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Photo-/Electrocatalytic Chemistry:
Electron Transfer in Synthetic Organic Reaction

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Chapter 1. General Introduction

1.1. Photo-/Electrocatalytic Chemistry

Photo-induced chemical synthesis is the fundamental process for photosynthesis that is performed by plants on Earth. Photosynthesis is a system in which chlorophyll absorbs the photo-energy to drive the process that synthesizes nutrients in biological activities. In organic chemistry, it is the best chemical synthesis since photo-energy, which is semi-permanently obtained from sunlight, is used efficiently to produce complex compounds such as sugars (Figure 1-1 (a)). Researchers have made efforts to develop photocatalytic chemistry imitating photosynthesis which is an energy-efficient chemical synthesis in these days of concern about various energy issues. A wide variety of photocatalytic syntheses has been studied ever since Giacomo Ciamician's vision in 1912 at the beginning of the 20th century.¹ Since the early works by MacMillan *et al.*, the use of transition metal complexes such as bipyridyl complexes of Ru and Ir has triggered the dramatic growth of photo-induced reactions in organic chemistry.^{2, 3} By stripping down the complexity of interlinked photosystems into defined single-molecule photocatalysts, they found that Ru and Ir complexes can absorb photons, become powerful excited states, and cause redox reactions using photo-energy with high performance. Initial reports came as early as the 1980s,⁴⁻⁶ the term "photoredox catalysis" became popular, and photocatalytic reactions have been brought to the fore in organic chemistry at the turn of the 21st century (Figure 1-2 (a)).^{2, 7-9}

In minds of sustainability and cost, other photocatalysts studies instead of Ru and Ir were spread among the photochemistry field. Organo-photocatalysts meaning transition-metal-free such as eosin Y, methylene blue, and acridinium salts were the first object for researchers (Figure 1-2 (b)), and a wide variety of organic syntheses using them have been reported.¹⁰⁻¹⁵ Sustainable transition-metal-based complexes received attention after organo-photocatalysts. As noted in seminal papers and reviews, Cr, Fe, Cu, etc. were fixed as earth-abundant elements in photoredox catalysts (Figure 1-2 (c)).¹⁶⁻¹⁹ Recently, the use of semiconductor photocatalysts is starting to be focused on in organic synthesis. Titanium dioxide (TiO₂), pioneered by Honda and Fujishima,²⁰ is the best-known semiconductor photocatalyst, and others such as cadmium sulfide (CdS) and zinc oxide (ZnO), *etc.* exhibit activity as photocatalysts (Figure 1-2 (d)).²¹⁻²⁴ However, the widespread use of these catalysts was in the field of artificial photosynthesis, where valuable H₂ and O₂ were produced from H₂O,²⁵ and applications of semiconductors in organic synthesis are still developing.

Typically, electro-energy is categorized as sub-natural energy since it is obtained indirectly from sunlight. Electrochemical reactions which are organic synthesis using electro-energy have been undergoing a renaissance in recent years (Figure 1-1 (b)).²⁶⁻³⁴ The beginnings of electrochemical approaches in organic synthesis date back as far as Faraday and Kolbe's reports from 1830-1840,^{35,36} long before Giacomo Ciamician's mimicking concept of

photosynthesis. For electrocatalytic chemistry, Baran's work which demonstrated application in large and complex molecule synthesis contributed raise value in the field of organic chemistry.³⁷ Synthetic organic chemistry has several advantages, in particular, there is no theoretical limit to the potential that can be applied,^{38,39} and the limitation as redox potential depends only on the reaction solvent.

For photo- and electrochemistry, photosensitizers/electrodes work as "catalysts" in each and connect energy sources to chemical reactions, thus the terms "photo-/electrocatalytic chemistry" are used in organic chemistry. These reaction mechanisms are close, as caused by electron transfer between photocatalysts or electrodes and compounds.

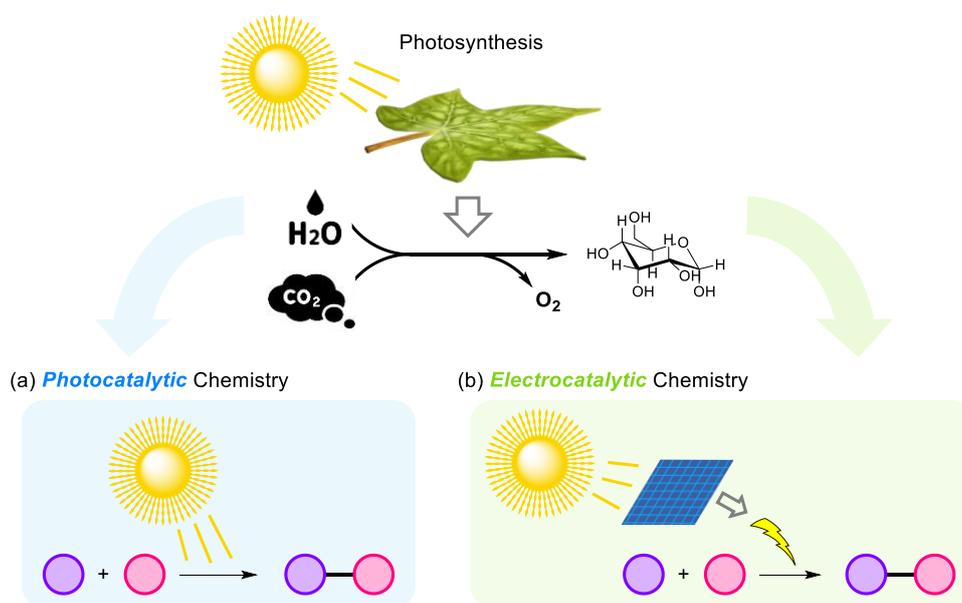


Figure 1-1. Relation between Photosynthesis and Photo-/Electrocatalytic Chemistry.

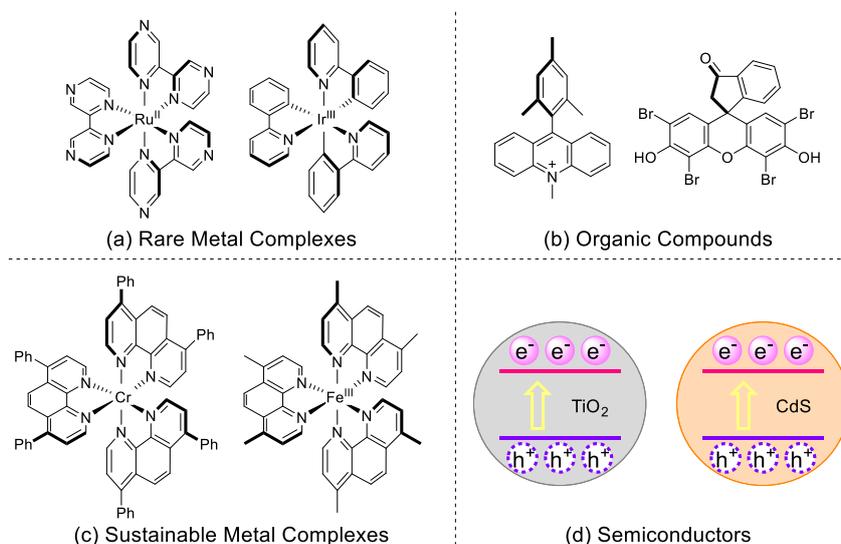


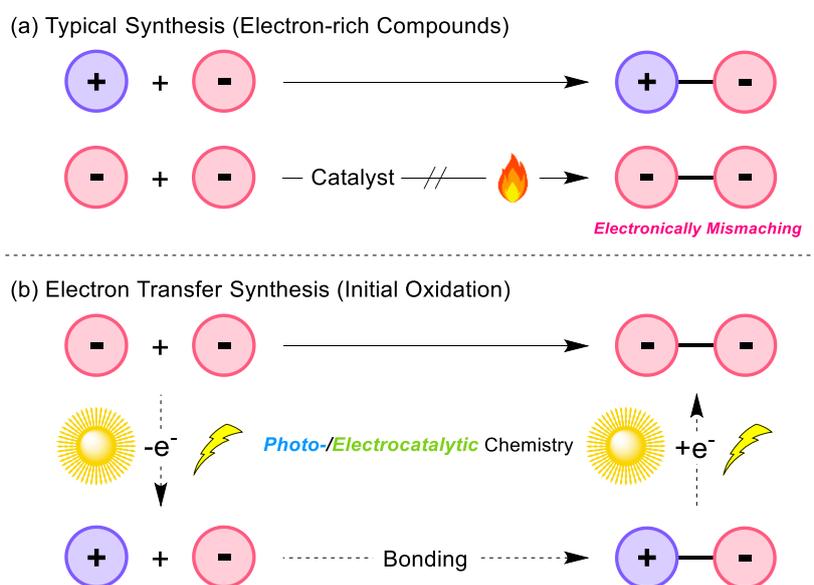
Figure 1-2. Category of Photocatalysts.

1.2. Electron Transfer Chemistry

In the case of chemical reactions by two compounds, these are electron-rich and electron-deficient compounds. Reaction hindrances have been overcome by additional catalysts, thermal energy, etc., in catalytic reactions, the activation energy of the reaction is decreased by coordination with the compounds, and in heating reactions, the reactivity of the compounds is increased by thermal energy. Since these methods are not umpolung, the reaction does not proceed when electronically mismatching compounds are used (Scheme 1-1 (a)). The electron transfer chemistry enables the bond formation using electronically mismatching materials because if the starting materials are electron-rich/deficient, electrons are taken from/given to either compound to make it a temporarily deficient/rich state, which has high reactivity. (Scheme 1-1 (b)).

Electron transfer chemistry is redox, and particularly, it is carried out using oxidative/reductive reagents so far. In contrast to reactions using redox reagents, photo-/electrochemical approaches were invented in the 1910s/1803s.^{1,35} The contributions of MacMillan and Baran,^{2,3,10,37,39} and the rise of energy issues have brought electron transfer chemistry using light and electrical energy back into the spotlight in recent years. Photo-/electrocatalytic organic reactions can be used for redox reactions without the use of redox reagents, which are conventionally required in stoichiometric quantities and have atom-economy problems, and the energy source is environmentally friendly. Electron transfer chemistry using photo-/electrocatalysis is expected to advance in the future. There are various types of photocatalysts and electrodes, which are generally classified according to the energy source.

Scheme 1-1. Concepts of Electron Transfer Synthesis.



1.3. Photo-/Electrocatalytic Electron Transfer Vehicles

For photo-/electrocatalytic electron transfer chemistry, the photocatalysts and electrodes work as electron transfer vehicles, respectively. Generally, these are categorized by the corresponding energy sources, which are photo-energy and electro-energy (Figure 1-3 (a)). Photocatalysts are classified into metal complex, organo-, and semiconductor photocatalysts. On the other hand, electrocatalysts are summarized as electrodes, although there are different types of materials such as platinum and carbon. Recently, Okada *et al.* proposed a different categorization.^{40,41,50,51,42-49} Metal complexes and organic compounds are molecules that can be drawn by molecular formulas, and electron transfer occurs "intermolecularly" with the target compound. In contrast, semiconductors and electrodes are not molecules but materials, and electron transfer occurs with compounds at the material "interface". Therefore, they suggest the category of "intermolecular" and "interfacial" electron transfer vehicles by sorting them based on the electron transfer pathways, rather than energy sources. Okada *et al.* have been developing organic chemical reactions using "interfacial" electron transfer catalysts (Figure 1-3 (b)).

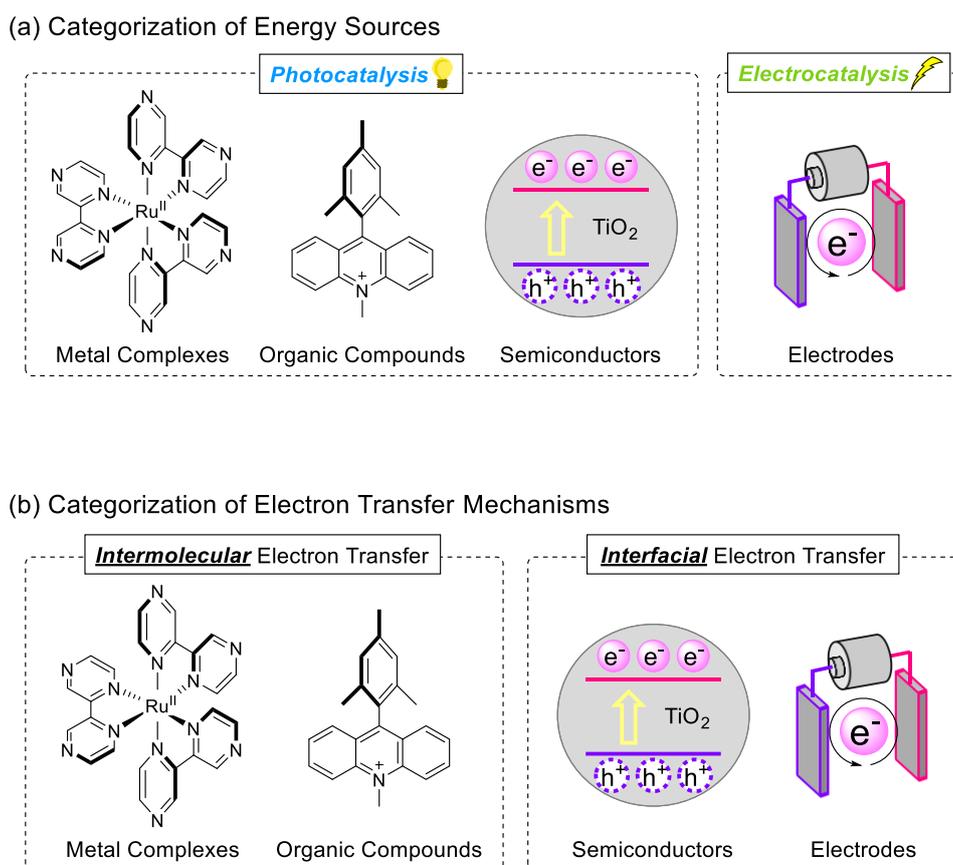


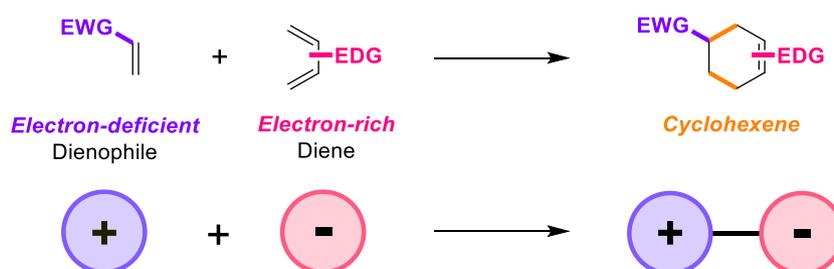
Figure 1-3. Category of Photo/Electrocatalytic Electron Transfer Vehicles.

1.4. Diels-Alder Reaction

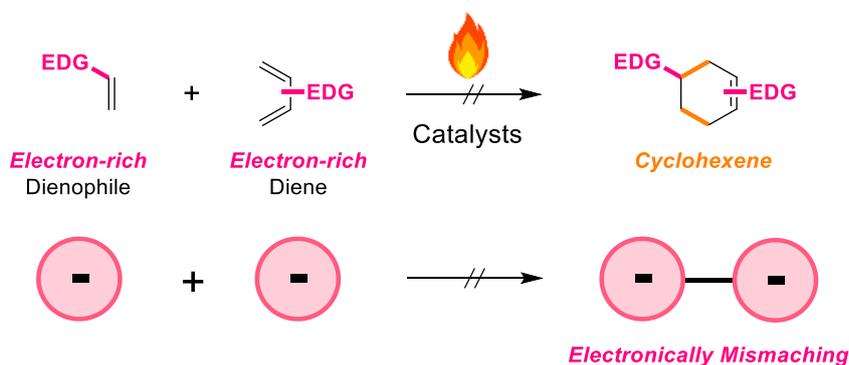
The Diels-Alder reaction, invented by Diels and Alder in 1928,⁵² is known as a first choice for six-membered ring formation in synthetic organic chemistry. Researchers have focused on this reaction, and it has been extensively studied and is well-understood, including the rate of ring formation, stereoselectivity and catalytic controls.⁵³⁻⁵⁶ In the 2000s, the reaction was recognized as a key reaction in biomimetic total synthesis.⁵⁷⁻⁶⁰ The Diels-Alder reaction is classified as a pericyclic reaction in which diene and dienophile undergo cycloaddition through transition states without reaction intermediates. In general, the electron density of the compounds is differentiated to facilitate cycloadditions by the addition of electron-donating/withdrawing groups (EDG/EWG) to the diene/dienophile to make it electron-rich/deficient (Scheme 1-2 (a)). Even if both the diene and dienophile are electron-rich (deficient), the reaction would be accelerated using heating or catalysts. However, if the starting materials are unstable or the six-membered ring formation is at the late stage of natural product synthesis, harsh conditions are not very effective. In addition, there are some combinations of substrates for which the reaction is impossible even with heating or catalysts (Scheme 1-2 (b)). The radical ion Diels-Alder reaction *via* radical ion intermediates using electron transfer catalysts solves this issue.

Scheme 1-2. Effects of Electron Density on Diels-Alder Reaction.

(a) Normal Diels-Alder Reaction



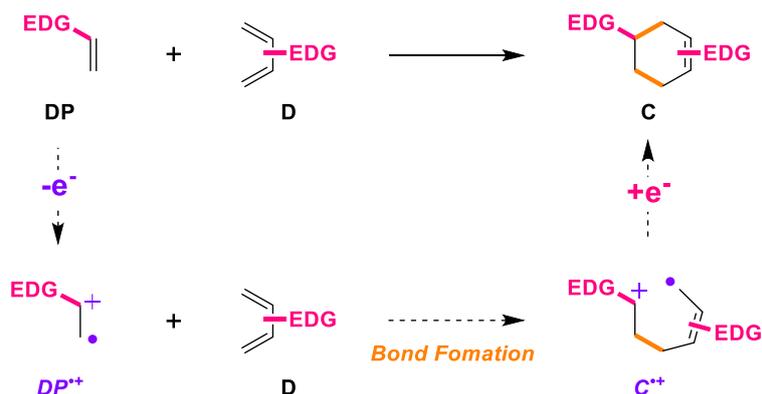
(b) Electronically Mismatched Diels-Alder Reaction



1.5. Radical Ion Diels-Alder Reaction

Although the Diels-Alder reaction goes through a transition state without an intermediate, the radical ion Diels-Alder reaction has a different mechanism which is *via* a radical ion intermediate in the process. In the case of the electron-rich dienophile (**DP**) and diene (**D**) model (Scheme 1-3), the reaction is initiated by oxidation between the electron transfer catalyst and the compound. If the oxidation potential of **DP** is relatively low and easily oxidized, the initial oxidation produces **DP^{•+}**, and the intermediate **C^{•+}** of cyclohexene (**C**) is generated with **D**. The highly reactive and unstable intermediate **C^{•+}** undergoes reduction by the electron transfer catalysts to the desired cyclohexene **C**. This reaction is a redox, in which oxidation and reduction by single electron transfer (SET) occur as a combination, and enables the formation of six-membered rings that previously required strict conditions for synthesis or were considered impossible to synthesize.

Scheme 1-3. Mechanism of Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction.



The radical ion Diels-Alder reaction was initially reported in the 1980s by Bauld *et al.* in the radical cation Diels-Alder reaction between electron-rich compounds with aminium salts as electron transfer catalysts.⁶¹⁻⁶³ Diels-Alder dimer, in which 1,3-cyclohexadiene was responsible for both diene and dienophile, was obtained only 30% yield under 200 °C and for 20 hours stirring conditions. Therefore, they used tris(*p*-bromophenyl)aminium hexachlorostibnate as an electron transfer device and Diels-Alder cycloadduct was formed in 70% yield after just 15 min stirring at 0 °C (Figure 1-4). In this paper, it was suggested that a chain mechanism in which the aminium salts are initial SET-oxidation and the neutral dienophile undergoes SET-reduction to form dimers.

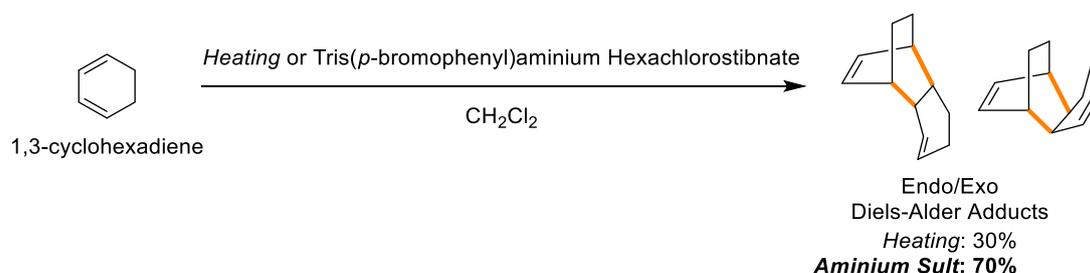
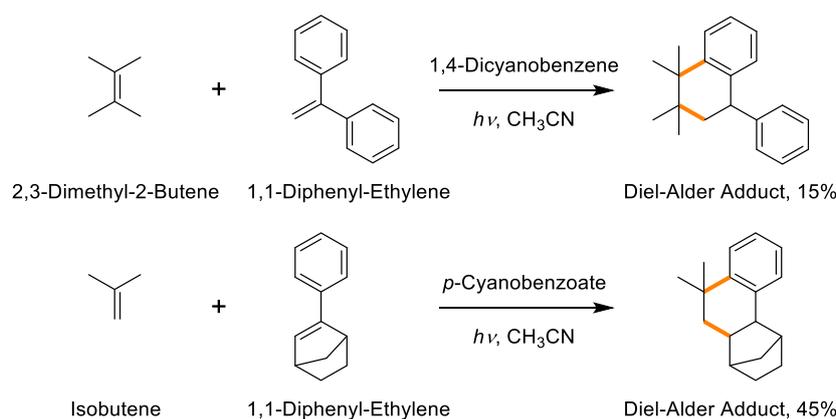


Figure 1-4. Diels-Alder Dimerizations of 1,3-cyclohexadiene.

In 1979, at the same time as Bauld's report, Maroulis and Arnold tried the radical cation Diels-Alder reaction between electron-rich compounds using organophotocatalysts.³⁸ *p*-Cyanobenzoate and 1,4-dicyanobenzene photosensitizers promoted the cycloadditions using 1,1-diphenyl-ethylene or 2-phenylnorbornene as a diene, and isobutene or 2,3-dimethyl-2-butene as dienophile (Figure 1-5 (a)). In the same Diels-Alder dimerization of 1,3-cyclohexadiene which is reported by Bauld, Carol *et al.* succeeded to obtain the dimer in 60% yields using 9,10-dicyanoanthracene photocatalyst after irradiation in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature (Figure 1-5 (b)).⁶⁴ However, the ring formation between 1,3-cyclohexadiene and 2,5-dimethylhexadiene, which was possible with the aminium salts, did not react with 9,10-dicyanoanthracene. They suggested that radical cation Diels-Alder reaction using 9,10-dicyanoanthracene photocatalyst has a steric hindrance to form rings due to the strong interaction in electron transfer between the photocatalyst and the compound.

(a) Maroulis and Arnold's Work in 1979



(b) Carol's Work in 1983

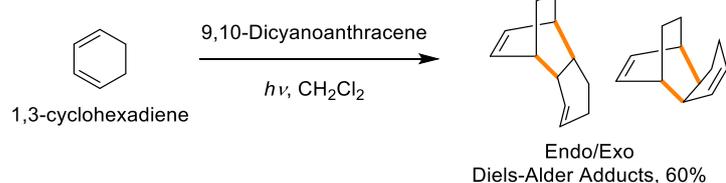


Figure 1-5. Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reactions by Organophotocatalysts.

Radical anion Diels-Alder reactions are rare, with only the electrocatalytic approach reported by Bauld and Krische *et al.* in 2002 (Figure 1-6 (a))⁶⁵ and Ru photocatalytic approach by Yoon *et al.* in 2011 (Figure 1-6 (b)).⁶⁶ Furthermore, both of these are intramolecular hetero-Diels-Alder reactions, which have different trends from the radical cation Diels-Alder reaction using aminium salts or organophotocatalysts. From the above predecessors, researchers have developed various photo-/electrocatalytic radical ion Diels-Alder reactions.^{2,3,71-76,9,16,48,66-70}

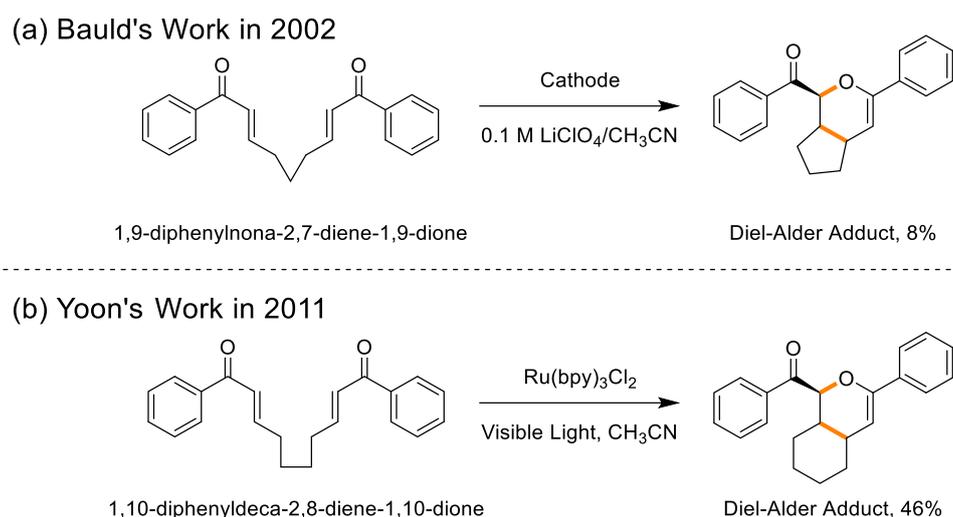


Figure 1-6. Radical Anion Diels-Alder Reactions by Photo- or Electrocatalyst.

For the radical cation Diels-Alder reaction, researchers have recently studied using *trans*-anethole as a benchmark. Starting with Ru complexes⁶⁸ reported by Yoon in 2011, metal complex photocatalysts such as Cr complexes by Ferreira⁷⁴ and Fe complexes by Kang,⁶⁷ or thioxanthylum organophotocatalyst by Tanaka and Hoshino,⁷⁰ many radical cation Diels-Alder reactions using intermolecular electron transfer photocatalysts have been reported. On the other hand, there are only a few reports on the use of interfacial electron transfer catalysts: electrocatalyst by Chiba^{34,77-79} and graphitic carbon nitride (g-C₃N₄) by Zhao.⁷⁵ Okada has developed the organic synthesis using TiO₂ photocatalyst, which is an interfacial electron transfer catalyst, including [2+2] cycloaddition *via* radical cation intermediates (Figure 1-7).⁸⁰ TiO₂ has excellent chemical stability and photocatalytic properties among semiconductors, and thus, there is potential to promote radical cation Diels-Alder reaction by interfacial electron transfer.

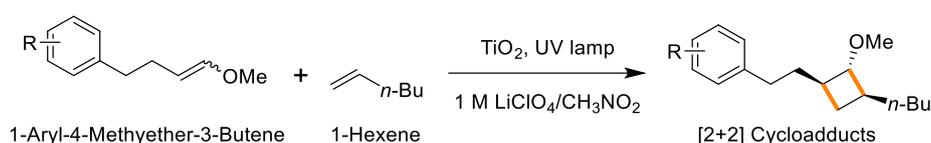


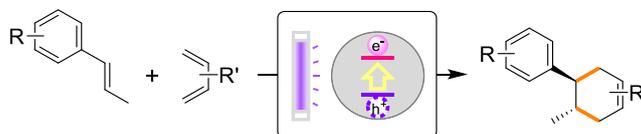
Figure 1-7. [2+2] Cycloaddition by TiO₂ Photocatalyst.

1.6. Purpose and Strategy

The purpose of this study is to apply TiO_2 photocatalysts to organic synthesis chemistry modeled on the radical cation Diels-Alder reaction of arylidenes, and to verify the difference in reactivity between TiO_2 and electrodes, which are also classified as interfacial electron transfer catalysts. First, TiO_2 photocatalytic six-membered ring formation of various β -methylstyrenes including *trans*-anethole will be attempted. Second, to clarify the difference from the previously reported radical cation Diels-Alder reaction by electrocatalysis, detailed verification of the reaction mechanism by cyclic voltammetry (CV) measurements and density functional theory (DFT) calculations will be tried. Finally, radical cation Diels-Alder reaction using model substrates, which has been considered impossible for intermolecular electron transfer catalysis, will be performed to verify the limitation of electrocatalysis and TiO_2 photocatalysis. This research will advance the field of photo-/electrocatalytic chemistry and contribute to the development of innovative synthetic organic chemistry that solves energy issues.

*Chapter 2. Radical Cation Diels-Alder
Reactions by TiO₂ Photocatalyst*

Abstract



Radical cation Diels-Alder reaction by TiO₂ photocatalysis in LiClO₄/CH₃NO₂ is described. TiO₂ photocatalysis promoted the bond formation of electronically mismatching electron-rich dienes and dienophiles. The reaction is initiated by oxidative-single-electron-transfer (SET) of the dienophile and completed by reductive-SET to the radical cation intermediate.

2.1. Introduction

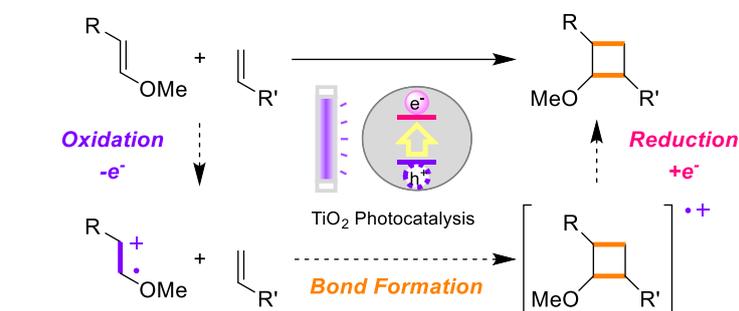
In recent years, photocatalytic chemistry has been revived by MacMillan *et al.*^{2,3,10} Photocatalytic SET is the key step, and the reactions are proceeded by photoredox. The radical cation Diels-Alder reaction, in which *trans*-anethole is a benchmark, has been extensively studied as an oxidative-SET initiated reaction by Yoon, Ferreira, Kang *et al.*^{67,68,70,74,75} Chiba *et al.* demonstrated that the radical cation Diels-Alder reaction is proceeded by electrocatalysis using carbon felt electrodes with a catalytic amount of electricity.⁷⁷ They suggested the two ways of reaction mechanisms which are chain and EC-backward-E (electron transfer, chemical reaction and backward electron transfer) processes.

Okada *et al.* found that the combination of TiO₂ photocatalyst and UV light irradiation in LiClO₄/CH₃NO₂ promoted [2+2] cycloadditions (Scheme 2-1 (a)).⁸⁰ They proposed a mechanism whereby the reaction is initiated by SET-oxidation of TiO₂ photocatalysis, cyclization with olefins, and completed by SET-reduction of TiO₂ photocatalysis. This study found that TiO₂ photocatalysts can go through the cycloaddition *via* radical cation intermediate, expanding the potential of TiO₂ photocatalysis in synthetic organic chemistry.

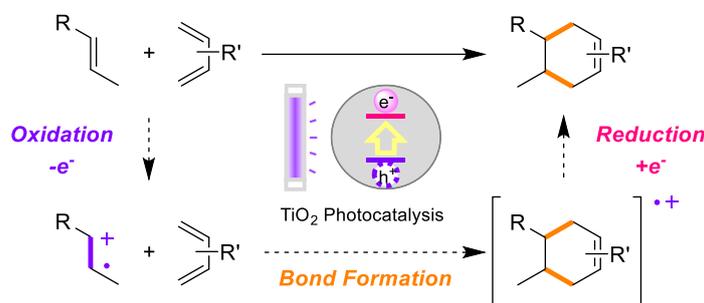
Described herein is the radical cation Diels-Alder reaction of β -methystyrenes using TiO₂ photocatalysis (Scheme 2-1 (b)).

Scheme 2-1. TiO₂ Photocatalytic Cycloadditions.

(a) [2+2] Cycloadditions



(b) [4+2] Cycloadditions (This Work)

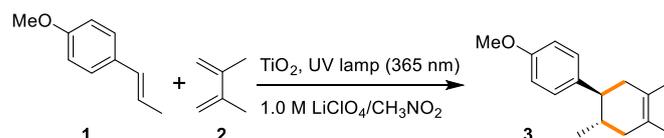


2.2. Results and Discussion

2.2.1. Optimization of the Conditions for Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction

The optimization of the conditions for radical cation Diels-Alder reaction using TiO₂ photocatalysis modeled on *trans*-anethole (**1**) and 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene (**2**) was investigated (Table 2-1). The corresponding six-membered ring (**3**) was obtained in good yield by the combination of TiO₂ photocatalyst and LiClO₄/CH₃NO₂ solvent (entry 1), and the yield decreased in the absence of TiO₂ photocatalyst (entry 2). Photocatalytic Diels-Alder reaction of **1** and **2** enabled by LiClO₄/CH₃NO₂ solvent was previously reported,⁸¹ suggested that the mechanism was by energy/electron transfer catalysis of O₂ and photoexcited CH₃NO₂ (Figure S3). Then, the corresponding cycloadduct was obtained in acceptable yield. In addition, the reactivity was significantly reduced under dark conditions (entry 3, 4) and without LiClO₄ (entry 5), indicating that these conditions are essential for the reaction.

Table 2-1. Optimization of the Conditions for Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction.



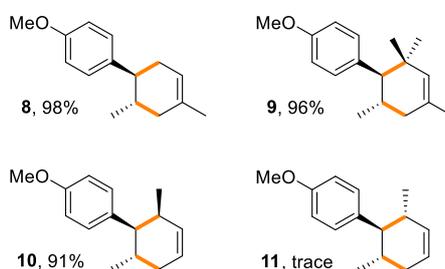
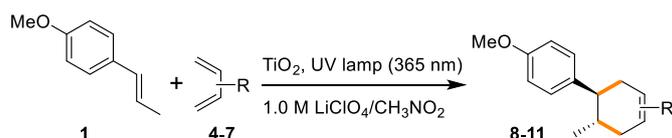
Entry	Conditions ^a	Yield (%) ^b
1		97
2	no TiO ₂	71 (0)
3	no light	6 (78)
4	no TiO ₂ , no light	trace (79)
5	no LiClO ₄	trace (61)

^aUnless otherwise stated, reactions were carried out on a 0.20 mmol scale of *trans*-anethole (**1**) with 2 equiv of 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene (**2**) and 100 mg of TiO₂ in 4 mL of CH₃NO₂ using a 15 W UV lamp at rt for 2 h under air. ^bDetermined by ¹H NMR analysis using benzaldehyde as an internal standard. Recovered starting material is reported in parentheses.

2.2.2. Scope of Dienes for the Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction

trans-Anethole (**1**) was used as a dienophile and reacted with several dienes (**4-7**) (Table 2-2). Isoprene (**4**) and 2,4-Dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene (**5**) gave the corresponding cycloadditions (**8, 9**) in excellent yields. Although the cycloadduct **10** was obtained in good yield from (*E*)-1,3-pentadiene (**6**), (*Z*)-1,3-pentadiene (**7**) was not found to be productive, probably because the conformation of **7** tends to be transoid by the steric hindrance.

Table 2-2. Scope of Dienes for Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction.

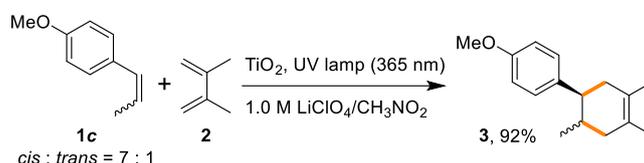


Reactions were carried out on a 0.20 mmol scale of *trans*-anethole (**1**) with 2 equiv of the diene (**4-7**) and 100 mg of TiO₂ in 4 mL of CH₃NO₂ using a 15 W UV lamp at rt for 2 h under air. Yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis using benzaldehyde as an internal standard.

2.2.3. Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction of *cis*-Anethole (**1c**) and Butadiene (**2**)

The effect of dienophile isomers on the reaction process was demonstrated using *cis*-anethole (**1c**) as a starting material (Table 2-3). Whereas *trans*-cycloadduct (**3t**) was formed from *trans*-anethole (**1t**), **1c** was found to give a mixture of *cis*-/*trans*-cycloadducts (**3c/3t**) and **3t** was preferentially formed, investigating that this cyclohexene formation passes not transition-state but radical cation intermediate. From entry 1, the bond was rotated before diene trapping because *trans* ratio of **3** was increased (entry 1). However, **3t** was also produced despite the rich condition of diene (entry 3), suggesting that there were two pathways which the bond was rotated during **1c^{•+}** and **3c^{•+}** (Scheme 2-2).

Table 2-3. Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction of *cis*-Anethole (**1c**) and Butadiene (**2**).

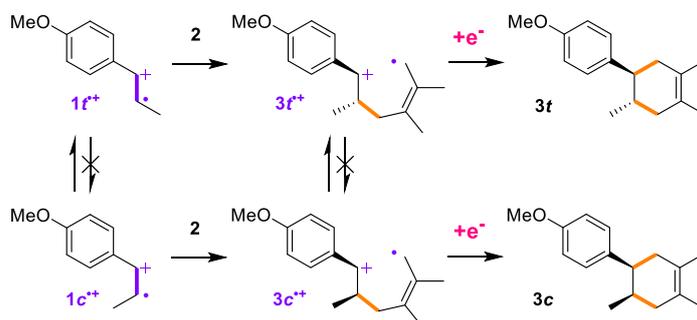


Entry ^a	Concentration of 2	<i>cis</i> / <i>trans</i> ^b
1	10 mM (0.20 eq.)	1:11
2	100 mM (2 eq.)	1:6
3	1000 mM (20 eq.)	1:7

^aReactions were carried out on a 0.20 mmol scale of *cis*-anethole (**1c**) with 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene (**2**) and 100 mg of TiO_2 in 4 mL of CH_3NO_2 using a 15 W UV lamp at rt for 2 h under air.

^bDetermined by ^1H NMR analysis.

Scheme 2-2. Plausible Reaction Mechanism for the Isomerization of Cyclohexene (**3**).



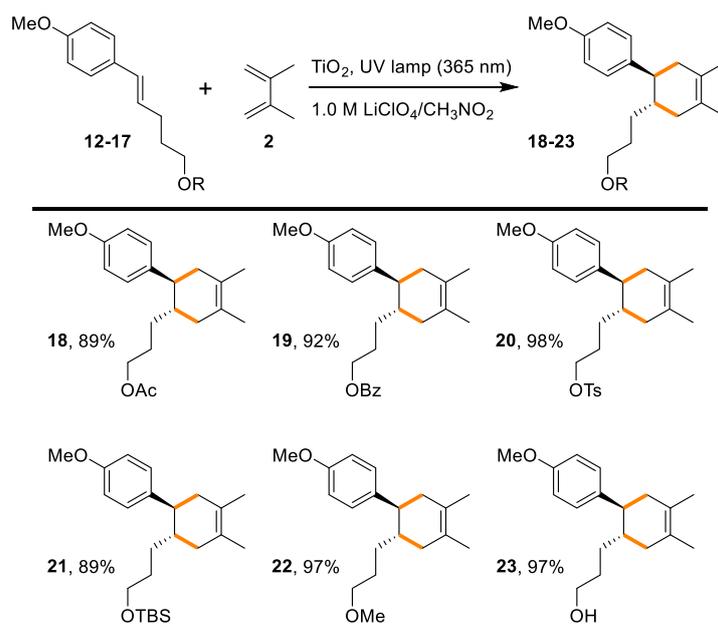
2.2.4. Scope of 4-Methoxy β -Propylalcohol-Substituted Styrenes for the Radical Cation

Diels-Alder Reaction

The ring formation of 4-methoxy β -propylalcohol-substituted styrenes (**12-17**) with 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene (**2**) was tested (Table 2-4). Generally, electron-withdrawing groups (EWG) such as acetyl (Ac), benzoyl (Bz) and tosyl (Ts) group are protection for inhibiting radical cation trapped by free alcohol; however, surprisingly, (silyl) ethers (**21**, **22**) and nonsubstituted alcohol (**23**) was found to give Diels-Alder adducts in good yields as well as protecting with EWG (**18-20**). The $\text{LiClO}_4/\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$ solvent system may facilitates this reaction.

Table 2-4. Scope of 4-Methoxy β -Propylalcohol-Substituted Styrenes for the Radical Cation

Diels-Alder Reaction.

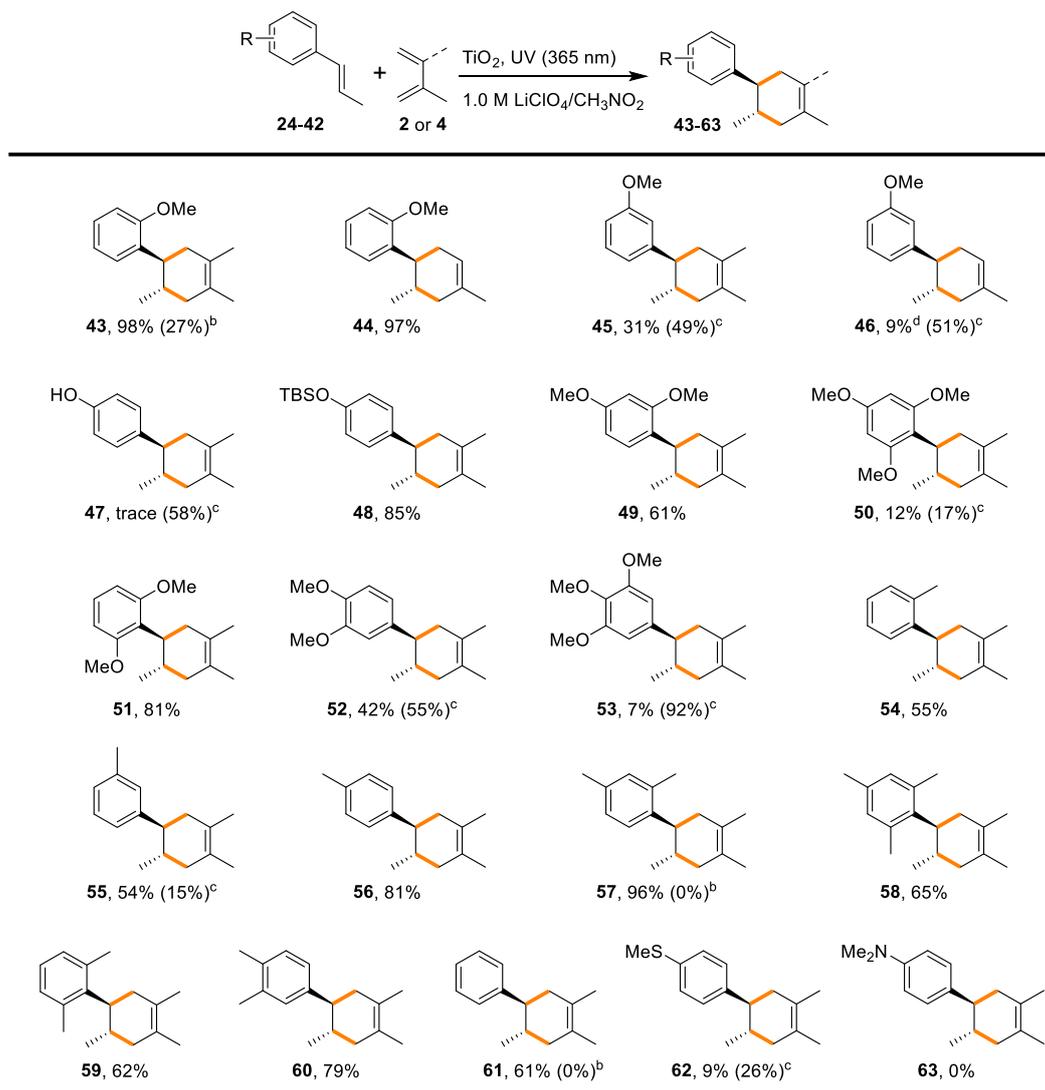


Reactions were carried out on a 0.20 mmol scale of *trans*-anethole derivatives (**12-17**) with 2 equiv of 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene (**2**) and 100 mg of TiO_2 in 4 mL of CH_3NO_2 using a 15 W UV lamp at rt for 2 h. Yields were determined by ^1H NMR analysis using benzaldehyde as an internal standard.

2.2.5. Scope of β -Methylstyrenes for the Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction

The scope of radical cation Diels-Alder reaction was investigated using β -methylstyrene derivatives (24-42) (Table 2-5). For the substrates with methoxy groups (MeO) on the aromatic ring, ortho-substituted styrenes were found to give cyclohexenes in good yields (43, 44), while meta-substituted styrene was found to be less effective for the reaction (45, 46). The MeO work as an electron-donating group (EDG) or EWG depending on substitution position. When it is substituted at para- or ortho- position, it works as the EDG due to its positive resonance effect. However, meta-substituted MeO serves as an EWG due to its negative induced effect, and thus, it is negative for cyclohexene formation. The para-hydroxy (OH)-substituted styrene was not suitable (47), whereas the silyl protection has good effect on the reaction (48). It was suggested that deprotonation of free OH was the competition when radical cation intermediate was produced; thus, the corresponding cycloadduct was little detected. Although the additional MeO decreased yields in most cases (49-53), for the methyl groups (Me), yields were almost increased with the number of Me (54-57, 60). This suggests that the additional MeO cause an inclination of electron density to aromatic ring; thus, radical cation plot tends to exist on arene, and diene could not trap styrene double bond. The meta-substituted Me had less negative impact for the reaction than MeO probably because Me serves as electron-donating group due to its positive inductive effect. About 58 and 59, di-ortho-substituted Me interrupted the cycloaddition sterically and caused to decrease yields. Furthermore, non-substituted β -methylstyrene, which could not be synthesized by Ru photocatalysis or electrocatalysis, gave the corresponding cyclohexene (61) in acceptable yield. The reason was suggested that TiO₂ photocatalyst have higher oxidation potential than Ru photocatalyst, and faster reductive-SET than electrocatalysis because cathode cannot do reduction to unstable radical cation intermediate immediately after diene trapping. This result is the most significant achievement of this study, and a further detailed discussions will be investigated in next chapter.

Table 2-5. Scope of β -Methylstyrenes for the Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction.^a



^aReactions were carried out on a 0.20 mmol scale of substituted β -methylstyrenes (**24-42**) with 2 equiv of 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene (**2**) or isoprene (**4**) and 100 mg of TiO_2 in 4 mL of CH_3NO_2 using a 15 W UV lamp at rt for 2 h under air. Yields were determined by ^1H NMR analysis using benzaldehyde as an internal standard. ^bYields in absence of TiO_2 . ^cRecovered starting material is reported in parentheses. ^dInseparable mixture.

2.2.6. Plausible Reaction Mechanism for the Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction

Based on the results of various β -methylstyrenes, the reaction mechanism of the TiO_2 photocatalytic radical cation Diels-Alder reaction was estimated (Figure 2-1). The reaction is considered to proceed in a TiO_2 photoredox, starting with oxidative-SET of dienophiles by TiO_2 photocatalysis, followed by diene trapping, and finally reductive-SET to radical cation intermediates by TiO_2 photocatalysis to complete the formation of six-membered rings. Additionally, the reactive oxygen species (ROS) have potential to be involved in the reaction mechanism from additional control study (Table S1).

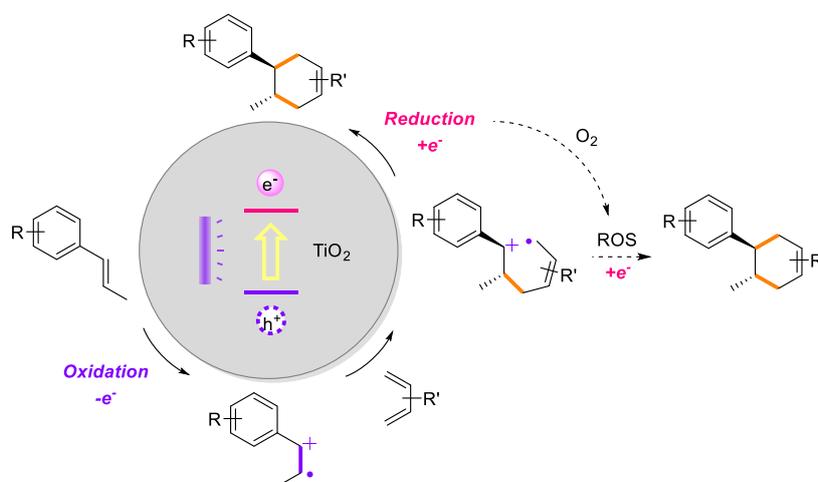


Figure 2-1. Plausible Reaction Mechanism for the Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction.

2.3. Conclusion

Radical cation Diels-Alder reaction of β -methylstyrenes using combination of TiO_2 photocatalyst and UV light in $\text{LiClO}_4/\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$ solvent was described. The yields previously reported were improved, and the six-membered ring which had been considered impossible to synthesize by Ru photocatalysis or electrocatalysis was obtained in acceptable yield. This study will lead to the extension that TiO_2 photocatalysis applies to synthetic organic chemistry.

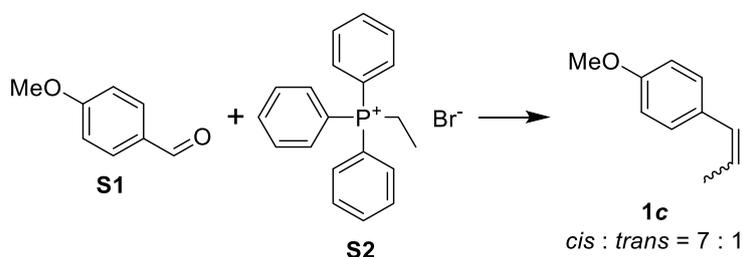
2.4 Experimental Section

2.4.1 General Remarks

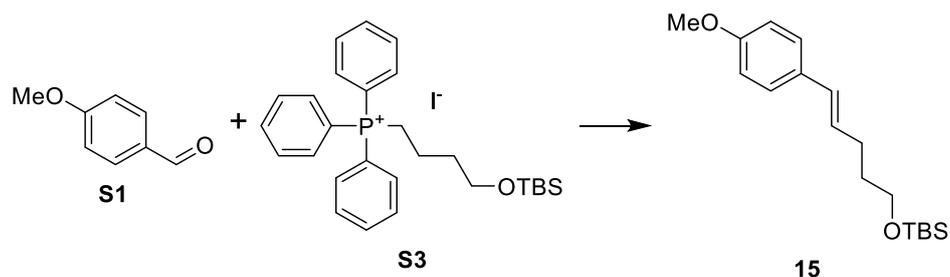
All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on silica gel plates, with detection by UV absorption (254 nm) and by heating the plates after dipping them in a solution of 12 M molybdo(VI) phosphoric acid n-hydrate in 95% ethanol. Silica gel (particle size 40–50 μm) was used for column chromatography.

^1H NMR spectra were collected on a 500 MHz NMR spectrometer using the deuterated solvent as an internal deuterium reference. Chemical shift data are given in δ units calibrated with residual protic solvent. The multiplicity of a signal is indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; quint, quintet; m, multiplet. ^{13}C NMR spectra were collected at 125 MHz with proton decoupling using the deuterated solvent as an internal carbon reference. Chemical shift data are given in δ units calibrated with residual solvent. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were collected on electrospray ionization (ESI)- or direct analysis in real time (DART)-time-of-flight (TOF) spectrometers.

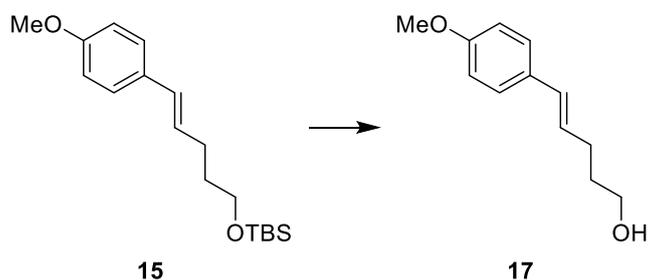
2.4.2. Synthesis and Characterization Data



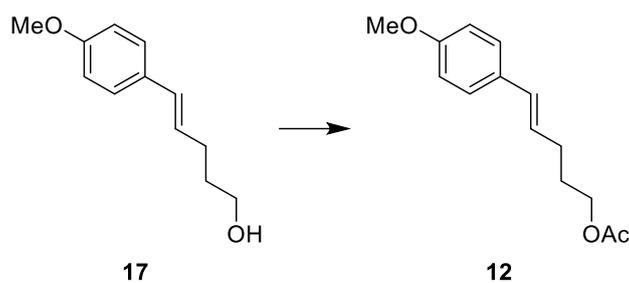
Synthesis of *cis*-Anethole (**1c**).⁸² To a solution of ethyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (**S2**, 2.78 g, 7.50 mmol) and HMPA (1.74 mL, 10.0 mmol) in THF (20 mL) stirred at r.t. was added KHMDS (1.50 g, 7.50 mmol, in 10 mL THF). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 10 min, and was cooled to $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. *p*-Anisaldehyde (**S1**, 608 μL , 5.00 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1 h, diluted with water, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) gave the titled compound in 64% yield (473 mg, 3.19 mmol, *cis/trans* = 7/1).



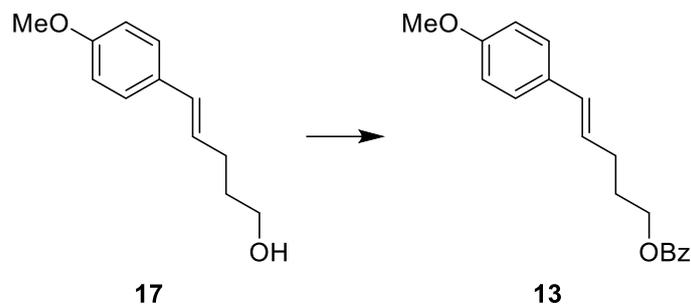
Synthesis of *trans*-Anethole Derivative (**15**).⁸³ To a solution of the Wittig reagent⁷⁴ (**S3**, 17.3 g, 30.0 mmol) in THF (120 mL) stirred at -78 °C was added phenyllithium (1.6 M in butylether, 13.8 mL, 22.0 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 15 min, and was cooled to -78 °C. *p*-Anisaldehyde (**S1**, 2.41 mL, 20.0 mmol) and phenyllithium (1.6 M in butylether, 13.8 mL, 22.0 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C, r.t., and then -78 °C for 15 min each. Hydrochloric acid (12 M, 1.83 mL, 22.0 mmol) and KO^tBu (2.69 g, 24.0 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 15 min, diluted with hydrogen peroxide (10 mL) and water, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 40/1) gave the titled compound 58% (3.56 g, 11.6 mmol).



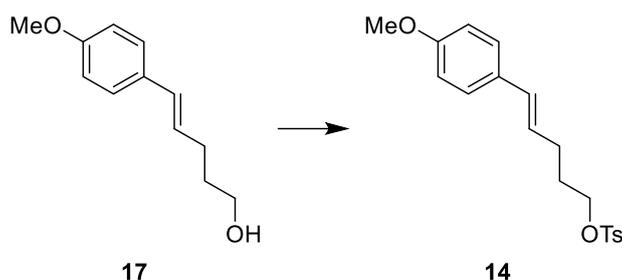
Synthesis of *trans*-Anethole Derivative (**17**). To a solution of the anethole derivative (**15**) (3.07 g, 10.0 mmol) in THF (80 mL) stirred at r.t. was added TBAF (15.0 mL, 1.0 M in THF). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for overnight, diluted with water, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/1) gave the titled compound 77% (1.48 g, 7.71 mmol).



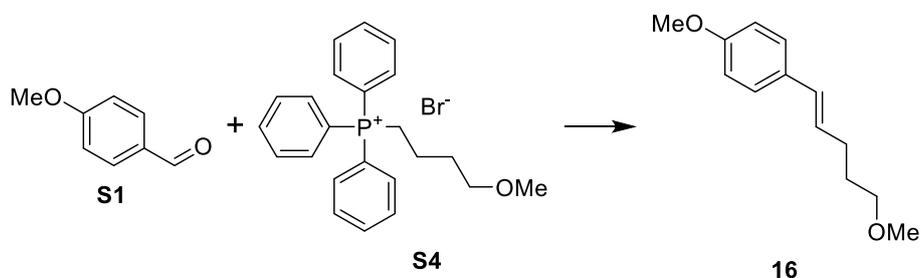
Synthesis of *trans*-Anethole Derivative (**12**). To a solution of the anethole derivative (**17**) (385 mg, 2.00 mmol), TEA (832 μ L, 6.00 mmol), DMAP (12.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) stirred at r.t. was added Ac_2O (567 μ L, 6.00 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for overnight, diluted with water, and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1) gave the titled compound 88% (410 mg, 1.75 mmol).



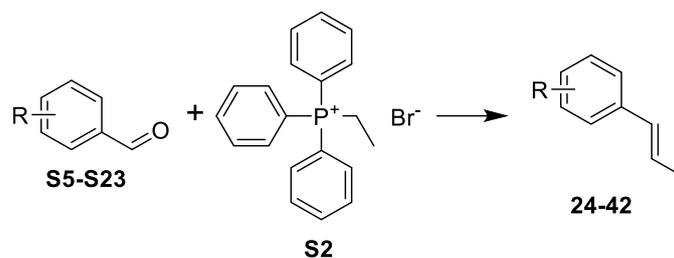
Synthesis of *trans*-Anethole Derivative (**13**). To a solution of the anethole derivative (**17**) (385 mg, 2.00 mmol), TEA (554 μ L, 4.00 mmol), DMAP (12.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) stirred at r.t. was added BzCl (346 μ L, 3.00 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for overnight, diluted with water, and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1) gave the titled compound 99% (587 mg, 1.98 mmol).



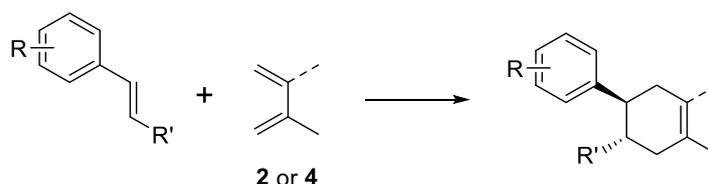
Synthesis of *trans*-Anethole Derivative (**14**). To a solution of the anethole derivative (**17**) (385 mg, 2.00 mmol), TEA (554 μ L, 4.00 mmol), DMAP (12.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) stirred at r.t. was added TsCl (572 mg, 3.00 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for overnight, diluted with water, and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1) gave the titled compound 64% (444 mg, 1.28 mmol).



Synthesis of *trans*-Anethole Derivative (**16**). To a solution of the Wittig reagent (**S4**, 6.44 g, 15.0 mmol) in THF (80 mL) stirred at -78°C was added phenyllithium (1.6 M in butylether, 6.88 mL, 11.0 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 15 min, and was cooled to -78°C . *p*-Anisaldehyde (**S1**, 1.21 mL, 10.0 mmol) and phenyllithium (1.6 M in butylether, 6.88 mL, 11.0 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at -78°C , r.t., and then -78°C for 15 min each. Hydrochloric acid (12 M, 917 μ L, 11.0 mmol) and KO^tBu (1.35 g, 12.0 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 15 min, diluted with hydrogen peroxide (5 mL) and water, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 40/1) gave the titled compound 51% (1.05 g, 5.09 mmol).

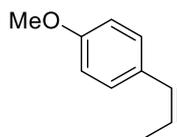


General Procedure for the Synthesis of β -Methyl Styrenes (**24-42**). To a solution of the Wittig reagent (**S2**, 5.57 g, 15.0 mmol) in THF (80 mL) stirred at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ was added phenyllithium (1.6 M in butylether, 6.88 mL, 11.0 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 15 min, and was cooled to $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. The respective benzaldehyde (**S5-S23**, 10.0 mmol) and phenyllithium (1.6 M in butylether, 6.88 mL, 11.0 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, r.t., and then $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 15 min each. Hydrochloric acid (12 M, 917 μL , 11.0 mmol) and KO^tBu (1.35 g, 12.0 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 15 min, diluted with hydrogen peroxide (5 mL) and water, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 30/1) gave the titled compound.



General Procedure for Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reactions. To a solution of LiClO_4 (1.0 M) in dry CH_3NO_2 (4 mL) stirred at room temperature were added the respective β -methyl styrenes (0.20 mmol), dienes (0.40 mmol), and TiO_2 (100 mg). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature in front of a 15 W UV lamp (365 nm) for 2 h (also checked by thin-layer chromatography), diluted with water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Yields were determined by ^1H NMR analysis using benzaldehyde as an internal standard. Silica gel column chromatography (unless otherwise noted, hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) gave the desired cycloadducts.

(*Z*)-1-methoxy-4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**1c**, *cis* : *trans* = 7 : 1). Colorless oil.



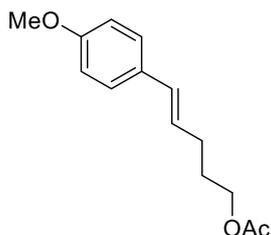
1c, *cis* : *trans* = 7 : 1

Product yield; 64% (473 mg, 3.19 mmol).

cis: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.24 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.88 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.37 (1H, dd, $J = 11.5, 1.2$ Hz), 5.70 (1H, dq, $J = 11.5, 6.9$ Hz), 3.81 (3H, s), 1.89 (3H, dd, $J = 7.5, 2.3$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.1, 130.4, 130.1, 129.3, 125.2, 113.6, 55.3, 14.7.

trans: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.24 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.83 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.34 (1H, dd, $J = 16.0, 1.2$ Hz), 6.09 (1H, dq, $J = 16.0, 6.9$ Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 1.86 (3H, dd, $J = 6.3, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.0, 133.9, 130.9, 126.9, 123.5, 113.9, 30.4, 18.6; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}$ 149.0966, found 149.0996.

(*E*)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-4-en-1-yl acetate (**12**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

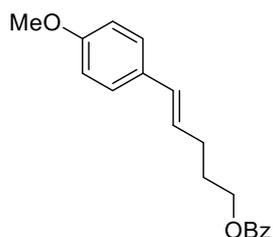


12, *trans*

Product yield; 88% (410 mg, 1.75 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.27 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.83 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.35 (1H, d, $J = 16.0$ Hz), 6.05 (1H, dt, $J = 16.0, 6.9$ Hz), 4.12 (2H, t, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 2.26 (2H, dq, $J = 6.9, 1.2$ Hz), 2.05 (3H, s), 1.80 (2H, quint, $J = 6.9$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.2, 158.9, 130.4, 130.1, 127.2, 127.1, 114.0, 64.0, 55.3, 29.4, 28.5, 21.1; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3$ 235.1334, found 235.1362.

(*E*)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-4-en-1-yl benzoate (**13**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

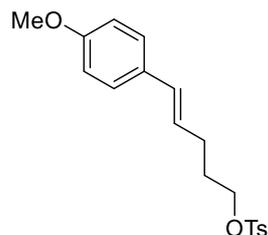


13, *trans*

Product yield; 99% (587 mg, 1.98 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 8.06 (2H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.56 (1H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.44 (2H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.28 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.84 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.39 (1H, d, $J = 16.0$ Hz), 6.11 (1H, dt, $J = 16.0, 6.9$ Hz), 4.38 (2H, t, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 2.37 (2H, q, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 1.95 (2H, quint, $J = 6.3$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 158.9, 132.9, 130.5, 130.5, 130.2, 129.6, 128.4, 127.2, 127.1, 114.0, 64.6, 55.3, 29.6, 28.6; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3$ 297.1490, found 297.1497.

(*E*)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-4-en-1-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (**14**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

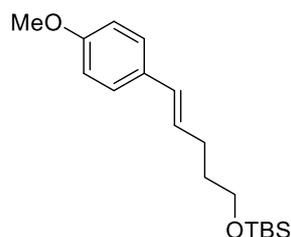


14, *trans*

Product yield; 99% (685 mg, 1.98 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.79 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.32 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.20 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.83 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.24 (1H, d, $J = 15.5$ Hz), 5.90 (1H, dt, $J = 15.5, 6.9$ Hz), 4.07 (2H, t, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 2.43 (3H, s), 2.22 (2H, dq, $J = 6.9, 1.7$ Hz), 1.81 (2H, quint, $J = 6.9$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.0, 144.8, 133.2, 130.7, 130.2, 129.9, 128.0, 127.2, 126.2, 114.0, 70.0, 55.0, 28.7, 22.0; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4\text{S}$ 347.1317, found 347.1348.

(*E*)-*tert*-butyl((5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-4-en-1-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane (**15**, *trans*). Yellow oil.

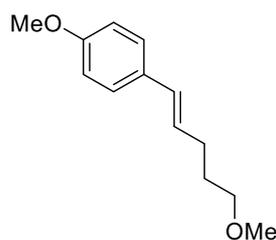


15, *trans*

Product yield; 71% (4.35 g, 14.2 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.26 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.83 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.33 (1H, d, $J = 16.0$ Hz), 6.08 (1H, dt, $J = 16.0, 6.9$ Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.65 (2H, dt, $J = 6.3, 1.2$ Hz), 2.24 (2H, q, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 1.68 (2H, quint, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 0.91 (9H, d, $J = 1.2$ Hz), 0.06 (6H, d, $J = 1.2$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.7, 130.8, 129.5, 128.4, 127.0, 114.0, 62.6, 55.3, 32.7, 29.4, 26.1, 18.4, -5.2; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_2\text{Si}$ 307.2093, found 307.2110.

(*E*)-1-methoxy-4-(5-methoxypent-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**16**, *trans*). Yellow oil.

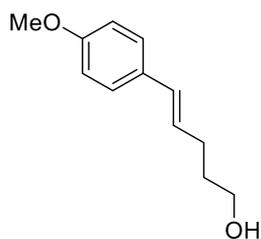


16, *trans*

Product yield; 51% (1.05 g, 5.09 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.27 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.83 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.34 (1H, d, $J = 16.0$ Hz), 6.07 (1H, dt, $J = 16.0, 6.9$ Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 3.42 (2H, t, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 3.34 (3H, s), 2.25 (2H, dq, $J = 6.9, 1.2$ Hz), 1.74 (2H, quint, $J = 6.3$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.7, 130.6, 129.6, 127.9, 127.0, 113.9, 72.1, 58.5, 55.2, 29.5, 29.4; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ 207.1385, found 207.1370.

(*E*)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-4-en-1-ol (**17**, *trans*). White solid.

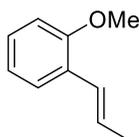


17, *trans*

Product yield; 77% (1.48 g, 7.71 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.27 (2H, d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 6.84 (2H, d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 6.36 (1H, d, $J = 16.0$ Hz), 6.08 (1H, dt, $J = 16.0, 7.5$ Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 3.71 (2H, dt, $J = 6.3, 5.4$ Hz), 2.29 (2H, dq, $J = 6.9, 1.2$ Hz), 1.75 (2H, quint, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 1.29 (1H, t, $J = 5.2$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.8, 130.5, 129.8, 127.9, 127.1, 114.0, 62.5, 55.4, 32.5, 29.4; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$ 193.1228, found 193.1250.

(*E*)-1-methoxy-2-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**24**, *trans*). Yellow oil.

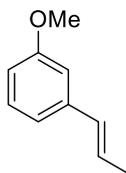


24, *trans*

Product yield; 21% (312 mg, 2.11 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.39 (1H, dd, $J = 8.0, 1.7$ Hz), 7.18 (1H, dt, $J = 8.0, 1.7$ Hz), 6.90 (1H, t, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.85 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.71 (1H, $J = 15.5, 1.2$ Hz), 6.24 (1H, dq, $J = 15.5, 6.3$ Hz), 3.84 (3H, s), 1.90 (3H, dd, $J = 6.9, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.2, 127.8, 127.1, 126.6, 126.5, 125.7, 120.7, 110.7, 55.5, 19.0; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}$ 149.0966, found 149.0948.

(*E*)-1-methoxy-3-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**25**, *trans*). Yellow oil.

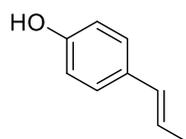


25, *trans*

Product yield; 38% (564 mg, 3.81 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.21 (1H, t, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.93 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.87 (1H, t, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 6.75 (1H, dd, $J = 8.0, 2.3$ Hz), 6.37 (1H, dd, $J = 15.5, 1.7$ Hz), 6.24 (1H, dq, $J = 15.5, 6.3$ Hz), 3.81 (3H, s), 1.88 (3H, dd, $J = 6.9, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.8, 139.5, 131.0, 129.5, 126.2, 118.6, 112.4, 111.2, 55.2, 18.6; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}$ 149.0966, found 149.0981.

(*E*)-4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)phenol (**26**, *trans*). Yellow solid.

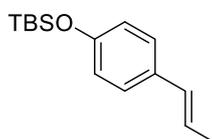


26, *trans*

Product yield; 11% (147 mg, 1.10 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.20 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.74 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.32 (1H, dd, $J = 16.0, 1.2$ Hz), 6.07 (1H, dq, $J = 16.0, 6.9$ Hz), 4.81 (1H, s), 1.84 (3H, dd, $J = 6.9, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.4, 131.1, 130.3, 127.2, 123.7, 115.4, 18.5; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{O}$ 135.0810, found 135.0821.

(*E*)-*tert*-butyldimethyl(4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)phenoxy)silane (**27**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

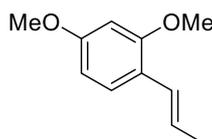


27, *trans*

Product yield; 41% (1.02 g, 4.11 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.19 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.76 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.33 (1H, dd, $J = 15.5, 1.7$ Hz), 6.09 (1H, dq, $J = 15.5, 6.3$ Hz), 1.85 (3H, dd, $J = 6.9, 1.7$ Hz), 0.97 (9H, s), 0.18 (6H, s); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.7, 131.4, 130.5, 126.9, 123.6, 120.2, 25.8, 18.5, 18.3, -4.3; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{OSi}$ 249.1674, found 249.1648.

(*E*)-2,4-dimethoxy-1-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**28**, *trans*). Yellow oil.

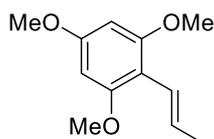


28, *trans*

Product yield; 46% (821 mg, 4.61 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.30 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.61 (1H, dd, $J = 15.5, 1.7$ Hz), 6.45 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 2.3$ Hz), 6.43 (1H, d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 6.10 (1H, dq, $J = 15.5, 6.3$ Hz), 3.82 (3H, s), 3.81 (3H, s), 1.87 (3H, dd, $J = 6.3, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.8, 157.2, 127.1, 125.3, 124.5, 120.2, 104.7, 98.4, 55.5, 55.4, 19.0; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2$ 179.1072, found 179.1095.

(*E*)-1,3,5-trimethoxy-2-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**29**, *trans*). White solid.

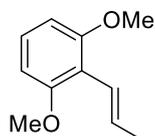


29, *trans*

Product yield; 43% (894 mg, 4.29 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.56 (1H, dd, $J = 16.0, 1.2$ Hz), 6.46 (1H, dq, $J = 16.0, 6.3$ Hz), 6.13 (2H, s), 3.82 (6H, s), 3.81 (3H, s), 1.89 (3H, dd, $J = 6.9, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.4, 158.8, 128.1, 121.0, 108.5, 90.8, 55.8, 55.4, 20.0; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3$ 209.1177, found 209.1182.

(*E*)-1,3-dimethoxy-2-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**30**, *trans*). Yellow oil.

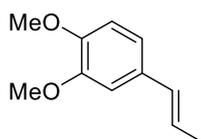


30, *trans*

Product yield; 25% (443 mg, 2.49 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.10 (1H, t, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.60 (2H, m), 6.55 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 3.84 (6H, s), 1.92 (3H, d, $J = 5.2$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.0, 130.4, 127.2, 121.2, 115.2, 104.0, 55.7, 20.2; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2$ 179.1072, found 179.1102.

(*E*)-1,2-dimethoxy-4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**31**, *trans*). Yellow oil.

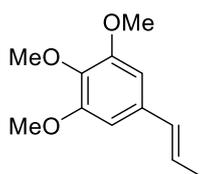


31, *trans*

Product yield; 43% (761 mg, 4.27 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.89 (1H, d, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 6.85 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 1.7$ Hz), 6.79 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.34 (1H, dd, $J = 16.0, 1.7$ Hz), 6.11 (1H, dq, $J = 16.0, 6.9$ Hz), 3.90 (3H, s), 3.87 (3H, s), 1.87 (3H, dd, $J = 6.9, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.0, 148.2, 131.2, 130.6, 123.8, 118.7, 111.2, 108.5, 55.9, 55.8, 18.4; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2$ 179.1072, found 179.1043.

(*E*)-1,2,3-trimethoxy-5-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**32**, *trans*). Yellow oil.

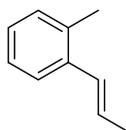


32, *trans*

Product yield; 24% (491 mg, 2.36 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.55 (2H, s), 6.33, (1H, dd, $J = 16.0, 1.7$ Hz), 6.15 (1H, dq, $J = 16.0, 6.3$ Hz), 3.87 (6H, s), 3.83 (3H, s), 1.88 (3H, dd, $J = 6.9, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.3, 137.2, 133.8, 131.0, 125.4, 102.9, 61.0, 56.1, 18.4; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3$ 209.1177, found 209.1149.

(*E*)-1-methyl-2-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**33**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

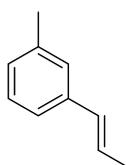


33, *trans*

Product yield; 11% (143 mg, 1.08 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.11 (1H, s), 7.07 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.04 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.34 (1H, dd, $J = 16.0, 1.7$ Hz), 6.17 (1H, dq, $J = 16.0, 6.3$ Hz), 2.24 (3H, s), 2.23 (3H, s), 1.86 (3H, dd, $J = 6.3, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.1, 134.8, 130.2, 128.9, 127.0, 126.8, 126.1, 125.5, 19.9, 18.9; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}$ 133,1017, found 133.0991.

(*E*)-1-methyl-3-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**34**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

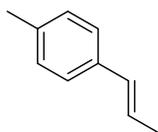


34, *trans*

Product yield; 22% (294 mg, 2.22 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.11 (1H, s), 7.07 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.04 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.34 (1H, dd, $J = 16.0, 1.7$ Hz), 6.17 (1H, dq, $J = 16.0, 6.3$ Hz), 2.24 (3H, s), 2.23 (3H, s), 1.86 (3H, dd, $J = 6.3, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.0, 137.9, 131.1, 128.4, 127.6, 126.7, 125.5, 123.0, 21.5, 18.6; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}$ 133,1017, found 133.1026.

(*E*)-1-methyl-4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**35**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

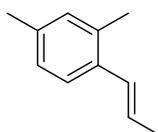


35, *trans*

Product yield; 29% (378 mg, 2.86 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.22 (2H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.09 (2H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.36 (1H, d, $J = 16.0$ Hz), 6.18 (1H, dq, $J = 16.0, 6.3$ Hz), 2.32 (3H, s), 1.86 (3H, d, $J = 6.9$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.4, 135.2, 130.9, 129.2, 125.8, 124.7, 21.2, 18.5; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}$ 133.1017, found 133.1023.

(*E*)-2,4-dimethyl-1-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**36**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

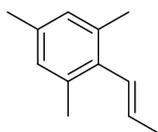


36, *trans*

Product yield; 29% (429 mg, 2.93 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.29 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.95 (2H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.55 (1H, d, $J = 15.5$ Hz), 6.06 (1H, dq, $J = 15.5, 6.3$ Hz), 2.29 (3H, s), 2.28 (3H, s), 1.89 (3H, dd, $J = 6.9, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.4, 134.7, 134.4, 131.0, 128.8, 126.8, 126.1, 125.4, 21.1, 19.8, 18.9; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}$ 147.1174, found 147.1191.

(*E*)-1,3,5-trimethyl-2-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**37**, *cis* : *trans* = 1 : 7). Colorless oil.



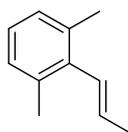
37, *cis* : *trans* = 1 : 7

Product yield; 21% (335mg, 2.09 mmol).

cis: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.86 (2H, s), 6.27 (1H, d, $J = 11.5$ Hz), 5.81 (1H, dq, $J = 11.5, 6.9$ Hz), 2.25 (3H, s), 2.16 (6H, s), 1.45 (3H, d, $J = 6.9$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.0, 133.6, 131.6, 127.9, 126.7, 125.8, 20.2, 14.3.

trans: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.85 (2H, s), 6.30 (1H, d, $J = 16.0$ Hz), 5.65 (1H, dq, $J = 16.0, 6.3$ Hz), 2.26 (3H, s), 2.25 (6H, s), 1.89 (3H, dd, $J = 6.9, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.9, 135.6, 134.8, 130.1, 128.5, 127.3, 20.9, 18.9; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}$ 161.1330, found 161.1305.

(*E*)-1,3-dimethyl-2-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**38**, *cis* : *trans* = 1 : 7). Colorless oil.



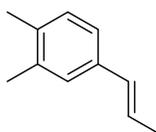
38, *cis* : *trans* = 1 : 7

Product yield; 11% (161 mg, 1.10 mmol).

cis: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.02 (3H, s), 6.30 (1H, d, $J = 11.5$ Hz), 5.83 (1H, dq, $J = 11.5, 6.9$ Hz), 2.20 (3H, s), 1.45 (3H, dd, $J = 6.9, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.6, 136.2, 128.5, 127.4, 127.0, 126.5, 20.3, 14.3.

trans: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.01 (3H, s), 6.32 (1H, d, $J = 16.0$ Hz), 5.67 (1H, dq, $J = 16.0, 6.3$ Hz), 2.27 (3H, s), 1.90 (3H, dd, $J = 6.3, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.8, 136.0, 130.4, 128.5, 127.7, 126.2, 21.0, 18.9; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}$ 147.1174, found 147.1151.

(*E*)-1,2-dimethyl-4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (**39**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

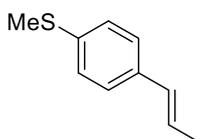


39, *trans*

Product yield; 18% (266 mg, 1.82 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.11 (1H, s), 7.06 (1H, d, $J = 13.2$ Hz), 7.04 (1H, d, $J = 13.2$ Hz), 6.34 (1H, dd, $J = 16.0, 1.7$ Hz), 6.17 (1H, dq, $J = 16.0, 6.3$ Hz), 2.34 (3H, s), 2.23 (3H, s), 1.86 (3H, dd, $J = 6.3, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.6, 135.7, 135.2, 131.0, 129.9, 127.3, 124.6, 123.4, 19.9, 19.6, 18.6; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}$ 147.1174, found 147.1187.

(*E*)-methyl(4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)sulfane (**41**, *trans*). Yellow solid.



41, *trans*

Product yield; 21% (348 mg, 2.12 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.24 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.18 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.35 (1H, dd, $J = 15.5, 1.2$ Hz), 6.19 (1H, dq, $J = 15.5, 6.3$ Hz), 2.47 (3H, s), 1.87 (3H, dd, $J = 6.3, 1.2$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.5, 134.9, 130.4, 126.8, 126.2, 125.0, 18.4, 15.9; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{S}$ 165.0738, found 165.0762.

(*E*)-*N,N*-dimethyl-4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)aniline (**42**, *trans*). Yellow solid.

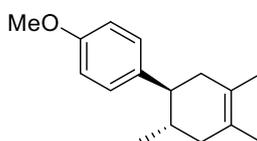


42, *trans*

Product yield; 51% (825 mg, 5.12 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.22 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.67 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.31 (1H, dd, $J = 15.5, 1.7$ Hz), 6.02 (1H, dq, $J = 15.5, 6.9$ Hz), 2.93 (6H, s), 1.84 (3H, dd, $J = 6.9, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.5, 130.8, 126.7, 126.6, 121.0, 112.5, 40.4, 18.4; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}$ 162.1282, found 162.1279.

(*1S,2S*)-4'-methoxy-2,4,5-trimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**3**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

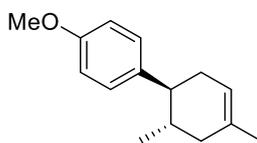


3, *trans*

Product yield; 97% (determined by NMR), isolated in 76 % (35.0 mg, 0.152 mmol). The reaction was also carried out in 1.0 mmol scale and gave the titled compound in 67% yield (155 mg, 0.673 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.08 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.84 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 2.33 (1H, dt, $J = 10.3, 5.7$ Hz), 2.12 (3H, m), 1.85 (2H, m), 1.64 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 0.69 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.8, 138.3, 128.5, 125.6, 125.4, 113.7, 55.3, 47.9, 41.9, 41.7, 34.3, 20.1, 18.8, 18.7; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}$ 231.1749, found 231.1775.

(*1S,2S*)-4'-methoxy-2,4-dimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**8**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

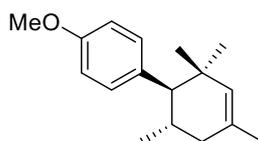


8, *trans*

Product yield; 98% (determined by NMR), isolated in 81% (35.1 mg, 0.162 mmol). The reaction was also carried out in 1.0 mmol scale and gave the titled compound in 69% yield (149 mg, 0.688 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.08 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.84, (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 5.44 (1H, s), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.75 (1H, t, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 2.29 (1H, dt, $J = 10.3, 5.2$ Hz), 2.17 (2H, m), 2.08 (1H, dd, $J = 18.3, 4.6$ Hz), 1.88 (2H, m), 1.80 (1H, m), 1.69 (3H, s), 0.70 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.8, 138.3, 133.9, 128.6, 121.0, 113.7, 55.3, 47.0, 39.9, 35.4, 34.0, 23.5, 20.3

(1*R*,2*S*)-4'-methoxy-2,4,6,6-tetramethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**9**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

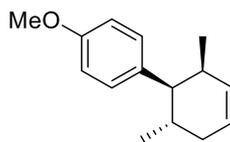


9, *trans*

Product yield; 96% (determined by NMR), isolated in 91% (44.8 mg, 0.183 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.02 (2H, dd, $J = 32.7, 6.3$ Hz), 6.82 (2H, dd, $J = 32.7, 6.3$ Hz), 5.19 (1H, s), 3.80 (3H, s), 2.18 (2H, m), 2.09 (1H, dd, $J = 17.8, 4.0$ Hz), 1.75 (1H, m), 1.66 (3H, s), 0.82 (3H, s), 0.77 (3H, s), 0.70 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.7, 133.3, 130.4, 129.4, 113.2, 112.2, 57.5, 55.2, 40.6, 36.3, 30.1, 28.8, 24.8, 23.4, 20.9; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}$ 245.1905, found 245.1926.

(1*R*,2*S*,6*S*)-4'-methoxy-2,6-dimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**10**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

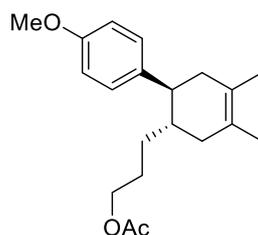


10, *trans*

Product yield; 91% (determined by NMR), isolated in 89% (38.5 mg, 0.178 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.06 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.84 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 5.74 (1H, dt, $J = 9.7, 2.3$ Hz), 5.64 (1H, dt, $J = 9.7, 2.3$ Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 2.66 (1H, dd, $J = 10.9, 5.7$ Hz), 2.26 (2H, m), 2.13 (1H, m), 1.80 (1H, dq, $J = 9.2, 2.3$ Hz), 0.83 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 0.74 (3H, d, $J = 7.45$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.7, 135.5, 133.5, 130.2, 125.2, 113.3, 55.2, 50.5, 35.6, 34.8, 26.5, 20.6, 16.9; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}$ 217.1592, found 217.1563.

3-((1*S*,2*S*)-4'-methoxy-4,5-dimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)propyl acetate (**18**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

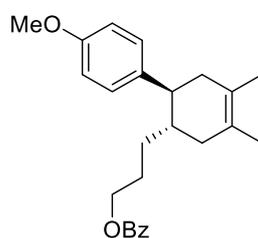


18, *trans*

Product yield; 89% (determined by NMR), isolated in 66% (41.7 mg, 0.132 mmol). Eluent; hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.06 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.83 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 3.94 (1H, m), 3.87 (1H, m), 3.79 (3H, s), 2.43 (1H, dt, $J = 10.3, 5.7$ Hz), 2.13 (3H, m), 1.96 (3H, s), 1.78 (2H, m), 1.66 (1H, m), 1.65 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 1.44 (1H, m), 1.23 (1H, m), 0.94 (1H, m); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.2, 157.9, 137.9, 128.5, 125.5, 124.9, 113.9, 64.7, 55.3, 46.3, 41.8, 38.5, 38.2, 30.0, 25.7, 21.0, 18.9, 18.7; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_3$ 317.2116, found 317.2101.

3-((1*S*,2*S*)-4'-methoxy-4,5-dimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)propyl benzoate (**19**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

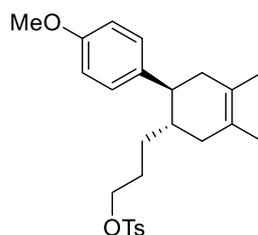


19, *trans*

Product yield; 92% (determined by NMR), isolated in 81% (61.1 mg, 0.161 mmol). Eluent; hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.90 (2H, dd, $J = 8.0, 1.2$ Hz), 7.53 (1H, tt, $J = 8.0, 1.2$ Hz), 7.40 (2H, t, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.07 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.80 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 4.17 (2H, t, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 3.75 (3H, s), 2.46 (1H, dt, $J = 10.3, 5.7$ Hz), 2.14 (2H, m), 1.80 (3H, m), 1.66 (3H, s), 1.62 (3H, s), 1.57 (1H, m), 1.39 (1H, m), 1.04 (2H, m); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.6, 157.8, 137.8, 132.8, 130.49, 129.5, 128.5, 128.3, 125.5, 124.9, 113.8, 65.0, 55.2, 46.3, 41.8, 38.4, 38.2, 30.1, 25.7, 18.9, 18.7; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_3$ 379.2273, found 379.2302.

3-((1*S*,2*S*)-4'-methoxy-4,5-dimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)propyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (**20**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

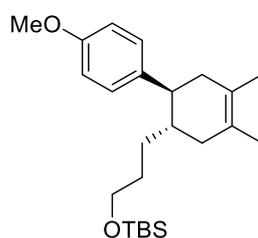


20, *trans*

Product yield; 98% (determined by NMR), isolated in 47% (40.3 mg, 0.0940 mmol). Eluent; hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.70 (2H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.30 (2H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.01 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.82 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 3.86 (2H, m), 3.80 (3H, s), 2.44 (3H, s), 2.38 (1H, dt, $J = 10.3, 5.7$ Hz), 2.09 (3H, m), 1.69 (3H, m), 1.43 (1H, m), 1.15 (1H, m), 0.88 (1H, m); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.9, 144.6, 137.6, 133.3, 129.8, 128.5, 127.9, 125.5, 124.7, 113.9, 70.9, 55.3, 46.2, 41.6, 38.8, 38.1, 29.7, 26.1, 21.7, 18.9, 18.7; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}_4\text{S}$ 429.2099, found 429.2090.

tert-butyl(3-((1*S*,2*S*)-4'-methoxy-4,5-dimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)propoxy)dimethylsilane (**21**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

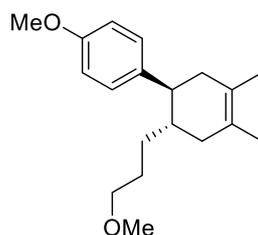


21, *trans*

Product yield; 89% (determined by NMR), isolated in 55% (42.9 mg, 0.110 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.06 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.82 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.44 (2H, t, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 2.42 (1H, dt, $J = 10.3, 5.7$ Hz), 2.12 (3H, m), 1.76 (2H, m), 1.65 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 1.53 (1H, m), 1.32 (1H, m), 1.23 (1H, m), 0.86 (1H, m), 0.82 (9H, s), -0.03 (3H, s), -0.04 (3H, s); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.8, 138.1, 128.6, 125.4, 125.1, 113.8, 63.6, 55.3, 46.5, 41.8, 38.9, 38.4, 30.1, 30.0, 26.0, 19.0, 18.7, 18.4, -5.2; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_2\text{Si}$ 389.2876, found 389.2895.

(1*S*,2*S*)-4'-methoxy-2-(3-methoxypropyl)-4,5-dimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**22**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

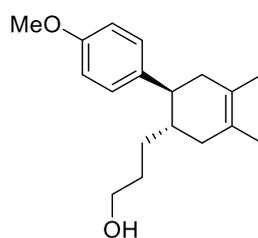


22, *trans*

Product yield; 97% (determined by NMR), isolated in 61% (35.3 mg, 0.122 mmol). Eluent; hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.06 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.83 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.25 (3H, s), 3.21 (2H, m), 2.44 (1H, dt, J = 10.3, 6.3 Hz), 2.12 (3H, m), 1.77 (2H, m), 1.65 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 1.59 (1H, m), 1.37 (1H, m), 1.22 (1H, m), 0.93 (1H, m); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 138.1, 128.5, 125.4, 125.1, 113.8, 73.3, 58.5, 55.3, 46.3, 41.8, 38.8, 38.2, 30.4, 26.7, 18.9, 18.7; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₂₉O₂ 289.2167, found 289.2185.

3-((1*S*,2*S*)-4'-methoxy-4,5-dimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)propan-1-ol (**23**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

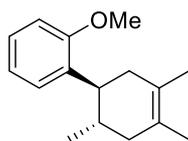


23, *trans*

Product yield; 97% (determined by NMR), isolated in 92% (50.3 mg, 0.183 mmol). Eluent; hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/1.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.07 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.83 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.48 (2H, m), 2.44 (1H, dt, J = 10.3, 5.7 Hz), 2.14 (3H, m), 1.78 (2H, m), 1.65 (3H, s), 1.62 (3H, s), 1.58 (1H, m), 1.37 (1H, m), 1.25 (1H, m), 1.08 (1H, s), 0.94 (1H, m); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 138.0, 128.5, 125.4, 125.0, 113.9, 63.3, 55.3, 46.6, 41.8, 38.7, 38.3, 30.0, 29.9, 18.9, 18.7; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₂₇O₂ 275.2011, found 275.2034.

(1*S*,2*S*)-2'-methoxy-2,4,5-trimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**43**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

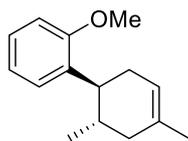


43, *trans*

Product yield; 98% (determined by NMR), isolated in 83% (38.2 mg, 0.166 mmol). The reaction was also carried out in 1.0 mmol scale and gave the titled compound in 63% yield (146 mg, 0.634 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.15 (1H, dd, $J = 7.5, 1.7$ Hz), 7.14 (1H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 6.92 (1H, dt, $J = 7.5, 1.7$ Hz), 6.85 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 2.95 (1H, dt, $J = 10.9, 5.2$ Hz), 2.16 (1H, m), 2.06 (2H, d, $J = 16.0$ Hz), 1.99 (1H, m), 1.85 (1H, m), 1.64 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 0.72 (3H, d, $J = 6.9$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.6, 134.2, 127.9, 126.6, 125.7, 125.3, 120.8, 110.7, 55.5, 41.7, 40.2, 33.1, 19.7, 18.9, 18.8; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}$ 231.1749, found 231.1755.

(1*S*,2*S*)-2'-methoxy-2,4-dimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**44**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

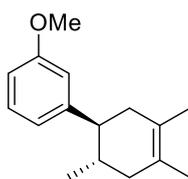


44, *trans*

Product yield; 97% (determined by NMR), isolated in 82% (35.5 mg, 0.164 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.15 (2H, m), 6.92 (1H, dt, $J = 8.0, 1.2$ Hz), 6.86 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 5.45 (1H, s), 3.79 (3H, s), 2.91 (1H, q, $J = 8.6$), 2.17 (2H, m), 2.05 (2H, m), 1.83 (1H, m), 1.70 (3H, s), 0.74 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.6, 134.2, 133.8, 127.9, 126.6, 121.2, 120.7, 110.7, 55.5, 39.9, 33.6, 32.8, 23.6, 19.9; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}$ 217.1592, found 217.1599.

(1*S*,2*S*)-3'-methoxy-2,4,5-trimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**45**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

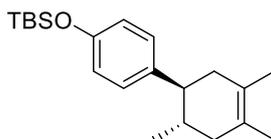


45, *trans*

Product yield; 31% (determined by NMR), isolated in 25% (11.4 mg, 0.0499 mmol). Eluent; hexane.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.21 (1H, m), 6.77 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.73 (2H, m), 3.80 (3H, s), 2.36 (1H, dt, $J = 10.9, 5.7$ Hz), 2.16 (2H, m), 2.08 (1H, d, $J = 16.0$ Hz), 1.86 (2H, m), 1.64 (3H, s), 1.62 (3H, s), 0.72 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.7, 148.0, 129.3, 125.5, 125.4, 120.3, 113.7, 110.9, 55.2, 48.9, 41.6, 41.7, 34.1, 20.1, 18.8, 18.7; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}$ 231.1749, found 231.1730.

tert-butyldimethyl(((1*S*,2*S*)-2',4',5'-trimethyl-1',2',3',6'-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy)silane (**47**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

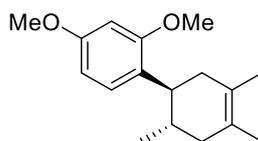


48, *trans*

Product yield; 85% (determined by NMR), isolated in 67% (43.8 mg, 0.133 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.00 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.75 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 2.30 (1H, dt, $J = 10.9, 5.7$ Hz), 2.10 (3H, m), 1.81 (2H, m), 1.63 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 0.98 (9H, s), 0.67 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 0.18 (6H, s); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.7, 138.8, 128.5, 125.6, 125.3, 119.8, 48.0, 41.8, 41.8, 34.5, 25.8, 20.1, 18.8, 18.8, 18.3, -4.3; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{35}\text{OSi}$ 331.2457, found 331.2427.

(1*S*,2*S*)-2',4'-dimethoxy-2,4,5-trimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**49**, *trans*).
Colorless oil.

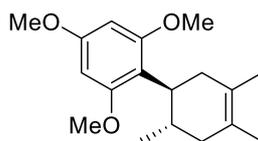


49, *trans*

Product yield; 61% (determined by NMR), isolated in 30% (15.7 mg, 0.0603 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.03 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.46 (2H, m), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.77 (3H, s), 2.84 (1H, dt, J = 10.9, 5.2 Hz), 2.14 (1H, m), 2.05 (2H, m), 1.94 (1H, m), 1.83 (1H, m), 1.64 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 0.72 (3H, d, J = 6.3 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.6, 158.5, 128.2, 126.6, 125.8, 125.3, 104.3, 98.5, 55.5, 55.3, 41.8, 40.3, 33.2, 19.7, 18.9, 18.8; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₇H₂₅O₂ 261.1854, found 261.1884.

(1*S*,2*S*)-2',4',6'-trimethoxy-2,4,5-trimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**50**, *trans*).
Colorless oil.

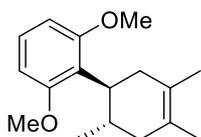


50, *trans*

Product yield; 12% (determined by NMR), isolated in 10% (5.65 mg, 0.0195 mmol). Eluent; hexane/ethyl acetate = 40/1.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 6.13 (2H, s), 3.81 (1H, m), 3.80 (3H, s), 3.76 (6H, s), 3.08 (1H, dt, J = 11.5, 5.2 Hz), 2.55 (1H, t, J = 13.8 Hz), 2.39 (1H, m), 2.01 (1H, m), 1.80 (2H, m), 1.64 (3H, s), 1.60 (3H, s), 0.66 (3H, d, J = 6.30 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 126.4, 125.4, 113.7, 91.4, 91.0, 55.3, 42.5, 38.1, 37.3, 31.1, 29.8, 19.8, 19.0, 18.9; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₂₇O₃ 291.1960, found 291.1958.

(1*S*,2*S*)-2',6'-dimethoxy-2,4,5-trimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**51**, *trans*).
Colorless oil.

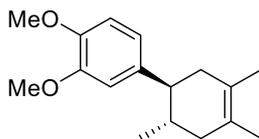


51, *trans*

Product yield; 81% (determined by NMR), isolated in 79% (41.2 mg, 0.158 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.10 (1H, t, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.53 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 3.76 (6H, s), 3.21 (1H, dt, $J = 11.5, 5.2$ Hz), 2.60 (1H, t, $J = 13.8$ Hz), 2.46 (1H, m), 2.01 (1H, dd, $J = 17.2, 4.0$ Hz), 1.84 (1H, m), 1.78 (1H, m), 1.65 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 0.67 (3H, d, $J = 6.9$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.6, 158.8, 126.8, 126.3, 125.4, 121.2, 104.5, 104.3, 56.2, 55.3, 42.4, 38.5, 36.9, 31.0, 19.8, 19.0, 18.8; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_2$ 261.1854, found 261.1855.

(1*S*,2*S*)-3',4'-dimethoxy-2,4,5-trimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**52**, *trans*).
Colorless oil.

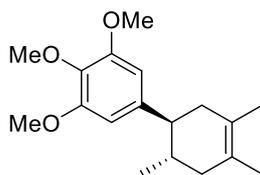


52, *trans*

Product yield; 42% (determined by NMR), isolated in 26% (13.4 mg, 0.0515 mmol). Eluent; hexane/ethyl acetate = 40/1.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.80 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.71 (2H, m), 3.87 (3H, s), 3.86 (3H, s), 2.33 (1H, dt, $J = 10.3, 5.7$ Hz), 2.18 (1H, m), 2.13 (1H, d, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 2.08 (1H, d, $J = 12.6$ Hz), 1.85 (2H, m), 1.65 (3H, s), 1.62 (3H, s), 0.71 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.9, 147.1, 138.9, 125.4, 125.4, 119.6, 111.1, 110.6, 55.9, 55.8, 48.4, 41.8, 41.7, 34.3, 20.1, 18.8, 18.7; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_2$ 261.1854, found 261.1863.

(1*S*,2*S*)-3',4',5'-trimethoxy-2,4,5-trimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**53**, *trans*).
Colorless oil.

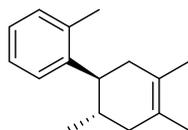


53, *trans*

Product yield; 7% (determined by NMR), isolated in 2% (1.34 mg, 0.00461 mmol). Eluent; hexane/ethyl acetate = 40/1.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.39 (2H, s), 3.85 (6H, s), 3.83 (3H, s), 2.32 (1H, dt, $J = 10.3$, 5.7 Hz), 2.18 (2H, m), 2.09 (1H, d, $J = 13.2$ Hz), 1.85 (2H, m), 1.65 (3H, s), 1.63 (3H, s), 0.74 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.2, 142.1, 136.1, 125.4, 125.3, 104.5, 60.9, 56.1, 49.2, 41.7, 41.6, 34.3, 29.8, 26.1, 18.8, 18.7; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_3$ 291.1960, found 291.1969.

(1*S*,2*S*)-2,2',4,5-tetramethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**54**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

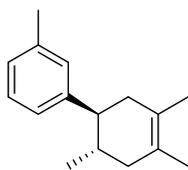


54, *trans*

Product yield; 55% (determined by NMR), isolated in 48% (20.7 mg, 0.0966 mmol). Eluent; acetonitrile using ODS silica.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.17 (2H, m) 7.13 (1H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.07 (1H, dt, $J = 7.5$, 2.3 Hz), 2.73 (1H, m), 2.32 (3H, s), 2.11 (3H, m), 1.97 (1H, m), 1.86 (1H, m), 1.66 (3H, s), 1.62 (3H, s), 0.72 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.2, 136.0, 130.1, 126.3, 126.2, 125.7, 125.5, 125.4, 42.9, 41.7, 41.1, 33.9, 20.0, 19.7, 18.9, 18.7, ; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}$ 215.1800, found 215.1788.

(1*S*,2*S*)-2,3',4,5-tetramethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**55**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

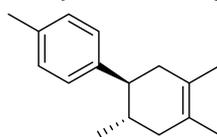


55, *trans*

Product yield; 54% (determined by NMR), isolated in 49% (21.0 mg, 0.0980 mmol). Eluent; acetonitrile using ODS silica.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.18 (1H, t, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.00 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.97 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 2.34 (1H, dt, $J = 10.9, 5.7$ Hz), 2.33 (3H, s), 2.18 (1H, m), 2.09 (2H, m), 1.90 (1H, m), 1.83 (1H, m), 1.65 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 0.70 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.1, 137.8, 128.6, 128.3, 126.7, 125.6, 125.4, 124.8, 48.8, 41.9, 41.7, 34.1, 21.6, 20.2, 18.9, 18.8; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₂₃ 215.1800, found 215.1818.

(1*S*,2*S*)-2,4,4',5-tetramethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**56**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

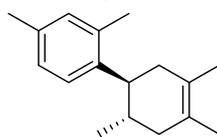


56, *trans*

Product yield; 81% (determined by NMR), isolated in 78% (33.4 mg, 0.156 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.10 (2H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.06 (2H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 2.35 (1H, dt, $J = 10.3, 5.7$ Hz), 2.32 (3H, s), 2.17 (1H, m), 2.08 (2H, m), 1.85 (2H, m), 1.64 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 0.70 (3H, d, $J = 5.7$ Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.1, 135.3, 129.1, 127.6, 125.6, 125.4, 48.4, 41.9, 41.7, 34.1, 21.1, 20.1, 18.8, 18.7; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₂₃ 215.1800, found 215.1804.

(1*S*,2*S*)-2,2',4,4',5-pentamethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**57**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

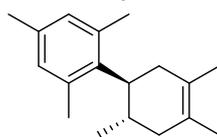


57, *trans*

Product yield; 96% (determined by NMR), isolated in 63% (28.8 mg, 0.126 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.05 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.99 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.95 (1H, s), 2.68 (1H, m), 2.28 (6H, s), 2.09 (3H, m), 1.95 (1H, m), 1.85 (1H, m), 1.65 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 0.72 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.2, 135.8, 134.7, 131.0, 127.1, 126.1, 125.8, 125.4, 42.6, 41.8, 41.2, 33.9, 21.0, 19.9, 19.7, 18.9, 18.7; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₇H₂₅ 229.1956, found 229.1980.

(1*S*,2*S*)-2,2',4,4',5,6'-hexamethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**58**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

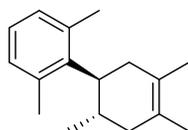


58, *trans*

Product yield; 65% (determined by NMR), isolated in 59% (28.6 mg, 0.118 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 6.82 (1H, s), 6.78 (1H, s), 2.96 (1H, dt, J = 12.0, 5.7 Hz), 2.36 (3H, s), 2.32 (2H, m), 2.29 (3H, s), 2.23 (3H, s), 2.04 (1H, dd, J = 16.6, 3.4 Hz), 1.95 (1H, dd, J = 17.8, 4.6 Hz), 1.81 (1H, m), 1.65 (1H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 0.72 (3H, d, J = 6.3 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.9, 137.1, 136.2, 134.9, 131.1, 129.3, 125.9, 125.8, 44.1, 42.5, 37.2, 31.5, 22.0, 21.5, 20.7, 19.6, 19.1, 18.7; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₂₇ 243.2113, found 243.2102.

(1*S*,2*S*)-2,2',4,5,6'-pentamethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**59**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

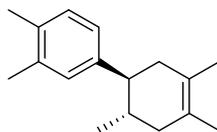


59, *trans*

Product yield; 62% (determined by NMR), isolated in 58% (26.6 mg, 0.116 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 6.96 (3H, m), 3.01 (1H, dt, J = 12.0, 5.7 Hz), 2.40 (3H, s), 2.36 (3H, m), 2.33 (3H, s), 2.05 (1H, dd, J = 16.6, 4.0 Hz), 1.97 (1H, dd, J = 17.8, 4.0 Hz), 1.82 (2H, m), 1.66 (3H, s), 1.62 (3H, s), 0.72 (3H, d, J = 6.9 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.0, 137.2, 136.3, 130.4, 128.4, 125.9, 125.7, 125.6, 44.5, 42.5, 37.0, 31.5, 22.1, 21.6, 19.5, 19.1, 18.7; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₇H₂₅ 229.1956, found 229.1979.

(1*S*,2*S*)-2,3',4,4',5-pentamethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**60**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

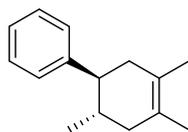


60, *trans*

Product yield; 79% (determined by NMR), isolated in 73% (33.3 mg, 0.146 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.05 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.93 (1H, s), 6.90 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 2.31 (1H, dt, J = 10.9, 5.7 Hz), 2.24 (3H, s), 2.23 (3H, s), 2.16 (1H, m), 2.08 (1H, dd, J = 16.6, 2.3 Hz), 1.88 (1H, m), 1.82 (1H, m), 1.64 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 0.71 (3H, d, J = 6.3 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.6, 136.3, 134.0, 129.6, 129.1, 125.6, 125.3, 125.0, 48.4, 42.1, 41.7, 34.0, 20.2, 20.0, 19.5, 18.8, 18.7; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₇H₂₅ 229.1956, found 229.1929.

(1*S*,2*S*)-2,4,5-trimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**61**, *trans*). Colorless oil.

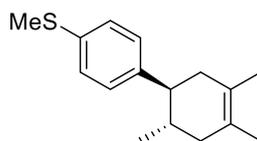


61, *trans*

Product yield; 61% (determined by NMR), isolated in 51% (20.4 mg, 0.102 mmol). Eluent; acetonitrile using ODS silica.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.30 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.28 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.18 (3H, m), 2.38 (1H, dt, $J = 10.3, 5.2$ Hz), 2.19 (1H, m), 2.10 (2H, m), 1.93 (1H, m), 1.83 (1H, m), 1.65 (3H, s), 1.62 (3H, s), 0.70 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.2, 128.4, 127.8, 126.0, 125.5, 125.4, 48.8, 41.8, 41.7, 34.1, 20.1, 18.8, 18.7; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}$ 201.1643, found 201.1625.

methyl(-2',4',5'-trimethyl-1',2',3',6'-tetrahydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)sulfane (**62**, *trans*). Colorless oil.



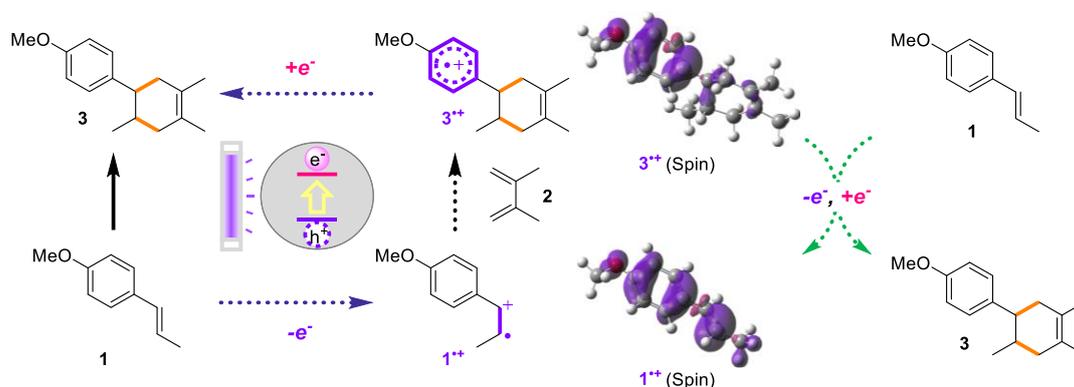
62, *trans*

Product yield; 9% (determined by NMR), isolated in 7% (3.45 mg, 0.0140 mmol). Eluent; hexane.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.21 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.10 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 2.48 (3H, s), 2.35 (1H, dt, $J = 10.3, 5.7$ Hz), 2.12 (1H, m), 1.86 (2H, m), 1.64 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 0.70 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.4, 135.2, 128.3, 127.1, 125.5, 125.4, 48.2, 41.7, 41.6, 34.1, 20.1, 18.8, 18.7, 16.4; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{SNa}$ 269.1334, found 269.1330.

*Chapter 3. Electrochemical EC-Backward-E in
Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reactions*

Abstract



Cascade processes involving electron transfer (E), chemical reaction (C), and backward electron transfer (backward-E) are known as EC-backward-E mechanisms; however, have rarely been directly observed. Herein, the direct observation of the EC-backward-E process in the radical cation Diels-Alder reaction was demonstrated by cyclic voltammetry (CV) measurements. The highest occupied orbital (HOMO) and spin density plotted by density functional theory (DFT) calculations provide a reasonable understanding of plausible reaction mechanism.

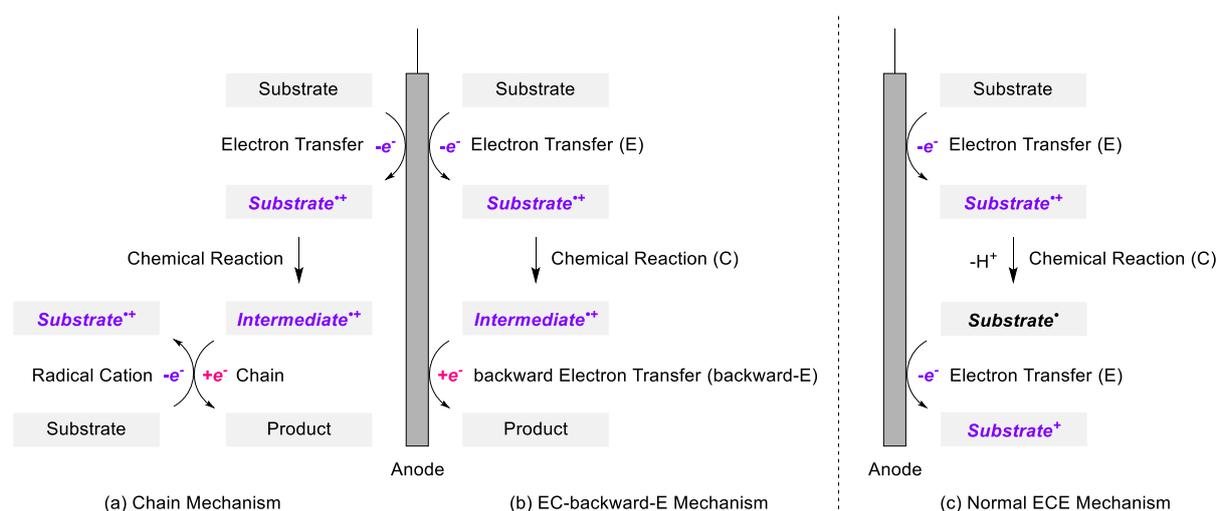
3.1. Introduction

In the previous chapter, we demonstrated the TiO_2 photocatalytic radical cation Diels-Alder reaction with β -methylstyrenes.⁸⁴ Particularly, *trans*- β -methylstyrene, which was impossible to form cyclohexene by Ru photocatalysis and electrocatalysis, was found to give cycloadduct with 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene by TiO_2 photocatalysis. The reaction mechanism was proposed to be TiO_2 photocatalytic redox neutral, whereas the difference of TiO_2 photocatalytic/electrocatalytic redox and the structure formulas of radical cation intermediates were not clarified.

Chiba *et al.* proposed the chain and EC-backward-E processes as reaction mechanism in the radical cation Diels-Alder reaction by electrocatalysis.^{34,77} The chain process is a mechanism in which, after single electron transfer (SET)-oxidation of dienophile by anode and coupling with diene, the neutral dienophile undergoes the SET-reduction of radical cation intermediate (Scheme 3-1 (a)).^{79,85,86} This mechanism is suggested by the amount of electricity required for the reaction and the cyclic voltammetry (CV) analysis. In contrast, the EC-backward-E process (Scheme 3-1 (b)) differs from the general electron transfer, chemical reaction, electron transfer (ECE) process (Scheme 3-1 (c)). When the oxidation potential of (intermediate)^{•+} is significantly higher, not only than that of substrate, but than that of the

anode, backward-E may be possible. EC-backward-E process is directly observed by analysis of cyclic voltammetry measurement, and it is rare phenomena because there are many factors for appearance, such as an appropriate scan rate and the correlation of oxidation potential between starting materials, intermediates and anode.⁸⁷⁻⁹³

Scheme 3-1. Diagram of Chain, EC-backward-E and normal ECE Mechanisms.



TiO₂ photocatalysis is categorized in interfacial electron transfer, also called a wireless electrode,²⁰ and required for the LiClO₄/CH₃NO₂ solvent system in the [2+2] cycloaddition and radical cation Diels-Alder reaction,^{80,84} suggesting that it has properties similar to electrocatalysis. If the TiO₂ photocatalyst is considered as an electrode, it equals single electrode combined two electrode activities: the excited electrons/holes are the cathodes/anodes. If a redox reaction is carried out by single TiO₂ particle, the TiO₂ photocatalytic electron transfer is considered to be similar to the EC-backward-E process.

In this study, the mechanistic analysis of the radical cation Diels-Alder reaction using β -methylstyrenes is demonstrated in detail to better clarify the difference of reactivity between TiO₂ photocatalysis and electrocatalysis. Direct observation of EC-backward-E processes is tried by CV measurements, and the mechanisms are supported by density functional theory (DFT) calculations of the highest occupied molecular orbitals (HOMO) and spin density.

3.2. Results and Discussion

3.2.1. Plausible Reaction Mechanism for the Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction Supported

by CV Analyses and DFT Calculations of *trans*-Anethole (**1**) and Butadiene (**2**)

Cyclic voltammograms of *trans*-anethole (**1**) and butadiene (**2**) were measured (Figure 3-1). There is no difference between the simple measurement of **1** (2 mM) and in the presence of 2 eq. (4 mM) of **2**, possibly because the trapping $1^{\bullet+}$ by **2** was slower than the sweep from 1.0 V to 1.5 V (50 mVs^{-1}), or the diffusion of $1^{\bullet+}$ from the working electrode was faster than the trapping of **2**. The oxidation potential of the corresponding Diels-Alder adducts **3** is 1.32 V vs Ag/AgCl, and its peak was slightly observed in measurements with **1** (2 mM) and 2 eq. (4 mM) of **2**, suggesting that the ring formation tends to occur far away from the working electrode in the bulk. In sharp contrast, in the measurement with **1** (2 mM) and 20 eq. (40 mM) of **2**, a current of peak around 1.2 V vs Ag/AgCl, which is the oxidation of **1**, decreased and around 1.5 V vs Ag/AgCl, which is the oxidation of **3**, increased. These two phenomena have potential to provide evidence that the chain and EC-backward-E mechanism is underway. The attenuation of the oxidation current of **1** was caused by the presence of an excess amount of **2** in the bulk. **2** trapped simultaneously $1^{\bullet+}$ produced, immediately $3^{\bullet+}$ took backward discharge, thereby decreasing the apparent current. If this process was taking place, it was the pieces of evidence for the EC-backward-E mechanism, since a redox was carried out by the single electrode. The increase of the oxidation current of **3** was caused also due to the faster trapping of **2** than the diffusion of $1^{\bullet+}$ from the working electrode and the successive formation of **3** by backward-E. It should be noted that both phenomena have potential to be observed due to the chain mechanism. However, since Okada *et al.* reported that the current efficiency indicating the turnover rate of chain decreased at low concentrations of **1**,⁷⁹ it is unlikely that chain is actively rotating in this CV measurement. Therefore, it can be concluded that the phenomenon observed in this study is due to the EC-backward-E process.

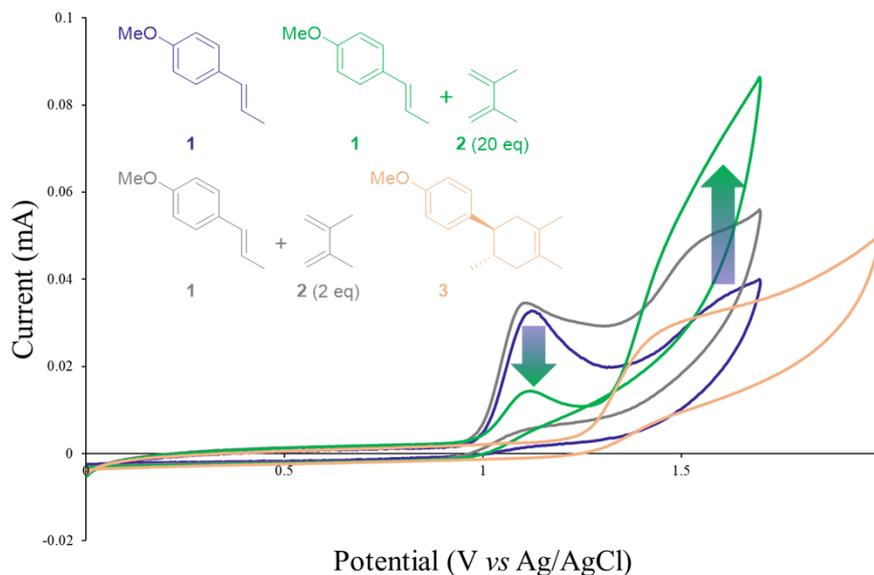


Figure 3-1. Cyclic Voltammograms of *trans*-Anethole (**1**) and Cyclohexene (**3**).

For the radical cation Diels-Alder reaction of **1** and **2**, the spin density plots of the intermediates ($1^{\bullet+}$, $3^{\bullet+}$) and the HOMO plots of **1**, **3** and **2** were calculated by DFT (Figure 3-2). Although the calculations of HOMO and spin density plots are sometimes mismatched depending on structural formulas, the plots of HOMO (**1**) and spin density ($1^{\bullet+}$), HOMO (**3**) and spin density ($3^{\bullet+}$) are similar each other. From the spin density of $3^{\bullet+}$ which was selectivity localized onto the aromatic ring, the structural formula of $3^{\bullet+}$ was imaged closer reality.

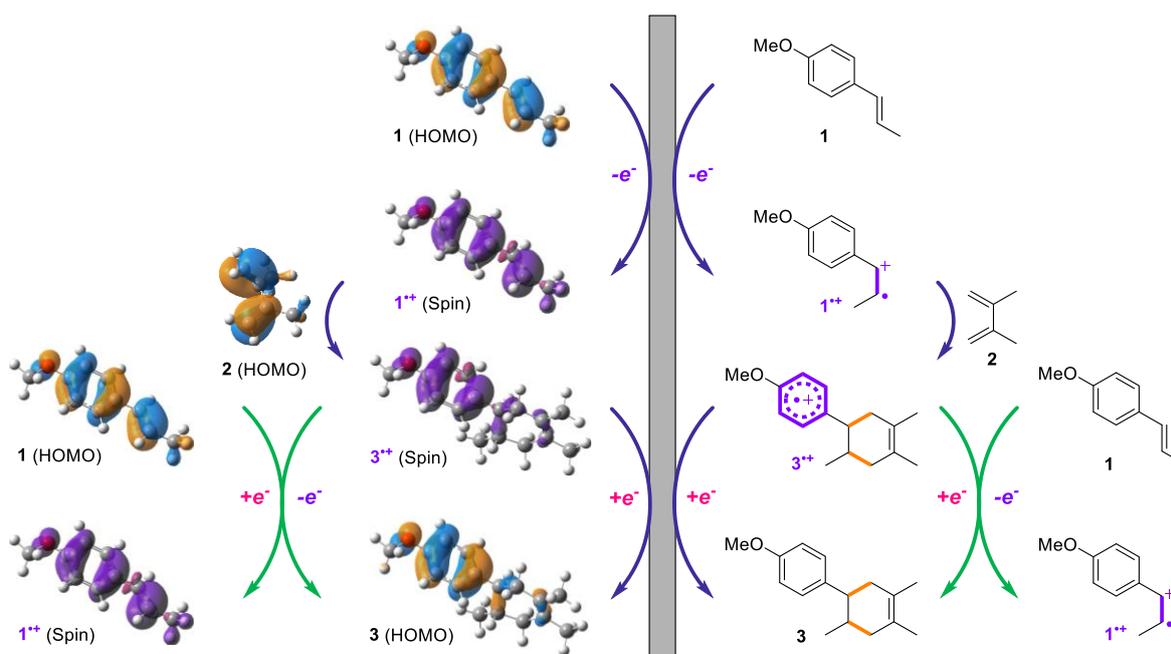


Figure 3-2. HOMO/Spin Density Plots for the Plausible Reaction Mechanism of **1** and **2**.

3.2.2. Correlation between Cycloaddition Yields and Cyclic Voltammograms

The oxidation potentials of cyclohexene (**3**, **49**, **56**, **57**, **61**), which were formed acceptably in the TiO₂ photocatalytic radical cation Diels-Alder reactions, were measured (Table 3-1). Direct observation of EC-backward-E for these starting materials (**1c**, **28**, **35**, **36**, **40**), as well as for **1t**, was found not only **1c** (Figure 3-3), but also 4-methyl (**35**) (Figure 3-4) and 2,4-dimethyl *trans*- β -methylstyrenes (**36**) (Figure 3-5). Since the oxidation potential of cyclohexene **61** was almost as high as that of **40**, this pair was not matched in this CV analysis. For **28** which was found to give cycloaddition in acceptable yield, the CV did not show the EC-backward-E process. However, an increase of current in the product oxidation potential was observed (Figure 3-6). In addition, the CV of **29**, which was less reactivity, showed neither the current attenuation of **29** nor the current increase of **50** (Figure 3-7). **28** and **29** are substrates with additional methoxy group on the aryl ring of **1t**; hence, the radical cation reactivity of **28**^{•+} and **29**^{•+} may exist in the aryl ring rather than the double bond of styrene. Therefore, the reaction with **2** was not proceeded smoothly and the chain/EC-backward-E processes could not be observed.

Table 3-1. E^{ox} of β -Methylstyrenes and Corresponding Diels-Alder Adducts.

$E^{\text{ox}} = 1.52 \text{ V}$

Substrate	Product	Substrate	Product
 1f $E^{\text{ox}} = 0.96 \text{ V}$	 3 97%, $E^{\text{ox}} = 1.32 \text{ V}$	 35 $E^{\text{ox}} = 1.26 \text{ V}$	 56 81%, $E^{\text{ox}} = 1.37 \text{ V}$
 1c $E^{\text{ox}} = 1.02 \text{ V}$	 3 92%, $E^{\text{ox}} = 1.32 \text{ V}$	 36 $E^{\text{ox}} = 1.21 \text{ V}$	 57 96%, $E^{\text{ox}} = 1.34 \text{ V}$
 28 $E^{\text{ox}} = 0.82 \text{ V}$	 49 61%, $E^{\text{ox}} = 1.07 \text{ V}$	 40 $E^{\text{ox}} = 1.34 \text{ V}$	 61 61%, $E^{\text{ox}} = 1.31 \text{ V}$

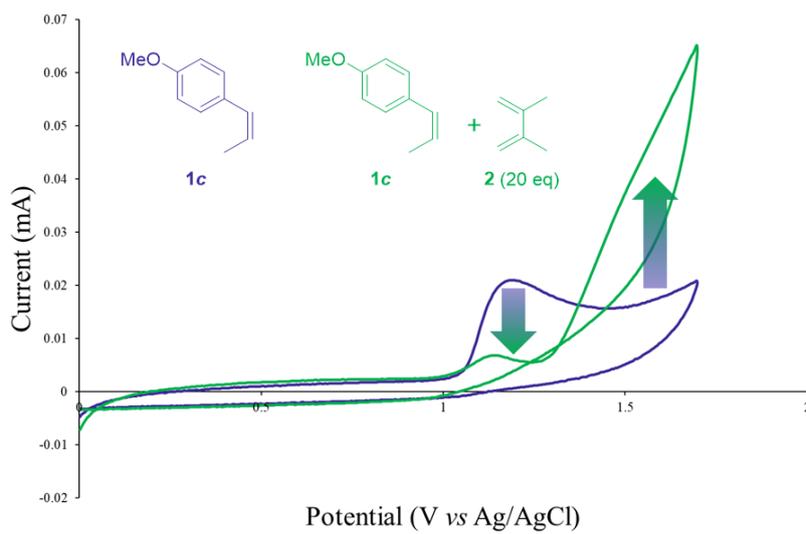


Figure 3-3. Cyclic Voltammograms of *cis*-Anethole (1c).

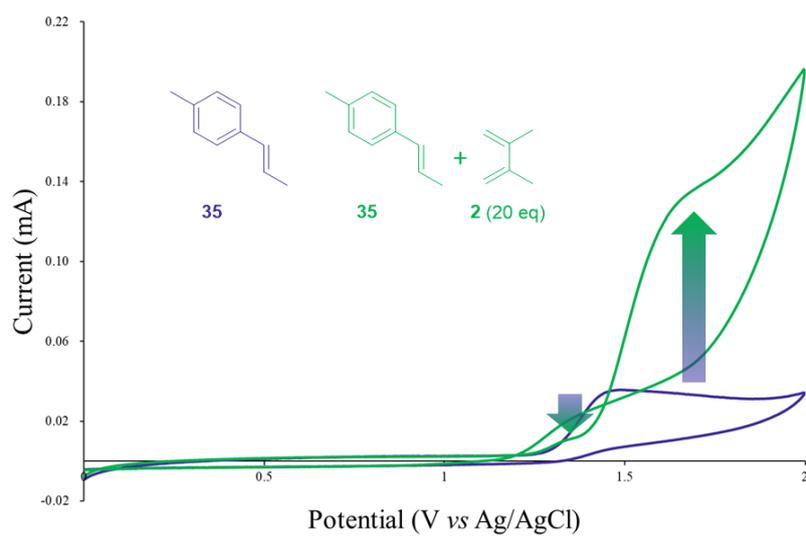


Figure 3-4. Cyclic Voltammograms of 4-Methyl *trans*- β -Methylstyrene (35).

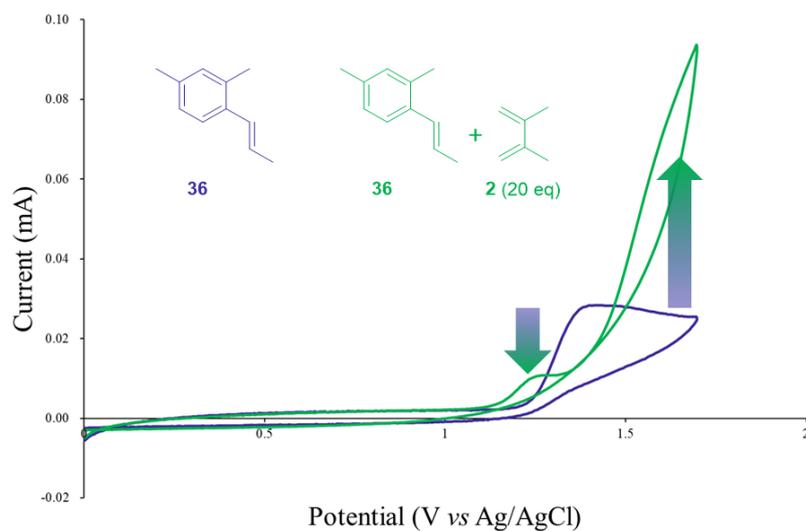


Figure 3-5. Cyclic Voltammograms of 2,4-Dimethyl *trans*- β -Methylstyrene (36).

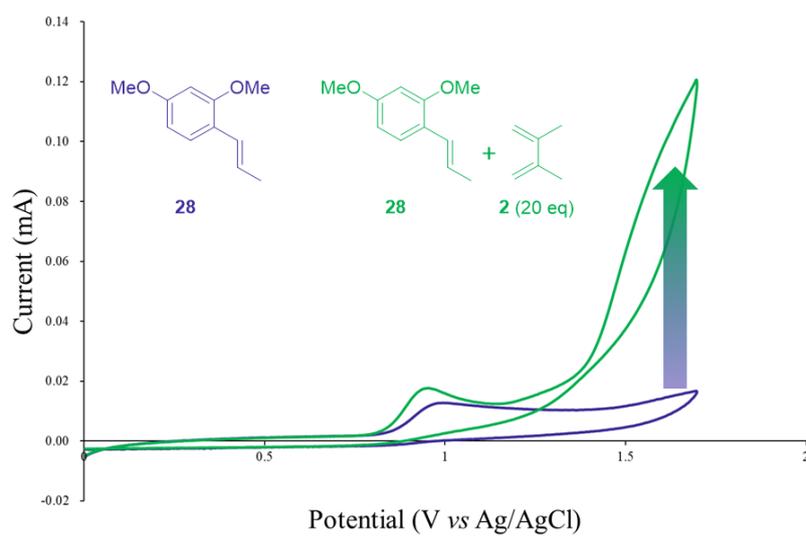


Figure 3-6. Cyclic Voltammograms of 2,4-Dimethoxy *trans*- β -Methylstyrene (28).

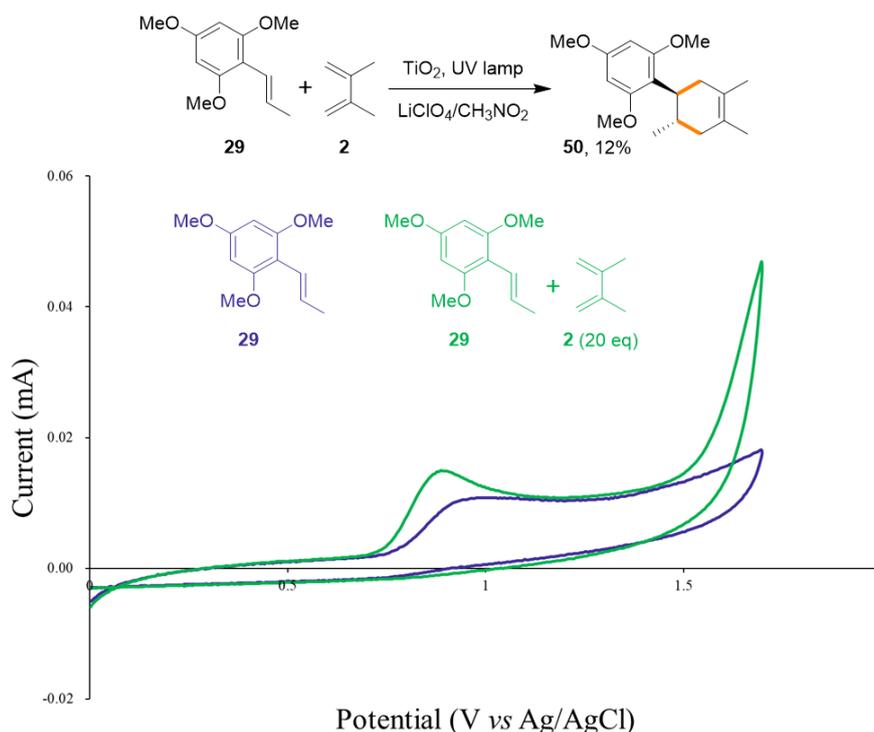


Figure 3-7. Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction and Cyclic Voltammograms of 2,4,6-Trimethoxy *trans*- β -Methylstyrene (**29**).

3.2.3. Plausible Reaction Mechanism for the Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction Supported by CV Analyses and DFT Calculations of 2,4-Dimethyl *trans*- β -Methylstyrene

For 2,4-dimethyl *trans*- β -methylstyrene (**36**), which gave the cycloadducts **57** in good yield, and for which chain/EC-backward-E processes were clearly observed in the CV measurements, the spin density plots of the radical cation intermediates (**36** $^{\bullet+}$ and **57** $^{\bullet+}$) and the HOMO plots of compounds (**36** and **57**) were calculated by DFT (Figure 3-8). Surprisingly, the spin density of **57** $^{\bullet+}$ and the HOMO of **57** were selectively localized onto the double bond of cyclohexene. The yield of **57** by electrocatalysis was lower than by TiO_2 photocatalysis, and the amount of electricity required for the reaction was not catalytic (Scheme S1). It was suggested that **57** $^{\bullet+}$ was less stable than **3** $^{\bullet+}$, and chain process was little included in the reaction mechanism. The stability of (intermediate) $^{\bullet+}$ may have correlation with the cycloaddition. If so, it was possible to say that **40** was not found to be reacted with **2** because **60** $^{\bullet+}$ was also less stable than **3** $^{\bullet+}$.

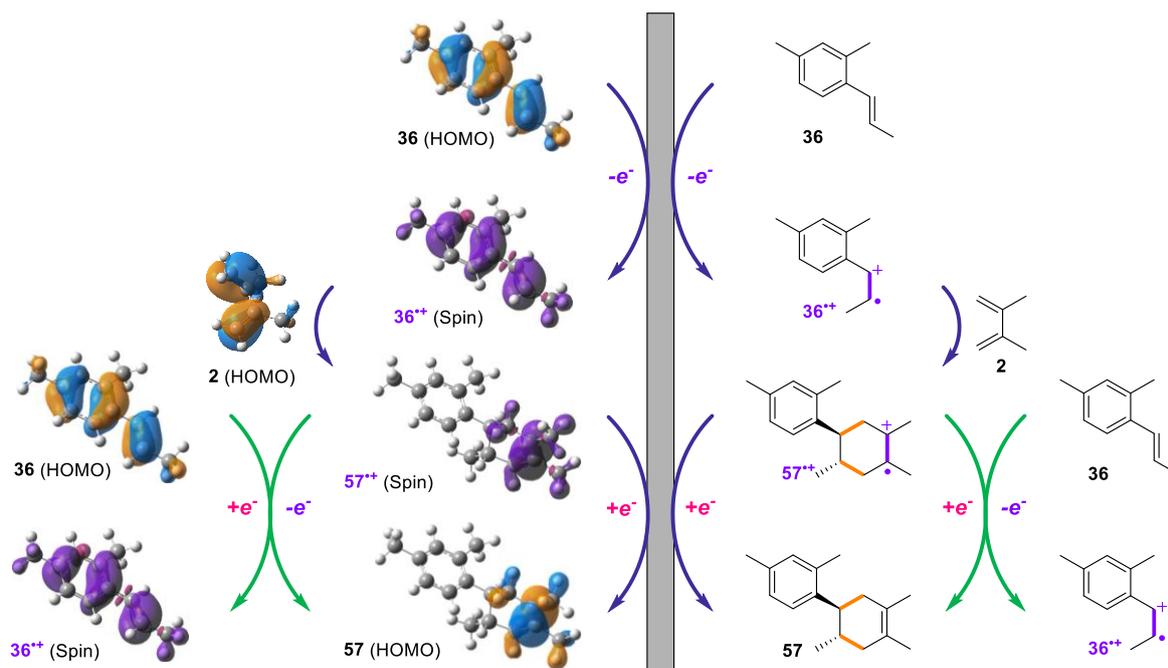


Figure 3-8. HOMO/Spin Density Plots for the Plausible Reaction Mechanism of 36 and 2.

3.3. Conclusion

Direct observation of EC-backward-E processes in the radical cation Diels-Alder reaction was demonstrated by the CV analysis. Plausible reaction mechanisms were supported by DFT calculations of substrates and radical cation intermediates. This mechanistic study will clarify the difference in reactivities between electrocatalysis and TiO_2 photocatalysis.

3.4. Experimental Section

3.4.1. General Procedure for Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reactions

trans- β -Methylstyrenes (0.20 mmol), 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene (**2**, 0.40 mmol), and TiO_2 (100 mg) were added to a solution of LiClO_4 (1.0 M) in CH_3NO_2 (4 ml) stirred at room temperature. The resultant reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature in front of a 15 W UV lamp (365 nm) for 2 h, diluted with water, and then extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Yields reported here were determined by ^1H nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR) analysis. Silica gel column chromatography was conducted on a 0.40 mmol scale (2 batches of reactions) using hexane/ethyl acetate.

3.4.2. Cyclic Voltammetry Measurements

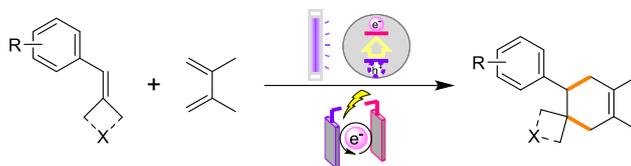
Cyclic voltammograms were recorded by three-electrode method using a glassy carbon working electrode, platinum counter electrode, and Ag/AgCl reference electrode at a scan rate of 50 mV s^{-1} . The concentration of *trans*- β -methylstyrenes was 2 mM in the presence of 2 eq. (4 mM) or 20 eq. (40 mM) of **2**.

3.4.3. Density Functional Theory (DFT) Calculations

Structural optimization of all stationary points and frequency analyses were conducted at the B3LYP level of DFT with the 6-311G++(2d,2p) basis set in nitromethane (polarizable continuum model (PCM)). No imaginary frequency was observed for any of the compounds.

*Chapter 4. Radical Cation Diels-Alder
Reactions of Arylidene Cycloalkane by Photo-
/Electrocatalyst*

Abstract



Radical cation Diels-Alder reaction of arylidene cycloalkanes by titanium dioxide photocatalysis and electrocatalysis is described, and a spiro ring system is lead to construct. Although the mechanism remains unclear, arylidene cyclobutane is found to be much more effective in the reaction than other cycloalkanes. The reaction is completed by a substoichiometric amount of electricity, which likely involves a radical cation chain pathway.

4.1. Introduction

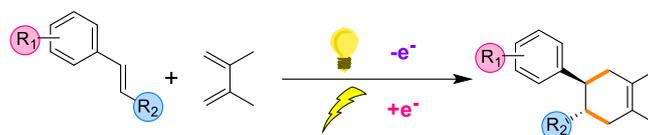
As described in chapter 2 and 3, radical cation Diels-Alder reaction of β -methylstyrenes by TiO_2 photocatalysis was demonstrated,⁸⁴ and the mechanism was proposed to undergo a chain and EC-backward-E process.⁹⁴ Based on the reaction scope and the plausible reaction mechanism, it was suggested that TiO_2 photoredox has some advantages in the radical cation Diels-Alder reaction on TiO_2 photocatalyst and electrode, which are categorized within the interfacial electron transfer catalysts, with $\text{LiClO}_4/\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$ system. [4+2] cycloadducts of *trans*- β -methylstyrene was only obtained in good yield by TiO_2 photocatalysis, and this is unlikely to be due to the properties of the TiO_2 material itself because other similar styrenes were found to be reacted with diene using carbon felt electrodes in electrocatalysis.

The spiro rings are one of the most important substructural formulas in organic chemistry, and syntheses of them have been developed. In radical cation Diels-Alder reaction, if cycloalkanes or heterocycles are introduced at the β -position of styrene, spiro rings are obtained by simple step synthesis. However, researchers focused on the scope of the aromatic ring or the β -mono-substituted styrene (Scheme 4-1 (a)). In only one reported, an additional methyl group at the styrene β -position of *trans*-anethole could not be reacted with diene using Ru photocatalysis. A second substituent at the β -position of styrene has a significant impact on the radical cation Diels-Alder reaction, suggesting that the arylidene cycloalkane is also difficult to form cycloadduct with diene.

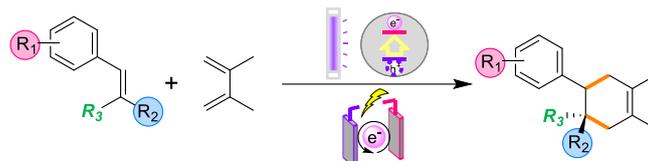
Described herein is radical cation Diels-Alder reaction of arylidene cycloalkane by photo-/electrocatalysis (Scheme 4-1 (b)). The environmentally friendly spiro ring systems were constructed.

Scheme 4-1. Concept of Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reactions of Arylidene Cycloalkane.

(a) β -Methylstyrenes D-A Reaction



(b) Arylidene Cycloalkanes D-A Reaction (This Work)

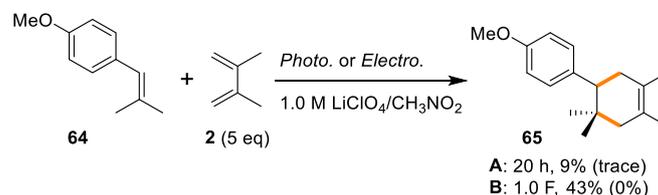


4.2. Results and Discussion

4.2.1. Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction of 4-Methoxy β -Dimethylstyrene

The present work began with the reaction of 4-methoxy β -dimethylstyrene (**64**) and 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene (**2**) under TiO_2 photocatalytic and electrocatalytic conditions which are previously reported as the best for radical cation Diels-Alder reaction (Table 4-1). Surprisingly, the electrocatalytic approach showed higher matching than TiO_2 photocatalytic that; however, the yields of cycloaddition were significantly lower than using *trans*-anethole under both conditions, suggesting that the additional methyl group at the β -position has significant impact on the reaction.

Table 4-1. Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction of 4-Methoxy β -Dimethylstyrene.^a



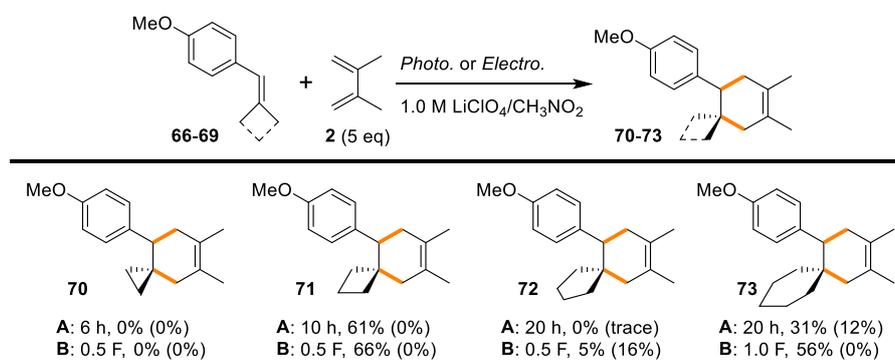
^aYields were determined by ^1H NMR analysis using CH_2Br_2 as an internal standard. Recovered starting material is reported in parentheses. **A:** TiO_2 , 15 W UV lamp (365 nm). **B:** Carbon felt electrodes, 1.3 V vs. Ag/AgCl .

Generally, tertiary radicals (or cations) are said to be more stable and less reactive than secondary ones, and furthermore, the additional methyl group at the β -position is expected to cause steric hindrance (Figure 4-1). Thus, connecting the two methyl groups to form a cycloalkane ring would reduce hindrance and lead to improve reactivity. From the above, arylidene cycloalkanes (**66-69**) were prepared, and the radical cation Diels-Alder reaction was examined using them (Table 4-2). Contrary to expectations, the ring formation was not successful in case of arylidene cyclopropane (**70**). The cyclopropane is the smallest ring and has large strain; therefore, **66**^{•+} has too much reactivity. It was suggested that starting materials were decomposed instead of reaction with diene. The arylidene cyclopentane was not found to react with diene. Since cyclohexane is generally more stable than cyclopentane, there seems to be a possibility that cyclopentane is converted into cyclohexene through **68**^{•+} in this condition. On the other hand, arylidene cyclobutane and cyclohexane was found to give the corresponding spiro rings (**71, 73**) under both TiO₂ photocatalytic and electrocatalytic conditions. The spiro ring **71** was obtained in better yield than **73** likely because **67**^{•+} had the best balance between reactivity and stability. Although the mechanism remains unclear, a similar trend was observed in the recent report by Knowles and Romanov-Michailidis *et al.* on Ir photocatalytic [2+2] cycloaddition.⁹⁵ It cannot be directly connected because this is a [4+2] cycloaddition, and they proposed an energy transfer mechanism. However, it would be fair to say that there is some correlation between ring formation and cycloalkanes at the β -position.



Figure 4-1. Steric Hindrance of Radical Cations.

Table 4-2. Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reactions of Arylidene Cycloalkanes.^a

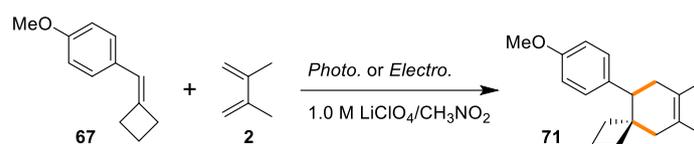


^aYields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis using CH₂Br₂ as an internal standard. Recovered starting material is reported in parentheses. A: TiO₂, 15 W UV lamp (365 nm). B: Carbon felt electrodes, 1.3 V vs. Ag/AgCl.

4.2.2. Optimization of the Conditions for Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction

The optimization of the condition for radical cation Diels-Alder reaction using arylidene cyclobutane (**67**) (Table 4-3). For the photocatalytic approach, it was suggested that LiClO₄ and light were essential, and TiO₂ photocatalyst promoted the reaction (entries 1-4). The equivalent of diene (**2**) had effect on the reaction, and the yield was decreased under Ar and O₂ condition (entries 5-8). Usually, the reactive oxygen species are generated by UV irradiated TiO₂ photocatalyst using O₂, suggesting that they promote and/or inhibit the reaction. In the electrocatalytic approach, potentiostatic conditions gave better results than galvanostatic conditions (entries 9-11) likely because there was over oxidation of products under constant-current electrolysis. Furthermore, the reaction was completed at 0.5 F/mol (entry 10), suggesting that a chain process was included in the reaction mechanism.

Table 4-3. Optimization of the Conditions for Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction.



entry	condition ^a	yield (%) ^b
1		61 (0)
2	no LiClO ₄	0 (40)
3	no light	0 (83)
4	no TiO ₂	15 (32)
5	2 eq of diene	22 (0)
6	10 eq of diene	58 (0)
7	under O ₂	19 (16)
8	under Ar	21 (0)
9	1.3 V vs. Ag/AgCl, 0.1 F/mol	22 (52) ^c
10	1.3 V vs. Ag/AgCl, 0.5 F/mol	66 (0) ^c
11	1.0 mA, 0.5 F/mol	46 (trace) ^c

^aUnless otherwise stated, reactions were carried out on a 0.20 mmol scale of arylidene cycloalkane (**67**) with 5 equiv of 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene (**2**) and 100 mg of TiO₂ in 4 mL of CH₃NO₂ using a 15 W UV lamp at rt under air for 10 h. ^bDetermined by ¹H NMR analysis using CH₂Br₂ as an internal standard. Recovered starting material is reported in parentheses. ^cIn electrocatalysis, carbon felt electrodes were used for the reactions.

4.2.3. Scope of the Arylidene Cycloalkane for the Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction

Radical cation Diels-Alder reaction was studied using arylidene cycloalkanes by photo-/electrocatalyst (Table 4-4). 2,4-Dimethyl and non-substituted arylidenes (**74-83**) were used and compared about spiro ring yields which were obtained under the best condition. As a result, TiO₂ photocatalysis gave the corresponding cycloadditions better than the electrocatalysis in most cases. Furthermore, β -cyclobutylstyrenes were found to be formed with **2** in good yields (**90, 95**). These radical cation intermediates were not suitable and needed to accept reductive-single electron transfer (SET) quickly from electron transfer catalyst; then, TiO₂ photocatalysis have advantages for the reactions of them. In addition, 4-methoxy arylidene hetero-cycles (**84-87**) were also examined, and arylidenes, which are substituted oxetane and *boc*-azetidine at the β -position, gave good yields with diene (**98, 100**). About 4-methoxy arylidenes, the electrocatalytic approach showed higher matching than TiO₂ photocatalytic that in most cases. It was suggested that radical cations of 4-methoxy arylidenes were reduced to starting materials by back-electron-transfer (BET) of TiO₂ photocatalysis because they were too stable and react with diene slowly. In electrocatalysis, reductive-SET was occurred after bond formation; thus, cycloadducts were obtained in good yields.

Table 4-4. Scope of the Arylidene Cycloalkanes for the Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reactions.

 88	 89	 90	 91	 92
A: 12 h, 16% (51%) B: 0.5 F, 10% (44%)	A: 6 h, 0% (0%) B: 0.5 F, 0% (0%)	A: 6 h, 63% (0%) B: 0.5 F, 37% (19%)	A: 4 h, 10% (27%) B: 0.5 F, 17% (21%)	A: 36 h, 15% (36%) B: 1.0 F, 13% (22%)
 93	 94	 95	 96	 97
A: 20 h, 31% (14%) B: 0.5 F, 8% (23%)	A: 6 h, 0% (0%) B: 0.5 F, 0% (0%)	A: 6 h, 55% (0%) B: 1.0 F, 7% (5%)	A: 4 h, 46% (7%) B: 0.5 F, trace (22%)	A: 20 h, 26% (4%) B: 0.5 F, trace (53%)
 98	 99	 100	 101	
A: 6 h, 51% (0%) B: 1.0 F, 72% (10%) ^b	A: 6 h, trace (55%) B: 1.5 F, 48% (0%) ^b	A: 6 h, 54% (trace) B: 0.5 F, 52% (10%) ^b	A: 20 h, trace (42%) B: 1.5 F, 18% (7%) ^b	

^aYields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis using CH₂Br₂ as an internal standard. Recovered starting material is reported in parentheses.
A: TiO₂, 15 W UV lamp (365 nm). B: Carbon felt electrodes, 1.5 V vs. Ag/AgCl. ^b1.3 V vs. Ag/AgCl.

4.3. Conclusion

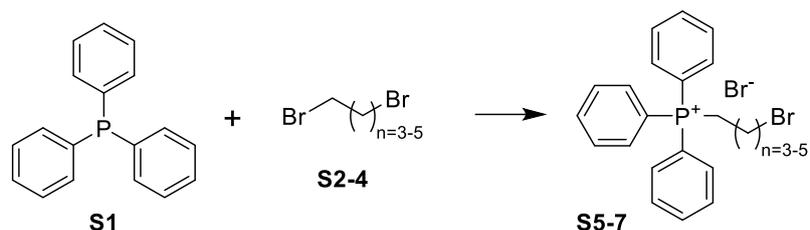
Radical cation Diels-Alder reactions of arylidene cycloalkanes have been developed using TiO₂ photocatalysis and electrocatalysis, including spiro ring systems. The addition of a methyl group at the β -position of styrenes has a significant effect on the reaction, suggesting that the reactivity depends on the ring size. Although the mechanism remains unclear, there are some correlations between cycloalkanes and cycloadditions. The results of this study will help to resolve the difference between TiO₂ photocatalysis and electrocatalysis.

4.4. Experimental Section

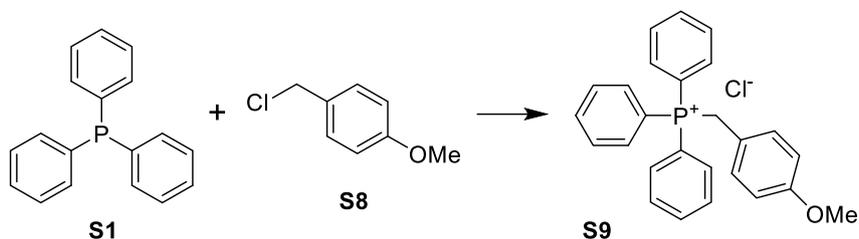
4.4.1. General Remarks

All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on silica gel plates, with detection by UV absorption (254 nm) and by heating the plates after dipping them in a solution of 12 M molybdo(VI) phosphoric acid n-hydrate in 95% ethanol. Silica gel (particle size 40–50 μ m, normal or reverse-phase) was used for column chromatography. ¹H NMR spectra were collected on a 500 or 300 MHz NMR spectrometer using the deuterated solvent as an internal deuterium reference. Chemical shift data are given in δ units calibrated with residual protic solvent. The multiplicity of a signal is indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; quint, quintet; m, multiplet. ¹³C NMR spectra were collected at 125 MHz with proton decoupling using the deuterated solvent as an internal carbon reference. Chemical shift data are given in δ units calibrated with residual solvent. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were collected on electrospray ionization (ESI)- or direct analysis in real time (DART)-time-of-flight (TOF) spectrometers.

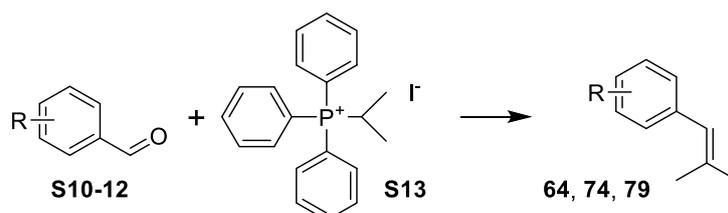
4.4.2. Synthesis and Characterization Data



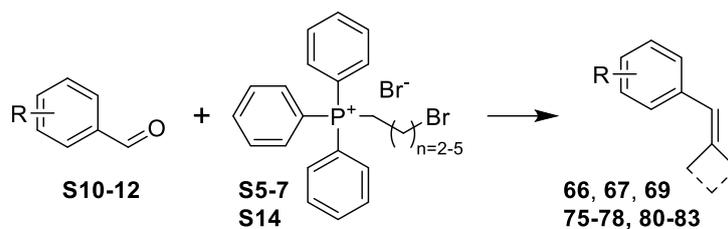
General Procedure for the Synthesis of Wittig Reagents (**S5-7**).⁹⁶ The mixture of Triphenylphosphine (**S1**, 1.3 g, 5 mmol) and respective Dibromo alkane (**S2-4**, 25 mmol) was stirred at 90 °C for 5.5 h. After that, the resulting reaction mixture was cooled at r. t., washed with Toluene, and dried *in vacuo*. The mixture was sonicated with Diethyl ether for 1 h and filtration gave the titled compound quantitatively as a white solid.



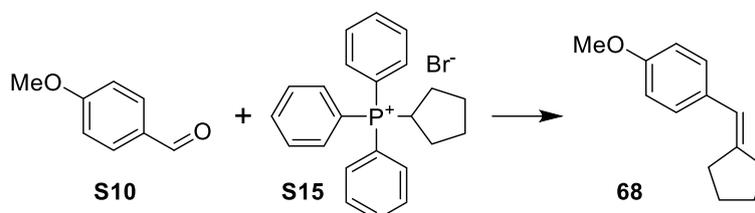
Synthesis of *p*-Methoxybenzyl Triphenyl Phosphonium Chloride (**S9**). To a solution of the Triphenylphosphine (**S1**, 5.2 g, 20.0 mmol) in Toluene (50 mL) stirred at r. t. was added *p*-Methoxybenzyl chloride (**S8**, 1.7 g, 20.0 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 12 h and washed with Toluene, filtration gave the titled compound in 66% yield (5.5 g, 13.2 mmol) as a white solid.



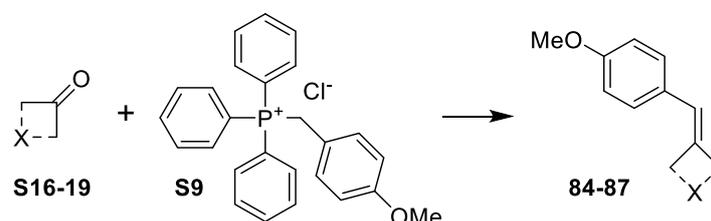
General Procedure for the Synthesis of β -Dimethyl Arylidenes (**64**, **74**, **79**).⁹⁷ To a solution of the Wittig reagent (**S13**, 4.3 g, 10.0 mmol) in THF (50 mL) stirred at r. t. was added KO^tBu (1.1 g, 10.0 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at r. t. for 30 min, respective aldehyde (**S10-12**, 5.0 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at r. t. for 12 h. Hydrogen peroxide (2 mL) was added, diluted with water, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Silica gel column chromatography (hexane only) gave the titled compound.



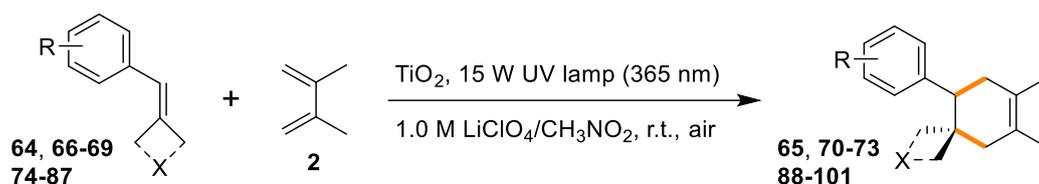
General Procedure for the Synthesis of β -Cycloalkyl Arylidenes (**66, 67, 69, 74-83**).⁹⁸ To a solution of the Wittig reagent (**S5-7, S14**, 7.5 mmol) in THF (50 mL) stirred at r. t. was added KO^tBu (1.7 g, 15.0 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1 h, respective aldehyde (**S10-12**, 5.0 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 3 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to r. t. and stirred for 1 h, Hydrogen peroxide (2 mL) was added, diluted with water, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Silica gel column chromatography (hexane only or hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) gave the titled compound.



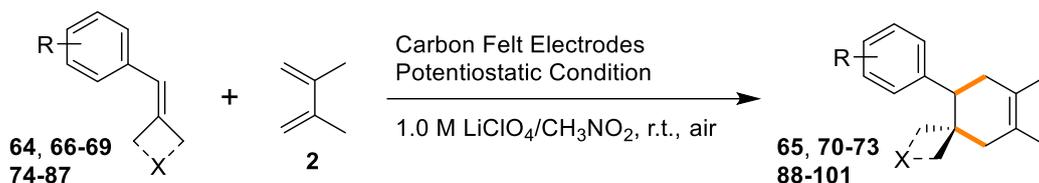
Synthesis of 4-Methoxy β -Cyclopentyl Arylidene (**68**).⁹⁹ To a solution of the Cyclopentyltriphenylphosphonium Bromide (**S15**, 5.0 mmol) in THF (25 mL) stirred at 0 °C was added *n*-butyl lithium (1.6 M in hexane, 6.3 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, *p*-Anisaldehyde (**S10**, 5.0 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 16 h. *n*-Pentane was added to precipitate triphenylphosphine oxide, and the mixture was filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) gave the titled compound.



General Procedure for the Synthesis of β -Heterocyclic Arylidenes (**84-87**).⁹⁵ To a solution of the Wittig reagent (**S9**, 2.1 g, 5.0 mmol) and KO^tBu (561 mg, 5.0 mmol) in THF (50 mL) stirred at 0 °C was added respective cyclic ketone (**S16-19**, 6.0 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h, Hydrogen peroxide (2 mL) was added, diluted with water, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1) gave the titled compound.

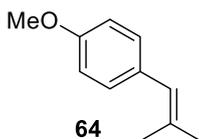


General Procedure for the TiO_2 Photocatalytic Reactions. To a solution of LiClO_4 (1.0 M, 426 mg) in CH_3NO_2 (4 mL) with TiO_2 (100 mg) stirred at r.t. were added the respective Arylidenes (0.20 mmol) and 2,3-Dimethyl-1,3-Butadiene (**2**, 113 μL , 1.0 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was irradiated by a 15 W UV lamp (365 nm) at r. t. under air, diluted with water, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Yields reported in the manuscript were determined by ^1H NMR analysis using CH_2Br_2 as an internal standard. Reverse phase silica gel column chromatography (acetonitrile only) and normal phase silica gel column chromatography (hexane only or hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) gave the target compounds.



General Procedure for the Electrolytic Reactions. To a solution of LiClO_4 (1.0 M, 426 mg) in CH_3NO_2 (4 mL) stirred at r. t. were added the respective Arylidenes (0.20 mmol) and 2,3-Dimethyl-1,3-Butadiene (**2**, 113 μL , 1.0 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was electrolyzed with carbon felt electrodes (1 cm \times 1 cm) at r.t. under air, diluted with water, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Yields reported in the manuscript were determined by ^1H NMR analysis using CH_2Br_2 as an internal standard. Reverse phase silica gel column chromatography (acetonitrile only) and normal phase silica gel column chromatography (hexane only or hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) gave the target compounds.

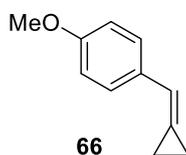
1-methoxy-4-(2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (64).⁹⁹ Colorless oil.



Product yield; 56% (458 mg, 2.8 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.16 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.86 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.21 (1H, s), 3.80 (3H, s), 1.88 (3H, s), 1.84 (3H, s); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9, 134.0, 131.5, 130.0, 124.8, 113.7, 55.3, 27.0, 19.5; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₁H₁₅O 163.1117, found 163.1132.

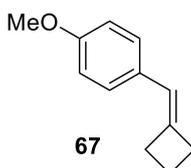
1-(cyclopropylidenemethyl)-4-methoxybenzene (66). Yellow oil.



Product yield; 79% (633 mg, 3.9 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.47 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.87 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.69 (1H, m), 3.82 (3H, s), 1.38 (2H, dt, J = 7.5, 1.7 Hz), 1.15 (2H, dt, J = 7.5, 1.7 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.8, 131.5, 127.9, 122.0, 117.8, 114.2, 55.5, 4.3, 0.8; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₁H₁₃O 161.0961, found 161.0977.

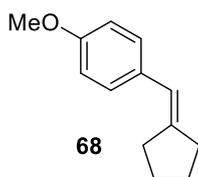
1-(cyclobutylidenemethyl)-4-methoxybenzene (67).⁹⁵ White solid.



Product yield; 64% (560 mg, 3.2 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 8.14 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.84 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.02 (1H, quint, J = 2.3 Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 3.01 (2H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 2.86 (2H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 2.10 (2H, quint, J = 8.0 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9, 142.4, 131.2, 128.4, 120.4, 114.0, 55.5, 32.8, 32.7, 18.6; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₂H₁₅O 175.1117, found 175.1140.

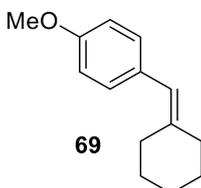
1-(cyclopentylidenemethyl)-4-methoxybenzene (68).⁹⁹ Colorless oil.



Product yield; 25% (181 mg, 1.0 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.24 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.86 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.30 (1H, s), 3.81 (3H, s), 2.52 (2H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 2.46 (2H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.77 (2H, quint, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.65 (2H, quint, J = 6.9 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.7, 144.9, 132.0, 129.2, 120.3, 113.8, 55.4, 36.1, 31.2, 27.5, 26.0; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₃H₁₇O 189.1274, found 189.1298.

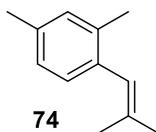
1-(cyclohexylidenemethyl)-4-methoxybenzene (69).⁹⁹ Colorless oil.



Product yield; 98% (989 mg, 4.9 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.13 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.85 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.16 (1H, s), 3.80 (3H, s), 2.36 (2H, t, J = 5.7 Hz), 2.24 (2H, t, J = 5.7 Hz), 1.61 (4H, m), 1.54 (2H, quint, J = 5.2 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9, 142.4, 131.2, 130.2, 121.6, 113.7, 55.4, 37.8, 29.6, 28.9, 28.1, 27.0; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₄H₁₉ 203.1430, found 203.1444.

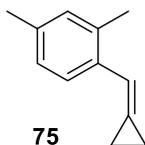
2,4-dimethyl-1-(2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (74). Colorless oil.



Product yield; 55% (441 mg, 2.8 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.02 (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.99 (1H, s), 6.96 (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.18 (1H, s), 2.30 (3H, s), 2.20 (3H, s), 1.90 (3H, s), 1.70 (3H, s); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.4, 135.9, 135.2, 134.8, 130.7, 129.6, 126.2, 124.2, 26.4, 21.3, 20.1, 19.5; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₂H₁₇ 161.1325, found 161.1332.

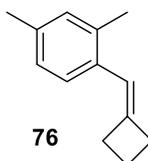
1-(cyclopropylidenemethyl)-2,4-dimethylbenzene (75). Yellow oil.



Product yield; 34% (266 mg, 1.7 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.64 (1H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 6.98 (1H, d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 6.97 (1H, s), 6.92 (1H, d, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 2.36 (3H, s), 2.30 (3H, s), 1.38 (2H, m), 1.16 (2H, m); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.5, 135.0, 134.0, 131.3, 126.9, 126.1, 124.1, 115.6, 21.3, 19.9, 4.3, 1.1; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}$ 159.1168, found 159.1153.

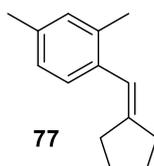
1-(cyclobutylidenemethyl)-2,4-dimethylbenzene (76). Colorless oil.



Product yield; 61% (609 mg, 3.5 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.11 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.96 (1H, s), 6.95 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.19 (1H, s), 2.95 (2H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 2.87 (2H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 2.29 (3H, s), 2.27 (3H, s), 2.07 (2H, quint, $J = 7.5$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.5, 135.0, 134.0, 131.3, 126.9, 126.1, 124.0, 115.6, 21.3, 19.9, 4.3, 1.1; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}$ 173.1325, found 173.1347.

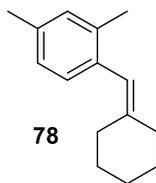
1-(cyclopentylidenemethyl)-2,4-dimethylbenzene (77). Colorless oil.



Product yield; 11% (107 mg, 0.57 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.19 (1H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 6.97 (1H, s), 6.96 (1H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 6.36 (1H, s), 2.47 (2H, t, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 2.40 (2H, t, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 2.30 (3H, s), 2.25 (3H, s), 1.69 (4H, m); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.4, 135.9, 135.7, 135.2, 130.9, 128.2, 126.3, 118.8, 35.2, 31.0, 27.1, 25.9, 21.3, 20.2; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}$ 187.1481, found 187.1489.

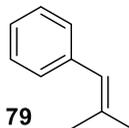
1-(cyclohexylidenemethyl)-2,4-dimethylbenzene (78). Colorless oil.



Product yield; 20% (200 mg, 1 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.99 (2H, d, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 6.94 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.11 (1H, s), 2.30 (3H, s), 2.26 (2H, t, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 2.20 (3H, s), 2.17 (2H, t, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 1.64 (2H, m), 1.58 (2H, m), 1.50 (2H, m); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.9, 136.6, 136.0, 134.9, 130.7, 129.7, 126.1, 121.0, 37.6, 29.9, 29.1, 28.3, 27.1, 21.3, 20.2; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}$ 201.1638, found 201.1646.

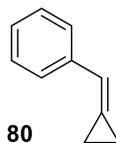
(2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (79).¹⁰⁰ Colorless oil.



Product yield; 97% (638 mg, 4.8 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.31 (2H, t, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.22 (2H, d, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 7.18 (1H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 6.27 (1H, s), 1.91 (3H, s), 1.86 (3H, s); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.9, 135.7, 129.0, 128.3, 126.0, 125.4, 27.1, 19.7; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}$ 133.1012, found 133.1036.

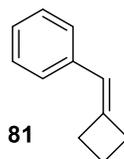
(cyclopropylidenemethyl)benzene (80). Yellow oil.



Product yield; 42% (273 mg, 2.1 mmol).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.54 (2H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.33 (2H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.21 (1H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 6.76 (1H, t, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 1.43 (2H, dt, $J = 8.0, 2.3$ Hz), 1.18 (2H, dt, $J = 8.0, 1.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.5, 128.7, 126.9, 126.9, 124.5, 118.5, 4.5, 0.8; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}$ 131.0855, found 131.0864.

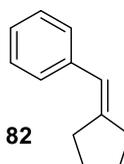
(cyclobutylidenemethyl)benzene (**81**).¹⁰¹ Colorless oil.



Product yield; 75% (539 mg, 3.7 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.29 (2H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.20 (2H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.14 (1H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 6.07 (1H, t, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 3.05 (2H, t, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 2.88 (2H, t, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 2.11 (2H, quint, $J = 8.0$ Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.0, 138.3, 128.6, 127.3, 126.0, 121.1, 33.0, 32.9, 18.6; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₁H₁₃ 145.1012, found 145.1013.

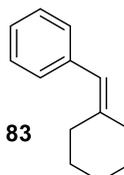
(cyclopentylidenemethyl)benzene (**82**).¹⁰¹ Colorless oil.



Product yield; 9% (74 mg, 0.47 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.31 (2H, d, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 7.30 (2H, s), 7.15 (1H, m), 6.36 (1H, t, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 2.55 (2H, t, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 2.49 (2H, t, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 1.78 (2H, quint, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 1.66 (2H, quint, $J = 6.9$ Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.4, 139.1, 128.4, 128.2, 125.9, 121.1, 36.2, 31.4, 27.5, 25.9; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₂H₁₅ 159.1168, found 159.1138.

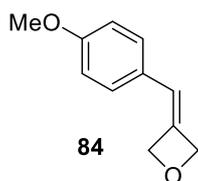
(cyclohexylidenemethyl)benzene (**83**).¹⁰¹ Colorless oil.



Product yield; 36% (312 mg, 1.8 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.30 (2H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.20 (2H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.18 (1H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 6.23 (1H, s), 2.37 (2H, t, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 2.26 (2H, t, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 1.63 (4H, m), 1.55 (2H, m); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.7, 138.7, 129.2, 128.3, 126.0, 122.2, 37.9, 29.7, 28.9, 28.1, 27.0; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₃H₁₇ 173.1325, found 173.1334.

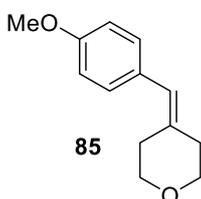
3-(4-methoxybenzylidene)oxetane (**84**).⁹⁵ Yellow solid.



Product yield; 25% (225 mg, 1.3 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 6.94 (2H, d, J = 8.9 Hz), 6.87 (2H, d, J = 8.9 Hz), 6.04 (1H, t, J = 2.4 Hz), 5.55 (2H, q, J = 2.8 Hz), 5.38 (2H, q, J = 2.8 Hz), 3.81 (3H, s); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.7, 134.5, 129.1, 128.5, 119.2, 114.4, 80.6, 80.4, 55.5; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₁H₁₃O₂ 177.0910, found 177.0920.

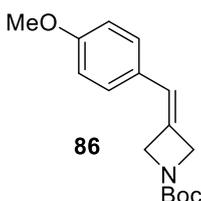
4-(4-methoxybenzylidene)tetrahydro-2H-pyran (**85**).⁹⁹ Yellow solid.



Product yield; 18% (184 mg, 0.90 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.14 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.86 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.27 (1H, s), 3.81 (3H, s), 3.78 (2H, t, J = 5.9 Hz), 3.66 (2H, t, J = 5.9 Hz), 2.53 (2H, dt, J = 5.9, 1.4 Hz), 2.38 (2H, dt, J = 5.9, 1.4 Hz); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 136.5, 130.2, 130.1, 123.5, 113.8, 69.7, 68.7, 55.4, 37.4, 30.8; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₃H₁₇O₂ 205.1223, found 205.1230.

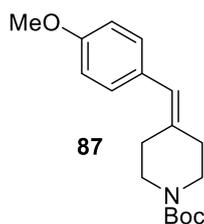
tert-butyl 3-(4-methoxybenzylidene)azetidine-1-carboxylate (**86**).⁹⁵ Yellow solid.



Product yield; 43% (597 mg, 2.2 mmol).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.05 (2H, d, J = 8.9 Hz), 6.88 (2H, d, J = 8.9 Hz), 6.20 (1H, t, J = 2.1 Hz), 4.81 (2H, q, J = 2.8 Hz), 4.62 (2H, q, J = 2.8 Hz), 3.81 (3H, s), 1.48 (9H, s); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.8, 156.6, 129.2, 128.6, 128.1, 121.9, 114.4, 80.0, 55.5, 28.7; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₂₂NO₃ 276.1594, found 276.1611.

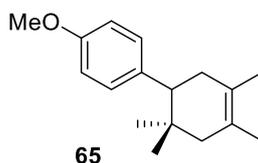
tert-butyl 4-(4-methoxybenzylidene)piperidine-1-carboxylate (**87**).¹⁰² White solid.



Product yield; 26% (402 mg, 1.3 mmol).

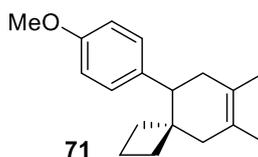
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.12 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.86 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.30 (1H, s), 3.80 (3H, s), 3.50 (2H, t, J = 5.2 Hz), 3.40 (2H, t, J = 5.2 Hz), 2.45 (2H, t, J = 5.2 Hz), 2.31 (2H, t, J = 5.2 Hz), 1.48 (9H, s); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.3, 155.1, 137.3, 130.3, 124.2, 113.9, 79.8, 55.5, 36.4, 29.4, 28.7; HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₂₆NO₃ 304.1907, found 304.1887.

4'-methoxy-2,2,4,5-tetramethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**65**). Colorless oil.



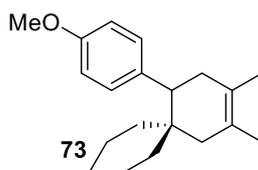
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9-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,7-dimethylspiro[3.5]non-6-ene (**71**). Yellow oil.



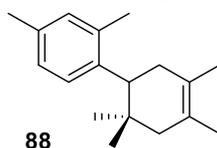
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5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dimethylspiro[5.5]undec-2-ene (**73**). Colorless oil.



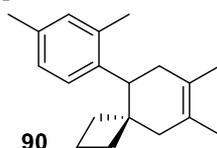
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2,2,2',4,4',5-hexamethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**88**). Colorless oil.



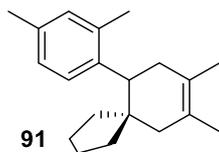
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9-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-6,7-dimethylspiro[3.5]non-6-ene (**90**). Colorless oil.



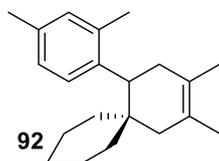
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10-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-7,8-dimethylspiro[4.5]dec-7-ene (**91**). Colorless oil.



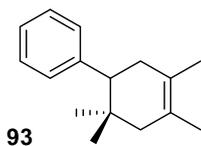
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5-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-2,3-dimethylspiro[5.5]undec-2-ene (**92**). Colorless oil.



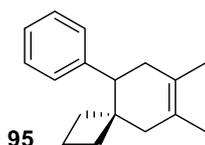
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.15 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.96 (1H, s), 6.95 (1H, d, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 2.99 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 6.3$ Hz), 2.31 (3H, s), 2.28 (3H, s), 2.22 (1H, m), 2.20 (1H, d, $J = 16.6$ Hz), 2.08 (1H, dd, $J = 17.8, 4.6$ Hz), 1.90 (1H, d, $J = 17.8$ Hz), 1.69 (3H, s), 1.63 (3H, s), 1.55 (1H, m), 1.45 (2H, m), 1.40 (3H, m), 1.31 (1H, tt, $J = 13.2, 3.4$ Hz), 1.26 (1H, m), 0.98 (2H, m); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.8, 137.2, 135.1, 131.1, 128.0, 126.5, 125.3, 124.4, 44.6, 39.6, 36.8, 36.6, 30.0, 29.4, 26.6, 22.1, 22.1, 21.5, 21.2, 19.7, 18.9; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{31}$ 283.2420, found 283.2420.

2,2,4,5-tetramethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,1'-biphenyl (**93**). Colorless oil.



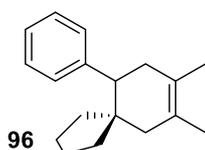
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.25 (2H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.19 (3H, m), 2.63 (1H, dd, $J = 9.7, 5.7$ Hz), 2.36 (1H, m), 2.14 (1H, dd, $J = 16.6, 4.0$ Hz), 1.96 (1H, d, $J = 17.2$ Hz), 1.74 (1H, d, $J = 16.6$ Hz), 1.66 (3H, s), 1.65 (3H, s), 0.80 (3H, s), 0.79 (3H, s); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.2, 129.3, 127.9, 126.3, 124.8, 124.6, 50.4, 47.6, 36.4, 33.3, 29.8, 22.6, 19.4, 18.9; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}$ 215.1794, found 215.1783.

6,7-dimethyl-9-phenylspiro[3.5]non-6-ene (**95**). Colorless oil.



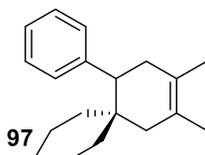
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7,8-dimethyl-10-phenylspiro[4.5]dec-7-ene (**96**). Colorless oil.



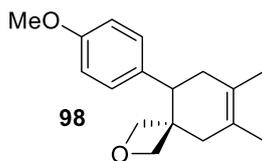
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.30 (2H, t, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 7.19 (1H, s), 7.18 (2H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 2.70 (1H, t, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 2.35 (1H, m), 2.22 (1H, m), 1.81 (2H, q, $J = 16.6$ Hz), 1.68 (3H, s), 1.66 (3H, s), 1.53 (4H, m), 1.41 (3H, m), 1.07 (1H, m); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.4, 129.0, 128.0, 126.1, 125.3, 125.2, 48.8, 45.7, 42.6, 38.3, 37.0, 35.1, 24.4, 24.1, 19.7, 19.0; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{25}$ 241.1951, found 241.1964.

2,3-dimethyl-5-phenylspiro[5.5]undec-2-ene (**97**). Colorless oil.



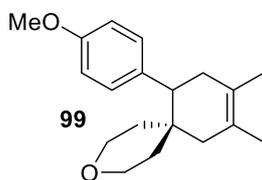
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.24 (2H, m), 7.18 (3H, m), 2.68 (1H, t, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 2.30 (1H, dd, $J = 17.8, 4.0$ Hz), 2.20 (1H, dd, $J = 17.8, 5.2$ Hz), 2.00 (1H, d, $J = 17.2$ Hz), 1.80 (1H, d, $J = 17.8$ Hz), 1.69 (3H, s), 1.66 (3H, s), 1.46 (5H, m), 1.33 (1H, m), 1.13 (4H, m); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.7, 129.4, 127.9, 126.2, 124.6, 124.6, 49.9, 39.3, 37.0, 35.8, 35.5, 32.5, 26.8, 22.2, 22.1, 19.8, 18.9; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{27}$ 255.2107, found 255.2116.

9-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,7-dimethyl-2-oxaspiro[3.5]non-6-ene (**98**). Colorless oil.



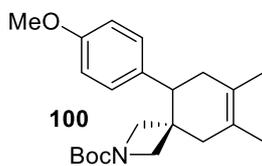
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.11 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.82 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 4.69 (1H, d, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 4.47 (1H, d, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 4.31 (1H, d, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 4.11 (1H, d, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 3.78 (3H, s), 3.23 (1H, dt, $J = 3.2, 2.9$ Hz), 2.42 (1H, m), 2.33 (1H, d, $J = 17.2$ Hz), 2.18 (1H, d, $J = 19.5$ Hz), 2.14 (1H, d, $J = 21.2$ Hz), 1.69 (3H, s), 1.67 (3H, s); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.5, 135.1, 129.2, 125.8, 124.1, 113.9, 83.2, 80.2, 55.4, 44.6, 42.8, 39.9, 35.0, 19.5, 19.0; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2$ 259.1693, found 259.1670.

11-(4-methoxyphenyl)-8,9-dimethyl-3-oxaspiro[5.5]undec-8-ene (**99**). Colorless oil.



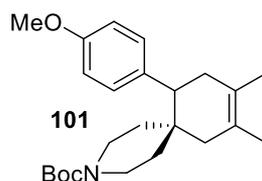
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.07 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.80 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 3.78 (3H, s), 3.72 (2H, m), 3.61 (1H, dt, $J = 11.5, 2.9$ Hz), 3.52 (1H, dt, $J = 11.5, 2.9$ Hz), 2.64 (1H, t, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 2.36 (1H, dd, $J = 17.8, 5.2$ Hz), 2.15 (1H, m), 1.99 (2H, m), 1.70 (3H, s), 1.67 (3H, s), 1.49 (2H, m), 1.43 (1H, ddt, $J = 14.3, 2.9, 2.3$ Hz), 1.04 (1H, ddt, $J = 13.2, 2.9, 2.3$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.3, 135.8, 130.1, 125.0, 124.1, 113.5, 64.1, 55.5, 48.9, 37.7, 36.5, 35.4, 33.9, 33.5, 30.0, 19.8, 18.9; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2$ 287.2006, found 287.2034.

tert-butyl 9-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,7-dimethyl-2-azaspiro[3.5]non-6-ene-2-carboxylate (**100**). Yellow oil.



^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.11 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.82 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 3.88 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 3.78 (3H, s), 3.66 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 3.52 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 3.28 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 2.99 (1H, dt, $J = 4.0, 2.3$ Hz), 2.43 (1H, dd, $J = 16.6, 3.4$ Hz), 2.15 (3H, m), 1.67 (6H, s), 1.41 (9H, s); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.5, 156.9, 134.9, 129.4, 125.9, 124.1, 113.9, 79.4, 55.5, 45.0, 40.7, 37.5, 35.3, 28.7, 19.5, 19.0; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_3$ 358.2377, found 385.2348.

tert-butyl 11-(4-methoxyphenyl)-8,9-dimethyl-3-azaspiro[5.5]undec-8-ene-3-carboxylate (**101**). White solid.



^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.06 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.80 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.72 (2H, m), 3.01 (1H, dt, $J = 13.8, 2.3$ Hz), 2.91 (1H, t, $J = 9.7$ Hz), 2.63 (1H, t, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 2.33 (1H, d, $J = 16.0$ Hz), 2.16 (1H, d, $J = 16.6$ Hz), 1.98 (1H, d, $J = 16.6$ Hz), 1.87 (1H, d, $J = 17.2$ Hz), 1.69 (3H, s), 1.67 (3H, s), 1.42 (9H, s), 1.32 (3H, m), 1.13 (1H, m); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.3, 155.3, 130.1, 125.0, 124.0, 113.5, 79.4, 55.5, 48.5, 37.6, 35.7, 34.2, 30.0, 28.7, 19.8, 18.9; HRMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_3$ 386.2690, found 386.2668.

Chapter 5. Conclusion

The purpose of this research was development of TiO₂ photocatalytic and electrocatalytic electron transfer chemistry modeling the radical cation Diels-Alder reaction.

In chapter 2, radical cation Diels-Alder reaction of β -methylstyrenes by TiO₂ photocatalysis have been demonstrated. Optimization of controls and scope of dienes were examined using *trans*-anethole as a model, suggesting that TiO₂ photocatalysis promoted cycloadditions and steric hindrance of diene have effect for the reaction. Isomerization using *cis*-anethole showed that mechanism was stepwise and there were two ways that isomers were produced before or after trapping of diene. It was found that a non-protected alcohol introduced at the β -position of styrenes gave cycloadducts in good yields. Significantly, the corresponding cyclohexene of *trans*- β -methylstyrene was obtained in acceptable yield by TiO₂ photocatalysis, which was impossible to synthesize by Ruthenium photocatalysis and electrodes electrocatalysis. The reaction mechanism was proposed that it is mainly SET-oxidation and SET-reduction by TiO₂ photocatalysis.

In chapter 3, the reaction mechanism of the Photo-/Electrocatalytic Radical Cation Diels-Alder reaction described in Chapter 2 was analyzed by CV measurements and supported by DFT calculations. The EC-backward-E process, which SET-redox was occurred on single electrode, was successfully observed using CV analysis for β -methylstyrenes which was found to be reacted with diene. The reasonable radical cation intermediates were designed from the HOMO and spin density plots using DFT calculations. In case of 2,4-dimethyl *trans*- β -methylstyrene and diene, spin density plots were on its cyclohexene double bond, suggesting that this intermediate was unstable and had to receive reductive-SET immediately for cycloaddition. Therefore, TiO₂ photoredox had an advantage for this reaction.

In chapter 4, radical cation Diels-Alder reaction of arylidene cycloalkanes by interfacial electron transfer catalysis has been demonstrated. The cycloaddition of 4-methoxy β -dimethylstyrene and diene was obtained less than using *trans*-anethole under TiO₂ photocatalytic and electrodes electrocatalytic conditions, suggesting that the additional methyl group at the β -position of styrene caused steric hindrance and interrupted the reaction. The 4-methoxy, 2,4-dimethyl and non-substituted β -cycloalkane styrenes were prepared to examine the effect of tying up two methyl groups; unexpectedly, the arylidene cyclobutane was found to give spiro ring in acceptable yield, and 4-methoxy β -cycloalkane styrenes were reacted with diene by more electrocatalytic condition than photocatalytic condition. It was suggested that TiO₂ photocatalytic reductive-SET seems to decrease the reactivity of intermediates in case of 4-methoxy β -disubstituted styrenes.

This research will support to use of TiO₂ photocatalyst in synthetic organic chemistry and understand the interfacial electron transfer catalysts. I hope that this study will promote the sustainable synthetic chemistry field and lead to a breakthrough in the various energy problems facing us today.

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Supporting Information

S1. General TiO₂ Analysis Data

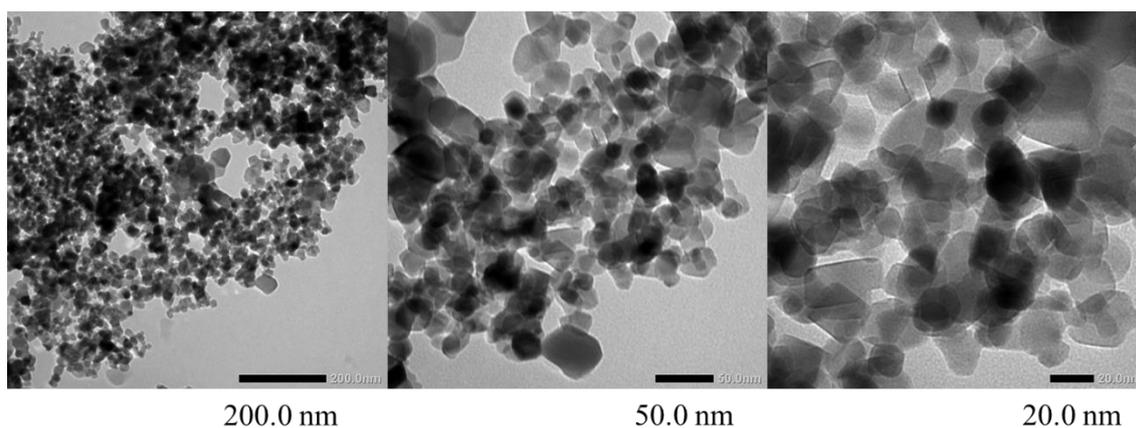


Figure S1. TEM Images of TiO₂ Photocatalyst used in This Work.

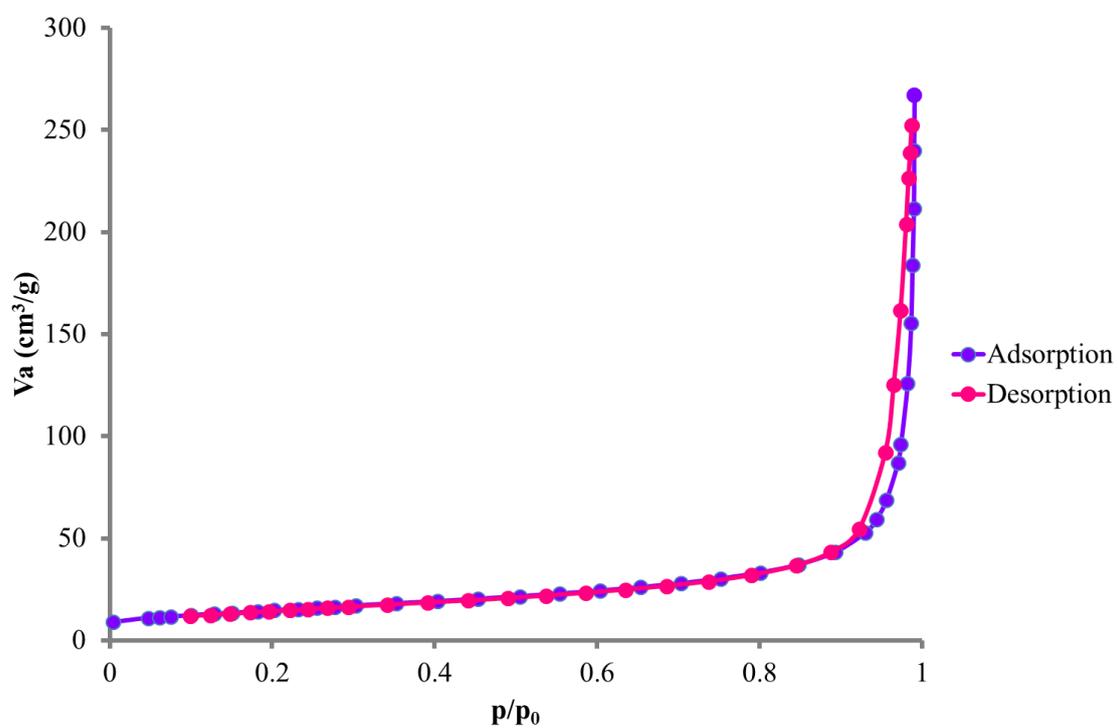


Figure S2. Adsorption Isotherm of TiO₂ Photocatalyst used in This Work.

S2. Additional Proposed Mechanism, Control Study, Synthesis and Characterization Data of Chapter 2

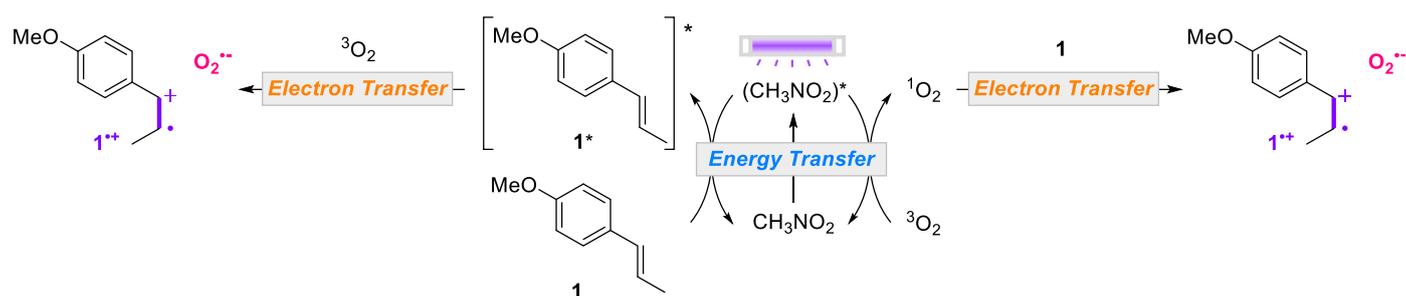


Figure S3. Plausible Reaction Mechanism by Energy/Electron Transfer Catalysis.

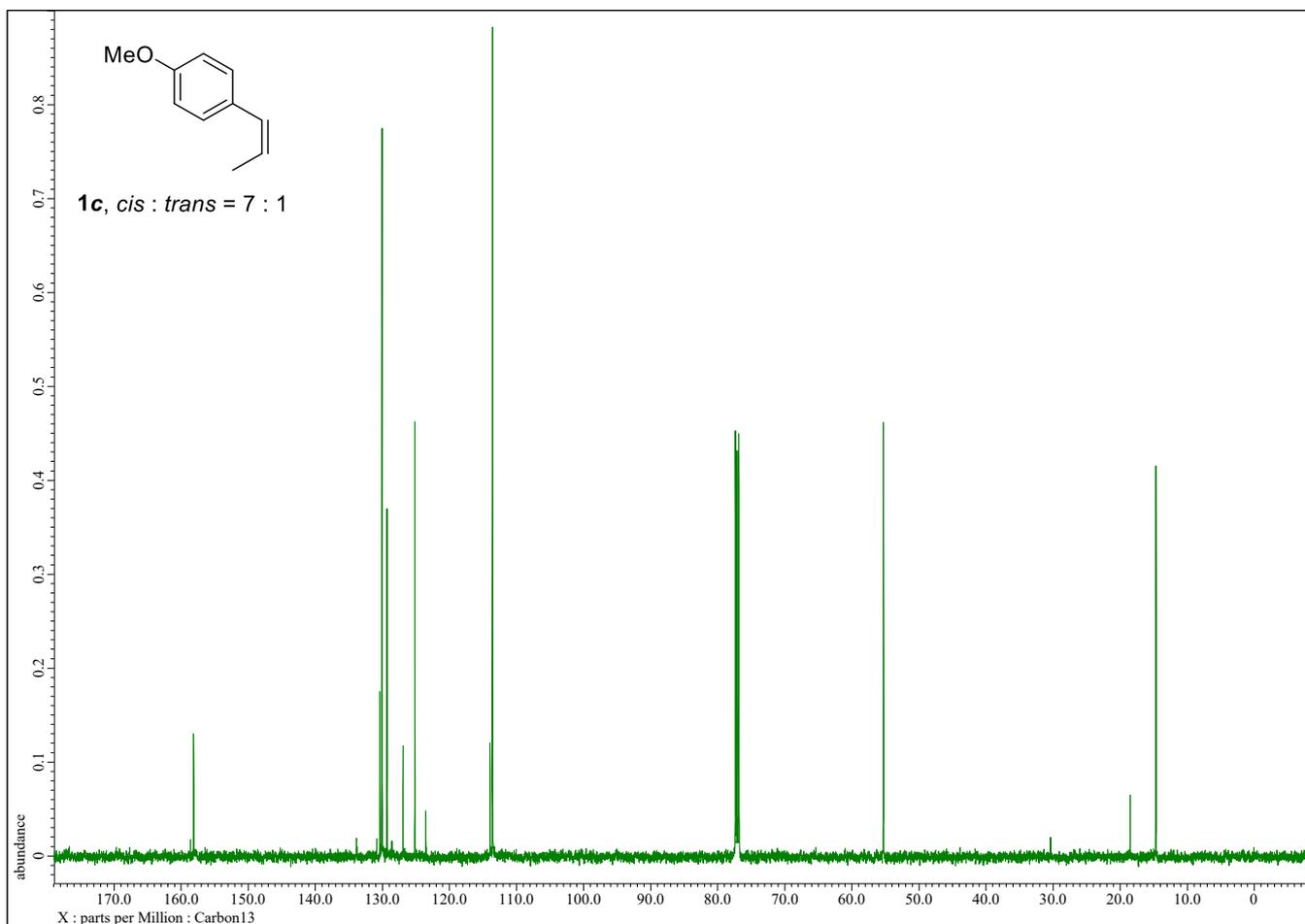
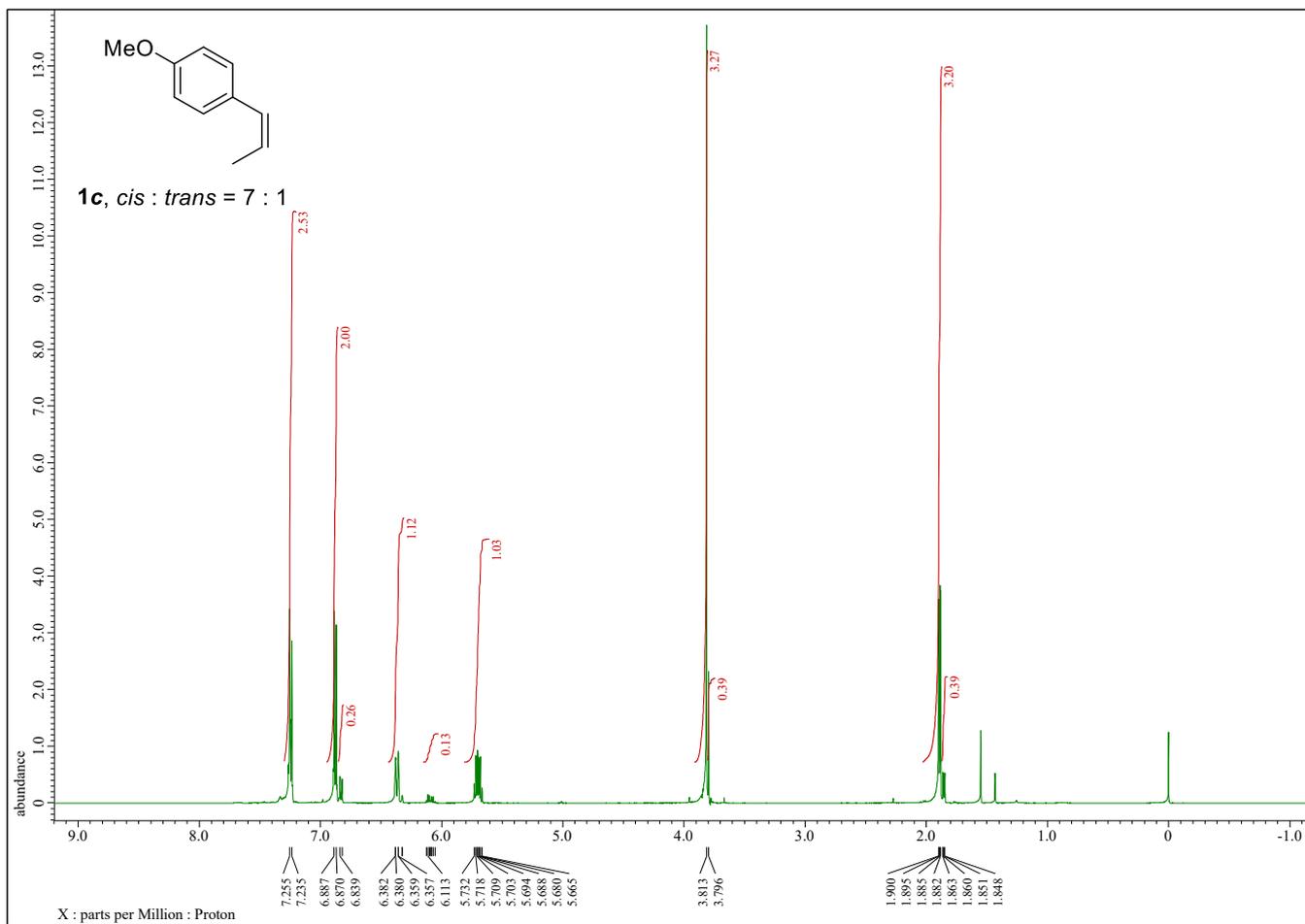
Additional Control Study for Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction of β -Methylstyrenes and Dienes. About atmosphere, the reaction condition was examined using *trans*- β -methylstyrene (**40**) and 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene (**2**), and O₂ concentration had an impact for the reaction.

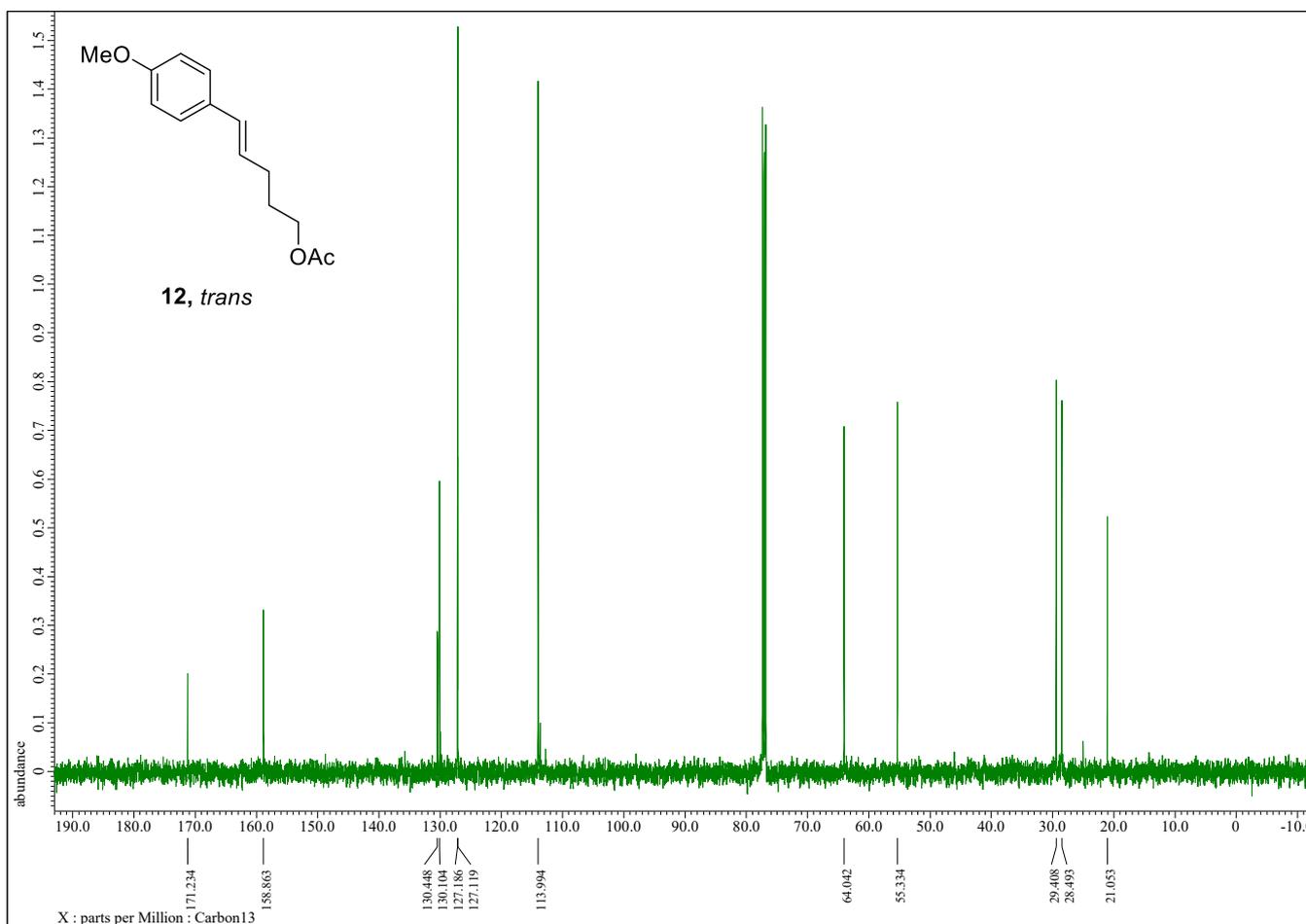
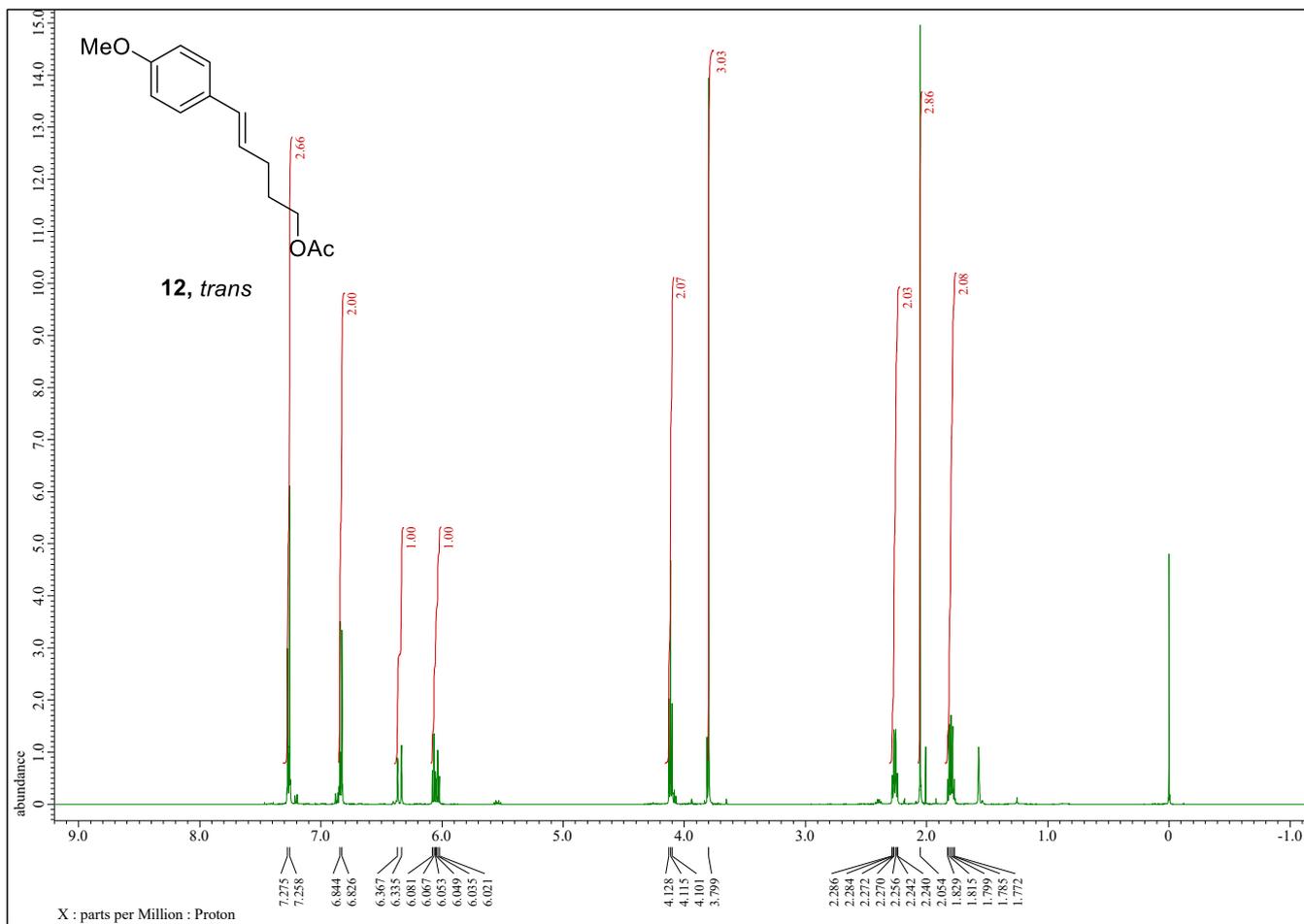
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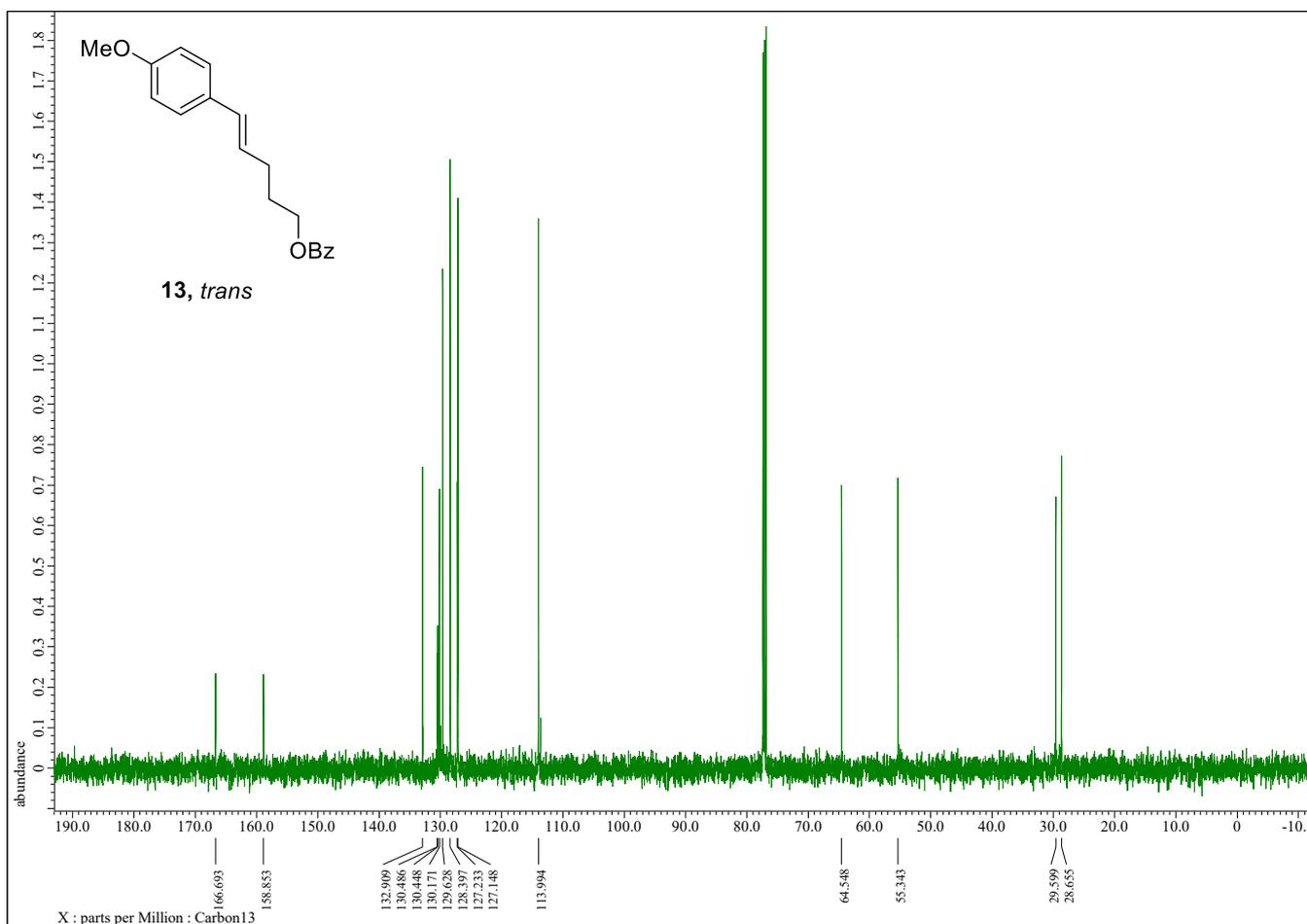
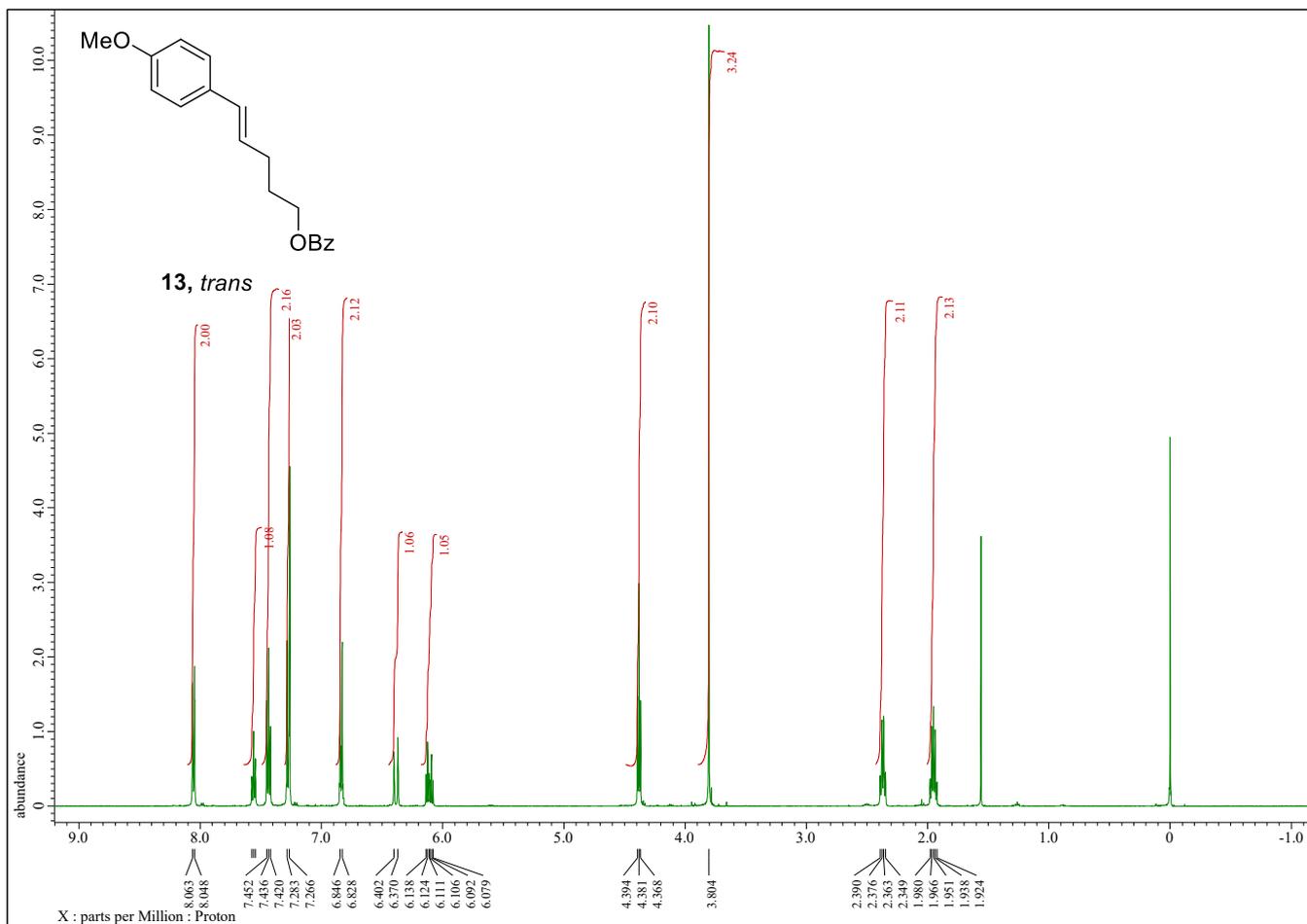
entry	Condition	yield (%)
1	under Ar	11 (42)
2	under O ₂	11 (26)

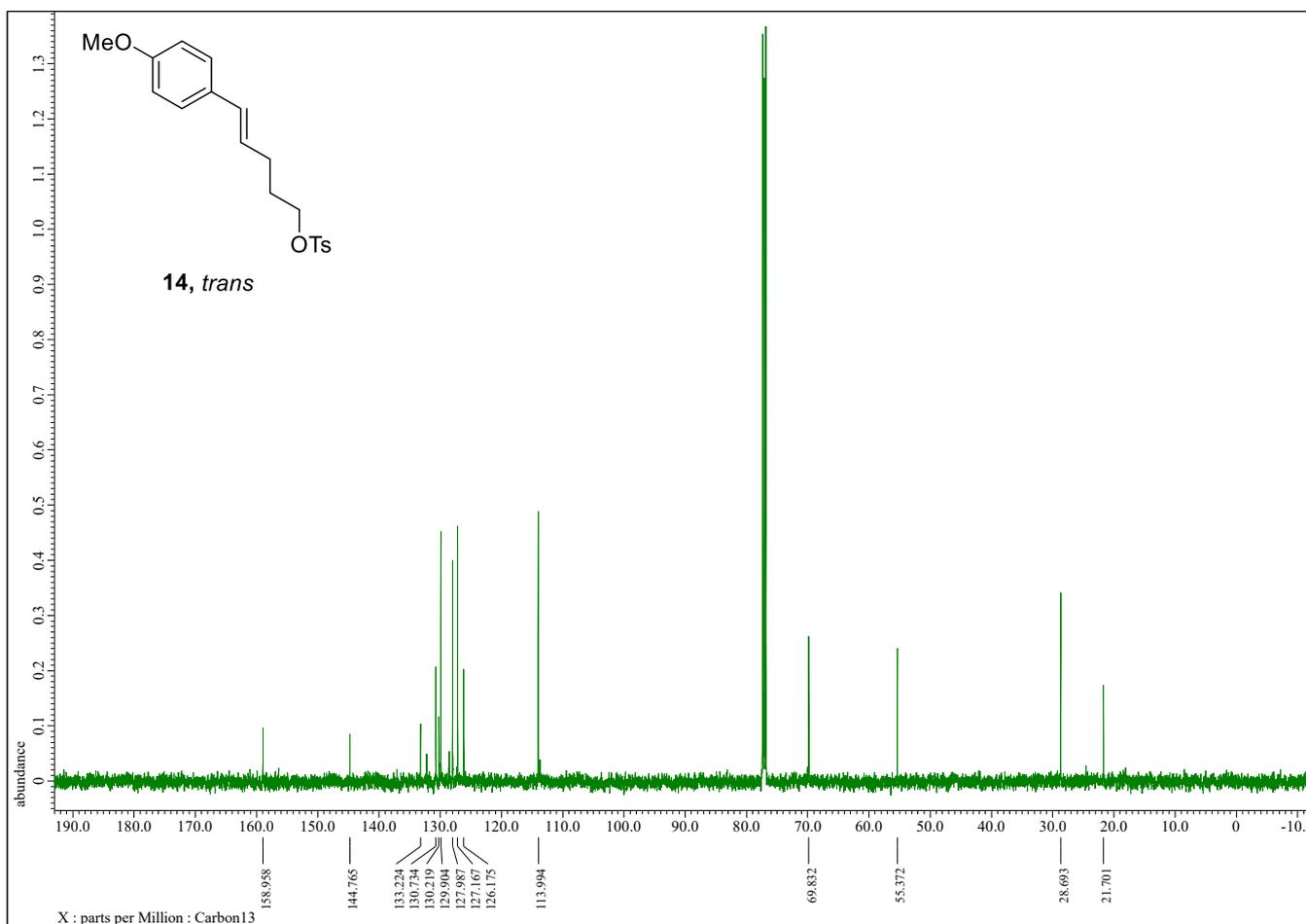
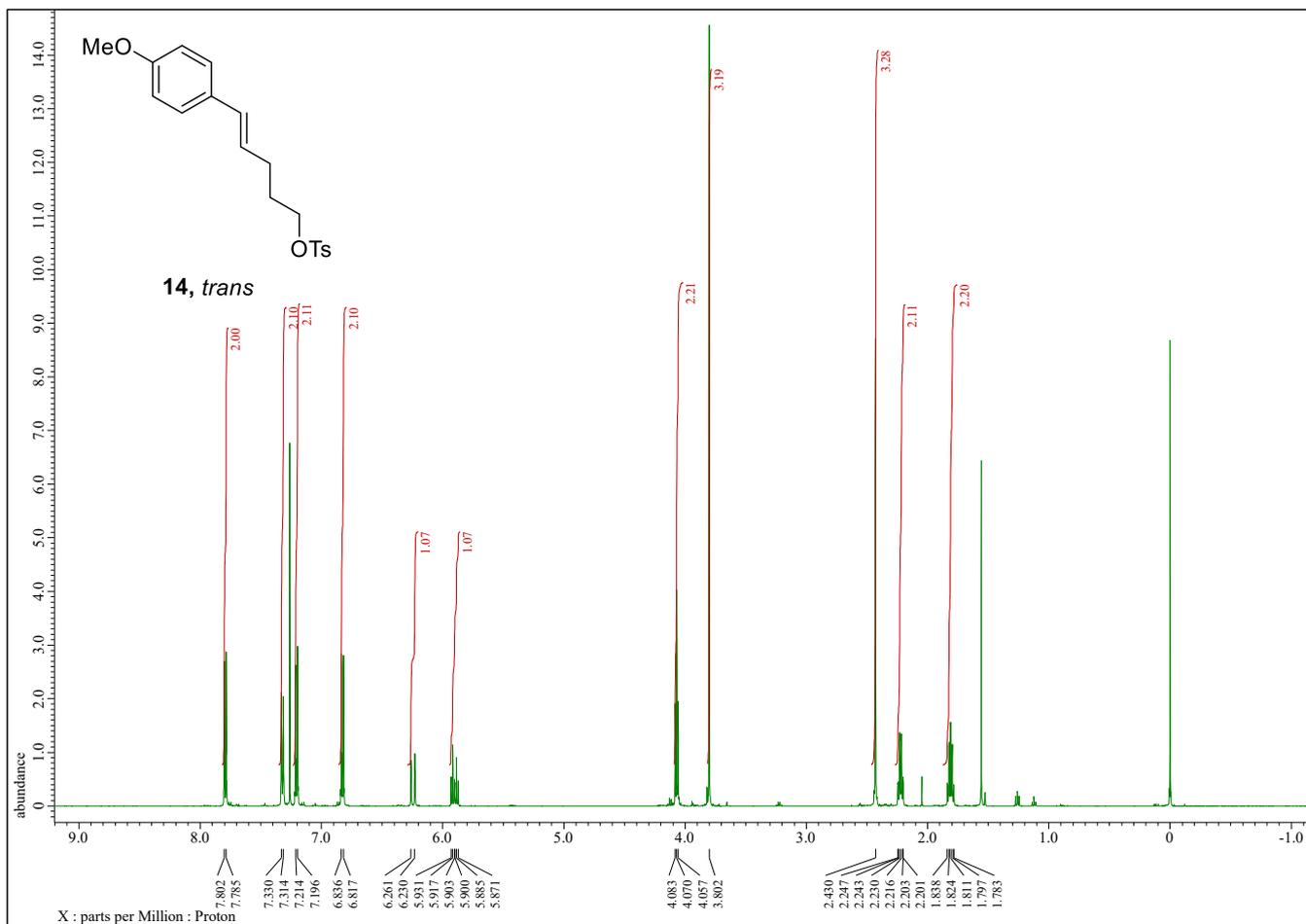
^aReactions were carried out on a 0.20 mmol scale of *trans*- β -methylstyrene (**40**) with 2 equiv of 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene (**2**) and 100 mg of TiO₂ in 4 mL of CH₃NO₂ using a 15 W UV lamp at rt for 2 h. Yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis using benzaldehyde as an internal standard.

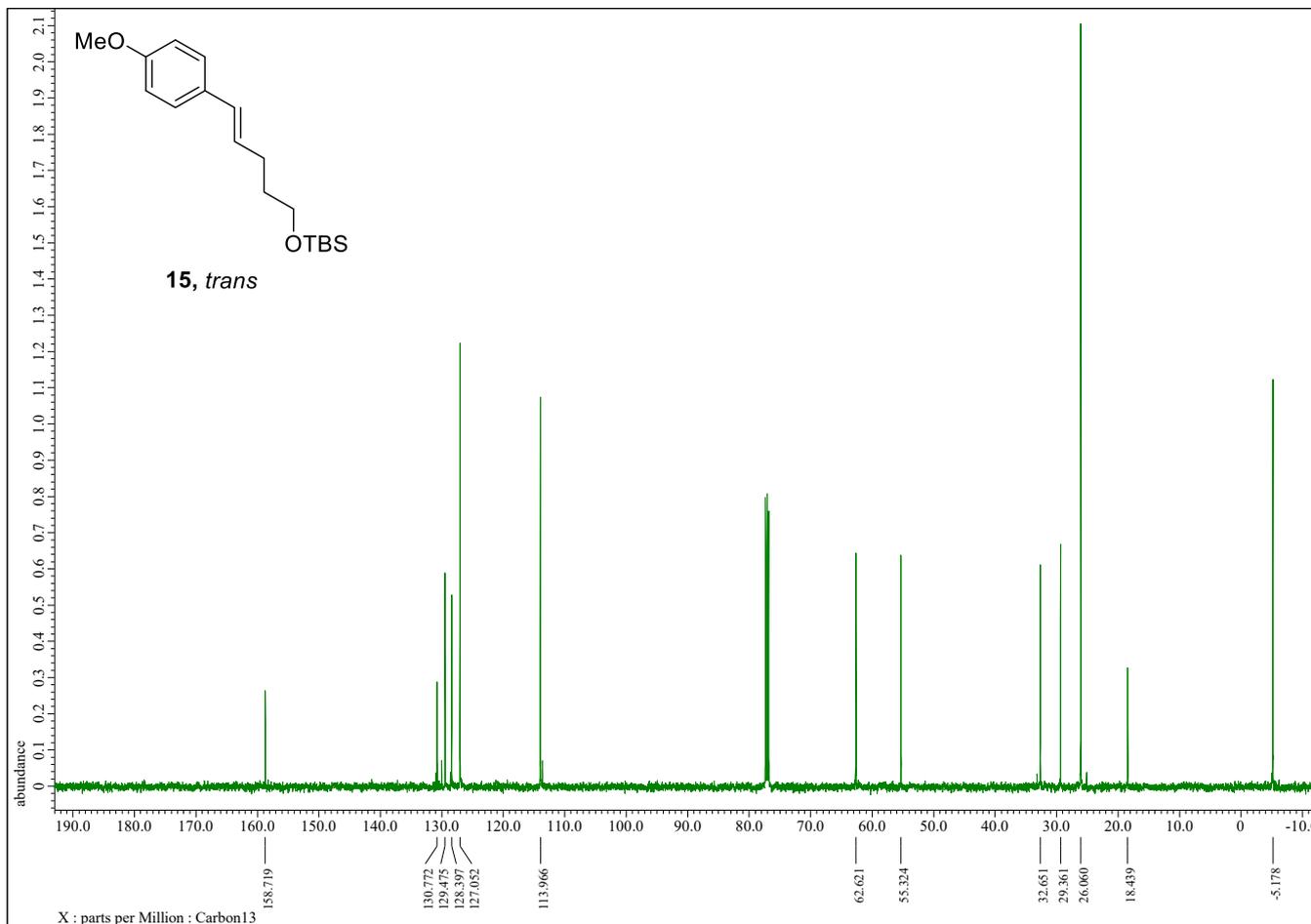
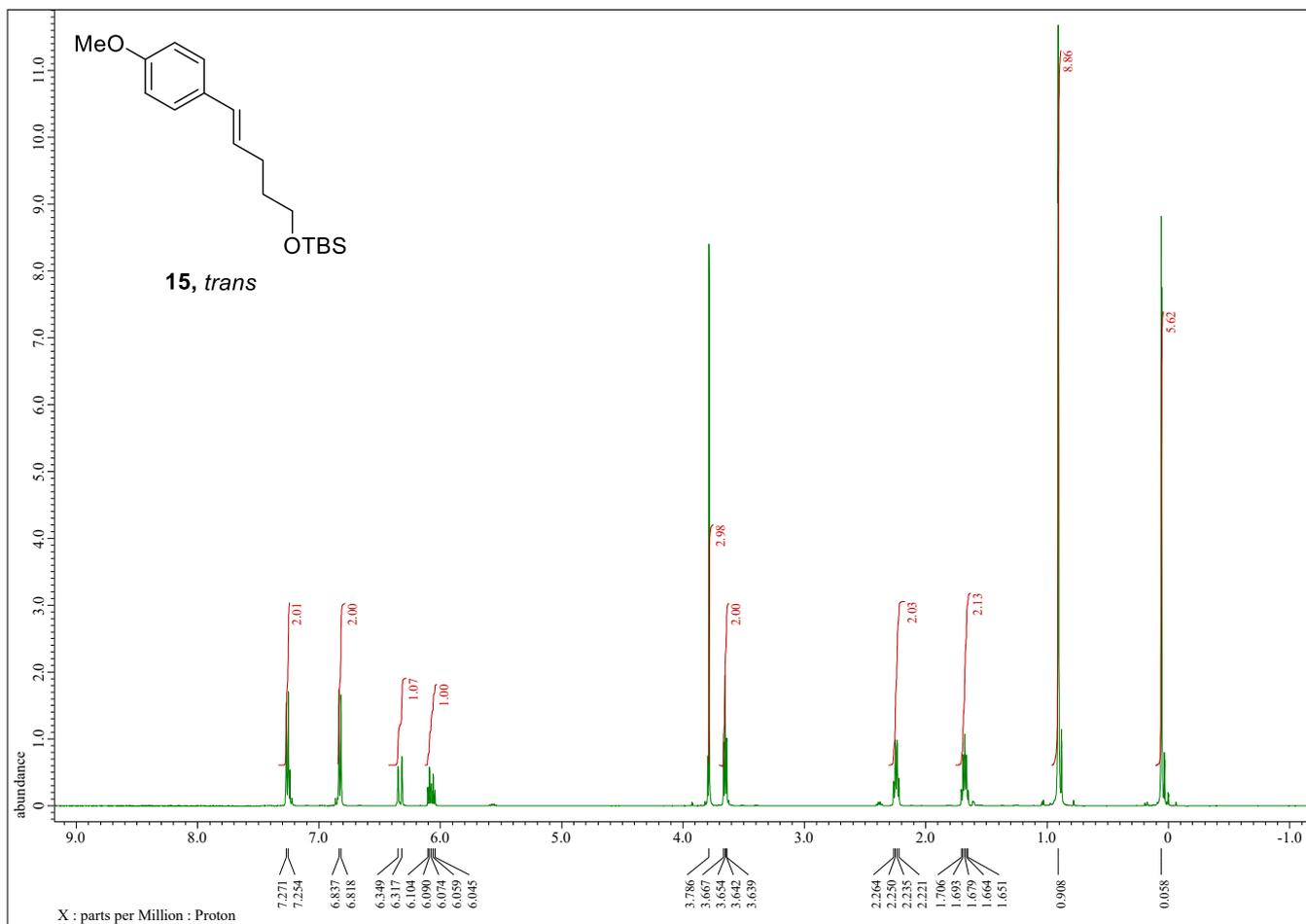
General Procedure for Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reactions (1.0 mmol Scale). To a solution of LiClO₄ (1.0 M) in CH₃NO₂ (20 mL) stirred at room temperature were added the respective β -methylstyrenes (1.00 mmol), dienes (2.00 mmol), and TiO₂ (500 mg). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature in front of a 15 W UV lamp (365 nm) for 2 h (also checked by thin-layer chromatography), diluted with water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis using benzaldehyde as an internal standard. Silica gel column chromatography (unless otherwise noted, hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) gave the desired cycloadducts.

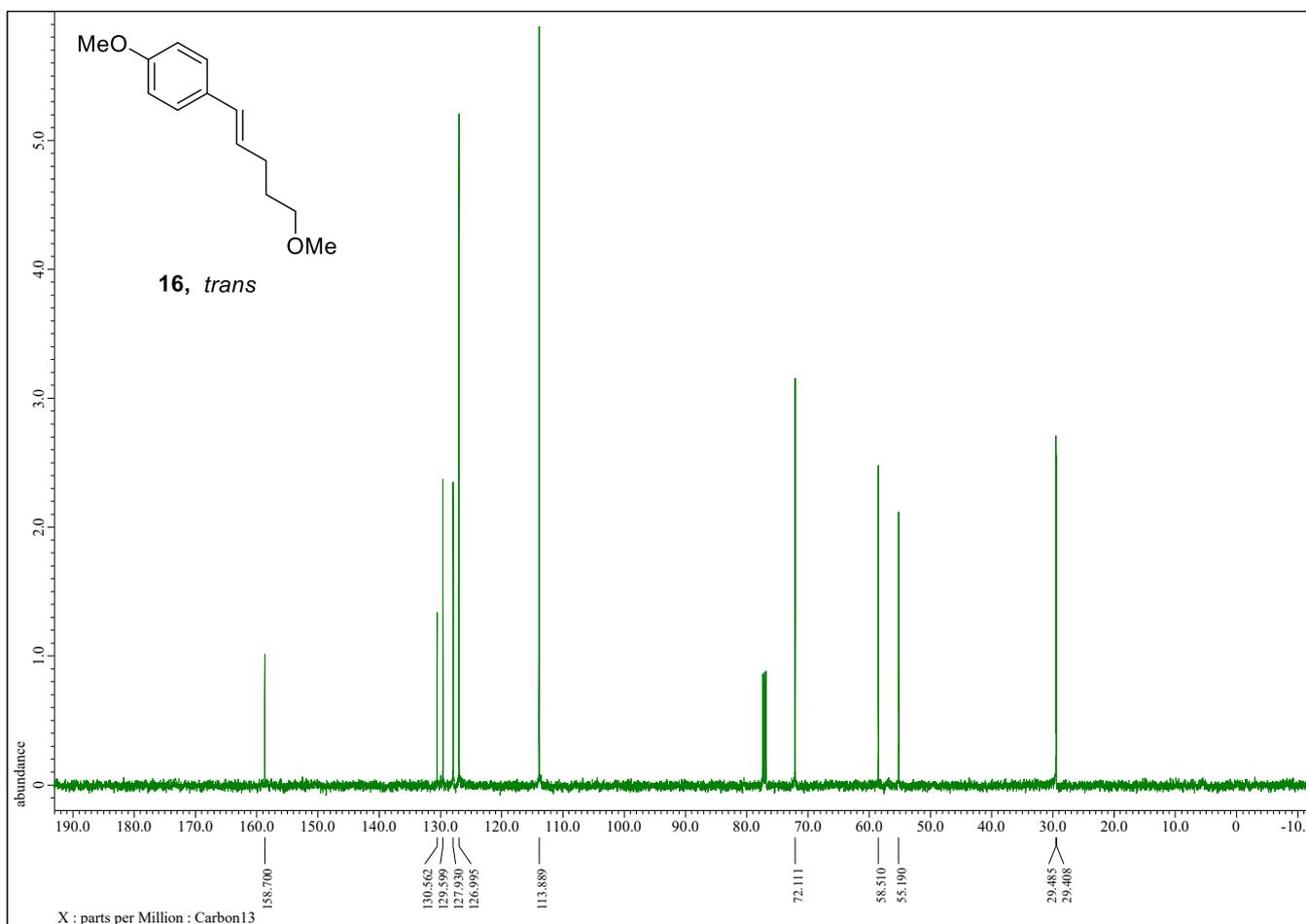
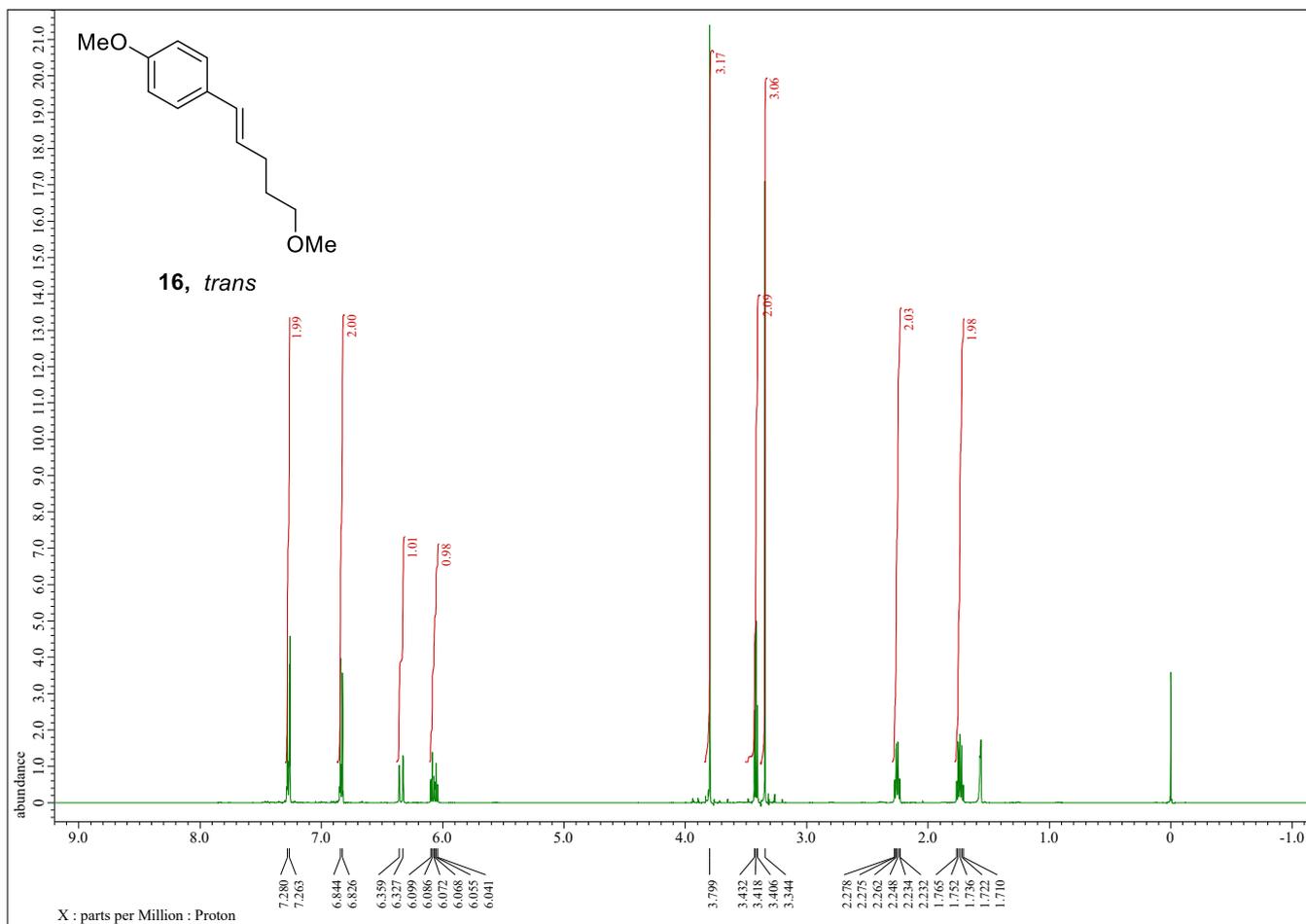


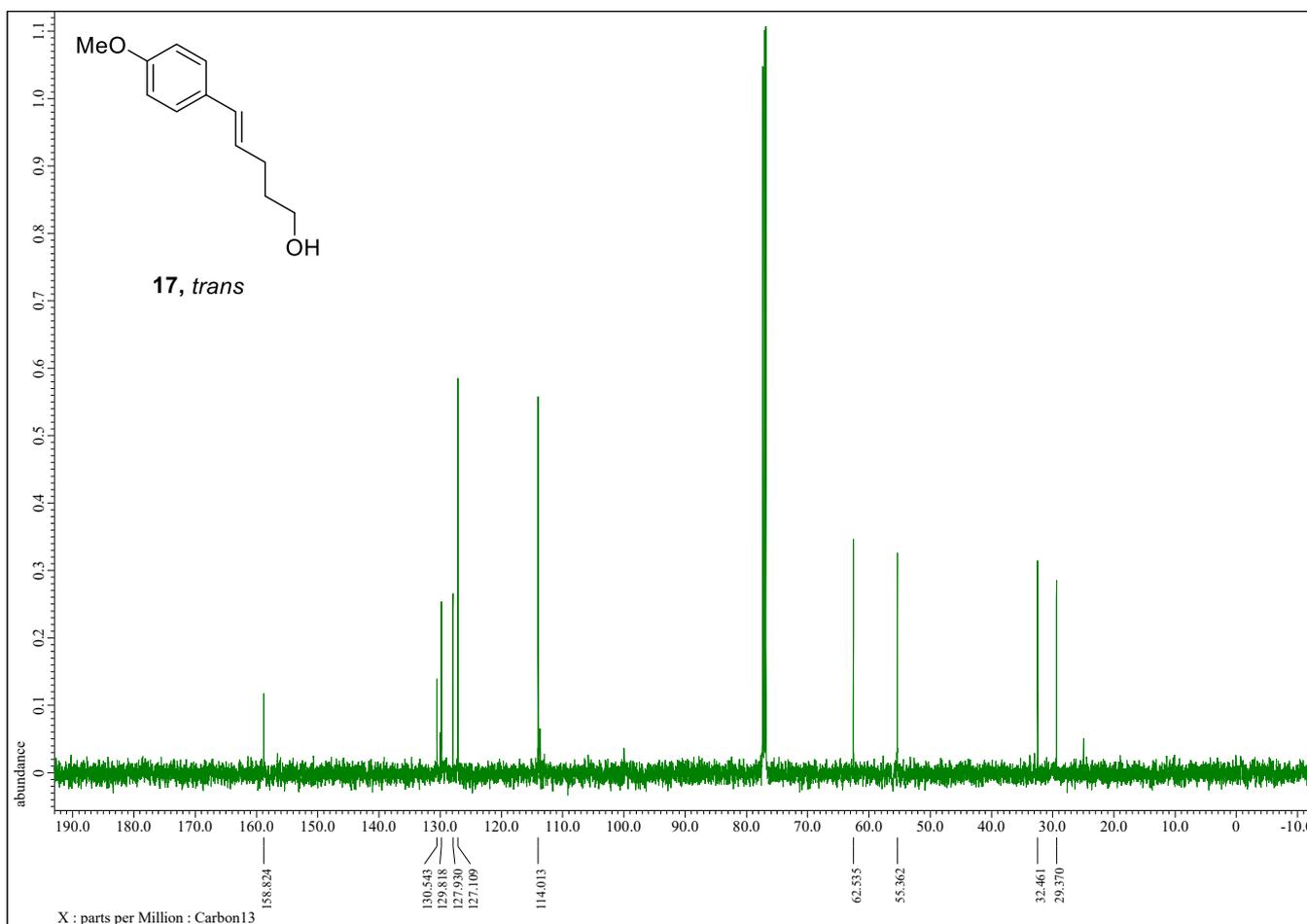
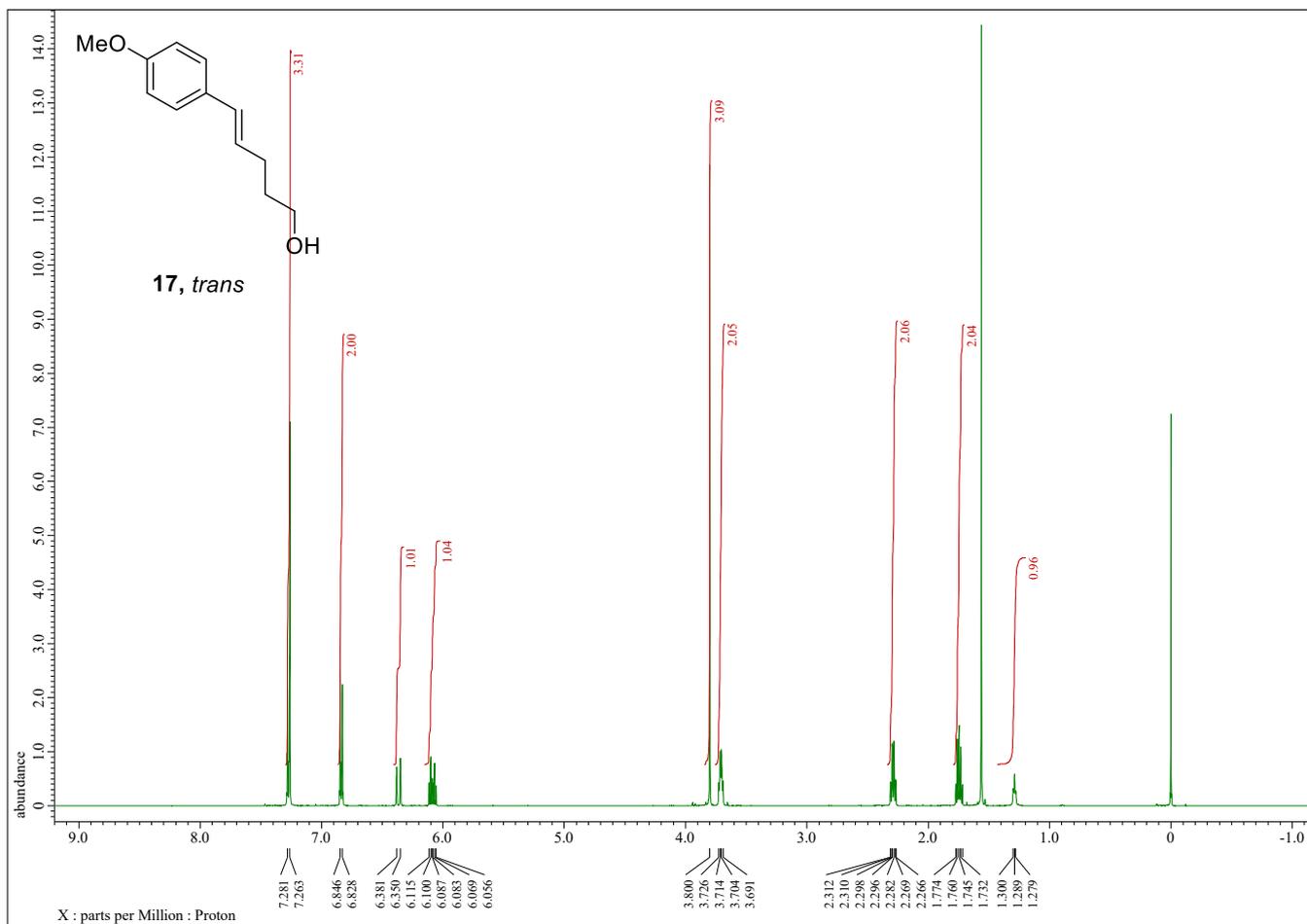


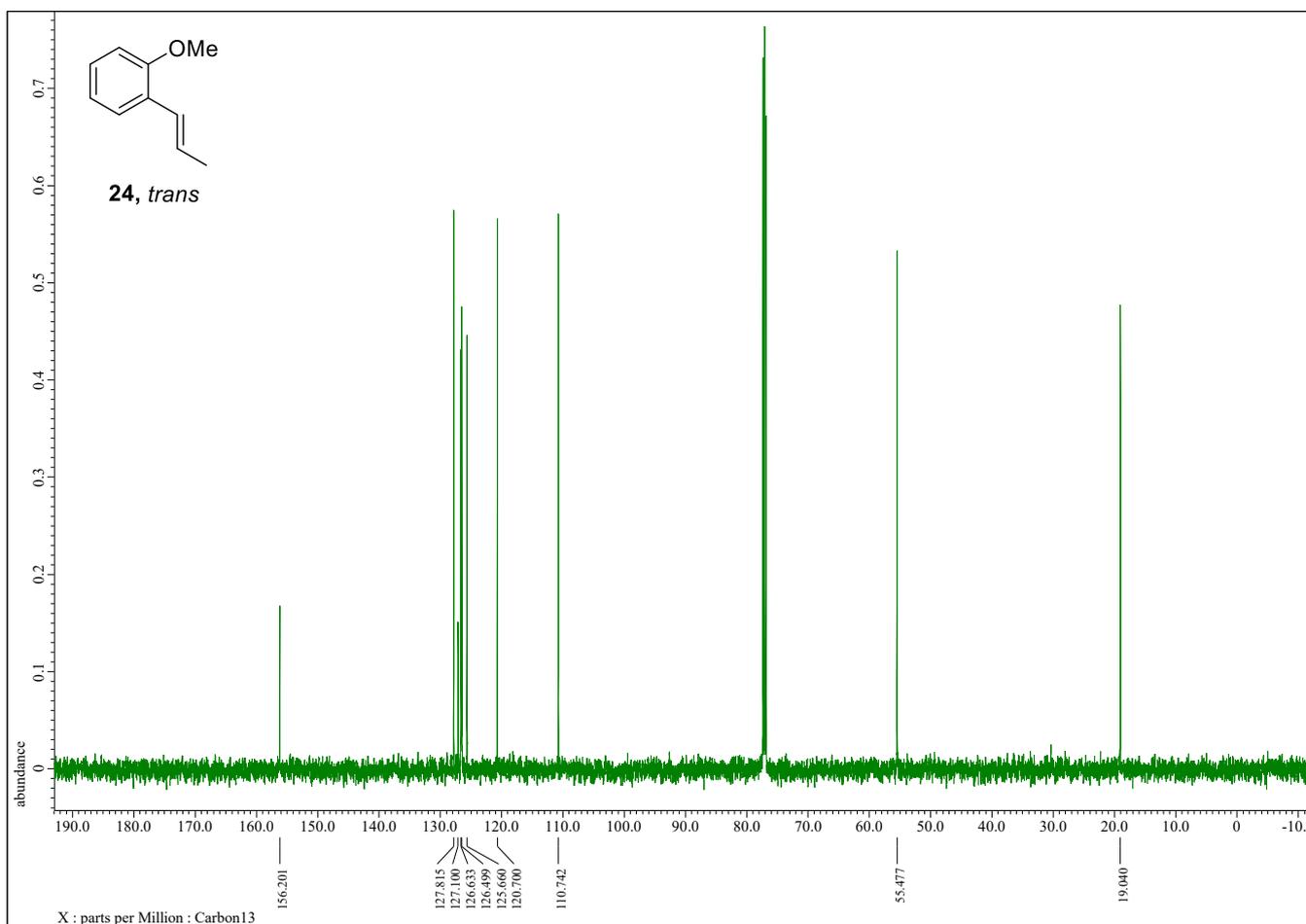
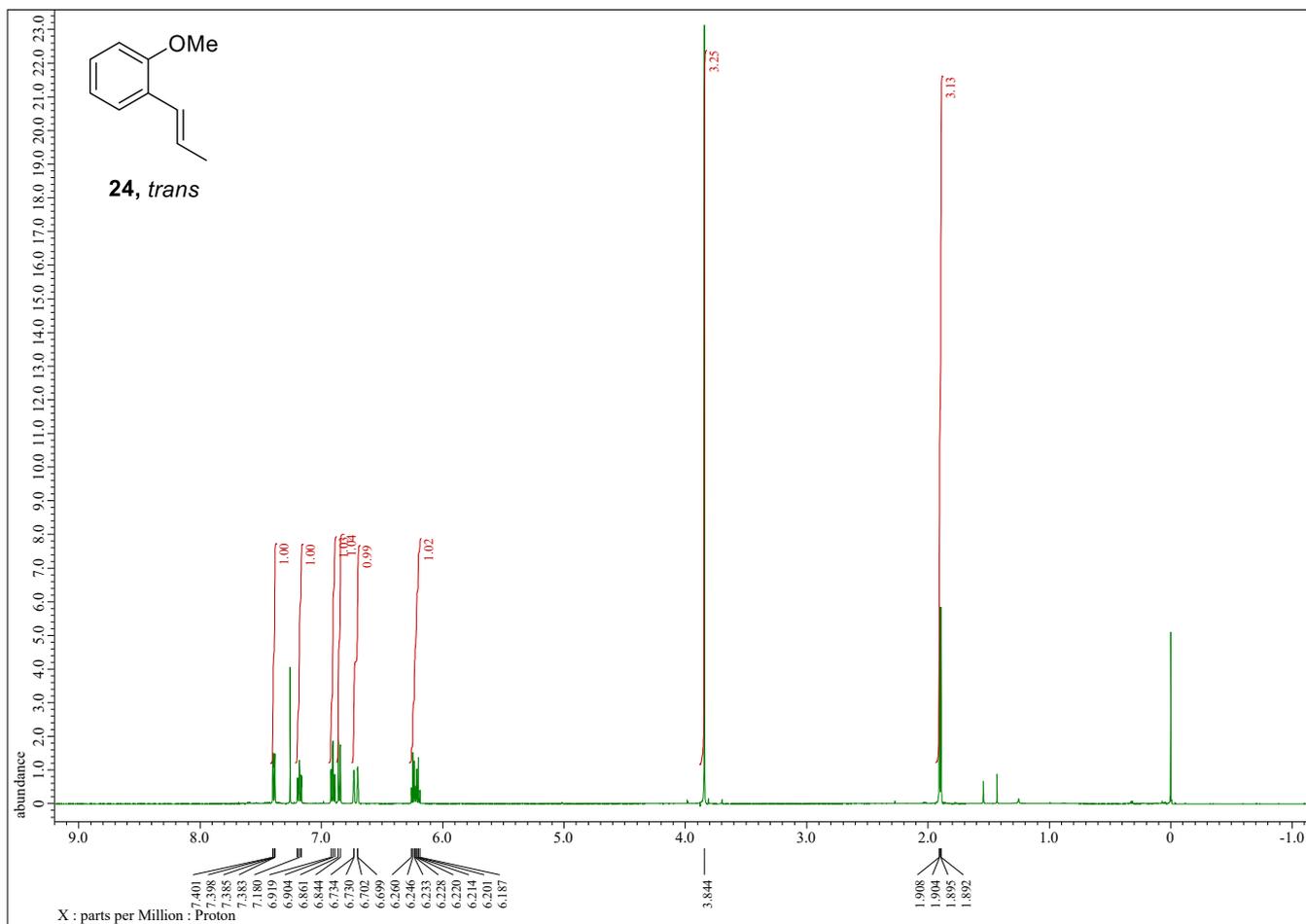


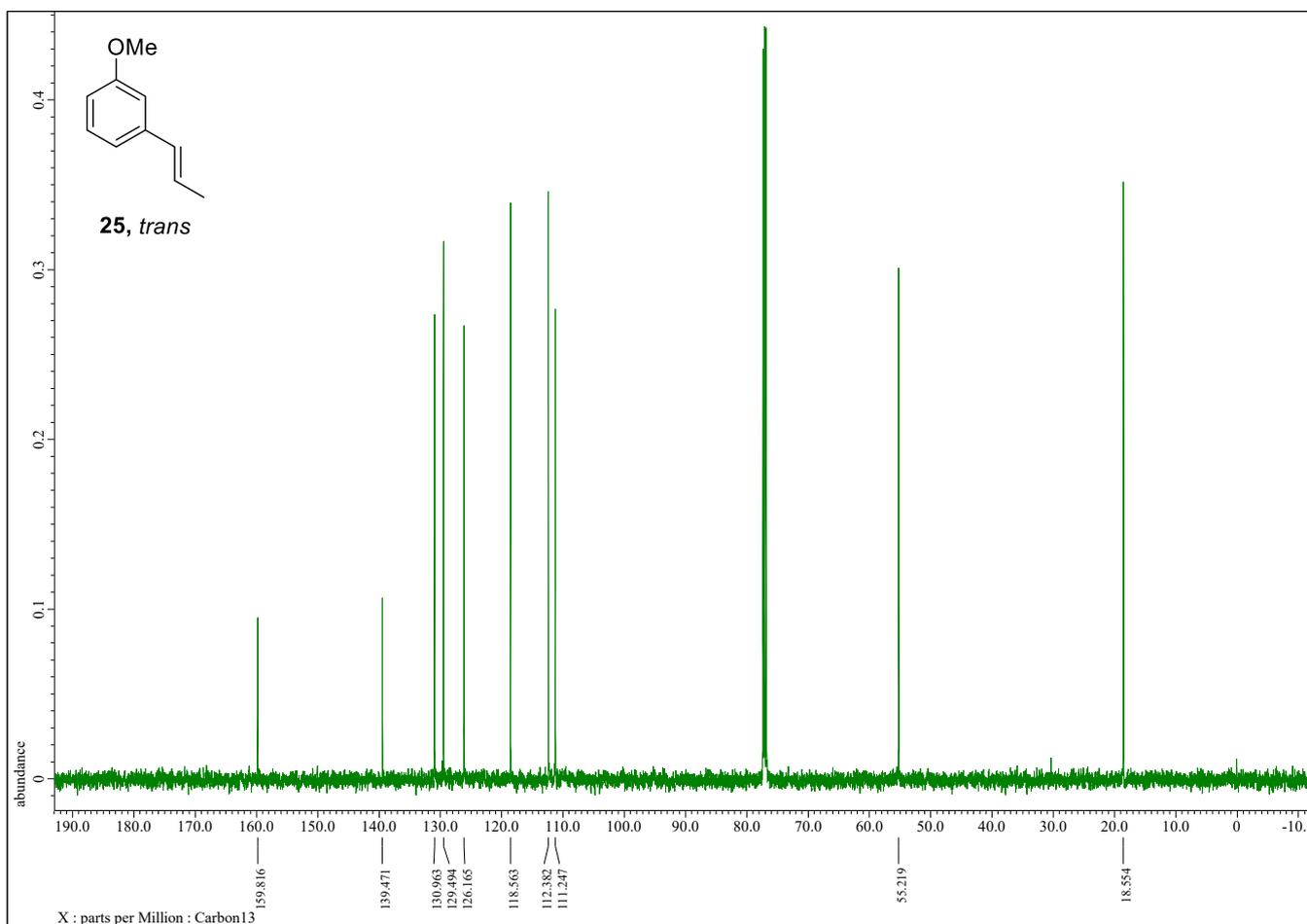
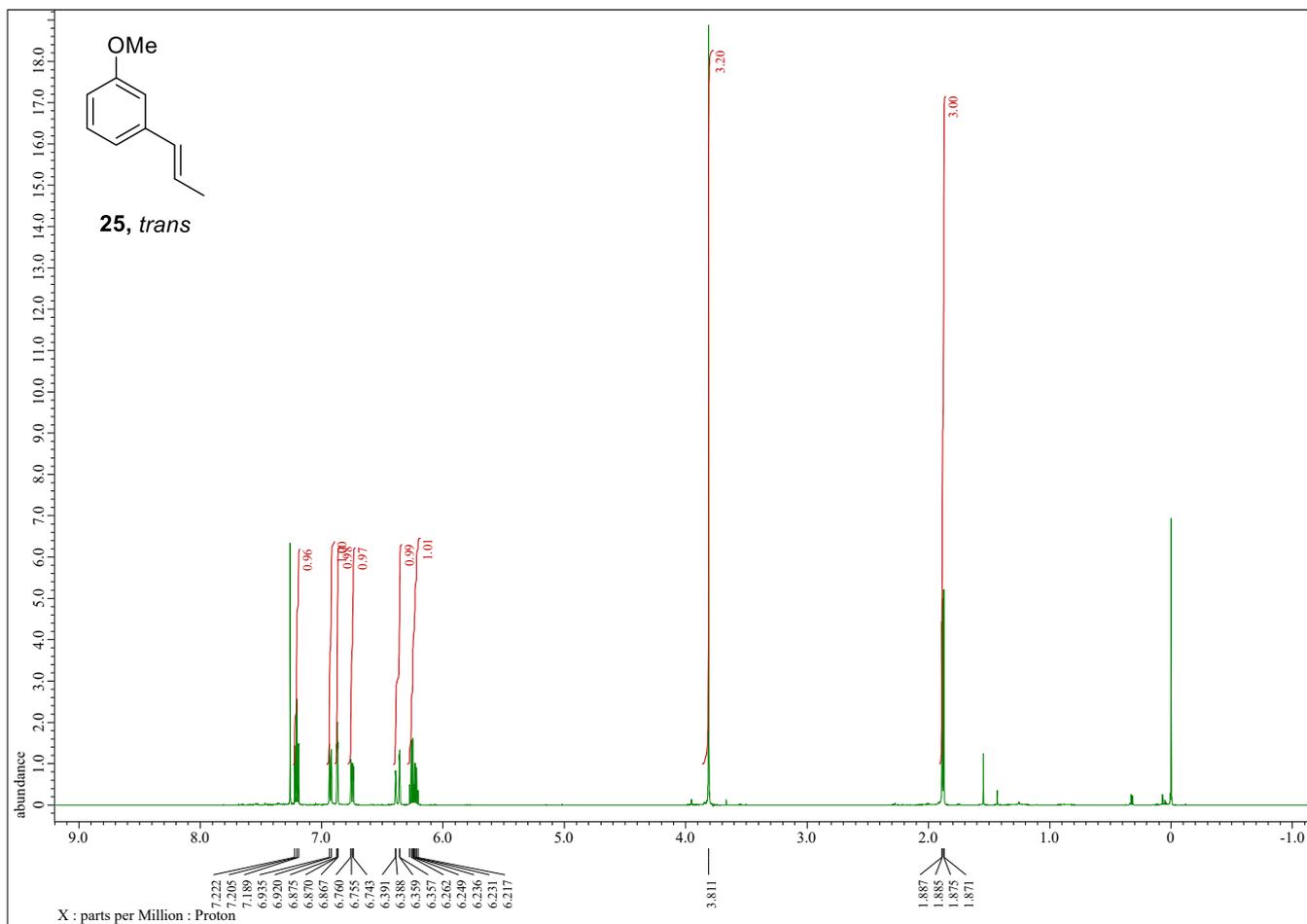


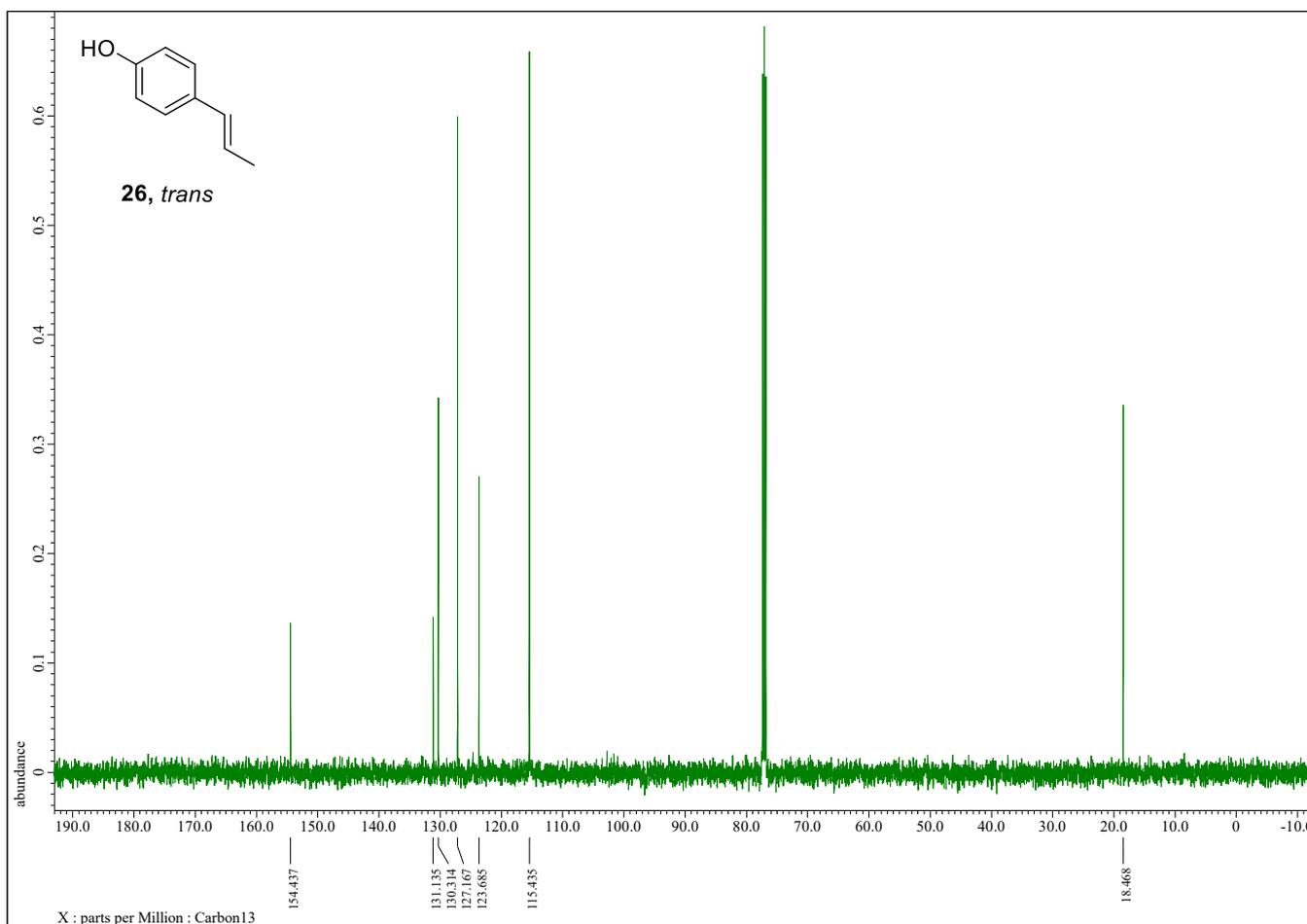
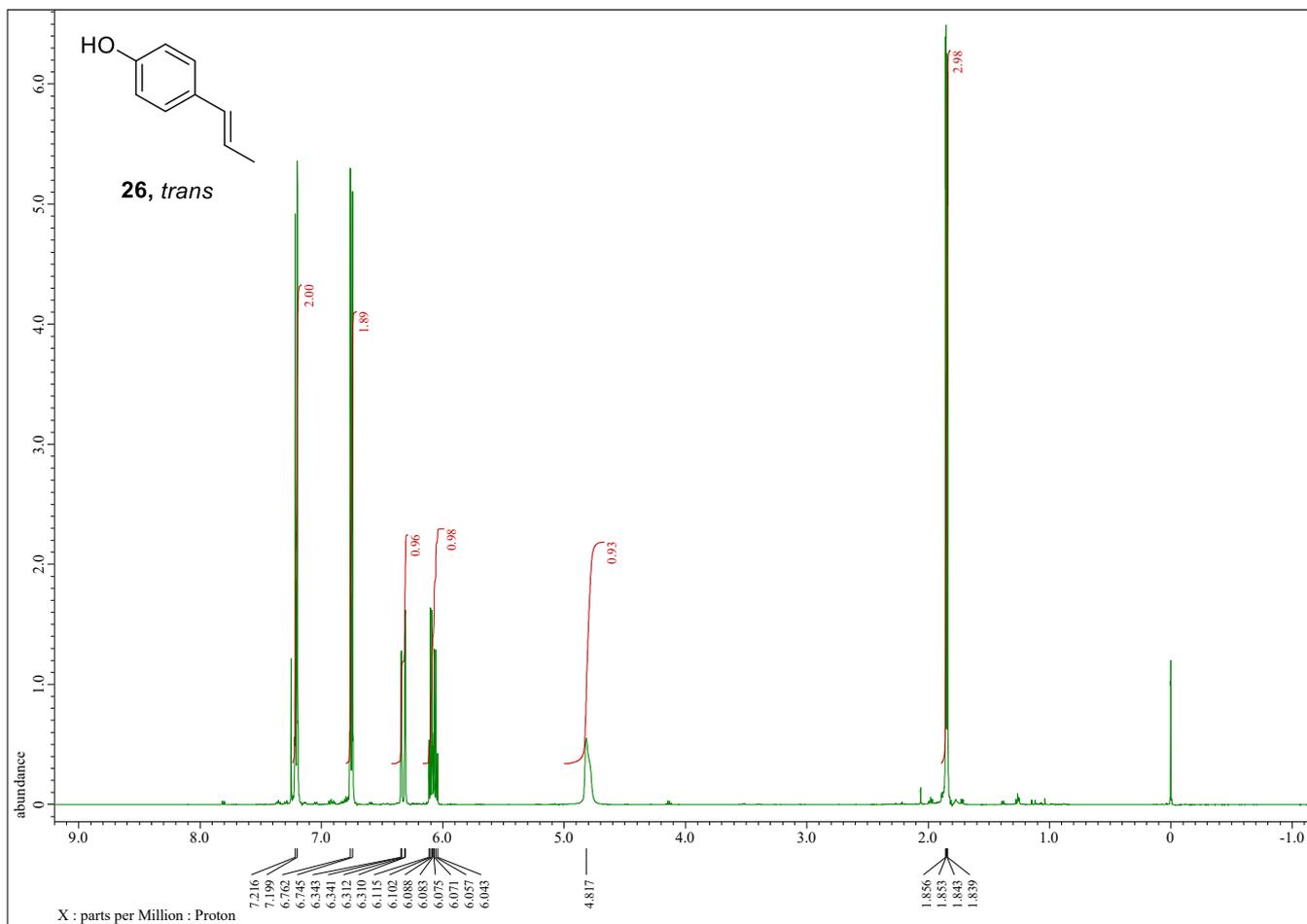


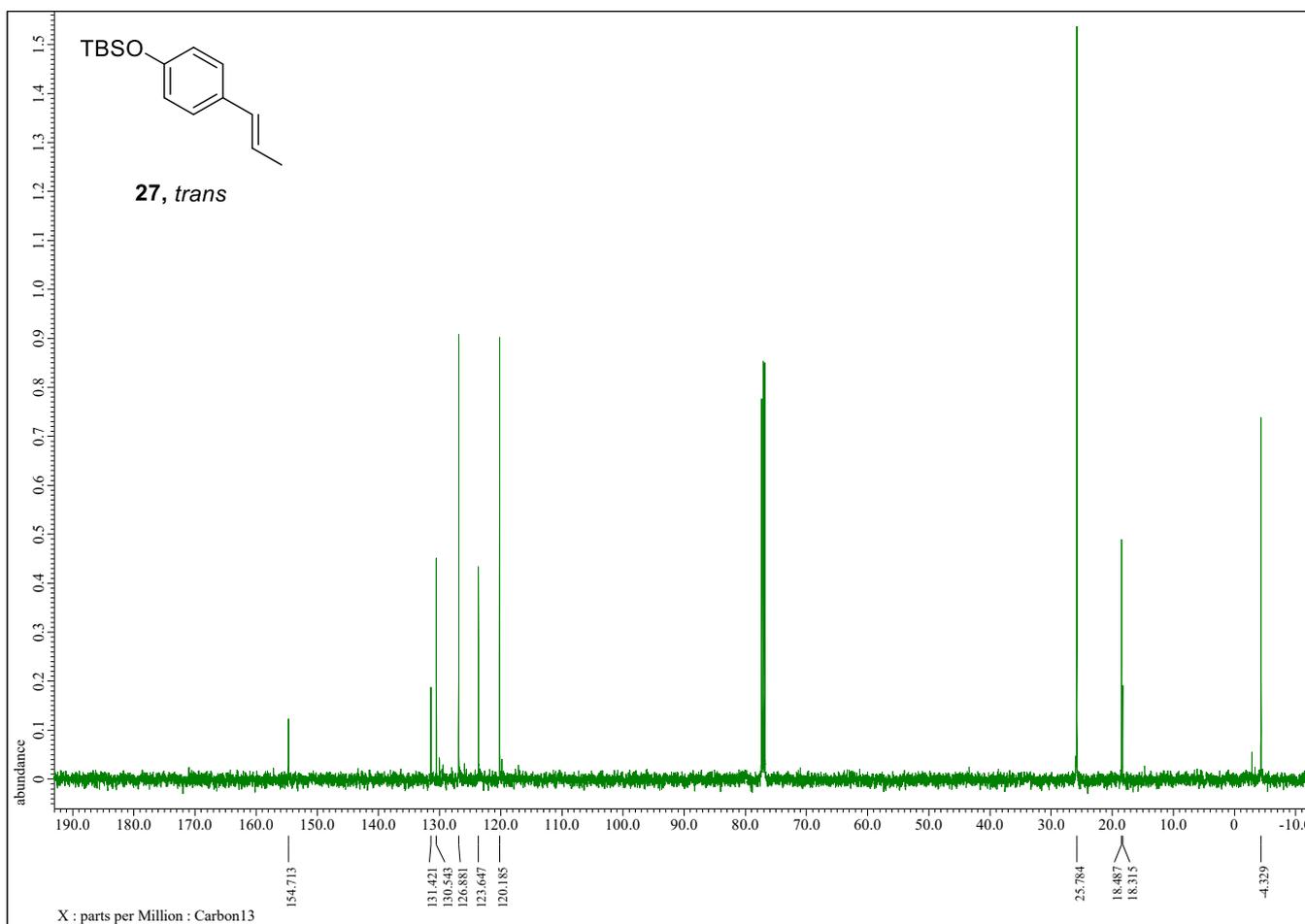
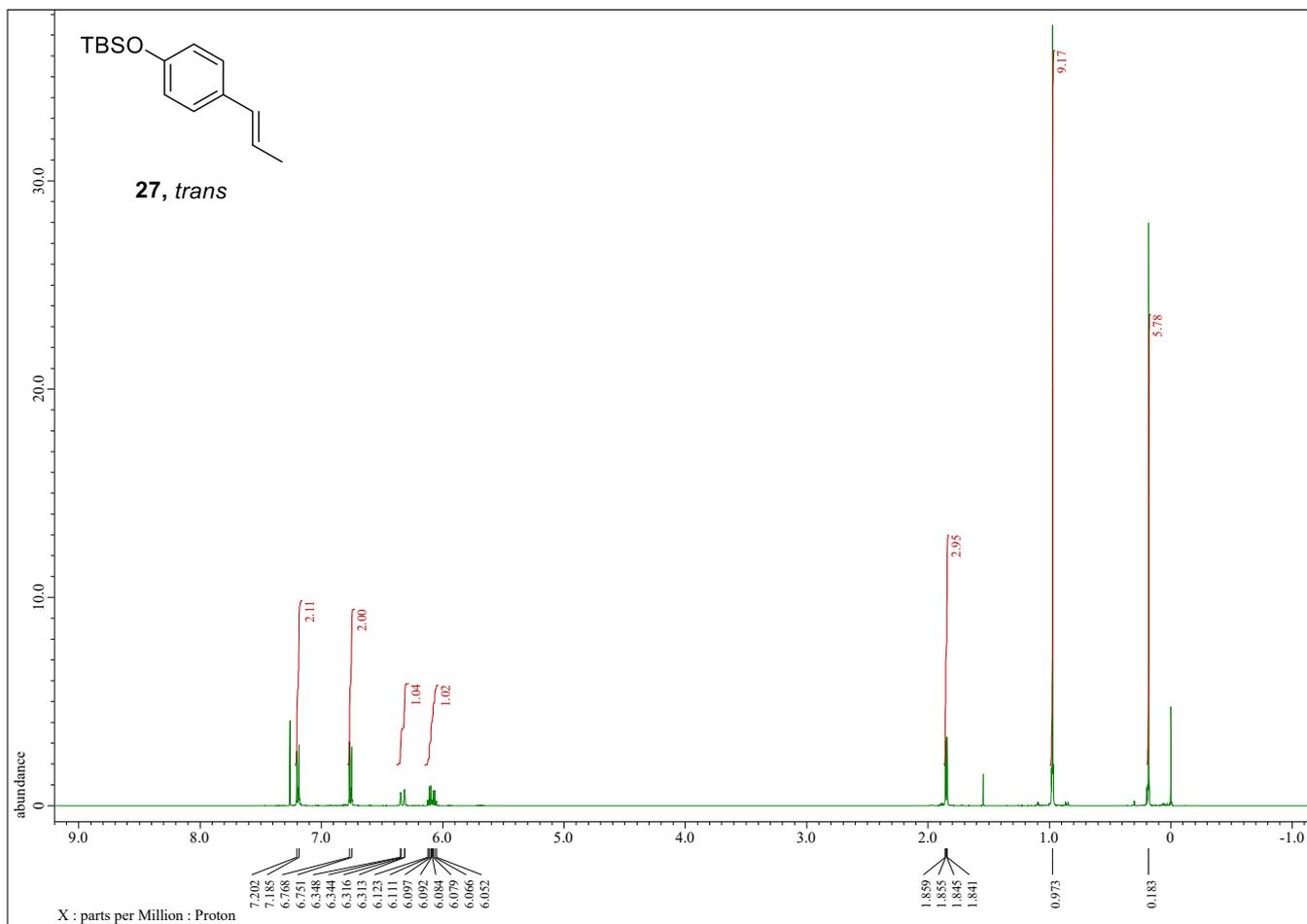


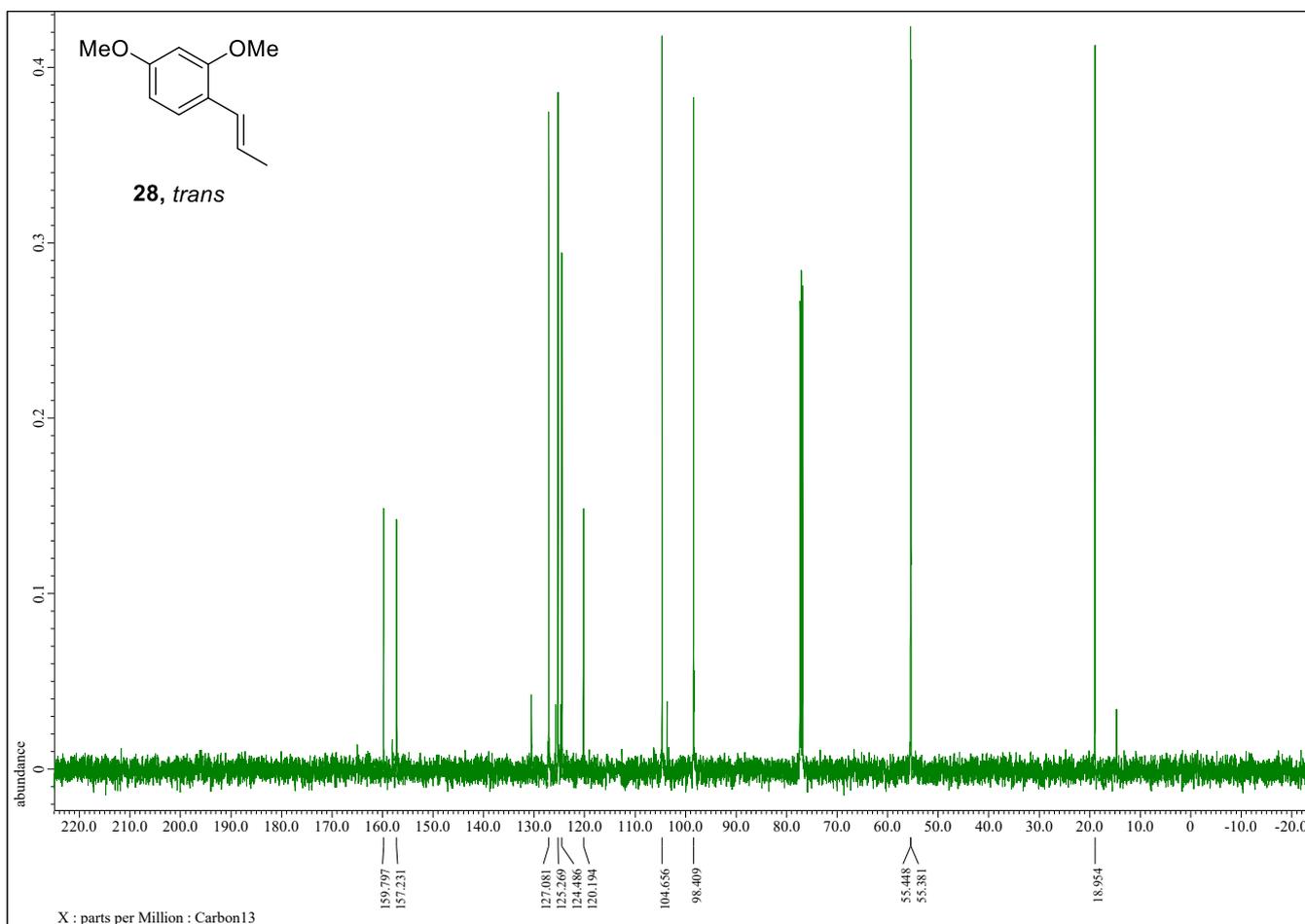
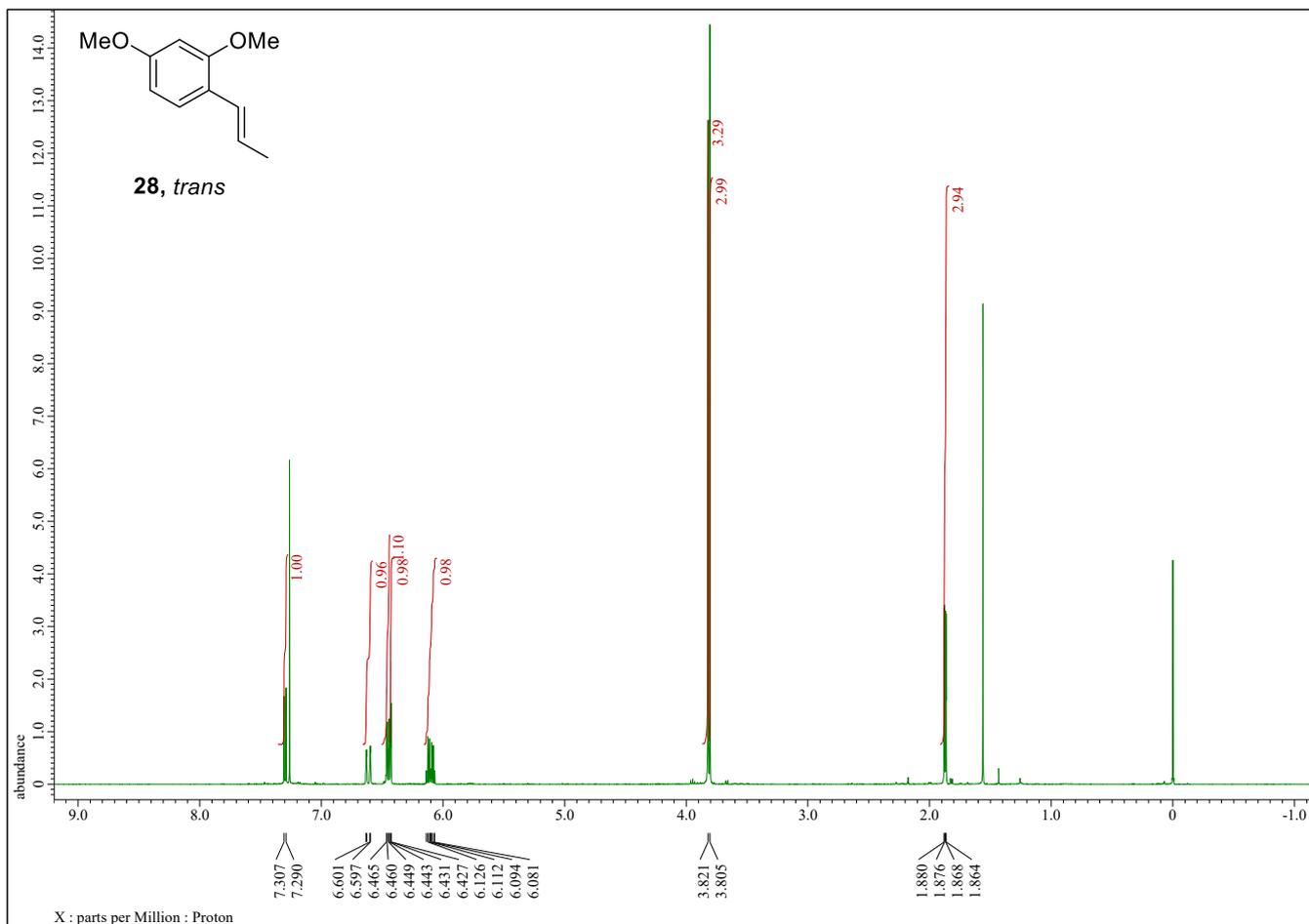


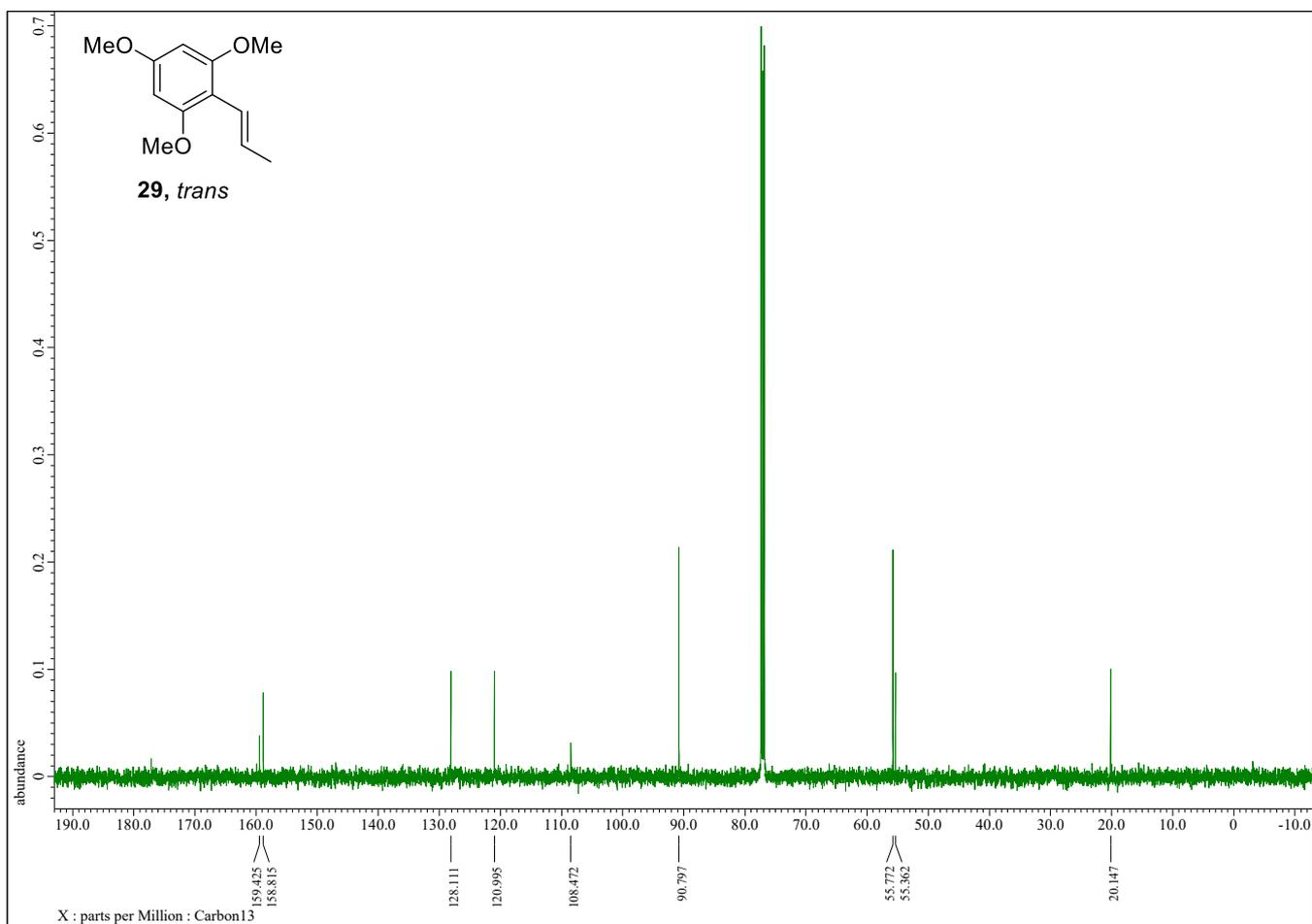
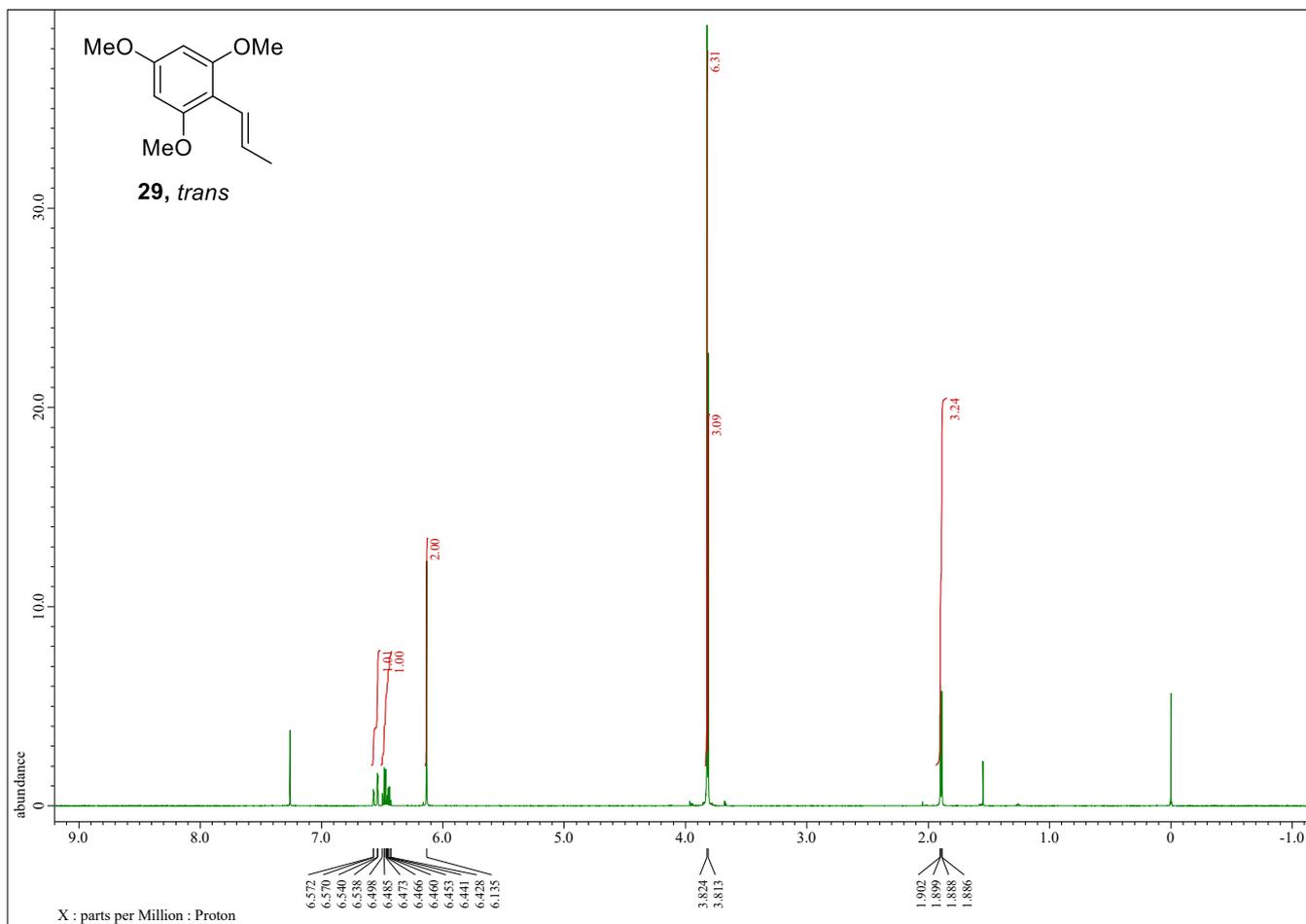


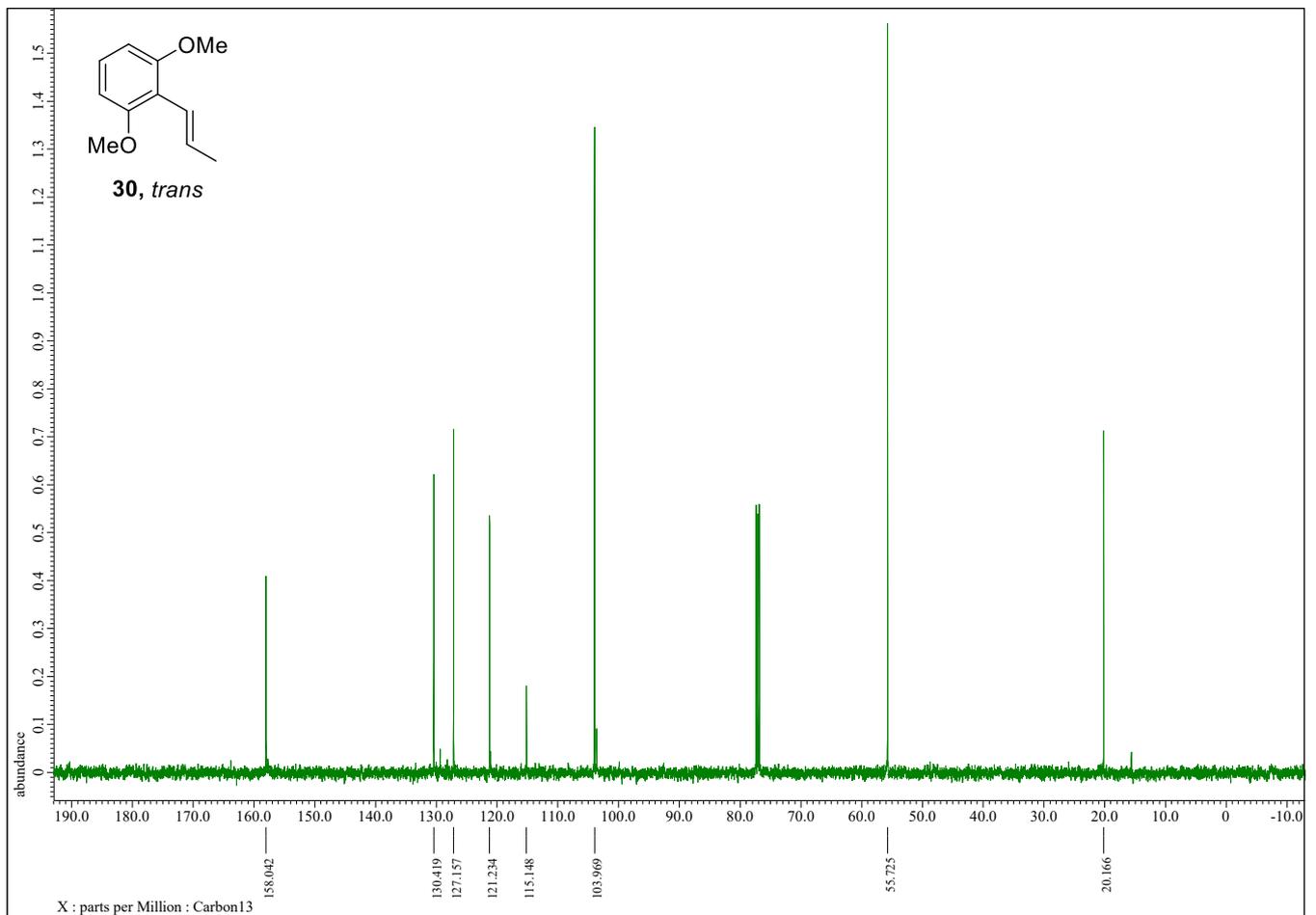
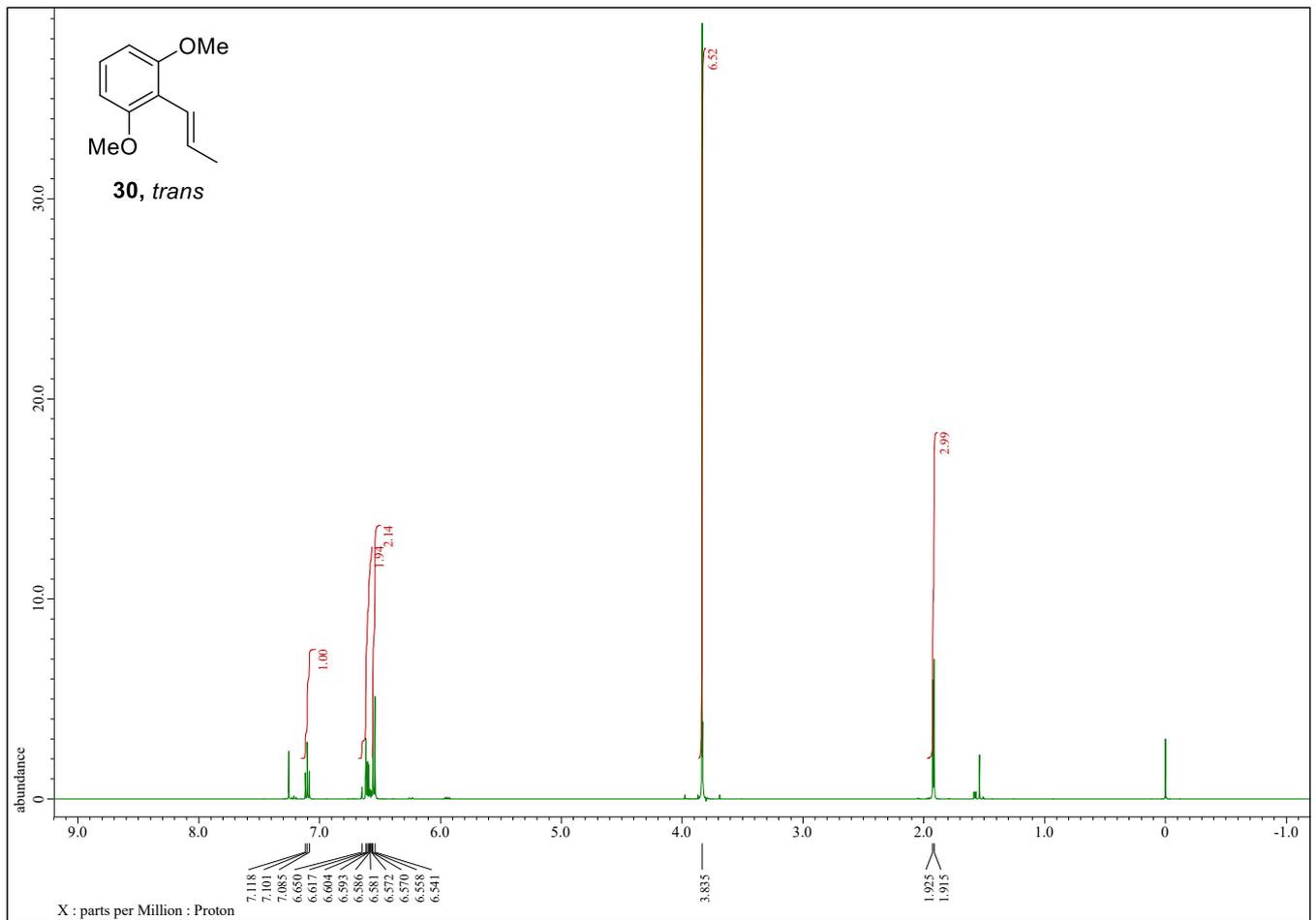


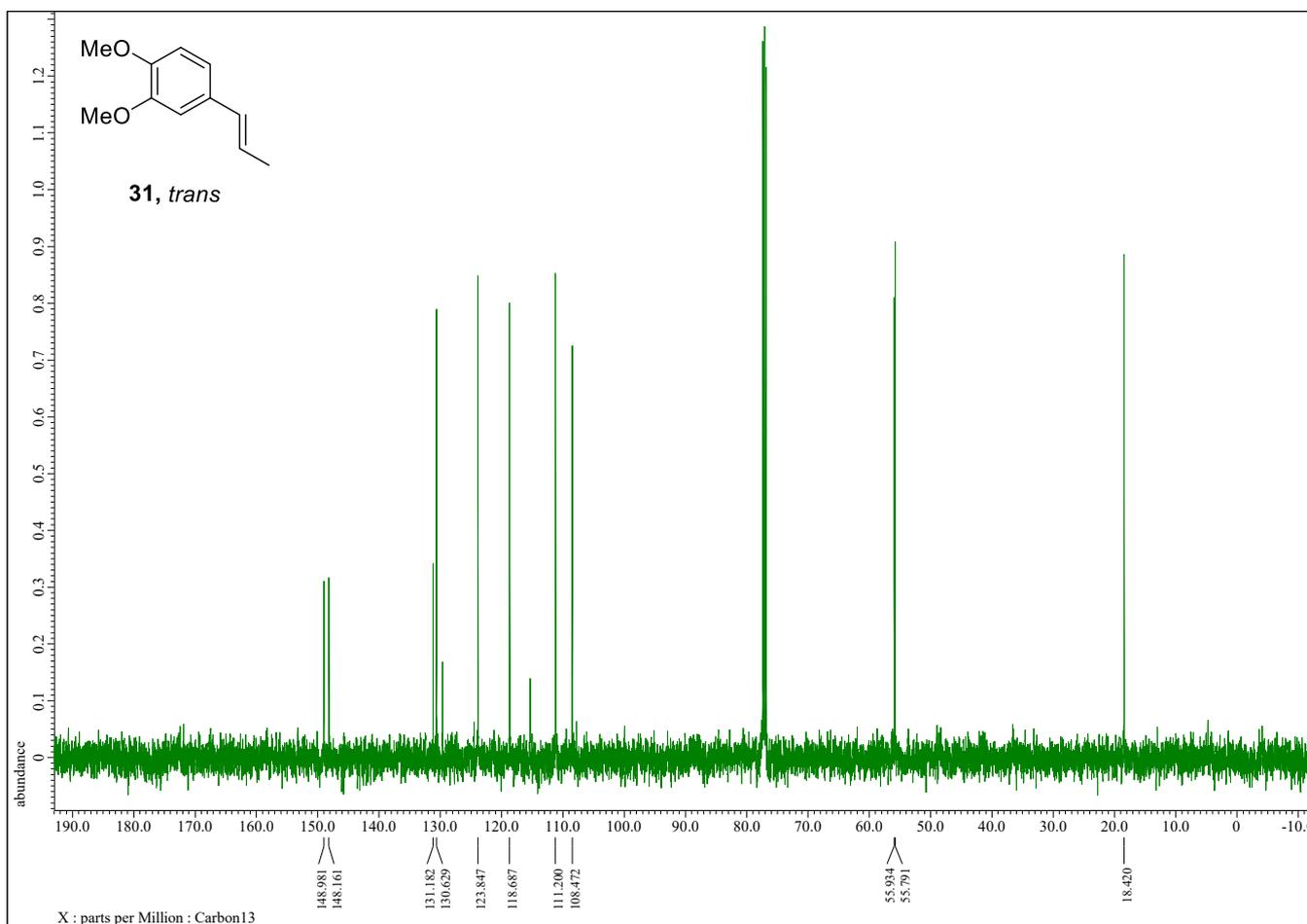
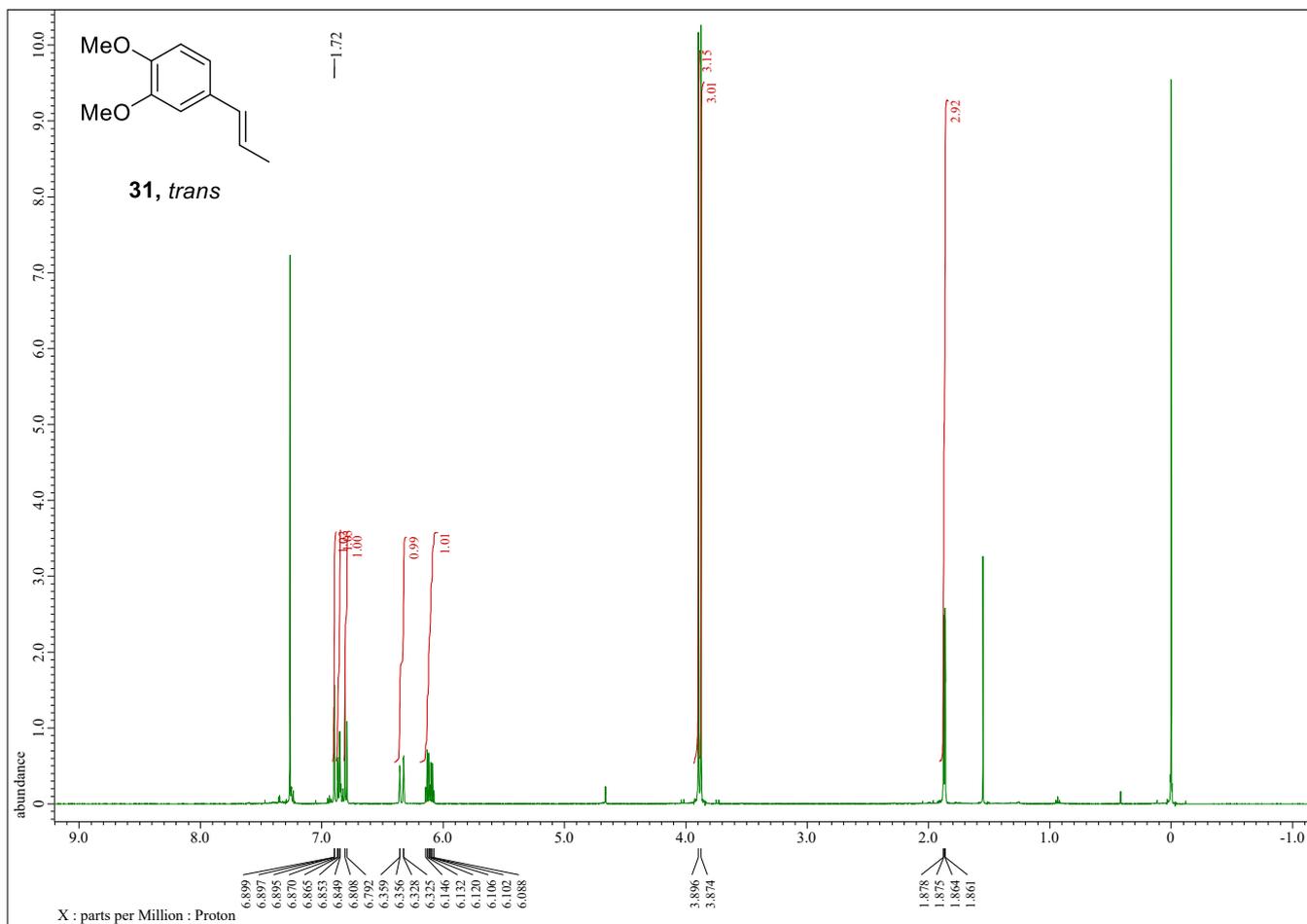


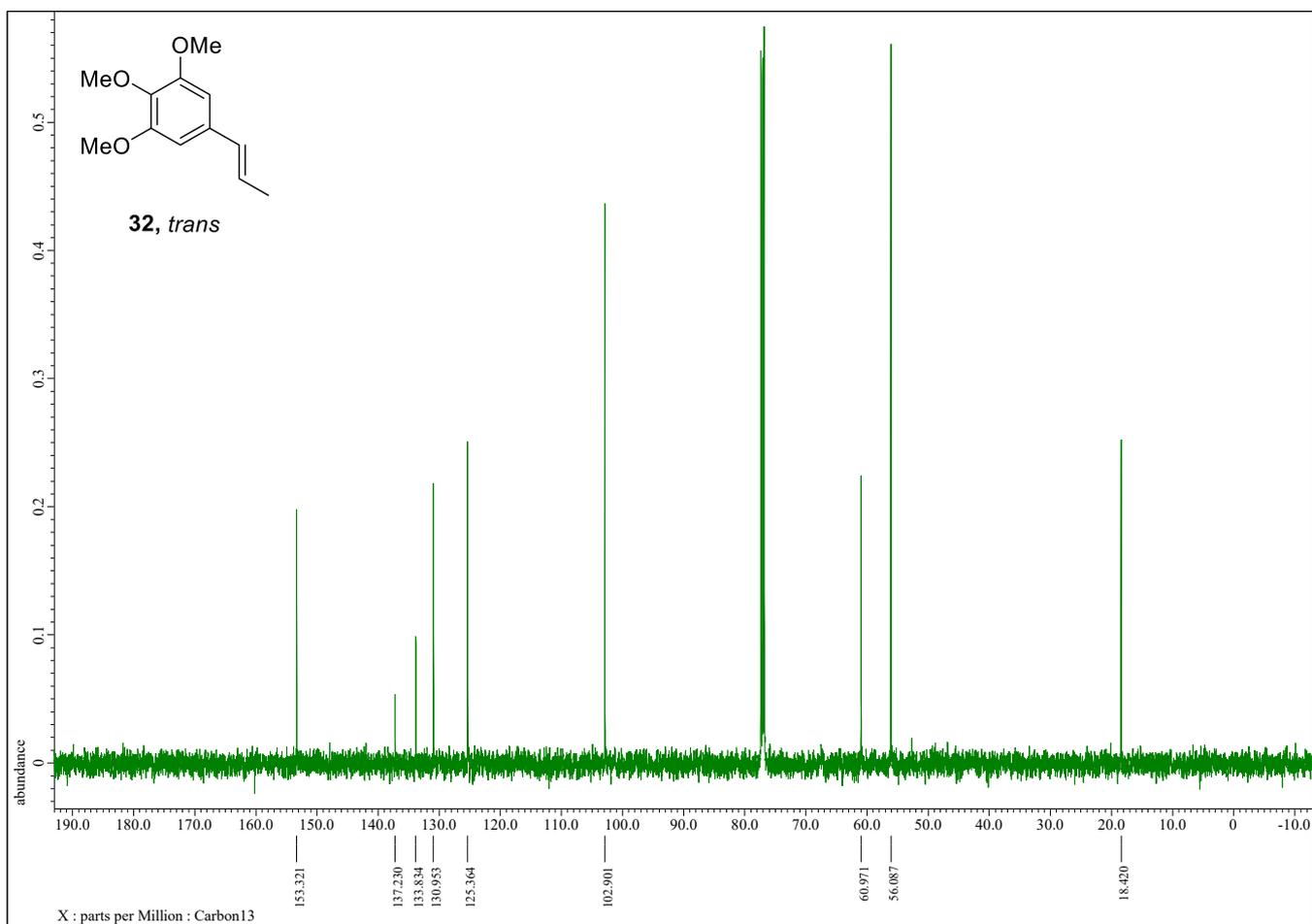
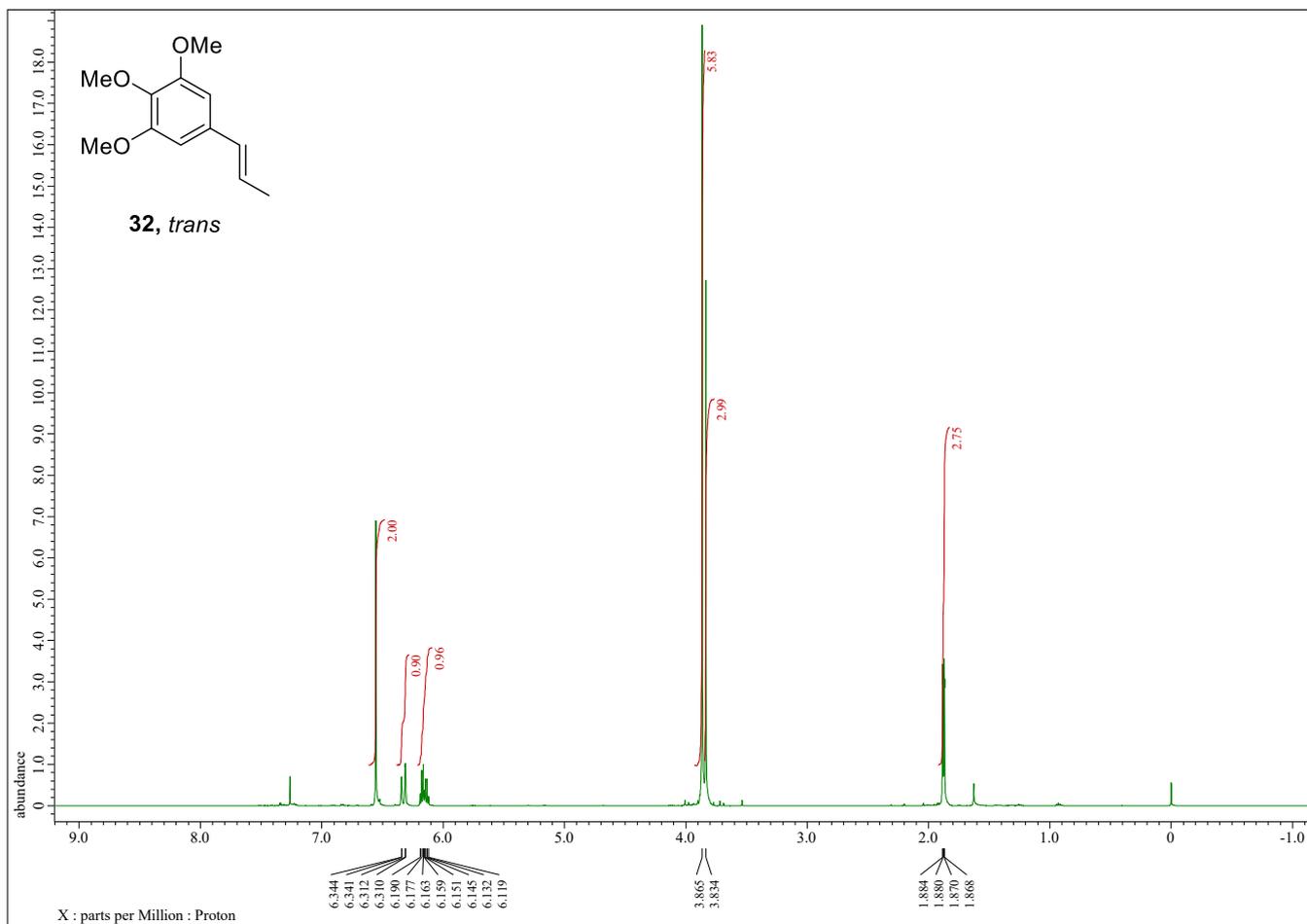


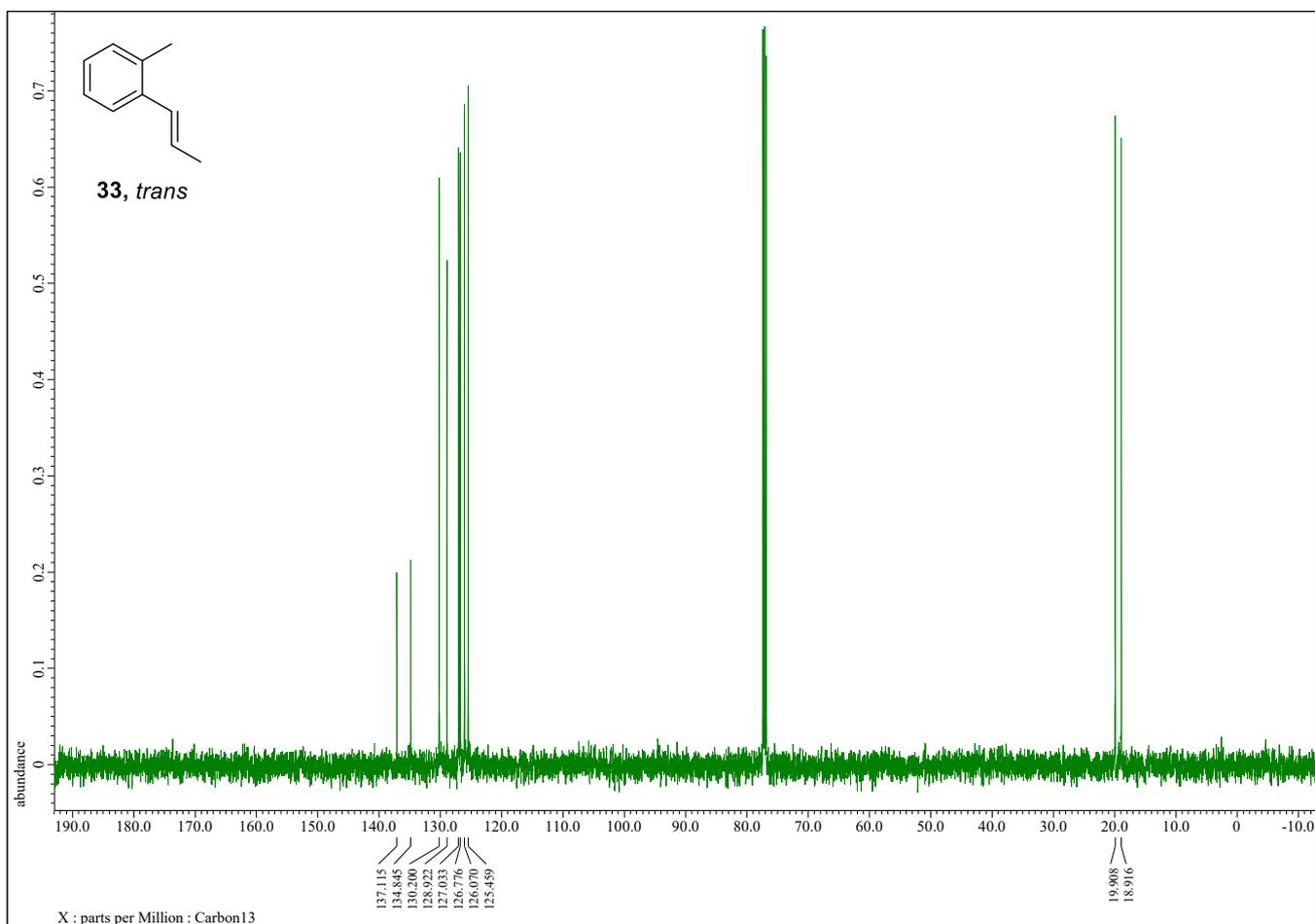
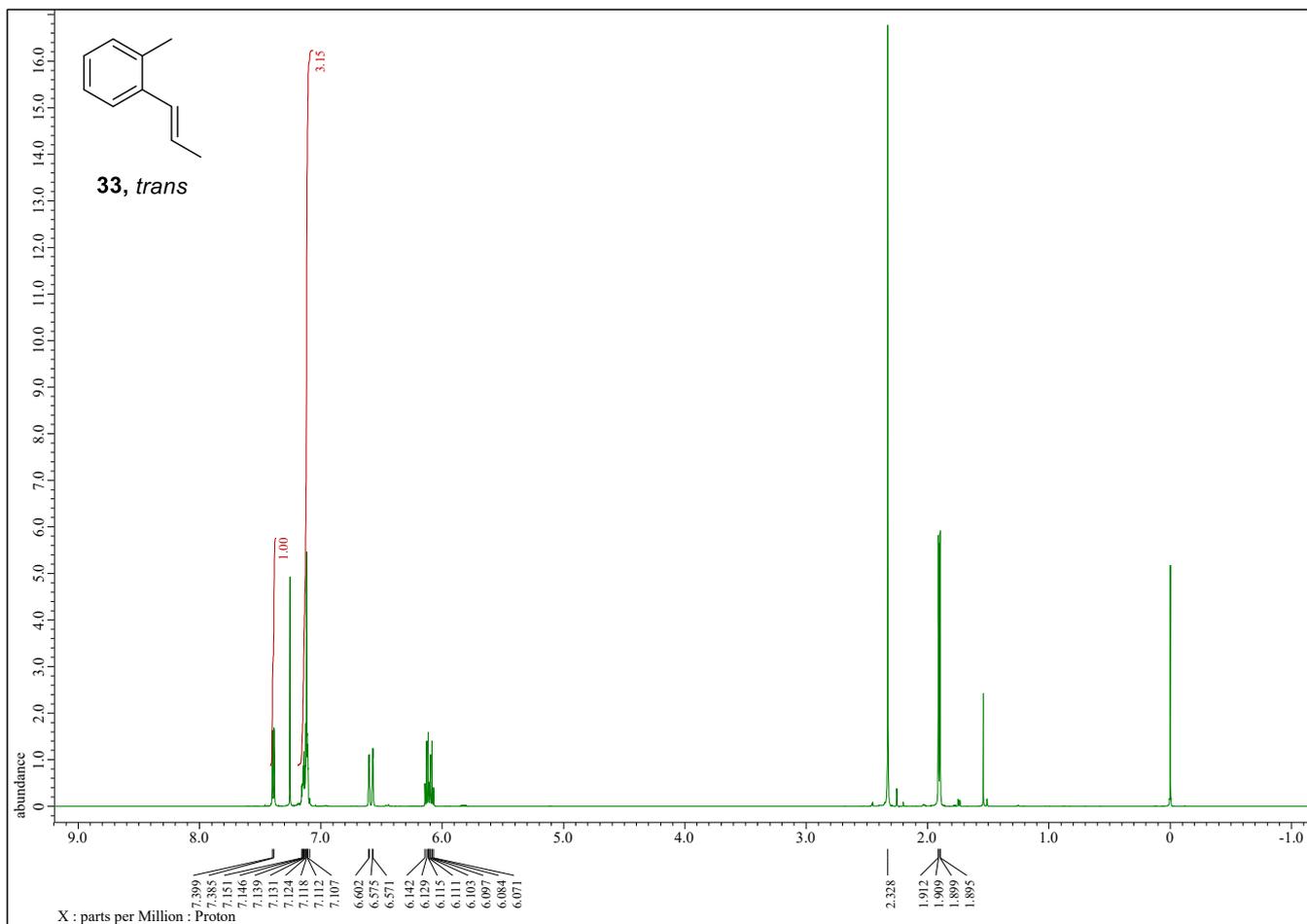


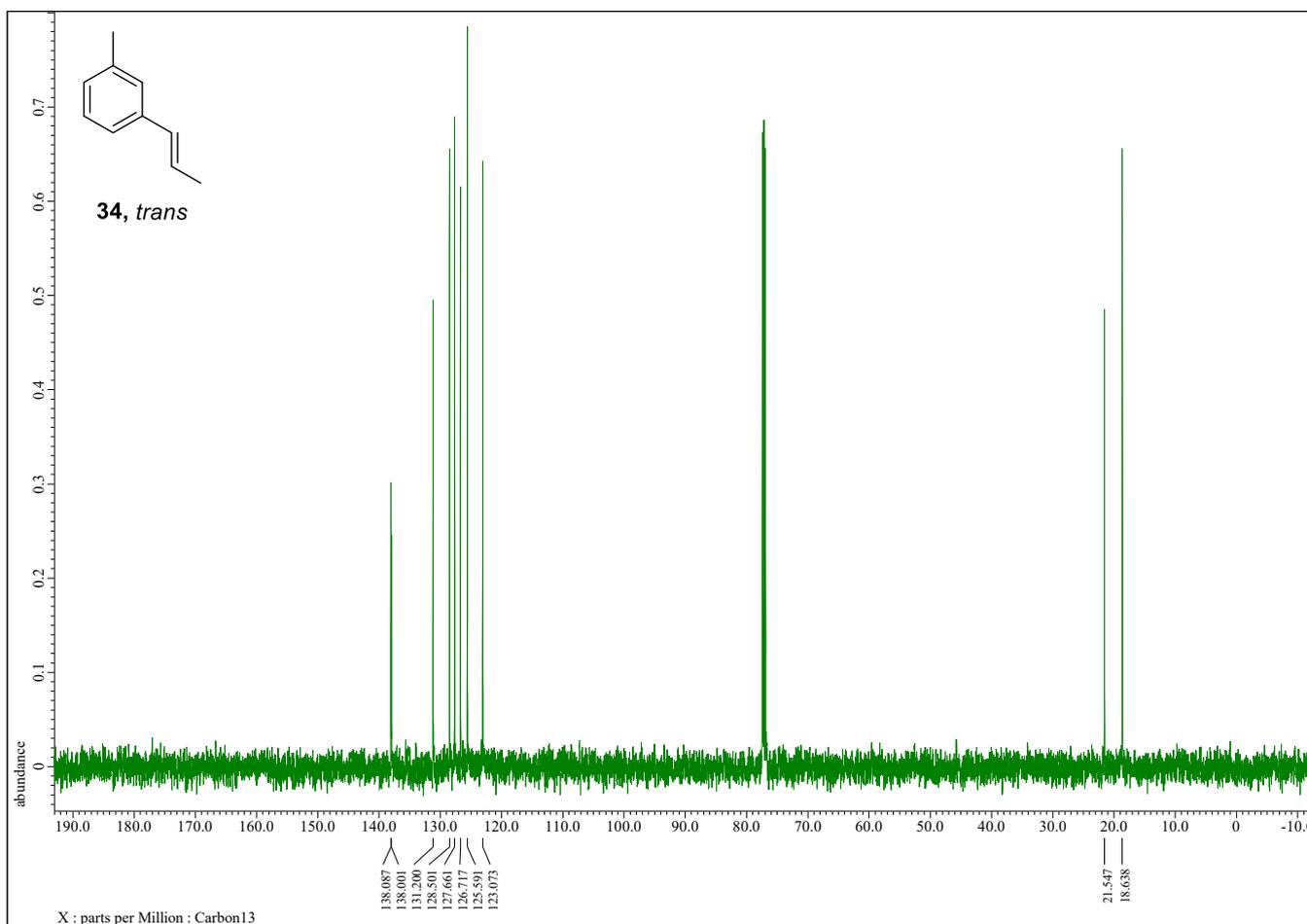
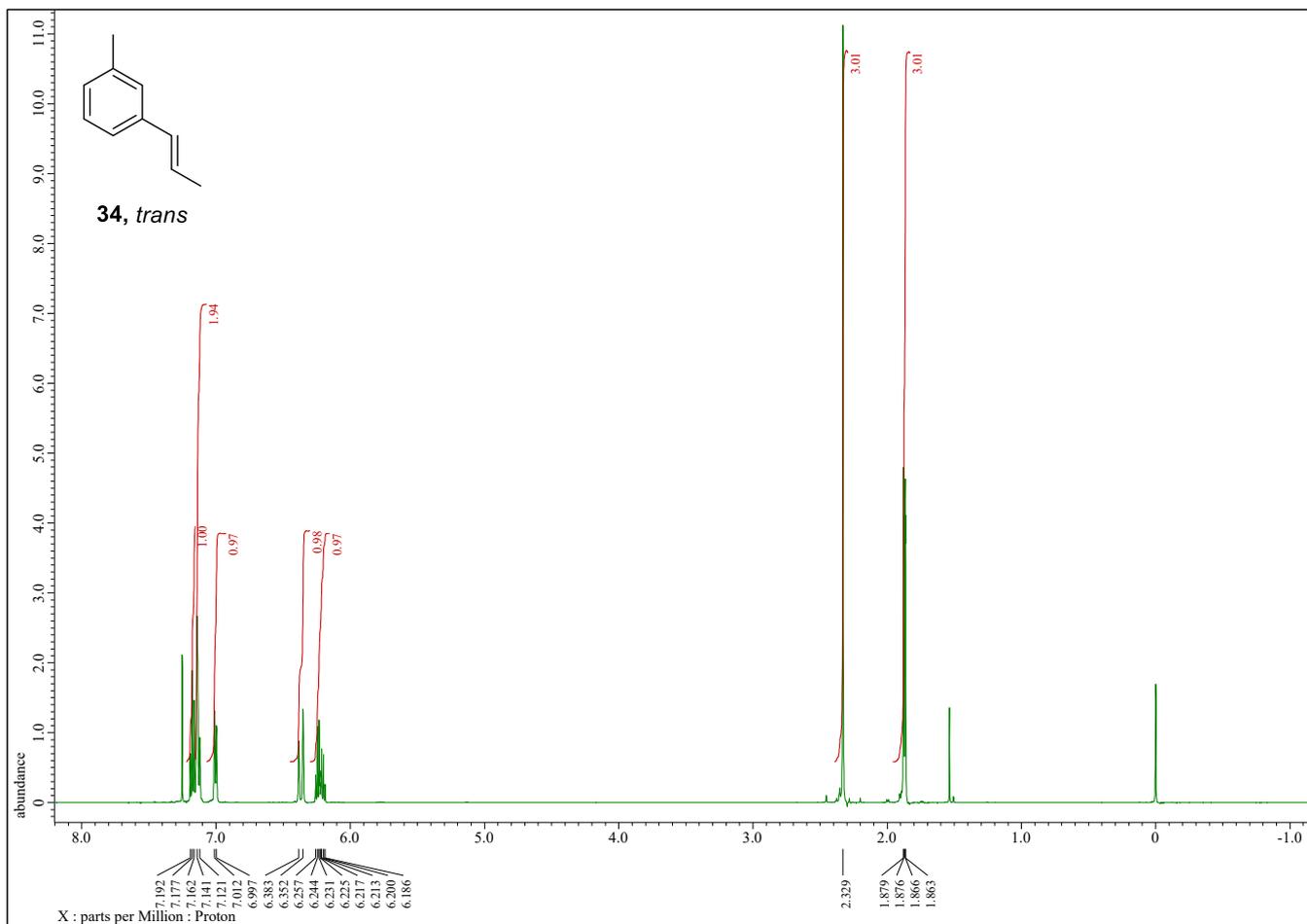


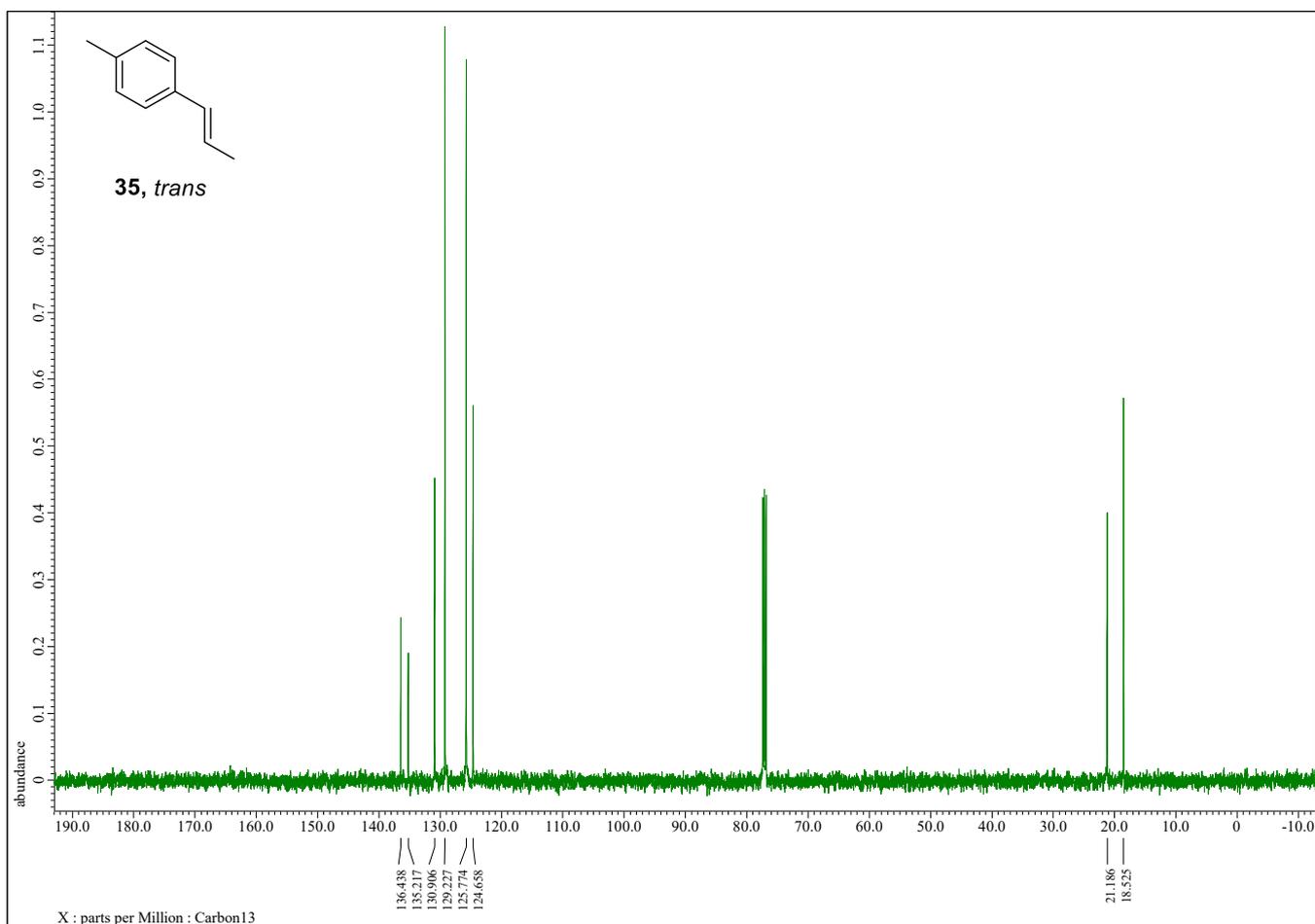
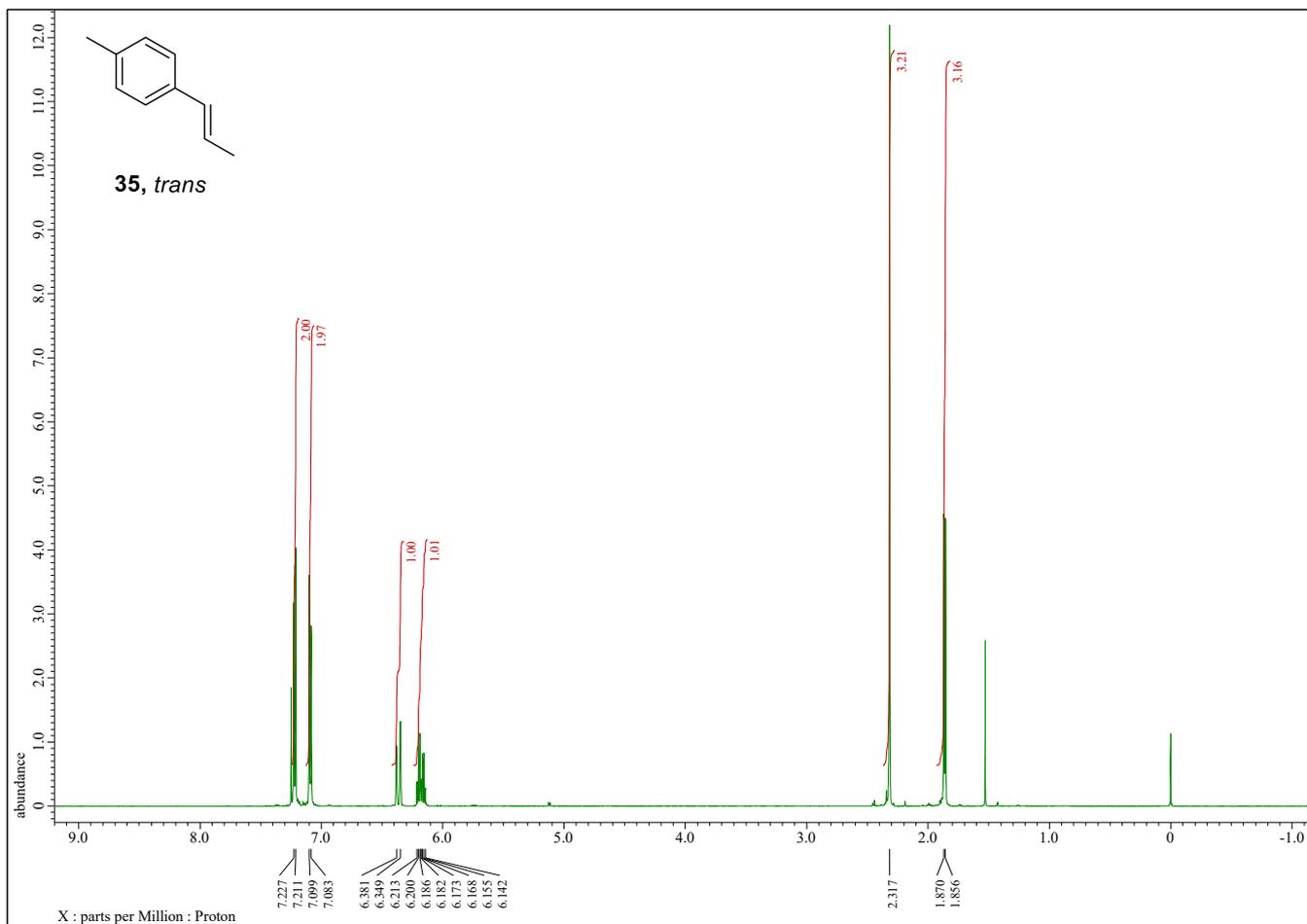


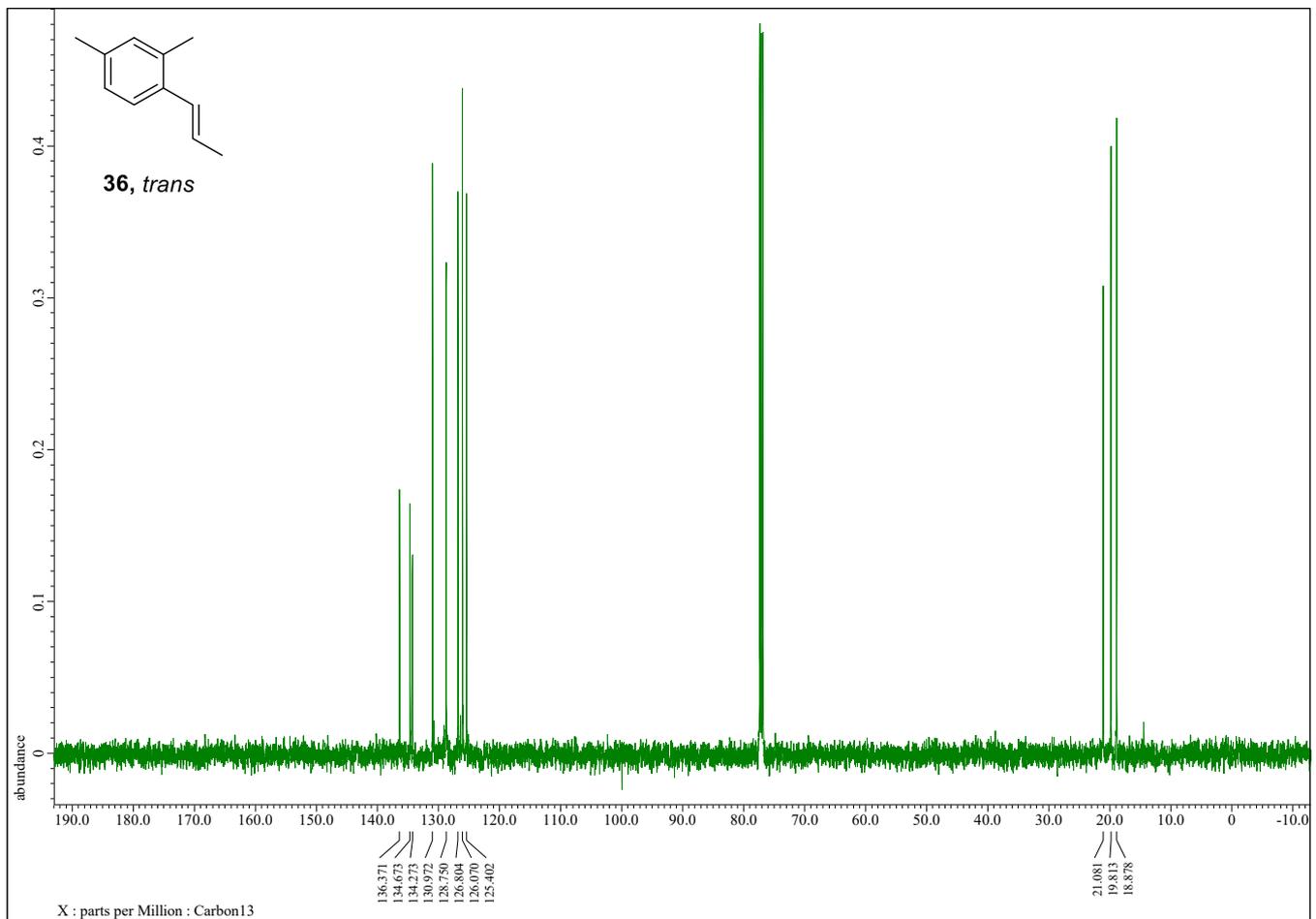
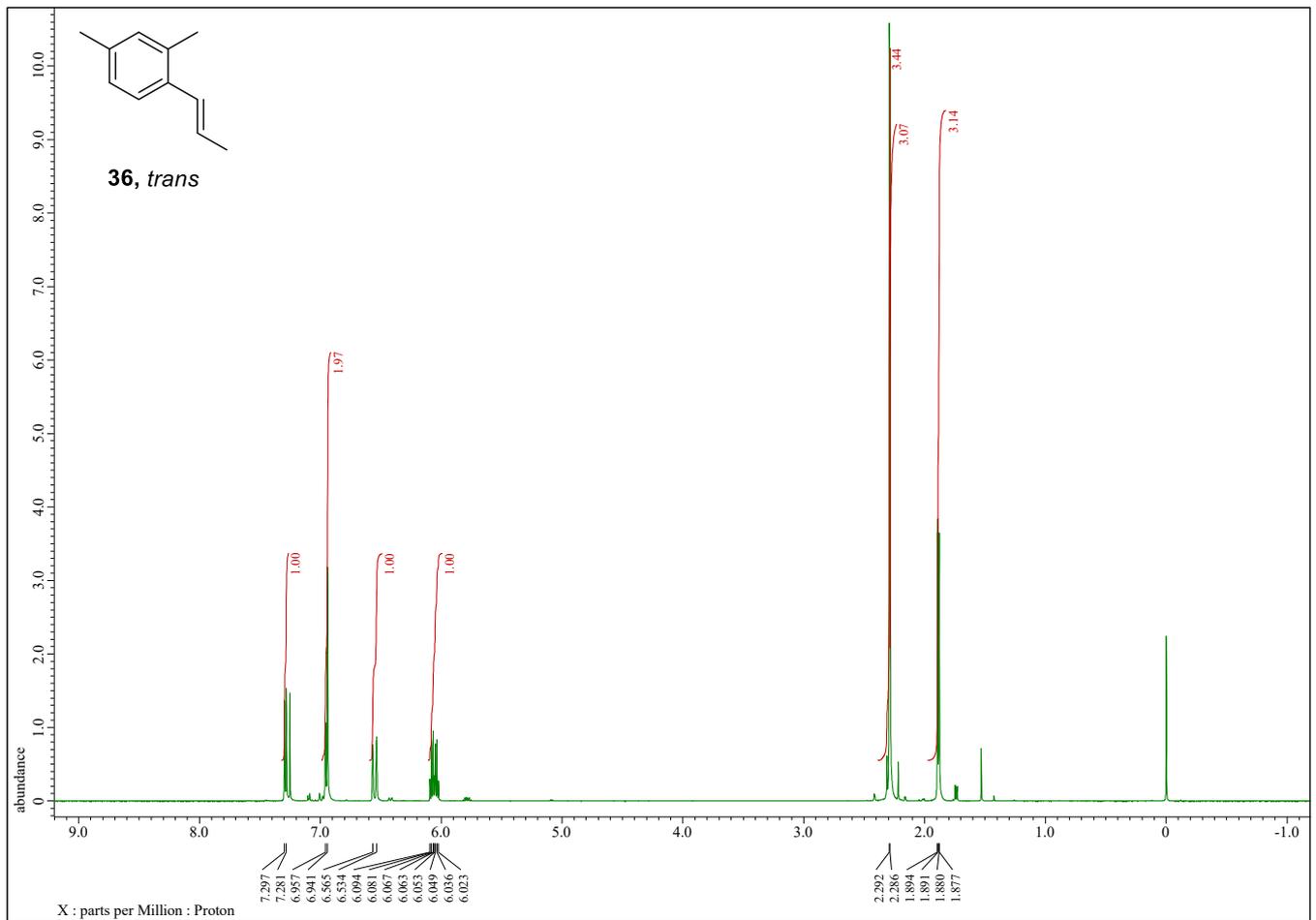


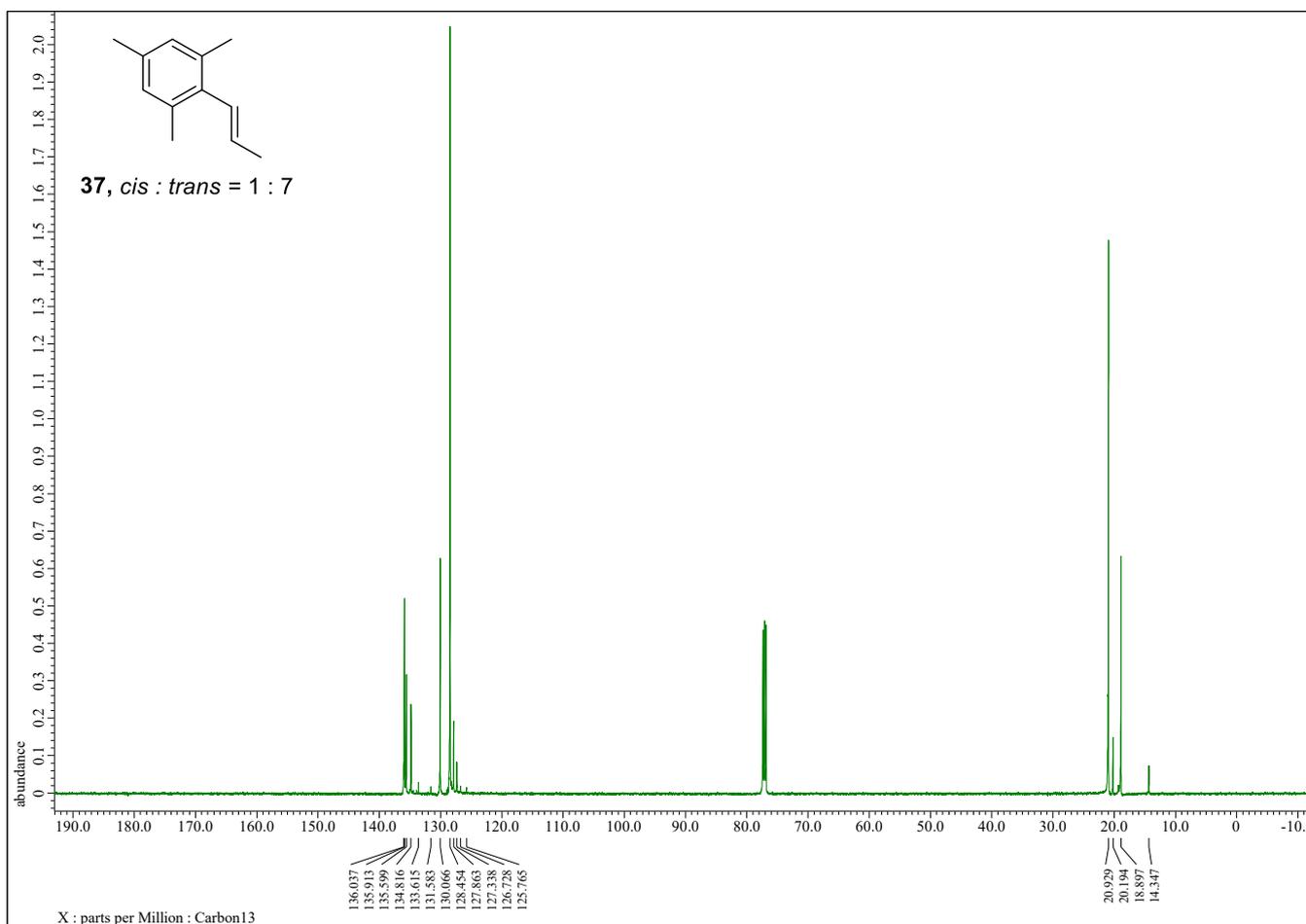
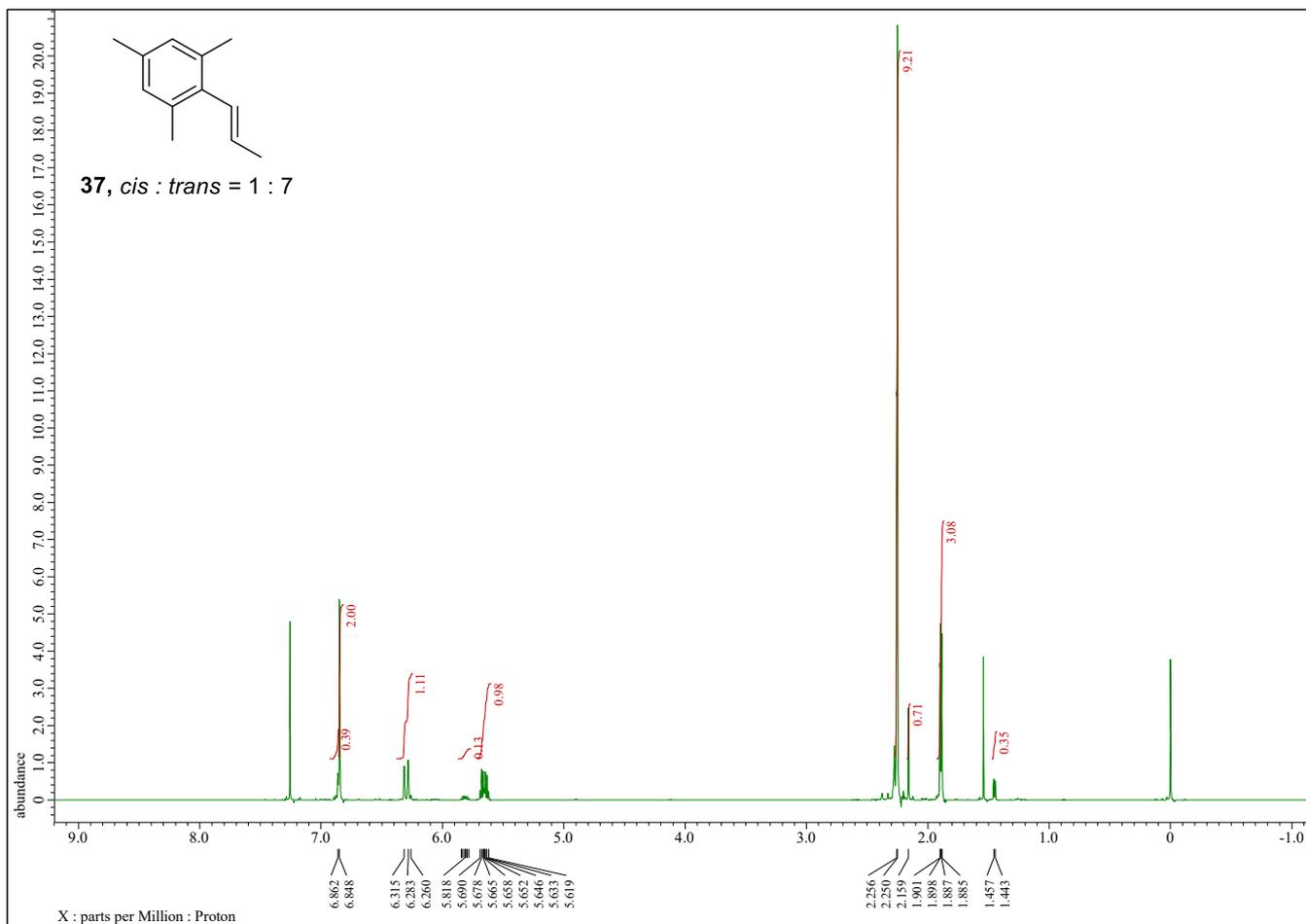


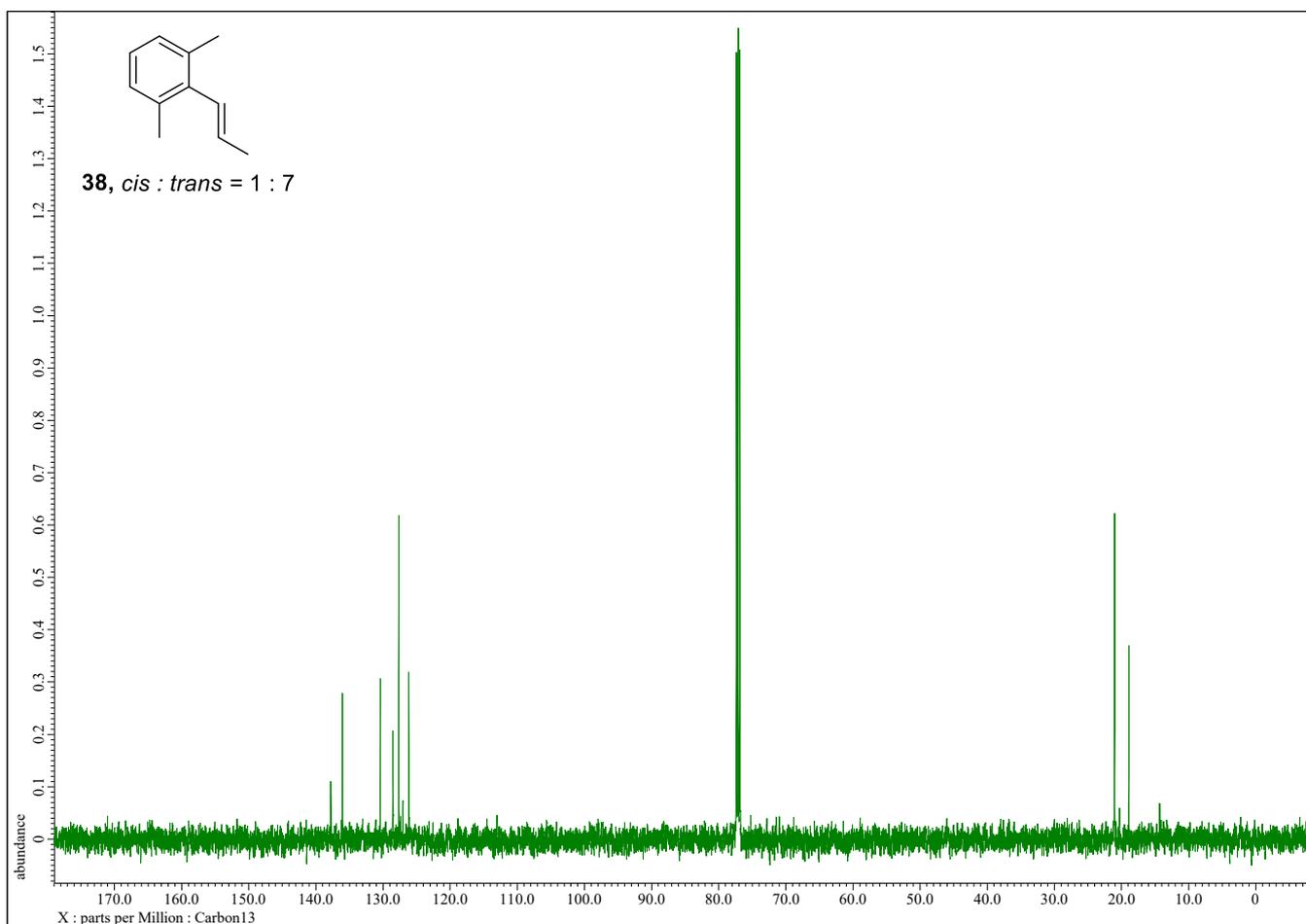
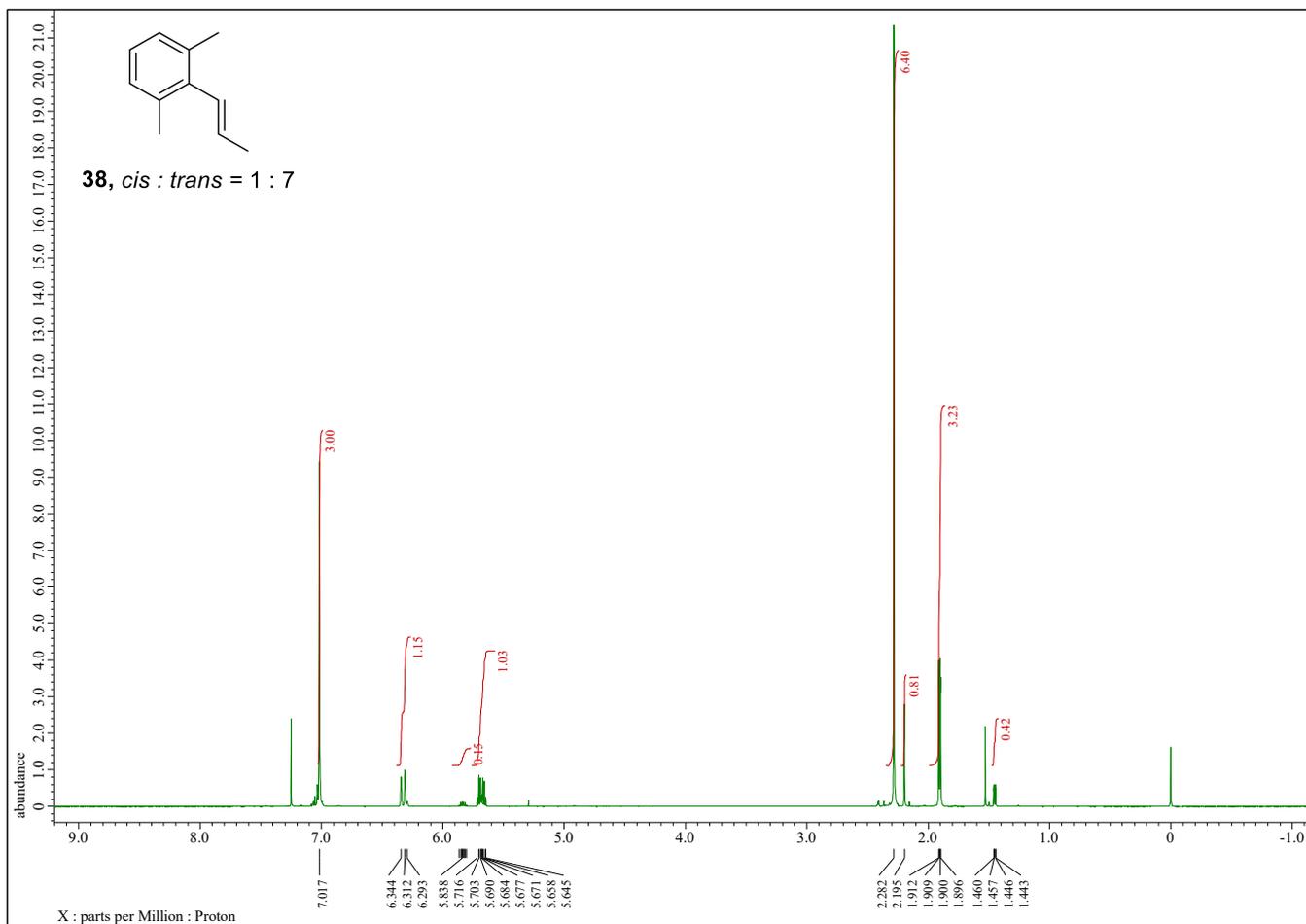


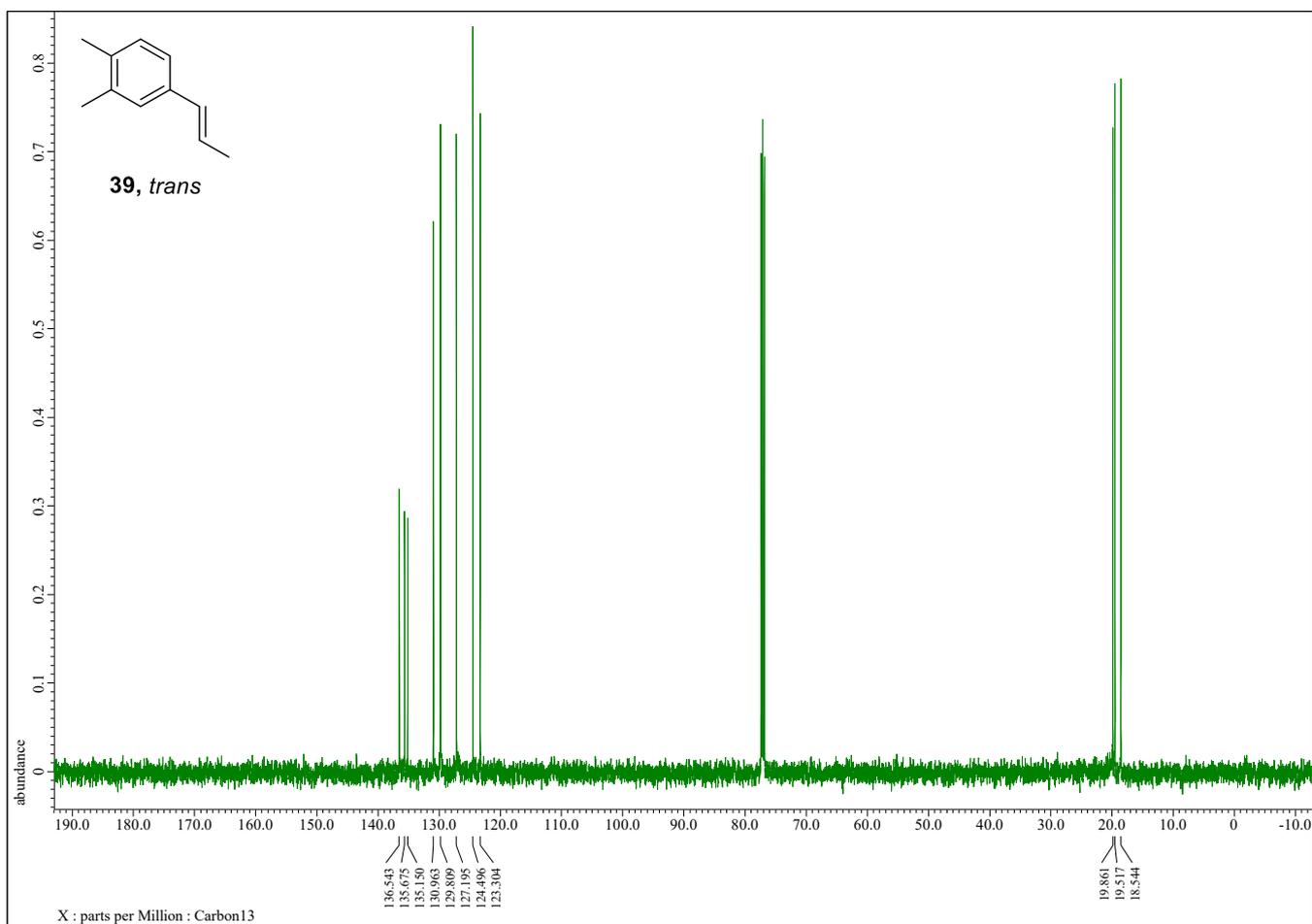
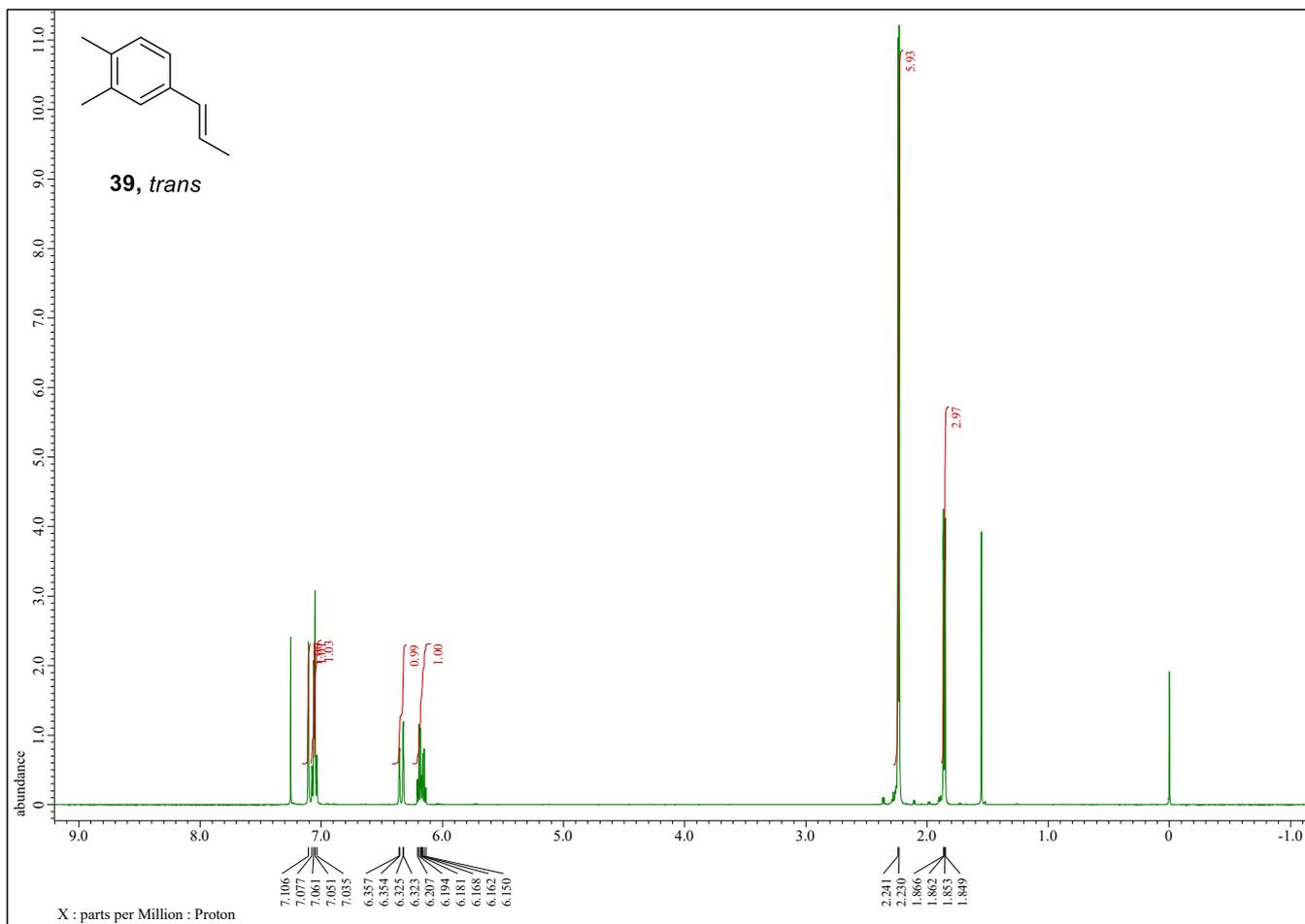


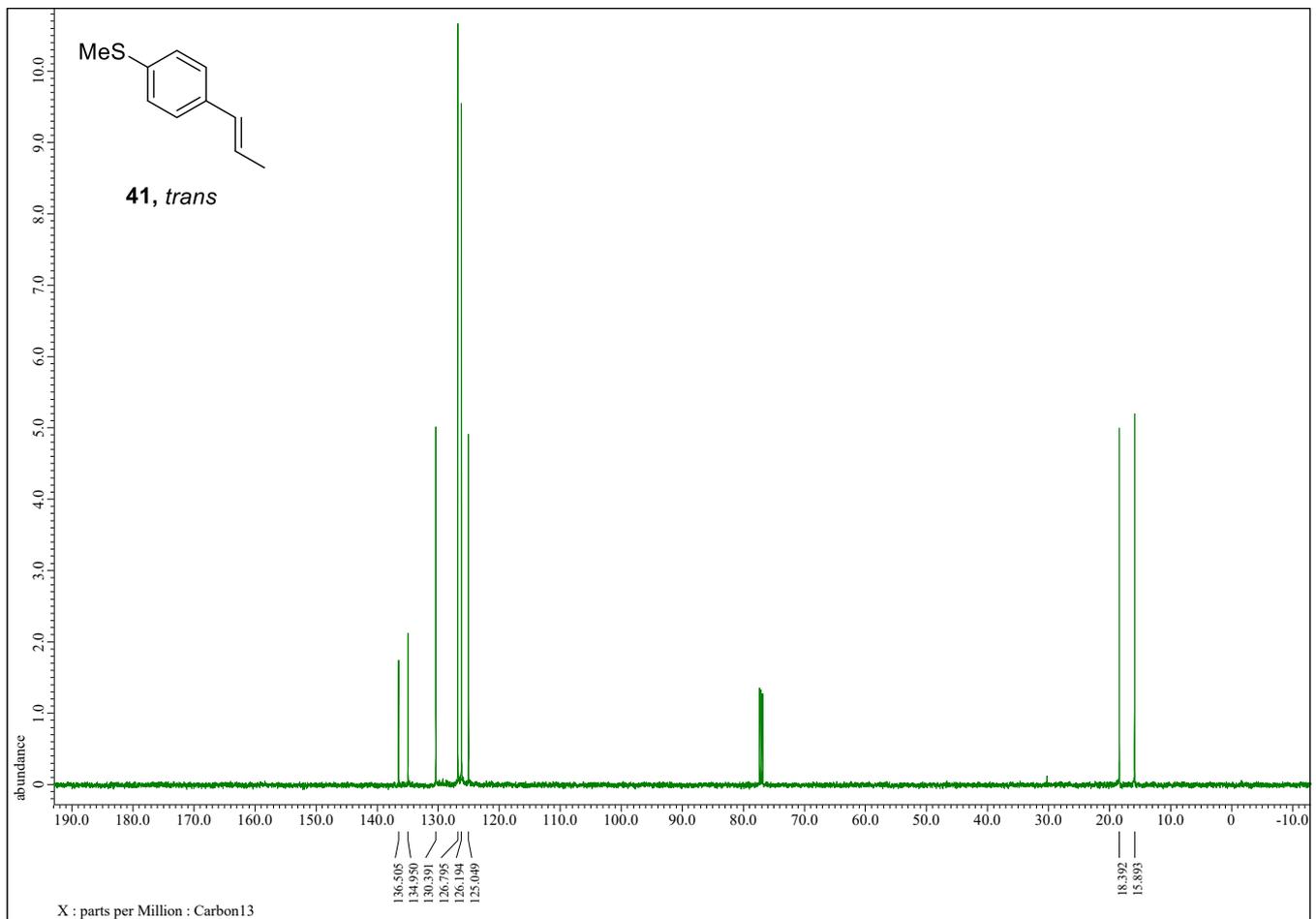
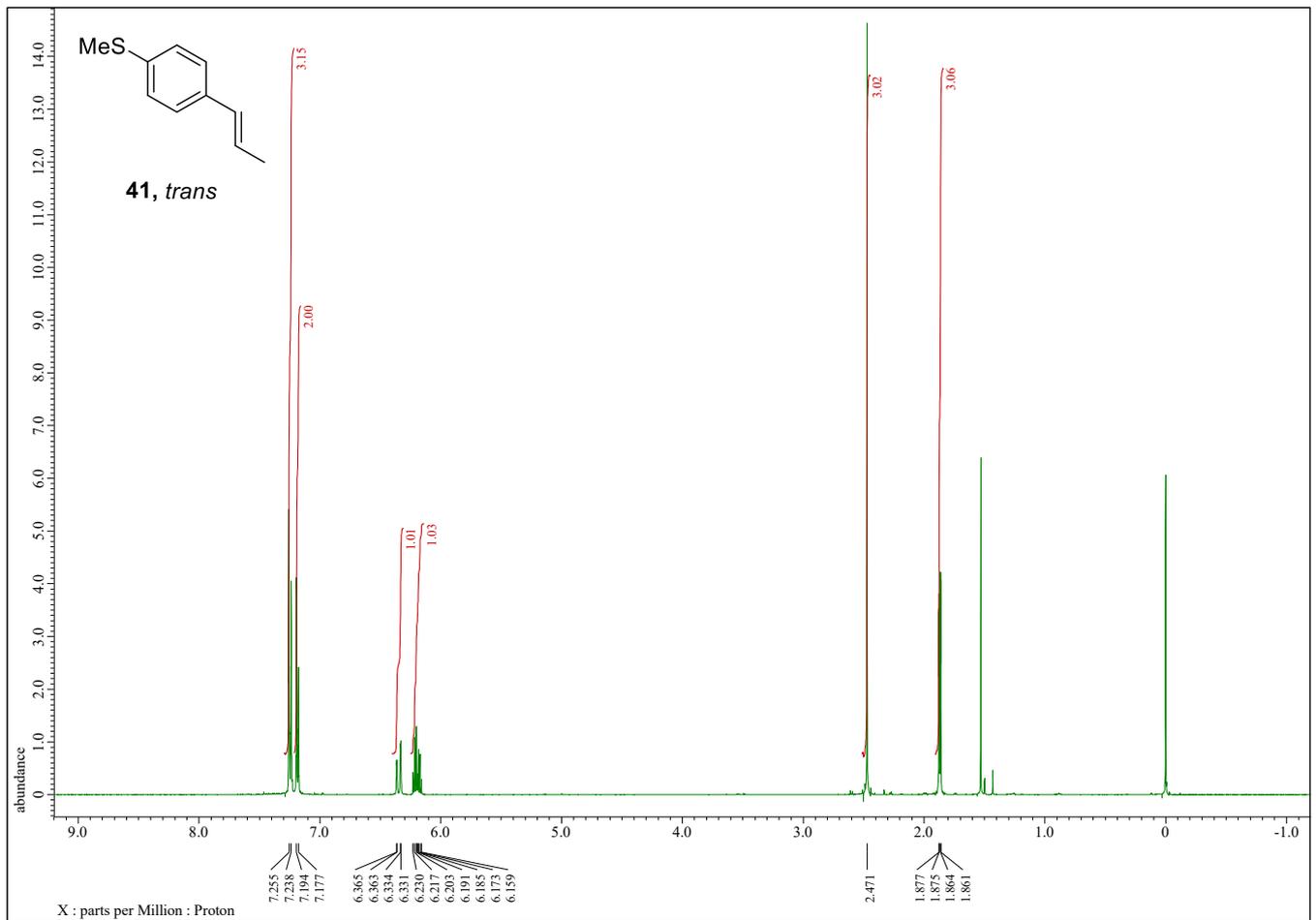


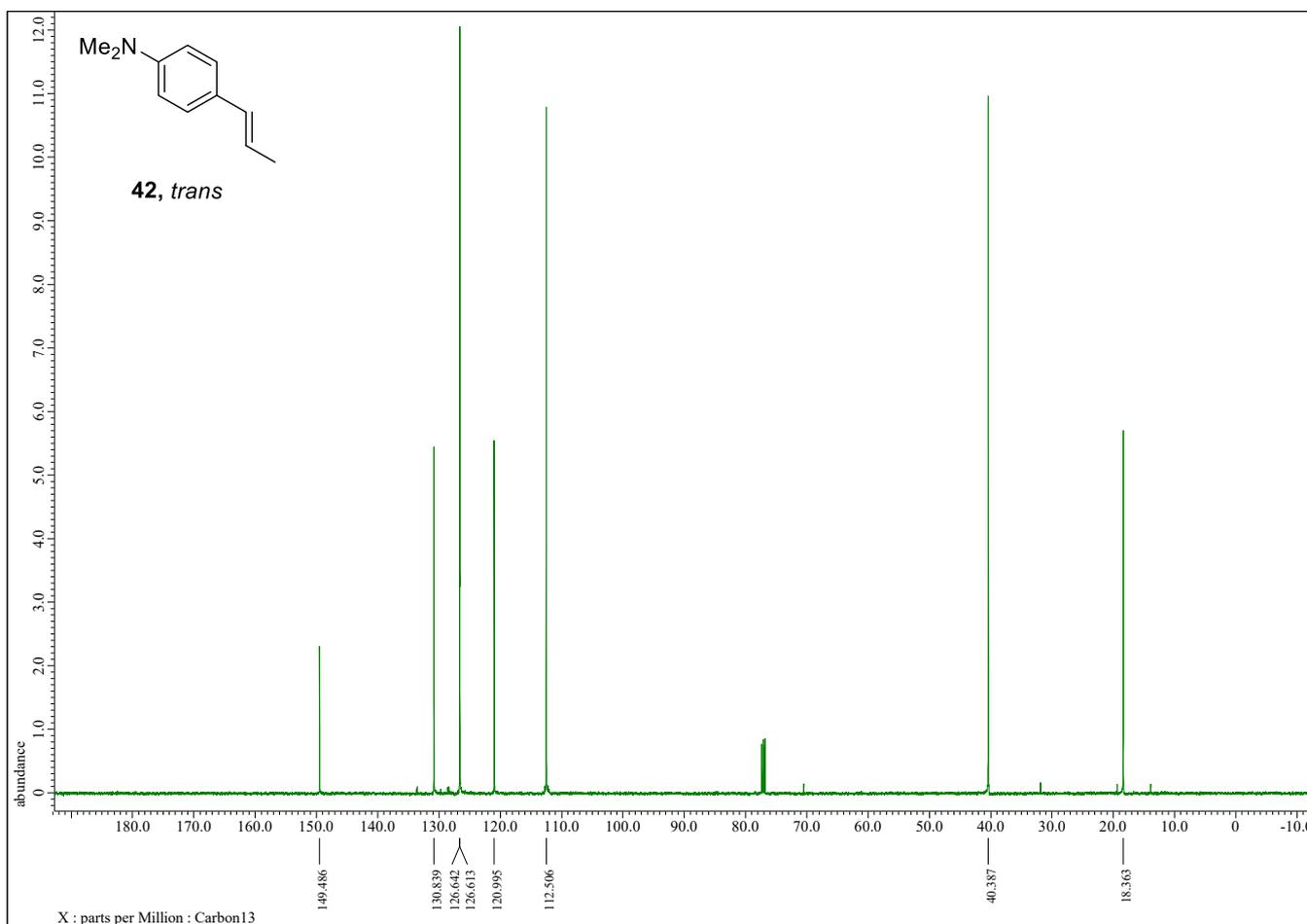
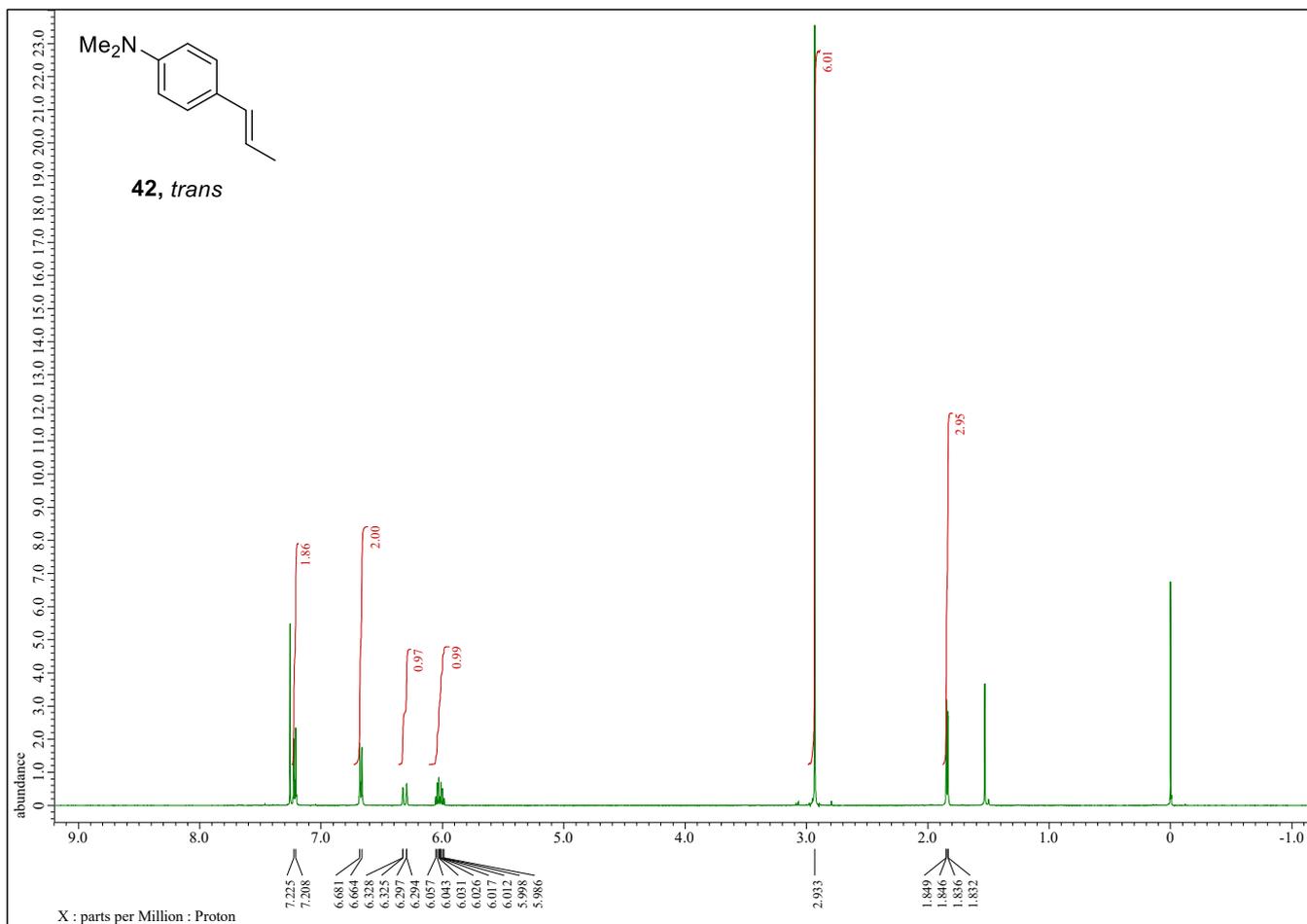


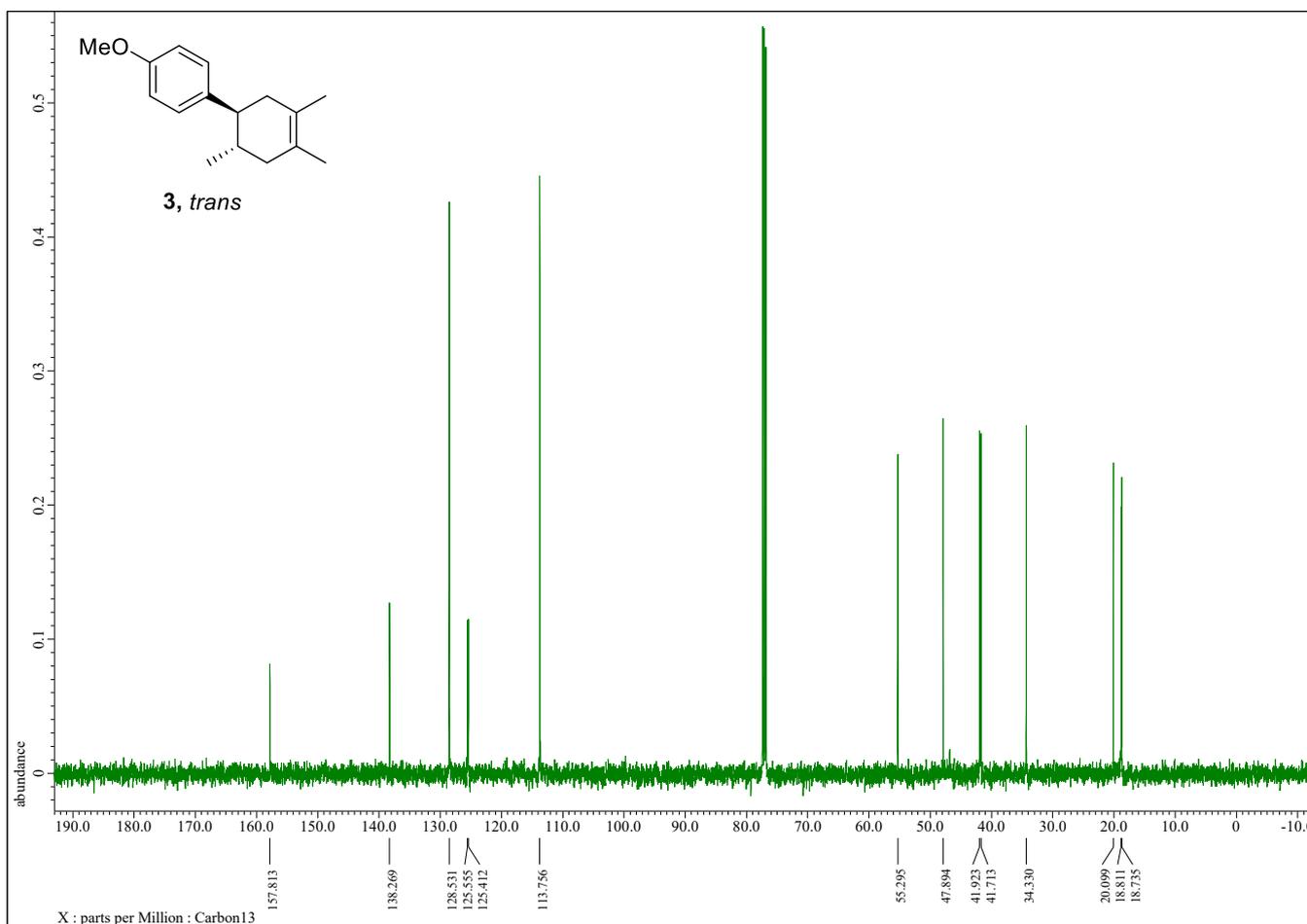
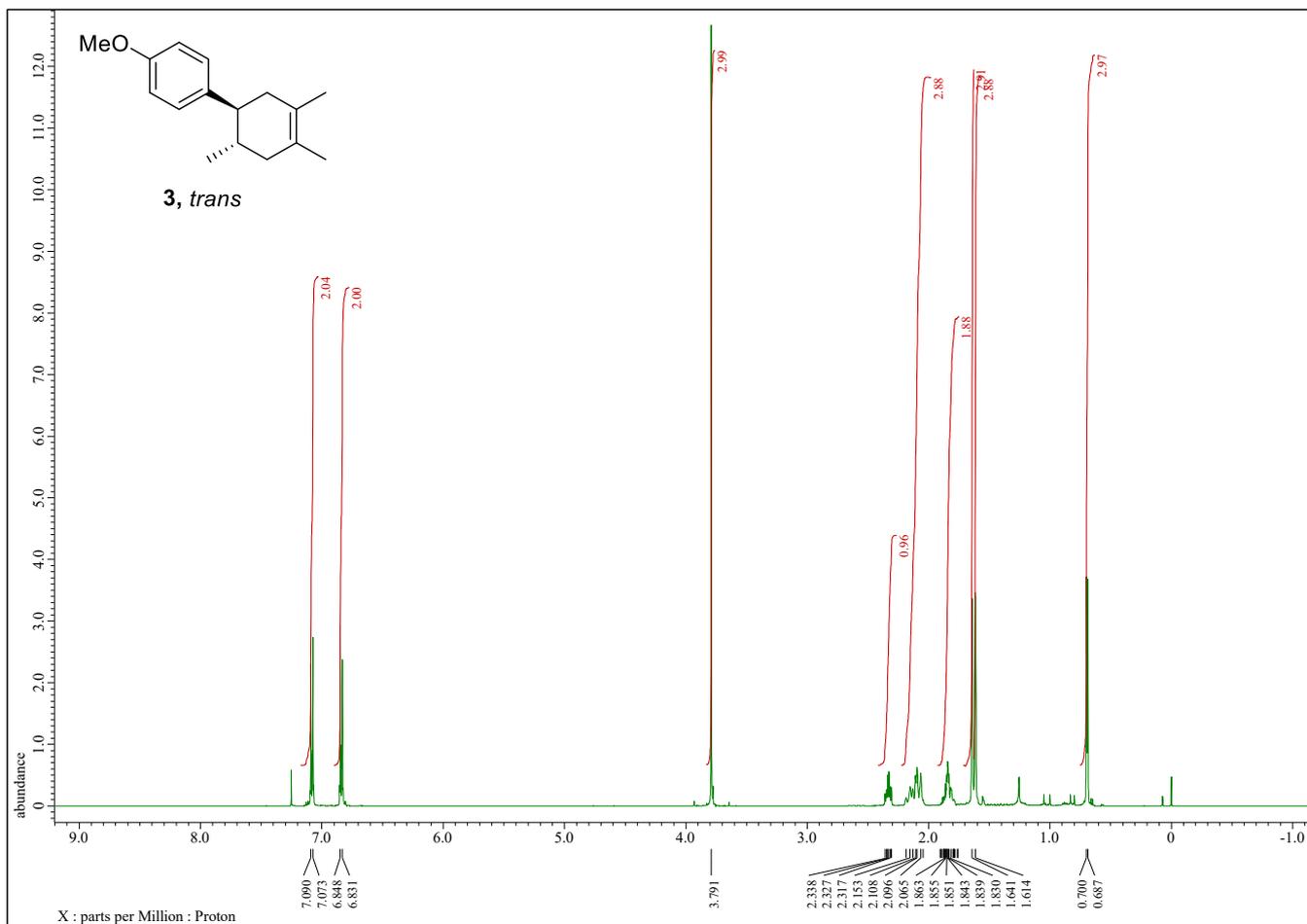


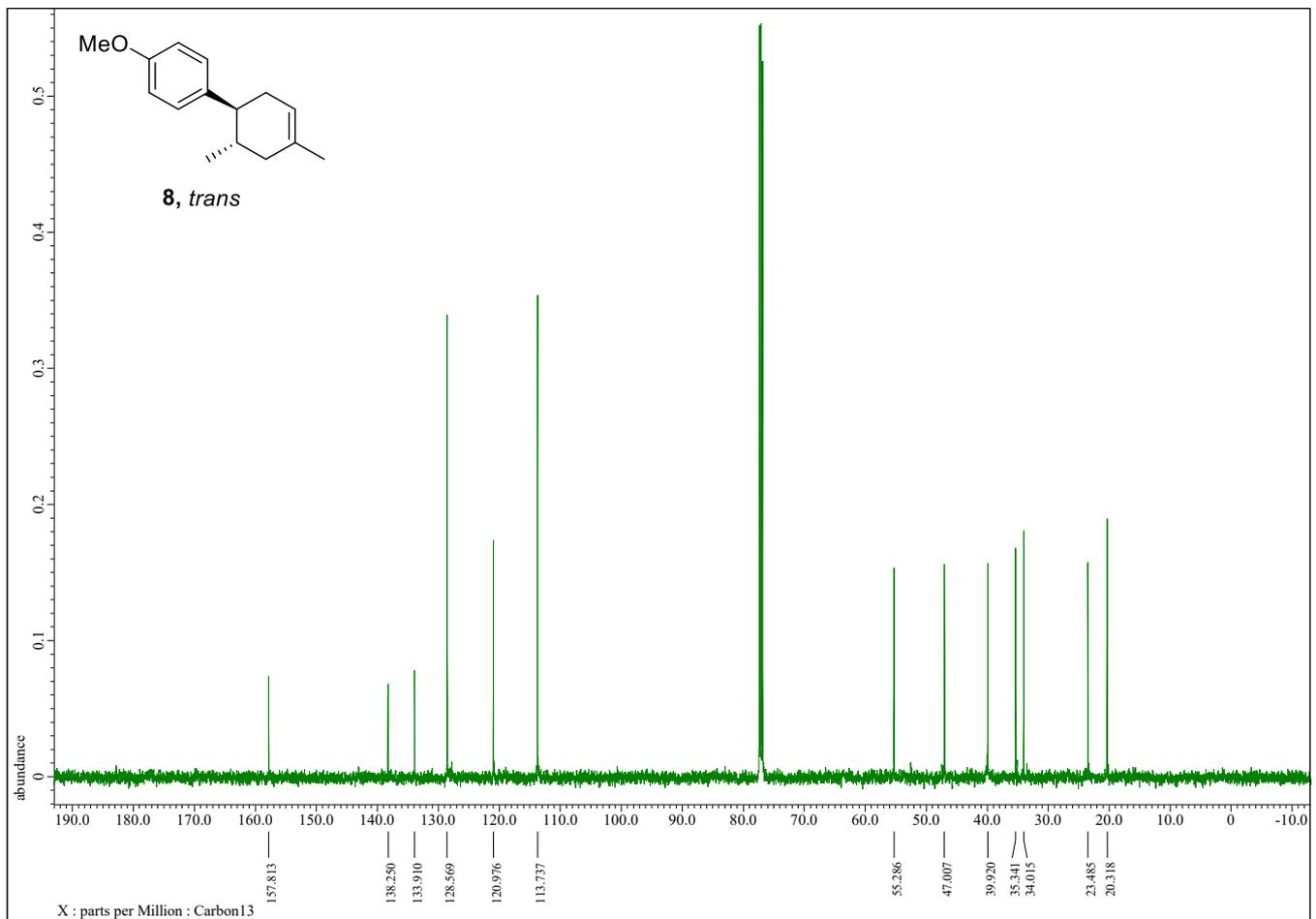
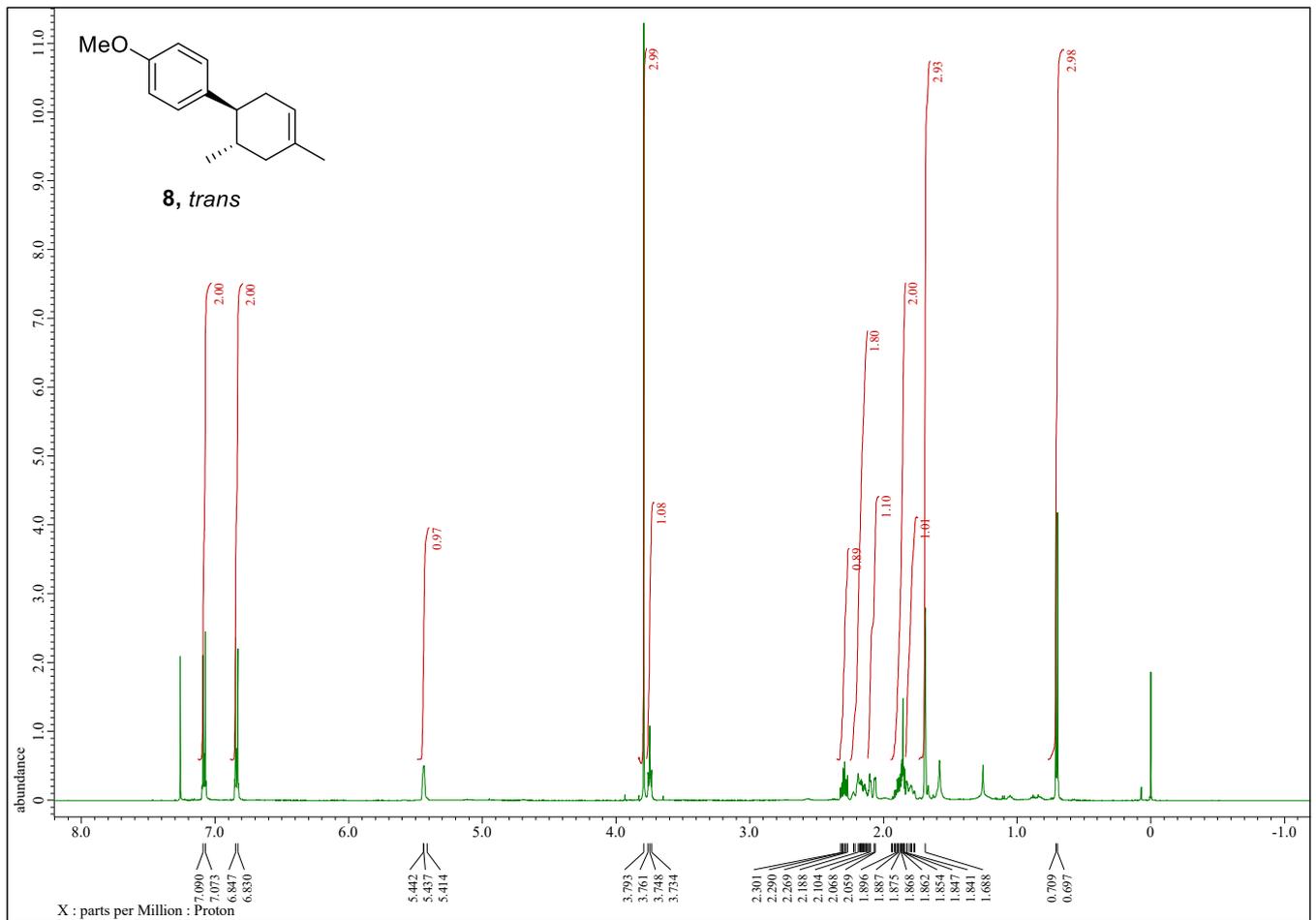


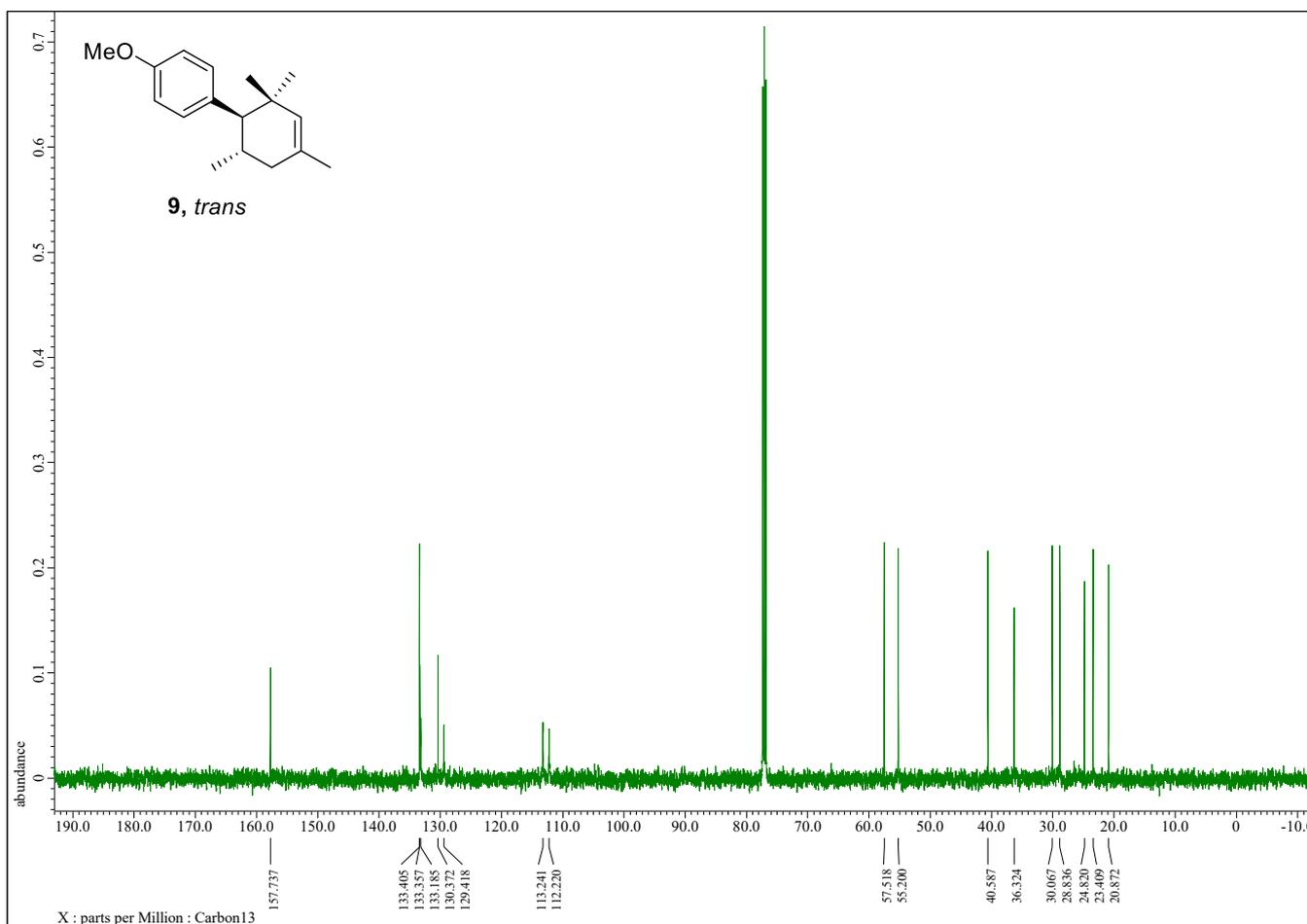
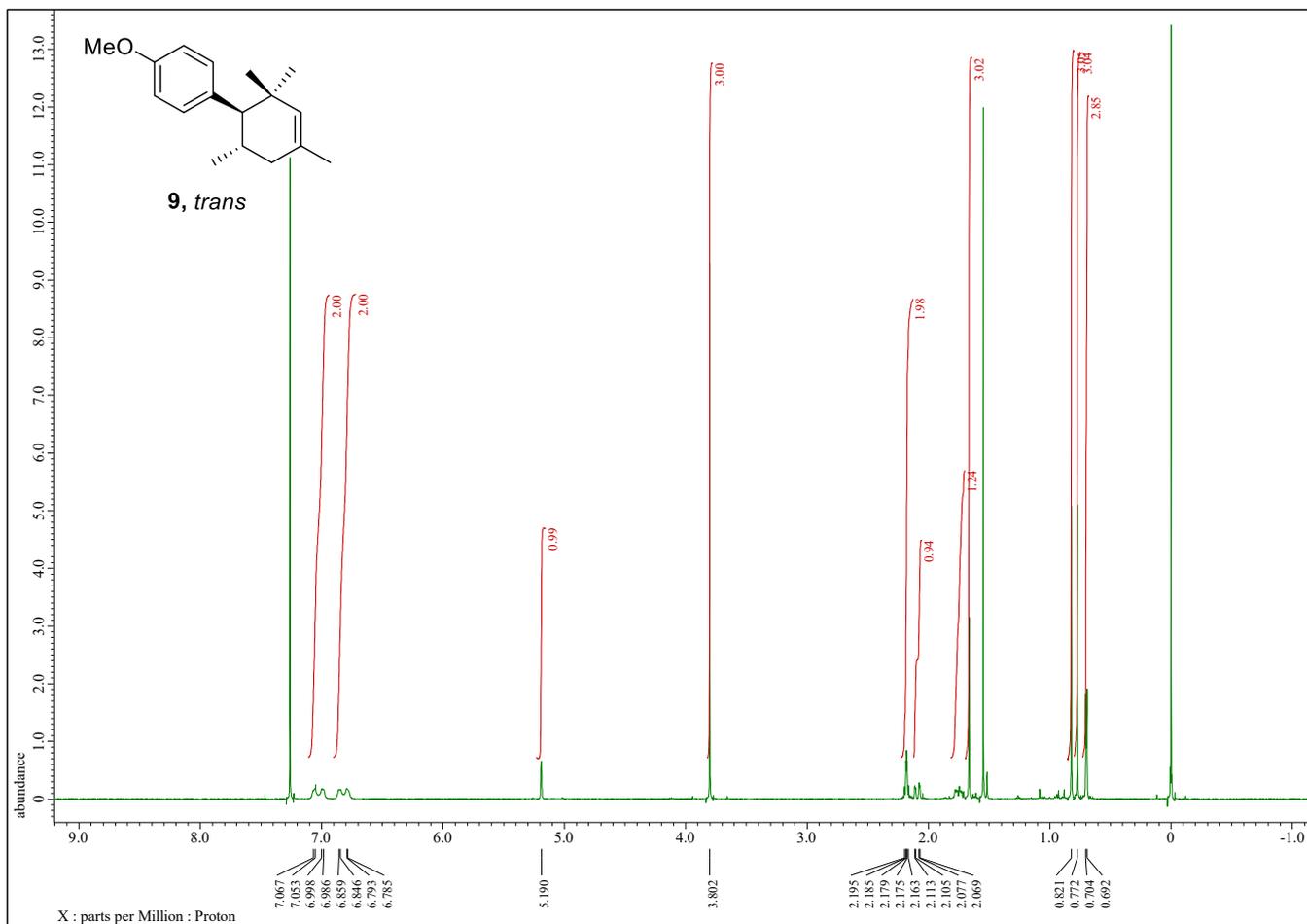


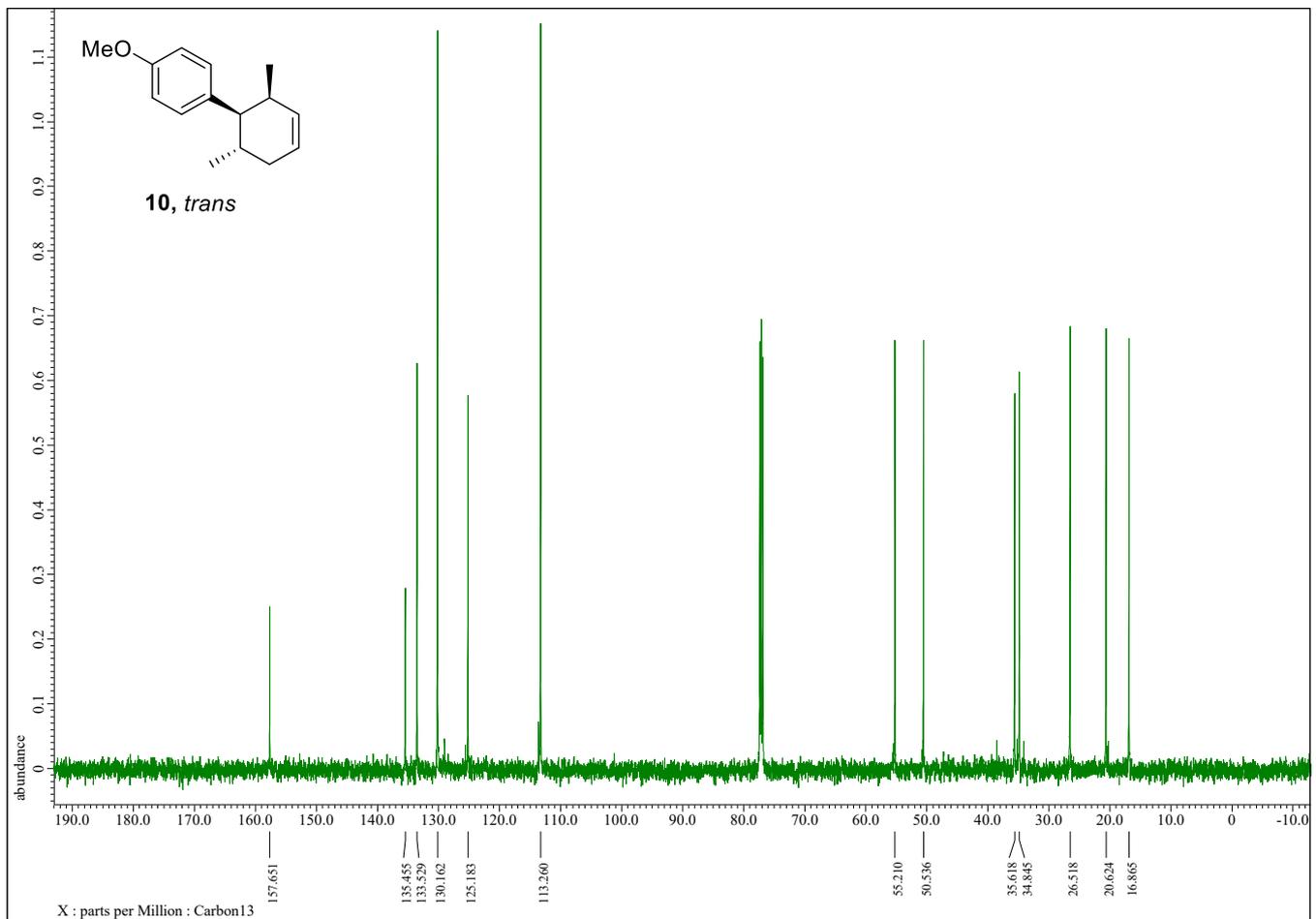
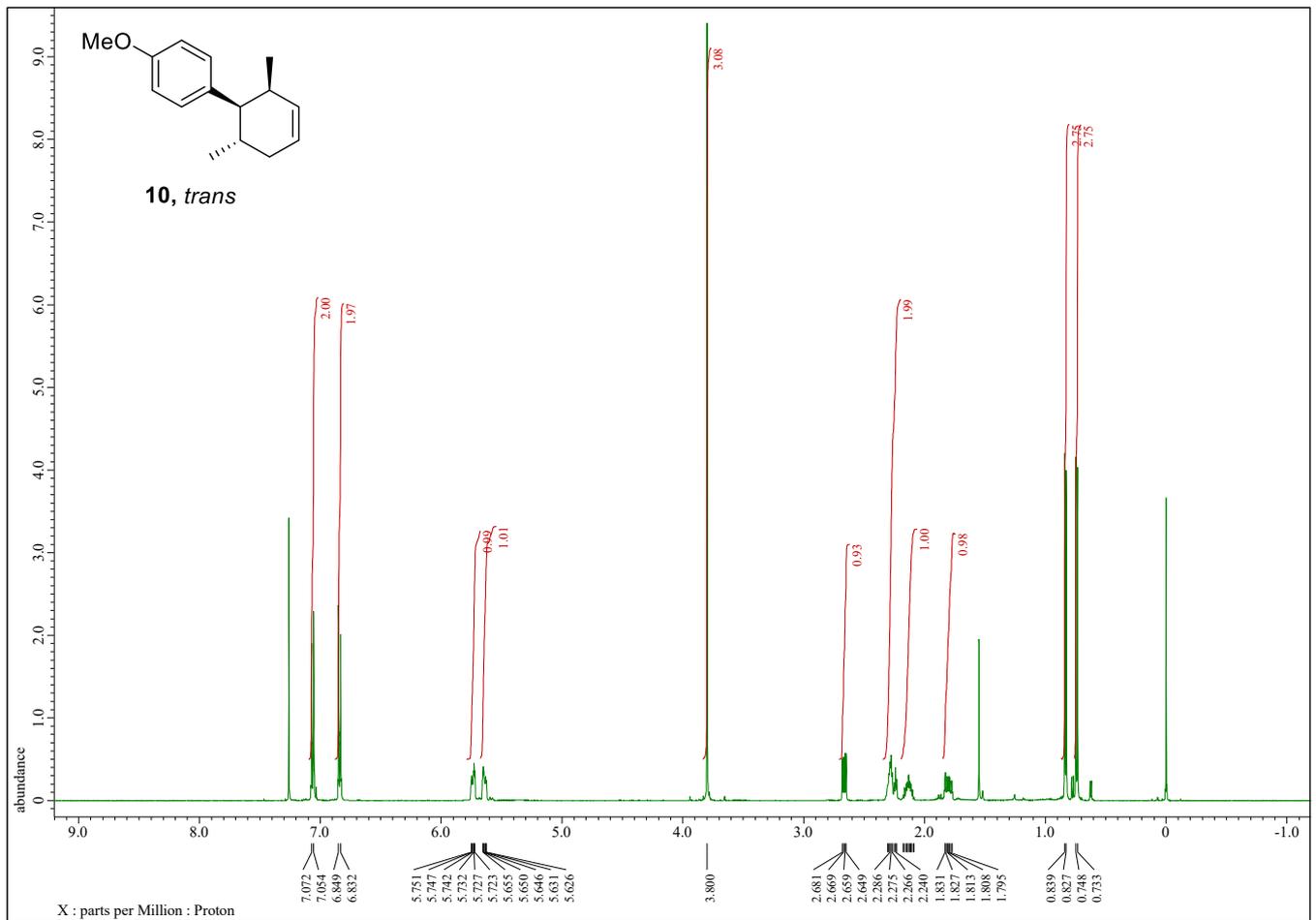


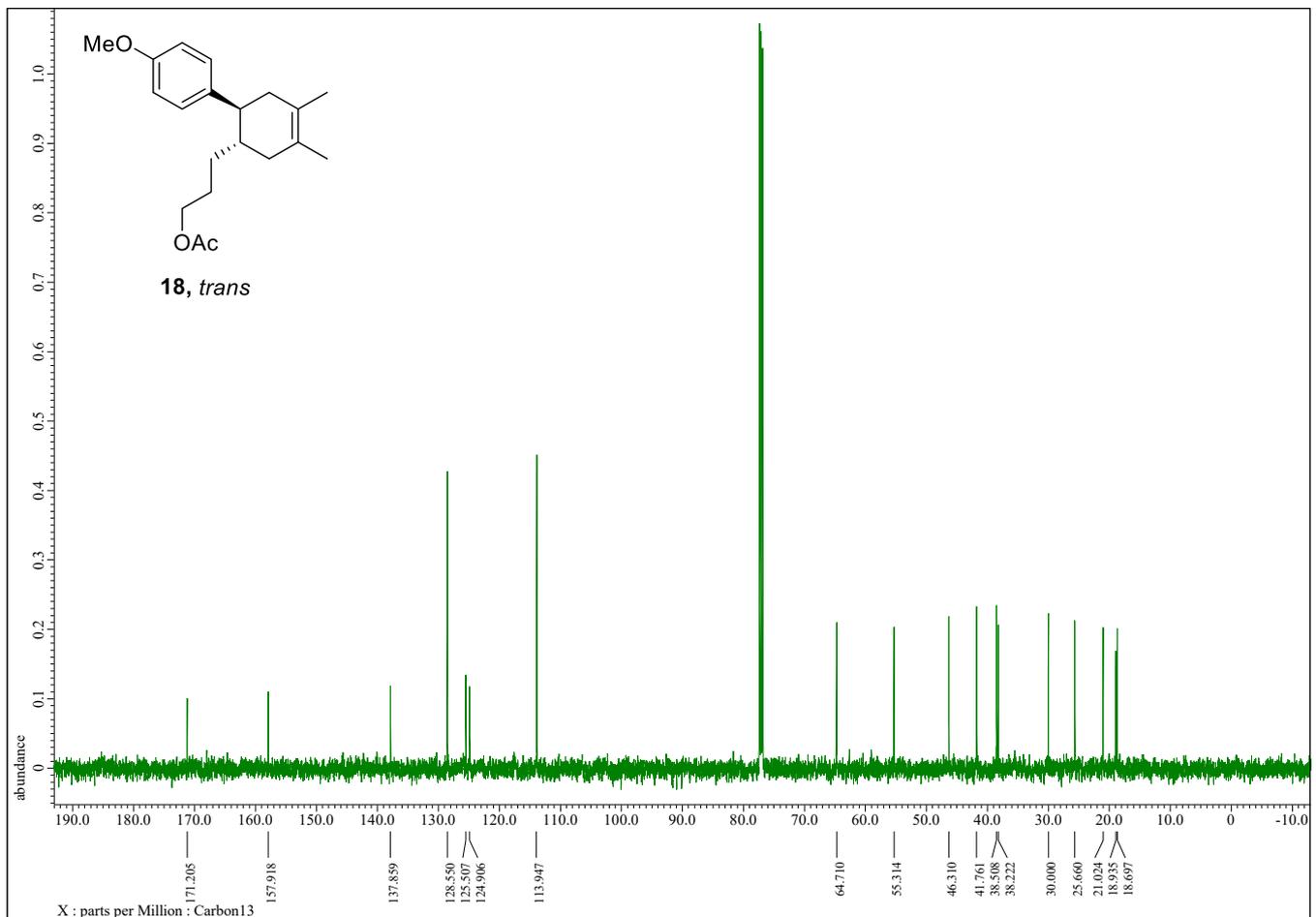
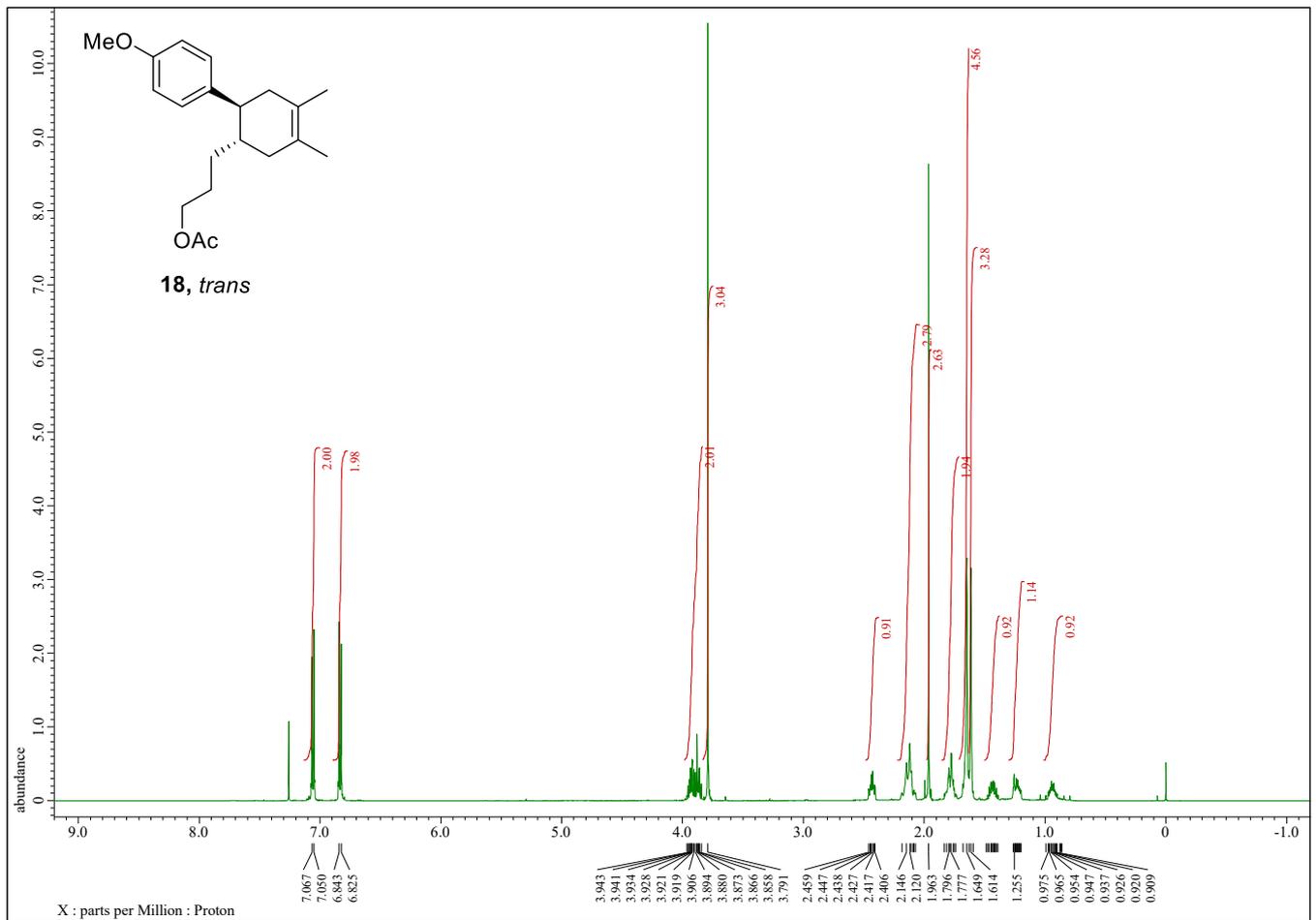


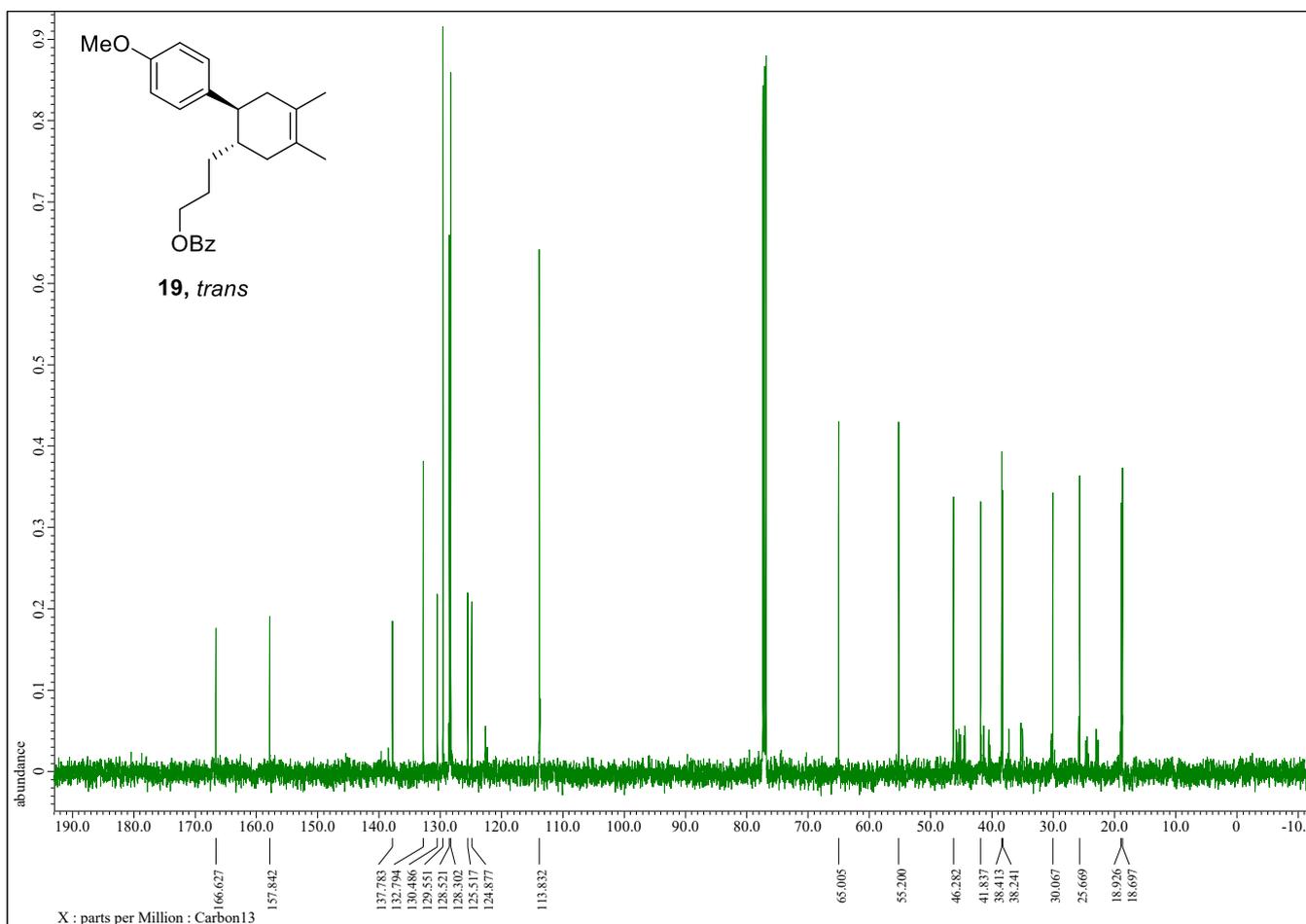
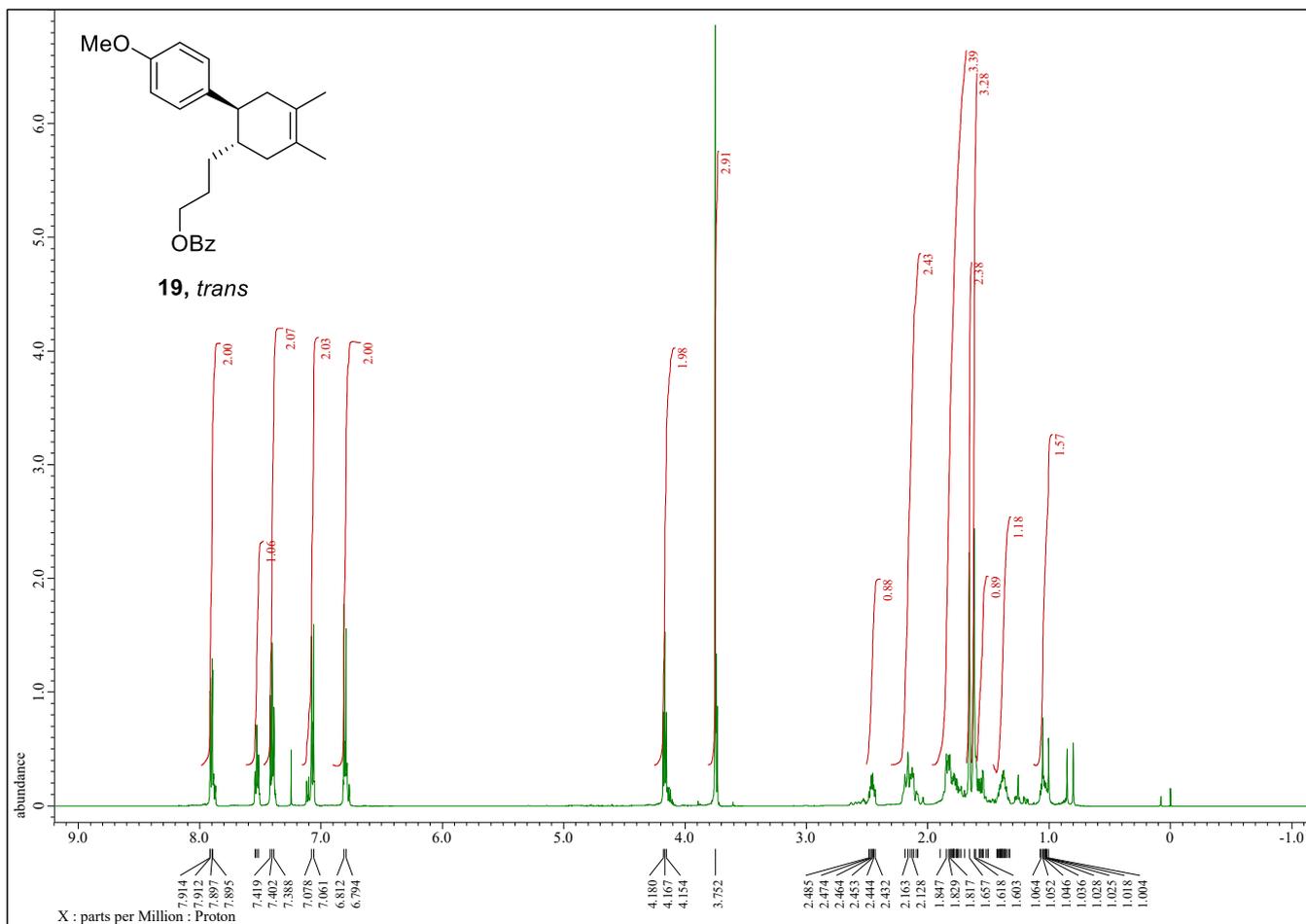


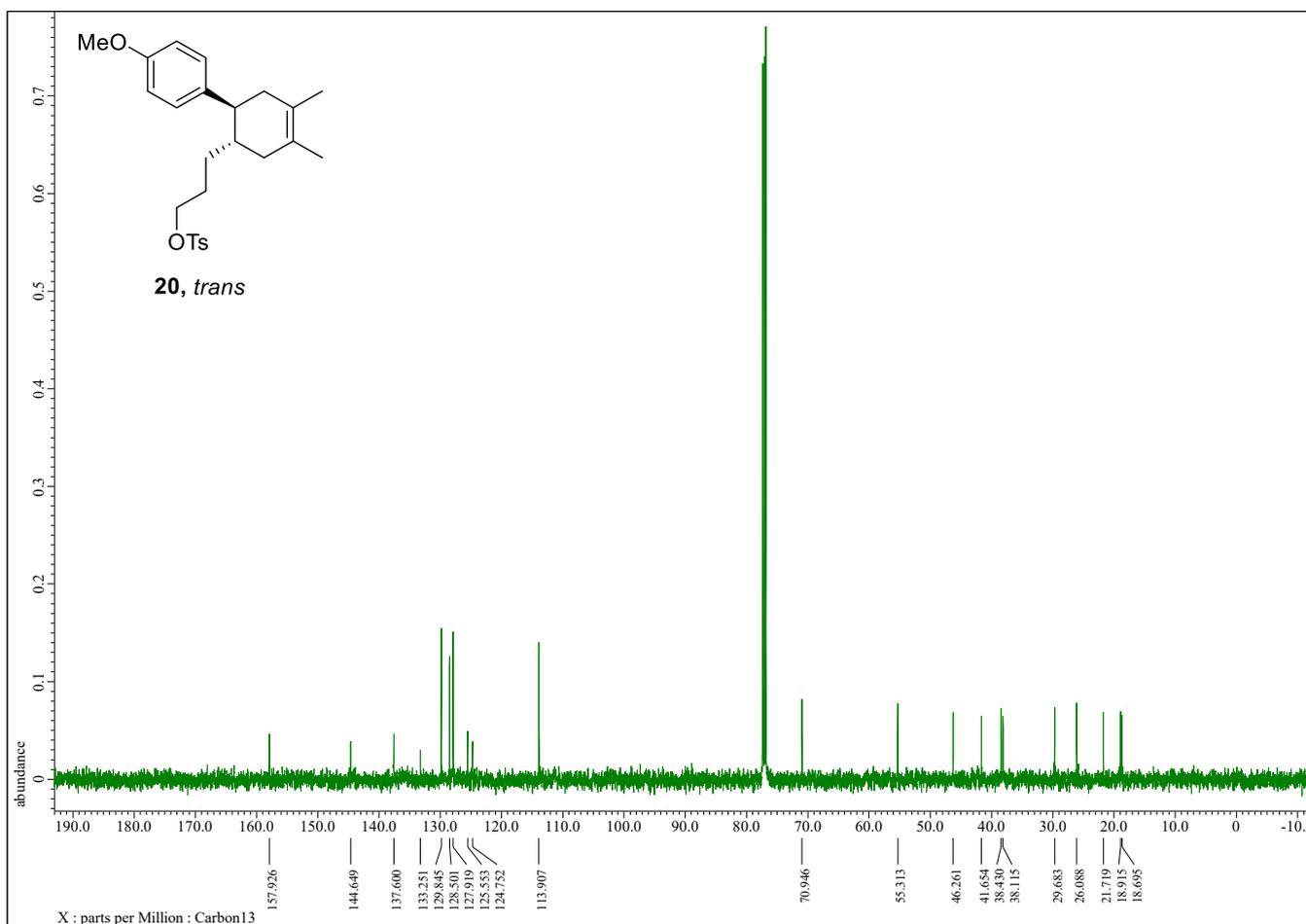
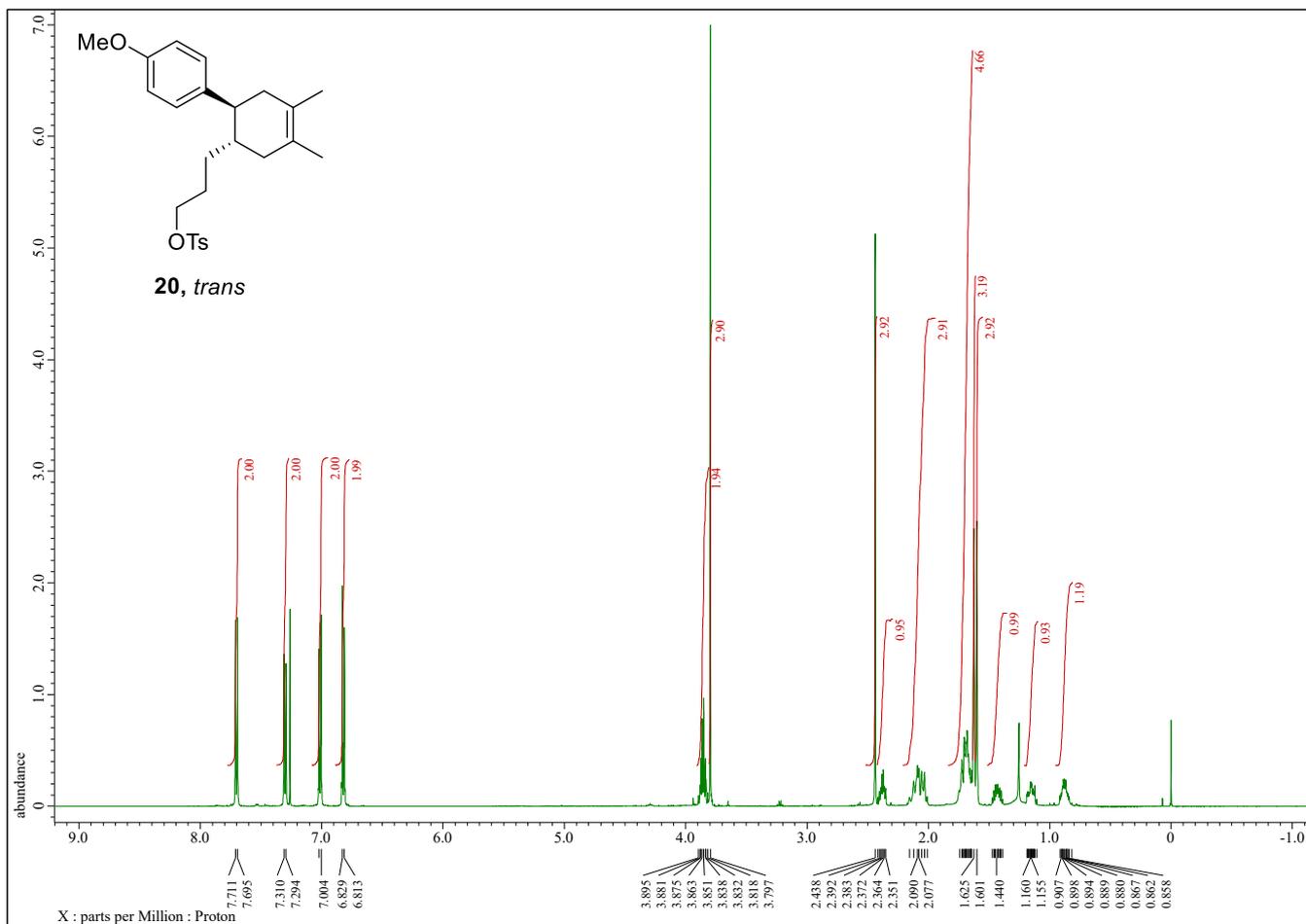


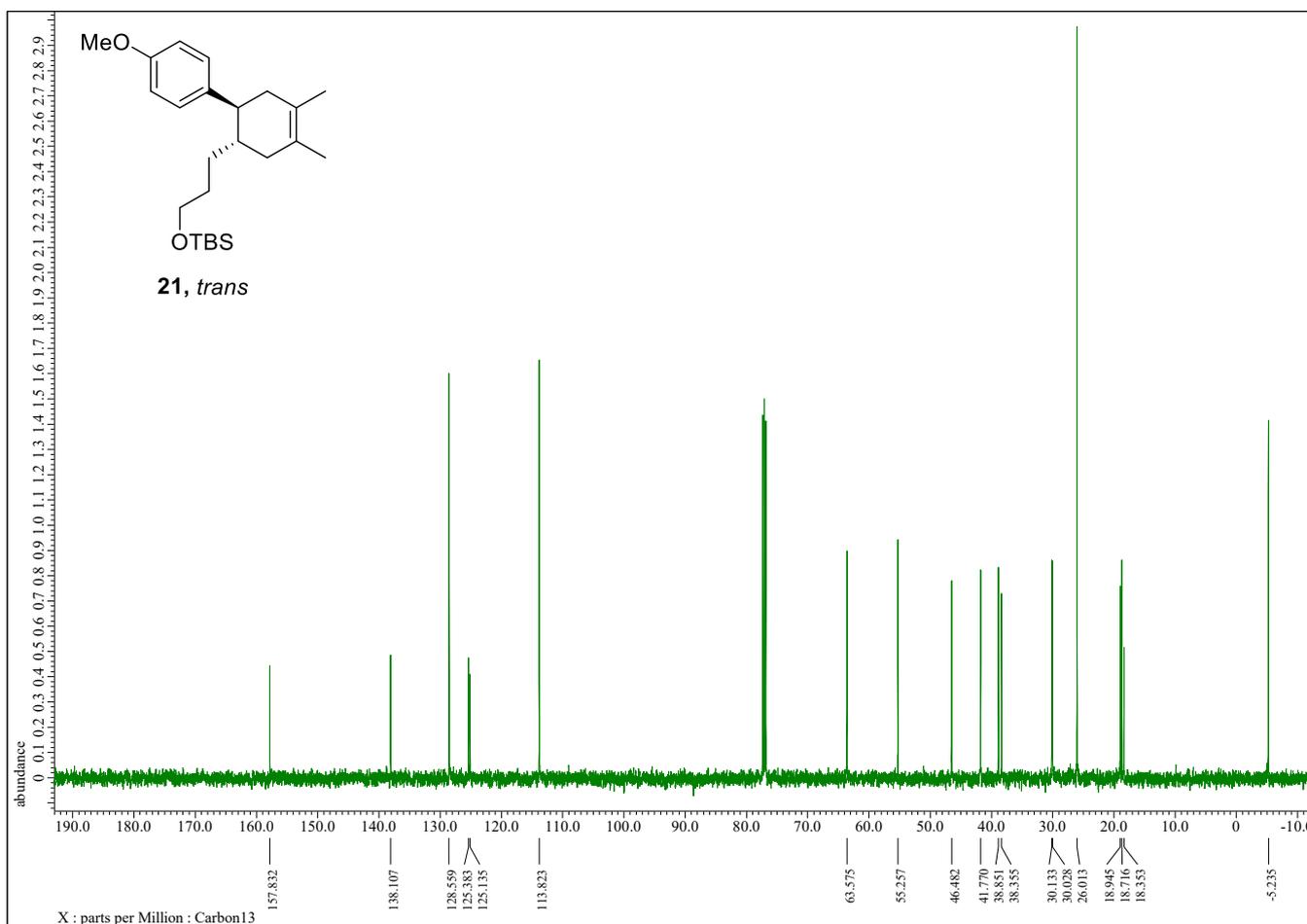
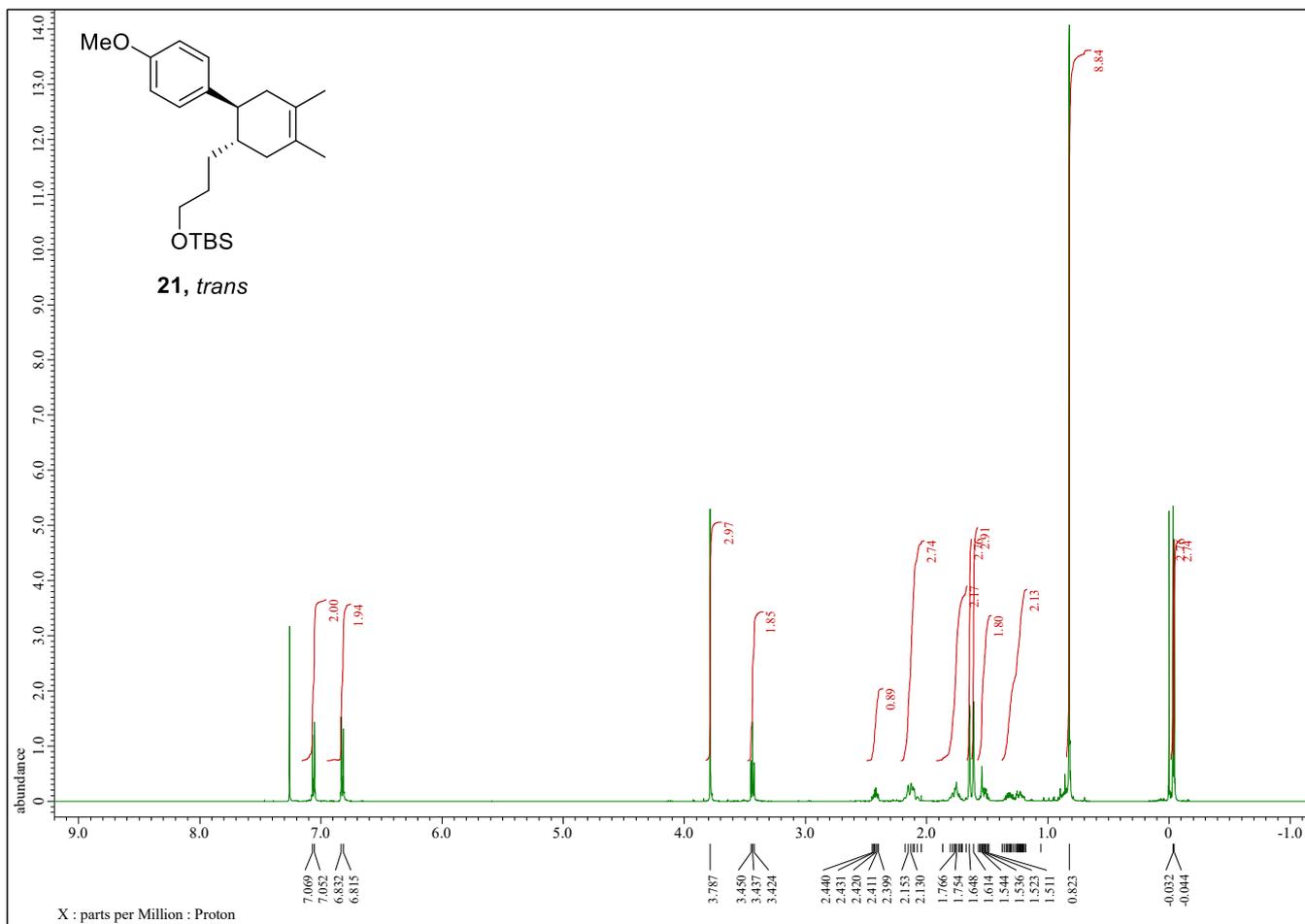


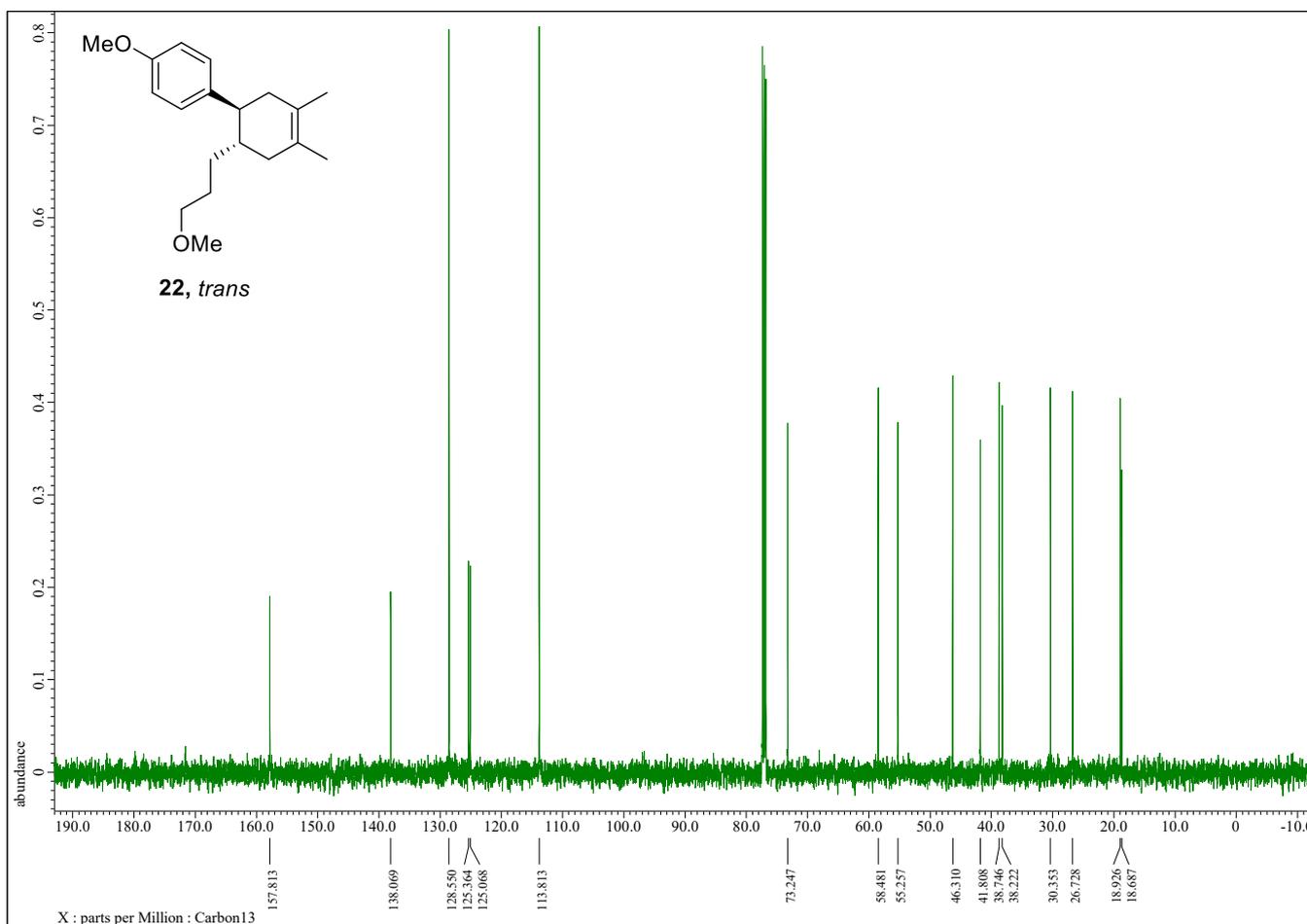
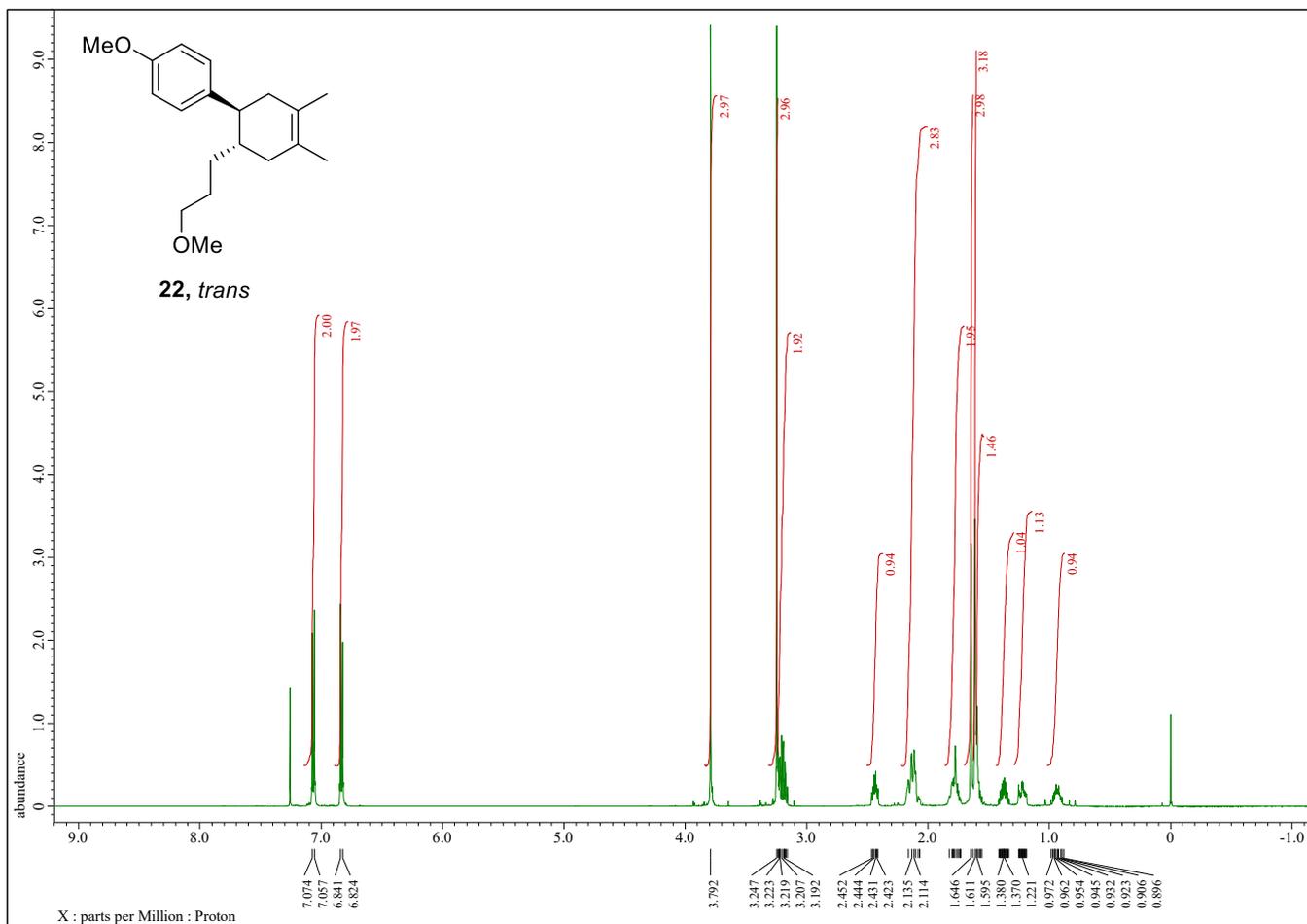


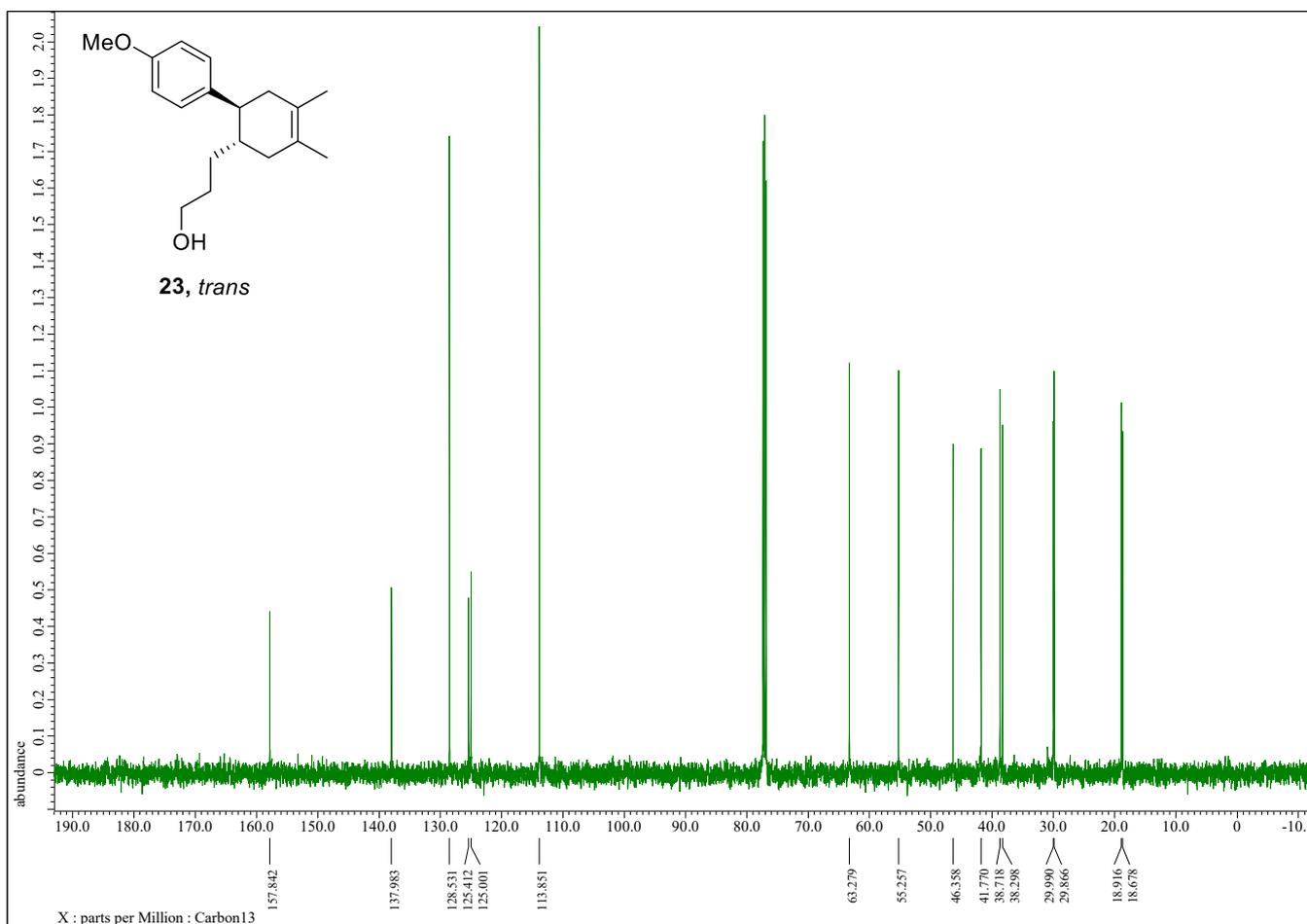
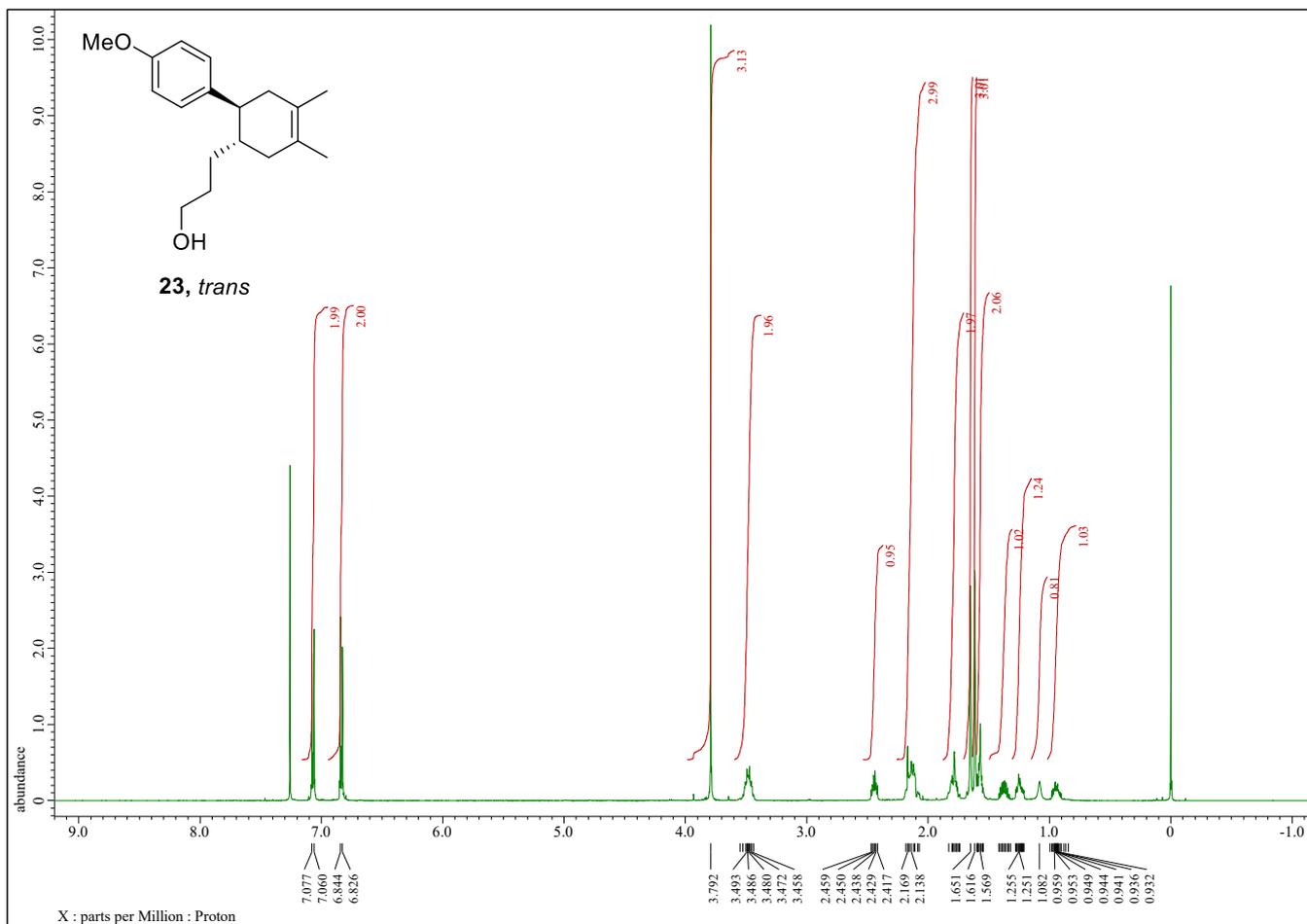


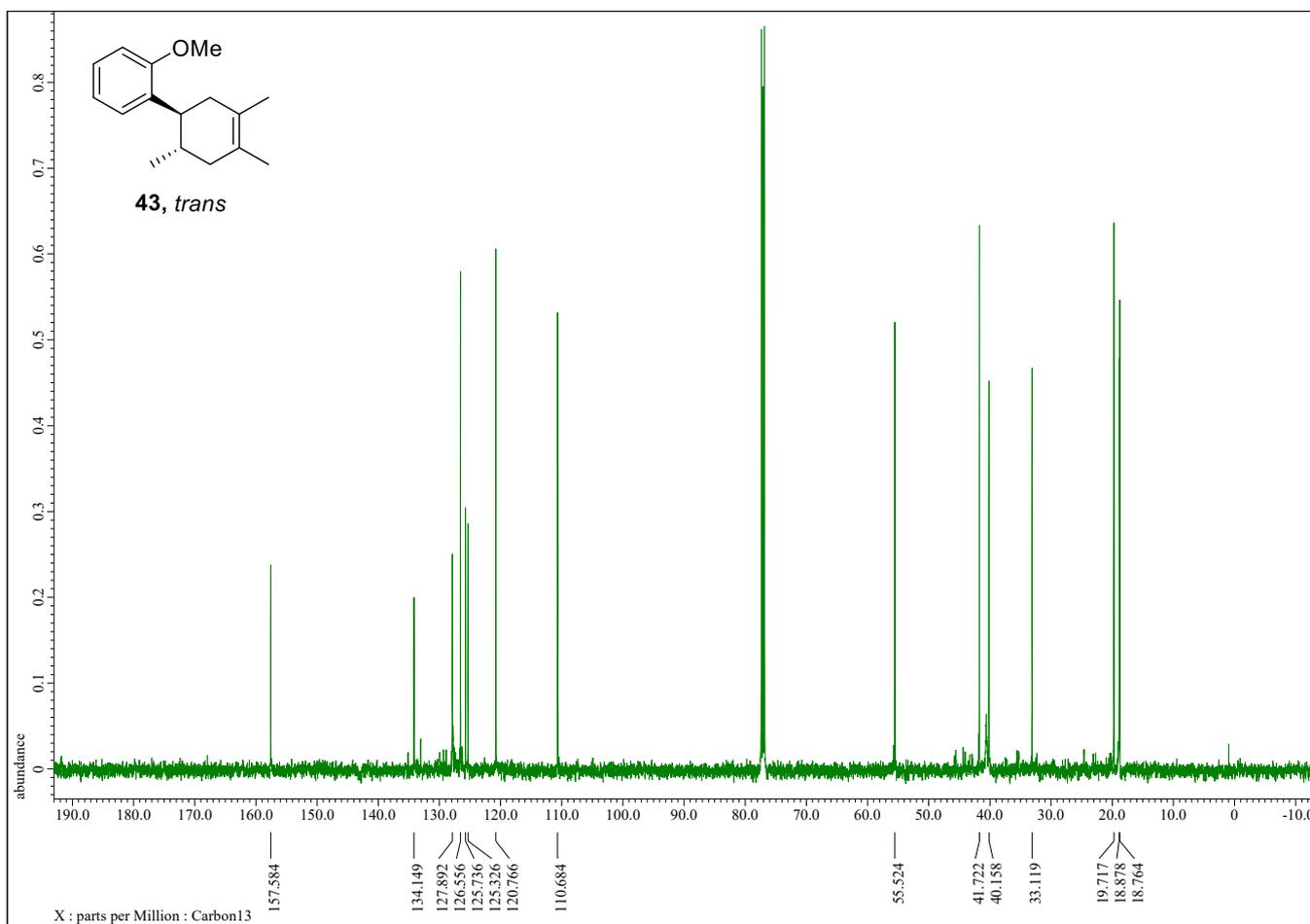
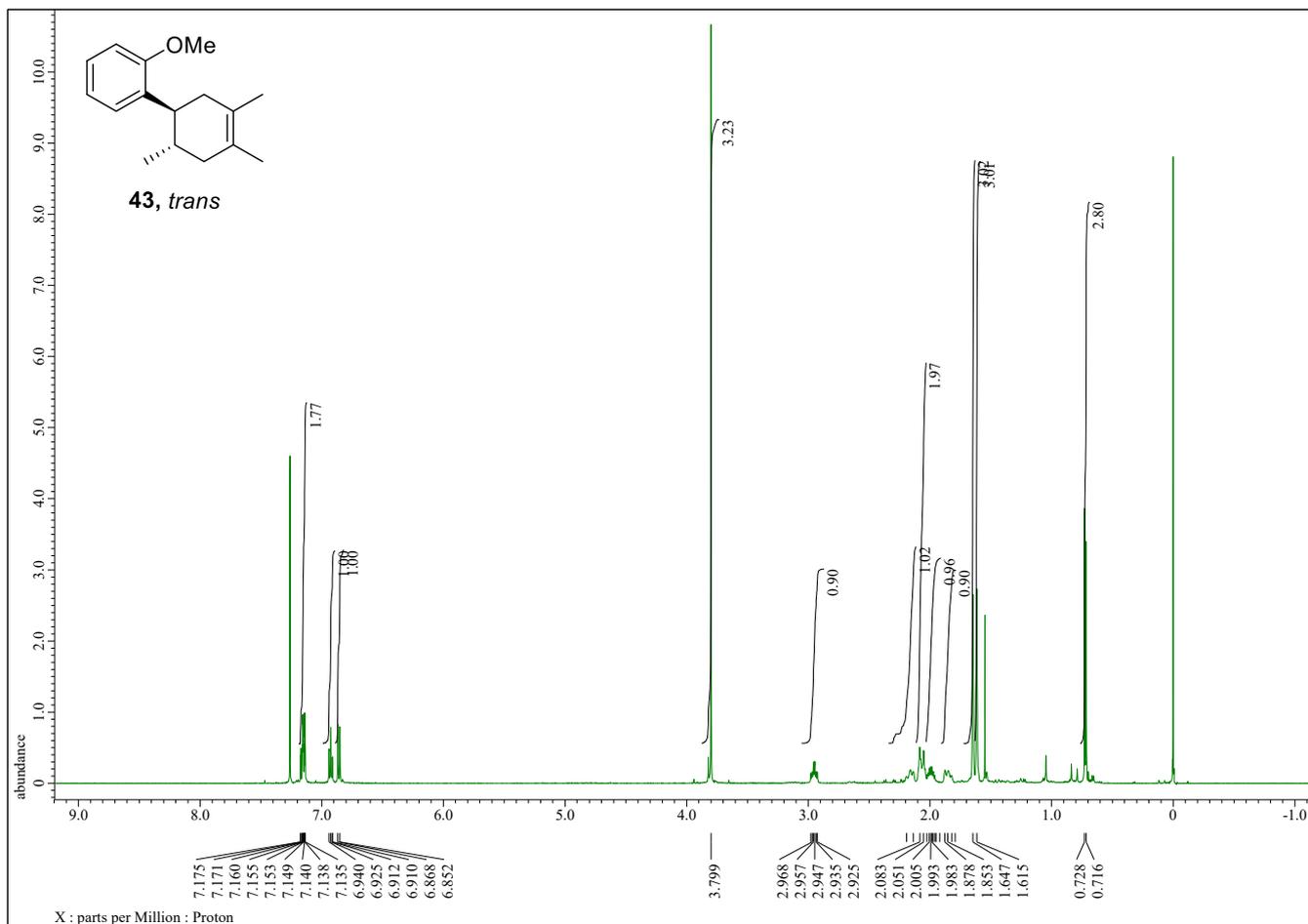


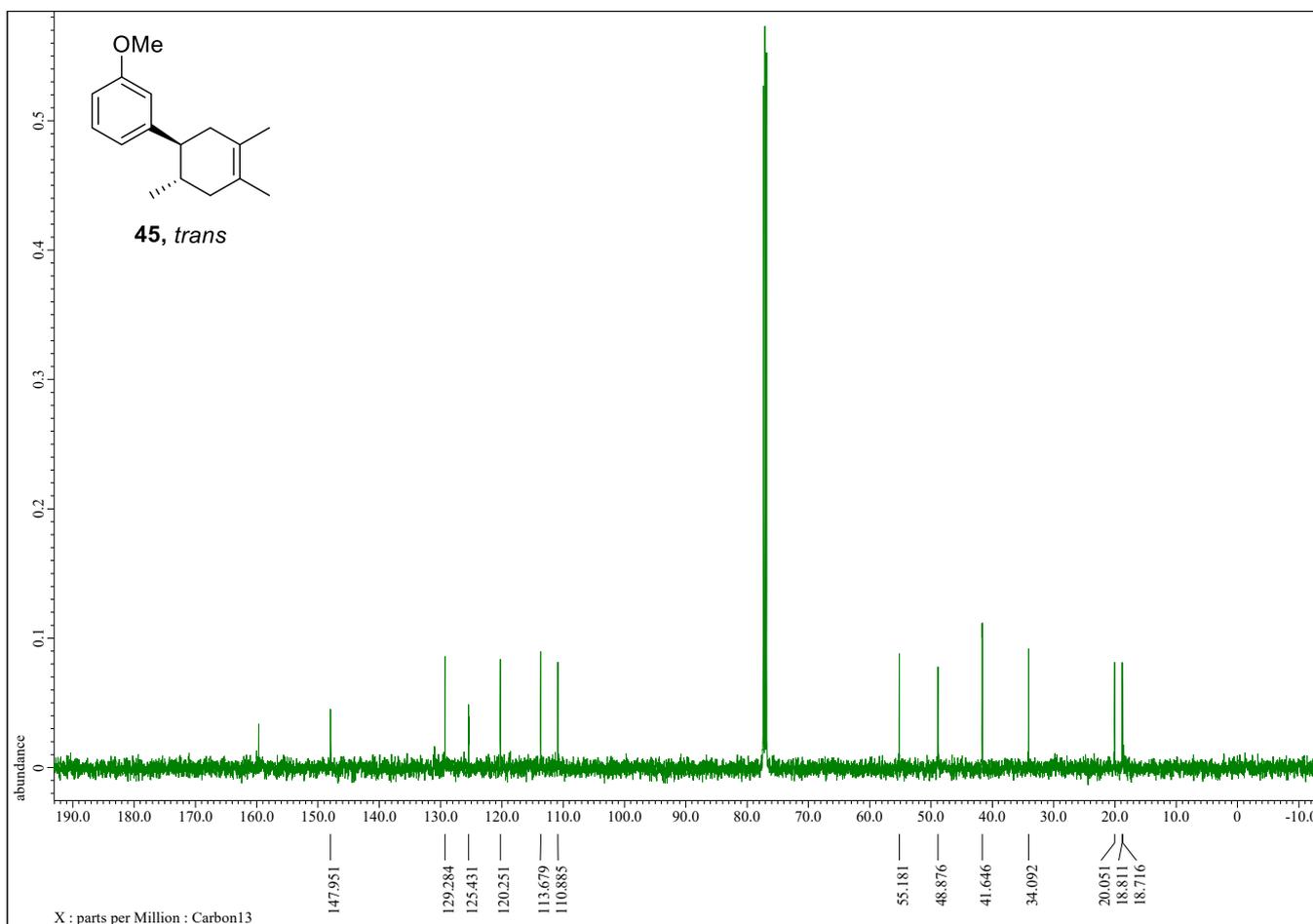
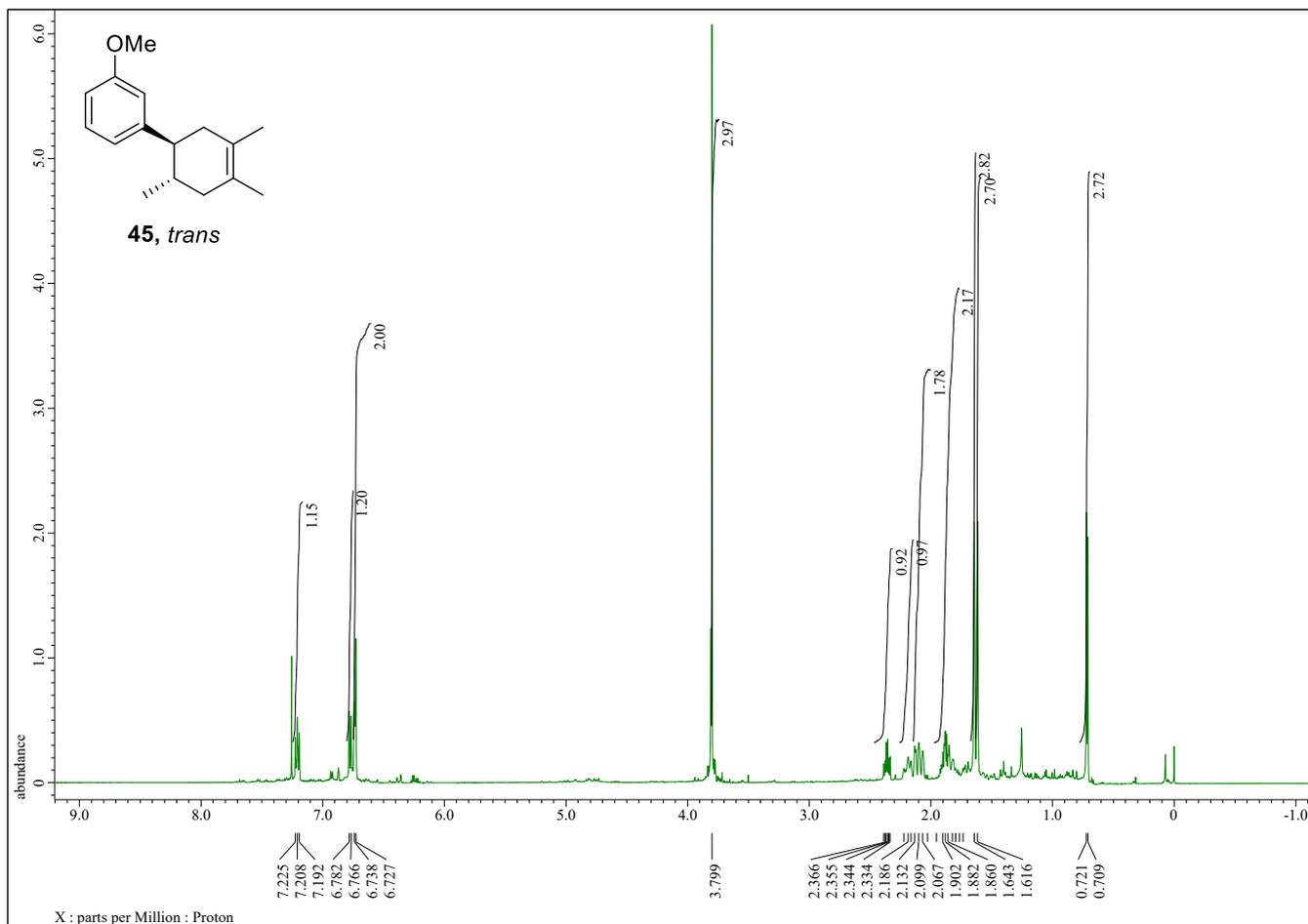


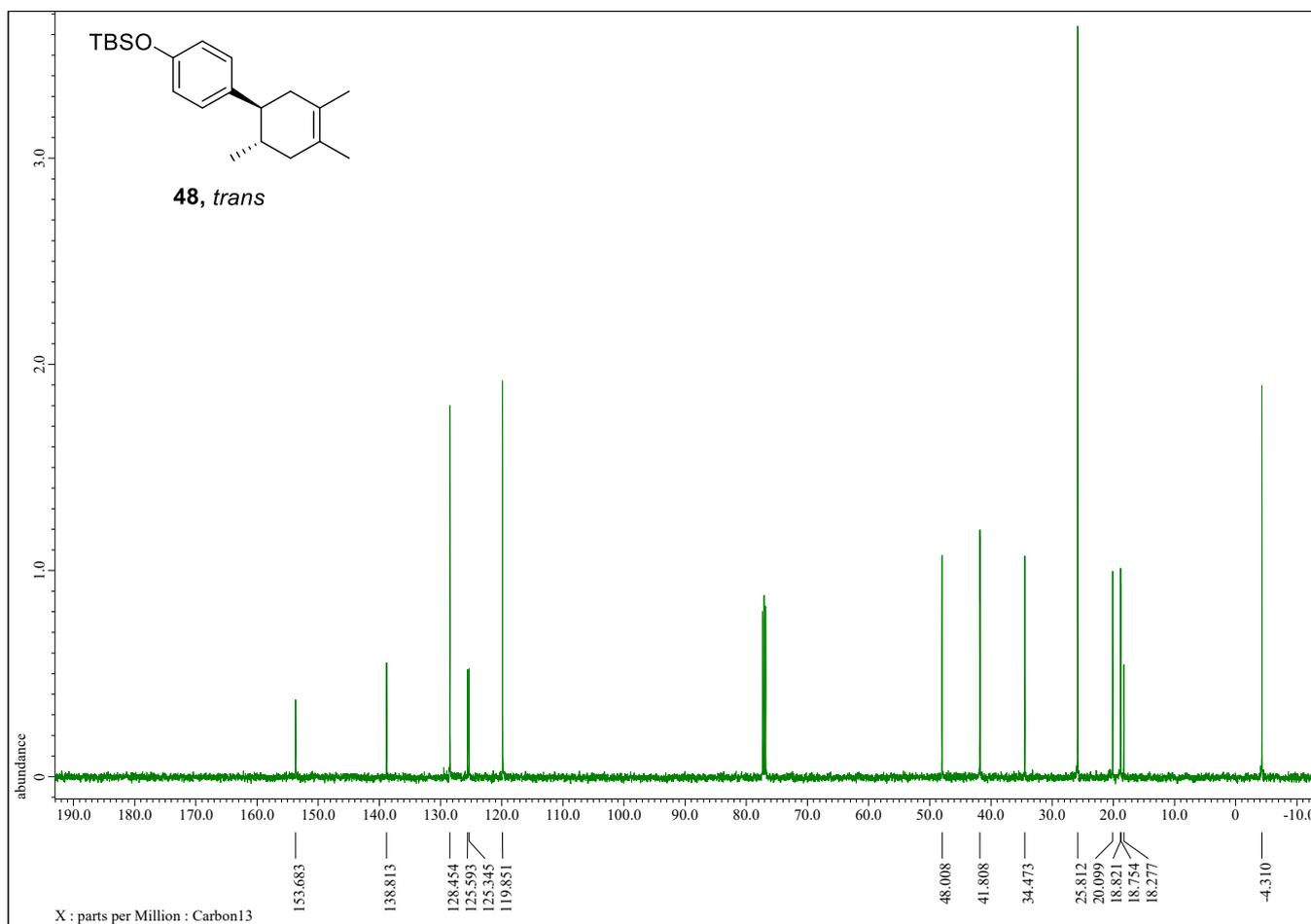
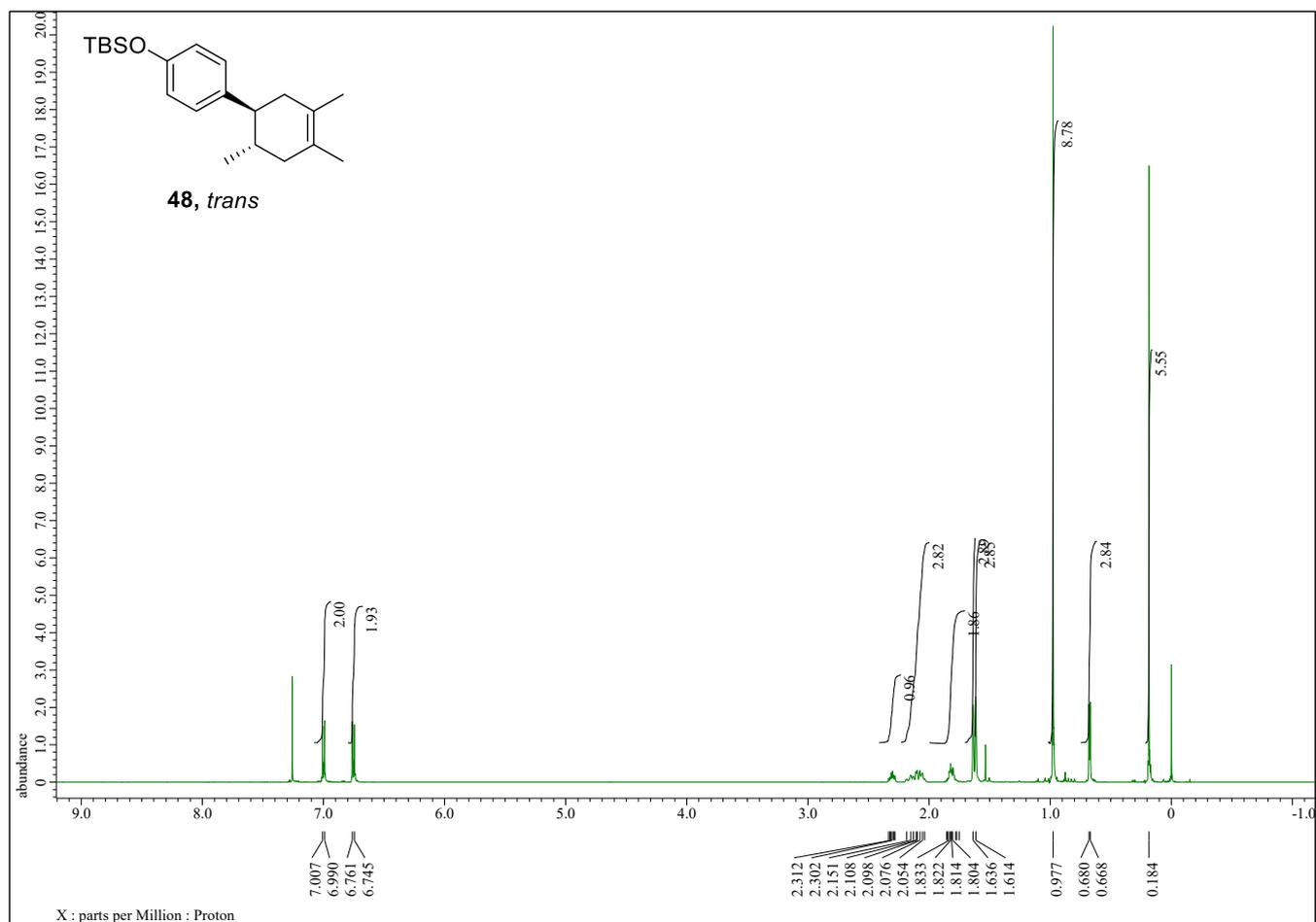


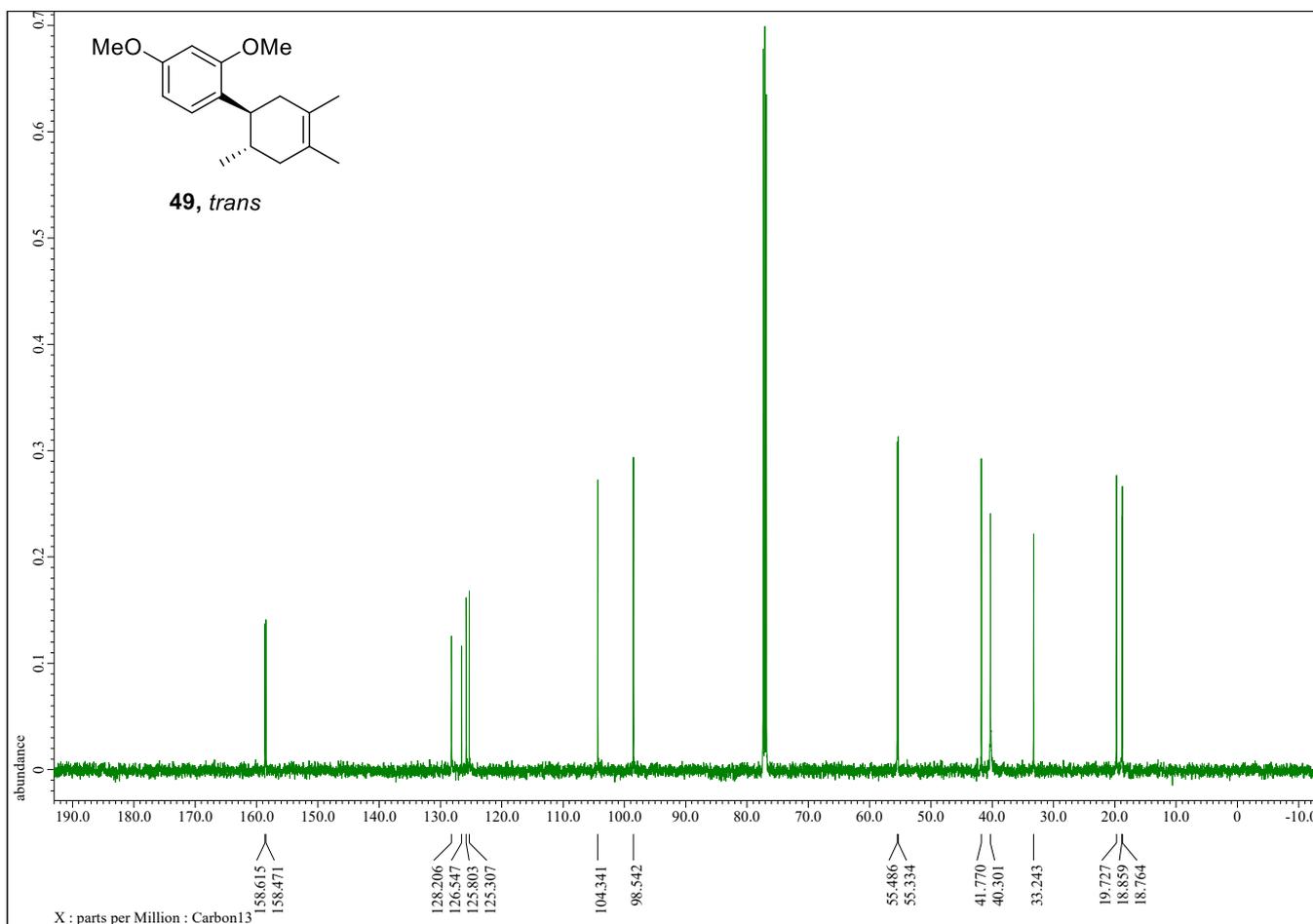
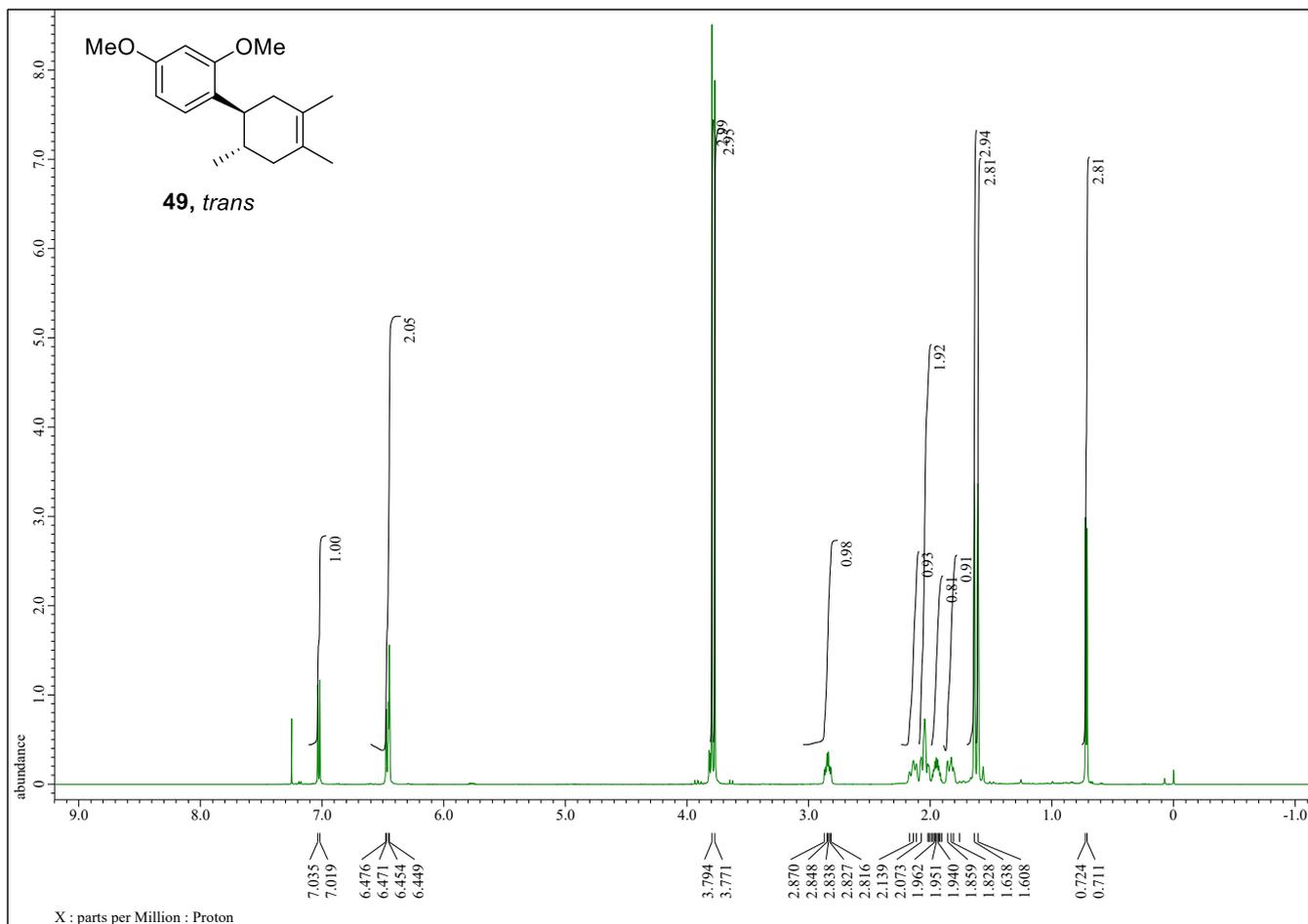


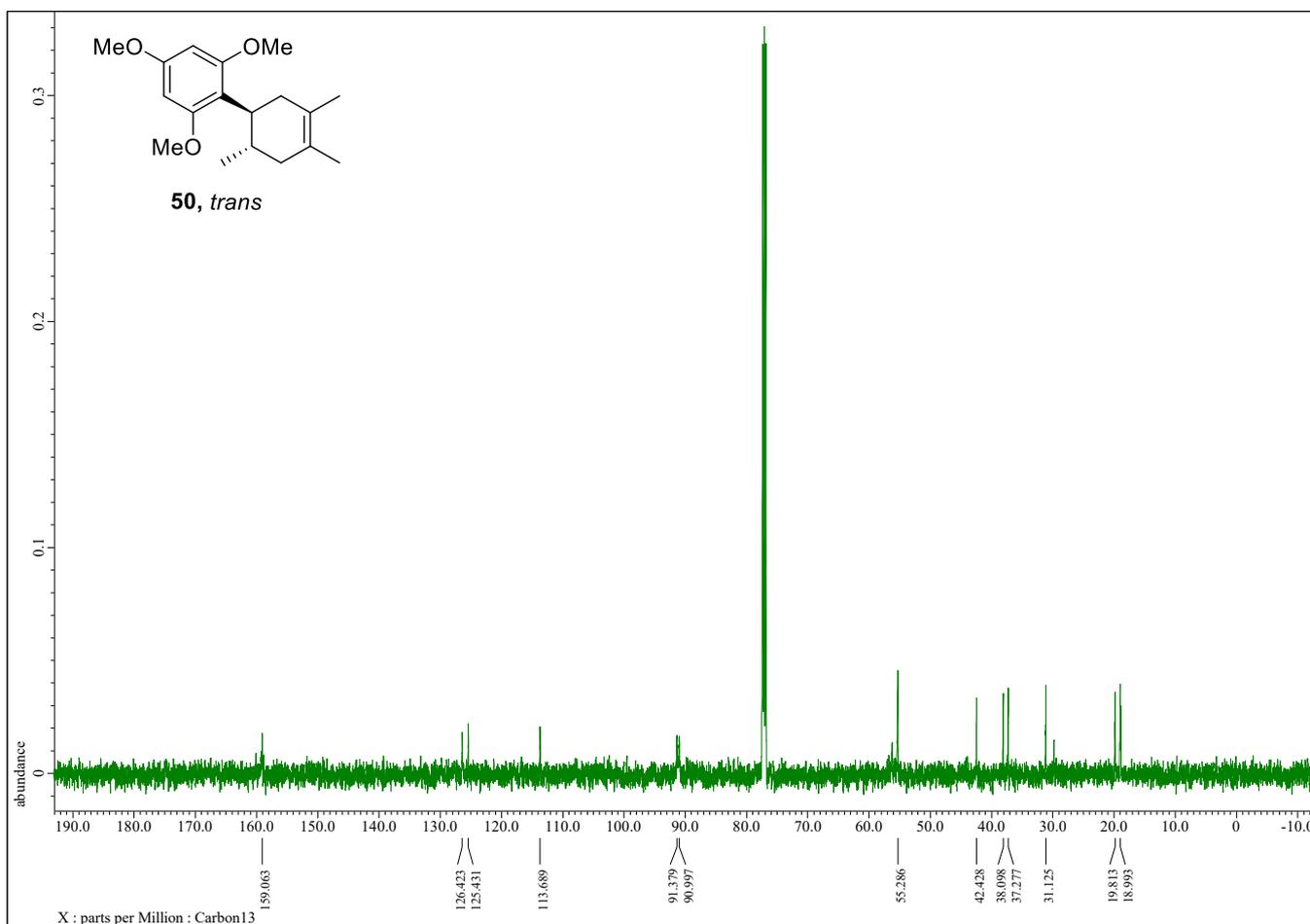
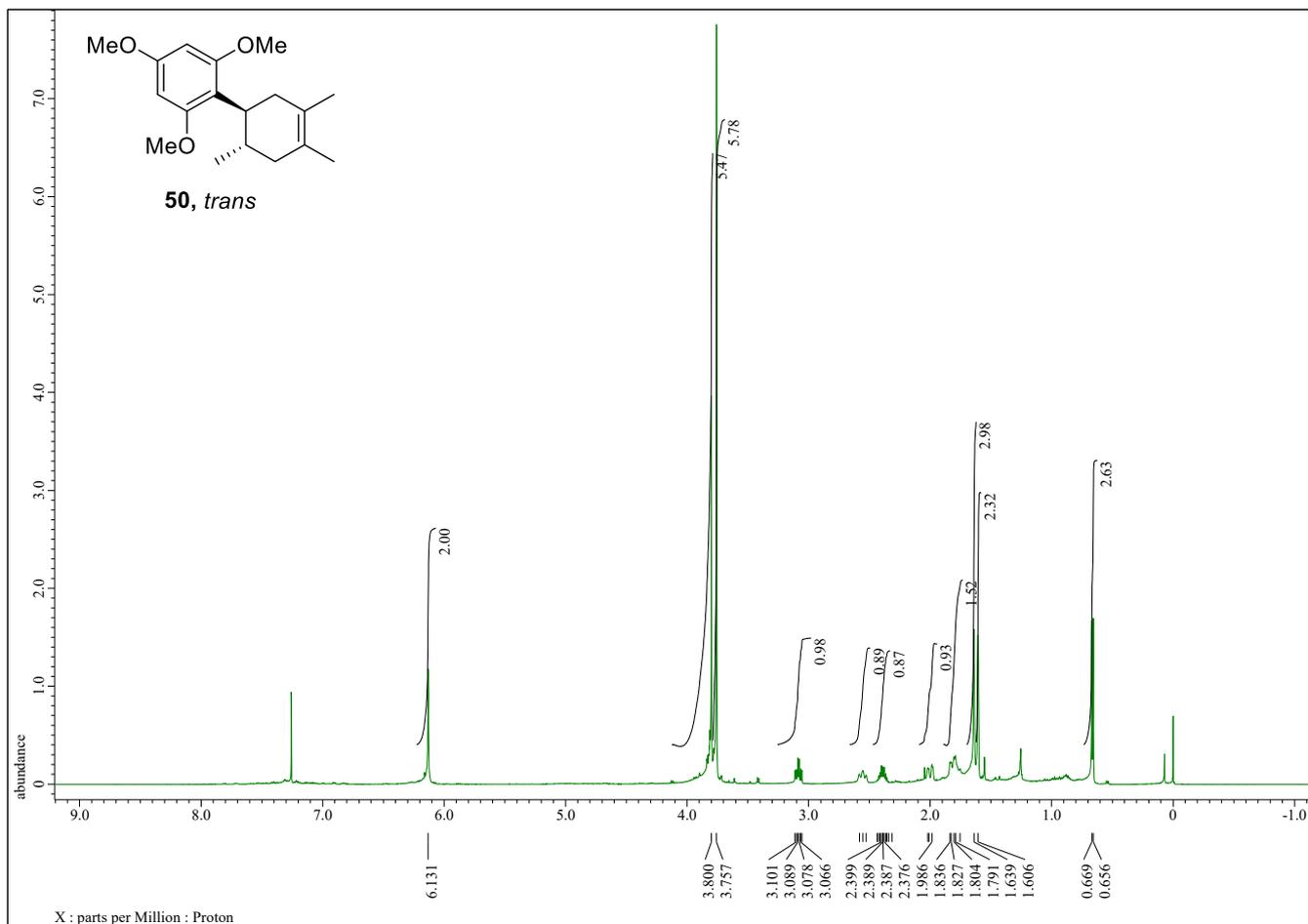


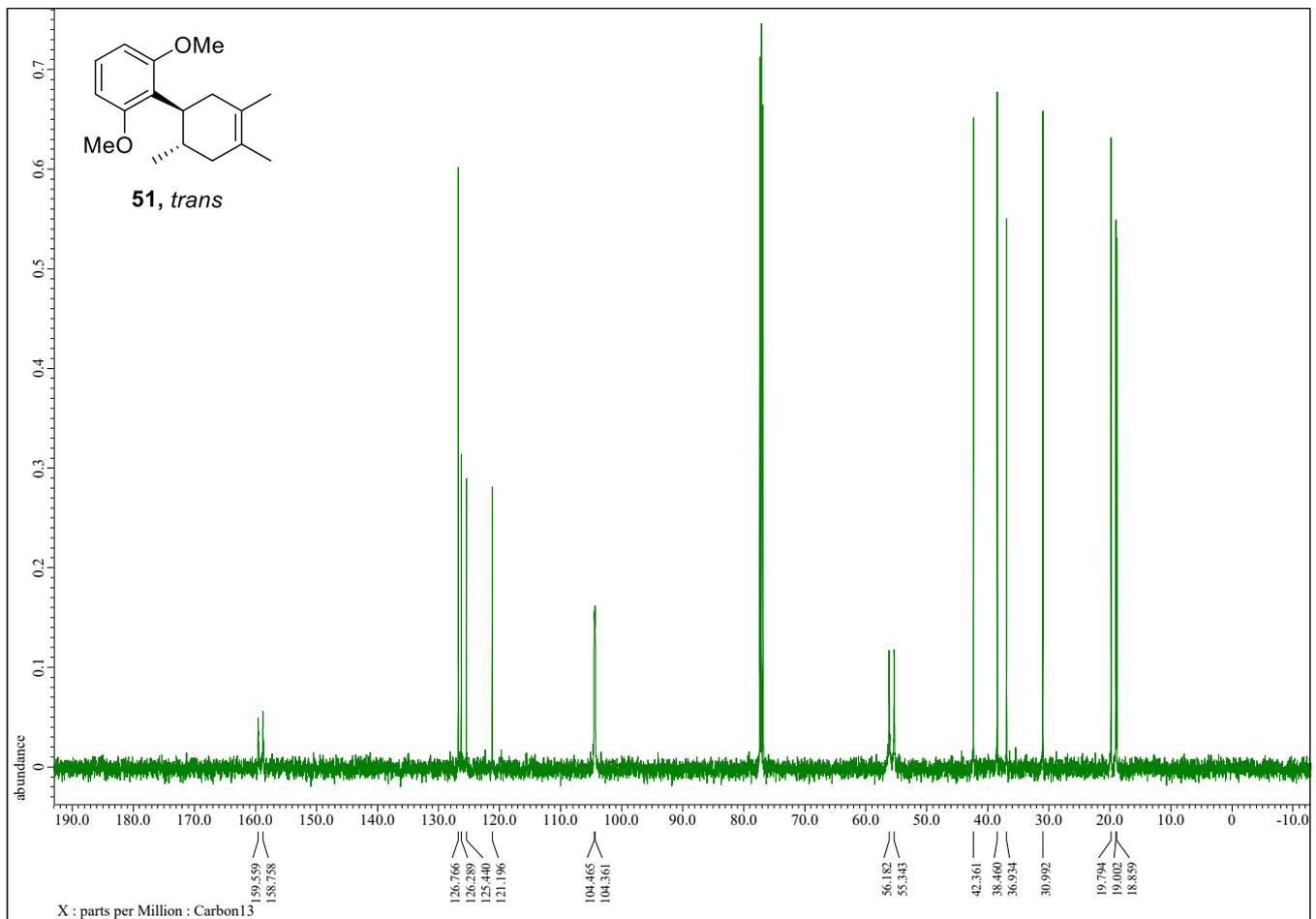
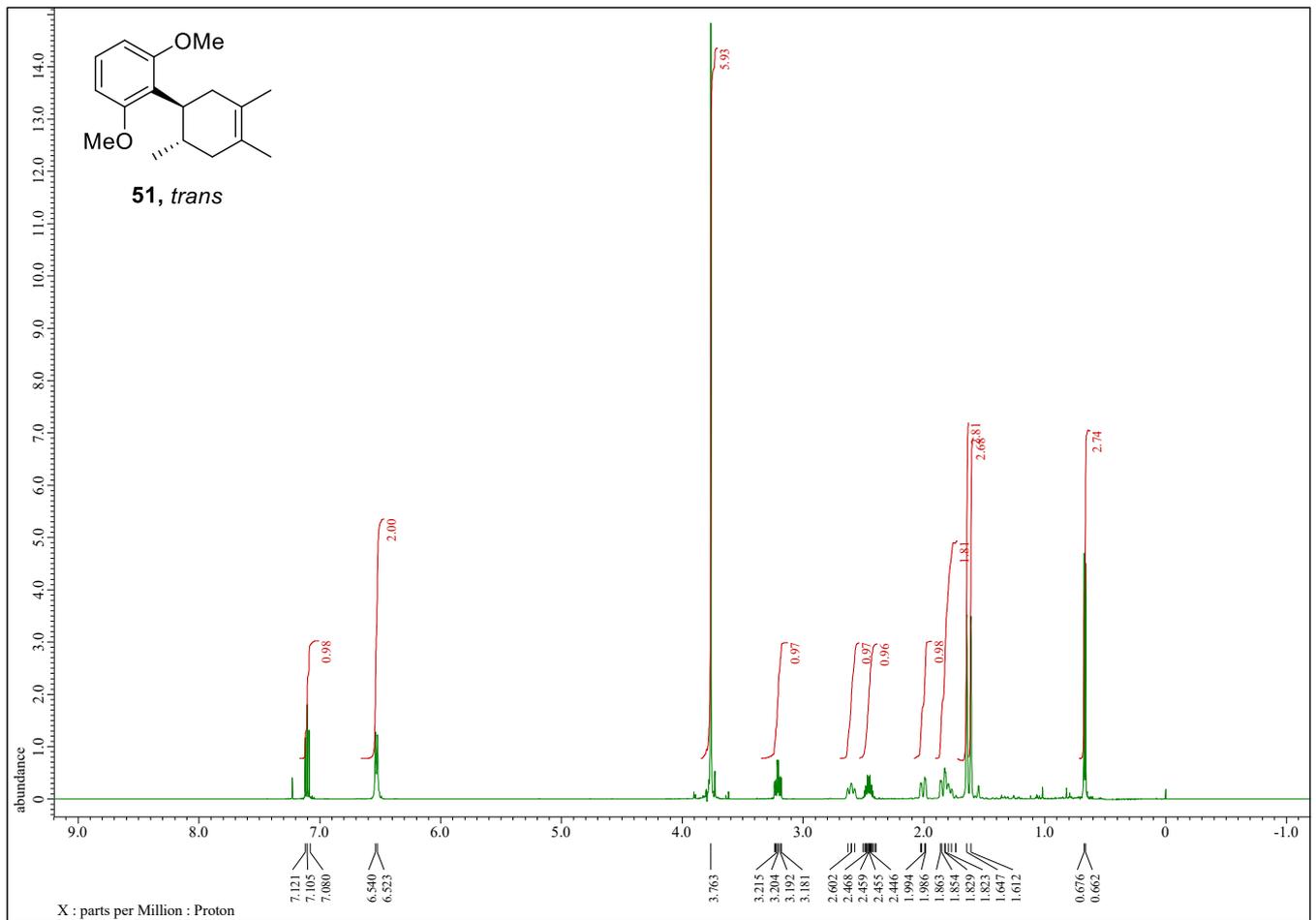


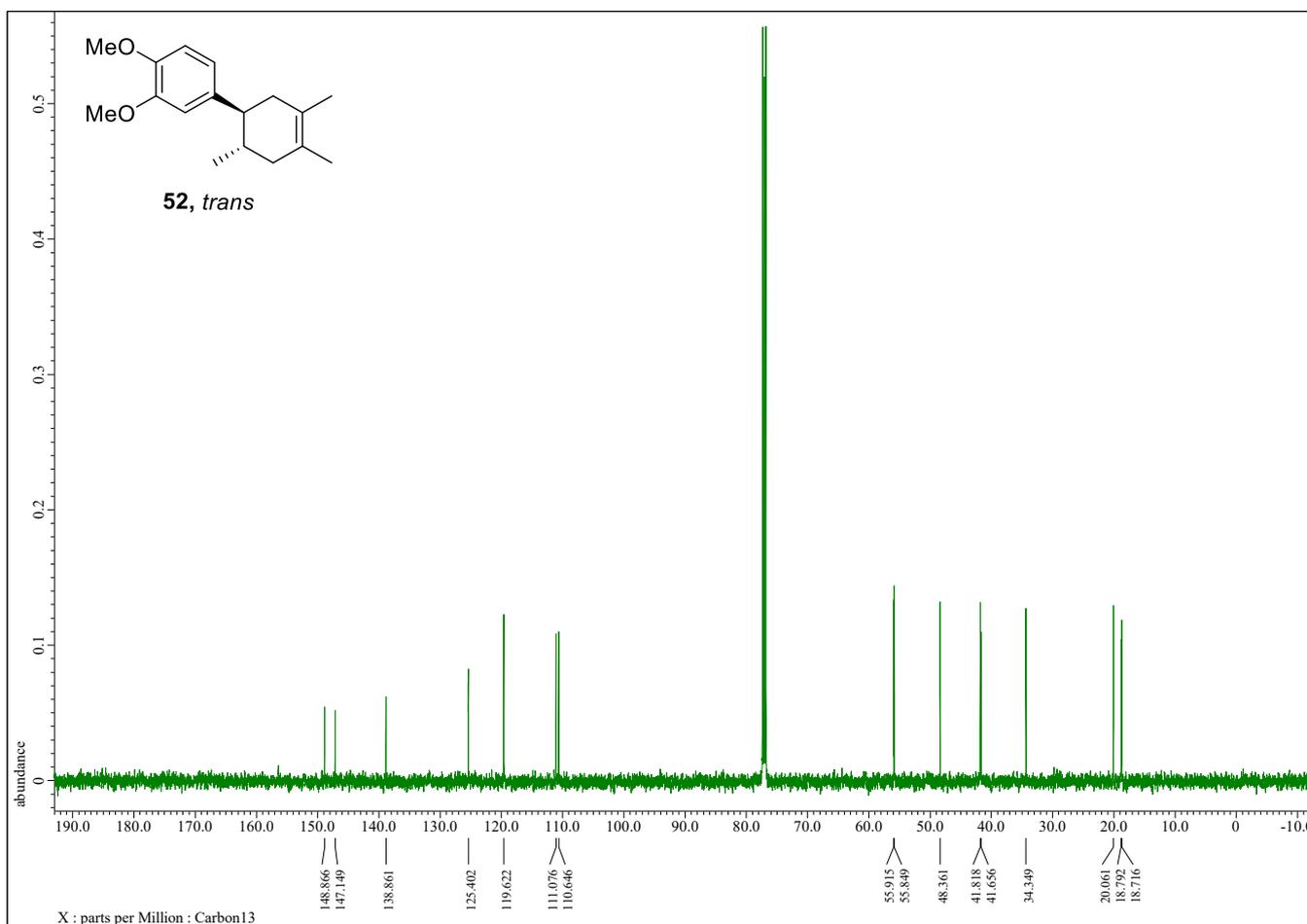
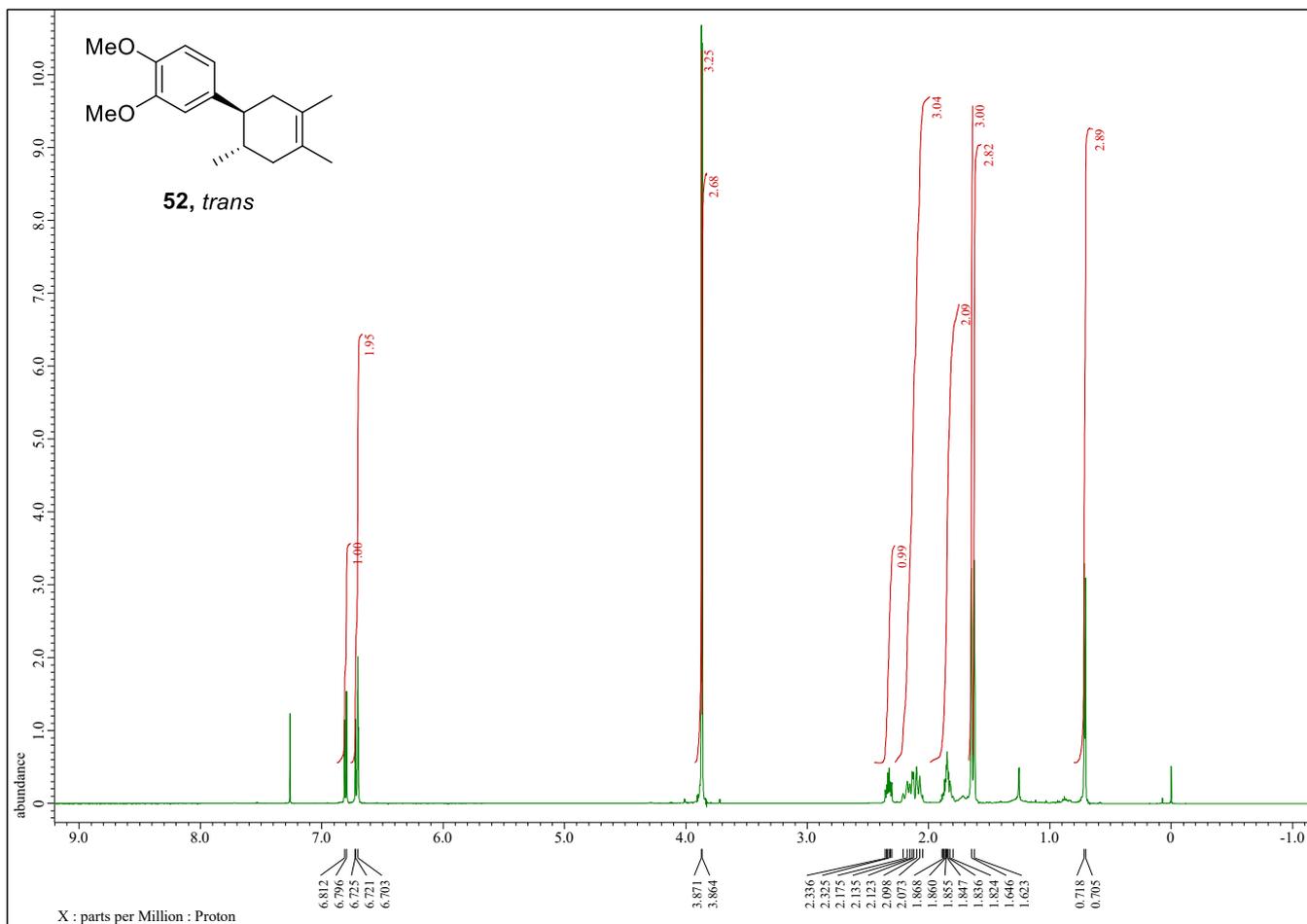


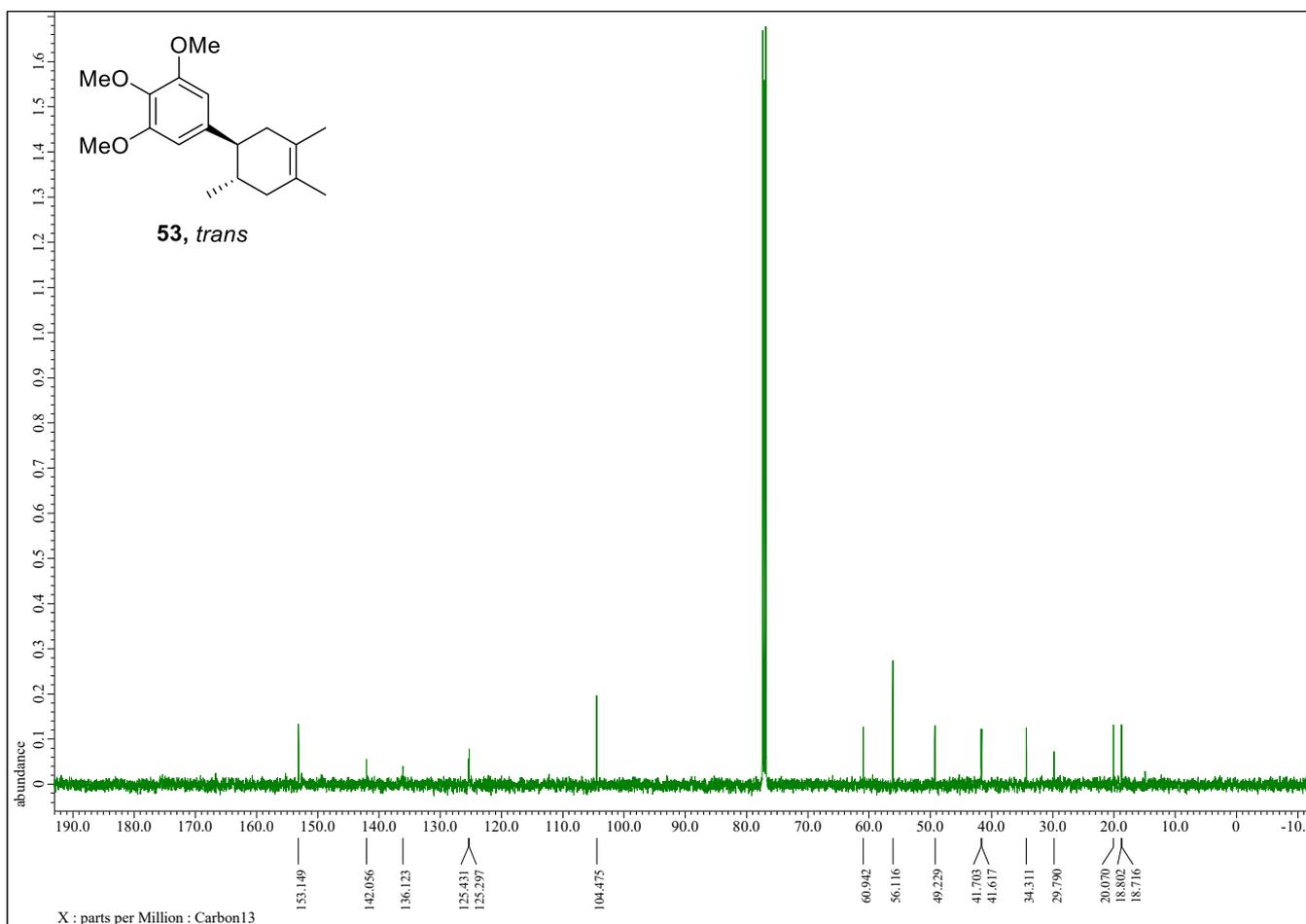
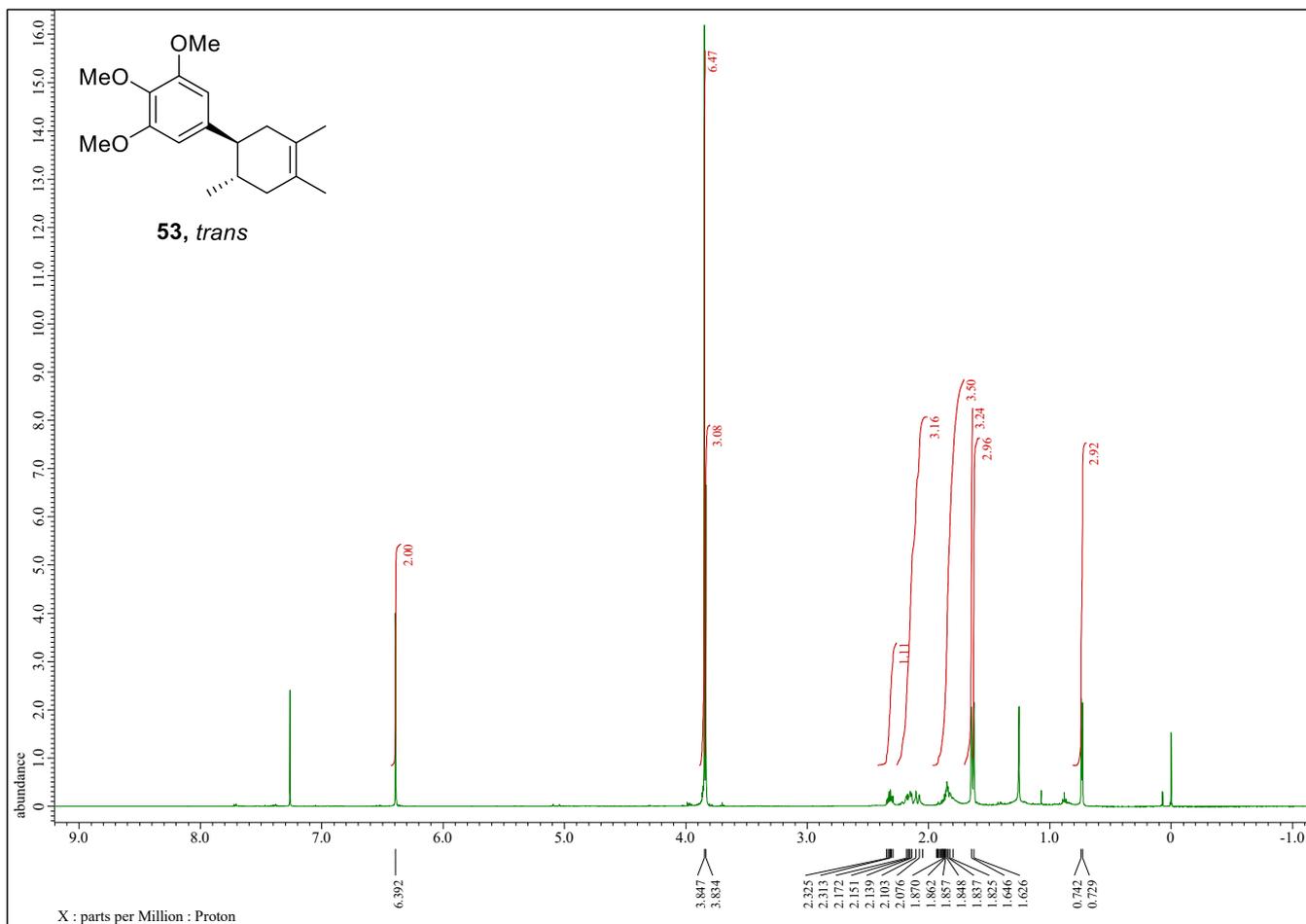


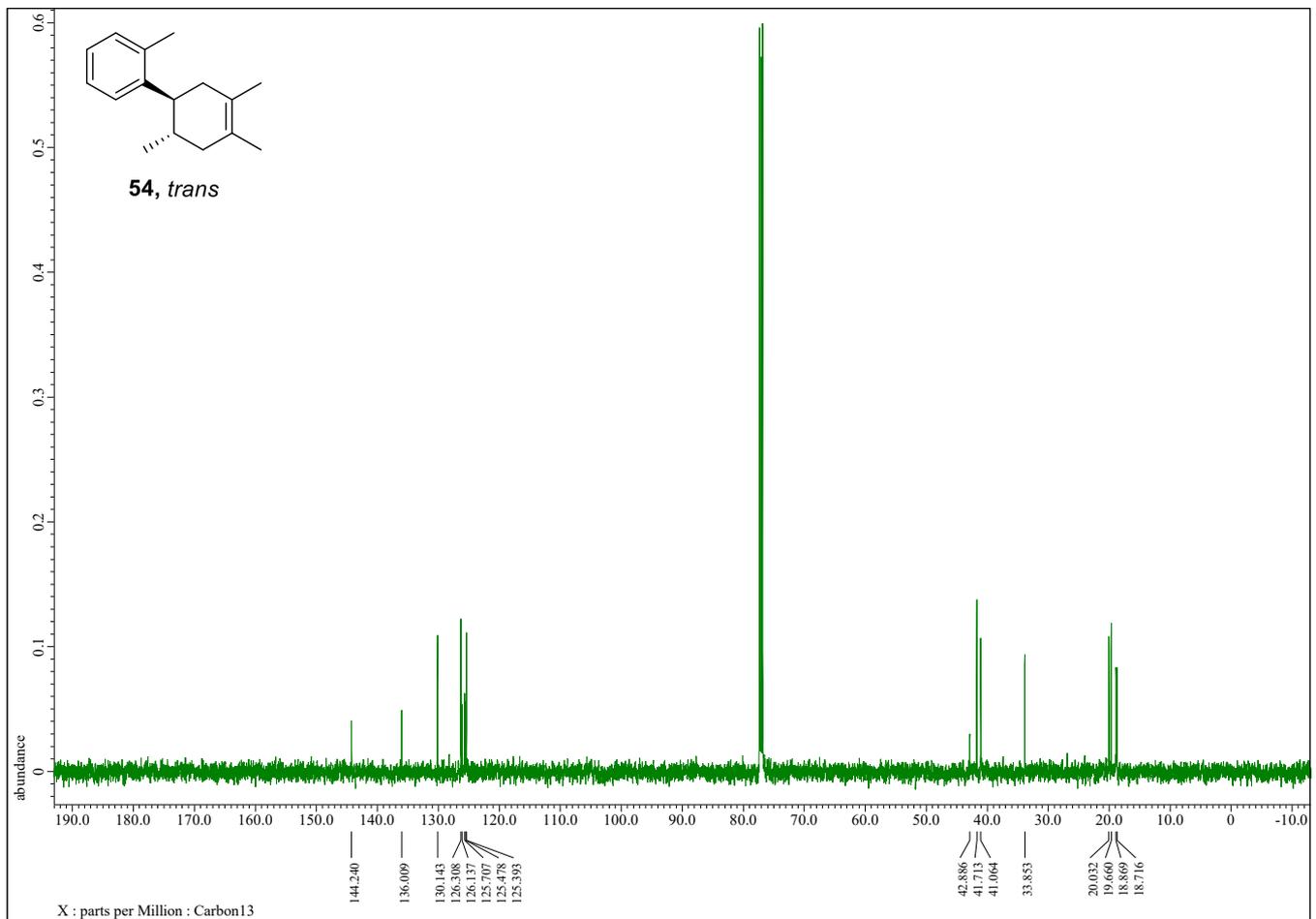
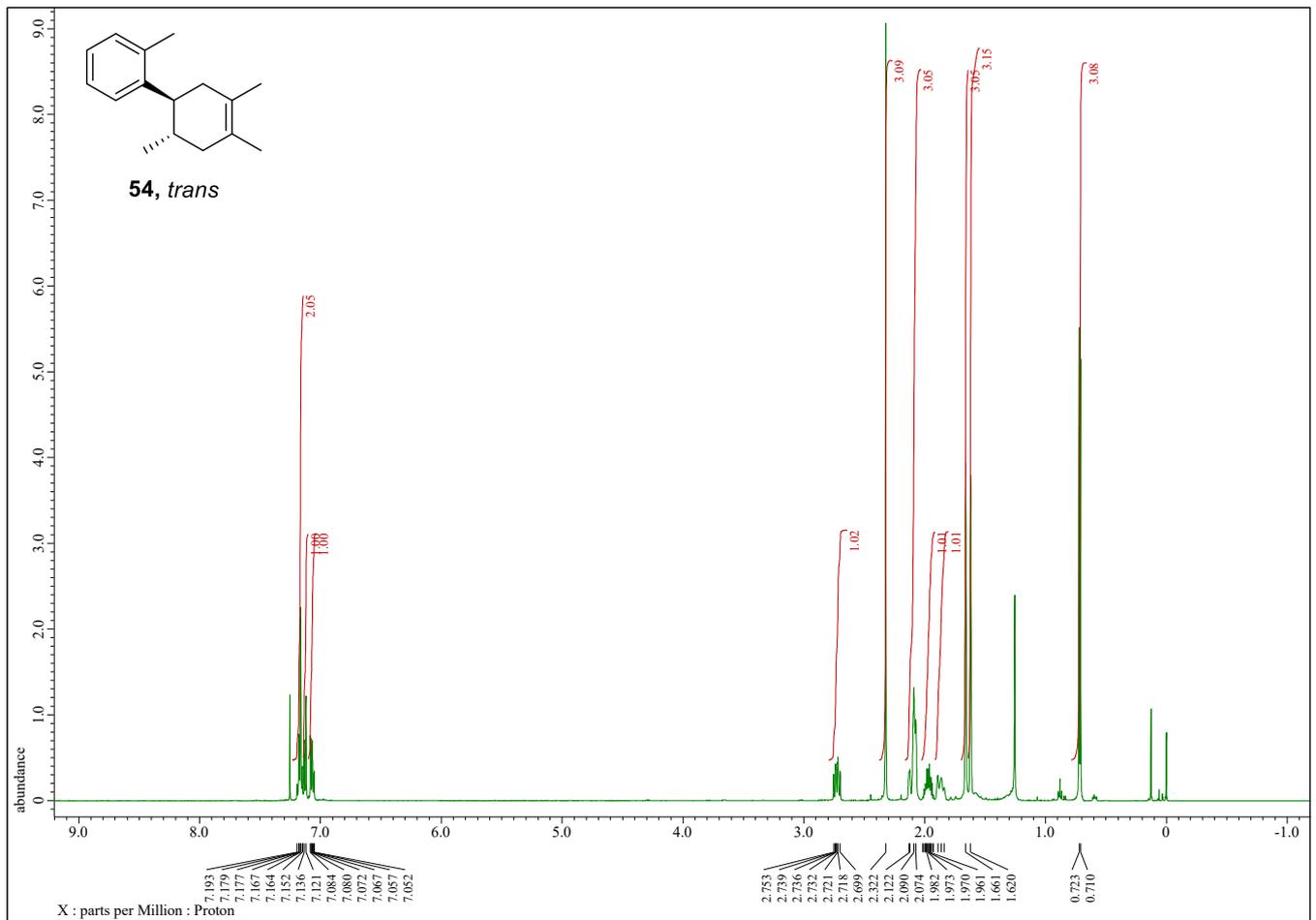


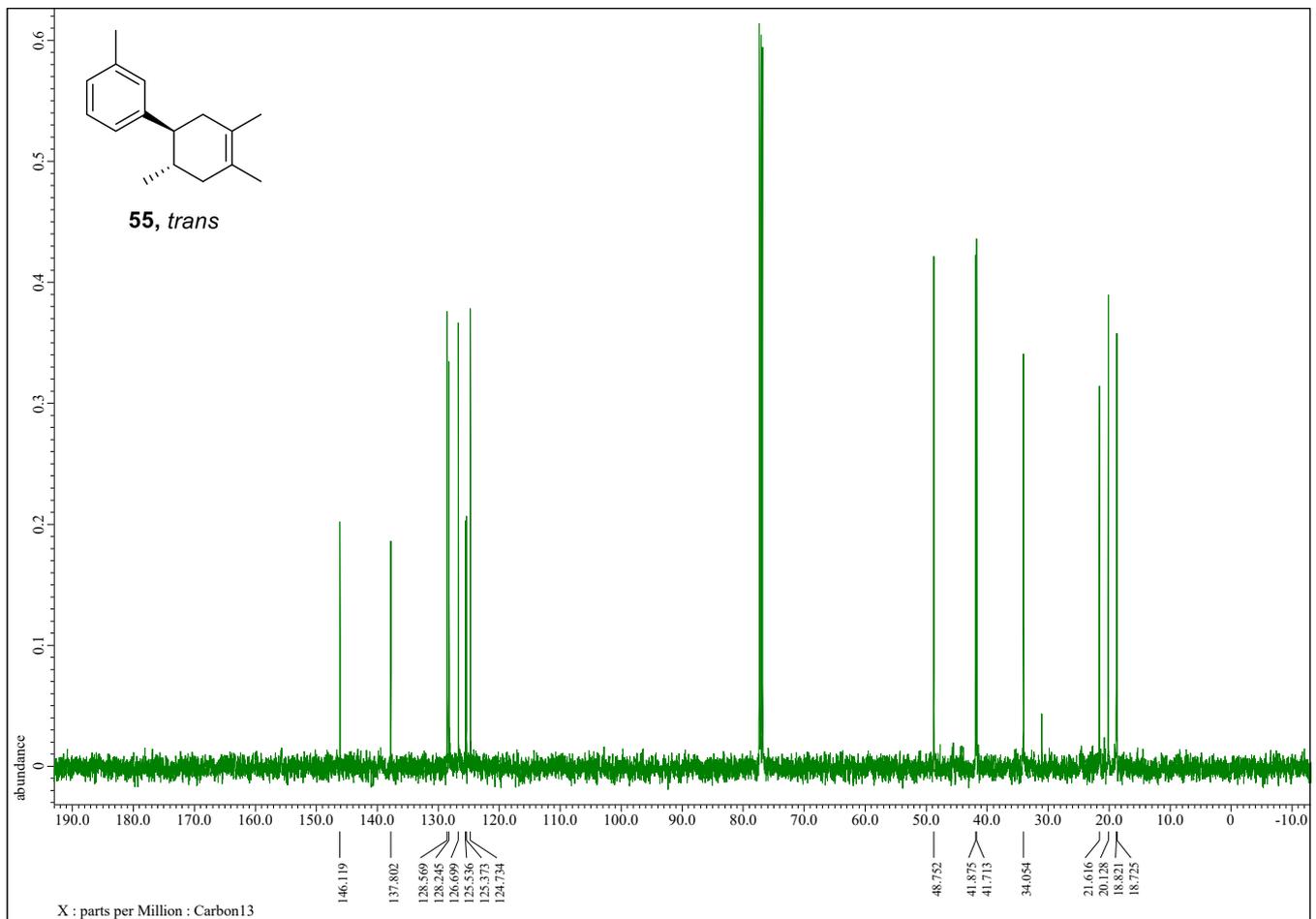
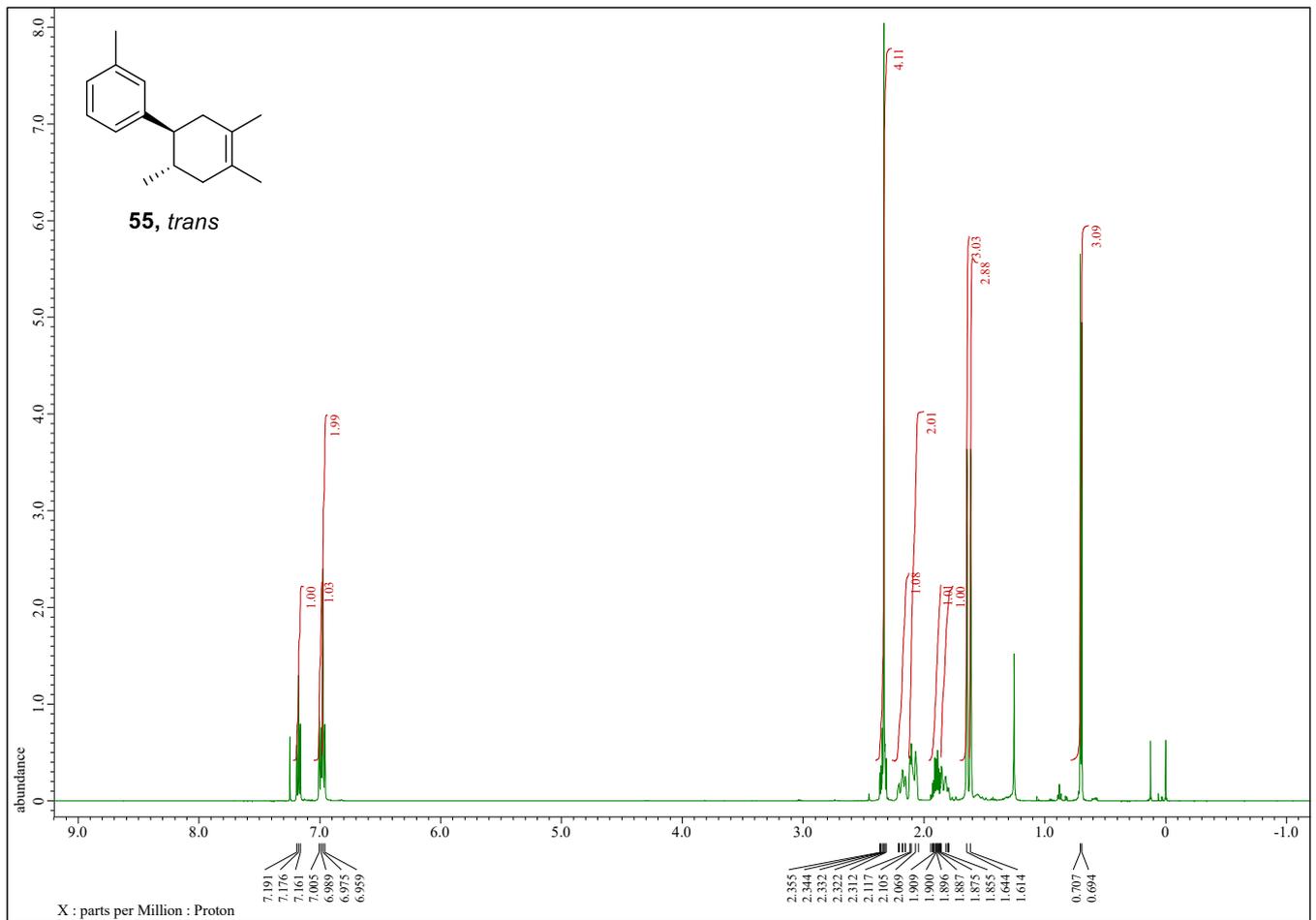


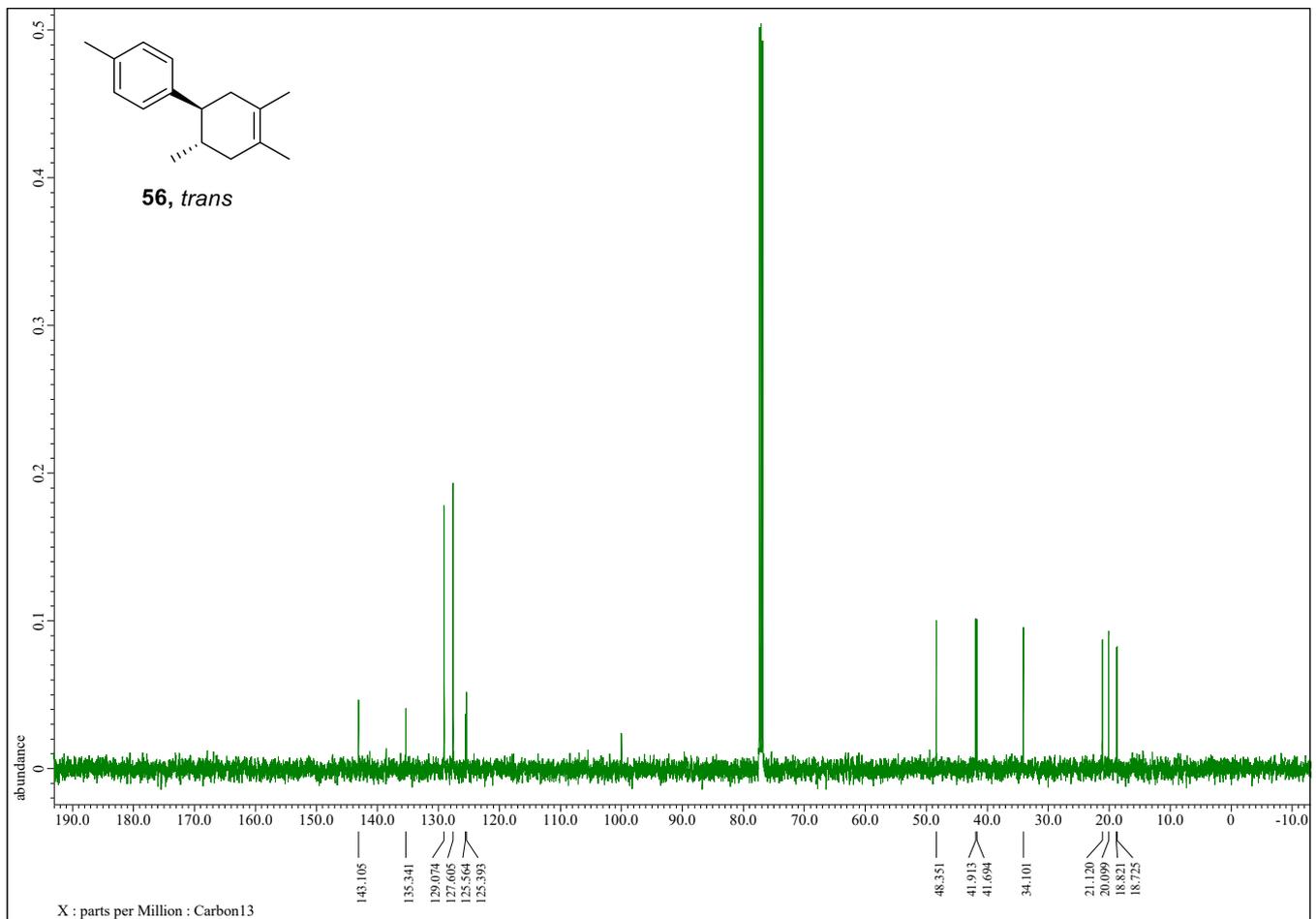
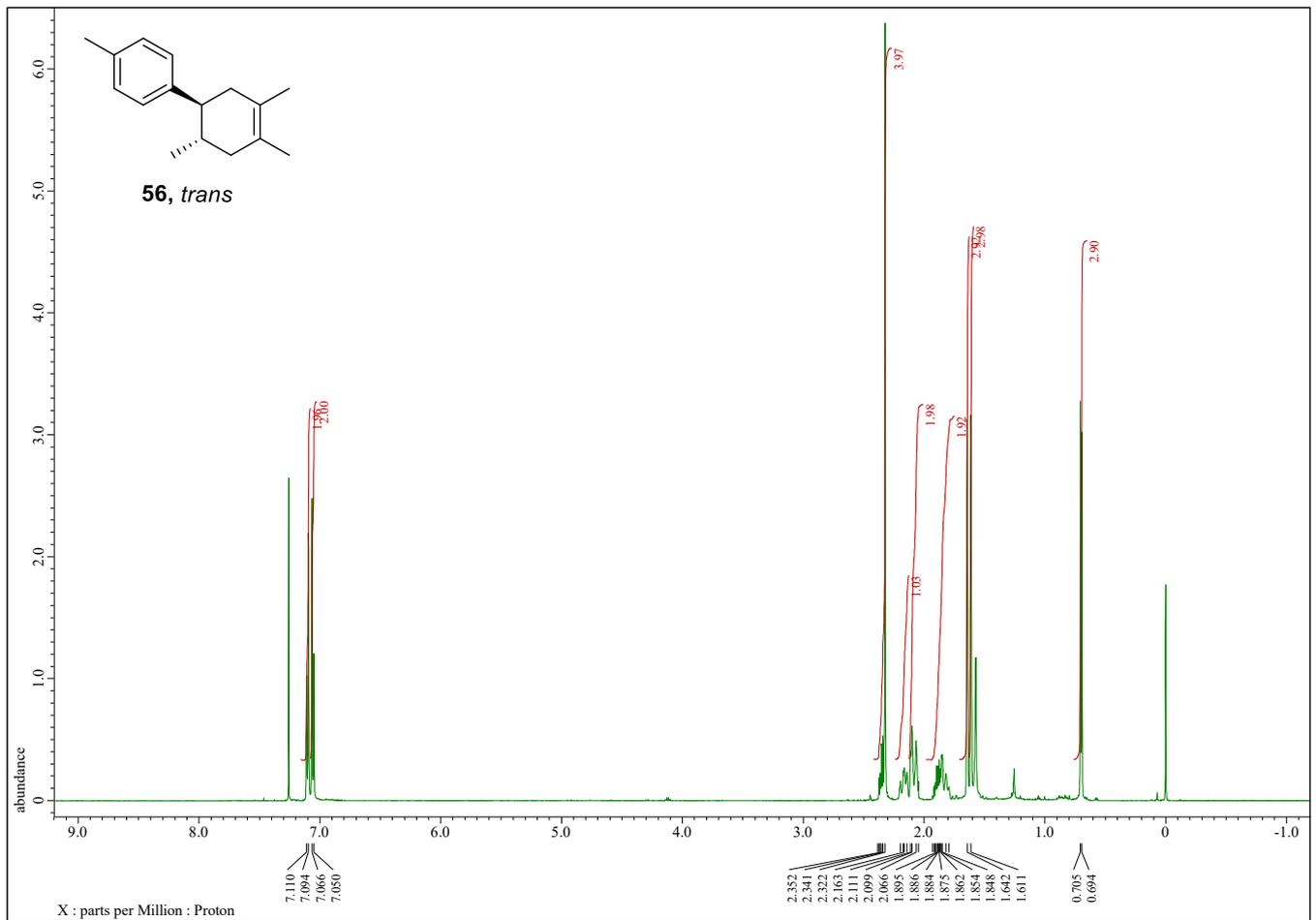


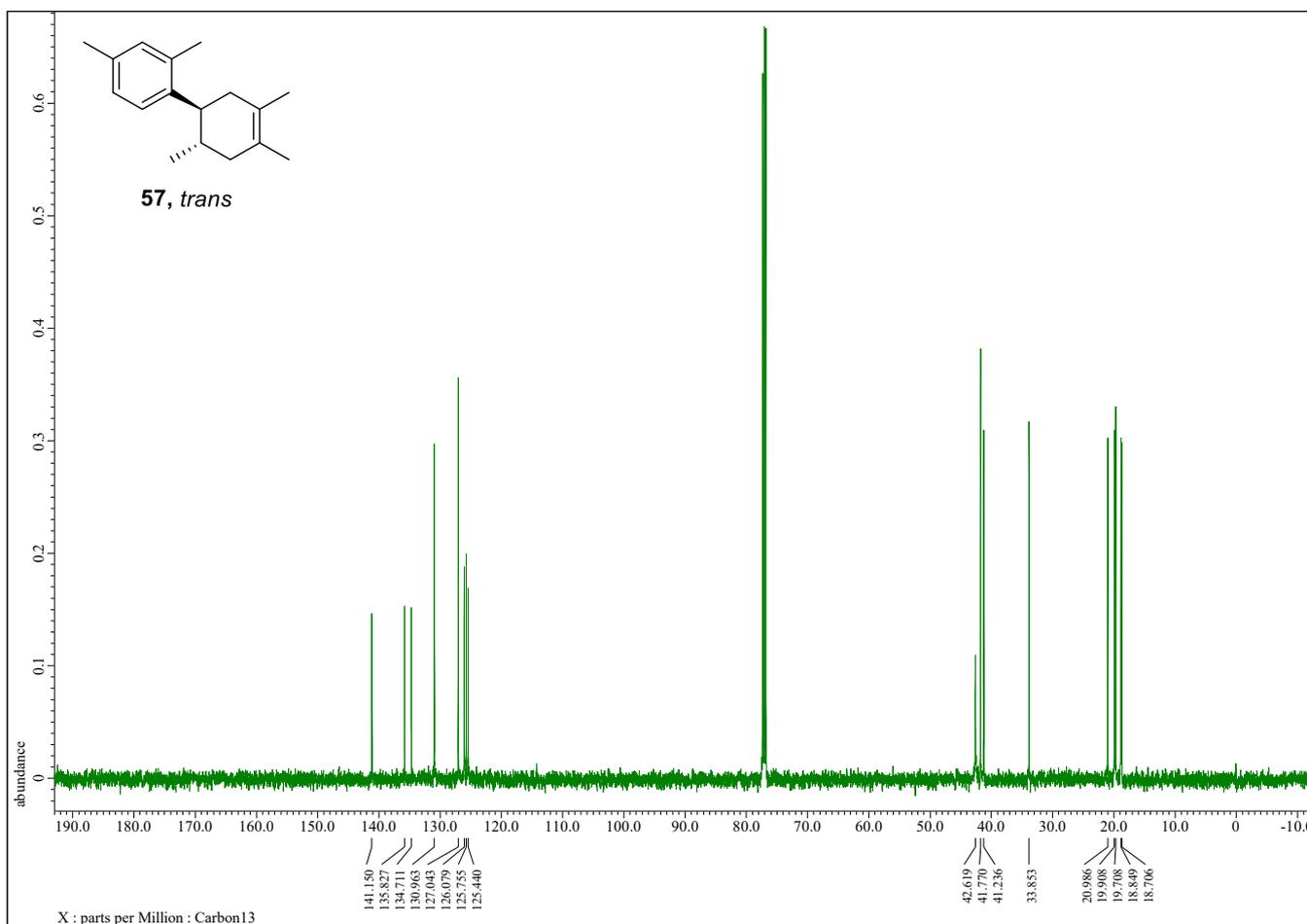
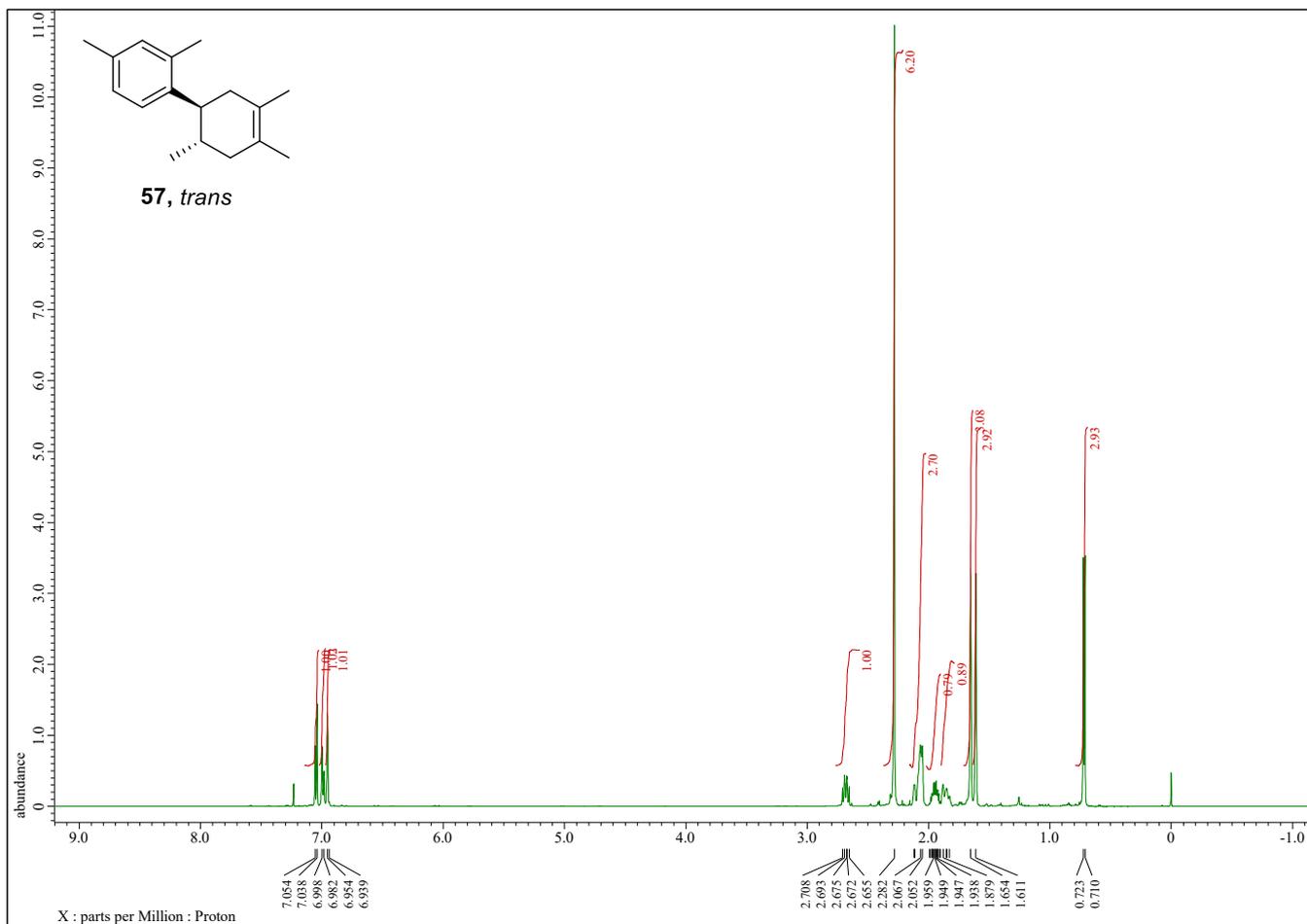


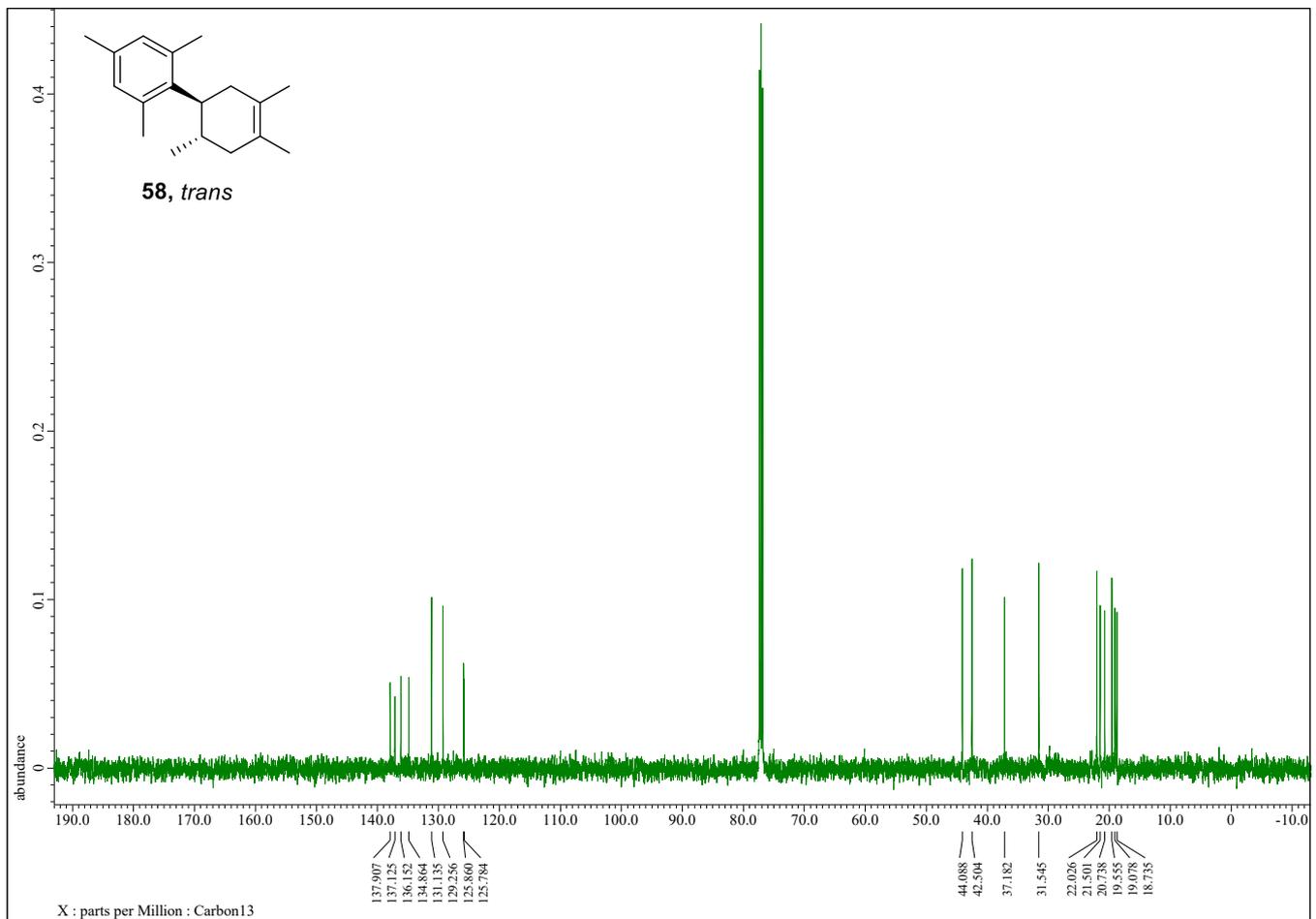
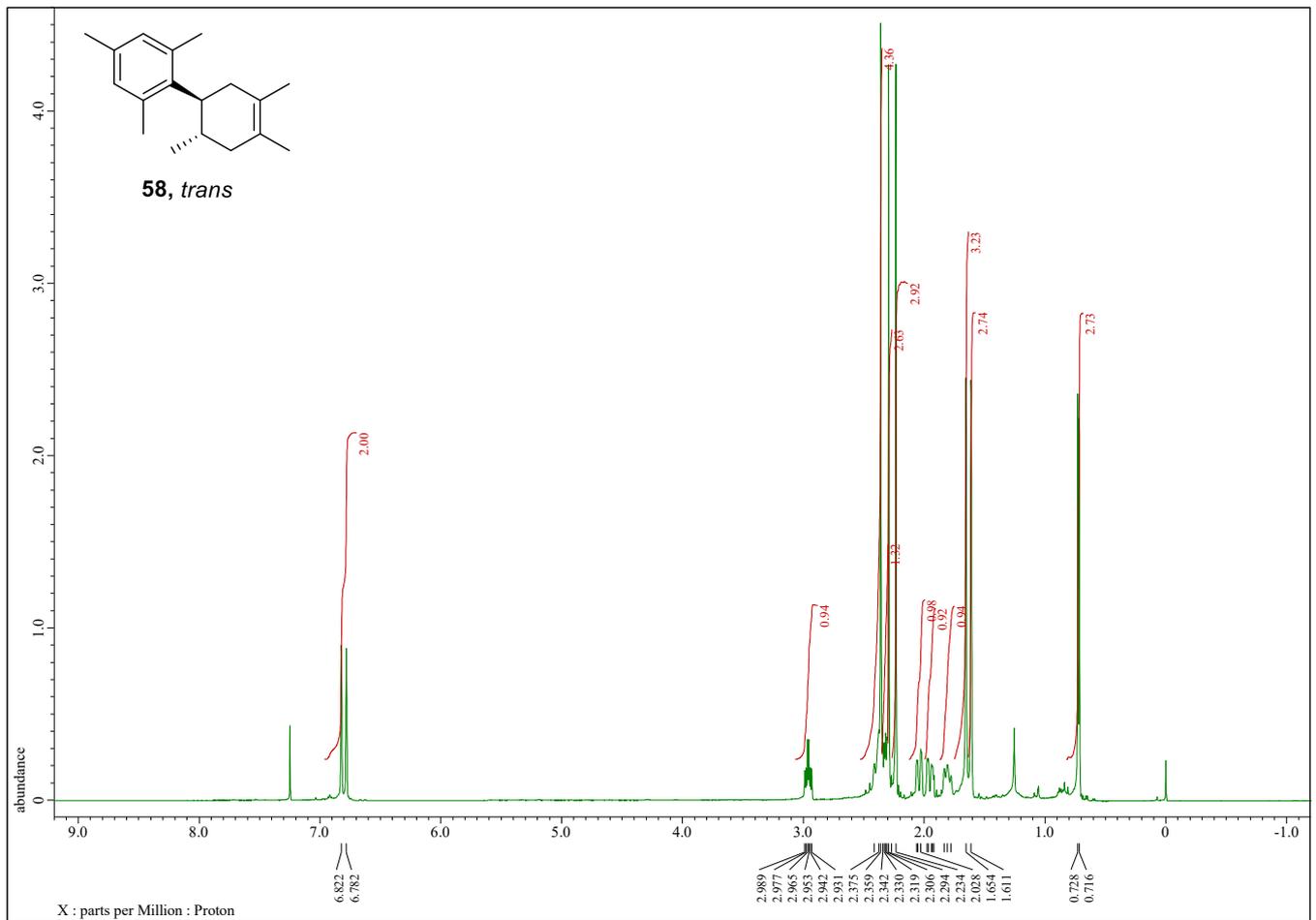


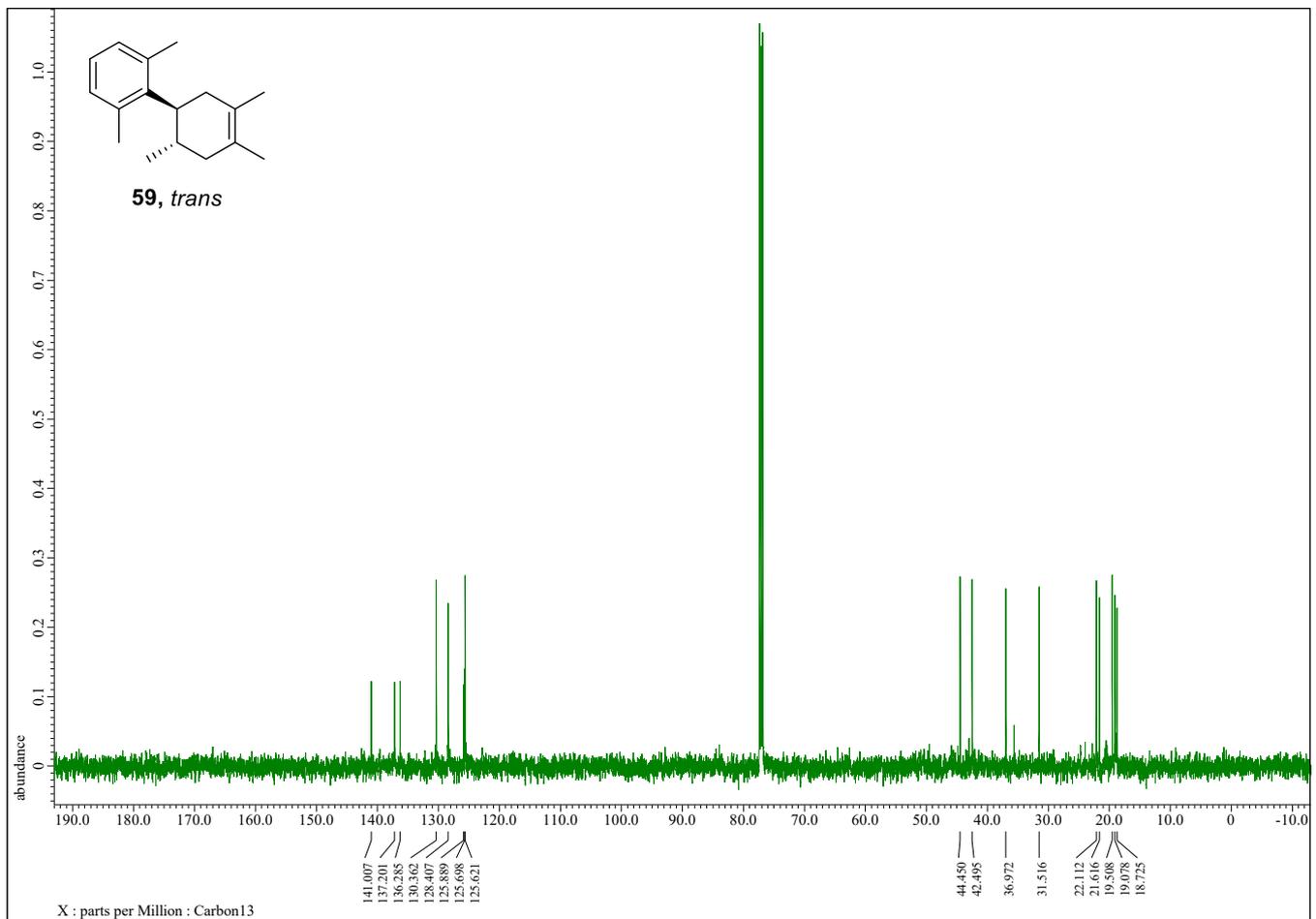
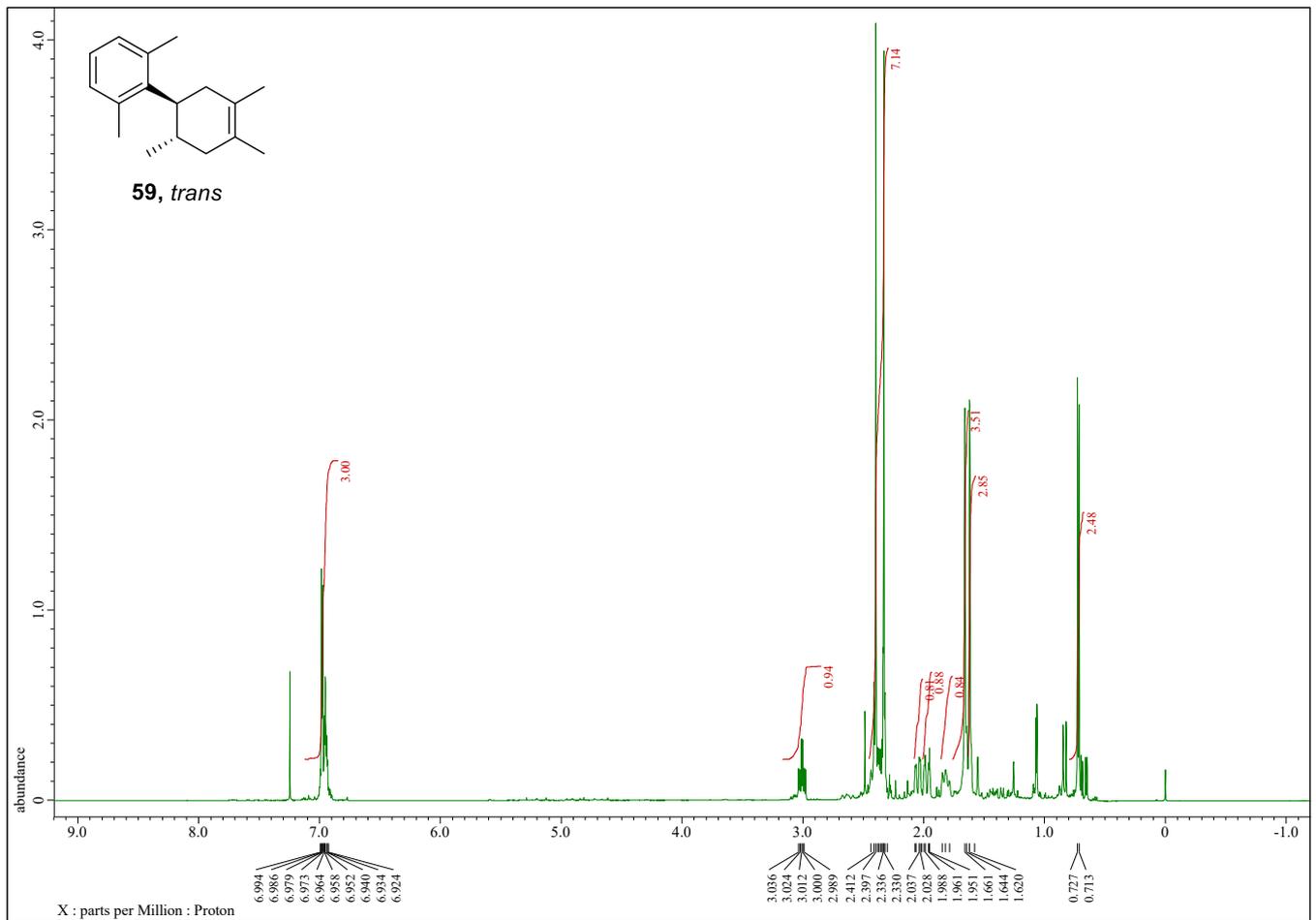


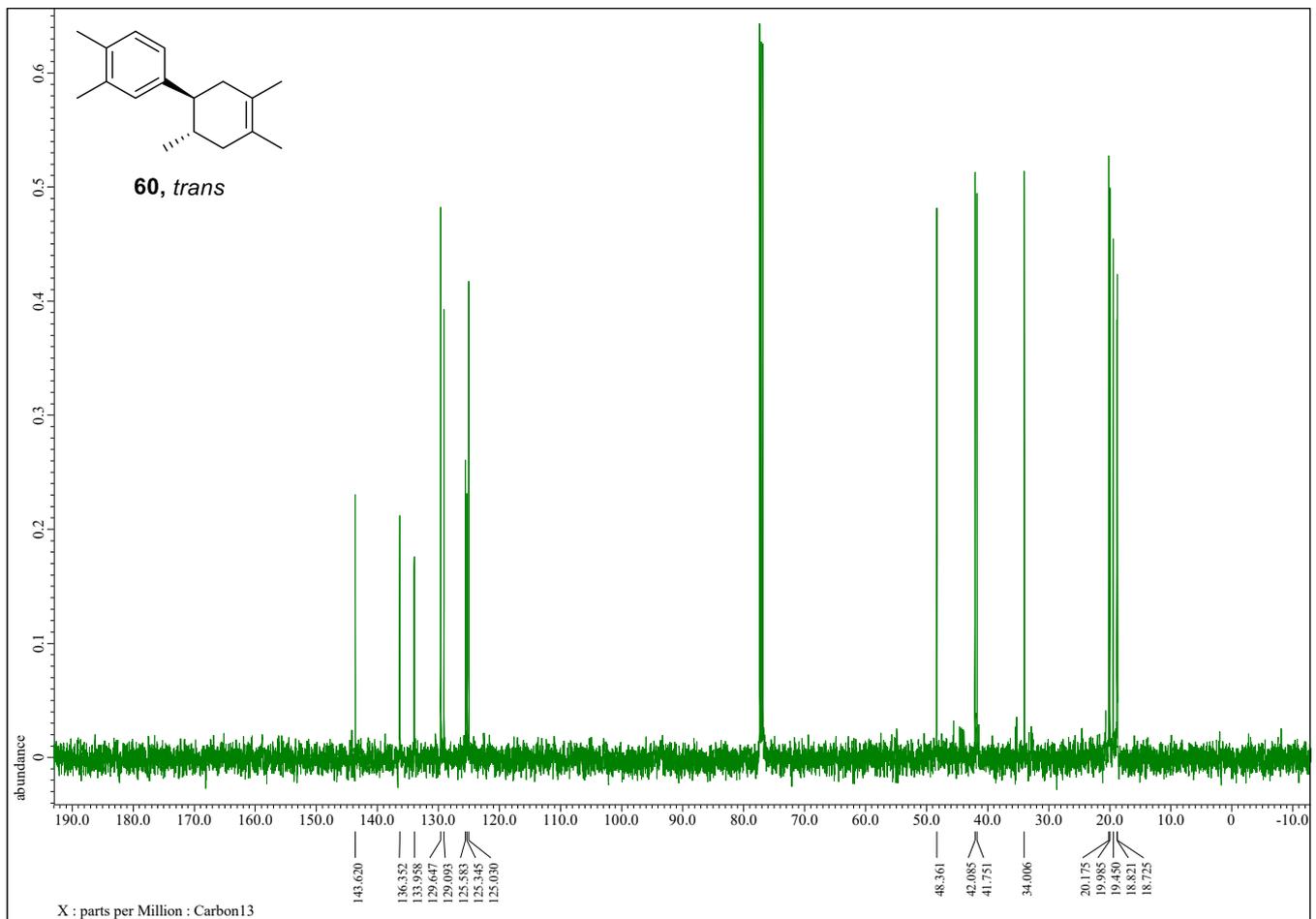
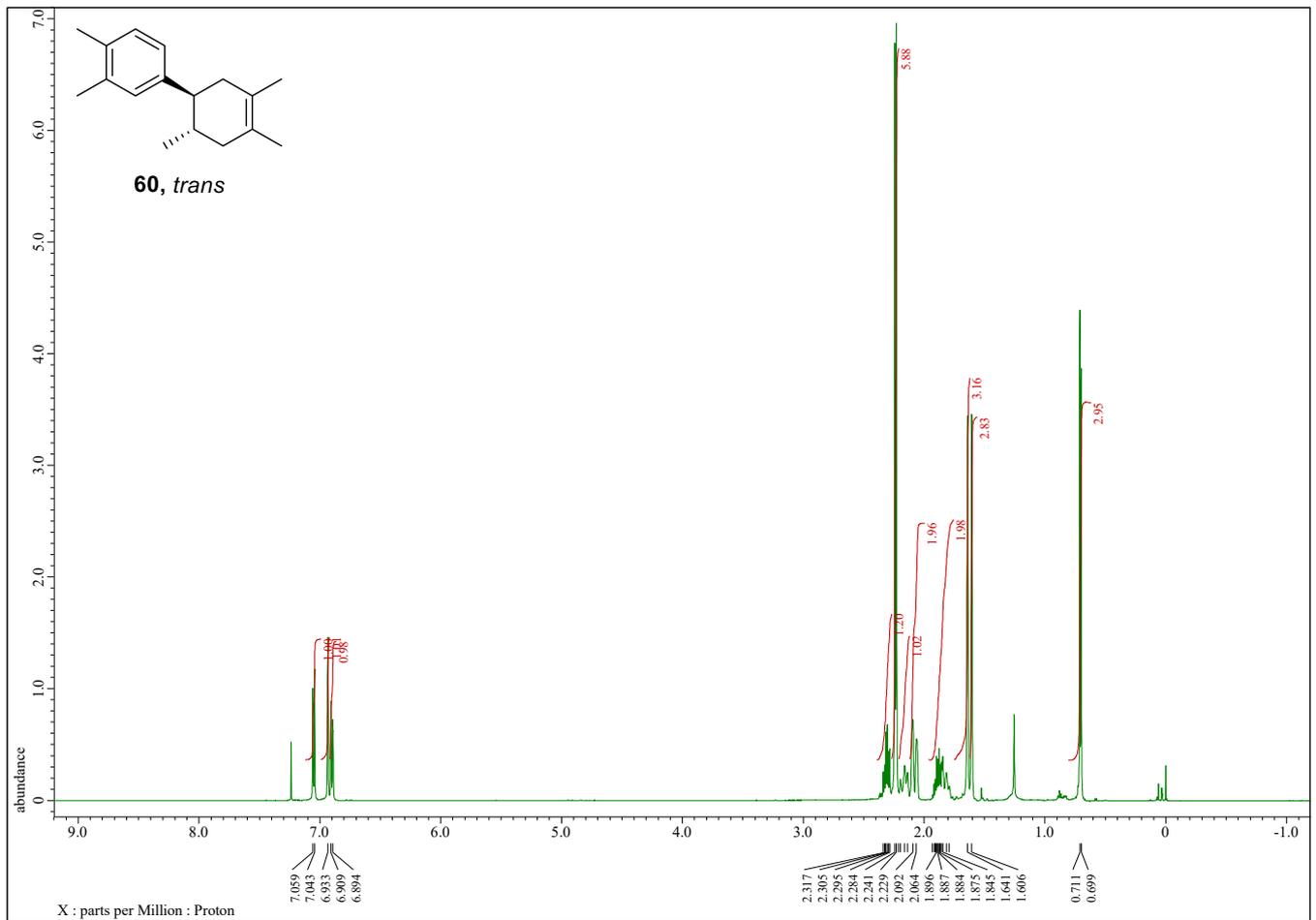


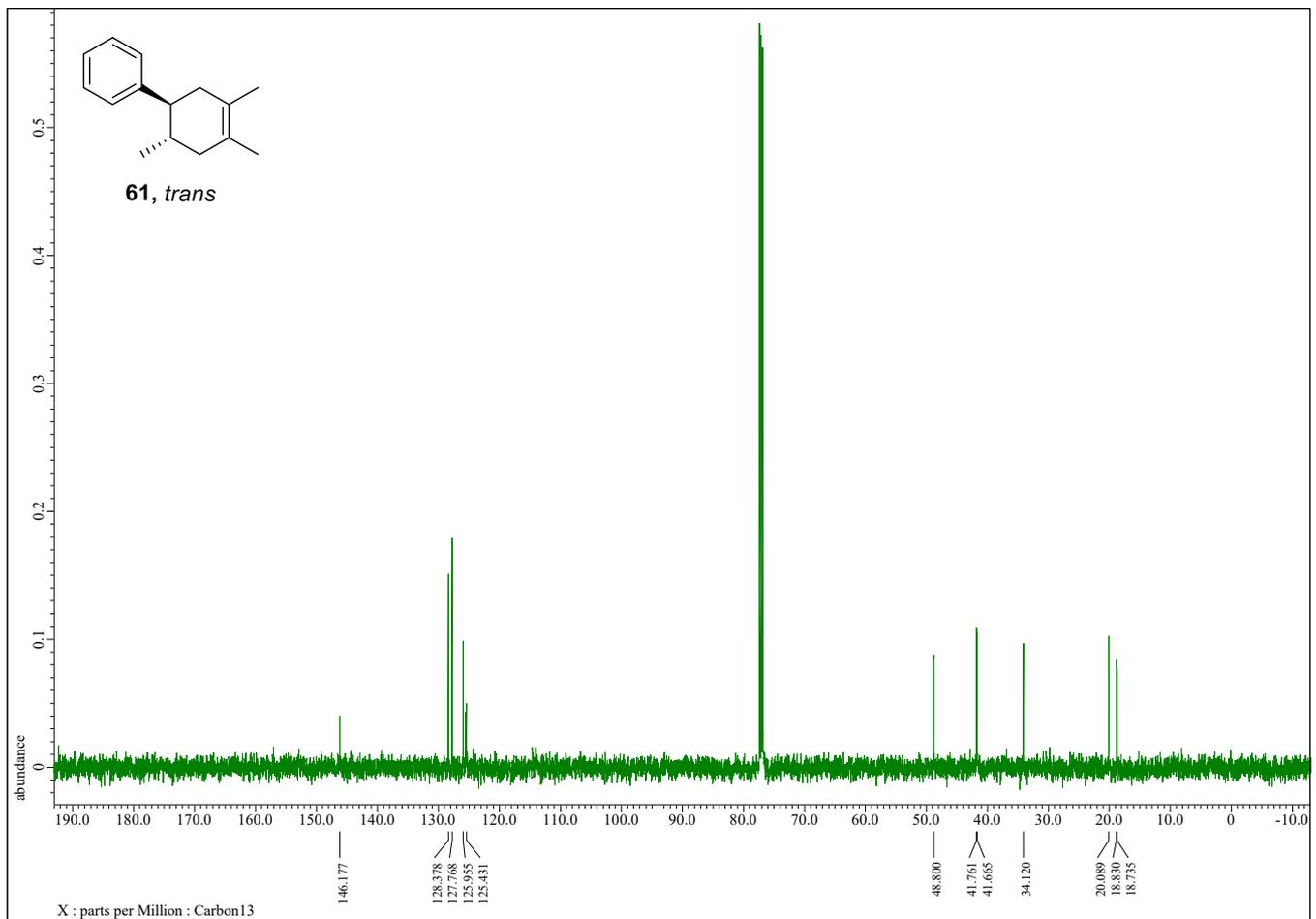
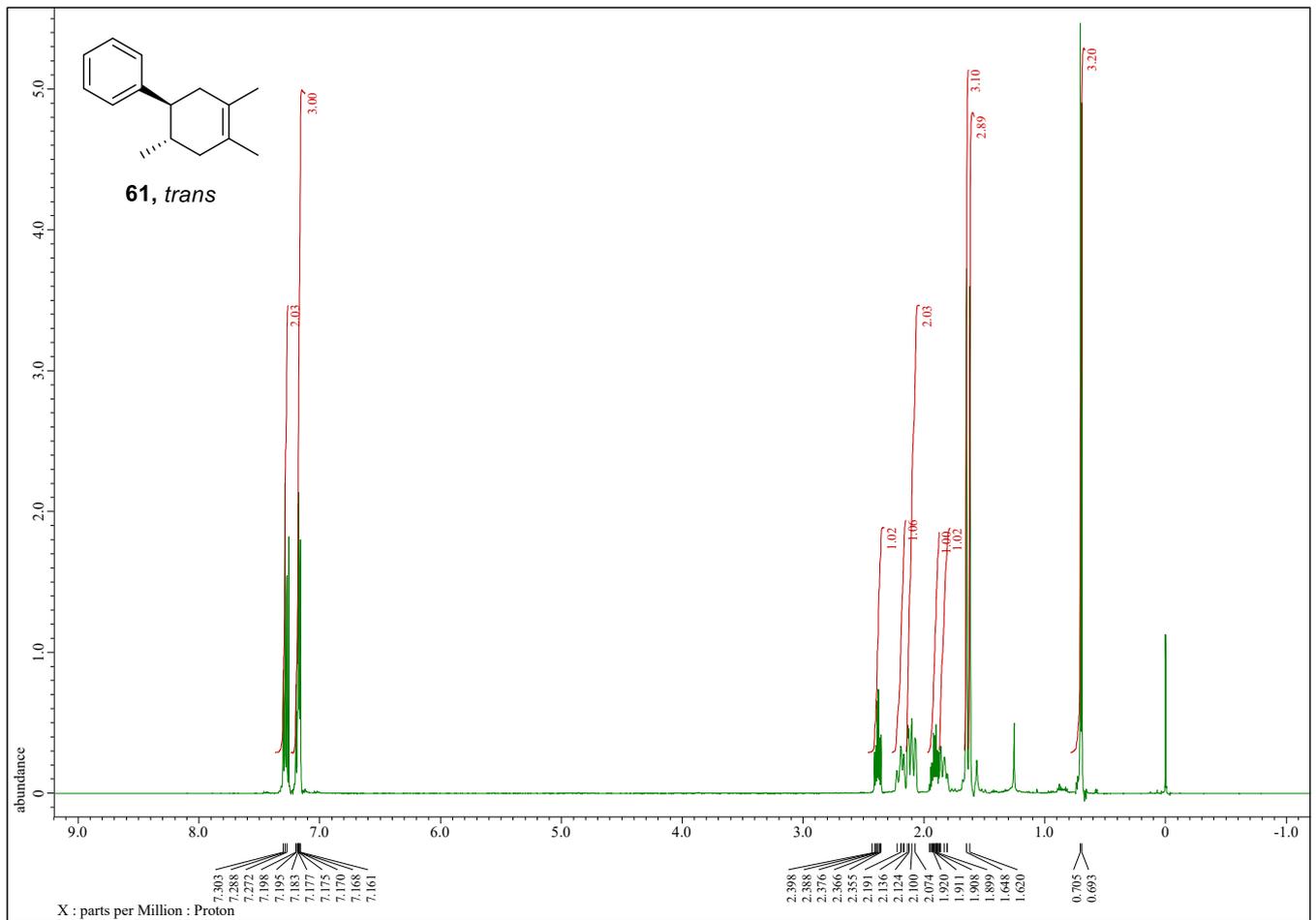


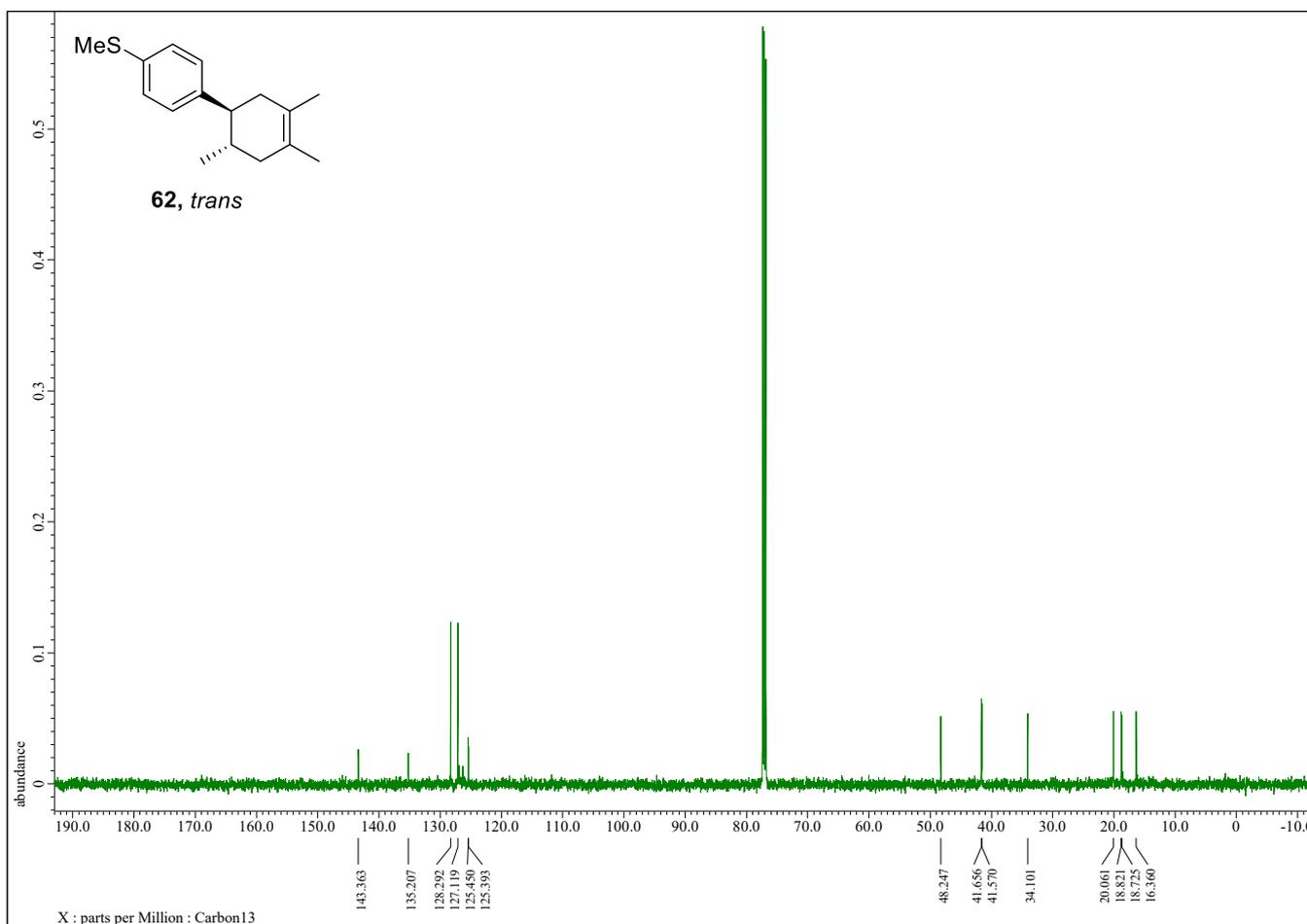
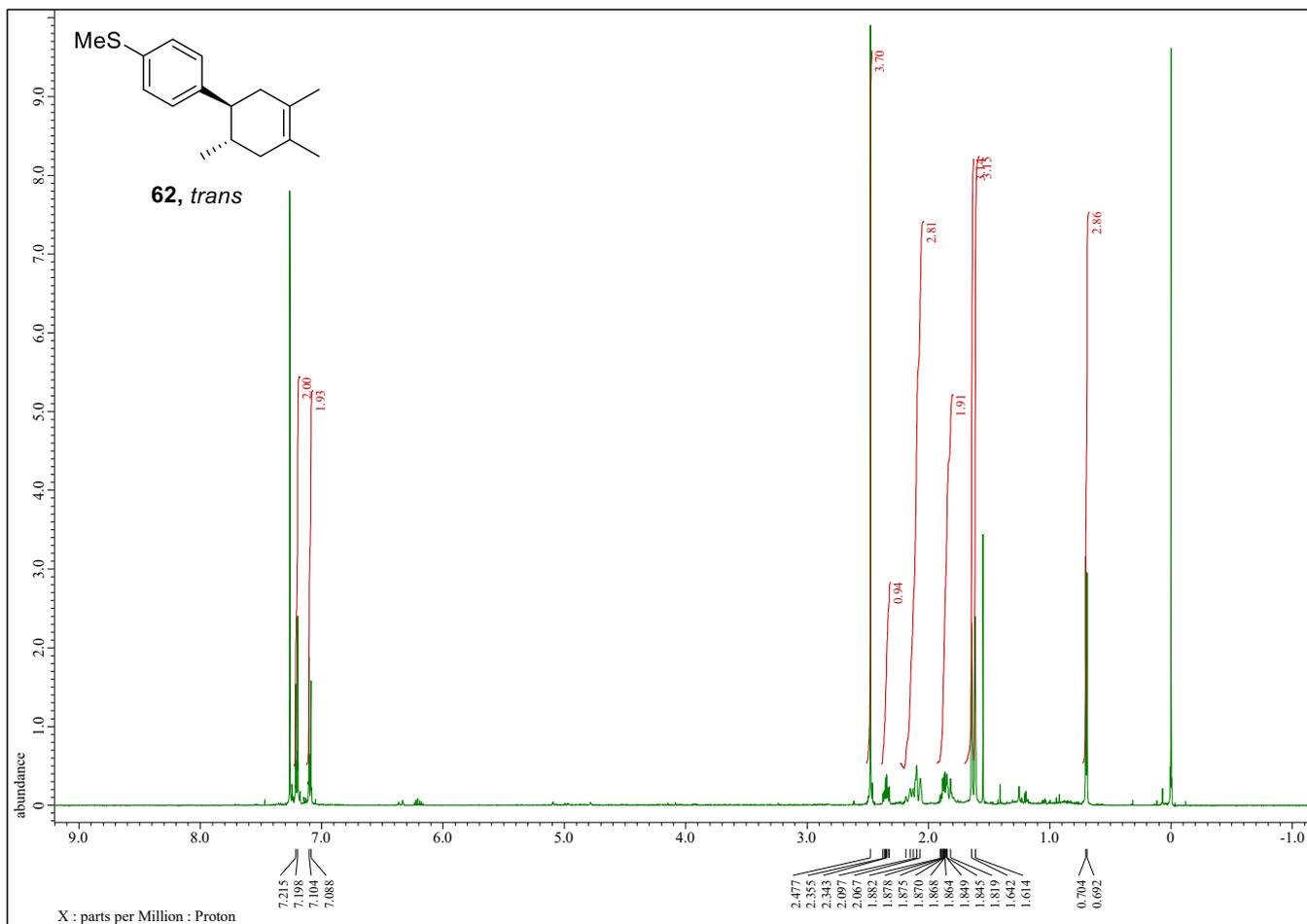












S3. Additional CV and Yield Data of Chapter 3

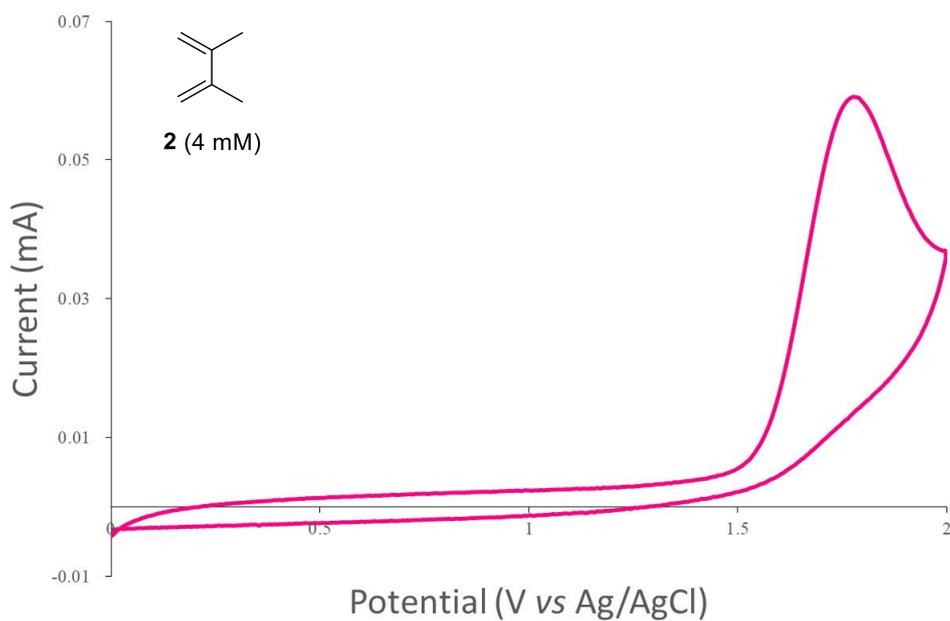


Figure S4. Cyclic Voltammogram of 2,3-Dimethyl-1,3-Butadiene (2, 4 mM).

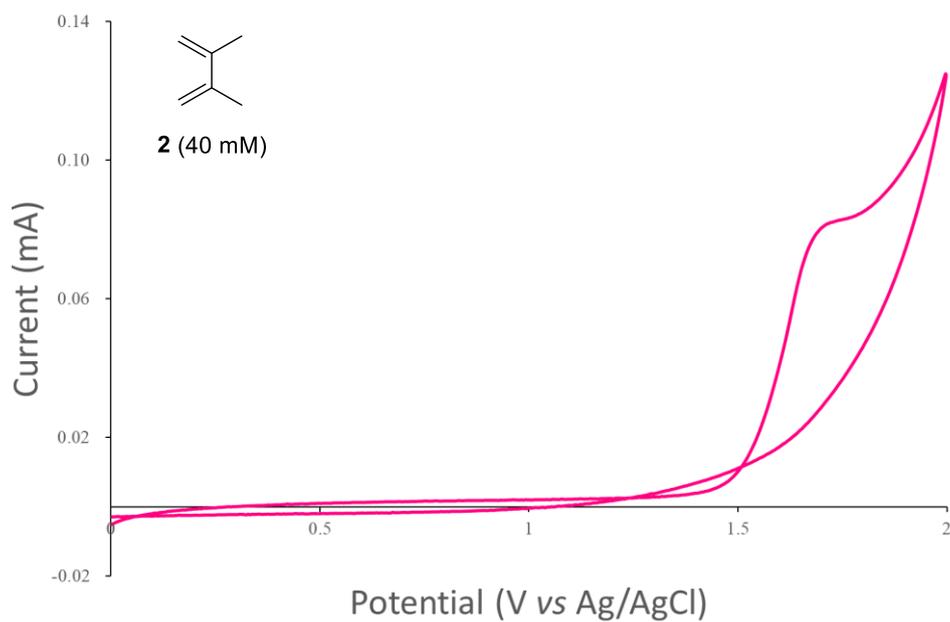


Figure S5. Cyclic Voltammogram of 2,3-Dimethyl-1,3-Butadiene (2, 40 mM).

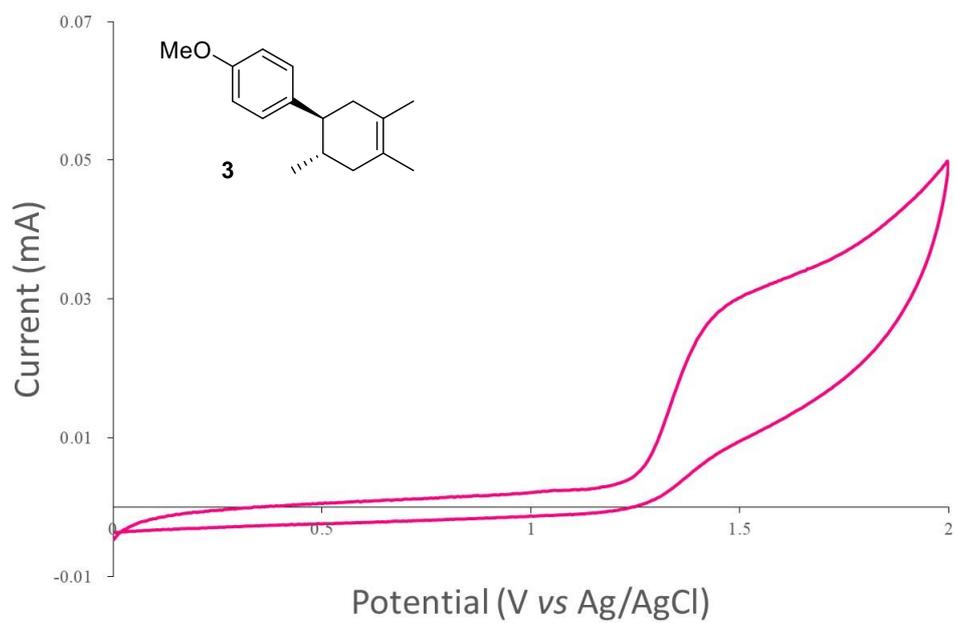


Figure S6. Cyclic Voltammogram of Diels-Alder Adduct (3).

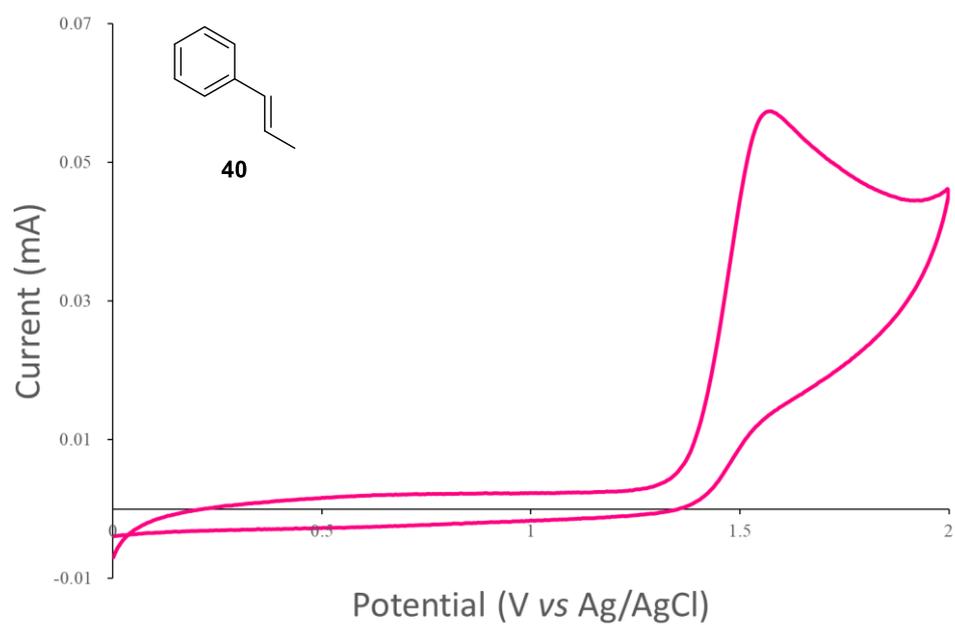


Figure S7. Cyclic Voltammogram of *trans*- β -Methylstyrene (40).

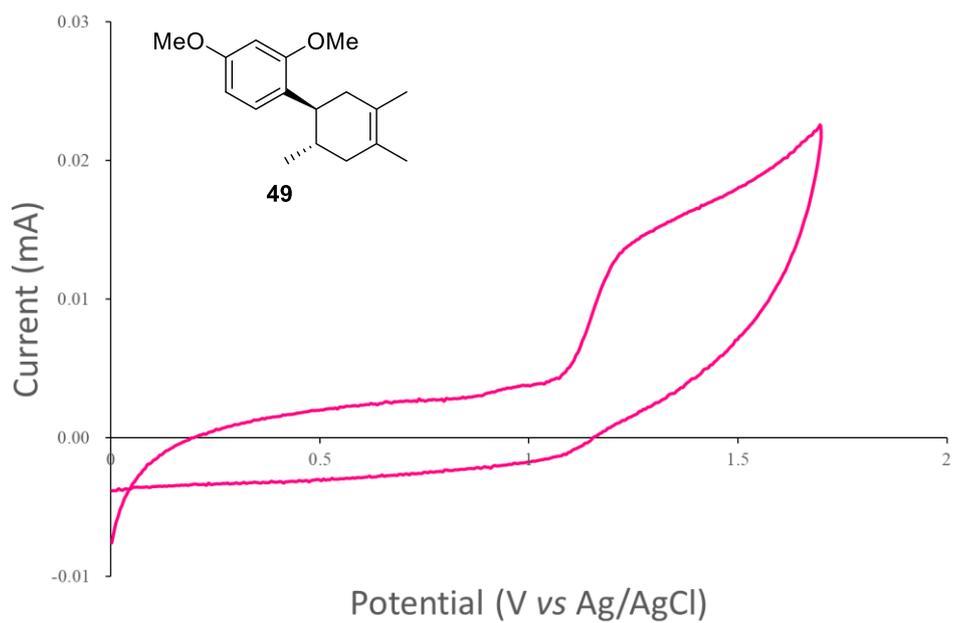


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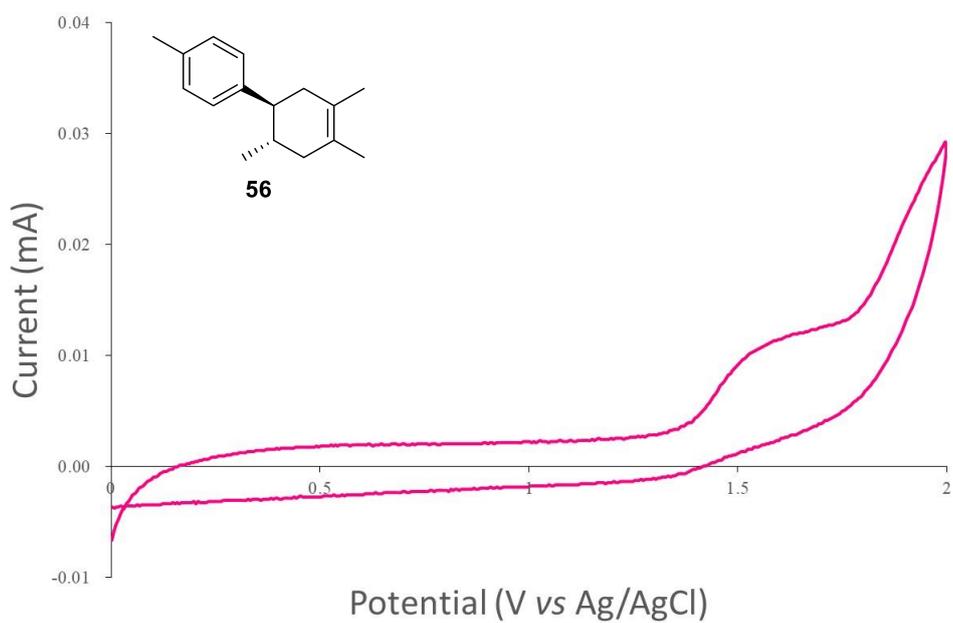


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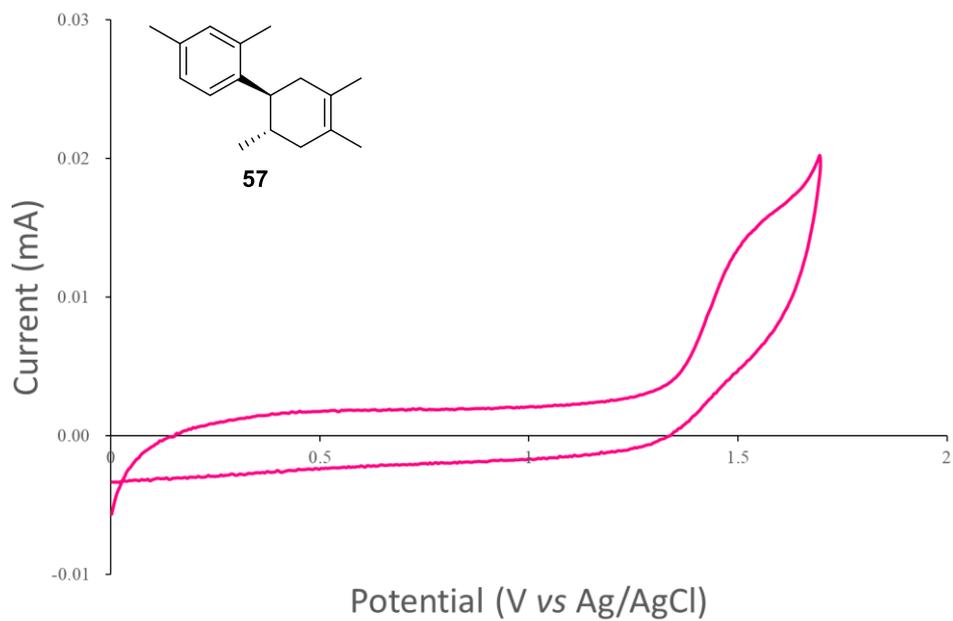


Figure S10. Cyclic Voltammogram of Diels-Alder Adduct (57).

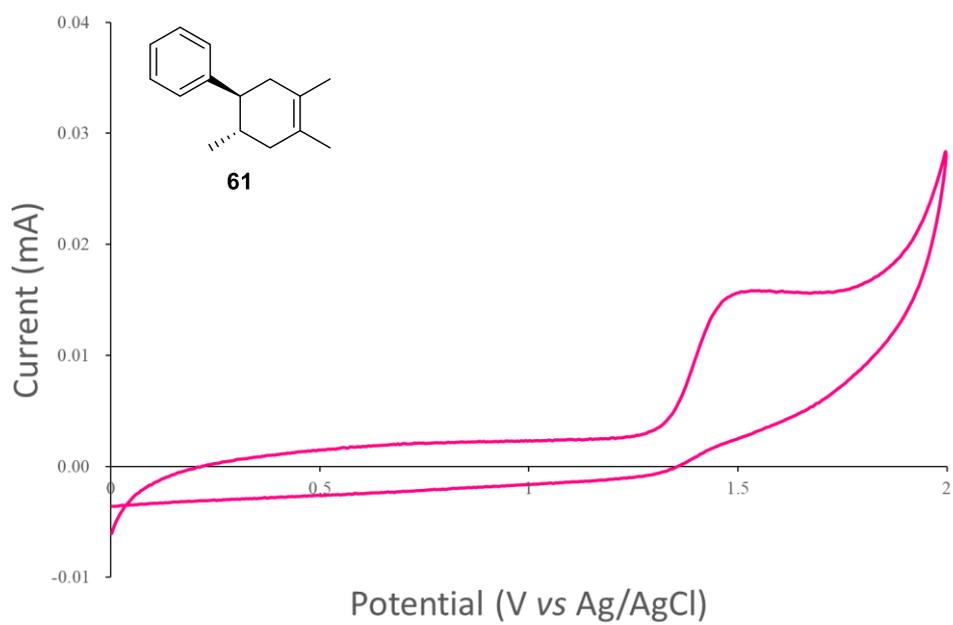
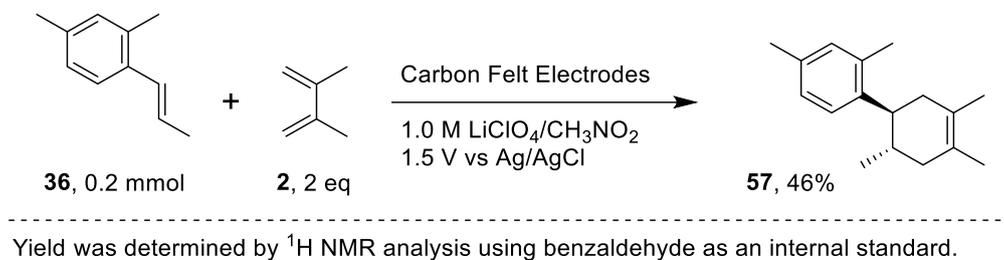


Figure S11. Cyclic Voltammogram of Diels-Alder Adduct (61).

Additional Electrocatalytic Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction. The reaction of 2,4-dimethyl β -methylstyrene (**36**) and 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene (**2**) was examined under potentiostatic condition using carbon felt electrodes at 1.5 V vs Ag/AgCl. As a result, the yield of **57** in electrocatalysis was lower than that in TiO₂ photocatalysis.

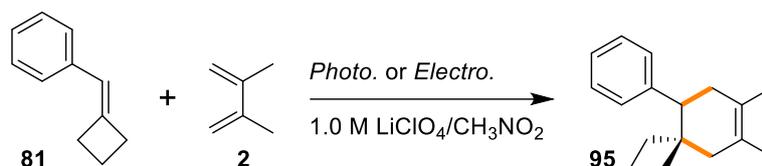
Scheme S1. Electrocatalytic Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction of **36** and **2**.



S4. Additional Control Study, CV and Characterization Data of Chapter 4

Additional Control Study for Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction of Arylidene Cycloalkanes and Dienes. The reaction was examined using β -cyclobutylstyrene (**81**) and 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene (**2**) under TiO₂ photocatalytic and electrocatalytic conditions. In this case, the superiority of TiO₂ photocatalysis was apparent.

Table S2. Control Studies for Radical Cation Diels-Alder Reaction of **81** and **2**.



entry	condition ^a	yield (%) ^b
1		55 (0)
2	no LiClO ₄	0 (28)
3	no light	0 (trace)
4	no TiO ₂	0 (26)
5	2 eq of diene	34 (0)
6	10 eq of diene	47 (trace)
7	CH ₃ CN solvent	13 (17)
8	under O ₂	33 (trace)
9	under Ar	9 (18)
10	for 4h	50 (6)
11	1.5 V vs. Ag/AgCl, 0.5 F/mol	3 (24) ^c
12	1.5 V vs. Ag/AgCl, 1.0 F/mol	7 (5) ^c

^aUnless otherwise stated, reactions were carried out on a 0.20 mmol scale of arylidene cycloalkane (**81**) with 5 equiv of 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene (**2**) and 100 mg of TiO₂ in 4 mL of CH₃NO₂ using a 15 W UV lamp at rt under air for 6 h. ^bDetermined by ¹H NMR analysis using CH₂Br₂ as an internal standard. Recovered starting material is reported in parentheses. ^cIn electrocatalysis, carbon felt electrodes were used for the reactions.

Cyclic voltammograms were recorded on 2 mM of arylidenes in 4 mL of CH_3NO_2 . 1.0 M of LiClO_4 was used as the supporting electrolyte, a Glassy Carbon (GC) disk was used as the working electrode, and a Pt wire was used as the counter electrode. All potentials are referenced against the Ag/AgCl redox couple. The scan rate is 50 mV/s.

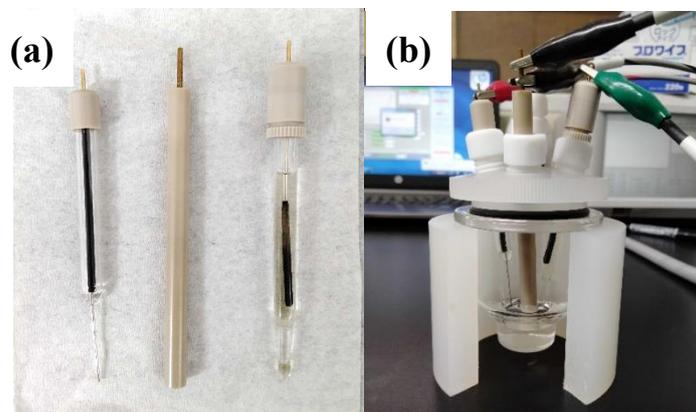


Figure S12. (a) Photograph of using Electrodes in this Electrochemical Measurements, from left Pt wire, GC disk, and Ag/AgCl electrode, (b) Setup of Cyclic Voltammetry Measurements.

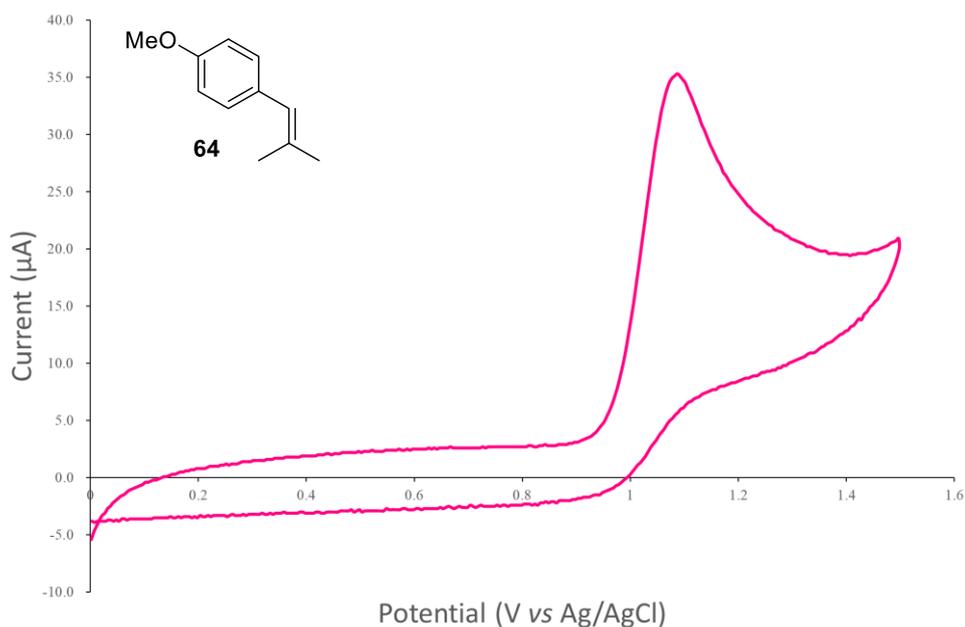


Figure S13. Cyclic Voltammogram of 4-Methoxy β -Dimethylstyrene (64).

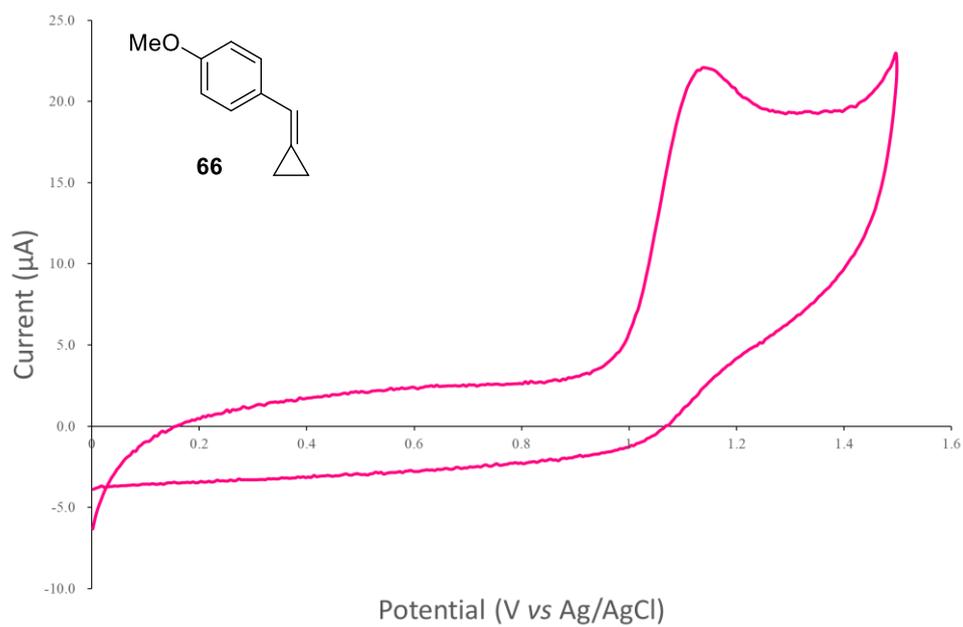


Figure S14. Cyclic Voltammogram of 4-Methoxy β -Cyclopropylstyrene (66).

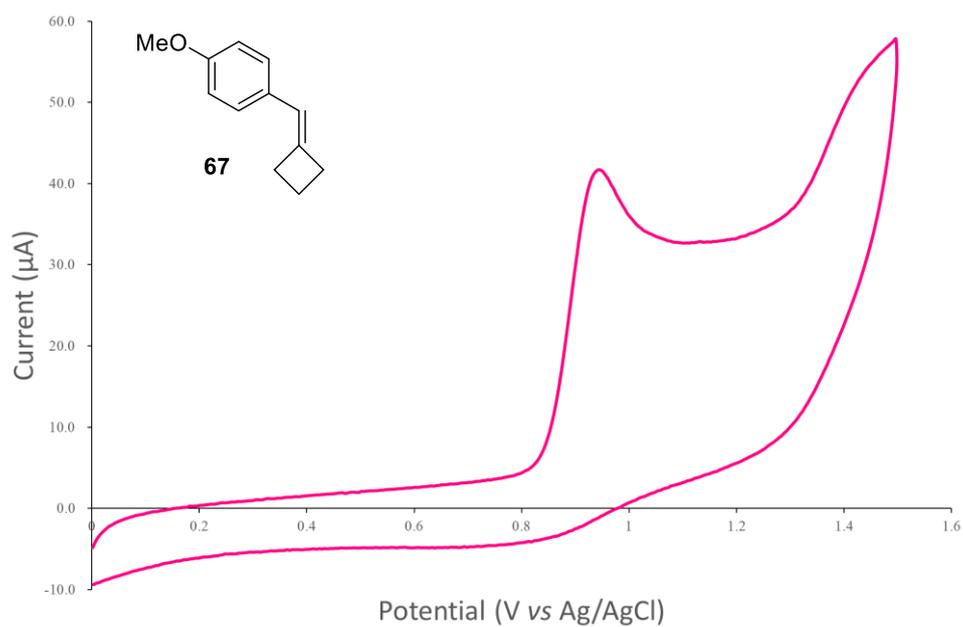


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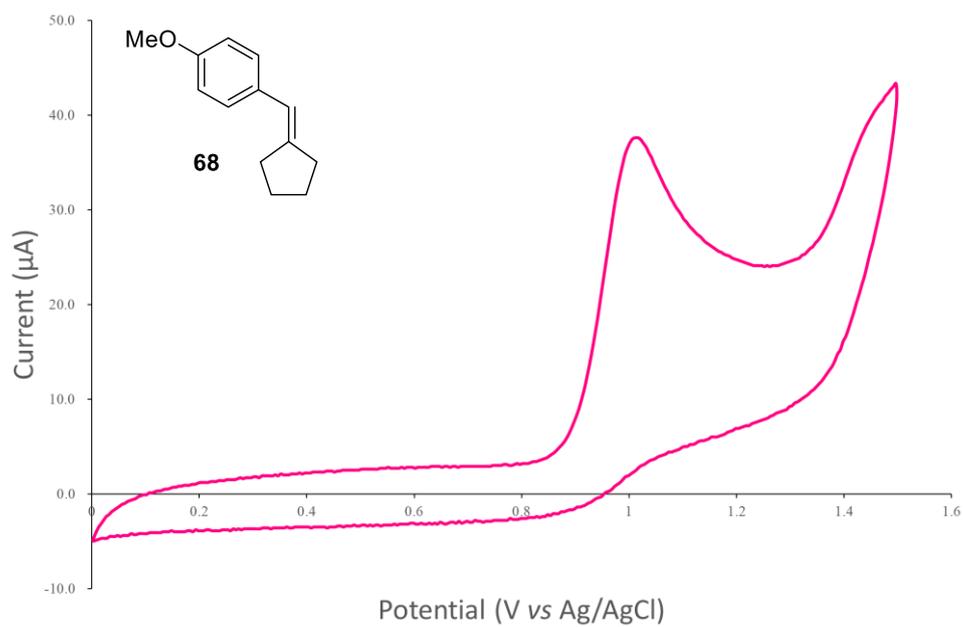


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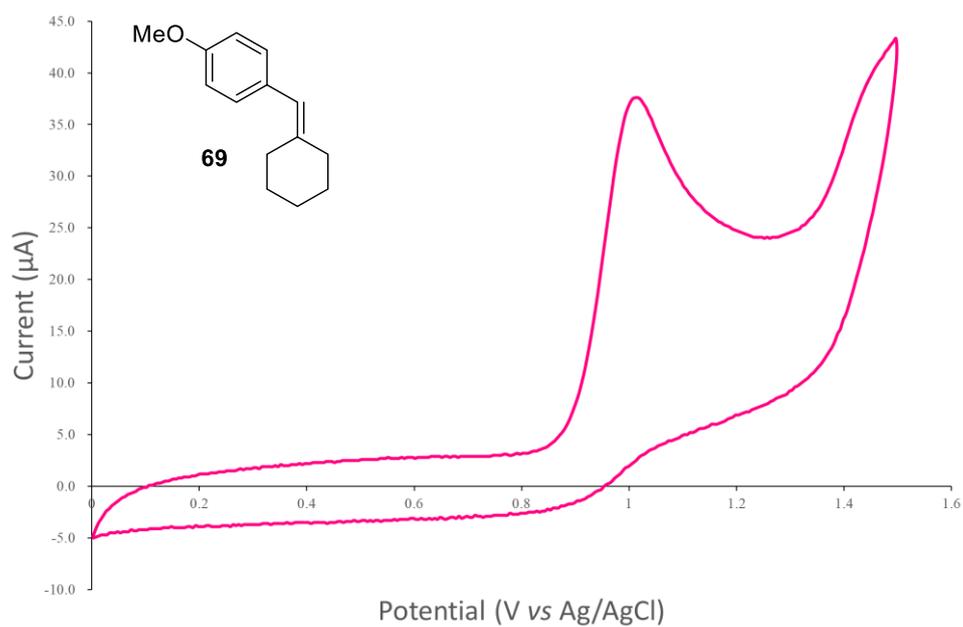


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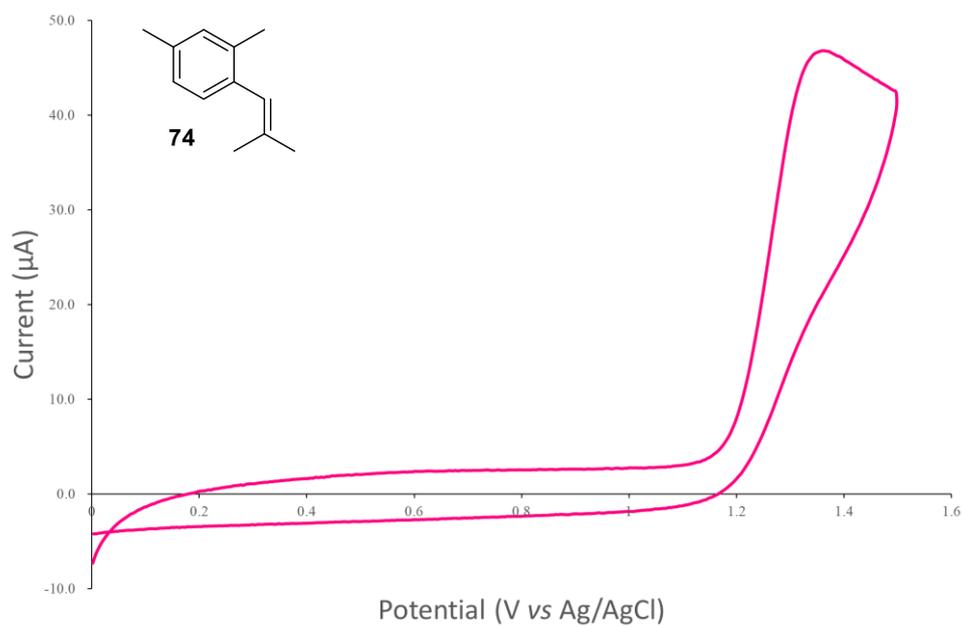


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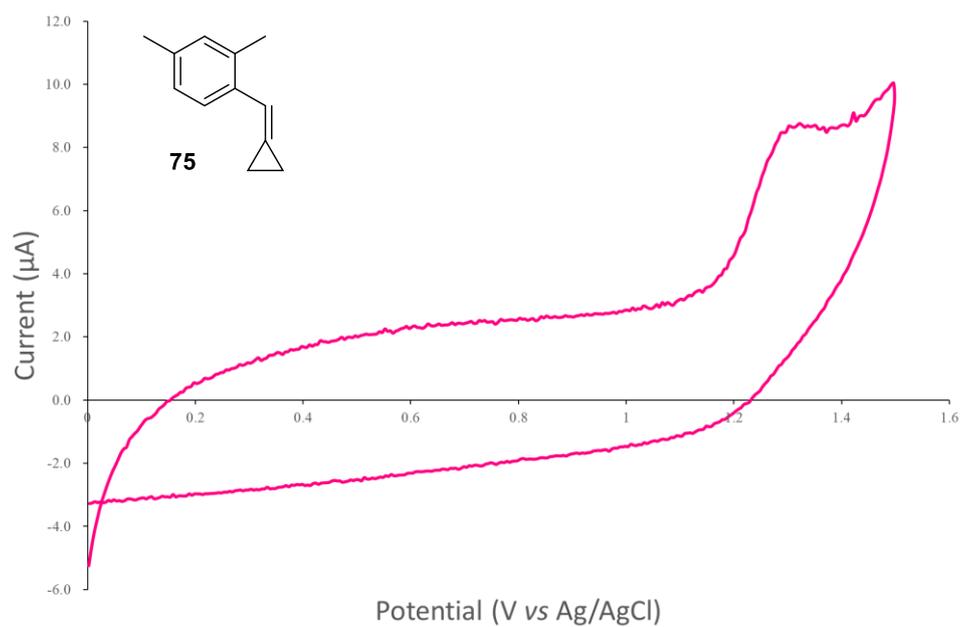


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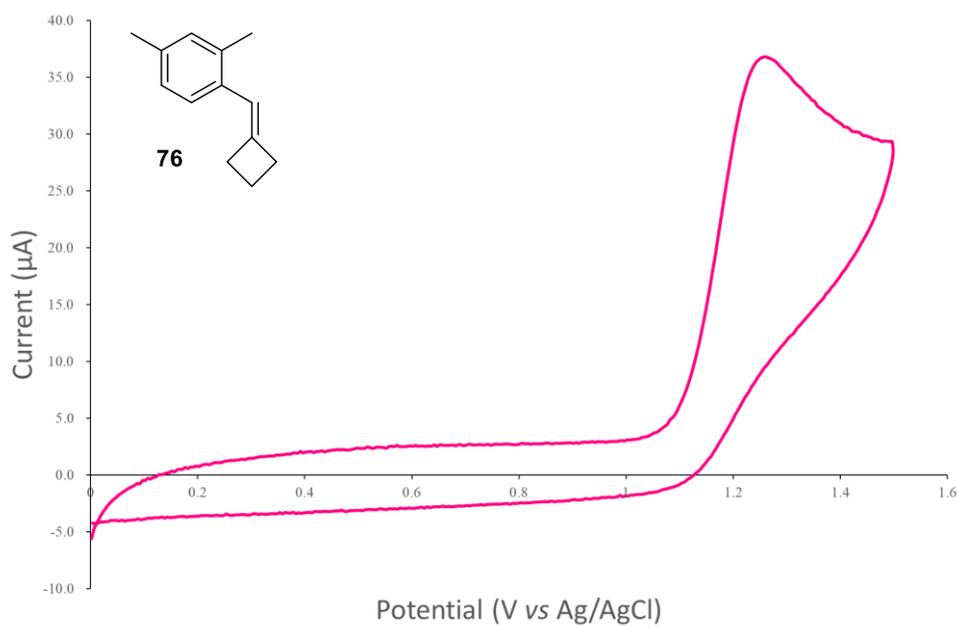


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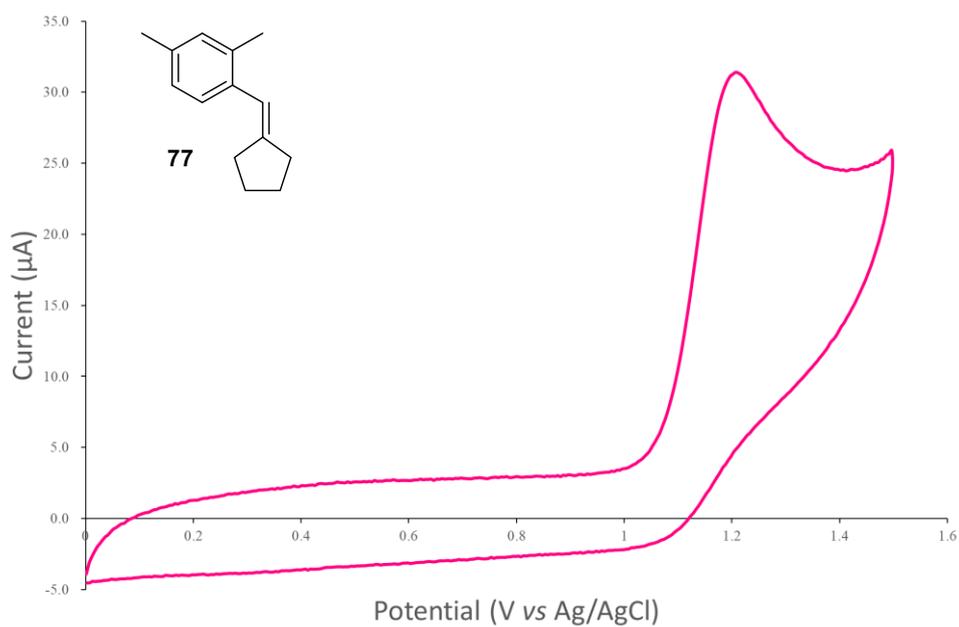


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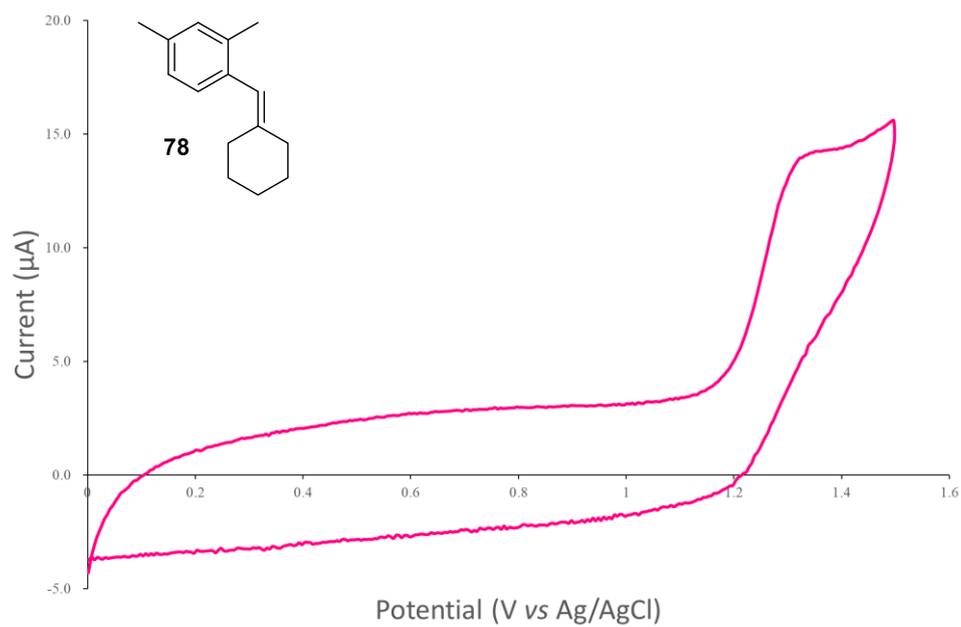


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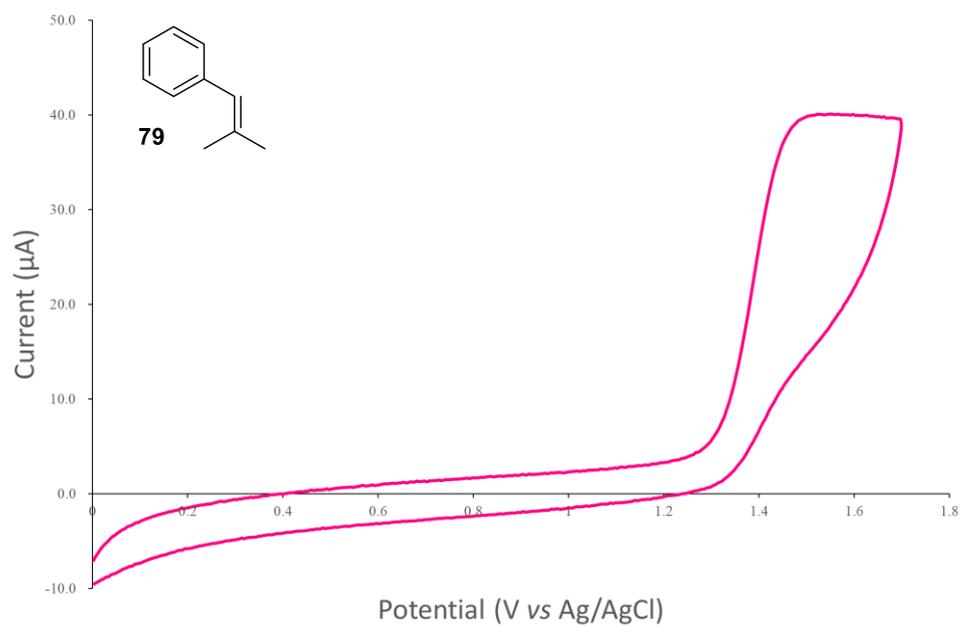


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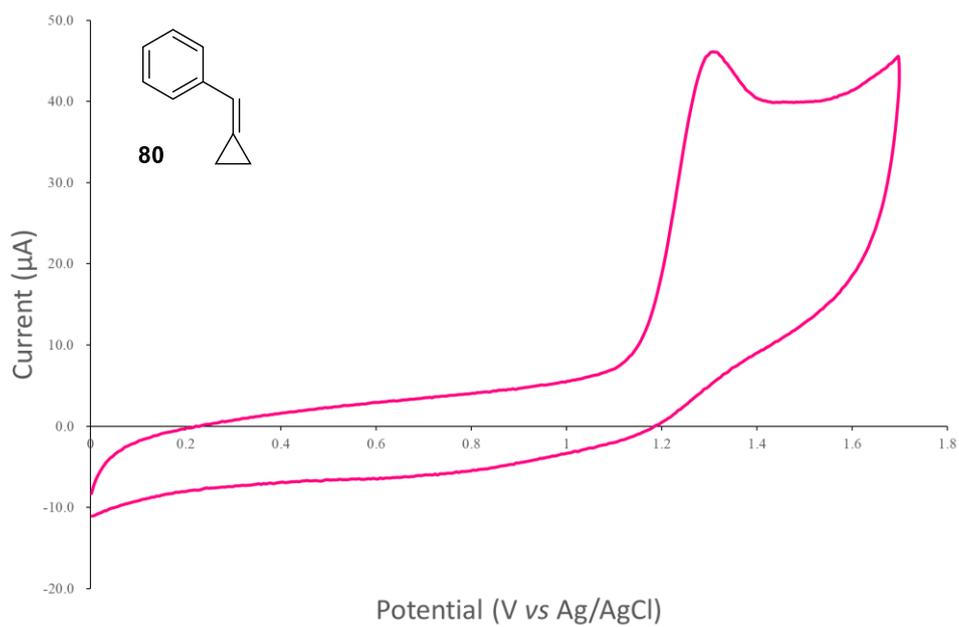


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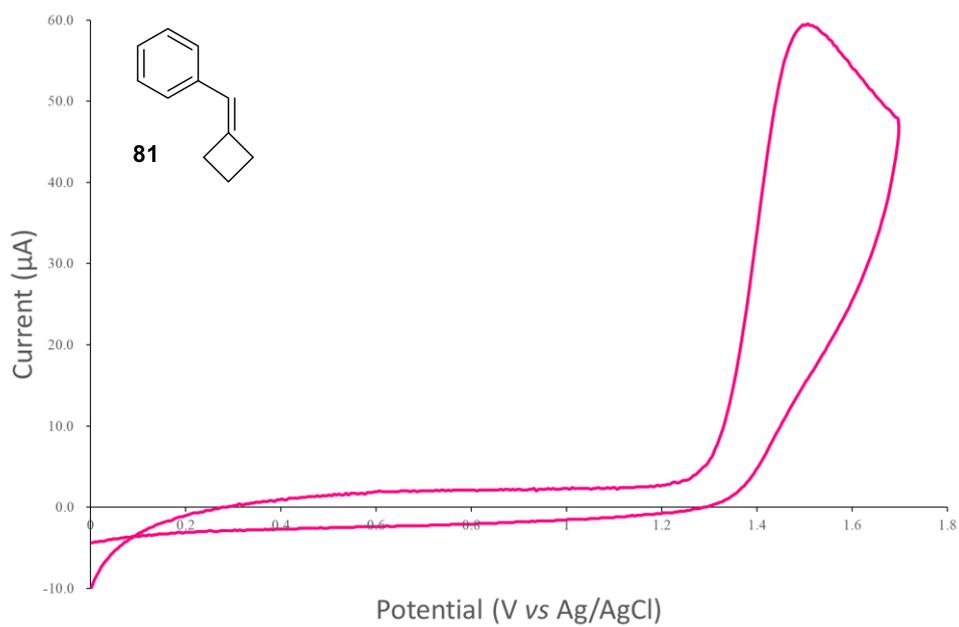
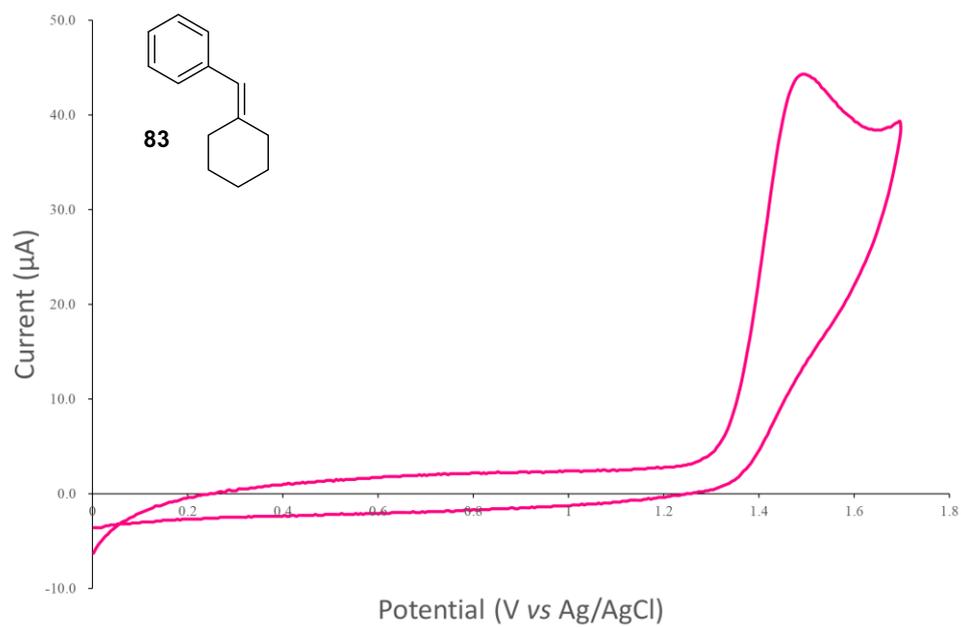
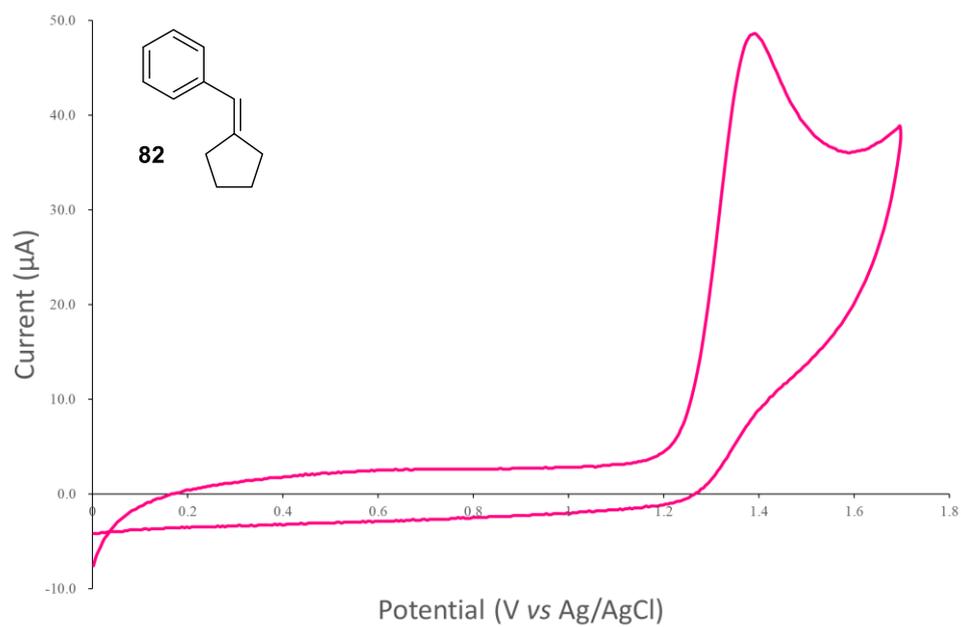


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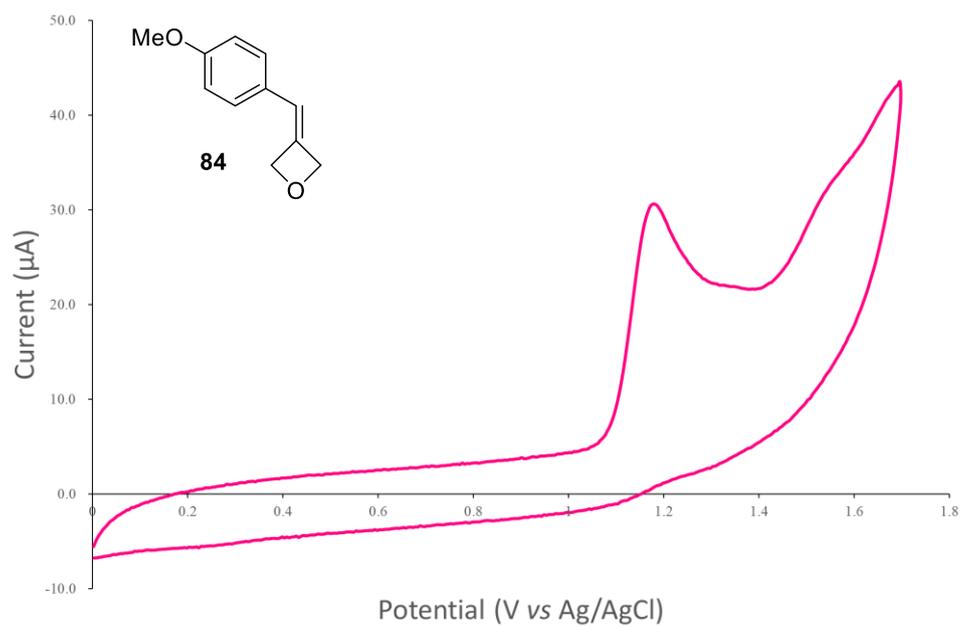


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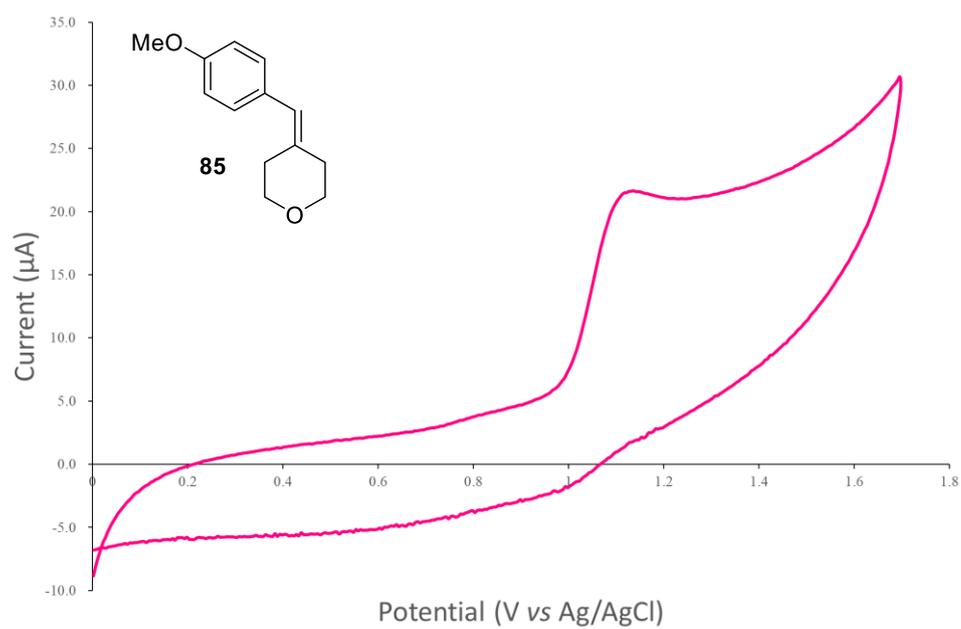


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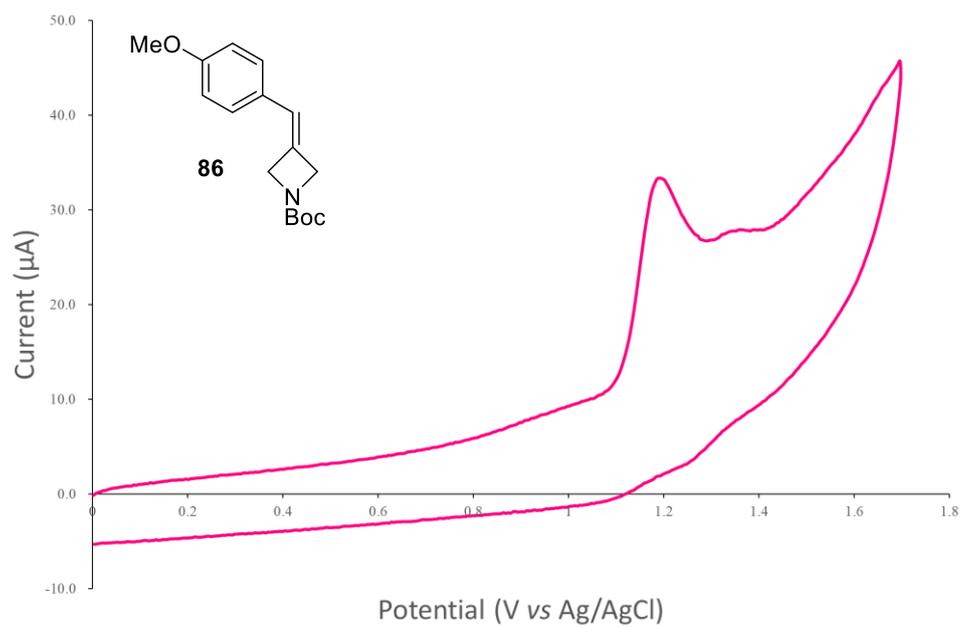


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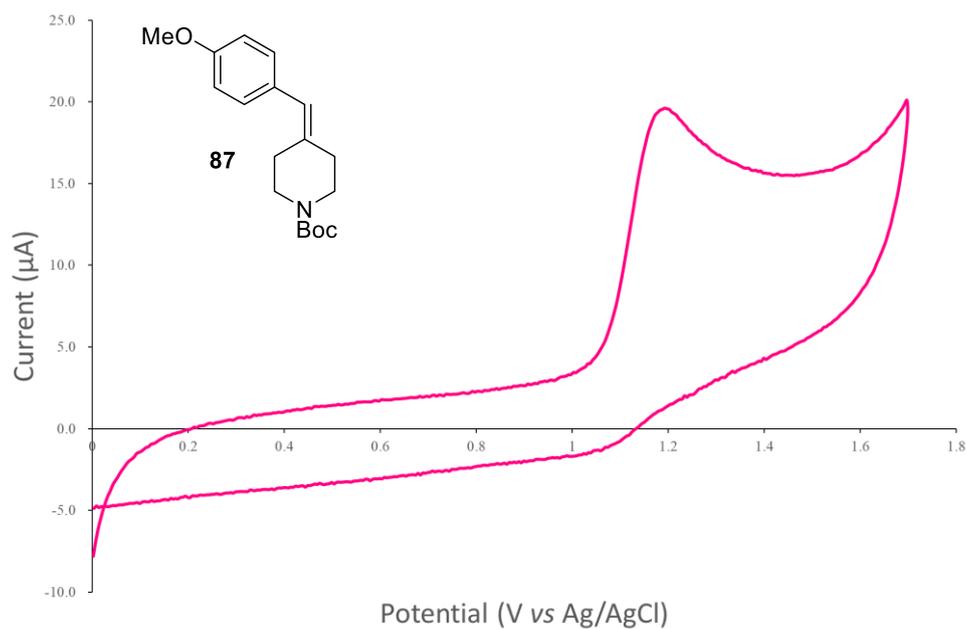


Figure S31. Cyclic Voltammogram of 4-Methoxy β -Pyridinylstyrene (87).

