

Supporting Information

Copper on charcoal: Cu⁰ nanoparticles catalysed aerobic oxidation of α -diazo esters

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1. General Information

Materials. Commercial reagents were acquired from Macklin, Adamas-beta, Aladdin, Bidepharm or, and used as received. All solvents were distilled from CaH₂ unless otherwise stated. Flash column chromatography was performed over silica gel 300-400 mesh.

Instruments. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR were recorded on a Bruker AV400 spectrometer at room temperature. Proton chemical shifts are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane or from the residual solvent as internal standard in CDCl₃ (δ 7.26 ppm). Carbon chemical shifts were internally referenced to the deuterated solvent signals in CDCl₃ (δ 77.16 ppm). High Resolution Mass Spectrometer (HRMS) was obtained by a GCT Premier instrument. High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy (HRTEM) investigations were carried out on a JEM-2100 instrument. Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP) was obtained on an Agilent 725 instrument. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) was carried out on a ESCALAB 250Xi instrument. X-ray Powder Diffractometer (XRD) was obtained by D/max2550VB/PC instrument. Gas chromatography - mass spectrometry (GC-MS) was carried out on an Agilent 7890A-5975C instrument. Gas chromatography (GC) was obtained on a Shimadzu GC-2010 Plus instrument.

General GC conditions. FID detector; carrier gas: nitrogen.

Compounds were detected under a condition as: column temperature: 50 °C for 5 minutes, raising to 250 °C in a rate of 20 °C/min, holding at 250 °C for 5 min.

2. Preparation of Cu/C Catalyst

To a solution of CuCl₂·2H₂O (1 g) in ethanol (80 mL), naphthalene (2 g) and activated carbon (4 g) were added subsequently. This suspension was heated to reflux with stirring. At this point, hydrazine hydrate (80%, 20 mL) was added drop wisely in half an hour. After addition, the resulting mixture was refluxed for 8h. Finally, reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and the solid was collected by filtration through a Buchner funnel, and washed twice with anhydrous ethanol (2×10 mL). Thus obtained solid was dried and then heated at 300 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for an hour, which was stored in a bottle and used as catalyst.

3. Characterization of Cu/C Catalyst

3.1 High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy (HRTEM)

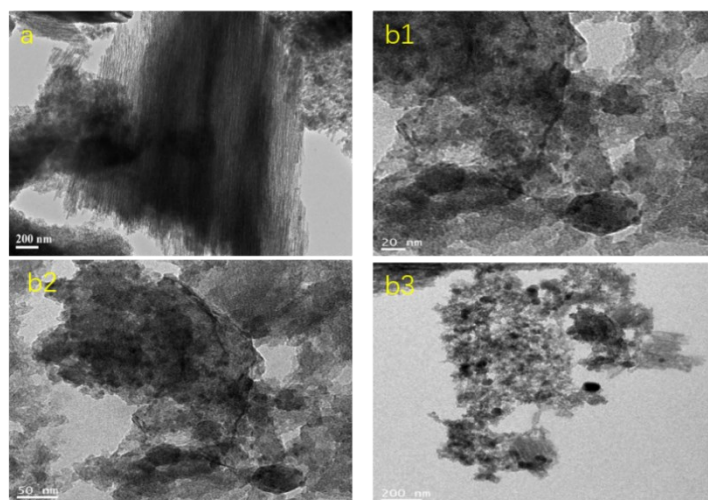


Fig. 1 a, HRTEM of Charcoal; b, Cu/C catalyst

3.2 X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS)

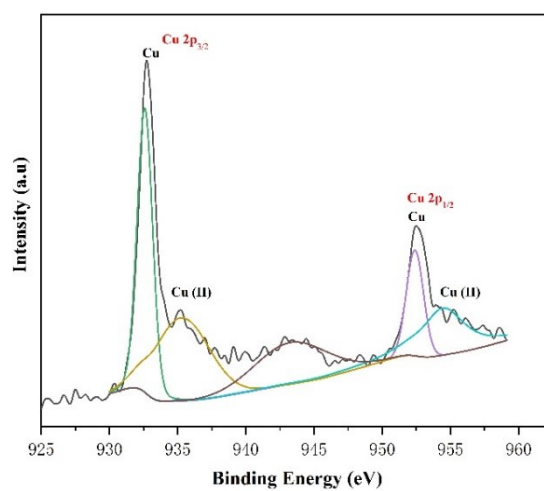


Fig. 2 XPS of Cu/C catalyst

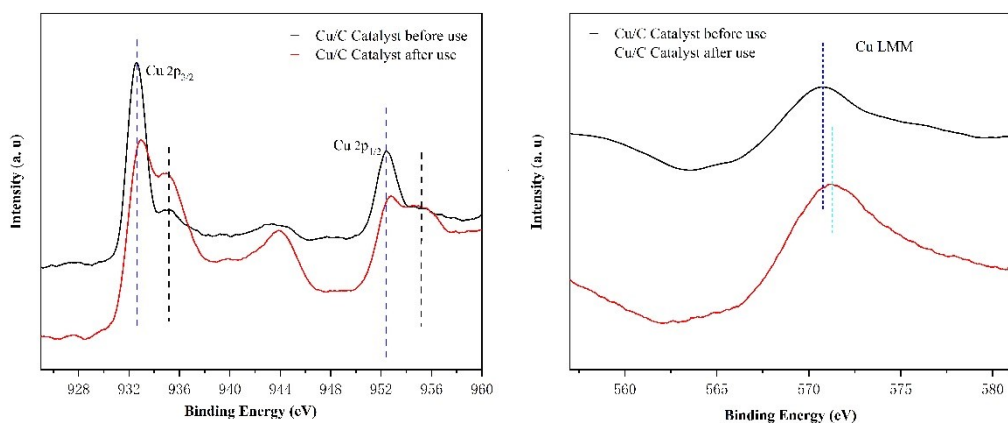


Fig. 3 XPS of the Cu/C catalyst before and after the reaction

3.3 X-ray Powder Diffraction (XRD)

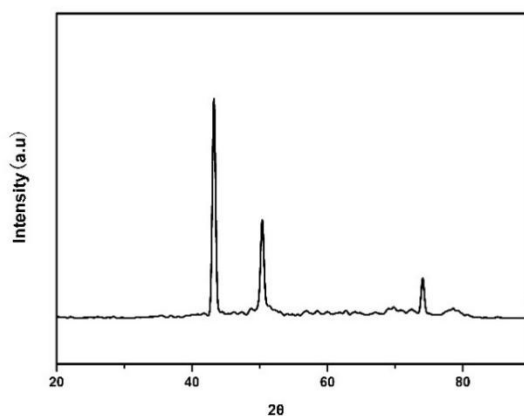
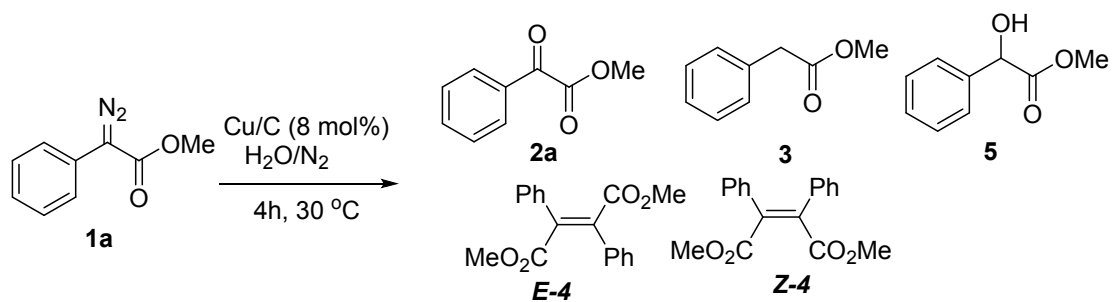


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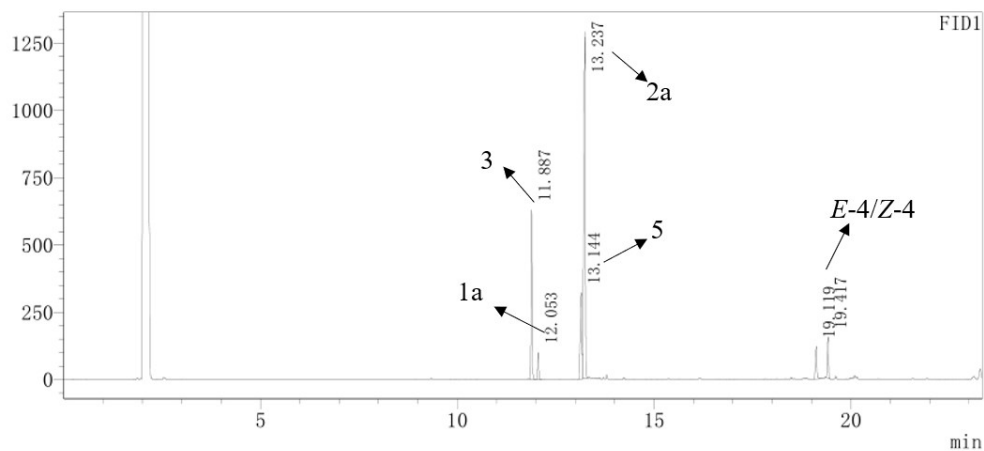
4. Experimental Section

4.1 Reaction of **1a** with H₂O under nitrogen atmosphere (GC spectrum)



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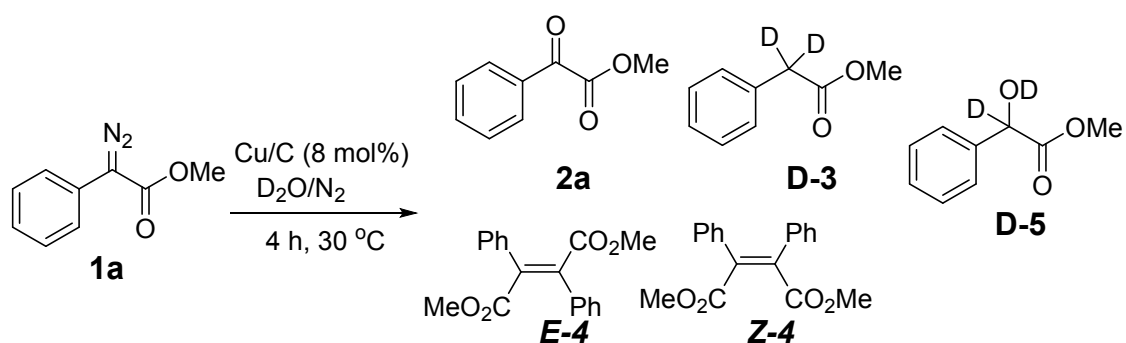


Peak Table

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3	13.144	877450	319016	0.000			14.043
4	13.237	3458365	1280705	0.000		V	55.347
5	19.119	296223	119625	0.000			4.741
6	19.417	299763	150838	0.000			4.797
Total		6248359	2586341				100

Figure 5 GC diagram Cu/C (8 mol%) catalyzed reaction of **1a** with H₂O under nitrogen atmosphere for 4 h, all of peaks were confirmed by authority sample.

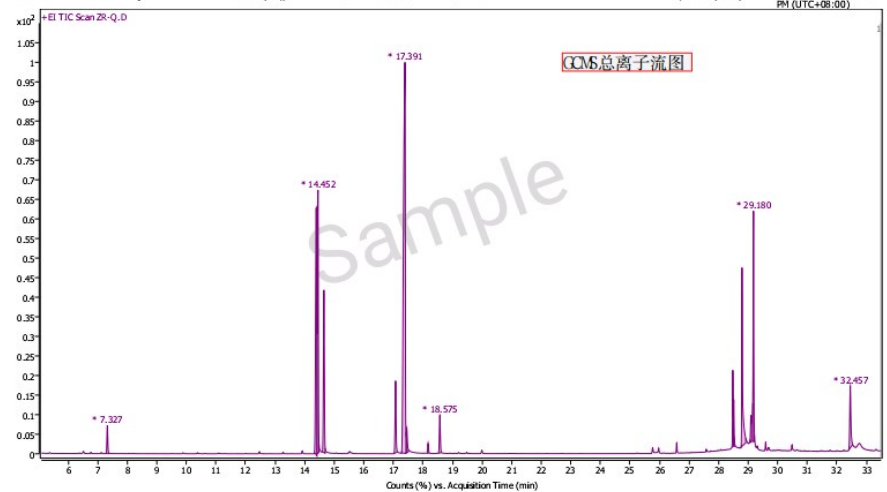
4.2 Reaction of **1a** with D₂O (GC-MS spectrum)



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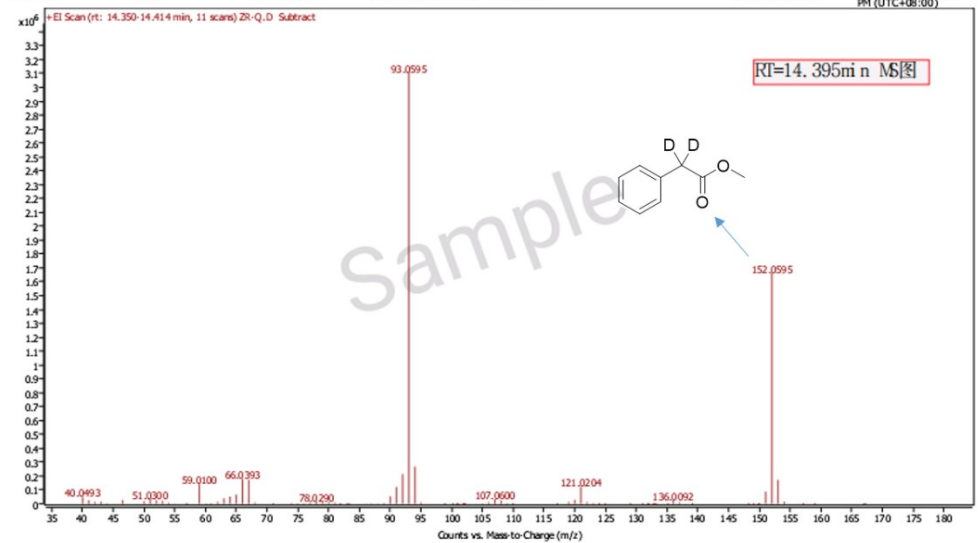
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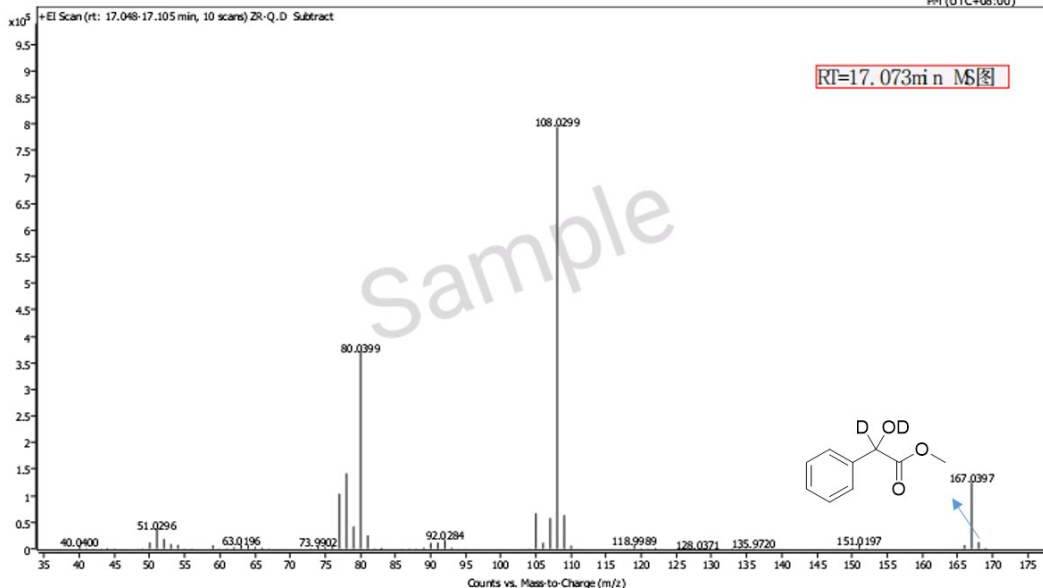
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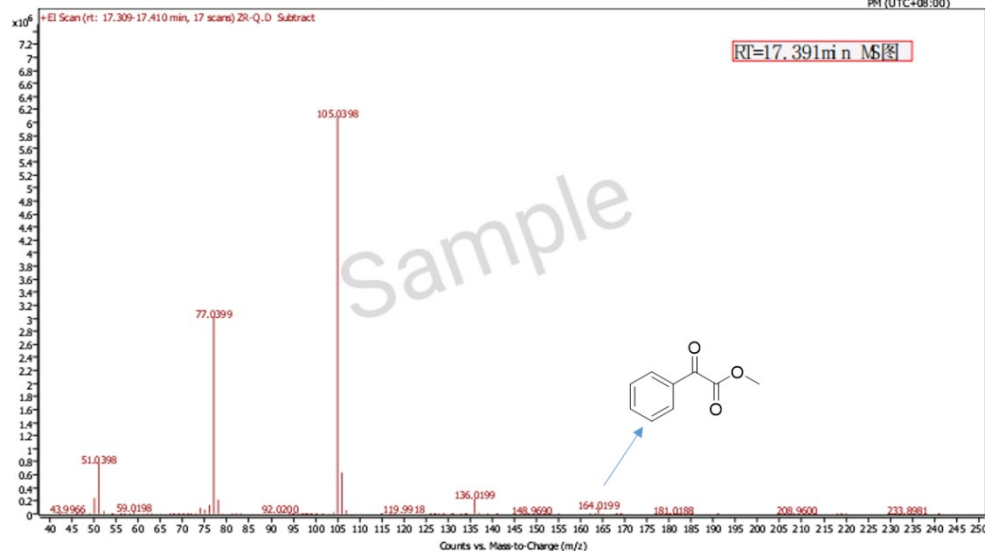
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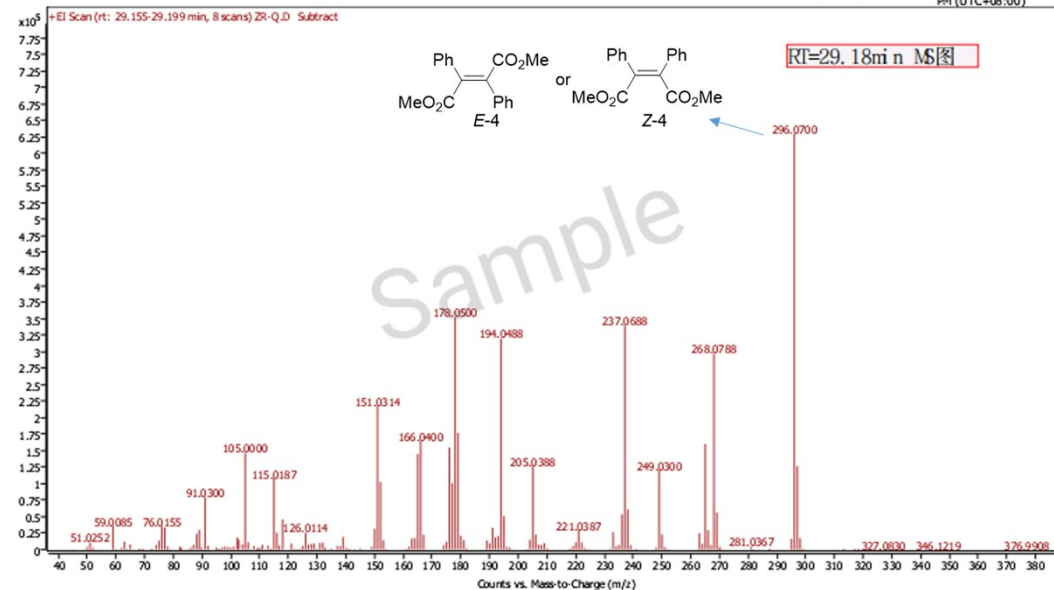
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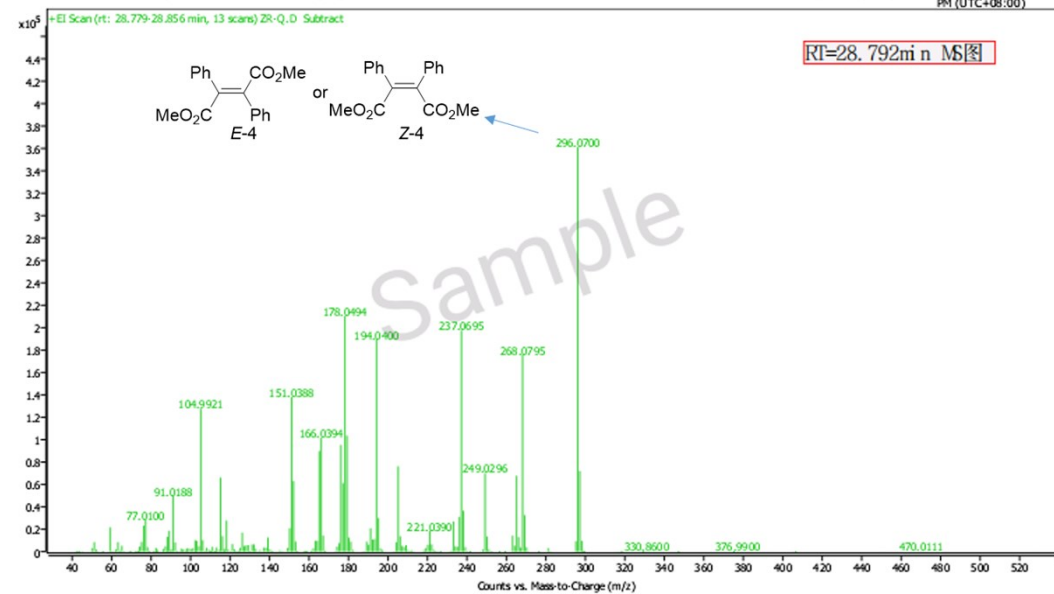
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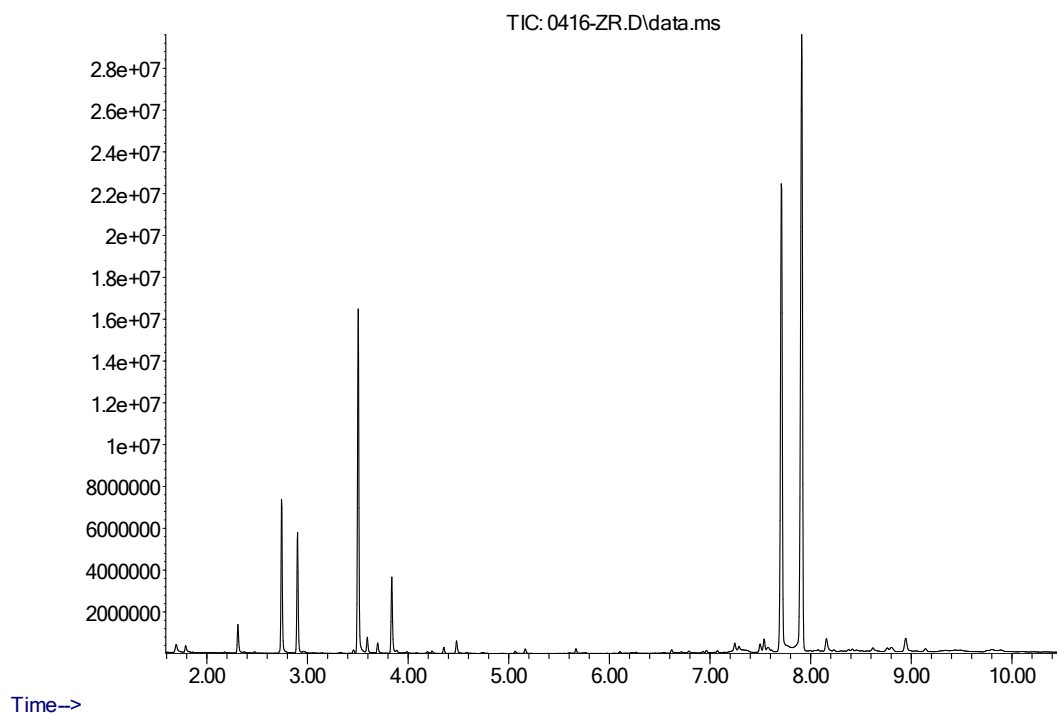
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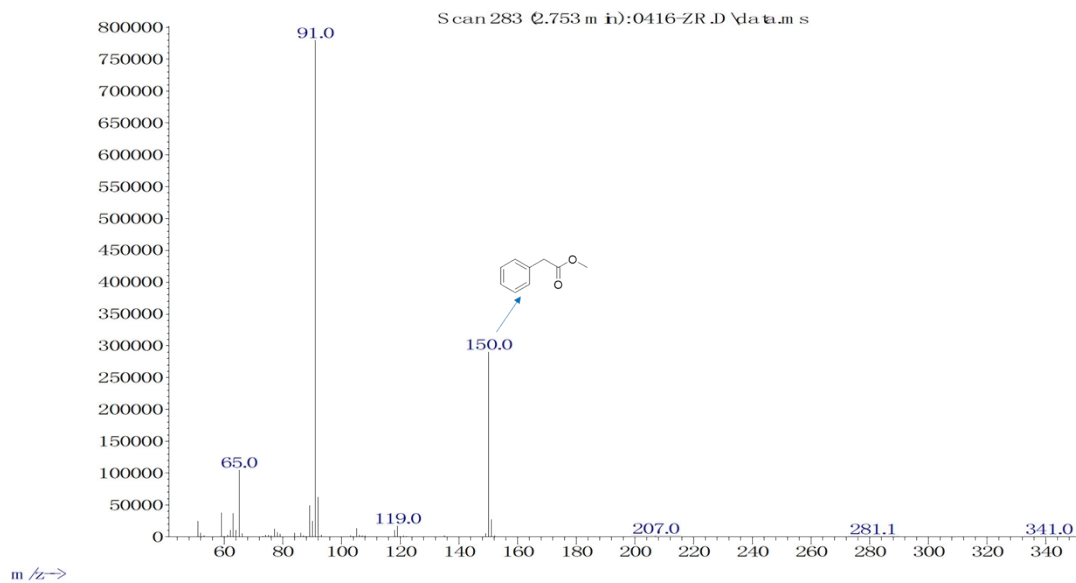
Figure 6 GC-MS diagram of 1a reacts with D₂O

4.3 Reaction of **1a** with H₂O¹⁸ (GC-MS spectrum)

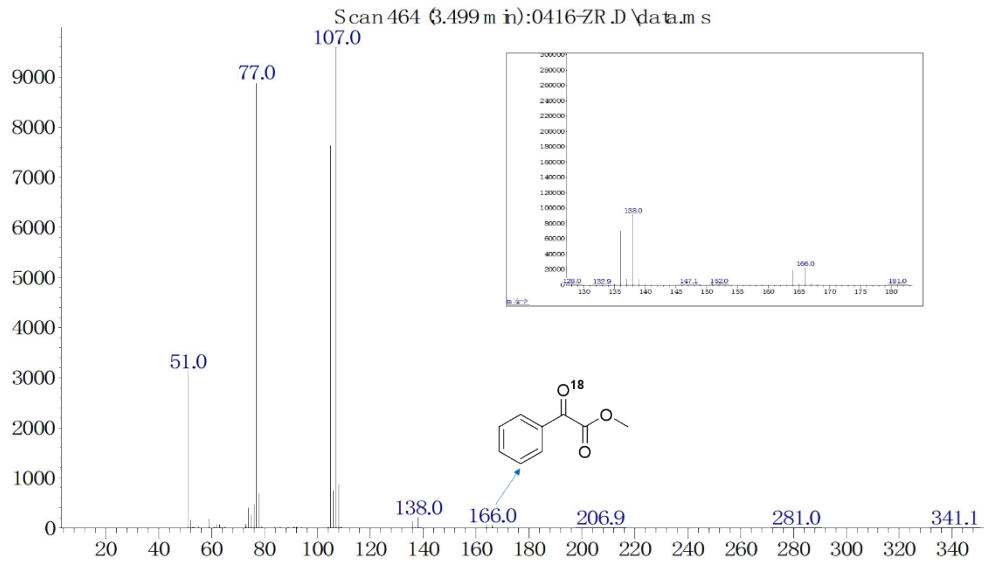
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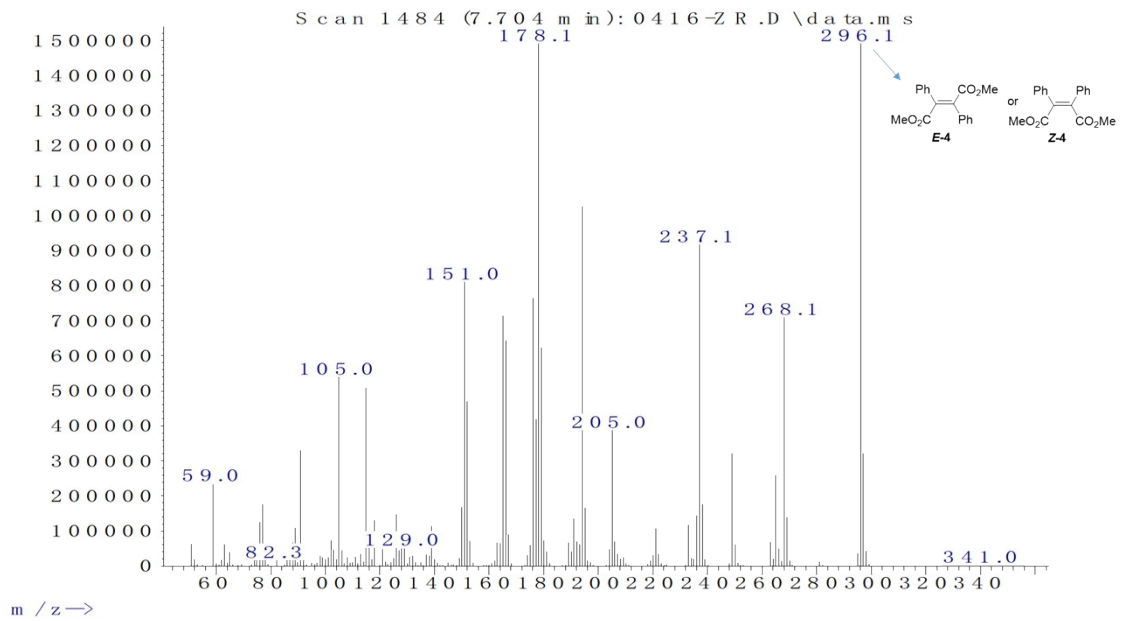
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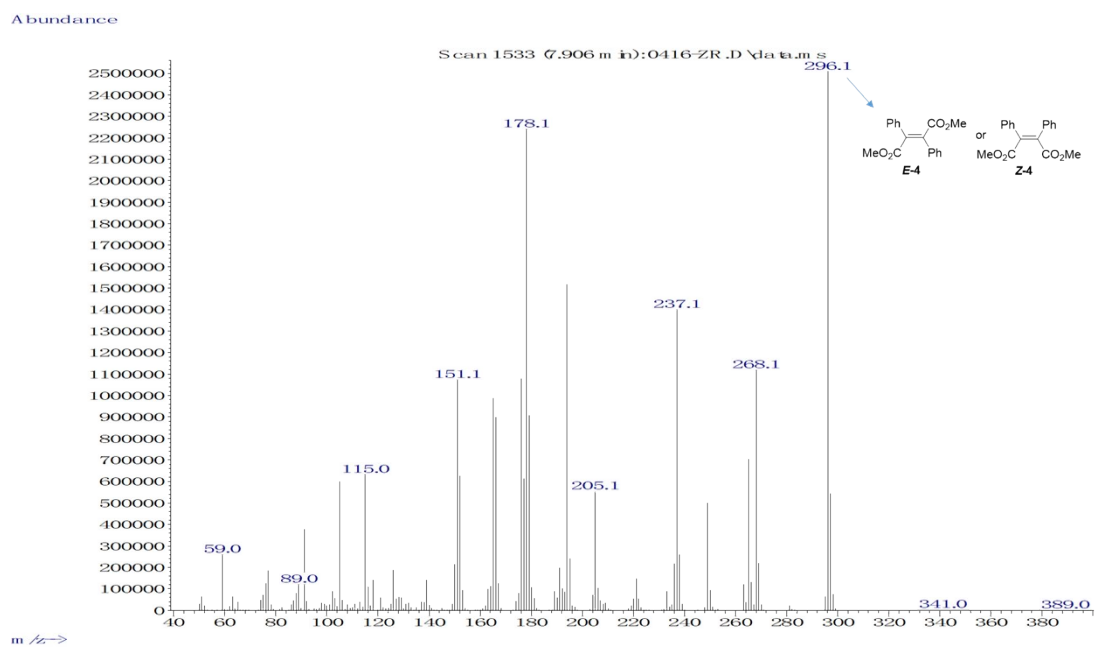
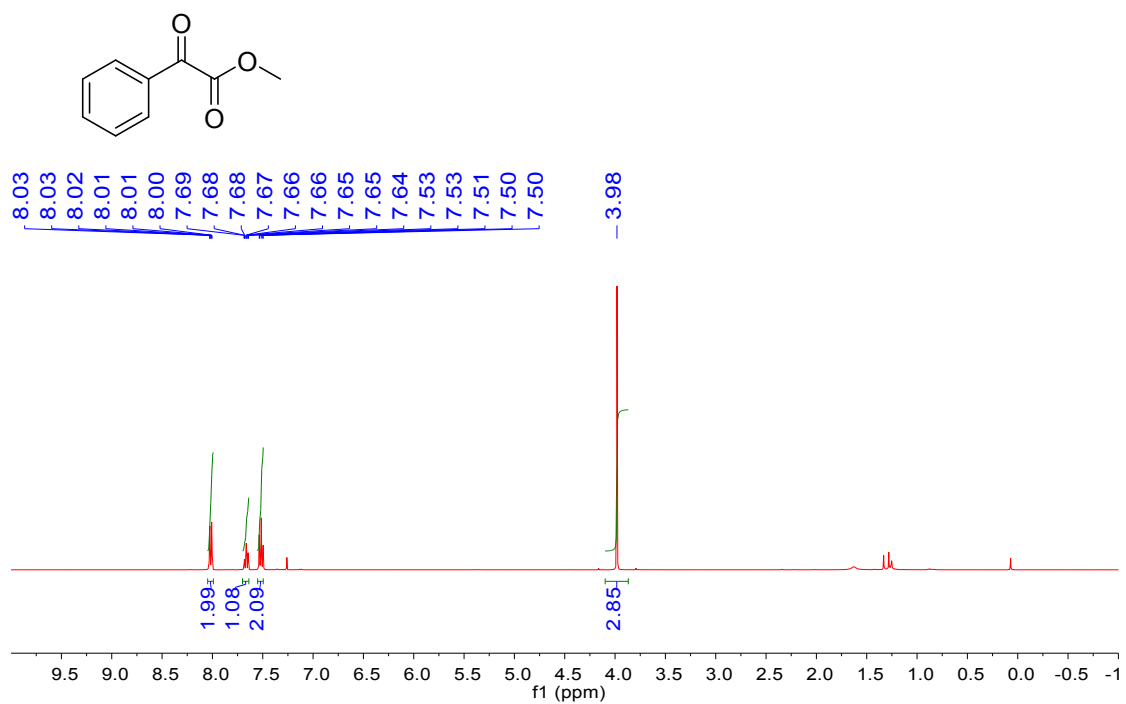
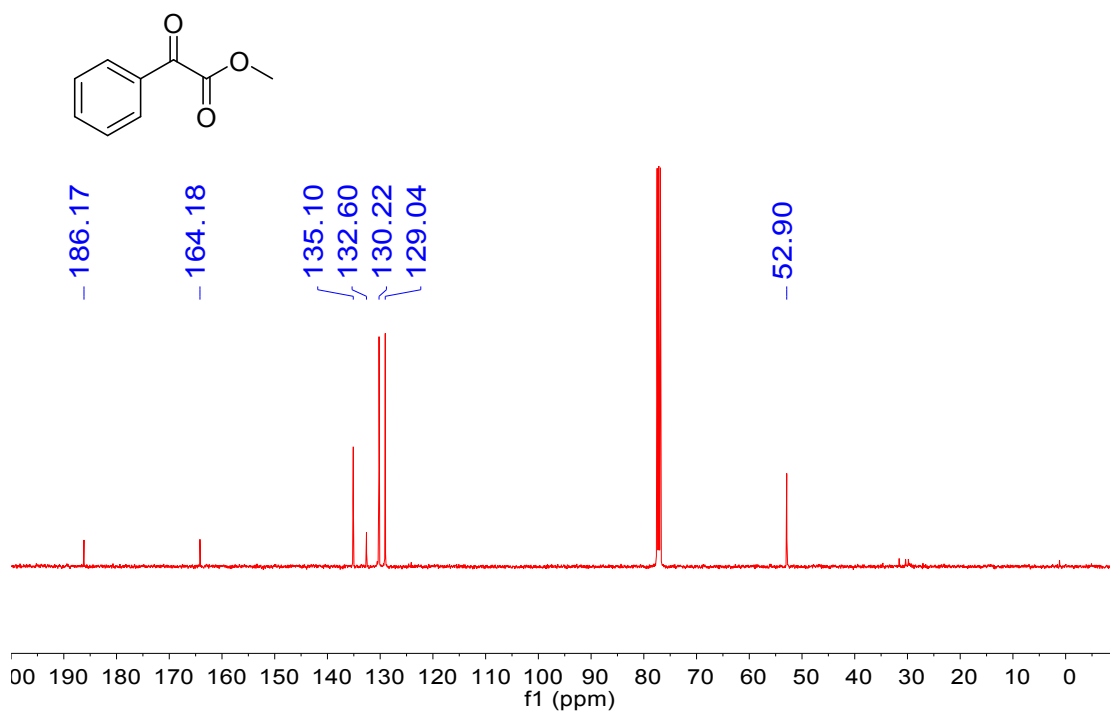


Figure 7 GC-MS diagram of 1a reacts with H₂O¹⁸

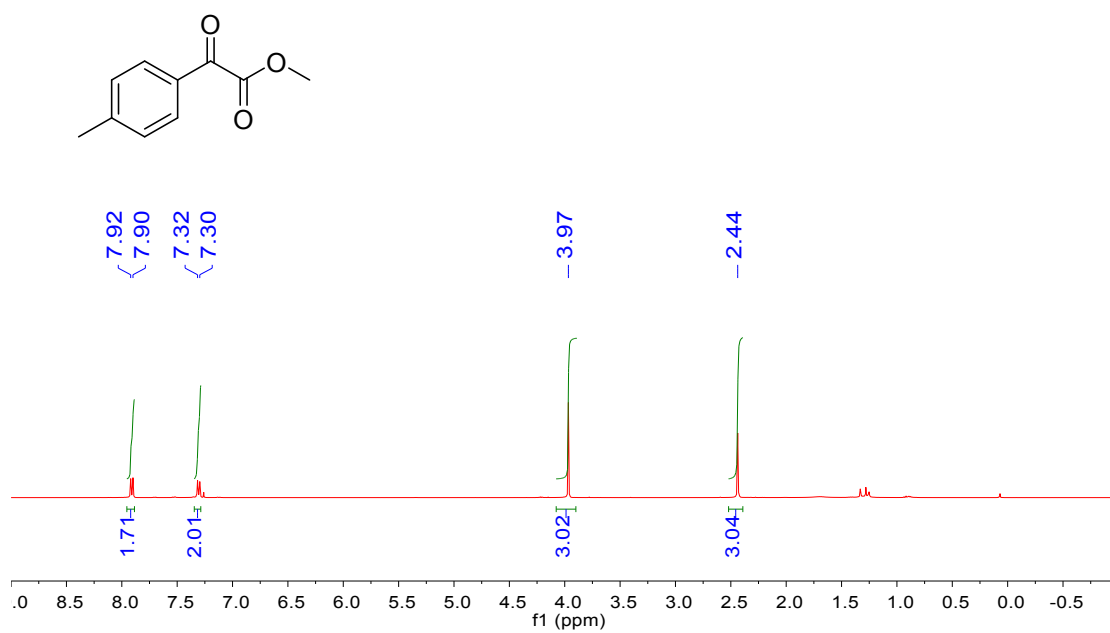
5. NMR spectrums



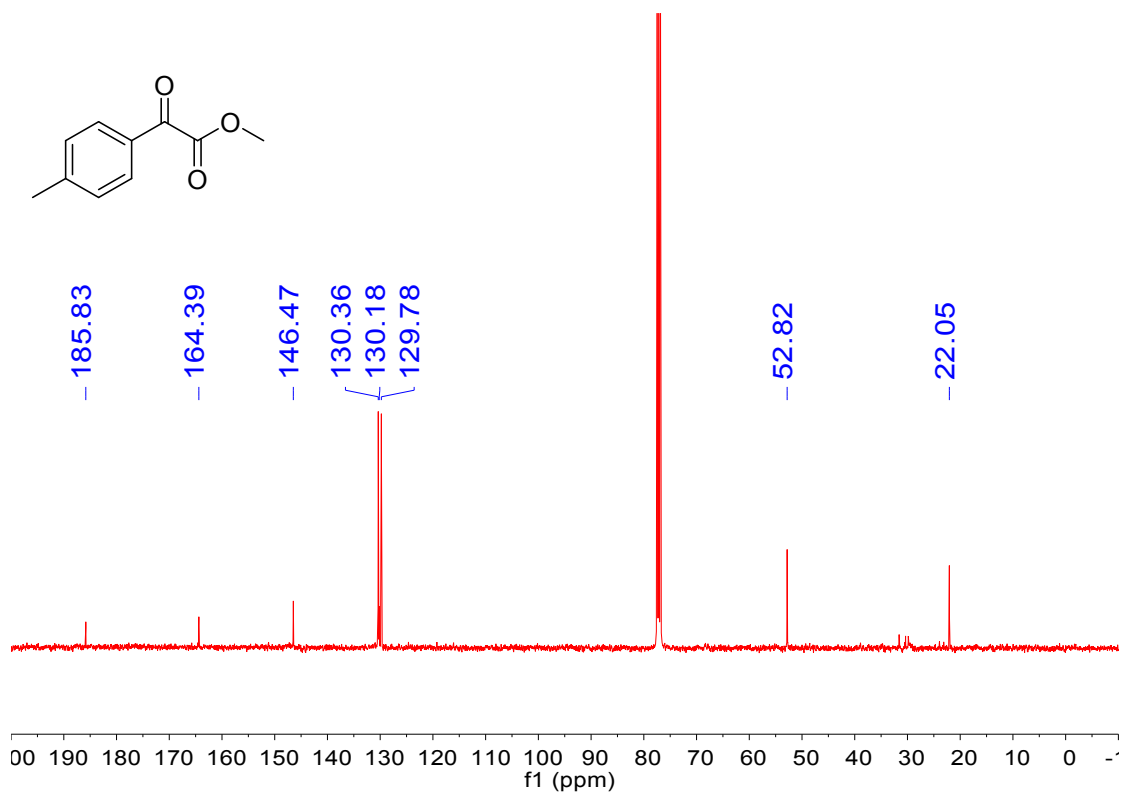
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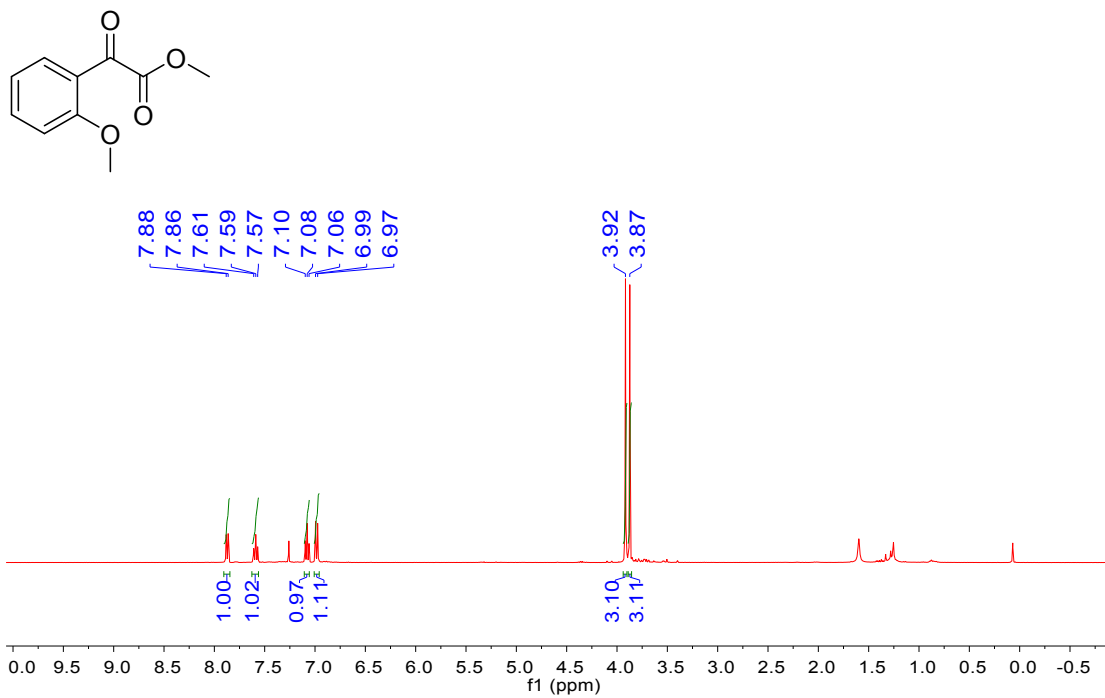
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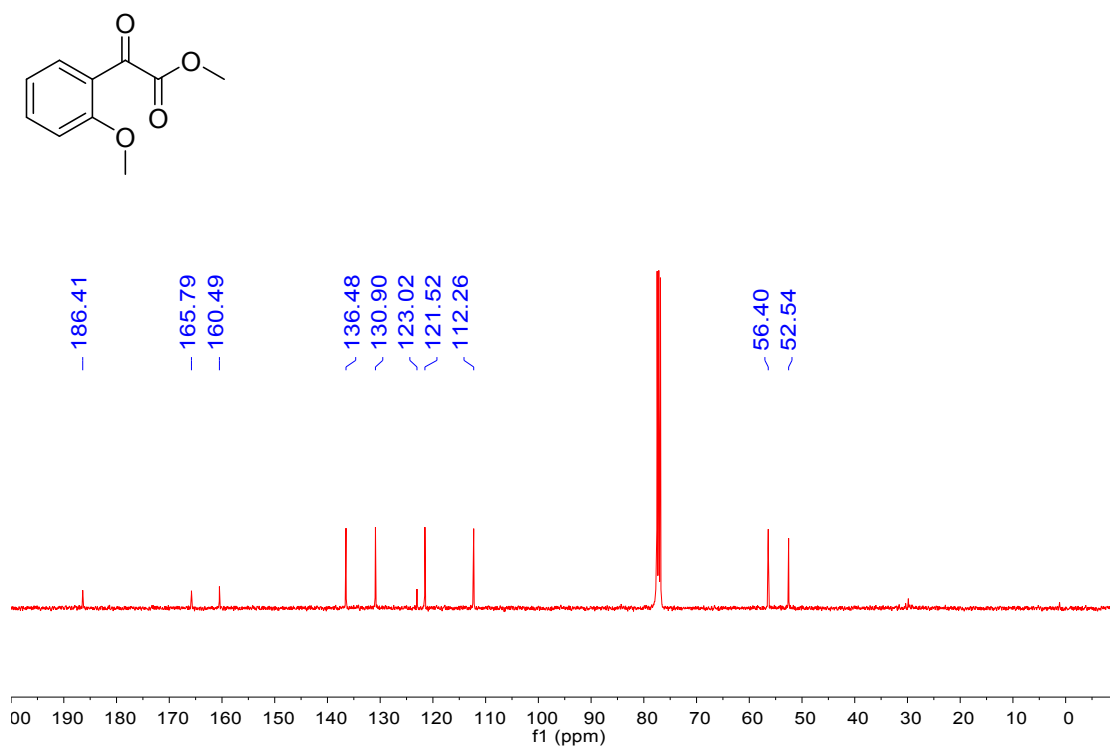
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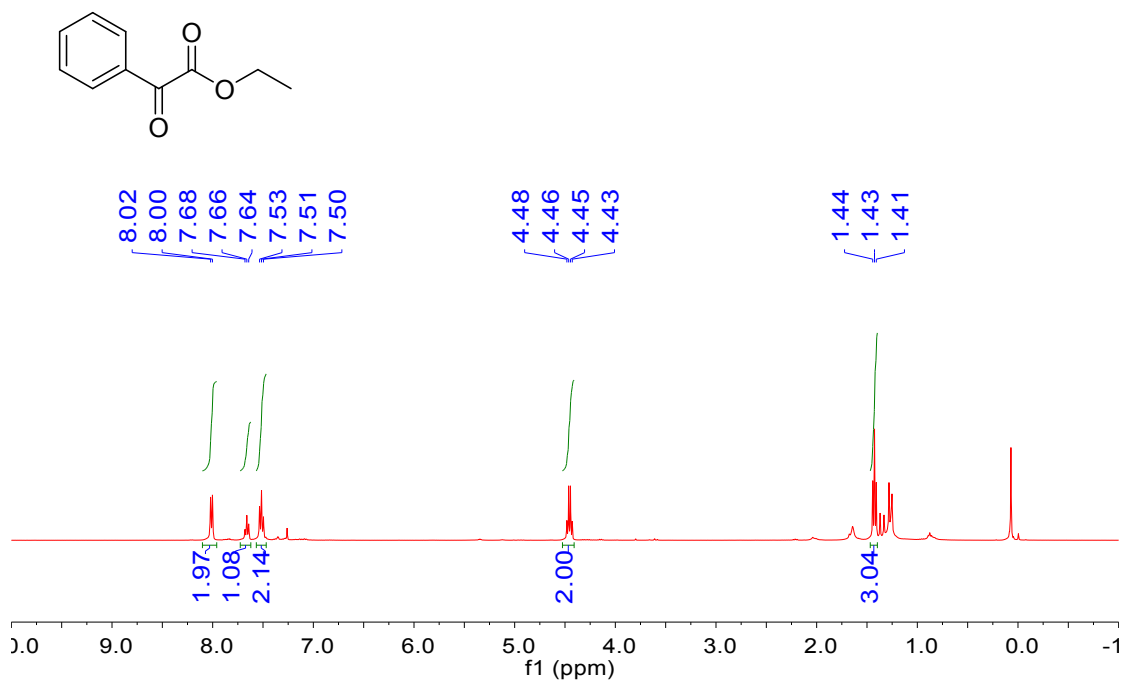
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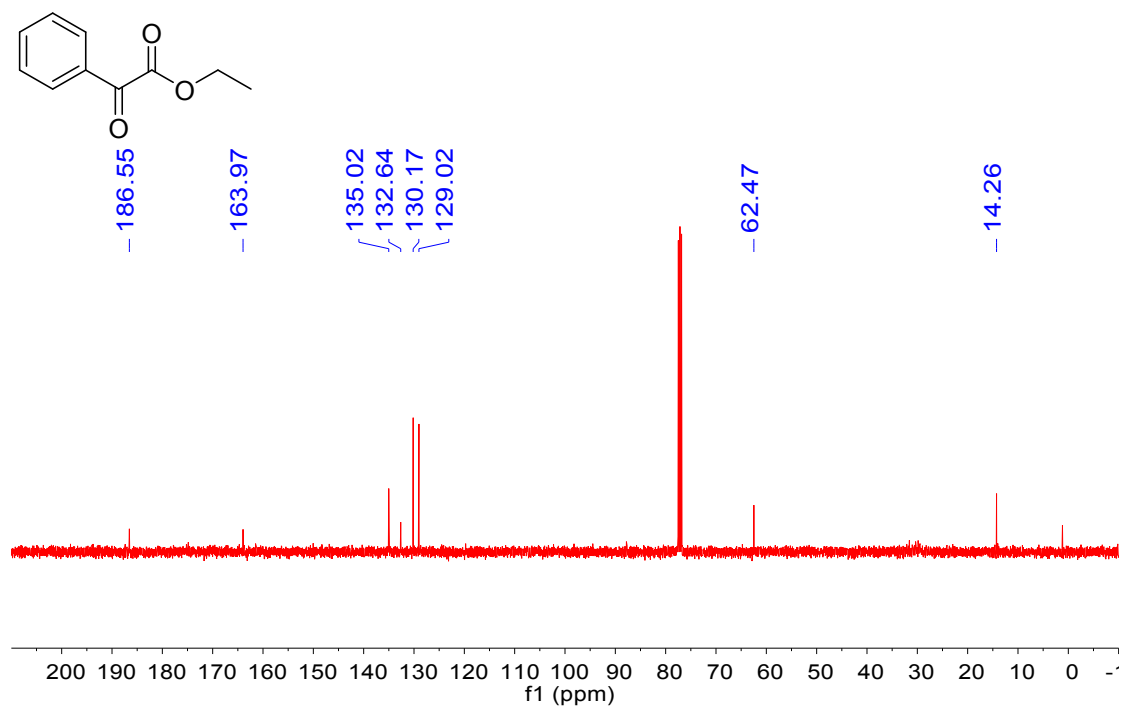
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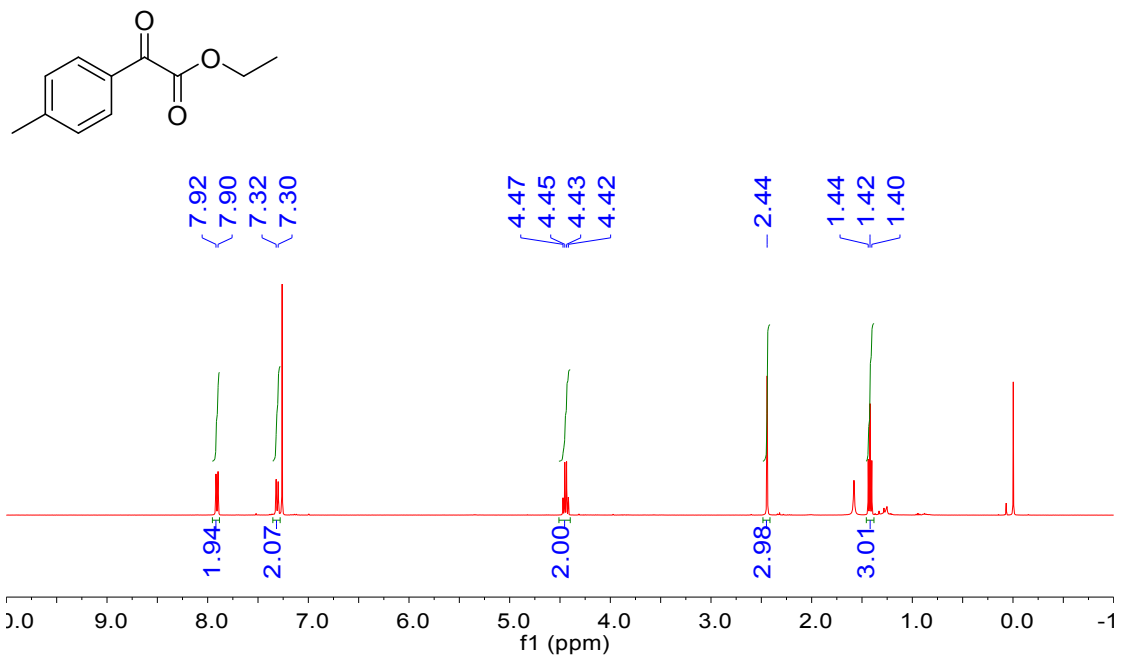
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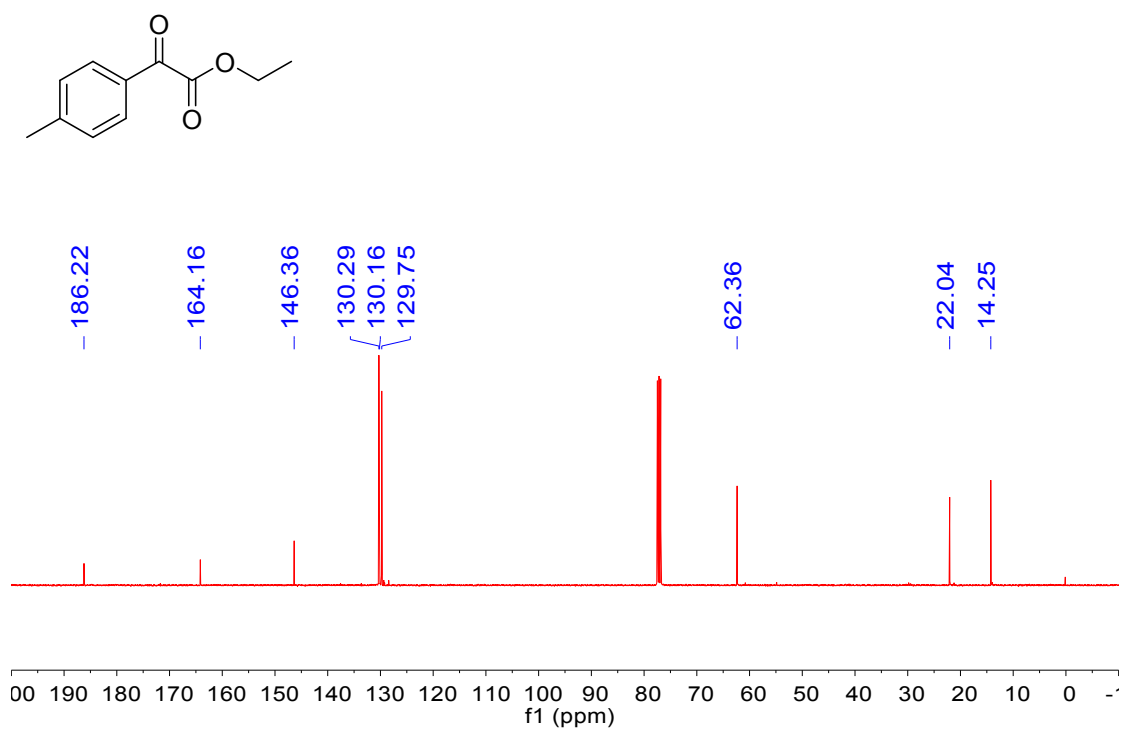
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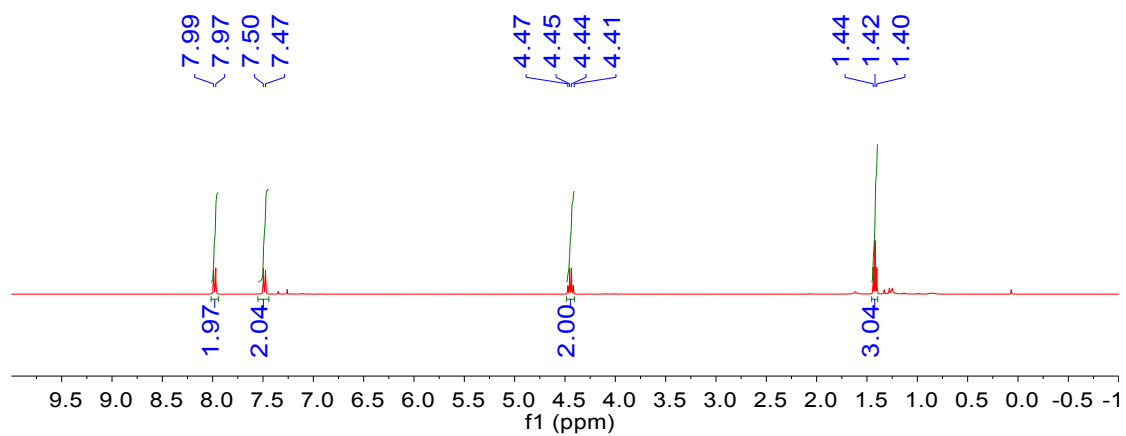
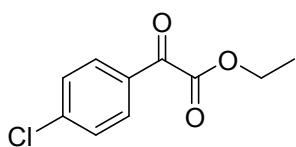
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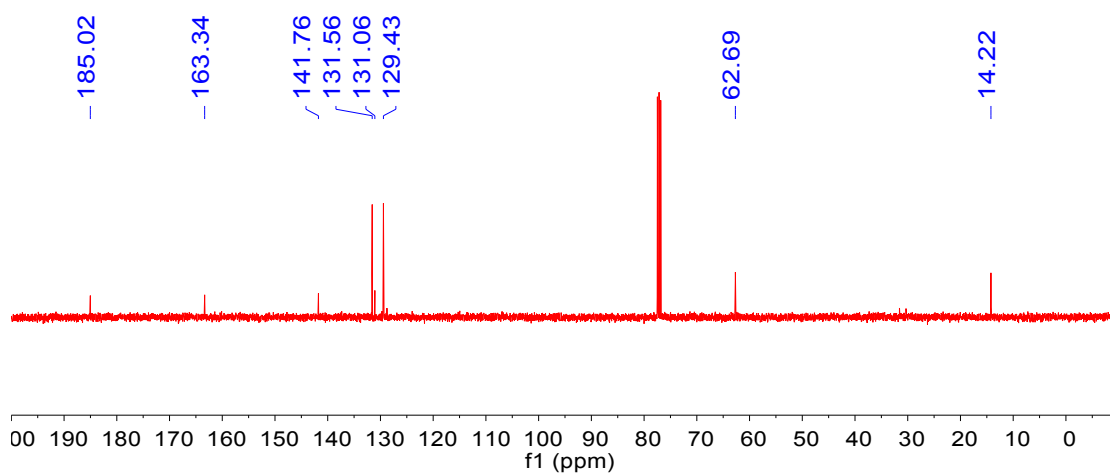
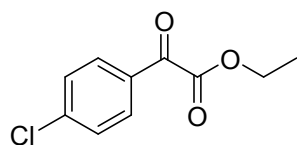
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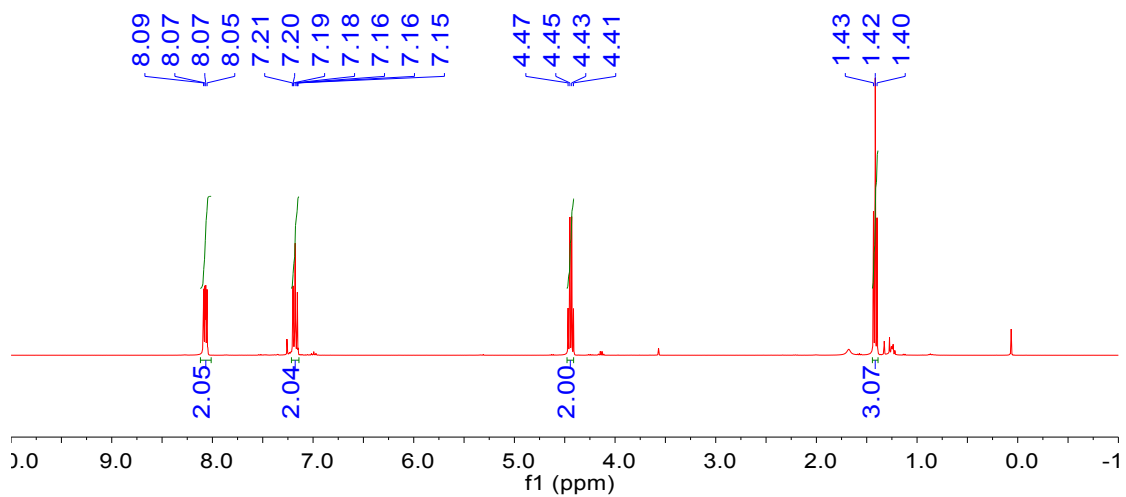
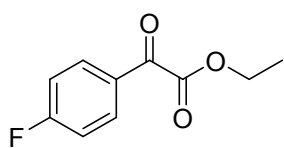
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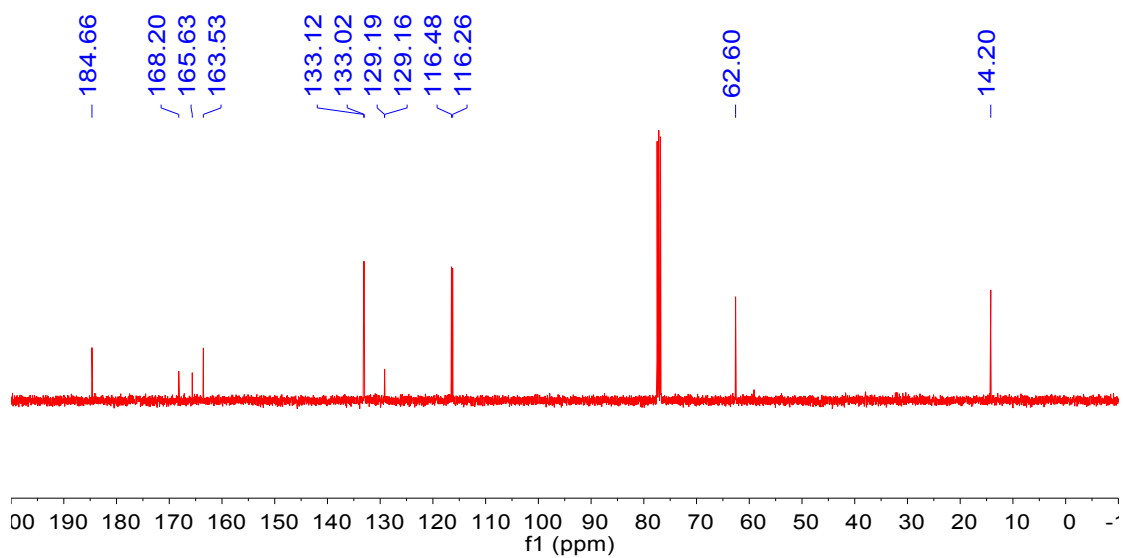
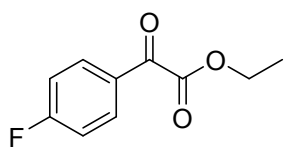
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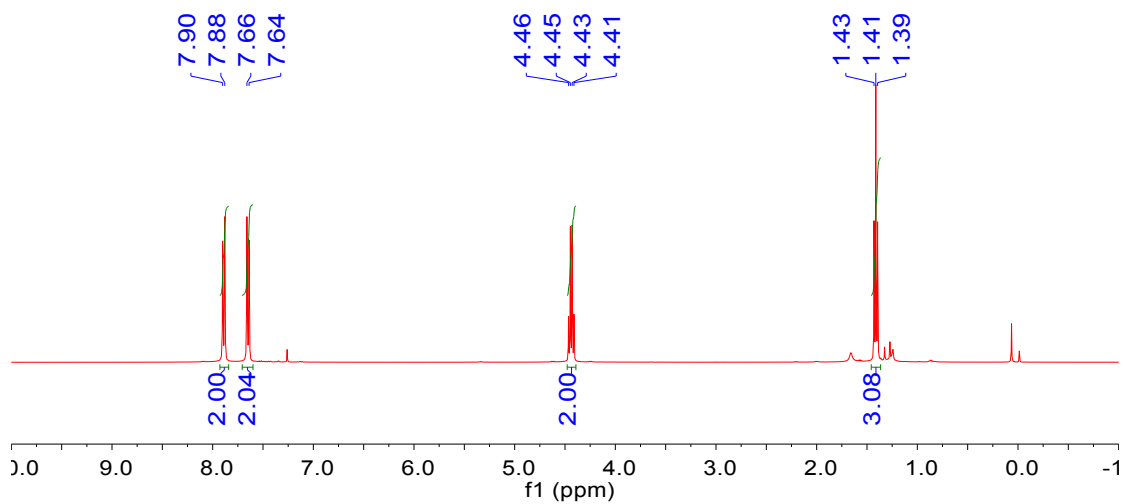
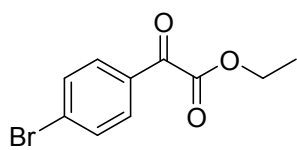
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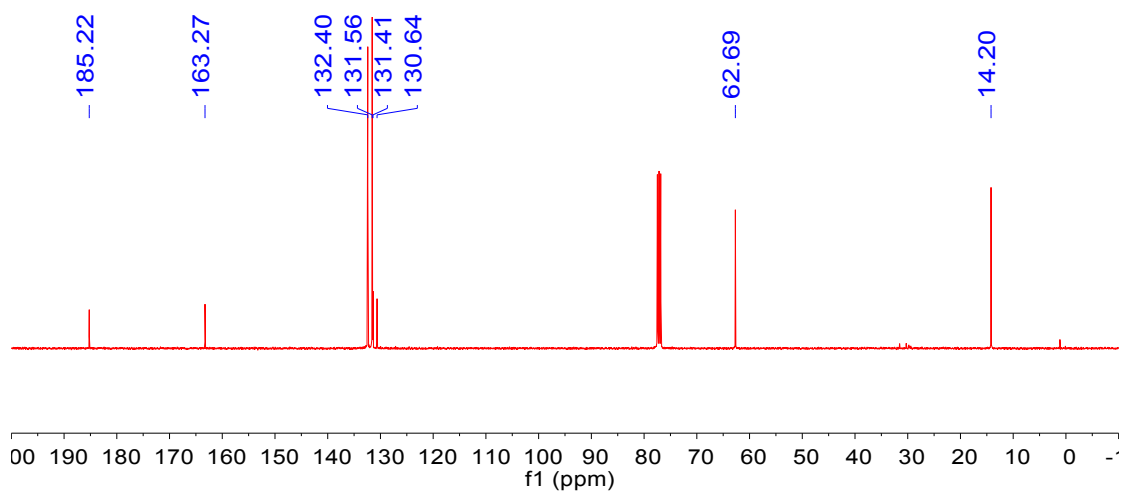
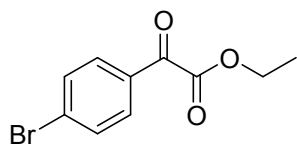
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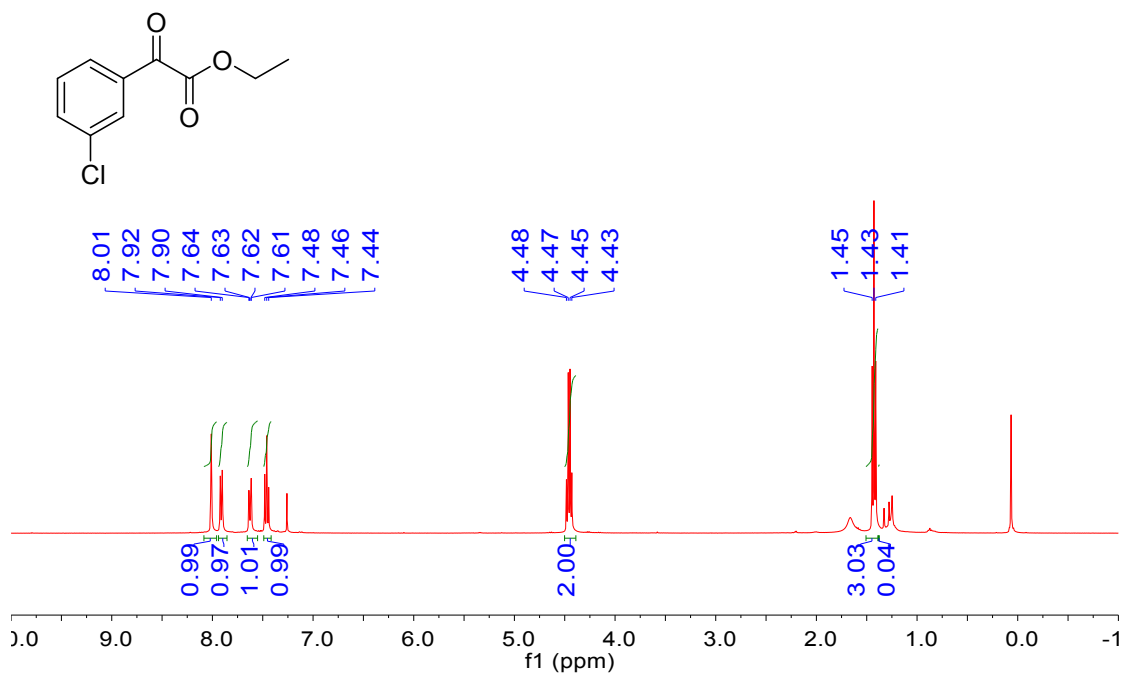
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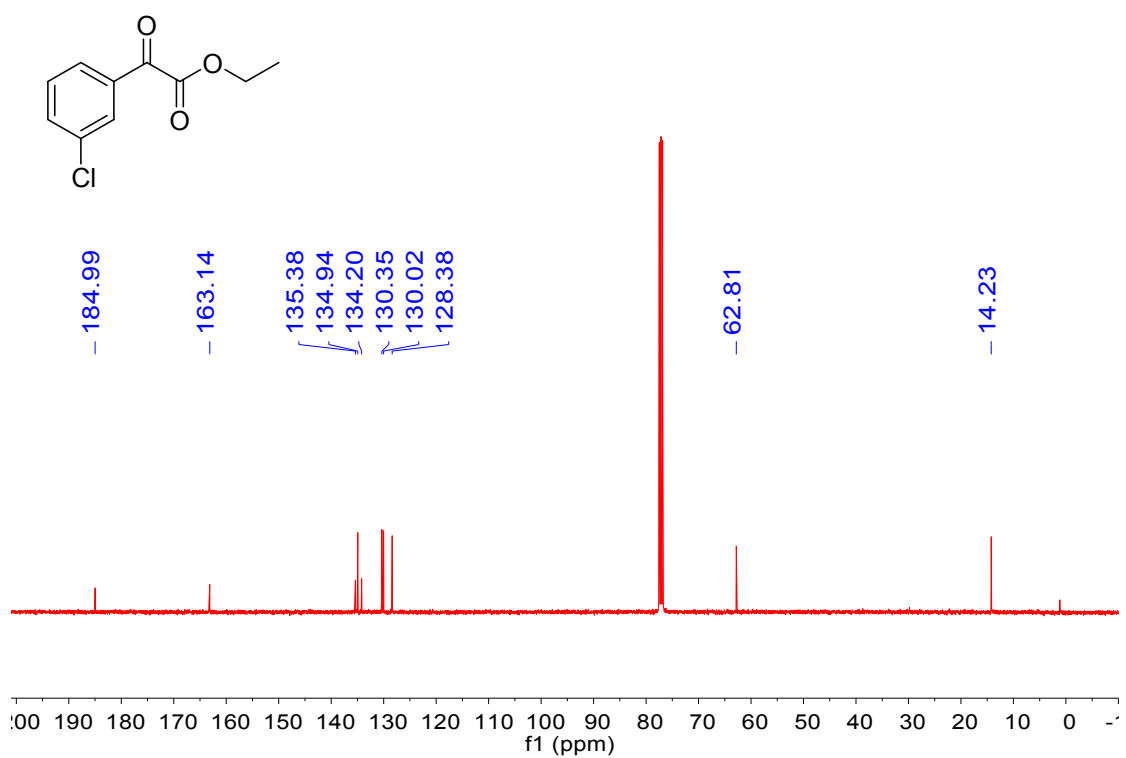
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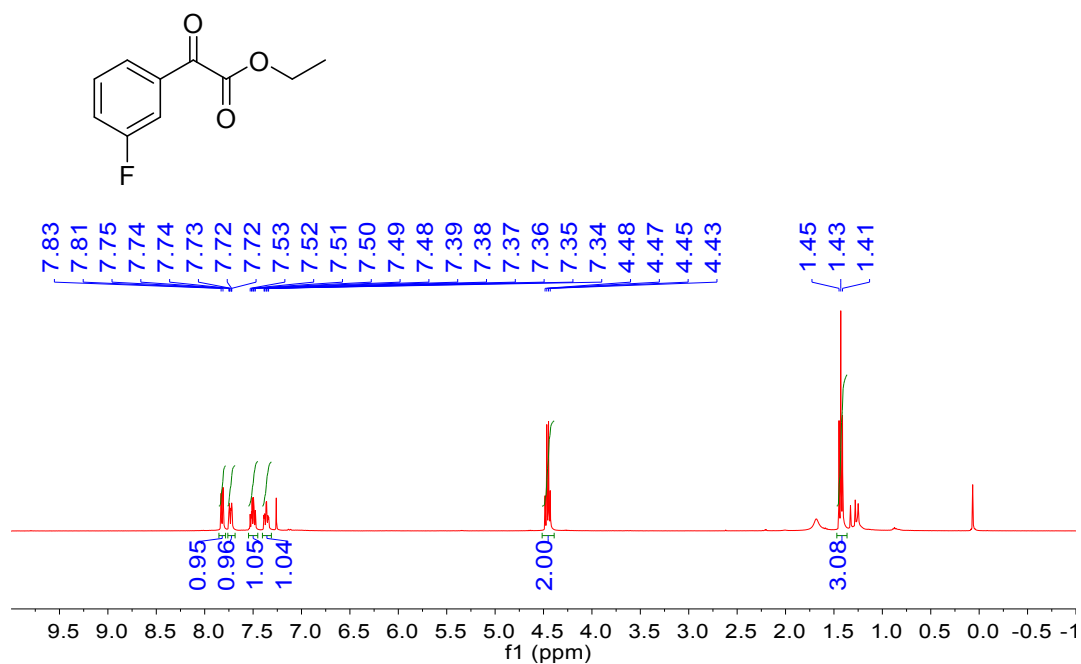
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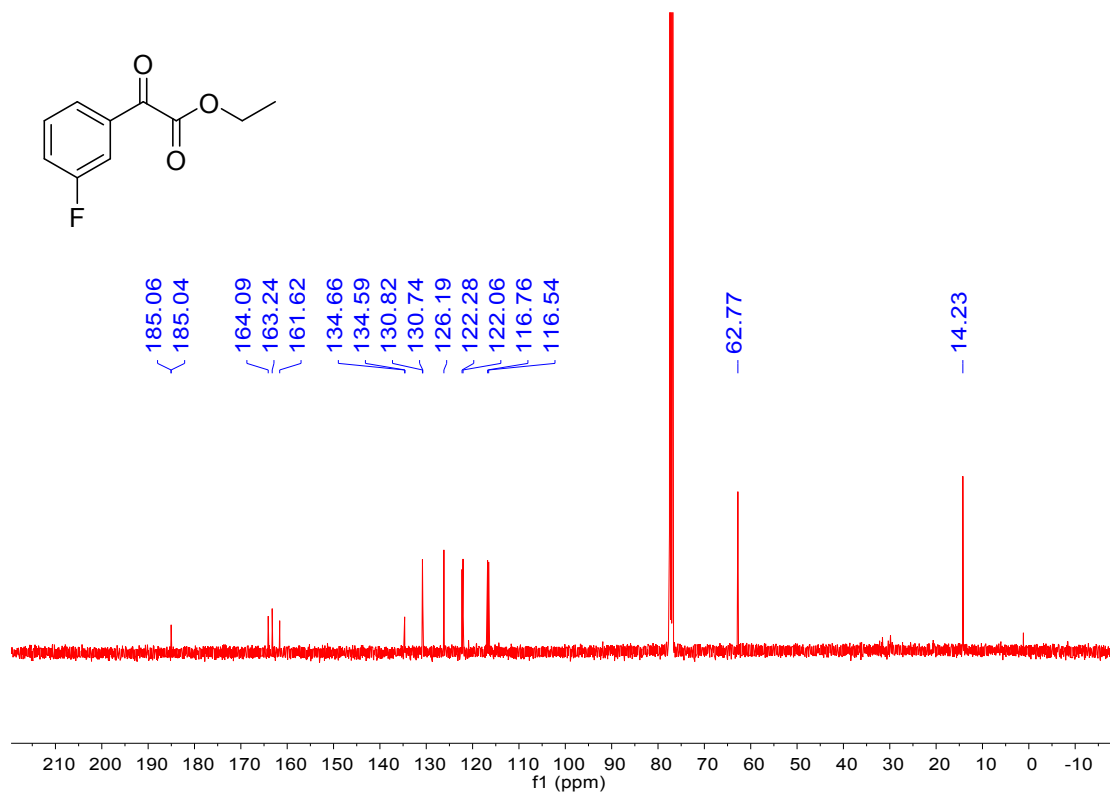
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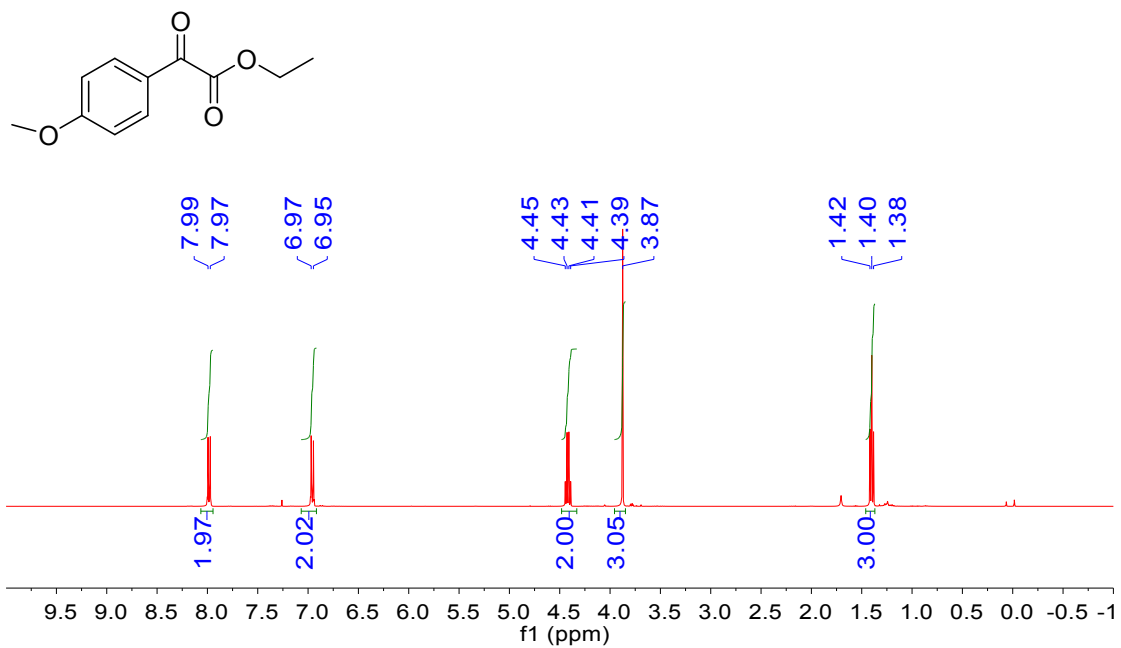
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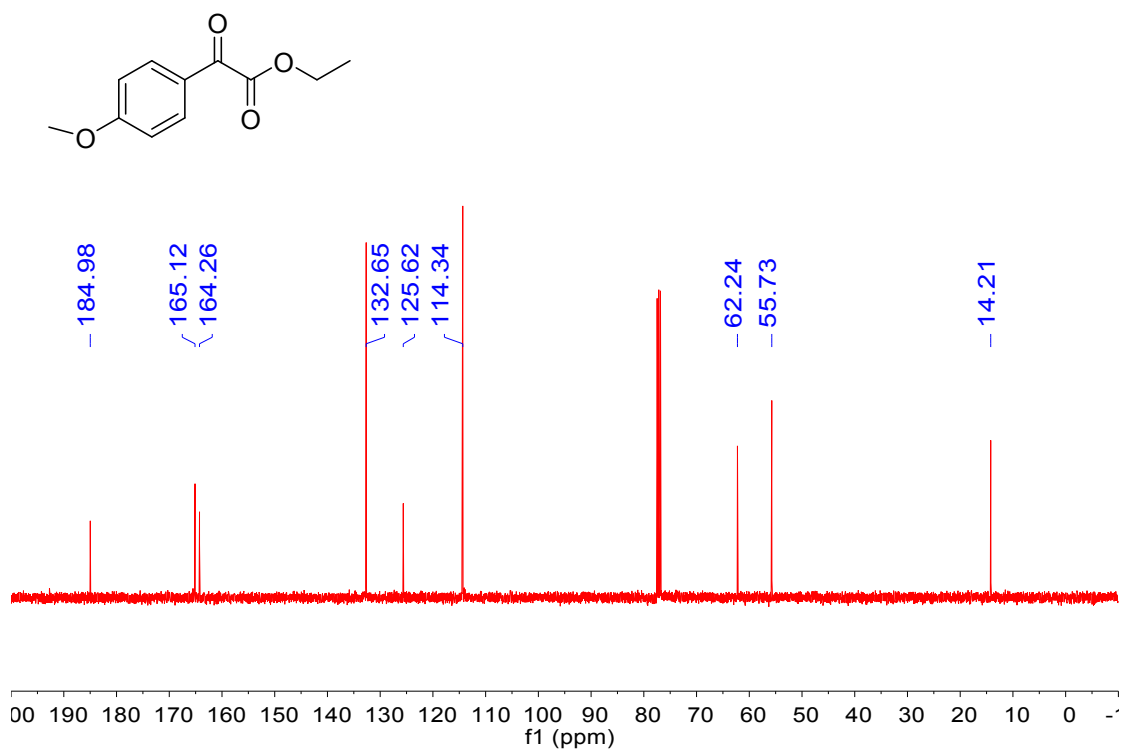
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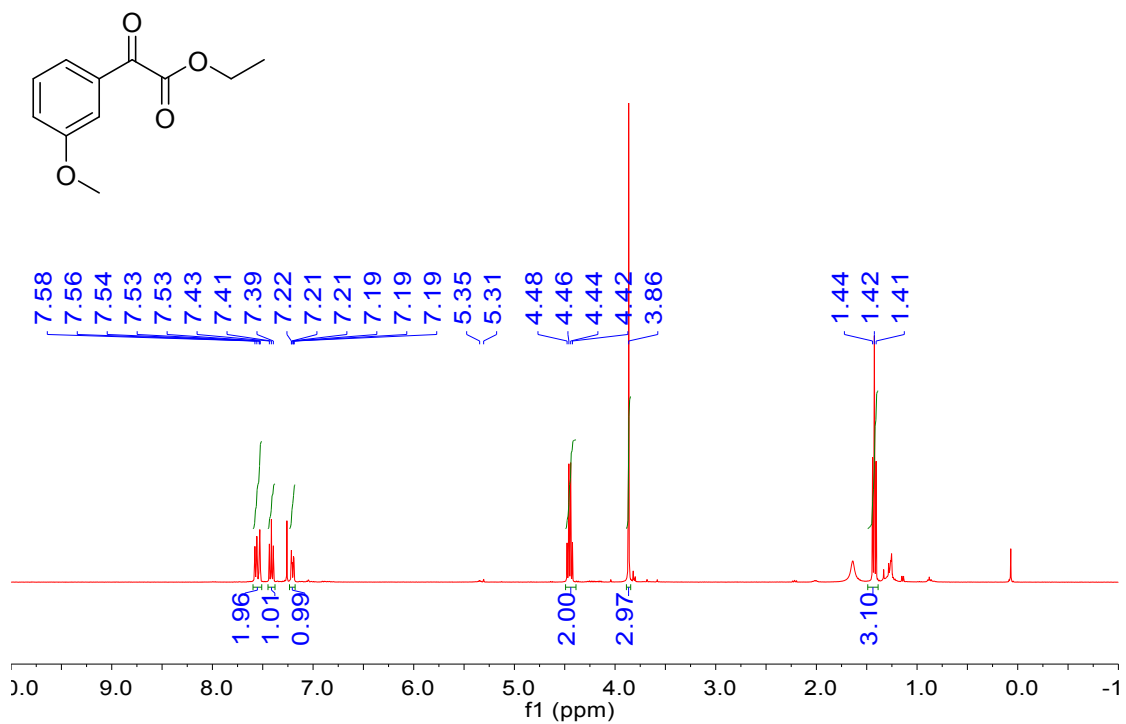
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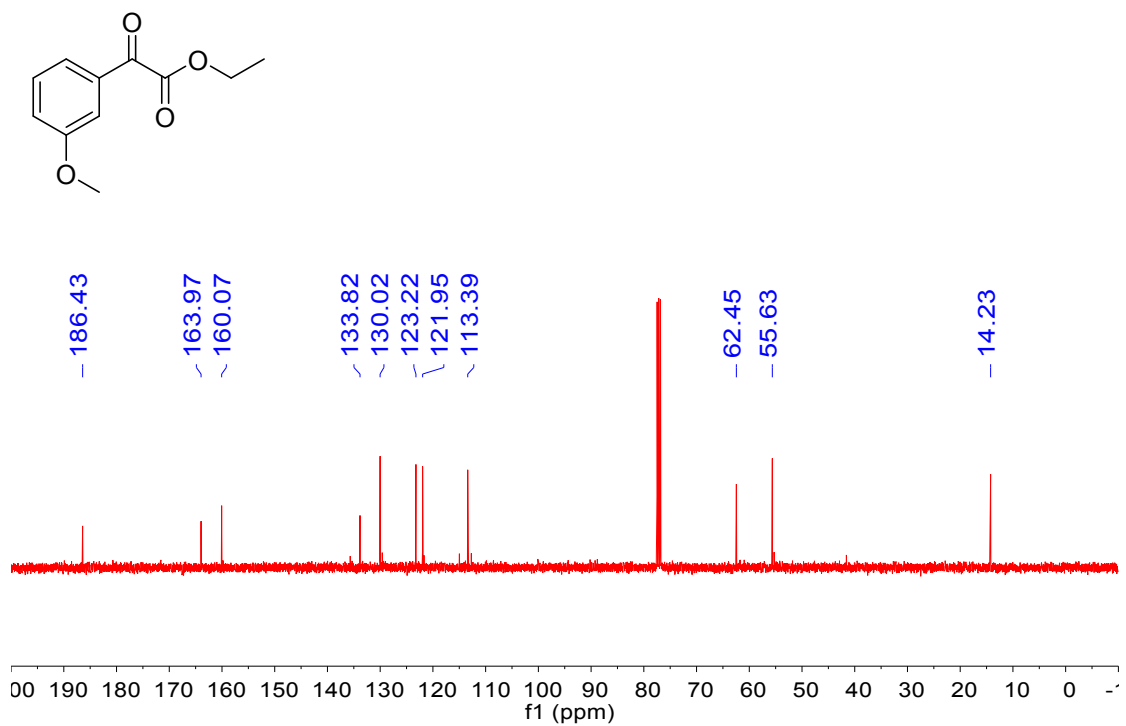
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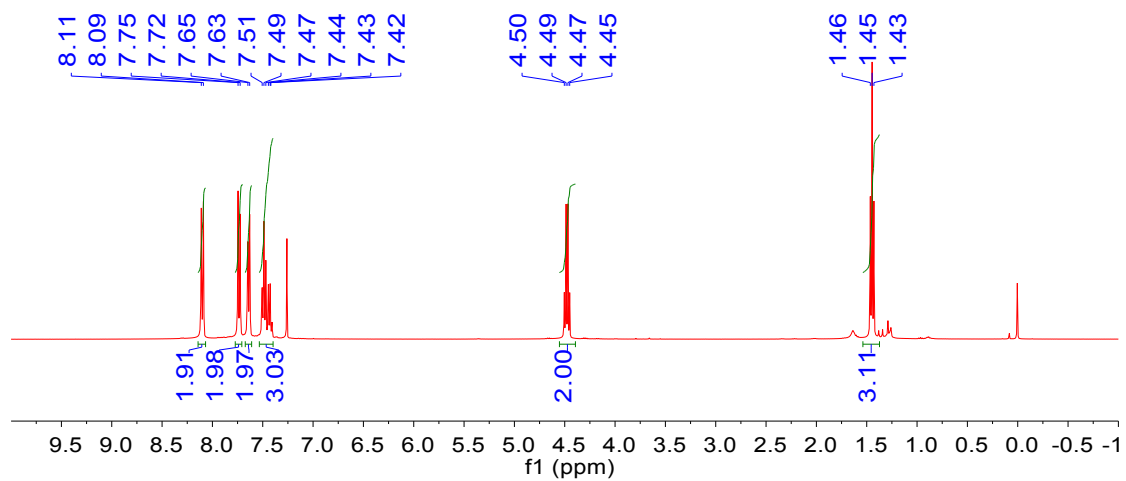
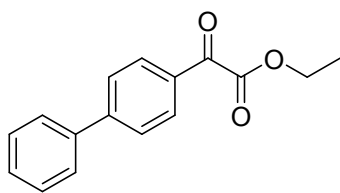
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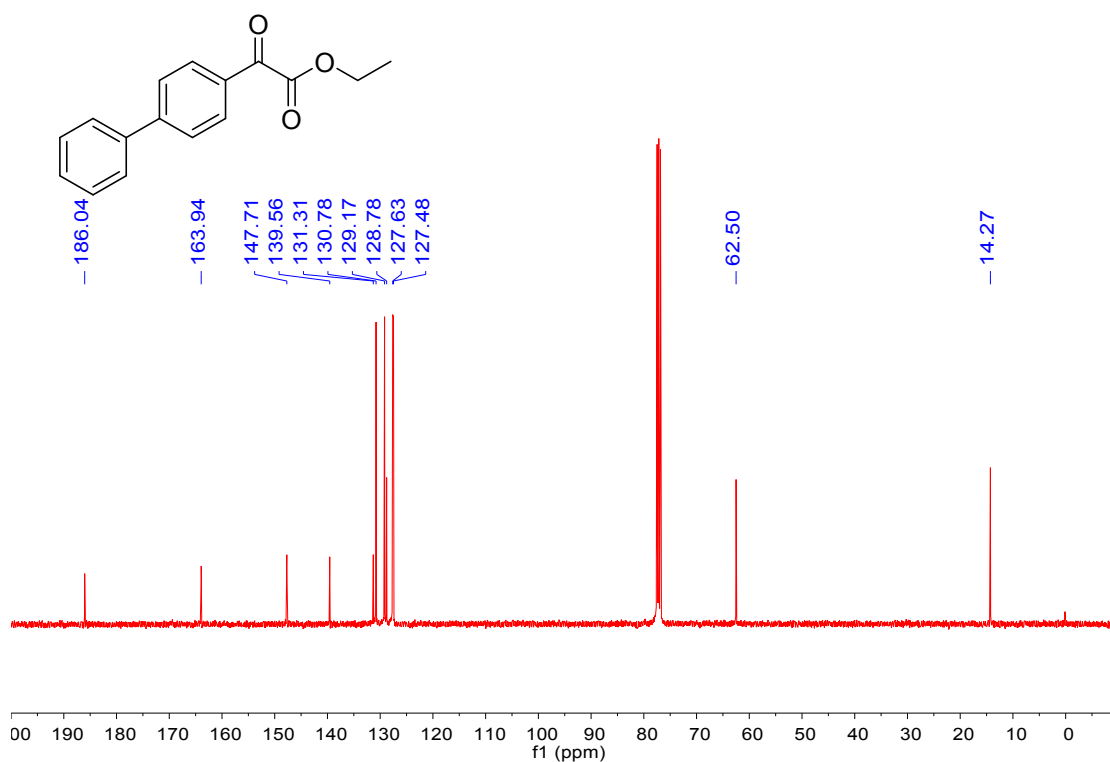
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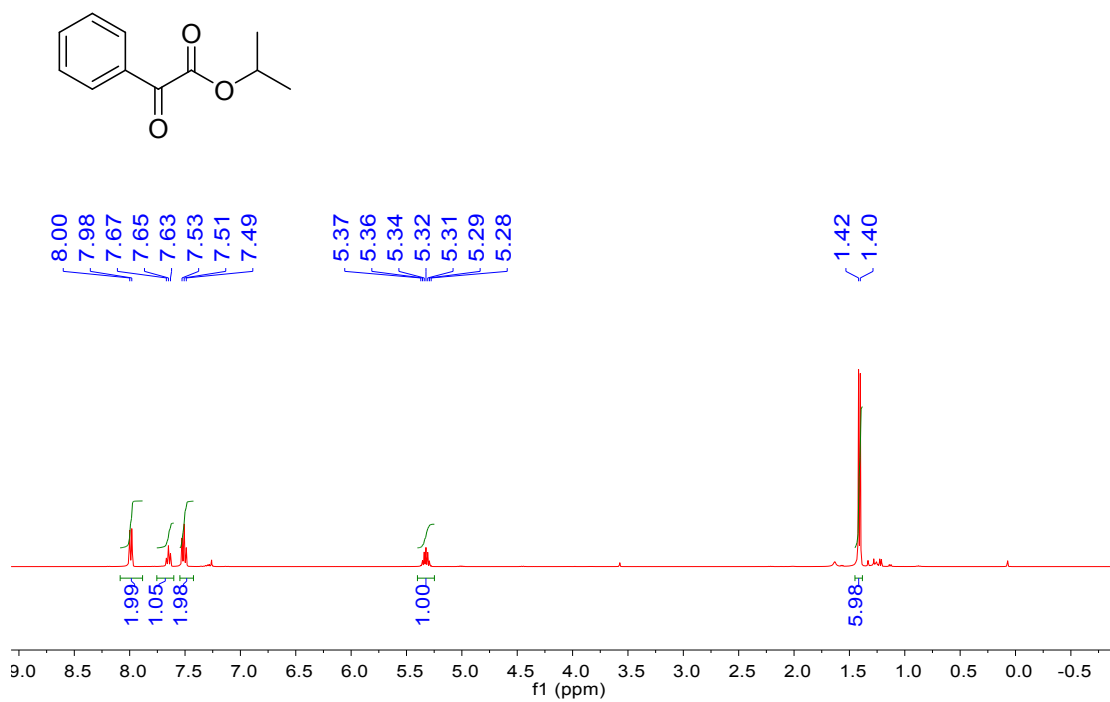
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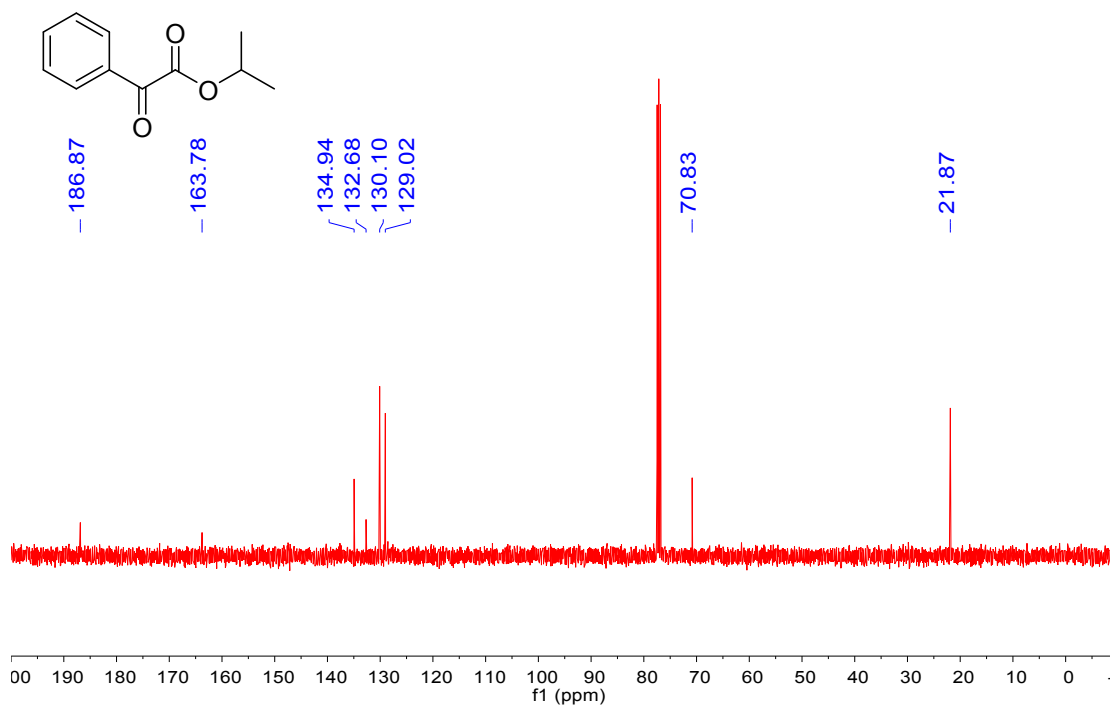
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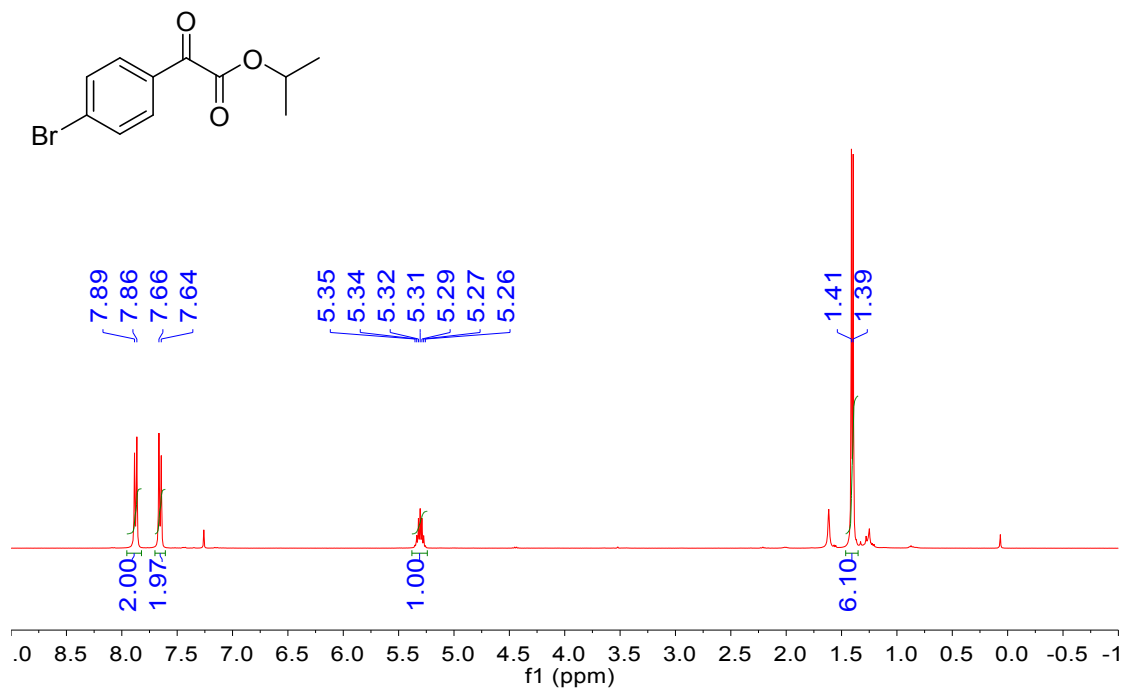
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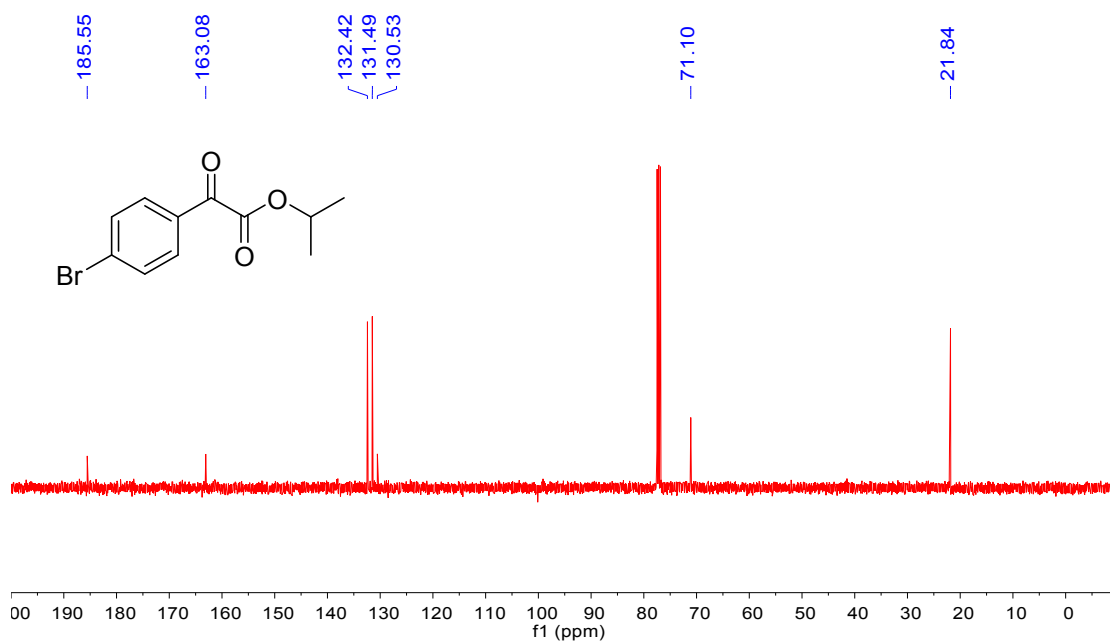
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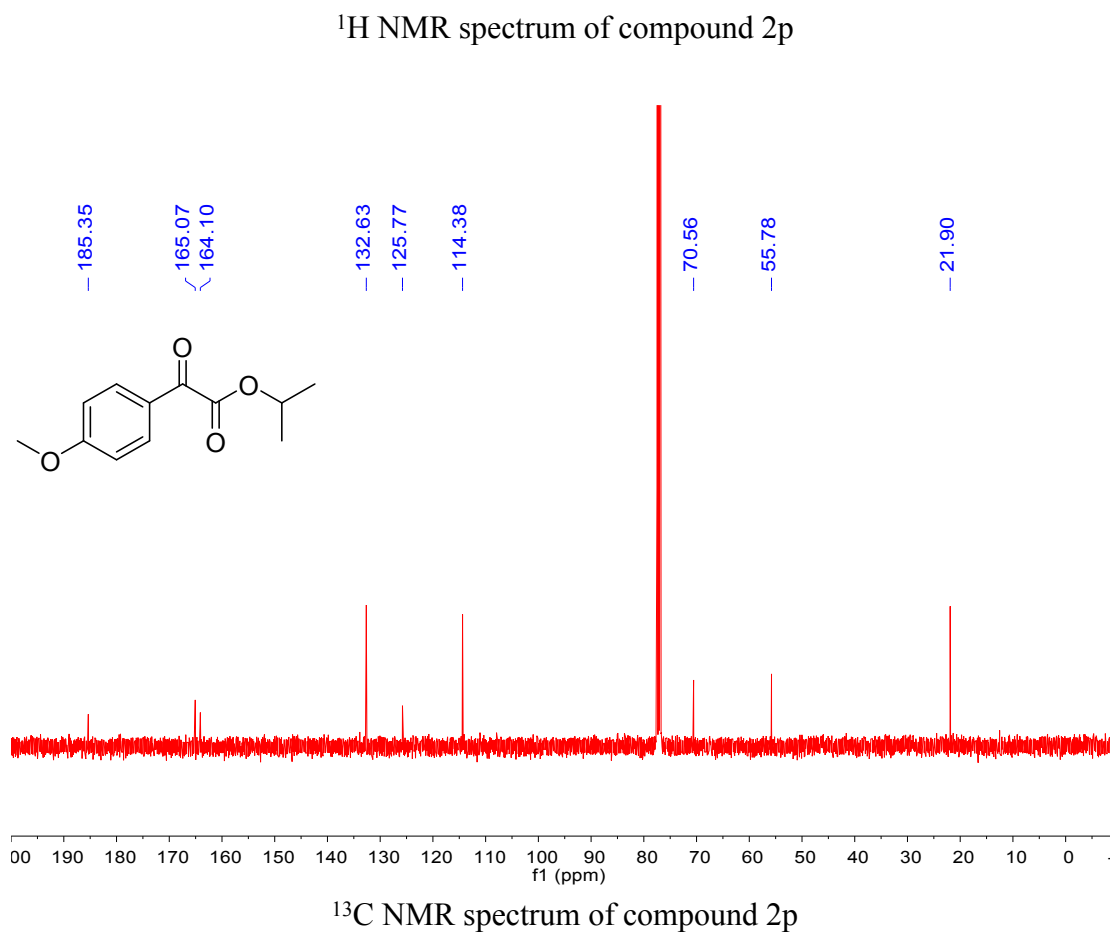
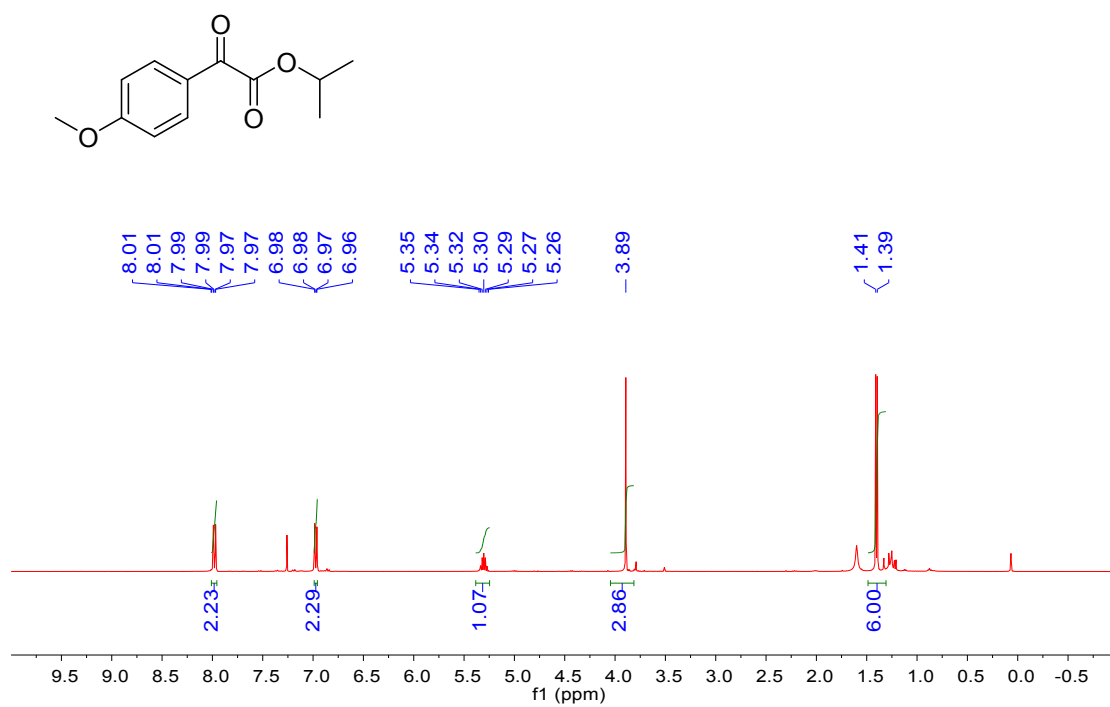
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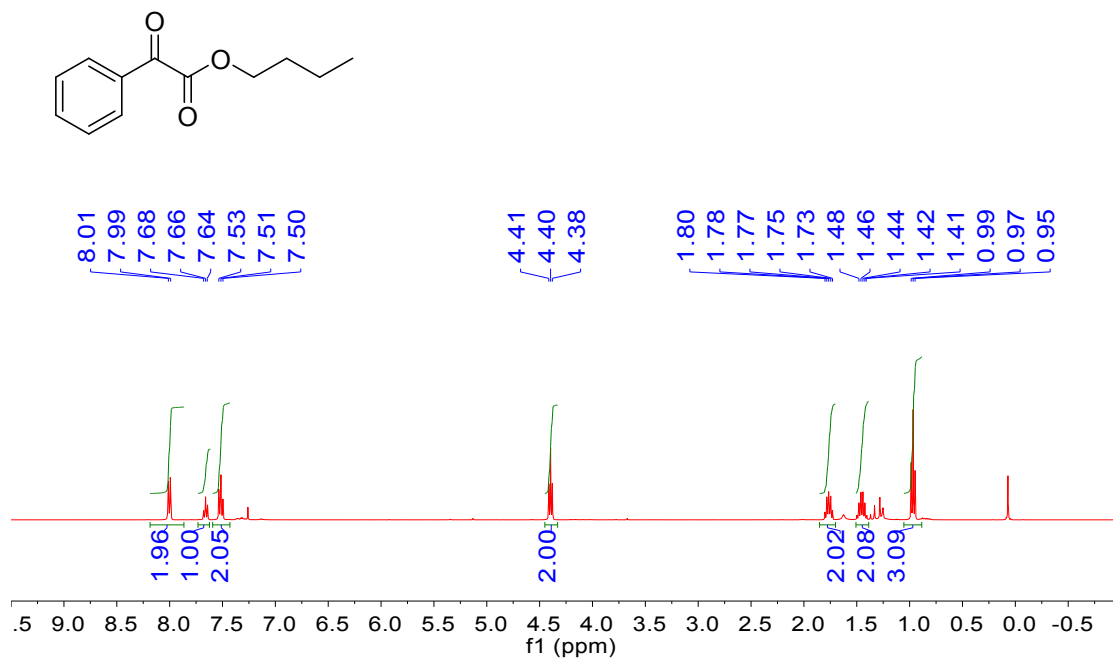


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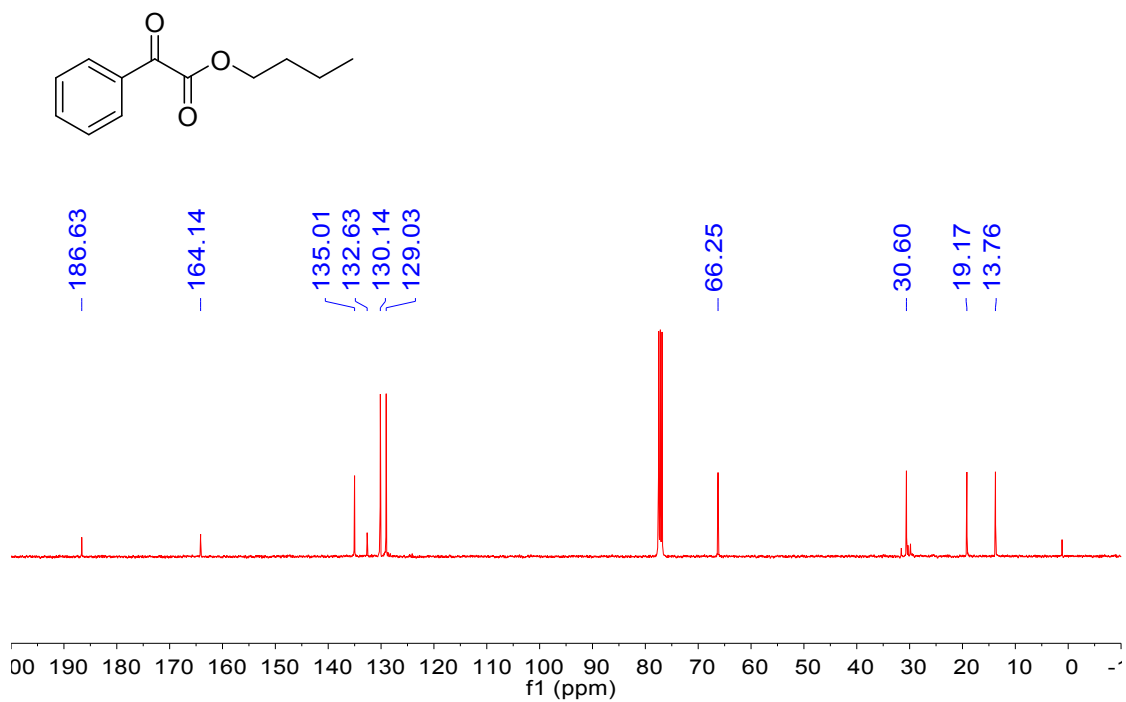


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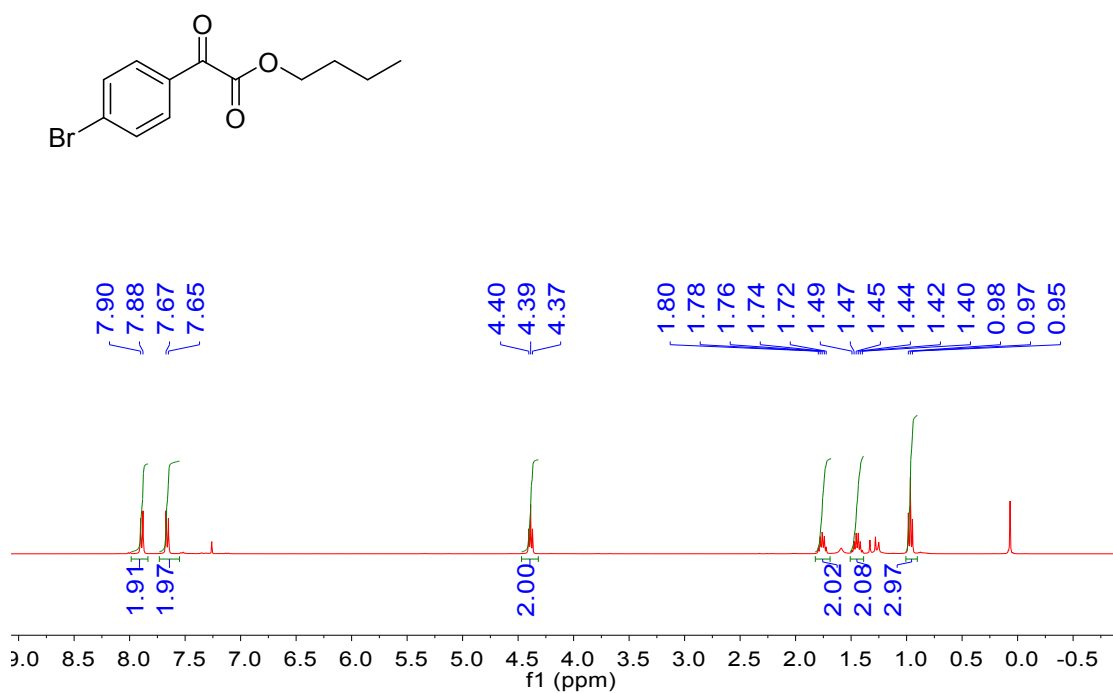




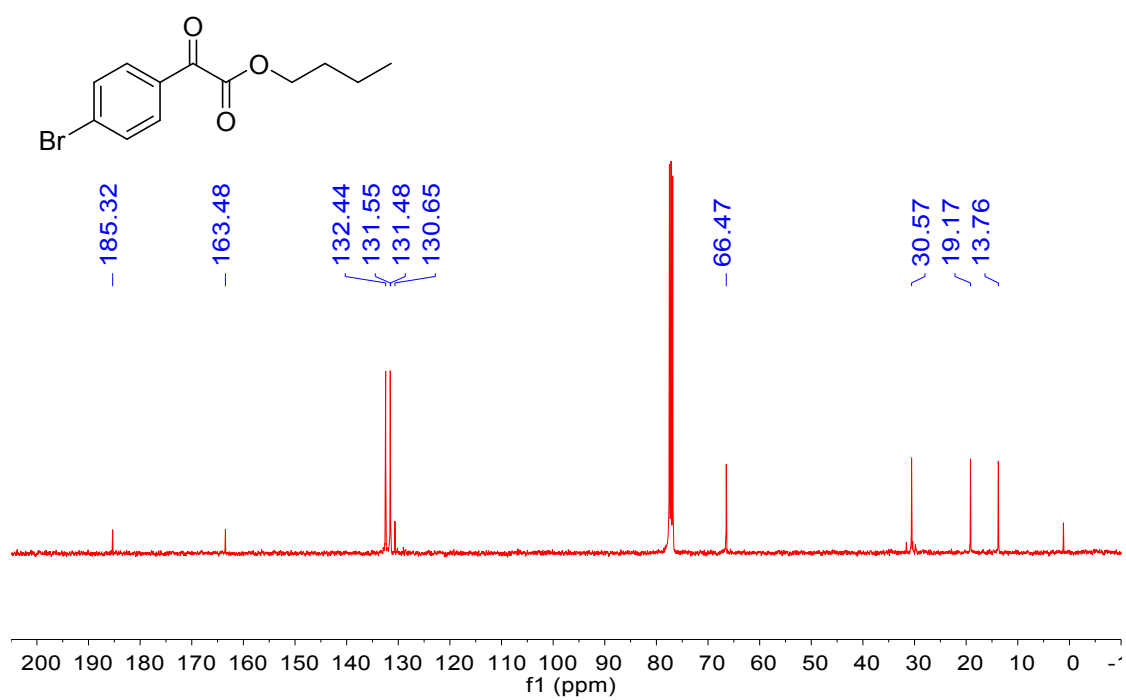
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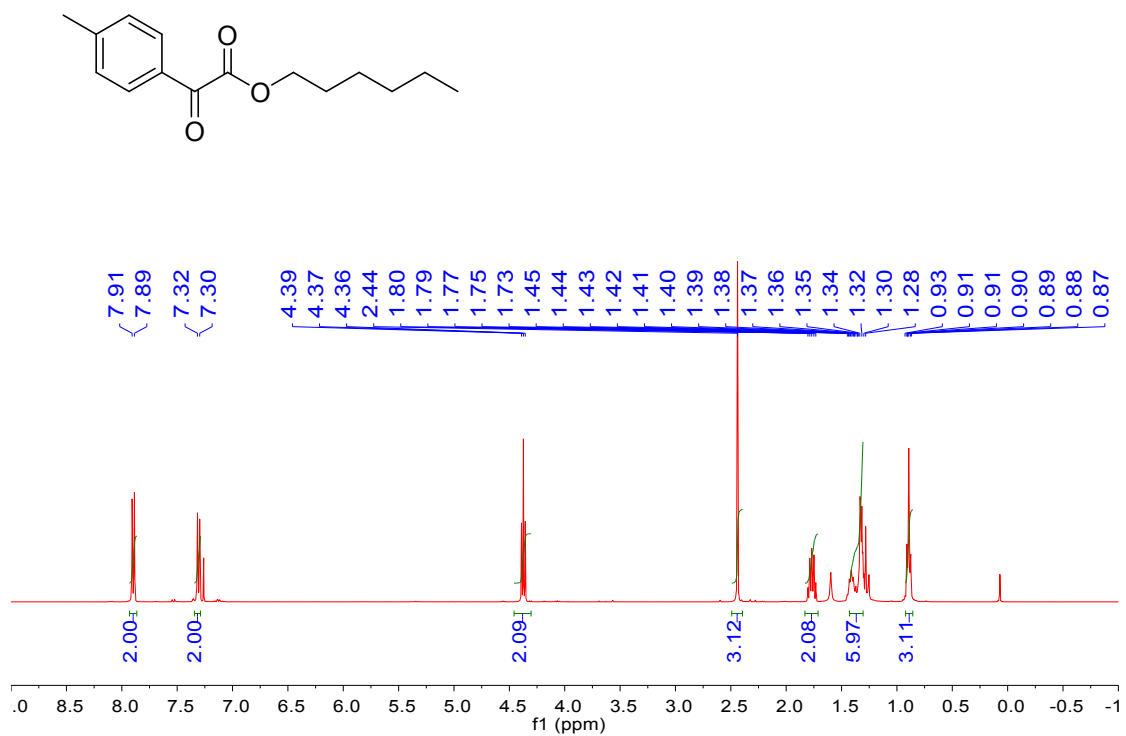
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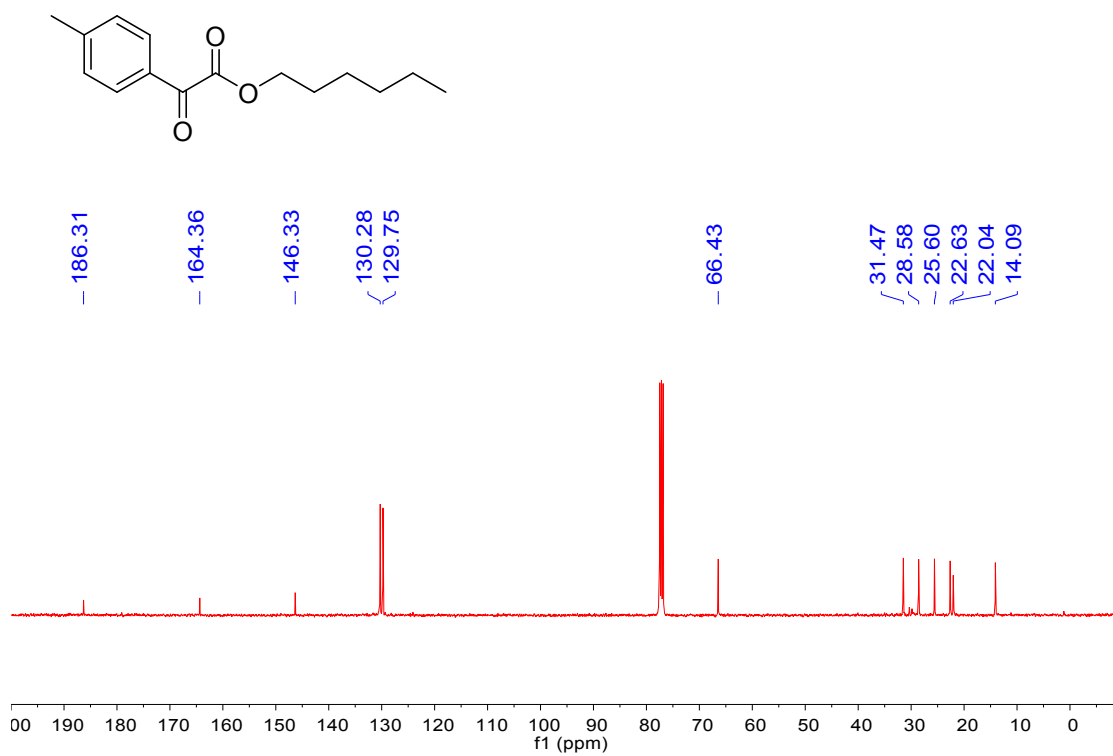
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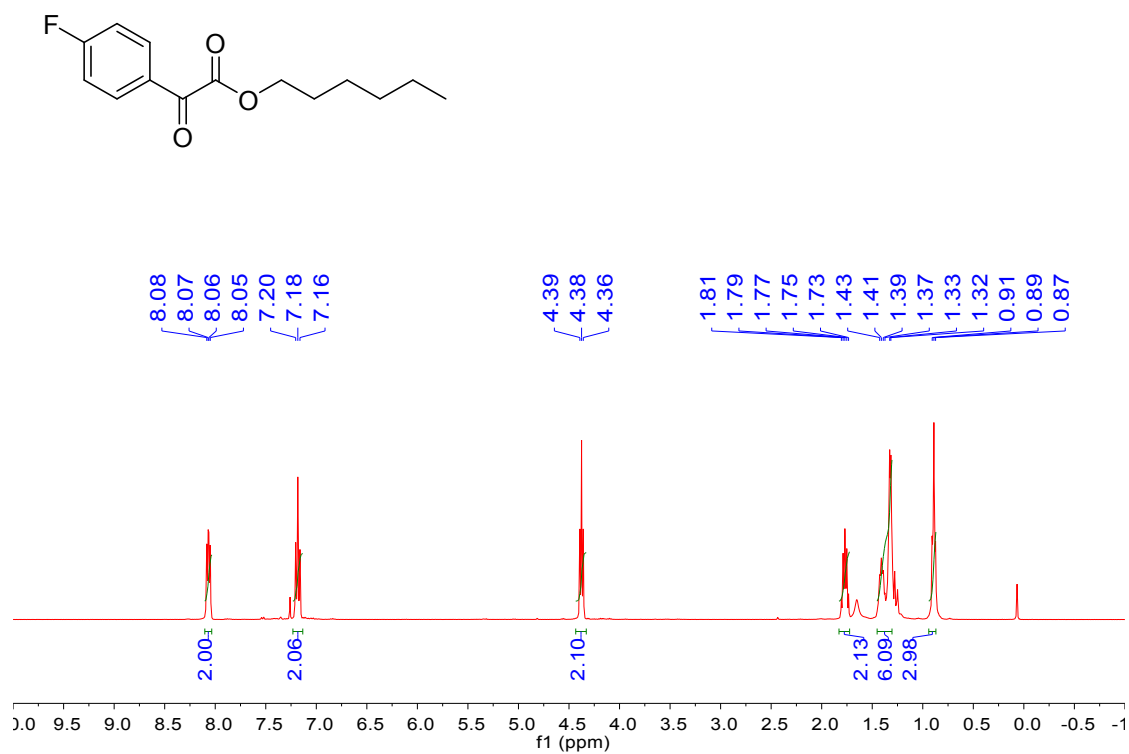
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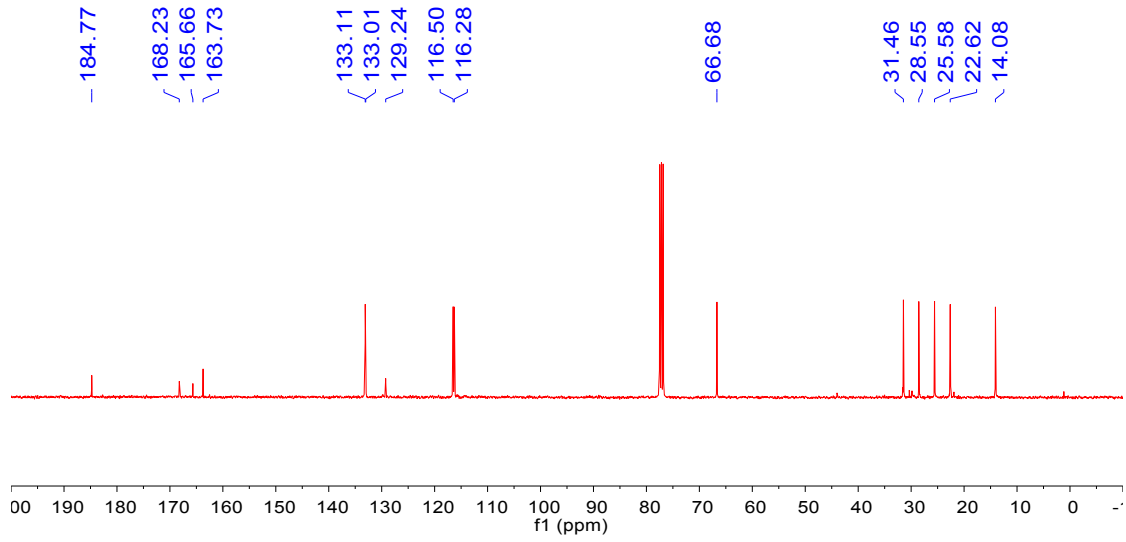
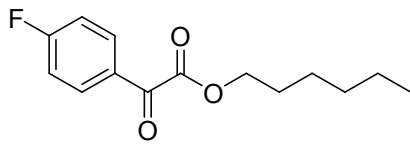
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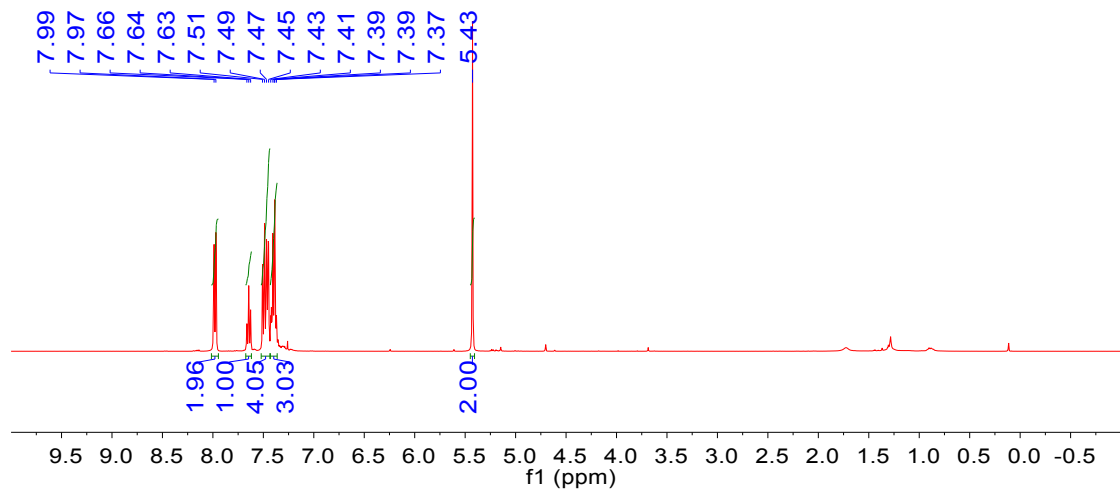
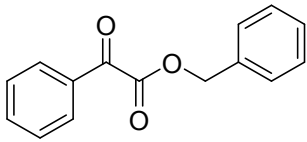
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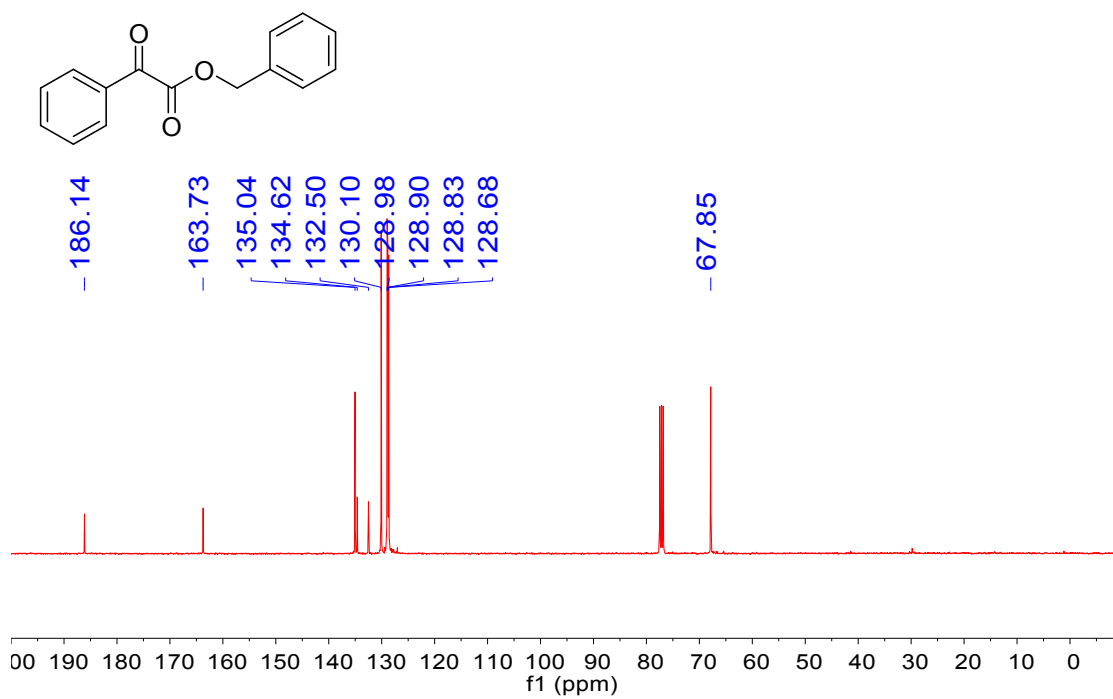
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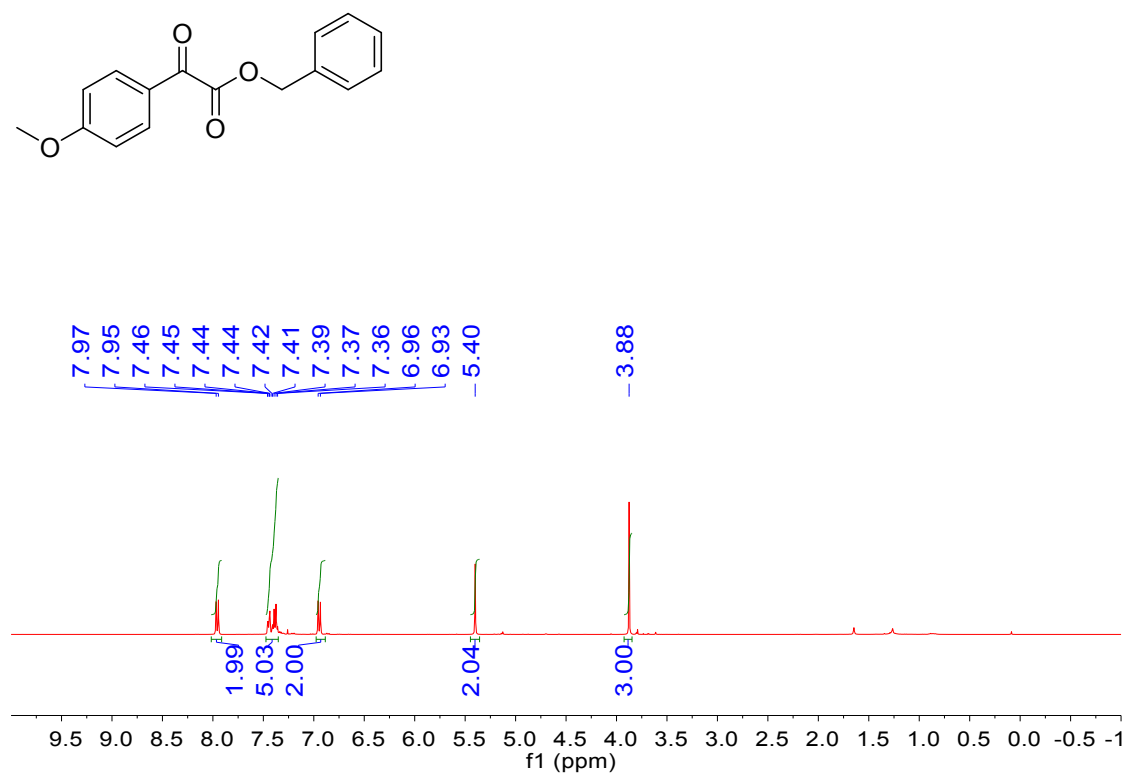
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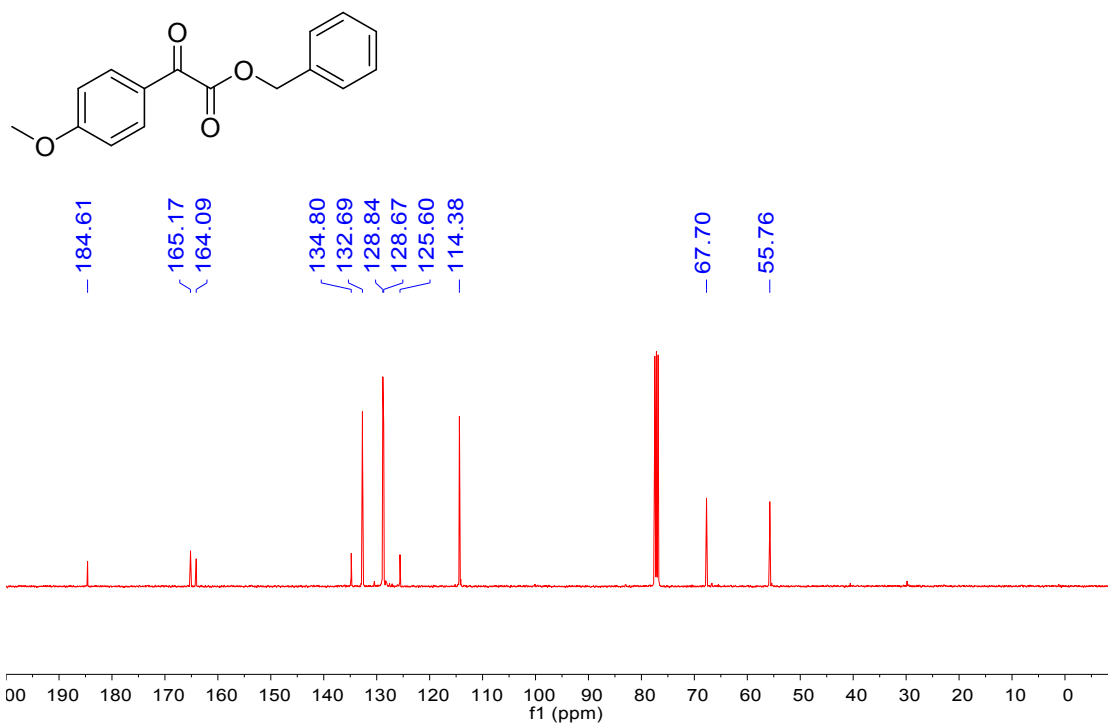
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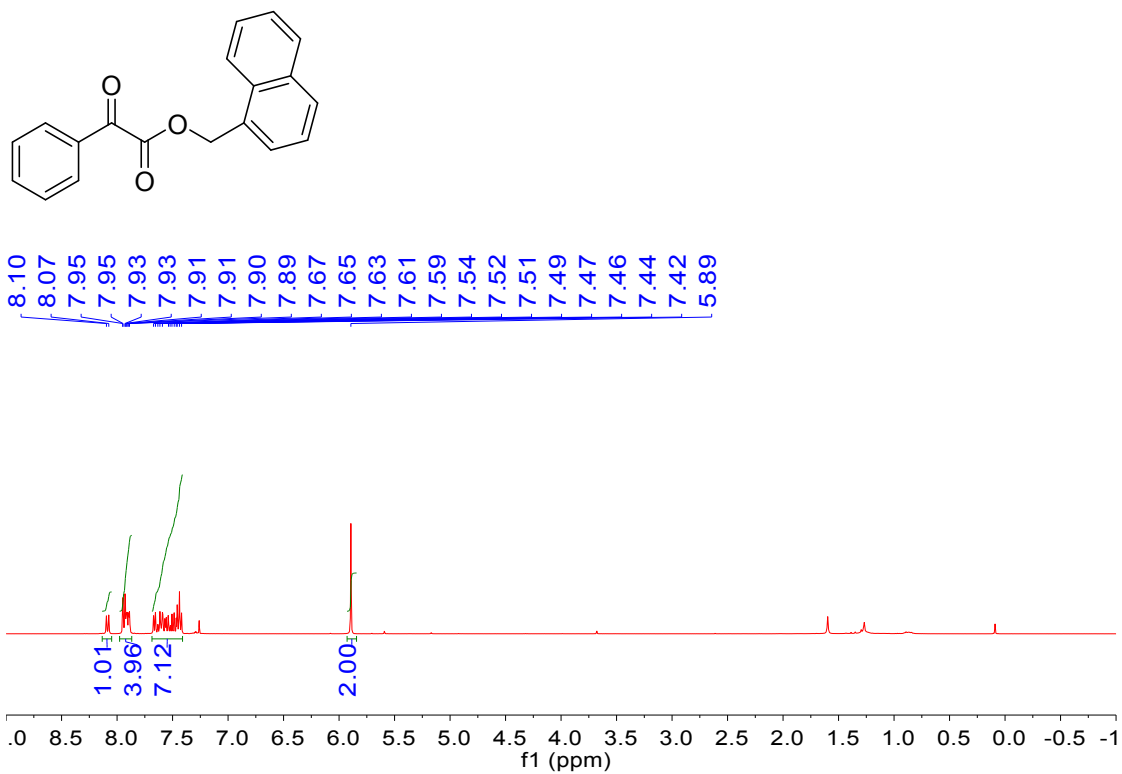
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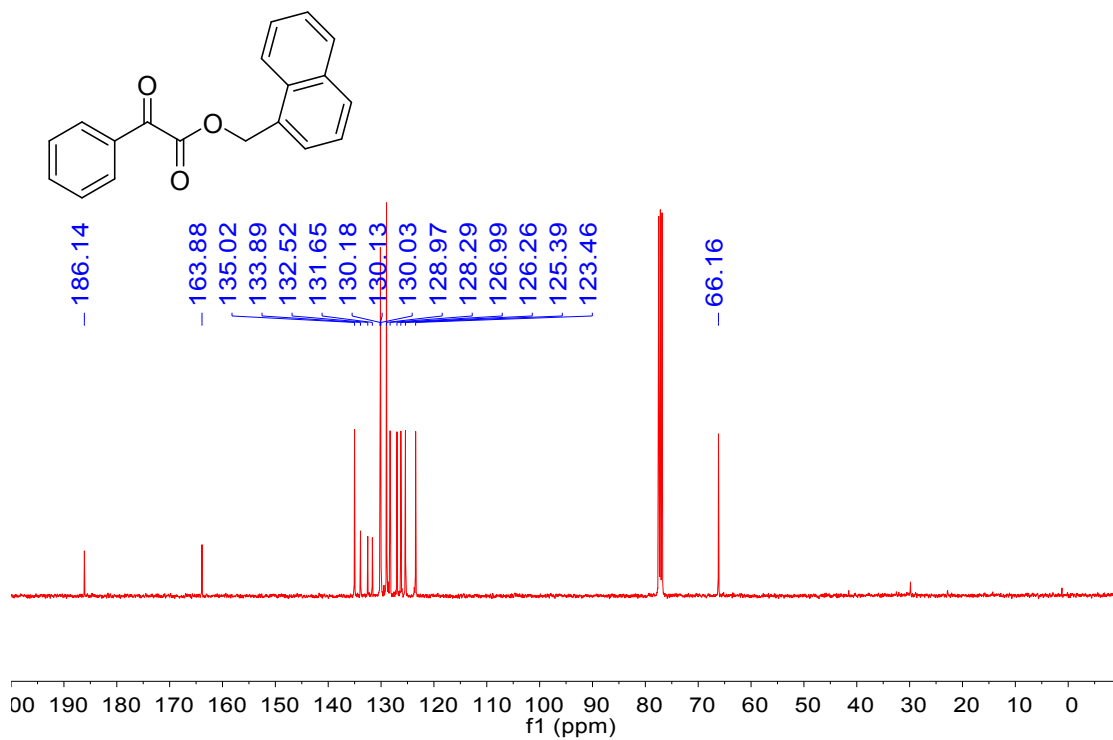
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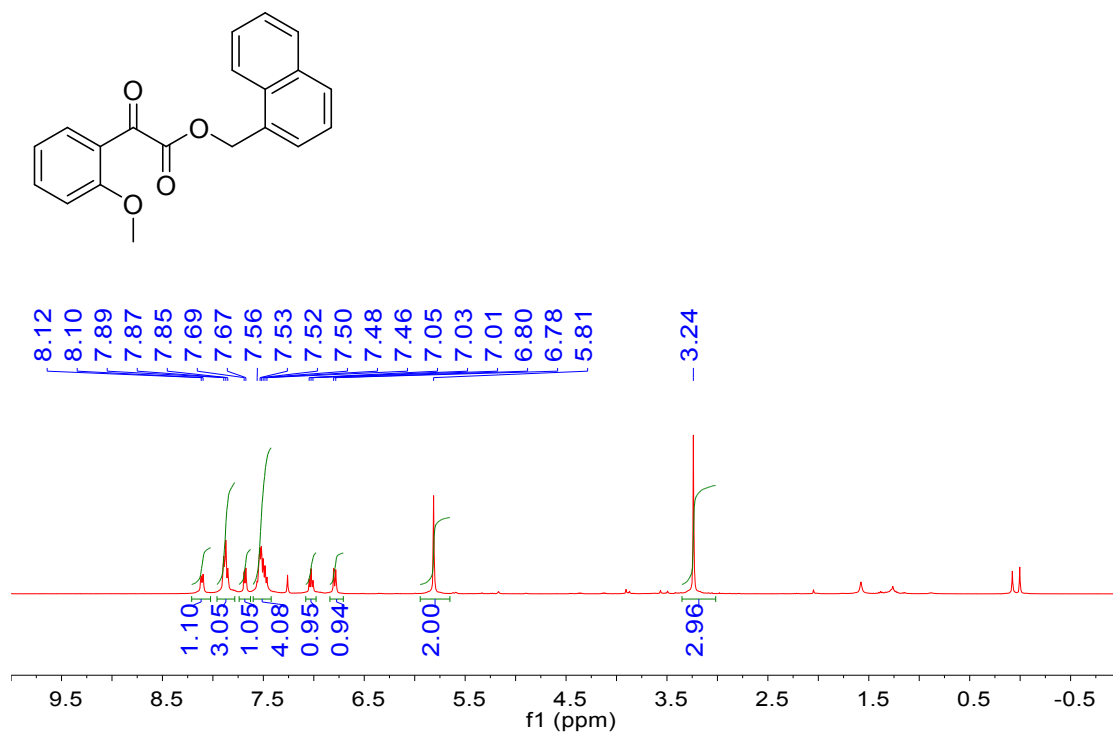
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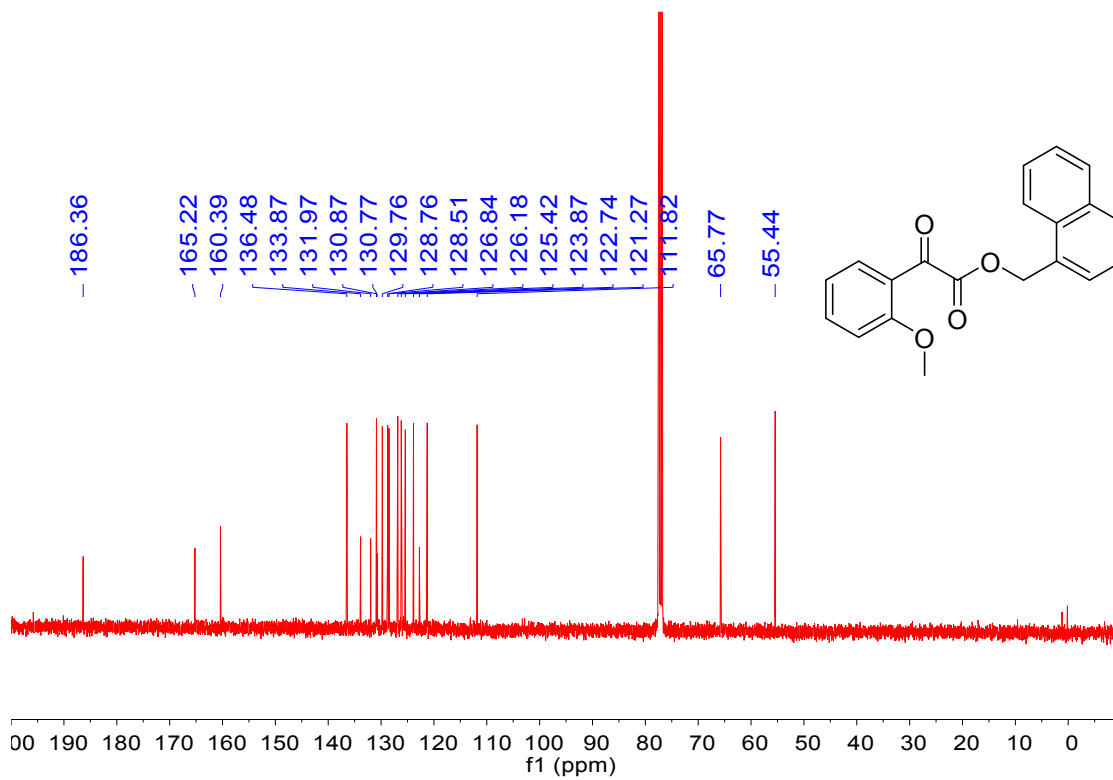
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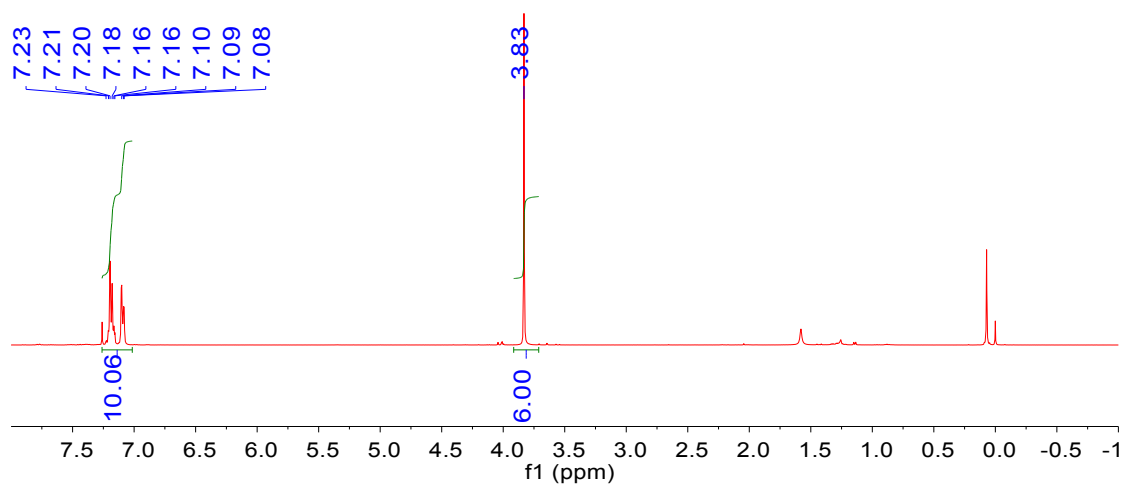
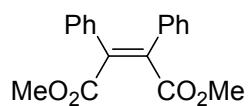
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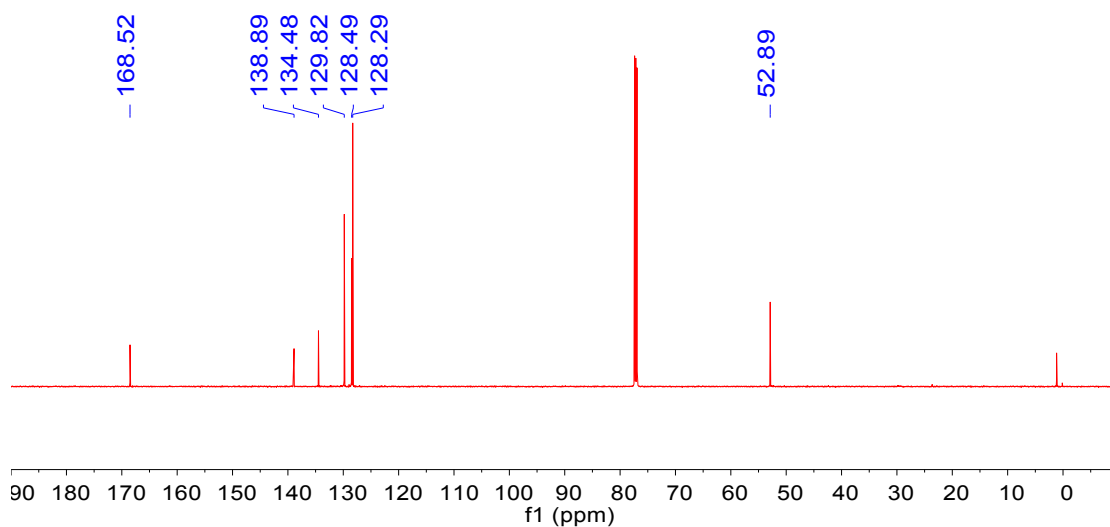
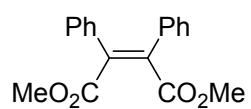
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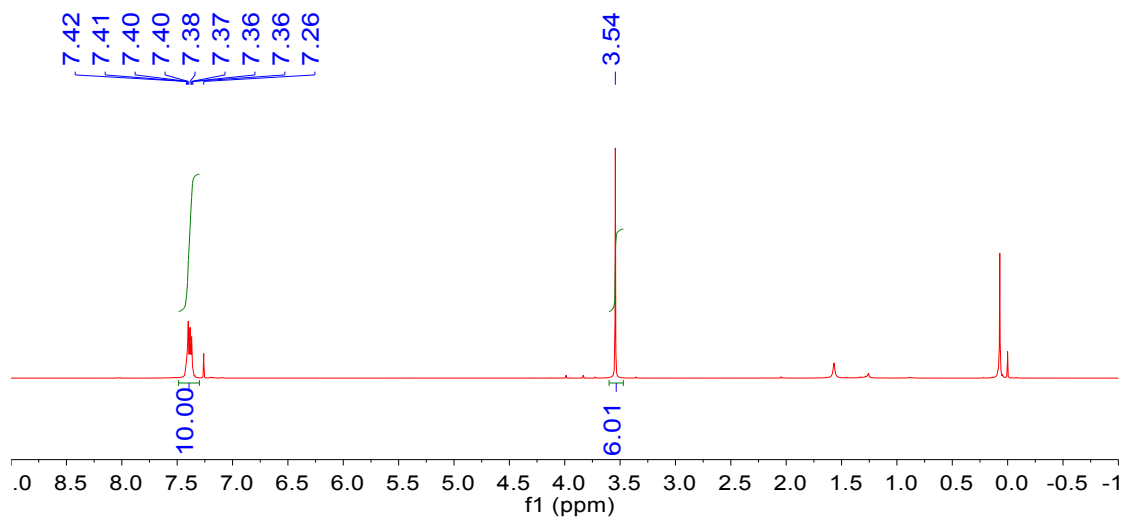
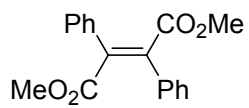
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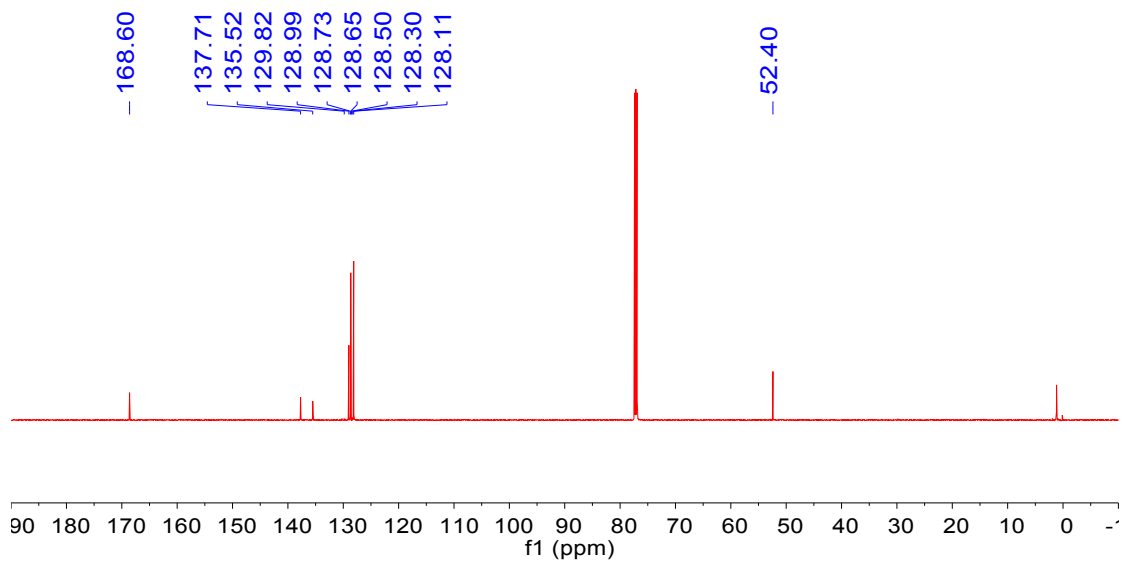
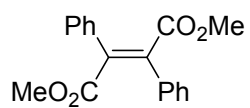
¹H NMR spectrum of compound Z-4



¹³C NMR spectrum of compound Z-4



¹H NMR spectrum of compound E-4



^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound *E-4*