

*Supporting Information for*

## **Redox-economical radical generation from organoborates and carboxylic acids by organic photoredox catalysis**

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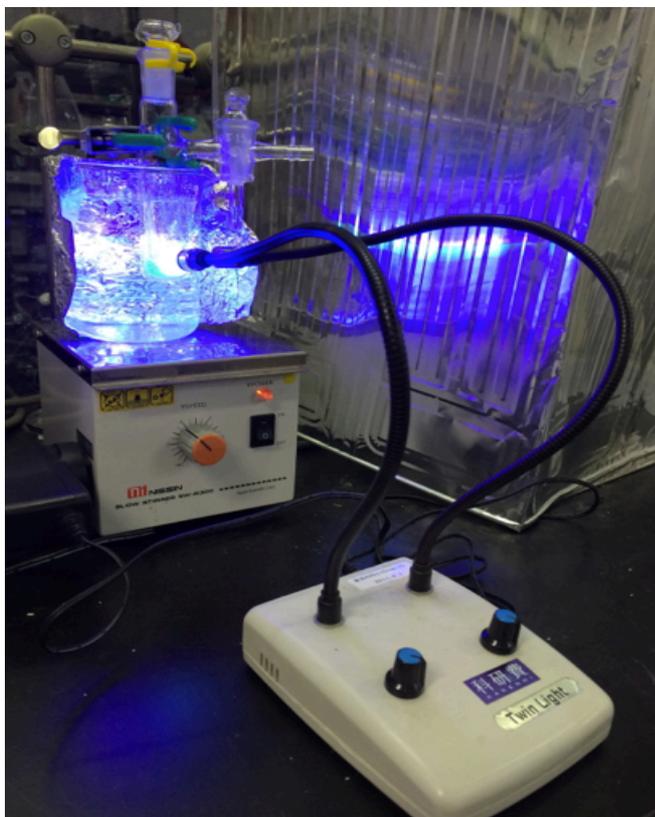
## 1. Materials and methods

9-Mesityl-10-methyl acridinium perchlorate ([Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub>) (**1d**), pivalic acid (**3b**), 1-adamantanecarboxylic acid (**3c**), cyclohexanecarboxylic acid (**3f**), 2-methylbutyric acid (**3j**), benzyl acrylate (**4c**), benzyl methacrylate (**4d**), 2-cyclopenten-1-one (**4e**) and diethyl maleate (**4f**) were purchased from TCI. Potassium phenethyltrifluoroborate (**2a**), potassium cyclobutyltrifluoroborate (**2d**), potassium *sec*-butyltrifluoroborate (**2j**), potassium *n*-butyltrifluoroborate (**2m**), dimethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4a**), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) and diethyl 2-benzylidenemalonate (**4g**) were purchased from Aldrich. Photocatalysts [Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**1a**)<sup>[1a]</sup>, [Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(bpy)](PF<sub>6</sub>) (**1b**)<sup>[1b]</sup>, and [Ir(dF(CF<sub>3</sub>)ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)](PF<sub>6</sub>) (**1c**)<sup>[1c]</sup> were prepared according to the literature procedures. Potassium organotrifluoroborates **2b**<sup>[2a]</sup>, **2h**<sup>[2b]</sup>, **2i**<sup>[2b]</sup>, **2n**<sup>[2c]</sup> and **2o**<sup>[2d]</sup> were prepared according to the literature procedures. Catalytic reactions were performed under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques unless otherwise noted. Acetone was dried by K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, distilled and stored under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Anhydrous MeOH was purchased from KANTO CHEMICAL CO., INC. and degassed by supersonic waves. THF and Et<sub>2</sub>O were purified through two columns containing alumina and alumina-Cu catalyst and stored under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Thin-layer chromatography was performed on Merck TLC plate with 60 F<sub>254</sub>. Preparative thin-layer chromatography (PTLC) plates were prepared through mixing Merck silica-gel 60 PF<sub>254</sub> of 150 g with water of 430 mL, expanding on glass plate, and sintering at 100 °C for 5 h in oven. Flash column chromatography was carried out using silica gel 60 (40-63 μm) purchased from Aldrich. NMR spectra were acquired on a Bruker AVANCE-400 (400 MHz) and Bruker AVANCE-HD500 (500 MHz). NMR chemical shifts were referred to residual protio impurities in the deuterated solvent. CD<sub>3</sub>OD solvent (99.8 atom% deuterated) was purchased from CIL. CD<sub>3</sub>OH solvent (99.8 atom% deuterated) was purchased from ISOTEC. <sup>19</sup>F NMR chemical shifts were referenced to external 1,4-difluorobenzene (-118.8 ppm). <sup>11</sup>B NMR chemical shifts were referenced to external BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (0.0 ppm). Electrochemical measurements were recorded on a Hokutodenkou HZ-5000 analyzer (observed in 0.004 M MeCN; [N(Bu)<sub>4</sub>](PF<sub>6</sub>) = 0.1 M; Ag/AgCl = electrode; reported with respect to the [FeCp<sub>2</sub>]/[FeCp<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> couple). HRMS (ESI-TOF Mass and FAB-Mass) spectra were obtained with a Bruker micrOTOF II and JEOL The MStation JMS-700, respectively, at Technical Department of Tokyo Institute of Technology. GC-MS(EI) spectra were acquired on a SHIMADZU GC-2010 (column: Rxi®-5ms) with a SHIMADZU PARVUM2.

## 2. Reaction apparatus

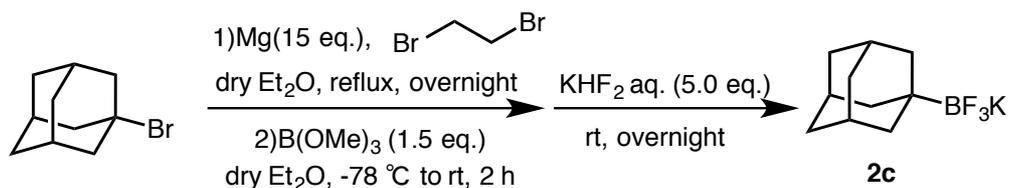
Irradiation of visible light was performed with a Relyon LED lamp (3 W x 2; λ<sub>max</sub> = 425 ± 15 nm).

Cylindrical vessel was used for photoreaction under sunlight.



### 3. Synthesis of potassium organotrifluoroborates

#### Synthesis of potassium 1-adamantyltrifluoroborate (**2c**)

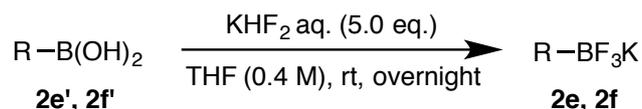


A 100 mL two neck flask equipped with stirring bar was charged with magnesium turnings (3.65 g, 150 mmol) and 1-bromoadamantane (2.15 g, 10.0 mmol) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The solid mixture was stirred for 1 h, then the stirring bar was removed. To the flask, dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (15.0 mL) and 1,2-dibromoethane (40.0 μL) were added. The reaction mixture was heated at reflux temperature without stirring overnight. This resulting reaction mixture was added to a 50 mL round-bottom teflon flask charged with trimethylborate (1.52 g, 14.6 mmol) through cannula tube at -78 °C under N<sub>2</sub>. Then, the mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. Under

air at room temperature,  $\text{KHF}_2$  aq. (3.90 g, 49.9 mmol,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  11.0 mL) was added dropwise to this mixture, and stirred at room temperature overnight, then concentrated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in hot acetone, and filtered. The volatile compounds were removed *in vacuo* and the crude product was washed with diethyl ether for several times and purified by recrystallization (acetone/MeOH(1/1) and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) to afford the title compound **2c** as a white solid (415 mg, 17% yield). Spectral data are shown below.

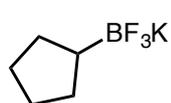
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , rt):  $\delta$  1.73-1.68 (br, 3H;  $(\text{CHCH}_2)_3\text{CBF}_3\text{K}$ ), 1.68-1.58 (m, 6H;  $(\text{CH}_2\text{CHCH}_2)_3\text{CBF}_3\text{K}$ ), 1.48-1.40 (m, 6H;  $(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CBF}_3\text{K}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , rt):  $\delta$  45.2, 35.9, 30.0.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (128 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , rt):  $\delta$  5.07.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , rt):  $\delta$  -152.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF-MS) : calculated for  $[\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{BF}_3]^-$  requires 203.1215, found 203.1218.

**General procedure for preparation of potassium organotrifluoroborates (2e and 2f) from the corresponding organoboronic acids (2e' and 2f').**



A 50 mL round-bottom teflon flask was charged with boronic acid (**2e'** and **2f'**) (1.0 eq.) and dry THF under air at room temperature, then,  $\text{KHF}_2$  aq. (5.0 eq.) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The resulting reaction solution was stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in hot acetone, and filtered. The volatile compounds were removed and the crude product was washed with diethyl ether for several times to afford the potassium organotrifluoroborate (**2e** and **2f**) as a white solid.

#### Potassium cyclopentyltrifluoroborate (**2e**)

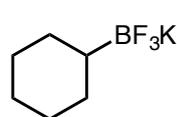


According to the general procedure, cyclopentaneboronic acid (**2e'**) (0.390 g, 3.42 mmol),  $\text{KHF}_2$  aq. (1.37 g, 17.6 mmol,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  3.9 mL) and THF (9.0 mL) afforded **2e** as a white solid (396 mg, 66% yield). Spectral data are in agreement with the

literature<sup>[3a]</sup>.

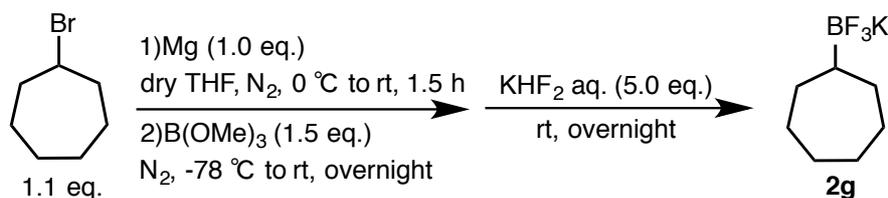
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , rt):  $\delta$  1.46-1.35 (m, 4H), 1.33-1.21 (m, 2H), 1.21-1.07 (m, 2H), 0.40 (br, 1H;  $\text{CHBF}_3\text{K}$ ).

### Potassium cyclohexyltrifluoroborate (**2f**)



According to the general procedure, cyclohexaneboronic acid (**2f'**) (1.92 g, 15.0 mmol),  $\text{KHF}_2$  aq. (5.87 g, 75.2 mmol,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  16.7 mL) and THF (40.0 mL) afforded **2f** as a white solid (909 mg, 32% yield). Spectral data are in agreement with the literature<sup>[3a]</sup>.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , rt):  $\delta$  1.65-1.56 (m, 3H), 1.56-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.18-0.98 (m, 3H), 0.98-0.82 (m, 2H), 0.64 (br, 1H;  $\text{CHBF}_3\text{K}$ ).

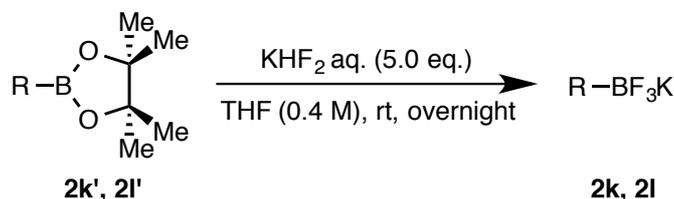
### Synthesis of potassium cycloheptyltrifluoroborate (**2g**)



A 50 mL Schlenk tube equipped with stirring bar was charged with magnesium turnings (314 mg, 12.9 mmol, 1.0 eq.), flame-dried *in vacuo*, and backfilled with  $\text{N}_2$ , followed by the addition of dry THF (9.0 mL) and 1-bromocycloheptane (2.52 g, 14.2 mmol, 1.1 eq.) under  $\text{N}_2$ . The reaction solution was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h. The resulting white slurry was diluted by dry THF (12.0 mL) and added dropwise via syringe to a 50 mL round-bottom teflon flask charged with trimethylborate (2.00 g, 19.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.) at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  under  $\text{N}_2$ . The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred overnight. Under air at room temperature,  $\text{KHF}_2$  aq. (5.02 g, 64.3 mmol,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  14.4 mL) was added dropwise to this mixture, and stirred at room temperature overnight, then concentrated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in hot acetone, and filtered. The volatile compounds were removed *in vacuo* and the crude product was washed with diethyl ether for several times to afford the title compound as a white solid (693 mg, 26% yield). Spectral data are shown below.

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , rt):  $\delta$  1.63-1.53 (m, 4H), 1.53-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.30 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.17 (m, 2H), 1.08-0.96 (m, 2H), 0.06 (br, 1H;  $\text{CHBF}_3\text{K}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , rt):  $\delta$  30.4, 29.8, 28.6.  $^{11}\text{B NMR}$  (128 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , rt):  $\delta$  5.72.  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  (376 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , rt):  $\delta$  -143.7. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF-MS) : calculated for  $[\text{C}_7\text{H}_{13}\text{BF}_3]^-$  requires 165.1058, found 165.1057.

**General procedure for preparation of potassium organotrifluoroborates (**2k** and **2l**) from the corresponding organoboronic acid pinacol esters (**2k'** and **2l'**).**



Boronic acid pinacol esters (**2k'**<sup>[3b]</sup> and **2l'**<sup>[3c]</sup>) were prepared according to the literatures, respectively. Potassium organotrifluoroborates (**2k** and **2l**) were synthesized from them. A 50 mL round-bottom teflon flask was charged with boronic acid pinacol ester **2'** (1.0 eq.) and dry THF under air at room temperature, then, KHF<sub>2</sub> aq. (5.0 eq.) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The resulting reaction solution was stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in hot acetone, and filtered. The volatile compounds were removed and the crude product was washed with diethyl ether for several times to afford the potassium organotrifluoroborate **2** as a white solid. If required, the product was further purified by recrystallization.

#### Potassium 4-bromo-1-methylbutane-2-trifluoroborate (**2k**)

According to the general procedure, 2-(5-bromopentan-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (**2k'**) (0.409 g, 1.48 mmol), KHF<sub>2</sub> aq. (0.583 g, 7.46 mmol, H<sub>2</sub>O 1.7 mL) and THF (3.8 mL) afforded **2k** as a white solid (260 mg, 69% yield). Spectral data are shown below.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, rt): δ 3.50-3.38 (m, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>Br), 1.90-1.65 (m, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Br), 1.35 (m, 1H; CHHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Br), 1.02 (m, 1H; CHHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Br), 0.64 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H; CH<sub>3</sub>CHBF<sub>3</sub>K), 0.10 (br, 1H; CH<sub>3</sub>CHBF<sub>3</sub>K). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, rt): δ 36.8, 32.6, 32.5, 16.6. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, rt): δ 5.36. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, rt): δ -143.1. HRMS (FAB-MS) : calculated for [C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrBF<sub>3</sub>] requires 217.0011, found 217.0014.

#### Potassium 1-methylbutanoate-3-trifluoroborate (**2l**)

According to the general procedure, methyl 3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)butanoate (**2l'**) (0.948 g, 4.16 mmol), KHF<sub>2</sub> aq. (1.63 g, 20.8 mmol, H<sub>2</sub>O 4.8 mL) and THF (10.7 mL) were utilized. This crude product was purified by recrystallization (acetone and pentane) to yield **2l** as a white solid (610 mg, 71% yield). Spectral data are shown below.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, rt): δ 3.50 (s, 3H; OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.22 (dd, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 14.4 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H; CHHCO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.71 (dd, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 14.4 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H; CHHCO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.63 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H; CH<sub>3</sub>CHBF<sub>3</sub>K), 0.53 (br, 1H; CH<sub>3</sub>CHBF<sub>3</sub>K). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, rt): δ 176.2 (CO<sub>2</sub>Me), 50.4, 38.3, 15.9. **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (128 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, rt): δ 5.00. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, rt): δ -145.6. **HRMS** (FAB-MS) : calculated for [C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> requires 169.0648, found 169.0645.

#### 4. Typical NMR experiments for photoredox-catalyzed reactions

Reaction of organotrifluoroborates with electron-deficient alkenes



[Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (0.4 mg, 1.0 μmol) was weighted in an NMR tube under N<sub>2</sub>, and potassium phenethyltrifluoroborate (**2a**) (12.7 mg, 59.9 μmol), acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> (0.25 mL), dimethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4a**) (7.9 mg, 50 μmol), tetraethylsilane as an internal standard, and CD<sub>3</sub>OD (0.25 mL) were added to the NMR tube. The reaction mixture was degassed by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles, then irradiated for 24 h at room temperature (water bath) by 3 W LED lamps ( $h\nu = 425 \pm 15$  nm, placed at a distance of  $\sim 3$  cm from the reaction mixture).

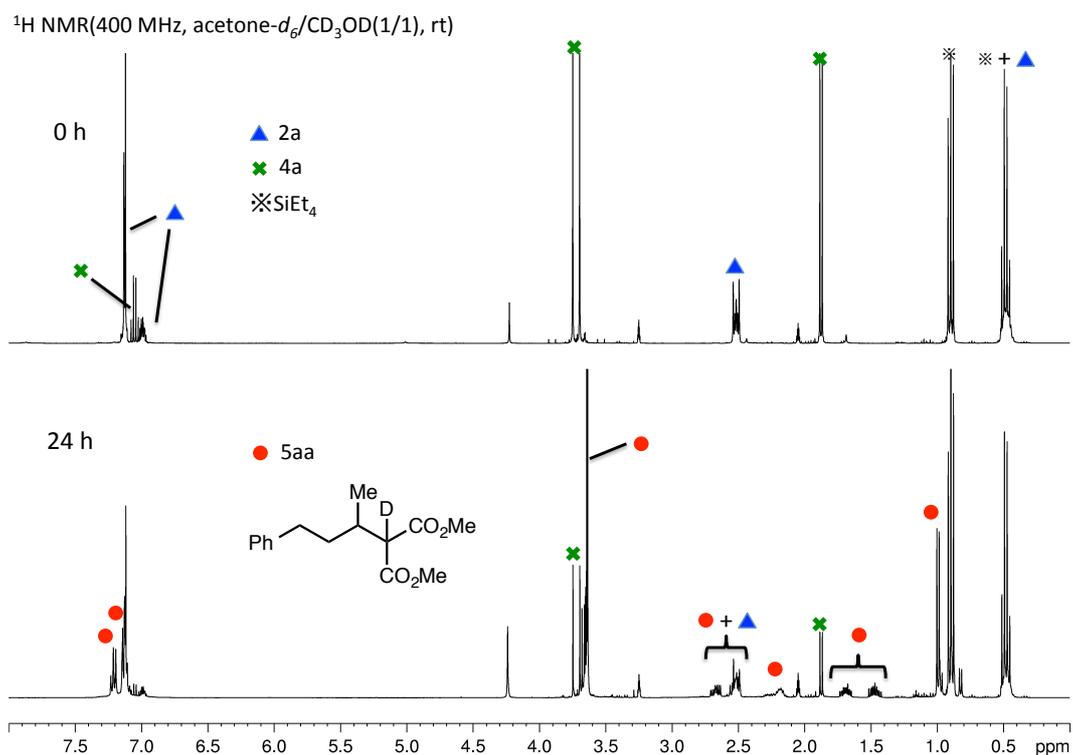


Figure S1-1. NMR spectra for the reaction of **2a** with **4a** in the presence of **1d**.

Reaction of carboxylic acids with electron-deficient alkenes



[ $\text{Acr}^+$ -Mes] $\text{ClO}_4$  (**1d**) (0.4 mg, 1.0  $\mu\text{mol}$ ),  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  (6.4 mg, 60  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was weighted in an NMR tube under  $\text{N}_2$ , and pivalic acid (**3b**) (6.1 mg, 60  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (9.3 mg, 50  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), tetraethylsilane as an internal standard, and  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  (0.50 mL) were added to the NMR tube. The reaction mixture was degassed by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles, then irradiated for 15 h at room temperature (water bath) by 3 W LED lamps ( $h\nu = 425 \pm 15$  nm, placed at a distance of  $\sim 3$  cm from the reaction mixture).

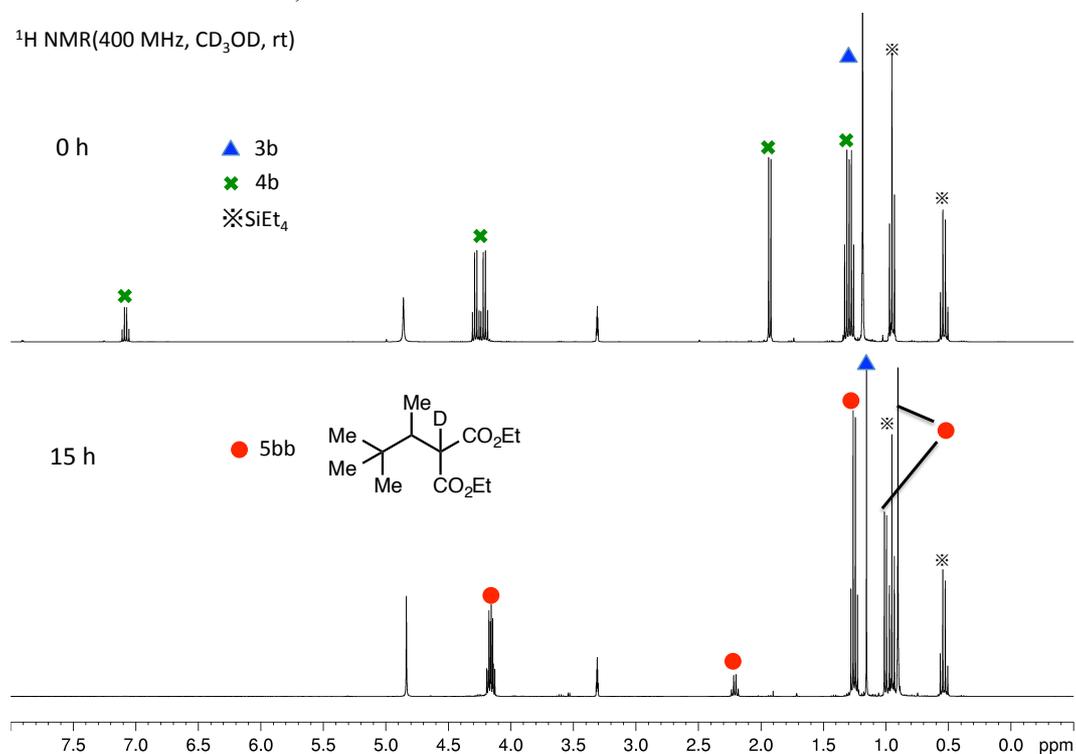
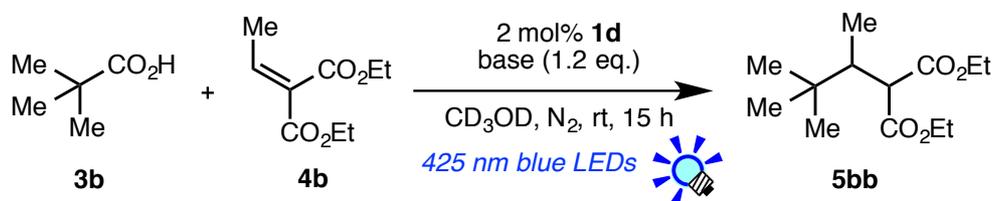


Figure S1-2. NMR spectra for the reaction of **3b** with **4b** in the presence of **1d**.

## 5. Optimization of photocatalytic radical reaction of pivalic acid (**3b**) with diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**)

According to the above-mentioned NMR experiment procedure, reaction conditions were investigated (Table S1).



entry	solvent	base	NMR yield of <b>5bb</b> /%
1	acetone- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub>	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	11
2	CD <sub>3</sub> OD	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	92
3	CD <sub>3</sub> CN	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	33
4	DMSO- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub>	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	30
5	acetone- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub> /CD <sub>3</sub> OD (1/1)	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	55
6	CD <sub>3</sub> OD	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	48
7	CD <sub>3</sub> OD	2,6-lutidine	31
8	CD <sub>3</sub> OD	NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	58
9 <sup>a</sup>	CD <sub>3</sub> OD	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	91
10	CD <sub>3</sub> OD	None	0
11 <sup>b</sup>	CD <sub>3</sub> OD	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	0
12 <sup>c</sup>	CD <sub>3</sub> OD	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	0

<sup>a</sup>0.1 eq. of base was used and reaction time was 18 h.

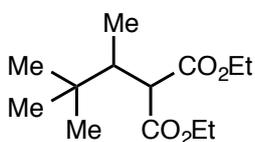
<sup>b</sup>Reaction was conducted in the dark.

<sup>c</sup>Reaction was conducted without catalyst.

Table S1. Optimization of photocatalytic radical reaction of pivalic acid (**3b**) with diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**).



### Diethyl (1,2,2-trimethylpropyl)malonate (**5bb**)

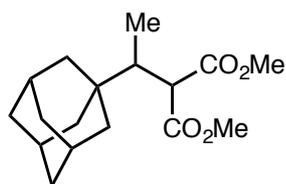


According to the GP A, potassium *tert*-butyltrifluoroborate (**2b**) (59.1 mg, 0.360 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (55.9 mg, 0.300 mmol) and [Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1 μmol) under blue LEDs irradiation for 24 h afforded **5bb** (44.4 mg, 61% yield) as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 20/1). Spectral data are shown below.

According to the GP B, pivalic acid (**3b**) (36.6 mg, 0.358 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (55.4 mg, 0.298 mmol), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.2 mg, 30 μmol) and [Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1 μmol) under blue LEDs irradiation for 18 h afforded **5bb** (58.8 mg, 81% yield) as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 20/1). Spectral data are shown below.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 4.22-4.13 (m, 4H; CH(CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.51 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H; CH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>), 2.24 (m, 1H; CHCH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>), 1.30-1.22 (m, 6H; CH(CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.01 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H; CH<sub>3</sub>CHCH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>), 0.90 (s, 9H; 'Bu). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 170.4 (CO<sub>2</sub>Et), 169.7 (CO<sub>2</sub>Et), 61.5, 61.1, 53.5, 42.8, 33.8, 27.7, 14.19, 14.16, 12.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF-MS): calculated for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup> requires 267.1567, found 267.1561

### Dimethyl (1-adamantylethyl)malonate (**5ca**)

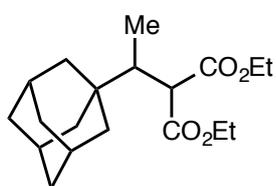


According to the GP A, potassium 1-adamantyltrifluoroborate (**2c**) (86.6 mg, 0.358 mmol), dimethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4a**) (47.3 mg, 0.299 mmol) and [Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1 μmol) under blue LEDs irradiation for 12 h afforded **5ca** (82.8 mg, 94% yield) as a pale yellow oil

after purification by flash column chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 10/1). Spectral data are shown below.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 3.73 (s, 3H; CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.71 (s, 3H; CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.61 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H; CH(CO<sub>2</sub>Me)<sub>2</sub>), 2.09 (m, 1H, CHCH(CO<sub>2</sub>Me)<sub>2</sub>), 1.97 (s, 3H; Adamantyl group), 1.73-1.65 (m, 3H; Adamantyl group), 1.65-1.57 (m, 3H; Adamantyl group), 1.57-1.45 (m, 6H; Adamantyl group), 0.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H; CH<sub>3</sub>CHCH(CO<sub>2</sub>Me)<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 171.0 (CO<sub>2</sub>Me), 170.3 (CO<sub>2</sub>Me), 52.7, 52.2, 51.7, 43.4, 39.5, 37.1, 35.4, 28.8, 10.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF-MS): calculated for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>4</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup> requires 317.1723, found 317.1720.

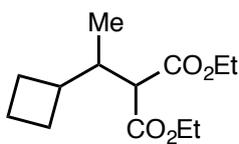
### Diethyl (1-adamantylethyl)malonate (**5cb**)



According to the GP B, 1-adamantanecarboxylic acid (**3c**) (65.2 mg, 0.362 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (55.4 mg, 0.298 mmol), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 31 μmol) and [Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1 μmol) under blue LEDs irradiation for 60 h afforded **5cb** (82.8 mg, 86% yield) as a pale yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 100/0→20/1→10/1). Spectral data are in agreement with the literature<sup>[4]</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 4.22-4.11 (m, 4H; CH(CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.57 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H; CH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>), 2.06 (m, 1H, CHCH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>), 1.97 (s, 3H; Adamantyl group), 1.73-1.65 (m, 3H; Adamantyl group), 1.65-1.57 (m, 3H; Adamantyl group), 1.57-1.45 (m, 6H; Adamantyl group), 1.33-1.22 (m, 6H; CH(CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 0.98 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H; CH<sub>3</sub>CHCH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>).

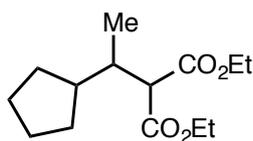
### Diethyl (1-cyclobutylethyl)malonate (**5db**)



According to the GP A, potassium cyclobutyltrifluoroborate (**2d**) (58.3 mg, 0.360 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (55.9 mg, 0.300 mmol) and [Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1 μmol) under blue LEDs irradiation for 36 h afforded **5db** (42.1 mg, 58% yield) as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 20/1). Spectral data are shown below.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 4.21-4.11 (m, 4H; CH(CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.21 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H; CH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>), 2.29-2.11 (m, 2H), 2.03-1.87 (m, 2H; cyclobutyl group), 1.85-1.62 (m, 4H; cyclobutyl group), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H; CH(CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H; CH<sub>3</sub>CHCH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 169.4 (CO<sub>2</sub>Et), 168.8 (CO<sub>2</sub>Et), 61.3, 61.1, 55.2, 40.3, 40.1, 27.4, 27.2, 17.6, 14.3, 14.2, 14.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF-MS): calculated for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup> requires 265.1410, found 265.1415

### Diethyl (1-cyclopentylethyl)malonate (**5eb**)

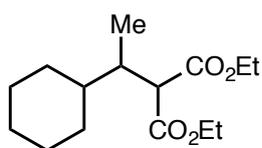


According to the GP A, potassium cyclopentyltrifluoroborate (**2e**) (63.3 mg, 0.361 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (56.3 mg, 0.302 mmol) and [Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1 μmol) under blue LEDs irradiation for 24 h afforded **5eb** (66.1 mg, 85% yield) as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 20/1). Spectral data are shown below.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 4.25-4.11 (m, 4H; CH(CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.42 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H; CH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>), 2.15 (m, 1H; CHCH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>), 1.85-1.70 (m, 3H; cyclopentyl group), 1.69-1.47 (m,

4H; cyclopentyl group), 1.30-1.24 (m, 6H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 1.24-1.08 (m, 2H; cyclopentyl group), 1.01 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H;  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt):  $\delta$  169.6 ( $\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$ ), 169.0 ( $\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$ ), 61.3, 61.0, 56.5, 44.0, 38.6, 31.1, 29.8, 25.5, 25.4, 14.7, 14.3, 14.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF-MS): calculated for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4+\text{Na}]^+$  requires 279.1567, found 279.1569

### Diethyl (1-cyclohexylethyl)malonate (**5fb**)

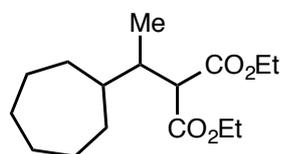


According to the GP A, potassium cyclohexyltrifluoroborate (**2f**) (68.5 mg, 0.360 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (56.1 mg, 0.301 mmol) and  $[\text{Acr}^+-\text{Mes}]\text{ClO}_4$  (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) under blue LEDs irradiation for 24 h afforded **5fb** (68.7 mg, 84% yield) as a pale yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1). Spectral data are in agreement with the literature.<sup>[4]</sup>

According to the GP B, cyclohexanecarboxylic acid (**3f**) (46.8 mg, 0.365 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (55.2 mg, 0.296 mmol),  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  (3.2 mg, 30  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and  $[\text{Acr}^+-\text{Mes}]\text{ClO}_4$  (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) under blue LEDs irradiation for 60 h afforded **5fb** (31.8 mg, 40% yield) as a pale yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1). Spectral data are in agreement with the literature.<sup>[4]</sup>

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt):  $\delta$  4.23-4.14 (m, 4H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.39 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 2.17 (m, 1H;  $\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 1.78-1.69 (m, 2H; cyclohexyl group), 1.68-1.55 (m, 3H; cyclohexyl group), 1.32-1.05 (m, 11H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ , cyclohexyl group), 1.01-0.88 (m, 4H;  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ , cyclohexyl group).

### Diethyl (1-cycloheptylethyl)malonate (**5gb**)

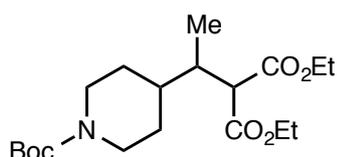


According to the GP A, potassium cycloheptyltrifluoroborate (**2g**) (73.0 mg, 0.358 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (55.4 mg, 0.298 mmol) and  $[\text{Acr}^+-\text{Mes}]\text{ClO}_4$  (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) under blue LEDs irradiation for 18 h afforded **5gb** (69.0 mg, 82% yield) as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 15/1). Spectral data are shown below.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt):  $\delta$  4.24-4.14 (m, 4H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.32 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 2.29 (m, 1H;  $\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 1.74-1.63 (m, 2H; cycloheptyl group), 1.63-1.30 (m, 10H; cycloheptyl group), 1.30-1.23 (m, 6H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 1.22-1.13 (m, 1H; cycloheptyl

group), 0.86 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H;  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt):  $\delta$  169.3 (CO<sub>2</sub>Et), 169.2 (CO<sub>2</sub>Et), 61.3, 56.9, 41.1, 39.8, 34.1, 28.3, 27.9, 27.8, 27.6, 27.4, 14.30, 14.26, 12.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF-MS): calculated for  $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_4+\text{Na}]^+$  requires 307.1880, found 307.1880.

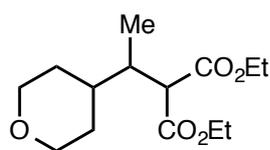
### Diethyl (1-(*N*-Boc-4-piperidinyl)ethyl)malonate (**5hb**)



According to the GP A, potassium *N*-Boc-4-(trifluoroborato)piperidine (**2h**) (105 mg, 0.361 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (56.2 mg, 0.302 mmol), and  $[\text{Acr}^+-\text{Mes}]\text{ClO}_4$  (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) under blue LEDs irradiation for 36 h afforded **5hb** (64.5 mg, 58% yield) as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 5/1). Spectral data are shown below.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt):  $\delta$  4.30-4.02 (m, 6H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ ,  $\text{CHH}(\text{NBoc})\text{CHH}$ ), 3.38 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 2.71-2.48 (m, 2H;  $\text{CHH}(\text{NBoc})\text{CHH}$ ), 2.23 (m, 1H;  $\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 1.70-1.50 (m, 3H; piperidinyl group), 1.44 (s, 9H; Boc), 1.38-1.22 (m, 7H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ , piperidinyl group), 1.20- 1.07 (m, 1H; piperidinyl group), 0.92 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H;  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt):  $\delta$  169.2 (CO<sub>2</sub>Et), 168.8 (CO<sub>2</sub>Et), 154.9 (CO<sub>2</sub><sup>t</sup>Bu), 79.5, 61.5, 61.4, 55.5, 44.3, 44.1, 38.9, 37.9, 30.5, 28.6, 27.1, 14.3, 13.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF-MS): calculated for  $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{33}\text{NO}_6+\text{Na}]^+$  requires 394.2200, found 394.2195.

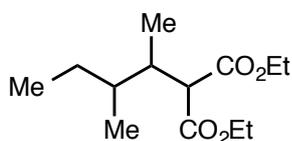
### Diethyl (1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-4-pyranyl)ethyl)malonate (**5ib**)



According to the GP A, potassium 4-(trifluoroborato)tetrahydropyran (**2i**) (69.3 mg, 0.361 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (56.0 mg, 0.301 mmol) and  $[\text{Acr}^+-\text{Mes}]\text{ClO}_4$  (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) under blue LEDs irradiation for 36 h afforded **5ib** (55.7 mg, 68% yield) as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1→8/1). Spectral data are shown below.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt):  $\delta$  4.25-4.16 (m, 4H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 4.03-3.93 (m, 2H;  $\text{CHHOCHH}$ ), 3.41 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 3.39-3.26 (m, 2H;  $\text{CHHOCHH}$ ), 2.18 (m, 1H;  $\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 1.62-1.44 (m, 4H; pyranyl group), 1.38 (m, 1H;  $\text{O}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}$ ), 1.30-1.23 (m, 6H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 0.96 (d, 3H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt):  $\delta$  169.3 (CO<sub>2</sub>Et), 168.9 (CO<sub>2</sub>Et), 68.34, 68.26, 61.5, 61.3, 55.1, 38.2, 37.9, 31.2, 28.4, 14.3, 13.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF-MS): calculated for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_5+\text{Na}]^+$  requires 295.1516, found 295.1515.

### Diethyl (1,2-dimethylbutyl)malonate (**5jb**)

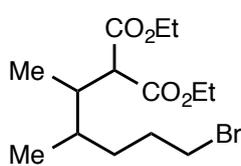


According to the GP A, potassium *sec*-butyltrifluoroborate (**2j**) (59.0 mg, 0.360 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (55.9 mg, 0.300 mmol) and [Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1 μmol) under blue LEDs irradiation for 24 h afforded **5jb** (1:1 diastereomer mixture, 49.5 mg, 68% yield) as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 20/1). Spectral data are shown below.

According to the GP B, 2-methylbutyric acid (**3j**) (36.7 mg, 0.359 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (55.6 mg, 0.299 mmol), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 31 μmol) and [Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1 μmol) under blue LEDs irradiation for 60 h afforded **5jb** (1:1 diastereomer mixture, 40.1 mg, 55% yield) as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 20/1). Spectral data are shown below.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 4.23-4.12 (m, CH(CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.38, 3.31 (each d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, *J* = 10.4 Hz, (CH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>) of diastereomers), 2.37, 2.25 (each m, CH<sub>3</sub>CHCH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub> of diastereomers), 1.47-1.20 (m, 8H; 1,2-dimethylbutyl group), 1.12-0.74 (m, 9H; CH(CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 1,2-dimethylbutyl group). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 169.4, 169.21, 169.19, 169.1 (each CO<sub>2</sub>Et of diastereomer), 61.3, 61.2, 57.0, 56.2, 38.9, 37.0, 36.6, 36.2, 28.2, 23.8, 17.6, 14.2, 13.5, 12.6, 12.2, 12.1, 11.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF-MS): calculated for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup> requires 267.1567, found 267.1565.

### Diethyl (5-bromo-1,2-dimethylpentyl)malonate (**5kb**)

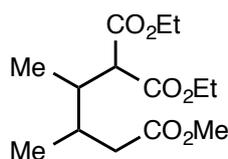


According to the GP A, potassium 4-bromo-1-methylbutane-2-trifluoroborate (**2k**) (93.0 mg, 0.362 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (56.2 mg, 0.302 mmol), and [Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1 μmol) under blue LEDs irradiation for 24 h afforded **5kb** (1:1 diastereomer mixture, 79.3 mg, 78% yield) as a pale yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1). Spectral data are shown below.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 4.24-4.14 (m, CH(CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.44-3.34 (m, CH<sub>2</sub>Br, CH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>), 3.30 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, CH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>), 2.34, 2.27 (each m, CH<sub>3</sub>CHCH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub> of diastereomers), 2.00-1.83 (m, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Br), 1.72 (m, CHHCH<sub>2</sub>Br), 1.60-1.30 (m, CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Br, CH<sub>3</sub>CH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Br), 1.30-1.22 (m, 6H; CH(CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.14 (m, CHH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Br), 0.95 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>CH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Br), 0.90 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>CHCH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>), 0.86-0.78 (m, CH<sub>3</sub>CH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Br,

$\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ .  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt):  $\delta$  169.2, 169.02, 169.01, 168.96 (each  $\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$  of diastereomer), 61.45, 61.42, 61.3, 38.8, 36.4, 34.6, 34.1, 33.8, 33.7, 31.1, 30.7, 29.8, 18.1, 14.3, 13.9, 12.5, 11.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF-MS): calculated for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrO}_4+\text{Na}]^+$  requires 359.0828, found 359.0826.

### Diethyl (3-methoxycarbonyl-1,2-dimethylpropyl)malonate (5lb)

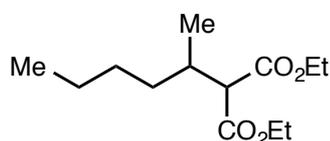


According to the GP A, potassium methyl 3-(trifluoroborato)butanoate (**2l**) (74.8 mg, 0.360 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (55.2 mg, 0.296 mmol), and  $[\text{Acr}^+-\text{Mes}]\text{ClO}_4$  (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) under blue LEDs irradiation for 60 h afforded **5lb** (1:1 diastereomer mixture, 63.8 mg, 75% yield)

as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography (pentane/ $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  = 4/1). Spectral data are shown below.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt):  $\delta$  4.26-4.16 (m,  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.67, 3.66 (each s,  $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$  of diastereomers), 3.31, 3.31 (each d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz,  $J = 10.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$  of diastereomers), 2.44-2.26 (m,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$ ), 2.26-2.17 (m,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$ ), 2.18-1.98 (m,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCHHCO}_2\text{Me}$ ), 1.36-1.24 (m, 6H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 1.00 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$ ), 0.92 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 0.88 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 0.87 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt):  $\delta$  173.6 ( $\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$  of diastereomer), 173.1 ( $\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$  of diastereomer), 169.0, 168.8, 168.74, 168.68 (each  $\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$  of diastereomer), 61.6, 61.4, 56.6, 56.1, 51.7, 40.3, 38.2, 37.0, 36.5, 32.4, 31.9, 18.6, 14.23, 14.19, 14.16, 13.8, 12.7, 11.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF-MS): calculated for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_6+\text{Na}]^+$  requires 311.1465, found 311.1468.

### Diethyl (1-methylpentyl)malonate (5mb)



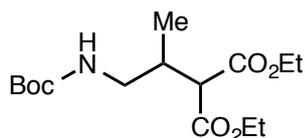
According to the GP A, potassium butyltrifluoroborate (**2m**) (58.3 mg, 0.355 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (56.2 mg, 0.302 mmol) and  $[\text{Acr}^+-\text{Mes}]\text{ClO}_4$  (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) under blue LEDs irradiation for 36 h afforded **5mb** (28.1 mg, 38% yield) as a pale yellow

oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/ $\text{EtOAc}$  = 18/1). Spectral data are shown below.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt):  $\delta$  4.19 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 4H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.22 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 2.24 (m, 1H;  $\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 1.45-1.15 (m, 12H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ , 1-methylpentyl group), 0.98 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H;  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 0.93-0.86 (m, 3H;

1-methylpentyl group).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt):  $\delta$  169.2 ( $\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$ ), 169.1 ( $\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$ ), 61.3, 61.2, 58.0, 34.1, 33.5, 29.1, 22.8, 17.1, 14.28, 14.26, 14.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF-MS): calculated for  $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4+\text{Na}]^+$  requires 267.1567, found 267.1563.

### Diethyl (2-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino-1-methylethyl)malonate (**5nb**)

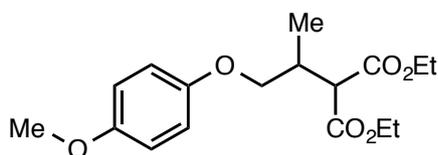


According to the GP A, potassium ((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)aminomethyl)trifluoroborate (**2n**) (85.9 mg, 0.362 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (56.7 mg, 0.304 mmol) and  $[\text{Acr}^+-\text{Mes}]\text{ClO}_4$  (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) under blue LEDs irradiation for

24 h afforded **5nb** (89.8 mg, 93% yield) as a pale yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1 $\rightarrow$ 8/1 $\rightarrow$ 6/1 $\rightarrow$ 5/1). Spectral data are in agreement with the literature<sup>[2d]</sup>.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt):  $\delta$  4.71 (br, 1H; BocNH), 4.23-4.14 (m, 4H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.30 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 3.24-3.10 (m, 2H; BocNHCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.45 (m, 1H;  $\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 1.43 (s, 9H; BocNH), 1.27 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 6H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 1.01 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H;  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ).

### Diethyl (2-(4-methoxyphenoxy)-1-methylethyl)malonate (**5ob**)

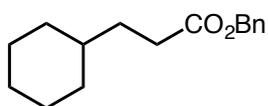


According to the GP A, potassium (*p*-methoxyphenoxy)methyltrifluoroborate (**2o**) (87.8 mg, 0.360 mmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (57.2 mg, 0.307 mmol) and  $[\text{Acr}^+-\text{Mes}]\text{ClO}_4$  (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) under blue

LEDs irradiation for 36 h afforded **5ob** (67.7 mg, 68% yield) as a pale yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1). Spectral data are in agreement with the literature.<sup>[5]</sup>

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt):  $\delta$  6.82 (s, 4H; Ar), 4.26-4.12 (m, 4H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.96-3.85 (m, 2H;  $\text{ArOCH}_2\text{CHCH}_3$ ), 3.76 (s, 3H;  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.58 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 2.71 (m, 1H;  $\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ), 1.30-1.20 (m, 6H;  $\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 1.14 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H;  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$ ).

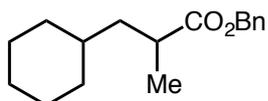
### Benzyl 3-cyclohexylpropanoate (**5fc**)



According to the GP A, potassium cyclohexyltrifluoroborate (**2f**) (68.5 mg, 0.360 mmol), benzyl acrylate (**4c**) (48.9 mg, 0.301 mmol) and [Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1 μmol) under blue LEDs irradiation for 15 h afforded **5fc** (28.1 mg, 38% yield) as a colorless oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 15/1). Spectral data are shown below.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 7.42-7.26 (m, 5H; phenyl group), 5.11 (s, 2H; benzyl), 2.37 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Bn), 1.78-1.60 (m, 5H; cyclohexyl group), 1.55 (m, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Bn), 1.32-1.08 (m, 4H; cyclohexyl group), 0.96-0.82 (m, 2H; cyclohexyl group). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 174.2 (CO<sub>2</sub>Bn), 136.3, 128.7, 128.33, 128.30, 66.2, 37.3, 33.1, 32.5, 32.1, 26.7, 26.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF-MS): calculated for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup> requires 269.1512, found 269.1508.

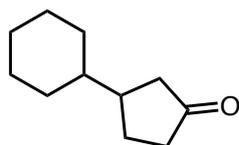
### Benzyl 3-cyclohexyl-2-methylpropanoate (**5fd**)



According to the GP A, potassium cyclohexyltrifluoroborate (**2f**) (68.0 mg, 0.358 mmol), benzyl methacrylate (**4d**) (53.0 mg, 0.301 mmol) and [Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1 μmol) under blue LEDs irradiation for 24 h afforded **5fd** (68.1 mg, 88% yield) as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 30/1). Spectral data are shown below.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 7.42-7.28 (m, 5H; phenyl group), 5.09 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H; CO<sub>2</sub>CHHPH), 5.14 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H; CO<sub>2</sub>CHHPH), 2.60 (m, 1H; CH<sub>3</sub>CHCO<sub>2</sub>Bn), 1.80-1.53 (m, 6H; cyclohexyl group, CHHCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)CO<sub>2</sub>Bn), 1.31-1.06 (m, 8H; cyclohexyl group, CH<sub>3</sub>CHCO<sub>2</sub>Bn, CHHCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)CO<sub>2</sub>Bn), 0.93-0.77 (m, 2H; cyclohexyl group). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 177.2 (CO<sub>2</sub>Bn), 136.4, 128.7, 128.2, 66.1, 41.8, 37.0, 35.5, 33.4, 33.3, 26.7, 26.4, 17.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF-MS): calculated for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup> requires 283.1669, found 283.1671.

### 3-cyclohexylcyclopentan-1-one (**5fe**)

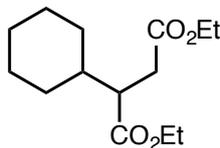


According to the GP A, potassium cyclohexyltrifluoroborate (**2f**) (68.3 mg, 0.359 mmol), 2-cyclopenten-1-one (**4e**) (24.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) and [Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1 μmol) under blue LEDs irradiation for 15 h afforded **5fe** (30.3 mg, 61% yield) as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1). Spectral data are in agreement with the literature<sup>[6]</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 2.47-2.25 (m, 2H; cyclopentyl group), 2.23-2.07 (m, 2H;

cyclopentyl group), 1.95-1.57 (m, 7H; cyclopentyl group (2H) and cyclohexyl group (5H)), 1.48 (m, 1H; cyclopentyl group), 1.33-1.10 (m, 4H; cyclohexyl group), 1.02-0.89 (m, 2H; cyclohexyl group).

### Diethyl 2-cyclohexylsuccinate (**5ff**)

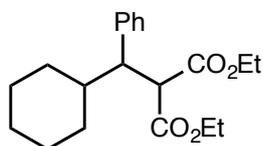


According to the GP A, potassium cyclohexyltrifluoroborate (**2f**) (68.4 mg, 0.360 mmol), diethyl maleate (**4f**) (51.7 mg, 0.300 mmol) and [Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1 μmol) under blue LEDs irradiation for 24 h afforded **5ff** (49.0 mg, 57% yield) as a pale yellow oil after purification by flash column

chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7/1). Spectral data are shown below.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 4.22-4.07 (m, 4H; CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.75-2.64 (m, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Et), 2.42 (m, 1H; CHCO<sub>2</sub>Et), 1.79-1.53 (m, 6H; cyclohexyl group), 1.32-0.96 (m, 11H; CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, cyclohexyl group). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 174.7 (CO<sub>2</sub>Et), 172.7 (CO<sub>2</sub>Et), 60.7, 60.5, 47.2, 40.1, 33.6, 30.7, 30.2, 26.5, 26.3, 14.4, 14.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF-MS): calculated for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup> requires 279.1567, found 279.1564.

### Diethyl (1-cyclohexyl-1-phenyl)methylmalonate (**5fg**)



According to the GP A, potassium cyclohexyltrifluoroborate (**2f**) (68.0 mg, 0.358 mmol), diethyl 2-benzylidenemalonate (**4g**) (74.5 mg, 0.300 mmol) and [Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (2.5 mg, 6.1 μmol) under blue LEDs irradiation for 48 h afforded **5fg** (77.9 mg, 78% yield) as a colorless oil after purification by

PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7/1). Spectral data are shown below.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 7.30-7.12 (m, 5H; Ph), 4.31-4.16 (m, 2H; CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.97 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H; CH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>), 3.92-3.79 (m, 2H; CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.37 (dd, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 11.2 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H; PhCHCH(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>), 1.72-1.51 (m, 6H; cyclohexyl group), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H; CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.27-1.05 (m, 2H; cyclohexyl group), 1.01-0.76 (m, 6H; CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, cyclohexyl group). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt): δ 169.0 (CO<sub>2</sub>Et), 168.2 (CO<sub>2</sub>Et), 139.1, 129.6, 127.8, 126.8, 61.7, 61.3, 55.5, 51.2, 40.9, 32.2, 28.4, 26.8, 26.6, 26.3, 14.3, 13.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF-MS): calculated for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>4</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup> requires 355.1891, found 355.1891.

## 7. Cyclic voltammogram of potassium phenethyltrifluoroborate (2a)

Electrochemical measurements were recorded on Hokutodenkou HZ-5000 analyzer (observed in 0.004 M MeCN;  $[N(Bu)_4](PF_6) = 0.1$  M; Ag/AgCl = electrode; reported with respect to the  $[FeCp_2]/[FeCp_2]^+$  couple). (Figure. S2)

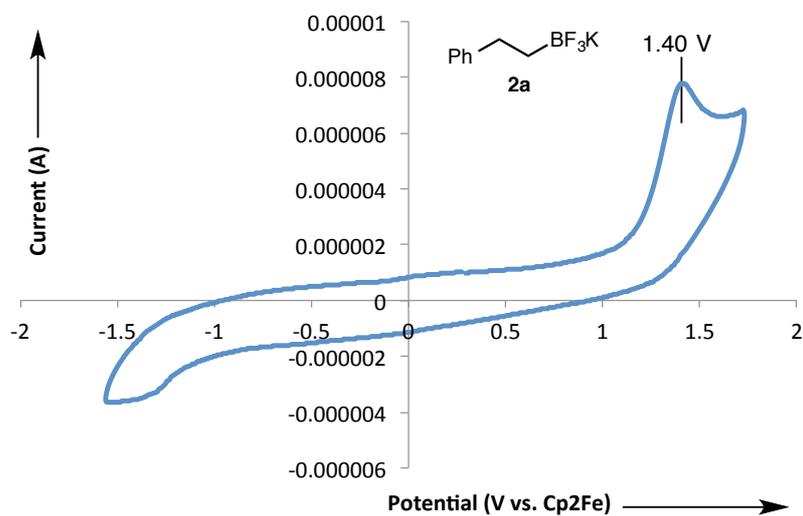


Figure S2. Cyclic Voltammogram of potassium phenethyltrifluoroborate (2a)

## 8. Time profile of photocatalytic radical reaction of potassium *sec*-butyltrifluoroborate (**2j**) with diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**)

The photocatalytic radical reaction of **2j** with **4b** using [Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) was performed with/without visible light irradiation. The time profile is shown in Figure S3. As a result, continuous irradiation of visible light is necessary for efficient reaction. Furthermore, the result of this experiment suggests that radical chain propagation mechanism is not main component in this reaction.

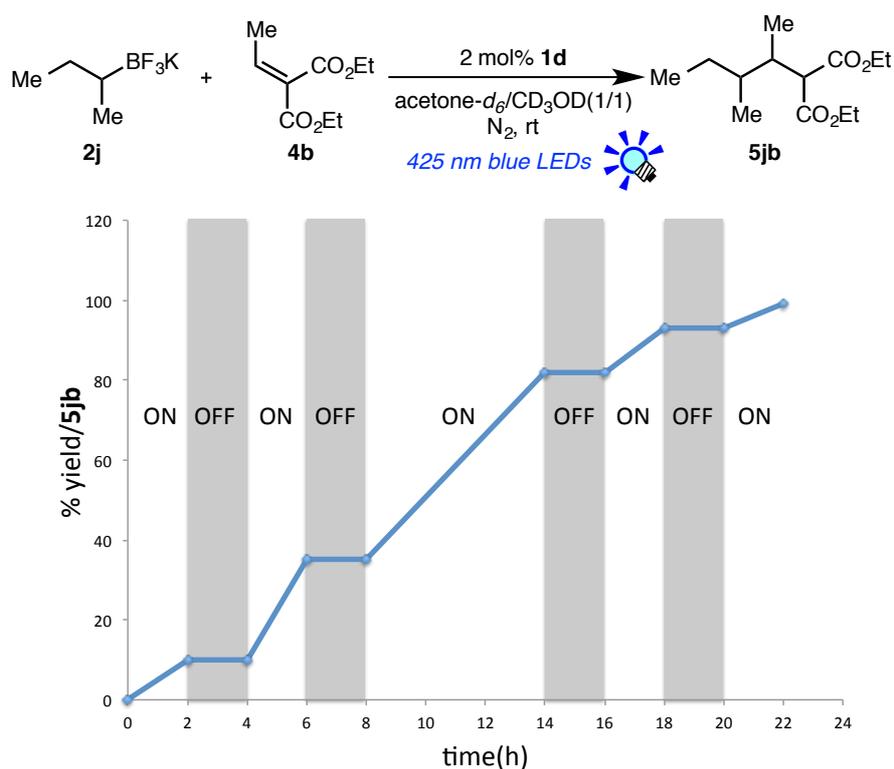
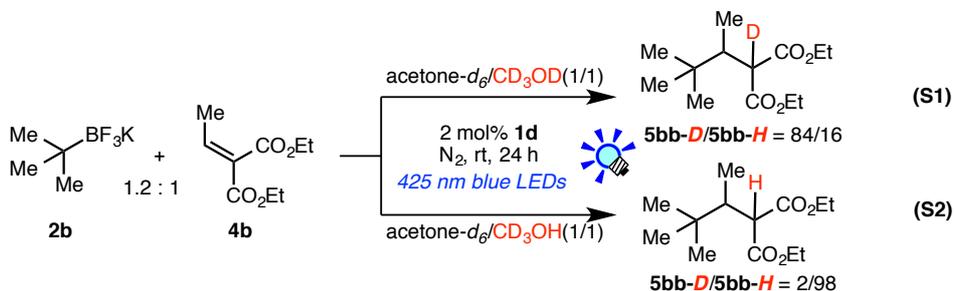


Figure S3. Time profile of photocatalytic radical reaction of potassium *sec*-butyltrifluoroborate (**2j**) with diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**)

## 9. Control experiments in a mixed solvent system of acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> and CD<sub>3</sub>OH

Reaction of potassium *tert*-butyltrifluoroborate (**2b**) with diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**)



[Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (0.4 mg, 1.0 μmol) was weighted in an NMR tube under N<sub>2</sub>, and potassium *tert*-butyltrifluoroborate (**2a**) (9.8 mg, 60 μmol), acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> (0.25 mL), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (9.3 mg, 50 μmol), tetraethylsilane as an internal standard and CD<sub>3</sub>OD (99.8 atom% deuterated, 0.25 mL) or CD<sub>3</sub>OH (99.8 atom% deuterated, 0.25 mL) were added to the NMR tube. The reaction mixture was degassed by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles, then irradiated for 24 h at room temperature (water bath) by 3 W LED lamps ( $h\nu = 425 \pm 15$  nm, placed at a distance of  $\sim 3$  cm from reaction mixture). Then, each reaction mixtures were measured by GC-MS without further purification. The ratio of **5bb-D/5bb-H** is 84/16 in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>/CD<sub>3</sub>OD (1/1) solvent. In contrast, the ratio of **5bb-D/5bb-H** is 2/98 in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>/CD<sub>3</sub>OH (1/1) solvent. These ratios were calculated on the basis of the GC-MS spectrum for isolated **5bb** (retention time : 8.6 min., column : 50 °C (hold 2 min.)→300 °C (rate 15 °C/min. and hold 35 min.), peaks 229.00(73198), 230.05(10012)). These results suggest that the H atom in the product **5bb** derived not from hydrogen abstraction but from protonation (Figure S4-1.).

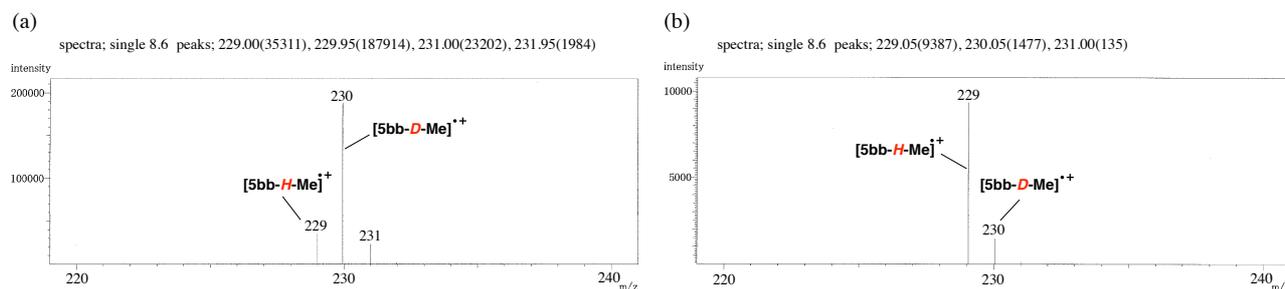
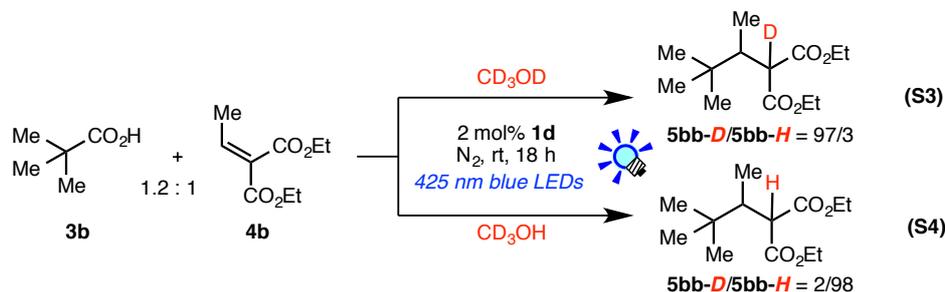


Figure S4-1. GC-MS spectra for control experiments. (a) eq. S1, (b) eq. S2. (inject: 300 °C, retention time : 8.6 min., column : 50 °C (hold 2 min.)→300 °C (rate 15 °C/min. and hold 35 min.)).

Reaction of pivalic acid (**3b**) with diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**)



[Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (0.4 mg, 1.0 μmol) was weighted in an NMR tube under N<sub>2</sub>, pivalic acid (**3b**) (6.1 mg, 60 μmol), diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (9.3 mg, 50 μmol), tetraethylsilane as an internal standard and CD<sub>3</sub>OD (99.8 atom% deuterated, 0.50 mL) or CD<sub>3</sub>OH (99.8 atom% deuterated, 0.50 mL) were added to the NMR tube. The reaction mixture was degassed by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles, then irradiated for 18 h at room temperature (water bath) by 3 W LED lamps ( $h\nu = 425 \pm 15$  nm, placed at a distance of  $\sim 3$  cm from reaction mixture). Then, each reaction mixtures were measured by GC-MS without further purification. The ratio of **5bb-D/5bb-H** is 97/3 in CD<sub>3</sub>OD solvent. In contrast, the ratio of **5bb-D/5bb-H** is 2/98 in CD<sub>3</sub>OH solvent. These ratios were calculated on the basis of the GC-MS spectrum for isolated **5bb** (retention time : 8.6 min., column : 50 °C (hold 2 min.)→300 °C (rate 15 °C/min. and hold 35 min.)), peaks 229.00(73198), 230.05(10012)). These results suggest that the H atom in the product **5bb** derived not from hydrogen abstraction but from protonation (Figure S4-2.).

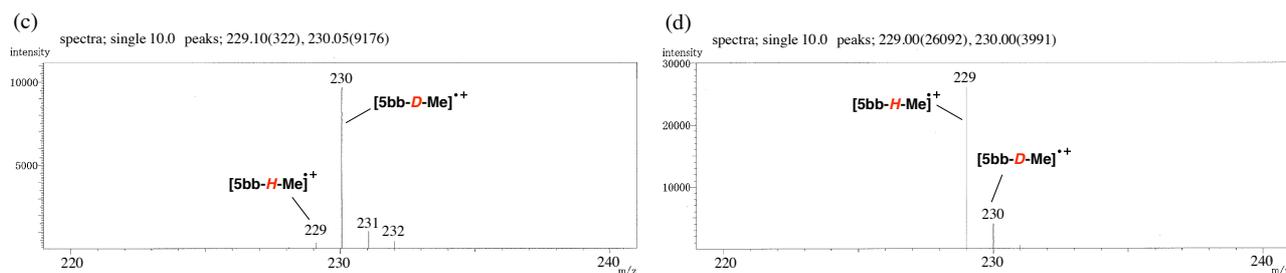
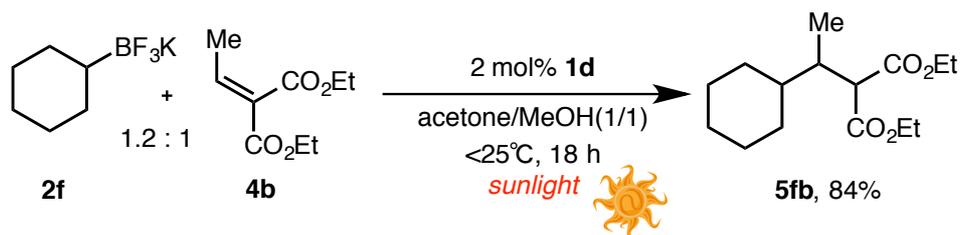


Figure S4-2. GC-MS spectra for control experiments. (c) eq. S3, (d) eq. S4. (inject : 300 °C, retention time : 10.0 min., column : 50 °C (hold 2 min.)→300 °C (rate 20 °C/min. and hold 40 min.)).

## 10. Sunlight-driven reaction

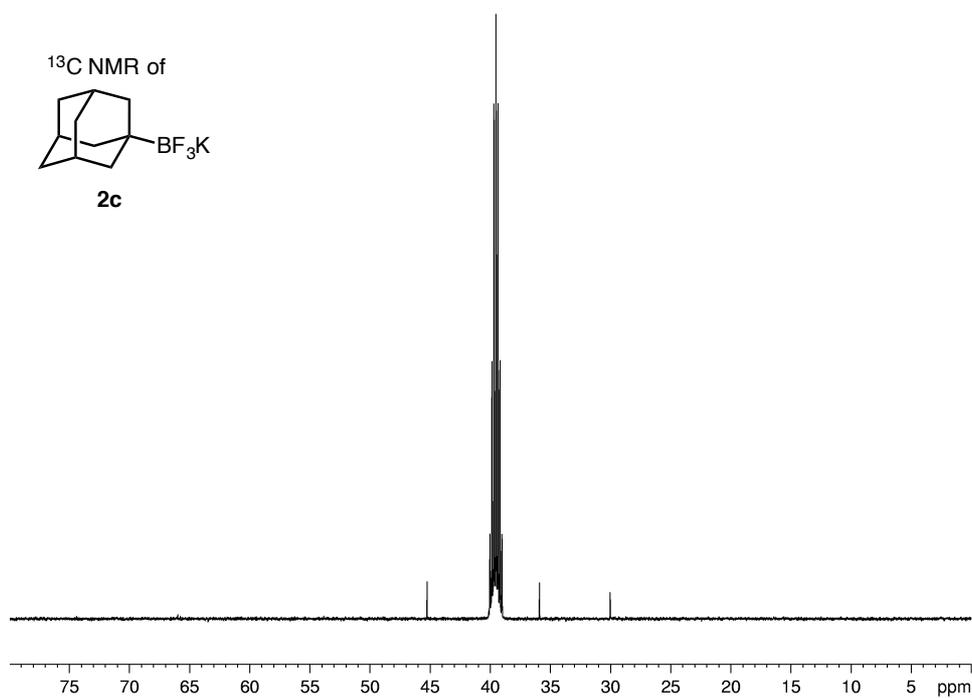
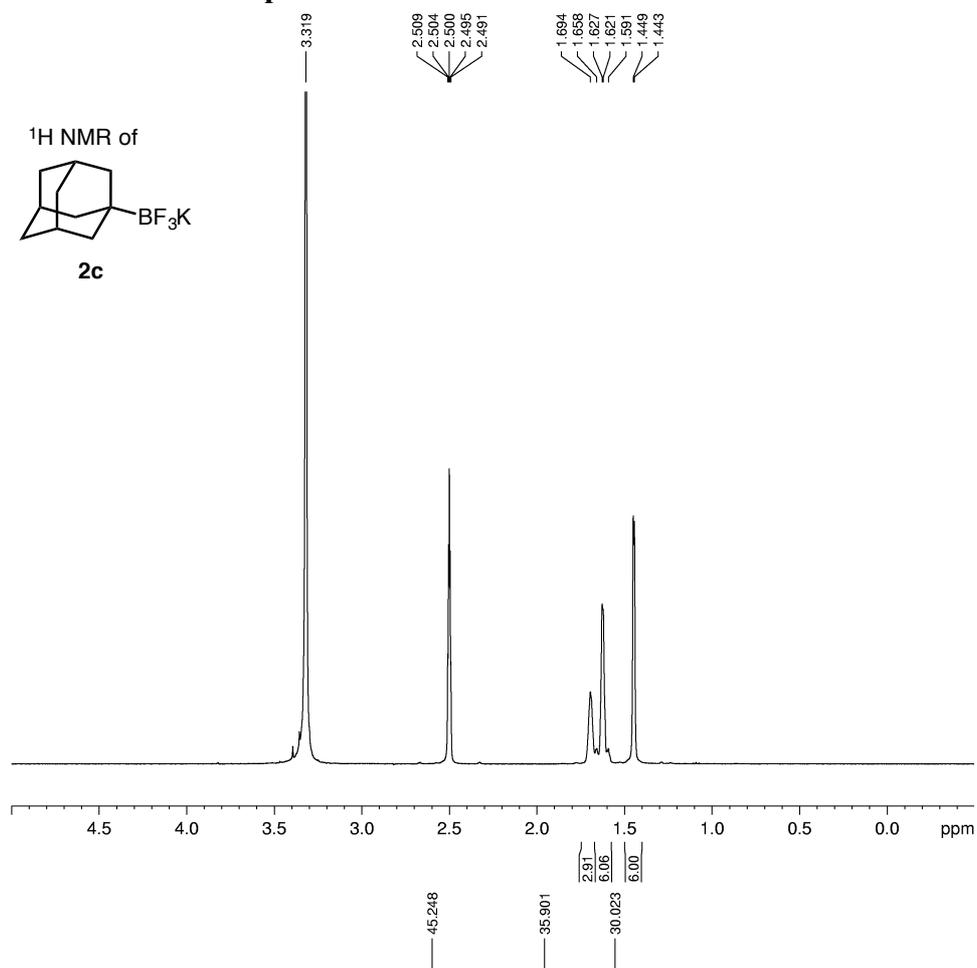
Cylindrical vessel was used for photoreaction under sunlight. To a mixture of acetone (2.5 mL) and MeOH (2.5 mL) of [Acr<sup>+</sup>-Mes]ClO<sub>4</sub> (**1d**) (4.1 mg, 10 μmol) in the vessel, potassium cyclohexyltrifluoroborate (**2f**) (116 mg, 0.610 mmol) and diethyl 2-ethylidenemalonate (**4b**) (93.9 mg, 0.504 mmol) were added under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was exposed to sunlight (11/18-20/2013) below under 25 °C. After work up, **5fb** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (115 mg, 84% yield).

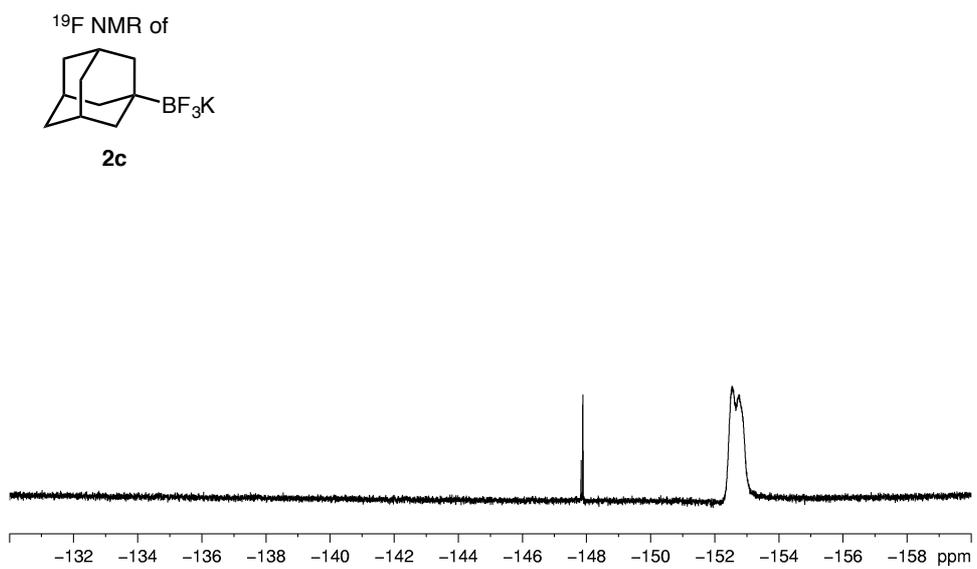
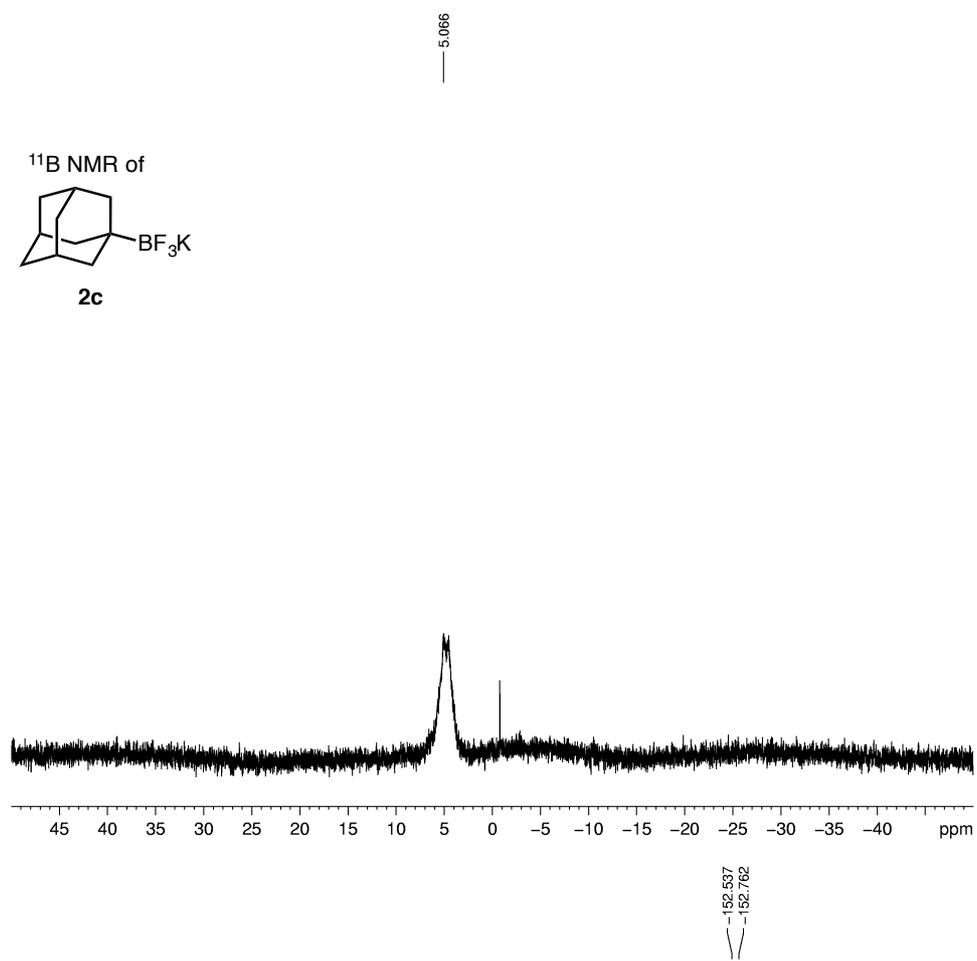


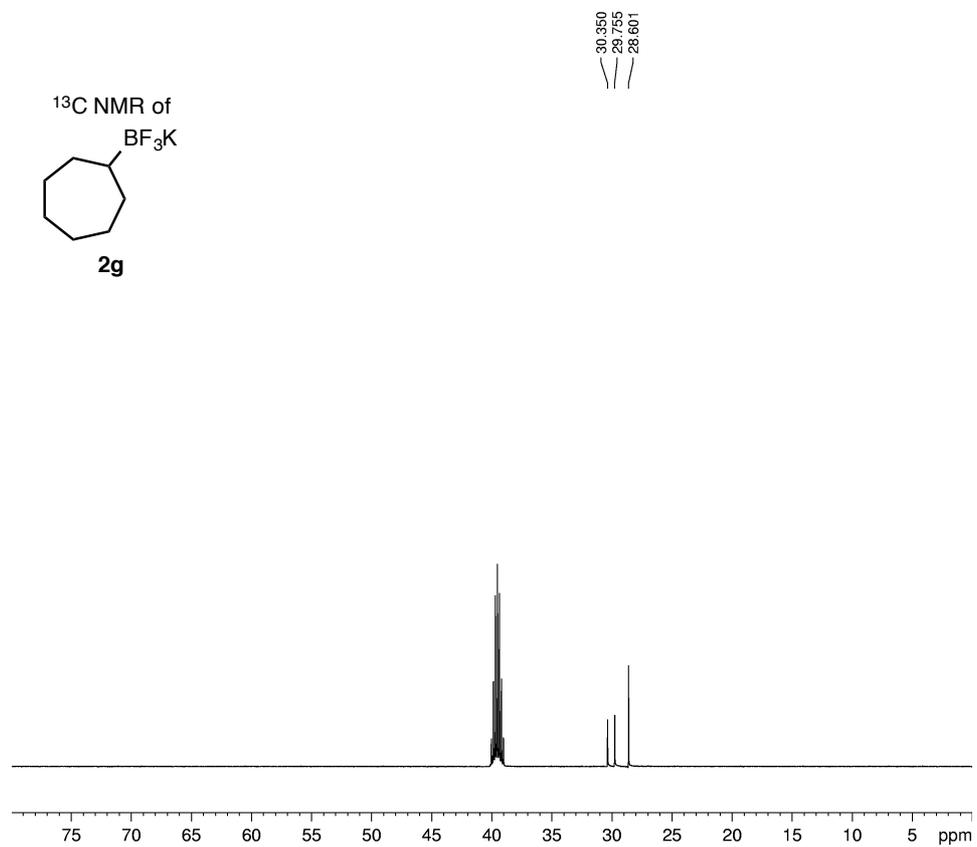
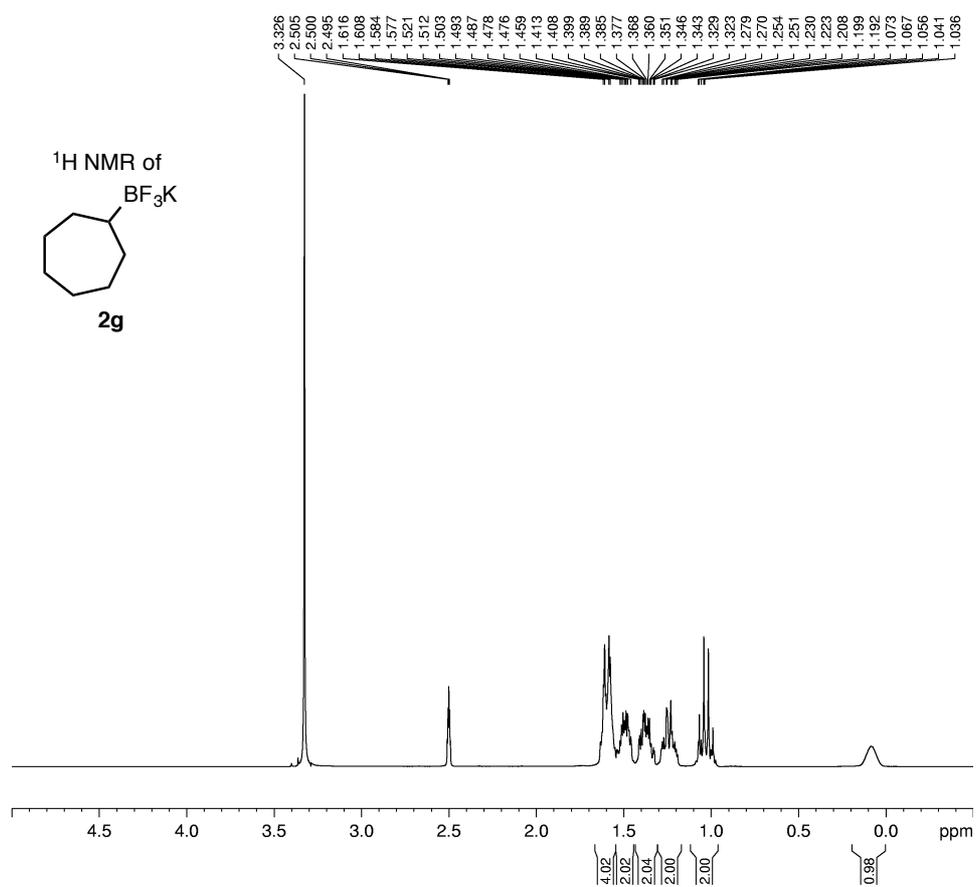
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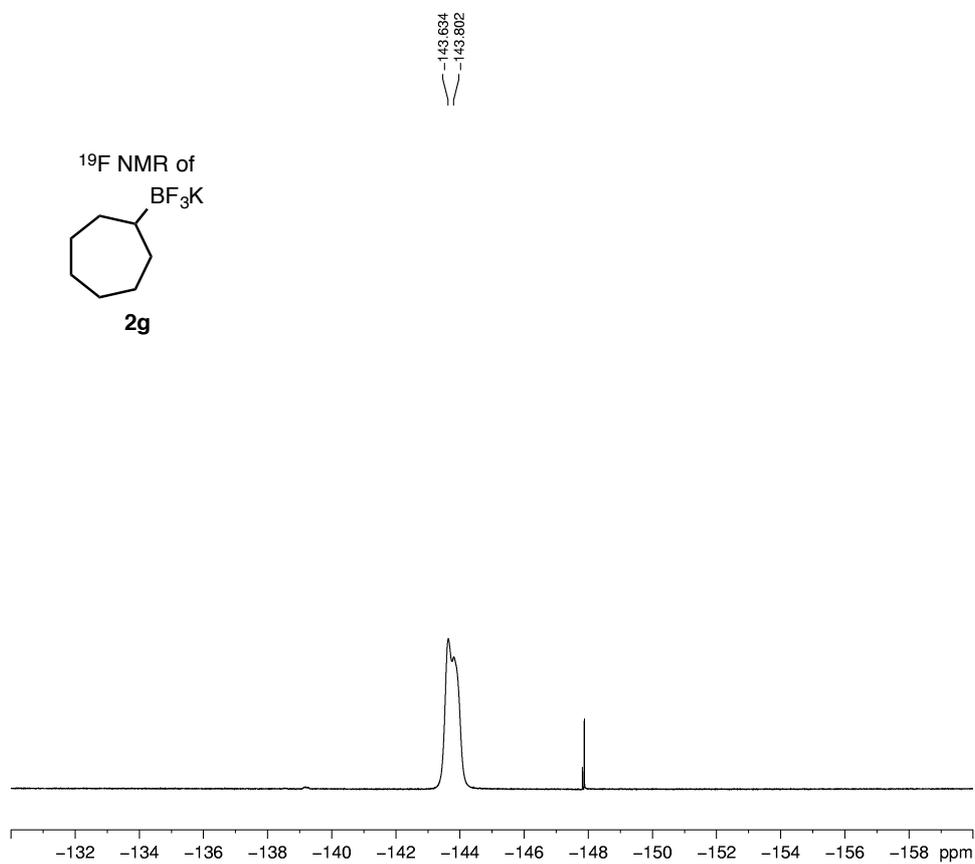
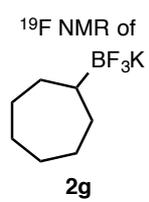
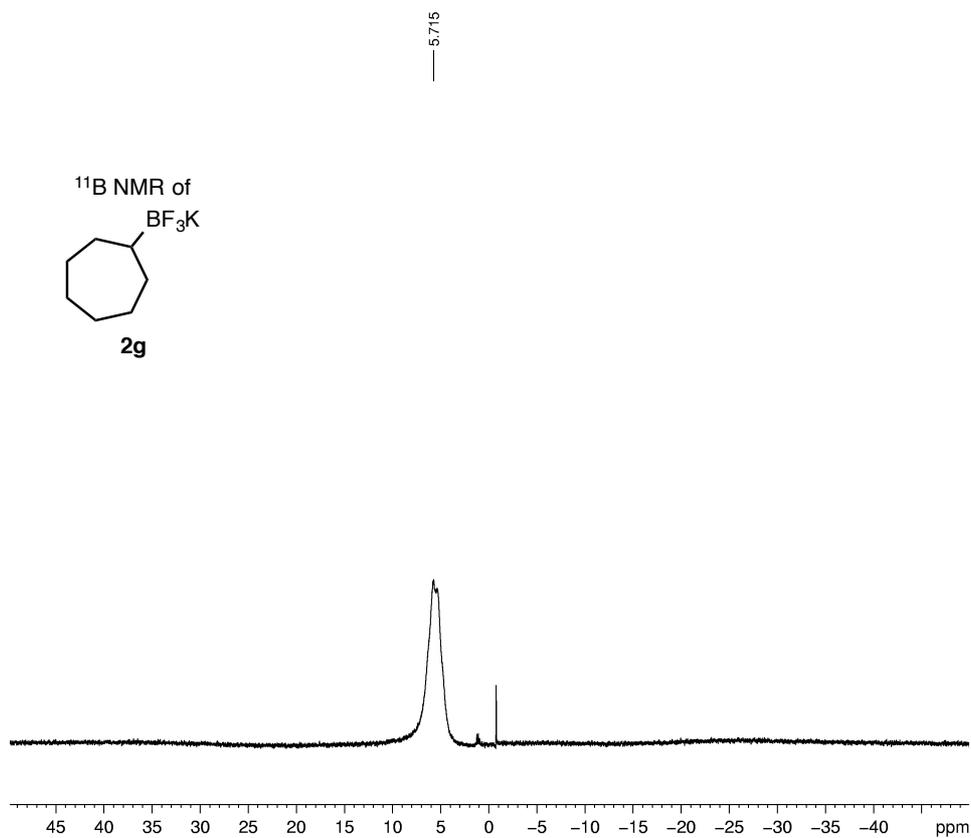
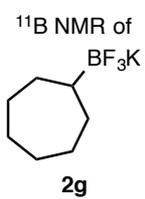
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## 12. $^1\text{H}$ , $^{13}\text{C}$ , $^{11}\text{B}$ and $^{19}\text{F}$ NMR spectra



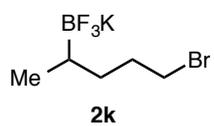




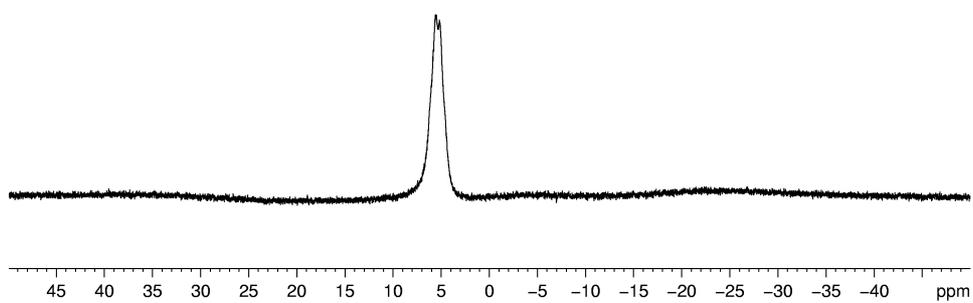




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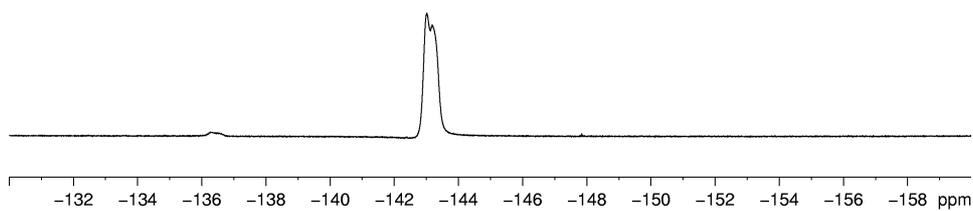
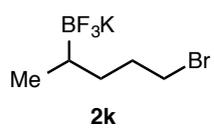


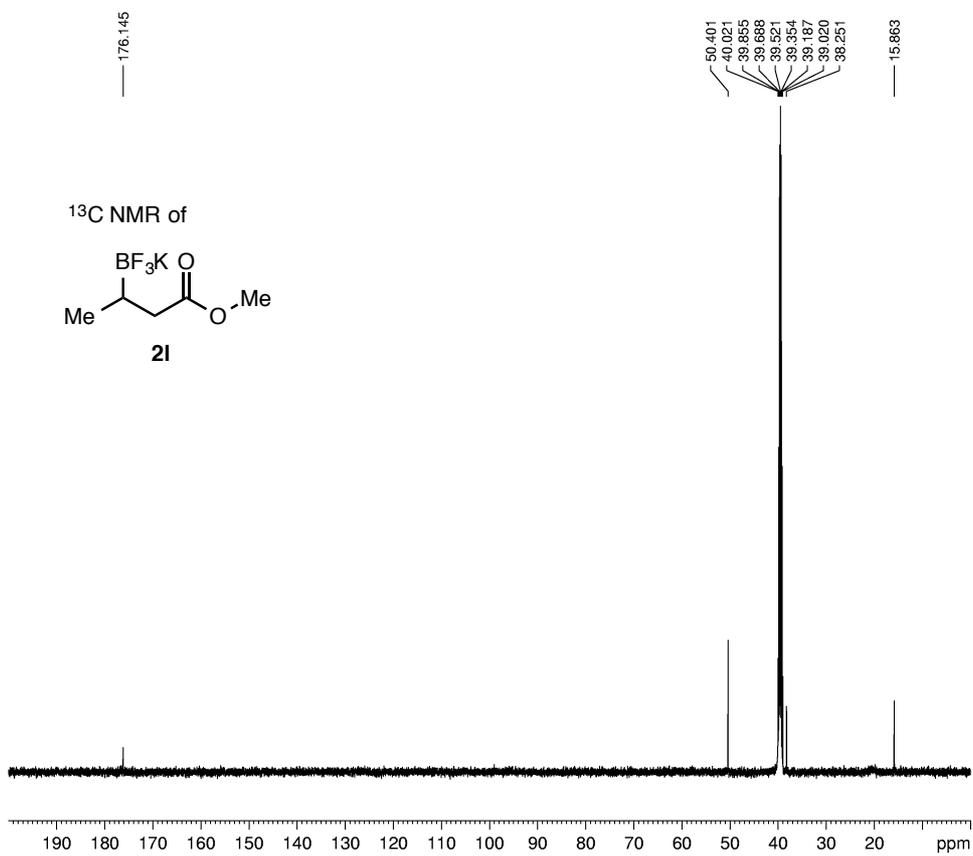
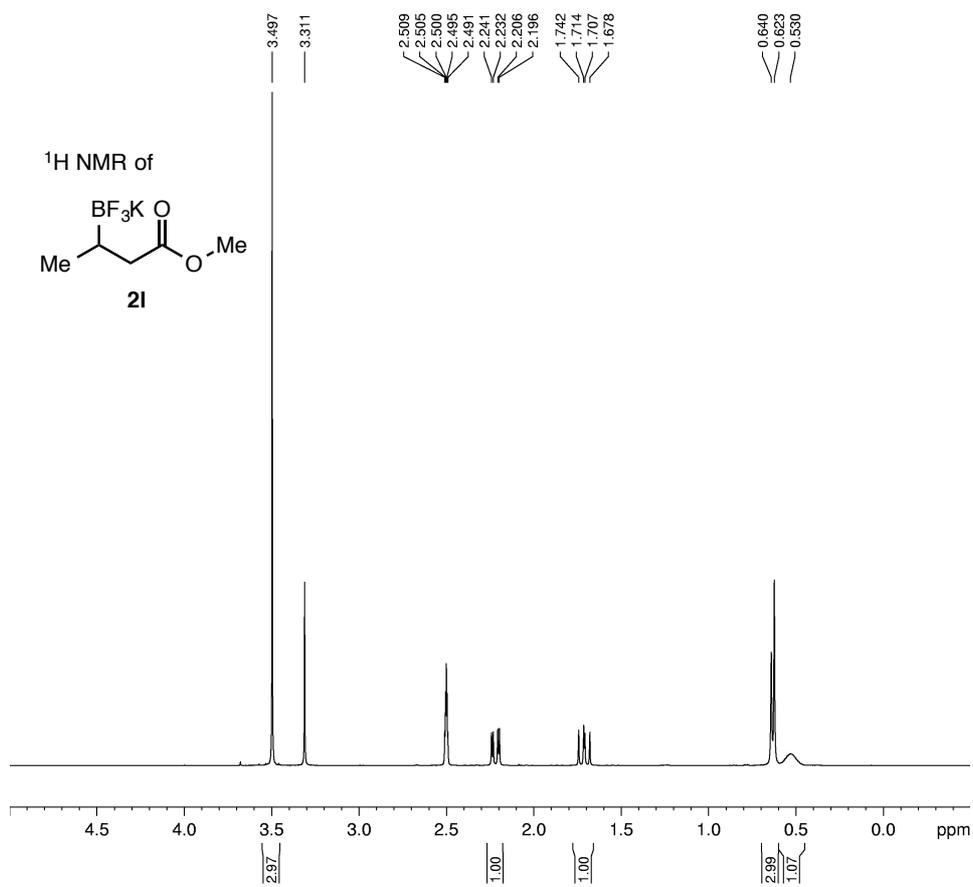
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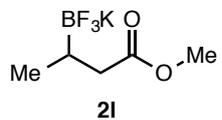
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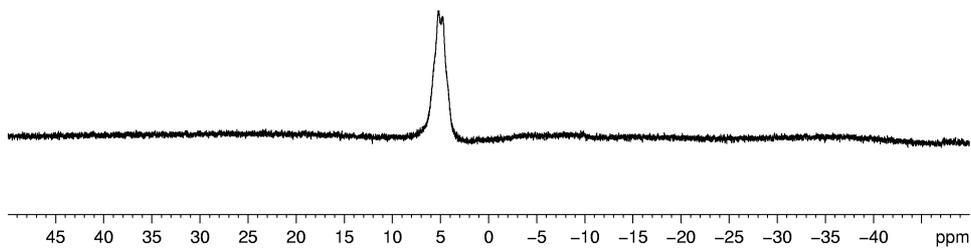




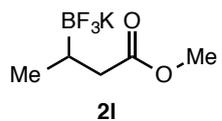
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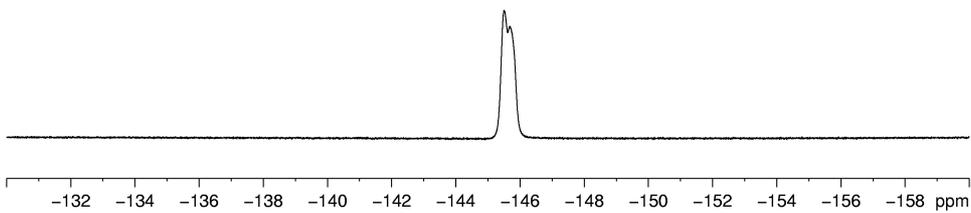
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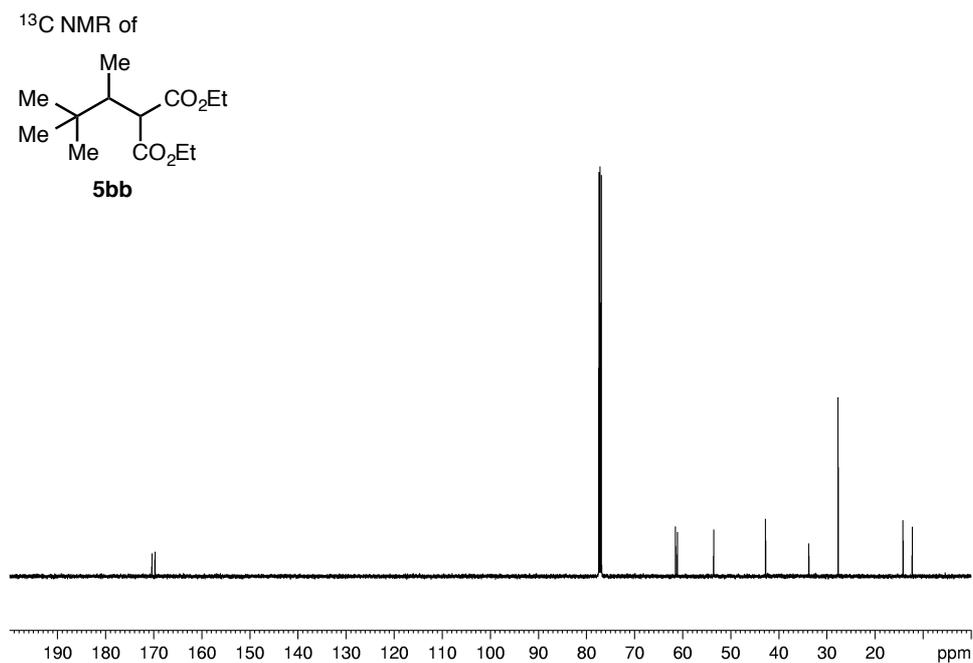
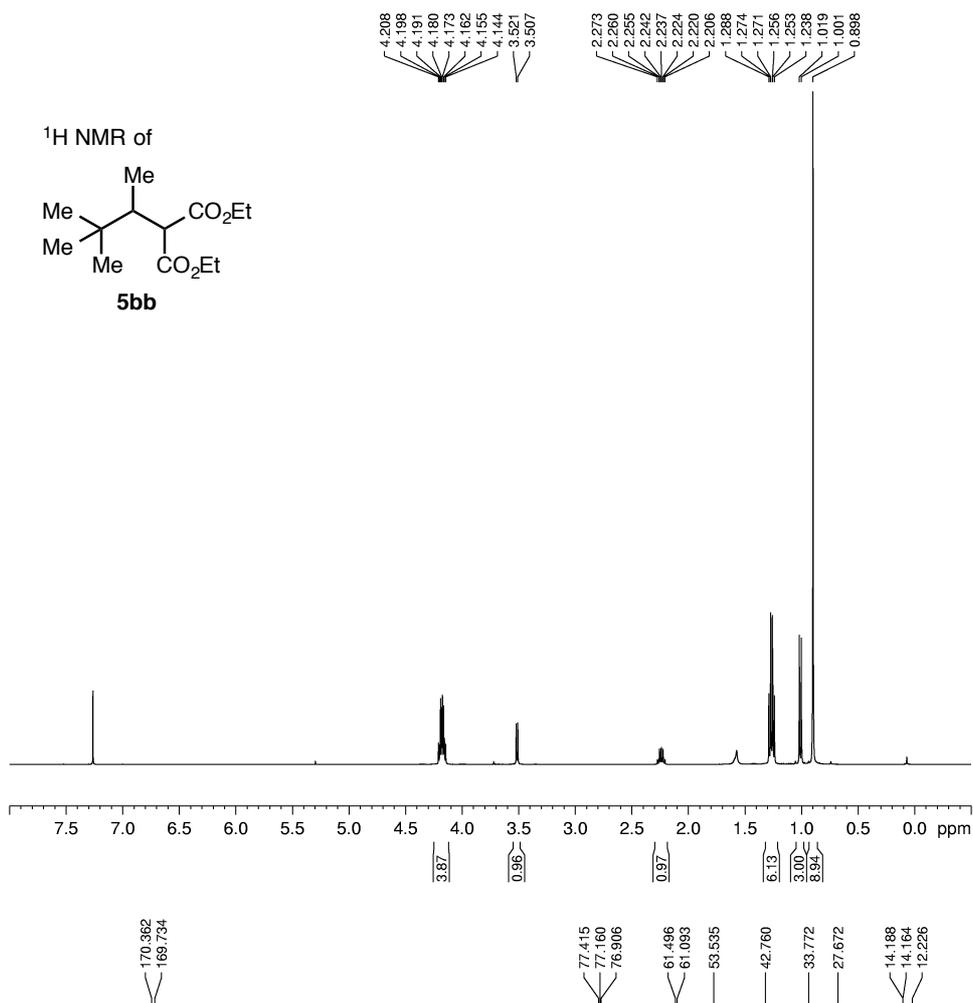


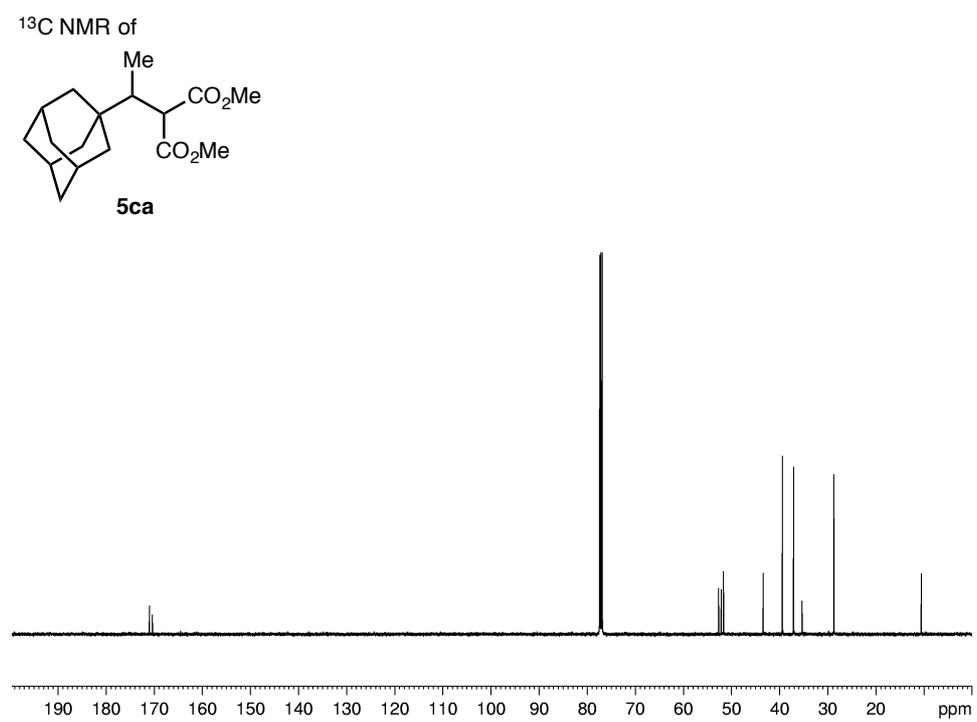
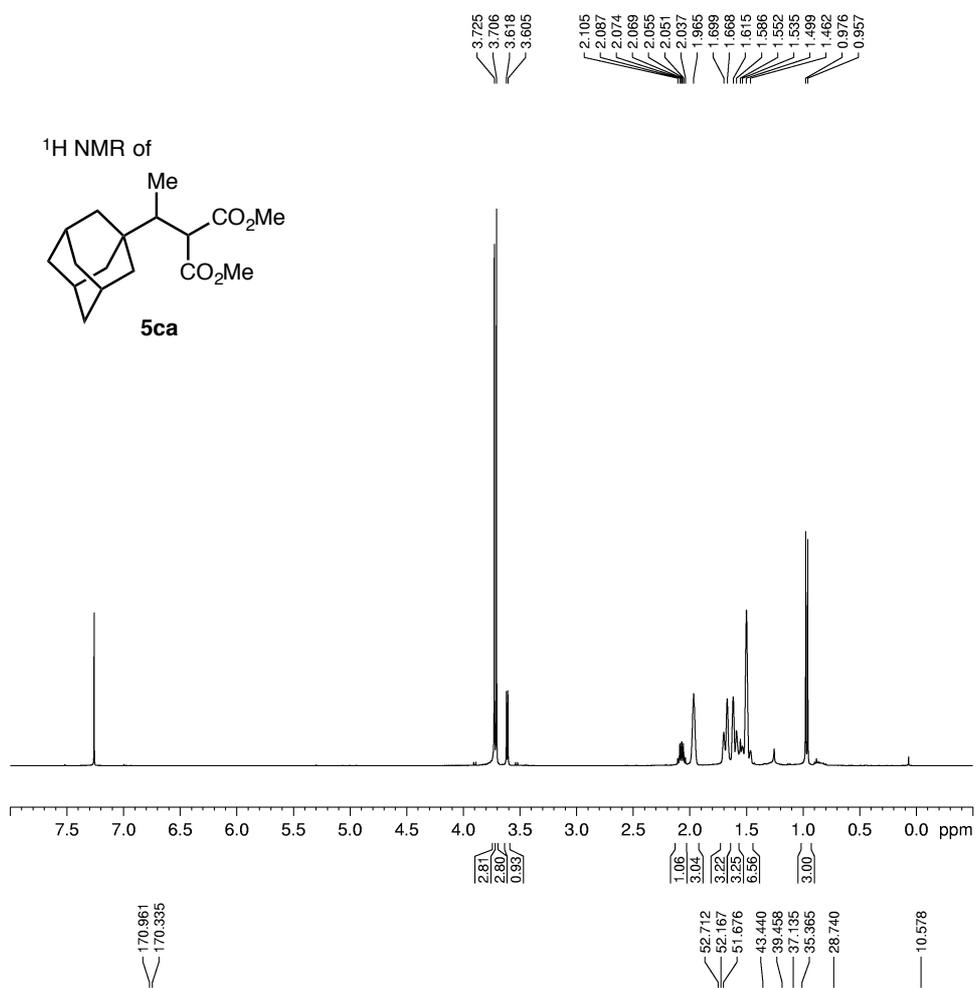
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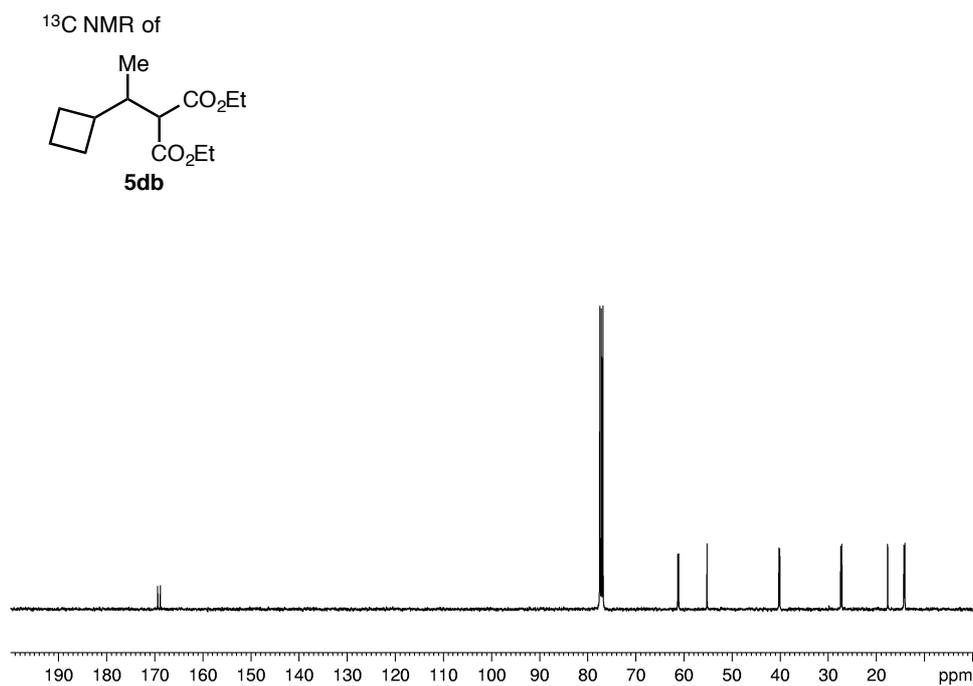
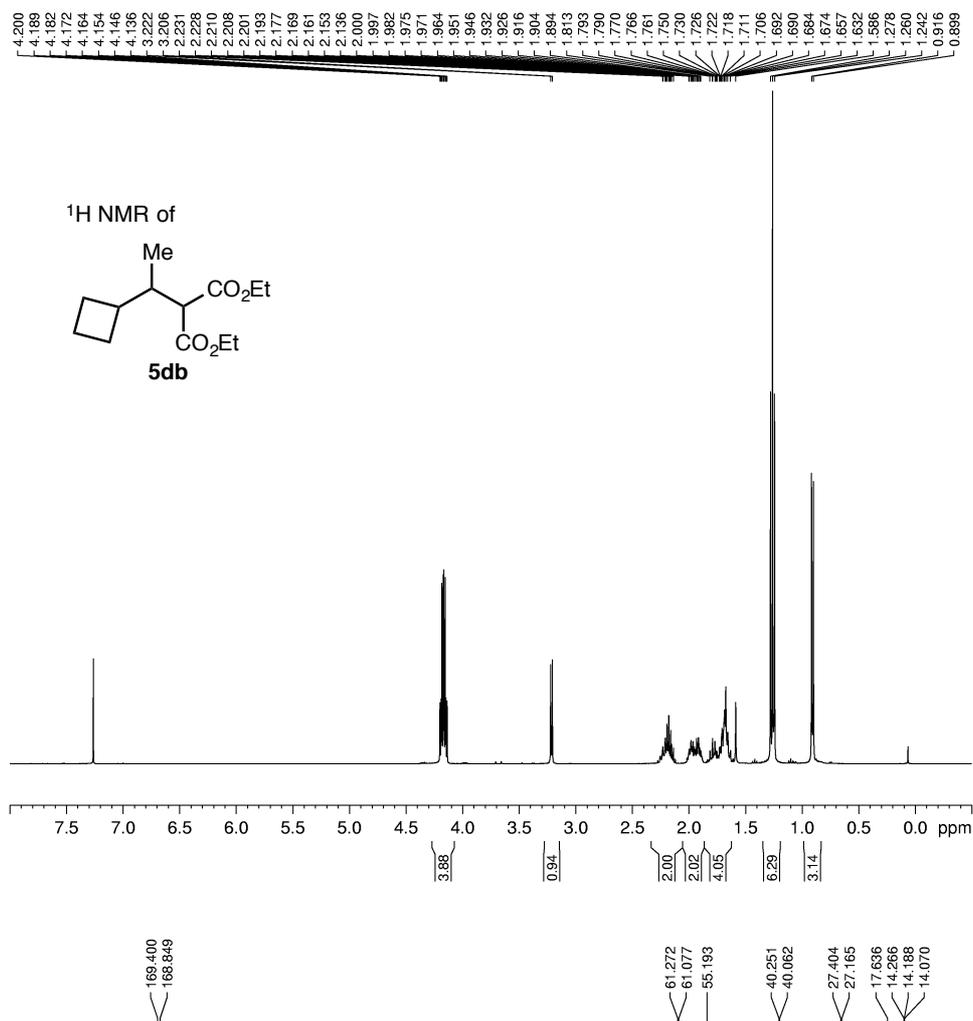


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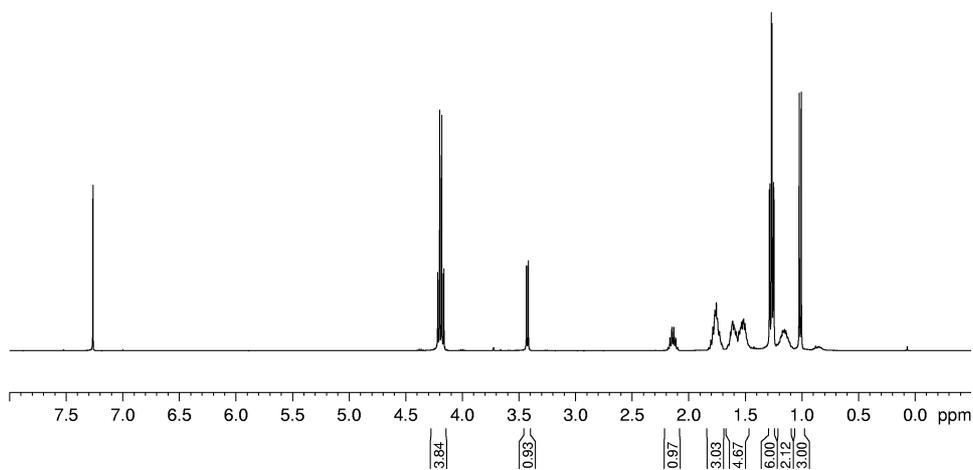
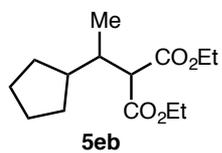




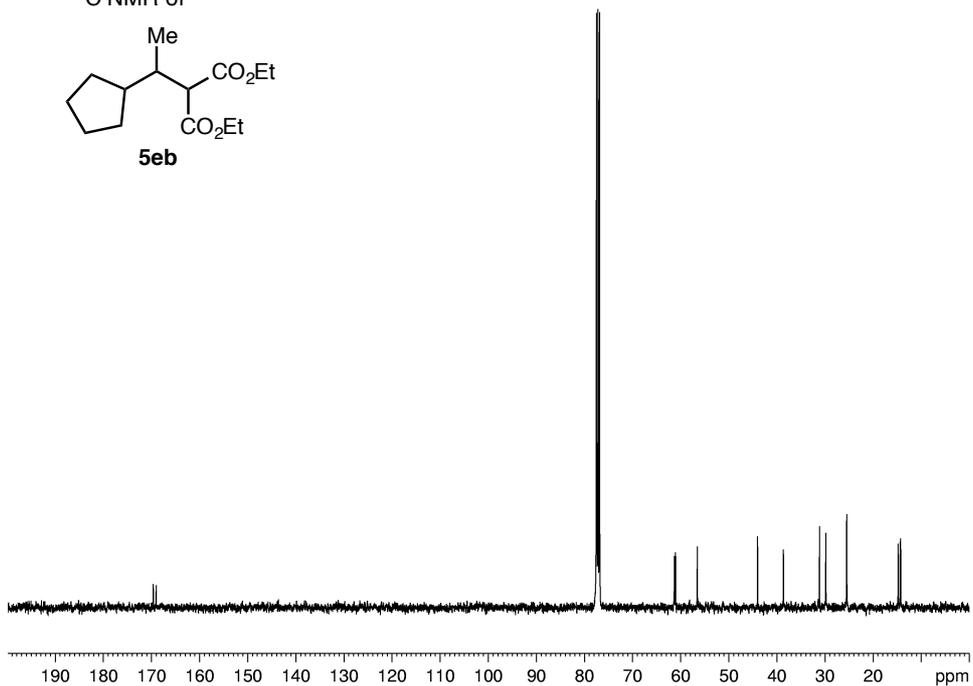
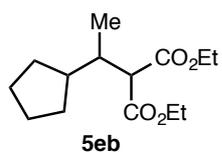


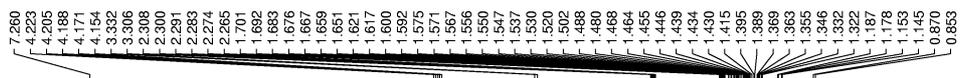


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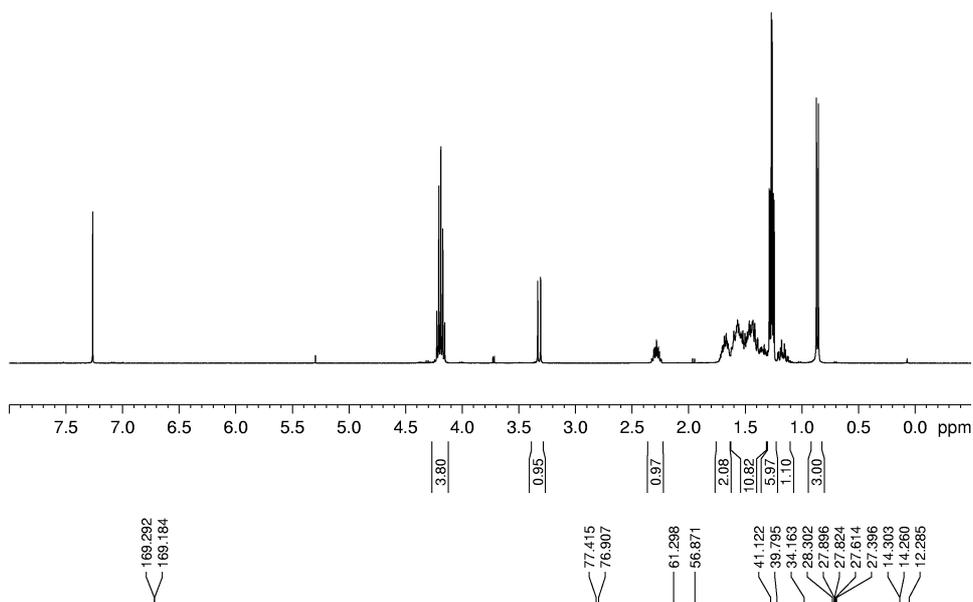
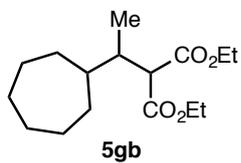


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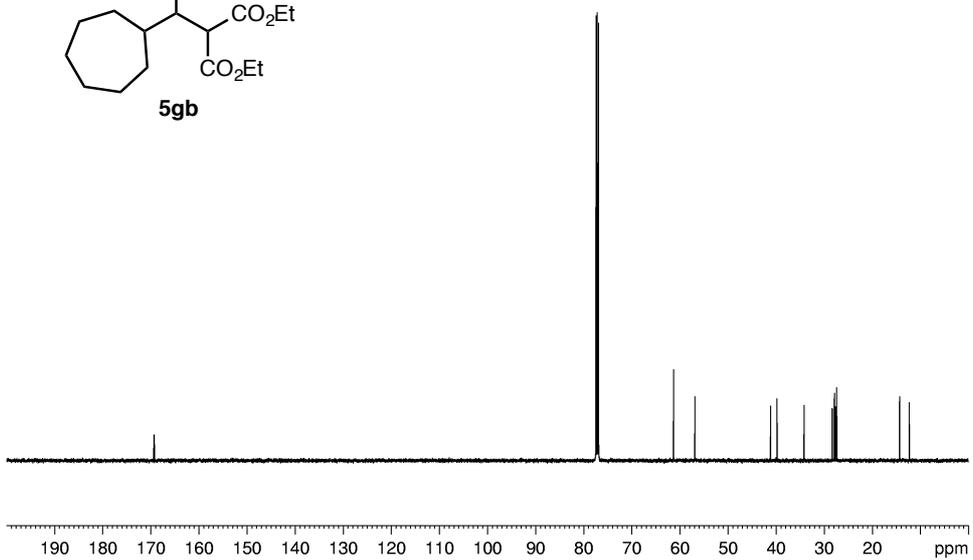
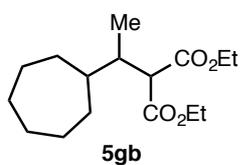


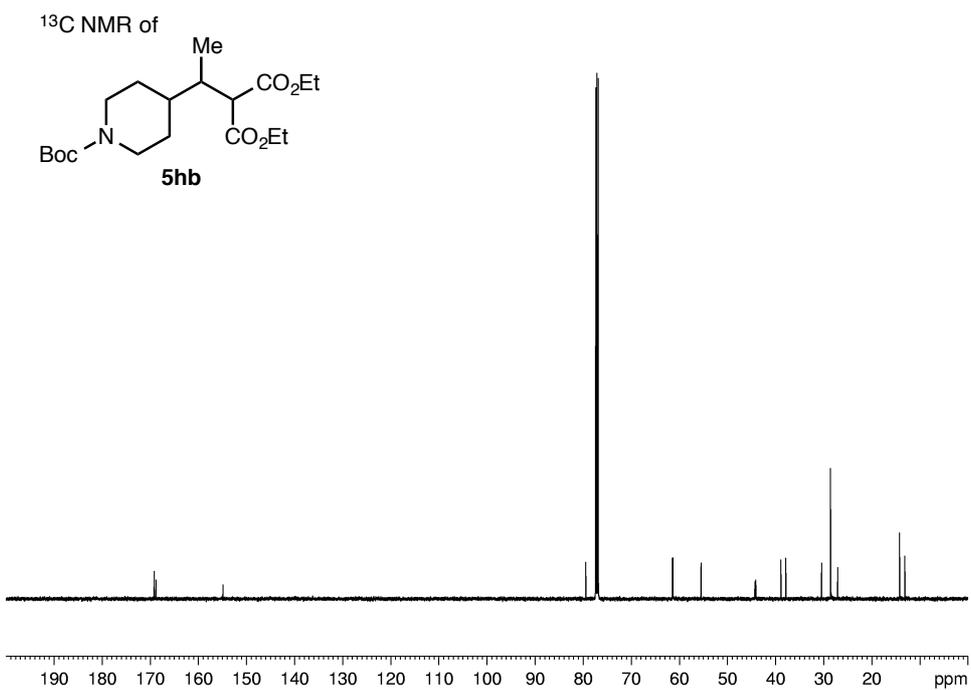
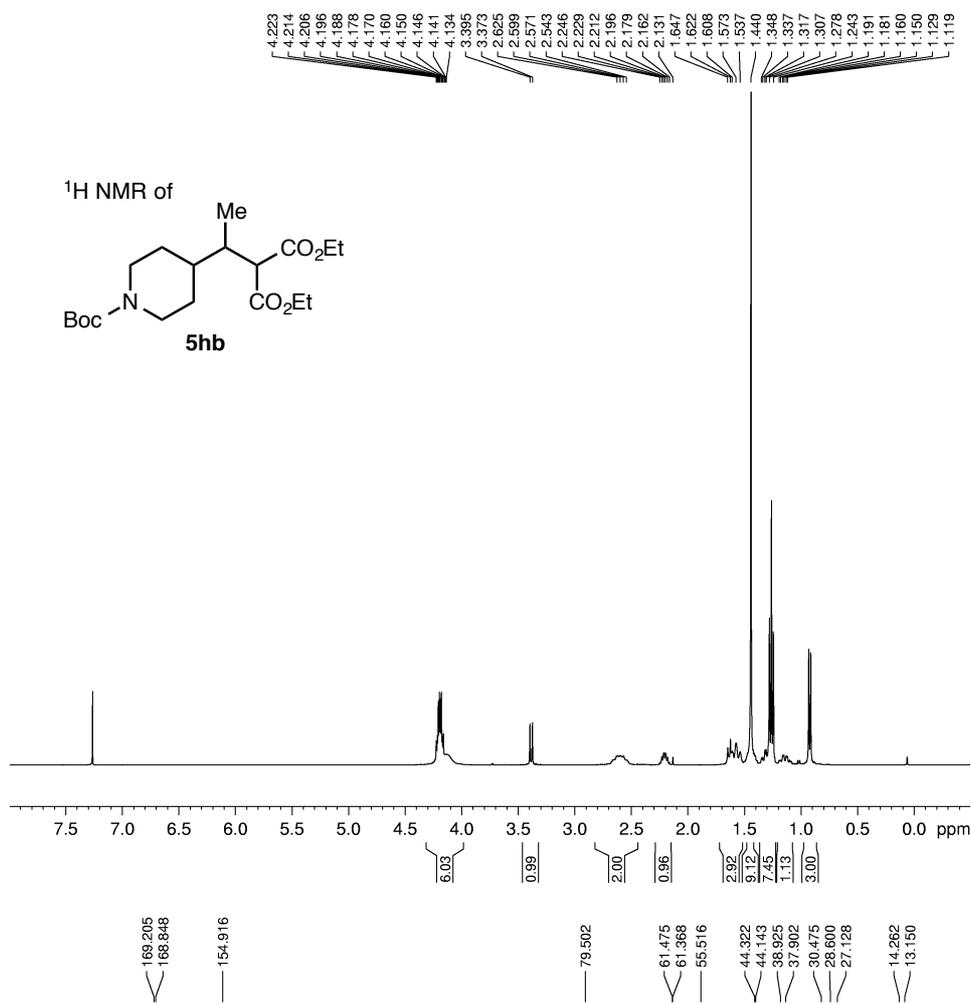


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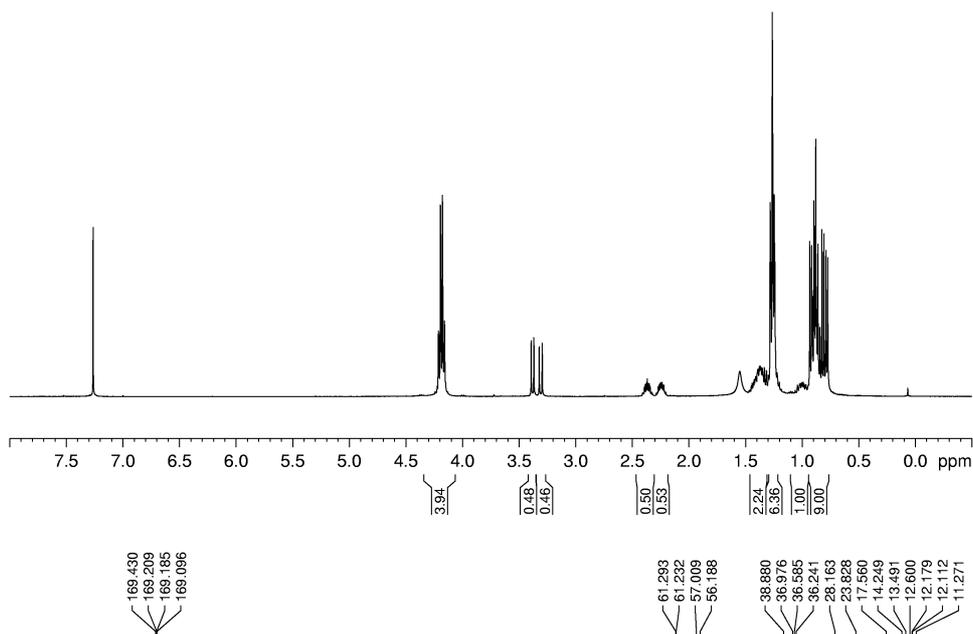
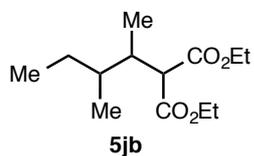




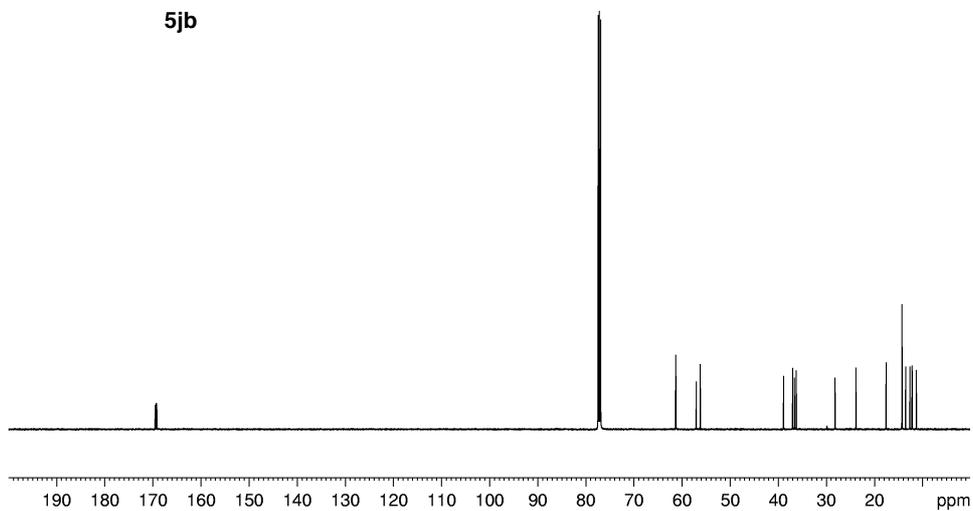
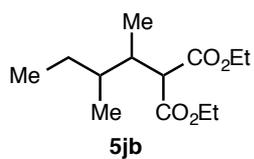


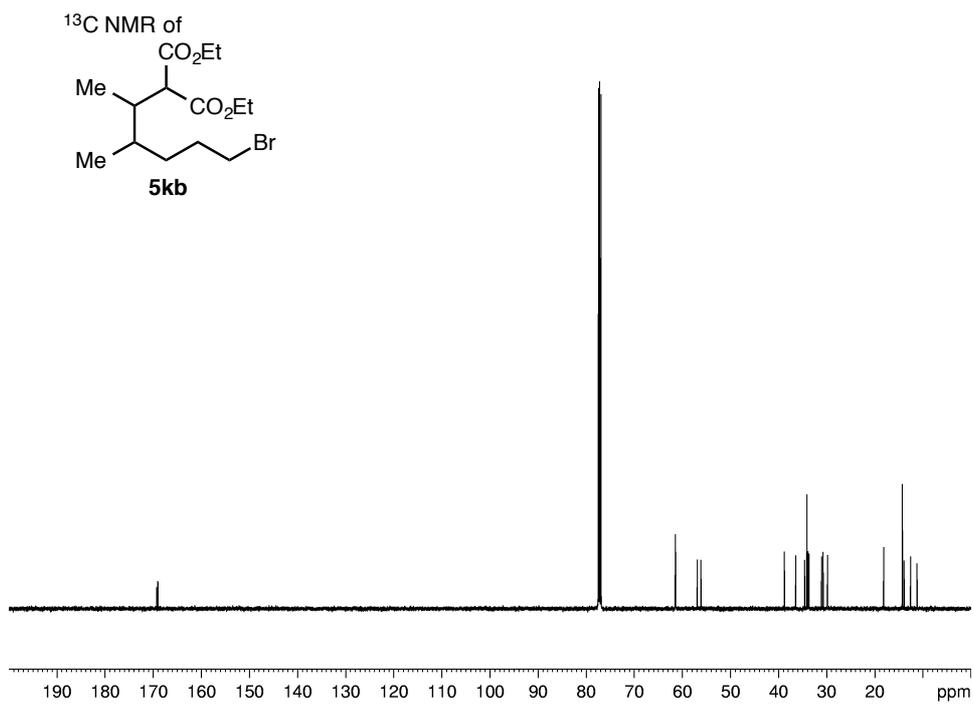
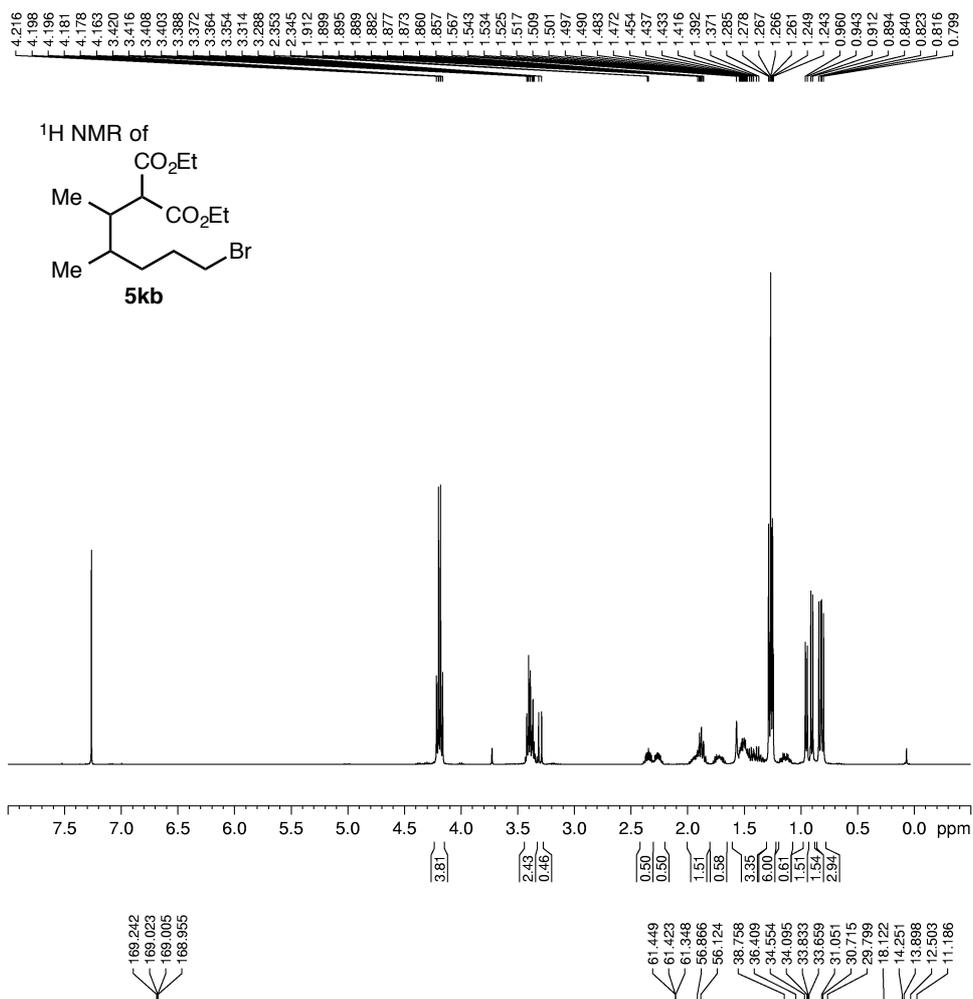


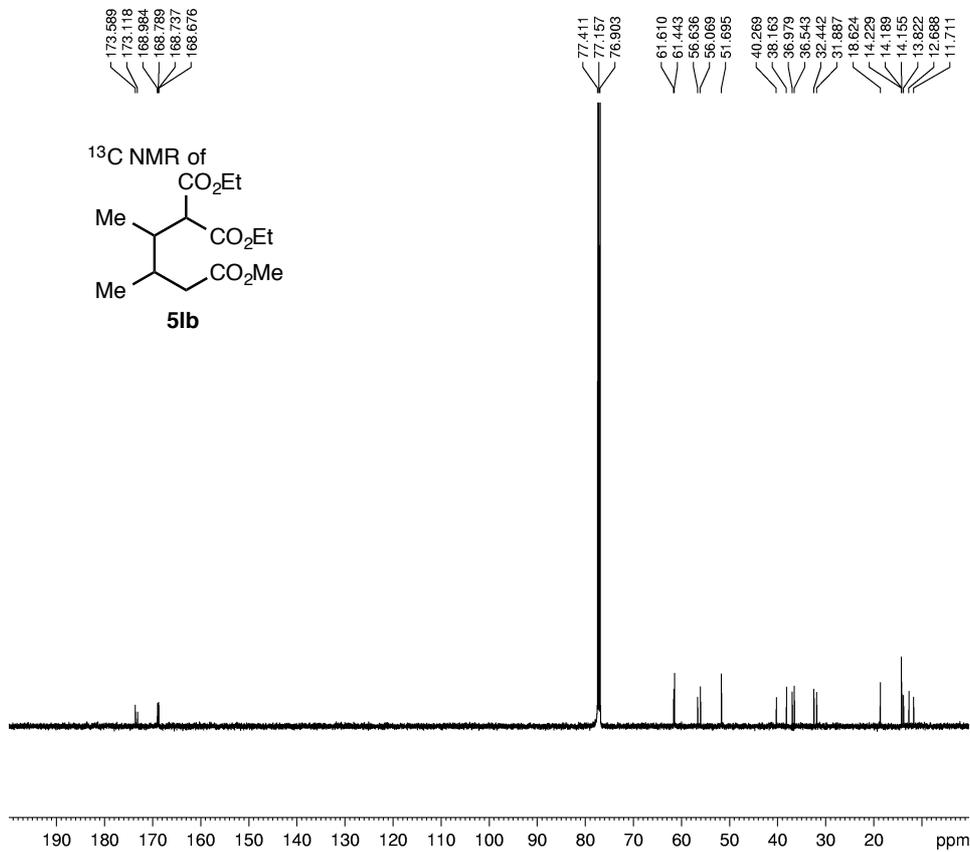
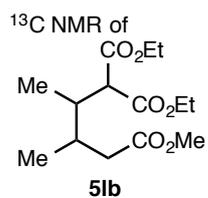
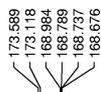
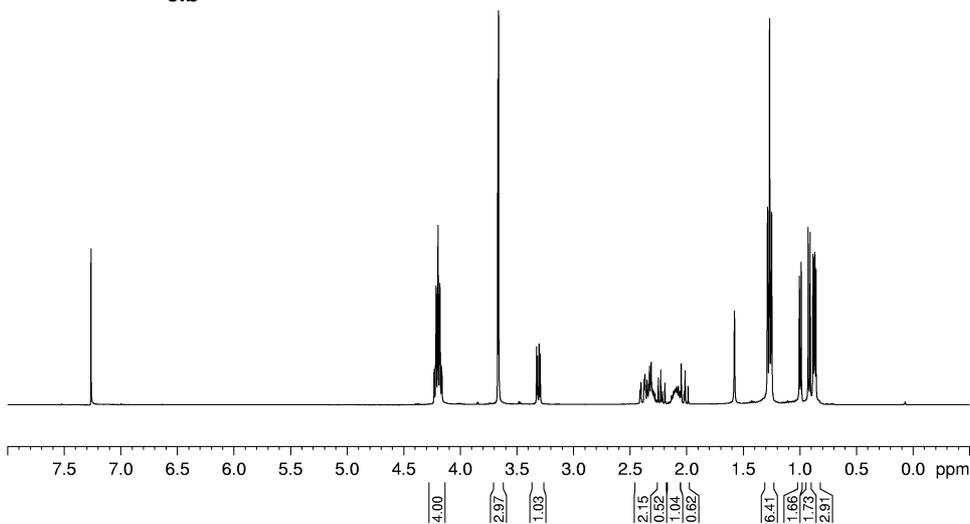
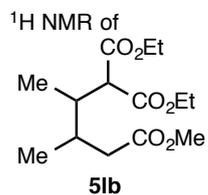
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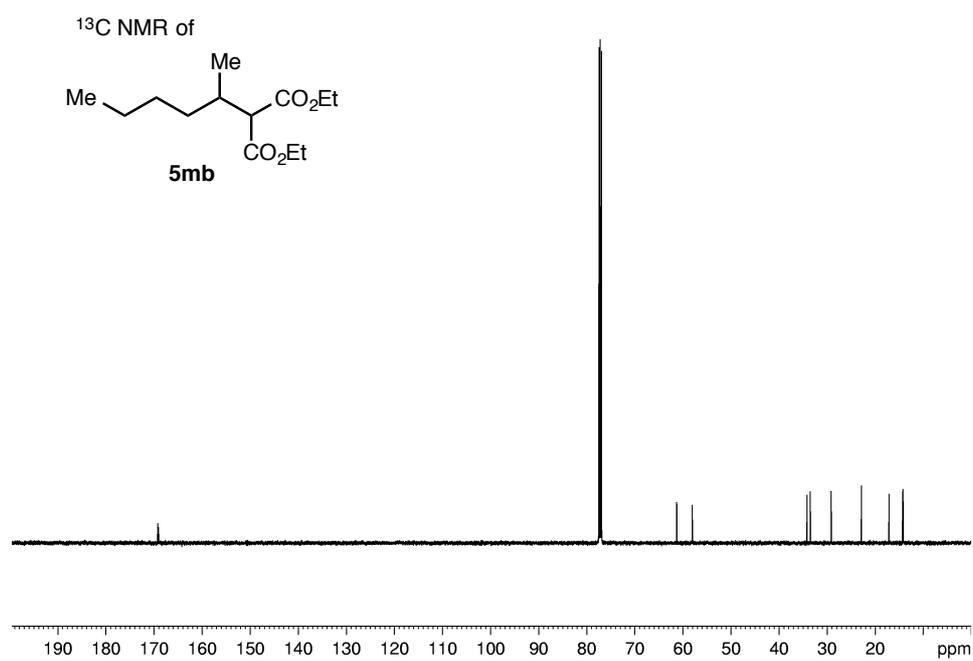
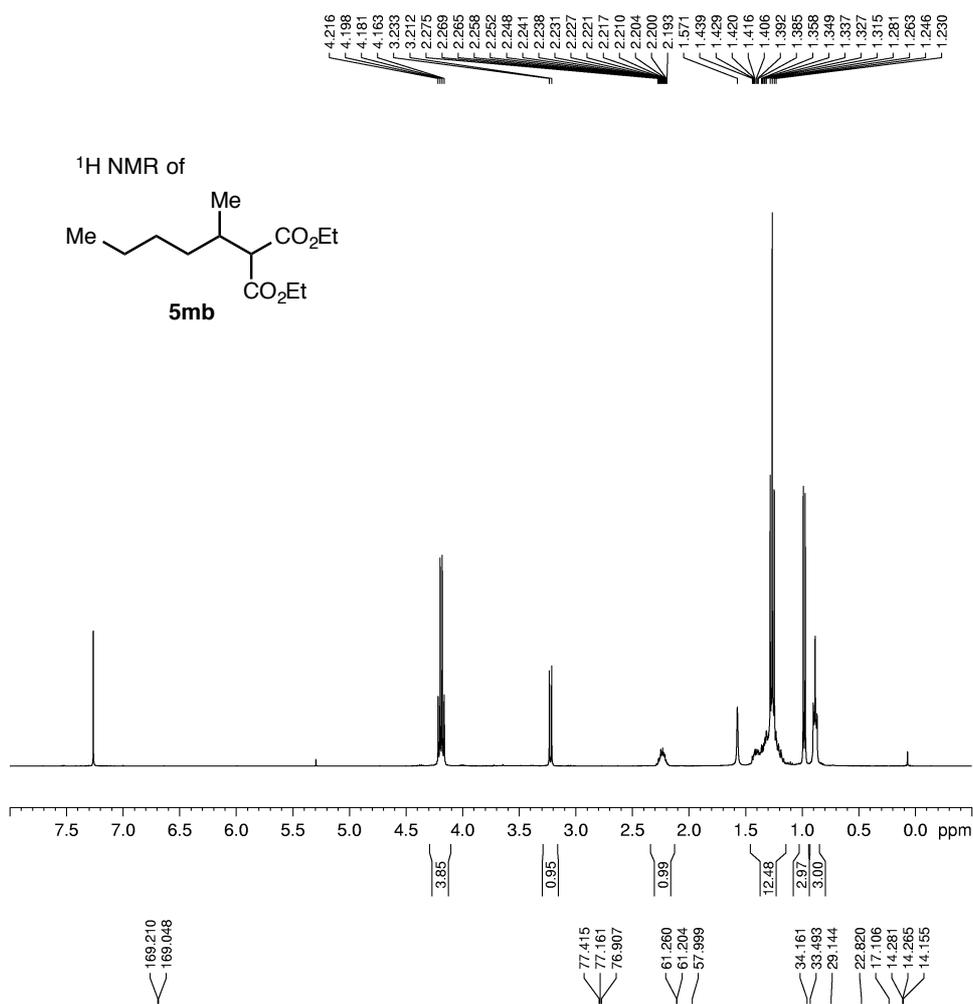


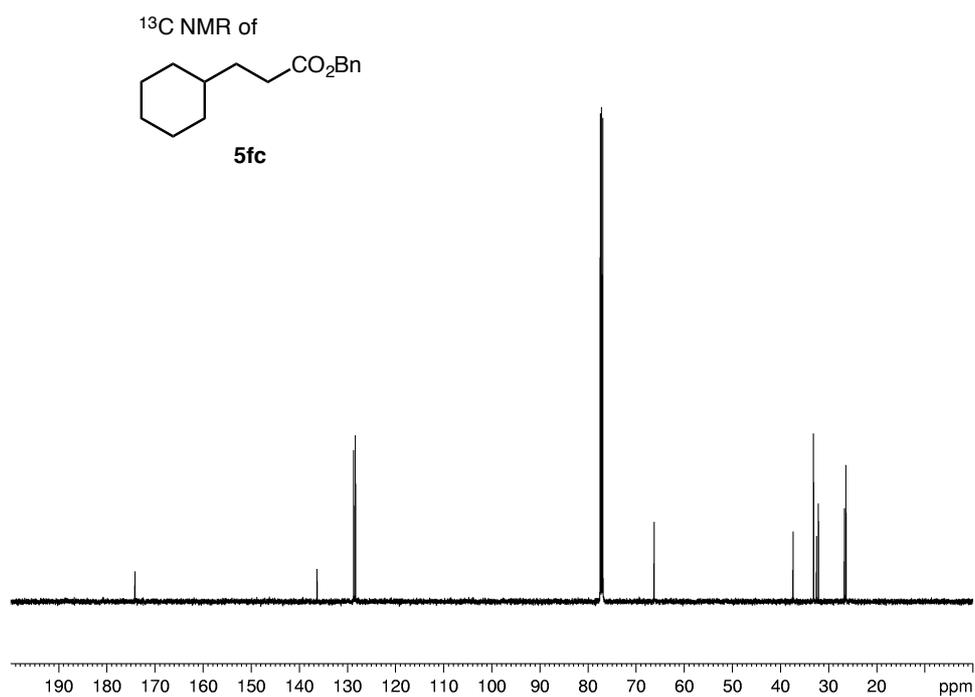
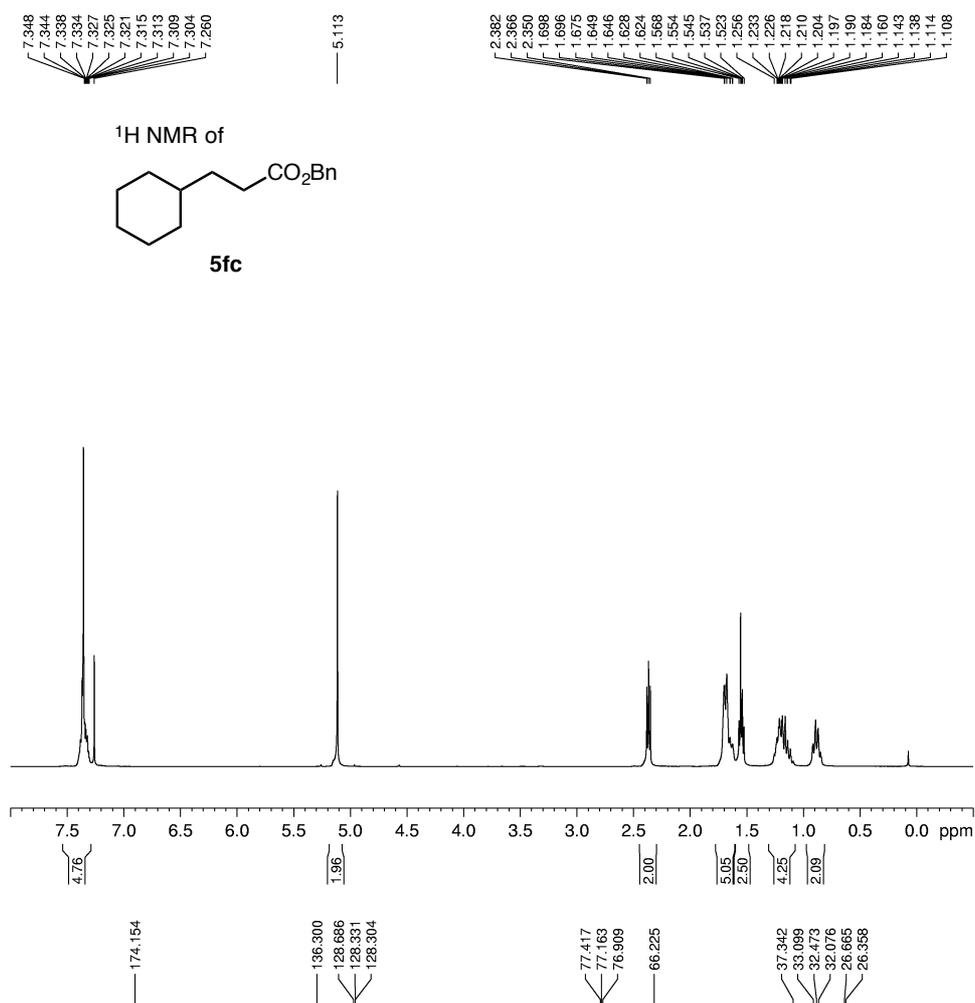
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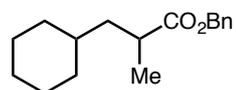




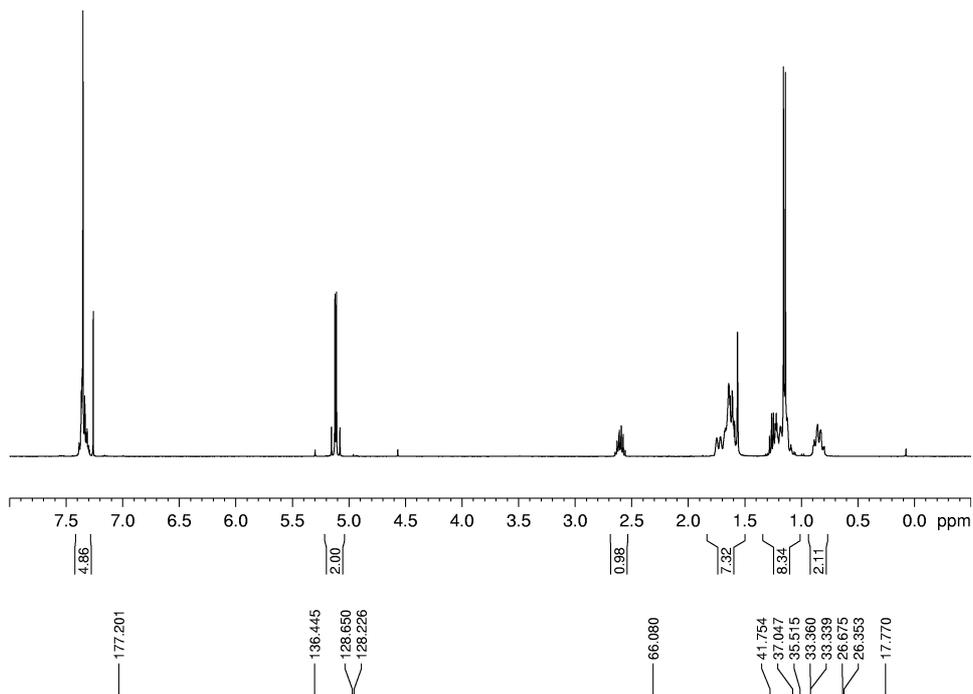


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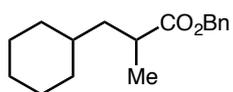
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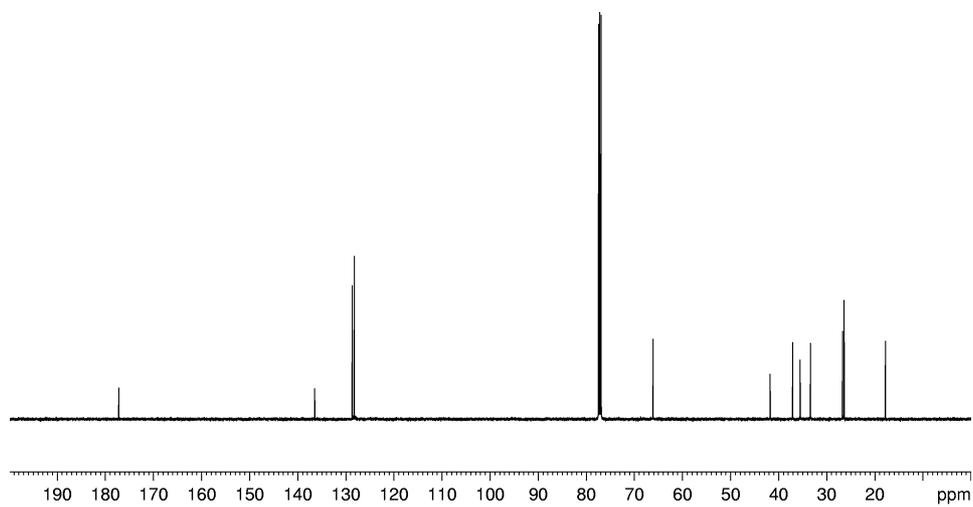
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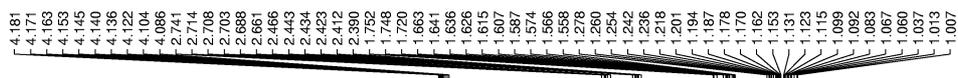


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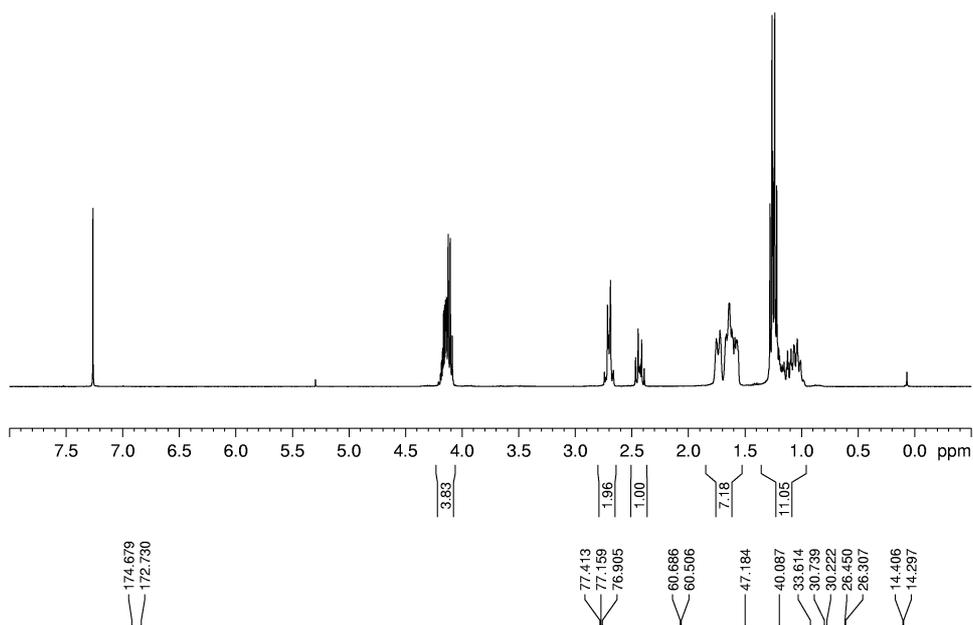
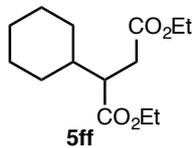


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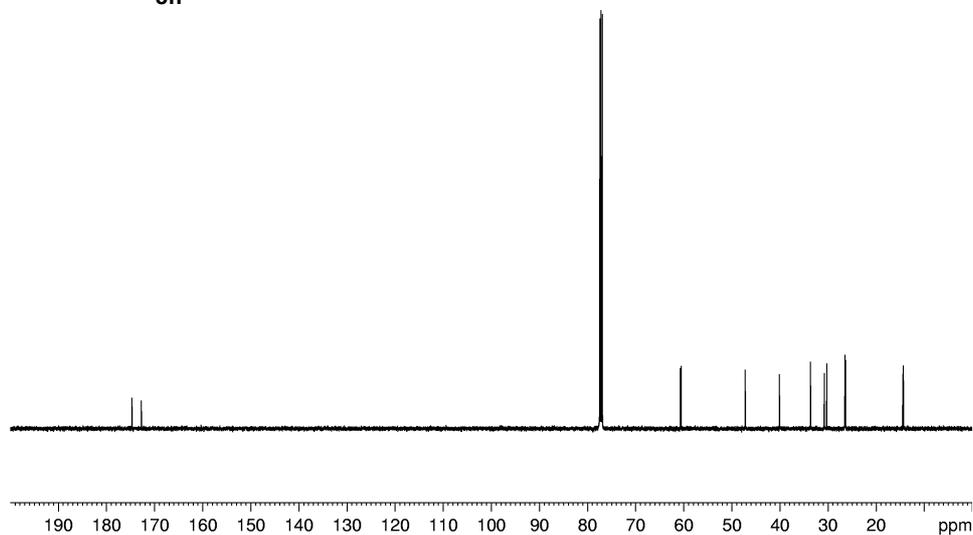
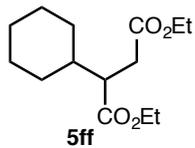




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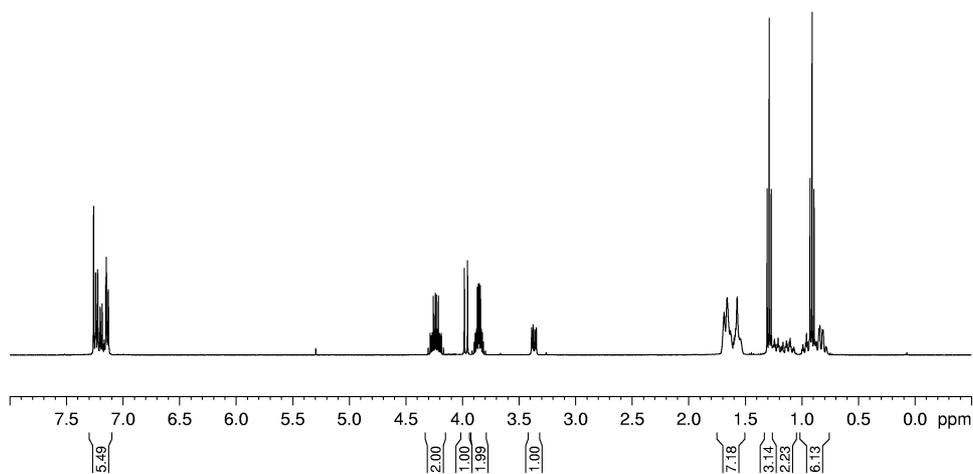
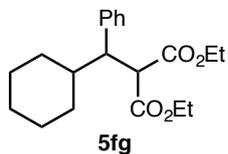


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