

Reaction of Allenyl Esters with Sodium Azide: An Efficient Synthesis of *E*-Vinyl Azides and Polysubstituted Pyrroles

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1. Experiment procedures

General. All ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were measured in CDCl_3 with TMS as the internal standard. Chemical shifts are expressed in ppm and J values are given in Hz. Reagents in liquid state were purified by distillation and Reagents in solid state used as received without further purification. Petroleum ether refers to the fraction with boiling point in the range 60–90 °C. 1, 2-allenyl esters **1** and **1'** were prepared according to the known method by treatment of the acid chlorides with the corresponding ethyl 2-(triphenylphoranylidene) propionate.¹

NOTE: there exist potential dangers of using azides on large scale, and the workup involving quenching with ammonium chloride described in this paper can result in ammonium azide or hydrazoic acid which may cause explosion. No hazard evaluation was conducted on the reaction. Therefore special caution should be taken before carrying on the reaction on large scale.

The reaction of 1,2-allenyl esters with NaN_3 at room temperature. Preparation of 2 or 3. Typical procedure. To a solution of NaN_3 (1mmol) in *t*-BuOH/ H_2O (v/v=4:1, 2ml), ethyl 4-phenylbuta-2,3-dienoate (0.5mmol) was added at room temperature with stirring. After the reaction was complete (30 min), the reaction was quenched with saturated NH_4Cl and extracted with EtOAc ($3 \times 10\text{mL}$). The organic phase was

washed with saturated brine and dried over MgSO₄. After filtration and removal of the solvent in vacuo, the residues were purified with flash chromatography (silica/Petroleum ether - ethyl acetate 20:1 v/v) to afford 110 mg (95%) of **2a**. *NOTE: E-2* and **Z-2** were inseparable and obtained as mixture; **E-3** and **Z-3** were obtained respectively.

The reaction of 1-allylic 1,2-allenyl esters with NaN₃ at 65 °C. Preparation of 5.

Typical procedure.

A solution of 3 mmol of NaN₃, 1 mmol ethyl 2-vinylidenepent-4-enoate in 3 mL of *t*-BuOH was heated to 65 °C with stirring. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15mL). The organic phase was washed with saturated brine and dried over MgSO₄. After filtration and removal of the solvent in vacuo, the residues were purified with flash chromatography (silica/ Petroleum ether - ethyl acetate 6:1 v/v) to afford 152 mg (91%) of **5a**.

Procedure for thermal reaction of *E-3c* to afford **5a.**

A solution of 0.5 mmol **E-3c** in 1mL *t*-BuOH was heated to 80 °C with stirring. After the reaction was complete (3 hours, monitored by TLC), the mixture was directly purified with flash chromatography (silica/ Petroleum ether - ethyl acetate 6:1 v/v) to afford 79mg (95%) of **5a**.

2. Characterization data of key compounds

(E)-ethyl 3-azido-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (**E-2a**)

oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.36-7.23 (m, 5H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 4.24 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.30 (s, 2H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 169.5, 135.0, 133.0, 128.5, 128.3, 127.2, 118.6, 61.4, 35.9, 14.1. IR (neat): 2982, 2100, 1737, 1666, 1609 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 231 (M^+ , 4), 203 (8), 105 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ (231.25): C 62.33, H 5.67, N 18.17. Found: C 62.41, H 5.56, N 18.06.

(E)-ethyl 3-azidopent-3-enoate (**E-2b**)

oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 5.34 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.09 (s, 2H), 1.69 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 169.3, 131.0, 112.8, 61.1, 34.4, 14.0, 12.7. IR neat): 2926, 2118, 1740, 1655 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 169 (M^+ , 3), 141 (16), 43 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ (169.18): C 49.70, H 6.55, N 24.84. Found: C 49.59, H 6.46, N 25.01.

(E)-ethyl 3-azidohex-3-enoate (**E-2c**)

oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 5.30 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.10 (s, 2H), 2.15-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.01 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 169.4, 130.1, 120.1, 61.2, 34.8, 21.0, 14.2, 14.1. IR (neat): 2970, 2100, 1740, 1658 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 183 (M^+ , 2), 155 (18), 41(100). Anal.

Calcd for C₈H₁₃N₃O₂ (183.21): C 52.45, H 7.15, N 22.94. Found: C 52.51, H 7.28, N 22.76.

(E)-ethyl 3-azido-4-(naphthalen-8-yl)but-3-enoate (E-2d)

oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.97-7.80 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.40 (m, 4H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.23 (s, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 169.5, 134.5, 133.5, 132.1, 131.9, 128.4, 128.1, 126.7, 126.3, 126.1, 125.4, 124.6, 116.5, 61.3, 35.9, 14.0. IR (neat): 2981, 2103, 1736, 1646 cm⁻¹. MS: m/z (%) 281 (M⁺, 1), 253 (36), 180 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₃O₂ (281.31): C 68.31, H 5.37, N 14.94. Found: C 68.18, H 5.31, N 15.06.

(E)-ethyl 3-azidoct-3-enoate (E-2e)

oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.06 (s, 2H), 2.07-2.01 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.27 (m, 4H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 169.3, 130.3, 118.5, 61.0, 34.6, 31.6, 27.1, 22.0, 13.9, 13.7. IR (neat): 2959, 2099, 1741, 1656 cm⁻¹. MS: m/z (%) 212 (M⁺+1, 1), 180 (76), 41 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₇N₃O₂ (211.26): C 56.85, H 8.11, N 19.89. Found: C 57.03, H 7.98, N 19.78.

(E)-ethyl 3-azidoundec-3-enoate (E-2f)

oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H),

3.08 (s, 2H), 2.08-2.02 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.32 (m, 2H), 1.26-1.23 (m, 11H), 0.85 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 169.3, 130.3, 118.7, 61.1, 34.7, 31.7, 29.5, 29.0, 28.9, 27.5, 22.5, 13.99, 13.96. IR (neat): 2928, 2102, 1742, 1657 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 254 ($\text{M}^+ + 1$, 2), 226 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ (253.34): C 61.63, H 9.15, N 16.59. Found: C 61.71, H 9.31, N 16.46.

(E)-ethyl 3-azidobut-2-enoate (E-3a)

oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 5.50 (s, 1H), 4.14 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 166.2, 154.6, 105.1, 59.9, 16.2, 14.2. IR (neat): 2983, 2098, 1713, 1628 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 155 (M^+ , 6), 127 (9), 43 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_6\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ (155.15): C 46.45, H 5.85, N 27.08. Found: C 46.61, H 5.78, N 26.96.

(E)-ethyl 3-azido-2-methylbut-2-enoate (E-3b)

oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 4.17 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.4 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 1.8 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 168.0, 143.9, 114.5, 60.3, 16.0, 14.2, 13.9. IR (neat): 2118, 1724, 1665 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 169 (M^+ , 16), 141 (18), 43 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ (169.18): C 49.70, H 6.55, N 24.84. Found: C 49.63, H 6.69, N 25.01.

(E)-ethyl 2-(1-azidoethylidene)pent-4-enoate (E-3c)

oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 5.81-5.71 (m, 1H), 4.96-5.03 (m, 2H), 4.17 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.09 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 167.4, 144.7, 135.6, 117.0, 115.1, 60.3, 32.2, 16.1, 14.1. IR (neat): 2982, 2119, 1704, 1619, 1280 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 195 (M^+ , 1), 167 (15), 43 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ (195.22): C 55.37, H 6.71, N 21.52. Found: C 55.45, H 6.85, N 21.66.

(E)-ethyl 3-azido-2-benzylbut-2-enoate (E-3d)

oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.25-7.15 (m, 5H), 4.11 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 167.4, 145.1, 140.2, 128.4, 128.1, 125.9, 118.3, 60.4, 33.6, 16.2, 14.1. IR (neat): 2982, 2118, 1705, 1618, 1280 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 246 (M^++1 , 4), 245 (M^+ , 1), 218 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ (245.28): C 63.66, H 6.16, N 17.13. Found: C 63.53, H 6.25, N 17.29.

(Z)-ethyl 3-azido-2-benzylbut-2-enoate (Z-3d)

oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.27-7.15 (m, 5H), 4.14 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 166.9, 139.7, 138.9, 128.5, 128.0, 126.3, 117.8, 60.6, 35.2, 15.9, 14.1. IR (neat): 2968, 2101, 1715, 1619, 1278 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 246 (M^++1 , 4), 245 (M^+ , 1), 218 (100).

(E)-ethyl 2-(1-azidoethylidene)-4-methylpent-4-enoate (E-3e)

oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 4.15 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.05 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 167.6, 144.4, 143.5, 117.5, 110.0, 60.3, 35.7, 22.7, 16.0, 14.1. IR (neat): 2980, 2118, 1705, 1621, 1288 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 209 (M^+ , 2), 181 (19), 43 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ (209.24): C 57.40, H 7.23, N 20.08. Found: C 57.53, H 7.35, N 19.93.

(E)-ethyl 2-(1-(4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethylidene)pent-4-enoate (4a)

oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 1H), 5.88-5.78 (m, 1H), 5.12-5.04 (m, 2H), 4.32 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.99-2.97 (m, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 167.2, 147.3, 139.8, 134.3, 129.9, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 125.7, 119.9, 116.9, 61.4, 33.8, 21.2, 14.1. IR (neat): 3137, 2924, 1722, 1647 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 298 (M^++1 , 18), 240 (77), 117 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ (297.35): C 68.67, H 6.44, N 14.13. Found: C 68.61, H 5.36, N 14.25.

(E)-ethyl 3-(4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)undec-3-enoate (4b)

oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.85-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 1H), 6.09 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 2H),

2.26-2.21 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.25 (m, 8H), 1.20 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 169.2, 147.3, 130.3, 129.8, 128.7, 128.1, 125.8, 125.6, 117.8, 61.2, 34.5, 31.6, 29.1, 29.0, 28.9, 27.4, 22.5, 14.0, 13.9. IR (neat): 3141, 2928, 1741, 1460 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 356 ($\text{M}^+ + 1$, 7), 327 (39), 81 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ (355.47): C 70.95, H 8.22, N 11.82. Found: C 70.81, H 8.30, N 11.85.

ethyl 1-[(E) -1-(ethoxycarbonyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)prop-2-en-2-yl]-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylate (4c)

oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.58 (s, 1H), 7.92-7.87 (m, 3H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 4H), 4.44 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.11 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 2H), 1.42 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.78 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 169.0, 160.5, 140.1, 133.4, 132.2, 131.6, 130.2, 129.3, 128.6, 126.8, 126.5, 126.4, 125.9, 125.3, 124.3, 124.0, 61.5, 61.4, 35.7, 14.2, 13.9. IR (neat): 3141, 2982, 1736, 1591 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 379 (M^+ , 9), 351 (12), 165 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ (379.41): C 66.48, H 5.58, N 11.08. Found: C 66.41, H 5.53, N 11.15.

ethyl 2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5a)^{2,3}

m.p. 113-115 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.09 (br, 1H), 6.20 (m, 1H), 4.25 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 165.9, 134.2, 125.6, 111.5, 107.4, 59.2, 14.5, 13.1, 12.6.

ethyl 2-ethyl-5-methyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5b)⁴

m.p. 54-56°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.05 (br, 1H), 6.20 (m, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 165.6, 140.1, 125.5, 110.8, 107.5, 59.2, 20.5, 14.5, 13.6, 12.6. IR (neat): 3320, 1671, 1463, 1223, 1096 cm⁻¹.

ethyl 5-ethyl-2-methyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5c)

Low melting point solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.09 (br, 1H), 6.23 (m, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 165.8, 134.1, 132.1, 111.4, 105.8, 59.2, 20.4, 14.5, 13.3, 13.1. IR (neat): 3294, 1664, 1459, 1245, 1096 cm⁻¹. MS: m/z (%) 181 (M⁺, 83), 152 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₅NO₂ (181.23): C 66.27, H 8.34, N 7.73. Found: C 66.16, H 8.42, 7.83.

ethyl 5-methyl-2-propyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5d)^{3, 4}

m.p. 72-74 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.12 (br, 1H), 6.20 (m, 1H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.68-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 165.7, 138.9, 125.5, 111.1, 107.5, 59.1, 29.2, 22.9, 14.4, 13.9, 12.6.

ethyl 5-methyl-2-octyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5e)

Low melting point solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.99 (br, 1H), 6.20 (m, 1H), 4.24 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.88 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.62-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.26 (m, 10H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 165.6, 139.1, 125.5, 111.1, 107.5, 59.1, 31.8, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.2, 27.3, 22.6, 14.5, 14.1, 12.6. IR (neat): 3315, 1671, 1462, 1223, 1084 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 265 (M^+ , 29), 166 (86), 69 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_2$ (265.39): C 72.41, H 10.25, N 5.28. Found: C 72.29, H 10.33, N 5.37.

ethyl 5-isopropyl-2-methyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5f)

Low melting point solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.03 (br, 1H), 6.22 (m, 1H), 4.25 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.86-2.79 (m, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.23 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 165.8, 136.8, 134.0, 111.2, 104.5, 59.2, 26.7, 22.4, 14.5, 13.2. IR (neat): 3320, 1671, 1446, 1238, 1097 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 195 (M^+ , 54), 180 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ (195.26): C 67.66, H 8.78, N 7.17. Found: C 67.57, H 8.91, N 7.25.

ethyl 4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-2-methyl-1H-indole-3-carboxylate (5g)⁵

m.p. 127-129 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.25 (br, 1H), 4.25 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.71-2.68 (m, 2H), 2.48 (m, 5H), 1.76-1.74 (m, 4H), 1.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 166.5, 134.2, 125.4, 118.4, 109.3, 58.9, 23.4, 23.2, 22.9, 22.3, 14.5, 13.5.

(Z)-ethyl 4,7,8,9-tetrahydro-2-methyl-1H-cycloocta[b]pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5h)

m.p. 154-156 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.60 (br, 1H), 5.99-5.92 (m, 1H), 5.47-5.54 (m, 1H), 4.26 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.57 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.21-2.16 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.34 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 166.2, 132.5, 130.2, 128.8, 125.3, 120.6, 110.8, 59.0, 25.6, 25.5, 25.1, 25.0, 14.5, 14.0. IR (KBr): 3278, 1657, 1478, 1443, 1165 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 233 (M^+ , 57), 166 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ (233.31): C 72.07, H 8.21, N 6.00. Found: C 71.95, H 8.29, 6.05.

ethyl 5-butyl-2-methyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5k)

Low melting point solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.97 (br, 1H), 6.22 (m, 1H), 4.25 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.51 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.61-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.32 (m, 2H), 1.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 165.8, 134.0, 130.7, 111.5, 106.5, 59.2, 31.4, 27.0, 22.3, 14.5, 13.8, 13.2. IR (neat): 3324, 1669, 1446, 1232, 1095 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 209 (M^+ , 41), 166 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ (209.28): C 68.87, H 9.15, N 6.69. Found: C 69.01, H 9.30, N 6.75.

ethyl 5-hexyl-2-methyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5l)⁶

m.p. 54-56 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.00 (br, 1H), 6.21 (m, 1H), 4.25 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.50 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.62-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.28 (m, 6H), 1.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 165.8, 134.0, 130.8, 111.5, 106.5, 59.2, 31.6, 29.3, 28.9, 27.3, 22.5, 14.5, 14.0, 13.2.

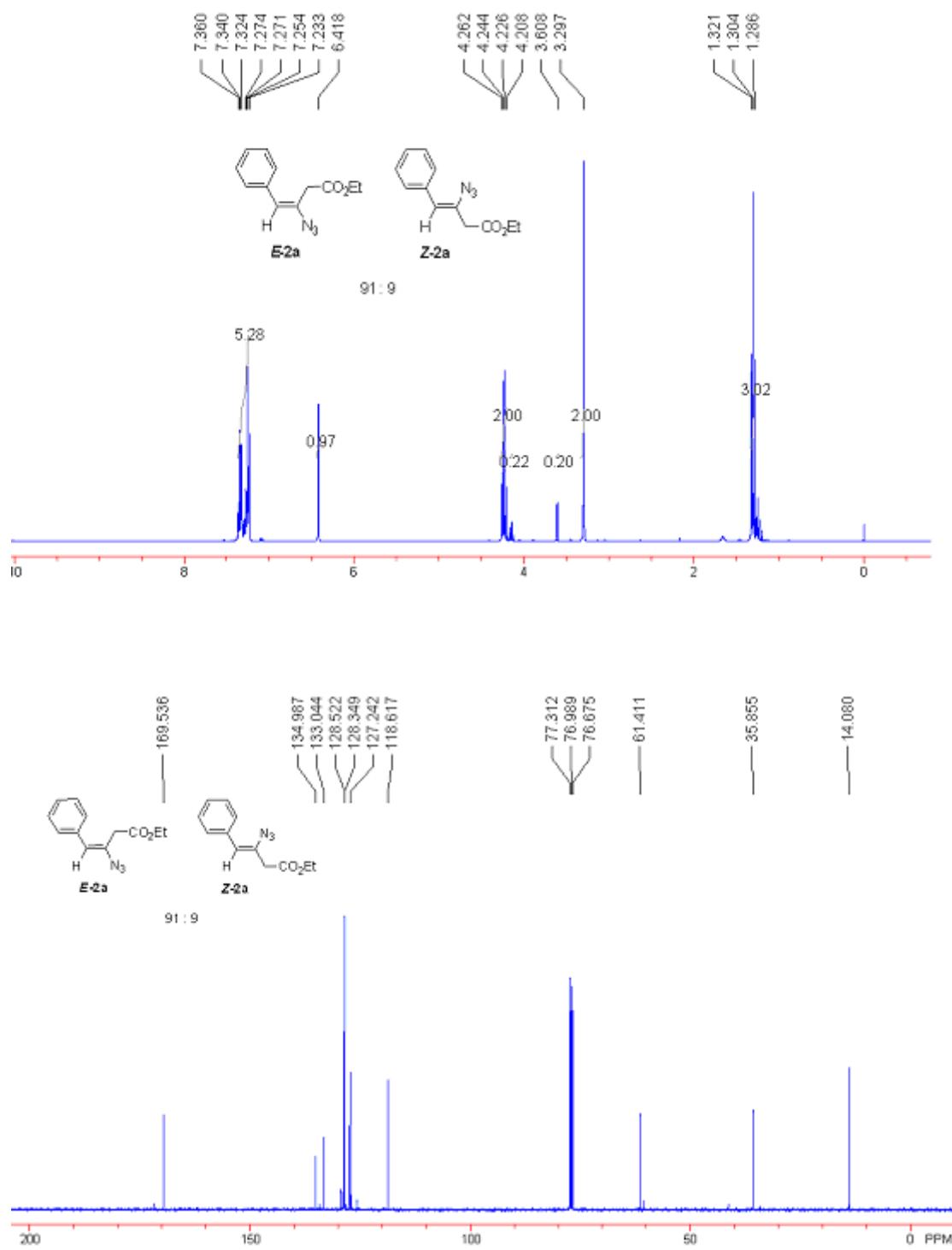
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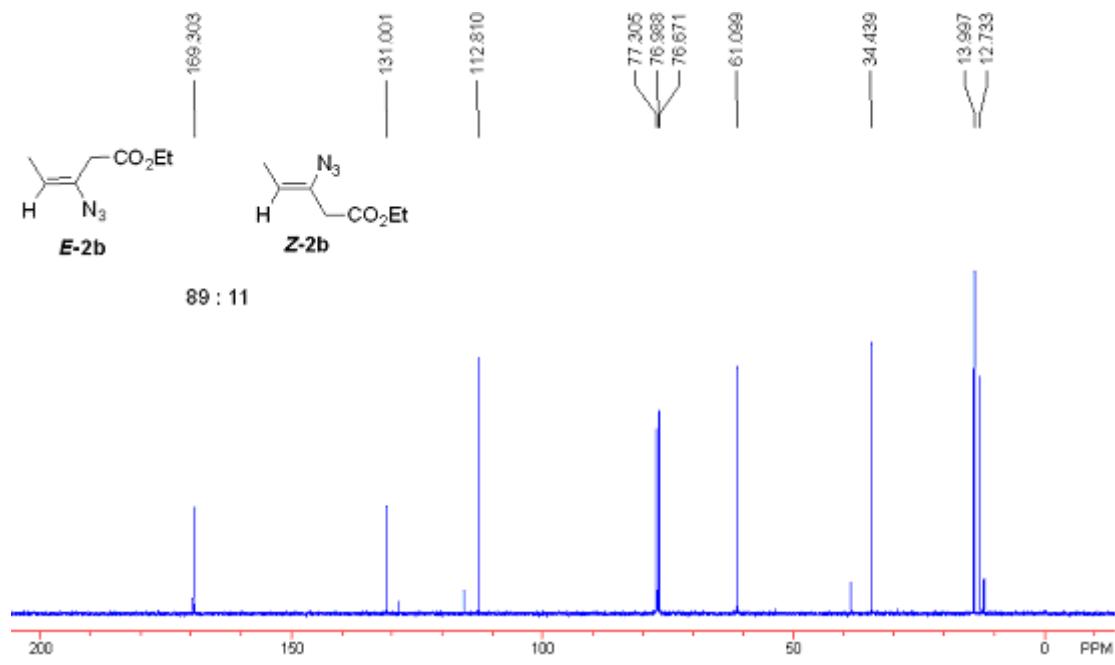
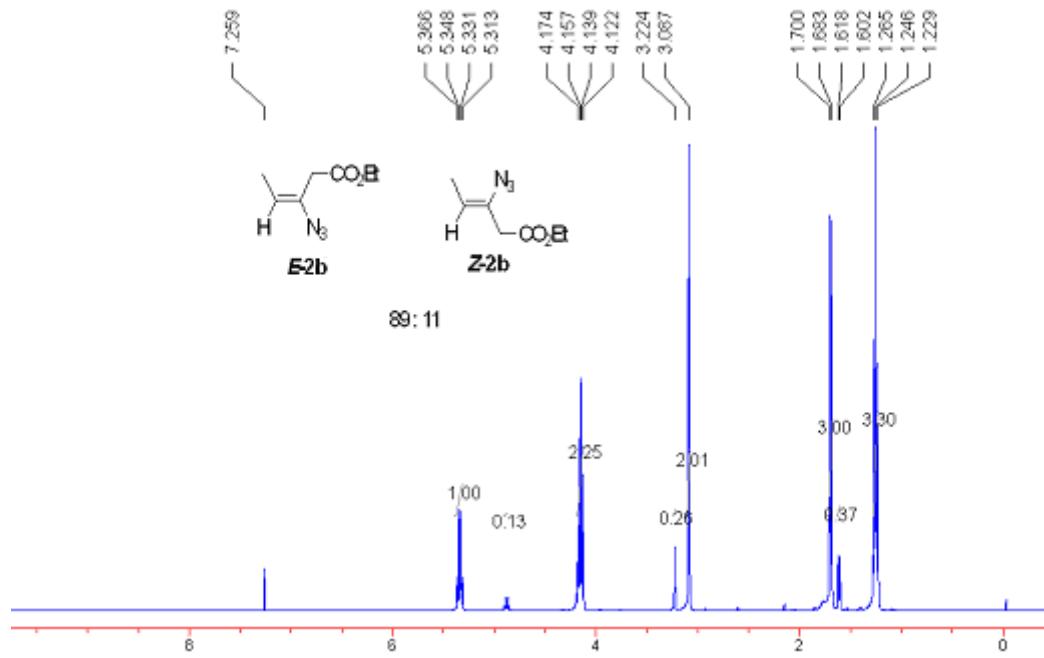
Low melting point solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.97 (br, 1H), 6.22 (m, 1H), 5.09-5.06 (m, 1H), 4.25 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.69-2.63 (m, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.98-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.62-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.21 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 165.8, 135.6, 133.8, 131.8, 124.1, 111.3, 105.3, 59.2, 37.2, 31.7, 25.68, 25.65, 20.4, 17.7, 14.5, 13.2. IR (neat): 3316, 1670, 1449, 1233, 1091 cm^{-1} . MS: m/z (%) 263 (M^+ , 37), 180 (97), 108 (100). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_2$ (263.38): C 72.96, H 9.57, N 5.32. Found: C 72.91, H 9.68, N 5.41.

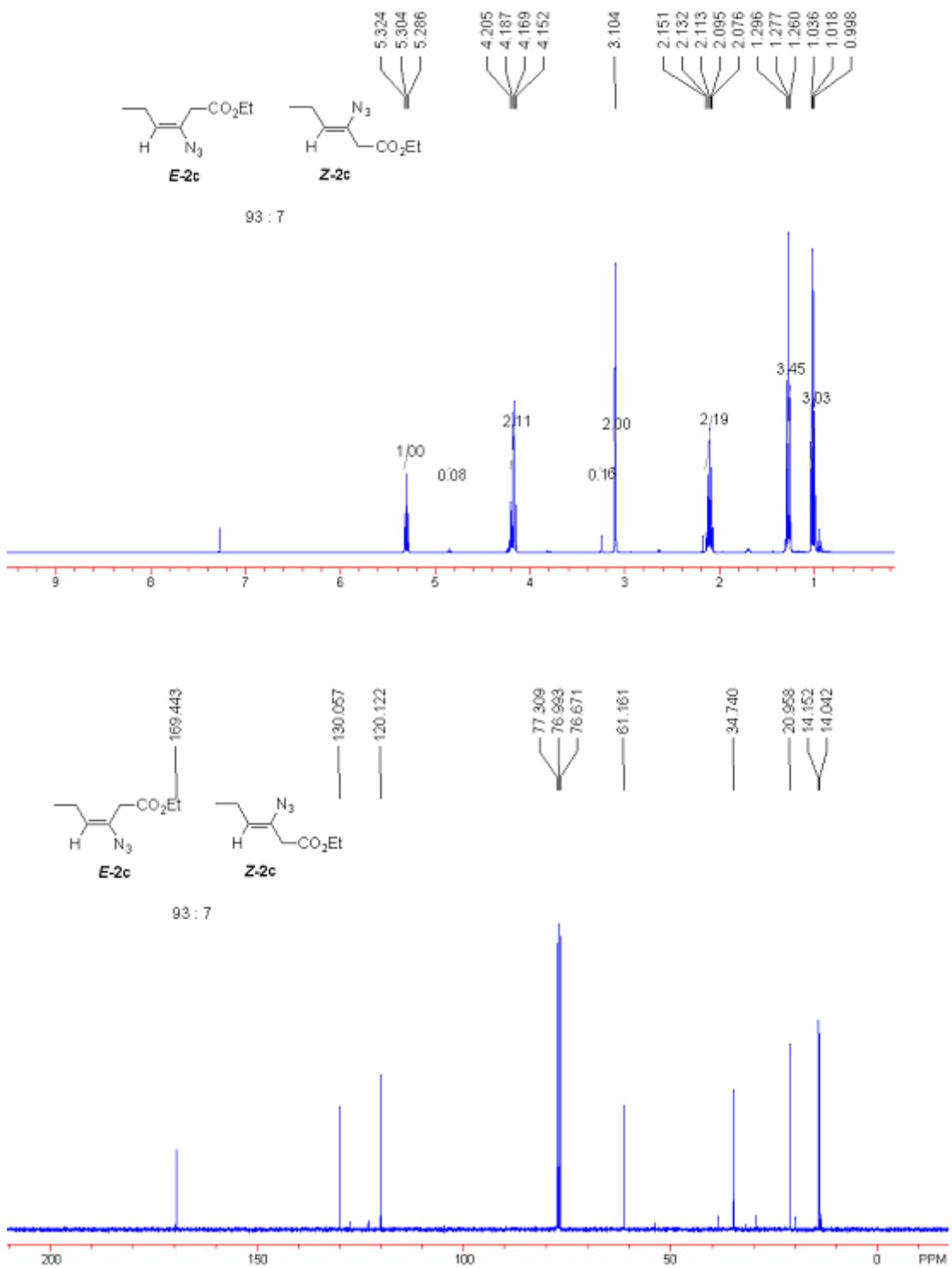
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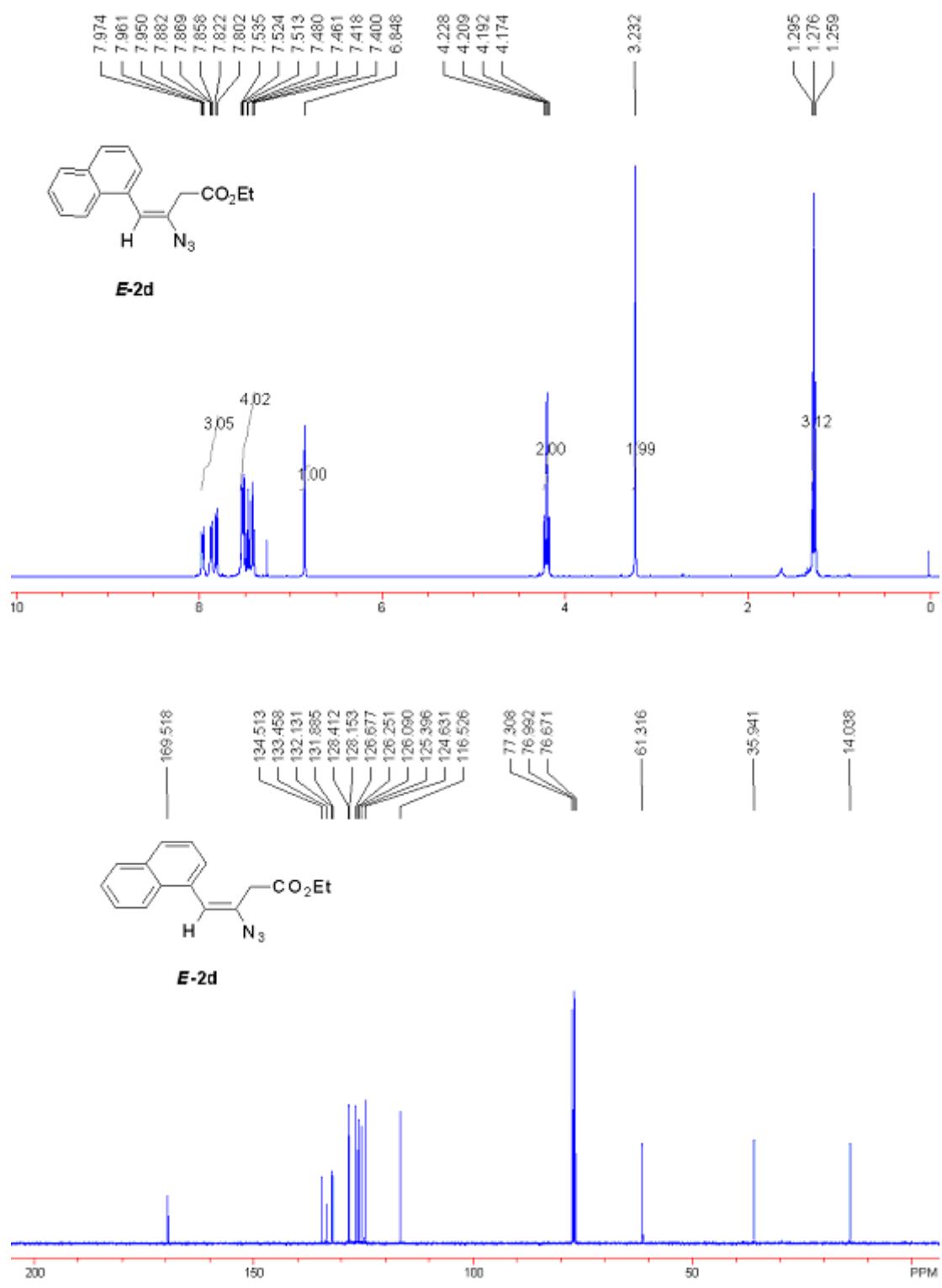
3. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra of key compounds

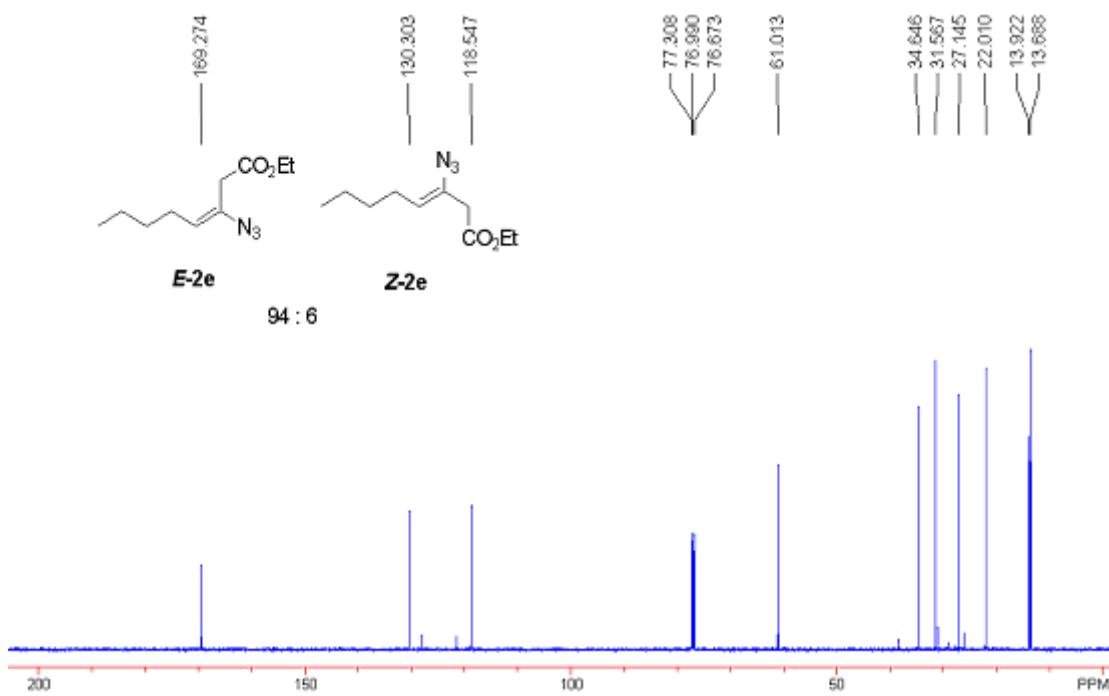
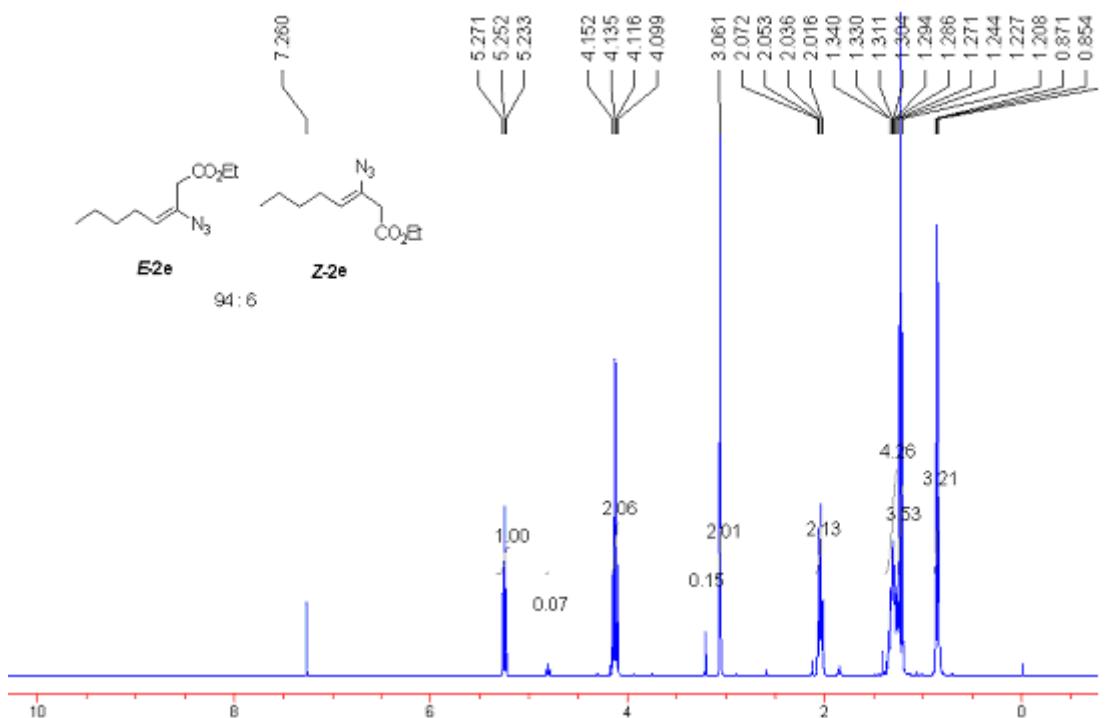




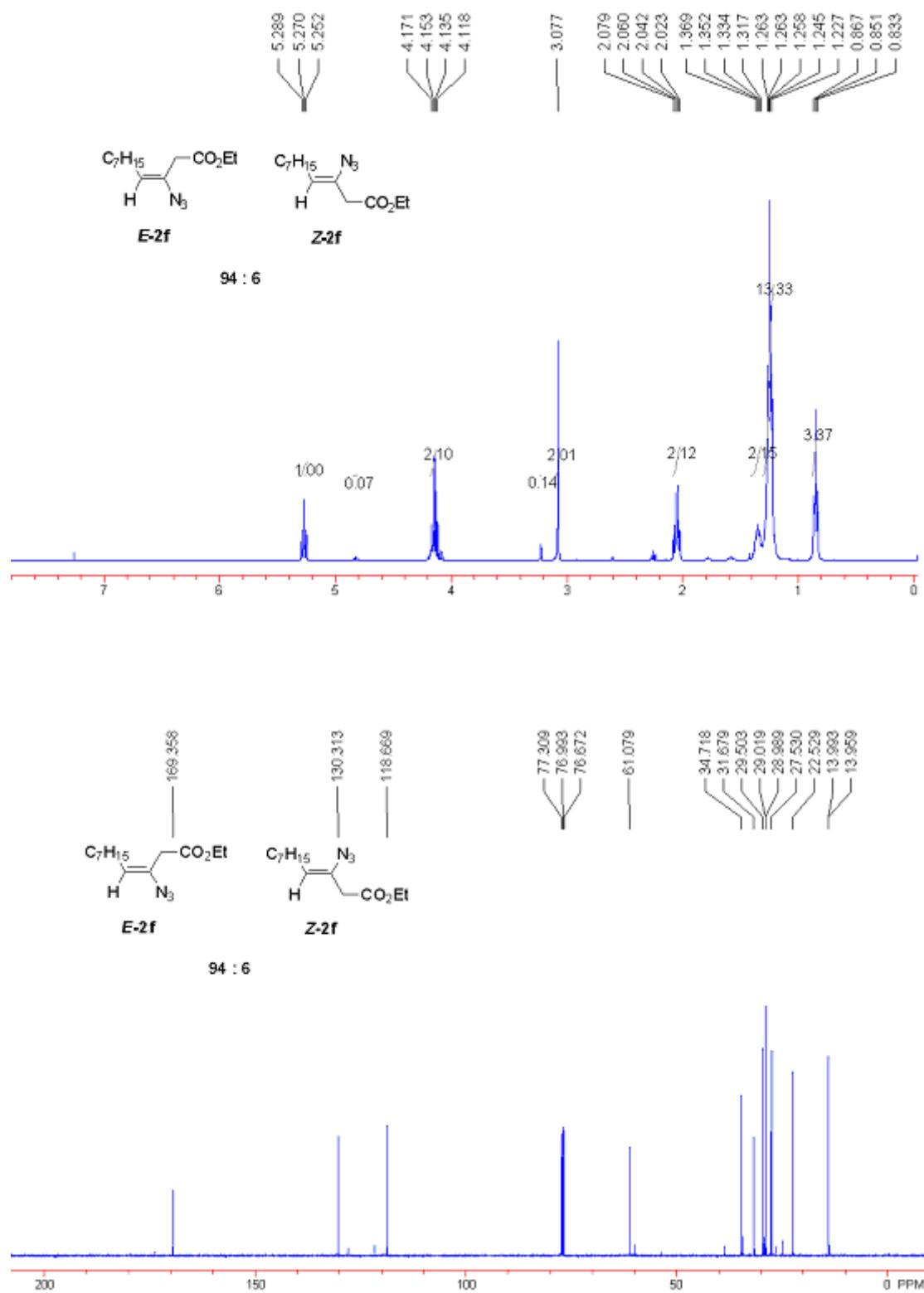


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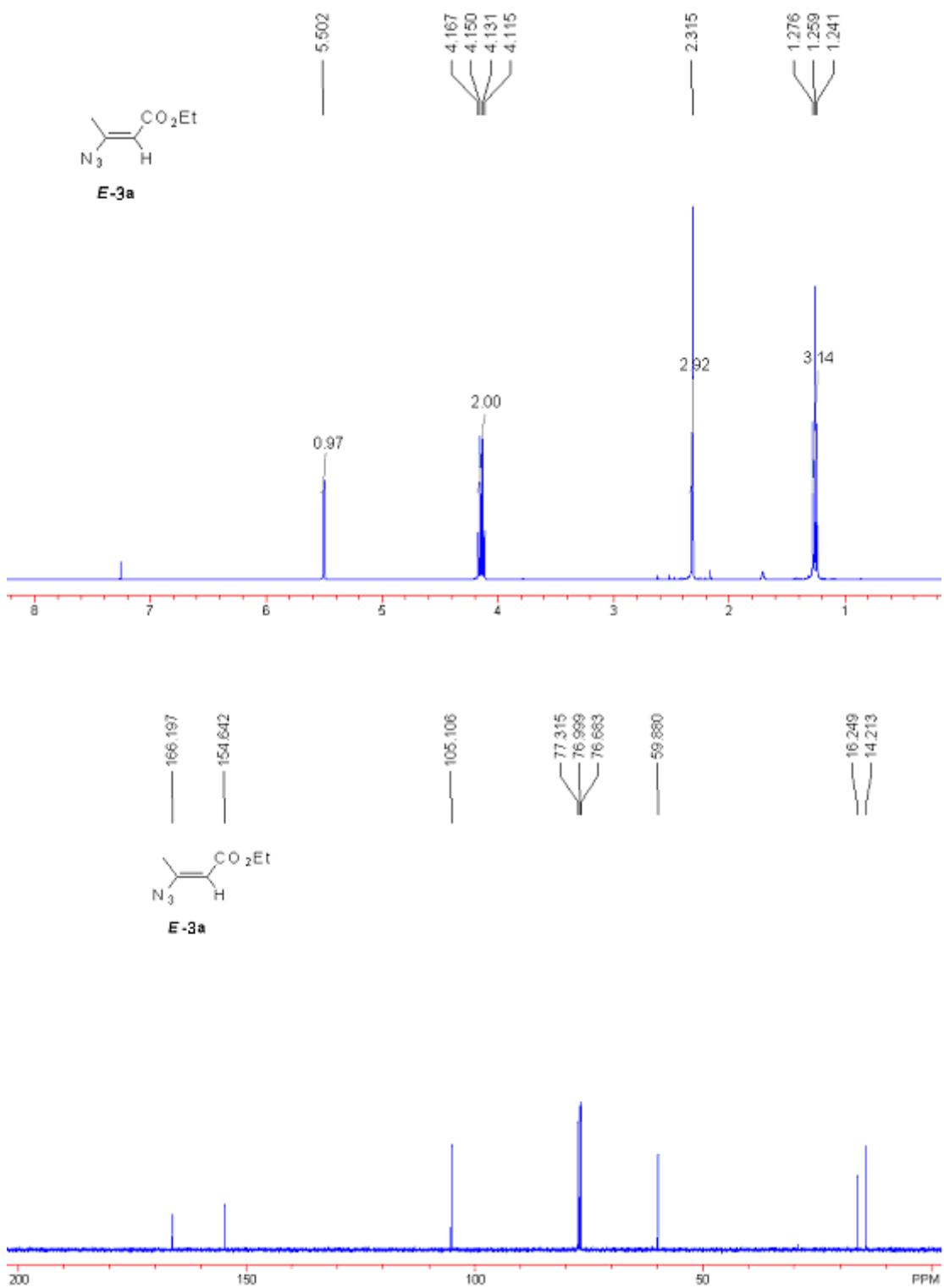




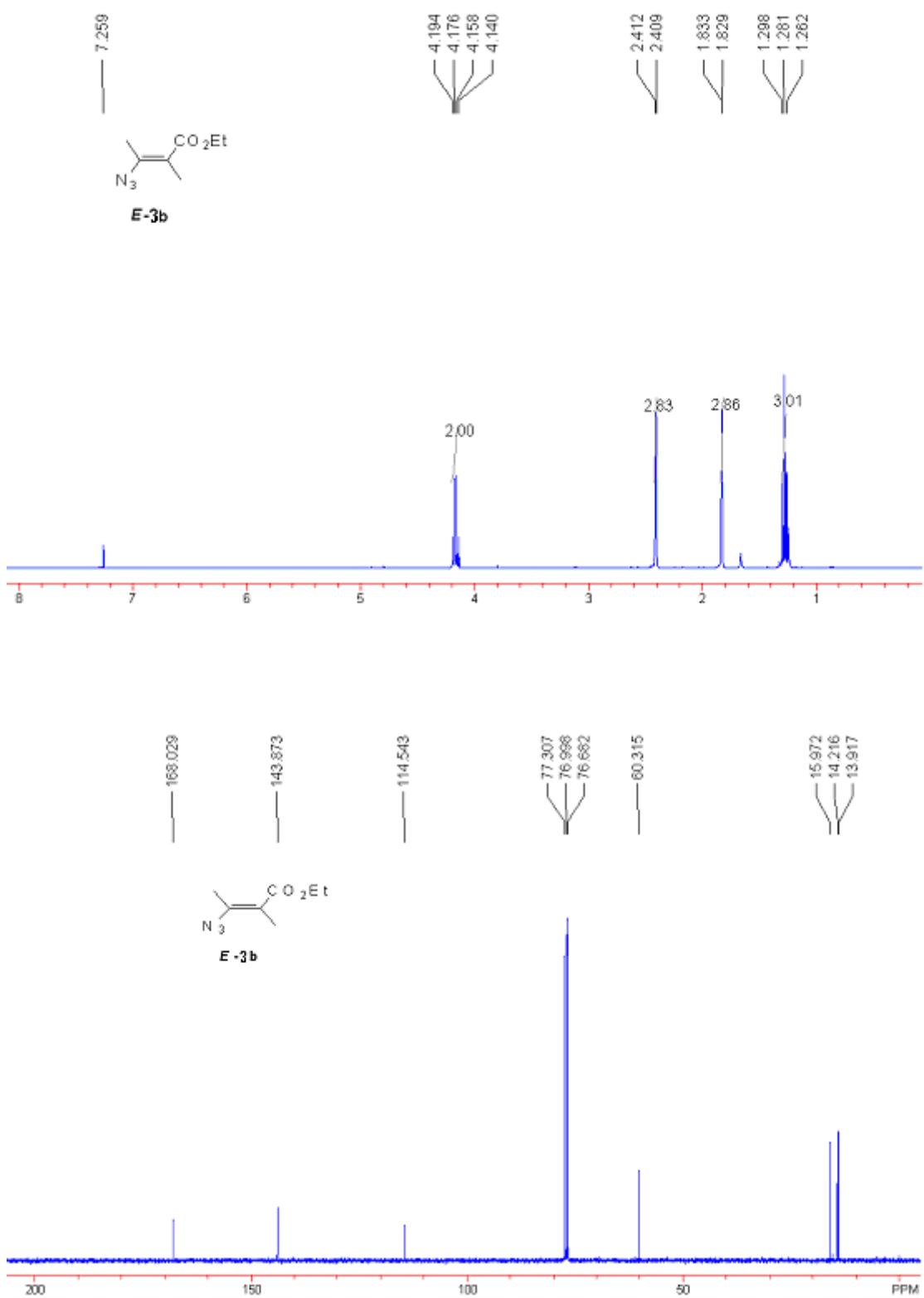
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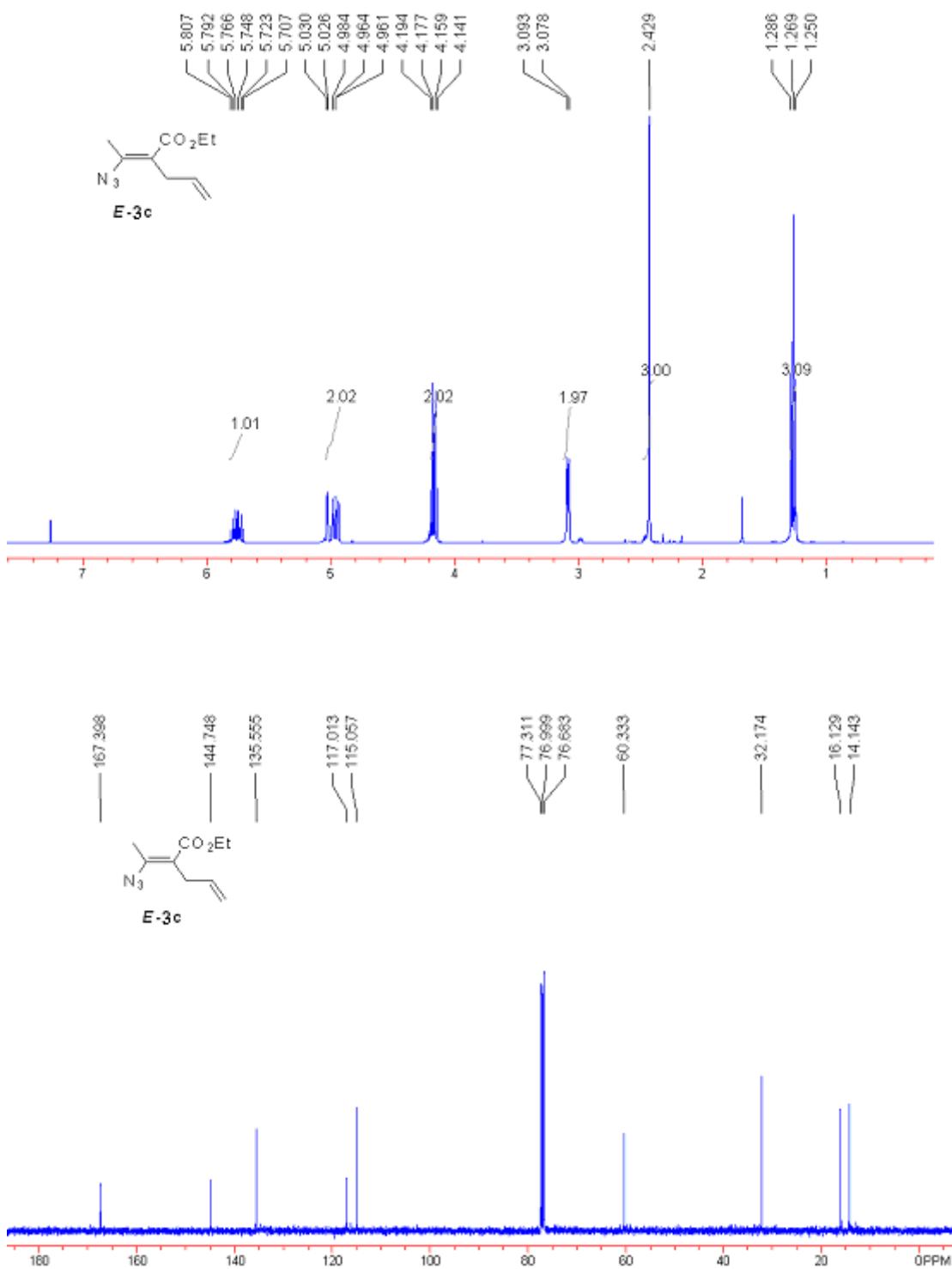
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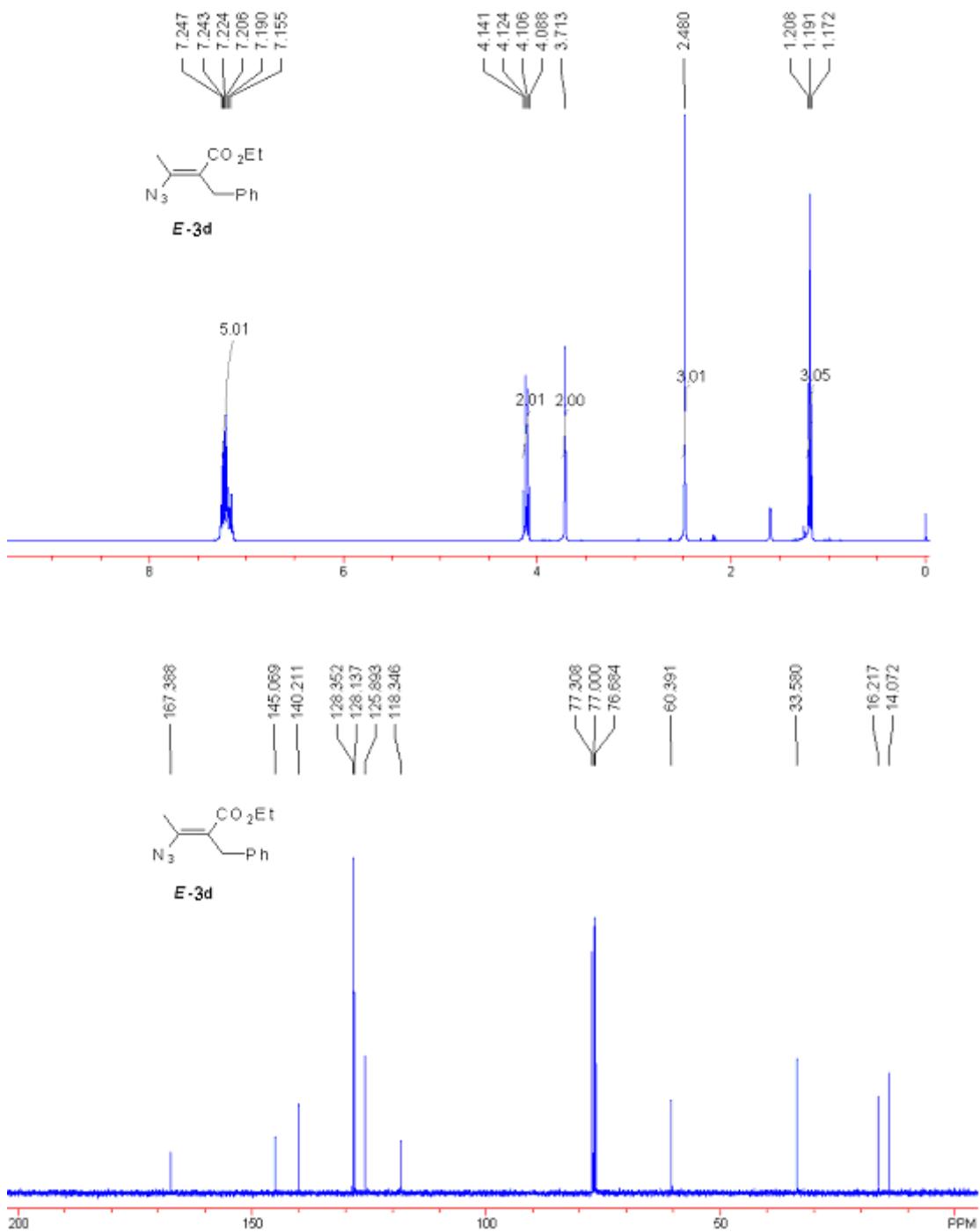


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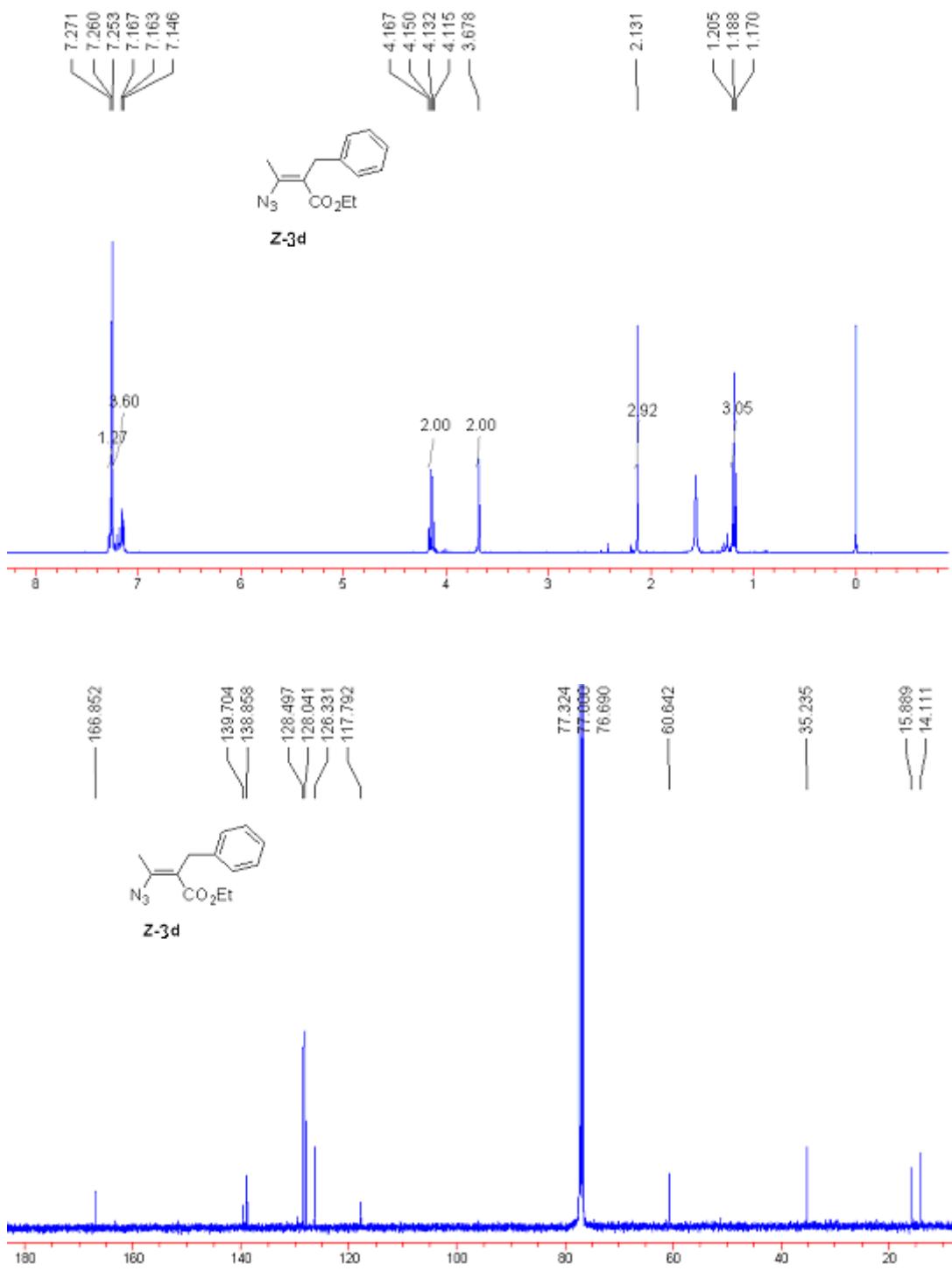


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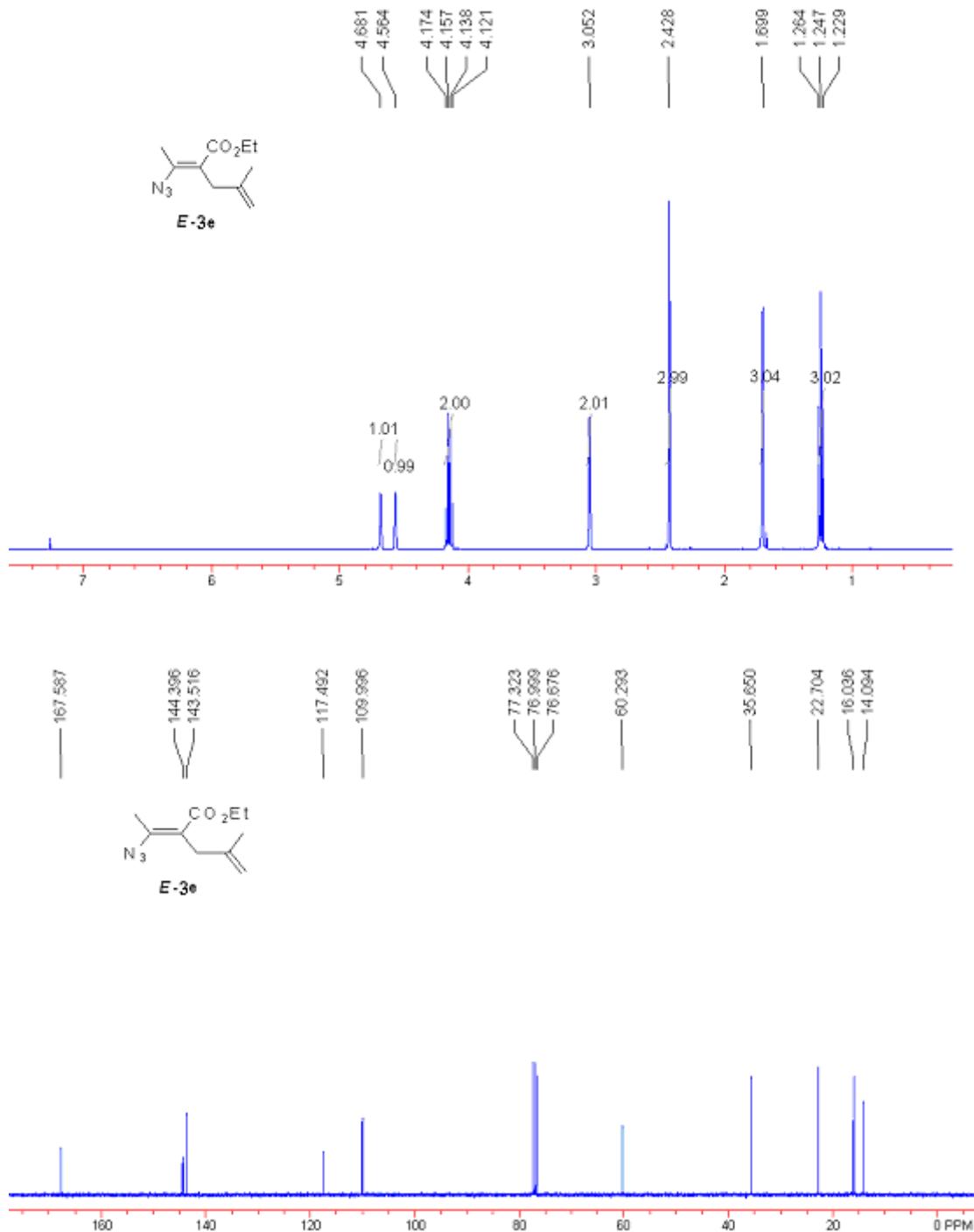


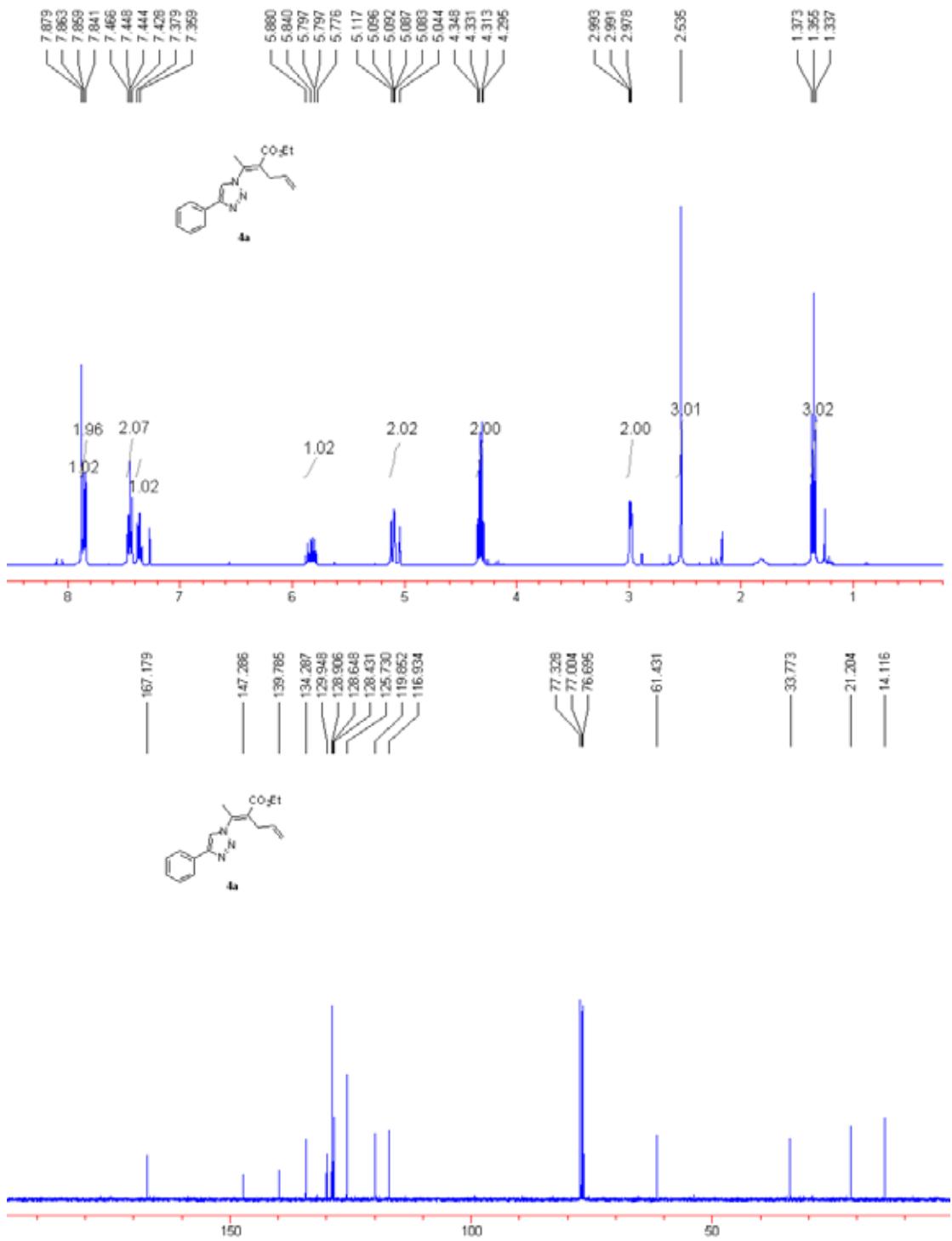


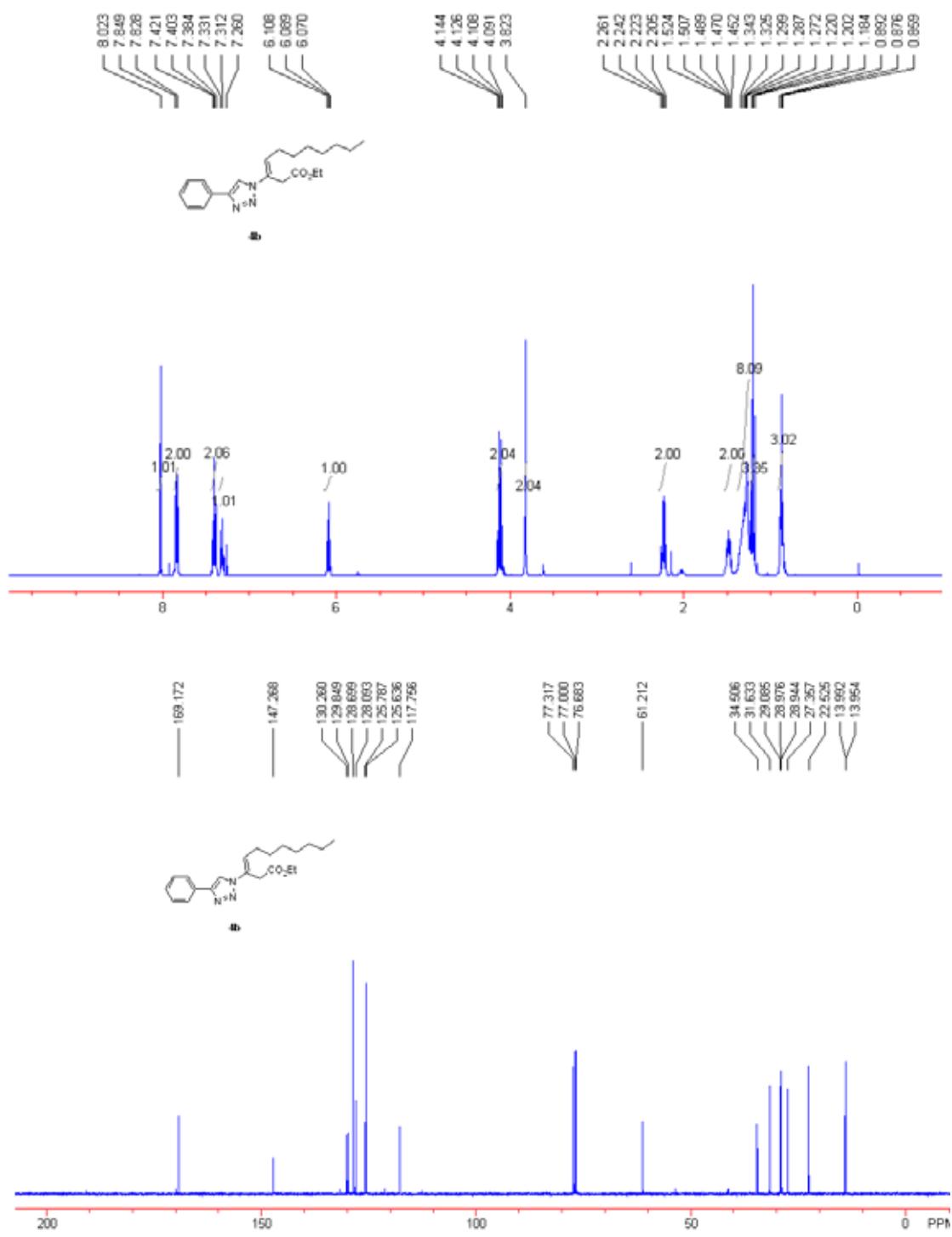
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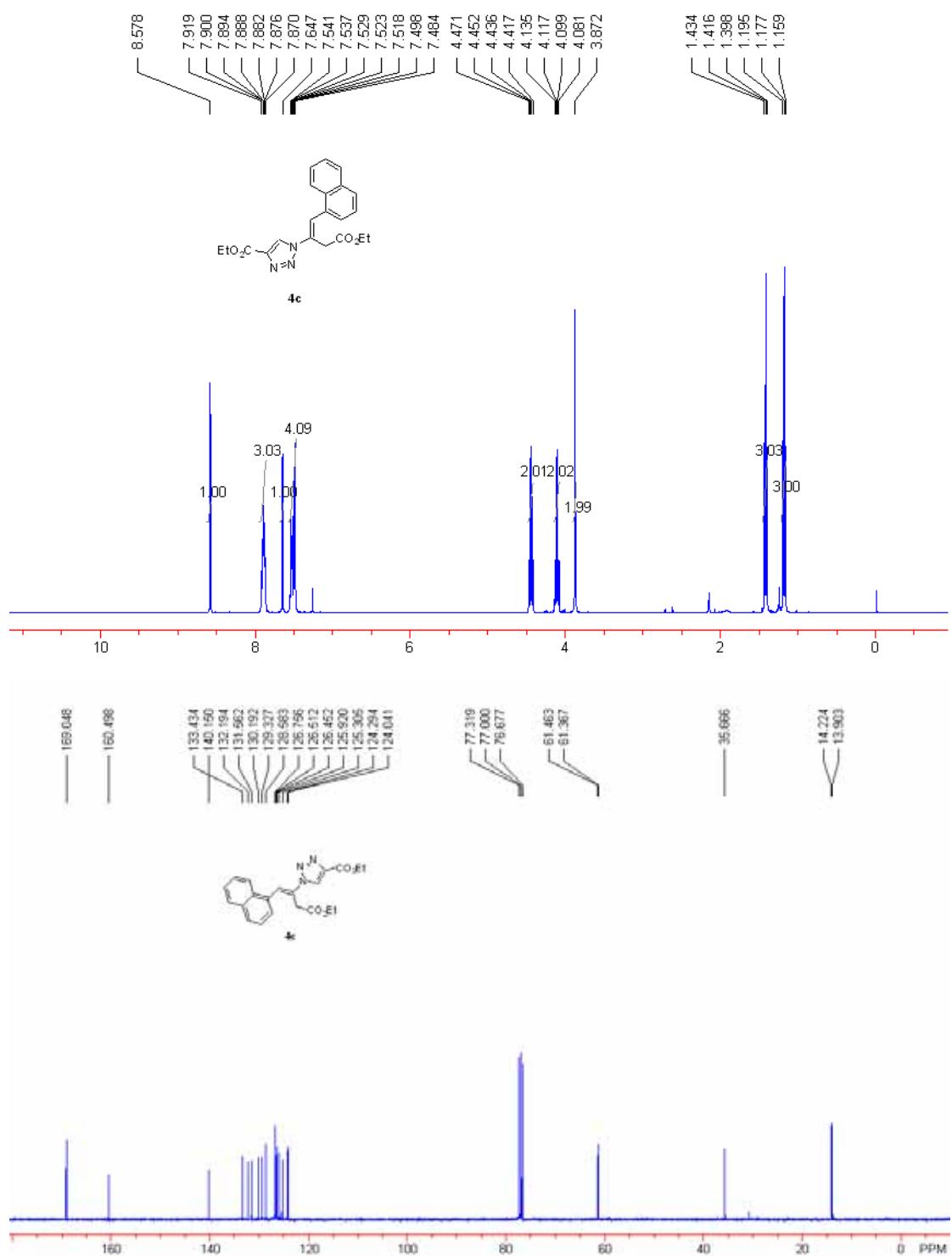


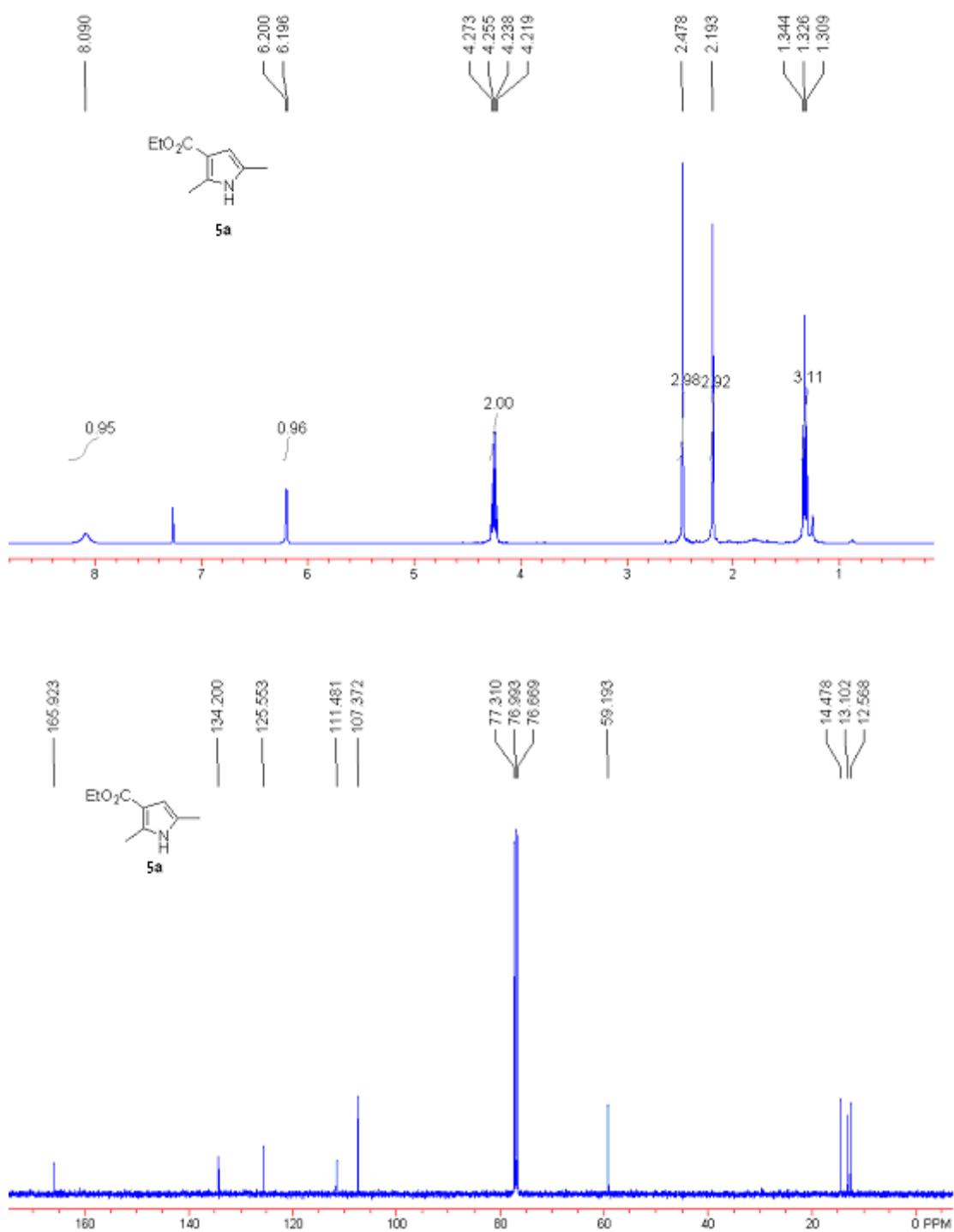
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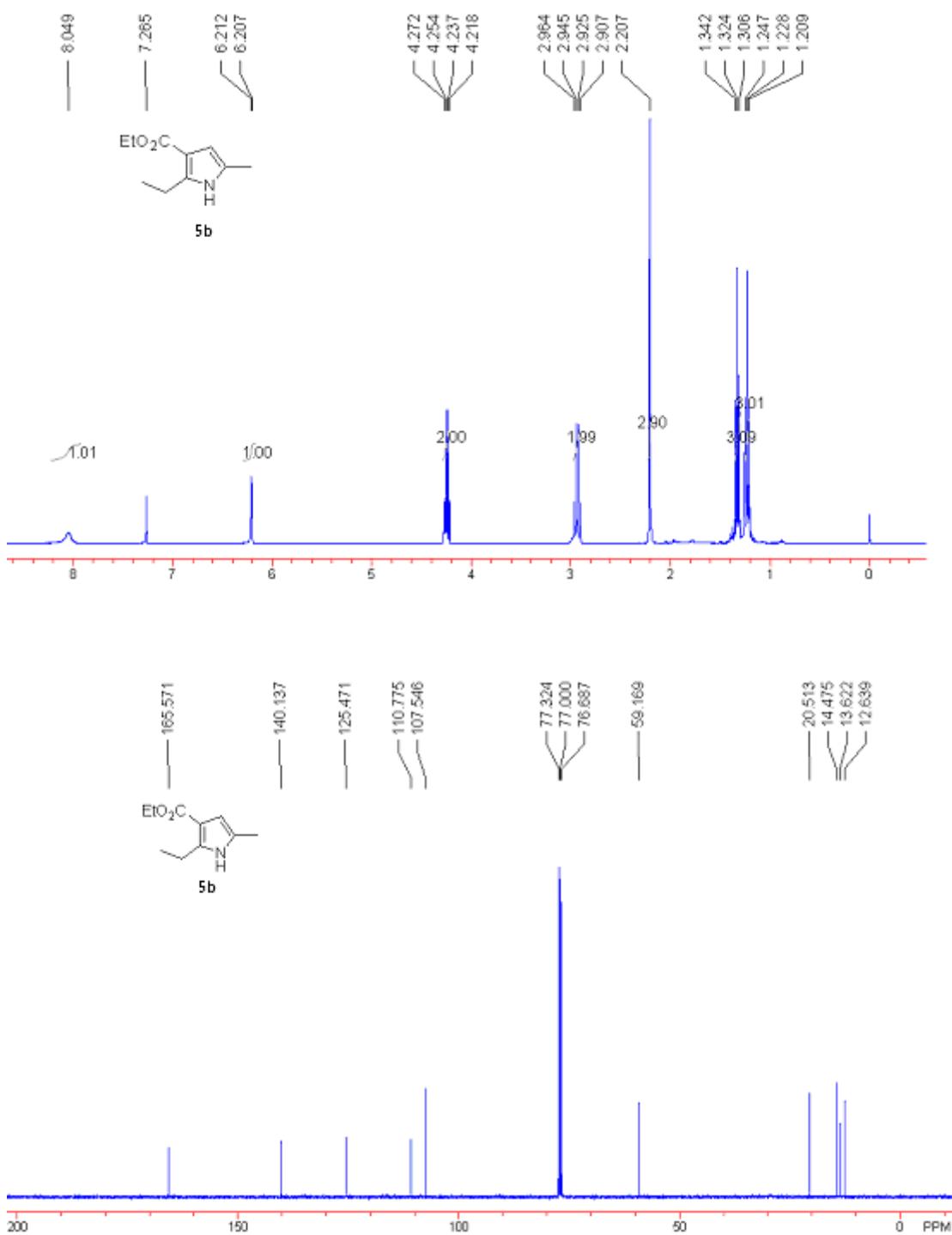


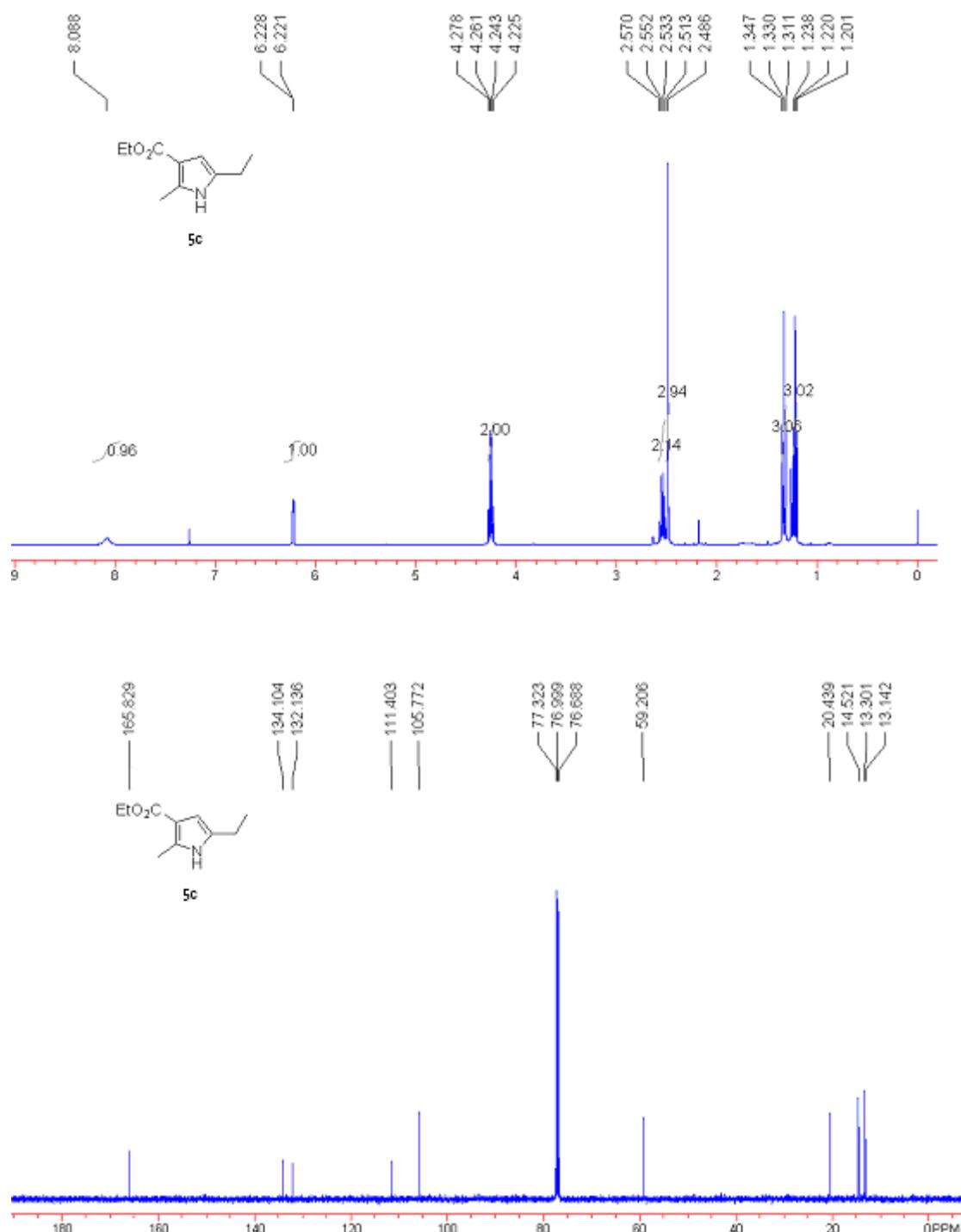


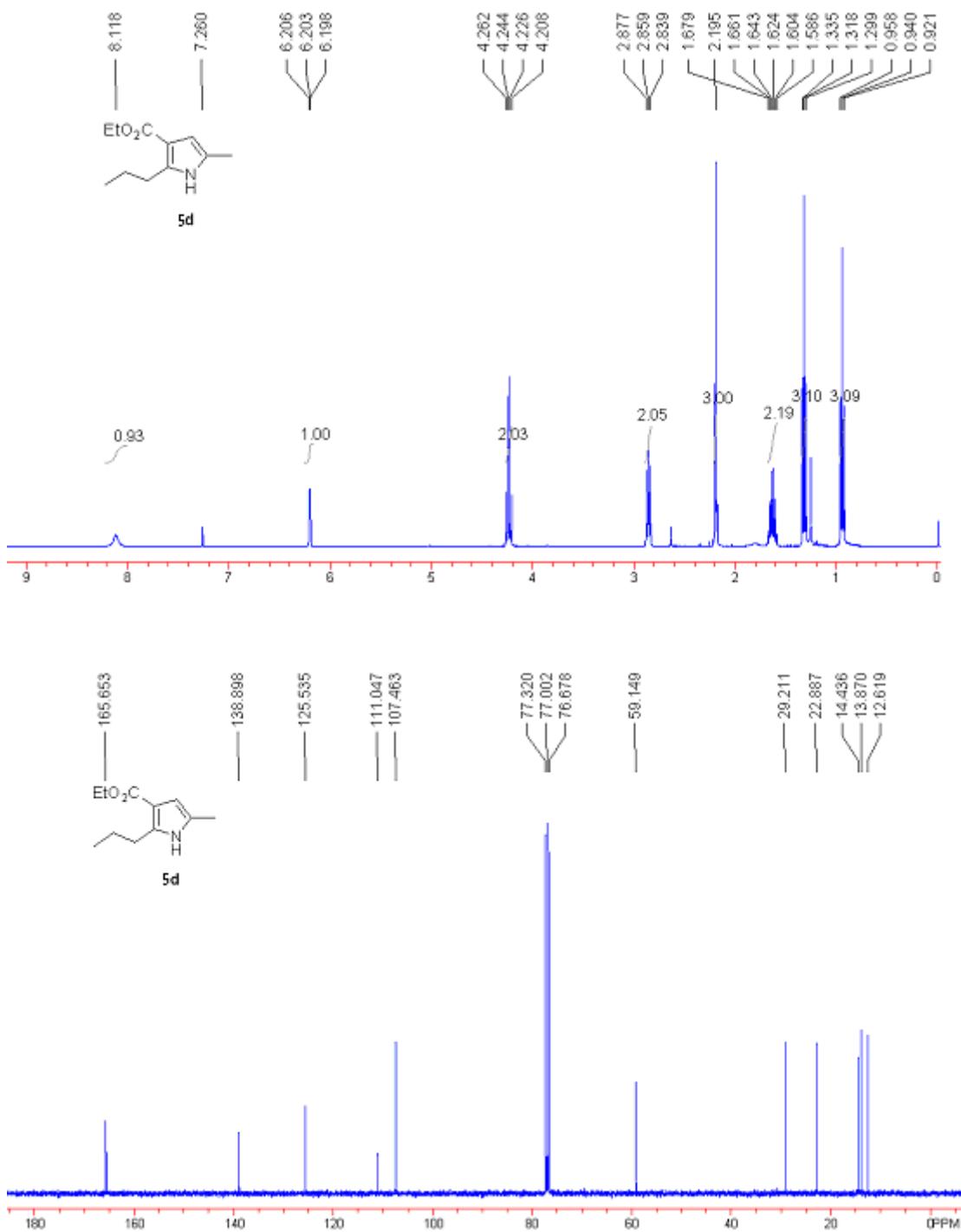


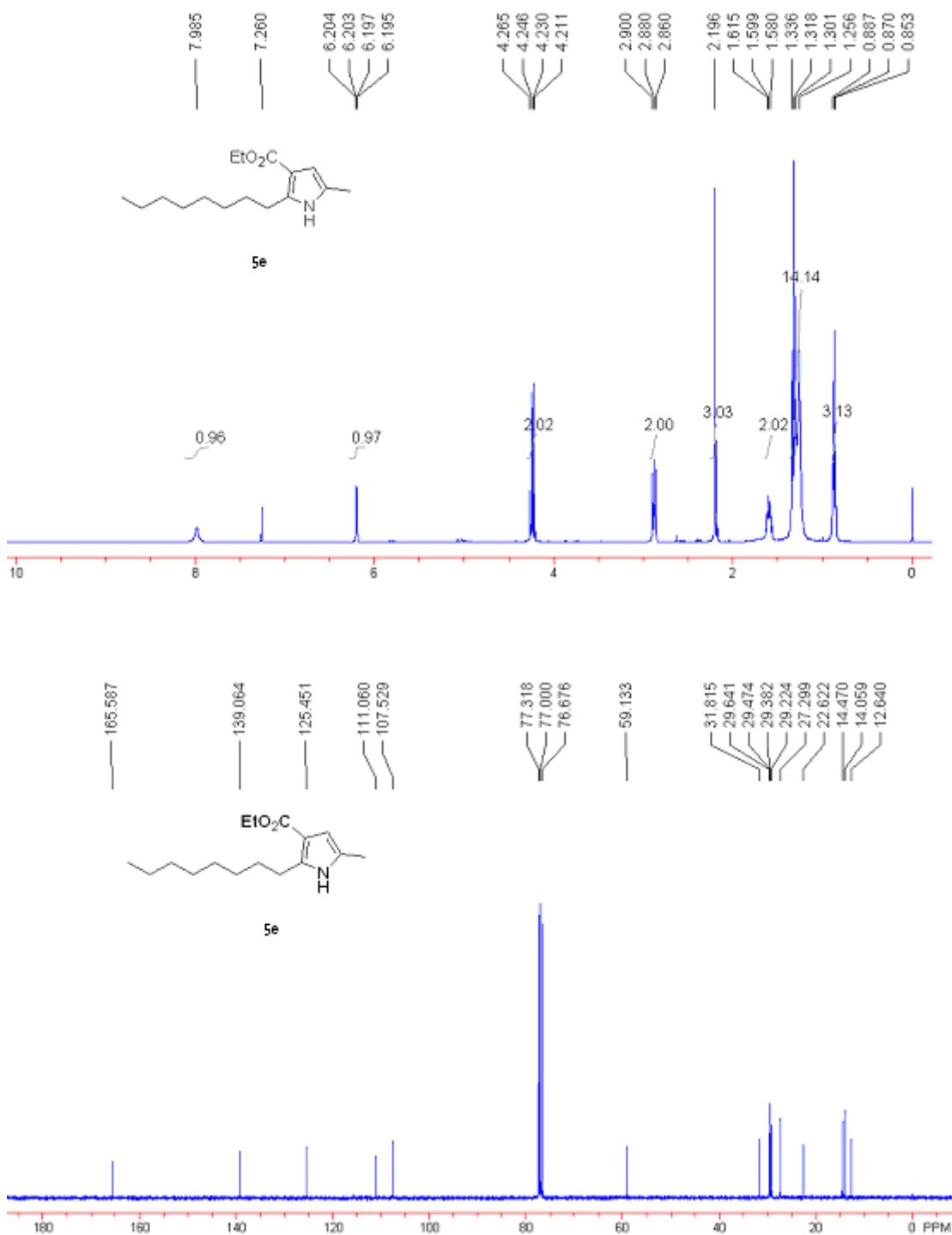


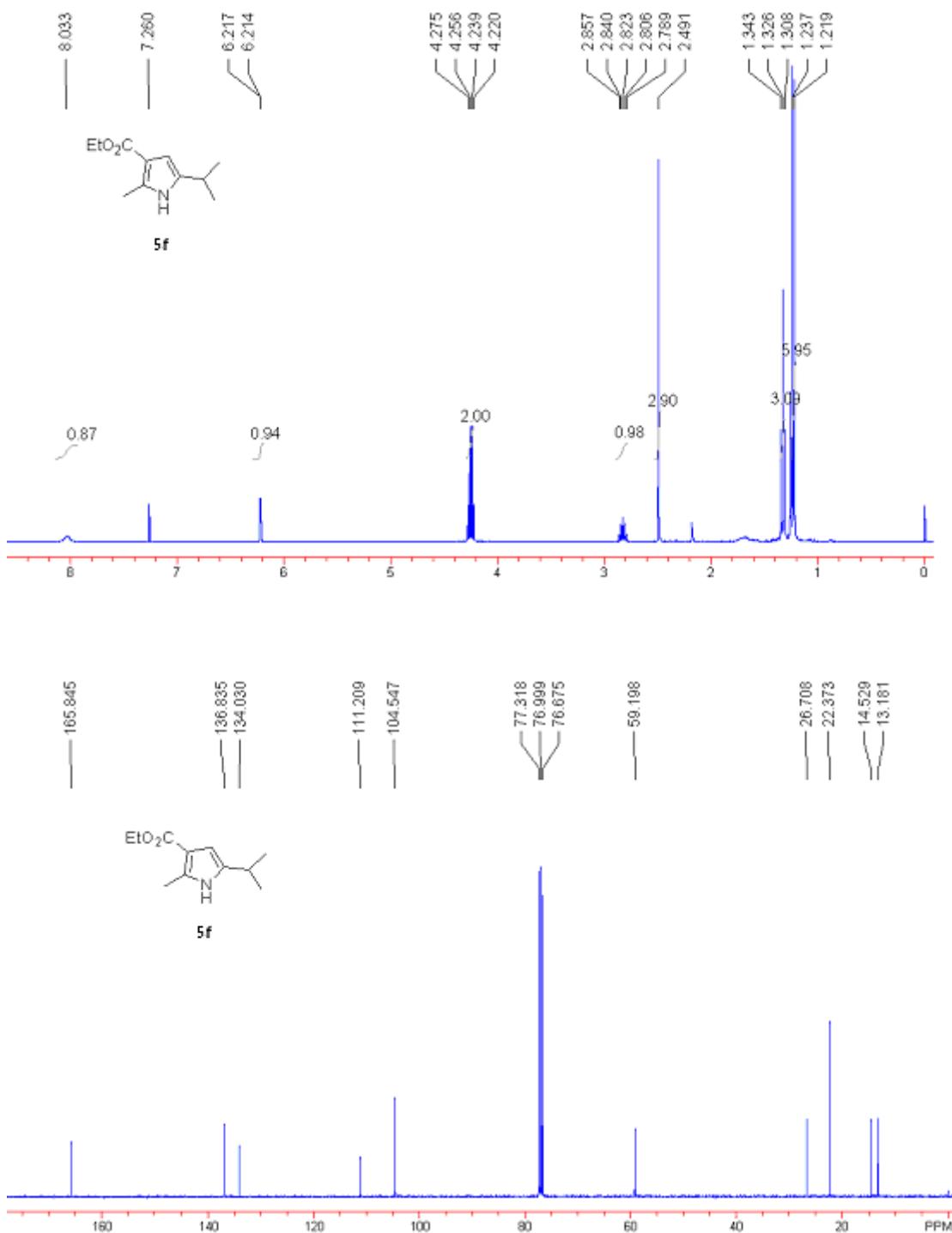


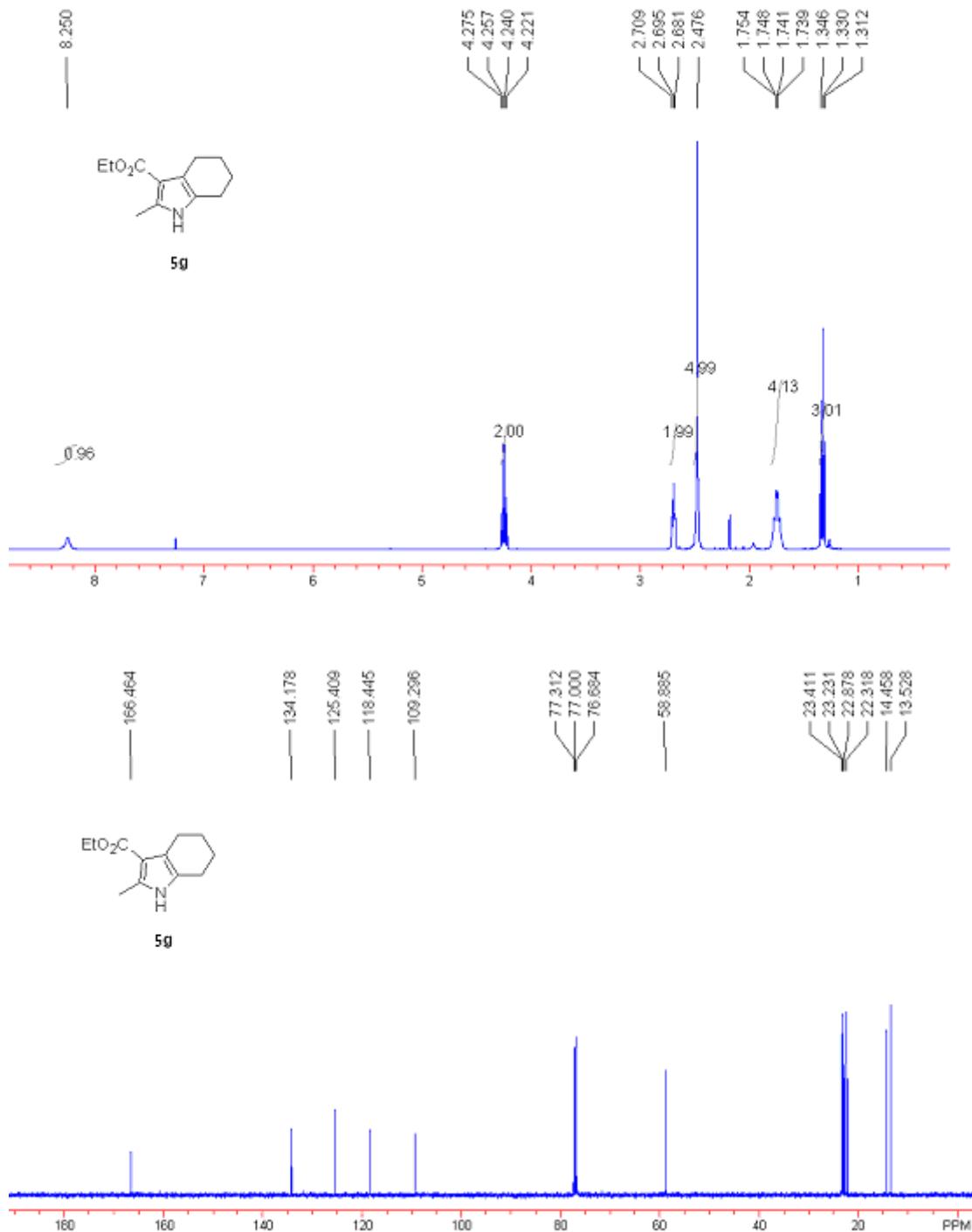


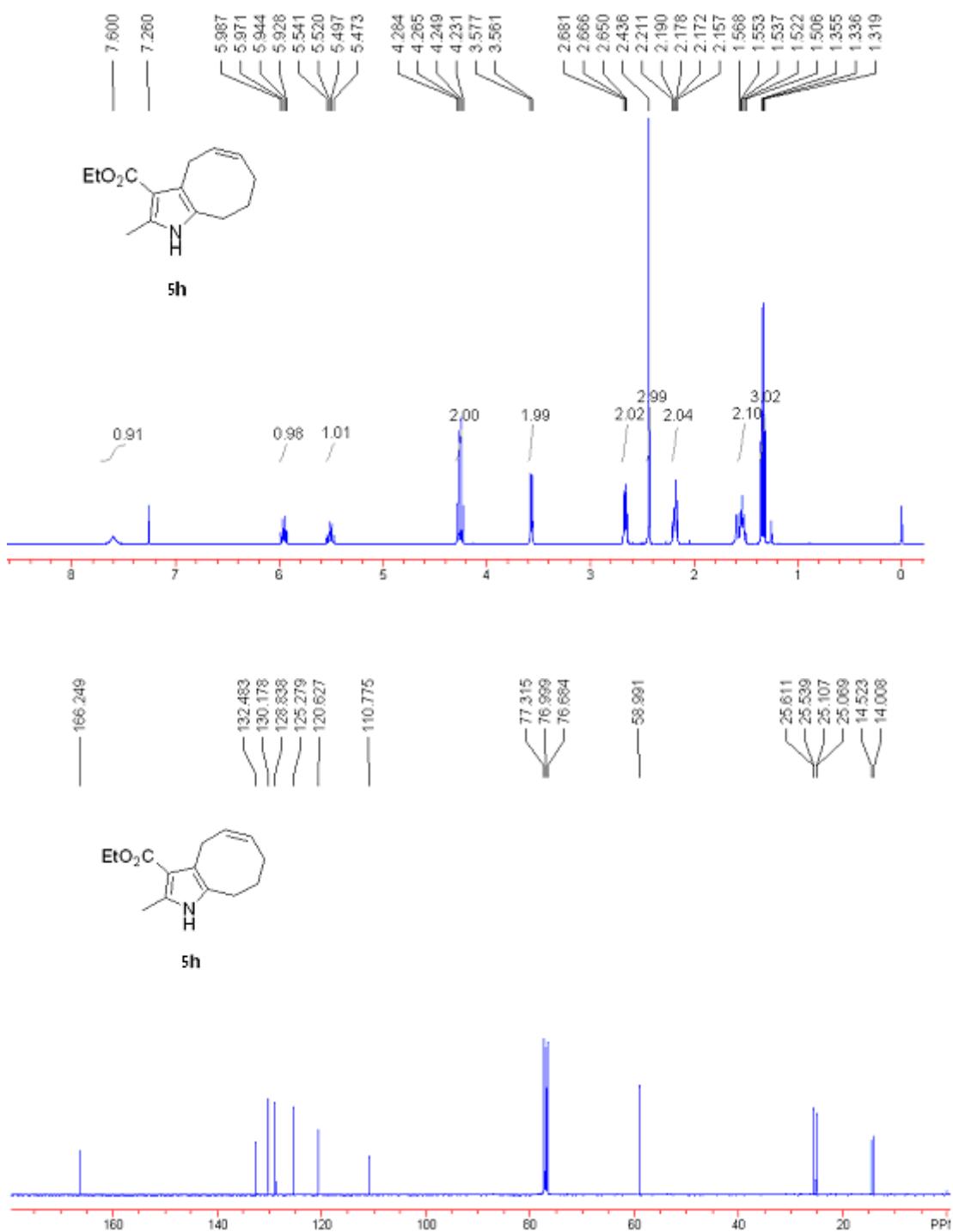


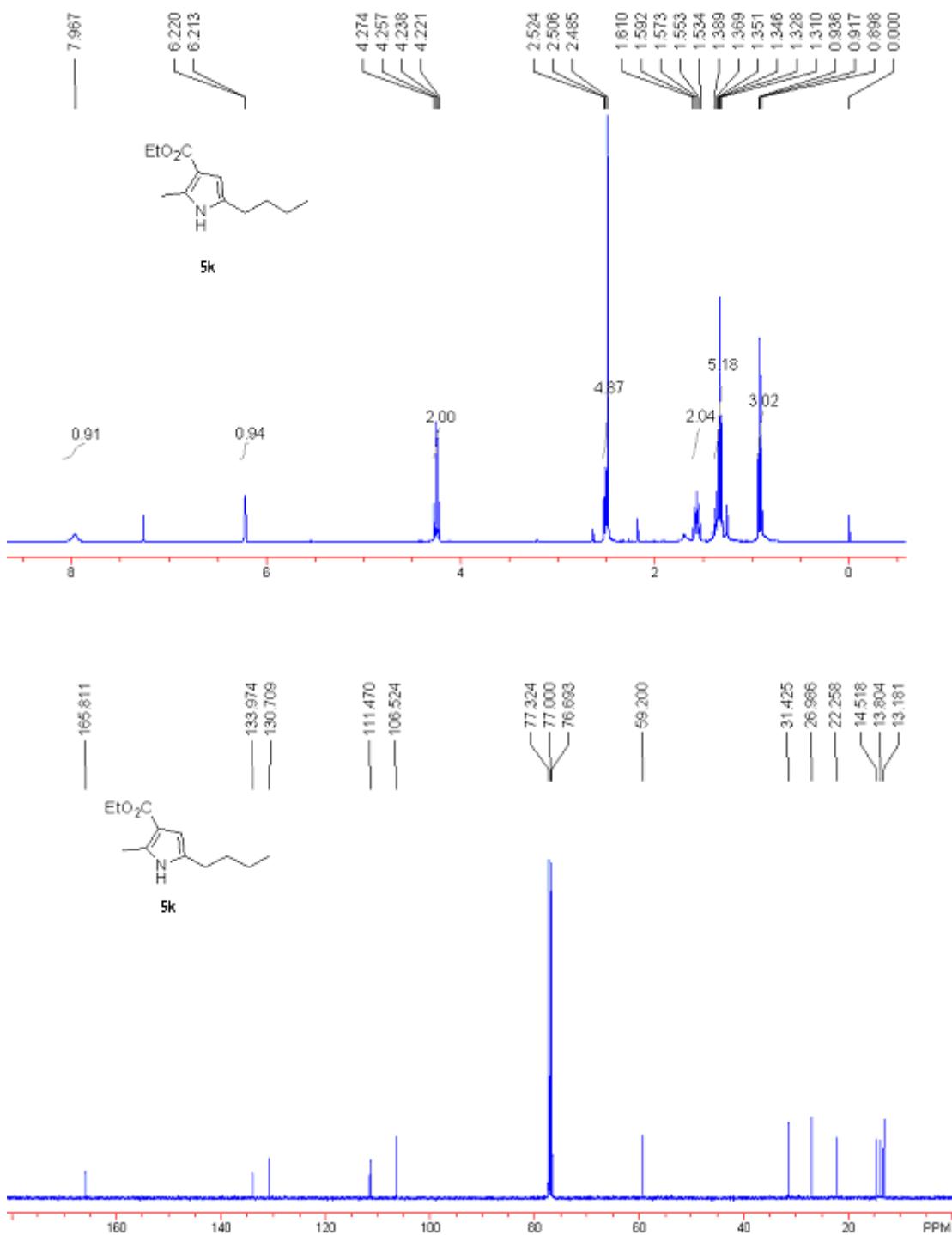


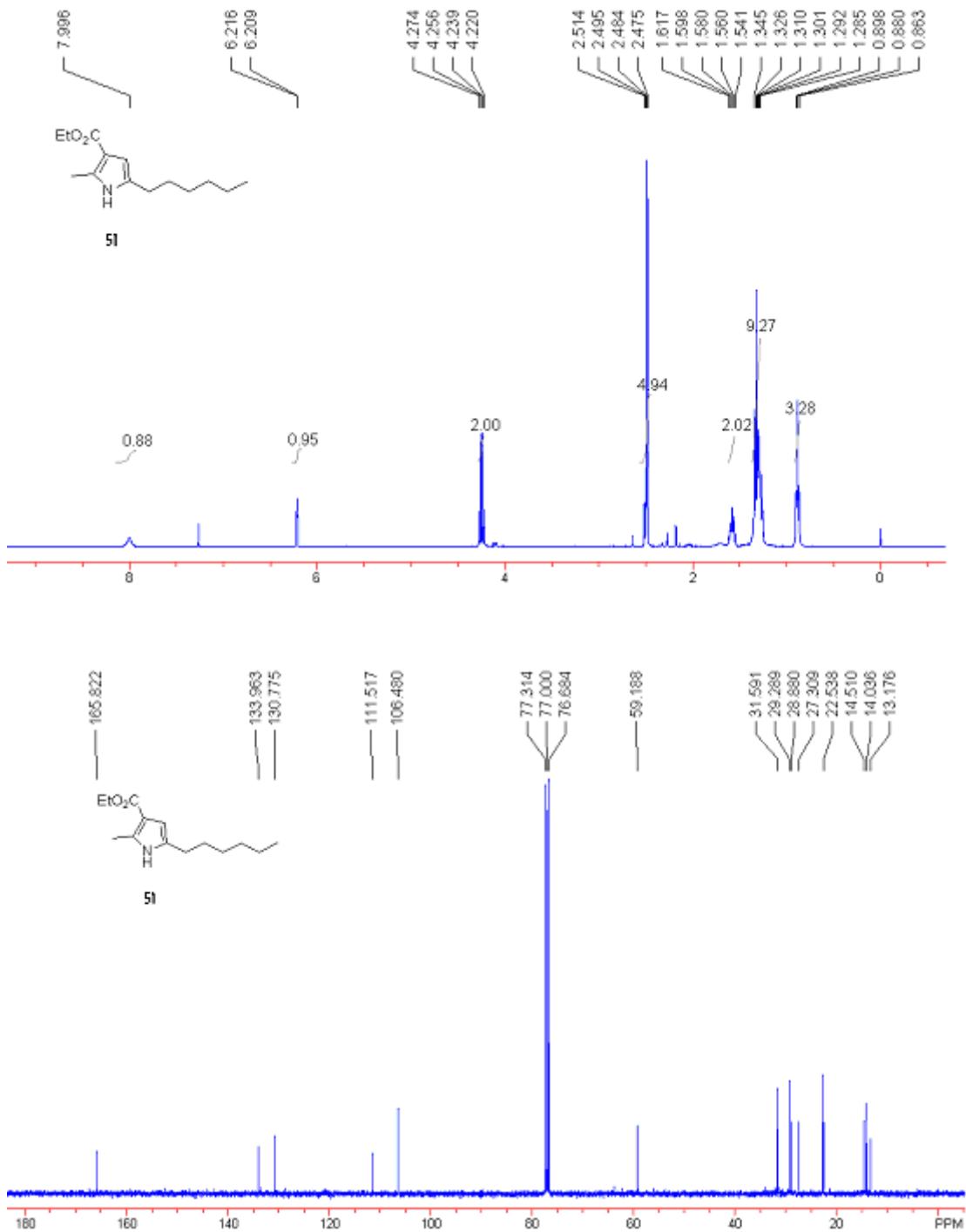




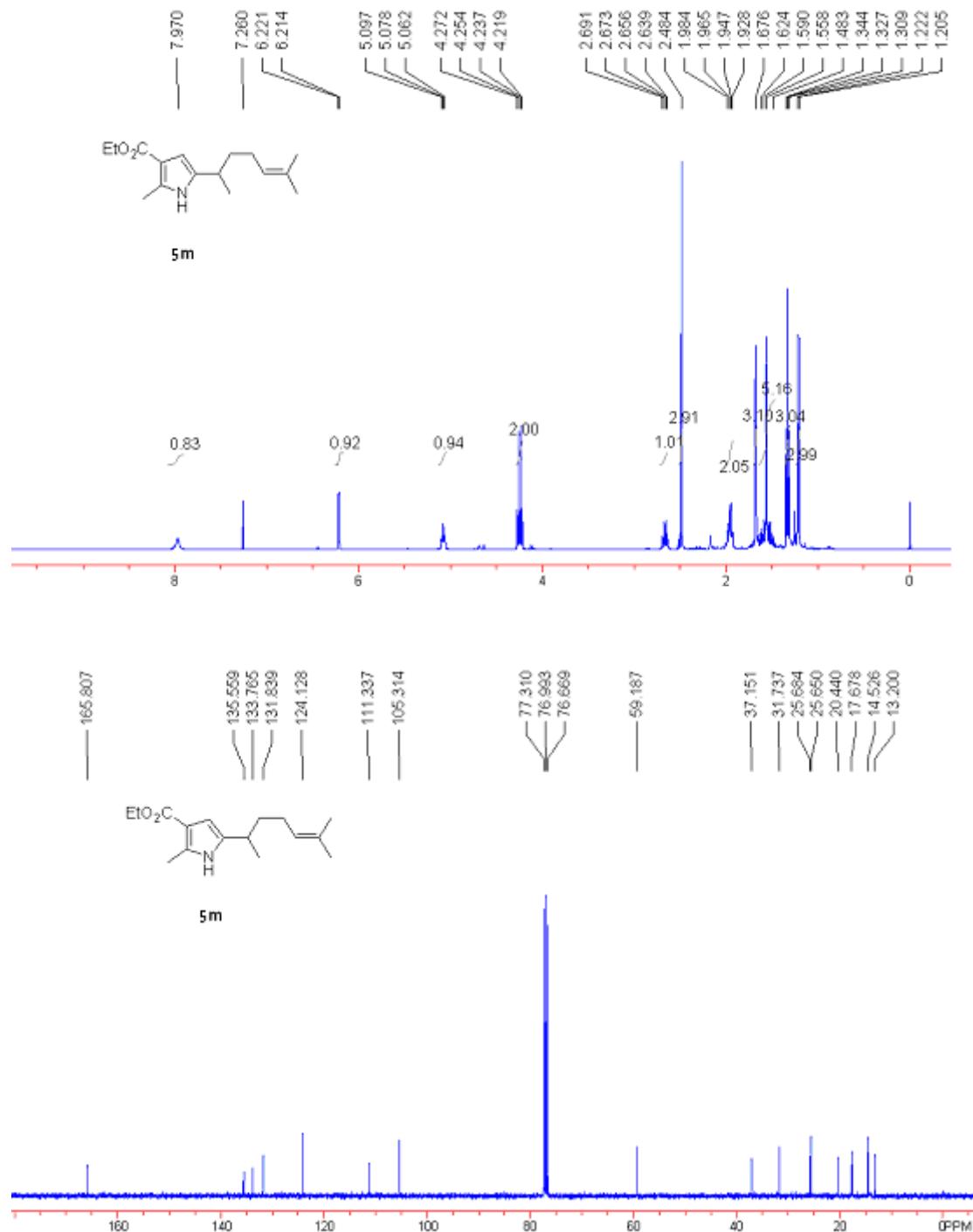






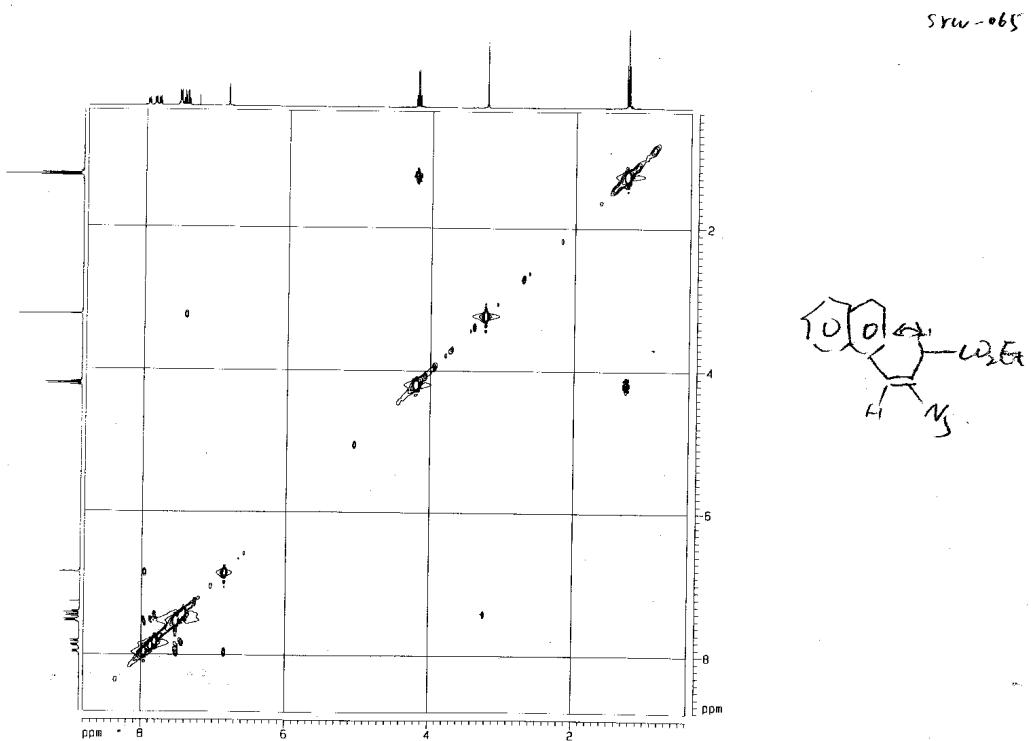


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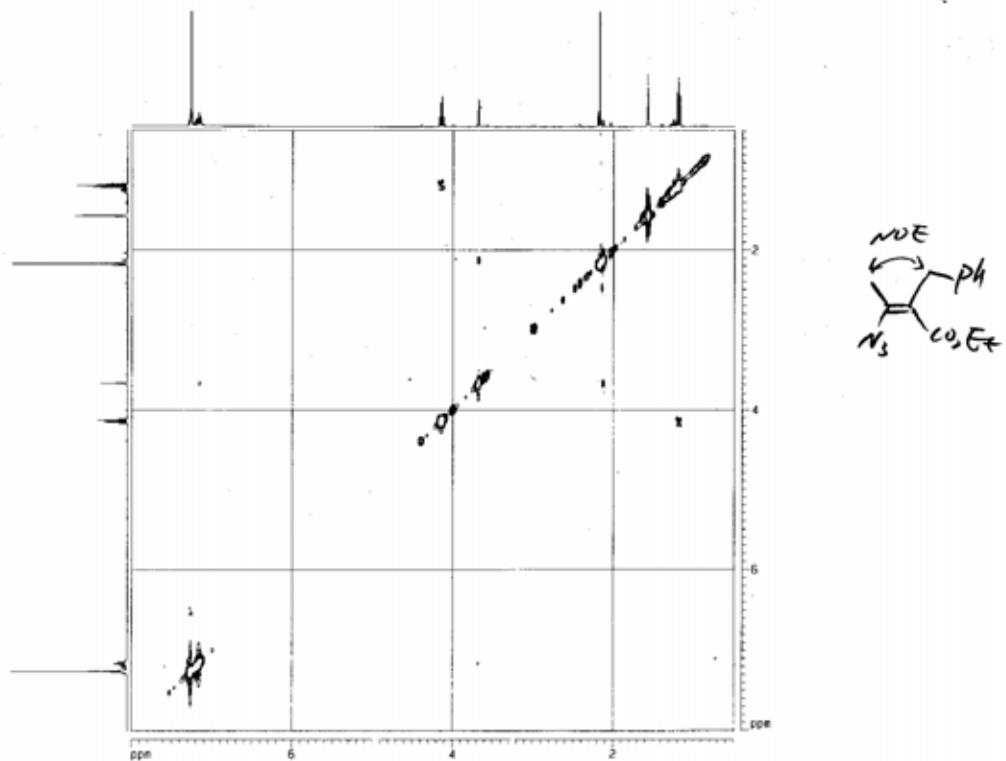
4. NOESY spectra for compounds *E*-2d and *Z*-3d

E-2d



Z-3d

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E-3d

