

## Supporting Information for

# Aqueous Hemin Catalyzed Sulfonium Ylide Formation and Subsequent [2, 3]-Sigmatropic Rearrangements

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### 1. General Information and Materials

All reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification. For chromatography, 100-200 mesh silica gel (Qingdao, China) was employed. Some <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and 100 MHz with Bruker ARX-400 instrument. The Other <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 500MHz and 125 MHz with Bruker Avance DMX-500 instrument. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Shimadzu LC/MS IT-TOF. IR spectra were recorded on Bruker ALPHA FT-IR spectrometer.

### 2. Preparation of allylic thioether <sup>1</sup>

Allyl bromide/ benzyl bromide were added to an ethanolic solution of thiophenol/thiol (3 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.6 mmol) at r.t., and the resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h. The resulting mixture was concentrated and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Then the extract was purified by column chromatography (hexane) to afford the desired sulfide.

### 3. Screening reaction conditions<sup>a</sup>

**Table S1.** Screening reaction conditions

entry	allyl phenyl sulfide (mmol)	EDA (mmol)	hemin (mol %)	$\beta$ -CD (mol %)	Triton X-100 (mol %)	time (d)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	0.3	0.3	\	\	\	4	0
2	0.3	0.3	5	(20) $\alpha$ -CD	\	4	51
3	0.3	0.3	5	(20) $\beta$ -CD	\	4	60
4	0.3	0.3	5	(20) $\gamma$ -CD	\	4	53
5	0.3	0.45	1	20	\	4	65
6	0.3	0.45	2.5	20	\	4	77
7	0.3	0.45	5	20	\	4	71
8	0.3	0.45	10	20	\	4	78
9	0.3	0.45	20	20	\	4	77
10	0.3	0.3	2.5	20	\	4	33
11	0.3	0.45	2.5	20	\	4	77
12	0.3	0.6	2.5	20	\	4	83
13	0.3	0.9	2.5	20	\	4	86
14	0.3	1.2	2.5	20	\	4	84
15	0.3	1.5	2.5	20	\	4	84
16	0.3	0.9	2.5	20	\	1	79
17	0.3	0.9	2.5	20	\	2	85
18	0.3	0.9	2.5	20	\	3	83
19	0.3	0.9	2.5	20	\	4	83
20	0.3	0.9	2.5	20	\	5	84
21	0.3	0.6	2.5	20	10	2	90
22	0.3	0.6	2.5	20	5	2	92
23	0.3	0.6	2.5	20	2.5	2	93
24	0.3	0.6	2.5	20	1.5	2	85

<sup>a</sup>Reaction was carried out with 3 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O at 40 °C for 48 h in a thermo shaker.

<sup>b</sup>Yield was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture.

#### 4. General procedures for [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement reactions

Sulfide (0.3 mmol) was added into 3 mL aqueous solution of 7.5  $\mu$ mol hemin, 7.5  $\mu$ mol Triton X-100 and 0.06 mmol  $\beta$ -CD, followed by adding 0.6 mmol diazo reagent in one portion. The reaction vial was then placed in a constant temperature shaker and left to shake at 200 rpm under 40 °C. After 2 days, the mixture was extracted twice with EtOAc (2×2 mL) in the reactor. The organic layer was further concentrated in vacuo, and then subjected to a short silica gel column, and eluted by petroleum ether to give the corresponding product.

## 5. Gram-scale reaction

Allyl phenyl sulfide (10 mmol) was added into 15mL aqueous solution of 0.25 mmol hemin, 0.25 mmol Triton X-100 and 2 mmol  $\beta$ -CD, followed by adding 20 mmol ethyl diazo acetate in one portion. The mixture was stirred for 20 h at 40 °C. After extracted twice with EtOAc ( $2 \times 10$  mL) in the reactor, the organic layer was further concentrated in vacuo. Finally the product was purified by silica gel chromatography with petroleum ether.

## 6. Calculation of E-factor

$$\text{E-factor} = \text{waste(mg)} / \text{product(mg)}$$

Calculation of E-factor has been performed according to the above equation, not accounting for the solvent of extraction, brine, drying agents and silica-gel column chromatography.

- *Simonneaux G, Galardon E, Paul-Roth C, et al. J. Organomet. Chem., 2001, 617: 360-363.*

$$\text{E-factor} = [360\text{mg (sulfide)} + 57.1\text{mg EDA} + 741.81*0.005 \text{ mg (Ru (TPP)(CO))} + 1325*0.1 \text{ mg (DCM)} - 9.5\text{mg (product)}] / 9.5\text{mg} = \mathbf{57.2}$$

- *McMillen D W, Varga N, Reed B A, et al. J. Org. Chem., 2000, 65(8): 2532-2536.*

$$\text{E-factor} = [315.5\text{mg (sulfide)} + 216.8\text{mg (EDA)} + 11\text{mg (copper catalyst)} + 11.8\text{mg (ligand)} + 1492*9\text{mg (CHCl}_3\text{)} - 264.9\text{mg (product)}] / 264.9\text{mg} = \mathbf{51.8}$$

- *Zhou C Y, Yu W Y, Chan P W H, et al. J. Org. Chem., 2004, 69(21): 7072-7082.*

$$\text{E-factor} = [350\text{mg (sulfide)} + 57.1\text{mg (EDA)} + 741.81*0.005 \text{ mg (Ru(TPP)(CO))} + 866*8\text{mg (toluene)} - 70.9\text{mg (product)}] / 70.9\text{mg} = \mathbf{102.5}$$

- *Holzwarth M S, Alt I, Plietker B. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 2012, 51(22): 5351-5354*

$$\text{E-factor} = [150\text{mg (sulfide)} + 136.9\text{mg (EDA)} + 10.3\text{mg (TBAFe)} + 1256\text{mg (DCE)} - 206\text{mg (product)}] / 206\text{mg} = \mathbf{6.5}$$

- *Carter D S, Van Vranken D L. Org. Lett., 2000, 2(9): 1303-1305.*

$$\text{E-factor} = [152\text{mg (sulfide)} + 229.3\text{mg (EDA)} + 18\text{mg (FeCl}_2\text{dppe)} + 1235.1*6.7\text{mg (DCE)} - 53.8\text{mg (product)}] / 53.8\text{mg} = \mathbf{160.2}$$

- *Tyagi V, Sreenilayam G, Bajaj P, et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 2016, 55(43): 13562-13566.*

$$\text{E-factor} = [1.024\text{mg/ } \mu \text{L} * 14.8 \mu \text{L (sulfide)} + 1.085 \text{ mg/ } \mu \text{L} * 24 \mu \text{L (EDA)} + 174.11 * 10/1000\text{mg (Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4\text{)} + 789*(250+250) / 1000 \text{ mg (EtOH)} + 10 * 394/1000000000 * 16700 \text{ mg (Mb)} - 19.5\text{mg (product)}] / 19.5\text{mg} = \mathbf{21.4}$$

Not accounting for the potassium phosphate salt.

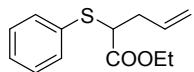
## ● Our work:

$$\text{E-factor} = [45.1\text{mg (sulfide)} + 68.5\text{mg (EDA)} + 68.1\text{mg (}\beta\text{-CD)} + 4.9\text{mg (hemin)} + 2.4\text{mg (Triton X-100)} - 70\text{mg (product)}] / 70\text{mg} = \mathbf{1.7}$$

If the solvent and silica gel in the post-treatment stage were taken into consideration, assuming that 90% of the solvent petroleum ether could be recovered and re-used, the E-factor was calculated as following:

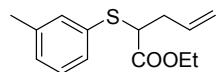
**Complete E-factor** = [45.1mg (sulfide) + 68.5mg (EDA) + 68.1mg ( $\beta$ -CD) + 4.9mg (hemin) + 2.4mg (Triton X-100) + 902\*2mg (EtOAc) + 35mg (silica gel) + 650\*45\*0.1mg (petroleum ether) – 70mg (product)] / 70mg = **69.8**

## 7. Experimental Characterization of Products



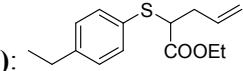
**Ethyl-2-phenylthio-4-pentenoate (3a)**<sup>2</sup>:

Colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.48 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 5.86 – 5.76 (m, 1H), 5.16 – 5.08 (m, 2H), 4.16 – 4.05 (m, 2H), 3.70 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.67 – 2.48 (m, 2H), 1.16 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 134.0, 133.2, 129.0, 128.1, 118.1, 61.2, 50.3, 35.9, 14.2. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2982, 1733, 1439, 1368, 1232, 1155, 1025, 921, 749, 692. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ) $^+$ : 237.0944, found: 237.0941.



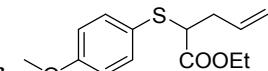
**Ethyl 2-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)-4-pentenoate (3d)**<sup>3</sup>:

Colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.86 – 5.76 (m, 1H), 5.15 – 5.08 (m, 2H), 4.17 – 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.69 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.64 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.8, 138.8, 134.0, 133.7, 133.0, 130.1, 129.0, 128.9, 118.1, 61.2, 50.4, 36.0, 21.4, 14.2. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2981, 1733, 1592, 1475, 1368, 1232, 1154, 1039, 921, 780, 692. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ) $^+$ : 251.1100, found: 251.1098.



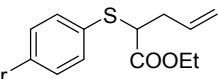
**Ethyl 2-((4-ethoxyphenyl)thio)-4-pentenoate (3c)**:

Colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.86 – 5.75 (m, 1H), 5.15 – 5.07 (m, 2H), 4.16 – 4.05 (m, 2H), 3.63 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.66 – 2.45 (m, 4H), 1.22 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.8, 144.8, 134.1, 134.0, 129.5, 128.6, 118.0, 61.14, 50.6, 35.9, 28.6, 15.5, 14.2. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2967, 1734, 1494, 1368, 1232, 1155, 1017, 921, 829, 634, 532. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ ) $^+$ : 287.1076, found: 287.1073.



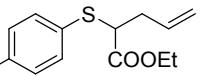
**Ethyl 2-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)-4-pentenoate (3d)**<sup>3</sup>:

Colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.81 – 5.73 (m, 1H), 5.08 (t,  $J$  = 13.5 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.52 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.55 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 1.18 – 1.15 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 160.3, 136.6, 134.1, 122.8, 117.9, 114.5, 61.0, 55.3, 50.9, 35.6, 14.2. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2981, 1731, 1593, 1494, 1368, 1287, 1248, 1173, 1032, 922, 830, 642, 527. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$ ) $^+$ : 289.0869, found: 289.0866.



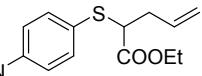
**Ethyl 2-((4-bromophenyl)thio)-4-pentenoate (3e):**

Colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.36 (dd,  $J = 40.9, 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 5.82 – 5.72 (m, 1H), 5.14 – 5.07 (m, 2H), 4.14 – 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.65 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 1.16 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.4, 134.6, 133.7, 132.3, 132.1, 122.4, 118.3, 61.3, 50.1, 35.7, 14.2. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2981, 1733, 1474, 1368, 1259, 1156, 1092, 1069, 1009, 922, 817, 730, 483. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrO}_2\text{SNa}$ ) $^+$ : 336.9868, found: 336.9867.



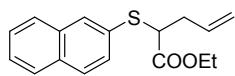
**Ethyl 2-((4-fluorophenyl)thio)-4-pentenoate (3f):**

Colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 6.99 (t,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 5.81 – 5.72 (m, 1H), 5.10 (t,  $J = 12.4$  Hz, 2H), 4.09 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.59 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.61 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 1.16 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.5, 164.3, 161.8, 136.3, 136.3, 133.8, 127.9, 127.8, 118.2, 116.2, 116.0, 61.2, 50.7, 35.7, 14.2. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2983, 1732, 1590, 1491, 1369, 1231, 1156, 922, 834, 635, 518. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{FO}_2\text{S}$ ) $^+$ : 255.0850, found: 255.0847.



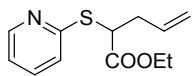
**Ethyl 2-((4-nitrophenyl)thio)-4-pentenoate (3g):**

Yellowish oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.13 – 8.11 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 5.84 – 5.74 (m, 1H), 5.19 – 5.12 (m, 2H), 4.20 – 4.12 (m, 2H), 3.92 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 1.20 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.0, 146.1, 144.5, 133.0, 129.1, 124.0, 119.0, 61.9, 48.6, 35.7, 14.2. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2983, 1733, 1579, 1516, 1479, 1342, 1156, 1093, 853, 743. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_4\text{SNa}$ ) $^+$ : 304.0614, found: 304.0612.



**Ethyl-2-((2-naphthyl)thio)-4-pentenoate (3h):**

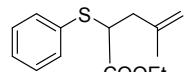
Colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.99 (d,  $J = 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.77 (m, 3H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 5.92 – 5.81 (m, 1H), 5.20 – 5.13 (m, 2H), 4.19 – 4.07 (m, 2H), 3.85 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 1.15 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 133.9, 133.6, 132.7, 132.0, 130.6, 130.0, 128.6, 127.8, 127.6, 126.6, 126.6, 118.2, 61.3, 50.2, 36.0, 14.1. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2981, 1732, 1368, 1336, 1233, 1155, 1037, 922, 857, 815, 746, 476. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ) $^+$ : 287.1100, found: 287.1096.



**Ethyl-2-((2-pyridyl)thio)-4-pentenoate (3i):**

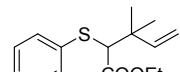
Yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.38 – 8.37 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 5.88 – 5.78 (m, 1H), 5.16 – 5.06 (m, 2H), 4.63 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.21 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 2.76 – 2.61 (m, 2H), 1.22 – 1.18 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.9, 157.2, 149.4, 136.2, 134.0, 122.5, 120.0, 118.1, 61.4, 46.3, 36.2, 14.2. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )

2981, 1734, 1579, 1558, 1454, 1416, 1368, 1232, 1156, 1123, 1041, 921, 760, 725. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S)<sup>+</sup>: 238.0896, found: 238.0894.



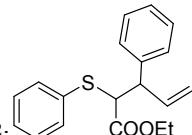
**Ethyl 4-methyl-2-(phenylthio)pent-4-enoate (3j)<sup>2</sup>:**

Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.08 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.66 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.9, 141.5, 133.3, 133.1, 129.0, 128.1, 113.3, 61.2, 49.1, 39.8, 22.4, 14.1. IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2980, 1734, 1440, 1369, 1262, 1153, 1025, 897, 749, 692. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S)<sup>+</sup>: 251.1100, found: 251.1094.



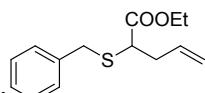
**Ethyl 3,3-Dimethyl-2-(phenylthio)pent-4-enoate (3k)<sup>2</sup>:**

Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 6.03 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 5.12 – 5.07 (m, 2H), 4.15 – 4.02 (m, 2H), 3.59 (s, 1H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.8, 144.1, 135.3, 132.0, 129.0, 127.5, 113.3, 62.2, 60.9, 40.1, 25.4, 24.4, 14.2. IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2972, 1737, 1580, 1440, 1366, 1304, 1262, 1147, 1028, 918, 741, 691. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S)<sup>+</sup>: 265.1257, found: 265.1255.



**Ethyl 2-phenylsulfanyl-3-phenylpent-4-enoate (3l)<sup>2</sup>:**

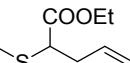
(mixture of anti- and syn-isomers): yellowish oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) major isomer δ 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.17 (m, 9H), 6.17 – 6.09 (m, 1H), 5.19 (dd, *J* = 19.8, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 – 3.76 (m, 2H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), minor isomer δ 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.17 (m, 9H), 6.05 – 5.96 (m, 1H), 5.09 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 – 3.74 (m, 2H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) major isomer δ 171.0, 140.9, 138.0, 133.6, 133.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.1, 128.1, 127.2, 117.8, 60.9, 56.1, 51.8, 13.8, minor isomer δ 171.4, 139.9, 138.1, 133.6, 133.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.0, 127.3, 117.1, 61.2, 56.5, 52.1, 14.1. IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2981, 1733, 1583, 1440, 1368, 1263, 1152, 1026, 922, 750, 700. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+H)<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S)<sup>+</sup>: 313.1257, found: 313.1256.



**Ethyl-2-(benzylthio)-4-pentenoate (3m):**

Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 5.77 – 5.66 (m, 1H), 5.09 – 5.03 (m, 2H), 4.24 – 4.12 (m, 2H), 3.83 (q, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 2H), 3.24 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 6.5

Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.1, 137.5, 134.1, 129.1, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.3, 117.7, 61.2, 45.6, 35.9, 35.4, 14.3. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2981, 1733, 1454, 1261, 1155, 1029, 920, 702. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ) $^+$ : 251.1100, found: 251.1094.



### Ethyl 2-methylthio-4-pentenoate (**3n**)<sup>3</sup>:

Yellowish oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.79 – 5.69 (m, 1H), 5.10 – 5.02 (m, 2H), 4.20 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 3.19 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.34 (m, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 134.2, 117.6, 61.0, 46.8, 34.9, 14.2, 13.8. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2982, 1729, 1438, 1369, 1232, 1158, 920. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  ( $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ) $^+$ : 175.0787, found: 175.0785.



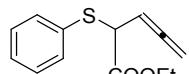
**Ethyl 2-ethylthio-4-pentenoate (3o)<sup>4</sup>:**

Colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.80 – 5.70 (m, 1H), 5.10 – 5.02 (m, 2H), 4.21 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 3.29 – 3.26 (m, 1H), 2.67 – 2.35 (m, 4H), 1.26 – 1.19 (m, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.3, 134.3, 117.6, 61.1, 46.0, 35.7, 25.5, 14.5, 14.3. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2980, 1731, 1446, 1368, 1259, 1155, 1035, 920. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  ( $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ) $^+$ : 189.0944, found: 189.0940.



### Ethyl 2-(hexylthio)-4-pentenoate (3p):

Colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.84 – 5.74 (m, 1H), 5.14 – 5.06 (m, 2H), 4.25 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.29 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.67 – 2.39 (m, 4H), 1.63 – 1.22 (m, 11H), 0.88 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.4, 134.5, 117.7, 61.2, 46.4, 35.8, 31.5, 29.4, 28.7, 22.7, 14.4, 14.2. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2929, 1731, 1465, 1368, 1259, 1154, 919. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ ) $^+$ : 267.1389, found: 267.1386.

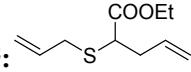


### Ethyl 2-(phenylthio) pent-3,4-dienoate (3r):

Colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.48 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 5.39 – 5.34 (m, 1H), 4.84 – 4.71 (m, 2H), 4.32 – 4.29 (m, 1H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 209.1, 169.9, 133.9, 132.6, 128.9, 128.4, 87.3, 77.5, 61.7,

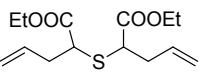
50.9, 14.1. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2983, 1954, 1734, 1439, 1368, 1277, 1155, 1027, 855, 747, 692. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ ) $^+$ : 257.0607, found: 257.0604.

**Ethyl 2-allylthio-4-pentenoate (3s-1)<sup>2</sup>:**



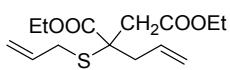
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**Ethyl 2-((allylethoxyacetyl)thio)-4-pentenoate (3s-2):**



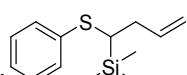
Colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.80 – 5.72 (m, 2H), 5.13 – 5.06 (m, 4H), 4.24 – 4.15 (m, 4H), 3.57 – 3.46 (m, 2H), 2.65 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.49 – 2.39 (m, 2H), 1.29 – 1.26 (m, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.0, 171.9, 133.9, 118.2, 118.1, 61.5, 61.4, 46.5, 46.4, 36.5, 35.7, 14.3, 14.3. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2982, 1735, 1642, 1439, 1369, 1260, 1158, 1037, 922. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{SNa}$ ) $^+$ : 309.1131, found: 309.1130.

**Ethyl 2-allylthio-2-ethoxyformyl-4-pentenoate (3s-3):**



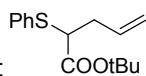
Colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.82 – 5.74 (m, 2H), 5.16 – 5.13 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 1.6$  Hz, 4H), 4.22 – 4.14 (m, 4H), 3.38 (s, 2H), 2.85 – 2.51 (m, 4H), 1.28 (m, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.1, 170.0, 132.4, 119.5, 61.7, 61.6, 54.0, 37.9, 31.9, 14.3, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ) $^+$ : 287.1312, found: 287.1309.

**(1-Phenylsulfanylbut-3-enyl)trimethylsilane (3t):**

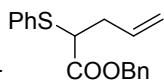


Colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.38 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.27 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.95 – 5.85 (m, 1H), 5.07 – 4.99 (m, 2H), 2.59 (t,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.54 – 2.38 (m, 2H), 0.16 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.7, 137.2, 129.7, 128.9, 125.9, 116.3, 35.9, 33.7, -1.8. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2956, 1583, 1479, 1438, 1249, 912, 839, 739, 690. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{SSi}$ ) $^+$ : 237.1128, found: 237.1122.

**2-(Phenylthio)-4-pentenoic acid tert-butyl ester (3u):**

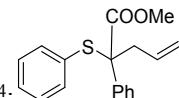


Colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.48 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 5.87 – 5.77 (m, 1H), 5.16 – 5.08 (m, 2H), 3.63 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.9, 134.2, 133.7, 132.9, 128.9, 127.8, 117.9, 81.6, 51.0, 36.0, 28.0. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2979, 1729, 1439, 1368, 1341, 1258, 1145, 920, 846, 747, 691. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ ) $^+$ : 287.1076, found: 287.1073.



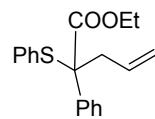
**2-(Phenylthio)-4-pentenoic acid benzyl ester (3v):**

Yellowish oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.41 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 5.84 – 5.74 (m, 1H), 5.13 – 5.05 (m, 4H), 3.74 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.67 – 2.48 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.65, 135.56, 133.86, 133.35, 132.95, 129.08, 128.59, 128.44, 128.38, 128.23, 118.27, 67.00, 50.34, 35.87. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3064, 1734, 1455, 1438, 1335, 1264, 1229, 1151, 992, 921, 749, 694. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ ) $^+$ : 321.0920, found: 321.0915.



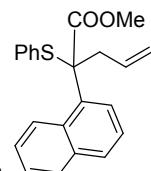
**2-(Phenylthio)-2-phenyl-4-pentenoic acid methyl ester (3w)<sup>4</sup>:**

Colorless solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.32 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 5.96 – 5.86 (m, 1H), 5.13 – 5.04 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.93 – 2.81 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.5, 139.9, 137.0, 133.3, 130.8, 129.4, 128.6, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 119.0, 64.6, 52.8, 40.8. IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3071, 2951, 1721, 1436, 1316, 1261, 1222, 1120, 1013, 933, 753, 696, 513. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ) $^+$ : 299.1100, found: 299.1092.



**2-(Phenylthio)-2-phenyl-4-pentenoic acid ethyl ester (3x):**

Yellowish oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30 – 7.23 (m, 6H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 5.98 – 5.88 (m, 1H), 5.13 – 5.05 (m, 2H), 4.25 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 2.94 – 2.80 (m, 2H), 1.19 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.9, 140.1, 136.9, 133.3, 131.0, 129.3, 128.5, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 118.9, 64.4, 61.9, 40.6, 14.1. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3052, 2980, 1727, 1473, 1440, 1255, 1212, 1122, 1025, 919, 750, 695. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ ) $^+$ : 335.1076, found: 335.1082.



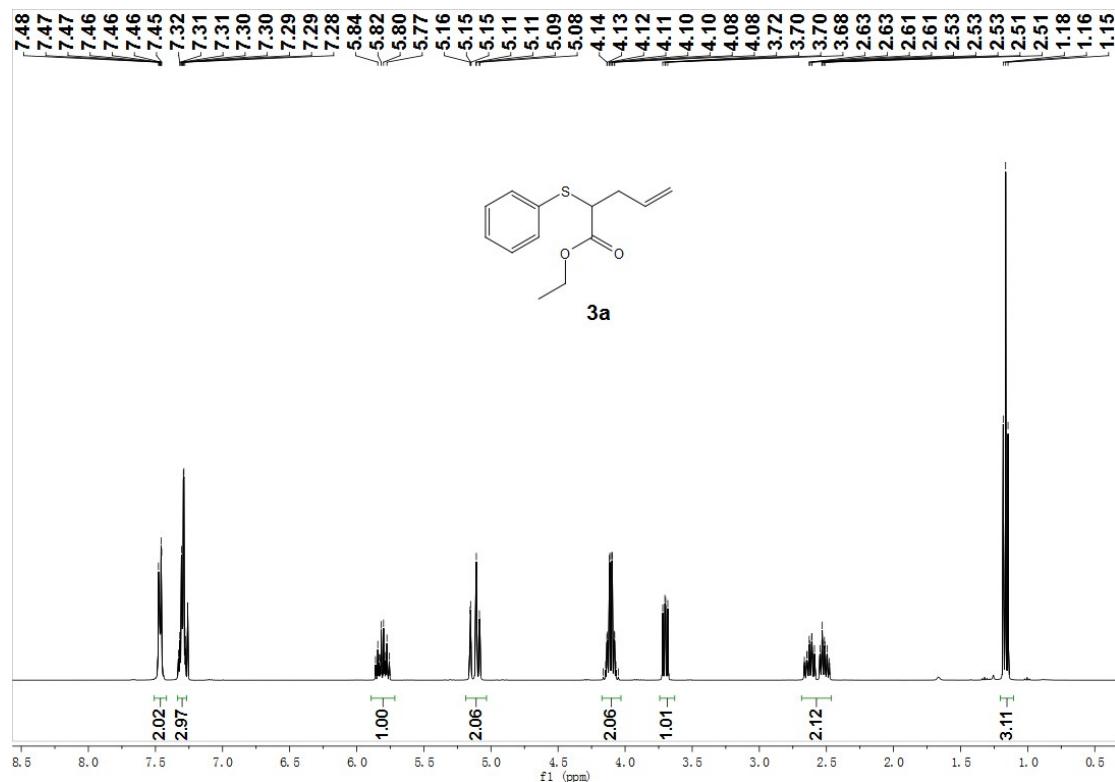
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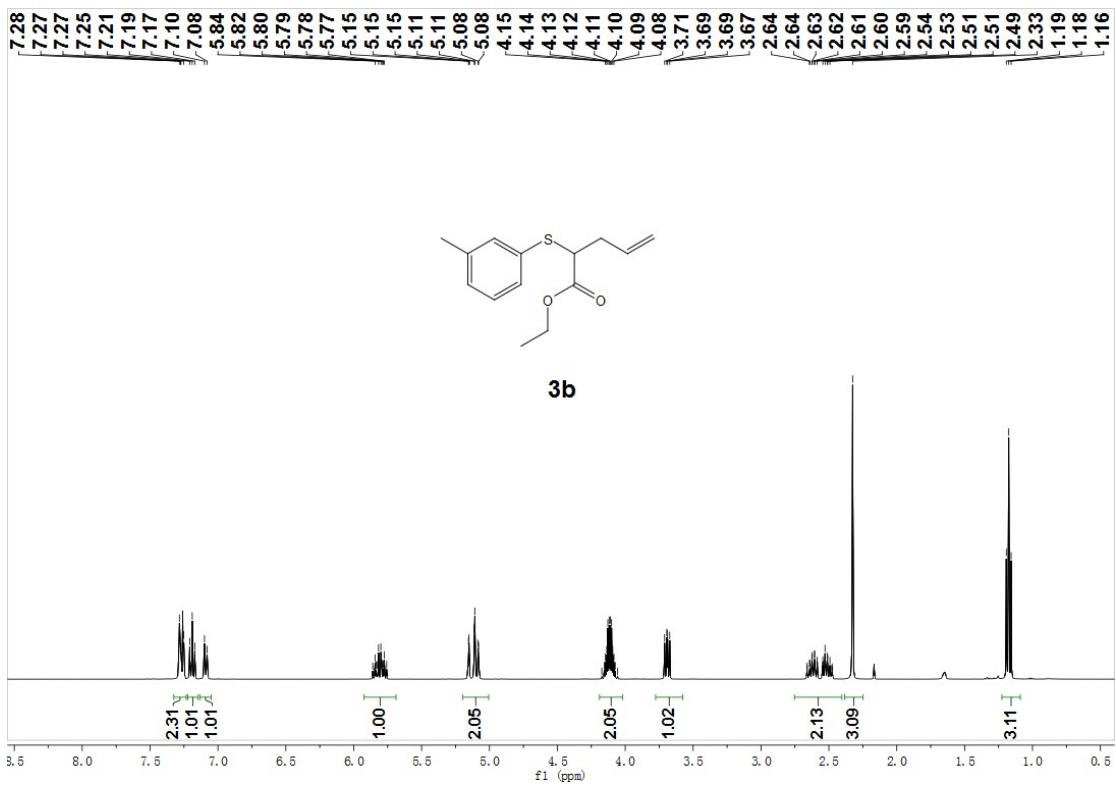
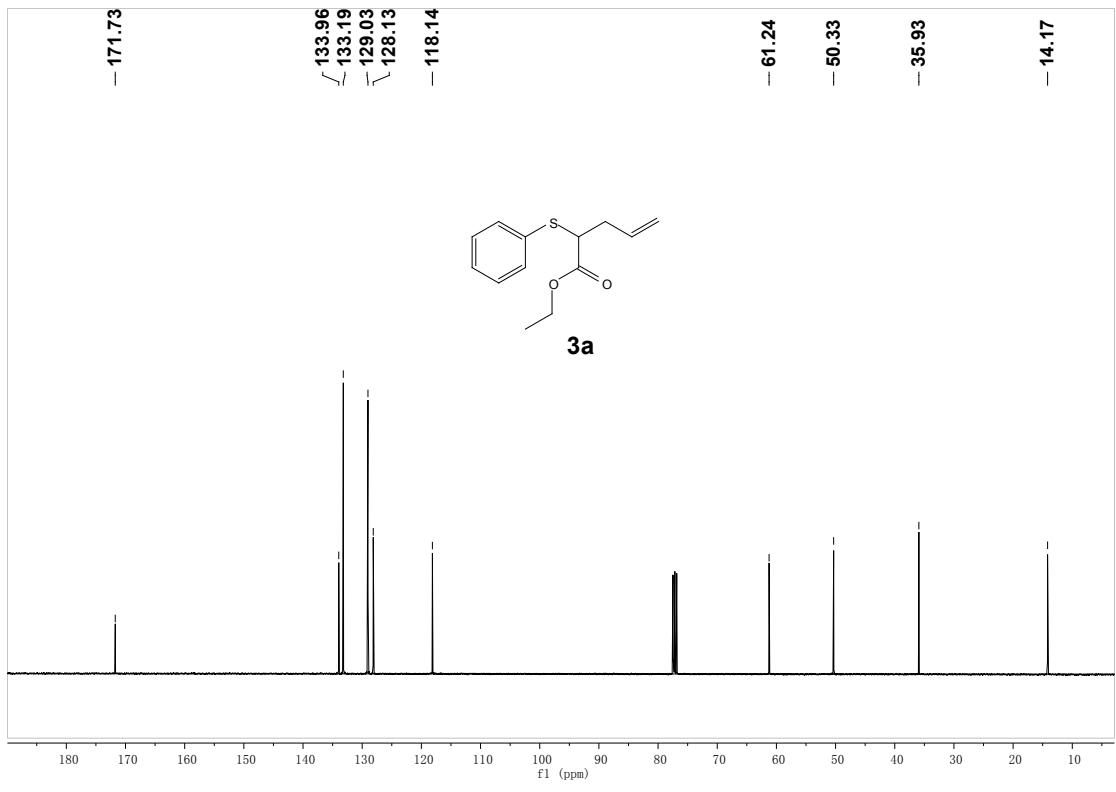
Yellowish oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.22 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.77 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 3H), 7.06 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.19 – 6.08 (m, 1H), 5.14 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 13.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.10 – 2.97 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.5, 137.3, 135.0, 134.3, 133.2, 131.1, 130.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.3, 126.2, 125.5, 125.5, 124.6, 124.3, 118.8, 64.0, 52.7, 41.4. IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3059, 2949, 1732, 1437, 1237, 1215, 1123, 1042, 993, 920, 794, 779, 753, 694, 432. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $(\text{M}+\text{Na})^+$  ( $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ ) $^+$ : 371.1076, found: 371.1084.

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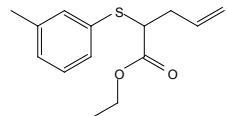
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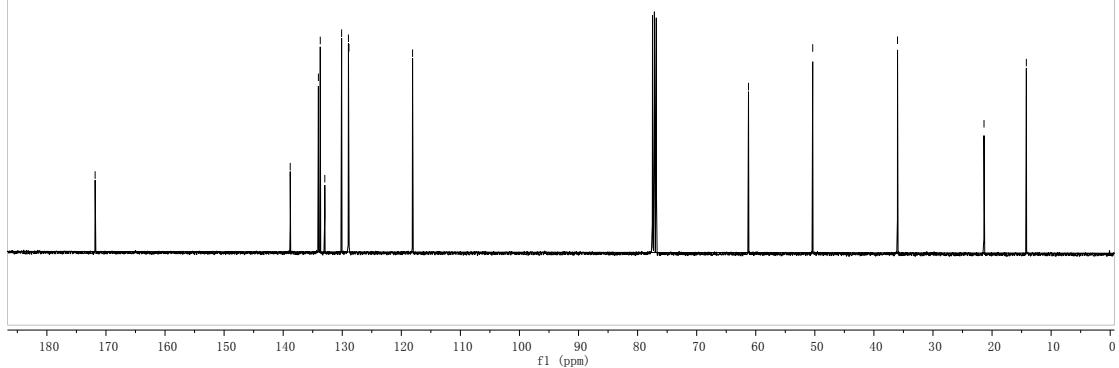


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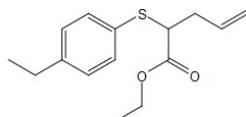
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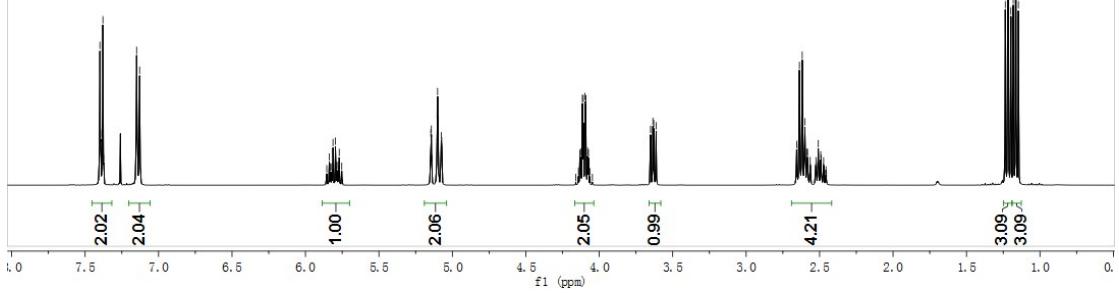
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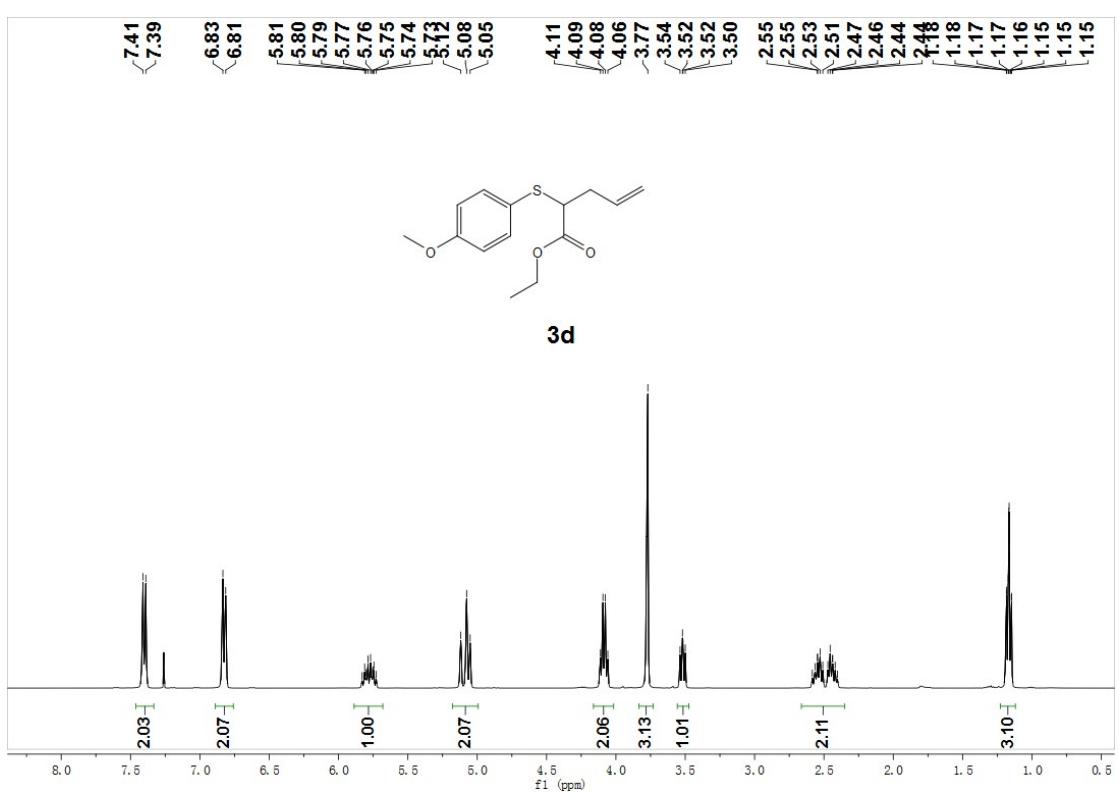
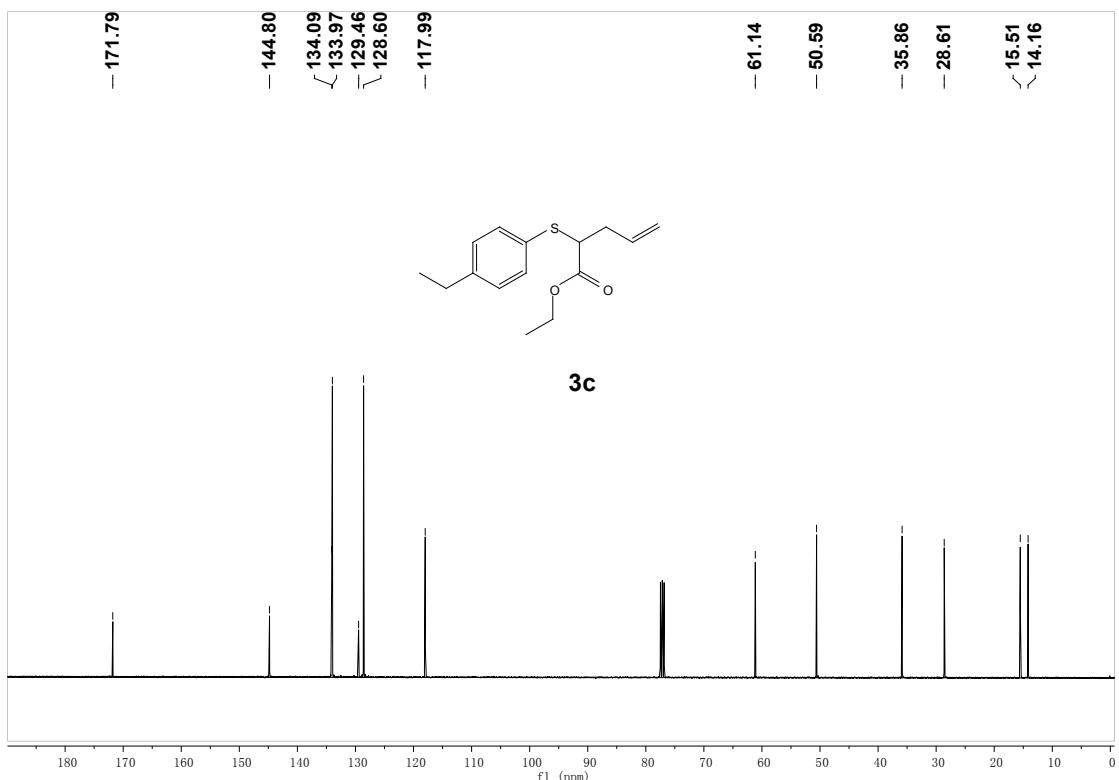


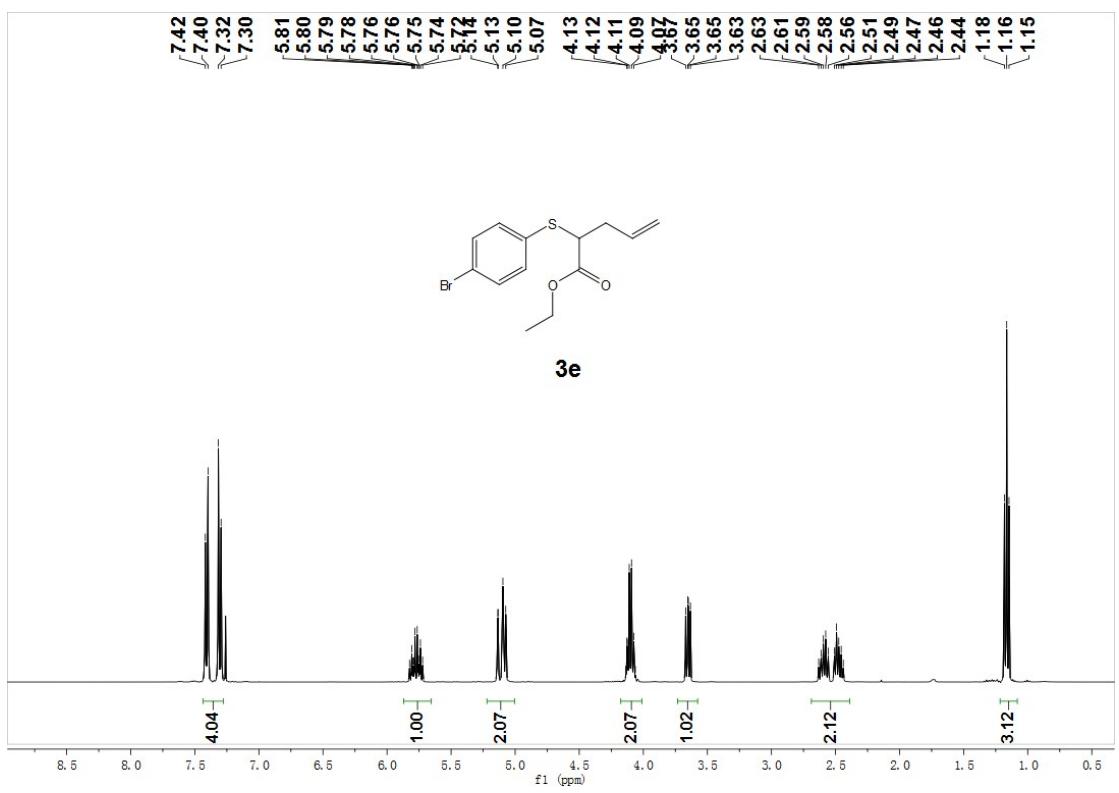
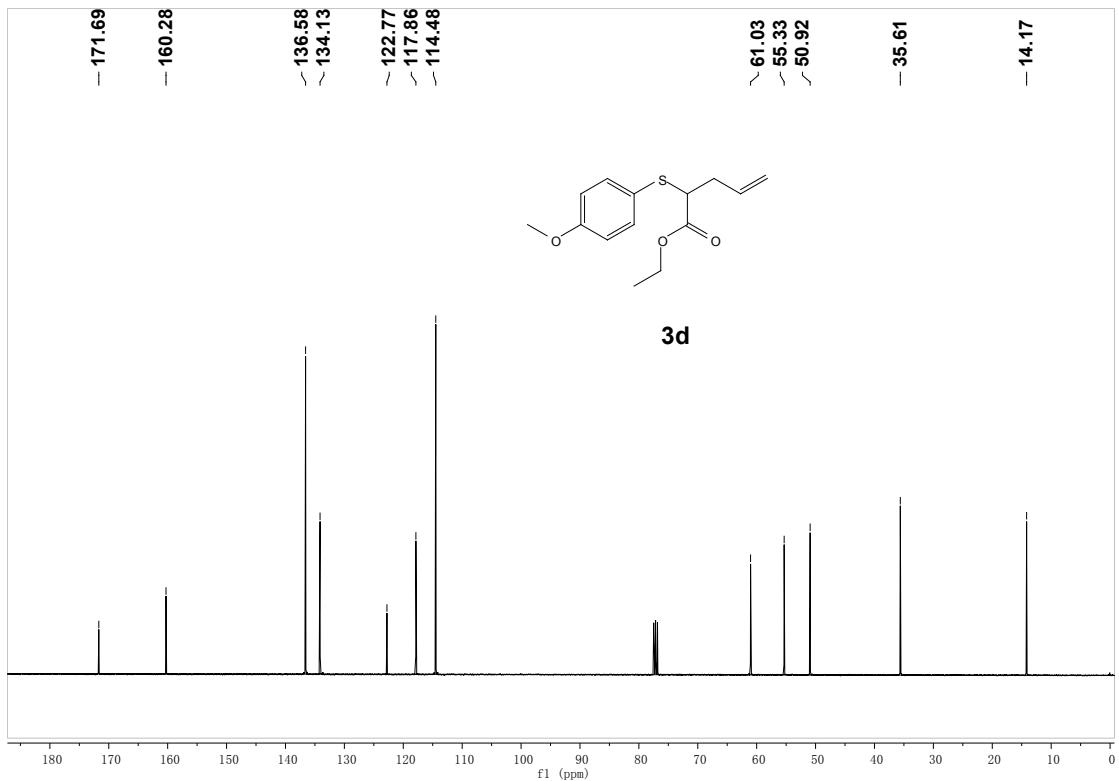
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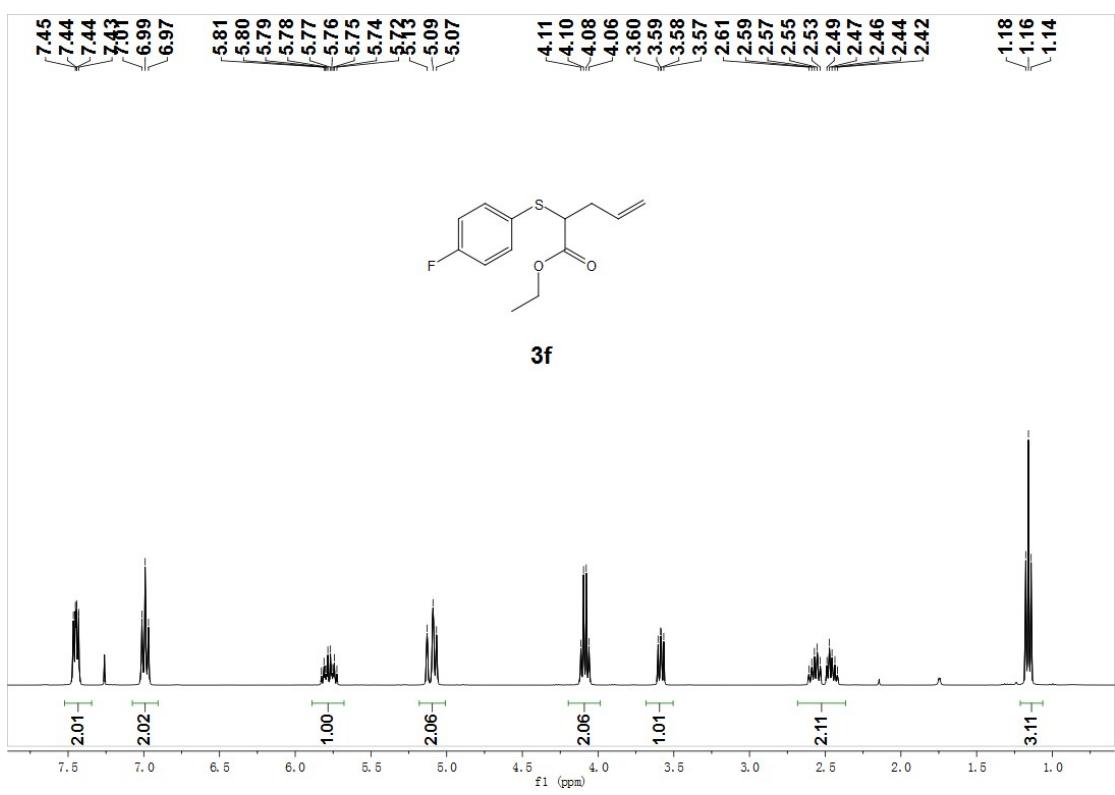
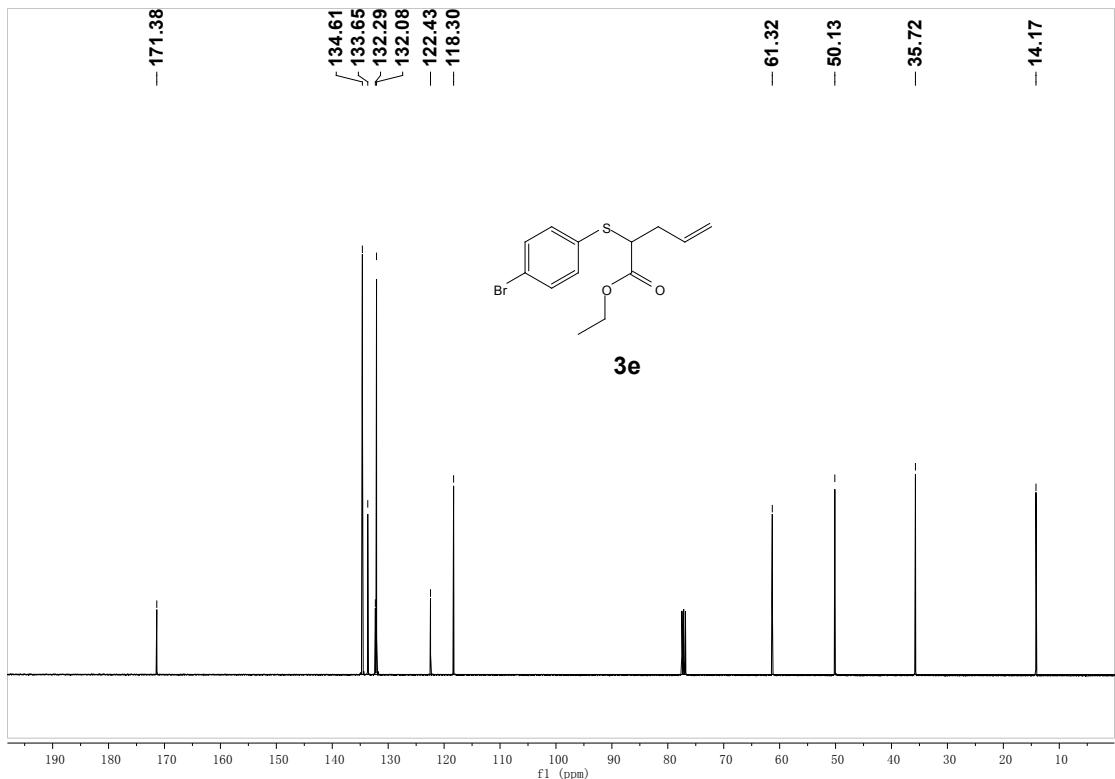


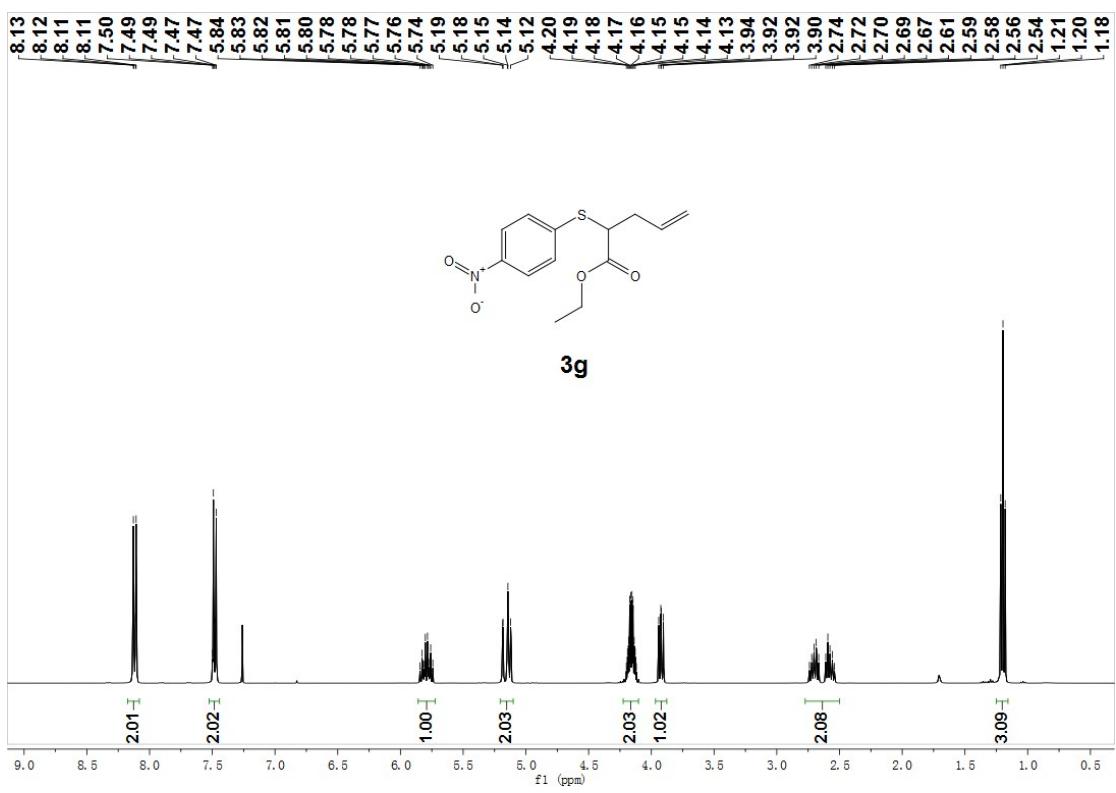
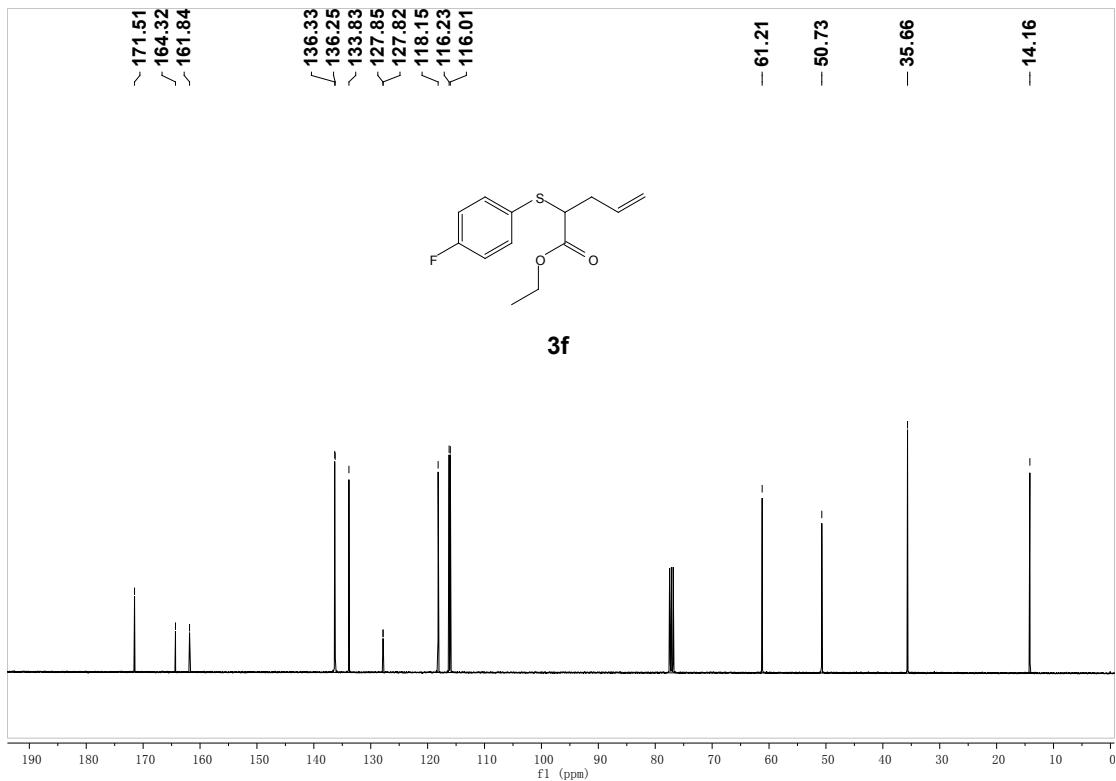
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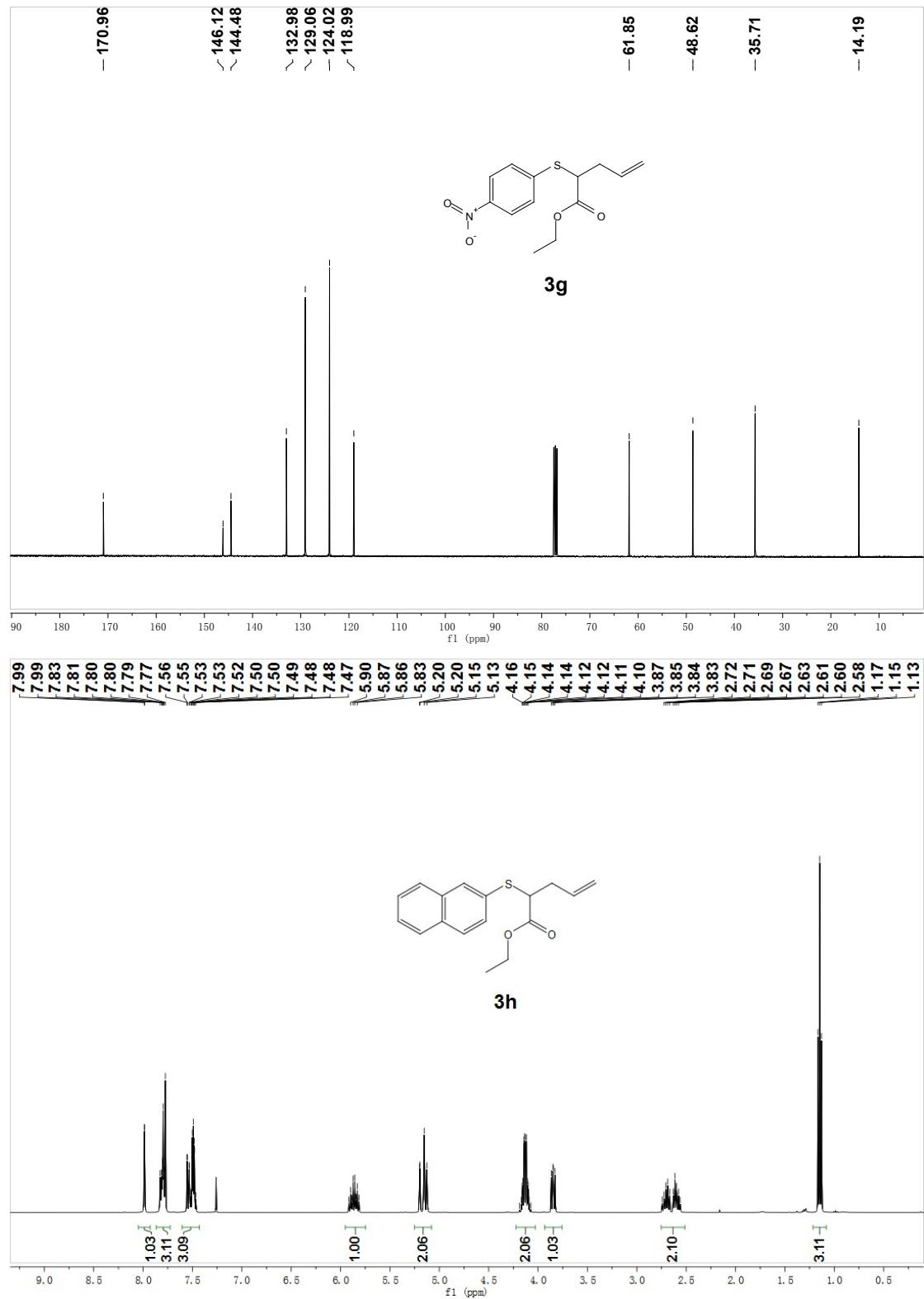


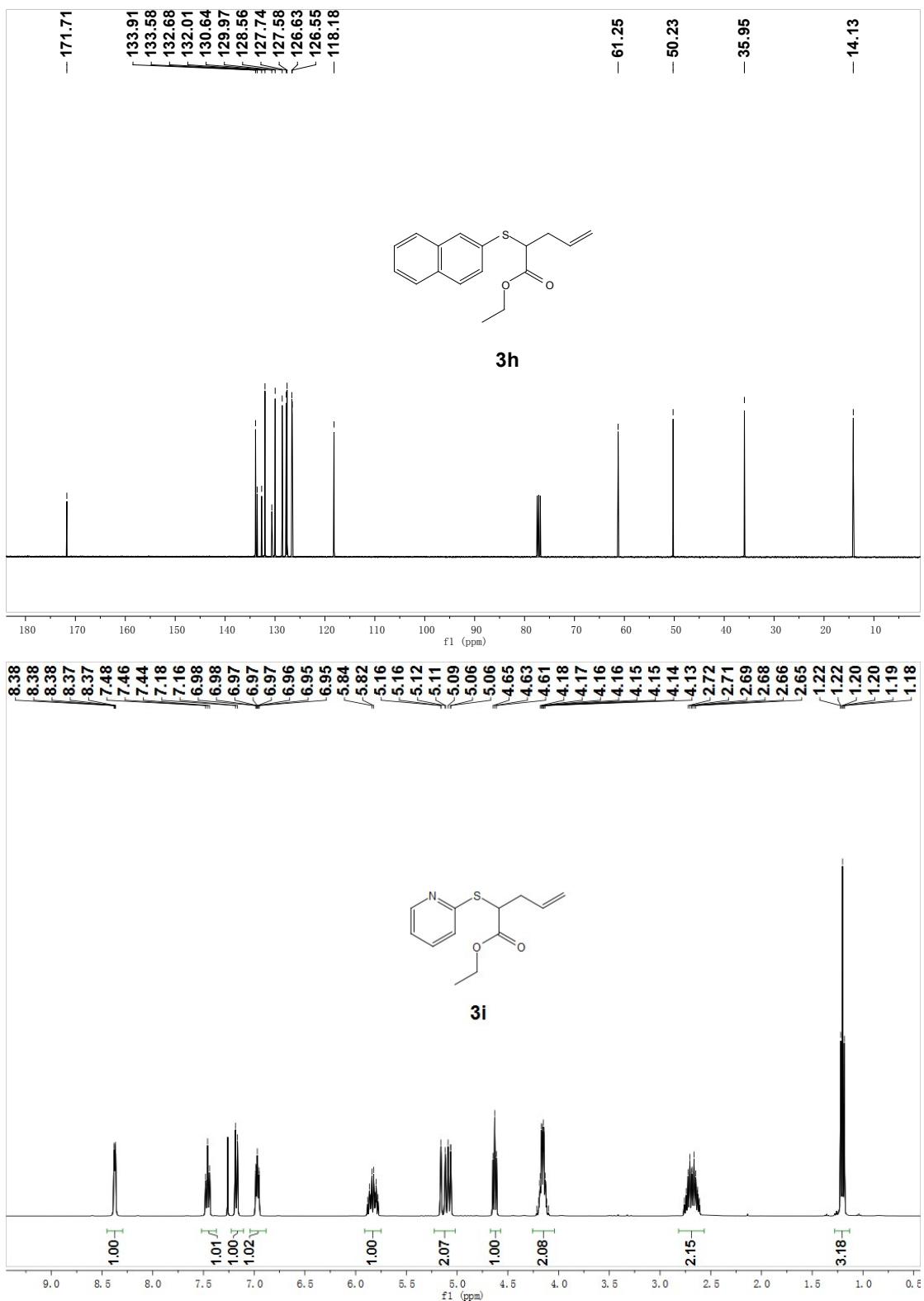


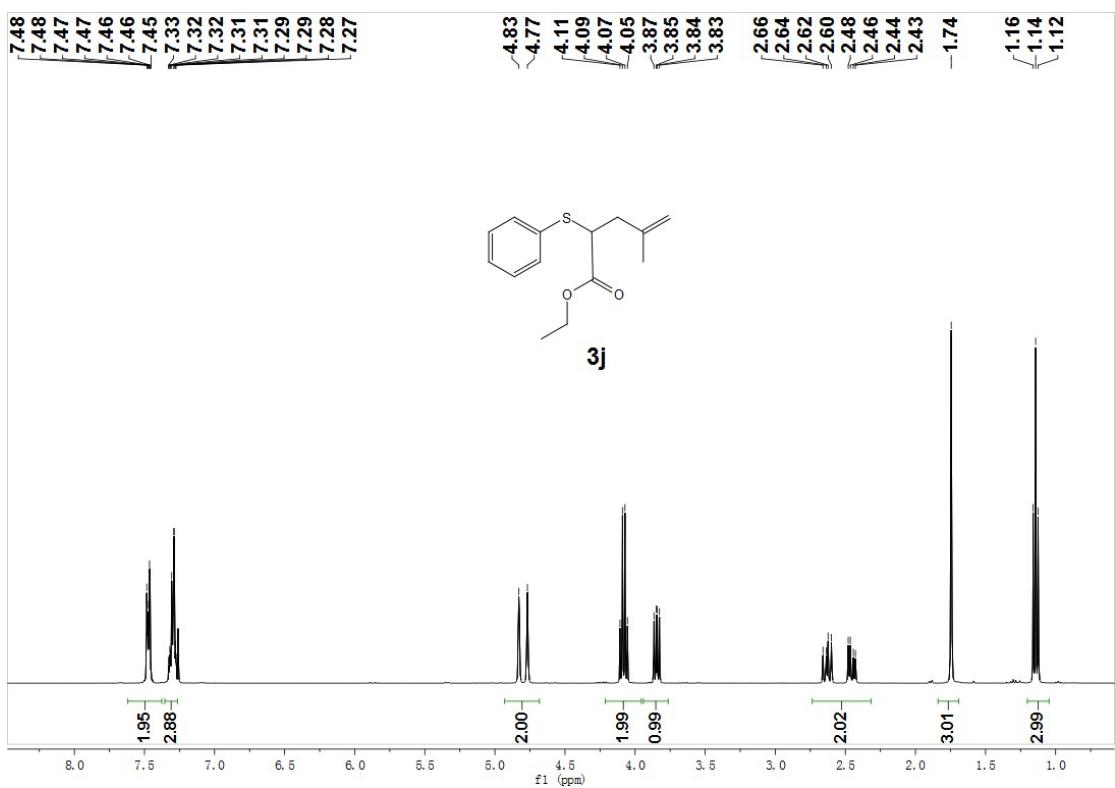
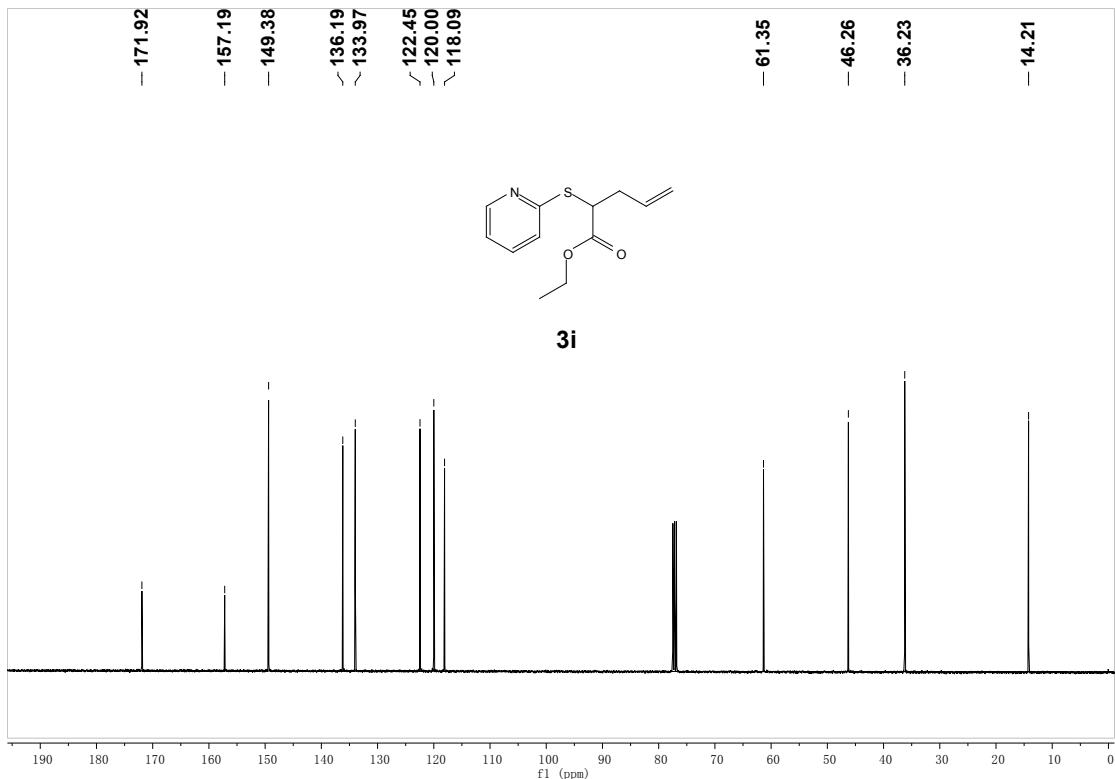


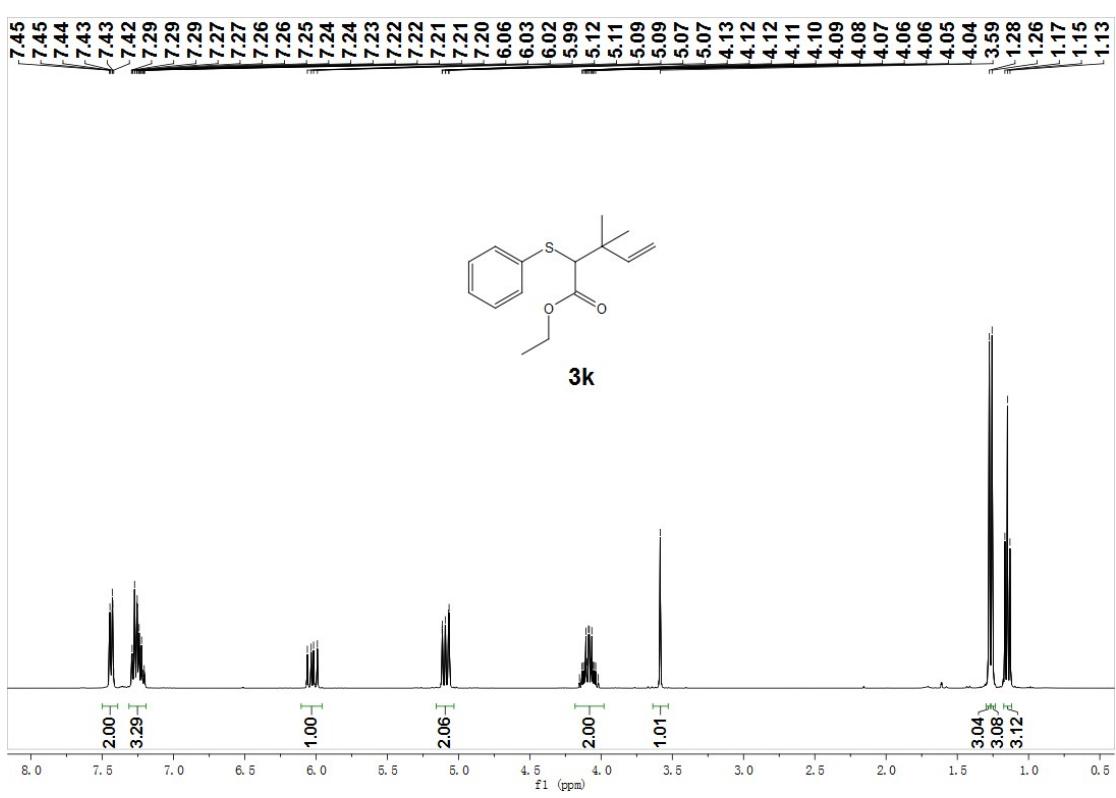
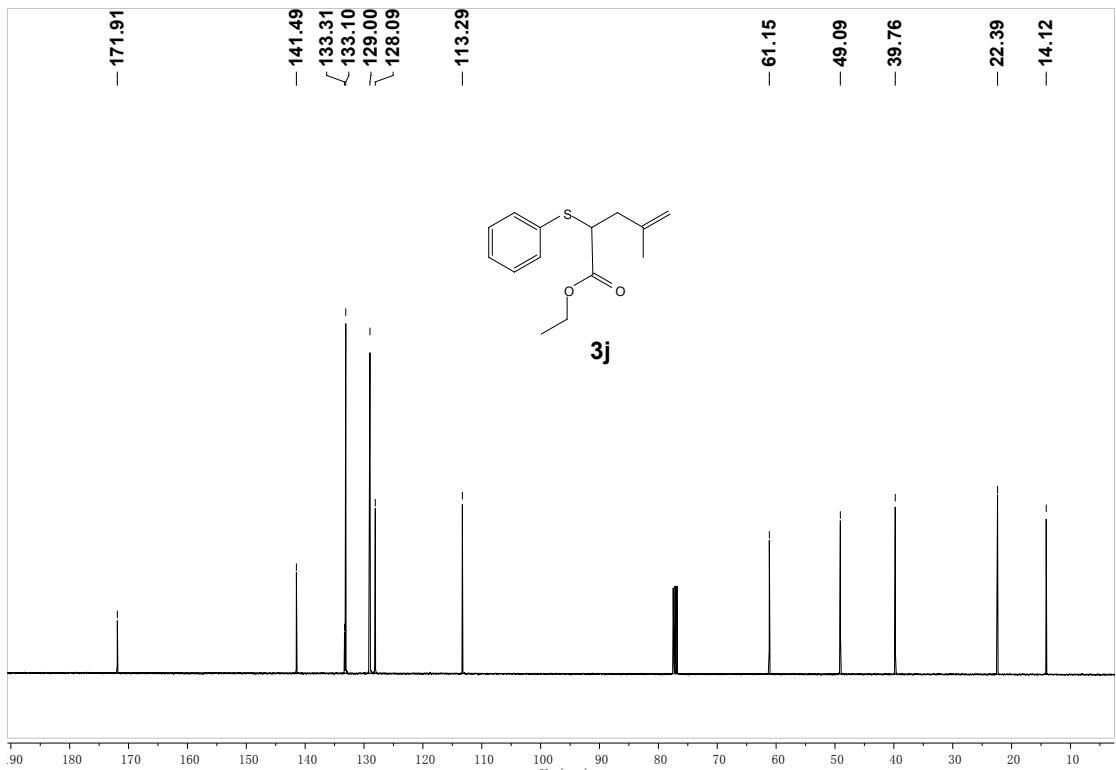


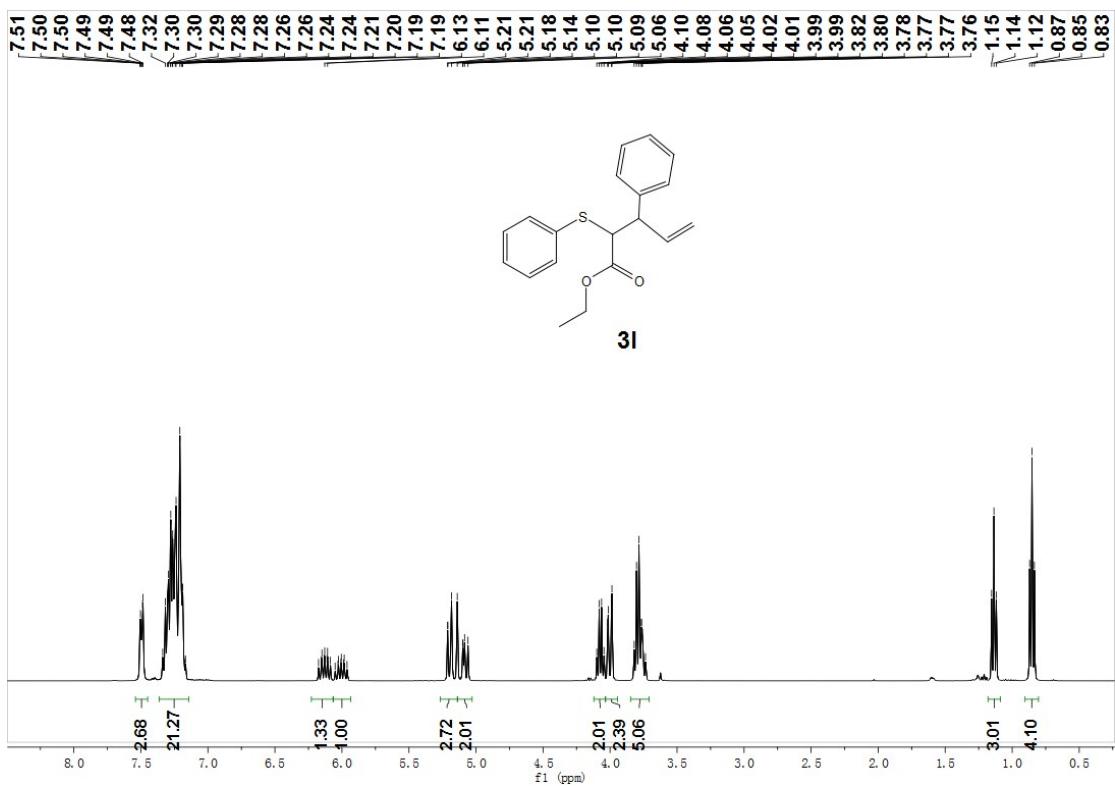
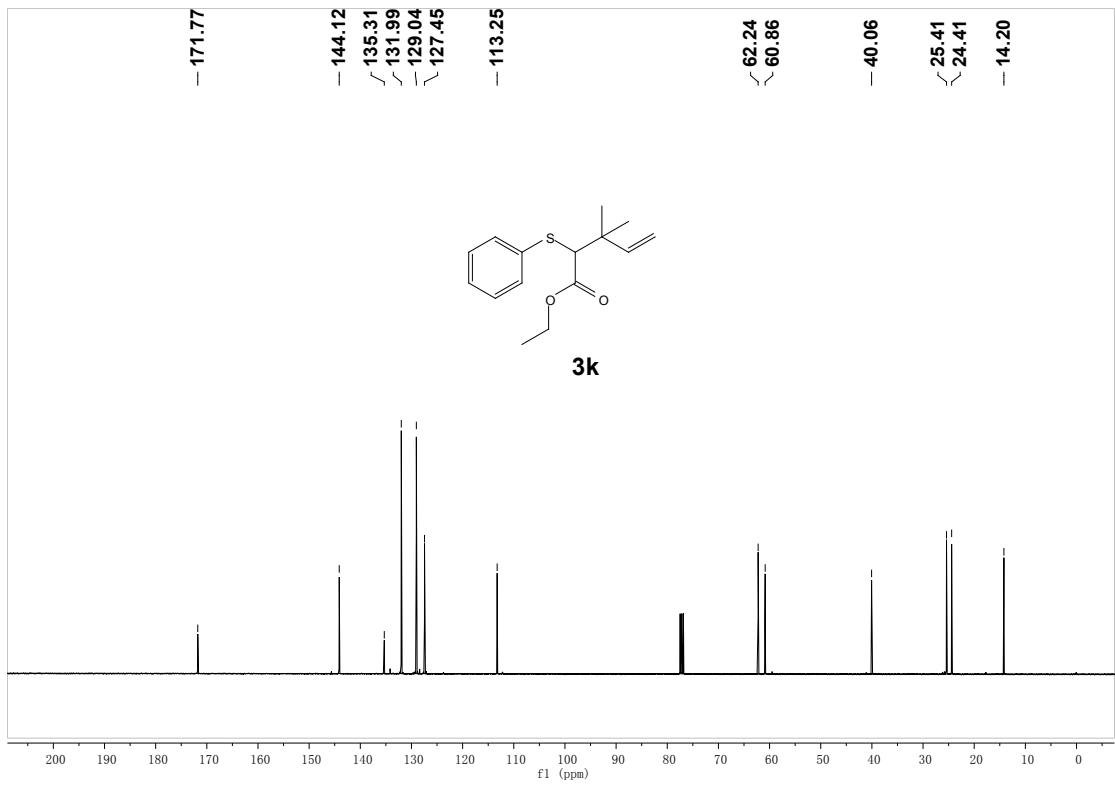


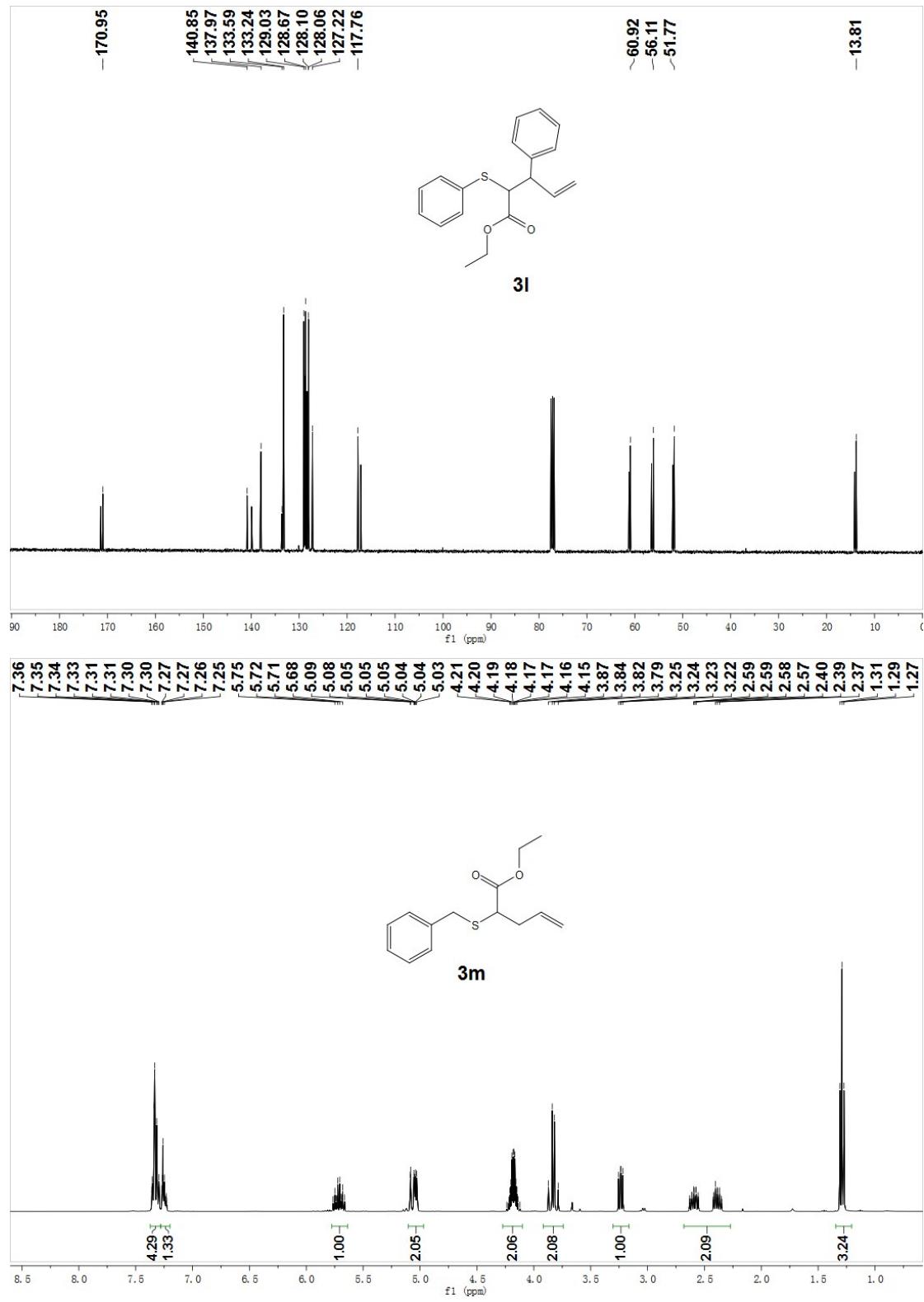


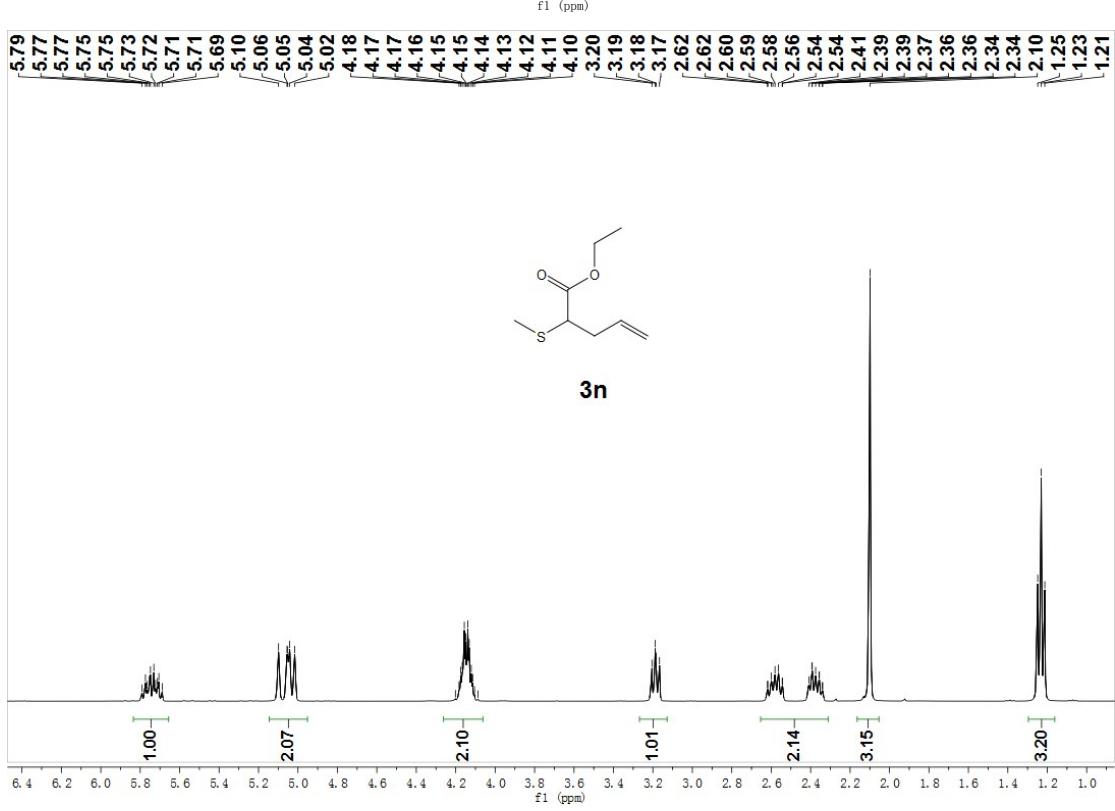
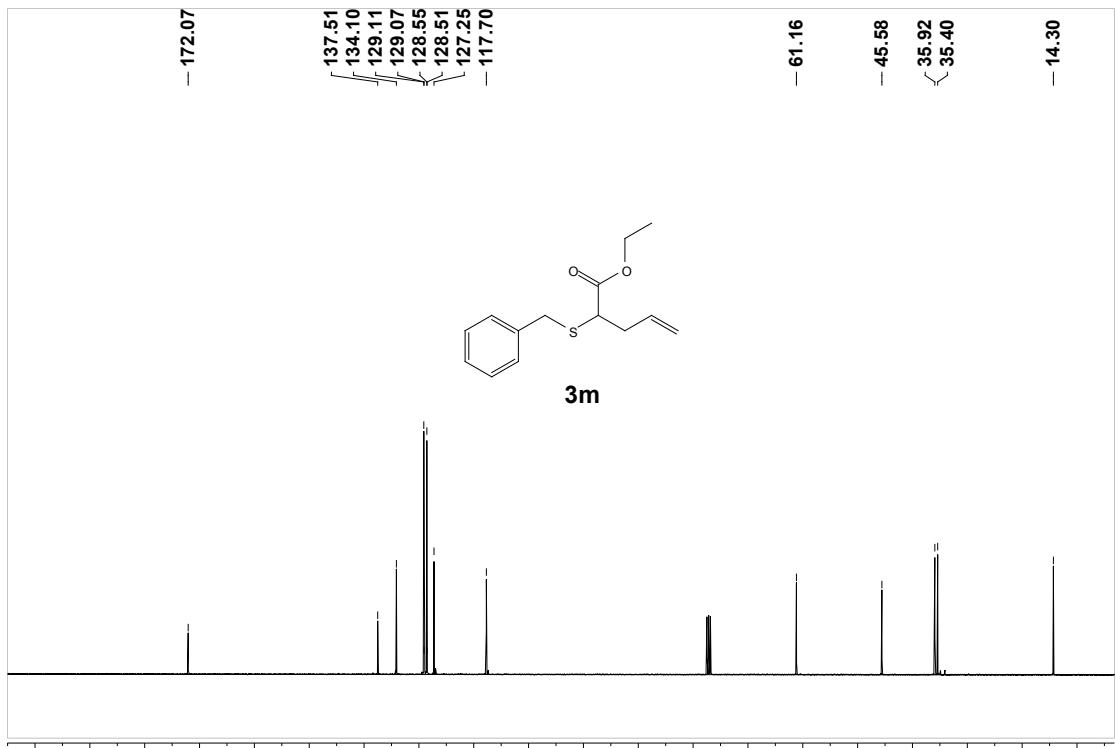


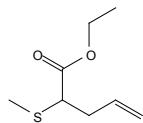
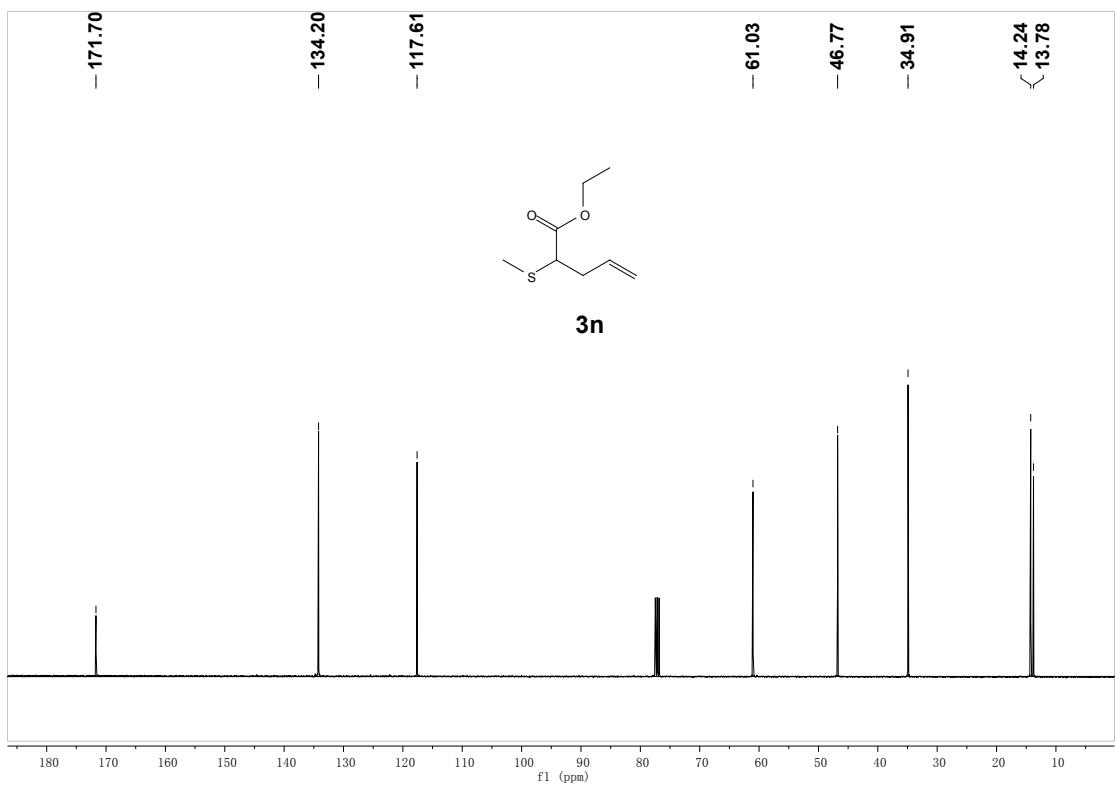




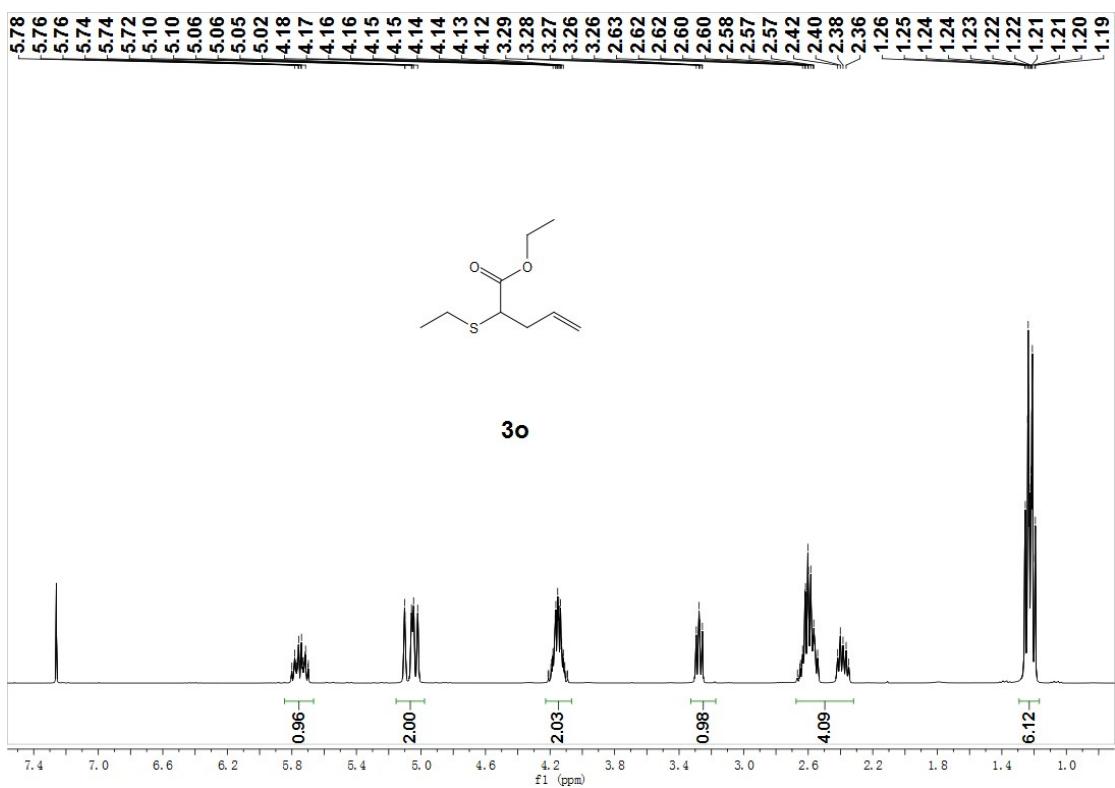


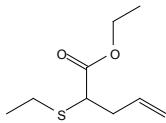
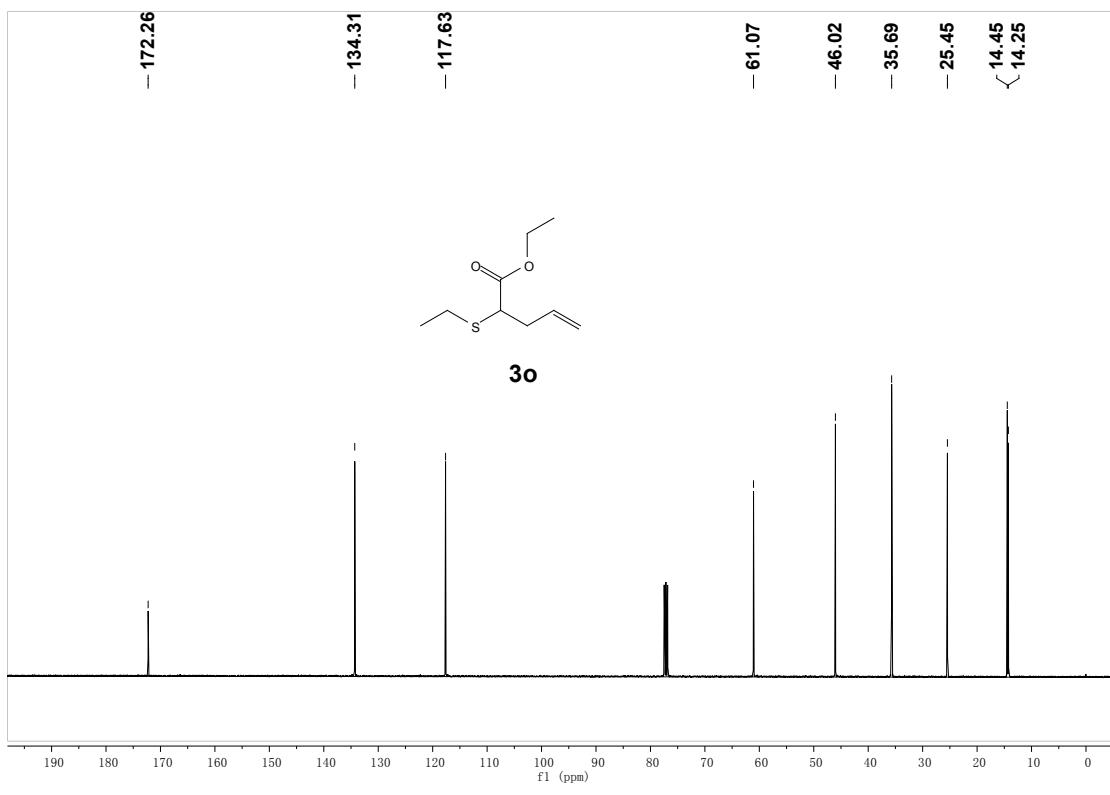




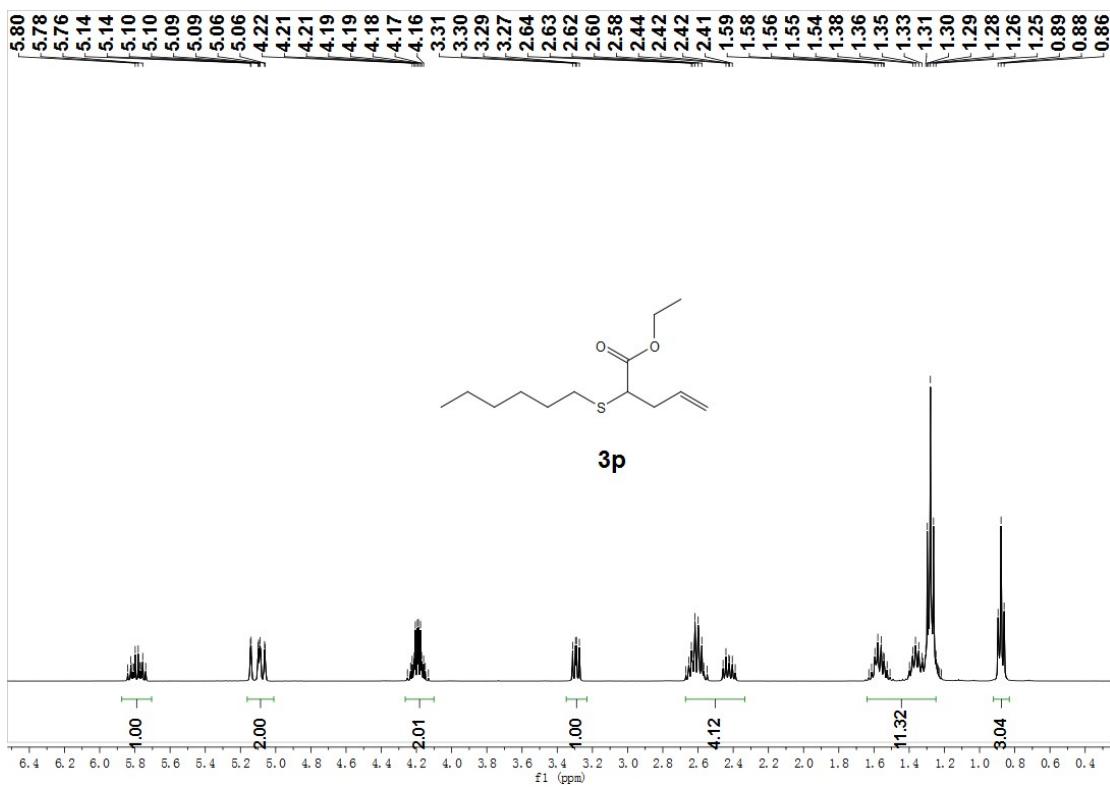


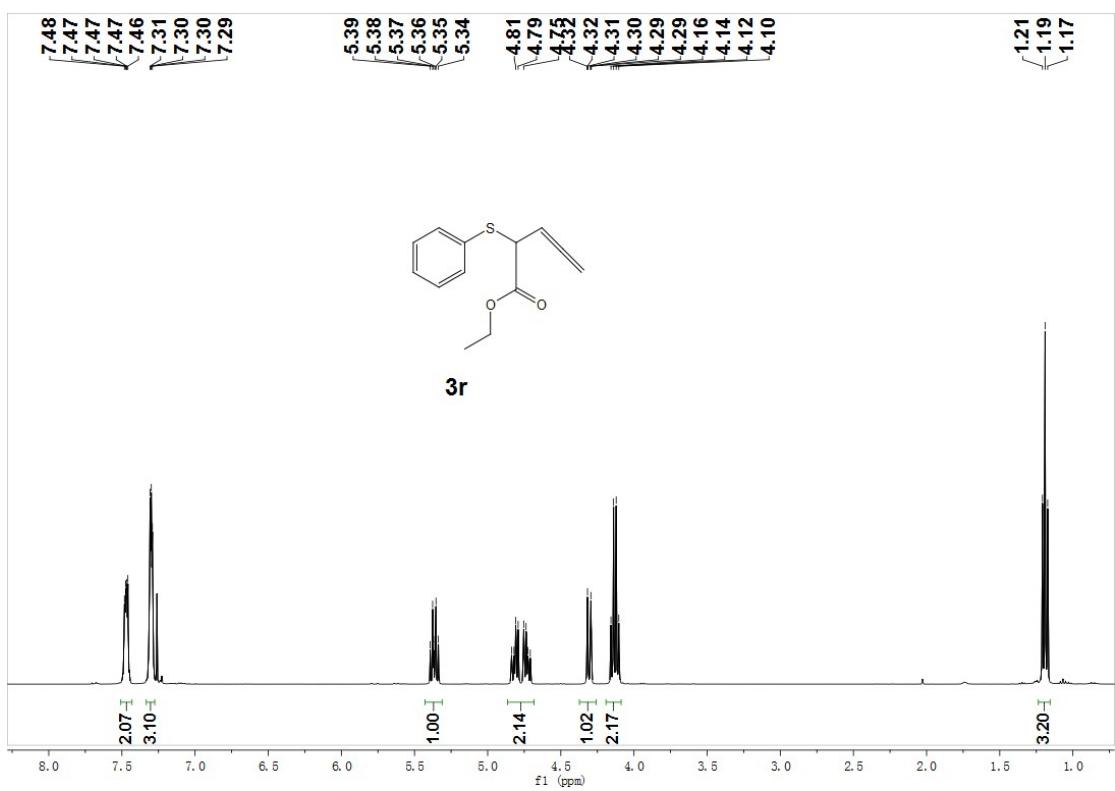
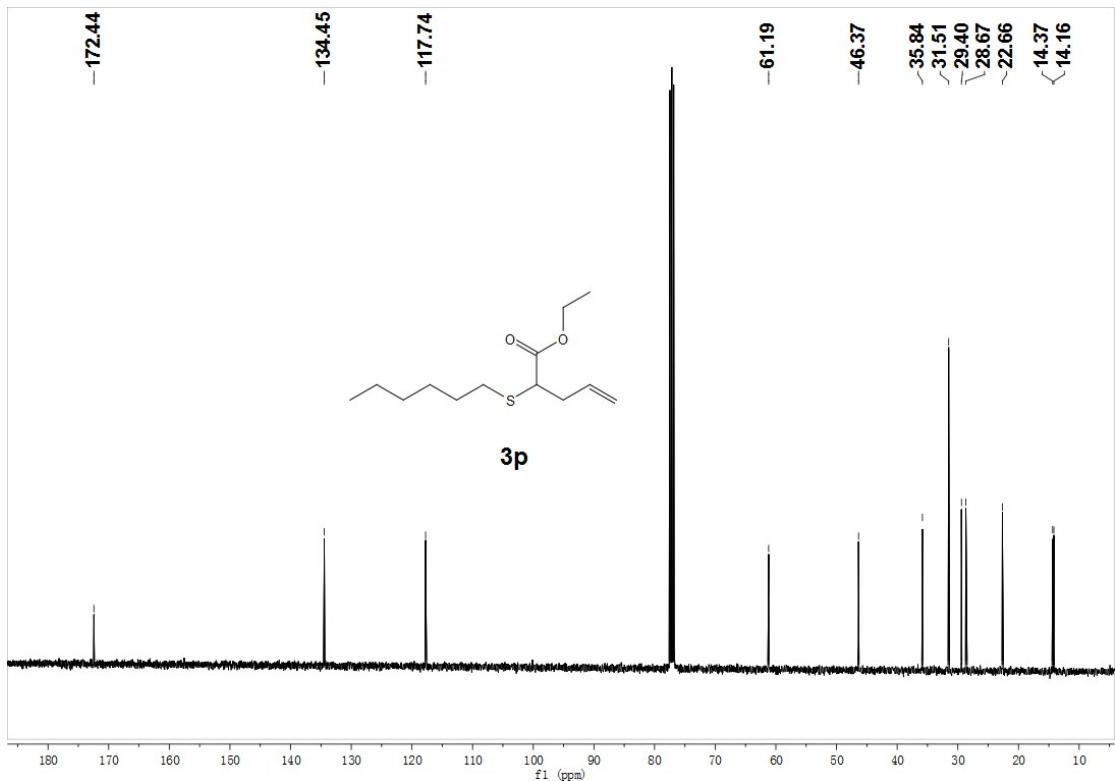
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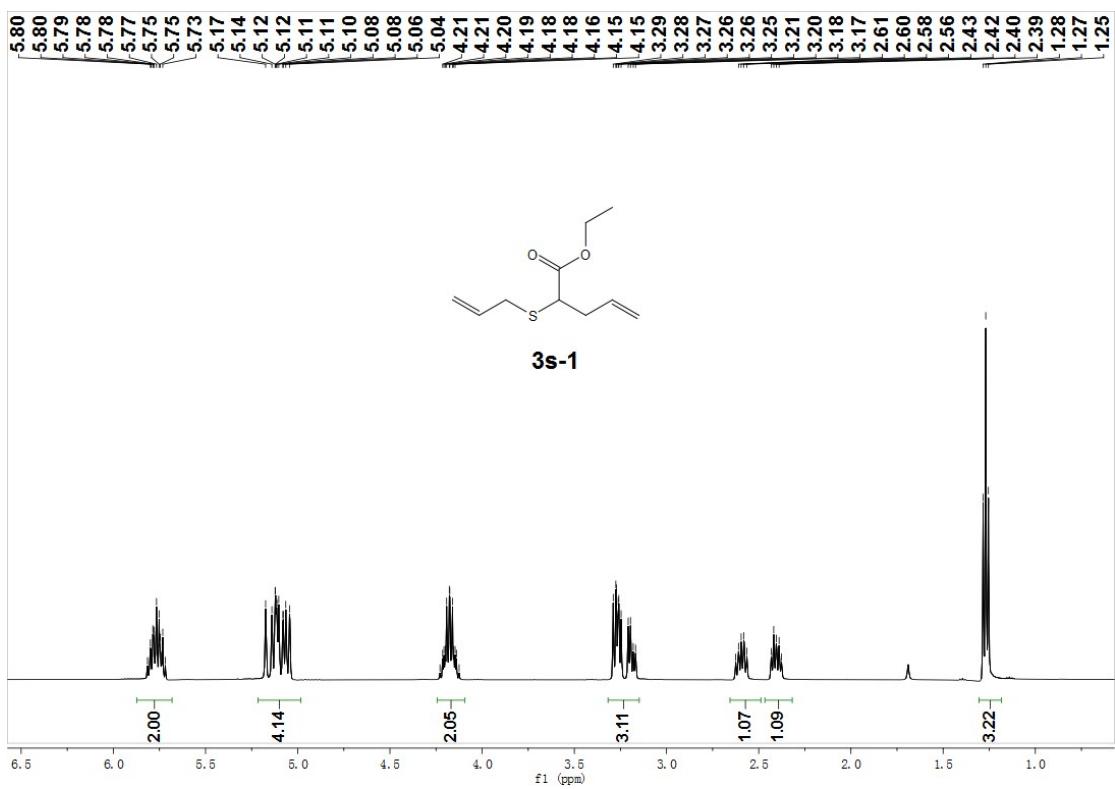
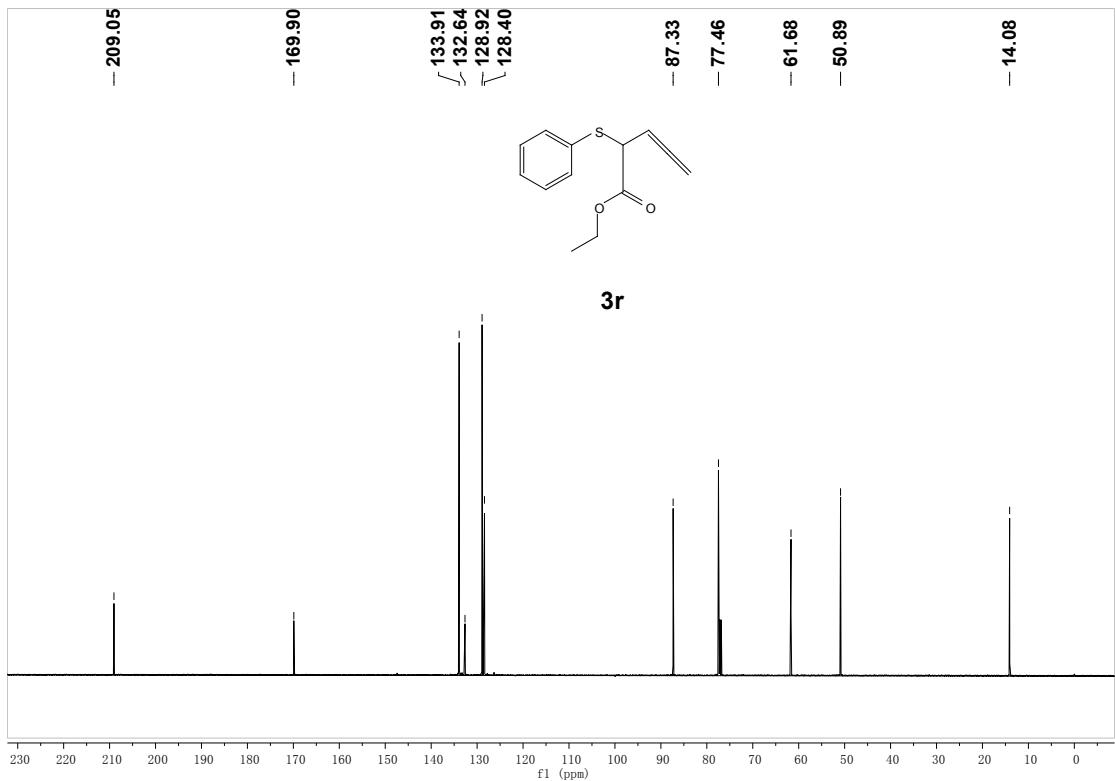


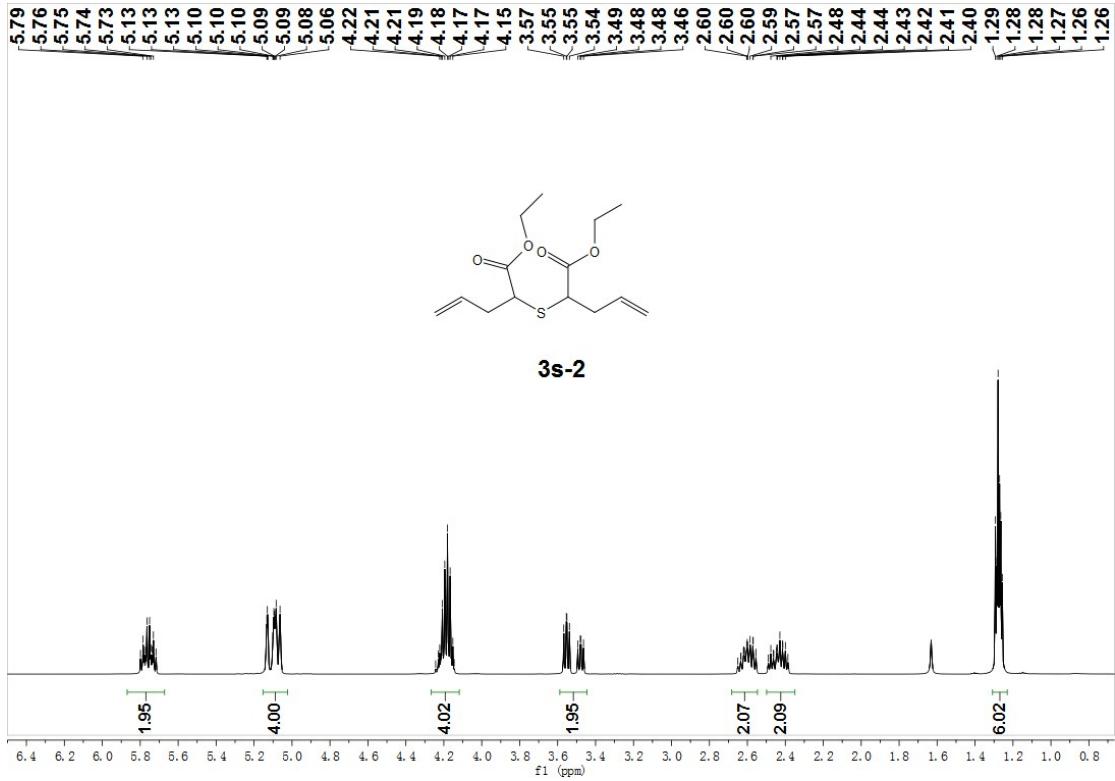
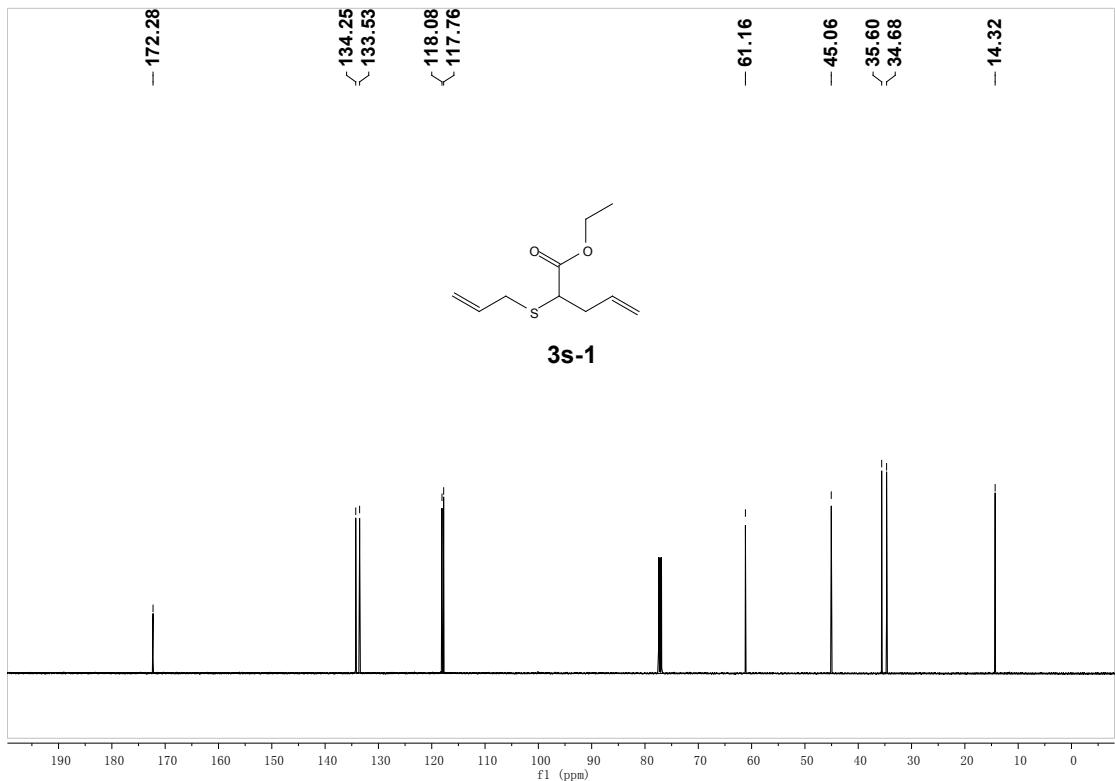


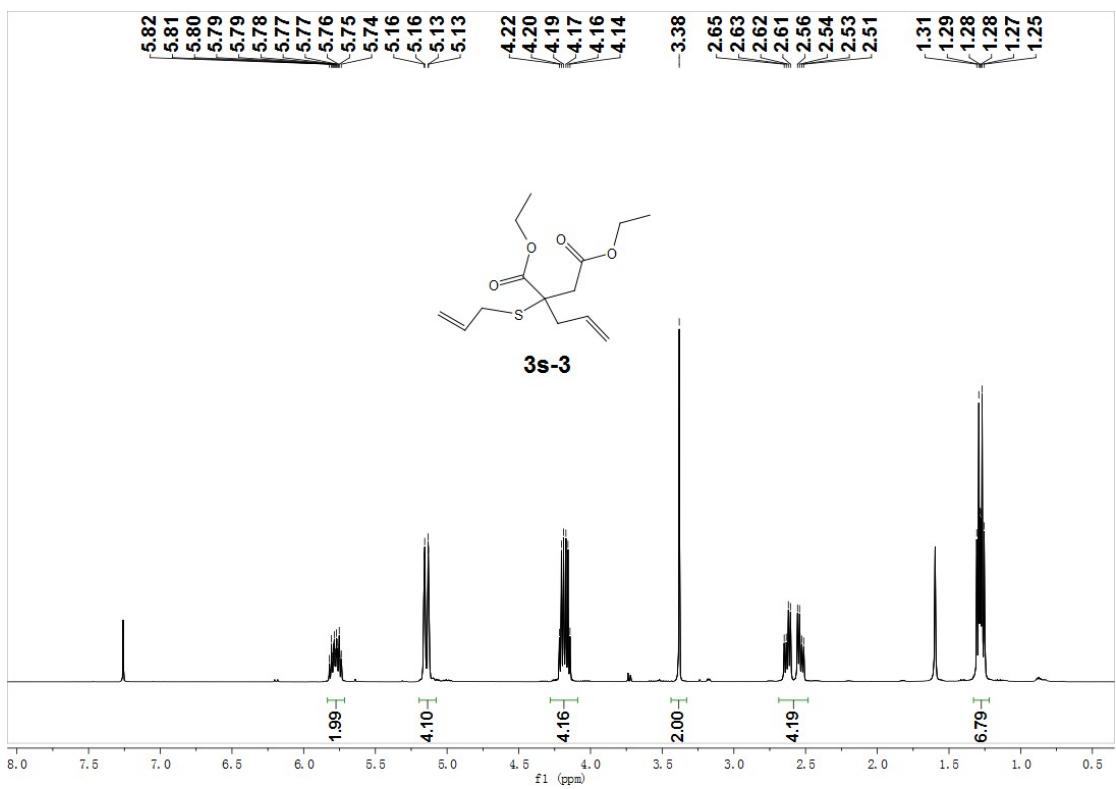
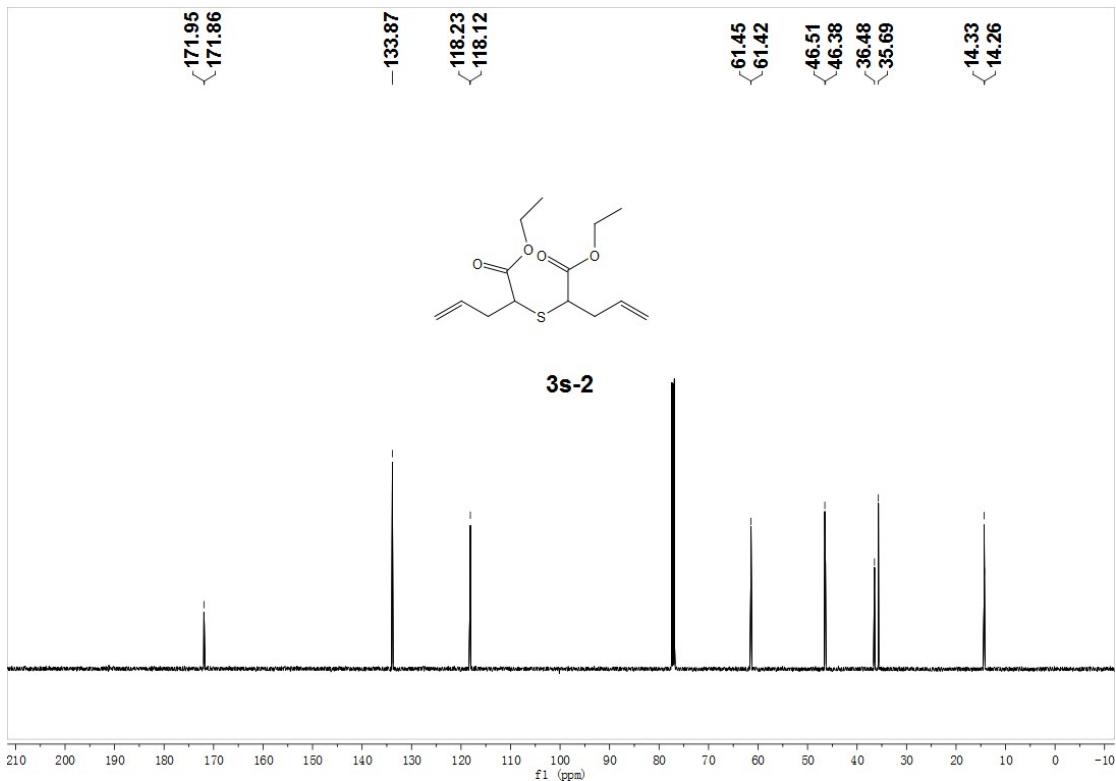
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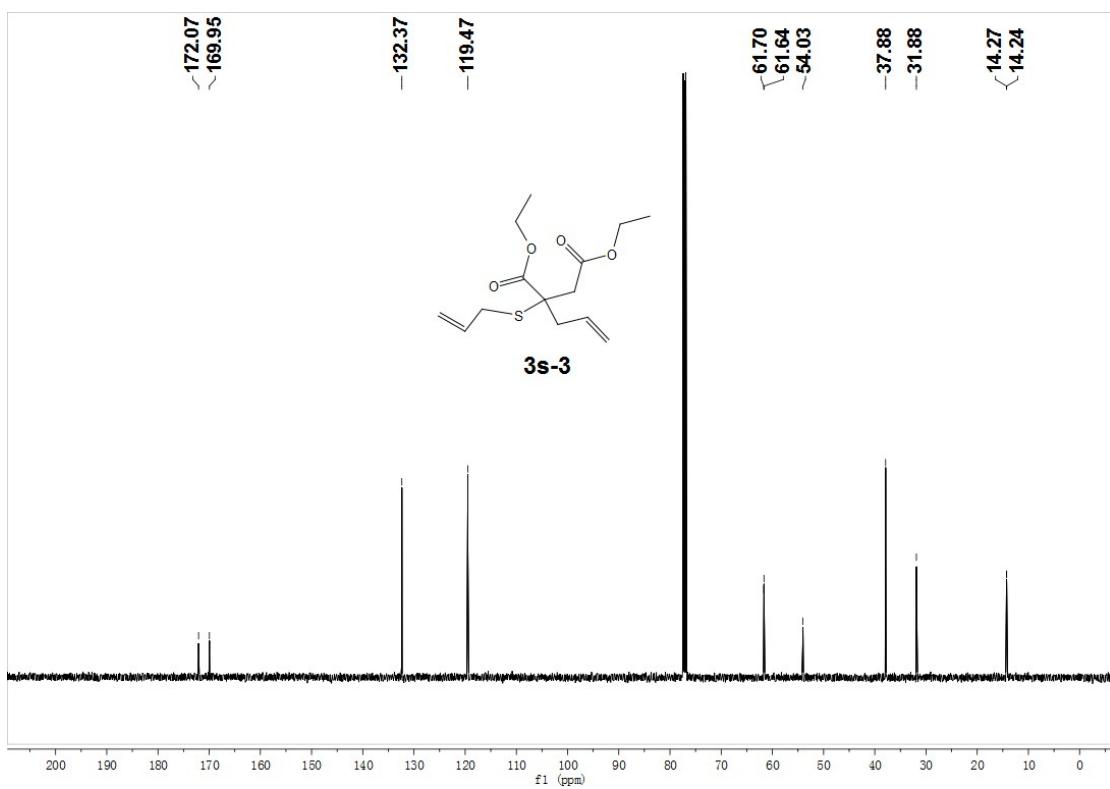




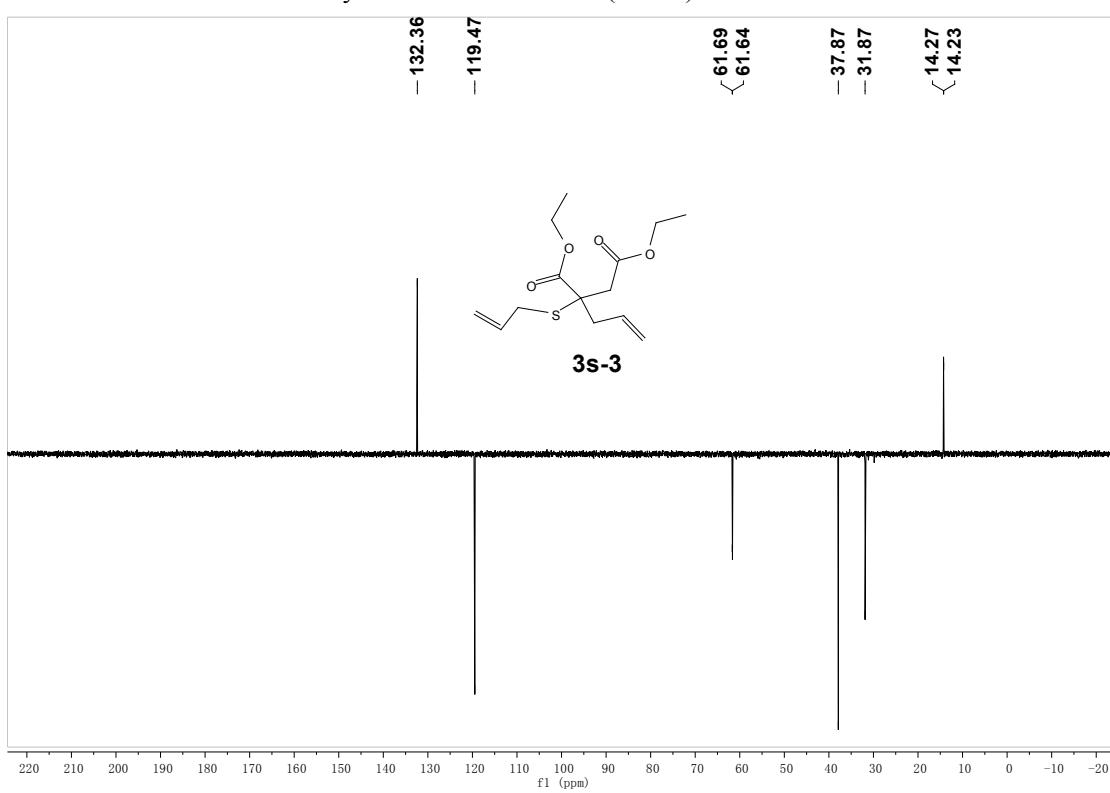




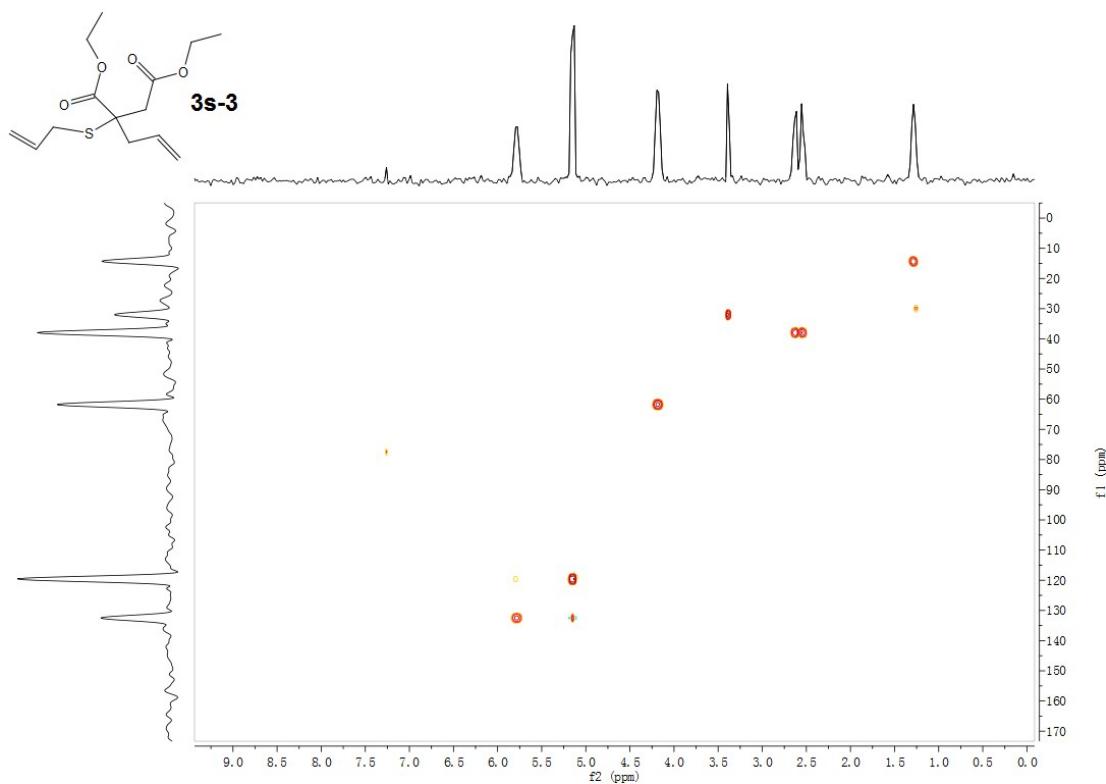




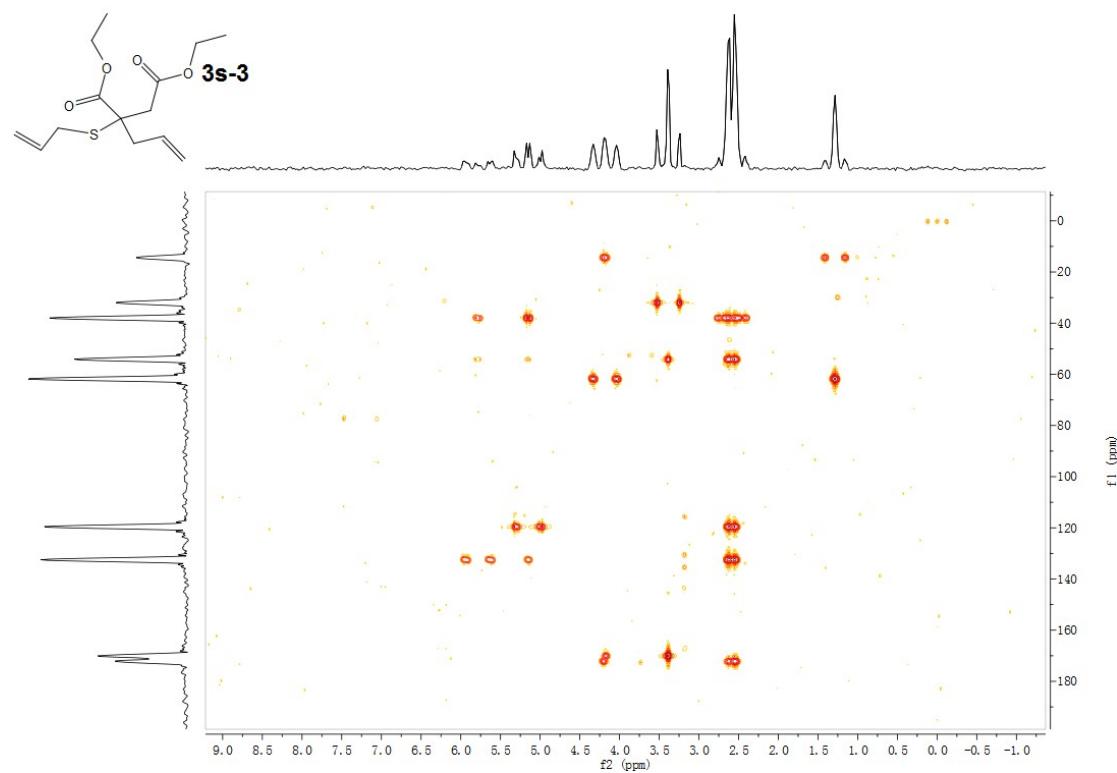
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