

**A New Family of Nucleophiles for Photoinduced, Copper-Catalyzed Cross-Couplings  
via Single-Electron Transfer: Reactions of Thiols with Aryl Halides  
Under Mild Conditions (0 °C)**

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**I. General Information**

Unless specified otherwise, all reagents were purchased from commercial vendors and used without further purification.  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  was dried and degassed by passage through a column of activated alumina and sparging with  $\text{N}_2$  gas. Deuterated solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotopes Laboratories, Inc.

$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  spectra were collected at room temperature on Varian 300, 400, or 500 MHz NMR spectrometers.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane, using the residual solvent resonance as an internal standard.

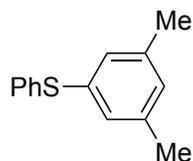
Single-crystal X-ray diffraction studies were carried out at the Caltech Division of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering X-ray Crystallography Facility on a Bruker KAPPA APEX II diffractometer. Data were collected at 100 K using Mo  $\text{K}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). Structures were solved by the direct method using SHELXS and refined against F2 on all data by full-matrix least-squares with SHELXL-97.

Elemental analysis was performed by Robertson Microlit Laboratories (Ledgewood, NJ). Fluorescence measurements (excitation and emission spectra) were taken in dry, degassed acetonitrile in a 1-cm quartz cuvette using a Horiba Jobin Yvon Fluorolog-3 instrument in the Beckmann Institute Laser Resource Center at Caltech.

## II. Photoinduced, Copper-Catalyzed C–S Cross Couplings

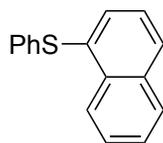
**General procedure, Table 1.** Under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub>, a borosilicate glass tube was charged in turn with CuI (0.033 mmol, 10%), NaOt-Bu (0.33 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.0 mL), 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (48 μL, 0.33 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and thiophenol (34 μL, 0.33 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The tube was sealed with a rubber septum, and then the heterogeneous reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C, irradiating with a 100-watt Hg lamp. After 5 h, Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and dodecane (76 μL) were added, and the reaction was analyzed by GC.

**General procedure, Table 2, 3, and 4.** Under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub>, a borosilicate glass tube was charged in turn with CuI (0.10 mmol, 10%), NaOt-Bu (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CH<sub>3</sub>CN (3.0 mL), the aryl halide (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and the aryl thiol (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The tube was sealed with a rubber septum, and then the heterogeneous reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C, irradiating with a 100-watt Hg lamp. After 5–24 h, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was suspended in Et<sub>2</sub>O, and the mixture was filtered through a short plug of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography.

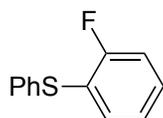


**3,5-Dimethylphenyl phenyl sulfide (Table 2, entry 1) [457625-29-5].** According to the general procedure, 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (144 μL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103 μL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0 °C for 5 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). Run 1: 194 mg (91% yield). Run 2: 180 mg (84% yield).

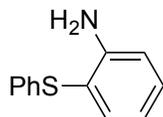
**Gram-scale reaction (Table 2, entry 1).** According to the general procedure, 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (1.54 mL, 8.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (822 μL, 8.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0 °C for 5 h. After purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes), 1.40 g (82% yield) of 3,5-dimethylphenyl phenyl sulfide was isolated as a colorless oil.



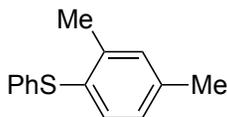
**1-Naphthyl phenyl sulfide (Table 2, entry 2) [7570-98-1].** According to the general procedure, 1-iodonaphthalene (146 μL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103 μL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0 °C for 5 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). Run 1: 198 mg (84% yield). Run 2: 189 mg (80% yield).



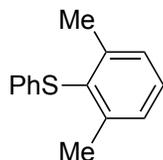
**2-Fluorophenyl phenyl sulfide (Table 2, entry 3) [61900-51-4].** According to the general procedure, 2-fluoroiodobenzene (117  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 5 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes). Run 1: 161 mg (79% yield). Run 2: 158 mg (77% yield).



**2-Aminophenyl phenyl sulfide (Table 2, entry 4) [134-94-7].** According to the general procedure, 2-aminoiodobenzene (219 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 8 h. The product (yellow oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes  $\rightarrow$  1:10  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ :hexanes). Run 1: 149 mg (74% yield). Run 2: 152 mg (76% yield).



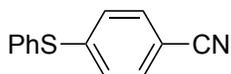
**2,4-Dimethylphenyl phenyl sulfide (Table 2, entry 5) [16704-47-5].** According to the general procedure, 1-iodo-2,4-dimethylbenzene (144  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 5 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes). Run 1: 172 mg (80% yield). Run 2: 161 mg (75% yield).



**2,6-Dimethylphenyl phenyl sulfide (Table 2, entry 6) [54088-93-6].** According to the general procedure, 1-iodo-2,6-dimethylbenzene (144  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 8 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes): 158 mg (74% yield). Run 2: 152 mg (71% yield)



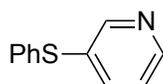
**4-Nitrophenyl phenyl sulfide (Table 2, entry 7) [952-97-6].** According to the general procedure, 1-iodo-4-nitrobenzene (249 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0 °C for 5 h. The product (pale-yellow oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes  $\rightarrow$  1:1  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ :hexanes). Run 1: 207 mg (90% yield). Run 2: 206 mg (89% yield).



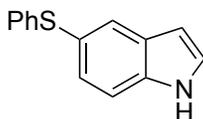
**4-Cyanophenyl phenyl sulfide (Table 2, entry 8) [51238-46-1].** According to the general procedure, 4-iodo-benzonitrile (229 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0 °C for 5 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes  $\rightarrow$  1:10  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ :hexanes). Run 1: 174 mg (82% yield). Run 2: 163 mg (76% yield).



**4-Methoxyphenyl phenyl sulfide (Table 2, entry 9) [5633-57-8].** According to the general procedure, 1-iodo-4-methoxybenzene (234 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0 °C for 5 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes). Run 1: 171 mg (79% yield). Run 2: 169 mg (78% yield).

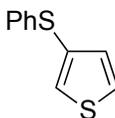


**3-(Phenylthio)pyridine (Table 2, entry 10) [28856-77-1].** According to the general procedure, 3-iodopyridine (205 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0 °C for 5 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , 1:5  $\text{EtOAc}$ :hexanes). Run 1: 155 mg (83% yield). Run 2: 150 mg (80% yield).

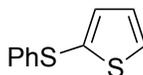


**5-(Phenylthio)-1H-indole (Table 2, entry 11) [163258-14-8].** According to the general procedure, 5-iodoindole (243 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol, 1.0

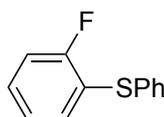
equiv) were reacted at 0 °C for 5 h. The product (colorless solid) was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 1:10 EtOAc:hexanes). Run 1: 145 mg (64% yield). Run 2: 138 mg (61% yield).



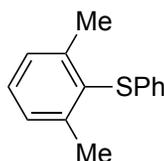
**3-(Phenylthio)thiophene (Table 2, entry 12) [16718-11-9].** According to the general procedure, 3-iodothiophene (210 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103 μL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0 °C for 5 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). Run 1: 138 mg (72% yield). Run 2: 135 mg (70% yield)



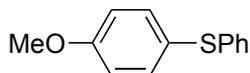
**2-(Phenylthio)thiophene (Table 2, entry 13) [16718-12-0].** According to the general procedure, 2-iodothiophene (210 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103 μL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0 °C for 5 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). Run 1: 121 mg (63% yield). Run 2: 126 mg (66% yield).



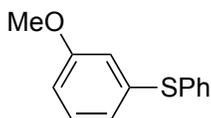
**2-Fluorophenyl phenyl sulfide (Table 3, entry 1) [61900-51-4].** According to the general procedure, iodobenzene (112 μL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 2-fluorothiophenol (107 μL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0 °C for 5 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). Run 1: 152 mg (74% yield). Run 2: 147 mg (72% yield).



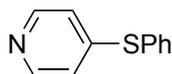
**2,6-Dimethylphenyl phenyl sulfide (Table 3, entry 2) [54088-93-6].** According to the general procedure, iodobenzene (112 μL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 2,6-dimethylbenzenethiol (133 μL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0 °C for 8 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes). Run 1: 154 mg (72% yield). Run 2: 148 mg (69% yield).



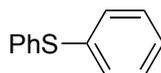
**4-Methoxyphenyl phenyl sulfide (Table 3, entry 3) [5633-57-8].** According to the general procedure, iodobenzene (112  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 4-methoxythiophenol (123  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 5 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes). Run 1: 172 mg (80% yield). Run 2: 178 mg (82% yield)



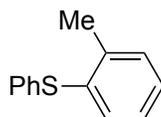
**3-Methoxyphenyl phenyl sulfide (Table 3, entry 4) [30723-54-7].** According to the general procedure, iodobenzene (112  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 3-methoxythiophenol (124  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 5 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , 1:50 EtOAc:hexanes). Run 1: 140 mg (65% yield). Run 2: 139 mg (64% yield).



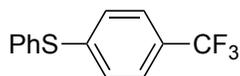
**4-(Phenylthio)pyridine (Table 3, entry 5) [33399-48-3].** According to the general procedure, iodobenzene (112  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 4-mercaptopyridine (111 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 5 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes  $\rightarrow$  Et<sub>2</sub>O). Run 1: 139 mg (74% yield). Run 2: 136 mg (73% yield)



**Diphenylsulfide (Table 4, entry 1) [139-66-2].** According to the general procedure, bromobenzene (105  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 12 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes). Run 1: 139 mg (75% yield). Run 2: 131 mg (70% yield).



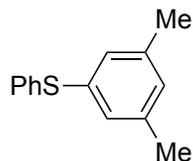
**Phenyl o-tolyl sulfide (Table 4, entry 2) [13963-35-4].** According to the general procedure, 2-bromotoluene (120  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 12 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes). Run 1: 119 mg (59% yield). Run 2: 119 mg (59% yield).



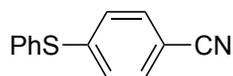
**Phenyl 4-trifluoromethylphenyl sulfide (Table 4, entry 3) [53451-90-4].** According to the general procedure, 1-bromo-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (140  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0  $^{\circ}$ C for 12 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes). Run 1: 178 mg (70% yield). Run 2: 177 mg (70% yield).



**4-Methoxyphenyl phenyl sulfide (Table 4, entry 4) [5633-57-8].** According to the general procedure, 4-bromoanisole (187 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0  $^{\circ}$ C for 24 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes). Run 1: 138 mg (64% yield). Run 2: 135 mg (63% yield).

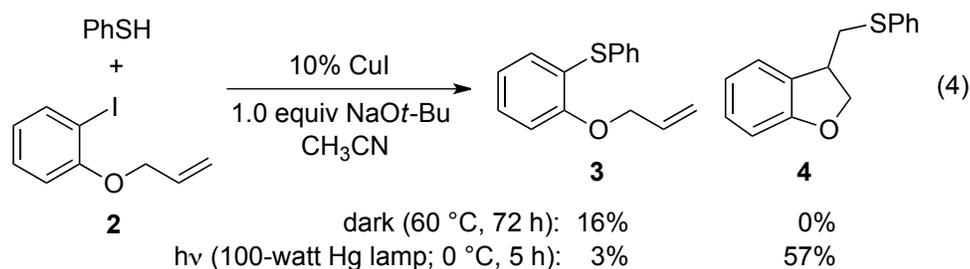


**3,5-Dimethylphenyl phenyl sulfide (Eq. (2)) [457625-29-5].** According to the general procedure, 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (144  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at -40  $^{\circ}$ C for 12 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes): 170 mg (80% yield).



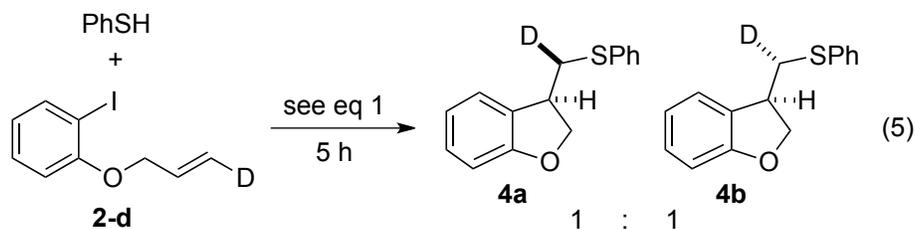
**4-Cyanophenyl phenyl sulfide (Eq. (3)) [51238-46-1].** According to the general procedure, 4-chlorobenzonitrile (138 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenol (103  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were reacted at 0  $^{\circ}$ C for 12 h. The product (colorless oil) was purified by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , 1:20 EtOAc:hexanes): 162 mg (77% yield).

### III. Cyclization and Isotopic Labeling Experiments [Eq. (4) and Eq. (5)]

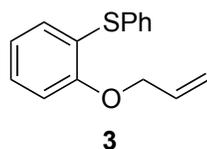


Under an atmosphere of  $\text{N}_2$ , a borosilicate glass tube was charged in turn with  $\text{CuI}$  (3.8 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10%),  $\text{NaOt-Bu}$  (19.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-allyloxy-1-iodobenzene (52.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (0.50 mL), and thiophenol (22.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (0.50 mL). The tube was sealed with a rubber septum, and then the heterogeneous reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C, irradiating with a 100-watt Hg lamp. After 5 h, 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (33.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added, and the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was suspended in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , and the mixture was filtered through a short plug of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was then suspended in hexanes. The mixture was filtered through a short plug of Celite, and the filtrate was concentrated. Next, the reaction mixture was analyzed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy.

This procedure was repeated in the dark with a reaction time of 72 h at 60 °C.



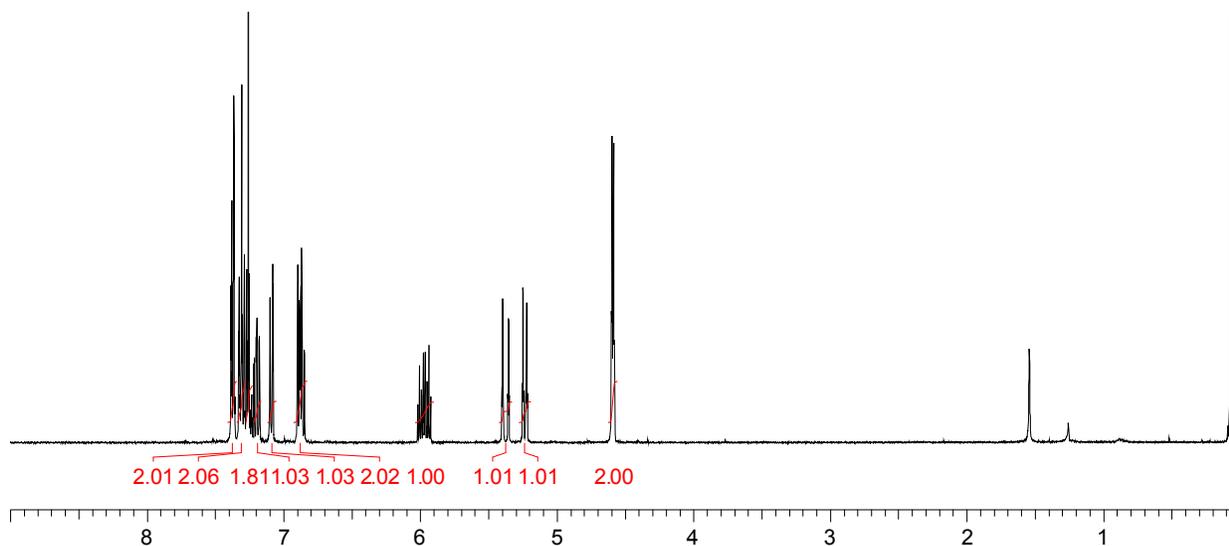
The procedure above was repeated using the mono-deuterated substrate (**2-d**).<sup>1</sup> The reaction mixture was analyzed by  $^2\text{H}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR.



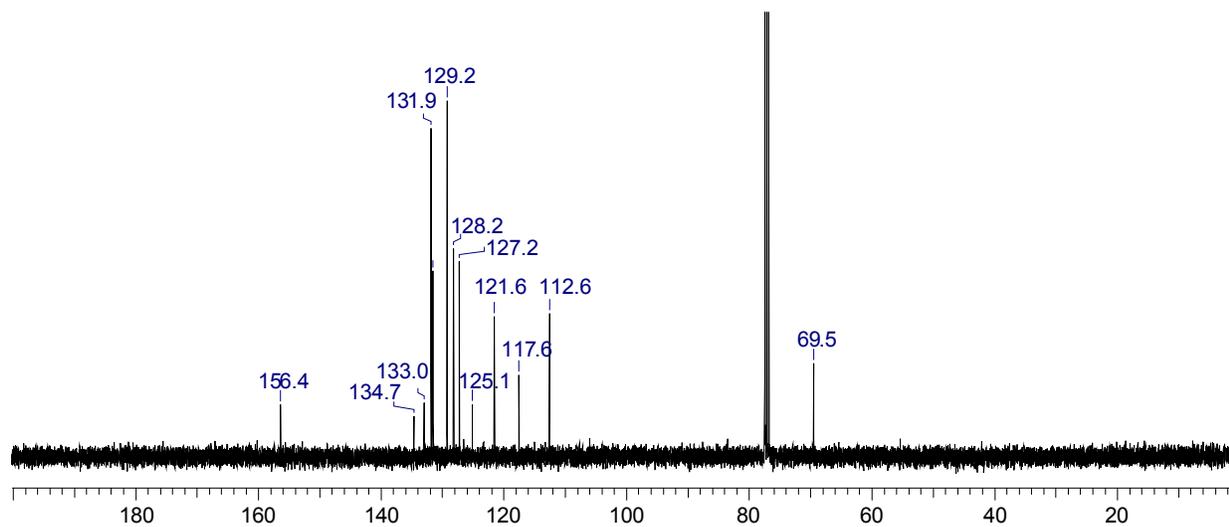
**2-(Allyloxy)phenyl phenyl sulfide (3).**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.41–7.34 (m, 2 H), 7.34–7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 1 H), 7.20 (ddd,  $J = 1.8, 7.4, 8.2$  Hz, 1 H), 7.09 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 7.6$  Hz, 1 H), 6.93–6.83 (m, 2 H), 6.04–5.90 (m, 1 H), 5.38 (qd,  $J = 1.7, 17.2$  Hz, 1 H), 5.24 (qd,  $J = 1.5, 10.6$  Hz, 1 H), 4.59 (td,  $J = 1.7, 5.0$  Hz, 2 H).

(1) For a preparation of **2-d**, see: S. E. Creutz, K. J. Lotito, G. C. Fu, J. C. Peters, *Science* **2012**, 338, 647–651.

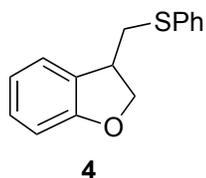
$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.4, 134.7, 133.0, 131.9, 131.6, 129.2, 128.2, 127.2, 125.1, 121.6, 117.6, 112.6, 69.5.



**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3**.

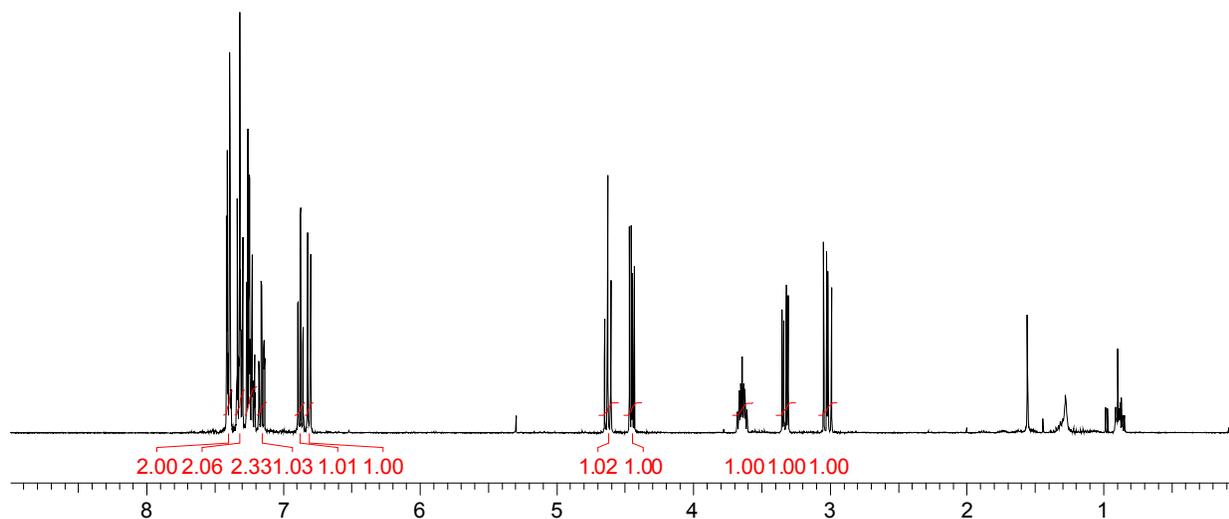


**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3**.

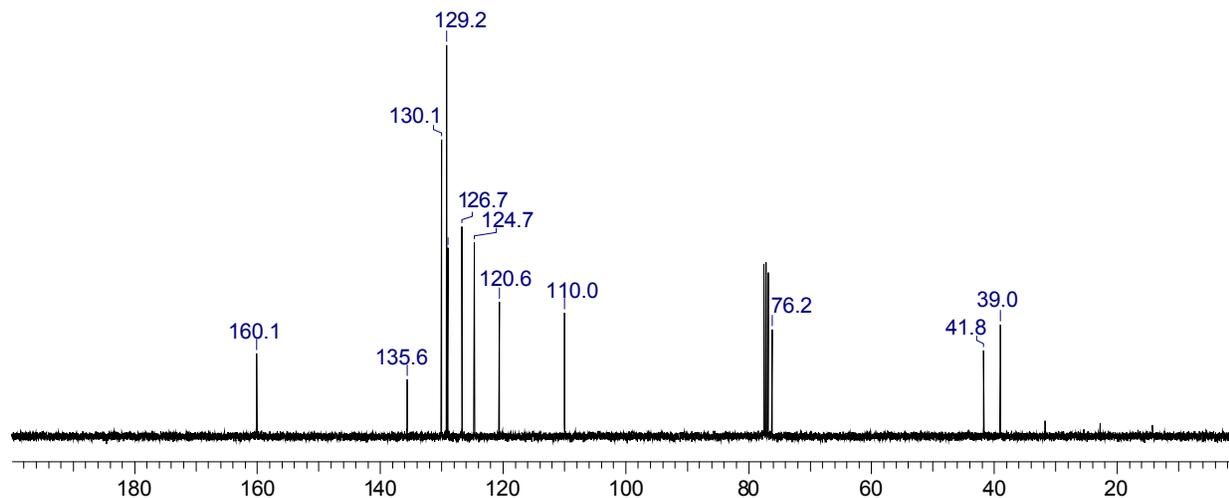


**3-(Phenylthiomethyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran (4).**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.44–7.37 (m, 2 H), 7.36–7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.28–7.19 (m, 2 H), 7.19–7.12 (m, 1 H), 6.88 (dt,  $J = 0.9, 7.5$  Hz, 1 H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1 H), 4.63 (t,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1 H), 4.45 (dd,  $J = 5.7, 9.2$  Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (tt,  $J = 5.2, 9.4$  Hz, 1 H), 3.33 (dd,  $J = 4.9, 12.7$  Hz, 1 H), 3.02 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 13.0$  Hz, 1 H).

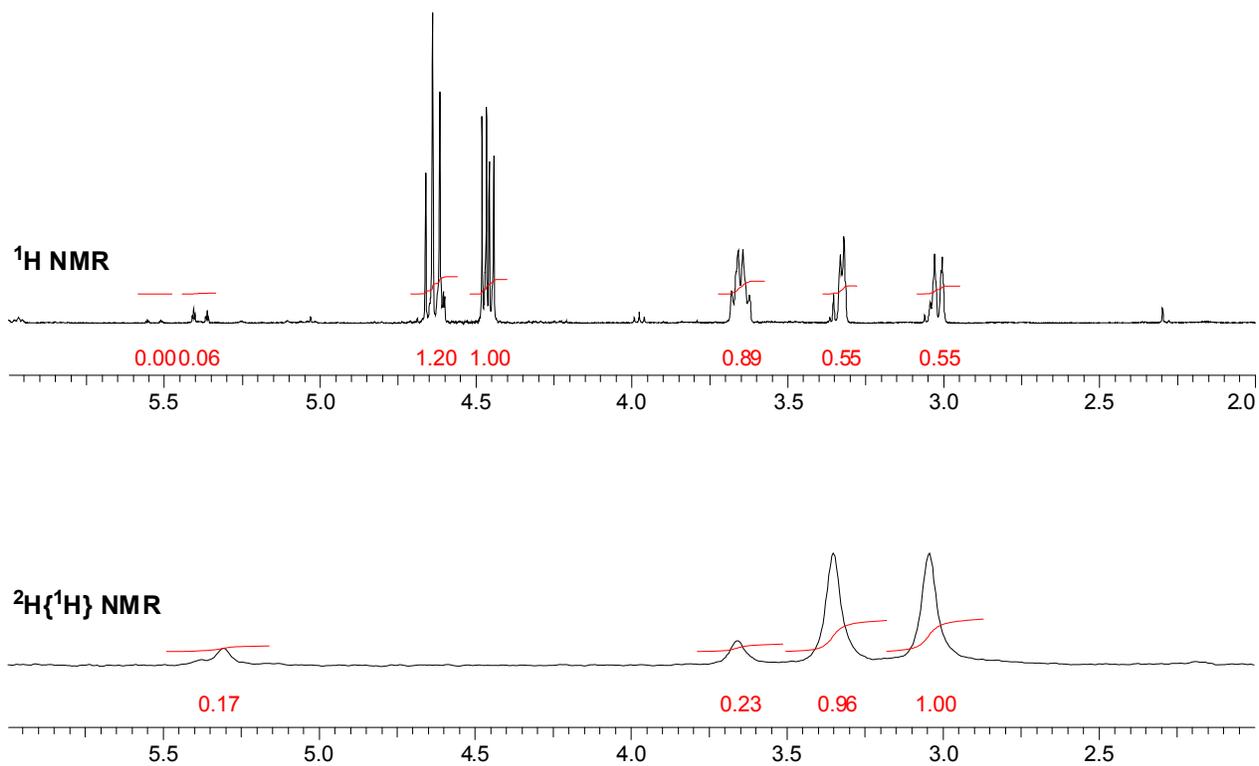
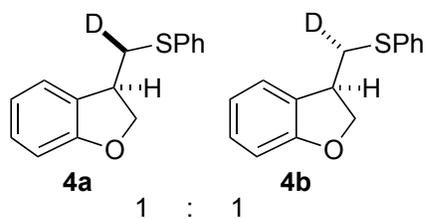
$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.1, 135.6, 130.1, 129.2, 129.0, 126.7, 124.7, 120.7, 110.0, 76.2, 41.8, 39.0.



**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **4**.

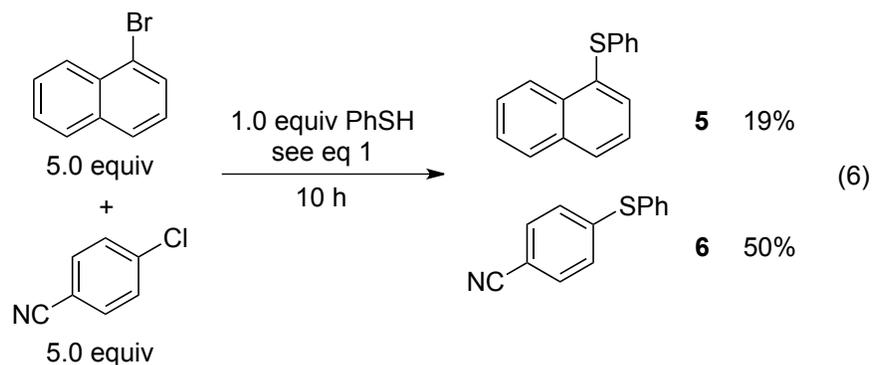


**Figure S4.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **4**.



**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>2</sup>H{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CHCl<sub>3</sub>) of the unpurified reaction mixture from the cross-coupling of **2-d**. Unreacted **2-d** is at 5.3 ppm.

#### IV. Competition Experiment [Eq. (6)]



Under an atmosphere of  $N_2$ , a borosilicate glass tube was charged in turn with CuI (9.5 mg, 0.050 mmol, 10%), NaOt-Bu (48.1 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 4-chlorobenzonitrile (344 mg, 2.5 mmol, 5.0 equiv),  $CH_3CN$  (1.5 mL), 1-bromonaphthalene (350  $\mu L$ , 2.5 mmol, 5.0 equiv), and thiophenol (51  $\mu L$ , 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The tube was sealed with a rubber septum, and then the heterogeneous reaction mixture was stirred at 0  $^{\circ}C$ , irradiating with a 100-watt Hg lamp. After 10 h,  $Et_2O$  (10 mL) and dodecane (114  $\mu L$ ) were added, and then the mixture was analyzed by GC.

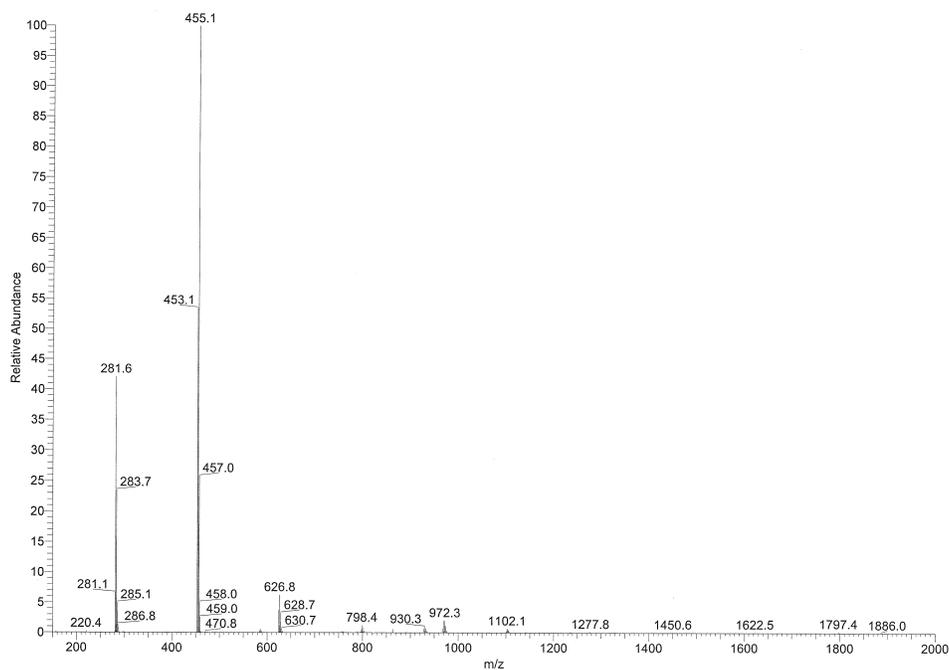
## V. Synthesis and Reactivity of $[\text{Cu}_5(\text{SPh})_7][\text{Na}(\text{12-crown-4})_2]_2$

$[\text{Cu}_5(\text{SPh})_7][\text{Na}(\text{12-crown-4})_2]_2$ . Under an atmosphere of  $\text{N}_2$ , a vial was charged with  $\text{CuI}$  (190 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{NaOt-Bu}$  (96.1 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (1.0 mL), and thiophenol (103  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min, and then it was filtered through a short plug of Celite. 12-Crown-4 (352 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added to the filtrate, and then the mixture was filtered through a short plug of Celite. The filtrate (total volume: 2 mL) was allowed to stand at room temperature. After 12 h, X-ray quality crystals of  $[\text{Cu}_5(\text{SPh})_7][\text{Na}(\text{12-crown-4})_2]_2$  had formed (yellow crystalline solid; see Section VI).

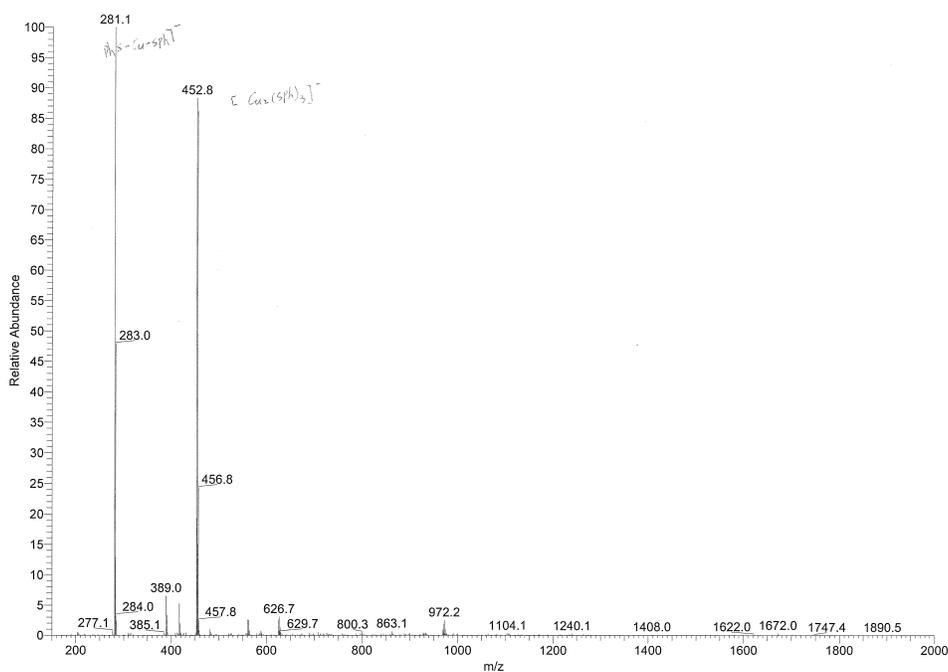
$[\text{Cu}_5(\text{SPh})_7][\text{Na}(\text{12-crown-4})_2]_2$ . Under an atmosphere of  $\text{N}_2$ , a vial was charged with  $\text{CuCl}$  (99 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{NaOt-Bu}$  (96.1 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (1.0 mL), and thiophenol (103  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min, and then it was filtered through a short plug of Celite. 12-Crown-4 (352 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added to the filtrate, and then the mixture was filtered through a short plug of Celite. The filtrate (total volume: 2 mL) was allowed to stand at room temperature. After 12 h, analytically pure  $[\text{Cu}_5(\text{SPh})_7][\text{Na}(\text{12-crown-4})_2]_2$  (82 mg, 32% yield) was isolated as a yellow crystalline solid (X-ray quality crystals had the same unit cell as the crystals obtained in the previous paragraph with  $\text{CuI}$  as the starting material).

Elemental analysis calcd for  $\text{C}_{74}\text{H}_{99}\text{Cu}_5\text{Na}_2\text{O}_{16}\text{S}_7$ : C, 48.50; H, 5.44. Found: C, 48.27; H, 5.40.

**Reaction of  $[\text{Cu}_5(\text{SPh})_7][\text{Na}(\text{12-crown-4})_2]_2$  with 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene.** Under an atmosphere of  $\text{N}_2$ , a tube was charged with  $[\text{Cu}_5(\text{SPh})_7][\text{Na}(\text{12-crown-4})_2]_2$  (24.4 mg, 0.013 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and then a solution of 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (22.0 mg, 0.093 mmol, 7.0 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (1.0 mL). The tube was sealed with a rubber septum, and then the heterogeneous reaction mixture was stirred at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , irradiating with a 100-watt Hg lamp. After 5 h,  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (10 mL) and dodecane (20  $\mu\text{L}$ ) were added, and the reaction was analyzed by GC.

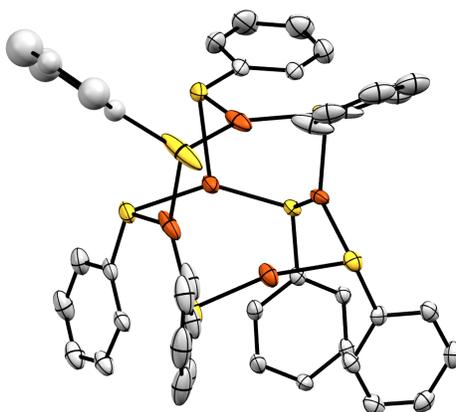


**Figure S6.** ESI-MS (negative) of  $[\text{Cu}_5(\text{SPh})_7][\text{Na}(\text{12-crown-4})_2]_2$  (1) dissolved in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ .



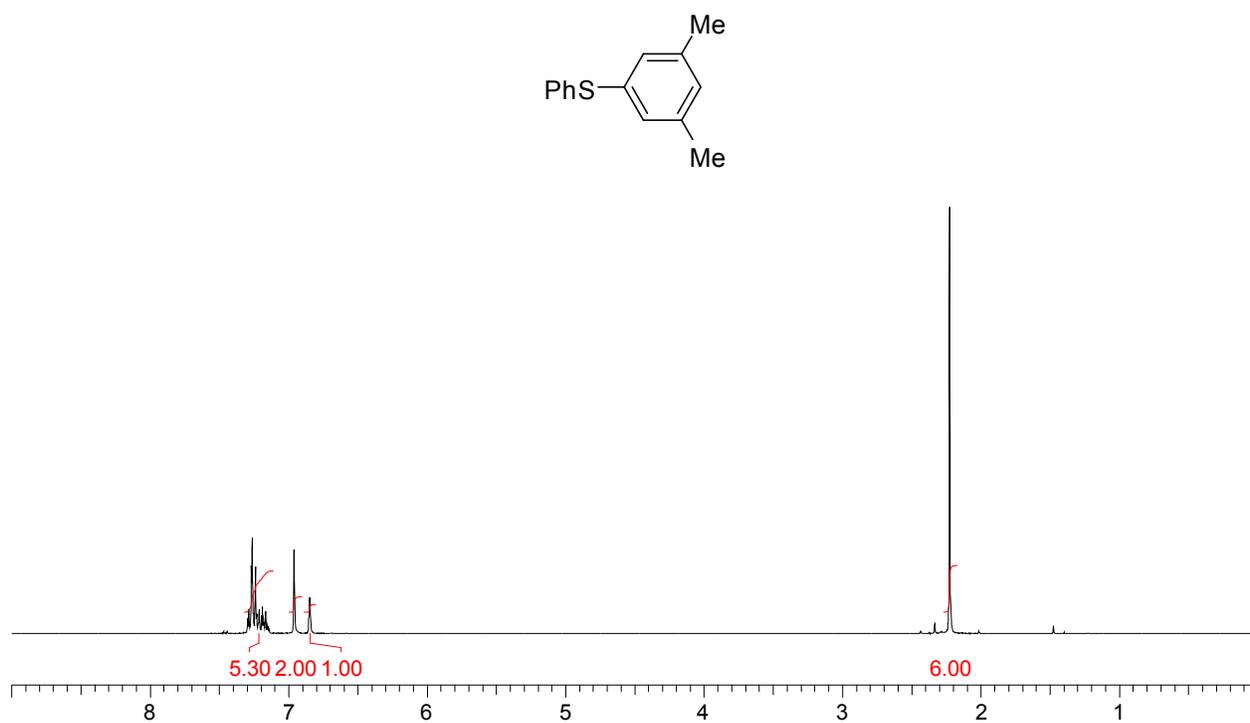
**Figure S7.** ESI-MS (negative) of an aliquot of a cross-coupling reaction mixture (PhSH, 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene,  $\text{NaOt-Bu}$ , 10%  $\text{CuI}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ , 1 h, 0 °C, 100-watt Hg lamp).

## VI. X-Ray Crystallographic Data for $[\text{Cu}_5(\text{SPh})_7][\text{Na}(\text{12-crown-4})_2]_2$

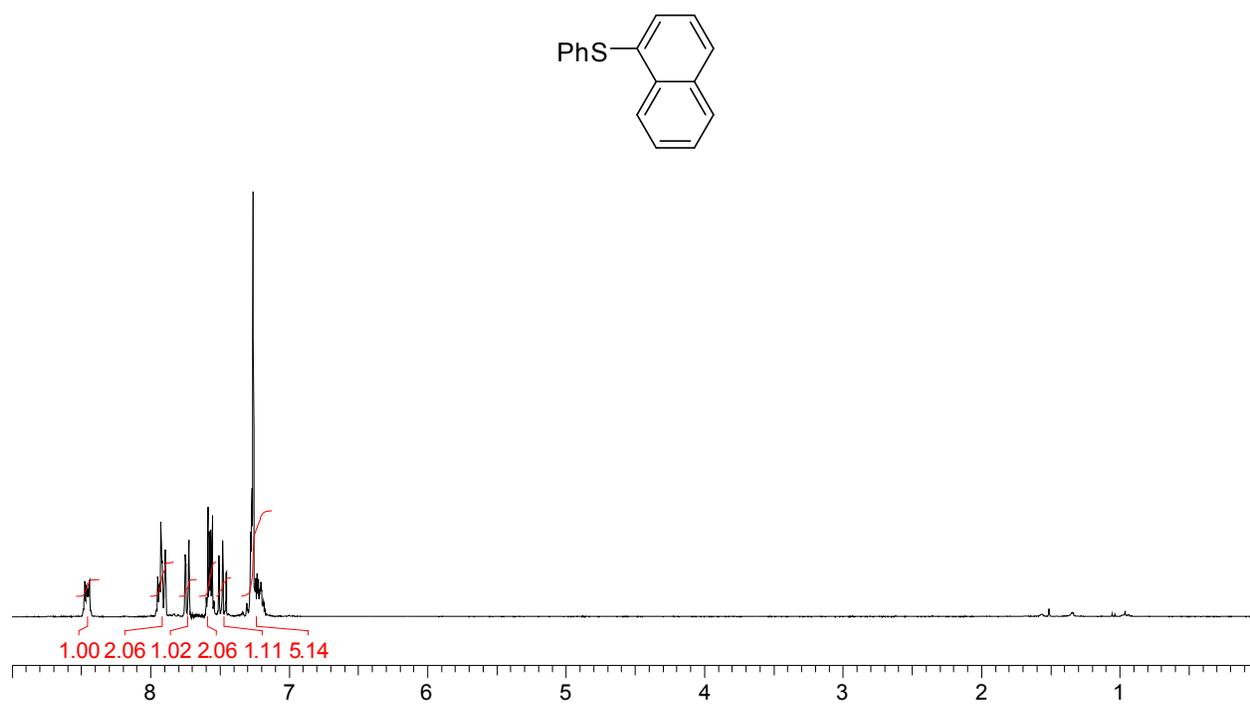


Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{74}\text{H}_{62}\text{Cu}_5\text{Na}_2\text{O}_{16}\text{S}_7$
Formula weight	1795.34
Temperature/K	373(2)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	15.7407(6)
b/Å	15.7841(6)
c/Å	19.5588(8)
$\alpha/^\circ$	85.530(3)
$\beta/^\circ$	71.368(2)
$\gamma/^\circ$	61.411(2)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	4026.9(3)
Z	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{mm}^3$	1.481
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	1.553
F(000)	1826.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.21 × 0.12 × 0.10
2 $\theta$ range for data collection	2.96 to 71.26°
Index ranges	-25 ≤ h ≤ 25, -23 ≤ k ≤ 25, -31 ≤ l ≤ 31
Reflections collected	150135
Independent reflections	33743[R(int) = 0.0871]
Data/restraints/parameters	33743/0/874
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.027
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.1403, wR2 = 0.3776
Final R indexes [all data]	R1 = 0.2124, wR2 = 0.4232
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	9.48/-2.26

## VII. $^1\text{H}$ NMR Spectra of Cross-Coupling Products



**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) for the product in Table 2, entry 1.



**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) for the product in Table 2, entry 2.

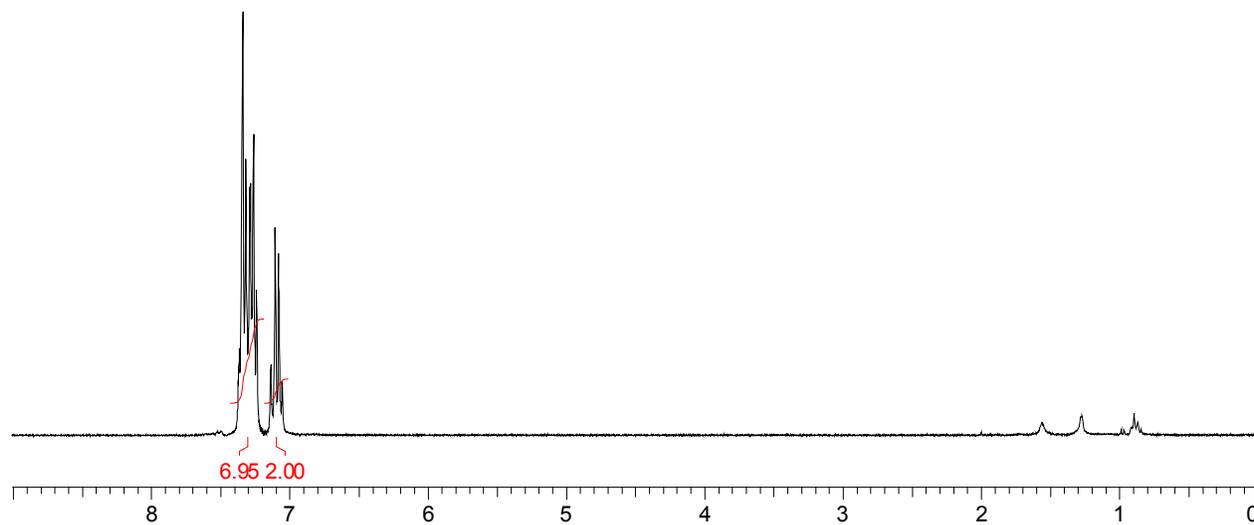
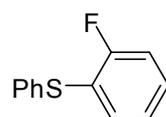


Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for the product in Table 2, entry 3.

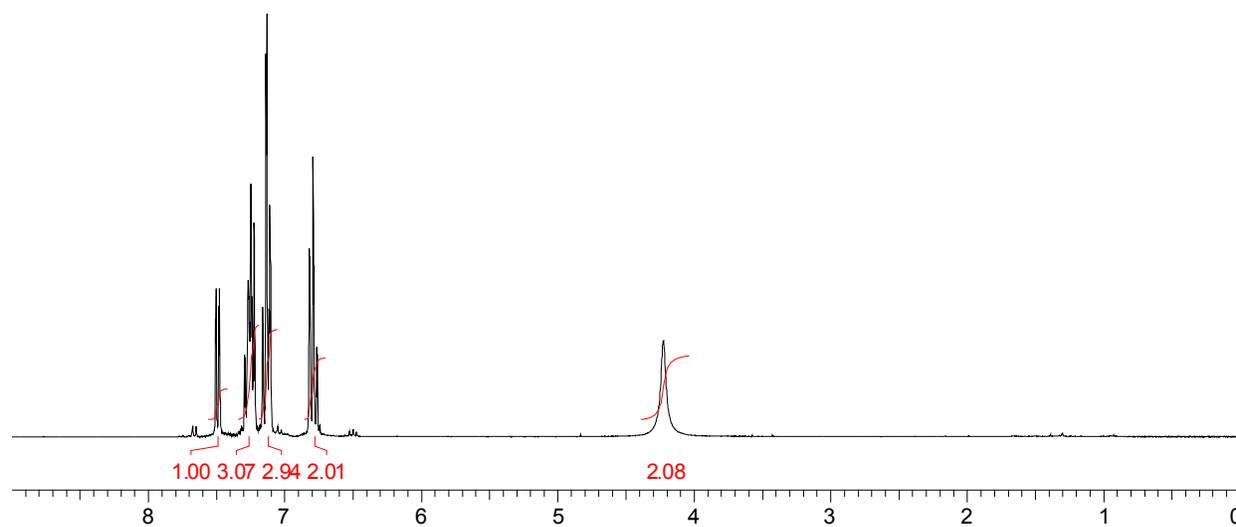
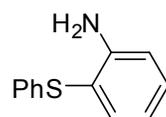


Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for the product in Table 2, entry 4.

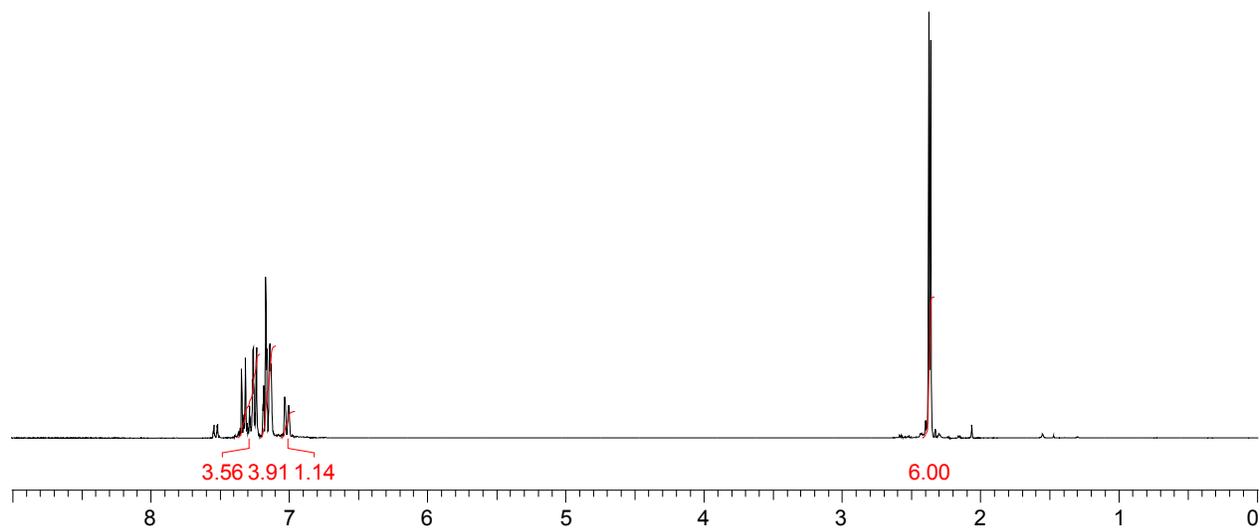
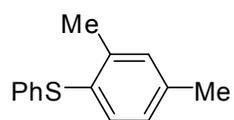


Figure S12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for the product in Table 2, entry 5.

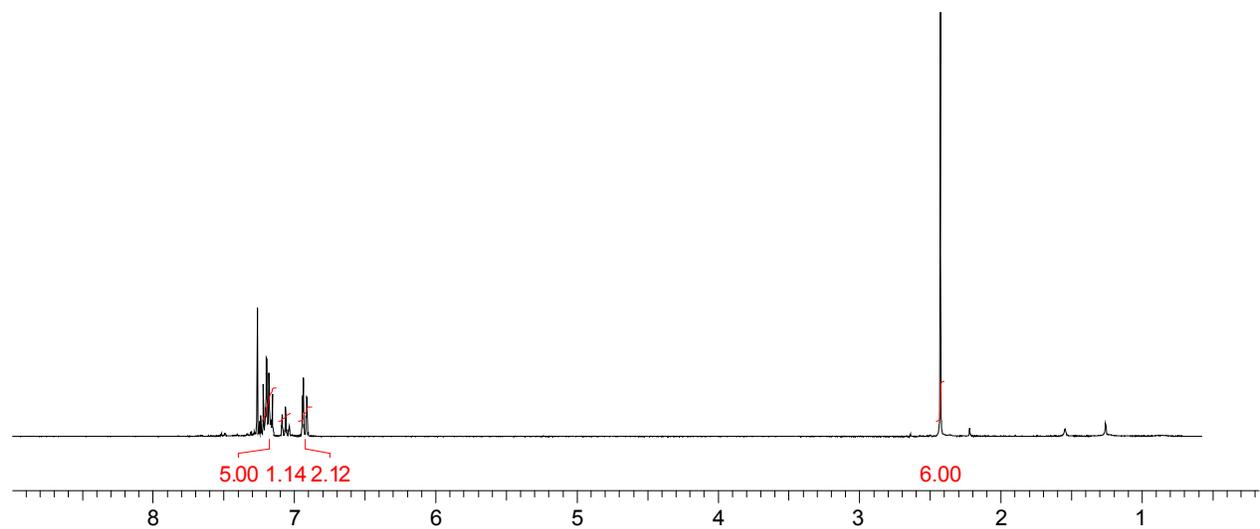
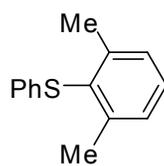


Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for the product in Table 2, entry 6.

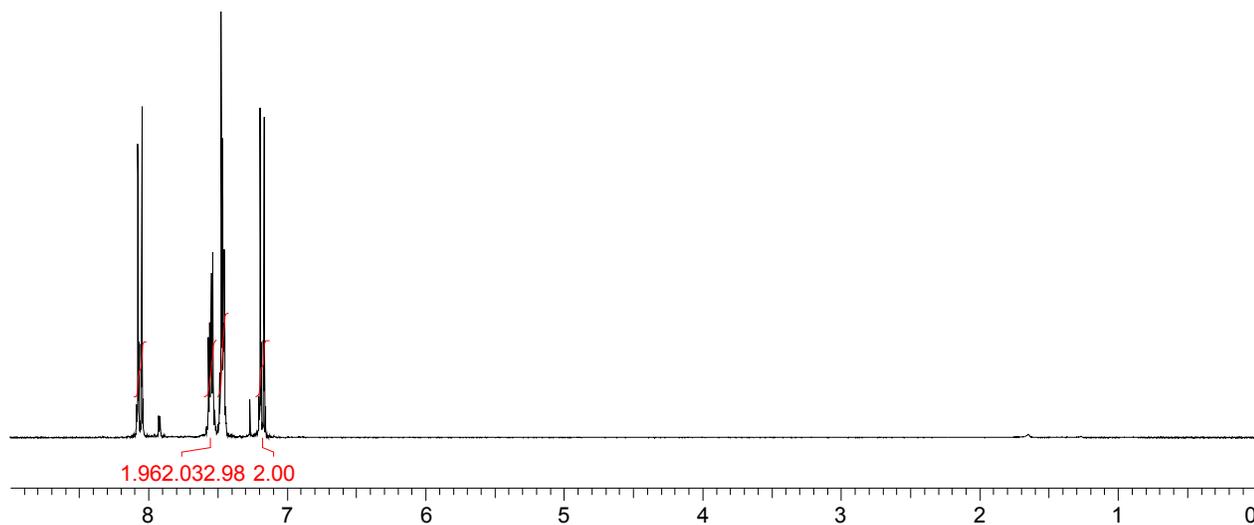
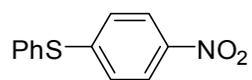


Figure S14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for the product in Table 2, entry 7.

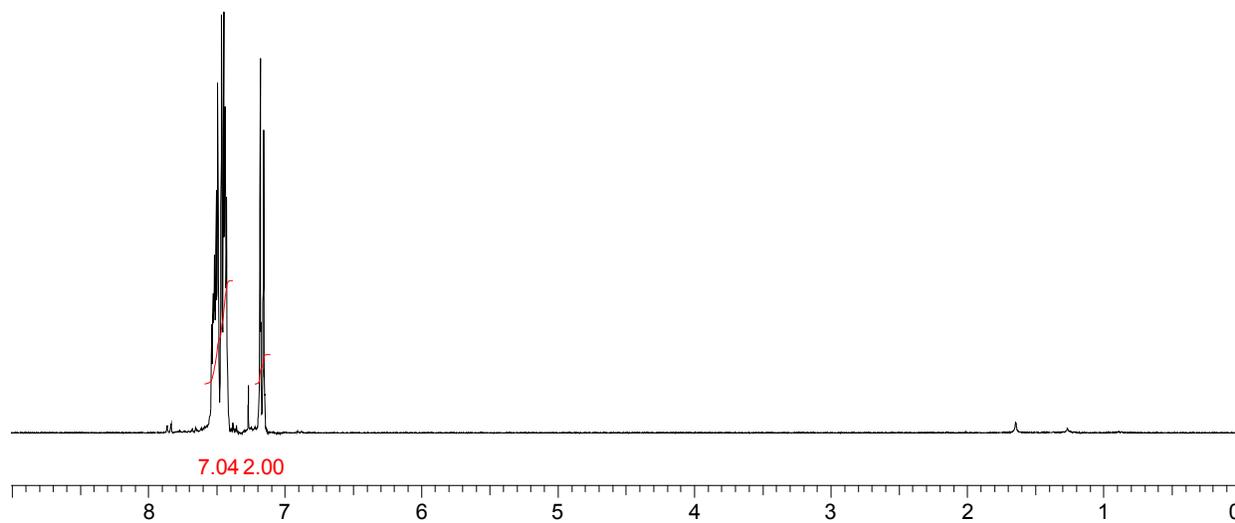
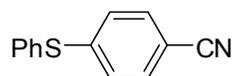
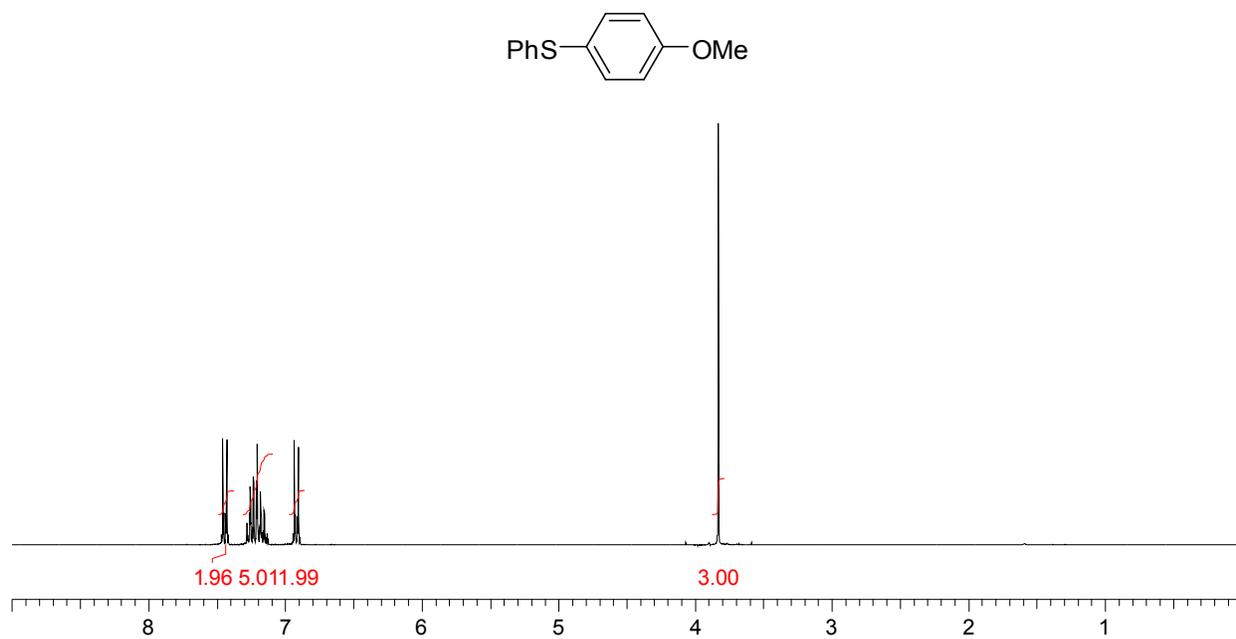
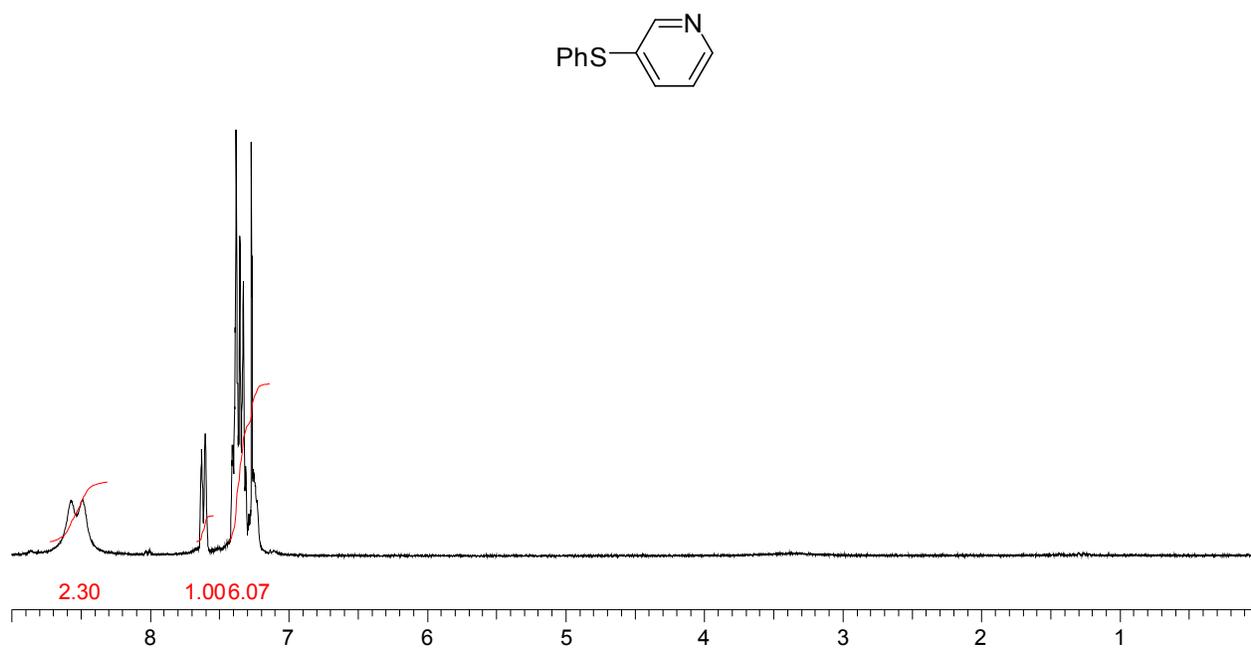


Figure S15. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for the product in Table 2, entry 8.



**Figure S16.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for the product in Table 2, entry 9.



**Figure S17.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for the product in Table 2, entry 10.

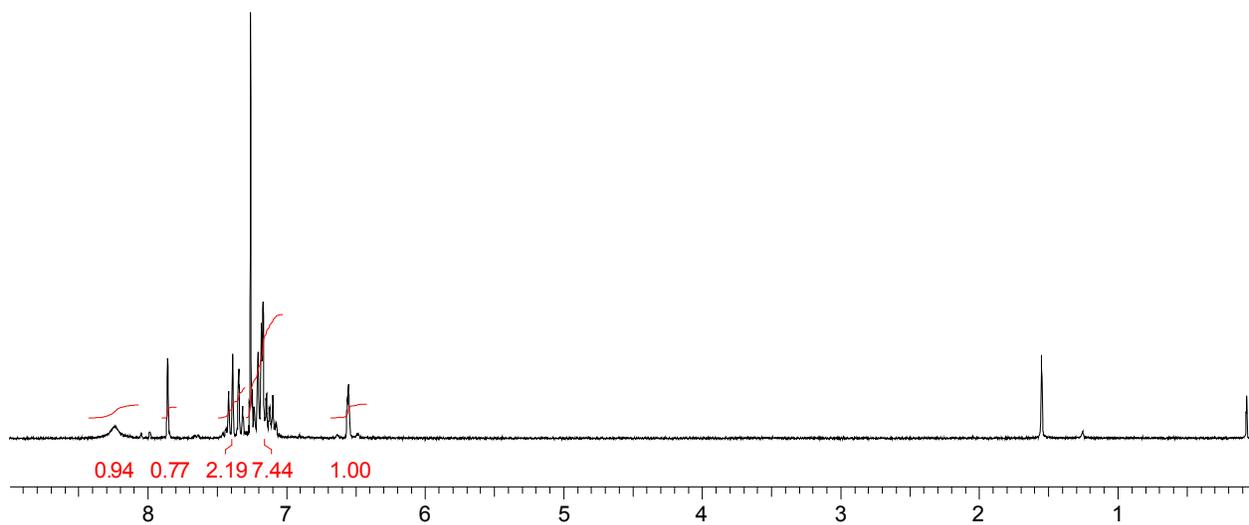
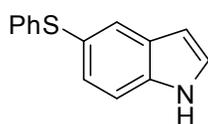


Figure S18.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) for the product in Table 2, entry 11.

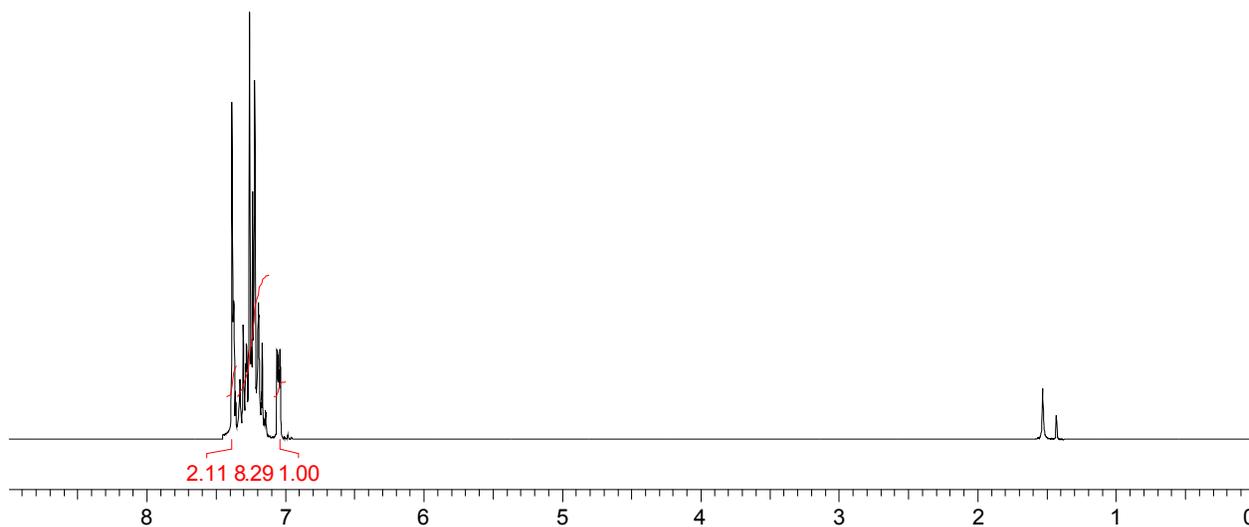
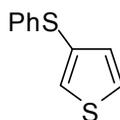


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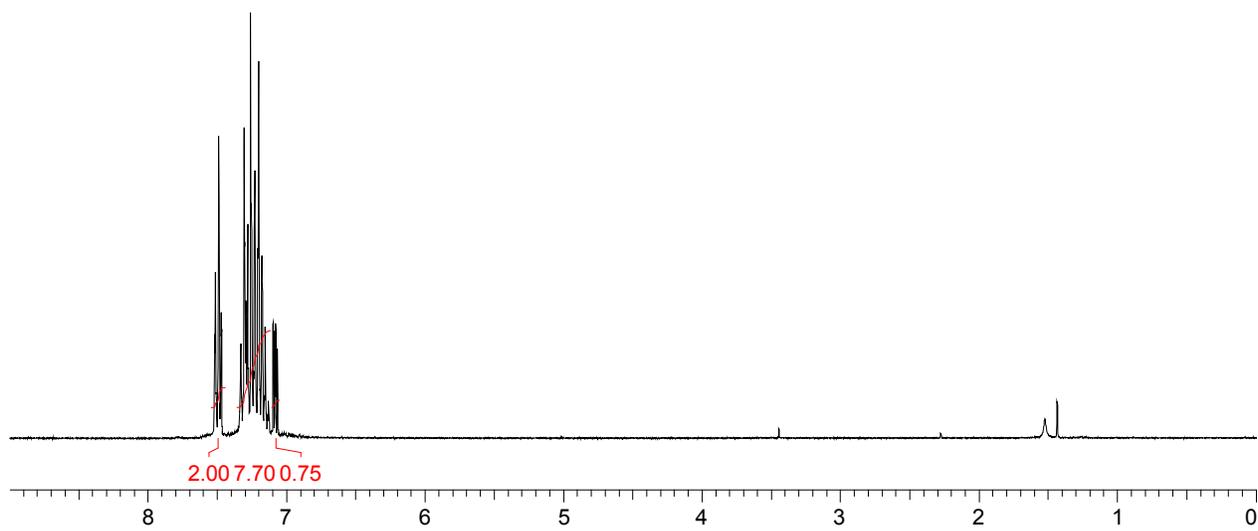
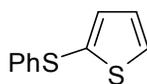


Figure S20. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for the product in Table 2, entry 13.

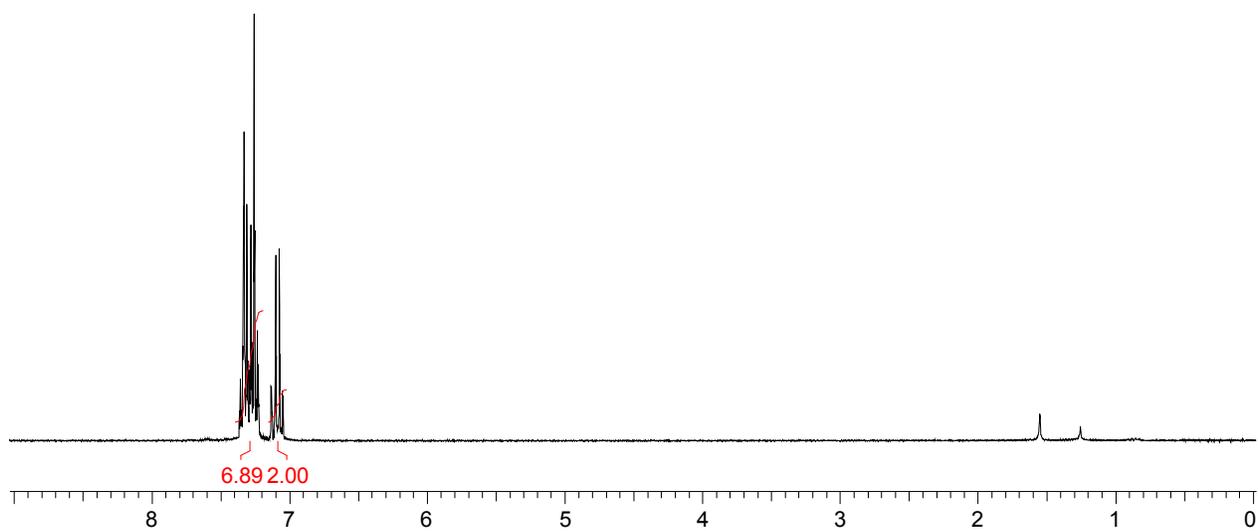
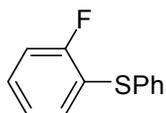


Figure S21. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for the product in Table 3, entry 1.

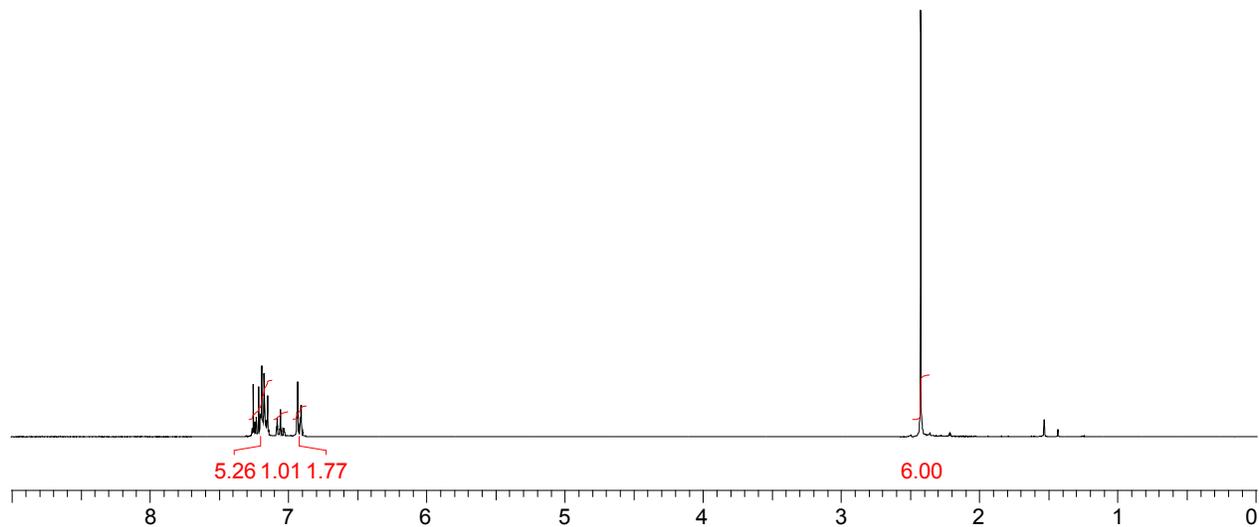
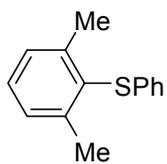


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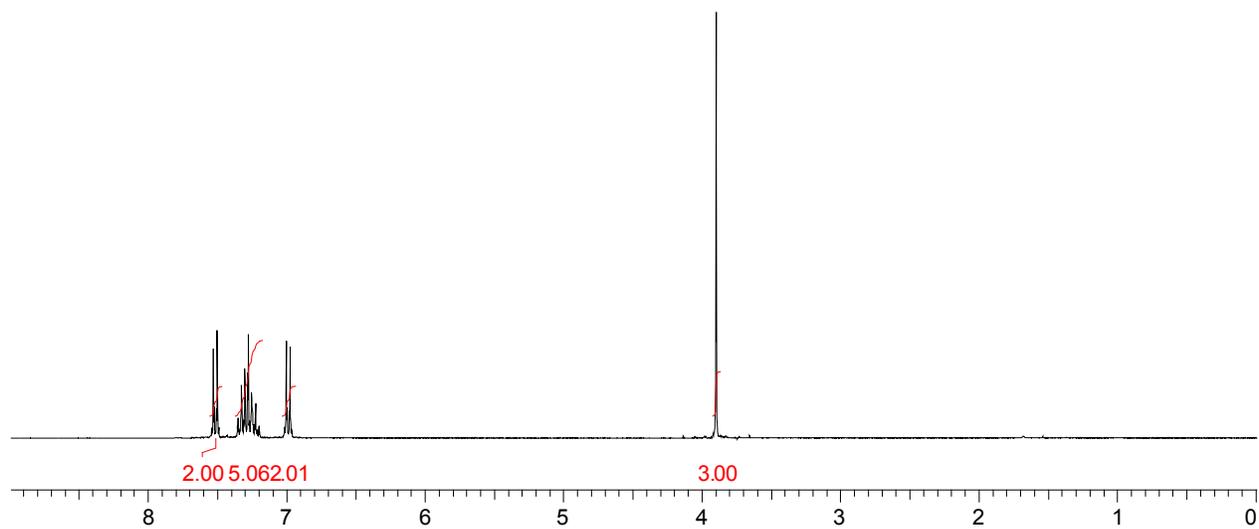
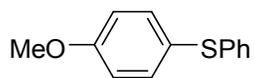
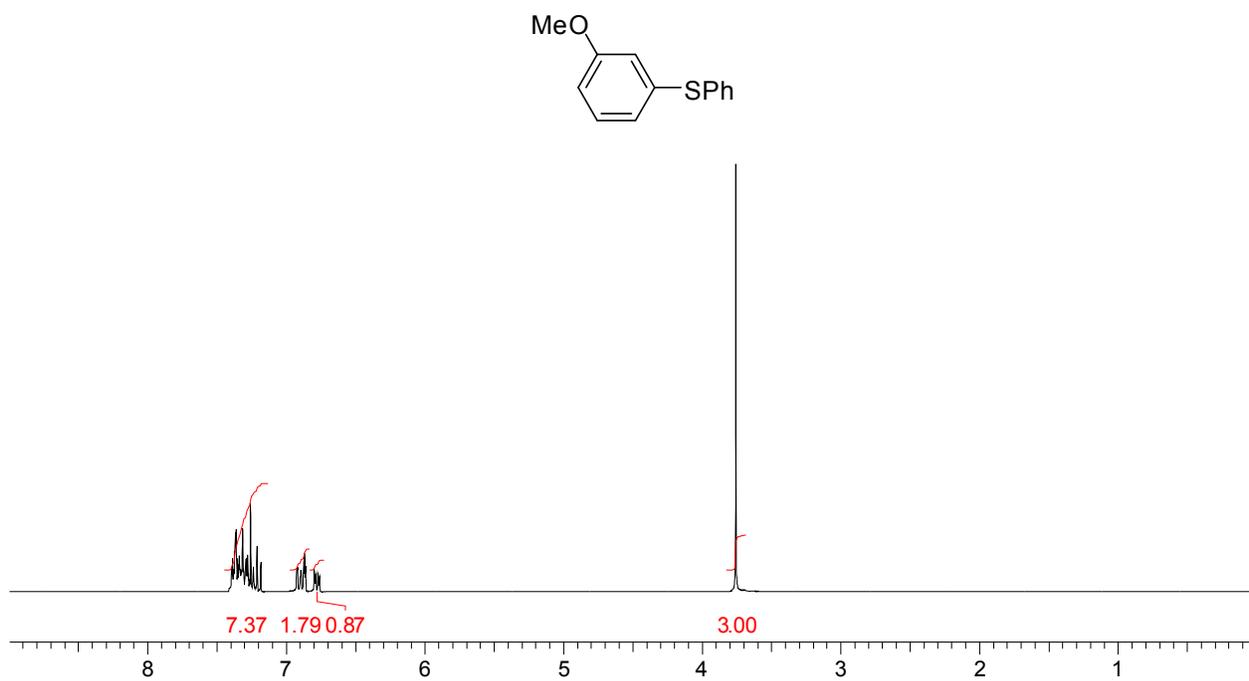
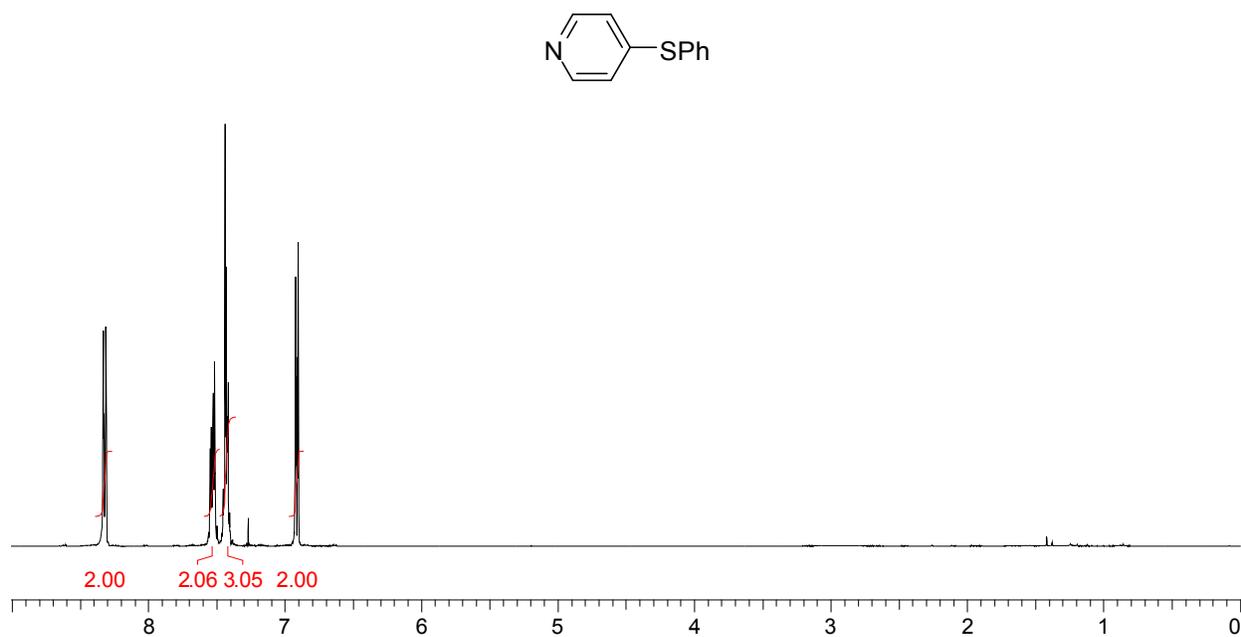


Figure S23.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) for the product in Table 3, entry 3.



**Figure S24.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) for the product in Table 3, entry 4.



**Figure S25.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) for the product in Table 3, entry 5.

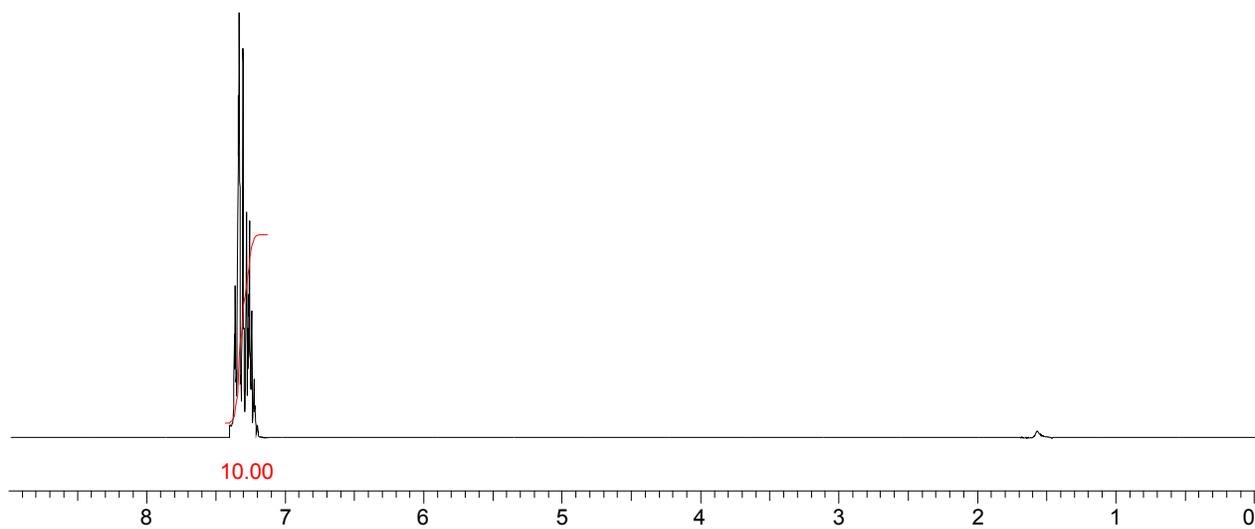
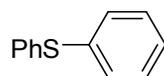


Figure S26.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) for the product in Table 4, entry 1.

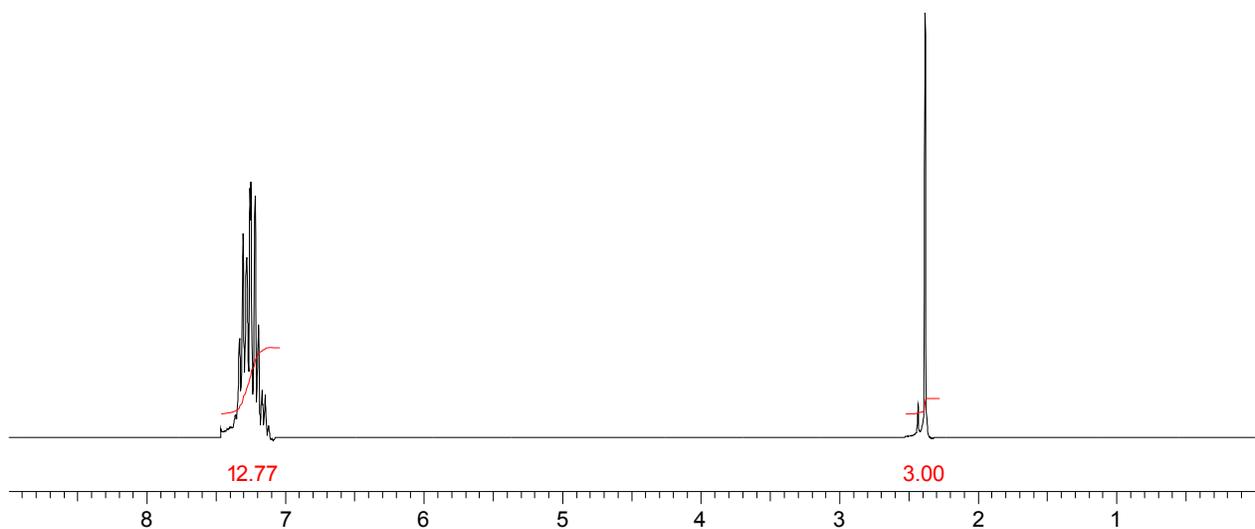
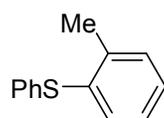


Figure S27.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) for the product in Table 4, entry 2.

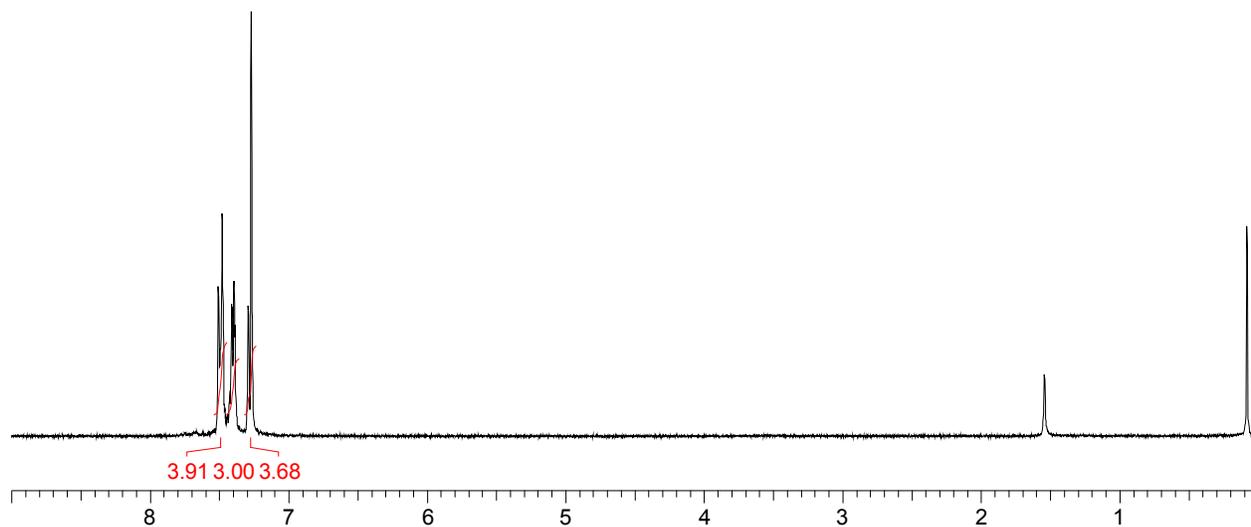


Figure S28. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for the product in Table 4, entry 3.

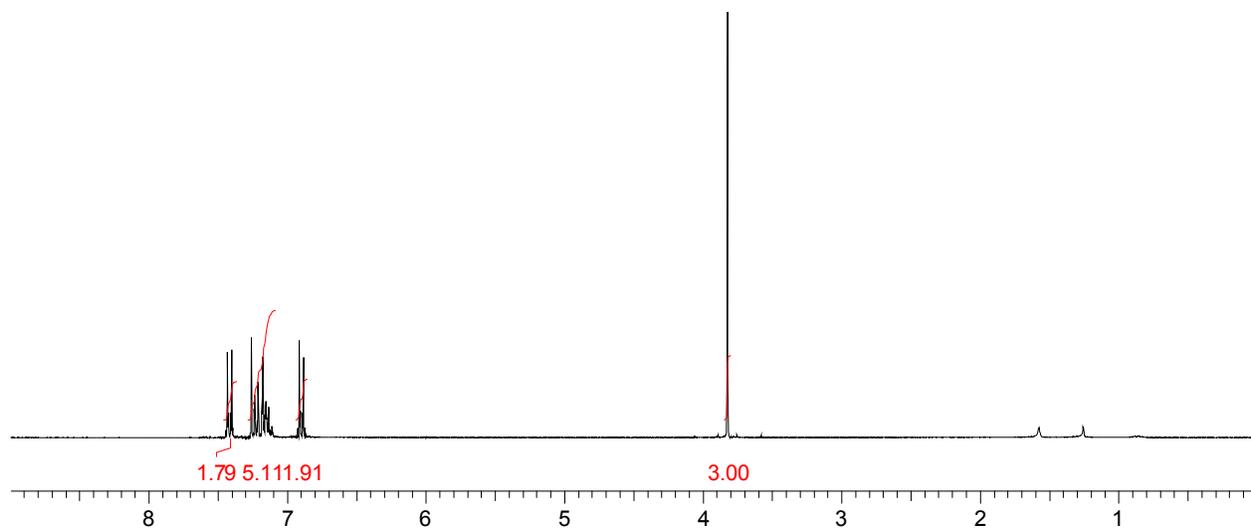


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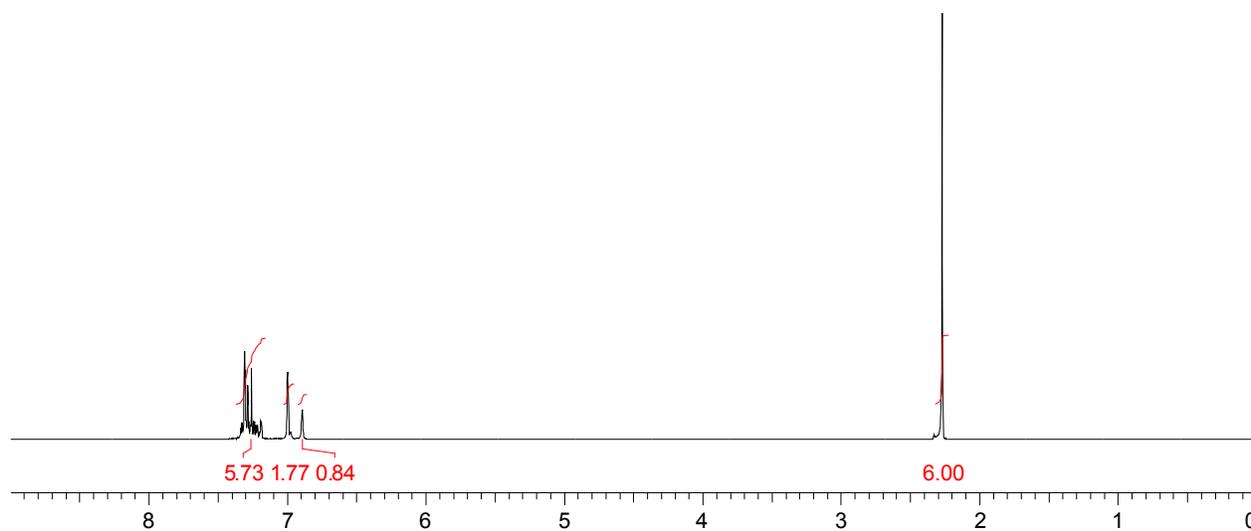
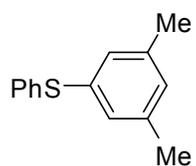


Figure S30. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for the product in Eq. (2).

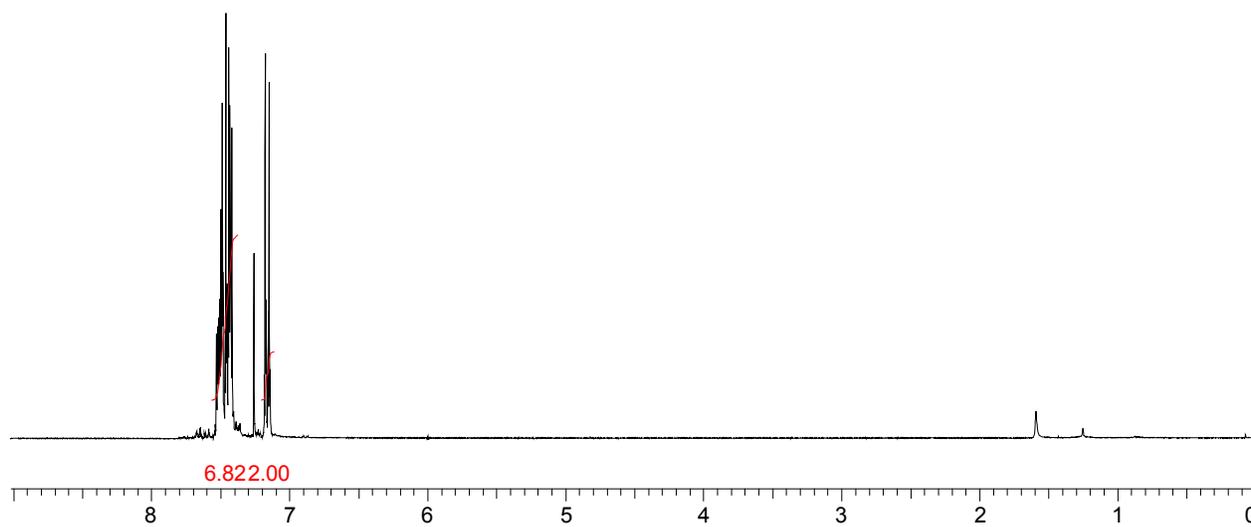
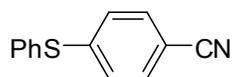


Figure S31. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for the product in Eq. (3).