

## Supporting Information

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### **$\beta$ -Ketophosphonates Formation via Deesterification or Deamidation of Cinnamyl/Alkynyl Carboxylates or Amides with H-phosphonates**

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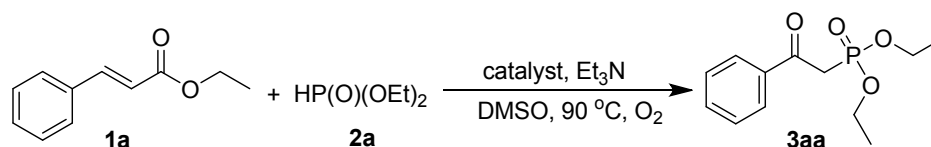
## 1. General information

All chemicals were purchased from Adamas Reagent, Ltd, energy chemical company, J&K Scientific Ltd, Alfa Aesa chemical company and so forth. All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Unless otherwise stated, all experiments were conducted in a sealed tube under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Reactions were monitored by TLC or GC-MS analysis. Flash column chromatography was performed over silica gel (200-300 mesh).

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on a Bruker Avance 500 spectrometer (500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H, 125 MHz <sup>13</sup>C) at room temperature. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm on the scale relative to CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta = 7.26$  for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR,  $\delta = 77.00$  for <sup>13</sup>C-NMR) as an internal reference. <sup>31</sup>P-NMR spectra were recorded at 200 MHz and chemical shifts were reported in ppm relative to external 85% phosphoric acid ( $d = 0.0$  ppm). Coupling constants (*J*) were reported in Hertz (Hz).

## 2. Optimization of reaction conditions

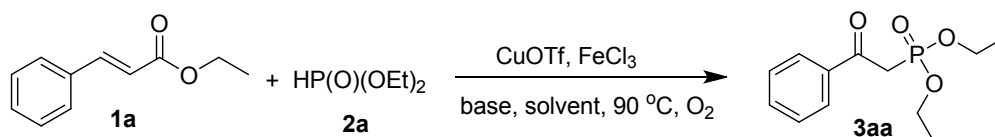
**Table S1. The reaction performed with different catalysts with 1a and 2a.**



Entry	Catalyst	Cocatalyst	Yield <sup>a</sup>
1	$\text{FeCl}_3$	$\text{Cu}(\text{TFA})_2$	56%
2	$\text{FeCl}_3$	$\text{CuBr}$	50%
3	$\text{FeCl}_3$	$\text{CuCl}$	65%
4	$\text{FeCl}_3$	$\text{CuBr}_2$	41%
5	$\text{FeCl}_3$	$\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4\text{PF}_6$	67% <sup>b</sup>
6	$\text{FeCl}_3$	$\text{Cu}(\text{acac})_2$	63%
7	$\text{FeCl}_3$	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$	66%
8	$\text{FeCl}_3$	$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$	42%
9	$\text{FeCl}_3$	$\text{CuOTf}$	69% <sup>b</sup>
10	$\text{Fe}(\text{ClO})_3$	$\text{CuOTf}$	Trace
11	$\text{FeCl}_2$	$\text{CuOTf}$	67%
12	$\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_2$	$\text{CuOTf}$	N.D.
13	$\text{FeBr}_2$	$\text{CuOTf}$	54%

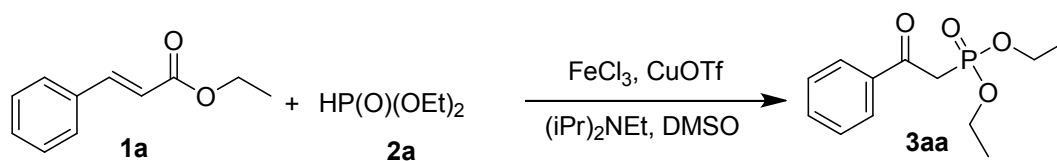
Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (1.5 mmol), 10 mol% of the iron salt, 5 mol% of the copper salt and  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (0.5 mmol) in DMSO (1.0 mL),  $90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 17 h. <sup>a</sup> GC yields. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.

**Table S2. The reaction performed in different solvents and bases with 1a and 2a**



Entry	Base	Solvent	Yield <sup>a</sup>
1	-	DMSO	N.D.
2	$\text{Et}_3\text{N}$	DMSO	69% <sup>b</sup>
3	DBU	DMSO	45%
4	$(\text{nBu})_3\text{N}$	DMSO	68%
5	TMG	DMSO	56%
6	$(\text{iPr})_2\text{NEt}$	DMSO	70% <sup>b</sup>
7	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	DMSO	30%
8	$\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$	DMSO	36%
9	$\text{tBuOK}$	DMSO	Trace
10	$(\text{iPr})_2\text{NEt}$	DMF	64%
11	$(\text{iPr})_2\text{NEt}$	$\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	43%
12	$(\text{iPr})_2\text{NEt}$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	N.D.
13	$(\text{iPr})_2\text{NEt}$	Toluene	35%

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (1.5 mmol), 10 mol% of  $\text{FeCl}_3$ , 5 mol% of  $\text{CuOTf}$  and base (0.5 mmol) in solvent (1.0 mL),  $90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 17h. <sup>a</sup> GC yields. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yields.

**Table S3. Optimization of reaction conditions**

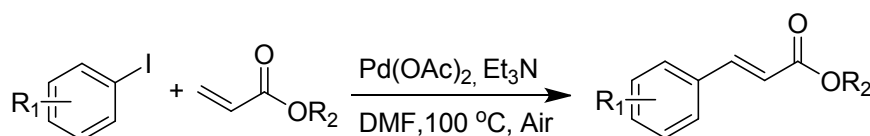
Entry	Catalyst (mol%)	Cocatalyst(mol%)	Atmosphere	Temp(°C)	Time(h)	Yield <sup>a</sup>
1	FeCl <sub>3</sub> (10)	CuOTf(5)	N <sub>2</sub>	90	17	N.D.
2	FeCl <sub>3</sub> (10)	CuOTf(5)	Air	90	17	47%
3	FeCl <sub>3</sub> (10)	CuOTf(5)	O <sub>2</sub>	90	17	70% <sup>b</sup>
4	FeCl <sub>3</sub> (10)	CuOTf(5)	O <sub>2</sub>	80	17	65%
5	FeCl <sub>3</sub> (10)	CuOTf(5)	O <sub>2</sub>	100	17	53%
6	FeCl <sub>3</sub> (5)	CuOTf(5)	O <sub>2</sub>	90	17	58%
7	FeCl <sub>3</sub> (15)	CuOTf(5)	O <sub>2</sub>	90	17	61%
8	FeCl <sub>3</sub> (10)	CuOTf(2.5)	O <sub>2</sub>	90	17	50%
9	FeCl <sub>3</sub> (10)	CuOTf(10)	O <sub>2</sub>	90	17	65%
10	FeCl <sub>3</sub> (10)	CuOTf(5)	O <sub>2</sub>	90	20	73% <sup>b</sup>
11	<b>FeCl<sub>3</sub>(10)</b>	<b>CuOTf(5)</b>	<b>O<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>90</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>79%<sup>b</sup></b>
12 <sup>c</sup>	<b>FeCl<sub>3</sub>(10)</b>	<b>CuOTf(5)</b>	<b>O<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>90</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>74%<sup>b</sup></b>
13	-	CuOTf(5)	O <sub>2</sub>	90	24	N.D.
14	FeCl <sub>3</sub> (10)	-	O <sub>2</sub>	90	24	7%

Reaction conditions: 1a (0.5 mmol), 2a (1.5mmol), 10 mol% FeCl<sub>3</sub>, 5 mol% CuOTf and (iPr)<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.5 mmol) in DMSO (1.0 mL). <sup>a</sup> GC yields. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yields. <sup>c</sup> 2a 1.3 mmol.

### 3. General procedure for starting materials

#### 3.1 General procedure for the synthesis of $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated esters

The starting materials of **3ba**, **3ca**, **3ea**, **3ga**, **3ha**, **3ja**, **3ka**, **3la**, **3ma** in the Scheme 2 and the cinnamate ester **1d** in the Scheme 3 were synthesized following a modified form of the procedures.<sup>1</sup> Other cinnamates of the Scheme 2 in the paper were purchased from the commercial suppliers.

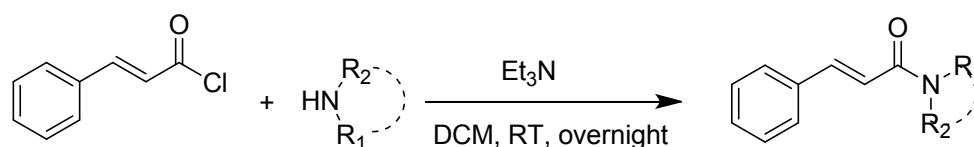


A mixture of iodobenzene (5 mmol), acrylate, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.3 mol%), Et<sub>3</sub>N (6 mmol) and DMF (6 mL) was placed in a screw capped reaction

vial. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the resulting solution was extracted with EtOAc and saturated brine three times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvents were removed via rotary evaporator and the crude product was purified with flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/Ethyl acetate = 30:1) to afford the corresponding cinnamic acid esters.

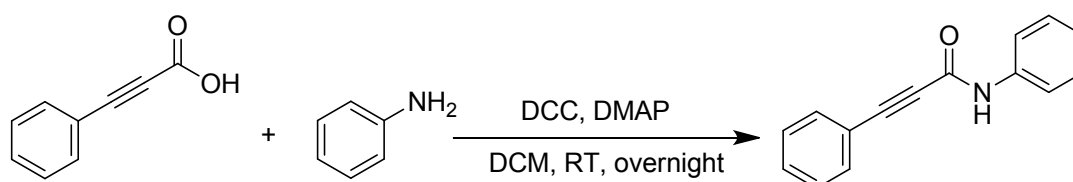
### 3.2 General procedure for the synthesis of $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated amides

Method A:



5.5 mmol (1.1 equiv) of corresponding amine and 6 mmol (1.2 equiv) of triethylamine were dissolved in 20 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in 100 mL round-bottom flask. Then the Flask was cooled down to 0 °C via an ice bath, 5 mmol (1.0 equiv) of cinnamoyl chloride was added to the Flask. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. Upon completion of the reaction, the resulting solution was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and saturated brine three times. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed via rotary evaporation. In case of need, the residue was additionally purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/Ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the corresponding  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated amides.

Method B:

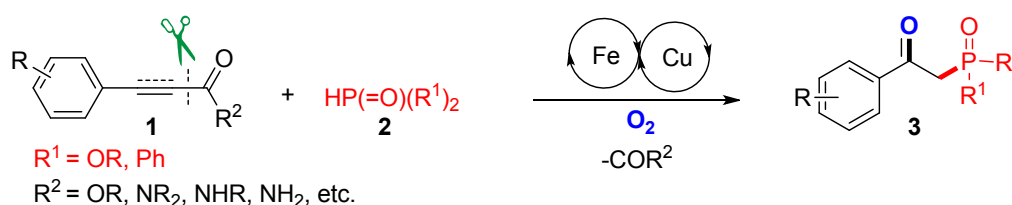


To a solution of 5 mmol (1 equiv) of phenylpropionic acid, 5.5 mmol (1.1 equiv) of phenylamine in 20 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 5.5 mmol (1.1 equiv) of DCC and 0.5 mmol (10 mol %) of DMAP were added. The resulting

mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. Upon completion of the reaction, the resulting solution was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and saturated brine three times. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed via rotary evaporation. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/Ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford the corresponding  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated amides.

The synthesis of N,N-dimethyl-3-phenylacrylamide (**1f**) was employed the Heck reaction as the preparation method of cinnamic acid esters. The synthesis of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated amides **1h** ~ **1m** was employed the method A. The synthesis of N,3-diphenylpropiolamide (**1p**) was employed the method B. N,N-dimethyl-3-phenylpropiolamide (**1q**) was synthesized following the method of the previous procedure.<sup>2</sup> Other substrates of the Scheme 3 in the paper were purchased from the commercial suppliers.

#### 4. General process for the synthesis of $\beta$ -Ketophosphonates



H-phosphonates **2** (1.3 mmol) was added to a mixture of CuOTf (5 mol%), FeCl<sub>3</sub> (10 mol%) and **1** (0.5 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL). Then (iPr)<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.5 mmol) was added to the mixture in a sealed tube. After that, the reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for 24 h. Upon completion of the reaction, ethyl acetate (20 mL) was added to the mixture, and then washed with saturated brine (15 mL × 3). The combined water layers were extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL × 2). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvents were removed via rotary evaporator and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum

ether/Ethyl acetate = 5:3, then petroleum ether/Ethyl acetate = 1:1) to obtain the desired product **3**.

## 5. The procedure for gram scale experiment

Diethyl phosphonate (2.9 g, 20.8 mmol) was added to a mixture of CuOTf (84.8 mg, 5 mol%), FeCl<sub>3</sub> (129.6 mg, 10 mol%) and ethyl cinnamate (1.41 g, 8 mmol) in DMSO (10 mL). Then (iPr)<sub>2</sub>NEt (1.04 g, 8 mmol) was added to the mixture in a Schlenk tube with an O<sub>2</sub> balloon covered on. After that, the reaction mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 24 h. Upon completion of the reaction, ethyl acetate (30 mL) was added, and then washed with saturated brine (25 mL × 3). The combined water layers were extracted with ethyl acetate (25 mL × 2). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvents were removed via rotary evaporator and the crude product was purified with flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/Ethyl acetate = 2:1) to give 1.39 g (68 %) of diethyl (2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-phosphonate as a yellow oil.

## 6. Preliminary mechanistic studies

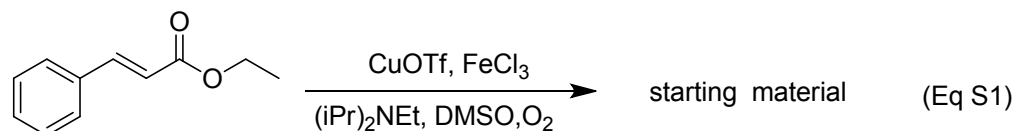
### 6.1 Control experiments

When the reactions were performed in the absence of either iron salt (entry 13 in Table S3) or copper salt (entry 14 in Table S3), only trace amount of desired product **3aa** were obtained; when O<sub>2</sub> was replaced by N<sub>2</sub> or air, trace or much lower amount of the desired product **3aa** were respectively formed (entry 1 and 2 in Table S3), implying that O<sub>2</sub> is also an essential prerequisite for this reaction. These control experiments suggested that molecular dioxygen, CuOTf and FeCl<sub>3</sub> were all indispensable to this reaction.

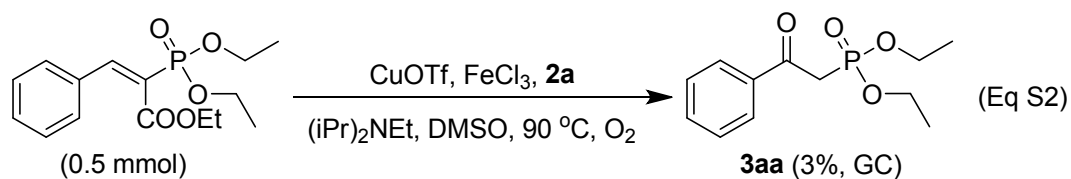
In order to understand the reaction intermediates, ethyl cinnamate (**1a**) was conducted in the standard conditions without diethyl phosphonate (**2a**), it turned out that the ethyl cinnamate (**1a**) still stayed intact and no styrene, acetophenone or other substances were detected by GC-MS (Eq



S1), indicating that cleavage of ethyl cinnamate (**1a**) couldn't be the first step under this conditions. This might also suggest that addition of phosphorous radical generated from H-phosphonates to C=C bond should occur prior to the cleavage of ester group, instead of vice vide



When (E)-ethyl 2-(diethoxyphosphoryl)-3-phenylacrylate, which was synthesized following the method of the previous procedure,<sup>3</sup> was conducted in the standard conditions with the excessive equivalent of diethyl phosphonate (**2a**), (E)-ethyl-2-(diethoxyphosphoryl)-3-phenylacrylate also remained a lot and **3aa** only 3% detected by GC (Eq S2), implying that the (E)-ethyl-2-(diethoxyphosphoryl)-3-phenylacrylate was not a key intermediate of this oxyphosphorylation reaction.

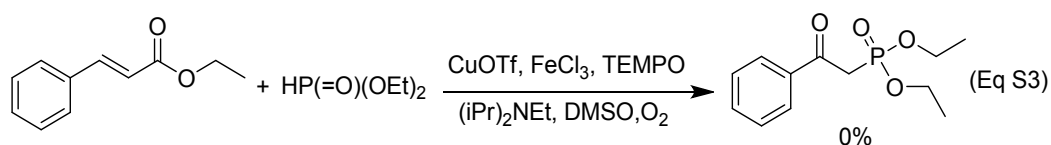


## 6.2 Radical trapping experiments

The oxyphosphorylation reaction with H-phosphonates under dioxygen or air is well known to proceed via a radical process in previous reports,<sup>4,5,6</sup> therefore a radical pathway was also supposed to be involved in this oxyphosphorylation reaction of cinnamate.

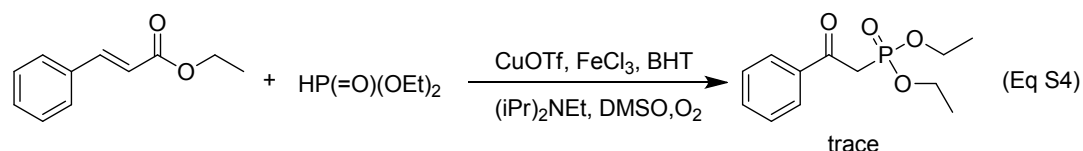
### (1) The procedure for radical capture experiments with TEMPO:

Diethyl phosphonate (**2a**) (180 mg, 1.3 mmol) was added to a mixture of CuOTf (5.3 mg, 5 mol%), FeCl<sub>3</sub> (8.1 mg, 10 mol%), TEMPO (233 mg, 1.5 mmol) and ethyl cinnamate (**1a**) (88.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL). Then (iPr)<sub>2</sub>NEt (64.8 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added to the mixture in a sealed tube. After that, the reaction mixture was stirred at 90 °C under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for 24 h. The result that **3aa** was not detected and a lot of ethyl cinnamate was detected by GC-MS (Eq S3).



## (2) The procedure for radical capture experiments with BHT:

Diethyl phosphonate (**2a**) (180 mg, 1.3 mmol), was added to a mixture of CuOTf (5.3 mg, 5 mol%), FeCl<sub>3</sub> (8.1 mg, 10 mol%), BHT (197.9 mg, 1.5 mmol) and ethyl cinnamate (**1a**) (88 mg, 0.5 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL). Then (iPr)<sub>2</sub>NEt (64.8 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added to the mixture in a sealed tube. After that, the reaction mixture was stirred at 90 °C under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for 24 h. And **3aa** was detected only 4% by GC (Eq S4).

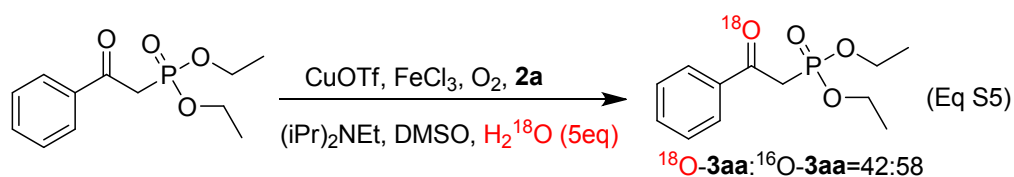


Based on the radical trapping experiments, this transformations were totally inhibited by TEMPO and BHT (Eqs S3 and S4), suggesting that a radical process might be involved in the oxyphosphorylation reaction.

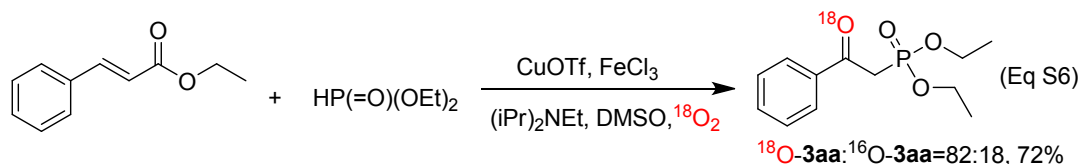
## 6.3 Isotope labeling experiments

To elucidate the origination of the carbonyl oxygen atom of β-ketophosphonates, labeling experiments were performed. The results demonstrated that the carbonyl oxygen atom of β-ketophosphonates should originate exclusively from dioxygen.

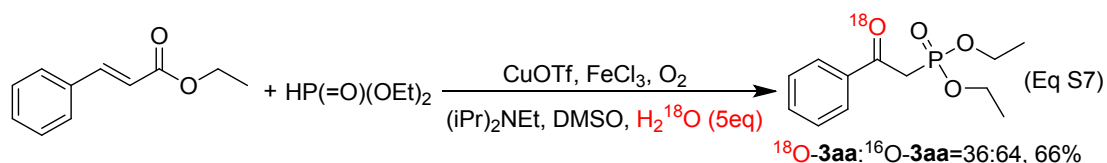
Firstly, water scrambling experiment was conducted with the product <sup>16</sup>O-**3aa** in the standard conditions. <sup>16</sup>O-**3aa** (128 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added to a mixture of (EtO)<sub>2</sub>P(O)H (180 mg, 1.3 mmol), CuOTf (5.3 mg, 5 mol%), FeCl<sub>3</sub> (8.1 mg, 10 mol%), H<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>O (27 mg, 5 equiv) in DMSO (1 mL) at room temperature. Then (iPr)<sub>2</sub>NEt (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added to the mixture in a sealed tube. After that, the reaction mixture was stirred at 90 °C under O<sub>2</sub> for 24 h. The result was that 42% of product was incorporated by <sup>18</sup>O (Eq S5), indicating that oxygenexchange with water occurred under the standard conditions.



Subsequently, substrates **1a** and **2a** were performed under  $^{18}\text{O}_2$  in the standard conditions. Diethyl-phosphonate (**2a**) (180 mg, 1.3 mmol) was added to a mixture of CuOTf (5.3 mg, 5 mol%), FeCl<sub>3</sub> (8.1 mg, 10 mol%) and ethyl cinnamate (**1a**) (88.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL). Then (iPr)<sub>2</sub>NEt (64.8 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added to the mixture in a Schlenk tube. After that, the tube was evacuated with N<sub>2</sub> thrice and with  $^{18}\text{O}_2$  twice. The reaction mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 24 h.  $^{18}\text{O-3aa} : ^{16}\text{O-3aa} = 82 : 18$ , 72% (Eq S6).

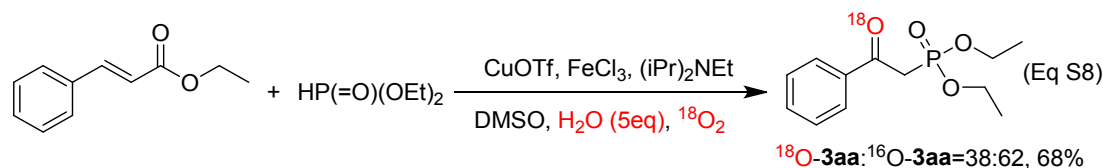


And then, the reaction was conducted in the presence of 5.0 equiv of H<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>O under O<sub>2</sub>. Diethyl phosphonate (180 mg, 1.3 mmol) was added to a mixture of CuOTf (5.3 mg, 5 mol%), FeCl<sub>3</sub> (8.1 mg, 10 mol%), ethyl cinnamate (88.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>O (27 mg, 5 equiv) in DMSO (1 mL). Then (iPr)<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.5 mmol) was added to the mixture in a Schlenk tube. After that, the reaction mixture was stirred at 90 °C under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for 24 h.  $^{18}\text{O-3aa}:^{16}\text{O-3aa} = 36 : 64$ , 66% (Eq S7).



Finally, the reaction of **1a** and **2a** was conducted in the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O (5 equiv) under  $^{18}\text{O}_2$ . Diethyl phosphonate (183.7 mg, 1.3 mmol) was added to a mixture of CuOTf (5.3 mg, 5 mol%), FeCl<sub>3</sub> (8.4 mg, 10 mol%), ethyl cinnamate (88.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (27.6 mg, 5 equiv) in DMSO (1 mL). Then (iPr)<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.5 mmol) was added to the mixture in a Schlenk tube. After that the tube was evacuated with N<sub>2</sub>

thrice and with  $^{18}\text{O}_2$  twice. The reaction mixture was stirred at  $90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 24 h.  $^{18}\text{O-3aa}:^{16}\text{O-3aa} = 38 : 62$ , 68% (Eq S8).



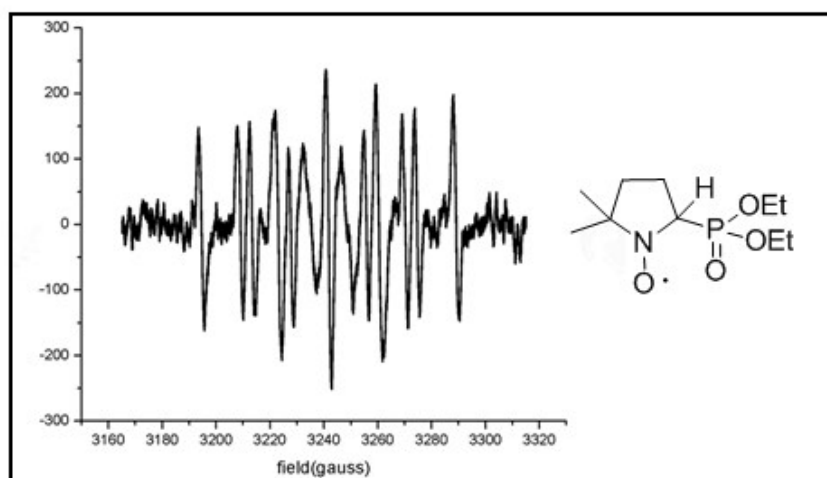
On the basis of all above  $^{18}\text{O}$  labeled experiments (Eqs S5-S8), we can determine that the oxygen in carbonyl group should be exclusively from dioxygen. According to this reaction (Eq S7), If the oxygen was from water, the ratio of  $^{18}\text{O-3aa}:^{16}\text{O-3aa}$  should be 5:1, that is ca. 82%  $^{18}\text{O-3aa}$  should be detected since one equivalent of water was from the reaction, yet there was only 36% of  $^{18}\text{O-3aa}$  was detected in the real system. Moreover, 38%  $^{18}\text{O}$ -labeled and 62% unlabeled products were detected when the reaction of **1a** and **2a** was conducted in the presence of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (5 equiv) under  $^{18}\text{O}_2$  (Eq S8), the low level of  $^{18}\text{O}$  in desired product **3aa** in Eq S8 comes from the water scrambling reaction. Combination of analyse the results and the  $^{18}\text{O}$  labeled experiments, we could tell that carbonyl oxygen atom of the  $\beta$ -ketophosphonates originated from molecular oxygen.

#### 6.4 Analysis of EPR spectra

EPR measurements: EPR spectra were recorded at room temperature on a Bruker Eleksys E580 spectrometer: Mod. Amplitude=1 G; Time Constan=81.92 msec; Sweep time=81.92 sec; Power=5 mw. DMPO (5, 5-dimethyl-1-pyrroline N-oxide) was employed as the radical trap.

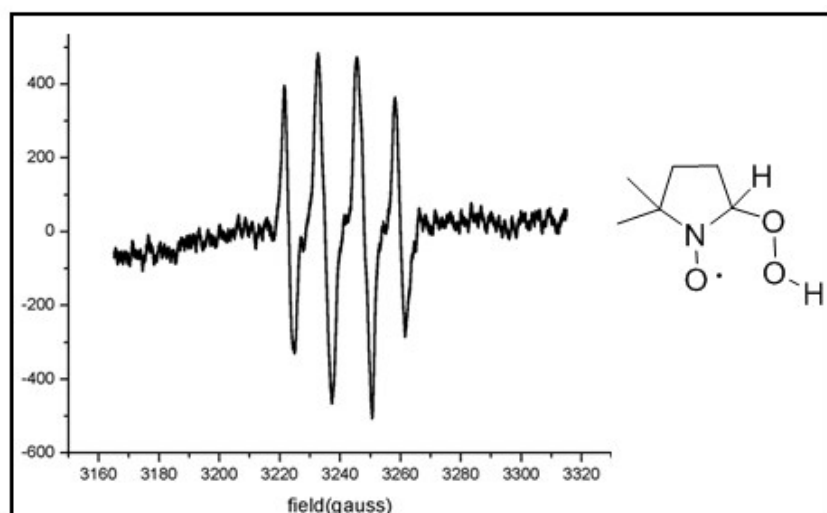
Firstly, the P-centered radical was determined by EPR. An EPR signal of phosphorous species was detected in the reaction of **2a**,  $\text{FeCl}_3$  and  $(i\text{Pr})_2\text{NEt}$  in DMSO (Figure S1). And when DMPO was added to the reaction, a signal of the trapped phosphorous radical was observed ( $A_{\text{P}}=46.7\text{G}$ ,  $A_{\text{N}}=14.3\text{G}$ ,  $A_{\text{H}\beta}=18.9\text{G}$ ).

### EPR spectrum of reaction system without **1a** and CuOTf under O<sub>2</sub>



**Figure S1.** EPR spectra (X band, 9.7 GHz, RT) of conditions: A mixture of **2a** (1.3 mmol), FeCl<sub>3</sub> (0.050 mmol) and (iPr)<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.50 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL) was stirring at 90 °C under O<sub>2</sub> for 2 h. 0.02 mL of this reaction solution was taken out into a small tube, followed by the addition of 0.05 mL DMPO (2\*10<sup>-2</sup> M). Then, this mixture was used for EPR measurement.

### EPR spectrum of reaction system without **1a** and FeCl<sub>3</sub> under O<sub>2</sub>



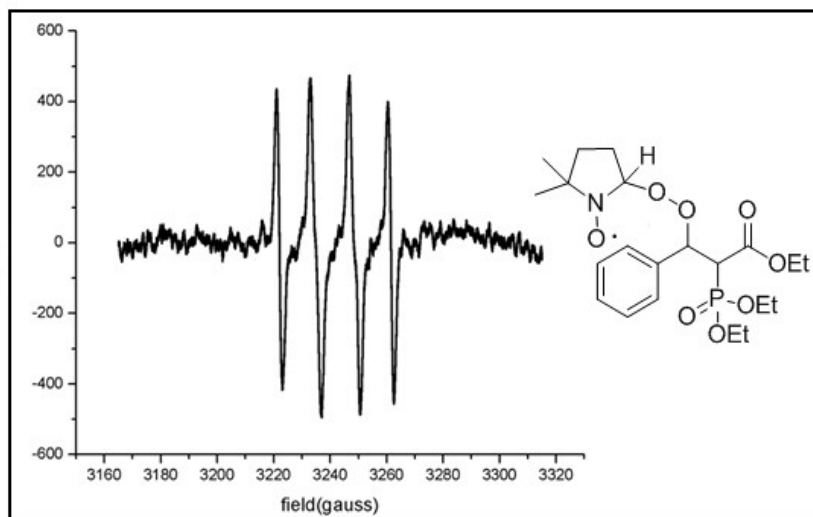
**Figure S2.** EPR spectra (X band, 9.7 GHz, RT) of conditions: A mixture of **2a** (1.3 mmol), CuOTf (0.025 mmol) and (iPr)<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.50 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL) was stirring at 90 °C under O<sub>2</sub> for 2 h. 0.02 mL of this reaction solution was taken out into a small tube, followed by the addition of 0.05 mL DMPO (2\*10<sup>-2</sup> M). Then, this mixture was used for EPR measurement.

Subsequently, the reaction of **2a**, CuOTf and (iPr)<sub>2</sub>NEt in DMSO was used for EPR measurement (Figure S2). Interestingly, Figure S2

shows that no radical signal was observed above the noise level. It means that no radical was formed without Fe salts. Comparison the results with Figure S1, these results suggested that FeCl<sub>3</sub> could promote diethyl H-phosphonate (**2a**) to generate P-centered radical, while the formation of the P-centered radical has no relationship with CuOTf.

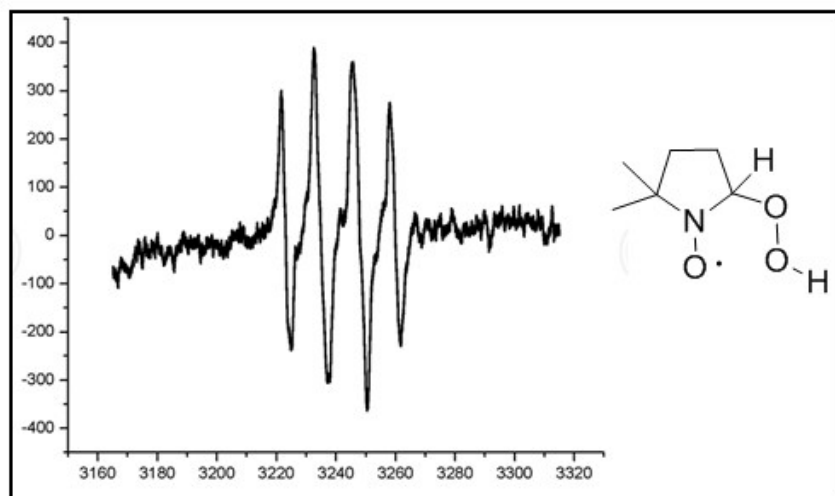
When DMPO was added to the reaction of **1a**, **2a**, CuOTf, FeCl<sub>3</sub> and (iPr)<sub>2</sub>NEt in DMSO, an EPR signal ( $A_N=13.9\text{G}$ ,  $A_{H\beta}=11.9\text{G}$ ) was observed (Figure S3). Compared this signal with the one from the reaction of **1a**, **2a**, CuOTf and (iPr)<sub>2</sub>NEt in DMSO (Figure S4), data analysis illustrated that they are two kinds of peroxide radicals. Comparison these results with Figure S2, the signal ( $A_N=12.9\text{G}$ ,  $A_{H\beta}=10.3\text{G}$ ,  $A_{H\gamma}=1.2\text{G}$ ) in Figure S2 was identical to the one in Figure S2 and has some discrepancy to the one in Figure S3. Based on our hypothesis, we have reasons to believe that the peroxide signal in Figure S4 and S2 is hydrogen peroxide, yet the peroxide signal in Figure S3 should be  $\bullet\text{OOR}$ .

### EPR spectrum of standard reaction system



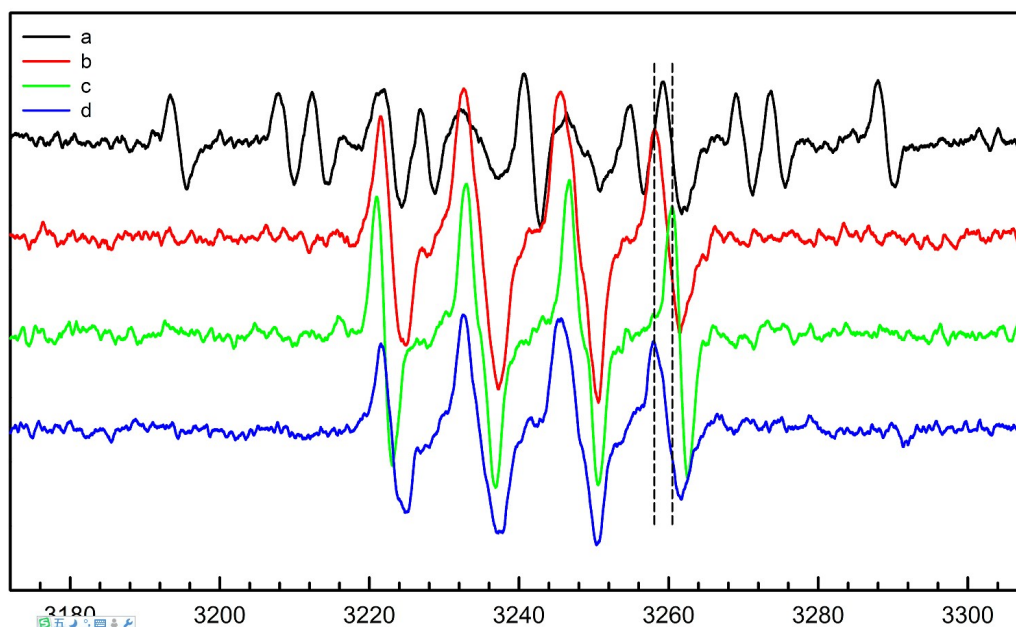
**Figure S3.** EPR spectra (X band, 9.7 GHz, RT) of conditions: A mixture of **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (1.3 mmol), CuOTf (0.025 mmol), FeCl<sub>3</sub> (0.050 mmol) and (iPr)<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.50 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL) was stirring at 90 °C under O<sub>2</sub> for 2 h. 0.02 mL of this reaction solution was taken out into a small tube, followed by the addition of 0.05 mL DMPO ( $2 \times 10^{-2}$  M). Then, this mixture was used for EPR measurement

## EPR spectrum of reaction system without FeCl<sub>3</sub> under O<sub>2</sub>



**Figure S4.** EPR spectra (X band, 9.7 GHz, RT) of conditions: A mixture of **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (1.3 mmol), CuOTf (0.025 mmol) and (iPr)<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.50 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL) was stirring at 90 °C under O<sub>2</sub> for 2 h. 0.02 mL of this reaction solution was taken out into a small tube, followed by the addition of 0.05 mL DMPO (2\*10<sup>-2</sup> M). Then, this mixture was used for EPR measurement.

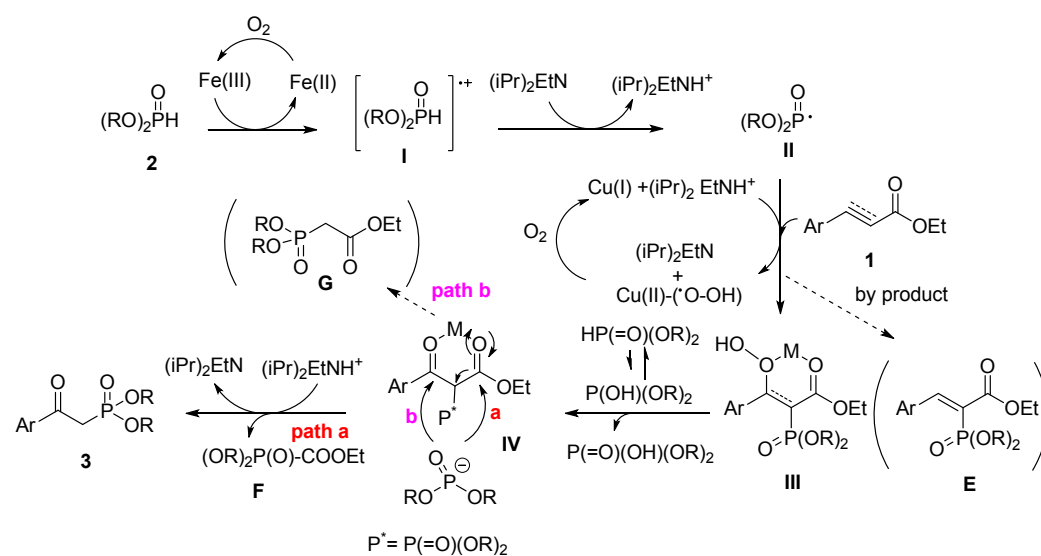
## EPR spectra of DMPO radical adducts under various conditions



**Figure S5.** EPR spectra of DMPO radical adducts under various conditions with ethyl cinnamate (**1a**) and H-phosphonate **2a**: a) EPR spectrum of reaction system without **1a** and CuOTf under O<sub>2</sub>; b) EPR spectrum of reaction system without **1a** and FeCl<sub>3</sub> under O<sub>2</sub>; c) EPR spectrum of reaction system under standard conditions under O<sub>2</sub>; d) EPR spectrum of reaction system without **1a** under O<sub>2</sub>.

## 6.5 Conclusion and plausible reaction mechanism

Based on all above results and previous reports,<sup>4,5,6</sup> a tentative mechanism for this tandem oxyphosphorylation is illustrated as shown in Scheme S1: single electron transfers from iron (III) species to HP(=O)(OR)<sub>2</sub> in the presence of molecular oxygen, forming dialkyl phosphonate cation radical **I**. The H<sup>+</sup> from the dialkyl phosphonate cation radical **I** is grabbed by the base leading to dialkyl phosphonyl radical **II**. This radical is trapped by cinnamate **1** to afford an in-situ generated C-centered radical, which further reacted with Cu(II)-(•O-OH) species under dioxygen atmosphere to form hydroperoxide species **III**, trace amount of byproduct **E** was detected on GCMS, which might come from the β-Hydrogen elimination. After reduction of the peroxide (one equivalent of H-phosphonate serves as reductant), α-ester-β-keto phosphonate **IV** was generated. Another one equivalent excess H-phosphonate acts as nucleophile to attack the carbonyl group in the ester, which also explains why ca. 3 equivalent of H-phosphonate was needed in order to get the optimized results (Table S3). Eventually the desired product **3** was afforded with the help of base.

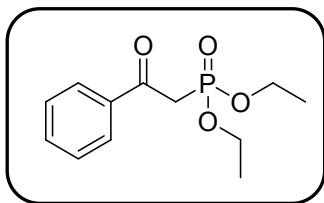


**Scheme S1** plausible reaction mechanism



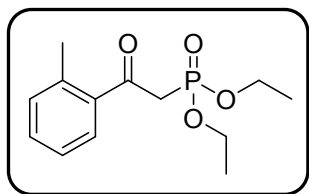
## 7. Characterization data for products

### Diethyl (2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)phosphonate (3aa) (CAS :3453-00-7)<sup>4,5,6,7</sup>



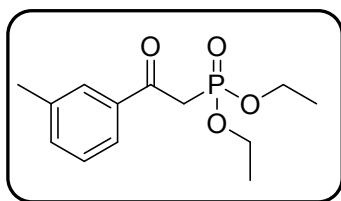
Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta$  = 8.00 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.15-4.09 (m, 2H), 3.62 (d,  $J$  = 23.0 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 191.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 136.5, 133.6, 129.0, 128.6, 62.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 38.5 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 128.8 Hz), 16.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 19.9.

### Diethyl (2-oxo-2-(o-tolyl) ethyl) phosphonate (3ba) (CAS:67257-38-9)<sup>5</sup>



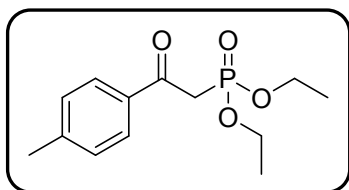
Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.74 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 2H), 4.11-4.07 (m, 4H), 3.60 (d,  $J$  = 22.5 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 195.0 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz), 138.9, 137.2 (d,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz), 132.0, 131.9, 129.6, 125.7, 62.5 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 41.0 (d,  $J$  = 128.8 Hz), 21.3, 16.2 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 20.2.

### Diethyl (2-oxo-2-(m-tolyl) ethyl) phosphonate (3ca) (CAS : 1613246-12-0)<sup>5,6,8</sup>



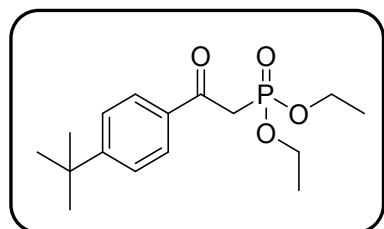
Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta$  = 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 2H), 4.12-4.09 (m, 4H), 3.60 (d,  $J$  = 22.5 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 192.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.7 Hz), 138.4, 136.6, 134.4, 129.4, 128.5, 62.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.5 Hz), 38.5 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 130.0 Hz), 21.3, 16.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 20.1.

**Diethyl (2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl) ethyl) phosphonate (3da) (CAS :18276-81-8)<sup>5,6,8</sup>**



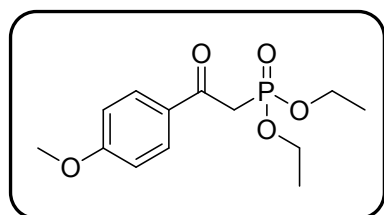
Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta$  = 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H) 4.15-4.09 (m, 4H), 3.60 (d,  $J$  = 23.0 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 191.4, 144.6, 134.1, 129.3, 129.2, 62.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 38.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 130.0 Hz), 21.6, 16.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 20.2.

**Diethyl (2-(4-(tert-butyl) phenyl) -2-oxoethyl) phosphonate (3ea) (CAS: 1613246-11-9)<sup>5,6,8</sup>**



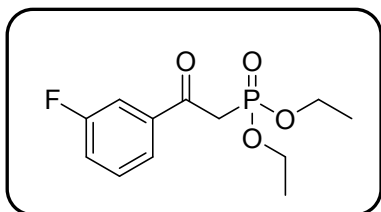
Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta$  = 7.94 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.16-4.10 (m, 4H), 3.60 (d,  $J$  = 22.5 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H), 1.28 (t,  $J$  = 7.0, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 191.5 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 157.5, 134.0, 129.0, 125.5, 62.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 38.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 130.0 Hz), 35.2, 31.0, 16.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 20.2.

**Diethyl (2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl) phosphonate (3fa) (CAS: 18276-85-2)<sup>5,6,8</sup>**



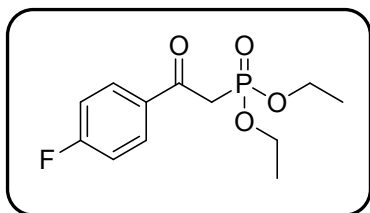
Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta$  = 7.98 (d,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.14-4.08 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.58 (d,  $J$  = 20.0 Hz, 2H), 1.29-1.25 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 190.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 163.9, 131.4, 129.6, 113.7, 62.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 7.5 Hz), 55.5, 38.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 130.0 Hz), 16.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 7.5 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 20.4.

**Diethyl (2-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl) phosphonate (3ga) (CAS: 1682614-93-2)<sup>6</sup>**



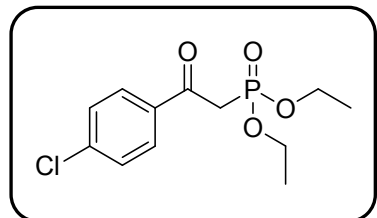
Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta$  = 7.80 (dt,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dt,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.31 (td,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.16-4.10 (m, 4H), 3.62 (d,  $J$  = 22.5 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 190.7 (dd,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz,  $J_{F-C}$  = 2.5 Hz), 163.7 (d,  $J_{F-C}$  = 247.5 Hz), 138.5 (d,  $J_{F-C}$  = 3.8 Hz), 130.3 (d,  $J_{F-C}$  = 7.6 Hz), 124.9 (d,  $J_{F-C}$  = 2.5 Hz), 120.7 (d,  $J_{F-C}$  = 21.3 Hz), 115.6 (d,  $J_{F-C}$  = 22.5 Hz), 62.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 39.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 128.8 Hz), 16.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 19.3.

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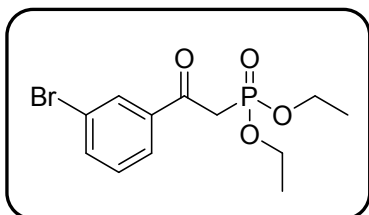
Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta$  = 8.06-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 2H), 4.16-4.09 (m, 4H), 3.60 (d,  $J$  = 23.0 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (m,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 190.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 167.0 (d,  $J_{F-C}$  = 198.8 Hz), 132.9, 131.8 (d,  $J_{F-C}$  = 8.8 Hz), 115.7 (d,  $J_{F-C}$  = 22.5 Hz), 62.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 39.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 128.8 Hz), 16.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 19.6.

**Diethyl (2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl) phosphonate (3ia) (CAS: 18276-82-9)<sup>5,6</sup>**



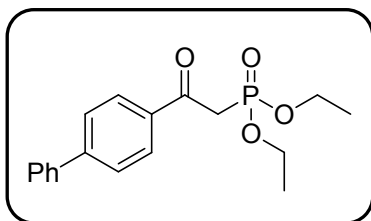
Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta$  = 7.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.16-4.10 (m, 4H), 3.59 (d,  $J$  = 22.5 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t,  $J$  = 8.0, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 190.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 140.3, 134.8, 130.5, 128.9, 62.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 7.5 Hz), 38.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 128.8 Hz), 16.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 19.5.

**Diethyl (2-(3-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl) phosphonate (3ja) (CAS: 155506-17-5)<sup>8</sup>**



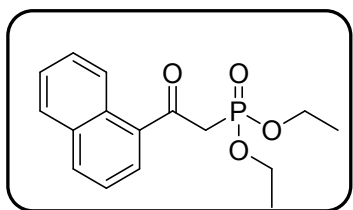
Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.13 (t,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.92 (m, 1H), 7.71-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.16-4.10 (m, 4H), 3.59 (d,  $J$  = 22.5 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 190.6 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz), 138.2 (d,  $J$  = 1.3 Hz), 136.4, 132.0, 130.1, 127.6, 122.9, 62.8 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz), 39.2 (d,  $J$  = 128.8 Hz), 16.2 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 19.2.

**Diethyl (2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl) phosphonate (3ka) (CAS: 42516-23-4)<sup>5,6</sup>**



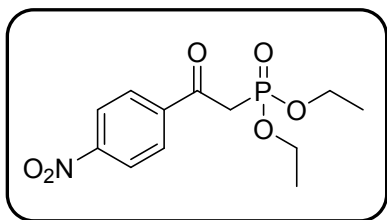
Light-yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta$  = 8.09 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.19-4.12 (m, 4H), 3.66 (d,  $J$  = 22.5 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 191.4 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 146.3, 139.7, 135.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.5 Hz), 129.7, 129.0, 128.3, 127.3, 127.2, 62.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 38.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 128.8 Hz), 16.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 20.0.

**Diethyl (2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)phosphonate (3la) (CAS: 1682614-95-4)<sup>6</sup>**



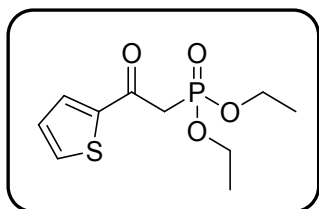
Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta$  = 8.65 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 2H), 4.14-4.08 (m, 4H), 3.75 (d,  $J$  = 22.5 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 195.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 135.0, 133.9, 133.5, 130.2, 129.2, 128.4, 128.2, 126.5, 125.8, 124.2, 62.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 42.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 127.5 Hz), 16.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 20.1.

**Diethyl (2-(4-nitrylphenyl)-2-oxoethyl) phosphonate (3ma) (CAS: 54109-18-1)<sup>9</sup>**



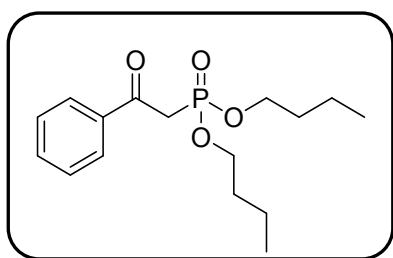
Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta$  = 8.32(d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.17-4.11 (m, 4H), 3.66 (d,  $J$  = 23.0 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t,  $J$  = 7.0, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 190.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 150.5, 140.8, 130.1, 123.8, 62.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 39.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 128.8 Hz), 16.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 18.4.

**Diethyl (2-oxo-2-(thiophen-2-yl) ethyl) phosphonate (3na) (CAS: 55984-14-0)<sup>5,6</sup>**



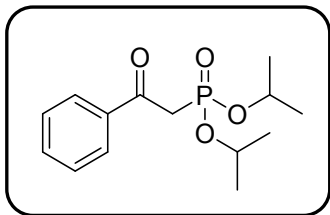
Yellowish-brown oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta$  = 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J$  = 22.5 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t,  $J$  = 7.0, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 184.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 143.8, 135.0, 134.1, 128.3, 62.7. (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 39.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 130.0 Hz), 16.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 19.4.

**Dibutyl (2-oxo-2-phenylethyl) phosphonate (3ab) (CAS : 1034-94-2)<sup>4,5,6</sup>**



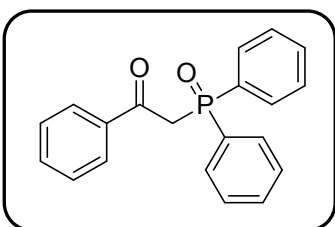
Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta$  = 8.00-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.57 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.07-4.01 (m, 4H), 3.62 (d,  $J$  = 23.0 Hz, 1H), 1.60-1.55 (m, 4H), 1.33-1.27 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 191.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 136.5, 133.6, 129.0, 128.5, 66.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 38.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 130.0 Hz), 32.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 18.6, 13.5. <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 19.9.

**Diisopropyl (2-oxo-2-phenylethyl) phosphonate (3ac) (CAS : 57057-15-5)<sup>4,5,6,7</sup>**



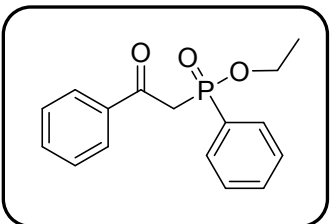
Light-yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta$  = 8.01 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.75-4.68 (m, 2H), 3.59 (d,  $J$  = 23.0 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (dd,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 192.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 7.5 Hz), 136.7, 133.5, 129.1, 128.5, 71.5 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 39.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 130.0 Hz), 23.9 (dd,  $J_{P-C}$  = 3.8 Hz, 5.0 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 17.7.

**2-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-1-phenylethanone (3ad) (CAS : 1733-58-0)<sup>4,5,6,7</sup>**



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta$  = 7.99-7.97 (m, 2H), 7.82-7.78 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 6H), 4.14 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 192.8 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 136.9, 133.6, 132.3, 132.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.5 Hz), 131.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 46.3 Hz), 129.2, 128.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 11.2 Hz), 128.5, 43.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 57.5 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 27.0.

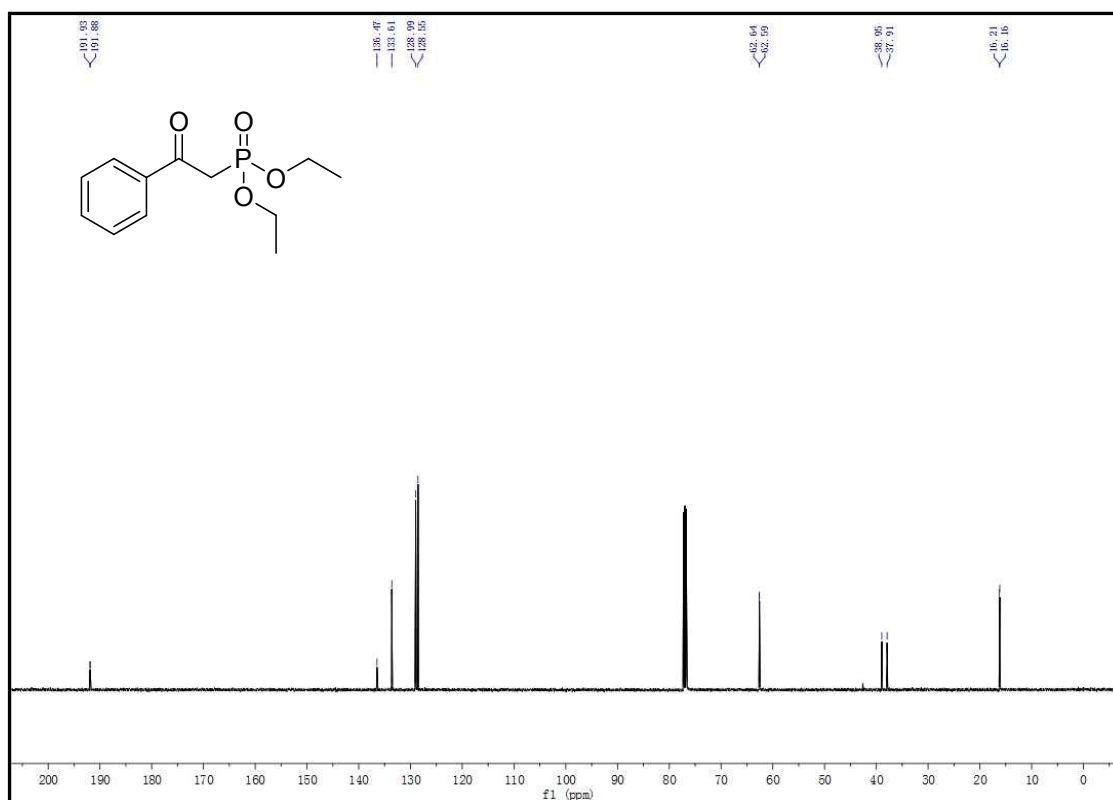
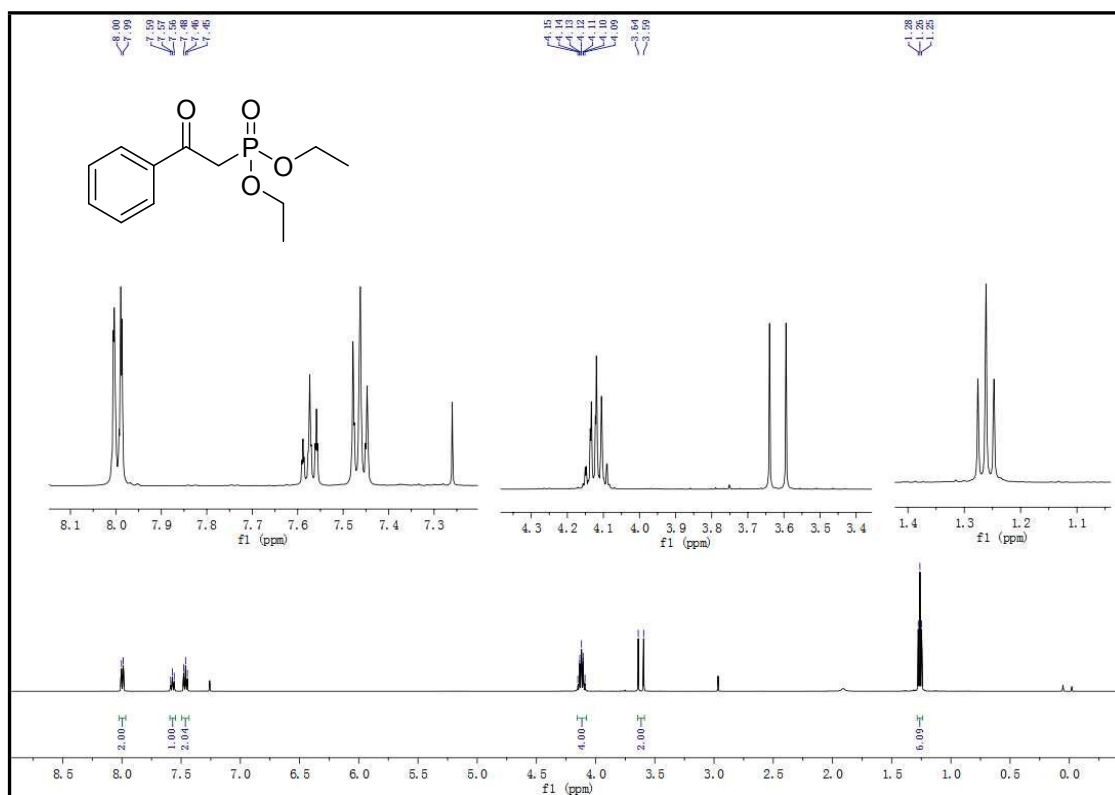
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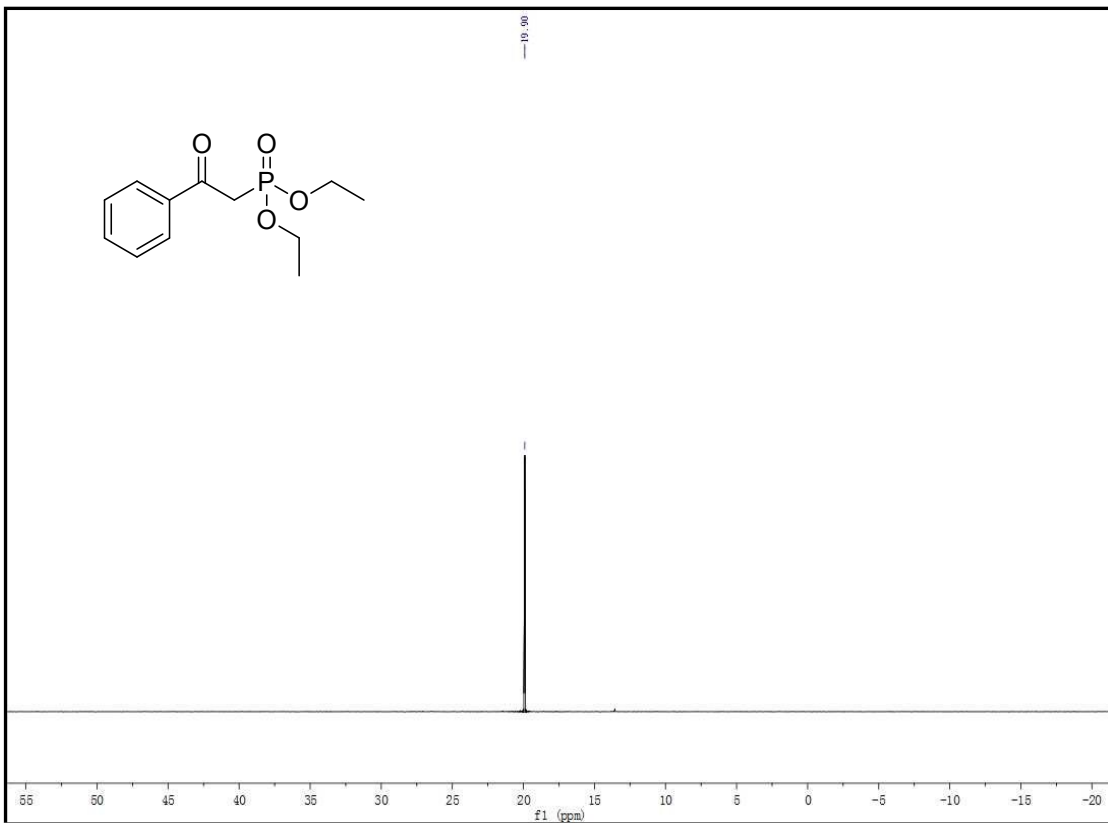


Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta$  = 7.95 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.81-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 4H), 4.16-4.07 (m, 1H), 3.98-3.90 (m, 1H), 3.80 (dd,  $J$  = 18.5, 13.8 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 192.2 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 5.5 Hz), 136.8, 133.5, 132.7 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 2.9 Hz), 131.9 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 10.1 Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 131.3 Hz), 129.1, 128.6 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 13.3 Hz), 128.5, 61.5 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz), 43.0 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 85.8 Hz), 16.3 (d,  $J_{P-C}$  = 6.3 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 34.4.

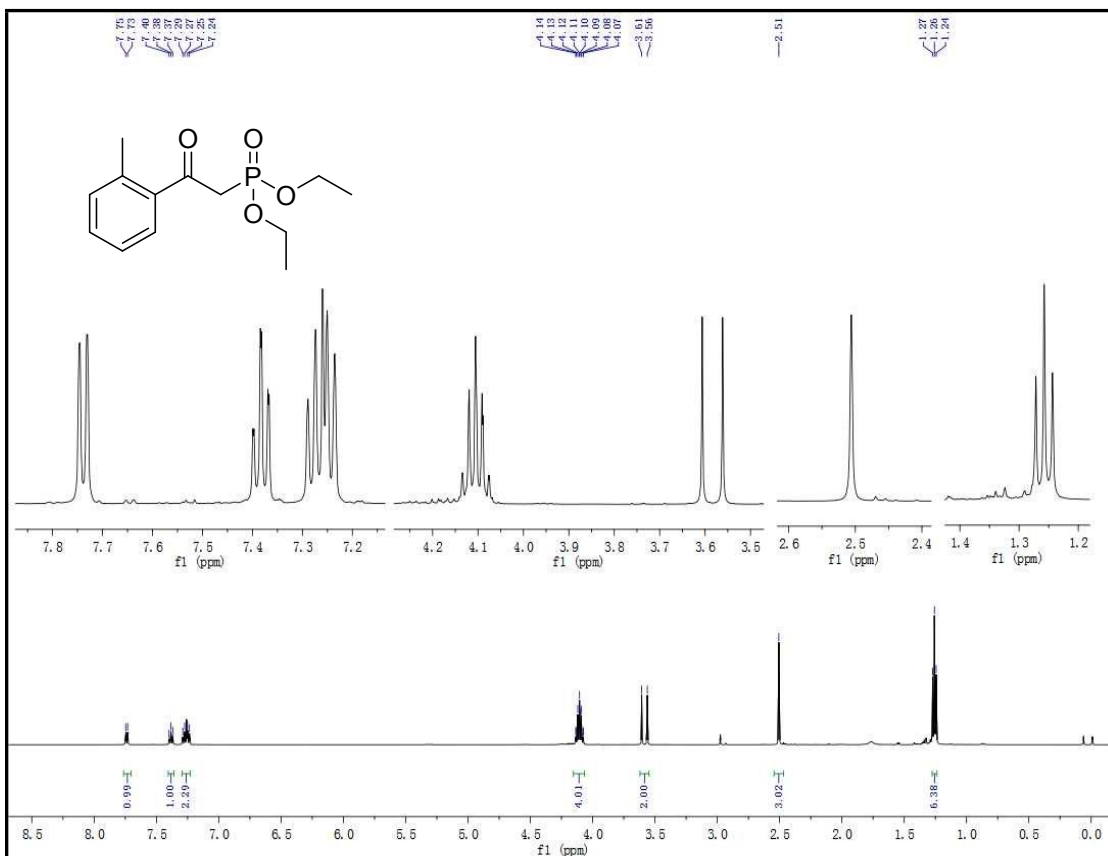
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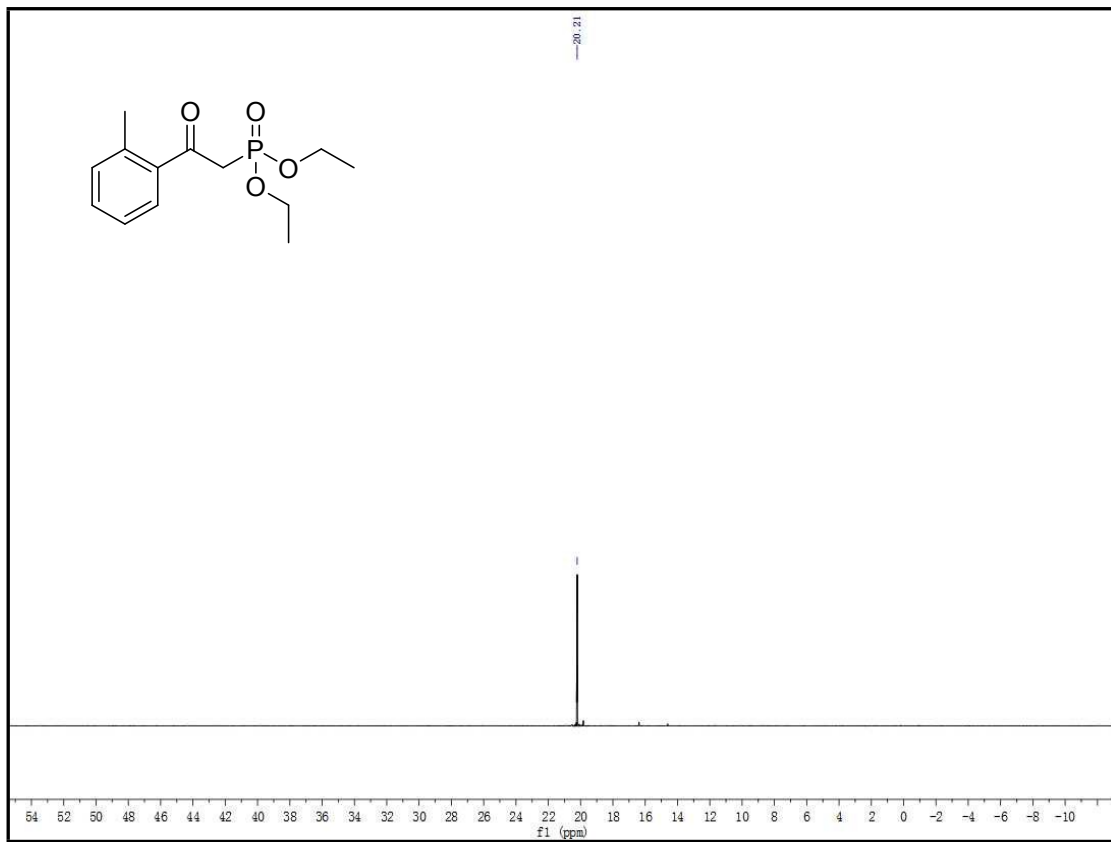
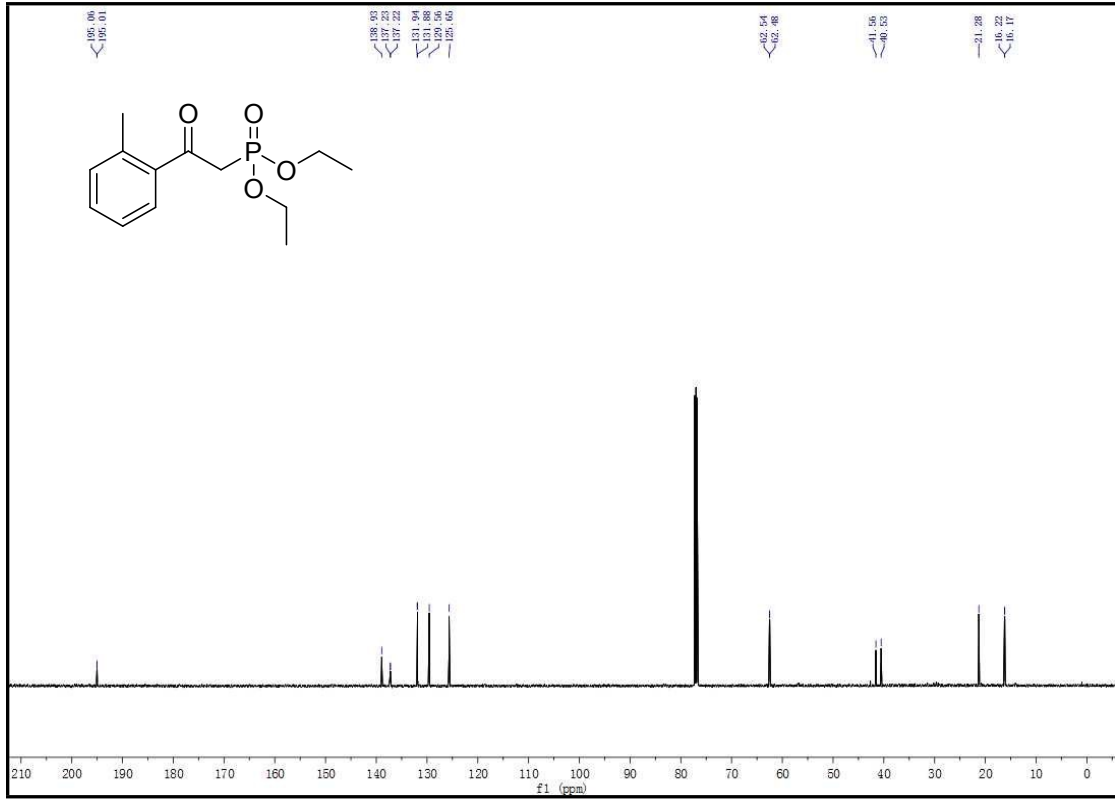




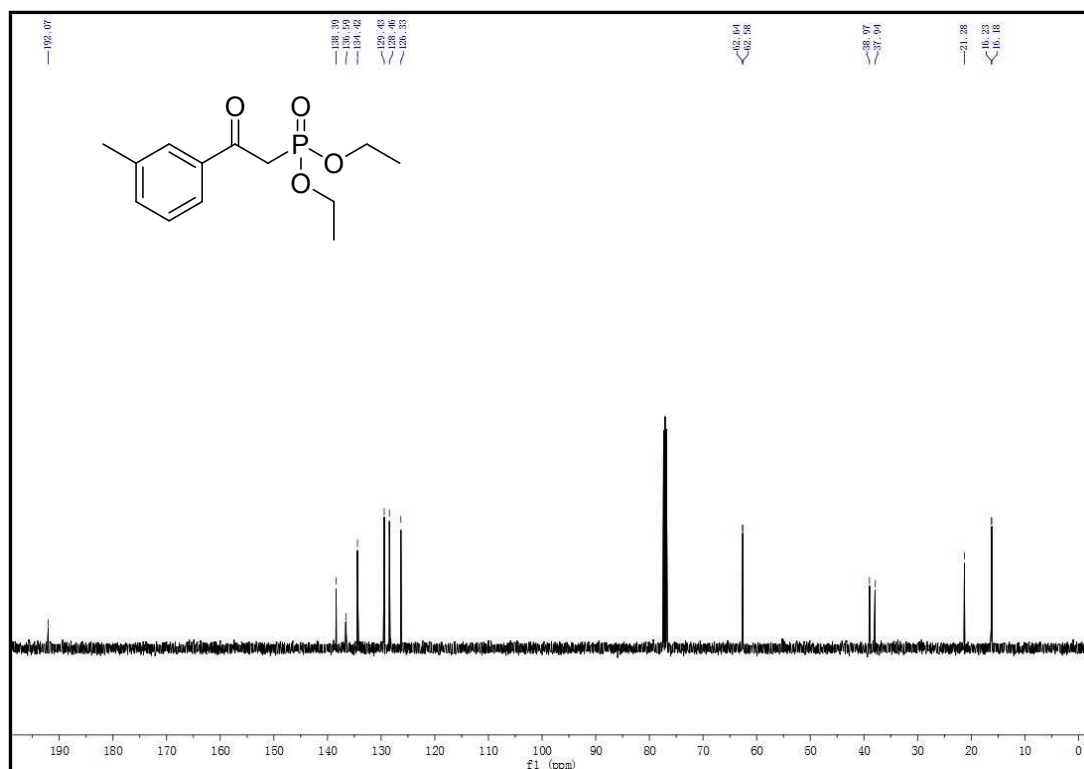
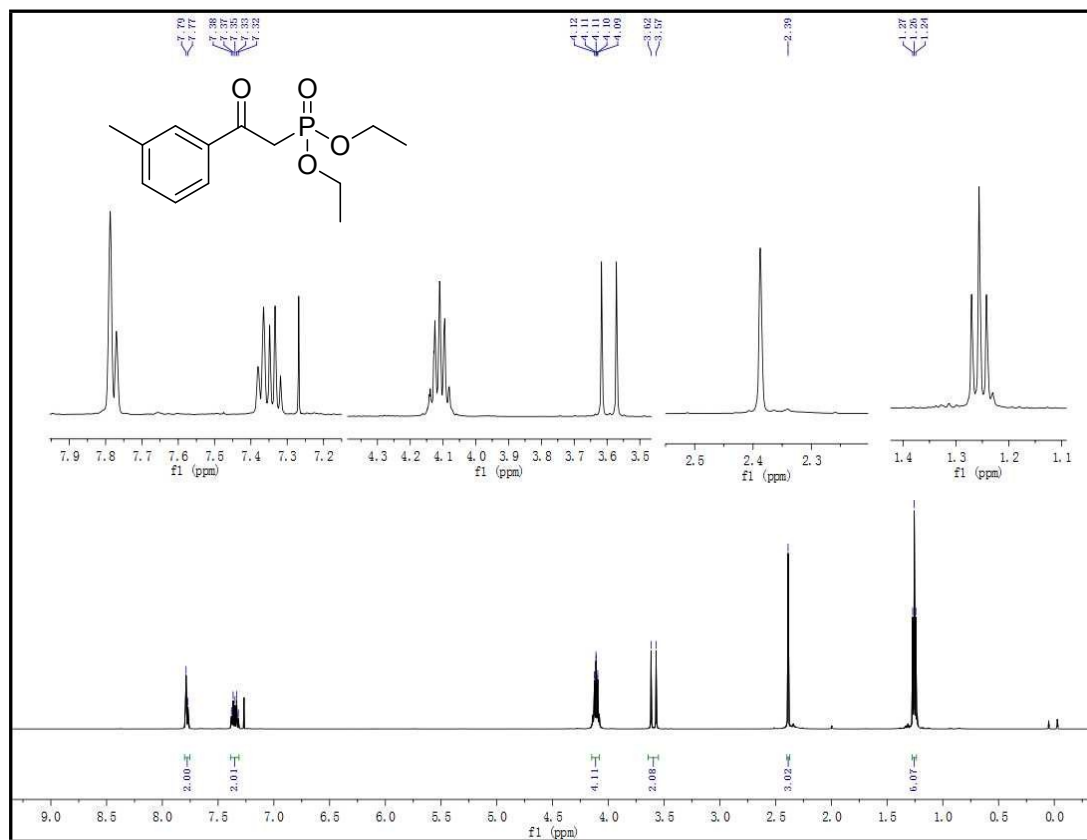
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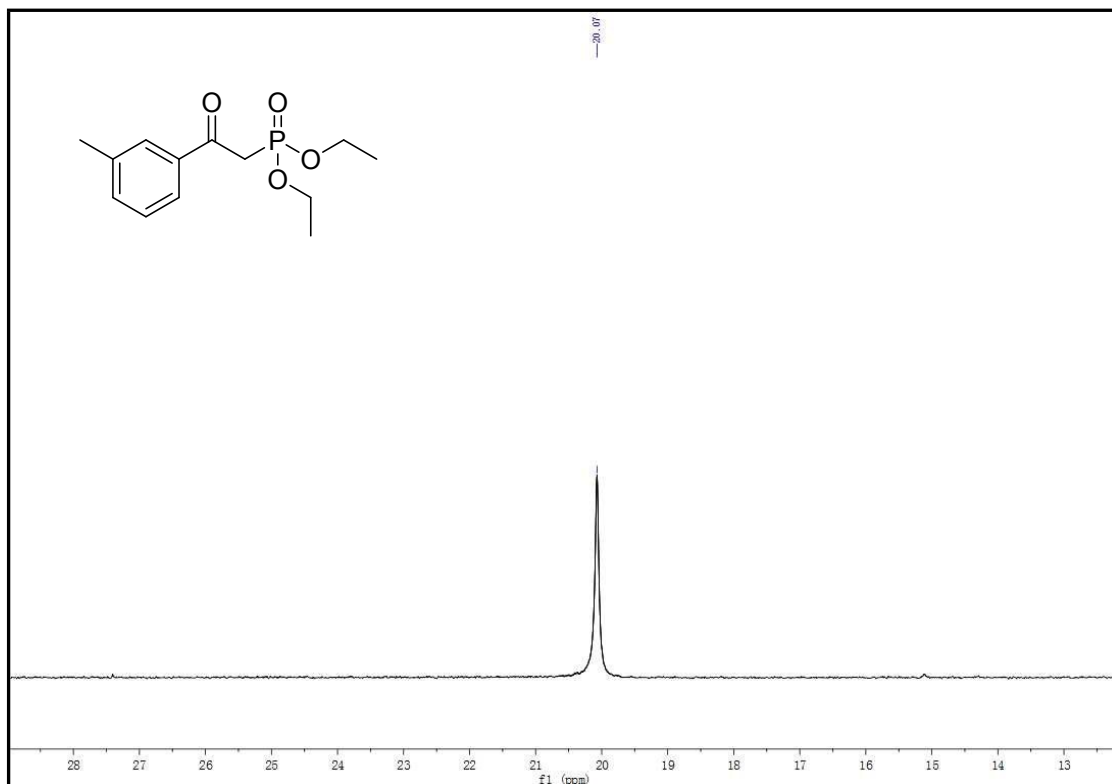




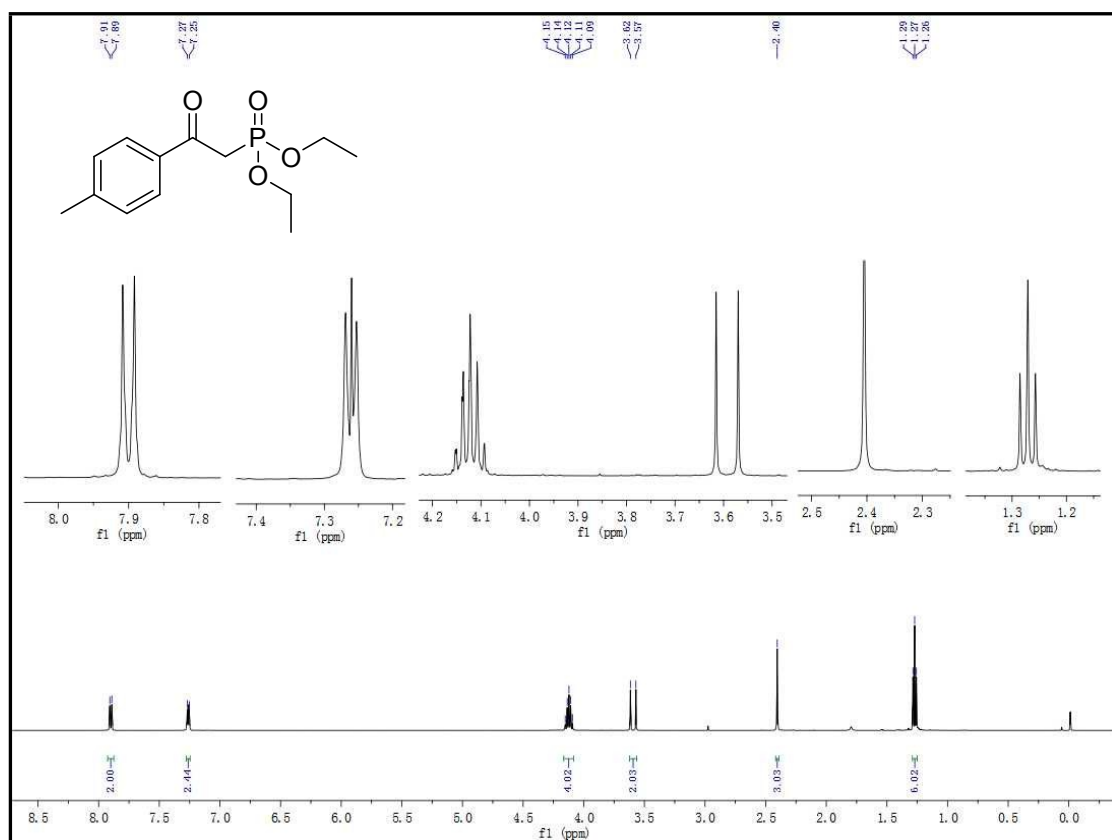


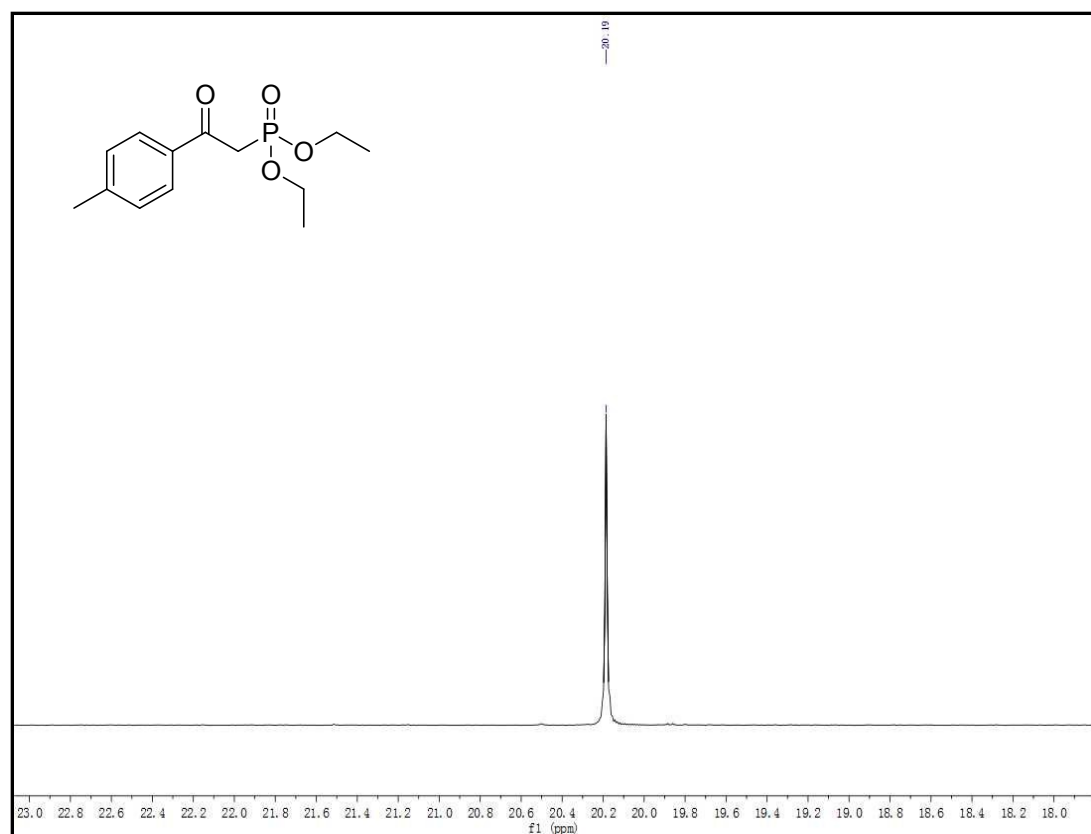
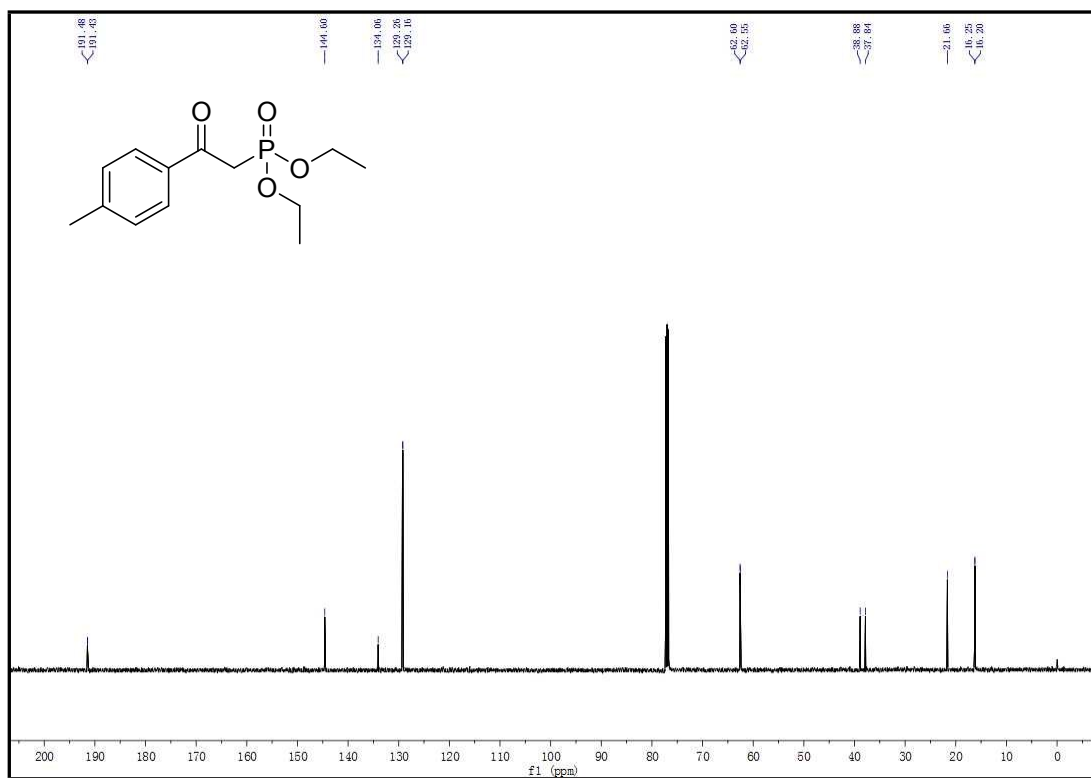
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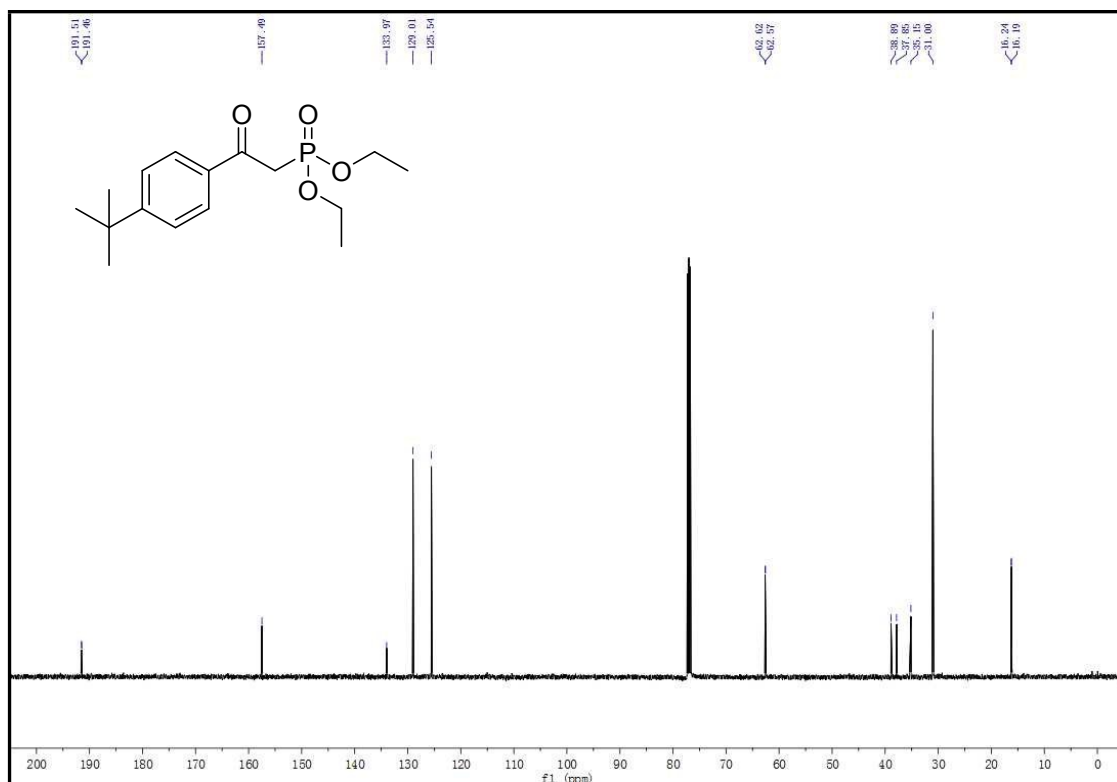
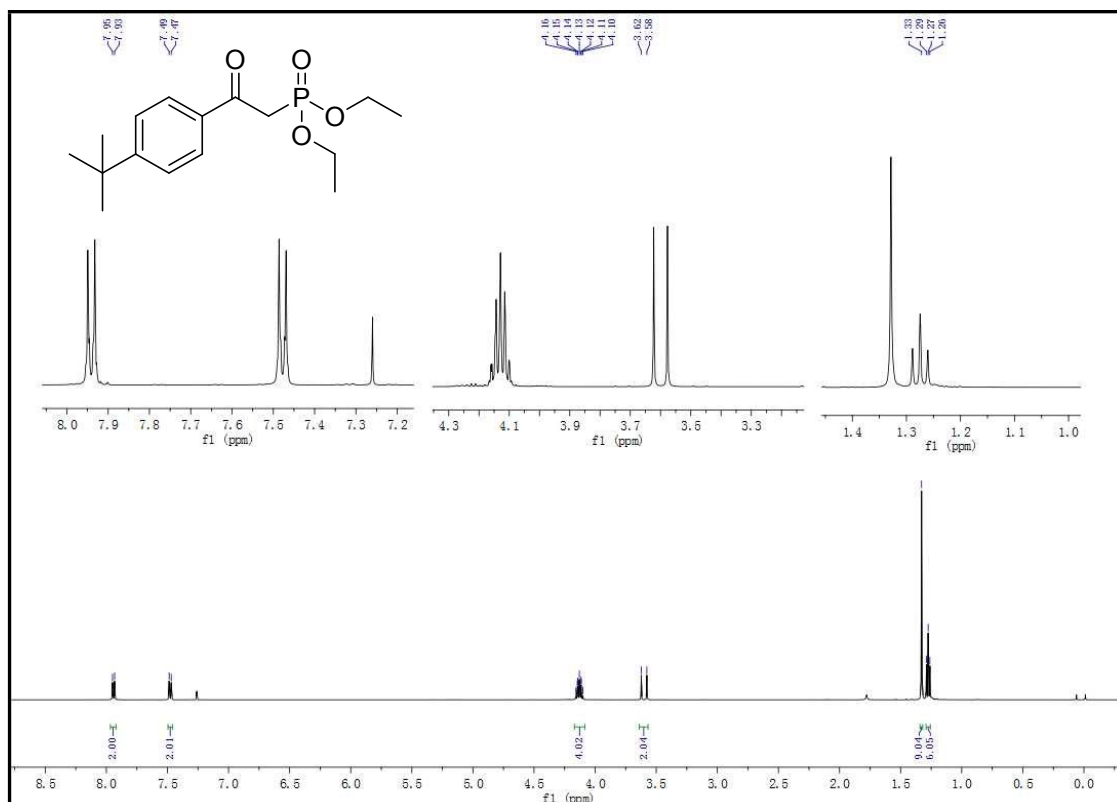


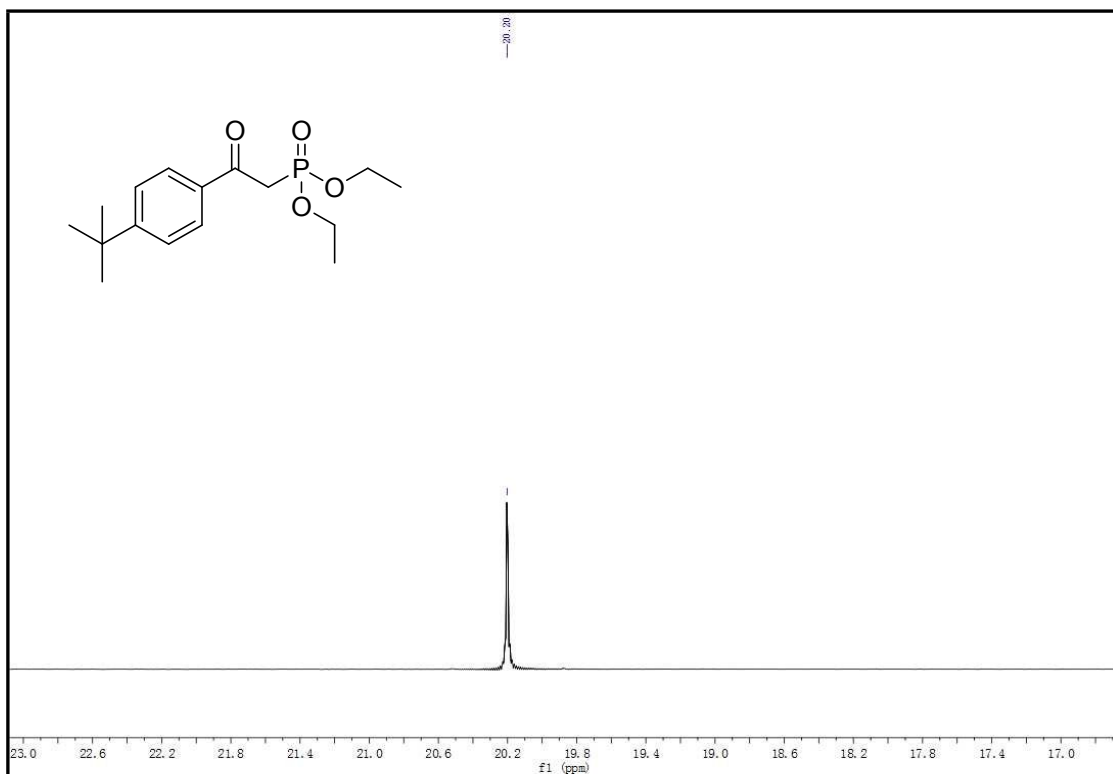
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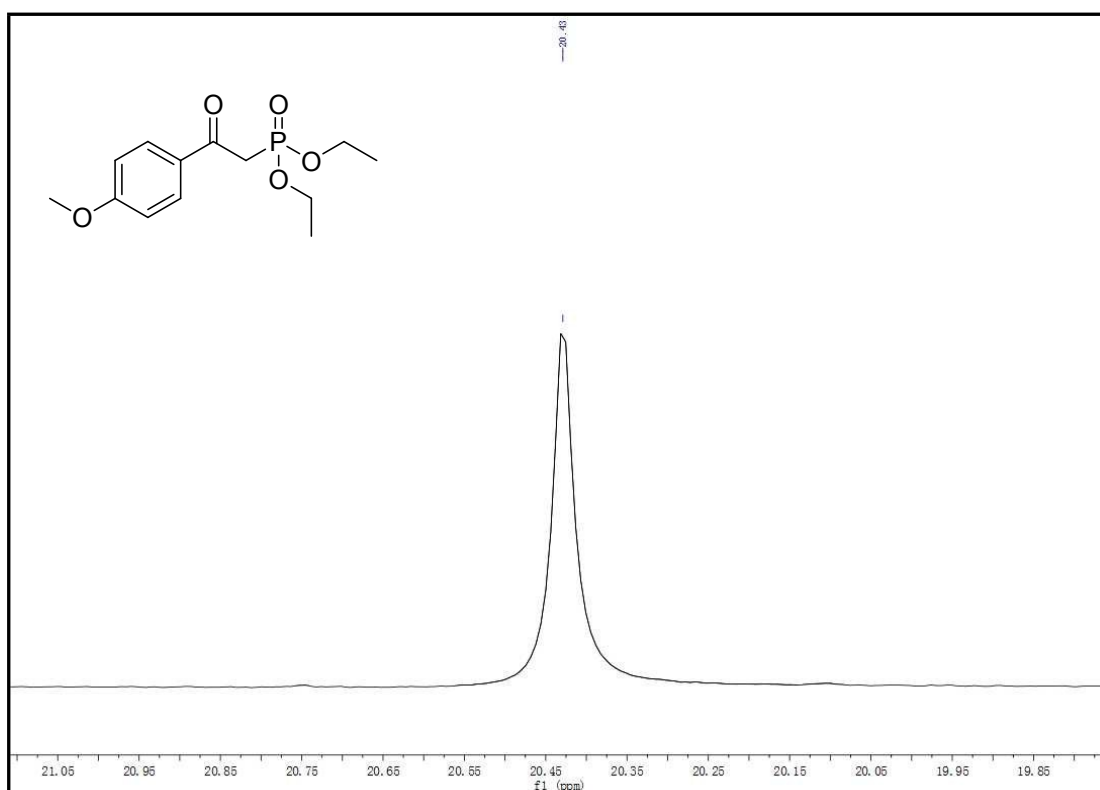
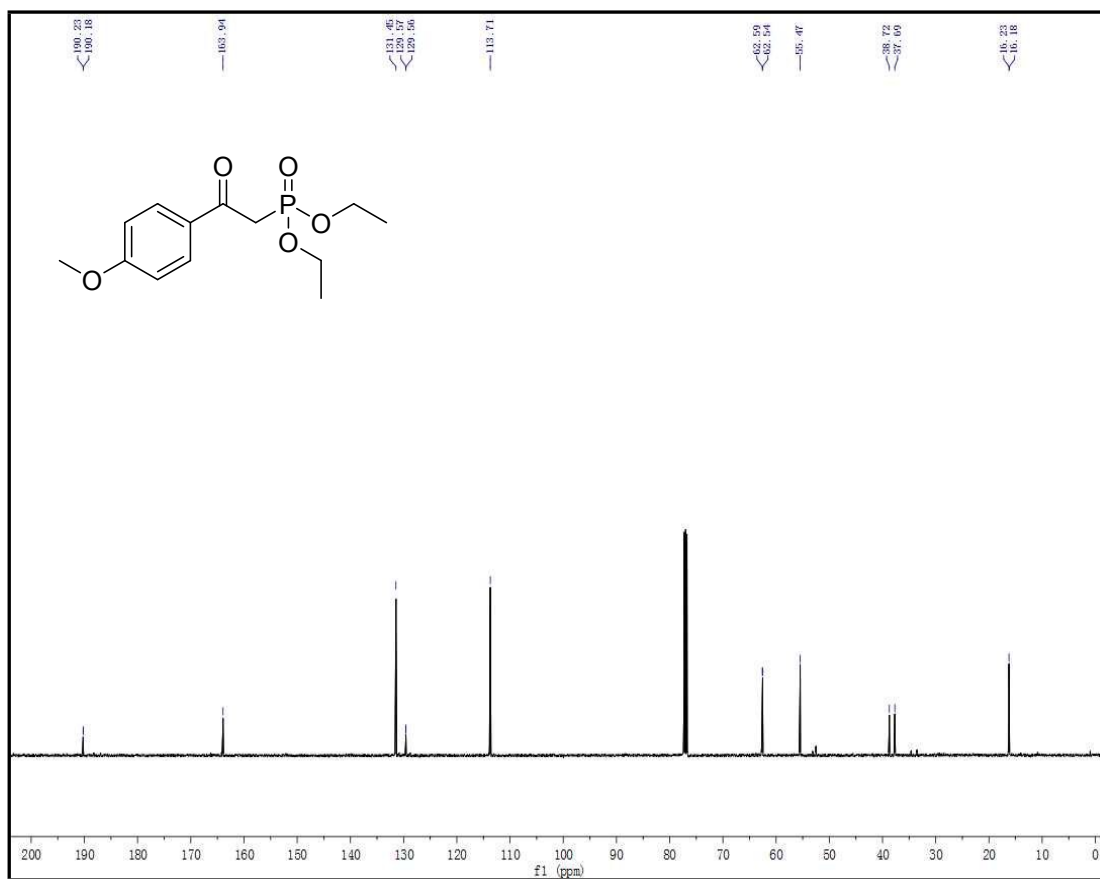
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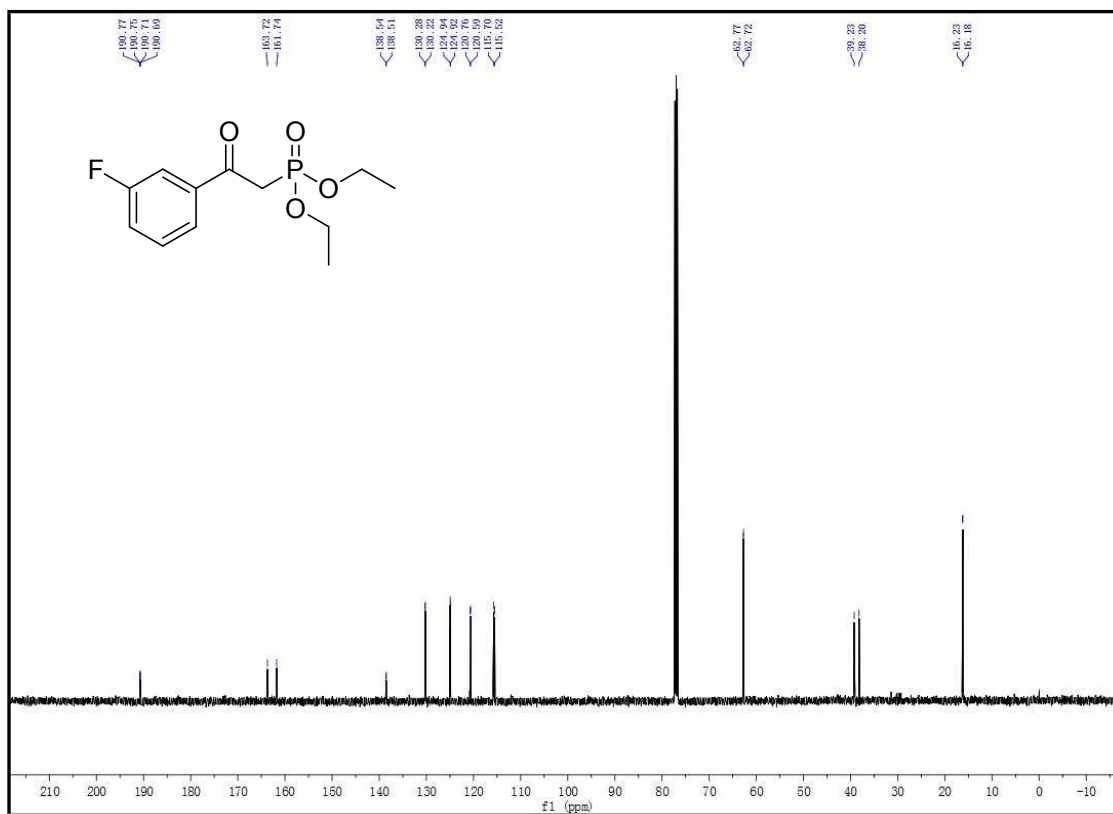
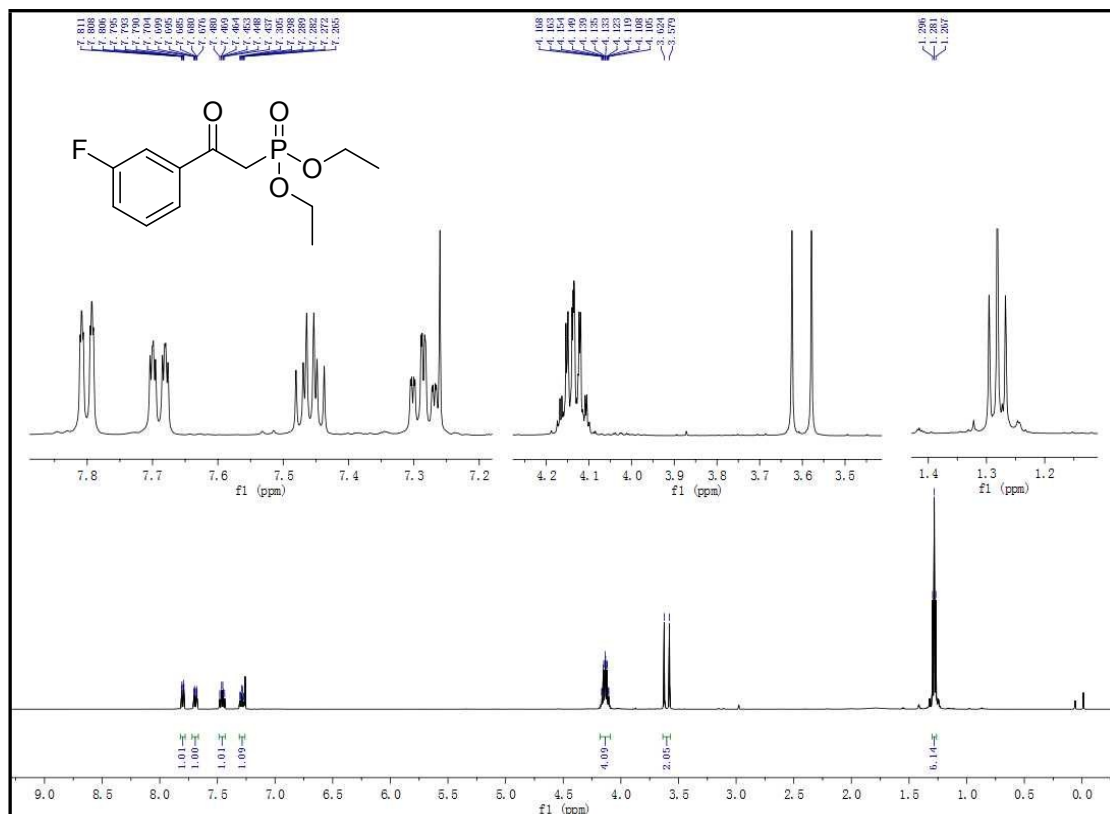


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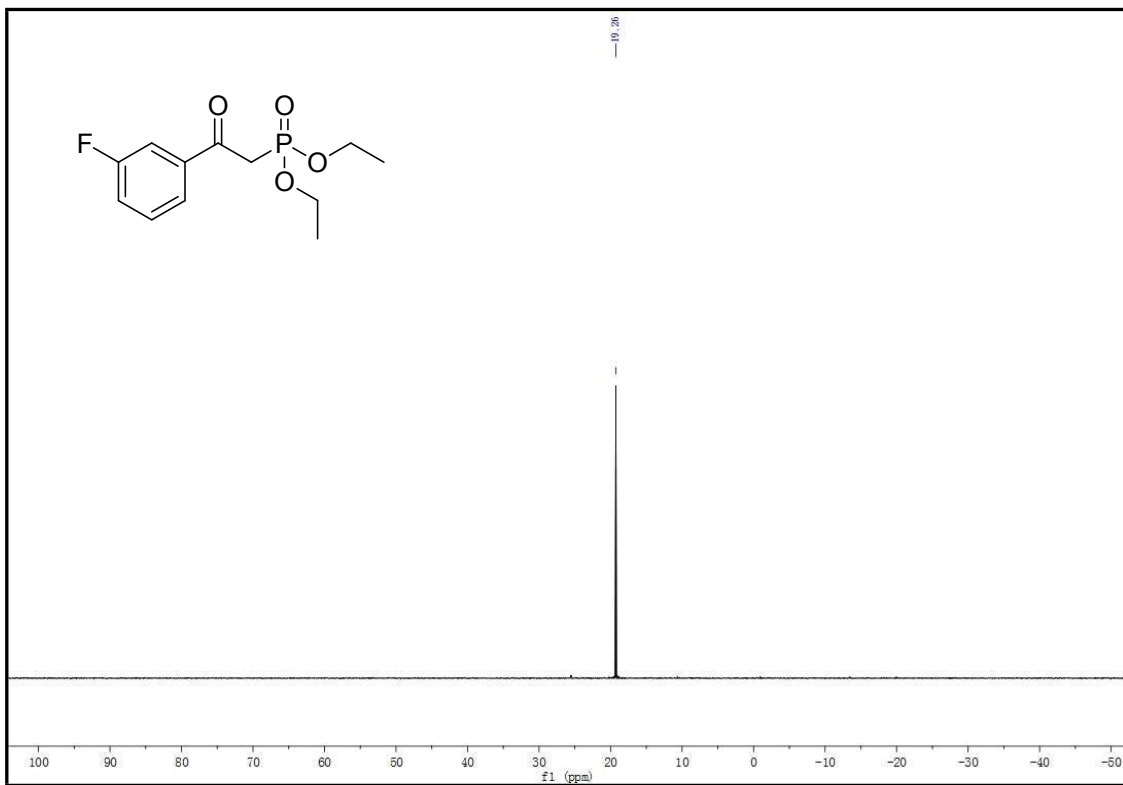




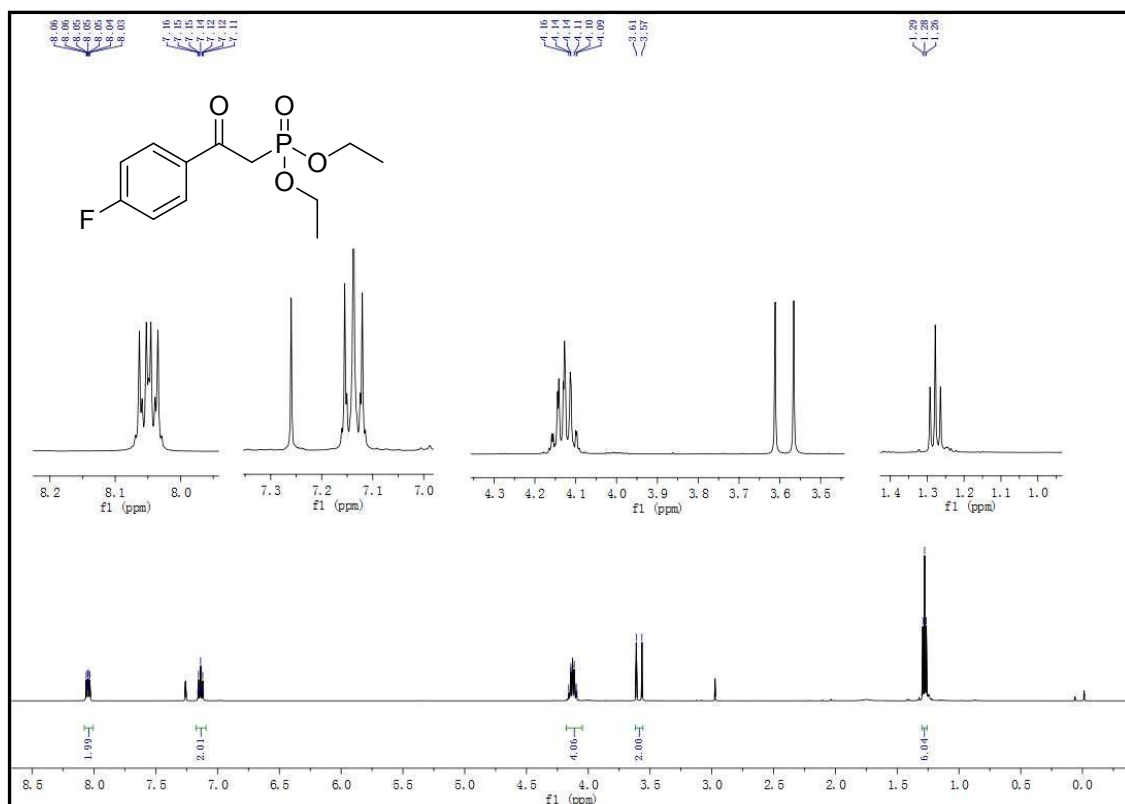
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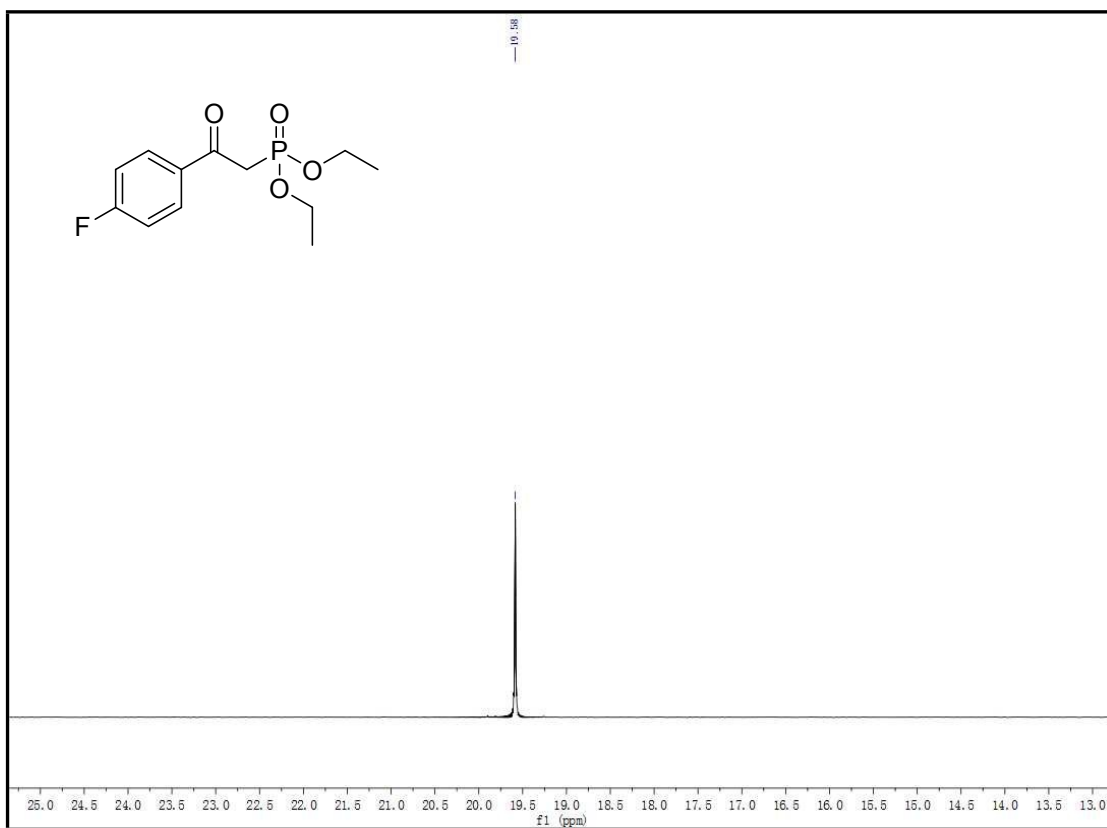
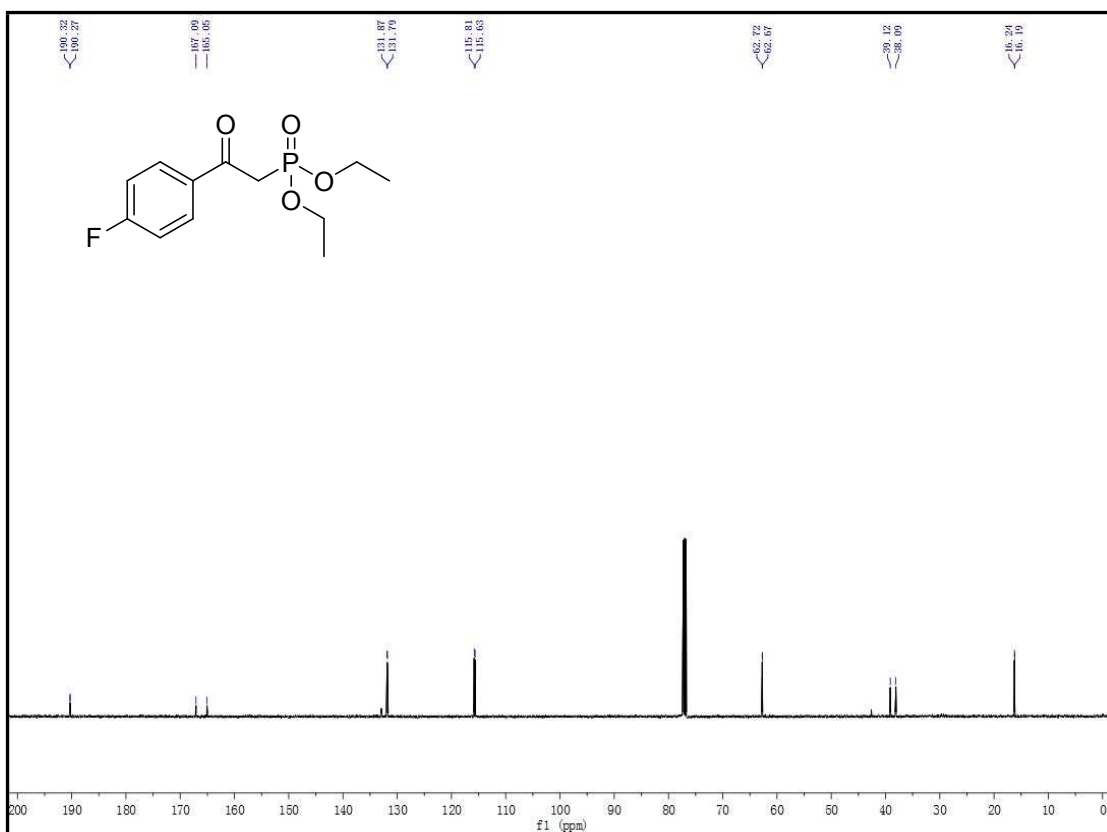




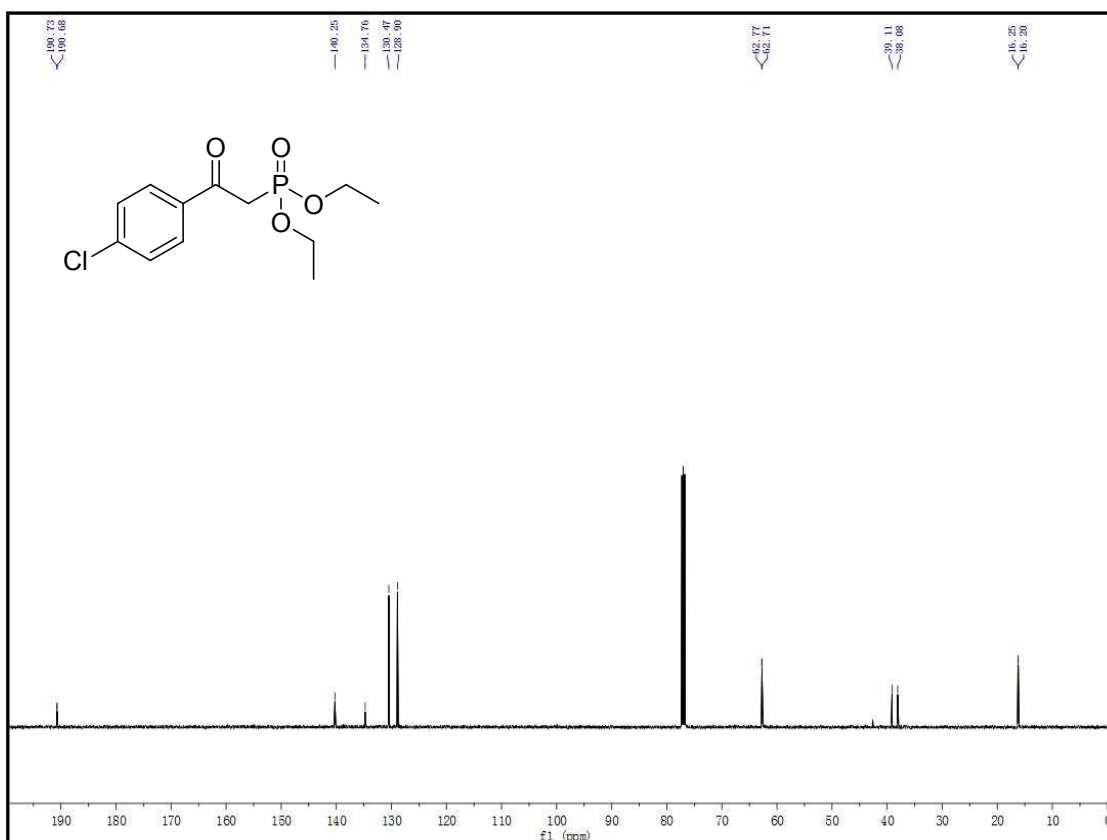
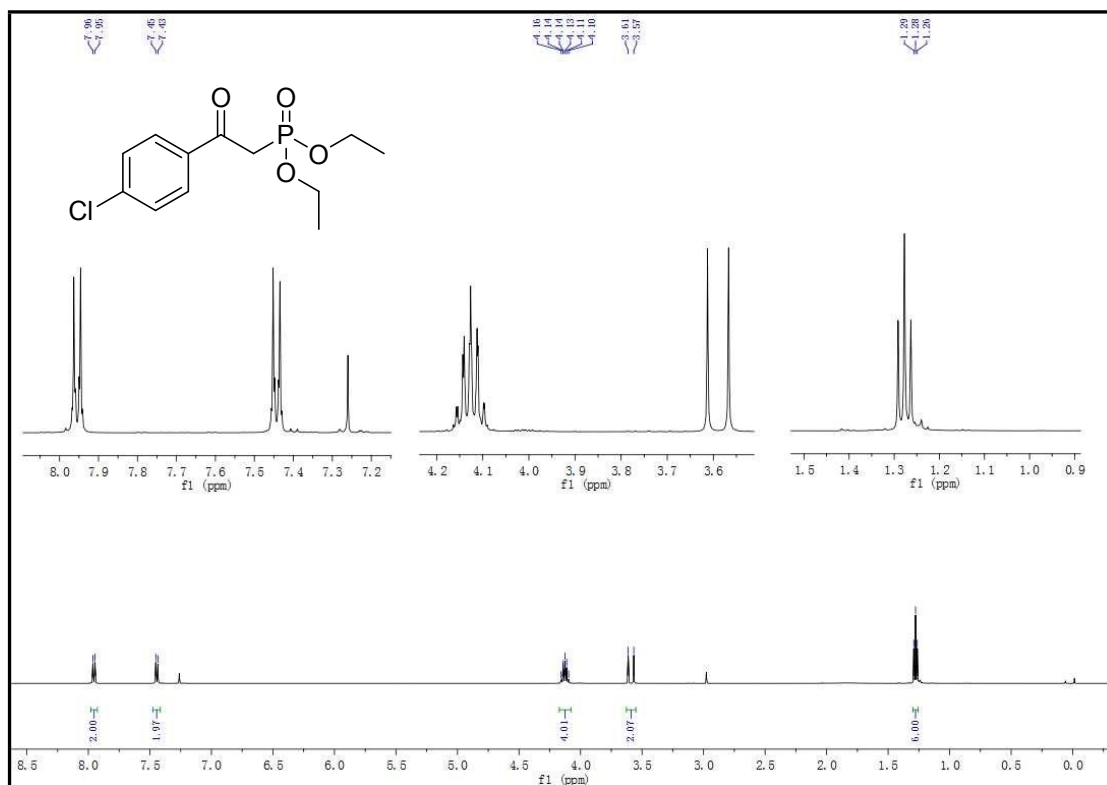


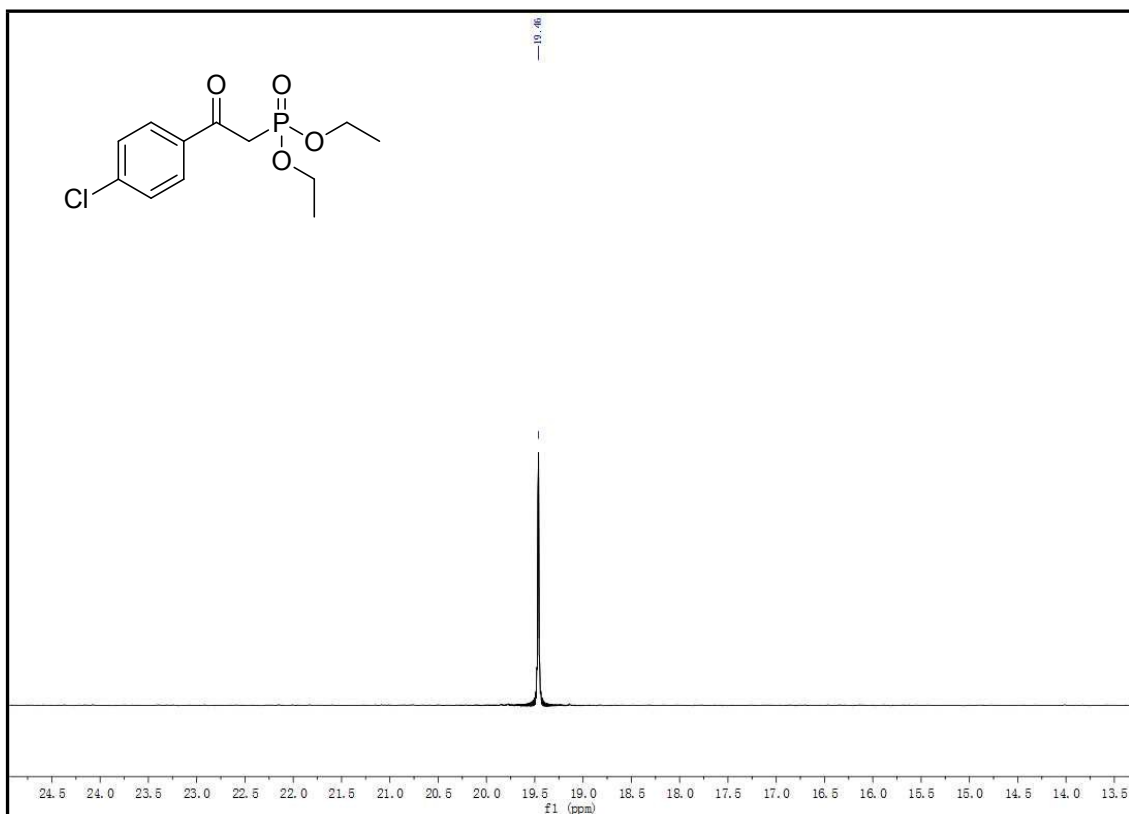
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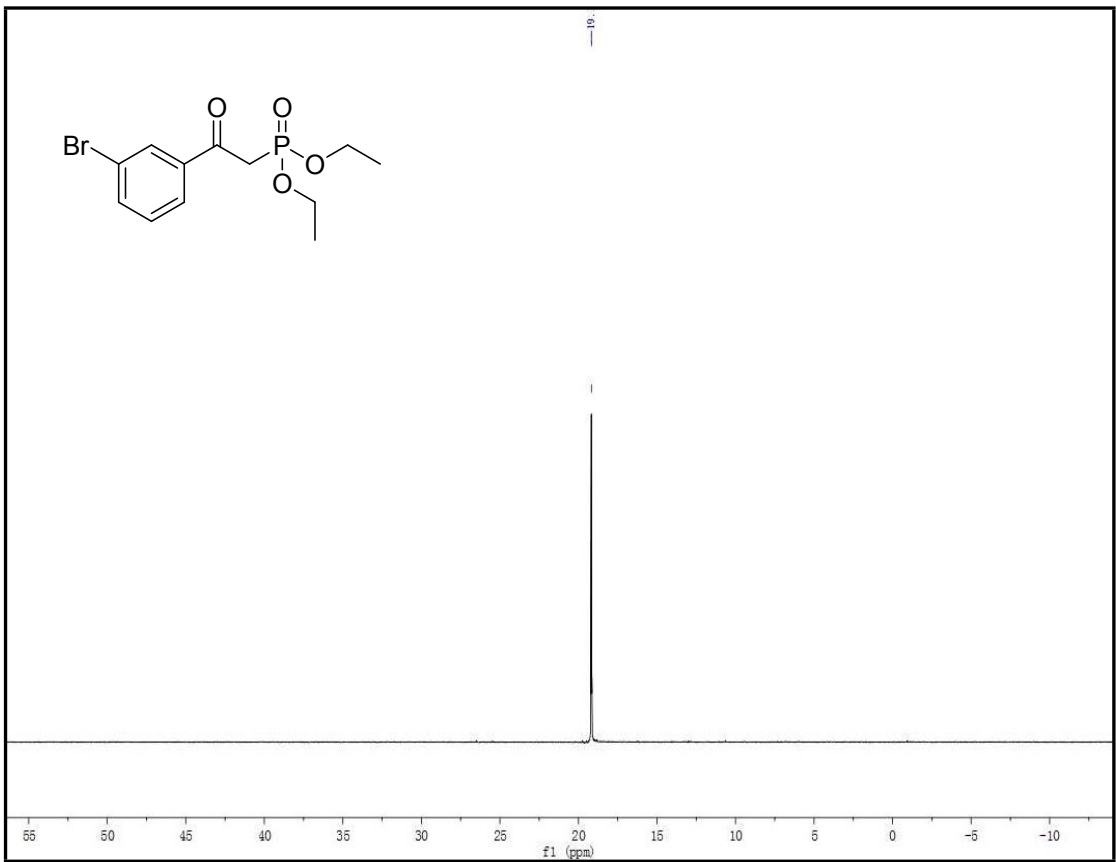
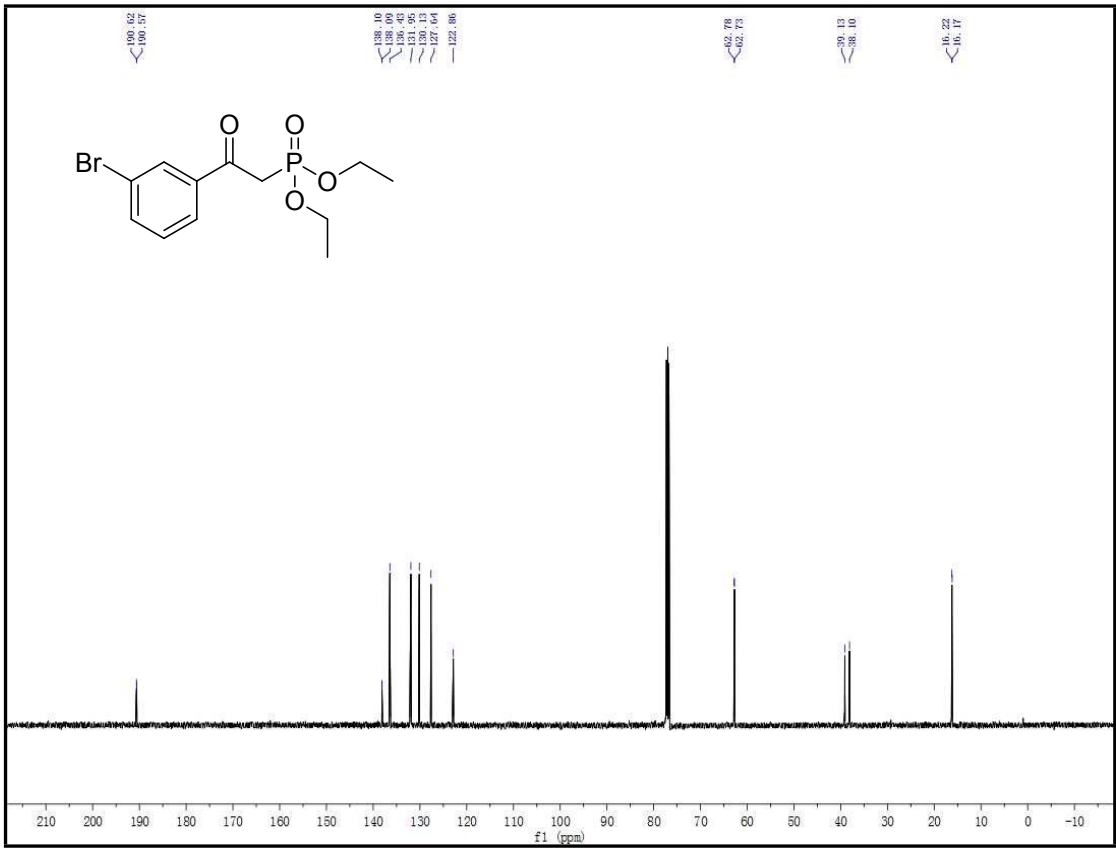
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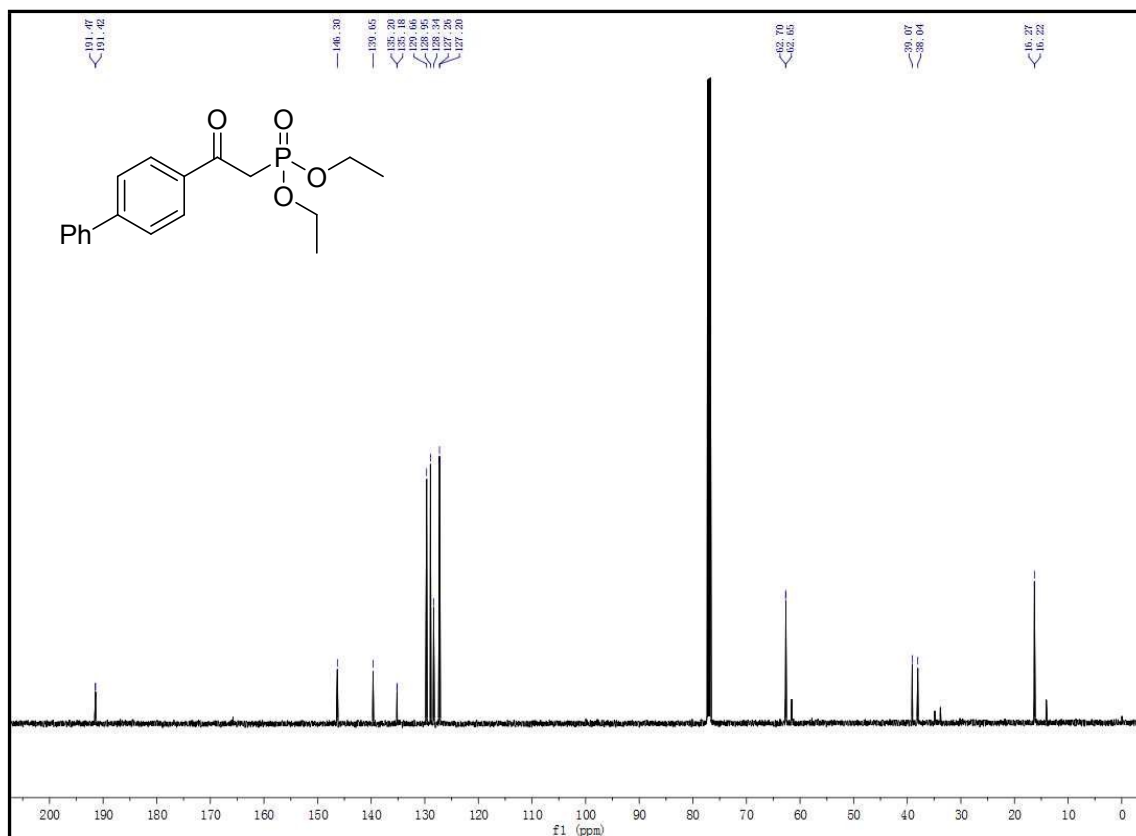
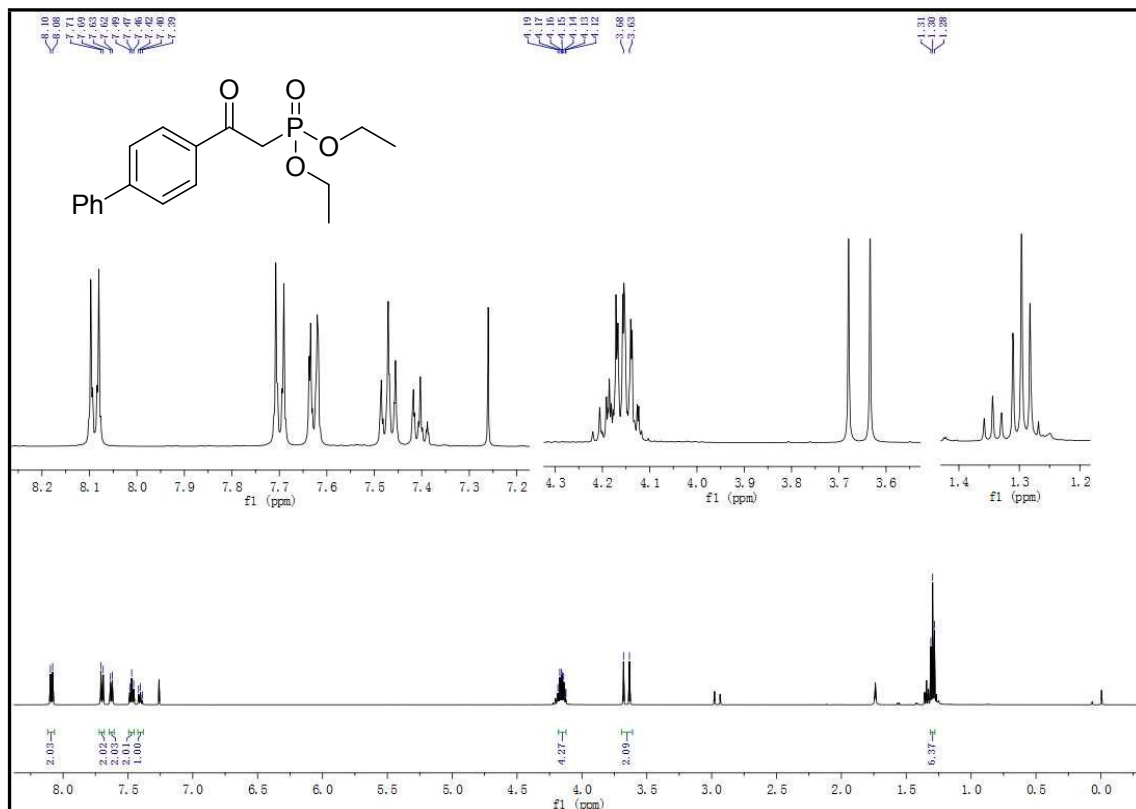


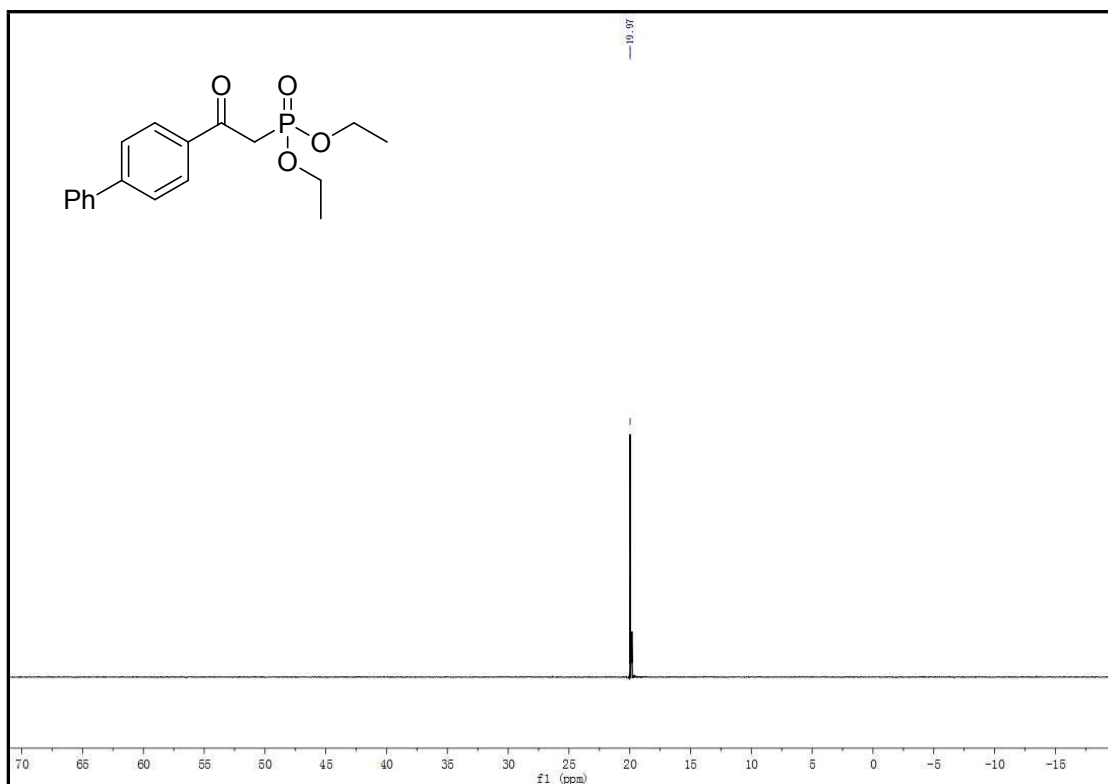
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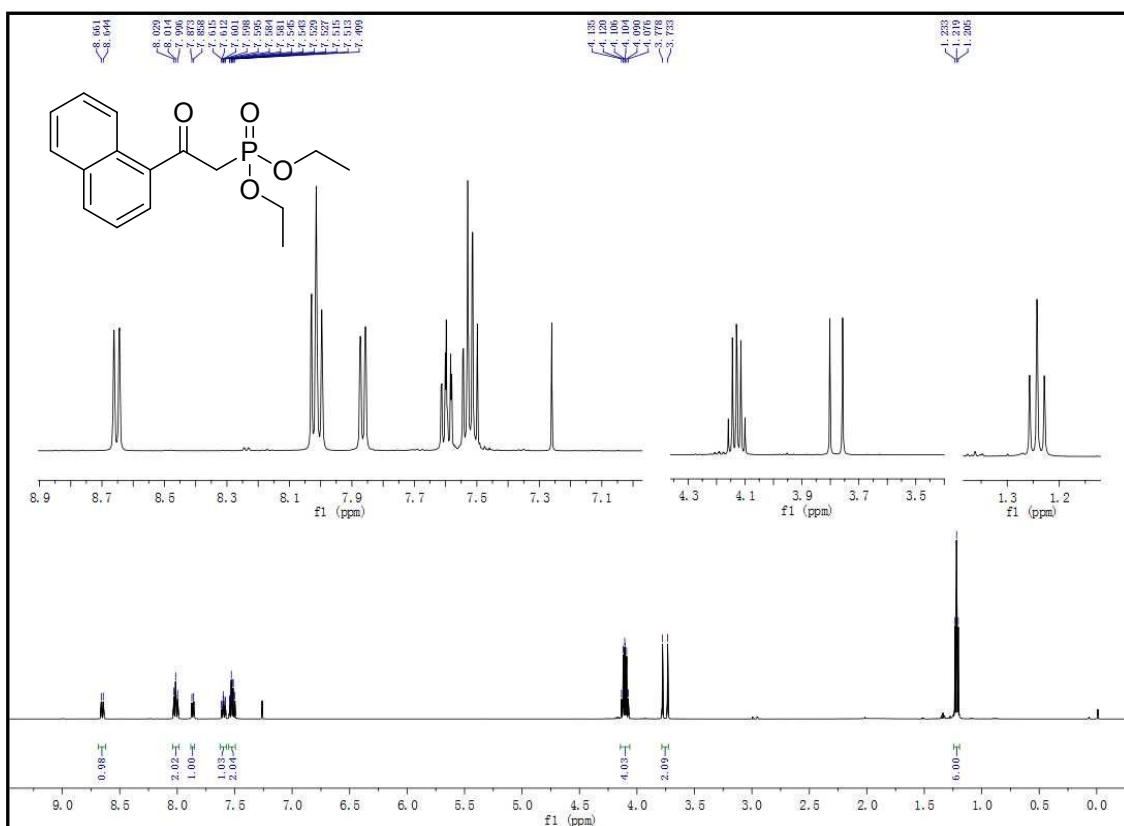


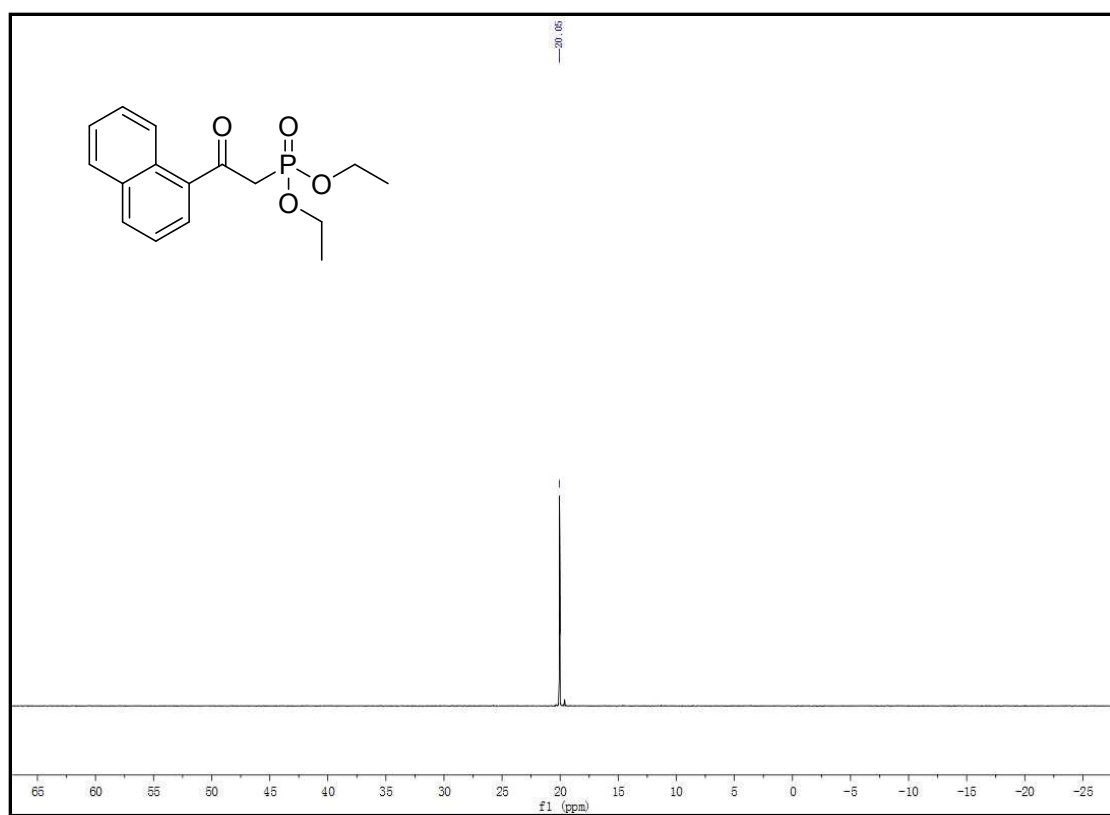
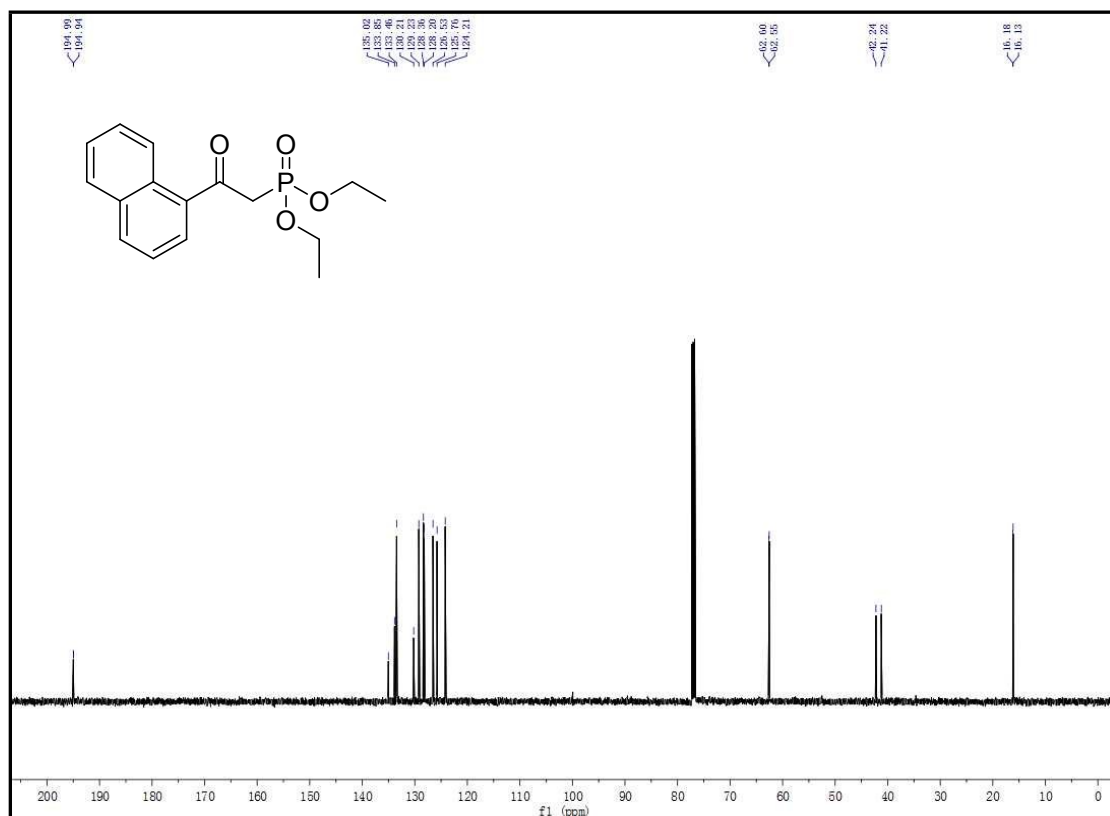
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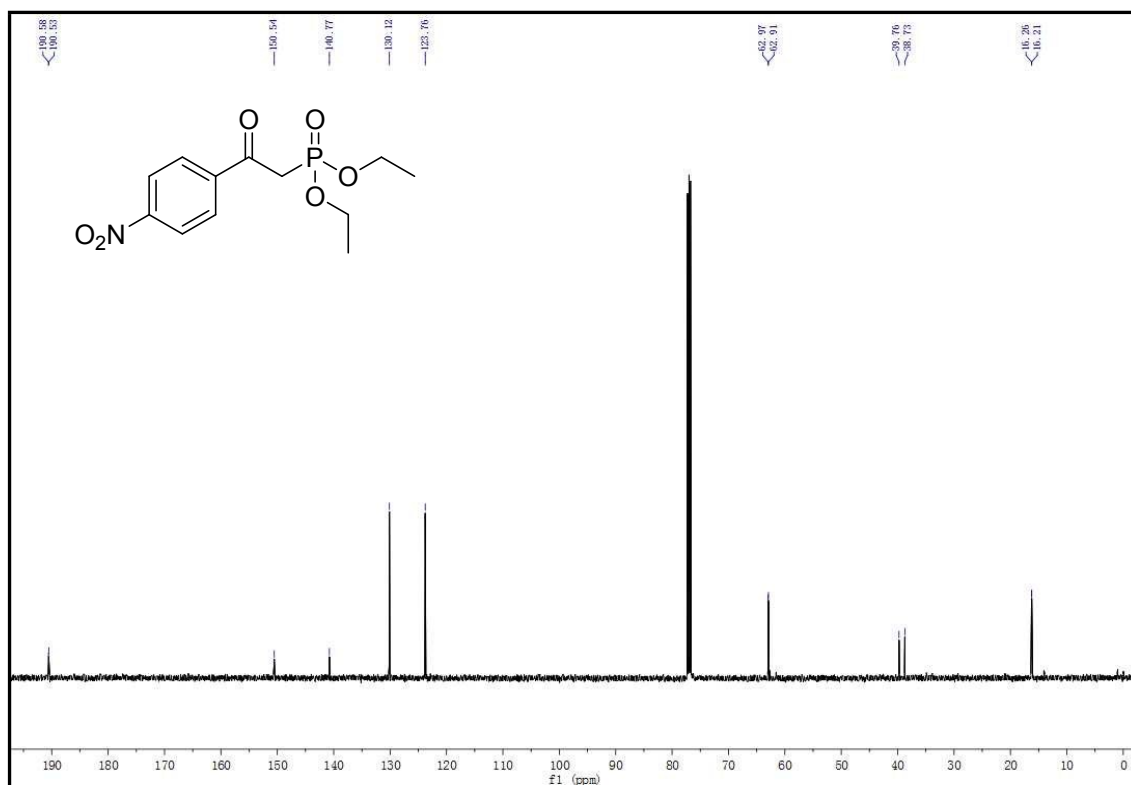
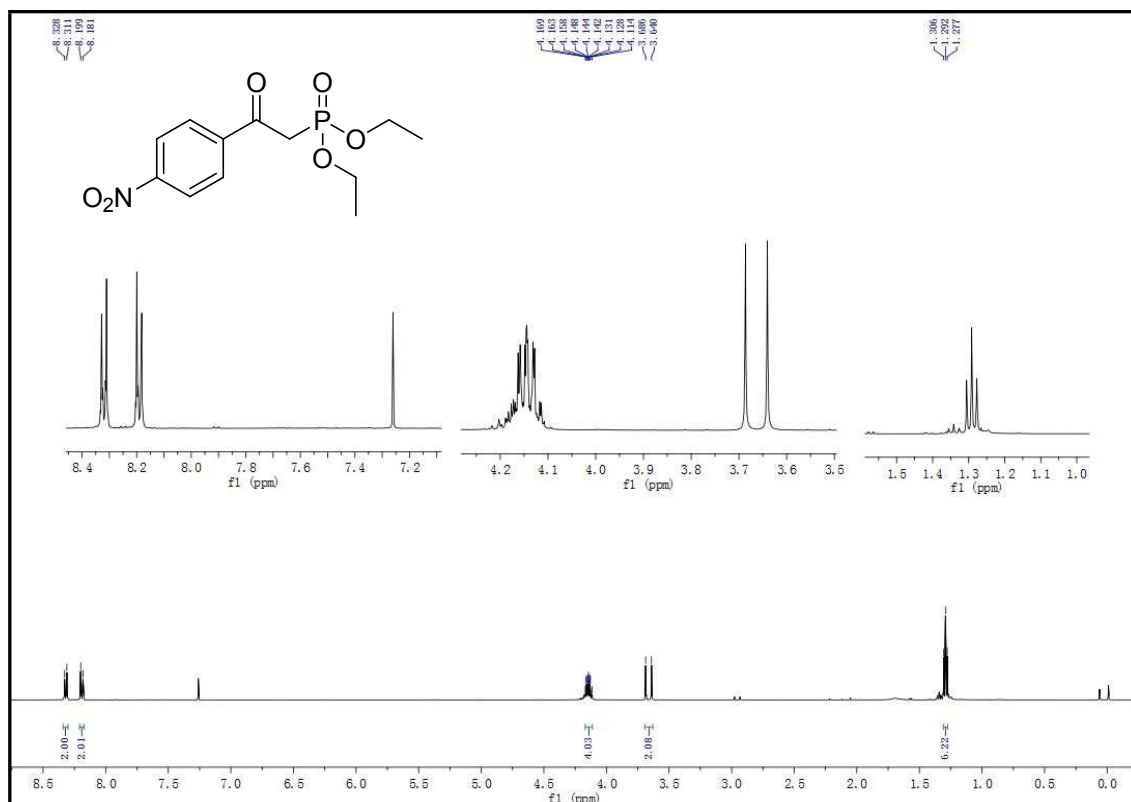
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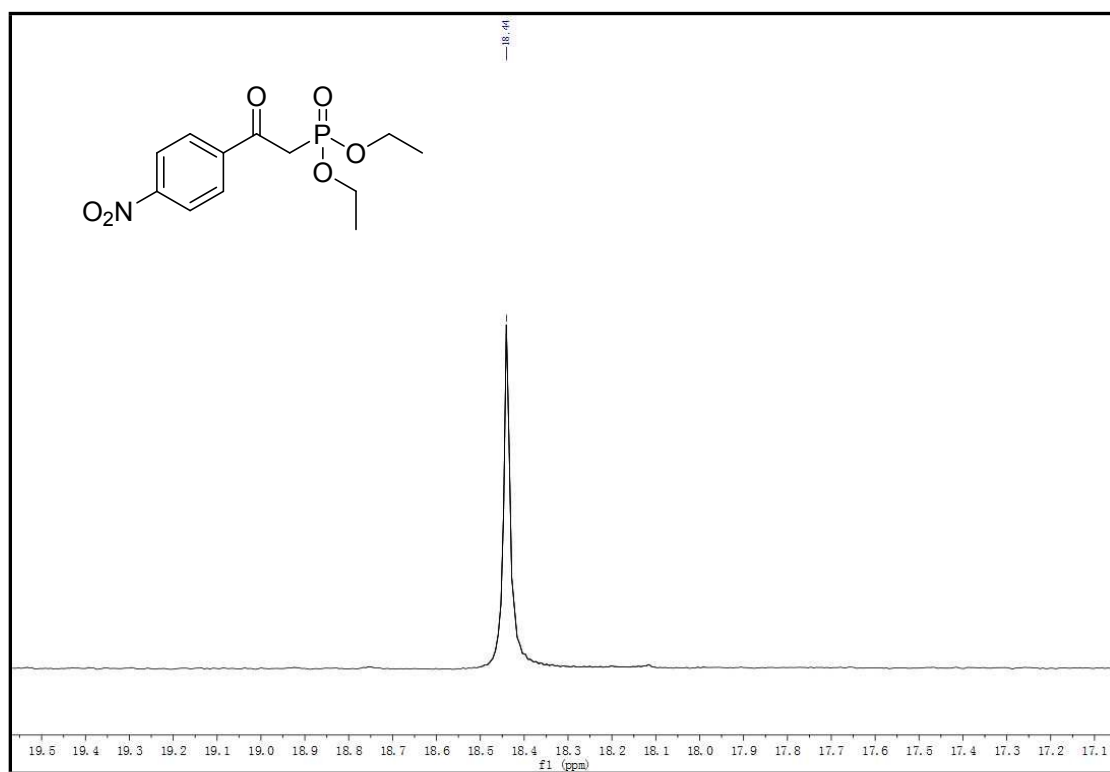






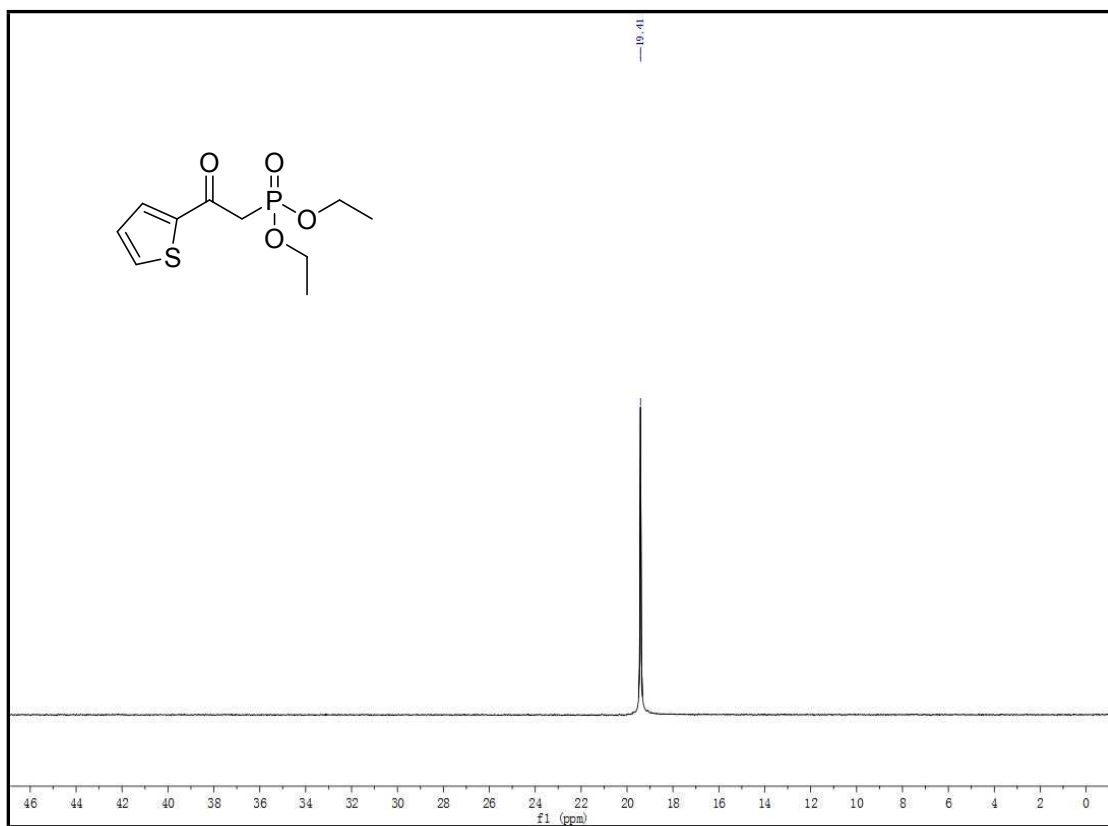
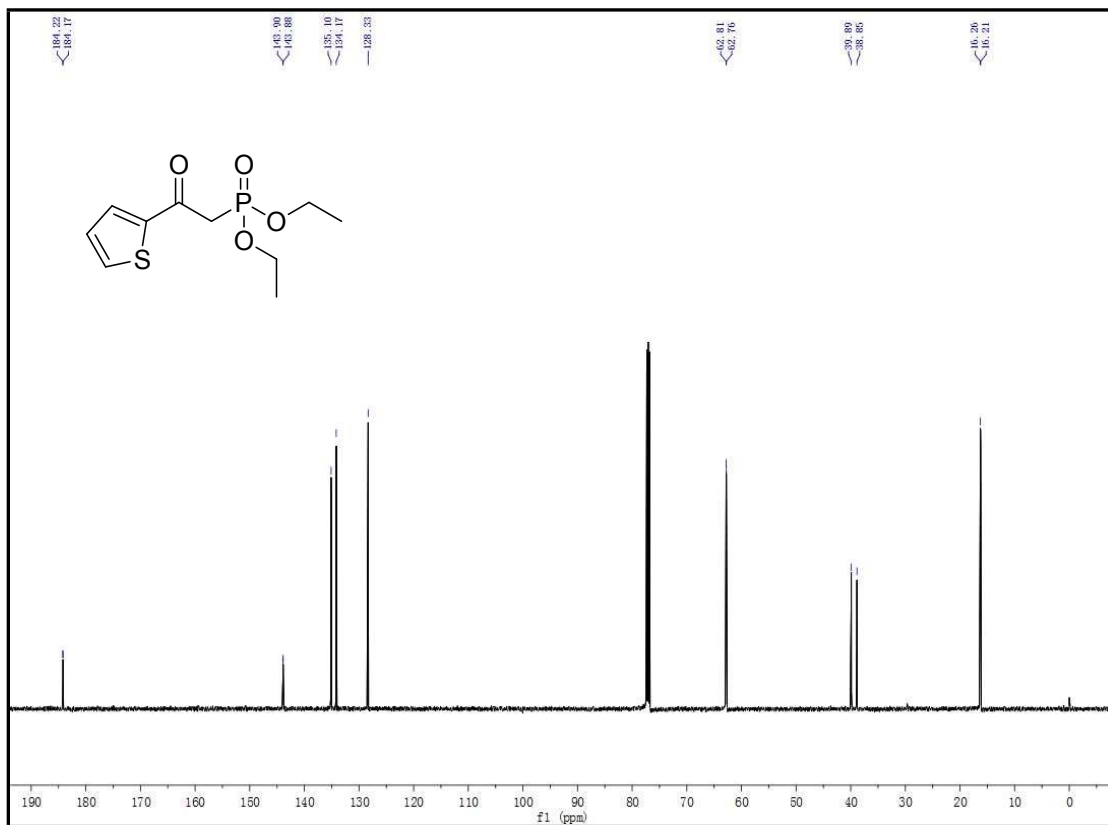
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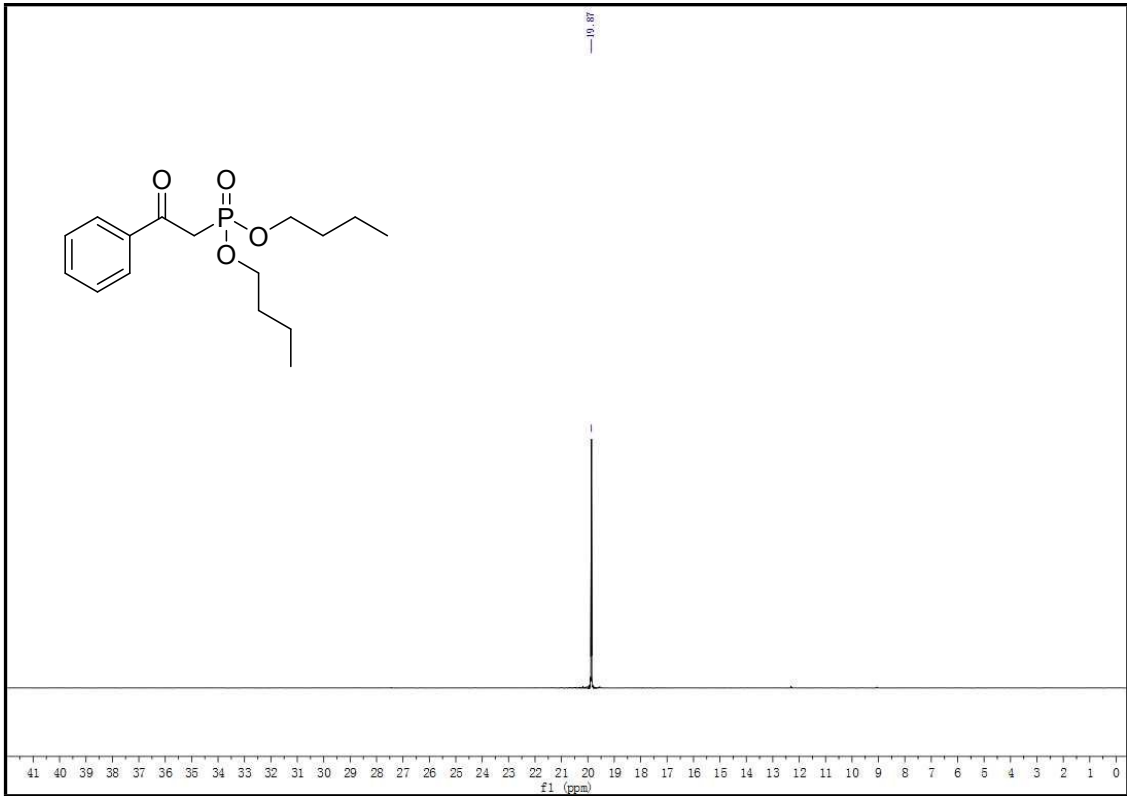


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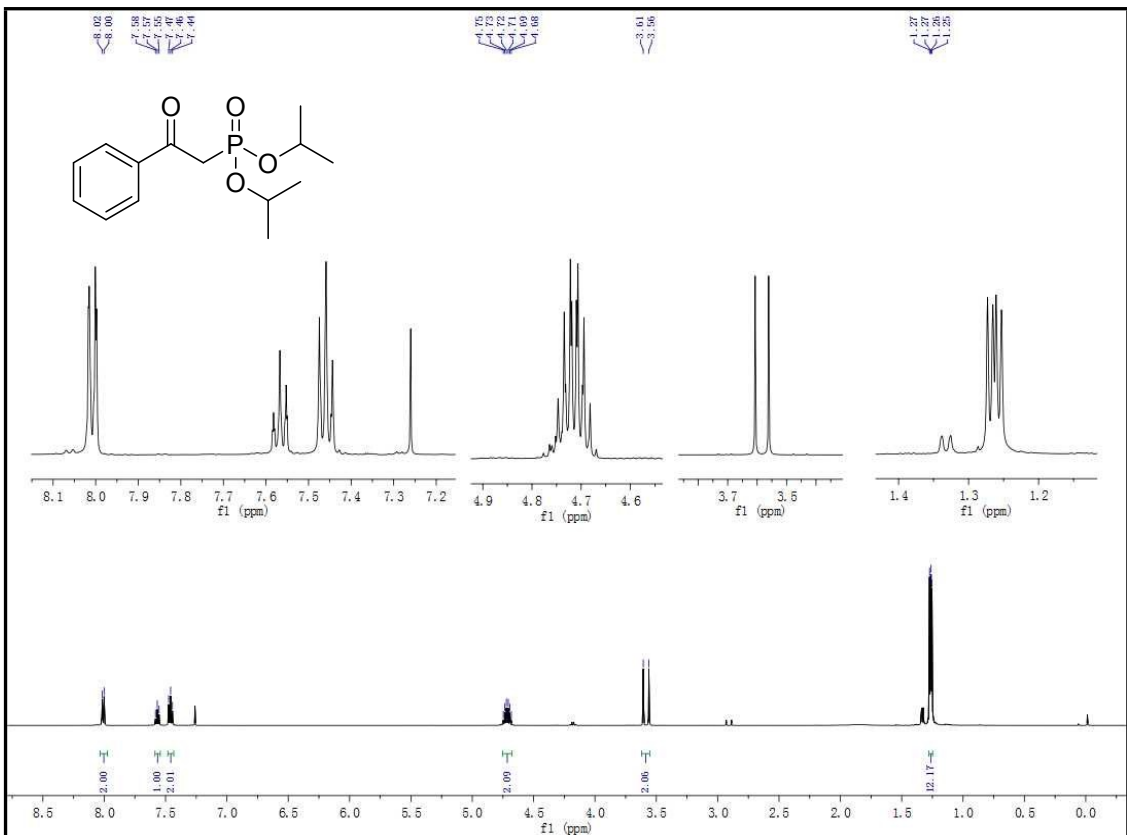


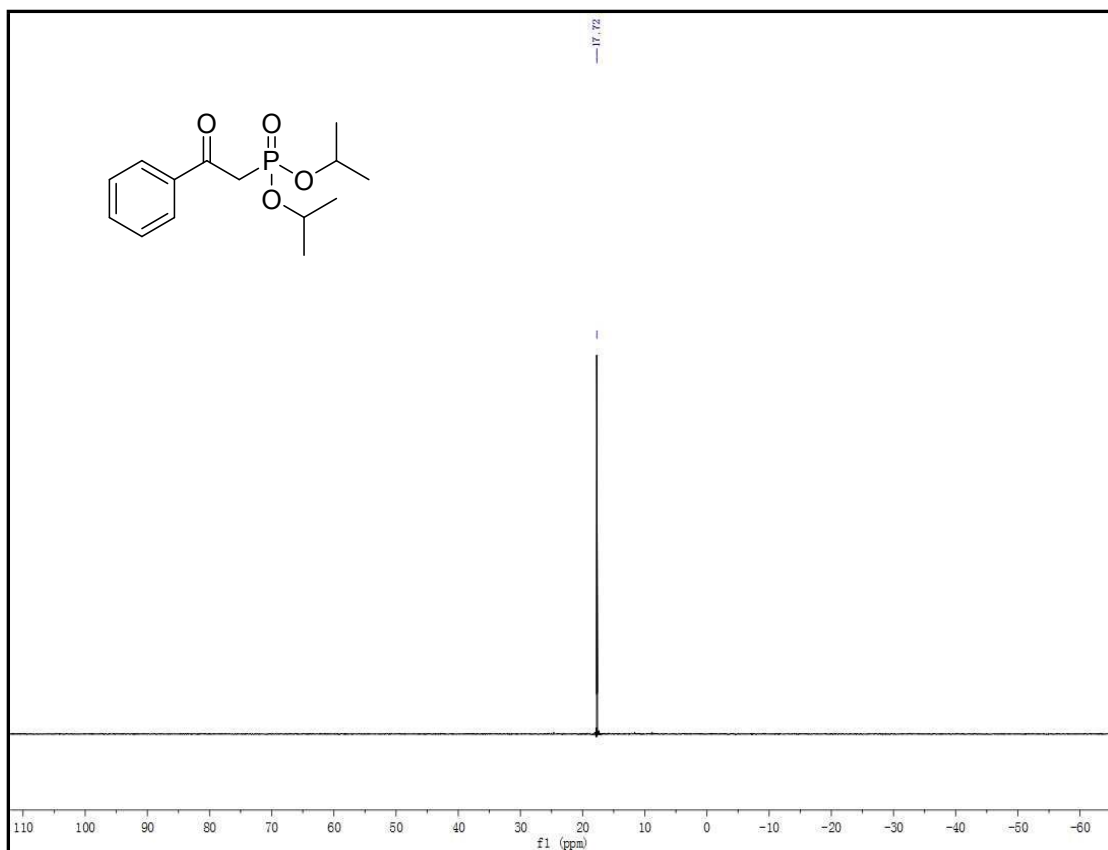




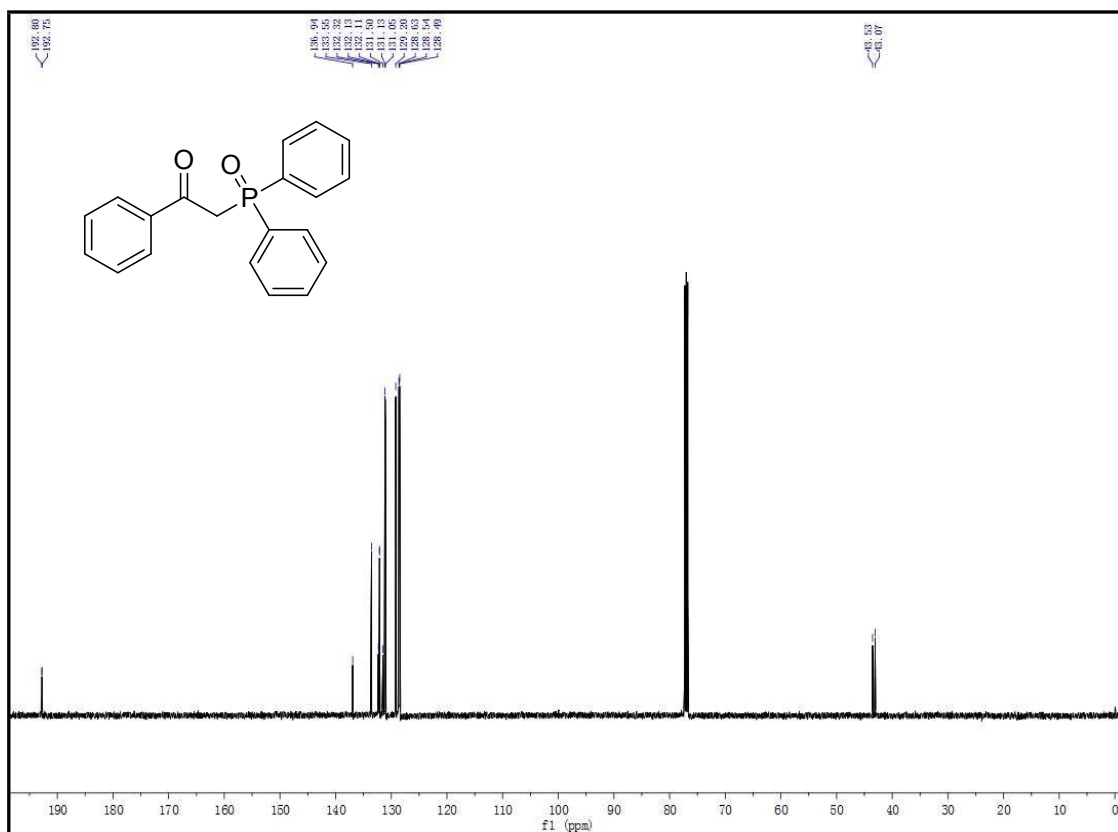
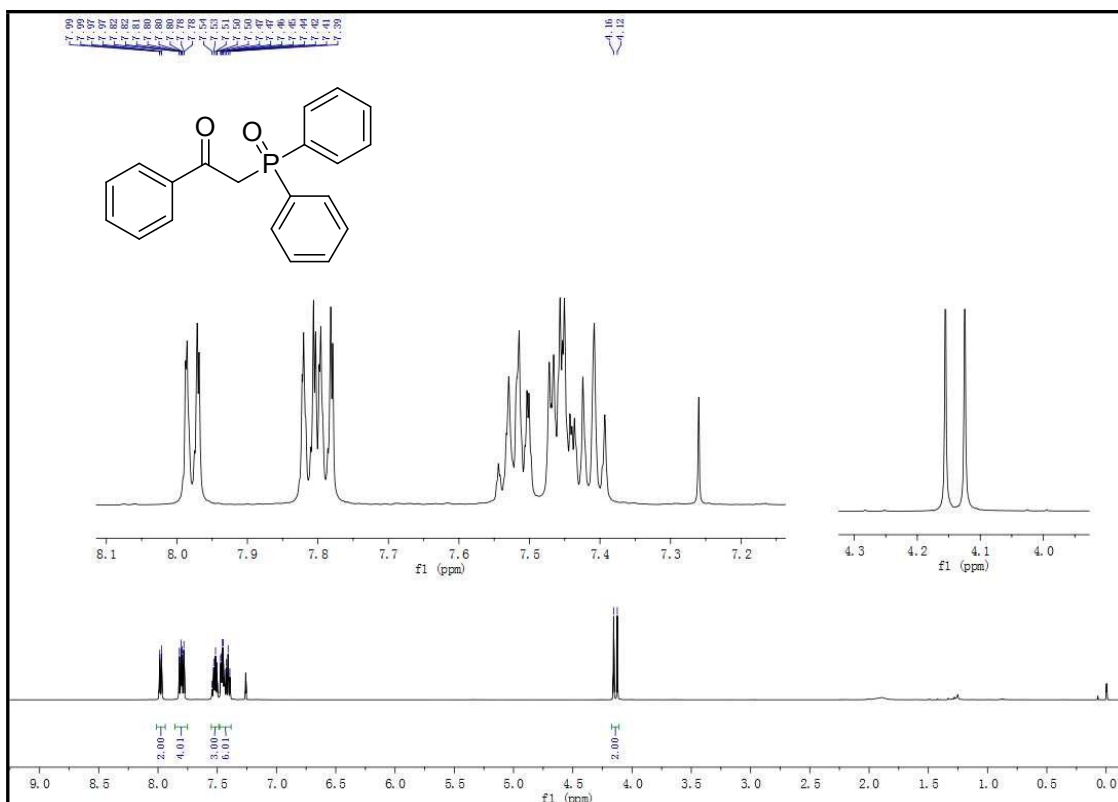


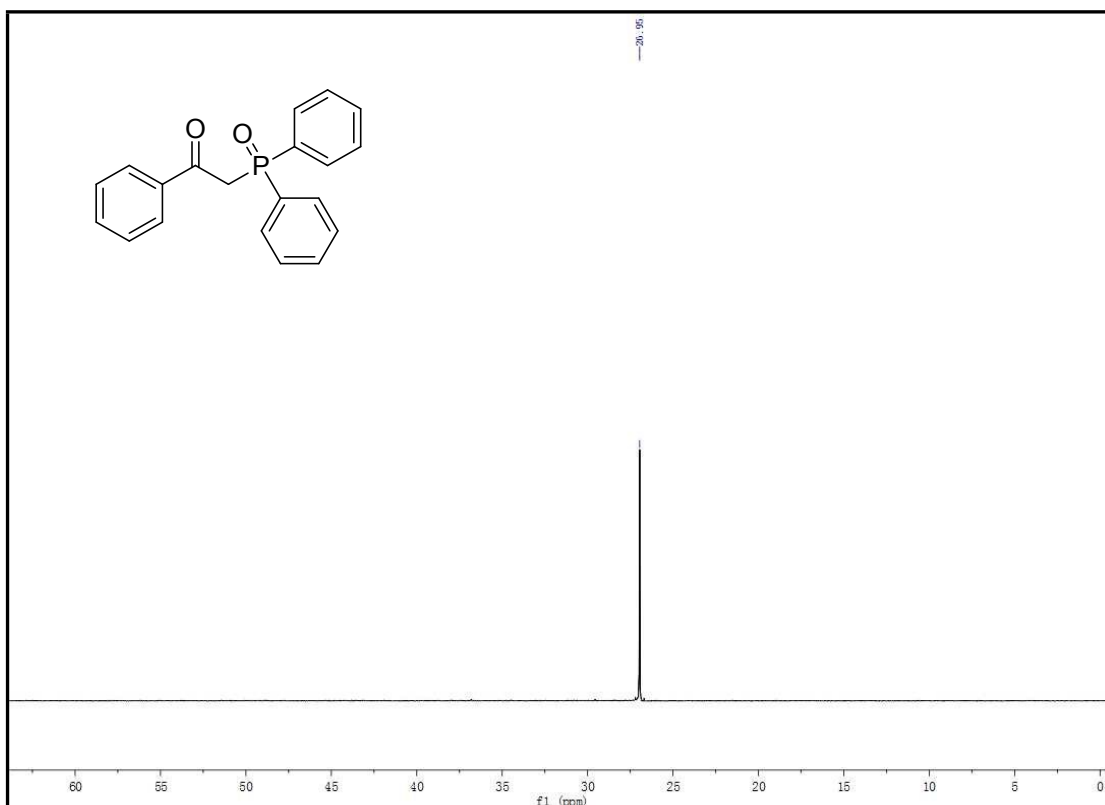
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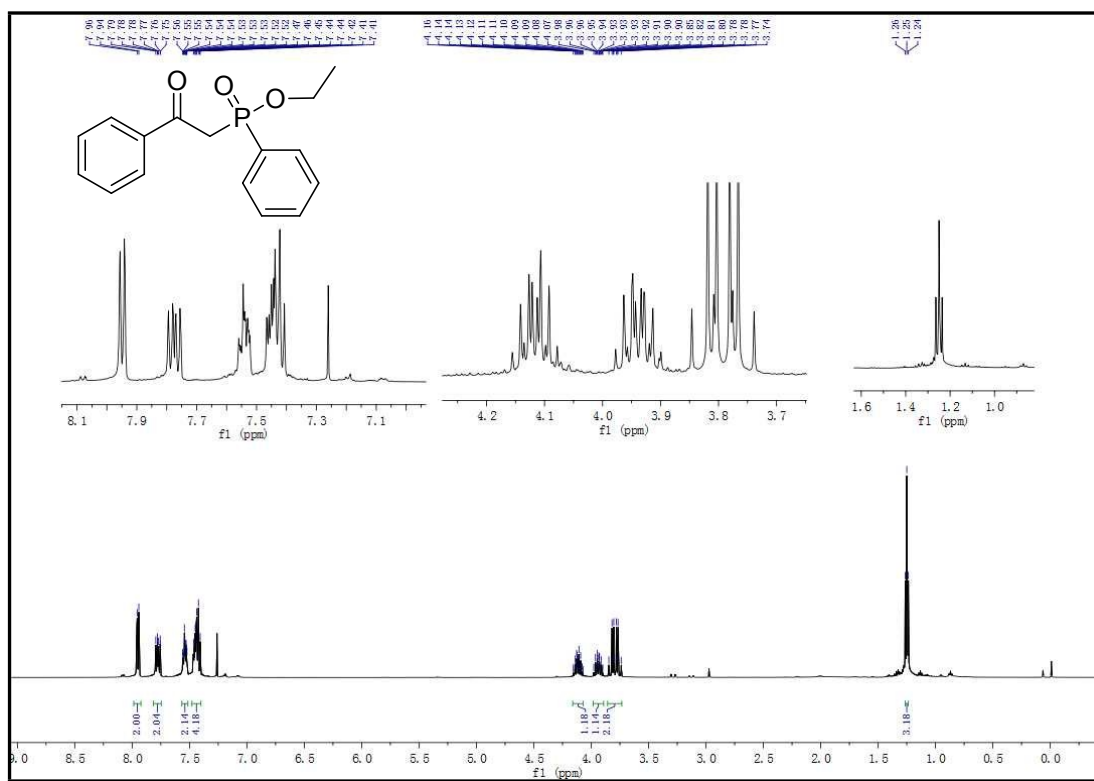


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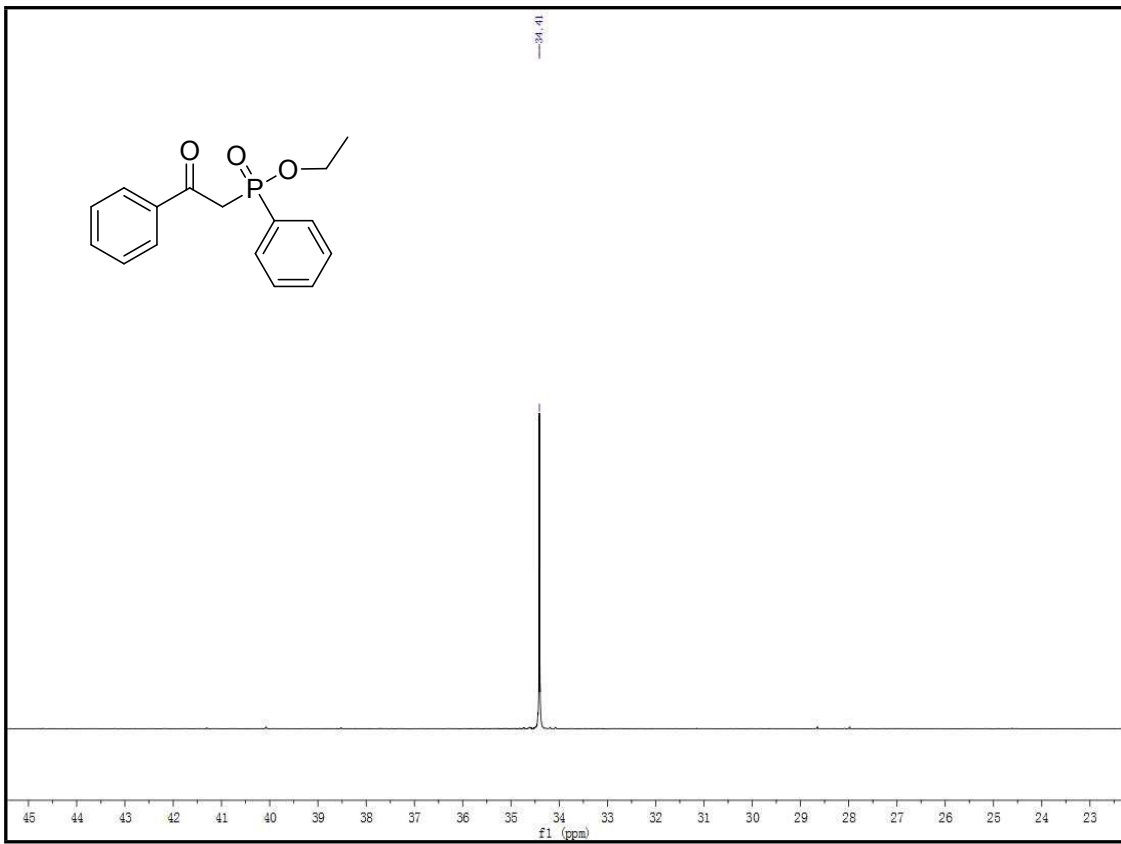
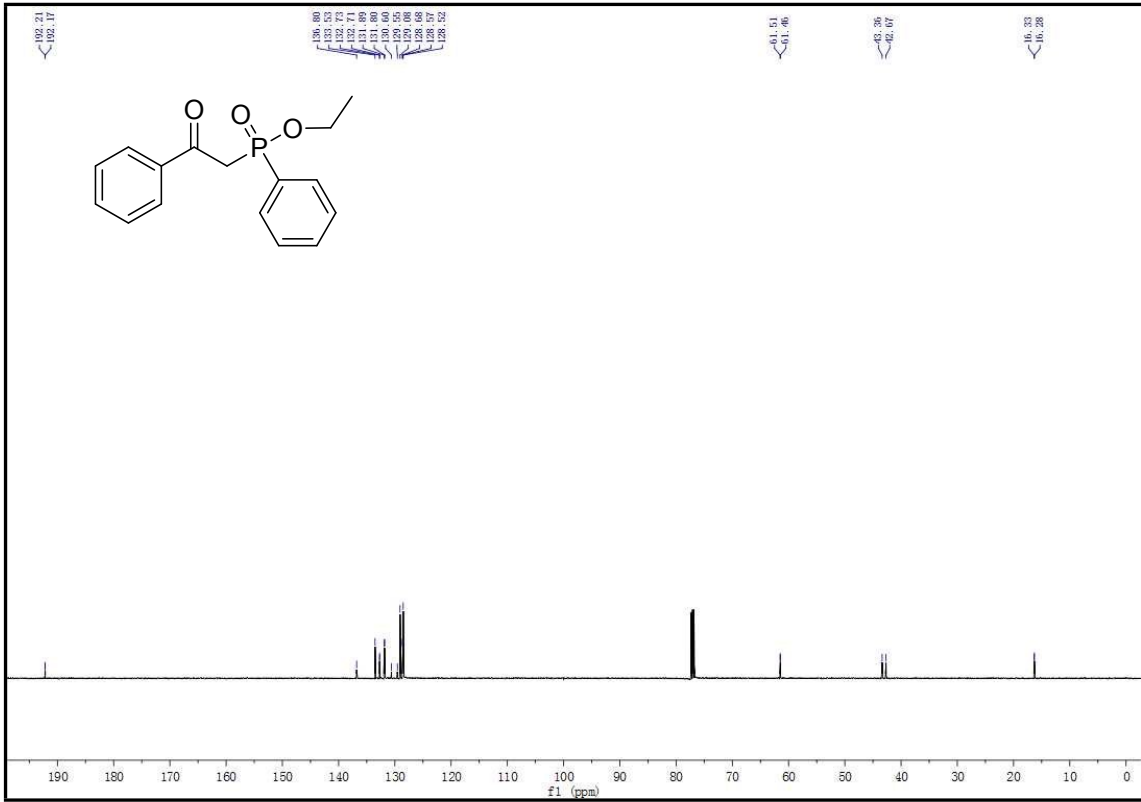




**Ethyl (2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)(phenyl) phosphinate (3ae)**







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