Remarkable Improvement Achieved by Imidazole Derivatives in Ruthenium-Catalyzed Hydroesterification of Alkenes Using Formates

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1. General method and materials

General. All reactions were performed in oven-dried or flame-dried glassware under argon atmosphere. Reactions were monitored by TLC on Merck silica gel 60 F254 plates visualized by UV lump at 254 nm. Column chromatography was performed on Merck silica gel 60 and preparative TLC was performed on Merck silica gel 60 F254 0.5 mm plates. NMR spectra were measured on a JEOL AL-400 NMR spectrometer at 400 MHz for ¹H spectra and 100 MHz for ¹³C spectra, and for ¹H NMR, tetramethylsilane (TMS) ($\delta = 0$) in CDCl₃ served as an internal standard. For ¹³C NMR, CDCl₃ ($\delta = 77.0$) served as an internal standard. Infrared spectra were measured on a JEOL JMS-T100TD time-of-flight mass spectrometer (DART). Melting point was measured using a YAZAWA MICRO MELTING POINT BY-1.

Materials. $Ru_3(CO)_{12}$ was purchased from Strem and used as received. Mesitylene was purchased from TCI and purified by distillation prior to use. Compounds **2a-g**, and **3a-b** were purchased from TCI and used as received. Alkyl and aryl formates **1a-h** were synthesized according to the literature.¹ Analytical data of compounds **1a**,² **1b-c** and **1f-g**,³ **1e**,⁴ **1h**,⁵ **3e**,⁶ **3g**,⁷ and **3h**⁸ were identical to those reported in precedent literature.

2. Investigation of reaction conditions

We have further investigated reaction conditions (Table S1). Then we found that ratio of catalyst imidazole $(Ru_3(CO)_{12} \text{ and } 3i)$ and equivalence of reagents (1a and 2a) were important to promote hydroesterification reaction as well as to suppress decarbonylation of 1a. Other Ru sources did not work at all.

0 +			-	(CO) ₁₂ (5 mol % 3i (x mol %)	6) O	+	0 ↓PMP
BnO ^H H 1a (y equiv)		PMF 2a (z equiv)	me	esitylene or neat 135 °C, 24 h ? = 4-methoxypheny	BnO PMP 4aa		BnO ⁷ Me Me 4ab
entry	x (mol %)	y (equiv)	z (equiv)	solvent	yield of $4 (\%)^a$	4aa:4ab ^b	yield of BnOH $(\%)^c$
1	5	1.5	1.0	mesitylene	39	82:18	13
2	15	1.5	1.0	mesitylene	69	37:63	<1
3	30	1.5	1.0	mesitylene	66	43:57	51
4	15	1.5	1.0	neat	74	39:61	57
5	15	1.0	1.5	mesitylene	80	59:41	3
6	15	1.0	1.5	neat	89	54:46	<1
7	15	1.0	1.0	neat	77	44:56	14
8^d	15	1.5	1.0	mesitylene	N.R. ^e	_	7
9 ^f	15	1.5	1.0	mesitylene	trace	_	7

Table S1. Investigation	of Reaction	Conditions.
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^{*a*}Isolated yield. ^{*b*}Ratio determined by ¹H NMR analysis of isolated mixture of **4aa** and **4ab**. ^{*c*}Yield of BnOH (based on **2a**) determined by crude ¹H NMR analysis. ^{*d*}Ru(cod)Cl₂ and **3g** were used instead of Ru₃(CO)₁₂ and **3i**. ^{*e*}No reaction. ^{*f*}Ru(PPh₃)HCl and **3g** were used instead of Ru₃(CO)₁₂ and **3i**.

3. Preparation of compounds

Preparation of imidazole derivatives.

1-(1-Phenylethyl)-1*H*-imidazole (3e)⁶

To a solution of 38% aq. glyoxal (5.04 g, 33.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and ammonium acetate (2.54 g, 33.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in MeOH (17 mL) was added (\pm)-1-phenylethylamine (2.00 g, 16.5 mmol) and 35% aq. formaldehyde (2.83 g, 33.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The mixture was warmed to 80 °C and stirred for 14 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT and diluted with toluene. The solution was washed with 10% aq. NaOH and the aqueous layer was extracted with toluene. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The obtained residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc) to afford the desired product **3e** (0.89 g, 5.18 mmol, 31%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz), 5.27 (q, 1H, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.78 (d, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz).



2,4,5-Trimethyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazole (3f)

To a solution of 2,3-butanedione (3.70 g, 43.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and ammonium acetate (3.31 g, 33.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in MeOH (17 mL) was added aniline (2.00 g, 21.5 mmol) and 90% aq. acetaldehyde (2.10 g, 43.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The mixture was warmed to 80 °C and stirred for 20 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT and diluted with toluene. The solution was washed with 10% aq. NaOH and the aqueous layer was extracted with toluene. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The obtained residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc) to afford the desired product **3f** (1.23 g, 6.60 mmol, 31%) as a dark red oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 6H), 1.92 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.8, 137.2, 131.6, 129.4, 128.4, 127.5, 123.0, 13.8, 12.5 and 9.4; IR (ATR) 2920, 1597, 1499, 1404, 1387, 762 and 698 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₅N₂: 187.1230; found 187.1240.

(1-Methyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)methanol (3g)⁸

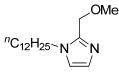
This compound was synthesized according to reported procedure. Yield: 73%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (s, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H).

2-(1-Methyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)ethanol (3h)⁸

This compound was synthesized according to reported procedure. Yield: 4%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 4.04 (t, 2H, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 3.64 (s, 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.83 (t, 2H, *J* = 5.9 Hz).

(1-Dodecyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)methanol (3i)⁹

This compound was synthesized from 1-dodecylimidazole according to reported procedure.⁸ Yield: 50%. ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.92 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 6.86 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 4.66 (s, 2H), 3.96 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.79-1.76 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.25 (m, 18H), 0.88 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.4, 127.1, 120.1, 56.3, 46.2, 32.0, 31.2, 29.7, 29.6, 29.4, 29.3, 26.8, 22.8 and 14.2.



1-Dodecyl-2-(methoxymethyl)-1*H*-imidazole (3j)

To a solution of **3i** (213 mg, 0.800 mmol) in THF (5.0 mL) was added NaH (64.0 mg, 1.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at 0 °C. The mixture was warmed to RT and stirred for 45 min. MeI (100 μ L, 1.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added to the mixture. After the reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 2 h, EtOAc and H₂O were added carefully. The solution was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The obtained residue was purified by PTLC (CHCl₃/MeOH 1/1) to afford the desired product **3j** (172 mg, 0.613 mmol, 77%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 3.96 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 3.32 (s, 3H), 1.81-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.23 (m, 18H), 0.88 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.9, 127.4, 120.3, 66.2, 57.5, 45.9, 31.7, 30.8, 29.50, 29.48, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 29.0, 26.5, 22.5 and 13.9; IR (ATR) 2920, 1492, 1462, 1188, 1087, 987 and 732 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₃₃N₂O: 281.2593; found 281.2603.

Preparation of formates.

Formates **1a-h** were synthesized by formylation of the corresponding alcohols.³ ¹H NMR spectra of compounds **1a-c**, **1e-f**, and **1g** were exactly identical to the reported data.

Naphthalen-1-ylmethyl formate (1d)

1-Naphthylmethanol (1.58 g, 10.0 mmol) was added to formic acid (4.0 mL) and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 3.5 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and H_2O . The solution was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , washed with saturated NaHCO₃ aq., dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The obtained residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc 100/1) to afford **1d** (0.586 g, 3.15 mmol, 32%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.98 (t, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.85 (t, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.56-7.41 (m, 4H), 5.63 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7, 133.6, 131.4, 130.6, 129.5, 128.7, 127.7, 126.6, 125.9, 125.1, 123.3 and 63.8; IR (ATR) 1716, 1145, and 771 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₁O₂: 187.0754; found 187.0754.

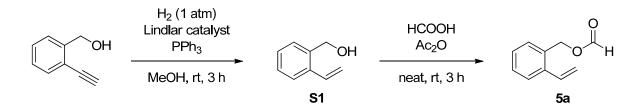


Benzhydryl formate (1h)¹⁰

Formic acid (1.70 mL, 45.0 mmol, 4.5 equiv) was added to acetic anhydride (4.70 mL, 50.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) at RT. The resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 1 h and cooled to RT. Benzhydrol (1.21 mL, 10.0 mmol) was added to the solution and the mixture was stirred for 0.5 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et_2O , washed with H_2O three times, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The obtained residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc 20/1) to afford the desired product **1h** (1.18 g, 7.84 mmol, 78%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 10H), 7.00 (s, 1H)

Preparation of substrates for intramolecular hydroesterification.



(2-Vinylphenyl)methanol (S1)

To a solution of 2-ethynylbenzyl alcohol (2.00 g, 15.1 mmol) in MeOH (14 mL) was added triphenylphosphine (150 mg, 0.57 mmol) and 5% palladium on calcium carbonate (30 mg). The mixture was stirred at RT under H₂ atmosphere (1 atm) for 3 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite pad and concentrated. The obtained residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc 6/1) to afford the desired product **S1** (2.03 g, 15.1 mmol, 100% yield) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.8, 2.0 Hz), 7.34 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.8, 2.0 Hz), 7.31-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.03 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.5, 10.8 Hz), 5.70 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.5, 1.2 Hz), 5.34 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.8, 1.2 Hz),

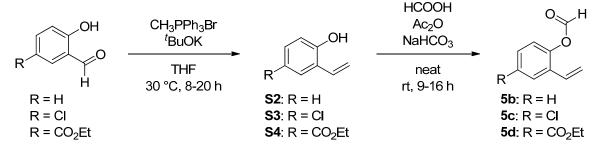
4.72 (s, 2H), 2.11 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.5, 136.6, 133.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 125.9, 116.4 and 63.3; IR (ATR) 3318, 1483, 1452, 1413, 945, 912, 760 and 729 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₁₁O: 135.0805; found 135.0810.

2-Vinylbenzyl formate (5a)

Formic acid (5.80 mL, 153 mmol, 10 equiv) was added to acetic anhydride (11.6 mL, 122 mmol, 8.0 equiv) at RT. The resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 1 h and cooled to RT. **S1** (2.03 g, 15.3 mmol) was added to the solution and the mixture was stirred for 3 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with E_{2O} , washed with H_{2O} three times, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The obtained residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc 15/1) to afford the desired product **5a** (2.16 g, 13.3 mmol, 87%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.38-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 7.2, 1.2 Hz), 6.97 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.6, 11.2 Hz), 5.70 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.6, 0.8 Hz), 5.38 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.2, 0.8 Hz), 5.28 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.8, 137.6, 133.6, 132.2, 130.2, 129.2, 128.0, 126.2, 117.1 and 63.7; IR (ATR) 1717, 1144, 916, 772 and 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₁O₂: 163.0754; found 163.0760.

General procedure of the synthesis of compounds 5b-5d.



<u>Method 1</u>: To a solution of methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (18.9 mmol, 2.3 equiv) in dry THF (30 mL) was added 1 M ^{*t*}BuOK solution in THF (18.9 mL, 2.3 equiv). The mixture was stirred at RT for 2 h and cooled to -78 °C. Corresponding aldehyde or ketone (8.20 mmol) was added, warmed to RT slowly and stirred at 30 °C for 8-20 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with 1 M HCl aq., diluted with EtOAc, washed with brine. The obtained solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The obtained residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.

<u>Method 2</u>: Formic acid (23.6 mmol, 10 equiv) was added to acetic anhydride (18.9 mmol, 8 equiv) at RT. The resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 1 h and cooled to RT. Phenol derivative synthesized above (2.40 mmol) and sodium hydrogen carbonate (4.80 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added to the solution and the mixture was stirred for 9-16 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with Et_2O , washed with H_2O three times, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The obtained residue was purified by column chromatography on neutral silica gel to afford the desired product.

2-Vinylphenol (S2)¹¹

S2 was obtained from *o*-hydroxybenzaldehyde using method 1 as a colorless oil. Yield: 100% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, 1 H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.14-7.10 (m, 1 H), 6.92-6.87 (m, 2 H), 6.77 (d, 1 H, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 5.72 (d, 1 H, *J* = 17.6 Hz), 5.32 (d, 1 H, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 5.14 (s, 1H).

2-Vinylphenyl formate (5b)

5b was obtained from S2 using method 2 as a colorless oil. Yield: 100% yield.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 (s, 1H), 7.60 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz), 7.33-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.08 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz), 6.80 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.6, 11.2 Hz), 5.78 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.6, 0.8 Hz), 5.37 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.2, 0.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4, 147.3, 130.2, 130.1, 129.0, 126.8, 126.8, 122.2, 117.1; IR (ATR) 1759, 1736, 1483, 1450, 1211, 1173, 1107, 1086, 918 and 762 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₉O₂ : 149.0598; found 149.0600.

4-Chloro-2-vinylphenol (S3)¹²

S3 was obtained from 3-chlorosalicylaldehyde using method 1 as a colorless oil. Yield: 100% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, 1 H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.14-7.10 (m, 1 H), 6.92-6.87 (m, 1 H), 6.77 (d, 1 H, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 5.72 (d, 1 H, *J* = 17.6 Hz), 5.32 (d, 1 H, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 5.14 (s, 1H).

4-Chloro-2-vinylphenyl formate (5c)

5c was obtained from S3 using method 2 as a colorless oil. Yield: 42%

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz), 7.26 (dd, 1H, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz), 7.04 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.72 (dd, 1H, J = 17.6, 11.2 Hz), 5.78 (d, 1H, J = 17.6 Hz), 5.42 (d, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.6, 145.3, 132.1, 131.6, 128.9, 128.5, 126.4, 123.4, 118.1; IR (ATR) 1734, 1474, 1408, 1211, 1167, 1111, 1076 and 1042 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₈ClO₂: 183.0208; found 183.0208.

Ethyl 4-hydroxy-3-vinylbenzoate (S4)

S4 was obtained from 5-ethoxycarbonylsalicylaldehyde, which was synthesized according to previous report,¹³ using method 1 as white needle (m.p. 105 °C). Yield: 86%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz), 7.84 (dd, 1H, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz), 6.93 (dd, 1H, J = 17.2, 11.2 Hz), 6.84 (d, 1H, J = 8.8 Hz), 5.91 (s, 1H), 5.83 (dd, 1H, J = 17.2, 1.2 Hz), 5.42 (dd, 1H, J =

11.2, 1.6 Hz), 4.36 (q, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.39 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 157.7, 130.7, 130.6, 129.2, 124.9, 122.3, 116.4, 115.7, 61.2 and 14.3; IR (ATR) 3362, 1686, 1603, 1273, 752 and 635 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₁₃O₃:193.0859; found 193.0867.

Ethyl 4-(formyloxy)-3-vinylbenzoate (5d)

5d was obtained from S4 using method 2 as a colorless oil. Yield: 99%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz), 7.98 (dd, 1H, J = 8.8, 2.0 Hz), 7.18 (d, 1H, J = 8.8 Hz), 6.80 (dd, 1H, J = 17.2, 11.2 Hz), 5.90 (dd, 1H, J = 17.2, 0.8 Hz), 5.45 (dd, 1H, J = 11.2, 0.8 Hz), 4.40 (q, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.41 (t, 3H, J = 6.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.5, 158.3, 150.1, 130.1, 129.8, 129.2, 128.9, 128.2, 122.1, 118.1, 61.2, 14.2; IR (ATR) 1744, 1713, 1287, 1248, 1171, 1105, 1074 and 758 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₄ : 221.0809; found 221.0801.



2-Allylphenyl formate (5e)

5e was obtained from 2-allylphenol by formylation analogous to synthesis of **5b** as a colorless oil. Yield: 93%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.07 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz), 5.91 (ddt, 1H, *J* = 17.2, 10.0, 6.4 Hz), 5.09 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.0, 1.2 Hz), 5.04 (ddt, 1H, *J* = 17.2, 1.6, 1.2 Hz), 3.34 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 147.9, 135.4, 131.5, 130.4, 127.3, 126.3, 121.6, 116.2 and 34.1; IR (ATR) 1761, 1736, 1487, 1209, 1167, 1117 and 742 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₁O₂: 163.0754; found 163.0758.

2-(Prop-1-en-1-yl)phenol (S5)¹⁴

Compound S5 was synthesized according to previous report (E:Z = 80:20).¹⁵

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (dd, 1H, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz), 7.10(dt, 1H, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz), 6.89 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.80 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.61 (dq, 1H, J = 15.9, 1.4 Hz, (*E*)), 6.42 (d, 1H, J = 11.2 Hz, (*Z*)), 6.21 (dq, 1H, J = 15.9, 6.6 Hz, (*E*)), 6.02 (dq, 1H, J = 11.2, 7.0 Hz, (*Z*)), 5.02 (s, 1H), 1.92 (dd, 3H, J = 6.5, 1.3 Hz, (*E*)), 1.72 (dd, 3H, J = 6.5, 1.3 Hz, (*Z*)).

2-(Prop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl formate (5f)

5f (E:Z = 80:20) was obtained from **S5** (E:Z = 80:20) by formylation analogous to synthesis of **5b** as a colorless oil. Yield: 85%.

(*E*)-isomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.04-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.44 (dd, 1H, *J* = 16.0, 2.0 Hz), 6.24 (dq, 1H, *J* = 16.0, 6.8 Hz), 1.86 (dd, 3H, *J* = 6.8, 1.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.3, 146.5, 130.2, 128.9, 127.6, 126.6, 126.5, 123.8, 121.8 and 18.7.

(**Z**)-isomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.33 (dd, 1H, J = 7.2, 1.6 Hz), 7.27-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.08 (dd, 1H, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz), 6.33 (dd, 1H, J = 11.6, 1.2 Hz), 5.86 (dq, 1H, J = 11.6, 6.8 Hz), 1.75 (dd, 3H, J = 6.8, 2.0 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 147.5, 130.5, 129.9, 129.4, 127.9, 126.0, 123.8, 121.7 and 14.4.

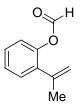
(*E*)/(*Z*)-mixture: IR (ATR) 1759, 1736, 1483, 1445, 1215, 1173, 1113, 962 and 740 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{10}H_{11}O_2$: 163.0754; found 163.0763.



2-(Prop-1-en-2-yl)phenol (S6)¹⁶

S6 was obtained from *o*-hydroxyacetophenone by Wittig reaction analogous to synthesis of **S2** as a colorless oil. Yield: 87%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.95-6.88 (m, 2H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 5.42 (t, 1H, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 5.16 (s, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H).



2-(Prop-1-en-2-yl)phenyl formate (5g)

5g was obtained from **S6** by formylation analogous to synthesis of **5b** as a colorless oil. Yield: 88%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.06 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz), 5.21 (q, 1H, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 5.04 (s, 1H), 2.06 (t, 3H, *J* = 1.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4, 146.6, 141.2, 136.4, 129.5, 128.3, 126.5, 122.1, 116.8 and 23.3; IR (ATR) 1761, 1738, 1487, 1445, 1186, 1103, 905 and 762 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₁O₂: 163.0754; found 163.0757.



2-(1-Hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)phenol (S7)¹⁷

To a solution of *o*-hydroxyacetophenone (2.0 g, 14.7 mmol) in dry THF (20 mL) was added 1 M PhMgBr solution (32.3 mL, 32.3 mmol, 2.2 equiv) at 0 °C. The mixture was warmed to reflux temperature and stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and then 15% AcOH aq. and toluene were added. The aqueous layer was extracted with toluene three times and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The obtained residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product **S7** (2.2 g, 10.3 mmol, 70%) as a yellow solid (m.p. 110 °C).

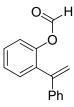
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.13 (m, 6H), 6.98 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.82 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 3.18 (s, 1H), 1.94 (s, 3H).



2-(1-phenylvinyl)phenol (S8)¹⁸

To a solution of **S7** (1.60 g, 7.50 mmol) in benzene (10 mL) was added I₂ (10.0 mg). The mixture was stirred at reflux temperature for 13 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT, washed with $Na_2S_2O_3$ aq. and brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The obtained residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc 9/1) to afford the desired product **S8** (1.40 g, 7.20 mmol, 96%) as a colorless oil.

.¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.13 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.6 Hz), 6.96-6.90 (m, 2H), 5.86 (d, 1H, J = 1.2 Hz), 5.41 (d, 1H, J = 1.2 Hz), 5.17 (s, 1H).



2-(1-Phenylvinyl)phenyl formate (5h)

5h was obtained from **S8** by formylation analogous to synthesis of **5b** as a colorless oil. Yield: 100% yield.

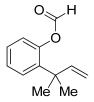
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.24 (m, 8H), 7.11 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 5.72 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 5.33 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.7, 147.3, 145.3, 140.2, 134.7, 131.4, 129.0, 128.3, 127.9, 126.7, 126.6, 122.4 and 116.9; IR (ATR) 1736, 1485, 1447, 1188, 1115, 1090, 907, 760 and 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₃O₂: 225.0910; found 225.0903.



2-(2-Methylbut-3-en-2-yl)phenol (S9)¹⁹

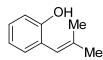
Compound **S9** was synthesized according to previous report.²⁰

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.73 (m, 2H), 6.12 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.6, 10.6 Hz), 5.78 (s, 1H), 5.26 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.6 Hz), 5.21 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.6 Hz), 1.36 (s, 6H).



2-(2-Methylbut-3-en-2-yl)phenyl formate (5i)

5i was obtained from **S9** by formylation analogous to synthesis of **5b** as a colorless oil. Yield: 71%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.44 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 2.4 Hz), 7.30-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.99 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz), 6.01-5.94 (m, 1H), 5.02-4.94 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 148.5, 147.0, 139.2, 127.7, 127.5, 126.4, 123.3, 111.2, 40.4 and 27.7; IR (ATR) 1761, 1740, 1485, 1443, 1184, 1099 and 752 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₅O₂: 191.1067; found 191.1072.



2-(2-Methylprop-1-en-1-yl)phenol (S10)

S10 was obtained from *o*-hydroxyacetophenone by Wittig reaction using isopropyltriphenylphosphonium iodide analogous to synthesis of **S2** as a colorless oil. Yield: 71%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.14 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 7.2, 6.8, 2.0 Hz), 7.04 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz), 6.90-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 1.94 (d, 3H, *J* = 0.8 Hz), 1.68 (d, 3H, *J* = 1.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.8, 140.5, 129.8, 128.2, 124.6, 120.1, 118.7, 114.8, 25.8 and 19.4; IR (ATR) 3422, 2970, 2911, 1576, 1485, 1445, 1215, 1171, 1096 and 748 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₃O: 149.0961; found 149.0965.



2-(2-Methylprop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl formate (5j)

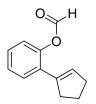
5j was obtained from **S10** by formylation analogous to synthesis of **5b** as a colorless oil. Yield: 100%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.07 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz), 6.10 (s, 1H), 1.89 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 1.74 (d, 3H, *J* = 1.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4, 147.6, 138.4, 131.3, 131.0, 127.5, 126.1, 121.5, 119.0, 26.2 and 19.4; IR (ATR) 2913, 1738, 1483, 1445, 1188, 1171, 1111 and 760 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₁₃O₂: 177.0910; found 177.0914.



2-(Cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)phenol (S11)

Compound **S11** was synthesized according to previous report.²¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz), 7.13 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 7.8, 6.8, 1.4 Hz), 6.90-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.10 (m, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 2.75-2.69 (m, 2H), 2.62-2.56 (m, 2H), 2.04-1.97 (m, 2H).



2-(Cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)phenyl formate (5k)

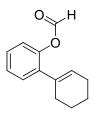
5k was obtained from **S11** by formylation analogous to synthesis of **5b** as a colorless oil. Yield: 96%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.19-6.14 (m, 1H), 2.73-2.65 (m, 2H), 2.56-2.48 (m, 2H), 2.00-1.91 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.9, 147.3, 134.0, 131.8, 130.6, 129.3, 127.8, 126.7, 122.4, 35.4, 33.8 and 23.3; IR (ATR) 2949, 2843, 1759, 1738, 1487, 1445, 1175, 1115, 1090 and 746 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₂:189.0910; found 189.0917.



2-(Cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)phenol (S12)

Compound S12 was synthesized according to previous report.²³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.13 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.1, 7.8, 1.5 Hz), 7.07 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz), 6.91 (dd, 1H, J = 8.3, 1.0 Hz), 6.87 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.3, 8.1, 1.0 Hz), 5.87 (m, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 2.29-2.25 (m, 2H), 2.23-2.19 (m, 2H), 1.80-1.76 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.68 (m, 2H).



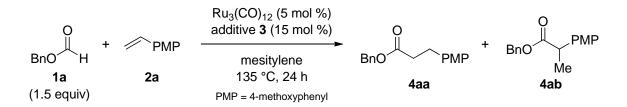
2-(Cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)phenyl formate (5l)

51 was obtained from S12 by formylation analogous to synthesis of 5b as a colorless oil. Yield: 92%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 1H), 5.77-5.74 (m, 1H), 2.28-2.22 (m, 2H), 2.18-2.11 (m, 2H), 1.77-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.61 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.8, 147.1, 137.4, 134.7, 129.9, 128.6, 127.9, 126.7, 122.1, 29.2, 25.7, 23.0 and 22.0; IR (ATR) 2928, 1761, 1740, 1483, 1443, 1177, 1115, 1092 and 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₅O₂ 203.1067; found 203.1065.

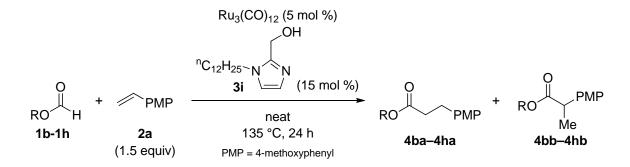
4. General experimental procedure

General experimental procedure of investigations for effect of additives (Table 1).



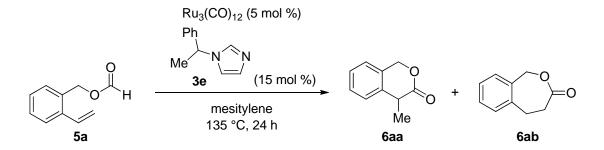
Benzyl formate (**1a**, 77.0 μ L, 0.600 mmol, 1.5 equiv), imidazole derivative as additive **3** (0.0600 mmol, 15 mol %), Ru₃(CO)₁₂ (12.8 mg, 0.0200 mmol, 5 mol %), and mesitylene (0.20 mL) were added to a 2-mL vial equipped with a silicon septum cap under flowing Ar. 4-Methoxystyrene (**2a**, 53.2 μ L, 0.400 mmol) was added to the vial and then sealed by a new silicon septum cap. The mixture was warmed to 135 °C (bath temperature) and stirred for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT and was diluted with EtOAc, washed with H₂O three times, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The obtained residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc 5/1) to afford mixture of the desired product **4aa** and **4ab** as a colorless oil.

General experimental procedure of intermolecular hydroesterification (Tables 2 and 3).



Formate (0.400 mmol), **3i** (16.0 mg, 0.0600 mmol, 15 mol %), and $Ru_3(CO)_{12}$ (12.8 mg, 0.0200 mmol, 5 mol %) were added to a 2-mL vial equipped with a silicon septum cap under flowing Ar. Alkene (0.600 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added to the vial and then sealed by a new silicon septum cap. The mixture was warmed to 135 °C (bath temperature) and stirred for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT and was diluted with EtOAc, washed with H₂O three times, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The obtained residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc 5/1) to afford mixture of the desired linear and branched product as colorless oil.

Representative experimental procedure of intramolecular hydroesterification (Table 4, entry 2).



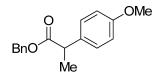
5a (100 mg, 0.620 mmol), **3e** (16.0 mg, 0.0930 mmol, 15 mol %), and mesitylene (0.30 mL) were added to a 2-mL vial equipped with a silicon septum cap under flowing Ar. $Ru_3(CO)_{12}$ (20.0 mg, 0.0310 mmol, 5 mol %) was added to the vial and then sealed by a new silicon septum cap. The mixture was warmed to 135 °C (bath temperature) and stirred for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT and directly purified by PTLC on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc 4/1) to afford *exo* product **6aa** (68 mg, 0.422 mmol, 68%) as a colorless oil and *endo* product **6ab** (8 mg, 0.050 mmol, 8%) as a colorless oil.

5. Analytical data of hydroesterification products

Benzyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (4aa)²²

4aa was obtained from 1a and 2a as a colorless oil. Yield: 48%.

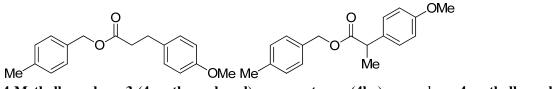
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 6.81 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 5.10 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.91 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.65 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.8, 158.1, 136.0, 132.5, 129.2, 128.5, 128.2, 113.9, 66.2, 55.2, 36.2 and 30.1; IR (ATR) 2934, 1732, 1512, 1244, 1148, 1034, 826, 735, 696 and 519 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₉O₃: 271.1329; found 271.1323.



Benzyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (4ab)

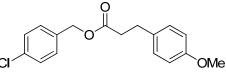
4ab was obtained from 1a and 2a as a colorless oil. Yield: 41%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28-7.25 (m, 7H), 6.85 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 5.12 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.7 Hz) 5.06 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.7 Hz), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.73 (q, 1H, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.49 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.3 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.6, 158.7, 136.0, 132.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 113.9, 66.3, 55.2, 44.6 and 18.5; IR (ATR) 2934, 1732, 1510, 1244, 1153, 1034, 833, 737 and 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₉O₃: 271.1329; found 271.1323.



4-Methylbenzyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (4ba) and **4-methylbenzyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (4bb)**

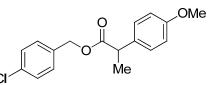
Mixture of **4ba** and **4bb** was obtained from **1b** and **2a** as a colorless oil. Yield: 83% (**4ba**:**4bb** = 53:47). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 6.84 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 6.79 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 5.07 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.9 Hz, **4bb**), 5.05 (s, 2H, **4ba**), 5.00 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.9 Hz, **4bb**), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.70 (q, 1H, *J* = 8.6 Hz, **4bb**), 2.89 (t, 2H, *J* = 9.8 Hz, **4ba**), 2.62 (t, 2H, *J* = 9.8 Hz, **4ba**), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.47 (d, 3H, *J* = 8.6 Hz, **4bb**); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.5, 172.7, 158.6, 158.0, 137.9, 137.8, 133.0, 132.9, 132.5, 132.4, 129.2, 129.13, 129.06, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 113.9, 113.8, 66.3, 66.1, 55.2, 55.1, 44.6, 36.1, 30.0, 21.11, 21.10 and 18.5; IR (ATR) 1730, 1512, 1244, 1151, 1033 and 806 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₂₀O₃: 285.1485; found 285.1483.



4-Chlorobenzyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (4ca)

4ca was obtained from 1c and 2a as a colorless oil. Yield: 31%.

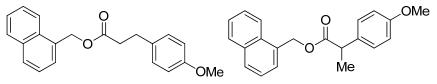
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 7.21 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 7.08 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 6.80 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 5.05 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.90 (t, 2H, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 2.64 (t, 2H, *J* = 9.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.6, 158.1, 134.4, 132.3, 129.5, 129.2, 128.7, 113.8, 65.3, 55.2, 36.1 and 30.0 (one aromatic carbon signal is missing); IR (ATR) 1732, 1512, 1244, 1149, 1033 and 825 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₇ClO₃: 305.0939; found 305.0934.



4-Chlorobenzyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (4cb)

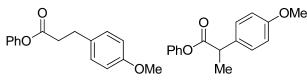
4cb was obtained from 1c and 2a as a colorless oil. Yield: 30%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 7.20 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 7.15 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 6.85 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 5.04 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.71 (q, 1H, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 1.48 (d, 3H, *J* = 9.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.4, 158.7, 134.5, 133.9, 132.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 114.0, 65.5, 55.2, 44.6 and 18.4; IR (ATR) 11732, 1510, 1246, 1155, 1085 and 804 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₇ClO₃: 305.0939; found 305.0931.

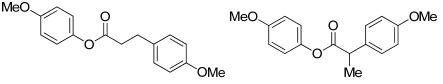


Naphthalen-1-ylmethyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (4da) and naphthalen-1-ylmethyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (4db)

Mixture of **4da** and **4db** was obtained from **1d** and **2a** as a colorless oil. Yield: 79% (**4da:4db** = 44:56). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz, **4db**), 7.06 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz, **4da**), 6.80 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz, **4da**), 6.77 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz, **4db**), 5.55 (s, 2H, **4da**), 5.54 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.9 Hz, **4db**), 5.50 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.9 Hz, **4db**), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.71 (q, 1H, *J* = 9.2 Hz, **4db**), 2.90 (t, 2H, *J* = 9.8 Hz, **4da**), 2.62 (t, 2H, *J* = 9.8 Hz, **4da**), 1.48 (d, 3H, *J* = 9.2 Hz, **4db**); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.5, 172.8, 158.6, 158.0, 133.61, 133.56, 132.31, 132.29, 131.5, 131.44, 131.36, 131.3, 129.2, 129.14, 129.06, 128.6, 128.50, 128.47, 127.4, 127.1, 126.4, 126.3, 125.84, 125.76, 125.2, 125.1, 123.53, 123.47, 113.9, 113.8, 64.9, 64.4, 55.12, 55.08, 44.6, 36.1, 30.0 and 18.5; IR (ATR) 1728, 1510, 1244, 1151, 1033 and 790 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₀O₃: 321.1485; found 321.1493.

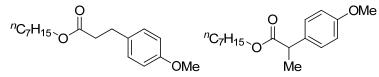


Phenyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (4ea) and **phenyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (4eb)** Mixture of **4ea** and **4eb** was obtained from **1e** and **2a** as a colorless oil. Yield: 43% (**4ea:4eb** = 68:32). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.01-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.84 (m, 2H), 3.91 (q, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, **4eb**), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.01 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, **4ea**), 2.84 (t, 2H, *J* = 16.1 Hz, **4ea**), 1.58 (d, 3H, *J* = 5.9 Hz, **4eb**); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.4, 171.6, 158.9, 158.3, 150.9, 150.7, 132.3, 132.2, 129.5, 129.4, 128.7, 125.9, 125.8, 121.7, 121.5, 114.3, 114.1, 114.0, 55.4, 44.9, 36.4, 30.2 and 18.7; IR (ATR) 2934, 1753, 1611, 1512, 1246, 1194, 1128, 1032, 827 and 689 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₇O₃: 257.1172; found 257.1180.

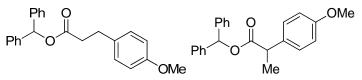


4-Methoxyphenyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (4fa) and **4-methoxyphenyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate** (4fb)

Mixture of **4fa** and **4fb** was obtained from **1f** and **2a** as a colorless oil. Yield: 57% (**4fa**:**4fb** = 48:52). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz, **4fb**), 7.17 (d, 2H, *J* = 11.0 Hz, **4fa**), 6.93-6.81 (m, 6H), 3.88 (q, 1H, *J* = 9.2 Hz, **4fb**), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.00 (t, 2H, *J* = 9.8 Hz, **4fa**), 2.81 (t, 2H, *J* = 9.8 Hz, **4fa**), 1.57 (d, 3H, *J* = 9.2 Hz, **4fb**); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.6, 171.8, 158.8, 158.1, 157.2, 157.1, 144.3, 144.1, 132.18, 132.16, 129.3, 128.5, 122.2, 122.1, 114.4, 114.3, 114.1, 113.9, 55.5, 55.2, 44.7, 36.2, 30.1 and 18.5; IR (ATR) 1749, 1504, 1238, 1184, 1099, 1029 and 813 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₈O₄: 287.1278; found 287.1283.

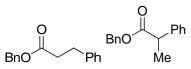


Heptyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (4ga) and heptyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (4gb) Mixture of 4ga and 4gb was obtained from 1g and 2a as a yellow oil. Yield: 76% (4ga:4gb = 61:39). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 (1H, d,), 7.11 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 6.83 (dd, 2H, *J* = 10.7, 8.8 Hz), 4.04 (td, 2H, *J* = 6.8, 3.9 Hz), 3.77 (d, 3H, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.65 (q, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4gb), 2.88 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4ga), 2.58 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4ga), 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.47 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4gb), 1.26 (m, 8H), 0.87 (q, 3H, *J* = 6.7 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.8, 173.0, 158.5, 158.0, 132.7, 132.5, 129.1, 128.4, 113.8, 64.7, 64.5, 55.1, 44.6, 36.1, 31.6, 30.1, 28.8, 28.5, 25.8, 25.7, 22.5, 18.4 and 14.0; IR (ATR) 2928, 1732, 1612, 1512, 1458, 1246, 1204, 1167, 1036 and 827 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₇O₃: 279.1955; found 279.1953.



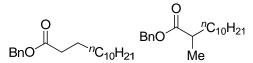
Benzhydryl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (4ha) and benzhydryl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (4hb)

Mixture of **4ha** and **4hb** was obtained from **1h** and **2a** as a colorless oil. Yield: 73% (**4ha**:**4hb** = 83:17). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 7.55 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.45 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.34-7.19 (m, 5H), 7.10-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.77 (m, 3H), 3.80-3.72 (m, 1H, **4hb**), 3.75 (s, 3H, **4ha**), 3.74 (s, 3H, **4hb**), 2.91 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, **4ha**), 2.70 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, **4ha**), 1.49 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, **4hb**); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.6, 171.9, 158.0, 140.1, 137.5, 132.3, 123.0, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.5, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.6, 113.9, 113.8, 55.2, 55.1, 44.8, 36.3, 30.0 and 18.2; IR (ATR) 1734, 1659, 1512, 1246, 1150, 1032, 829, 745, 700 and 638 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₃O₃: 347.1642; found 347.1633.



Benzyl 3-phenylpropanoate (4ia)²³ and benzyl 2-phenylpropanoate (4ib)²⁴

Mixture of **4ia** and **4ib** was obtained from **1a** and **2b** as a colorless oil. Yield: >99% (**4ia**:**4ib** = 55:45). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.17 (m, 10H), 5.13 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.7 Hz), 5.11 (s, 2H), 5.07 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.2 Hz), 3.78 (q, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, **4ib**), 2.97 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, **4ia**), 2.69 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, **4ia**), 1.52 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, **4ib**); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.2, 172.6, 140.4, 136.0, 135.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 127.1, 126.2, 66.3, 66.2, 45.5, 35.8, 30.9 and 18.4; IR (ATR) 3030, 1732, 1497, 1454, 1200, 1152, 1030, 733 and 694 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₉O₂: 241.1223; found 241.1214.



Benzyl tridecanoate (4ja) and benzyl 2-methyltridecanoate (4jb)

Mixture of 4ja and 4jb was obtained from 1a and 2c as a gray oil. Yield: 75% (4ja:4jb = 76:24).

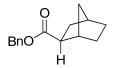
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31-7.28 (m, 5H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 2.48 (q, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, **4jb**), 2.35 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, **4ja**), 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.25-1.28 (m, 18H), 1.16 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.8 Hz, **4jb**), 0.86 (t, 3H, *J* = 8.3 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.8, 176.5, 176.4, 173.8, 136.4, 136.3, 128.6, 128.3, 66.1, 66.0, 65.9, 47.5, 45.8, 45.6, 39.7, 34.4, 33.9, 32.0, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 27.3, 25.1, 22.8, 17.2 and 14.3; IR (ATR) 2922, 2853, 1736, 1456, 1213, 1155, 1115, 748, 733 and 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₃₃O₂: 305.2475; found 305.2476.

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Benzyl 3-phenylbutanoate (4k)²⁵

4k was obtained from 1a and 2d as a colorless oil. Yield: 50%.

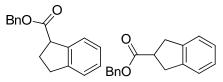
¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33-7.18 (m, 10H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 3.30 (q, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 2.64 (dq, 2H, *J* = 7.6, 7.5 Hz), 1.30 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.1, 145.5, 135.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 126.7, 126.4, 66.1, 42.9, 36.5 and 21.8; IR (ATR) 2963, 1730, 1495, 1454, 1265, 1152, 1020, 976, 750 and 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₉O₂: 255.1380; found 255.1385.



(1*S*,2*S*,4*R*)-Benzyl bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2-carboxylate (41)²⁶

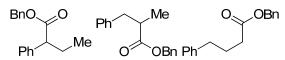
4l was obtained from 1a and 1e as a colorless oil. Yield: 83%.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.33 (m, 5H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 2.52 (br s, 1H), 2.37 (q, 1H, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 2.30 (br s, 1H), 1.89-1.83 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.49 (m, 4H), 1.23-1.19 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.8, 136.4, 128.5, 128.0, 66.0, 46.5, 40.9, 36.5, 36.0, 34.1, 29.4 and 28.6; IR (ATR) 2953, 1728, 1310, 1213, 1155, 1065, 1024, 735 and 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₉O₂: 232.1380; found 232.1380.



Benzyl 2,3-dihydro-1*H***-indene-1-carboxylate** (4ma) and benzyl 2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (4mb)

Mixture of **4ma** and **4mb** was obtained from **1a** and **2f** as a colorless oil. Yield: 88% (**4ma:4mb** = 76:24). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 5H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 4.09 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, **4ma**), 3.40-3.31 (m, 1H, **4mb**), 3.29-3.18 (m, 4H, **4mb**), 3.14-3.06 (m, 1H, **4ma**), 2.94-2.87 (m, 1H, **4ma**), 2.51-2.42 (m, 1H, **4ma**), 2.37-2.28 (m, 1H, **4ma**); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.2, 173.9, 144.3, 141.7, 140.7, 136.2, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 126.8, 126.6, 125.0, 124.8, 124.5, 66.7, 66.6, 50.3, 43.8, 36.3, 31.9 and 28.8; IR (ATR) 2947, 1730, 1603, 1456, 1258, 1153, 1016, 970, 745 and 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₇O₂: 253.1223; found 253.1231.



Ph OBn Ph OBn Ph Benzyl 2-phenylbutanoate (4na),²⁷ benzyl 2-methyl-3-phenylpropanoate (4nb),²⁴ and benzyl 4-phenylbutanoate (4nc)²⁹

Mixture of **4na**, **4nb** and **4nc** was obtained from **1a** and **2g** as a colorless oil. Yield: 69% (**4na**:**4nb**:**4nc** = 51:20:29).

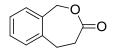
¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56-7.13 (m, 10H), 5.14 (d, 1H, J = 12.7 Hz), 5.11 (s, 2H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 5.06 (d, 1H, J = 12.7 Hz), 3.51 (t, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz, **4na**), 3.04 (q, 1H, J = 6.7 Hz, **4nb**), 2.80 (q, 1H, J = 7.0 Hz, **4nb**), 2.70 (t, 1H, J = 6.6 Hz, **4nb**), 2.64 (t, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz, **4nc**), 2.38 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz, **4nc**), 2.18-2.07 (m, 1H, **4na**), 2.01-1.94 (m, 2H, **4nc**), 1.87-1.77 (m, 1H, **4na**), 1.18 (d, 3H, J = 6.8 Hz, **4nb**), 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 7.3 Hz, **4na**); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.9, 173.3, 141.3, 139.2, 136.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 126.3, 126.0, 66.3, 66.1, 41.5, 39.7, 35.1, 33.6, 26.6, 26.5 and

16.8; IR (ATR) 3028, 1732, 1497, 1454, 1153, 1028, 743, 696 and 509 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{17}H_{19}O_2$: 255.1380; found 255.1389.

4-Methylisochroman-3-one (6aa)²⁸

6aa was obtained from 5a as a colorless oil. Yield: 67%.

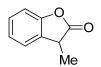
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41-7.24 (m, 4H), 5.34 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 5.28 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 3.64 (q, 1H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.64 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.4, 135.4, 131.8, 128.7, 126.9, 124.5, 124.4, 69.0, 39.2, and 12.7; IR (ATR) 1736, 1462, 1381, 1240, 1150, 1123, 1043, 1022, 793, 752, and 733 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₁O₂: 163.0754; found 163.0763.



4,5-Dihydrobenzo[c]oxepin-3(1H)-one (6ab)²⁹

6ab was obtained from 5a as a colorless oil. Yield: 8%.

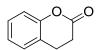
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.15 (m, 3H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 3.28-3.24 (m, 2H), 3.11-3.07 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.0, 137.0, 133.1, 129.9, 129.20, 129.17, 126.6, 70.2, 31.5, and 28.3; IR (ATR) 1726, 1452, 1381, 1236, 1152, 1016, and 754 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₁O₂: 163.0754; found 163.0749.



3-Methylbenzofuran-2(3*H***)-one (6ba)³⁰**

6ba was obtained from 5b as a colorless oil. Yield: 71%.

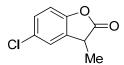
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.15 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.09 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 3.72 (q, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.56 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.8, 153.4, 128.72, 128.66, 124.1, 123.8, 110.6, 38.2, and 15.7; IR (ATR) 1800, 1618, 1477, 1464, 1292, 1231, 1202, 1125, 1086, 1030, 989, 878, 748, and 727 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₉O₂: 149.0597; found 149.0597.



Chroman-2-one (6bb)³¹

6bb was obtained from 5b as a colorless oil. Yield: 11%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.10-6.95 (m, 2H), 3.01-2.89 (m, 2H), 2.78-2.69 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6, 152.0, 128.3, 128.0, 124.4, 122.6, 117.0, 29.3, and 23.7; IR (ATR) 1768, 1751, 1489, 1458, 1244, 1225, 1138, 1107, 1024, 897, and 754 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₉O₂: 149.0597; found 149.0589.



5-Chloro-3-methylbenzofuran-2(3H)-one (6ca)

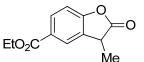
6ca was obtained from 5c as a colorless oil. Yield: 67%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 3.74 (q, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.57 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.1, 151.8, 130.4, 129.4, 128.8, 128.4, 124.2, 111.8, 38.5 and 15.7; IR (ATR) 1803, 1471, 1231, 1132, 1094, 1026, 849 and 812 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₈ClO₂: 183.0207; found 183.0214.

6-Chlorochroman-2-one (6cb)³³

6cb was obtained from 5d as a white solid (m.p. 107 °C). Yield: 13%.

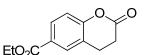
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 3.05-2.94 (m, 2H), 2.84-2.74 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.7, 150.5, 129.4, 128.3, 127.9, 124.2, 118.3, 28.8, and 23.6; IR (ATR) 1734, 1479, 1414, 1341, 1280, 1225, 1179, 1163, 1153, 1115, 1082, 899, and 818 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₈ClO₂: 183.0207; found 183.0211.



Ethyl 3-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-carboxylate (6da)

6da was obtained from 5d as a white solid (m.p. 97 °C). Yield: 59%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 1.2, 0.8 Hz), 7.97 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.2, 0.8 Hz), 7.15 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 4.38 (qdd, 2H, *J* = 7.6, 0.8, 0.8 Hz), 3.78 (q, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.62 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.41 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.2, 165.8, 156.8, 131.2, 128.9, 126.7, 125.5, 110.5, 61.2, 38.1, 15.7, 14.3; IR (ATR) 1802, 1709, 1620, 1242, 1022, 993 and 768 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₄: 221.0808; found 221.0808.



Ethyl 2-oxochroman-6-carboxylate (6db)

6db was obtained from 5d as a colorless oil. Yield: 14%.

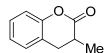
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (dd, 1H, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz), 7.93 (d, 1H, J = 1.2 Hz), 7.09 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 4.38 (q, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 3.07 (t, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 2.82 (t, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 1.40 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.6, 165.7, 155.2, 130.0, 129.7, 126.7, 122.5, 117.0, 61.1, 28.9, 23.6 and 14.3; IR (ATR) 1775, 1709, 1285, 1265, 1115, 1098, 1026, 897 and 770 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₄: 221.0808; found 221.0810.



3-Ethylbenzofuran-2(3H)-one (6ea)³²

6ea was obtained from 5e or 5f as a colorless oil. Yield: 90% from 5e, 82% from 5f.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 3.70 (t, 1H, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 2.11-2.01 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.0, 153.8, 128.6, 127.1, 124.1, 123.9, 110.5, 44.4, 24.2, and 10.0; IR (ATR) 1800, 1618, 1477, 1462, 1229, 1126, 1047, 908, 878, and 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₁O₂: 163.0754; found 163.0756.



3-Methylchroman-2-one (6eb)³³

6eb was obtained from **5d** or **5f** as a white solid (m.p. 61 °C). Yield: 10% from **5e**, 13% from **5f**. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.10-6.98 (m, 2H), 3.06-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.83-2.61 (m, 2H), 1.37 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 151.8, 128.1, 127.9, 124.2, 122.8, 116.5, 34.2, 31.6, and 15.3; IR (ATR) 1746, 1489, 1458, 1358, 1225, 1150, 1113, 937, and 756 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₁O₂: 163.0754; found 163.0751.



3,3-Dimethylbenzofuran-2(3H)-one (6ga)³⁴

Following the general procedure except for using **3f** in place of **3e**, **6ga** was obtained from **5g** as a colorless oil. Yield: 28%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 7.2, 1.6 Hz), 7.22 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz), 7.15 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 8.0 7.2, 0.8 Hz), 7.11 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 0.8 Hz), 1.50 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.8, 152.2, 133.6, 128.5, 124.2, 122.7, 110.7, 42.8, and 25.2; IR (ATR) 1798, 1618, 1477, 1458, 1290, 1233, 1188, 1119, 1103, 1034, 935, 876, and 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₁O₂: 163.0754; found 163.0754.



4-Methylchroman-2-one (6gb)³⁵

Following the general procedure except for using **3f** in place of **3e**, **6gb** was obtained from **5g** as colorless oil. Yield: 58%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46-7.06 (m, 4H), 3.24-3.17 (m, 1H), 2.89 (dd, 1H, *J* = 15.8, 5.5 Hz), 2.60 (dd, 1H, *J* = 15.8, 8.6 Hz), 1.36 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.2, 151.2, 128.2, 127.8, 126.5, 124.6, 117.0, 36.8, 28.5, and 19.8; IR (ATR) 1763, 1487, 1449, 1348, 1215, 1146, 1115, 1078, 908, and 756 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₁O₂: 163.0754; found 163.0747.



3-Methyl-3-phenylbenzofuran-2(3H)-one (6ha)³⁵

Following the general procedure except for using **3f** in place of **3e**, **6ha** was obtained from **5h** as a colorless oil. Yield: 72%.

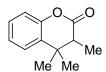
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4-Phenylchroman-2-one (6hb)³⁶

Following the general procedure except for using **3f** in place of **3e**, **6hb** was obtained from **5h** as a white solid (m.p. 82 °C). Yield: 16%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 3H), 7.09 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.98 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 4.35 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 3.09 (dd, 1H, *J* = 16.1, 6.2 Hz), 3.03 (dd, 1H, *J* = 16.1, 7.9 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.6, 151.7, 140.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 125.8, 124.6, 117.1, 40.7, and 37.0; IR (ATR) 1765, 1485, 1454, 1213, 1130, 924, 754, and 698 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₃O₂: 225.0910; found 225.0911.



3,4,4-Trimethylchroman-2-one (6ia)

6ia was obtained from 5i as a colorless oil. Yield: 83%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz), 7.25 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 7.2, 1.6 Hz), 7.14 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 8.4, 7.2, 1.6 Hz), 7.03 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz), 2.62 (q, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.21 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.20 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 150.1, 131.9, 128.1, 124.7, 124.6, 116.7, 45.1, 36.0, 26.4, 22.9 and 10.2; IR (ATR) 2974, 1763, 1447, 1207, 1161, 1065, 1011 and 754 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₅O₂: 191.1067; found 191.1075.



5,5-Dimethyl-4,5-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-2(3H)-one (6ib)

6ib was obtained from 5i as a colorless oil. Yield: 9%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (dd, 1H, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz), 7.29 (ddd, 1H, J = 7.6, 7.2, 2.0 Hz), 7.21 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.0, 7.2, 1.6 Hz), 7.10 (dd, 1H, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz), 2.44 (t, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.08 (t, 2H, J = 7.2

Hz), 1.42 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.0, 151.6, 136.1, 128.2, 126.6, 125.8, 120.8, 41.1, 36.0, 30.7 and 29.4; IR (ATR) 2965, 1753, 1440, 1204, 1132, 1084 and 756 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₅O₂: 191.1067; found 191.1068.

3-Isopropylbenzofuran-2(3H)-one (6j)³⁷

6j was obtained from 5j as a colorless oil. Yield: 99%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.00-7.10 (m, 2H), 3.56 (d, 1H, J = 3.9 Hz), 2.41 (m, 1H), 1.01 (d, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz), 0.89 (d, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.4, 154.1, 128.7, 126.1, 124.5, 123.8, 110.5, 49.7, 31.3, 19.3, and 18.4; IR (ATR) 2965, 1802, 1618, 1477, 1460, 1231, 1126, 1043, 891, 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₁₃O₂: 177.0910; found 177.0917.



2H-Spiro[benzofuran-3,1'-cyclopentan]-2-one (6ka)³⁸

Following the general procedure except for using **3f** in place of **3e**, **6ka** was obtained from **5k** as a colorless oil. Yield: 47%.

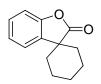
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1,3,3a,9b-Tetrahydrocyclopenta[c]chromen-4(2H)-one (6kb)

Following the general procedure except for using **3f** in place of **3e**, **6kb** (diastereomer mixture) was obtained from **5k** as a colorless oil. Yield: 28%.

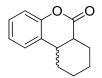
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29-7.01 (m, 8H), 3.30-3.26 (m, 1H), 3.09-3.04 (m, 1H), 3.02-2.92 (m, 1H), 2.46-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.26 (m, 2H), 2.20-2.09 (m, 3H), 2.04-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.61 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 170.7, 152.6, 150.6, 128.8, 128.1, 128.1, 128.0, 125.1, 124.4, 124.2, 124.1, 116.8, 116.4, 46.6, 42.9, 41.5, 40.8, 33.7, 28.7, 27.5, 23.4, 22.9 and 22.9; IR (ATR) 2955, 1755, 1487, 1452, 1219, 1144, 1123, 1105 and 752 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₂: 189.0910; found 189.0919.



2H-Spiro[benzofuran-3,1'-cyclohexan]-2-one (6la)

6la was obtained from 5l as a colorless oil. Yield: 72%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz), 7.28 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 7.6, 1.6 Hz), 7.13 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 7.6, 0.8 Hz), 7.10 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 1.99-1.87 (m, 4H), 1.79-1.62 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.5, 152.3, 133.4, 128.2, 123.8, 123.8, 110.6, 46.0, 33.8, 24.9 and 20.7; IR (ATR) 2933, 2855, 1796, 1460, 1231, 1150, 1007 and 752 cm⁻¹; HRMS (DART) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₅O₂: 203.1067; found 203.1063.

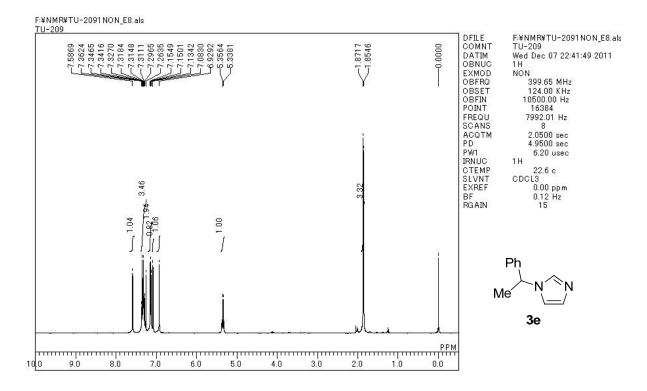


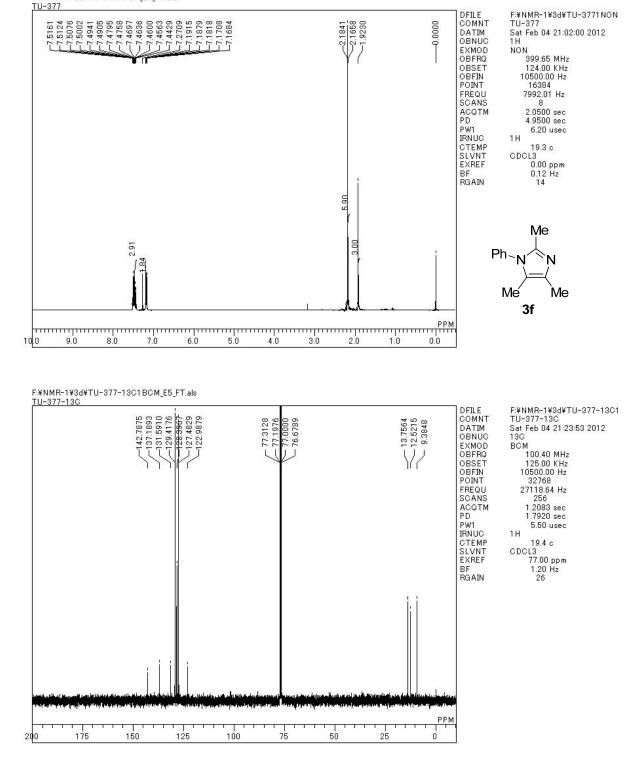
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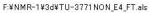
6lb (diastereomer mixture) was obtained from 5l as a colorless oil. Yield: 28%.

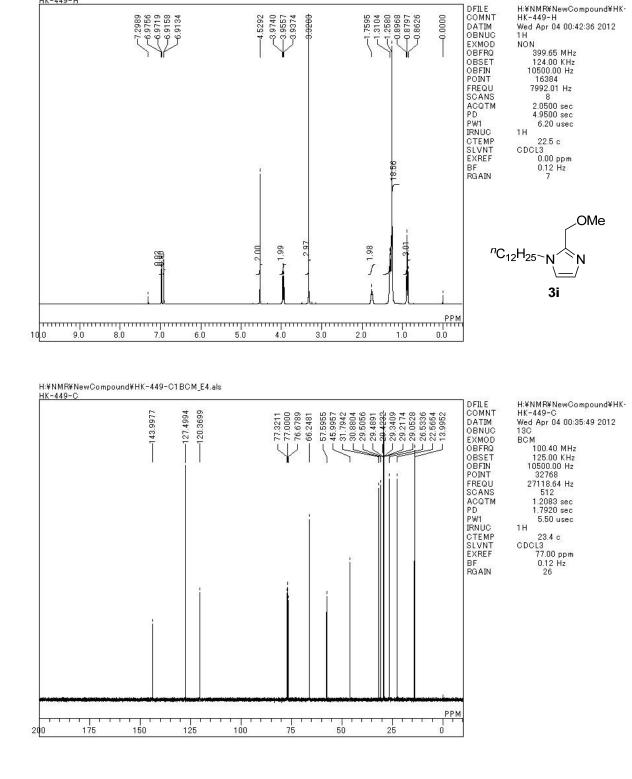
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6. NMR spectra of newly obtained compounds



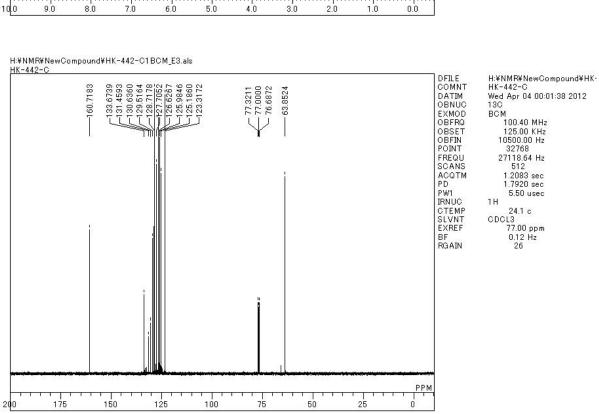


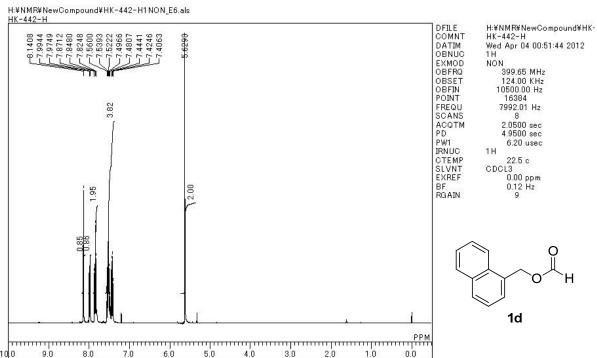




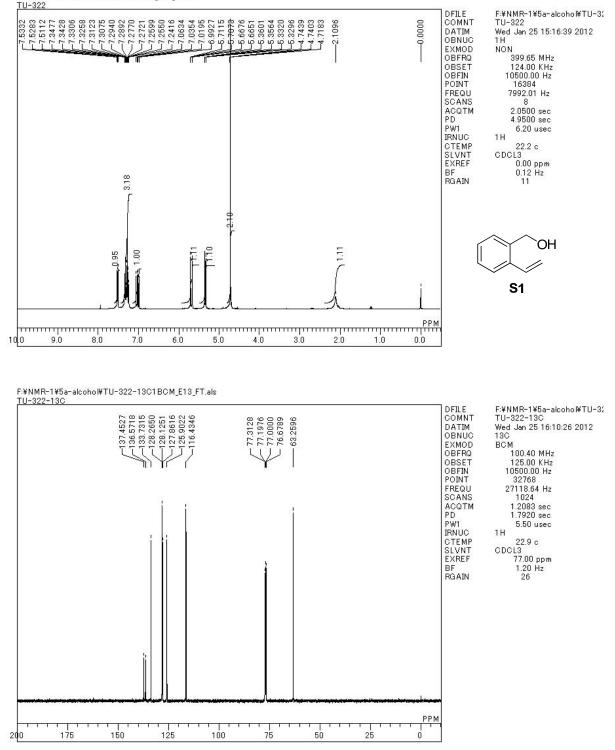
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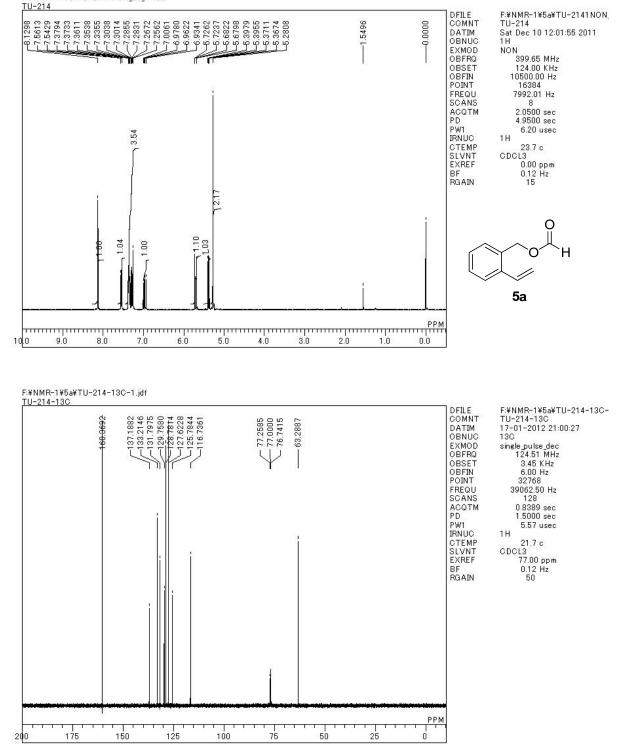


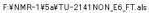


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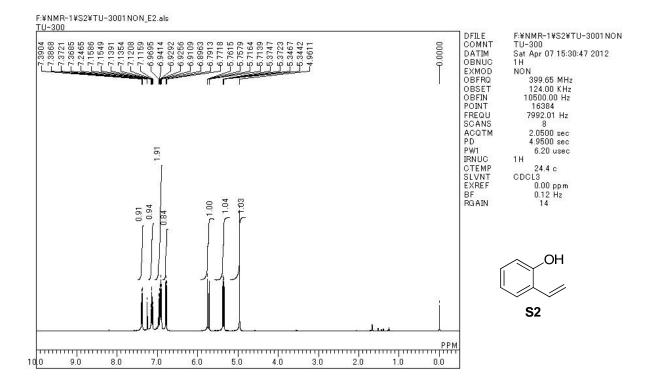


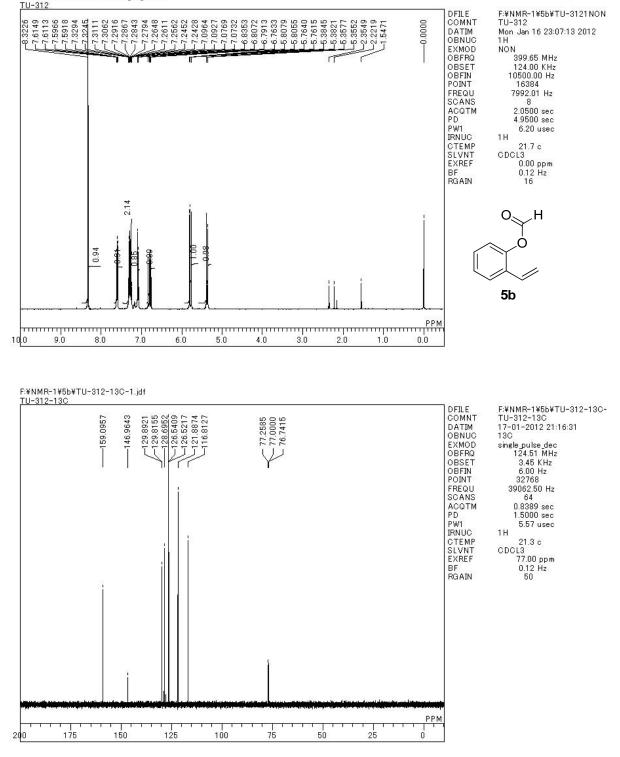
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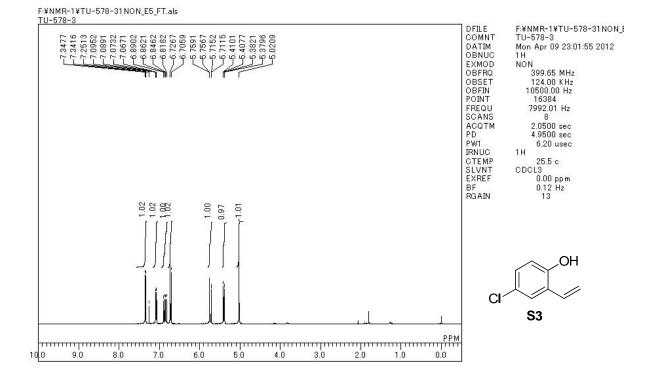
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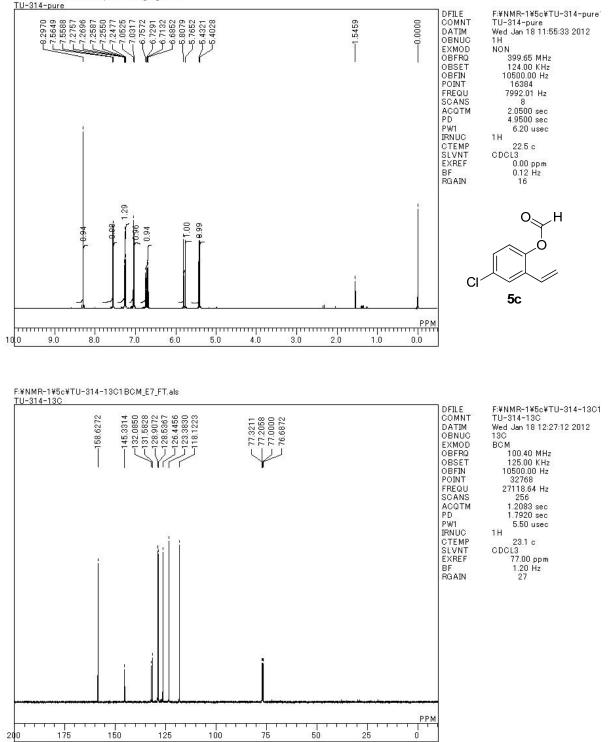


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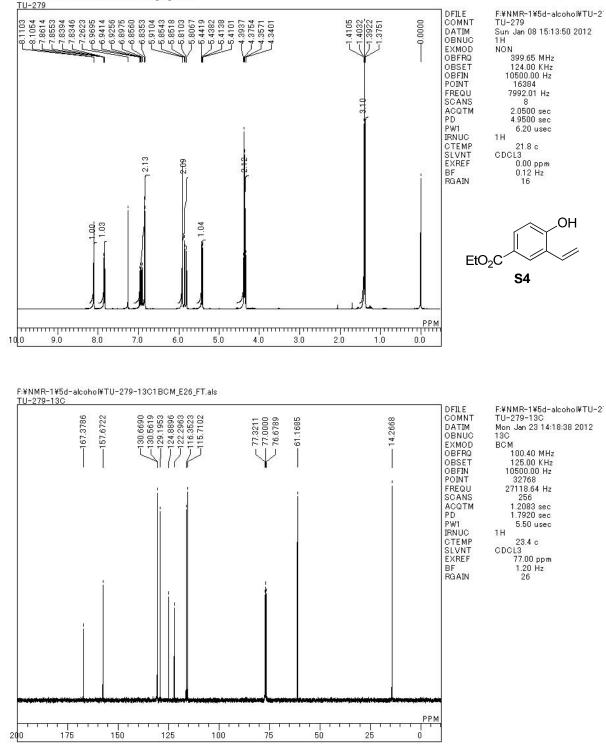
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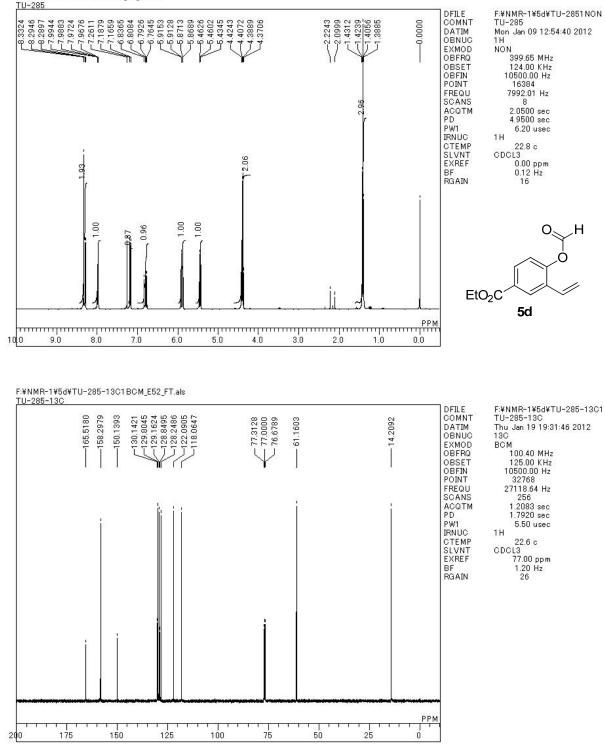
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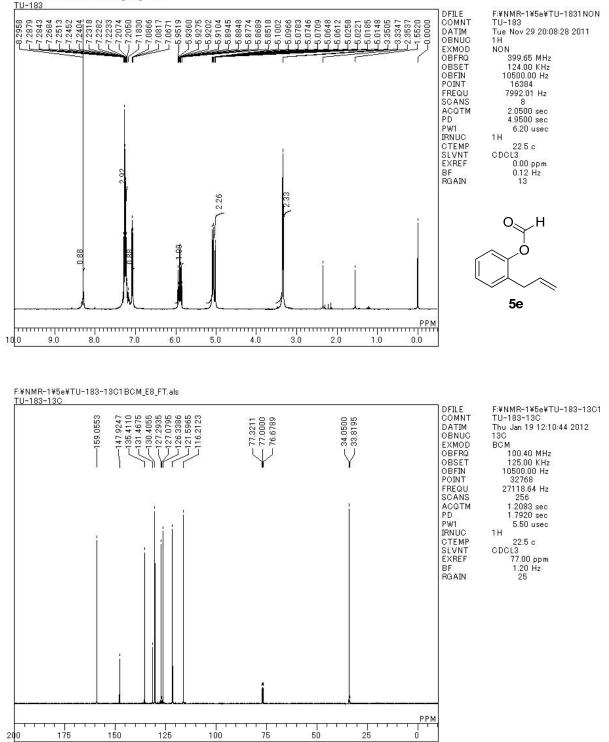
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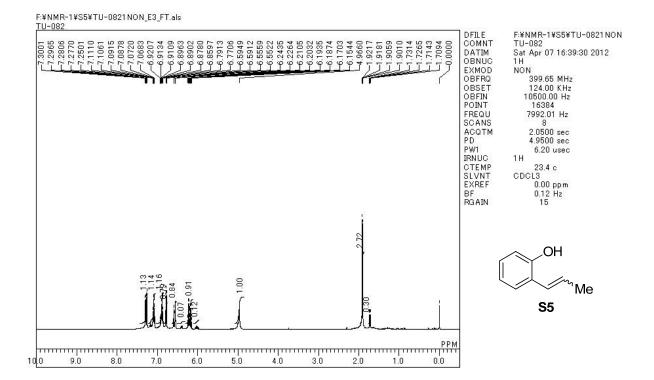
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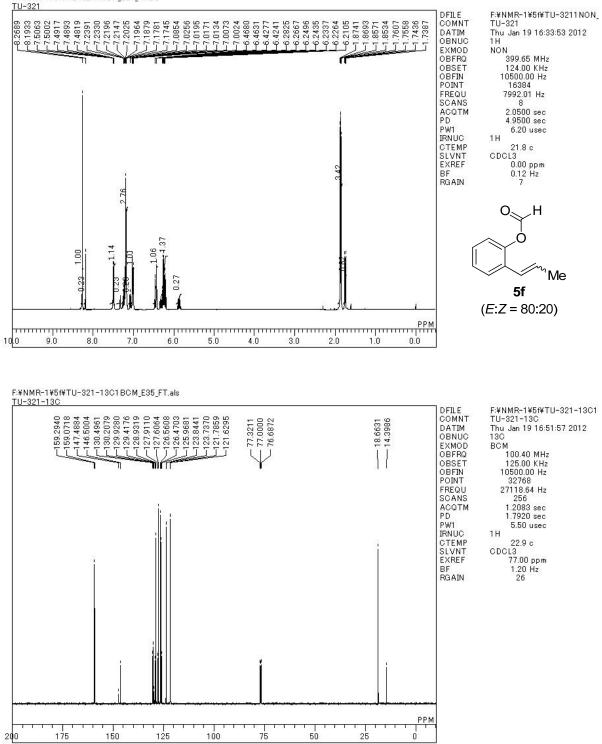


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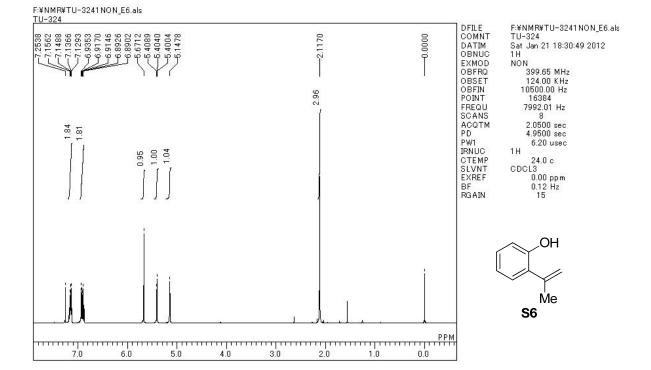


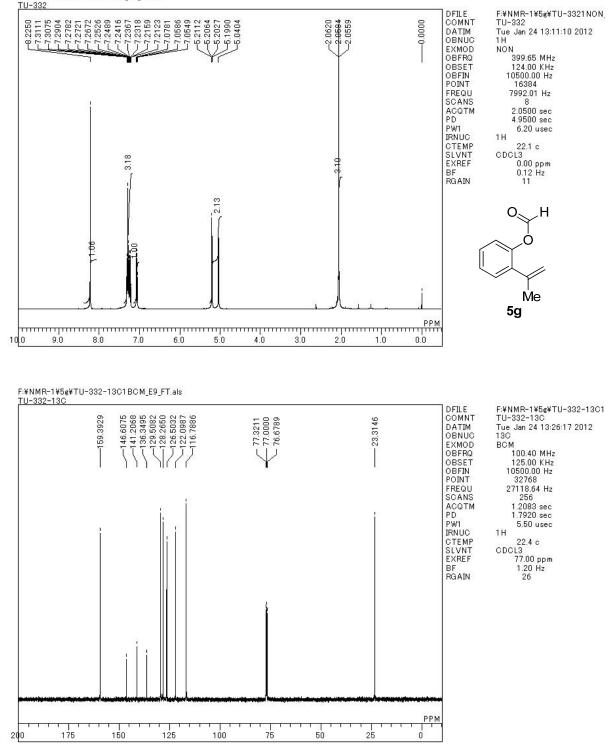
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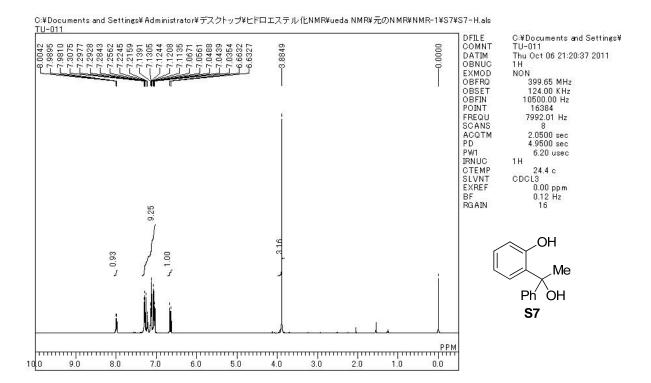


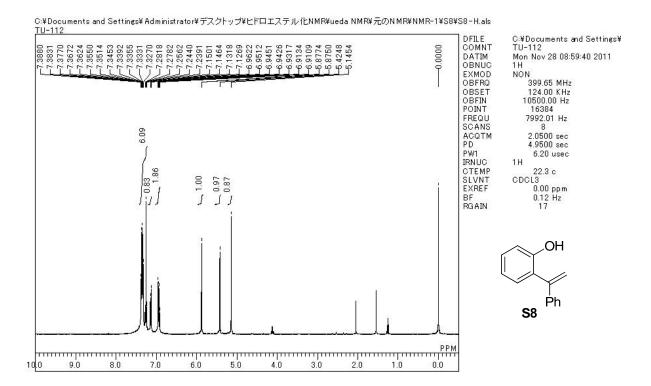
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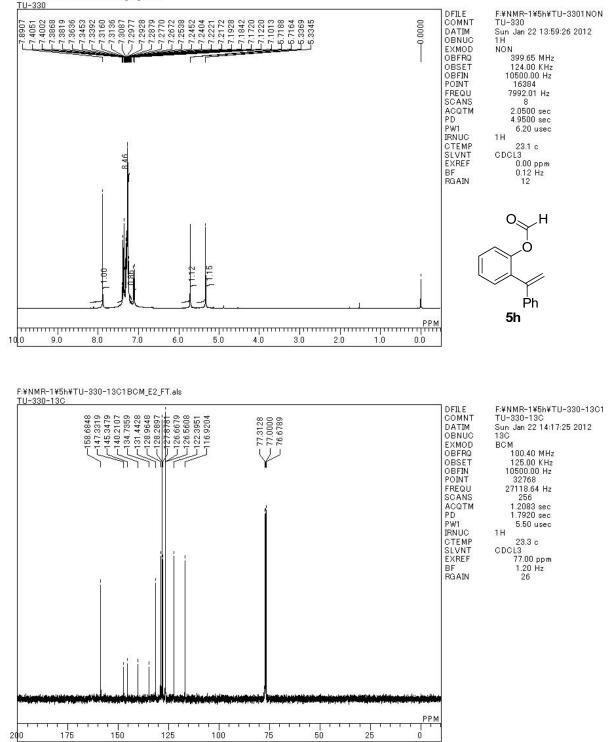




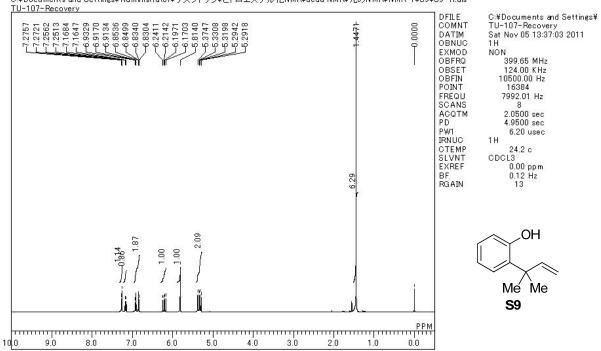
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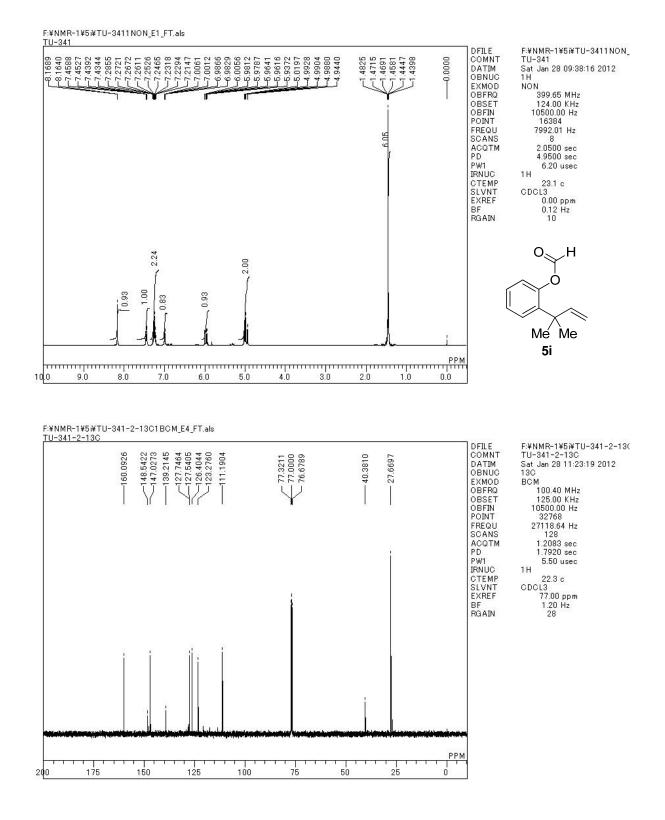




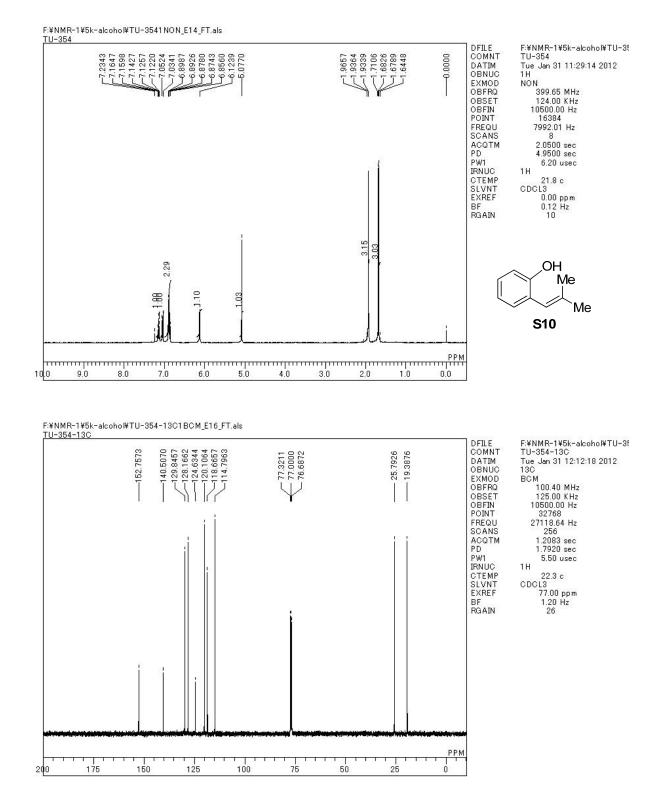
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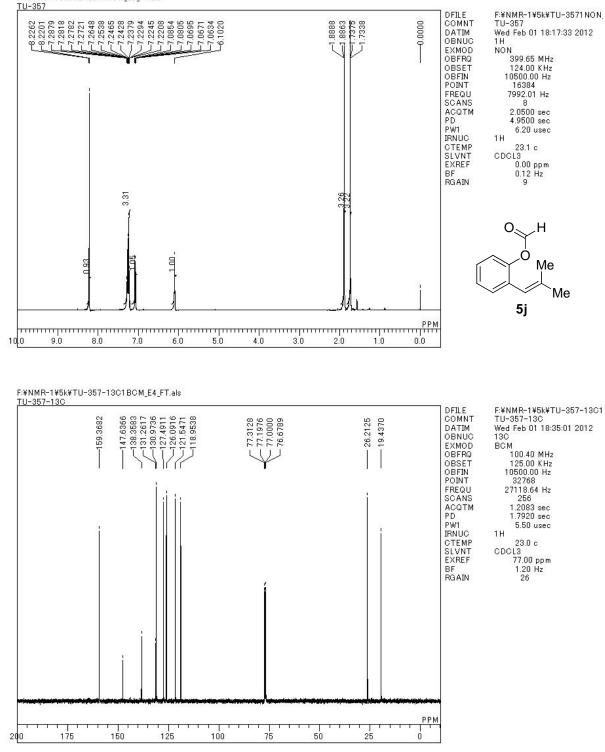


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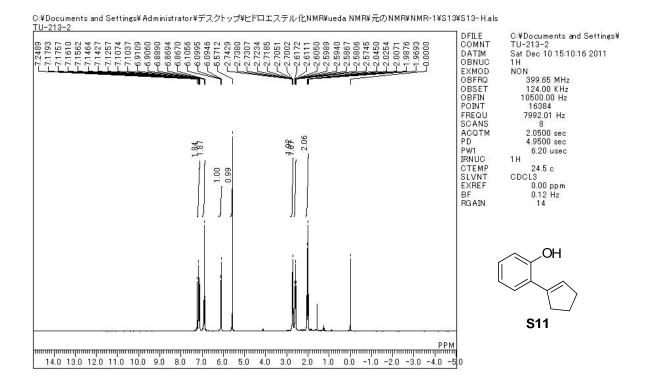


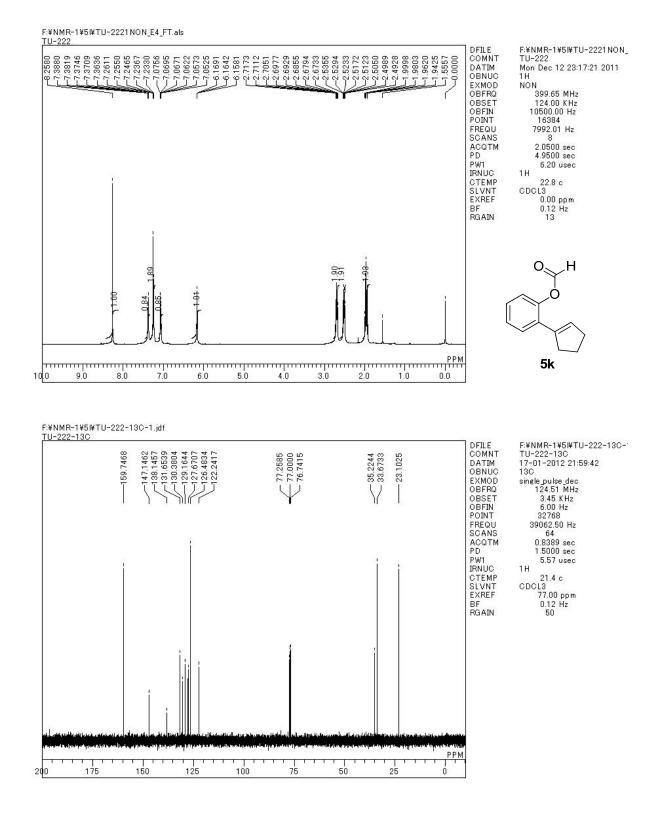


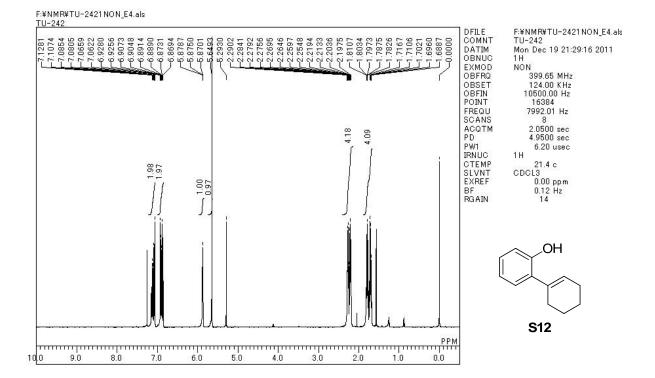


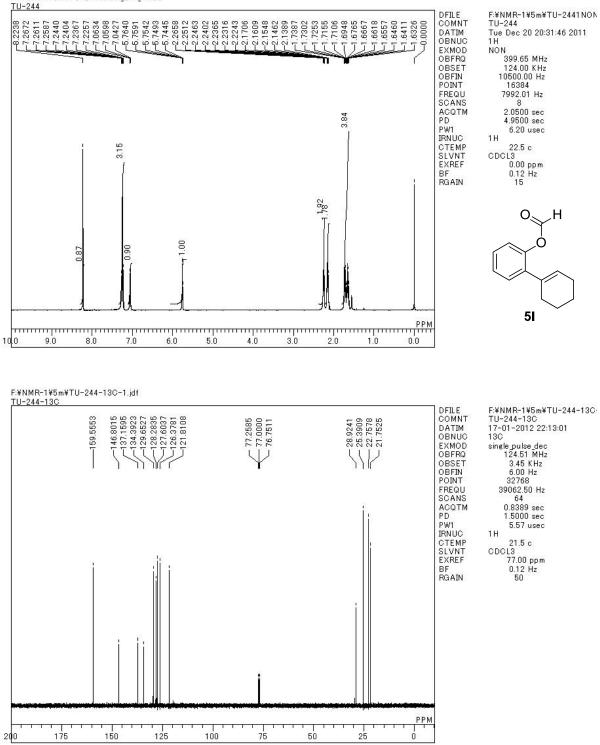


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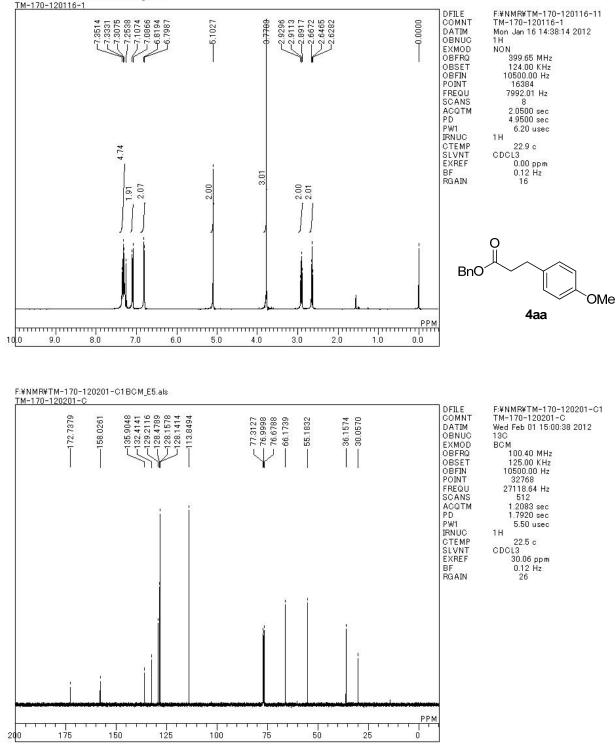




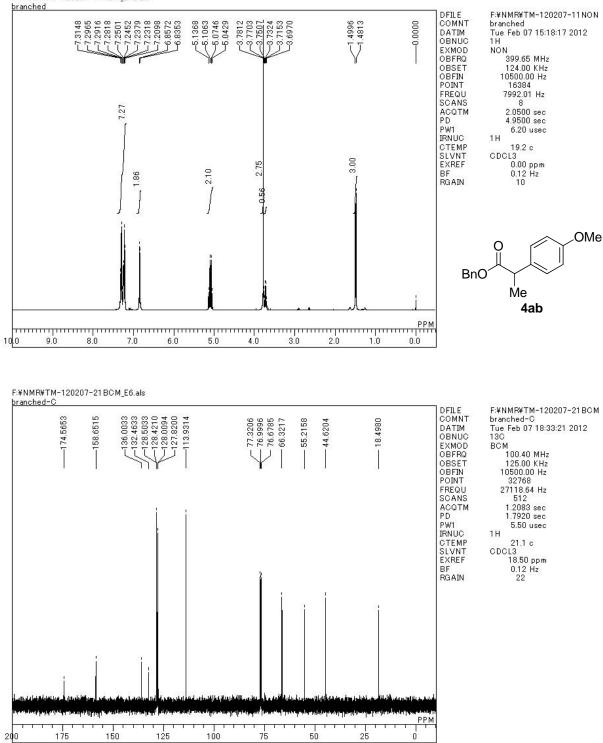




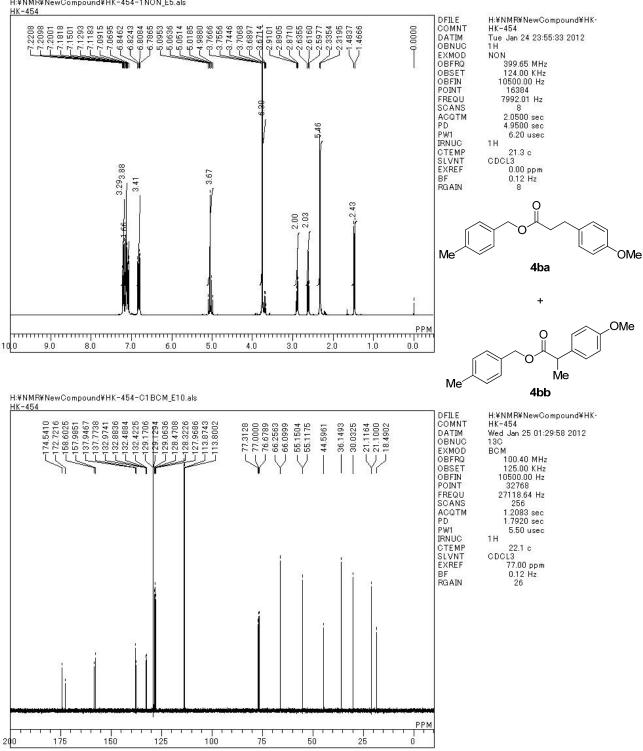
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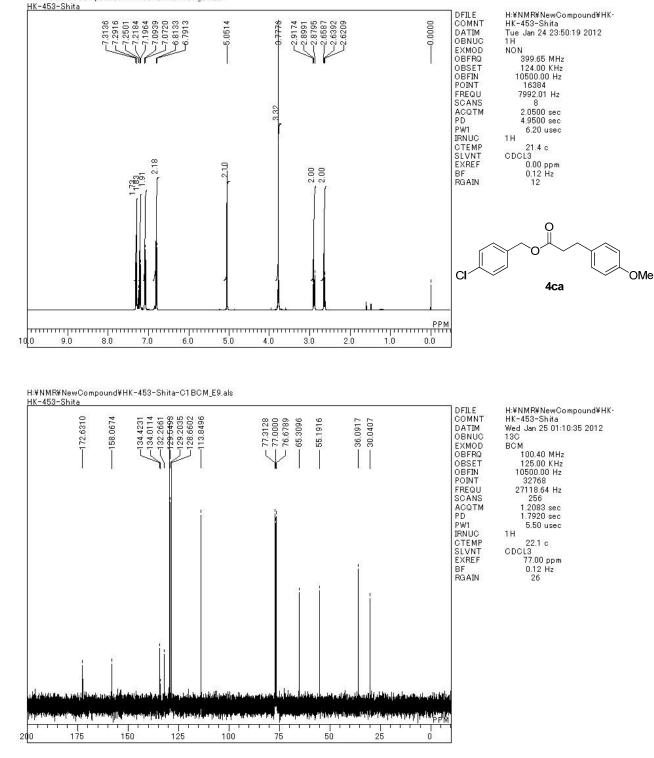
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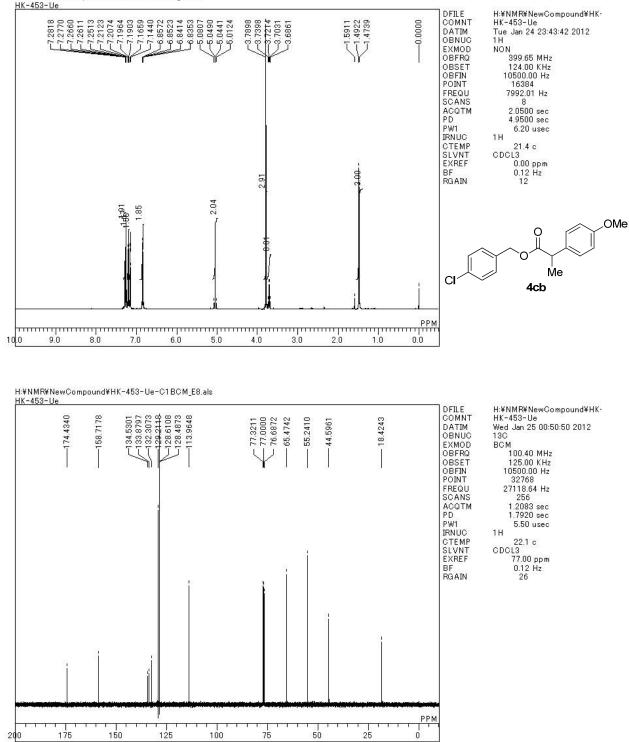
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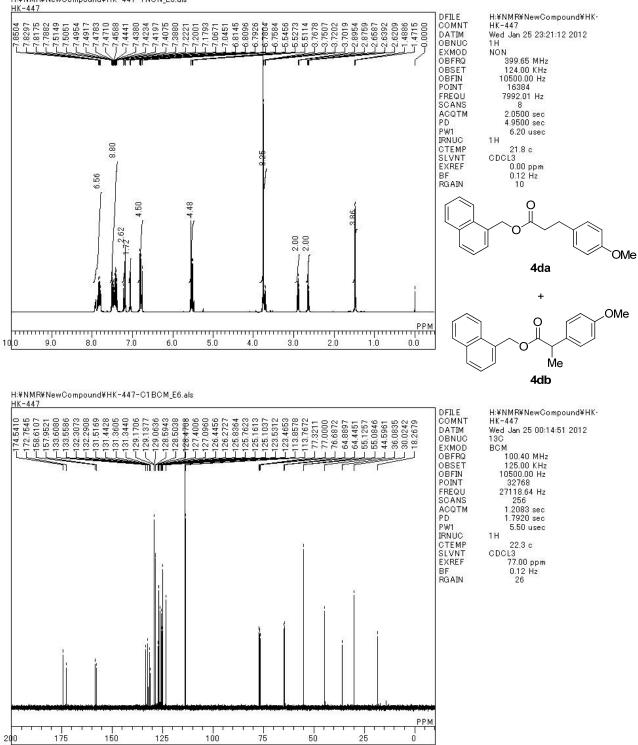
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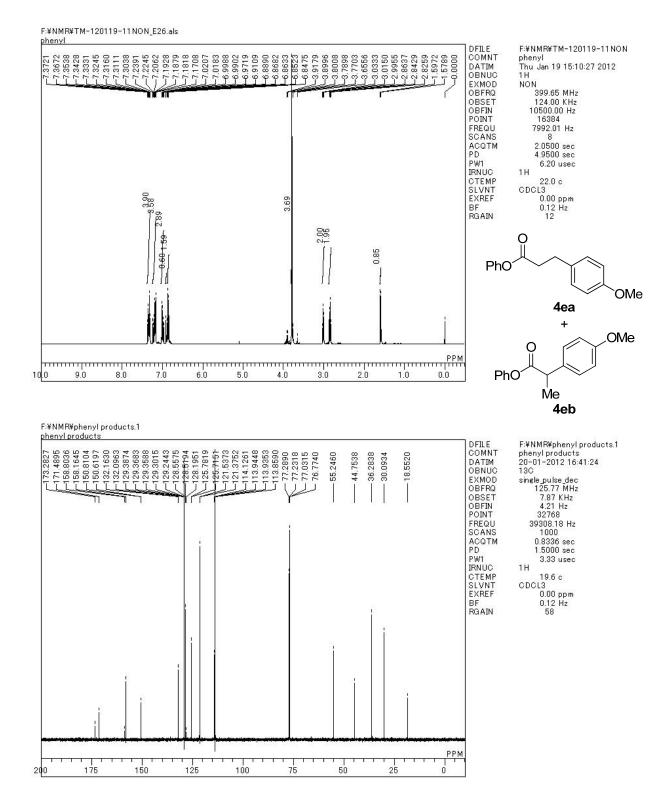
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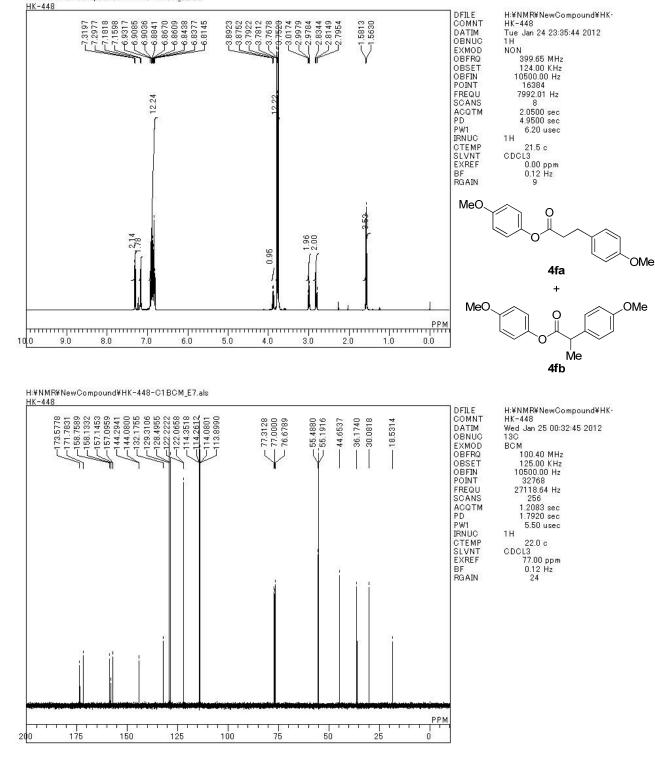


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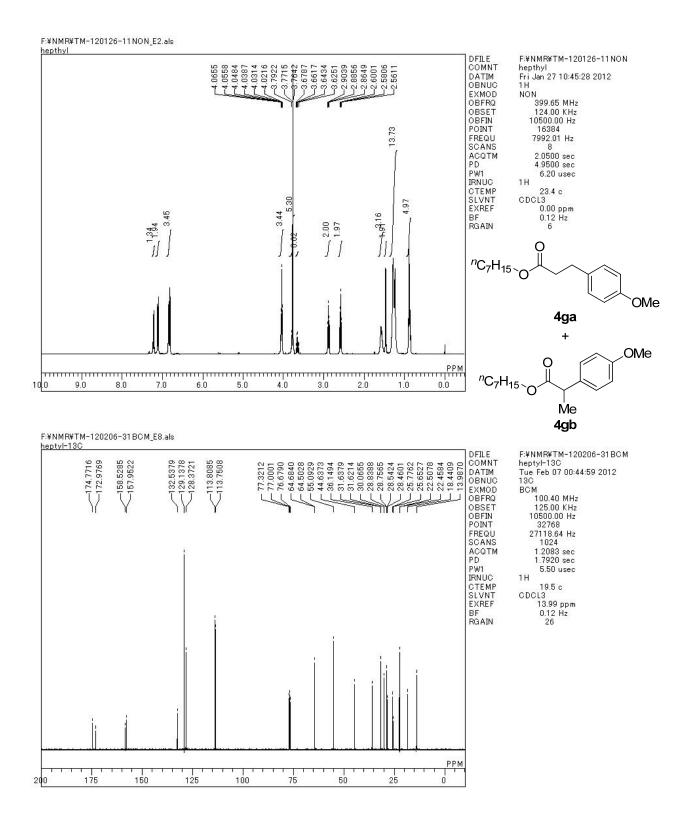


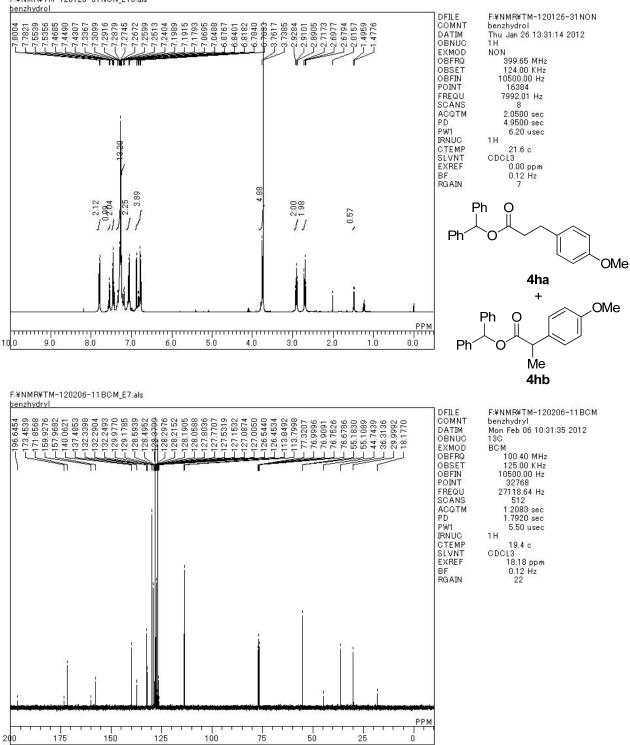
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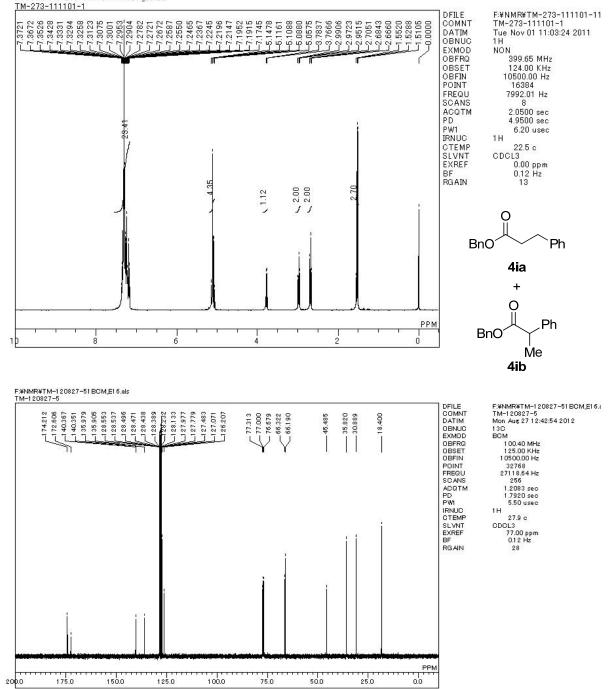


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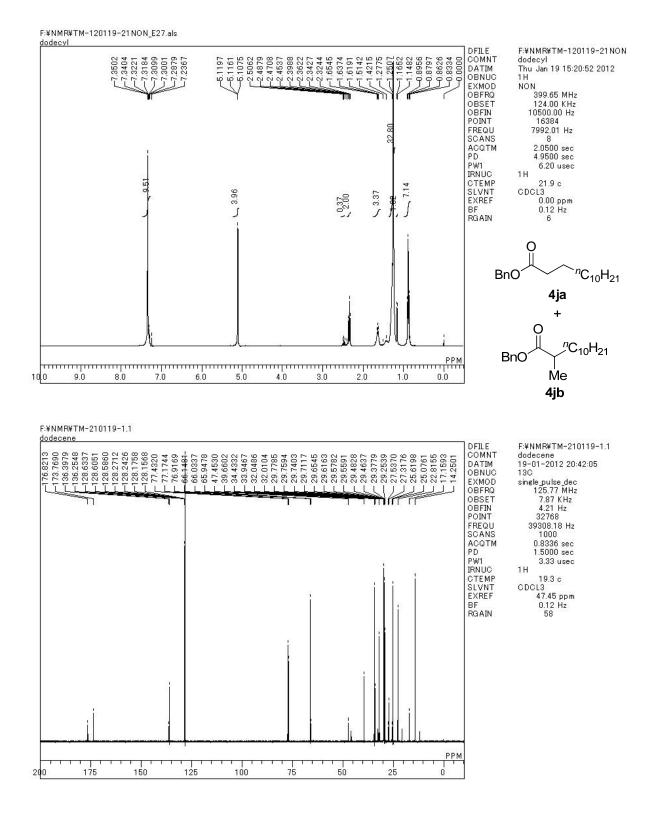


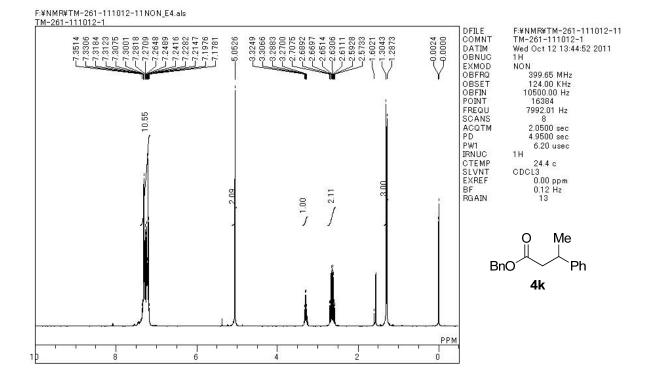


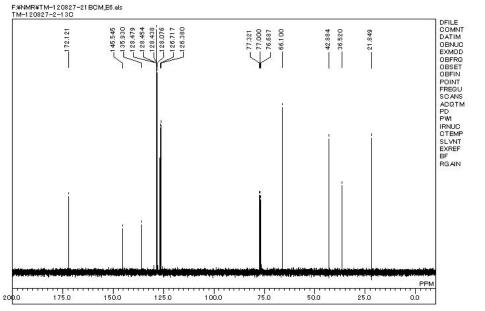
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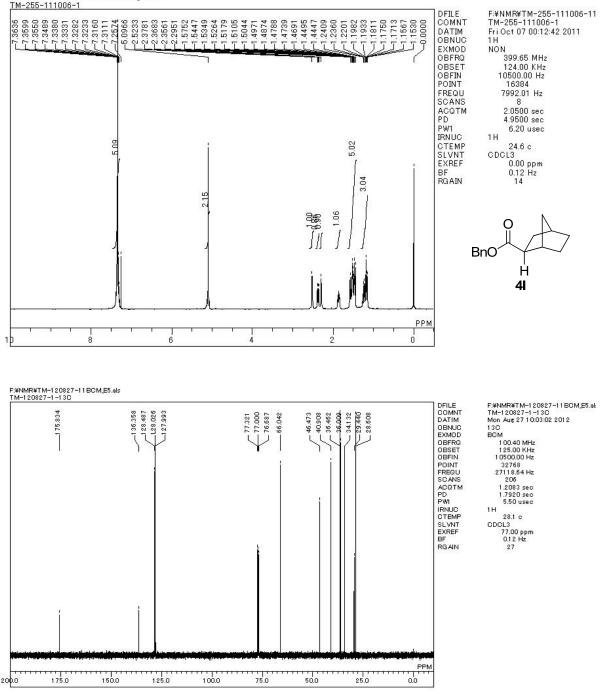
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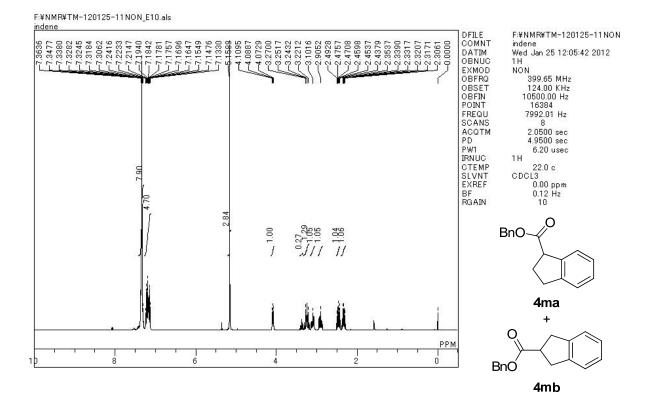
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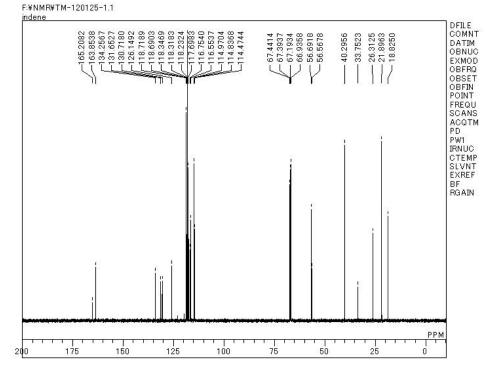
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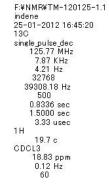
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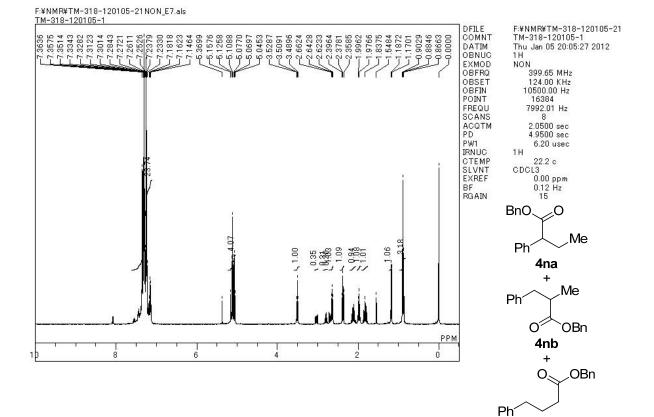
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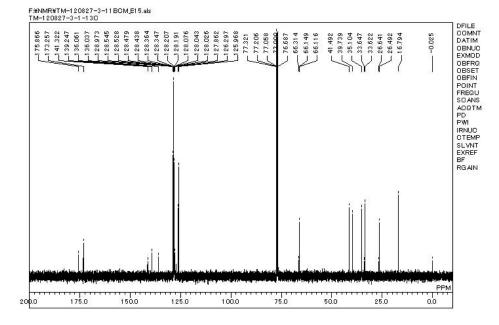
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