

## Supporting Information

### Evans Enolates: Structures and Mechanisms Underlying the Aldol Addition of Oxazolidinone-Derived Boron Enolates

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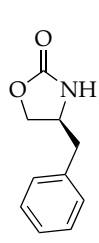
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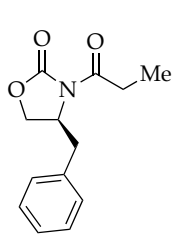
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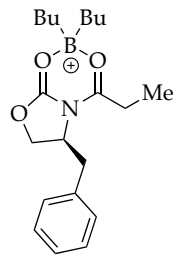
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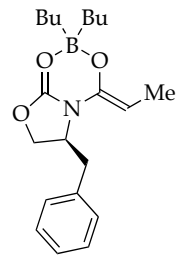
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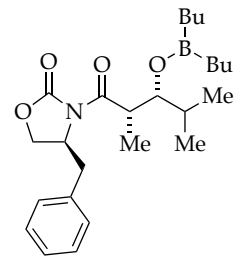
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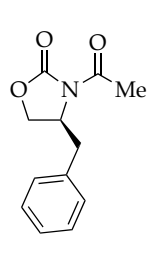
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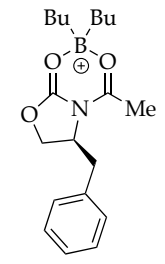
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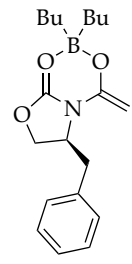
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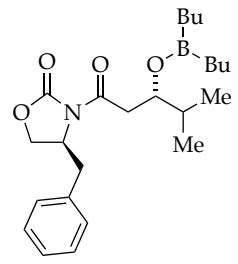
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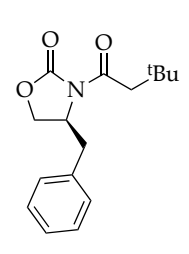
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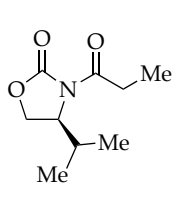
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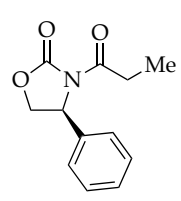
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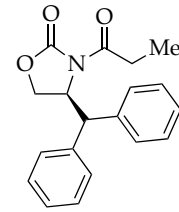
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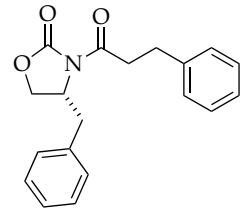
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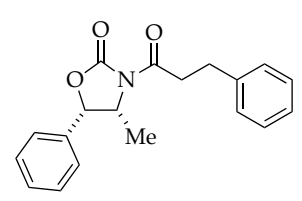
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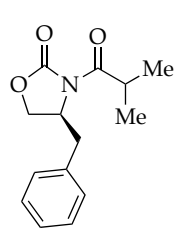
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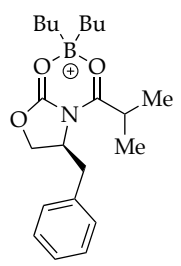
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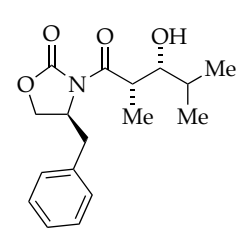
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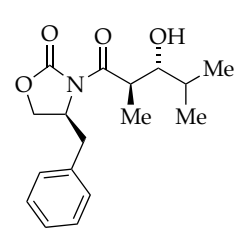
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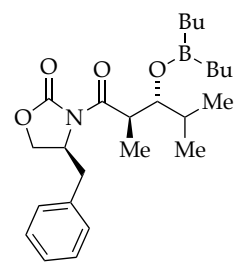
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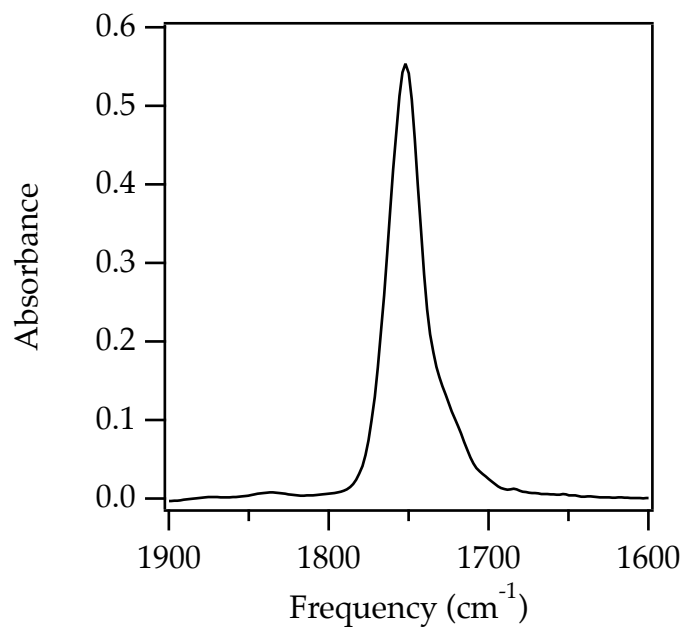
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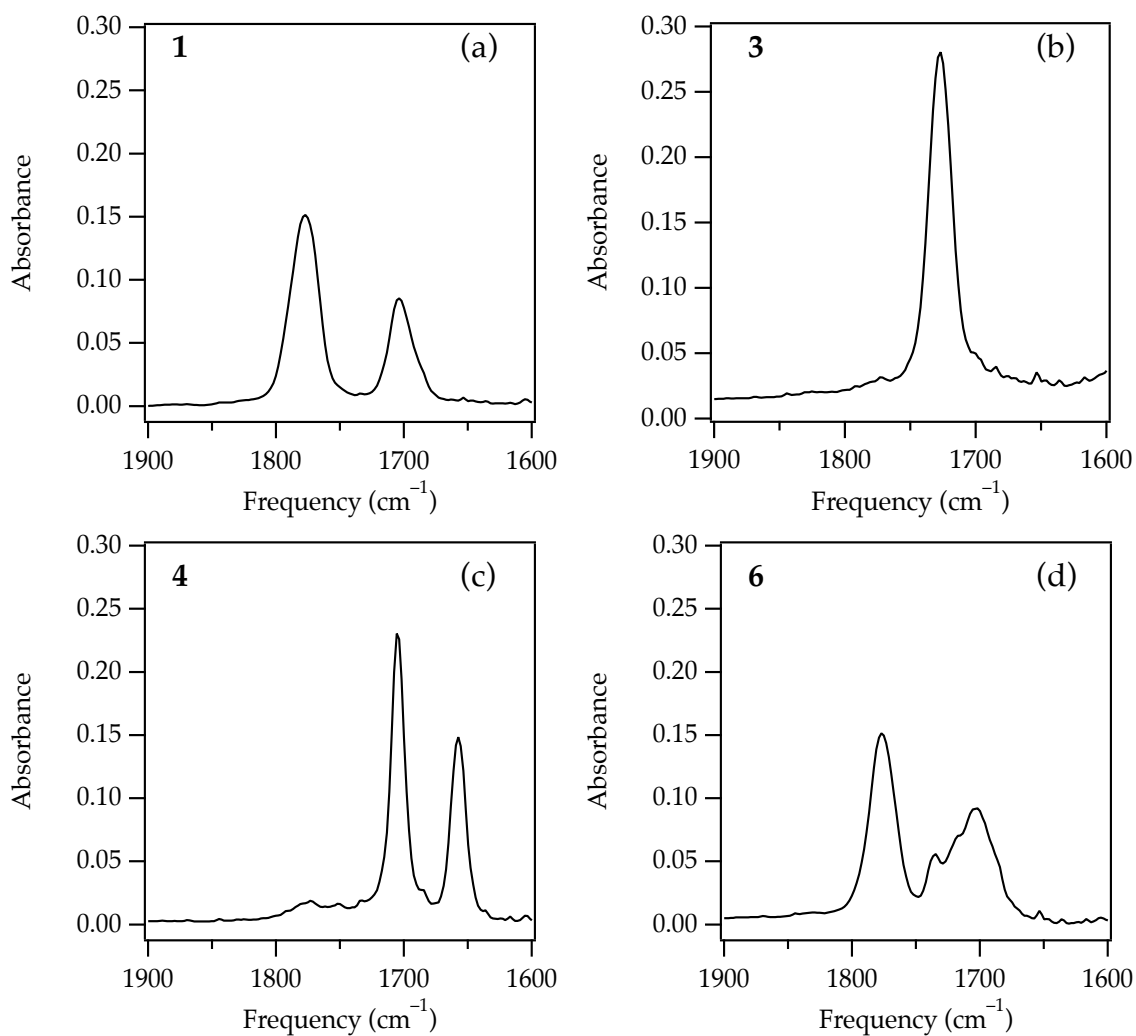
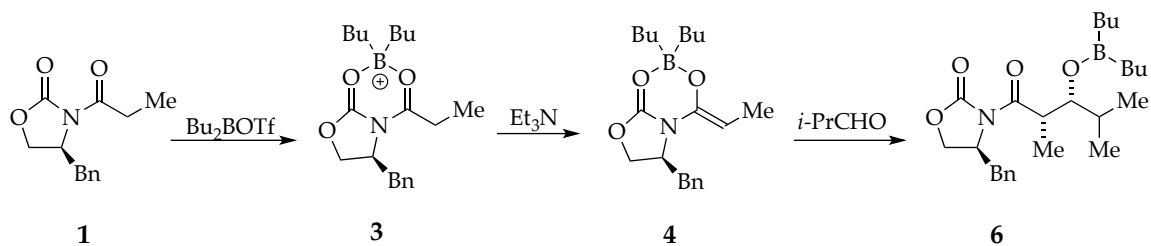


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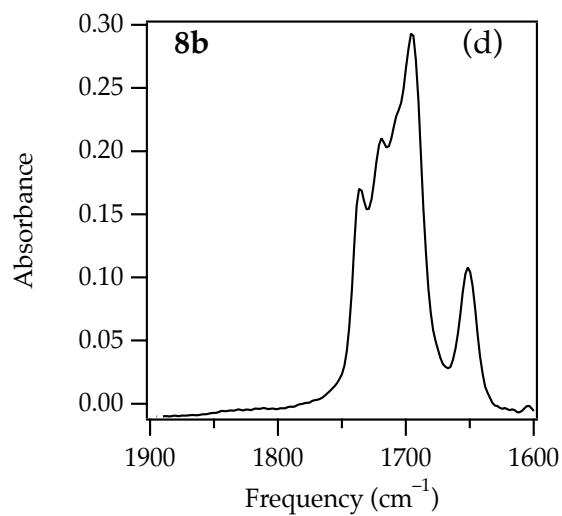
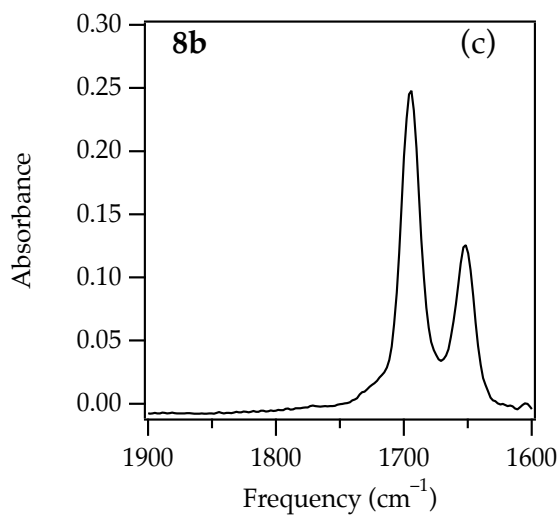
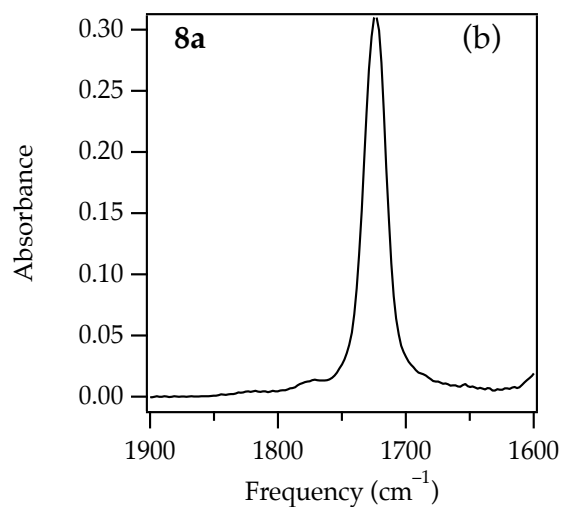
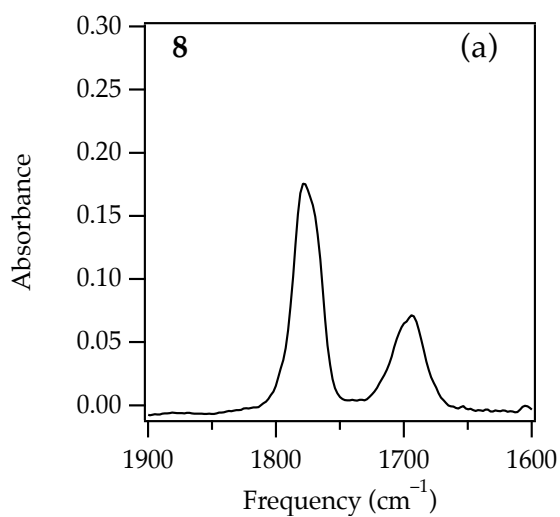
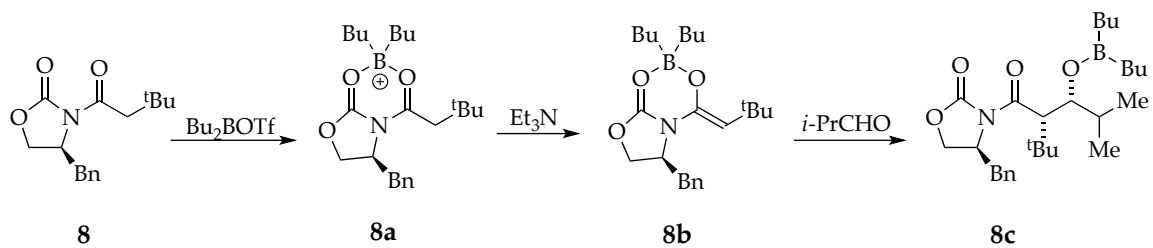


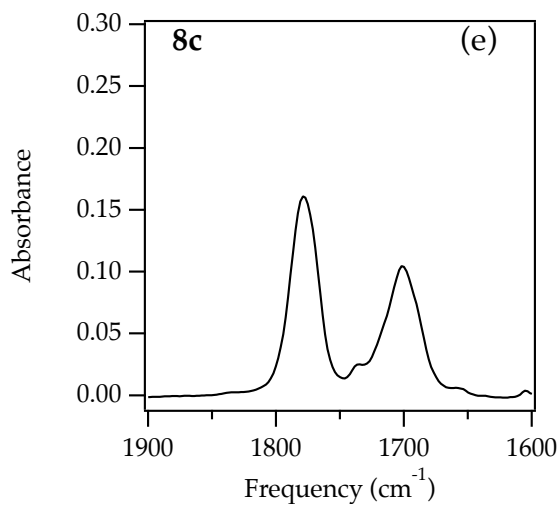
**Figure S1.** IR spectrum of 0.30 M **1S** in CHCl<sub>3</sub> recorded at -60 °C.



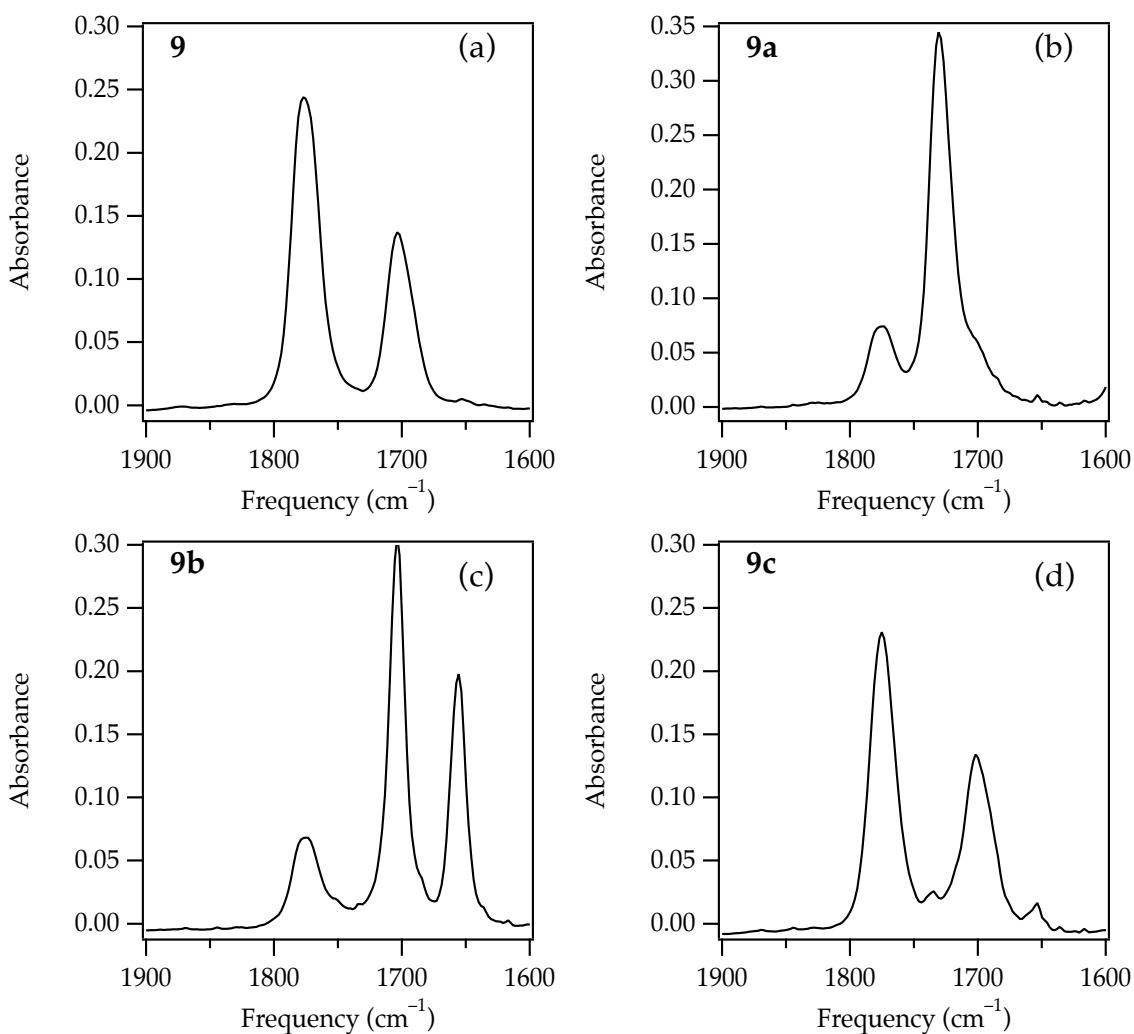
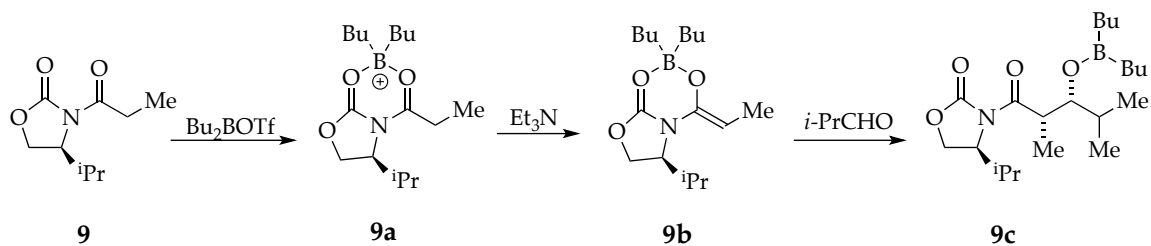


**Figure S2.** IR spectra in CHCl<sub>3</sub> recorded at -60 °C: (a) 0.10 M **1**; (b) 0.10 M **1** and 0.11 M Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf; (c) 0.10 M **1**, 0.11 M Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf, and 0.12 M Et<sub>3</sub>N; (d) 0.10 M **1**, 0.11 M Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf, 0.12 M Et<sub>3</sub>N, and 0.13 M isobutyraldehyde.

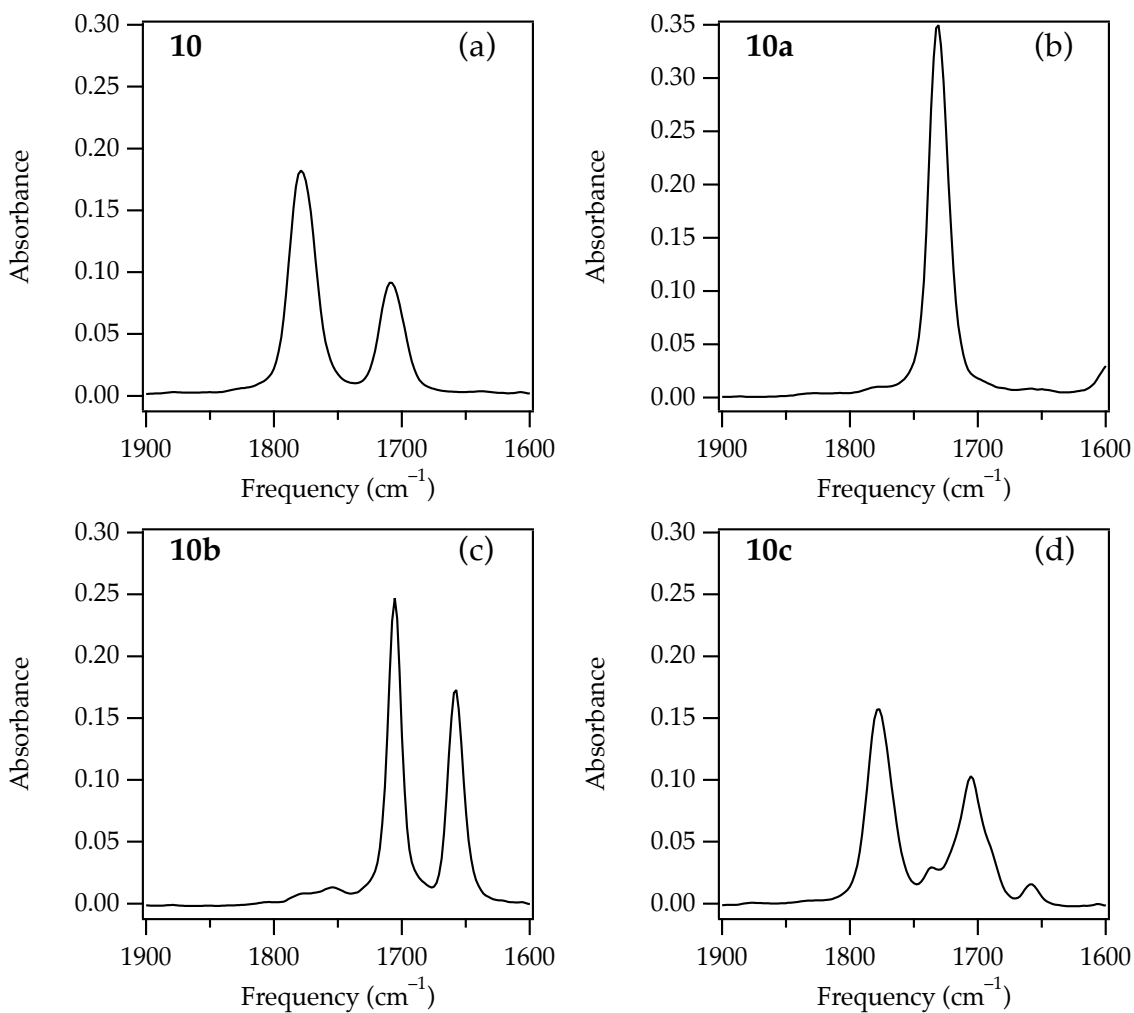
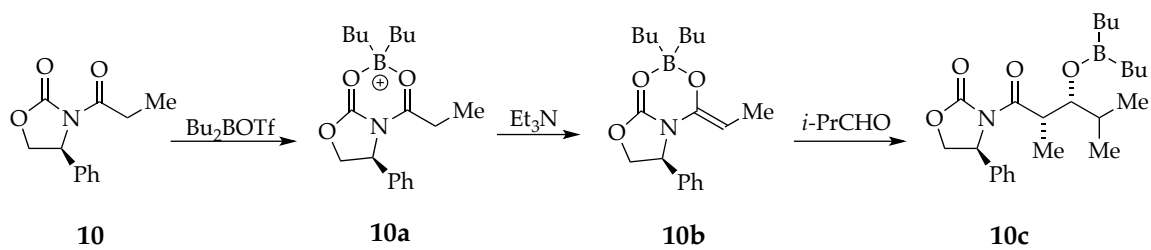




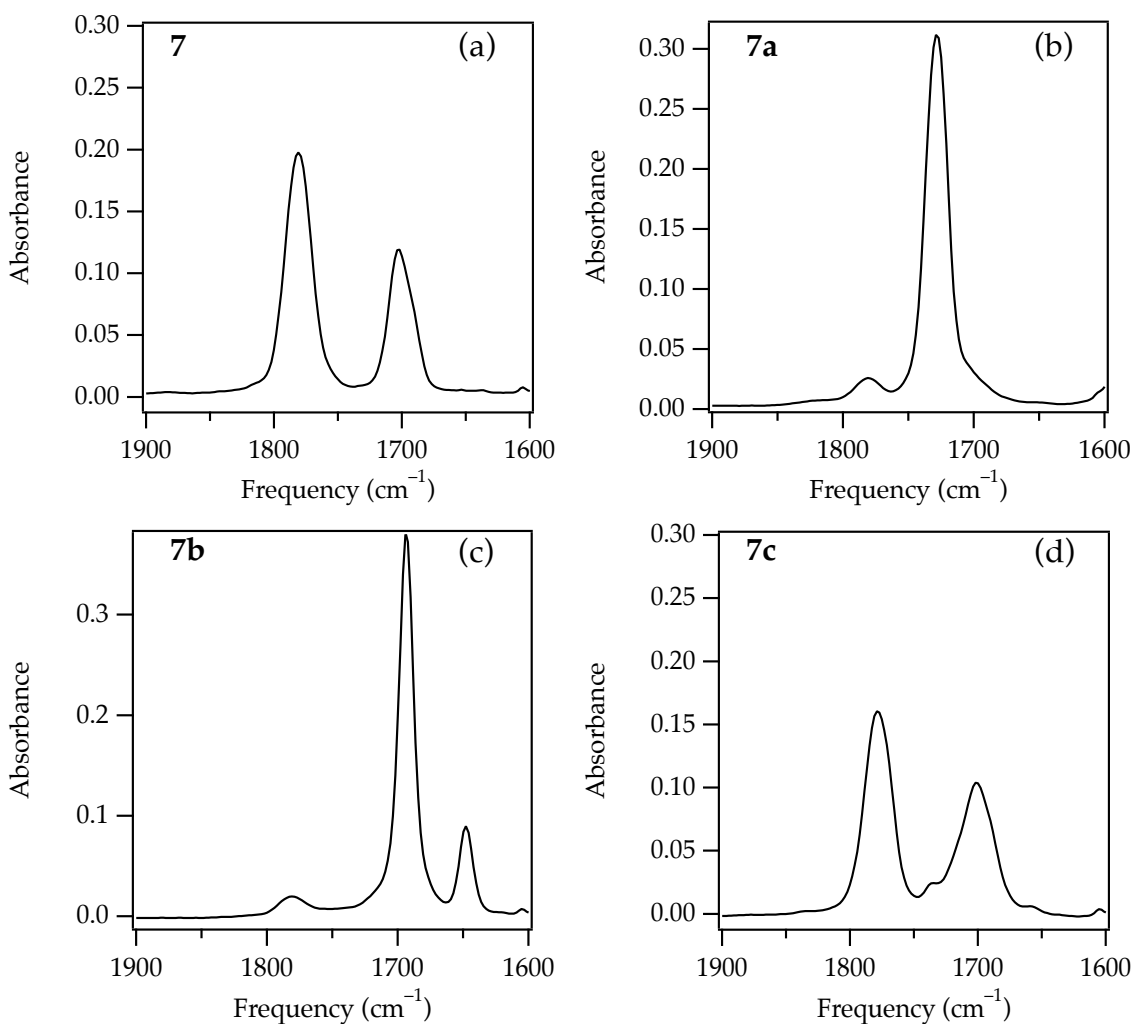
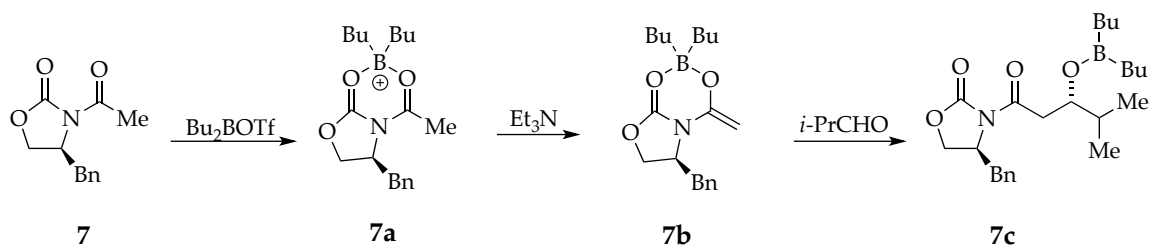
**Figure S3.** IR spectra in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  recorded at  $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ : (a) 0.10 M **8**; (b) 0.10 M **8** and 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (c) 0.10 M **8**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (d) 0.10 M **8**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , and 0.13 M isobutyraldehyde; (e) 0.10 M **8**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , and 0.13 M isobutyraldehyde recorded at  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



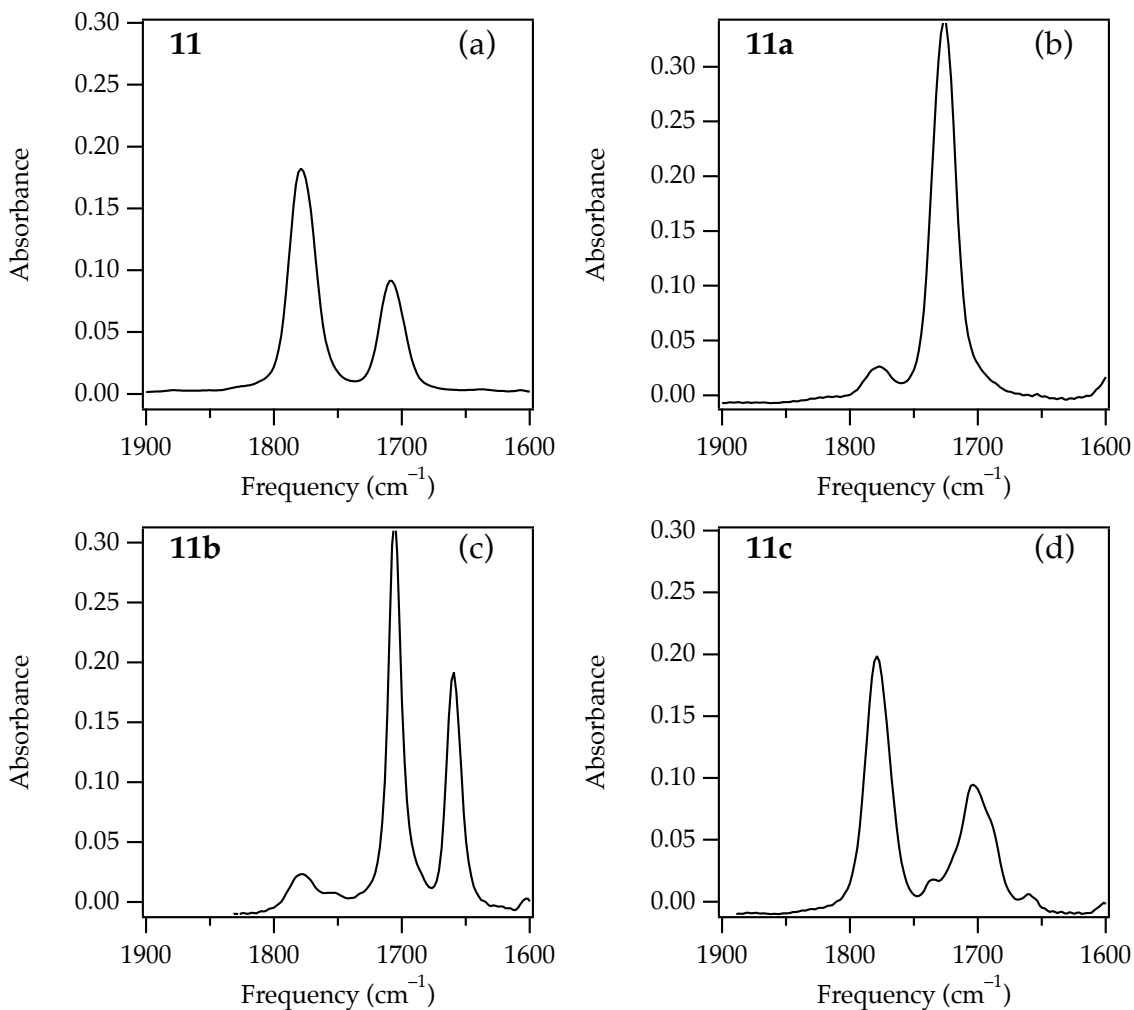
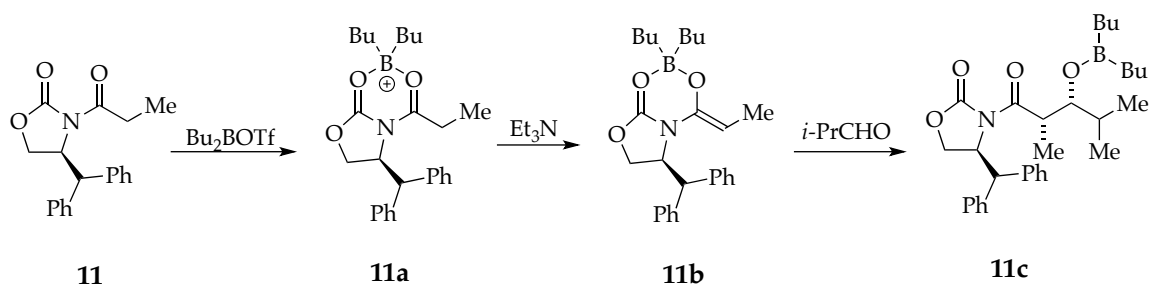
**Figure S4.** IR spectra in CHCl<sub>3</sub> recorded at -60 °C: (a) 0.10 M **9**; (b) 0.10 M **9** and 0.11 M Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf; (c) 0.10 M **9**, 0.11 M Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf, and 0.12 M Et<sub>3</sub>N; (d) 0.10 M **9**, 0.11 M Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf, 0.12 M Et<sub>3</sub>N, and 0.13 M isobutyraldehyde.



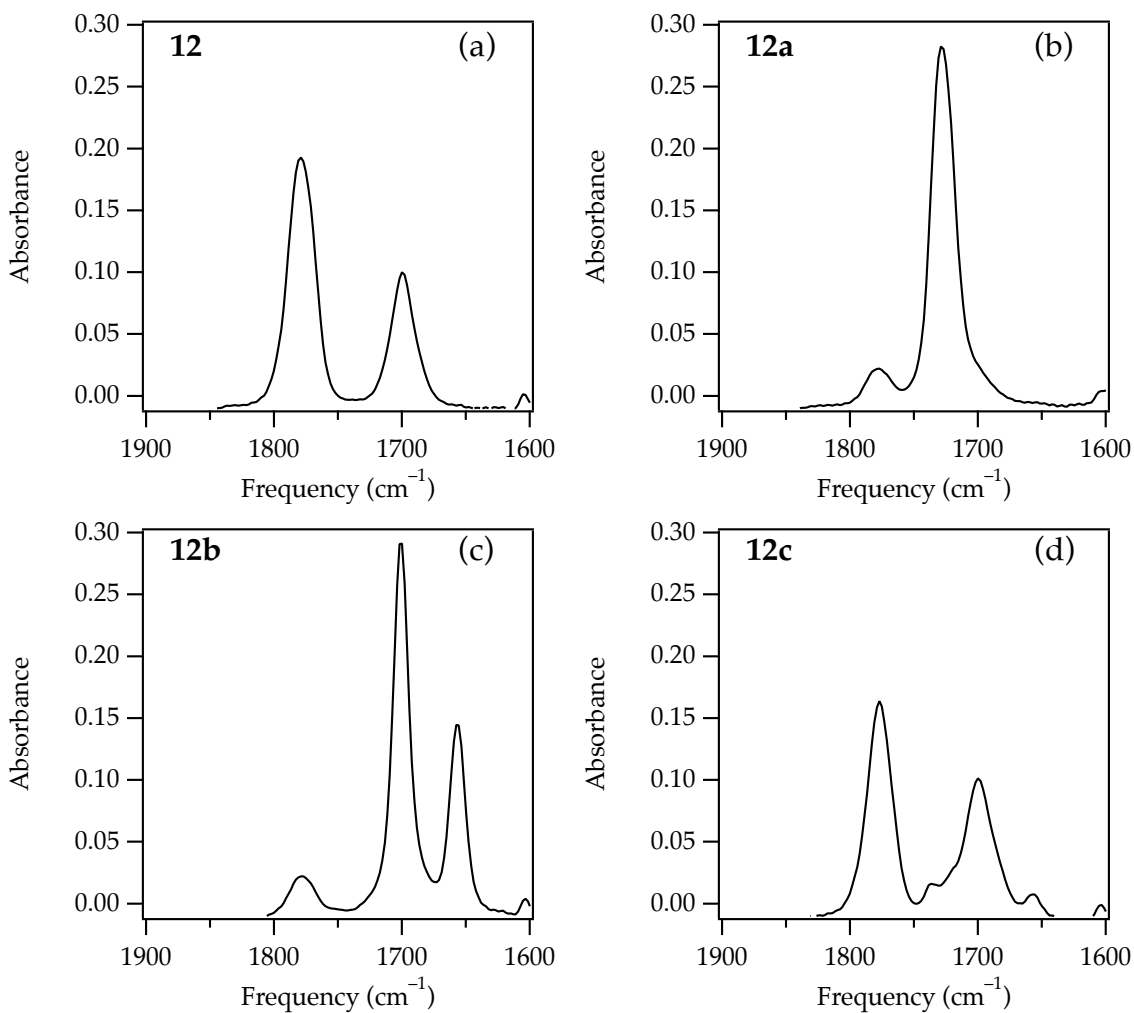
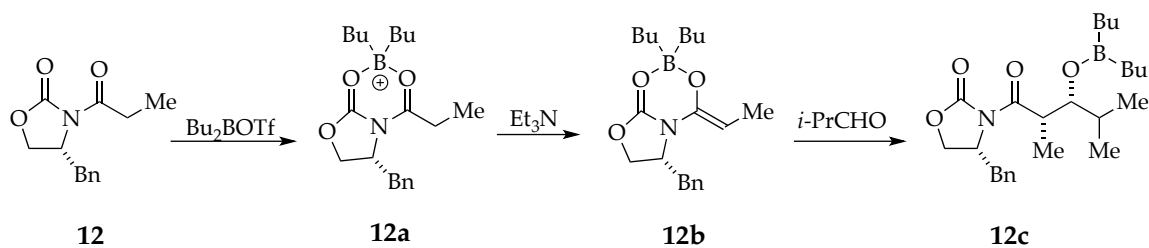
**Figure S5.** IR spectra in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  recorded at  $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ : (a) 0.10 M **10**; (b) 0.10 M **10** and 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (c) 0.10 M **10**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (d) 0.10 M **10**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , and 0.13 M isobutyraldehyde.



**Figure S6.** IR spectra in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  recorded at  $-60^\circ\text{C}$ : (a) 0.10 M **7**; (b) 0.10 M **7** and 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (c) 0.10 M **7**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (d) 0.10 M **7**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , and 0.13 M isobutyraldehyde.

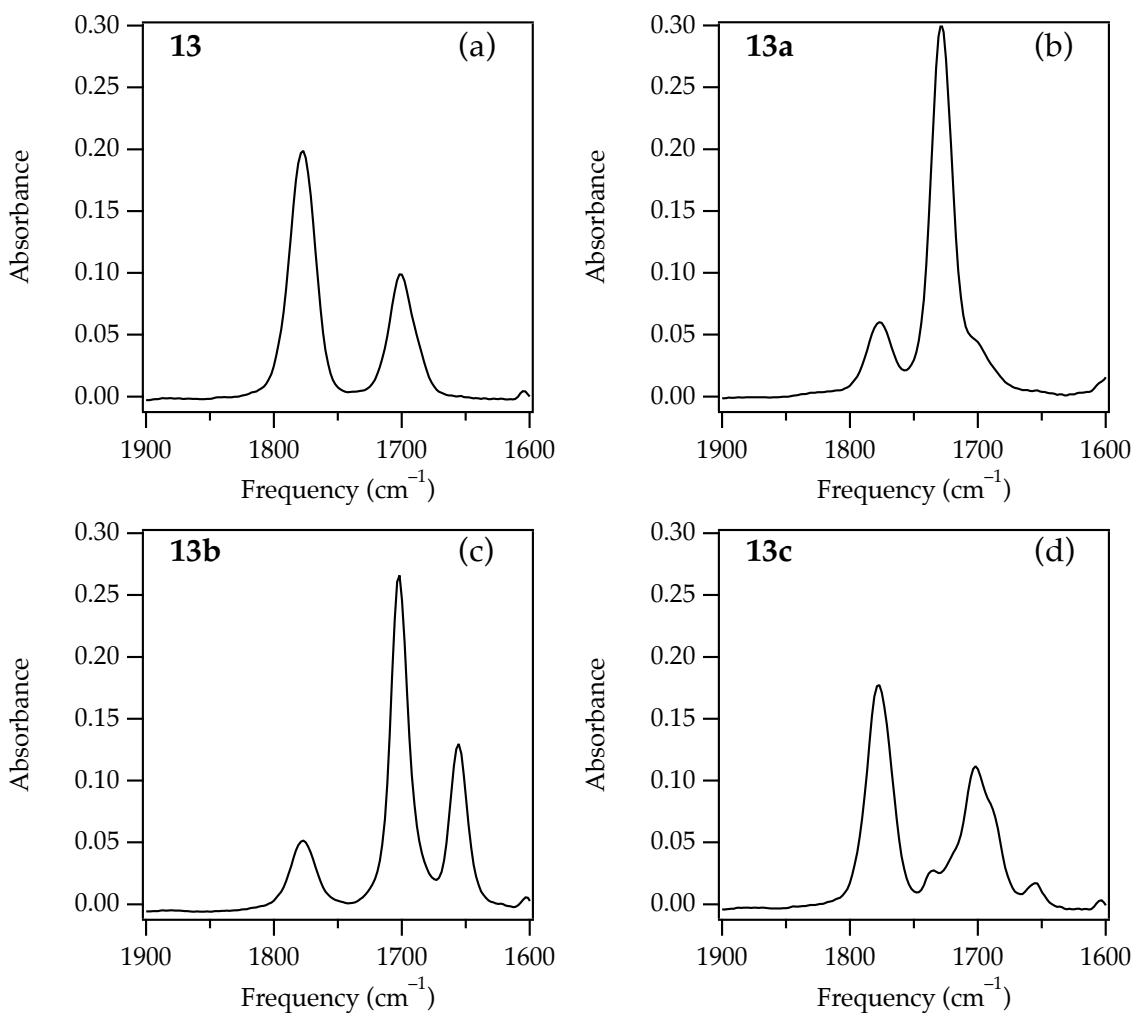
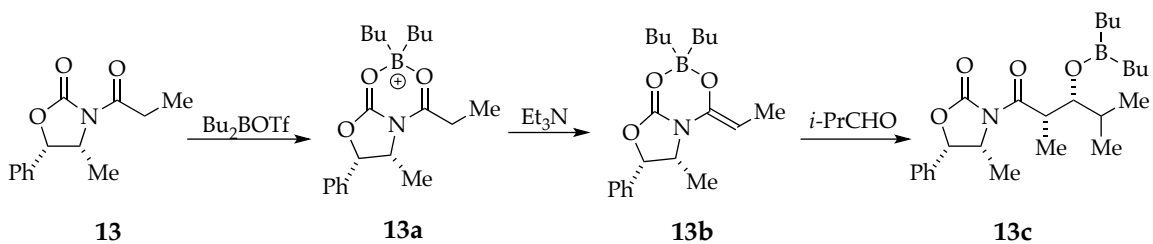


**Figure S7.** IR spectra in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  recorded at  $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ : (a) 0.10 M **11**; (b) 0.10 M **11** and 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (c) 0.10 M **11**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (d) 0.10 M **11**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , and 0.13 M isobutyraldehyde.

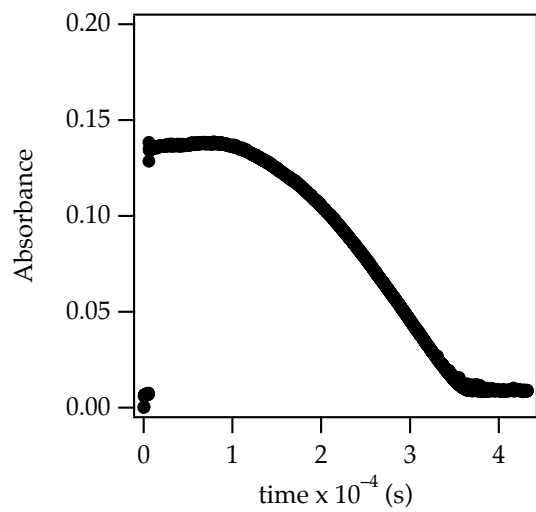


**Figure S8.** IR spectra in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  recorded at  $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ : (a) 0.10 M **12**; (b) 0.10 M **12** and 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (c) 0.10 M **12**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (d) 0.10 M **12**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , and 0.13 M isobutyraldehyde.

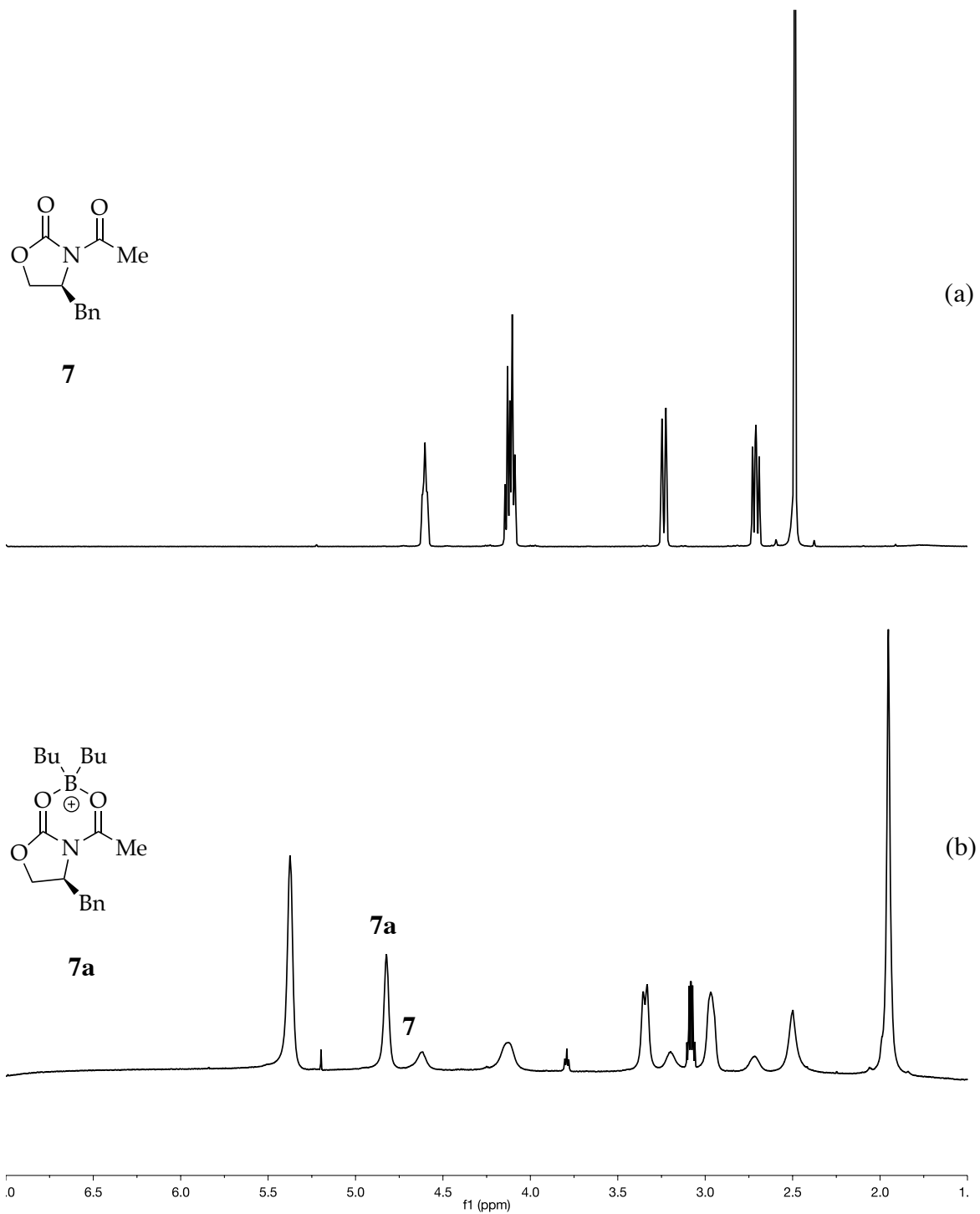




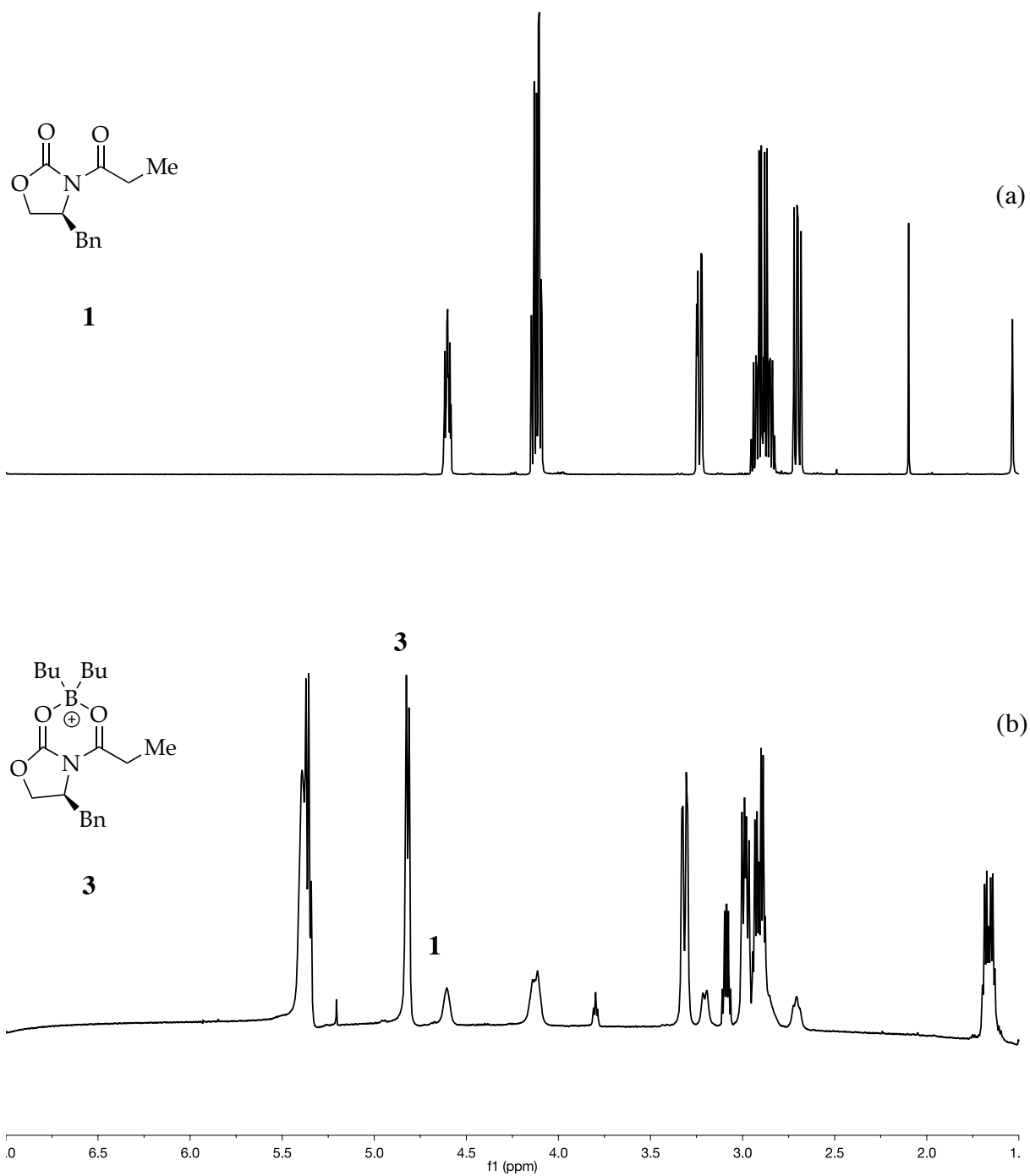
**Figure S9.** IR spectra in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  recorded at  $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ : (a) 0.10 M **13**; (b) 0.10 M **13** and 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (c) 0.10 M **13**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (d) 0.10 M **13**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , and 0.13 M isobutyraldehyde.



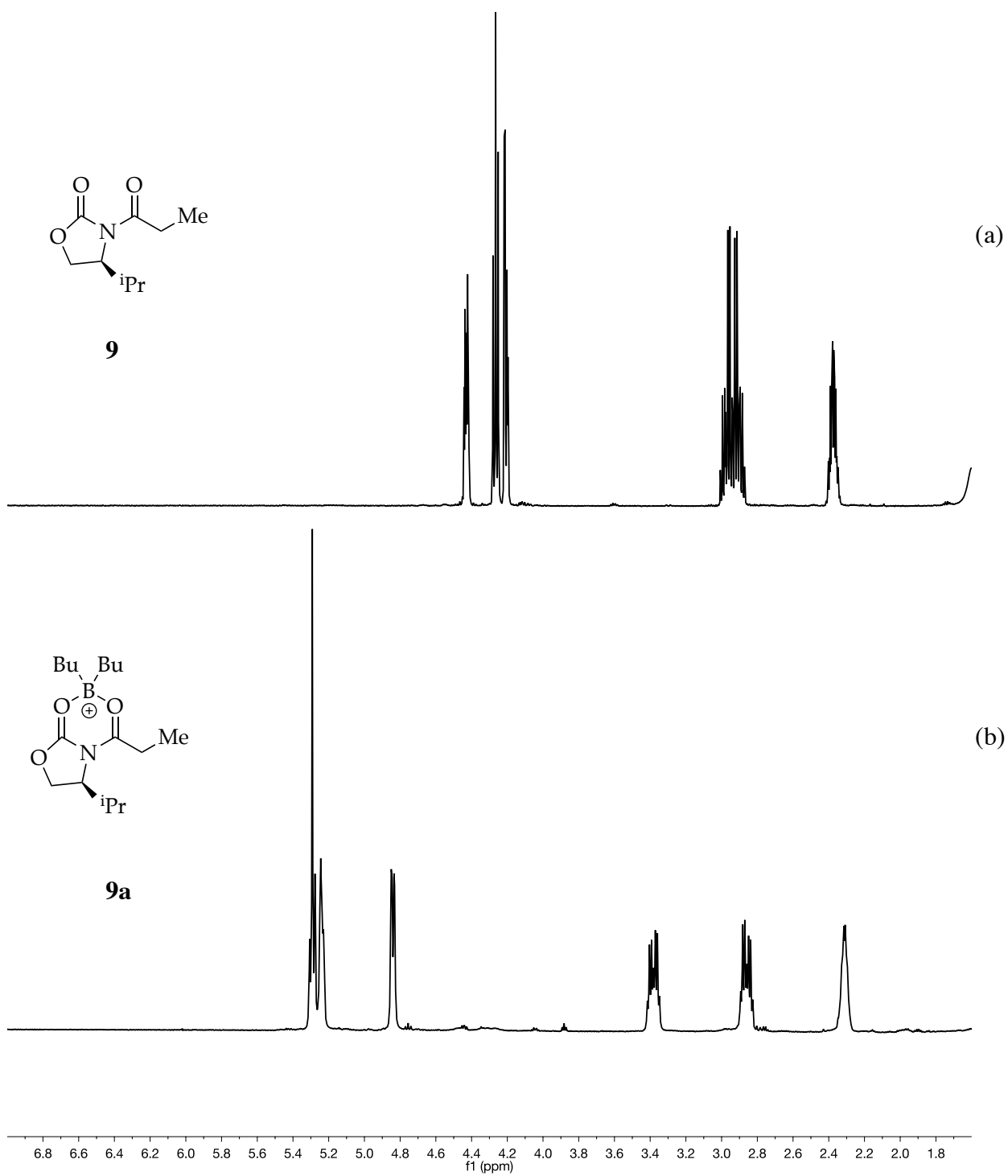
**Figure S10.** IR spectra of 0.10 M **1**, 0.11 M Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf, and 0.12 M Et<sub>3</sub>N in CHCl<sub>3</sub> at rt, following decomposition of **4**.



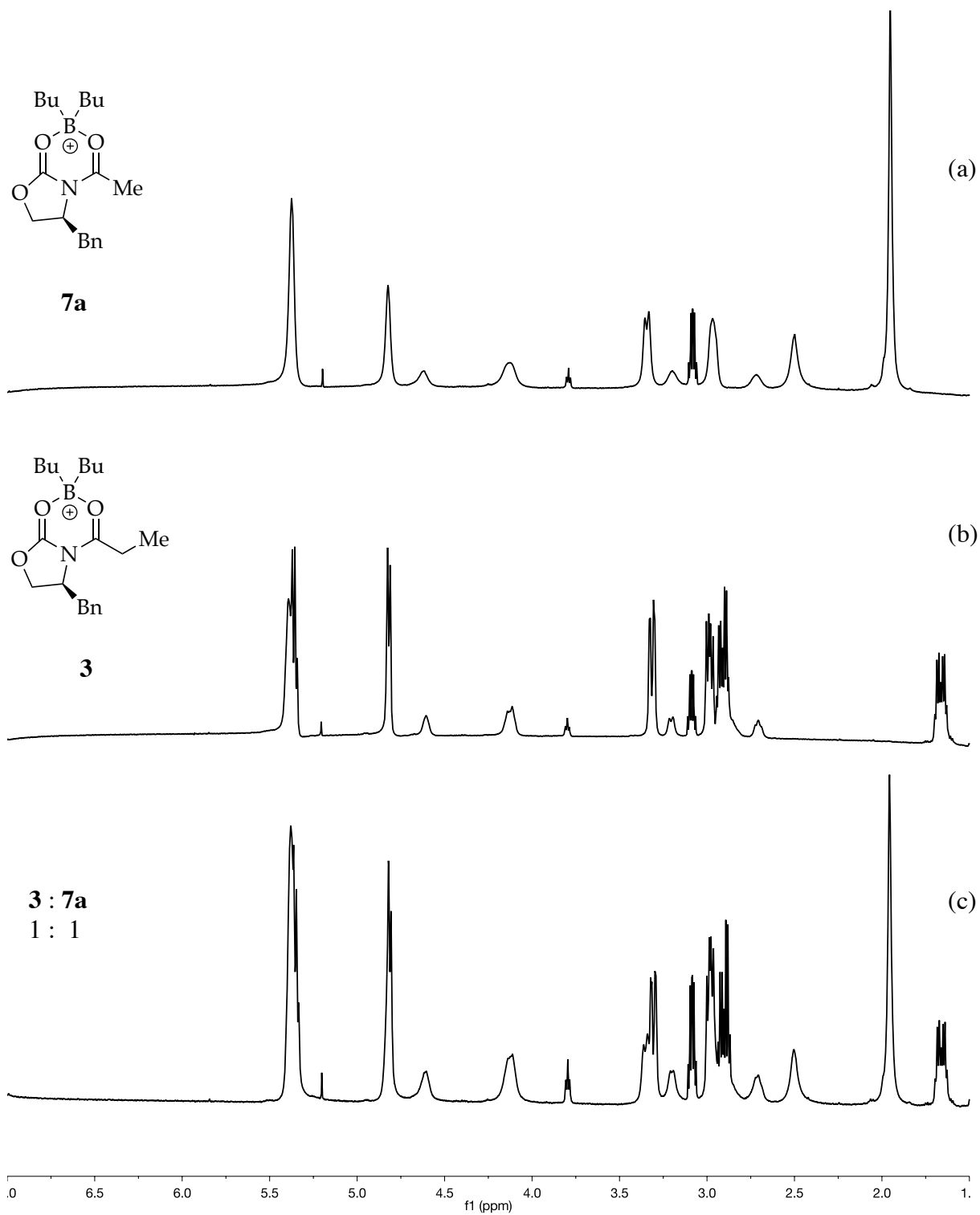
**Figure S11.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at rt: (a) 0.10 M **7**; (b) 0.10 M **7** and 0.25 M Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf.



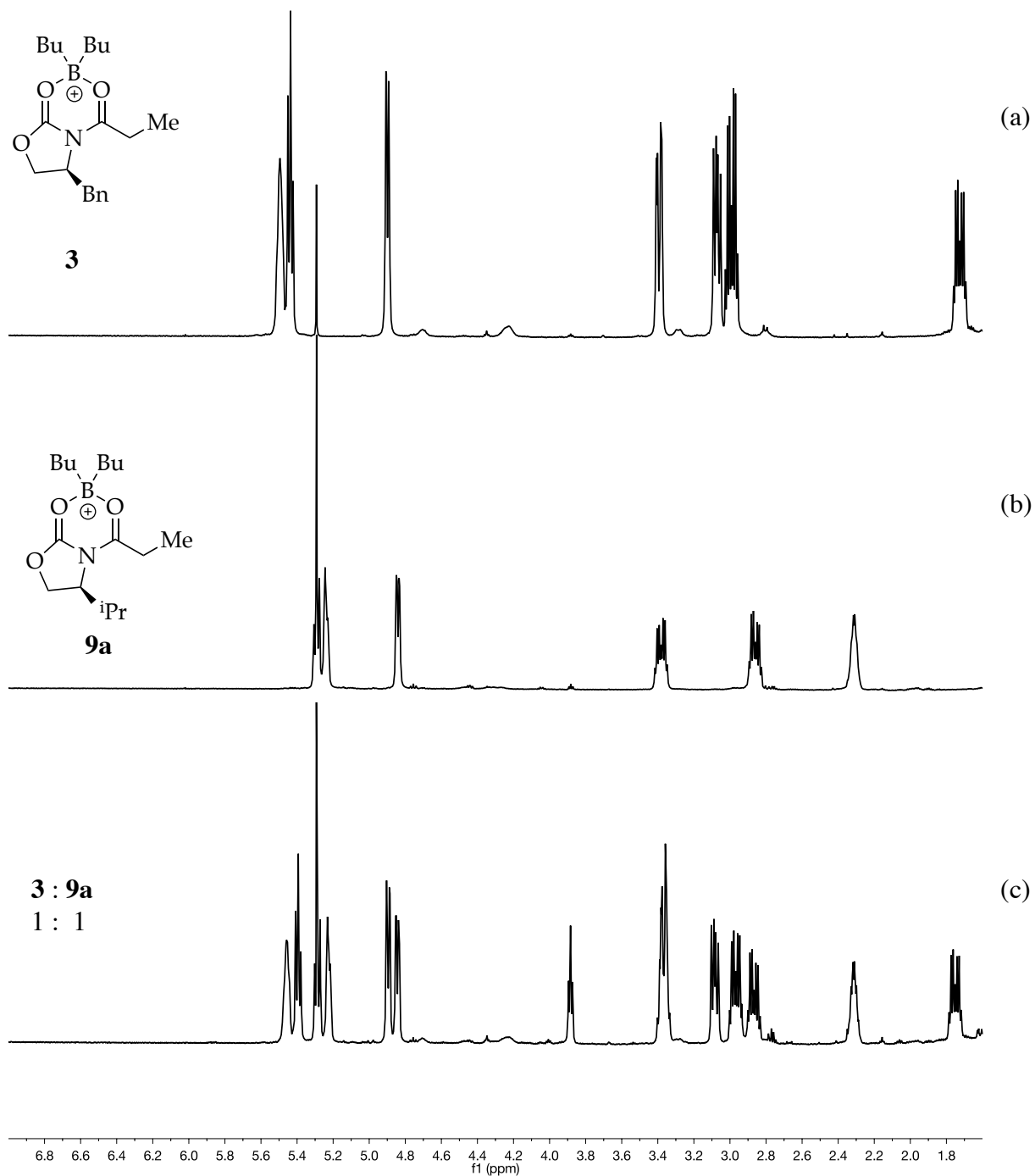
**Figure S12.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at rt: (a) 0.10 M **1**; (b) 0.10 M **1** and 0.25 M Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf.



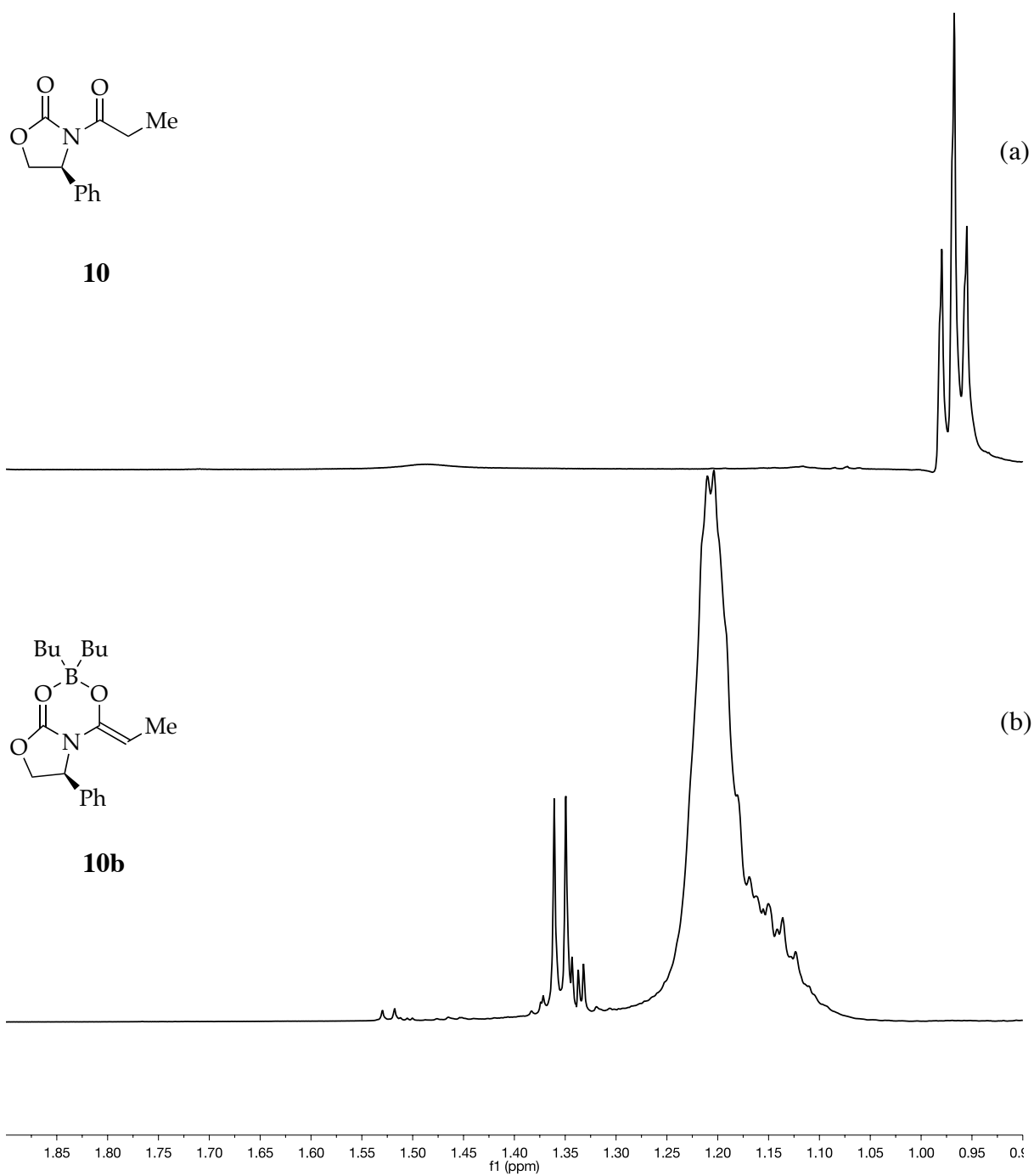
**Figure S13.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **9**; (b) 0.10 M **9** and 0.25 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ .



**Figure S14.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **7** and 0.25 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (b) 0.10 M **1** and 0.25 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (c) 0.050 M **7**, 0.050 M **1**, and 0.25 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ .

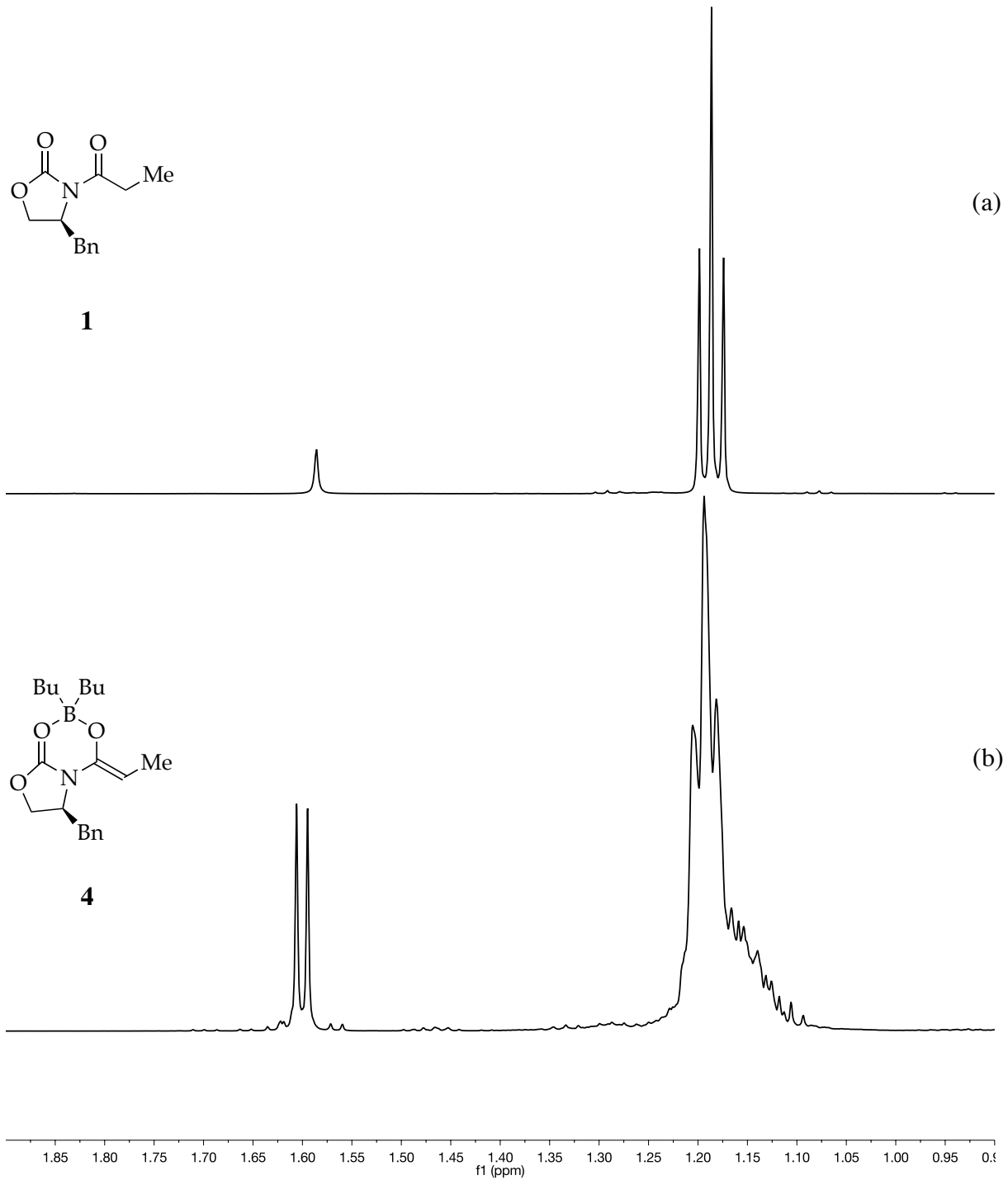


**Figure S15.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **1** and 0.25 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (b) 0.10 M **9** and 0.25 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (c) 0.050 M **1**, 0.050 M **9**, and 0.25 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ .

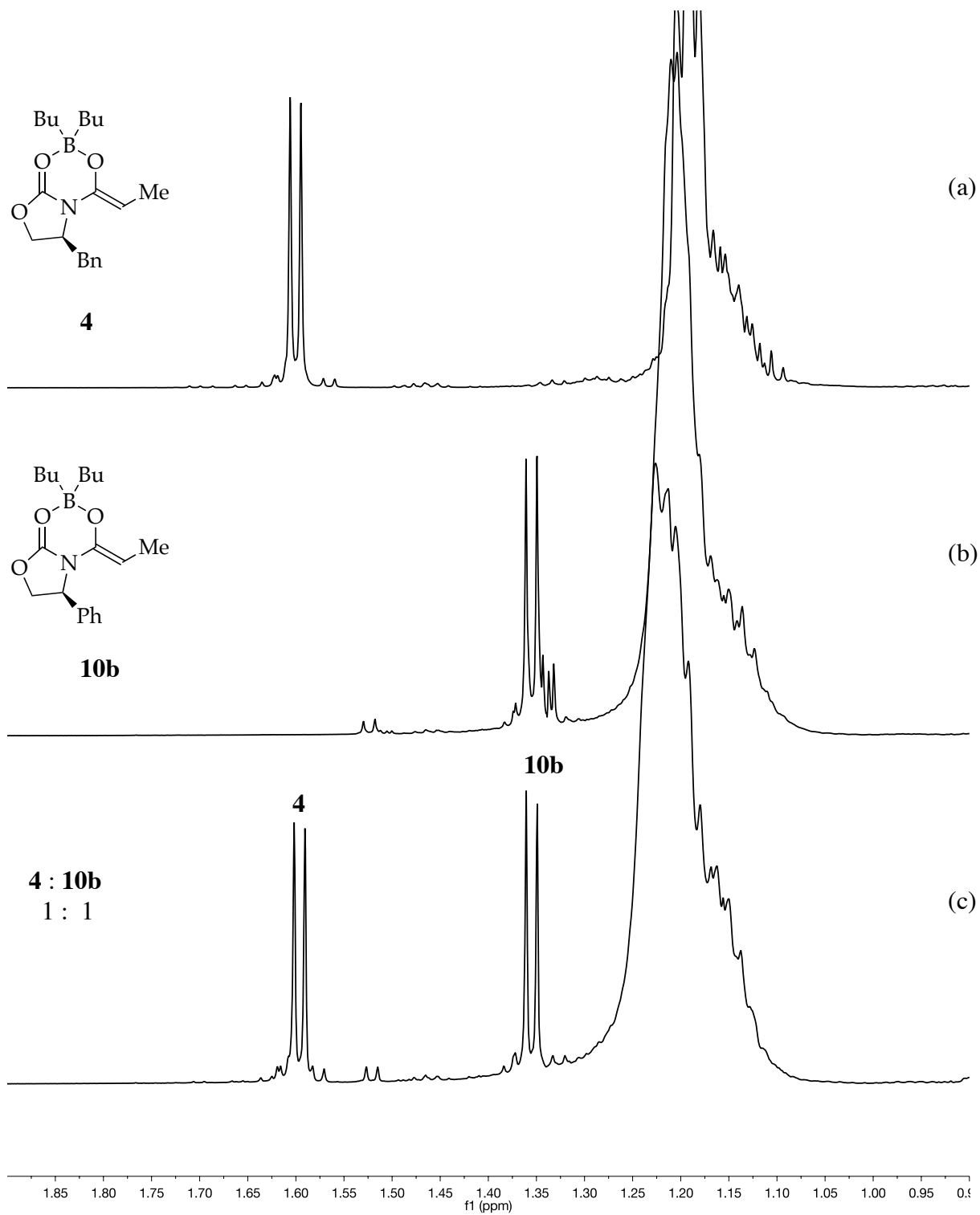


**Figure S16.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **10**; (b) 0.10 M **10**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ .

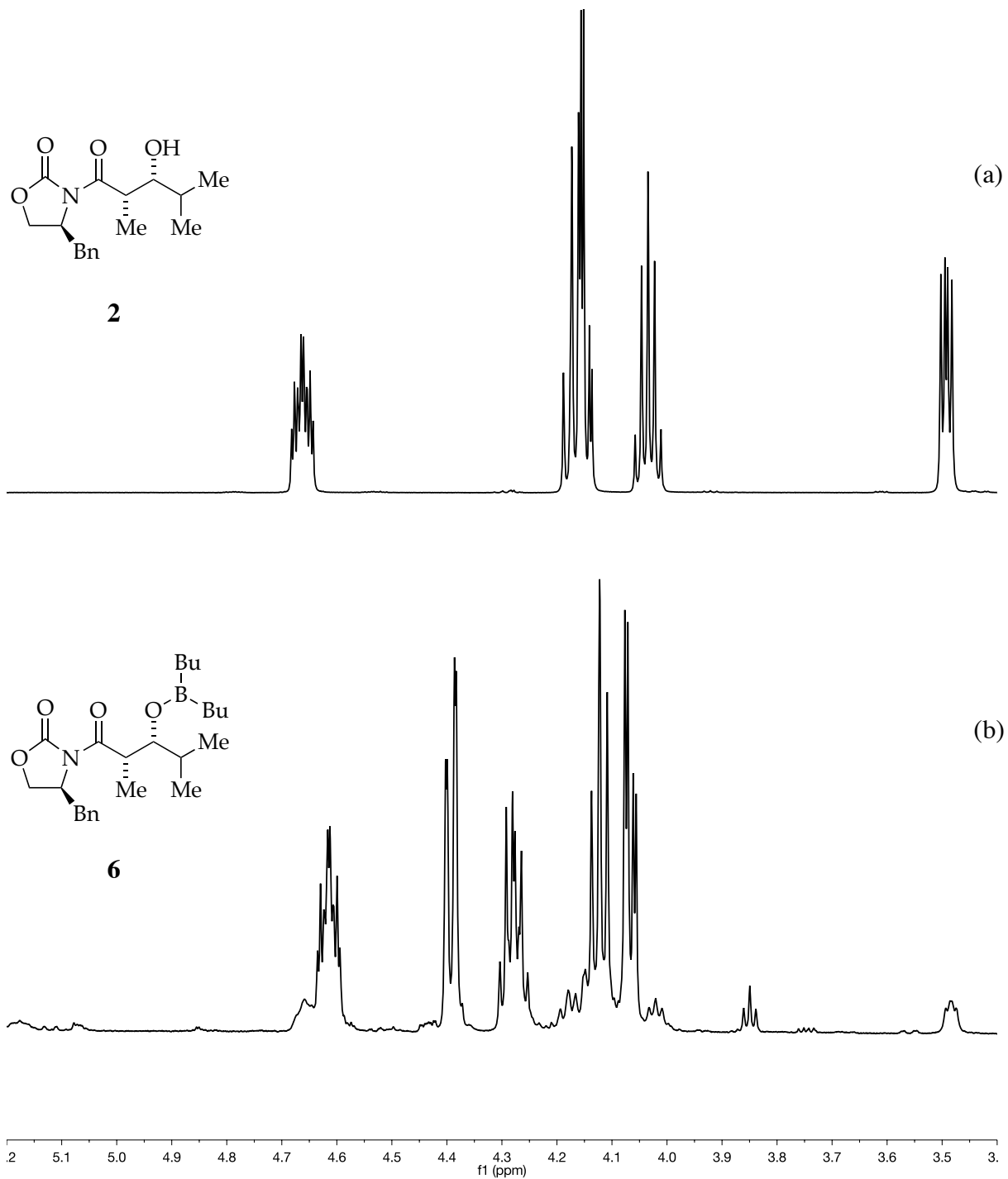




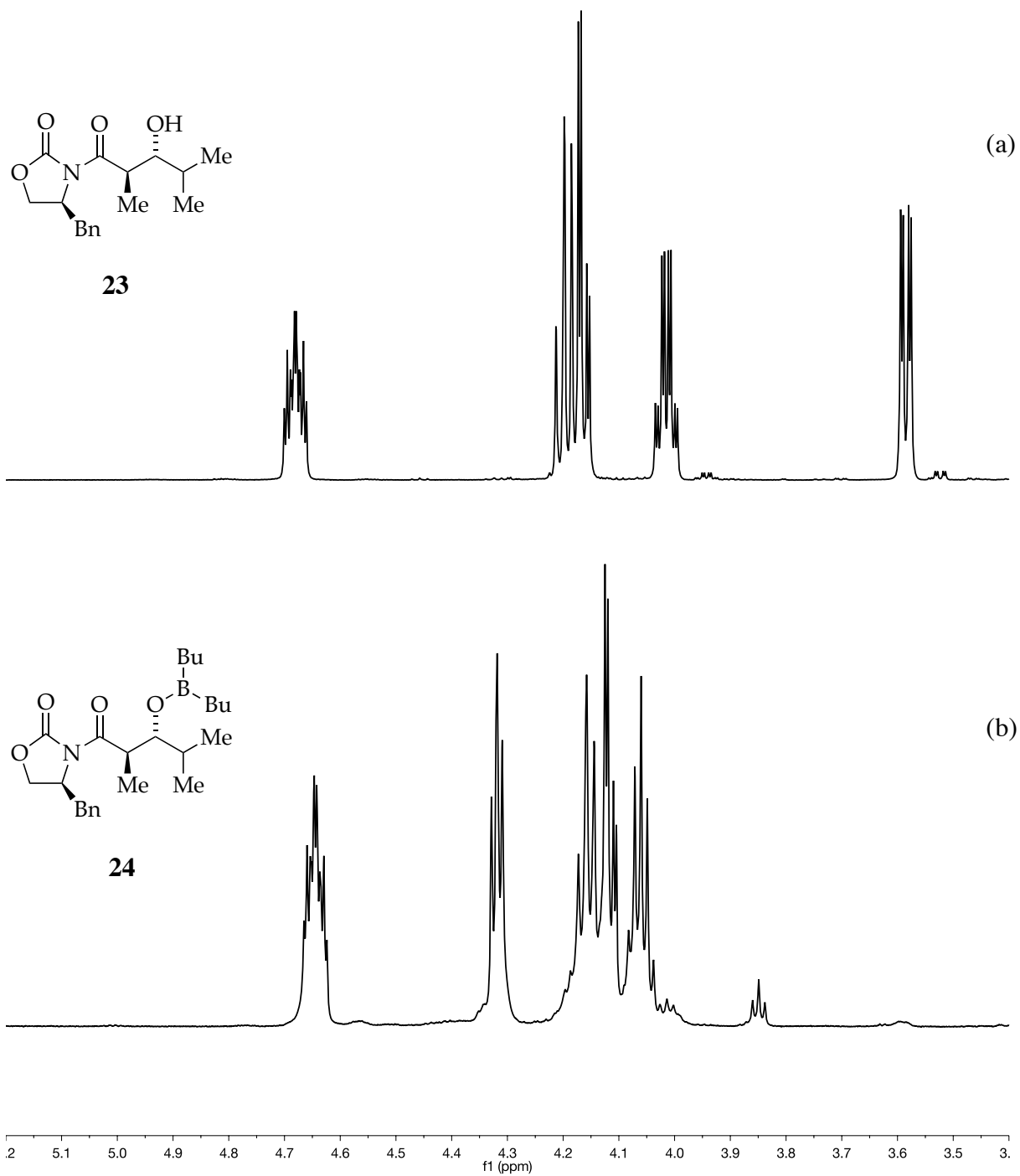
**Figure S17.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at rt: (a) 0.10 M **1**; (b) 0.10 M **1**, 0.11 M Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf, and 0.12 M Et<sub>3</sub>N.



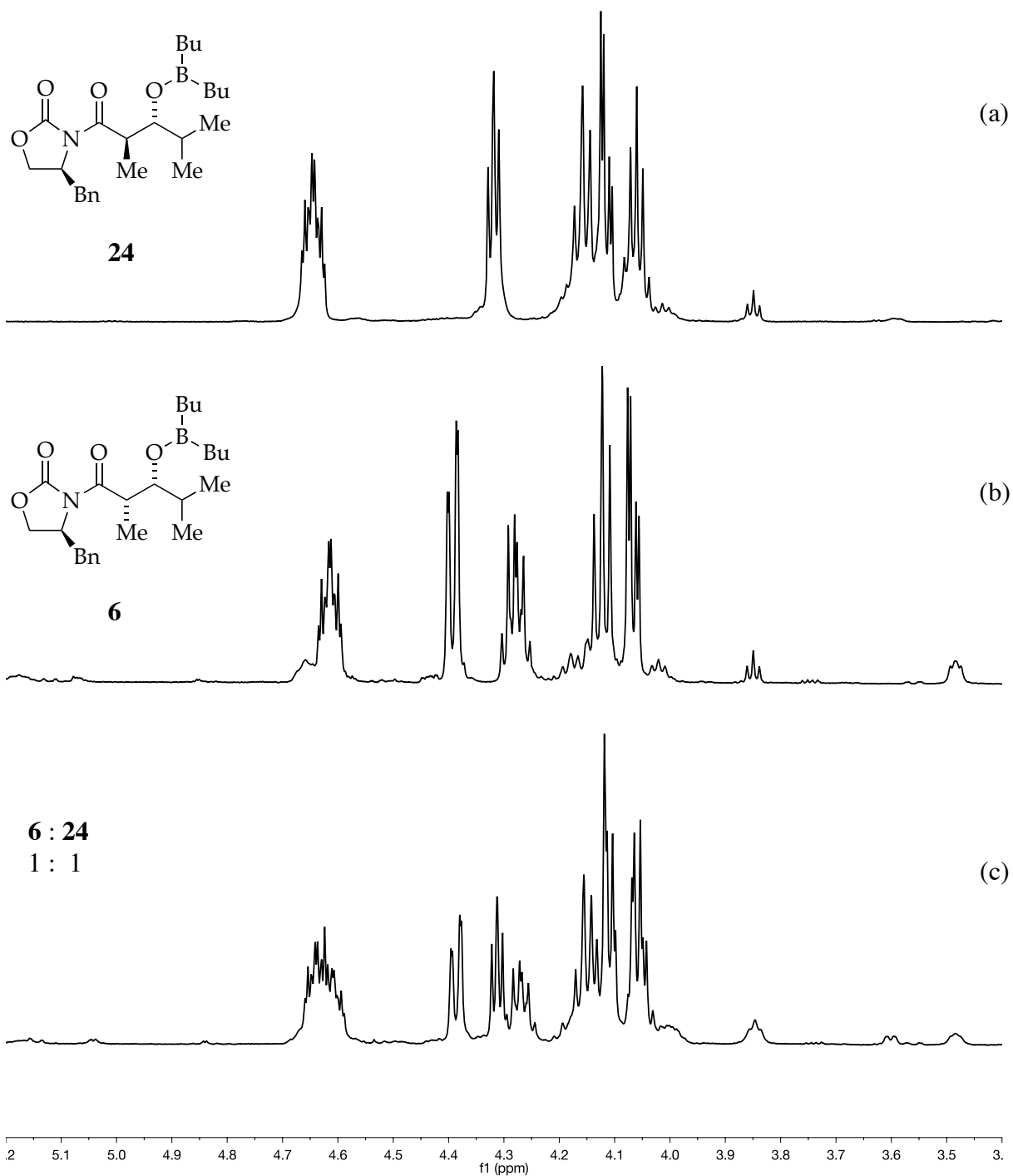
**Figure S18.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **1**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (b) 0.10 M **10b**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (c) 0.050 M **1**, 0.050 M **10b**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ .



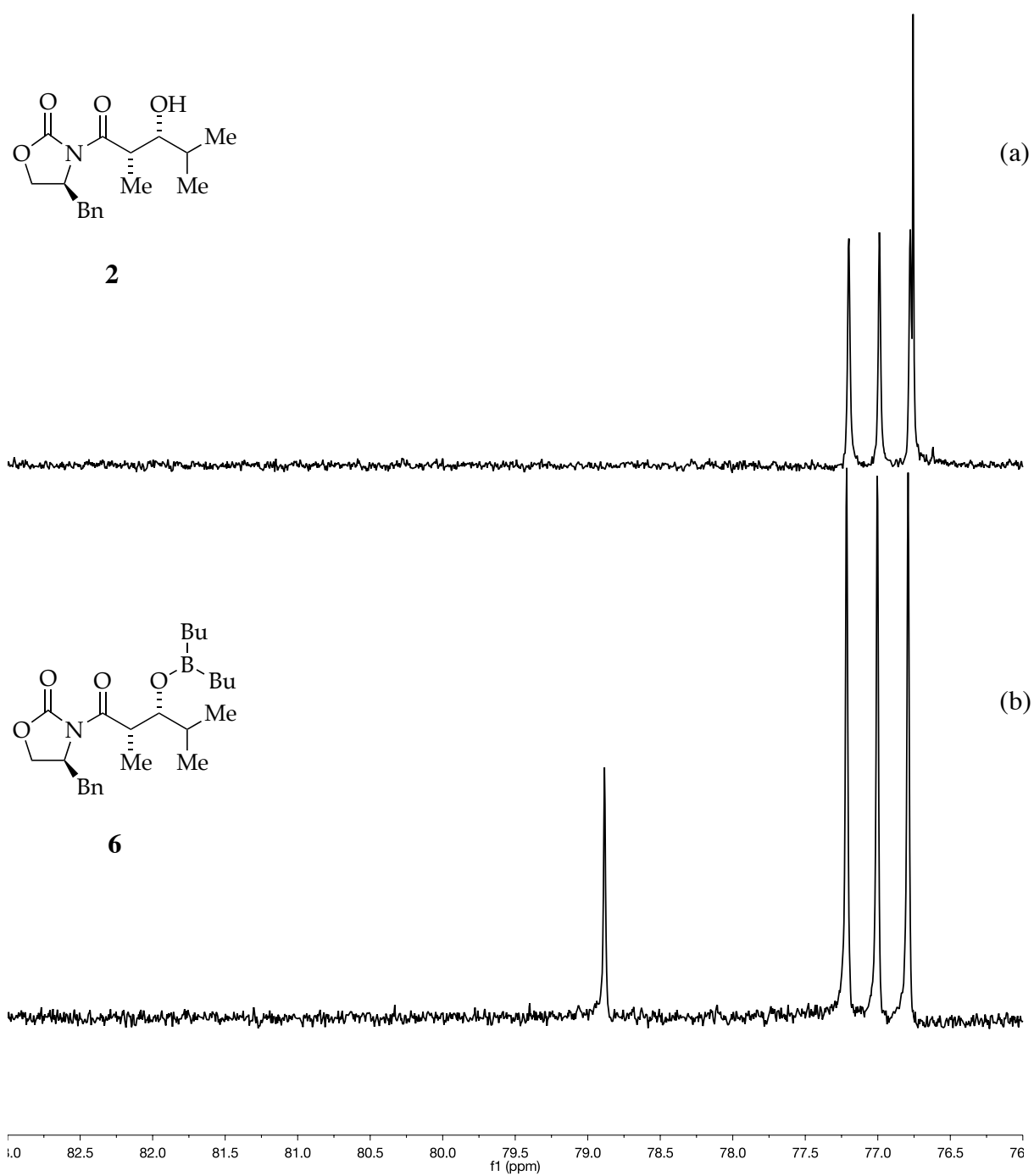
**Figure S19.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **2**; (b) 0.10 M **2**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ .



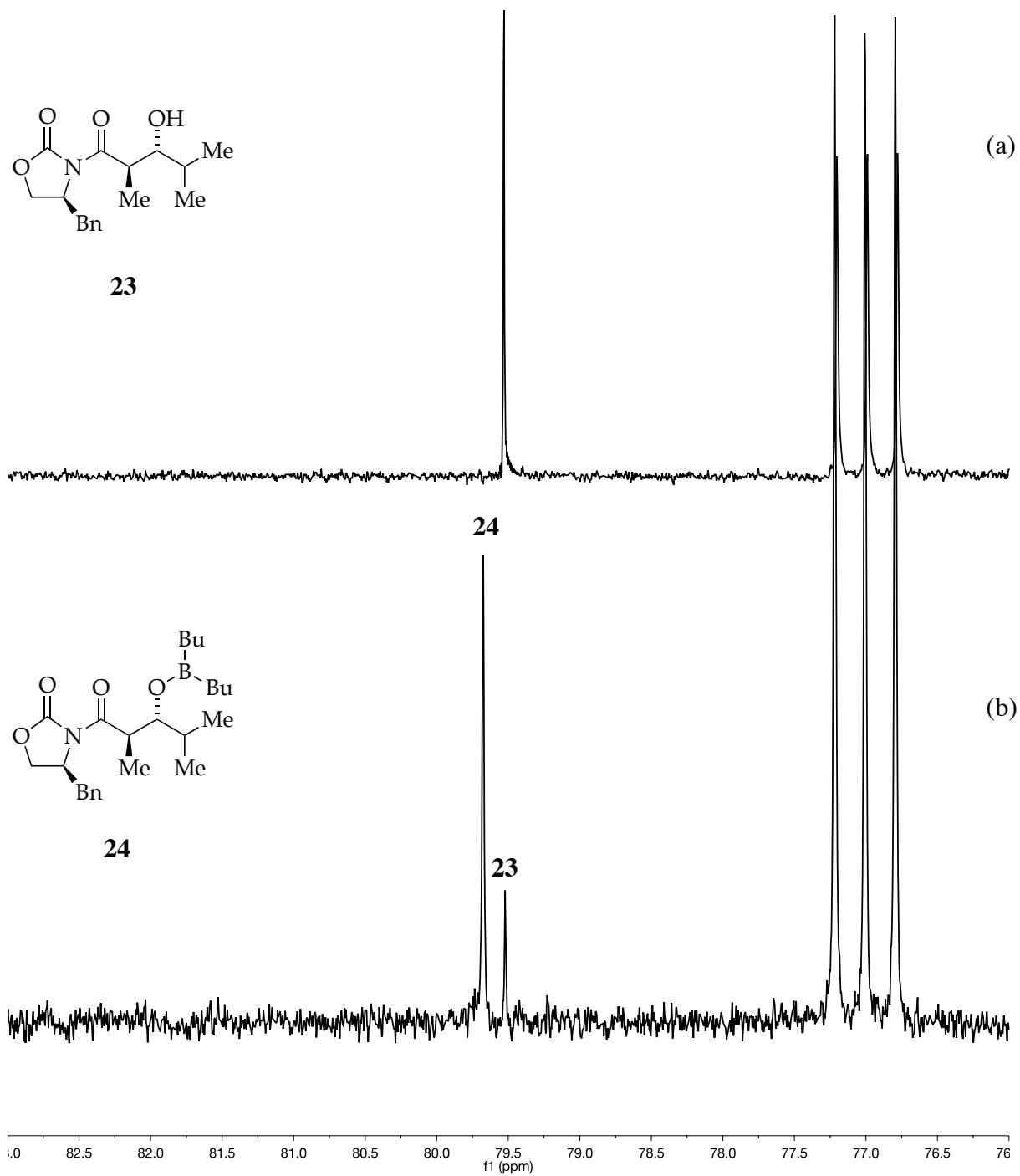
**Figure S20.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **23**; (b) 0.10 M **23**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ .



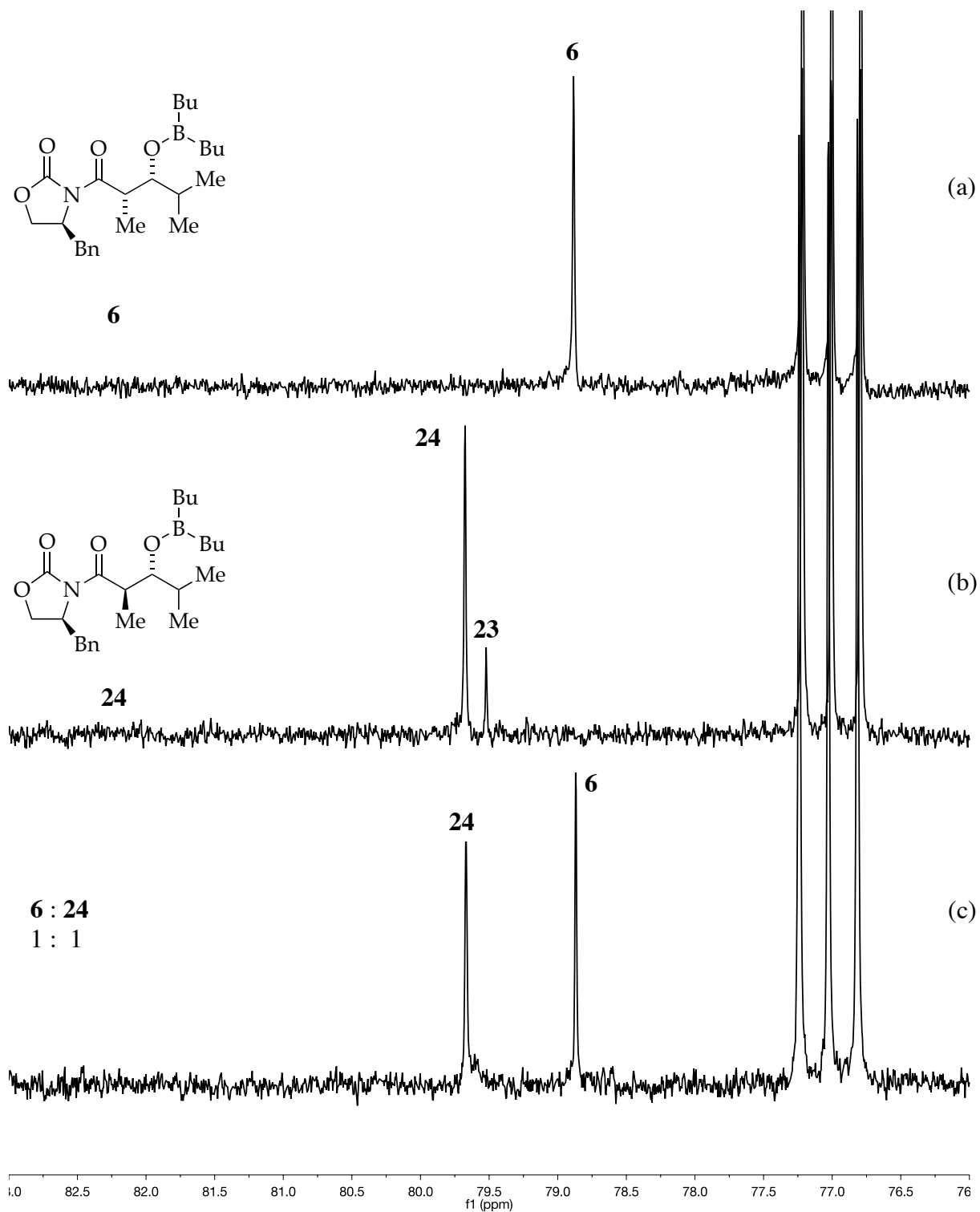
**Figure S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **2**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (b) 0.10 M **23**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (c) 0.050 M **2**, 0.050 M **23**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ .



**Figure S22.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **2**; (b) 0.10 M **2**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ .

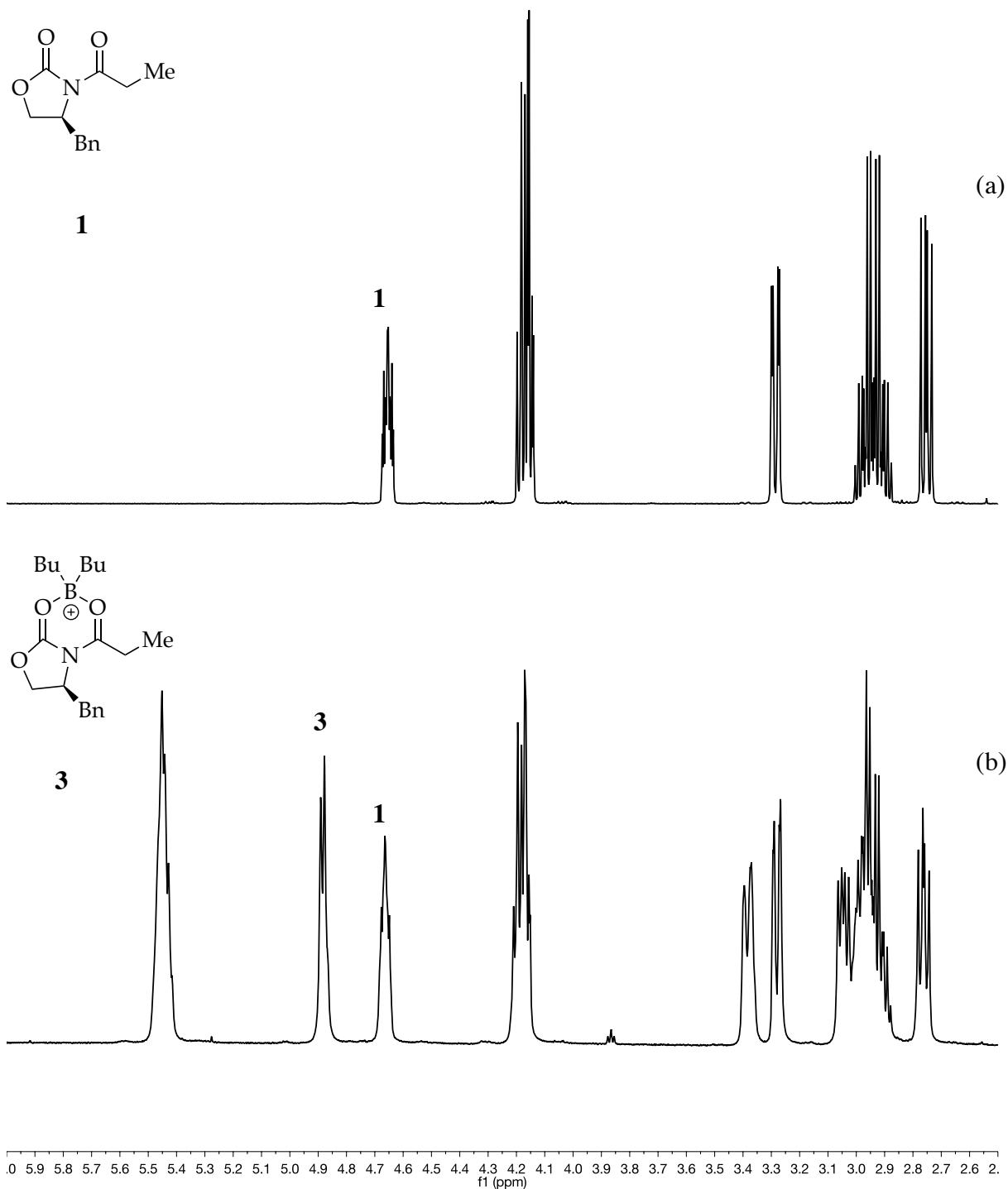


**Figure S23.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **23**; (b) 0.10 M **23**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ .

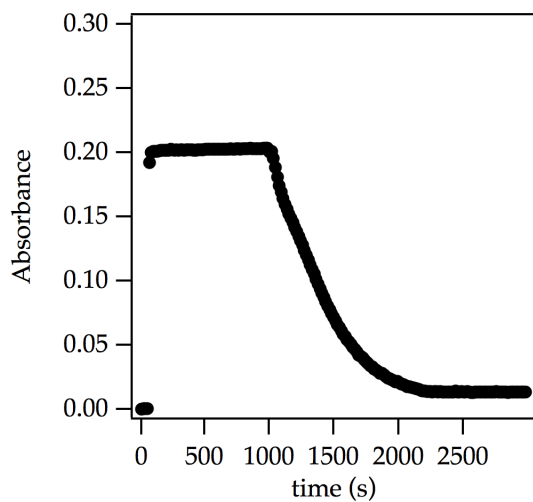


**Figure S24.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **2**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (b) 0.10 M **23**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (c) 0.050 M **2**, 0.050 M **23**, 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.12 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

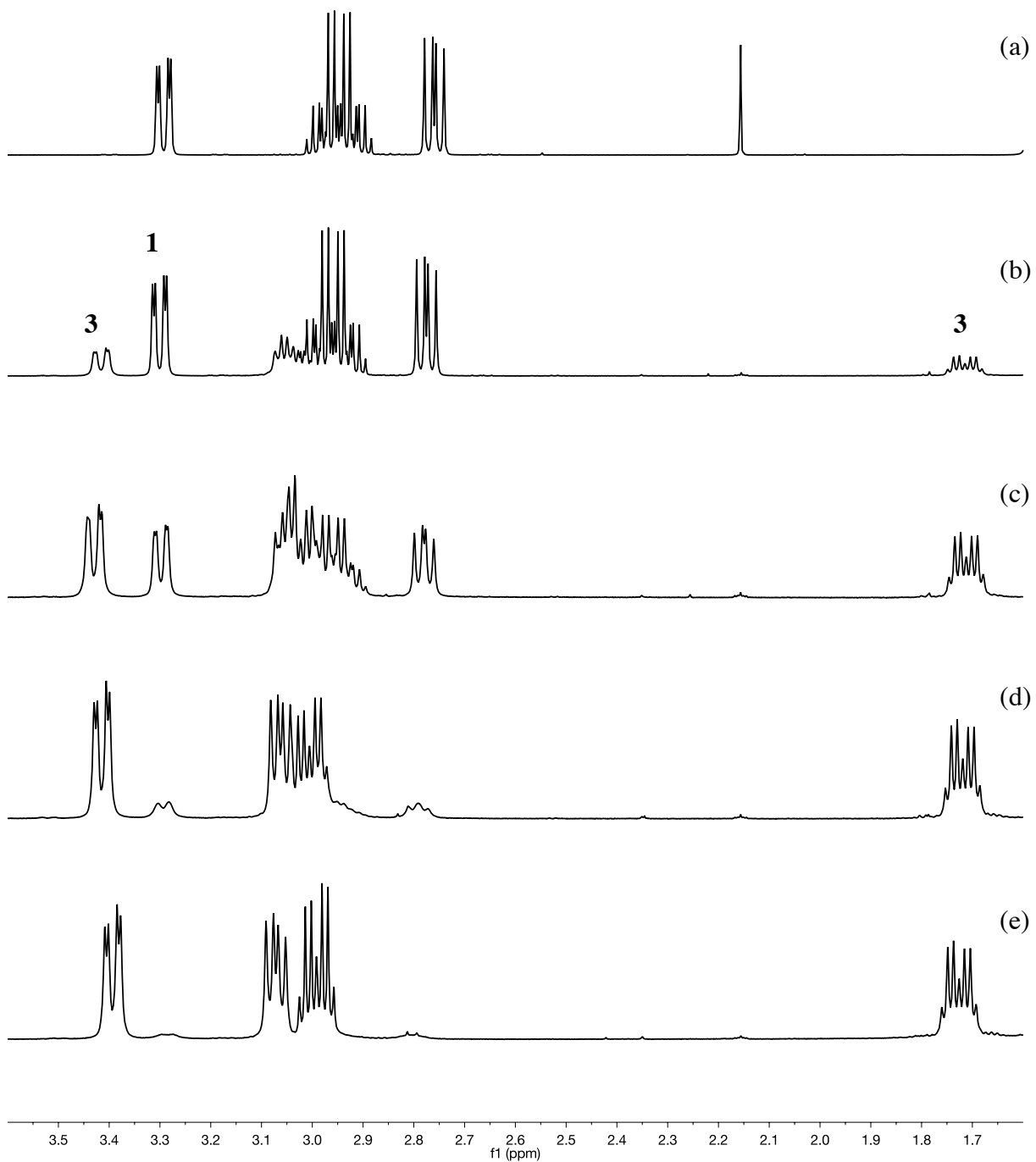




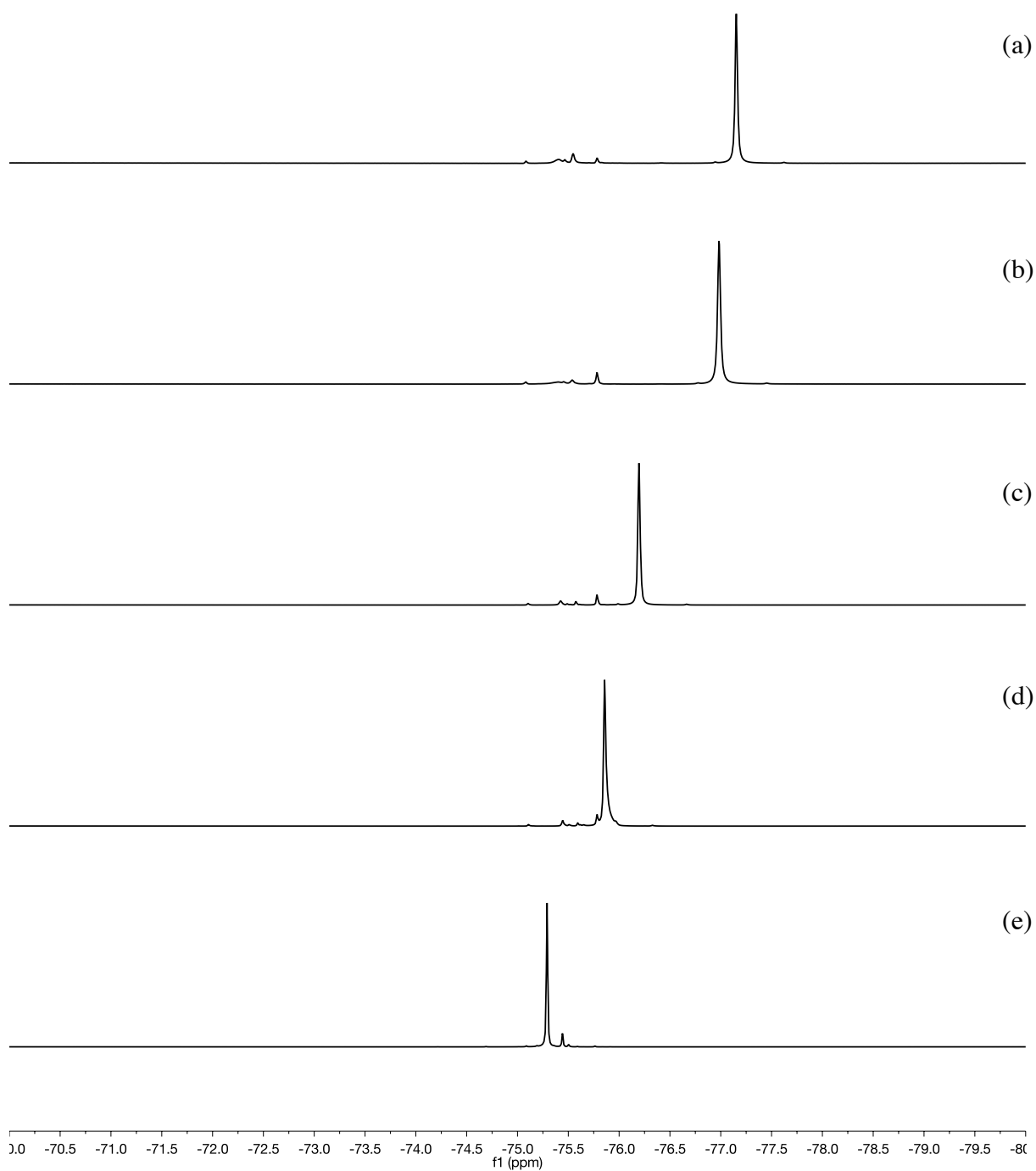
**Figure S25.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **1**; (b) 0.10 M **1** and 0.11 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ .



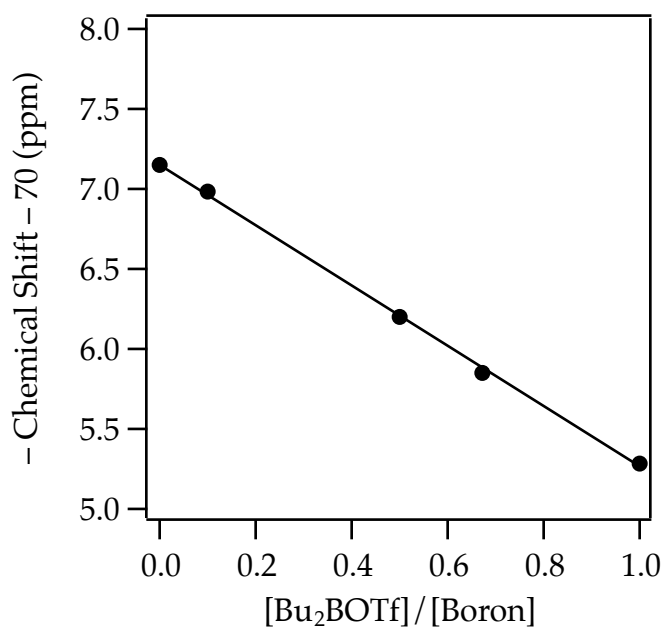
**Figure S26.** IR spectra of injecting 3.3 equivalents of  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  over 33 minutes into 0.10 M **1** in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , following loss of **1**. The curvature indicates soft equilibrium of complexation at room temperature.



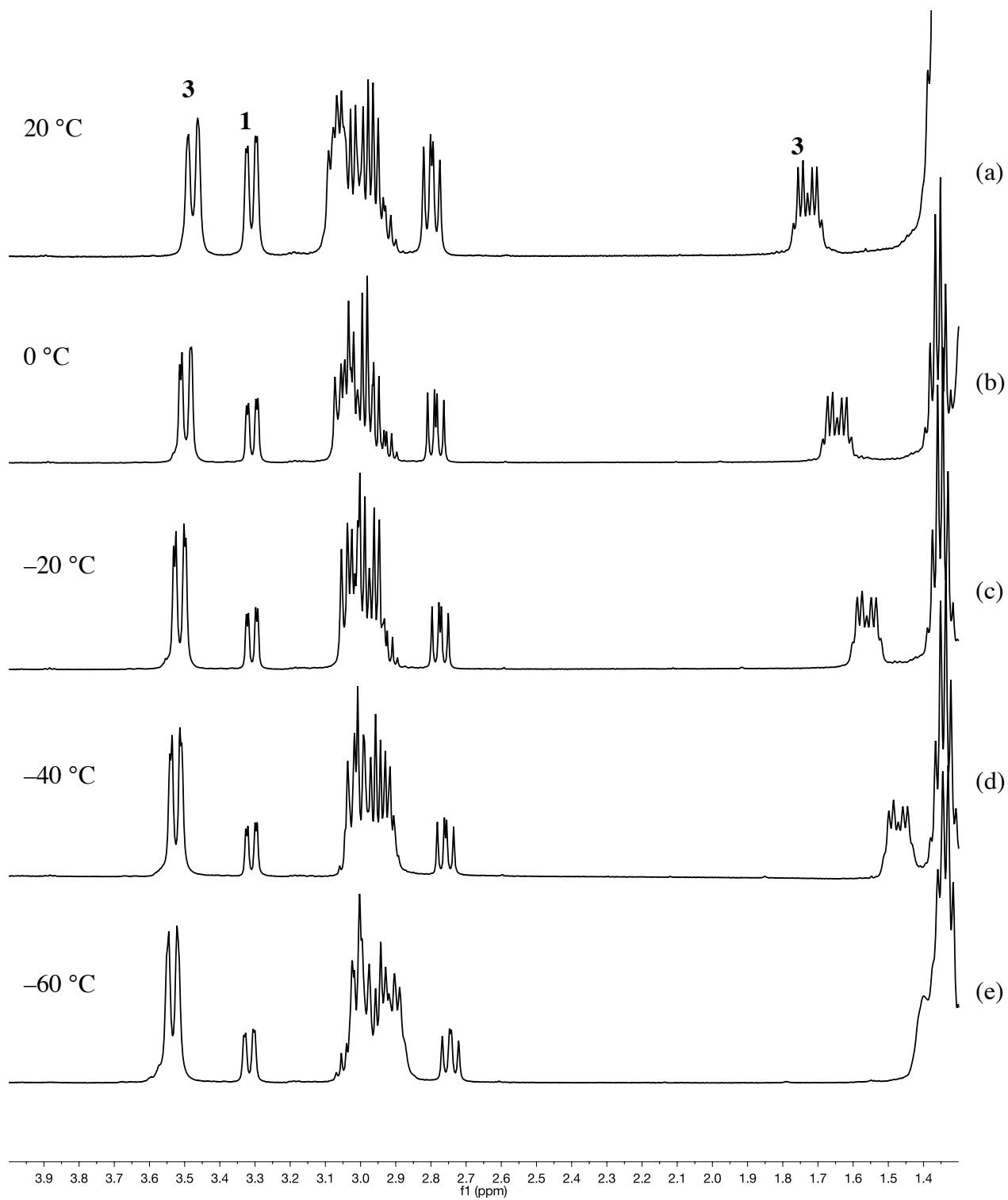
**Figure S27.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  recorded at rt: (a) 0.10 M **1**; (b) 0.10 M **1** and 0.05 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (c) 0.10 M **1** and 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (d) 0.10 M **1** and 0.20 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (e) 0.10 M **1** and 0.30 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ .



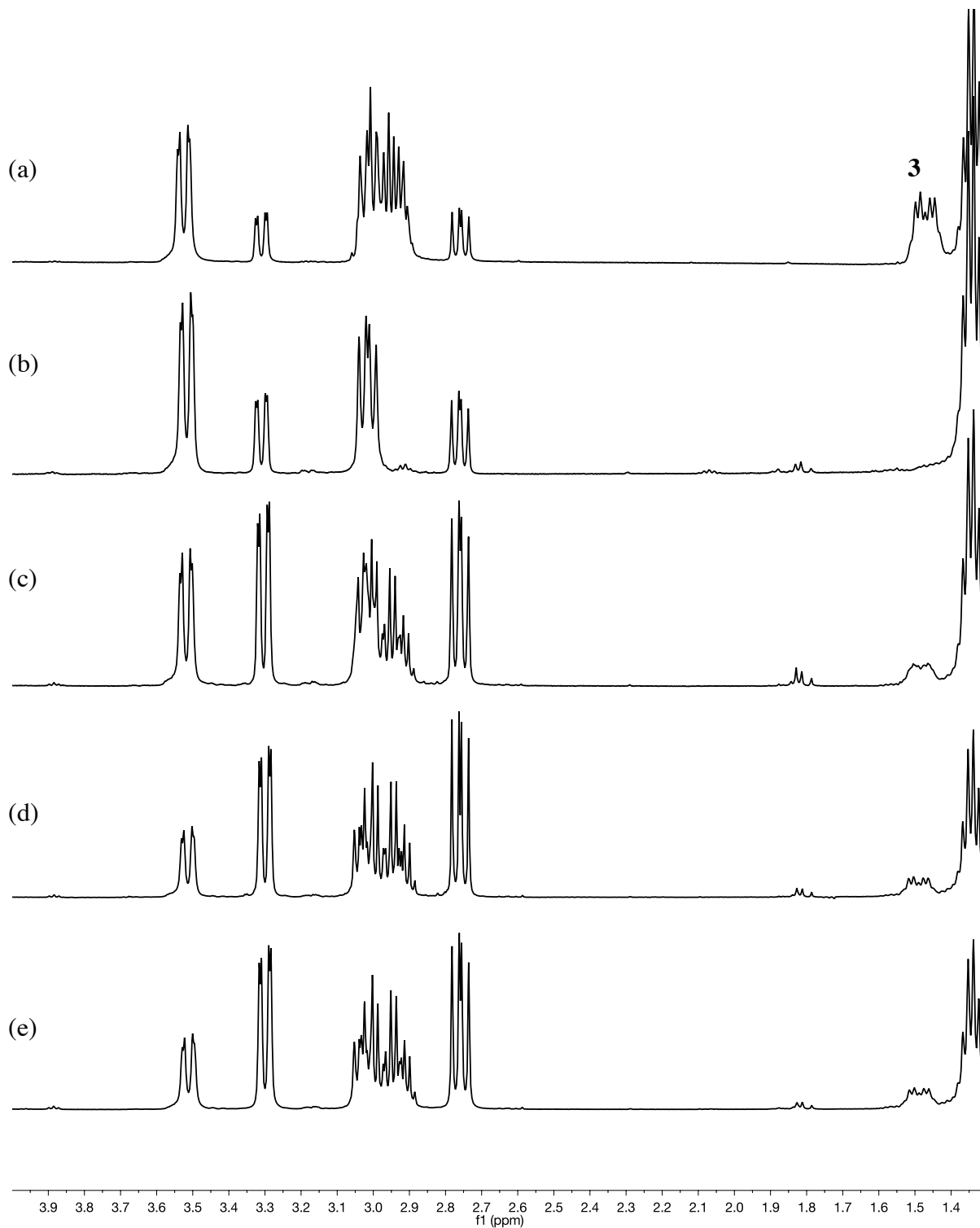
**Figure S28.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  recorded at  $-60^\circ\text{C}$ : (a) 0.10 M **1** and 0.05 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (b) 0.10 M **1** and 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (c) 0.10 M **1** and 0.20 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (d) 0.10 M **1** and 0.30 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (e) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ .



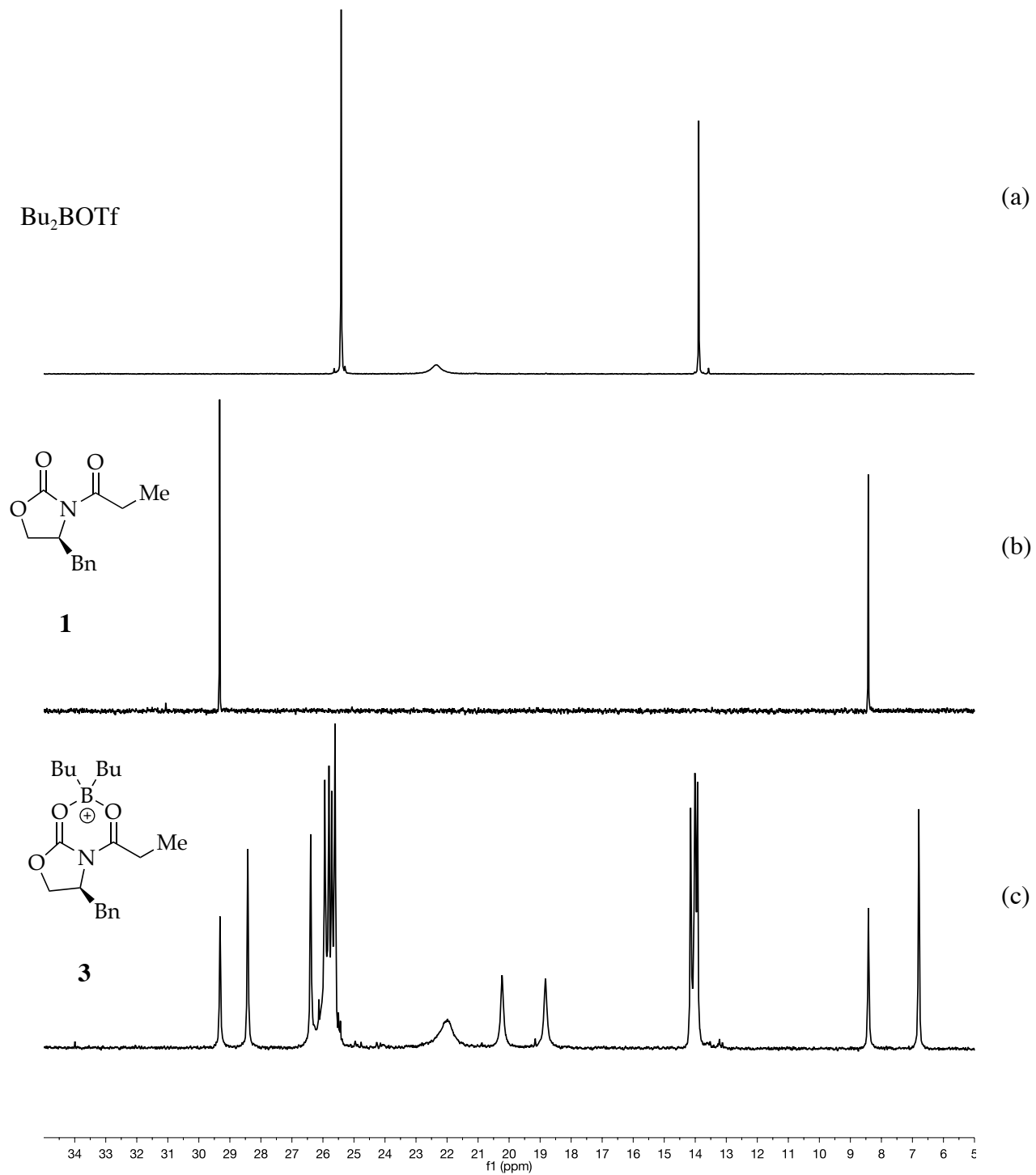
**Figure S29.** Plot of  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR chemical shift vs.  $[\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}]/[\text{Boron}]$  for titrating **1** with  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at  $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .  $y = ax + b$ ,  $a = -1.89 \pm 0.03$ ,  $b = 7.15 \pm 0.02$ .



**Figure S30.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of 0.20 M **1** and 0.15 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  recorded at: (a) 20 °C; (b) 0 °C; (c) -20 °C; (d) -40 °C; (e) -60 °C.

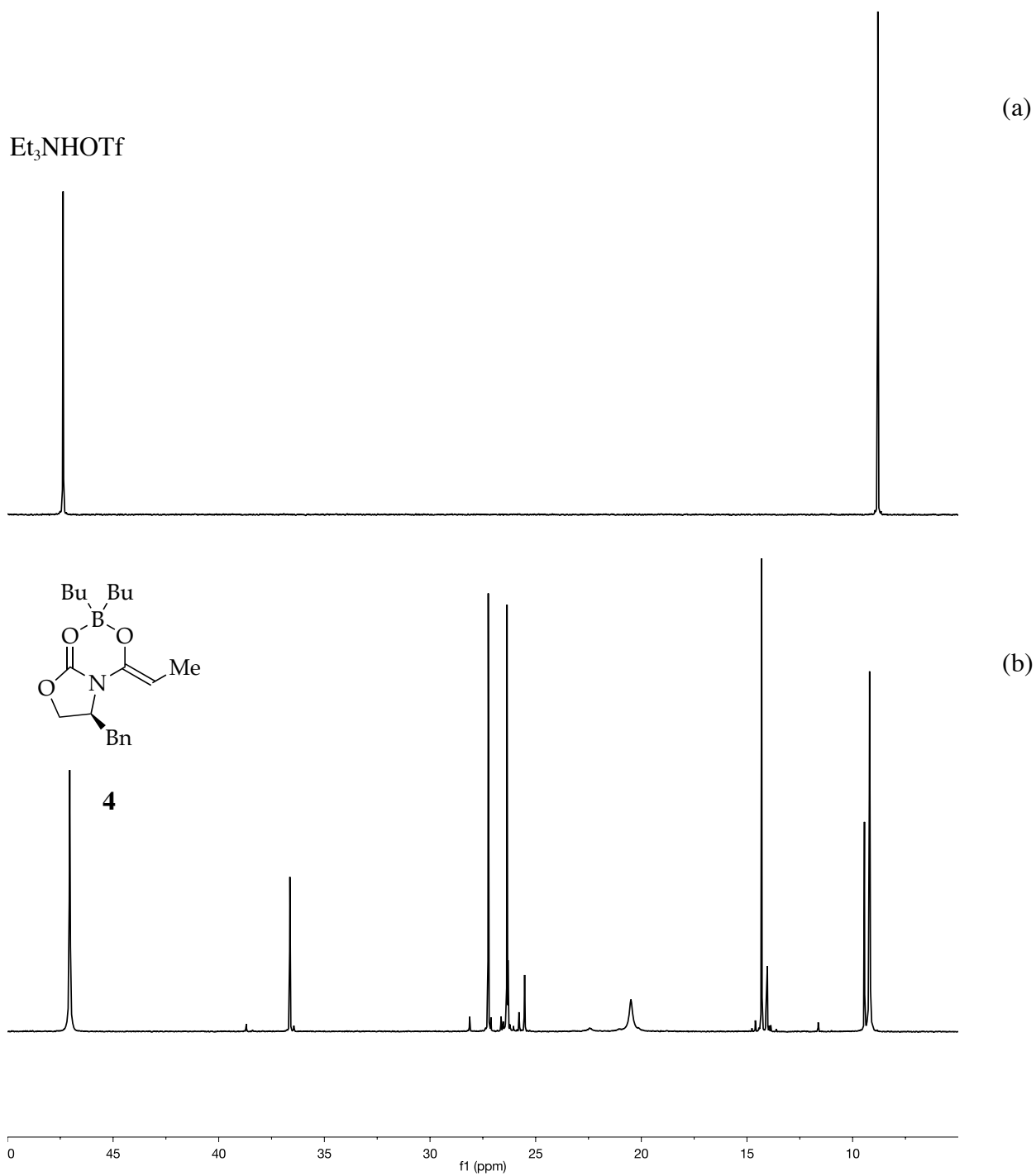


**Figure S31.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  recorded at  $-40^\circ\text{C}$ : (a) 0.20 M **1** and 0.15 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (b) 0.20 M **1- $d_2$**  and 0.15 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (c) injecting 0.20 M **1** into 0.20 M **1- $d_2$**  and 0.15 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (d) injecting 0.20 M **1** into 0.20 M **1- $d_2$**  and 0.15 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  after votexing at  $-40^\circ\text{C}$ ; (e) injecting 0.20 M **1** into 0.20 M **1- $d_2$**  and 0.15 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  after votexing at  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  and aging at rt for 10 minutes.

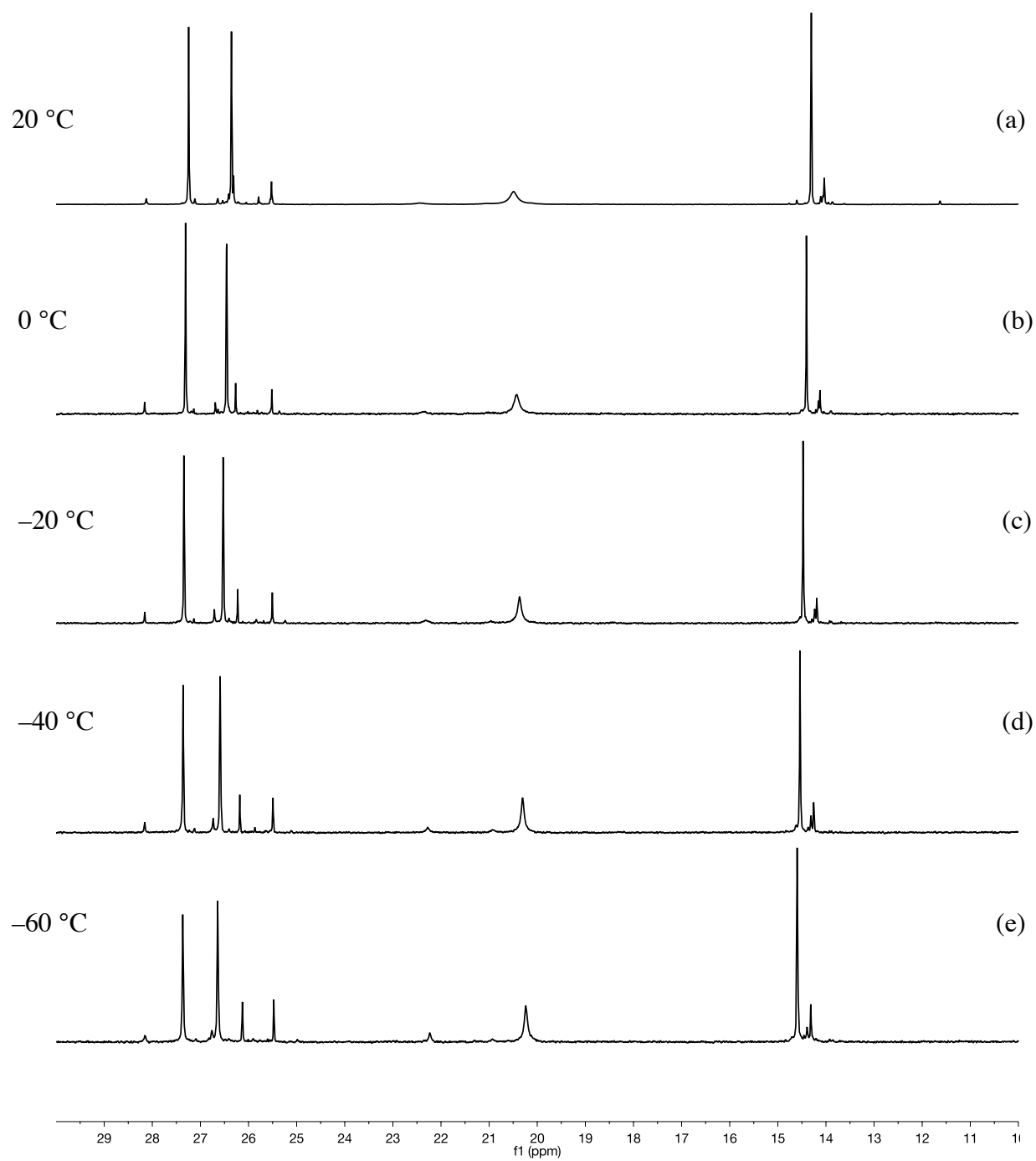


**Figure S32.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.20 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (b) 0.20 M **1**; (c) 0.20 M **1** and 0.20 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ .

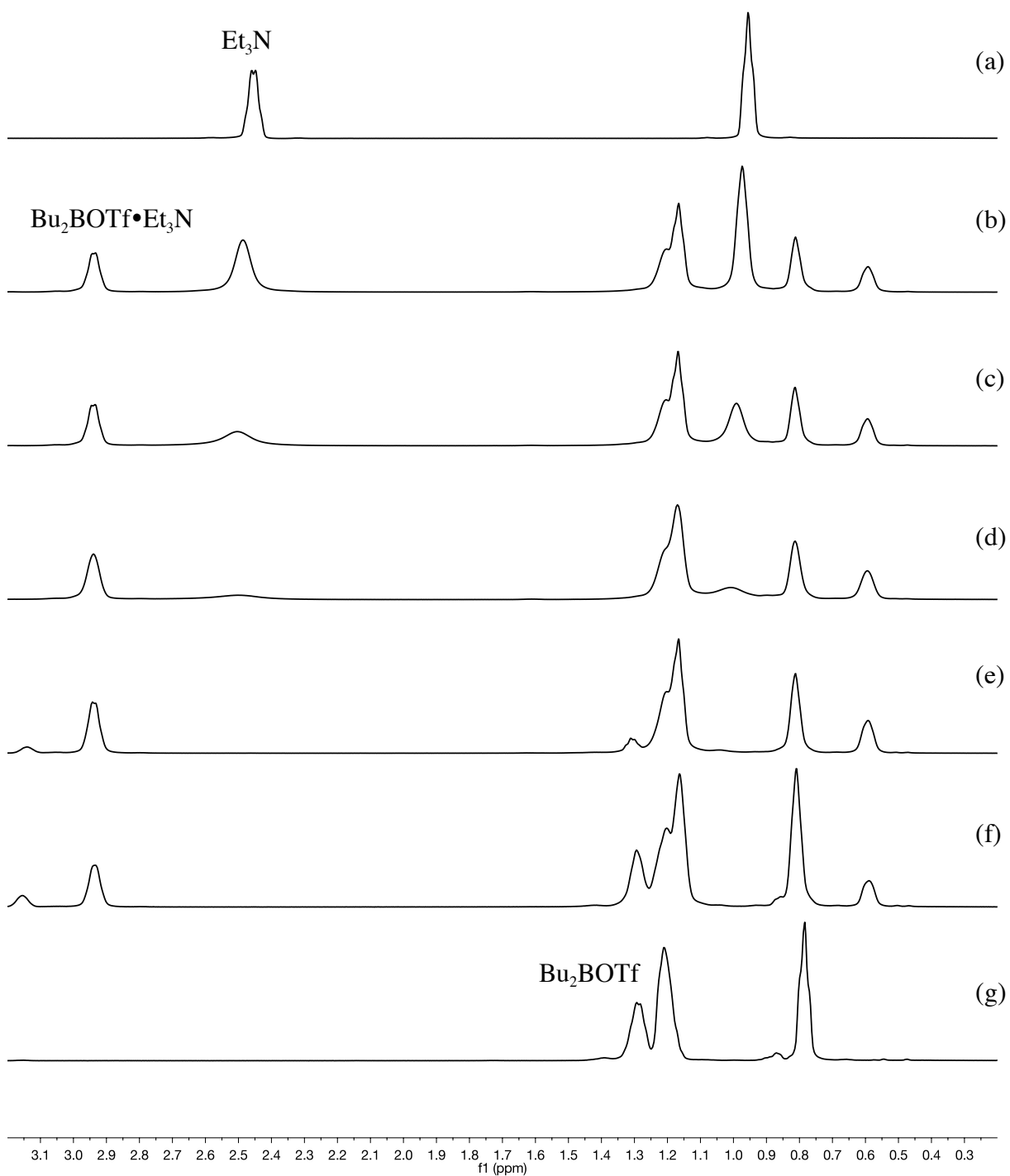




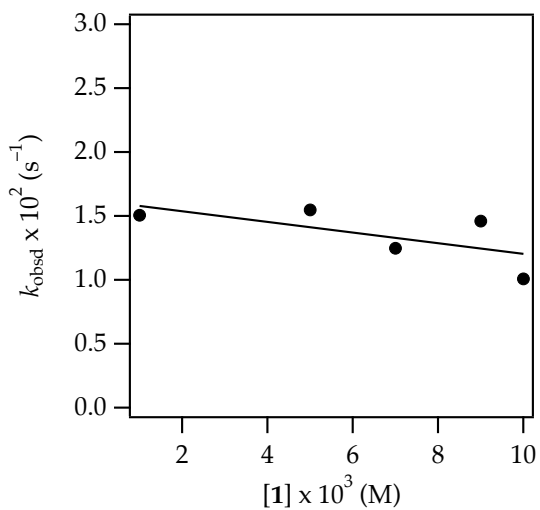
**Figure S33.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at rt: (a) 0.20 M Et<sub>3</sub>NHOTf; (b) 0.20 M **1**, 0.20 M Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf, and 0.20 M Et<sub>3</sub>N.



**Figure S34.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of 0.20 M **1**, 0.20 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and 0.20 M  $\text{Et}_2\text{N}$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  recorded at: (a) 20 °C; (b) 0 °C; (c) -20 °C; (d) -40 °C; (e) -60 °C.

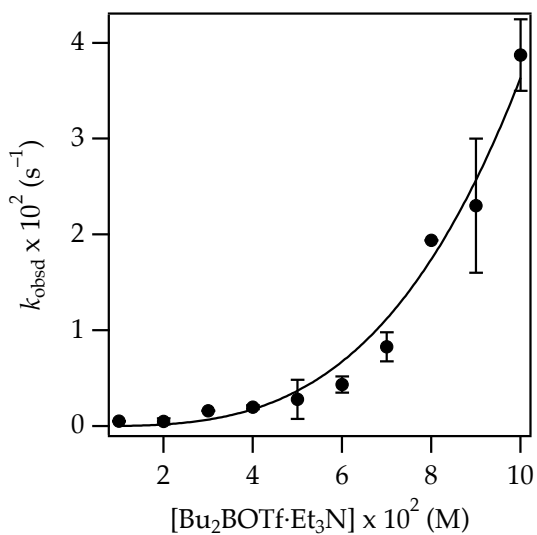


**Figure S35.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  recorded at  $-60^\circ\text{C}$ : (a)  $0.10\text{ M Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (b)  $0.10\text{ M Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and  $0.30\text{ M Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (c)  $0.10\text{ M Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and  $0.20\text{ M Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (d)  $0.10\text{ M Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and  $0.15\text{ M Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (e)  $0.10\text{ M Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and  $0.10\text{ M Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (f)  $0.10\text{ M Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and  $0.050\text{ M Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (g)  $0.10\text{ M Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ .



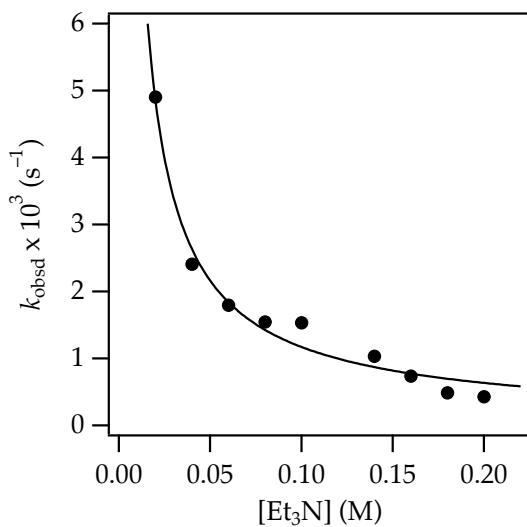
**Figure S36.** Plot of observed rate vs [1] for enolization of [1] by Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf and Et<sub>3</sub>N in CHCl<sub>3</sub> at 0 °C.  $y = ax + b$ ,  $a = -0.4 \pm 0.2$ ,  $b = 0.016 \pm 0.002$ .

[1] (M)	[Bu <sub>2</sub> BOTf•Et <sub>3</sub> N] (M)	[Et <sub>3</sub> N] (M)	k <sub>obsd</sub> x 10 <sup>2</sup> (s <sup>-1</sup> )
0.0010	0.10	0.20	1.51
0.0050	0.10	0.20	1.55
0.0070	0.10	0.20	1.25
0.0090	0.10	0.20	1.46
0.010	0.10	0.20	1.01



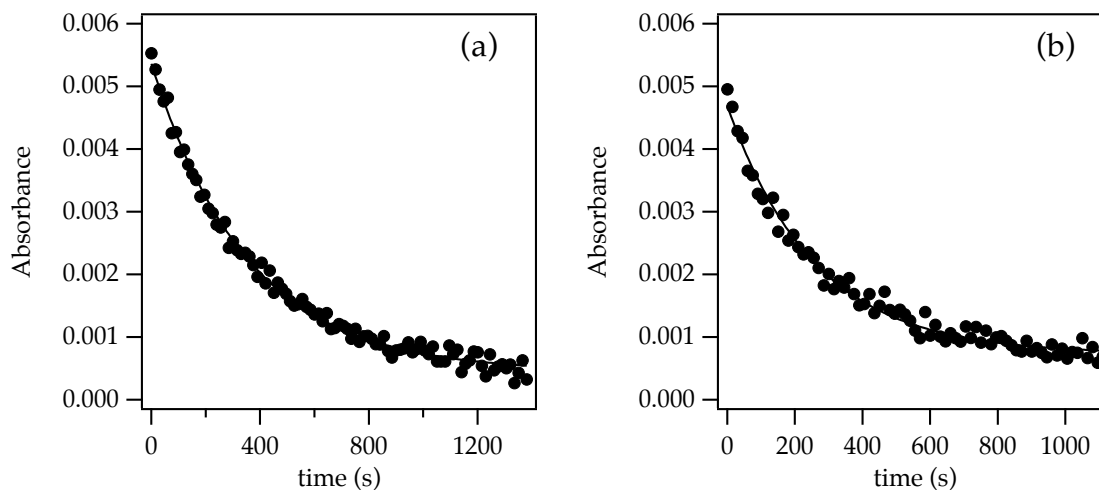
**Figure S37.** Plot of observed rate vs [Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf•Et<sub>3</sub>N] for enolization of **1** by Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf and Et<sub>3</sub>N in CHCl<sub>3</sub> at 0 °C.  $y = ax^b + c$ ,  $a = 72 \pm 3$ ,  $b = 3.3 \pm 0.3$ ,  $c$  set to 0.0

[ <b>1</b> ] (M)	[Bu <sub>2</sub> BOTf•Et <sub>3</sub> N] (M)	[Et <sub>3</sub> N] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3 \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$
0.0020	0.010	0.10	0.538
0.0020	0.020	0.10	0.498
0.0020	0.030	0.10	1.59
0.0020	0.040	0.10	1.97
0.0020	0.050	0.10	2.79
0.0020	0.060	0.10	4.34
0.0020	0.070	0.10	8.28
0.0020	0.080	0.10	19.4
0.0020	0.090	0.10	23.0
0.0020	0.10	0.10	38.7

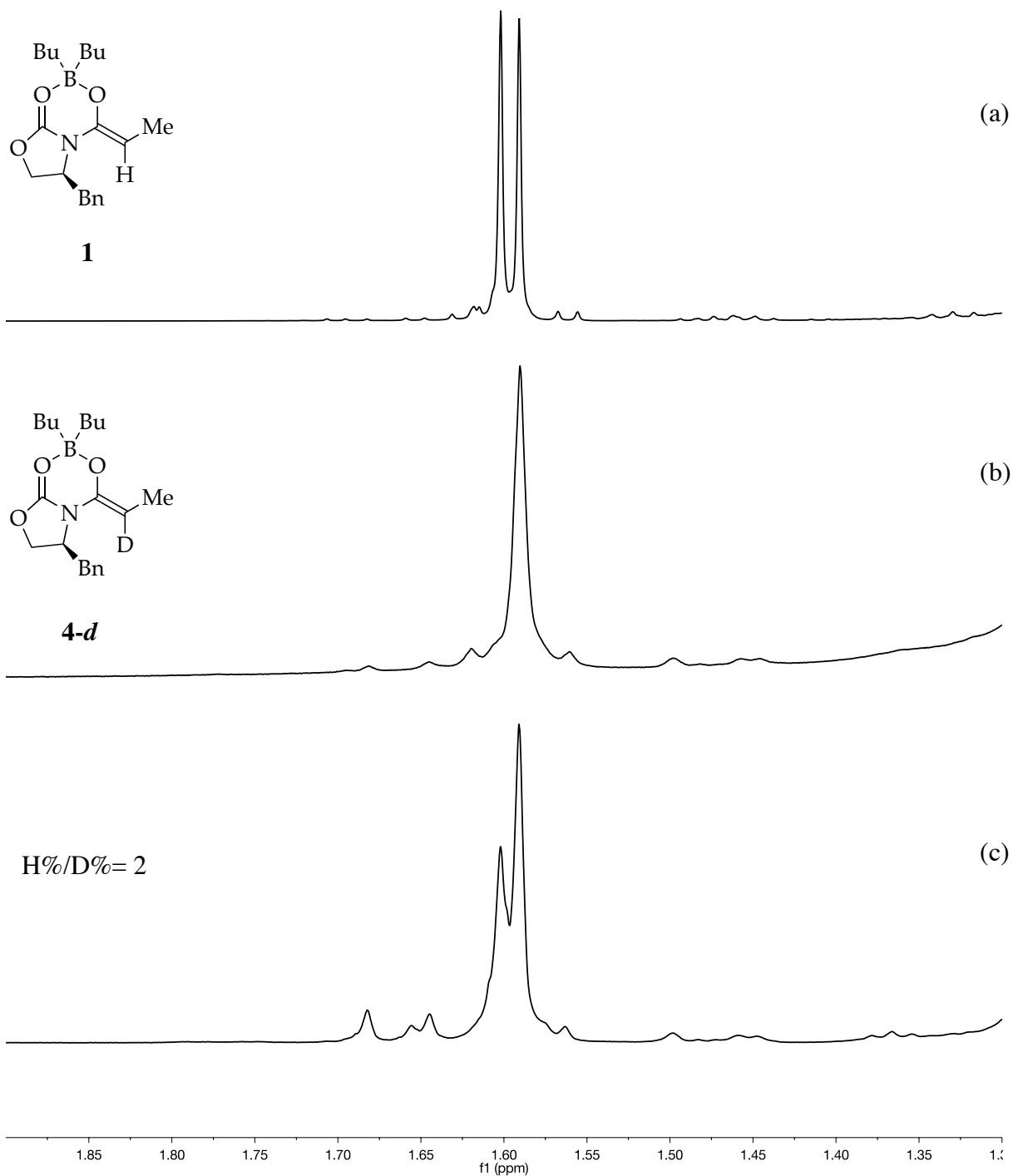


**Figure S38.** Plot of observed rate vs added [Et<sub>3</sub>N] for enolization of **1** by Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf and Et<sub>3</sub>N in CHCl<sub>3</sub> at 0 °C.  $y = ax^b + c$ ,  $a = 0.00015 \pm 0.00003$ ,  $b = -0.88 \pm 0.05$ ,  $c$  set to 0.00

[1] (M)	[Bu <sub>2</sub> BOTf•Et <sub>3</sub> N] (M)	[Et <sub>3</sub> N] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3 \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$
0.0020	0.040	0.020	4.91
0.0020	0.040	0.040	2.41
0.0020	0.040	0.060	1.79
0.0020	0.040	0.080	1.55
0.0020	0.040	0.10	1.53
0.0020	0.040	0.14	1.03
0.0020	0.040	0.16	0.737
0.0020	0.040	0.18	0.487
0.0020	0.040	0.20	0.429

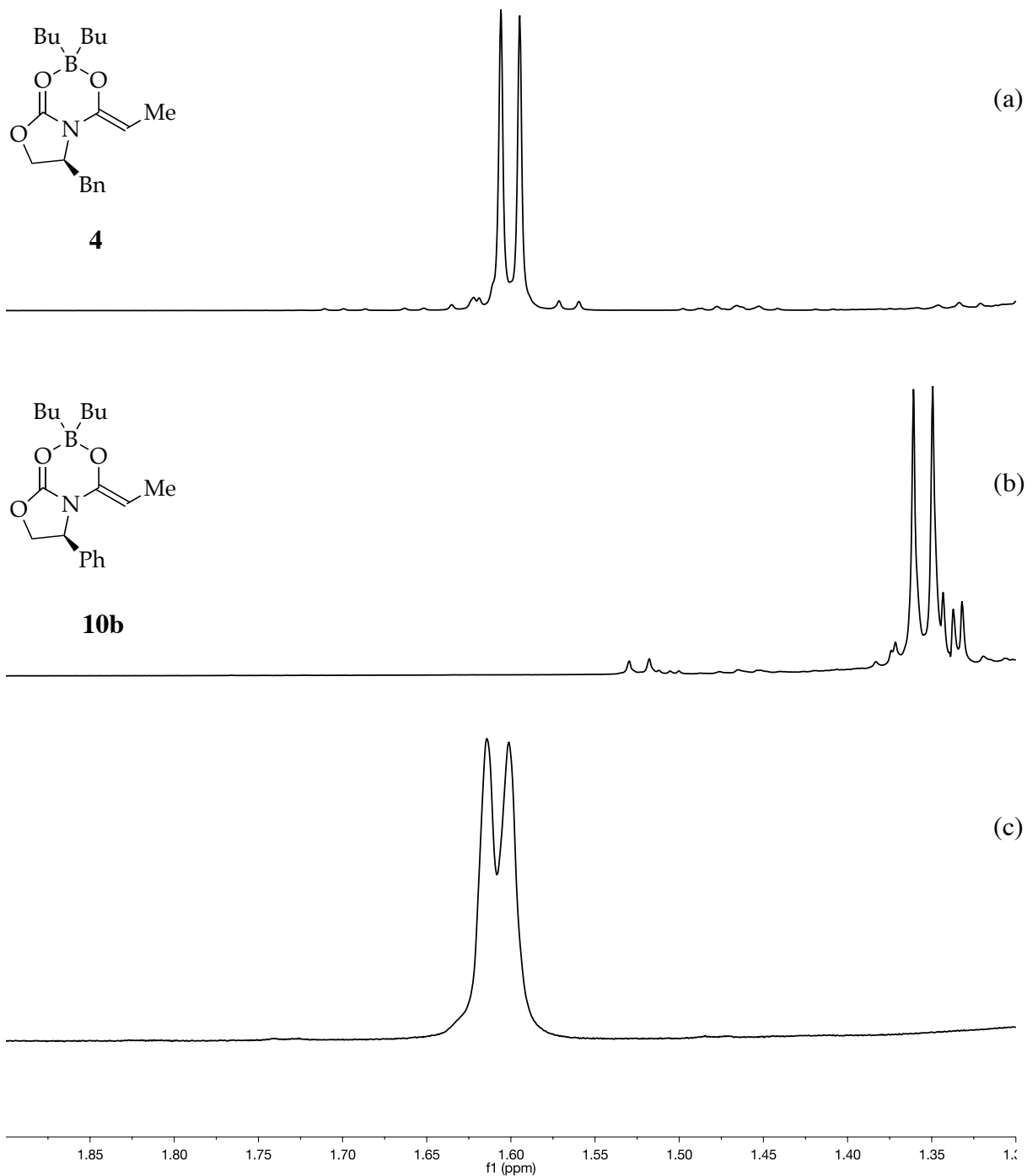


**Figure S39.** IR spectra in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , following loss of **1**: (a) injecting 0.0030 M **1** into pre-mixed 0.050 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ,  $k_{\text{obsd}} = 0.003 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ; (b) injecting 0.0030 M **1-d<sub>2</sub>** into pre-mixed 0.050 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ,  $k_{\text{obsd}} = 0.003 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

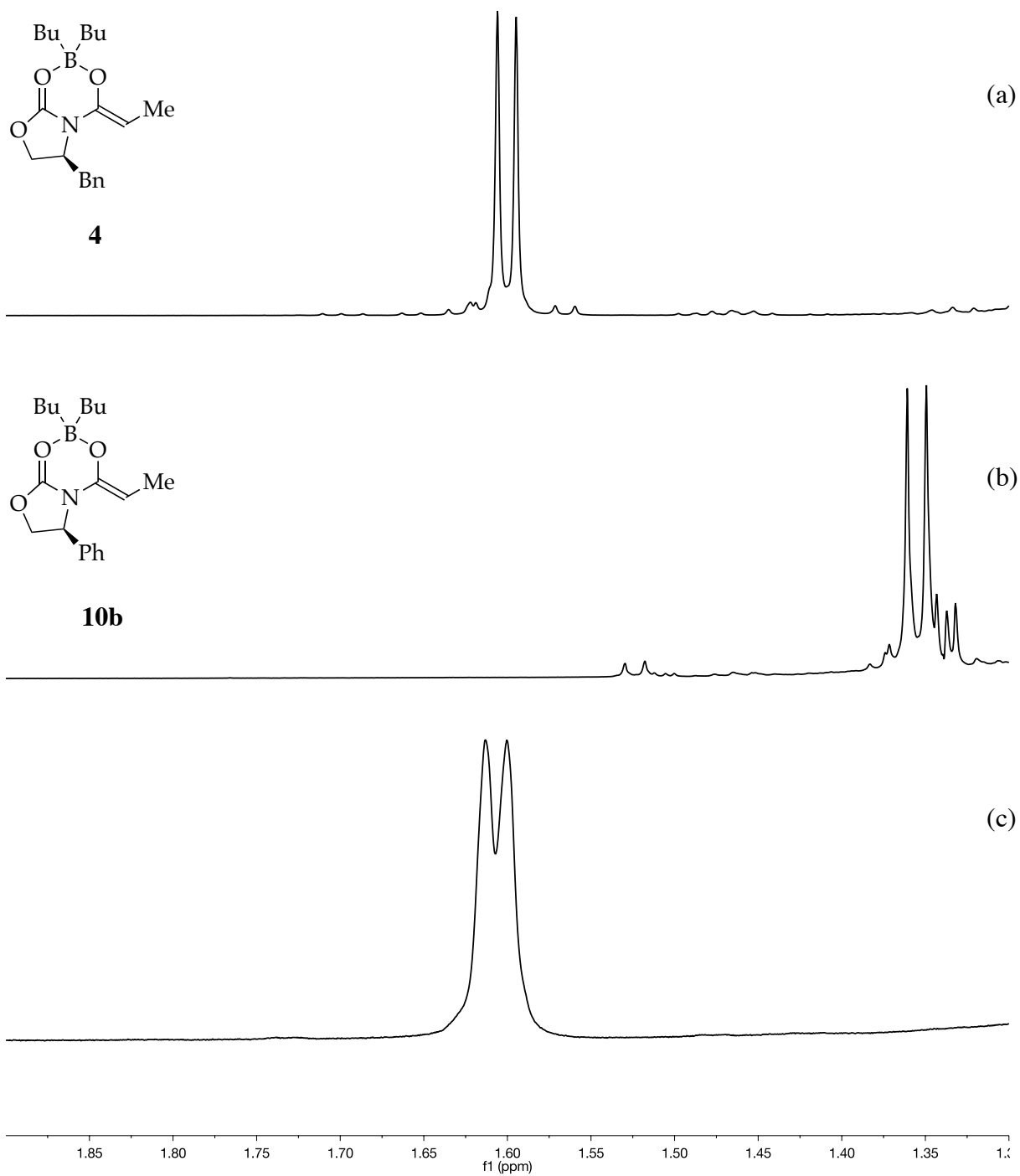


**Figure S40.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **1**, 0.040 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.040 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (b) 0.10 M **1-d<sub>2</sub>**, 0.040 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.040 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (c) injecting pre-mixed 0.10 M **1** and 0.10 M **1-d<sub>2</sub>** into pre-mixed 0.040 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and 0.040 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ .  $k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}} = 2$

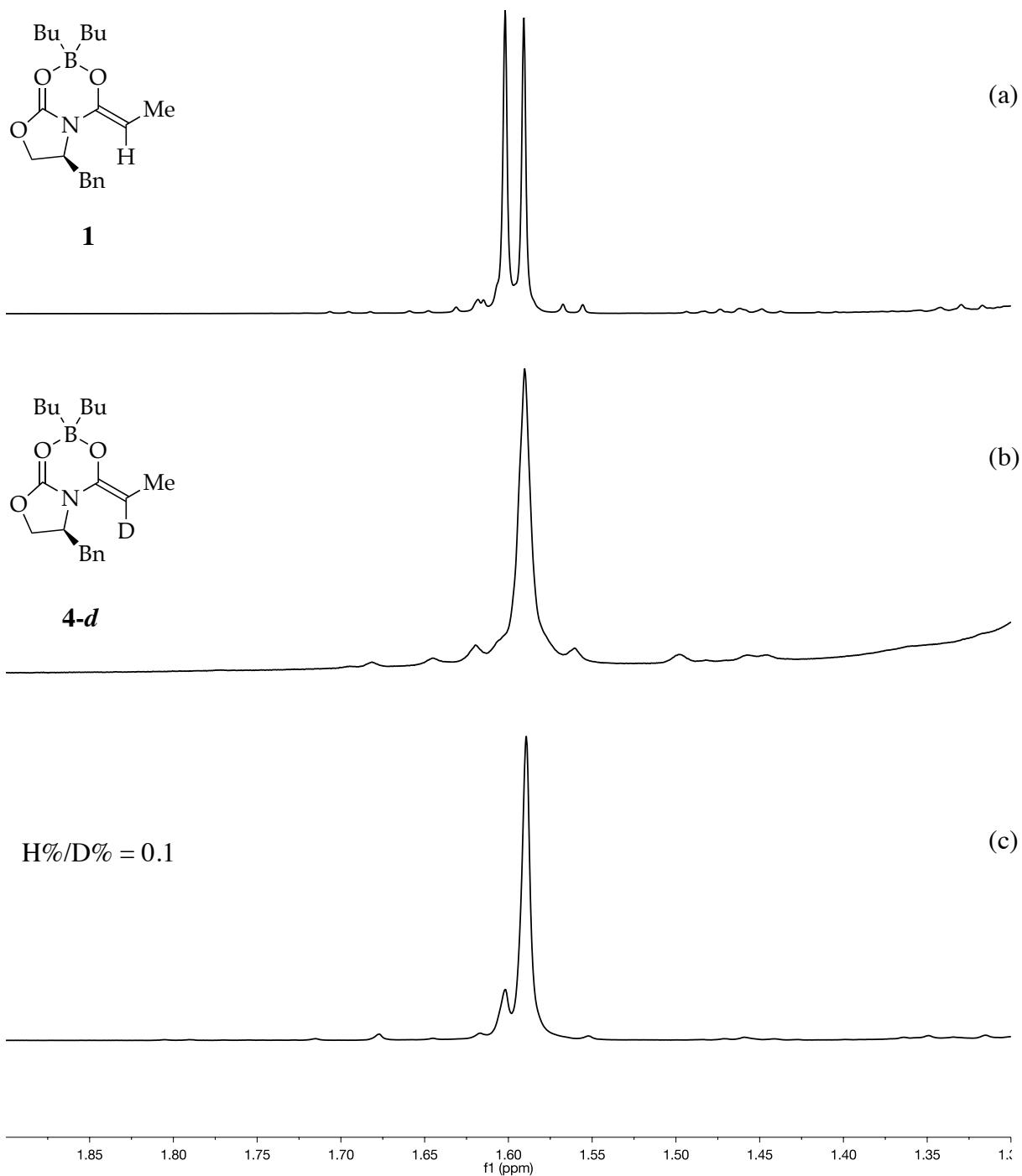




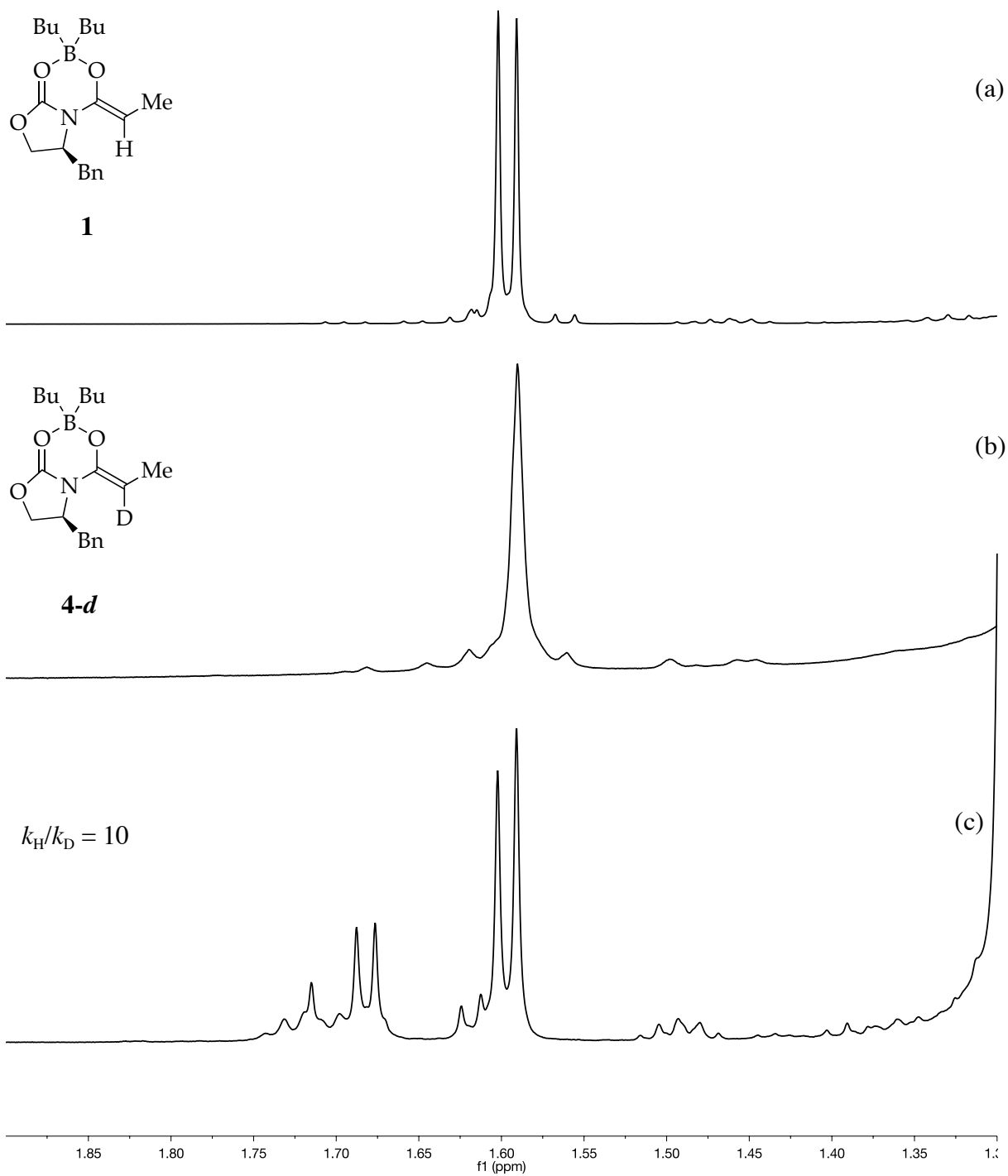
**Figure S41.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **1**, 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (b) 0.10 M **10**, 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (c) injecting 0.10 M **10** into pre-mixed 0.10 M **1**, 0.050 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ .



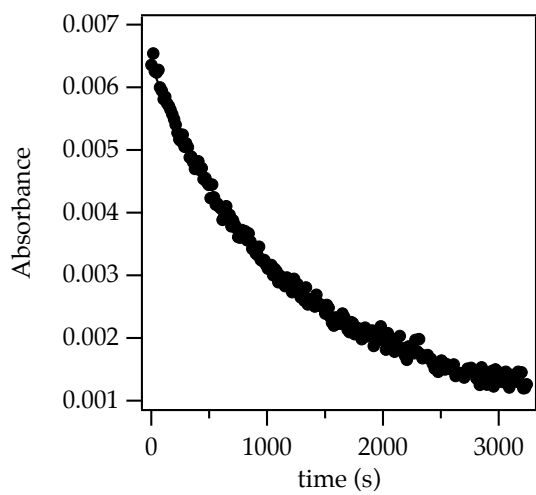
**Figure S42.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **1**, 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (b) 0.10 M **10b**, 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (c) injecting pre-mixed 0.10 M **1** and 0.050 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  into pre-mixed 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  and 0.10 M **10b**.



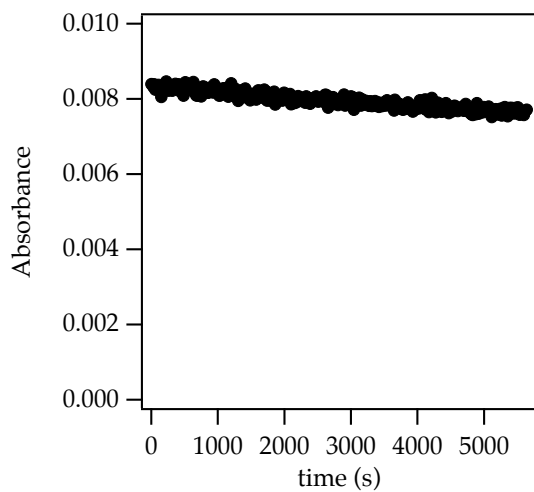
**Figure S43.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **1**, 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (b) 0.10 M **1-d<sub>2</sub>**, 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (c) injecting pre-mixed 0.10 M **1-d<sub>2</sub>** and 0.050 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  into pre-mixed 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  and 0.10 M **1**.  $\text{H\%/D\%} = 0.1$ .



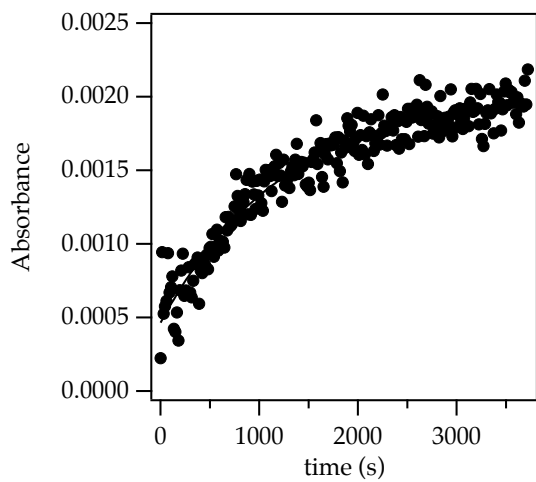
**Figure S44.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **1**, 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (b) 0.10 M **1-d<sub>2</sub>**, 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ; (c) injecting 0.080 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  into pre-mixed 0.10 M **1-d<sub>2</sub>**, 0.10 M **1**, and 0.20 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ .  $k_H/k_D = 10$ .



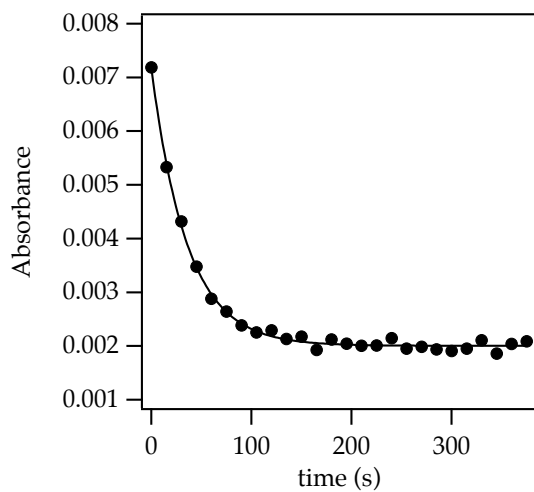
**Figure S45.** IR spectra of injecting 0.0040 M **1** into pre-mixed 0.050 M Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf and 0.15 M Et<sub>3</sub>N in CHCl<sub>3</sub> recorded at 0 °C, following loss of **1**.  $k_{\text{obsd}} = 9.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .



**Figure S46.** IR spectra of injecting 0.0050 M **1** into pre-mixed 0.050 M Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf and 0.15 M Et<sub>2</sub>NMe in CHCl<sub>3</sub> recorded at 0 °C, following loss of **1**.  $k_{\text{obsd}} = 3.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $k_{\text{rel}} = 0.03$ .

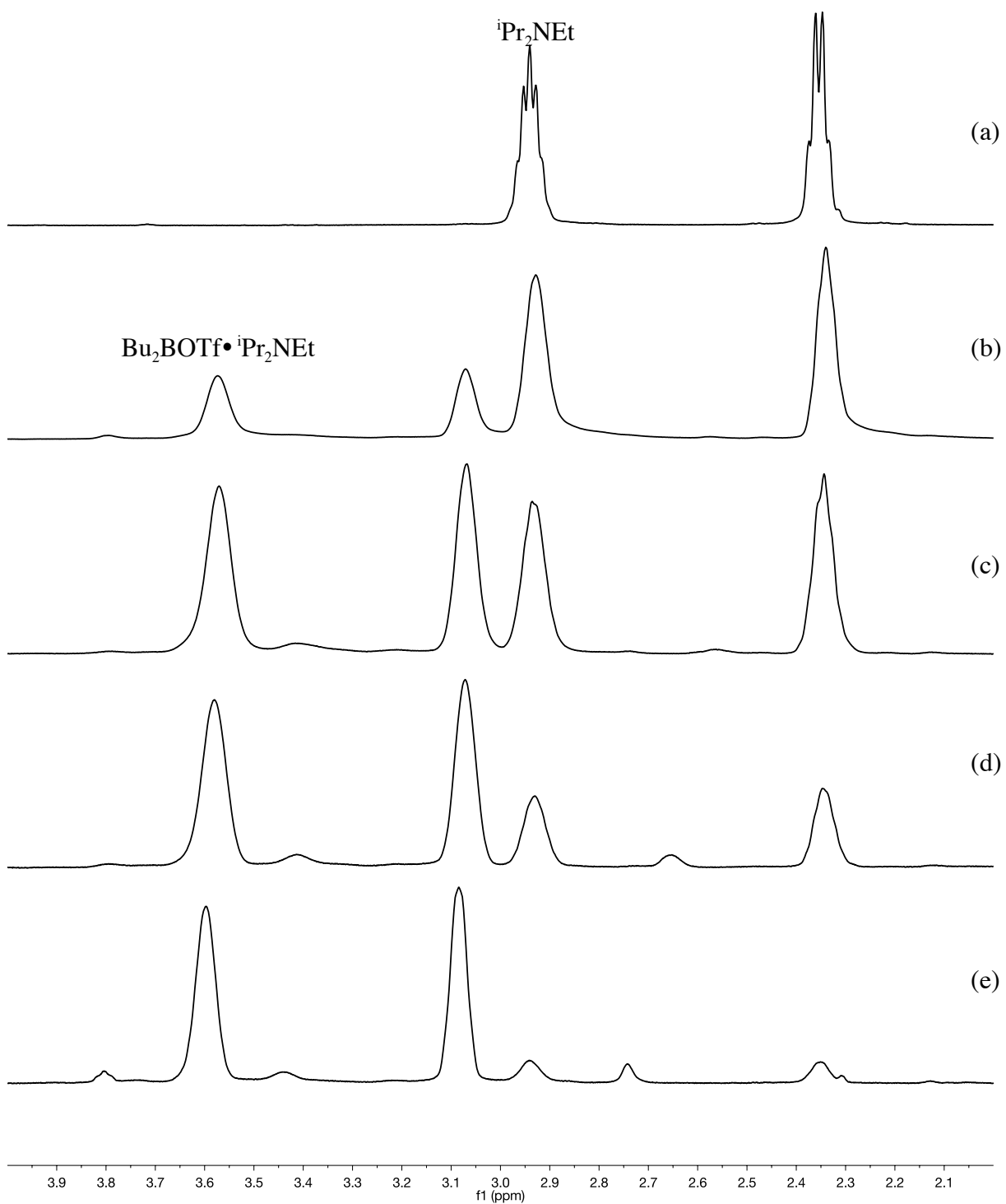


**Figure S47.** IR spectra of injecting 0.0040 M **1** into pre-mixed 0.050 M Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf and 0.15 M Me<sub>2</sub>NCy in CHCl<sub>3</sub> recorded at 0 °C, following growth of **4**.  $k_{\text{obsd}} = 8.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $k_{\text{rel}} = 0.8$ .

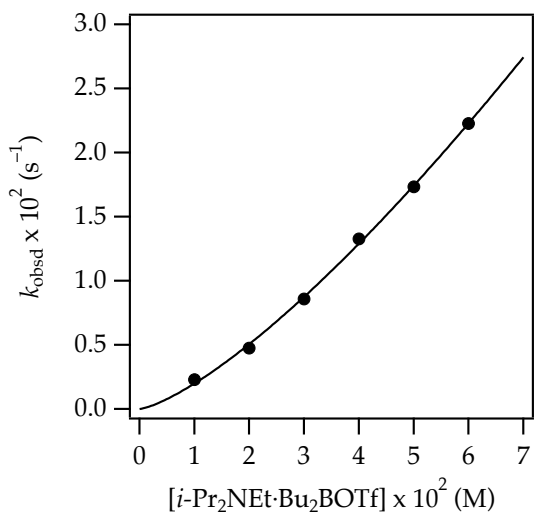


**Figure S48.** IR spectra of injecting 0.0040 M **1** into pre-mixed 0.050 M Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf and 0.15 M *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt in CHCl<sub>3</sub> recorded at 0 °C, following loss of **1**.  $k_{\text{obsd}} = 2.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $k_{\text{rel}} = 30$ .



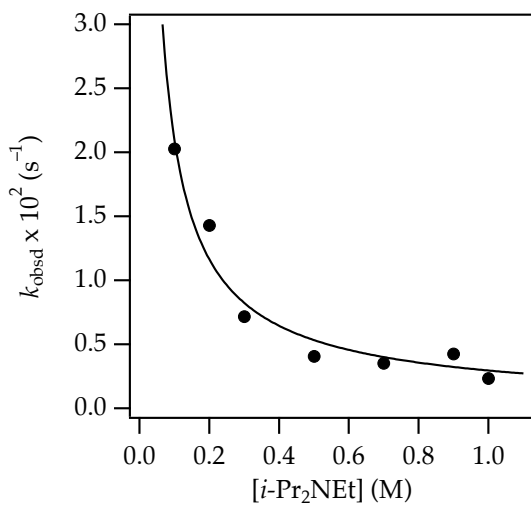


**Figure S49.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  recorded at  $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ : (a)  $0.10\text{ M } i\text{Pr}_2\text{NEt}$ ; (b)  $0.10\text{ M Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and  $0.30\text{ M } i\text{Pr}_2\text{NEt}$ ; (c)  $0.10\text{ M Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and  $0.20\text{ M } i\text{Pr}_2\text{NEt}$ ; (d)  $0.10\text{ M Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and  $0.15\text{ M } i\text{Pr}_2\text{NEt}$ ; (e)  $0.10\text{ M Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and  $0.10\text{ M } i\text{Pr}_2\text{NEt}$ .



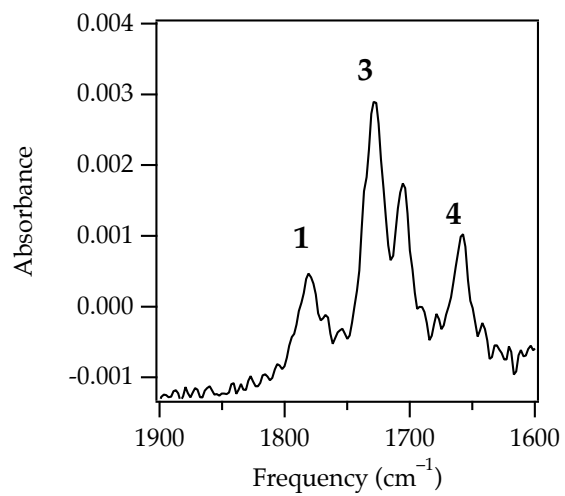
**Figure S50.** Plot of observed rate vs added [*i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt•Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf] for enolization of **1** by Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf and *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt in CHCl<sub>3</sub> at 0 °C.  $y = ax^b + c$ ,  $a = 0.99 \pm 0.10$ ,  $b = 1.35 \pm 0.03$ ,  $c$  set to 0.00.

[ <b>1</b> ] (M)	[ <i>i</i> -Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt•Bu <sub>2</sub> BOTf] (M)	[ <i>i</i> -Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^2 \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$
0.002	0.010	0.20	0.229
0.002	0.020	0.20	0.475
0.002	0.030	0.20	0.859
0.002	0.040	0.20	1.33
0.002	0.050	0.20	1.73
0.002	0.060	0.20	2.23

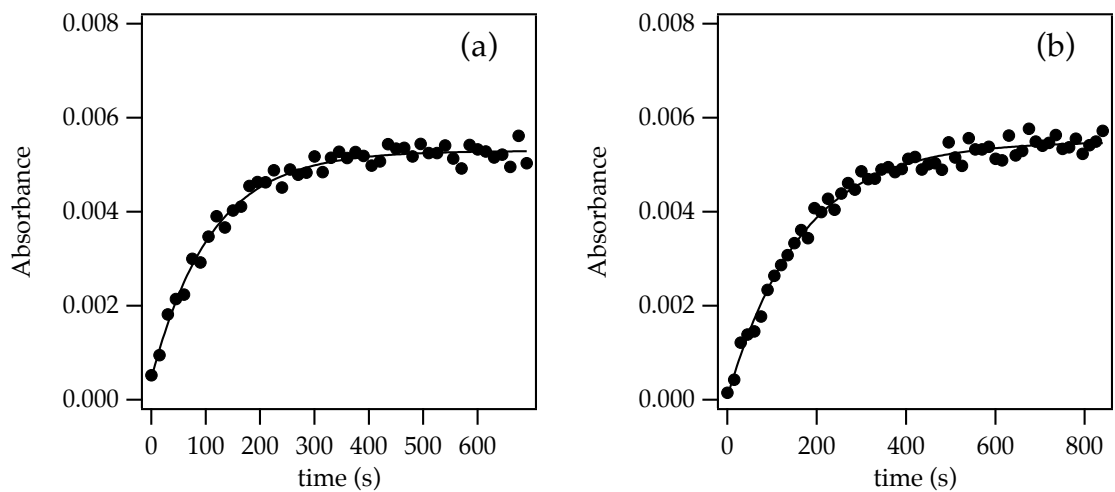


**Figure S51.** Plot of observed rate vs added [*i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt] for enolization of **1** by Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf and *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt in CHCl<sub>3</sub> at 0 °C.  $y = ax^b + c$ ,  $a = 0.0030 \pm 0.0006$ ,  $b = -0.85 \pm 0.09$ ,  $c$  set to 0.00.

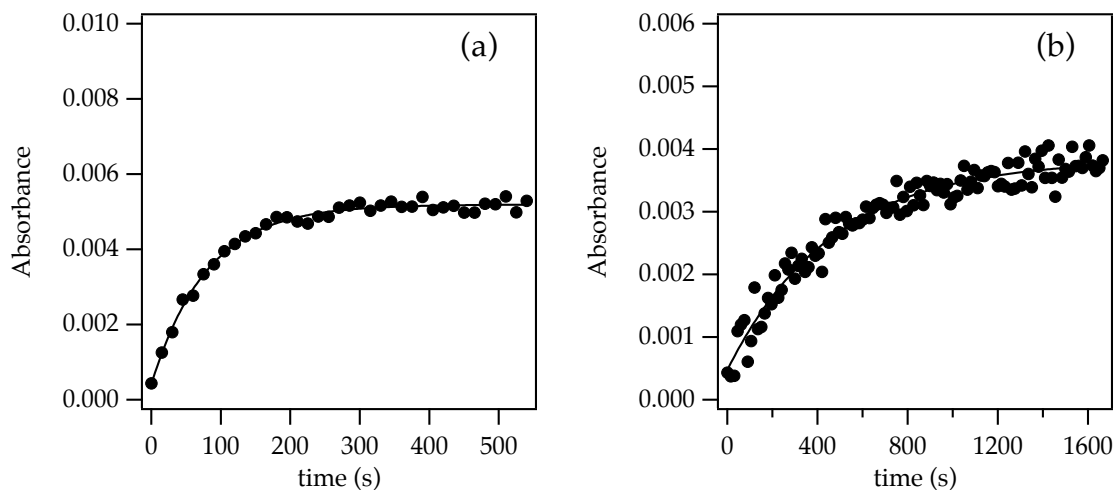
[ <b>1</b> ] (M)	[ <i>i</i> -Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt•Bu <sub>2</sub> BOTf] (M)	[ <i>i</i> -Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt] (M)	k <sub>obsd</sub> × 10 <sup>2</sup> (s <sup>-1</sup> )
0.0020	0.040	0.10	2.03
0.0020	0.040	0.20	1.43
0.0020	0.040	0.30	0.716
0.0020	0.040	0.50	0.407
0.0020	0.040	0.70	0.353
0.0020	0.040	0.90	0.426
0.0020	0.040	1.00	0.233



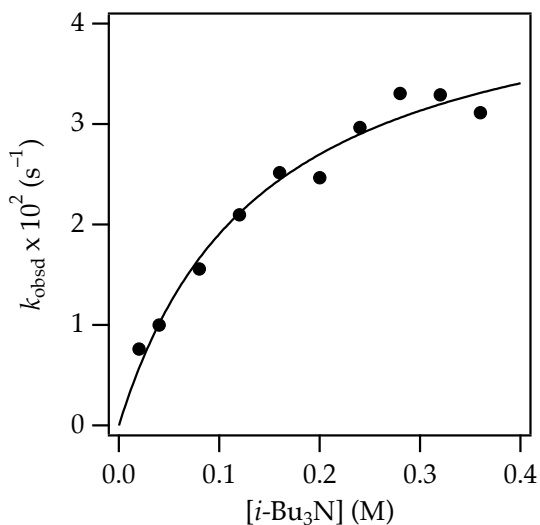
**Figure S52.** IR spectra of 0.0020 M **1**, 0.050 M Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf, and 0.15 M *i*-Bu<sub>3</sub>N in CHCl<sub>3</sub> recorded at 0 °C.



**Figure S53.** IR spectra in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  recorded at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ : (a) injecting  $0.060\text{ M } i\text{-Bu}_3\text{N}$  into pre-mixed  $0.040\text{ M Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and  $0.0020\text{ M } \mathbf{1}$ , following growth of  $\mathbf{4}$ ,  $k_{\text{obsd}} = 0.009\text{ s}^{-1}$ ; (b) injecting  $0.0020\text{ M } \mathbf{1}$  into pre-mixed  $0.040\text{ M Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and  $0.060\text{ M } i\text{-Bu}_3\text{N}$ , following growth of  $\mathbf{4}$ ,  $k_{\text{obsd}} = 0.009\text{ s}^{-1}$ .



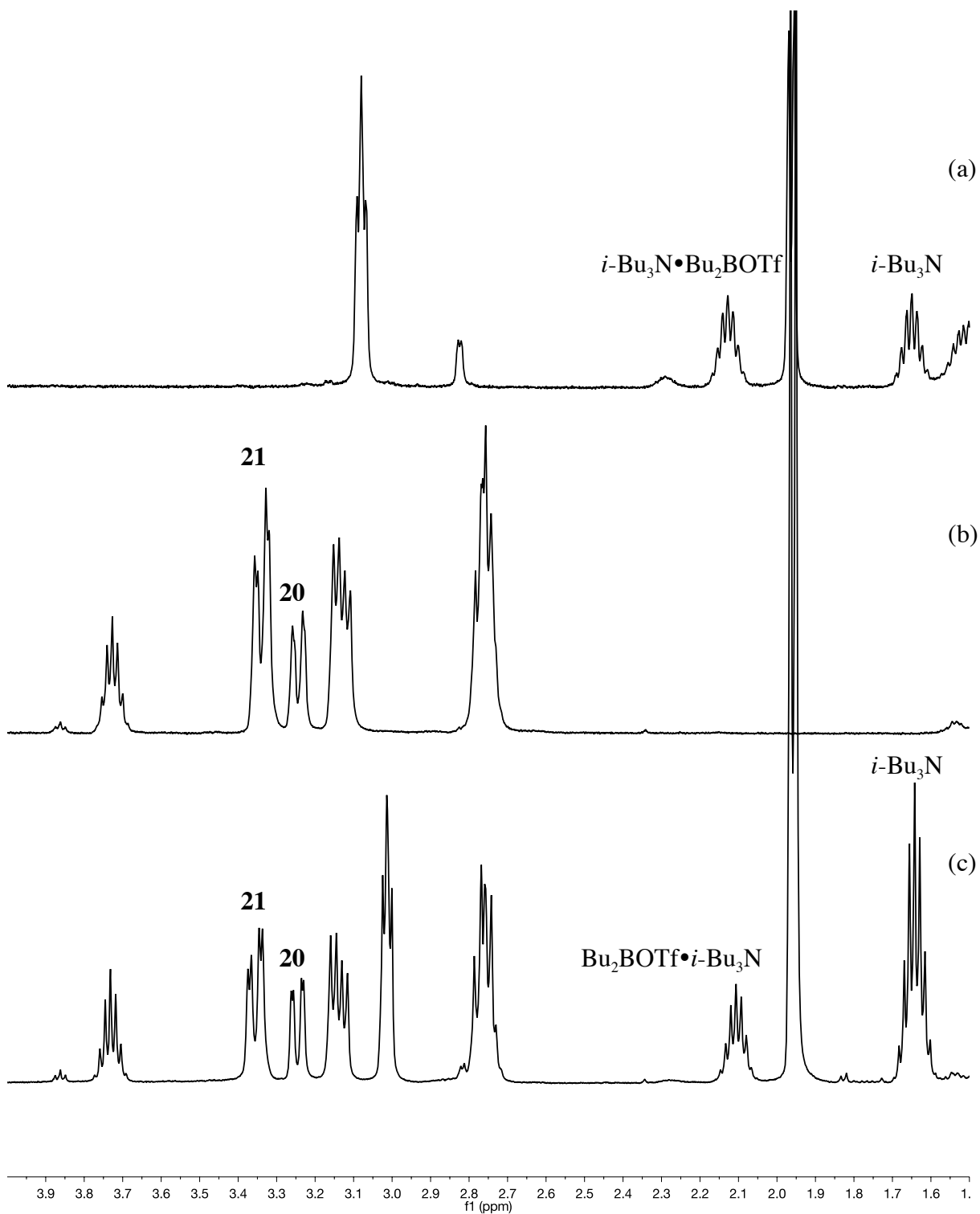
**Figure S54.** IR spectra in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  recorded at  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ : (a) injecting  $0.002\text{ M}$  **1** into pre-mixed  $0.040\text{ M}$   $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and  $0.080\text{ M}$   $i\text{-Bu}_3\text{N}$ , following growth of **4**,  $k_{\text{obsd}} = 0.02\text{ s}^{-1}$ ; (b) injecting  $0.002\text{ M}$  **1-d**<sub>2</sub> into pre-mixed  $0.040\text{ M}$   $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and  $0.080\text{ M}$   $i\text{-Bu}_3\text{N}$ , following growth of **4-d**,  $k_{\text{obsd}} = 0.002\text{ s}^{-1}$ .  $k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}} = 10$ .



**Figure S55.** Plot of observed rate vs added  $[i\text{-Bu}_3\text{N}]$  for enolization of **1** by  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and  $i\text{-Bu}_3\text{N}$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  at  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .  $y = ax / (x + b)$ ,  $a = 0.046 \pm 0.004$ ,  $b = 0.14 \pm 0.03$ .

$$K_{\text{eq}} = \frac{[\mathbf{3}][i\text{-Bu}_3\text{N}]}{[\mathbf{1}][i\text{-Bu}_3\text{N-Bu}_2\text{BOTf}]} = b / [i\text{-Bu}_3\text{N-Bu}_2\text{BOTf}] = 3.5$$

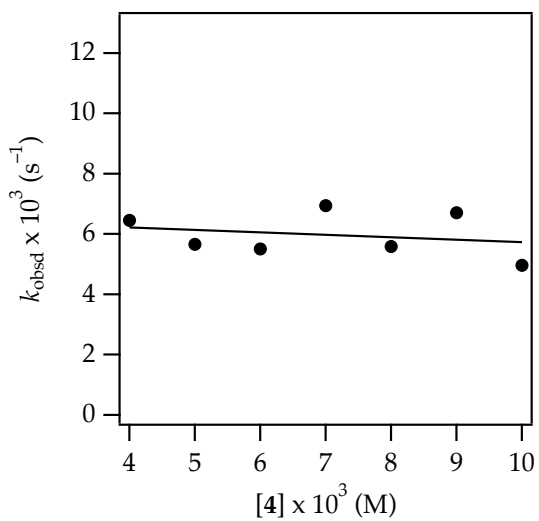
[ <b>1</b> ] (M)	$[i\text{-Bu}_3\text{N-Bu}_2\text{BOTf}]$ (M)	$[i\text{-Bu}_3\text{N}]$ (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^2$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )
0.0020	0.040	0.020	0.762
0.0020	0.040	0.040	1.00
0.0020	0.040	0.080	1.56
0.0020	0.040	0.12	2.10
0.0020	0.040	0.16	2.55
0.0020	0.040	0.20	2.47
0.0020	0.040	0.24	2.97
0.0020	0.040	0.28	3.30
0.0020	0.040	0.32	3.29
0.0020	0.040	0.36	3.11



**Figure S56.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ : (a) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and 0.03 M  $i\text{-Bu}_3\text{N}$ ; (b) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.10 M **20**; (c) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.05 M  $i\text{-Bu}_3\text{N}$ , and 0.10 M **20**.

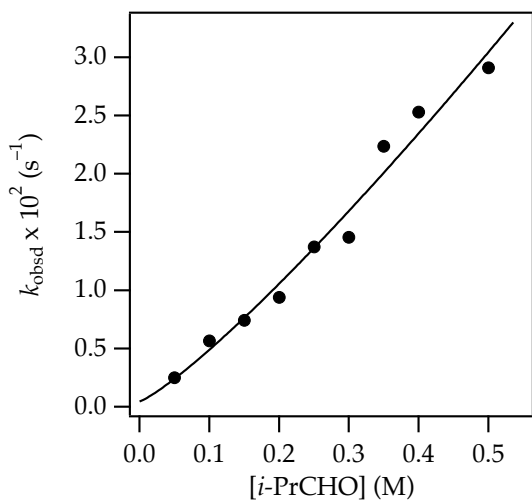
$$K_{\text{eq}} = \frac{[\mathbf{21}][i\text{-Bu}_3\text{N}]}{[\mathbf{20}][i\text{-Bu}_3\text{N}\cdot\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}]} = 4.$$





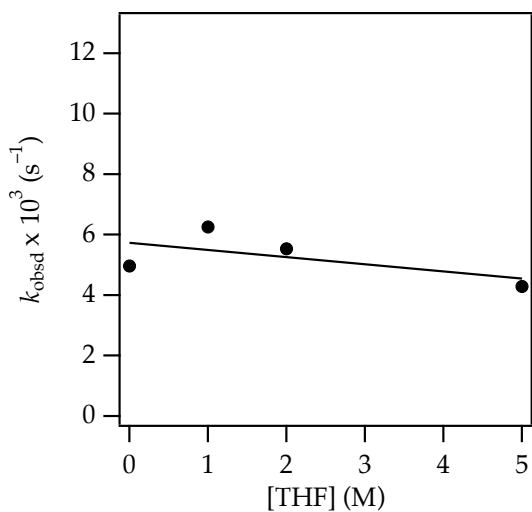
**Figure S57.** Plot of observed rate vs [4] for aldol reaction of **4** and *i*-PrCHO in CHCl<sub>3</sub> at -60 °C.  $y = ax + b$ ,  $a = -0.1 \pm 0.1$ ,  $b = 0.006 \pm 0.001$ .

[4] (M)	[ <i>i</i> -PrCHO] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3 \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$
0.0040	0.10	6.46
0.0050	0.10	5.66
0.0060	0.10	4.89
0.0070	0.10	6.94
0.0080	0.10	4.61
0.0090	0.10	6.71
0.010	0.10	4.97



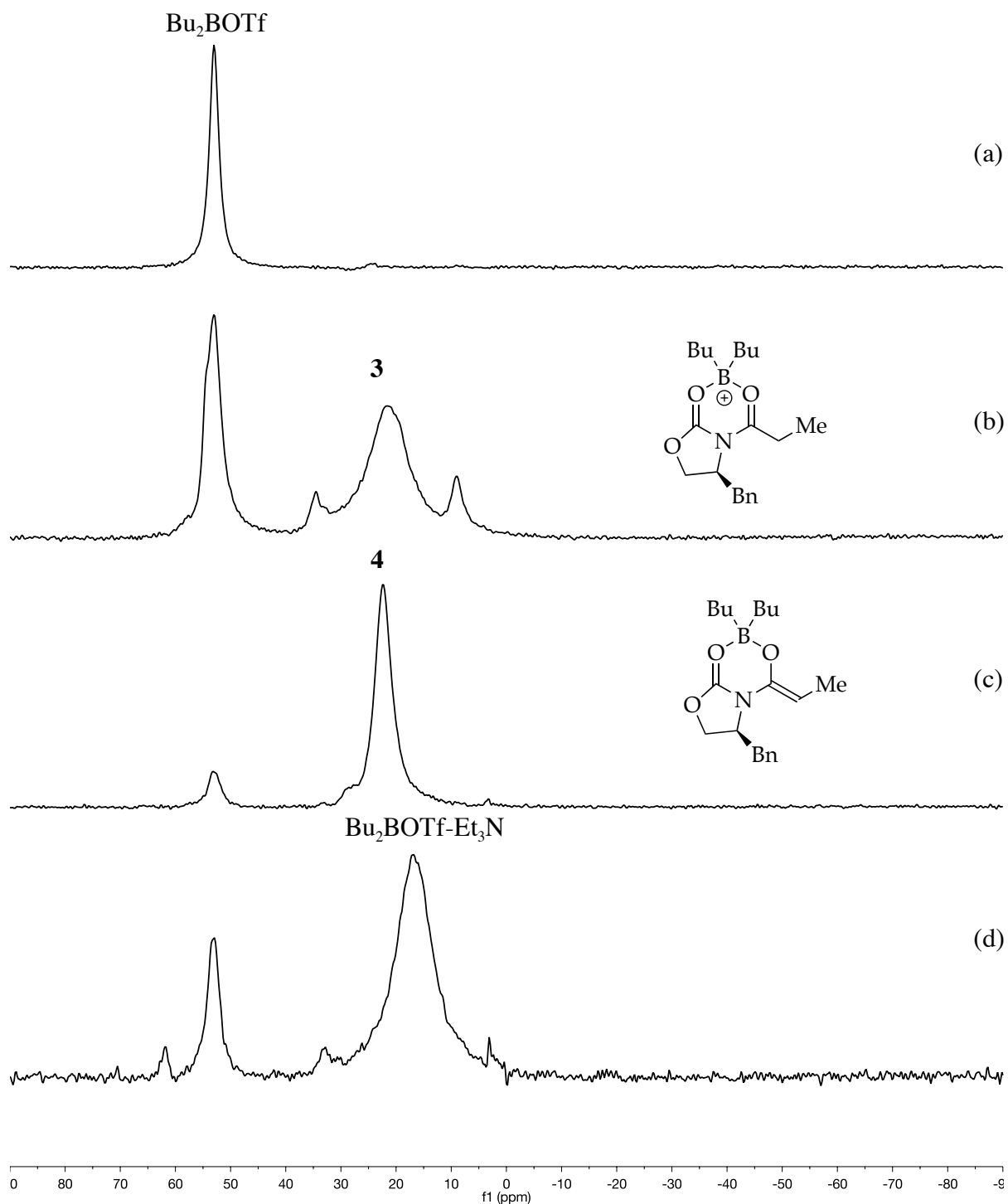
**Figure S58.** Plot of observed rate vs  $[i\text{-PrCHO}]$  for aldol reaction of **4** and  $i\text{-PrCHO}$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  at  $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .  $y = ax^b + c$ ,  $a = 0.067 \pm 0.007$ ,  $b = 1.09 \pm 0.10$ ,  $c$  set to 0.00.

[4] (M)	$[i\text{-PrCHO}]$ (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^2 \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$
0.0050	0.050	0.250
0.0050	0.10	0.566
0.0050	0.15	0.742
0.0050	0.20	0.940
0.0050	0.25	1.37
0.0050	0.30	1.45
0.0050	0.35	2.24
0.0050	0.40	2.53
0.0050	0.50	2.91

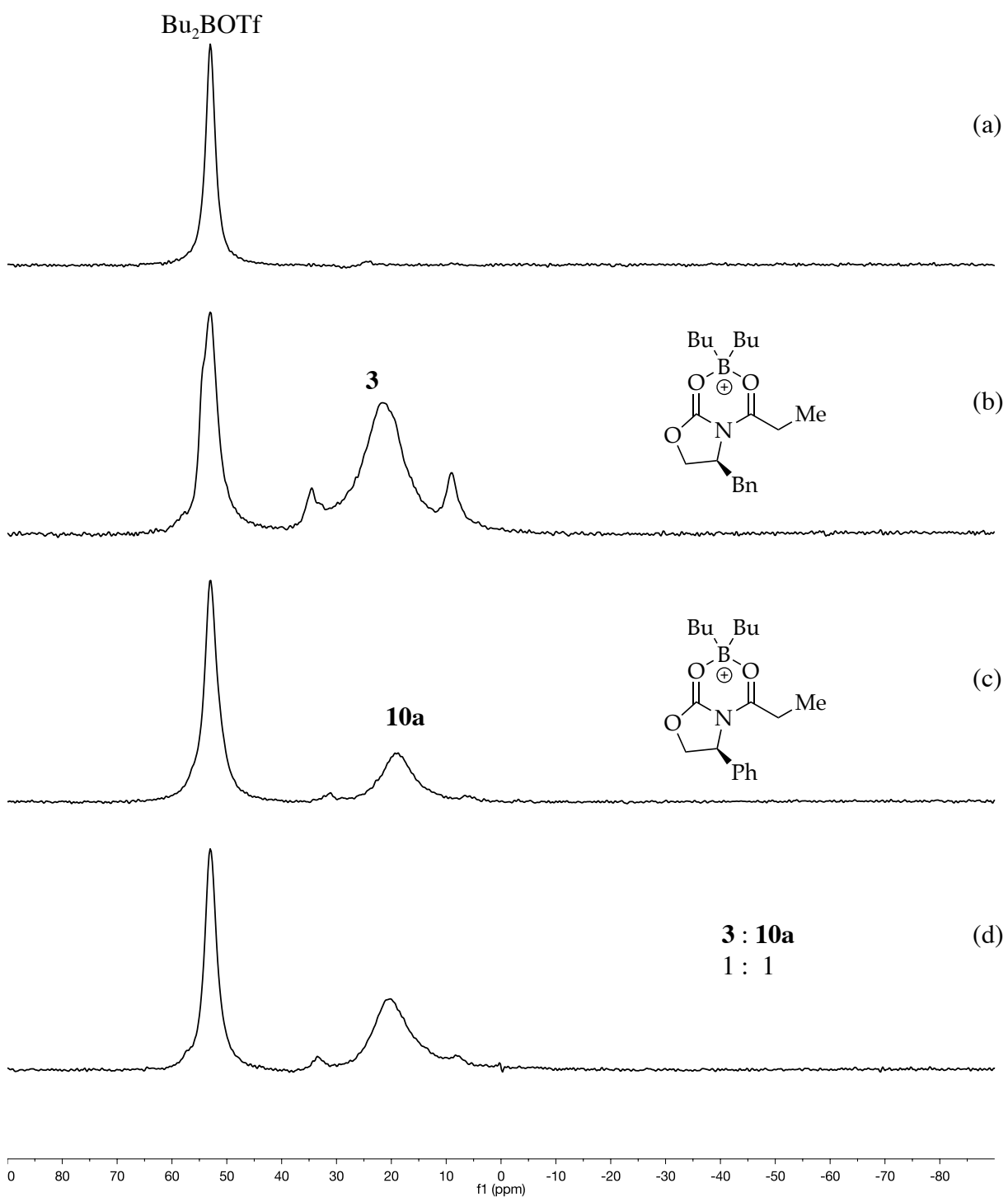


**Figure S59.** Plot of observed rate vs added [THF] for aldol reaction of **4** and *i*-PrCHO in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  at  $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .  $y = ax + b$ ,  $a = -0.0002 \pm 0.0002$ ,  $b = 0.0057 \pm 0.0006$ .

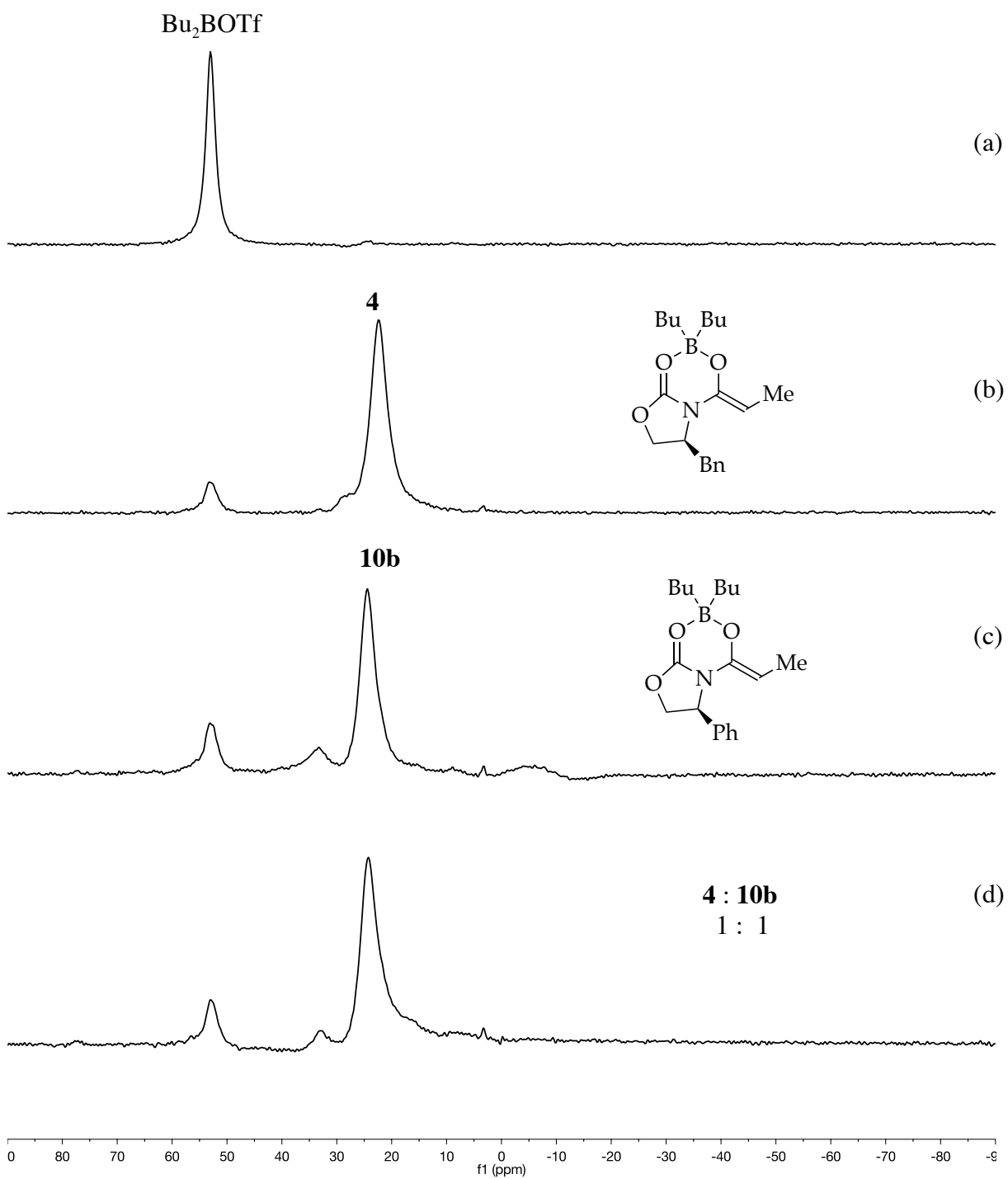
[ <b>4</b> ] (M)	[ <i>i</i> -PrCHO] (M)	[THF] (M)	$k_{\text{obsd}} \times 10^3 \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$
0.0050	0.10	0	4.9691
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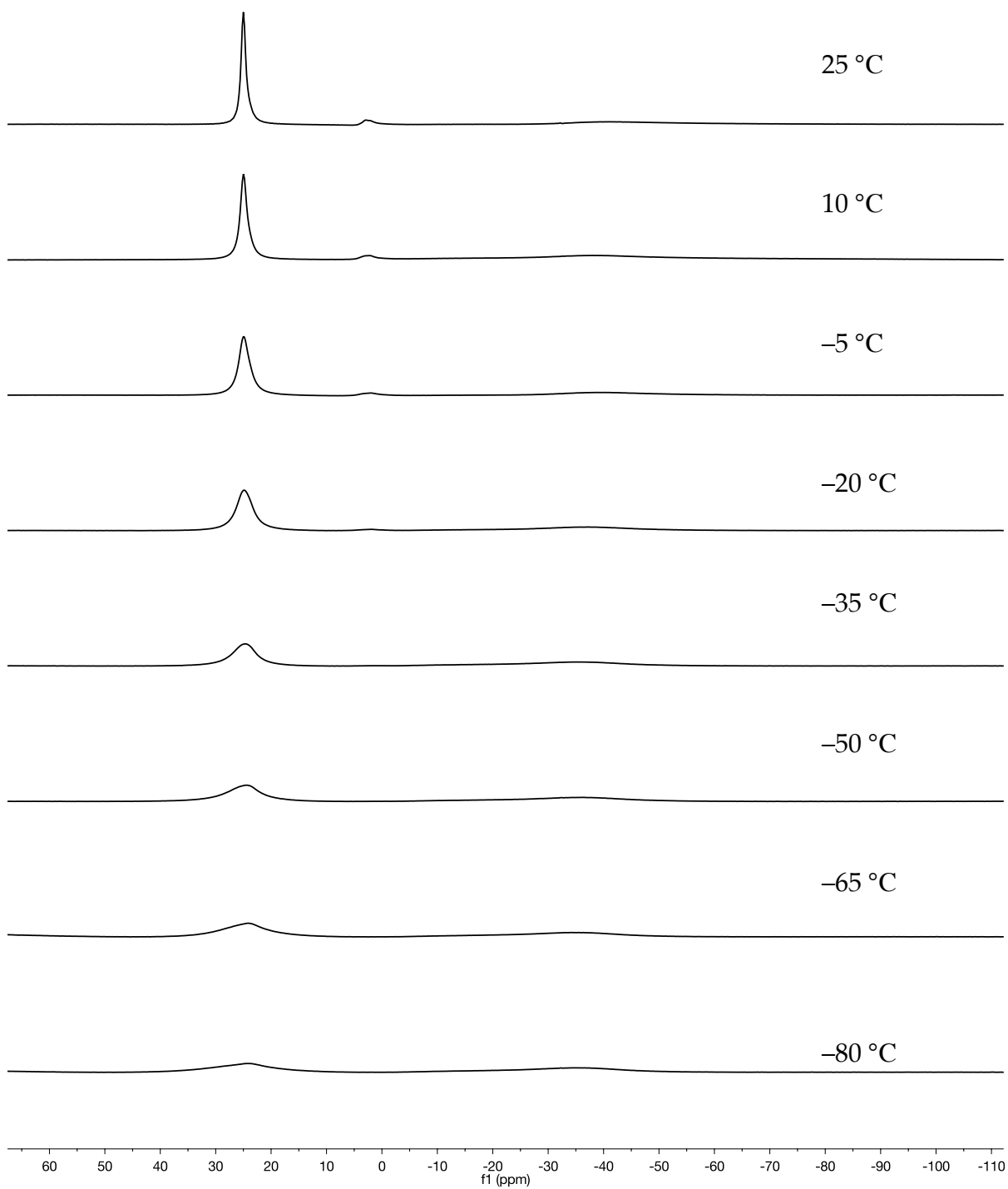
**Figure S60.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (b) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and 0.10 M **1**; (c) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , and 0.10 M **1**; (d) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ .



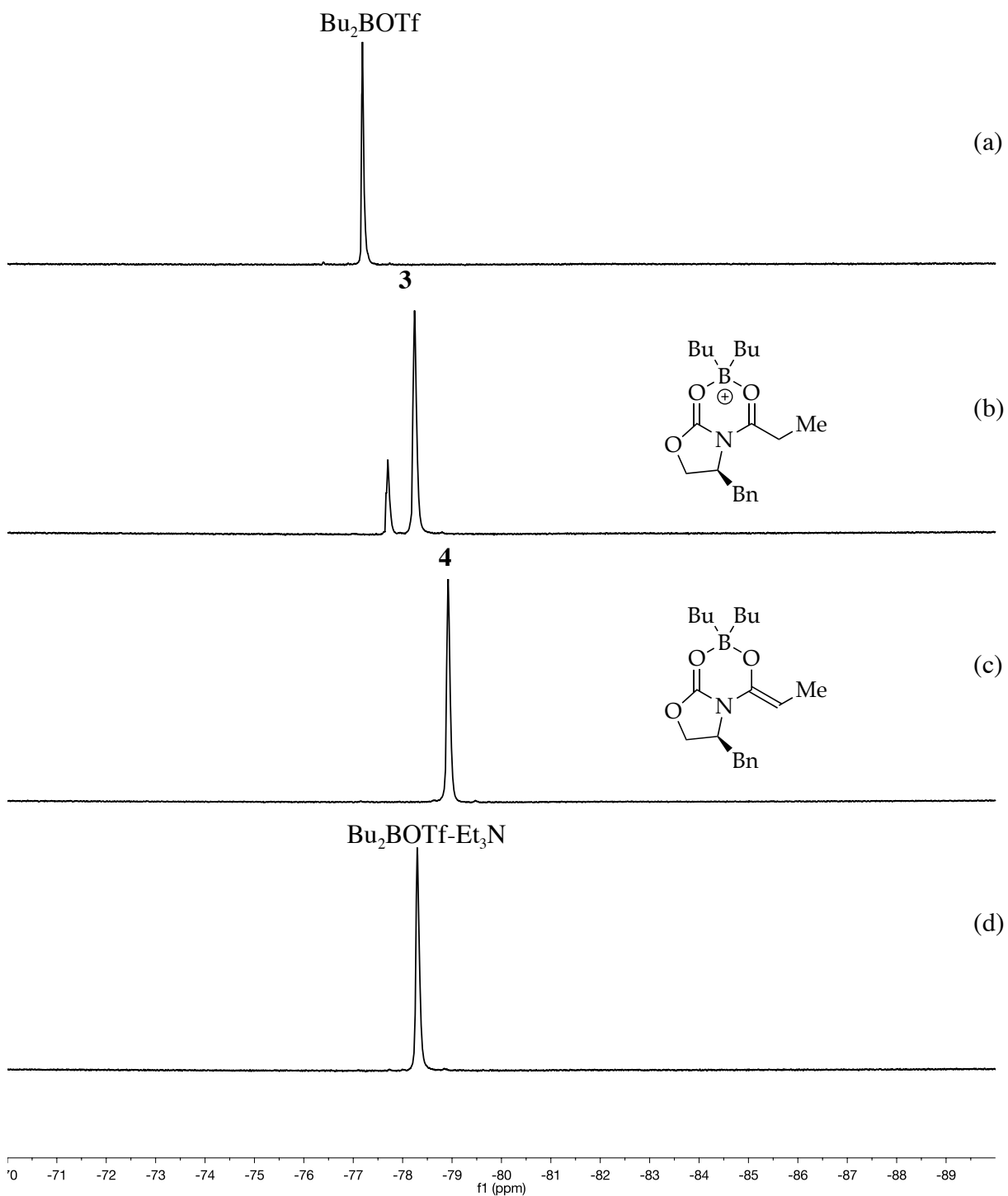
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**Figure S62.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (b) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , and 0.10 M **1**; (c) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , and 0.10 M **10b**; (d) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , 0.050 M **1**, and 0.050 M **10b**.

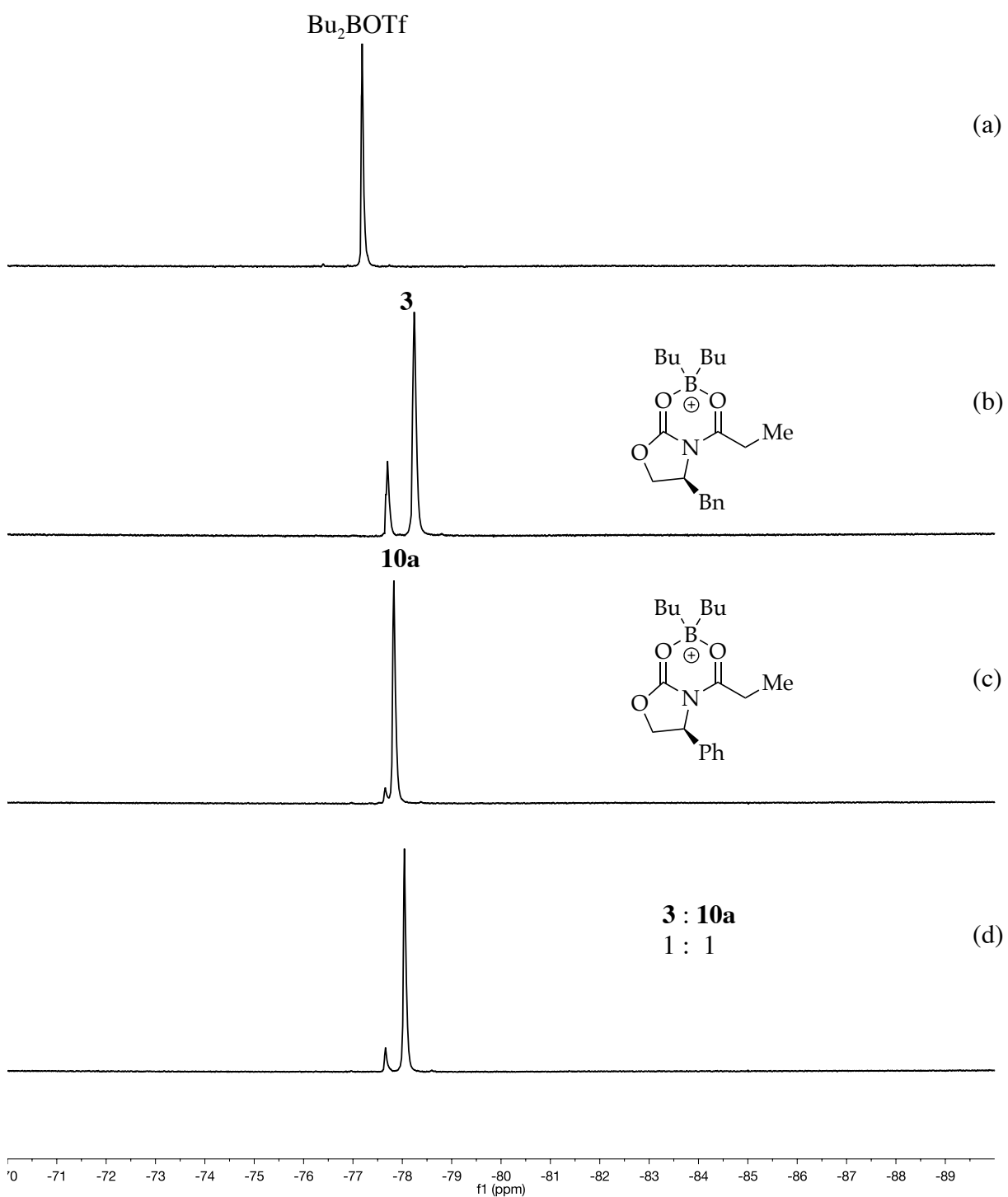


**Figure S63.**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectra of 0.05 M **1**, 0.05 M **10**, 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , and 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  recorded at: (a) 25 °C; (b) 10 °C; (c) -5 °C; (d) -20 °C; (e) -35 °C; (f) -50 °C; (g) -65 °C; (h) -80 °C.

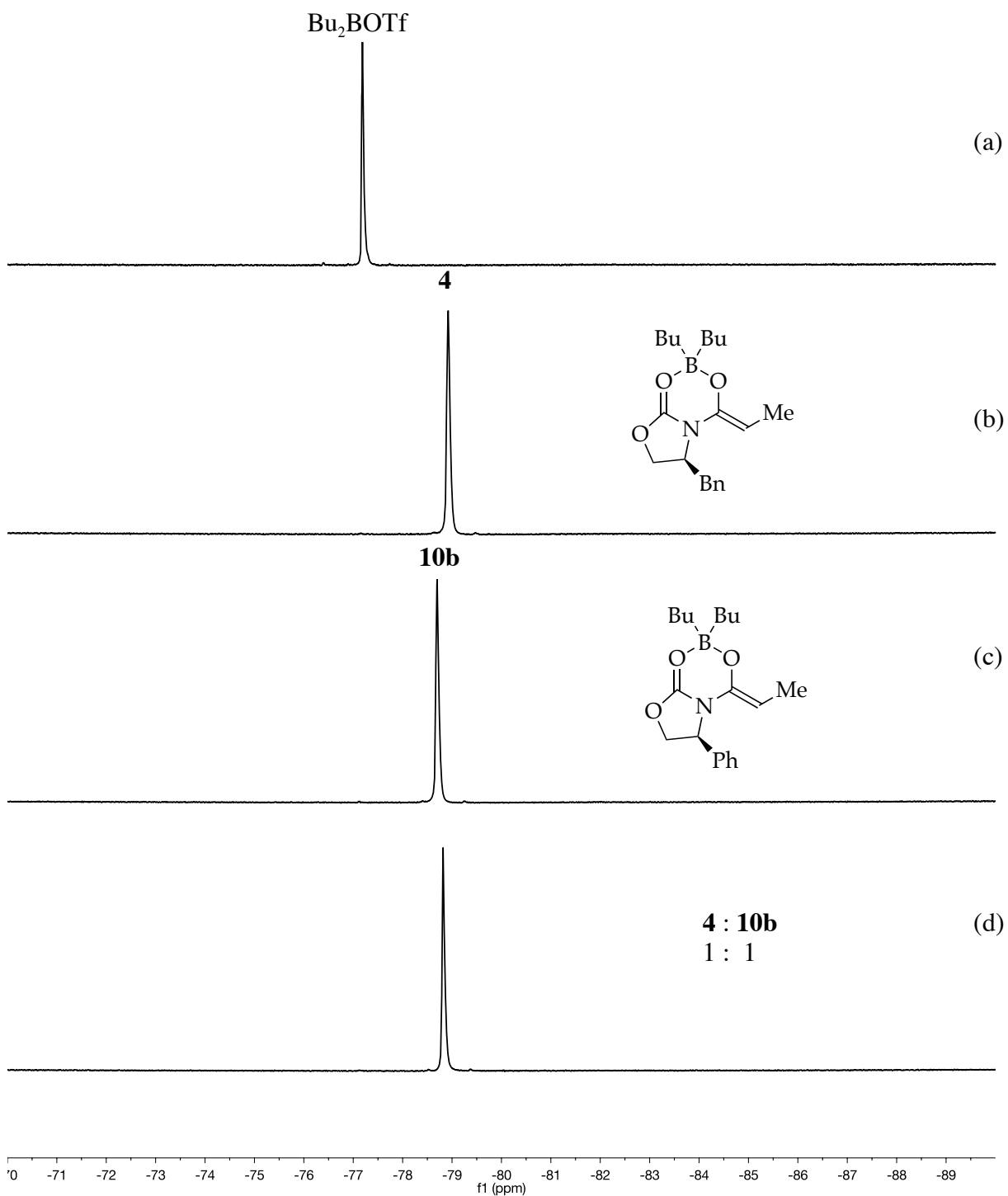


**Figure S64.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (b) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and 0.10 M **1**; (c) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , and 0.10 M **1**; (d) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ .

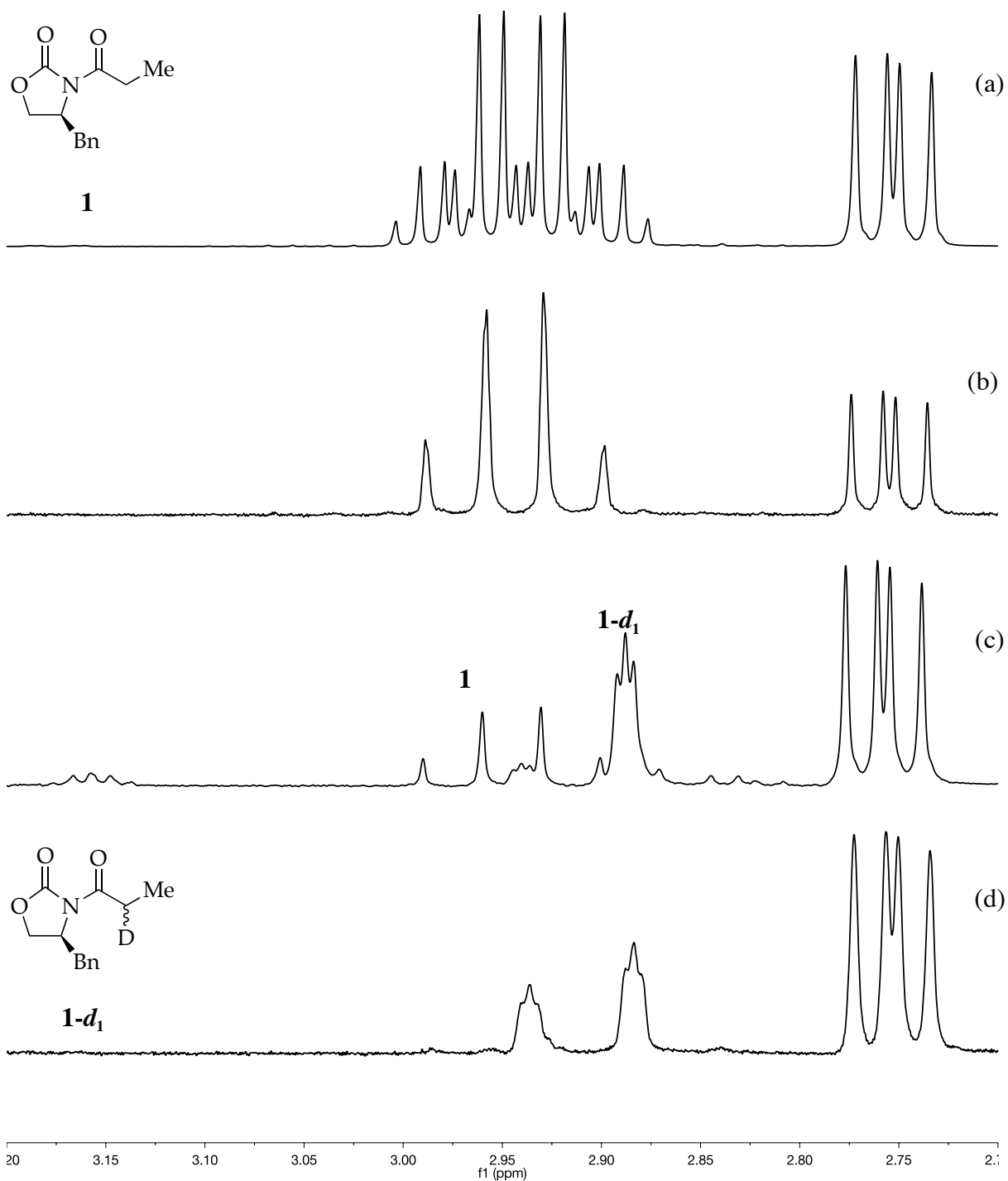




**Figure S65.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (b) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and 0.10 M  $\mathbf{1}$ ; (c) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$  and 0.10 M  $\mathbf{10a}$ ; (d) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.050 M  $\mathbf{1}$ , and 0.050 M  $\mathbf{10a}$ .



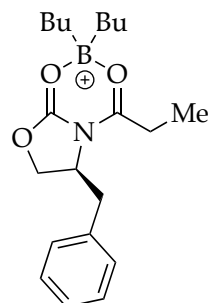
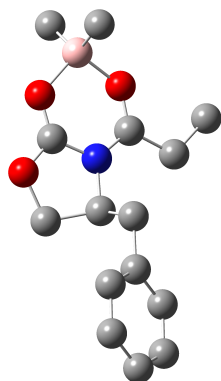
**Figure S66.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ ; (b) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , and 0.10 M **1**; (c) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , and 0.10 M **10**; (d) 0.10 M  $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ , 0.10 M  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , 0.050 M **1**, and 0.050 M **10**.



**Figure S67.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at rt: (a) 0.10 M **1**; (b) 0.10 M **1** single frequency irradiated at 1.2 ppm; (c) 0.10 M **1-d<sub>1</sub>** single frequency irradiated at 1.2 ppm, **1-d<sub>1</sub>** prepared by enolizing **1** and quenching with MeOD; (d) 0.10 M **1-d<sub>1</sub>** single frequency irradiated at 1.2 ppm, **1-d<sub>1</sub>** prepared by enolizing **1-d<sub>2</sub>** and quenching with MeOH.

Geometries are optimized at the B3LYP level of theory using the 6-31G(d) basis set. Energies are defined as follows: G is the sum of electronic and thermal free energies calculated at the B3LYP level of theory (T = 195 K). GMP2 is derived from an MP2 SP calculation corresponding to the DFT-optimized geometry and includes a thermal correction from the DFT calculation.

**Table S1.** Optimized geometries at B3LYP level of theory with 6-31G(d) basis set for **3** at -78 °C with free energies (Hartrees) and Cartesian coordinates (X, Y, Z) (Note: GMP2 includes single point MP2 corrections to B3LYP/6-31G(d) optimized structures).

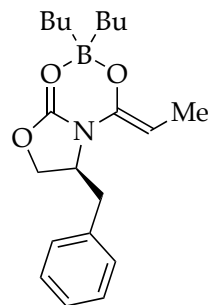
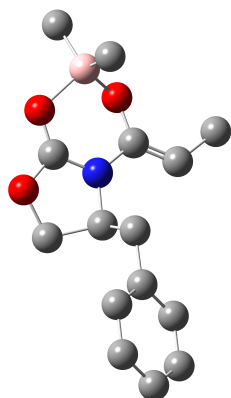


G = -889.064536

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H	-4.10161800	-4.18689100	-0.23100800	H	0.84143800	0.12081500	0.69556400
H	0.42965100	0.12207400	-1.00530000	C	-1.08580800	1.04576800	0.26525000
H	-1.49450700	0.94735800	1.27407500	H	-0.65211700	2.04380500	0.16583600
H	-1.90830400	0.95510600	-0.44839600				

**Table S2.** Optimized geometries at B3LYP level of theory with 6-31G(d) basis set for **4** at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  with free energies (Hartrees) and Cartesian coordinates (X, Y, Z) (Note: GMP2 includes single point MP2 corrections to B3LYP/6-31G(d) optimized structures).

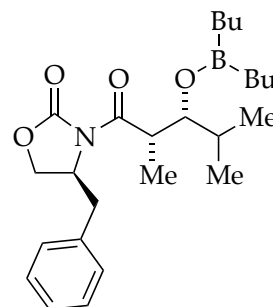
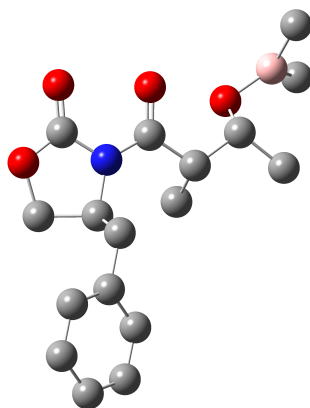


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H	5.98125200	1.64148400	1.21669500	H	4.61491500	3.61354900	0.55845700
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C	-3.88860100	1.03585000	3.29955100	H	-2.83148200	1.22726000	3.53786100
H	-4.47126200	1.79557300	3.83807900	H	-4.14974800	0.06399300	3.73727800
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H	-5.81954500	0.79223300	0.16234300	H	-6.06358500	-0.19472000	1.61472200

**Table S3.** Optimized geometries at B3LYP level of theory with 6-31G(d) basis set for **6** at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  with free energies (Hartrees) and Cartesian coordinates (X, Y, Z) (Note: GMP2 includes single point MP2 corrections to B3LYP/6-31G(d) optimized structures).

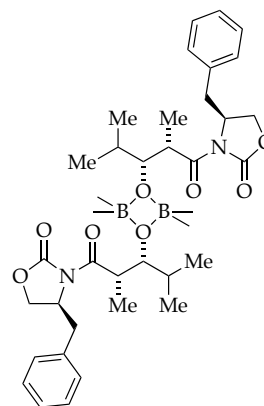
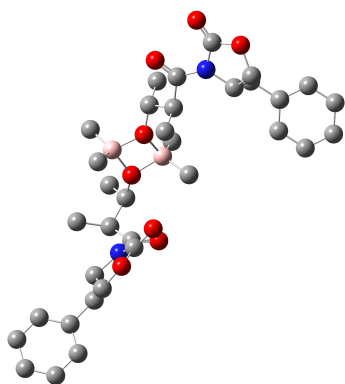


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H	7.93427300	0.63502300	-1.32404500	H	7.94746700	-1.60271300	-0.23663900
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**Table S4.** Optimized geometries at B3LYP level of theory with 6–31G(d) basis set for **6** dimer at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  with free energies (Hartrees) and Cartesian coordinates (X, Y, Z) (Note: GMP2 includes single point MP2 corrections to B3LYP/6–31G(d) optimized structures).



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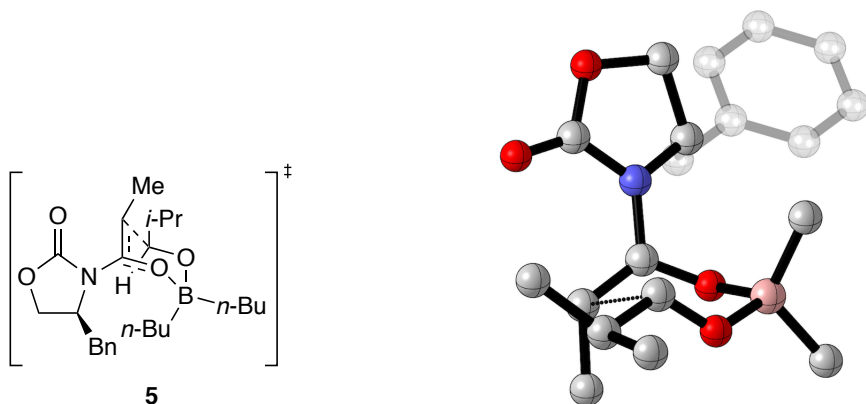
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H	-8.49406000	2.33359500	-1.74582300	H	-10.8096150	2.17446400	-2.59787100
H	-11.8892210	-0.04963700	-2.87428500	H	-10.6279940	-2.11144100	-2.28319500
H	-8.31701800	-1.95175400	-1.43041000	C	-1.78316100	-3.10618800	-2.29884400
H	-1.95920400	-2.06787400	-2.60535900	H	-1.06155100	-3.52920900	-3.01257300
H	-2.70784500	-3.67618200	-2.45437200	C	-1.22600200	-4.70924300	-0.16605200
H	-0.62205400	-5.39158700	-0.78175000	H	-0.83712300	-4.76842200	0.85736500
H	-2.23707900	-5.13872000	-0.16198300	C	0.36254000	-1.91099400	1.89117700
H	1.40220500	-1.58269700	2.02242400	H	-0.20807300	-1.37559600	2.66381300
H	0.32613400	-2.97911100	2.13691600	H	-0.45234700	0.25595000	-0.96320100
H	-0.45040600	0.66988400	0.74353700	H	1.06752800	0.26656300	-0.03716700



Geometries are optimized at the B3LYP level of theory using the 6-31G(d) basis set. Energies are defined as follows: G is the sum of electronic and thermal free energies calculated at the B3LYP level of theory (T = 195 K). G<sub>MP2</sub> is derived from an MP2 SP calculation corresponding to the DFT-optimized geometry and includes a thermal correction from the DFT calculation.

**Table S5.** Optimized geometries at B3LYP level of theory with 6-31G(d) basis set for **5a** at -78 °C with free energies (Hartrees) and Cartesian coordinates (X, Y, Z) (Note: G<sub>MP2</sub> includes single point MP2 corrections to B3LYP/6-31G(d) optimized structures).



$$G = -1121.025373$$

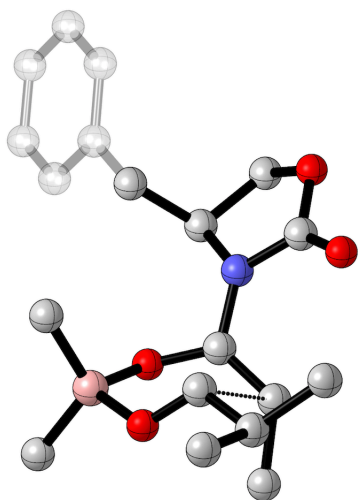
$$G_{\text{MP2}} = -1117.4267$$

C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	N	1.35954500	0.39397900	0.40479600
C	2.17546600	-0.46286400	1.18951100	C	3.20126000	-0.00479200	1.97501300
H	3.33829400	1.06690800	2.03864900	C	3.90854100	-0.87643100	2.97353800
H	3.95071000	-1.92044700	2.65555500	H	3.38884900	-0.84759400	3.94184900
H	4.92933500	-0.51966800	3.15581300	O	1.88995200	-1.74484200	1.06504100
B	2.60353000	-2.63926500	0.01775100	O	4.10334500	-2.13400800	0.13753500
C	4.40294200	-0.92231500	-0.07898300	C	5.80903000	-0.44301100	0.16292700
H	6.07452200	-0.70364200	1.19477400	C	6.75689700	-1.23646300	-0.77015500
H	7.79184600	-0.92852600	-0.58748700	H	6.52911200	-1.04140700	-1.82472400
H	6.67308000	-2.31175800	-0.59134000	C	5.93805500	1.07010400	-0.05289700
H	5.77020300	1.32956600	-1.10551900	H	6.94609400	1.40530100	0.21189700
H	5.21516100	1.63234500	0.54450300	H	3.76054600	-0.32202200	-0.73014500
C	2.08662900	-2.40680600	-1.49579600	H	2.68907200	-2.99314900	-2.20279700
H	1.05411300	-2.76542300	-1.60615700	H	2.10018100	-1.36729900	-1.85380400
C	2.57357000	-4.14894100	0.54648000	H	3.00484300	-4.25176000	1.55086900
H	1.54307600	-4.52520200	0.59880400	H	3.12478100	-4.82534200	-0.12022000
C	1.57111700	1.75054800	0.17819000	O	0.51577100	2.24485000	-0.52597000
C	-0.33053700	1.15906700	-0.95209700	H	-1.36904800	1.48694700	-0.88961400
H	-0.08697300	0.91849400	-1.99287200	O	2.51583100	2.43095800	0.50861700
C	-0.95249300	-0.11605100	1.21362200	H	-0.50238900	-0.82263700	1.91930200
H	-1.00860300	0.85826100	1.71471000	C	-2.33529100	-0.58686700	0.81775500
C	-3.41568900	0.30290100	0.75293000	C	-4.68194900	-0.13384600	0.35738800
C	-4.88604800	-1.47182600	0.01951600	C	-3.81821100	-2.37034400	0.08375300

C -2.55561500 -1.93098700 0.48032000  
H -3.97018000 -3.41614100 -0.17001000  
H -5.50796800 0.57141100 0.31827200  
H 0.02936600 -0.94941400 -0.53278900

H -1.73114200 -2.63856000 0.53875800  
H -5.87076700 -1.81449400 -0.28653200  
H -3.26726900 1.34536400 1.02719200

**Table S6.** Optimized geometries at B3LYP level of theory with 6-31G(d) basis set for **5b** at -78 °C with free energies (Hartrees) and Cartesian coordinates (X, Y, Z) (Note: GMP2 includes single point MP2 corrections to B3LYP/6-31G(d) optimized structures).



G = -1121.019933

G<sub>MP2</sub> = -1117.419194

B	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	C	0.67192100	-0.07062900	-1.46619200
H	1.67706900	-0.50908600	-1.41753400	H	0.08412700	-0.72633900	-2.12313600
H	0.77150400	0.89472800	-1.98242900	C	-0.14606500	-1.39629700	0.77088600
H	-0.68060200	-2.14045500	0.16554800	H	0.84267400	-1.81906400	0.99355500
H	-0.67834000	-1.30832600	1.72741700	O	-1.46059400	0.59314900	-0.16816800
C	-1.65175800	1.78077700	-0.55368100	H	-0.86048300	2.30846300	-1.09387100
C	-3.05081000	2.32651200	-0.61795600	H	-3.51910500	2.13787700	0.35629500
C	-3.07363100	3.82556200	-0.93850300	H	-2.46373300	4.40194700	-0.23954000
H	-2.68319000	4.01554700	-1.94555600	H	-4.10218600	4.19963900	-0.90556400
C	-3.83529800	1.50359500	-1.67134900	H	-3.83747700	0.43990200	-1.41843700
H	-4.87045100	1.85846100	-1.71194500	H	-3.39968800	1.62255600	-2.67031400
O	0.70311000	1.01731400	0.93923400	C	0.38721800	2.28933000	1.06687500
N	1.35750900	3.18746500	0.53038400	C	1.11320300	4.49961800	0.14844800
O	0.05367200	5.01323800	-0.13126500	O	2.29913400	5.16945500	0.09345500
C	3.31604600	4.37813200	0.73890200	C	2.80627200	2.92979200	0.63552200
H	3.01081700	2.36843200	1.55073700	C	3.38213700	2.16705100	-0.57663900
H	2.82189900	1.23613500	-0.67708800	H	3.19814000	2.75902100	-1.48183600
C	4.86083400	1.87715800	-0.42790500	C	5.29995100	0.87384900	0.44963600
C	6.65960400	0.61194800	0.61515500	C	7.60820500	1.34879100	-0.09806700
C	7.18595400	2.34475400	-0.97883100	C	5.82323500	2.60499000	-1.14042800
H	5.50206500	3.37442000	-1.83964100	H	7.91533900	2.91786600	-1.54526300
H	8.66772500	1.14288900	0.02766400	H	6.97885500	-0.17260400	1.29623100
H	4.56721000	0.28586700	0.99864800	H	4.25984000	4.54252300	0.21801800
H	3.40978600	4.71274300	1.77842100	C	-0.74654100	2.75419200	1.67710500
H	-0.87584000	3.82928300	1.72713700	C	-1.64413500	1.91140200	2.53611000
H	-2.70322900	2.16208500	2.39293400	H	-1.51156000	0.84414800	2.35479300
H	-1.42360300	2.09918400	3.59674800				

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