

Stereoselective synthesis of spirocyclic nitronates by SnCl₄-promoted reaction of nitroalkenes with C-2 substituted 4-methylidene-1,3-dioxolane

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General experimental

All reactions were performed in oven-dried (150 °C) glassware under argon. The following solvents and reagents were distilled from indicated drying agents: CH₂Cl₂ (CaH₂); DMSO (CaH₂, *in vacuo*). NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM-300 (¹H: 300.13 MHz, ¹³C: 75.47 MHz, AMX-400 (¹H: 400.13 MHz, ¹³C: 100.61 MHz) or AV 600 (¹H: 600.13 MHz) instruments and referenced to residual solvent peak. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm (δ); multiplicities are indicated by s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet) and br (broad). Coupling constants, *J*, are reported in Hertz. The ratios of stereoisomers were derived from the relative integral intensities of the characteristic signals in the ¹H NMR spectra. Key NOESY interactions are shown on figure with red and blue arrows.

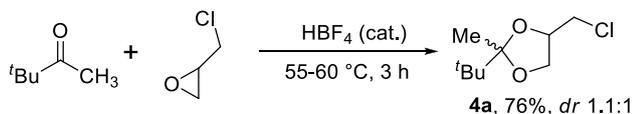
Elemental analyses were performed by the Analytical Laboratory of the Institute of Organic Chemistry. High Resolution Mass Spectra were recorded on a Bruker MicroTOFF spectrometer. Melting points were determined on Kofler melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on Merck silica gel plates with QF-254 indicator. Visualization of TLC plates was accomplished with UV light and/or anisaldehyde/H₂SO₄. All solvents for chromatography and extractions were technical grade and distilled from the indicated drying agents: pentane, hexane, ethyl acetate (K₂CO₃). Column chromatography was performed using 230–400-mesh Merck silica gel or Brockmann Type III Al₂O₃.

Commercial reagents: epichlorohydrine, *tert*-butyl methyl ketone, aqueous HBF₄ solution, 48% (Aldrich), NaH (Alfa Aesar). The following reagents were prepared according to literature procedures: (*E*)-β-nitrostyrene,^[1] (*E*)-β-methyl-β-nitrostyrene,^[2] (*E*)-2-nitrovinyl benzoate.^[3]

Synthesis of 2-*tert*-butyl-2-methyl-4-methylene-1,3-dioxolane

2-*tert*-butyl-4-chloromethyl-2-methyl-1,3-dioxolane **4a**.^[4]



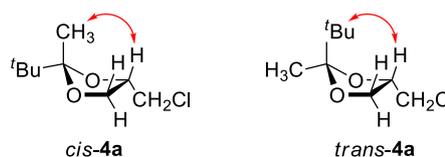
tert-Butyl methyl ketone (25.0 ml, 20.0 g, 200 mmol) and HBF_{4(aq)} (100 mg, cat.) were placed in 50 mL two-bottomed round flask equipped with condenser and dropping funnel with epichlorohydrine (7.2 ml, 9.3 g, 100 mmol). The latter was added dropwise to a vigorously stirred solution for 15 min. The temperature of the reaction mixture rose appreciably. The reaction mixture was stirred for extra 20 min and then was gently heated to 55-60 °C (*caution! exothermic reaction!*) and kept at this temperature for 3 h. After that excess of *tert*-butyl methyl ketone is distilled out at atmosphere pressure (bp 103-110 °C) and the residue was vacuum distilled from the same flask to give 14.7 g (76 mmol, 76%, 1:1.1 mixture of isomers) of target dioxolane **4a** as a colorless liquid.

Colorless liquid, bp 98-99 °C/22 Torr, 1:1.1 mixture of *trans*- and *cis*- isomers

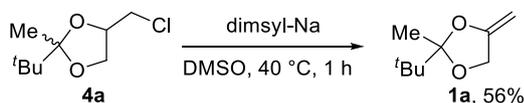
¹H NMR (600.13 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 299 K): *trans*-**4a**: δ = 0.96 [s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃], 1.31 [s, 3H, CH₃], 3.57 [dd, ²J = 11.1, ³J = 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH₂Cl], 3.70 [dd, ²J = 11.1, ³J = 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH₂Cl], 3.82 [t, ³J ≈ ²J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, CH₂O], 4.22 [dd, ²J = 8.1, ³J = 6.1 Hz, 1H, CH₂O], 4.25 [dtd, ³J = 7.7, ³J ≈ ³J = 6.5, ³J = 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH]; *cis*-**4a**: δ = 0.98 [s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃], 1.27 [s, 3H, CH₃], 3.54 [dd, ²J = 10.9, ³J = 7.1 Hz, 1H, CH₂Cl], 3.65 [dd, ²J = 10.9, ³J = 5.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂Cl], 3.75 [dd, ²J = 8.3, ³J = 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH₂O], 4.17 [dd, ²J = 8.3, ³J = 6.6 Hz, 1H, CH₂O], 4.38 [tt, ³J ≈ ³J = 6.2, ³J ≈ ³J = 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH].

¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 301 K): *trans*-**4a**: δ = 20.4 (CH₃), 24.9 (C(CH₃)₃), 38.0 (C(CH₃)₃), 44.8 (CH₂Cl), 68.6 (CH₂O), 76.4 (OCH), 115.3 (OCO); *cis*-**4a**: δ = 18.3 (CH₃), 25.0 (C(CH₃)₃), 39.3 (C(CH₃)₃), 44.6 (CH₂Cl), 68.1 (CH₂O), 75.0 (OCH), 115.7 (OCO).

Key NOESY interactions:



2-*tert*-Butyl-2-methyl-4-methylidene-1,3-dioxolane **1a**.



NaH (2.30 g, 60% suspension in mineral oil, 57.5 mmol) was added to DMSO (30 ml) under atmosphere of dry argon and the reaction mixture stirred at 70 °C for 1.5 h to give clear solution of dimethyl-Na in DMSO. Reaction mixture was allowed to cool to 40 °C and chloride **4a** (9.63 g, 50.0 mmol) was added dropwise for 20 min to the reaction mixture at this temperature to give a brown solution. Reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 1 extra hour and was poured into H₂O (100 ml)/Et₂O (40 ml) mixture. Organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was back-extracted with Et₂O (2×40 ml). Combined organic layers were washed with brine (2×50 ml), dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was vacuum distilled over KOH pellets to give 4.37 g (28.0 mmol, 56%) of vinyl ether **1a** as a colorless liquid.

Colorless liquid, bp 68-70 °C/33 torr.

Stored at -30 °C over KOH pellets. Oxidises upon storage, can be easily purified by elution through a short pad of Al₂O₃ with hexane. R_f 0.71 (hexane, Al₂O₃, KMnO₄ visualisation).

¹H NMR (400.13 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO, 305 K): δ = 0.98 [s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃], 1.31 [s, 3H, CH₃], 3.79 [q, ²J ≈ ⁴J ≈ ⁴J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, =CH_AH_B], 4.17 [q, ²J ≈ ⁴J ≈ ⁴J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, =CH_AH_B], 4.48 [dt, ²J = 12.3, ⁴J ≈ ⁴J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, OCH_CH_D], 4.53 [dt, ²J = 12.3, ⁴J ≈ ⁴J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, OCH_CH_D].

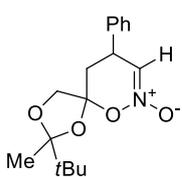
¹³C NMR (100.61 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO, 305 K): δ = 19.1 (CH₃), 25.1 (C(CH₃)₃), 39.5 (C(CH₃)₃), 67.7 (CH₂), 76.8 (=CH₂), 117.9 (OCO), 158.0 (C=).

[4+2]-Cycloaddition with nitroalkenes

SnCl₄ (260 μl, 573 mg, 2.2 mmol) was added simultaneously to a stirred solution of nitroalkene **3a-c** (2.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (8 ml) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min and then solution of methylenedioxalane **1a** (354 mg, 2.2 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 ml) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h and poured into a mixture of EtOAc (20 ml) and saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (15 ml). The aqueous phase was back-extracted with EtOAc (2 × 10 ml), combined organic layers were washed with water (20 ml), brine (30 ml) and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvents were removed in vacuum and the residue was subjected to column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc/hexane 1/3 → 1/2 → 1/1) to give nitronate **2a,b** or nitrodiene **5**.

2-tert-Butyl-2-methyl-9-phenyl-1,3,6-trioxa-7-azaspiro[4.5]dec-7-ene 7-oxide **2a**

Yield 324 mg (1.1 mmol, 53%), 3.0 : 1 mixture of diastereomers, white flakes, mp = 150-153 °C (Et₂O), R_f = 0.49 (SiO₂, EtOAc/hexane, 1/1).

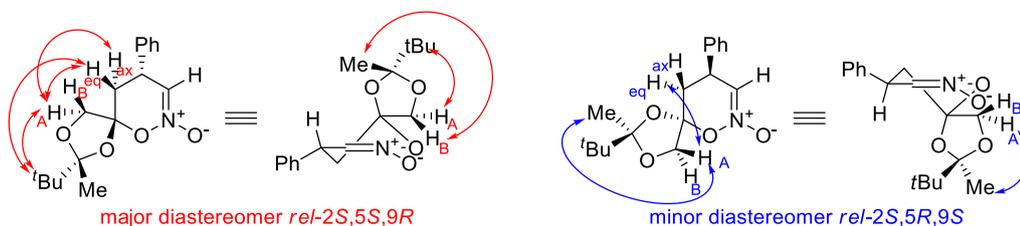


¹H NMR (400.13 MHz, CDCl₃, 305 K): *rel-2S,5S,9R isomer (major)*: δ = 1.14 [s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃], 1.70 [s, 3H, CH₃], 2.15 [t, ²J ≈ ³J = 12.4 Hz, 1H, CH_{AX}H_{Eq}], 2.36 [dd, ²J = 12.8, ³J = 6.7 Hz, 1H, CH_{AX}H_{Eq}], 4.03 [d, ²J = 9.5 Hz, 1H, OCH_AH_B], 4.15 [ddd, ²J = 11.9, ³J = 6.7, ³J = 3.1 Hz, 1H, CHPh], 4.35 [d, ²J = 9.5 Hz, 1H, OCH_AH_B], 6.42 [d, ³J = 3.1 Hz, 1H, CH=N], 7.24-7.41 [m, 5H, Ph]; *rel-2S,5R,9S isomer (minor)*: δ = 1.21 [s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃], 1.48 [s, 3H, CH₃], 2.20 [t, ²J ≈ ³J = 12.4 Hz, 1H, CH_{AX}H_{Eq}], 2.25 [dd, ²J = 12.8, ³J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, CH_{AX}H_{Eq}], 4.07 [d, ²J = 9.8 Hz, 1H, OCH_AH_B], 4.19 [ddd, ²J = 11.2, ³J = 7.3, ³J = 3.1 Hz, 1H, CHPh], 4.38 [d, ²J = 9.8 Hz, 1H, OCH_AH_B], 6.40 [d, ³J = 3.1 Hz, 1H, CH=N], 7.24-7.41 [m, 5H, Ph].

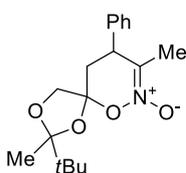
¹³C NMR (100.61 MHz, CDCl₃, 305 K): *rel-2S,5S,9R isomer (major)*: δ = 20.5 (CH₃), 25.1 (C(CH₃)₃), 34.4 and 38.1 (CH and CH₂), 39.0 (C(CH₃)₃), 74.0 (OCH₂), 108.9 and 119.7 (2×OCO), 113.4 (CH=N), 127.4 and 129.2 (CH_{oPh} and CH_{mPh}), 128.0 (CH_{pPh}), 139.2 (C_iPh); *rel-2S,5R,9S isomer (minor)*: δ = 19.3 (CH₃), 25.4 (C(CH₃)₃), 35.4 and 37.9 (CH and CH₂), 38.1 (C(CH₃)₃), 73.1 (OCH₂), 107.7 and 119.7 (2×OCO), 113.1 (CH=N), 127.5 and 129.1 (CH_{oPh} and CH_{mPh}), 127.9 (CH_{pPh}), 139.3 (C_iPh).

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₂₃NNaO₄ [M+Na⁺] 328.1519; found 328.1518.

Key NOESY interactions:



rel-(2RS,5S,9R)-2-tert-Butyl-2,8-dimethyl-9-phenyl-1,3,6-trioxa-7-azaspiro[4.5]dec-7-ene 7-oxide 2b



Yield 295 mg (0.9 mmol, 46%), 4.1 : 1 mixture of diastereomers, white flakes, mp = 150-153 °C (Et₂O) R_f = 0.53 (SiO₂, EtOAc/hexane, 1/1).

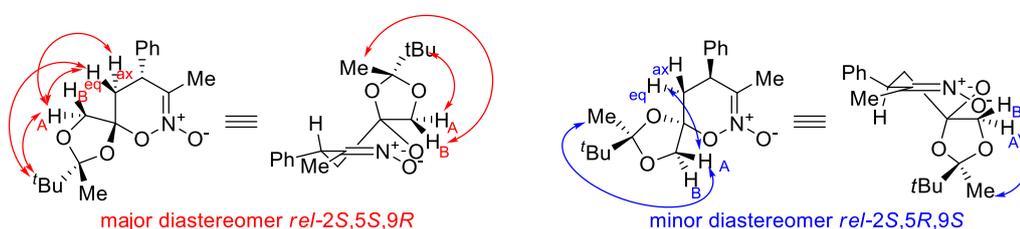
¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃, 305 K): *rel-2S,5S,9R isomer (major)*: δ = 1.00 [s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃], 1.58 [s, 3H, CH₃], 1.86 [d, ⁴J = 1.8 Hz, 3H, CH₃], 2.13 [dd, ²J = 13.2, ³J = 11.4 Hz, 1H, CH_{AX}H_{Eq}], 2.27 [dd, ²J = 13.2, ³J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{AX}H_{Eq}], 3.88 [d, ²J = 9.5 Hz, 1H, OCH_AH_B], 3.92 [ddd, ²J = 11.4, ³J = 7.5, ²J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, CHPh], 4.25 [d, ²J = 9.5 Hz, 1H, OCH_AH_B], 7.13-7.41 [m, 5H, Ph]; *rel-2S,5R,9S isomer (minor)*: δ = 1.07 [s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃], 1.34

[s, 3H, CH₃], 1.85 [d, ⁴J = 1.5 Hz, 3H, CH₃], 2.14-2.27 [m, 2H, CH_{ax}H_{eq}], 3.90-4.02 [m, 2H, OCH_AH_B and CHPh], 4.27 [d, ²J = 10.0 Hz, 1H, OCH_AH_B], 7.13-7.41 [m, 5H, Ph].

¹³C NMR (100.61 MHz, CDCl₃, 305 K): *rel-2S,5S,9R isomer (major)*: δ = 17.1 (CH₃C=N), 20.5 (CH₃), 24.9 (C(CH₃)₃), 36.4 (CH₂), 39.0 (C(CH₃)₃), 42.3 (CH), 74.3 (OCH₂), 108.3, 119.6 and 122.2 (2×OCO and C=N), 128.4 and 129.8 (CH_{oPh}, CH_{mPh} and CH_{pPh}, overlap), 140.4 (C_{iPh}); *rel-2S,5R,9S isomer (minor)*: δ (selected signals) = 17.1 (CH₃C=N), 19.1 (CH₃), 25.3 (C(CH₃)₃), 37.7 (CH₂), 38.1 (C(CH₃)₃), 42.3 (CH), 73.2 (OCH₂), 107.2 (OCO), 140.6 (C_{iPh}).

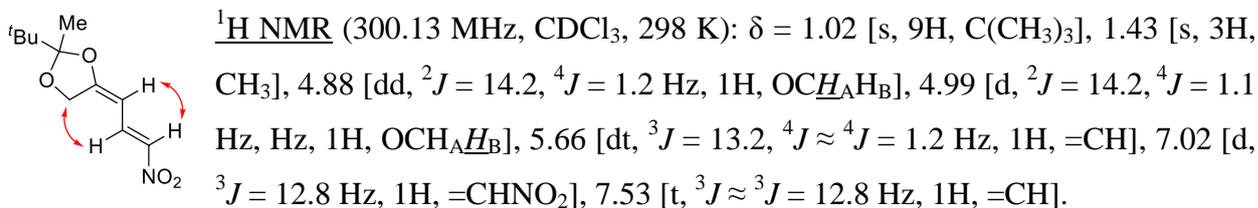
HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₂₆NO₄ [M+H⁺] 320.1856; found 320.1856.

Key NOESY interactions:



(*E*)-2-*tert*-Butyl-2-methyl-4-((*E*)-3-nitroallylidene)-1,3-dioxolane **5**

Yield 245 mg (1.1 mmol, 54%), yellow needles, mp = 118-124 °C (*i*PrOH), R_f = 0.67 (EtOAc/hexane, 1/1).

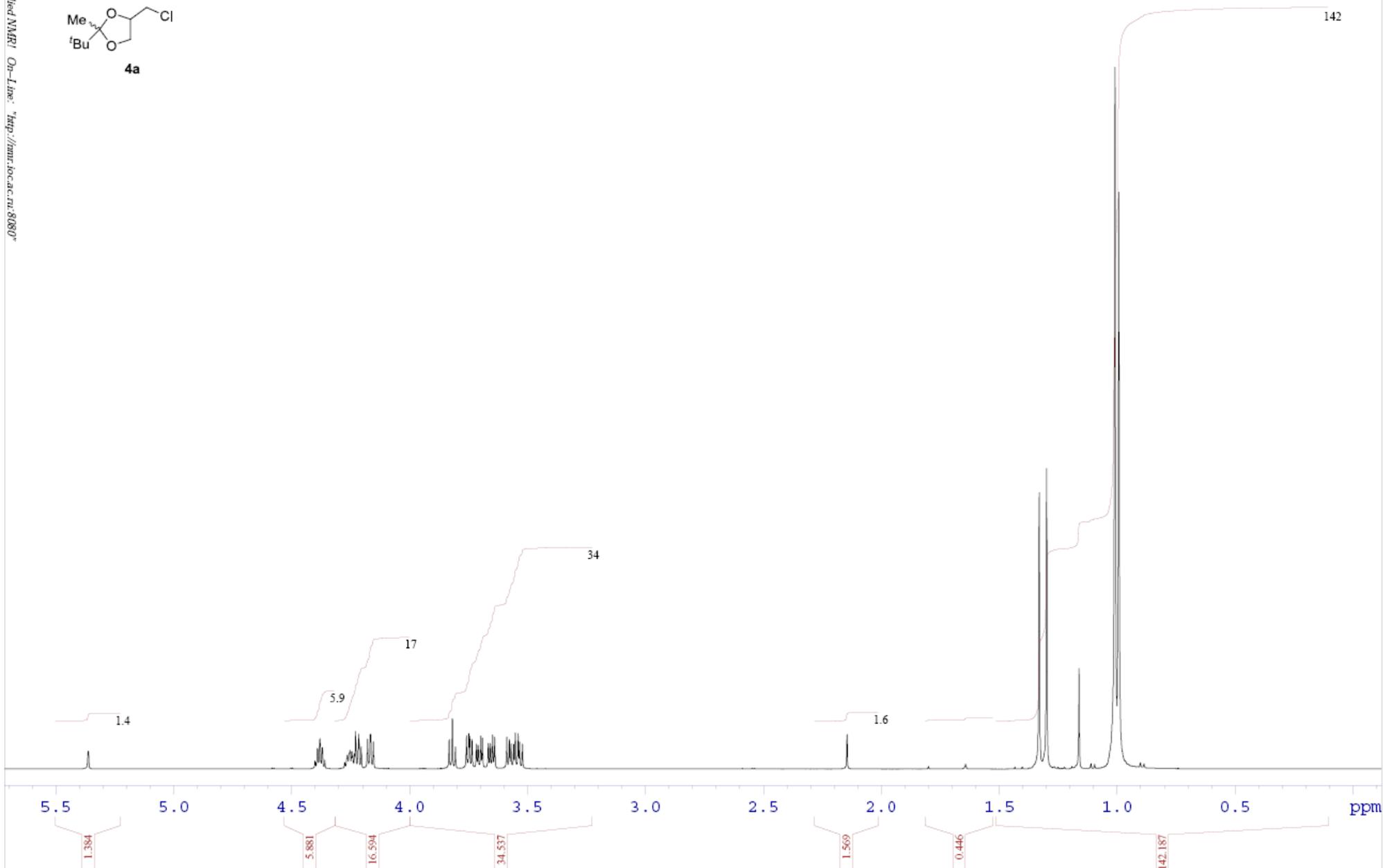
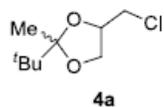


¹³C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl₃, 299 K): δ = 19.1 (CH₃), 24.7 (C(CH₃)₃), 39.0 (C(CH₃)₃), 67.6 (OCH₂), 91.0 (=CH), 121.9 (OCO), 133.3 and 136.6 (2×=CH), 166.3 (C=).

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₇NNaO₄ [M+Na⁺] 250.1050; found 250.1046.

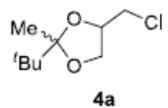
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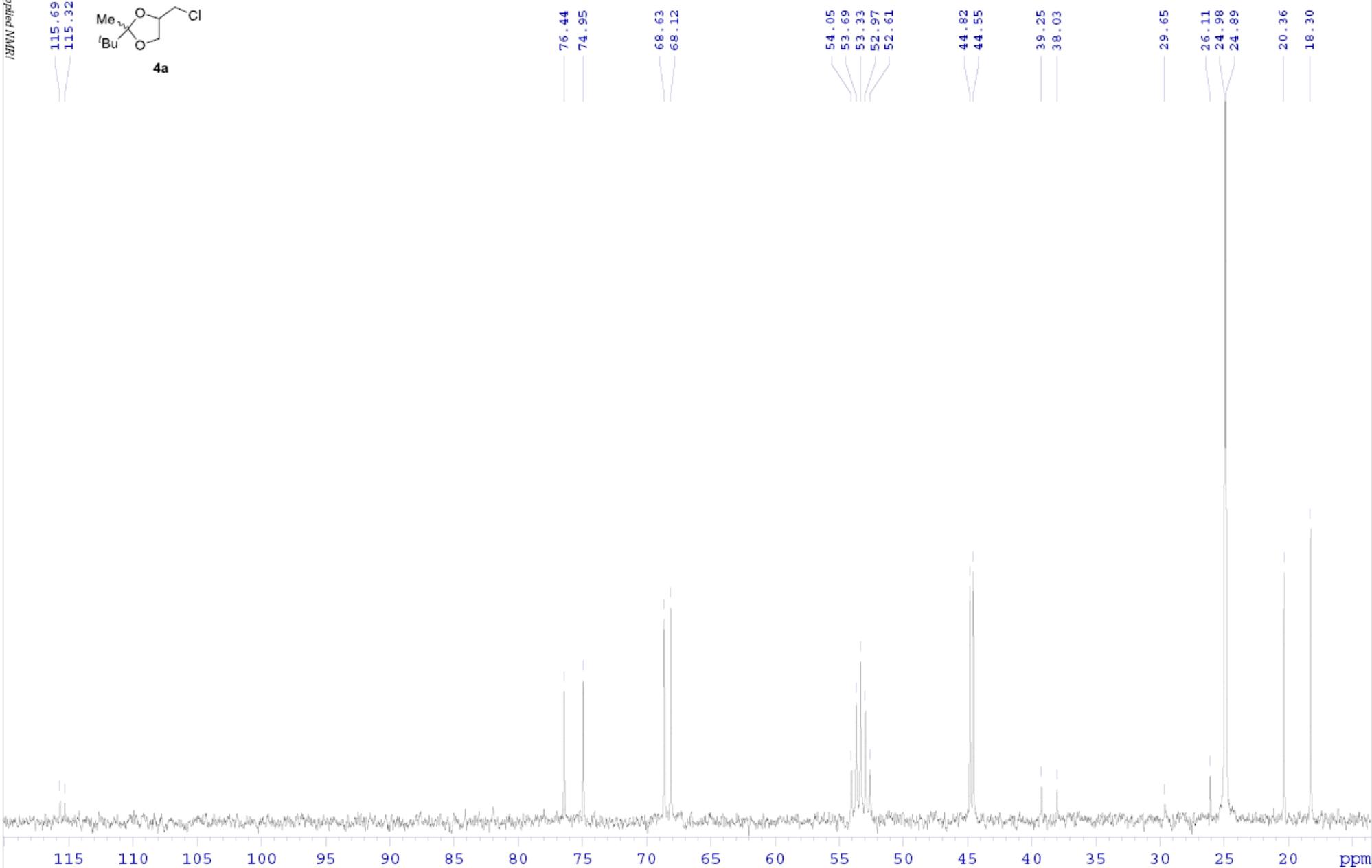
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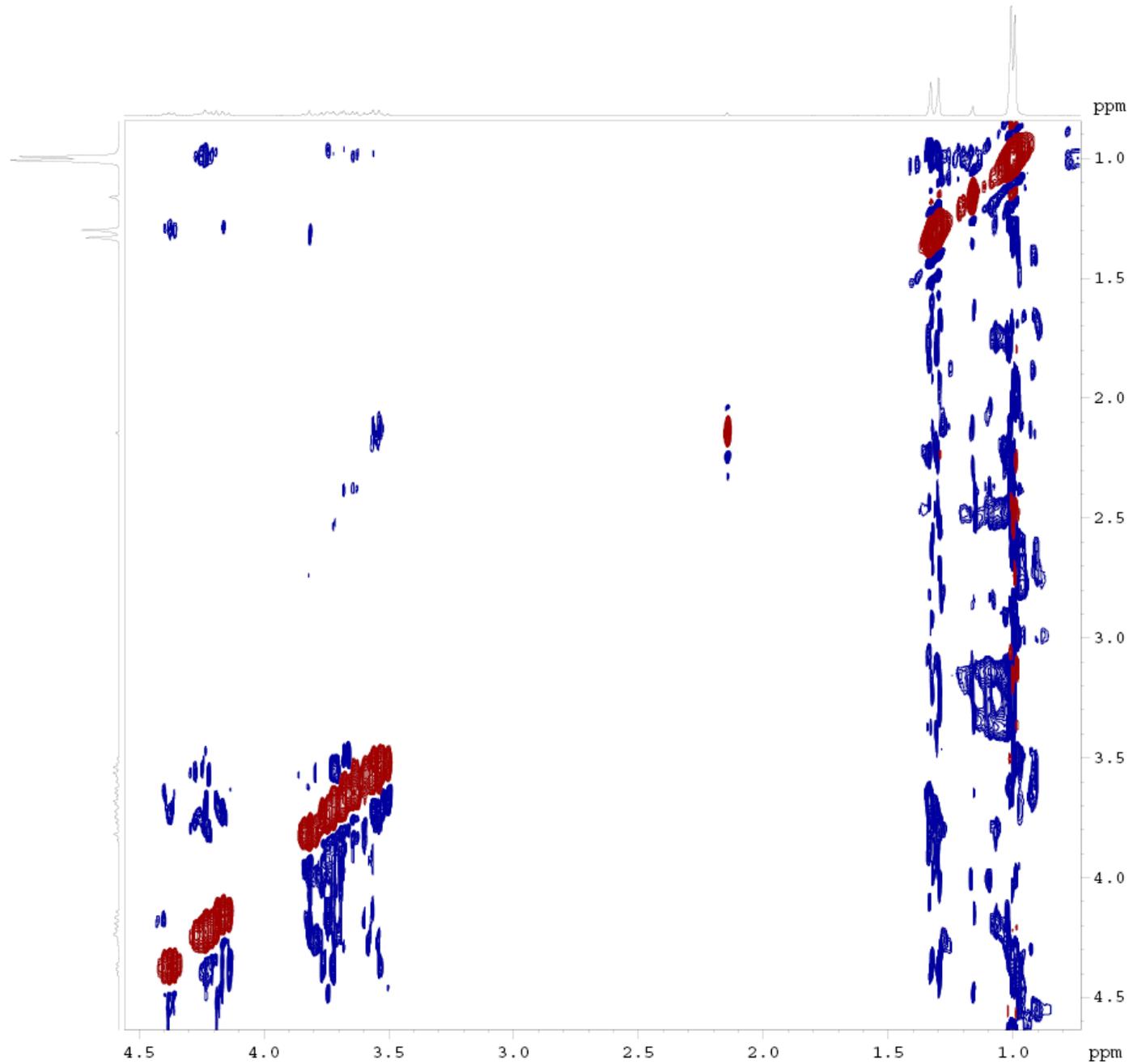
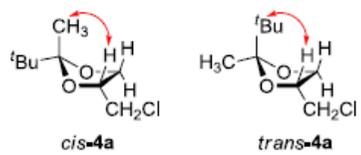
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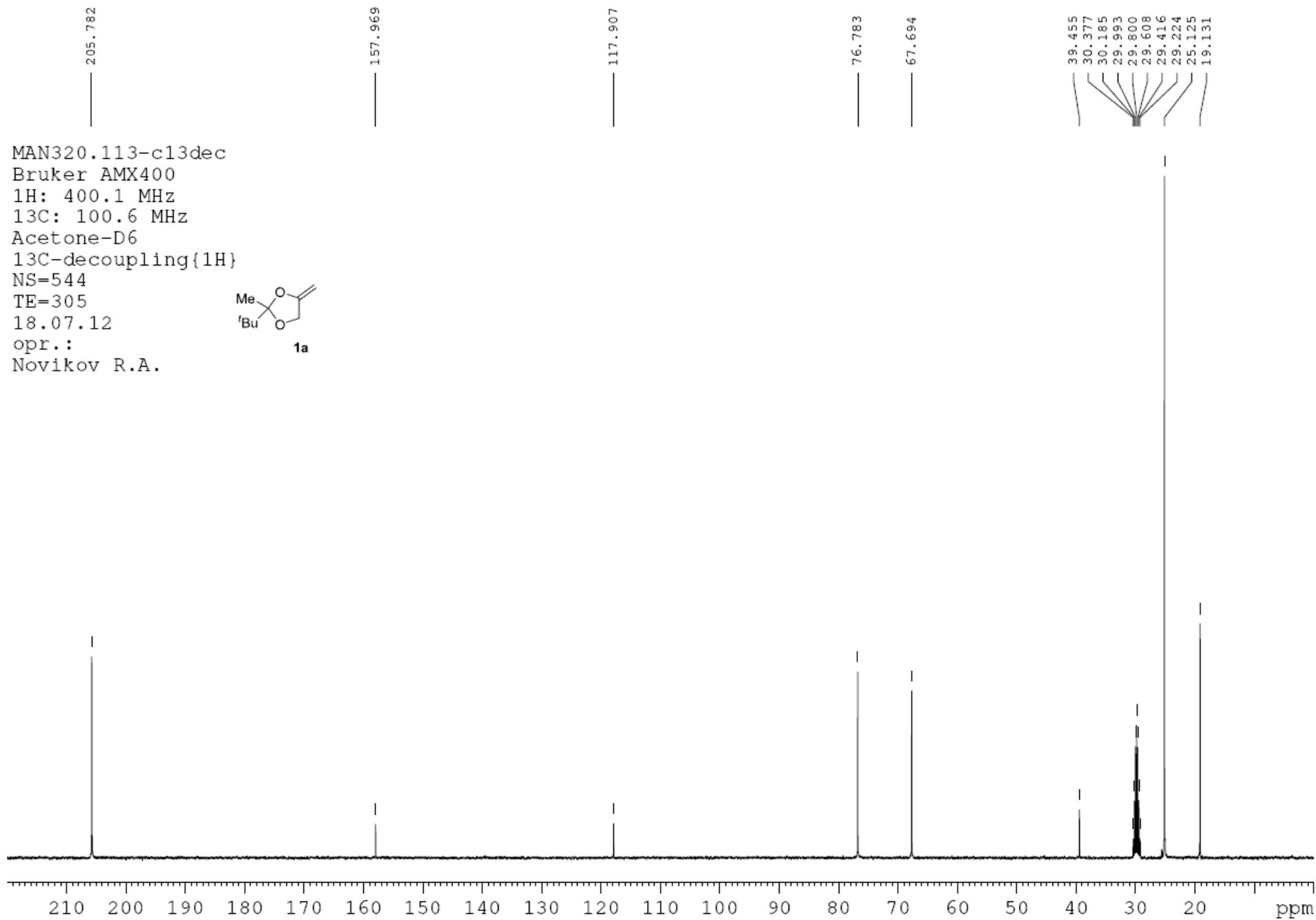
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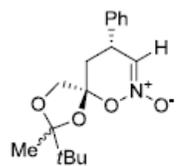


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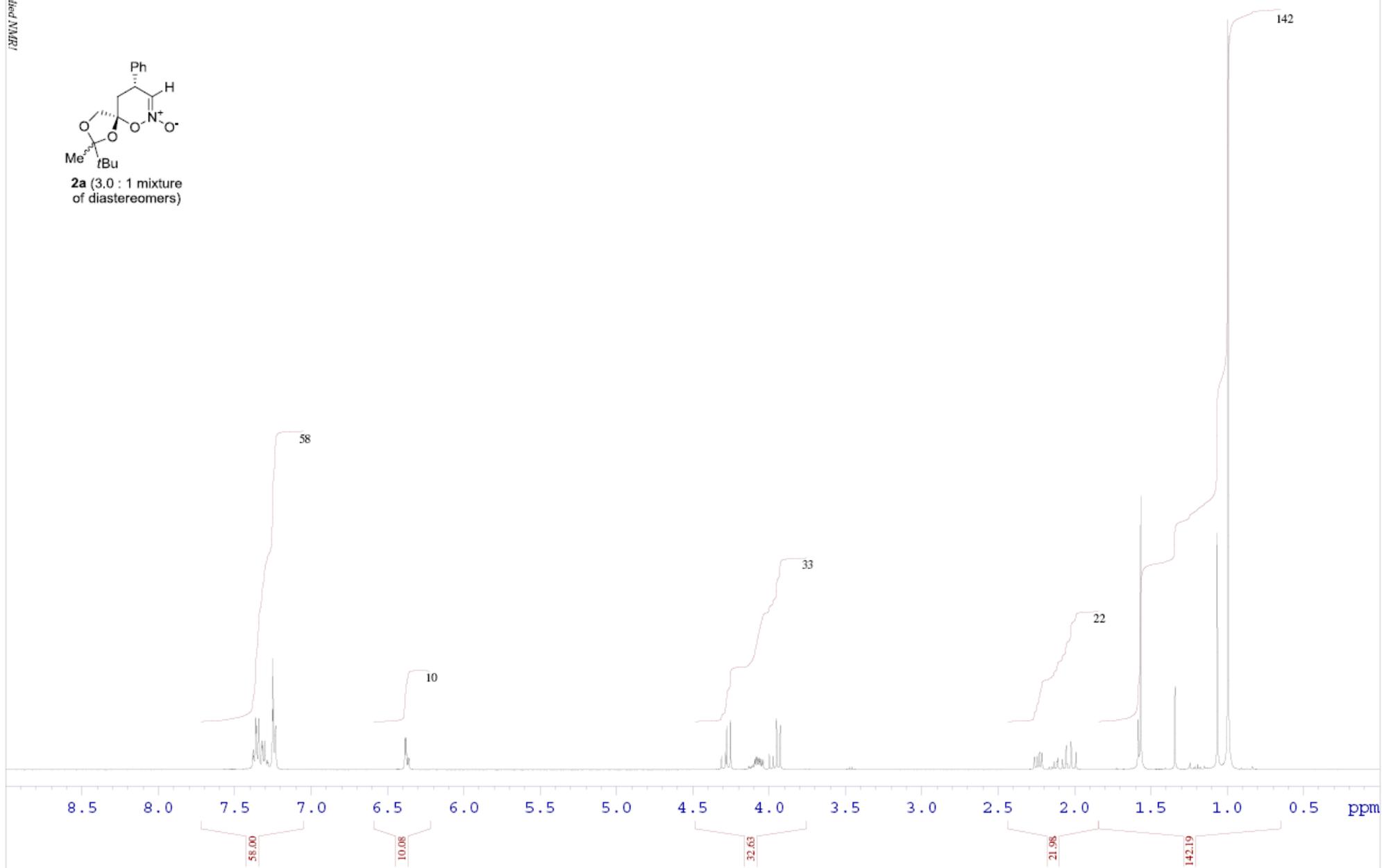




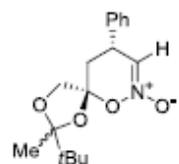
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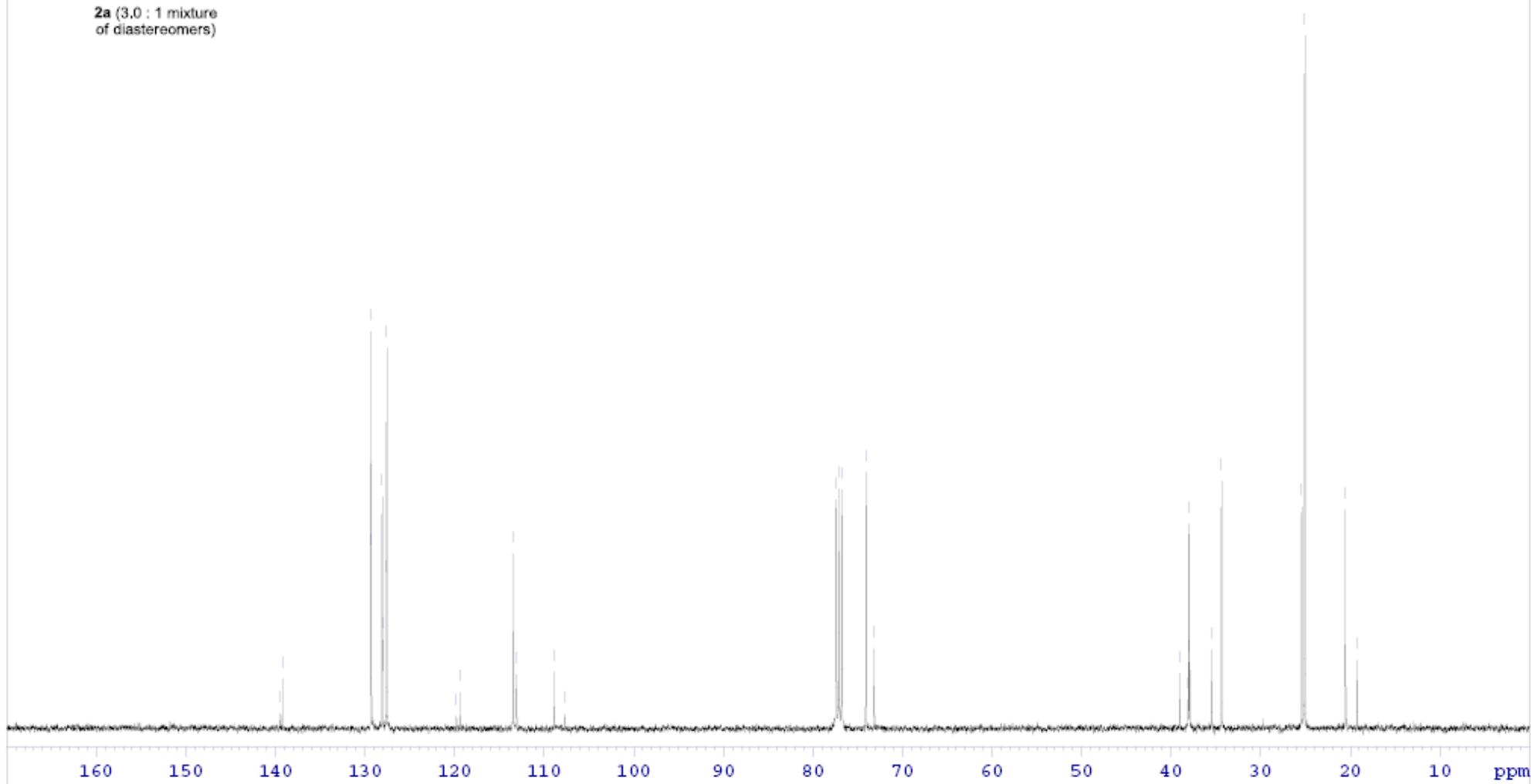


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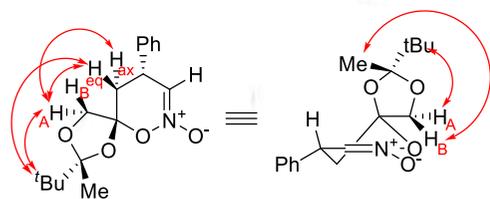


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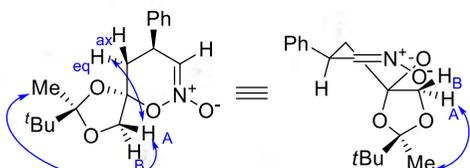
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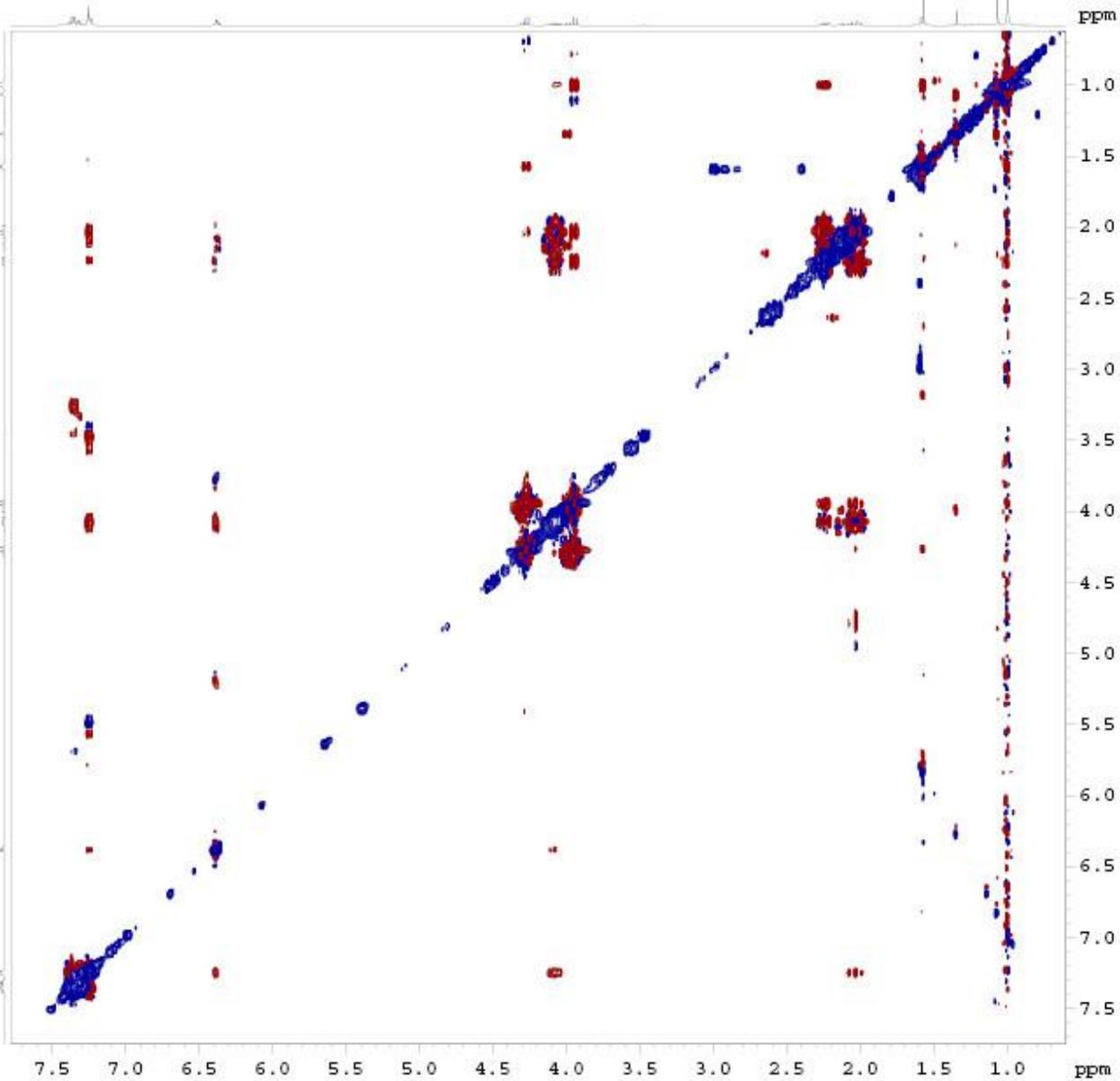
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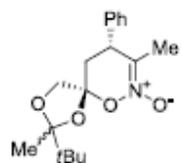
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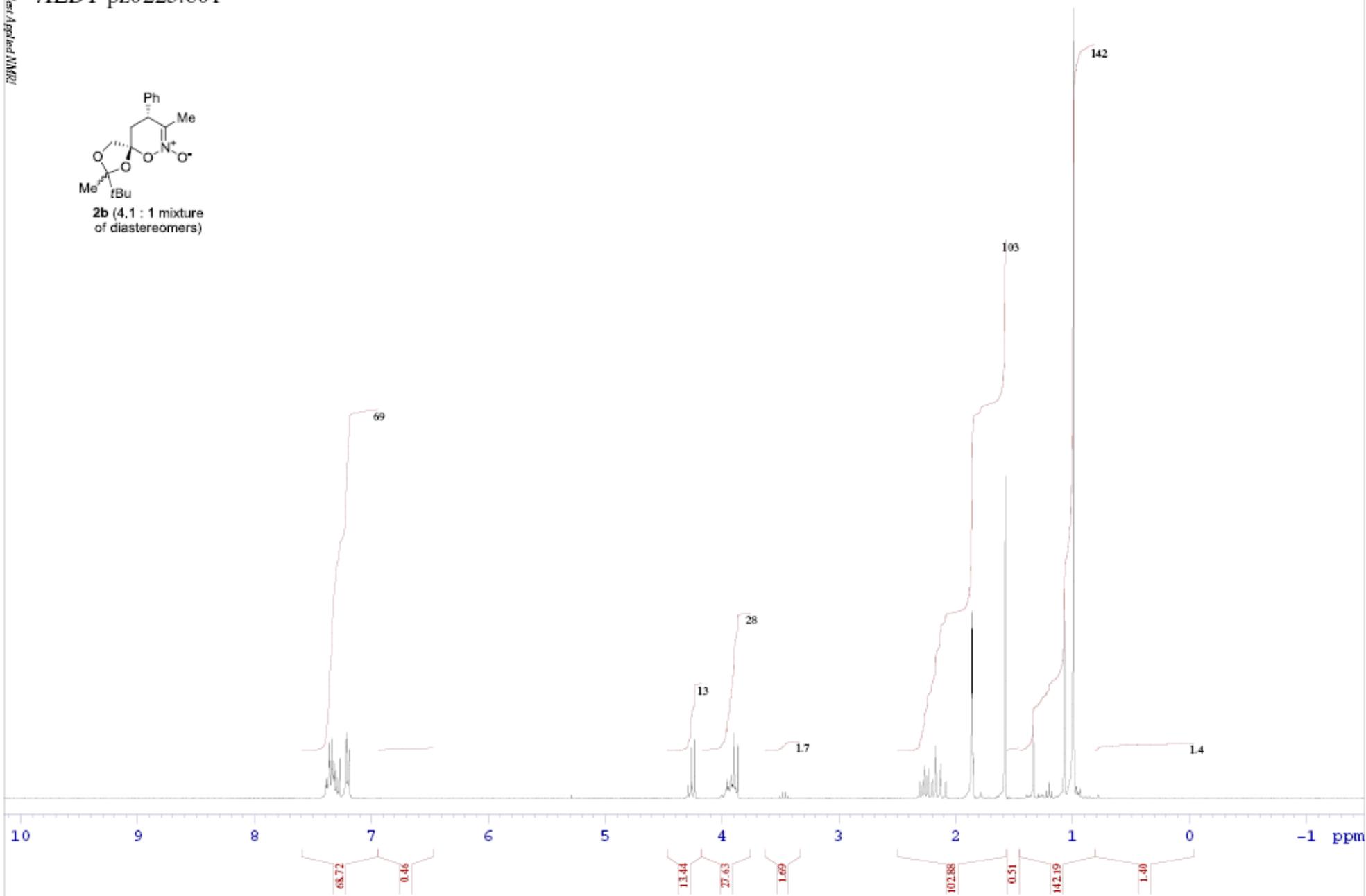
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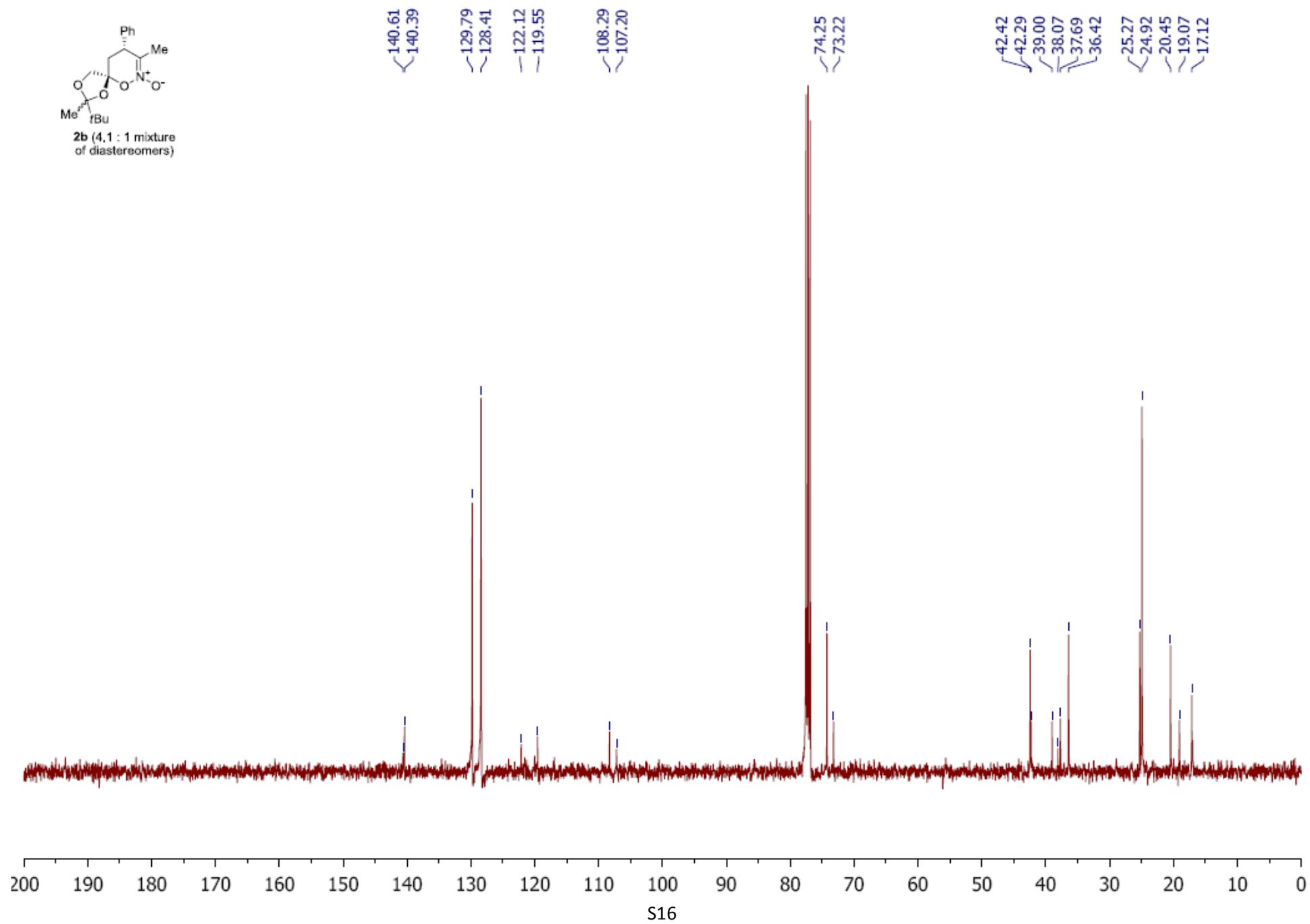
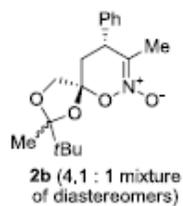


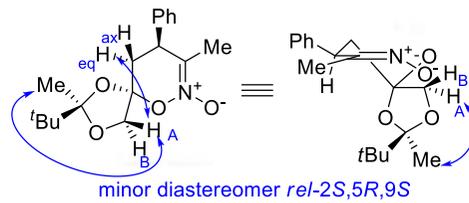
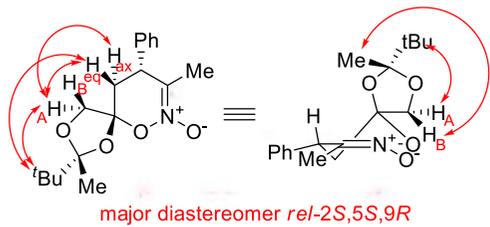
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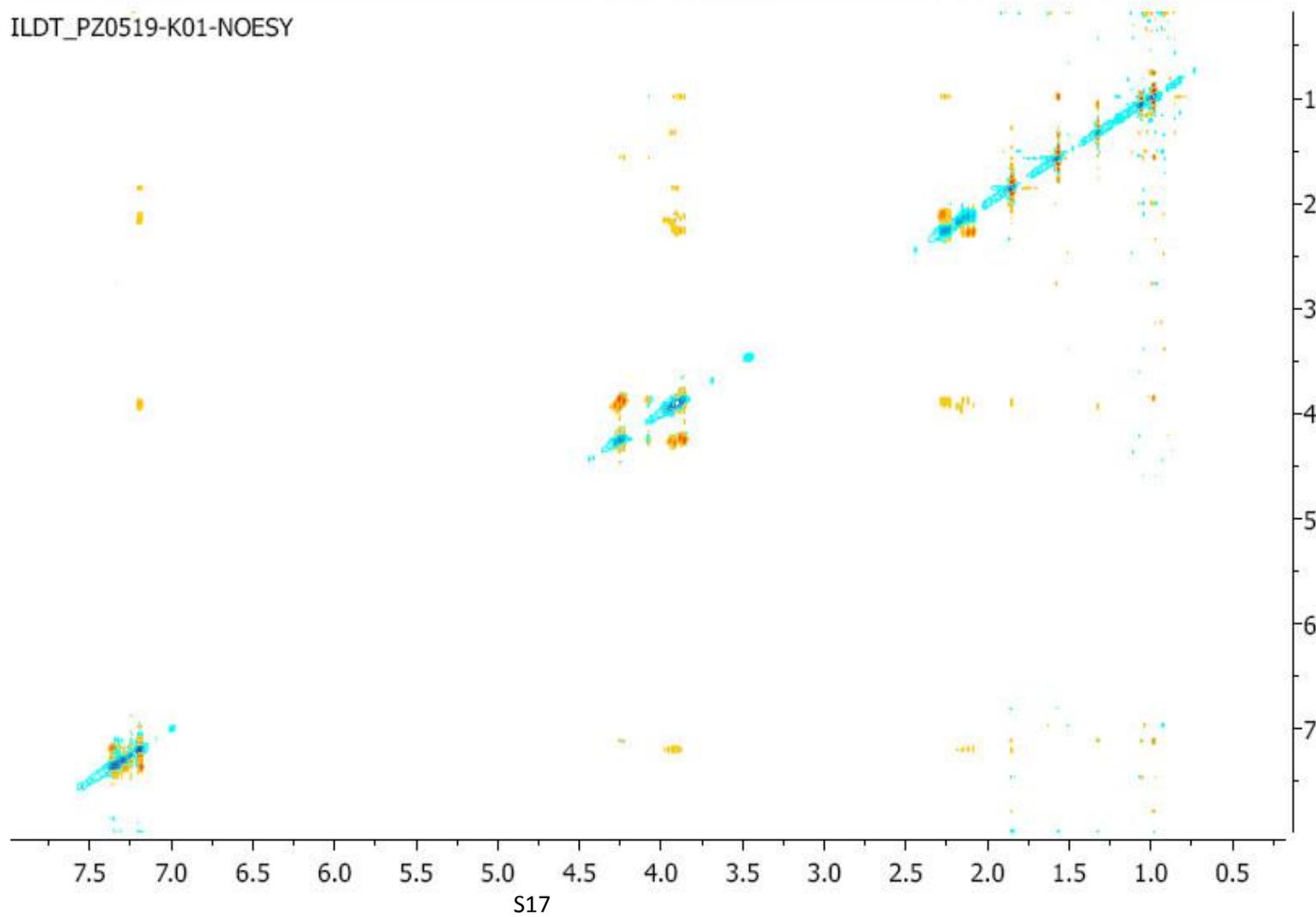
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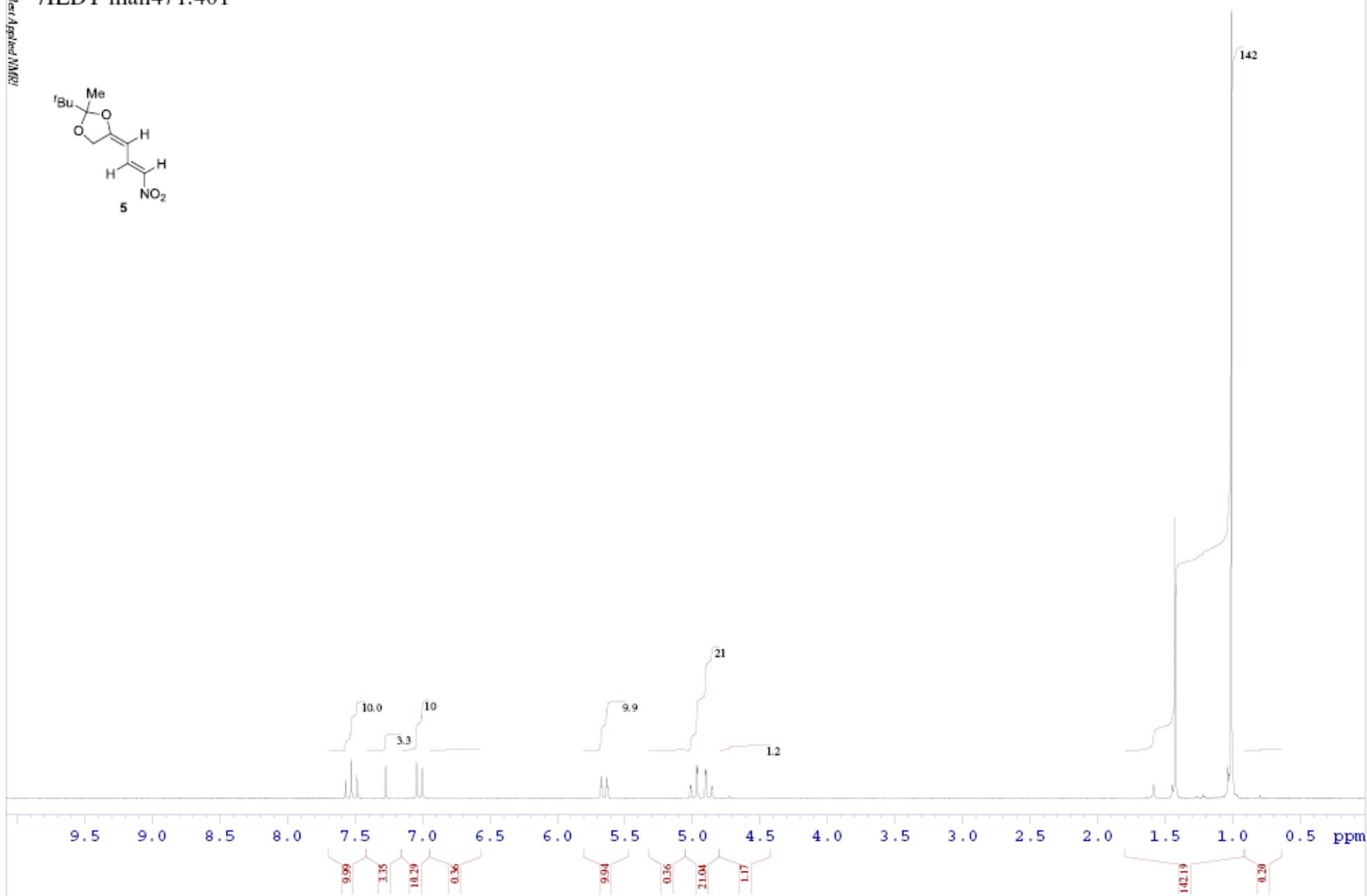
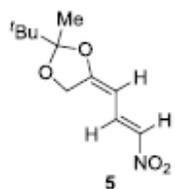




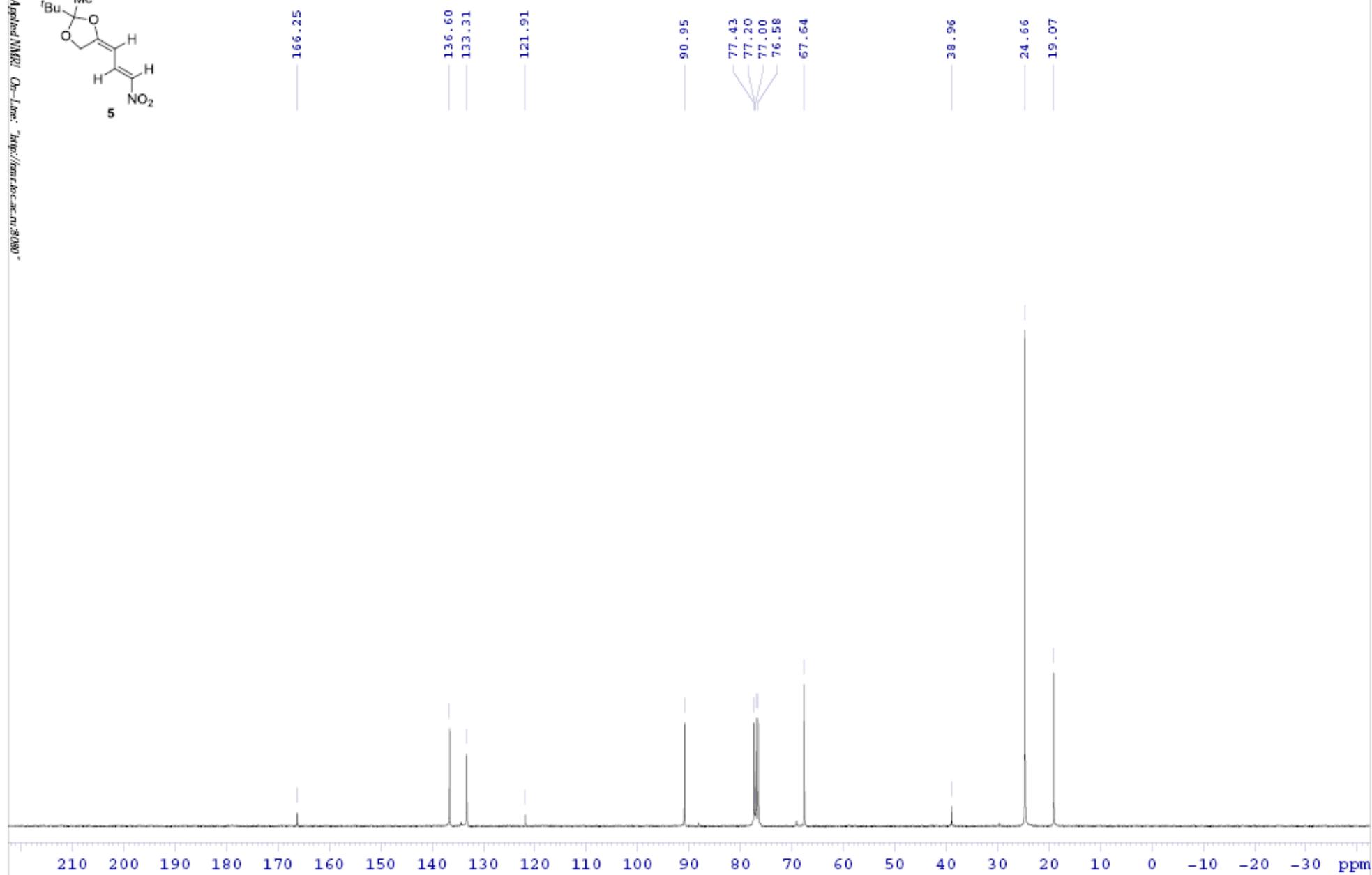
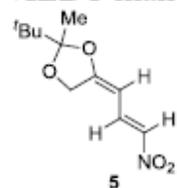
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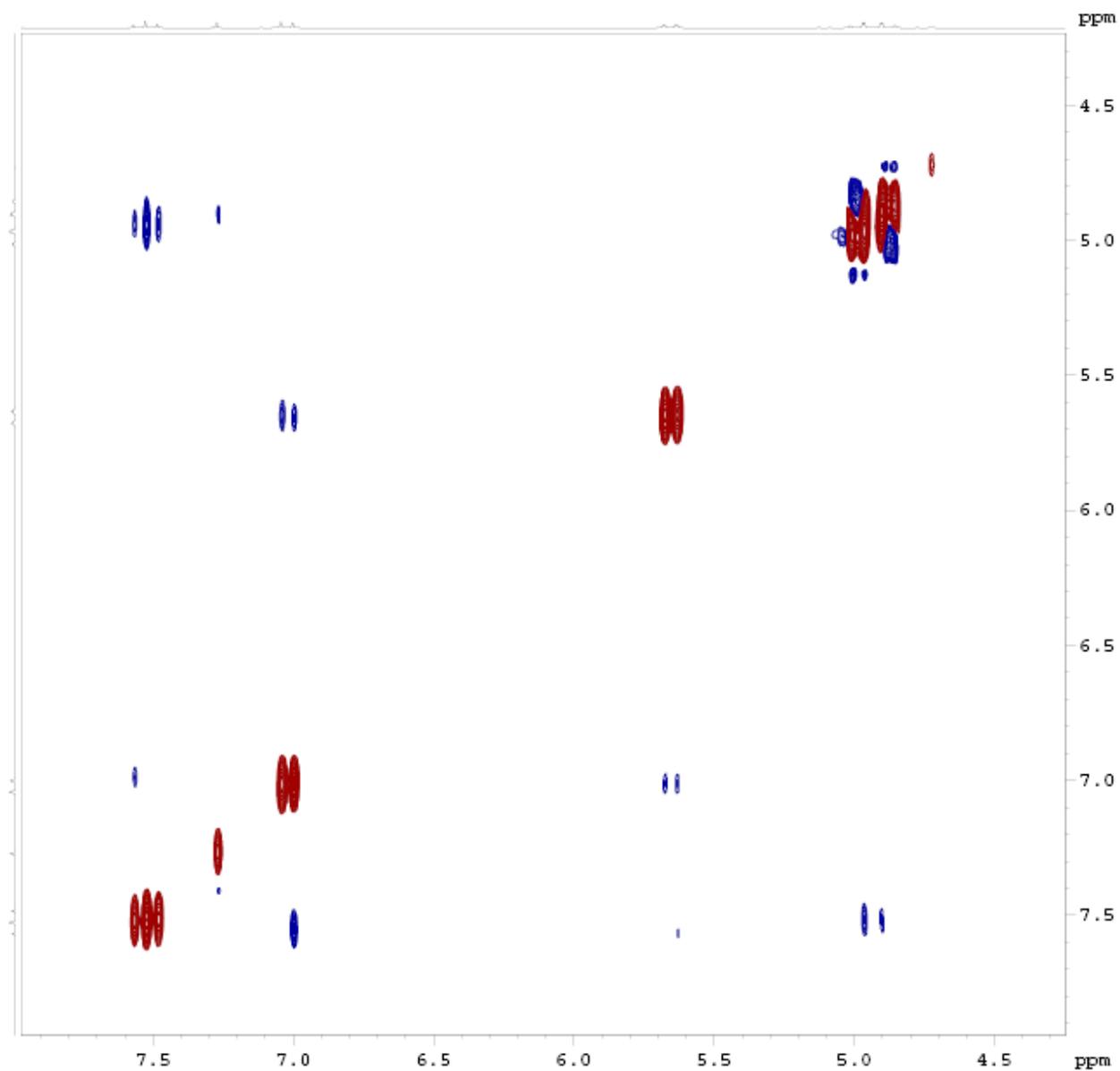
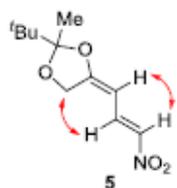
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