

# **1,1'-bis(di-*tert*-butylphosphino) ferrocene copper(I) complex catalyzed C-H activation and carboxylation of terminal alkynes**

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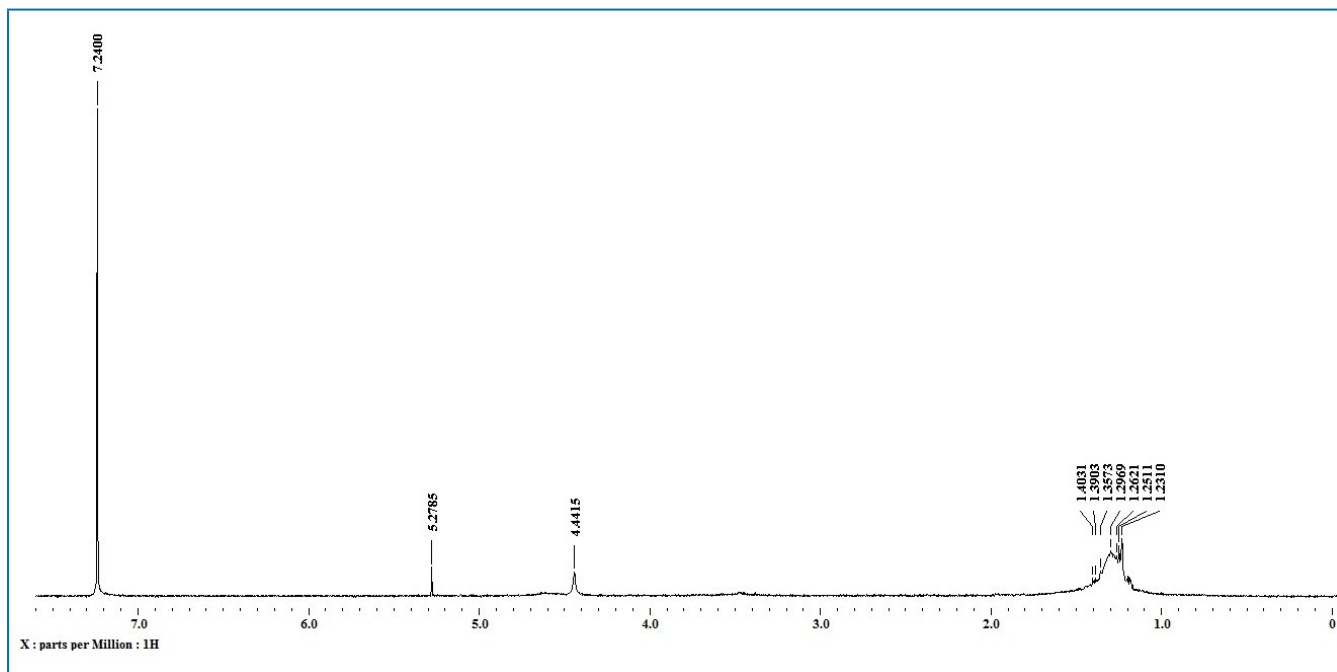
# **Supporting Information**

**Table 1:** Crystallographic data for **2**, and **4**.

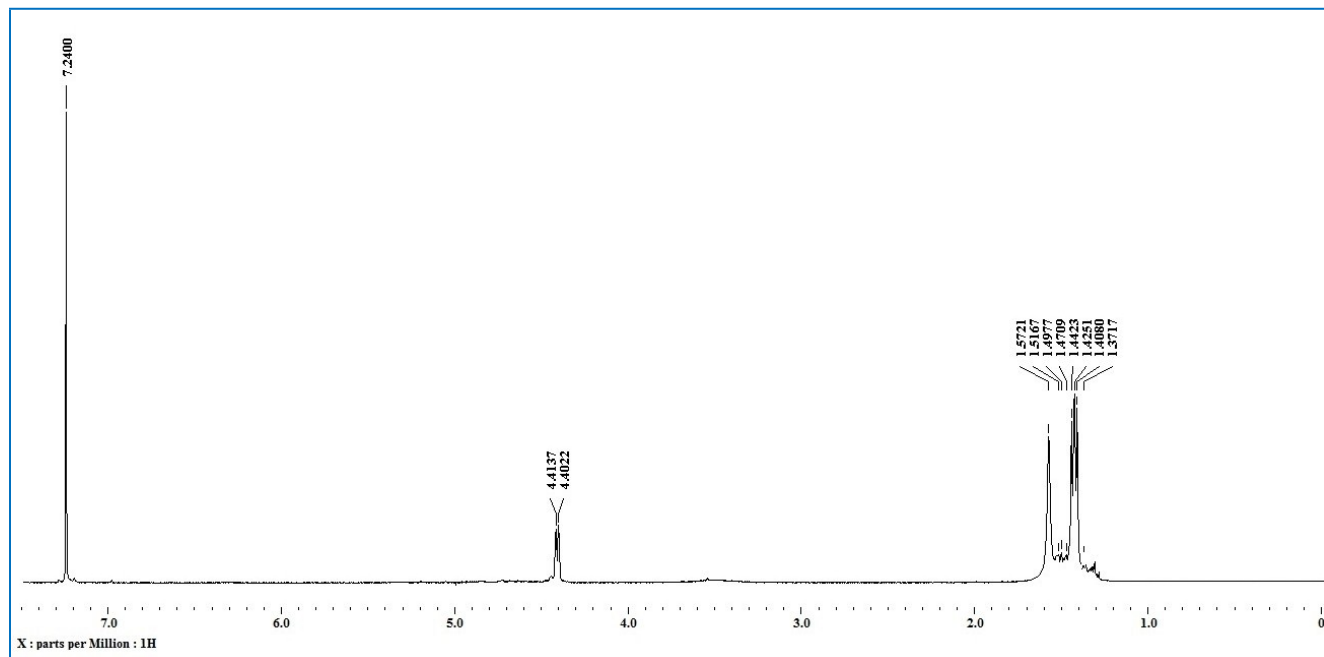
	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
Empirical Formula	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>44</sub> CuFeIP <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>56</sub> H <sub>94</sub> Cu <sub>6</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> I <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> P <sub>4</sub>
FW	664.84	2173.55
crystal system	Orthorhombic	Triclinic
space group	P n a 2 <sub>1</sub>	P $\bar{1}$
a, Å	16.6781(8)	11.0201(6)
b, Å	8.5263(4)	11.8953(7)
c, Å	19.8071(9)	14.7688(9)
$\alpha$ , deg	90.00	107.370(3)
$\beta$ , deg	90.00	93.230(3)
$\gamma$ , deg	90.00	105.503(3)
V, Å <sup>3</sup>	2816.6(2)	1760.87(18)
Z	4	1
d <sub>calc</sub> , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.568	2.050
$\mu$ , mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.492	4.931
T, K	100(2)	100(2)
R <sub>1</sub> all	0.0430	0.0495
R <sub>1</sub> [I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)]	0.0293	0.0366
wR <sub>2</sub>	0.0483	0.0939
wR <sub>2</sub> [I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)]	0.0452	0.0870
GoF	0.988	1.004

**Table 3:** Weak interactions for the complexes **2** and **4** [ $\text{\AA}$  and  $^\circ$ ].

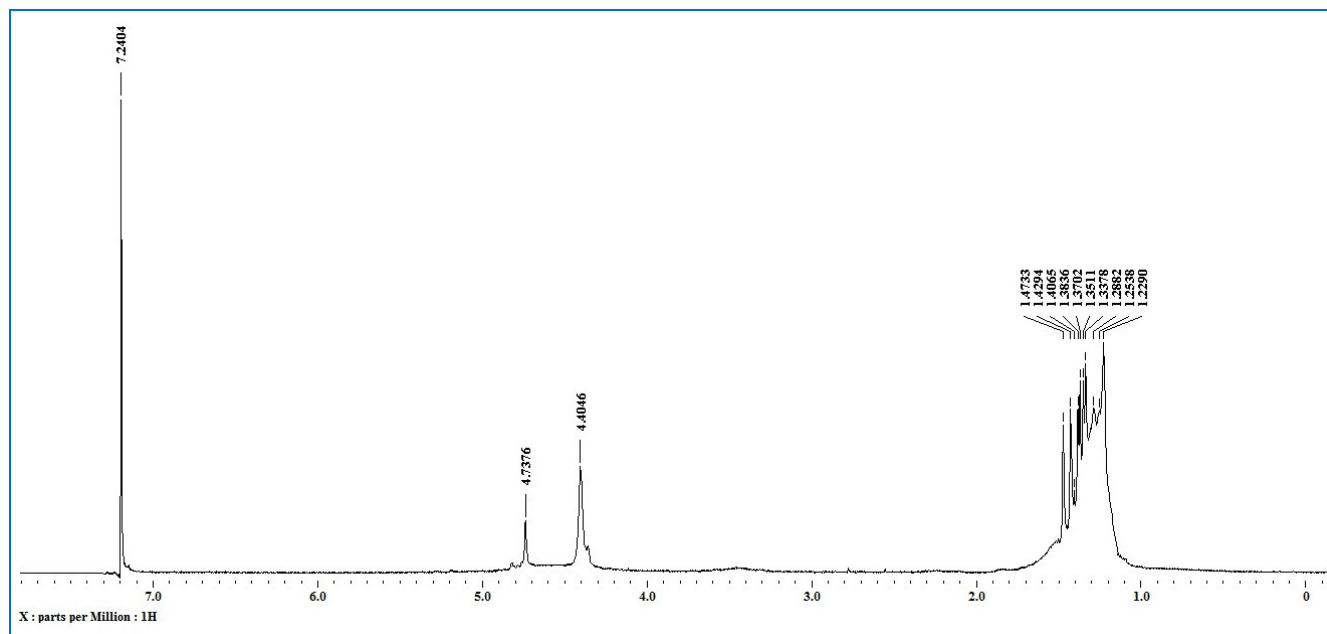
D-H $\cdots$ A	d(D-H)	d(H $\cdots$ A)	d(D $\cdots$ A)	$\angle$ (DHA)
<b>Complex-2</b>				
C(7)-H(7) $\cdots$ I(1) <sup>#1</sup>	0.95	3.23	3.8299(17)	122.8
C(10)-H(10) $\cdots$ I(1) <sup>#2</sup>	0.95	3.00	3.7770(19)	140.5
C(13)-H(13C) $\cdots$ I(1)	0.98	3.32	4.258(3)	160.3
C(24)-H(24A) $\cdots$ I(1)	0.98	3.18	4.138(2)	165.8
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: <sup>#1</sup> x,y-1,z, <sup>#2</sup> x+1/2,-y+3/2,z				
<b>Complex-4</b>				
C(7)-H(7) $\cdots$ N(1S)	0.95	2.52	3.373(4)	148.8
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: <sup>#1</sup> -x+1,-y+1,-z+2				



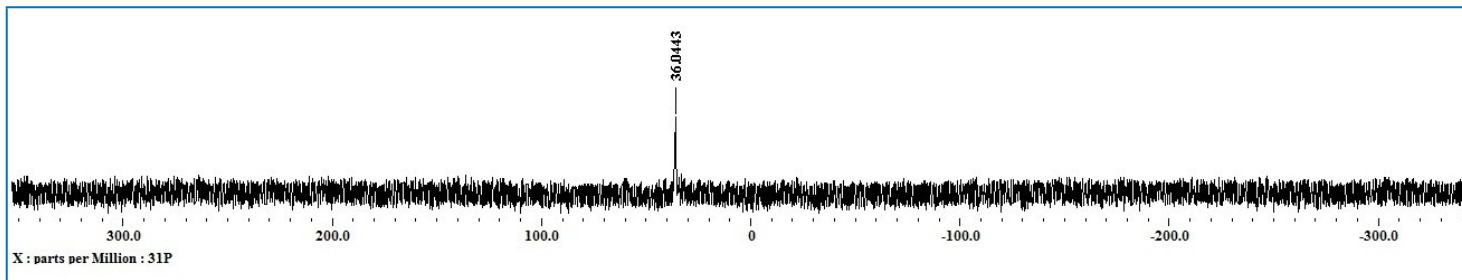
**F-1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



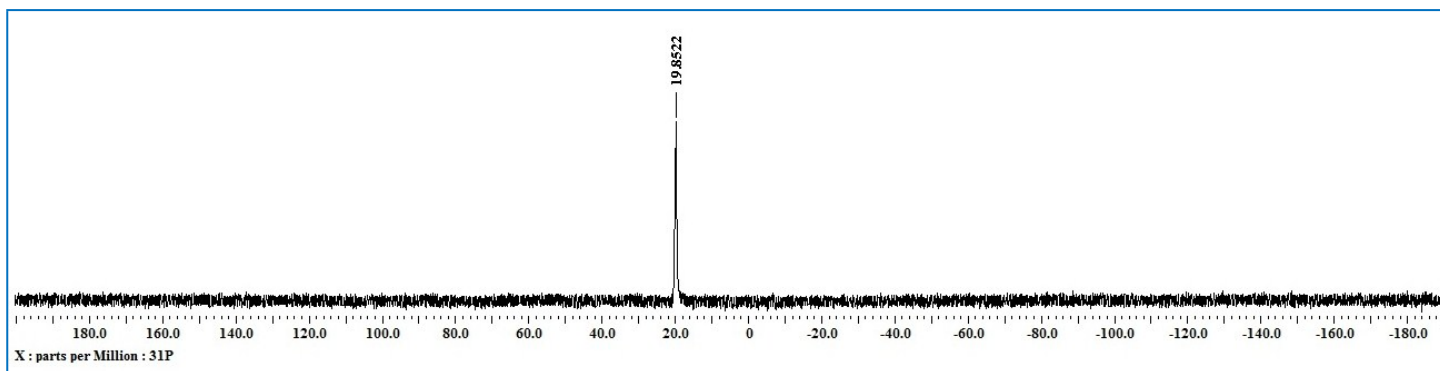
F-2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



F-3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

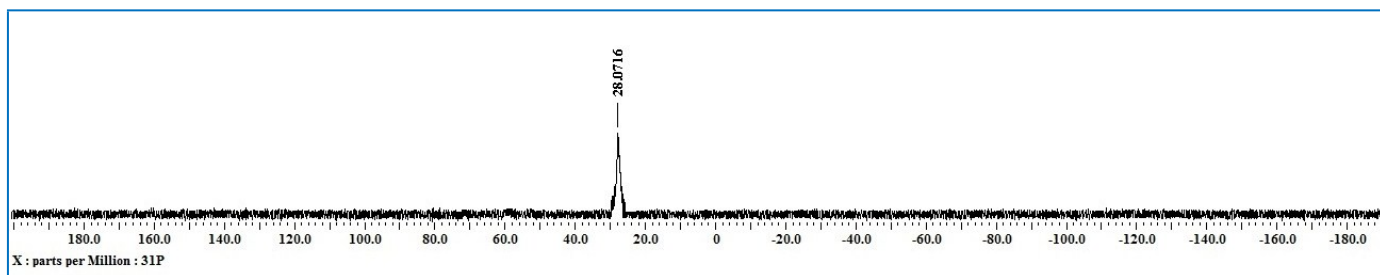


F-4.  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of complex **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

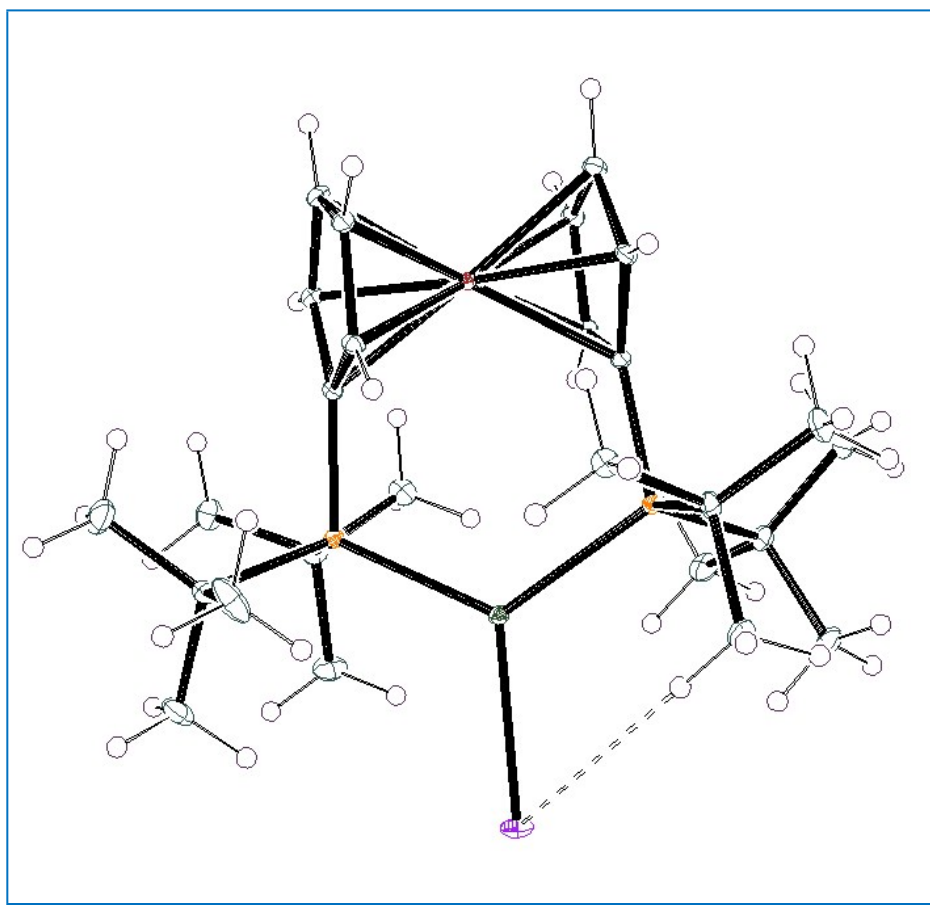


F-5.  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of complex **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

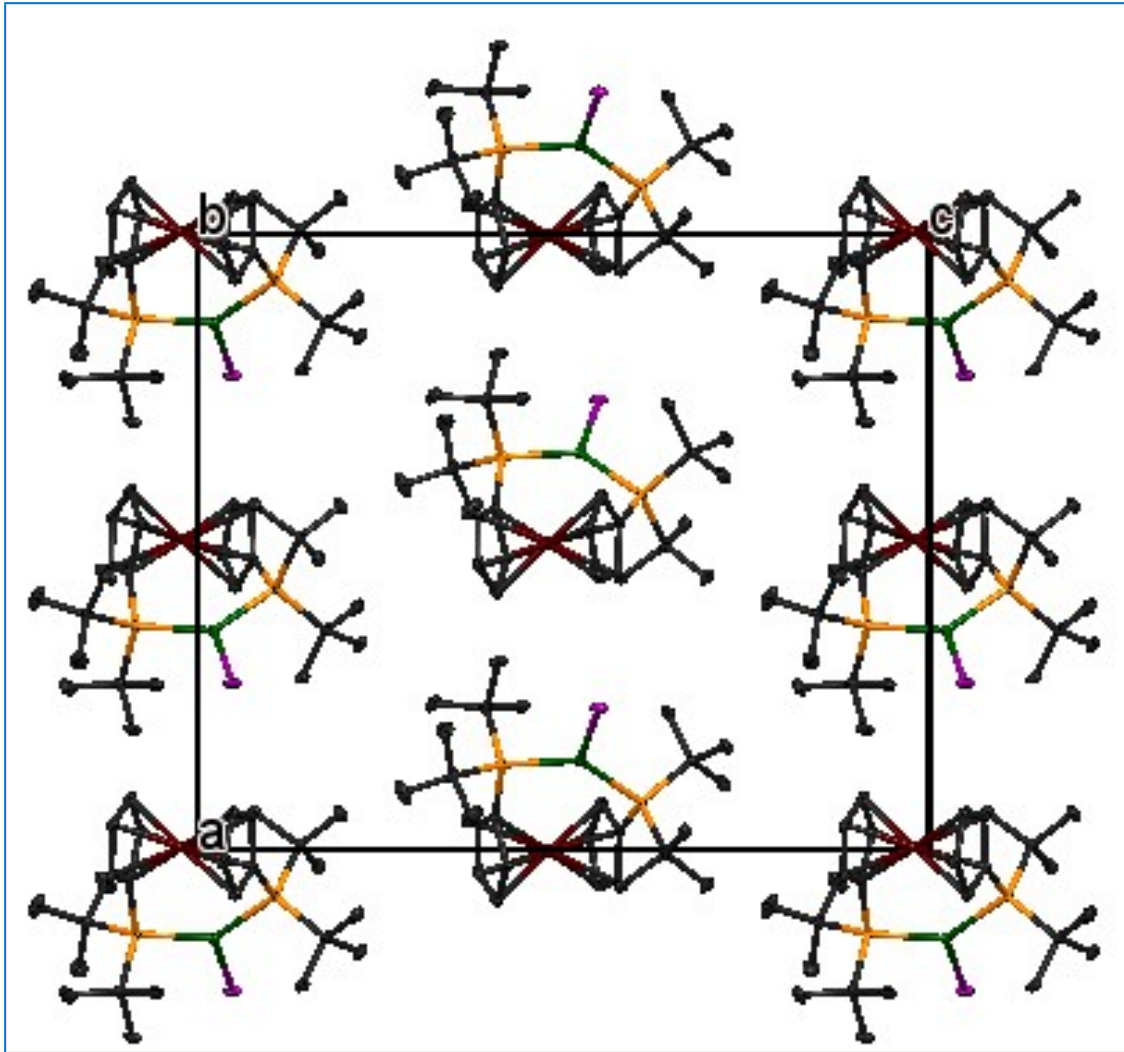




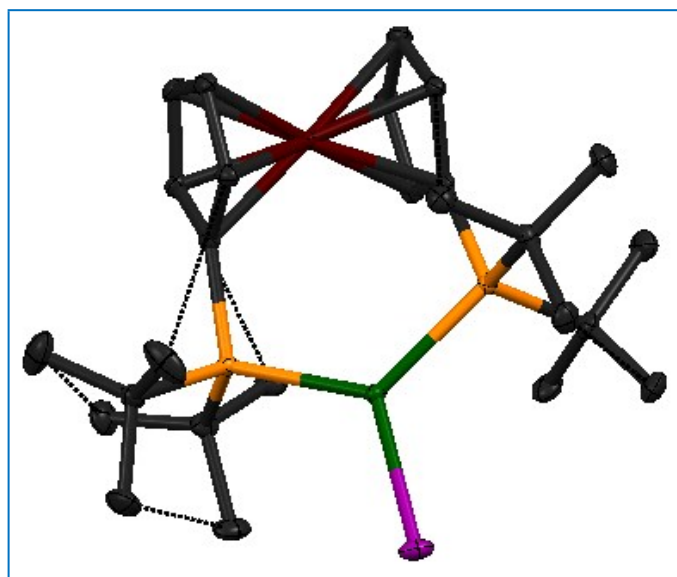
F-6.  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of complex **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



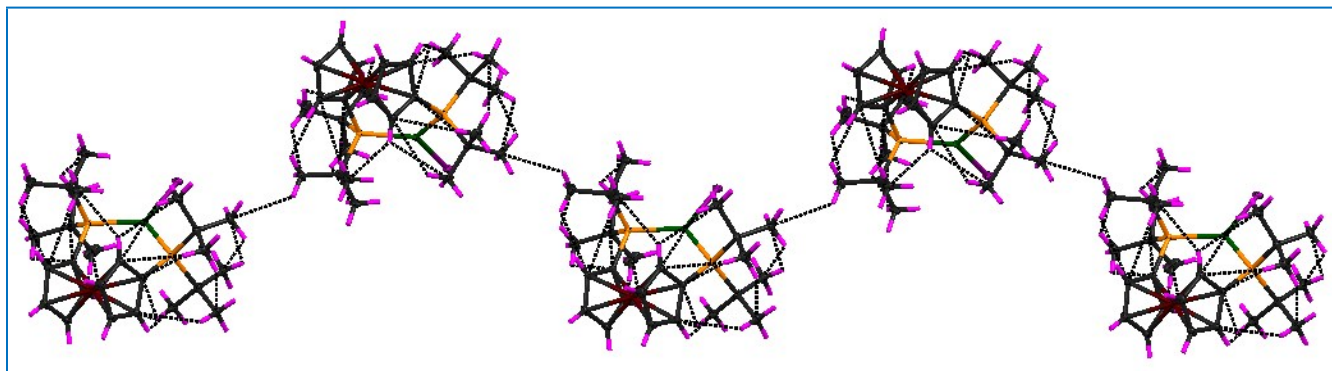
**F-7.** Ortep diagram of **2** showing C-H...I weak interactions in the crystal lattice.



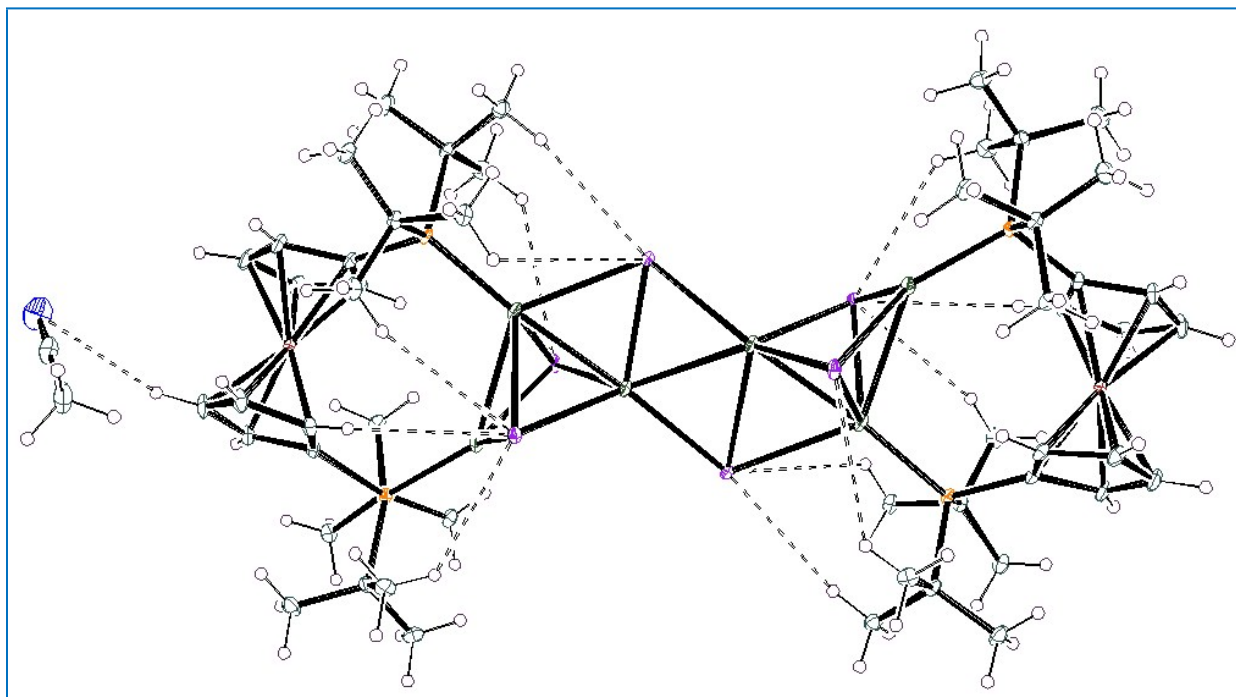
F-8. Crystal packing diagram of 2, viewed along the *b* axis.



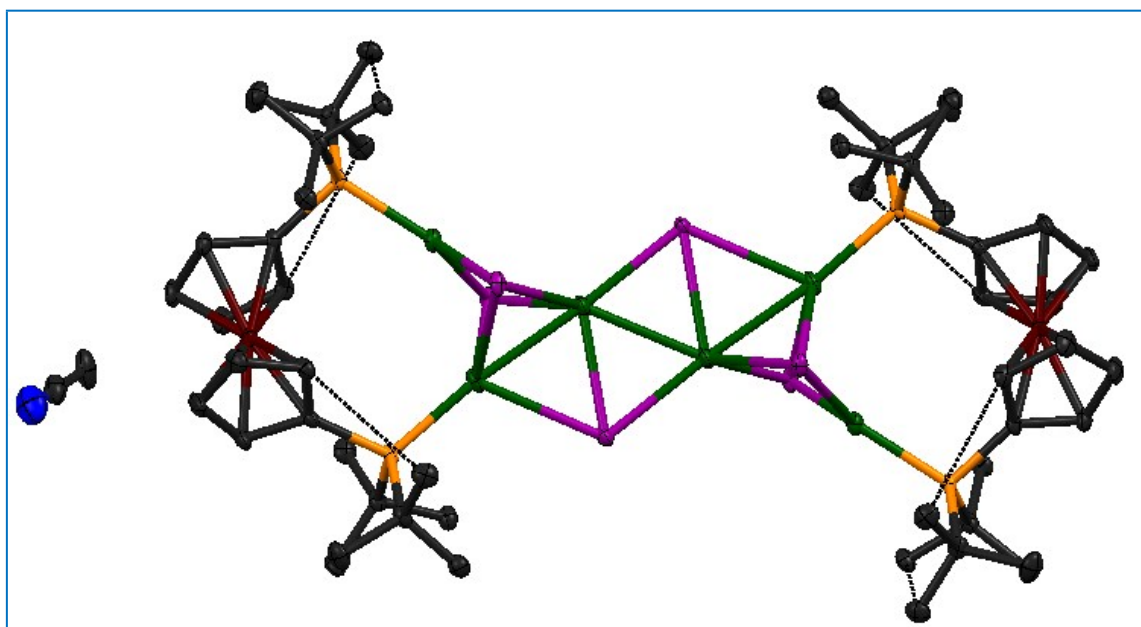
F-9.  $\pi \cdots \pi$  interactions in complex 2.



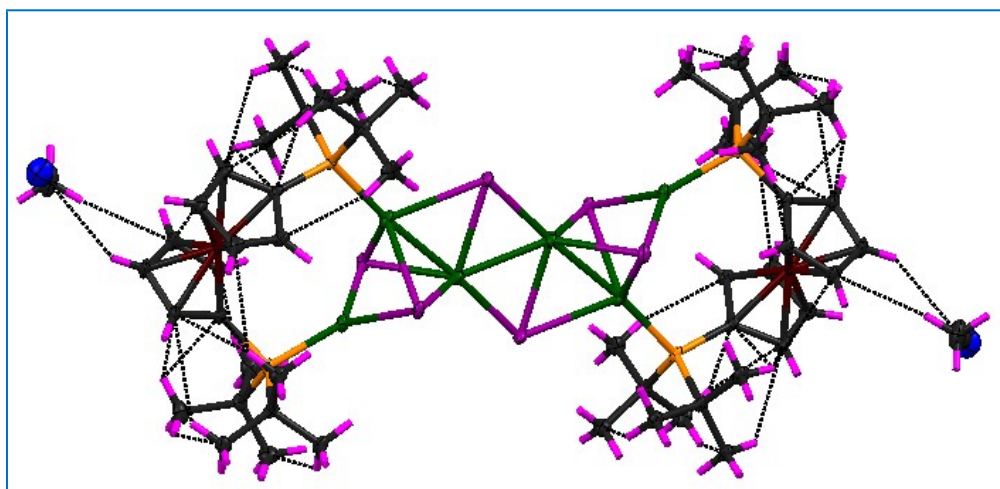
**F-10.** Single helical motif in complex **2** accompanied by C-H $\cdots$  $\pi$  interactions along crystallographic '*b*'-axis.



**F-11.** Ortep diagram of complex **4** showing C-H...I and C-H...N weak interactions in the crystal lattice.

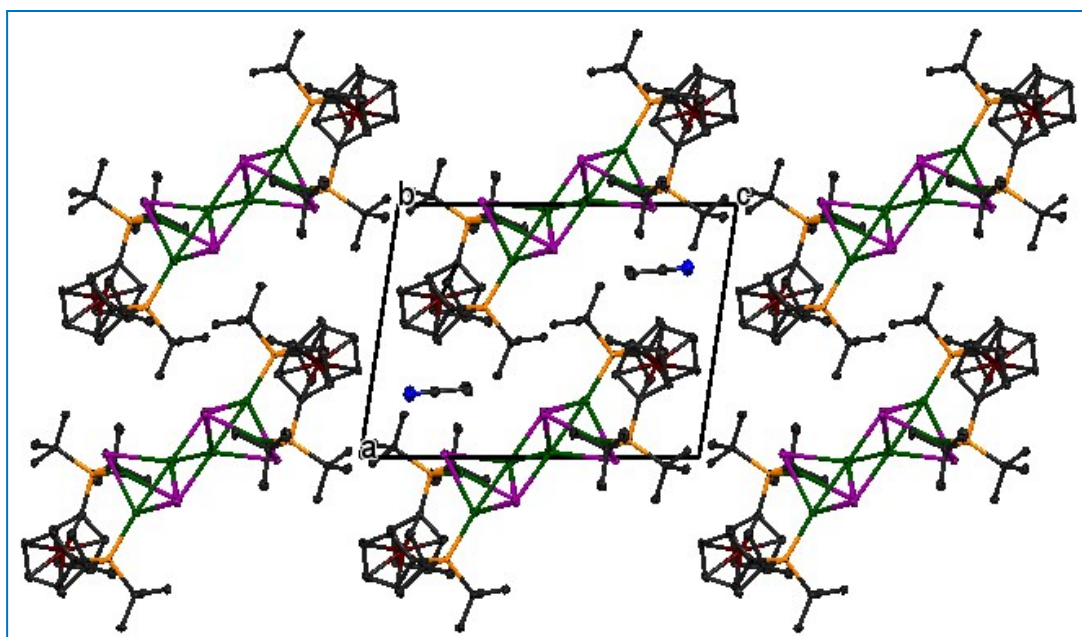


F-12.  $\pi \cdots \pi$  interactions in complex 4.

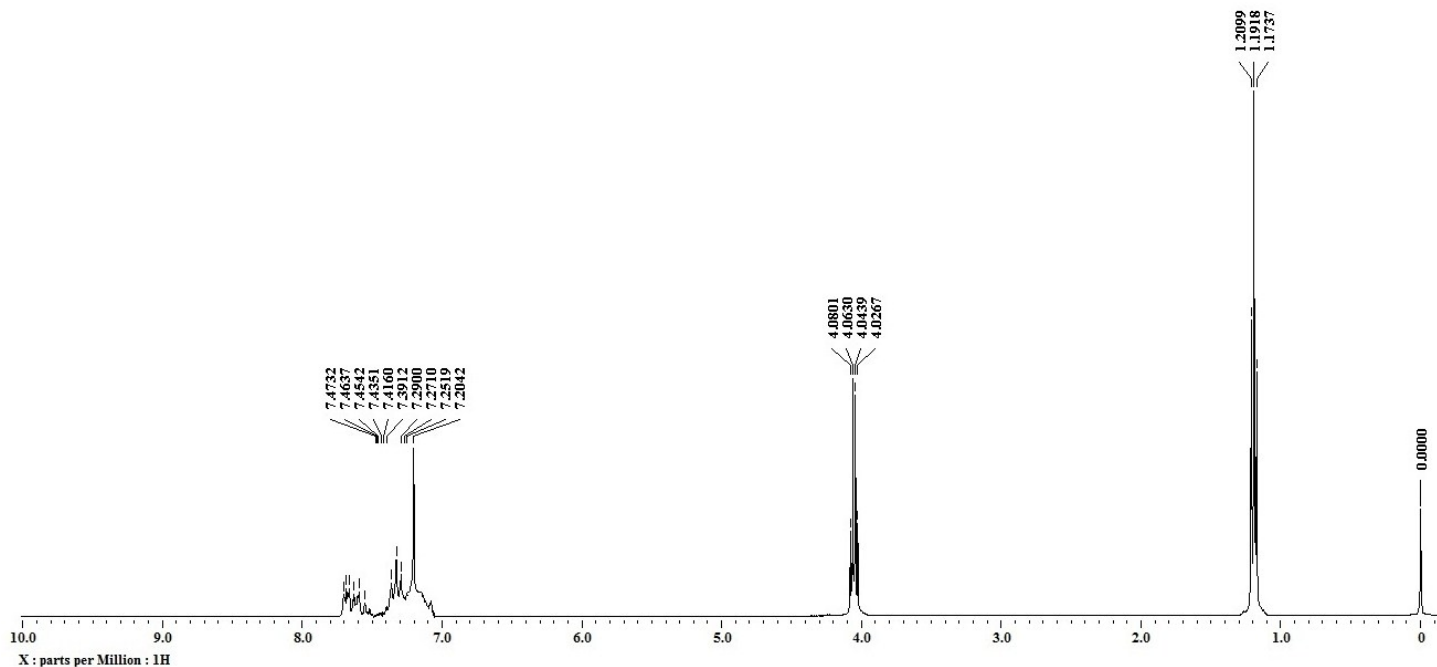


F-13. C-H... $\pi$  interactions in complex 4.

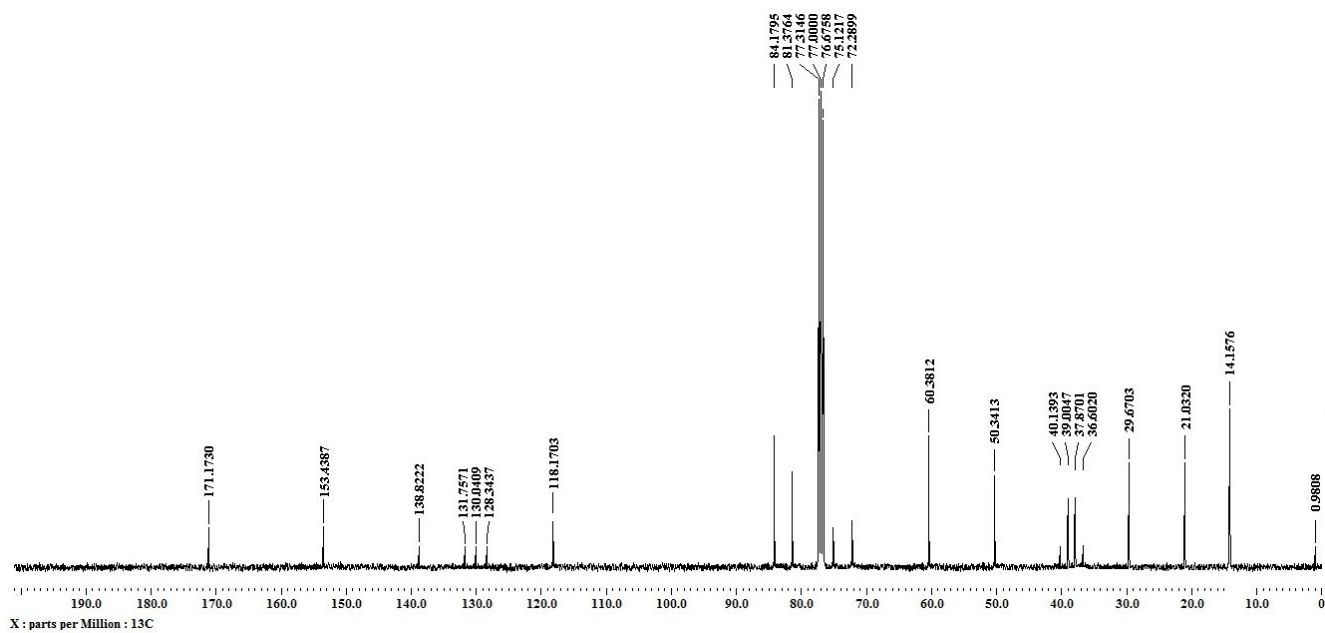




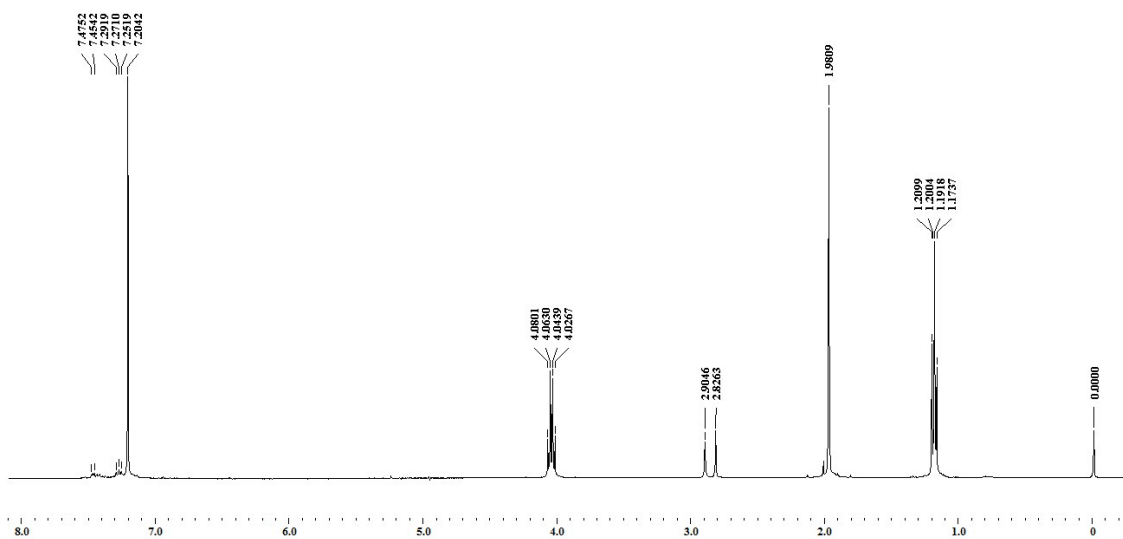
F-14. Crystal packing diagram of **4**, viewed along the *b* axis.



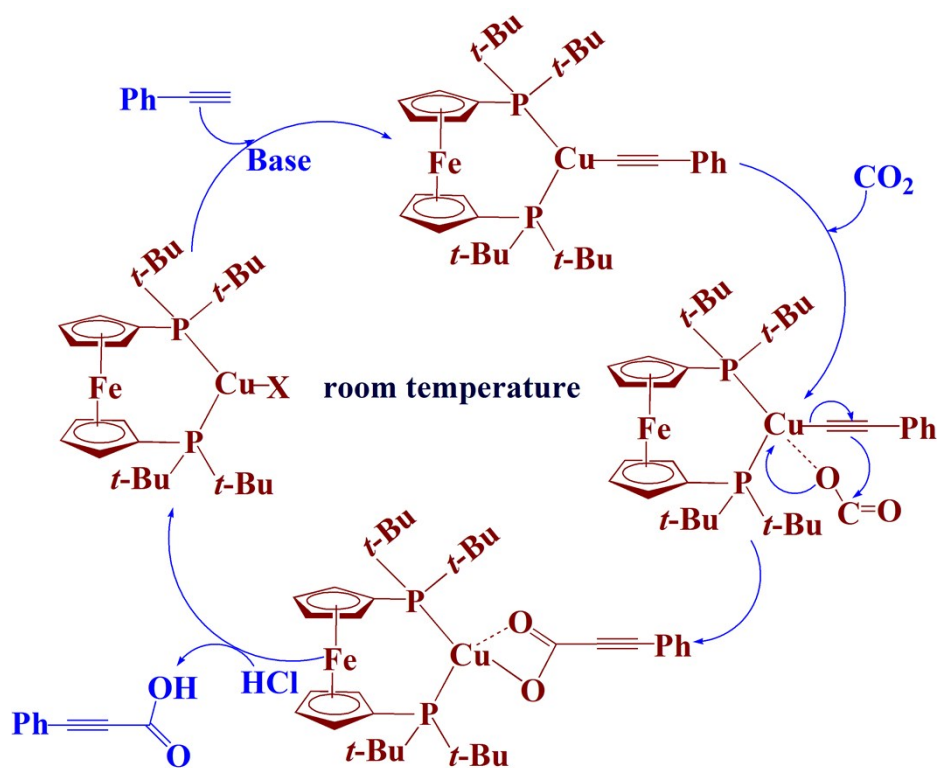
**F-15.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of reaction mixture for the synthesis of 3-phenylpropionic acid from CO<sub>2</sub> and Phenylacetylene catalysed by complex **2** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> after 12h at room temperature.



**F-16.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of reaction mixture for the synthesis of 3-phenylpropionic acid from  $\text{CO}_2$  and Phenylacetylene catalysed by complex **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  after 12h at room temperature.



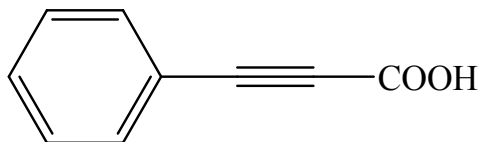
**F-17.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of reaction mixture for the synthesis of 3-phenylpropionic acid from  $\text{CO}_2$  and Phenylacetylene catalysed by complex **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  after 24h at room temperature.



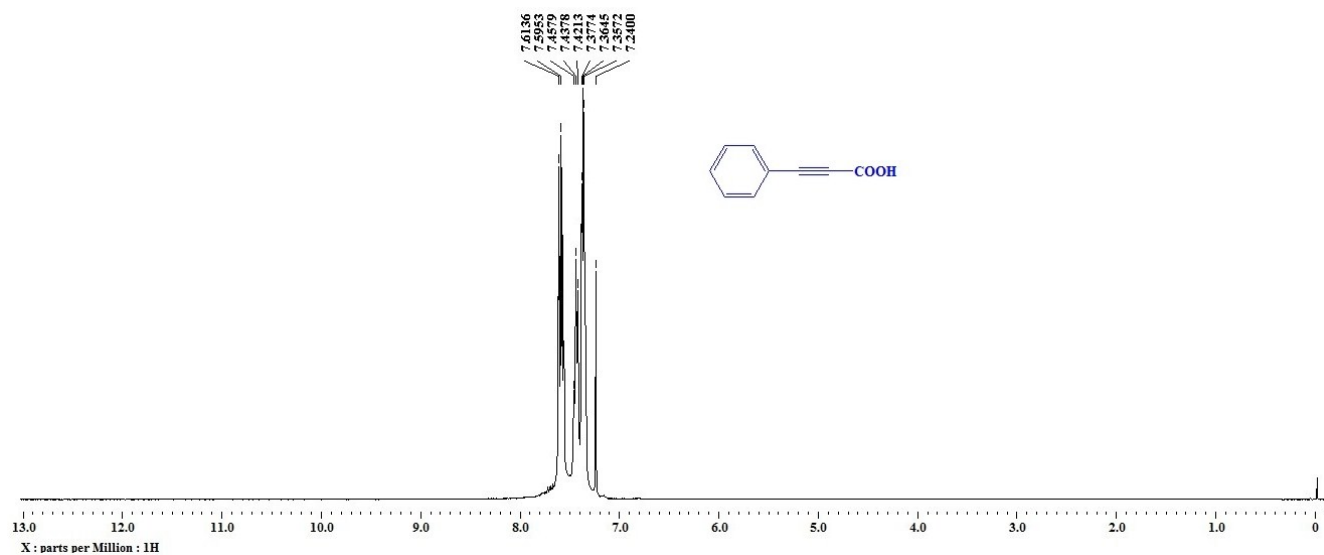
**F18.** The possible reaction mechanism for Cu(I) complex catalyzed C-H activating carboxylation of terminal alkynes with CO<sub>2</sub>.

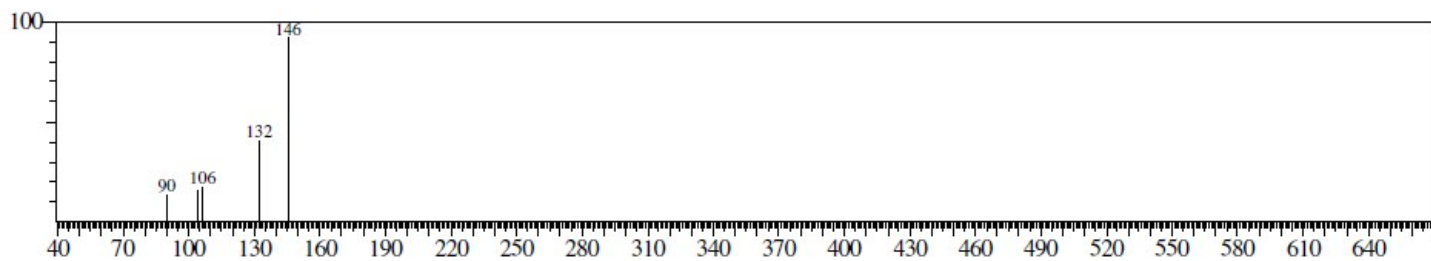
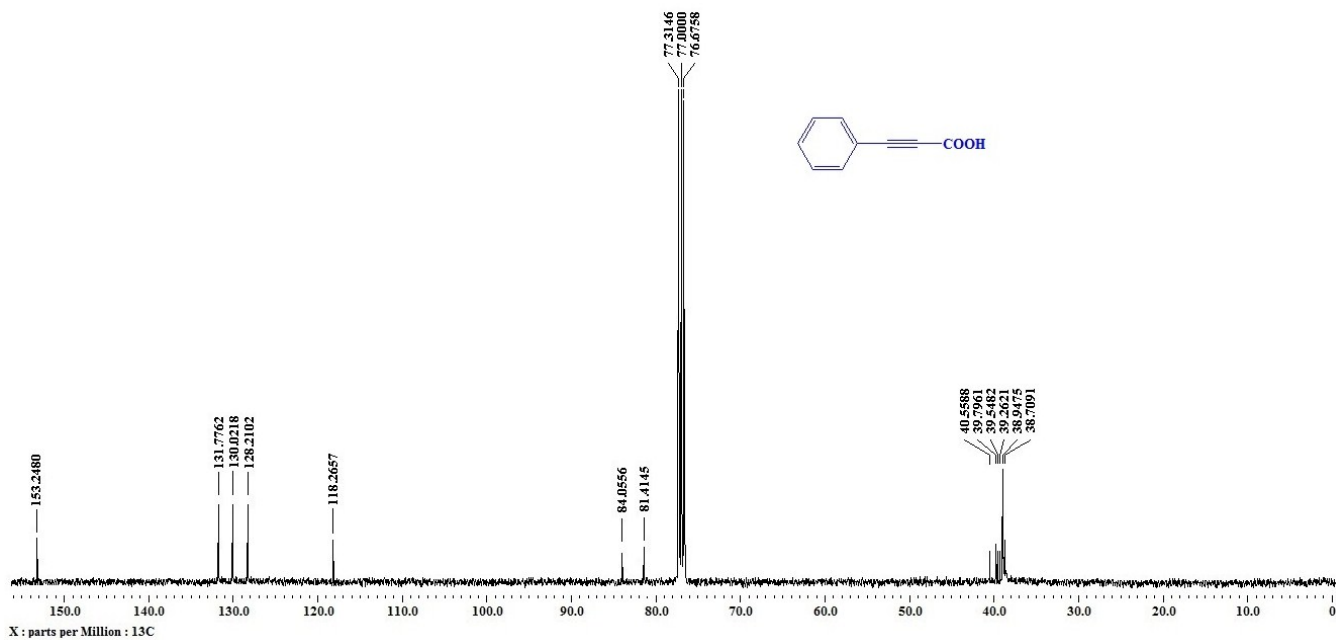
## Characterization Data:

### 3-phenylpropionic acid:

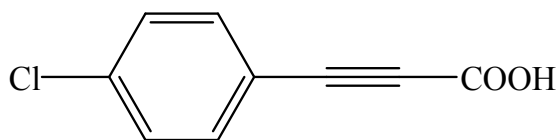


$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 153.24 (-COOH), 131.77, 130.02, 128.21, 118.26, 84.05, 81.41, 40.55, 39.77, 39.54, 39.26, 38.94, 38.70; GCMS  $m/z$ (% rel. inten.) 146 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100).

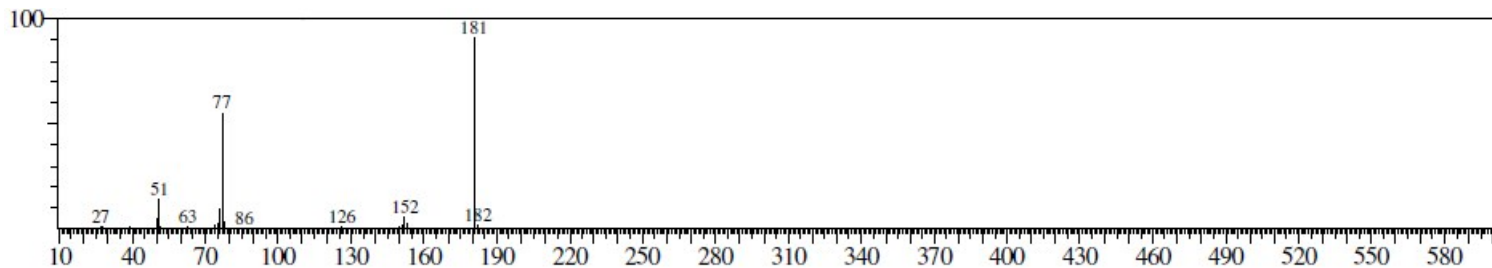
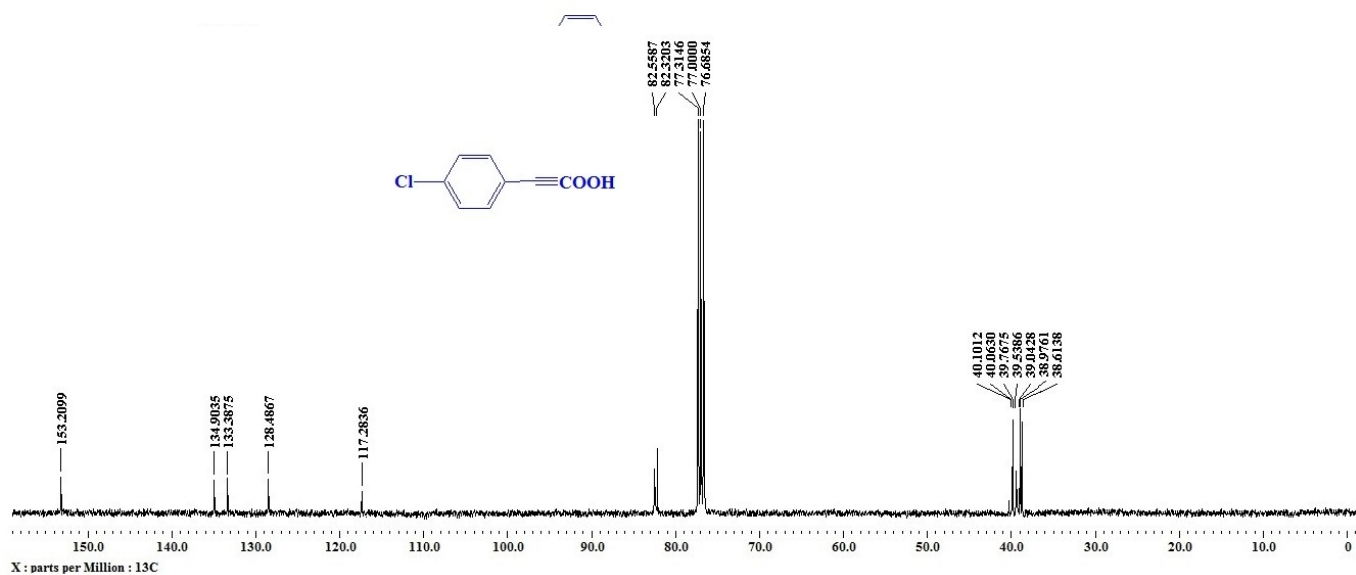




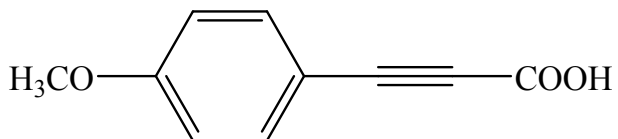
**3-(4-chlorophenyl)propionic acid:**



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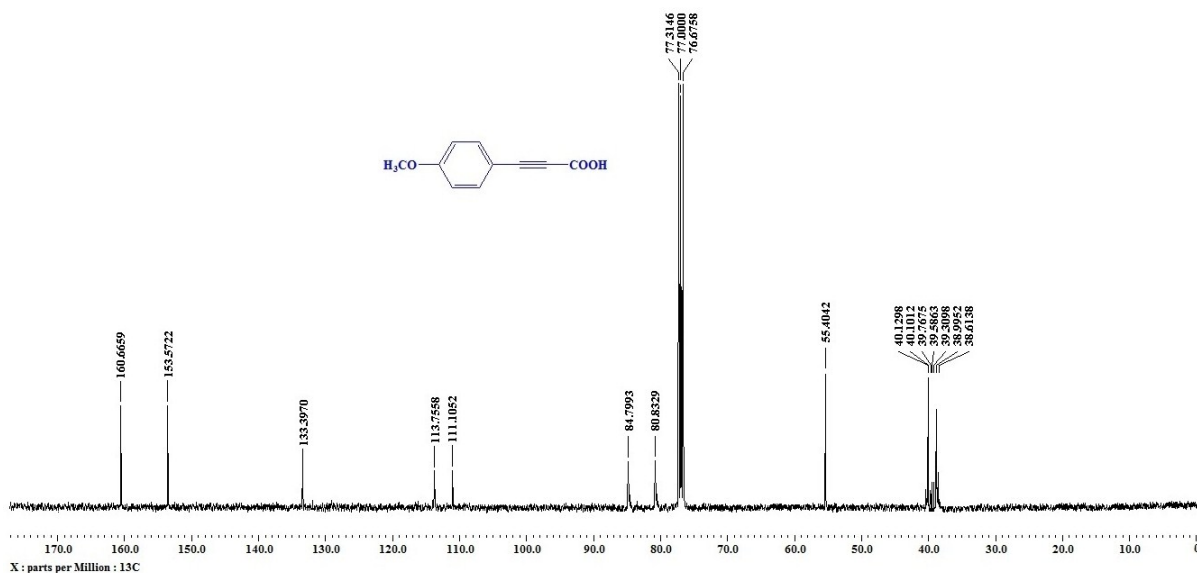
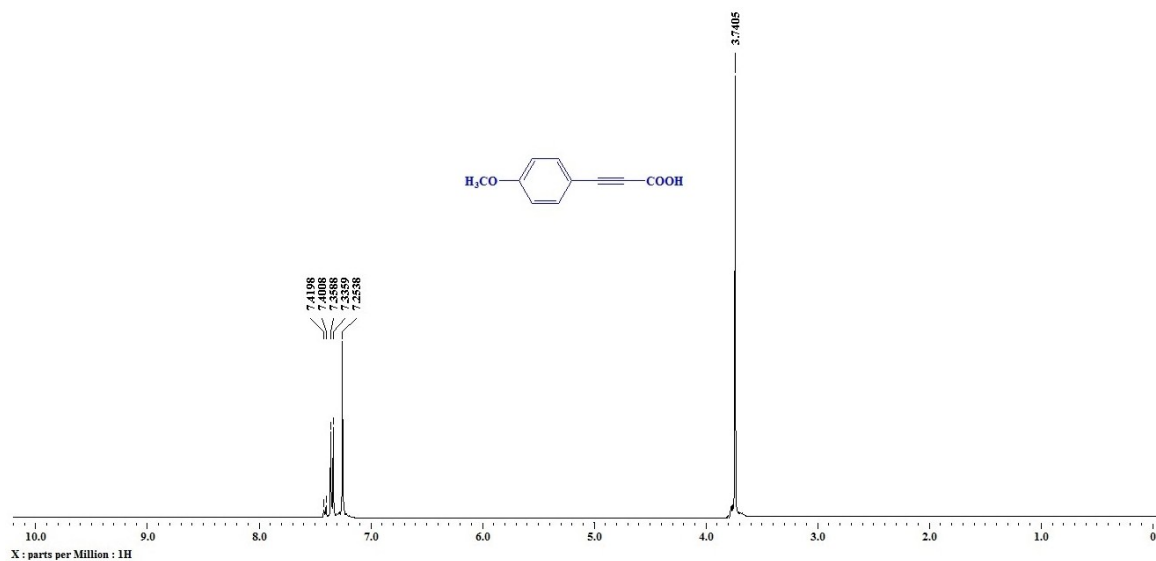


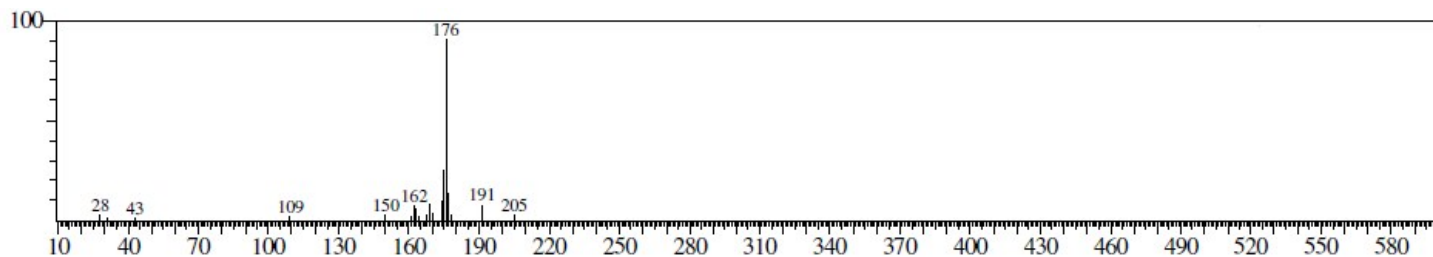
### 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propionic acid:



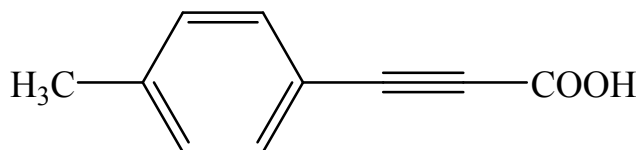


$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.41$  (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, Ar-H),  $7.34$  (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 2H, Ar-H),  $3.74$  (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 160.66$ (-COOH),  $153.57$ ,  $133.39$ ,  $113.75$ ,  $111.10$ ,  $84.79$ ,  $80.83$ ,  $55.40$ ,  $40.12$ ,  $40.10$ ,  $39.76$ ,  $39.58$ ,  $39.30$ ,  $38.99$ ,  $38.61$ ; GCMS  $m/z$ (% rel. inten.)  $176$  ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100).

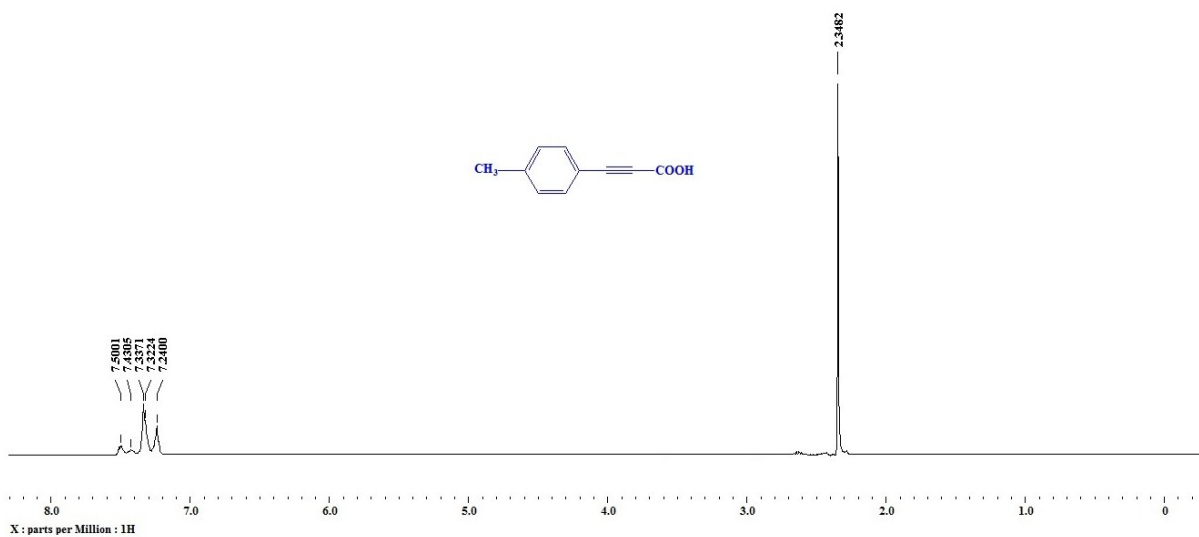


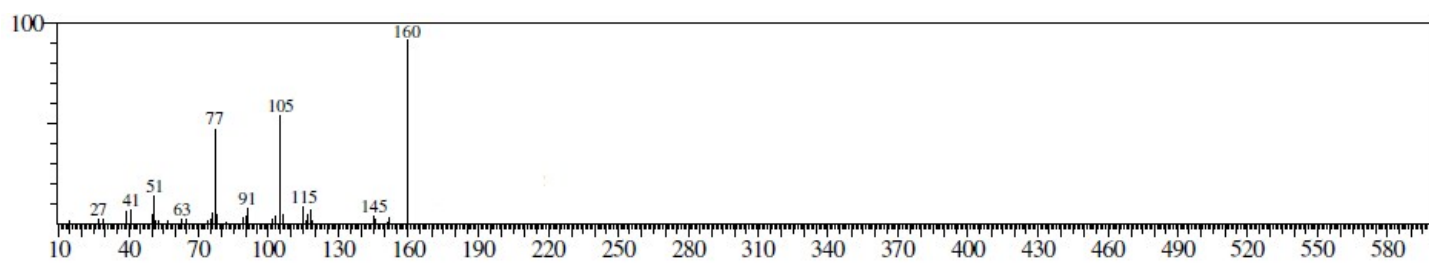
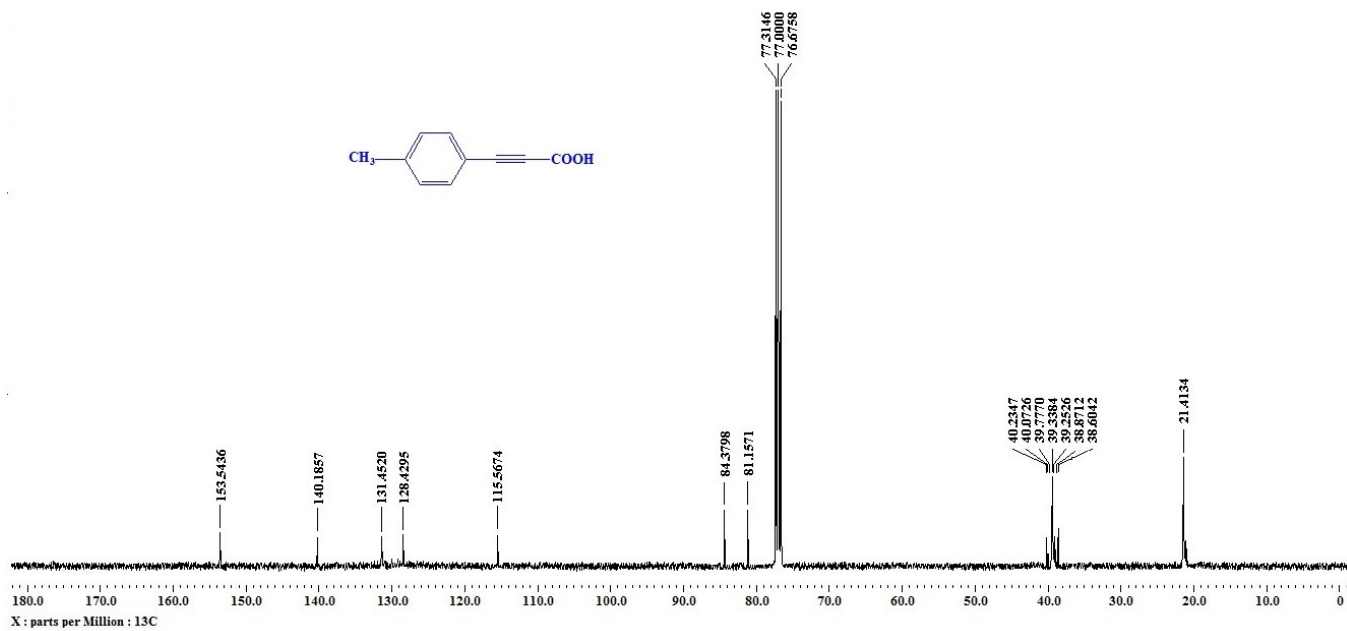


**3-p-tolylpropionic acid:**



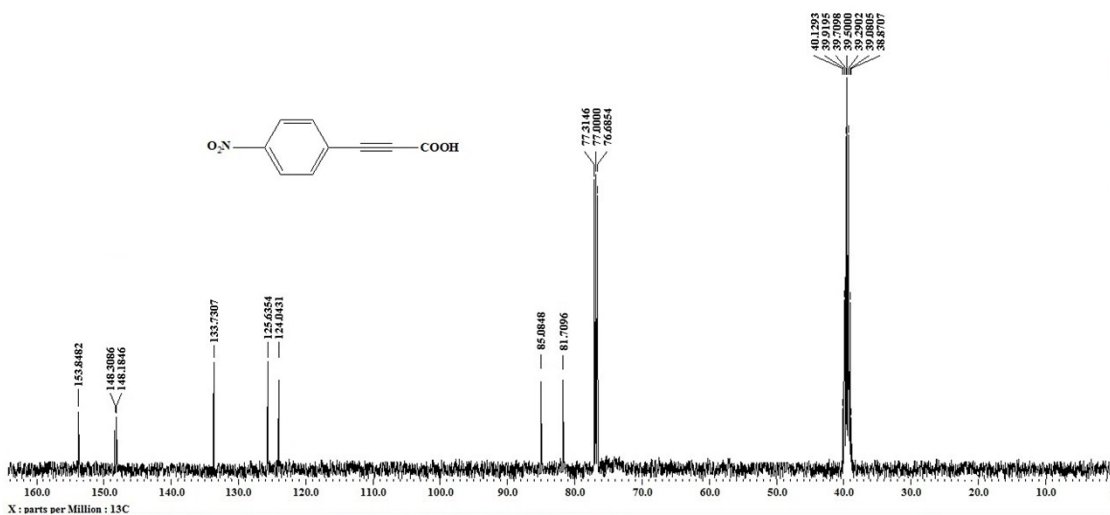
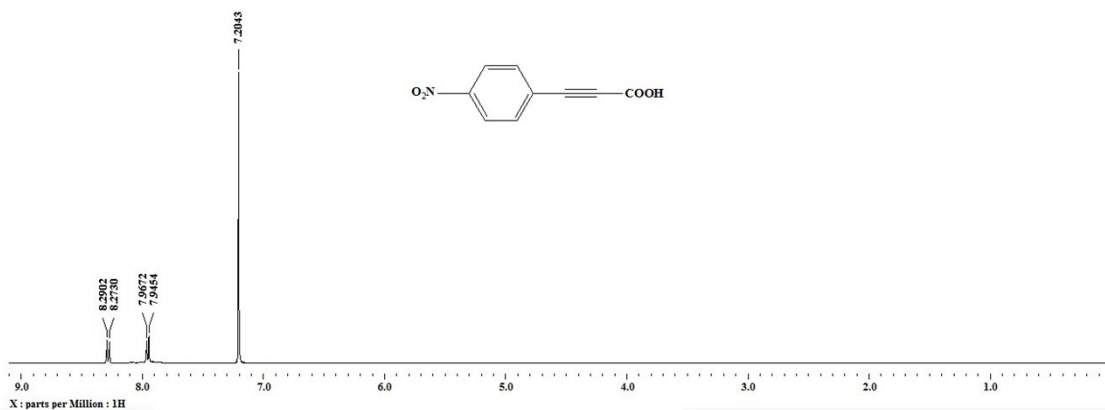
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 27.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 2.34 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 153.54 (-COOH), 140.18, 131.45, 128.42, 115.56, 84.37, 81.15, 40.23, 40.07, 39.77, 39.33, 39.25, 38.87, 38.60, 21.41; GCMS  $m/z$ (% rel. inten.) 160 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100).

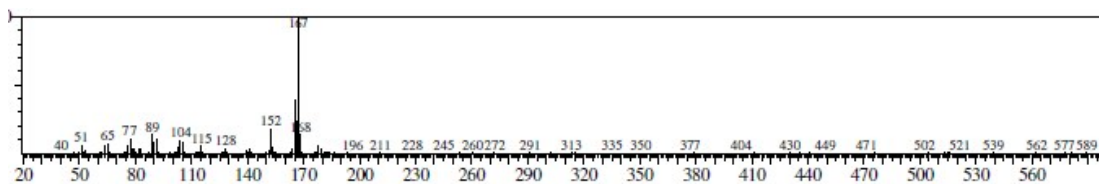




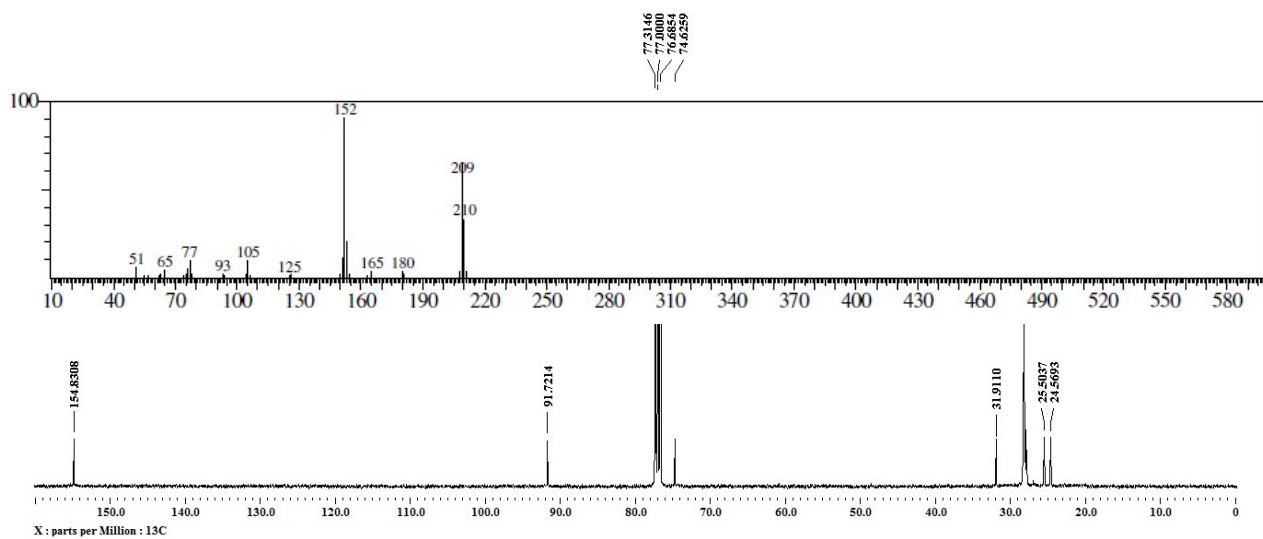
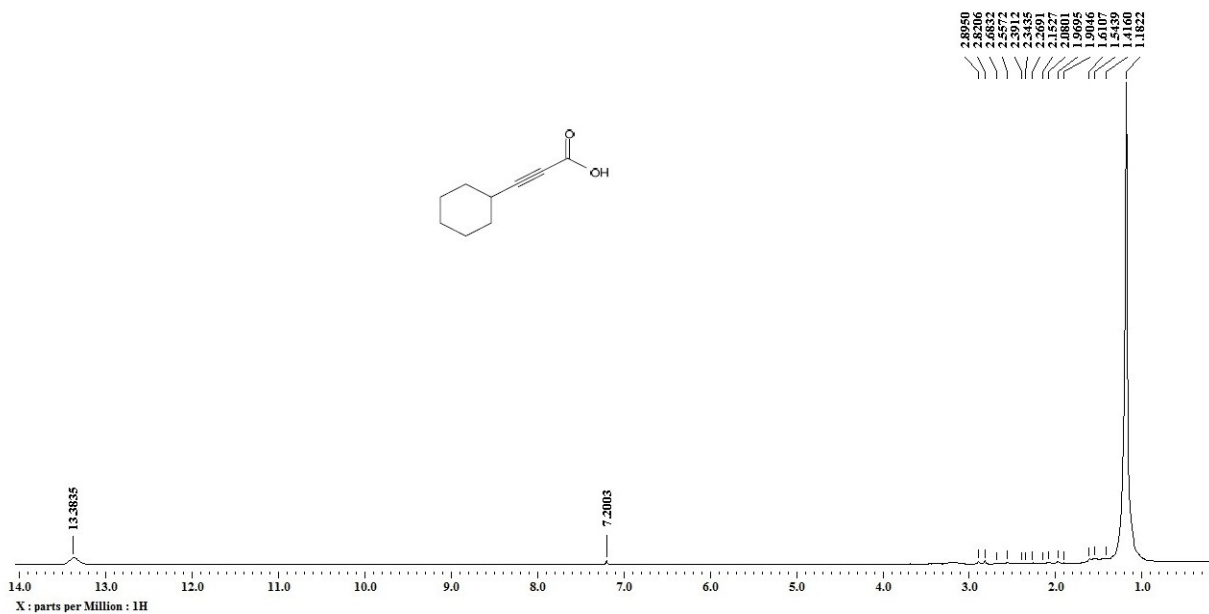
**4-nitrophenylpropionic acid:**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 8.28$  (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.95 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H, Ar-H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (400MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 153.84$  (-COOH), 148.30, 148.18, 133.73, 125.63, 124.04, 85.08, 81.70, 40.12, 39.91, 39.70, 39.50, 39.29, 39.08, 38.87; GCMS  $m/z$ (% rel. inten.) 167 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100).





**3-Cyclohexylpropionic acid:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 13.38 (br, s, 1H), 2.89-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.39 (m, 2H), 1.90-2.15 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.18 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 154.83, 91.72, 74.62, 31.91, 28.22, 25.50, 24.56; GCMS  $m/z$ (% rel. inten.) 152 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100).



**3-(trimethylsilyl)propionic acid:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 10.75(br, s, 1H), 0.21(s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>Si); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 154.48, 98.81, 53.58, 31.90, 29.67, 29.34, 22.67, 3.52; GCMS *m/z*(% rel. inten.) 142 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100).

