Supporting Information

Cobalt-Catalyzed Allylic C(sp³)–H Carboxylation with CO₂

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(A) Supplemental Data

(A-1) Optimization Details: Tables S1-S8

Several reaction parameters of allylic C–H carboxylation were investigated. In each table, the yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

Table S1. Solvent Effect in Allylic C-H Carboxylation

| ontw: | colvent | | | yield (%) | | | |
|----------------|-------------|----|---------------|-----------|----|---------|--|
| entry | solvent | 2a | E- 3 a | Z-3a | 4a | 1a rec. | |
| 1 ^a | 1,4-dioxane | - | - | - | - | 99 | |
| 2 | 1,4-dioxane | 4 | 82 | 8 | 6 | - | |
| 3 | THF | - | 82 | 11 | - | - | |
| 4 | toluene | - | 86 | 11 | - | - | |
| 5 | MeCN | - | 80 | 19 | - | - | |
| 6 | DMF | 4 | 52 | 12 | 2 | 30 | |
| 7 | DMA | 16 | 55 | 12 | 5 | 12 | |
| 8 | NMP | 4 | 50 | 11 | 3 | 21 | |
| 9 | DMI | 5 | 56 | 12 | 5 | 13 | |

^aThe reaction was carried out in the absence of Co(acac)₂.

Table S2. Investigation of Alkylmetal Reagents

| | MD | | | yield (%) | | | |
|-------|-------------------|----|--------------|-----------|----|---------|--|
| entry | MR_n | 2a | <i>E</i> -3a | Z-3a | 4a | 1a rec. | |
| 1 | AlMe ₃ | 16 | 55 | 12 | 5 | 12 | |
| 2 | AlEt ₃ | _ | 90 | 2 | _ | - | |
| 3 | $ZnMe_2$ | - | 1 | - | - | 93 | |
| 4 | $ZnEt_2$ | - | 11 | 2 | - | 87 | |

Table S3. Screening of Reaction Temperature and the Amount of the Catalyst

2,2'-bpy

Table S4. Ligand Screening

Table S5. Investigation of Transition-Metal Catalysts and the Amount of AlMe₃

| | catalyst | ligand | AlMe ₃ | Me ₃ yield (%) | | | | |
|-------|---|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------|----|---------|
| entry | (mol%) | (mol%) | (x equiv) | 2a | <i>E</i> -3a | Z-3a | 4a | 1a rec. |
| 1 | Co(acac) ₂ (10) | Xantphos (20) | 3 | 32 | 34 | 7 | 14 | 0 |
| 2 | CoCl(PPh ₃) ₃ (10) | Xantphos (20) | 3 | 22 | 54 | 12 | 5 | 4 |
| 3 | $Co(acac)_3$ (10) | Xantphos (20) | 3 | 21 | 58 | 9 | - | - |
| 4 | $[Cp*CoCl_2]_2$ (5) | none | 3 | - | 35 | 5 | - | 59 |
| 5 | $[Rh(cod)Cl]_2(5)$ | Xantphos (20) | 3 | - | 25 | 6 | - | 67 |
| 6 | $Rh(acac)_3$ (10) | Xantphos (20) | 3 | - | - | - | - | 97 |
| 7 | $[Ir(cod)Cl]_2(5)$ | Xantphos (20) | 3 | - | 5 | - | - | 93 |
| 8 | $CrCl_2$ (10) | Xantphos (20) | 3 | - | - | - | - | 99 |
| 9 | MnCl ₂ (10) | Xantphos (20) | 3 | - | - | - | - | 99 |
| 10 | MnBr(CO) ₅ (10) | Xantphos (20) | 3 | - | - | - | - | 98 |
| 11 | Fe(acac) ₃ (10) | Xantphos (20) | 3 | - | 9 | 2 | - | 86 |
| 12 | [RuCl2(PPh3)2]2 (5) | Xantphos (20) | 3 | - | 11 | 2 | - | 67 |
| 13 | $Ni(acac)_2$ (10) | Xantphos (20) | 3 | - | 27 | 3 | - | 69 |
| 14 | CuI (10) | Xantphos (20) | 3 | - | 6 | 2 | - | 89 |
| 15 | Co(acac) ₂ (10) | Xantphos (20) | 1.5 | 45 | 26 | 5 | 15 | _ |
| 16 | $CoBr_2$ (10) | Xantphos (20) | 1.5 | - | 82 | 7 | - | - |
| 17 | Co(hfacac) ₂ (10) | Xantphos (20) | 1.5 | 19 | 37 | 7 | 13 | 9 |
| 18 | $Co(dbm)_2$ (10) | Xantphos (20) | 1.5 | 27 | 33 | 5 | 20 | 3 |
| 19 | Co(salen) (10) | Xantphos (20) | 1.5 | 40 | 25 | 6 | 14 | 4 |

Table S6. Effect of Concentration and CO₂ Pressure

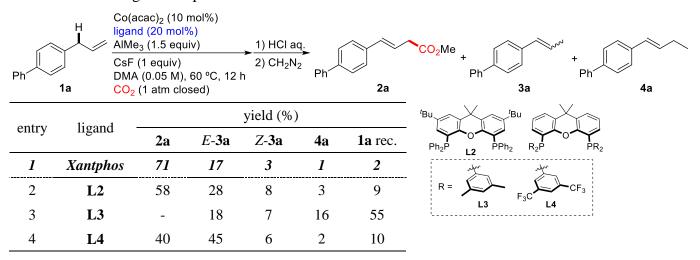
| anter : | DMA | CO_2 | | | yield (%) | | |
|---------|-------|------------|----|--------------|-----------|----|---------|
| entry | (y M) | (z atm) | 2a | <i>E</i> -3a | Z-3a | 4a | 1a rec. |
| 1 | 0.2 | 1 (closed) | 45 | 26 | 5 | 15 | - |
| 2 | 0.1 | 1 (closed) | 55 | 15 | 3 | 11 | 5 |
| 3 | 0.05 | 1 (closed) | 58 | 11 | 3 | 9 | 3 |
| 4 | 0.2 | 10 | 56 | 18 | 5 | 5 | 15 |
| 5 | 0.1 | 10 | 40 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 29 |
| 6 | 0.05 | 10 | 33 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 39 |
| 7 | 0.2 | 5 | 56 | 17 | 5 | 9 | 6 |
| 8 | 0.1 | 5 | 51 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 23 |
| 9 | 0.05 | 5 | 46 | 11 | 4 | 9 | 27 |
| 10 | 0.2 | 3 | 61 | 13 | 3 | 12 | 2 |
| 11 | 0.1 | 3 | 62 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 7 |
| 12 | 0.05 | 3 | 66 | 15 | 5 | 4 | 9 |

When the reaction was conducted under 3 atm CO₂ pressure in the absence of CsF in DMA (0.05 M), the yield of **2a** was increased to 66% (entry 12, Table S6). This yield is nearly equal to that using CsF (entry 17, Table 1), indicating that solubility of CO₂ in DMA is a key factor for efficient carboxylation. However, much concentration of CO₂ somewhat inhibited the reaction (entries 4-9, Table S6).

Table S7. Examination of Additives and Re-Investigation of CO₂ Pressure

| ontry | additiva (aquiv) | CO ₂ (z atm) - | | | yield (%) | rield (%) | |
|-------|------------------|--|----|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| entry | additive (equiv) | additive (equiv) CO ₂ (z atm) — | | <i>E</i> -3a | Z-3a | 4a | 1a rec. |
| 1 | none | 3 | 66 | 15 | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| 2 | CsF (1) | 3 | 47 | 20 | 5 | - | 20 |
| 3 | CsF (1) | 1 (closed) | 71 | <i>17</i> | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 4 | CsF (3) | 1 (closed) | 32 | 7 | 2 | - | 50 |
| 5 | CsF (1) | 1 (balloon) | 67 | 17 | 4 | 3 | - |
| 6 | $Cs_2CO_3(1)$ | 1 (closed) | 44 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 30 |
| 7 | $Cs_2CO_3(1)$ | 1 (balloon) | 57 | 16 | 5 | 2 | 15 |

Table S8. Screening of Xantphos Derivatives



(A-2) Reaction of the Olefin Isomerization Product and the Methylated Product

When the mixture of byproducts $3\mathbf{a}$ and $4\mathbf{a}$ (E- $3\mathbf{a}/4\mathbf{a} = 86:14$) were subjected to the optimized conditions under CO_2 , any reactions did not occur and $3\mathbf{a}$ and $4\mathbf{a}$ were completely recovered with the same ratio.

Scheme S1. Attempt for Carboxylation of 3a and 4a

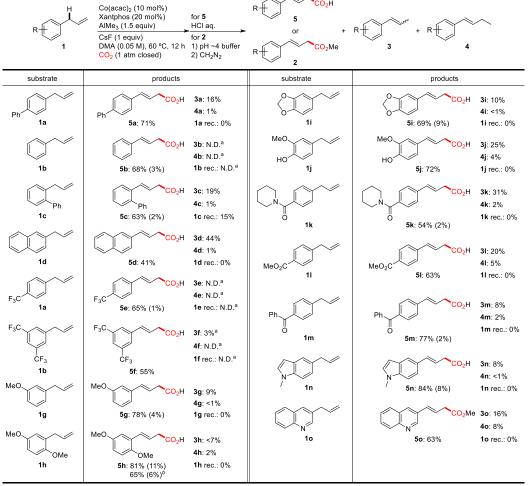
(A-3) Carboxylation Using Alkyllithium

Deprotonation/carboxylation of allylarene **1a** and 1,4-diene **6d** was conducted using "BuLi and CO₂ according to the reported procedure (Scheme S2, eq 1).¹ The reaction of **1a** provided a regioisomeric mixture of carboxylated products including double carboxylated product **S2a** (Scheme S2, eq 2),² while the same reaction (without esterification) of **6d** afforded only the olefin isomerization product **S8d** in 46% yield (Scheme S2, eq 3).³ These results suggest that Co(acac)₂/Xantphos/AlMe₃ catalytic system is advantageous in terms of both regioselectivitity and reactivity.

Scheme S2. Carboxylation Using Alkyllithium

(A-4) Substrate Scope

The results of substrate scope of allylic C–H carboxylation are summarized in the following tables. In every substrate, isolated yields are described for carboxylated products, and the yields of olefin isomers, methylated products, and recovered starting materials were determined by ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene.



⁸N.D. = Not determined. Yields were not determined because the materials were volatile under vacuum. The value in parentheses is the yield of the olefin isomer (α,β-unsaturated carboxylic acids)

| substrate | products | | substrate | products | |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| EtO ₂ C 6a | 7a : 75% (<i>E</i> / <i>Z</i> = 90:10) | 12a: N.D. ^a 13a: N.D. ^a 6a rec: 0% | Ph 6d | Ph 7d: 78% | 12d: N.D. ^a 13d: 0% 6d rec: 6% |
| EtO ₂ C 6b (E/Z = 3:2) | 7b: 45% (E/Z = 65:35) | 12b: 19% 13b: 6% 6b rec: 6% | Ph Ph 6e | Ph Ph 7e : 57% | 12e : N.D. ^a 13e : 0% 6e rec: 31% |
| EtO ₂ C 6c (E/Z = 1:1) | Tc: 68% (E/Z = 55:45) | 12c: N.D. ^a 13c: N.D. ^a 6c rec: 15% | MeO OEt MeO 6f | MeO OEt CO ₂ Me | 12f; N.D. ^a 13f; 0% 6f rec: 46% |

^aN.D. = Not determined. Yields were not correctly determined because the corresponding peaks were overlapped.

(B) General

All manipulations were carried out under an atmosphere of argon or nitrogen unless otherwise noted. Carboxylation reactions under "1 atm, closed" CO₂ atmosphere were carried out in a pressure-proof mini vacuum tube (20 mL, φ 19 mm x 100 mm, φ 13 mm), which was purchased from OSAKA CHEMICAL Co., Ltd. The reactions under higher (≥3 atm) CO₂ pressure were carried out in an autoclave (10 mL, Portable reactor, TVS-1), which was purchased from TAIATSU TECHNO. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR 460 Plus Fourier transform infrared spectrophotometer. NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL ECA-500 spectrometer, operating at 500 MHz (¹H) or 125 MHz (¹³C). Chemical shifts in CDCl₃ and acetone- d_6 were reported in the scale relative to CHCl₃ (7.26 ppm) and acetone (2.05 ppm) for ¹H NMR, and to CDCl₃ (77.0 ppm) and acetone- d_6 (29.84 ppm) for ¹³C NMR as internal references, respectively. NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shifts, multiplicity (s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, q: quartet, quin: quintet, m: multiplet, br: broad signal, app: apparently), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. EI-HRMS and ESI-HRMS spectra were measured on a JEOL JMS-T100GCv and Thermo Scientific Exactive, respectively. Gel permeation chromatography was performed on HPLC LC-9201 (Japan Analytical Industry Co., Ltd). Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco P-1030 digital polarimeter at the sodium D line (589 nm). Chiral HPLC analyses were carried out using a Jasco PU-980 and using the indicated chiral column. Column chromatography was performed with Wakogel® FC-40 (20-40 µm, spherical, neutral). Dry toluene, THF, MeCN, and DMF were purified under argon using the Ultimate Solvent System (Glass Counter Inc.). 1,4-Dioxane was distilled from Na/benzophenone. DMA, NMP, and DMI were distilled from CaH₂. CrCl₂ and DPEphos were purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. MnCl₂, Co(hfacac)₂, Fe(acac)₃, DCPE, DPPF, L1, and AlMe₃ (2.0 M in toluene) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Co. LLC. CoCl₂, CoBr₂, 2,2'-bpy, AlEt₃ (1.0 M in hexane), ZnMe₂ (1.0 M in hexane), and ZnEt₂ (1.0 M in hexane) were purchased from Kanto Chemical Co., Inc. Co(acac)₂, Co(acac)₃, Ni(acac)₂, Xantphos, NiXantphos, DPPP, and (S,S)-iPr-PyBox were purchased from Tokyo Kasei, Co., Ltd. CsF was purchased from Nacalai Tesque. Inc. Cs₂CO₃ was purchased from Kishida Chemical Co., Ltd. All materials purchased were used as received. MnBr(CO)₅,⁴ CoCl(PPh₃)₃,⁵ Co(dbm)₂,⁶ Co(salen),⁷ [Cp*CoCl₂]₂,⁸ [Rh(cod)Cl]₂, ⁹ Rh(acac)₃, ¹⁰ [Ir(cod)Cl₂], ¹¹ DBFphos, ¹² (S,S)-(R,R)-Ph-TRAP, ¹³ IPr·HCl, ¹⁴ **L2**, ¹⁵ **L3**, ¹³ and L4¹⁶ were prepared according to the reported procedures. CH₂N₂ in Et₂O was prepared by the addition of 1-methyl-3-nitro-1-nitrosoguanidine into 40 w/w% KOH aq./Et₂O, 1:2 at 0 °C. DMDO (ca. 0.05 M in acetone) was prepared by the reaction of acetone with Oxone[®]. 17

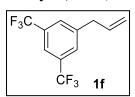
(C) Materials and Methods

(C-1) Preparation of Substrates

Allylbenzene (**1b**), safrole (**1i**), and eugenol (**1j**) were purchased from Tokyo Kasei, Co. Ltd., which were used as received. 4-Allyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**1a**),¹⁸ 2-allyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**1c**),¹⁹ 2-allylnaphthalene (**1d**),²⁰ 1-allyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**1e**),²¹ 3-allylanisole (**1g**),²¹ 2-allyl-1,4-dimethoxybenzene (**1h**),²² methyl 4-allylbenzoate (**1l**),²³ and 3-allylquionoline (**1o**)²⁴ were prepared by reported procedures.

(C-1-a) Grignard Reaction¹⁸

1-Allyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene (1f): To an oven-dried two-necked round-bottom flask equipped



with reflux condenser and dropping funnel was placed Mg turnings (632.1 mg, 26 mmol, 1.2 equiv). A solution of 1-bromo-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene (5.86 g, 20 mmol, 1 equiv) and a tiny crystal of I_2 in THF (12 mL, 1.6 M) was added to the dropping funnel, and a few milliliter of the solution was poured under vigorous stirring

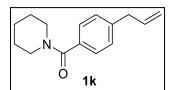
to initiate the reaction. The remaining solution was further added dropwise over 4 h. After complete addition, the mixture was stirred under reflux for 1 h, then cooled to 0 °C. To the reaction mixture was added allyl bromide (3.63 g, 30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) dropwise followed by stirring at room temperature for 1 h before quenching by sat. NH₄Cl aq. The solids were filtered off and the filtrate was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 times). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. After the solids were filtered off, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was roughly purified by silicagel column chromatography (eluent: hexane). And the impurities were separated by GPC (eluent: CHCl₃) to afford **1f** as colorless liquid (1.19 g, 7.5 mmol, 38%).

IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 3088, 2986, 2921, 1644, 1623, 1467, 1378, 1280, 1173, 1134, 993, 926, 902 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.73 (s, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 5.99-5.91 (m, 1H), 5.20 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 142.5, 135.2 (app d, J_{CF} = 2.4 Hz), 131.7 (q, J_{CF} = 33.0 Hz), 128.8 (app d, J_{CF} = 2.4 Hz), 124.5 (q, J_{CF} = 270.3 Hz), 120.2 (app quin, J_{CF} = 3.6 Hz), 117.8 (app t, J_{CF} = 3.6 Hz), 39.6 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₁H₈F₆, [M]⁺: 254.0530, found: 254.0523.

(C-1-b) Stille Coupling^{25,26}

To an oven-dried 30 mL recovery flask were placed PdCl₂ (88.7 mg, 0.5 mmol, 5 mol%) and PPh₃ (524.6 mg, 2.0 mmol, 20 mol%), which were dissolved in DMF (10 mL) followed by the addition of aryl bromide (10 mmol, 1 equiv) and allyltributyltin (3.97 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The resulting mixture was then stirred at 120 °C for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was diluted in 10 w/w% aq. KF. The resulting precipitate was filtered off through Celite[®]. After the cake was washed with ethyl acetate, the filtrate was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 times), and the combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. After the solids were filtered off, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography to afford the corresponding allylarene.

N-(4-Allylbenzoyl)piperidine (1k): N-(4-Bromobenzoyl)piperidine²⁷ (2.68 g, 10 mmol, 1 equiv) was used

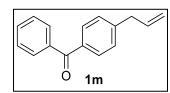


as a substrate. The crude product was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 3:1) to afford 1k as pale yellow oil (1.99 g, 8.7 mmol, 87%)

IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2936, 2854, 1631, 1431, 1275, 1108, 1001, 915, 852, 757 cm⁻¹; ¹H

NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.99-5.91 (m, 1H), 5.11-5.07 (m, 2H), 3.69 (app br s, 2H), 3.40 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (app br s, 2H), 1.66 (app br s, 4H), 1.51 (app br s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 170.2, 141.4, 136.7, 134.2, 128.5, 126.9, 116.1, 48.7, 43.0, 39.9, 26.5, 25.5, 24.5 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $C_{15}H_{18}NO$, $[M-H]^+$: 228.1388, found: 228.1390.

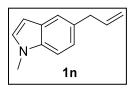
(4-Allylphenyl)(phenyl)methanone (1m): 4-Bromobenzophenone (2.61 g, 10 mmol, 1 equiv) was used as



a substrate. The crude product was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 40:1 to 20:1) and passing through 10 w/w% K_2CO_3 silica gel (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 20:1) to afford 1m as colorless oil (1.76 g, 7.9 mmol, 79%).

IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 3060, 1657, 1604, 1446, 1414, 1279, 1177, 999, 924, 702 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.79 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J = 7.7, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.03-5.95 (m, 1H), 5.15-5.11 (m, 2H), 3.48 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 196.4, 145.1, 137.8, 136.3, 135.5, 132.2, 130.4, 129.9, 128.5, 128.2, 116.6, 40.1 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄O, [M]⁺: 222.1045, found: 222.1049.

5-Allyl-1-methyl-1*H***-indole** (1n): 5-Bromo-1-methyl-1*H*-indole²⁸ (2.10 g, 10 mmol, 1 equiv) was used as

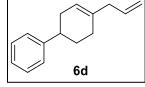


a substrate. After extraction, the combined organic layer was washed with $1\% H_2O_2$ aq. to oxidize PPh₃ to phosphine oxide. The crude material was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 100:1) followed by passing through $10 \text{ w/w}\% \text{ K}_2\text{CO}_3$ silica gel (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 50:1), which afforded

1n as colorless oil (1.36 g, 8.0 mmol, 80%).

IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2975, 2900, 1637, 1492, 1422, 1338, 1244, 1079, 994, 911, 792, 720 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.09-6.01 (m, 1H), 5.11 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 10.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.51 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 138.7, 135.5, 130.8, 128.9, 128.7, 122.6, 120.3, 114.9, 109.0, 100.5, 40.4, 32.8 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₂H₁₂N, [M–H]⁺: 170.1970, found: 170.0970.

1-Allyl-4-phenylcyclohex-1-ene (6d): In an argon-filled glove box, Pd(PPh₃)₄ (138.7 mg, 0.12 mmol, 5



mol%) and LiCl (508.7 mg, 12 mmol, 3 equiv) were placed into the 50 mL recovery flask. The solids were then dissolved in THF (15 mL) followed by the addition of allyltributyltin (1.59 g, 4.8 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-phenylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl

trifluoromethanesulfonate²⁹ (1.25 g, 4 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (5 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h before quenching by water, and the solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 times). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. After the solids were filtered off, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 100:0 to 20:1) followed by passing through 10 w/w% KF silica gel (eluent: hexane) to afford **6d** as colorless liquid (577.0 mg, 2.91 mmol, 73%).

IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2915, 1637, 1603, 1494, 1453, 1434, 996, 913, 755, 699 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.31 (dd, J = 7.7, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.89-5.80 (m, 1H), 5.54 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.09-5.03 (m, 2H), 2.79-2.74 (m, 3H), 2.31 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.19-2.13 (m, 2H), 2.06 (dd, J = 17.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.98-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.73 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 147.2, 136.7, 136.2, 128.3, 126.9, 125.9, 121.5, 115.7, 42.1, 40.2, 33.6, 30.0, 29.0 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₈, [M]⁺: 198.1409, found: 198.1406.

(C-1-c) Synthesis of 1,4-Dienes 6a-6c, and 6e

To an oven-dried three-necked round-bottom flask equipped with a condenser and a dropping funnel was placed Mg turnings (9.7 g, 0.4 mol, 1.2 equiv to allyl bromide). A solution of allyl bromide (36.3 g, 0.3 mol, 1 equiv) and a tiny crystal of I₂ in Et₂O (300 mL, 1 M) was added to the dropping funnel. The reaction was initiated by the addition of a few milliliter of the solution under vigorous stirring, and the remaining solution was dropped into the mixture under gentle reflux. After complete addition, the mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at the same temperature.

To an oven-dried 100 mL recovery flask were added α , β -unsaturated aldehyde or ketones (30 mmol, 1 equiv) and THF (30 mL, 1 M), which was then cooled to 0 °C. Allylmagnesium bromide in Et₂O (60 mL) was then added dropwise *via* syringe, and the resulting suspension was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched by sat. NH₄Cl aq. and the solids were filtered off through Celite[®]. The filtrate was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 times). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solids were filtered off, and the solvent was roughly evaporated, followed by Kugelrohr distillation of the residue under reduced pressure (*ca.* 150 mmHg), which afforded the corresponding alcohol **S6a-S6c** as a mixture with ethyl acetate, which was used to the next reaction without further purification.

The alcohol was diluted in MeC(OEt)₃ and a few drops of propionic acid were added. The resulting solution was heated at 140 °C for indicated time. After cooling to room temperature, MeC(OEt)₃ was roughly distilled off under ambient pressure (bath temp.: 170 °C) and the residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography to afford the corresponding 1,4-diene **6a-6c**.

Ethyl (E)-4-methylocta-4,7-dienoate (6a): Metacrolein (2.10 g, 30 mmol, 1 equiv) was used as a substrate.

The obtained alcohol **S6a** (*ca*. 20 mmol) was heated in MeC(OEt)₃ (64.9 g, 0.4 mol, 20 equiv) with a few drops of propionic acid for 24 h, and after silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 50:1), **6a** was obtained as

colorless liquid (1.77 g, 9.7 mmol, 34%, 2 steps).

IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2979, 1738, 1637, 1446, 1371, 1253, 1157, 1037, 910 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 5.82-5.74 (m, 1H), 5.20 (td, J = 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (dd, J = 10.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 173.4, 137.0, 134.7, 122.2, 114.3, 60.2, 34.6, 33.1, 32.1, 15.8, 14.2 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₁H₁₈O₂, [M]⁺: 182.1307, found: 182.1301.

Ethyl 5-methylocta-4,7-dienoate (6b, E/Z = 60:40): Methyl vinyl ketone (2.10 g, 30 mmol, 1 equiv) was

used as a substrate. The obtained alcohol **S6b** (*ca.* 8 mmol) was heated in MeC(OEt)₃ (26.0 g, 0.16 mol, 20 equiv) with a few drops of propionic acid for 36 h, and after silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate,

50:1), a regioisomeric mixture of **6b** was obtained as colorless liquid (217.0 mg, 1.2 mmol, 4%, 2 steps). IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2979, 1738, 1637, 1445, 1372, 1252, 1180, 1042, 913 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 5.80-5.70 (m, 1H), 5.19 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 0.4H, Z isomer), 5.15 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 0.6H, E isomer), 56.05-4.98 (m, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 0.8H, Z isomer), 2.70 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1.2H, E isomer), 2.33-2.32 (m, 4H), 1.67 (s, 1.2H, Z isomer), 1.61 (s, 1.8H, E isomer), 1.25 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 173.33, 173.28, 136.7, 135.8, 135.0, 134.5, 123.9, 123.3, 115.7, 115.2, 60.2, 44.0, 36.6, 34.5, 34.4, 23.6, 23.4, 23.3, 16.0, 14.2 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₁H₁₈O₂, [M]⁺: 182.1307, found: 182.1310.

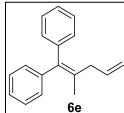
Ethyl 4,5-dimethylocta-4,7-dienoate (6c, E/Z = 50.50): 2-Methylbut-1-ene-3-one (2.52 g, 30 mmol, 1

equiv) was used as a substrate. The obtained alcohol **S6c** (*ca.* 9 mmol) was heated in MeC(OEt)₃ (29.2 g, 0.18 mol, 20 equiv) with a few drops of propionic acid for 48 h, and after silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 50:1), a regioisomeric mixture of **6c** was obtained as colorless liquid (403.0 mg,

2.1 mmol, 7%, 2 steps).

IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2979, 1737, 1636, 1446, 1371, 1254, 1166, 1039, 911 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 5.78-5.69 (m, 1H), 5.02-4.95 (m, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, Z isomer), 2.75 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H, E isomer), 2.40-2.31 (m, 4H), 1.66-1.62 (m, 6H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 173.5, 136.5, 135.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 114.8, 114.5, 60.2, 38.9, 38.5, 33.3, 33.0, 30.0, 29.5, 18.04, 18.01, 17.6, 14.2 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₂H₂₀O₂, [M]⁺: 196.1463, found: 196.1466.

1,1-Diphenyl-2-methylpenta-1,4-diene (6e): To an oven-dried 50 mL recovery flask was added 1,1-



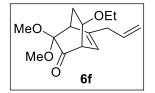
diphenylacetone (2.10 g, 10 mmol, 1 equiv), which was dissolved in THF (10 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Allylmagnesium bromide in Et₂O (15 mL) was added dropwise *via* syringe, and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched by 1 M HCl aq. (20 mL), and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 times). The combined organic layer was washed with

brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. After the solids were filtered off, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was passed through a plug of silica gel (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 30:1) to afford the alcohol **S6e** as a mixture with starting material (1.32 g, *ca.* 5.2 mmol), which was used to the next reaction without further purification. The obtained mixture (1.0 g, *ca.* 4 mmol, 1 equiv) was diluted in pyridine (16 mL) and cooled to -40 °C. To this solution was added SOCl₂ (713.8 mg, 6.0 mmol, *ca.* 15 equiv) dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 10 min, then warmed to 0 °C and further stirred for 30 min. The reaction was quenched with 1 M HCl aq. (20 mL) and extracted with hexane (3 times). The combined organic layer was washed with 1 M HCl aq. (3 times) followed by brine. After the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, the solids were filtered off and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane) to afford **6e** as colorless oil (823.0 mg, 3.51 mmol, 35%, 2 steps).

IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2911, 1636, 1598, 1492, 1442, 1073, 992, 913, 766, 701 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.32-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 6H), 5.93-5.85 (m, 1H), 5.11-5.08 (m, 2H), 2.89 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.81 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 143.1, 142.9, 138.6, 136.8, 132.4, 129.6, 129.3, 127.92, 127.89, 126.3, 126.2, 115.8, 40.1, 19.6 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈ [M]⁺: 234.1409, found: 234.1413.

(C-1-d) Synthesis of 1,4-Diene 6f³⁰

5-Allyl-7-ethoxy-3,3-dimethoxybicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-en-2-one (6f): To a 500 mL recovery flask was placed



PhI(OAc)₂ (7.73 g, 24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), which was dissolved in MeOH (200 mL) at 0 °C. Eugenol (3.28 g, 20 mmol, 1 equiv) was added dropwise to the solution, and the resulting yellowish mixture was stirred for 20 min at 0 °C. Afterwards, ethyl vinyl ether (28.8 g, 400 mmol, 20 equiv) was added in one portion and the mixture

was stirred at rt for 22 h. The solvent and volatile materials were then evaporated, and the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate, which was washed with sat. NaHCO₃ aq. followed by brine, and the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄. After the solids were filtered off, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by Kugelrohr bulb-to-bulb distillation (*ca.* 1 mmHg, *ca.* 150 °C) to afford **6f** as yellow oil (4.22 g, 15.9 mmol, 79%).

IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2975, 1738, 1636, 1440, 1373, 1350 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 5.88-5.79 (m, 1H), 5.67 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (dd, J = 10.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.96-3.93 (m, 1H), 3.50 (dq, J = 15.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd, J = 6.3, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dq, J = 15.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H),

3.27 (s, 3H), 3.03-2.94 (m, 2H), 2.89 (dd, J = 4.5, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (ddd, J = 13.5, 8.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (dt, J = 13.5, 4.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.0 Hz) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 146.7, 134.5, 117.3, 116.8, 94.0, 74.3, 64.2, 53.4, 50.5, 49.6, 41.4, 39.6, 30.4, 15.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₂₂NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 289.1410, found: 289.1411.

(C-2) General Procedure for Allylic C–H Carboxylation

(C-2-a) Representative Procedure ~ Condition Screening

To an oven-dried 20 mL sealed tube were placed Co(acac)₂ (5.1 mg, 20 μmol, 10 mol%) and Xantphos (23.1 mg, 40 μmol, 20 mol%). (The additive was added inside an argon-filled glove box). The tube was evacuated and backfilled with CO₂ (3 times) followed by the addition of DMA. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature until the materials dissolved completely. The solution was then cooled to 0 °C and stirred for 5 minutes before AlMe₃ (2 M in toluene, 0.15 mL, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added. The resulting solution was stirred for another 1 minute, then the substrate **1a** (38.9 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added. The tube was closed tightly and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After cooling the mixture to 0 °C, the sealed tube was carefully opened and the reaction was quenched by 20 mL of 1 M HCl aq. and extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL, 3 times). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. After the solids were filtered off, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was then dried under vacuum. The crude mixture was dissolved in Et₂O, and the mixture was treated with excess CH₂N₂ in Et₂O. After the mixture was stirred for at room temperature for 10 minutes, the solvent was evaporated and the residue was dried under vacuum. The yields of the corresponding ester **2a** and other products were determined by ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

(C-2-b) General Procedure ~ Substrate Scope

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Co(acac)}_2 \text{ (10 mol\%)} \\ \text{Xantphos (20 mol\%)} \\ \text{AlMe}_3 \text{ (1.5 equiv)} \\ \text{CsF (1 equiv)} \\ \text{Or} \\ \text{6 (R = alkenyl)} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{For 5 and 7} \\ \text{HCl aq.} \\ \text{for 2 and 8} \\ \text{1) pH ~ 4 buffer} \\ \text{2) CH}_2\text{N}_2 \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{CO}_2\text{H} \\ \text{5 (R = aryl)} \\ \text{Or} \\ \text{Or} \\ \text{7 (R = alkenyl)} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{2 (R = aryl)} \\ \text{8 (R = alkenyl)} \\ \end{array}$$

To an oven-dried 20 mL a vacuum tube sealed tube were placed Co(acac)₂ (10.3 mg, 40 μmol, 10 mol%) and Xantphos (46.3 mg, 80 μmol, 20 mol%). The tube was taken into an argon-filled glove box, and CsF (60.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was added. Outside the glove box, the tube was then evacuated and backfilled with CO₂ (3 times) followed by the addition of DMA (8 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature until the materials dissolved completely. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and stirred for 5 minutes before AlMe₃ (2 M in toluene, 0.3 mL, 0.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added. The dark green solution was stirred for another 1 minute, then a substrate 1 or 6 (0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added. The tube was closed tightly and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After cooling the mixture to 0 °C, the sealed

tube was carefully opened and the reaction was quenched by 30 mL of 1 M HCl aq. and extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL, 3 times). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. After the solids were filtered off, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dried under vacuum to afford the crude mixture, which was basically purified by silica-gel column chromatography (detail methods are described for each compounds).

Methyl (E)-4-((1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl)but-3-enoate (2a): 1a (38.9 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) was subjected to

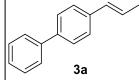
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the reaction according to the procedure **C-2-a**. 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene, which was used as an internal standard for determination of the yields by ¹H NMR analysis, was hard to remove in chromatographic purification. If it is not used, the crude mixture can be purified by silica-gel column

chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 30:1) to afford 2a as white solids.

mp. 97.0-98.0 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2955, 1731, 1487, 1436, 1400, 1300, 1195, 1164, 971, 755, 683 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dt, J = 15.8, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.29 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 172.0, 140.6, 140.3, 135.8, 133.0, 128.7, 127.3, 127.2, 126.9, 126.7, 121.7, 51.9, 38.3 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆O₂ [M]⁺: 252.1150, found: 252.1151.

(E)-4-(-Prop-1-ene-1-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3a) 31 : A mixture of 3a and 4a, which was obtained during the purification of 2a, was separated by GPC (eluent: CHCl₃) to afford E-3a as white

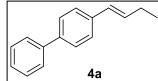


solids. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.3, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H),

6.44 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.33-6.25 (m, 1H), 1.91 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.4 Hz, 3H) ppm.

(E)-4-(But-1-ene-1-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (4a): Purification of the above mixture was purified by GPC (eluent:

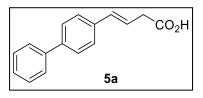
CHCl₃), which provided **4a** as white solids.



mp. 109.0-110.0 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 3026, 2966, 1599, 1486, 967, 856, 697, 667 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.60 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.32

(dt, J = 15.9, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (dq, J = 7.3, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.11 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 140.9, 139.5, 137.0, 132.9, 128.7, 128.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.9, 126.3, 26.1, 13.7 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆ [M]⁺: 208.1252, found: 208.1256.

(E)-4-((1,1'-Biphenyl)-4-yl)but-3-enoic acid $(5a)^{32}$: 1a (77.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was subjected to the



reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. The obtained crude material was dissolved in Et_2O (10 mL) and extracted with 1 M NaOH aq. (2 mL, 3 times). The combined water layer was washed with Et_2O (5 mL, 2 times), then acidified by conc. HCl. The resulting precipitates were collected by filtration,

and the solids were washed with water to afford **5a** as off-white solids (67.4 mg, 282.9 μ mol, 71%). mp. 182.5-184.0 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 3033, 1708, 1406, 1243, 1092, 969, 849, 756 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz,

acetone- d_6) δ : 7.67 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.0, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (dt, J = 15.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H) ppm; 13 C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ : 172.7, 141.4, 140.8, 137.3, 133.1, 129.7, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 127.5, 123.9, 38.4 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $C_{16}H_{14}O_2$ [M]⁺: 238.0994, found: 238.0998.

(E)-4-Phenylbut-3-enoic acid (5b)³³: 1b (47.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was subjected to the reaction

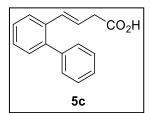
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according to the procedure **C-2-b**. Purification of the crude product by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1 to 3:1 with 1% AcOH) afforded **5b** as white solids containing a small amount of α , β -unsaturated carboxylic

acid (44.4 mg, 273.8 µmol, 68% (the olefin isomer: 3%)).

mp. 82.5-84.0 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2925, 1703, 1403, 1298, 1223, 1066, 975, 915, 744, 692 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.38 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dd, J = 7.4, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (dt, J = 15.8, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 178.0, 136.6, 134.0, 128.5, 127.7, 126.3, 120.8, 38.0 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₀H₁₀O₂ [M]⁺: 162.0681, found: 162.0678.

(E)-4-((1,1'-Biphenyl)-2-yl)but-3-enoic acid (5c): 1c (77.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was subjected to the

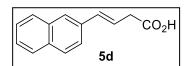


reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. Purification of the crude product by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1 to 2:1 with 1% AcOH) afforded **5c** as white solids containing a small amount of α,β -unsaturated carboxylic acid (60.0 mg, 251.8 μ mol, 63% (the olefin isomer: 2%)).

mp. 103.5-104.5 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 3024, 1696, 1475, 1410, 1300, 1218, 964, 749, 705

cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.63-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 7.5, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.29 (dddd, J = 7.8, 7.3, 3.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H) 6.51 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dt, J = 15.9, 7.1 Hz 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 178.2, 140.74, 140.69, 134.7, 132.9, 130.1, 129.8, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 127.0, 126.0, 121.5, 38.1 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄O₂ [M]⁺: 238.0994, found: 238.0992.

(E)-4-(Naphthalene-2-yl)but-3-enoic acid (5d)³⁴: 1d (67.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was subjected to the



reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. The obtained crude material was dissolved in Et₂O (10 mL) and extracted with 1 M NaOH aq. (2 mL, 3 times). The combined water layer was washed with Et₂O (5 mL, 2 times), then

acidified by conc. HCl. The resulting precipitates were collected by filtration, and the solids were washed with water to afford **5d** as white solids (34.4 mg, 162.1 µmol, 41%).

mp. 158.0-159.0 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 3048, 1720, 1418, 1401, 1295, 1222, 966, 862, 802, 740 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ : 7.88-7.82 (m, 4H), 7.70 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dt, J = 15.9, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ : 172.7, 135.6, 134.7, 133.9, 133.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 127.2, 126.7, 124.3, 124.2, 124.1, 38.4 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $C_{14}H_{12}O_{2}$ [M]⁺: 212.0837, found: 212.0831.

(E)-4-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-3-enoic acid (5e)³⁵: 1e (74.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was subjected

to the reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. Purification of the crude product by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1 to 3:1 with 1% AcOH) afforded **5e** as white amorphous solids containing

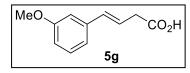
a small amount of α,β-unsaturated carboxylic acid (60.4 mg, 262.4 μmol, 65% (the olefin isomer: 1%)). mp. 48.0-49.5 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2925, 1713, 1614, 1416, 1324, 1172, 1121, 1065, 856, 809 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dt, J = 16.0, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 177.5, 140.0, 132.7, 129.5 (q, J_{CF} = 32.2 Hz), 126.5, 125.5 (q, J_{CF} = 3.6 Hz), 124.1 (q, J_{CF} = 270.3 Hz), 123.6, 37.9 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₁H₉F₃O₂ [M]⁺: 230.0555, found: 230.0562.

(E)-4-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-3-enoic acid (5f): 1f (101.7 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was

subjected to the reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. Purification of the crude product by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 10:1 to 4:1 with 1% AcOH) afforded **5f** as white solids (65.2 mg, 218.6 µmol, 55%).

mp. 115.0-116.0 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2919, 1711, 1422, 1410, 1380, 1342, 1288, 1232, 1176, 1124, 967, 897 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.79 (s, 2H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (dt, J = 16.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.378 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 177.1, 138.6, 132.2 (q, J_{CF} = 33.1 Hz), 131.4, 126.2 (app t, J_{CF} = 3.6 Hz), 125.2, 123.2 (q, J_{CF} = 275.1 Hz), 121.2 (app quin, J_{CF} = 3.5 Hz), 37.7 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₂H₈F₆O₂ [M]⁺: 298.0429, found: 298.0427.

(E)-4-(3-Methoxyphenyl)but-3-enoic acid (5g): 1g (59.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was subjected to the

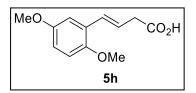


reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. Purification of the crude product by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1 to 1:1 with 1% AcOH) afforded **5g** as white solids containing a small amount of α , β -

mp. 91.0-92.0 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2898, 1696, 1604, 1578, 1492, 1429, 1389, 1344, 1264, 1220, 1150, 1038, 778 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.23 (dd, J = 8.0, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 2.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dt, J = 15.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.30 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 177.9, 159.8, 138.0, 133.9, 129.5, 121.1, 119.0, 113.4, 111.5, 55.2, 38.0 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₁H₁₂O₃ [M]⁺: 192.0786, found: 192.0791.

unsaturated carboxylic acid (60.1 mg, 312.7 µmol, 78% (the olefin isomer: 4%)).

(E)-4-(2,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)but-3-enoic acid (5h) 36 : 1h (71.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was subjected to



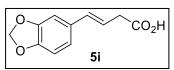
the reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. The crude material was dissolved in 1 M NaOH aq. (2 mL) and washed with Et₂O (5 mL, 2 times), then acidified by conc. HCl followed by extraction with ethyl acetate (3 mL, 3 times). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over

Na₂SO₄, which the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was passed through a pad of silica gel (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 1:1) to afford **5h** as white solids containing a small amount of α , β -

unsaturated carboxylic acid (72.1 mg, 324.3 µmol, 81% (the olefin isomer: 11%)).

mp. 110.0-111.0 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2912, 1713, 1496, 1416, 1386, 1317, 1287, 1219, 1043, 978, 912 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.00 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.83-6.76 (m, 3H), 6.29 (dt, J = 16.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.32 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 178.0, 153.6, 151.0, 128.7, 126.5, 121.7, 113.9, 112.2, 112.1, 56.2, 55.7, 38.4 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₂H₁₄O₄ [M]⁺: 222.0892, found: 222.0888.

(E)-4-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)but-3-enoic acid (5i)³⁶: 1i (64.9 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was subjected to

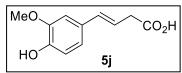


the reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. Purification of the crude product by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1 to 2:1 with 1% AcOH) afforded **5i** as white solids containing a small amount of α,β -

unsaturated carboxylic acid (57.0 mg, 276.4 µmol, 69% (the olefin isomer: 9%)).

mp. 113.5-114.5 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2898, 1693,1505, 1428, 1259, 1233, 1102, 1040, 970, 932, 788 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.92 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd. J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dt, J = 15.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 3.27 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\square \delta$: 177.9, 148.0, 147.3, 133.5, 131.1, 121.0, 119.0, 108.2, 105.7, 101.1, 37.9 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₁H₁₀O₄ [M]⁺: 206.0579, found: 206.0585.

(E)-4-(4-Hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)but-3-enoic acid (5j): 1j (65.7 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was

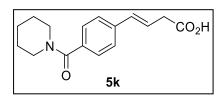


subjected to the reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. Purification of the crude product by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1 to 1:1 with 1% AcOH) afforded **5j** as off-white solids (59.7 mg,

286.7 μmol, 72%).

mp. 87.0-88.0 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 3507, 2943, 1695, 1600, 1514, 1401, 1275, 1233, 1151, 1028, 955, 798 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.44 (d J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dt, J = 15.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (br s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.28 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 178.0, 146.6, 145.5, 133.8, 129.3, 120.2, 118.4, 114.4, 108.1, 55.9, 37.9 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $C_{11}H_{12}O_{4}$ [M]⁺: 208.0736, found: 208.0742.

(E)-4-(4-(Piperidine-1-carbonyl)phenyl)but-3-enoic acid (5k): 1k (91.7 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was



subjected to the reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. Purification of the crude product by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1 tot 1:1) afforded **5k** as white solids containing a small amount of α , β -unsaturated carboxylic acid (58.8 mg, 215.1 μ mol,

54% (the olefin isomer: 2%)).

mp. 169.0-170.0 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 3159, 2940, 1715, 1599, 1451, 1394, 1287, 1175, 981, 853 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 9.17 (br s, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (dt, J = 16.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (app br s, 2H), 3.34 (app br s, 2H), 3.24 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (app br s, 4H), 1.51 (app br s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 175.5, 170.5, 138.1, 134.8, 132.6, 127.2, 126.2, 123.0, 48.9, 43.3, 38.1, 26.4, 25.5, 24.5 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₈NO₃ [M-H]⁺: 272.1287, found: 272.1288.

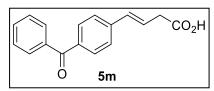
(E)-4-(4-(Methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)but-3-enoic acid (5l): 1l (70.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was subjected

to the reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. Purification of the crude product by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1 to 1:1 with 1% AcOH) to afford 5l as white solids (55.5 mg, 252.0 µmol,

63%).

mp. 125.0-126.0 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2958, 1722, 1683, 1607, 1432, 1280, 1234, 1105, 974, 900, 759 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.98 (ddd, J = 8.6, 2.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (dt, J = 15.9, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.34 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 177.1, 166.9, 141.0, 133.1, 129.9, 129.1, 126.2, 123.6, 52.1, 37.9 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $C_{12}H_{12}O_4$ [M]⁺: 220.0736, found: 220.0738.

(E)-4-(4-Benzoylphenyl)but-3-enoic acid (5m): 1m (88.9 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was subjected to the



reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. The crude material was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1 to 1:1 with 1% AcOH) to afford 5m as pale yellow solids containing a small amount of α,β -unsaturated carboxylic acid (81.8 mg,

307.2 μmol, 77% (the olefin isomer: 2%)).

mp. 99.0-100.0 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2925, 1731, 1643, 1443, 1415, 1391, 1285, 1245, 1146, 962, 865, 693 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.79 (m, 4H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 4H), 6.59 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dt, J = 15.8, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 196.2, 177.1, 140.7, 137.7, 136.5, 133.1, 132.4, 130.6, 129.9, 128.3, 126.1, 123.8, 38.0 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄O₃ [M]⁺: 266.0943, found: 266.0951.

(E)-4-(1-Methyl-1H-indol-5-yl)but-3-enoic acid (5n): 1n (68.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was used as a

substrate for the reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. Purification of the crude product by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1 to 2:1 with 1% AcOH) afforded **5n** as beige solids containing a

small amount of α,β-unsaturated carboxylic acid (72.5 mg, 336.7 μmol, 84% (the olefin isomer: 8%)). mp. 140.0-141.0 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2926, 1719, 1613, 1510, 1420, 1301, 1214, 972, 897, 792, 712 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dt, J = 15.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.32 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 178.1, 136.5, 135.1, 129.3, 128.6, 128.3, 119.9, 119.4, 117.6, 109.3, 101.3, 38.2, 32.9 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₃H₁₃NO₂ [M]⁺: 215.0946, found: 215.0950.

Methyl (E)-4-(quinolin-3-yl)but-3-enoate (20): 10 (67.7 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was subjected to the

reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. The reaction was quenched by a buffer solution of citric acid/NaHCO₃ (pH ~4, 10 mL), which was poured into a separatory funnel containing the same buffer (10 mL), and extracted with

ethyl acetate (5 mL, 12 times). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, and the solids were filtered off. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was diluted in Et₂O,

which was treated with excess CH₂N₂ in Et₂O. After stirring the mixture at room temperature for 10 minutes, the mixture was diluted in ethyl acetate (10 mL) and washed with brine (20 mL, 2 times). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, and the solids were filtered off. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 5:1 to 3:2) to afford **2o** as pale yellow solids (53.5 mg, 250.9 µmol, 63%).

mp. 85.0-86.0 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2953, 1728, 1572, 1493, 1438, 1290, 1202, 979, 810, 751cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.98 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.07-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.79 (J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (ddd, J = 7.5, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (dt, J = 16.0, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.35 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 171.8, 149.4, 147.7, 132.5, 130.5, 129.8, 129.39, 129.37, 128.1, 128.0, 127.1, 124.4, 52.2, 38.5 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₄H₁₃NO₂ [M]⁺: 227.0946, found: 227.0941.

(5E)-9-Ethoxy-6-methyl-9-oxonona-3,5-dienoic acid (7a, 3E/3Z = 90:10): 6a (72.9 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1

equiv) was subjected to the reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. Purification of the crude product by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1 to 2:1) afforded a regioisomeric mixture

of **7a** as colorless oil (68.1 mg, 301.0 μmol, 75%).

IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 3185, 2982, 1732, 1713, 1374, 1161, 1043, 966, 757 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.34 (dd, J = 15.3, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 0.1H, Z isomer), 5.84 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 0.9H, E isomer), 5.64 (dt, J = 15.3, 7.2 Hz, 0.9H, E isomer), 5.51 (dt, J = 11.3, 7.3 Hz, 0.1H, Z isomer), 4.12 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.1, 0.2 H, Z isomer), 3.16 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.8H, E isomer), 2.44-2.40 (m, 2H), 2.38-2.35 (m, 2H), 1.76 (s, 0.3H, Z isomer), 1.74 (s, 2.7H, E isomer), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 177.9, 177.8, 173.2, 173.1, 139.3, 137.1, 130.5, 127.6, 124.4, 122.3, 119.7, 119.6, 60.44, 60.39, 37.9, 35.1, 34.7, 32.9, 32.8, 16.52, 16.48, 14.2 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $C_{12}H_{18}O_4$ [M]⁺: 226.1205, found: 226.1208.

(3E)-9-Ethoxy-5-methyl-9-oxonona-3,5-dienoic acid (7b, 5E/5Z = 65:35): 6b (E/Z = 60:40, 72.9 mg, 0.4)

EtO₂C
$$CO_2H$$
 7b (5*E*/5*Z* = 65:35)

mmol, 1 equiv) was subjected to the reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. Purification of the crude product by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1 to 2:1) afforded a

regioisomeric mixture of **7b** as colorless oil (40.0 mg, 176.8 μmol, 45%).

IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 3202, 2982, 1731, 1714, 1375, 1270, 1181, 1038, 967 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.55 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 0.4H, Z isomer), 6.14 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 0.6H, E isomer), 5.75 (dt, J = 15.5 7.2 Hz, 0.4H, Z isomer), 5.63 (dt, J = 15.8, 7.2 Hz, 0.6H, E isomer), 5.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 0.6H, E isomer), 5.30 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 0.4H, Z isomer), 4.12 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 0.8H, Z isomer), 3.15 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.2H, E isomer), 2.49-2.42 (m, 2H), 2.37-2.33 (m, 2H), 1.81 (s, 1H, Z isomer), 1.76 (s, 2H, E isomer), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 178.1, 177.9, 173.15, 173.13, 138.5, 134.2, 132.5, 130.8, 130.3, 128.3, 121.1, 118.1, 60.4, 38.2, 37.8, 34.4, 34.0, 23.7, 22.9, 20.4, 14.2, 12.3 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₂H₁₈O₄ [M]⁺: 226.1205, found: 226.1209.

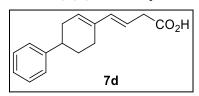
(3E)-9-Ethoxy-5,6-dimethyl-9-oxonona-3,5-dienoic acid (7c, 5E/5Z = 55:45): 6c (E/Z = 50:50, 78.5 mg)

EtO₂C
$$CO_2H$$
 CO_2H CO_2H

0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was subjected to the reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. Purification of the crude product by silica-gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1 to 2:1) afforded a regioisomeric mixture of **7c** as colorless oil (65.0 mg, 270.5 μ mol, 68%).

IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 3198, 2983, 1732, 1714, 1375, 1286, 1179, 1099, 1035, 962, 757 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.59 (app dd. J = 15.5, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (dt, J = 15.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (app qd, J = 7.3, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 0.9H, Z isomer) 2.46 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1.1H, E isomer), 2.38-2.33 (m, 2H), 1.80 (s, 1.6H, E isomer), 1.79 (s, 1.6H, E isomer), 1.77 (s, 1.4H, Z isomer), 1.76 (s, 1.4H, Z isomer), 1.25 (td, J = 7.3, 2.4 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 178.1, 173.3, 133.3, 132.9, 132.5, 127.3, 127.0, 119.1, 118.9, 60.4, 38.38, 38.35, 33.4, 32.8, 30.8, 29.4, 19.4, 18.0, 14.5, 14.2, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₃H₂₀O₄ [M]⁺: 240.1362, found: 240.1364.

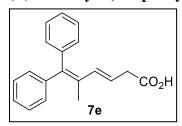
(E)-4-(1,2,3,6-Tetrahydro-(1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl)but-3-enoic acid: 6d (79.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was



subjected to the reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. Purification of the crude product by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 2:1) afforded **7d** as white solids (76.0 mg, 313.6 μ mol, 78%).

mp. 104.0-105.0 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 3084, 2920, 1715, 1651, 1493, 1433, 1391, 1276, 1032, 971, 702 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.31 (dd, J = 8.0, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.21 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.67-5.61 (m, 1H), 3.19 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.83-2.77 (m, 1H), 2.44-2.35 (m, 2H), 2.31-2.25 (m, 2H), 2.06-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.75 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 178.3, 146.7, 137.0, 134.9, 129.0, 128.4, 126.8, 126.1, 117.1, 40.1, 37.9, 33.9, 29.5, 25.0 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $C_{16}H_{18}O_2$ [M]⁺: 242.1307, found: 2420.1312.

(E)-5-Methyl-6,6-diphenylhexa-3,5-dienoic acid (7e): 6e (93.7 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was subjected to



the reaction according to the procedure **C-2-b**. Purification of the crude product by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1 to 2:1) afforded **7e** as pale yellow solids (63.5 mg, 228.1 µmol, 57%).

mp. 135.5-136.0 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 3053, 2918, 1709, 1597, 1491, 1442, 1285, 1074, 1019, 969, 701 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.31-7.28 (m, 4H),

7.26-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 4H), 6.43 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (dt, J = 15.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 1.95 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 177.3, 142.9, 142.1, 135.2, 130.6, 130.5, 129.9, 127.92, 127.90, 126.8, 126.7, 121.0, 38.1, 16.8 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈O₂ [M]⁺: 278.1307, found: 278.1229.

Methyl (E)-4-(8-ethoxy-6,6-dimethoxy-5-oxobicyclo[2.2.2]oct-2-en-2-yl)but-3-enoate (8f): 6f (106.5)

mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was subjected to the reaction according to the procedure C-2-b. The reaction was quenched with pH \sim 4 buffer (citric acid/NaHCO₃) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 mL, 10 times). The crude mixture was once dried under vacuum (5 min), then treated with CH_2N_2 in

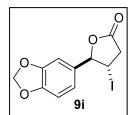
Et₂O. After concentration, the residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 10:1 to 4:1) to afford **8f** as pale yellow oil (53.0 mg, 163.4 μmol, 41%).

IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2976, 1739, 1437, 1352, 1250, 1201, 1165, 1102, 1050 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.23 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dt, J = 16.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (ddd, J = 8.1, 3.5, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.54 (dq, J = 6.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (dq, J = 9.0, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.42-3.35 (m, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 3.24-3.15 (m, 2H), 2.46 (ddd, J = 13.7, 8.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (ddd, J = 13.7, 3.5, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 171.8, 143.8, 131.2, 121.6, 121.3, 93.4, 74.9, 64.3, 54.0, 51.9, 50.7, 49.8, 37.8, 37.6, 30.3, 15.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $C_{17}H_{24}NaO_{6}$ [M+Na]⁺: 347.1465, found: 347.1461.

(C-3) Derivatization of the Carboxylated Products

(C-3-a) Iodolactonization of 5i

anti-5-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4-iododihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (9i): To a 10 mL recovery flask was



added Oxone[®] (245.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and KI (132.8 mg, 0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv) under air, which was dissolved in MeCN/H₂O (1:1, 2 mL) resulted in a brown suspension. To this mixture was added 5i (41.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and stirred at ambient temperature for 7 h. Water (10 mL) was added and the reaction was quenched by the addition of Na₂S₂O₃ until the color of iodine disappeared. The mixture was

extracted with ethyl acetate (3 mL, 2 times) and the combined organic layer was washed with brine, then dried over Na₂SO₄. After the solids were filtered off, the solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1) to afford *anti*-β-iodobutyrolactone **9i** as pale yellow waxy oil (64.6 mg, 194.5 μmol, 97%).

IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2902, 1790, 1610, 1505, 1448, 1342, 1253, 1199, 1139, 1104, 1038, 979, 933, 813 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.90-9.86 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 5.57 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (ddd, J = 9.6, 8.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 17.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, 17.9, 9.6 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 173.5, 148.6, 148.3, 129.0, 120.4, 108.5, 106.2, 101.5, 89.5, 41.0, 17.9 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₁H₉IO₄ [M]⁺: 331.9546, found: 331.9537.

(C-3-b) Tandem Olefin Epoxidation/Ring-Opening Lactonization

anti-5-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-vl)-4-hydroxydihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (10i): To a 10 mL recovery flask

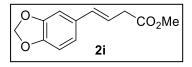
was added **5i** (20.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) under air, which was dissolved in acetone (1 mL). To the solution was then added dimethyl dioxirane (DMDO) (*ca.* 0.05 M in acetone, 2 mL, *ca.* 0.1 mmol, *ca.* 1 equiv) by a pipette at ambient temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min. and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent:

hexane/ethyl acetate, 1:1) to afford *anti*- β -hydroxybutyrolactone **10i** as white solids (15.0 mg, 67.5 μ mol, 68%).

mp. 98.5-99.5 °C; IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 3512, 2945, 1772, 1503, 1257, 1173, 1038, 984, 868, 793 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ : 6.89-6.86 (m, 3H), 6.02 (s, 2H), 5.23 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (ddd, J = 8.4, 4.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H) 2.89 (dd, J = 17.5, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, J = 17.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ : 175.2, 149.0, 148.6, 132.8, 120.2, 109.0, 106.8, 102.3, 74.6, 37.5 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $C_{11}H_{10}O_5$ [M]⁺: 222.0528, found: 222.0526.

(C-3-c) Sharpless Asymmetric Dihydroxylation of 5i and in situ Lactonization

Methyl (E)-4-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)but-3-enoate (2i): To a 10 mL recovery flask was added 5i (433.0

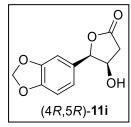


mg, 2.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) under air, which was diluted in DMF (2 mL). To this solution were added K_2CO_3 (348.3 mg, 2.5 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and MeI (0.2 mL, 3.2 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and the resulting suspension was vigorously stirred at

room temperature overnight. Water (20 mL) was added and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 mL, 3 times). The combined organic layer was washed with sat. NaHCO₃ aq. and brine, then dried over Na₂SO₄. After the solids were filtered off, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude mixture was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 10:1 to 4:1) to afford the methyl ester 2i as colorless oil (439.3 mg, 1.99 mmol, 95%).

IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 2952, 2898, 1737, 1504, 1491, 1446, 1251, 1199, 1166, 1039, 934 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.92 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dt, J = 15.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.21 (dd. J = 7.3, 1.1 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 172.1, 148.0, 147.2, 133.0, 131.3, 120.9, 119.8, 108.2, 105.6, 101.0, 51.9, 38.1 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C₁₂H₁₂O₄ [M]⁺: 220.0736, found: 220.0734.

(4R,5R)-5-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4-iododihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (11i): To a 10 mL recovery flask



was added MeSO₂NH₂ (19.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) under air, which was dissolved in ${}^tBuOH/H_2O$ (1:1, 2 mL). To the mixture were added **2i** (44.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and AD-mix- β (240 mg, *ca.* 4 mol% K₂OsO₄·2H₂O, *ca.* 10 mol% (DHQD)₂PHAL, 3.0 equiv K₃Fe(CN)₆, and 3.0 equiv K₂CO₃) at 0 °C. The resulting orange suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 20 h. The reaction was quenched by Na₂S₂O₃

(316.2 mg, 2 mmol, 10 equiv) and stirred at ambient temperature for 1 h. Water (10 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 mL, 2 times) and the combined organic layer was washed with brine, then dried over Na_2SO_4 . After the solids were filtered off, the solvent was evaporated and the crude mixture was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 1:1) to afford *syn*-hydroxybutyrolactone **11i** as white solids (35.7 mg, 160.1 µmol, 80%, 99% ee).

mp. 88.0-89.0 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ -13.3 (c 0.17, MeOH); IR (neat) \tilde{v} : 3453, 2921, 1769, 1505, 1447, 1325, 1257, 1159, 1077, 1037, 931, 787 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.89-6.84 (m, 3H), 6.01 (s, 2H), 5.43 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (dd, J = 4.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 17.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 175.4, 148.2, 148.1, 126.6, 119.8, 108.6, 107.0, 101.4, 84.9, 70.2, 38.4 ppm; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for $C_{11}H_{10}O_5$ [M]⁺: 222.0528, found: 222.0530. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis (DAICEL CHIRALPAK IA-3, eluent: hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min. detector: UV at 290 nm), t_R = 21.9 min (minor), 34.4 min (major). The absolute configuration was elucidated to be 4R,5R according to the Sharpless's original report (Scheme S3).³⁷

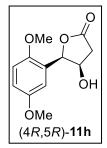
(C-3-d) Sharpless Asymmetric Dihydroxylation of 5h and in situ Lactonization

Methyl (E)-4-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)but-3-enoate (2h): To a 500 mL flask was added 5h (19.6 g, 88.3

mmol, 1.0 equiv) under air, which was diluted in DMF (200 mL). To this solution were added K_2CO_3 (12.2 g, 88.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and MeI (6.6 mL, 106.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and the resulting suspension was vigorously stirred at room temperature overnight. Water (100 mL) was added and extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL, 3 times). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, then dried

over Na_2SO_4 . After the solids were filtered off, and the crude mixture was distilled under reduced pressure (bp. 230 °C/10 mmHg) to afford the product, which was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 2:1) to afford the methyl ester **2h** as yellow oil (19.9 mg, 84.4 mmol, 96%). The spectrum data was consistent with the reported one.^{38,39}

(4R,5R)-5-(2,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-4-hydroxydihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (11h): To a 5 mL recovery flask



was added **2h** (47.3 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) under air, which was dissolved in ^tBuOH/H₂O (1:1, 2 mL). To the mixture were added MeSO₂NH₂ (19.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and AD-mix-β (240 mg, *ca.* 4 mol% K₂OsO₄·2H₂O, *ca.* 10 mol% (DHQD)₂PHAL, 3.0 equiv K₃Fe(CN)₆, and 3.0 equiv K₂CO₃) at 0 °C. The resulting orange suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 12 h. The reaction was quenched by Na₂S₂O₃·5H₂O (496.3 mg, 2 mmol, 10 equiv) and stirred at ambient temperature for 1 h. Water (10 mL) was added and the

mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 mL, 2 times) and the combined organic layer was washed with brine, then dried over Na₂SO₄. After the solids were filtered off, the solvent was evaporated and the crude

mixture was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 1:1) to afford *syn*-β-hydroxybutyrolactone **11h** as pale yellow oil (36.7 mg, 154.0 μmol, 77%, 99% ee). The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis (DAICEL CHIRALPAK IA-3, eluent: hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min. detector: UV at 290 nm), $t_R = 15.9$ min (minor), 19.5 min (major). The spectrum data was consistent with the reported one.^{38,39} The absolute configuration was determined to be 4R,5R based on the comparison of the optical rotation with the reported one. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -46.5 (c 1.00, CHCl₃). [lit. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -40 (c 1.05, CHCl₃ for 4R,5R enantiomer),³⁹ lit. $[\alpha]_D^{18}$ +47.3 (c 1.05, CHCl₃) for 4S,5S enantiomer³⁸].

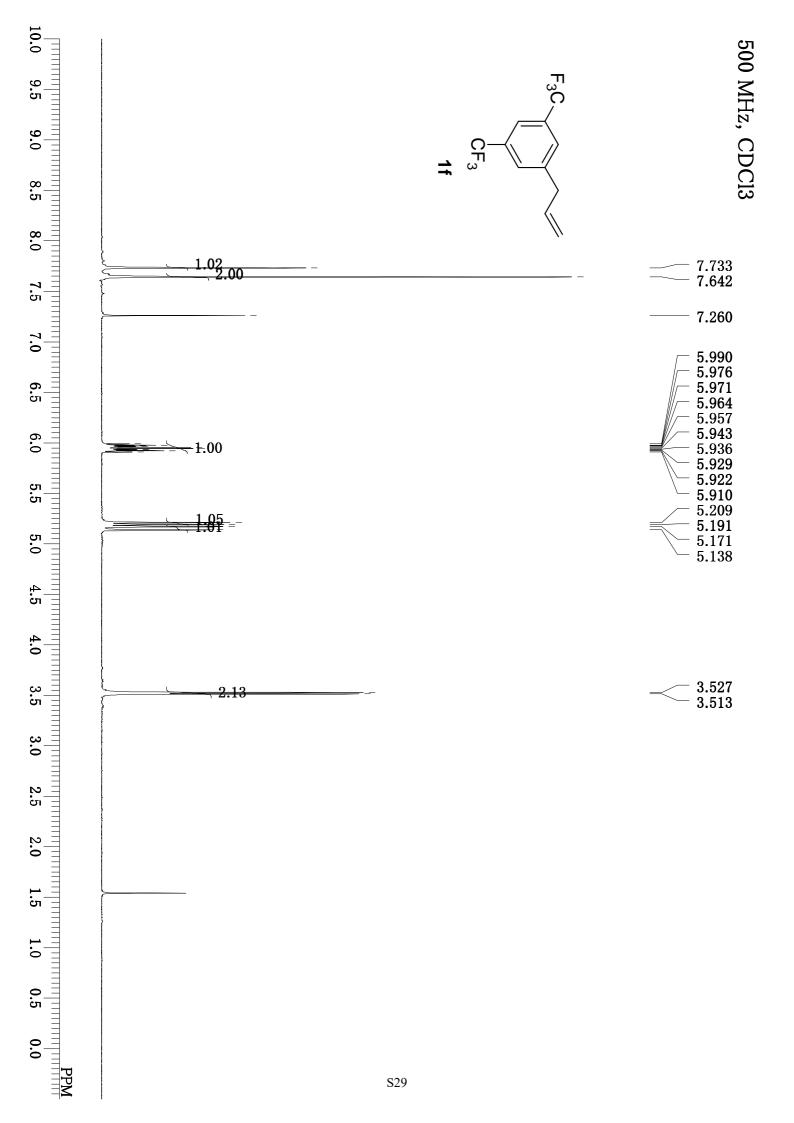
Lactone **11h** was converted into tricyclic lactone **12h** by Oxa-Pictet-Spengler cyclization using 3-phenylpropanal and BF₃·OEt₂. The following oxidation afforded tricyclic quinone **13h**.³⁹

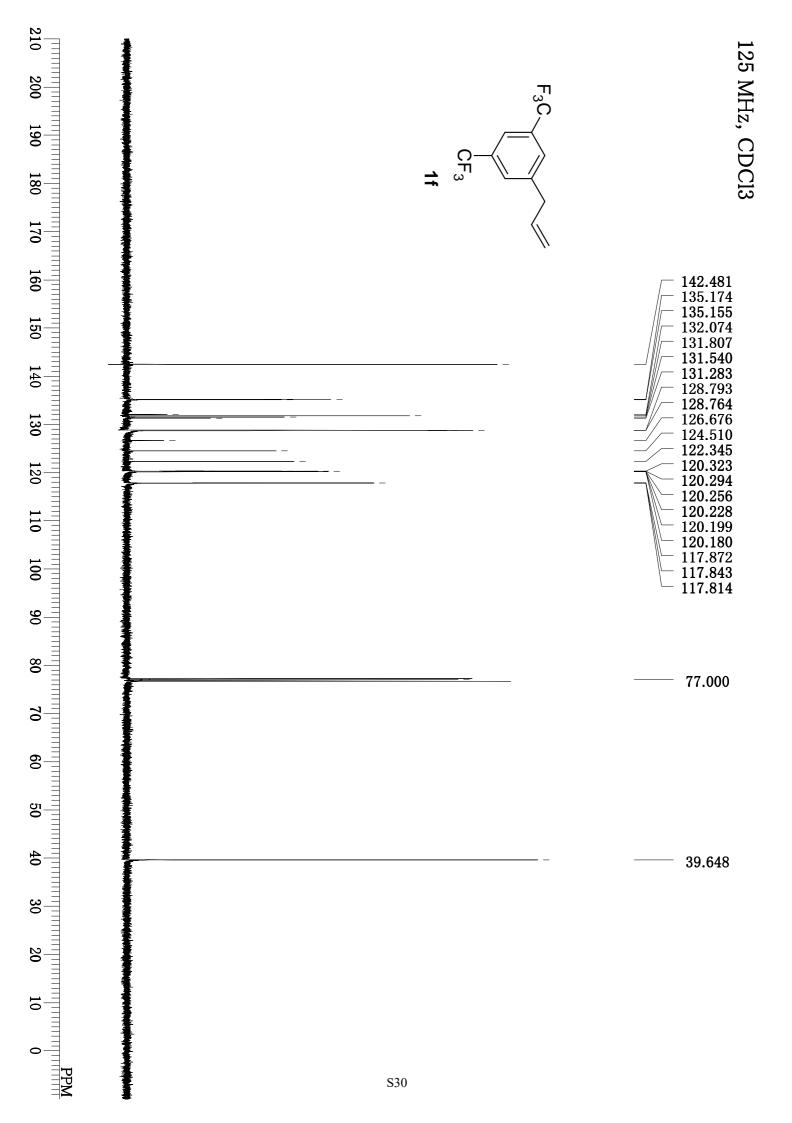
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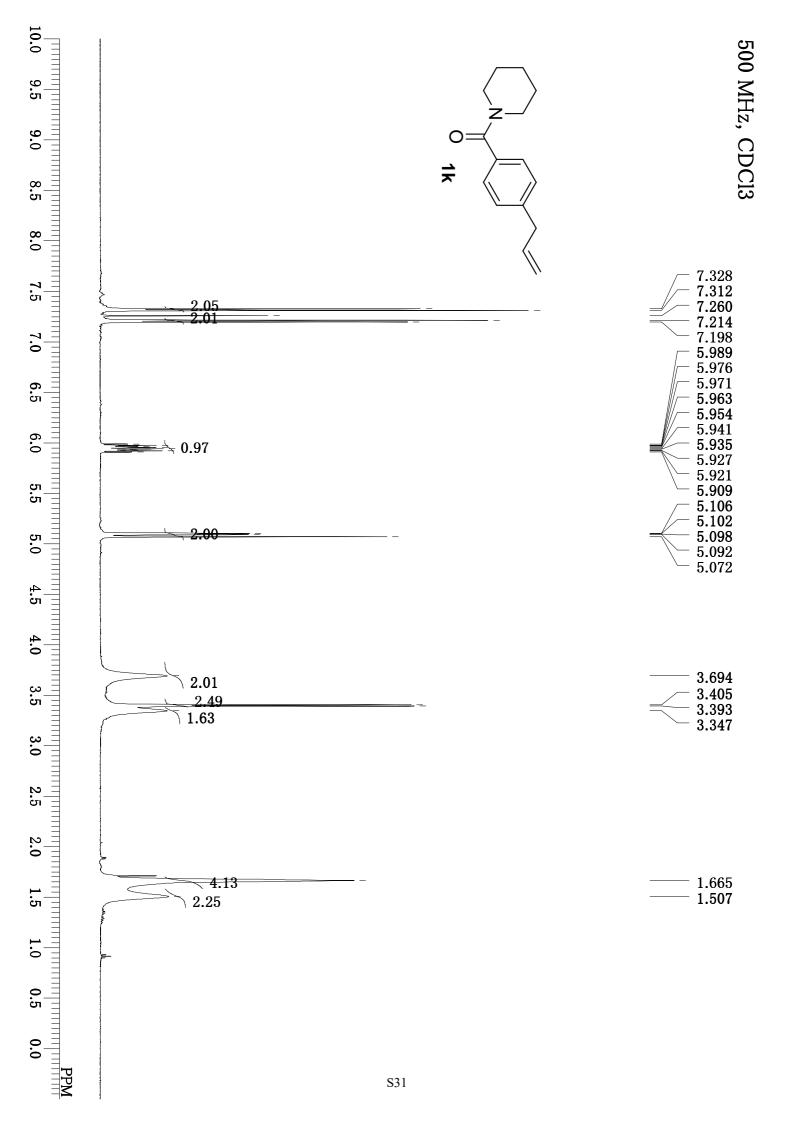
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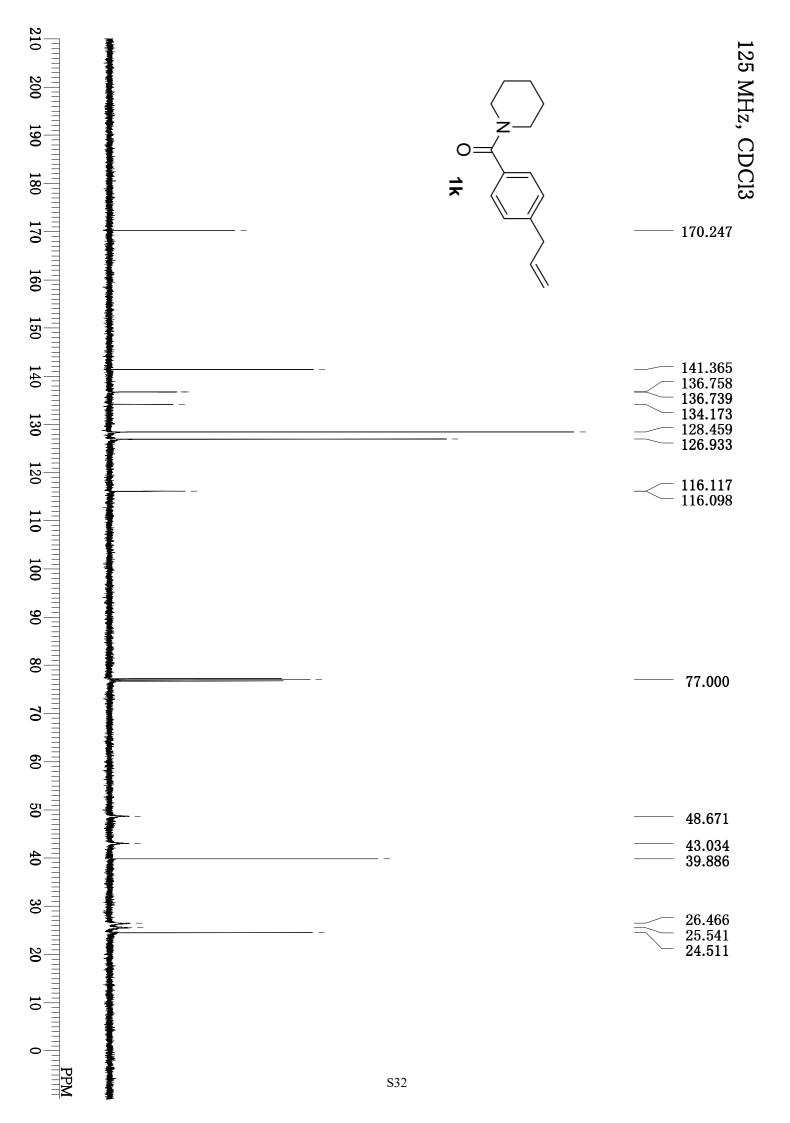
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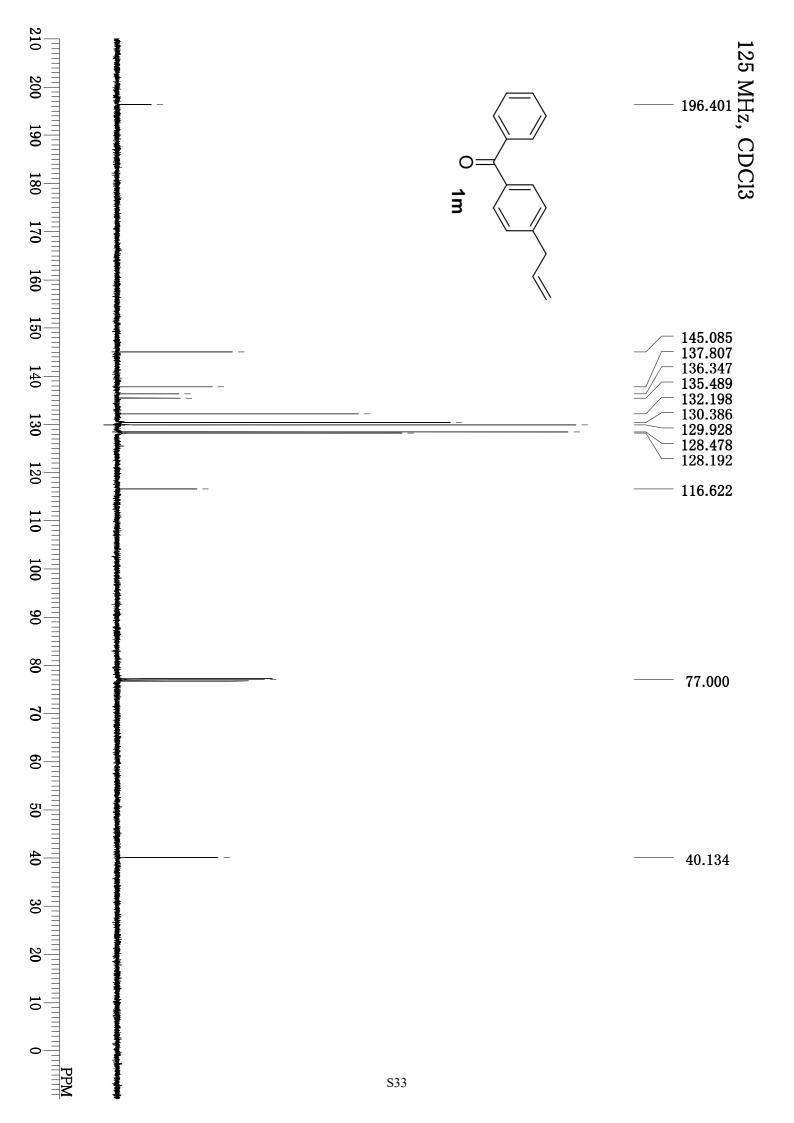
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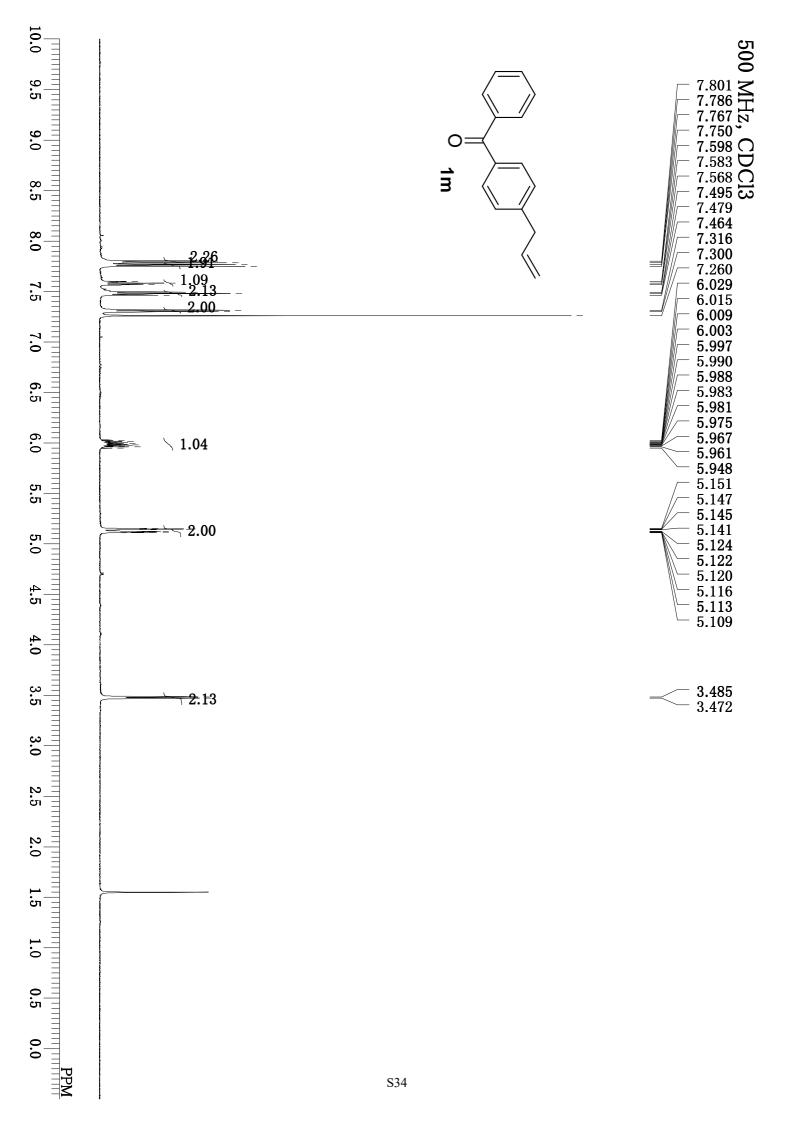


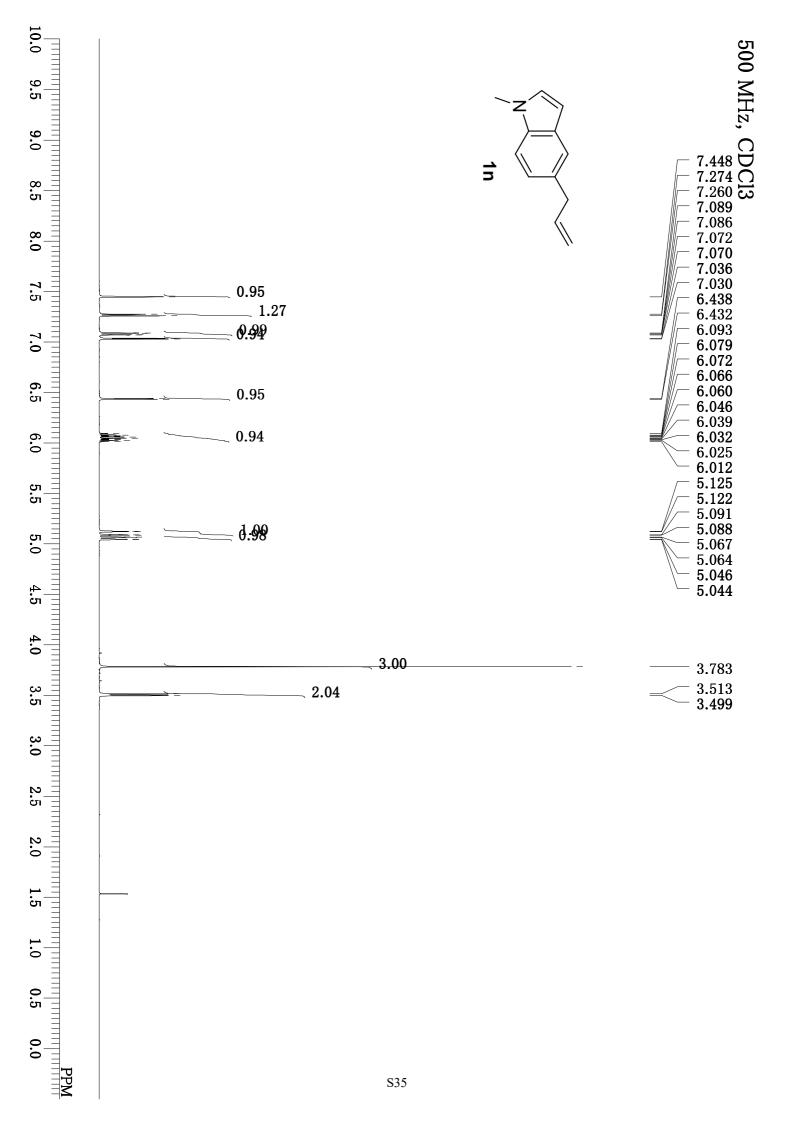


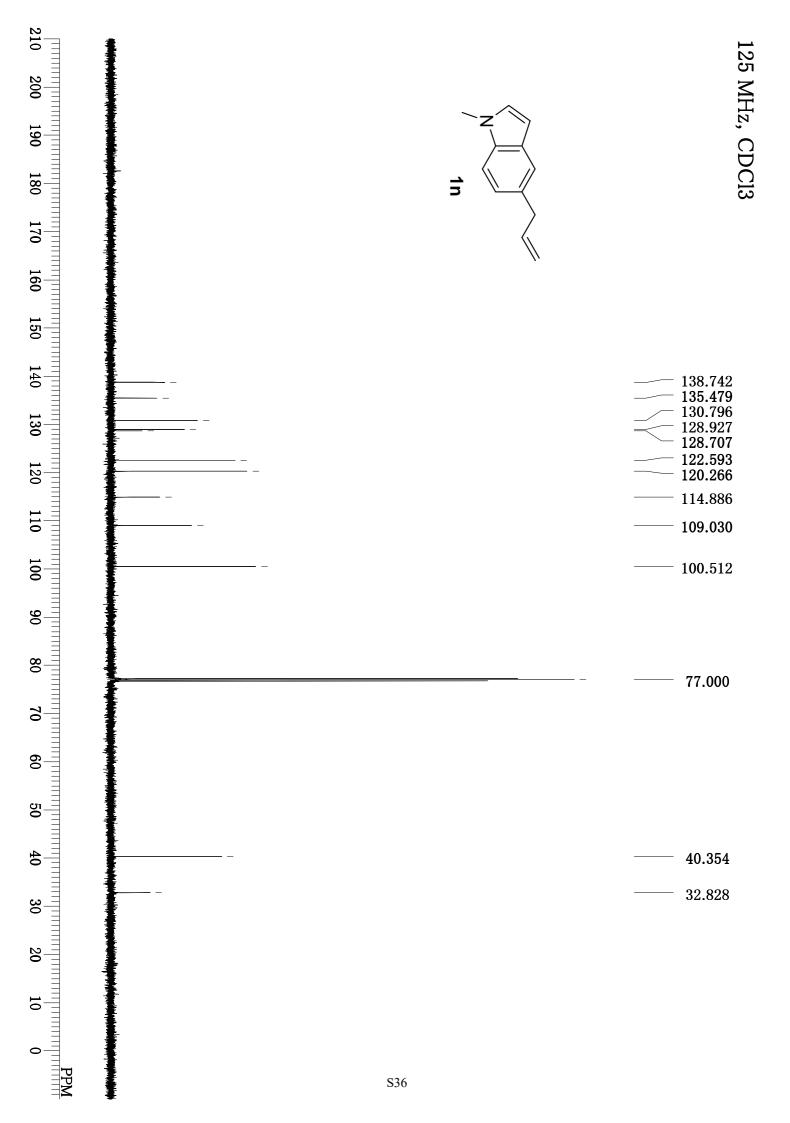


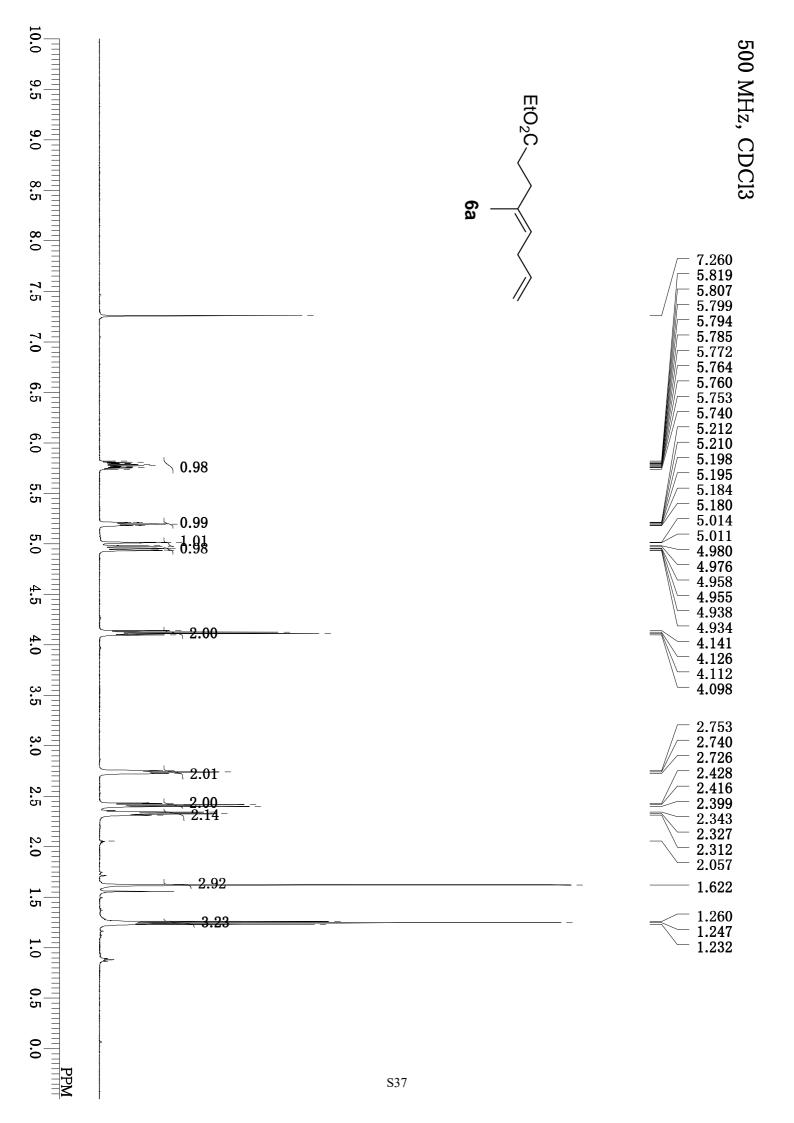


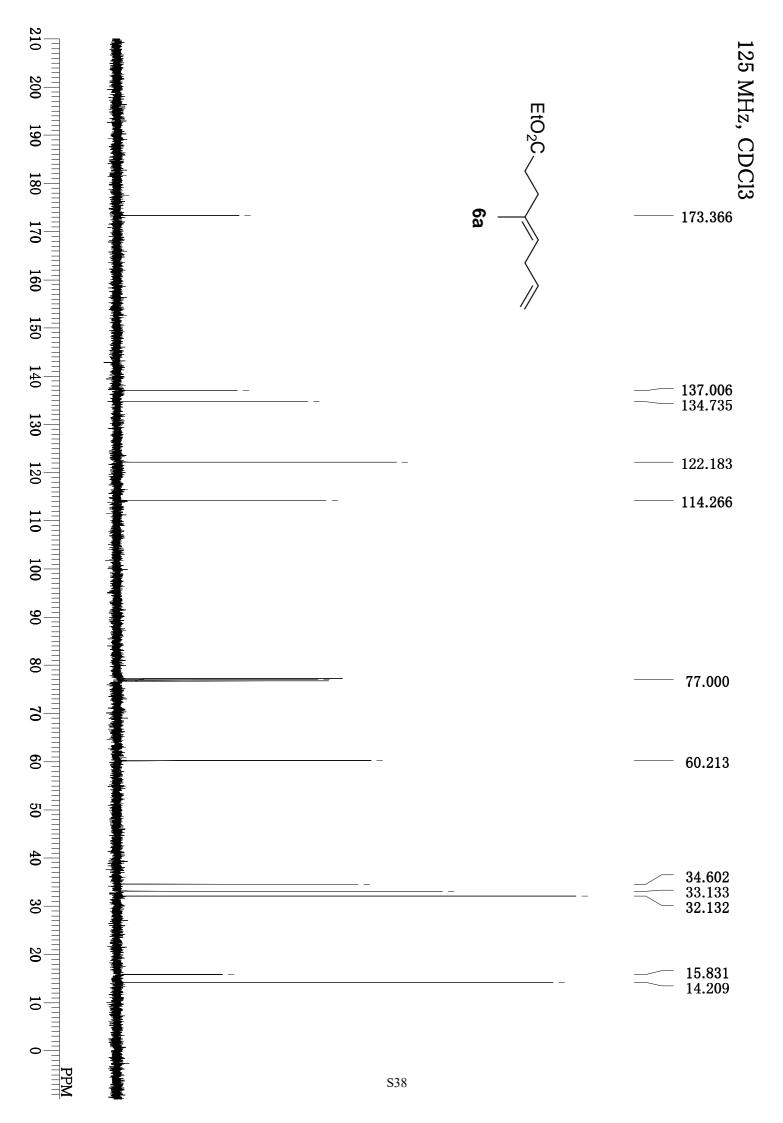


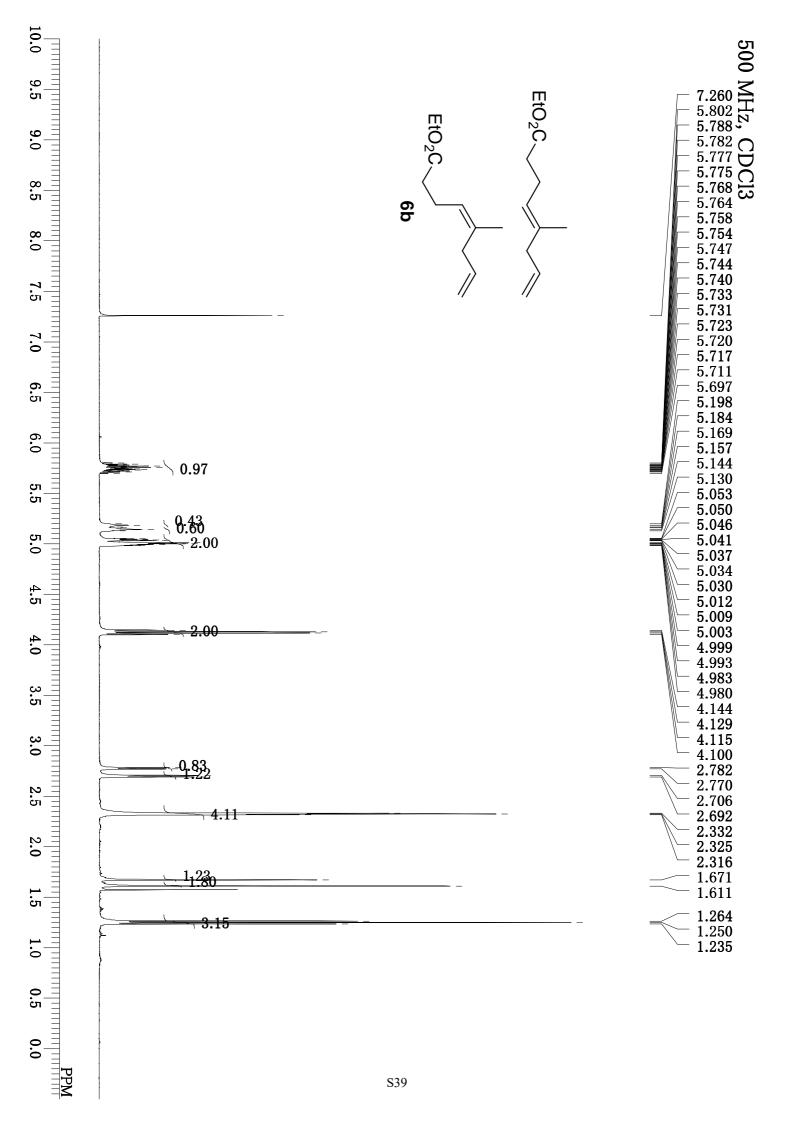


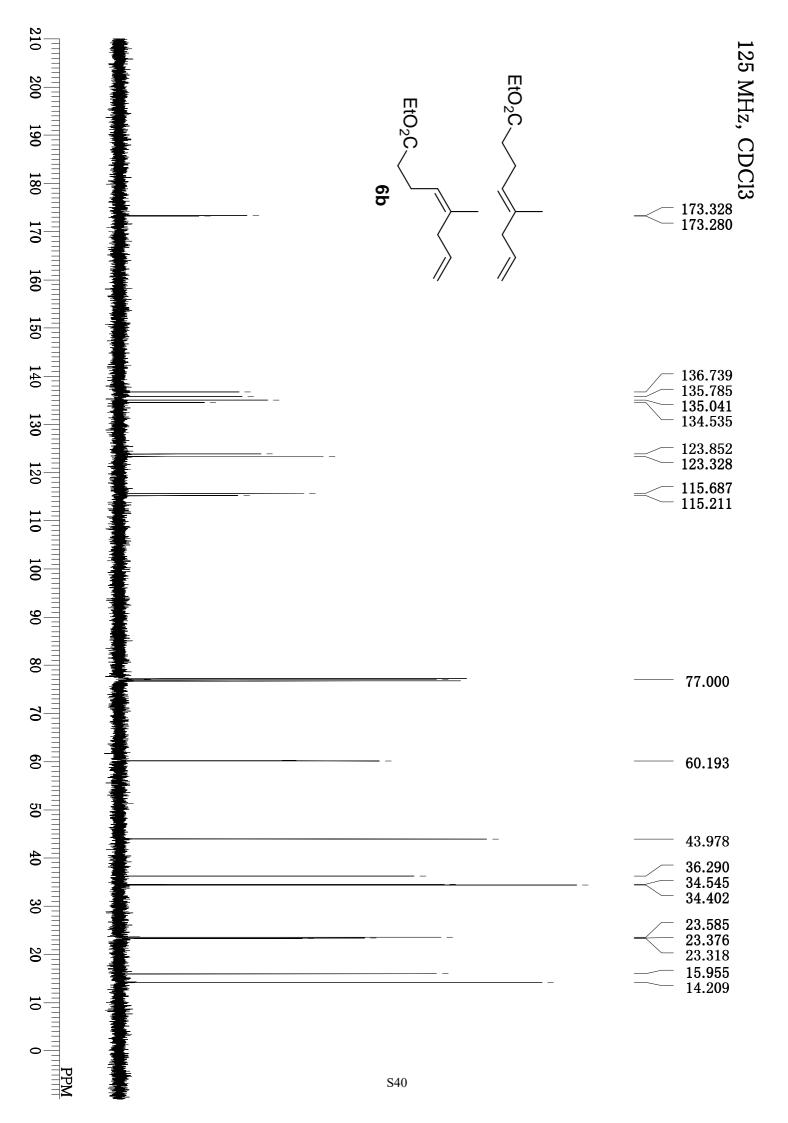


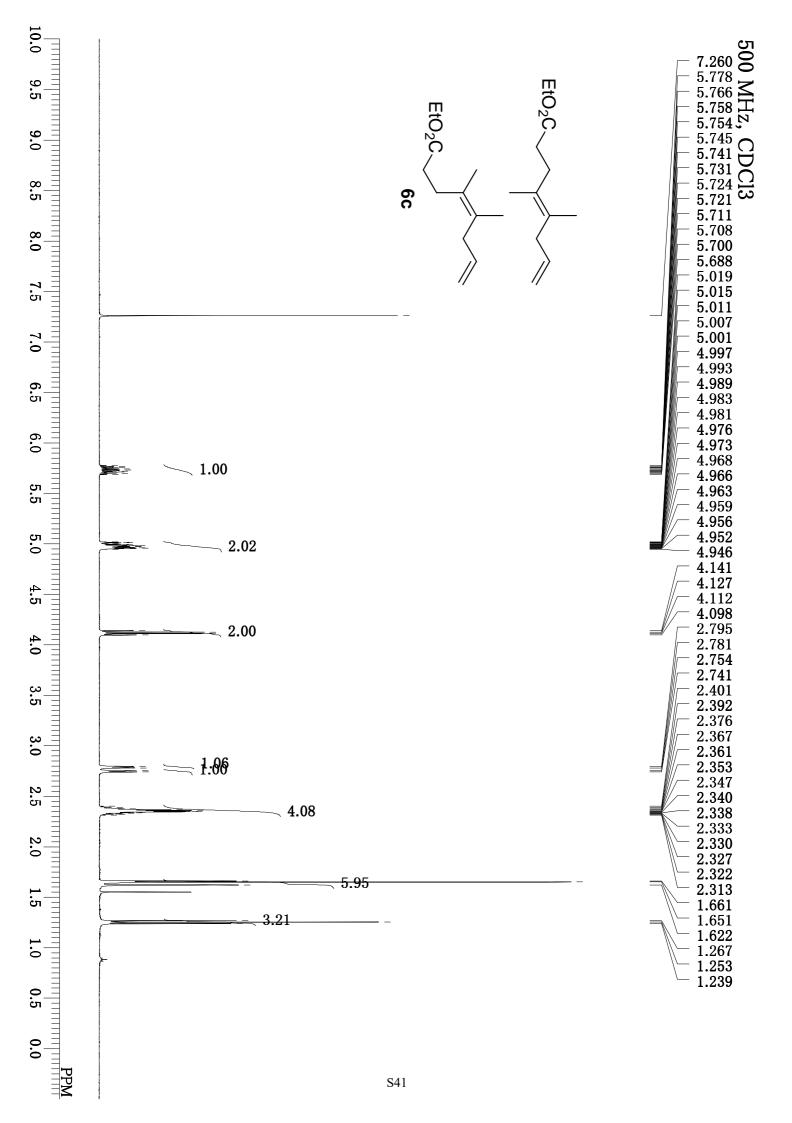


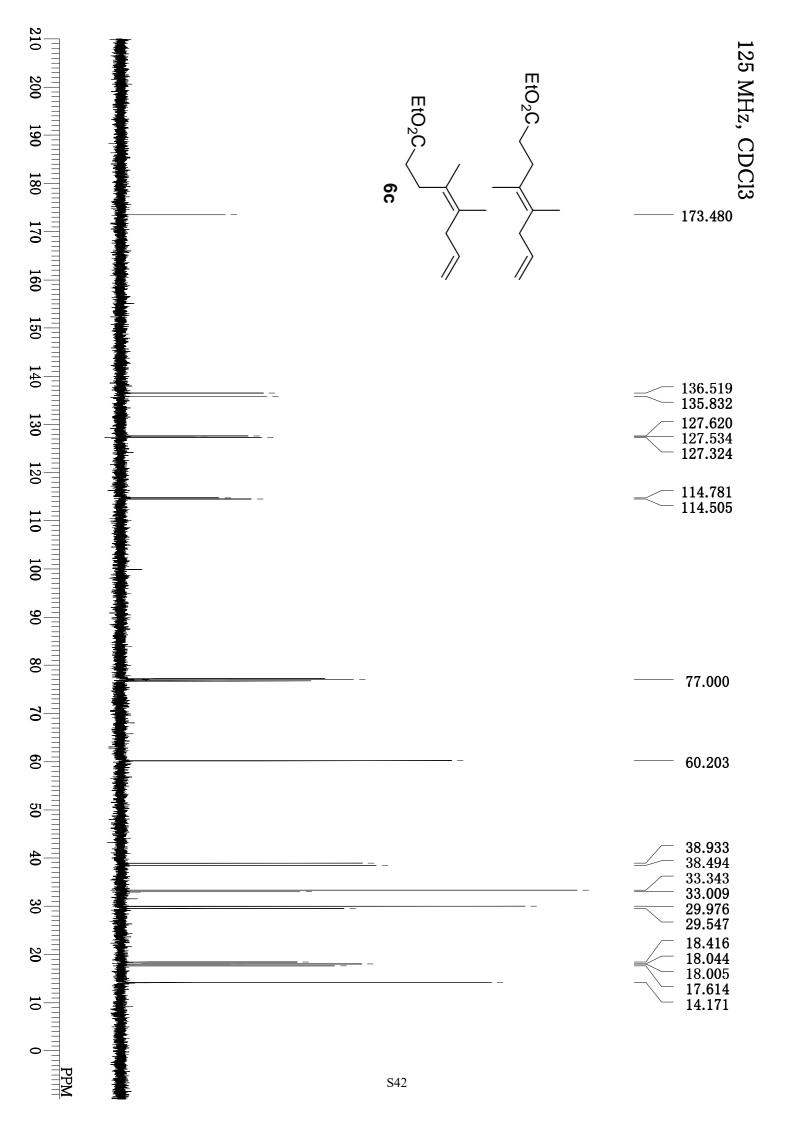


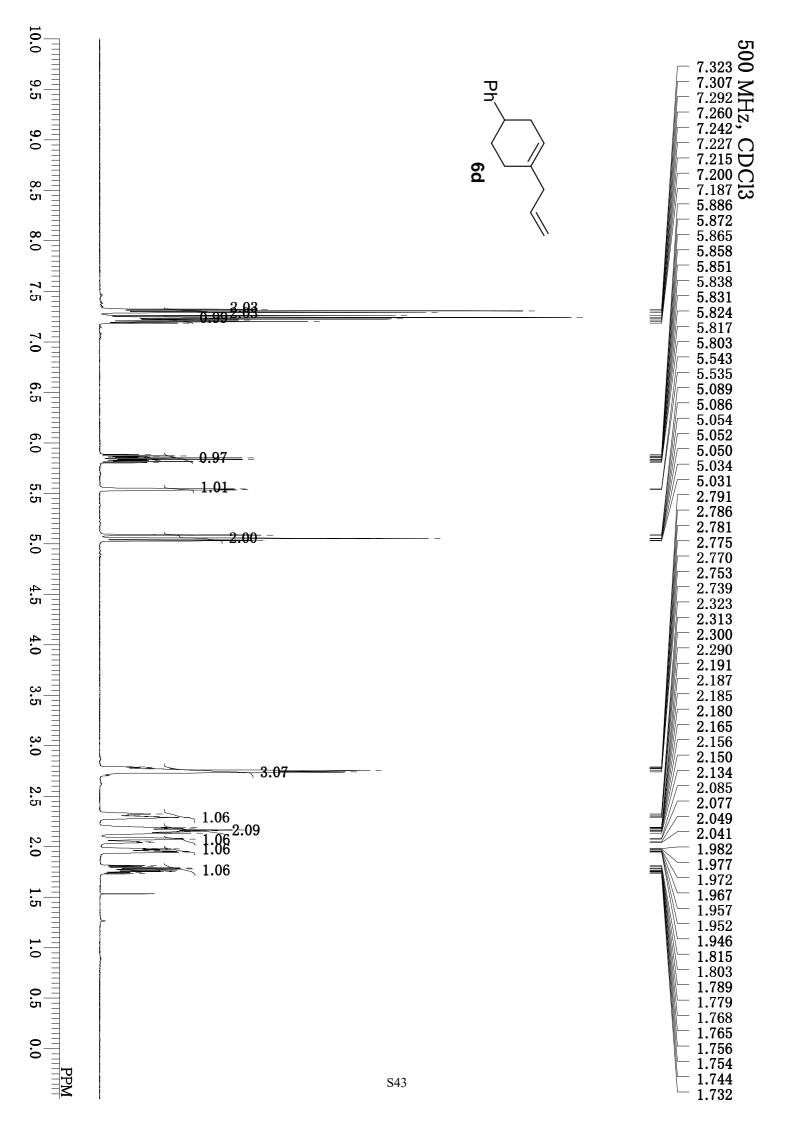


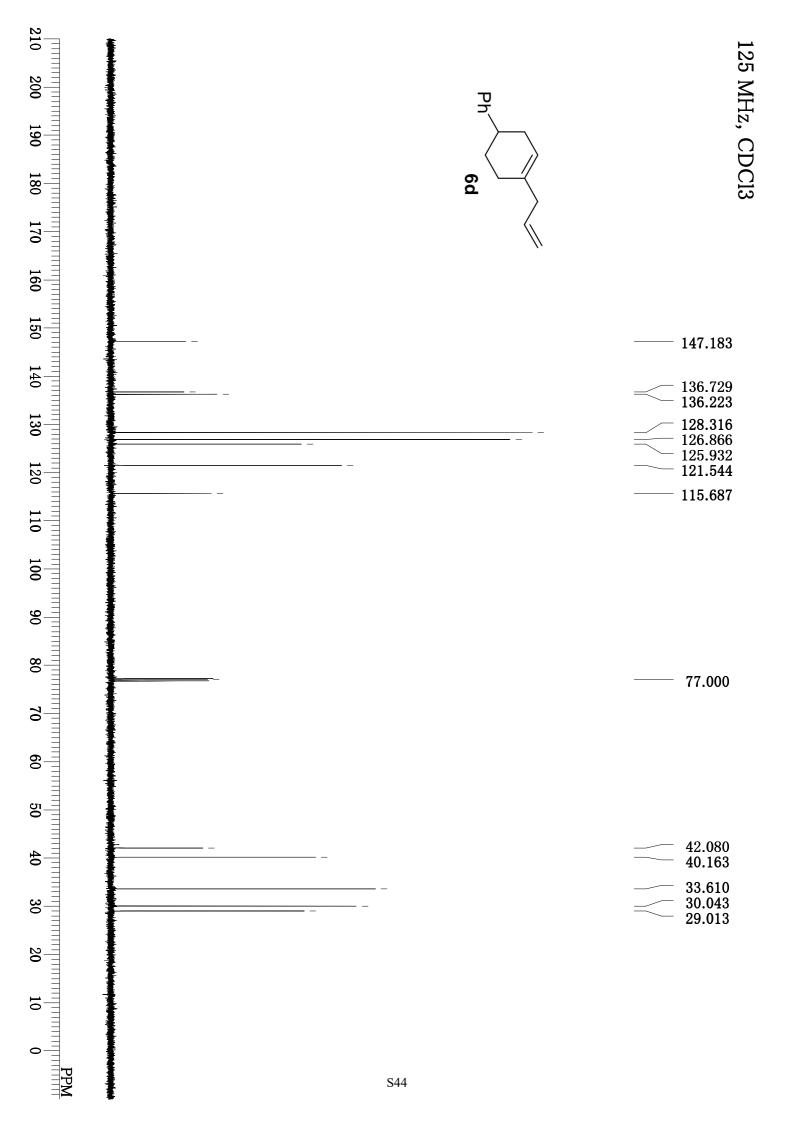


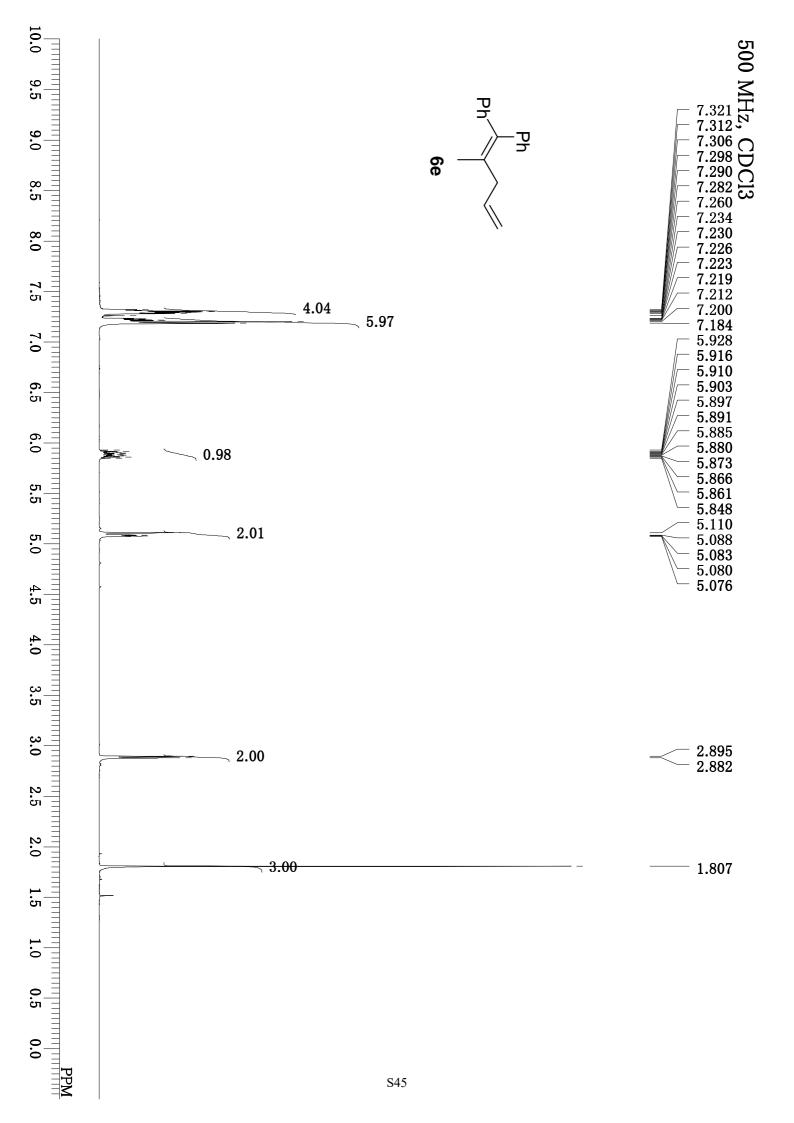


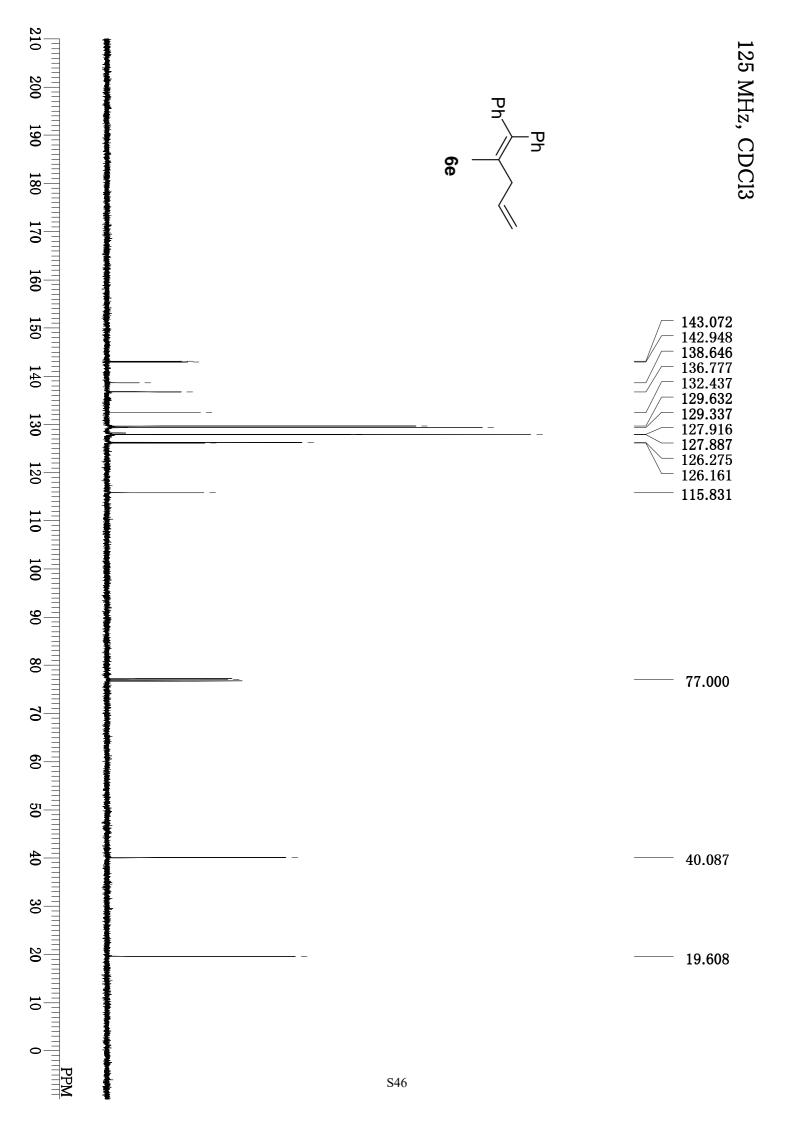


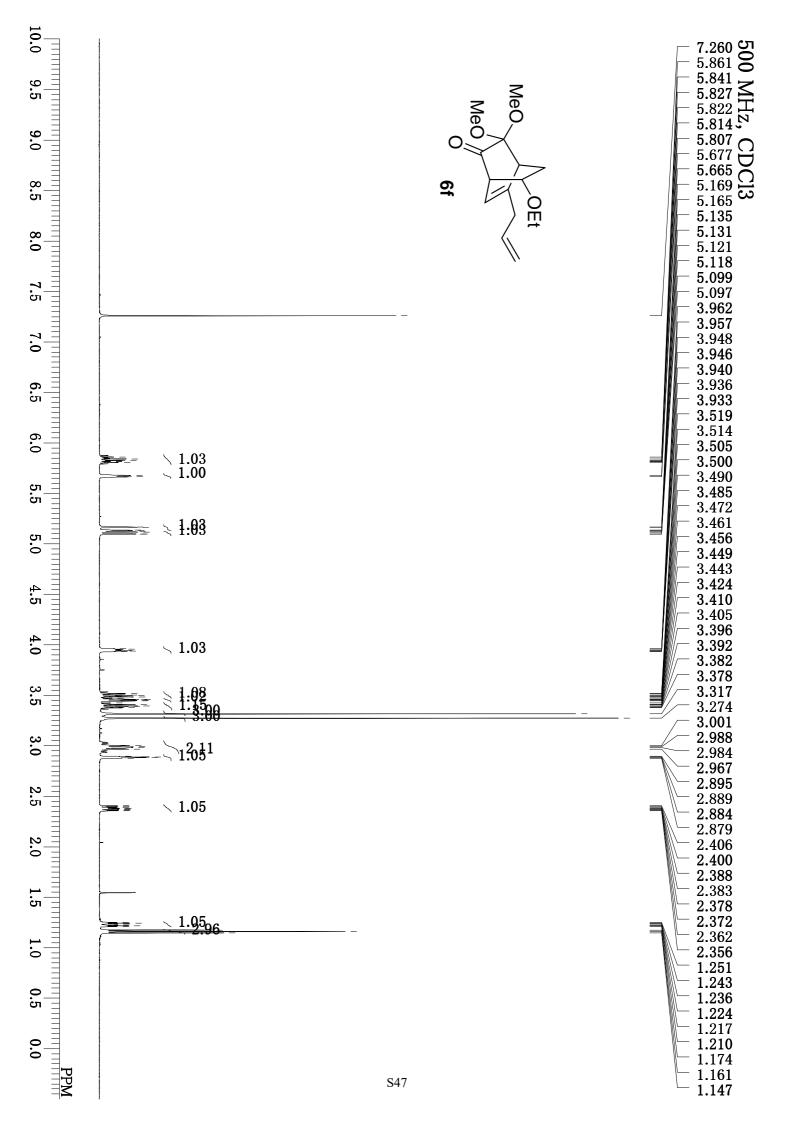


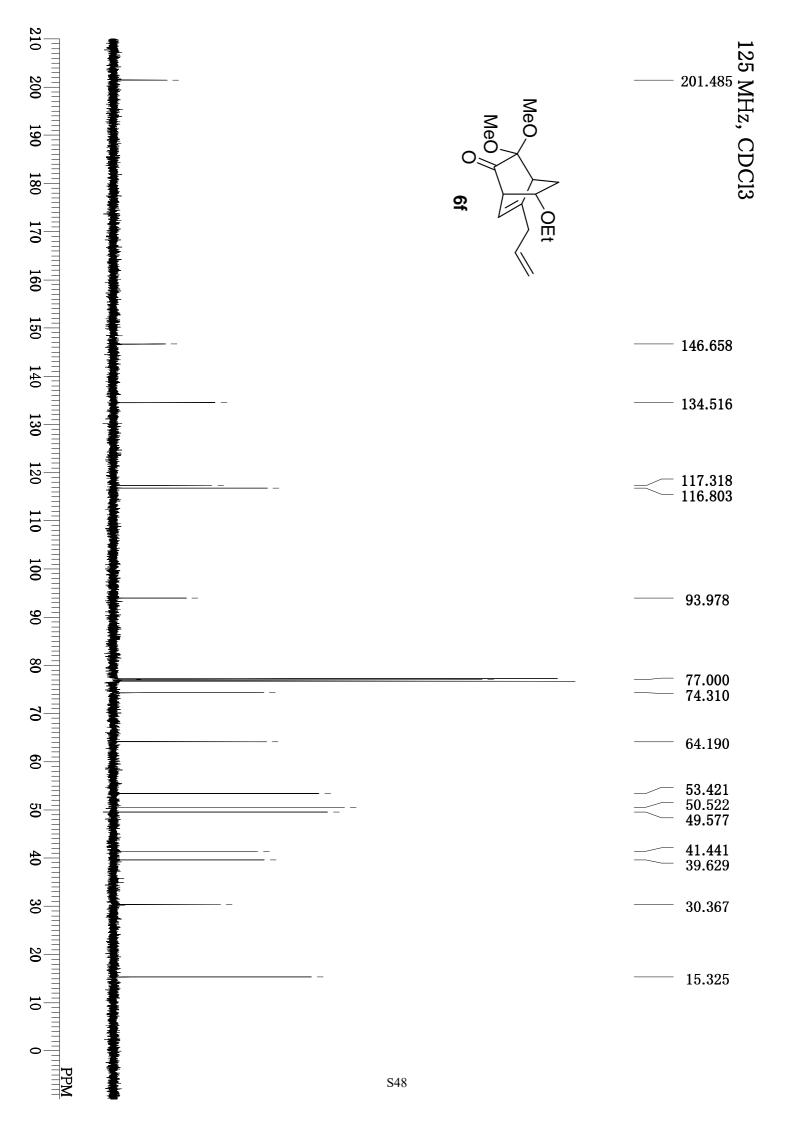


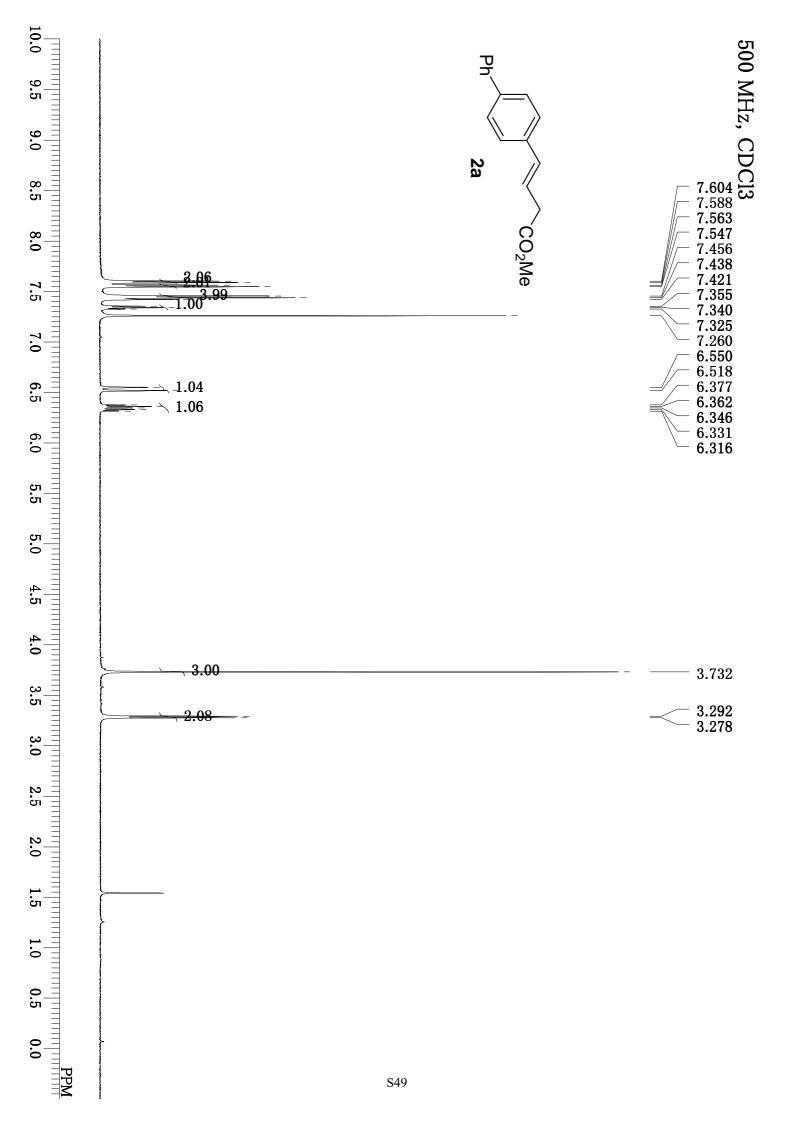


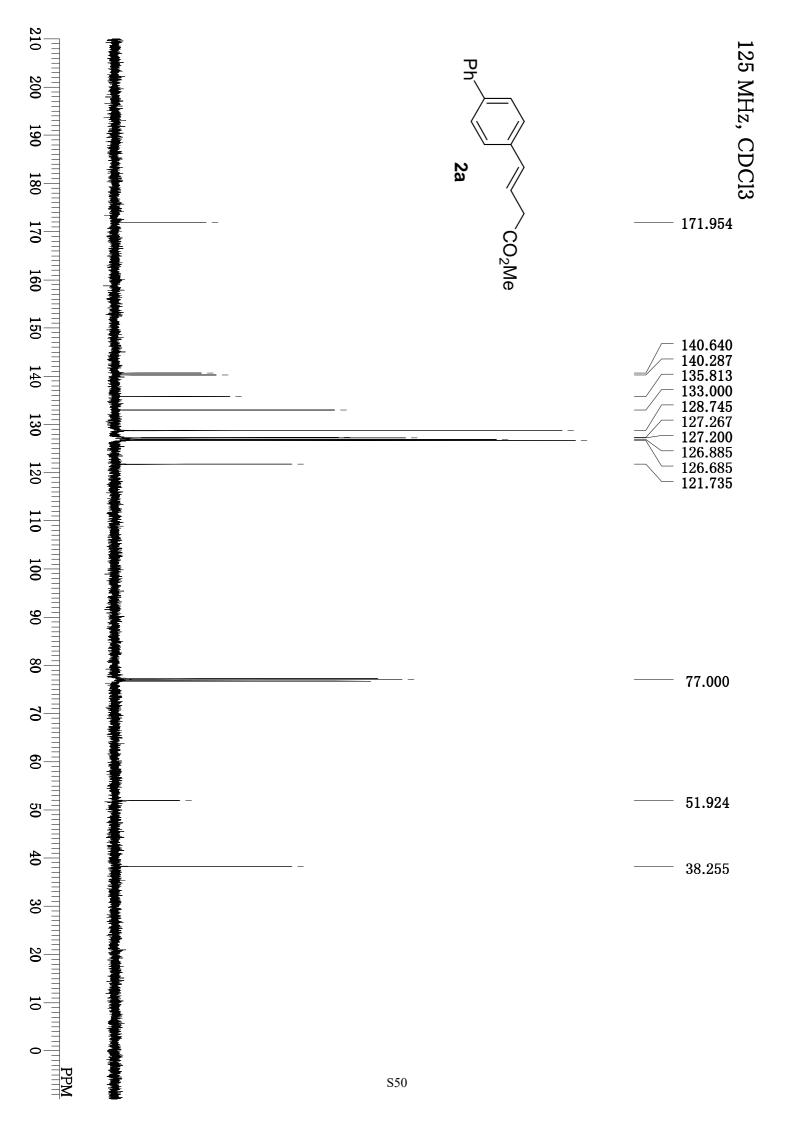


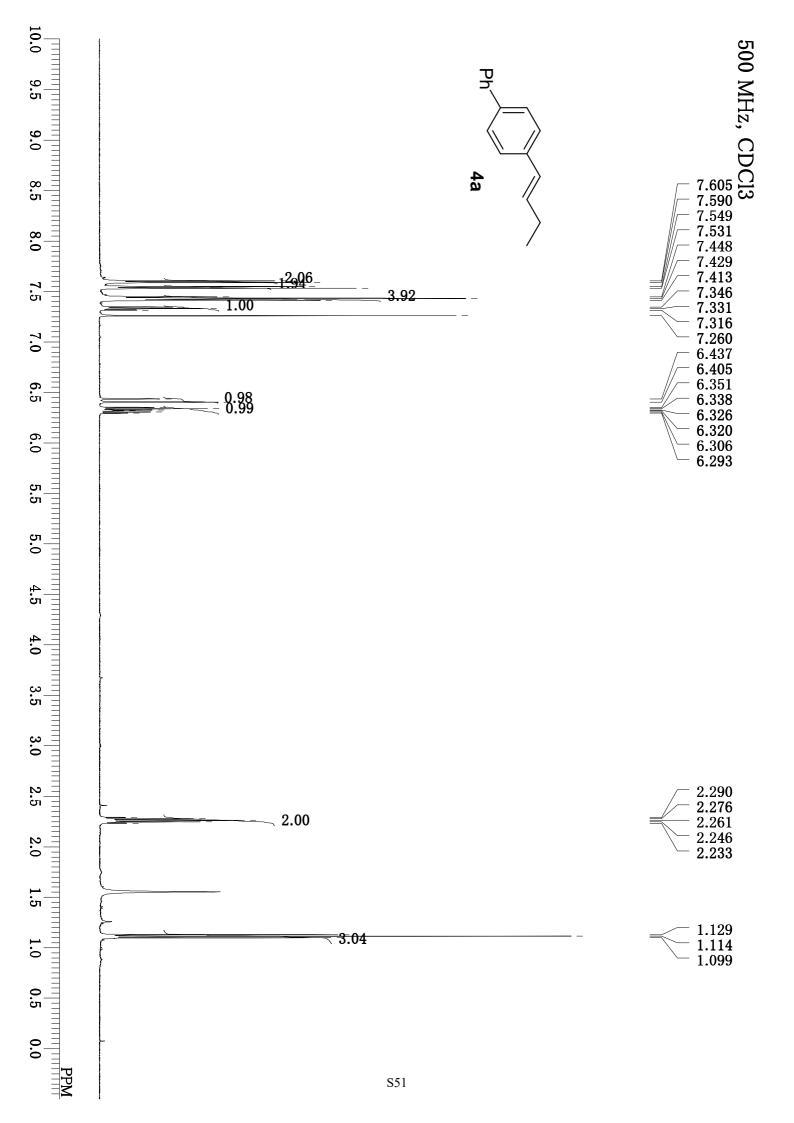


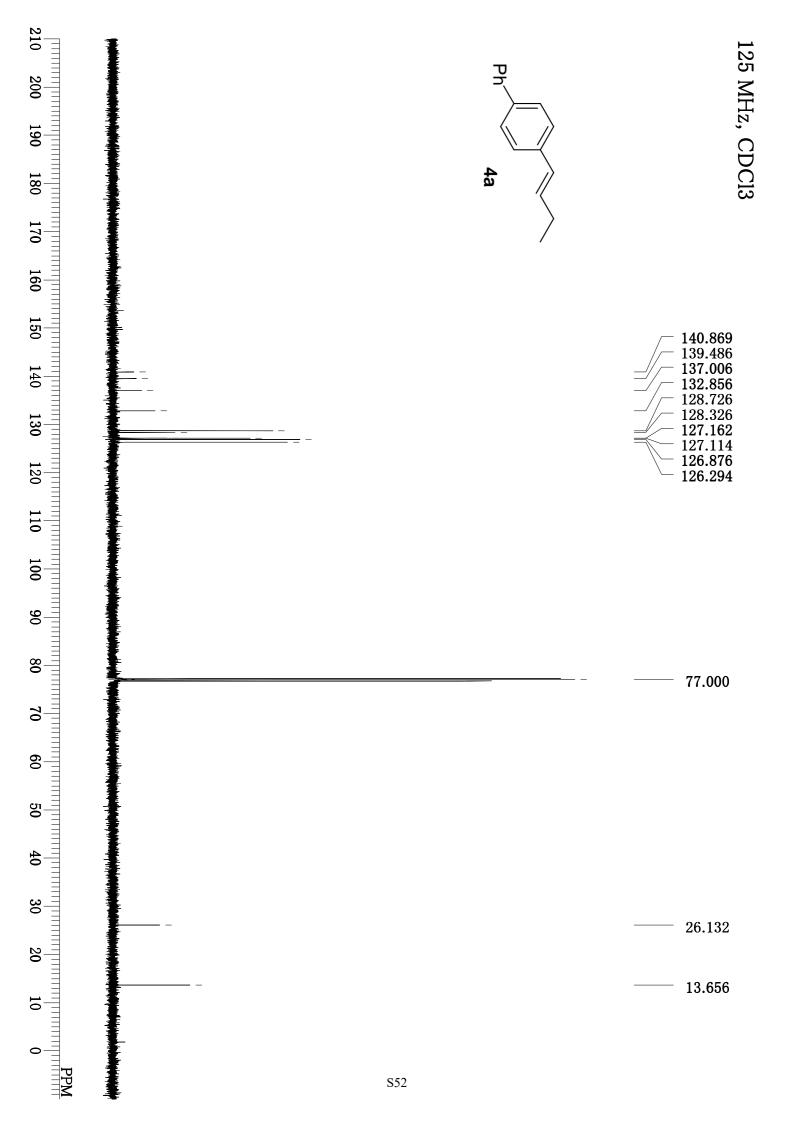


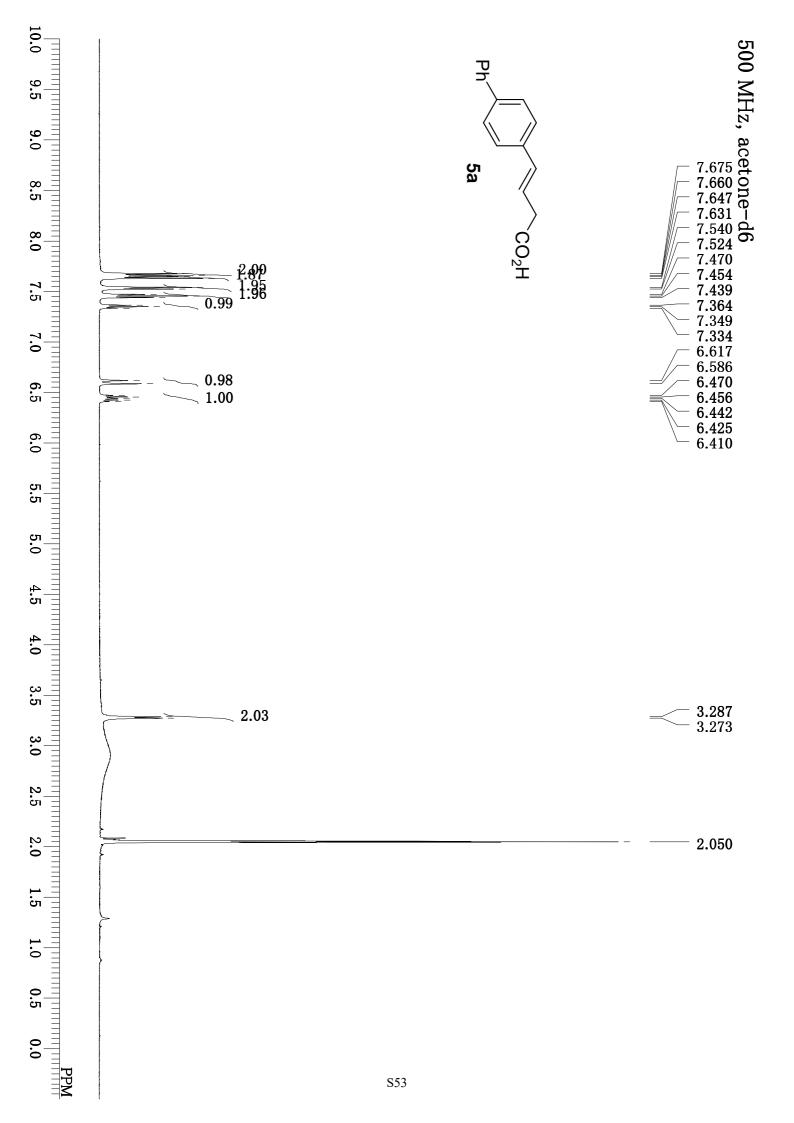


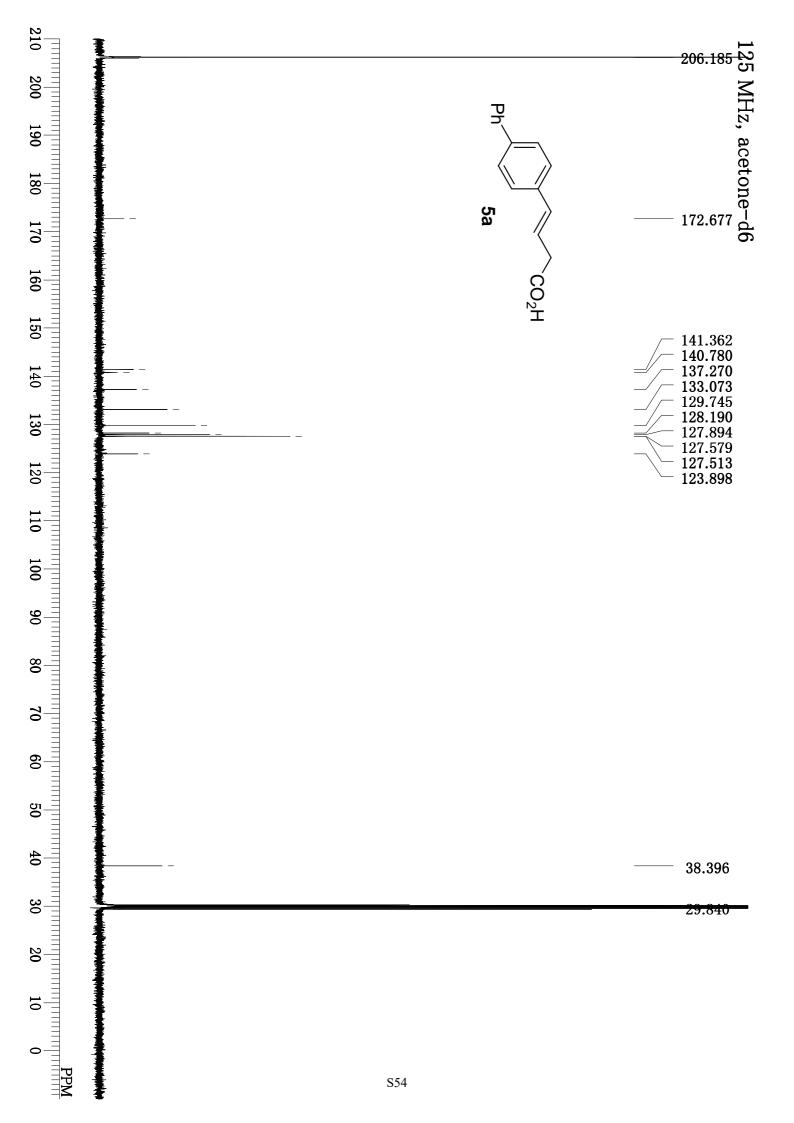


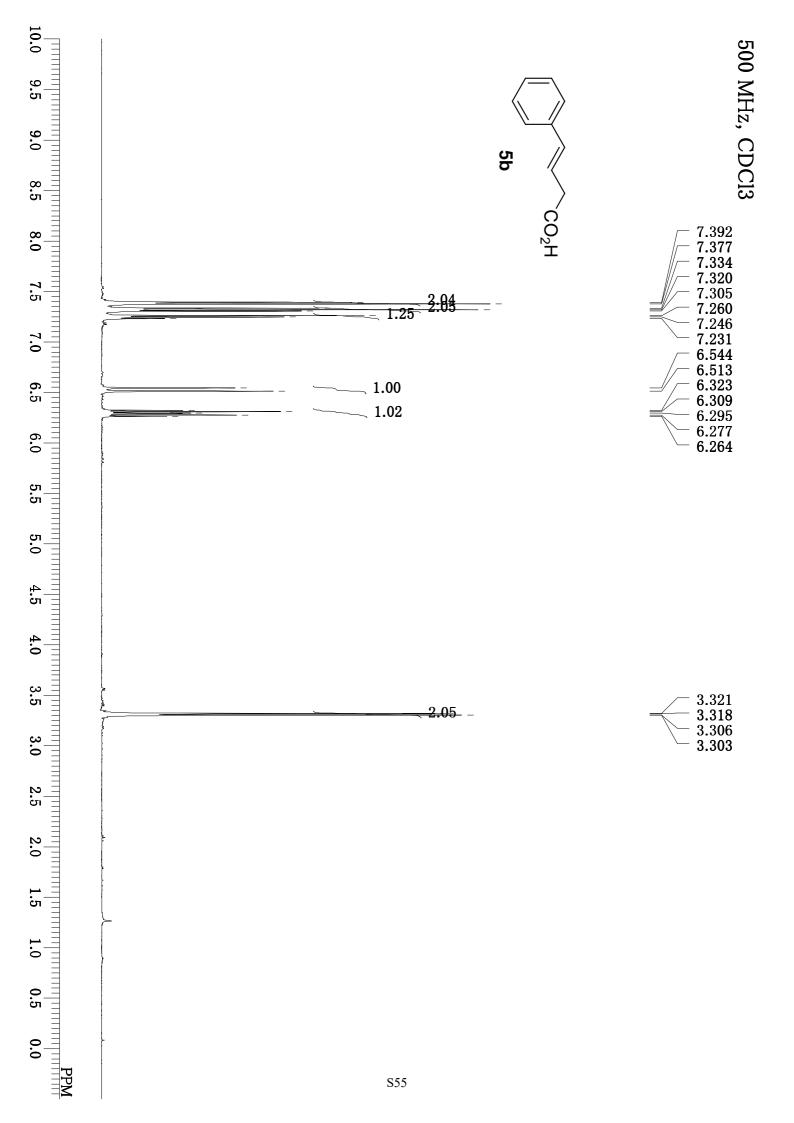


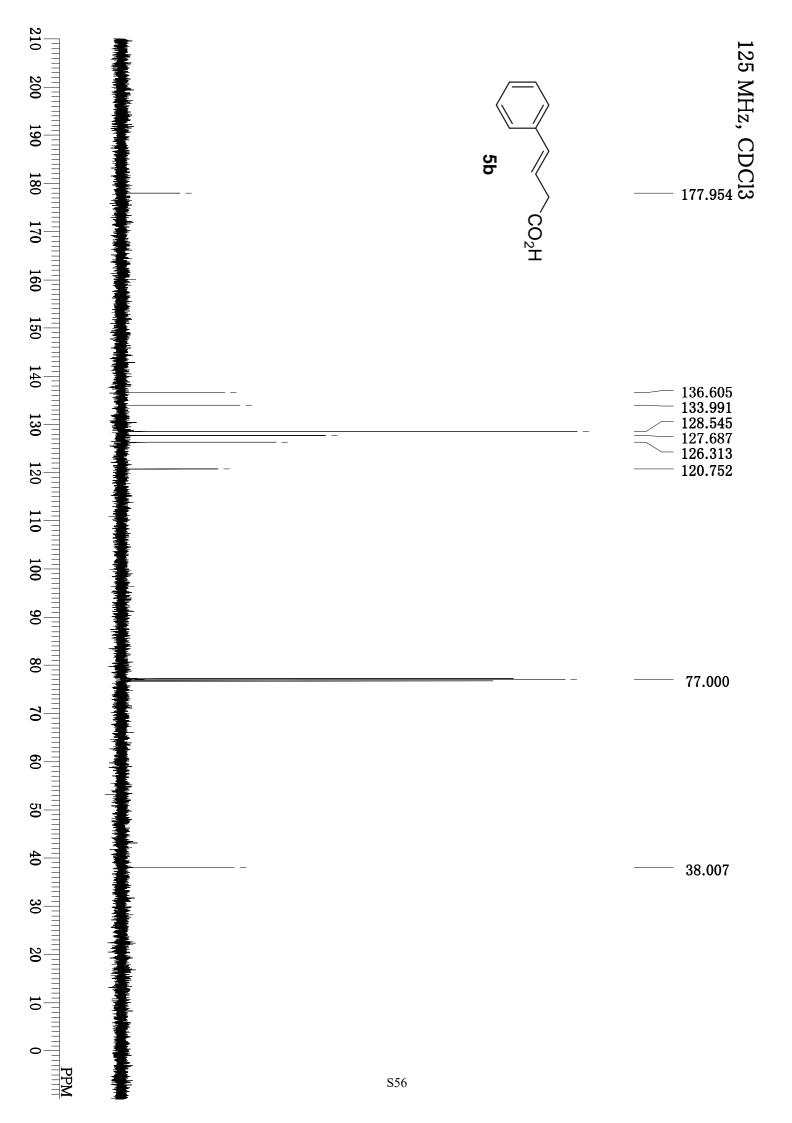


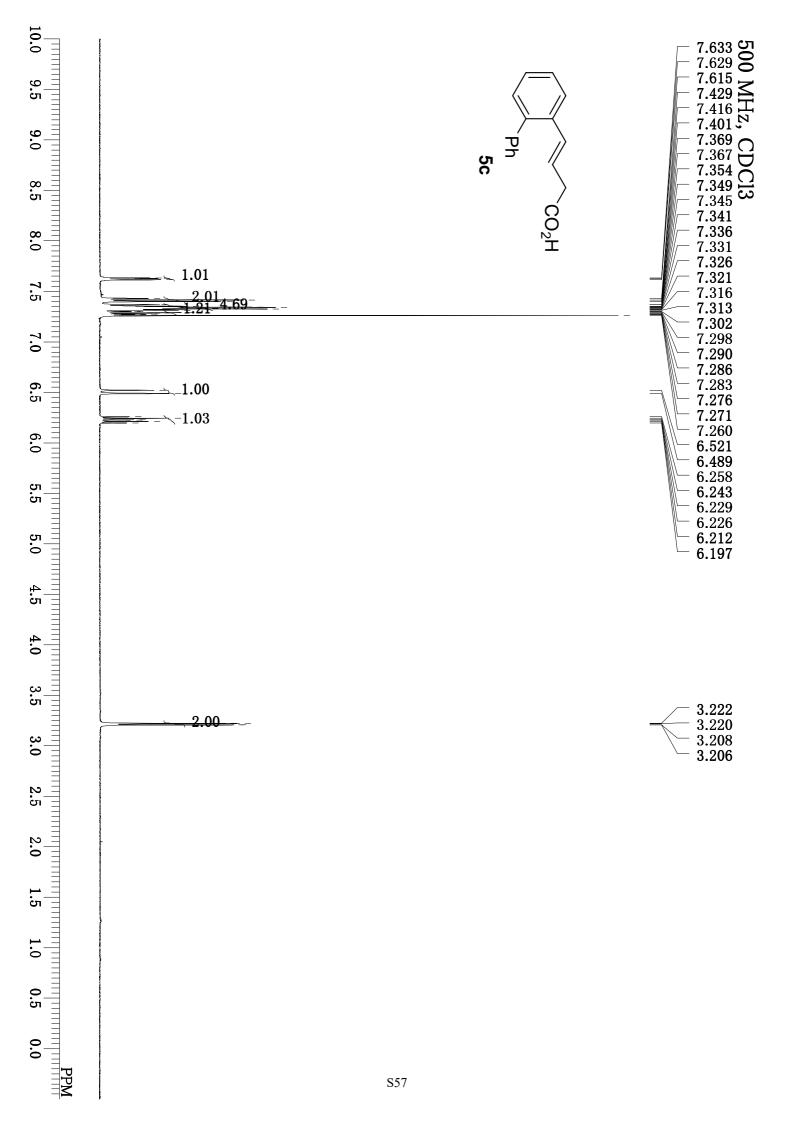


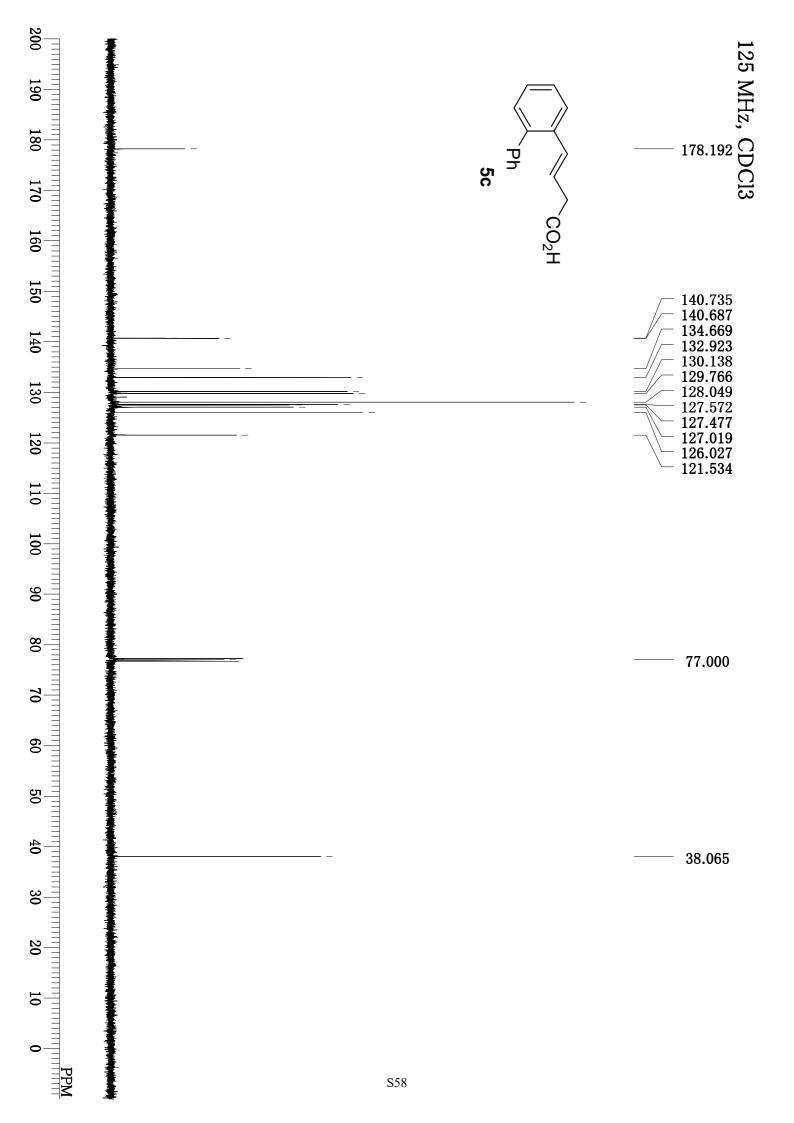


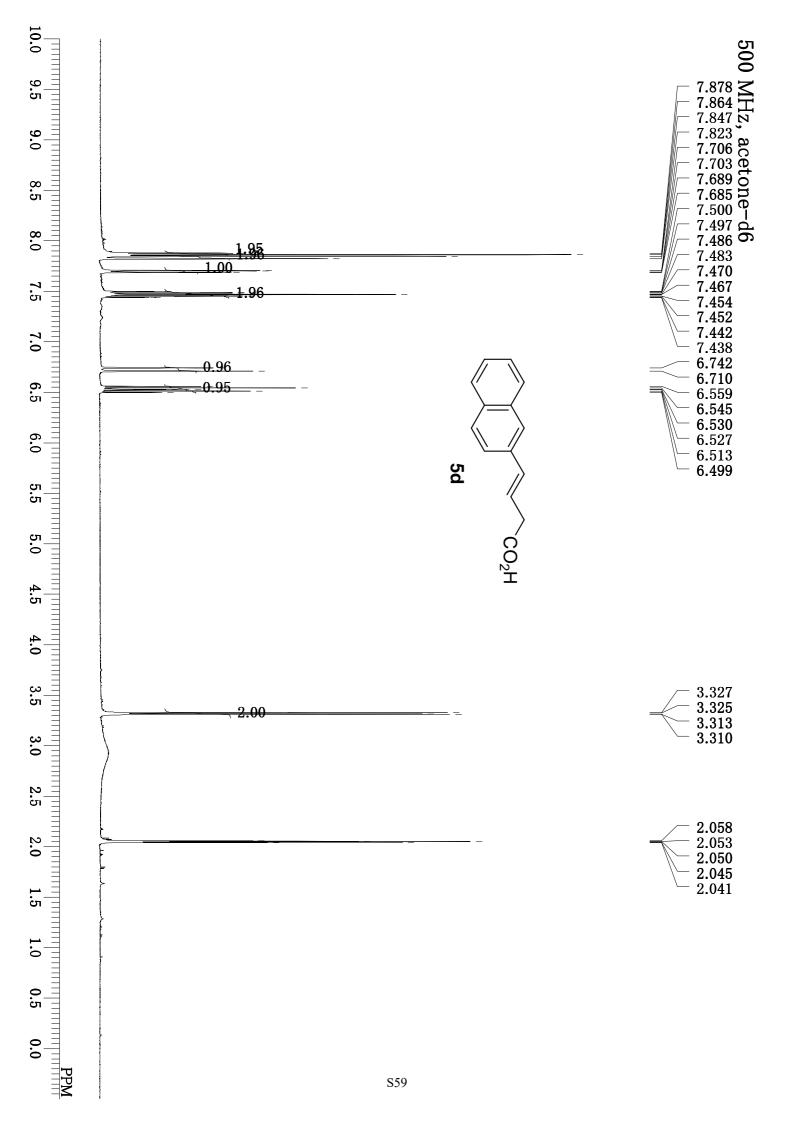


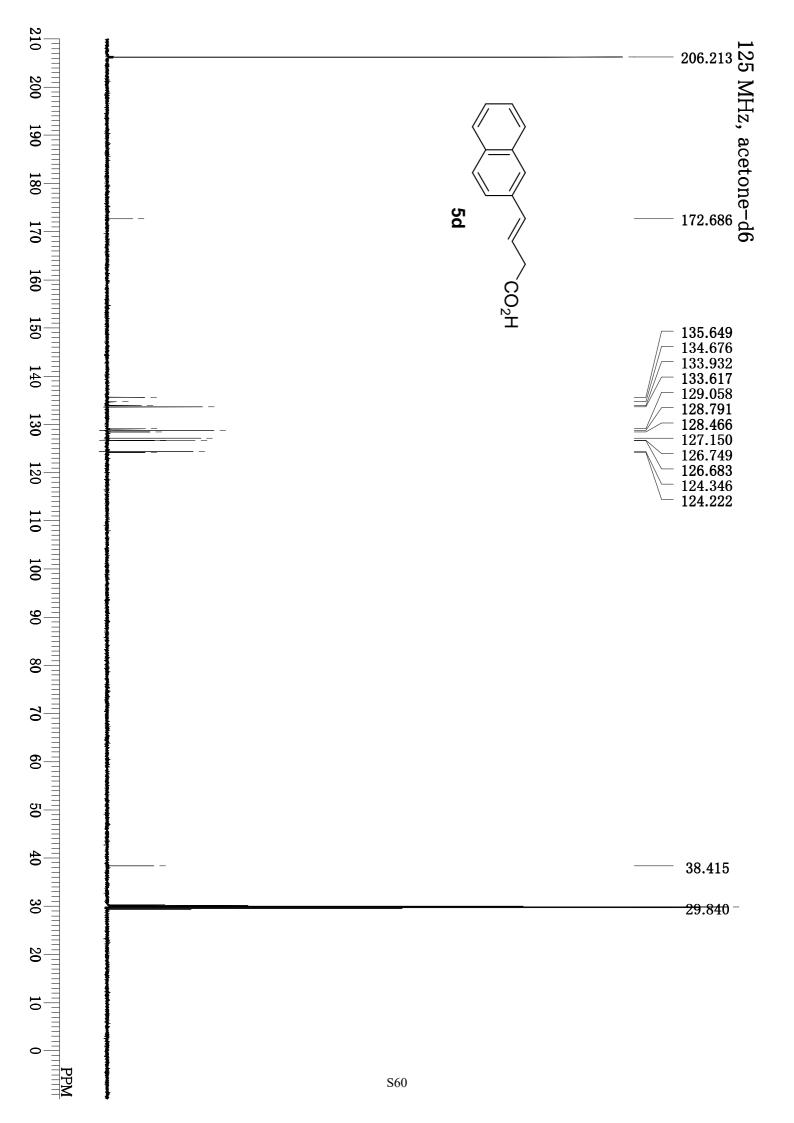


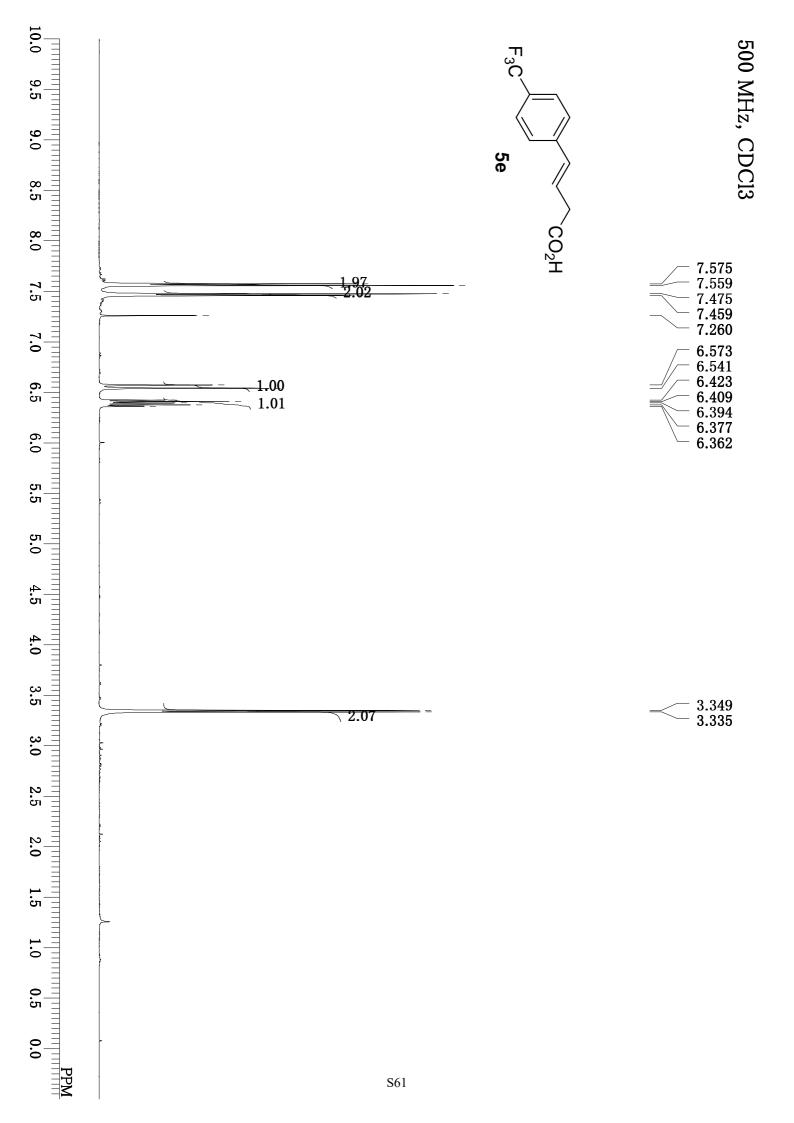


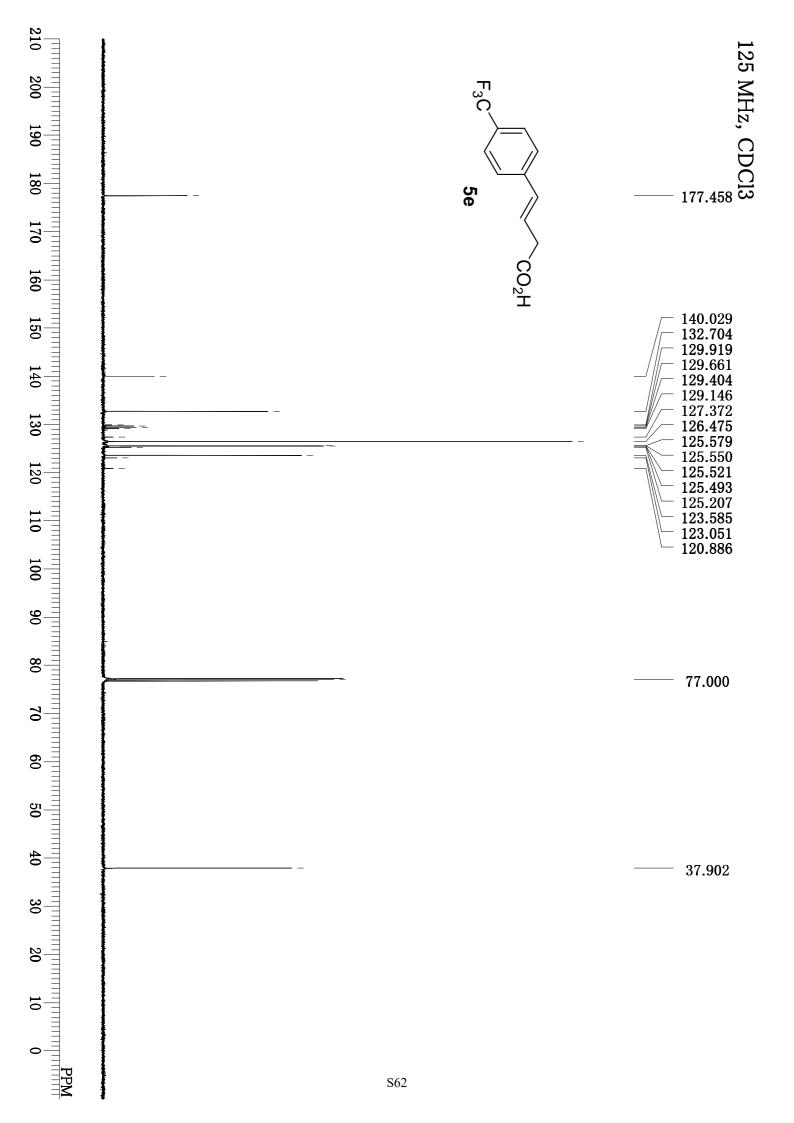


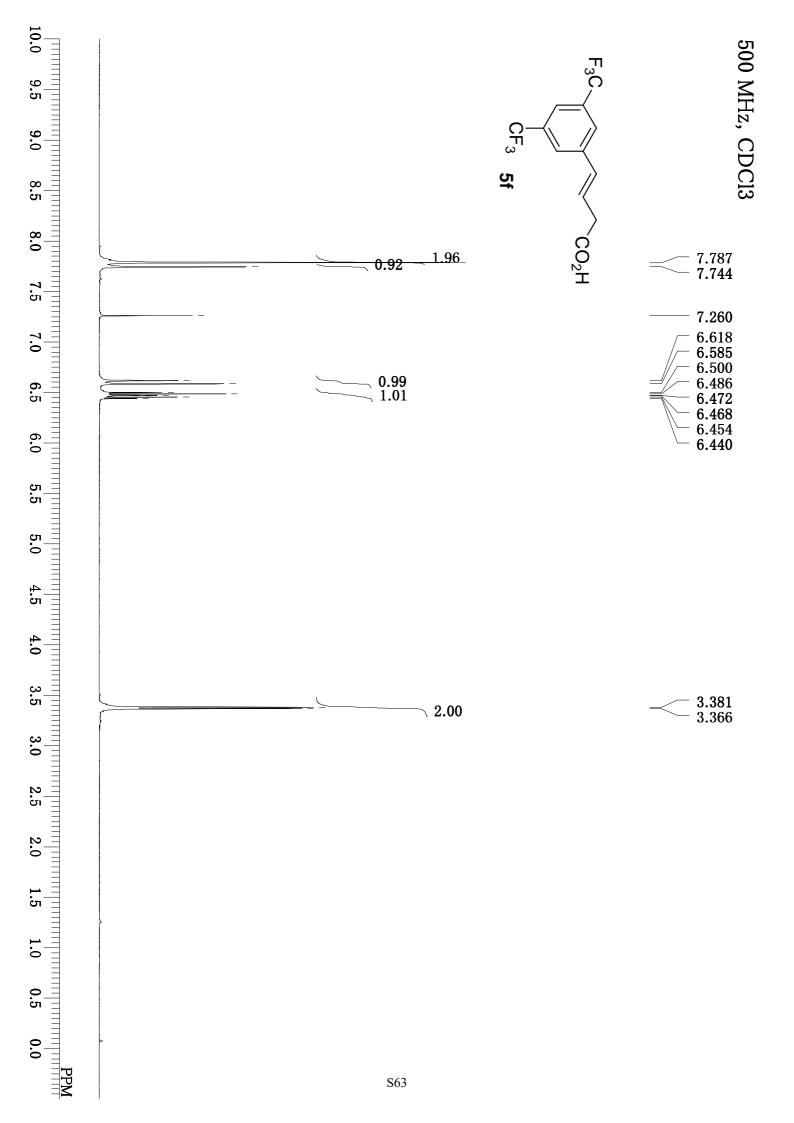


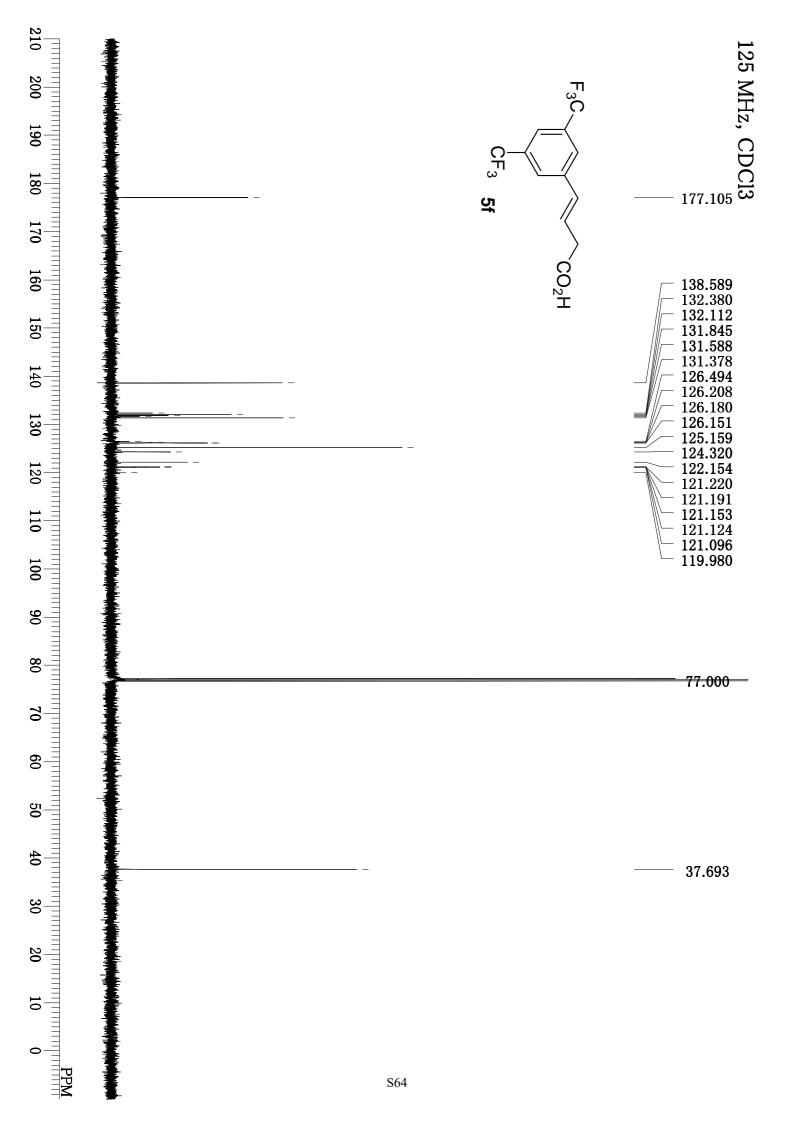


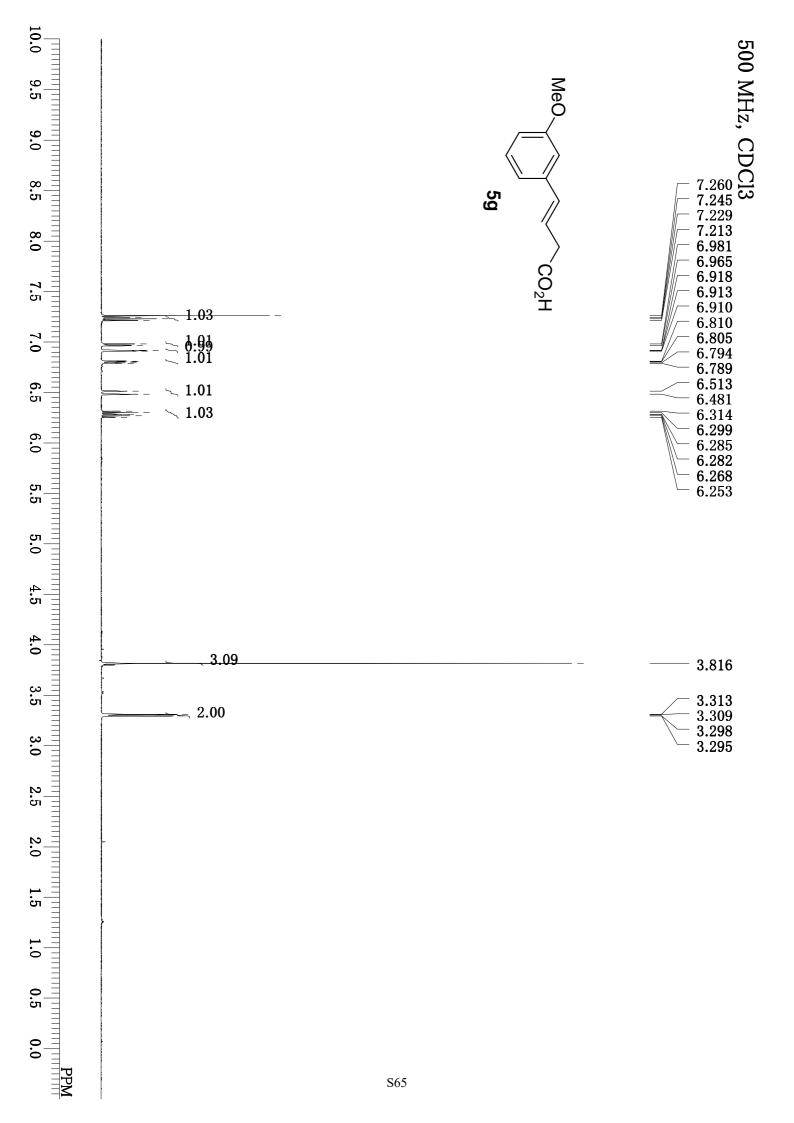


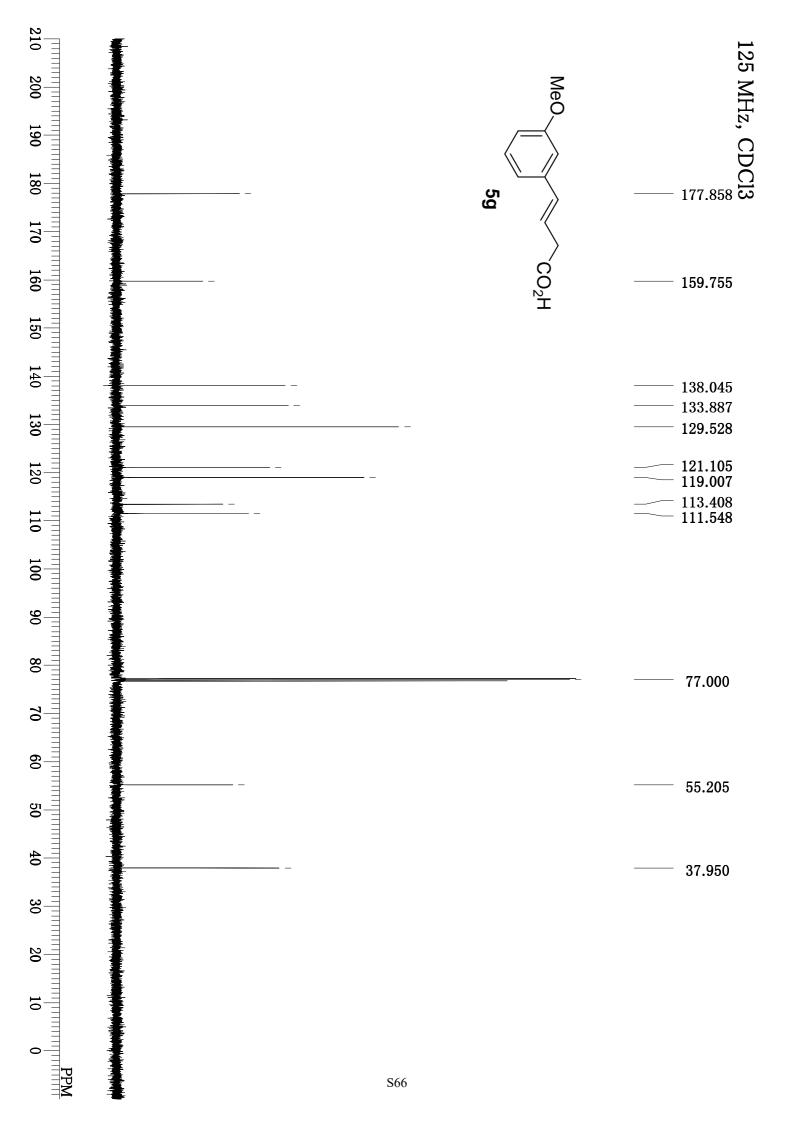


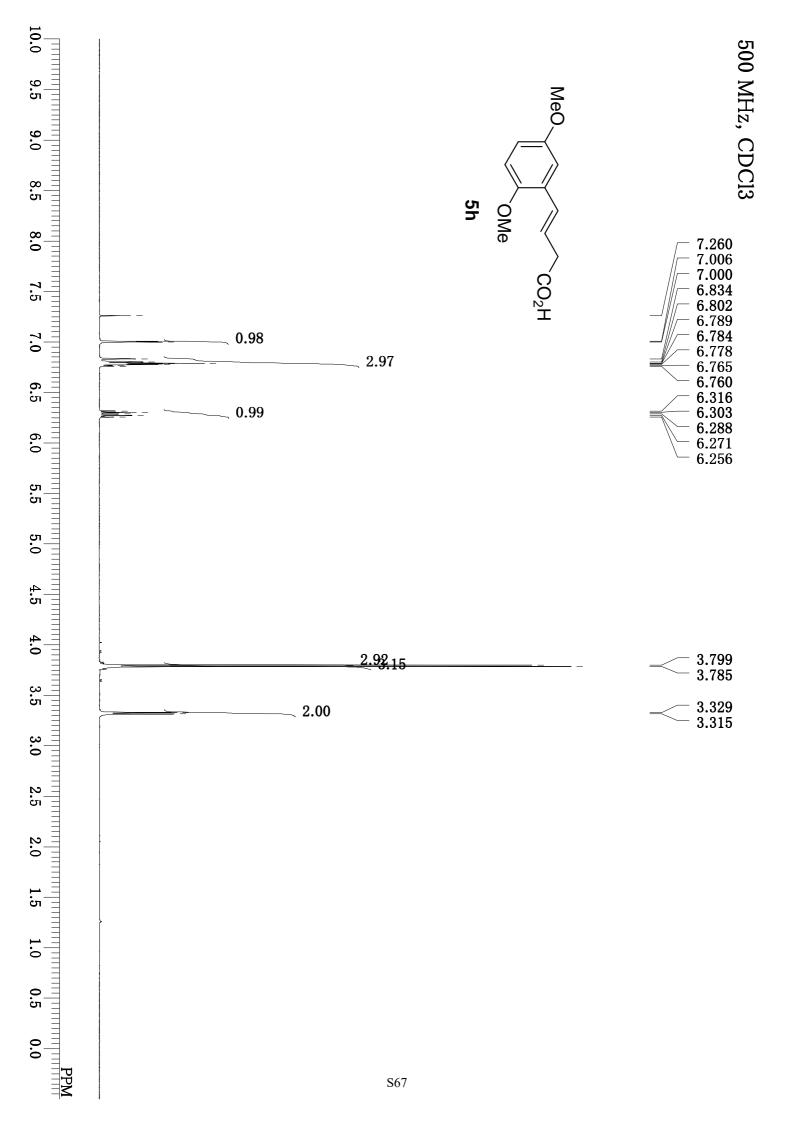


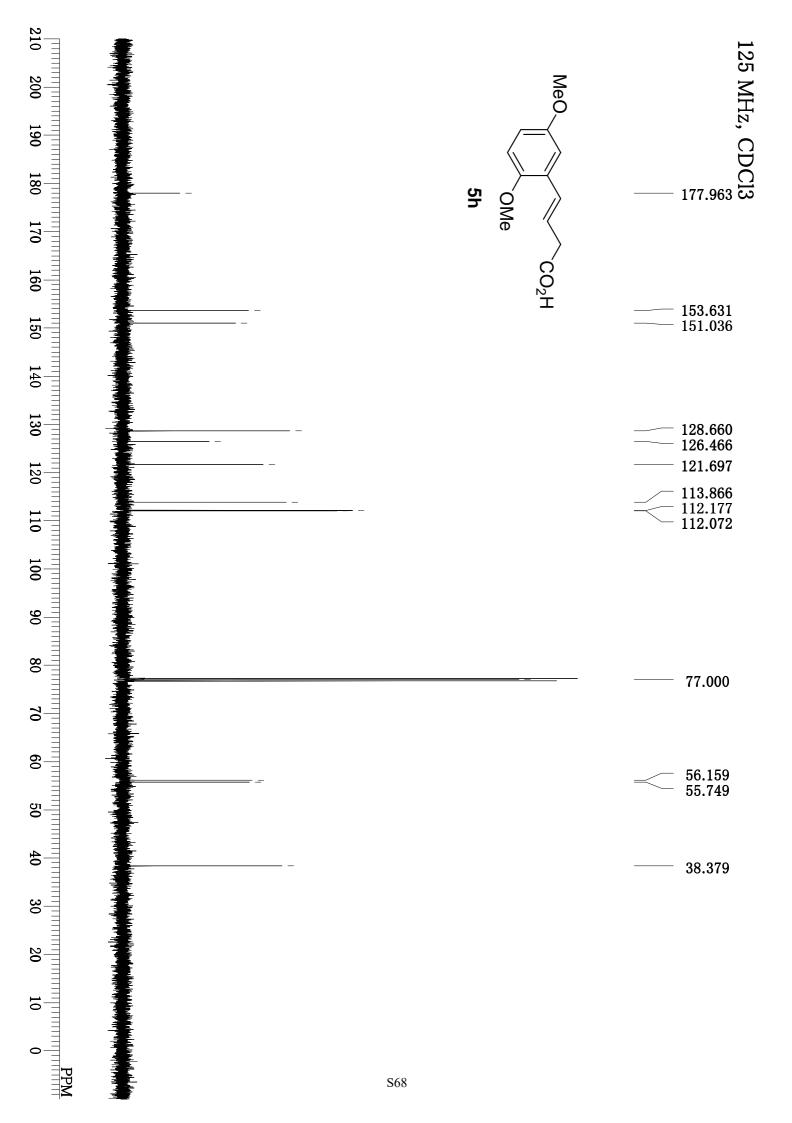


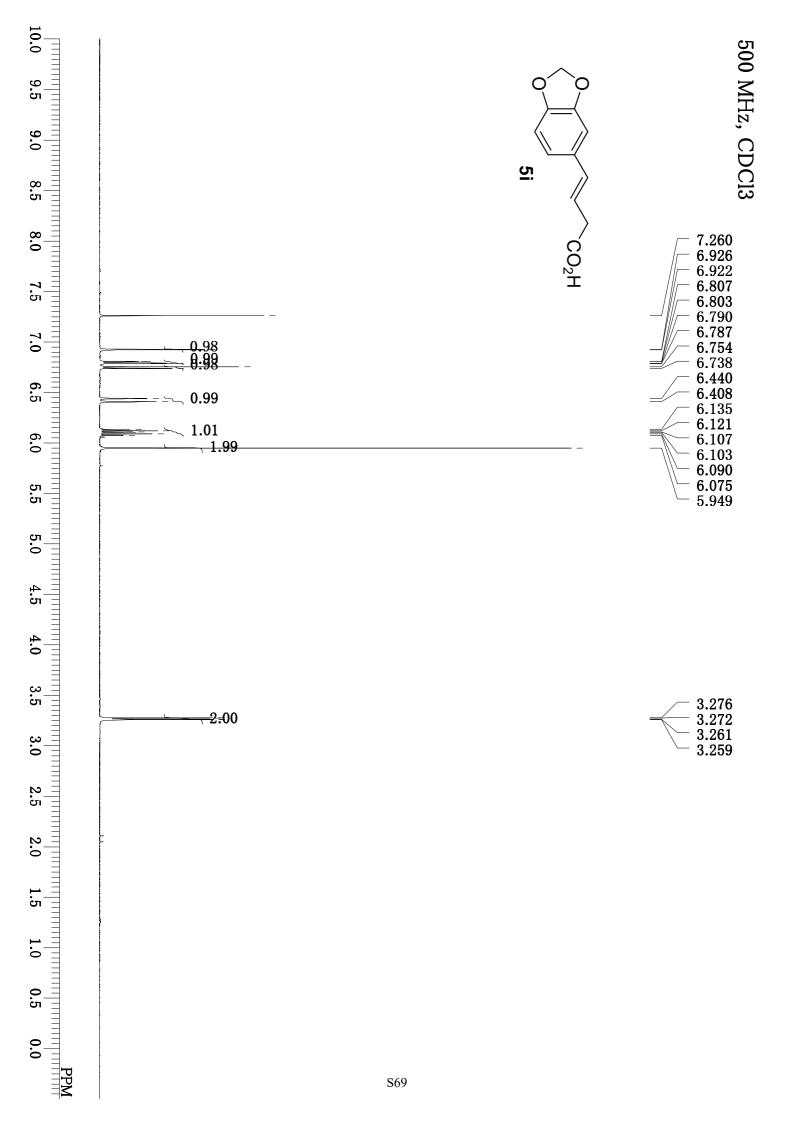


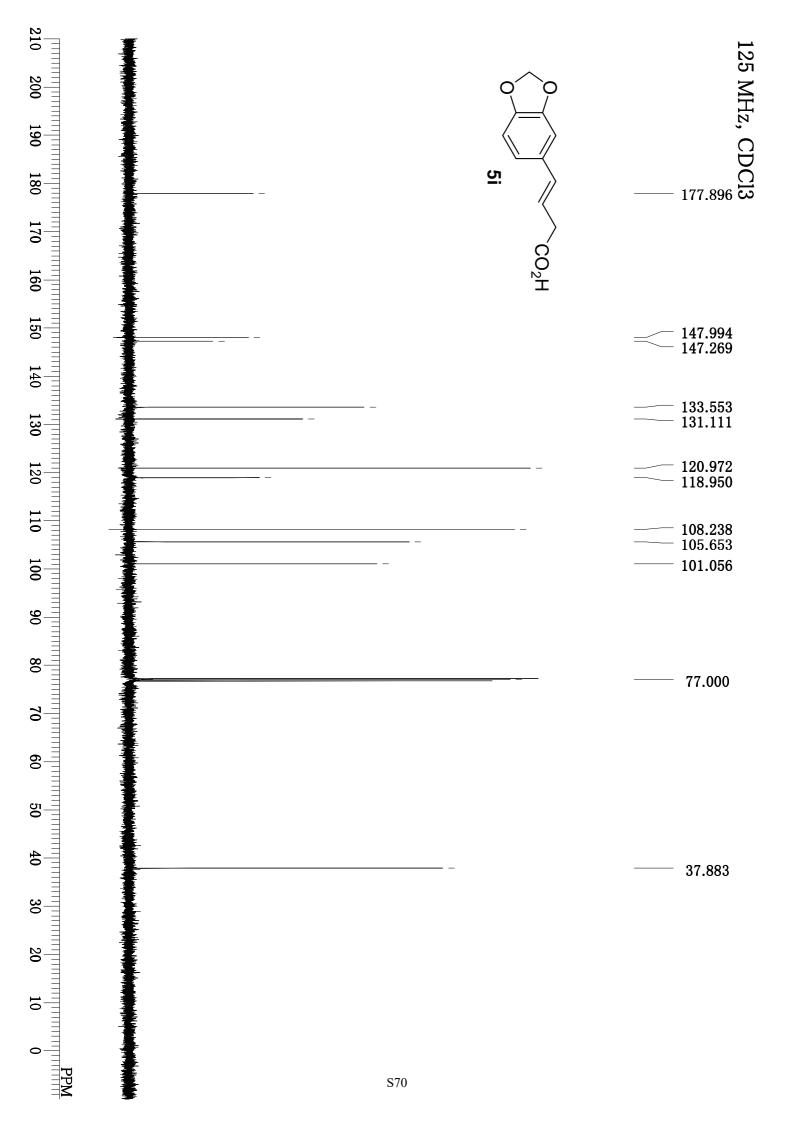


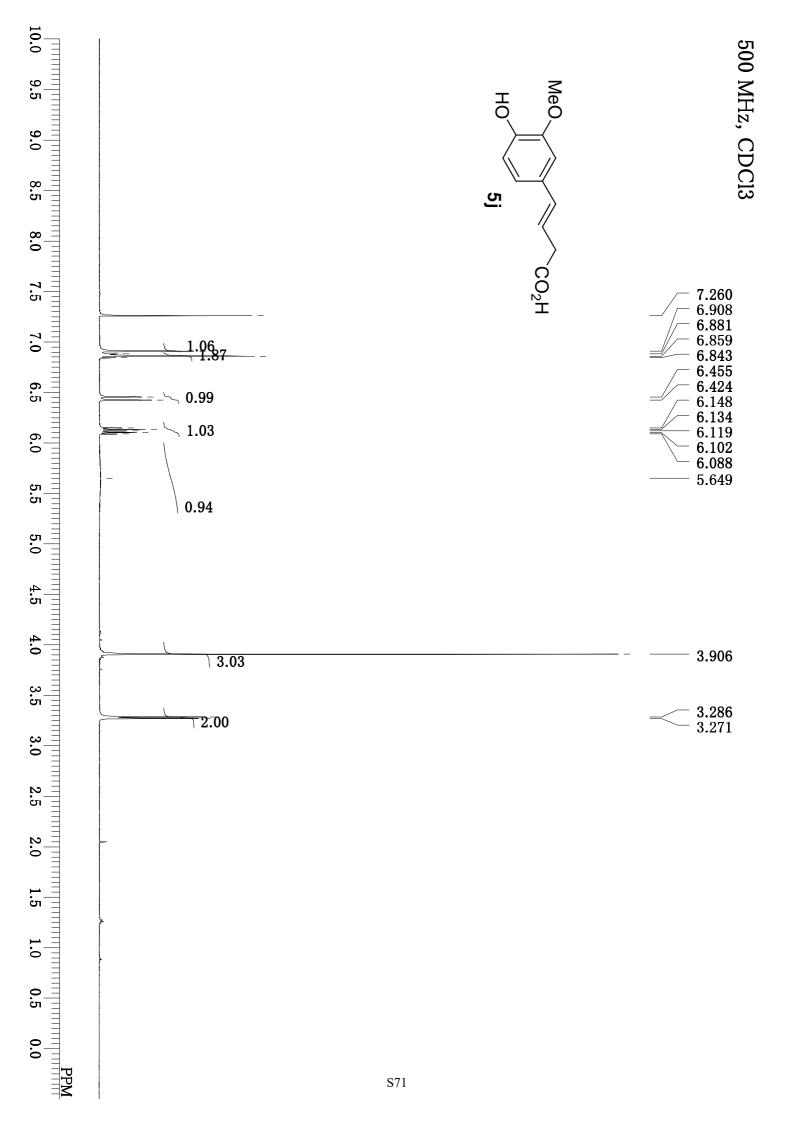


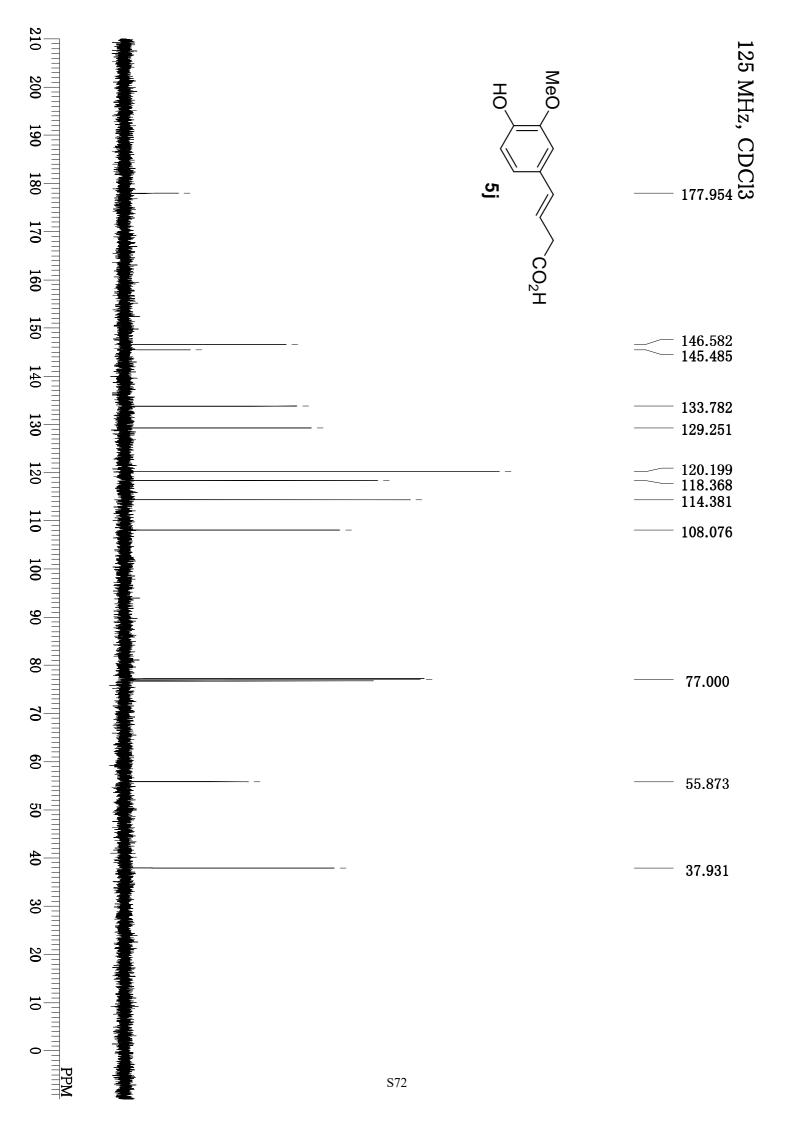


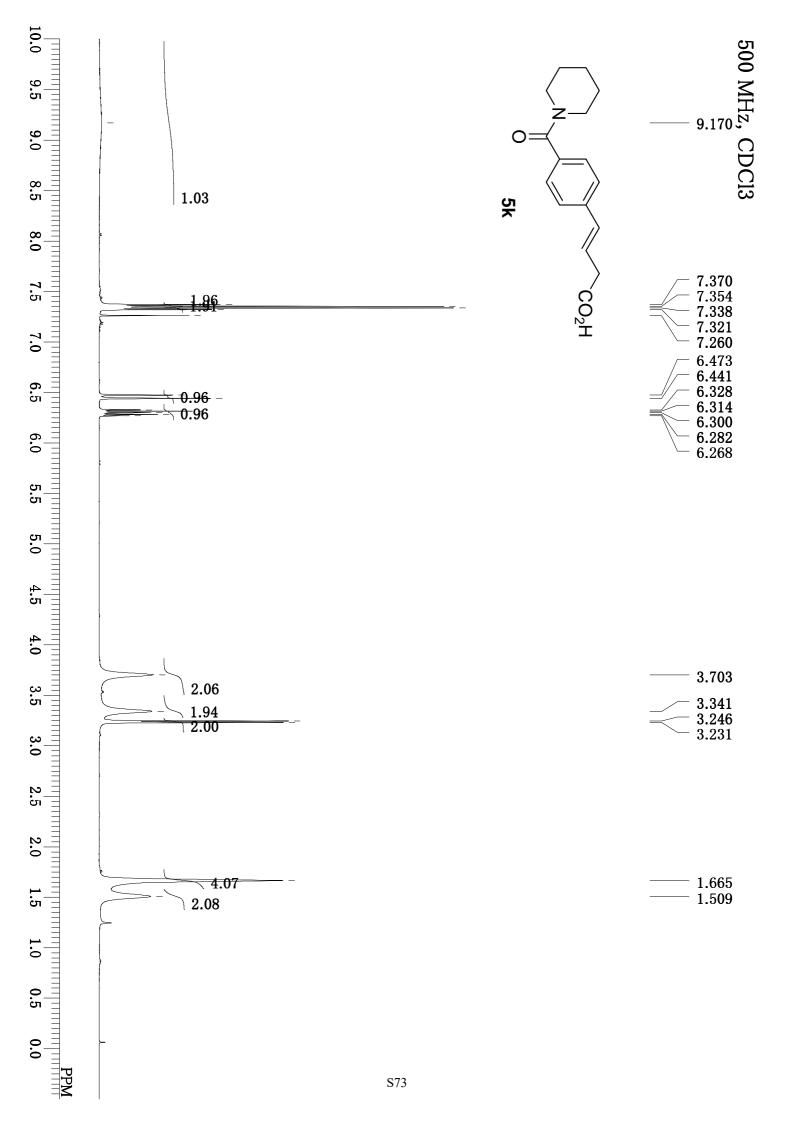


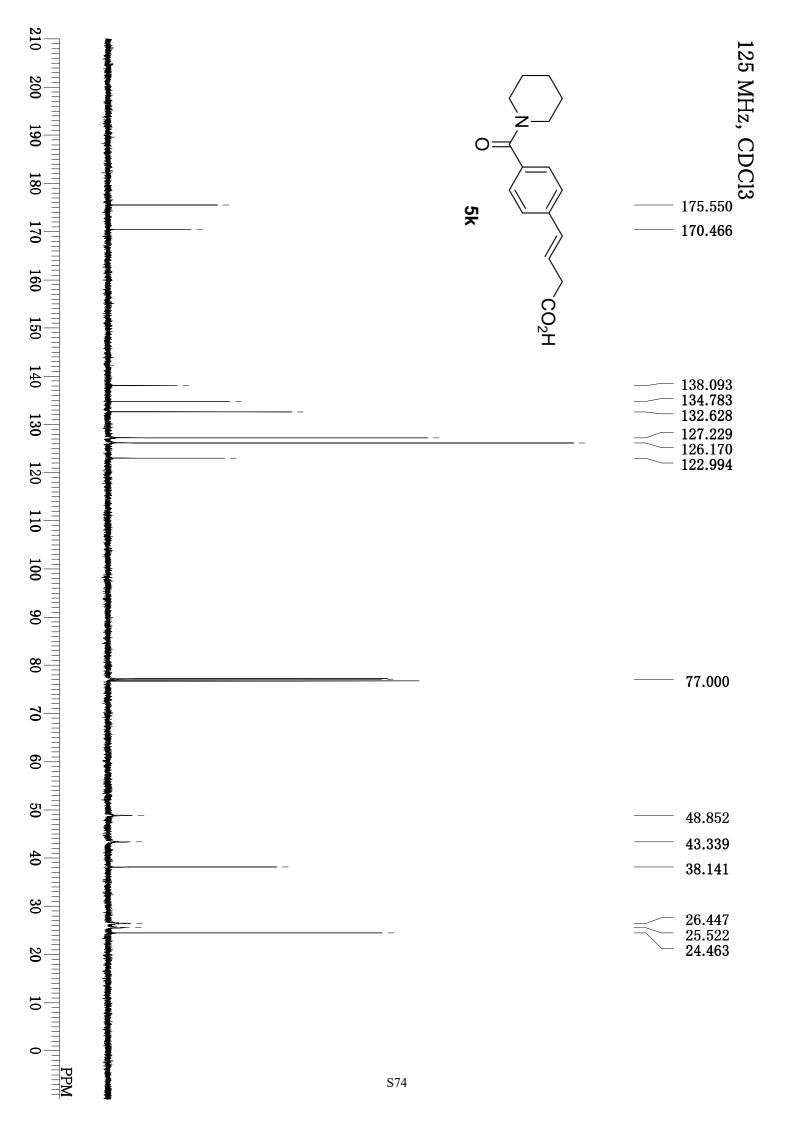


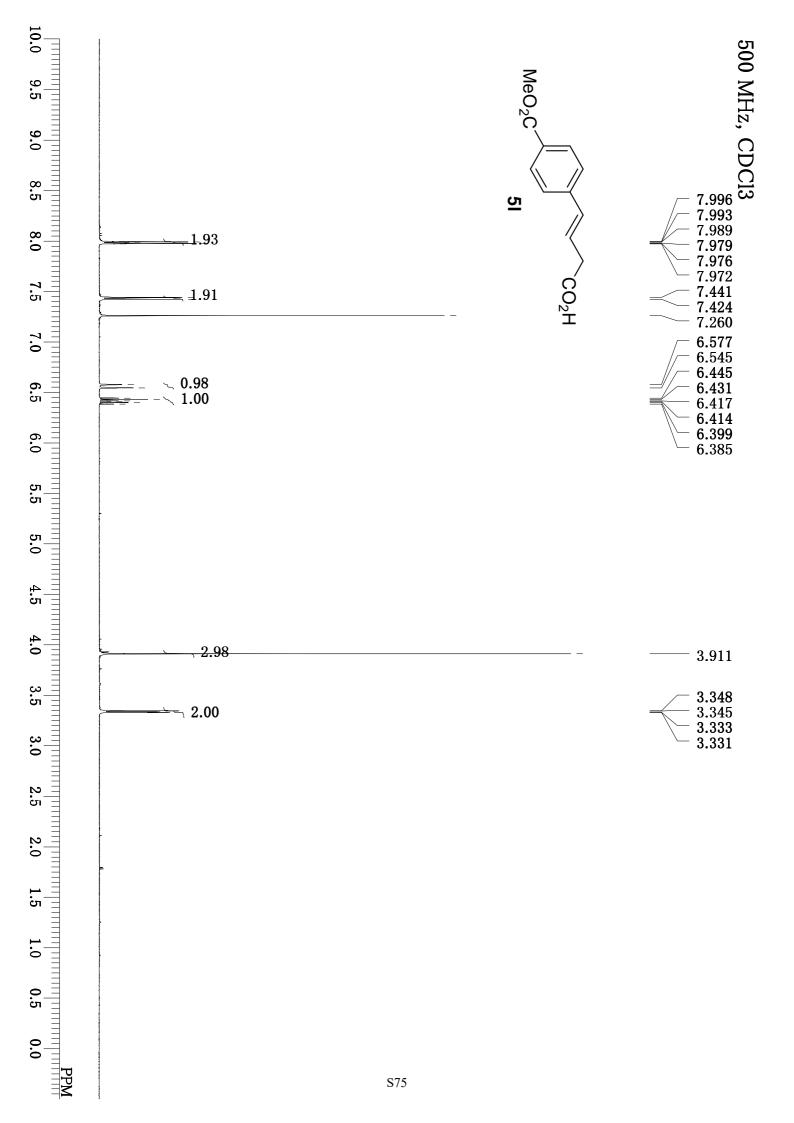


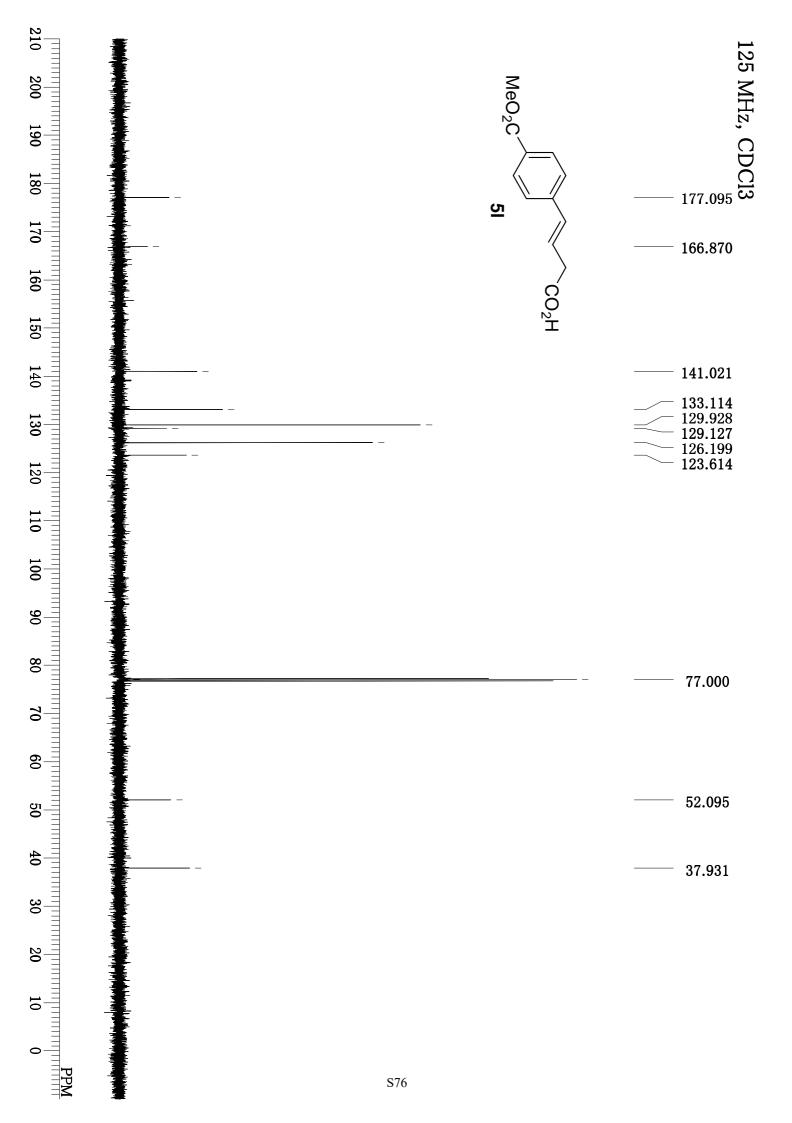


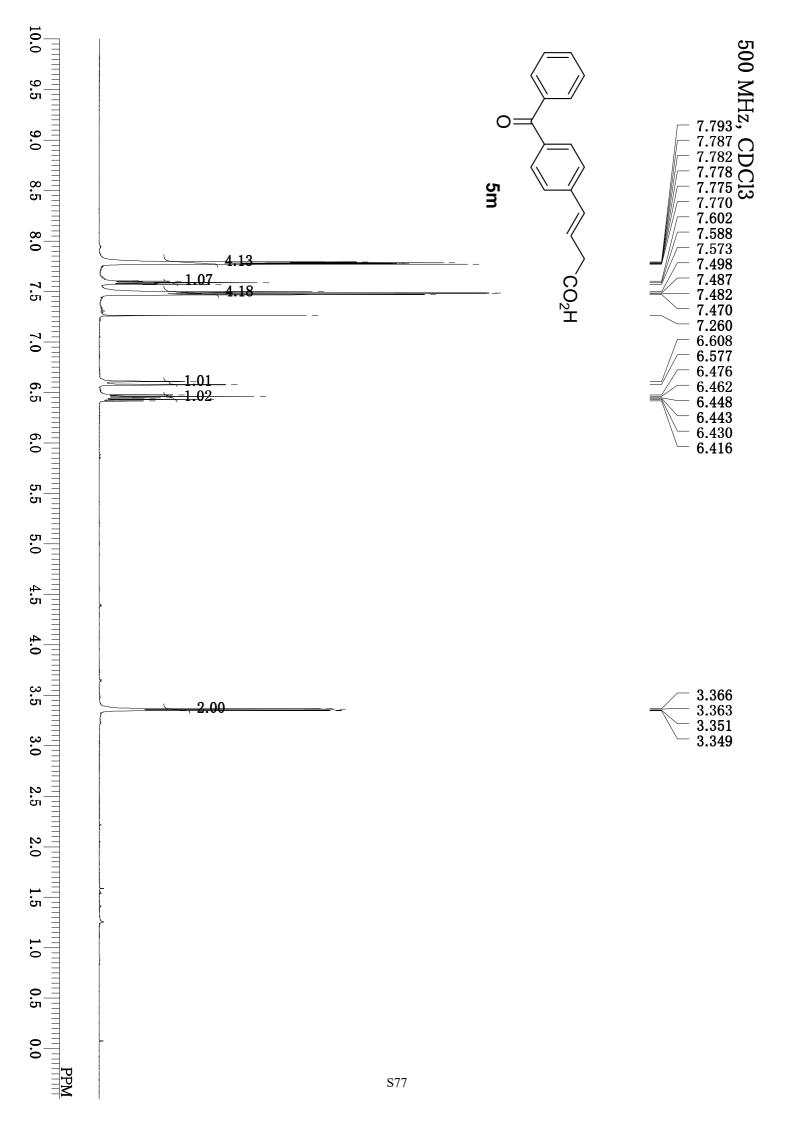


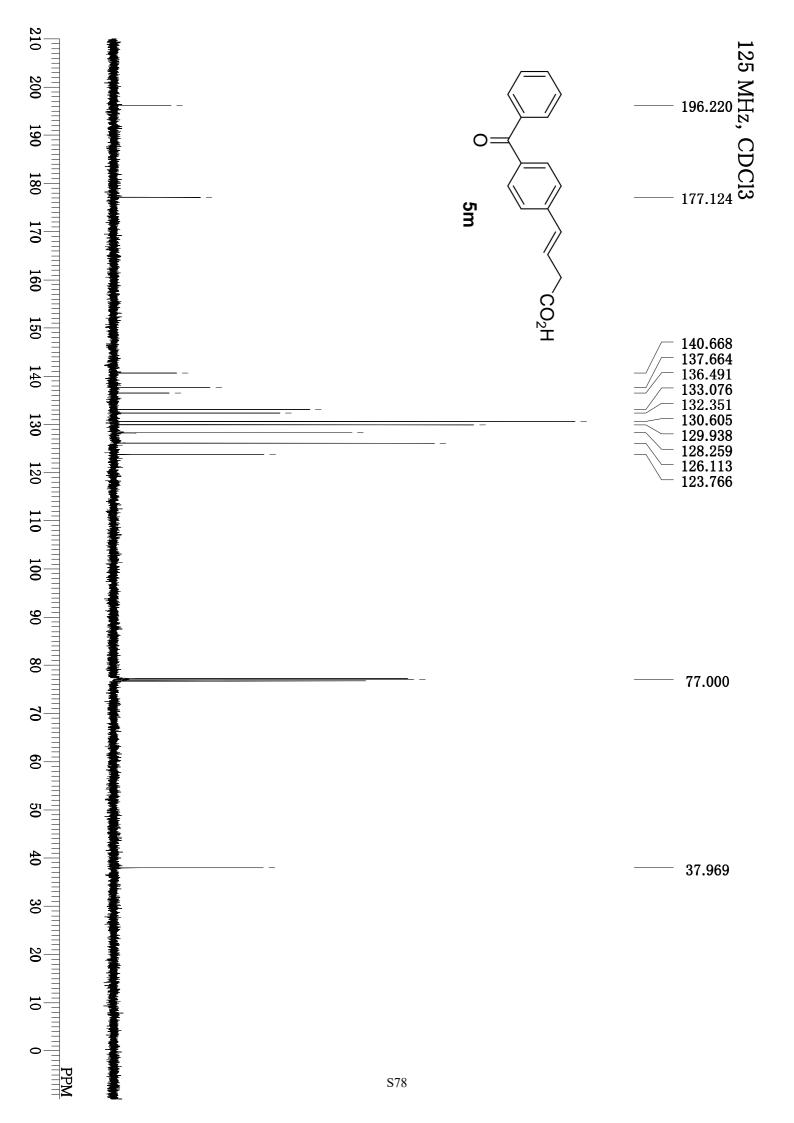


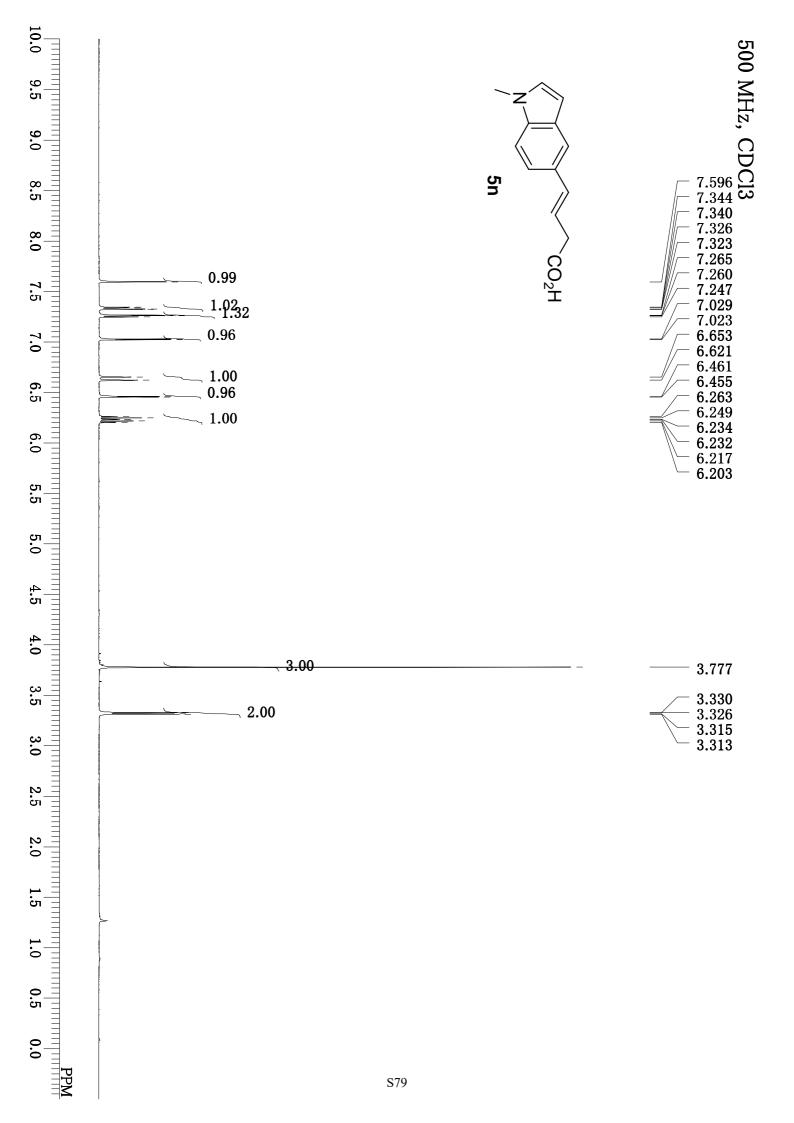


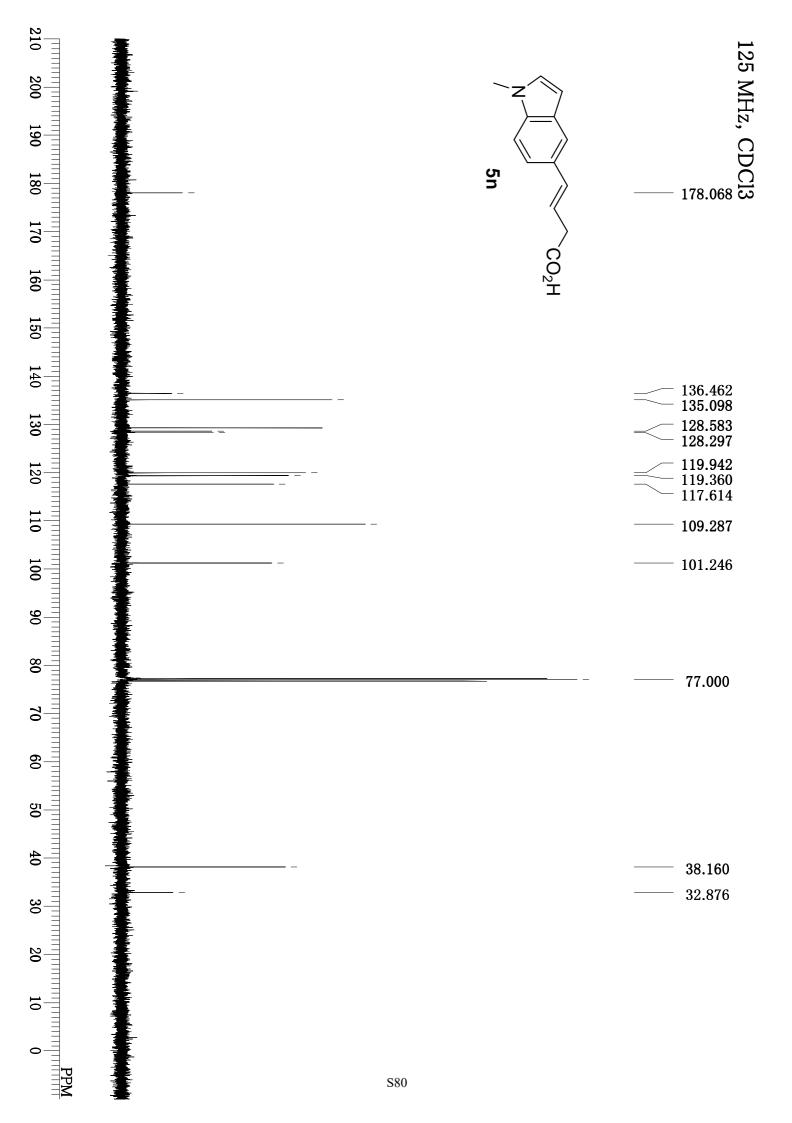


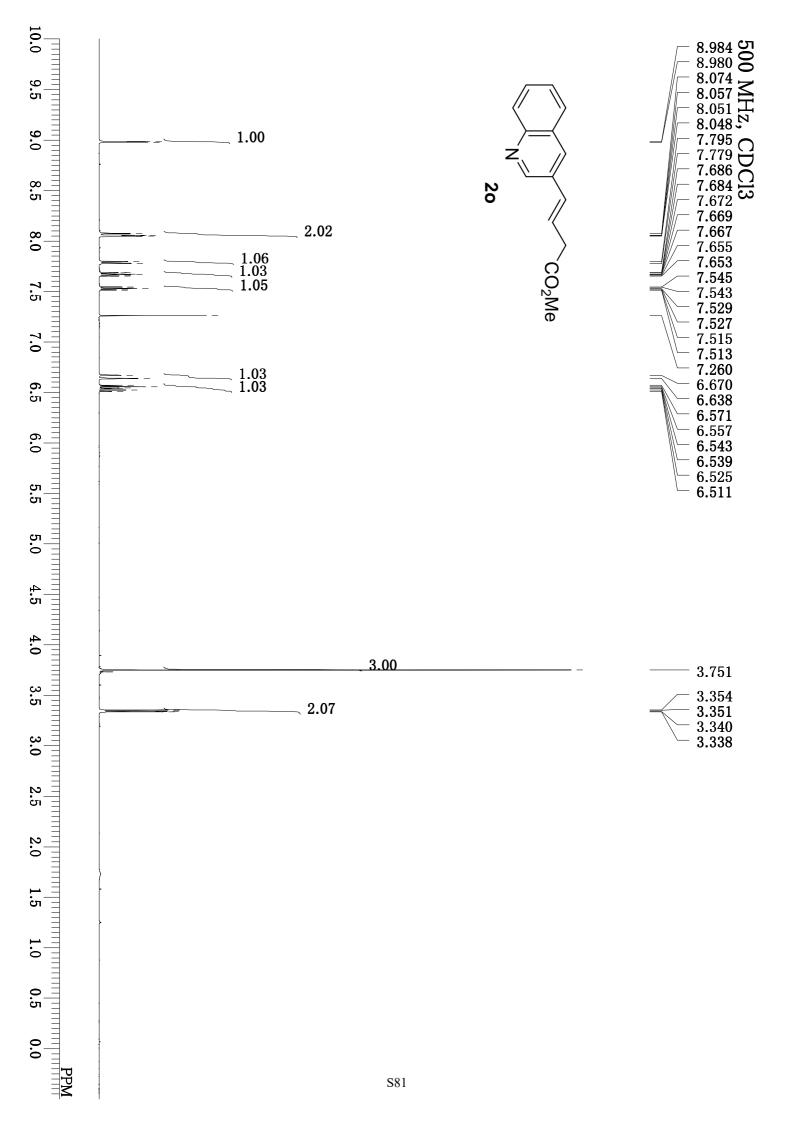


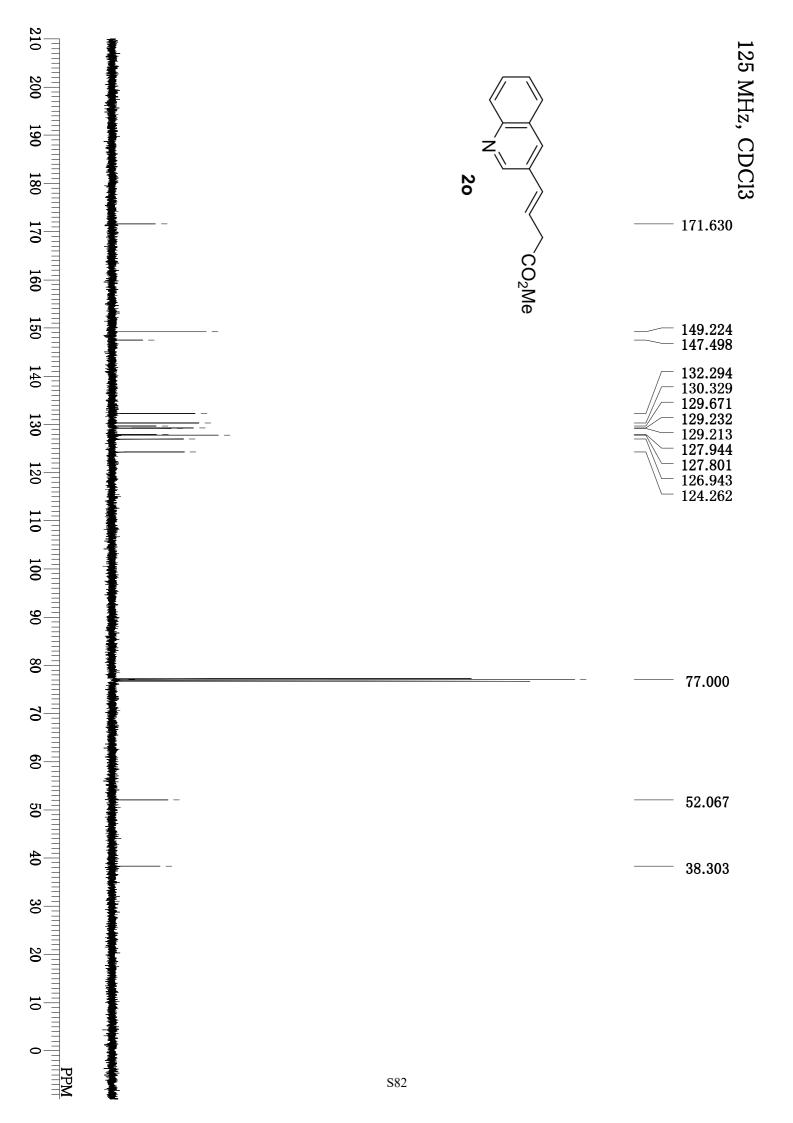


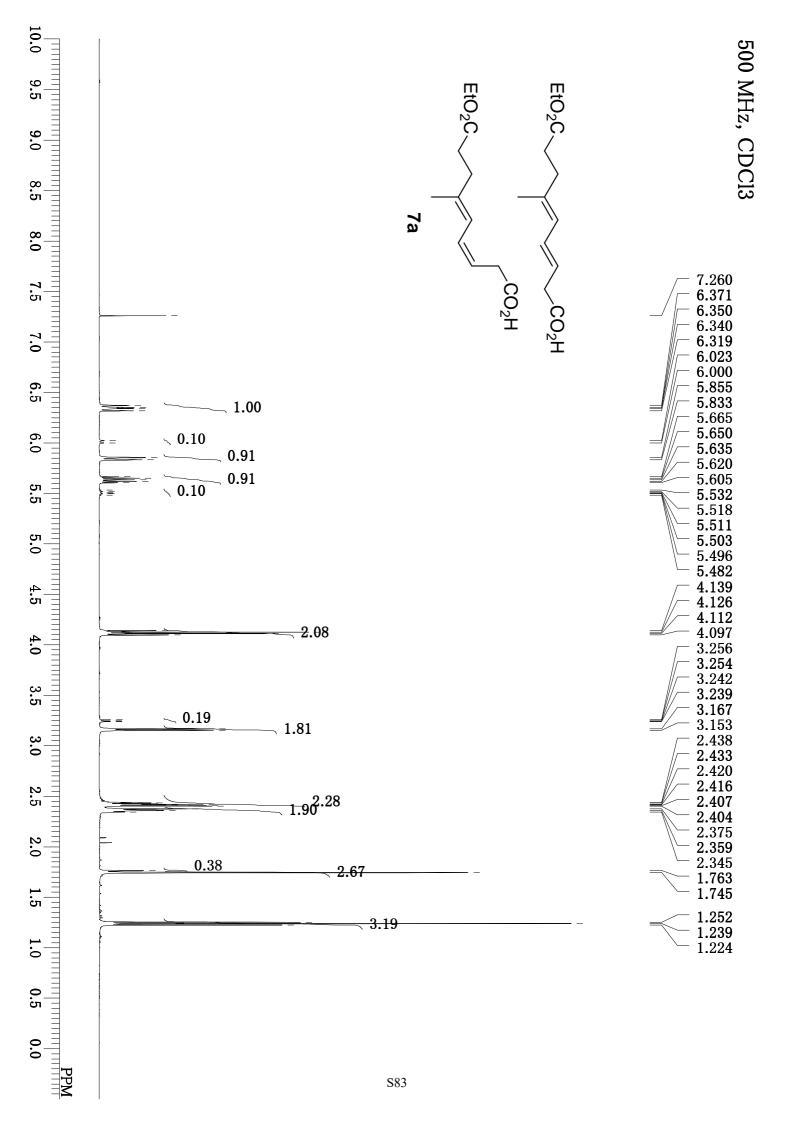


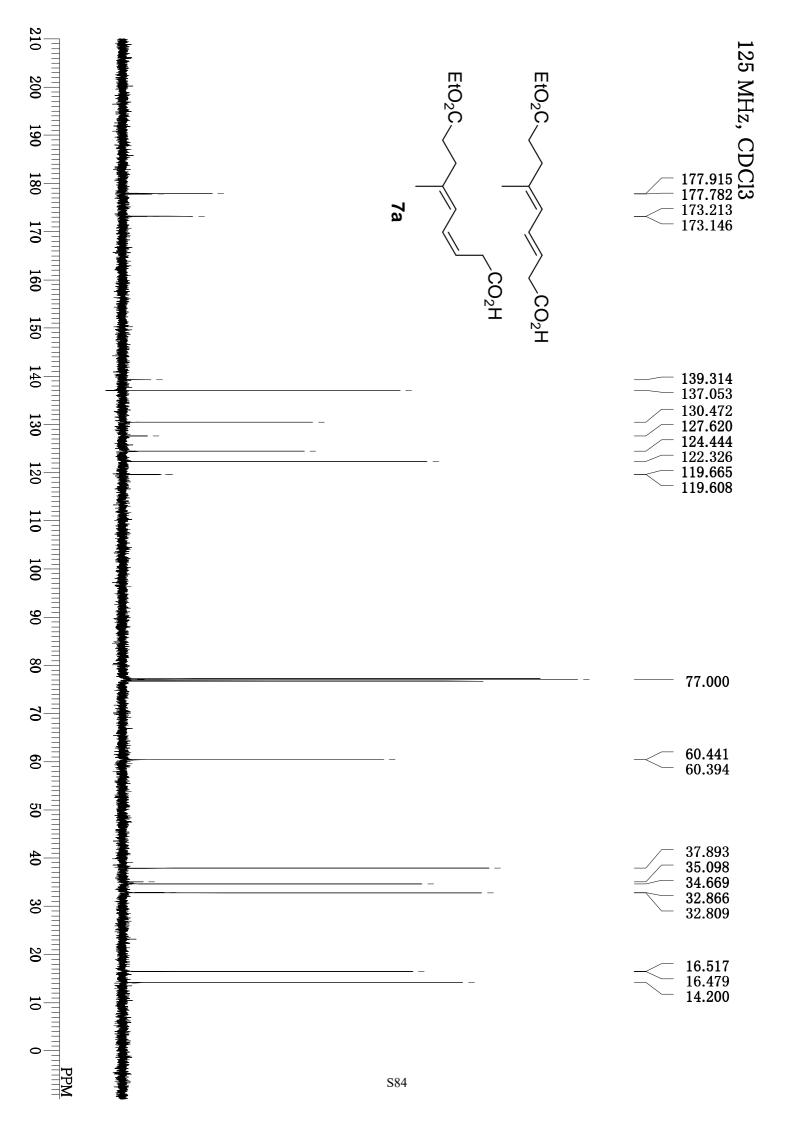


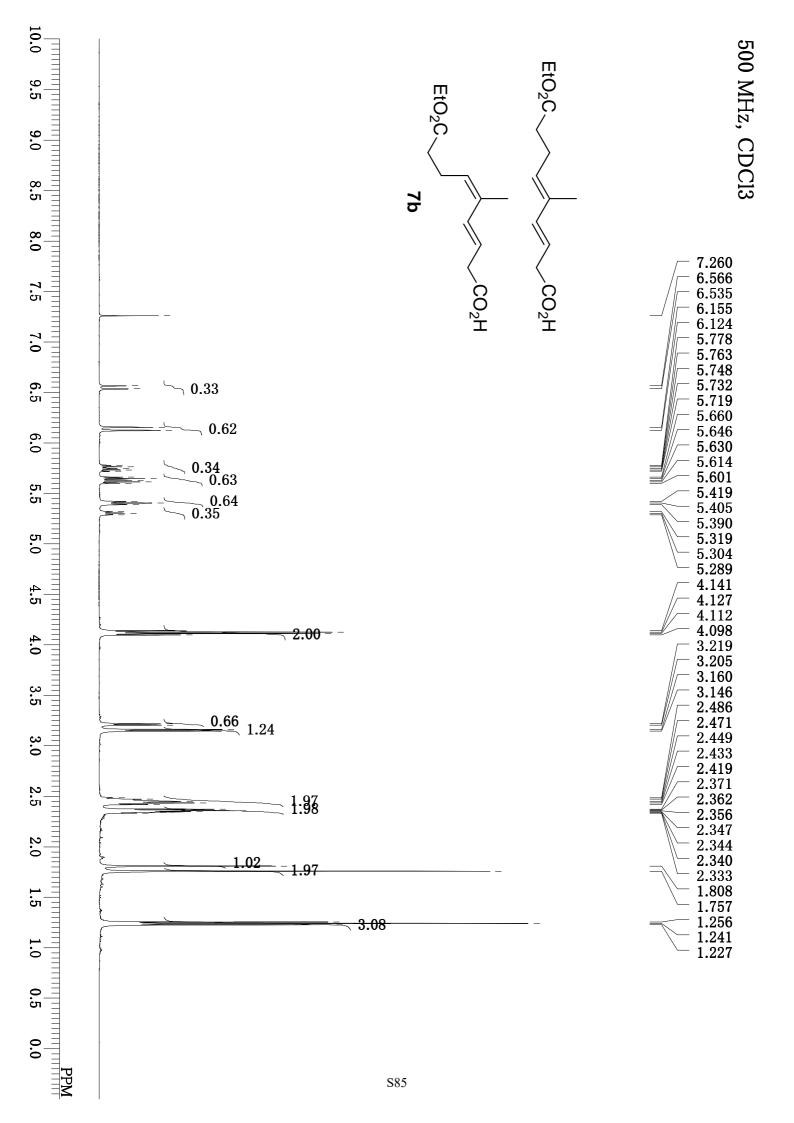


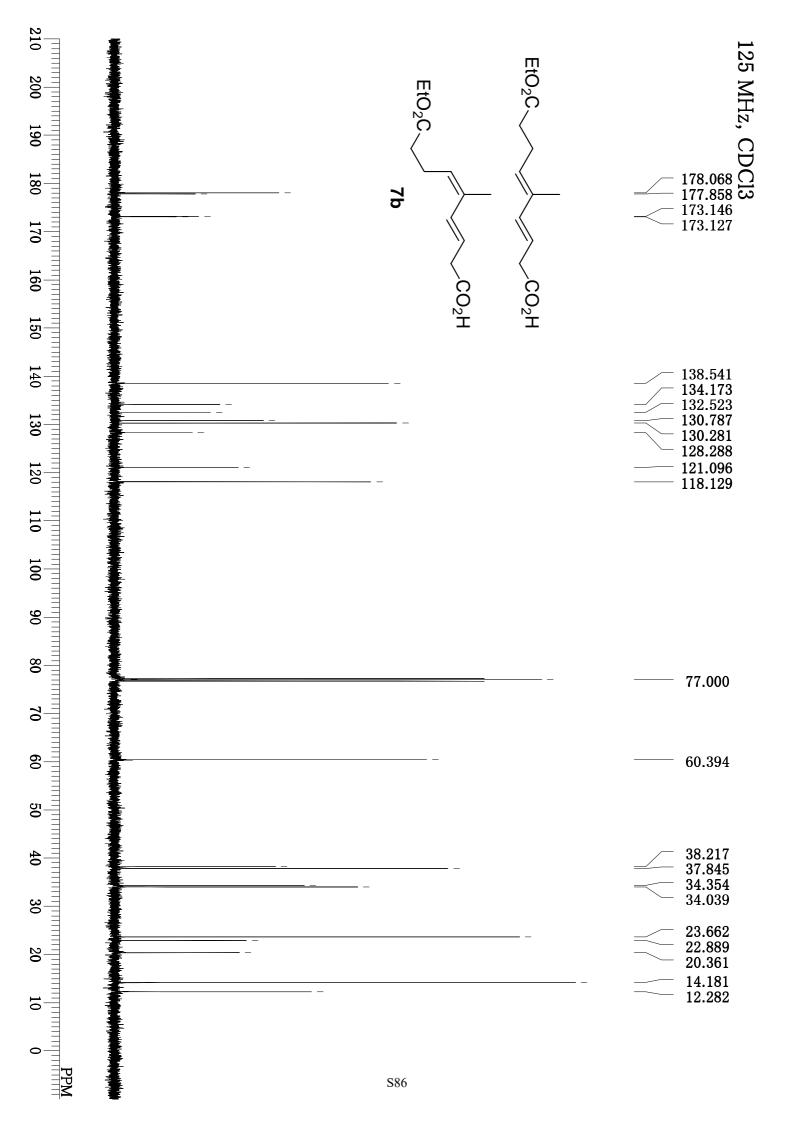


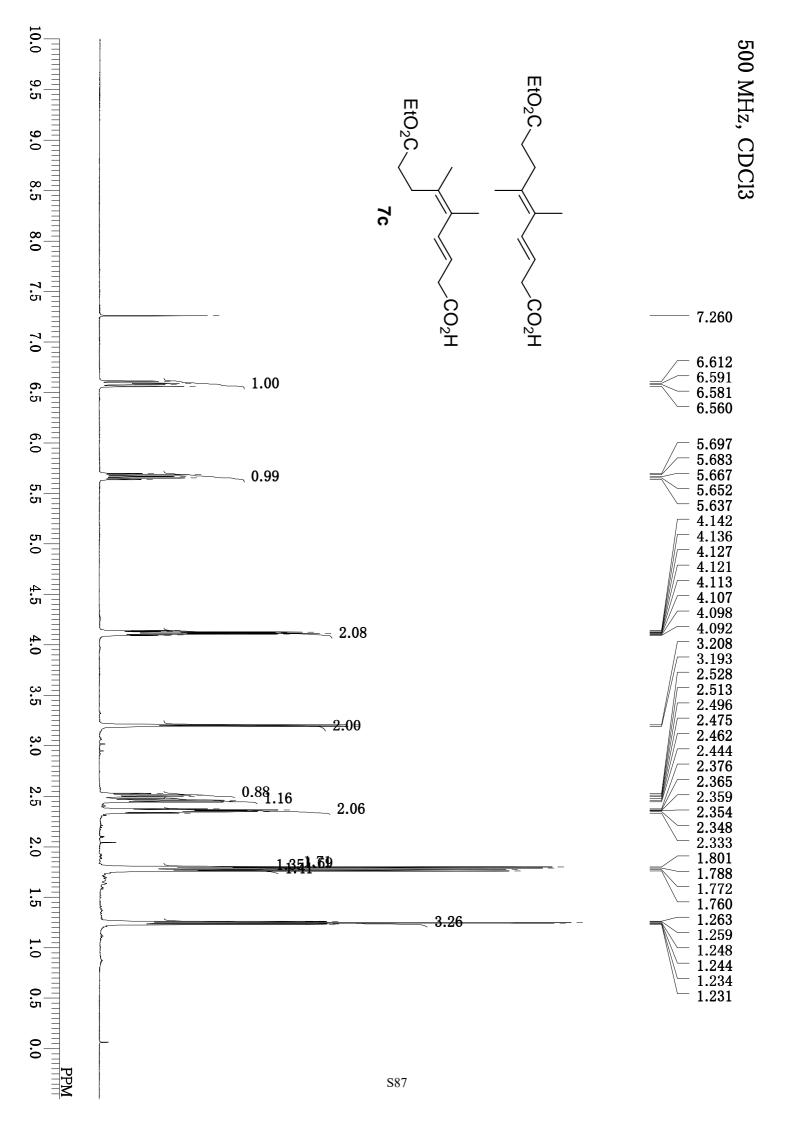


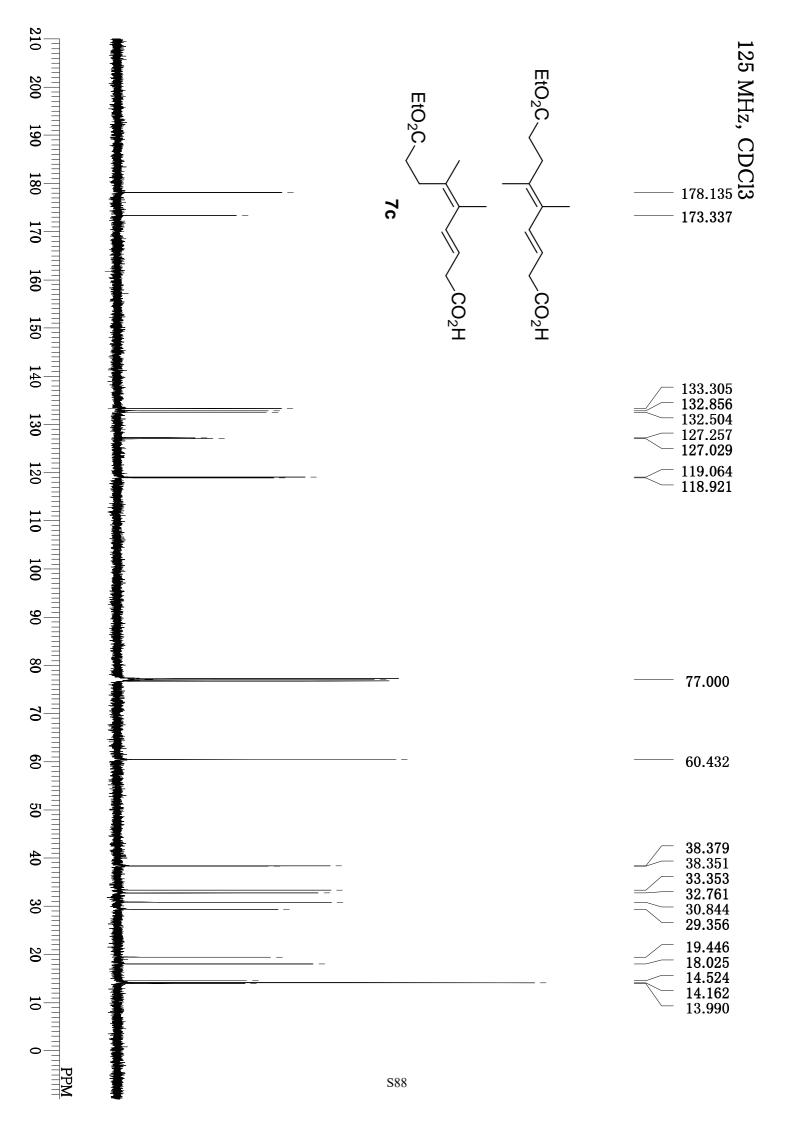


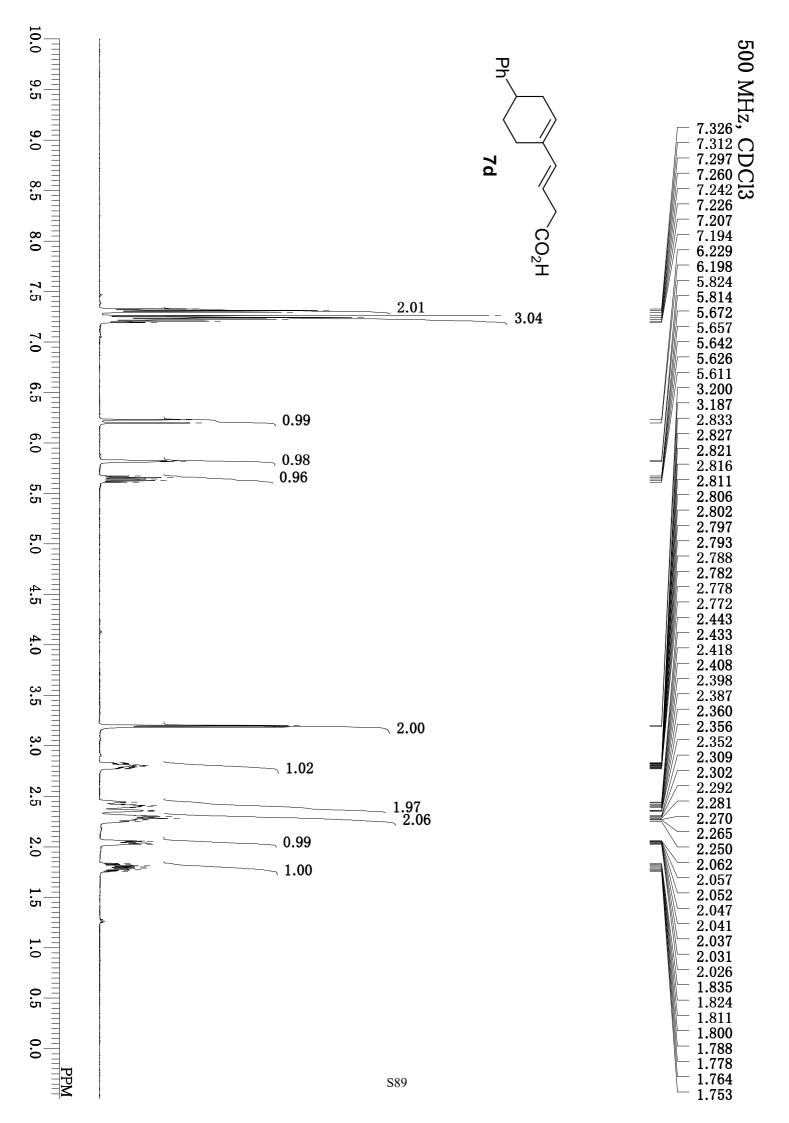


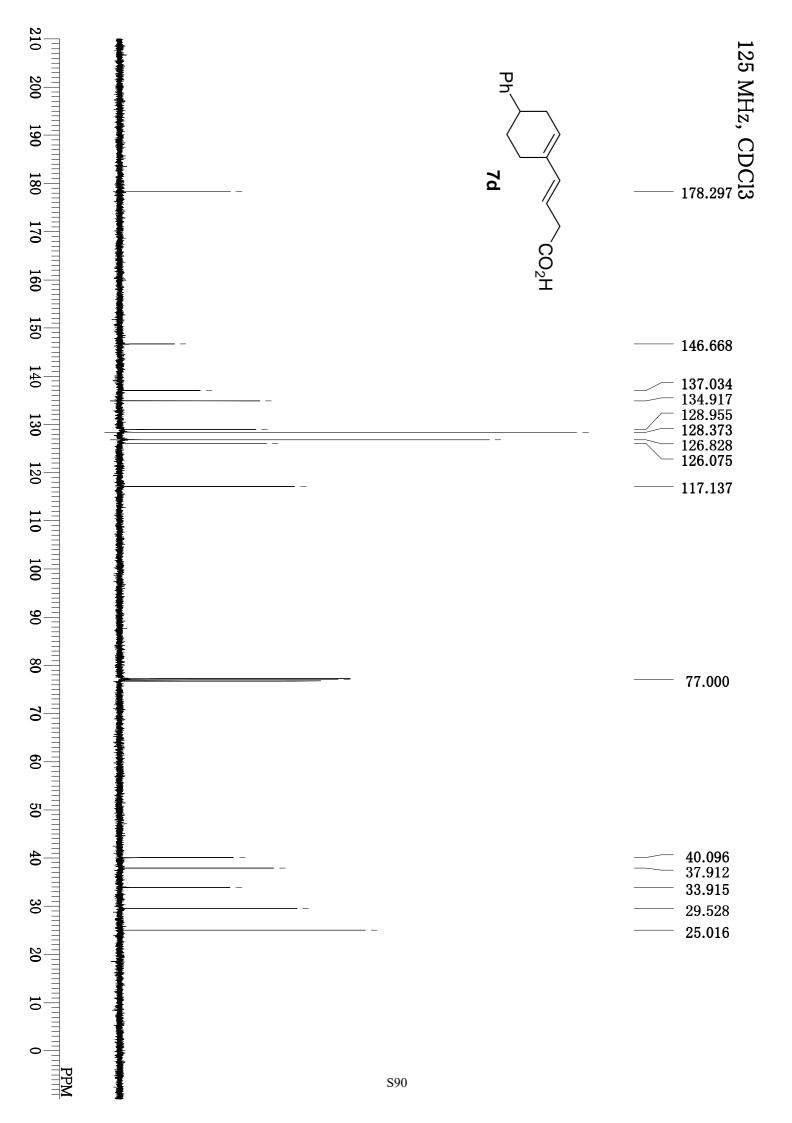


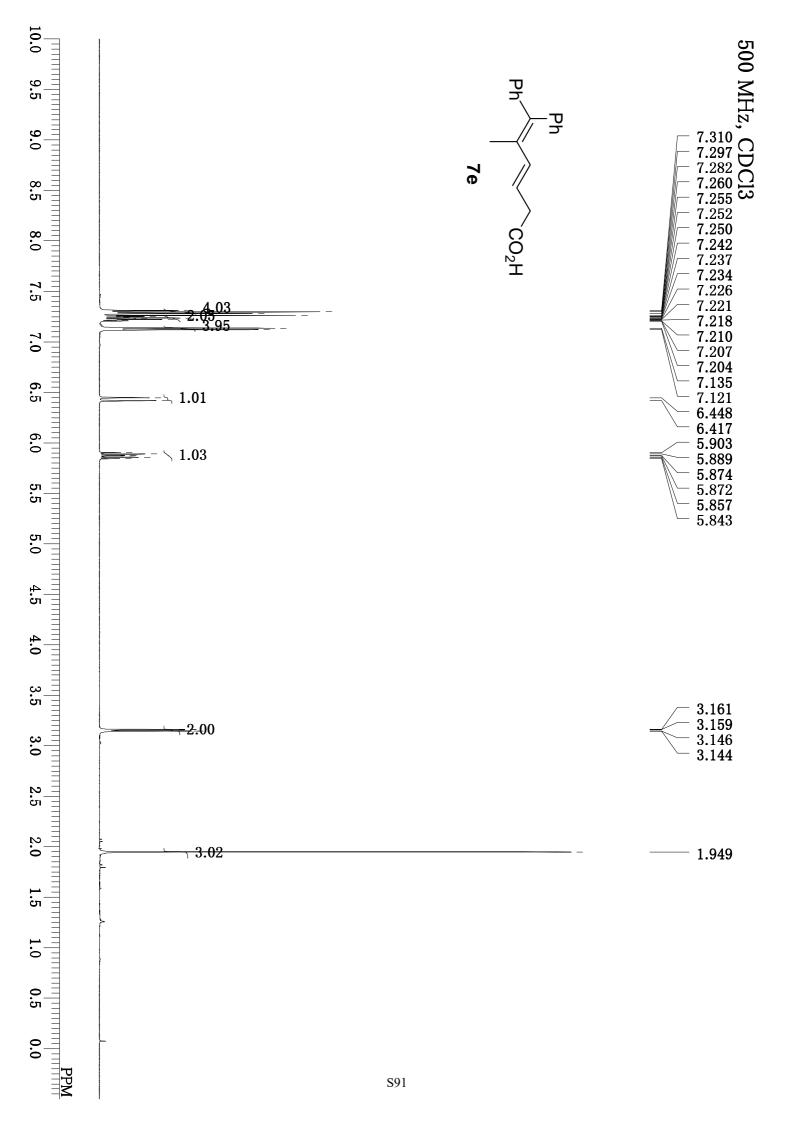


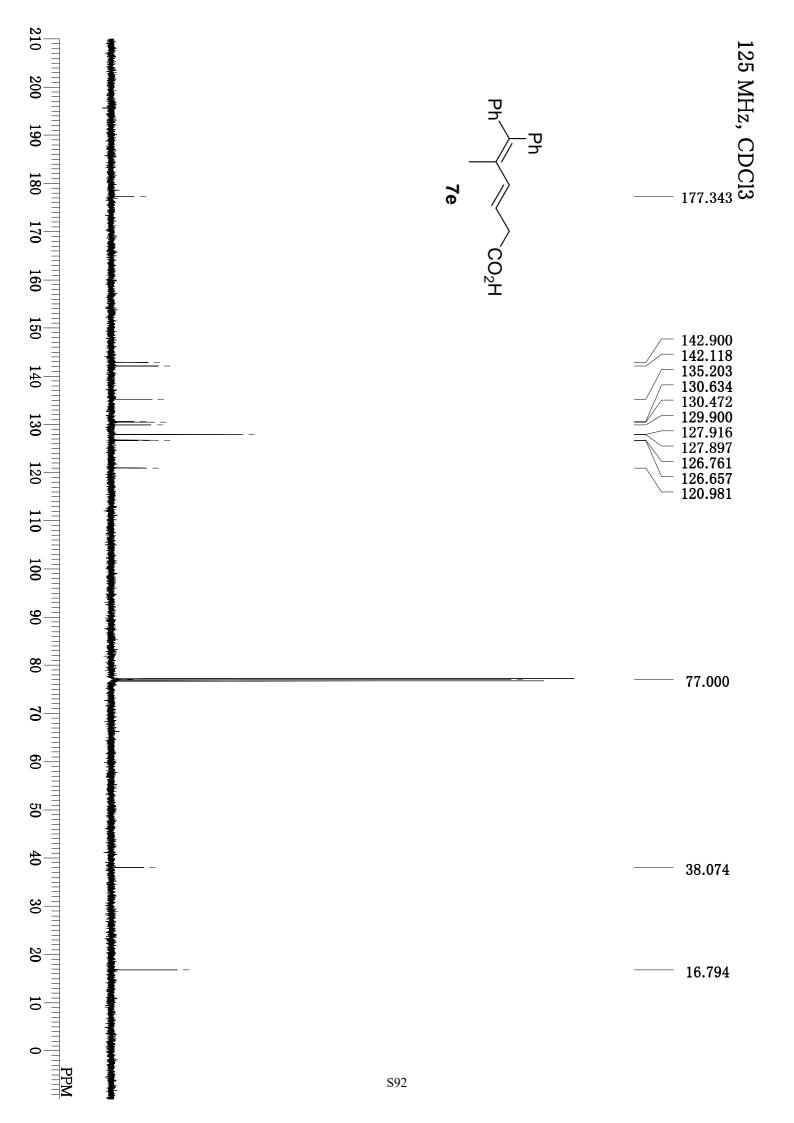


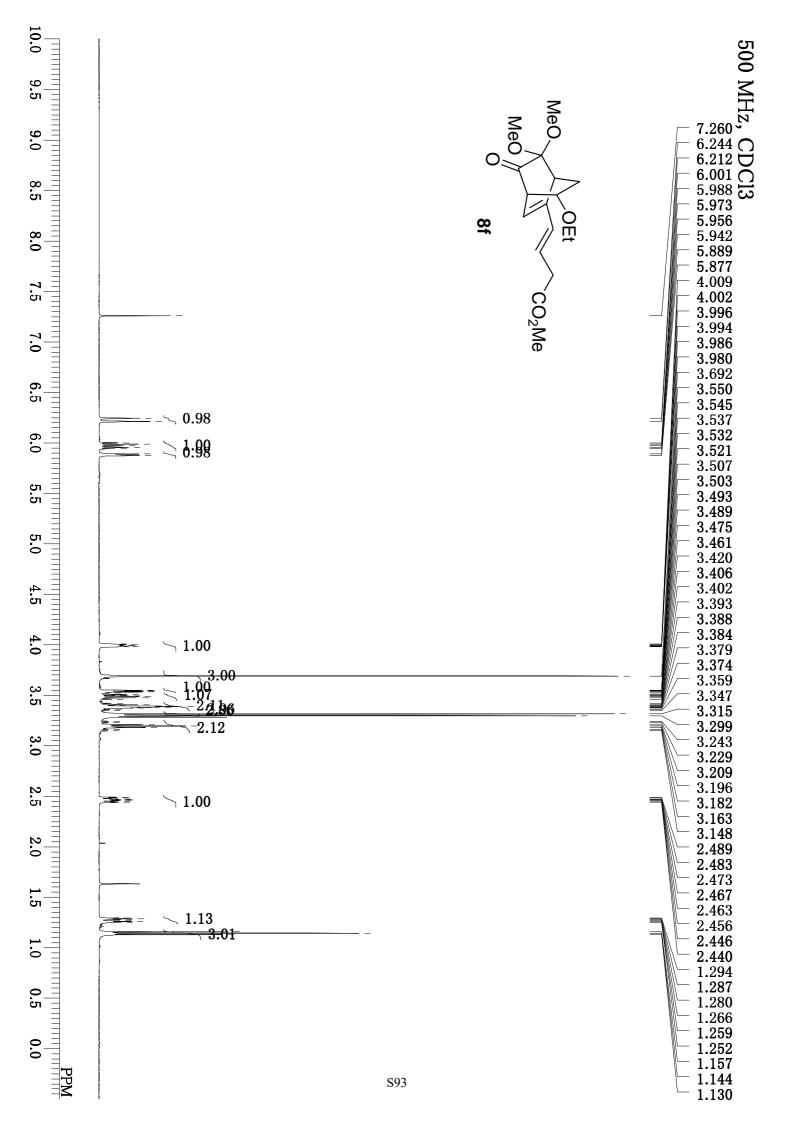


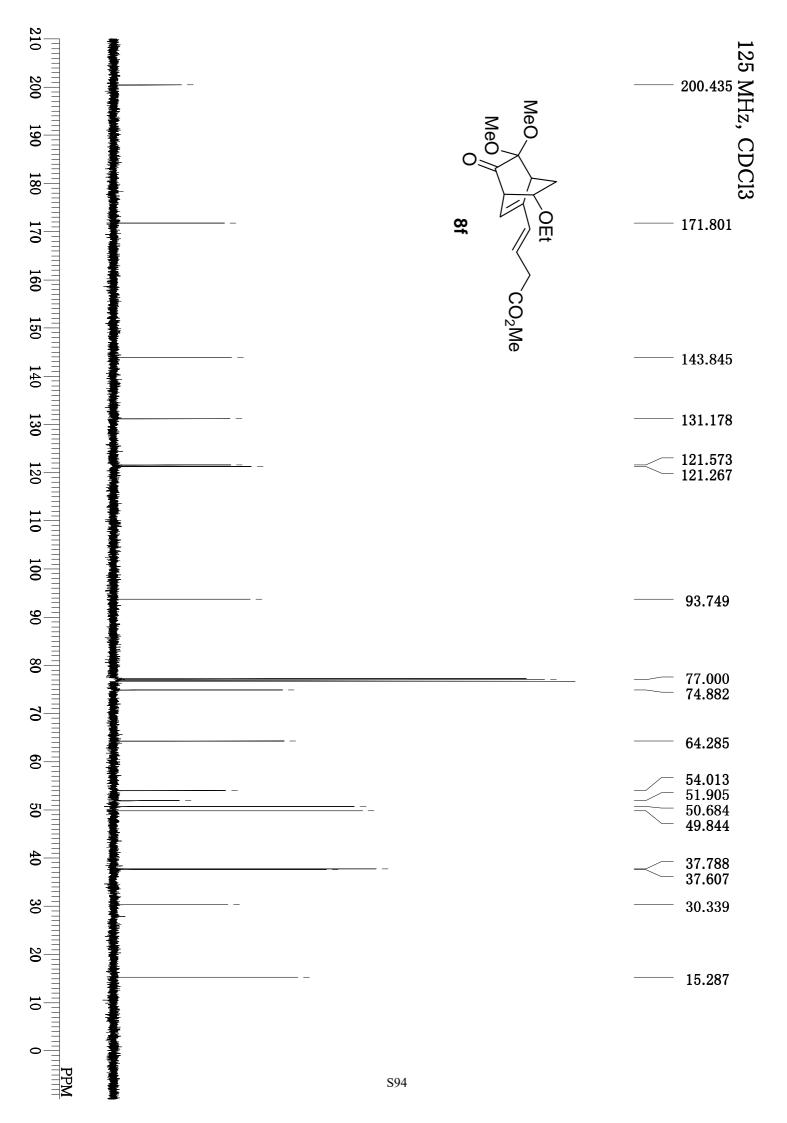


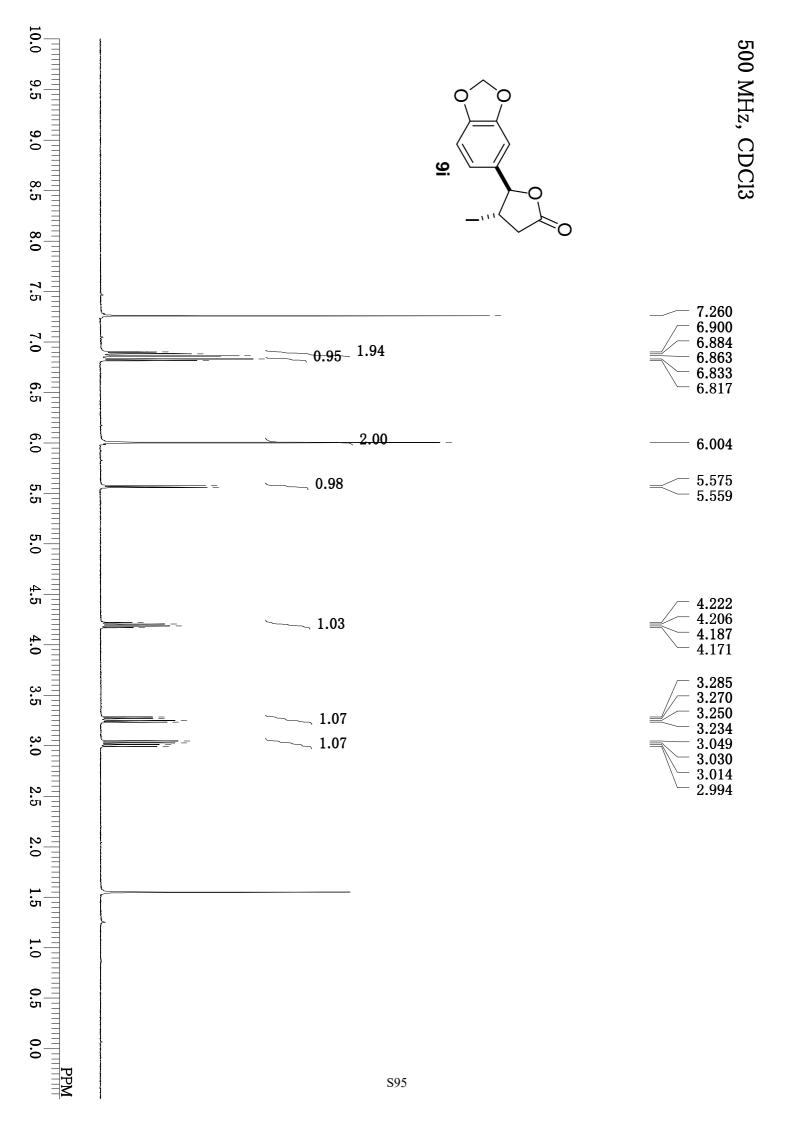


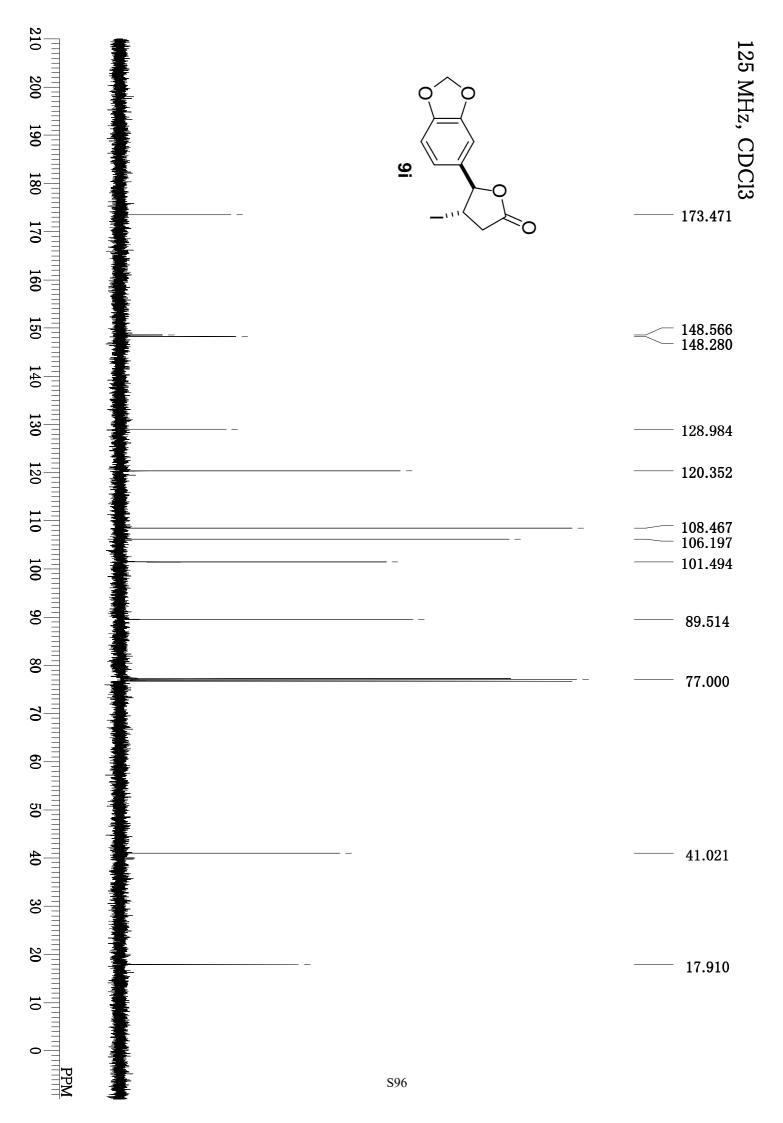


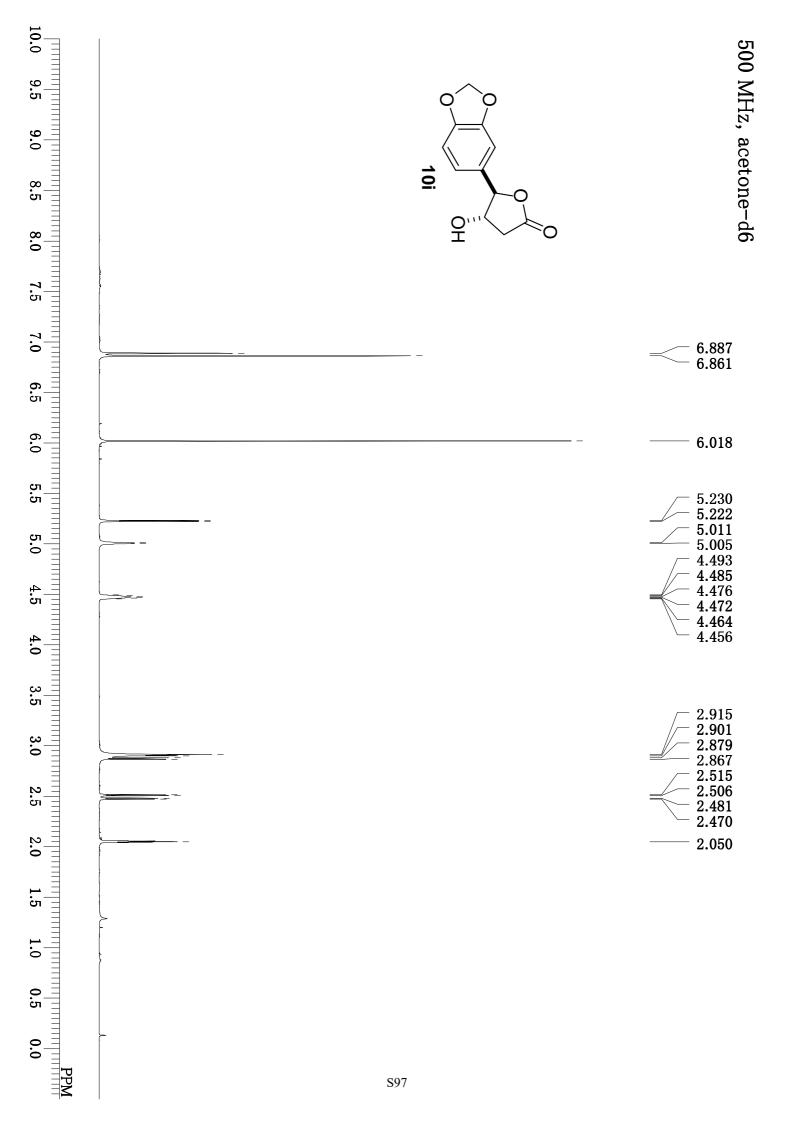


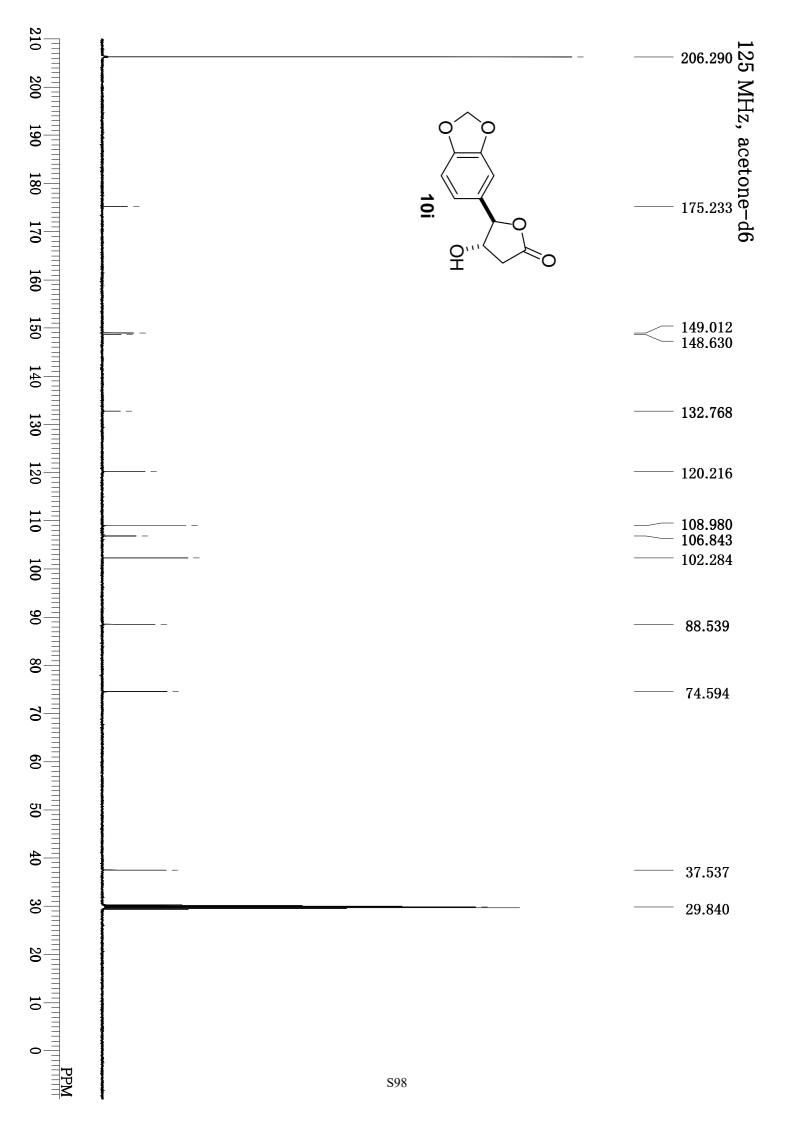


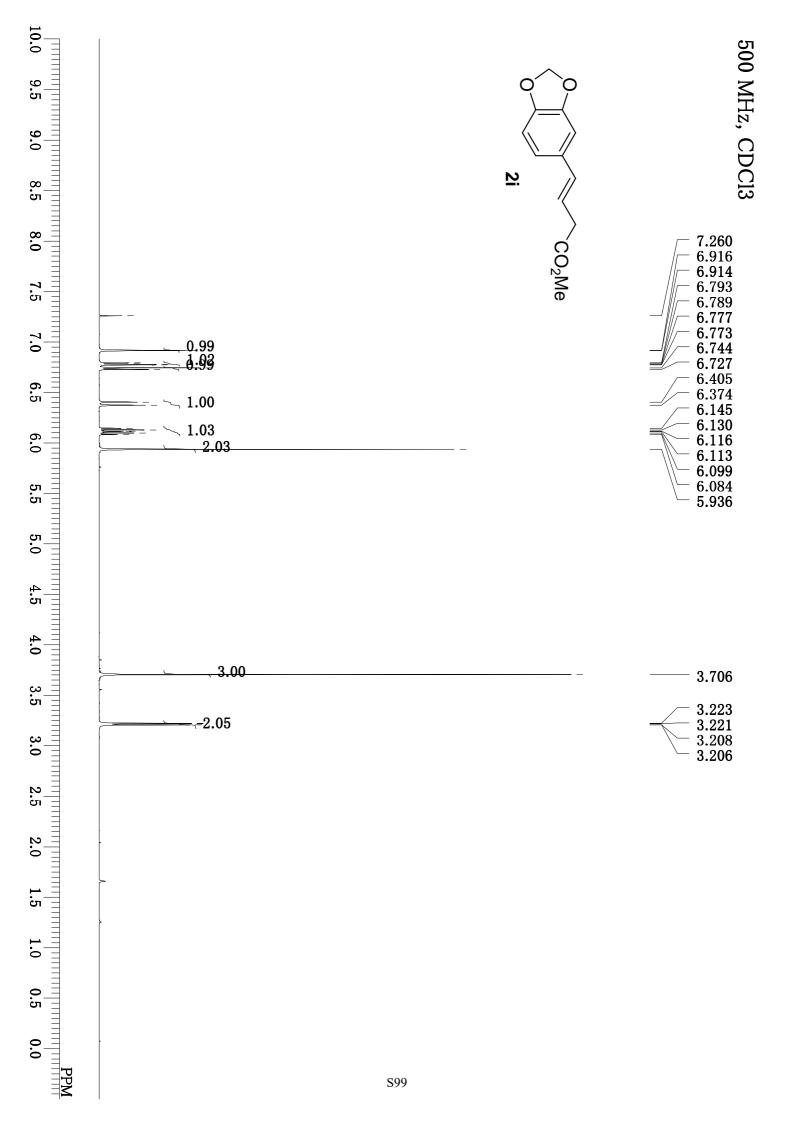


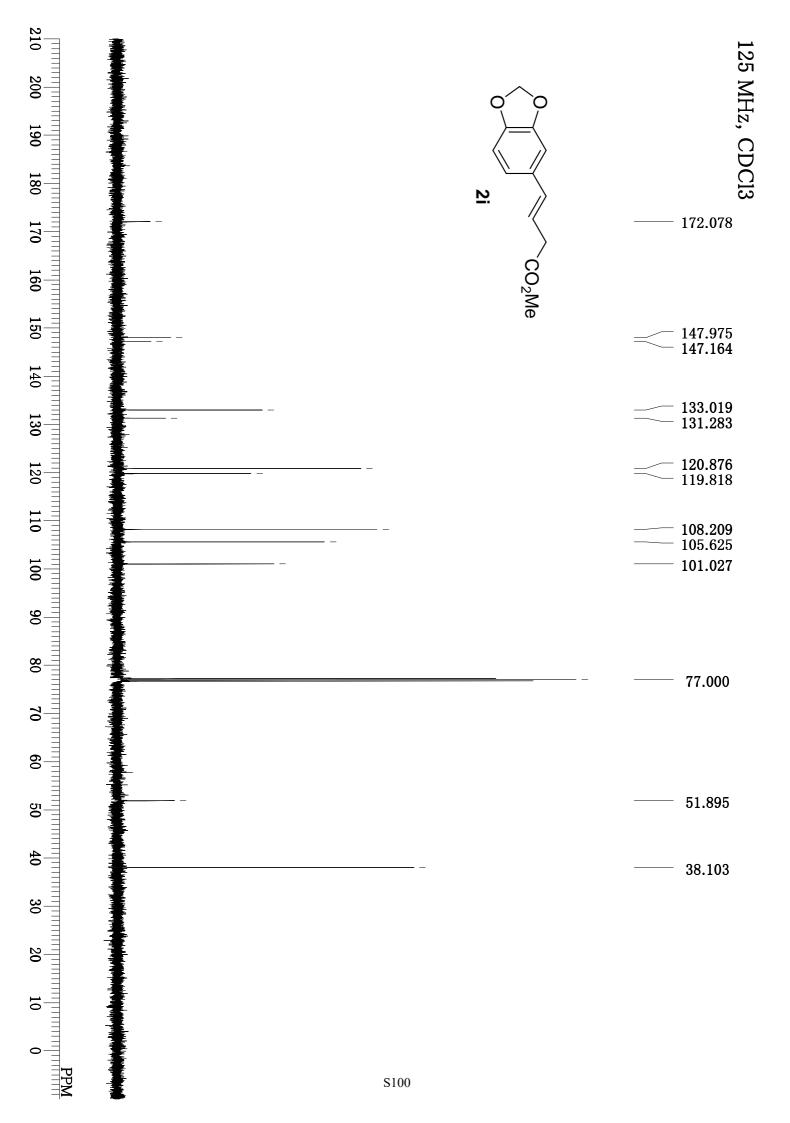


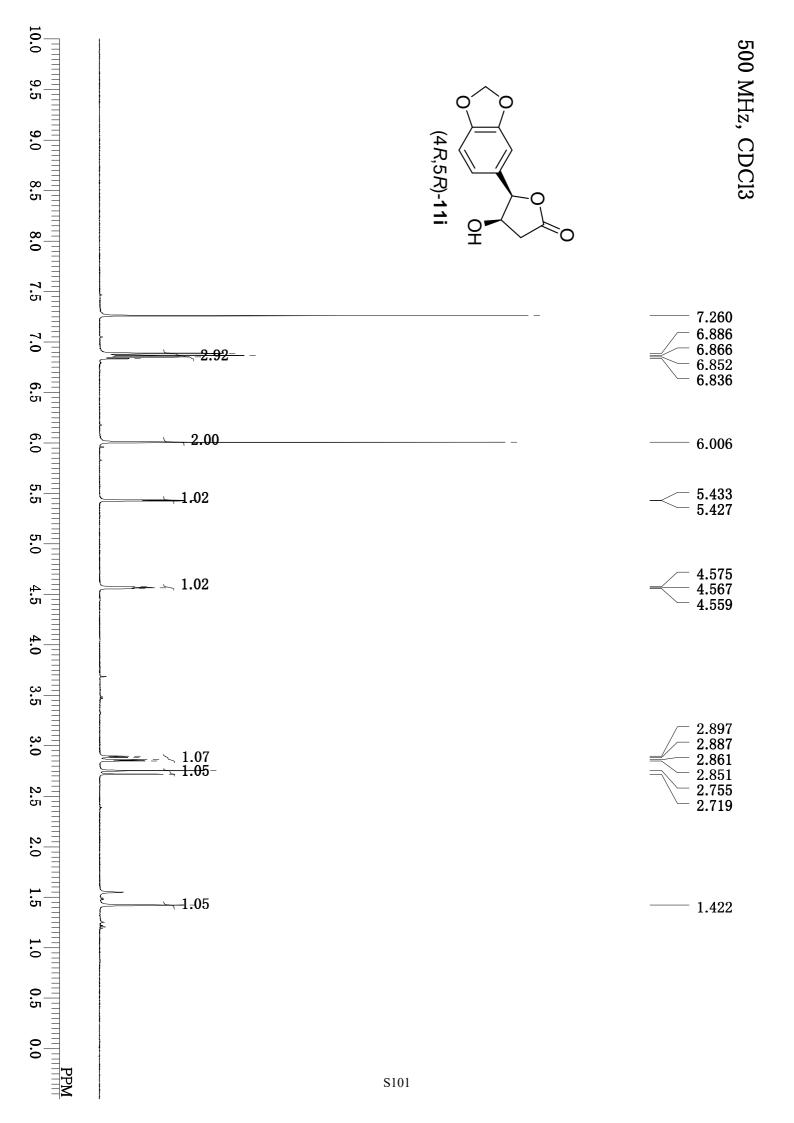


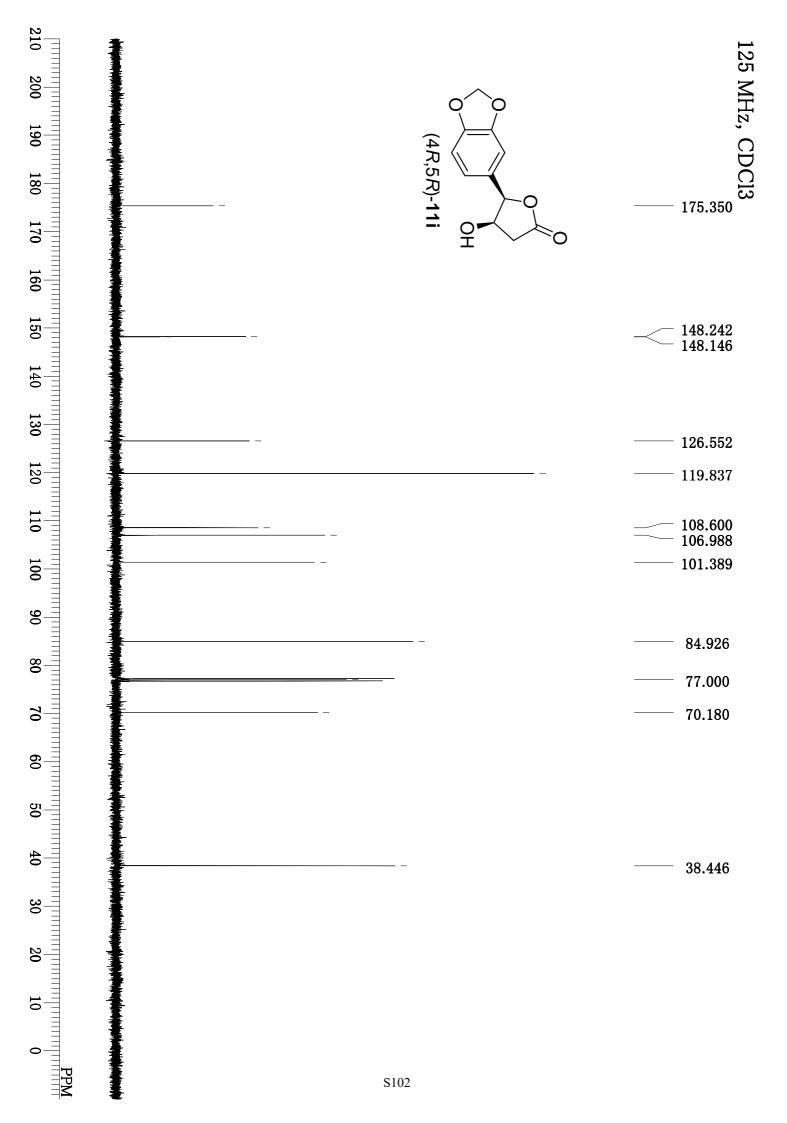


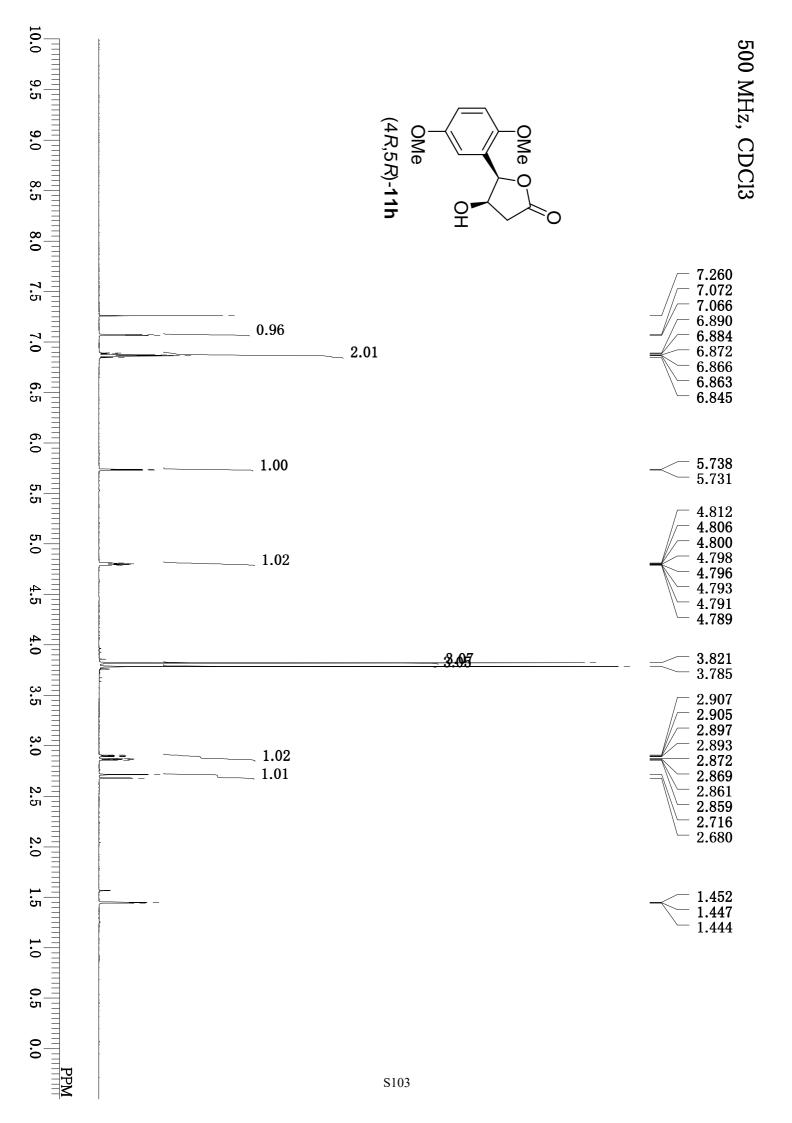


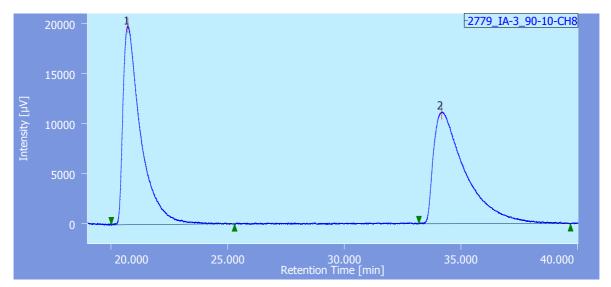




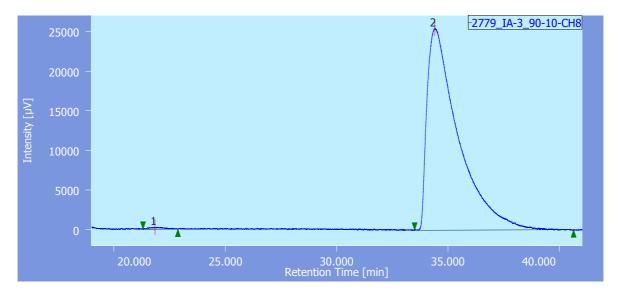




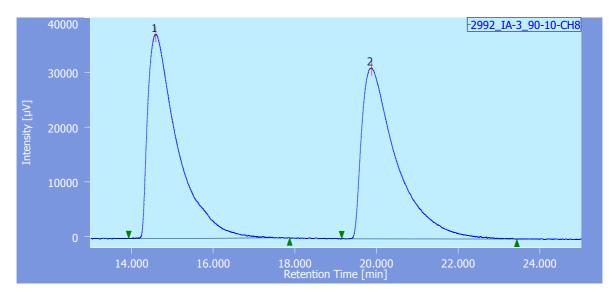




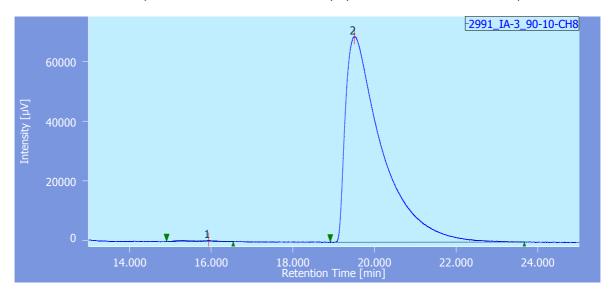
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| 2 | 8 | 34.165 | 1060050 | 11188 | 50.244 | 35.968 |



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|--------|----|----------|---------------|-------------|--------|---------|
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| 2 | 8 | 34.402 | 2471937 | 25491 | 99.507 | 98.975 |



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|--------|----|----------|---------------|-------------|--------|---------|
| 1 | 8 | 14.597 | 1871857 | 37270 | 50.280 | 54.411 |
| 2 | 8 | 19.878 | 1851015 | 31227 | 49.720 | 45.589 |



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|--------|----|----------|---------------|-------------|--------|---------|
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| 2 | 8 | 19.507 | 4240940 | 68816 | 99.523 | 99.438 |