 | -0.898215 | -0.401443 | | 16 | -3.245594 | -0.005538 | -1.057172 |
| 6 | -1.931652 | -1.408534 | 1.340995 | | 6 | -4.469983 | -1.336285 | -0.919723 |
| 6 | -0.700572 | -1.777064 | 1.892781 | | 6 | -4.260267 | -2.420687 | -1.779276 |
| 6 | -3.126808 | -1.525341 | 2.051806 | | 6 | -5.563770 | -1.293208 | -0.051168 |
| 6 | -0.675207 | -2.253332 | 3.206017 | | 6 | -5.154997 | -3.493331 | -1.750904 |
| 1 | 0.213275 | -1.671365 | 1.316507 | | 1 | -3.416766 | -2.431640 | -2.462121 |
| 6 | -3.081279 | -2.017684 | 3.358308 | | 6 | -6.457138 | -2.366697 | -0.044802 |
| 1 | -4.073486 | -1.239707 | 1.610687 | | 1 | -5.709581 | -0.449500 | 0.610076 |
| 6 | -1.860526 | -2.377764 | 3.936628 | | 6 | -6.252697 | -3.465518 | -0.886313 |
| 1 | 0.274172 | -2.535080 | 3.650277 | | 1 | -4.997799 | -4.338955 | -2.412742 |
| 1 | -4.004069 | -2.112778 | 3.921660 | | 1 | -7.310788 | -2.344146 | 0.625403 |
| 1 | -1.834059 | -2.757309 | 4.953302 | | 1 | -6.951757 | -4.295987 | -0.871411 |
| 6 | -3.622724 | -0.863354 | -0.956270 | | 6 | -4.169612 | 1.525690 | -0.729331 |
| 6 | -4.001738 | -1.972088 | -1.725244 | | 6 | -5.323663 | 1.770344 | -1.480595 |
| 6 | -4.507928 | 0.190740 | -0.703486 | | 6 | -3.646122 | 2.484912 | 0.136333 |
| 6 | -5.300342 | -2.030660 | -2.235339 | | 6 | -5.978548 | 2.995094 | -1.332525 |
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| 6 | -5.798270 | 0.120416 | -1.233129 | | 6 | -4.309447 | 3.708263 | 0.269953 |
| 1 | -4.200434 | 1.033224 | -0.097326 | | 1 | -2.739920 | 2.285936 | 0.696793 |
| 6 | -6.195389 | -0.984932 | -1.992550 | | 6 | -5.474455 | 3.963479 | -0.458225 |
| 1 | -5.603318 | -2.886653 | -2.829395 | | 1 | -6.879111 | 3.190158 | -1.906190 |
| 1 | -6.493855 | 0.931960 | -1.044932 | | 1 | -3.911797 | 4.457415 | 0.947344 |
| 1 | -7.201450 | -1.028928 | -2.397728 | | 1 | -5.985996 | 4.914622 | -0.348991 |
| 8 | 1.204491 | -0.339826 | -0.280025 | | 8 | 2.827714 | -0.676003 | -0.489953 |
| 6 | 2.511197 | 0.048058 | -0.196524 | | 6 | 3.901898 | 0.102694 | -0.071422 |
| 6 | 2.775114 | 0.588375 | 1.254148 | | 6 | 4.017657 | -0.016120 | 1.485825 |
| 6 | 2.772017 | 1.180559 | -1.249204 | | 6 | 3.631323 | 1.584315 | -0.499847 |
| 6 | 3.477287 | -1.136424 | -0.476217 | | 6 | 5.191303 | -0.415929 | -0.737651 |
| 6 | 4.875908 | -1.013721 | -0.455647 | | 6 | 6.441986 | 0.180796 | -0.512475 |
| 6 | 2.913408 | -2.386532 | -0.759142 | | 6 | 5.108648 | -1.522713 | -1.592892 |
| 6 | 5.687471 | -2.122369 | -0.714159 | | 6 | 7.586013 | -0.324661 | -1.135006 |
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| 6 | 5.117018 | -3.366883 | -0.995763 | | 6 | 7.498461 | -1.428600 | -1.987145 |
| 1 | 6.767469 | -2.008753 | -0.694178 | | 1 | 8.545462 | 0.148780 | -0.950024 |
| 1 | 3.268809 | -4.455644 | -1.234611 | | 1 | 6.173489 | -2.884217 | -2.871985 |
| 1 | 5.750154 | -4.226422 | -1.195794 | | 1 | 8.389677 | -1.819250 | -2.469172 |
| 9 | 4.009081 | 1.739184 | -1.193013 | | 9 | 4.581154 | 2.454667 | -0.087766 |
| 9 | 2.623383 | 0.689768 | -2.503199 | | 9 | 3.566428 | 1.667387 | -1.846004 |
| 9 | 1.887758 | 2.197549 | -1.122034 | | 9 | 2.450560 | 2.035595 | -0.017569 |
| 9 | 4.016210 | 1.107452 | 1.454086 | | 9 | 4.989514 | 0.759005 | 2.020452 |
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| 9 | 1.896582 | 1.554867 | 1.601923 | | 9 | 2.862282 | 0.323369 | 2.100236 |

| 17a E = -577.1363319 (-577.1616141) Tc = 0.183663 Nimag = 0 | | | | Diphenyl sulfoxide E = -936.7077149 (-936.7322283) Tc = 0.144835 NImag = 0 | | | |
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| 6 | -0.440607 | 0.024017 | -0.020113 | 16 | -0.002373 | 1.292310 | -0.890218 |
| 6 | -1.501833 | 0.893748 | -0.015962 | 6 | -1.390891 | 0.306176 | -0.236678 |
| 6 | -2.937994 | 0.453913 | 0.012660 | 6 | -2.138011 | -0.458741 | -1.134786 |
| 1 | -3.364509 | 0.649850 | -0.981772 | 6 | -1.720531 | 0.367619 | 1.119776 |
| 8 | -1.358818 | 2.229780 | -0.044704 | 6 | -3.221067 | -1.204438 | -0.655514 |
| 6 | 0.902745 | 0.582919 | -0.020484 | 1 | -1.886001 | -0.473661 | -2.191342 |
| 8 | 1.881427 | -0.335342 | 0.021687 | 6 | -2.808322 | -0.372839 | 1.586020 |
| 8 | 1.160091 | 1.804810 | -0.052824 | 1 | -1.140951 | 0.990268 | 1.794170 |
| 6 | 3.254933 | 0.144574 | 0.024021 | 6 | -3.554451 | -1.161687 | 0.700917 |
| 1 | 3.394281 | 0.792086 | 0.894054 | 1 | -3.807112 | -1.805290 | -1.344111 |

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| 1 | 3.415201 | 0.740405 | -0.878683 | | 1 | -3.074095 | -0.335039 | 2.638130 |
| 6 | 4.161381 | -1.069667 | 0.070642 | | 1 | -4.399462 | -1.735598 | 1.068969 |
| 1 | 5.205306 | -0.740560 | 0.073931 | | 6 | 1.380816 | 0.240811 | -0.314180 |
| 1 | 3.984710 | -1.658784 | 0.975612 | | 6 | 2.152789 | 0.673439 | 0.762855 |
| 1 | 4.006621 | -1.710971 | -0.802267 | | 6 | 1.682319 | -0.937161 | -1.003481 |
| 1 | -3.479133 | 1.106563 | 0.707715 | | 6 | 3.237506 | -0.107449 | 1.176835 |
| 6 | -3.102495 | -1.024992 | 0.384901 | | 1 | 1.905618 | 1.606465 | 1.258906 |
| 1 | -4.125870 | -1.346281 | 0.164135 | | 6 | 2.766166 | -1.710459 | -0.580110 |
| 1 | -2.955012 | -1.149745 | 1.465729 | | 1 | 1.086568 | -1.254084 | -1.854889 |
| 6 | -0.646744 | -1.481551 | -0.003678 | | 6 | 3.542303 | -1.297509 | 0.509380 |
| 1 | -0.398589 | -1.877013 | 0.991893 | | 1 | 3.843871 | 0.217896 | 2.016867 |
| 1 | 0.058612 | -1.952356 | -0.696321 | | 1 | 3.007480 | -2.629629 | -1.105223 |
| 6 | -2.082393 | -1.882270 | -0.371073 | | 1 | 4.386851 | -1.899260 | 0.831146 |
| 1 | -2.234327 | -1.754917 | -1.451740 | | 8 | 0.067932 | 2.576800 | -0.056918 |
| 1 | -2.233171 | -2.944950 | -0.151510 | | | | | |
| 1 | -0.377695 | 2.408537 | -0.069531 | | | | | |

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| (CF₃SO₂)₂O E = -1847.630344 (-1847.6464949) Tc = 0.005983 Nimag = 0 | | | | 37 E = -1822.7187725 (-1822.7541709) Tc = 0.160287 Nimag = 0 | | | |
| 8 | -0.051209 | -0.394209 | 0.623383 | 16 | 0.596570 | 0.071336 | -0.772511 |
| 16 | -1.350213 | -0.738250 | -0.418950 | 6 | 1.998715 | -0.902220 | -0.263990 |
| 8 | -1.939848 | -1.996473 | -0.006904 | 6 | 2.850962 | -1.283611 | -1.309051 |
| 8 | -0.982191 | -0.443961 | -1.790338 | 6 | 2.221162 | -1.274182 | 1.068045 |
| 6 | -2.403230 | 0.693440 | 0.268686 | 6 | 3.986945 | -2.030688 | -0.993451 |
| 9 | -1.790443 | 1.843521 | 0.021327 | 1 | 2.640970 | -1.008504 | -2.337451 |
| 9 | -2.577180 | 0.526222 | 1.572673 | 6 | 3.353270 | -2.035397 | 1.353272 |
| 9 | -3.572406 | 0.647507 | -0.362846 | 1 | 1.525067 | -1.004774 | 1.853619 |
| 16 | 1.557149 | -0.818777 | 0.380213 | 6 | 4.235574 | -2.403787 | 0.330043 |
| 8 | 2.082983 | -1.049038 | 1.709287 | 1 | 4.663413 | -2.331512 | -1.785983 |
| 8 | 1.658892 | -1.773331 | -0.706502 | 1 | 3.542987 | -2.342830 | 2.376021 |
| 6 | 2.191758 | 0.872594 | -0.216266 | 1 | 5.114078 | -2.995327 | 0.566211 |
| 9 | 1.899796 | 1.793113 | 0.694586 | 6 | 0.844342 | 1.738862 | -0.246410 |
| 9 | 3.509550 | 0.770696 | -0.363426 | 6 | 0.165896 | 2.695023 | -1.023710 |
| 9 | 1.620554 | 1.171422 | -1.376328 | 6 | 1.664134 | 2.097870 | 0.834955 |
| | | | | 6 | 0.302976 | 4.040472 | -0.690771 |
| | | | | 1 | -0.446282 | 2.393181 | -1.867027 |
| | | | | 6 | 1.784792 | 3.448130 | 1.148098 |
| | | | | 1 | 2.200119 | 1.353237 | 1.409739 |
| | | | | 6 | 1.106250 | 4.413462 | 0.391806 |
| | | | | 1 | -0.210499 | 4.792867 | -1.279096 |
| | | | | 1 | 2.413280 | 3.748600 | 1.979275 |
| | | | | 1 | 1.212938 | 5.463399 | 0.644474 |
| | | | | 8 | -0.568922 | -0.425972 | 0.400841 |
| | | | | 16 | -1.832432 | -1.454348 | -0.027111 |
| | | | | 8 | -1.930049 | -2.423525 | 1.045375 |
| | | | | 8 | -1.718766 | -1.805755 | -1.431675 |
| | | | | 6 | -3.255864 | -0.211228 | 0.190242 |
| | | | | 9 | -3.203493 | 0.308497 | 1.410499 |
| | | | | 9 | -4.391972 | -0.881896 | 0.023628 |
| | | | | 9 | -3.148456 | 0.745138 | -0.724864 |

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| (17a + 37) E = -2399.8415846 (-2399.9213077) Tc = 0.359314 Nimag = 0 | | | | TS(17→38) E = -2399.8273958 (-2399.9086964) Tc = 0.358688 Nimag = 1 (-1098.02cm ⁻¹) | | | |
| 6 | 0.332290 | -3.462746 | 1.512301 | 6 | 1.940229 | -1.729793 | 2.312557 |
| 6 | 0.282220 | -2.156257 | 0.659350 | 6 | 0.814473 | -1.226777 | 1.370131 |
| 6 | -0.122276 | -0.967571 | 1.512251 | 6 | -0.362577 | -0.726308 | 1.983142 |
| 6 | 0.600783 | -0.818328 | 2.834294 | 6 | -0.490720 | -0.458735 | 3.452067 |
| 6 | 0.660047 | -2.135301 | 3.632691 | 6 | 0.532952 | -1.192932 | 4.321431 |
| 6 | 1.181747 | -3.290286 | 2.775142 | 6 | 1.922910 | -1.078386 | 3.696871 |

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| 1 | -0.691500 | -3.748316 | 1.779213 | | 1 | 1.837503 | -2.815315 | 2.417638 |
| 1 | 0.737476 | -4.256218 | 0.877108 | | 1 | 2.896036 | -1.549011 | 1.816785 |
| 1 | 1.616419 | -0.491866 | 2.560007 | | 1 | -0.383163 | 0.632758 | 3.554598 |
| 1 | 0.130082 | -0.009521 | 3.396570 | | 1 | -1.526260 | -0.675064 | 3.737983 |
| 1 | 1.305002 | -1.971695 | 4.502298 | | 1 | 0.506632 | -0.759256 | 5.325176 |
| 1 | -0.338736 | -2.374323 | 4.017167 | | 1 | 0.248968 | -2.247391 | 4.416702 |
| 1 | 2.227734 | -3.109481 | 2.497500 | | 1 | 2.213998 | -0.022430 | 3.627736 |
| 1 | 1.159684 | -4.222754 | 3.348848 | | 1 | 2.669643 | -1.572713 | 4.326002 |
| 8 | -0.939663 | -0.092673 | 1.209318 | | 8 | -1.474550 | -0.312120 | 1.381355 |
| 6 | -0.582824 | -2.394235 | -0.566320 | | 6 | 0.653776 | -2.044323 | 0.103806 |
| 8 | 0.162862 | -2.602438 | -1.650780 | | 8 | 1.791039 | -2.635690 | -0.234598 |
| 8 | -1.802497 | -2.447249 | -0.544774 | | 8 | -0.389947 | -2.159013 | -0.524140 |
| 6 | -0.530015 | -2.960341 | -2.889605 | | 6 | 1.779556 | -3.480226 | -1.432669 |
| 1 | -1.196024 | -2.135156 | -3.153852 | | 1 | 1.463607 | -2.860607 | -2.275229 |
| 1 | -1.133702 | -3.849794 | -2.692702 | | 1 | 1.040257 | -4.269717 | -1.278385 |
| 6 | 0.525950 | -3.203989 | -3.947443 | | 6 | 3.179355 | -4.028295 | -1.611578 |
| 1 | 0.033949 | -3.471812 | -4.887609 | | 1 | 3.200504 | -4.664169 | -2.502006 |
| 1 | 1.127654 | -2.306663 | -4.118268 | | 1 | 3.904535 | -3.221155 | -1.748379 |
| 1 | 1.188973 | -4.025449 | -3.660932 | | 1 | 3.479654 | -4.632789 | -0.750916 |
| 1 | 1.301380 | -1.910006 | 0.335000 | | 1 | 1.296940 | -0.081830 | 0.903007 |
| 8 | 2.150631 | 0.342721 | -0.226125 | | 8 | 1.704054 | 1.072931 | 0.428183 |
| 16 | 3.309383 | 1.077670 | 0.349882 | | 16 | 3.152476 | 1.361681 | -0.001735 |
| 8 | 3.330660 | 2.529038 | 0.049819 | | 8 | 3.546379 | 2.735152 | 0.332901 |
| 8 | 3.634953 | 0.710681 | 1.749135 | | 8 | 4.074048 | 0.264428 | 0.317953 |
| 6 | 4.766470 | 0.405544 | -0.630508 | | 6 | 2.989571 | 1.349352 | -1.876185 |
| 9 | 5.917037 | 0.986289 | -0.238169 | | 9 | 4.182195 | 1.608675 | -2.431793 |
| 9 | 4.609808 | 0.640165 | -1.948180 | | 9 | 2.114476 | 2.284256 | -2.275626 |
| 9 | 4.891599 | -0.924753 | -0.456846 | | 9 | 2.565035 | 0.151395 | -2.305785 |
| 16 | -2.130258 | 0.562062 | -0.757154 | | 16 | -1.657108 | 0.170939 | -0.315119 |
| 6 | -3.744434 | 0.287220 | -0.241437 | | 6 | -3.066557 | -0.829387 | -0.737434 |
| 6 | -4.359422 | 0.944422 | 0.860686 | | 6 | -4.065869 | -1.147690 | 0.190715 |
| 6 | -4.422759 | -0.739393 | -0.959949 | | 6 | -3.096758 | -1.277669 | -2.063697 |
| 6 | -5.659209 | 0.608475 | 1.189722 | | 6 | -5.134333 | -1.932191 | -0.240991 |
| 1 | -3.808193 | 1.656392 | 1.462150 | | 1 | -4.006636 | -0.817009 | 1.220866 |
| 6 | -5.732269 | -1.035622 | -0.625898 | | 6 | -4.188693 | -2.042110 | -2.476654 |
| 1 | -3.919489 | -1.262580 | -1.764782 | | 1 | -2.294531 | -1.042859 | -2.754692 |
| 6 | -6.349473 | -0.365520 | 0.442999 | | 6 | -5.200128 | -2.369457 | -1.569308 |
| 1 | -6.139714 | 1.083546 | 2.037387 | | 1 | -5.914918 | -2.199862 | 0.463048 |
| 1 | -6.273346 | -1.793665 | -1.180301 | | 1 | -4.235485 | -2.393141 | -3.501776 |
| 1 | -7.368729 | -0.619799 | 0.714995 | | 1 | -6.039162 | -2.976173 | -1.894071 |
| 6 | -1.714443 | 2.206010 | -0.469019 | | 6 | -2.253204 | 1.807448 | -0.018904 |
| 6 | -0.314226 | 2.470475 | -0.477551 | | 6 | -1.237756 | 2.782656 | 0.053752 |
| 6 | -2.662135 | 3.263507 | -0.356068 | | 6 | -3.613613 | 2.147397 | 0.076254 |
| 6 | 0.121712 | 3.773729 | -0.320176 | | 6 | -1.600560 | 4.111973 | 0.249581 |
| 1 | 0.407118 | 1.660900 | -0.560549 | | 1 | -0.192738 | 2.502048 | -0.032015 |
| 6 | -2.196340 | 4.558601 | -0.226670 | | 6 | -3.951616 | 3.484385 | 0.261633 |
| 1 | -3.723632 | 3.072712 | -0.442962 | | 1 | -4.389808 | 1.398253 | -0.009744 |
| 6 | -0.813015 | 4.815614 | -0.193085 | | 6 | -2.951747 | 4.461346 | 0.351960 |
| 1 | 1.187263 | 3.973199 | -0.291200 | | 1 | -0.830873 | 4.873444 | 0.311698 |
| 1 | -2.902949 | 5.378943 | -0.171275 | | 1 | -4.997100 | 3.764965 | 0.329165 |
| 1 | -0.464546 | 5.837692 | -0.085689 | | 1 | -3.229138 | 5.500984 | 0.493187 |

| 38 | | | | TS(38→39) | | | |
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| E = -1437.799793 (-1437.8620894) Tc = 0.336925 Nimag = 0 | | | | E = -1437.7840414 (-1437.859195) Tc = 0.337277 Nimag = 1 (-128.86 cm ⁻¹) | | | |
| 6 | -4.047417 | -0.750810 | -0.304169 | 6 | 2.674811 | 1.524138 | 0.020250 |
| 6 | -2.624886 | -0.463062 | 0.151527 | 6 | 1.380209 | 1.006034 | -0.529217 |
| 6 | -1.579150 | -1.017741 | -0.492084 | 6 | 1.385851 | -0.034894 | -1.598688 |
| 6 | -1.681055 | -1.972886 | -1.650252 | 6 | 2.691479 | -0.718441 | -1.951324 |
| 6 | -3.104197 | -2.523582 | -1.822653 | 6 | 3.952518 | 0.086243 | -1.606418 |
| 6 | -4.129355 | -1.395460 | -1.690680 | 6 | 3.885461 | 0.602765 | -0.166473 |
| 1 | -4.526073 | -1.400016 | 0.442933 | 1 | 2.850689 | 2.464654 | -0.535279 |

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| 1 | -4.600857 | 0.192558 | -0.282066 | | 1 | 2.544671 | 1.849775 | 1.057709 |
| 1 | -1.366755 | -1.467770 | -2.574232 | | 1 | 2.701271 | -1.674791 | -1.409892 |
| 1 | -0.971346 | -2.792565 | -1.486166 | | 1 | 2.636682 | -0.968155 | -3.015034 |
| 1 | -3.182340 | -3.018427 | -2.795523 | | 1 | 4.833363 | -0.546954 | -1.746781 |
| 1 | -3.293769 | -3.285243 | -1.056063 | | 1 | 4.054501 | 0.931282 | -2.298912 |
| 1 | -3.939846 | -0.637222 | -2.461852 | | 1 | 3.834011 | -0.237900 | 0.532484 |
| 1 | -5.143216 | -1.773834 | -1.856938 | | 1 | 4.787191 | 1.169230 | 0.084472 |
| 8 | -0.274585 | -0.758047 | -0.013069 | | 8 | 0.330361 | -0.331878 | -2.159924 |
| 16 | 0.930888 | -0.477146 | -1.158901 | | 16 | -0.664564 | -2.436551 | -0.520000 |
| 6 | 2.340297 | -1.027010 | -0.221651 | | 6 | -2.191496 | -1.508530 | -0.384562 |
| 6 | 3.038961 | -0.205037 | 0.671217 | | 6 | -2.885884 | -1.454236 | 0.834565 |
| 6 | 2.719775 | -2.356782 | -0.461955 | | 6 | -2.744859 | -0.966667 | -1.551637 |
| 6 | 4.129004 | -0.743637 | 1.353190 | | 6 | -4.129551 | -0.822766 | 0.882542 |
| 1 | 2.755358 | 0.828407 | 0.827626 | | 1 | -2.468809 | -1.904924 | 1.729033 |
| 6 | 3.809918 | -2.877059 | 0.234279 | | 6 | -3.997213 | -0.350641 | -1.490823 |
| 1 | 2.178916 | -2.971114 | -1.174408 | | 1 | -2.199032 | -1.012985 | -2.486692 |
| 6 | 4.510441 | -2.073114 | 1.139097 | | 6 | -4.686668 | -0.272651 | -0.277042 |
| 1 | 4.682347 | -0.121351 | 2.048345 | | 1 | -4.667176 | -0.773892 | 1.824226 |
| 1 | 4.114282 | -3.903825 | 0.062196 | | 1 | -4.427613 | 0.073854 | -2.392341 |
| 1 | 5.362919 | -2.480271 | 1.673246 | | 1 | -5.658040 | 0.210062 | -0.234848 |
| 6 | 0.993374 | 1.306573 | -1.239534 | | 6 | 0.412049 | -1.778685 | 0.679273 |
| 6 | 1.360588 | 1.844203 | -2.479570 | | 6 | 1.435169 | -2.626978 | 1.160236 |
| 6 | 0.659198 | 2.110121 | -0.143079 | | 6 | 0.309936 | -0.442033 | 1.188312 |
| 6 | 1.425438 | 3.232930 | -2.607359 | | 6 | 2.244712 | -2.200597 | 2.198934 |
| 1 | 1.590478 | 1.201508 | -3.323246 | | 1 | 1.546192 | -3.627426 | 0.754975 |
| 6 | 0.717286 | 3.494865 | -0.297877 | | 6 | 1.110012 | -0.065721 | 2.300229 |
| 1 | 0.344161 | 1.667728 | 0.794248 | | 1 | -0.568322 | 0.142970 | 0.960055 |
| 6 | 1.105268 | 4.053035 | -1.521546 | | 6 | 2.069917 | -0.923898 | 2.791498 |
| 1 | 1.712597 | 3.668795 | -3.558243 | | 1 | 3.006784 | -2.869567 | 2.585708 |
| 1 | 0.457264 | 4.135997 | 0.537747 | | 1 | 0.950868 | 0.909379 | 2.747110 |
| 1 | 1.147233 | 5.131906 | -1.630860 | | 1 | 2.686255 | -0.635201 | 3.636002 |
| 6 | -2.535184 | 0.459451 | 1.325214 | | 6 | 0.288004 | 2.054212 | -0.617064 |
| 8 | -1.504243 | 0.221629 | 2.149945 | | 8 | -0.276713 | 2.373028 | 0.536443 |
| 8 | -3.372519 | 1.326161 | 1.537466 | | 8 | 0.090191 | 2.601339 | -1.686281 |
| 6 | -1.427655 | 1.039967 | 3.356260 | | 6 | -1.236565 | 3.488808 | 0.527377 |
| 1 | -2.374228 | 0.943816 | 3.894236 | | 1 | -2.037532 | 3.230385 | -0.168709 |
| 1 | -1.307195 | 2.084973 | 3.057174 | | 1 | -0.711392 | 4.370969 | 0.154475 |
| 6 | -0.254326 | 0.539892 | 4.174729 | | 6 | -1.735359 | 3.667100 | 1.944714 |
| 1 | -0.175958 | 1.135899 | 5.089355 | | 1 | -2.450878 | 4.494774 | 1.964946 |
| 1 | -0.390707 | -0.507792 | 4.458746 | | 1 | -2.242889 | 2.766695 | 2.302001 |
| 1 | 0.685365 | 0.635080 | 3.622784 | | 1 | -0.913671 | 3.907304 | 2.625306 |

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| (39 + OSO₂CF₃) | | | | TS(39→19aa) | | | |
| E = -2399.4562655 (-2399.5419484) | | | | E = -2399.4472369 (-2399.5376629) | | | |
| Tc = 0.348798 NImag = 0 | | | | Tc = 0.347919 NImag = 1 (-1055.00 cm ⁻¹) | | | |
| 6 | 1.843787 | 2.869246 | 0.428461 | 6 | 0.798765 | 3.052943 | 0.708300 |
| 6 | 0.525048 | 2.143657 | 0.077776 | 6 | -0.149606 | 1.894989 | 0.277462 |
| 6 | 0.403616 | 1.948276 | -1.460040 | 6 | -0.184802 | 1.791173 | -1.269884 |
| 6 | 1.036132 | 3.023187 | -2.317637 | 6 | 0.037420 | 3.083559 | -2.030691 |
| 6 | 1.200487 | 4.363666 | -1.591938 | 6 | -0.336503 | 4.337322 | -1.230844 |
| 6 | 2.033937 | 4.227143 | -0.299187 | 6 | 0.443389 | 4.432443 | 0.099492 |
| 1 | 1.889160 | 3.011877 | 1.511324 | 1 | 0.794683 | 3.107776 | 1.799816 |
| 1 | 2.668238 | 2.203221 | 0.162620 | 1 | 1.810817 | 2.770821 | 0.408899 |
| 1 | 2.020757 | 2.627423 | -2.611270 | 1 | 1.107823 | 3.104721 | -2.285646 |
| 1 | 0.450693 | 3.109928 | -3.237783 | 1 | -0.506028 | 3.014017 | -2.977494 |
| 1 | 1.672396 | 5.084138 | -2.266505 | 1 | -0.149418 | 5.226524 | -1.840283 |
| 1 | 0.209081 | 4.772295 | -1.364349 | 1 | -1.415857 | 4.328629 | -1.039412 |
| 1 | 3.096864 | 4.329665 | -0.541254 | 1 | 1.378762 | 4.978189 | -0.062811 |
| 1 | 1.782357 | 5.049108 | 0.375458 | 1 | -0.140302 | 5.016941 | 0.816363 |
| 8 | -0.153304 | 0.972421 | -1.931663 | 8 | -0.364195 | 0.725556 | -1.833388 |
| 16 | 2.220143 | -0.559722 | -0.860462 | 16 | 2.451972 | 0.317513 | -0.820796 |
| 6 | 3.677067 | -1.569110 | -0.561479 | 6 | 4.071648 | -0.441072 | -0.647379 |

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| 6 | 3.544774 | -2.962689 | -0.511363 | | 6 | 4.296731 | -1.709231 | -1.198989 |
| 6 | 4.936530 | -0.959410 | -0.495060 | | 6 | 5.122388 | 0.281497 | -0.065203 |
| 6 | 4.690094 | -3.750745 | -0.371750 | | 6 | 5.579563 | -2.262027 | -1.150713 |
| 1 | 2.564476 | -3.423048 | -0.578377 | | 1 | 3.479770 | -2.255937 | -1.658533 |
| 6 | 6.073609 | -1.758939 | -0.354873 | | 6 | 6.400203 | -0.281086 | -0.019658 |
| 1 | 5.027375 | 0.120415 | -0.549746 | | 1 | 4.942459 | 1.269666 | 0.345589 |
| 6 | 5.950817 | -3.150676 | -0.292711 | | 6 | 6.628893 | -1.550680 | -0.560880 |
| 1 | 4.594654 | -4.831054 | -0.328602 | | 1 | 5.756066 | -3.245332 | -1.575456 |
| 1 | 7.052337 | -1.293075 | -0.298589 | | 1 | 7.215420 | 0.274982 | 0.432778 |
| 1 | 6.837825 | -3.767631 | -0.187567 | | 1 | 7.624511 | -1.982380 | -0.527437 |
| 6 | 1.625816 | -0.152002 | 0.715038 | | 6 | 1.637387 | -0.001783 | 0.712091 |
| 6 | 2.221999 | -0.647094 | 1.880662 | | 6 | 2.214875 | -0.867193 | 1.653366 |
| 6 | 0.395007 | 0.723100 | 0.806341 | | 6 | 0.306686 | 0.564412 | 0.980394 |
| 6 | 1.665012 | -0.396885 | 3.125454 | | 6 | 1.614273 | -1.104715 | 2.882424 |
| 1 | 3.117494 | -1.251349 | 1.814939 | | 1 | 3.159547 | -1.345158 | 1.429050 |
| 6 | -0.136996 | 0.870633 | 2.190420 | | 6 | -0.200556 | 0.353786 | 2.327684 |
| 1 | -0.398476 | 0.189788 | 0.241653 | | 1 | -0.348018 | -0.463742 | 0.494770 |
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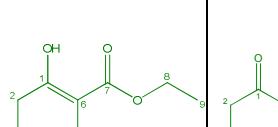
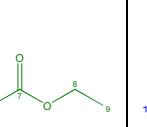
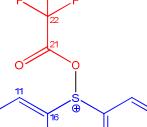
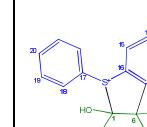
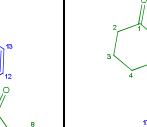
2.2 NMR investigation

NMR kinetic study of the α -arylation reaction of the ketoester **17a** and characterization of intermediate **J**.

An NMR-based kinetic study was performed on an Avance III 500MHz spectrometer equipped with a dual-channel $^1\text{H}/\text{BB}$ probehead with z-gradient from Bruker Biospin GmbH in order to follow the reaction represented in scheme 13 using ^1H and ^{13}C NMR. Standard 1D ^1H and ^{13}C spectra were recorded at 298K at intervals of 23 mins beginning shortly after adding TFAA (1.5 eq) to a mixture of **17a** (0.5 M) and **18a** (0.6 M) in CD_3CN in a 5-mm NMR tube. All corresponding NMR data were processed and analysed with Topspin 3.0 and kinetic model fitting was performed with the Program Potterswheel 3.0 running under MATLAB R2009b. Based on the number of species observed in the NMR spectrum, the entire reaction was defined by six rate constants ($k_1, k_{-1}, k_2, k_3, k_4$ and k_{-4}) as shown in **Figure 6** in the text. Other short-lived intermediates, which are invisible to NMR such as species **38** and **39** as determined from DFT, were pooled as a single intermediate for the kinetic fitting. Other assumptions included the initial concentration of the keto and enol form of **17a** which were set to 70:30 based on initial conditions prior to adding TFAA.

A full ^1H and ^{13}C characterization of all the major species at play, including the stable intermediate **J**, was completed based on correlation experiments including $^1\text{H}/^1\text{H}$ DQF-COSY, $^1\text{H}/^1\text{H}$ -NOESY, $^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$ -HSQC, $^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$ -HMBC performed on the reaction mixture cooled from room temperature down to 253 K (-20 °C) after 5 hours, and are presented in Table S4. ^1H and ^{13}C spectra also shown in figures S4-S9.

Table S4. ^{13}C and ^1H chemical shift assignment (at 500MHz and 125MHz, resp.) of reaction mixture, cooled down to 253K 5 hours after addition of TFAA at room temperature. Chemical shifts are referenced to residual CH_3CN .

| Ato m No. |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
|-----------------|---|--------------|---|--------------|---|--------------|--|--------------|---|--------------|
| | ^{13}C | ^1H | ^{13}C | ^1H | ^{13}C | ^1H | ^{13}C | ^1H | ^{13}C | ^1H |
| 1 | 173.92 | -- | 208.41 | -- | | | 115.37 | -- | 206.88 | -- |
| 2 | 29.68 | 2.19 | 42.36 | 2.38, 2.30 | | | 30.36 | 2.07, 1.95 | 41.9 | 2.79, 2.52 |
| 3 | 22.73 | ~1.44 | 30.87 | 2.09, 1.94 | | | 22.71 | 1.62, 1.42 | 26.87 | 1.93, 1.83 |
| 4 | 23.15 | o/l | 24.12 | o/l | | | 20.51 | 1.81, 1.40 | 23.2 | 1.70, 1.79 |
| 5 | 23.05 | o/l | 28.1 | 1.94, 1.65 | | | 28.13 | 2.96, 2.38 | 37.48 | 2.57, 2.51 |
| 6 | 98.46 | -- | 58.03 | 3.42 | | | 64.01 | -- | 68.43 | -- |
| 7 | 173.37 | -- | 171.43 | -- | | | 170.89 | -- | 171.82 | -- |
| 8 | 61.35 | 4.13 | 61.72 | 4.11 | | | 65.05 | 4.20 | 63.07 | 4.11, 3.99 |
| 9 | 14.58 | 1.20 | 14.57 | 1.20 | | | 14.03 | 1.19 | 14.26 | 1.13 |
| 10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | 125.71 | 7.71 | 139.84 | -- | 143.16 | -- |
| 12 | | | | | 130.93 | 7.52 | 127.42 | 7.77 | 129.59 | 7.328 |
| 13 | | | | | 133.12 | 7.52 | 135.68 | 7.86 | 129.52 | 7.249 |
| 14 | | | | | | | 133.26 | 7.73 | 129.22 | 7.208 |
| 15 | | | | | | | 130.60 | 7.59 | 137.62 | 7.386 |
| 16 | | | | | 143.97 | | 129.14 | -- | 135.73 | -- |
| 17 | | | | | | | 122.46 | -- | 139.35 | -- |
| 18 | | | | | | | 137.26 | 7.89 | 130.18 | 7.221 |
| 19 | | | | | | | ? | | 129.13 | 7.074 |
| 20 | | | | | | | ? | | 127.29 | 7.15 |
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| 22 | | | | | 116.0 <i>q</i> 285Hz | | | | | |

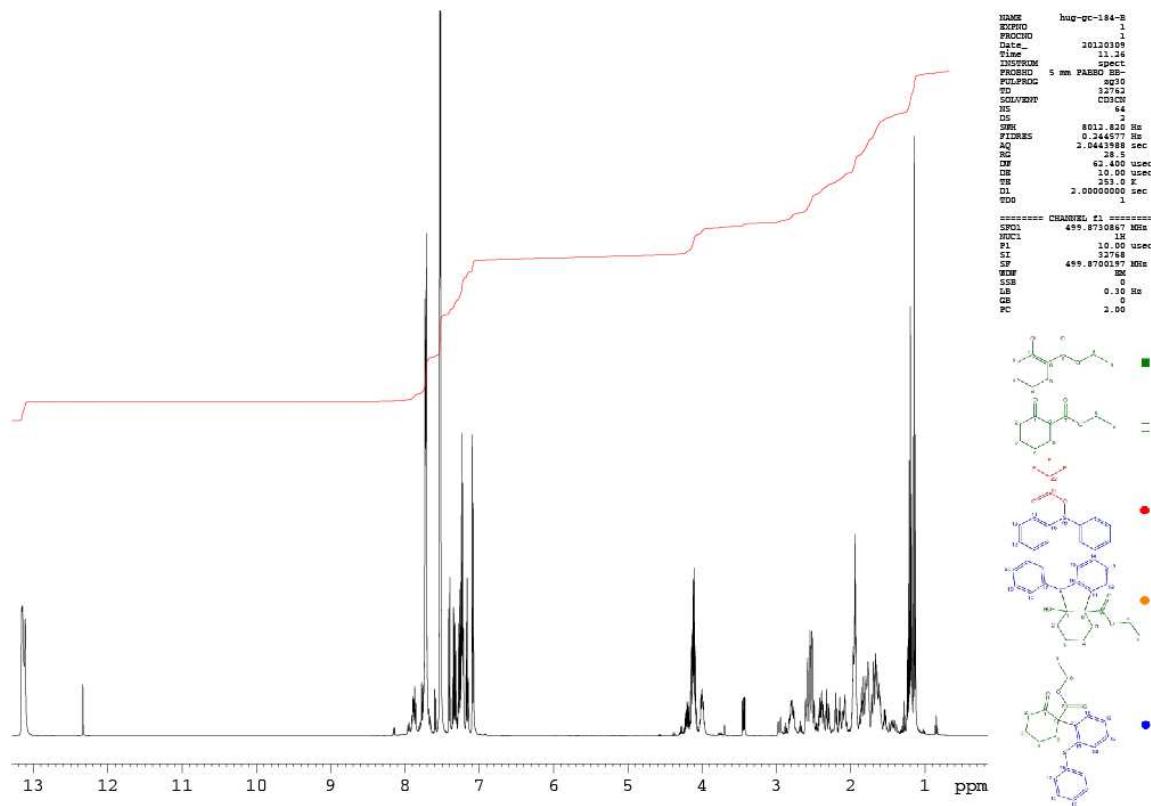


Figure S4. ¹H spectrum of α -arylation reaction of the ketoester 17a.

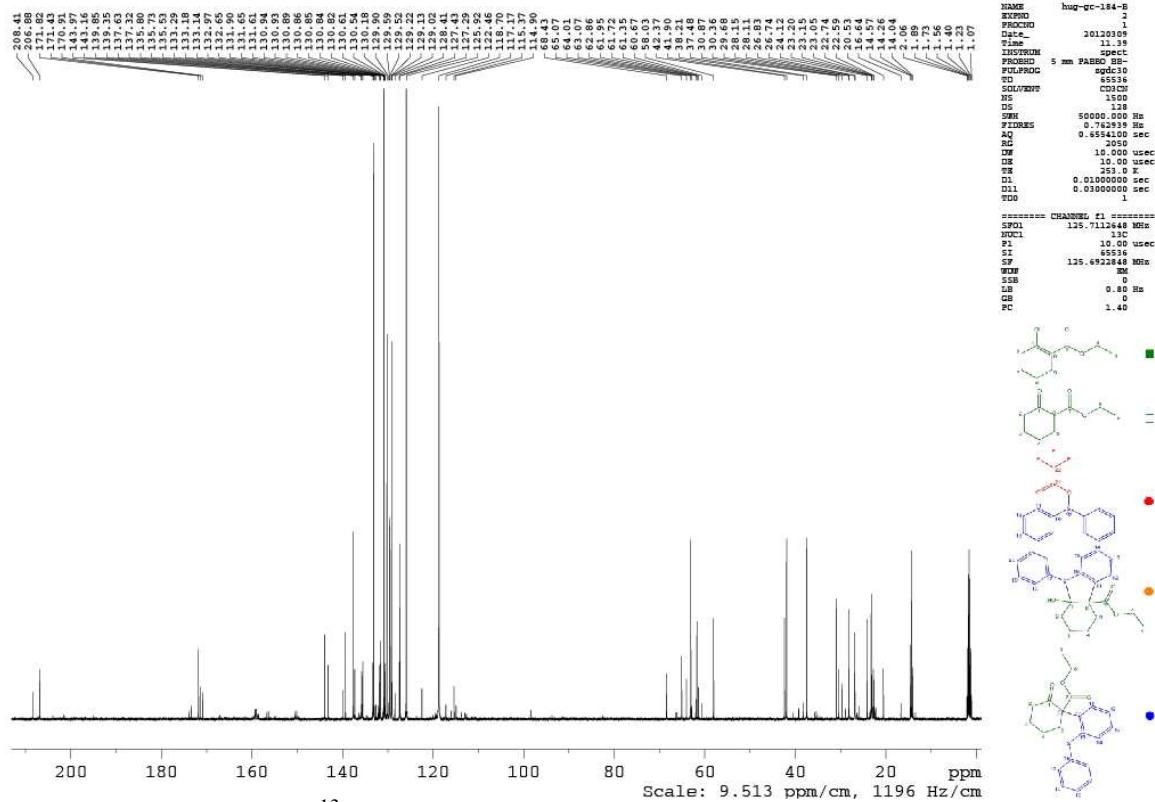


Figure S5. Full ¹³C spectrum of α -arylation reaction of the ketoester 17a.

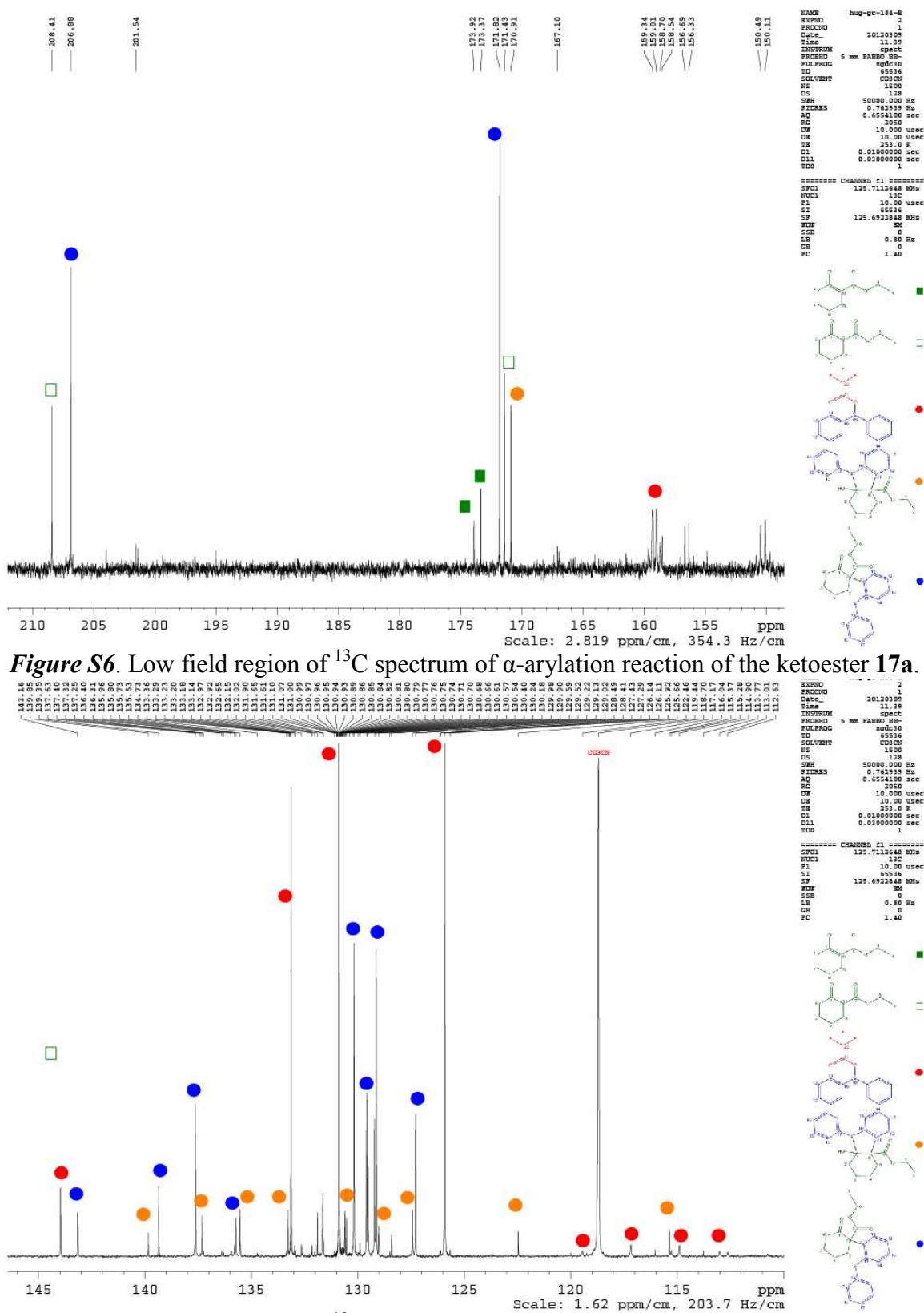


Figure S7. Aromatic region of ^{13}C spectrum of α -arylation reaction of the ketoester **17a**.

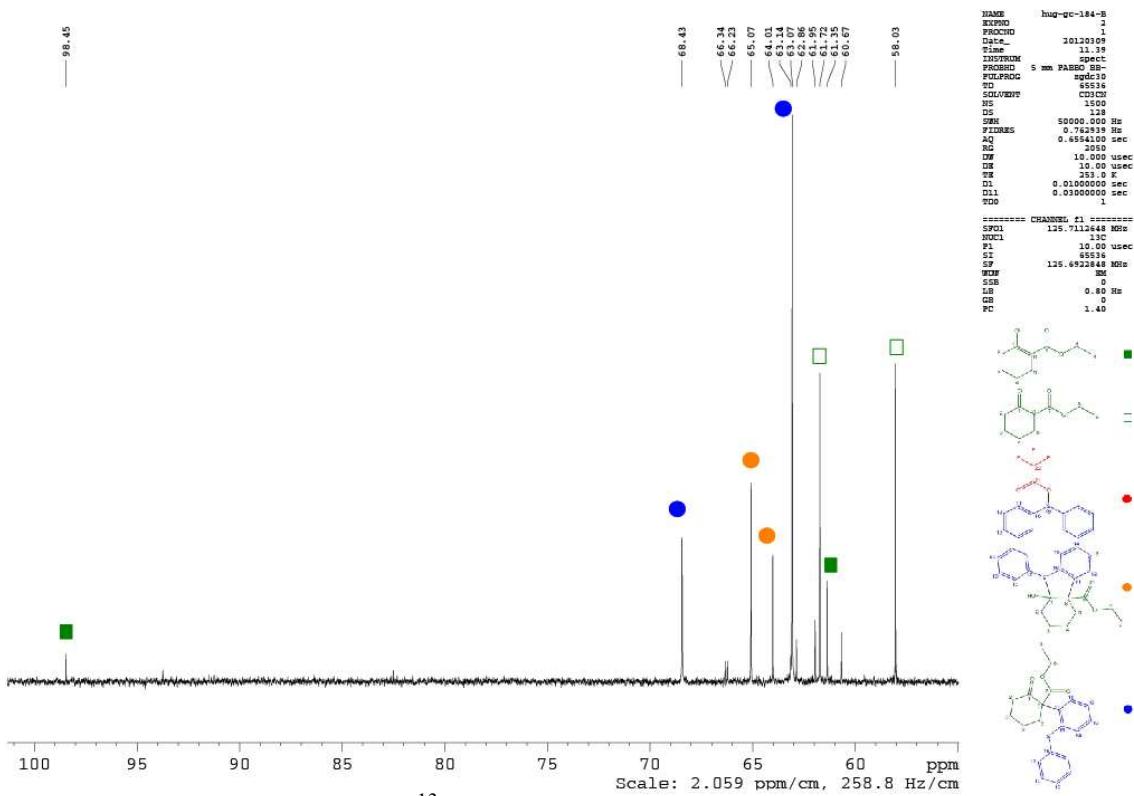


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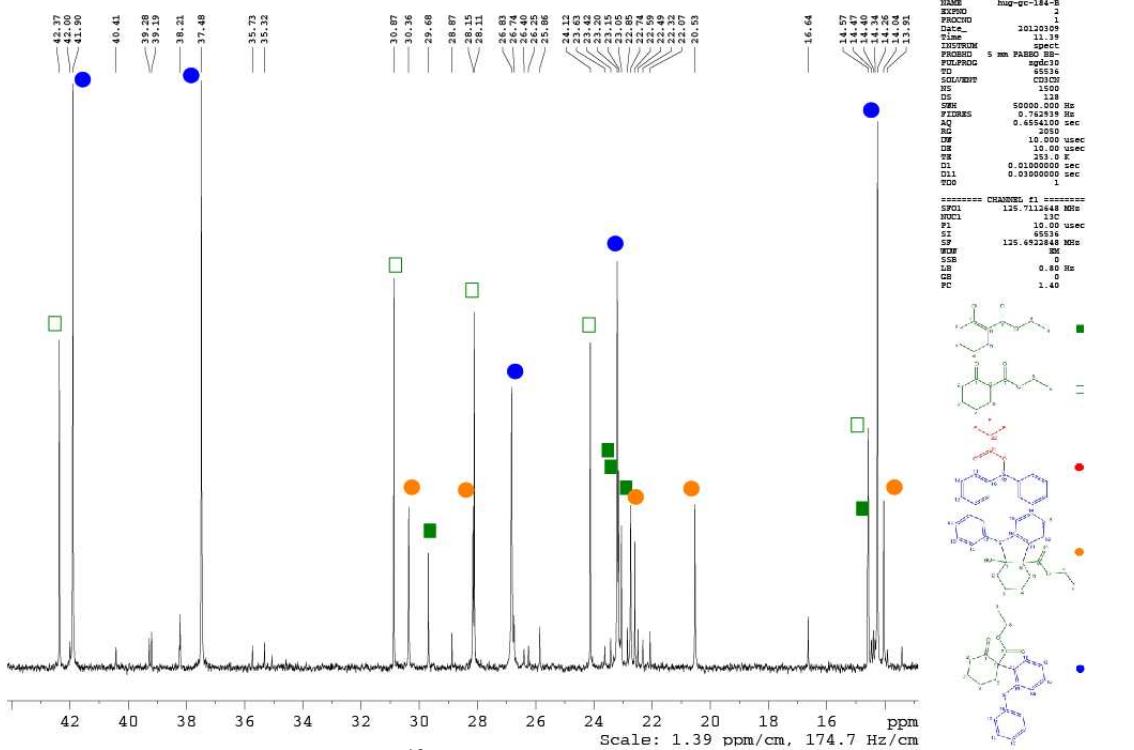
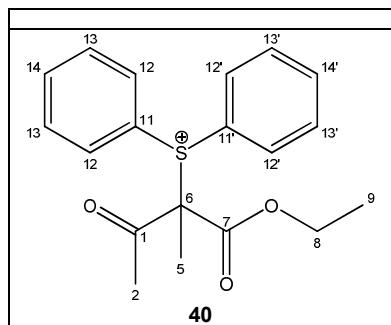


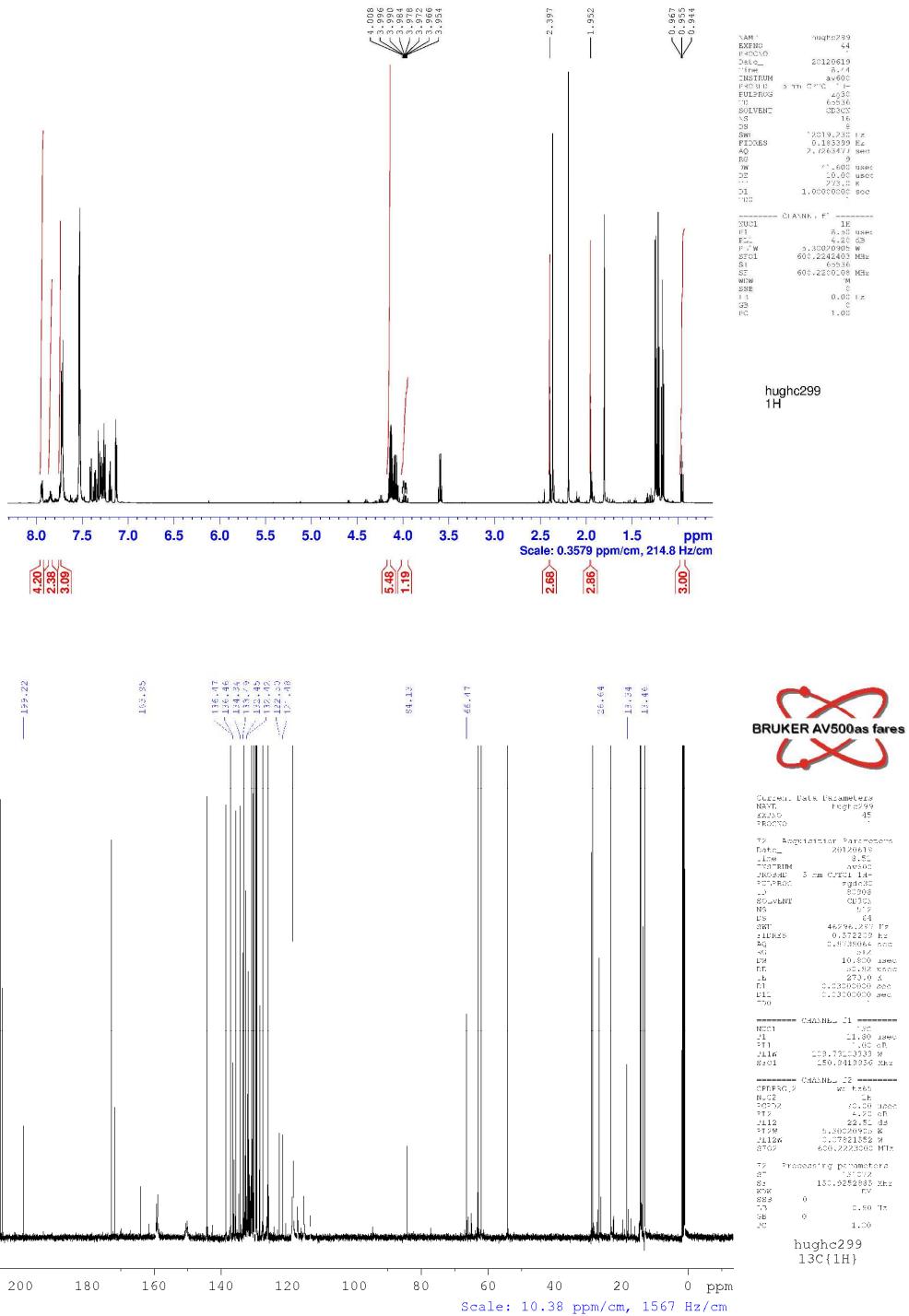
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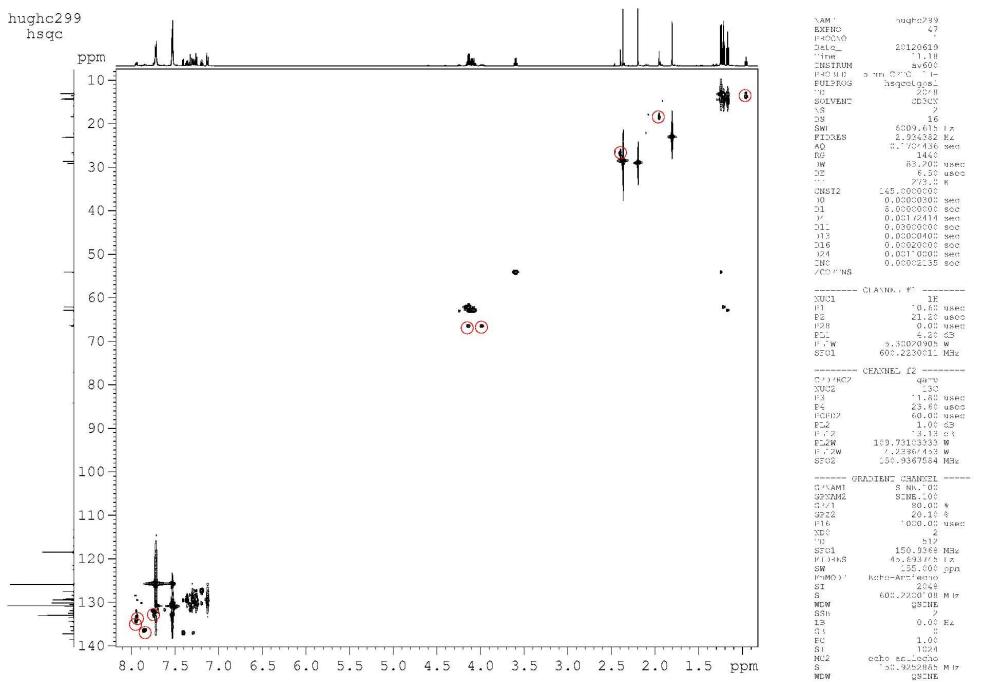
Table S5: ^{13}C and ^1H chemical shift assignment (at 600MHz and 150MHz, resp.) of reaction mixture, measured at 273K. Chemical shifts are referenced to residual CH_3CN .

| Atom No. | ^{13}C | ^1H |
|----------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1 | 199.22 | |
| 2 | 26.64 | 2.40 |
| 5 | 18.34 | 1.95 |
| 6 | 84.13 | |
| 7 | 163.95 | |
| 8 | 66.47 | 3.98, 4.14 |
| 9 | 13.46 | 0.96 |
| 11, 11' | 121.48, 122.50 | |
| 12, 12' | 136.46, 136.47 | 7.85, 7.85 |
| 13, 13' | 132.42, 132.45 | 7.75, 7.73 |
| 14, 14' | 133.49, 134.34 | 7.94, 7.95 |

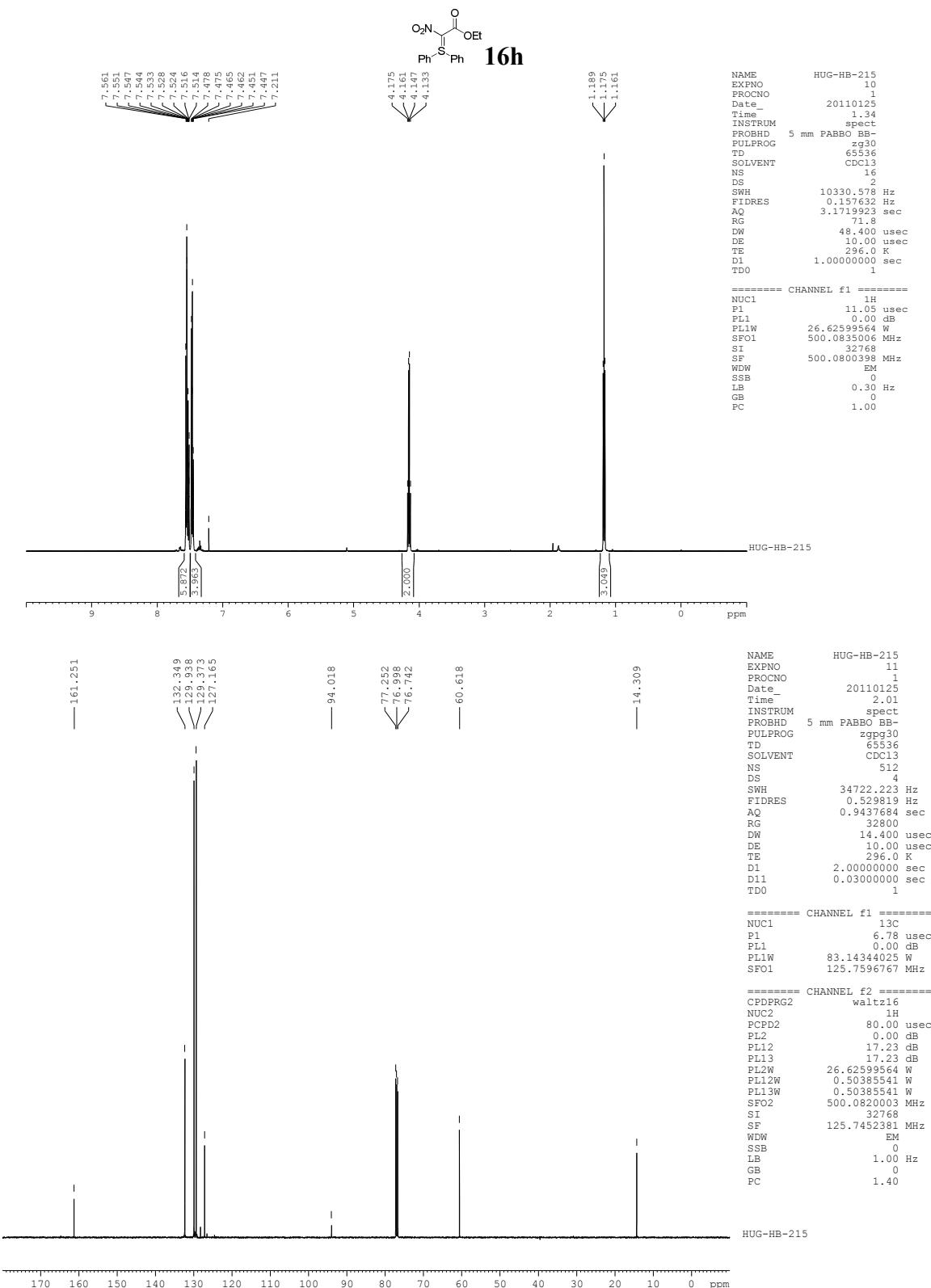


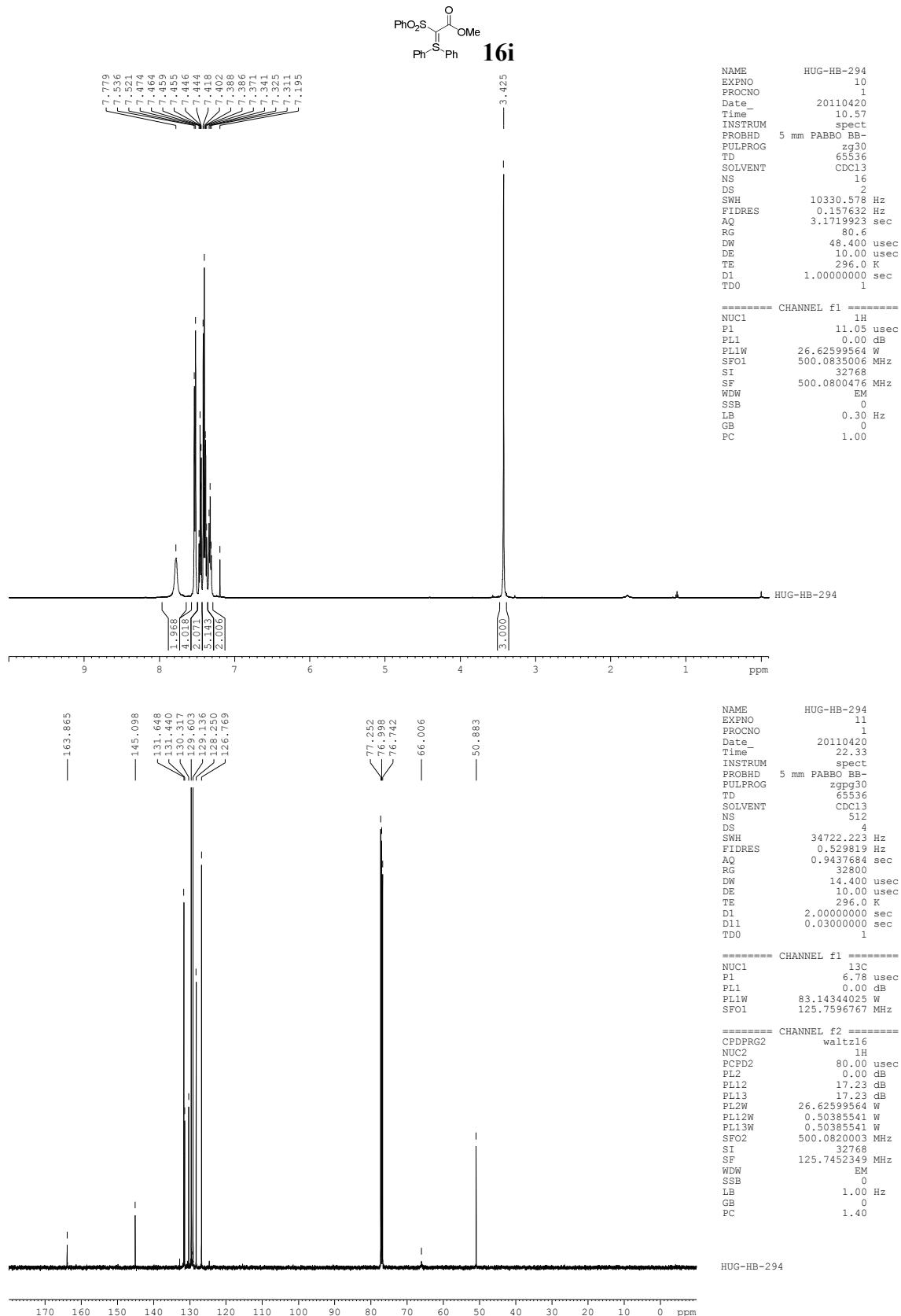
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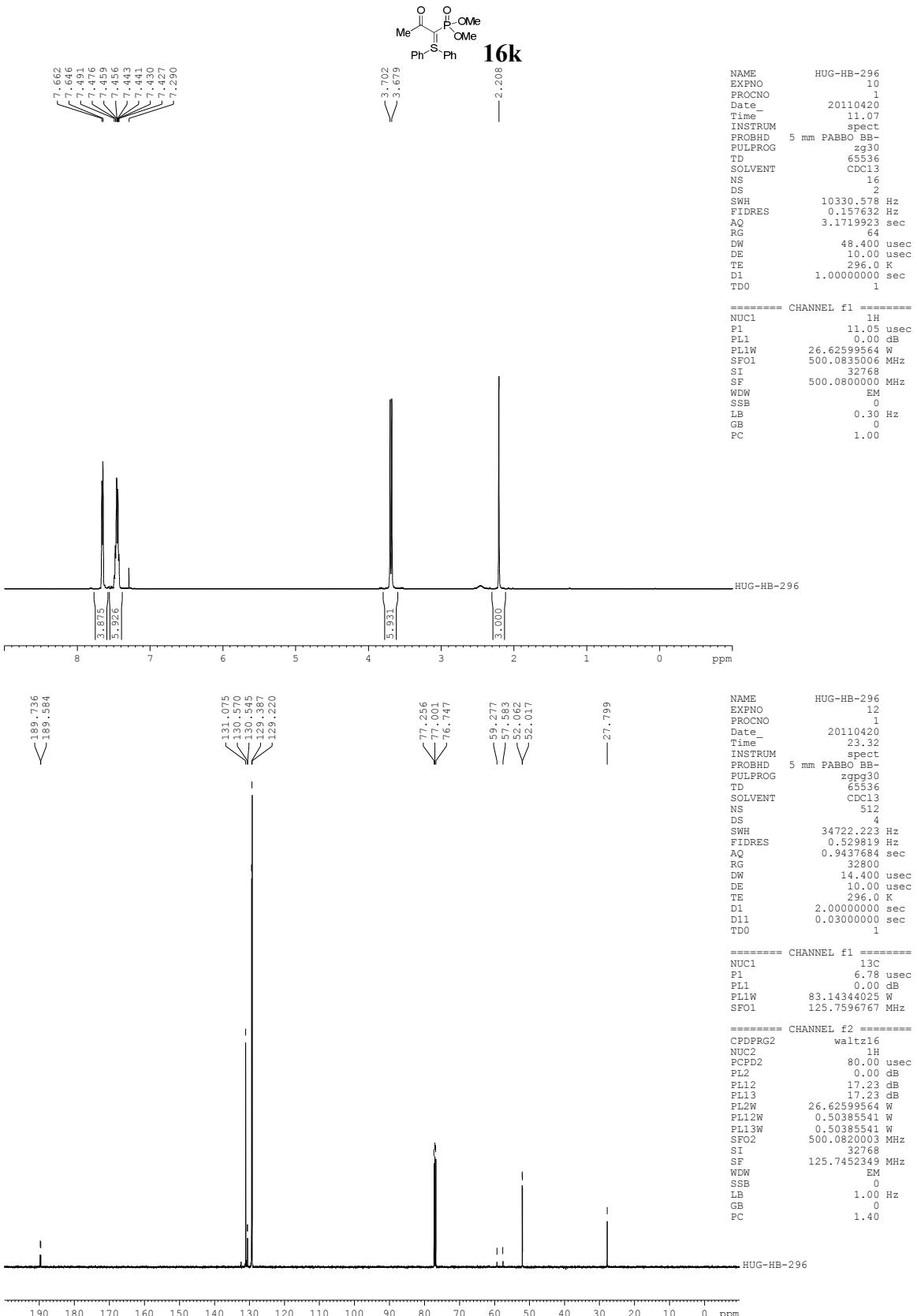


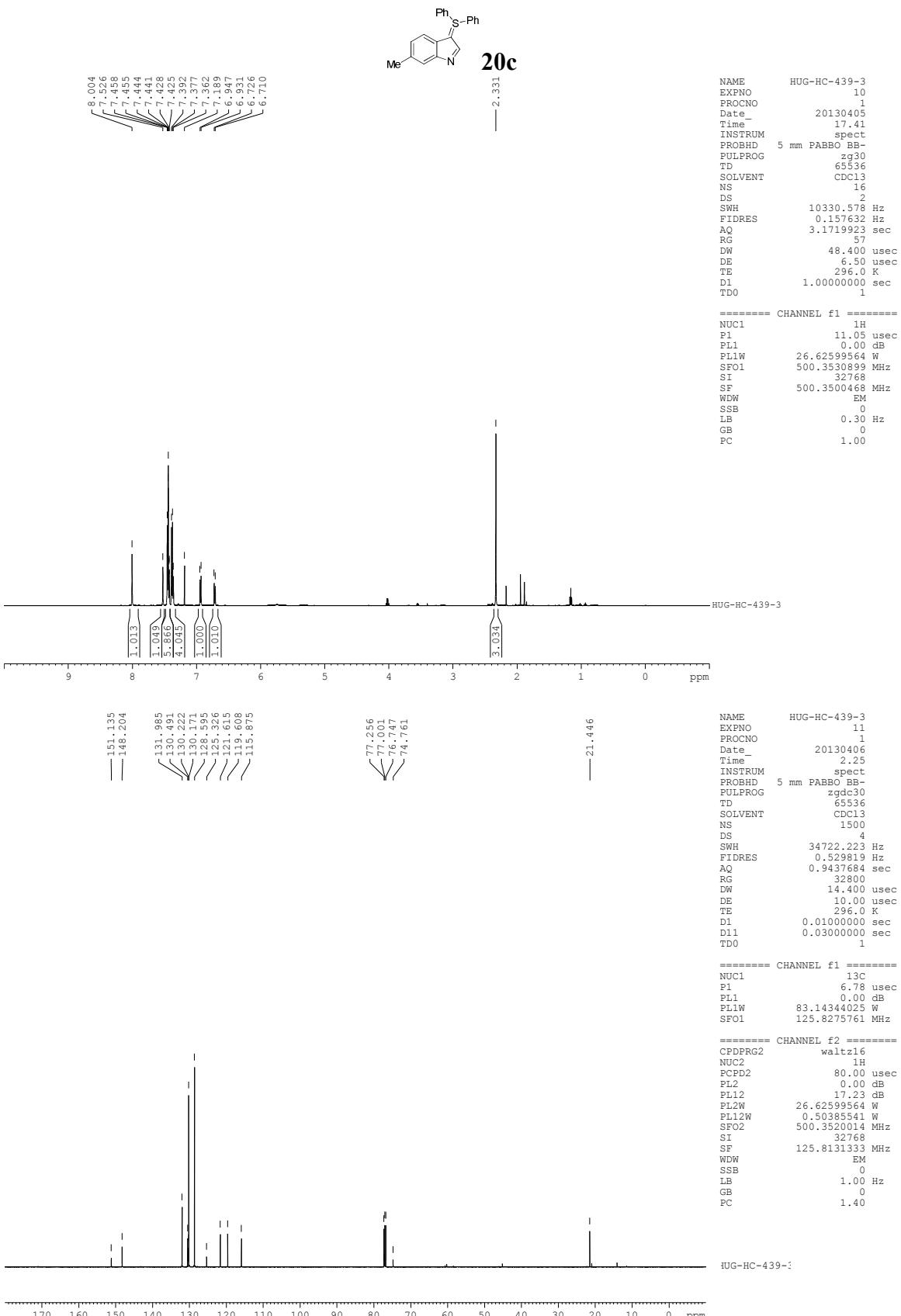


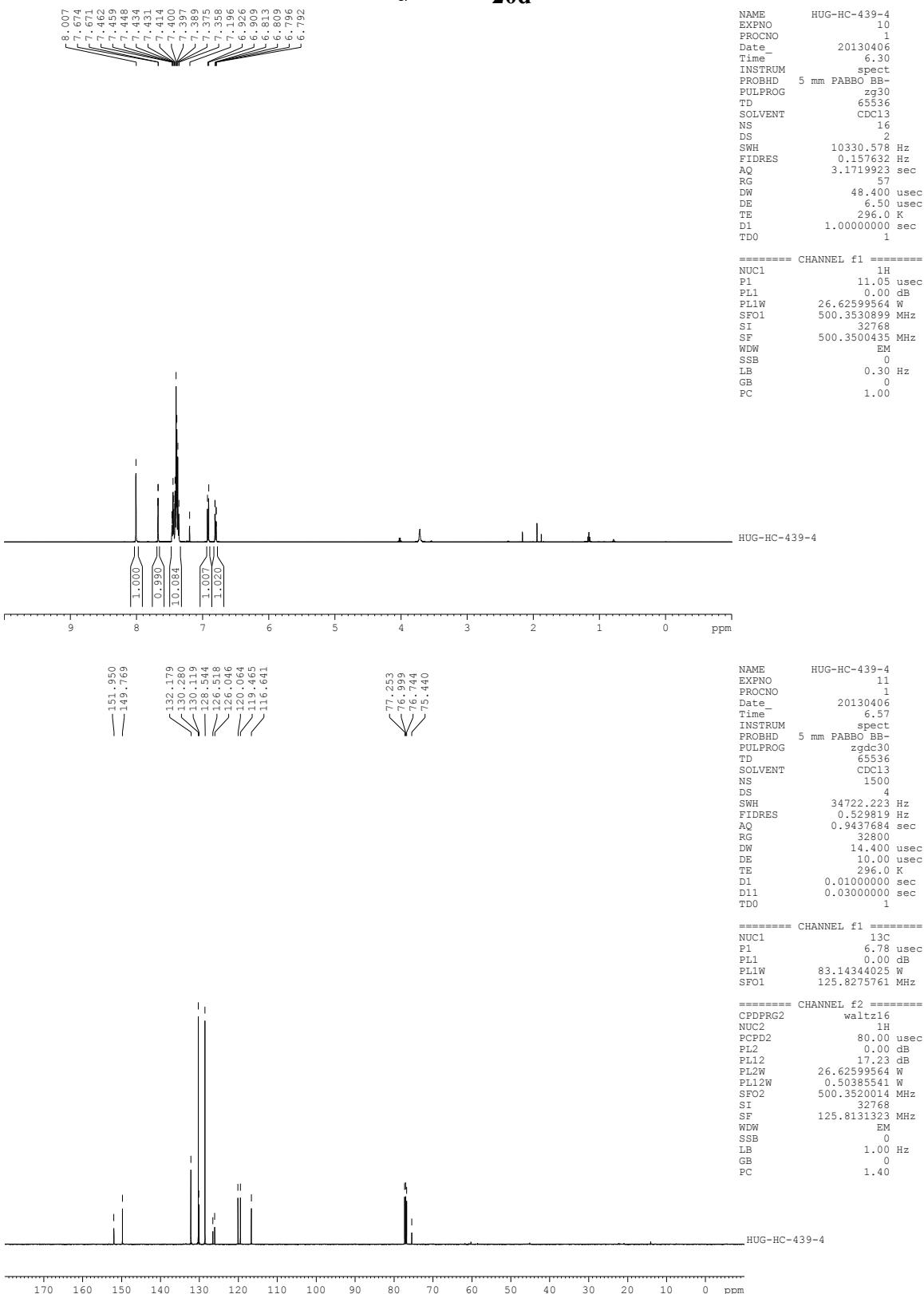
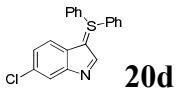
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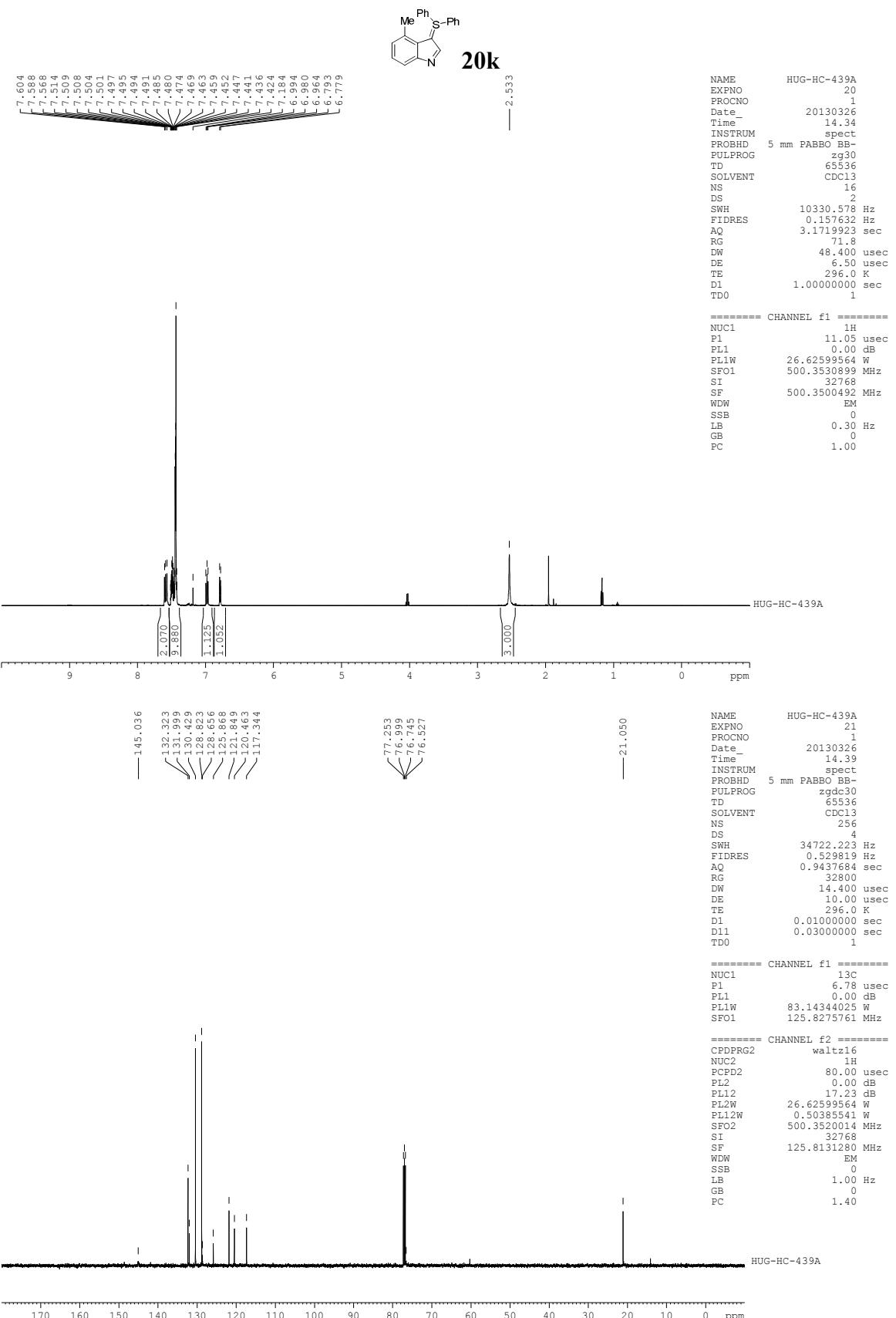


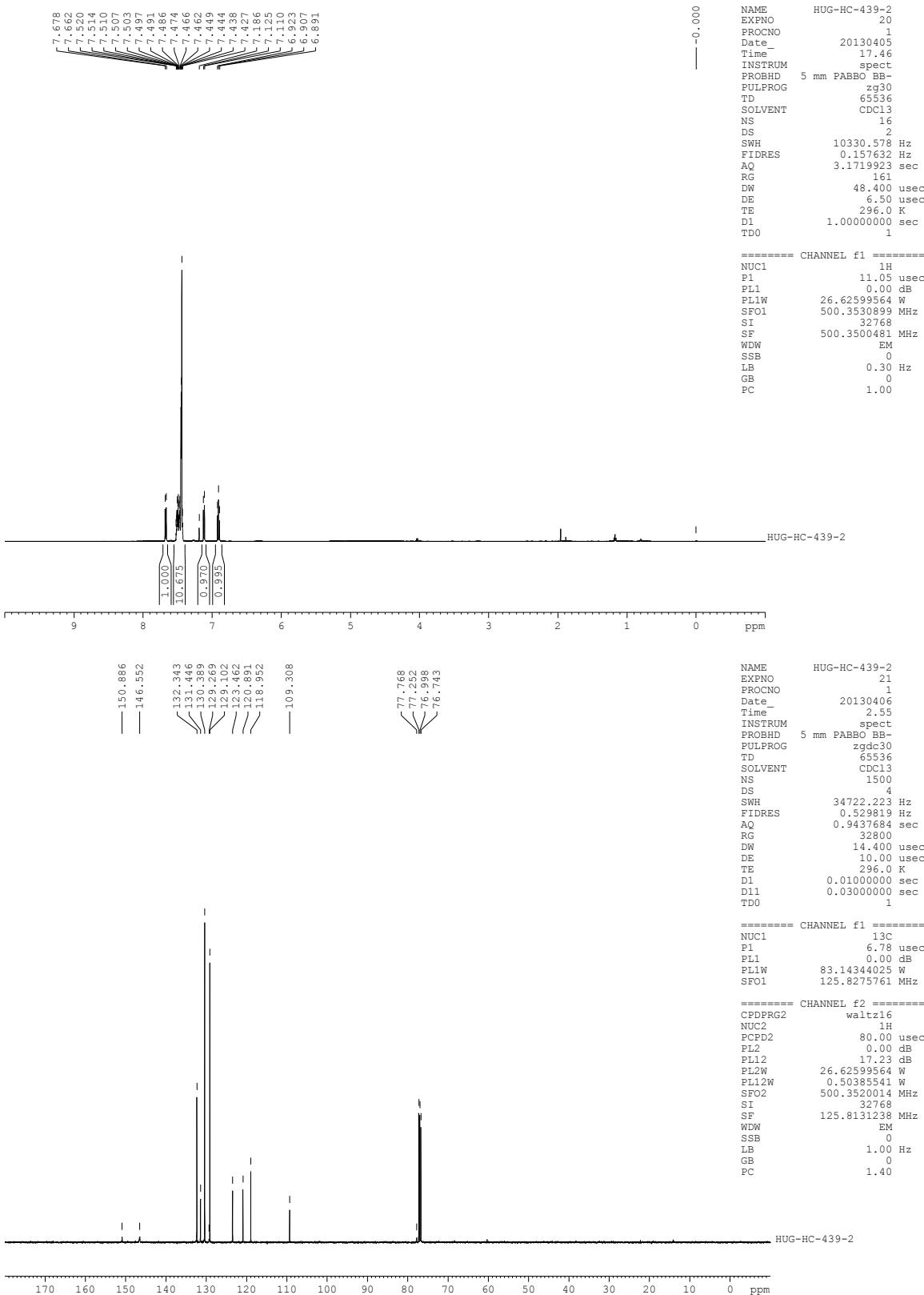
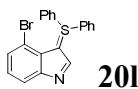


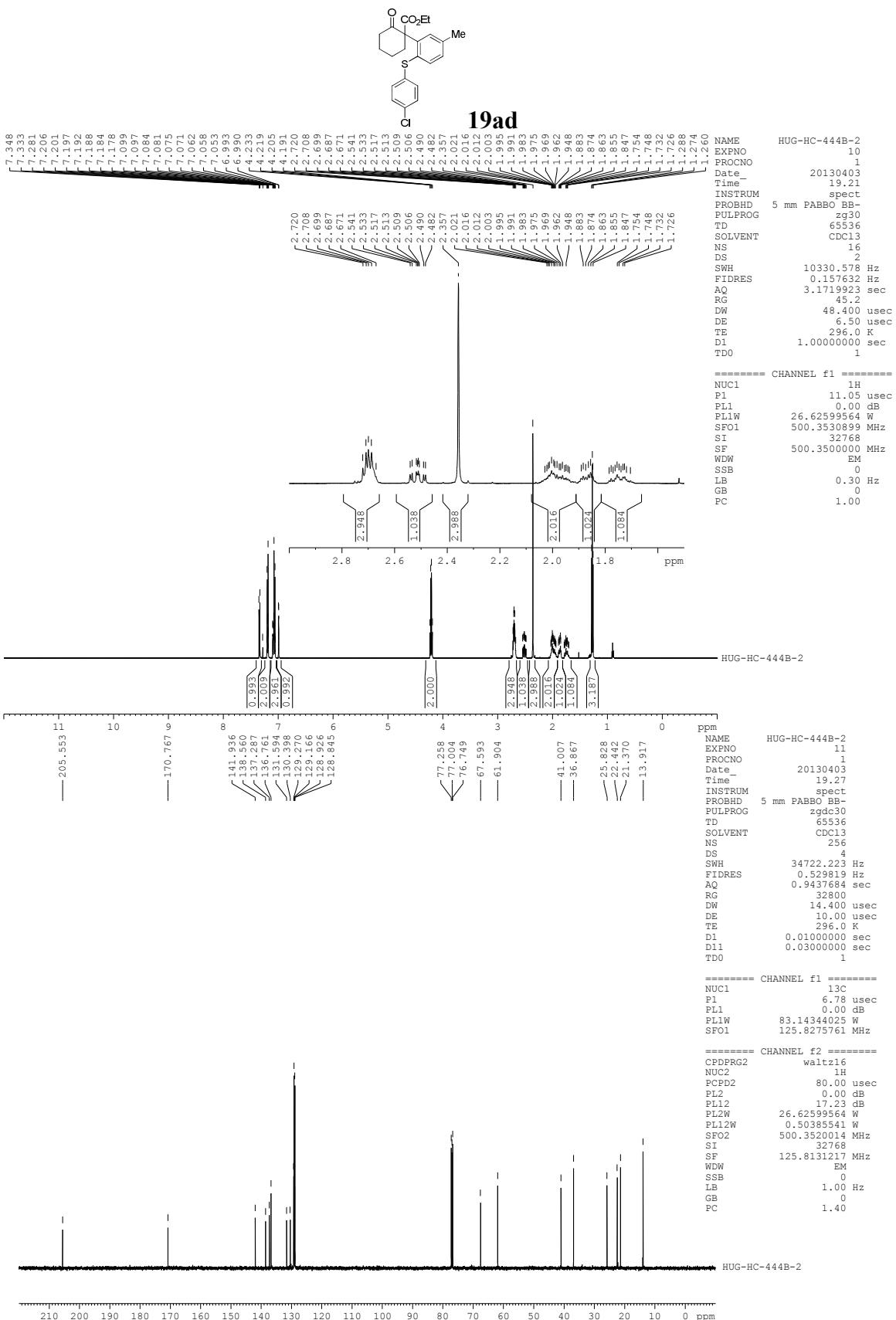


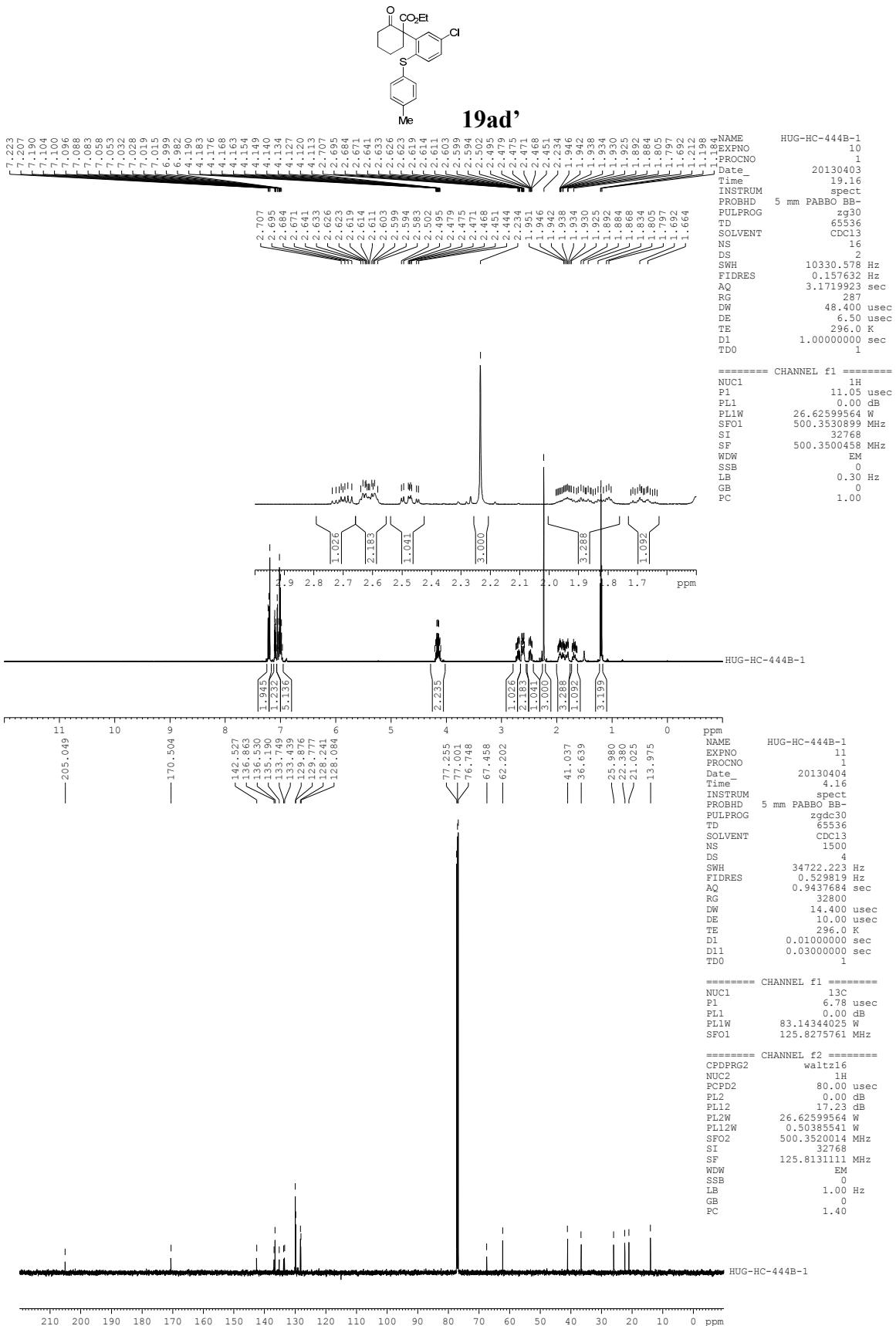


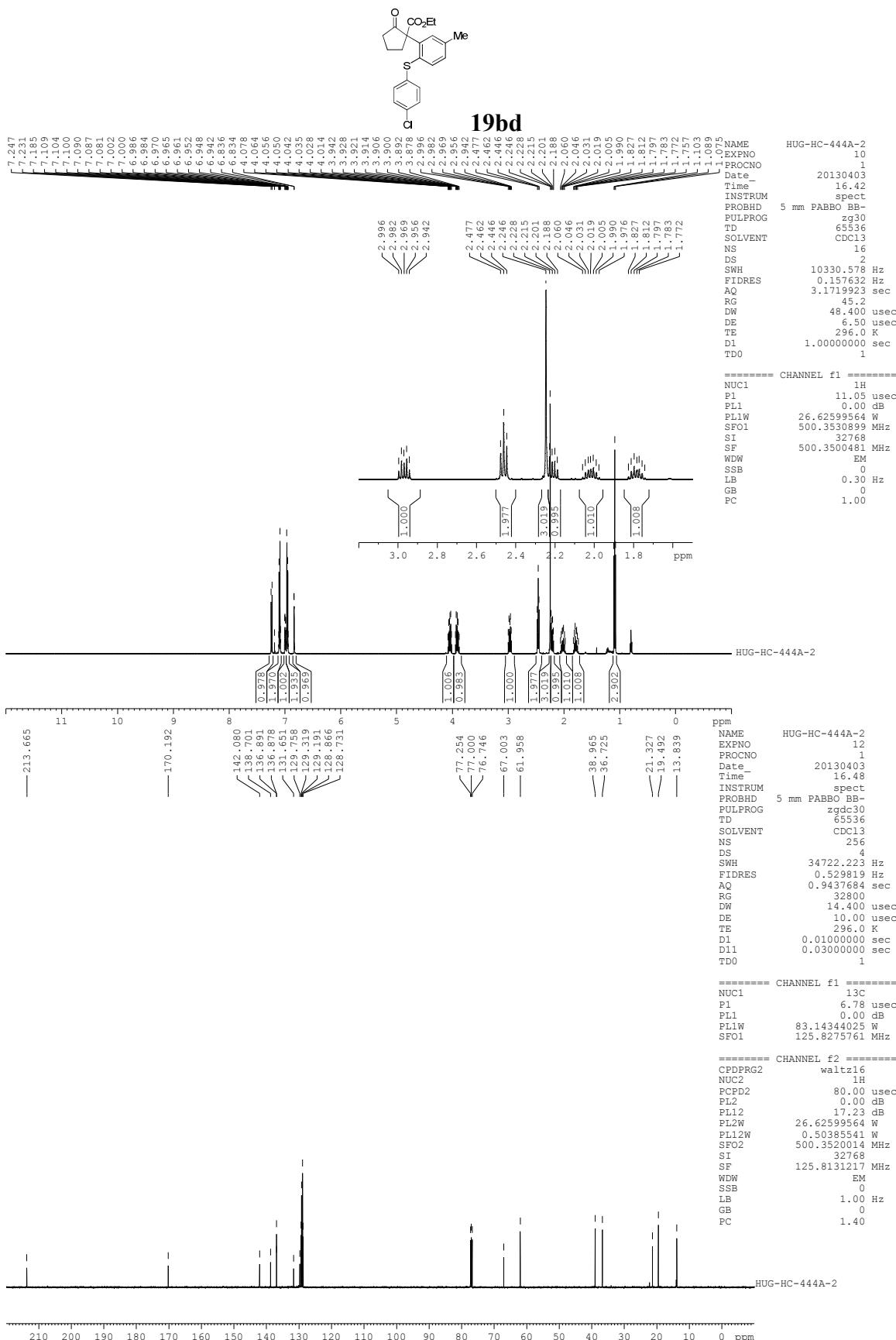


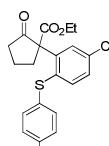












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