

Copper-Catalyzed P-H Insertion Reactions of Sulfoxonium Ylides

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1. General Information

All the reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC), carried out on 0.25 mm silica gel plates using UV light as visualizing agent. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (particle size 300-400 mesh). All the yields refer to isolated products after flash column chromatography. The solvent mixtures employed in flash column chromatography purifications are reported as volume by volume and in percentages. NMR spectra were recorded with BrukerAvance III HD500 spectrometer at 500 MHz. All ¹H, ¹⁹F, ³¹P and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded using CDCl₃ as solvent. Tetramethylsilane (TMS) signals or residual solvent signals were used [TMS δ = 0.00 ppm (¹H NMR), CDCl₃ δ = 7.26 ppm (¹H NMR), CDCl₃ δ = 77.16 ppm (¹³C NMR)], as internal standards. Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hz. The following abbreviations were used to describe peak splitting patterns when appropriate: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = double doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet. HRMS (ESI) Mass spectra were recorded on Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ FT Ultra. Melting points were determined on a microscopic apparatus and were uncorrected. The relative configuration of **3a** was determined by NMR Data and molecular weight compared with literature data.¹ Sulfoxonium ylides **1** and H-phosphine oxides **2** were prepared according to the published procedures.^{2,3}

Table S1. Common abbreviations in the article

Abbreviation	Full name
PE	Petroleum Ether
EA	Ethyl Acetate
DCM	Dichloromethane
DMSO	Dimethyl sulfoxide
DMF	N,N-Dimethylformamide

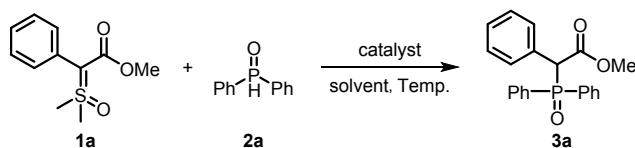
2. General Procedures

2.1 General Procedure for Optimization of Reaction Conditions

(Table 1 and Table S2):

A 10 mL test tube was charged with diphenylphosphine oxide **2a** (0.2 mmol), catalyst (10 mol%), and DCM of 0.5 mL. Then, a solution of sulfoxonium ylides **1a** (0.1 mmol) in DCM (1.5 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was reacted under the indicated temperature in Table 1 and Table S2. Upon completion, the solution was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 1:1) to give the product **3a** as white solid.

Table S2. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions^{a-c}



Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	Temp.(°C)	Yield(%)
1	[Ir(COD)Cl] ₂	DCM	RT	N.R. ^d
2	RuCl[(R,R)-Tsdpen](p-cymene)	DCM	RT	N.R.
3	[RuCl(p-cymene)((S)-xylbinap)]Cl	DCM	RT	N.R.
4	[RuCl(p-cymene)((S)-binap)]Cl	DCM	RT	N.R.
5	[Ru(p-cymene)]Cl ₂	DCM	RT	N.R.
6	AuCl	DCM	RT	N.R.
7	RhCp*Cl ₂	DCM	RT	N.R.
8	CuCl	DCM	RT	29
9	Cu(acac) ₂	DCM	RT	43
10	CuCN	DCM	RT	29
11	CuI	DCM	RT	37
12	CuBr ₂	DCM	RT	40
13	CuTc	DCM	RT	29
14	Cu(OTf) ₂	DCM	RT	43
15	[(CH ₃ CN) ₄ Cu]PF ₆	DCM	RT	46
16	Cu(OAc) ₂	DCM	RT	63
17	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	RT	N.R.
18	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMF	RT	N.R.
19	Cu(OAc) ₂	CHCl ₃	RT	40
20	Cu(OAc) ₂	DCM	40	43
21	Cu(OAc) ₂	DCM	50	48
22	-	DCM	RT	N.R.

^a Reaction conduction: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), catalyst (10 mol %), solvent (2.0 mL). ^b Isolated yield. ^c

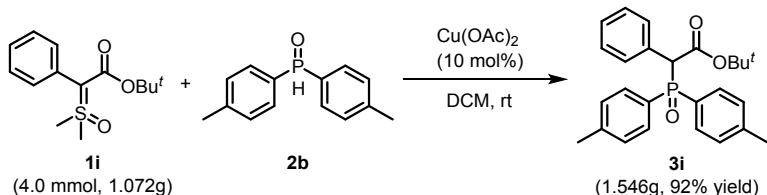
React for 18-36 h. ^d N.R.=no reaction.

2.2 General Procedure for the Synthesis of Compounds **3a-u** (Scheme 2, Scheme 3):

A 10 mL test tube was charged with diphenylphosphine oxide **2** (0.2 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), and DCM (0.5 mL). Then a solution of sulfoxonium ylides **1**

(0.1 mmol) in DCM (1.5 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was reacted at room temperature for 18-36 h until the sulfoxonium ylides **1** was completely consumed. After the reaction, the solution was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 1:1) to give the product **3**.

2.3 Scaled-Up Reaction



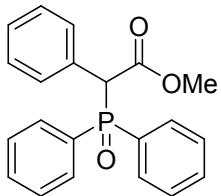
To a 250 mL round bottom flask was charged with diphenylphosphine oxide **2b** (8 mmol, 1.840g), catalyst $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (72.0 mg, 10 mol%), and DCM (20.0 mL). Then the sulfoxonium ylides **1i** (4 mmol, 1.072g) solution in DCM (60.0 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was reacted at room temperature for 24 h until the sulfoxonium ylides **1i** was completely consumed. After the reaction, the solution was concentrated in vacuo and was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 1:1) to give the product **3i** (1.546 g, 92%) as a white solid.

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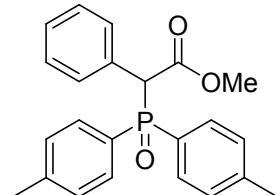
4. Characterization datas for compounds

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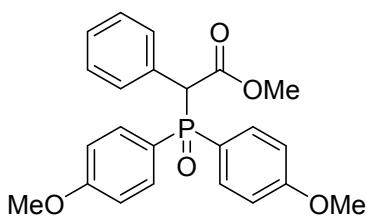
208.0 °C, 22.0 mg, Yield: 63%; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.94 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 168.31 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 132.18 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 131.92 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 131.71 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 131.36 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 130.86 (d, *J* = 102.4 Hz), 130.56 (d, *J* = 100.4 Hz), 130.23 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 130.18 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 128.40 (d, *J* = 20.5 Hz), 128.30 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 128.33 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 127.92 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 55.59 (d, *J* = 58.4 Hz), 52.60. **³¹P NMR** (202 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 27.32. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd for C₂₁H₂₀O₃P [M+H]⁺: 351.1145; found: 351.1153.

Methyl 2-(di-p-tolylphosphoryl)-2-phenylacetate (3b):



White solid, m.p. 181.6–182.8 °C, 29.1 mg, Yield: 77%; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.79 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 168.51 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 142.58 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 142.32 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 131.71 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 131.39 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz), 130.47 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 130.24 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 129.14 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 128.98 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz), 128.28 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 128.00 (d, *J* = 45.7 Hz), 127.81 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 127.17 (d, *J* = 44.1 Hz), 55.77 (d, *J* = 58.3 Hz), 52.57, 21.62 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz), 21.52 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz). **³¹P NMR** (202 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 27.72. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd for C₂₃H₂₄O₃P [M+H]⁺: 379.1458; found: 379.1468.

Methyl 2-(bis(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphoryl)-2-phenylacetate (3c): White solid,

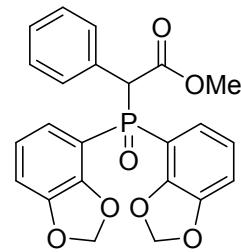


m.p. 124.8–126.0 °C, 25.8 mg, Yield: 63%; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.81 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.01 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 168.67 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 162.59 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 162.35 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 133.71 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 133.33 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 130.59 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 130.19 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 128.29 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 127.81 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 122.32 (d, *J* = 109.4 Hz), 121.62 (d, *J* = 107.6 Hz), 113.95 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz), 113.79 (d,

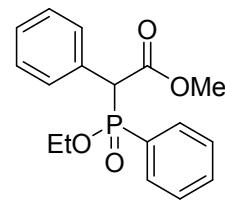
J = 13.1 Hz), 56.16 (d, *J* = 58.7 Hz), 55.34 , 55.28 , 52.59 .³¹P NMR (202 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 27.68. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₃H₂₄O₅P [M+H]⁺: 411.1356; found: 411.1362.

Methyl 2-(bis(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)phosphoryl)-2-phenylacetate (3d): White



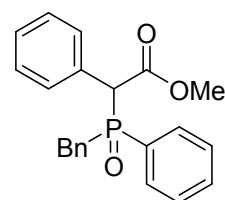
solid, m.p. 172.8–174.5 °C, 18.0 mg, Yield: 41%; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.97 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.77 – 6.74 (m, 1H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 5.97 – 5.94 (m, 2H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.53 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 151.14 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 150.86 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 148.05 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz), 147.87 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz), 130.48 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 130.29 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 128.49 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 128.08 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 127.31 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 127.02 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 124.33 (d, *J* = 69.2 Hz), 123.48 (d, *J* = 67.2 Hz), 111.30 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 110.97 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 108.77 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz), 108.59 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz), 101.80 , 101.70 , 55.96 (d, *J* = 59.9 Hz), 52.83 .³¹P NMR (202 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 27.71 .HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₃H₂₀O₇P [M+H]⁺: 439.0941; found: 439.0952.

Methyl 2-(ethoxy(phenyl)phosphoryl)-2-phenylacetate (3e): colorless oil, 28.0 mg,



Yield: 88%; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.06 – 3.98 (m, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 168.24 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 132.59 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 132.51 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 130.47 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 129.84 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 129.33 (d, *J* = 36.4 Hz), 128.30 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 128.14 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 127.85 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 61.99 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 55.76 (d, *J* = 86.9 Hz), 52.55 , 16.38 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz). ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 34.32 . HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₇H₂₀O₄P [M+H]⁺: 319.1094; found: 319.1099.

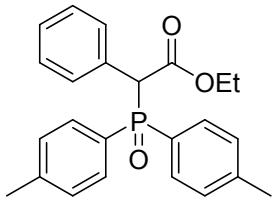
Methyl 2-(benzyl(phenyl)phosphoryl)-2-phenylacetate (3f): White solid, m.p.



165.0–167.3 °C, 20.2 mg, Yield: 55%; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 5H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.60 – 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.41 – 3.34 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 168.85(d, *J* = 1.4 Hz) , 132.10 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 131.80 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 130.60 (d, *J* = 20.6 Hz), 130.59 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 130.27 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 130.16 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 129.88 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 128.60 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz),

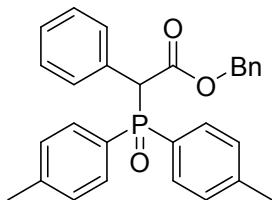
128.47 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 128.07 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 128.07 (d, $J = 11.8$ Hz), 126.93 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 55.20 (d, $J = 56.1$ Hz), 52.67 , 35.28 (d, $J = 64.7$ Hz). **^{31}P NMR** (202 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 34.68 .**HRMS** (ESI) m/z: calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3\text{P}$ [M+H] $^+$: 365.1301; found: 365.1309.

Ethyl 2-(di-p-tolylphosphoryl)-2-phenylacetate (3g): White solid, m.p. 184.2-186.0



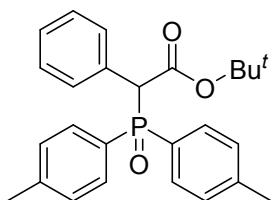
$^{\circ}\text{C}$, 31.0 mg, Yield: 79%; **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.81 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 4.64 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 – 3.96 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 0.99 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.07 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 142.65 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 142.38 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 131.97 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz), 131.49 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz), 130.69 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 130.39 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz), 129.19 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz), 129.09 (d, $J = 12.9$ Hz), 128.36 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 128.27 (d, $J = 67.0$ Hz), 127.87 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 127.44 (d, $J = 65.1$ Hz), 61.71 , 55.91 (d, $J = 58.3$ Hz), 21.73 , 21.64 , 13.86. **^{31}P NMR** (202 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 27.58 .**HRMS** (ESI) m/z: calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3\text{P}$ [M+H] $^+$: 393.1614; found: 393.1620.

Benzyl 2-(di-p-tolylphosphoryl)-2-phenylacetate (3h): White solid, m.p. 169.5-



171.5°C , 28.1 mg, Yield: 62%; **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.77 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 5.03 – 4.90 (m, 2H), 4.71 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 167.82 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 142.51 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 142.29 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 135.07 , 131.78 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 131.34 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz), 130.48 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 130.32 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz), 129.16 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz), 129.01 (d, $J = 12.5$ Hz), 128.37 , 128.35 , 128.29 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 128.14, 128.01 (d, $J = 68.57$ Hz) 127.82 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 127.18 (d, $J = 65.7$ Hz), 67.41 , 55.57 (d, $J = 58.0$ Hz), 21.66, 21.54. **^{31}P NMR** (202 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 27.67 .**HRMS** (ESI) m/z: calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_3\text{P}$ [M+H] $^+$: 455.1771; found: 455.1774.

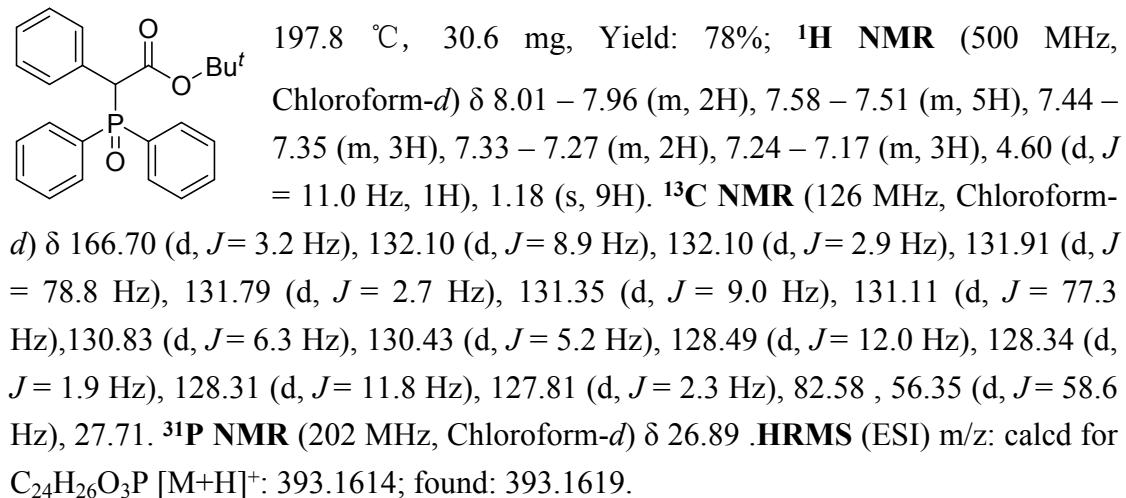
Tert-butyl 2-(di-p-tolylphosphoryl)-2-phenylacetate (3i): White solid, m.p. 212.3-



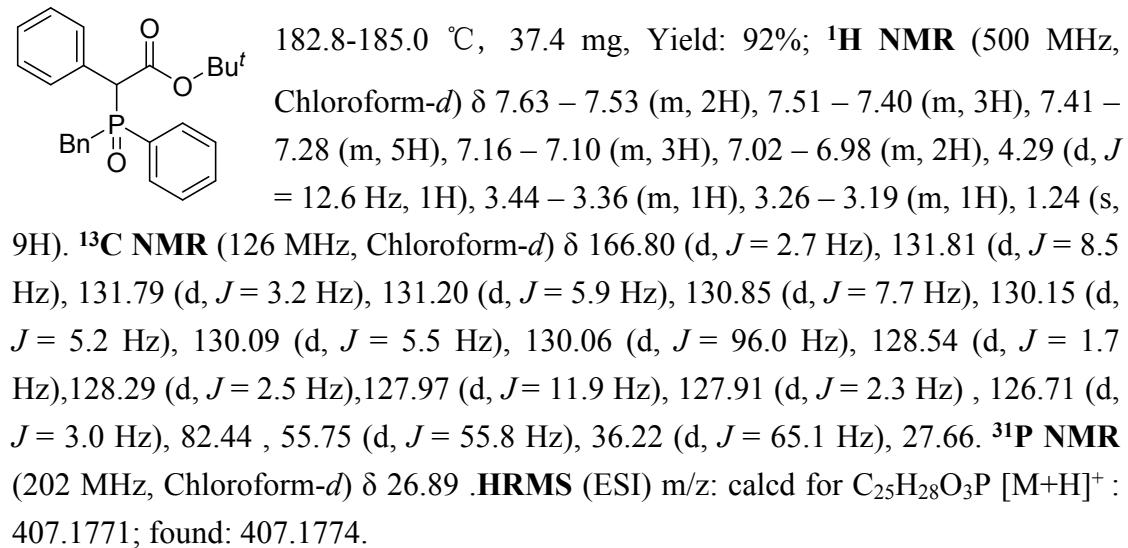
213.4°C , 39.0 mg, Yield: 93%; **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.86 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 4.56 (d, $J = 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 9H). **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.76 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 142.32 (d, $J = 2.8$

Hz), 141.98 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 131.95 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 131.22 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 130.98 (d, J = 6.4 Hz), 130.28 (d, J = 5.2 Hz), 129.00 (d, J = 12.3 Hz), 128.87 (d, J = 12.4 Hz), 128.63 (d, J = 89.4 Hz), 128.12 (d, J = 1.6 Hz), 127.80 (d, J = 87.3 Hz), 127.53 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 82.21, 56.33 (d, J = 58.5 Hz), 27.57, 21.58, 21.47. **^{31}P NMR** (202 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 27.38. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_3\text{P}$ [M+H] $^+$: 421.1927; found: 421.1936.

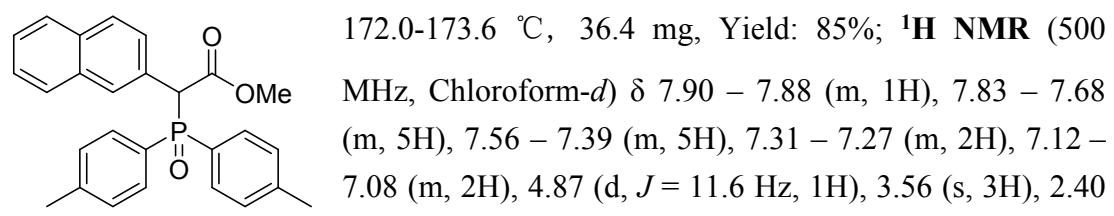
Tert-butyl 2-(diphenylphosphoryl)-2-phenylacetate (3j): White solid, m.p. 196.3-



Tert-butyl 2-(benzyl(phenyl)phosphoryl)-2-phenylacetate (3k): White solid, m.p.

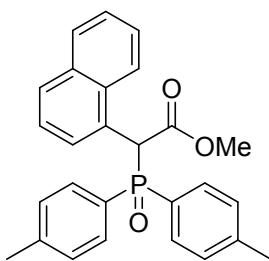


Methyl 2-(di-p-tolylphosphoryl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)acetate (3l): White solid, m.p.



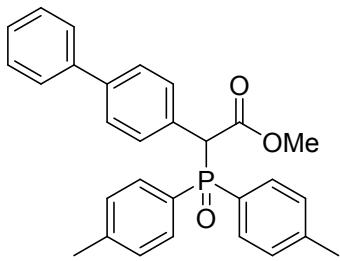
(s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.63 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 142.67 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 142.44 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 133.13 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 132.78 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 131.78 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz), 131.49 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 129.63 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 129.24 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 129.09 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 128.17 , 128.12 (d, *J* = 25.5 Hz), 127.97 – 127.88 (m), 127.54 , 127.29 (d, *J* = 23.5 Hz), 126.20 , 126.05 , 55.95 (d, *J* = 58.4 Hz), 52.69 , 21.69, 21.60. **³¹P NMR** (202 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 27.65. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₇H₂₆O₃P [M+H]⁺: 429.1614; found: 429.1620.

Methyl 2-(di-p-tolylphosphoryl)-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (3m): colorless oil,



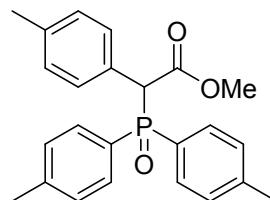
36.4 mg, Yield: 85%; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.25 – 8.19 (m, 1H), 7.84 – 7.77 (m, 4H), 7.56 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 170.16 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 142.87 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 142.57 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 133.97 , 131.83 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz), 131.74 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 131.62 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 130.73 , 129.94 , 129.26 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz), 128.85 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz), 128.70 , 128.42 (d, *J* = 141.2 Hz), 127.75 (d, *J* = 137.9 Hz), 127.68 , 126.79 , 125.97 , 125.19 , 124.14 , 73.24 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 52.76 , 21.77 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 21.58 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz). **³¹P NMR** (202 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 35.35. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₇H₂₆O₃P [M+H]⁺: 429.1614; found: 429.1614.

Methyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-(di-p-tolylphosphoryl)acetate (3n): White solid,



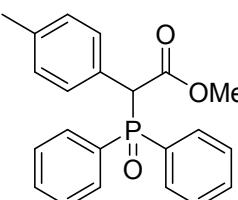
m.p. 181.6–183.5 °C, 39.0 mg, Yield: 86%; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.82 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.44 (m, 8H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.54 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 142.66 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 142.43 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 140.57 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 140.50 , 131.76 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 131.45 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz), 130.64 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 129.49 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 129.19 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz), 129.08 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz), 128.75 , 127.81 (d, *J* = 98.8 Hz), 127.44 (d, *J* = 95.9 Hz), 127.38 , 127.02 , 126.98 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 55.52 (d, *J* = 58.1 Hz), 52.64 , 21.66 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 21.56 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz). **³¹P NMR** (202 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 27.72. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₉H₂₈O₃P [M+H]⁺: 455.1771; found: 455.1776.

Methyl 2-(di-p-tolylphosphoryl)-2-(p-tolyl)acetate (3o): White solid, m.p. 162.9-



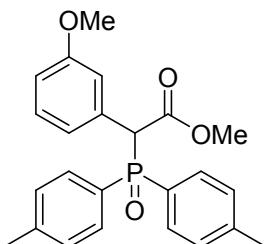
164.7 °C, 31.0 mg, Yield: 79%; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.79 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.71 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 142.52 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 142.28 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 137.60 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 131.72 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz), 131.45 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz), 130.08 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 129.13 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz), 129.06 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 129.00 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 128.14 (d, *J* = 40.8 Hz), 127.33 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 127.32 (d, *J* = 38.6 Hz), 55.41 (d, *J* = 59.0 Hz), 52.55, 21.64 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 21.55 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 21.10. **³¹P NMR** (202 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 27.55. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₄H₂₆O₃P [M+H]⁺: 393.1614; found: 393.1620.

Methyl 2-(diphenylphosphoryl)-2-(p-tolyl)acetate (3p): White solid, m.p. 192.5-



194.0 °C, 28.8 mg, Yield: 79%; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.30 (m, 8H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.51 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 137.74 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 132.13 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 131.89 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 131.72 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 131.43 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 131.28 (d, *J* = 32.5 Hz), 130.47 (d, *J* = 30.6 Hz), 130.07 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 129.10 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 128.42 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 128.28 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 127.06 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 55.23 (d, *J* = 59.1 Hz), 52.58, 21.10. **³¹P NMR** (202 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 27.12. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₂H₂₂O₃P [M+H]⁺: 365.1301; found: 365.1310.

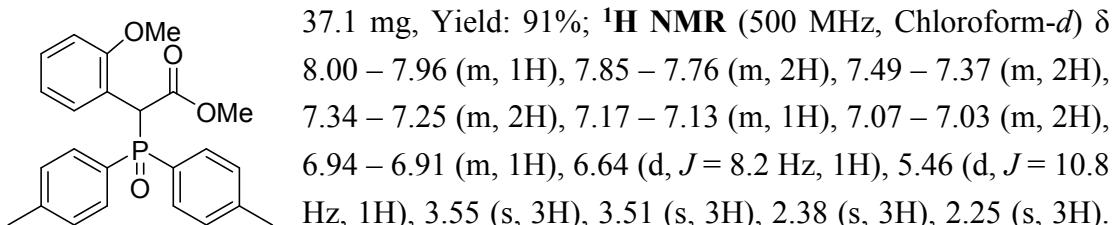
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m.p. 167.3-169.3 °C, 23.7 mg, Yield: 58%; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.78 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 6.99 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.94 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 4.65 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.49 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 159.30 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 142.60 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 142.36 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 131.83 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 131.77 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 131.48 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 129.13 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 129.13 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 128.98 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz), 127.98 (d, *J* = 49.4 Hz), 127.15 (d, *J* = 47.6 Hz), 122.67 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 115.13 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 114.28 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 55.78 (d, *J* = 58.4 Hz), 55.15, 52.59, 21.62 (d,

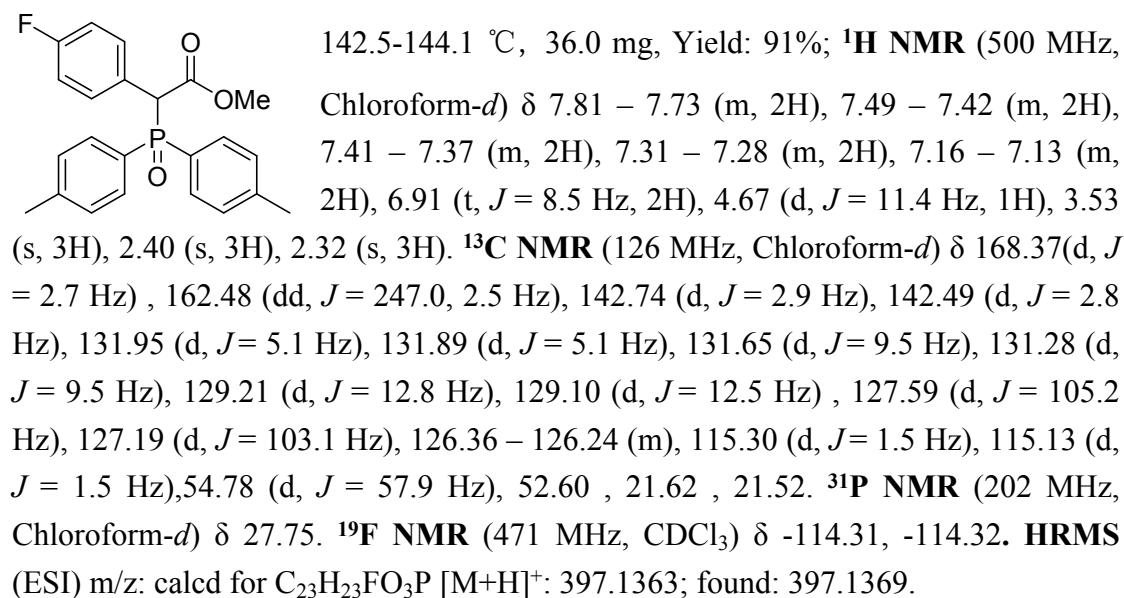
J = 0.7 Hz), 21.53(d, *J* = 0.7 Hz). **³¹P NMR** (202 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 27.74. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₄H₂₆O₄P [M+H]⁺: 409.1563; found: 409.1570.

Methyl 2-(di-p-tolylphosphoryl)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)acetate (3r): colorless oil,

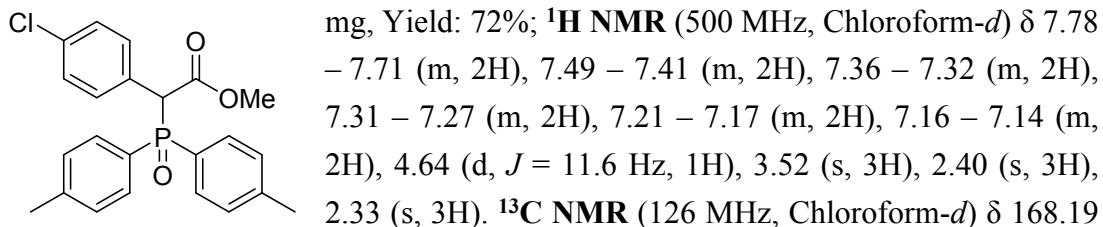


¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.39 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 156.06 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 142.20 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 141.80 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 131.84 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 131.34 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 131.05 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 129.07 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz), 128.92 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 128.89 (d, *J* = 40.2 Hz), 128.52 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz), 128.07 (d, *J* = 44.4 Hz), 120.62 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 119.09 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 109.99 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 55.23, 52.40, 45.40 (d, *J* = 60.5 Hz), 21.55 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz), 21.39 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz). **³¹P NMR** (202 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 28.68. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₄H₂₆O₄P [M+H]⁺: 409.1563; found: 409.1570.

Methyl 2-(di-p-tolylphosphoryl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)acetate (3s): White solid, m.p.

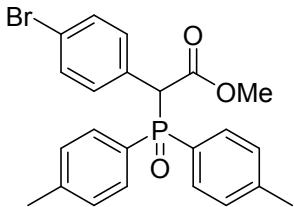


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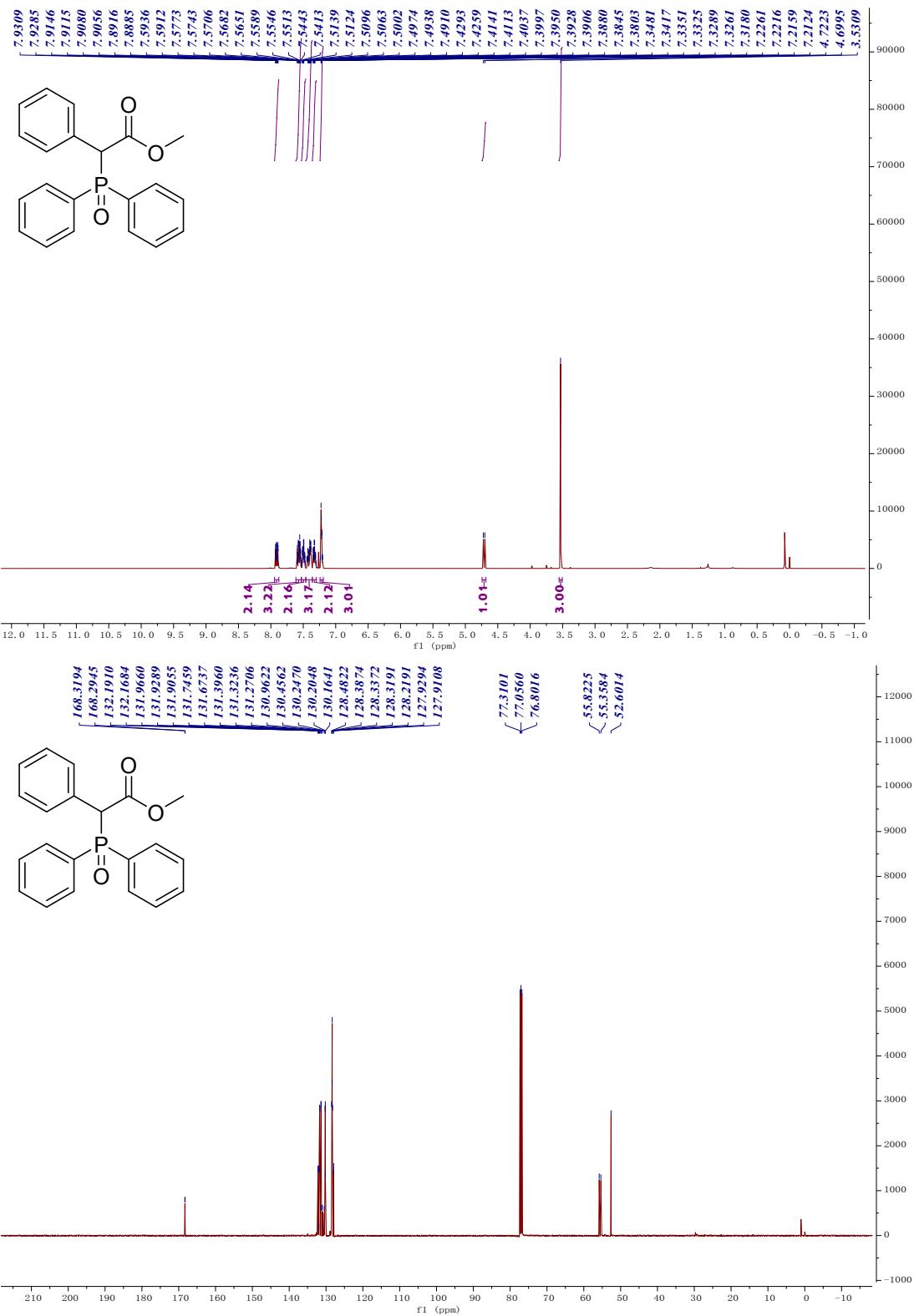
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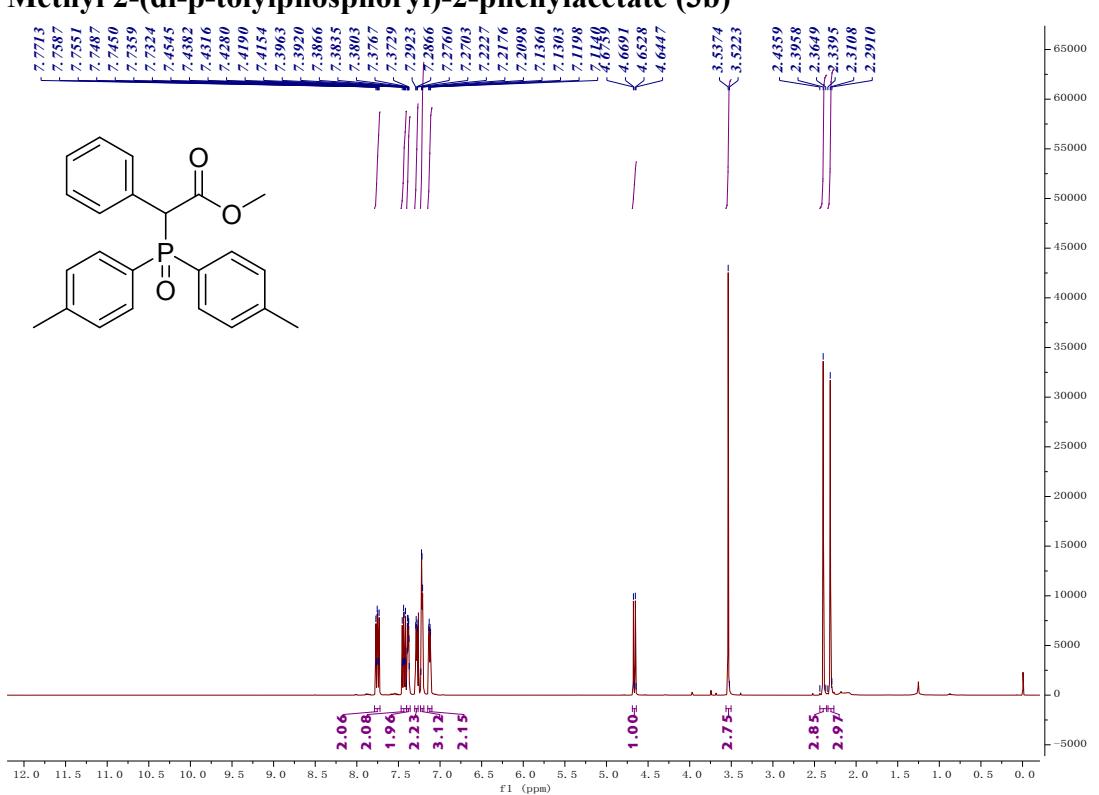
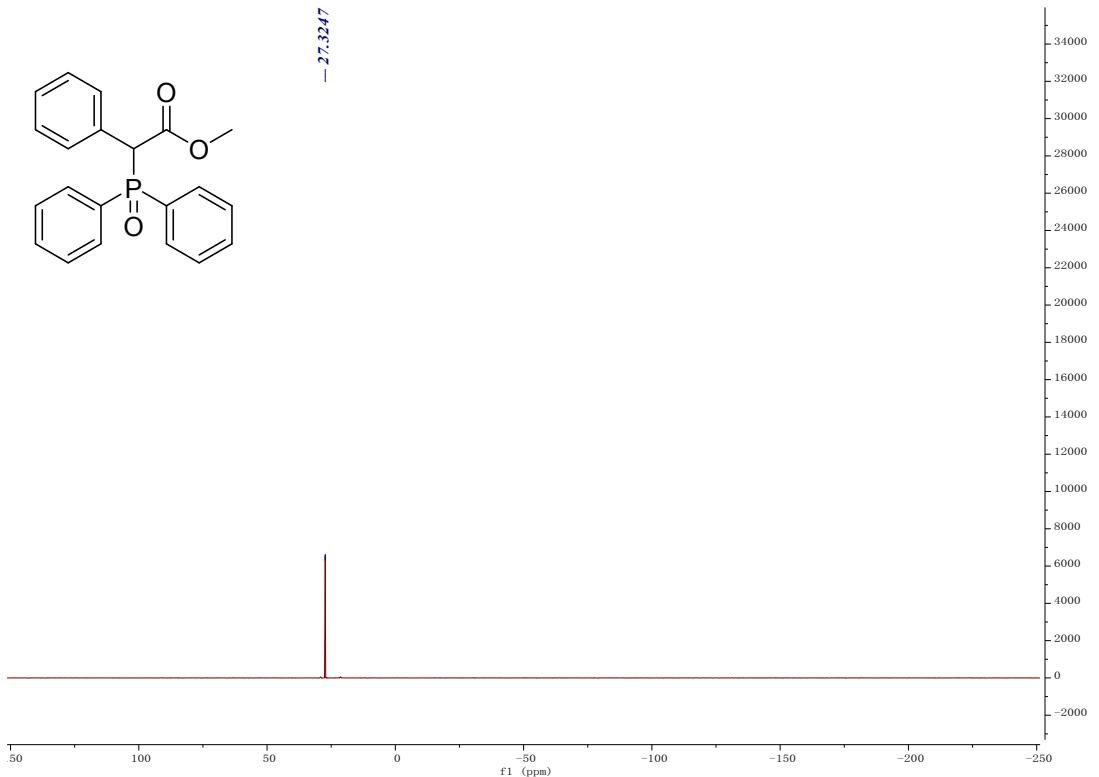


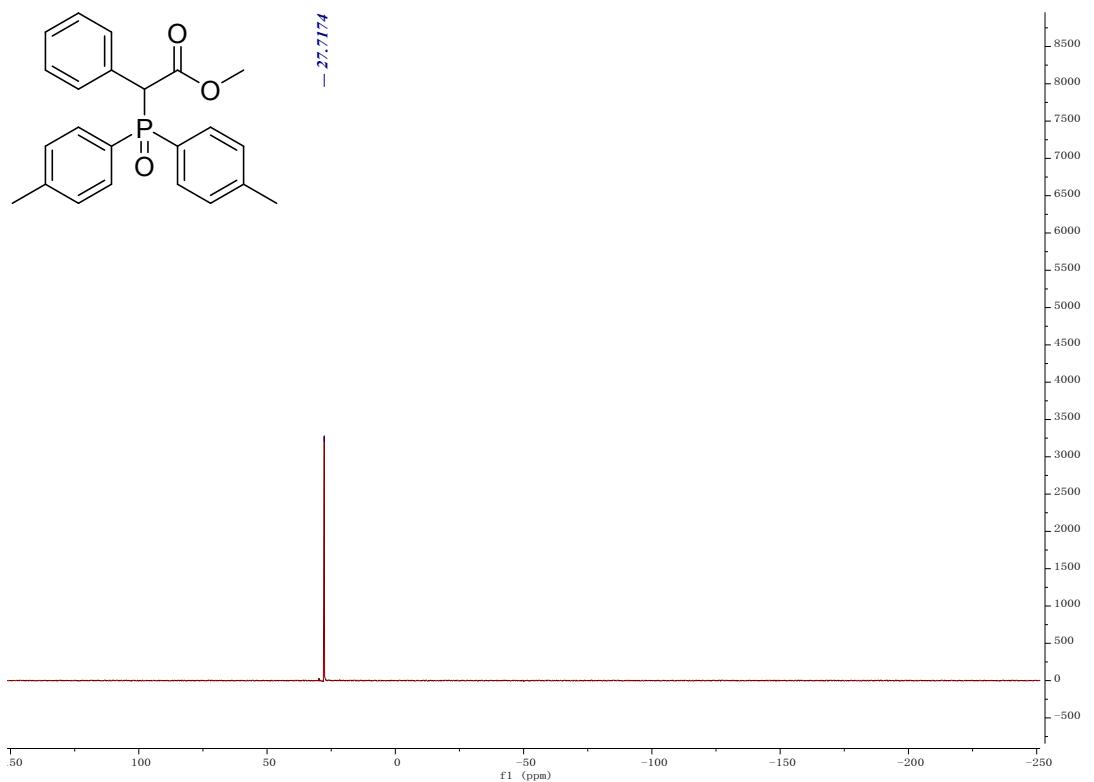
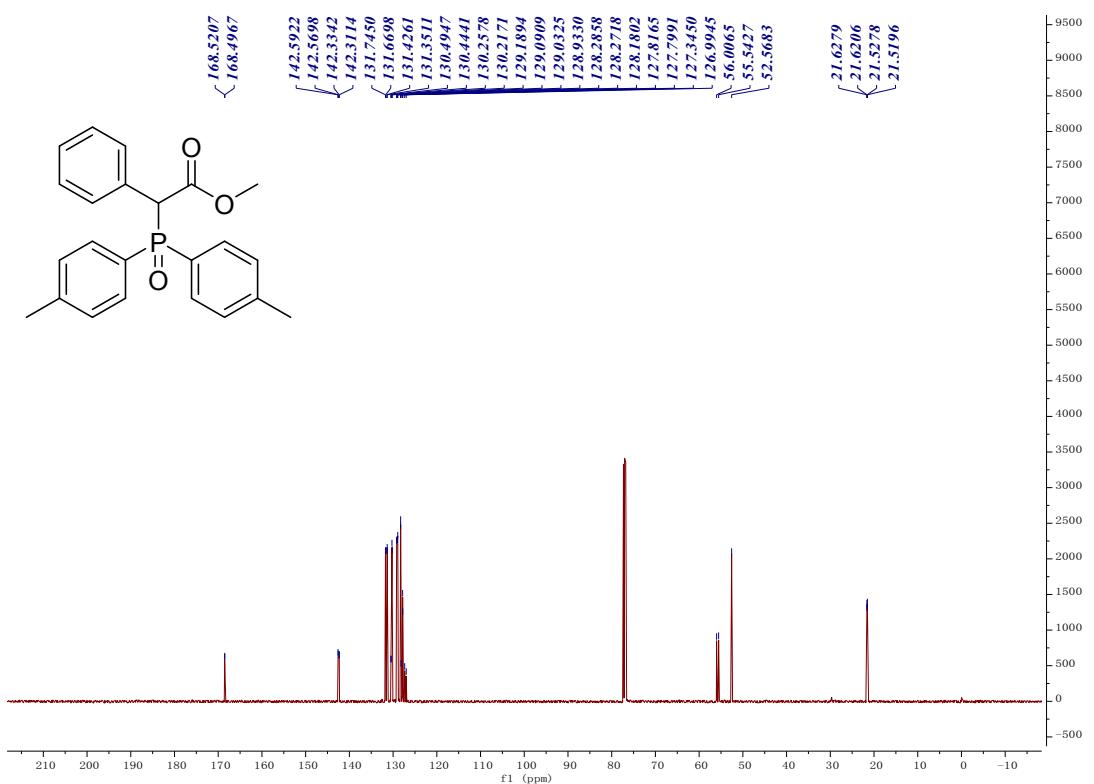
163.7–165.6 °C, 30.1 mg, Yield: 66%; **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.78 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 4.62 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.25 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 142.93 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 142.73 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 131.99 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz), 131.80 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 131.54 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 131.44 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 129.74 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 129.38 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 129.28 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 127.60 (d, $J = 105.1$ Hz), 127.20 (d, $J = 103.4$ Hz), 122.36 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 55.33 (d, $J = 57.1$ Hz), 52.81, 21.78 (d, $J = 0.7$ Hz), 21.69 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz). **^{31}P NMR** (202 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 27.40. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrO}_3\text{P} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 457.0563; found: 457.0566.

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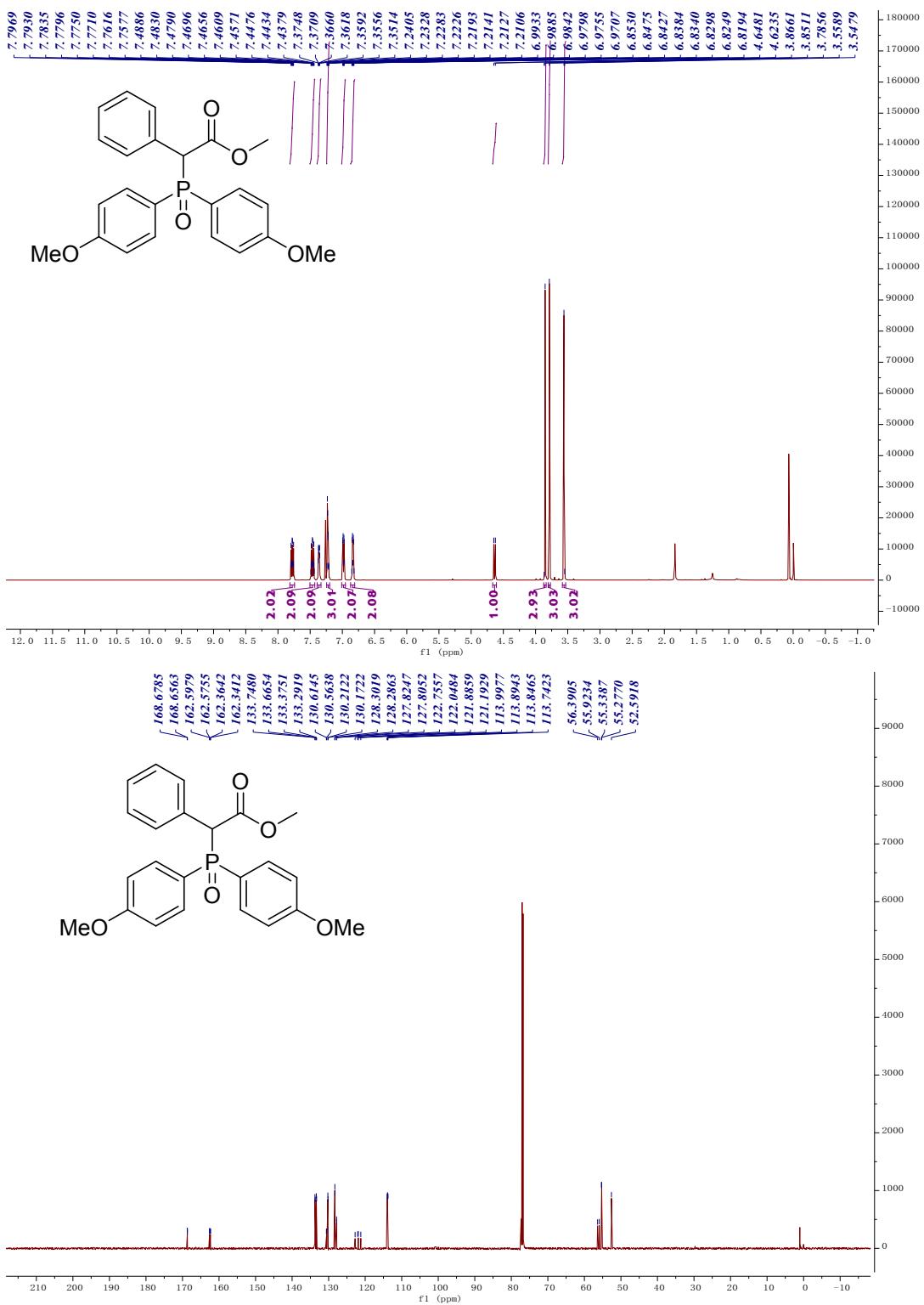
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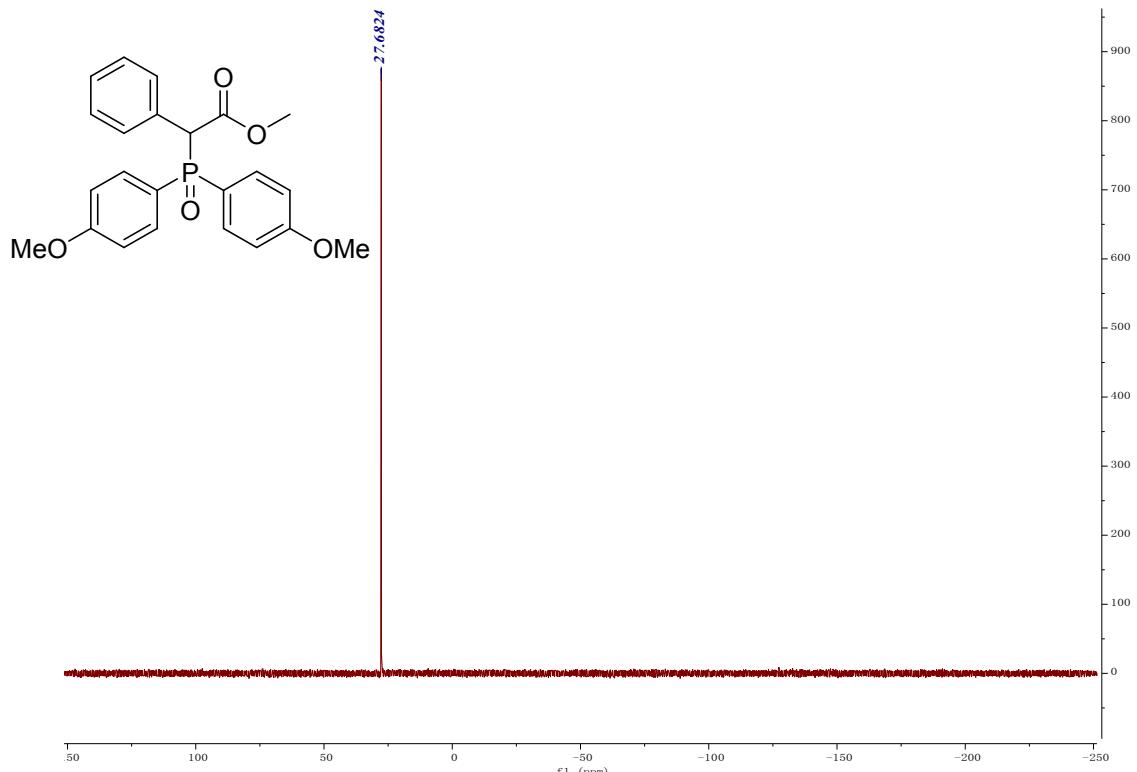




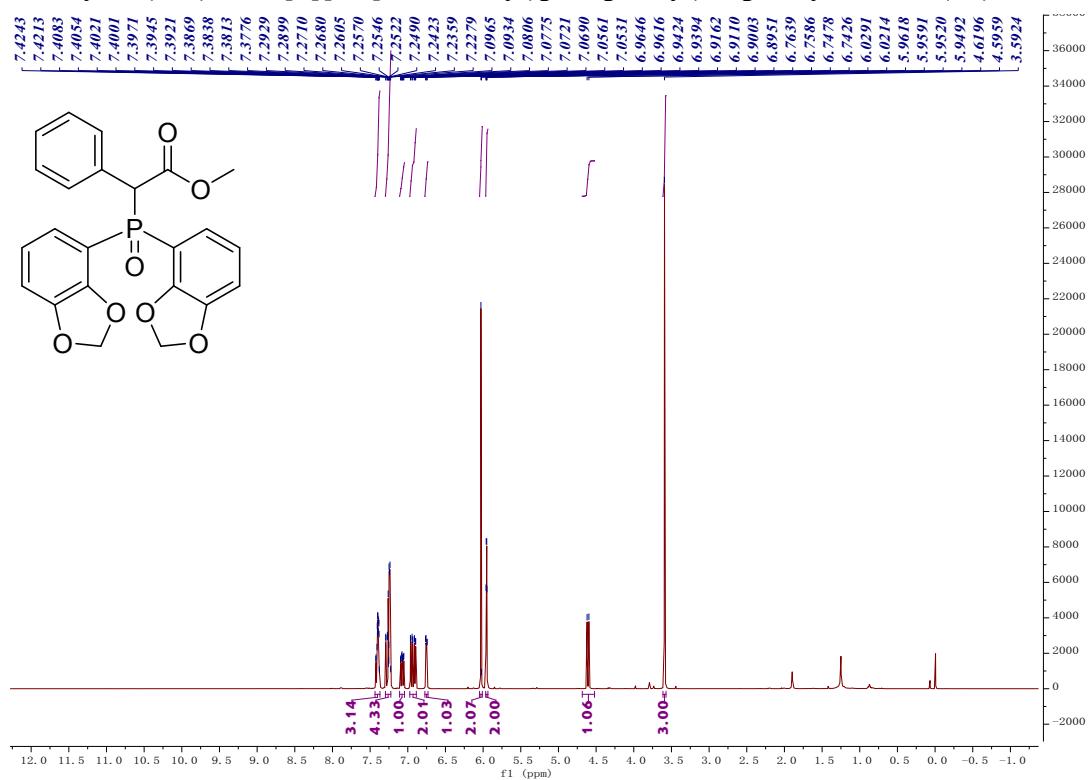


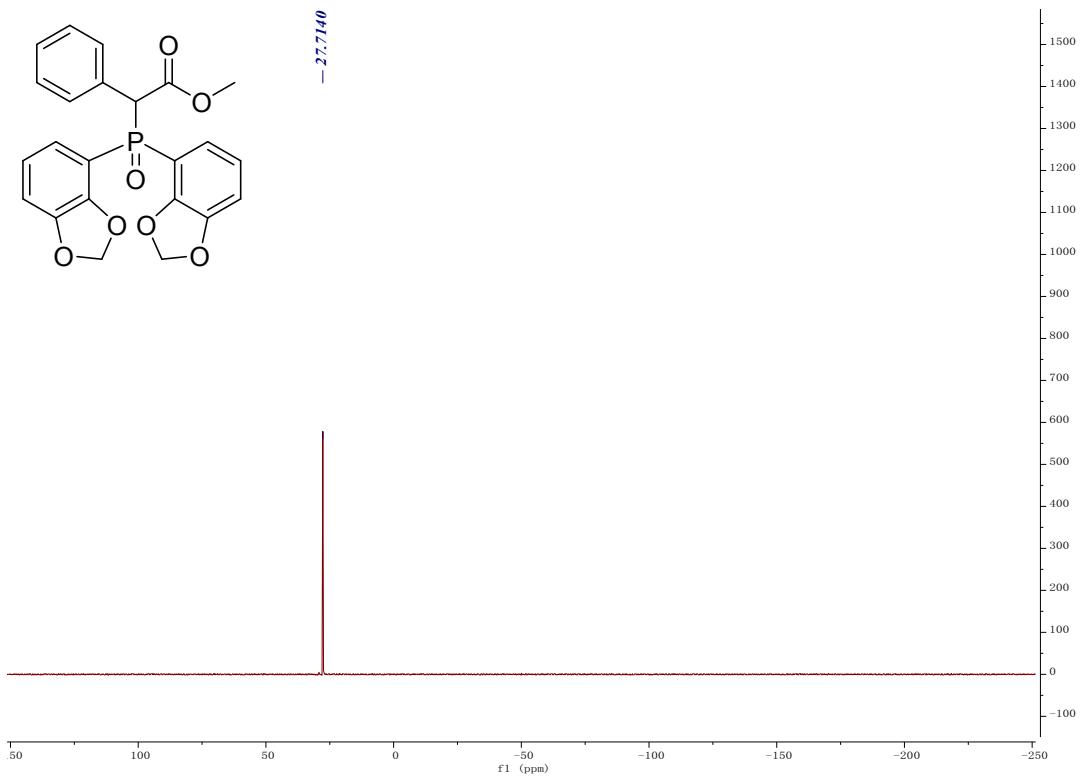
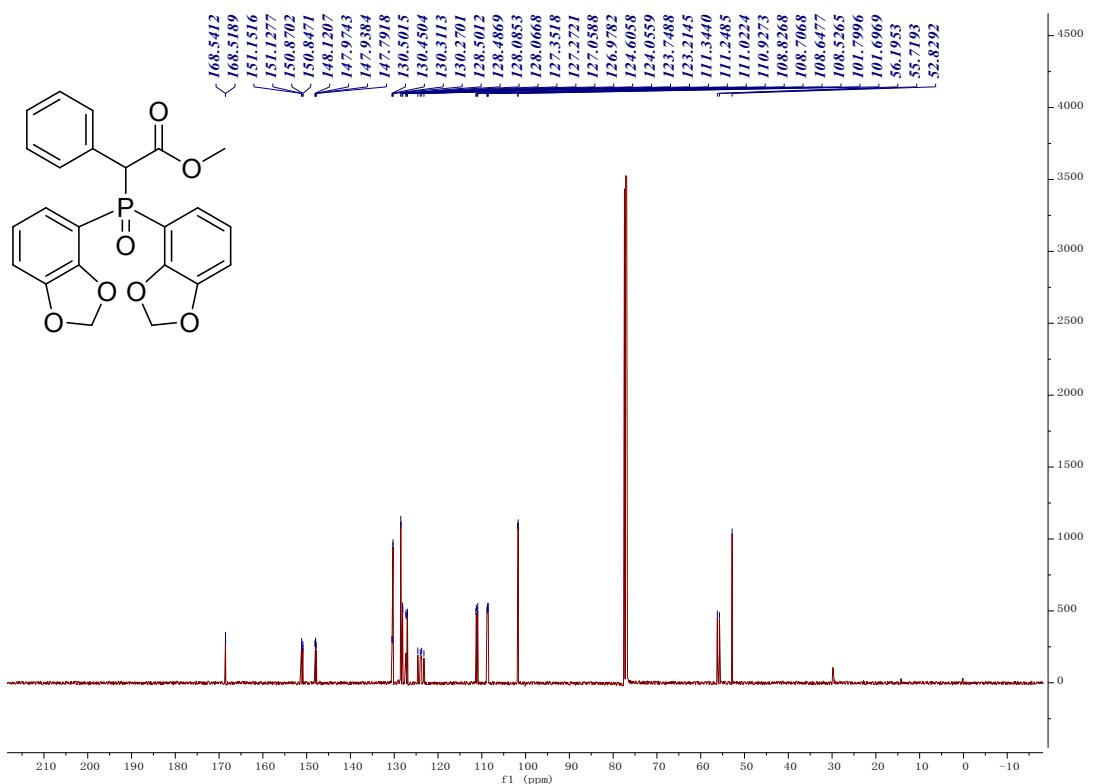
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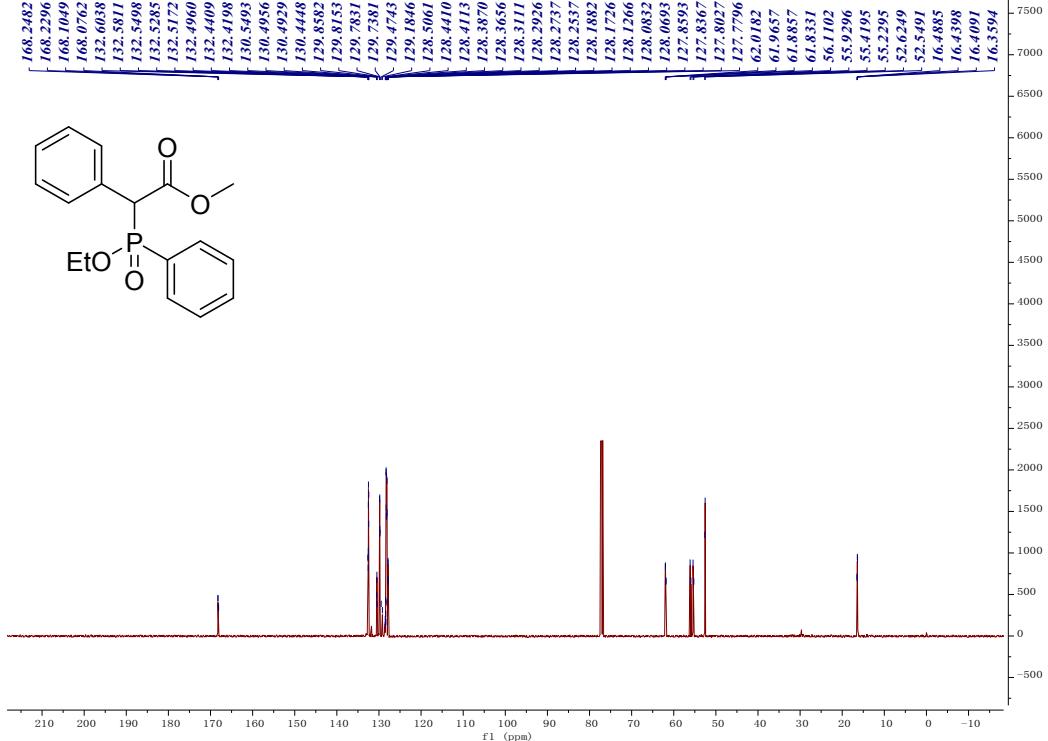
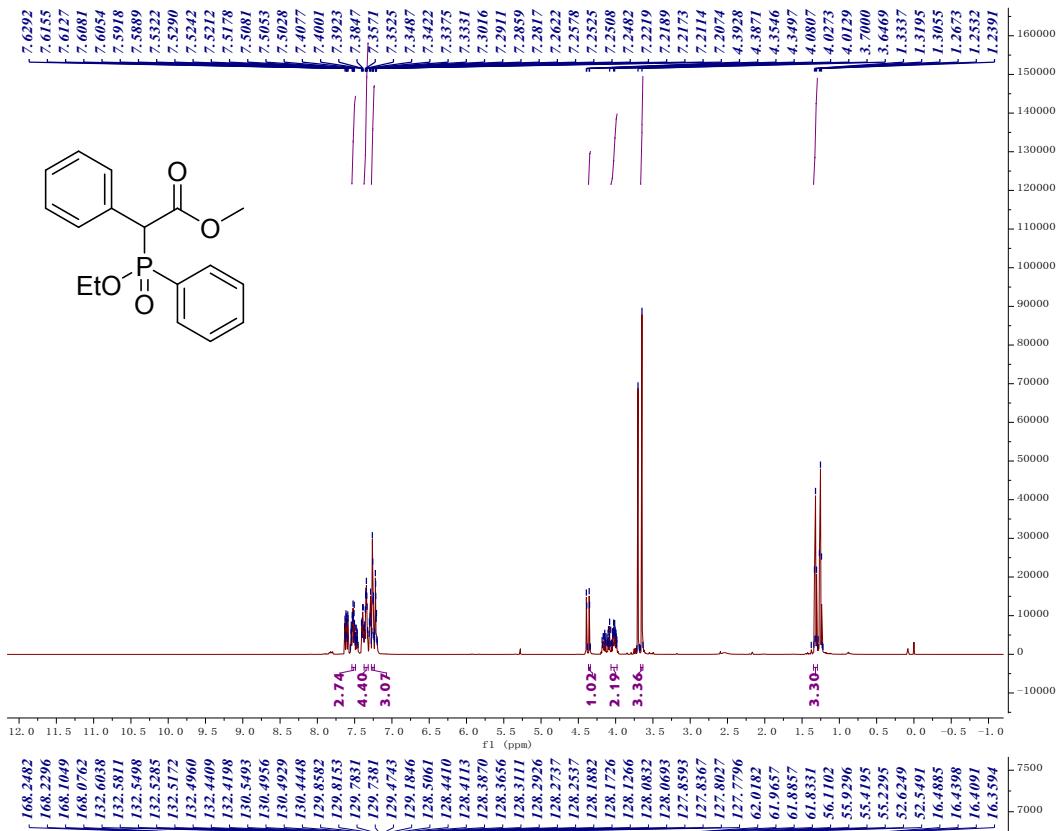


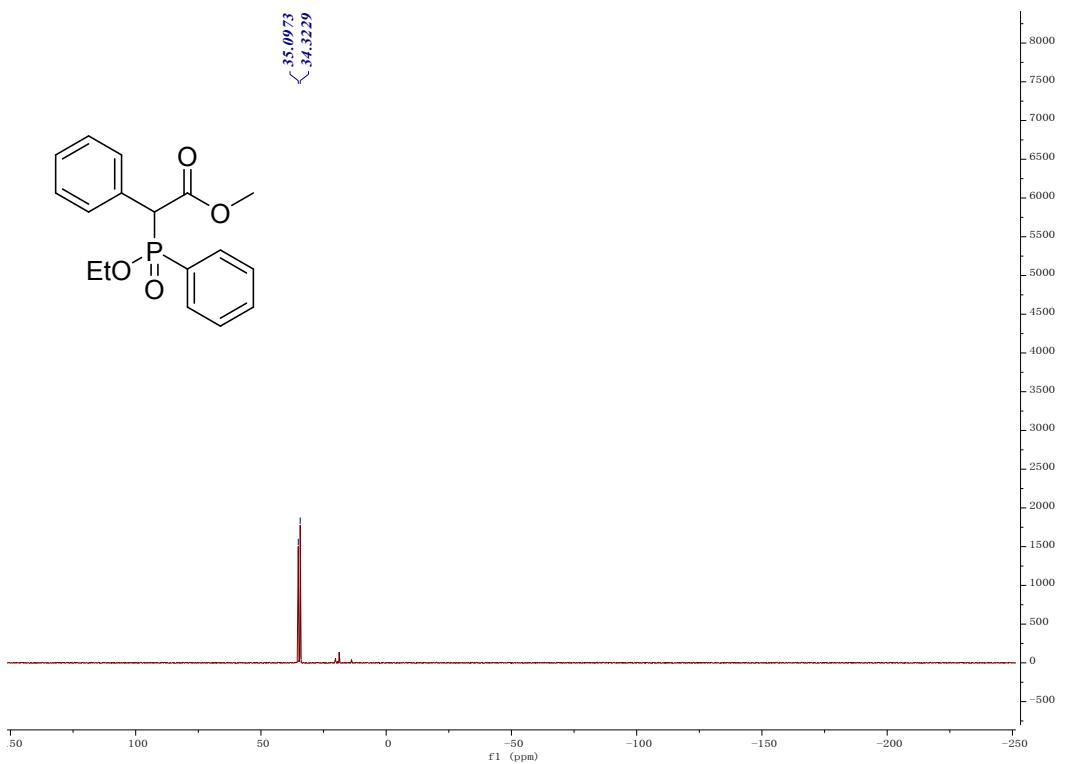
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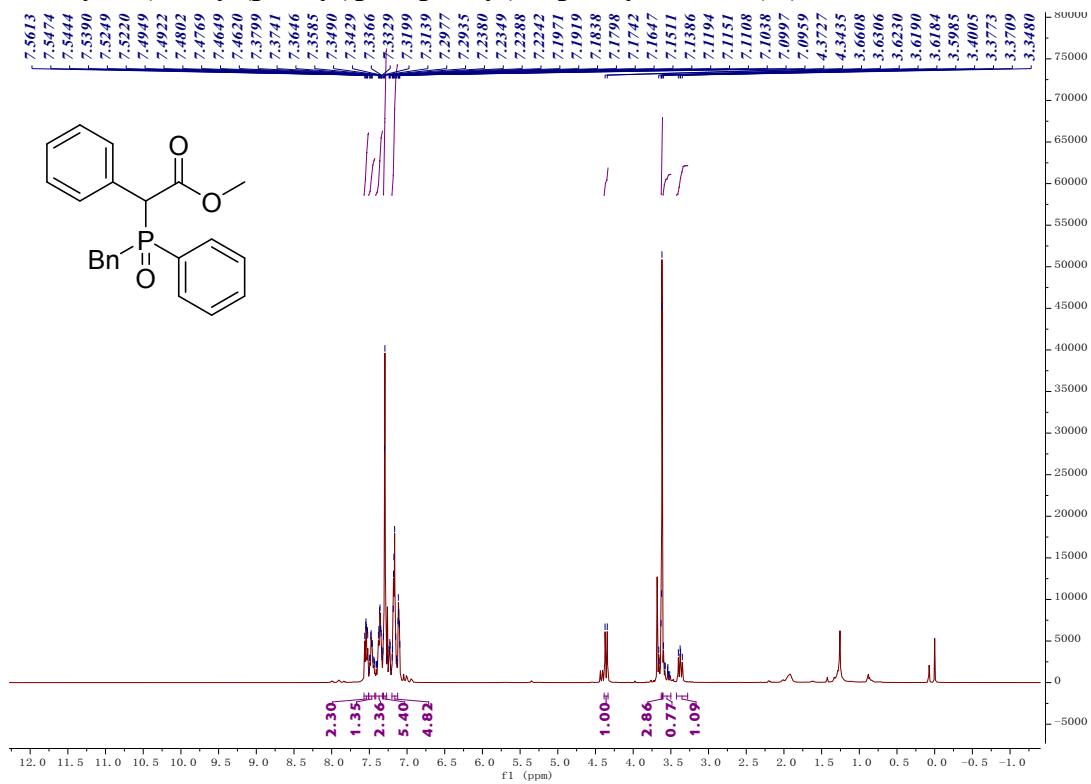


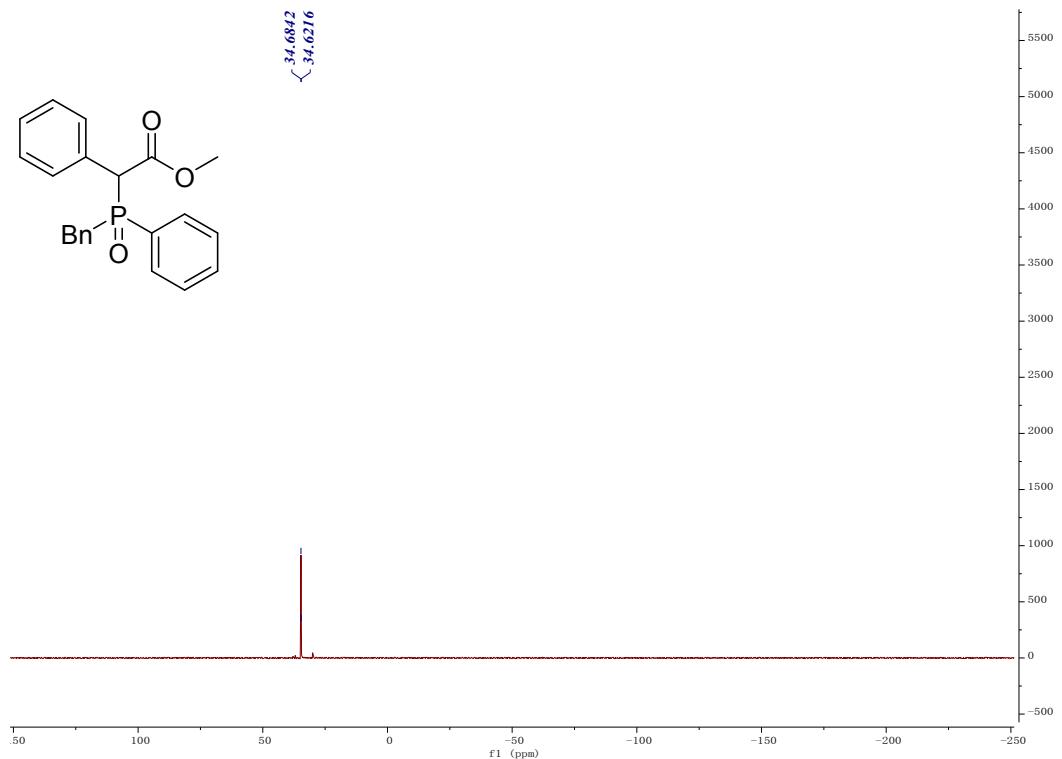
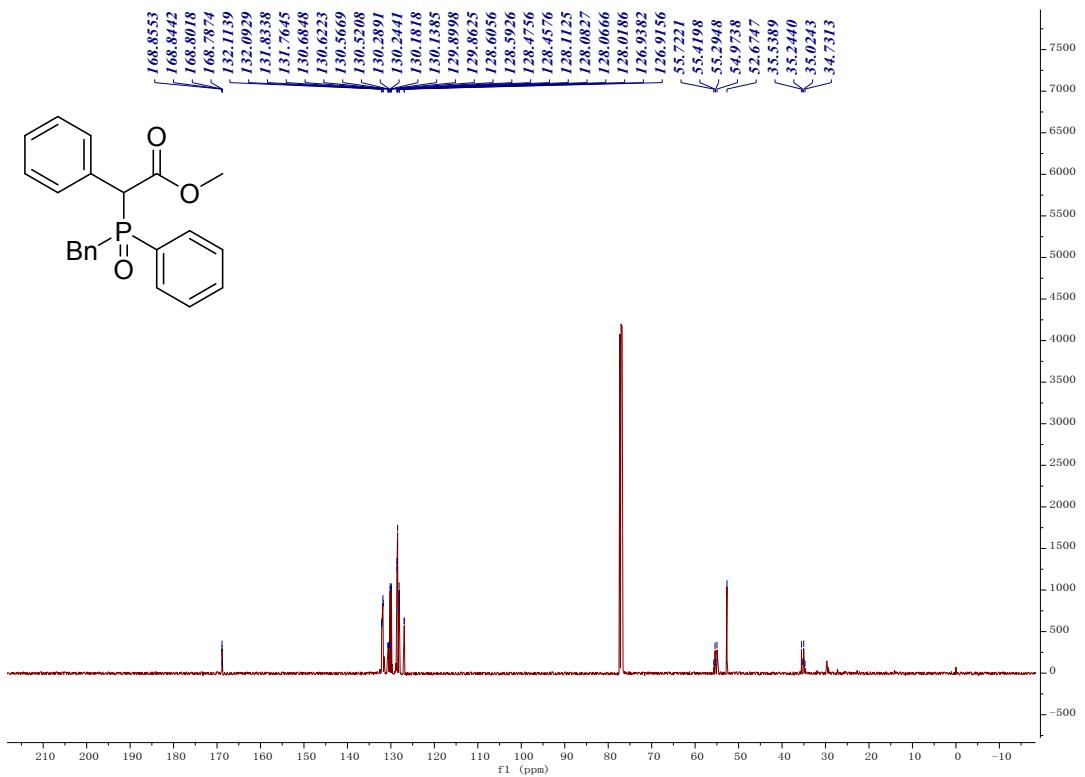
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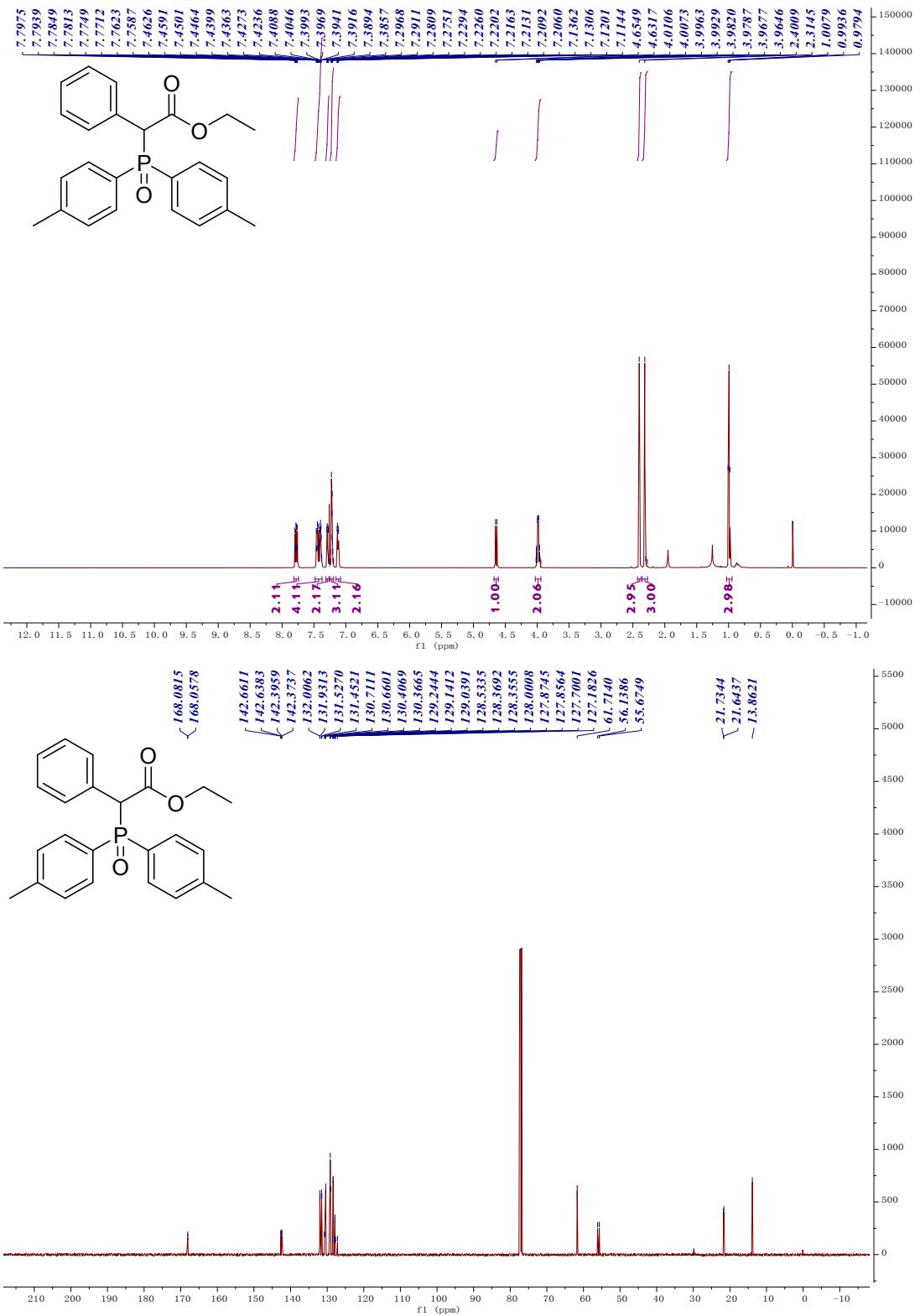


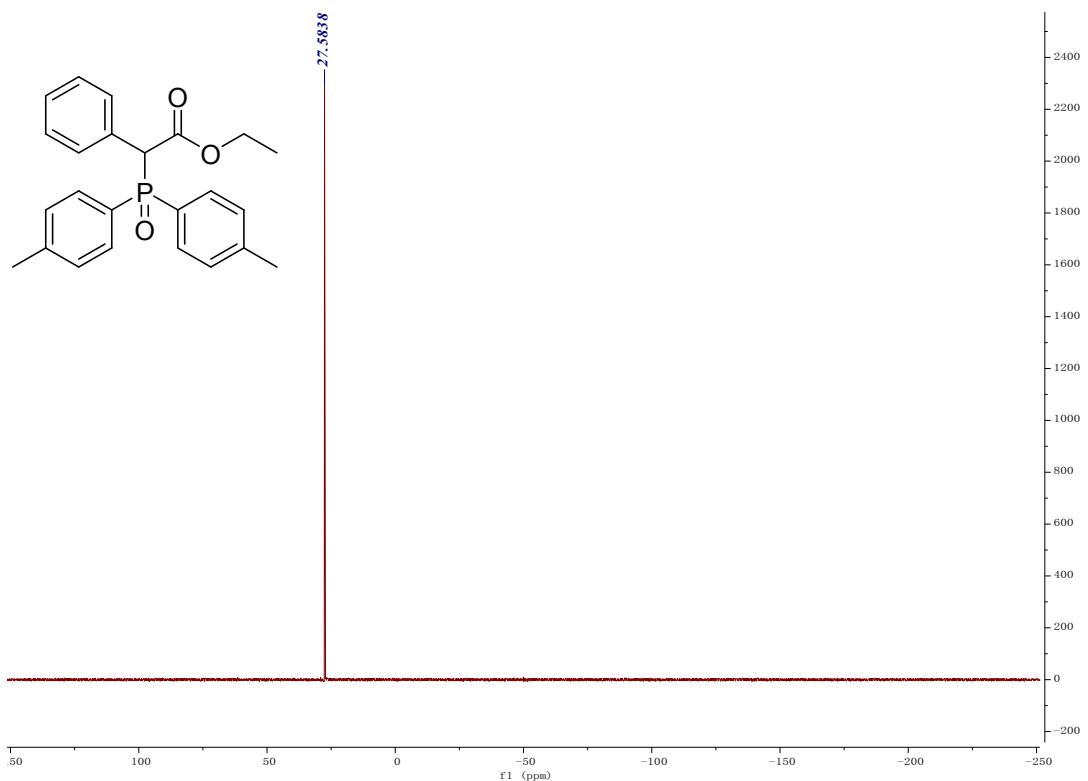
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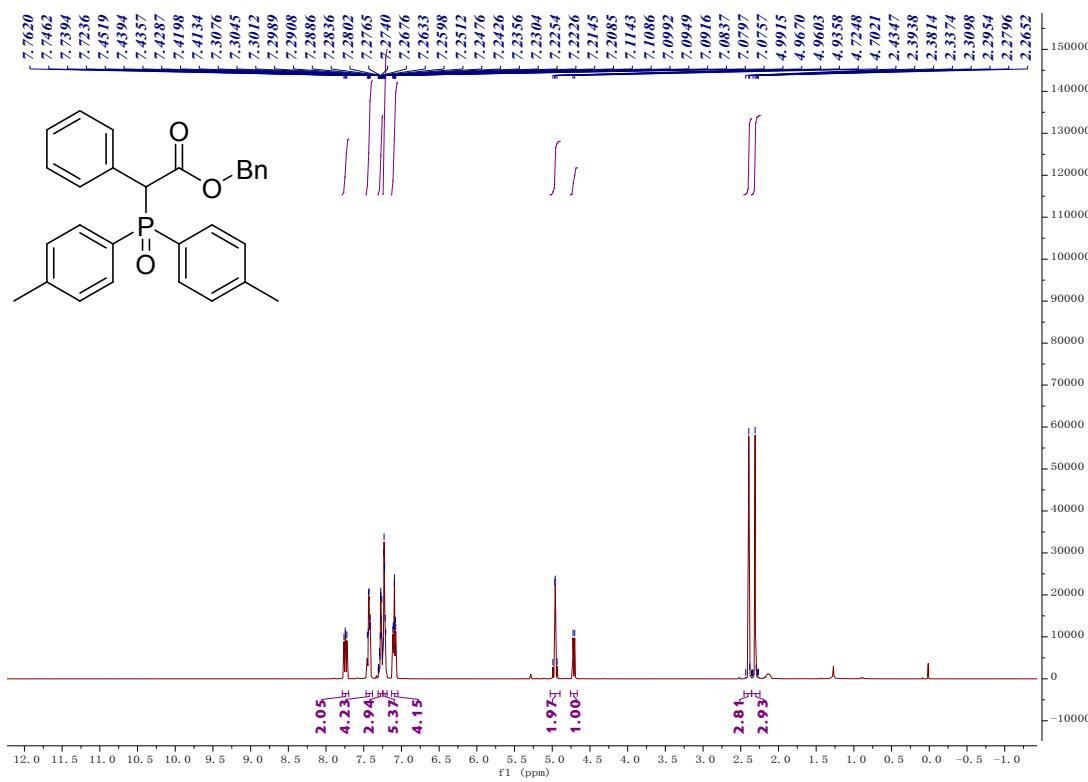


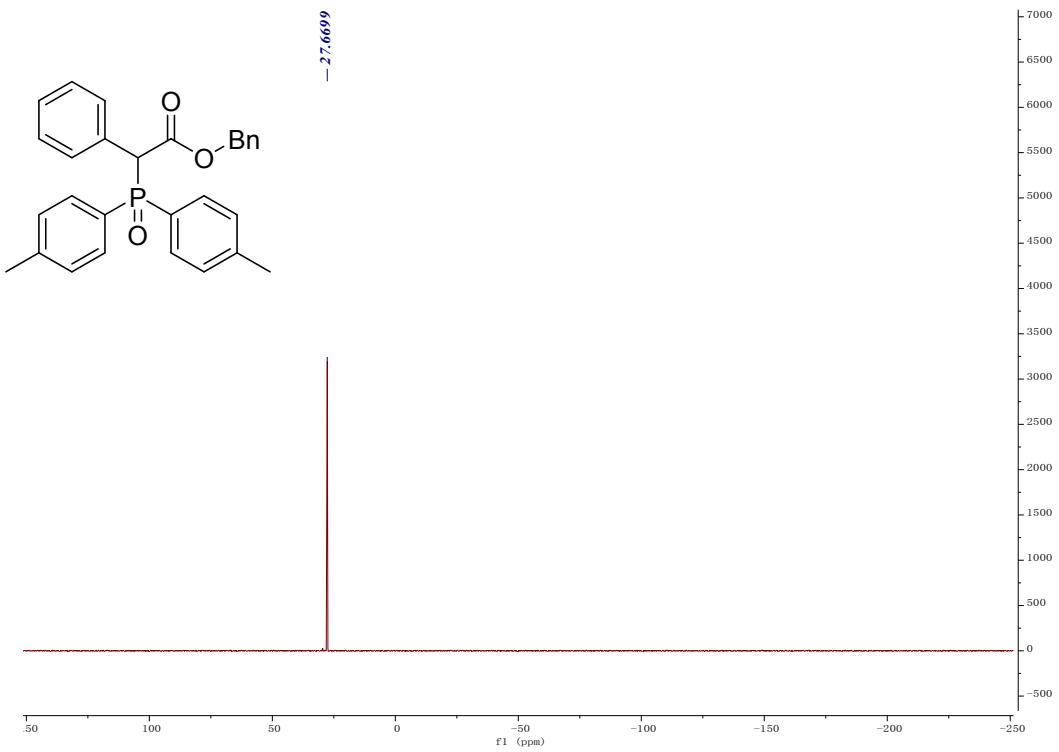
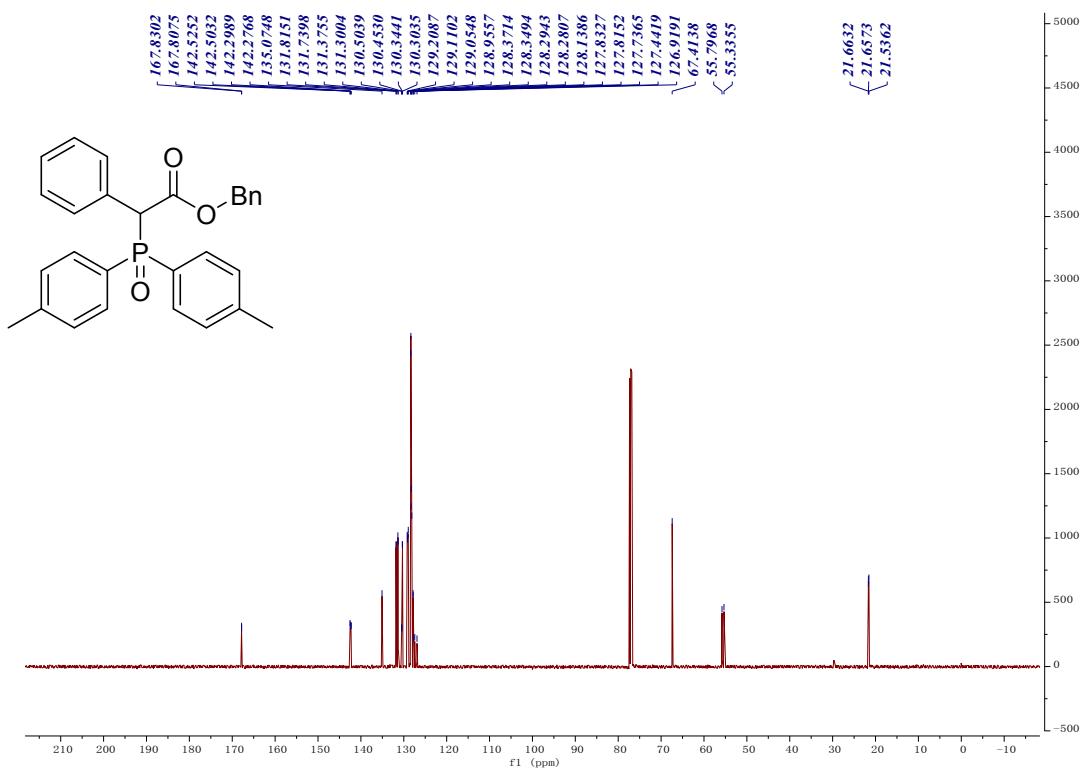
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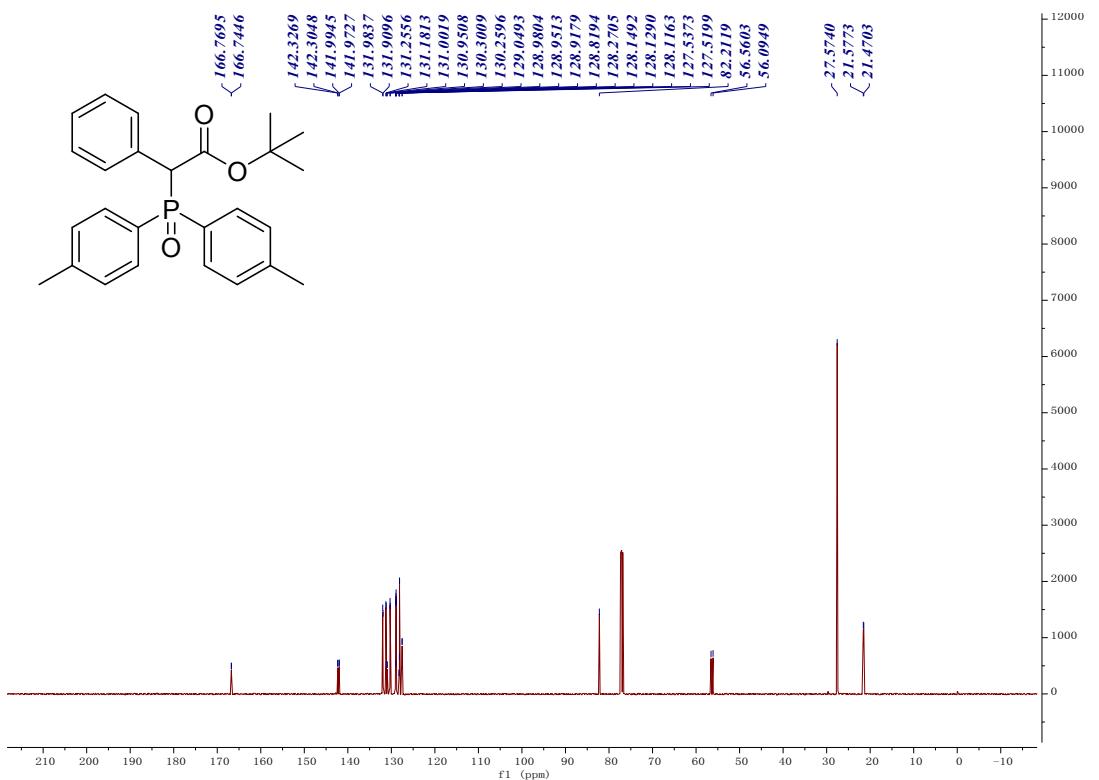
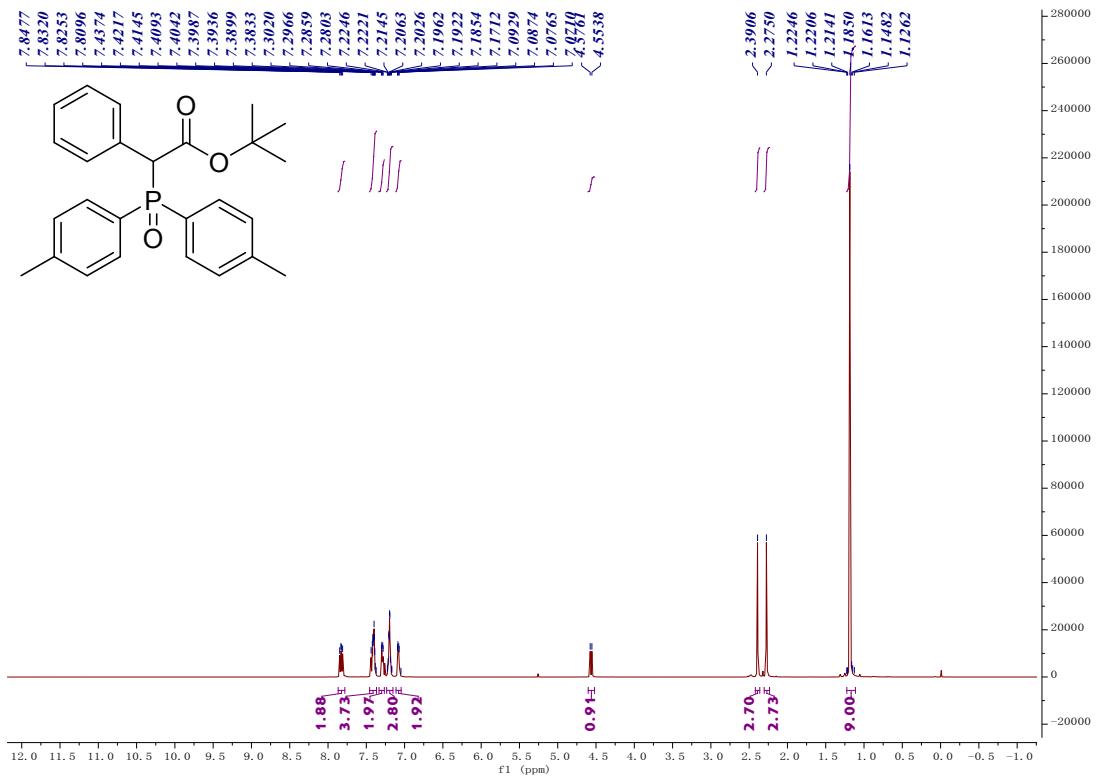


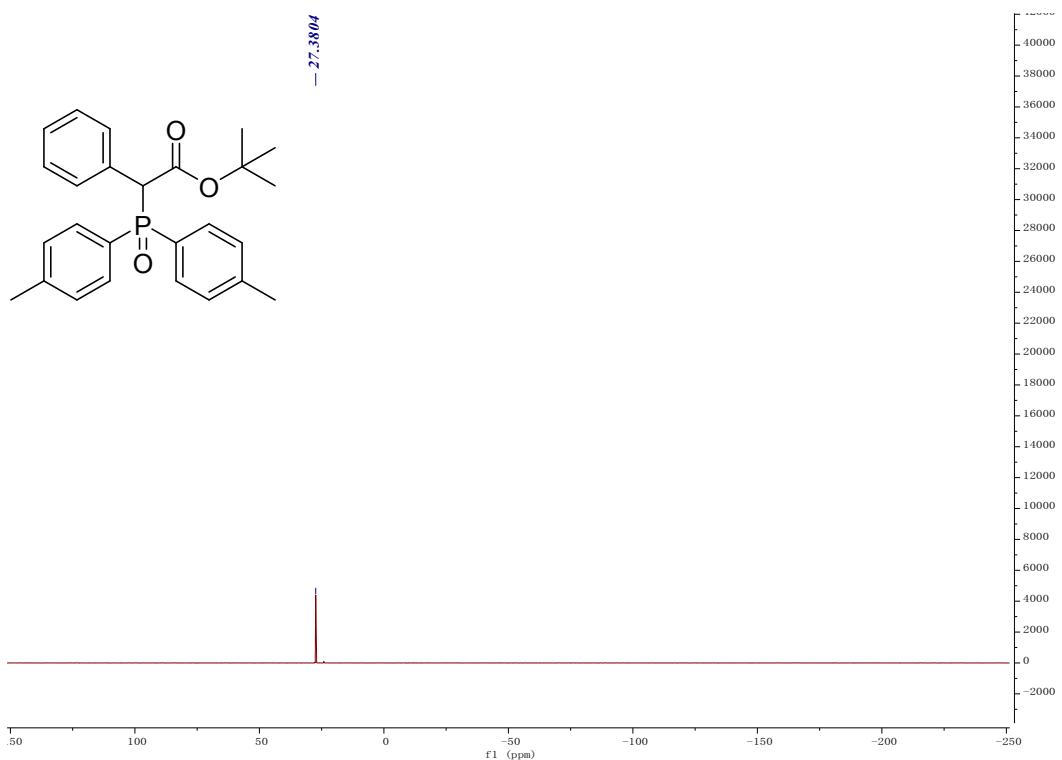
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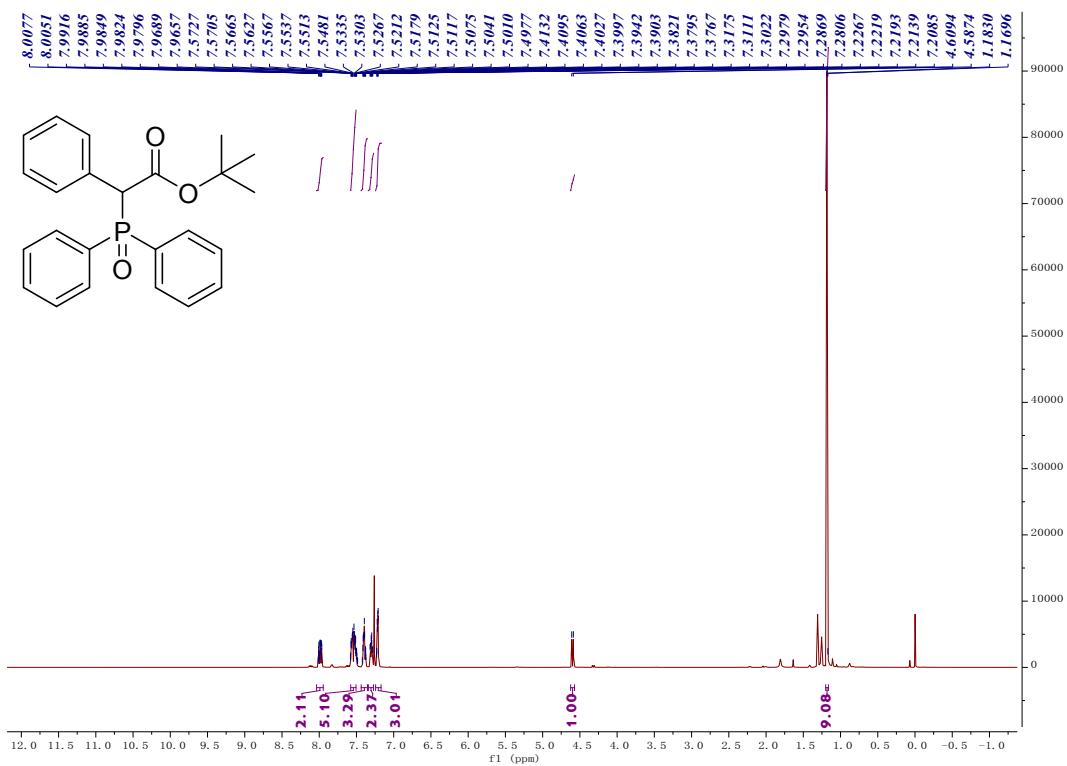


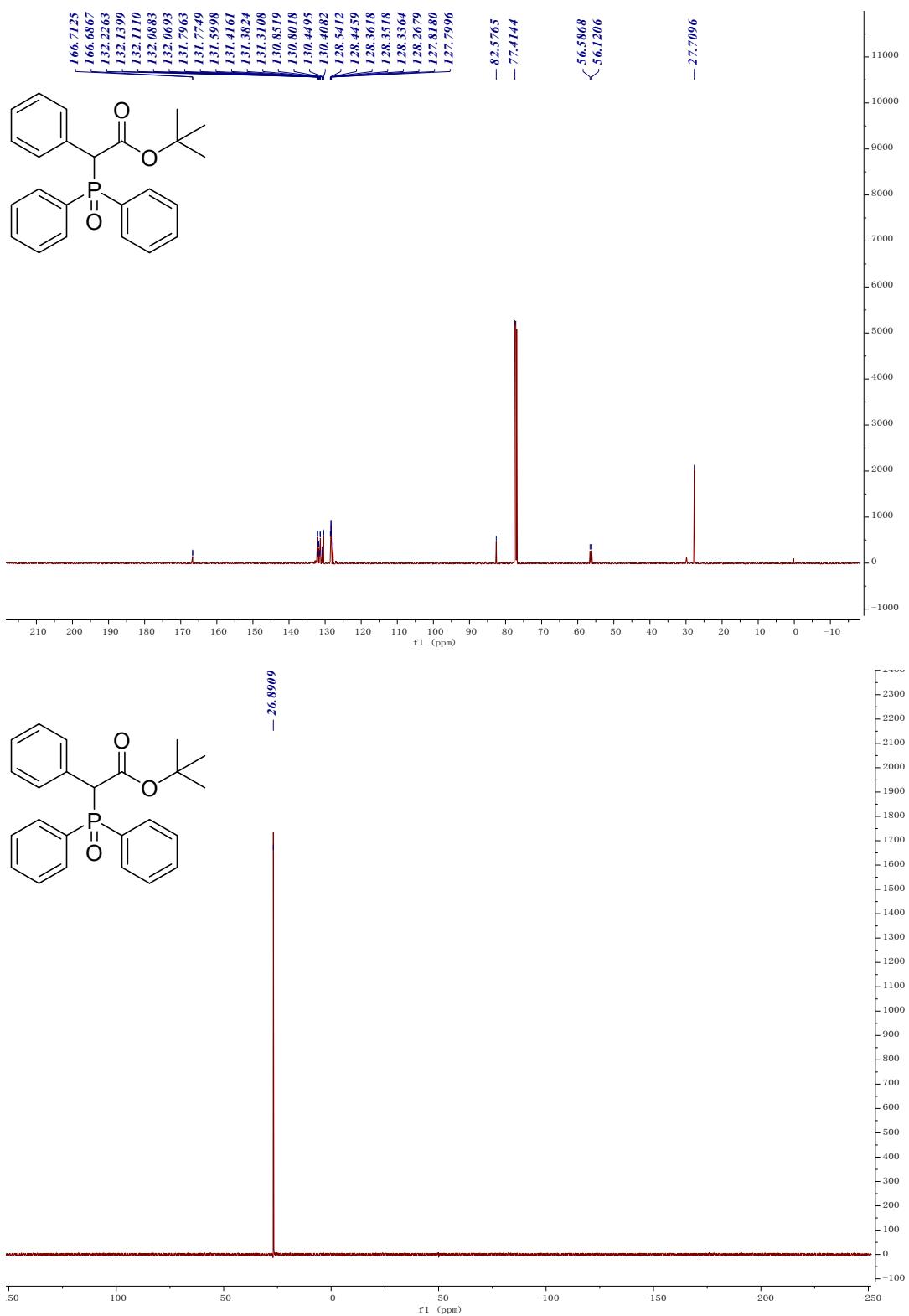
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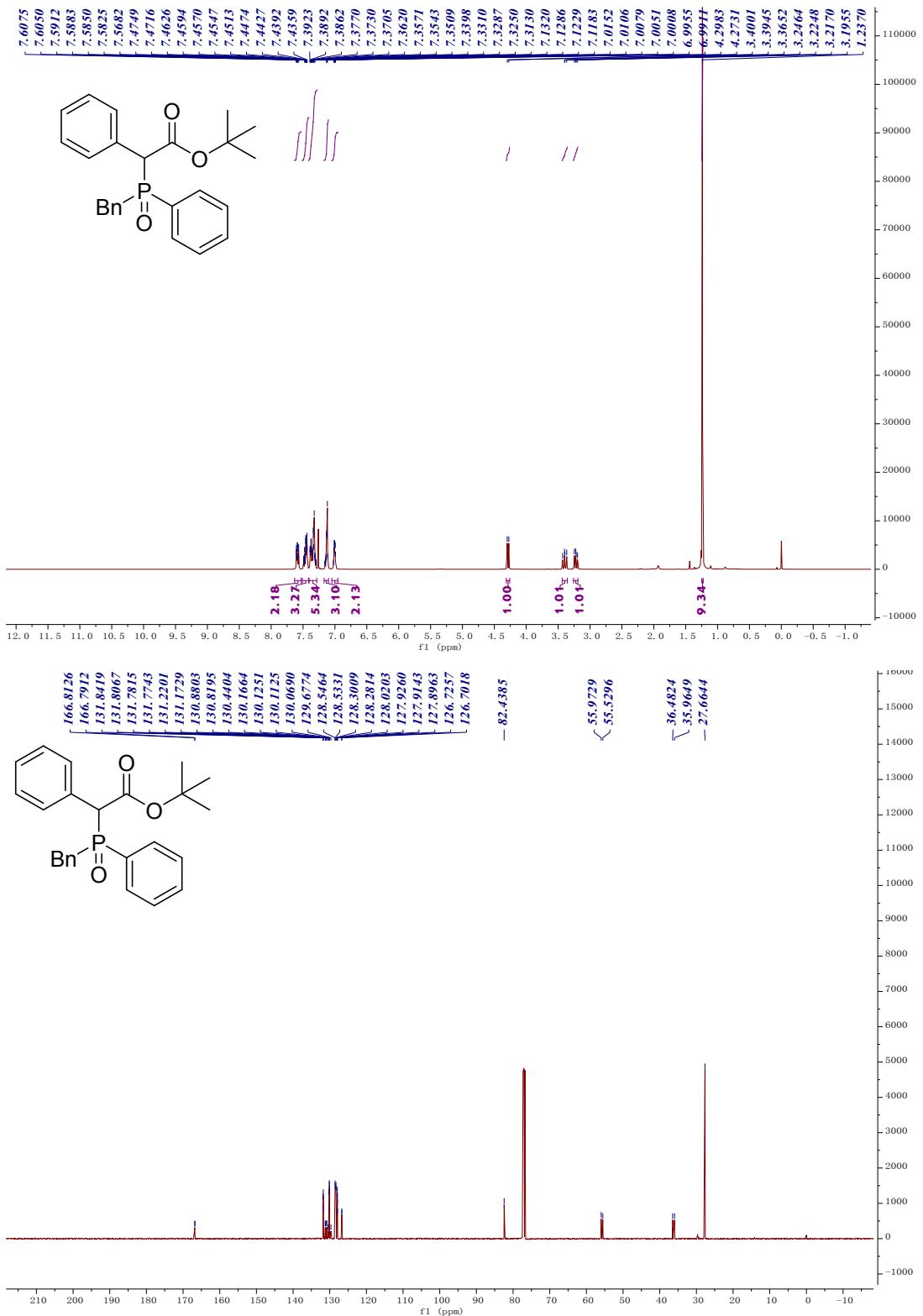


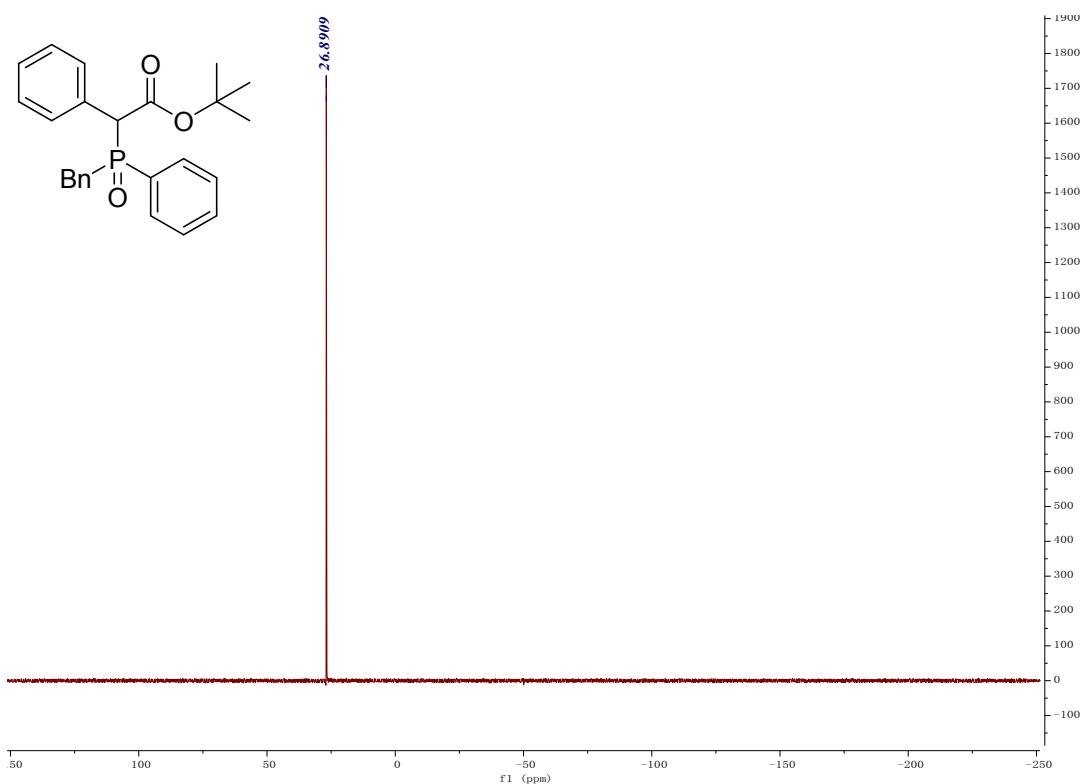
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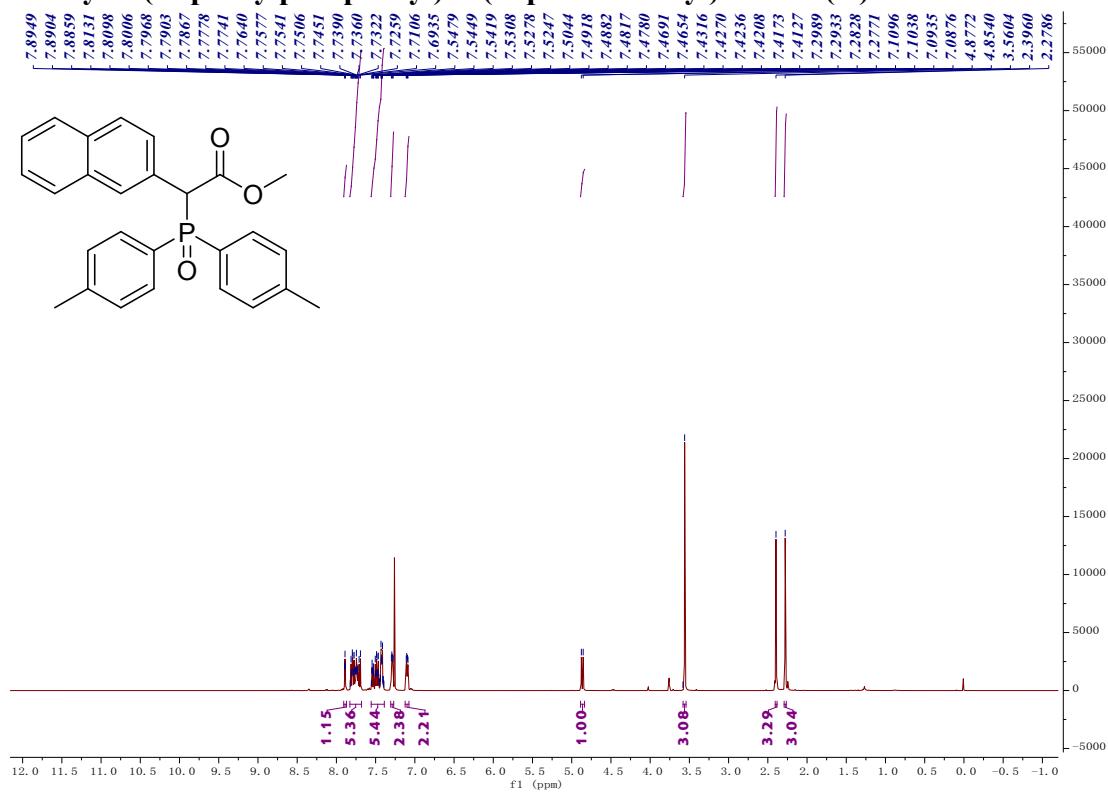


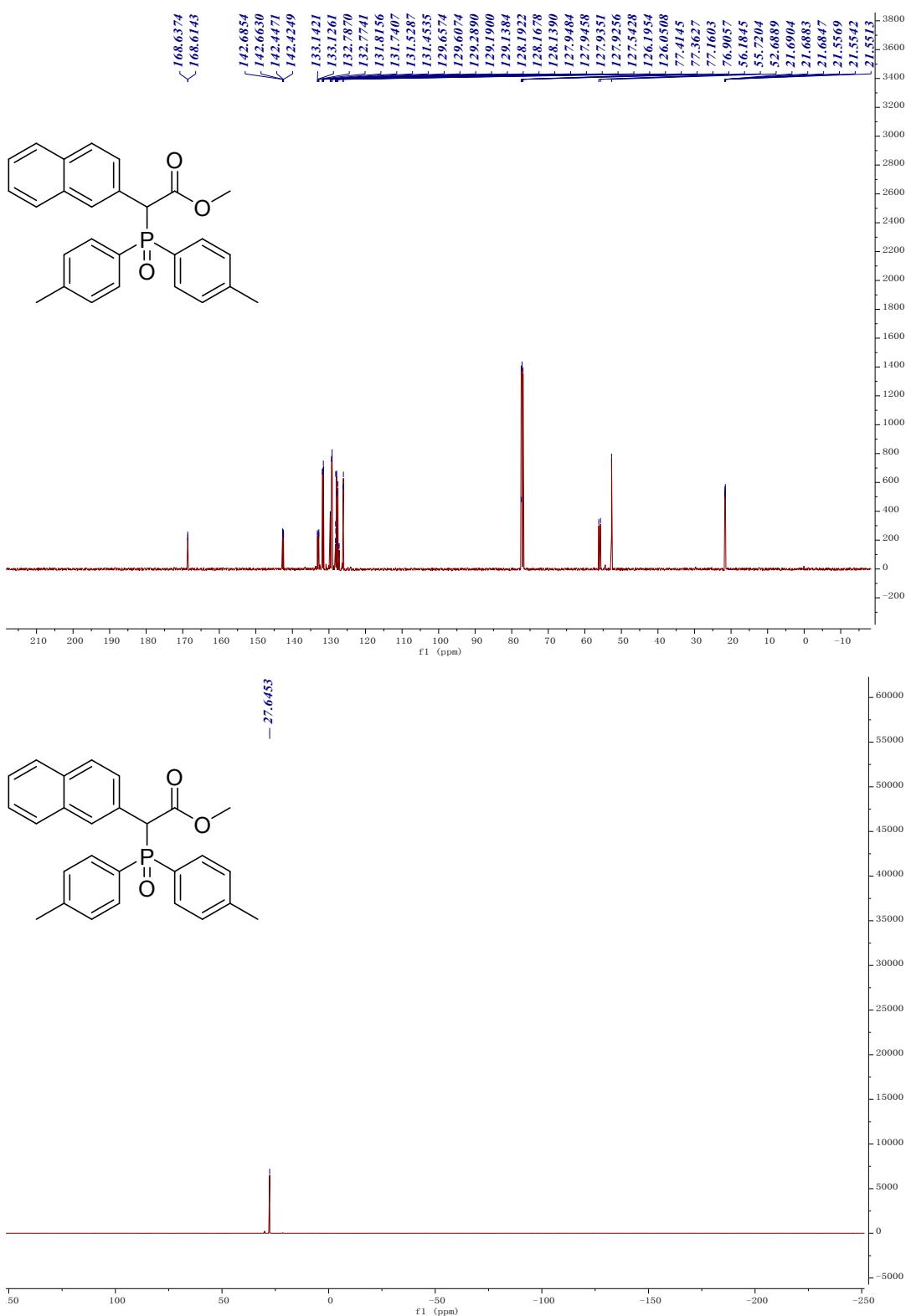
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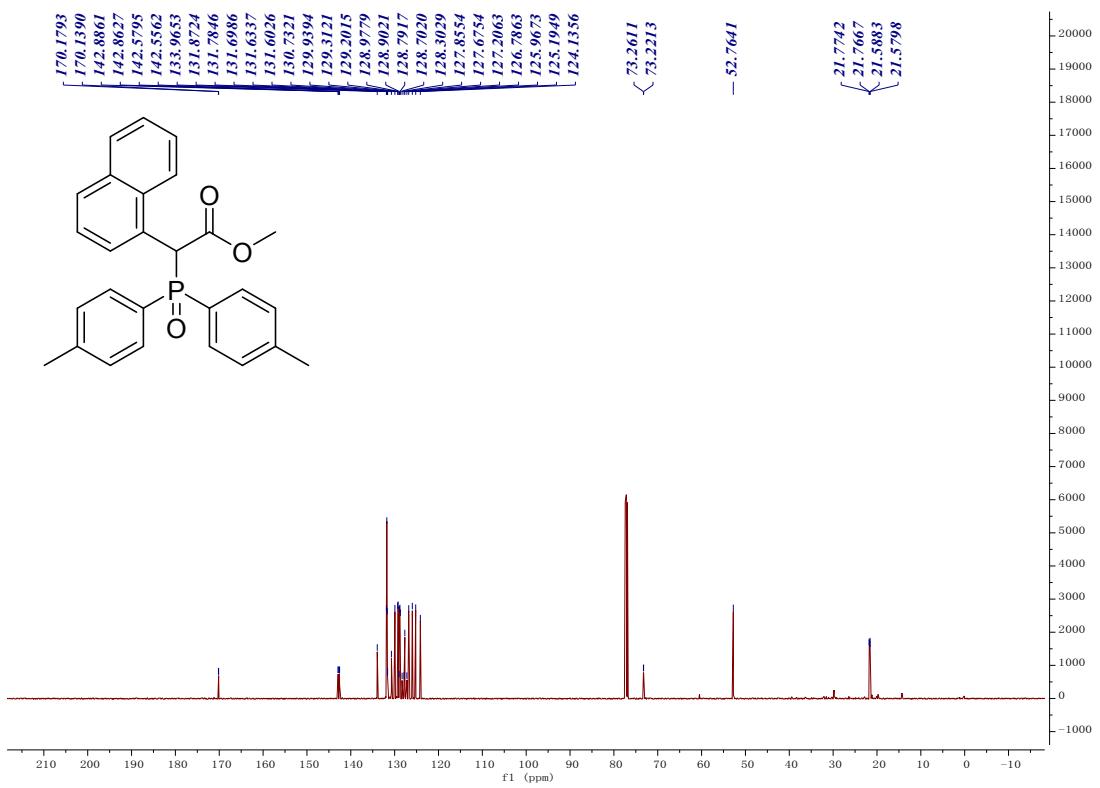
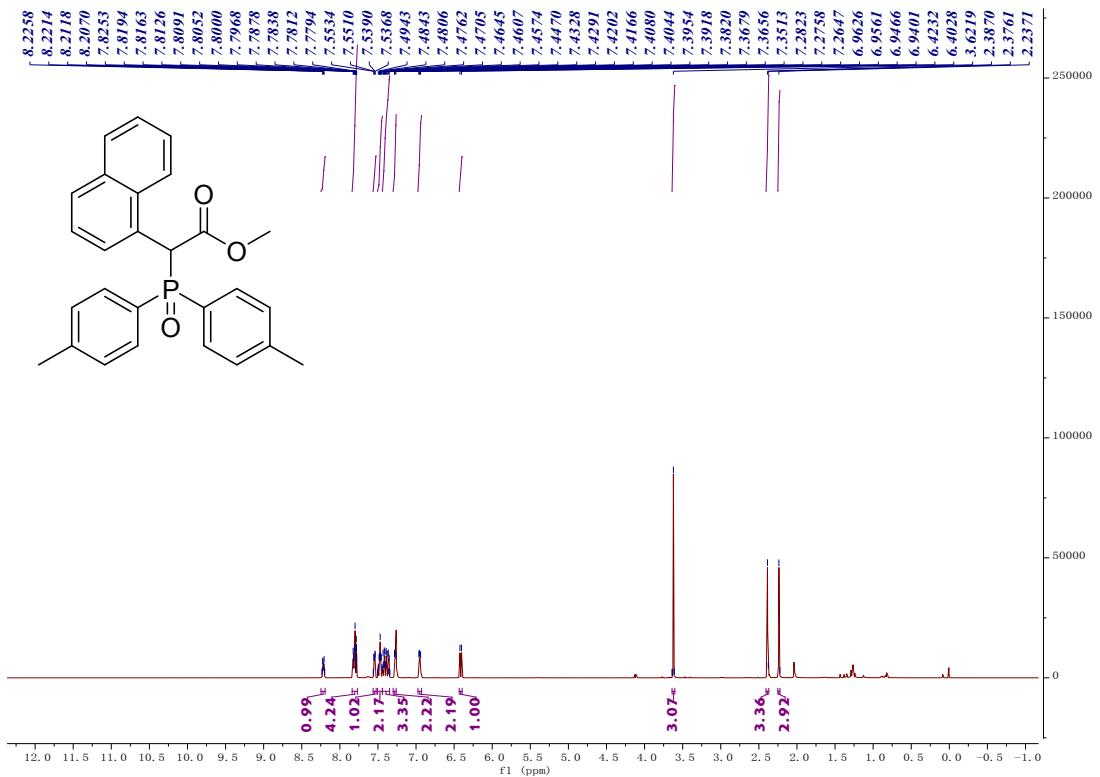


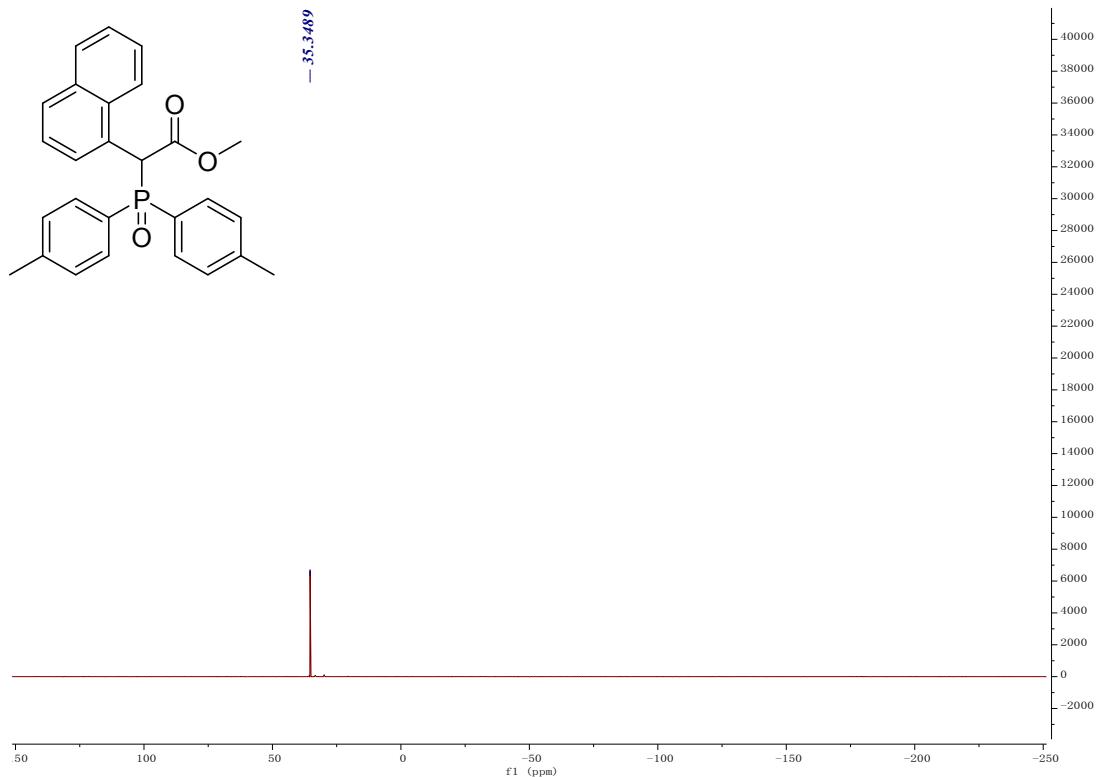
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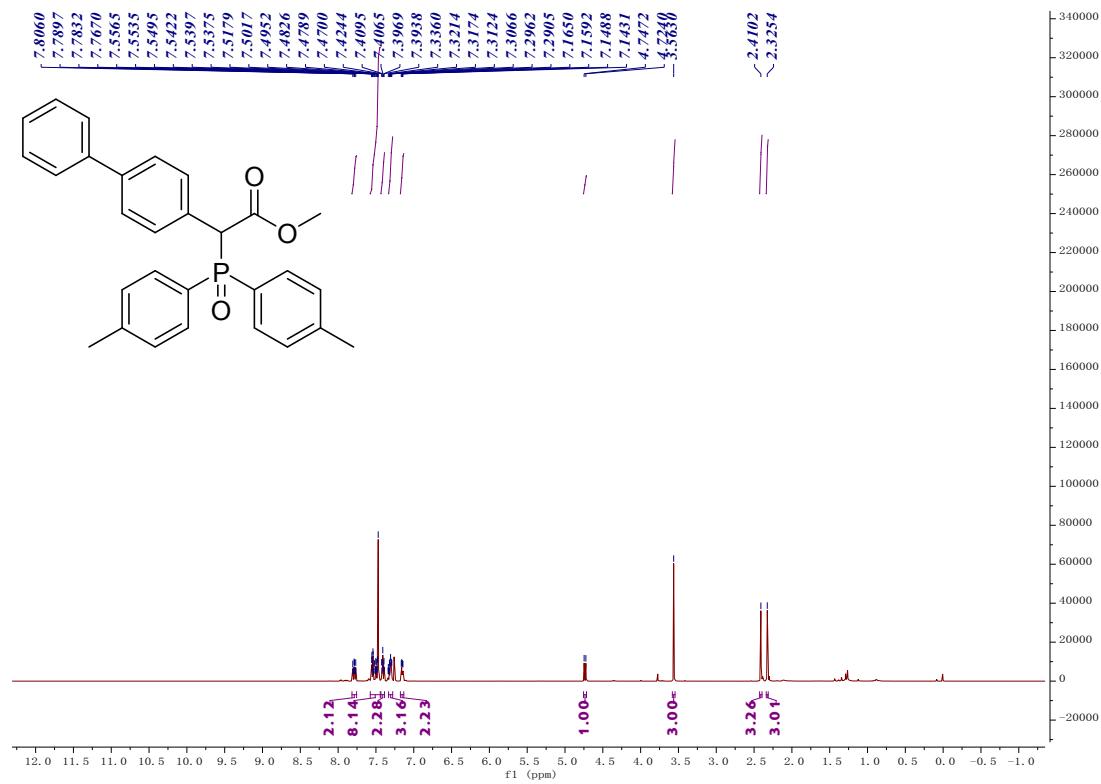


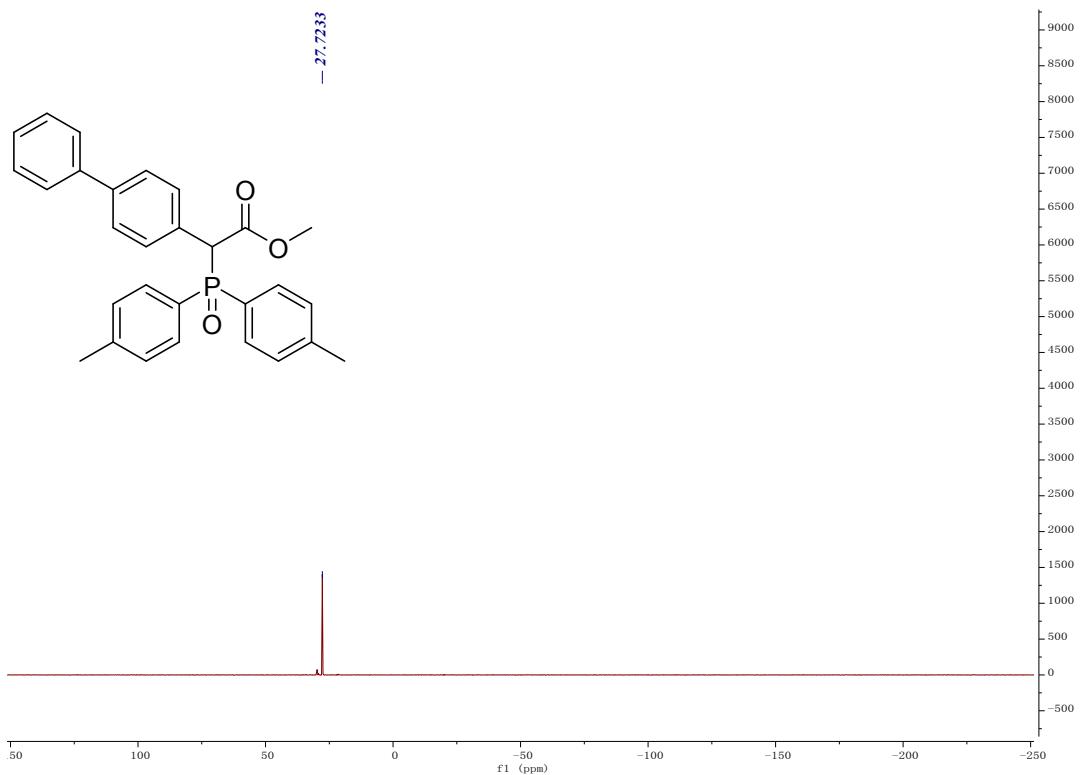
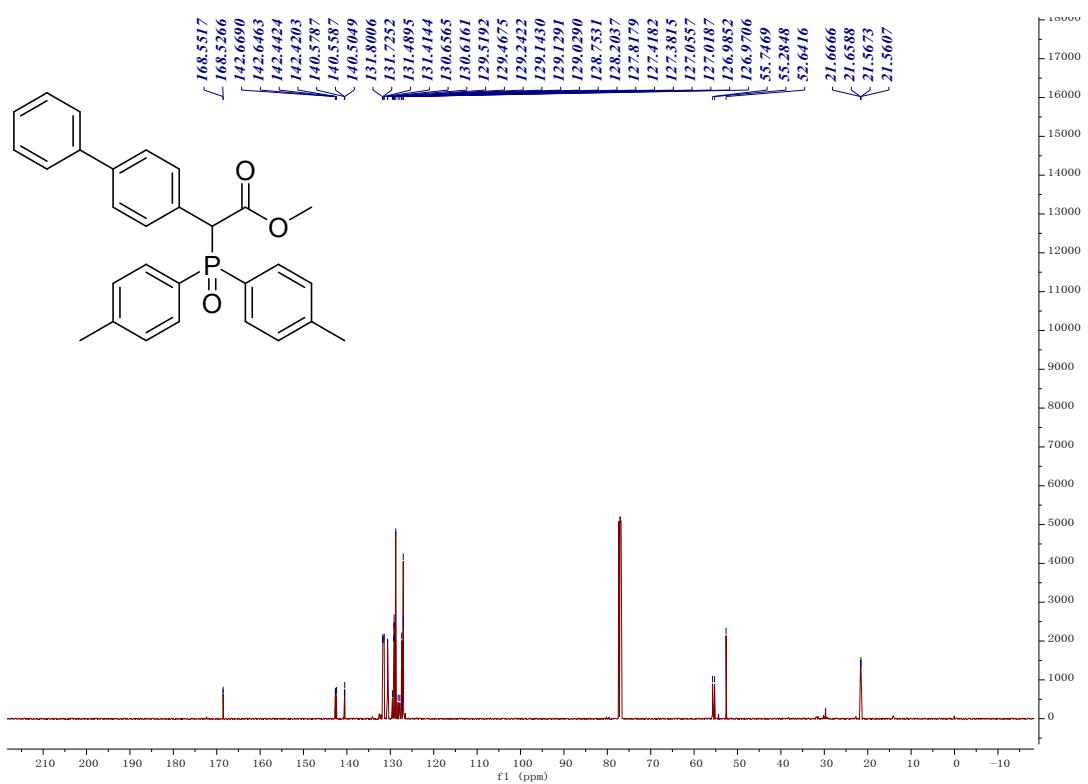
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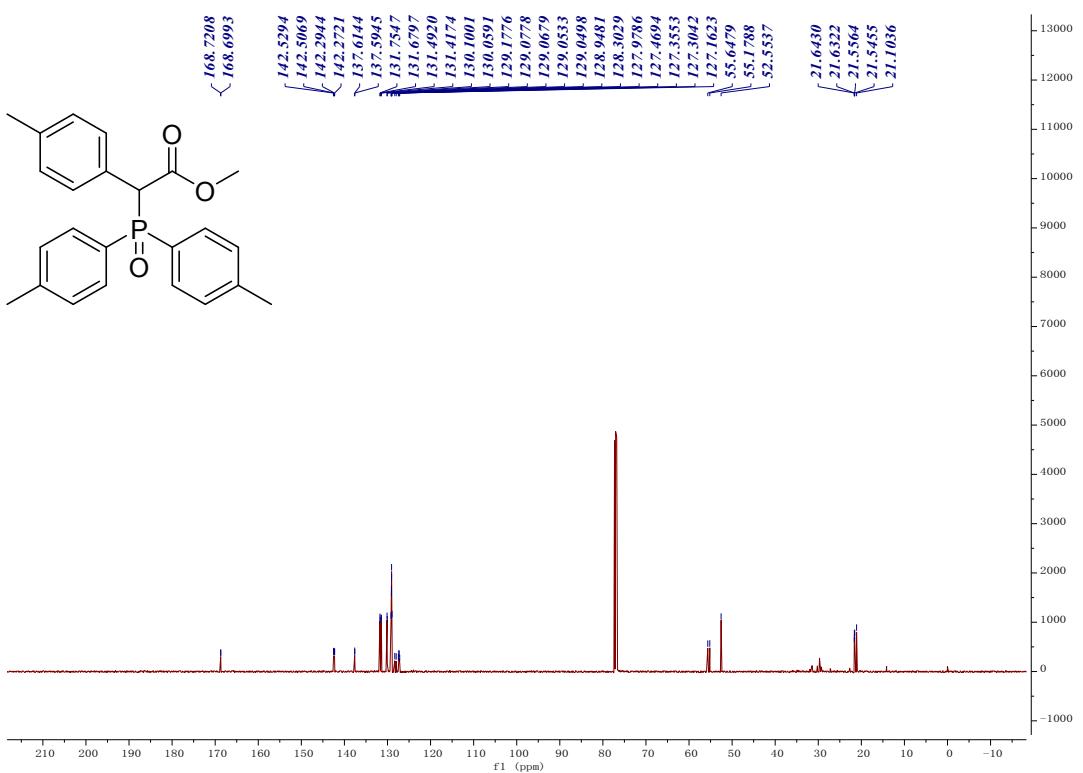
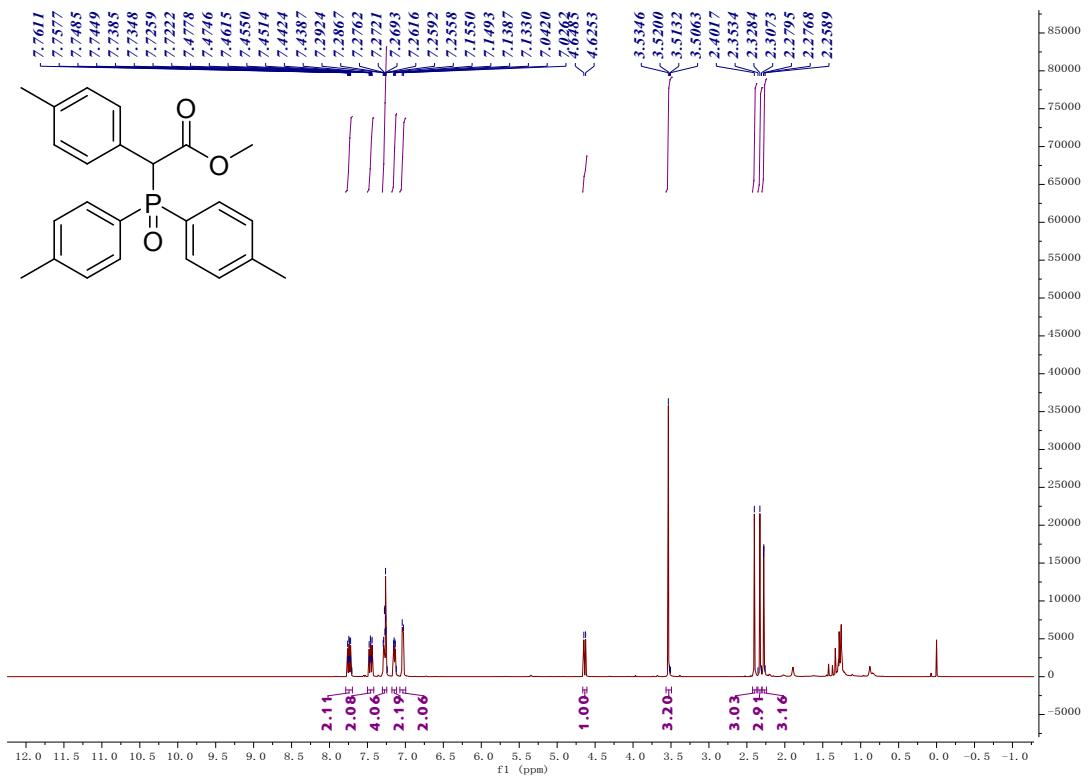


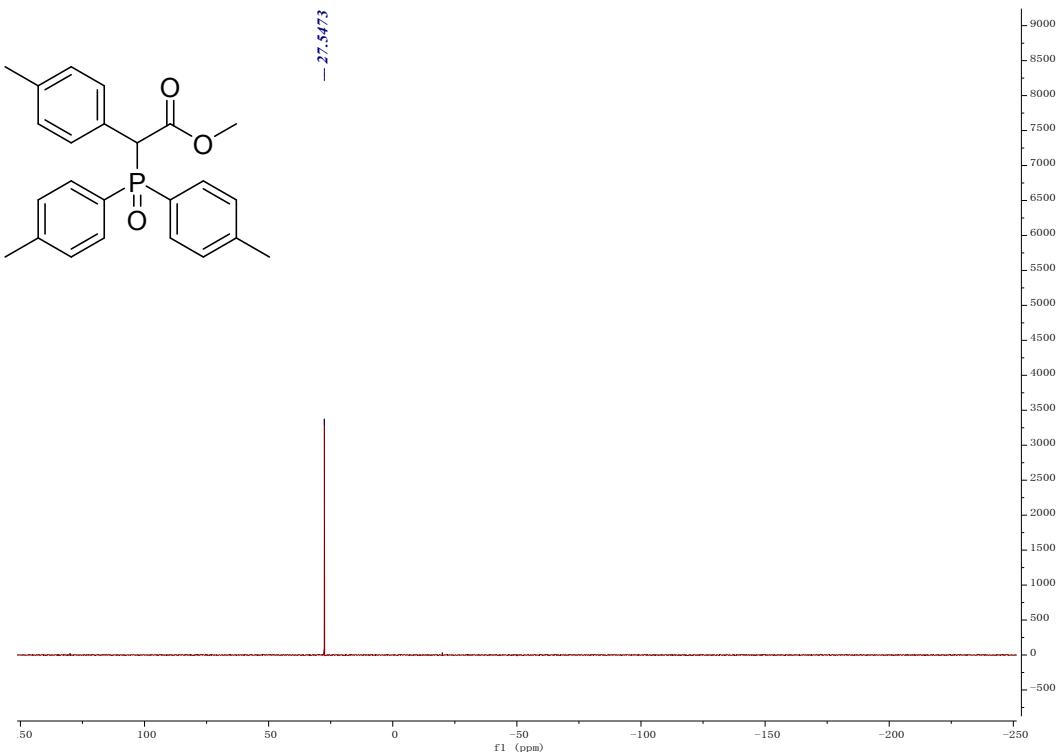
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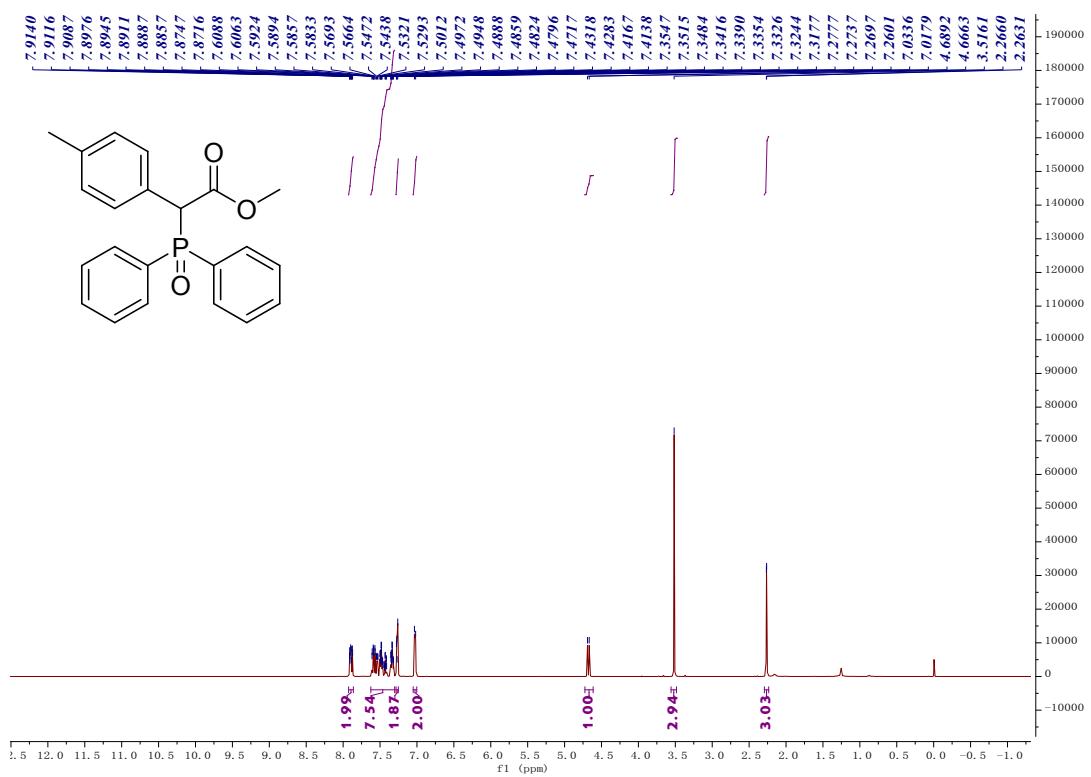


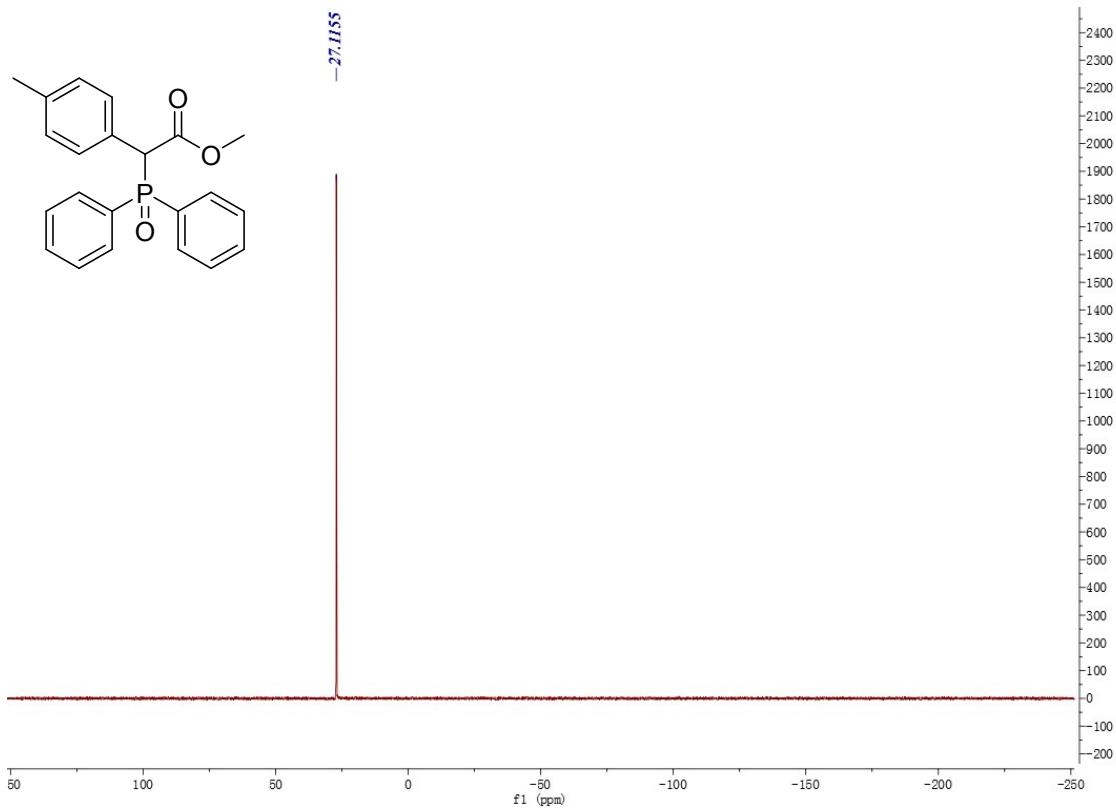
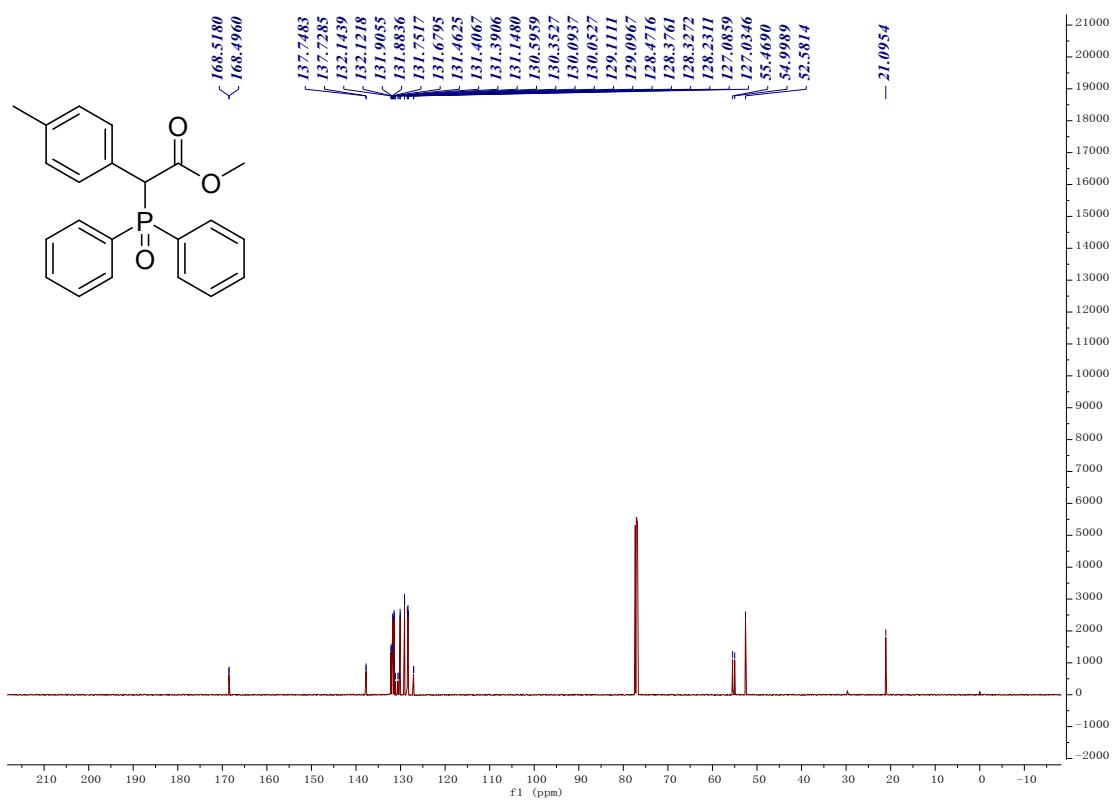
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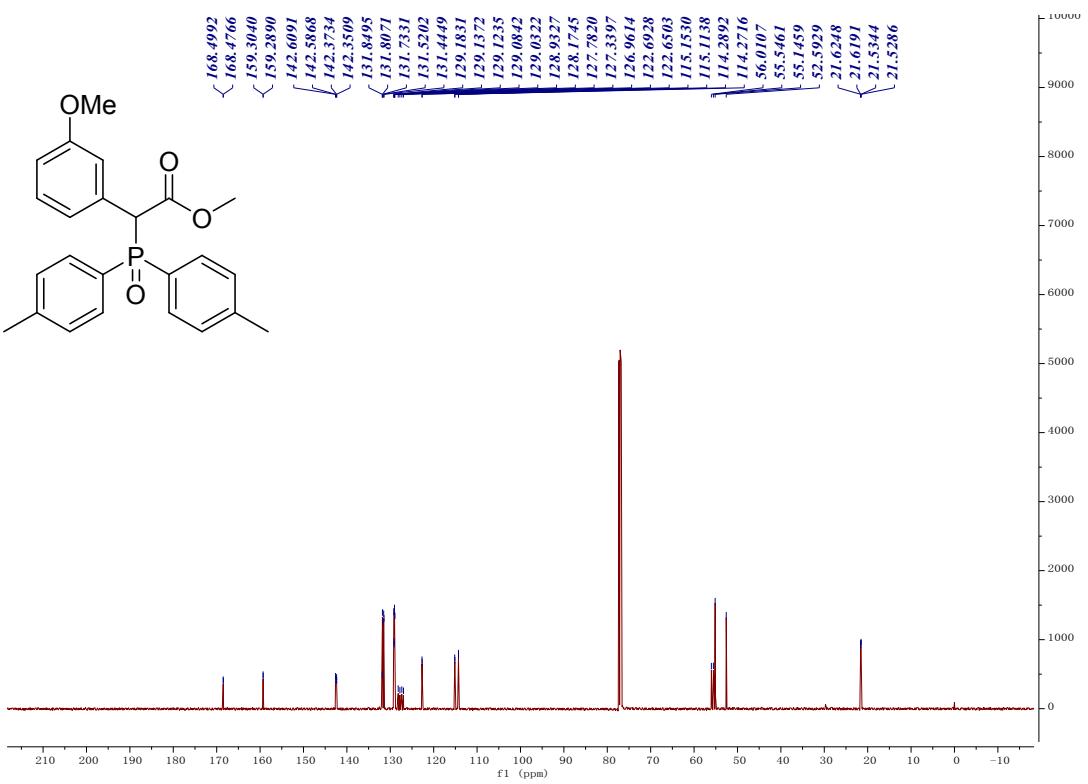
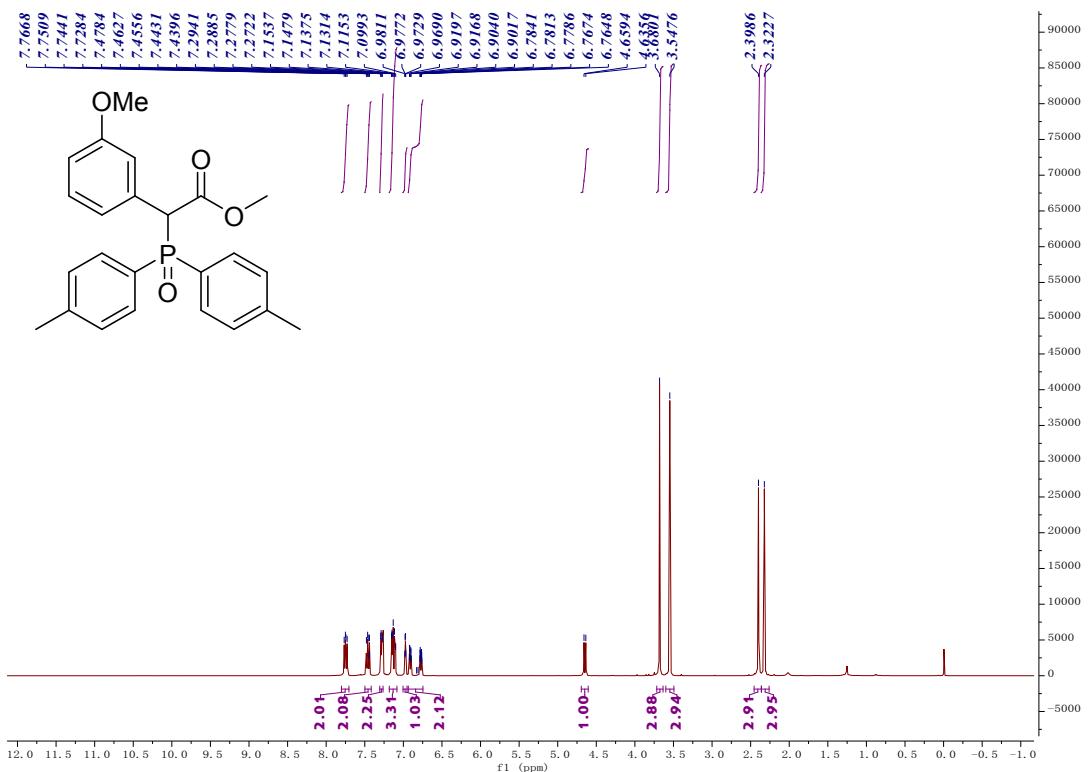


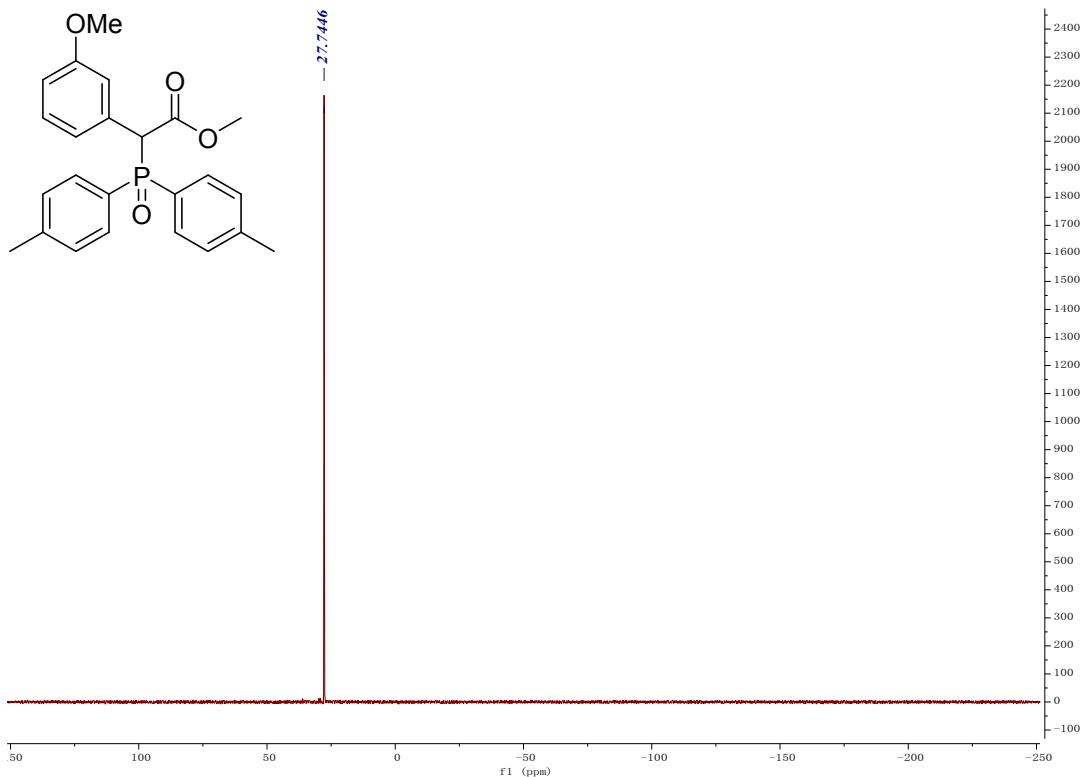
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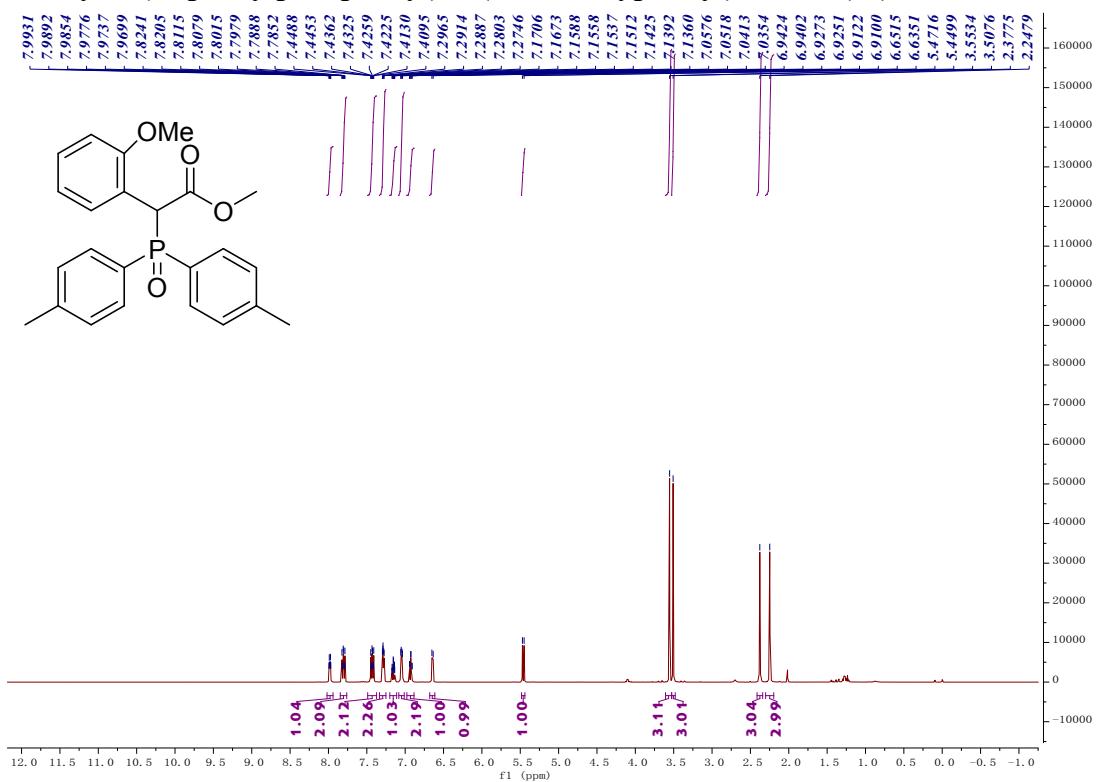


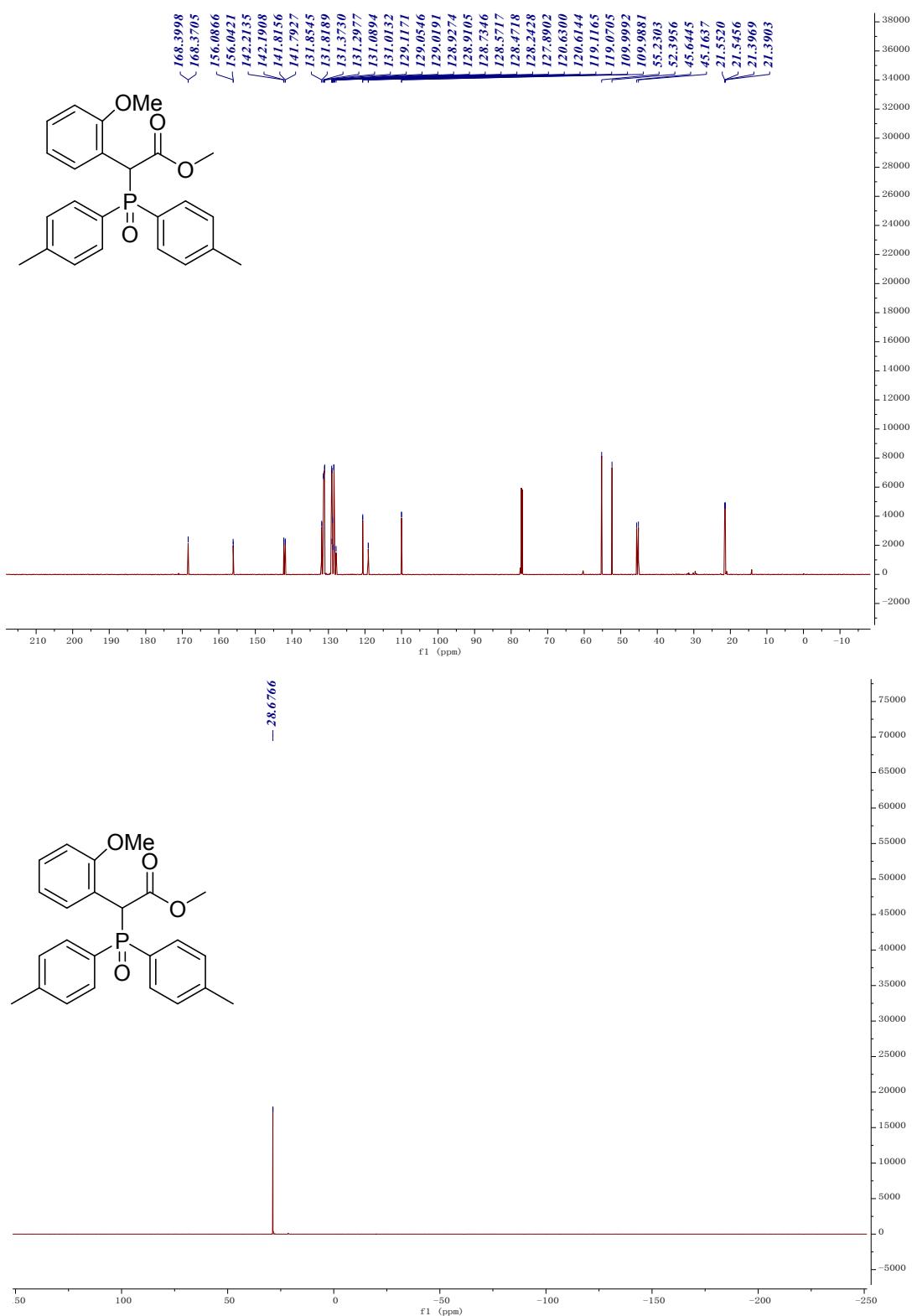
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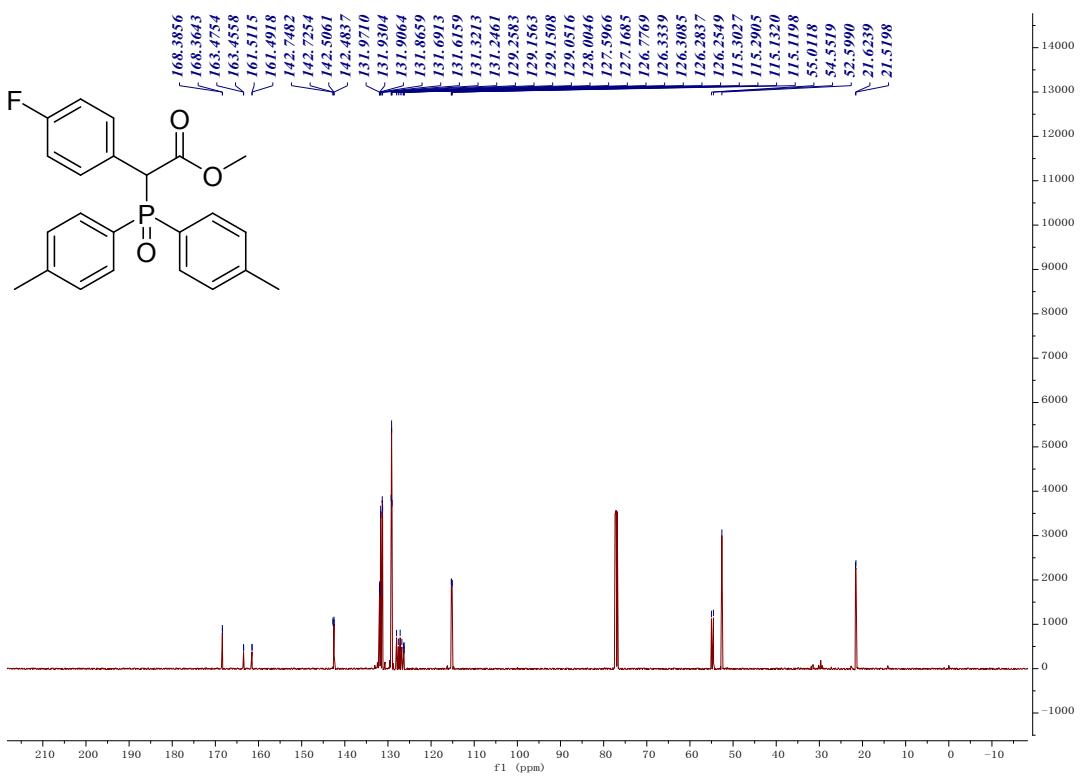
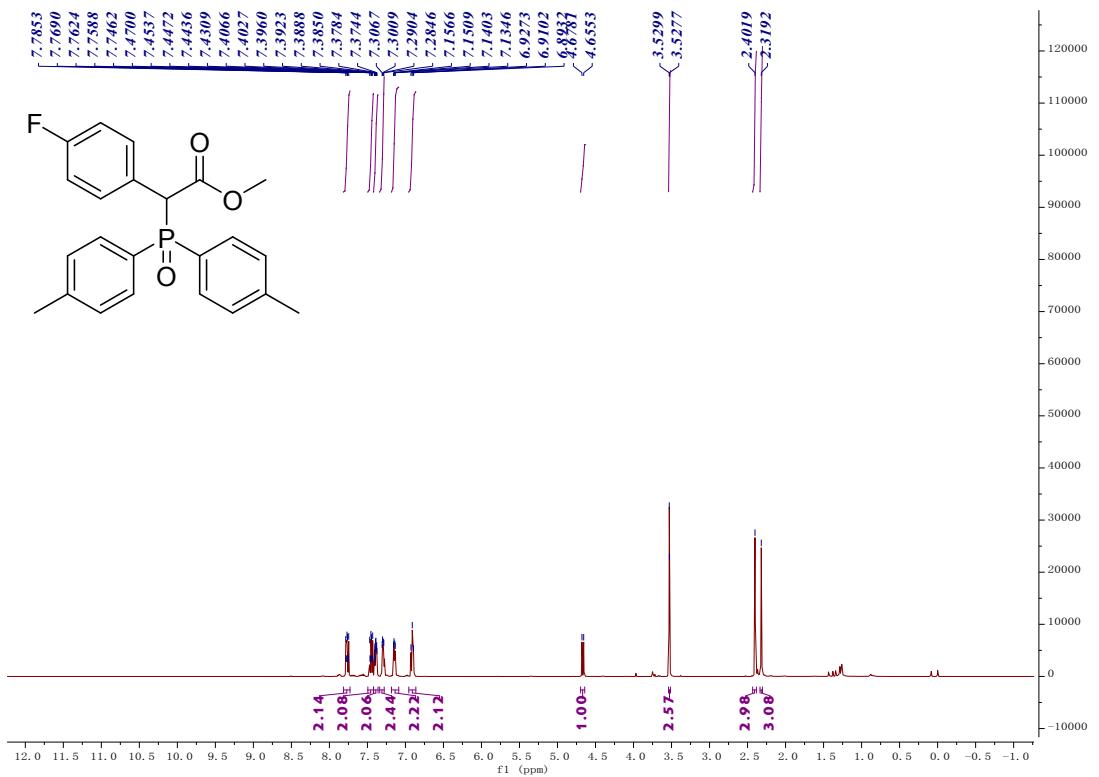


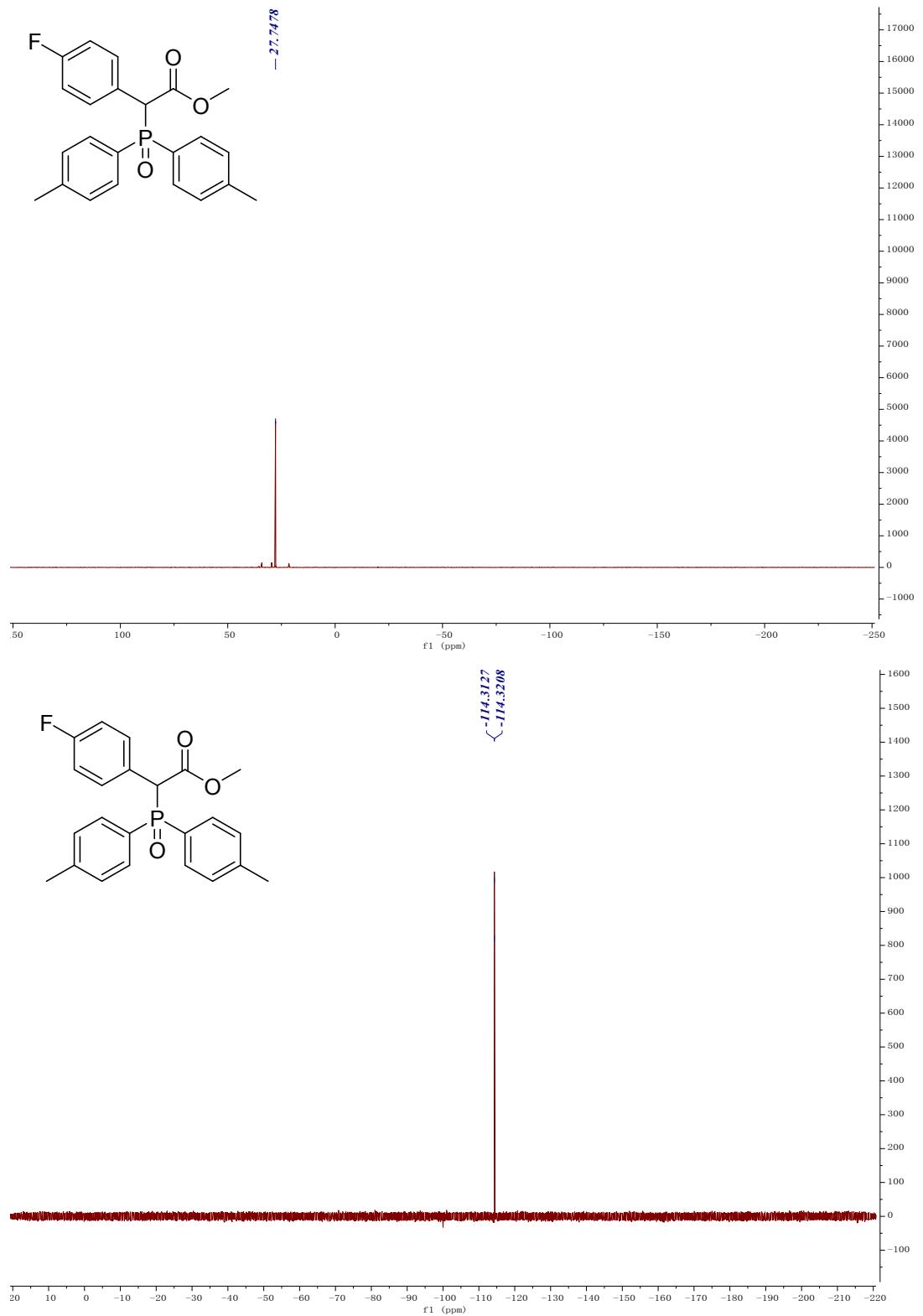
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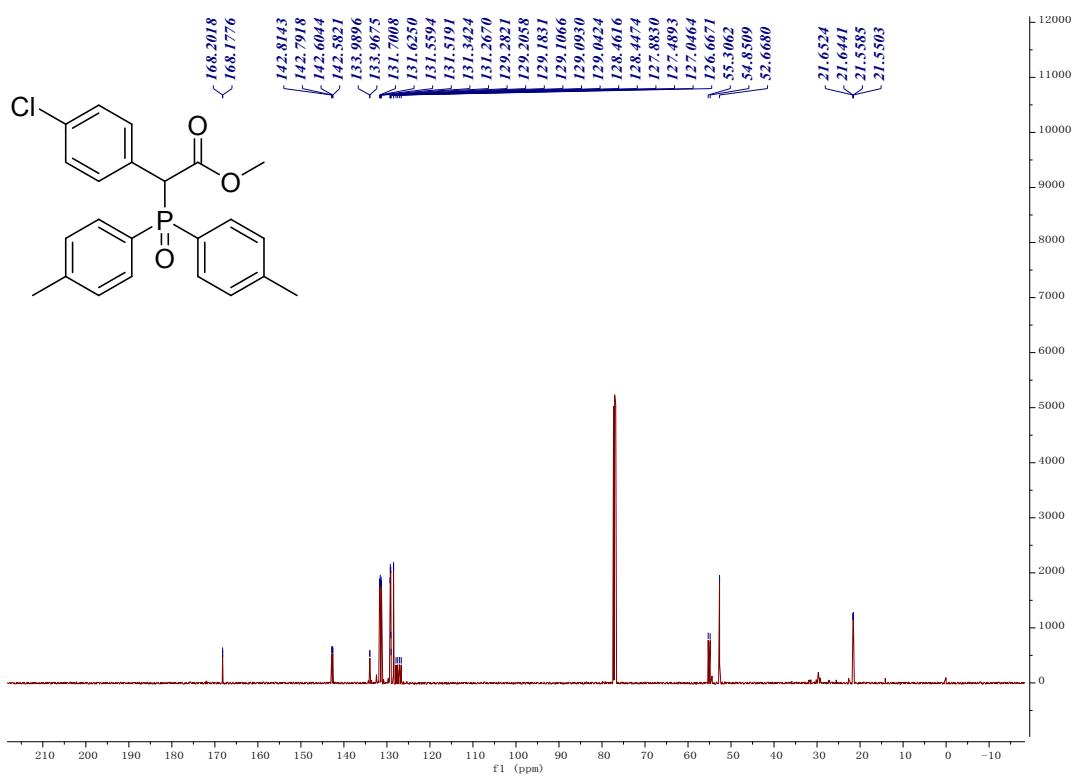
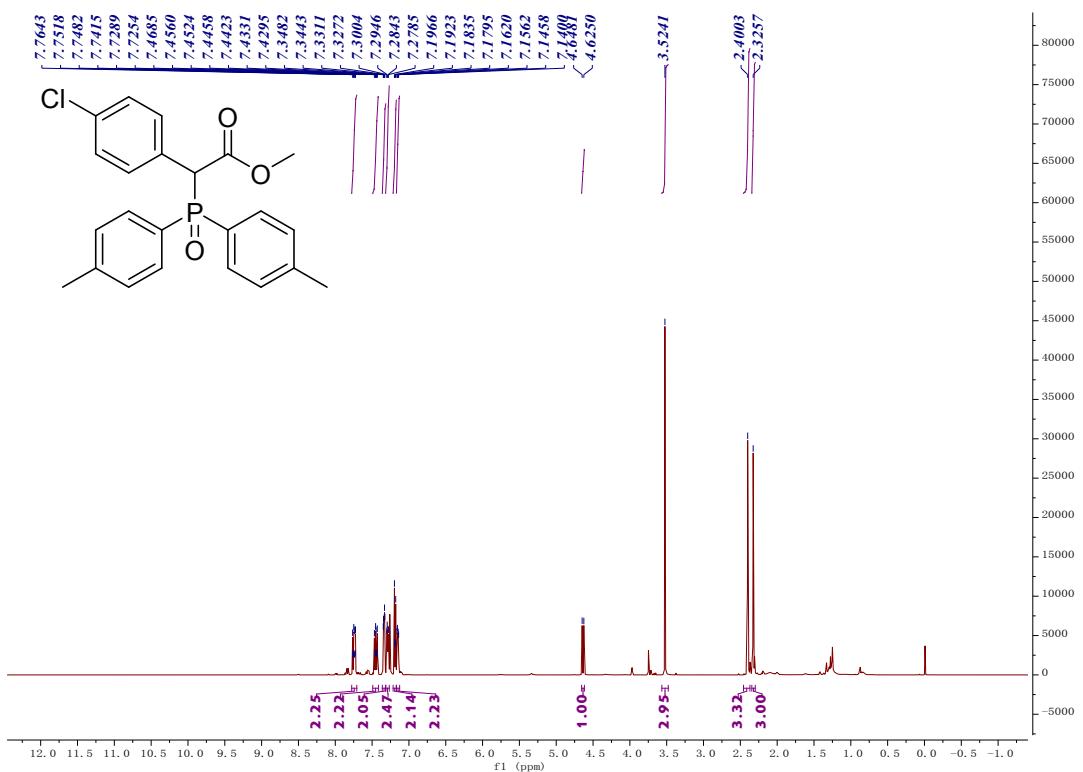


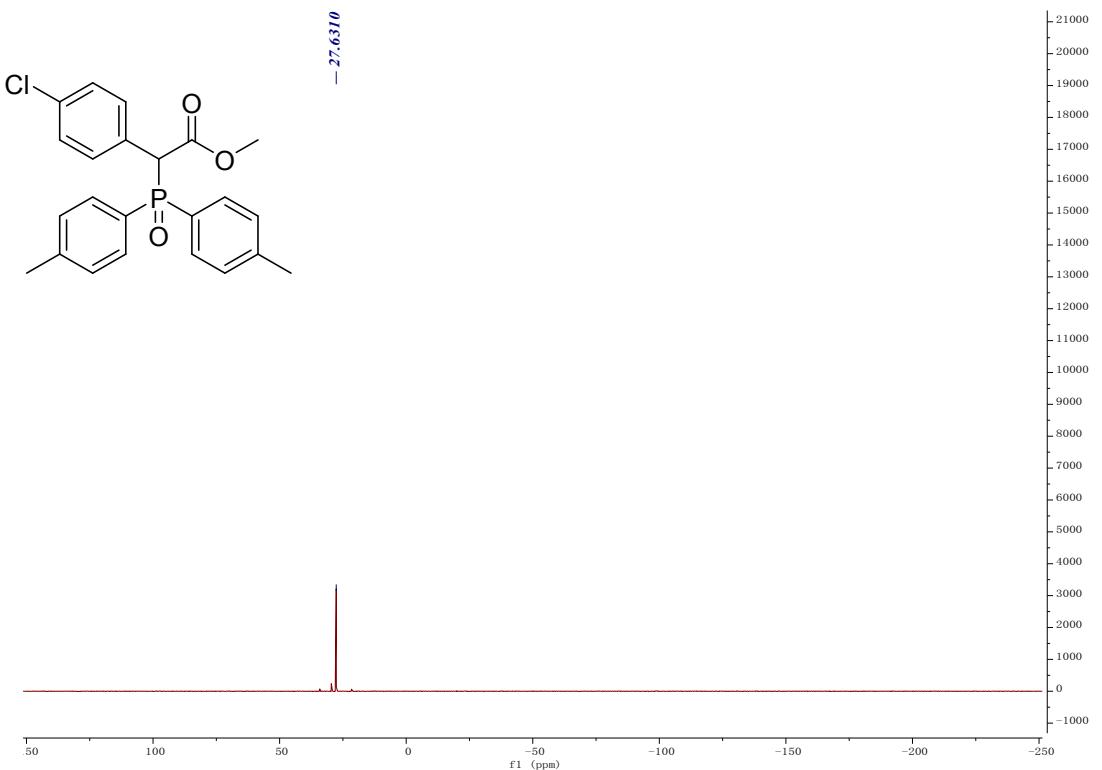
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Methyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(di-p-tolylphosphoryl)acetate (3t)





Methyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(di-p-tolylphosphoryl)acetate (3u)

