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Remarkable Diastereoselectivity of the Thia-Michael Reaction on α,α' -Di(*E*-benzylidene)alkanones: Exclusive Formation of a *meso* Product

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General

Mps were recorded on a Köfler block and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer FT-IR Spectrophotometer (Spectrum BX II) as KBr pellets. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained in CDCl_3 on Bruker AV-300 (300 MHz), Bruker DPX-300 (300 MHz) spectrometers using TMS as an internal standard. Mass spectra were acquired on a Waters Xevo G2QTOF HRMS spectrometer. Analytical samples were dried *in vacuo* at room temperature. Microanalytical data were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 2400 Series II C, H, N analyzer. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (100-200 mesh) using petroleum ether (60-80°C) and petroleum ether-ethyl acetate mixtures as eluents. TLC was done with silica gel G. The microwave assisted reactions were performed on a microwave oven (LG, DMO, Model No. MG-556P, 900 Watt) and mono-mode microwave reactor (manufactured by CEM, Discover, USA). X-ray crystallographic studies were done by using a Bruker APEX II single crystal X-ray diffractometer.

General procedure for synthesis of bis- β -aryl- β -mercaptoalkanones (3/5/8/10)

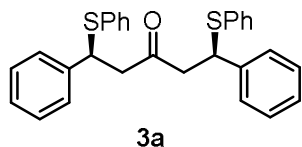
α,α' -Dibenzylidenealkanones (**1/4/9**, 1 mmol) was thoroughly mixed with neutral alumina (4 g) with added anhydrous K_2CO_3 (2 mmol) or amberlyst-15 (80 mg). The mass was cooled at 15 °C and thiophenol (**2**, 2 mmol) was added to it keeping the temperature constant. The resulting mixture was kept at 15 °C for 4 h under closed condition. The solid was then washed thoroughly with dichloromethane and the concentrate of the washings was subjected to column chromatography over silica gel using petroleum ether-ethyl acetate mixtures as eluents to get the bis- β -aryl- β -mercaptoalkanones (**3/5/8/10**).

General procedure for one-pot synthesis of bis- β -aryl- β -mercaptocyclohexanones (5/8) from cyclohexanones:

A mixture of cyclohexanone (**6**, 1 mmol) and aromatic aldehyde (**7**, 2mmol) was thoroughly ground over neutral alumina (4 g) with added anhydrous K_2CO_3 (1 mmol) or amberlyst-15 (80 mg) and the resulting powder was subjected to microwave irradiation at 540 W for 5 min (temp. 120-125°C). After cooling the mass at 15 °C, thiophenol (**2**, 2 mmol) was added to it keeping the temperature constant and thoroughly mixed. The mixture was kept at 15 °C for 4h under closed condition. The solid was then washed thoroughly with dichloromethane and the concentrate of the washings was subjected to column chromatography over silica gel using petroleum ether - ethyl acetate mixtures as eluents to get the bis- β -aryl- β -mercaptocyclohexanone (**5/8**) in pure state as a single diastereomer

Spectral data of 3a-c

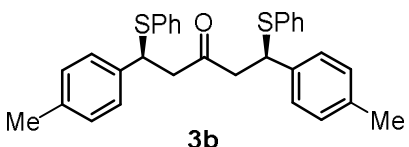
3a: Colourless crystals; Yield: 354 mg[†] (78%); mp 105-107 °C (lit.¹ 100-102°C); ¹H NMR (300



3a

MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.93 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H, 2 × CH₂), 4.62 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H, 2 × CH), 7.12-7.26 (7.12-7.26, 2 × 10H, m, Ar-H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 47.8 (2 × C_β), 49.4 (2 × C_α), 127.4, 127.6, 127.7, 128.5, 128.9, 132.9, 133.9, 140.7, 204.5. Anal. Calcd. for C₂₉H₂₆OS₂: C, 76.61; H, 5.76. Found: C, 76.72; H, 5.52.

3b: Colourless crystals; Yield: 347 mg[†] (72%); mp 72-74 °C; IR (KBr): ν_{max} = 1678 (C=O), 1492,

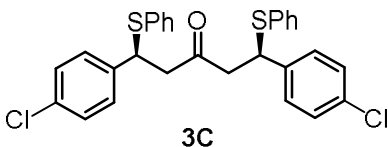


3b

1325, 1226, 1015, 815 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.28 (s, 6H, 2 × Ar-CH₃), 2.89-2.92 (m, 4H, 2 × CH₂), 4.59 (dd, *J* = 8.0 and 6.8 Hz, 2H, 2 × CH), 6.97-7.02 (2 × 4H, m, Ar-H), 7.19-7.24 (2 × 5H, m, Ar-H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.1, 47.5 (2 × C_β), 49.6 (2 × C_α), 127.4, 127.5, 128.8, 129.1, 132.7, 134.2,

137.0, 137.6, 204.8. HRMS: *m/z* Calcd. for C₃₁H₃₀NaOS₂ (M+Na)⁺: 505.1636; Found: 505.1673.

3c: Colourless crystals; Yield: 434 mg[†] (83%); mp 102-104 °C; IR (KBr): ν_{max} = 1670 (C=O),



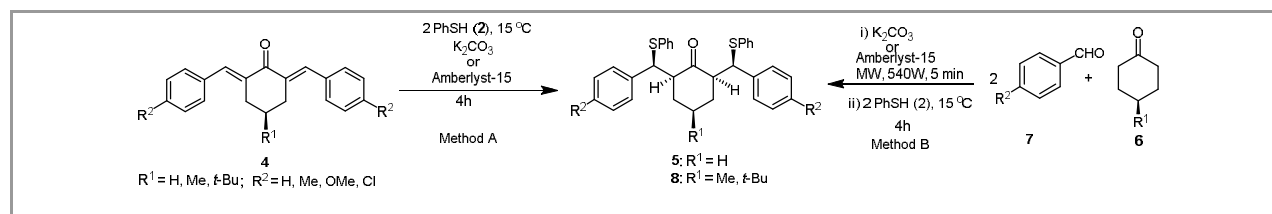
3c

1601, 1572, 1423, 1338, 1257, 1173, 1024, 984, 845, 750 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.83-3.02 (m, 4H, 2 × CH₂), 4.56 (dd, *J* = 7.4 and 6.3 Hz, 2H, 2 × CH), 6.98-7.12 (m, 2 × 4H, Ar-H), 7.15-7.30 (m, 2 × 5H, Ar-H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 47.2 (2 × C_β), 49.3 (2 × C_α), 127.9, 128.5, 128.9, 129.0, 132.9, 133.1,

139.1, 139.3, 204.1. Anal. Calcd. for C₂₉H₂₄Cl₂OS₂: C, 66.53; H, 4.62. Found: C, 66.72; H, 4.46.

[†]Starting from the respective α,α'-di((*E*)-benzylidene)acetone (1 mmol)

Table 3. Yield of the Thia-Michael Reaction Products on α,α' -Di(*E*)-benzylidene)cyclohexanones



Entry	Cyclohexanone (6)	Benzaldehyde (7)	Product (5)	Yield ^a (%)		Yield ^b (%)		Diastereomeric purity
				Method A		Method B		
				With K ₂ CO ₃	With Amb.-15	With K ₂ CO ₃	With Amb.-15	
1	6a : R ¹ = H	7a : R ² = H	5a	80 (396 mg)	65 (322 mg)	78 (386 mg)	68 (337 mg)	Pure
2	6a	7b : R ² = Me	5b	75 (392 mg)	68 (356 mg)	72 (377 mg)	64 (335 mg)	Pure
3	6a	7c : R ² = OMe	5c^c	66 (366 mg) ^d	62 (344 mg) ^d	63 (350 mg) ^d	58 (322 mg) ^d	Mixture
4	6a	7d : R ² = Cl	5d	85 (479 mg)	72 (406 mg)	83 (468 mg)	70 (395 mg)	Pure
5	6b : R ¹ = Me	7a	8a	73 (372 mg)	66 (336 mg)	71 (361 mg)	64 (326 mg)	Pure
6	6b	7b	8b	69 (371 mg)	63 (338 mg)	67 (360 mg)	60 (322 mg)	Pure
7	6b	7d	8c	77 (445 mg)	72 (416 mg)	74 (428 mg)	69 (399 mg)	Pure
8	6c : R ¹ = Me ₃ C	7a	8d^c	69 (380 mg) ^d	63 (347 mg) ^d	67 (369 mg) ^d	61 (336 mg) ^d	Mixture
9	6c	7d	8e^c	74 (458 mg) ^d	70 (433 mg) ^d	71 (439 mg) ^d	68 (421 mg) ^d	Mixture

^aIsolated yield with respect to **4**, taken 1 mmol in each case.

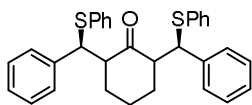
^bIsolated yield with respect to **6**, taken 1 mmol in each case.

^cMajor product in the mixture.

^dThe given yield is the total yield of the diastereomers.

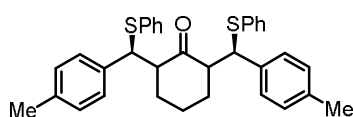
Spectral data of 5a,b,d and 8a-c

5a: Colourless crystals; mp 148-150 °C; IR (KBr): ν_{\max} = 1677(C=O), 1597, 1462, 1251, 1167, 1036, 988, 872, 750 cm^{-1} . $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.65-1.72 (3H, m, cyclohexanone $\text{H}_{\text{A-3}}$, $\text{H}_{\text{A-4}}$, $\text{H}_{\text{A-5}}$), 2.02-2.05 (1H, m, cyclohexanone $\text{H}_{\text{B-4}}$), 2.66 (br. s, 2H, cyclohexanone $\text{H}_{\text{B-3}}$, $\text{H}_{\text{B-5}}$), 2.87-2.95 (m, 2H, $2 \times \text{H}_{\alpha}$), 4.64 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H, $2 \times \text{H}_{\beta}$), 7.09-7.21 (m, $2 \times 10\text{H}$, Ar-H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 25.4, 32.9, 52.7, 57.3, 126.6, 127.0, 127.9, 128.0, 128.6, 132.4, 134.7, 142.0, 208.3 HRMS: m/z Calcd. for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{30}\text{NaOS}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 517.1636; Found: 517.1698.



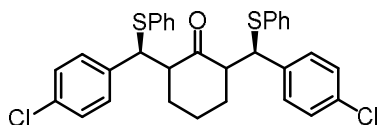
5a

5b: Colourless crystals; mp 124-126 °C; IR (KBr): ν_{\max} = 1678 (C=O), 1514, 1344, 1219, 986, 822, 998 cm^{-1} . $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.66-1.69 (m, 3H, cyclohexanone $\text{H}_{\text{A-3}}$, $\text{H}_{\text{A-4}}$, $\text{H}_{\text{A-5}}$), 2.00 (br. s, 1H, cyclohexanone $\text{H}_{\text{B-4}}$), 2.28 (s, 6H, $2 \times \text{Ar-CH}_3$), 2.61 (br. s, 2H, cyclohexanone $\text{H}_{\text{B-3}}$, $\text{H}_{\text{B-5}}$), 2.86 (t, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 2H, $2 \times \text{H}_{\alpha}$), 4.62 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H, $2 \times \text{H}_{\beta}$), 6.89 (2H, d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, $2 \times \text{Ar-H}$), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, $2 \times 2\text{H}$, Ar-H), 7.12-7.23 (m, 5H, $2 \times \text{Ar-H}$). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.0, 25.4, 32.8, 52.3, 57.5, 126.8, 127.8, 128.6, 128.7, 132.1, 135.1, 136.0, 139.0, 208.4. HRMS: m/z Calcd. For $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{34}\text{NaOS}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 545.1933; Found: 545.1949.



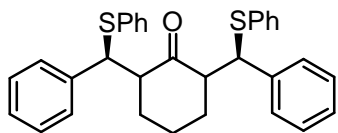
5b

5d: Colourless crystals; mp 162-164 °C; IR (KBr): ν_{\max} = 1675(C=O), 1521, 1328, 1214, 981, 822, 993 cm^{-1} . $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.65-1.79 (m, 3H, cyclohexanone $\text{H}_{\text{A-3}}$, $\text{H}_{\text{A-4}}$, $\text{H}_{\text{A-5}}$), 2.03-2.08 (1H, m, cyclohexanone $\text{H}_{\text{B-4}}$), 2.70-2.74 (m, 2H, cyclohexanone $\text{H}_{\text{B-3}}$, $\text{H}_{\text{B-5}}$), 2.83-2.91 (m, 2H, $2 \times \text{H}_{\alpha}$), 4.45 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H, $2 \times \text{H}_{\beta}$), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, $2 \times 2\text{H}$, Ar-H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, $2 \times 2\text{H}$, Ar-H), 7.15-7.19 (m, $2 \times 5\text{H}$, Ar-H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 25.6, 34.2, 52.4, 57.7, 127.7, 128.2, 128.9, 129.3, 132.5, 133.1, 133.9, 140.7, 209.1. HRMS: m/z Calcd. For $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{28}\text{NaCl}_2\text{OS}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 585.0856; Found: 585.0545.



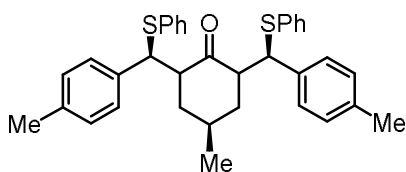
5d

8a: Colourless crystals; mp 142-144 °C; IR (KBr): ν_{\max} = 1673(C=O), 1515, 1333, 1215, 977, 818, 782 cm^{-1} . $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.08 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3H, $-\text{CH}_3$), 1.45-1.57 (m, 2H, cyclohexanone $\text{H}_{\text{A-3}}$, $\text{H}_{\text{A-5}}$), 1.99 (br. s, 1H, cyclohexanone $\text{H}_{\text{B-4}}$), 2.49-2.54 (m, 2H, cyclohexanone $\text{H}_{\text{B-3}}$, $\text{H}_{\text{B-5}}$), 2.91-2.96 (m, 2H, $2 \times \text{H}_{\alpha}$), 4.69 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H, $2 \times \text{H}_{\beta}$), 7.07-7.28 (m, $2 \times 10\text{H}$, Ar-H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.3, 32.0, 39.8, 52.6, 56.0, 126.6, 127.0, 128.0, 128.04, 128.6, 132.2, 134.8, 141.9, 208.2 HRMS: m/z Calcd. for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{32}\text{NaOS}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 531.1692; Found: 531.1564.



8a

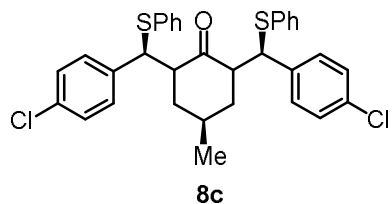
8b: Colourless crystals; mp 158-160 °C; IR (KBr): ν_{\max} = 1677(C=O), 1505, 1488, 1447, 1254, 1038 cm^{-1} . $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.05 (d, 3H, $J = 6.3$ Hz, $-\text{CH}_3$), 1.42-1.54 (m, 2H, cyclohexanone $\text{H}_{\text{A-3}}$, $\text{H}_{\text{A-5}}$), 1.95-1.96 (m, 1H, cyclohexanone $\text{H}_{\text{B-4}}$), 2.27 (s, 6H, $2 \times \text{Ar-CH}_3$), 2.45-2.49 (m, 2H, cyclohexanone $\text{H}_{\text{B-3}}$, $\text{H}_{\text{B-5}}$), 2.86-2.93 (m, 2H, $2 \times \text{H}_{\alpha}$), 4.68 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H, $2 \times \text{H}_{\beta}$), 6.95 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, $2 \times 2\text{H}$, Ar-H), 7.06 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, $2 \times 2\text{H}$, Ar-H), 7.14-7.15 (m, $2 \times 3\text{H}$, Ar-H) 7.20-



8b

7.22 (m, 2 × 2H, Ar-H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.0, 21.3, 32.0, 39.8, 52.3, 56.3, 126.8, 127.9, 128.6, 128.8, 132.0, 135.2, 136.1, 139.0, 208.2. HRMS: *m/z* Calcd. for C₃₅H₃₆NaOS₂ (M+Na)⁺: 559.2105; Found: 559.1682.

8c: Colourless crystals; mp 188-190 °C; IR (KBr): ν_{\max} = 1706(C=O), 1493, 1437, 1087, 1014, 822, 749,



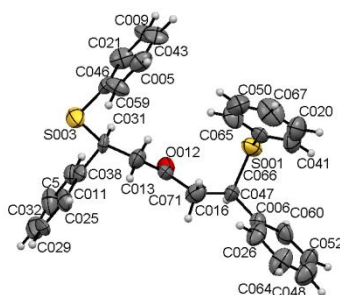
690, 532 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.08 (3H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, -CH₃), 1.41-1.54 (m, 2H, cyclohexanone H_A-3, H_A-5), 1.95-2.00 (m, 1H, cyclohexanone H-4), 2.55-2.60 (m, 2H, cyclohexanone H_B-3, H_B-5), 2.86-2.94 (m, 2H, 2 × H_α), 4.48 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H, 2 × H_β), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 × 2H, Ar-H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 × 2H, Ar-H), 7.15-7.40 (m, 2 × 5H, Ar-H). ¹³C NMR (75

MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.1, 32.1, 40.9, 52.1, 56.1, 127.4, 128.0, 128.6, 129.2, 132.3, 132.7, 133.8, 140.4, 208.8. HRMS: *m/z* Calcd. for C₃₃H₃₀NaCl₂OS₂ (M+Na)⁺: Calcd: 599.1013; Found: 599.1005.

Crystallographic Data Collection and Refinement

A suitable single crystal of compound **3a** (crystallized from acetone-petroleum ether) was mounted on a thin glass fibre with commercially available super glue. X-ray single crystal data collection was performed at room temperature using "Bruker SMART" diffractometer, equipped with a normal focus, sealed tube X-ray source with graphite monochromated Mo-K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). The structure was solved by SHELXS 97. Structure refinement was carried out using SHELXL 97. The relevant data are given in **Table 1 (CCDC 1582432)** contains the supplementary crystallographic data. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.

Table 1. Crystallographic data for compound 3a

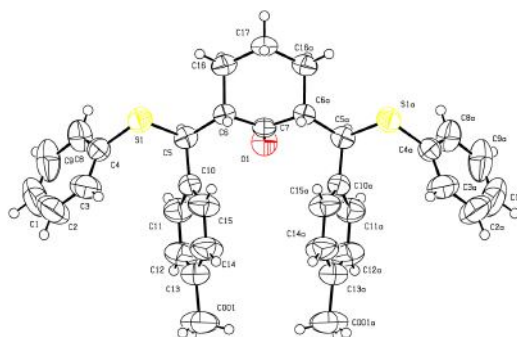


Molecular formula	C ₂₉ H ₂₆ OS ₂
Formula weight	454.65
Temperature (K)	296.0
Wavelength (Mo-K α)	0.71073 \AA
Crystal system	Orthorhombic
Space group	Pca2 ₁
Cell axes (\AA)	10.979(9), 12.790(11), 33.90(3)
Cell angles (deg)	90.00, 90.00, 90.00
Volume (\AA^3)	4761(7)
Z	8
Density (mg/mm ³)	1.263
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	0.243
F (000)	1906
Theta range for data collection	1.59 to 27.41 $^\circ$

Index ranges	-13 ≤ h ≤ 11, -16 ≤ k ≤ 16, -43 ≤ l ≤ 43
Reflection collected	29755
Independent reflection	10192[R(int) = 0.2568]
Refinement method	Full-matrix least square on F ²
Data/restraints/parameter	10192/1/577
Goodness of fit on F ²	0.941
Final R indices [I > 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0906, wR ₂ = 0.1767
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.2931, wR ₂ = 0.2499
Δρ (e Å ⁻³) min. and max.	0.295/-0.473

A suitable single crystal of compound **5b** (crystallized from acetone-*n*-hexane) was also analysed using similar method (**CCDC 1419463**). **Table 2** contains the data obtained.

Table 2. Crystallographic data for compound 5b

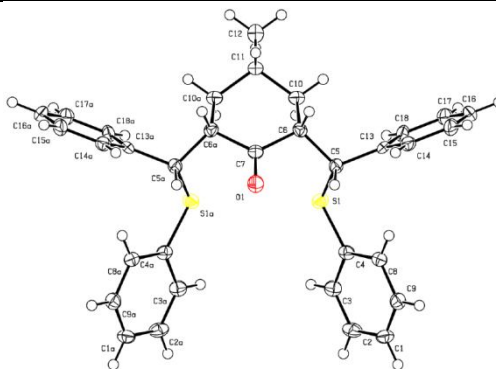


Molecular formula	C ₃₄ H ₃₄ OS ₂
Formula weight	520.72
Temperature (K)	273.0
Wavelength (Mo-Kα)	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Orthorhombic
Space group	Cmc2 ₁
Cell axes (Å)	24.0948(10), 12.4204(6), 9.9484(5)
Cell angles (deg)	90.00, 90.00, 90.00
Volume (Å ³)	2977.2(2)

Z	4
Density (mg/mm ³)	1.162
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	0.203
F (000)	1104
Theta range for data collection	1.69 to 27.16°
Index ranges	-30 ≤ h ≤ 27, -15 ≤ k ≤ 13, -12 ≤ l ≤ 12
Reflection collected	12028
Independent reflection	3364[R(int) = 0.0465]
Refinement method	Full-matrix least square on F ²
Data/restraints/parameter	3364/1/172
Goodness of fit on F ²	0.851
Final R indices [I > 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0617, wR ₂ = 0.1470
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.0884, wR ₂ = 0.1736
ρ (e Å ⁻³) min. and max.	0.317/-0.390

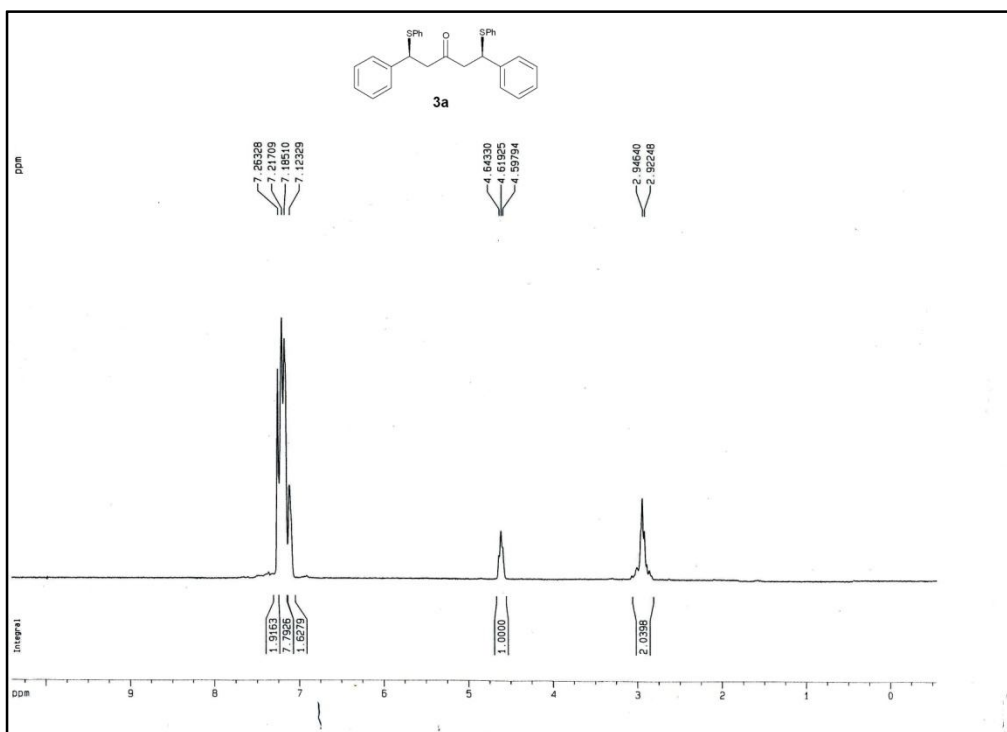
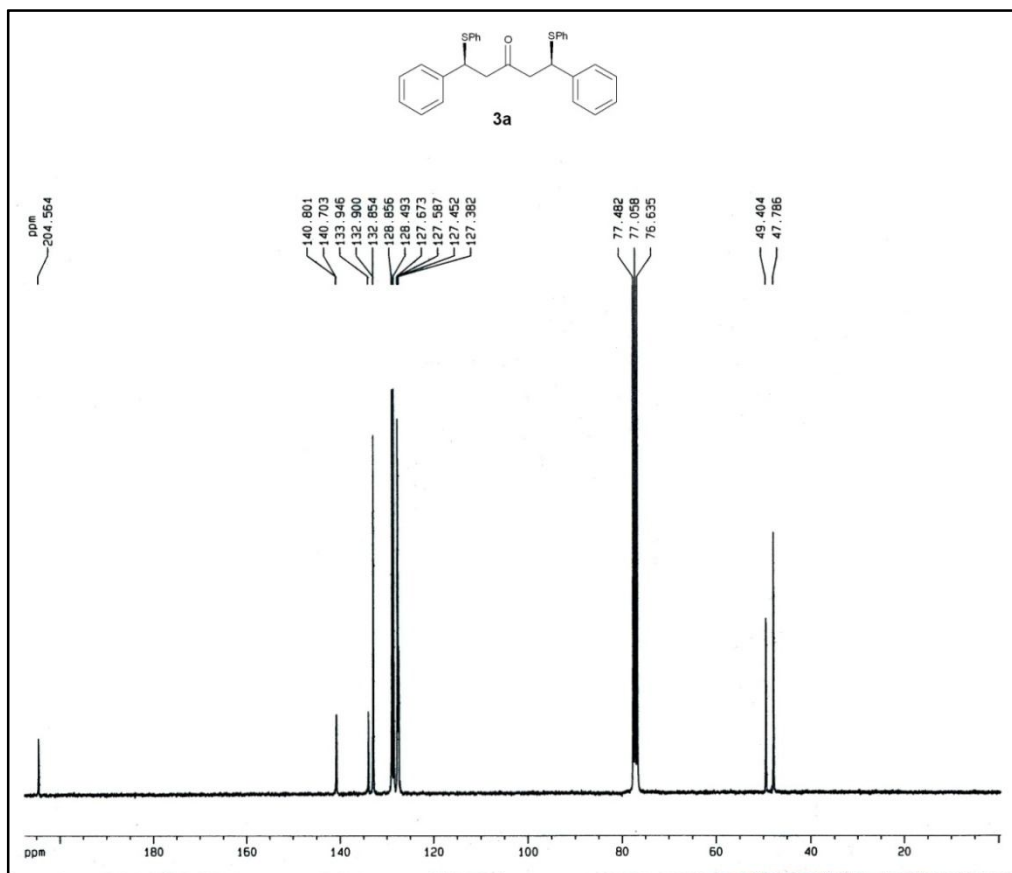
A suitable single crystal of compound **8a** (crystallized from acetone-*n*-hexane) was also analysed using similar method (CCDC 1419467). **Table 3** contains the data obtained.

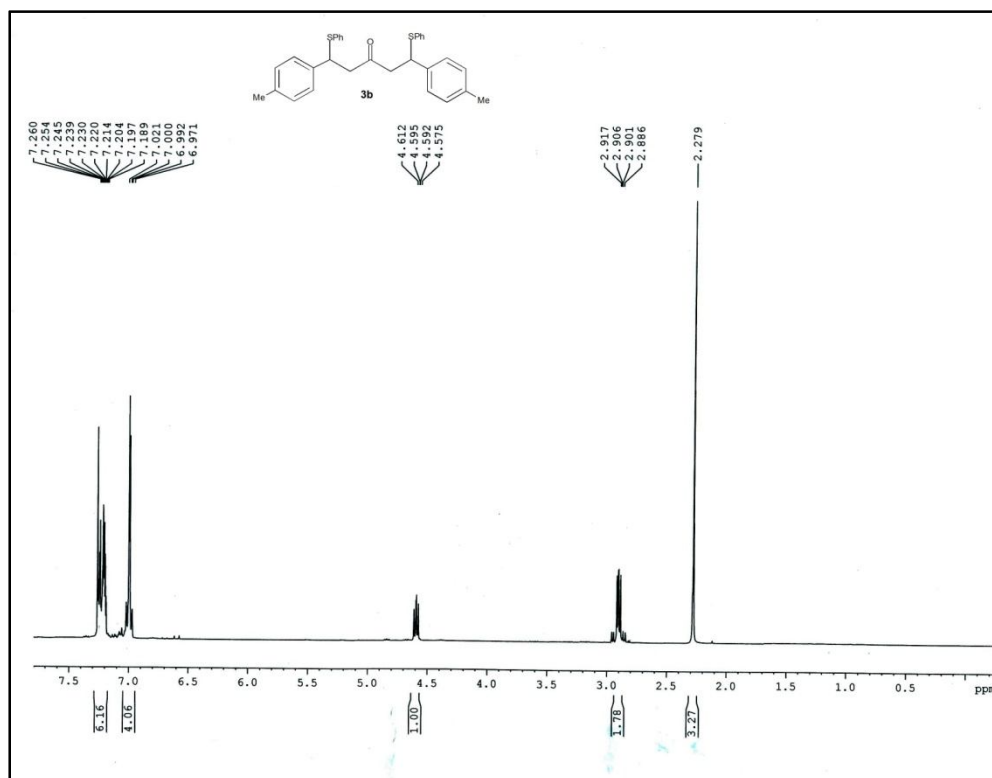
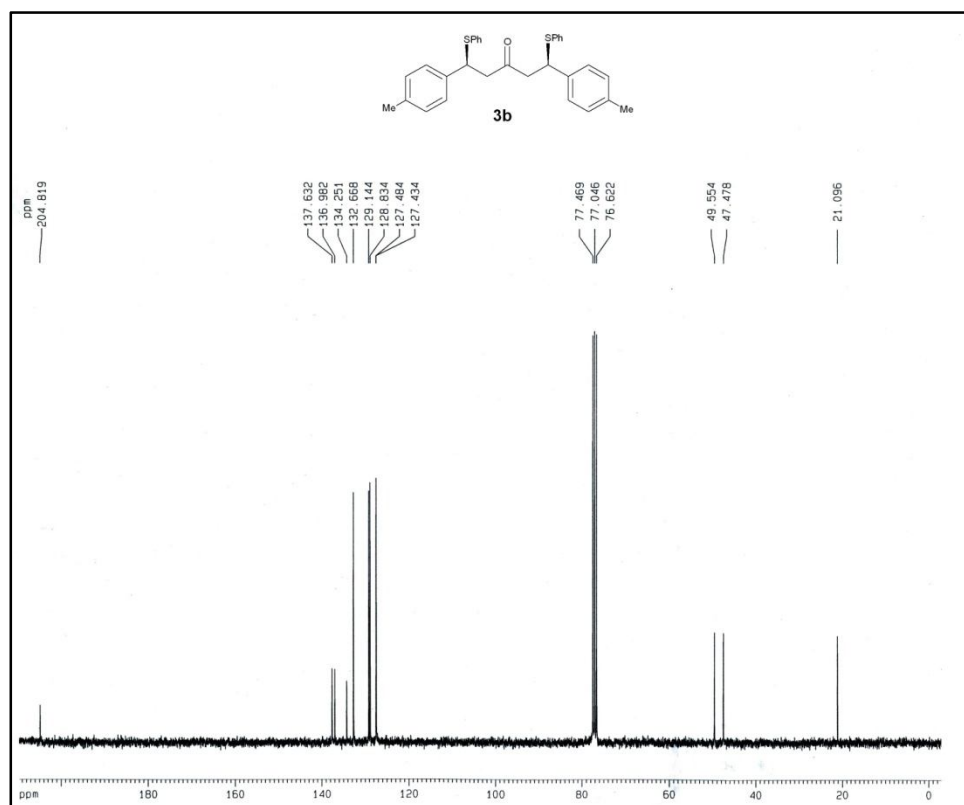
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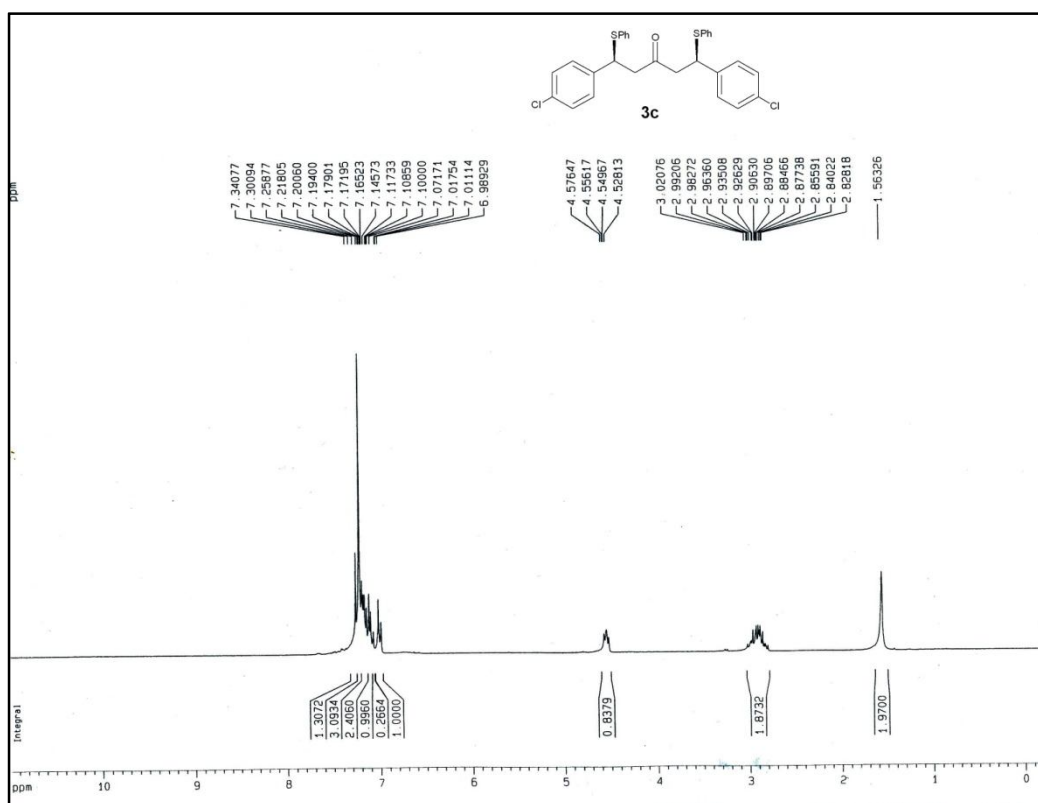
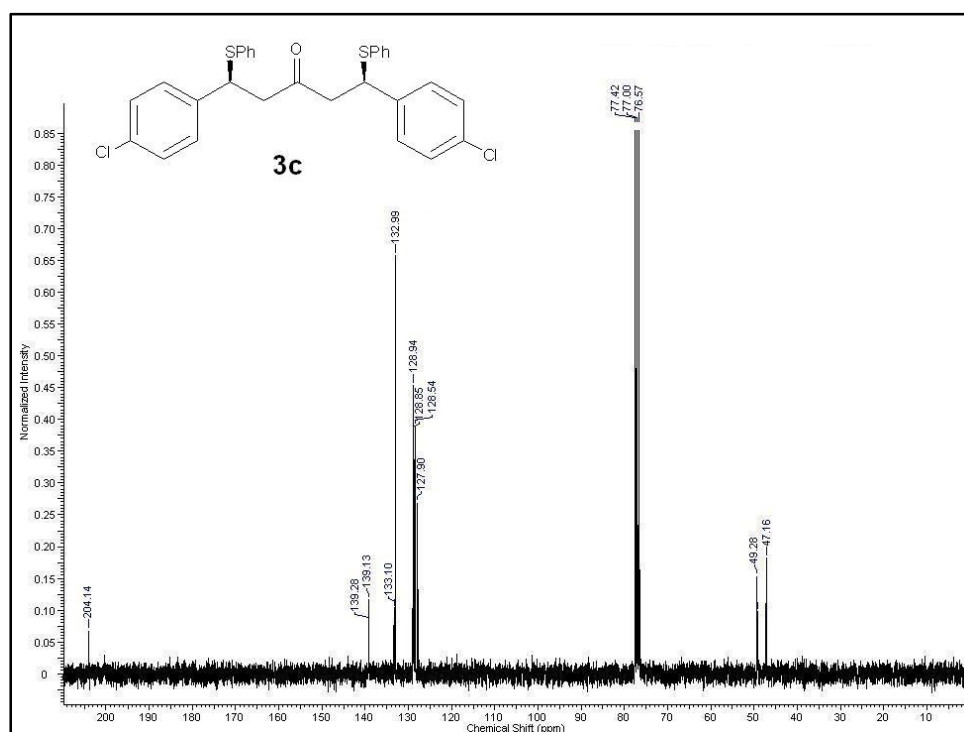


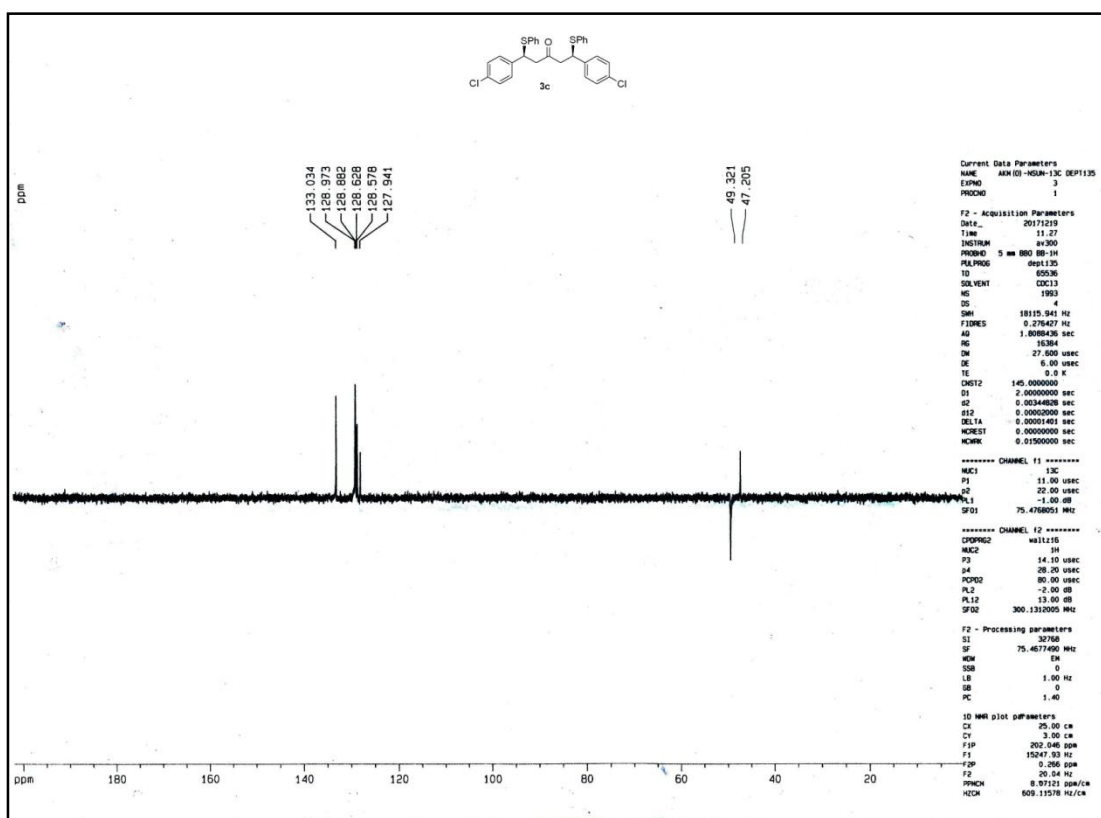
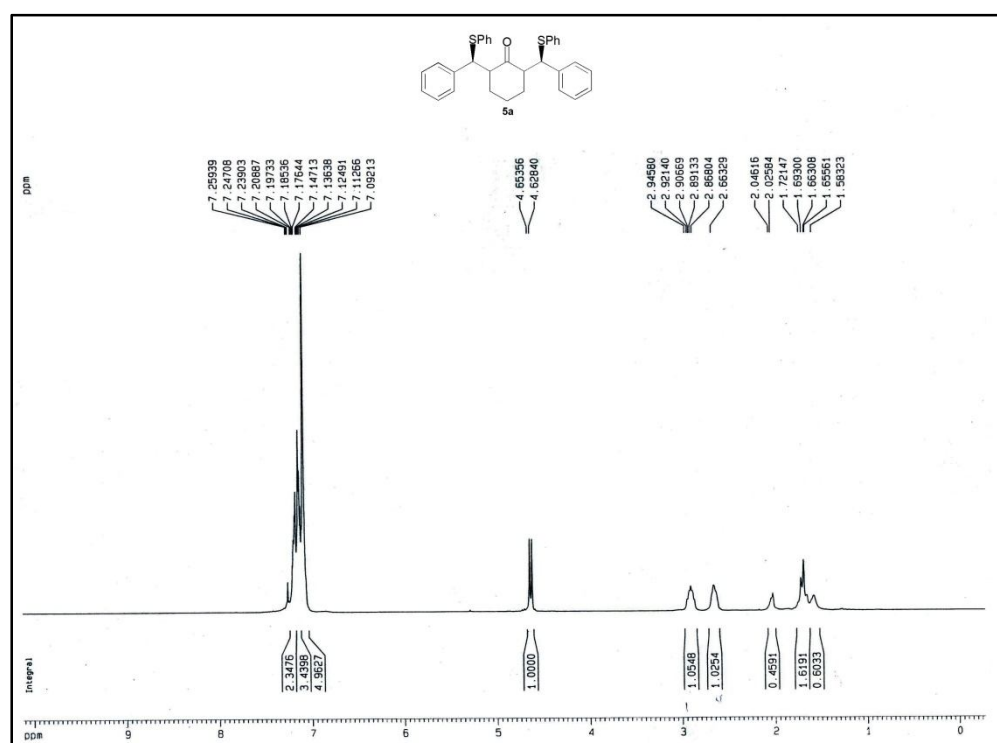
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Formula weight	512.74
Temperature (K)	293.0
Wavelength (Mo-Kα)	0.71073 Å

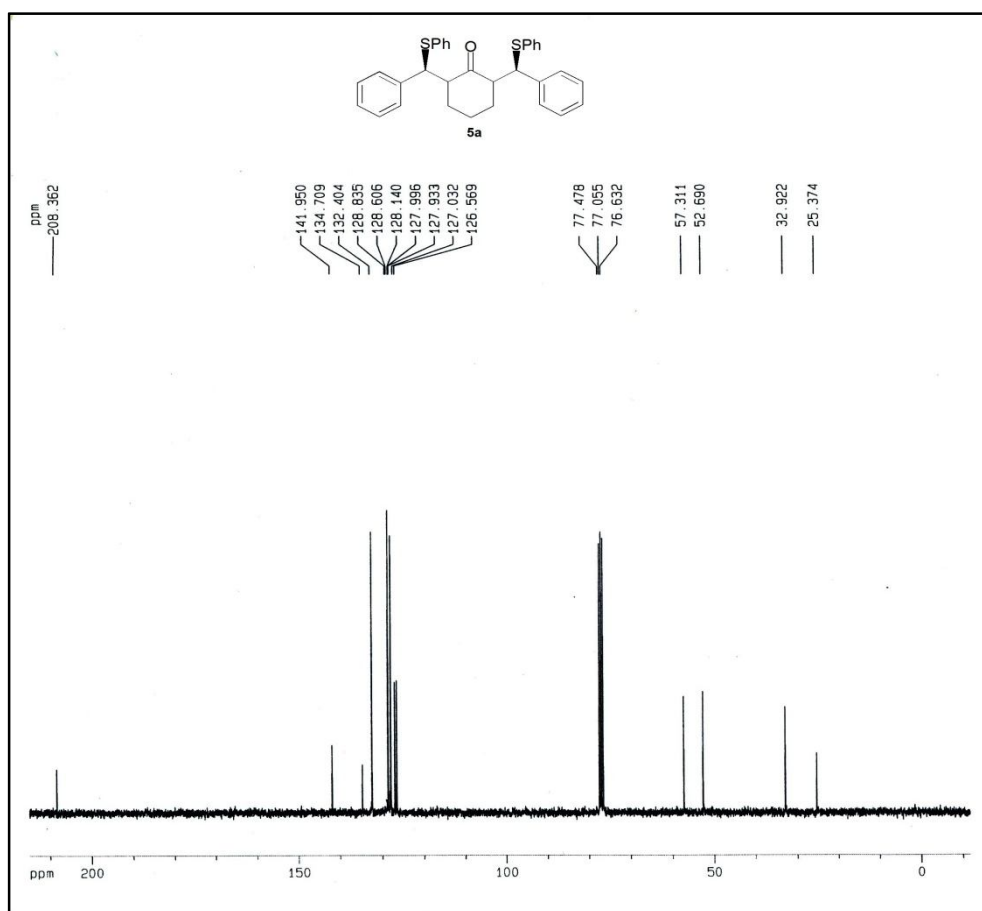
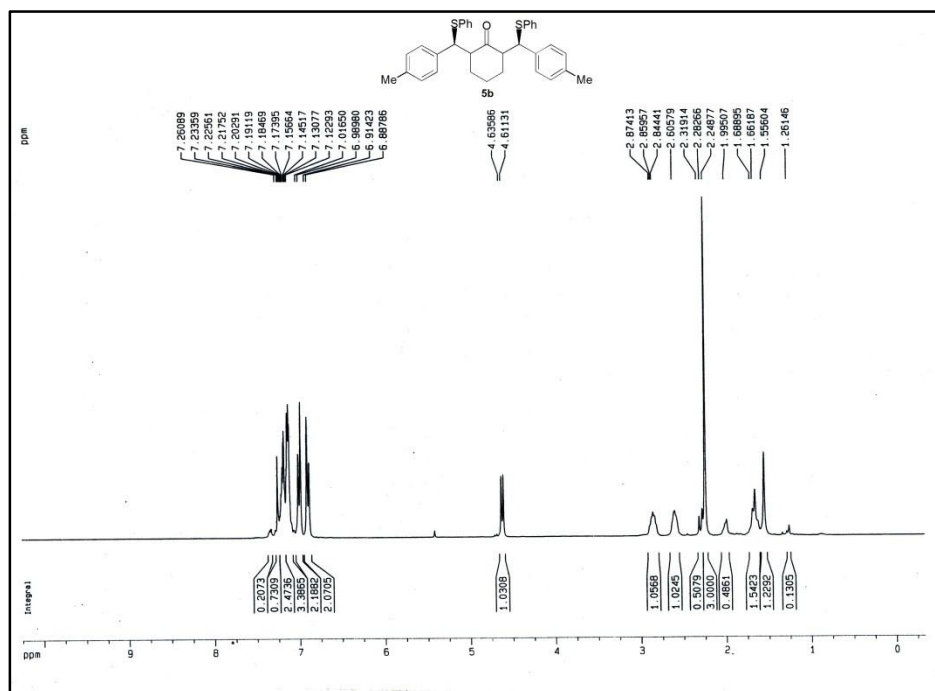
Crystal system	Orthorhombic
Space group	Pnma
Cell axes (Å)	17.3688(11), 26.3114(16), 5.6621(3)
Cell angles (deg)	90.00, 90.00, 90.00
Volume (Å ³)	2587.6(3)
Z	4
Density (mg/mm ³)	1.316
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	0.232
F (000)	1096
Theta range for data collection	1.55 to 19.13°
Index ranges	-16 ≤ h ≤ 16, -24 ≤ k ≤ 24, -5 ≤ l ≤ 5
Reflection collected	12309[R(int) = 0.0982]
Independent reflection	1093
Refinement method	Full-matrix least square on F ²
Data/restraints/parameter	1093/0/170
Goodness of fit on F ²	0.954
Final R indices [I > 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0350, wR ₂ = 0.0763
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.0500, wR ₂ = 0.0822
Δρ (e Å ⁻³) min. and max.	0.182/-0.245

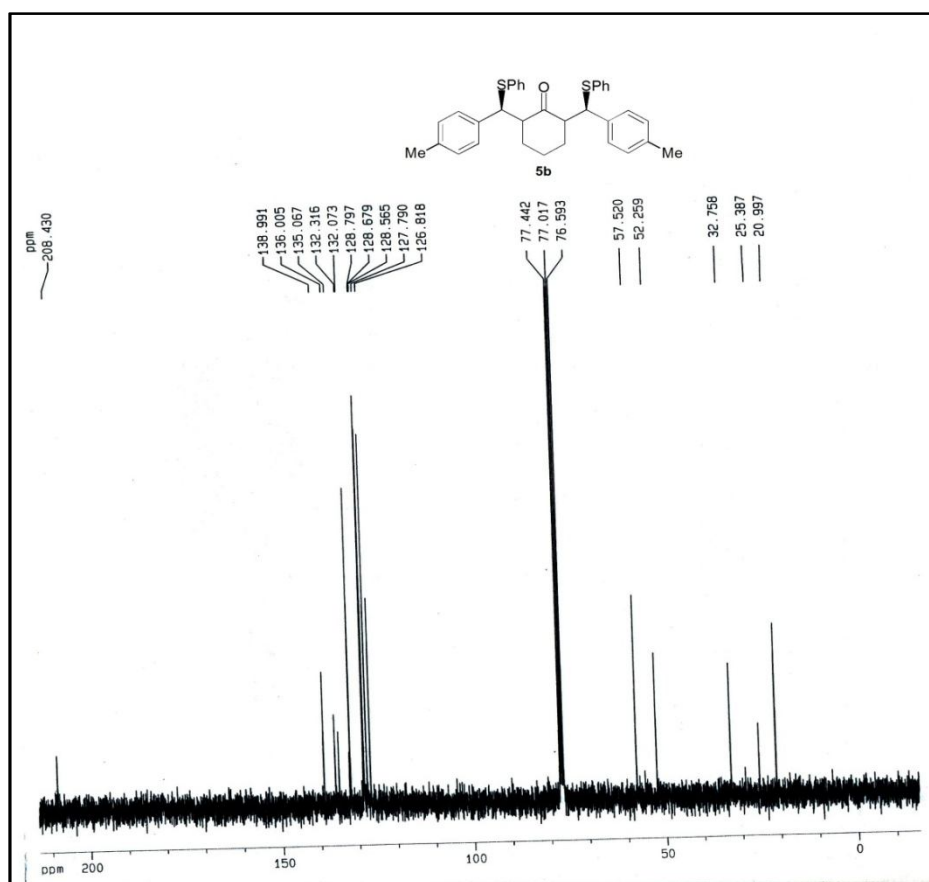
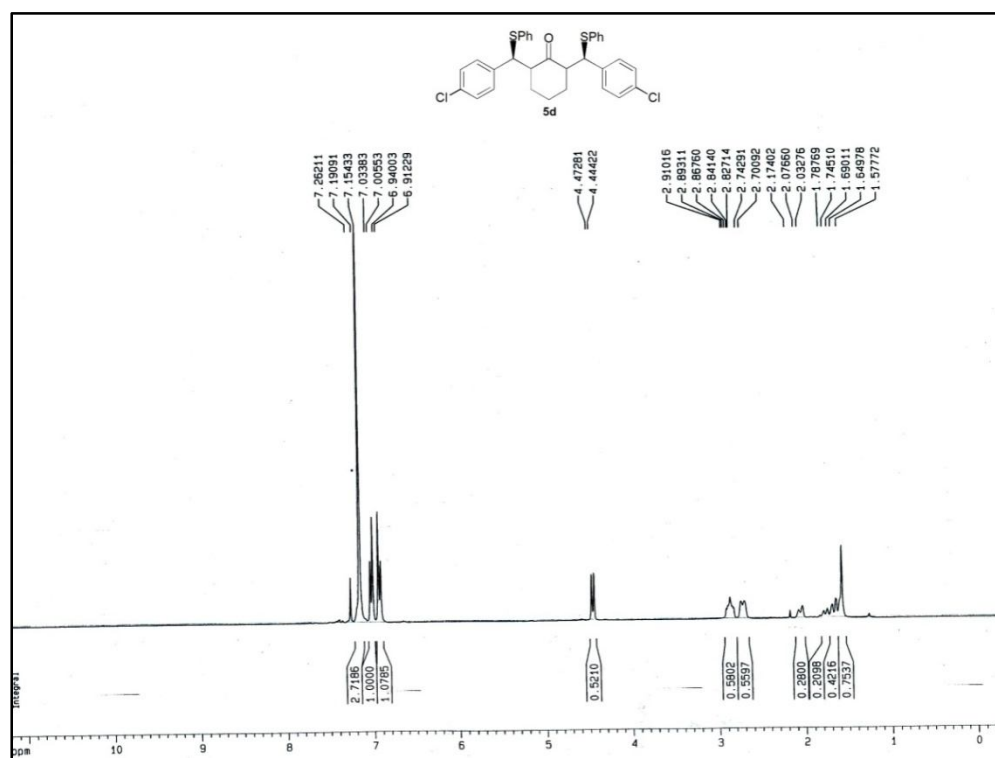
^1H NMR spectrum of **3a** ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **3a**

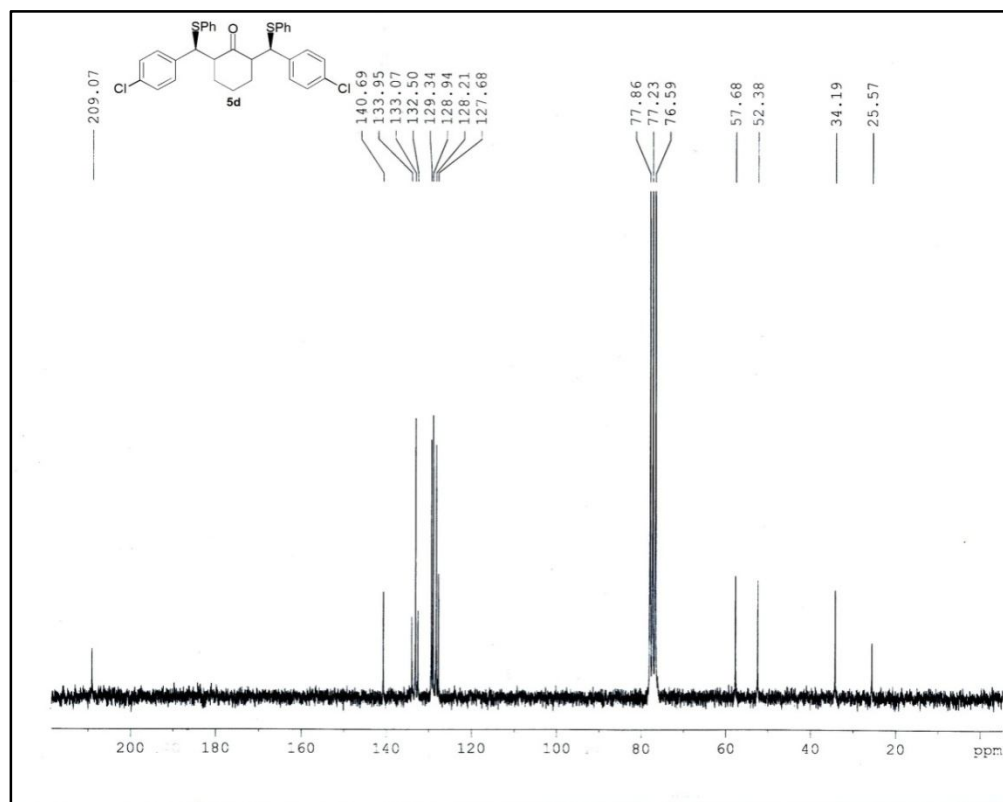
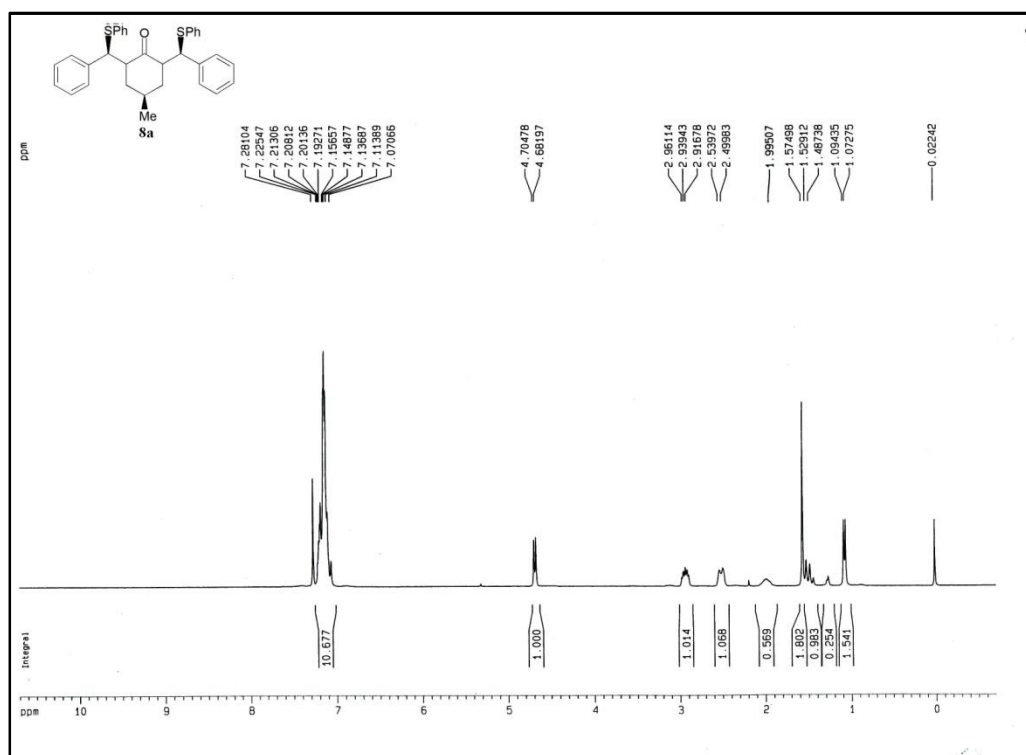
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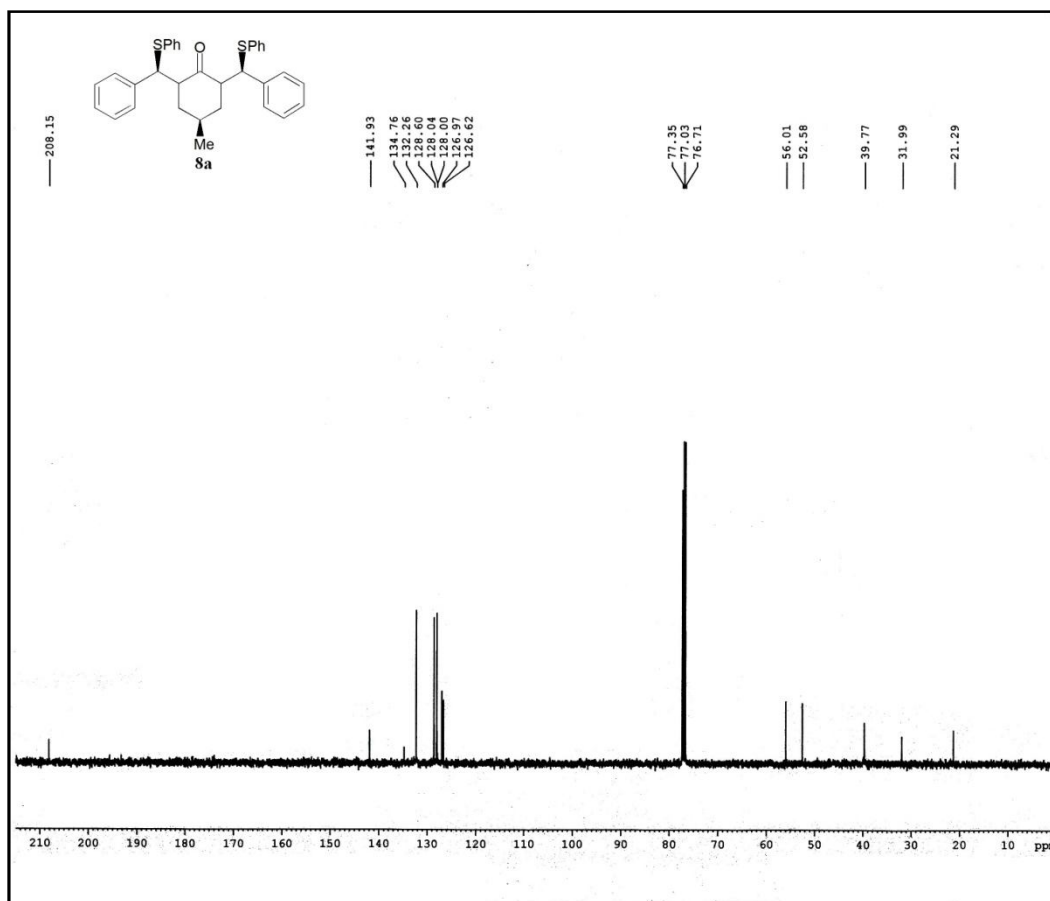
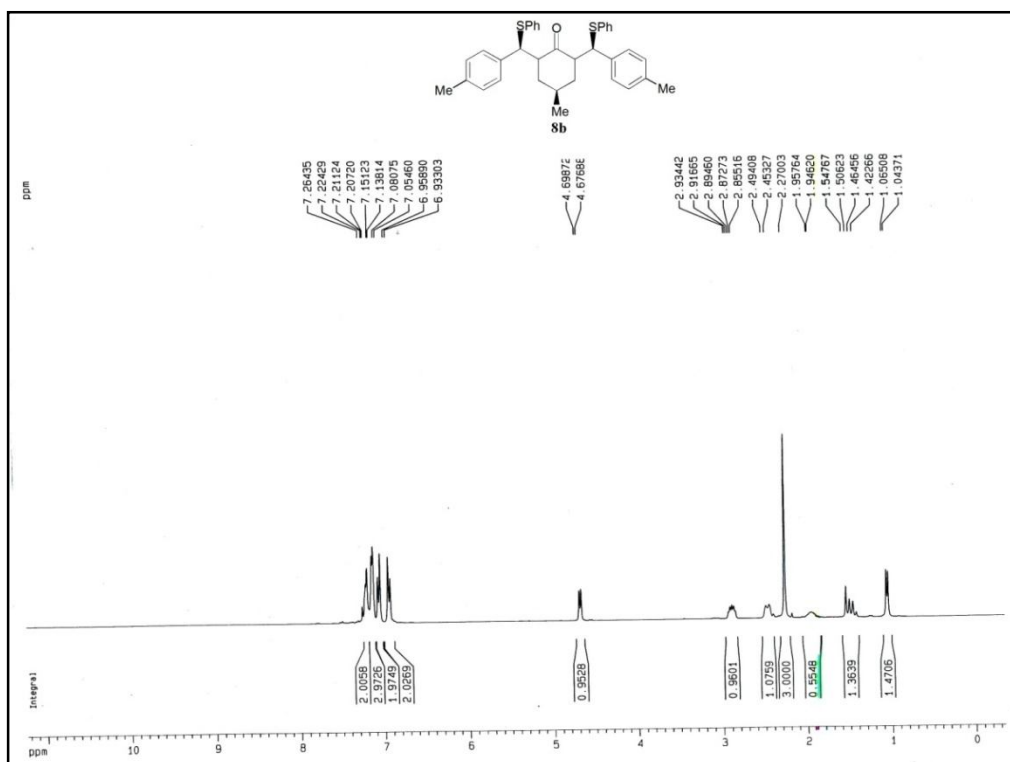
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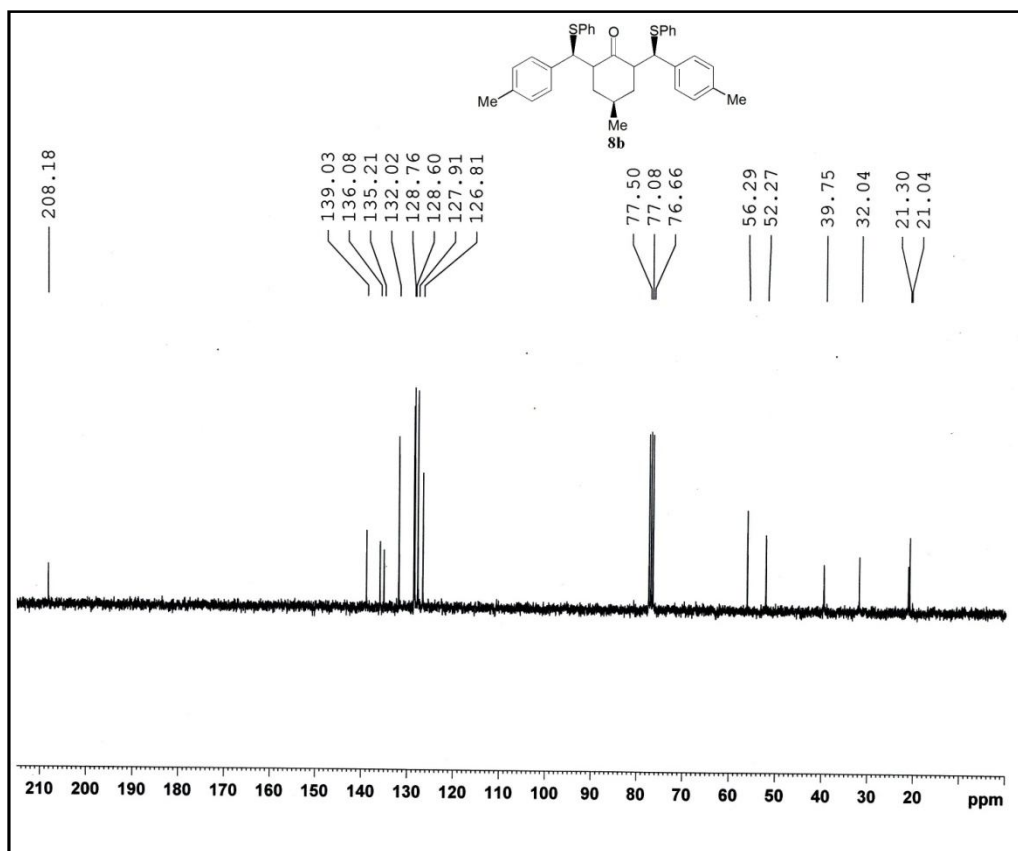
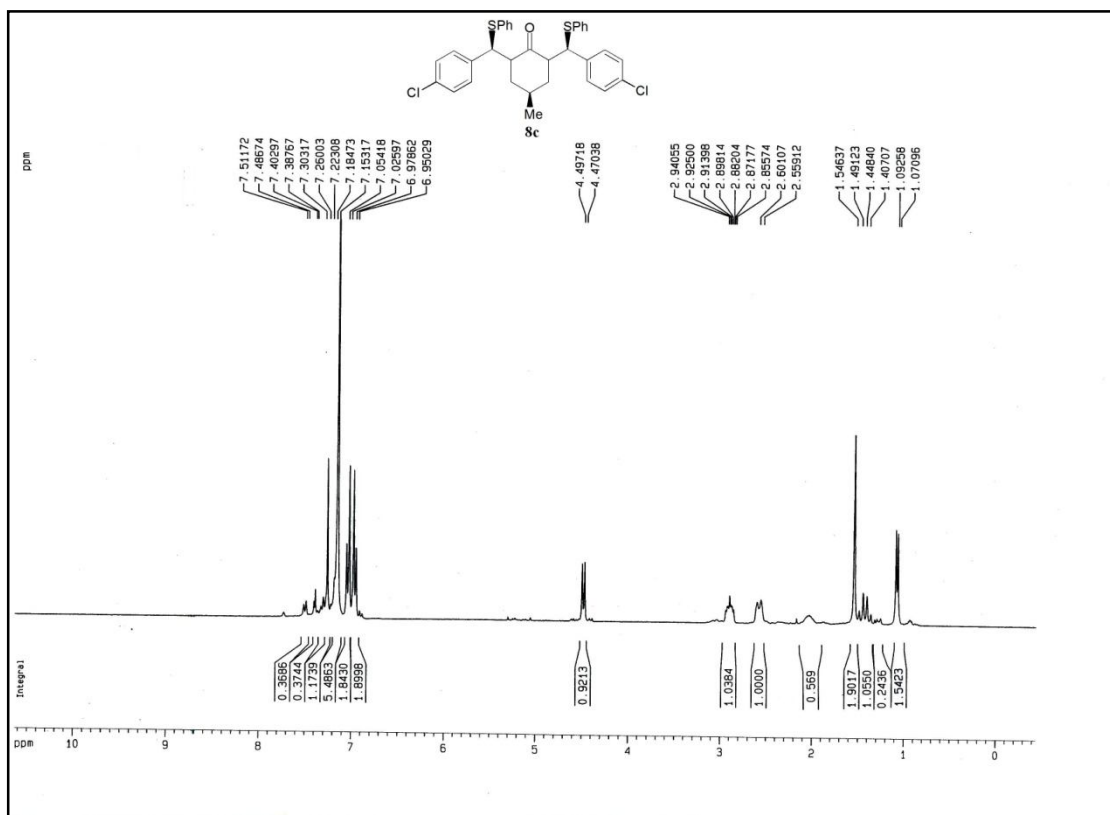
DEPT 135 spectrum of **3c**¹H NMR spectrum of **5a**

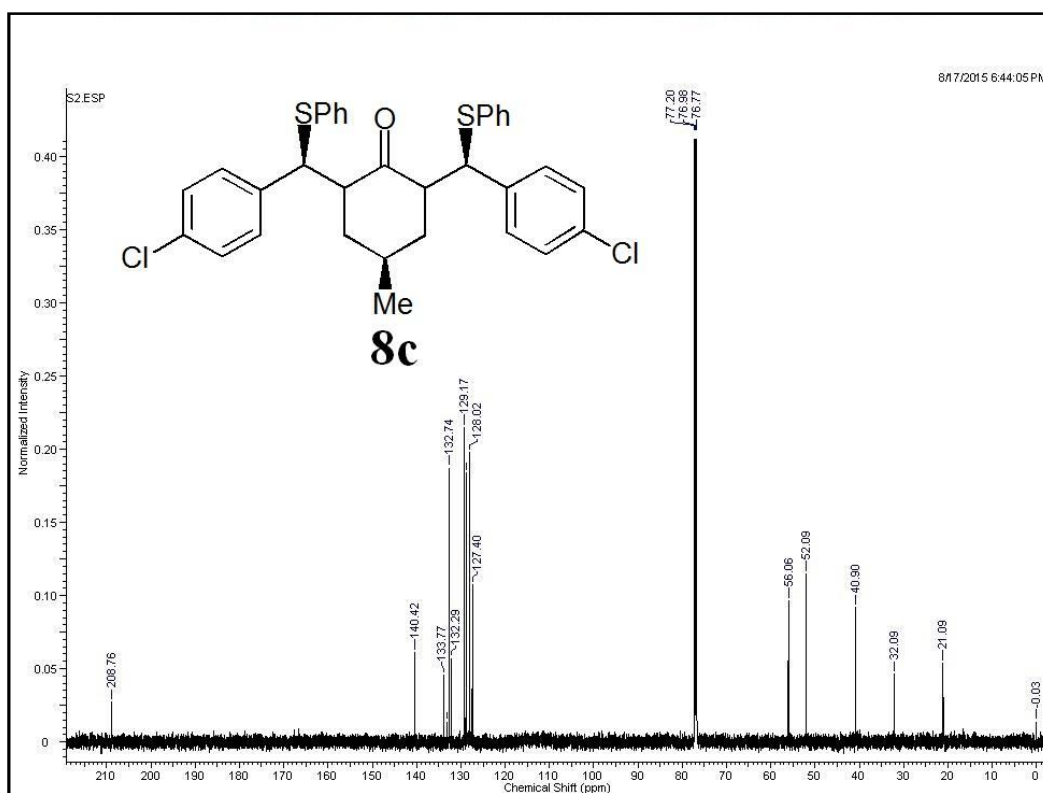
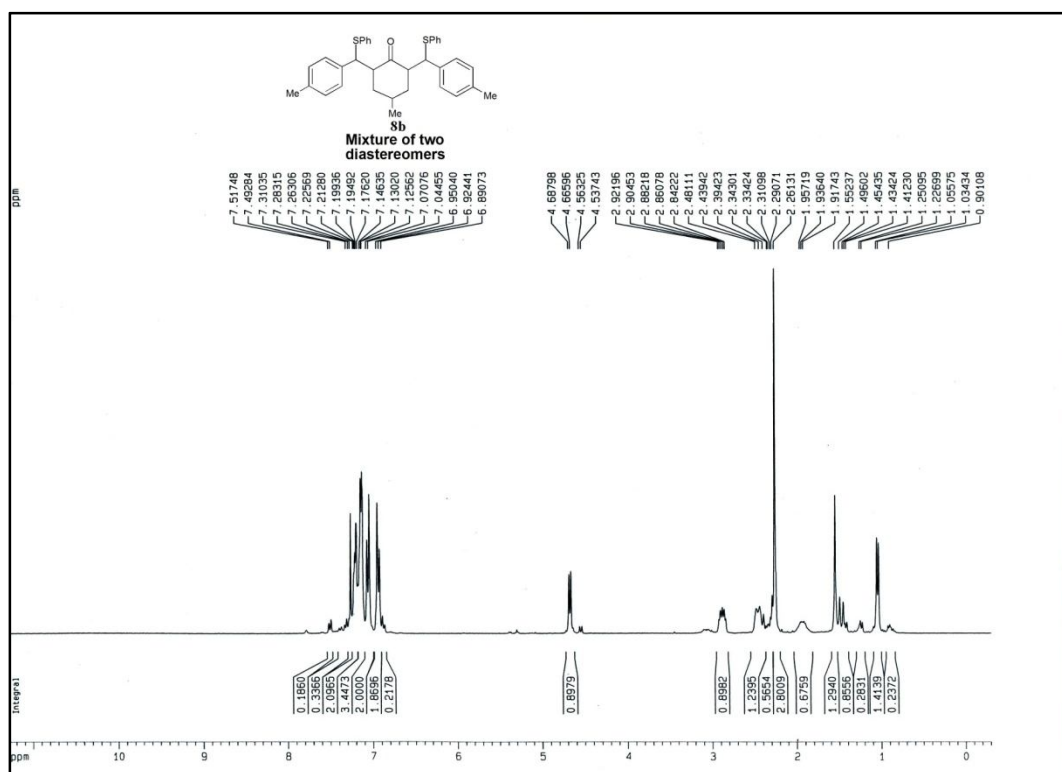
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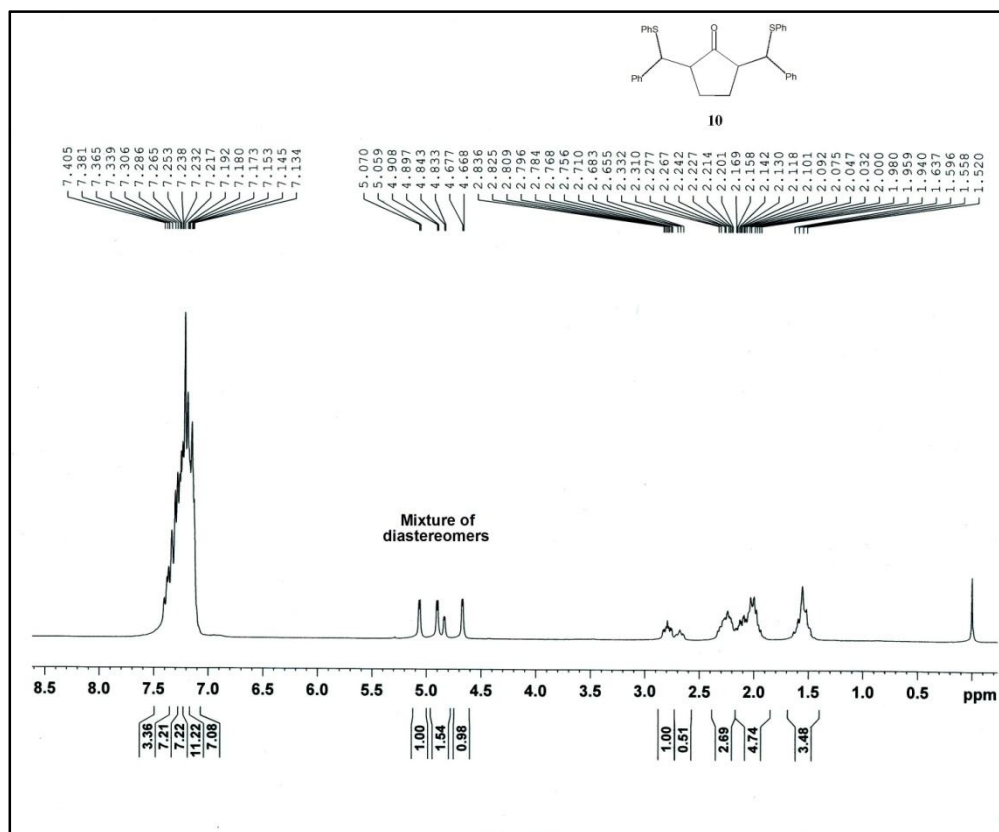
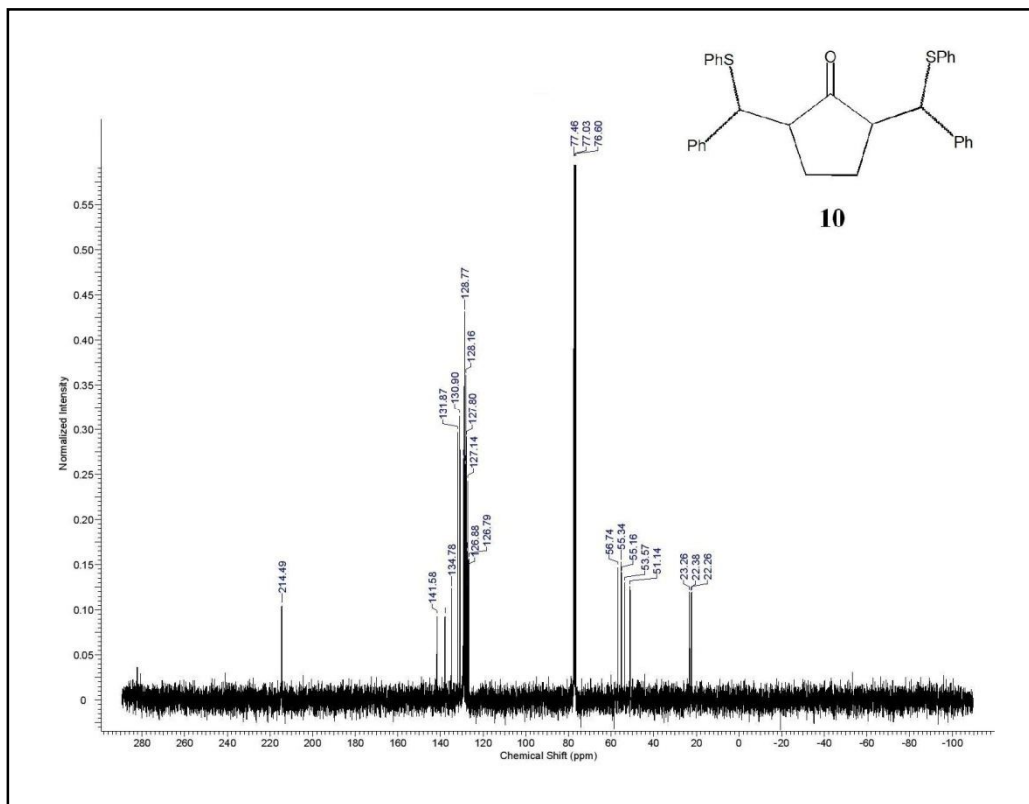
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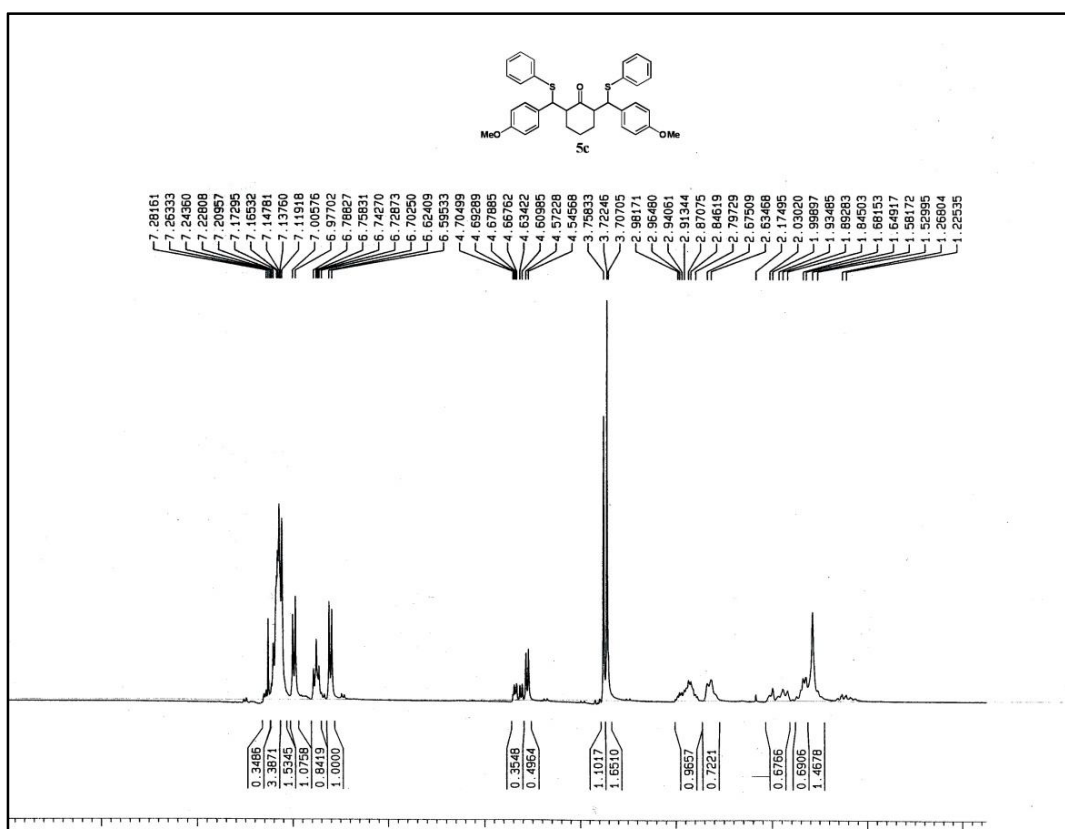
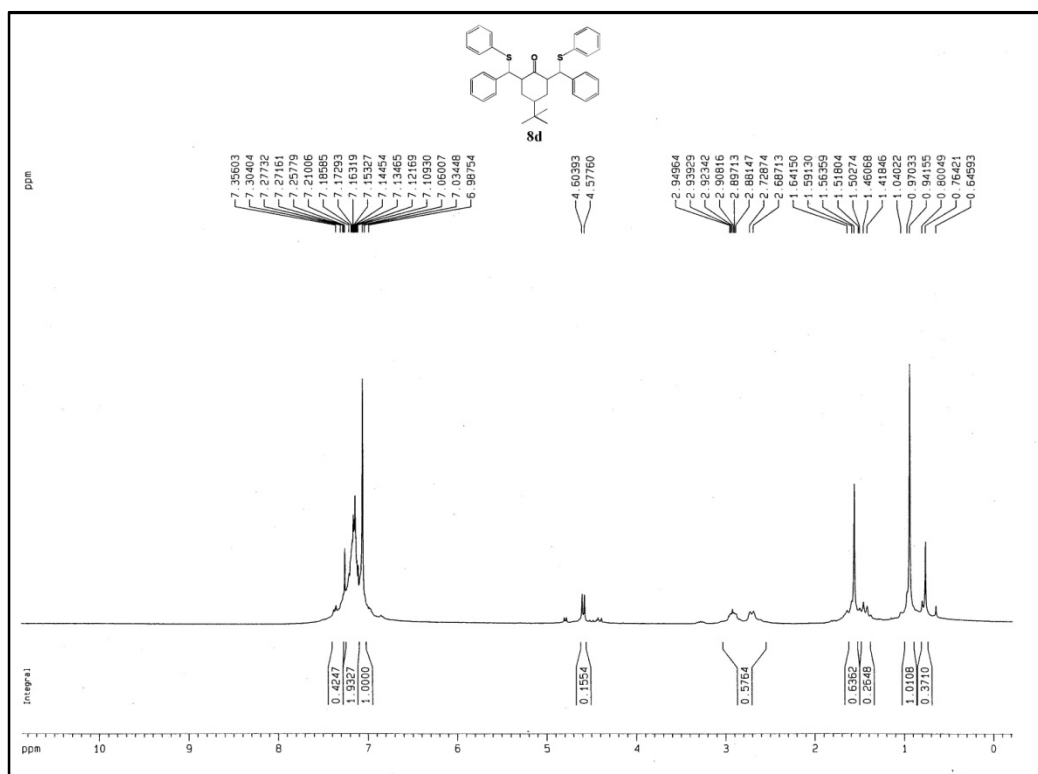
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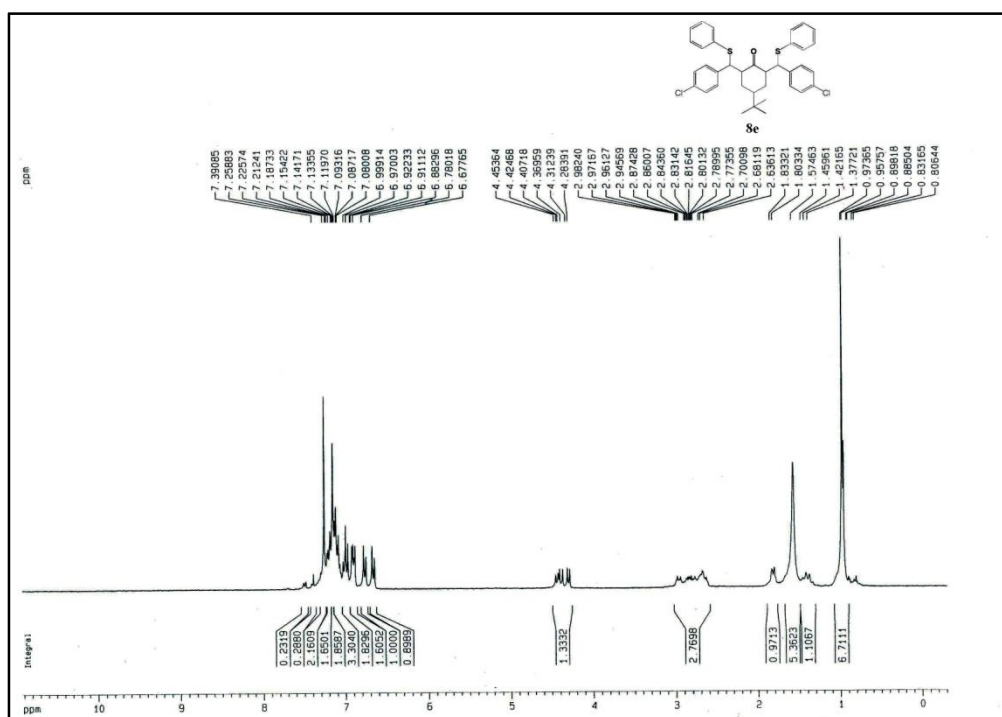
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^{13}C NMR spectrum of **8b** ^1H NMR spectrum of **8c**

^{13}C NMR spectrum of **8c** ^1H NMR spectrum of impure **8b** (when reaction done at higher temperature)

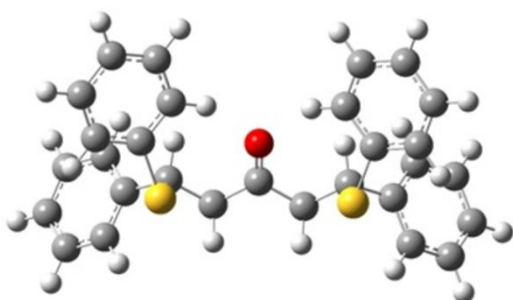
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¹H NMR spectrum of impure 8e

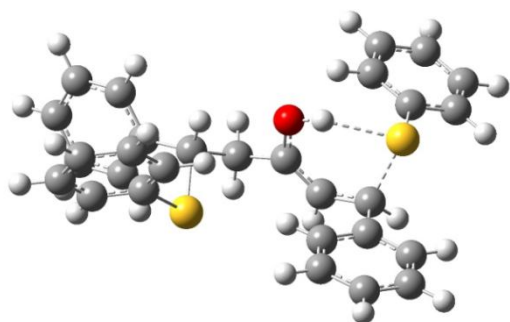
Results obtained from DFT Calculations

DFT calculations were done to optimise the structure of **3a**, the *dl* isomer of **3a** and the corresponding transition states leading to them. The structure of **5a**, **5'a** and the corresponding intermediates (**11a**, **11'a**) were also subjected to similar calculations. All the structures were optimised under B3lyp/3-21g basis set using Gaussian 09W software². The optimised structures and corresponding free energies obtained from the calculations are given below.



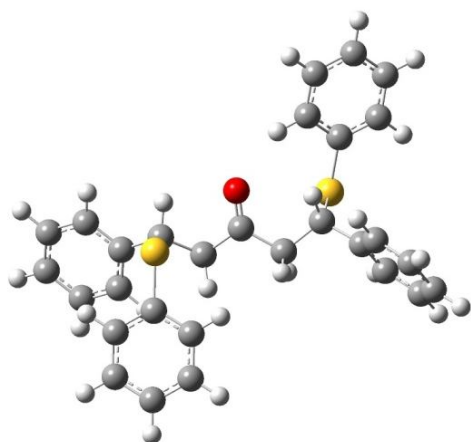
Optimised structure for **3a**

Electronic and thermal free energy: -5202365.282478 kJ mol⁻¹



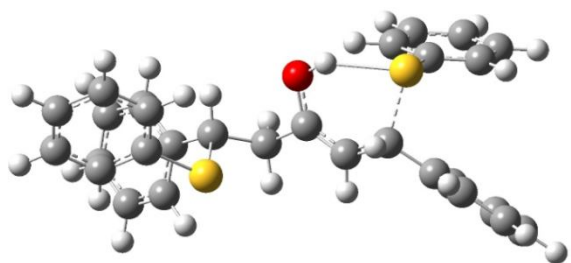
Optimised structure for the transition state leading to **3a**

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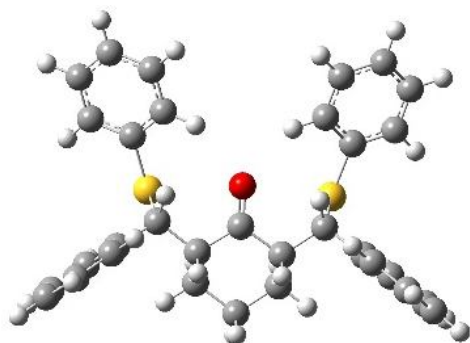
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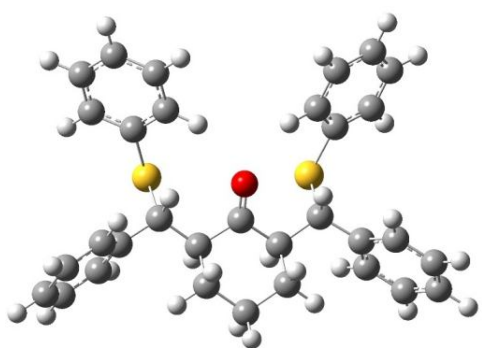
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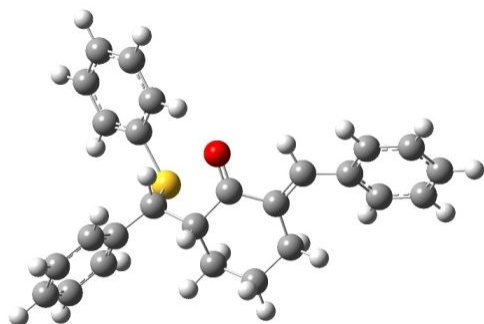
Optimised structure for **5a**

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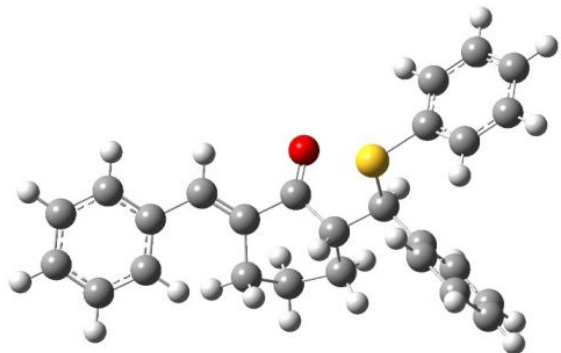
Optimised structure for **5'a**

Electronic and thermal free energy: -5507037.598953 kJ mol⁻¹



Optimised structure for **11a**

Electronic and thermal free energy: -3860486.743792 kJ mol⁻¹



Optimised structure for **11'a**

Electronic and thermal free energy: $-380483.107475 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

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