

Supporting Information

Rh₂(OAc)₄-Catalyzed 2,3-Migration of β-Ferrocenecarboxyl
α-Diazocarbonyl Compounds: An Efficient Synthesis of
Ferrocene-Containing α,β-Unsaturated Esters

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1. General information All reagents were used as received from commercial sources, unless specified otherwise, or prepared as described in the literature. All solvents were distilled under a nitrogen atmosphere prior to use. CH₂Cl₂ was dried over CaH₂. For chromatography, 200-300 mesh silica gel (Qingdao, China) was employed. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 500 MHz and 125 MHz FT-NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in *ppm* using tetramethylsilane as internal standard when CDCl₃ was used as solvent. IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR instrument. The HRMS analysis was obtained on a GCTOF mass spectrometer. Melting points were determined with melting points apparatus and are uncorrected.

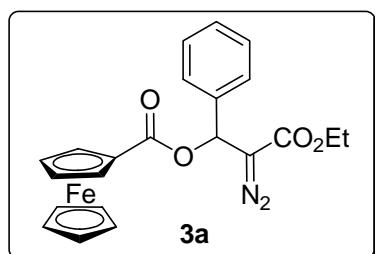
2. General Procedure for the preparation of β -ferrocenecarboxyl substituted diazo compounds 3

In a dried three-necked round-bottom flask, ferrocenoyl chloride (1.1 mmol) in 2 mL of anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ was added dropwise to a solution of β -hydroxy α -diazo ester **2** (1.0 mmol) with pyridine (2.0 mmol) in 5 mL of anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ at 0 °C under N₂. The resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the esterification reaction, saturated NaHCO₃ was added at 0 °C. the organic phase was dried using Na₂SO₄, and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Next, the residue was subjected to chromatography on silica gel to afford the products **3a-j**.

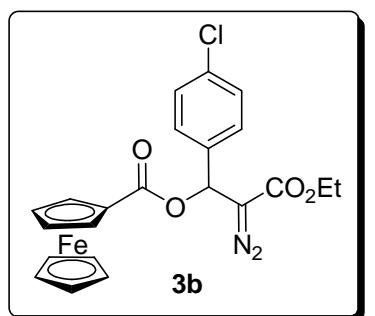
3. General Procedure for the Rh₂(OAc)₄-catalyzed reaction of 3a-j

In a dried three-necked round-bottom flask, Rh₂(OAc)₄ (0.1 mol %) was dissolved into 5 mL of anhydrous CH₂Cl₂. A solution of diazo substrates **3a-j** in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ was added dropwise at 0 °C over the course of 30 min. The reaction mixture was stirred until TLC analysis indicated the complete disappearance of the diazo compound. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography to give the corresponding 2,3-migration products.

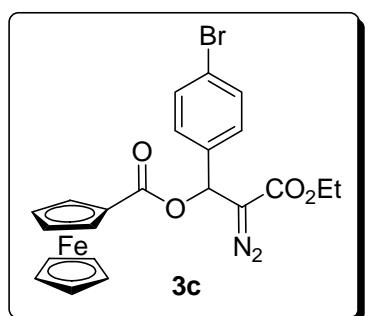
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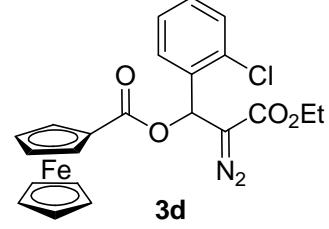
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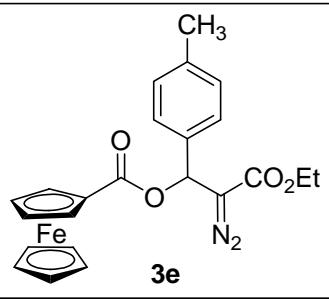
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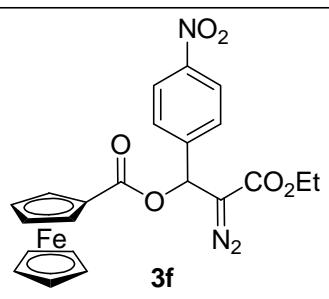
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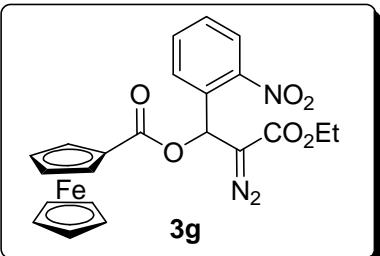
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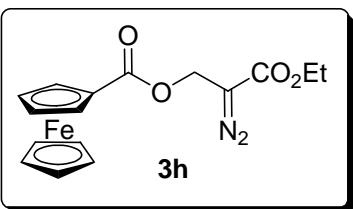
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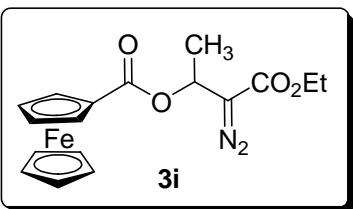
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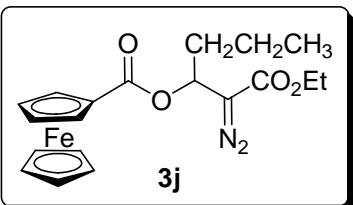
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Orange solid; Mp: 74-75 °C; IR (KBr) 3104, 2111, 1688, 1117, 1025, 824 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 4.18 (s, 5H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 4.82 (s, 2H), 5.05 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.5, 59.2, 61.1, 69.8, 70.1, 70.3, 71.6, 165.5, 172.6; EI-MS (*m/z*, relative intensity): 329 (100), 356 (M⁺, 45); Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₁₆FeN₂O₄: C, 53.96; H, 4.53; N, 7.78; Found: C, 53.61; H, 4.53; N, 7.61.

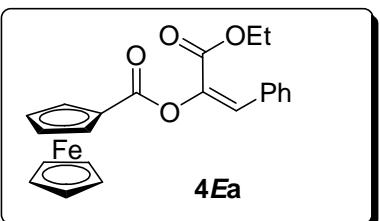


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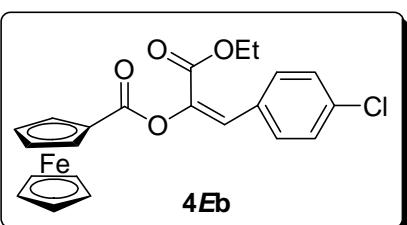


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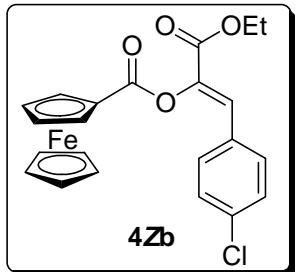
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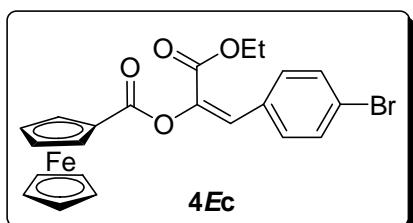
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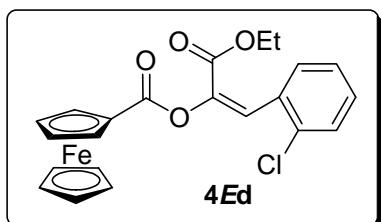
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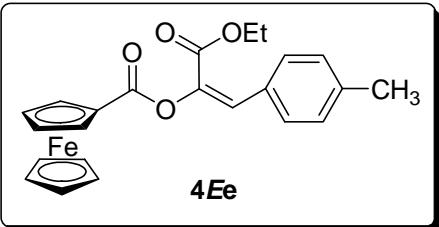
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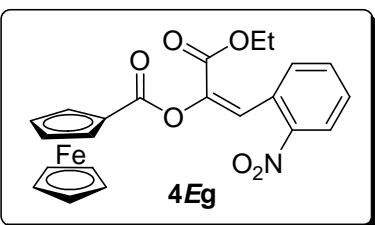
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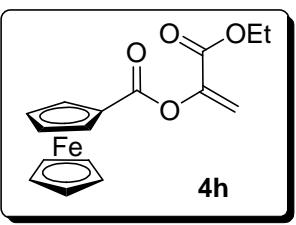
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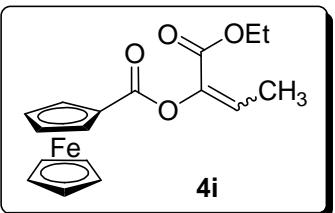
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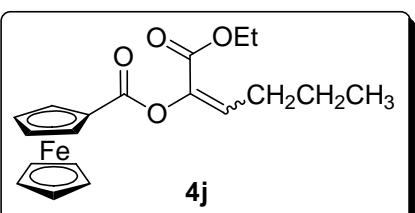
Orange oil; IR (KBr) 3106, 1727, 1101, 1021, 824 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 4.23 (s, 5H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 4.81 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 62.1, 68.7, 70.1, 70.6, 72.1, 123.2, 124.9, 127.7, 129.7, 131.1, 133.2, 139.4, 148.0, 161.8, 170.0; EI-MS (*m/z*, relative intensity): 449 (M⁺, 100); Anal. calcd for C₂₂H₁₉FeNO₆: C, 58.82; H, 4.26; N, 3.12; Found: C, 59.17; H, 4.51; N, 2.96.



Orange oil; IR (KBr) 3106, 1732, 1647, 1107, 1024, 825 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 4.32 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (s, 5H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 61.7, 69.2, 70.1, 70.6, 71.9, 113.6, 144.9, 161.7, 169.9; EI-MS (*m/z*, relative intensity): 328 (M⁺, 42), 346 (100); Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₁₆FeO₄: C, 58.56; H, 4.91; Found: C, 58.81; H, 4.94.

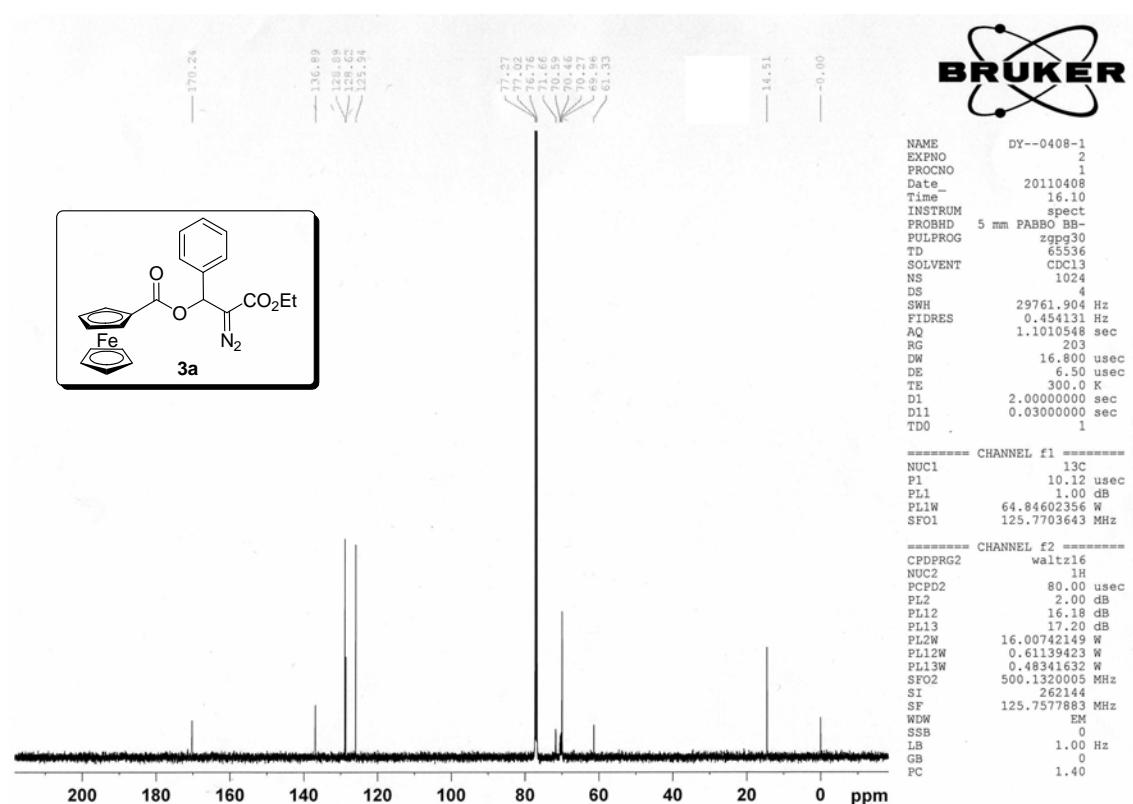
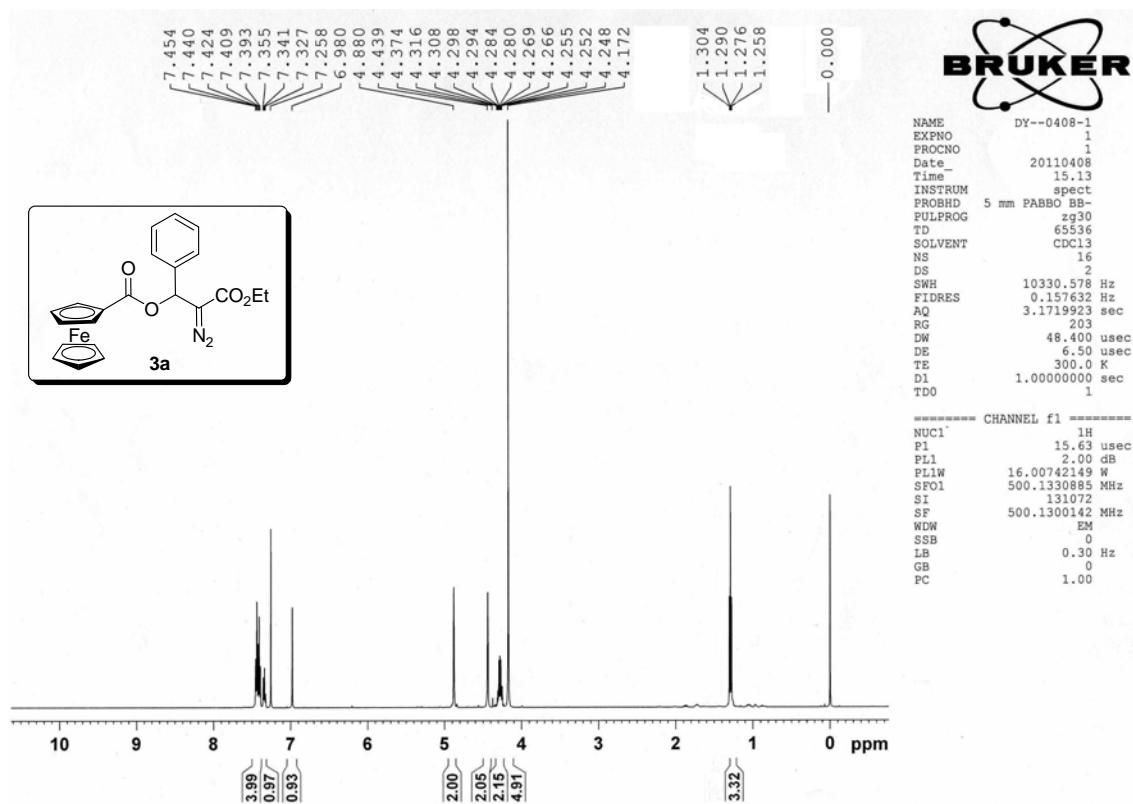


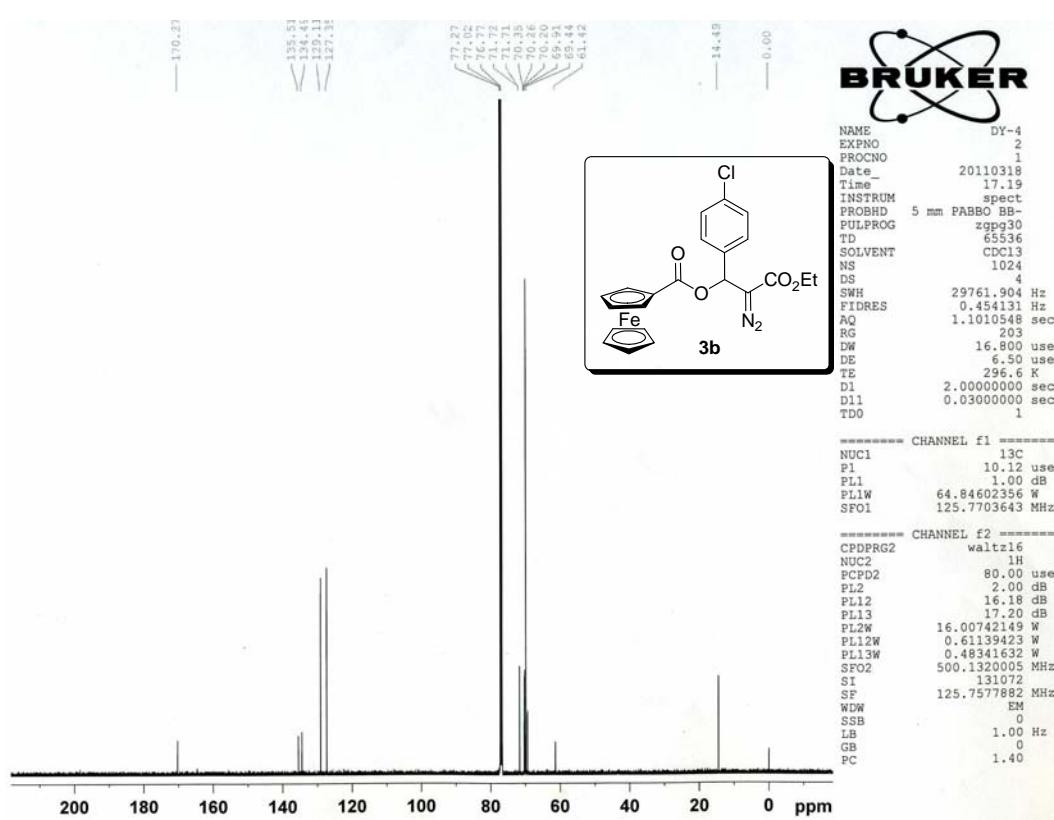
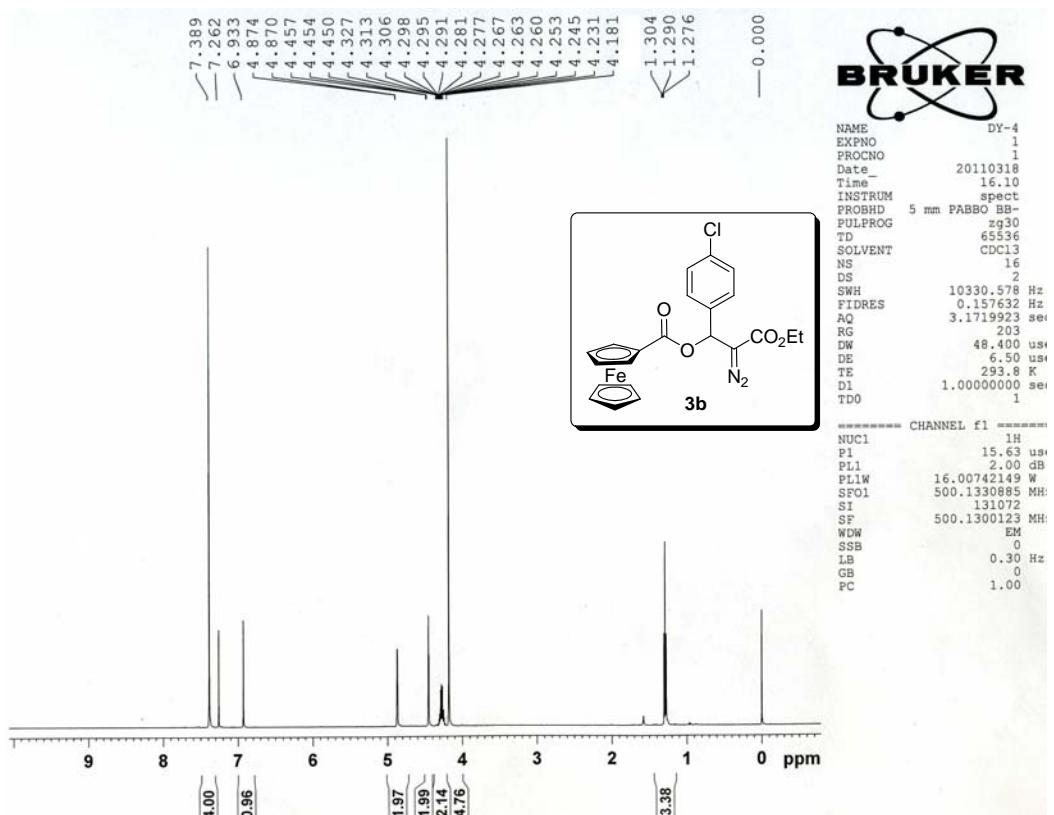
Orange solid; Mp: 76-78 °C; IR (KBr) 3106, 1720, 1118, 1022, 822 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.12 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 4.30-4.35 (m, 7H), 4.46 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.87 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.05 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.0, 14.3, 61.1, 69.6, 70.0, 70.5, 71.8, 128.6, 138.3, 162.3, 170.6; EI-MS (*m/z*, relative intensity): 342 (M⁺, 100); Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₁₈FeO₄: C, 59.67; H, 5.30; Found: C, 59.95; H, 5.54.

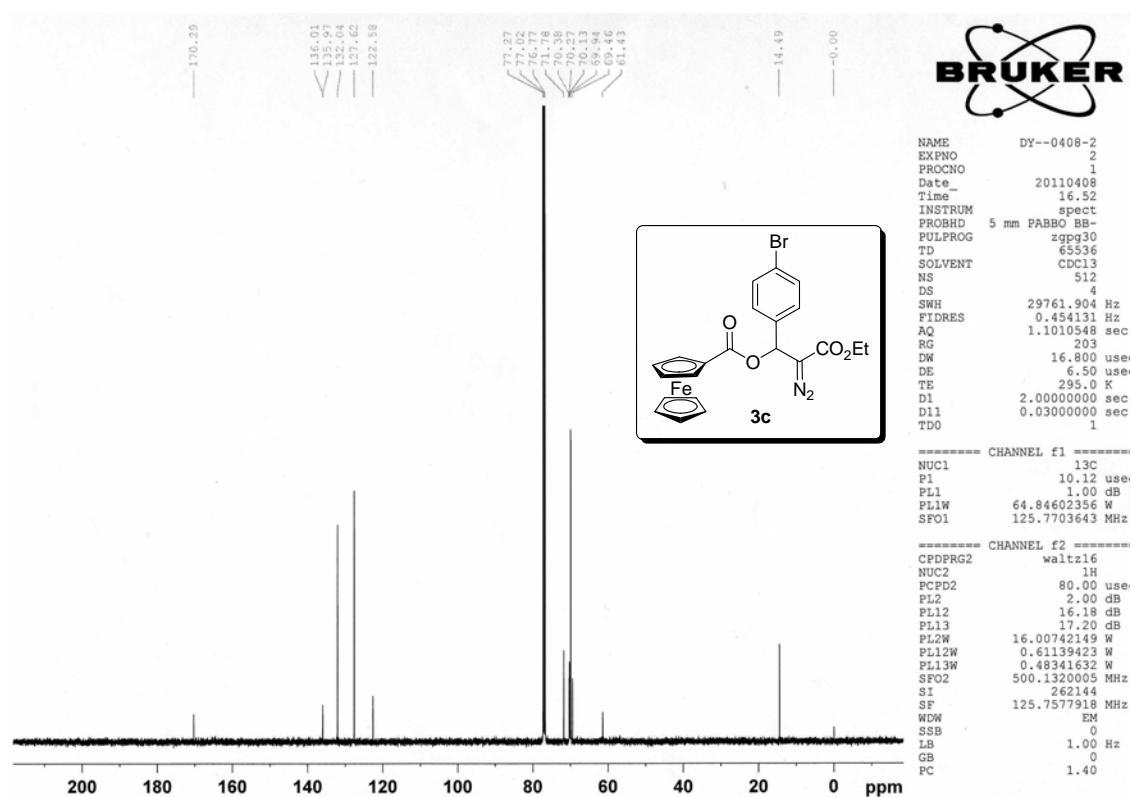
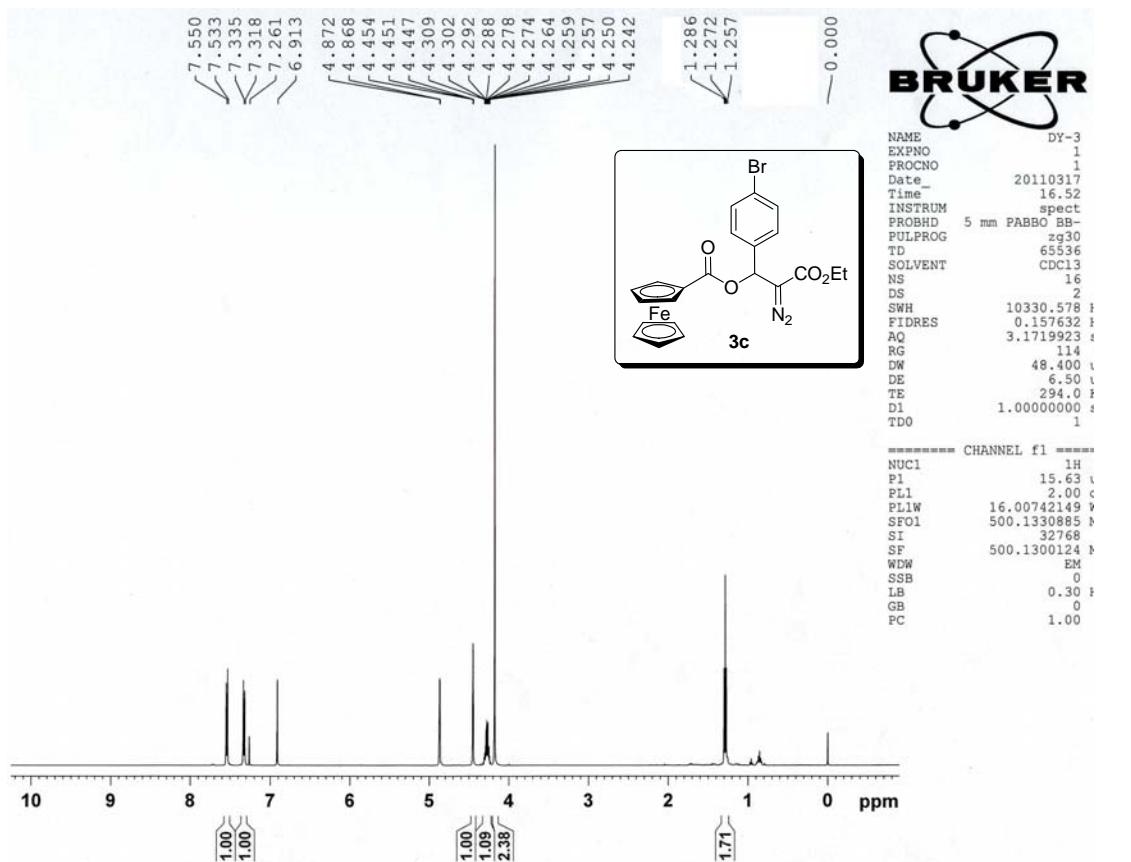


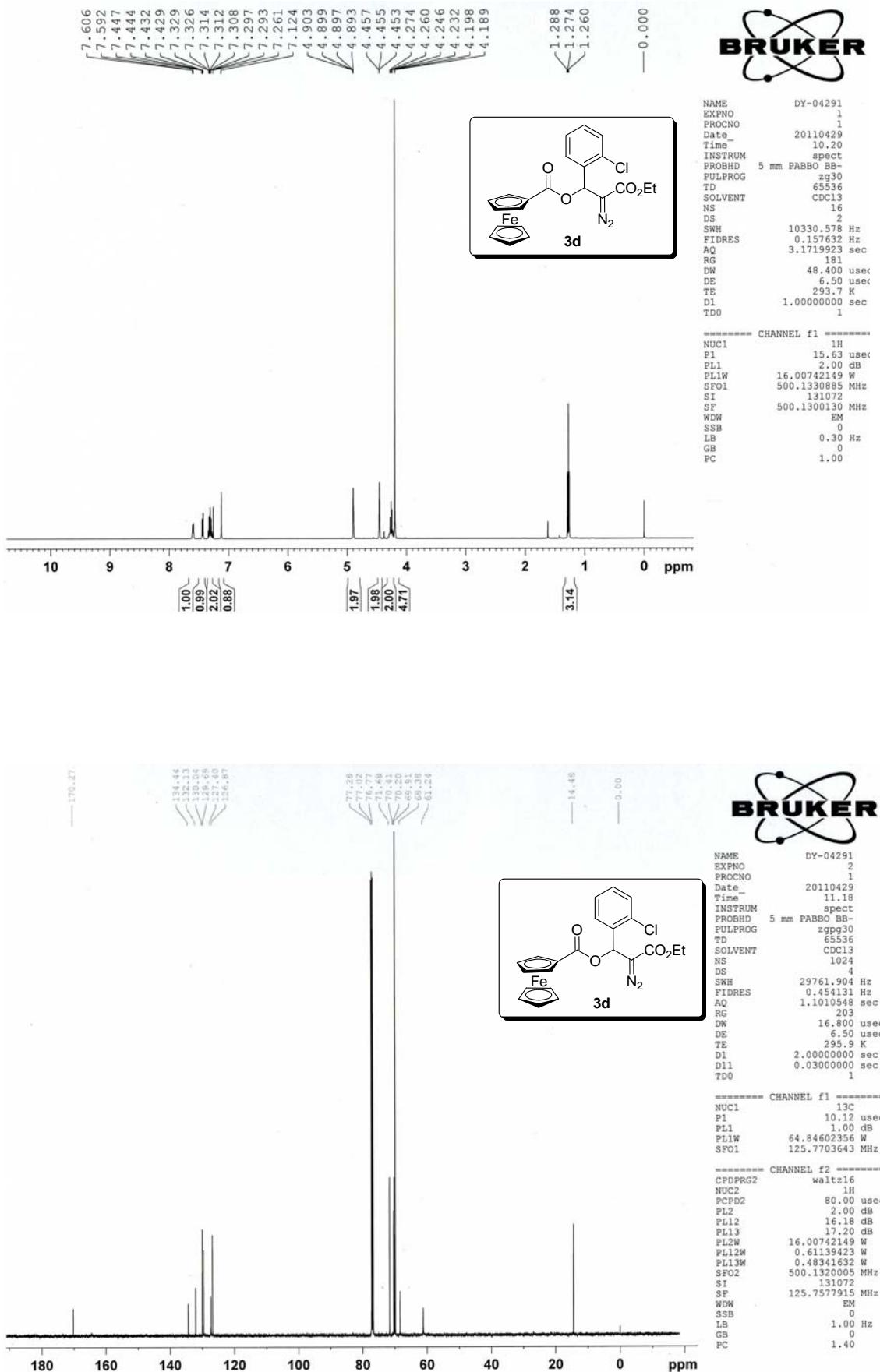
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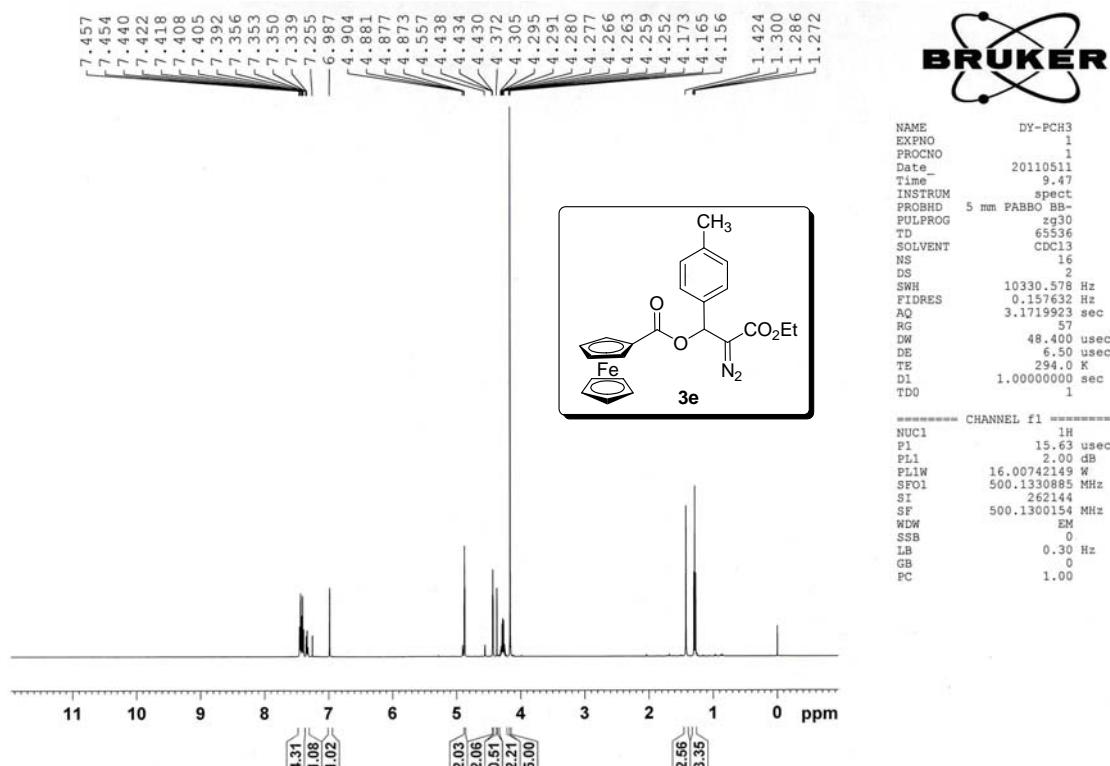
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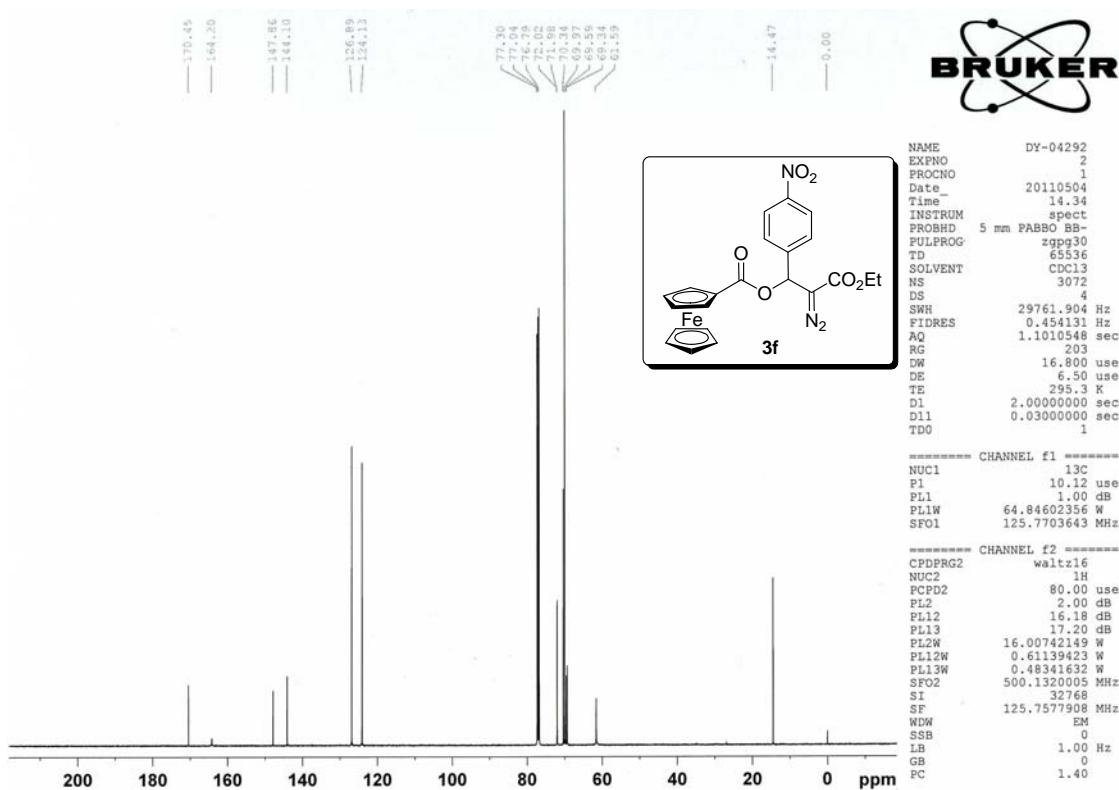
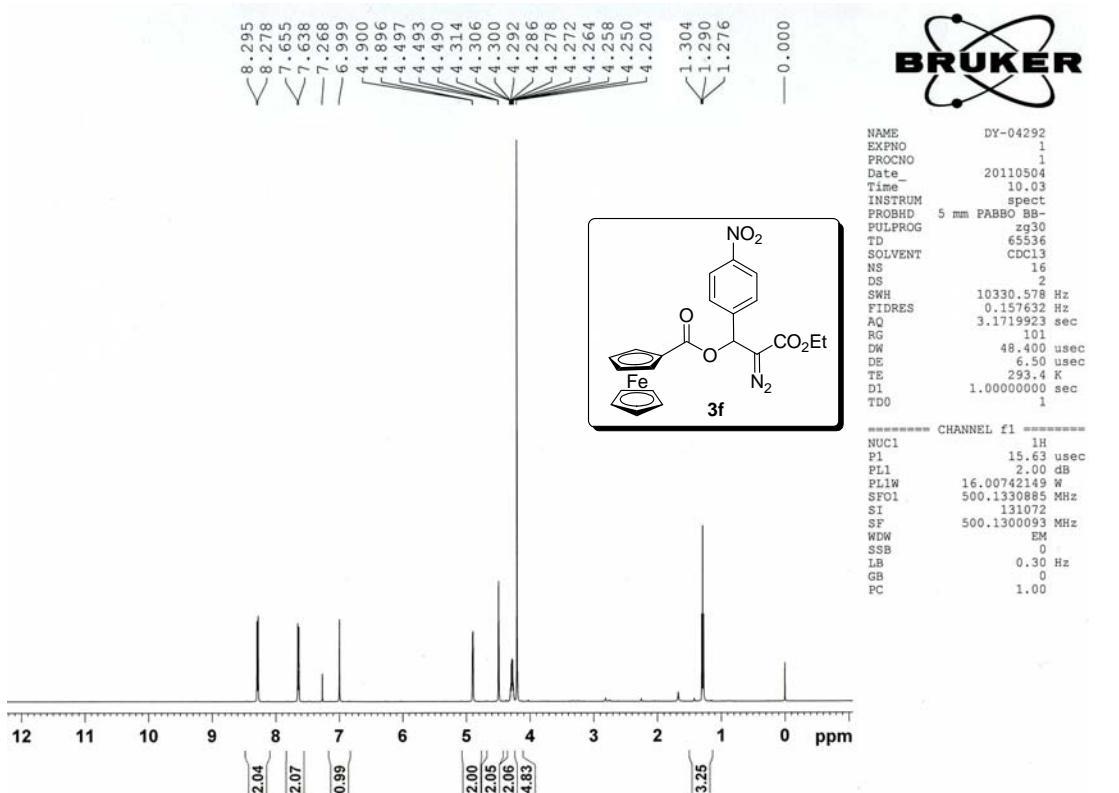


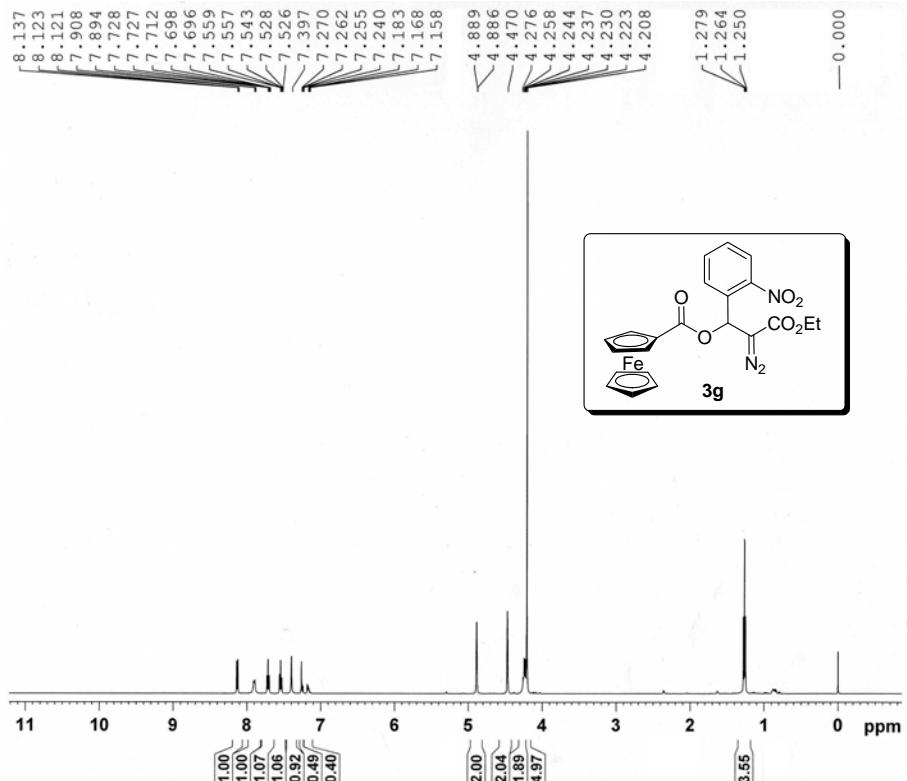












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