Supplementary Information for

A General Alkene 1,2-syn-Cyano-Hydroxylation Procedure via Electrochemical Activation of Isoxazoline Cycloadducts.

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S.1 – General Information

Analytical Information: Novel compounds were characterized by NMR spectroscopy and HRMS spectrometry. The NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and 500 MHz for ¹H; at 101 MHz and 125 MHz for ¹³C; at 376 MHz for ¹⁹F and at 162 and 202 MHz for ³¹P. The chemical shift (δ) values are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the residual solvent signals (using CDCl₃: signal @ 7.26 ppm for ¹H NMR, and 77.16 ppm for ¹³C NMR; using CD₃CN: signal @ 1.96 ppm for ¹H NMR, and 118.26 ppm for ¹³C NMR; using MeOD: signal @ 3.31 ppm for ¹H NMR, and 49.00 ppm for ¹³C NMR). All coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz (Hz). Splitting patterns are assigned s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, sext = sextet, hept = heptuplet and m = multiplet. Additionally, signals can be described as broad (br.) and apparent (app).

Mass spectra were obtained using positive and/or negative electrospray (ESI±), atmospheric-pressure chemical ionisation (APCI) or gas chromatography (GC) techniques. Measurements were carried out by the Mass spectrometry Service of Department of Chemistry at the University of Manchester. Cyclic voltammetry studies were conducted using a PalmSens MultiEmStat4 multi-channel potentiostat offering compliance voltage up to \pm 3 V (available at the counter electrode), \pm 3 V scan range and \pm 30 mA current range. Cyclic voltammograms were recorded on a 0.005M solution of the analyte (unless otherwise stated) in [0.1 M] TBAPF₆ in CH₃CN, under a sweep rate of 25 mV/s, and using a glassy carbon working electrode, an Ag/AgCI (NaCI saturated) reference electrode, and a Pt wire as auxiliary electrode.

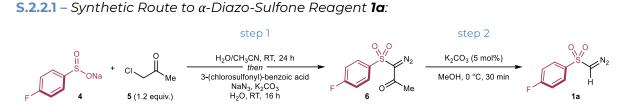
Experimental Information and Materials: Unless otherwise stated, all experiments were performed "open-flask" (*i.e.* without taking any precaution to secure an inert atmosphere nor anhydrous conditions), using laboratory grade solvents and standard glassware. Solvents and reagents were purchased from commercial sources (Sigma Aldrich, Fluka, Acros Organics, TCI, Apollo Scientific, Fluorochem or Alfa Aesar) and used as supplied.

Electrosynthetic experiments were performed on an IKA ElectraSyn 2.0 electrochemical station, using pre-fabricated electrodes [dimensions (W x H x D): 3 x 56 x 1 mm for microelectrodes; and 8 x 52.5 x 2 mm for standard electrodes] and fitted reaction vials – purchased from IKA. Photochemical reactions were subjected to irradiation from a 34W Kessil blue LED lamp, with the reaction tube placed approximately 2 cm from the bulb. Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure on standard rotary evaporators (*in vacuo* at 40 °C, ~5 mbar). Chromatographic purification of products was accomplished using force-flow flash chromatography (FC) on silica gel (35-70 mesh). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) analyses were carried out using precoated aluminum sheets (silica gel 60 F254, 0.2 mm), and viewed under a 254 nm UV-lamp, and/or visualized by staining with common developing solutions (potassium permanganate, *p*-anisaldehyde, phosphomolybdic acid, or vanillin).

S.2 – Substrate Synthesis

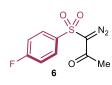
S.2.1 – **Synthesis of Alkene Substrates:** Olefins that were not available from commercial sources were synthesized following literature procedures – providing the desired alkene substrates with akin levels of purity and efficiency, as previously reported. This is the case of cycloprop-2-ene-1,1-diyldibenzene **17**, trimethyl(1-phenylvinyl)silane (precursor to cycloadduct **23**), *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylcyclopent-3-ene-1-carboxamide (precursor to product **58**), *cis*-1,2,3,6-*N*-(4-bromophenyl)-tetrahydrophthalimide (precursor to product **59**)⁴ and methyl exo-3,6-epoxy-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalate (precursor to product **63**).

S.2.2 – Synthesis of 1,3-Dipole Precursors 1



• Step 1 – A solution of the sulfinate salt **4** (1 equiv.) and chloroacetone **5** (1.2 equiv.) in a 2:1 mixture of CH₃CN and water (0.5 M) was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled down to room temperature and transferred to a well-stirred solution of (3-chlorosulfonyl)-benzoic acid (1.25 equiv.), NaN₃ (1.2 equiv.) and K₂CO₃ (1.5 equiv.) in water (0.25 M). Completed the addition, the reaction mixture was further diluted with CH₃CN (1 mL/mmol), and stirred at room temperature for 16 hours. The crude mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic fractions were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude material by recrystallisation (from CH₂Cl₂:MeOH=1:5) delivered diazo-compound **6** (64% yield) as a yellow solid. *This compound was stored in the dark, at –20* °C. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.⁶

When the procedure was conducted on a 100 mmol-scale – using 18.2 g of sulfinate salt 4 and 10.5 mL of chloroacetone 5 – the reaction afforded 15.2 g of product 6 (63% yield).

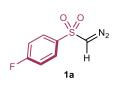


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.27 (app t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.4, 165.9 (d, ¹*J*_{*C-F*} = 257.7 Hz), 137.8 (d, ⁴*J*_{*C-F*} = 3.3 Hz), 130.5 (d, ³*J*_{*C-F*} = 9.7 Hz), 116.8 (d, ²*J*_{*C-F*} = 22.7 Hz), 27.0; \underline{C}_q N₂ signal not observed. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –102.10.

Step 2 – To a stirring solution of compound **G** (1 equiv.) in anhydrous MeOH (0.06 M), at 0 °C and under nitrogen atmosphere, was added K_2CO_3 (0.05 equiv.). The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C, and poured into a separating funnel containing water. The crude mixture was extracted with CH_2CI_2 , and the combined organic layers were washed

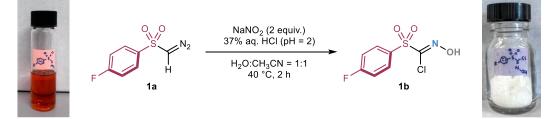
with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄. Removal of solvent afforded product **1a** (94% yield) as an amber oil. No further purification procedures were required. **N.B.** This compound can be stored in the dark, at –20 °C, up to two weeks. After this time, its use provides reduced yields for 1,3-DC reactions, under optimized conditions. Nevertheless, the "expired" material can be converted into chloroxime **1b** (see next section) with akin efficiency. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.⁷

When the procedure was conducted on a 24 mmol-scale – using 5.88 g of diazo-compound **6** and 1.20 g of K_2CO_3 – the reaction afforded 4.53 g of product **1a** (94% yield).



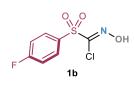
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 5.34 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4 (d, ¹*J*_{*C-F*} = 256.0 Hz), 140.2 (d, ⁴*J*_{*C-F*} = 3.3 Hz), 129.1 (d, ³*J*_{*C-F*} = 9.7 Hz), 116.7 (d, ²*J*_{*C-F*} = 22.7 Hz), 57.8. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –103.9.

S.2.2.2 – Synthesis of Chloroxime Reagent 1b:



A stirring solution of diazo compound **la** (1 equiv.) and NaNO₂ (2 equiv.) in a 1:1 mixture of water and CH₃CN (0.06 M), at 40 °C, was acidified to pH 2.0 with concentrated HCl (~ 0.6 mL/mmol); and stirred for 2 hours. After this time, the reaction was quenched by addition of sulfamic acid (1 equiv.), and the resulting mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and the solvent removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by recrystallisation (from boiling CHCl₃) to afford chloroxime **lb** (53% yield) as a colorless solid. *N.B. This compound can be stored under air and at room temperature, indefinitely (longest time in the Crisenza lab: 9 months)*. The title compound was previously unknown.

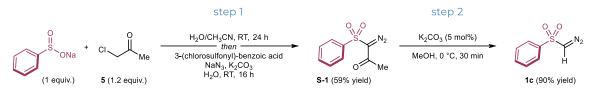
When the procedure was conducted on a 33.4 mmol-scale – using 6.69 g of diazo-sulfone **1a** and 4.61 g of NaNO₂ – the reaction afforded 4.16 g of product **1b** (53% yield)



¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.37 (s, 1H), 8.08 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 2H). ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.91 (s, 1H), 8.11 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 2H). ¹³**C** NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 166.5 (d, ¹*J*_{*C*-*F*} = 255.8 Hz), 137.4, 133.0 (d, ³*J*_{*C*-*F*} = 10.3 Hz), 132.5 (d, ⁴*J*_{*C*-*F*} = 3.0 Hz), 117.9 (d, ²*J*_{*C*-*F*} =

23.0 Hz). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ –101.7. **HRMS** (APCI⁻) Exact mass calculated for C₇H₄CIFNO₃S [M–H]⁻: 235.9590, found: 235.9583. Compound **1b** was further characterized by X-ray crystallographic analysis (see Section S8.1).

S.2.2.3 – Synthetic Route to α-Diazo-Sulfone Reagent **Ic**:



• Step 1 – A solution of the benzenesulfinic acid sodium salt (1.64 g, 10.0 mmol) and chloroacetone **5** (1.15 mL, 13.0 mmol) in a 2:1 mixture of CH₃CN and water (15 mL) was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled down to room temperature and transferred to a well-stirred solution of (3-chlorosulfonyl)-benzoic acid (2.76 g, 12.5 mmol), NaN₃ (975 mg, 15.0 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (2.07 g, 15.0 mmol) in water (20 mL). Completed the addition, the reaction mixture was further diluted with CH₃CN (20 mL), and stirred at room temperature for 16 hours. The crude mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic fractions were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 50% EtOAc in hexane) to provide diazo-compound **S-1** (1.42 g, 59% yield) as a yellow solid. *This compound was stored in the dark, at –20 °C*. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.



¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.73 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.7, 142.0, 134.2, 129.6, 127.3, 85.9, 27.1.

■ Step 2 – To a stirring solution of compound S-1 (977 mg, 4.00 mmol) in anhydrous MeOH (60 mL), at 0 °C and under nitrogen atmosphere, was added K₂CO₃ (28.0 mg, 0.20 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C, and poured into a separating funnel containing water. The crude mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, and the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure delivered product 1c (725 mg, 90% yield) as a yellow oil. No further purification procedures were required. *This compound can be stored in the dark, at –20 °C, up to two weeks*. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.⁹

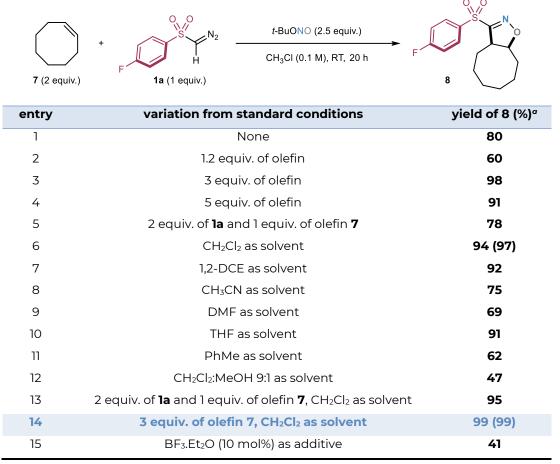


¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 5.31 (s, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.1, 133.4, 129.5, 126.2, 57.7.

S.3 – Optimization Studies

S.3.1 – Optimization of 1,3-Dipolar Cycloaddition Step (sew):

S.3.1.1 – We optimized the reaction between diazo-compound **1a** (as the nitrile oxide precursor) and *cis*-cyclooctene **7** (as the dipolarophile). The key findings of this study are summarized in the table below:



^{*c*}Yields were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy, using mesitylene as the internal standard. Isolated yield reported in parenthesis.

Following this study, we implemented a general procedure for the synthesis of isoxazoline cycloadducts from alkenes and α -diazo-sulfone 1a:

■ General Procedure A: To a solution of the α -diazo-sulfone **1a** (1 equiv.) and alkene substrate (3 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.1 M), at 0 °C, was slowly added a solution of *t*-BuONO (2.5 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.1 M), over 1 hour [*N.B. the use of a syringe pump, to control the rate of addition of t-BuONO, is crucial to achieve high yields and limit the formation of dimerization byproducts*]. Completed the addition, the resulting solution was allowed to warm up to room temperature, and stirred for 20 hours. At the end of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel support (under the conditions reported for each entry) to yield the desired isoxazoline cycloadduct.

S.3.1.2 – Nucleophilic olefins or alkenes bearing nucleophilic functionalities react with *t*-BuONO, thus preventing the formation of the reactive nitrile oxide intermediate from **1a**. To overcome this issue and provide an alternative set of 1,3-DC conditions, we optimized the reaction between chloroxime **1b** (as the nitrile oxide precursor) and styrene (as the dipolarophile). The key findings of this study are summarized in the table below:

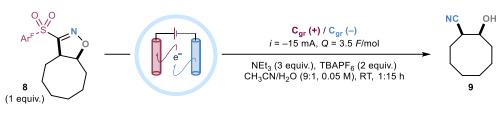
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entry	base	solvent (c M)	T (°C)	yield of S-2 (%)°
1	Et₃N	CH ₂ Cl ₂ (0.1 M)	RT	24
2	Et ₃ N	Et ₂ O (0.1 M)	RT	5
3	Et₃N	PhMe (0.1 M)	RT	25
4	Et₃N	PhMe (0.1 M)	60 °C	68
5	NaHCO3	CH ₃ CN:H ₂ O 1:1 (0.1 M)	RT	33
6	NaHCO3	DMF:H ₂ O 1:1 (0.1 M)	RT	8
7	NaHCO ₃	THF:H ₂ O 1:1 (0.1 M)	RT	61
8	NaHCO ₃	EtOAc (0.1 M)	RT	75
9	NaHCO3	CH3CN (0.1 M)	RT	10
10	NaHCO3	EtOAc (0.1 M)	60 °C	89
11	NaHCO ₃	EtOAc (0.1 M)	60 °C	38
12	NaHCO ₃	EtOAc (0.05 M)	60 °C	98 (93)
13	NaHCO₃	EtOAc (0.02 M)	60 °C	94 (85)
14 ^b	NaHCO ₃	EtOAc (0.02 M)	60 °C	56
15°	NaHCO ₃	EtOAc (0.02 M)	60 °C	93

^oYields were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy, using mesitylene as the internal standard. Isolated yield reported in parenthesis. ^bReaction run using 2 equiv. of **1b** and 1 equiv. of styrene. ^cReaction run using 1 equiv. of **1b** and 1.2 equiv. of styrene.

Following this study, we implemented a general procedure for the **synthesis of isoxazoline** cycloadducts from alkenes and chloroxime 1b:

■ General Procedure B: To a vigorously stirring solution of NaHCO₃ (2.5 equiv.) and alkene substrate (1.2-3 equiv., as reported for each entry) in EtOAc (0.05 M), at room temperature, was added chloroxime **1b** (1 equiv.) in one portion. The resulting mixture was then heated to 60 °C, and stirred for 20 hours. After this time, the reaction was allowed to cool down to room temperature and the crude mixture was filtered through a short pad of celite. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel support (under the conditions reported for each entry) to yield the desired isoxazoline cycloadduct.

S.3.2 – Optimization of the Electrochemical Ring-Opening Step (*cut***):** To facilitate the radical fragmentation of the isooxazoline ring, we optimized the electrolysis, under reductive regime, of cycloadduct **8**. The key findings of this study are summarized in the table below:



entry	variation from standard conditions	remaining 8 (%)°	yield of 9 (%) ^a
1	None	ND	99 (95)
2	TBABF ₄ as electrolyte	ND	99
3	TBAOH as electrolyte	ND	54
4	Ph_3N (3 equiv.) as sacrificial reductant	8	74
5	Et₃SiH (1.5 equiv.) as sacrificial reductant	43	51
6	1,4-CHD (3 equiv.) as sacrificial reductant	10	85
7	CH ₃ CN as solvent	25	63
8	DMF:H ₂ O 9:1 as solvent	ND	98
9	THF:H ₂ O 9:1 as solvent	13	86
10	MeOH as solvent	8	91
11	CH ₂ Cl ₂ :MeOH 9:1 as solvent	ND	95 (94)
12	as above, 1 equiv. of TBAPF₅, 1.5 equiv. Et₃N	18	81
13	CH_2Cl_2 :MeOH 9:1 solvent, 1 equiv. of TBAPF ₆	10	90

^aYields were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy, using mesitylene as the internal standard. Isolated yield reported in parenthesis. ND, not detected; 1,4-CHD, 1,4-cyclohexadiene.

Following this study, we implemented a general procedure for the **electrochemical radical ring-opening of isoxazoline cycloadducts to deliver 1,2***-syn***-hydroxy nitriles:**

■ General Procedure C: A 5 mL IKA ElectraSyn[®] vial – fitted with carbon graphite microelectrodes (both working and counter electrode) – was charged with the isoxazoline substrate (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv.), TBAPF₆ (2 equiv.), Et₃N (3 equiv.) and 4 mL of a CH₃CN:H₂O 9:1 solution. The vial was sealed and mounted on an IKA ElectraSyn[®] station. The electrolysis was conducted under constant current regime (–15 mA), with a total charge (*Q*) of 3.5 F/mol. Completed the electrolysis, the crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel support (under the conditions reported for each entry) to yield the desired 1,2-*syn*-hydroxy nitrile product.

Commands Workflow: select "*New Experiment*" > select "*Constant Current*" > set current to –15 mA > select "*No*" for reference electrode > select "*Total Charge*" > set 0.20 mmol of substrate and 3.5 F/mol > select "*No*" for alternating polarity > save the experimental conditions, if desired > select "*Start*" to initiate the electrolysis > set stirring to 1000 rpm. **Useful Information:** At the end of the reaction, the electrodes were washed with CH₂Cl₂, then water, then acetone – gently cleaning their surface with a clean tissue.

S.3.3 – Photochemical Ring-Opening of Isoxazoline 8:

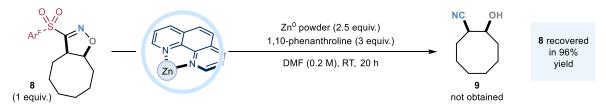


An oven-dried vial was charged with isoxazoline **8** (62.3 mg, 0.20 mmol), photocatalyst 4CzIPN (CAS: 1416881-52-1, 15.7 mg, 20.0 μ mol) and NEt₃ (83.0 μ L, 0.60 mmol). The tube was sealed with a rubber septum and flushed with nitrogen, through a needle inserted into the cap, for 5 minutes. Nitrogen-spurged CH₃CN (2 mL) was then added to the vessel, and the resulting mixture was irradiated using a blue LEDs Kessil lamp (λ_{max} centred at 456 nm), and stirred at ambient temperature (as enabled by the use of a fan) for 20 hours. After this time, the crude mixture was transferred into a round-bottomed flask and the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography on silica gel support (*gradient from* hexane 100% *to* 30% EtOAc in hexane) delivered a 4:1 mixture of 1,2-*syn*-hydroxy nitrile **9** and α -cyano ketone **10** (23.0 mg, 75% overall yield) as an amber oil.



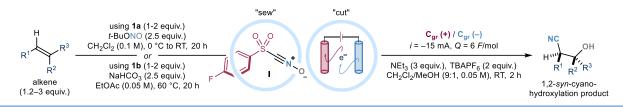
Characteristic signals for byproduct **10** – these were consistent with the data available in the literature.¹⁰ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, resolved characteristic signals only) δ 3.66 (dd, J = 7.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.64 – 2.45 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.7, 117.1, 44.1, 40.3, 28.9, 26.9, 26.3, 24.6, 24.2.

S.3.4 – Zinc-Mediated Ring-Opening of Isoxazoline 8:



An oven-dried vial was charged with Zn powder (*pre-activated by 1M aq. HCl wash* – 32.7 mg, 0.50 mmol). This was dried under high-vacuum for 10 minutes, while heating with an heat gun, and then back-filled with nitrogen. A solution of isoxazoline **8** (62.3 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 1,10-phenanthroline (108 mg, 0.60 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (1 mL) was added to the vessel. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 hours. The reaction was quenched by addition of water (100 μ L) and diluted with EtOAc (1 mL). The crude mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 10 mL), and the combined organic portions were dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. ¹H NMR analysis on the crude reaction mixture (using mesitylene as the internal standard) revealed that no product **9** was formed, and isoxazoline **8** was quantitatively recovered (96% yield). *This reaction was repeated heating the reaction mixture at 60 °C for 20 hours. Even in this case, the starting material* **8** was quantitatively recovered and no product was observed.

S.3.5 – **Development of a Telescoped "Sew & Cut" Protocol:** Capitalizing on the optimization studies described in Sections S3.1–2, we implemented two general procedures for the **direct conversion of alkenes into 1,2**-syn-hydroxy nitriles – via 1,3-DC and telescoped electrolysis of the ensuing cycloadduct:



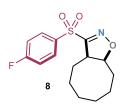
■ General Procedure D – using 1a: Reactions performed on a 0.20 mmol scale, unless reported otherwise. To a solution of the α-diazo-sulfone 1a (1-2 equiv., as specified for each entry) and alkene substrate (1-3 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL), at 0 °C, was slowly added a solution of t-BuONO (59.5 µL, 0.50 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL), over 1 hour [*N.B. the use of a syringe pump, to control the rate of addition of t-BuONO, is crucial to achieve high yields and limit the formation of dimerization byproducts*]. Completed the addition, the resulting solution was allowed to warm up to room temperature, and stirred for 20 hours. After this time, the crude reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) and MeOH (0.5 mL), and transferred into a 5 mL IKA ElectraSyn[®] vial – fitted with carbon graphite microelectrodes (both working and counter electrode) – containing TBAPF₆ (155 mg, 0.40 mmol) and Et₃N (83.6 µL, 0.60 mmol). The vial was sealed and mounted on an IKA ElectraSyn[®] station. The electrolysis was conducted under constant current regime (–15 mA), with a total charge (*Q*) of 6 F/mol. Completed the electrolysis, the crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel support (under the conditions reported for each entry) to yield the desired 1,2-syn-hydroxy nitrile product.

■ General Procedure E – using 1b: Reactions performed on a 0.20 mmol scale, unless reported otherwise. To a vigorously stirring solution of NaHCO₃ (42.0 mg, 0.50 mmol) and alkene substrate (1.2-3 equiv., as specified for each entry) in EtOAc (4 mL), at room temperature, was added chloroxime **1b** (1-2 equiv.) in one portion. The resulting mixture was then heated to 60 °C, and stirred for 20 hours. After this time, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool down to room temperature and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was dissolved in a 9:1 mixture of CH₂Cl₂ and MeOH (4 mL), and transferred into a 5 mL IKA ElectraSyn[®] vial – fitted with carbon graphite microelectrodes (both working and counter electrode) – containing TBAPF₆ (155 mg, 0.40 mmol) and the sacrificial reductant [either Et₃N (83.6 µL, 0.60 mmol) or 1,4-cyclohexadiene (66.2 µL, 0.70 mmol)]. The vial was sealed and mounted on an IKA ElectraSyn[®] station. The electrolysis was conducted under constant current regime (–15 mA), with a total charge (*Q*) of 6 F/mol. Completed the electrolysis, the crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel support (under the conditions reported for each entry) to yield the desired 1,2-syn-hydroxy nitrile product.

ElectraSyn Commands Workflow: select "*New Experiment*" > select "*Constant Current*" > set current to –15 mA > select "*No*" for reference electrode > select "*Total Charge*" > set 0.20 mmol of substrate and 6 F/mol > select "*No*" for alternating polarity > save the experimental conditions, if desired > select "*Start*" to initiate the electrolysis > set stirring to 1000 rpm. **Useful Information:** For the electrodes washing protocol, see *Section S3.2.* In some cases, removal of the remainder/excess olefin from the 1,3-DC crude mixture provided a higher yield for the corresponding 1,2-hydroxy nitrile product. This was often achieved by rapid filtration of the 1,3-DC crude mixture over SiO₂ – flushing first with 15% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate.

S.4 – Synthesis of Isoxazoline Cycloadducts

cis-3-((4-fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)-3a,9a-dihydrocycloocta[d]isoxazole (8)

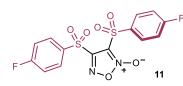


Prepared according to *General Procedure A* – using α -diazo-sulfone **1a** (45 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, and *cis*-cyclooctene (87 µL, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv.) as the olefin substrate. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 30% EtOAc in hexane) to provide isoxazoline **8** (63 mg, 99 % yield) as a

colorless solid. Compound **8** was also obtained following *General Procedure B* – using chloroxime **1b** (48 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, and *cis*-cyclooctene (87.0 μ L, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv.) as the olefin substrate. Here, purification of the crude reaction mixture (same conditions as above) delivered **8** (56 mg) in 90% yield. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 4.62 (ddd, *J* = 10.0, 8.3, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (ddd, *J* = 10.3, 10.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.23 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.49 – 1.35 (m, 3H), 1.32 – 1.21 (m, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4 (d, ¹*J*_{*C*-*F*} = 257.9 Hz), 164.5, 134.4 (d, ⁴*J*_{*C*-*F*} = 3.2 Hz), 131.9 (d, ³*J*_{*C*-*F*} = 10.1 Hz), 116.7 (d, ²*J*_{*C*-*F*</sup> = 22.8 Hz), 89.3, 49.5, 29.5, 25.6, 25.4, 25.2, 25.0, 24.1. ¹⁹**F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –101.7. **HRMS** (ESI⁺) Exact mass calculated for C₁₅H₁₉O₃NFS [M+H]⁺: 312.1064, found: 312.1049.}

3,4-bis((4-fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1,2,5-oxadiazole 2-oxide (11)

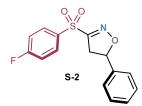


During the formation of isoxazoline cycloadducts, under the reaction conditions described both in *General Procedure A* and *B*, variable amounts of furoxan **11** were obtained. This byproduct arises from the dimerization of the sulfonyl-nitrile

oxide intermediate (*c.f.* structure I in Scheme 2B) formed *in situ* during the course of the cycloaddition process.¹¹ In multiple occasions, compound **11** has been isolated as a colorless solid, and its spectroscopic properties characterized. These are listed below. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 – 8.17 (m, 4H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 4H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃, all <u>C</u>_q were not detected) δ 133.5 (d, ³J_{C-F} = 10.3 Hz), 132.5 (d, ³J_{C-F} = 10.3 Hz), 117.5 (d, ²J_{C-F} = 22.8 Hz), 117.2 (d, ²J_{C-F} = 23.1 Hz). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –97.9, –98.6. **HRMS** (ESI⁺) Exact mass calculated for C₁₄H₈F₂N₂O₆S₂ [M+Na]⁺: 401.9792, found: 401.9800.

3-((4-fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (S-2)

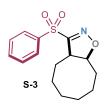


Prepared according to *General Procedure B* – using chloroxime **1b** (48 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, and styrene (76 μ L, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv.) as the olefin substrate. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 30% EtOAc in hexane) to provide isoxazoline **S-2** (57 mg, 93 % yield) as a

colorless solid. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 5.81 (dd, J = 11.4, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (dd, J = 17.4, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, J = 17.4, 9.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6 (d, ¹J_{C-F} = 258.6 Hz), 159.8, 138.3, 133.3 (d, ⁴J_{C-F} = 3.3 Hz), 132.1 (d, ³J_{C-F} = 10.0 Hz), 129.2, 129.1, 126.0, 117.0 (d, ²J_{C-F} = 22.9 Hz), 86.2, 40.1. ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –100.87. **HRMS** (ESI⁺) Exact mass calculated for C₁₅H₁₂O₃NFNaS [M+Na]⁺: 328.0414, found: 328.0406.

cis-3-(phenylsulfonyl)-3a,9a- dihydrocycloocta[d]isoxazole (S-3)



Prepared according to *General Procedure A* – using α -diazo-sulfone **1c** (136 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, and *cis*-cyclooctene (260 μ L, 1.8 mmol, 3 equiv.) as the olefin substrate. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 40% EtOAc in hexane) to provide isoxazoline **S-3** (175 mg, 99 % yield) as a yellow oil. The

title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.73 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.63 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 4.60 (ddd, J = 10.0, 8.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (app td, J = 10.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.23 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.41 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.27 (m, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 138.5, 134.6, 129.3, 128.9, 89.2, 49.6, 29.5, 25.6, 25.4, 25.3, 25.0, 24.1. **HRMS** (ESI⁺) Exact mass calculated for C₁₅H₂₀O₃NS [M+H]⁺: 294.1158, found: 294.1145.

cis-3-bromo-3a,4,5,6,7,8,9,9a-octahydrocycloocta[d]isoxazole (12)

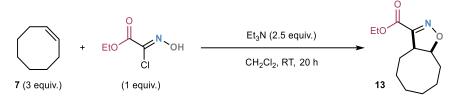


Prepared according to *General Procedure B* – using 1,1-dibromoformaldoxime (811 mg, 4.0 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, and *cis*-cyclooctene (1.64 mL, 12 mmol, 3 equiv.) as the olefin substrate. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 30% EtOAc in hexane)

to provide isoxazoline **12** (687 mg, 74 % yield) as a colorless solid. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.59 (td, J = 10.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (app t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.03 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.89 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.51 (m, 4H), 1.51 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.24 – 1.19 (m, 1H).
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.6, 85.5, 55.6, 29.5, 26.3, 25.8, 25.4, 25.1, 24.0.

cis-ethyl 3a,4,5,6,7,8,9,9a-octahydrocycloocta[d]isoxazole-3-carboxylate (13)

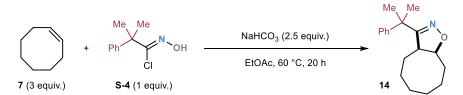


To a stirring solution of ethyl chlorooximidoacetate (1.94 g, 12.8 mmol) and *cis*-cyclooctene **7** (5.0 mL, 38.4 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (110 mL), at room temperature, was added a solution of Et_3N (4.46 mL, 32 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL), dropwise over an hour. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 hours. After this time, the crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 30% EtOAc in hexane) to provide isoxazoline **13** (2.24 g, 78 % yield) as a colorless oil. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.¹²



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.57 (ddd, J = 13.0, 10.1, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (app t, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.12 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.60 (m, 4H), 1.55 – 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.40 – 1.31 (m, 5H), 1.30 – 1.19 (m, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9, 156.3, 88.1, 61.9, 49.0, 29.8, 25.6, 25.4, 25.1, 25.1, 24.6, 14.1.

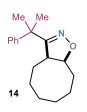
cis-3-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)-3a,4,5,6,7,8,9,9a-octahydrocycloocta[d]isoxazole (14)



For the synthesis of **14**, we prepared chloroxime **S-4** – from 2-methyl-2-phenylpropanal – following a reported literature protocol.¹³ The procedure delivered a pale yellow solid (isolated as a mixture of *E* and *Z* geometric isomers), for which we recorded the following spectroscopic properties: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.9 (2 signals), 144.3, 142.7, 129.0, 128.5, 127.8, 127.0, 126.0, 125.0, 60.6, 47.6, 39.2, 30.2, 27.6 (2 signals), 21.1, 14.2.

Isoxazoline **14** was prepared according to *General Procedure B* – using chloroxime **S-4** (226 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, and *cis*-cyclooctene (650 μ L, 5 mmol, 5 equiv.) as the olefin substrate. The crude mixture was purified by flash column

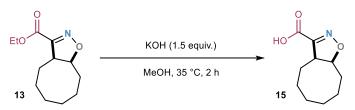
chromatography (*isocratic in* 20% EtOAc in hexane) to provide isoxazoline **14** (171 mg, 63 % yield) as a colorless solid. The title compound was previously unknown.



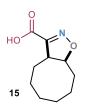
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 4.37 (ddd, J = 10.6, 9.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (td, J = 9.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 1.92 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.80 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.45 – 1.29 (m, 8H), 1.29 – 1.20 (m, 1H), 1.07 (ddt, J = 15.2, 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 146.1, 128.4, 126.5, 125.8, 85.3, 51.3, 40.5, 30.3, 29.6, 26.8, 26.5, 26.2, 25.3, 25.2, 23.0. HRMS (ESI⁺)

Exact mass calculated for C₁₈H₂₅ONNa [M+Na]⁺: 294.1828, found: 294.1825.

cis-3a,4,5,6,7,8,9,9a-octahydrocycloocta[d]isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid (15)

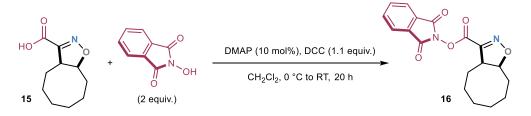


A mixture of ester **13** (1.35 g, 6.0 mmol) and KOH (505 mg, 9.0 mmol) in MeOH (24 mL) was stirred at 35 °C for 2 hours. After this time, the mixture was allowed to cool down to room temperature, and partitioned between water (25 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL). The aqueous phase was collected and acidified by addition of an *aq*. HCl 1M solution, until pH ~2. This solution was then re-extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 20 mL), and the combined organic portions were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure delivered isoxazoline **15** (808 mg, 68 % yield) as a colorless oil, in high purity. *This material was used without any further purification procedure both in the electrochemical ring-opening reaction (see Section 5.3.4) and in the synthesis of compound 16. The title compound was previously unknown.*



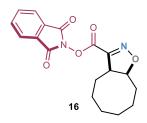
¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.61 (s, 1H), 4.66 (ddd, J = 11.3, 10.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.36 – 3.26 (m, 1H), 2.14 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.88 – 1.58 (m, 6H), 1.49 (ddt, J = 12.3, 9.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.41 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.16 (m, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 162.2, 157.4, 87.4, 48.8, 29.8, 25.5, 25.4, 25.2, 24.9, 24.4. **HRMS** (ESI⁺) Exact mass calculated for C₁₀H₁₄O₃NNa [M-H]⁺: 196.0979, found: 196.0974.

cis-phthalimidyl 3a,4,5,6,7,8,9,9a-octahydrocycloocta[d]isoxazole-3-carboxylate (16)



To a stirring solution of carboxylic acid **15** (296 mg, 1.5 mmol), 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP, 20 mg, 0.15 mmol) and *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (489 mg, 3.0 mmol) in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (1.5 mL), at 0 °C and under nitrogen atmosphere, was added dropwise a solution of

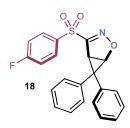
N,*N*'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC, 340 mg, 1.65 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL). The resulting mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature, and stirred for 20 hours. After this time, the crude mixture was quenched by addition of water (10 mL), and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic portions were washed with water, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 40% EtOAc in hexane) to provide isoxazoline **16** (382 mg, 74 % yield) as a colorless oil. The title compound was previously unknown.



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (ddd, J = 11.5, 10.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (td, J = 10.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.94 – 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.64 (m, 3H), 1.56 – 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.38 – 1.23 (m, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 162.0, 157.9, 153.2, 136.2, 128.6, 124.7, 89.4, 48.1, 29.5, 25.5, 25.2, 25.1, 24.8,

24.4. **HRMS** (ESI⁺) Exact mass calculated for $C_{18}H_{18}O_5N_2Na$ [M+Na]⁺: 365.1108, found: 365.1100.

cis-4-((4-fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)-6,6-diphenyl-2-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-3-ene (18)

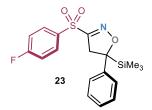


Prepared according to *General Procedure B* – using chloroxime **1b** (380 mg, 1.6 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, and cycloprop-2-ene-1,1-diyldibenzene **17** (369 mg, 1.92 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 30% EtOAc in hexane) to provide isoxazoline **18** (559 mg, 89 % yield) as a colorless solid. The title

compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 5.48 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5 (d, ¹*J*_{*C-F*} = 258.5 Hz), 162.6, 140.5, 133.3, 133.2 (d, ⁴*J*_{*C-F*} = 2.4 Hz), 132.1 (d, ³*J*_{*C-F*} = 10.1 Hz), 131.0, 128.9, 28.7, 128.0, 127.3, 126.9, 116.7 (d, ²*J*_{*C-F*} = 22.9 Hz), 77.7, 40.9, 30.6. ¹⁹**F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –101.2. **HRMS** (ESI⁺) Exact mass calculated for C₂₂H₁₆O₃NFNaS [M+Na]⁺: 416.0727, found: 416.0715.

3-((4-fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)-5-phenyl-5-(trimethylsilyl)-4,5-dihydroisoxazole (23)



Prepared according to *General Procedure B* – using chloroxime **1b** (536 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, and trimethyl(1-phenylvinyl)silane (793 mg, 4.5 mmol, 3 equiv.) as the olefin substrate. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 10% EtOAc in hexane) to provide

isoxazoline **23** (333 mg, 59% yield) as a pale yellow oil. The title compound was previously unknown.

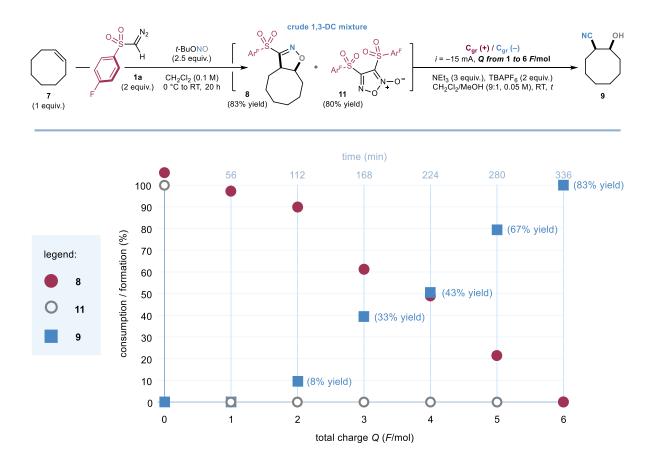
¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 0.01 (s, 9H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4 (d, ¹*J*_{*C-F*} = 258.2 Hz), 159.3, 142.6, 133.5 (d, ⁴*J*_{*C-F*} = 3.1 Hz), 131.9 (d, ³*J*_{*C-F*} = 10.1 Hz), 128.3, 126.8, 123.8, 116.8 (d, ²*J*_{*C-F*} = 22.9 Hz), 90.0, 42.0, -4.6. ¹⁹**F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –101.4. **HRMS** (ESI⁺) Exact mass calculated for $C_{18}H_{20}O_3NFNaSSi [M+Na]^*$: 400.0809, found: 400.0799.

S.5 – Mechanistic Investigations

S.5.1 – **Total Charge (Q) Dosage Experiment (Scheme 3A):** For this study, we performed the 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reaction between α -diazo-sulfone **1a** and *cis*-cyclooctene **7** (following *General Procedure A*) on a 1.6 mmol scale. The experiment was conducted using 834 µL of **7** (1.60 mmol, 1 equiv.), 727 mg of **1a** (3.20 mmol, 2 equiv.), 867 µL of *t*-BuONO (5.60 mmol, 3.5 equiv.) and 16 mL of CH₂Cl₂.

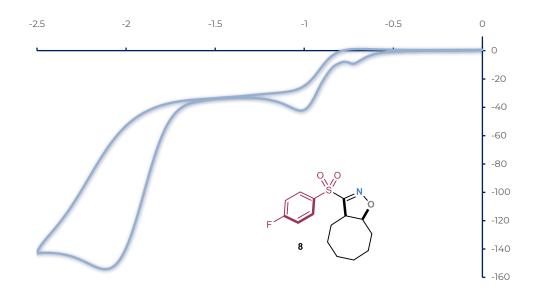
At the end of the reaction, the crude reaction mixture was divided in **eight aliquots of 2 mL each**. In this way, each aliquot contained same amount of products and/or unreacted starting materials in ~ 0.20 mmol scale. **One aliquot** was analyzed by ¹H NMR (using mesitylene as the internal standard) and revealed that isoxazoline **8** was formed in 83% yield, and furoxan byproduct **11** in 80% yield. Whereas, substrates **1a** and **7** were not detected. **Six of the remainder aliquots** were diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) and MeOH (0.5 mL), and submitted to the optimized electrochemical conditions (as described in **General Procedure C**); varying the applied total charge (*Q*). Specifically, for the electrolysis of the first aliquot a Q = 1 F/mol was applied, while the last one was conducted at a Q = 6 F/mol; with intervals of 1 F/mol between each run. At the end of each electrolysis, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the crude material was analyzed by ¹H NMR (using mesitylene as the internal standard) – in order to quantify the amount of hydroxy nitrile product **9** formed, and the consumption of isoxazoline **8** and furoxan **11**.

The results of this study are depicted in the graph below (next page). These indicates that the first equimolar amount of electrons is consumed to ensure the complete degradation of furoxan **11**. After this, the electrolysis of **8** requires further 5 *F*/mol to reach completion – presumably, due to additional charge dissipated by the decomposition of fragmentation byproducts into volatile compounds.

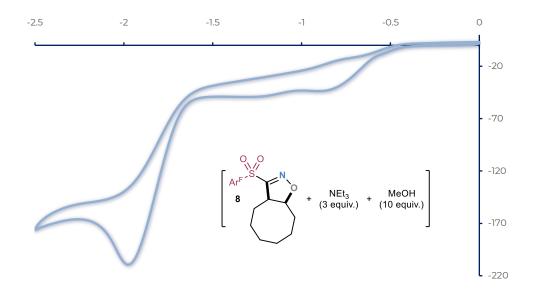


S.5.2 – Voltammetric Analysis

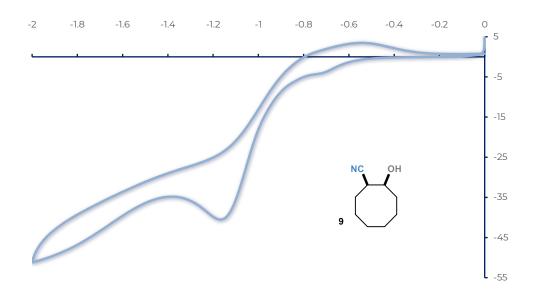
S.5.2.1 - Electrochemical Characterization of the Reaction Components (Scheme 2C):



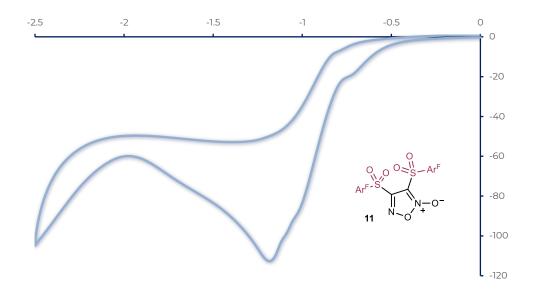
Cyclic voltammogram for isoxazoline **8** [0.005 M] in [0.1 M] TBAPF₆ in CH₃CN. Sweep rate: 25 mV/s. Glassy carbon working electrode, Ag/AgCl (NaCl saturated) reference electrode, Pt wire auxiliary electrode. Irreversible reduction, $E_p^{C} = E(\mathbf{8/8^{-}}) = -1.01$ V, where E_p^{C} refers to the cathodic peak potential, while the *E* value describes the electrochemical properties of **8**.



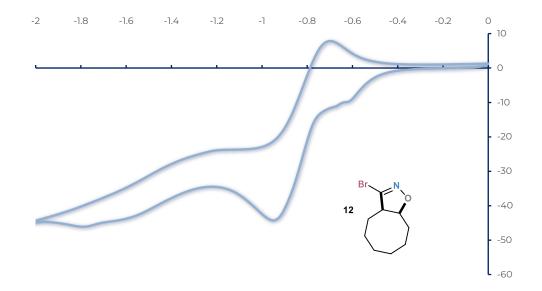
Cyclic voltammogram for a mixture of isoxazoline **8** [0.005 M], NEt₃ [0.015 M] and MeOH [0.05 M] in [0.1 M] TBAPF₆ in CH₃CN. Sweep rate: 25 mV/s. Glassy carbon working electrode, Ag/AgCl (NaCl sat.) reference electrode, Pt wire auxiliary electrode. Irreversible reduction, $E_p^C = E(\mathbf{8/8^-}) = -0.85$ V, where E_p^C refers to the cathodic peak potential, while the *E* value describes the electrochemical properties of **8** in the presence of NEt₃ and MeOH.



Cyclic voltammogram for 1,2-syn-hydroxy-nitrile product **9** [0.01 M] in [0.1 M] TBAPF₆ in CH₃CN. Sweep rate: 50 mV/s. Glassy carbon working electrode, Ag/AgCl (NaCl sat.) reference electrode, Pt wire auxiliary electrode. Irreversible reduction, $E_p^c = E(\mathbf{9/9^-}) = -1.16$ V, where E_p^c refers to the cathodic peak potential, while the *E* value describes the electrochemical properties of **9**.

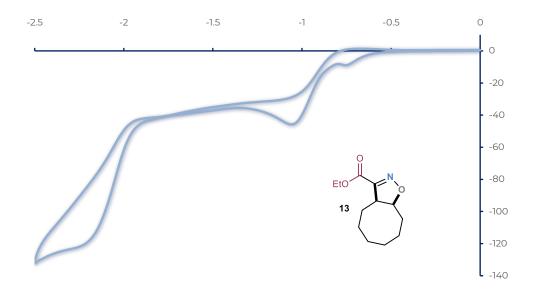


Cyclic voltammogram for furoxan **11** [0.01 M] in [0.1 M] TBAPF₆ in CH₃CN. Sweep rate: 50 mV/s. Glassy carbon working electrode, Ag/AgCl (NaCl sat.) reference electrode, Pt wire auxiliary electrode. Irreversible reduction, $E_p^{C} = E(11/11^{-}) = -1.18$ V, where E_p^{C} refers to the cathodic peak potential, while the *E* value describes the electrochemical properties of **11**.

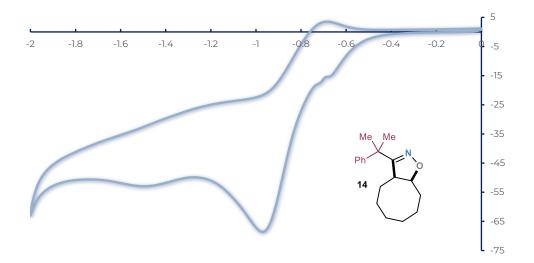


S.5.2.2 - Electrochemical Characterization of Isoxazolines 12-16 (Scheme 3C):

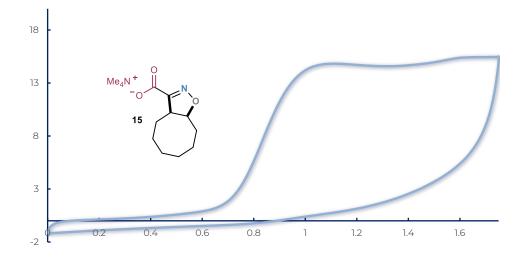
Cyclic voltammogram for isoxazoline **12** [0.005 M] in [0.1 M] TBAPF₆ in CH₃CN. Sweep rate: 25 mV/s. Glassy carbon working electrode, Ag/AgCl (NaCl sat.) reference electrode, Pt wire auxiliary electrode. Irreversible reduction, $E_p^c = E(12/12^-) = -0.93$ V, where E_p^c refers to the cathodic peak potential, while the *E* value describes the electrochemical properties of **12**.



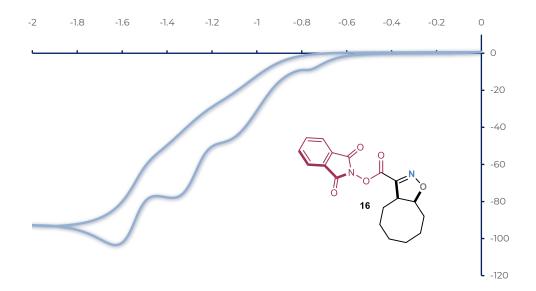
Cyclic voltammogram for isoxazoline **13** [0.005 M] in [0.1 M] TBAPF₆ in CH₃CN. Sweep rate: 25 mV/s. Glassy carbon working electrode, Ag/AgCl (NaCl sat.) reference electrode, Pt wire auxiliary electrode. Irreversible reduction, $E_p^c = E(13/13^-) = -1.04$ V, where E_p^c refers to the cathodic peak potential, while the *E* value describes the electrochemical properties of **13**.



Cyclic voltammogram for isoxazoline **14** [0.005 M] in [0.1 M] TBAPF₆ in CH₃CN. Sweep rate: 50 mV/s. Glassy carbon working electrode, Ag/AgCl (NaCl sat.) reference electrode, Pt wire auxiliary electrode. Irreversible reduction, $E_p^C = E(14/14^-) = -0.96$ V, where E_p^C refers to the cathodic peak potential, while the *E* value describes the electrochemical properties of **14**.



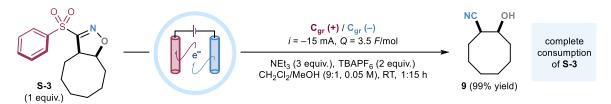
Cyclic voltammogram for isoxazoline **15** [0.005 M] in [0.1 M] TBAPF₆ in CH₃CN. Sweep rate: 50 mV/s. Glassy carbon working electrode, Ag/AgCl (NaCl sat.) reference electrode, Pt wire auxiliary electrode. Irreversible oxidation, $E_p^A = E(15/15^{-+}) = +1.08$ V, where E_p^A refers to the anodic peak potential, while the *E* value describes the electrochemical properties of **15**.



Cyclic voltammogram for isoxazoline **16** [0.005 M] in [0.1 M] TBAPF₆ in CH₃CN. Sweep rate: 25 mV/s. Glassy carbon working electrode, Ag/AgCl (NaCl sat.) reference electrode, Pt wire auxiliary electrode. Irreversible reduction, $E_p^c = E(16/16^-) = -1.10$ V, where E_p^c refers to the cathodic peak potential, while the *E* value describes the electrochemical properties of **16**. A second irreversible reduction peak is observed at $E^{red} = -1.35$ V.

S.5.3 – Influence of C3-Substitution on the Electrochemical Radical Ring-Opening of Isoxazoline Cycloadducts (*Scheme 3C*)

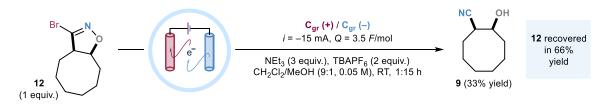
S.5.3.1 - Electrolysis of C3-Phenylsulfonyl-Isoxazoline S-3:



This experiment was conducted following *General Procedure* **C** – using isoxazoline **S-3** (67.5 mg, 0.20 mmol) as the substrate. The crude reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and analyzed by ¹H NMR (using mesitylene as internal standard). Hydroxy nitrile product **9** was observed in quantitative yield, while isoxazoline **S-3** was not observed. Isolation of product **9** by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 60% Et₂O in hexane) confirmed the yield of 99%.

Discussion: The synthesis of S-3 (Section S.4) and the result reported above suggest that the presence of a fluorine atom on the aromatic portion of sulfones **la-b** is not required to enable the occurrence of either the 1,3-DC reactivity or the ensuing electrochemical isoxazoline ring-opening step. Nevertheless - as reported in Section S.2.2.3 - compared to the synthesis of **la**, the route to **lc** is less efficient and requires chromatographic purification, after the first step, in order to obtain diazo-compound intermediate S-I in high purity. Nevertheless, no difference in stability between **1a** and **1c** was observed. At the outset of our investigations, we have selected the *p*-fluorophenyl-sulfonyl group as privileged redox handle, since previous reports described its use as redox active moiety to produce C(sp³)-centered radicals, under SET reductive conditions.¹⁴ Alternative redox-active sulfonyl moieties were trialed (i.e. bearing pentafluorophenyl, benzothiazolyl or 1-phenyl-1Htetrazolyl rings; instead of p-fluorophenyl), but the synthesis of the corresponding reagents 1 proved either unfeasible or extremely inefficient. Furthermore, the presence of a fluorine atom on the aryl-sulfonyl moiety of reagents 1 turned out to be a precious handle for reaction monitoring. In several cases, we ascertained the successful formation of the isoxazoline cycloadduct by submitting the crude 1,3-DC reaction mixture to both ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR analyses.

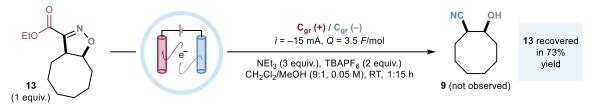
S.5.3.2 - Electrolysis of C3-Bromo-Isoxazoline 12:



This experiment was conducted following *General Procedure C* – using isoxazoline **12** (46.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) as the substrate. The crude reaction mixture was concentrated under

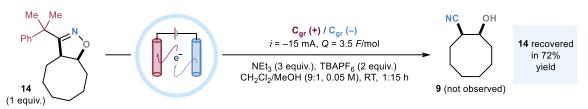
reduced pressure and analyzed by ¹H NMR (using mesitylene as internal standard). Hydroxy nitrile product **9** was observed in 33% yield, while isoxazoline **12** was recovered in 66% yield. Isolation of product **9** by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 60% Et₂O in hexane) confirmed the yield of 33%.

S.5.3.3 – Electrolysis of C3-Ethyl Ester-Isoxazoline 13:



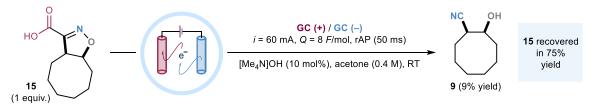
This experiment was conducted following *General Procedure C* – using isoxazoline **13** (45.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) as the substrate. The crude reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and analyzed by ¹H NMR (using mesitylene as internal standard). In this case, hydroxy nitrile product **9** was not detected, whereas isoxazoline **13** was observed in 73% yield. The electrochemical reaction delivered no other product – since the crude ¹H NMR spectrum contained only **13** and solvent peaks.

S.5.3.4 - Electrolysis of C3-Alkyl-Isoxazoline 14:



This experiment was conducted following *General Procedure* **C** – using isoxazoline **14** (65.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) as the substrate. The crude reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and analyzed by ¹H NMR (using mesitylene as internal standard). Even in this case, hydroxy nitrile product **9** was not detected, and isoxazoline **13** was recovered in 72% yield. The electrochemical reaction delivered no other product – since the crude ¹H NMR spectrum contained only **14** and solvent peaks.

S.5.3.5 - Electrolysis of C3-Carboxyl-Isoxazoline 15:



This experiment was conducted following a modified literature procedure.¹⁵ A 2 mL IKA ElectraSyn[®] vial – fitted with glassy carbon microelectrodes (both working and counter electrode) – was charged with isoxazoline **15** (291 mg, 0.85 mmol), [Me₄N]OH (31.0 mg, 85.0 µmol) and acetone (2 mL). The vial was sealed, mounted on an IKA ElectraSyn[®] station, and

spurged with nitrogen for 5 minutes. Maintaining a positive nitrogen atmosphere, through balloon pressure, the electrolysis was conducted under constant current regime (–15 mA), and rapid alternating polarity [rAP frequency: 50 ms (10Hz)], applying a total charge (*Q*) of 8 F/mol. During the electrolysis, a water bath was used to keep constant the reaction temperature. Completed the reaction, the electrodes were rinsed into the vial using EtOAc, and the crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude reaction mixture was analyzed by ¹H NMR (using mesitylene as internal standard), revealing the presence of hydroxy nitrile product **9** in 9% yield. The only other product detected in the ¹H NMR spectrum was isoxazoline **15**, observed in 75% yield.

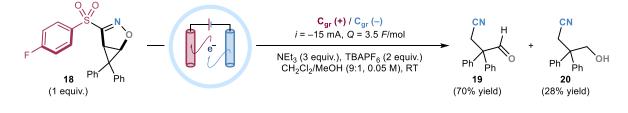
S.5.3.6 - Electrolysis of C3-NHPI Ester-Isoxazoline 16:



This experiment was conducted following a modified literature procedure.¹⁶ A 5 mL IKA ElectraSyn[®] vial – fitted with carbon graphite microelectrodes (both working and counter electrode) – was charged with isoxazoline **16** (68.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), LiBr (5.20 mg, 60.0 µmol) and DMA (4 mL). The vial was sealed, mounted on an IKA ElectraSyn[®] station, and spurged with nitrogen for 5 minutes. After this time, anhydrous NEt₃ (83.6 µL, 0.60 mmol) was added to the vessel. Maintaining a positive nitrogen atmosphere, through balloon pressure, the electrolysis was conducted under constant current regime (–15 mA), and applying a total charge (*Q*) of 3.5 F/mol. Completed the electrolysis, the electrodes were rinsed into the vial using EtOAc, and the crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude reaction mixture was analyzed by ¹H NMR (using mesitylene as internal standard), revealing the presence of hydroxy nitrile product **9** in 10% yield. Whereas, isoxazoline **16** was not detected. The several peaks observed in the ¹H NMR spectrum of the crude mixture indicated that **16** underwent decomposition under the reaction conditions. The only identifiable compound was hydrolysis side-product **15**.

S.5.4 – Radical Clock Experiments (Scheme 4A-B)

S.5.4.1 - Electrolysis of Isoxazoline 18 (Scheme 4A):



This experiment was conducted following *General Procedure C* – using isoxazoline **18** (79 mg, 0.2 mmol) as the substrate. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (*gradient from* hexane *to* 20% Et₂O in hexane) to provide β -cyano aldehyde **19** (33 mg, 70% yield) as a colorless oil. Continued elution delivered γ -hydroxy nitrile **20** (13 mg, 28% yield) as a colorless oil. Both compounds were previously unknown.



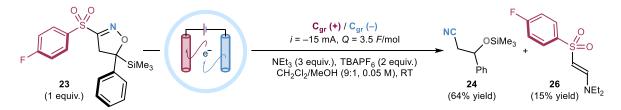
Characterization Data for **19** – **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.79 (s, 1H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 6H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 3.24 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.1, 137.0, 129.4, 128.7, 128.4, 117.3, 61.8, 24.6. **HRMS** (ESI⁺) Exact mass calculated for [M+Na]⁺: 235.0997 found: 235.1007

C₁₆H₁₃NO [M+Na]⁺: 235.0997, found: 235.1007.

20 CN Ph Ph OH Characterization Data for **20** – ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (s, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.6, 128.8, 127.5 (2 signals), 118.0, 68.2,

50.8, 26.7. **HRMS** (ESI⁺) Exact mass calculated for C₁₆H₁₅ONNa [M+Na]⁺: 260.1046, found: 260.1040.

S.5.4.2 – Electrolysis of Isoxazoline 23 (Scheme 4B):



This experiment was conducted following *General Procedure C* – using isoxazoline **23** (145 mg, 0.4 mmol) as the substrate. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography on activated Al_2O_3 support (*isocratic in* 10% Et₂O in hexane. *N.B. the silyl ether product is unstable on silica*) to provide β -cyano-silyl enol ether **24** (56 mg, 64% yield) as a colorless oil. Continued elution delivered sulfonyl enamine byproduct **26** (15 mg, 15% yield) as an amber oil. The spectroscopic properties of compounds **24**¹⁷ and **26**¹⁸ were consistent with the data available in the literature.

NC OSiMe₃ 24 Ph Characterization Data for **24** – ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 4.99 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.76 – 2.63 (m, 2H), 0.12 (s, 9H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.0, 128.7, 128.4, 125.6, 117.7, 70.9, 29.7, 0.0.

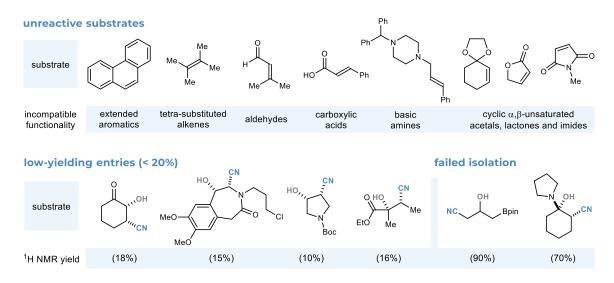


Characterization Data for **26** – ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.9, *J*_{H-F} = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (app t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.37 – 2.97 (m, 4H), 1.36 – 0.98 (m, 6H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.4 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 252.4 Hz), 149.1, 141.5 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 3.1 Hz), 128.7 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 9.2 Hz),

115.9 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$ = 22.4 Hz), 91.2, 50.1, 42.7, 14.4, 11.1. ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –107.8.

S.6 – Scope of the Methodology

S.6.1 – **Scope Limitations:** The following substrates and functionalities were either not compatible, or did not perform well in the "*sew & cut*" protocol. In most cases, the reduced/lack of reactivity is ascribable to an inefficient 1,3-DC step – often due to the presence of functional groups that thwart the formation of nitrile oxide I (*c.f.* Scheme 2B). In general, when isoxazoline cycloadducts are successfully made, their electrochemical fragmentation occurs in high yields. Some classes of olefins (*e.g.* vinyl/allyl boronates, enamines) successfully underwent the *syn*-cyano-hydroxylation process, although the instability of the corresponding products hampered their isolation by chromatography.



S.6.2 – Characterization Data of Compounds 9 and 27-71 (Table 1)

(1S*,2S*)-2-hydroxycyclooctane-1-carbonitrile (9)

Prepared according to *General Procedure D* – using α-diazo-sulfone la (48.05 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, *cis*-cyclooctene (26.1 μL, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and NEt₃ as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 60% Et₂O in hexane) to provide product 9 (25.5 mg, 83% yield, *single diastereoisomer*) as a pale yellow oil. The title compound was previously unknown. The spectroscopic properties of 9 differ from those reported for its *anti*-diastereoisomer.¹⁹

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.03 (td, *J* = 6.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dt, *J* = 9.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 1H), 2.06 (dtd, *J* = 15.0, 8.8, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.93 – 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.80 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.44 (m, 6H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 121.5, 70.4, 53.5, 37.4, 33.0, 26.2, 26.0, 24.9, 23.2. **HRMS** (ESI⁺) Exact mass calculated for C₉H₁₆ON [M+H]⁺: 154.1226, found: 154.1220.

3-hydroxynonanenitrile (27)



Prepared according to *General Procedure D* – using α -diazo-sulfone **1a** (40.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 1-octene (93.5 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and NEt₃ as the sacrificial reductant

in the electrochemical step. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 80% Et_2O in hexane) to provide product **27** (31 mg, 99% yield) as a pale yellow oil. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.²⁰

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.98 – 3.91 (m, 1H), 2.57 (dd, J = 16.7, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, J = 16.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (br s, 1H), 1.66 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.30 (m, 7H), 0.89 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 117.7, 67.8, 36.6, 31.7, 29.0, 26.1, 25.3, 22.5, 14.0.

3-hydroxy-4,4-dimethylpentanenitrile (28)

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.71 – 3.65 (m, 1H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 0.96 (s, 9H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 119.1, 75.6, 35.0, 25.3, 21.6.

3-hydroxyhept-6-enenitrile (29)

Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 1,5-hexadiene (28.5 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and 1,4-cyclohexadiene as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 70% Et₂O in hexane) to provide product **29** (14.0 mg, 55% yield) as a colorless oil. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.²²

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.87 – 5.76 (m, 1H), 5.09 (app dq, J = 17.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.03 – 3.94 (m, 1H), 2.57 (dd, J = 16.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dd, J = 16.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.29 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 2.14 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.67 (m, 2H).
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.3, 117.6, 116.0, 67.4, 35.5, 29.8, 26.3.

6-bromo-3-hydroxyhexanenitrile (30)

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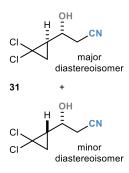
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Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 5-bromo-1-pentene (28.4 µL, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and 1,4-

 $_{30}$ (28.4 µL, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and 1,4cyclohexadiene as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 70% Et₂O in hexane) to provide product **30** (27.0 mg, 70% yield) as a pale yellow oil. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.09 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.51 – 3.45 (m, 2H), 2.62 (dd, J = 16.7, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, J = 16.7, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.29 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.17 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 2.04 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.70 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 117.5, 67.2, 35.0, 33.1, 28.6, 26.6. **HRMS** (ESI⁻) Exact mass calculated for C₆H₁₀ONBrCl [M+Cl]⁻: 225.9629, found: 225.9631.

3-(2,2-dichlorocyclopropyl)-3-hydroxypropanenitrile (31)



Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (143 mg, 0.60 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 1,1-dichloro-2-vinylcyclopropane (85.7 μ L, 0.72 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and NEt₃ (25.1 μ L, 1.80 mmol, 3 equiv.) as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing first with 15% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the*

cycloadduct intermediate) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 70% Et₂O in hexane) provided product **31-***major diastereoisomer* (32.0 mg, 35% yield) as a colorless oil. Continued elution delivered product **31-***minor diastereoisomer* (27.0 mg, 29% yield) as a colorless oil. Both diastereoisomers of the title compound were previously unknown. The diastereoisomeric ratio was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture. The relative stereochemistry of both diastereoisomers has been inferred by ¹H NOESY NMR analysis.

Characterization Data for **31-major** – ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.83 – 3.77 (m, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 16.8, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd, J = 16.7, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (app dt, J = 10.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (dd, J = 10.3, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (app t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 116.8, 68.2, 57.9, 34.1, 25.9, 25.4. **HRMS** (ESI⁻) Exact mass calculated for C₇H₈O₃NCl₂ [M+CO₂H]⁻: 223.9887, found: 223.9878.

Characterization Data for **31-minor** – ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.84 – 3.73 (m, 1H), 2.74 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.68 – 2.65 (m, 1H), 1.97 (app td, J = 10.1, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (dd, J = 10.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (app t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 116.6, 69.5, 58.6, 35.0, 25.6, 24.4. **HRMS** (ESI⁻) Exact mass calculated for C₆H₇ONCl₃ [M+Cl]⁻: 213.9588, found: 213.9588.

3-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanenitrile (32)

Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, allyl methyl sulfide (26.4 μL, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 50% Et₂O in hexane) to provide product **32** (24 mg, 92% yield) as an amber oil. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.04 (ddt, J = 10.1, 8.3, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.92 – 2.87 (m, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J = 13.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd, J = 5.7, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 2.65 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 117.0, 65.3, 40.6, 24.6, 15.7.

3-hydroxy-4-(phenylsulfonyl)butanenitrile (33)

Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, allyl phenyl sulfone (36.8 µL, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing first with 15% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate*) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* Et₂O) provided product **33** (23.6 mg, 52% yield) as a pale yellow solid. The title compound was previously unknown.

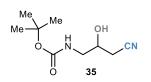
¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.78 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.69 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 4.52 (dtt, J = 8.3, 5.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.48 – 3.29 (m, 2H), 2.77 – 2.60 (m, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.6, 134.6, 129.8, 128.0, 116.0, 62.5, 60.6, 25.4. **HRMS (ESI⁺)** Mass calculated for C₁₀H₁₁O₃NNaS [M+Na]⁺: 248.0352, found: 248.0346.

3-hydroxypentanedinitrile (34)

Prepared according to *General Procedure D* – using α -diazo-sulfone **1a** (40.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, allyl cyanide (48.3 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and NEt₃ as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 80% Et₂O in hexane) to provide product **34** (23 mg, 99% yield) as an amber oil. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.²³

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.35 (q, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 1H), 2.72 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 4H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 116.0, 64.0, 25.4.

tert-butyl (3-cyano-2-hydroxypropyl)carbamate (35)



Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, *tert*-butyl allylcarbamate (105 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et_3N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In

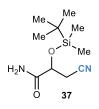
this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing first with 50% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate*) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* Et₂O, *SiO₂ neutralized with 2% Et₃N prior loading*) provided product **35** (26.9 mg, 67% yield) as a yellow oil. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.15 – 5.00 (m, 1H), 4.15 – 3.97 (m, 2H), 3.47 – 3.37 (m, 1H), 3.33 – 3.22 (m, 1H), 2.58 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.7, 117.3, 80.8, 67.9, 45.8, 28.3, 23.3. **HRMS (ESI*)** Mass calculated for C₉H₁₆O₃N₂Na [M+Na]*: 223.1053, found: 223.1046.

methyl 3-cyano-2-hydroxypropanoate (36)

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 4.46 (app t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J = 16.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, J = 16.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.0, 115.9, 66.5, 53.6, 23.5.

2-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-cyanopropanamide (37)



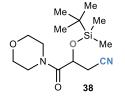
Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, acrylamide (17.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et_3N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. Due to both its instability on silica gel and its high polarity, the hydroxy nitrile product was converted into the

corresponding silyl ether, prior purification. This was achieved by concentrating the crude electrolysis mixture, adding a solution of *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (90.4 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3 equiv.) and imidazole (54.5 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4 equiv.) in DMF (0.6 mL), stirring the resulting mixture for 2 hours and concentrating again in vacuo. Purification of the crude

material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 80% Et_2O in hexane) provided product **37** (17 mg, 37% yield) as a colorless solid. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.62 (s, 1H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 4.34 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (app t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.22 (s, 3H), 0.17 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.1, 116.4, 69.3, 25.6, 24.8, 18.0, -4.9, -5.2. **HRMS (ESI*)** Mass calculated for C₁₀H₂₀O₂N₂NaSi [M+Na]*: 251.1186, found: 251.1177.

3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-4-morpholino-4-oxobutanenitrile (38)



Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 4-acryloylmorpholine (30.2 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. Due to both its instability on silica gel and its high polarity, the hydroxy nitrile

product was converted into the corresponding silyl ether, prior purification. This was achieved by concentrating the crude electrolysis mixture, adding a solution of *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (90.4 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3 equiv.) and imidazole (54.5 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4 equiv.) in DMF (0.6 mL), stirring the resulting mixture for 2 hours and concentrating again in vacuo. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 80% Et₂O in hexane) provided product **38** (51 mg, 85% yield) as a colorless oil. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.73 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.86 – 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.71 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 3.66 – 3.59 (m, 2H), 2.82 – 2.74 (m, 2H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 116.8, 70.0, 66.8 (2 signals), 46.0, 42.9, 25.6, 24.2, 18.1, –4.6, –4.9. **HRMS (ESI⁺)** Mass calculated for C₁₄H₂₆N₂O₃Si [M+Na]⁺: 298.1713, found: 298.1719.

diethyl (2-cyano-1-hydroxyethyl)phosphonate (39)

Prepared according to *General Procedure D* – using α -diazo-sulfone **1a** $EtO_{EtO_{P}}$ (80.0 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, diethyl vinylphosphonate (31 µL, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and NEt₃ as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 30% acetone in Et₂O) to provide product **39** (51 mg, 50% yield) as an amber oil. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.18 (s, 1H), 4.33 – 4.11 (m, 5H), 2.88 – 2.69 (m, 2H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 116.8 (d, ³ J_{C-P} = 16.6 Hz), 64.3 (d, ¹ J_{C-P} = 50.9 Hz), 63.7 (d, ² J_{C-P} = 53.5 Hz), 63.1 (d, ² J_{C-P} = 49.4 Hz), 21.4 (d, ² J_{C-P} = 4.7 Hz), 16.5 (d, ³ J_{C-P} = 5.2 Hz),

16.4 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-P} = 5.2 \text{ Hz}$). **³¹P NMR** (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.4. **HRMS (ESI⁺):** Mass calculated for C₇H₁₄O₄NNaP [M+Na]⁺: 230.0553, found: 230.0548.

3-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-3-hydroxypropanenitrile (40)

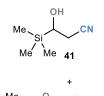


Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 2-vinyl-1,3-dioxolane (24.0 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial

reductant in the electrochemical step. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* Et_2O , *SiO*₂ *neutralized with 2%* Et_3N *prior loading*) to provide product **40** (11 mg, 39% yield) as a yellow oil. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.92 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.07 – 3.90 (m, 5H), 2.70 – 2.57 (m, 2H), 2.51 (s, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 117.1, 103.3, 68.2, 65.9, 65.6, 20.8. **HRMS (APCI⁺)** Mass calculated for C₆H₁₀O₃N [M+H]⁺: 144.0655, found: 144.0654.

3-hydroxy-3-(trimethylsilyl)propanenitrile (41)



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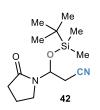
Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, vinyltrimethylsilane (35.2 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing first with 15% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc*

to elute the cycloadduct intermediate) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 50% Et₂O in hexane) provided product **41** (25 mg, 44% yield) as a yellow solid. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.²⁵

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.50 (dt, J = 8.7, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.49 – 2.36 (m, 2H), 1.91 (s, 1H), 0.00 (s, 9H).
 ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 119.0, 61.7, 23.1, -4.0.

¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture (after electrolysis) revealed the presence of 3-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)propanenitrile **S-5** – formed via Brook rearrangement reactivity (c.f. Scheme 4B). However, isolation of **S-5** was thwarted by its instability on silica gel. *Observed characteristic signal:* ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.81 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz).

3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propanenitrile (42)



Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidinone (25.6 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. Due to both its instability on silica gel and its high polarity, the hydroxy nitrile product was converted

into the corresponding silyl ether, prior purification. This was achieved by concentrating the crude electrolysis mixture, adding a solution of *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (90.4 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3 equiv.) and imidazole (54.5 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4 equiv.) in DMF (0.6 mL), stirring the resulting mixture for 2 hours and concentrating again in vacuo. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography on Al₂O₃ support (*isocratic in* 20% Et₂O in pentane) provided product **42** (34 mg, 73% yield) as a colorless oil. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.87 (dd, J = 6.4, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.56 – 3.36 (m, 2H), 2.76 – 2.57 (m, 2H), 2.50 – 2.29 (m, 2H), 2.15 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.17 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.7, 116.1, 71.7, 41.1, 31.4, 25.5, 25.1, 18.3, 17.9, –5.0, –5.5. **HRMS (ESI*)** Mass calculated for $C_{13}H_{24}O_2N_2NaSi [M+Na]^*$: 291.1499, found: 291.1488.

3-hydroxy-3-(thiophen-2-yl)propanenitrile (43)

Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 2-vinylthiophene (26.4 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing first with 15% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate*) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 80% Et₂O in hexane) provided product **43** (17 mg, 55% yield) as a yellow solid. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.²⁶

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dt, J = 3.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (td, J = 6.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.98 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.64 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.4, 127.2, 125.9, 124.8, 116.8, 66.4, 28.2.

3-hydroxy-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (44)



Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 2-vinylpyridine (25.9 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial

reductant in the electrochemical step. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 80% Et₂O in hexane) to provide product **44** (25 mg, 85% yield) as a yellow oil. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.²⁷

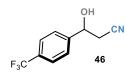
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(d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (ddd, J = 7.6, 4.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 5.8, 0.6 Hz, 2H).
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9, 148.8, 137.4, 123.7, 120.6, 117.1, 68.7, 27.2.

3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxypropanenitrile (45)

Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 4-chlorostyrene (28.8 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 60% Et₂O in hexane) to provide product **45** (27 mg, 75% yield) as a pale yellow oil. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.²⁸

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 5.04 (td, J = 6.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (br, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.4, 134.7, 129.1, 127.0, 116.9, 69.5, 28.0.

3-hydroxy-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propanenitrile (46)



Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 4- (trifluoromethyl)styrene (35.5 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical

step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (flushing first with 15% Et_2O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 50% Et_2O in hexane) provided product **46** (40 mg, 92% yield) as a pale yellow oil. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.²⁸

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 5.13 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (s, 1H), 2.79 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H). Hz, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.1, 131.4 (q, ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$ = 32.5 Hz), 125.7 (q, ${}^{4}J_{C-F}$ = 3.8 Hz), 123.9 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$ = 271.5 Hz), 122.6 (q, ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$ = 3.9 Hz), 116.9, 69.4, 28.1. ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –62.7.

3-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanenitrile (47)

Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 4methoxystyrene (32.1 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 60% Et₂O in hexane) to provide product **47** (32 mg, 90% yield) as a yellow oil. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.²⁸

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 6.95 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 4.99 (td, J = 6.3, 3.0 Hz, 1H),
3.81 (s, 3H), 2.79 – 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.47 (br s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.0, 131.3, 125.0, 115.5,
112.4, 67.9, 53.4, 26.0.

3-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanenitrile (48)

Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, styrene (27.6 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 60% Et₂O in hexane) to provide product **48** (26 mg, 88% yield) as a pale yellow oil. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.²⁸

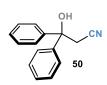
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 5.03 (app t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.79 – 2.70 (m, 2H),
 2.63 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.0, 129.0, 128.9, 125.6, 117.3, 70.1, 28.0.

3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-3-hydroxypropanenitrile (49)

Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 2,6-dichlorostyrene (41.5 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 50% Et₂O in hexane) to provide product **49** (41 mg, 94% yield) as a colorless oil. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.²⁹

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 5.83 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (br s, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 16.8, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, J = 16.8, 6.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.4, 134.1, 130.4, 129.8, 116.6, 67.7, 24.0.

3-hydroxy-3,3-diphenylpropanenitrile (50)



Prepared according to General Procedure E – using chloroxime 1b (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 1,1-diphenylethylene (42.4 µL, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-

DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (flushing first with 15% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 50% Et_2O in hexane) provided product **50** (22 mg, 49% yield) as a colorless solid. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.³⁰

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 8H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 3.28 (s, 2H), 2.77 (br s, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.9, 128.7, 128.2, 125.8, 117.1, 76.6, 32.7.

3-hydroxy-3,4-dimethylpentanenitrile (51)



Prepared according to General Procedure D – using α-diazo-sulfone la (40.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 2,3-dimethyl-1-butene (74.3 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and NEt₃ as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (isocratic in 70% Et₂O in hexane) to provide product **51** (11.0 mg, 43% yield) as a colorless oil. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.56 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (s, 1H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 117.9, 73.5, 37.0, 29.7, 23.4, 17.5, 17.0. HRMS (ESI*) Mass calculated for C₇H₁₂NONa [M+Na]⁺: 149.0817, found: 149.0120.

2-(3-hydroxy-2-oxotetrahydrofuran-3-yl)acetonitrile (52)

Prepared according to General Procedure E – using chloroxime 1b (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, α -methylene- γ -CN butyrolactone (21.0 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N 52 as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (flushing first with 15% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct *intermediate*) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (isocratic in 60% Et₂O in hexane) provided product 52 (16.2 mg, 57% yield) as a yellow oil. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.55 (dt, J = 9.3, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.49 – 4.37 (m, 1H), 2.95 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 2.65 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 1.85 (s, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.6, 115.3, 72.3, 65.8, 34.7, 26.4. **HRMS (ESI*)** Mass calculated for C₆H₇NO₃Na [M+Na]*: 164.0318, found: 164.0316.

2-(2-exo-hydroxy-3-oxobicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl)acetonitrile (53)



Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 3-methylene-2-norbornanone (29.3 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case,

the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing first with* 15% *Et*₂*O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate*) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 60% Et₂O in hexane) provided product **53** (11 mg, 33% yield, *single diastereoisomer*) as a yellow oil. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.³¹

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.78 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.72 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (dt, J = 10.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.03 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.88 (dt, J = 13.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.68 – 1.47 (m, 5H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 213.2, 116.3, 76.1, 48.1, 44.6, 33.9, 24.2, 23.1, 22.7.

(2R*,3R*)-3,4-dihydroxy-2-(hydroxymethyl)butanenitrile (54)

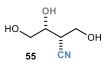


Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (95 mg, 0.40 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, *cis*-2-butene-1,4-diol (39.4 μ L, 0.48 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture

was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing with EtOAc*) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 30% acetone in Et₂O) provided product **54** (17 mg, 33% yield, *single diastereoisomer*) as a yellow oil. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 3.90 – 3.83 (m, 3H), 3.73 (dd, J = 11.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dd, J = 11.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.34 – 3.28 (m, 3H), 2.97 (ddd, J = 7.3, 5.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 119.3, 69.1, 63.7, 58.6, 38.1.

(2S*,3R*)-3,4-dihydroxy-2-(hydroxymethyl)butanenitrile (55)



Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (95 mg, 0.40 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, *trans*-2-butene-1,4-diol (43 mg, 0.48 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the

sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing with EtOAc*) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 30% acetone in Et₂O) provided product **55** (22 mg, 42% yield, *single diastereoisomer*) as a yellow oil. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 4.59 (br s, 1H), 3.90 – 3.75 (m, 3H), 3.65 (dd, J = 11.2, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, J = 11.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.34 – 3.28 (m, 2H), 3.06 (td, J = 6.8, 3.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 118.6, 68.2, 63.5, 59.6, 38.4. **HRMS (ESI⁺)** Mass calculated for C₅H₉O₃NNa [M+Na]⁺: 154.0475, found: 154.0471.

3-hydroxy-2-(hydroxymethyl)-3-methylbutanenitrile (56)

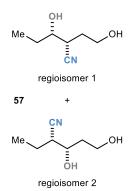


Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 3-methyl-2-buten-1-ol (24.4 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-

DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing with EtOAc*) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 100% Et₂O) provided product **56** (14 mg, 54% yield) as a colorless oil. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.04 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.07 (br. s, 1H), 2.84 (br. s, 1H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (s, 1H), 1.43 (s, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 119.2, 71.9, 60.6, 45.3, 28.4, 27.6. **HRMS** (ESI⁺) Mass calculated for C₆H₁₁O₂NNa [M+Na]⁺: 152.0682, found: 152.0677.

(2R*,3S*)-3-hydroxy-2-(2-hydroxyethyl)pentanenitrile + regioisomer (57)



Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (95 mg, 0.40 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, *trans*-3-hexen-1ol (58.8 μ L, 0.48 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing with EtOAc*) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 100% Et₂O) provided **57-regioisomer 1** (22 mg, 78% yield) as an amber oil.

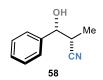
Continued elution delivered **57-regioisomer 2** (23 mg, 79% yield) as an amber oil. Both regioisomers of the title compound were previously unknown. The regioisomeric ratio was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture.

Characterization Data for **57-regioisomer 1** – ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.92 (app q, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (app tt, *J* = 7.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 – 3.59 (m, 1H), 2.97 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 6.2, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55

(d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.10 – 1.92 (m, 3H), 1.81 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.03 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 119.8, 72.7, 59.5, 36.0, 32.2, 28.7, 10.3. **HRMS (ESI*)** Exact mass calculated for C₇H₁₃O₂NNa [M+Na]⁺: 166.0838, found: 166.0834.

Characterization Data for **57-regioisomer 2** – ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.05 – 3.93 (m, 2H), 3.87 (ddd, *J* = 11.0, 8.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (ddd, *J* = 9.7, 5.7, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (dddd, *J* = 13.9, 9.8, 8.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.82 – 1.71 (m, 3H), 1.12 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 120.4, 70.3, 60.7, 41.5, 36.7, 22.3, 12.0. **HRMS (ESI*)** Exact mass calculated for C₇H₁₃O₂NNa [M+Na]⁺: 166.0838, found: 166.0833.

(2R*,3R*)-3-hydroxy-2-methyl-3-phenylpropanenitrile (58)

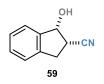


Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, *trans-* β -methylstyrene (31.1 µL, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the

crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing first with 15% Et*₂*O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate*) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 50% Et₂O in hexane) provided product **58** (21.1 mg, 65% yield, *single diastereoisomer*) as a colorless oil. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.²⁸

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 4.72 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (app p, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.1, 129.0, 128.9, 126.4, 121.1, 75.3, 34.7, 14.9.

(1R*,2S*)-1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carbonitrile (59)

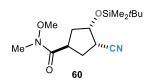


Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, indene (28.0 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was

filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing first with 15% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate*) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 70% Et₂O in hexane) provided product **59** (22.4 mg, 70% yield, *single diastereoisomer*) as a yellow oil. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.²⁸

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 5.35 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.53 – 3.41 (m, 2H), 3.34 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 1H).
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.2, 139.7, 129.7, 127.9, 125.1 (2 signals), 119.4, 75.2, 37.0, 34.4.

(1*R**,3*S**,4*S**)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-4-cyano-*N*-methoxy-*N*-methylcyclopentane-1-carboxamide (60)



Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylcyclopent-3-ene-1-carboxamide (37.3 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial

reductant in the electrochemical step. Due to its high polarity, the hydroxy nitrile product was converted into the corresponding silyl ether, prior purification. This was achieved by concentrating the crude electrolysis mixture, adding a solution of *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (90.4 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3 equiv.) and imidazole (54.5 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4 equiv.) in DMF (0.6 mL), stirring the resulting mixture for 2 hours and concentrating again in vacuo. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 100% Et₂O) provided product **60** (27 mg, 43% yield, *single diastereoisomer*) as a colorless oil. The title compound was previously unknown. The relative stereochemistry of compound **60** has been inferred by ¹H NOESY NMR analysis.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.48 (app q, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.61 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.94 (td, *J* = 8.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.34 – 2.26 (m, 2H), 2.04 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.9, 119.8, 74.1, 61.5, 38.7, 37.0, 36.6, 32.4, 31.5, 25.7, 18.1, -4.8 (2 signals). **HRMS (APCI⁺)** Mass calculated for C₁₅H₂₉O₃N₂Si [M+H]⁺: 313.1929, found: 313.1934.

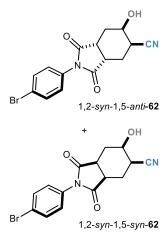
(1S*,6S*)-6-hydroxycyclohex-3-ene-1-carbonitrile (61)

Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 1,4-cyclohexadiene (22.7 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and 1,4-cyclohexadiene as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing first with 15% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate*) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 80% Et₂O in hexane) provided product **61** (6 mg, 26% yield, *single diastereoisomer*) as a colorless oil. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.74 – 5.60 (m, 2H), 4.12 (ddd, J = 7.7, 5.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (tdd, J = 5.7, 3.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.60 – 2.37 (m, 3H), 2.37 – 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.19 (s, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 124.4, 123.0, 120.5, 65.9, 32.7, 31.7, 26.6. **HRMS (ESI⁻)** Mass calculated for C₇H₈ON [M–H]⁻: 122.0611, found: 122.0601.

2-(4-bromophenyl)-6-hydroxy-1,3-dioxooctahydro-1*H*-isoindole-5-carbonitrile (62)



Prepared according to *General Procedure D* – using α -diazosulfone **1a** (80 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, *cis*-1,2,3,6-*N*-(4-bromophenyl)-tetrahydrophthalimide (91 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and NEt₃ as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing first with 15% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate*) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*gradient*

from 50% Et₂O in hexane *to* 100% Et₂O) provided diastereoisomer **1,2-syn-1,5-anti-62** (12 mg, 21% yield) as a colorless solid. Continued elution delivered diastereoisomer **1,2-syn-1,5-syn-62** (13 mg, 23% yield) as a colorless solid. Both diastereoisomers of the title compound were previously unknown. The diastereoisomeric ratio was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture. The relative stereochemistry of both diastereoisomers has been inferred by X-ray crystallographic analysis on isomer **1,2-syn-1,5-anti-62** (*see Section S8.2*).

Characterization Data for **1,2-syn-1,5-anti-62** – **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 4.10 (dt, *J* = 7.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (app q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (app q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.69 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, *J* = 14.1, 8.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (ddd, *J* = 14.6, 6.3, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (ddd, *J* = 14.3, 7.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.9, 176.0, 132.4, 130.5, 127.5, 122.6, 119.0, 64.7, 37.7, 37.4, 32.4, 29.8, 22.7. **HRMS (ESI-)** Exact mass calculated for C₁₅H₁₂O₃N₂Br [M-H⁺]: 347.0037, found: 347.0031.

Characterization Data for **1,2-syn-1,5-syn-62** – **'H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 4.14 – 4.04 (m, 1H), 3.34 (app q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (app q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 4.3, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.70 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.48 (ddd, *J* = 14.4, 8.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (app dt, *J* = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (ddd, *J* = 14.4, 6.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (ddd, *J* = 14.6, 7.7, 4.6 Hz, 1H). **''C NMR**(101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.0, 174.1, 130.5, 128.6, 125.6, 120.6, 117.1, 62.8, 35.8, 35.5, 30.4, 27.9, 20.8. **HRMS** (ESI⁻) Exact mass calculated for C₁₅H₁₂O₃N₂Br [M–H]⁻: 347.0037, found: 347.0032.

2-hydroxytetrahydro-2H-pyran-3-carbonitrile (63)



Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran (21.9 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial

reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing first with 15% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate*) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 70% EtOAc in hexane, *SiO₂ neutralized with 2% Et₃N prior loading*) provided product **63** (16 mg, 67% yield, *isolated as a 1:1 mixture of diastereoisomers*) as a colorless oil. The title compound was previously unknown. The diastereoisomeric ratio was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture.

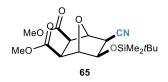
¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.09 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.12 – 4.01 (m, 2H), 3.66 – 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.19 (s, 2H), 2.92 (ddd, J = 8.4, 4.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (ddd, J = 8.6, 5.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.31 – 2.19 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.56 (m, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 119.5, 119.1, 93.3, 91.2, 63.8, 62.5, 33.8, 33.7, 24.3, 23.3, 22.9, 22.8.

(3R*,4R*)-4-hydroxytetrahydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (64)

Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 2,5-dihydrofuran (18.1 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing first with 15% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate*) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* Et₂O) provided product **64** (11.2 mg, 49% yield, *single diastereoisomer*) as an amber oil. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.68 – 4.59 (m, 1H), 4.16 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.05 – 3.98 (m, 2H), 3.84 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.15 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 2.93 – 2.87 (m, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 116.9, 75.2, 71.5, 68.6, 37.2. **HRMS (ESI*)** Exact mass calculated for C₅H₇O₂NNa [M+Na]*: 136.0374, found: 136.0396.

dimethyl (1*S**,2*R**,3*S**,4*S**,5*R**,6*R**)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-cyano-7-oxabicyclo [2.2.1]heptane-2,3-dicarboxylate (65)



Prepared according to *General Procedure D* – using α -diazosulfone **1a** (40.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, methyl *exo*-3,6-epoxy-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalate (127 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the

sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. Due to its high polarity, the hydroxy nitrile product was converted into the corresponding silyl ether, prior purification. This was achieved by concentrating the crude electrolysis mixture, adding a solution of *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (90.4 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3 equiv.) and imidazole (54.5 mg, 0.80

mmol, 4 equiv.) in DMF (0.6 mL), stirring the resulting mixture for 2 hours and concentrating again in vacuo. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 100% Et₂O) provided product **65** (50 mg, 68% yield, *single diastereoisomer*) as a colorless solid. The title compound was previously unknown. The relative stereochemistry of compound **65** has been inferred by ¹H NOESY NMR analysis.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.13 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.98 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 0.94 (s, 9H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 169.7, 116.1, 84.5, 80.5, 74.5, 52.6 (2 signals), 50.5, 46.7, 43.1, 25.7, 18.2, -4.8 (2 signals). **HRMS (ESI*)** Mass calculated for C₁₇H₂₇NO₆Si [M+Na]*: 369.1608, found: 369.1612.

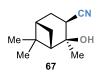
(10S*,11R*)-11-hydroxy-10,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,f]azepine-10-carbonitrile (66)

Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, 5*H*dibenz[*b*,*f*]azepine (46.4 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. *N.B. 5H*dibenz[*b*,*f*]azepine is poorly soluble in EtOAc, thus the 1,3-DC mixture has to be sonicated,

prior heating, to ensure complete dissolution of the alkene substrate. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (flushing first with 15% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (isocratic in 50% Et₂O in hexane, *SiO₂ neutralized with 2% Et₃N prior loading*) provided product **66** (25 mg, 53% yield, *single diastereoisomer*) as a yellow solid. The title compound was previously unknown.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.07 (app td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.0, 140.9, 131.3, 130.5, 129.6, 129.4, 125.3, 122.4, 120.6, 119.5, 119.2, 118.9, 118.7, 72.4, 42.1. **HRMS** (ESI⁺) Mass calculated for C₁₅H₁₂ON₂Na [M+Na]⁺: 259.0842, found: 259.0841.

(1S,2S,3S,5S)-2-hydroxy-2,6,6-trimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]heptane-3-carbonitrile (67)

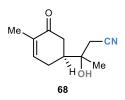


Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, (+)- α -pinene (38.1 µL, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture

was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (flushing first with 15% Et_2O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 20% EtOAc in hexane) provided product **67** (27 mg, 76% yield, *single enantiomer*) as a yellow oil. The title compound was previously unknown. The stereochemistry of compound **67** has been inferred by ¹H NOESY NMR analysis.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.16 (dd, J = 10.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.39 – 2.26 (m, 2H), 2.20 (ddd, J = 13.5, 7.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (s, 1H), 2.07 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.54 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 121.0, 73.0, 53.5, 39.8, 38.4, 33.5, 31.5, 30.6, 27.9, 27.8, 23.2. **HRMS (ESI⁺)** Exact mass calculated for C₁₁H₁₇ONNa [M+Na]⁺: 202.1202, found: 216.0995.

3-hydroxy-3-((S)-4-methyl-5-oxocyclohex-3-en-1-yl)butanenitrile (68)

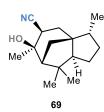


Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, (+)-carvone (37.6 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing*

first with 15% Et_2O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* Et_2O) provided product **68** (10 mg, 27% yield, *isolated as a 1:1 mixture of diastereoisomers*) as a yellow oil. The title compound was previously unknown. The diastereoisomeric ratio was assigned by ¹³C NMR analysis of the purified product.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.85 – 6.69 (m, 1H), 2.68 – 2.52 (m, 3H), 2.47 – 2.24 (m, 4H), 1.97 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.4, 199.2, 144.7, 144.2, 135.6, 135.4, 117.4 (2 signals), 71.8, 71.7, 44.0, 43.9, 39.1, 38.6, 29.8 (2 signals), 27.1, 26.5, 24.5, 24.2, 15.6 (2 signals). **HRMS (ESI⁺)** Exact mass calculated for C₁₁H₁₅O₂NNa [M+Na]⁺: 216.0995, found: 216.0988.

(3R, 3aR, 5R, 6R, 7R, 8aS)-6-hydroxy-3, 6, 8, 8-tetramethyloctahydro-1*H*-3a, 7-methanoazulene-5-carbonitrile (69)



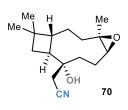
Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, (–)- α -cedrene (52.6 μ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and Et₃N as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (*flushing first with*

15% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 80% Et₂O in hexane) provided product **69** (11 mg, 21% yield, *single enantiomer*) as a colorless solid. The title compound was

previously unknown. The absolute stereochemistry of compound **69** has been inferred by X-ray crystallographic analysis (see Section S8.3).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.79 (dd, J = 12.0, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.07 – 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.96 – 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.86 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 1.80 – 1.70 (m, 3H), 1.67 – 1.58 (m, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.47 – 1.37 (m, 1H), 1.36 – 1.24 (m, 2H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.88 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 120.9, 71.9, 60.6, 56.7, 53.0, 41.6, 41.5, 38.5, 36.9, 36.8, 35.1, 29.0, 28.8, 28.1, 25.4, 15.3. **HRMS (ESI)** Mass calculated for C₁₆H₂₅ON [M+H]⁺: 247.1936, found: 247.1931.

2-((1R,4R,6S,9R,10S)-9-hydroxy-4,12,12-trimethyl-5-oxatricyclo[8.2.0.04,6]dodecan-9-yl)acetonitrile (70)

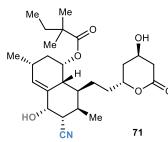


Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, (–)-caryophillene oxide (52.9 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and 1,4-cyclohexadiene as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad

of silica gel (flushing first with 15% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 80% Et₂O in hexane) provided product **70** (35 mg, 47% yield, *single enantiomer*) as a colorless solid. The title compound was previously unknown. The stereochemistry of compound **70** has been inferred by ¹H NOESY NMR analysis.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.59 – 3.50 (m, 1H), 2.35 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.05 (td, *J* = 11.4, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.95 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.77 (m, 3H), 1.74 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.31 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 117.8, 78.9, 73.3, 70.1, 48.0, 47.7, 38.7, 36.6, 35.3, 31.7, 30.4, 27.9, 25.4, 23.5, 22.5, 20.5. **HRMS (ESI)** Mass calculated for $C_{16}H_{24}O_2N$ [M+H]⁺: 262.1810, found: 262.1813.

(1*S*,3*R*,5*S*,6*R*,7*R*,8*S*,8a*R*)-6-cyano-5-hydroxy-8-(2-((2*R*,4*R*)-4-hydroxy-6-oxotetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)ethyl)-3,7-dimethyl-1,2,3,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydronaphthalen-1-yl 2,2-dimethylbutanoate (71)



Prepared according to *General Procedure E* – using chloroxime **1b** (47.5 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) as the nitrile oxide precursor, simvastatin (100 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) as the olefin substrate, and 1,4-cyclohexadiene as the sacrificial reductant in the electrochemical step. In this case, the crude 1,3-DC mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel

(flushing first with 50% Et₂O in hexane to remove the remainder alkene and, then, with

EtOAc to elute the cycloadduct intermediate) prior submission to the electrolysis. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 10% MeOH in Et₂O) provided product **71** (19 mg, 22% yield, *single enantiomer*) as a colorless solid. The title compound was previously unknown. The stereochemistry of compound **71** has been inferred by ¹H NOESY NMR analysis.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.97 (dt, *J* = 4.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (td, *J* = 4.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (ddt, *J* = 11.2, 7.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45 – 4.30 (m, 2H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (ddd, *J* = 17.7, 3.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.49 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.25 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.11 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.07 – 1.90 (m, 3H), 1.87 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.80 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.52 (m, 3H), 1.50 – 1.38 (m, 1H), 1.38 – 1.27 (m, 1H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.9, 170.2, 132.2, 127.4, 119.1, 76.1, 68.3, 66.1, 62.6, 43.3, 43.1, 39.1, 38.6, 36.4, 36.2, 33.2, 33.0, 32.2, 31.9, 27.6, 25.1, 24.8, 24.8, 22.4, 12.2, 9.4. **HRMS (ESI⁺)** Mass calculated for C₂₆H₃₉O₆NNa [M+H]⁺: 484.2670, found: 484.2665.

S.7 – Synthetic Applications

S.7.1 – Scale-Up of the Telescoped Process Between 1b and Styrene to Give 48

S.7.1.1 – Adjustment of Current Intensity: In order to maintain constant the current density (*J*) within the electrochemical cell, the current intensity (*i*) for the electrochemical step run on a **3.2 mmol scale** was adjusted, according to the following calculations:

Determination of the J ($A \cdot m^{-2}$) value for the electrolysis in General Procedure E (0.2 mmol, i = -15 mA, Q = 6.0 F/mol):

- Dimensions of IKA microelectrodes: 3 x 56 x 1 mm (W, H, D)
- Submerged electrodes height: 29 mm
- Total surface area of submerged electrodes [A (m²)]:

[(29 mm x 3 mm) x 2] + [(29 mm x 1 mm) x 2] + (3 mm x 1 mm) = 235 mm² = **2.35 x 10⁻⁴ m²**

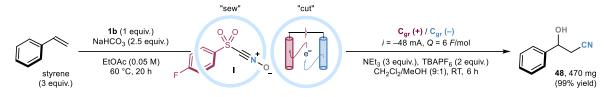
▶ J (A·m⁻²) = / (A) / A (m²) = 0.015 A / 2.35 x 10⁻⁴ m² = 63.8 A·m⁻²

- Determination of the i (mA) value for the electrolysis at 3.2 mmol scale (Q = 6.0 F/mol):
- Dimensions of IKA electrodes: 8 x 52.5 x 2 mm (W, H, D)
- Submerged electrodes height: 37 mm
- ▶ Total surface area of submerged electrodes [A (m²)]:

[(37 mm x 8 mm) x 2] + [(37 mm x 2 mm) x 2] + (8 mm x 2 mm) = 756 mm² = **7.56 x 10⁻⁴ m²**

► I (A) = J (A·m⁻²) x A (m²) = 63.8 A·m⁻² x 7.56 x 10⁻⁴ m² = 0.048 A \rightarrow i = -48 mA

S.7.1.2 – Synthesis of Product 48 on a 3.2 mmol Scale:



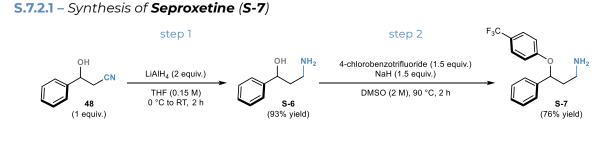
To a vigorously stirring solution of NaHCO₃ (672 mg, 8.00 mmol) and styrene (1.22 mL, 9.60 mmol) in EtOAc (64 mL), at room temperature, was added chloroxime **1b** (760 mg, 3.20 mmol) in one portion. The resulting mixture was then heated to 60 °C, and stirred for 20 hours. After this time, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool down to room temperature and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was dissolved in a 9:1 mixture of CH_2Cl_2 and MeOH (16 mL), and transferred into a 20 mL IKA ElectraSyn[®] vial – fitted with carbon graphite electrodes [*dimensions* (*W*, *H*, *D*) = 8 x 52.5 x 2 mm, both working and counter electrode] – containing TBAPF₆ (2.48 g, 6.40 mmol) and Et₃N (1.34 mL, 9.6 mmol). The vial was sealed and mounted on an IKA ElectraSyn[®] station. The electrolysis was conducted under constant current regime (–48 mA), with a total charge (*Q*) of 6 F/mol. Completed the electrolysis, the crude mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 80% Et₂O in pentane) to afford hydroxy nitrile **48** (470 mg, 99% yield) as a pale yellow oil. The spectroscopic properties of the obtained product matched those reported in *Section S.6.2*.

Reaction set-up for 1,3-DC sew step (left) and electrochemical cut step (right).

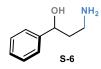




S.7.2 – Synthetic Route to Fluoxetine

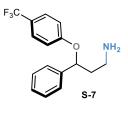


Step 1 – To a suspension of LiAlH₄ (53.9 mg, 1.35 mmol) in THF (6 mL), at 0 °C, was added hydroxy nitrile **48** (132 mg, 0.90 mmol), in one portion. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature, and stirred for 2 hours. After this time, the reaction was quenched by cautious addition of water (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure delivered γ -amino alcohol **S-6** (127 mg, 93% yield) as a colorless solid. This material was used in the next step of the synthesis without any further purification procedure. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.³²



² ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 4.89 (dt, J = 7.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.19 – 2.77 (m, 5H), 1.90 – 1.67 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.2, 128.3, 127.0, 125.7, 75.0, 40.3, 40.1.

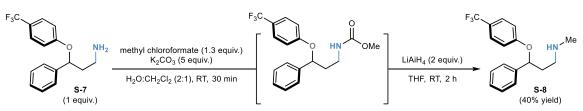
Step 2 – To a solution of γ -amino alcohol **S-6** (147 mg, 0.97 mmol) in DMSO (0.3 mL) was added NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 58.2 mg, 1.45 mmol). The resulting mixture was heated to 100 °C, and stirred for 30 minutes. After this time, a solution of 4-chlorobenzotrifluoride (263 mg, 1.45 mmol) in DMSO (0.2 mL) was added to the mixture, and the reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 20 hours. The reaction was quenched by addition of water (2 mL), and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic fractions were washed with water, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and the solvent removed in vacuo. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂) delivered seproxetine **S-7** (218 mg, 76% yield) as pale yellow oil. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.³³



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H) , 6.94 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 5.32 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (ddt, J = 14.8, 8.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.04 – 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.92 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.5, 141.0, 128.8, 127.9, 126.8 (q, ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$ = 3.8 Hz), 125.8, 124.5 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$

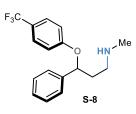
 $_{F}$ = 270.7 Hz), 123.0 (q, $^{2}J_{C-F}$ = 32.7 Hz), 115.8, 78.3, 42.0, 38.5. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –61.5.

S.7.2.2 - Synthesis of Fluoxetine (S-8)



To a mixture of seproxetine **S-7** (219 mg, 0.74 mmol) and methyl chloroformate (74.5 μ L, 0.96 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was added a solution of K₂CO₃ (511 mg, 3.70 mmol) in water (8 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature, then diluted

with water (5 mL) and, ultimately, extracted with CH_2CI_2 (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and the solvent removed in vacuo to afford an amber oil. The crude material was re-dissolved in THF (4 mL), and this solution was added to a suspension of LiAlH₄ (56.2 mg, 1.48 mmol) in THF (6 mL), at 0 °C. Completed the addition, the reaction was allowed to warm up to room temperature, and stirred for 2 hours. The reaction was quenched by cautious addition of water (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent removed in vacuo. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*isocratic in* 5% MeOH in CH_2CI_2) delivered fluoxetine **S-8** (92.0 mg, 40% yield) as a colorless oil. The spectroscopic properties of this compound were consistent with the data available in the literature.³⁴

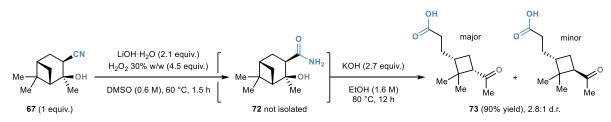


¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.36 – 5.27 (m, 1H), 2.49 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.25 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.05 – 1.95 (m, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7, 141.2, 128.8, 127.8, 126.7 (q, ³ $J_{C-F} = 3.7$ Hz), 125.9, C_{a} F₃ not detected, 122.7 (q, ² $J_{C-F} = 33.5$ Hz), 115.8, 78.5, 55.8, 45.5, 36.8. ¹⁹**F NMR**

(376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –61.6.

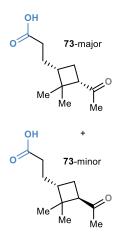
S.7.3 – Synthetic Manipulations of 67

S.7.3.1 – Synthesis of 3-(3-acetyl-2,2-dimethylcyclobutyl)propanoic acid (73)



A three-necked flask, equipped with reflux condenser, was charged with 1,2-hydroxy nitrile **67** (150 mg, 837 µmol), LiOH monohydrate (73.7 mg, 1.76 mmol) and DMSO (1.5 mL), and the resulting solution was heated to 60 °C. Once reached this temperature, an aqueous solution of H_2O_2 (30% w/w, 256 µL, 2.51 mmol) was slowly added over 1 hour to the reaction vessel. Completed the addition, the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for further 30 minutes, and then allowed to cool down to room temperature. The crude mixture was quenched by addition of a 1M HCl aq. solution (1 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure, to give crude **72** as a yellow glue. This was dissolved in EtOH (1 mL) and treated with a 8M aq. solution of KOH (300 µL). The resulting mixture was heated to 80 °C, stirred for 12 hours, and then allowed to cool down to room temperature. The crude mixture was partitioned into water (5 mL) and Et₂O (5 mL), and extracted with Et₂O (3 x 5 mL). The aqueous layers were acidified with 1M HCl, till pH ~1, and then counter-extracted with Et₂O

(3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (*gradient from* 50% EtOAc in hexane *to* 70% EtOAc in hexane) delivered carboxylic acid **73** (149.8 mg, 90% yield, *2.8:1 mixture of diastereoisomers*) as an off-white solid. The title compound was previously unknown. The stereochemistry of both diastereoisomers of **73** has been inferred by ¹H NOESY NMR analysis.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.93 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H x 73-minor), 2.83 – 2.77 (m, 1H x 73-major), 2.41 (ddd, J = 11.7, 8.8, 6.3 Hz, 1H x 73-minor), 2.35 – 2.19 (m, 2H x 73-major & 2H x 73-minor), 2.06 (s, 3H x 73-minor), 2.04 (s, 3H x 73-major), 1.96 – 1.77 (m, 3H x 73-major & 2H x 73-minor), 1.71 – 1.60 (m, 1H x 73-major & 1H x 73-minor), 1.54 (dtd, J = 13.6, 8.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H x 73-major), 1.49 – 1.41 (m, 1H x 73-minor), 1.30 (s, 3H x 73-major), 1.22 (s, 3H x 73-minor), 0.99 (s, 3H x 73-minor), 0.87 (s, 3H x 73-major).
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.3 (73-minor), 208.1 (73-major), 179.4 (73-major), 179.4 (73-major), 41.4 (73-major), 53.7 (73-minor), 43.3 (73-major), 41.7 (73-minor), 41.4 (73-major), 41.0 (73-minor), 32.1 (73-minor), 32.0 (73-major),

31.0 (**73-minor**), 30.6 (**73-major**), 30.3 (**73-major**), 29.8 (**73-minor**), 26.0 (**73-minor**), 25.1 (**73-major**), 24.7 (**73-minor**), 22.9 (**73-major**), 22.5 (**73-minor**), 17.2 (**73-major**). **HRMS (ESI⁺)** Mass calculated for C₁₁H₁₈O₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 221.1135, found: 221.1141.

S.8 – X-ray Crystallographic Data

All data collections, crystal structure determinations and refinements were performed by the X-ray crystallography service of the Department of Chemistry at The University of Manchester (EPSRC; EP/T011289/1). For these endeavors, we thank Dr George Whitehead and Dr Avantika Hasija.

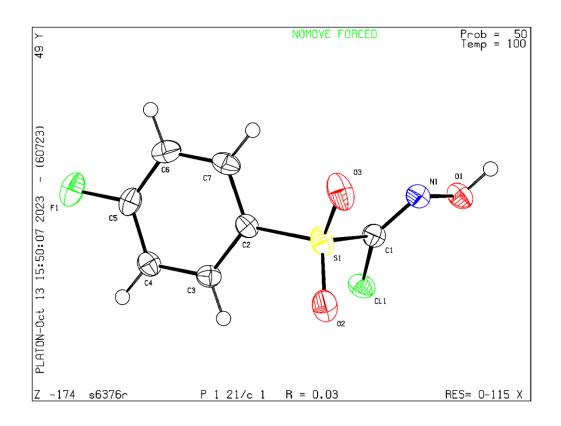
Data collection: X-ray data was collected at a temperature of 100 K on a Rigaku FR-X DW rotating anode diffractometer using CuK α radiation, (λ = 1.54184 Å) with an AFC-11 RINC goniometer and a Rigaku Hypix 6000 HE photon counting detector. The diffractometer was equipped with an Oxford Cryosystems Cryostream 800 plus nitrogen flow gas system.

Crystal Structure Determinations and Refinements: X-ray data were processed and reduced using CrysAlisPro v41.³⁵ Absorption correction was performed using empirical methods (SCALE3 ABSPACK) based upon symmetry-equivalent reflections combined with measurements at different azimuthal angles. The crystal structures were solved using ShelXT and refined against all F² values using the ShelXL implemented through Olex 2.^{36.37} All the non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were placed in a calculated position refined using idealized geometries (riding model) and assigned fixed isotropic displacement parameters.

Data Availability: Crystallographic data for compounds **1b**, **62** and **69** have been deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, with deposition numbers CCDC 2384299 (**1b**), 2384621 (**62**), 2384300 (**69**) and are available free of charge at <u>www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif</u>; or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (12 Union Road, Cambridge CB21EZ, UK – fax: (+44)1223 336033, email: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

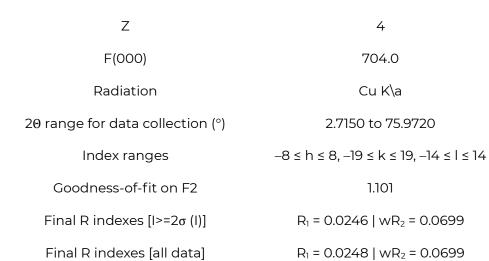
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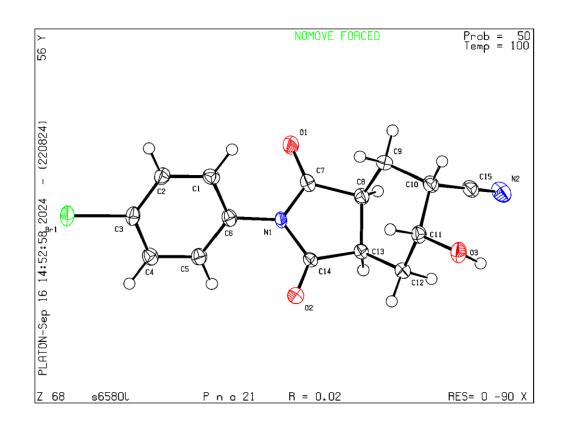
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Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P 1 21/c 1
a (Å)	10.5995(3)
b (Å)	8.0433(2)
c (Å)	10.9146(3)
α (°)	90
β (°)	104.860(3)
γ (°)	90
Volume (ų)	899.40(4)
Z	4
F(000)	480.0
Radiation	Cu K\a
20 range for data collection (°)	4.3050 to 75.3930
Index ranges	–13 ≤ h ≤ 13, –9 ≤ k ≤ 9, –13 ≤ l ≤ 13
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.091
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0328 wR ₂ = 0.0918
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0338 wR ₂ = 0.0918



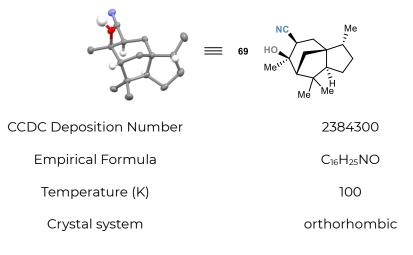
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b (Å)	16.3107(3)
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Volume (ų)	1357.72(5)

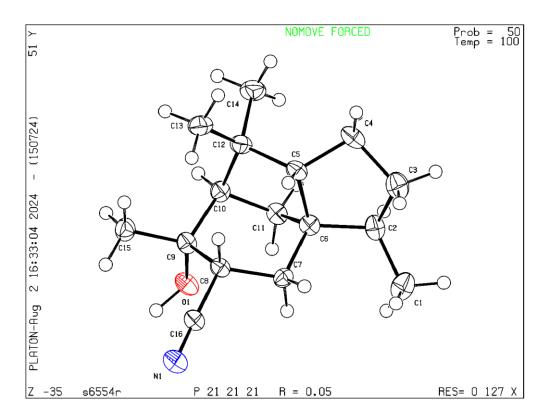




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α (°)	90
β (°)	90
γ (°)	90
Volume (ų)	1457.26(6)
Z	4
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Radiation	Cu K\a
20 range for data collection (°)	3.4680 to 80.0390
Index ranges	-8 ≤ h ≤ 8, -10 ≤ k ≤ 10, -32 ≤ l ≤ 32
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.091
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0530 wR ₂ = 0.1481
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0620 wR ₂ = 0.1481
Absolute structure parameter	-0.2(3)



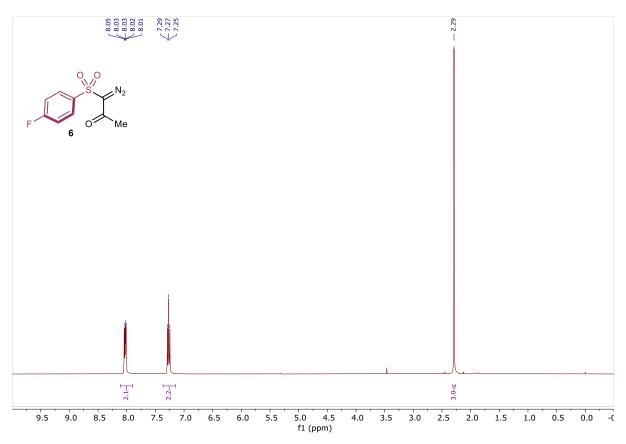
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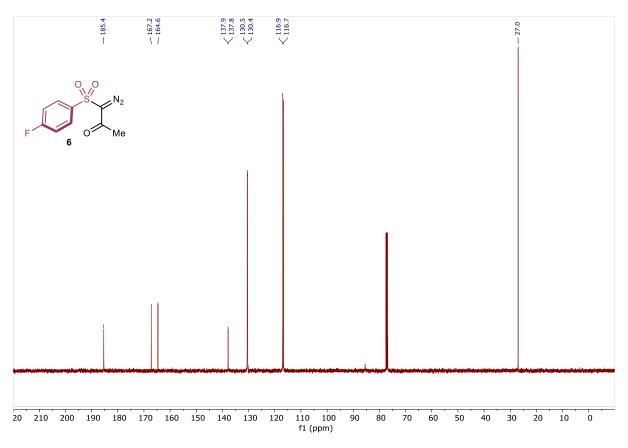
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S.10 – NMR Spectra (¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁹F and ³¹P Traces)

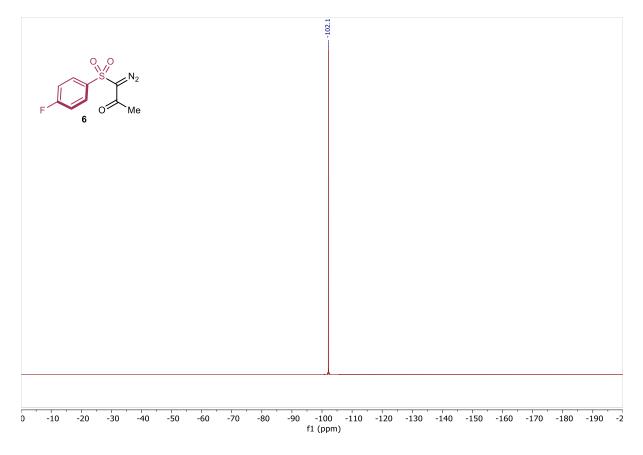
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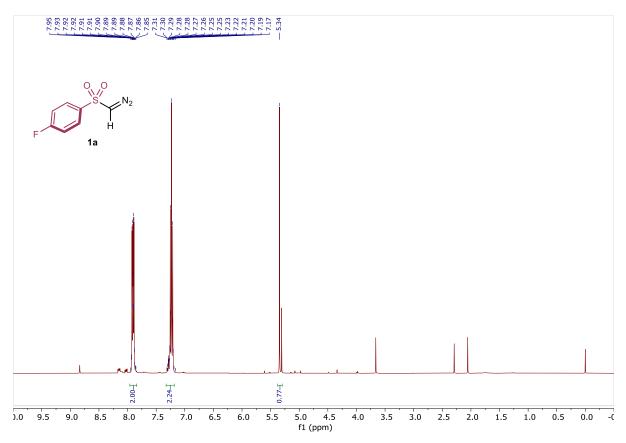
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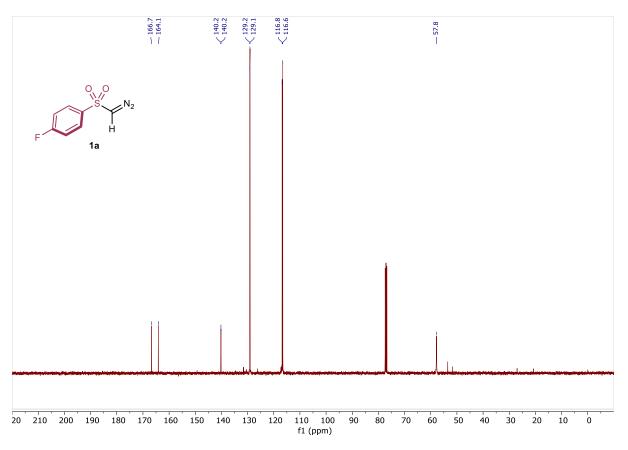
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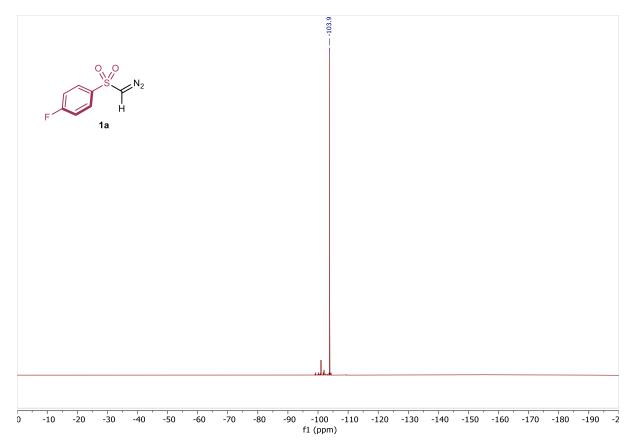
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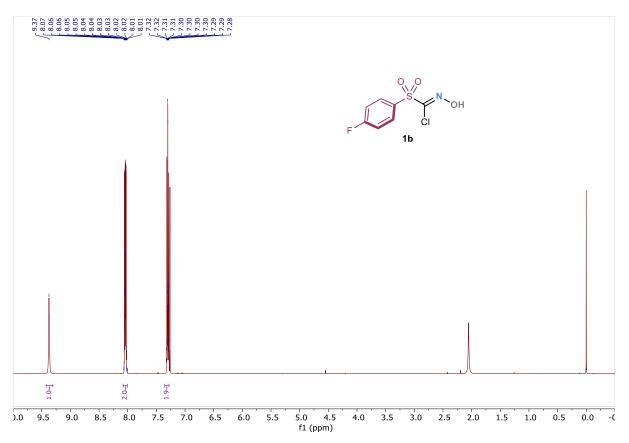
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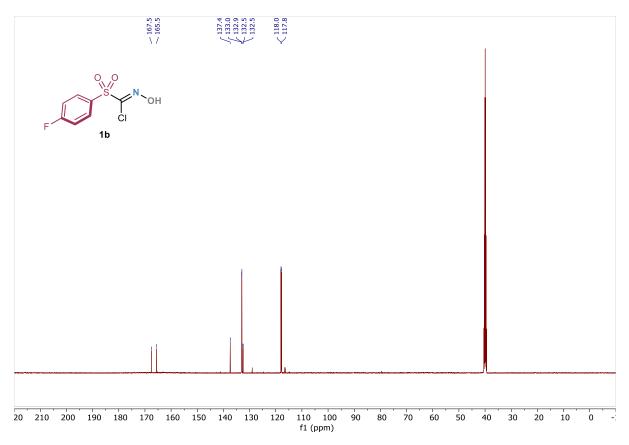
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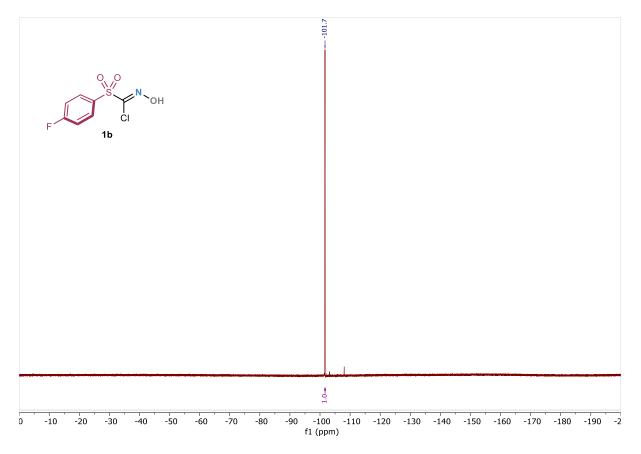


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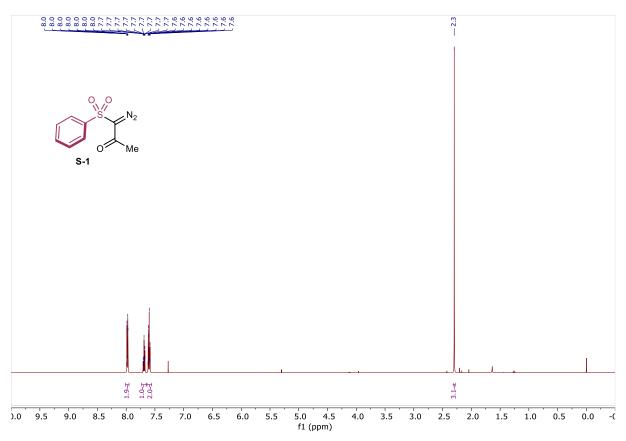


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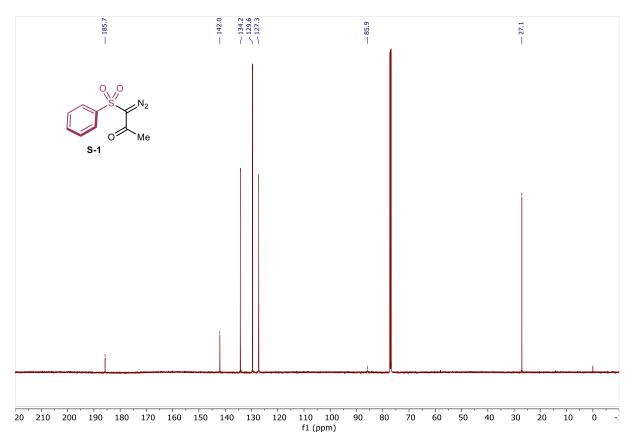




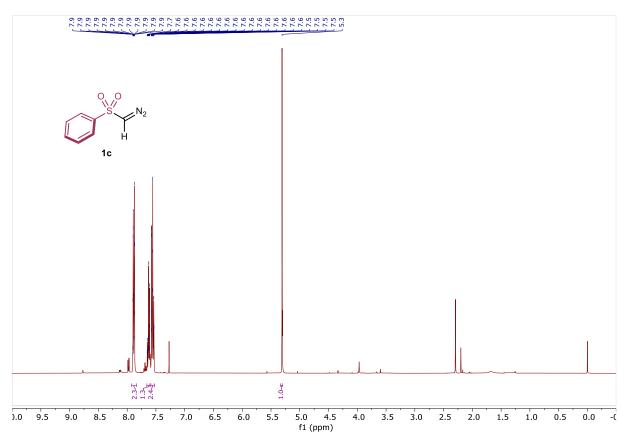
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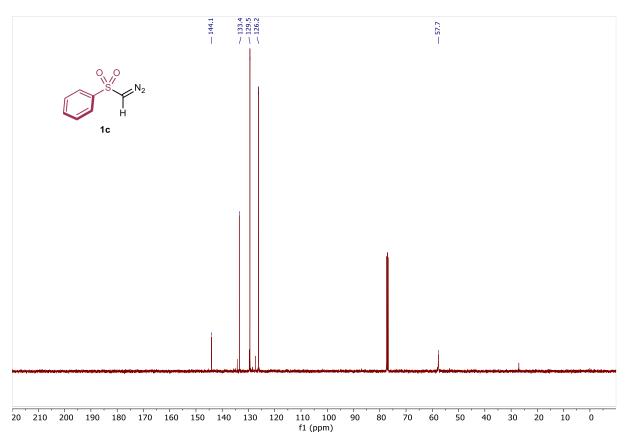
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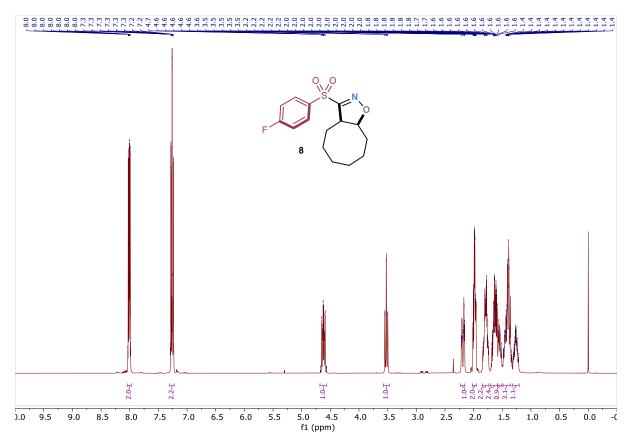
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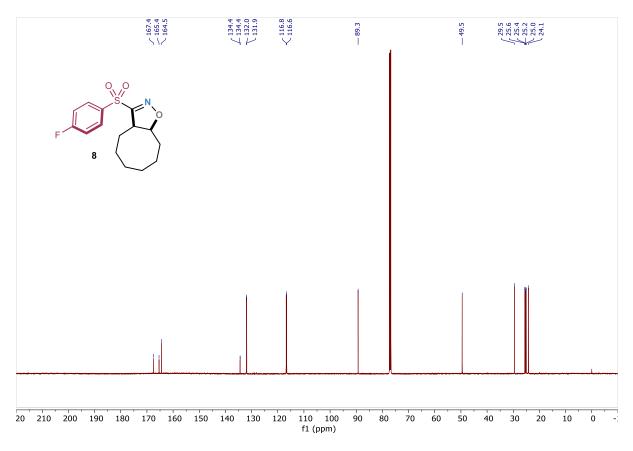
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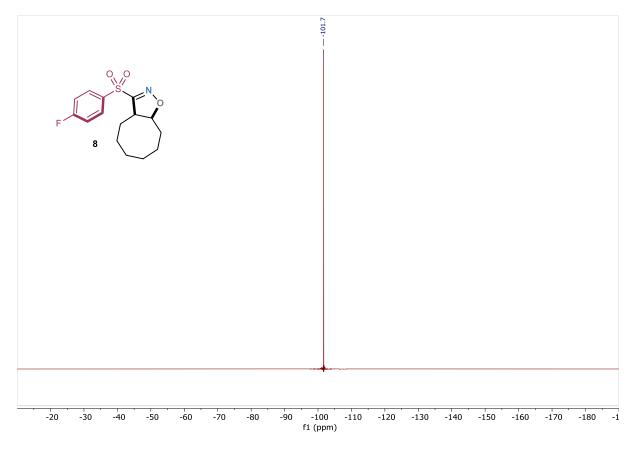
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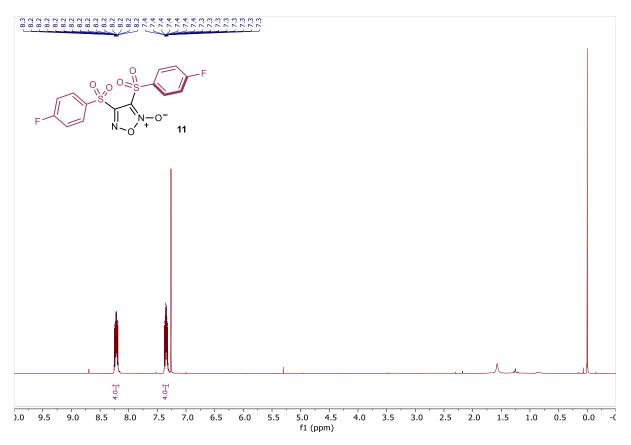
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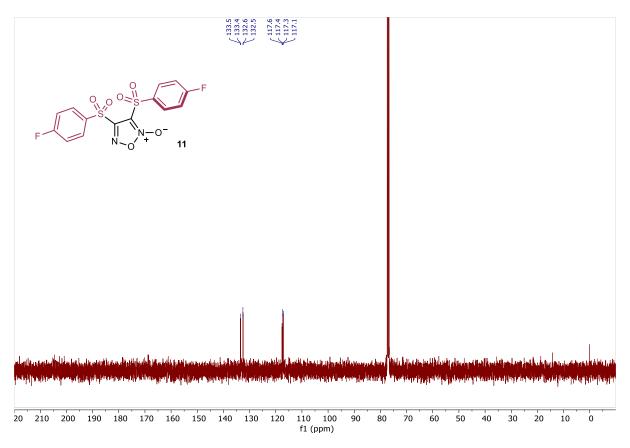
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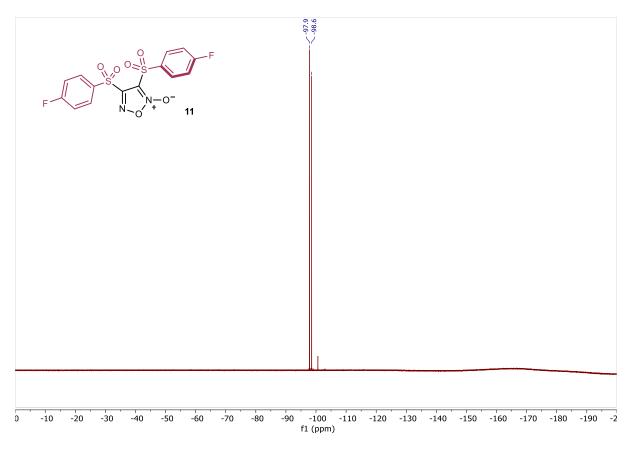
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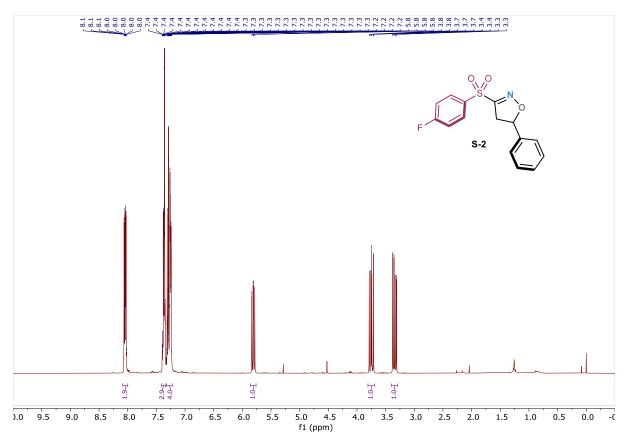
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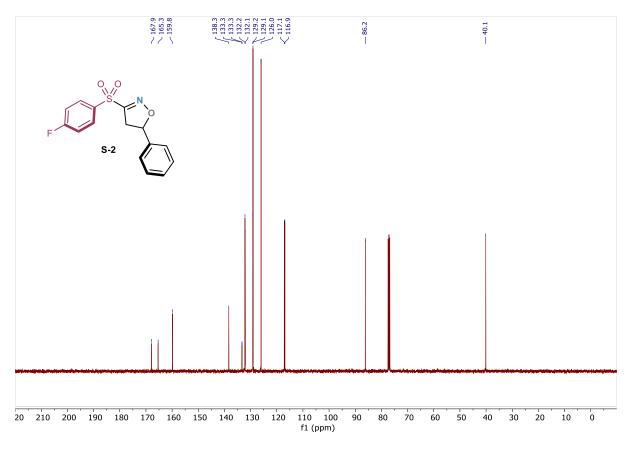


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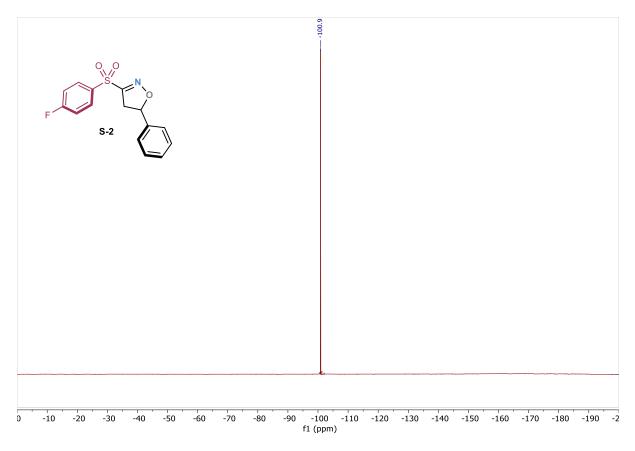


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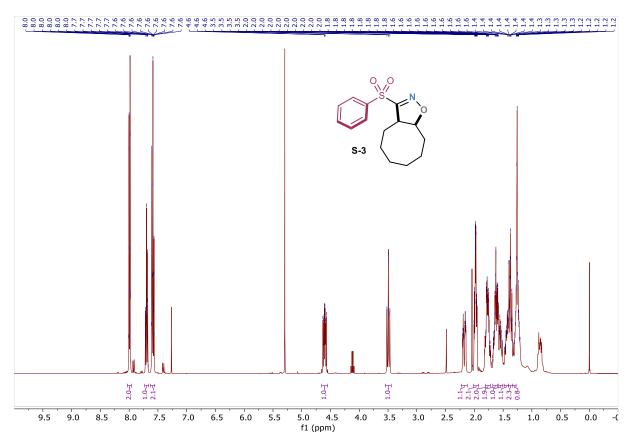
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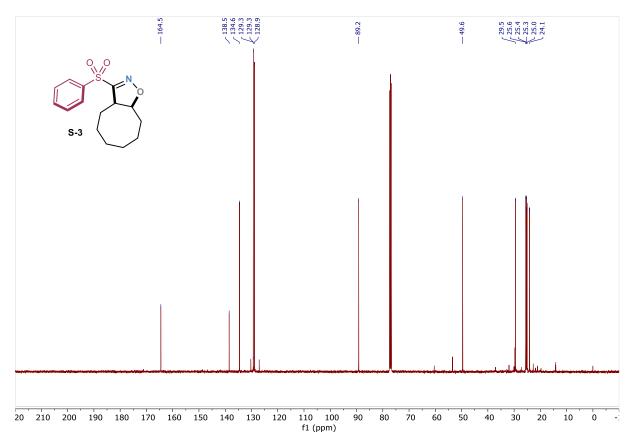
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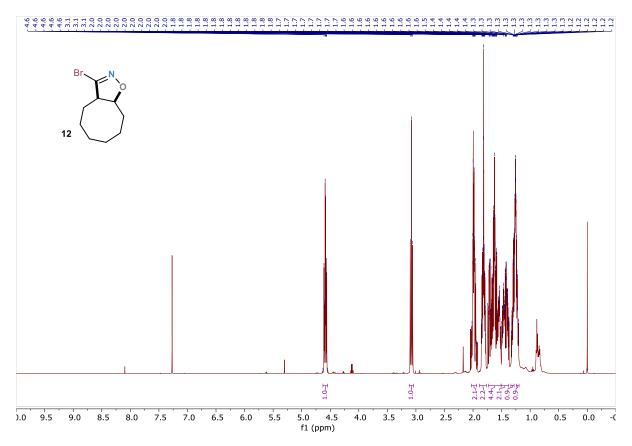


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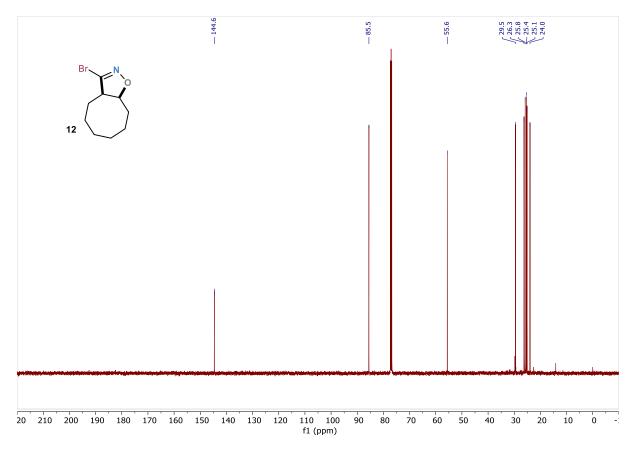


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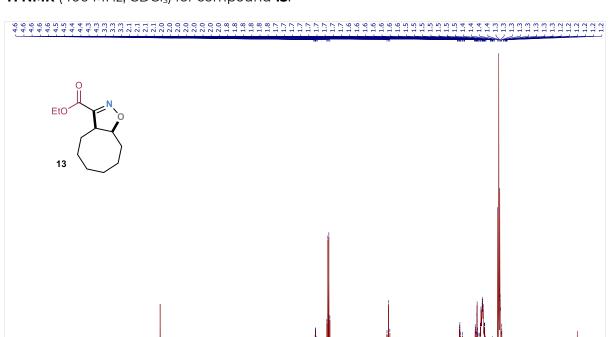


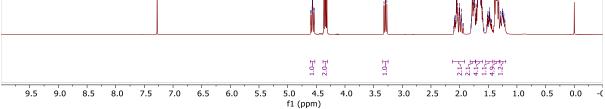


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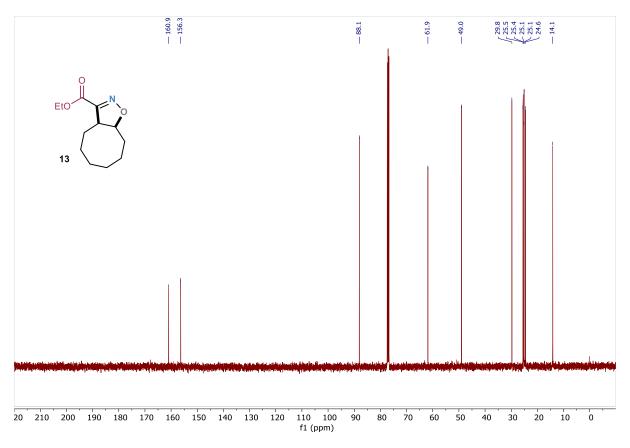


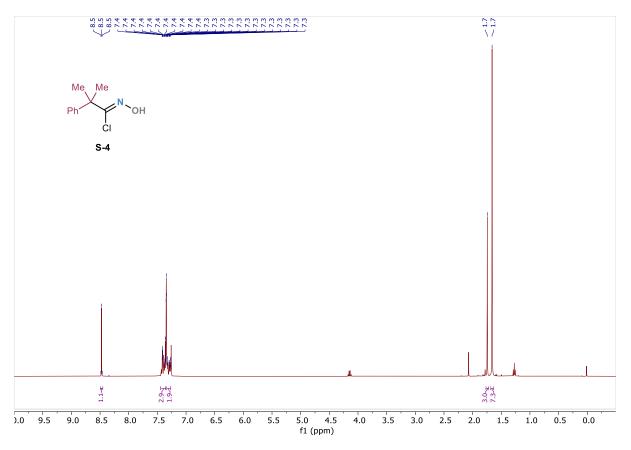
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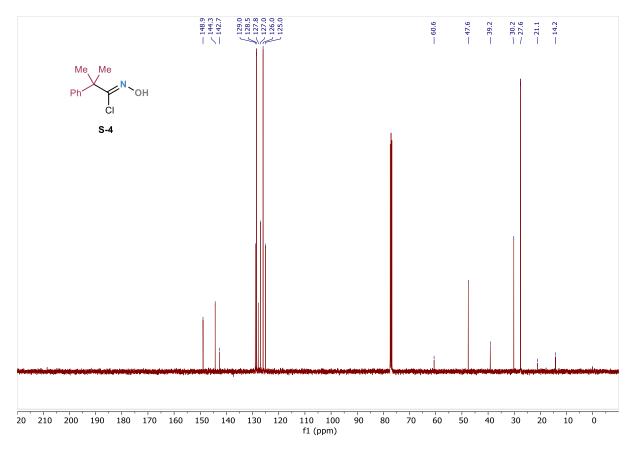


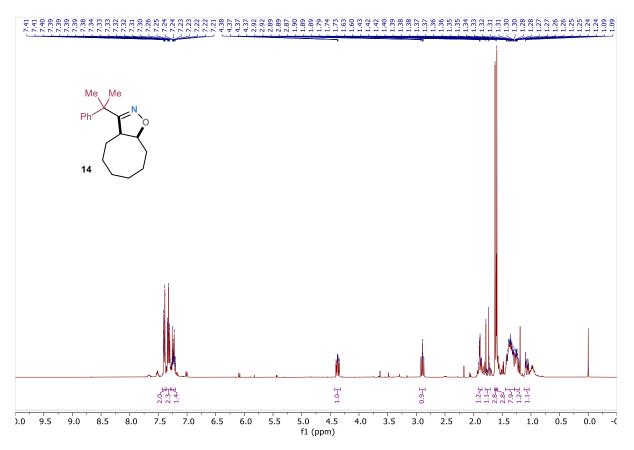
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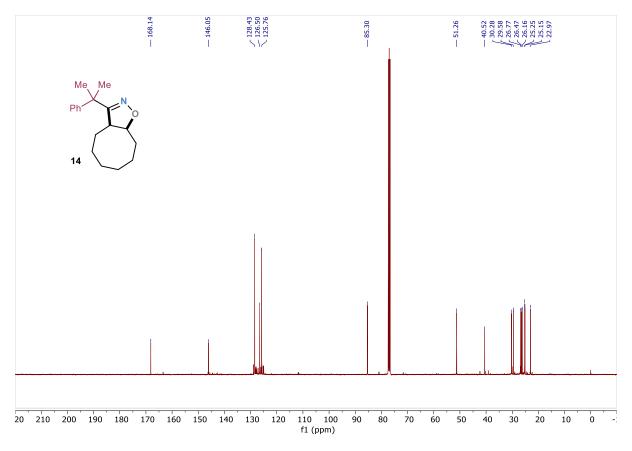


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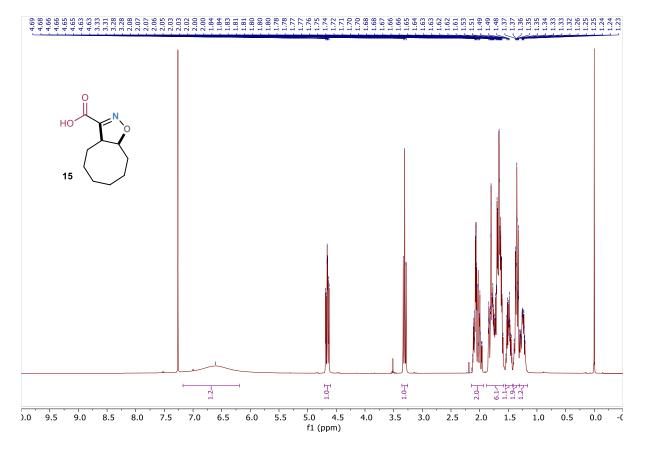




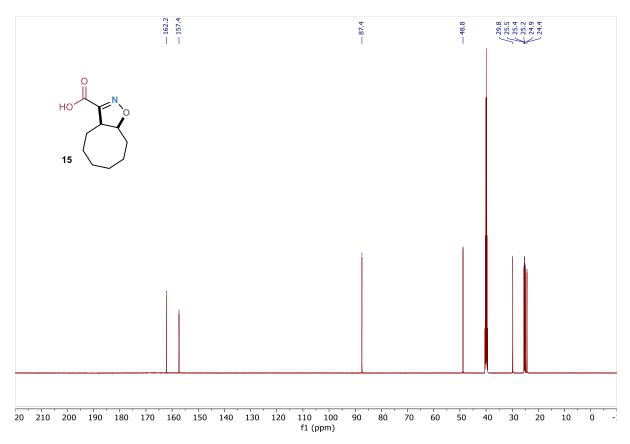
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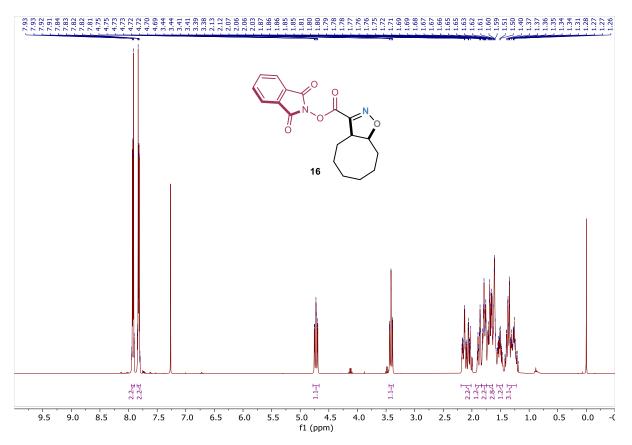
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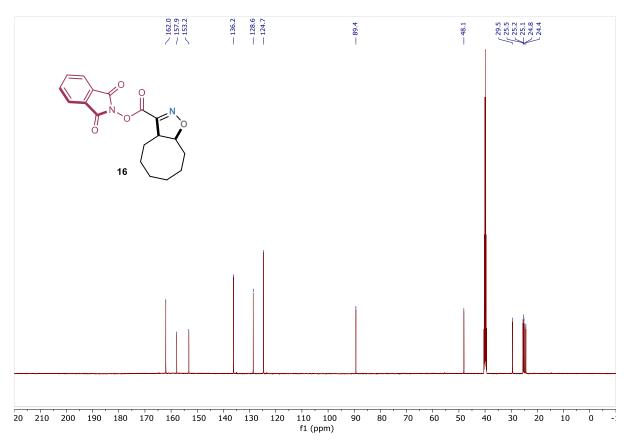
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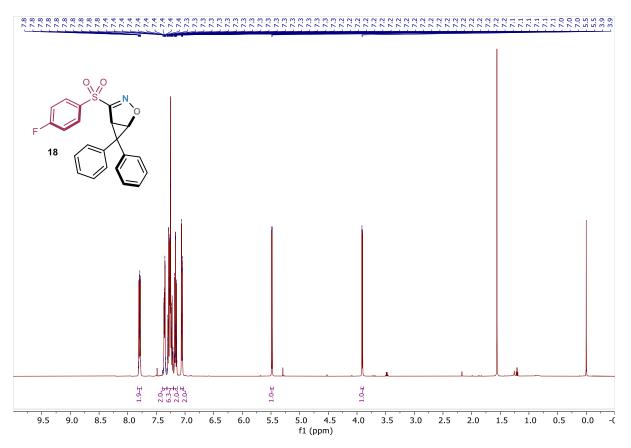
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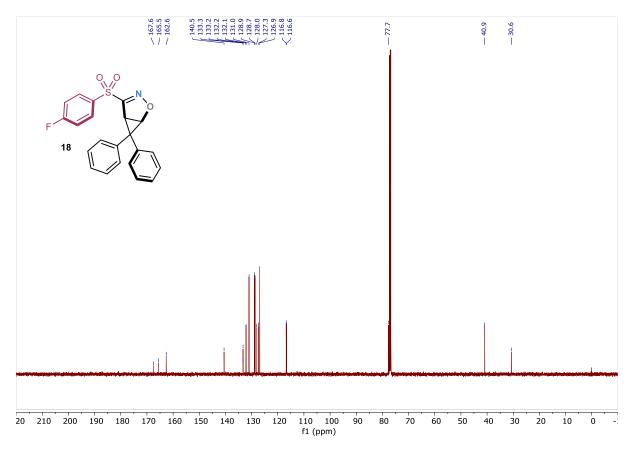
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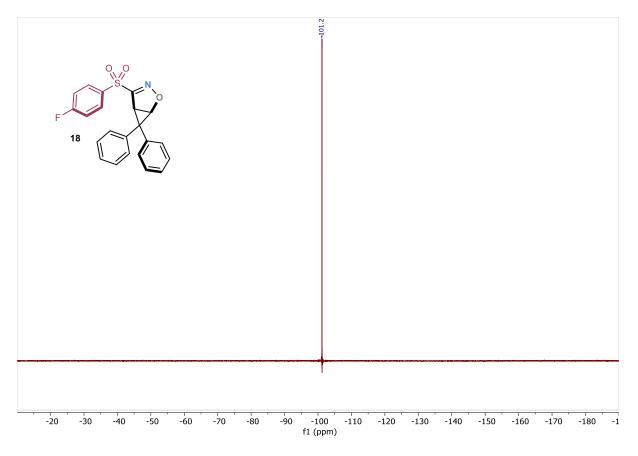


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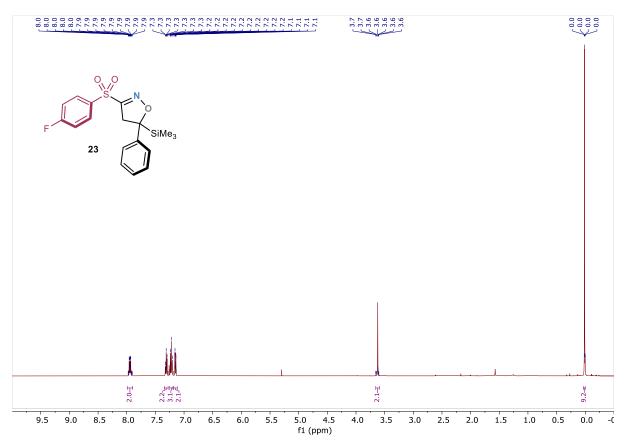


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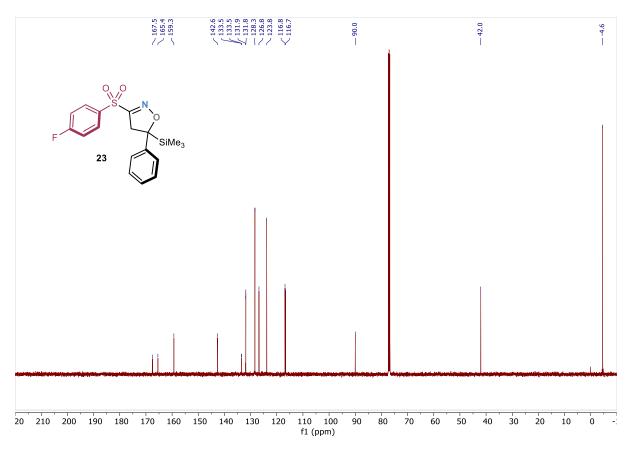




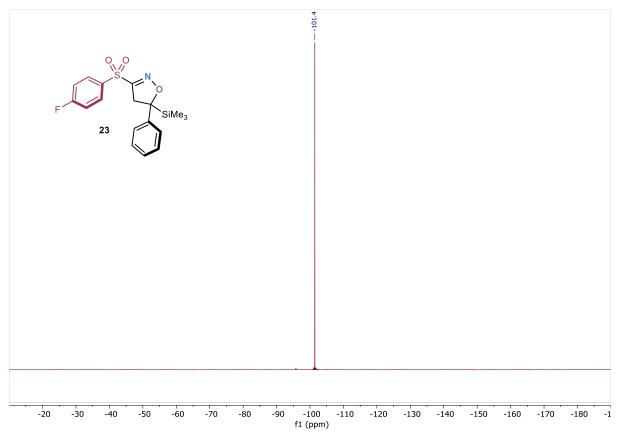
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¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) for compound **23**:

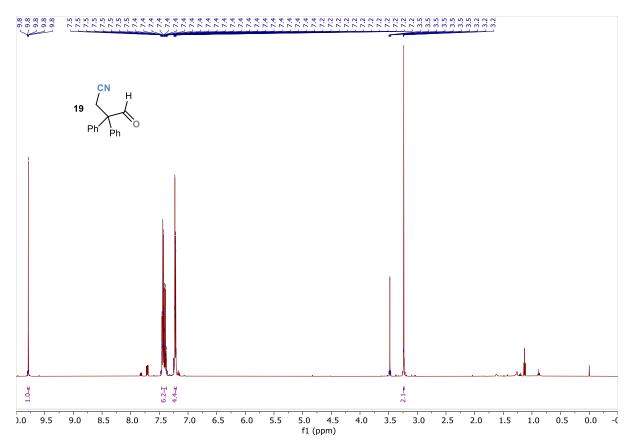


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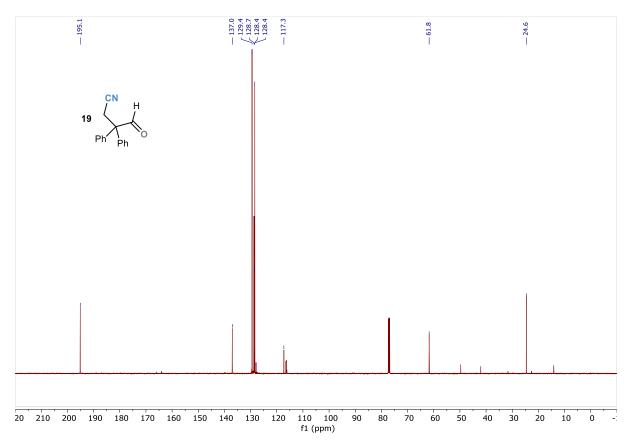


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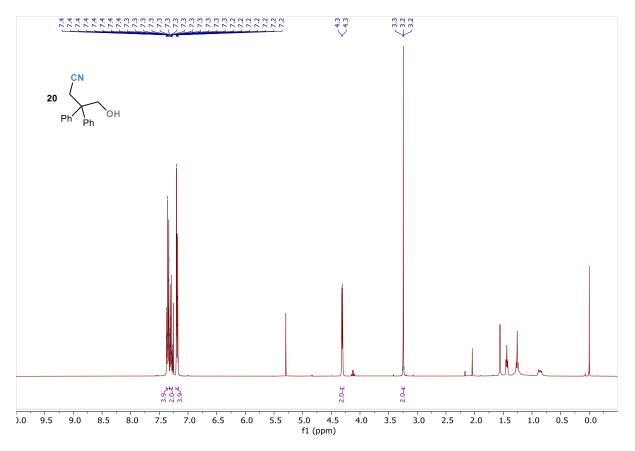
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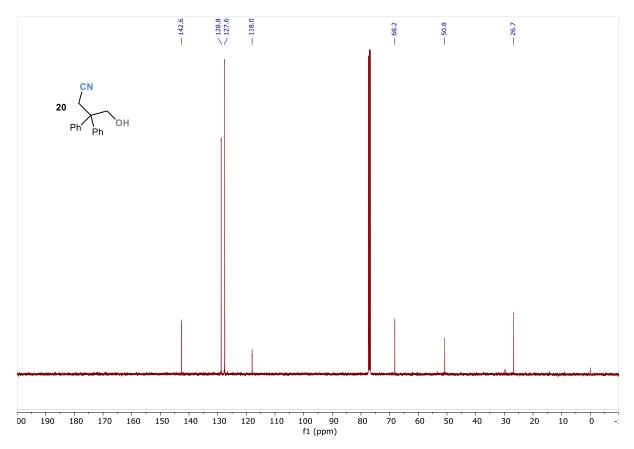
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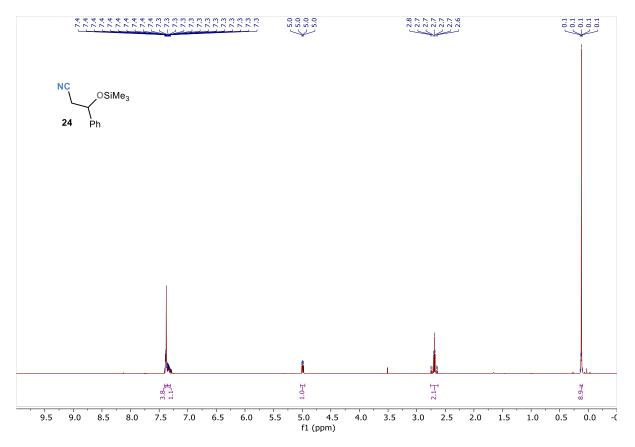
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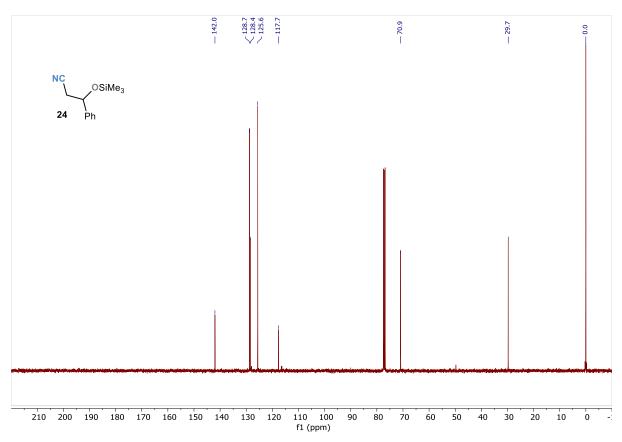
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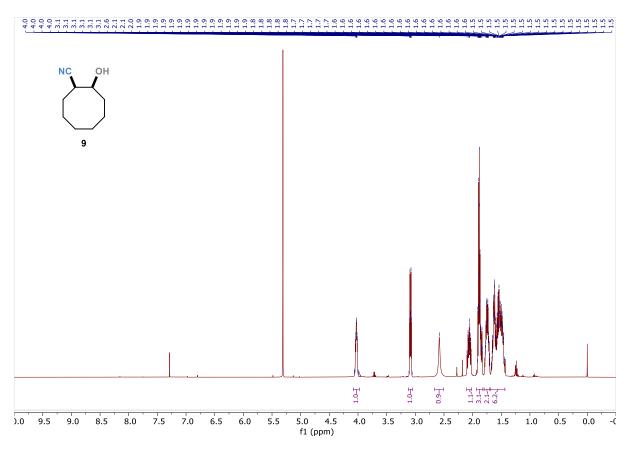
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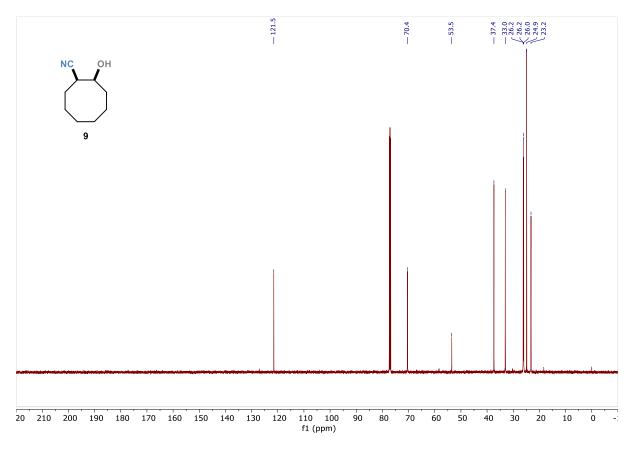
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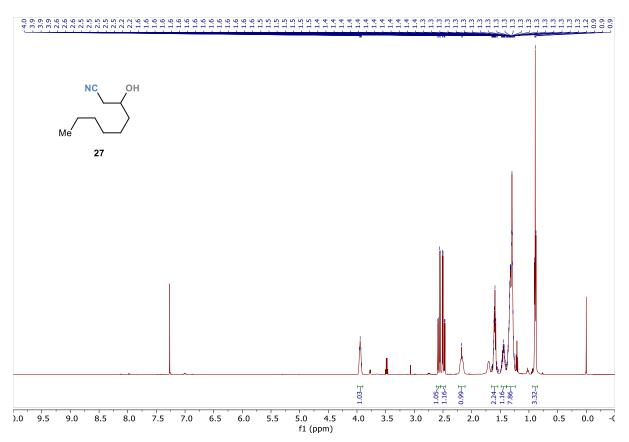
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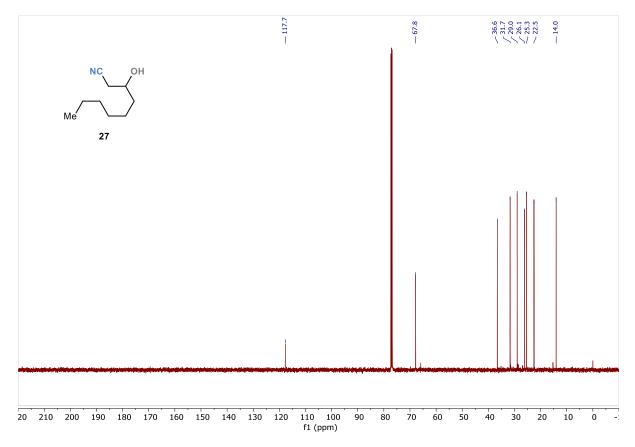
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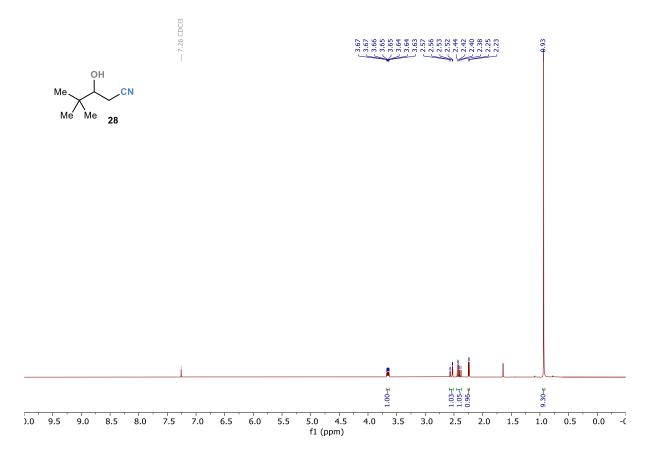
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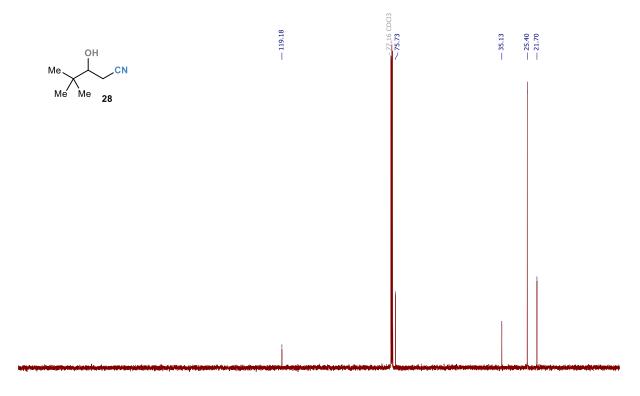
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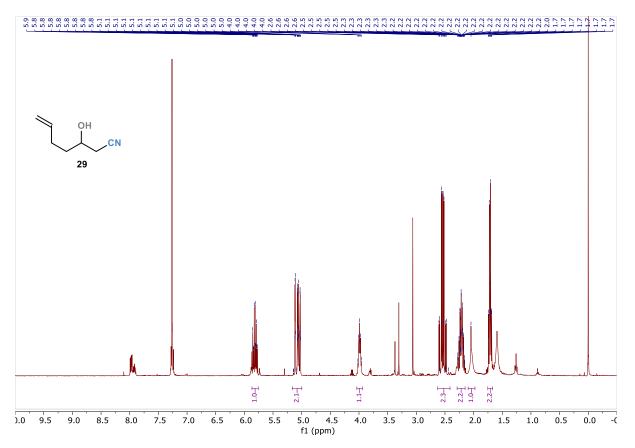


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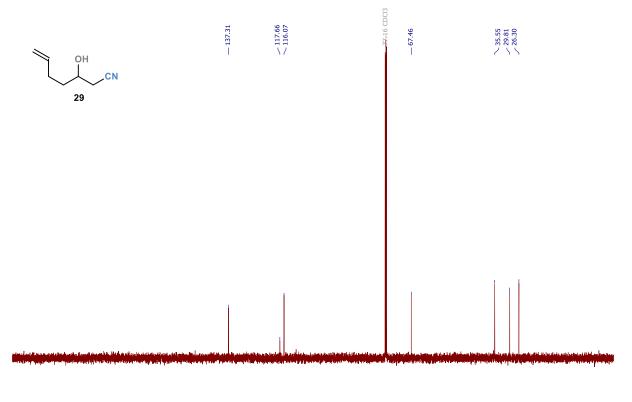


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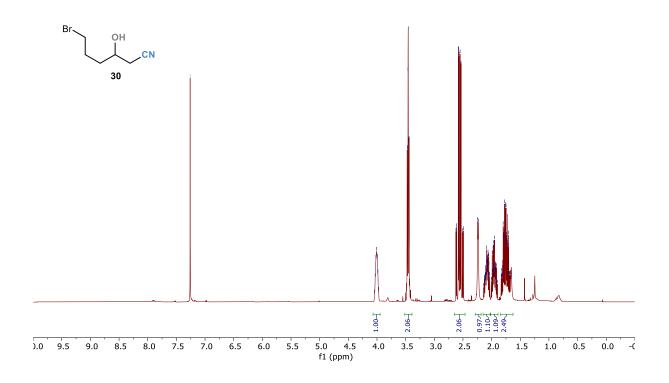
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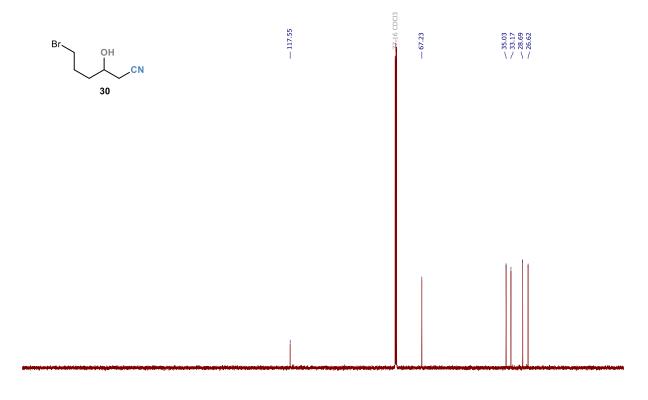
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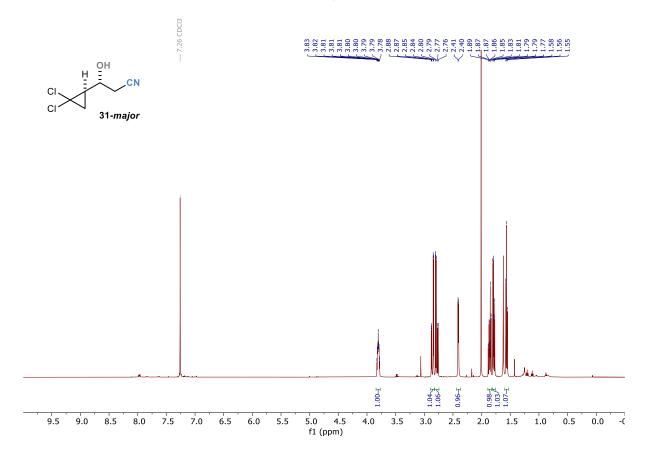
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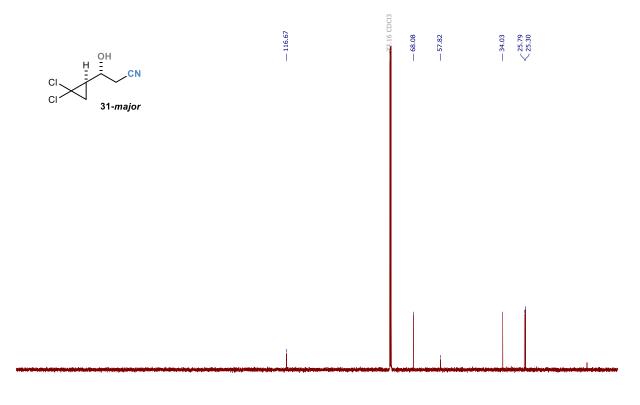
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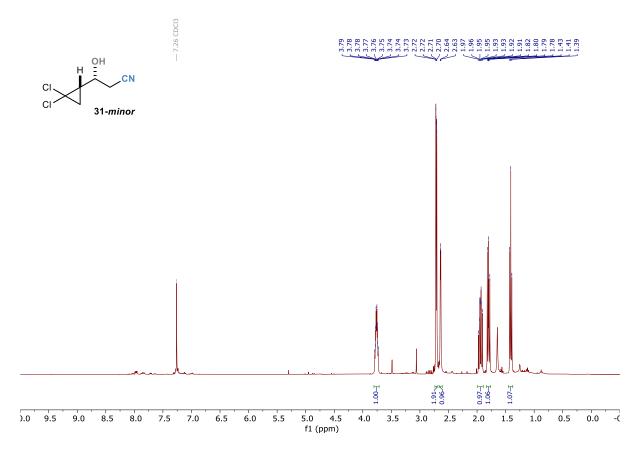
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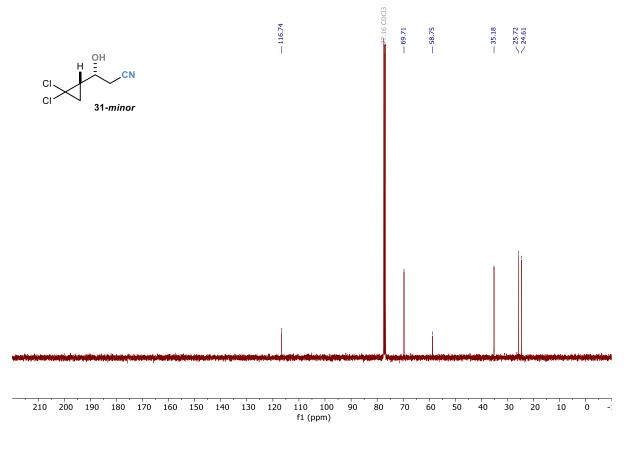
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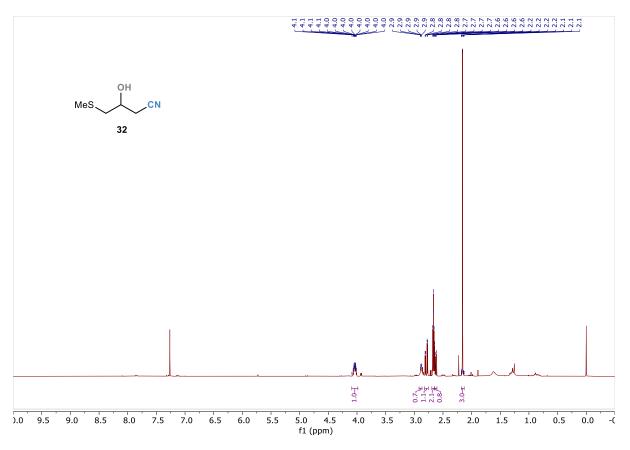


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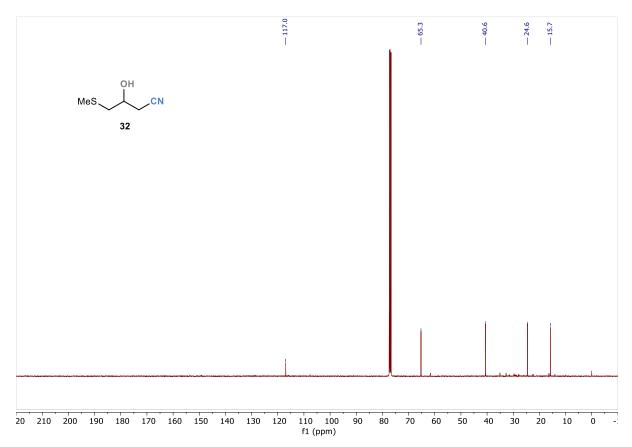


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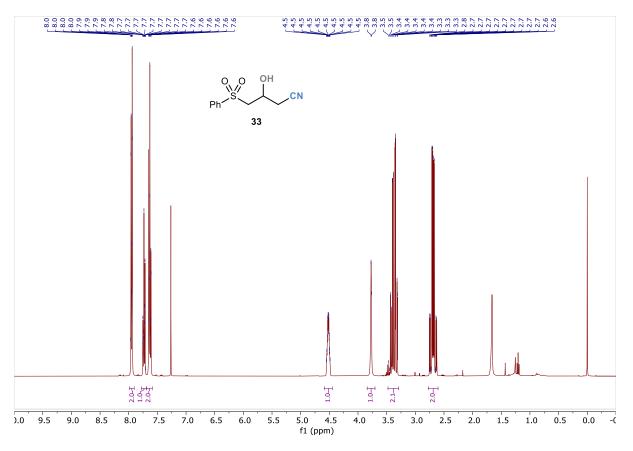




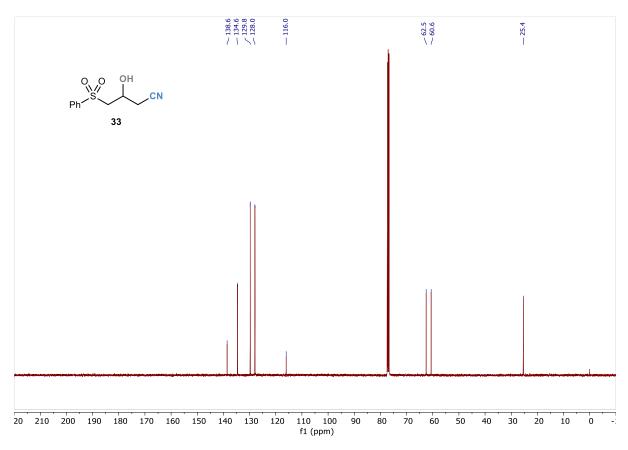
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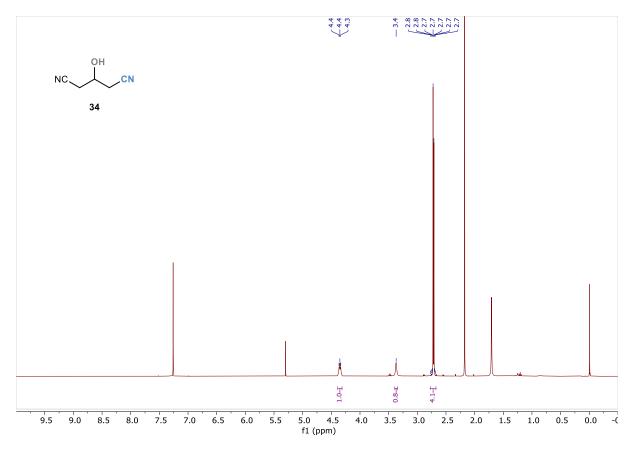
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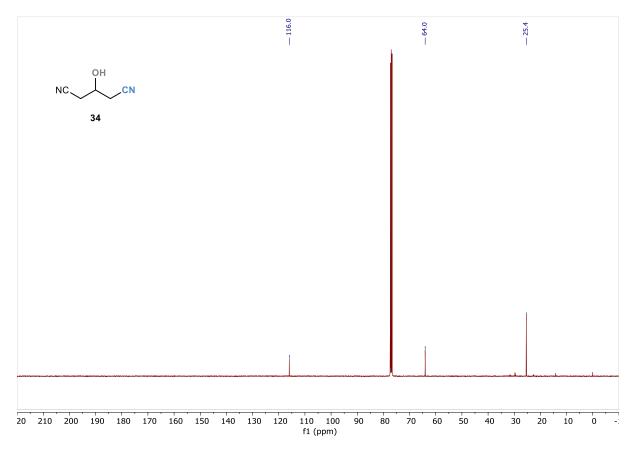
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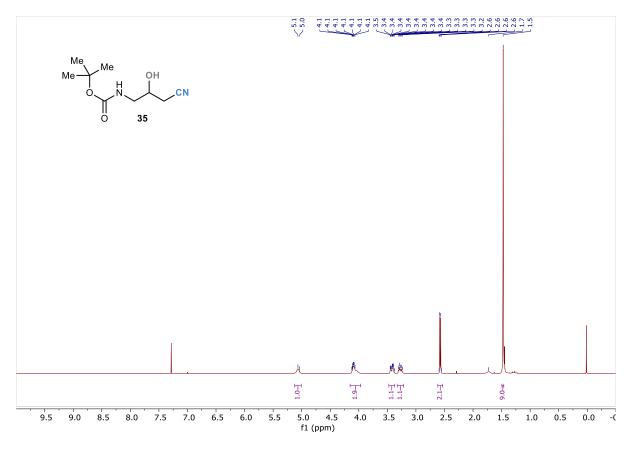


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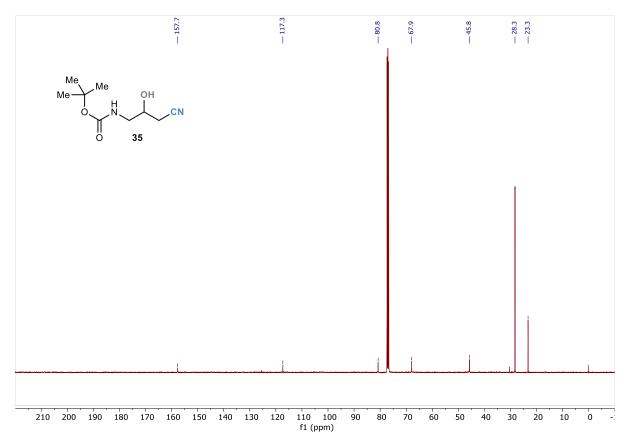


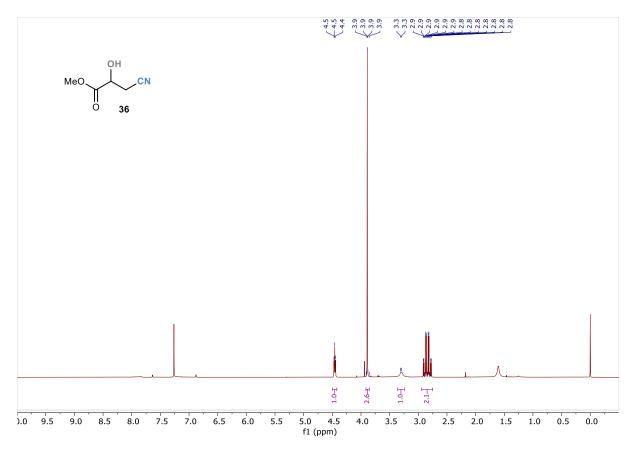
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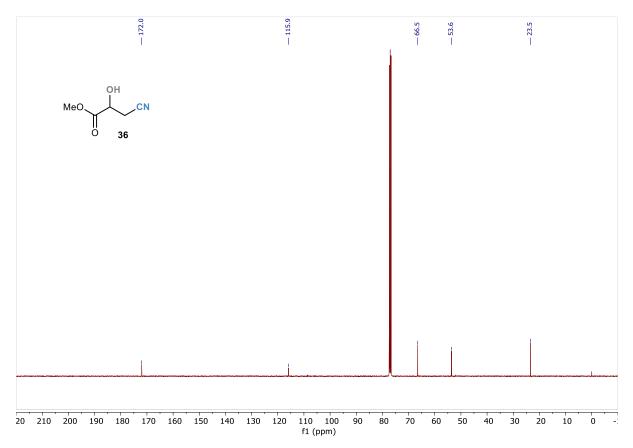


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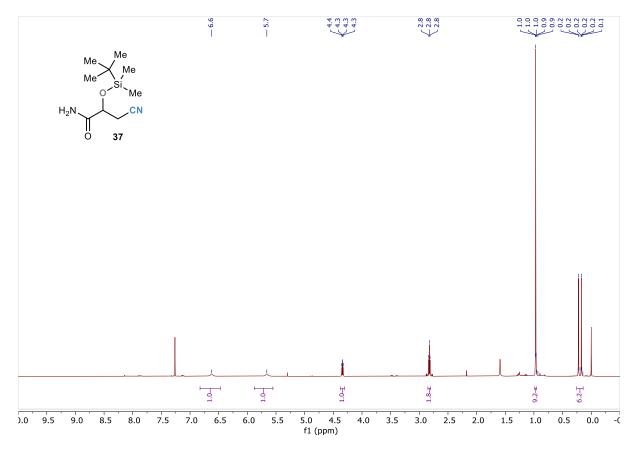




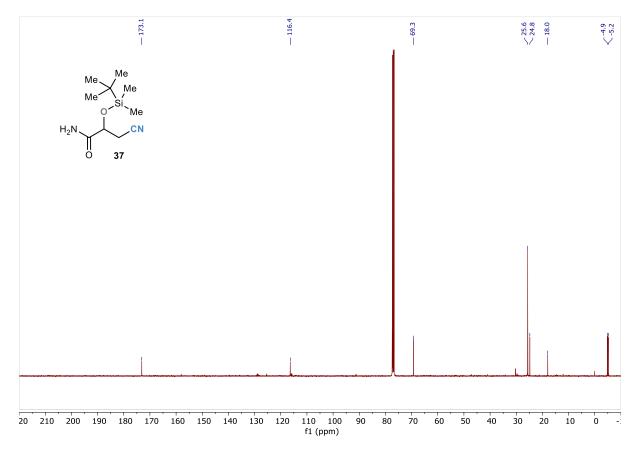
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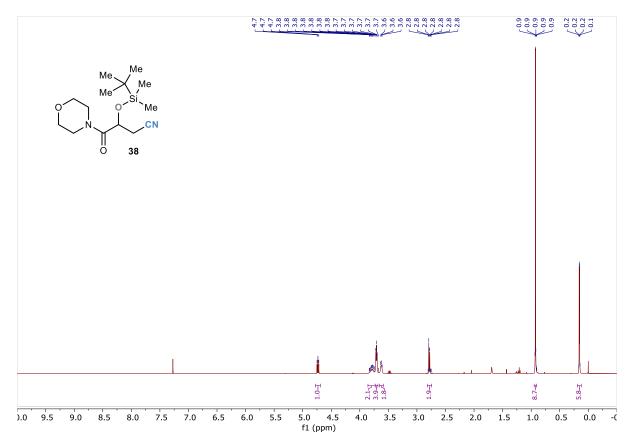
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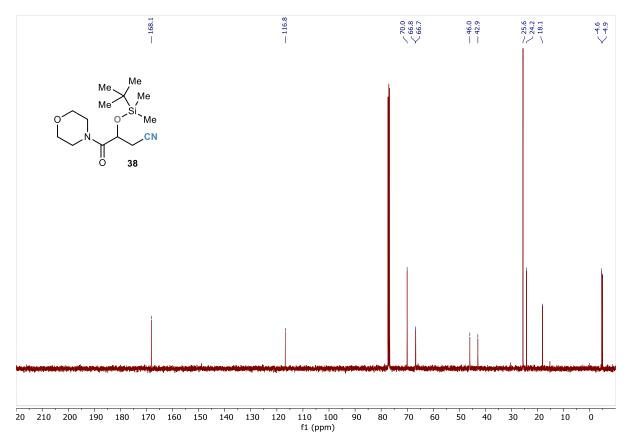
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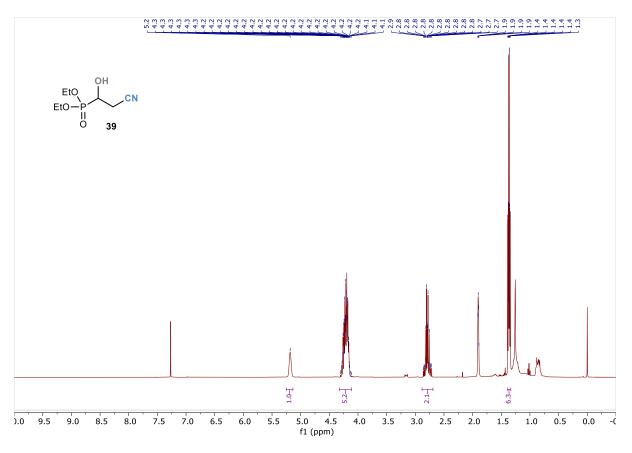


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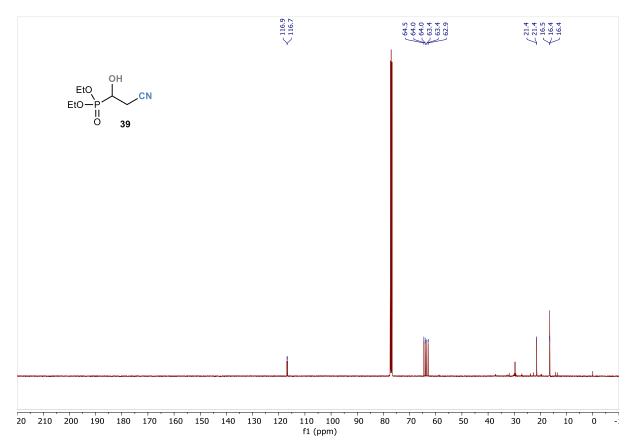


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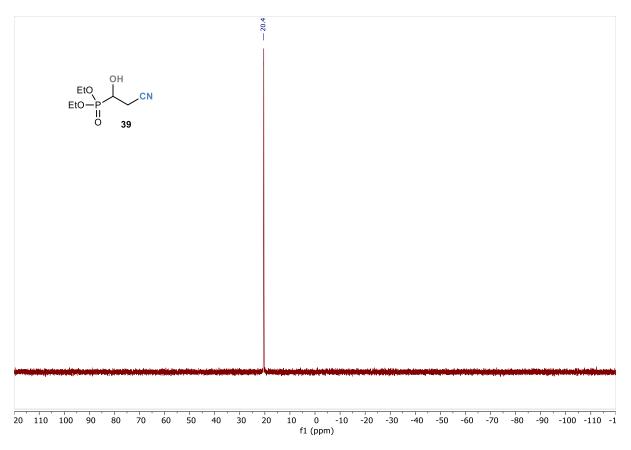




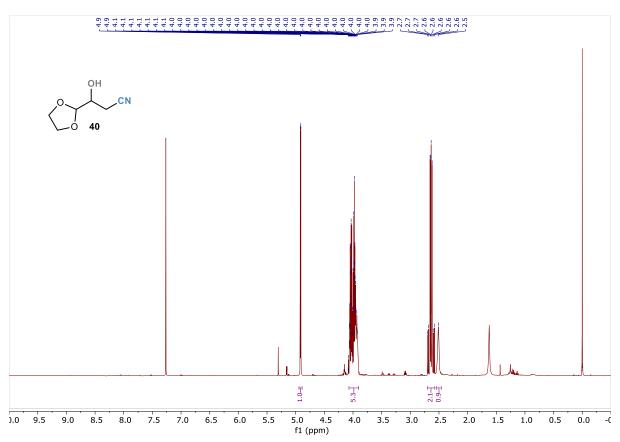
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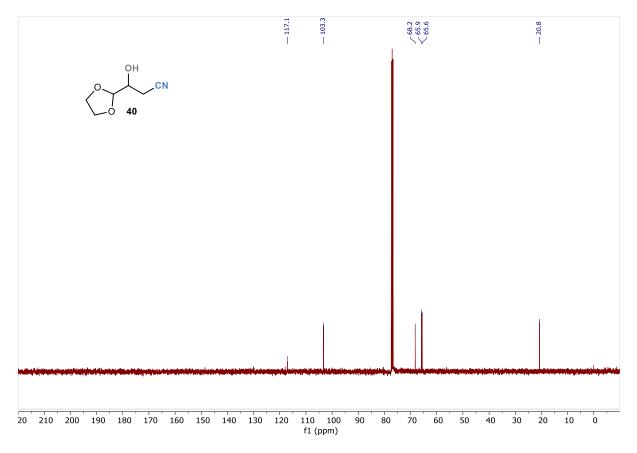
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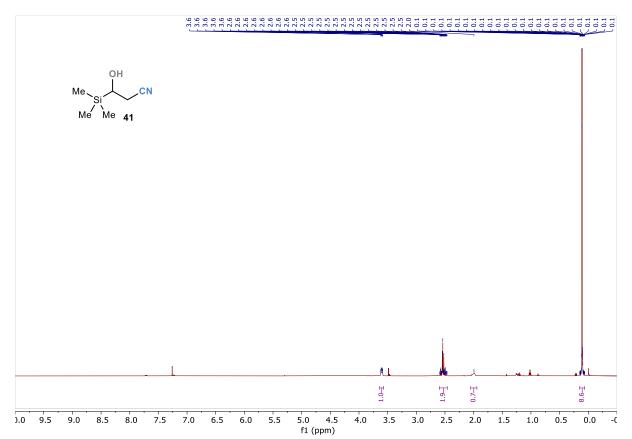
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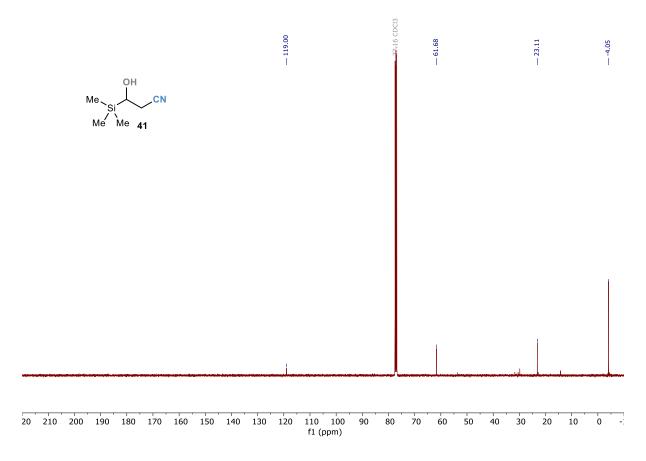
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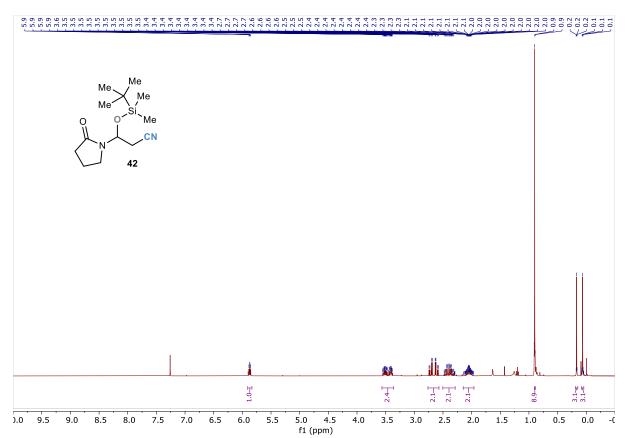
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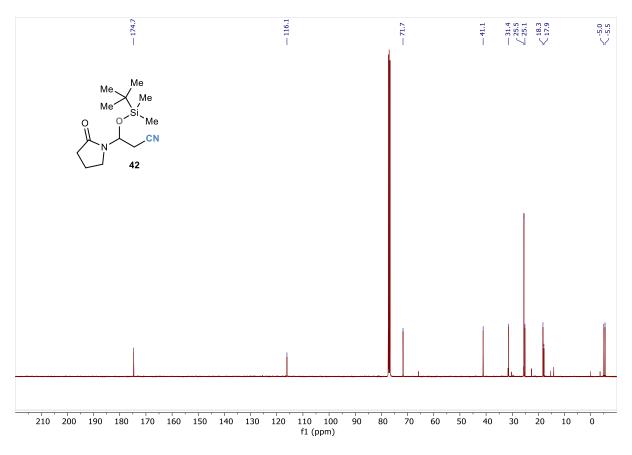


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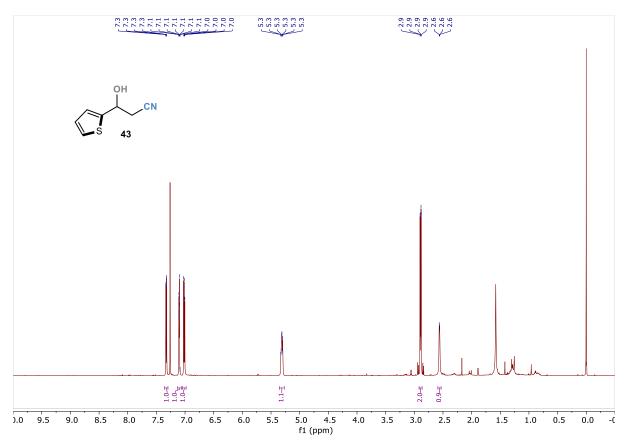


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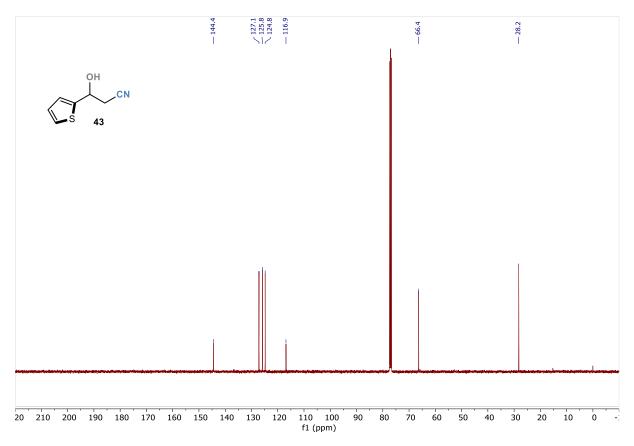
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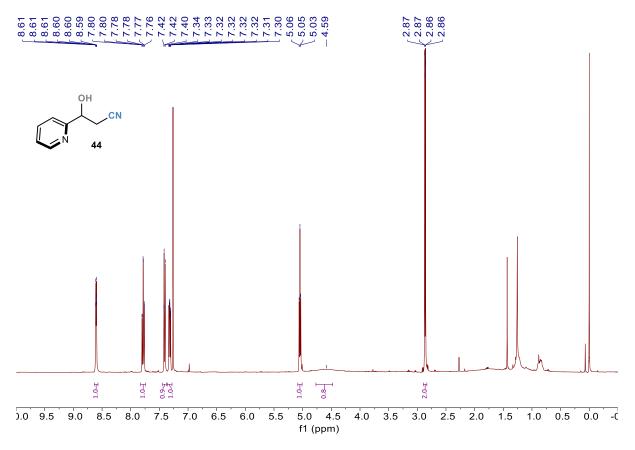
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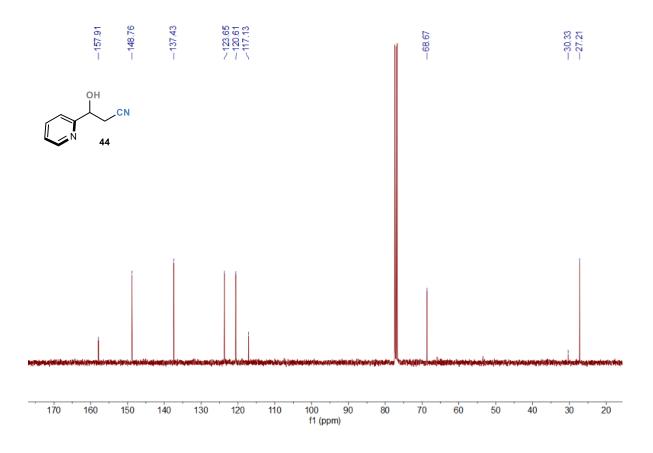


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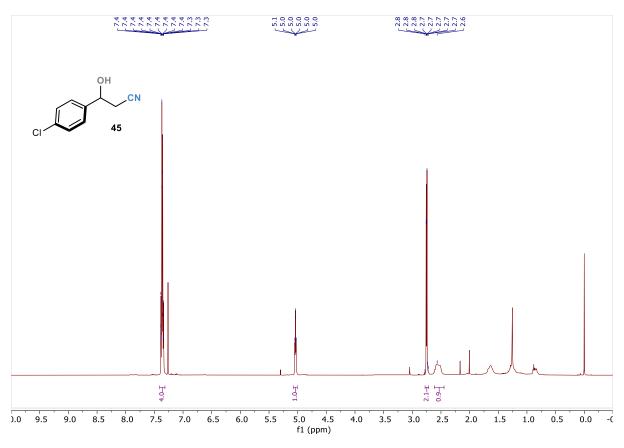


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for compound 44:



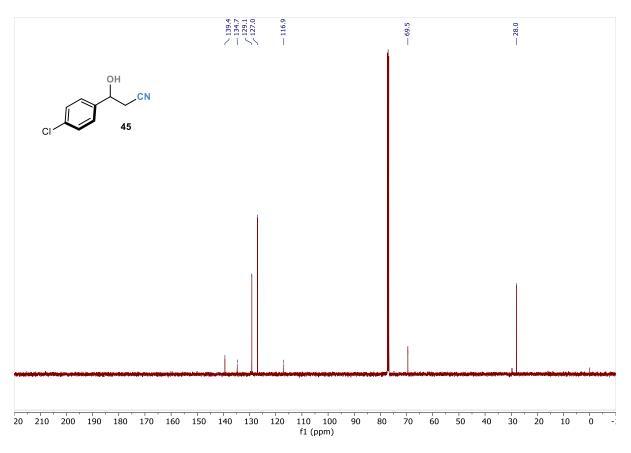


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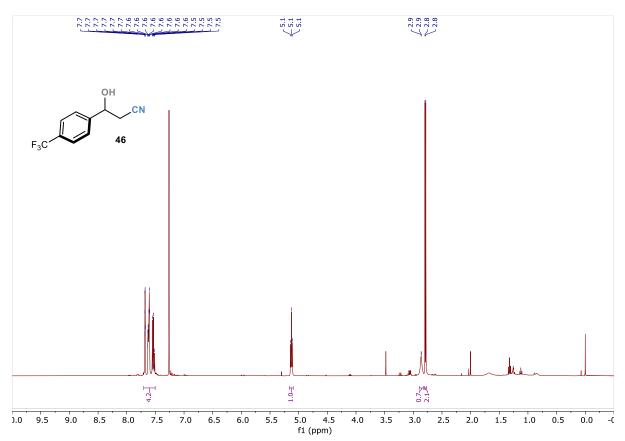


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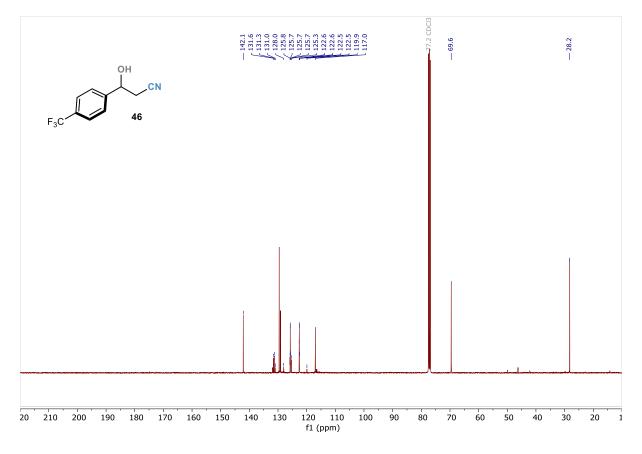
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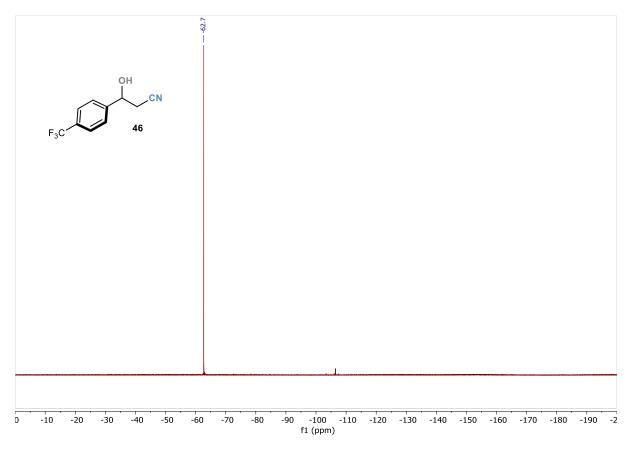
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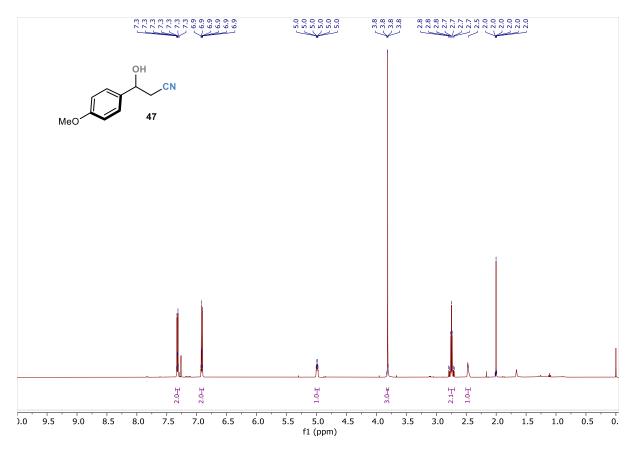
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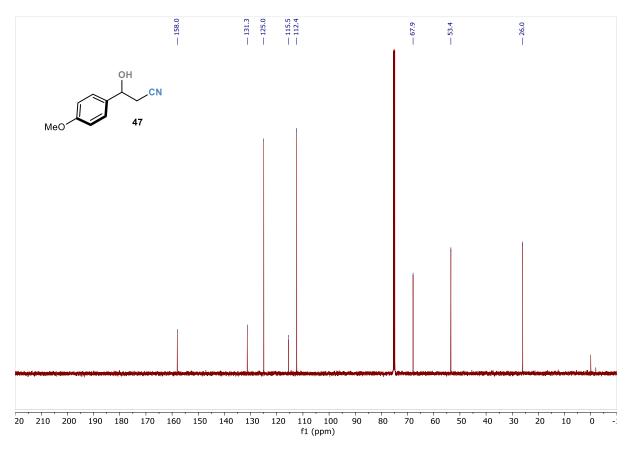
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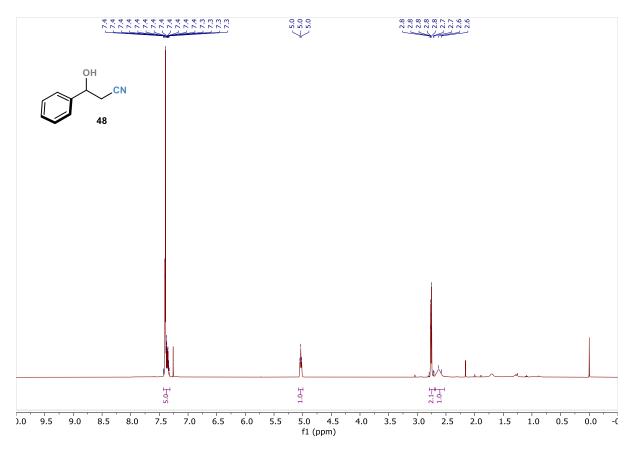
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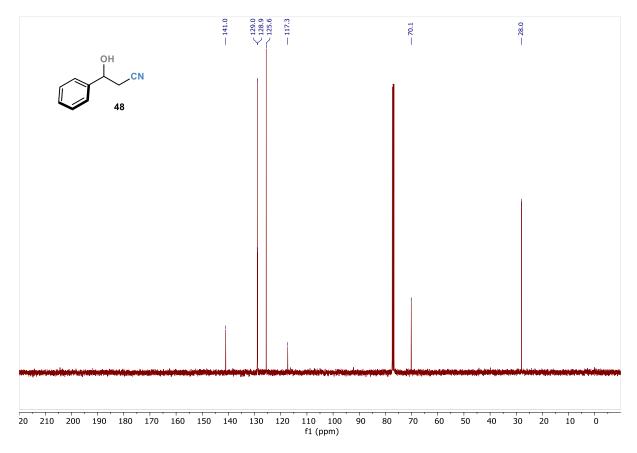
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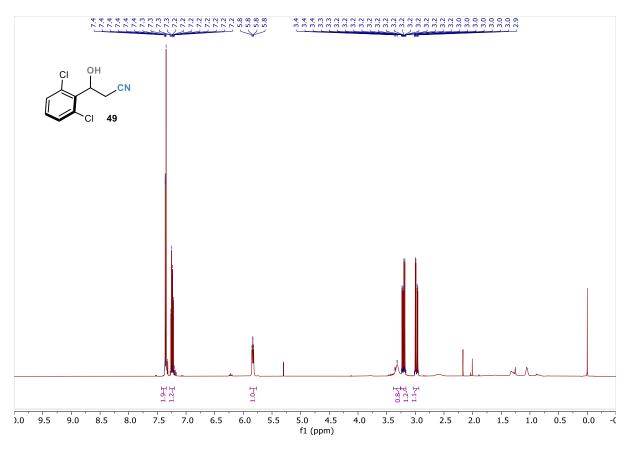
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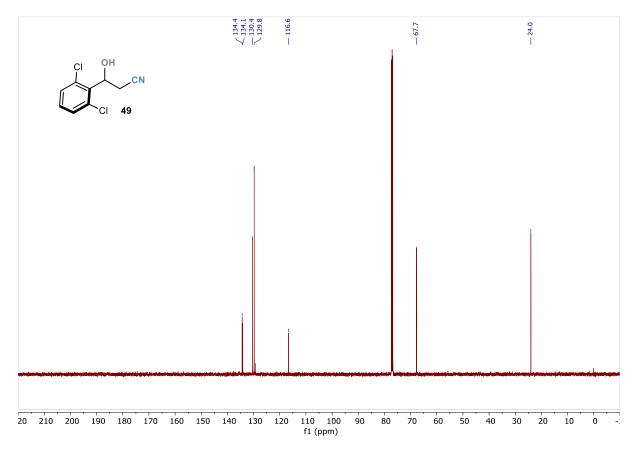
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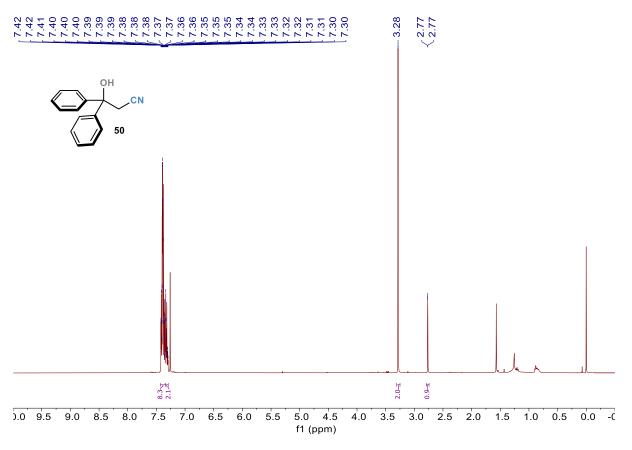
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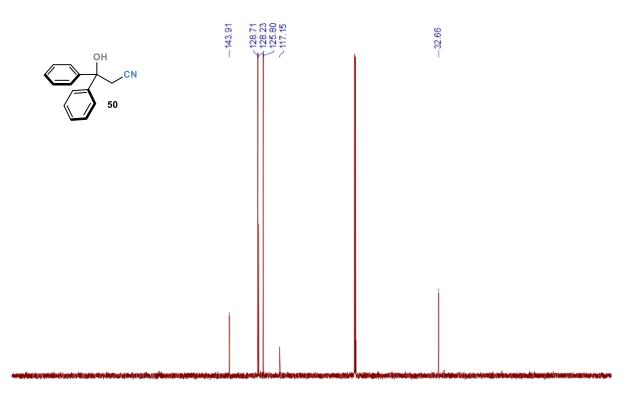
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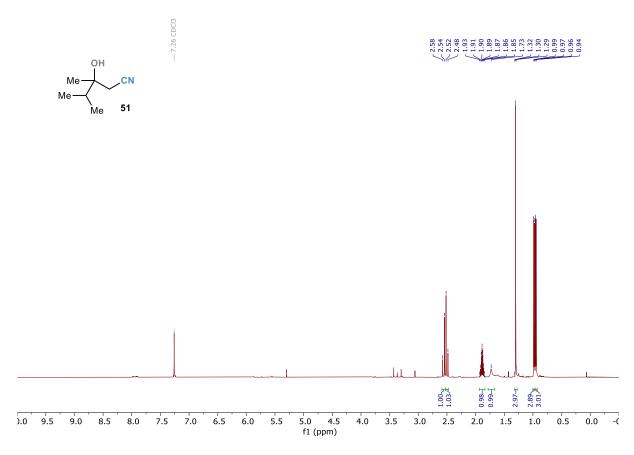


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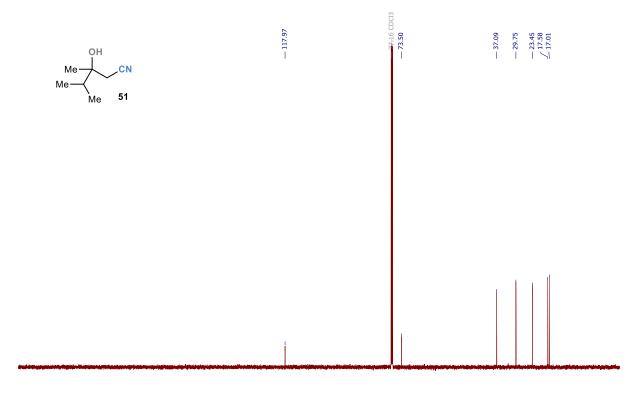


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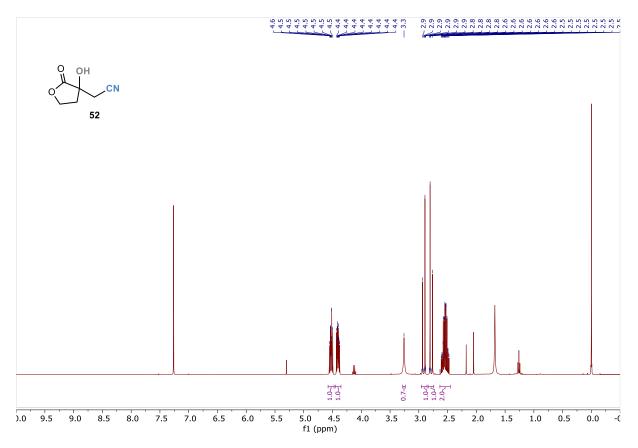
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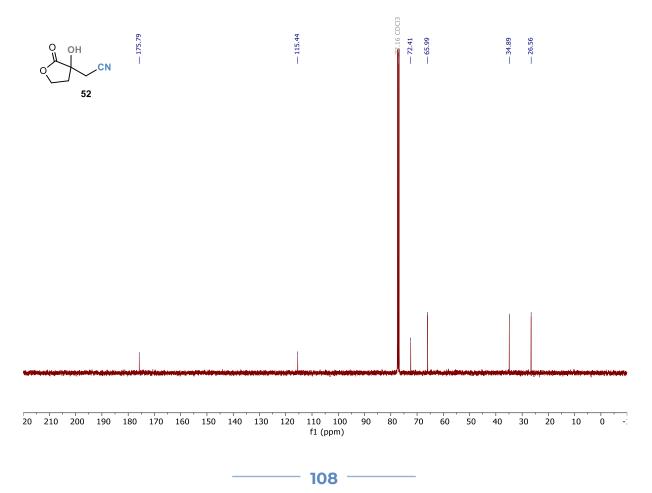
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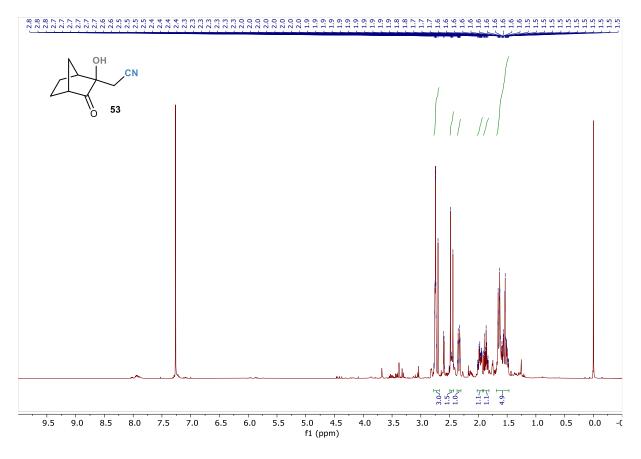
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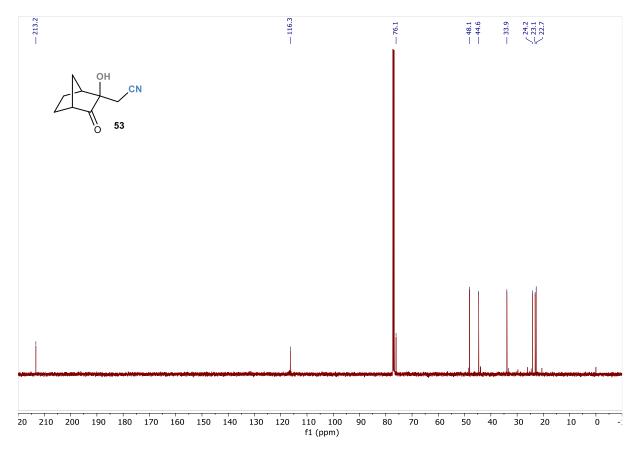
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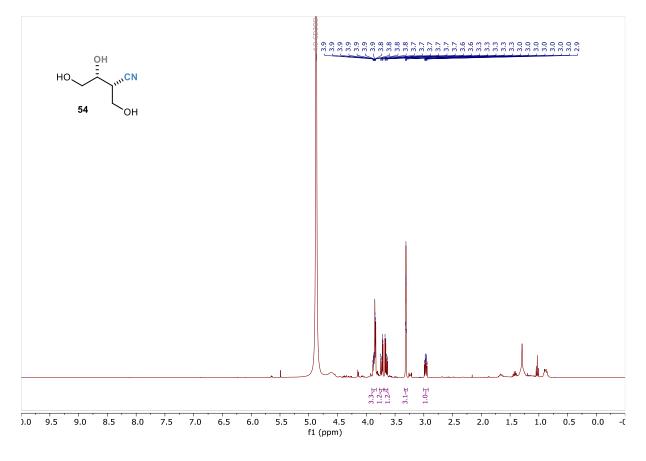


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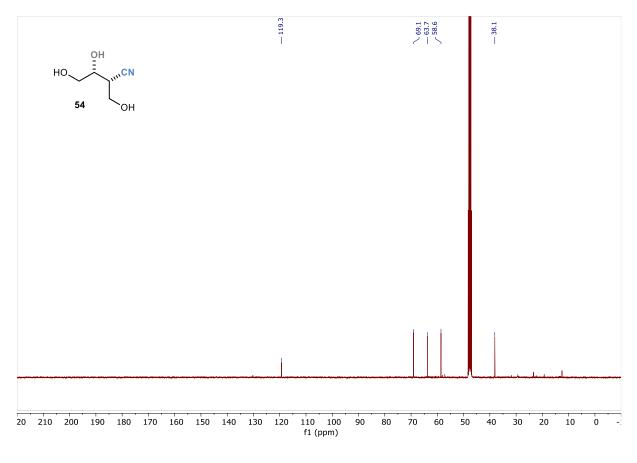


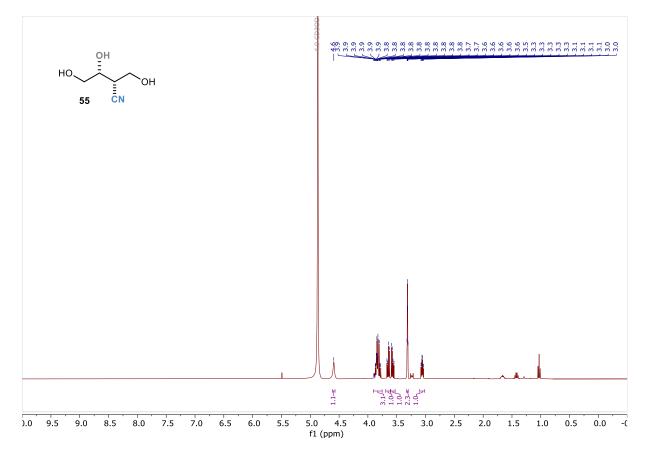
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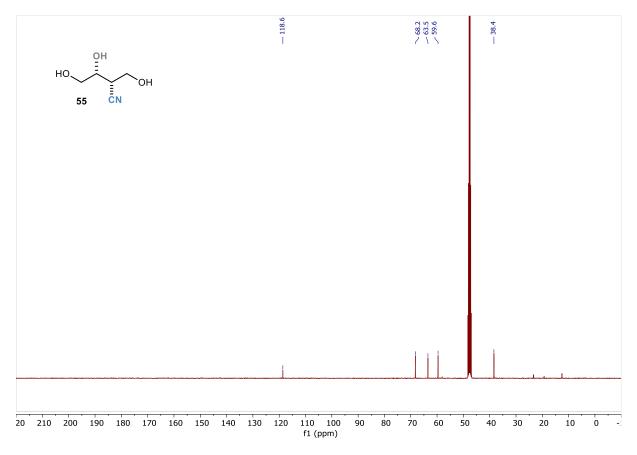


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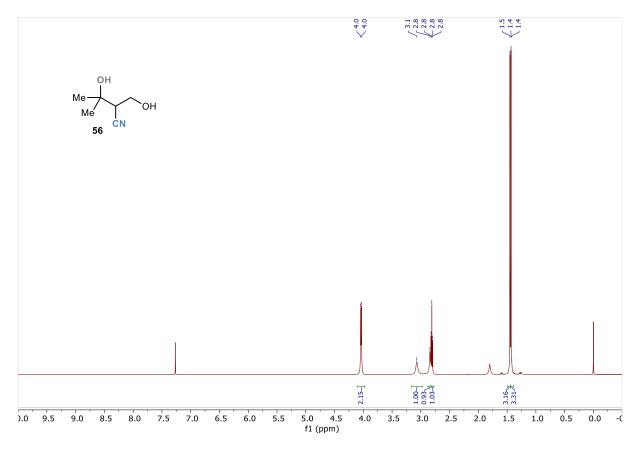




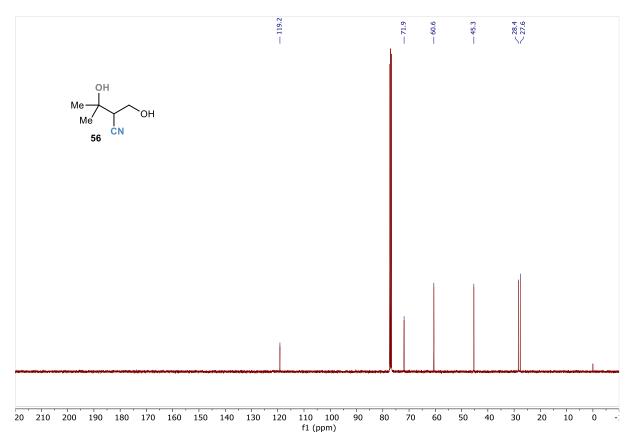
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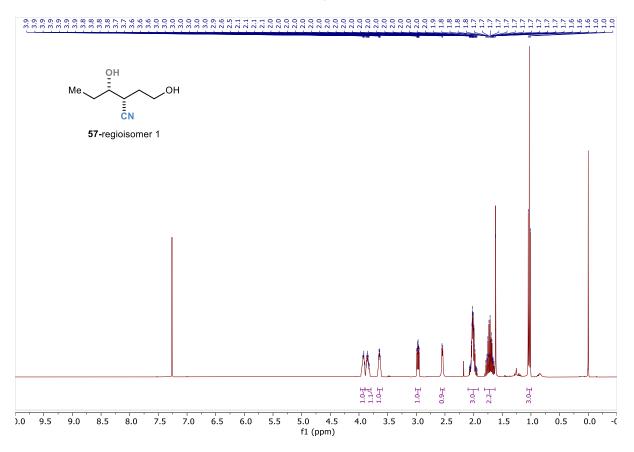


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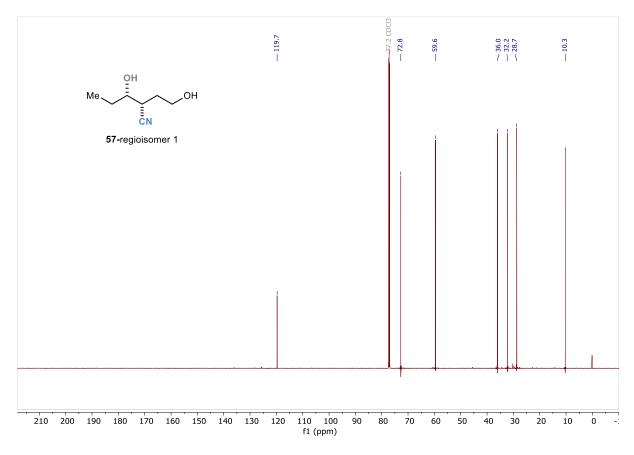


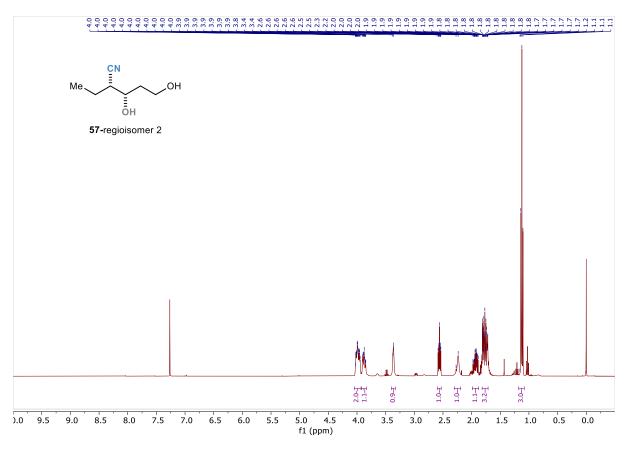
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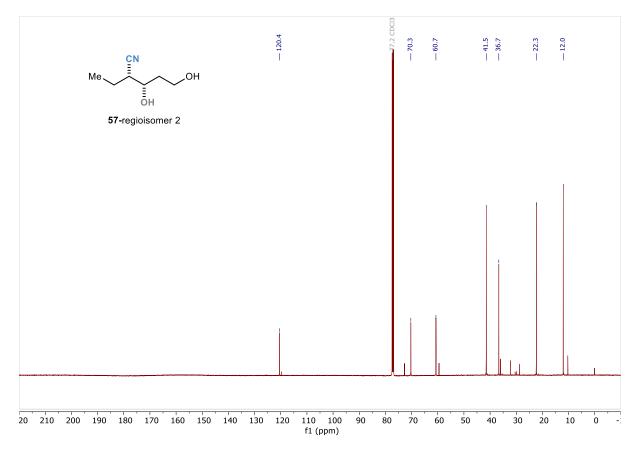


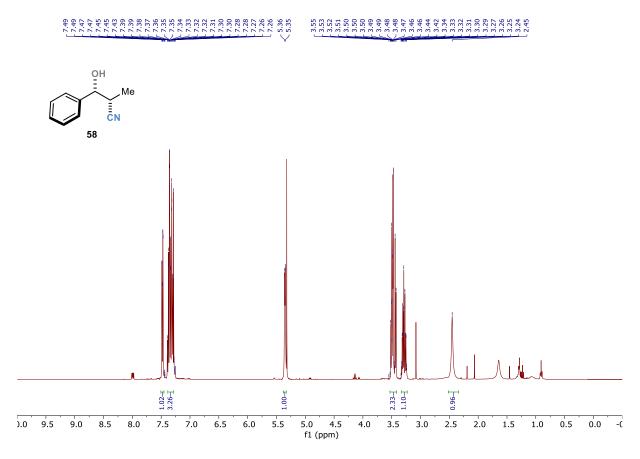
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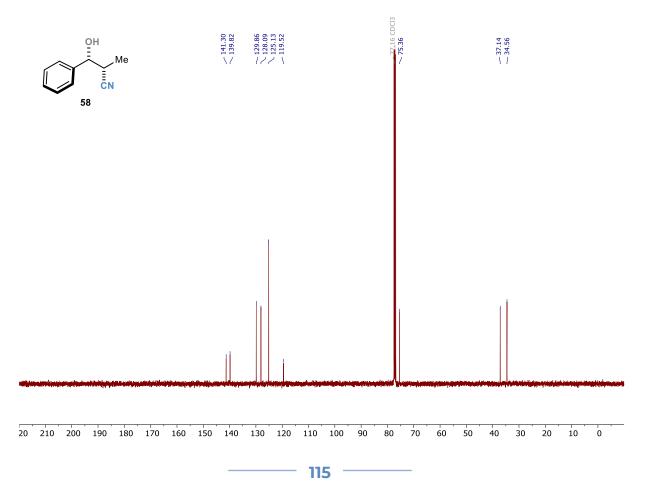


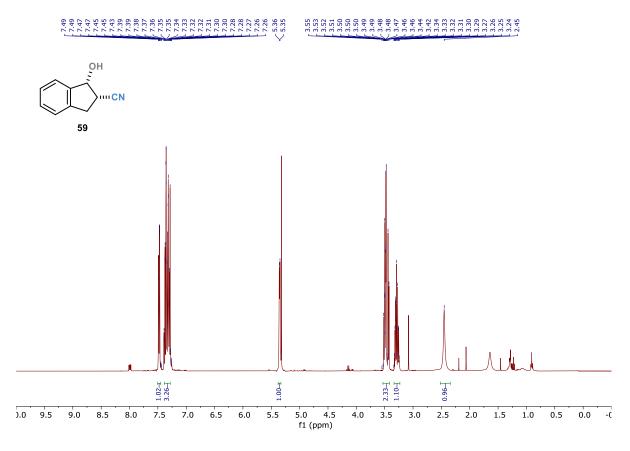
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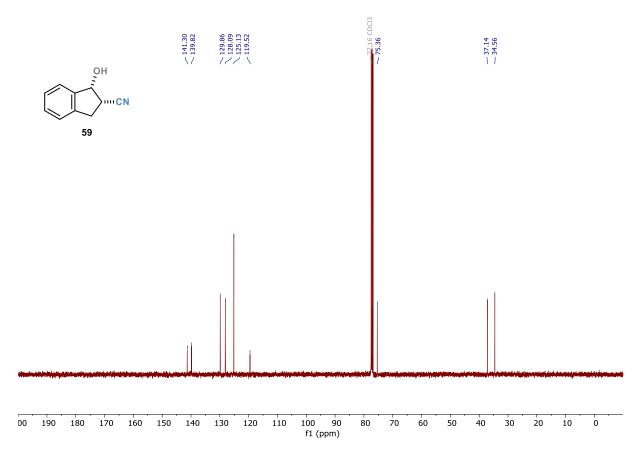


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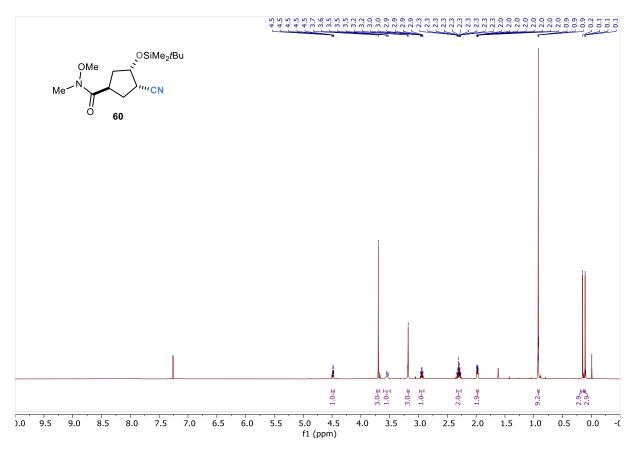




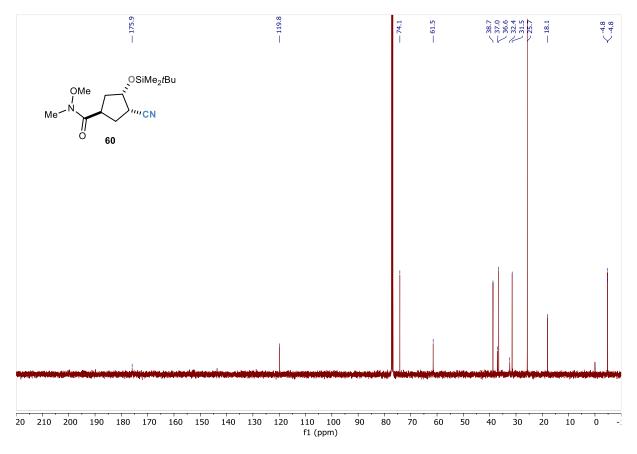
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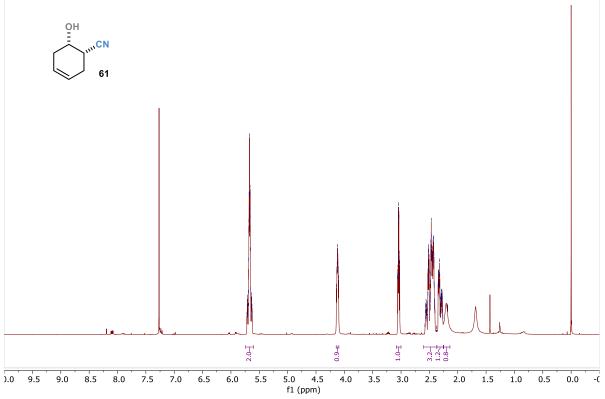


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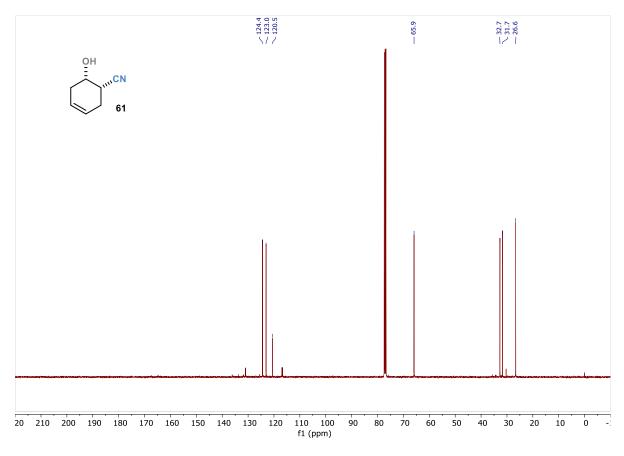


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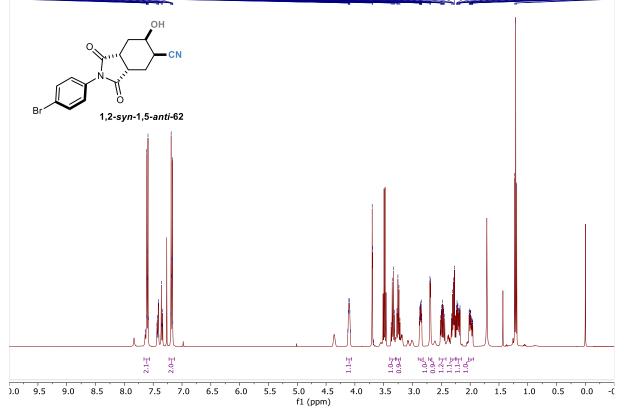




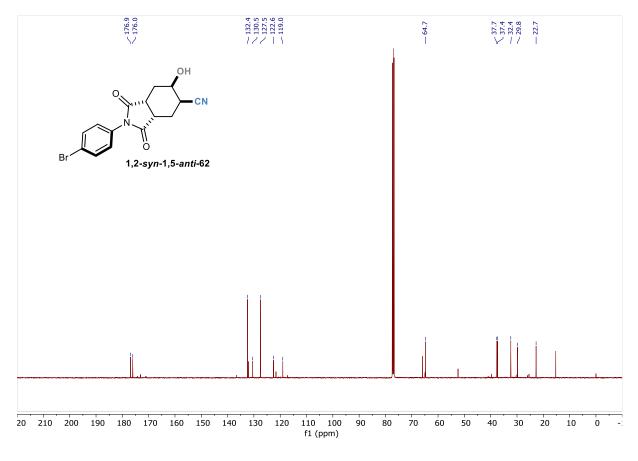
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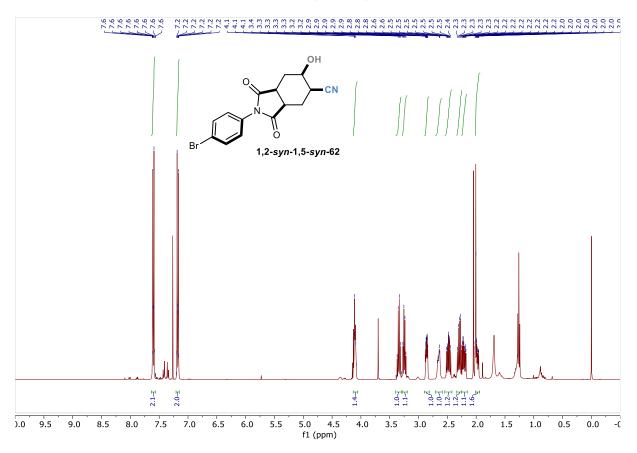






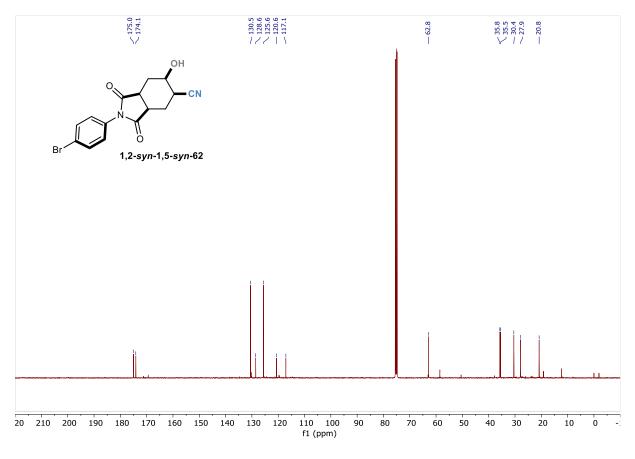
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) for compound **1,2-syn-1,5-anti-62**:



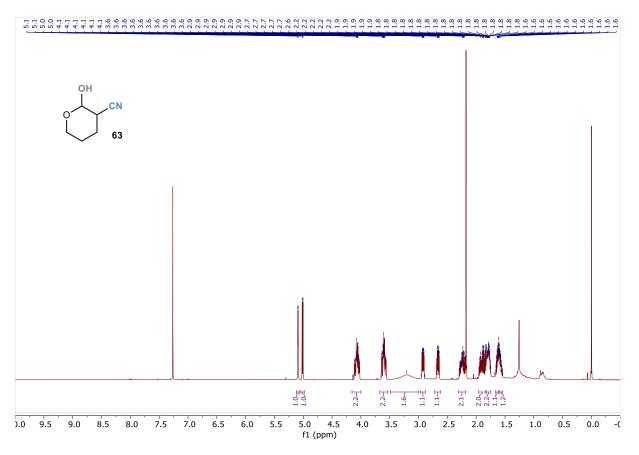


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for compound **1,2-syn-1,5-syn-62**:

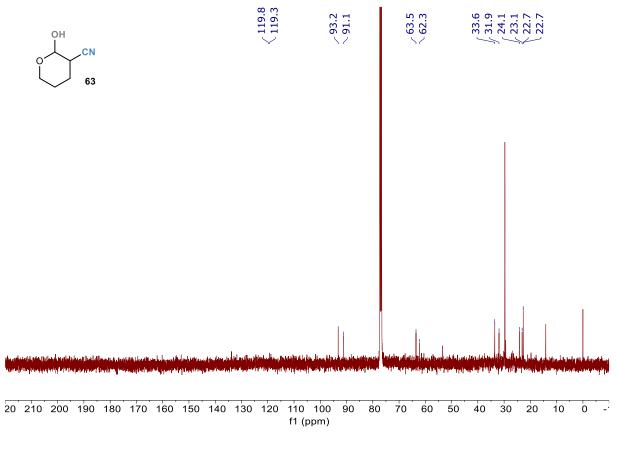
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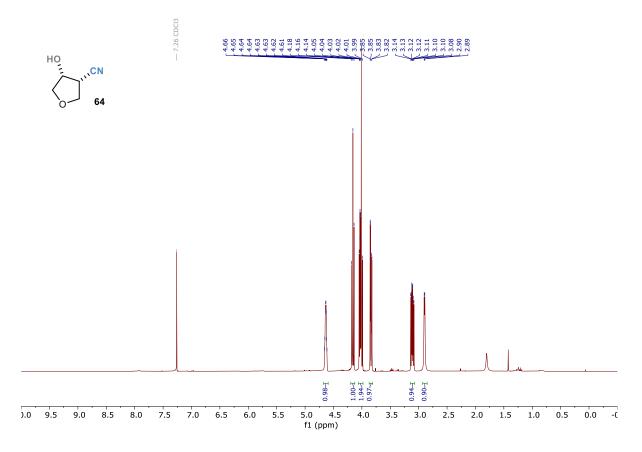
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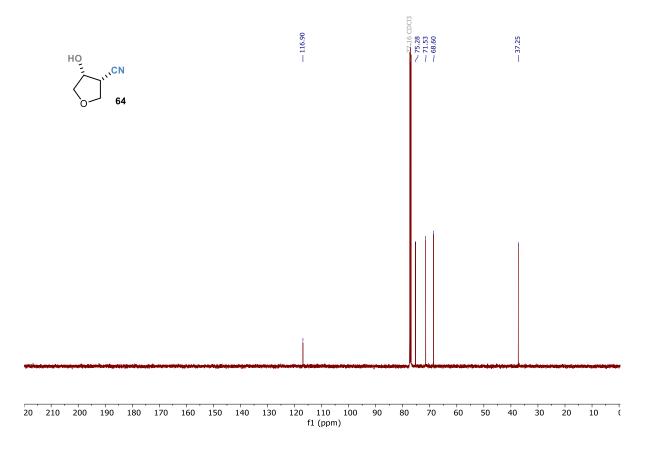
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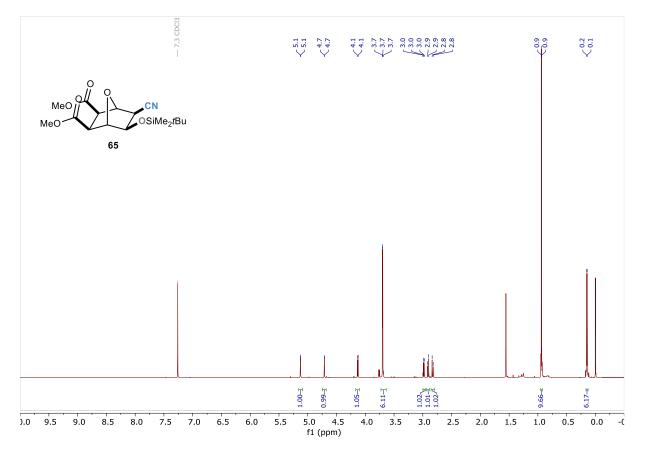
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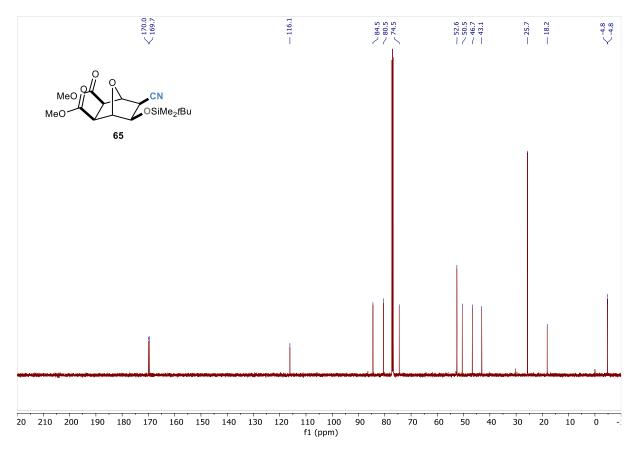
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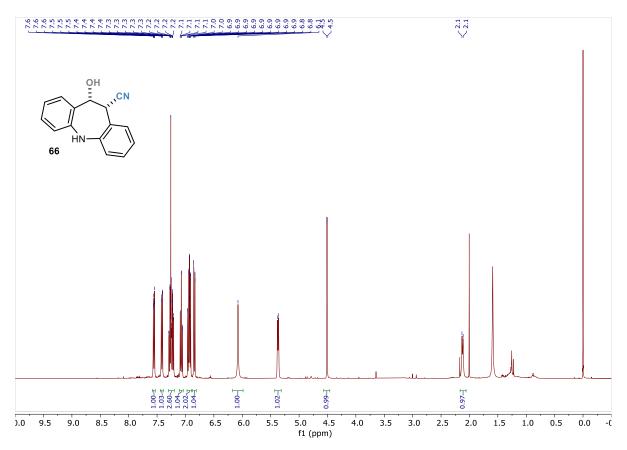
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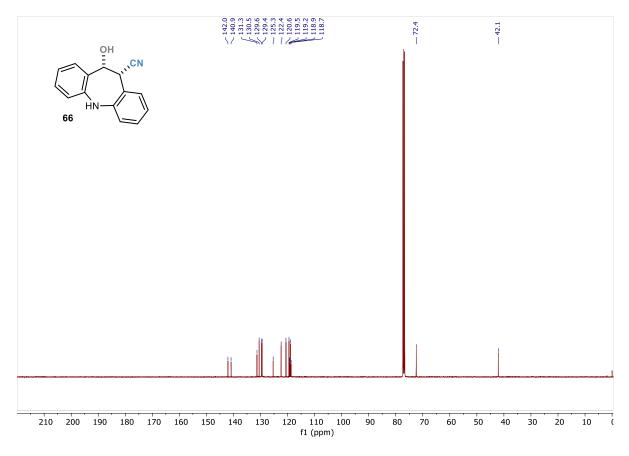
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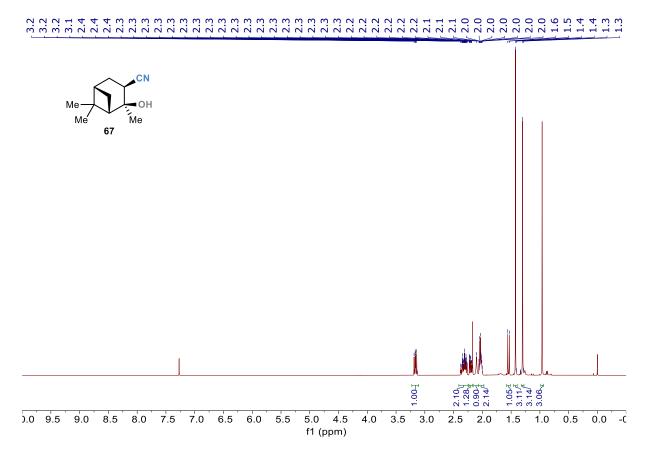
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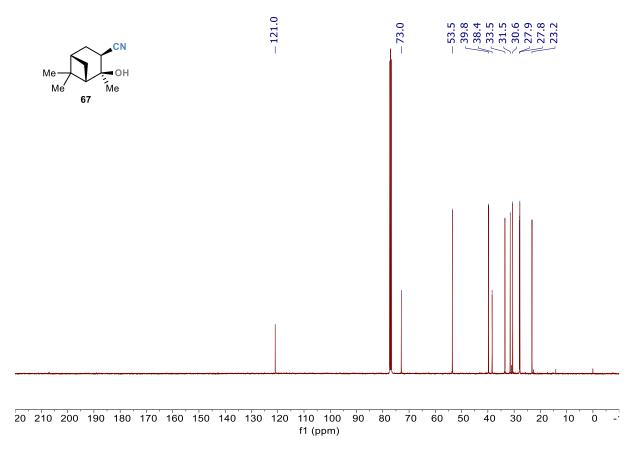
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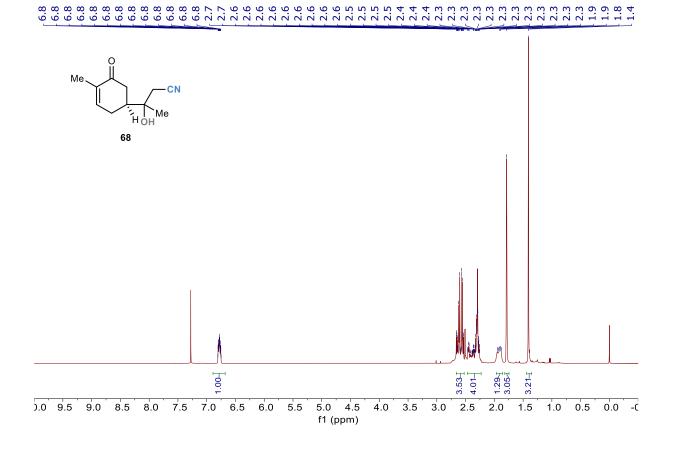


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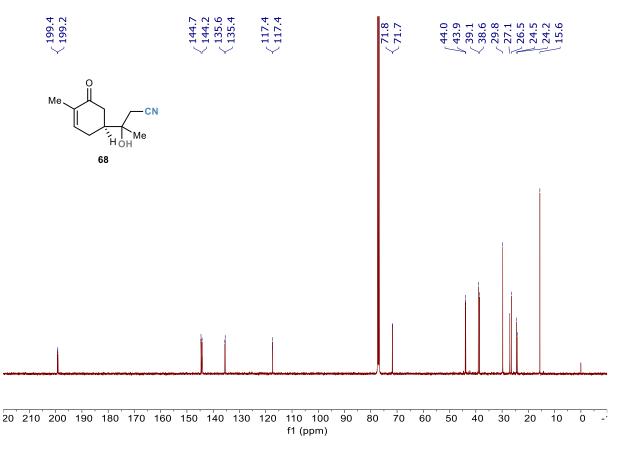


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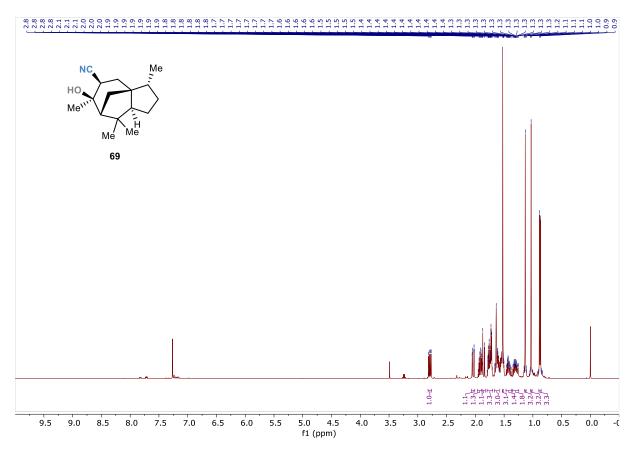




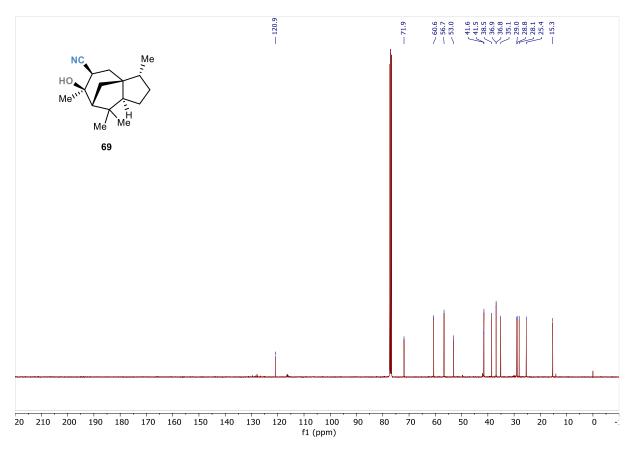
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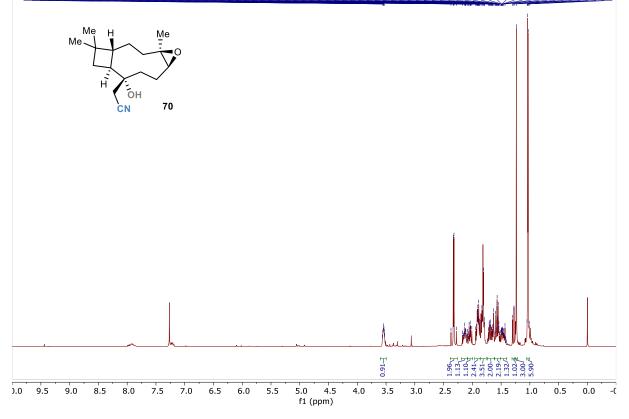
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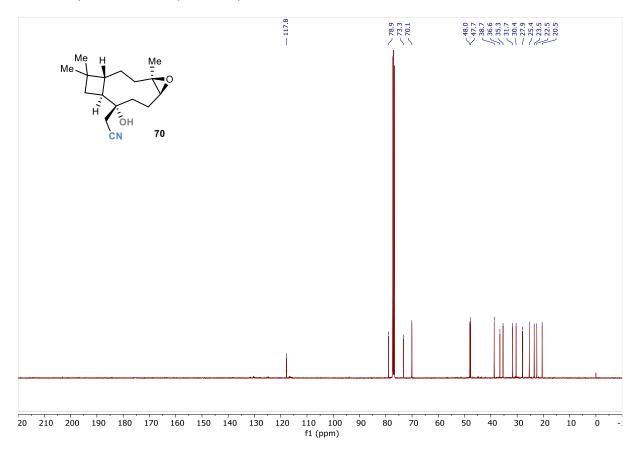
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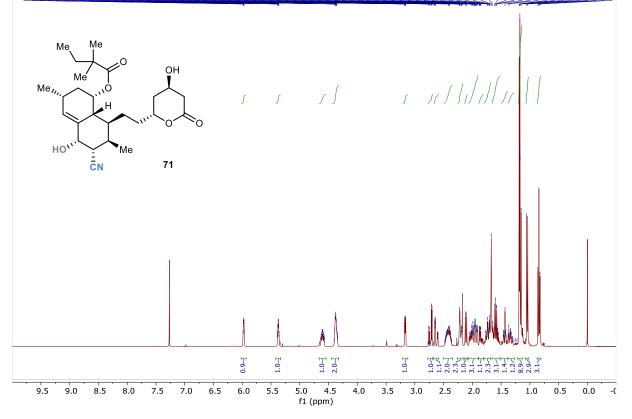




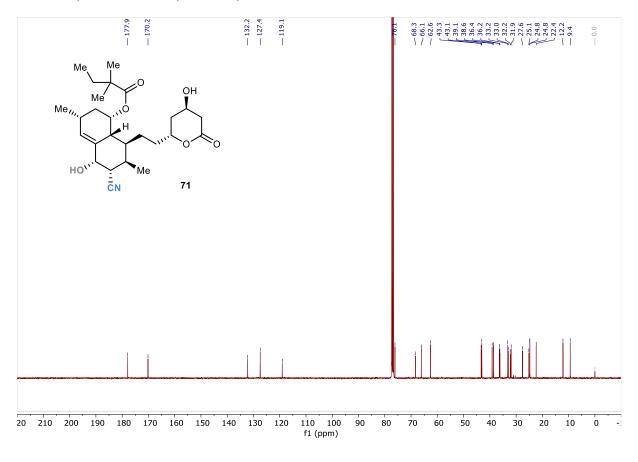
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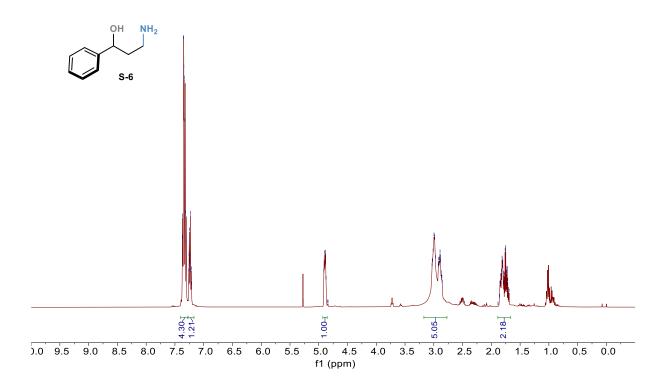




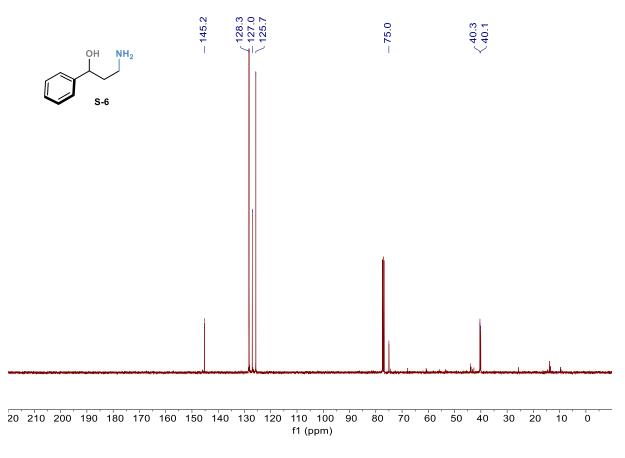
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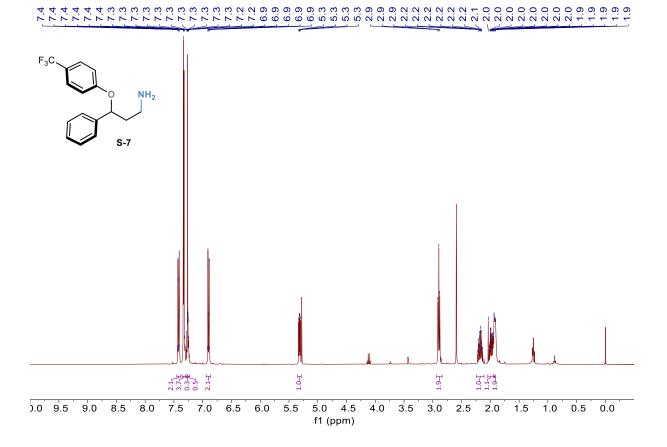




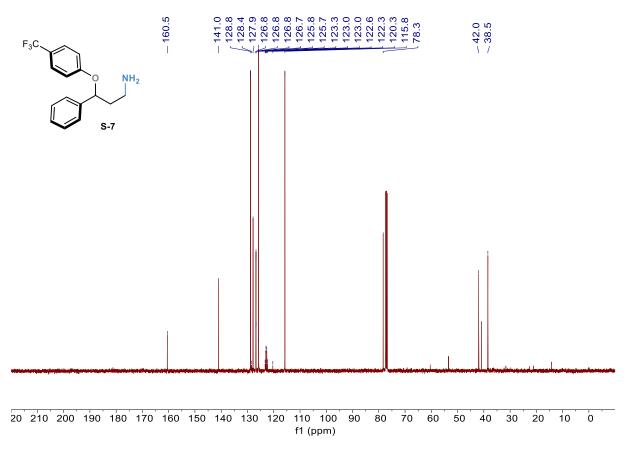


¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) for compound S-6:

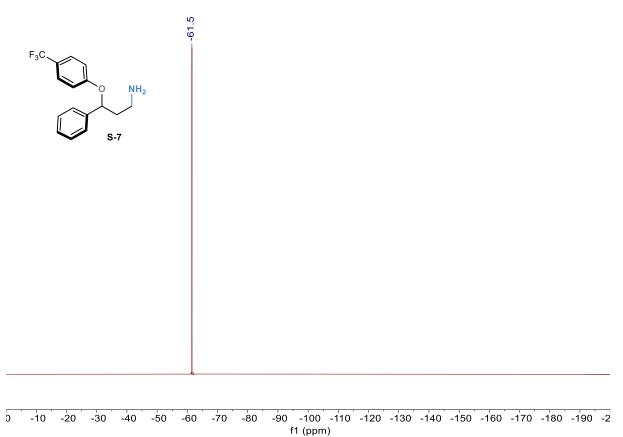




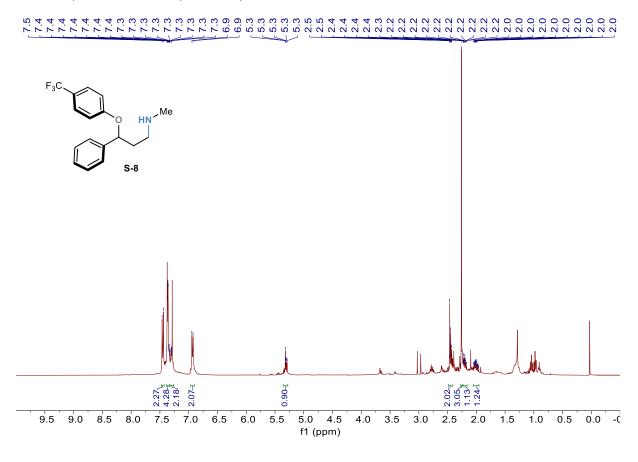
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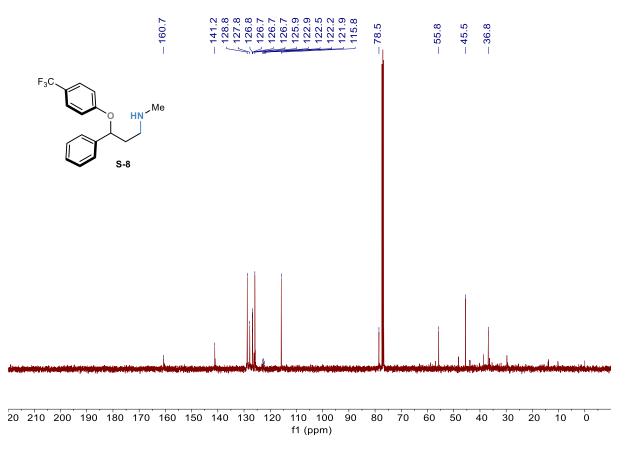
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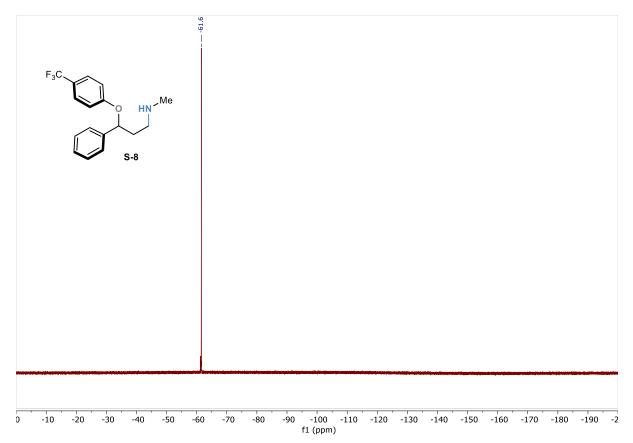
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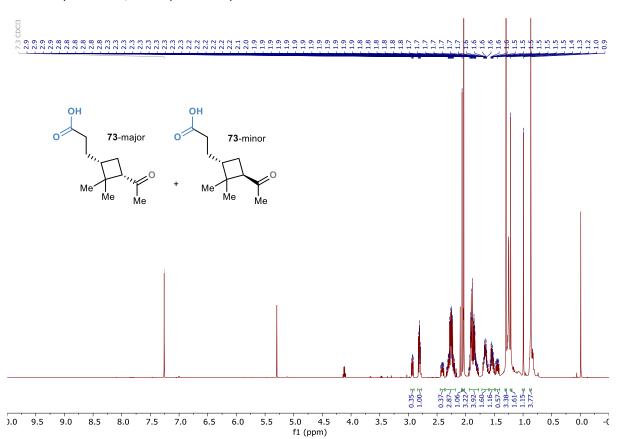
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) for compound S-8:



¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) for compound **S-8**:



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¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) for compound **73**:

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) for compound **73**:

