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$$(\Theta=0^\circ)$$
:  $J=7.5$  Hz  $CH_3$   $CH_3$ 

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The most reliable stereochemical feature is the  $^3J$  coupling cis and trans in the cyclopropane, with the expectation that  $J_{cis} > J_{trans}$ . Each isomer has an isolated doublet at ca  $\delta$  3.3 corresponding to the CH-OMe proton

R-09L has a d, J = 7.5 Hz at  $\delta$  3.36, thus the two Hs are cis R-09M has a d, J = 3 Hz at  $\delta$  3.22, the two H s are trans

- 4 for chemical shift arguments
- 1-2 for others
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Apparently, in R-09M the MeO group is over the shielding portion of the aromatic ring, so shifted upfield to  $\delta$  2.9 from its "normal" position - alkyl ethers like Me<sub>2</sub>O are typically at  $\delta$  3.4-3.5.

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This is roughly a t, J = 7 Hz, although actually almost a ddd, J = 7, 6, 1, which can be assigned from its chemical shift (upfield of the other cyclopentane protons) and coupling. It must have a dihedral angle near 90° to one of the vicinal  $CH_2$  protons

The corresponding proton in R-09M is at  $\delta$  1.86, ddd, J = 7.5, 3, 1.5 Hz













