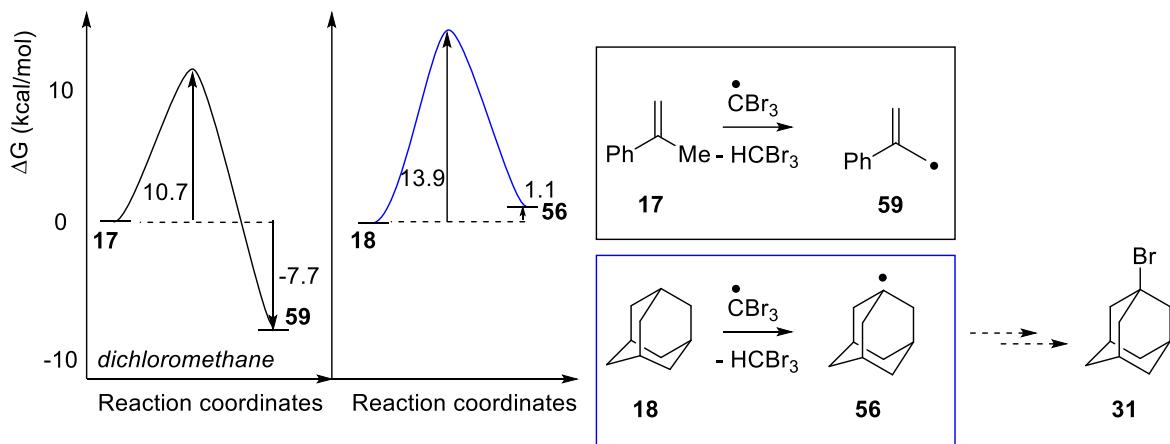


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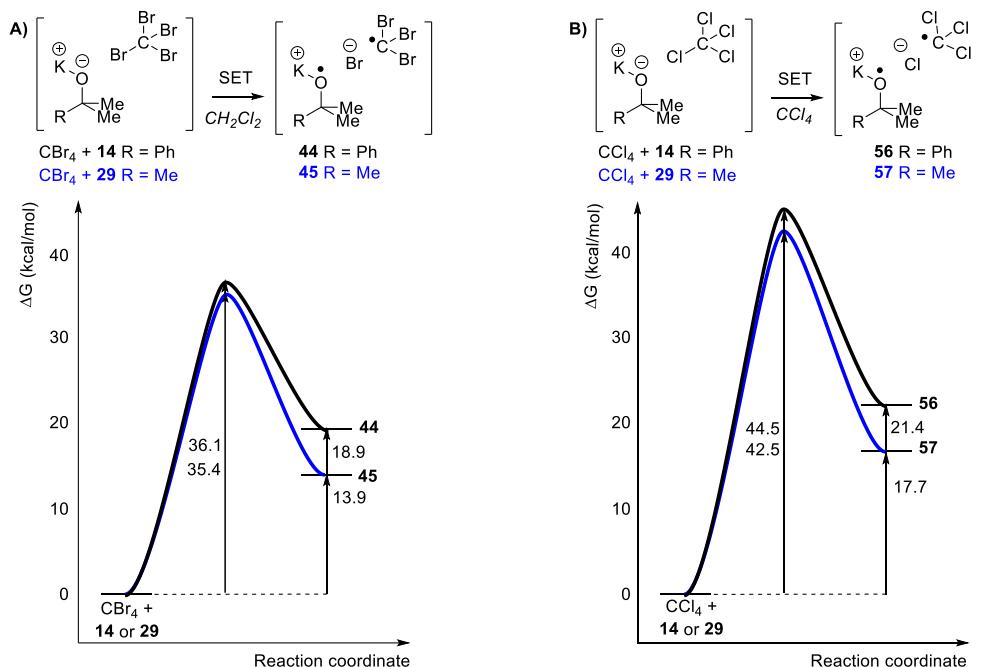
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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Computational analysis of the reactivity of methylstyrene 17 in dichloromethane.



**Computational modelling of single electron transfer from alkoxides, **14** and **29**, to CBr<sub>4</sub> in dichloromethane or CCl<sub>4</sub> in tetrachloromethane.**

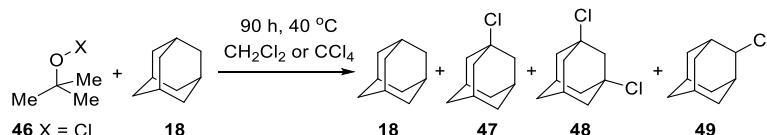


**Figure S1.** Energy profile for SET from potassium 2-phenylpropan-2-olate **14** (black line) or KO'Bu **29** (blue line) to **A**) CBr<sub>4</sub> in dichloromethane (left) and **B**) CCl<sub>4</sub> in CCl<sub>4</sub> (right).

The energy barriers for SET from either KO'Bu, **29**, or potassium 2-phenylpropan-2-olate **14** to a molecule of CBr<sub>4</sub> were calculated to be  $\Delta G^{\ddagger} = 35.4$  kcal/mol and 36.1 kcal/mol respectively (SET from KO'Bu to CCl<sub>4</sub> in dichloromethane:  $\Delta G^{\ddagger} = 38.8$  kcal/mol and  $\Delta G_{rxn} = 16.0$  kcal/mol), and these barriers are not accessible for a reaction performed at 40 °C. When the reaction was performed in CCl<sub>4</sub> a similar energy profile was obtained for the SET from either of the two alkoxides to a molecule of CCl<sub>4</sub>. The energy barriers calculated were  $\Delta G^{\ddagger} = 42.5$  kcal/mol and 44.5 kcal/mol for SET to CCl<sub>4</sub> from KO'Bu **29** and potassium 2-phenylpropan-2-olate **14** respectively. From these computationally derived energy profiles for the SET step, it suggests that the initiation for this halogenation of adamantane **18** is not *via* SET from the alkoxide.

To reassure ourselves that our proposed pathway (Scheme 7) can occur experimentally under our conditions, *tert*-butyl hypochlorite **46** was prepared and subjected to our reaction conditions (Table S1). The *tert*-butyl hypochlorite **46** chlorinated adamantine **18**, in both dichloromethane and CCl<sub>4</sub> as the solvents, to give products: 1-chloroadamantane **47** (25% and 11% respectively), and 1,3-dichloroadamantane **48** (16% and 26% respectively) (Table S1, entry 1 and 2). 2-Chloroadamantane **49** (13%) was formed in dichloromethane, but not in CCl<sub>4</sub>. We also explored whether an efficient chain reaction could be initiated by lower amounts of *tert*-butyl hypochlorite **46** when CCl<sub>4</sub> was added in stoichiometric quantities (Table S1, entries 3–5).

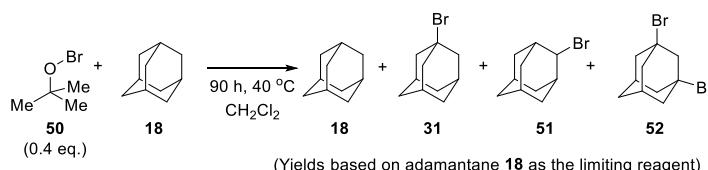
**Table S1.** The reaction of *tert*-butyl hypochlorite **46** in dichloromethane or carbon tetrachloride as solvent.



Entry <sup>a</sup>	Substrate (mmol)	Additive (mmol)	Solvent (mL)	18 (%)	47 (%)	48 (%)	49 (%)
1	<b>46</b> (2)	<b>18</b> (0.5)	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (3.13)	10	25	16	13
2	<b>46</b> (2)	<b>18</b> (0.5)	CCl <sub>4</sub> (3.13)	2	11	26	0
3	<b>46</b> (0.4)	<b>18</b> (0.5) CCl <sub>4</sub> (0.5)	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (3.13)	58	12	1	6
4	<b>46</b> (0.1)	<b>18</b> (0.5) CCl <sub>4</sub> (0.5)	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (3.13)	66	<1		
5		<b>18</b> (0.5) CCl <sub>4</sub> (0.5)	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (3.13)	71			

<sup>a</sup> yields were determined by spiking with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (internal standard, 8.4mg, 10mol%)

**Table S2.** *tert*-Butyl hypobromite **50** in bromination of adamantine **18**.



(Yields based on adamantine **18** as the limiting reagent)

Entry <sup>a</sup>	Substrate (mmol)	Additive (mmol)	Solvent (mL)	18 (%)	31 (%)	51 (%)	52 (%)
1	<b>50</b> (0.4)	<b>18</b> (0.5)	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (3.13)	70	16	4	<1
2	<b>50</b> (0.4)	<b>18</b> (0.5) CBr <sub>4</sub> (0.5)	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (3.13)	2	28	5	18
3	<b>50</b> (0.1)	<b>18</b> (0.5) CBr <sub>4</sub> (0.5)	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (3.13)	29	35	14	11
4		<b>18</b> (0.5) CBr <sub>4</sub> (0.5)	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (3.13)	75			

<sup>a</sup> yields were determined by spiking with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (internal standard, 8.4mg, 10mol%)

In addition, *tert*-butyl hypobromite **50** was synthesised and subjected to similar reaction conditions (Scheme 7), affording analogous bromoadamantanes - (adamantane **18** (70%), 1-bromooadamantane **31** (16%), 2-bromooadamantane **51** (4%), and 1,3-dibromoadamantane **48** (<1%). We also explored whether an efficient chain reaction could be initiated by lower amounts of *tert*-butyl hypbromite **46** when CBr<sub>4</sub> was added (Table S2, entries 2-4). In general, these conditions were not conducive to efficient halogenations.<sup>1</sup>

### Preparation of *tert*-butyl hypochlorite **46**

Throughout the experiment, all the equipment was covered in aluminium foil and the reaction mixture was always kept in the dark. NaOCl (0.6 M, 200 mL, 1.4 eq.) was added to a round-bottomed flask and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. A mixture of *tert*-butanol (8 mL, 84 mmol) and acetic acid (5.3 mL, 92 mmol, 1.11 eq.) were added in one batch under vigorous stirring and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. The reaction mixture phase-separated. The top yellow phase was separated from the reaction mixture, washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (50 mL) and water (50 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> to give *tert*-butyl hypochlorite **46**<sup>2,3</sup> (0.82 mL, d = 1.128 g mL<sup>-1</sup>, 34%) as a yellow oil <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.32 (9 H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.9 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 84.0 (C). These signals are consistent with the literature values. The *tert*-butyl hypochlorite **46** was used immediately.

### Reactions of *tert*-butyl hypochlorite **46** with adamantane **18**:

**Table S1, entry 1**

*tert*-Butyl hypochlorite **46** (0.19 mL, freshly prepared, 2 mmol, 4.0 eq.), adamantane **18** (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and dichloromethane (3.13 mL) were added to an oven-dried pressure tube and the reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 90 h in the dark. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT and quenched with aqueous hydrochloric acid (1 M, 5 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (4 x 10 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The yield of adamantane **18** (10%), 1-chloroadamantane **47** (25%), 1,3-dichloroadamantane **48** (16%) and 2-chloroadamantane **49** (13%) were determined by adding 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene to the crude mixture as an internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR. The products were identified by the following characteristic signals; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.75 – 1.78 (12 H, m), 1.88 (4 H, br s) for adamantane **18**; δ 1.68 (6 H, s), 2.14 (9 H, s) for 1-chloroadamantane **47**; <sup>4</sup>δ 2.06 (8 H, d, J = 4 Hz), 2.47 (2 H, s) for 1,3-chloroadamantane **48**; <sup>5</sup>δ 4.40 (1 H, s) 2-chloroadamantane **49**; <sup>6</sup><sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 28.5, 37.9 for adamantane **18**; δ 31.9, 35.7, 47.9 for 1-chloroadamantane **47**; <sup>4</sup>δ 33.5, 33.8, 45.9, 56.6, 66.9 for 1,3-dichloroadamantane **48**; <sup>5,6</sup>δ 26.9, 27.5, 31.1, 35.9, 37.8, 38.3, 68.4 2-chloroadamantane **49**. Analysis of the crude material showed that the products were inseparable, hence the analysis of the product mixture was performed using experimental <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR values reported within the literature as a reference.

1-Chloroadamantane **47**<sup>5,5</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.68–1.69 (6 H, m, 6 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.14 (9 H, s, 3 x CH and 3 x CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 31.9, 35.7, 47.9, 69.1.

1,3-Dichloroadamantane **48**<sup>5,6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.63 (2 H, br s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.06 (8 H, d, 4 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.30 (2 H, br s, 2 x CH), 2.46 (2 H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 33.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.7, (2 x CH), 45.7 (4 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 66.7 (2 x C).

2-Chloroadamantane **49**<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.56–1.59 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.76–1.87 (6 H, m, 2 x CH and 2 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.93–1.96 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.08 (2 H, br s, 2 x CH), 2.26–2.29 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.40 (1 H, s, CH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 27.0, 27.6, 31.2, 36.0, 37.9, 38.3, 68.5.

**Table S1, entry 2**

*tert*-Butyl hypochlorite **46** (0.19 mL, freshly prepared, 2 mmol, 4.0 eq.), adamantane **18** (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and CCl<sub>4</sub> (3.13 mL) were added to an oven-dried pressure tube and the reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 90 h in the dark. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT and quenched with aqueous hydrochloric acid (1 M, 5 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (4 x 10 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The yield of adamantane **18** (2%), 1-chloroadamantane **47** (11%) and 1,3-

dichloroadamantane **48** (26%) were determined by adding 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene to the crude mixture as an internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR. The products were identified by the following characteristic signals; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.75–1.78 (12 H, m), 1.88 (4 H, br s) for adamantane **18**; δ 1.68 (6 H, s), 2.14 (9 H, s) for 1-chloroadamantane **47**; <sup>4</sup>δ 2.06 (8 H, d, J = 4.0 Hz), 2.47 (2 H, s) for 1,3-chloroadamantane **48**; <sup>5</sup><sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 28.5, 37.9 for adamantane **18**; δ 31.9, 35.7, 47.9 for 1-chloroadamantane **47**; <sup>7</sup>δ 33.5, 33.8, 45.9, 56.6, 66.9 for 1,3-chloroadamantane **48**. <sup>5</sup> These signals are consistent with the literature values and reference samples.

#### Table S1, entry 3

*tert*-Butyl hypochlorite **46** (24 mg, freshly prepared, 0.22 mmol, 0.4 eq.), adamantane **18** (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), carbon tetrachloride (77 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 eq.) and dichloromethane (3.13 mL) were added to an oven-dried pressure tube and the reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 90 h in the dark. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT and quenched with aqueous hydrochloric acid (1 M, 5 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (4 × 10 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The yield of adamantane **18** (58%), 1-chloroadamantane **47** (12%), 1,3-dichloroadamantane **48** (1%) and 2-chloroadamantane **49** (6%) were determined by adding 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene to the crude mixture as an internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR. The products were identified by the following characteristic signals; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.75 – 1.78 (12 H, m), 1.88 (4 H, br s) for adamantane **18**; δ 1.68 (6 H, s), 2.14 (9 H, s) for 1-chloroadamantane **47**; <sup>7</sup>δ 2.06 (8 H, d, J = 4 Hz), 2.47 (2 H, s) for 1,3-chloroadamantane **48**; <sup>2</sup>δ 4.40 (1 H, s) 2-chloroadamantane **49**.<sup>9</sup>

Analysis of the crude material showed that the products were inseparable, hence the analysis of the product mixture was performed using experimental <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR values reported within the literature as a reference.

1-Chloroadamantane **47**: <sup>4</sup><sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.68 – 1.69 (6 H, m, 6 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.14 (9 H, s, 3 × CH and 3 × CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 31.9, 35.7, 47.9, 69.1.

1,3-Dichloroadamantane **48**: <sup>5,8</sup><sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.63 (2 H, br s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.06 (8 H, d, 4 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.30 (2 H, br s, 2 × CH), 2.46 (2 H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 33.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.7, (2 × CH), 45.7 (4 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 66.7 (2 × C).

2-Chloroadamantane **49**: <sup>6</sup><sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.56 – 1.59 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.76 – 1.87 (6 H, m, 2 × CH and 2 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.93 – 1.96 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.08 (2 H, br s, 2 × CH), 2.26 – 2.29 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.40 (1 H, s, CH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 27.0, 27.6, 31.2, 36.0, 37.9, 38.3, 68.5.

#### Table S1, entry 4

*tert*-Butyl hypochlorite **46** (5.4 mg, freshly prepared, 0.05 mmol, 0.1 eq.), adamantane **18** (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), carbon tetrachloride (77 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 eq.) and dichloromethane (3.13 mL) were added to an oven-dried pressure tube and the reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 90 h in the dark. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT and quenched with aqueous hydrochloric acid (1 M, 5 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (4 × 10 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The yield of adamantane **18** (66%) and 1-chloroadamantane **47** (<1%) were determined by adding 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene to the crude mixture as an internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR. The products were identified by the following characteristic signals; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.75 – 1.78 (12 H, m), 1.88 (4 H, br s) for adamantane **18**; δ 1.68 (6 H, s), 2.14 (9 H, s) for 1-chloroadamantane **47**; <sup>4</sup><sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 28.5, 37.9 for adamantane **18**; δ 31.9, 35.7, 47.9 for 1-chloroadamantane **47**.<sup>4</sup>

Analysis of the crude material showed that the products were inseparable, hence the analysis of the product mixture was performed using experimental <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR values reported within the literature as a reference.

1-Chloroadamantane **47**: <sup>7</sup><sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.68 – 1.69 (6 H, m, 6 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.14 (9 H, s, 3 × CH and 3 × CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 31.9, 35.7, 47.9, 69.1.

#### Table S1, entry 5, blank reaction

Adamantane **18** (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), carbon tetrachloride (77 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 eq.) and dichloromethane (3.13 mL) were added to an oven-dried pressure tube and the reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 90 h in the dark. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT and quenched with aqueous hydrochloric acid (1 M, 5 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (4 × 10 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The yield of adamantane **18** (71%) was determined by adding 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene to the crude mixture as an internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR. The product was identified by the following characteristic signals; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.75 – 1.78 (12 H, m), 1.88 (4 H, br s) for adamantane **18**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 28.5, 37.9. These signals are consistent with the literature values and reference samples.

#### *Reaction of KO<sup>t</sup>Bu with adamantane **18** in CCl<sub>4</sub>*

KO<sup>t</sup>Bu **29** (224 mg, 2 mmol, 4.0 eq.), adamantane **18** (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and CCl<sub>4</sub> (3.13 mL) were added to an oven-dried pressure tube and the reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 90 h in the dark. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT and quenched with aqueous hydrochloric acid (1 M, 5 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (4 × 10 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The yield of adamantane **18** (64%) and 1-chloroadamantane **47**<sup>4</sup> (5%) were determined by adding 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene to the crude mixture as an internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR. The products were identified by the following characteristic signals; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.75–1.78 (12 H, m), 1.88 (4 H, br s) for adamantane **18**; δ 1.68 (6 H, s), 2.14 (9 H, s) for 1-chloroadamantane **47**<sup>4</sup>; <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 28.5, 37.9 for adamantane **18**; δ 31.7, 35.6, 47.8 for 1-chloroadamantane **47**<sup>4</sup>. These signals are consistent with the literature values and reference samples.

#### *Synthesis of tert-butyl hypobromite **50***

Throughout the experiment all the equipment was covered in aluminium foil and the reaction mixture was always kept in the dark. To a round-bottomed flask was added NaOCl (0.6 M, 200 mL, 1.4 eq.) and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. NaBr (9.26 g, 90 mmol, 1.1 eq.) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 min. A mixture of *tert*-butanol (8 mL, 84 mmol) and acetic acid (5.3 mL, 92 mmol, 1.11 eq.) was added in one batch under vigorous stirring and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL), washed with water (100 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> to give *tert*-butyl hypobromite **50**<sup>57</sup> as a dark red solution in dichloromethane <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.27 (9 H, s, 3 × CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 27.5 (3 × CH<sub>3</sub>), 82.9 (C). The *tert*-butyl hypobromite **50** was used immediately.

To quantify the amount of *tert*-butyl hypobromite **50** formed, 0.2 mL of the *tert*-butyl hypobromite/dichloromethane solution was transferred to a small vial and a solution of 1,2-dibromoethane (internal standard) in dichloromethane (1 mL, 0.5 M, 0.5 mmol) was added. The concentration was determined from <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: In 0.2 mL of the *tert*-butyl hypobromite / dichloromethane solution, there is 0.052 mmol of *tert*-butyl hypobromite **50**. The compound was used immediately in reactions. To ensure the *tert*-butyl hypobromite **50** had not decomposed prior to being used in the reactions, the *tert*-butyl hypobromite / dichloromethane solution was analysed in the same way immediately after being used, to determine the amount of *tert*-butyl hypobromite **50** present in the *tert*-butyl hypobromite/dichloromethane solution: the amount was determined from <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: In 0.2 mL of the *tert*-butyl hypobromite/dichloromethane solution, there was 0.052 mmol of *tert*-butyl hypobromite **50**.

#### *Reaction of tert-butyl hypobromite **50** with adamantane **18**.*

*tert*-Butyl hypobromite **50** (0.87 mL, freshly prepared and used immediately, 0.22 mmol, 0.4 eq.), adamantane **18** (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and dichloromethane (3.13 mL) were added to an oven-dried pressure tube and the reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 90 h in the dark. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT and quenched with aqueous hydrochloric acid (1 M, 5 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (4 × 10 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The yield of adamantane **18** (70%), 1-bromoadamantane **31** (16%), 2-bromoadamantane **51** (4%) and 1,3-

bromoadamantane **52** (< 1%) were determined by adding 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene to the crude mixture as an internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR. The products were identified by the following characteristic signals; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.74–1.76 (12 H, m), 1.88 (4 H, br s) for adamantane **18**; δ 1.72 (6 H, m), 2.10 (3 H, br s), 2.36 (6 H, m) for 1-bromoadamantane **31**<sup>19</sup>; δ 1.97–2.00 (2 H, m), 2.15 (2 H, br s), 2.33 (2 H, br s), 4.68 (1 H, br s) for 2-bromoadamantane **51**<sup>48</sup>; δ 1.70 (2 H, m), 2.25–2.30 (10 H, m), 2.87 (2 H, br s) for 1,3-dibromoadamantane **52**.<sup>47</sup> <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 28.5, 37.9 adamantane **18**; δ 32.8, 35.7, 49.5 for 1-bromoadamantane **31**. These signals are consistent with the literature values and reference samples.

#### Reactions of KO<sup>t</sup>Bu (**29**) with adamantane (**18**) and CBr<sub>4</sub>

**Table S2, entry 1**

KO<sup>t</sup>Bu **29** (224 mg, 2 mmol, 4.0 eq.), adamantane **18** (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), CBr<sub>4</sub> (166 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and dichloromethane (3.13 mL) were added to an oven-dried pressure tube and the reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 90 h in the dark. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT and quenched with aqueous hydrochloric acid (1 M, 5 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (4 × 10 mL). The organic phases were combined and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The yield of adamantane **18** (84%) and 1-bromoadamantane **31** (4%) were determined by adding 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene to the crude mixture as an internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR. The products were identified by the following characteristic signals; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.74–1.76 (12 H, m), 1.88 (4 H, br s) for adamantane **18**; δ 1.72 (6 H, m), 2.10 (3 H, br s), 2.36 (6 H, m) for 1-bromoadamantane **31**<sup>11</sup>; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 28.5, 37.9 adamantane **18**; δ 32.8, 35.7, 49.5 for 1-bromoadamantane **31**. These signals are consistent with the literature values and reference samples.<sup>6,11</sup>

**Table S2, entry 2**

*tert*-Butyl hypobromite **50** (1.89 mL, freshly prepared and used immediately, 0.22 mmol, 0.4 eq.), adamantane **18** (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), carbon tetrabromide (166 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 eq.) and dichloromethane (3.13 mL) were added to an oven-dried pressure tube and the reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 90 h in the dark. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT and quenched with aqueous hydrochloric acid (1 M, 5 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (4 × 10 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The yield of adamantane **18** (9%), 1-bromoadamantane **31** (28%), 2-bromoadamantane **51** (5%) and 1,3-bromoadamantane **52** (18%) were determined by adding 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene to the crude mixture as an internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR. The products were identified by the following characteristic signals; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.74 – 1.76 (12 H, m), 1.88 (4 H, br s) for adamantane **18**; δ 1.72 (6 H, m), 2.10 (3 H, br s), 2.36 (6 H, m) for 1-bromoadamantane **31**<sup>1</sup>; δ 1.97 – 2.00 (2 H, m), 2.15 (2 H, br s), 2.33 (2 H, br s), 4.68 (1 H, br s) for 2-bromoadamantane **51**<sup>6</sup>; δ 1.70 (2 H, m), 2.25 – 2.30 (10 H, m), 2.87 (2 H, br s) for 1,3-dibromoadamantane **52**.<sup>11</sup> <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 28.5, 37.9 for adamantane **18**; δ 32.8, 35.7, 49.5 for 1-bromoadamantane **31**. These signals are consistent with the literature values and reference samples.

**Table S2, entry 3**

*tert*-Butyl hypobromite **50** (0.33 mL, freshly prepared and used immediately, 0.05 mmol, 0.1 eq.), adamantane **18** (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), carbon tetrabromide (166 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 eq.) and dichloromethane (3.13 mL) were added to an oven-dried pressure tube and the reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 90 h in the dark. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT and quenched with aqueous hydrochloric acid (1 M, 5 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (4 × 10 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The yield of adamantane **18** (29%), 1-bromoadamantane **31** (35%), 2-bromoadamantane **51** (14%) and 1,3-bromoadamantane **52** (11%) were determined by adding 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene to the crude mixture as an internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR. The products were identified by the following characteristic signals; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.74 – 1.76 (12 H, m), 1.88 (4 H, br s) for adamantane **18**; δ 1.72 (6 H, m), 2.10 (3 H, br s), 2.36 (6 H, m) for 1-bromoadamantane **31**<sup>12</sup>; δ 1.97 – 2.00 (2 H, m), 2.15 (2 H, br s), 2.33 (2 H, br s), 4.68 (1 H, br s) for 2-bromoadamantane **51**<sup>45</sup>; δ 1.70 (2 H, m), 2.25 – 2.30 (10 H, m), 2.87 (2 H, br s) for 1,3-dibromoadamantane **52**.<sup>13</sup> <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 28.5, 37.9 for adamantane **18**; δ 32.8, 35.7, 49.5 for 1-bromoadamantane **31**. These signals are consistent with the literature values and reference samples.

**Table S2, entry 4, blank reaction**

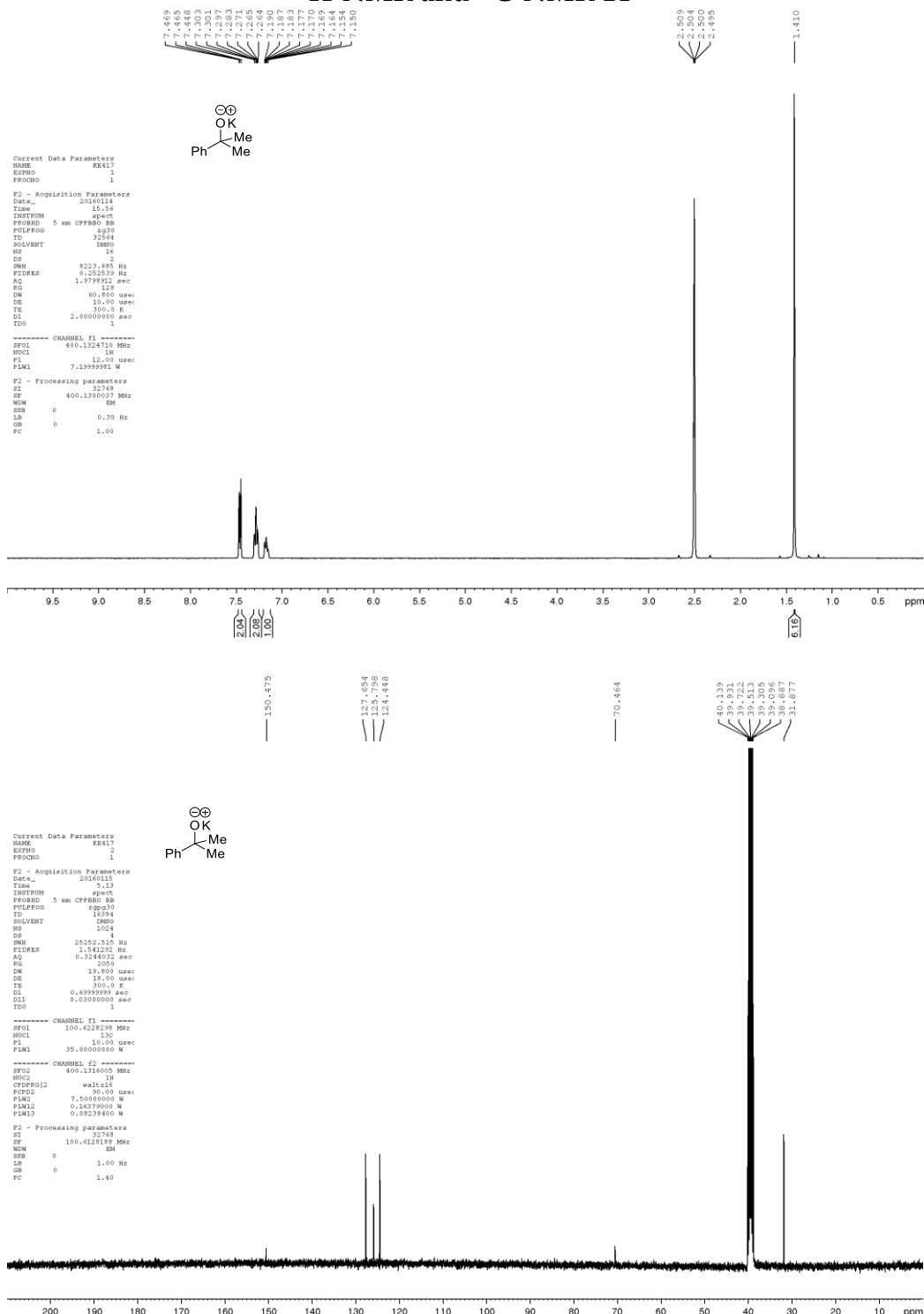
Adamantane **18** (68 mg, 0.5 mmol), carbon tetrabromide (166 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 eq.) and dichloromethane (3.13 mL) were added to an oven-dried pressure tube and the reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 90 h in the dark. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT and quenched with aqueous hydrochloric acid (1 M, 5 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (4 x 10 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The yield of adamantane **18** (75%) was determined by adding 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene to the crude mixture as an internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR. The product was identified by the following characteristic signals; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.74 – 1.76 (12 H, m), 1.88 (4 H, br s) for adamantane **18**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 28.5, 37.9. These signals are consistent with the literature values and reference samples.

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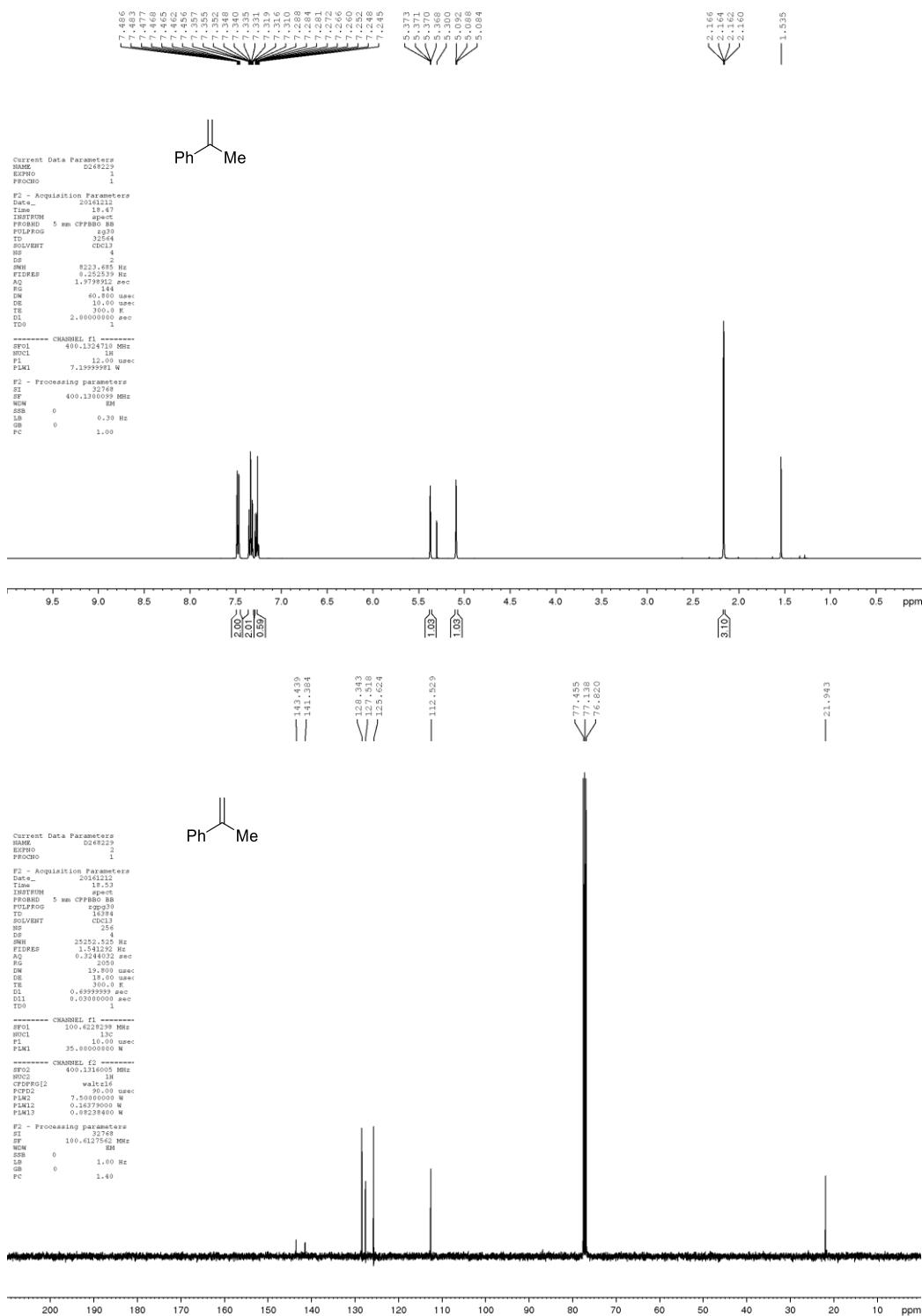
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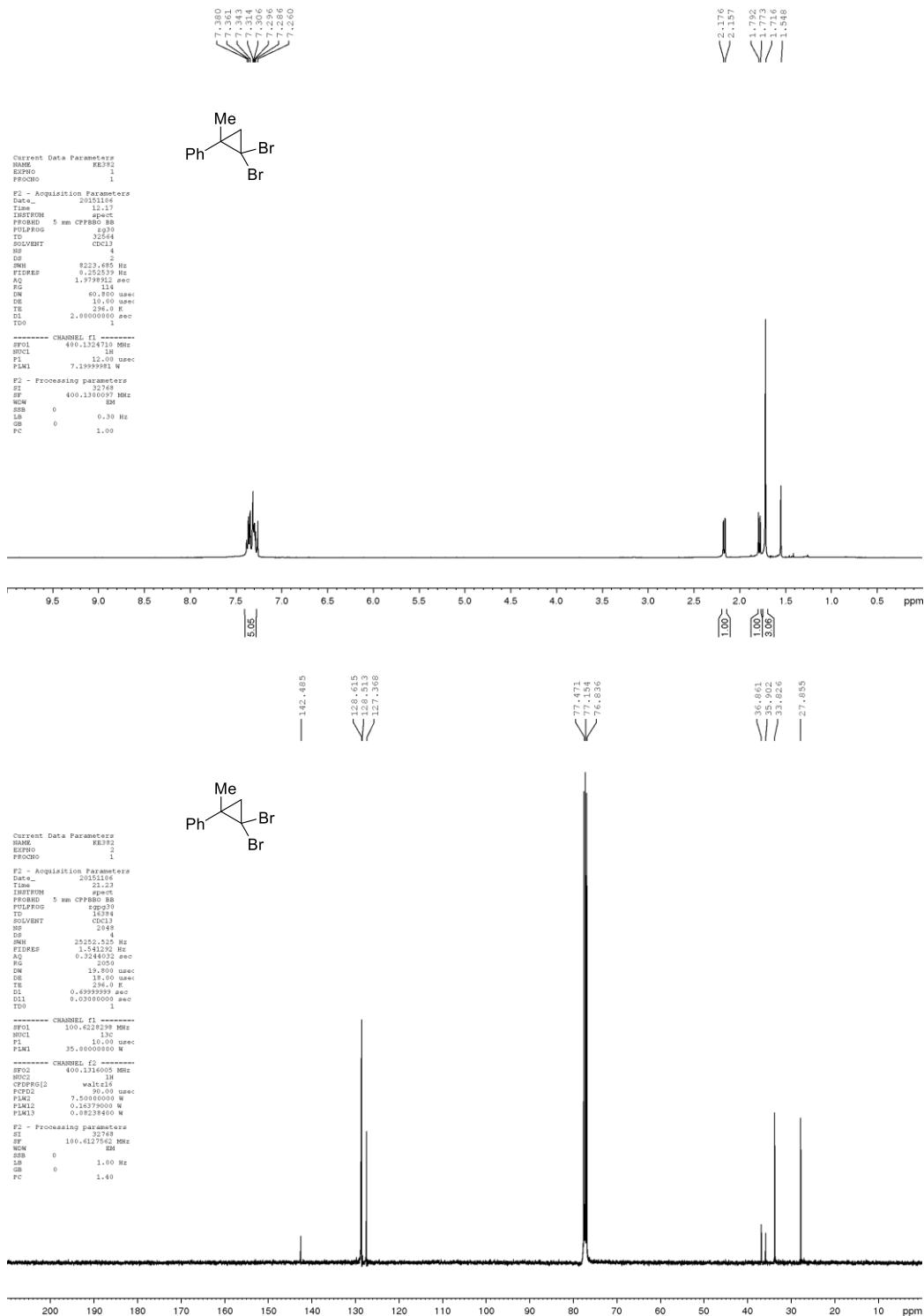
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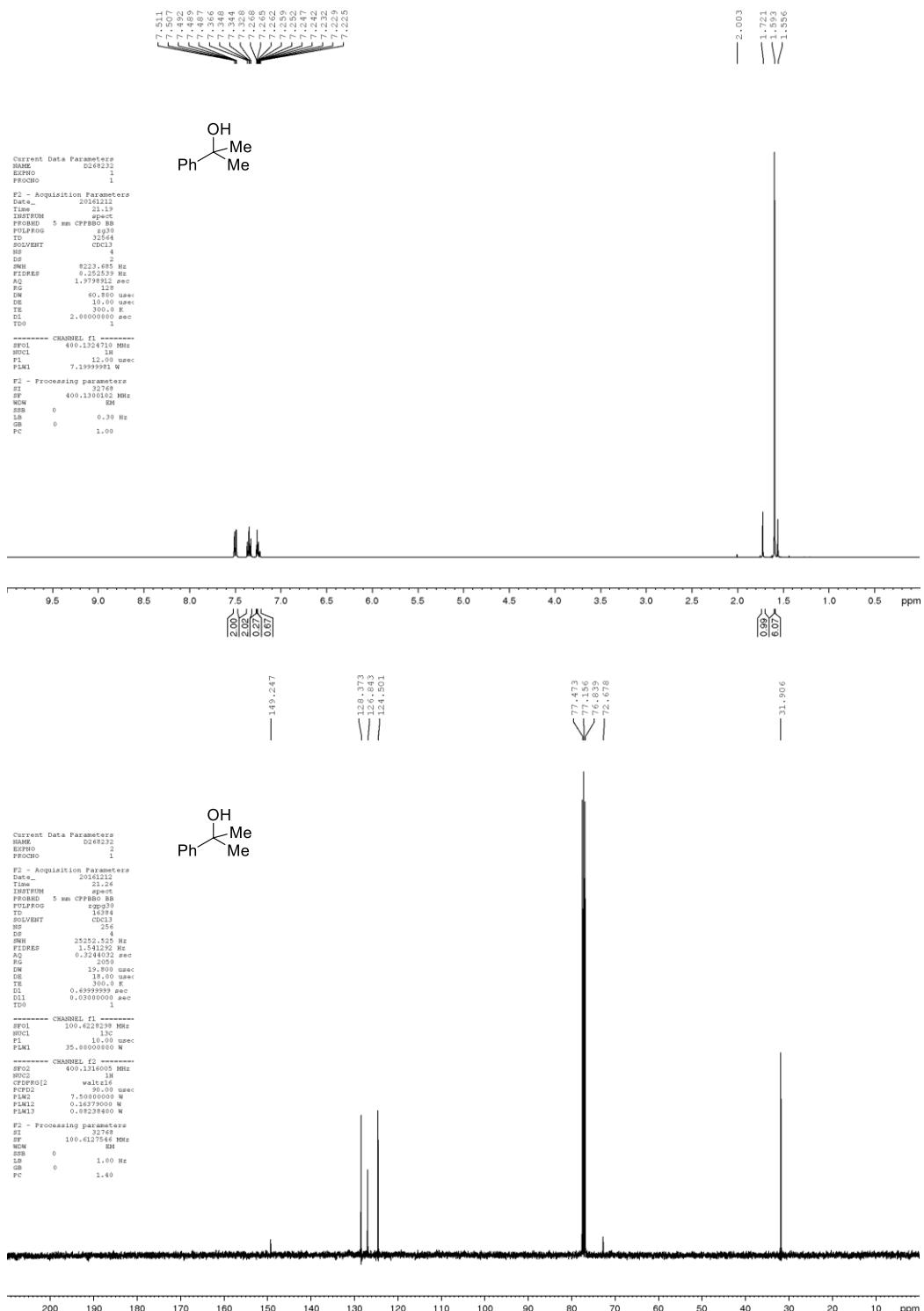
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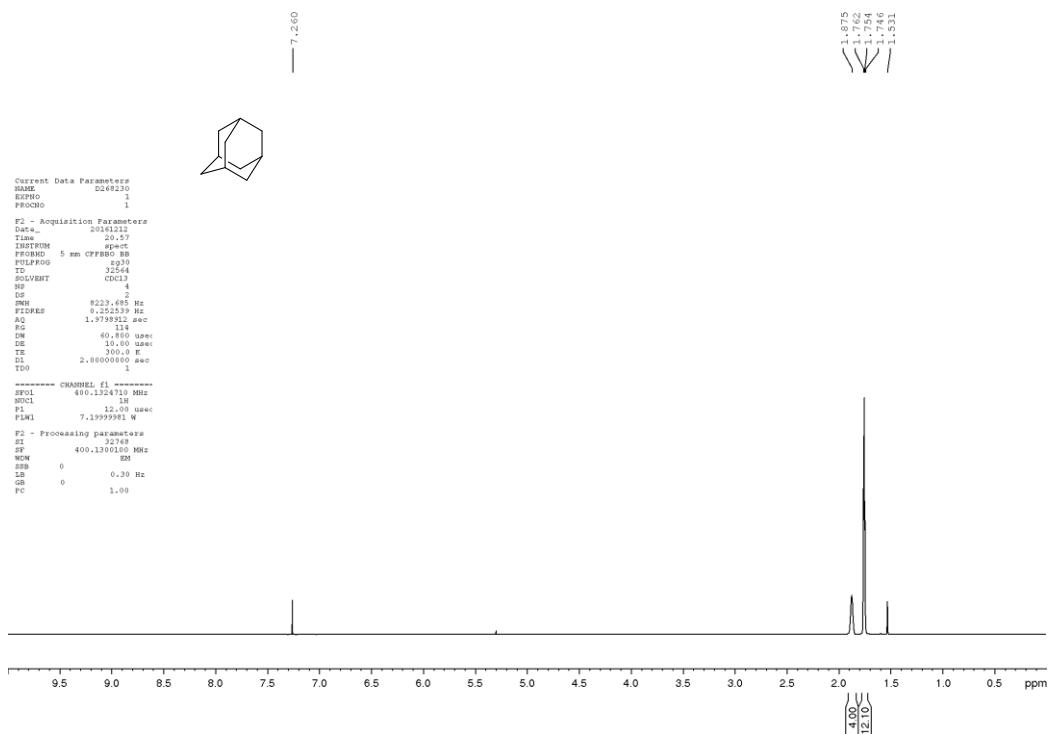


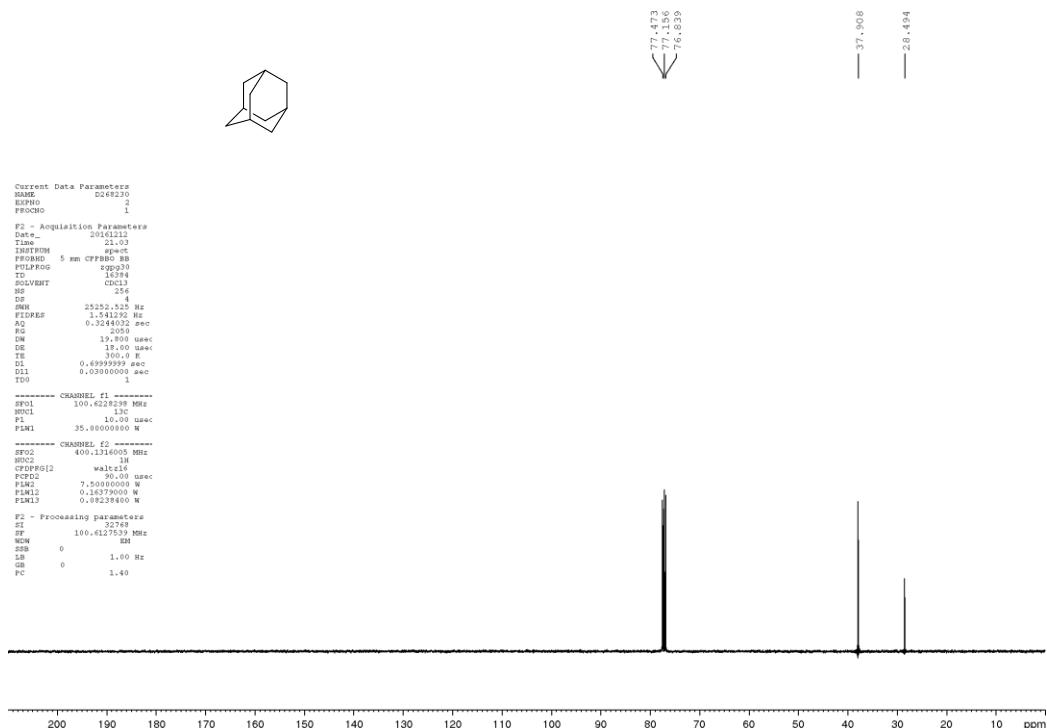
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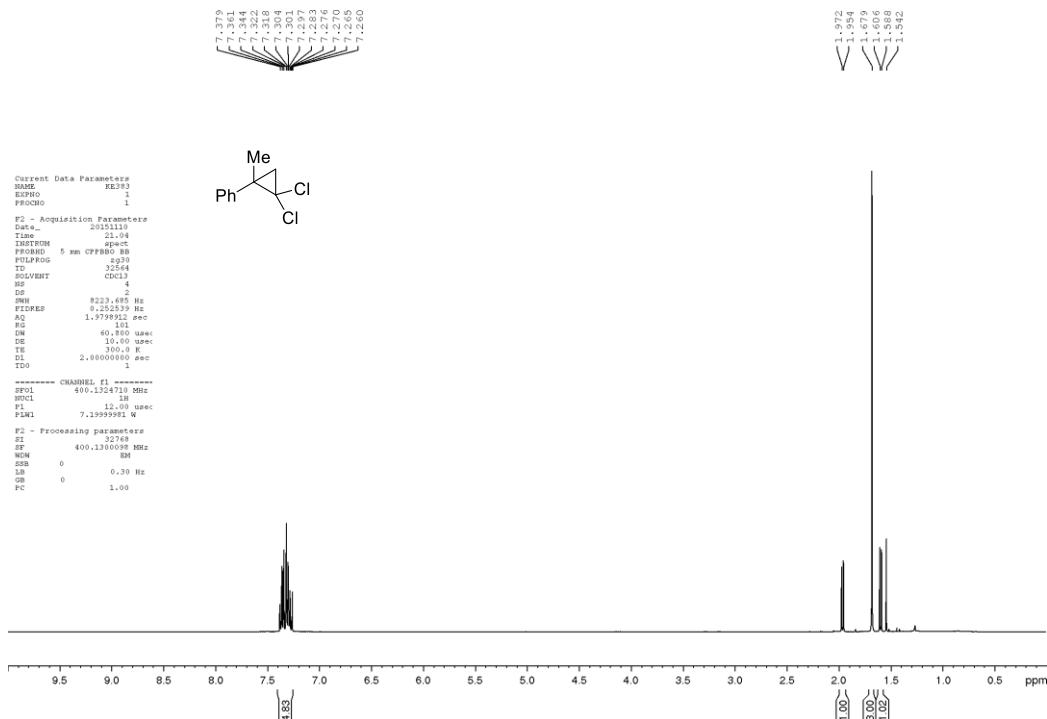
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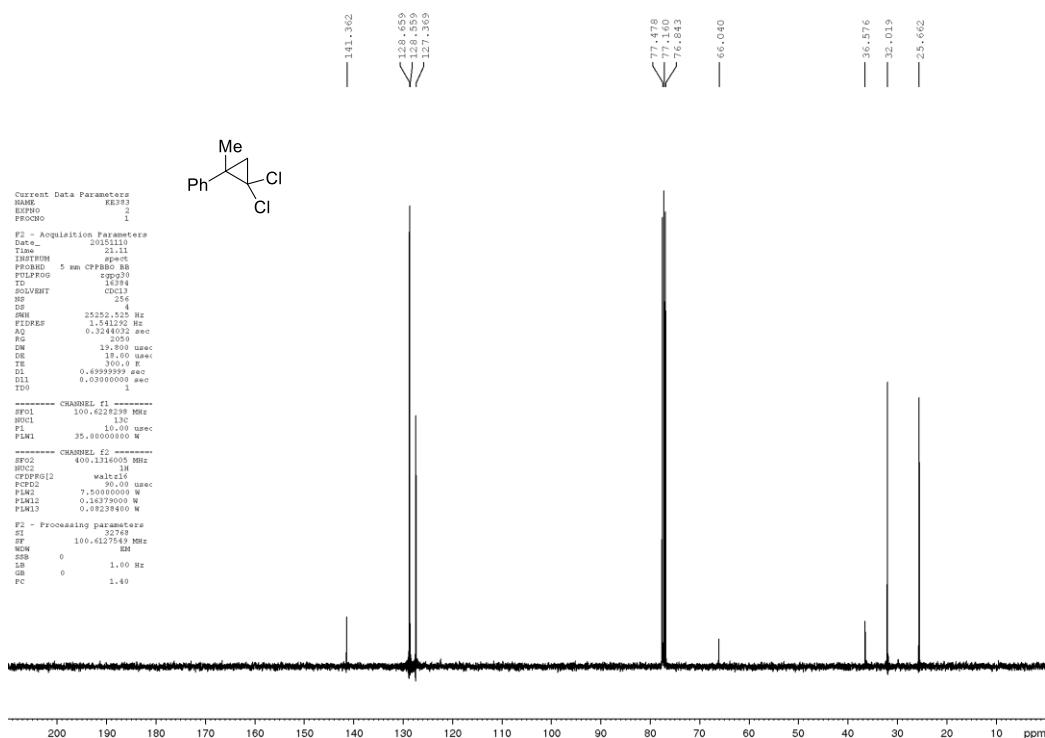
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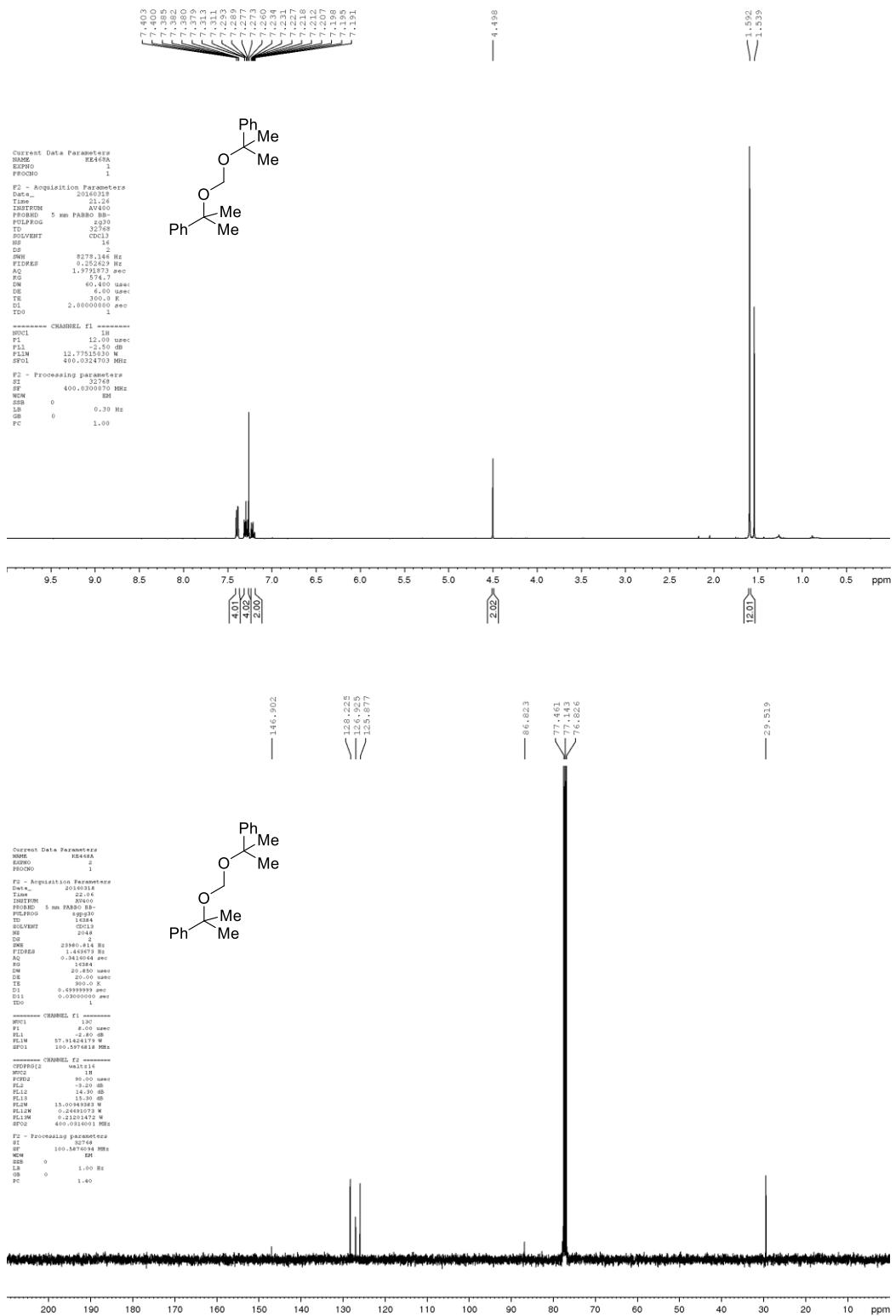


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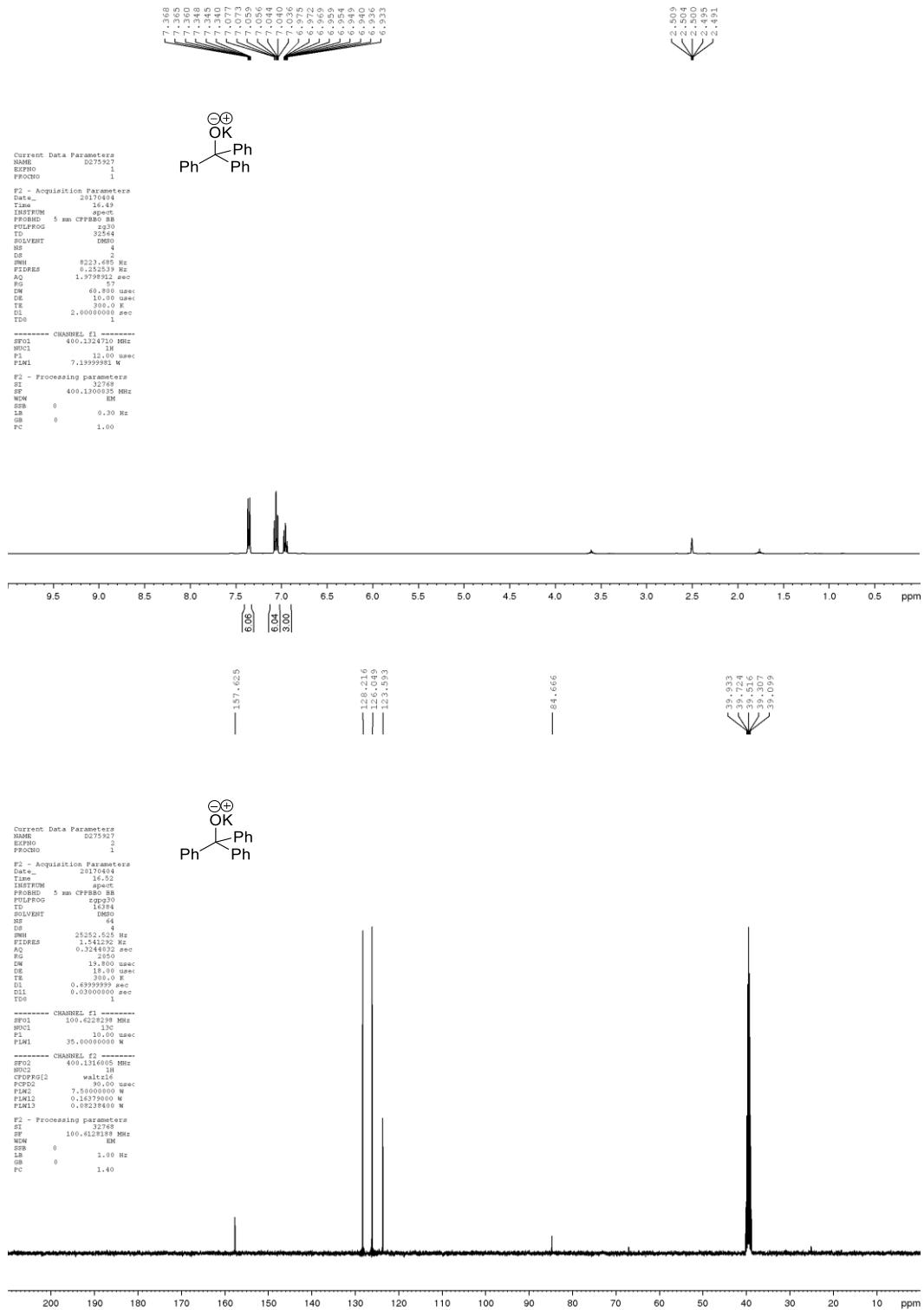


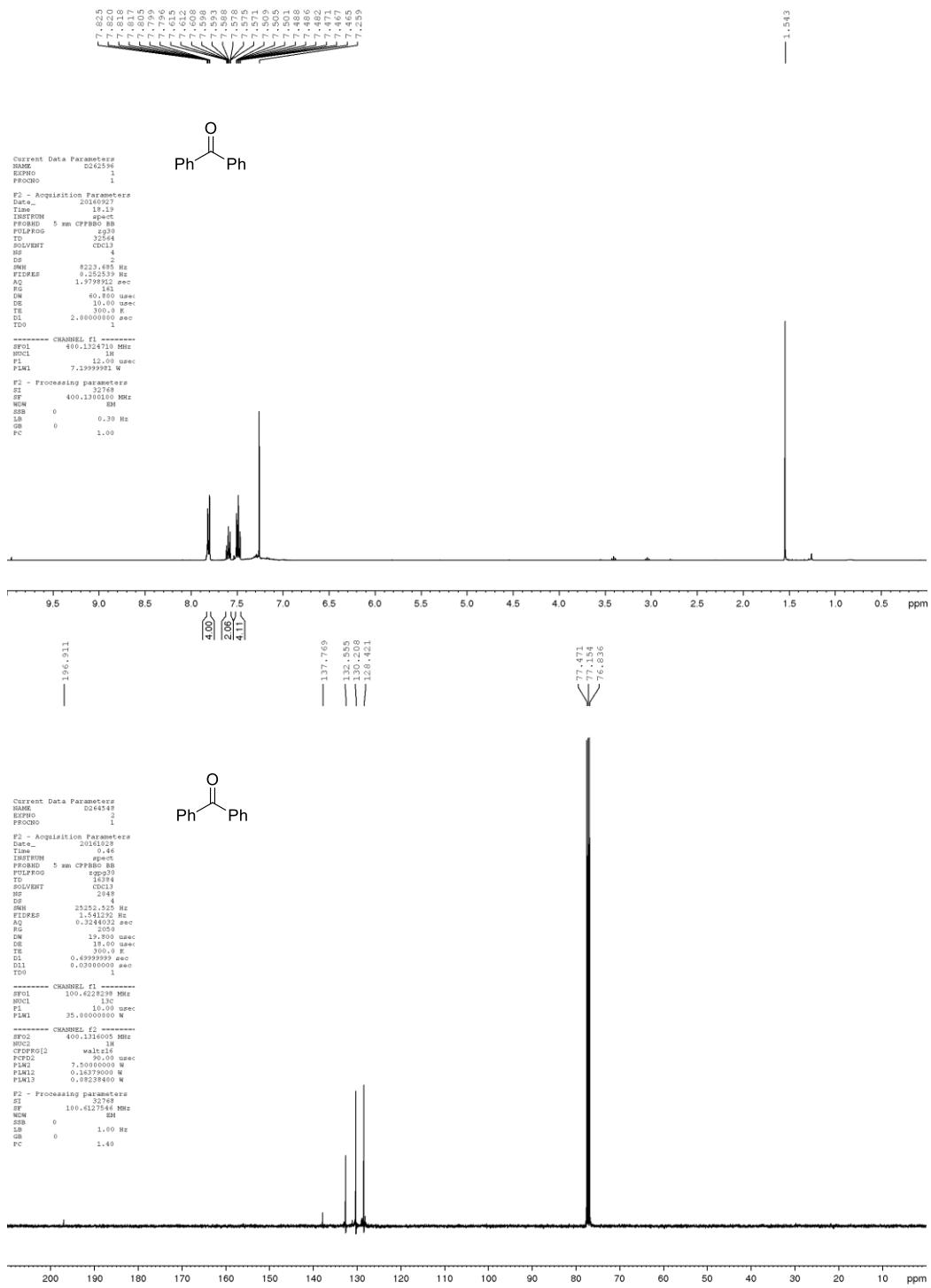


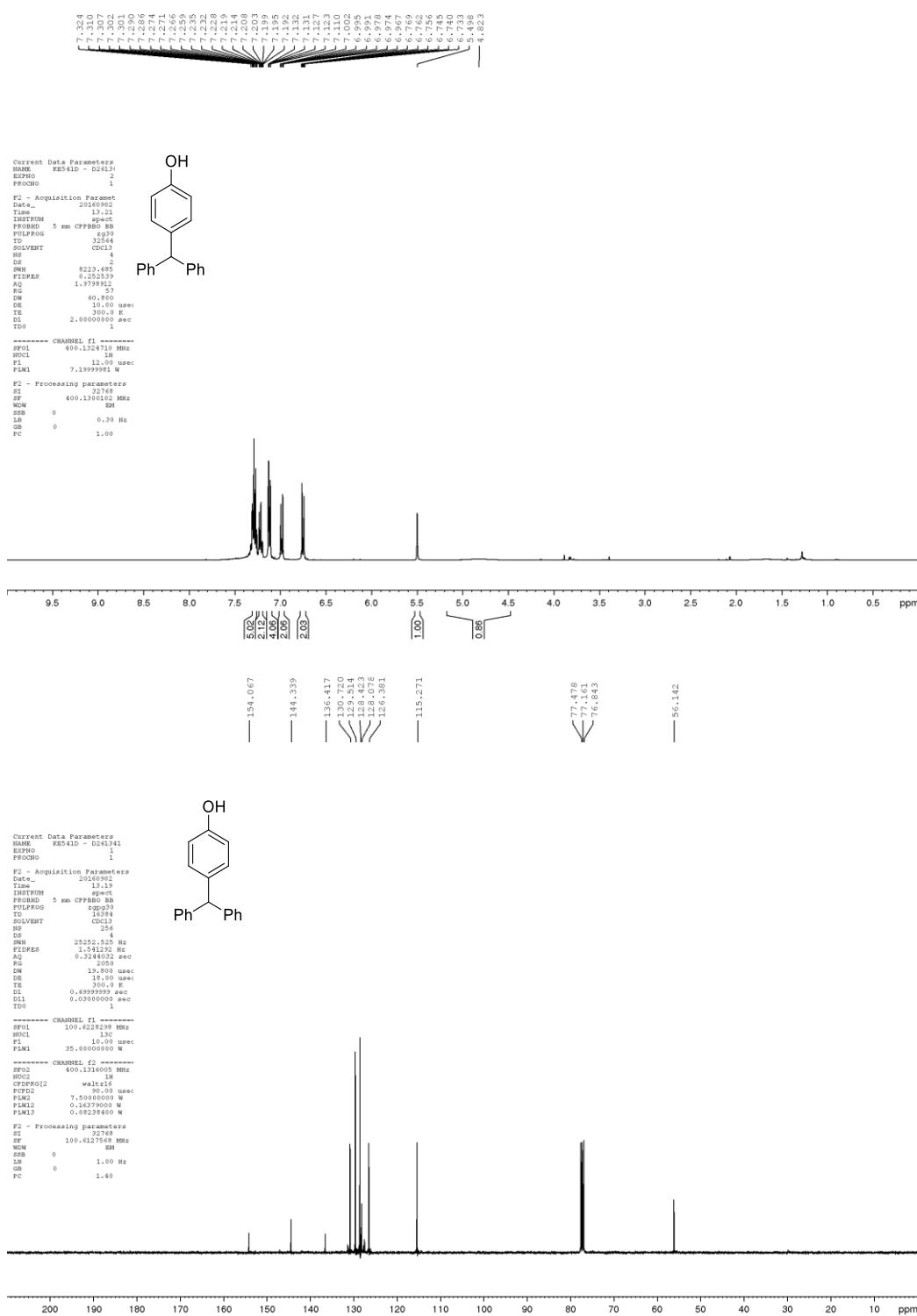
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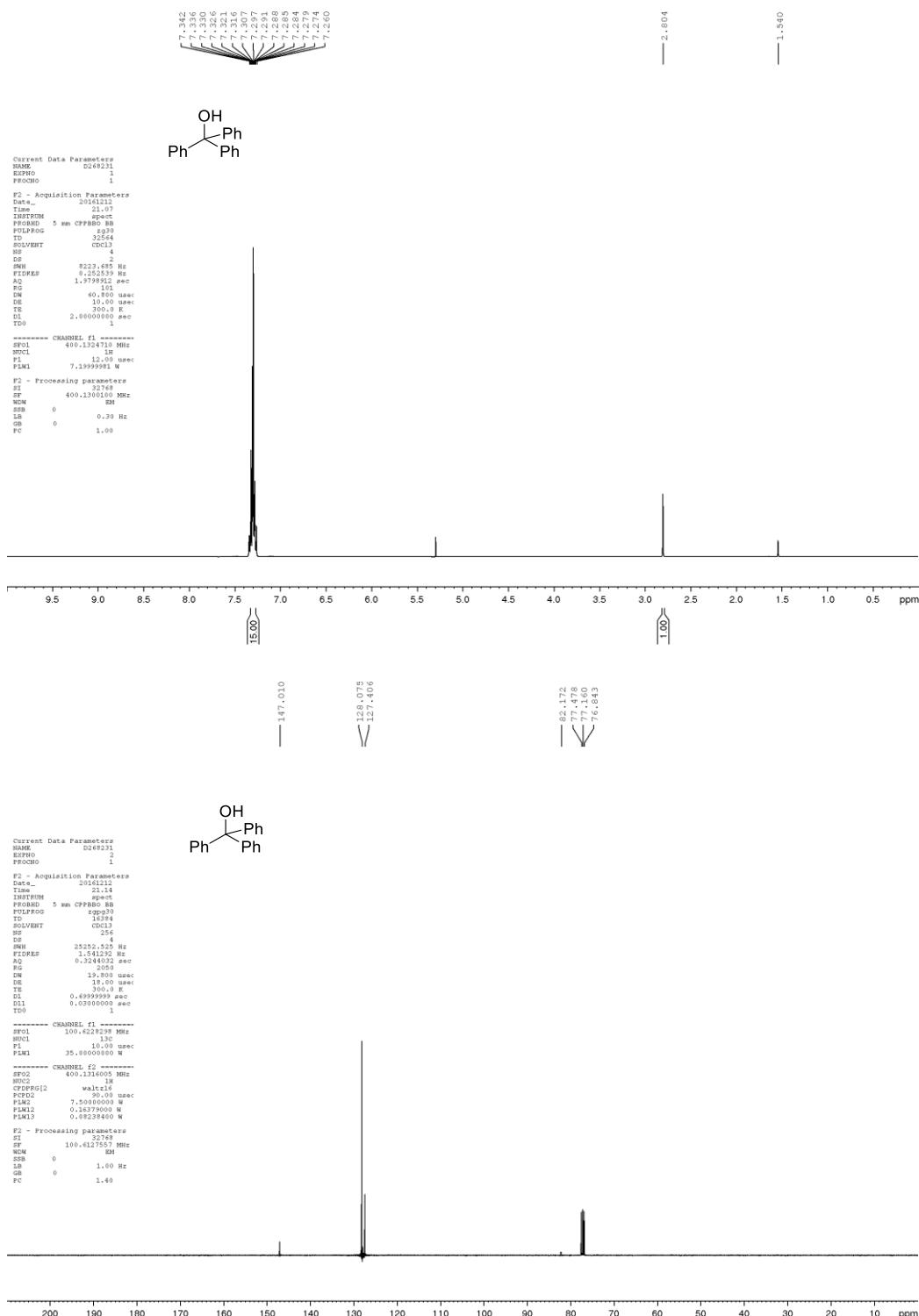


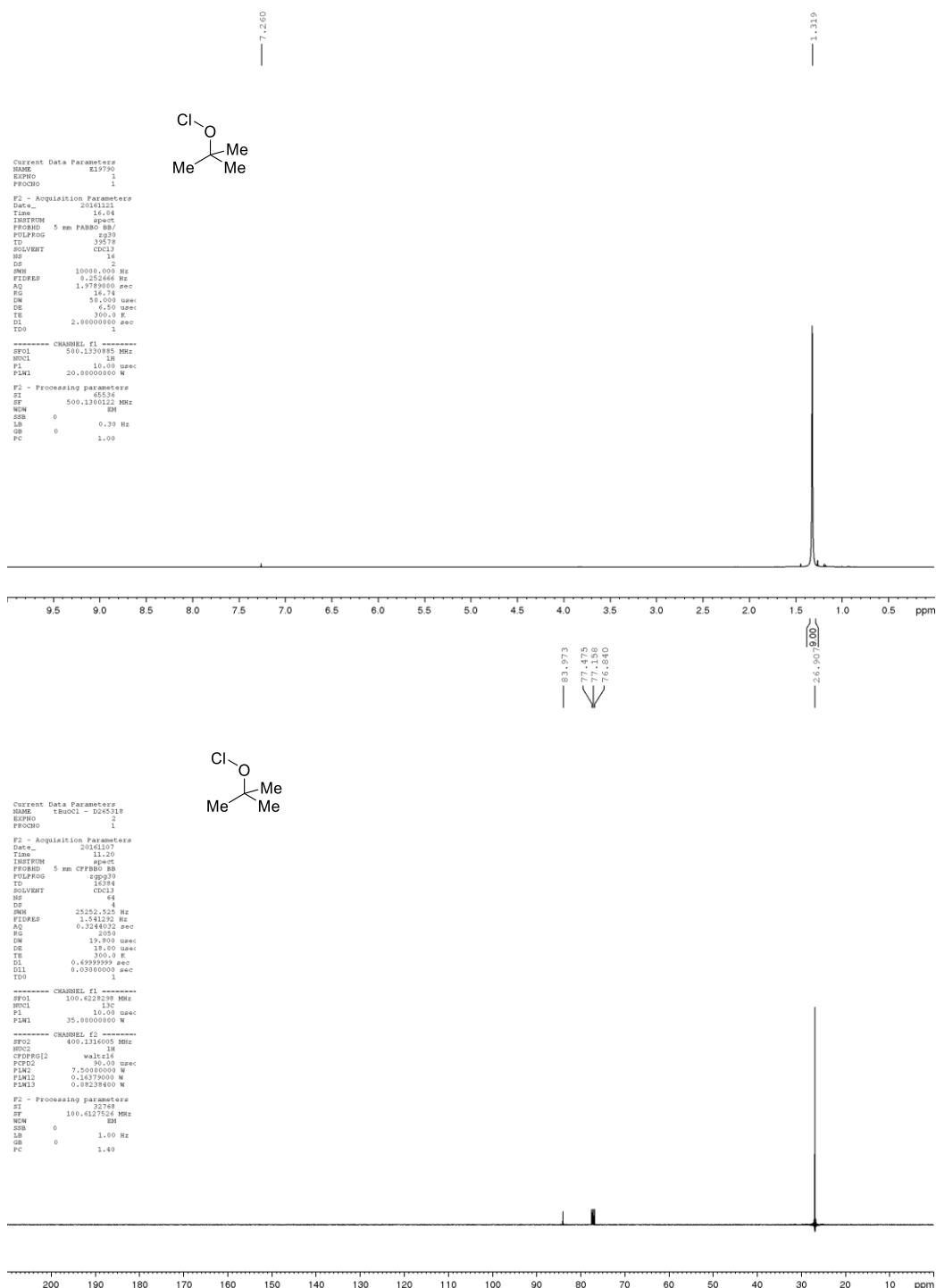
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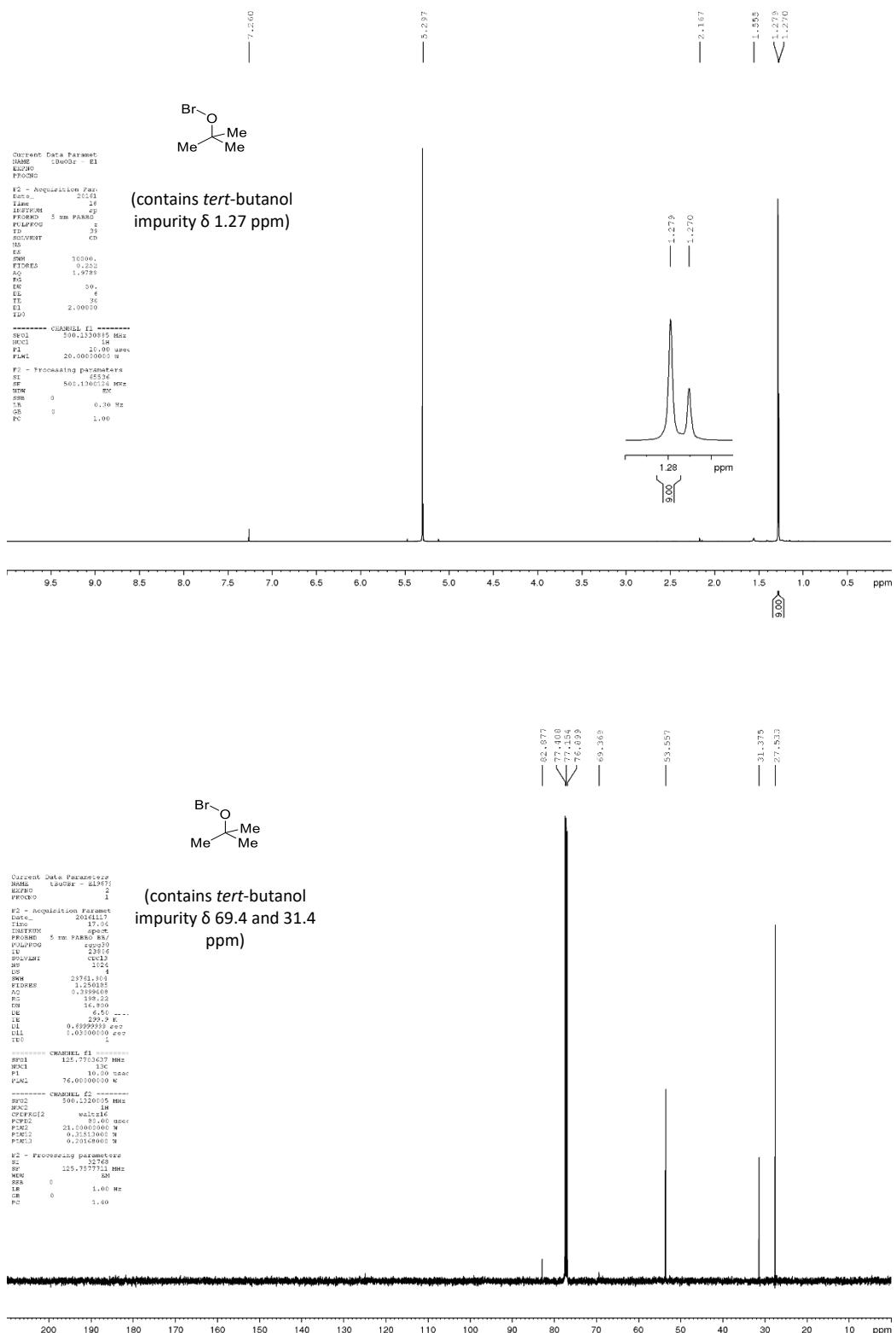


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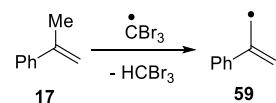
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### <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR *tert*-butyl hypobromite 50





## 1.5 XYZ coordinates for computational optimisation



**H atom abstraction in 17 /CBr<sub>3</sub> radical – starting species 17 and CBr<sub>3</sub> radical in benzene**

23

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**H atom abstraction from 17/CBr<sub>3</sub> radical – transition state in benzene**

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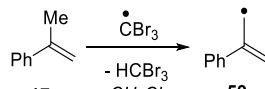
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**H atom abstraction from 17 – products 59 and HCBr<sub>3</sub> in benzene**

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**H atom abstraction from 17 – starting species 17 and CBr<sub>3</sub> radical in dichloromethane**

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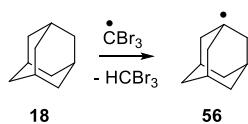
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H atom abstraction from 17 – transition state in dichloromethane

23

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H atom abstraction from 18 – starting species 18 in dichloromethane

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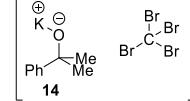
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C	-0.49477	1.65065	0.41869
H	-1.52101	2.03405	0.44120
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H atom abstraction of 17 CBr<sub>3</sub> radical – products X and HCBr in dichloromethane

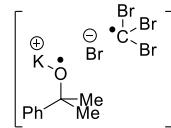
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<b>H atom abstraction from 18 – starting species CBr<sub>3</sub> radical in dichloromethane</b>			C	-0.51662	1.34640	1.08041	
4			H	0.12724	2.14995	1.45289	
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C	0.00044	-0.00044	0.33966	C	-0.52385	1.36006	-0.47432
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Br	-1.15836	-1.46920	-0.01941	C	0.90989	1.13046	-0.98045
Br	-0.69410	1.73712	-0.01940	H	0.92292	1.14984	-2.07578
			H	1.56426	1.93703	-0.63197	
			C	1.42982	-0.22903	1.07371	
			H	1.80724	-1.18921	1.44059	
<b>H atom abstraction of 18 – transition state in dichloromethane</b>			H	2.08563	0.56422	1.44743	
30			C	0.51992	-1.34927	-0.98734	
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C	-1.69951	0.40968	-1.37350	H	0.52654	-1.36656	-2.08268
H	-1.35970	-0.26981	-2.16298	C	1.43704	-0.22444	-0.48103
H	-1.26297	1.39556	-1.56598	H	2.45613	-0.38419	-0.84639
C	-1.27870	-0.11942	-0.01398	<b>H atom abstraction from 18 – product HCB<sub>3</sub> in dichloromethane</b>			
H	-0.01580	-0.12510	-0.00522	5			
C	-3.24812	0.48677	-1.37206	-78.6661292			
H	-3.58923	0.88147	-2.33389	C	0.00056	-0.00040	0.53201
C	-3.81937	-0.91892	-1.13979	Br	1.75864	-0.62524	-0.04580
H	-3.51459	-1.58326	-1.95483	Br	-1.42110	-1.20979	-0.04575
H	-4.91350	-0.87447	-1.13991	Br	-0.33767	1.83511	-0.04573
C	-1.77575	-1.53624	0.19124	H	0.00105	-0.00068	1.61262
H	-1.39852	-1.96322	1.12699				
H	-1.45054	-2.17692	-0.63501				
C	-3.32356	-1.47091	0.21180				
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C	-3.79325	-0.53614	1.33668				
H	-4.88798	-0.50047	1.33763				
H	-3.47812	-0.92654	2.31069	<b>Neutral complex of 14 and CBr<sub>4</sub> in dichloromethane</b>			
C	-1.68675	0.80869	1.11071	27			
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C	-3.23091	0.87094	1.11601	H	1.87227	0.08711	2.19661
H	-3.55531	1.52897	1.92712	C	4.31261	1.88956	0.52154
C	1.37627	-0.02003	-0.01850	H	4.62136	1.99333	-0.52192
Br	1.72052	1.87164	-0.36574	H	4.01315	2.87211	0.89887
Br	2.14090	-1.19722	-1.37614	H	5.16877	1.53943	1.10545
Br	1.91769	-0.54391	1.78549	O	2.07777	1.45022	-0.15433
<b>H atom abstraction from 18 – product 56 in dichloromethane</b>			C	3.56206	-0.44960	0.10293	
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H	-0.54442	-2.09287	1.44230	C	4.95150	-2.43506	0.30863
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H	-1.56639	-1.93233	-0.84494	H	3.01802	-2.61808	-2.46680
C	-1.43462	0.22863	-0.97862	H	5.70410	-2.99399	0.85377
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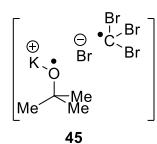
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Br	-2.64399	-0.22230	1.90371	O	2.93691	0.21790	0.00033
Br	-1.99814	-2.13452	-0.59663	C	3.38738	-1.79711	-1.25348
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**Triplet complex 44 in dichloromethane**

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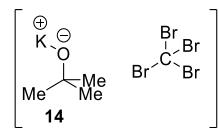
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H	3.23946	1.51694	0.58047
C	5.74696	-0.98756	-0.95468
H	4.30882	-2.49665	-0.47177
C	6.06335	0.36839	-0.91725
H	5.39506	2.32445	-0.32957
H	6.44147	-1.69666	-1.38991
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Br	0.49425	1.83738	-1.00419
C	-2.22121	-0.32519	-0.17504
Br	-2.02620	-1.20291	1.51587
Br	-2.12953	-1.44307	-1.71261
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**Triplet complex 45 in dichloromethane**

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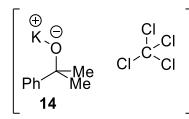
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H	5.96968	1.40266	0.72715
H	5.81279	0.23106	2.06114
H	6.81402	-0.15968	0.64270
O	3.62317	0.39507	0.75021
C	4.83439	-0.14945	-1.25482
C	-2.06866	-0.03608	0.11930
K	1.78092	2.04832	-0.29321
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H	3.94853	-0.56239	-1.74140
H	4.92257	0.90922	-1.51111
Br	-3.15680	-1.15085	-0.97859
Br	-2.04671	-0.44498	1.98252
Br	-2.06619	1.82747	-0.32393
Br	1.05408	-0.94765	-0.84691

**Neutral complex of 14 and CBr<sub>4</sub> in dichloromethane**

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-924.4005342

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H	3.59906	-1.20742	2.15015
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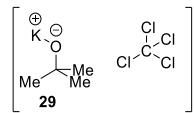
**Neutral complex of 14 and CCl<sub>4</sub> in carbon tetrachloride**

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H	1.71297	1.98667	2.53662
H	1.08514	0.34798	2.27901
C	3.56417	1.99612	0.50483

H	3.80938	2.10474	-0.55511
H	3.36302	2.98780	0.92066
H	4.42902	1.56777	1.02040
O	1.24533	1.71555	-0.01778
C	2.62482	-0.26963	0.08274
C	2.00048	-0.72218	-1.07906
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H	1.27553	-0.07034	-1.54943
C	3.86206	-2.36313	0.15710
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K	-0.27510	3.08460	-1.15816
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Neutral complex of 29 and CCl<sub>4</sub> in carbon tetrachloride

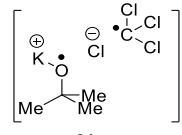
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H	-2.89900	-1.03050	-2.14476
H	-1.63798	-1.88314	-1.23742
C	-4.52907	-0.42322	-0.02676
H	-4.78689	0.17543	0.85221
H	-4.75553	0.16477	-0.92150
H	-5.15837	-1.31976	-0.03256
O	-2.27628	0.39675	0.01073
C	-2.74169	-1.60166	1.26262
C	2.09086	-0.20150	0.00142
K	-1.49979	2.60659	-0.00004
Cl	2.78925	1.37273	-0.46841
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Cl	2.69393	-0.63997	1.61483
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H	-2.97875	-1.01277	2.15387

	60	Triplet complex of 60 in carbon tetrachloride	27
-2903.5364951			

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H	-2.21206	2.16235	-2.50998
H	-1.71792	0.46443	-2.30189
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H	-2.28228	3.03372	1.12724
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H	-3.68247	2.38795	0.24419
O	-0.55857	2.18283	-0.53988
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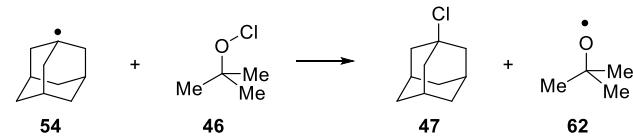
Triplet complex 61 in carbon tetrachloride 61

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H	-2.61761	-2.75876	-0.59371
H	-2.65334	-1.61892	-1.94951
H	-1.19800	-1.74960	-0.93819
C	-4.36360	-0.70193	0.07124
H	-4.71590	0.08841	0.73563
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H	-4.70979	-1.66542	0.45062
O	-2.38719	0.55854	-0.39227
C	-2.22821	-0.84550	1.42033
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K	-0.64093	2.50685	-0.67527
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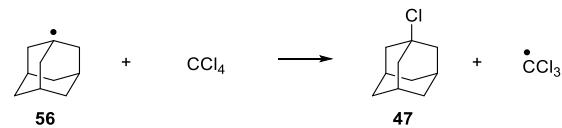
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**Cl abstraction from 46 – starting species 54 and 46 in dichloromethane**

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**Cl abstraction from CCl<sub>4</sub> – starting species CCl<sub>4</sub> and 56 in dichloromethane**

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**Cl abstraction of 46 – products 47 and 62 in dichloromethane**

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C	2.94381	0.00002	-0.00840	H	0.09560	0.34834	-1.27951
Cl	3.18743	1.44949	0.98816	C	-1.26408	1.46426	-0.00013
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Cl	3.18880	-1.44820	0.98967	H	-3.54069	0.34311	-2.15577

**Cl abstraction from CCl<sub>4</sub> – transition state in dichloromethane**

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C	-1.34484	1.06143	0.36895
H	-1.12708	2.07691	0.69060
C	-1.96806	0.15035	1.38463
C	-1.89261	0.89363	-1.01778
H	-1.49563	0.27987	2.36136
C	-1.88831	-1.31663	0.92899
C	-3.46247	0.57336	1.46451
H	-1.36567	1.54247	-1.72134
C	-1.81621	-0.57624	-1.46737
C	-3.38721	1.31471	-0.93036
H	-2.40032	-1.94852	1.66187
H	-0.84412	-1.63818	0.88741
C	-2.54445	-1.46880	-0.45134
H	-3.54024	1.61056	1.80511
H	-3.96817	-0.05780	2.20282
C	-4.11315	0.41589	0.08191
H	-0.77245	-0.88812	-1.56227
H	-2.28164	-0.67155	-2.45372
H	-3.46321	2.36394	-0.62825
H	-3.83906	1.22165	-1.92348
H	-2.47712	-2.51259	-0.77127
C	-4.01830	-1.04944	-0.36764
H	-5.16329	0.71670	0.14163
H	-4.49743	-1.16969	-1.34530
H	-4.55218	-1.69095	0.34169
Cl	0.87696	0.48822	0.22435
C	2.79197	-0.00719	-0.00477
Cl	3.69291	1.45240	-0.39512
Cl	2.88347	-1.17837	-1.31744
Cl	3.34957	-0.71407	1.51027

**BrO<sup>t</sup>Bu Homolysis - BrO<sup>t</sup>Bu Optimised Geometry in dichloromethane**

15	-246.3067183		
C	-1.27184	0.00002	0.03466
C	-1.29606	1.26315	0.88399
H	-0.47035	1.27354	1.59818
H	-1.22662	2.14805	0.24799
H	-2.23046	1.30891	1.44693
C	-1.29667	-1.26185	0.88579
H	-2.23005	-1.30539	1.45059
H	-1.22963	-2.14780	0.25101
H	-0.46966	-1.27236	1.59849
C	-2.41975	-0.00035	-0.97642
H	-2.37324	0.88876	-1.60696
H	-2.37279	-0.88956	-1.60682
H	-3.36878	-0.00058	-0.43652
O	-0.13765	-0.00115	-0.86009
Br	1.56511	-0.00001	-0.02944

**BrO<sup>t</sup>Bu Homolysis - Br Radical Optimised Geometry in dichloromethane**

1	-13.2872674		
Br	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

**Cl abstraction from CCl<sub>4</sub> – products 47 and CCl<sub>3</sub> radical in dichloromethane**

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-2268.8829758

C	-1.58604	-1.46703	0.00019
H	-2.21505	-2.35788	0.00028
C	-1.83404	-0.63474	-1.25885
C	-1.83402	-0.63445	1.25903
H	-1.61769	-1.24319	-2.14078

**BrO<sup>t</sup>Bu Homolysis - O<sup>t</sup>Bu Radical Optimised Geometry**

**in dichloromethane**

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-232.9600216

C	0.00013	-0.02598	0.07633
C	-1.26562	-0.79290	-0.31355
H	-1.29097	-1.75801	0.19702
H	-2.15303	-0.22279	-0.03306
H	-1.28435	-0.97201	-1.39063
C	1.27237	-0.78234	-0.31324
H	1.29295	-0.96129	-1.39032
H	2.15486	-0.20482	-0.03242
H	1.30554	-1.74719	0.19736
C	-0.00569	1.38003	-0.57554
H	-0.89906	1.93341	-0.28471
H	0.88274	1.94106	-0.28425
H	-0.00486	1.24269	-1.65861
O	-0.00136	0.25952	1.42945