

Diastereoselective Construction of Tetracyclic Chromanes *via* Triply Annulative Strategy

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1. General Information

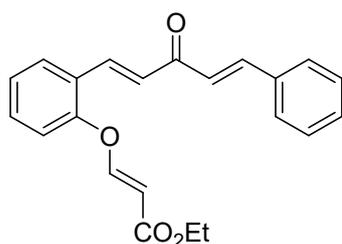
¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian 400 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported in ppm downfield from CDCl₃ (δ = 7.26 ppm) or DMSO-d₆ (δ = 2.50 ppm) for ¹H NMR and relative to the central CDCl₃ resonance (δ = 77.0 ppm) or DMSO-d₆ (δ = 39.5 ppm) for ¹³C NMR spectroscopy. Coupling constants (J) were given in Hz. An ESI-HRMS spectrometer was measured with a Thermo Scientific LTQ Orbitrap XL mass spectrometer. Commercially available compounds were used without further purification. Solvents were dried according to standard procedures. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (300-400 mesh).

2. General Procedure for the Synthesis of Enolate-tethered dienones 1

(2-Hydroxyaryl)divinyl ketones were synthesized via condensation reaction reported in the literature.¹

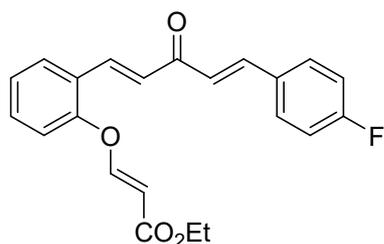
To a solution of (2-hydroxyaryl)divinyl ketone (5 mmol) in anhydrous MeCN (25 mL) was added ethyl propiolate (1.1 equiv) and *N*-methylmorpholine (6 mol%) at 0 °C, and the resulting solution was then allowed to stir at rt for due reaction time (about 24 h). Once divinyl ketone was consumed according to the TLC, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (Petroleum ether/Ethyl acetate = 30:1, v/v) delivered the pure enolate substituted dienone **1**.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-((1*E*,4*E*)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-oxopenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (**1a**).



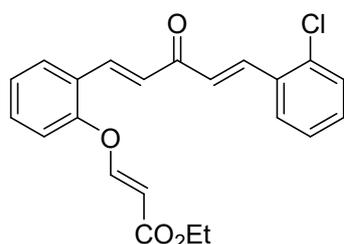
The product **1a** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.46 g, 84% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.85 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 188.6, 166.7, 158.6, 154.3, 143.5, 136.2, 134.6, 131.8, 130.6, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 127.4, 126.0, 125.4, 125.3, 118.6, 103.2, 60.2, 14.3; IR (KBr): 3069, 2996, 1716, 1620, 1492, 1221, 1106, 1043, 988, 853, 755 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₂H₂₁O₄ 349.1434, found 349.1433.

Ethyl (E)-3-(2-((1E,4E)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-oxopenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1b).



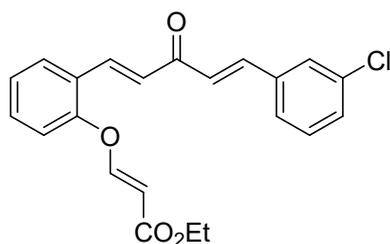
The product **1b** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.41 g, 77% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.87 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 4H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 188.5, 166.7, 164.0 (¹*J*_{C-F} = 250.5 Hz), 158.6, 154.3, 142.2, 136.3, 131.7, 130.9 (⁴*J*_{C-F} = 3.3 Hz), 130.2 (³*J*_{C-F} = 8.5 Hz), 128.5, 127.4, 125.9, 125.4, 124.9, 118.6, 116.0 (²*J*_{C-F} = 21.8 Hz), 103.2, 60.2, 14.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): -108.9; IR (KBr): 3076, 2997, 1718, 1618, 1516, 1233, 1108, 1046, 986, 855, 753 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₂H₂₀FO₄ 367.1340, found 367.1339.

Ethyl (E)-3-(2-((1E,4E)-5-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1c).



The product **1c** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.53 g, 80% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.10 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 188.7, 166.8, 158.6, 154.4, 139.1, 136.8, 135.3, 132.9, 131.8, 131.2, 130.2, 128.7, 128.0, 127.6, 127.1, 126.8, 125.8, 125.4, 118.6, 103.2, 60.2, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3081, 2989, 1720, 1656, 1487, 1230, 1127, 1047, 985, 850, 761 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₂H₂₀ClO₄ 383.1045, found 383.1039.

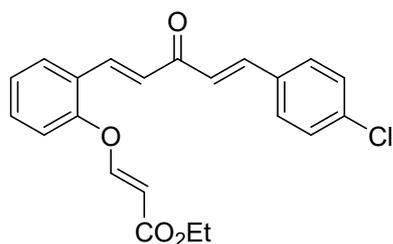
Ethyl (E)-3-(2-((1E,4E)-5-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate(1d).



The product **1d** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.80 g, 94% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.87 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34-

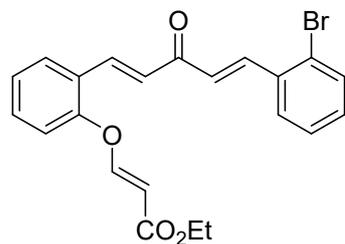
7.28 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, $J = 8.0, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.2, 166.6, 158.4, 154.3, 141.7, 136.6, 136.4, 134.8, 131.8, 130.2, 130.0, 128.4, 127.9, 127.2, 126.5, 126.3, 125.7, 125.3, 118.5, 103.2, 60.1, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3080, 2992, 1719, 1655, 1488, 1231, 1126, 1045, 987, 858, 762 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClO}_4$ 383.1045, found 383.1045.

Ethyl (E)-3-(2-((1E,4E)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1e).



The product **1e** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.34 g, 70% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.87 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.4, 166.7, 158.5, 154.3, 140.0, 136.4, 136.3, 133.1, 131.8, 129.5, 129.1, 128.5, 127.4, 125.8, 125.5, 125.4, 118.6, 103.2, 60.2, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3096, 2984, 1716, 1663, 1492, 1231, 1124, 1034, 981, 854, 755 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClO}_4$ 383.1045, found 383.1043.

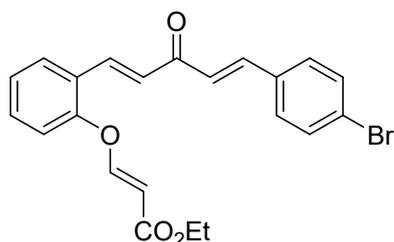
Ethyl (E)-3-(2-((1E,4E)-5-(2-bromophenyl)-3-oxopenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1f).



The product **1f** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.49 g, 70% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 8.06 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, $J = 7.4, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.59 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.7, 166.7, 158.5, 154.4, 141.7, 136.8, 134.6, 133.4, 131.8, 131.3, 128.8, 128.2, 127.74, 127.70, 126.7, 125.82, 125.77, 125.4, 118.6, 103.3, 60.2, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3079, 2994, 1720, 1653, 1482, 1228, 1125, 1039, 986, 849, 760 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrO}_4$ 427.0539,

found 427.0538.

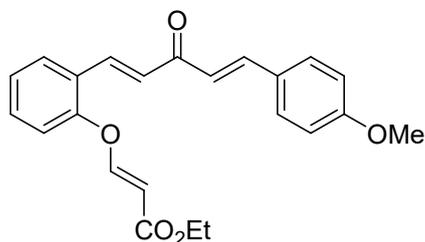
Ethyl (E)-3-(2-((1E,4E)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-oxopenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1g).



The product **1g** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.71 g, 80% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.88 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H),

7.24 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 188.4, 166.7, 158.6, 154.4, 142.1, 136.5, 133.6, 132.1, 131.8, 129.7, 128.5, 127.4, 125.9, 125.7, 125.4, 124.8, 118.7, 103.2, 60.2, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3084, 2984, 1716, 1660, 1489, 1230, 1120, 984, 810, 756 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₂H₂₀BrO₄ 427.0539, found 427.0535.

Ethyl (E)-3-(2-((1E,4E)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxopenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1h).

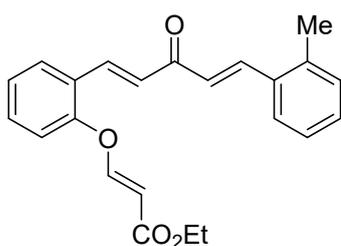


The product **1h** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.71 g, 90% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.86 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, J =

7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 8.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94-6.90 (m, 3H), 5.56 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 188.6, 166.7, 161.6, 158.7, 154.2, 143.4, 135.7, 131.5, 130.1, 128.4, 127.6, 127.3, 126.1, 125.4, 123.1, 118.6, 114.3, 103.1, 60.1, 55.3, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3082, 3002, 1728, 1662, 1621, 1489, 1229, 1108, 987, 815, 753 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₃H₂₃O₅ 379.1540, found 379.1537.

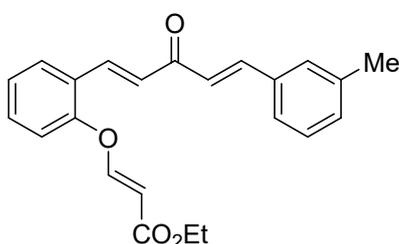
Ethyl (E)-3-(2-((1E,4E)-3-oxo-5-(*o*-tolyl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1i).

The product **1i** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.69 g, 93% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.03 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.10 (d, J = 16.0



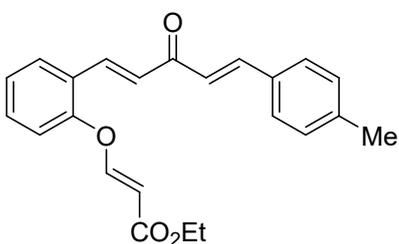
Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.57 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.7, 166.7, 158.6, 154.3, 141.1, 138.1, 136.2, 133.6, 131.7, 130.8, 130.2, 128.5, 127.7, 126.31, 126.28, 126.09, 125.93, 125.4, 118.6, 103.1, 60.1, 19.8, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3078, 2991, 1719, 1654, 1490, 1230, 1046, 986, 849, 762 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4$ 363.1591, found 363.1587.

Ethyl (E)-3-(2-((1E,4E)-3-oxo-5-(*m*-tolyl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1j). The



product **1j** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.67 g, 92% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.88 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.57 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.7, 166.7, 158.6, 154.3, 143.7, 138.5, 136.1, 134.5, 131.6, 131.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.4, 126.0, 125.5, 125.4, 125.1, 118.6, 103.1, 60.1, 21.2, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3060, 2993, 1719, 1654, 1490, 1232, 1047, 988, 847, 770 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4$ 363.1591, found 363.1588.

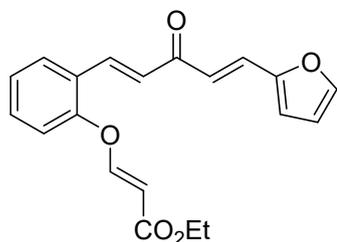
Ethyl (E)-3-(2-((1E,4E)-3-oxo-5-(*p*-tolyl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate(1k). The



product **1k** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.36 g, 75% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.87 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, $J = 8.0, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.7, 166.7, 158.6, 154.2, 143.6, 141.0, 135.9, 131.8, 131.6, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 126.0, 125.4, 124.3, 118.6, 103.1, 60.1, 21.4, 14.2; IR (KBr):

3049, 2993, 1717, 1662, 1489, 1234, 1126, 1040, 989, 850, 754 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4$ 363.1591, found 363.1589.

Ethyl (E)-3-(2-((1E,4E)-5-(furan-2-yl)-3-oxopenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1l). The

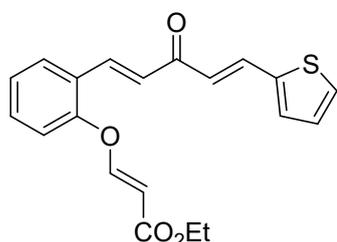


product **1l** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.53 g, 90% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.86 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H),

6.96 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, $J = 3.2, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.3, 166.7, 158.6, 154.3, 151.3, 145.0, 135.9, 131.6, 129.6, 128.4, 128.0, 126.0, 125.4, 122.3, 118.6, 116.1, 112.6, 103.1, 60.1, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3086, 2979, 1720, 1623, 1490, 1228, 1124, 1032, 981, 810, 757 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_5$ 339.1227, found 339.1226.

Ethyl (E)-3-(2-((1E,4E)-3-oxo-5-(thiophen-2-yl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1m).



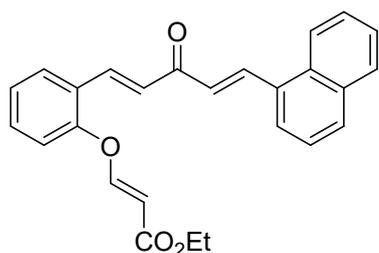
The product **1m** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.69 g, 95%

yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.87 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, $J =$

16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.1, 166.7, 158.6, 154.3, 140.1, 136.01, 135.97, 131.8, 131.7, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 126.0, 125.4, 124.1, 118.6, 103.1, 60.1, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3090, 2991, 1718, 1654, 1489, 1230, 1126, 1043, 983, 849, 769 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_4\text{S}$ 355.0999, found 355.0998.

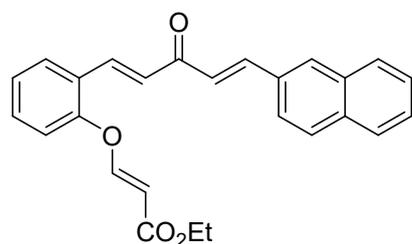
Ethyl (E)-3-(2-((1E,4E)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl)-3-oxopenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1n).

The product **1n** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.54 g, 77% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 8.60 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.44 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.18



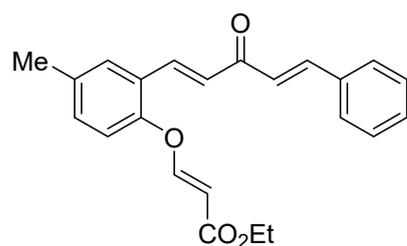
(d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.61 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.6, 166.8, 158.6, 154.3, 140.4, 136.4, 133.6, 132.0, 131.8, 131.6, 130.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.8, 127.6, 126.9, 126.2, 125.9, 125.42, 125.40, 125.1, 123.3, 118.6, 103.2, 60.2, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3069, 2988, 1718, 1653, 1489, 1231, 1127, 1046, 981, 850, 761 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4$ 399.1591, found 399.1586.

Ethyl (E)-3-(2-((1E,4E)-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-oxopenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1o).



The product **1o** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.50 g, 75% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.79 (m, 5H), 7.72 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 8.0, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.6, 166.7, 158.6, 154.3, 143.6, 136.2, 134.3, 133.2, 132.1, 131.7, 130.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 126.7, 126.0, 125.40, 125.37, 123.5, 118.6, 103.2, 60.1, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3070, 2985, 1713, 1652, 1489, 1231, 1129, 1036, 986, 820, 760 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4$ 399.1591, found 399.1592.

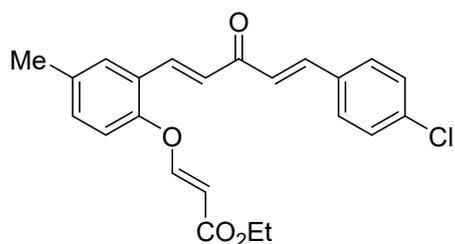
Ethyl (E)-3-(4-methyl-2-((1E,4E)-3-oxo-5-phenylpenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1p).



The product **1p** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.13 g, 61% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.83 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.6, 166.7, 159.1, 152.2, 143.3, 136.2, 135.0, 134.5, 132.3, 130.4, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2,

127.0, 125.5, 125.2, 118.6, 102.5, 60.0, 20.6, 14.1; IR (KBr): 3048, 2993, 1719, 1652, 1496, 1234, 1130, 1046, 988, 836, 762 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4$ 363.1591, found 363.1591.

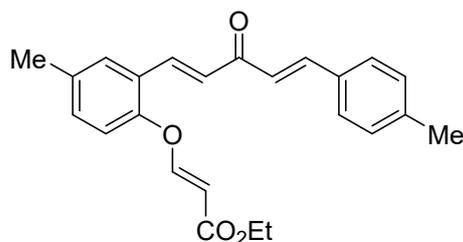
Ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-((1*E*,4*E*)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)-4-methylphenoxy)acrylate (1q**).** The product **1q** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.79 g, 90% yield).



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.81 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H),

7.17 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.1, 166.6, 158.8, 152.1, 141.6, 136.3, 136.0, 134.9, 132.9, 132.3, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 126.7, 125.4, 125.2, 118.3, 102.4, 59.9, 20.5, 14.1; IR (KBr): 3057, 2993, 1713, 1657, 1496, 1233, 1139, 1099, 982, 820, 708 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClO}_4$ 397.1201, found 397.1200.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-methyl-2-((1*E*,4*E*)-3-oxo-5-(*p*-tolyl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1r**).**

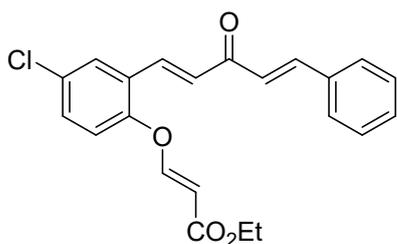


The product **1r** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.74 g, 92% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.73 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 6.99 (d, $J =$

16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.09 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 6H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.1, 166.3, 158.7, 151.9, 143.0, 140.5, 135.5, 134.6, 131.9, 131.5, 129.2, 128.2, 128.0, 126.6, 125.1, 124.1, 118.1, 102.2, 59.6, 21.0, 20.3, 13.9; IR (KBr): 3058, 2993, 1709, 1634, 1496, 1217, 1057, 986, 804 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClO}_4$ 377.1747, found 377.1745.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-chloro-2-((1*E*,4*E*)-3-oxo-5-phenylpenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1s**).**

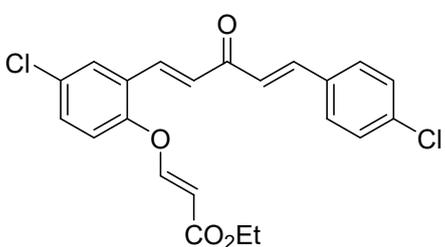
The product **1s** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.40 g, 73% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.77 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J =$



= 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.1, 166.4, 158.0,

152.6, 143.8, 134.5, 134.4, 131.2, 130.7, 130.6, 128.8, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 125.2, 119.8, 103.6, 60.2, 14.1; IR (KBr): 3079, 2992, 1717, 1657, 1488, 1245, 1138, 984, 812, 757 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClO}_4$ 383.1045, found 383.1041.

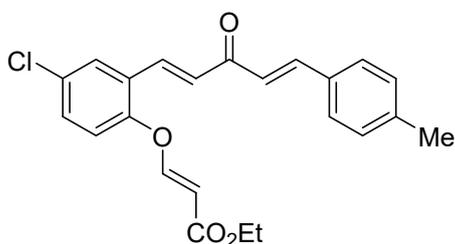
Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-chloro-2-((1*E*,4*E*)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1t).



The product **1t** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.08 g, 52% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.77 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.33 (m,

3H), 7.05 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 187.9, 166.4, 158.0, 152.6, 142.3, 136.5, 134.8, 132.9, 131.3, 130.7, 129.5, 129.1, 127.93, 127.85, 127.4, 125.6, 119.9, 103.7, 60.3, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3098, 2993, 1716, 1658, 1488, 1235, 1136, 981, 819, 739 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_4$ 417.0655, found 417.0651.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-chloro-2-((1*E*,4*E*)-3-oxo-5-(*p*-tolyl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1u).

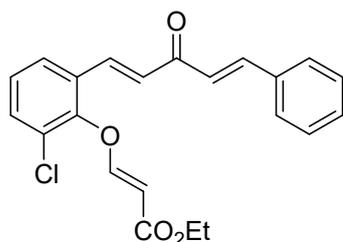


The product **1u** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.25 g, 63% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.76 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.8$ Hz,

1H), 7.19 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.2, 166.4, 158.1, 152.6, 144.0, 141.2, 134.3, 131.7,

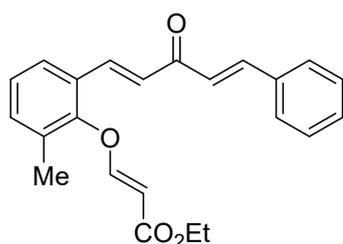
131.1, 130.7, 129.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 124.4, 119.8, 103.6, 60.2, 21.4, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3063, 2991, 1710, 1638, 1482, 1233, 1157, 980, 803, 732 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClO}_4$ 397.1201, found 397.1200.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-chloro-6-((1*E*,4*E*)-3-oxo-5-phenylpenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1v**).**



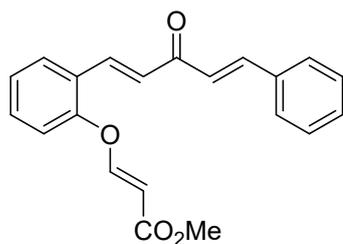
The product **1v** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.38 g, 72% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.71 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.22 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.2, 166.3, 159.6, 148.9, 143.9, 135.0, 134.3, 132.1, 130.6, 129.7, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.0, 126.4, 125.1, 101.2, 60.1, 14.1; IR (KBr): 3082, 2995, 1719, 1635, 1451, 1226, 1046, 986, 845, 784 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClO}_4$ 383.1045, found 383.1041.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-methyl-6-((1*E*,4*E*)-3-oxo-5-phenylpenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1w**).**



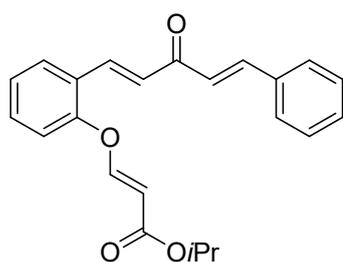
The product **1w** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.47 g, 81% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.71 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.04 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.13 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.1, 166.4, 160.2, 151.0, 143.1, 135.8, 134.2, 133.2, 130.6, 130.1, 128.5, 123.0, 127.04, 126.99, 126.0, 125.3, 125.0, 99.9, 59.7, 15.6, 13.8; IR (KBr): 3080, 2992, 1721, 1651, 1459, 1252, 1186, 1041, 989, 841, 780 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4$ 363.1591, found 363.1586.

Methyl (*E*)-3-(2-((1*E*,4*E*)-3-oxo-5-phenylpenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1x**).** The product **1x** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.02 g, 61% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.84 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz,



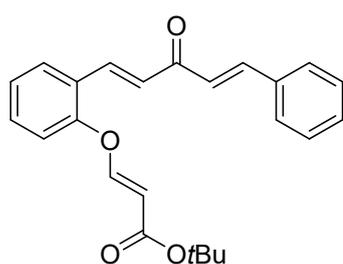
1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.54 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.3, 166.8, 158.4, 154.1, 143.2, 135.8, 134.4, 131.5, 130.3, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.1, 125.6, 125.2, 125.1, 118.2, 102.6, 51.1; IR (KBr): 3080, 2962, 1723, 1655, 1452, 1231, 1049, 988, 848, 763 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_4$ 335.1278, found 335.1281.

Isopropyl (*E*)-3-(2-((1*E*,4*E*)-3-oxo-5-phenylpenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1y). The



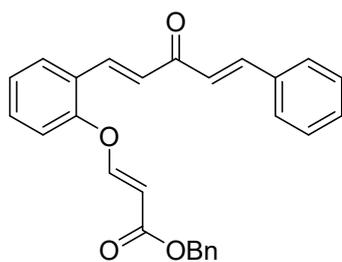
product **1y** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.63 g, 90% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.82 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.13 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.04-4.98 (m, 1H), 1.19 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.2, 165.9, 158.1, 154.0, 143.1, 135.7, 134.3, 131.4, 130.2, 128.6, 128.1, 128.09, 128.04, 127.0, 125.6, 125.0, 118.2, 103.2, 67.1, 21.6; IR (KBr): 3077, 2993, 1716, 1653, 1459, 1232, 1104, 992, 847, 762 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4$ 363.1591, found 363.1593.

***Tert*-butyl (*E*)-3-(2-((1*E*,4*E*)-3-oxo-5-phenylpenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1z).** The



product **1z** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.58 g, 84% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.87 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.67 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 2H), 5.49 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.6, 165.9, 157.8, 154.3, 143.4, 136.2, 134.5, 131.6, 130.4, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.3, 125.8, 125.2, 125.1, 118.5, 104.7, 80.3, 28.1; IR (KBr): 3080, 2988, 1715, 1653, 1458, 1230, 1121, 989, 849, 762 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{NaO}_4$ 399.1567, found 399.1570.

Benzyl (*E*)-3-(2-((1*E*,4*E*)-3-oxo-5-phenylpenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)phenoxy)acrylate (1aa). The product **1aa** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (1.83 g, 89% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

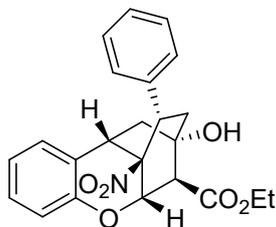


(ppm): 7.90 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.26 (m, 9H), 7.19 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.63 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 188.1, 166.1, 158.7, 153.9, 143.1, 135.64, 135.63, 134.2, 131.4, 130.2, 128.6, 128.2, 128.08, 128.05, 127.8, 127.0, 125.5, 125.1, 125.0, 118.1, 102.5, 77.2, 65.6; IR (KBr): 3047, 2960, 1721, 1653, 1456, 1229, 1122, 988, 846, 759 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4$ 411.1591, found 411.1596.

3. General Procedure for the triple Michael/aldol Cascade Reaction

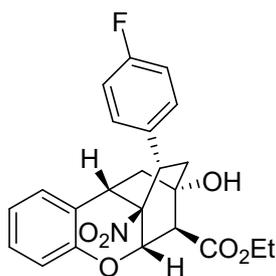
Enolate substituted dienone **1** (0.1 mmol), nitromethane **2** (54 μL , 1.0 mmol) and TMG (12.5 μL , 0.1 mmol) were stirred in redistilled acetonitrile (1 mL) at rt. Once the TLC analysis showed complete consumption of **1**, the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo* to give the crude residue. The resulting residue was subsequently purified by flash chromatography on silica gel ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Petroleum ether} = 3:2$, v/v) to afford the desired tetracyclic chromane **3**.

Ethyl 3-hydroxy-9a-nitro-1-phenyl-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-methanoxanthene-4-carboxylate (a 9:1 mixture of diastereomers) (**3a**)



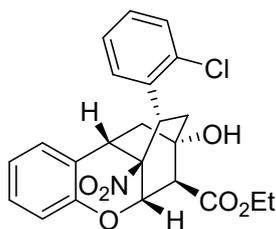
The product **3a** was obtained as a white solid (31.1 mg, 76% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.40-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.12 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.64 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.84 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, $J = 12.2, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.28 (br s, 1H), 2.99 (t, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.80 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (td, $J = 13.0, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.05-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.7, 148.2, 137.0, 129.1, 128.52, 128.47, 128.3, 128.1, 126.4, 122.5, 117.6, 87.0, 75.5, 67.9, 62.3, 55.2, 45.4, 45.3, 37.3, 31.3, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3095, 2983, 1708, 1553, 1462, 1351, 1214, 1034, 839, 761 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_6$ 432.1418, found 432.1421.

Ethyl 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-9a-nitro-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-methanoxan-



thene-4-carboxylate (a 9:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3b). The product **3b** was obtained as a white solid (32.5 mg, 76% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.24 (dd, $J = 7.8, 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.94 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.62 (t, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.81-3.76 (m, 2H), 3.24 (br s, 1H), 2.98 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.75 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 (td, $J = 13.0, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.98-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.7, 162.5 (¹ $J_{C-F} = 246.7$ Hz), 148.1, 132.7 (⁴ $J_{C-F} = 3.3$ Hz), 129.8 (³ $J_{C-F} = 8.1$ Hz), 128.6, 128.5, 126.3, 122.6, 117.7, 116.1 (² $J_{C-F} = 21.5$ Hz), 87.0, 75.4, 67.9, 62.3, 55.2, 45.3, 44.8, 37.6, 31.3, 14.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): -113.6; IR (KBr): 3476, 2982, 1731, 1555, 1464, 1347, 1234, 1033, 841, 757 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₃H₂₃FNO₆ 428.1504, found 428.1504.

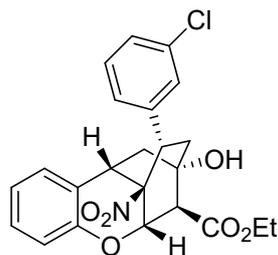
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thene-4-carboxylate (a 8:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3c). The product **3c** was obtained as a white solid (30.6 mg, 69% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.57 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.68 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dd, $J = 12.2, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.35 (br s, 1H), 3.00 (dd, $J = 3.2, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.77 (t, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.65 (td, $J = 12.8, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.00 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.79 (dd, $J = 13.0, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.39 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.6, 148.2, 135.7, 134.8, 130.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.53, 128.49, 127.6, 125.8, 122.4, 117.6, 85.1, 75.3, 67.7, 62.3, 55.5, 45.5, 40.1, 39.0, 32.4, 14.1; IR (KBr): 3456, 2937, 1730, 1556, 1484, 1348, 1202, 1037, 821, 761 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₃H₂₃ClNO₆ 444.1208, found 444.1207.

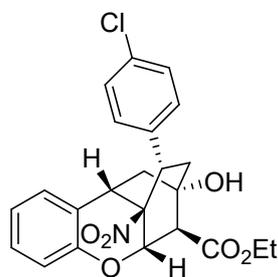
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thene-4-carboxylate (a 12:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3d). The product **3d** was obtained as a white solid (32.4 mg, 73% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.29 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.95 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.60 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.35



(q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.83 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dd, $J = 12.0, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.23 (br s, 1H), 2.98 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.77 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 (td, $J = 13.0, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.00-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.6, 148.1, 139.1, 134.9, 130.4, 128.60, 128.58, 128.5, 128.2, 126.7, 126.2, 122.7, 117.7, 86.8, 75.4, 67.8, 62.3, 55.1, 45.3, 45.1, 37.3, 31.3, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3434, 2985, 1732, 1551, 1468, 1337, 1194, 1034, 852, 756 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClNO}_6$ 444.1208, found 444.1207.

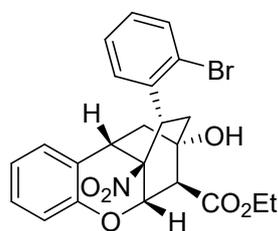
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thene-4-carboxylate (a 11:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3e). The

product **3e** was obtained as a white solid (31.0 mg, 70% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.61 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.79 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dd, $J = 12.0, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.26 (br s, 1H), 2.98 (t, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.75 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 (td, $J = 13.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.99-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.7, 148.1, 135.5, 134.4, 129.5, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 126.2, 122.7, 117.7, 86.9, 75.4, 67.8, 62.4, 55.2, 45.3, 44.9, 37.4, 31.3, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3466, 2984, 1731, 1554, 1495, 1346, 1201, 1030, 835, 759 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClNO}_6$ 444.1208, found 444.1208.

Ethyl 1-(2-bromophenyl)-3-hydroxy-9a-nitro-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-methanoxan-

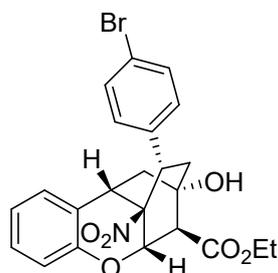


thene-4-carboxylate (a 11:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3f). The

product **3f** was obtained as a white solid (34.7 mg, 71% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.57-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.10 (m, 3H), 6.94 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 4.57 (dd, $J = 11.6, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.38 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.19 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.29 (br s, 1H), 3.00 (s, 1H), 2.77 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.65 (td, $J = 12.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.01 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.76 (dd, $J = 12.8, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.40 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.6, 148.2, 137.6, 133.9, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 125.8, 125.6,

122.4, 117.6, 85.0, 75.3, 67.8, 62.4, 55.6, 45.6, 43.0, 39.4, 32.5, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3405, 2987, 1718, 1551, 1481, 1300, 1216, 1036, 858, 760 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrNO}_6$ 488.0703, found 488.0707.

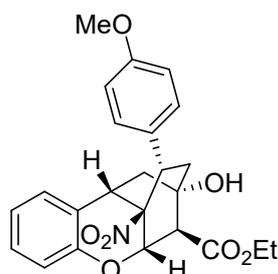
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thene-4-carboxylate (3g). The product **3g** was obtained as a white solid (35.2 mg, 72% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.49 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.06 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.60 (dd, $J = 4.0, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.79 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H),

3.75 (dd, $J = 12.0, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.24 (br s, 1H), 2.97 (dd, $J = 4.0, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.74 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 (td, $J = 13.4, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.99-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.6, 148.1, 136.0, 132.3, 129.8, 128.6, 128.5, 126.2, 122.7, 122.5, 117.7, 86.8, 75.4, 67.8, 62.3, 55.2, 45.3, 44.9, 37.3, 31.3, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3471, 2939, 1732, 1554, 1492, 1347, 1201, 1031, 833, 759 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrNO}_6$ 488.0703, found 488.0698.

Ethyl 3-hydroxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9a-nitro-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-methanoxan-

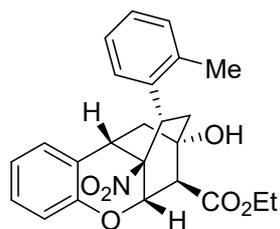


thene-4-carboxylate (a 8:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3h). The product **3h** was obtained as a white solid (33.0 mg, 75% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.19 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.62 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H),

4.35 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.81 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.74 (dd, $J = 12.4, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.26 (br s, 1H), 2.97 (t, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.77 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (td, $J = 13.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.00-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.7, 159.4, 148.2, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 126.5, 122.5, 117.6, 114.5, 87.1, 75.5, 67.9, 62.3, 55.22, 55.21, 45.3, 44.8, 37.6, 31.3, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3496, 2973, 1731, 1555, 1463, 1347, 1193, 1034, 836, 761 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_7$ 440.1704, found 440.1705.

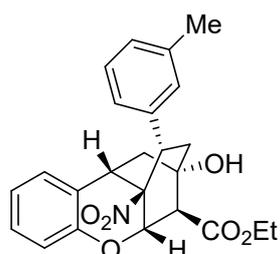
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car-boxylate (a 9:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3i). The product **3i** was obtained as a white solid



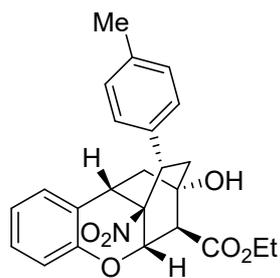
(29.6 mg, 70% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.47 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 3H), 6.95 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 4.37 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.23-4.17 (m, 2H), 3.07 (br s, 1H), 3.01 (s, 1H) 2.82 (t, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 (td, $J = 12.6, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.00 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.84 (dd, $J = 13.0, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.39 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.8, 148.2, 137.2, 136.4, 131.3, 128.5, 127.7, 127.2, 126.8, 126.2, 122.4, 117.5, 85.5, 75.7, 68.1, 62.3, 55.8, 45.8, 39.9, 39.6, 32.3, 19.7, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3474, 2971, 1713, 1551, 1465, 1350, 1218, 1034, 844, 756 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_6$ 424.1755, found 424.1751.

Ethyl 3-hydroxy-9a-nitro-1-(*m*-tolyl)-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-methanoxanthene-4-



carboxylate (a 11:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3j). The product **3j** was obtained as a white solid (28.4 mg, 67% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.26 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.05 (m, 5H), 6.94 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.63 (t, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.84 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.74 (dd, $J = 12.0, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.26 (br s, 1H), 2.98 (t, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.81 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (td, $J = 13.0, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.04-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.39 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.7, 148.2, 138.7, 136.9, 129.1, 129.00, 128.96, 128.5, 128.4, 126.5, 125.1, 122.5, 117.6, 87.0, 75.5, 67.9, 62.3, 55.2, 45.4, 45.3, 37.4, 31.4, 21.6, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3526, 2986, 1731, 1549, 1463, 1337, 1195, 1035, 839, 758 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_6$ 424.1755, found 424.1756.

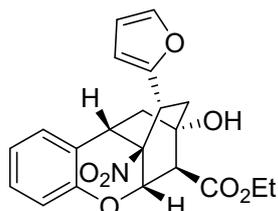
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carboxylate (a 8:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3k). The product **3k** was obtained as a white solid (33.0 mg, 78% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.21-7.15 (m, 4H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.63 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.83 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 (dd, $J = 12.0, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.26 (br s, 1H), 2.98 (t, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.79 (t, $J =$

12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (td, $J = 13.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.03-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.7, 148.2, 138.1, 133.9, 129.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 126.5, 122.5, 117.6, 87.1, 75.5, 67.9, 62.2, 55.2, 45.3, 45.1, 37.4, 31.3, 21.0, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3504, 2982, 1732, 1555, 1463, 1347, 1201, 1034, 829, 761 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_6$ 424.1755, found 424.1755.

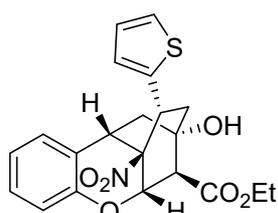
Ethyl 1-(furan-2-yl)-3-hydroxy-9a-nitro-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-methanoxanthene-



4-carboxylate (a 8:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3l). The product **3l**

was obtained as a white solid (26.4 mg, 66% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.34-6.32 (m, 1H), 6.19 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.52 (t, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.95 (dd, $J = 12.2, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.17 (br s, 1H), 2.97 (t, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.86 (t, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (td, $J = 12.4, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.06 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.89 (dd, $J = 12.8, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.36 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.6, 150.2, 148.2, 143.3, 128.7, 128.4, 126.7, 122.7, 117.7, 110.6, 109.0, 86.6, 74.9, 68.0, 62.2, 54.3, 44.4, 38.9, 34.5, 32.2, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3476, 2938, 1718, 1558, 1462, 1349, 1206, 1034, 838, 761 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_7$ 440.1391, found 440.1390.

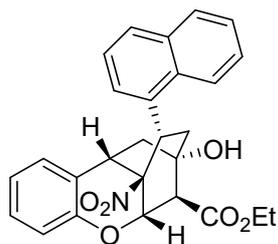
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thene-4-carboxylate (3m). The product **3m** was obtained as a white

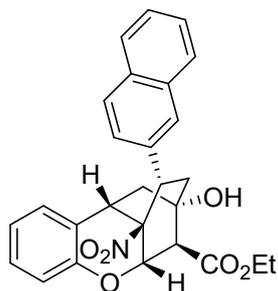
solid (24.9 mg, 60% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.30 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.56 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.34 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.21 (br s, 1H), 2.98 (t, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.82 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.74 (td, $J = 13.4, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.02-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.37 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.6, 148.2, 140.2, 128.7, 128.5, 127.5, 127.4, 126.6, 125.7, 122.7, 117.7, 87.3, 75.2, 67.9, 62.3, 54.4, 44.7, 40.9, 39.7, 31.5, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3473, 2968, 1731, 1555, 1461, 1346, 1200, 1033, 848, 761 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$ 416.1162, found 416.1159.

Ethyl 3-hydroxy-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)-9a-nitro-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-methanoxan-



thene-4-carboxylate (a 8:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3n). The product **3n** was obtained as a white solid (28.0 mg, 61% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.10 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.82 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.89 (dd, $J = 11.8, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.41 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.21 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 (br s, 1H), 2.92 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.76 (td, $J = 12.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.06 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.01 (dd, $J = 13.2, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.42 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.9, 148.3, 134.5, 133.9, 132.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 126.7, 126.3, 126.1, 125.2, 125.1, 122.5, 122.3, 117.6, 85.7, 75.9, 68.1, 62.4, 55.7, 45.7, 40.2, 38.2, 32.4, 14.3; IR (KBr): 3457, 2938, 1706, 1550, 1463, 1346, 1216, 1033, 794, 752 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₇H₂₆NO₆ 460.1755, found 460.1750.

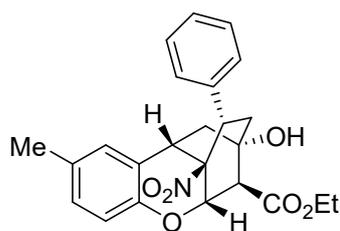
Ethyl 3-hydroxy-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-9a-nitro-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-methanoxan-



thene-4-carboxylate (a 10:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3o). The product **3o** was obtained as a white solid (32.2 mg, 70% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.87 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.71 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.38 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.98 (dd, $J = 12.0, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.31 (br s, 1H), 3.03 (dd, $J = 3.6, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.68 (td, $J = 13.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.16 (ddd, $J = 13.6, 4.8, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.03 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.40 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.7, 148.2, 134.3, 133.2, 132.9, 129.0, 128.54, 128.48, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 126.53, 126.48, 126.47, 125.4, 122.6, 117.6, 87.1, 75.6, 68.0, 62.3, 55.3, 45.6, 45.4, 37.4, 31.5, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3577, 2983, 1740, 1550, 1462, 1347, 1198, 1032, 819, 758 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₇H₂₆NO₆ 460.1755, found 460.1756.

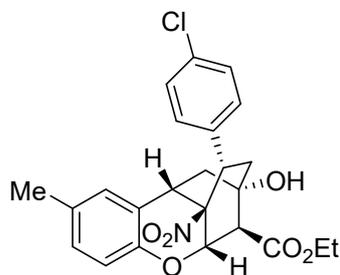
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thene-4-carboxylate (a 7:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3p). The product **3p** was obtained as a white solid (28.8 mg, 68% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.39-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.27



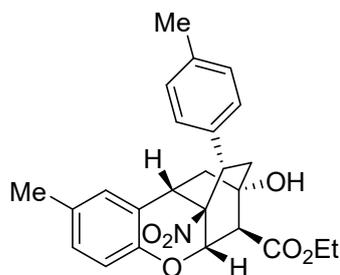
(d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.61 (t, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.78 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.26 (br s, 1H), 2.98 (s, 1H), 2.79 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 (td, $J = 13.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.04-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.8, 145.9, 137.0, 131.9, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 126.1, 117.4, 87.1, 75.5, 68.0, 62.2, 55.1, 45.5, 45.3, 37.3, 31.3, 20.5, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3493, 2939, 1731, 1555, 1465, 1348, 1208, 1034, 818, 733 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_6$ 424.1755, found 424.1750.

Ethyl 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-7-methyl-9a-nitro-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-me-



thanoxanthene-4-carboxylate (a 14:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3q). The product **3q** was obtained as a white solid (31.1 mg, 68% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.71 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.34 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.78-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.24 (br s, 1H), 2.97 (s, 1H), 2.73 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 (t, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.98-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.37 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.7, 145.8, 135.5, 134.3, 132.0, 129.5, 129.31, 129.29, 128.7, 125.9, 117.4, 87.0, 75.4, 67.9, 62.3, 55.1, 45.3, 44.9, 37.3, 31.2, 20.5, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3493, 2939, 1731, 1555, 1465, 1348, 1208, 1034, 818, 733 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr): 3492, 2974, 1731, 1555, 1467, 1349, 1210, 1031, 826, 734 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClNO}_6$ 458.1365, found 458.1361.

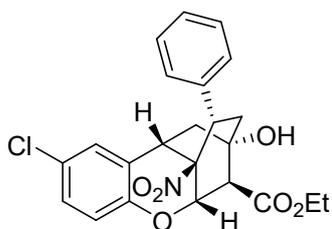
Ethyl 3-hydroxy-7-methyl-9a-nitro-1-(*p*-tolyl)-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-methanoxan-



thene-4-carboxylate (a 7:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3r). The product **3r** was obtained as a white solid (22.3 mg, 51% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.20-7.14 (m, 4H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.71 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.60 (t, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.79-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.27 (br s, 1H), 2.97 (s, 1H), 2.78 (t, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (td, $J = 13.0, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.02-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

(ppm): 171.8, 145.9, 138.0, 133.9, 131.8, 129.8, 129.2, 128.8, 128.0, 126.2, 117.3, 87.2, 75.5, 68.0, 62.2, 55.1, 45.3, 45.1, 37.4, 31.3, 21.0, 20.5, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3502, 2941, 1734, 1556, 1465, 1349, 1208, 1034, 822, 769 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_6$ 438.1911, found 438.1906.

Ethyl 7-chloro-3-hydroxy-9a-nitro-1-phenyl-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-methanoxan-



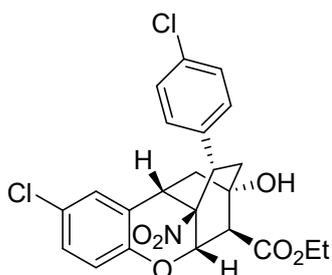
thene-4-carboxylate (a 5:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3s). The

product **3s** was obtained as a White solid (22.2 mg, 50% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.39-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.12-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.63 (t, $J = 2.8$

Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.80-3.76 (m, 2H), 3.26 (br s, 1H), 2.93 (s, 1H), 2.80 (t, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (td, $J = 13.2, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.03 (dd, $J = 13.4, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.95 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.39 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.5, 146.8, 136.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.2, 119.7, 86.7, 75.7, 67.8, 62.4, 55.2, 45.2, 45.0, 37.3, 31.3, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3494, 2940, 1729, 1555, 1486, 1350, 1199, 1032, 820, 705 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClNO}_6$ 444.1208, found 444.1206.

Ethyl 7-chloro-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-9a-nitro-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-me-



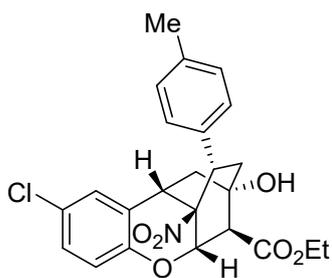
thanoxanthene-4-carboxylate (a 10:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3t). The product **3t** was obtained as a white solid

(29.2 mg, 61% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.34

(d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.61 (t, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (q, $J = 7.2$

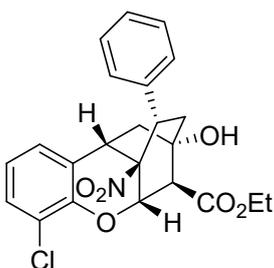
Hz, 2H), 3.78-3.74 (m, 2H), 3.24 (br s, 1H), 2.93 (s, 1H), 2.74 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (td, $J = 13.2, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.97-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.4, 146.7, 135.1, 134.5, 129.45, 129.40, 128.7, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 119.1, 86.5, 75.6, 67.7, 62.5, 55.2, 45.0, 44.7, 37.2, 31.2, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3491, 2978, 1731, 1555, 1489, 1350, 1199, 1029, 827, 734 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_6$ 478.0819, found 478.0819.

Ethyl 7-chloro-3-hydroxy-9a-nitro-1-(p-tolyl)-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-methanoxan-
thene-4-carboxylate (a 5:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3u). The product **3u** was obtained as a



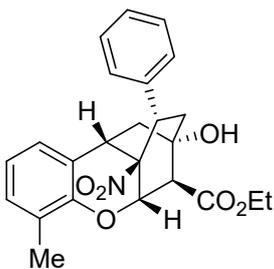
white solid (26.1 mg, 57% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.22-7.12 (m, 4H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.63 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.80-3.73 (m, 2H), 3.30 (br s, 1H), 2.93 (t, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.78 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.57 (td, $J = 13.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.00 (dd, $J = 13.4, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.93 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.5, 146.8, 138.2, 133.5, 129.8, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.1, 119.0, 86.7, 75.7, 67.8, 62.3, 55.3, 45.0, 44.8, 37.2, 31.2, 21.0, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3509, 2983, 1732, 1555, 1484, 1350, 1197, 1032, 823, 734 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClNO}_6$ 458.1365, found 458.1367.

Ethyl 5-chloro-3-hydroxy-9a-nitro-1-phenyl-2,3,4,9a-tetrahydro-1H-3,9-methanoxan-



thene-4-carboxylate (a 13:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3v). The product **3v** was obtained as a white solid (32.4 mg, 73% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.39-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.80 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.86 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd, $J = 12.0, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.25 (br s, 1H), 2.95 (dd, $J = 3.4, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.81 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.57 (td, $J = 13.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.03 (ddd, $J = 13.6, 5.4, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.93 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.3, 144.3, 136.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 126.8, 122.7, 122.4, 86.7, 76.0, 67.7, 62.4, 55.7, 45.2, 37.3, 31.4, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3441, 2936, 1744, 1555, 1462, 1324, 1194, 1033, 785, 738 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClNO}_6$ 444.1208, found 444.1205.

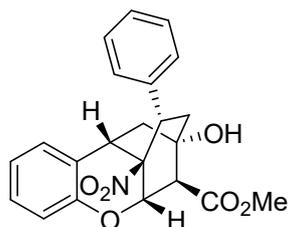
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thene-4-carboxylate (a 13:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3w). The product **3w** was obtained as a white solid (22.9 mg, 54%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.40-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.67 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.39-4.33 (m, 2H), 3.84-3.77 (m, 2H), 3.20 (br s, 1H), 2.95 (dd, $J = 3.6, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.80 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 (td, $J = 12.8,$

3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.03 (ddd, $J = 13.6, 5.0, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.96 (dd, $J = 13.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.39 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.8, 146.3, 137.1, 129.6, 129.1, 128.3, 128.2, 126.9, 126.03, 125.99, 122.0, 87.1, 75.5, 67.9, 62.2, 55.4, 45.5, 45.4, 37.4, 31.4, 15.8, 14.2; IR (KBr): 3517, 2986, 1733, 1552, 1469, 1337, 1196, 1038, 785, 738 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_6$ 424.1755, found 424.1751.

Methyl 3-hydroxy-9a-nitro-1-phenyl-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-methanoxanthene-4-



car-boxylate (a 8:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3x). The product **3x**

was obtained as a white solid (23.7 mg, 60% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.39-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 2H),

7.12 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz,

1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.63 (t, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.88-3.78 (m, 5H), 3.30 (br s, 1H), 3.01 (s,

1H), 2.79 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.62 (td, $J = 12.8, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.05-1.96 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100

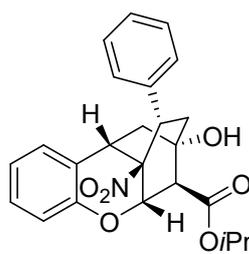
MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 172.2, 148.0, 136.9, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 126.4, 122.5, 117.6,

86.9, 75.5, 67.9, 55.1, 52.9, 45.4, 45.2, 37.2, 31.3; IR (KBr): 3508, 2970, 1735, 1554, 1454, 1350,

1216, 1032, 847, 764 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}_6$ 418.1261, found

418.1266.

Isopropyl 3-hydroxy-9a-nitro-1-phenyl-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-methanoxanthene-4-



carboxylate (a 17:1 mixture of diastereomers) (3y). The product **3y**

was obtained as a white solid (27 mg, 64% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.40-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, $J =$

7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J =$

8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.24-5.18 (m, 1H), 3.84 (d, $J =$

11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, $J = 12.2, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.27 (br s, 1H), 2.95 (s, 1H), 2.80 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz,

1H), 2.57 (td, $J = 13.2, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.02 (dd, $J = 15.2, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.96 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H),

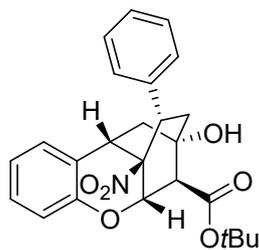
1.38 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.35 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 171.1,

148.2, 137.0, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 126.4, 122.4, 117.6, 87.0, 75.4, 70.3, 67.9, 55.4,

45.41, 45.36, 37.3, 31.3, 21.78, 21.76; IR (KBr): 3472, 2939, 1727, 1555, 1463, 1382, 1215, 1033,

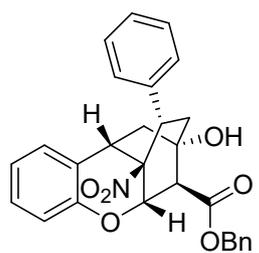
814, 762 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_6$ 446.1574, found 446.1579.

Tert-butyl 3-hydroxy-9a-nitro-1-phenyl-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-methanoxanthene-4-



carboxylate (3z). The product **3z** was obtained as a white solid (24.2 mg, 55% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.38-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (br s, 1H), 2.88 (s, 1H), 2.78 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 170.7, 148.3, 137.0, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.23, 128.17, 126.5, 122.4, 117.5, 87.0, 83.8, 75.5, 67.9, 56.0, 45.5, 45.4, 37.5, 31.3, 28.1; IR (KBr): 3549, 2977, 1708, 1553, 1463, 1384, 1234, 1033, 831, 767 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₅H₂₇NNaO₆ 460.1731, found 460.1735.

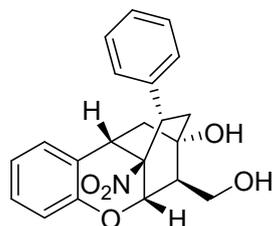
Benzyl 3-hydroxy-9a-nitro-1-phenyl-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-3,9-methanoxanthene-4-



car-boxylate (3aa). The product **3aa** was obtained as a white solid (32 mg, 68% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): 7.45 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 8H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (br s, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 5.31-5.24 (m, 2H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (s, 1H), 2.85 (t, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.92-1.84 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): 171.6, 147.9, 137.6, 135.7, 128.94, 128.85, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 128.00, 128.97, 127.3, 122.5, 116.9, 87.3, 76.1, 67.5, 66.7, 56.3, 45.6, 45.3, 36.6, 31.3; IR (KBr): 3632, 3518, 3348, 3034, 2961, 1719, 1551, 1459, 1351, 1213, 1033, 844, 743 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₈H₂₅NNaO₆ 494.1574, found 494.1578.

4. Reduction of ester group of 3a

4-(hydroxymethyl)-9a-nitro-1-phenyl-1,2,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-3H-3,9-methanoxanthene-3-ol



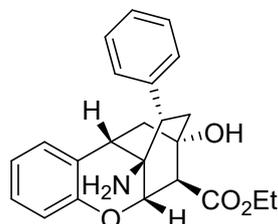
(a 12:1 mixture of diastereomers) (4). Lithium triethylborohydride (0.01 mmol, 1M in THF) was added dropwise to a solution of **3a** (41 mg, 0.1 mmol) and lithium borohydride (0.1 mmol, 2M in THF) in THF (1 mL). The solution was then stirred at rt for 1 h until the

completion of reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was diluted with THF (1 mL), washed with aqueous NaOH (3M; 2 x 3 mL), brine and water (2 x 3 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel, eluting with (Petroleum ether/Ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) to give **4** as a pale yellow oil (36.4 mg, 99% yield, 12:1 dr).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): 7.39-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (br s, 1H), 3.86-3.82 (m, 3H), 3.71 (dd, J = 12.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (t, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (td, J = 12.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.73-1.67 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): 148.6, 138.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.91, 127.87, 127.8, 121.7, 116.8, 88.1, 76.7, 66.4, 59.1, 51.7, 47.2, 45.5, 37.8, 31.5; IR (KBr): 3572, 3336, 2963, 1553, 1462, 1363, 1225, 1017, 809, 766 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₁H₂₂NO₅ 368.1492, found 368.1489.

5. Reduction of **3a** to primary amine **5**

Ethyl 9a-amino-3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1*H*-3,9-methanoxanthene-4-



car-boxylate (a 15:1 mixture of diastereomers) (**5**). Zinc dust (260 mg, 4 mmol) was added portionwise to a solution of **3a** (41 mg, 0.1 mmol) and concentrated HCl (150 μ L, 1.2 mmol) in ethanol (1 mL) at 0 °C. The suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. After completion

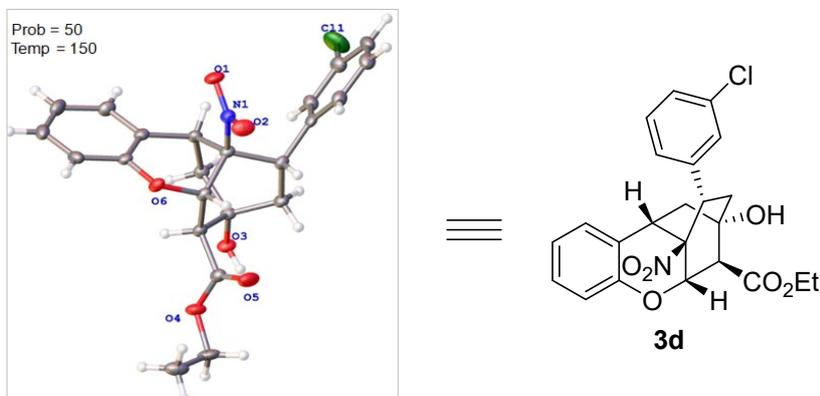
of the reaction, a saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution was added dropwise to around pH 9. The resulting mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, and the filter cake was rinsed with EtOAc. Subsequently, the filtrate was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuum to give pure primary amine **5** (37.6 mg, 99% yield, 15:1 dr).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.43-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.30 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 4.28 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (dd, J = 11.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (s, 2H), 2.63 (t, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (td, J = 12.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (br s, 2H), 1.92 (dd, J = 13.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 172.7, 149.2, 140.2, 129.8, 129.3, 128.6, 128.1, 127.6, 127.2, 121.7, 117.3, 79.2, 67.3, 61.6, 55.8, 48.3, 46.4, 45.7, 38.3, 37.1, 14.1; IR (KBr): 3450, 2966,

1731, 1596, 1494, 1461, 1340, 1228, 1196, 1023, 758, 704 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_4$ 380.1856, found 380.1855.

6. X-ray crystallographic analysis of **3d** (CCDC 2131464)

Single crystals of $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClNO}_6$ were obtained via slow volatilization in a mixed solution of dichloromethane/petroleum ether. A suitable crystal was selected and measured on a New Gemini Dual-sourced diffractometer (Mo K_α $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). The crystal was kept at 150 K during data collection. Using Olex2, the structure was solved with the ShelXT structure solution program using Direct Methods and refined with the ShelXL refinement package using Least Squares minimisation. The ellipsoid contour percent probability level of **3d** is 50%.



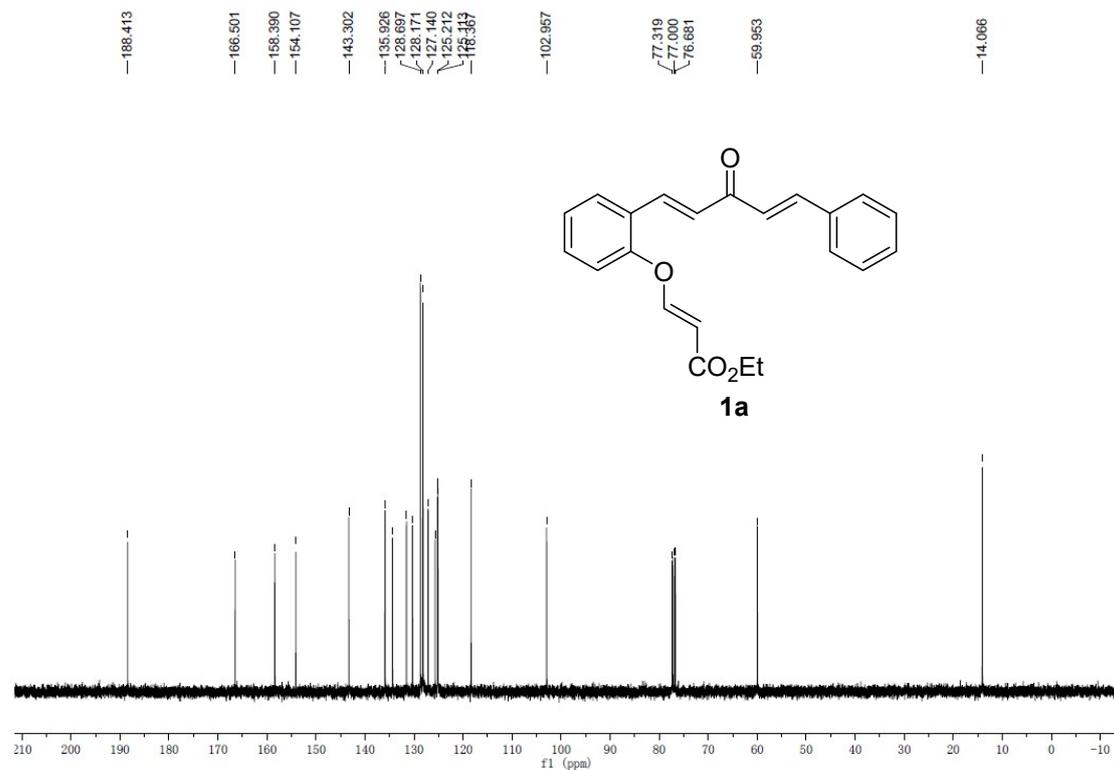
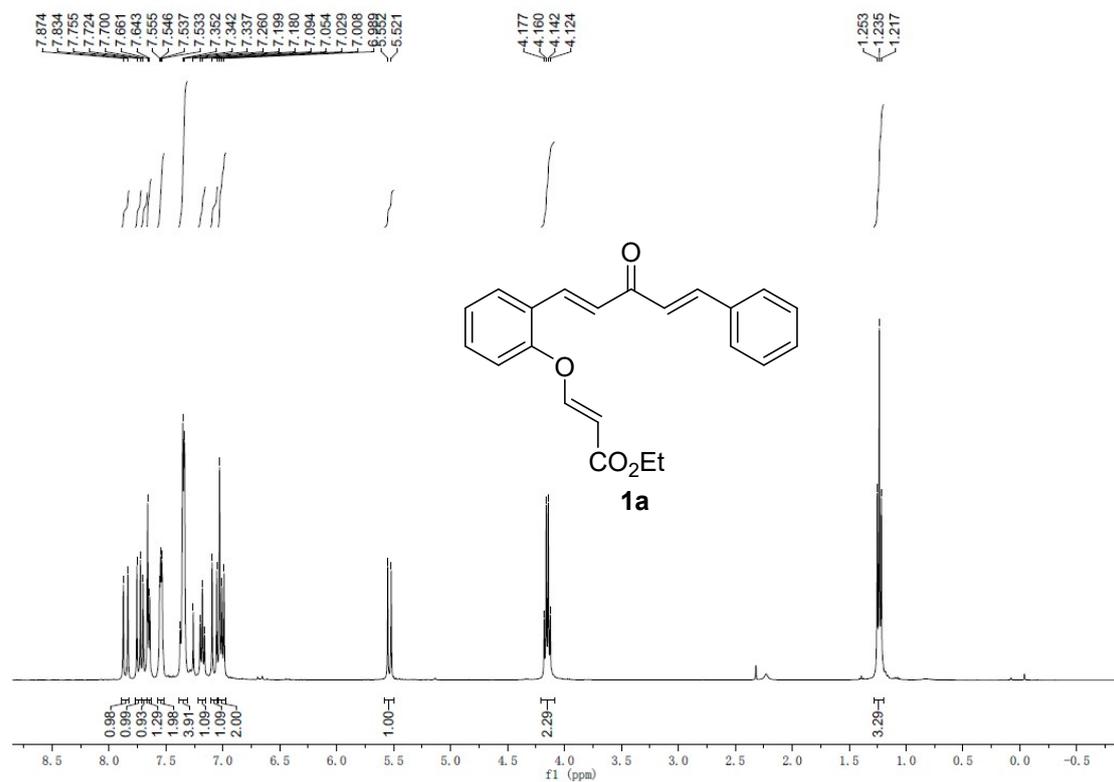
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Space group	Pbca
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$b/\text{\AA}$	12.8933(5)
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Volume/ \AA^3	4089.4(3)

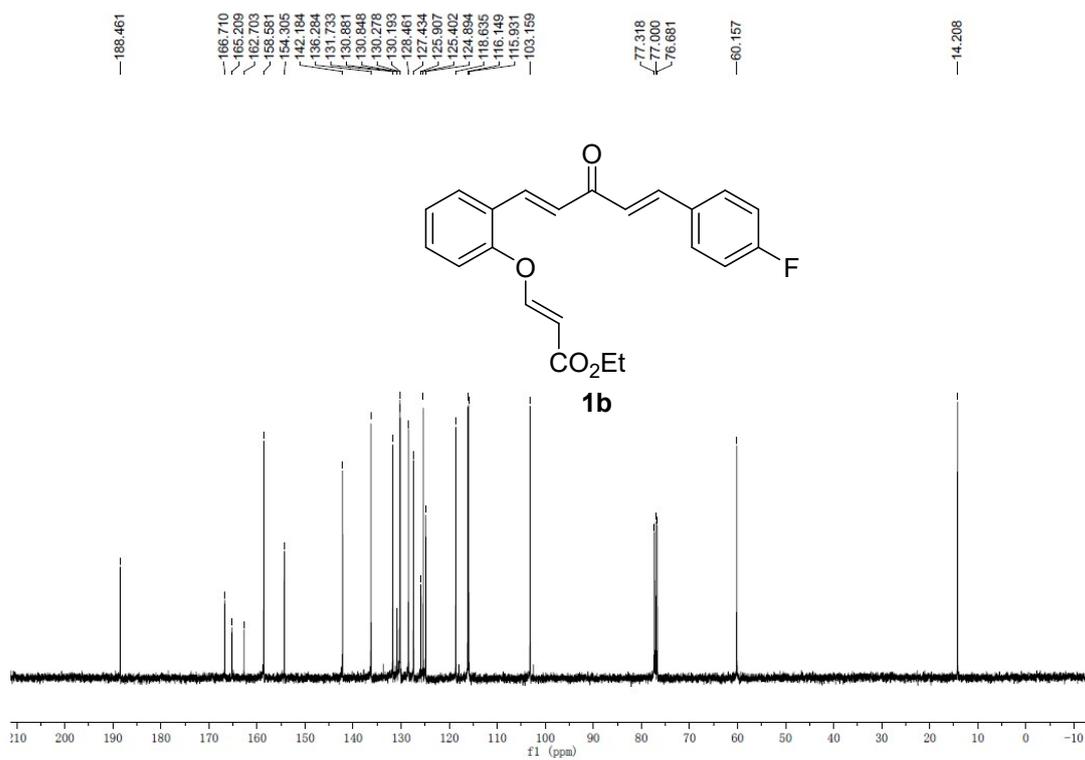
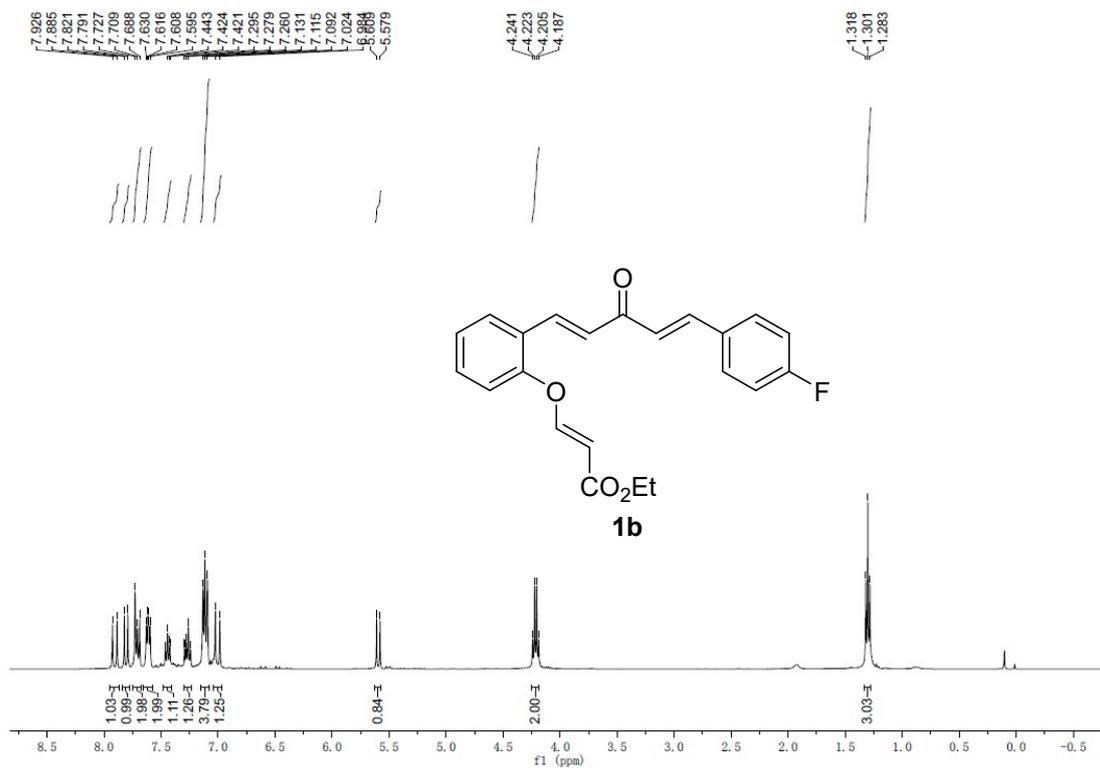
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Radiation	Mo K α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2 Θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	4.59 to 49.996
Index ranges	$-17 \leq h \leq 16, -15 \leq k \leq 15, -25 \leq l \leq 18$
Reflections collected	11972
Independent reflections	3607 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0330, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0348$]
Data/restraints/parameters	3607/0/282
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.057
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0389, wR_2 = 0.0830$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0502, wR_2 = 0.0903$
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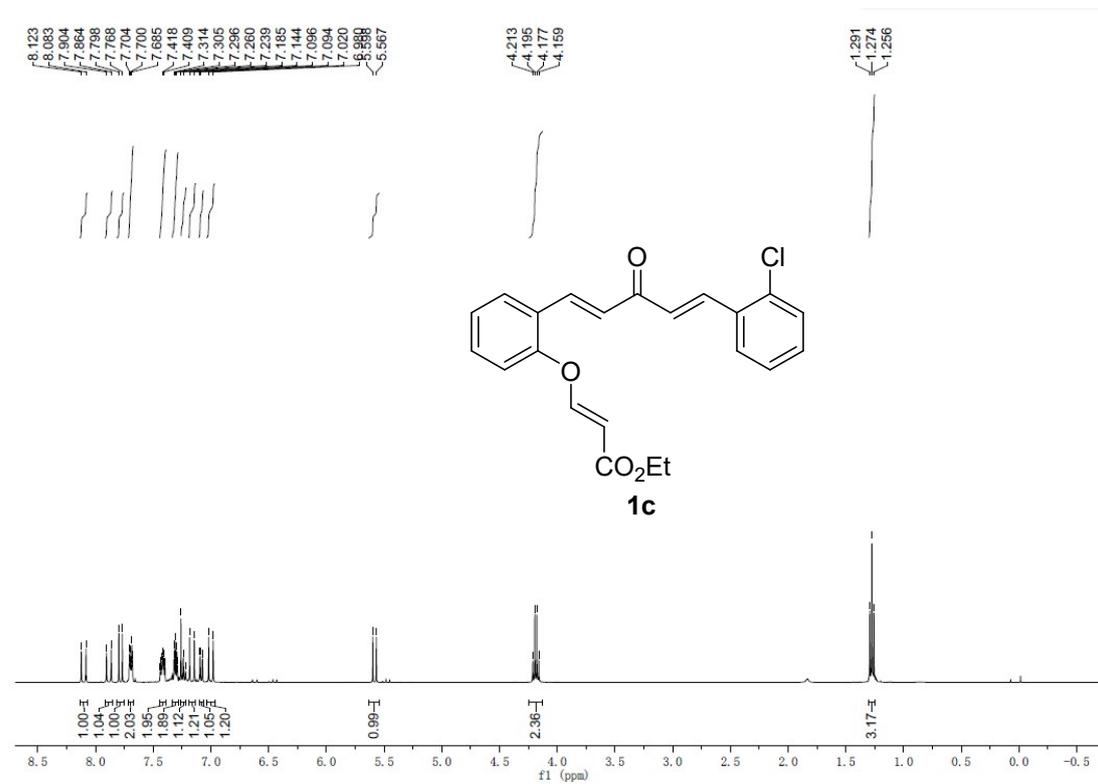
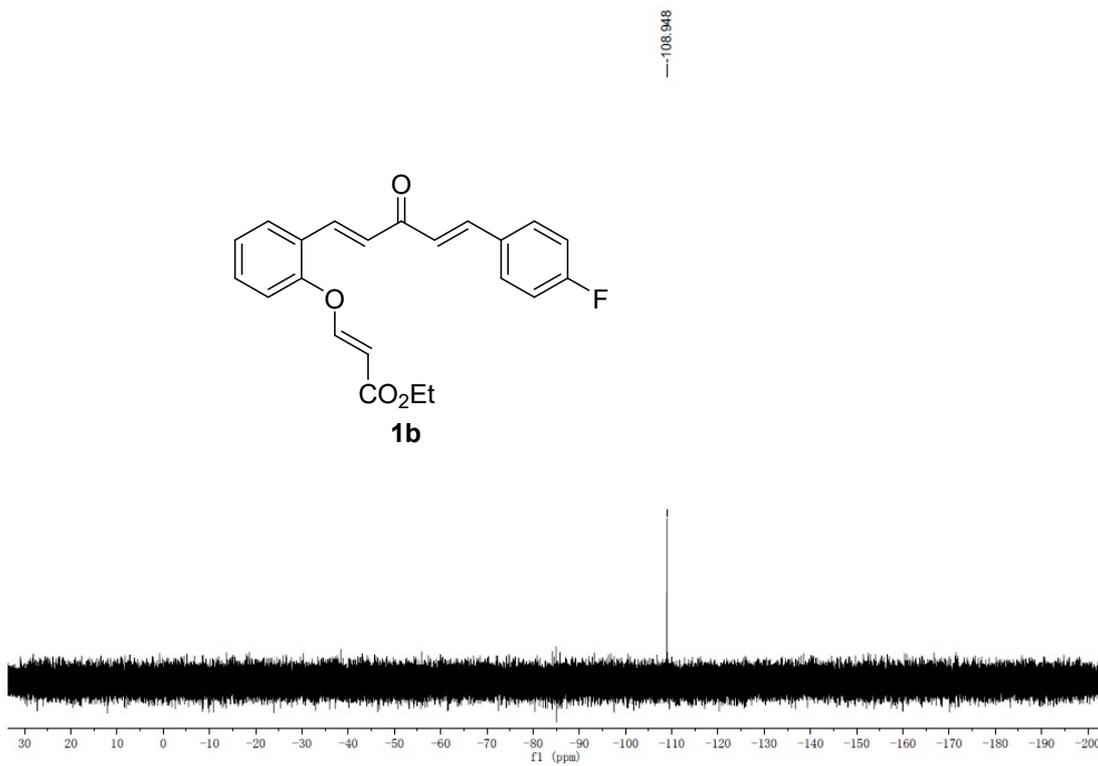
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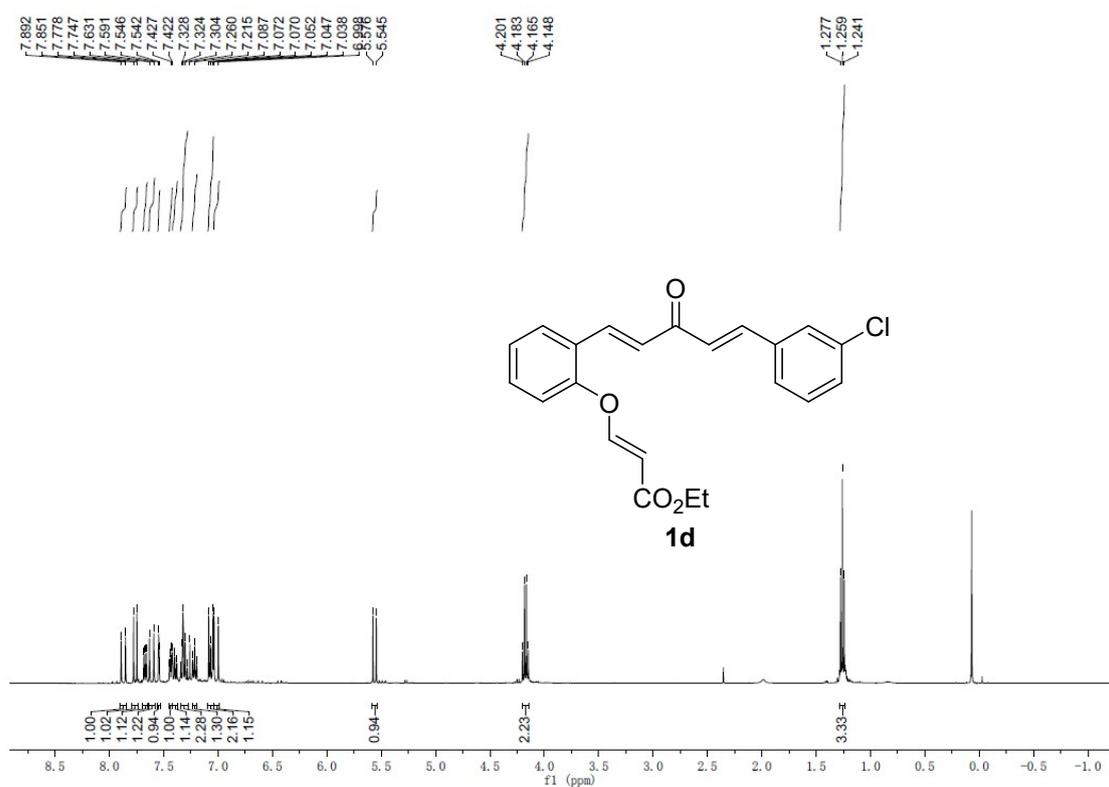
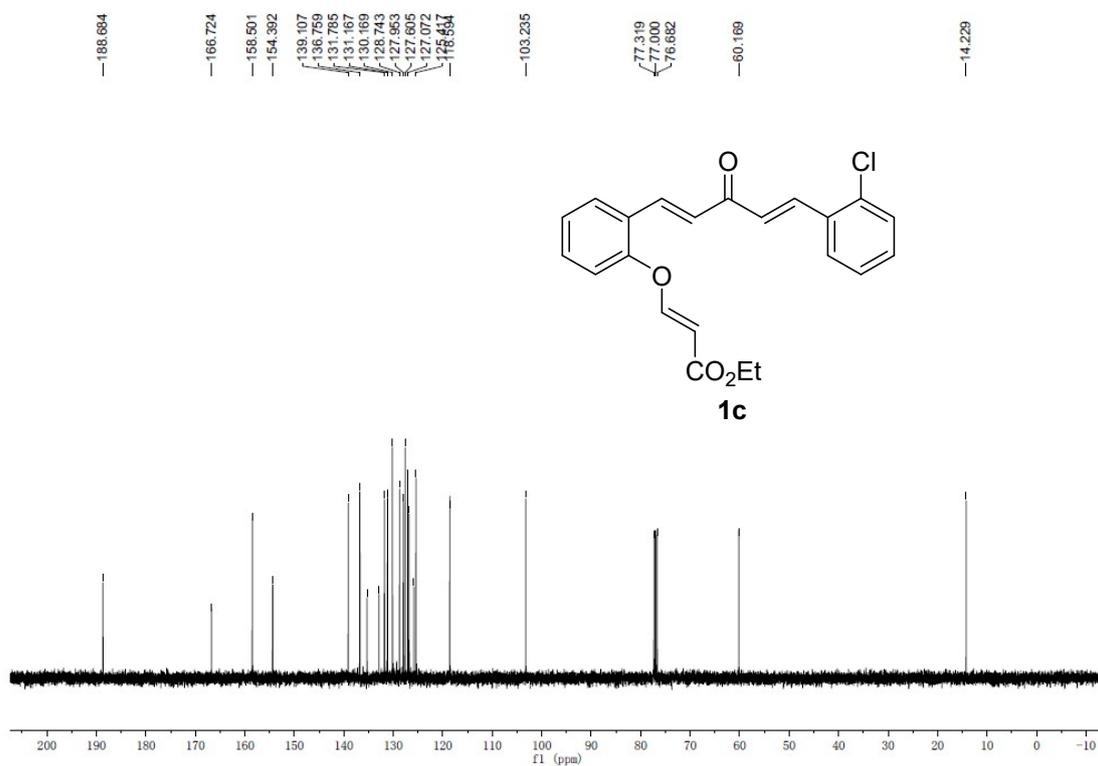
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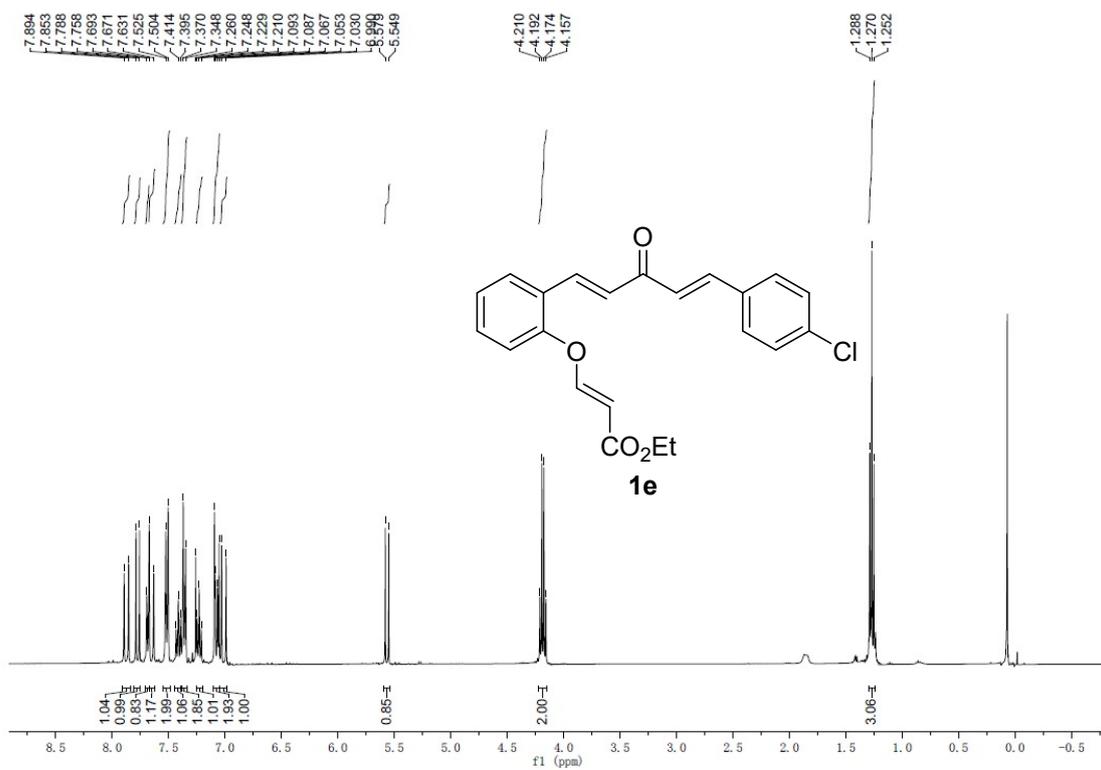
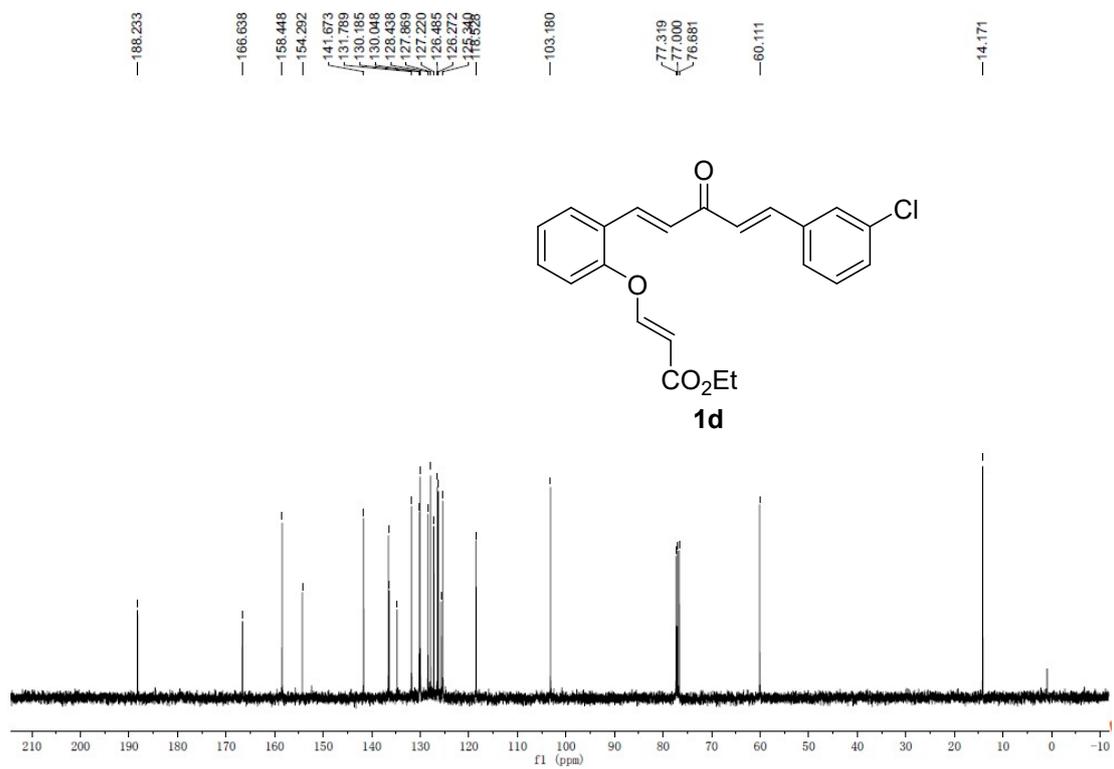
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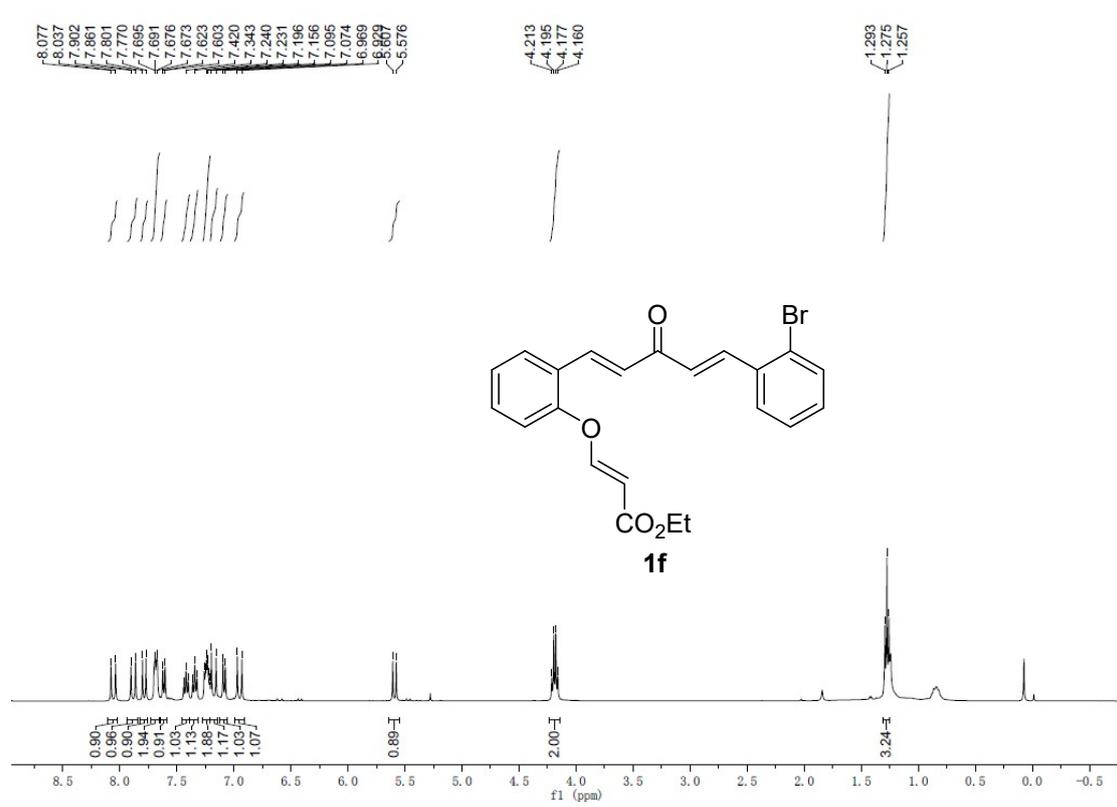
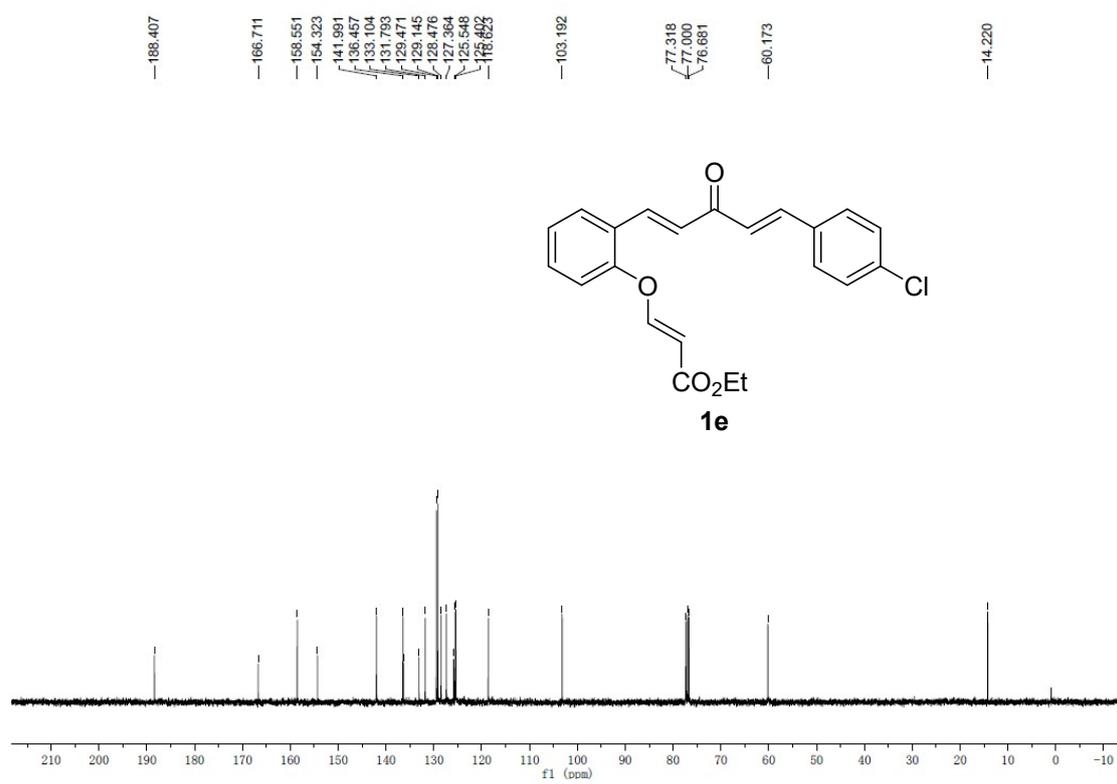


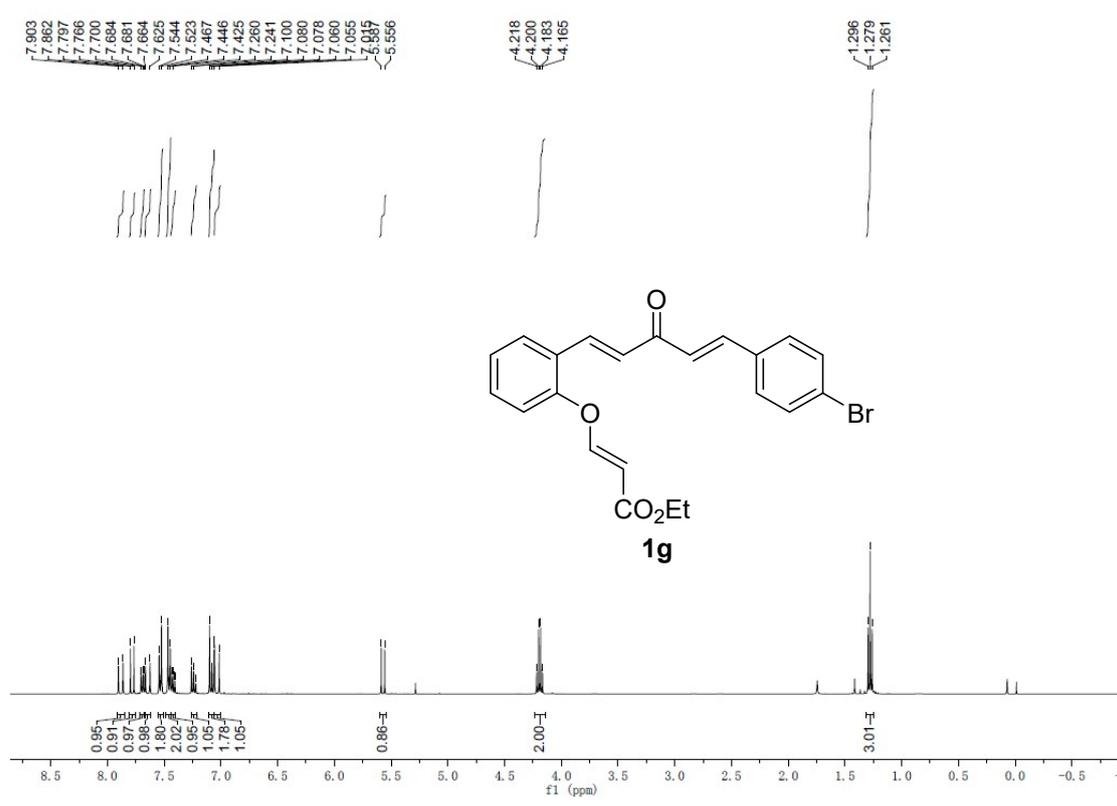
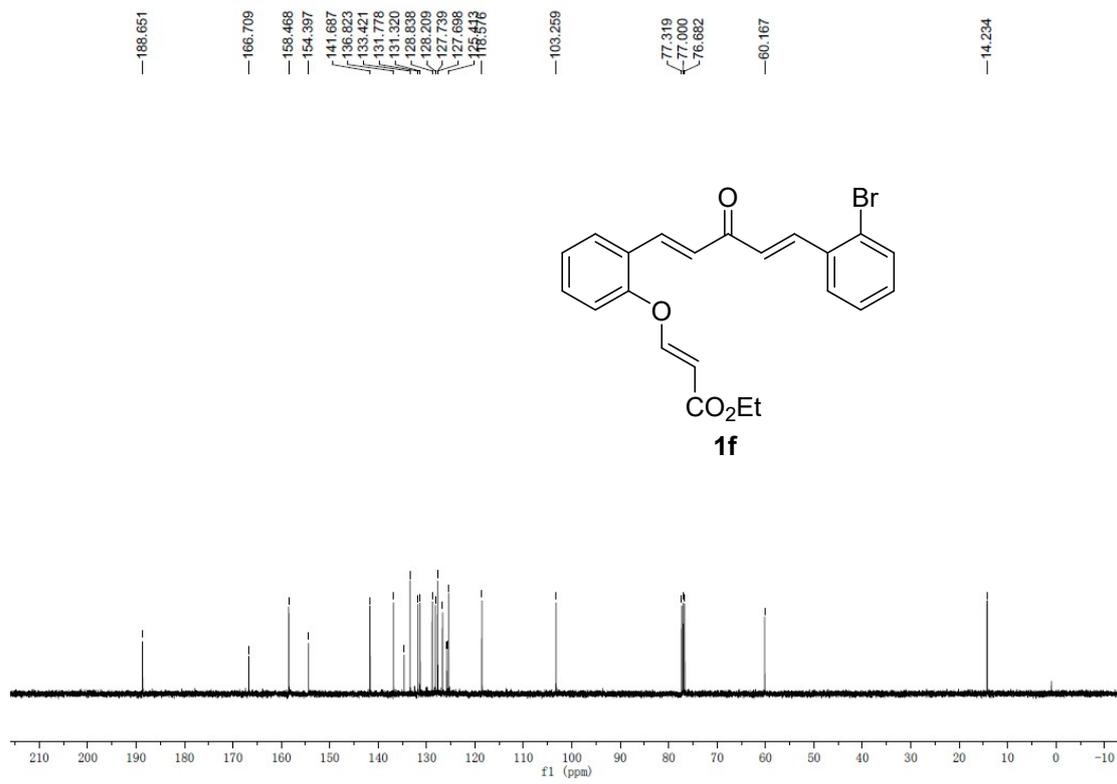


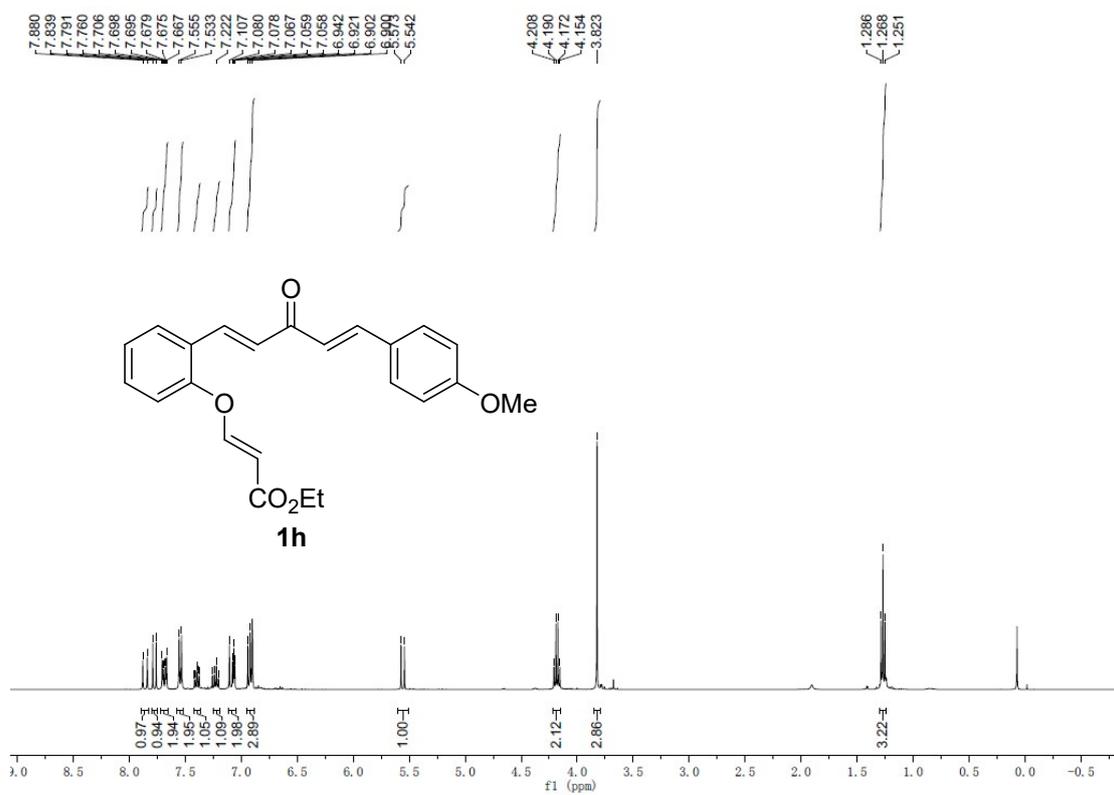
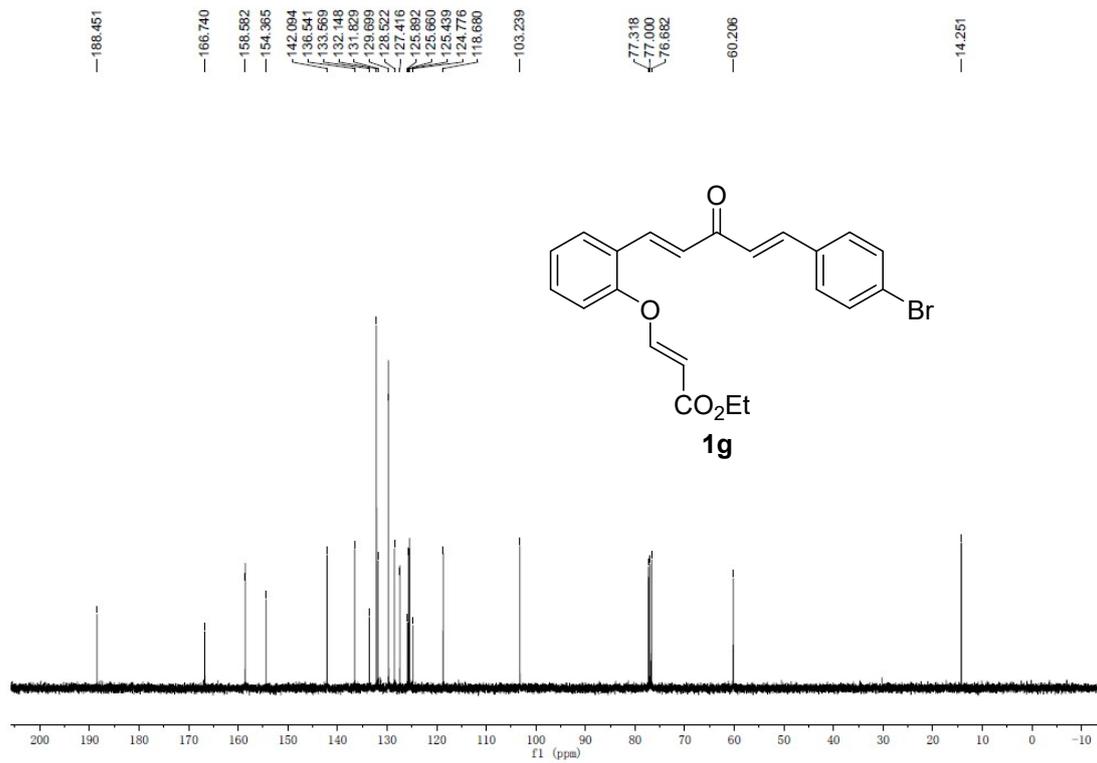


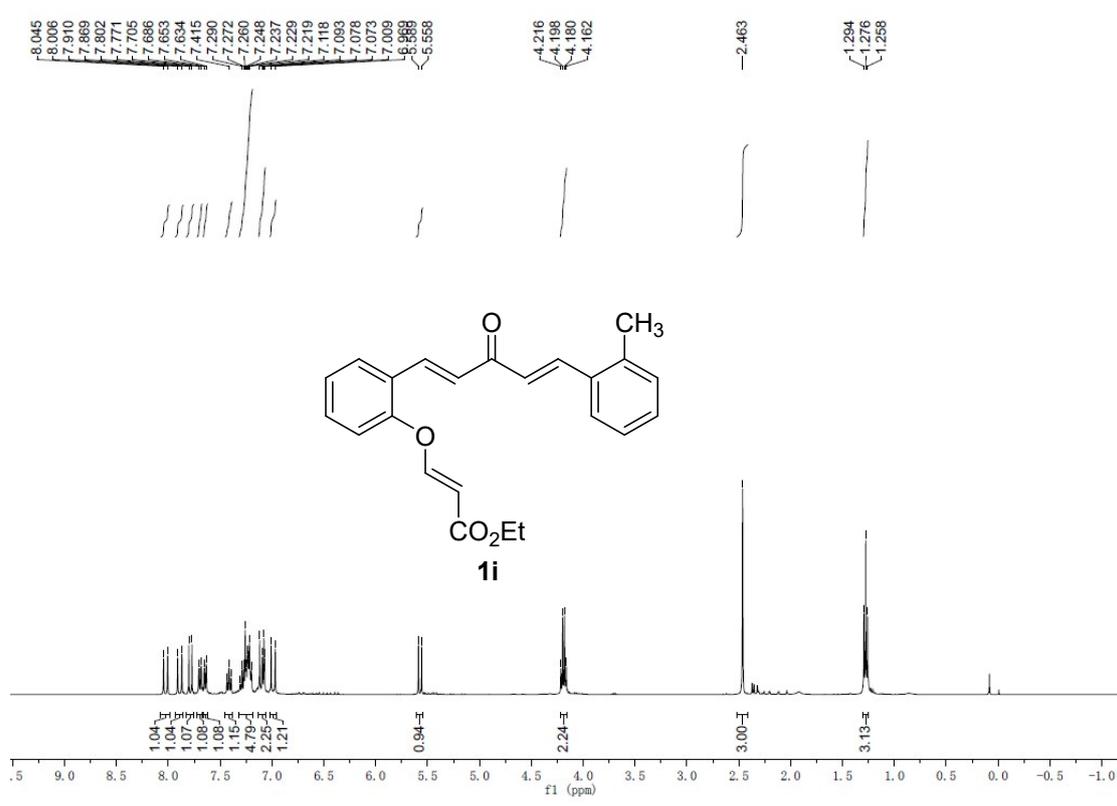
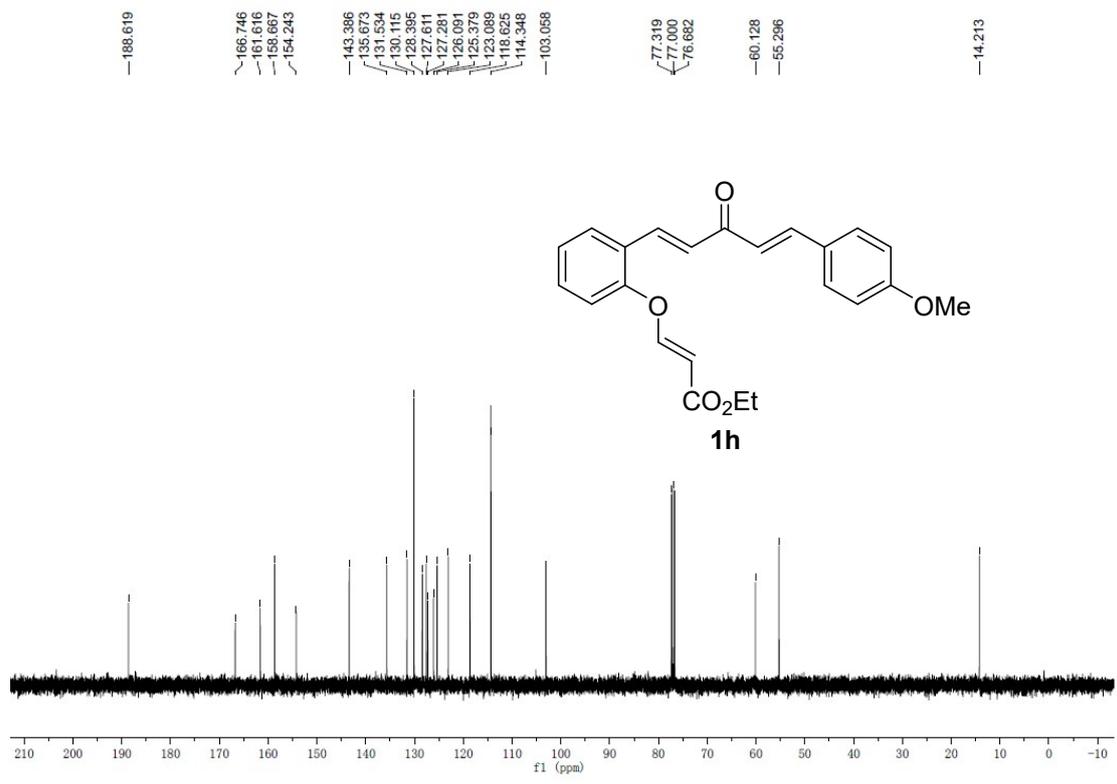


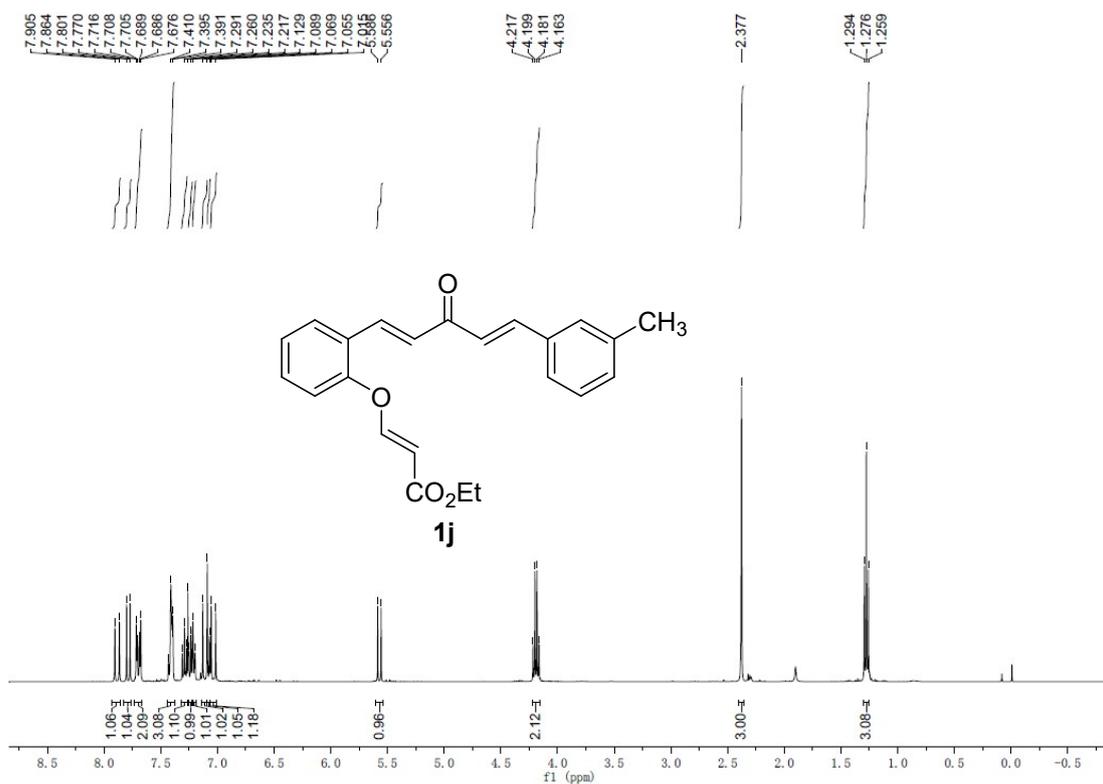
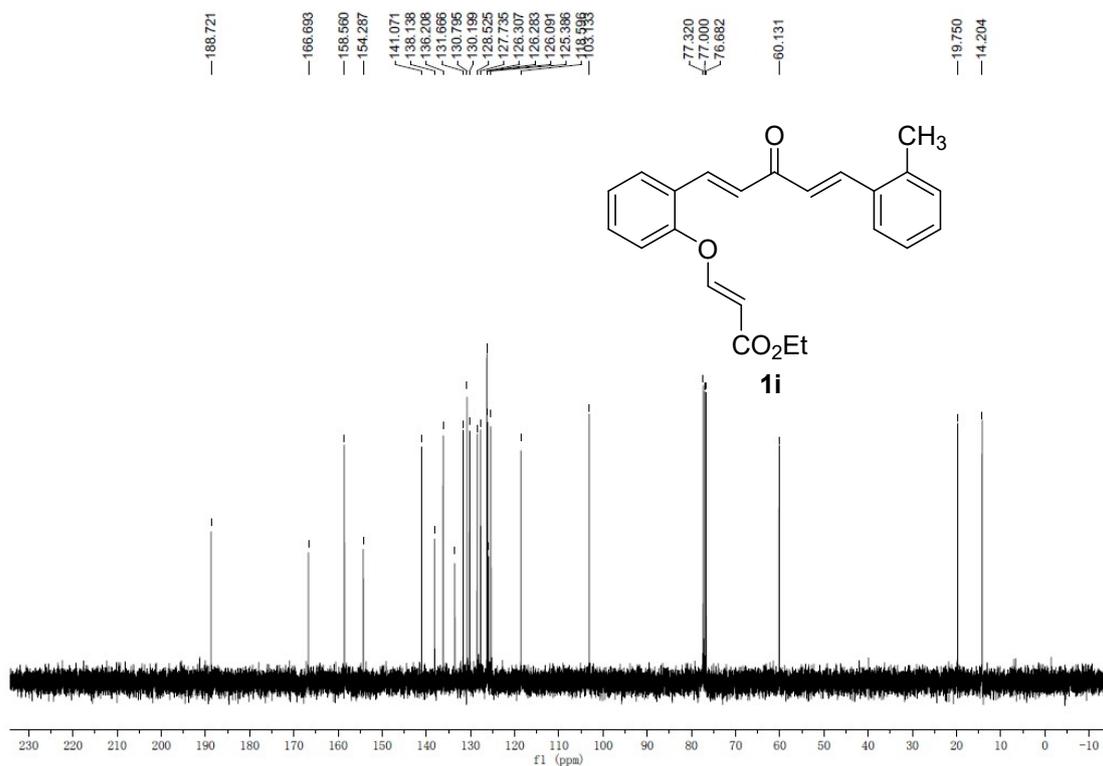


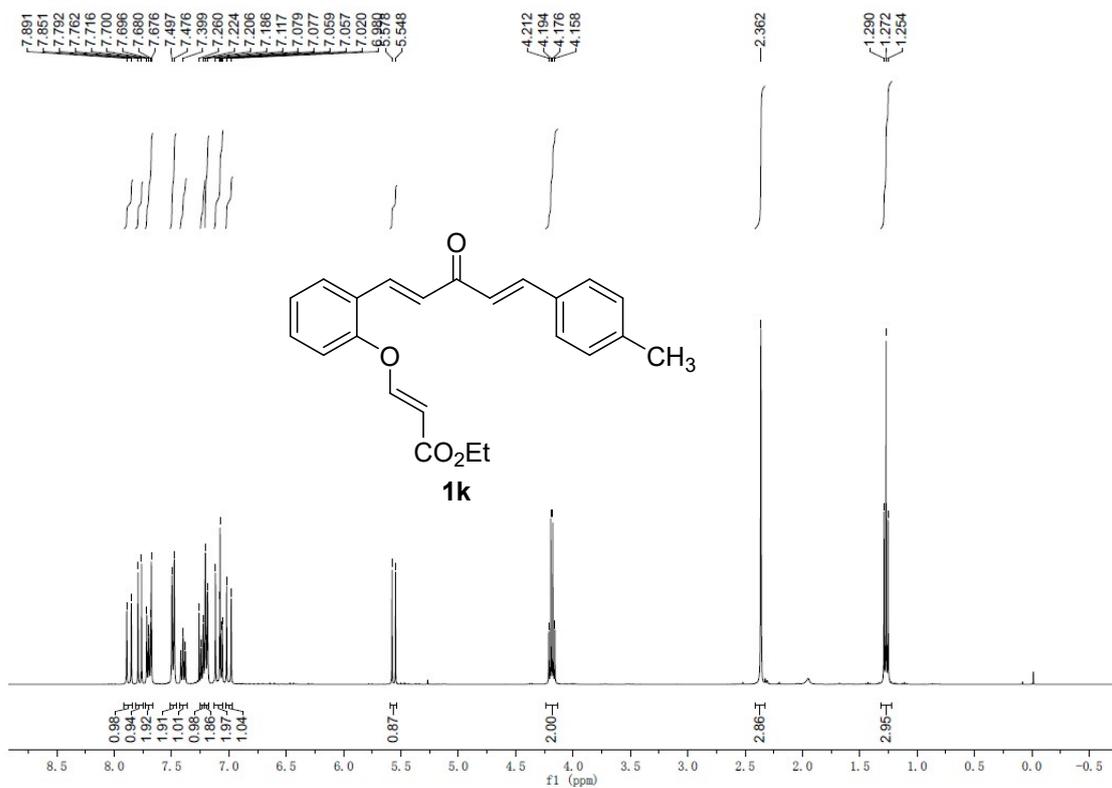
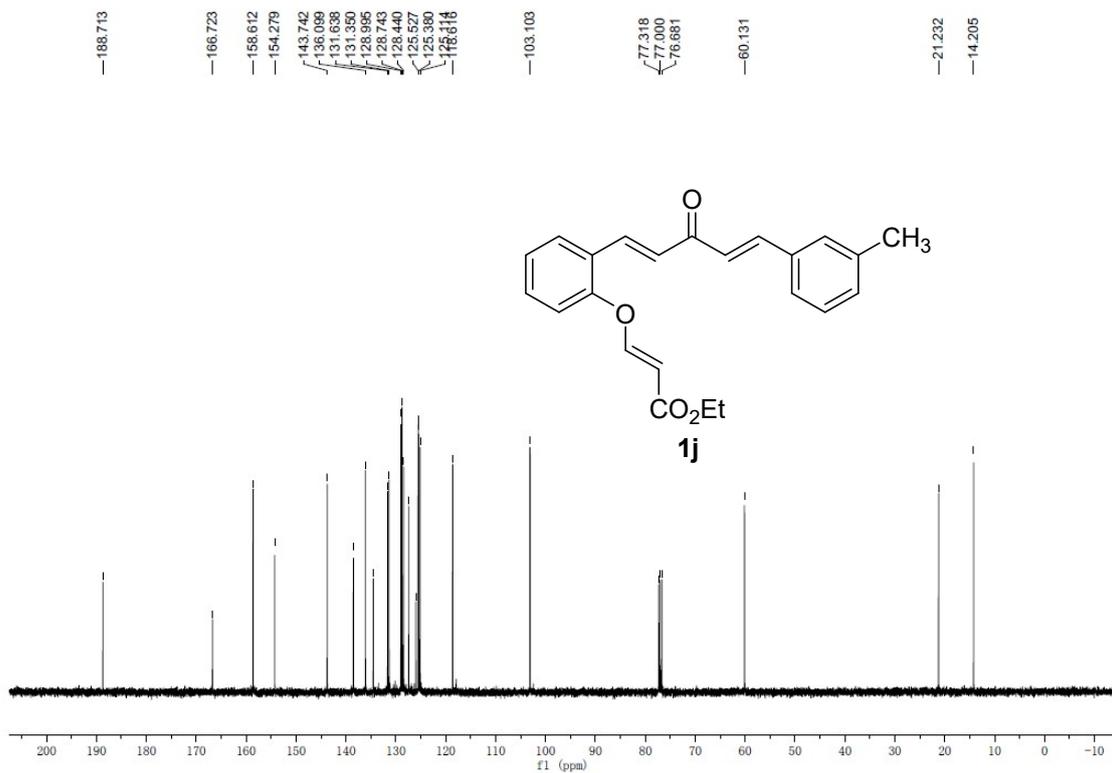


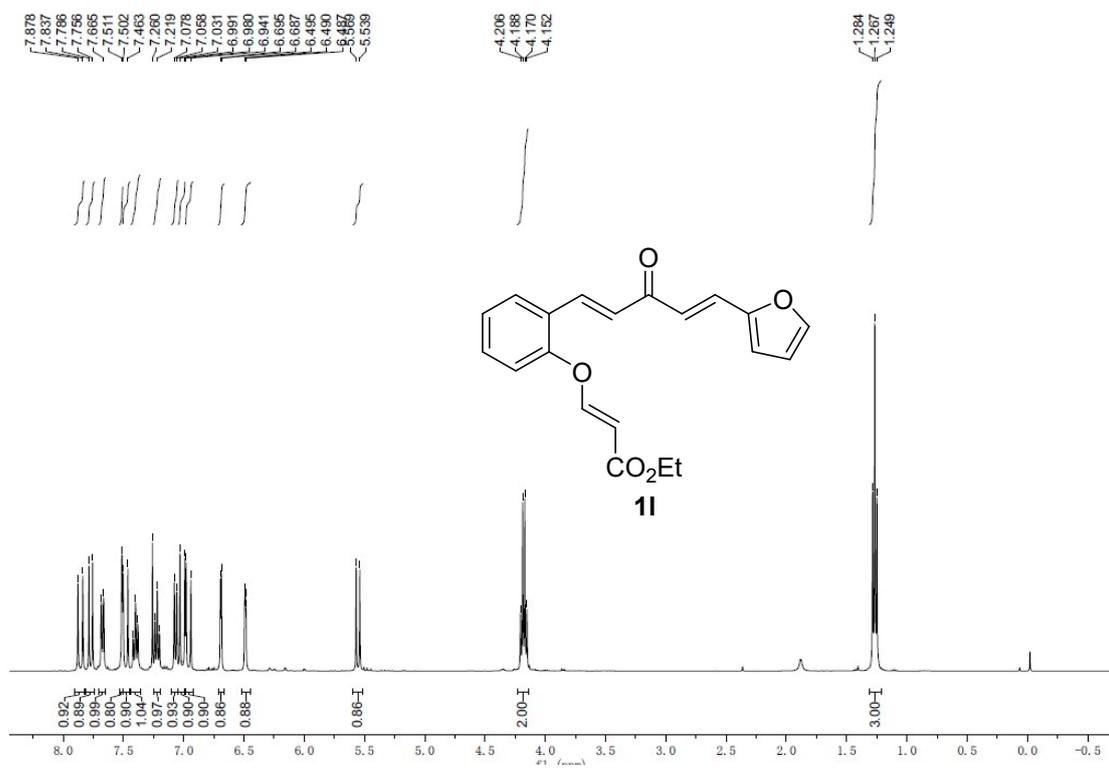
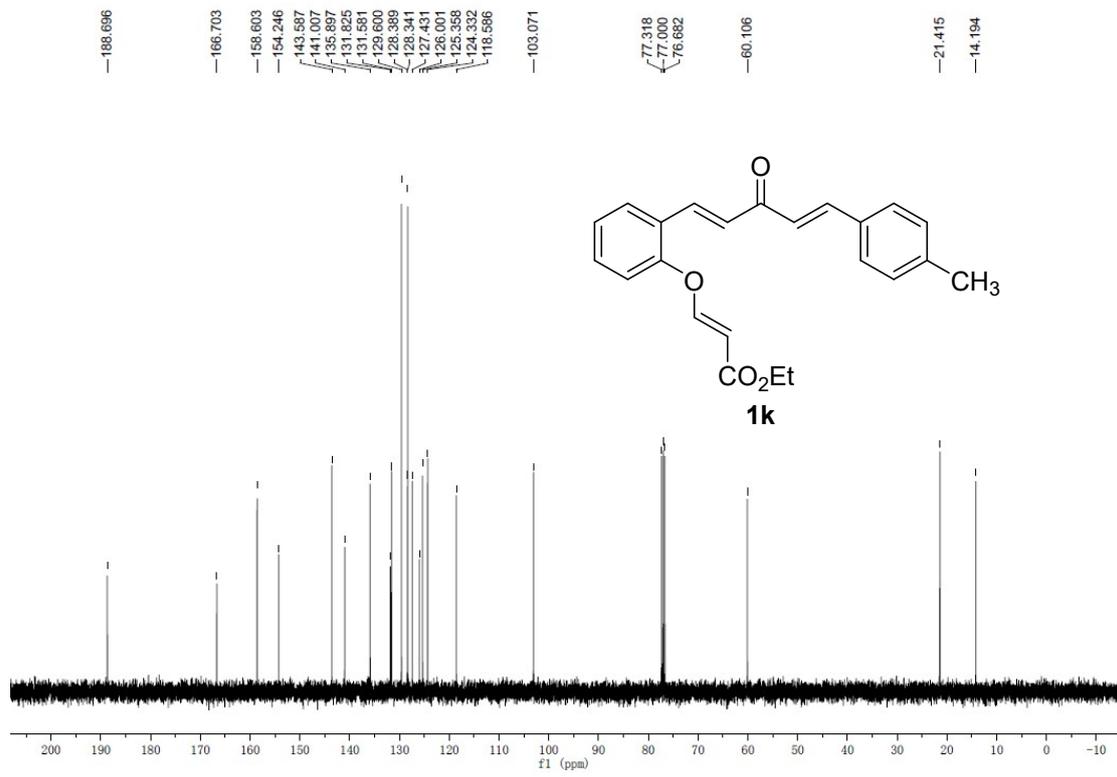


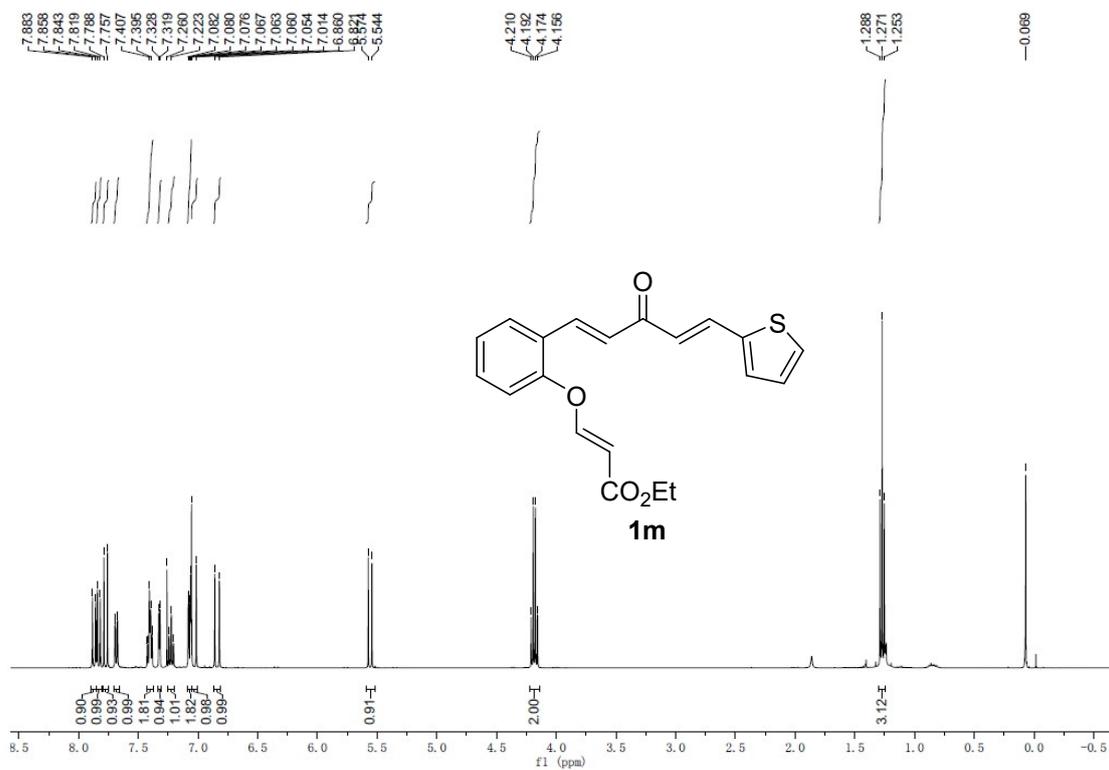
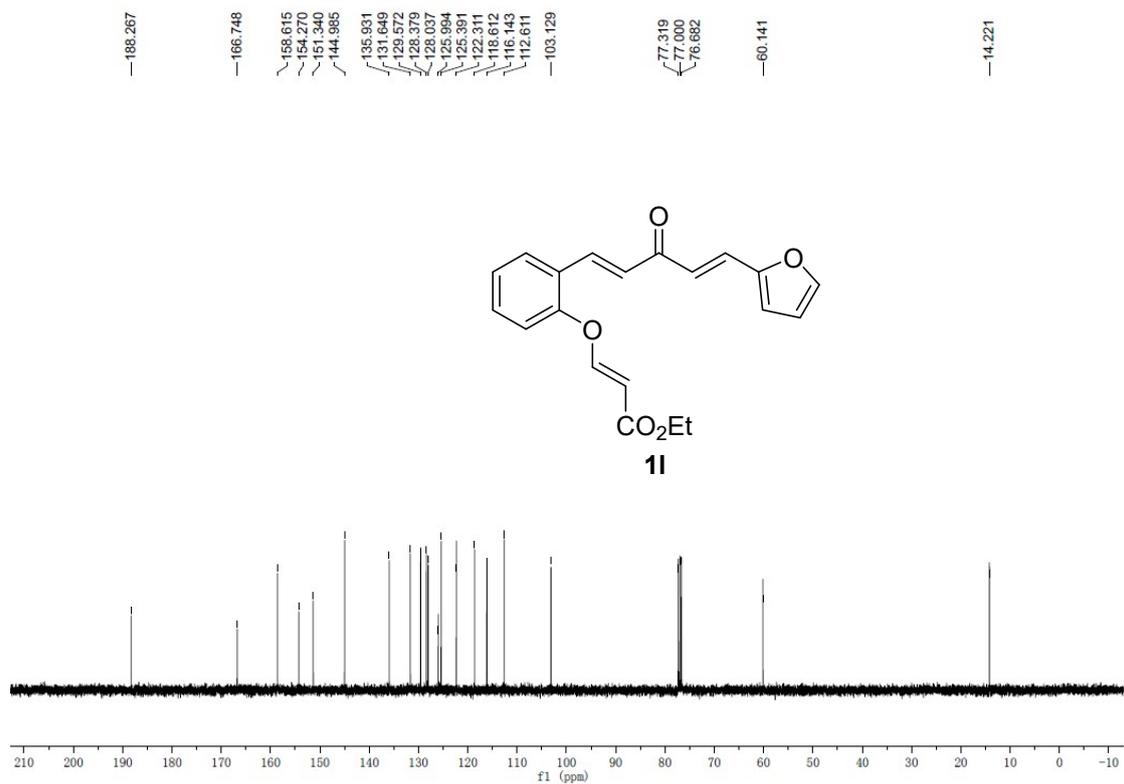


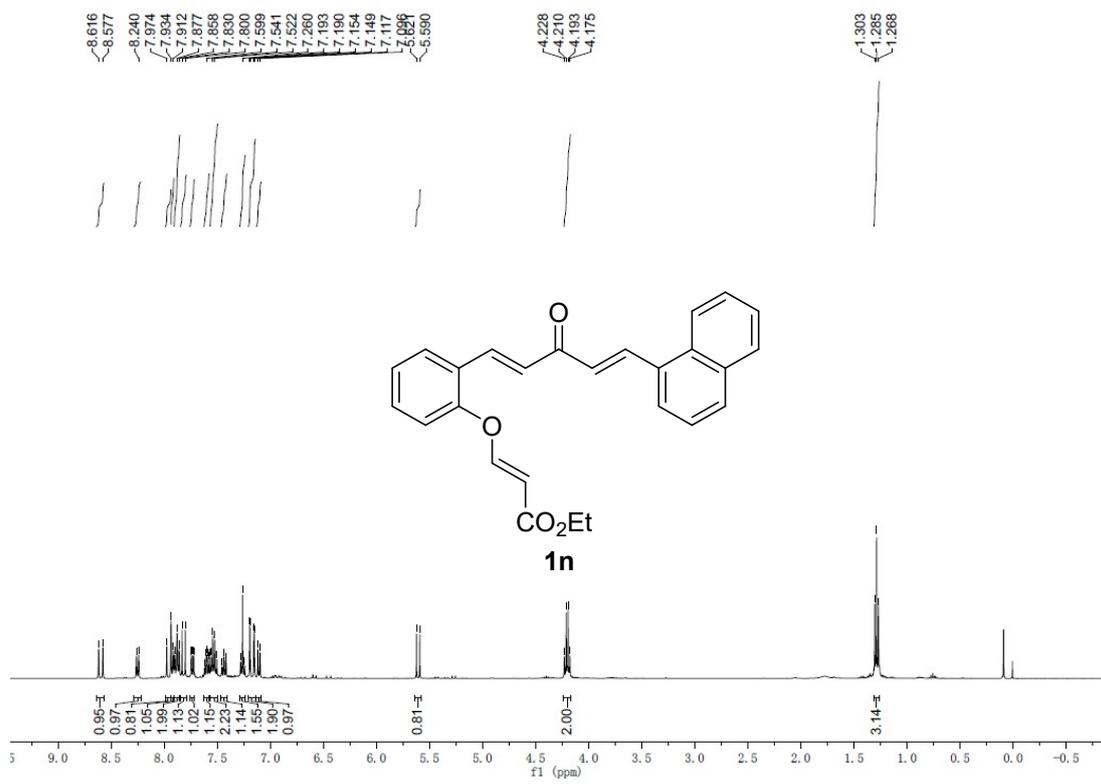
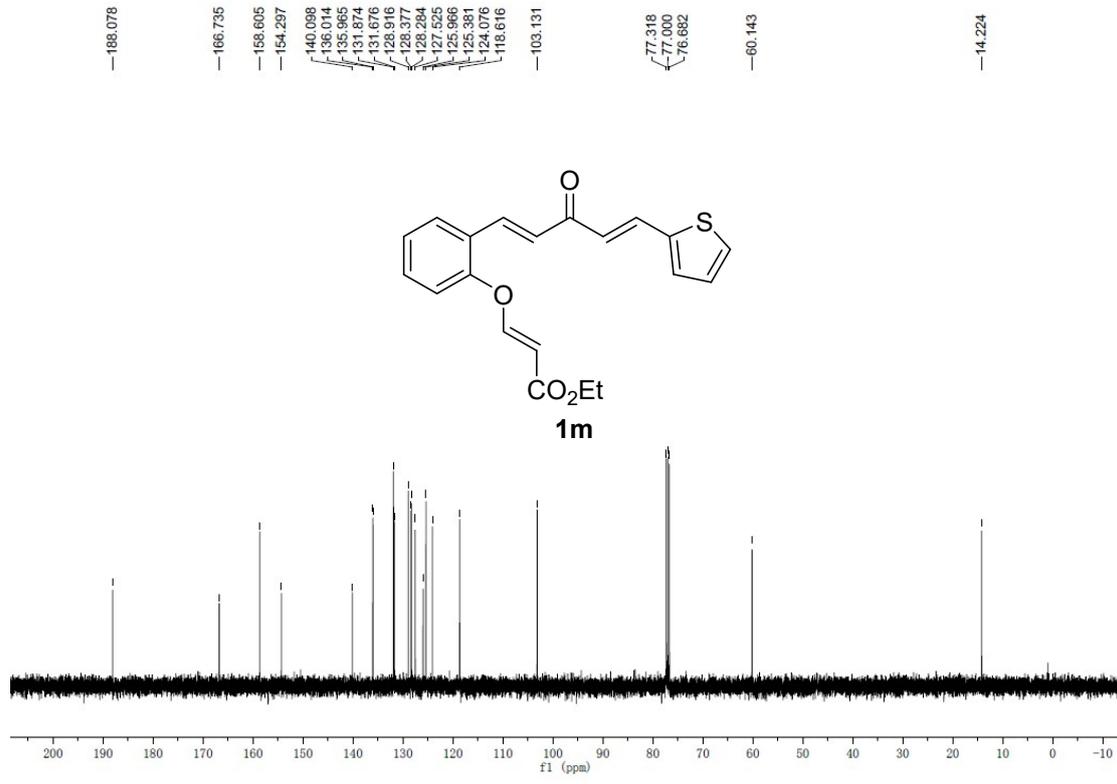


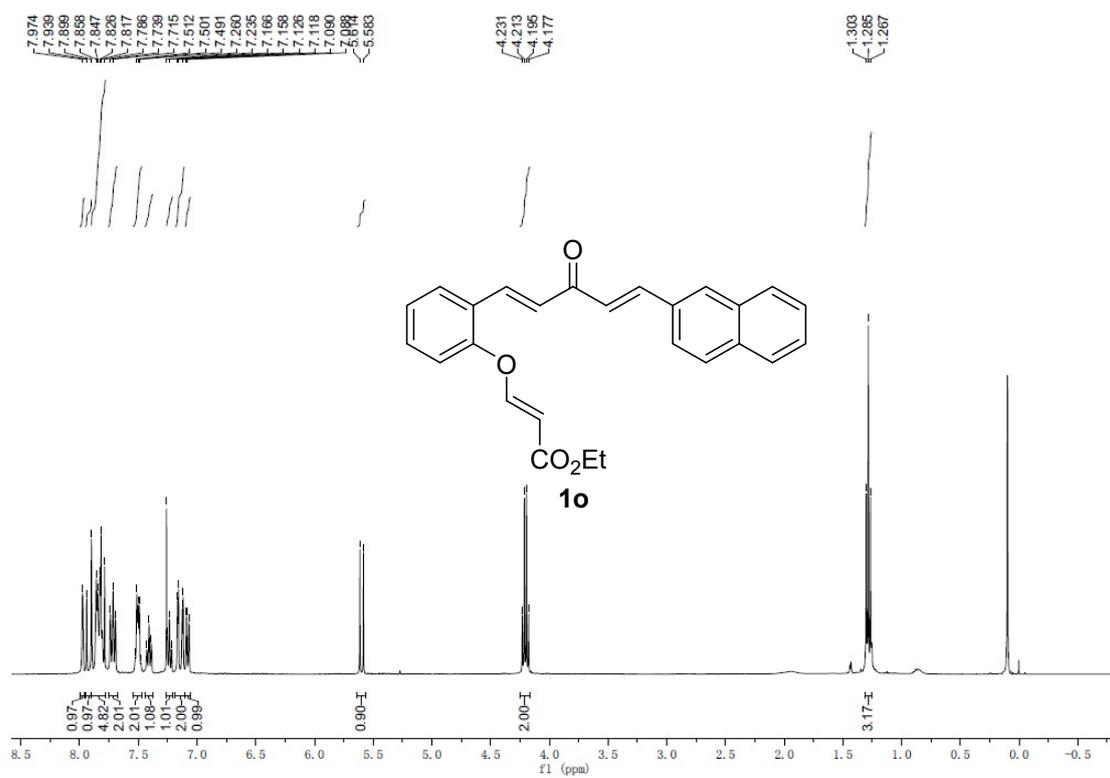
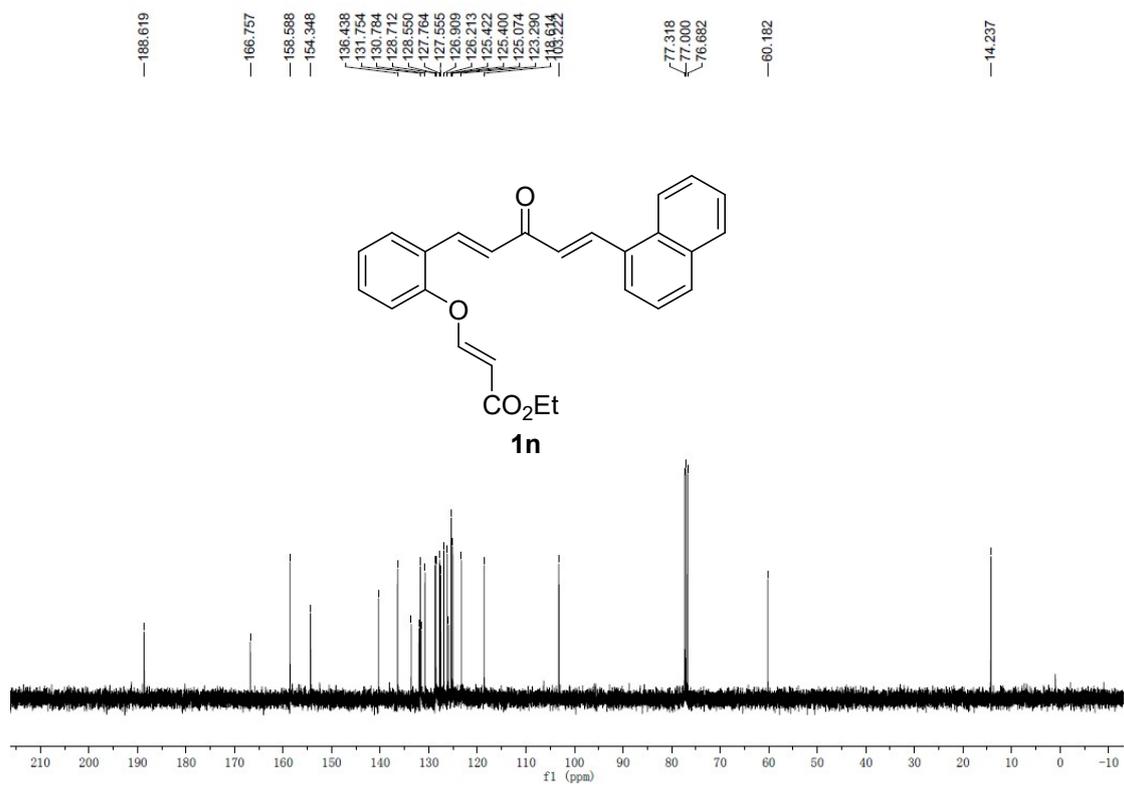


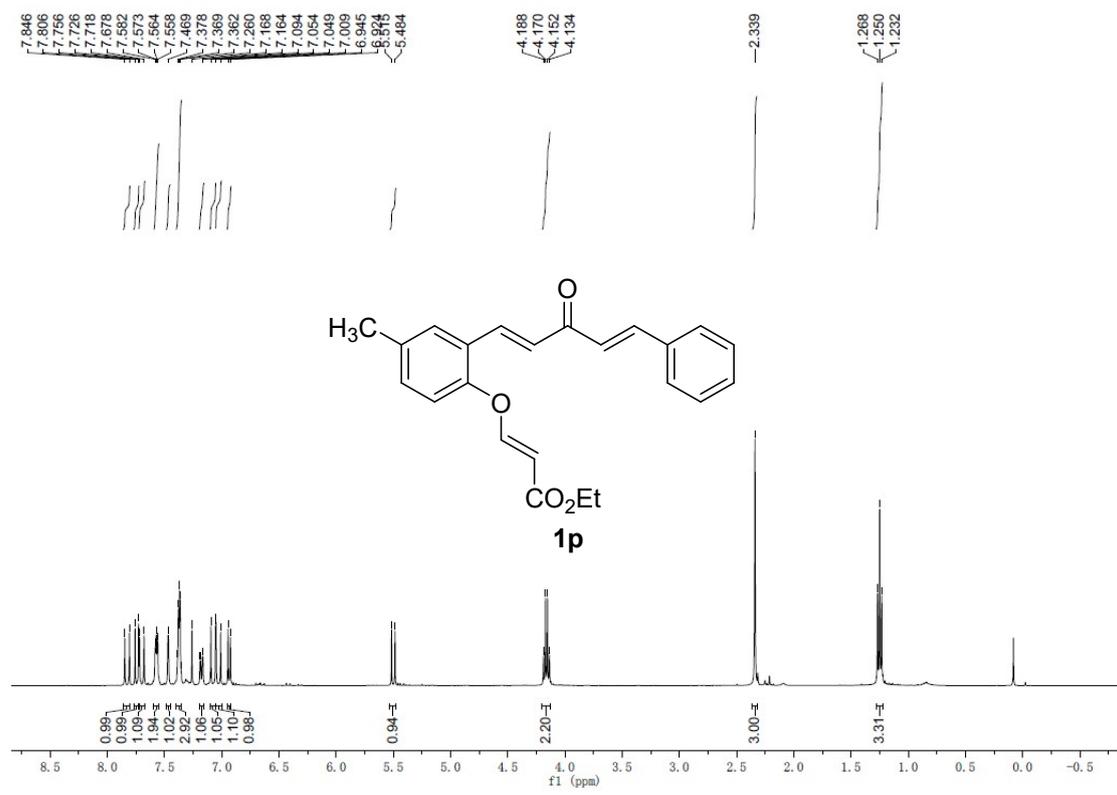
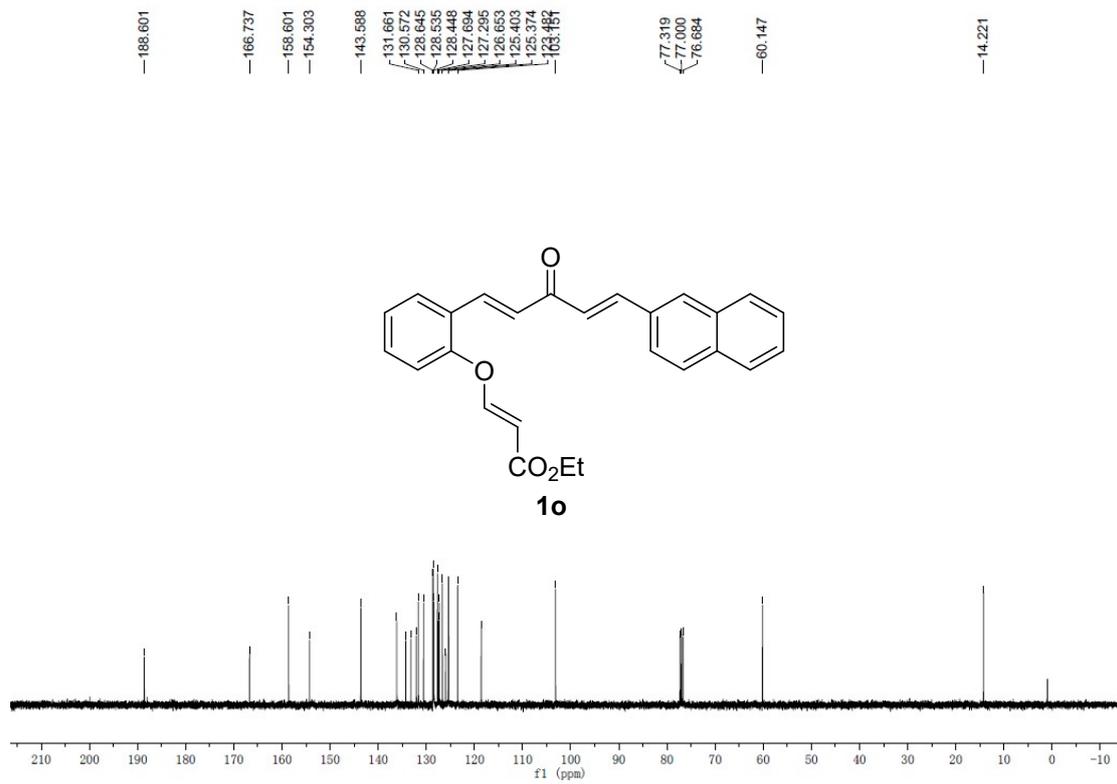


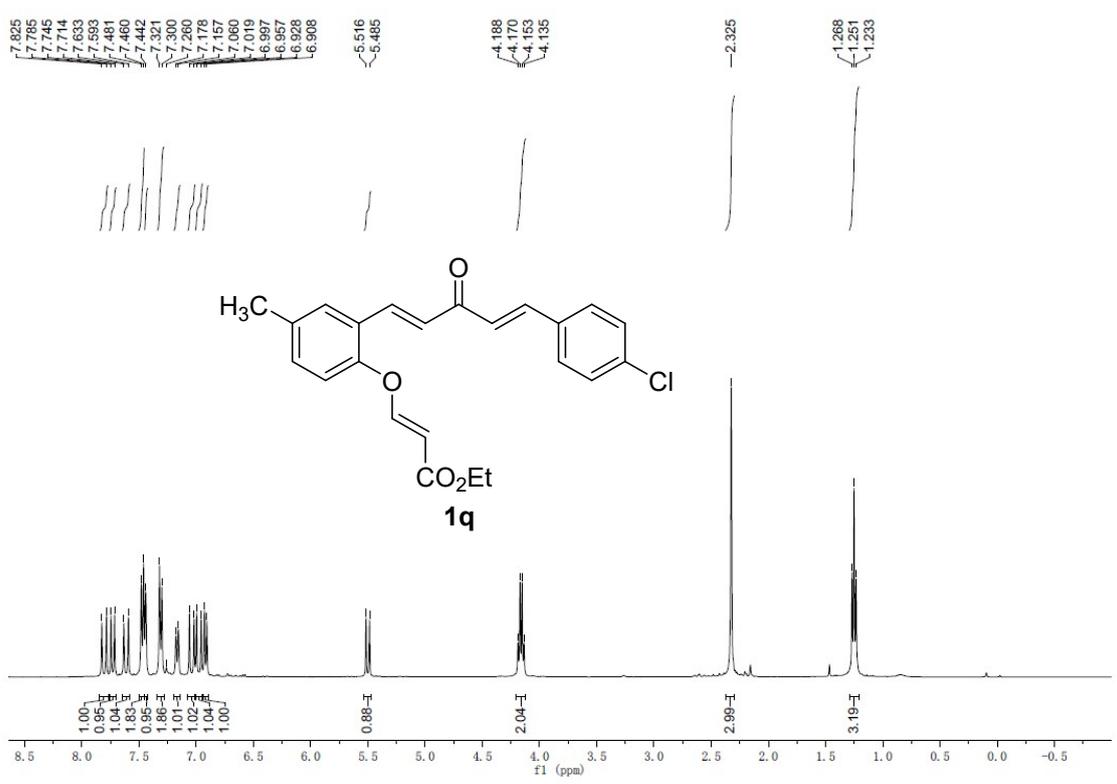
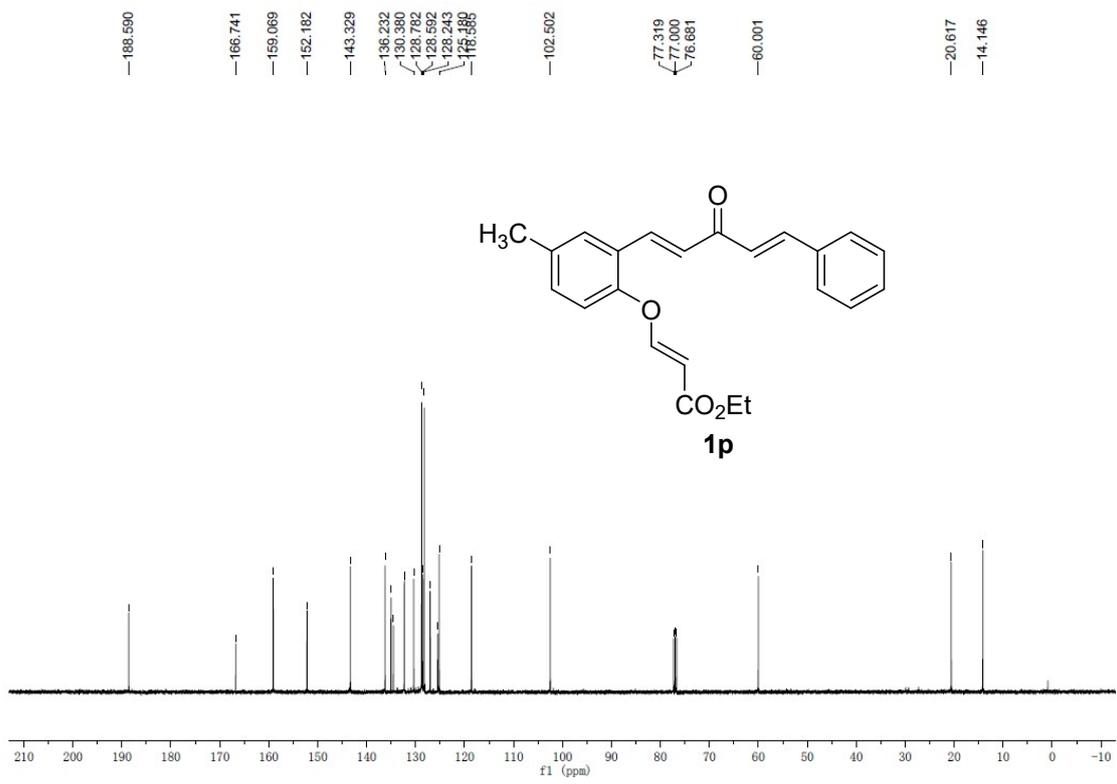


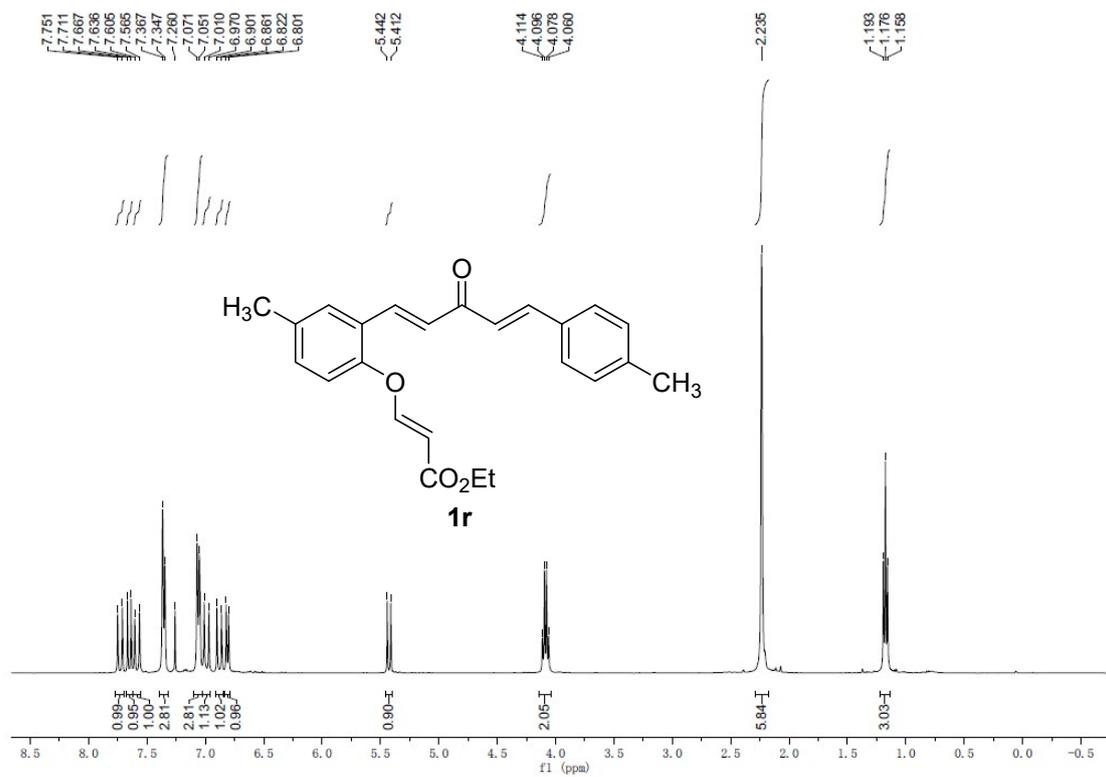
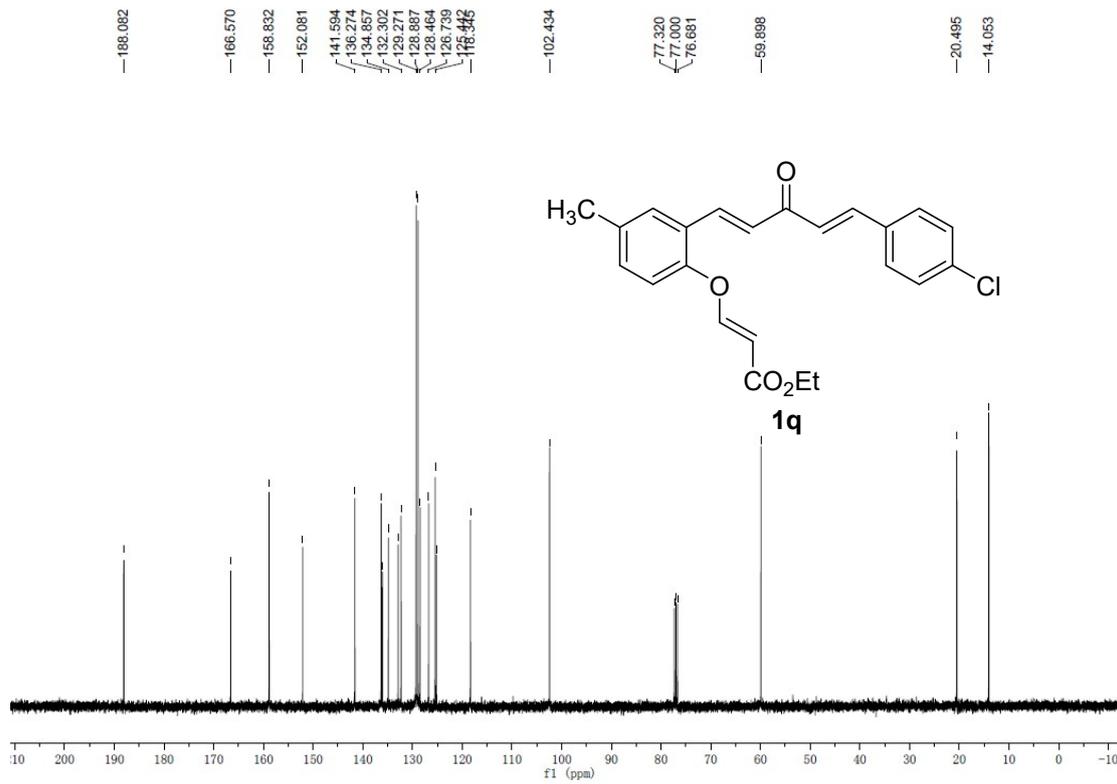


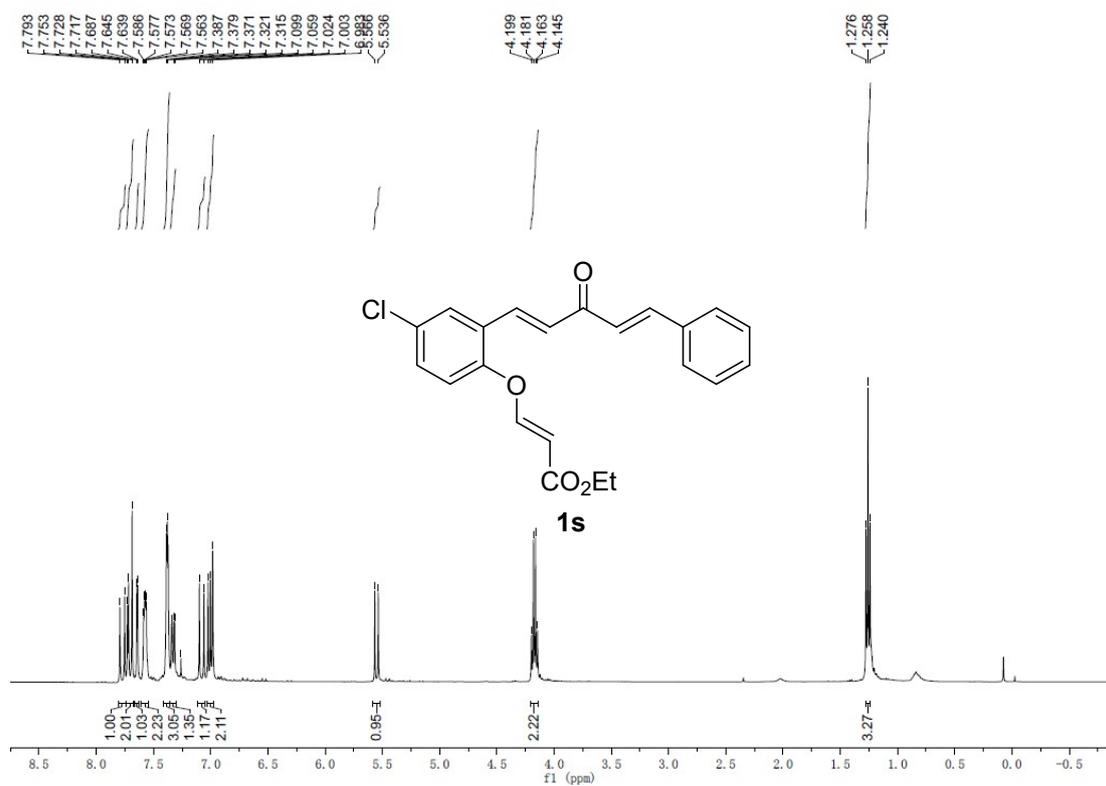
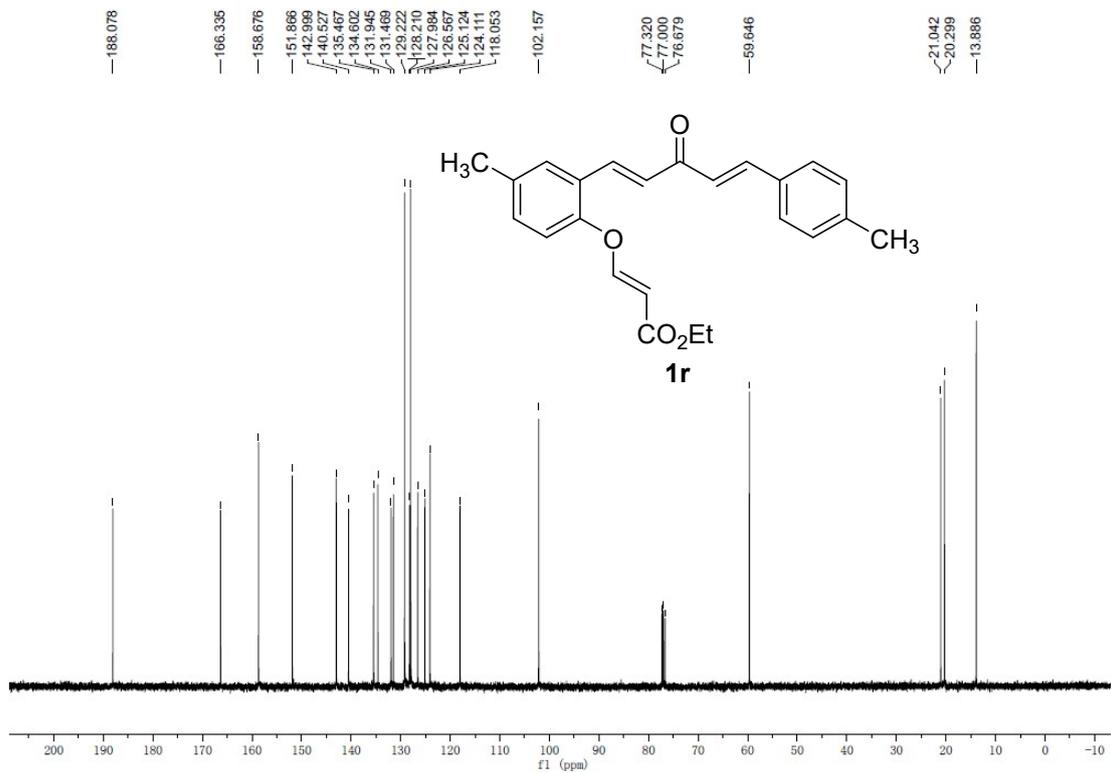


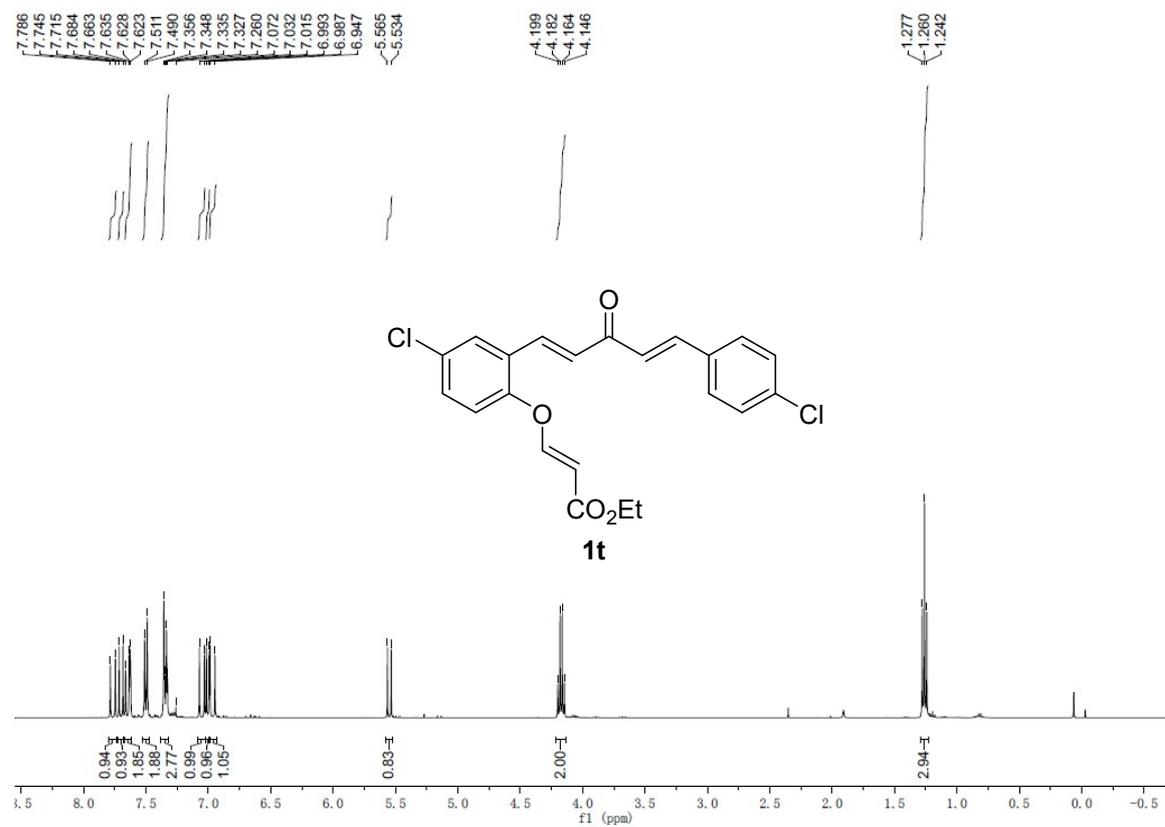
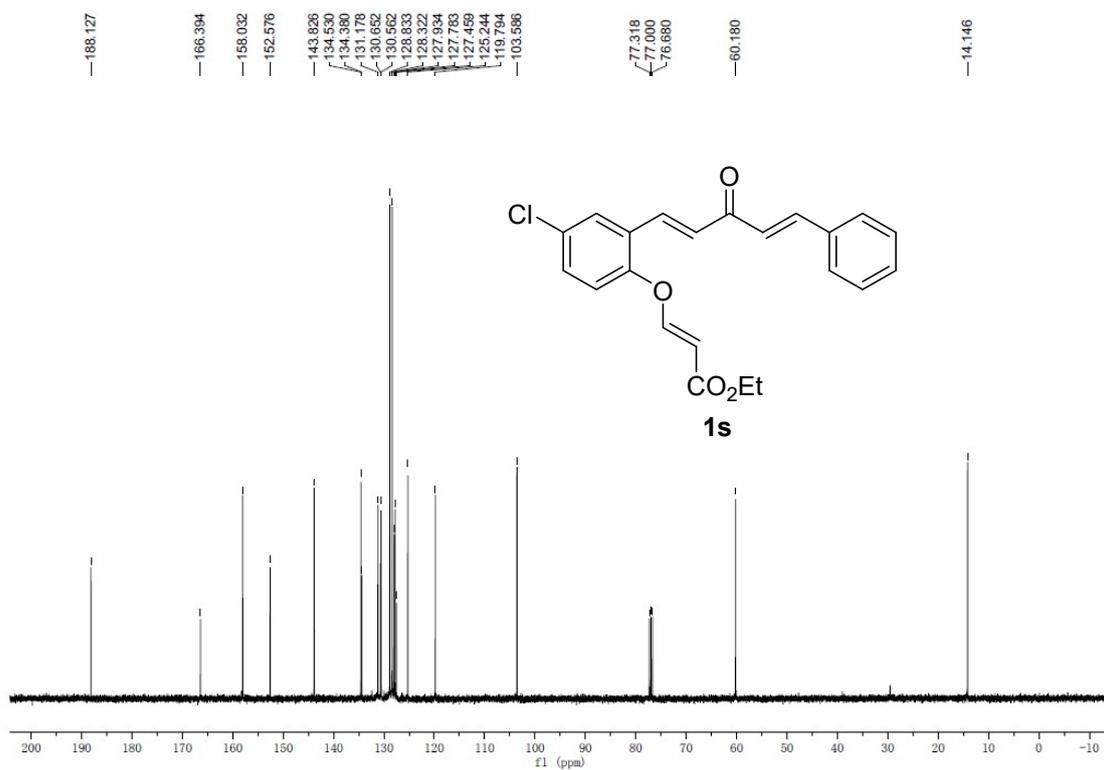


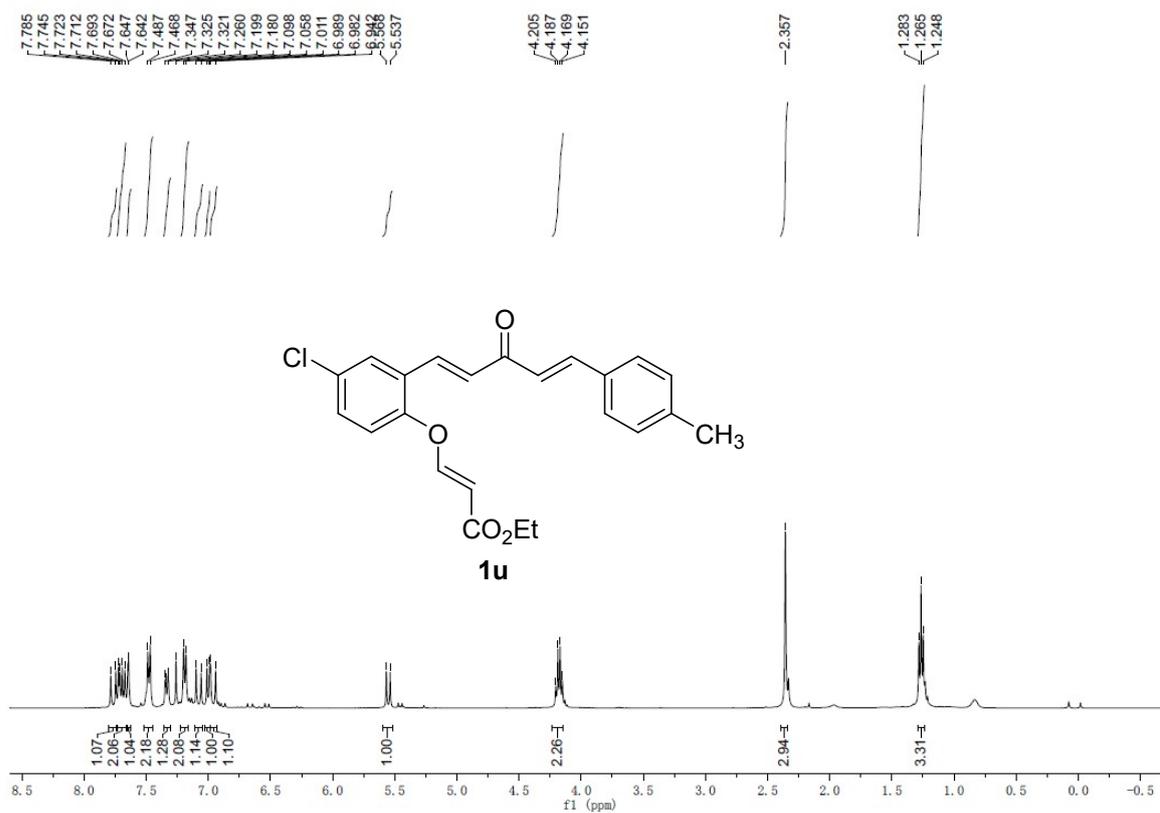
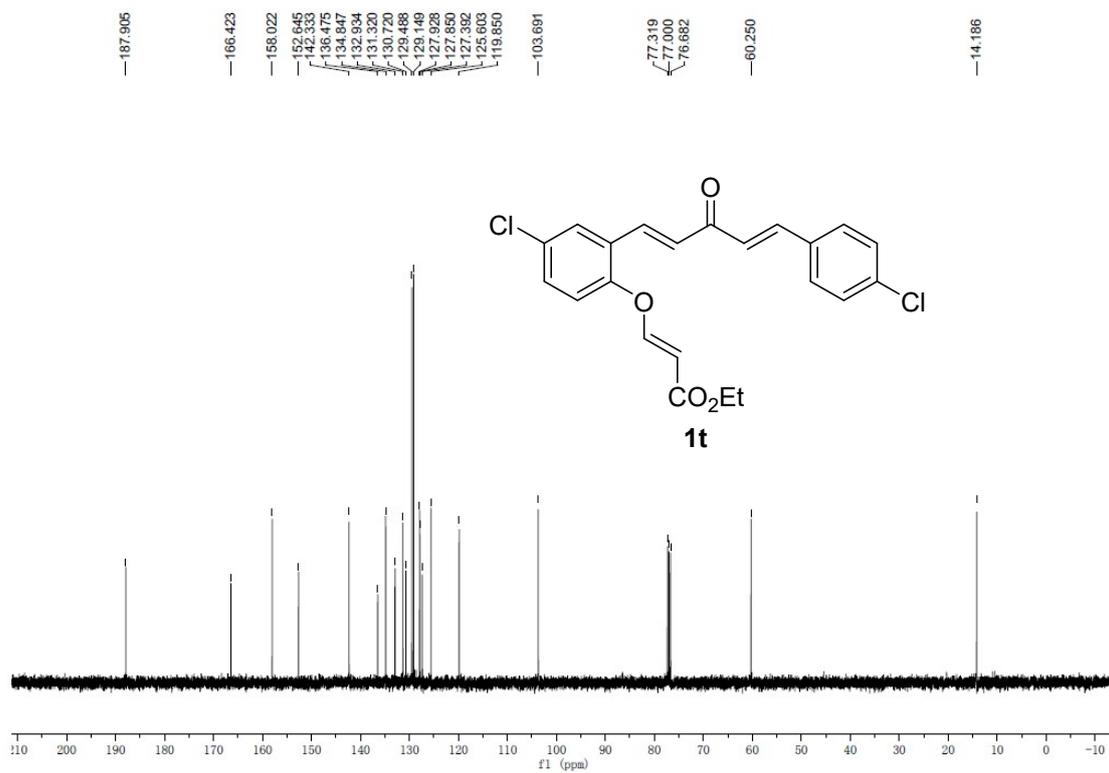


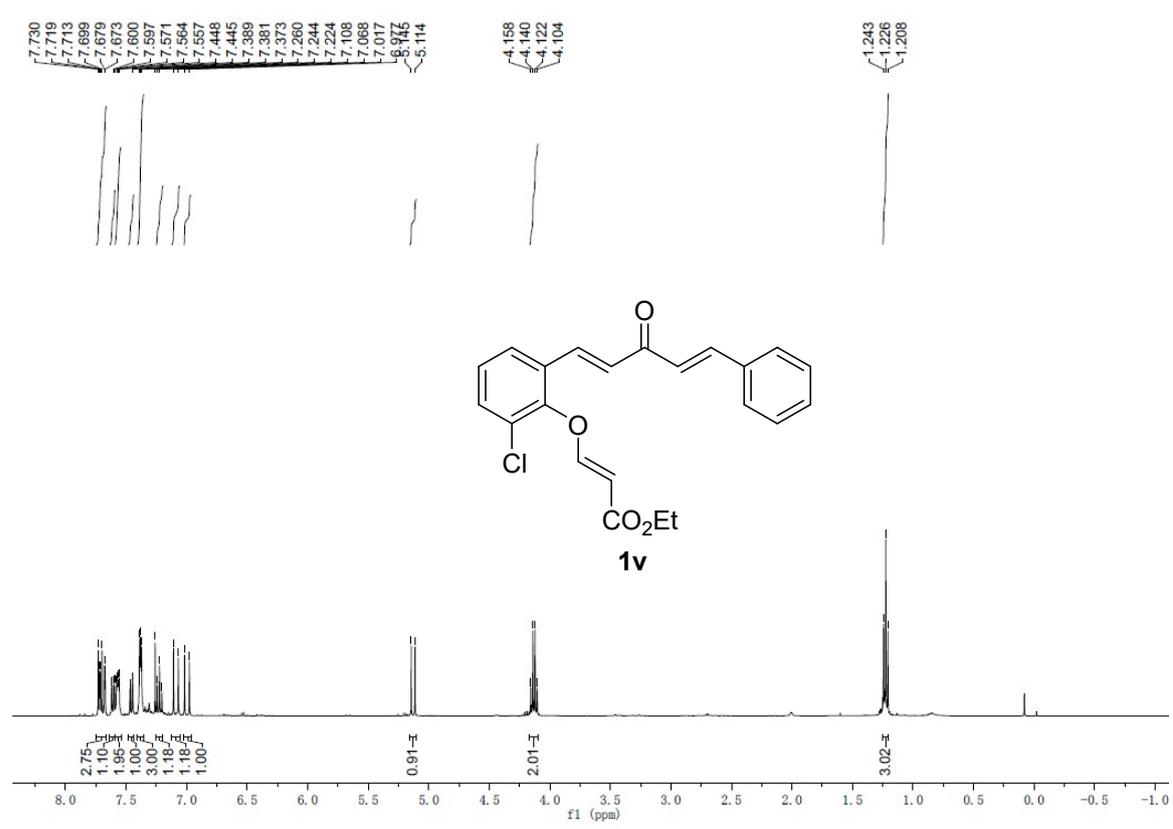
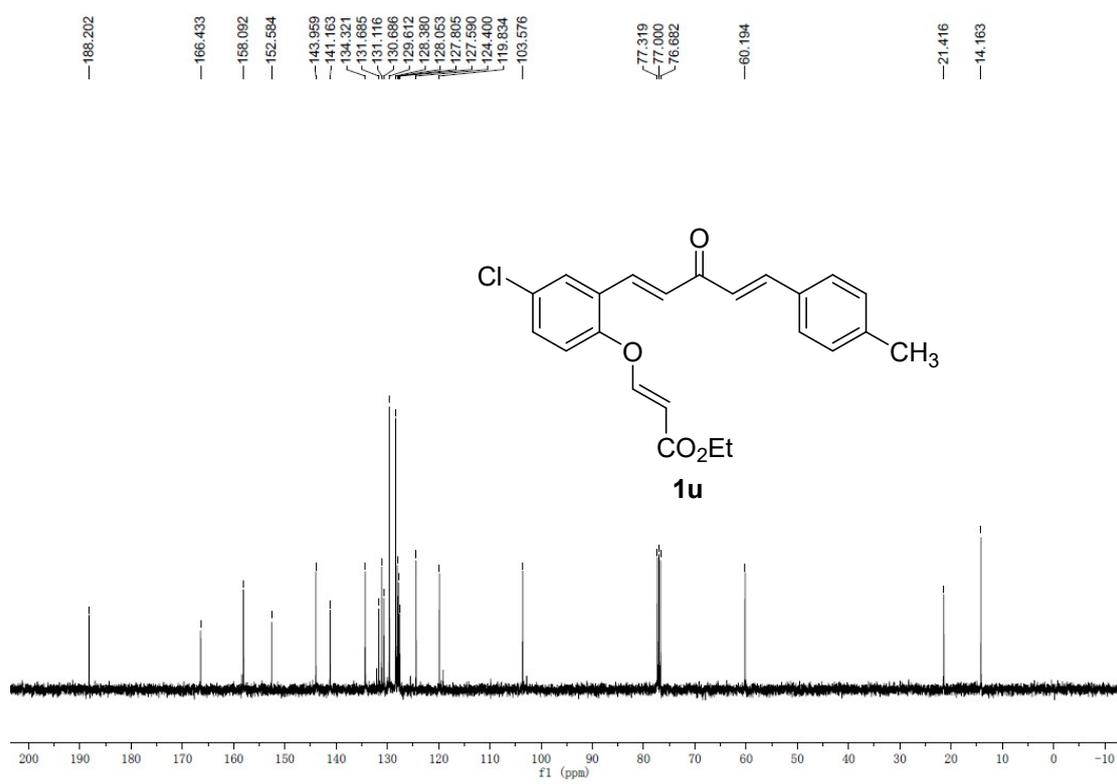


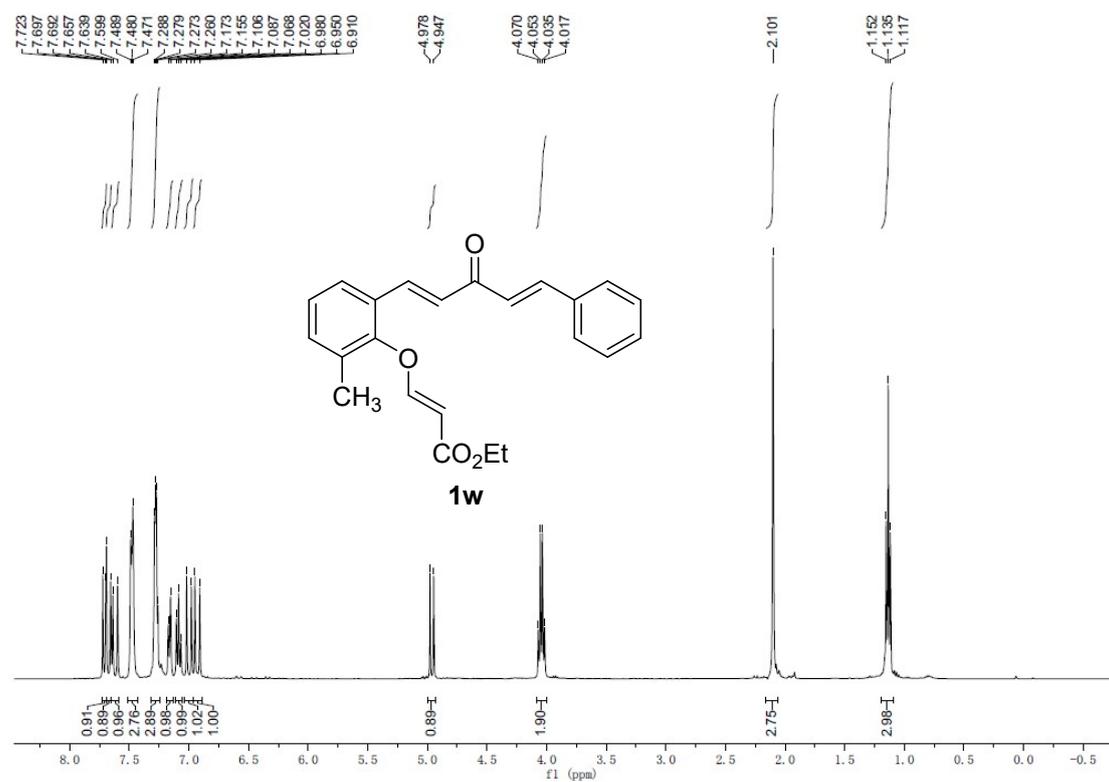
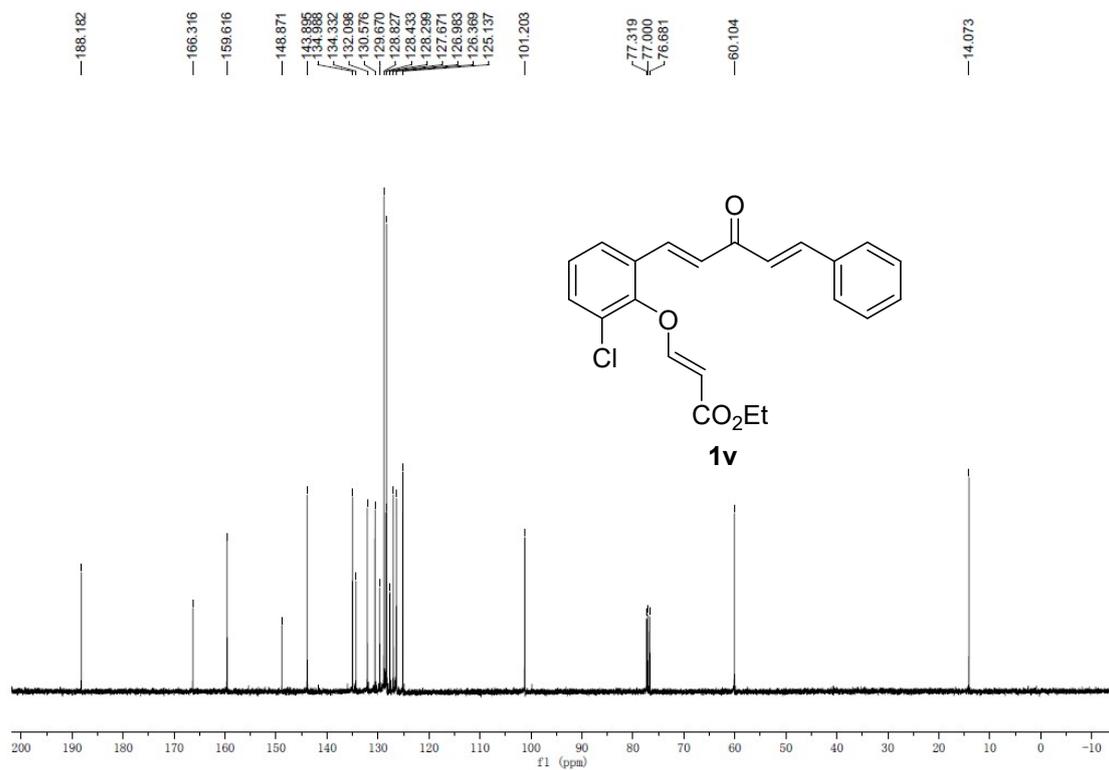


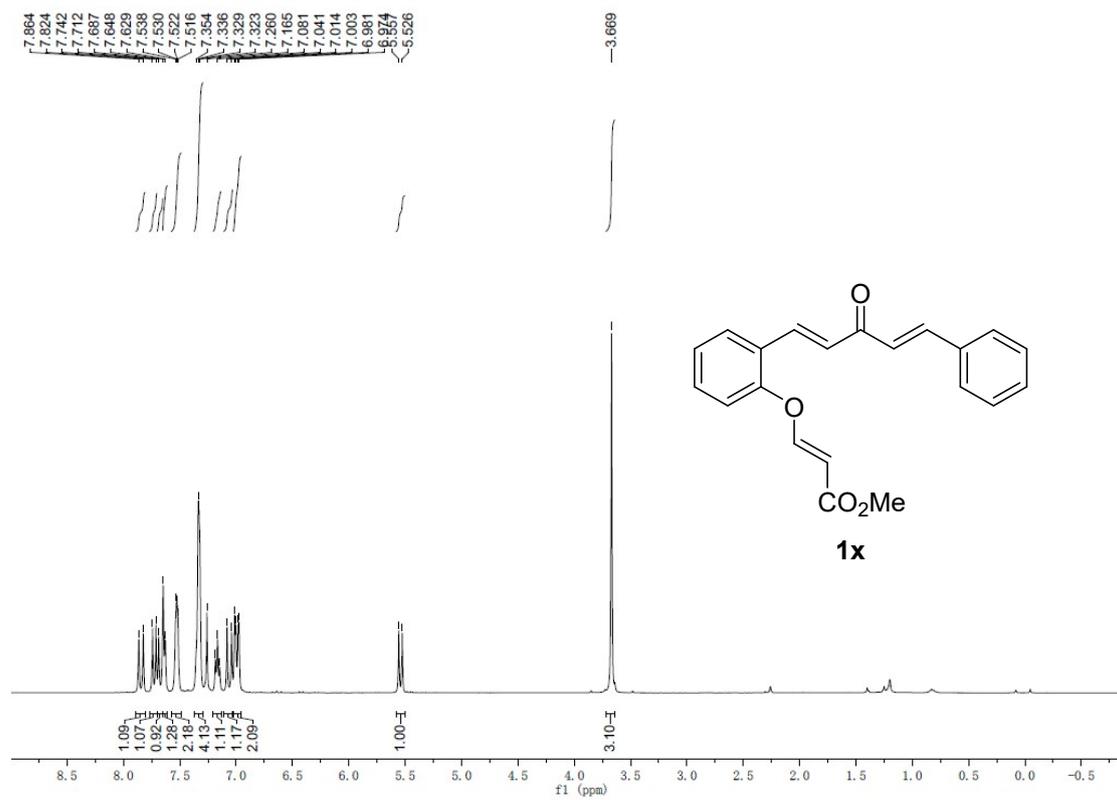
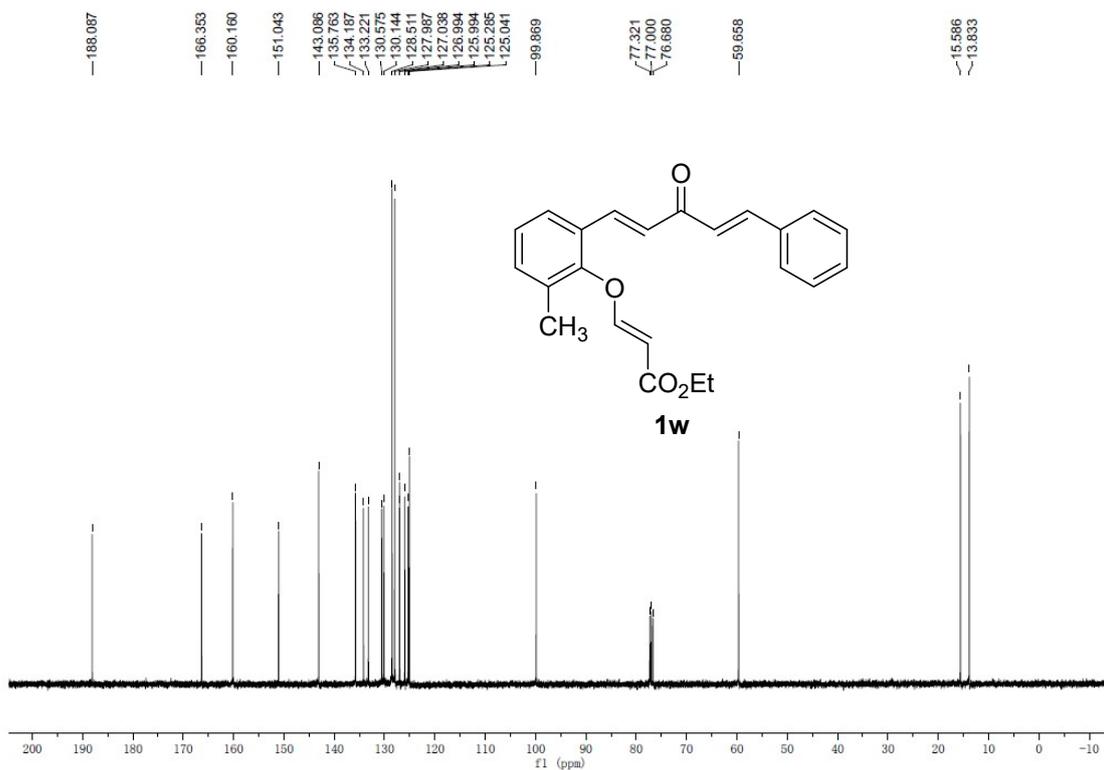


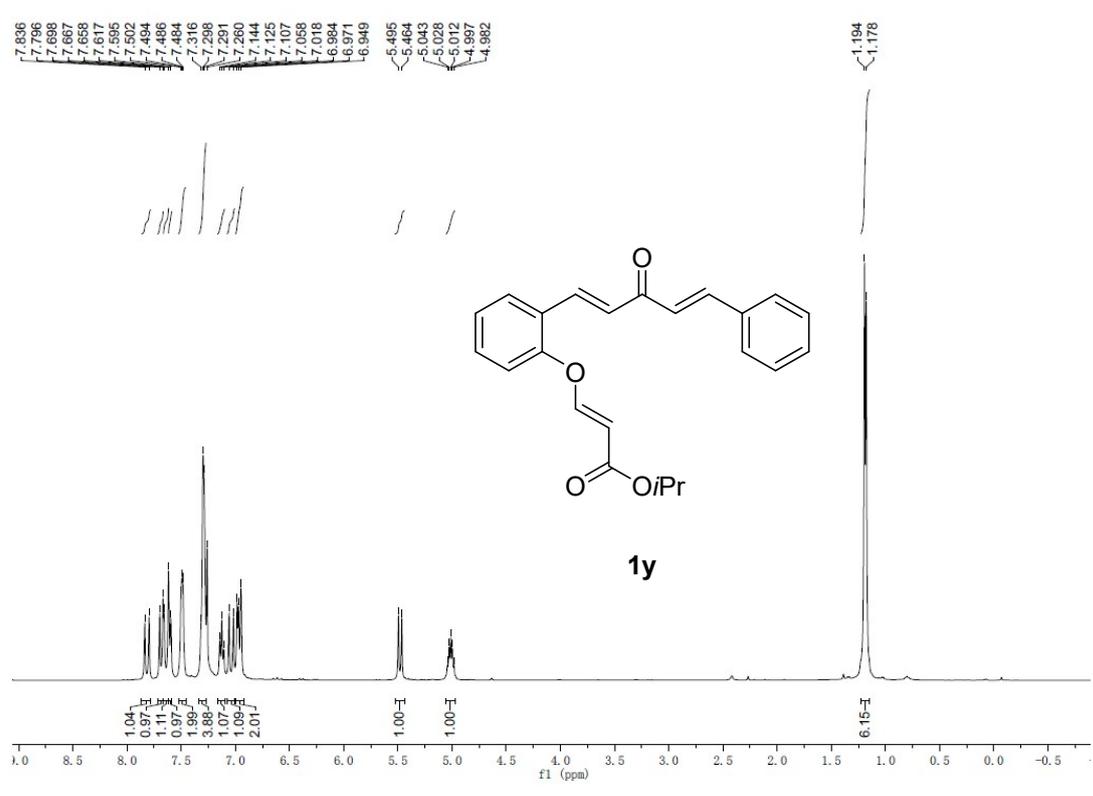
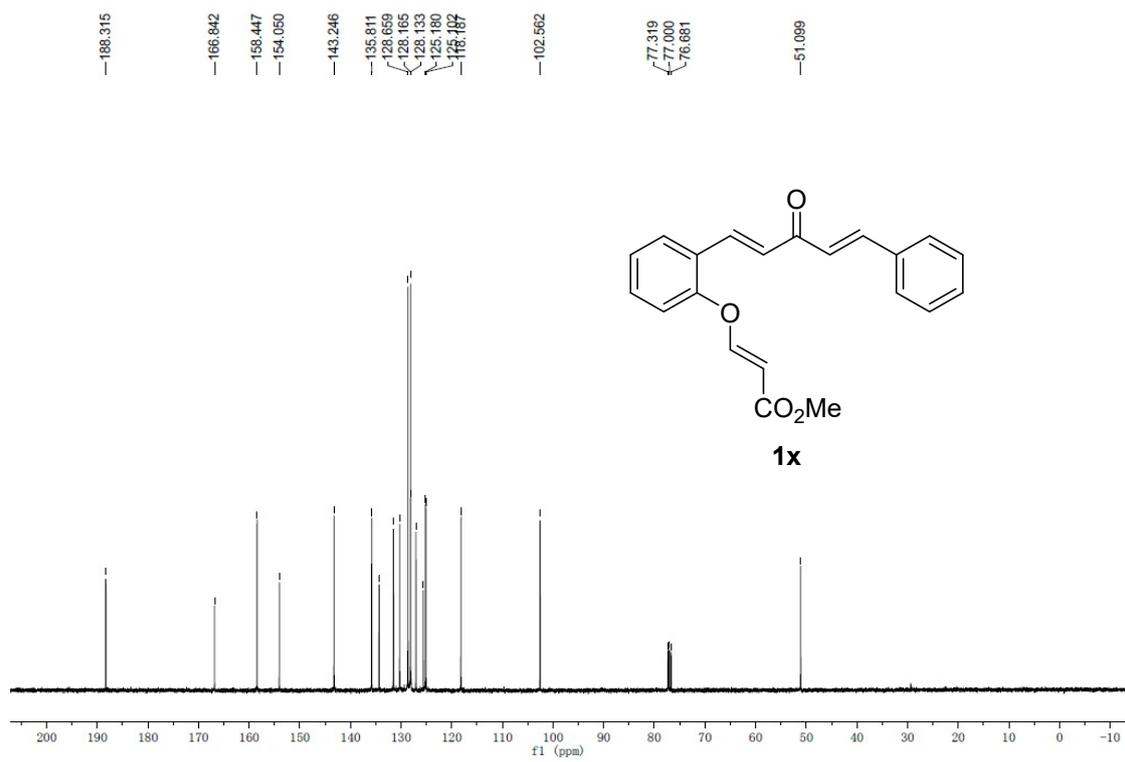


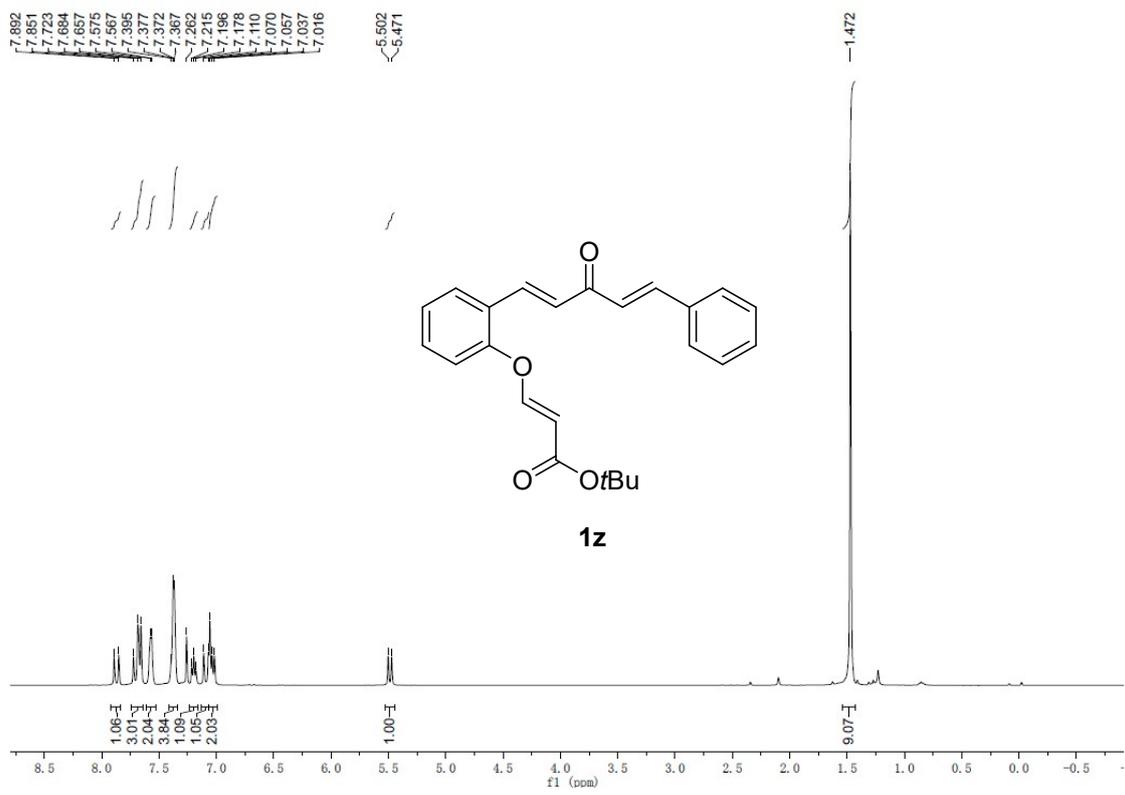
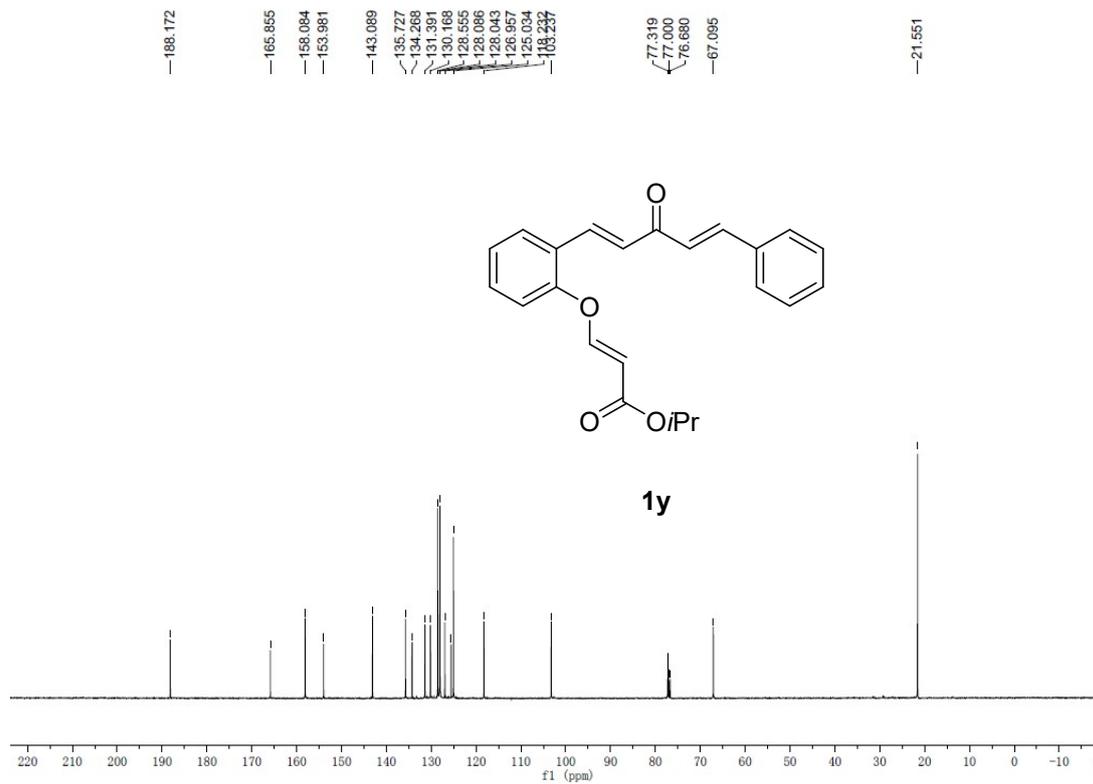


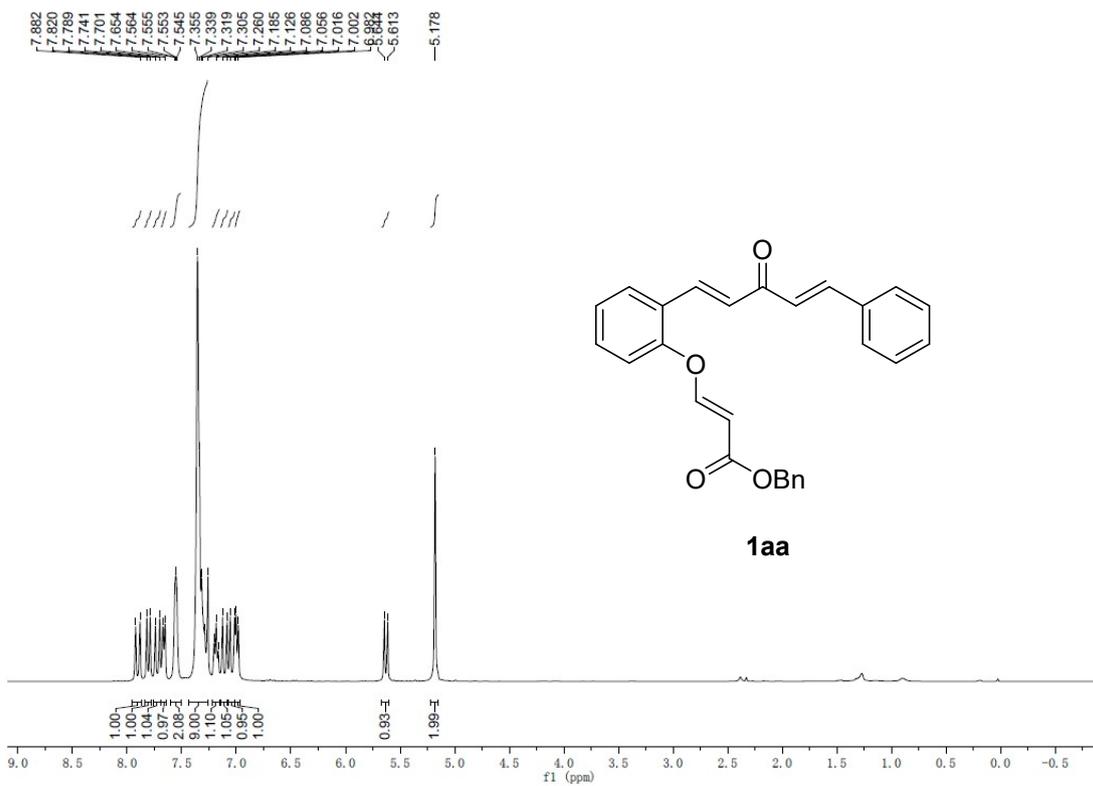
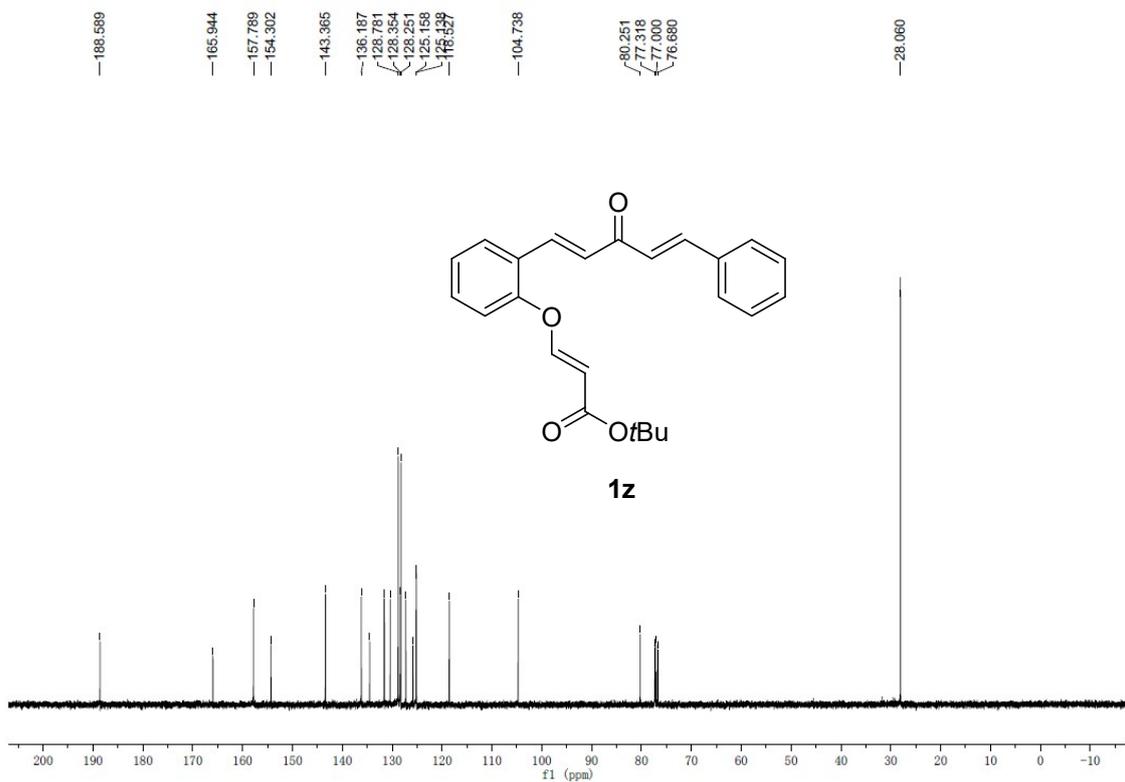


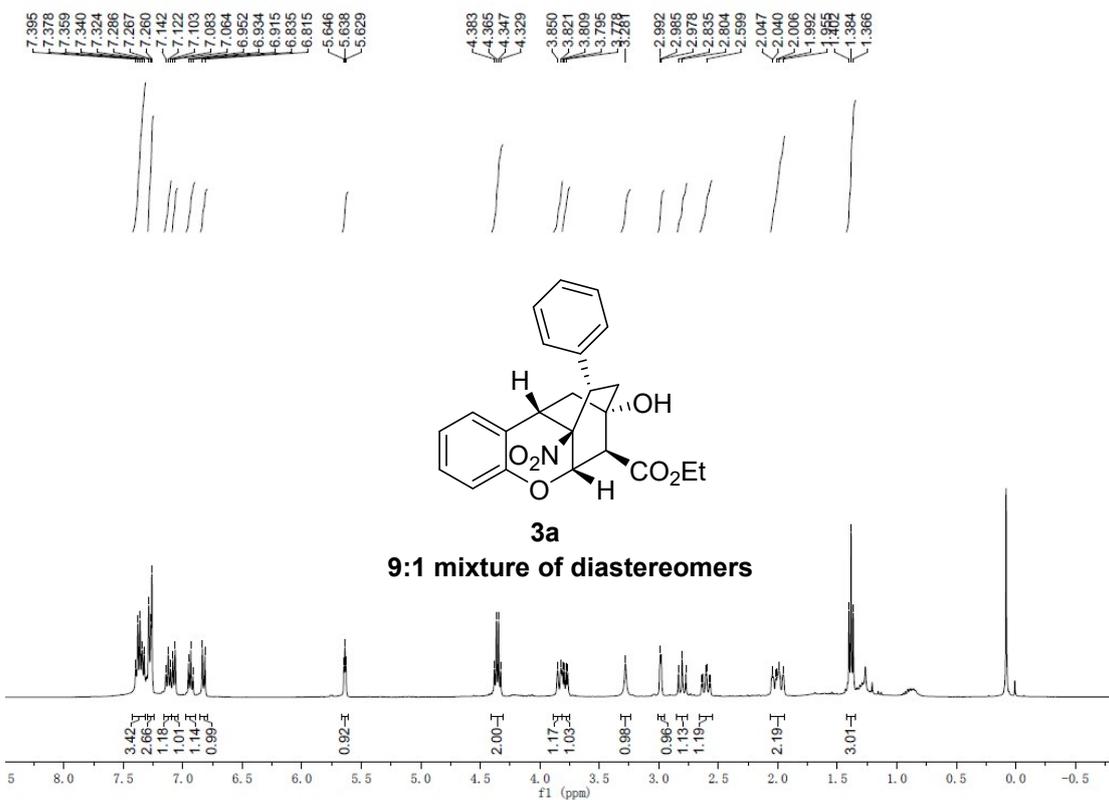
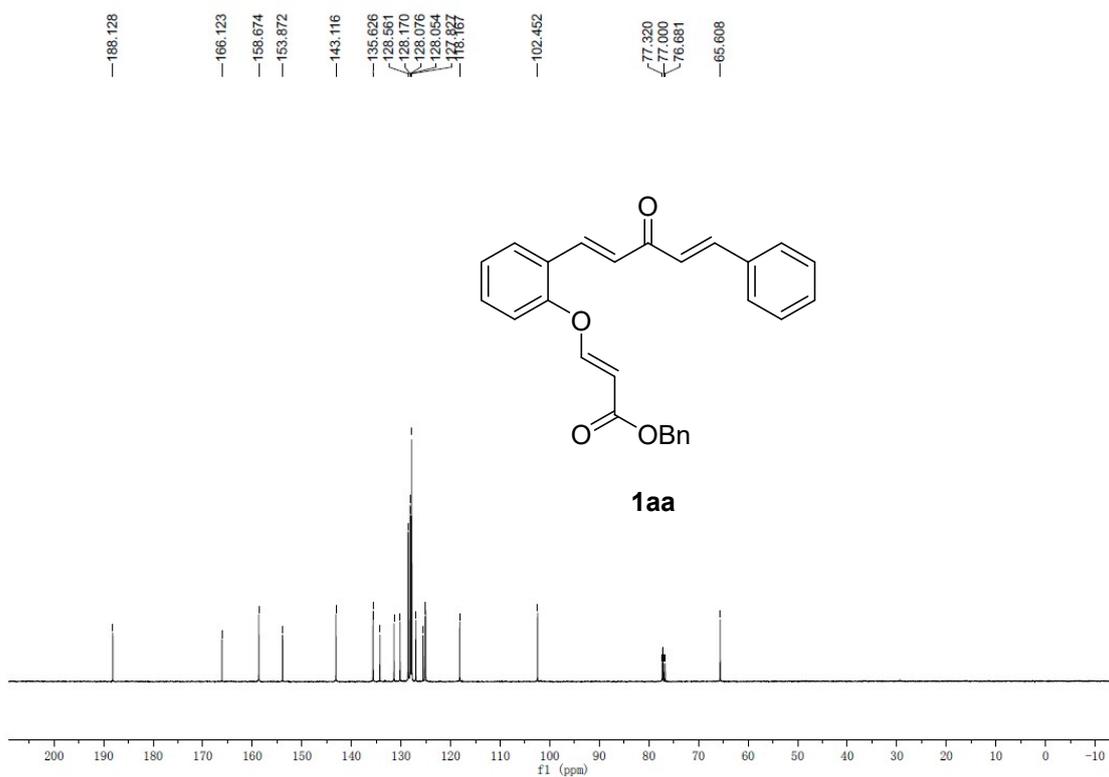


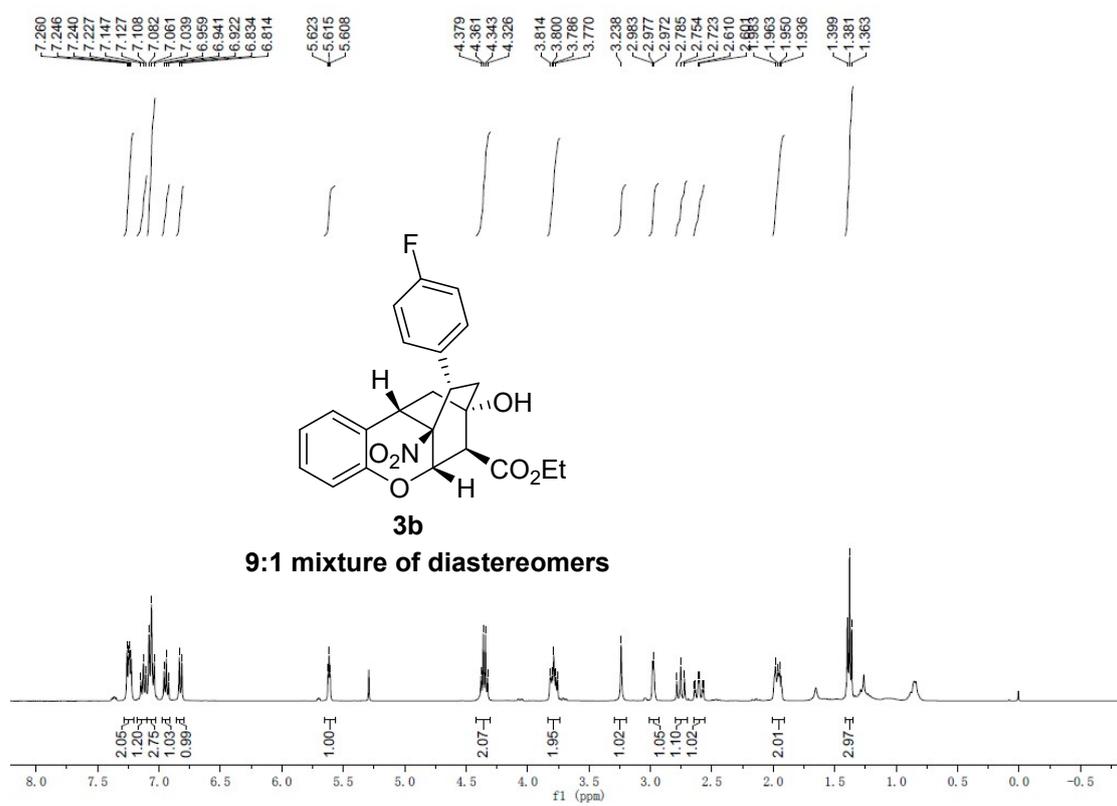
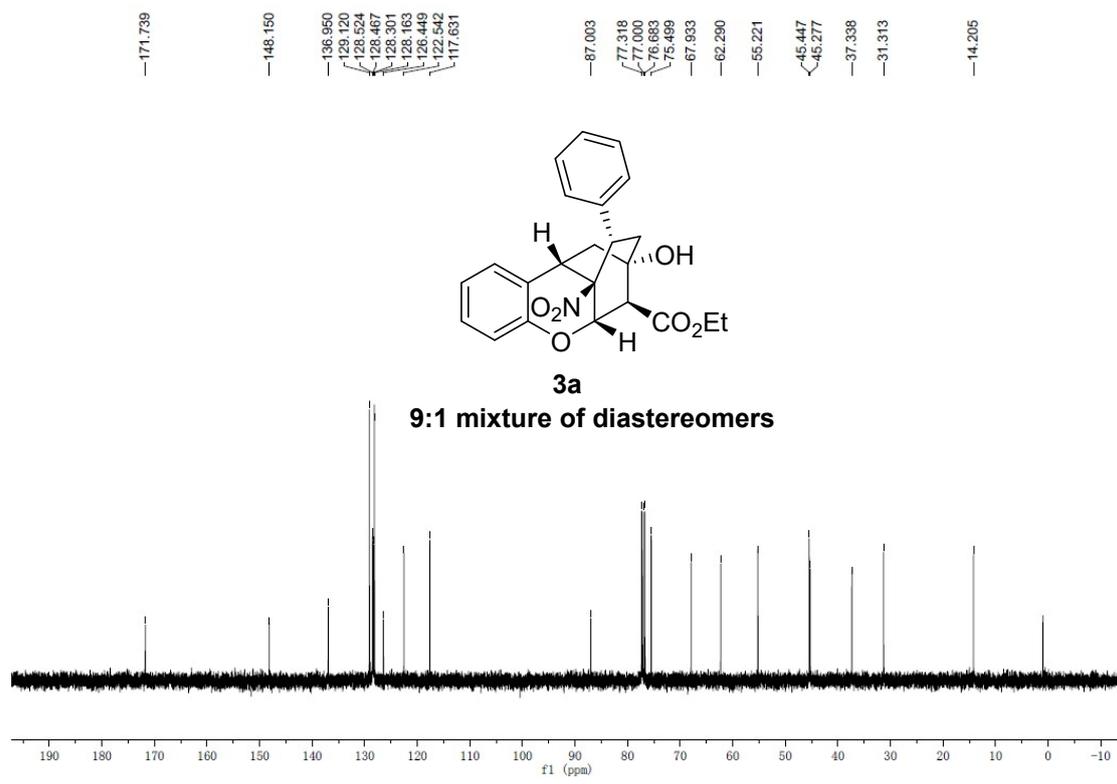




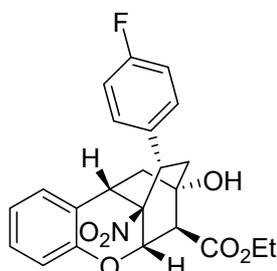






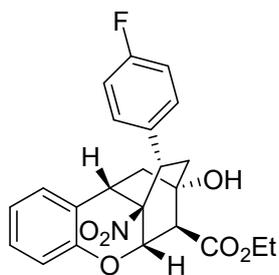
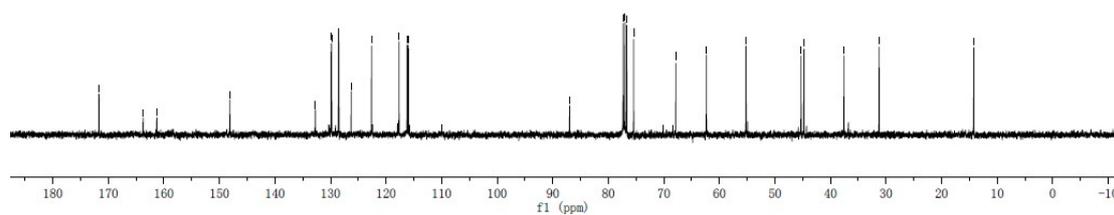


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