

## Supporting Information

### General Remarks

Most of chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Strem, Acros, TCI or Alfa Aesar and used as such unless stated otherwise. Solvents (Anhydrous and under inert atmosphere) were collected from The Solvent purification system by M BRAUN and used under standard schlenk technique. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 300 and Bruker ARX 400 spectrometers. Chemical shifts (ppm) are given relative to solvent: references for CDCl<sub>3</sub> were 7.26 ppm (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) and 77.00 ppm (<sup>13</sup>C NMR). Multiplets were assigned as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), p (pentet) dd (doublet of doublet), m (multiplet) and br. s (broad singlet). GC-yields were calculated using hexadecane as internal standard. All measurements were carried out at room temperature unless otherwise stated. Electron impact (EI) mass spectra were recorded on AMD 402 mass spectrometer (70 eV). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Agilent 6210. The data are given as mass units per charge (m/z). Gas chromatography analysis was performed on an Agilent HP-7890A instrument with a FID detector and HP-5 capillary column (polydimethylsiloxane with 5% phenyl groups, 30 m, 0.32 mm i.d., 0.25 µm film thickness) using argon as carrier gas. The products were isolated from the reaction mixture by column chromatography on silica gel 60, 0.063-0.2 mm, 70-230 mesh (Merck).

### General Procedure

**A:** A 4 mL screw-cap vial was charged with CuBr(Me<sub>2</sub>S) (5.1 mg, 5 mol%), 4,4',4"-tri-*tert*-butyl-2,2':6',2"-terpyridine (20 mg, 10 mol%), di(1-adamantyl)-*n*-butylphosphine (8.96 mg, 5mol%), acetonitrile (3 mL) and an oven-dried stirring bar. The vial was closed by Teflon septum and phenolic cap and connected with atmosphere with a needle. After 3-phenyl-1-propanol (0.5 mmol) and DTBP (2 mmol) were injected by syringe, the vial was fixed in an alloy plate and put into Paar 4560 series autoclave (300 mL) under argon atmosphere. At room temperature, the autoclave is flushed with 20 bar of ethene and 40 bar of carbon monoxide was charged. The autoclave was placed on a heating plate equipped with magnetic stirring and an aluminum block. The reaction is allowed to be heated under 120 °C for 12 hours. Afterwards, the autoclave is cooled to room temperature and the pressure was carefully released. After removal of solvent under reduced pressure, pure product was obtained by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: pentane/ethyl acetate = 50-10:1).

**B:** A 4 mL screw-cap vial was charged with CuBr(Me<sub>2</sub>S) (5.1 mg, 5 mol%), 4,4',4"-tri-*tert*-butyl-2,2':6',2"-terpyridine (20 mg, 10 mol%), di(1-adamantyl)-*n*-butylphosphine (8.96 mg, 5mol%), acetonitrile (3 mL) and an oven-dried stirring bar. The vial was closed by Teflon septum and phenolic cap and connected with atmosphere with a needle. After 1-hexene (2 mmol), 3-phenyl-1-propanol (0.5 mmol) and DTBP (2 mmol) were injected by syringe, the vial was fixed in an alloy plate and put into Paar 4560 series autoclave (300 mL) under argon atmosphere. At room temperature, the autoclave is flushed with carbon monoxide for three times and 40 bar of carbon monoxide was charged. The autoclave was placed on a heating plate equipped with magnetic stirring and an aluminum block. The reaction is allowed to be heated under 110 °C for 12 hours. Afterwards, the autoclave is cooled to room temperature and the pressure was carefully released. After removal of solvent under reduced pressure, pure product was obtained by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: pentane/ethyl acetate = 50-30:1).

## Mechanistic studies

### Reaction in the presence of TEMPO

A 4 mL screw-cap vial was charged with CuBr(Me<sub>2</sub>S) (5.1 mg, 5 mol%), 4,4',4"-tri-*tert*-butyl-2,2':6',2"-terpyridine (20 mg, 10 mol%), di(1-adamantyl)-*n*-butylphosphine (8.96 mg, 5 mol%), Tempo (156 mg, 2 equiv), acetonitrile (3 mL) and an oven-dried stirring bar. The vial was closed by Teflon septum and phenolic cap and connected with atmosphere with a needle. After 3-phenyl-1-propanol (0.5 mmol) and DTBP (2 mmol) were injected by syringe, the vial was fixed in an alloy plate and put into Paar 4560 series autoclave (300 mL) under argon atmosphere. At room temperature, the autoclave is flushed with 20 bar of ethane and 40 bar of carbon monoxide was charged. The autoclave was placed on a heating plate equipped with magnetic stirring and an aluminum block. The reaction is allowed to be heated under 120 °C for 12 hours. Afterwards, the autoclave is cooled to room temperature and the pressure was carefully released.

### Synthesis of piperidin-2-one<sup>1</sup>

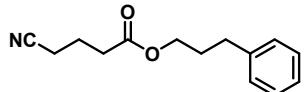
A 4 mL screw-cap vial was charged with PtO<sub>2</sub> (5.6 mg, 10 mol%). The vial was closed by Teflon septum and phenolic cap and connected with atmosphere with a needle. The vial is flushed with carbon monoxide for three times than 3-Phenylpropyl 4-cyanobutanoate (0.25 mmol), MeOH (3 mL) were injected by syringe, the vial was fixed in an alloy plate and put into Paar 4560 series autoclave (300 mL) under argon atmosphere. At room temperature, the autoclave is flushed with H<sub>2</sub> for three times and 5 bar of H<sub>2</sub> was charged. The autoclave was placed on a heating plate equipped with magnetic stirring and an aluminum block. The reaction is allowed to be heated under 25 °C for 72 hours. Afterwards, the pressure was carefully released. After removal of solvent under reduced pressure, pure product was obtained by column chromatography on silica gel (MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1:10).

### Synthesis of estrone derivative

A 4 mL screw-cap vial was charged with Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.24 mg, 2 mol%), di(1-adamantyl)-*n*-butylphosphine (10.74 mg, 6 mol%), estrone (135 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) and an oven-dried stirring bar. The vial was closed by Teflon septum and phenolic cap and connected with atmosphere with a needle. After 2-bromobenzyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)octanoate (0.5 mmol), and Et<sub>3</sub>N (1 mmol) were injected by syringe, the vial was fixed in an alloy plate and put into Paar 4560 series autoclave (300 mL) under argon atmosphere. At room temperature, the autoclave is flushed with carbon monoxide for three times and 5 bar of carbon monoxide was charged. The autoclave was placed on a heating plate equipped with magnetic stirring and an aluminum block. The reaction is allowed to be heated under 100 °C for 16 hours. Afterwards, the autoclave is cooled to room temperature and the pressure was carefully released. After removal of solvent under reduced pressure, pure product was obtained by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: pentane/ethyl acetate = 5:1).

## Analytic Data of Products

### **3-Phenylpropyl 4-cyanobutanoate**



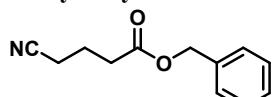
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.28 – 7.05 (m, 5H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (dt, *J* = 8.2, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.98 – 1.85 (m, 4H), 1.45 – 1.31 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.98, 141.02, 128.48, 128.38, 126.08, 118.98, 64.22, 32.34, 32.20, 30.09, 20.75, 16.57.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 231(M+,1), 119(6), 118(85), 117(100), 96(15), 91(59), 78(11), 77(12), 68(15), 65(17), 41(29), 39(13).

HRMS(ESI): calcd. for  $[C_{14}H_{17}NO_2 + Na]^+$ : 254.12593, found: 254.11524.

### Benzyl 4-cyanobutanoate



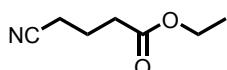
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.43 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.10 – 1.90 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.79, 135.58, 128.65, 128.43, 128.30, 118.95, 66.65, 32.41, 20.77, 16.54.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 203(M+10), 109(10), 108(90), 105(14), 96(19), 91(100), 79(24), 77(32), 68(14), 65(32), 63(12), 51(17), 42(11), 41(44), 40(12), 39(28), 29(7).

HRMS(EI): calcd. for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 203.09452, found: 203.09408.

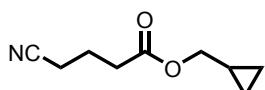
## Ethyl 4-cyanobutanoate<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (td, *J* = 7.1, 5.1 Hz, 4H), 2.02 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 141(M+, 5), 114(10), 96(100), 68(30), 41(40).

## Cyclopropylmethyl 4-cyanobutanoate

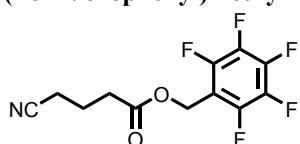


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 3.92 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (dt, *J* = 12.4, 7.1 Hz, 4H), 2.09 – 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.19 – 1.02 (m, 1H), 0.63 – 0.52 (m, 2H), 0.35 – 0.20 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.08, 119.05, 69.64, 32.43, 20.81, 16.56, 9.74, 3.29.

GC-MS (EI 70eV): m/z(%) = 167(M+5), 139(10), 114(10), 96(100), 68(40), 55(45), 41(30)

#### (Perfluorophenyl)methyl 4-cyanobutanoate



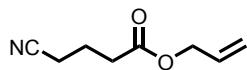
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 5.23 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.11 – 1.90 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.25, 118.77, 53.57, 31.99, 20.58, 16.50.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -141.93 (dddd, *J* = 21.5, 8.0, 3.8, 2.0 Hz), -152.15 (tt, *J* = 20.7, 2.4 Hz), -161.10 – -161.65 (m).

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 293(M+,5), 265(10), 211(8), 197(10), 181(100), 161(15), 143(5), 131(8), 117(10), 96(50), 69(15), 41(10).

#### Allyl 4-cyanobutanoate

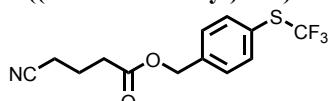


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 5.90 (ddt, *J* = 17.2, 10.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.39 – 5.19 (m, 2H), 4.58 (dt, *J* = 5.8, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (dt, *J* = 17.3, 7.1 Hz, 4H), 2.11 – 1.88 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.62, 131.82, 118.64, 65.45, 32.29, 20.73.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 153(M+,5), 138(5), 125(3), 110(5), 96(100), 81(10), 68(40), 55(10), 41(10).

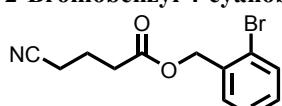
#### 4-((Trifluoromethyl)thio)benzyl 4-cyanobutanoate



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.72 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.12 – 1.91 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.64, 138.65, 136.52, 131.54, 128.96, 127.45, 124.40, 118.88, 65.59, 32.27, 20.66, 16.53.

#### 2-Bromobenzyl 4-cyanobutanoate

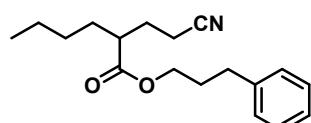


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.59 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 1.3, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.33 (ddd, *J* = 7.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.52 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.10 – 1.95 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.56, 134.88, 132.98, 130.17, 129.99, 127.60, 123.65, 118.92, 66.23, 32.33, 20.77, 16.57.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 281(M+,5), 251(5), 235(5), 239(5), 202(100), 185(10), 168(40), 157(10), 143(3), 131(5), 107(90), 96(20), 89(40), 68(20), 55(15), 41(20).

#### 3-Phenylpropyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate



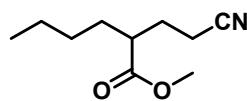
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.28 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 4.04 (td, *J* = 6.5, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (dddd, *J* = 9.5, 8.1, 5.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.36 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.79 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.50 – 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.30 – 1.14 (m, 4H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.71, 141.00, 128.50, 128.42, 128.39, 126.11, 119.13, 64.05, 44.20, 32.20, 31.78, 30.22, 29.18, 27.53, 22.52, 15.38, 13.90.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 287(M+,1), 119(10), 118(100), 117(60), 91(54), 79(6), 77(7), 65(9), 55(11), 41(20), 29(8).

HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 310.17775, found: 310.17807; calcd. for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup>: 288.19581, found: 288.19569.

#### Methyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate



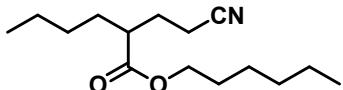
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.51 (dddd, *J*= 9.7, 8.0, 5.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.45 – 2.25 (m, 2H), 1.98 (dddd, *J*= 13.7, 9.6, 7.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (dtd, *J*= 13.8, 7.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.71 – 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.54 – 1.44 (m, 1H), 1.33 – 1.23 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J*= 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 175.18, 119.10, 51.81, 44.09, 31.75, 29.15, 27.50, 22.48, 15.38, 13.85.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 183(M+,1), 152(100), 113(14), 84(20), 73(10), 69(10), 57(25), 55(62), 53(11), 43(85), 42(17), 41(67), 29(58).

HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup>: 184.13321, found: 184.1327. calcd. for [C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 206.11515, found: 206.11497.

#### Hexyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate



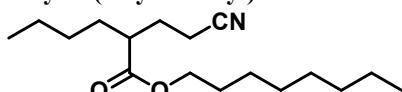
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.08 (td, *J*= 6.7, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.56 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.23 (m, 2H), 1.96 (dddd, *J*= 13.6, 9.5, 7.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (dtd, *J*= 13.7, 7.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.69 – 1.15 (m, 14H), 0.98 – 0.76 (m, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.74, 119.10, 64.81, 44.21, 31.76, 31.36, 29.13, 28.55, 27.56, 25.56, 22.51, 22.47, 15.34, 13.95, 13.82.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 253(M+,1), 152(56), 134(36), 113(11), 85(23), 84(20), 83(15), 73(10), 69(10), 56(31), 55(62), 53(11), 43(100), 42(22), 41(82), 29(69).

HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 276.1934, found: 276.19322.

#### Octyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate

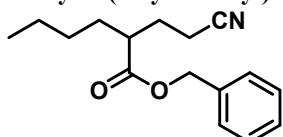


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.09 (td, *J*= 6.7, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.55 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.42 – 2.26 (m, 2H), 1.99 (dddd, *J*= 13.7, 9.6, 7.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.89 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.17 (m, 18H), 0.88 (td, *J*= 7.0, 3.3 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.79, 119.14, 64.86, 44.22, 31.78, 31.76, 29.70, 29.16, 29.14, 28.60, 27.55, 25.91, 22.63, 22.49, 15.37, 14.08, 13.86.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 281(M+,1), 252(5), 238(7), 224(10), 210(4), 166(20), 152(100), 96(16), 84(34), 57(20), 56(31), 55(54), 41(80), 29(40).

#### Benzyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate



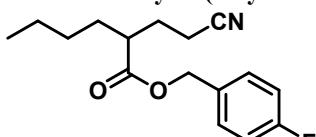
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.33 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 5.08 (d, *J*= 0.7 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (dddd, *J*= 9.5, 8.0, 5.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.37 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.92 (dddd, *J*= 13.7, 9.6, 7.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (dtd, *J*= 13.8, 7.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.51 – 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.24 – 1.14 (m, 4H), 0.79 (t, *J*= 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.52, 135.75, 128.62, 128.41, 128.32, 119.07, 66.52, 44.18, 31.72, 29.08, 27.57, 22.46, 15.30, 13.83.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 259(M+,5), 231(5), 124(10), 108(28), 107(10), 92(10), 91(100), 65(13), 55(10), 41(16), 29(7).

HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 282.14645, found: 282.14659.

#### 4-Fluorobenzyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate

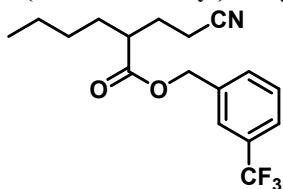


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.43 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 5.27 – 5.02 (m, 2H), 2.54 (dddd, *J*= 9.5, 8.0, 5.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.43 – 2.18 (m, 2H), 1.98 (dddd, *J*= 13.6, 9.5, 7.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (dtd, *J*= 13.8, 7.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.72 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.56 – 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.34 – 1.17 (m, 4H), 0.85 (t, *J*= 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.49, 162.72 (d, *J*= 247.3 Hz), 131.61 (d, *J*= 3.3 Hz), 130.39 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz), 115.56 (d, *J*= 21.6 Hz), 65.78, 44.12, 31.71, 29.05, 27.50, 22.44, 15.31, 13.81.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 277(M+,1), 152(5), 109(100), 107(5), 41(13).  
 HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 300.13703, found: 300.13645.

### 3-(Trifluoromethyl)benzyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate



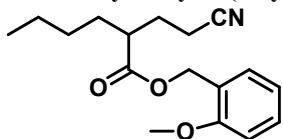
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.67 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 5.28 – 5.10 (m, 5H), 2.59 (dddd, *J* = 9.4, 8.1, 5.7, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.47 – 2.22 (m, 2H), 2.01 (dddd, *J* = 13.6, 9.4, 7.1, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (dt, *J* = 13.9, 7.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.70 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.19 (m, 4H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.39, 136.77, 131.47 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 129.17, 125.02 (dd, *J* = 24.1, 3.8 Hz), 118.95, 65.57, 44.09, 31.74, 29.06, 27.45, 22.43, 15.32, 13.75.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 327(M+,1), 159(100), 152(30), 124(31), 109(20), 82(8), 55(19), 41(27), 39(11), 29(16).

HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 350.13383, found: 350.13328.

### 2-Methoxybenzyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate



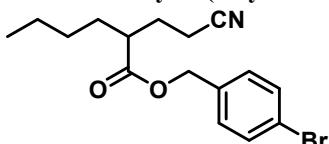
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.33 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.02 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.64 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.45 – 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.99 (dddd, *J* = 13.8, 9.6, 7.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.89 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.56 – 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.23 (m, 4H), 0.92 – 0.82 (m, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.59, 157.67, 130.13, 129.92, 123.91, 120.42, 119.21, 110.47, 62.28, 55.37, 44.31, 31.75, 29.10, 27.75, 22.50, 15.20, 13.85.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 289(M+,7), 138(11), 137(100), 122(11), 121(78), 93(11), 92(11), 91(80), 78(15), 65(14), 55(14), 41(22), 29(10).

HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 312.15701, found: 312.15707.

### 4-Bromobenzyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate



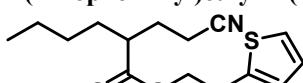
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.50 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (dddd, *J* = 9.5, 8.0, 5.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.38 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.92 (dddd, *J* = 13.6, 9.5, 7.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.82 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.49 – 1.36 (m, 1H), 1.18 (ddddd, *J* = 14.6, 10.6, 8.5, 6.7, 2.7 Hz, 4H), 0.79 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.43, 134.72, 131.80, 130.02, 122.50, 118.99, 65.72, 44.09, 31.71, 29.06, 27.46, 22.45, 15.34, 13.82.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 337(M+,5), 311(11), 185(17), 171(100), 170(12), 169(98), 152(15), 124(23), 91(10), 90(55), 89(51), 82(11), 63(19), 55(33), 43(16), 41(47), 39(19), 29(26), 55(10), 41(16), 29(7).

HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 360.05696, found: 360.05631, calcd. for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 362.05507, found: 362.05431.

### 2-(Thiophen-2-yl)ethyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate

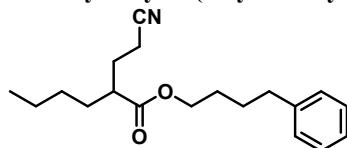


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.21 (ddd, *J* = 4.9, 3.0, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (ddt, *J* = 3.0, 1.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (ddt, *J* = 4.9, 1.4, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (td, *J* = 6.7, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 3.02 – 2.86 (m, 2H), 2.41 (dddd, *J* = 9.6, 8.1, 5.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.29 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.85 (dddd, *J* = 13.6, 9.6, 7.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.77 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.44 – 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.28 – 1.07 (m, 4H), 0.80 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.59, 137.82, 128.07, 125.82, 121.70, 119.13, 64.36, 44.22, 31.74, 29.59, 29.10, 27.55, 22.49, 15.22, 13.85.

HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+Na ]<sup>+</sup>:302.11852, found: 302.11807.

**4-Phenylbutyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate**

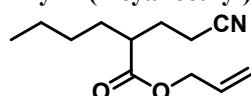


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 4.04 (tdd, *J* = 6.2, 3.0, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (ddt, *J* = 6.5, 4.0, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 2.49 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.90 (dddd, *J* = 13.6, 9.5, 7.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.79 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.65 – 1.50 (m, 5H), 1.47 – 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.31 – 1.09 (m, 4H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.75, 141.90, 128.38, 125.90, 119.12, 64.56, 44.21, 35.41, 31.76, 29.16, 28.22, 27.74, 27.54, 22.50, 15.36, 13.87.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 301(M+,1), 152(7), 132(10), 117(15), 107(100), 91(80), 79(10), 65(12), 55(18).

HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na ]<sup>+</sup>:324.1934, found: 324.19277.

**Allyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate**

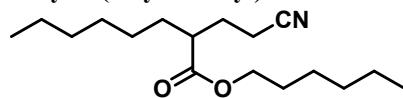


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 5.91 (ddt, *J* = 17.2, 10.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.38 – 5.20 (m, 2H), 4.60 (dt, *J* = 5.8, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (dddd, *J* = 9.5, 8.0, 5.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.43 – 2.26 (m, 2H), 1.99 (dddd, *J* = 13.7, 9.5, 7.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (dtd, *J* = 13.8, 7.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.71 – 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.57 – 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.22 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.36, 131.88, 119.10, 118.71, 65.31, 44.14, 31.71, 29.10, 27.51, 22.47, 15.35.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 209(M+,1), 166(5), 124(100), 107(20), 94(10), 81(60), 55(42), 41(60).

**Hexyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)octanoate**



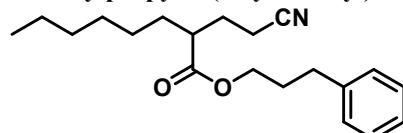
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.10 (td, *J* = 6.7, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 2.56 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.42 – 2.26 (m, 2H), 1.99 (dddd, *J* = 13.7, 9.5, 7.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (dtd, *J* = 13.9, 7.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.70 – 1.20 (m, 18H), 0.96 – 0.81 (m, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.80, 119.14, 64.87, 44.27, 32.11, 31.60, 31.39, 29.07, 28.59, 27.58, 26.96, 25.60, 22.55, 22.53, 15.38, 14.03, 13.98.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 281(M+,1), 180(60), 153(5), 152(53), 138(6), 96(16), 94(15), 85(26), 84(34), 73(13), 69(30), 57(20), 56(31), 55(54), 43(100), 41(80), 29(40).

HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na ]<sup>+</sup>:304.2247, found: 304.22531.

**3-Phenylpropyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)octanoate**



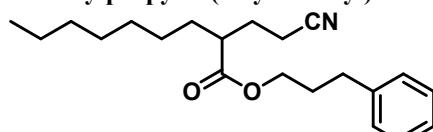
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 4.05 (td, *J* = 6.5, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.51 – 2.37 (m, 1H), 2.34 – 2.19 (m, 2H), 2.00 – 1.83 (m, 3H), 1.73 (dtd, *J* = 13.8, 7.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.63 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.21 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 3.2 Hz, 8H), 0.90 – 0.76 (m, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.72, 140.98, 128.49, 128.38, 126.11, 119.12, 64.06, 44.23, 32.20, 32.10, 31.62, 30.21, 29.10, 27.53, 27.01, 22.57, 15.39, 14.06.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 315(M+,1), 119(12), 118(100), 117(56), 91(58), 78(5), 65(7), 55(11), 41(18), 29(9).

HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na ]<sup>+</sup>:338.20905, found: 338.20874.

**3-Phenylpropyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)nonanoate**



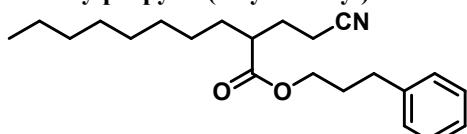
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.30 – 7.02 (m, 5H), 4.05 (td, *J* = 6.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (dddd, *J* = 9.5, 8.1, 5.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.34 – 2.19 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.85 (m, 3H), 1.73 (dtd, *J* = 13.8, 7.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (ddd, *J* = 13.7, 7.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.47 – 1.34 (m, 1H), 1.20 (ddd, *J* = 7.2, 4.1, 2.2 Hz, 10H), 0.87 – 0.69 (m, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.72, 140.97, 128.49, 128.38, 126.11, 119.11, 64.06, 44.23, 32.20, 32.10, 31.76, 30.21, 29.40, 29.09, 27.52, 27.05, 22.62, 15.39, 14.08.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 329(M+,1), 119(11), 118(100), 117(43), 91(48), 78(10), 65(6), 43(13), 41(20), 29(7).

HRMS(EI): calcd. for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 329.23493, found: 329.23511.

### 3-Phenylpropyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)decanoate



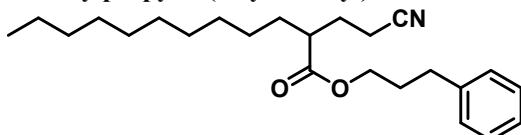
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.28 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 4.06 (td, *J* = 6.6, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.51 – 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.19 (m, 2H), 1.91 (dq, *J* = 13.0, 6.8, 4.0 Hz, 3H), 1.74 (dtd, *J* = 13.7, 7.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.49 – 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.20 (dt, *J* = 6.3, 3.7 Hz, 12H), 0.87 – 0.75 (m, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.73, 140.97, 128.49, 128.38, 126.11, 119.11, 64.07, 44.23, 32.20, 32.11, 31.83, 30.21, 29.44, 29.39, 29.21, 27.52, 27.04, 22.65, 15.40, 14.10.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 343(M+,1), 118(100), 117(35), 103(5), 92(7), 91(49), 43(15), 41(22), 39(6), 29(8).

HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 366.24035, found: 366.2402.

### 3-Phenylpropyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)dodecanoate



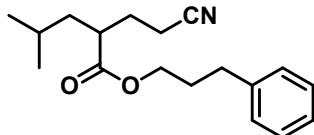
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.29 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 4.05 (td, *J* = 6.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (dddd, *J* = 9.6, 8.1, 5.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.36 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.84 (m, 3H), 1.73 (dtd, *J* = 13.9, 7.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.64 – 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.49 – 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 16H), 0.87 – 0.70 (m, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.73, 140.97, 128.49, 128.38, 126.11, 119.11, 64.07, 44.23, 32.20, 32.11, 31.90, 30.21, 29.59, 29.56, 29.44, 29.32, 27.52, 27.05, 22.69, 15.39, 14.12.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 371(M+,1), 159(3), 119(14), 118(100), 117(39), 91(45), 79(4), 65(5), 57(6), 43(19), 41(16), 29(7).

HRMS(EI): calcd. for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 371.28188, found: 371.28140.

### 3-Phenylpropyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)-4-methylpentanoate



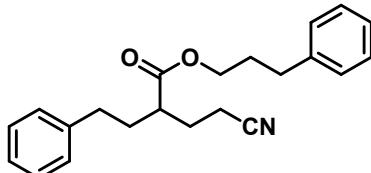
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.32 – 6.97 (m, 5H), 4.05 (td, *J* = 6.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.58 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.37 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.80 (m, 3H), 1.78 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.61 – 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.26 – 1.14 (m, 1H), 0.85 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.3 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.95, 140.98, 128.51, 128.43, 128.39, 126.12, 119.06, 64.10, 42.46, 41.31, 32.21, 30.22, 28.07, 26.06, 22.83, 22.10, 15.34.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 310(M+,1), 119(13), 119(12), 118(100), 117(54), 91(60), 55(10), 43(22), 41(25), 39(8).

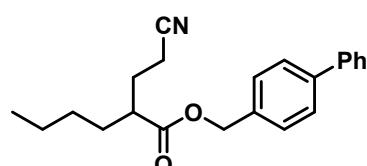
HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 310.17775, found: 310.17803.

### 3-Phenylpropyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)-4-methylpentanoate



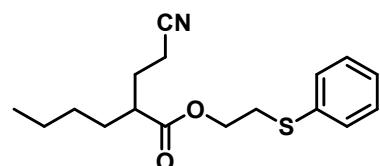
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 6H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.59 – 2.40 (m, 3H), 2.31 – 2.21 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.85 (m, 4H), 1.81 – 1.66 (m, 2H).  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.37, 140.95, 140.92, 128.64, 128.57, 128.56, 128.53, 128.42, 128.40, 126.27, 126.17, 119.04, 64.29, 43.84, 33.77, 33.36, 32.26, 30.23, 27.66, 15.34.  
GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 335(M+,1), 129(3), 119(12), 118(64), 117(29), 104(10), 103(5), 92(8), 91(100), 77(8), 65(15), 41(5).  
HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup>:358.17775, found: 358.17762.

### [1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-ylmethyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate



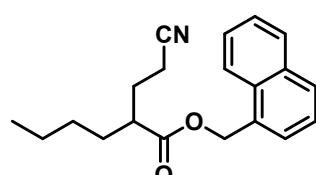
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.61 – 7.19 (m, 9H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (dddd, *J* = 9.5, 8.1, 5.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.34 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.73 (dtd, *J* = 13.8, 7.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.49 – 1.34 (m, 1H), 1.24 – 1.10 (m, 4H), 0.77 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.57, 141.38, 140.57, 134.76, 128.85, 128.83, 127.53, 127.37, 127.13, 119.12, 66.28, 44.22, 31.75, 29.11, 27.58, 22.50, 15.34, 13.88.  
GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 335(M+,10), 184(10), 167(100), 165(30), 152(15), 124(6), 77(5), 55(9).  
HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup>:358.17775, found: 358.17701.

### 2-(Phenylthio)ethyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate



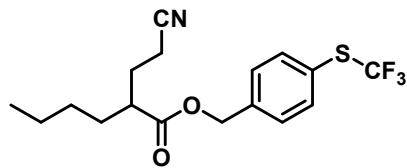
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 4.20 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.50 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.32 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 1.88 (dddd, *J* = 13.7, 9.4, 7.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (dtd, *J* = 13.9, 7.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.61 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.46 – 1.34 (m, 1H), 1.31 – 1.10 (m, 4H), 0.90 – 0.74 (m, 3H).  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.45, 134.97, 129.98, 129.12, 126.72, 119.11, 62.95, 44.15, 32.56, 31.65, 29.12, 27.44, 22.48, 15.37, 13.88.  
GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 305(M+,5), 253(5), 207(7), 152(10), 136(100), 109(20), 91(10), 65(8), 55(9).  
HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup>:306.15223, found: 306.15276. calcd. for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup>:328.13417, found: 328.13381.

### Naphthalen-1-ylmethyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.06 – 7.97 (m, 1H), 7.93 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 5.70 – 5.53 (m, 2H), 2.55 (dddd, *J* = 9.5, 8.1, 5.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.38 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 1.98 (dddd, *J* = 13.8, 9.5, 7.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (dtd, *J* = 13.8, 7.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.70 – 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.54 – 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.28 – 1.14 (m, 4H), 0.88 – 0.72 (m, 3H).  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.55, 133.77, 131.58, 131.21, 129.50, 128.81, 127.86, 126.63, 126.04, 125.26, 123.44, 119.06, 64.89, 44.30, 31.74, 29.05, 27.53, 22.44, 15.28, 13.77.  
GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 309(M+,15), 158(20), 141(100), 140(10), 139(12), 115(20), 102(5), 82(8), 55(10).  
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**4-((Trifluoromethyl)thio)benzyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate**



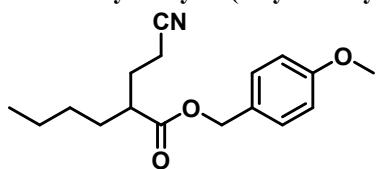
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<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.39, 138.77, 136.49, 129.02, 118.94, 65.51, 44.08, 31.71, 29.06, 27.43, 22.43, 15.33, 13.78.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 359(M+, 10), 331(5), 207(10), 193(8), 192(100), 171(4), 152(20), 124(25), 122(50), 107(10), 82(15), 78(13), 69(10), 55(20).

HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S+Na ]<sup>+</sup>: 382.10591, found: 382.10582.

**4-Methoxybenzyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate**



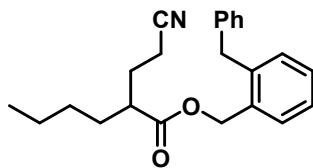
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<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.56, 159.73, 130.16, 127.91, 119.11, 113.98, 66.30, 55.28, 44.20, 31.70, 29.06, 27.59, 22.46, 15.26, 13.82.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 289(M+, 10), 138(5), 137(7), 122(10), 121(100), 109(5), 105(4), 91(15), 78(20), 65(10), 55(15).

HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+Na ]<sup>+</sup>: 312.15701, found: 312.15751.

**2-Benzylbenzyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate**

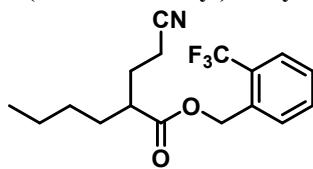


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.14 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.02 (dddd, *J* = 6.6, 2.1, 1.4, 0.7 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 2.43 – 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.24 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.82 (dddd, *J* = 13.8, 9.3, 7.5, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (dtd, *J* = 13.9, 7.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.57 – 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.43 – 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.23 – 1.09 (m, 4H), 0.77 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.47, 140.20, 139.44, 133.89, 130.79, 130.03, 128.91, 128.68, 128.64, 128.55, 126.80, 126.23, 119.10, 64.57, 44.16, 38.52, 31.64, 29.10, 27.45, 22.50, 15.25, 13.87.

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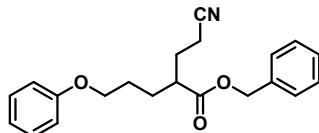
**2-(Trifluoromethyl)benzyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.69 (ddt, *J* = 7.7, 1.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 5.35 – 5.22 (m, 2H), 2.58 (dddd, *J* = 9.4, 8.0, 5.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.47 – 2.23 (m, 2H), 2.07 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.83 (dtd, *J* = 13.9, 7.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.73 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.58 – 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.20 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

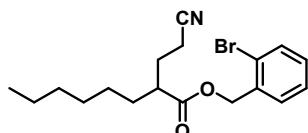
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GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 327(M+,1), 307(8), 240(5), 199(8), 176(6), 159(100), 152(30), 140(10), 124(20), 119(10), 110(5), 109(20), 107(5), 98(5), 83(10), 82(12), 55(28).  
HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na ]<sup>+</sup>:350.13383, found: 350.1335.

### Benzyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)-5-phenoxypentanoate



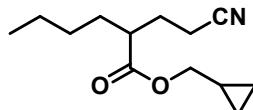
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.34 – 7.09 (m, 7H), 6.91 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.82 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 3.91 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 2.62 – 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 1.96 (dddd, *J* = 13.7, 9.4, 7.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.87 – 1.64 (m, 5H).  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.15, 158.79, 135.62, 129.47, 128.67, 128.48, 128.35, 120.77, 118.97, 114.47, 67.03, 66.71, 43.92, 28.63, 27.66, 26.76, 15.27.  
GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 337(M+,5), 224(20), 184(5), 152(8), 99(20), 91(100), 78(10), 65(15), 41(5).

### 2-Bromobenzyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)octanoate



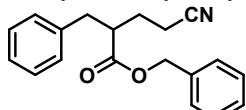
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.58 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 2.58 (dddd, *J* = 9.5, 8.0, 5.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.46 – 2.23 (m, 2H), 2.01 (dddd, *J* = 13.7, 9.5, 7.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (dtd, *J* = 13.9, 7.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.75 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.57 – 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.33 – 1.19 (m, 8H), 0.95 – 0.78 (m, 3H).  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.28, 134.97, 132.97, 130.45, 130.03, 127.58, 123.79, 119.08, 66.20, 44.23, 32.02, 31.57, 29.04, 27.53, 26.91, 22.52, 15.36, 14.04.

### Cyclopropylmethyl 2-(2-cyanoethyl)hexanoate



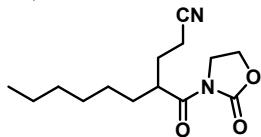
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 3.92 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 2.57 – 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.41 – 2.24 (m, 2H), 1.97 (dddd, *J* = 13.7, 9.6, 7.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (dtd, *J* = 13.8, 7.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (dtd, *J* = 9.7, 7.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.28 (dddd, *J* = 7.1, 6.0, 4.5, 2.7 Hz, 4H), 1.17 – 1.02 (m, 1H), 0.92 – 0.78 (m, 3H), 0.64 – 0.46 (m, 2H), 0.32 – 0.17 (m, 2H).  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.79, 119.14, 69.38, 44.25, 31.76, 29.11, 27.62, 22.46, 15.31, 13.84, 9.88, 3.27.  
GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 223(M+,1), 194(5), 183(10), 167(8), 152(20), 141(10), 127(55), 124(80), 107(10), 95(10), 82(15), 55(100), 54(18), 41(20).

### Benzyl 2-benzyl-4-cyanobutanoate



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 5H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.84 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.33 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.74 (dtd, *J* = 13.9, 7.9, 4.2 Hz, 1H).  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.76, 137.80, 135.48, 128.89, 128.67, 128.63, 128.42, 128.35, 126.84, 118.92, 66.72, 46.05, 38.16, 27.12, 15.30.  
GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 293(M+,20), 248(15), 215(10), 202(21), 180(20), 158(15), 118(30), 107(35), 91(100), 77(11), 65(17).  
HRMS(ESI): calcd. for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na ]<sup>+</sup>:316.1308, found: 316.1308.

**4-(2-oxooxazolidine-3-carbonyl)decanenitrile**

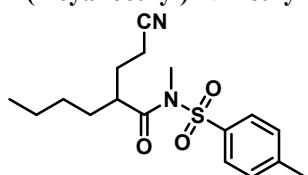


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.46 – 4.35 (m, 2H), 4.12 – 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.87 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 7.1, 6.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 7.0, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 2.13 – 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.86 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 8.0, 6.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.77 – 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.50 – 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.25 (td, *J* = 5.8, 5.3, 3.4 Hz, 8H), 1.05 – 0.73 (m, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 175.21, 153.25, 119.20, 62.00, 42.75, 41.89, 32.22, 31.57, 29.17, 27.16, 26.83, 22.53, 15.18, 14.02.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 266(M+,1), 226(26), 195(18), 182(15), 170(11), 153(26), 142(80), 140(18), 122(10), 108(20), 100(10), 88(100), 69(20), 55(24), 41(21).

**2-(2-cyanoethyl)-N-methyl-N-tosylhexanamide**

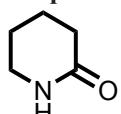


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.84 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.31 – 3.16 (m, 1H), 2.44 (dt, *J* = 0.4 Hz, 3H), 2.31 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.97 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 8.4, 7.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 8.0, 7.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 1.61 – 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.44 – 1.31 (m, 1H), 1.22 – 1.08 (m, 2H), 1.06 – 0.93 (m, 2H), 0.78 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 175.52, 145.19, 136.58, 129.97, 127.48, 119.16, 43.88, 33.34, 32.33, 28.90, 27.60, 22.60, 21.62, 14.89, 13.79.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z(%) = 336(M+,1), 240(5), 216(6), 186(10), 166(15), 165(100), 154(25), 124(20), 122(10), 107(10), 91(50), 82(10), 65(18), 41(10).

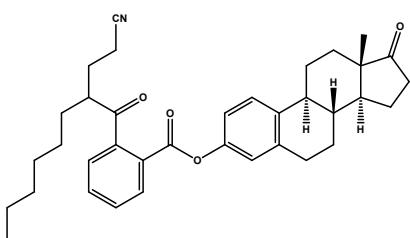
**2-Piperidinone<sup>3</sup>**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 6.37 (s, 1H), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 4.2, 2.2, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 2.39 – 2.31 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.70 (m, 4H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.46, 42.36, 31.51, 22.28, 20.85.

**(8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl 2-(2-(2-cyanoethyl)octanoyl)benzoate**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.23 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.03 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 5.70 – 5.46 (m, 2H), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 2.65 – 2.22 (m, 6H), 2.20 – 1.92 (m, 5H), 1.81 (dtd, *J* = 13.8, 8.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.73 – 1.57 (m, 3H), 1.57 – 1.40 (m, 4H), 1.32 – 1.15 (m, 9H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.89 – 0.83 (m, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 220.65, 174.12, 165.07, 148.42, 138.06, 137.54, 133.01, 131.36, 129.00, 128.15, 127.99, 126.42, 121.53, 119.07, 118.70, 64.70, 50.30, 47.83, 44.13, 44.05, 37.88, 35.74, 31.93, 31.44, 29.33, 28.93, 27.41, 26.81, 26.22, 25.66, 22.41, 21.48, 15.13, 13.94, 13.72.

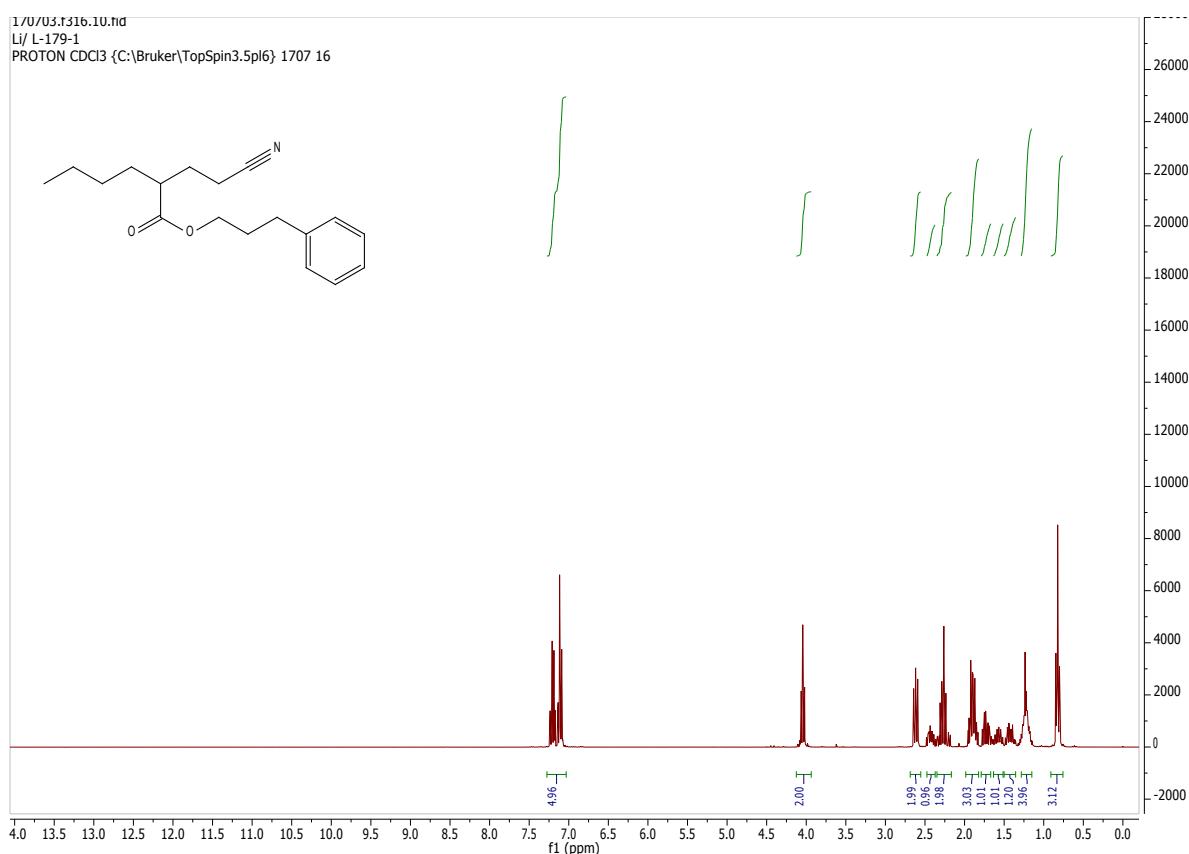
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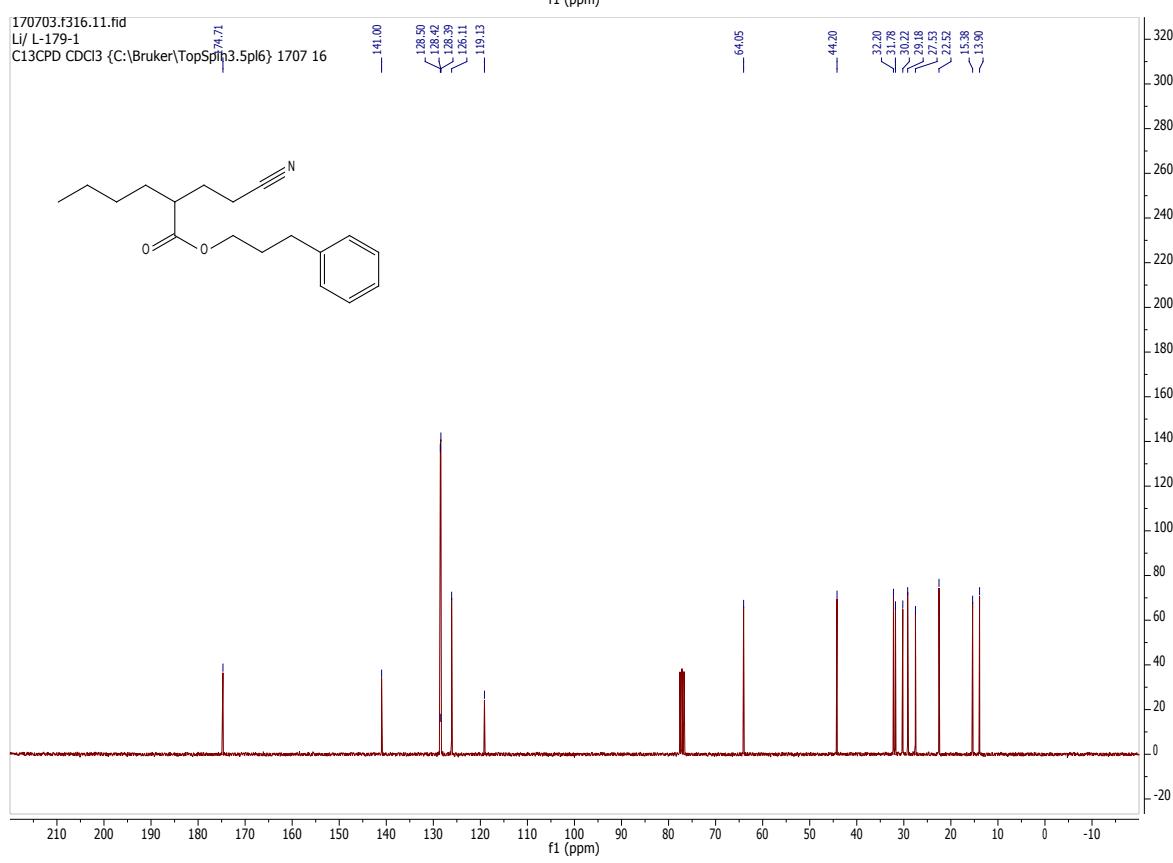
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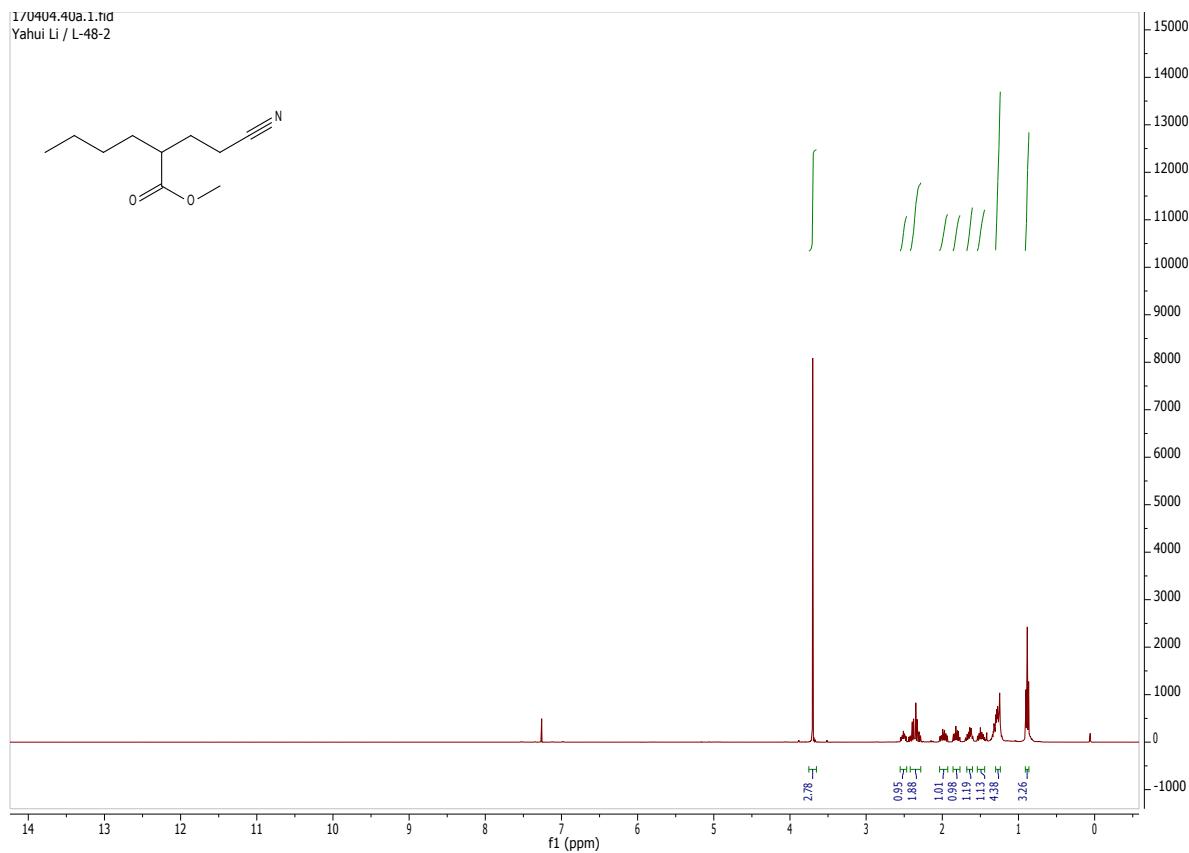


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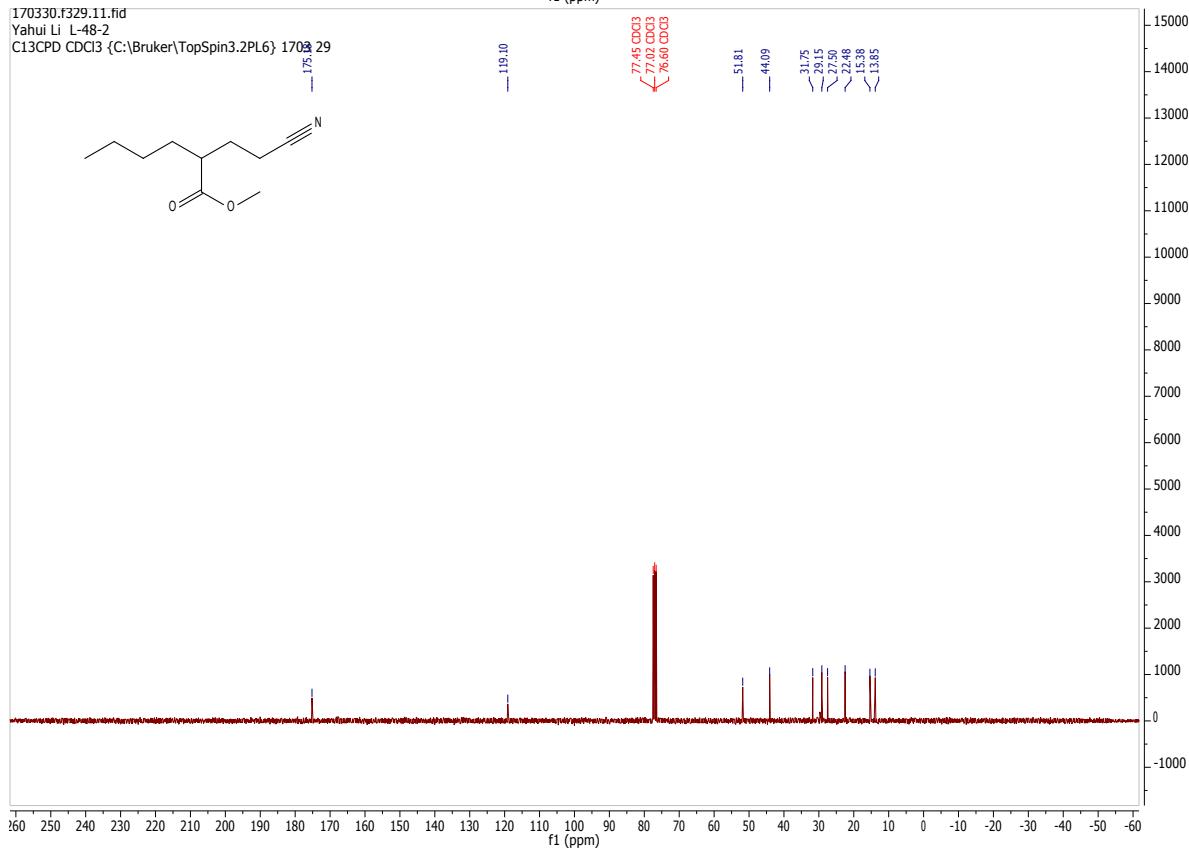
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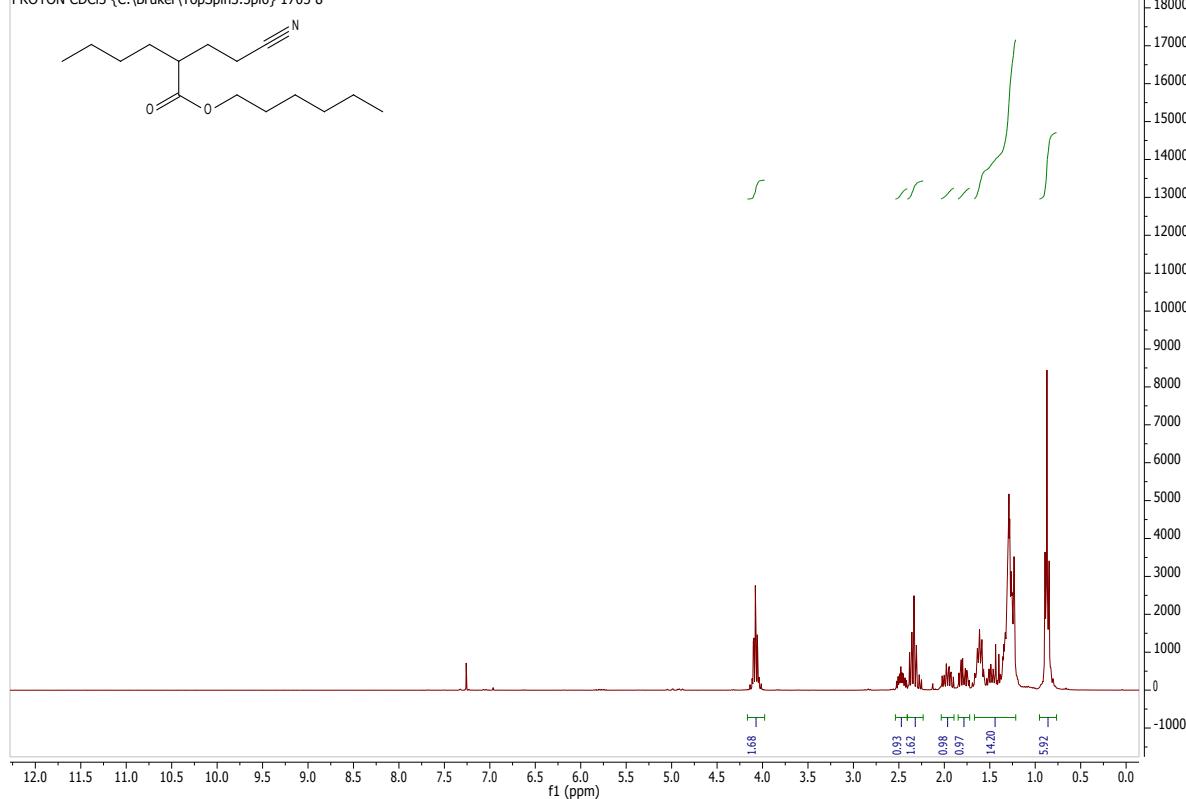
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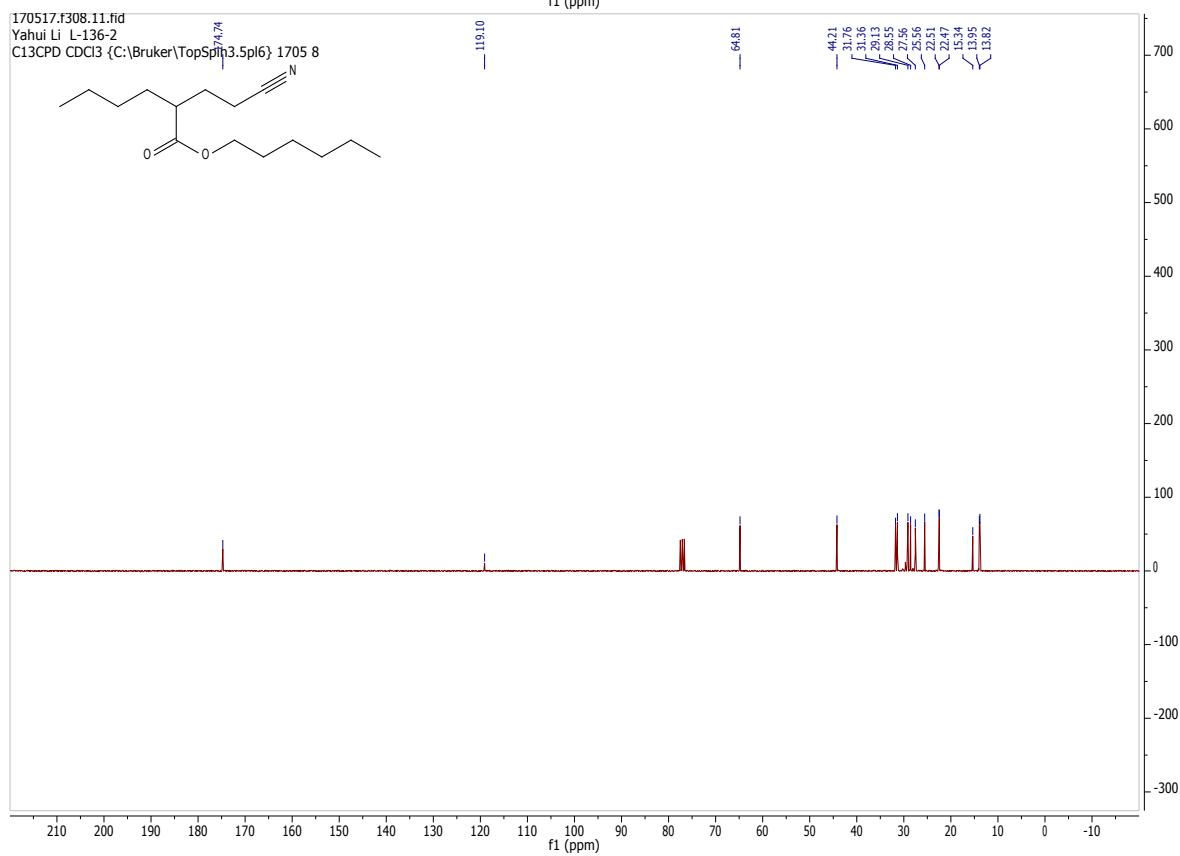
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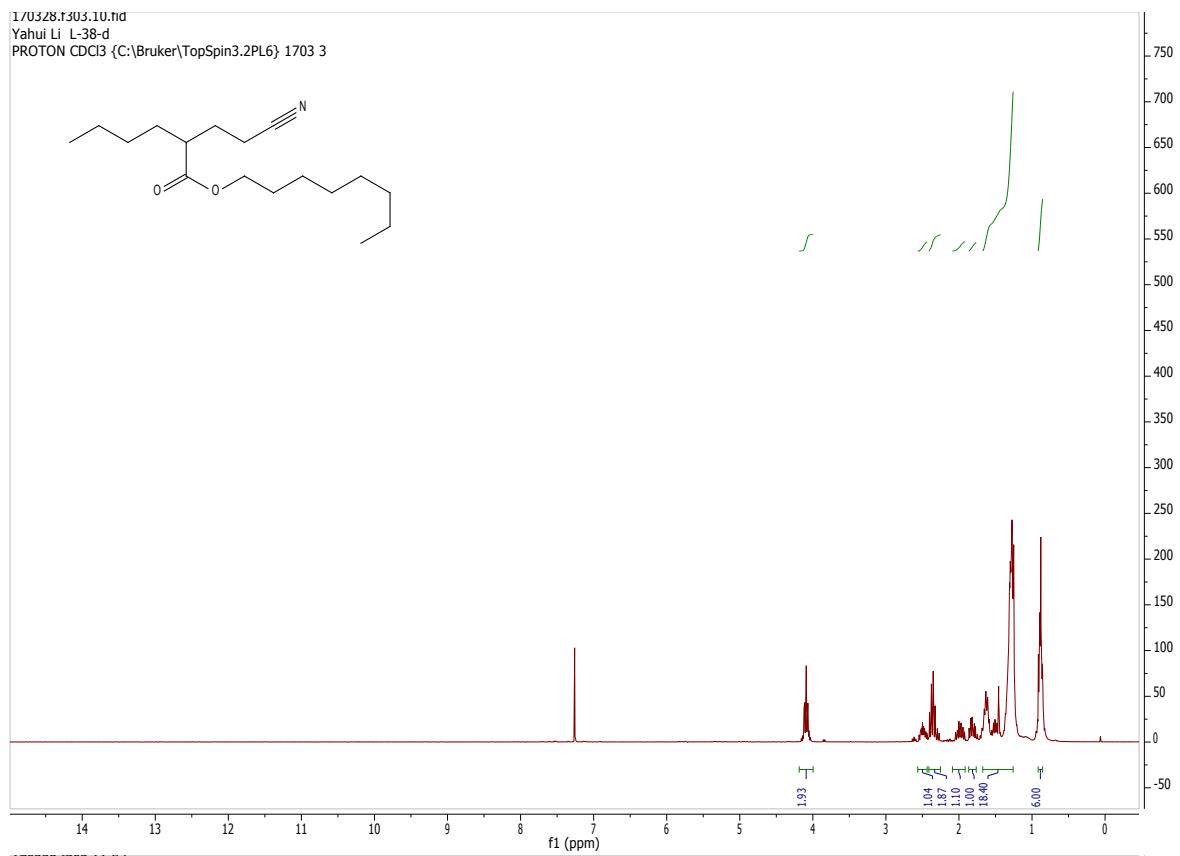
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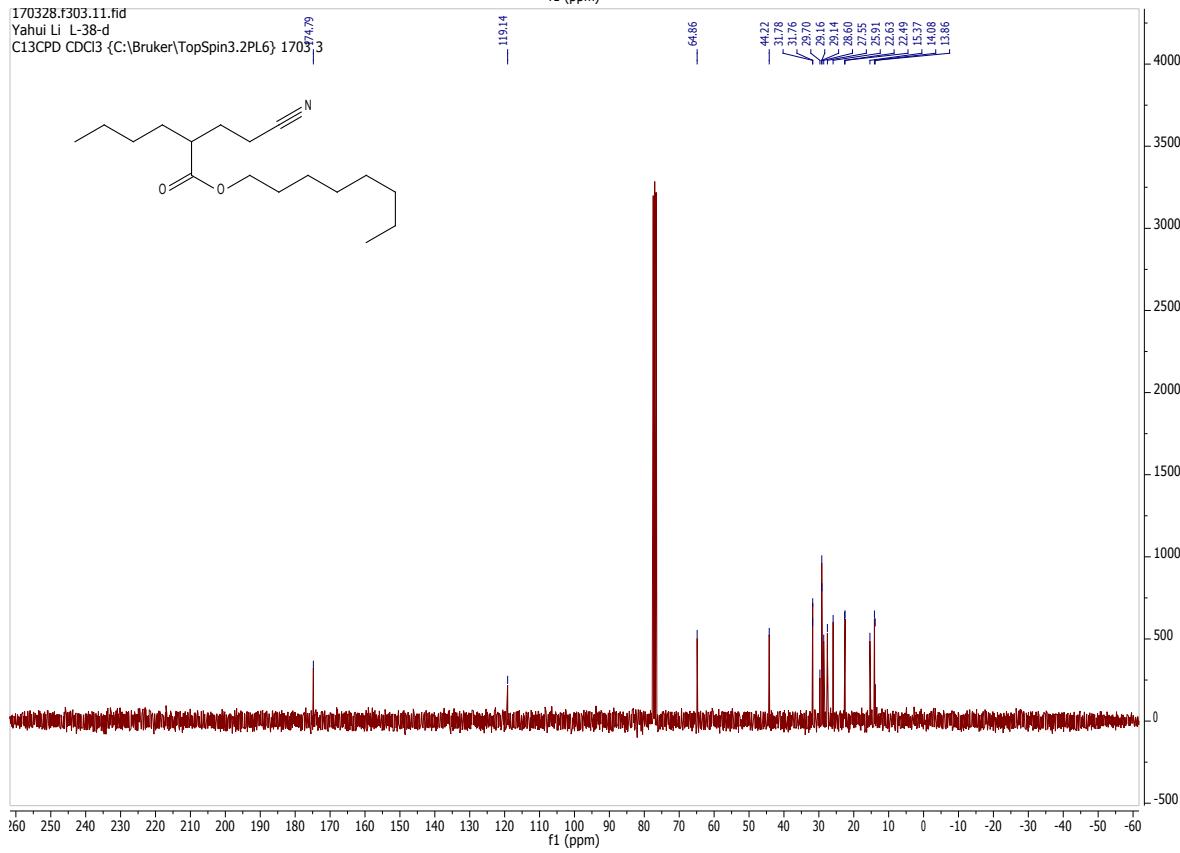
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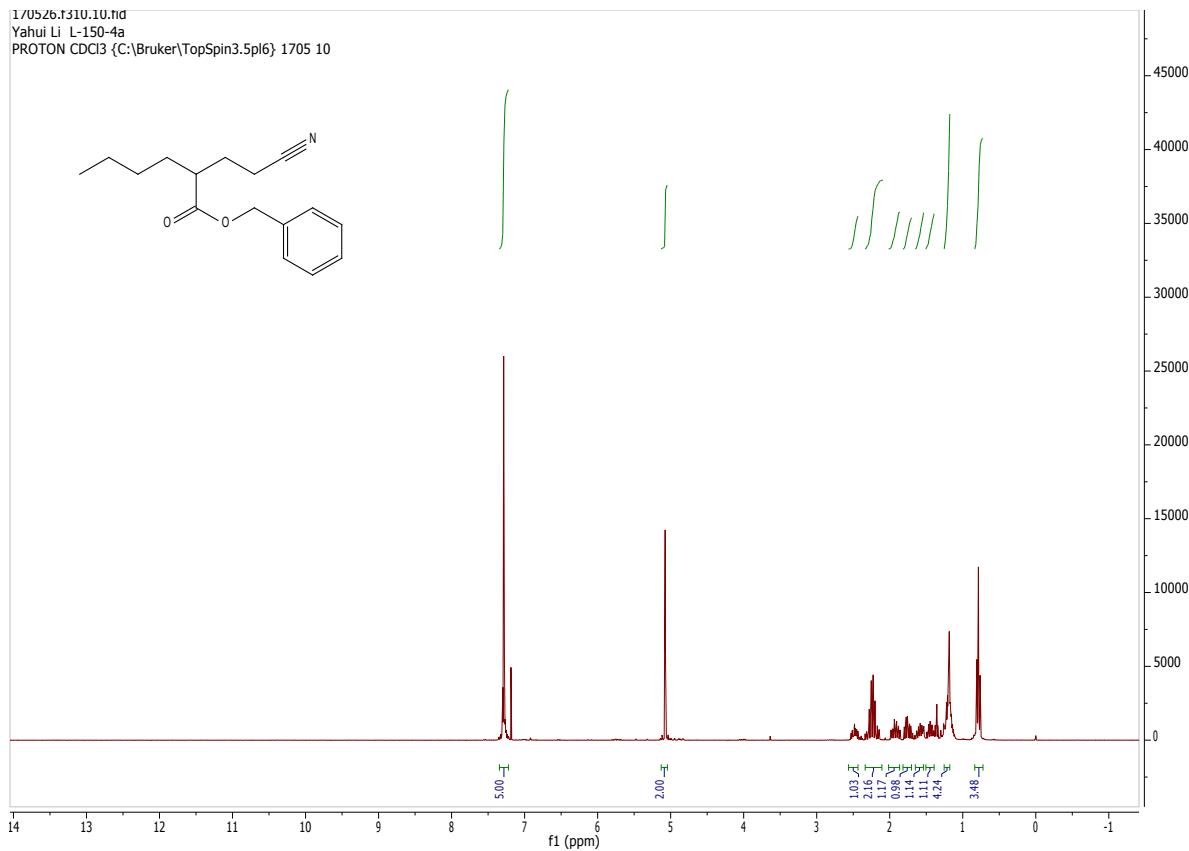
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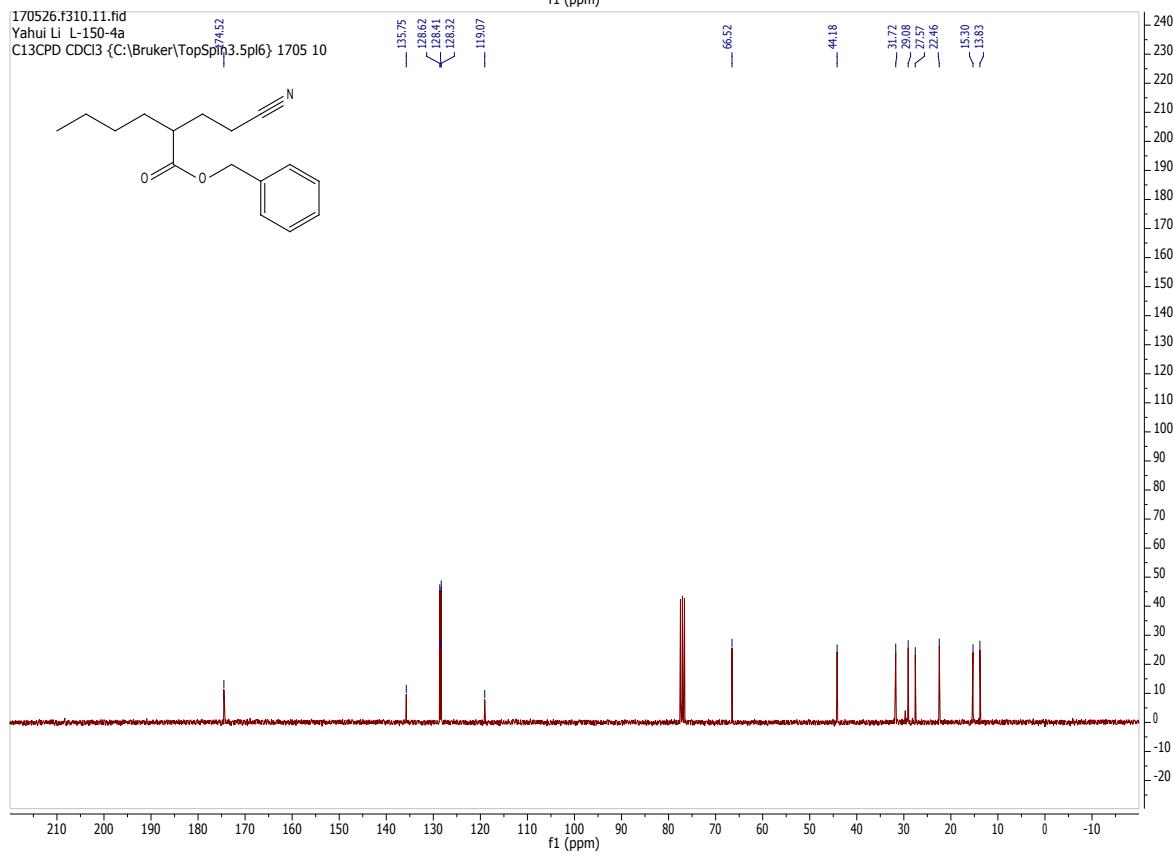
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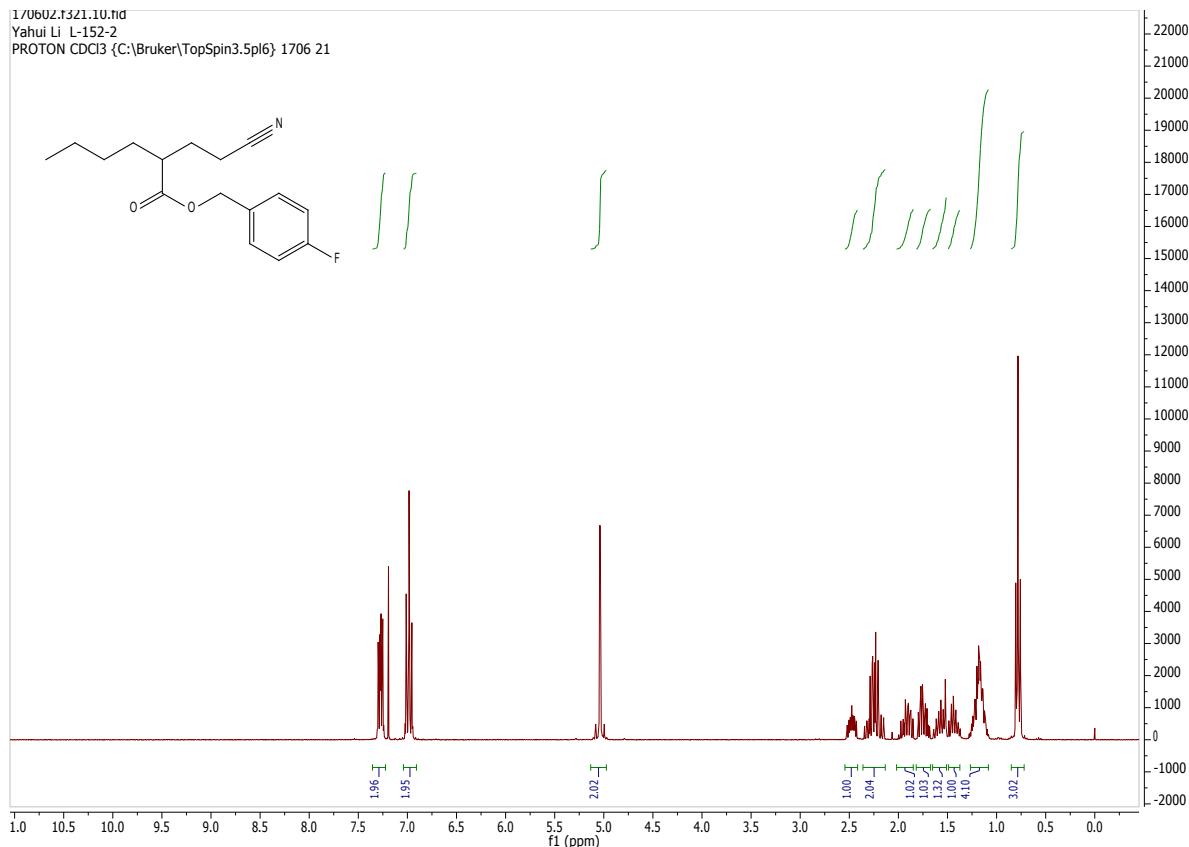
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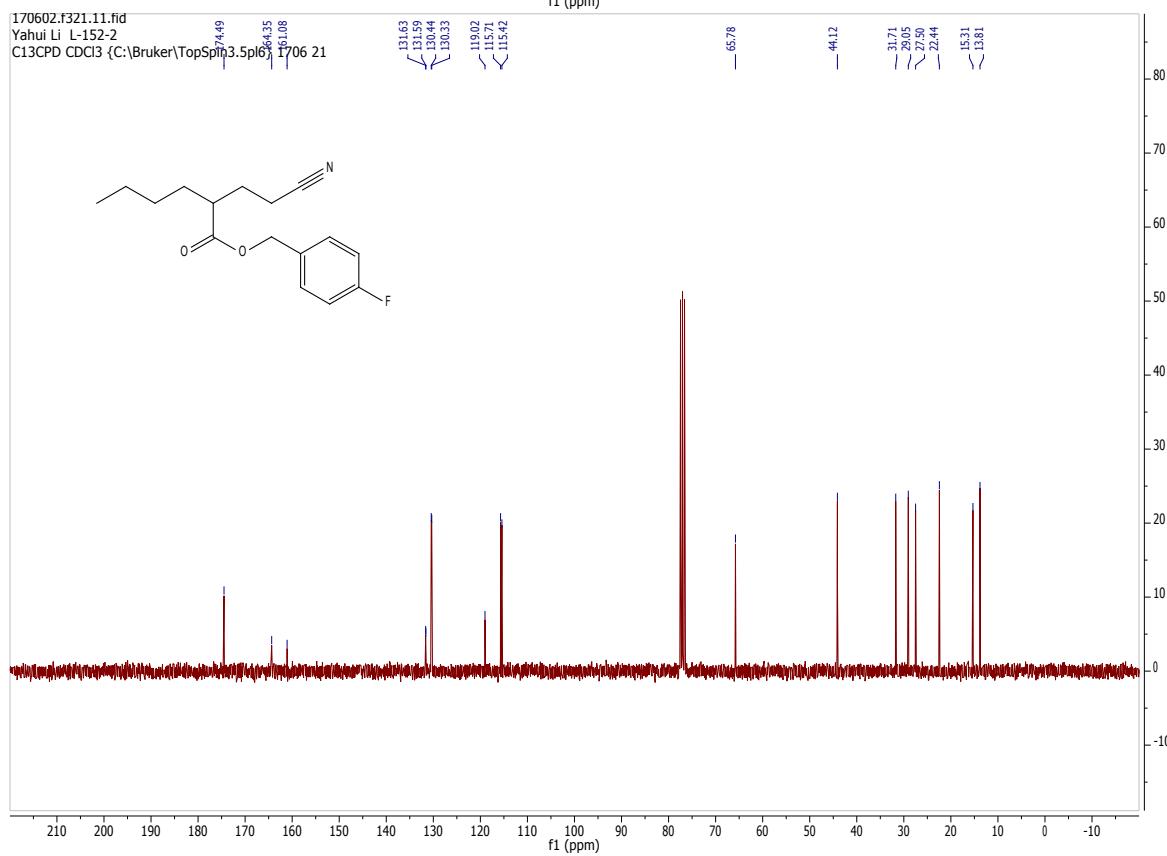
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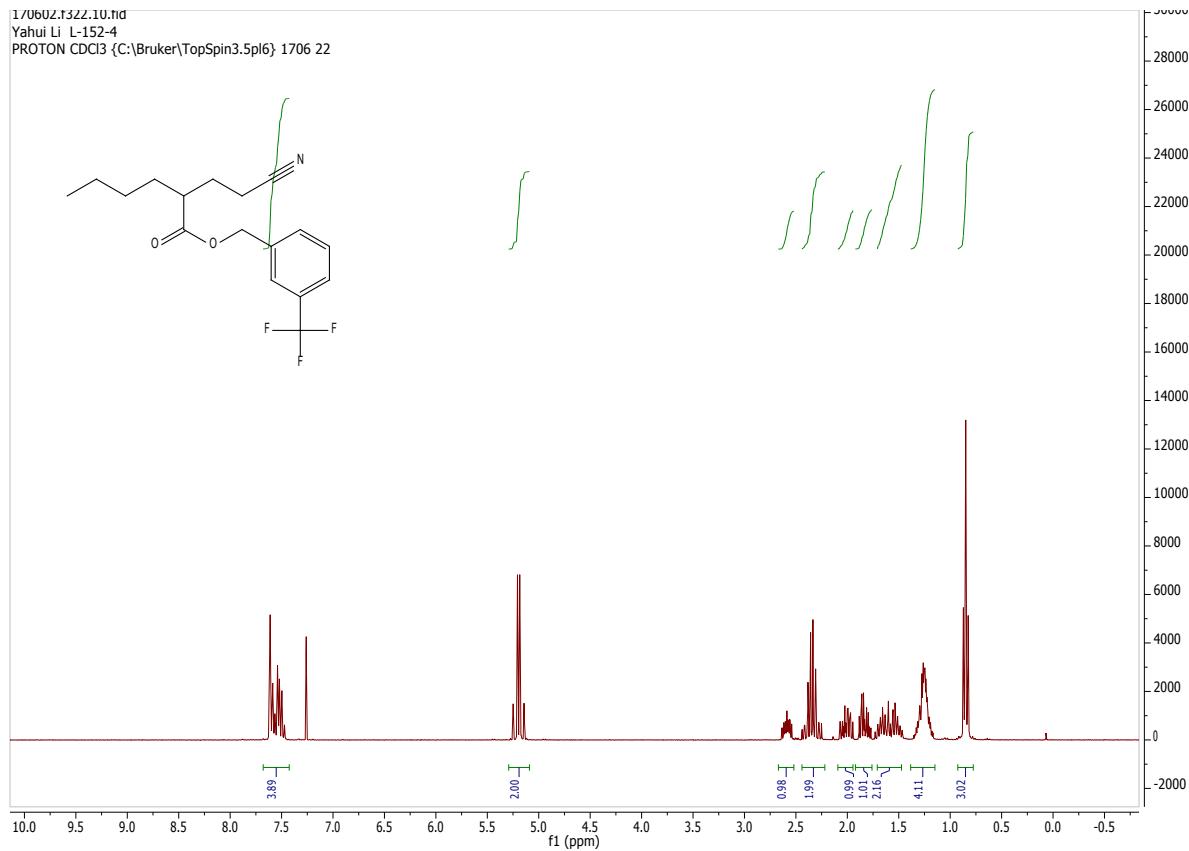
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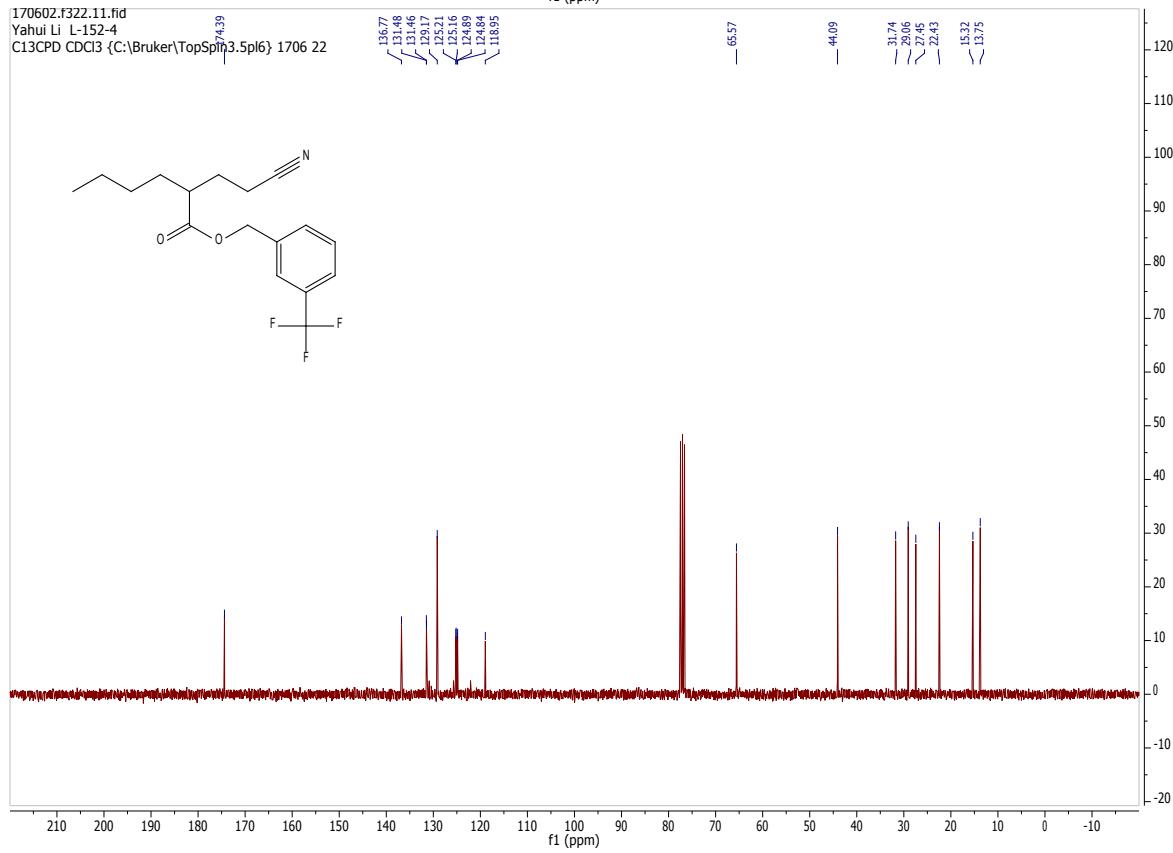
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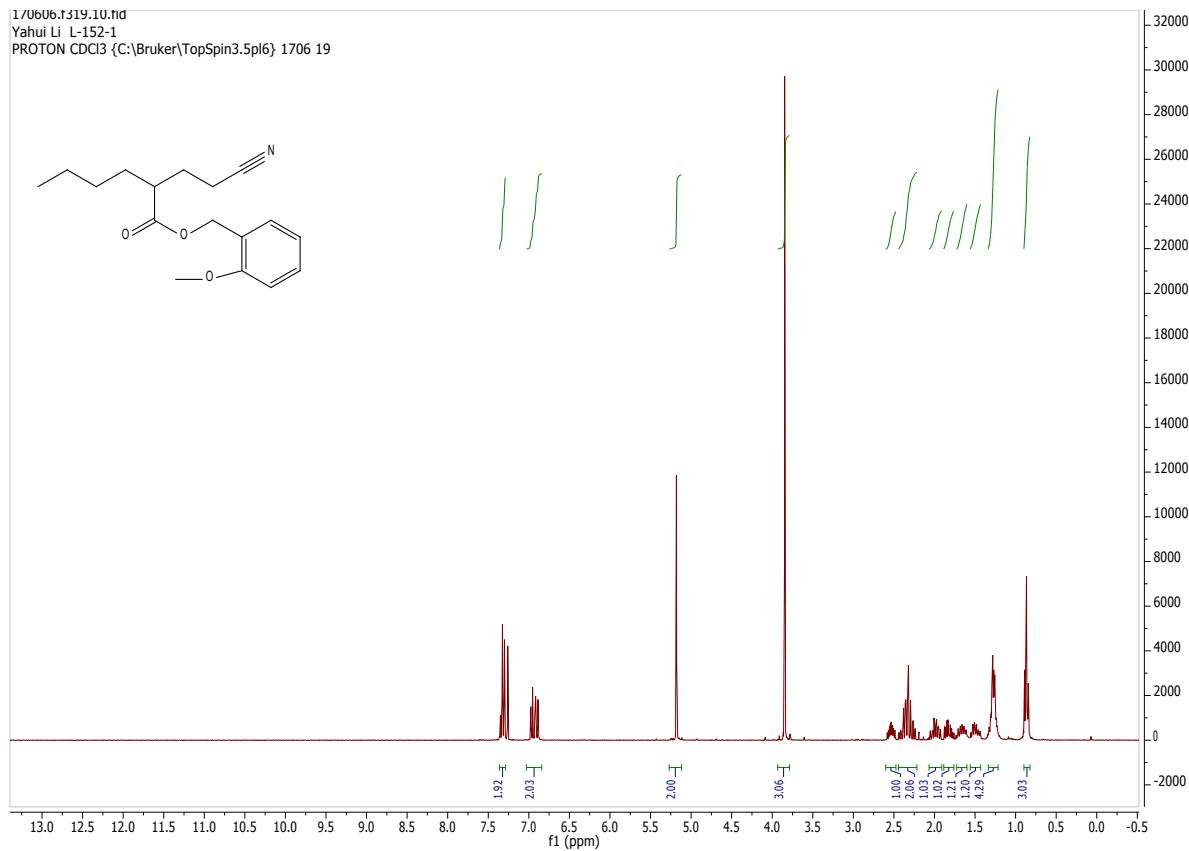
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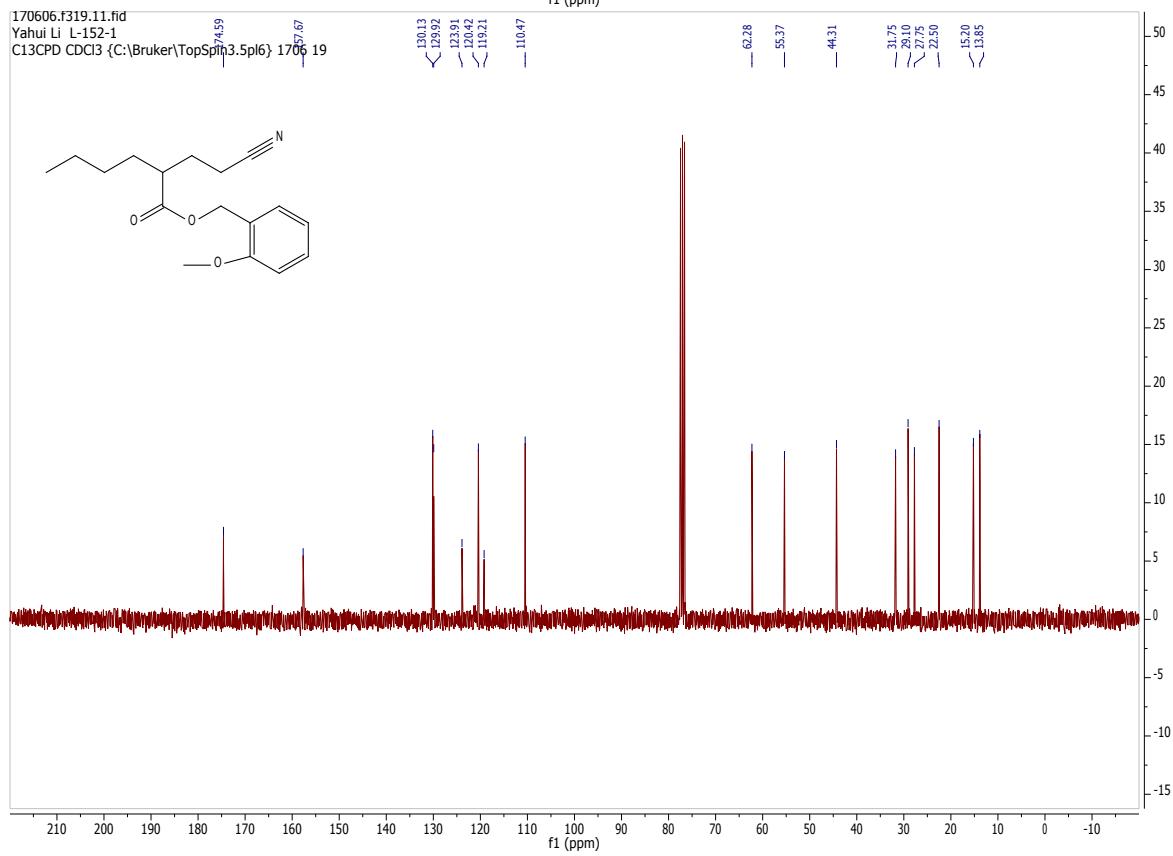
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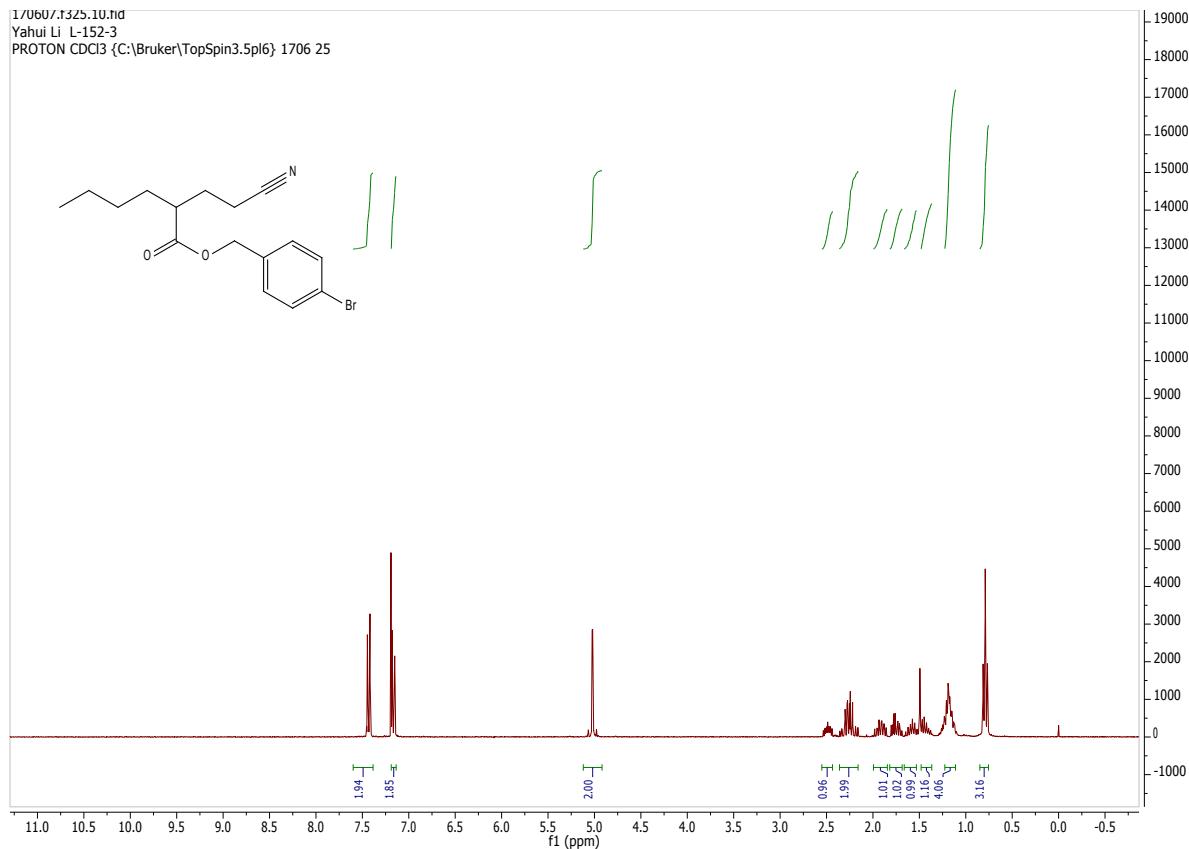
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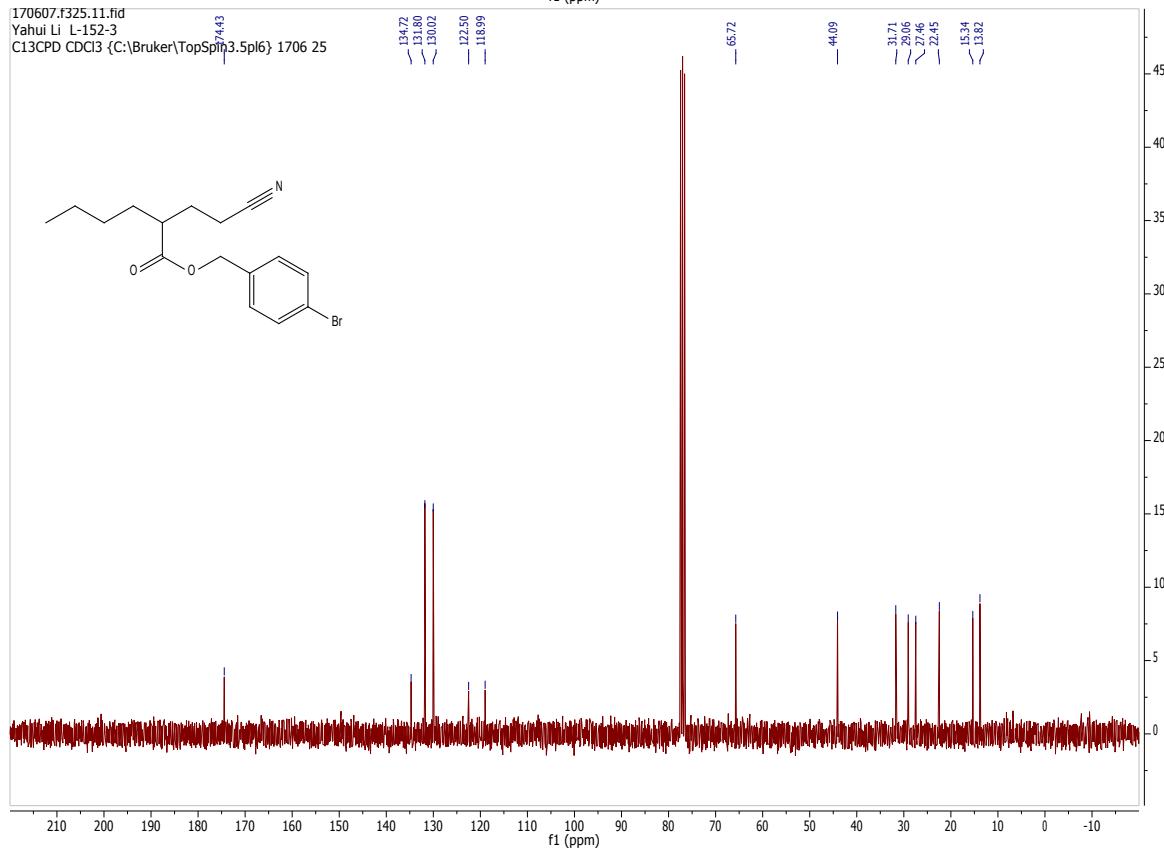
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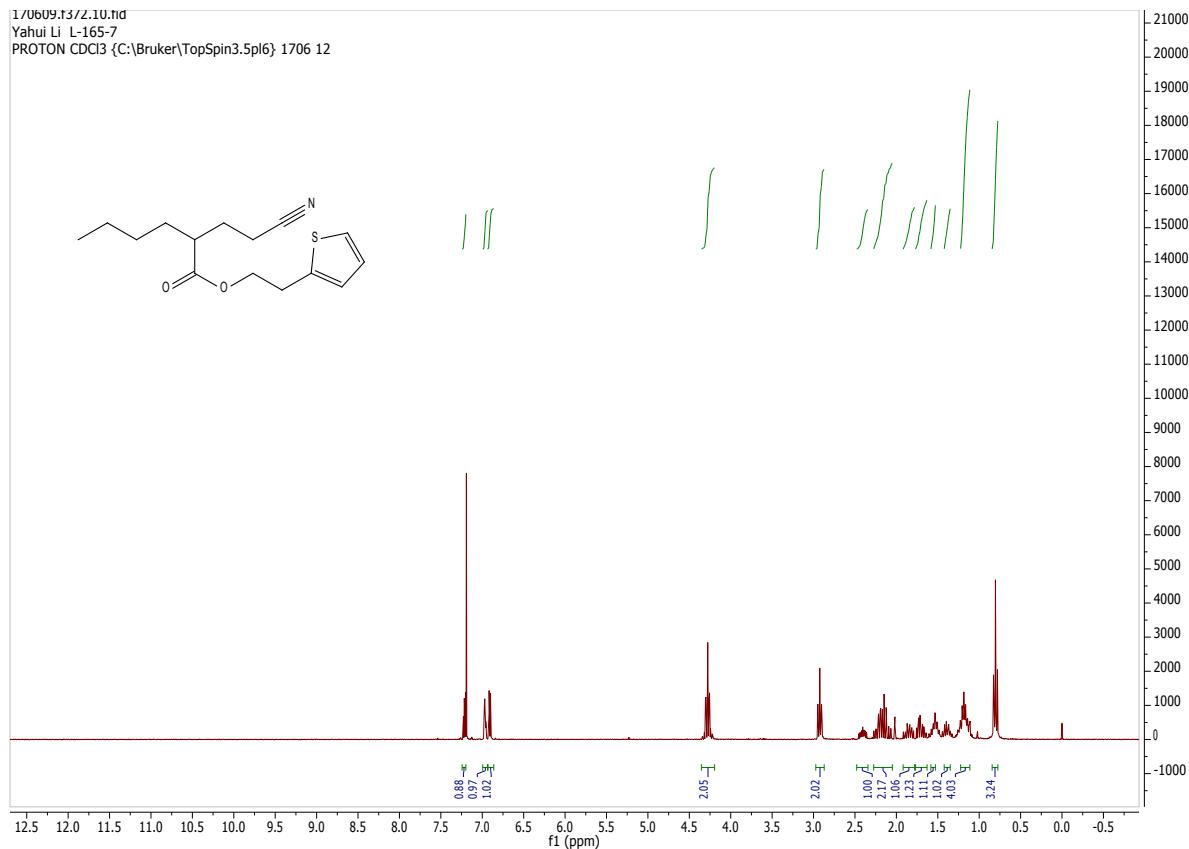
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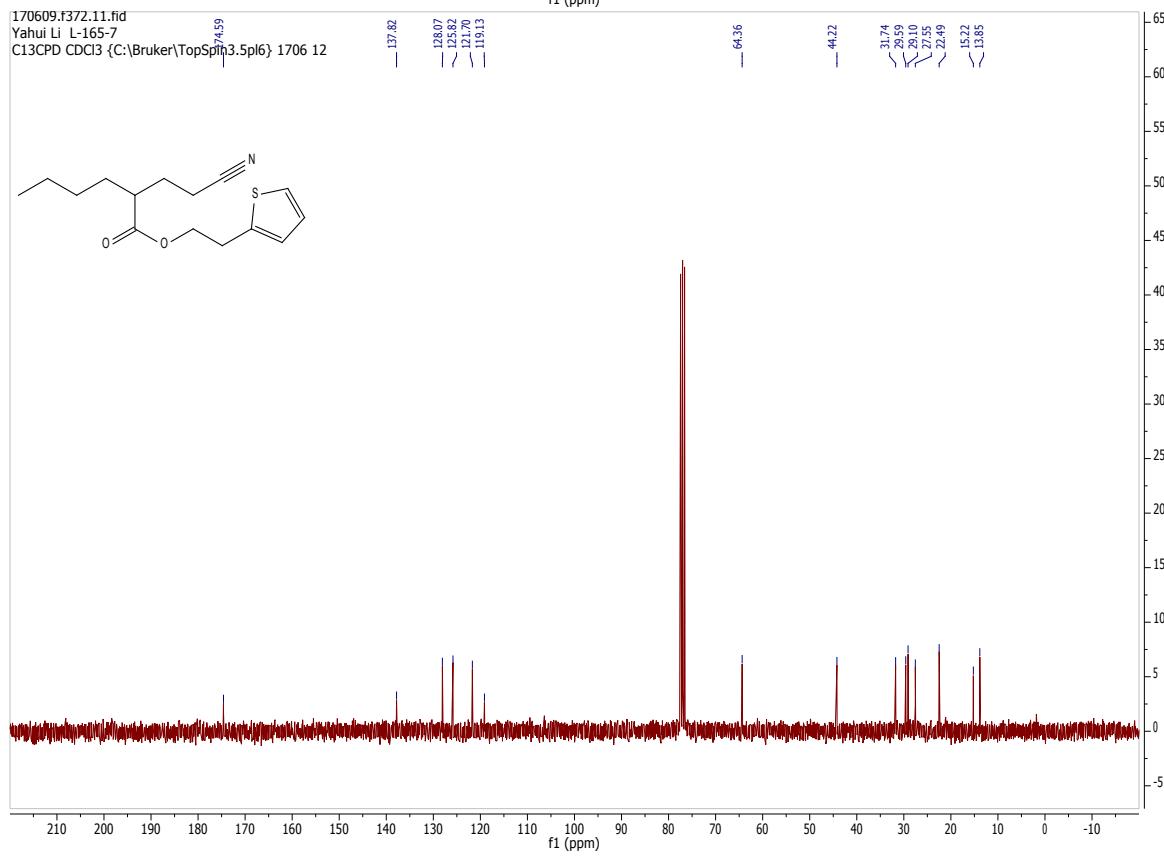
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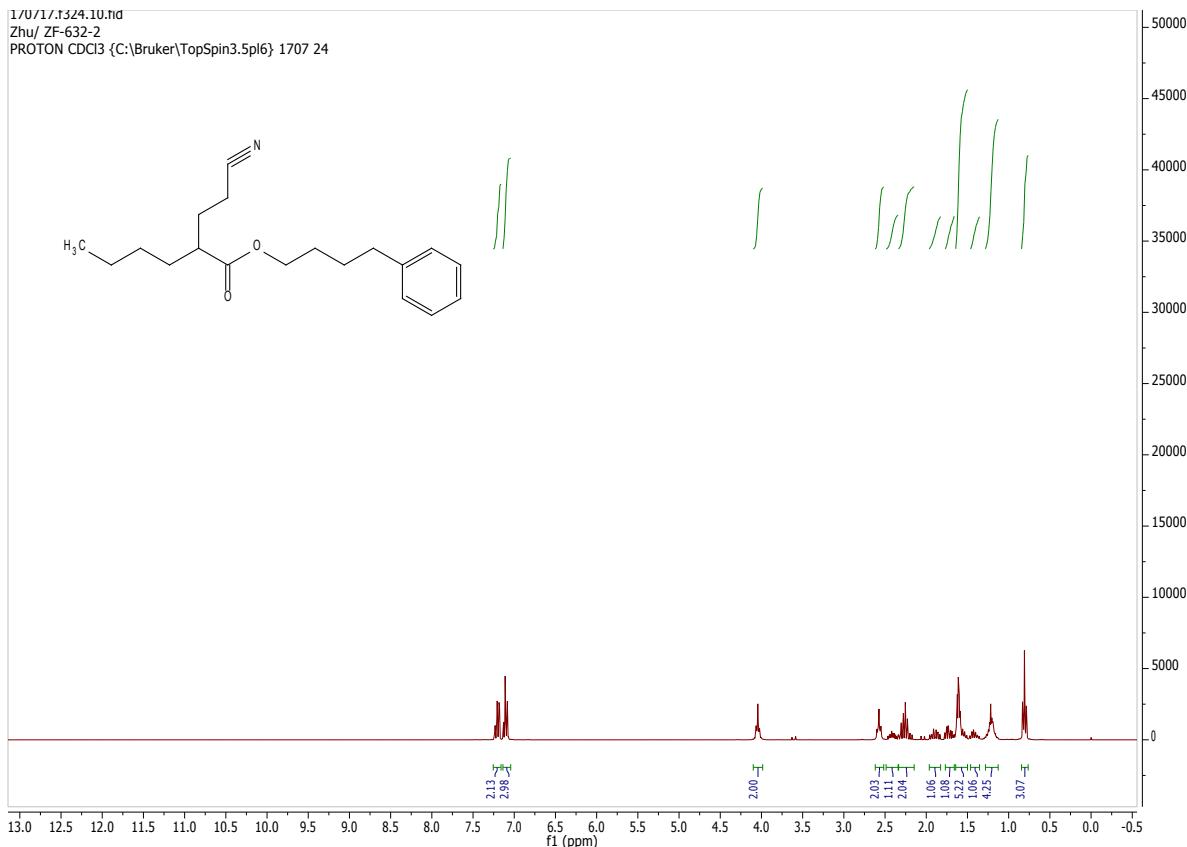
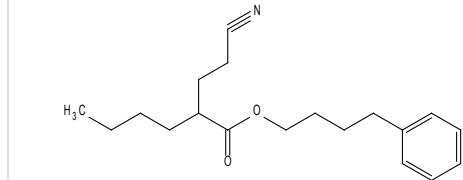
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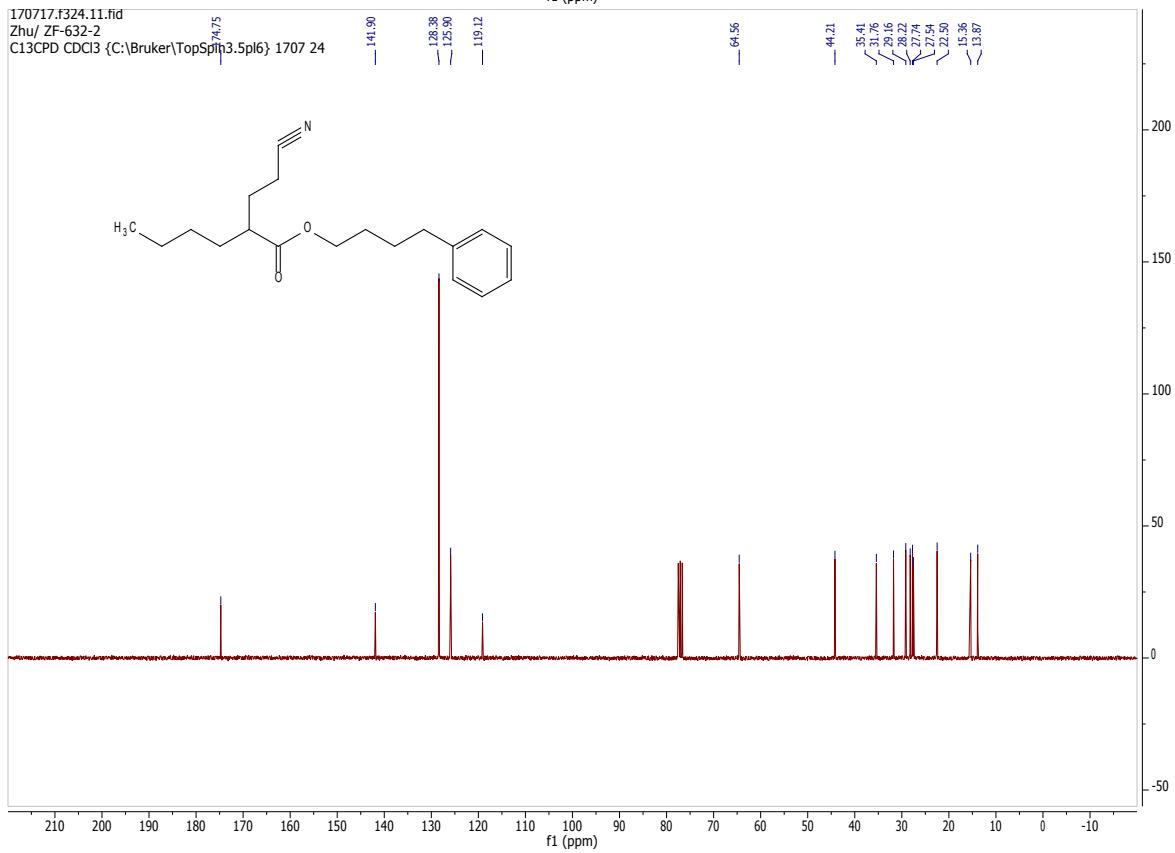
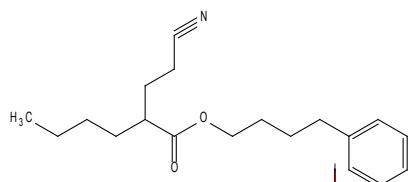
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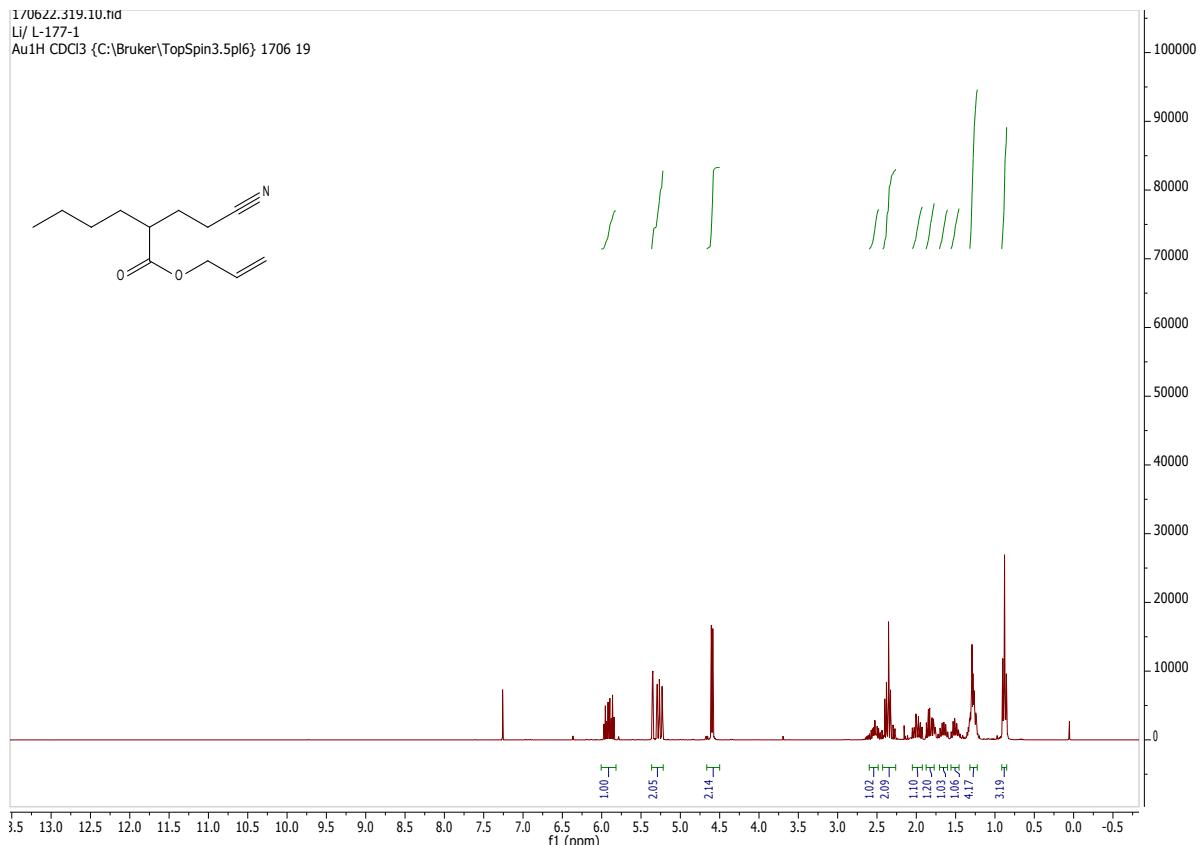
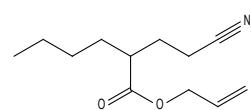
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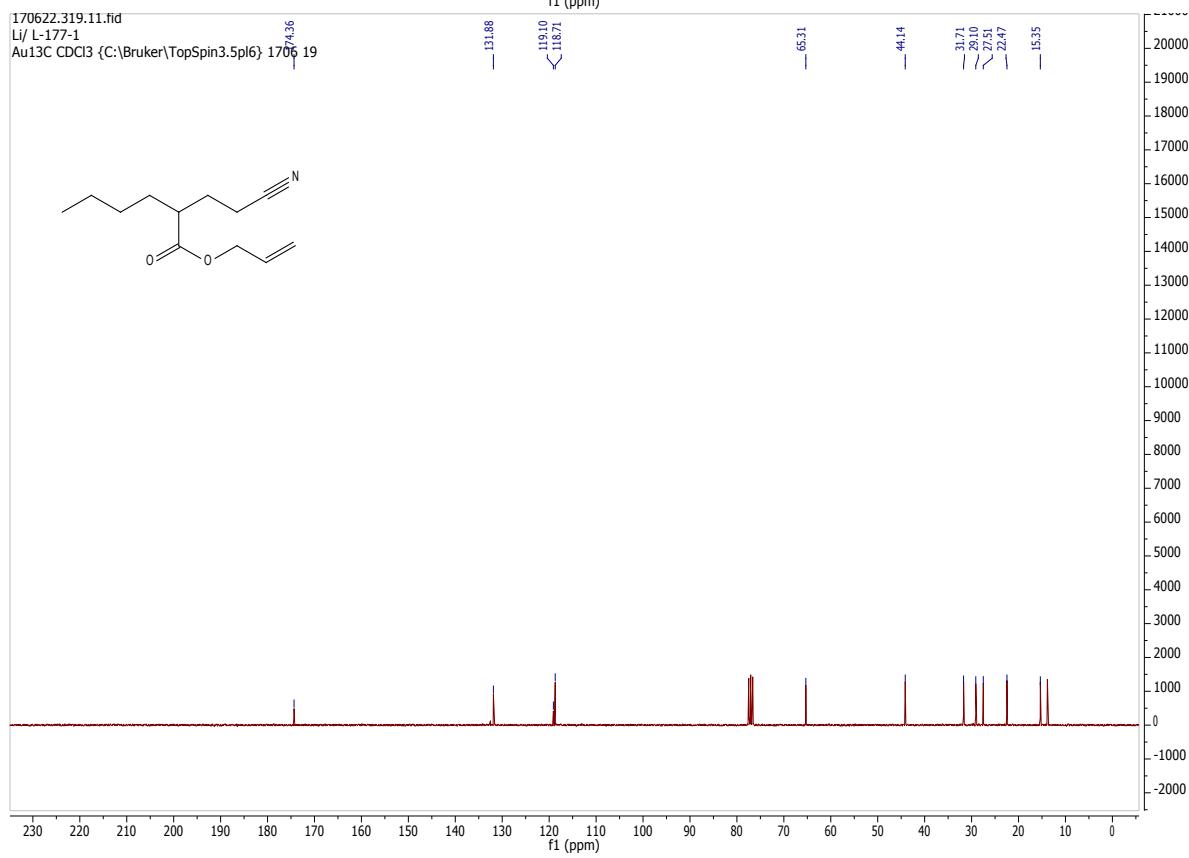
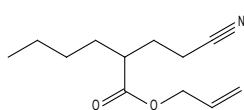
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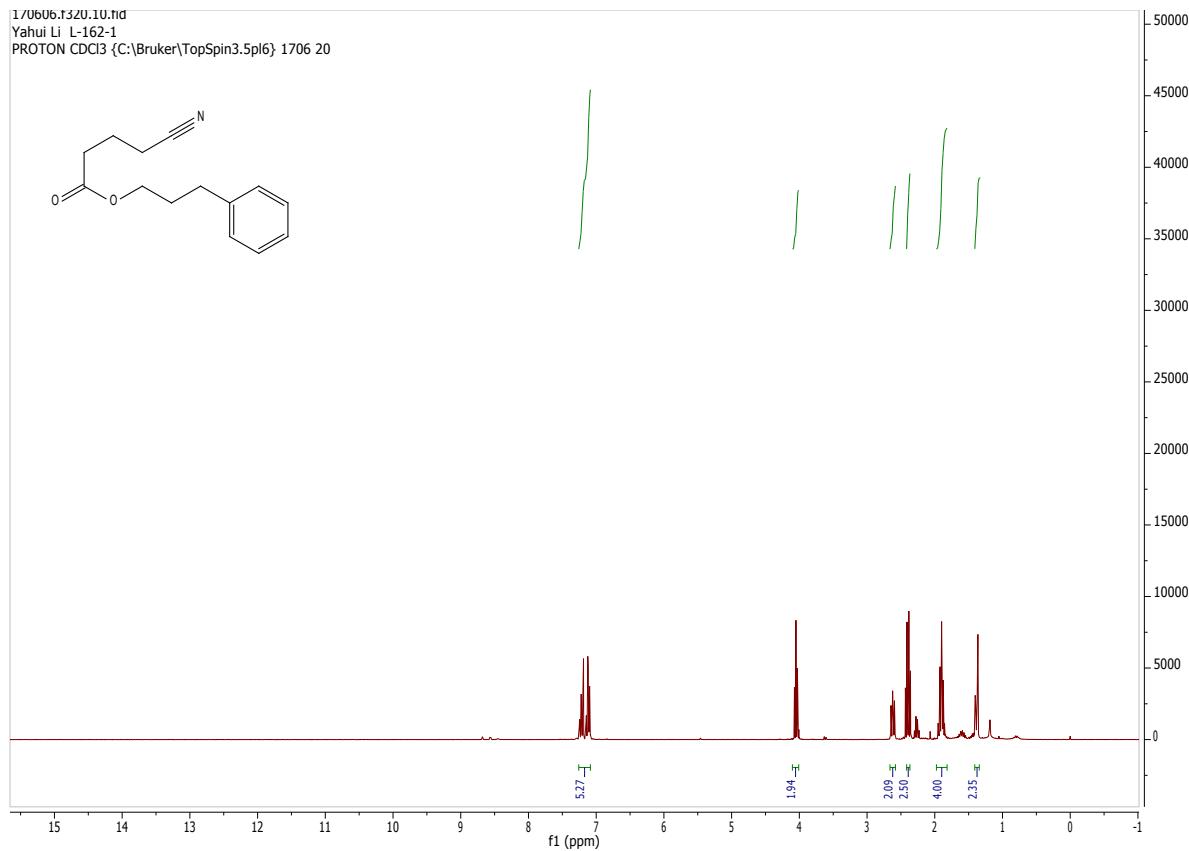
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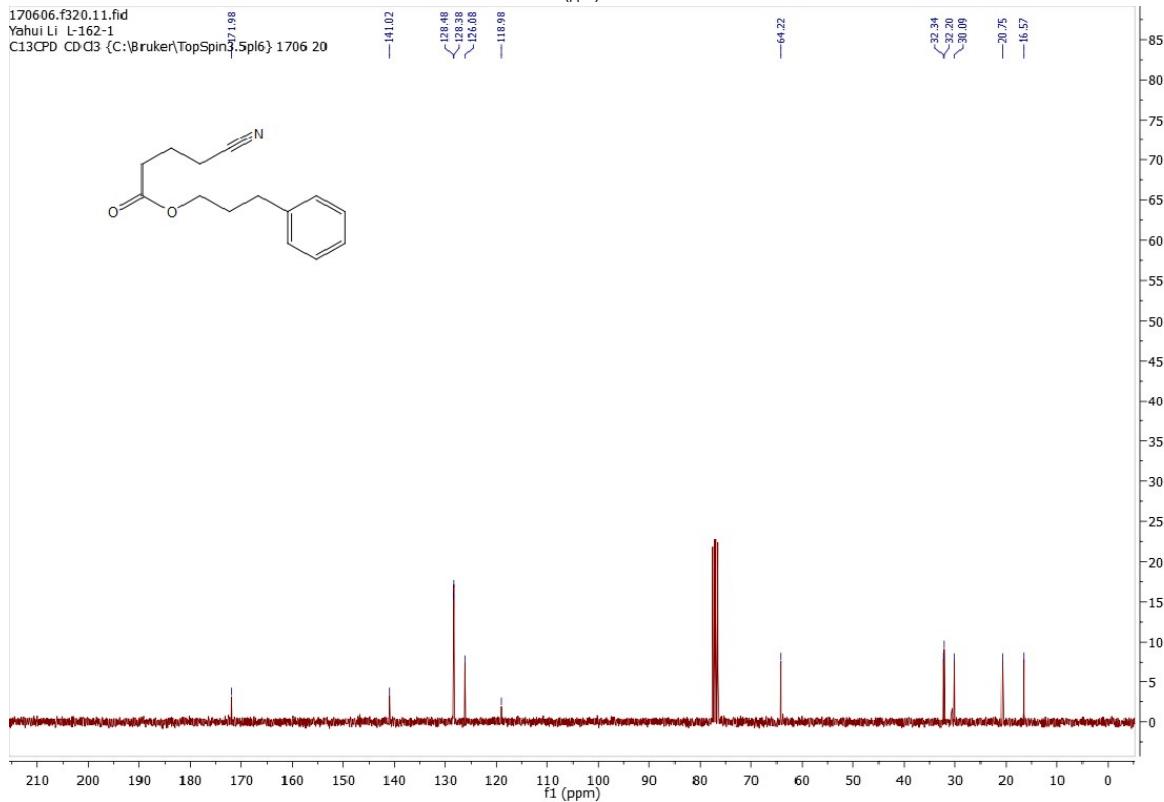
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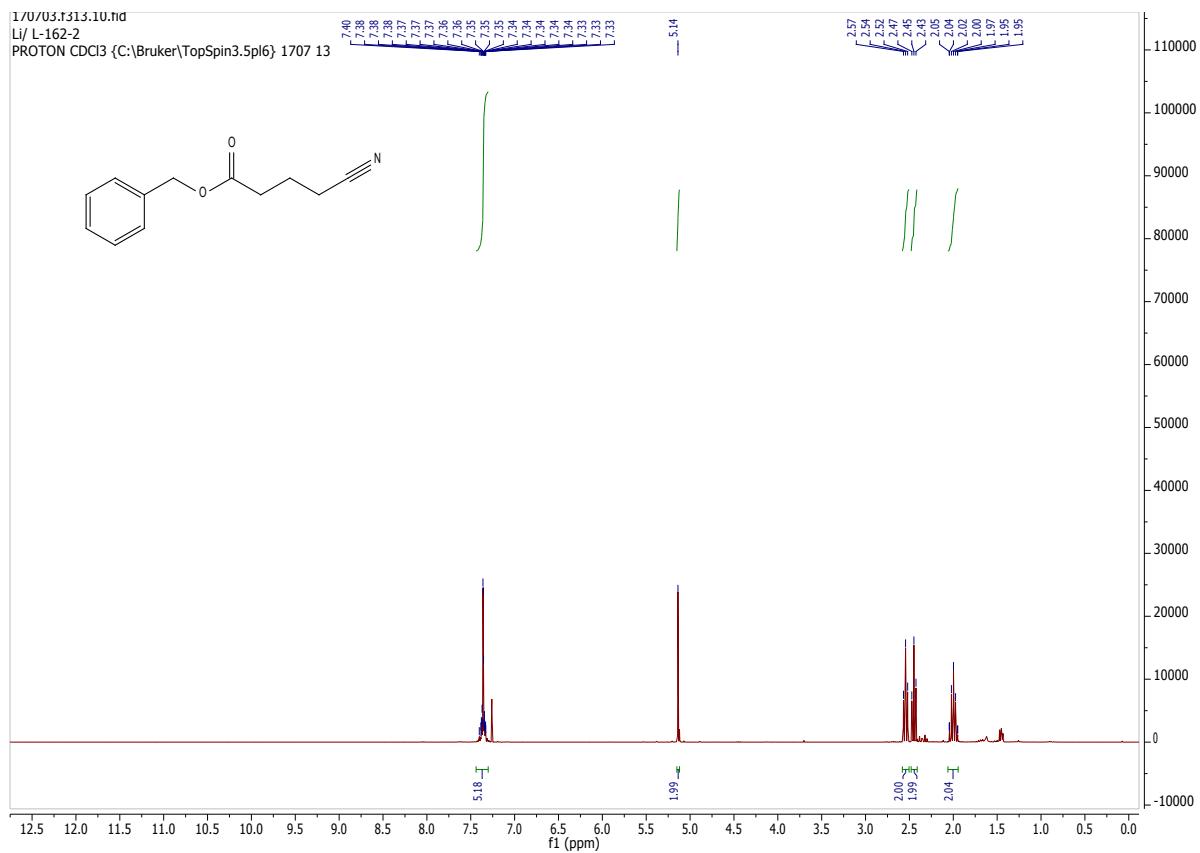


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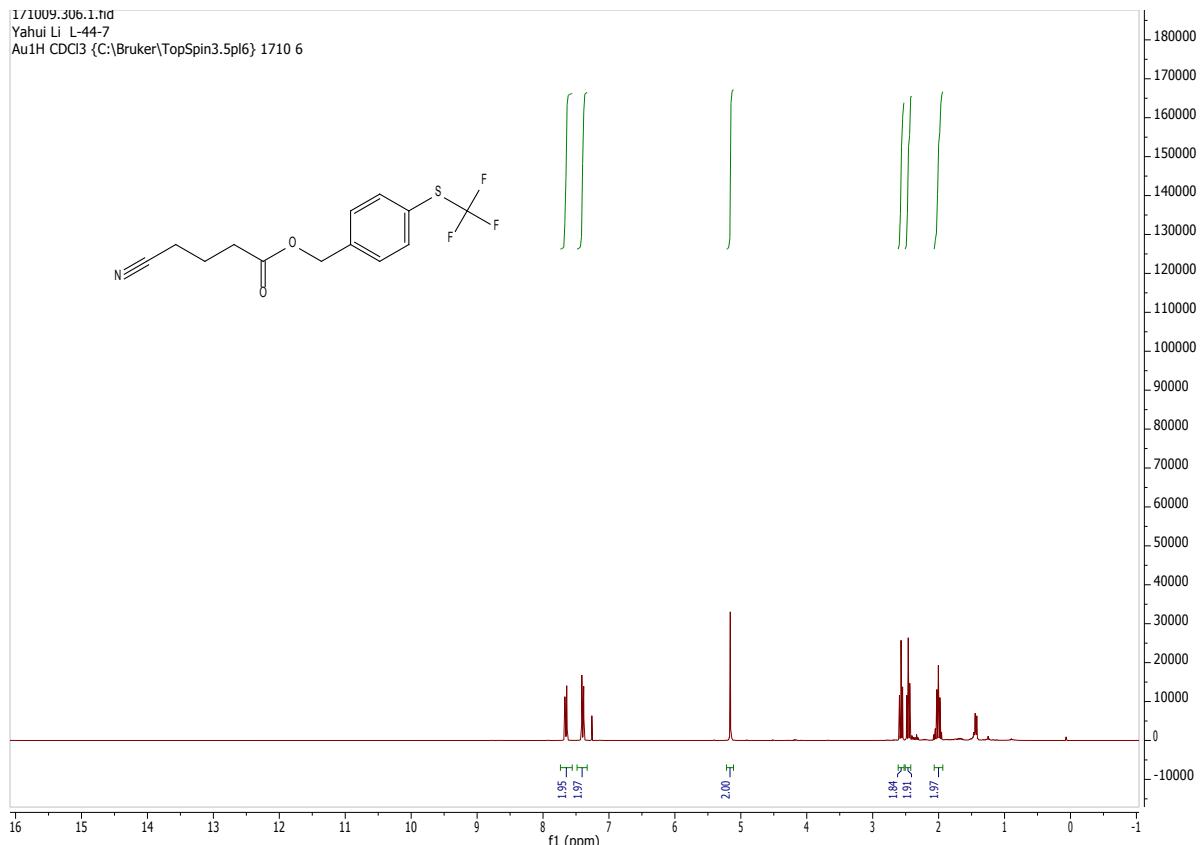


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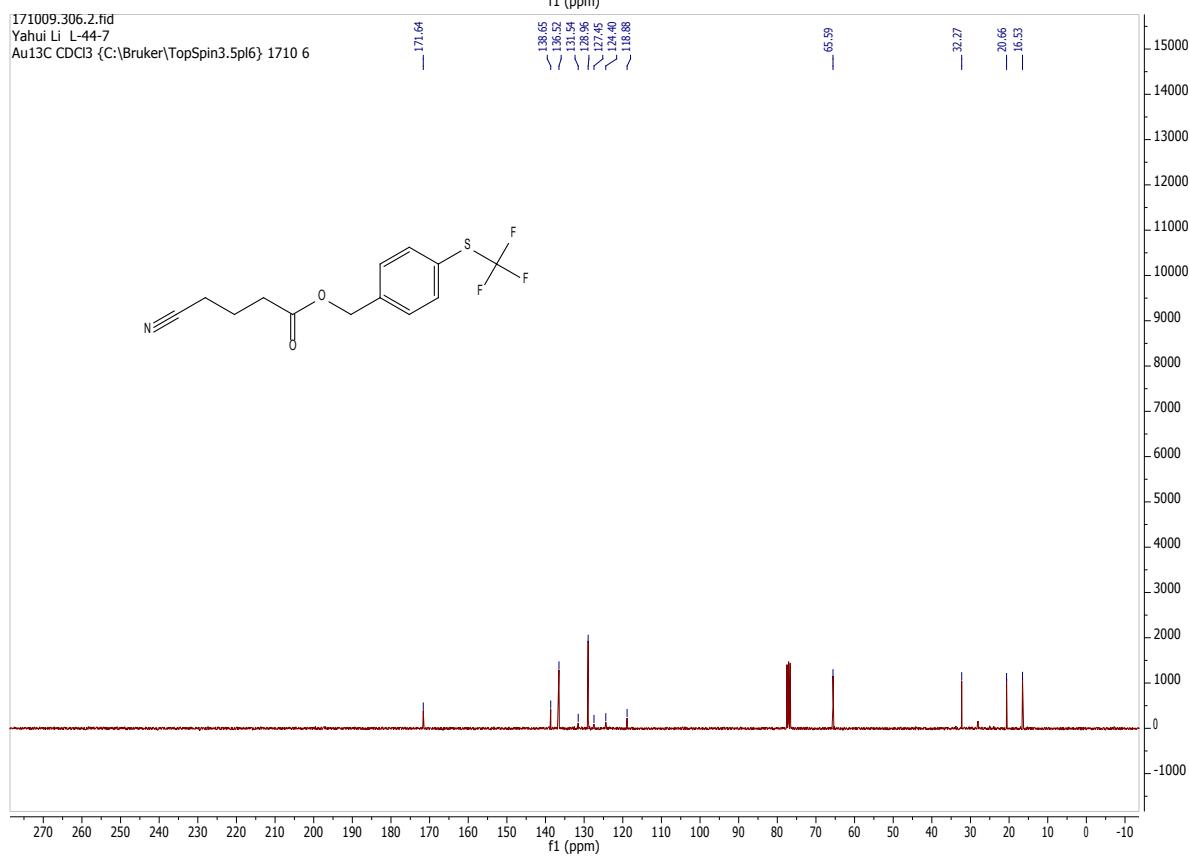




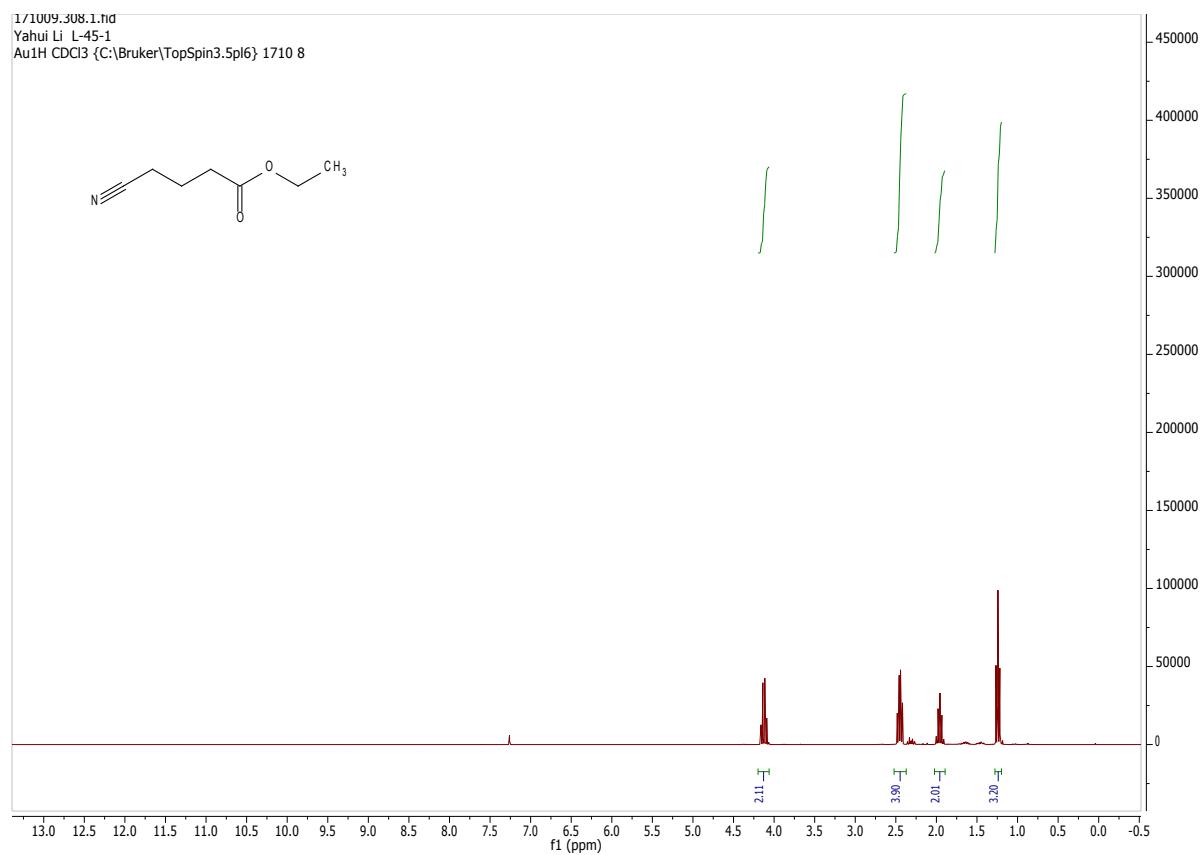
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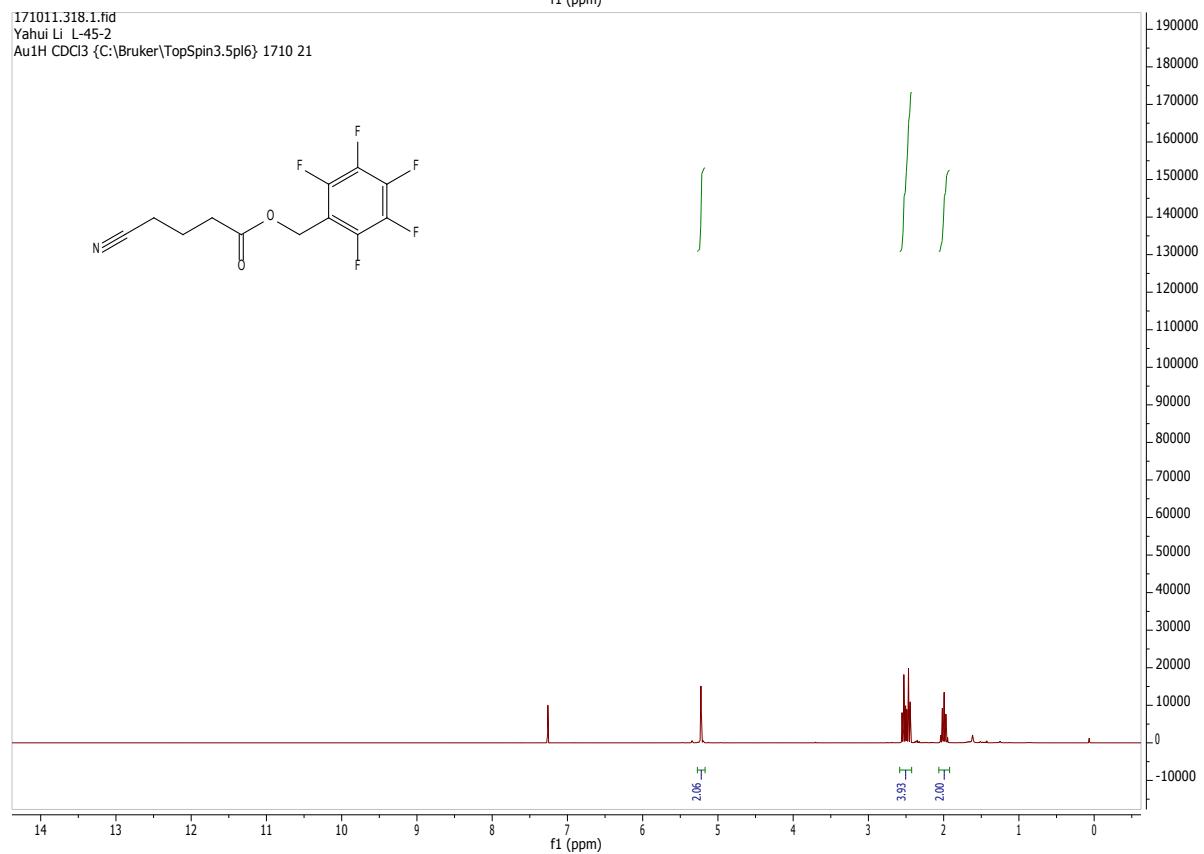
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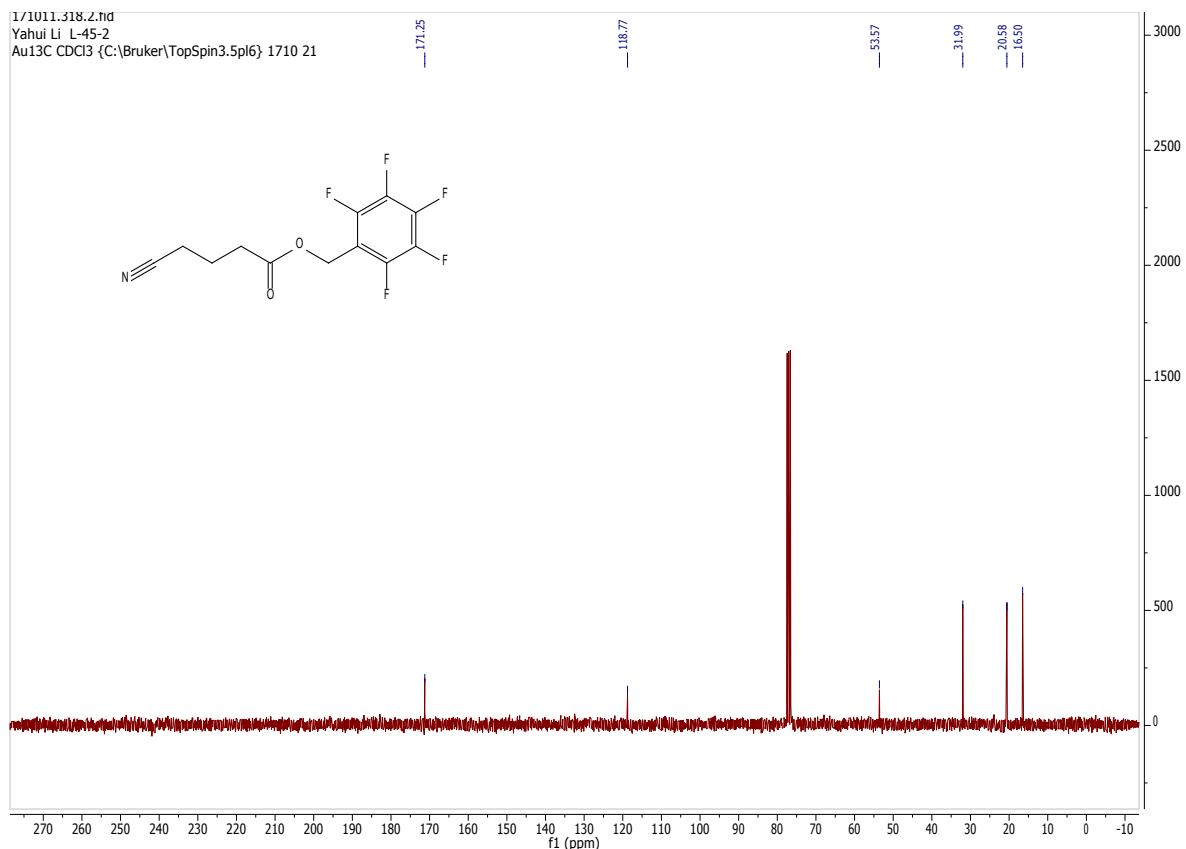
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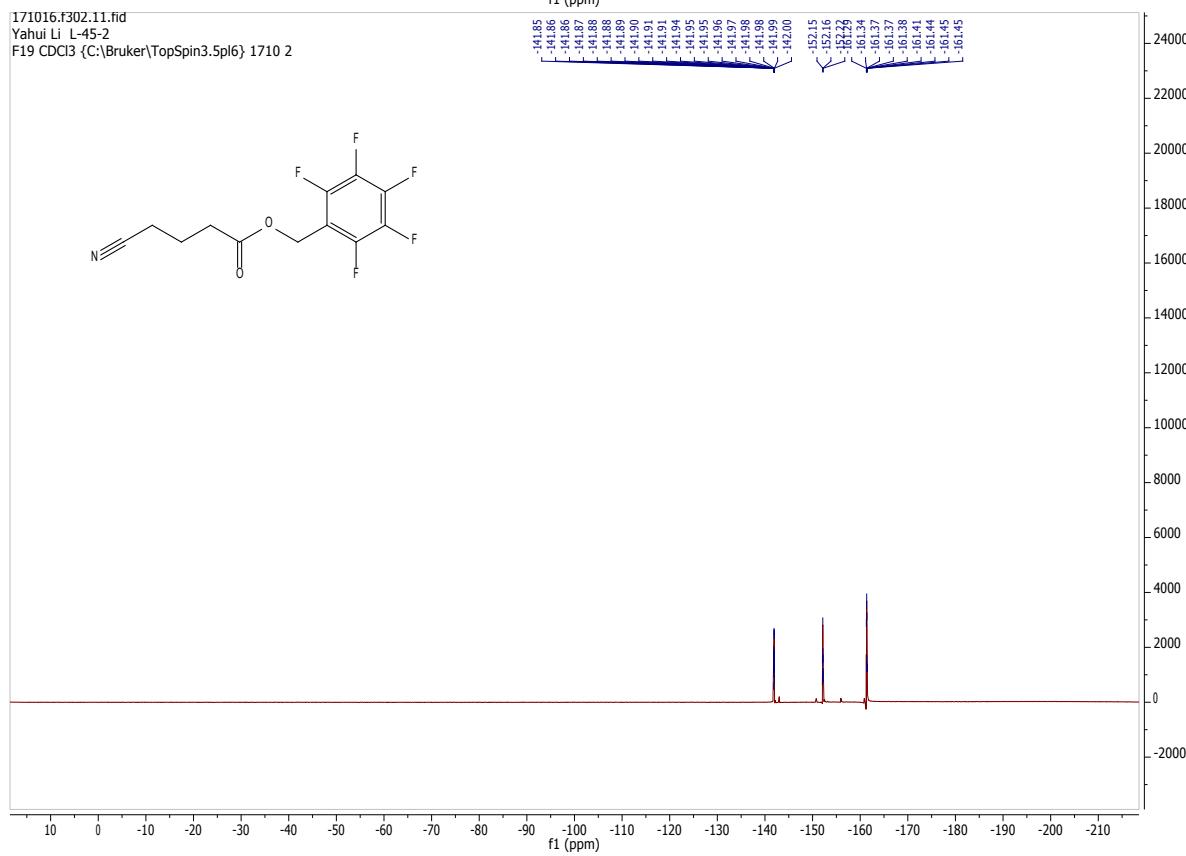
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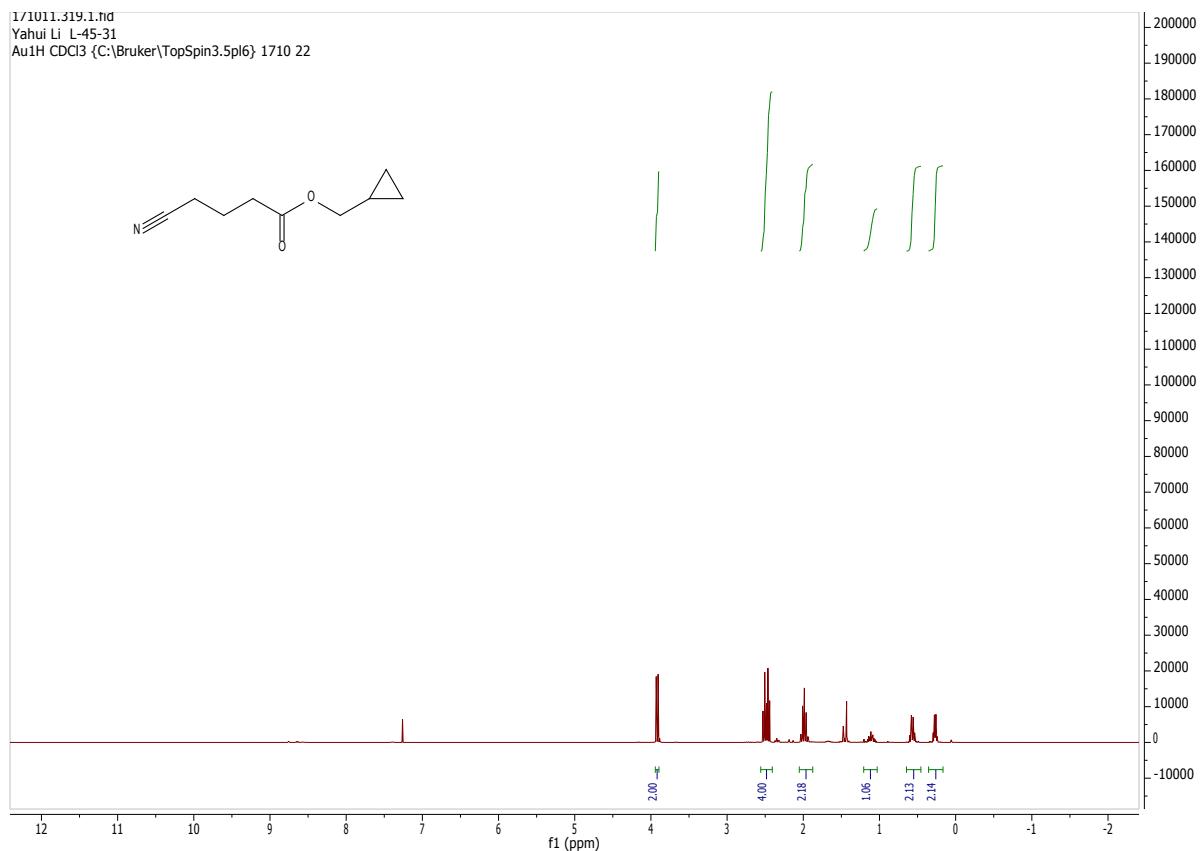
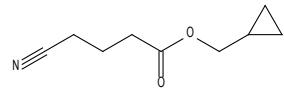
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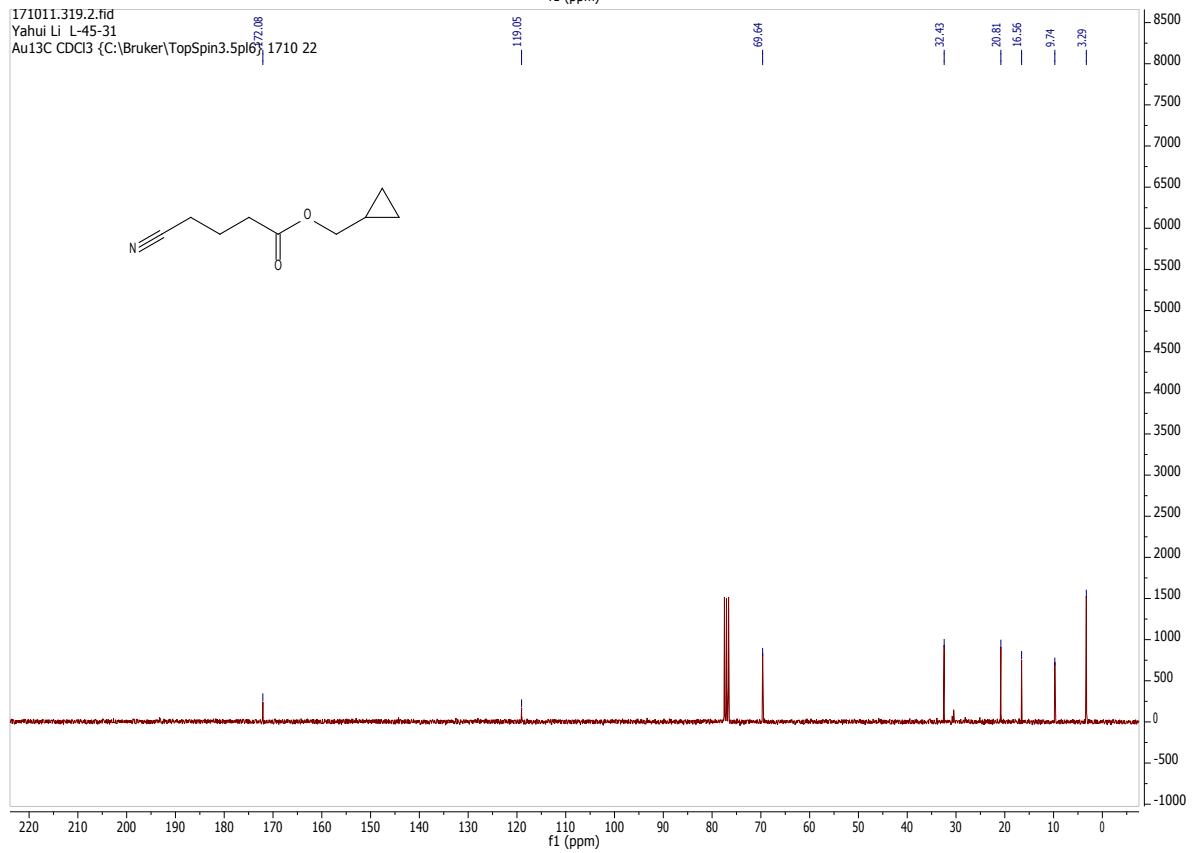
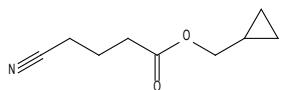
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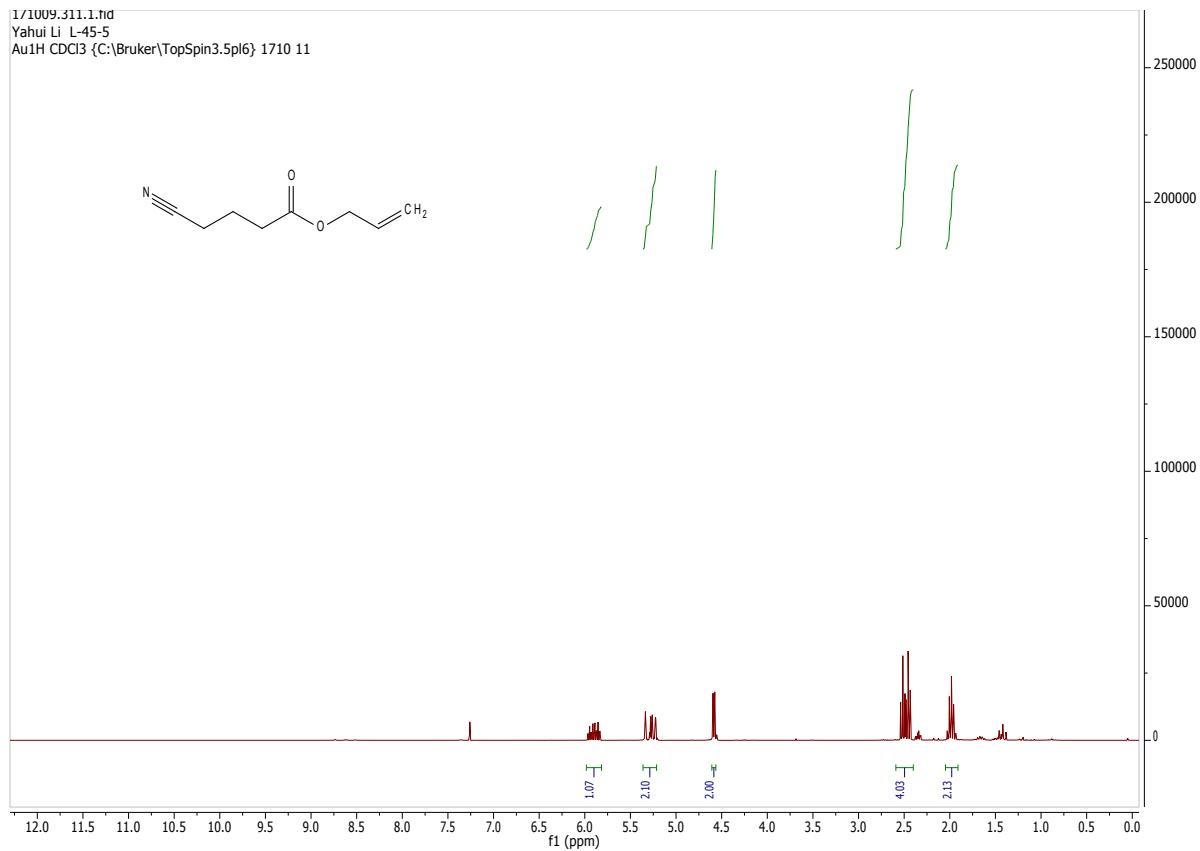
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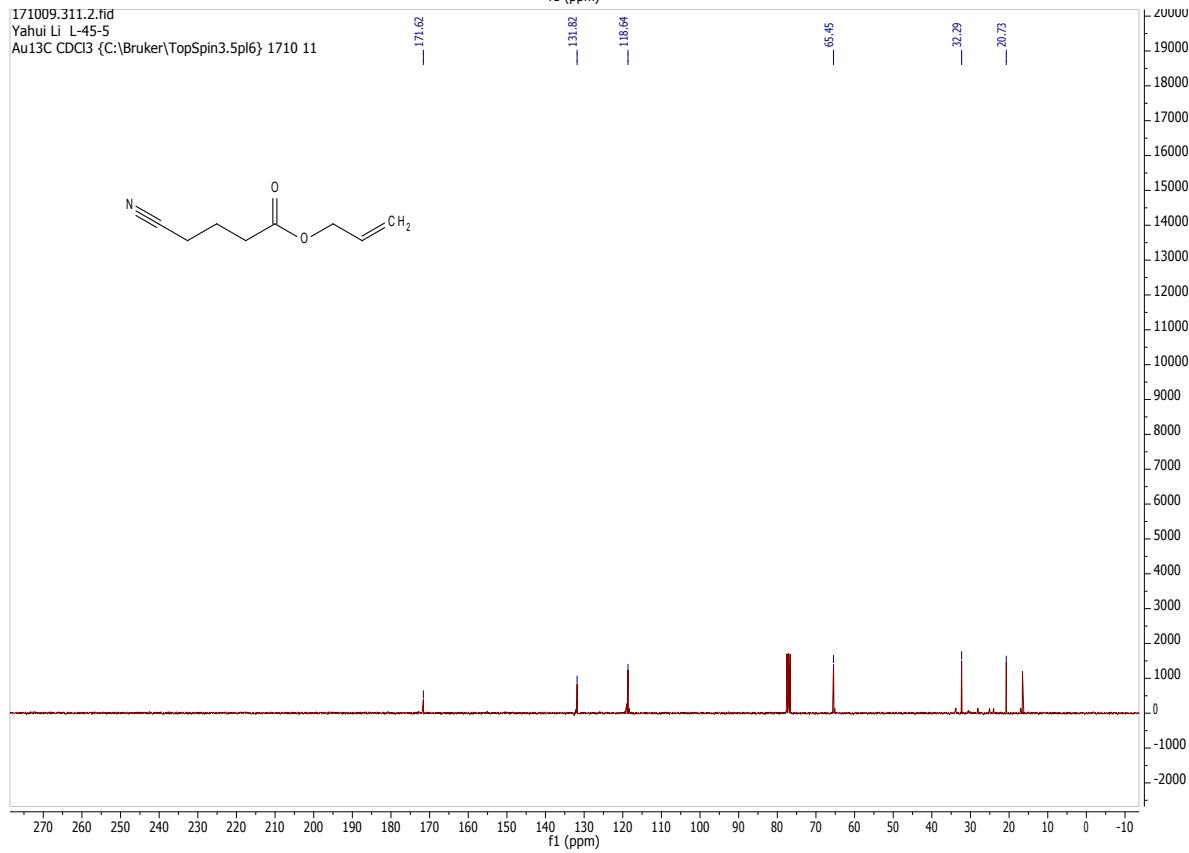
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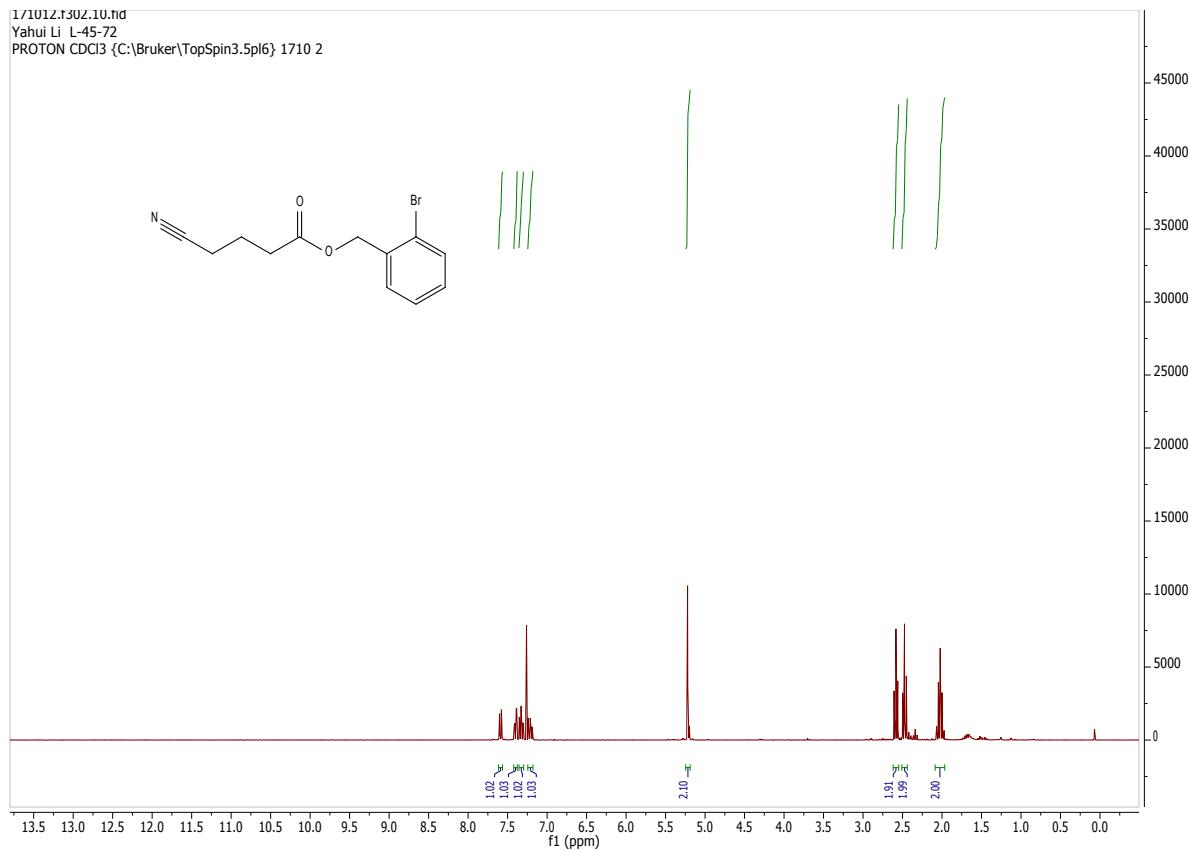
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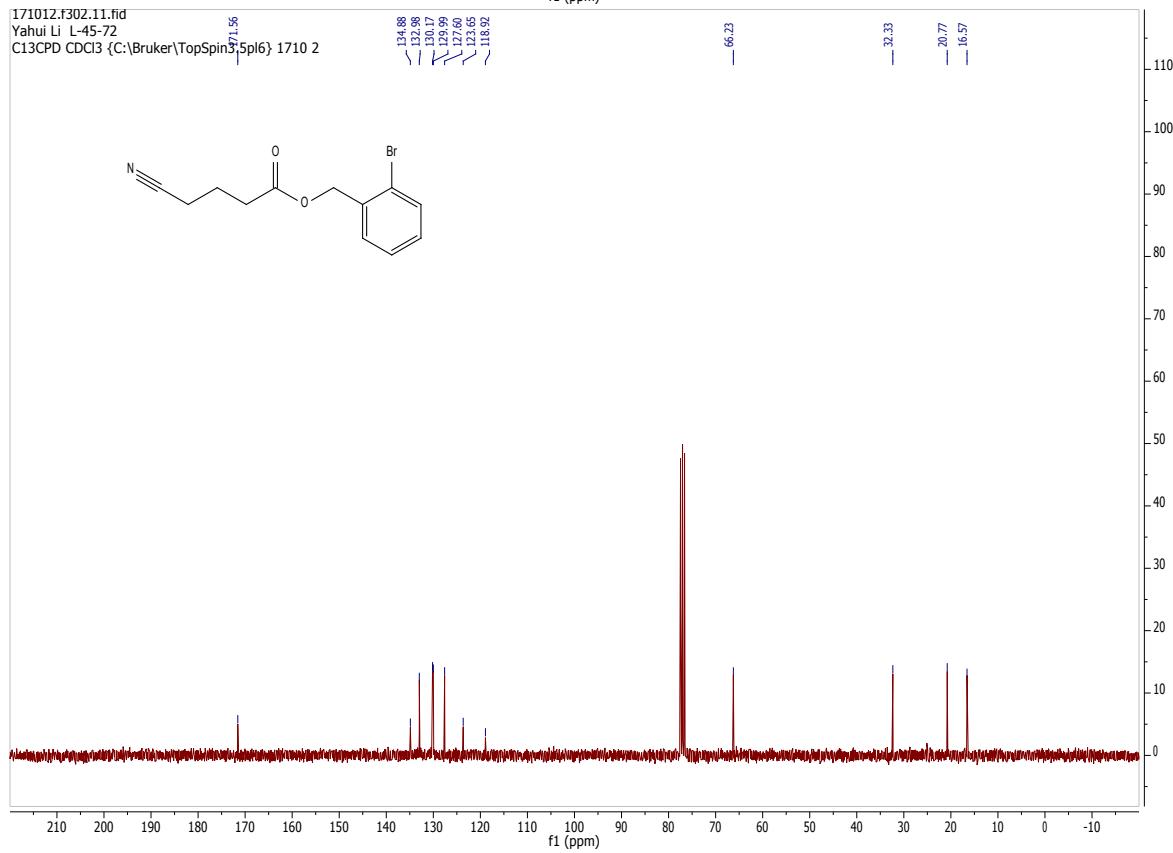
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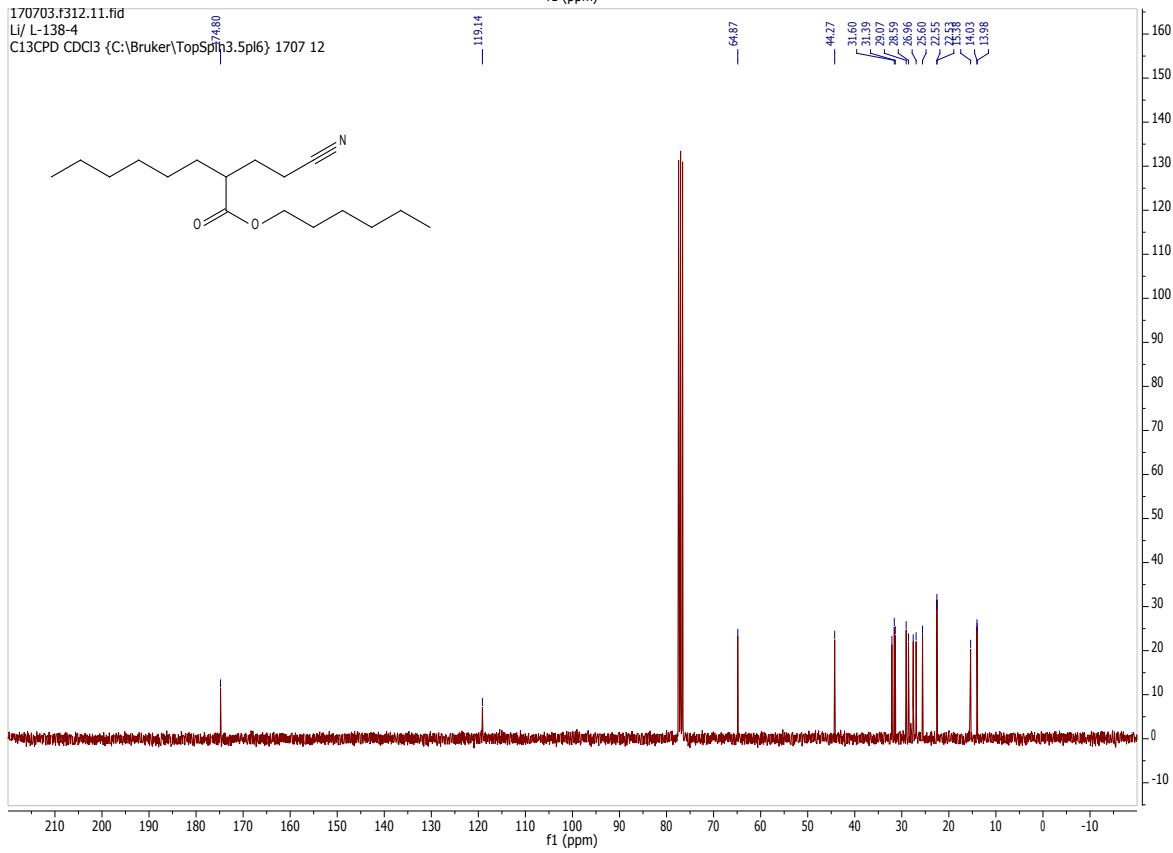
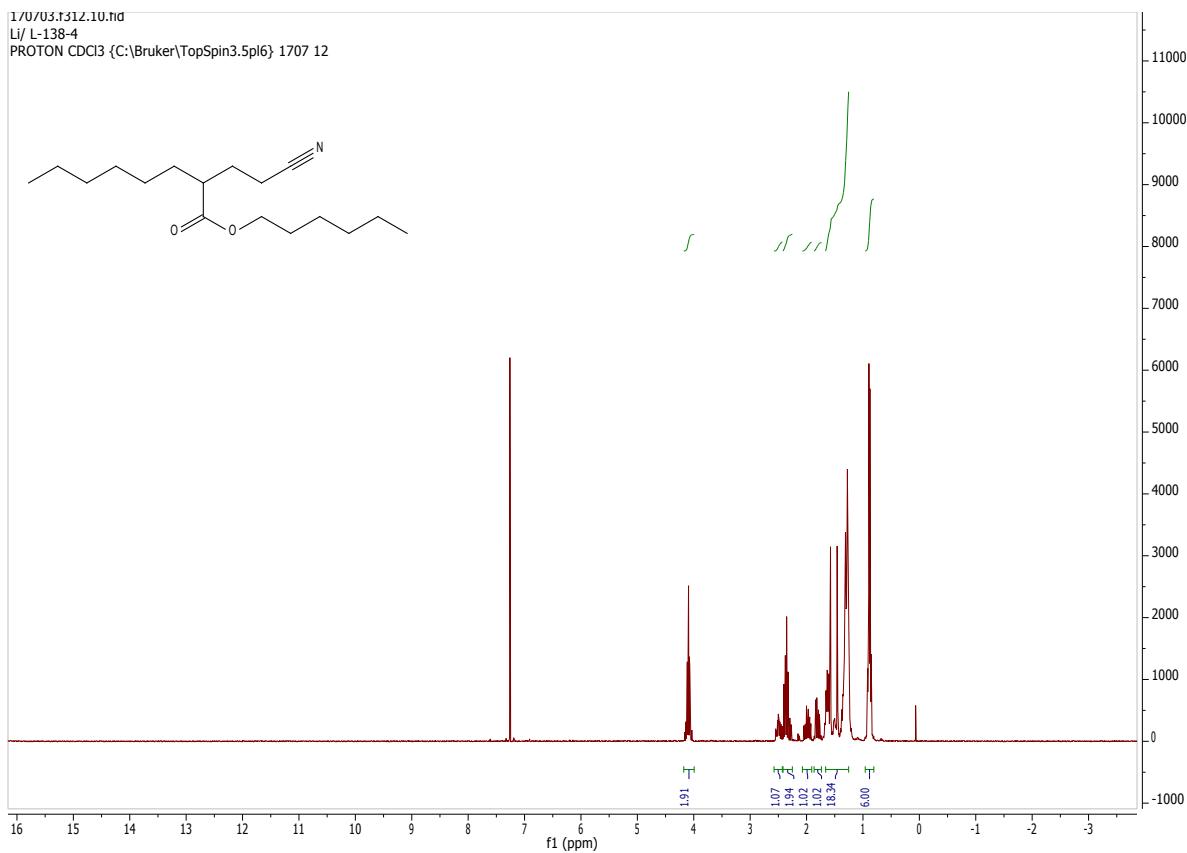


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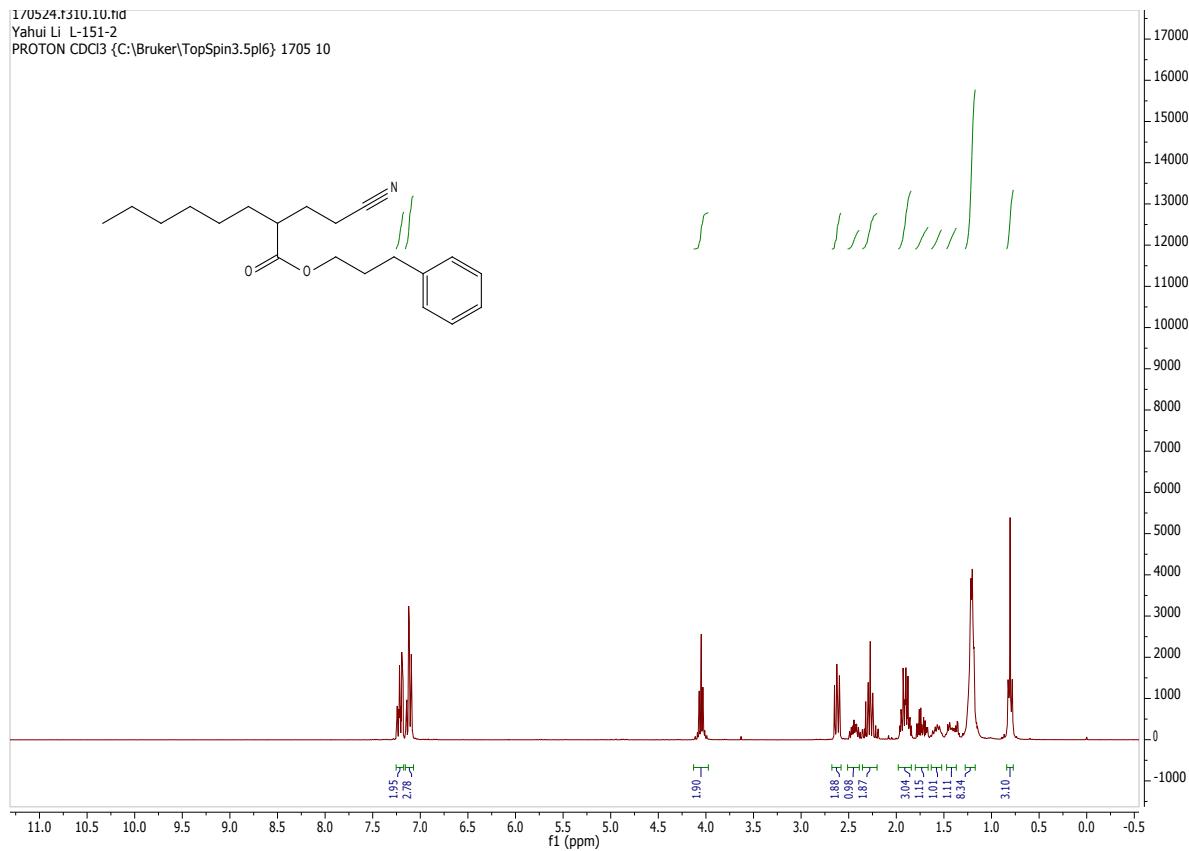


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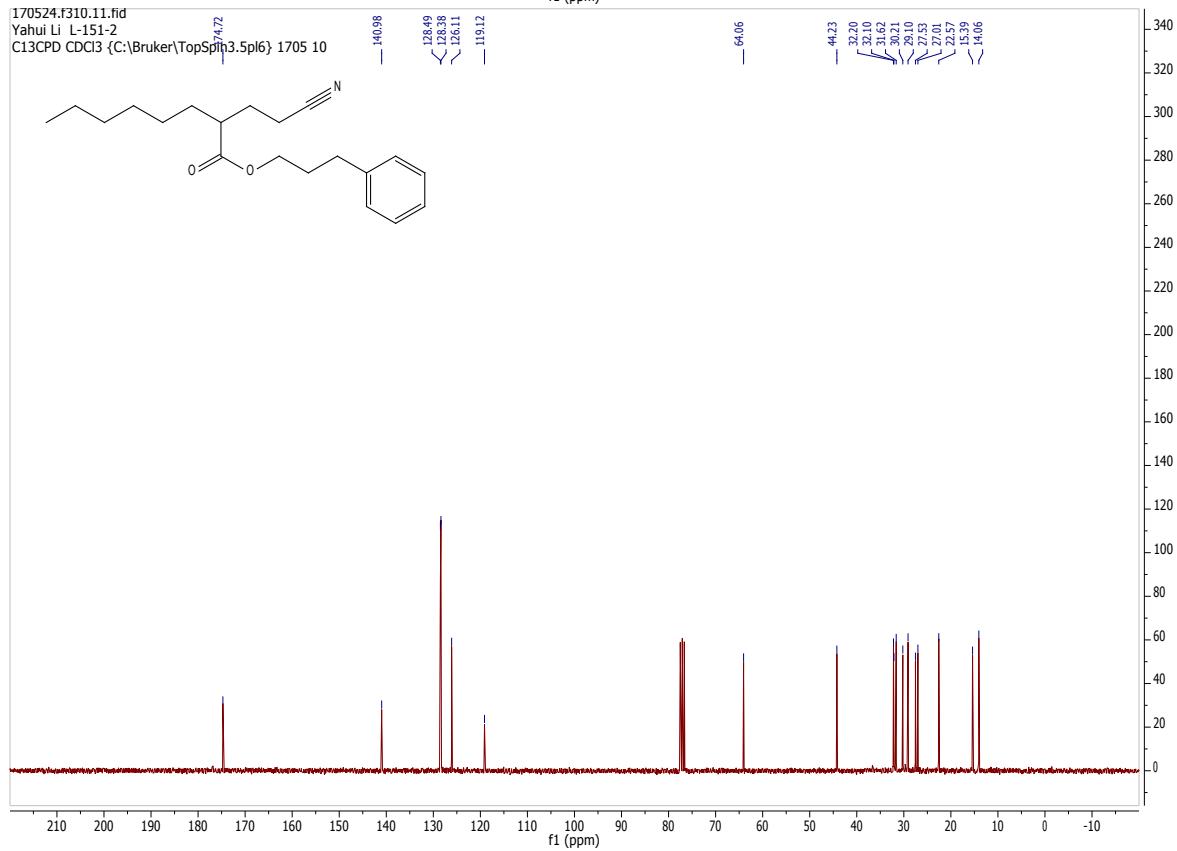




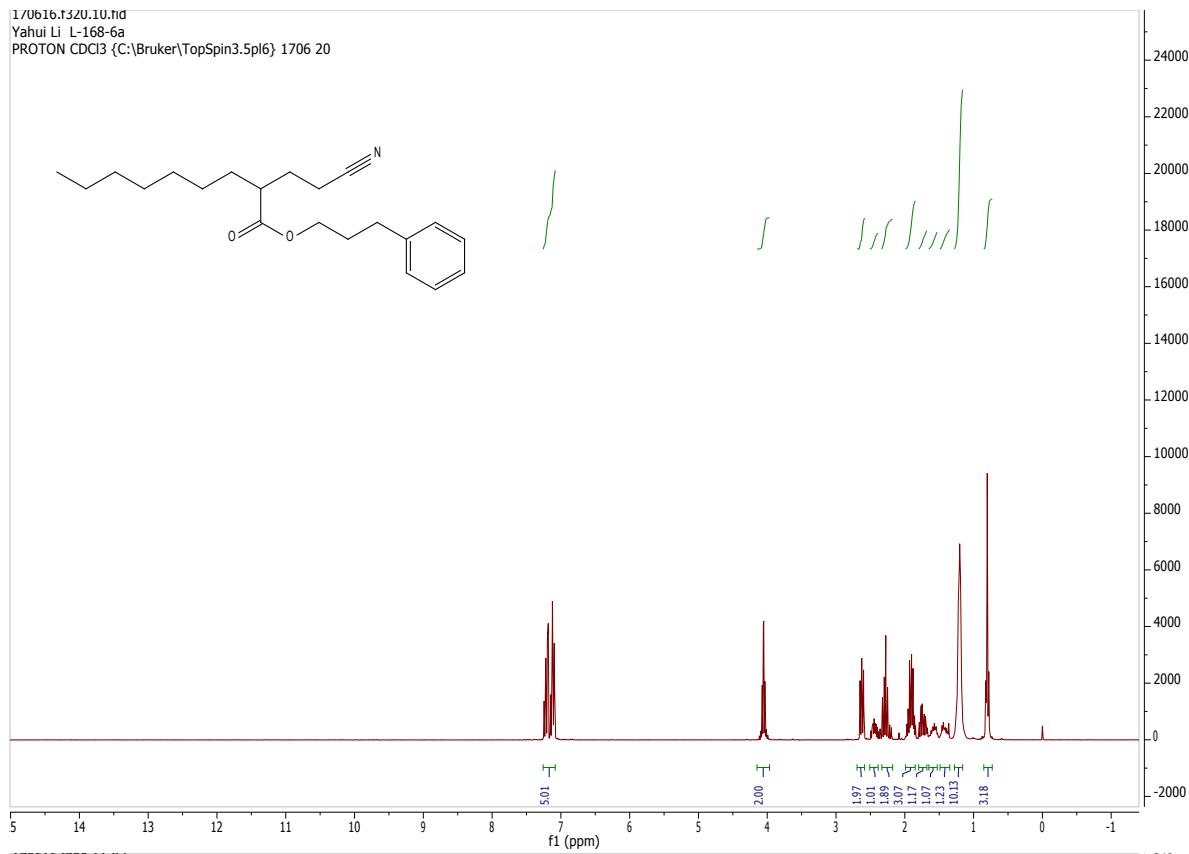
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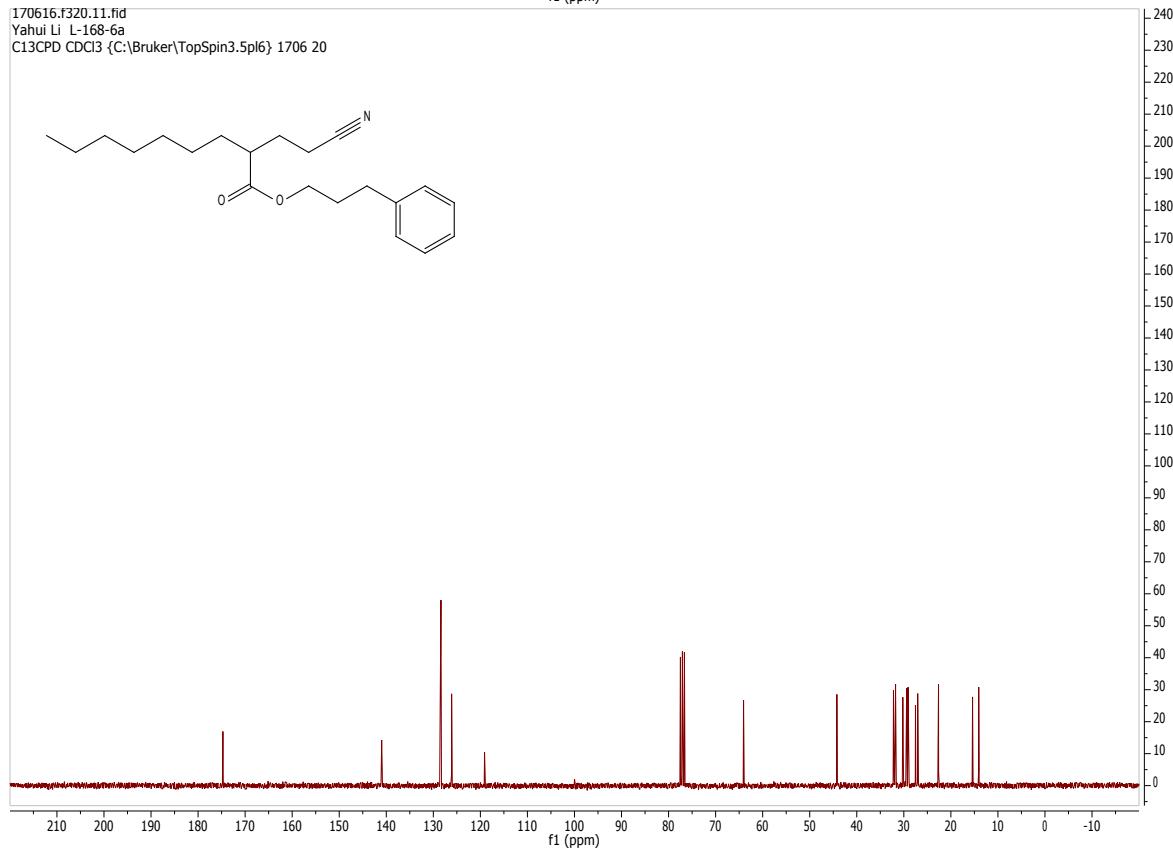
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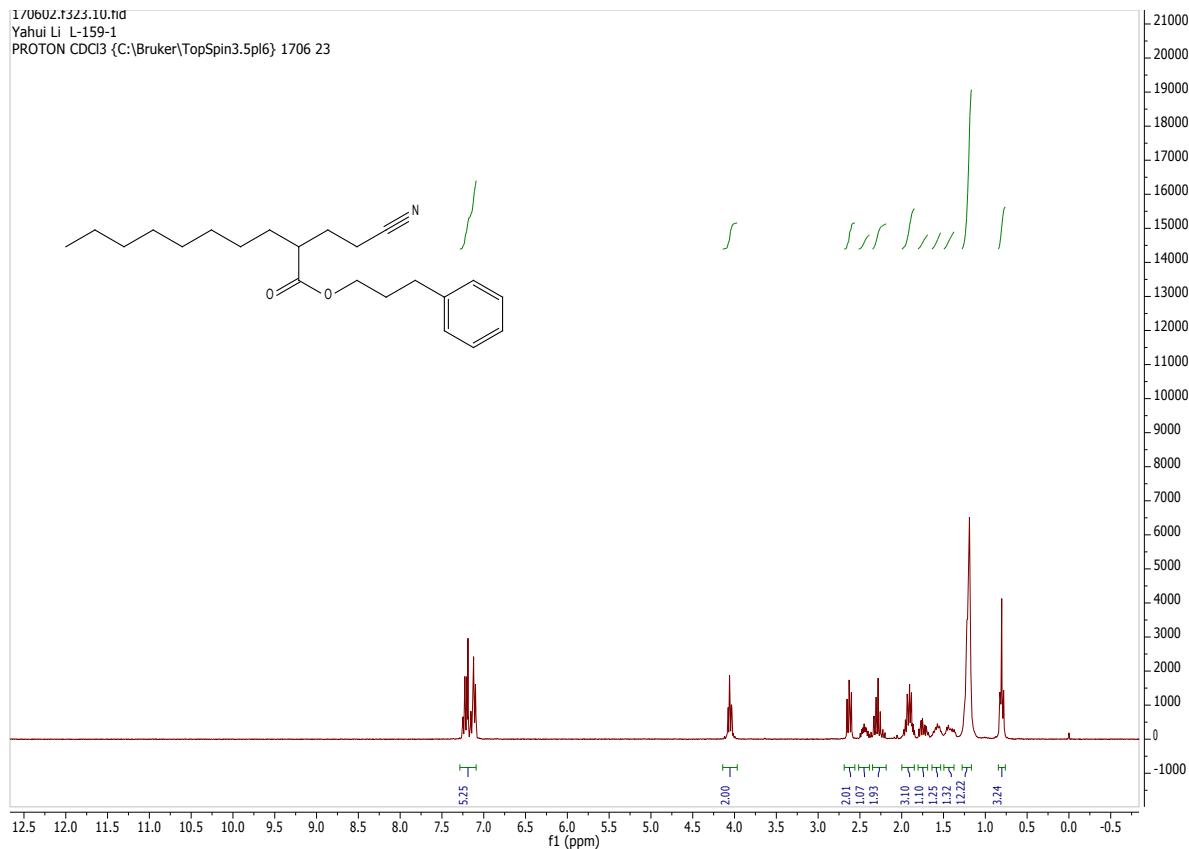
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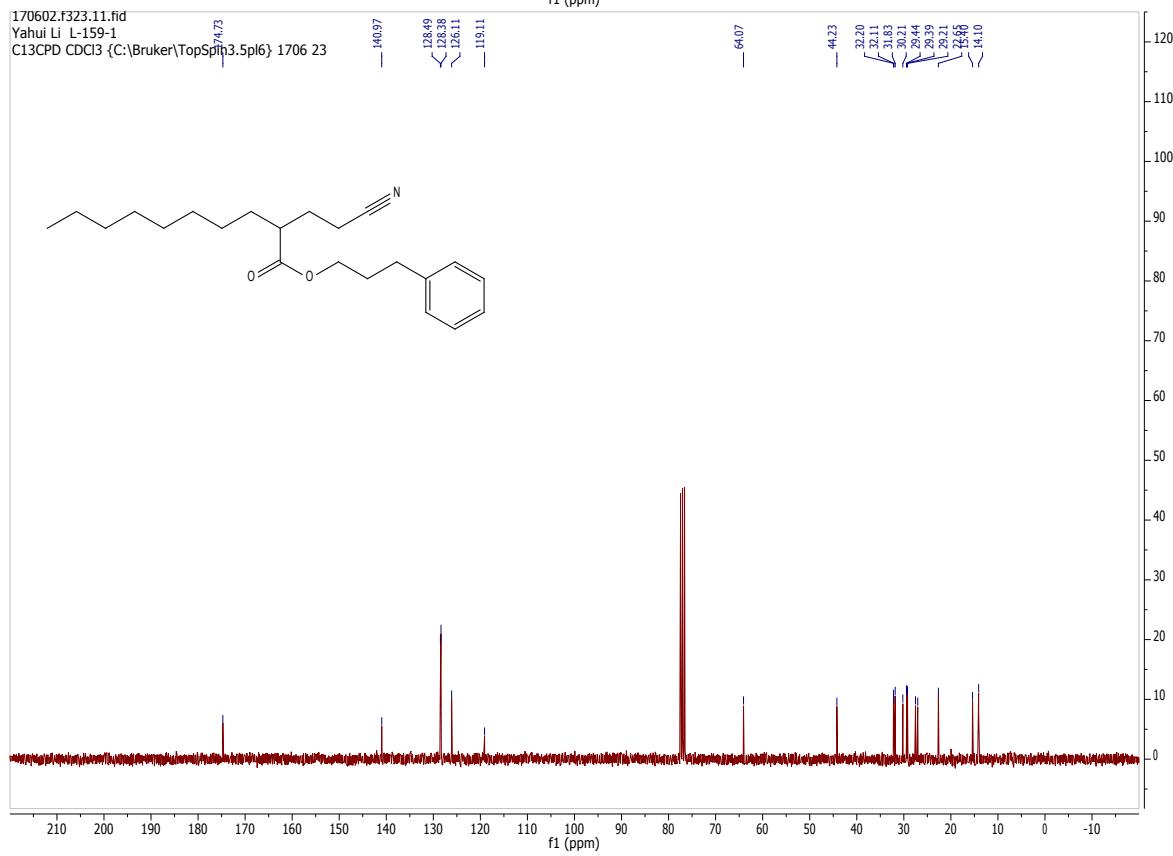
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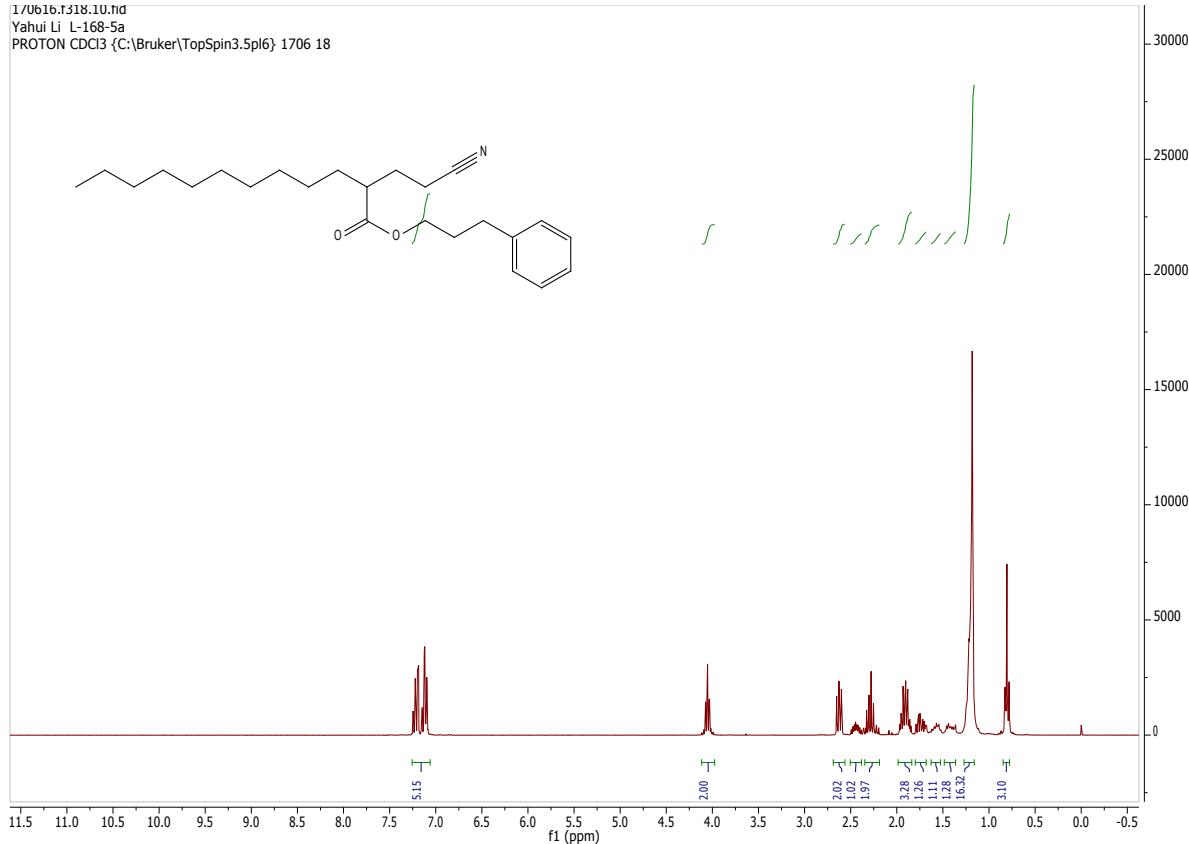
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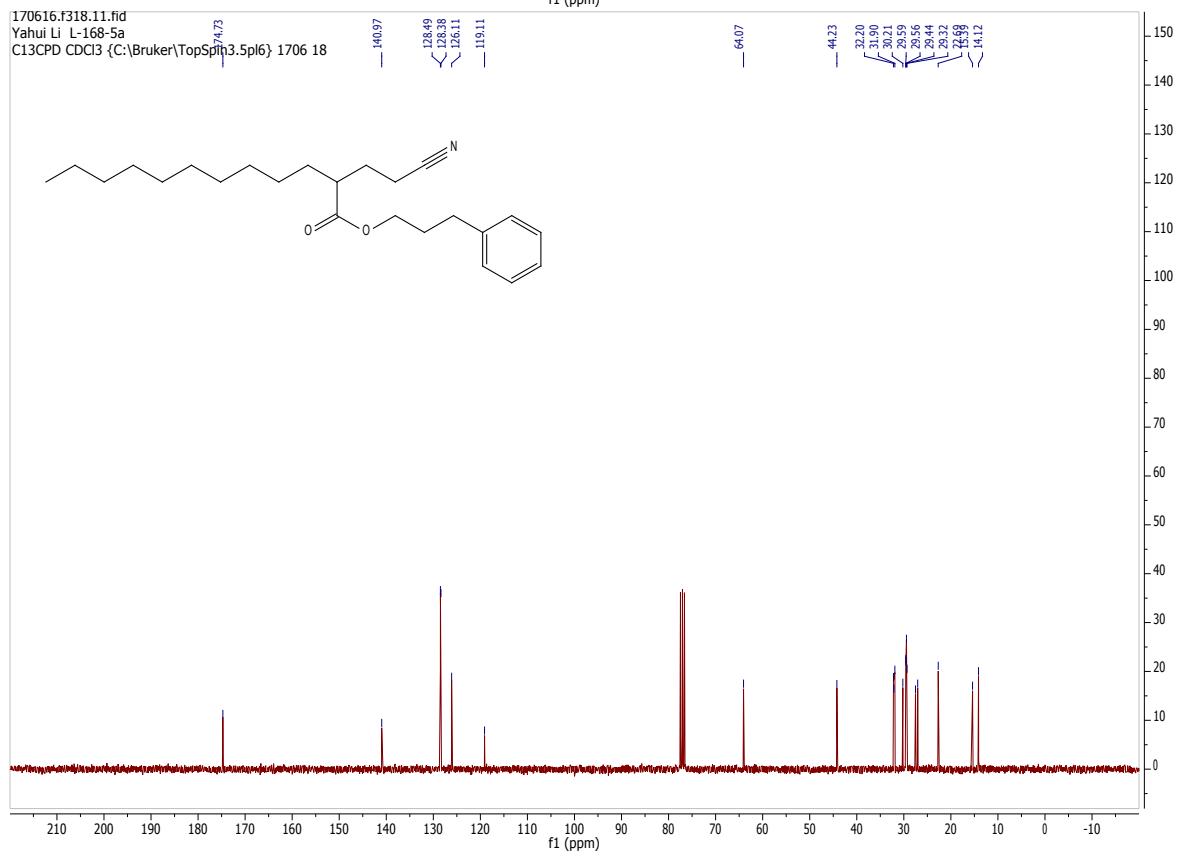
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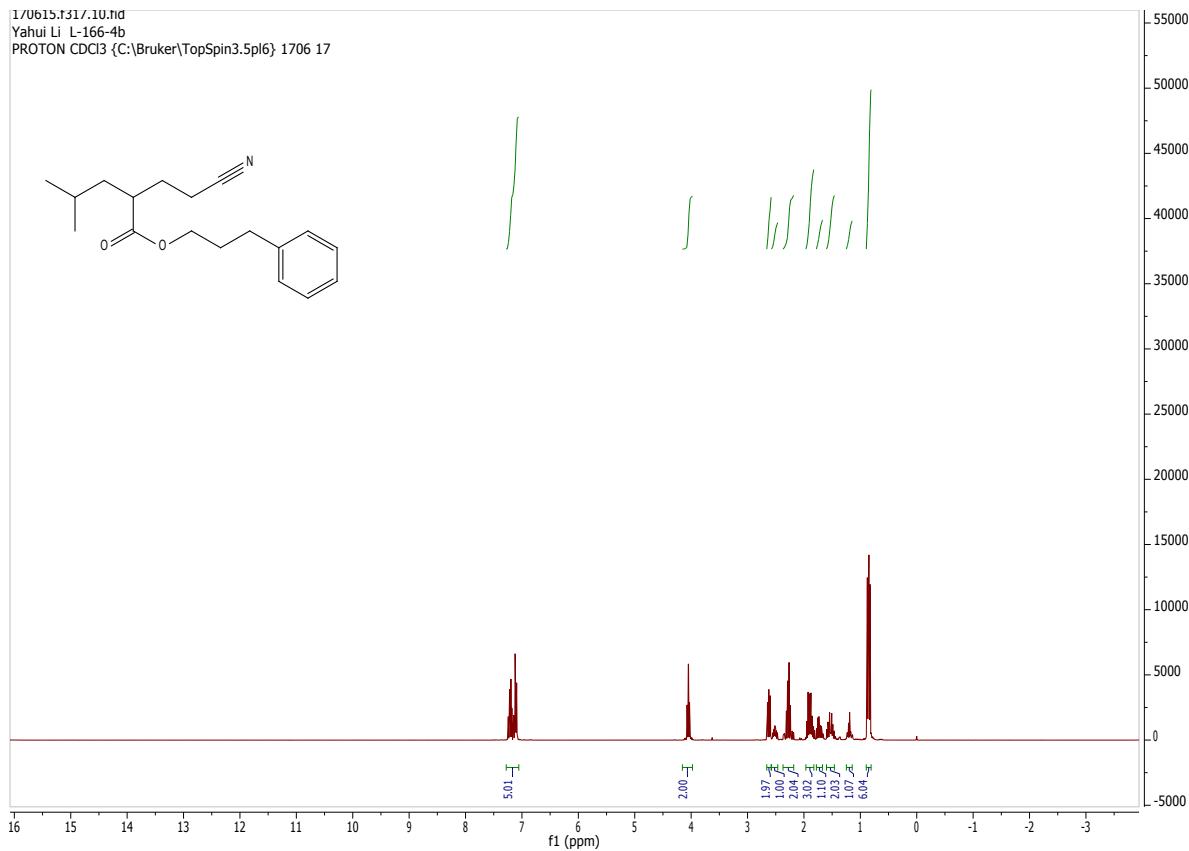
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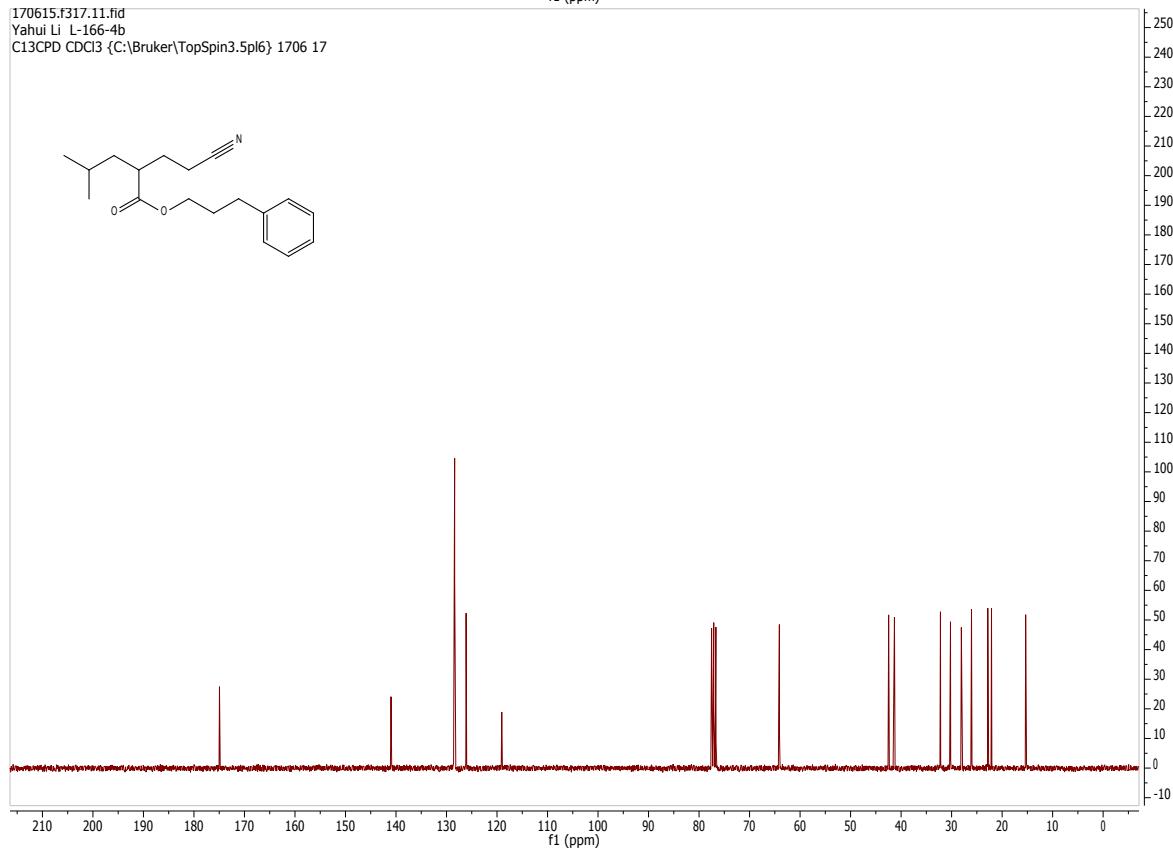
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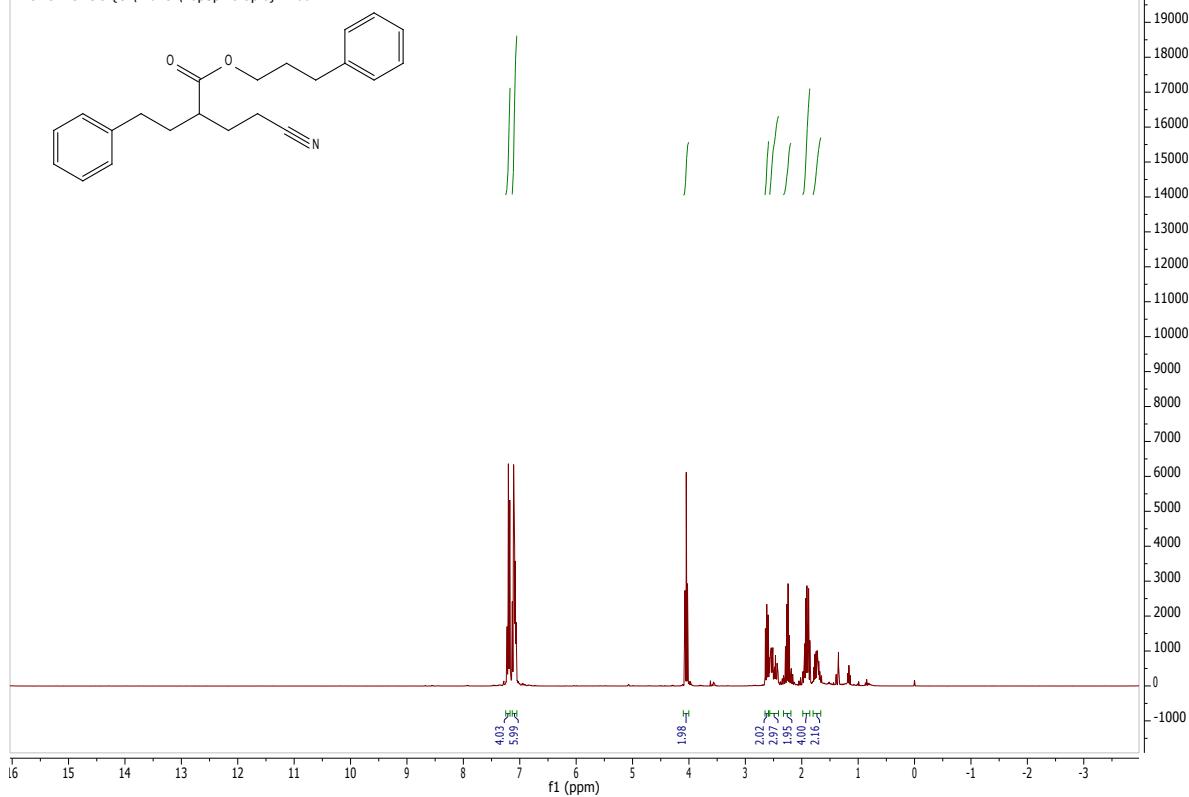
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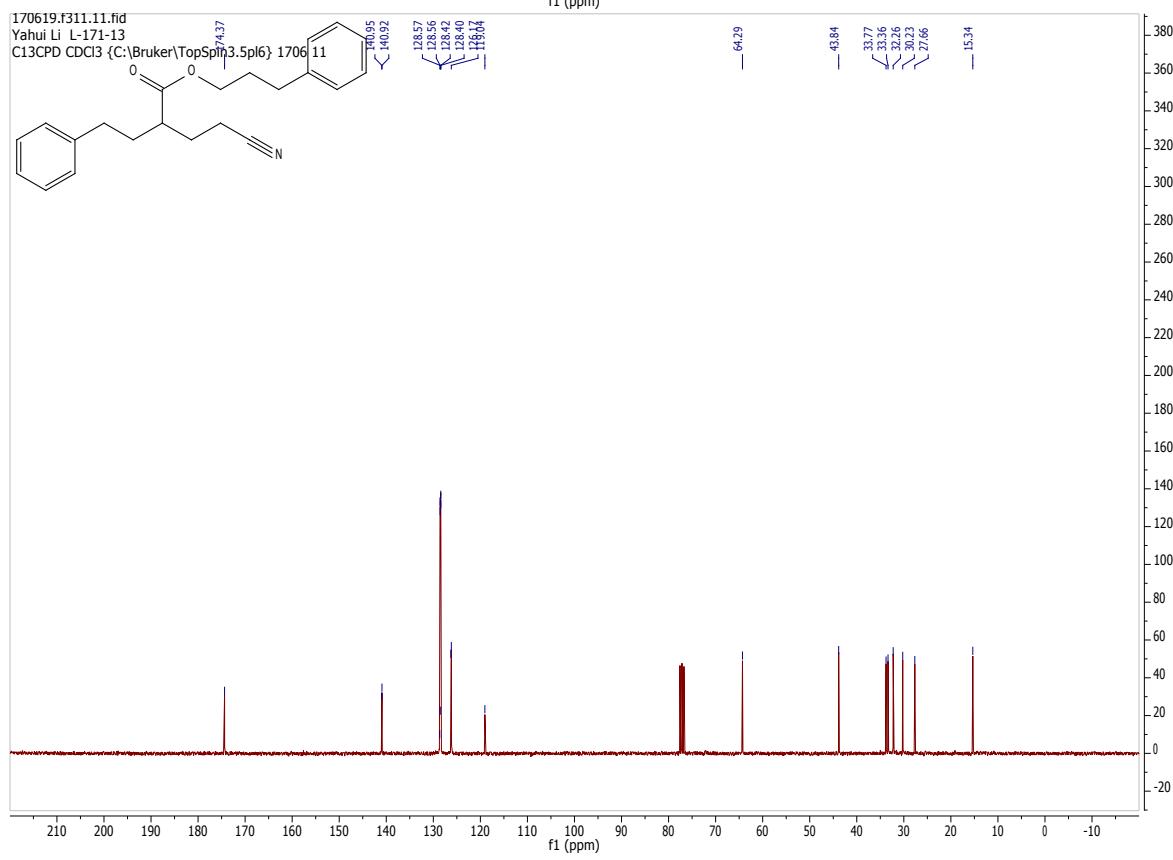
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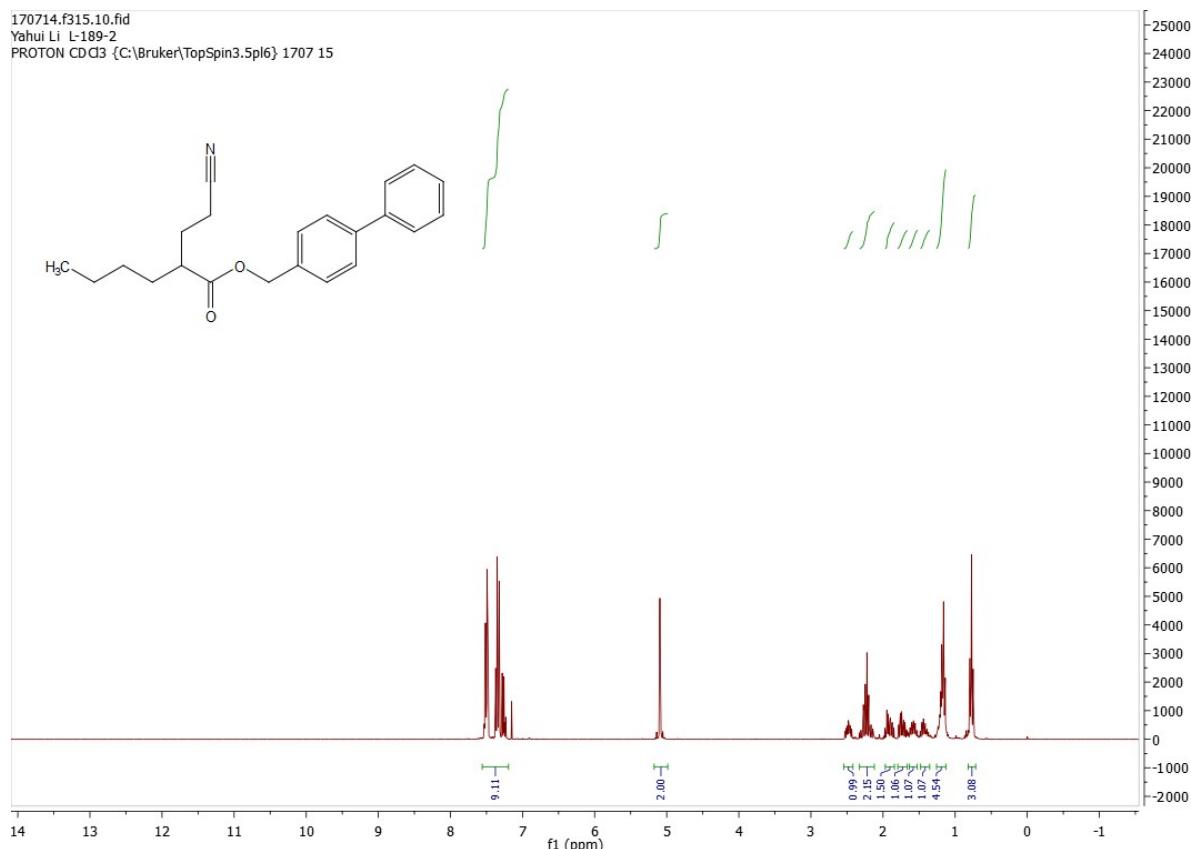
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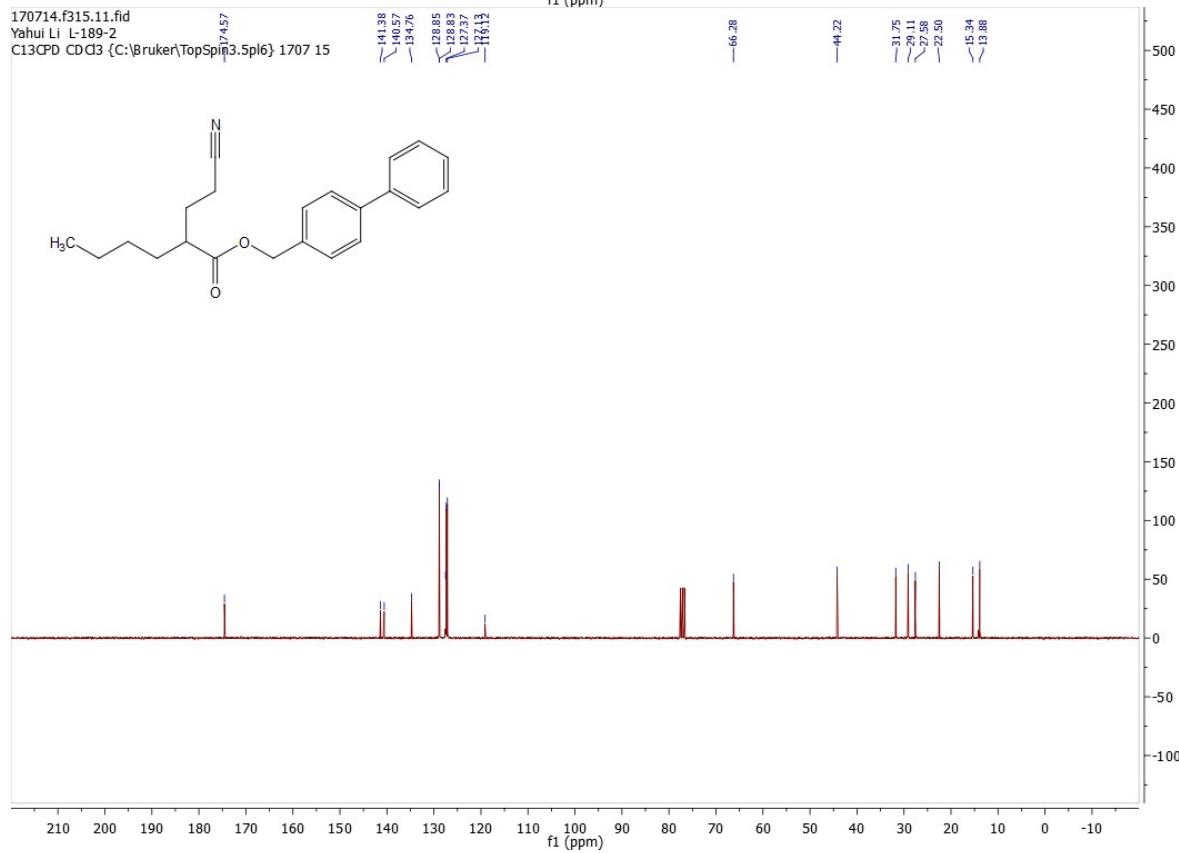
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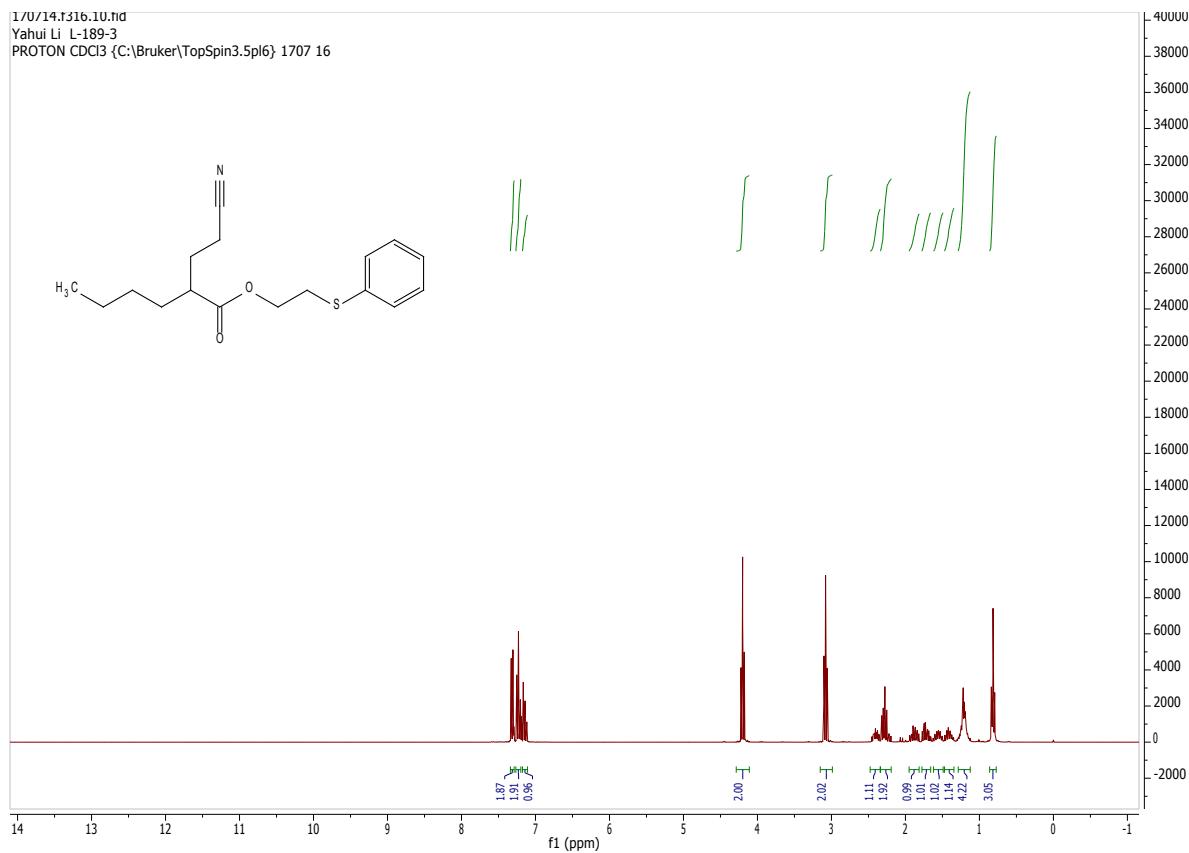
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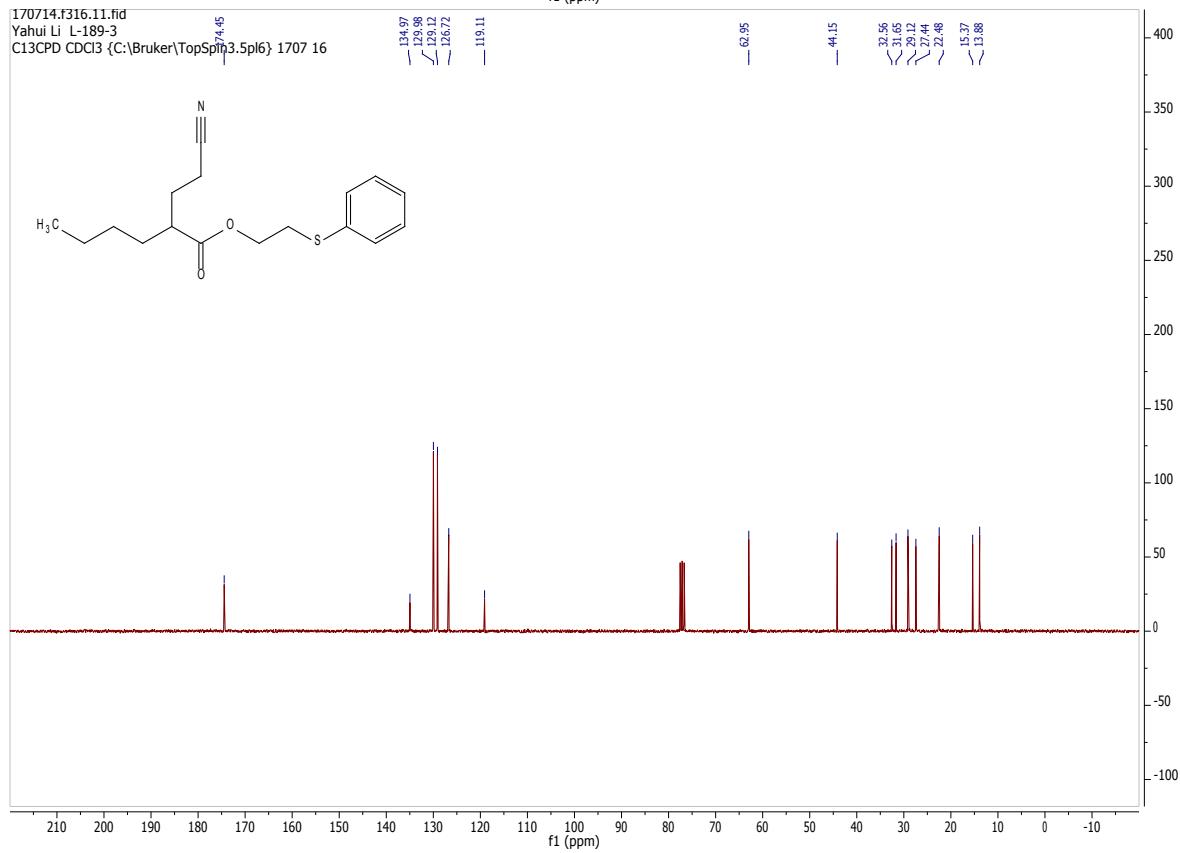
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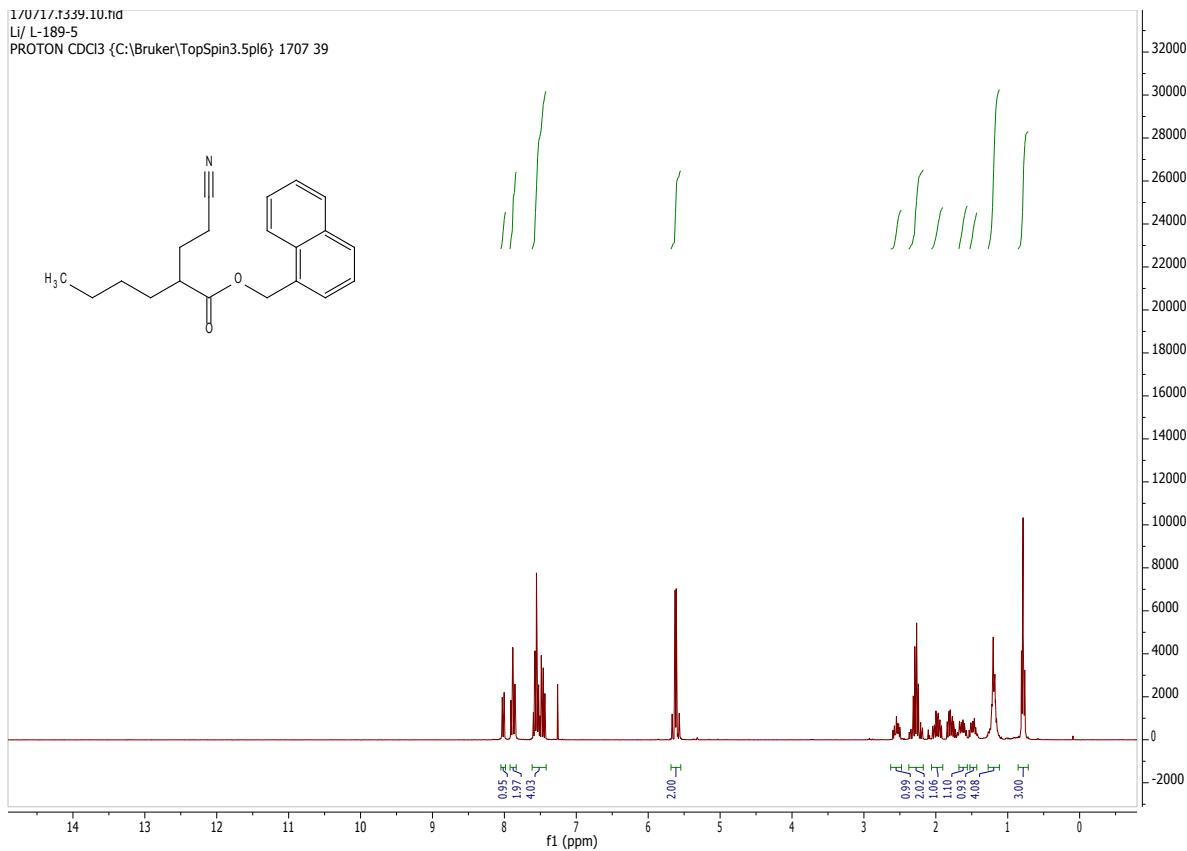
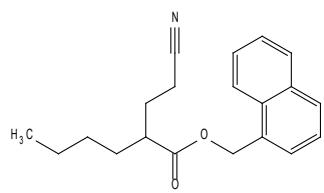
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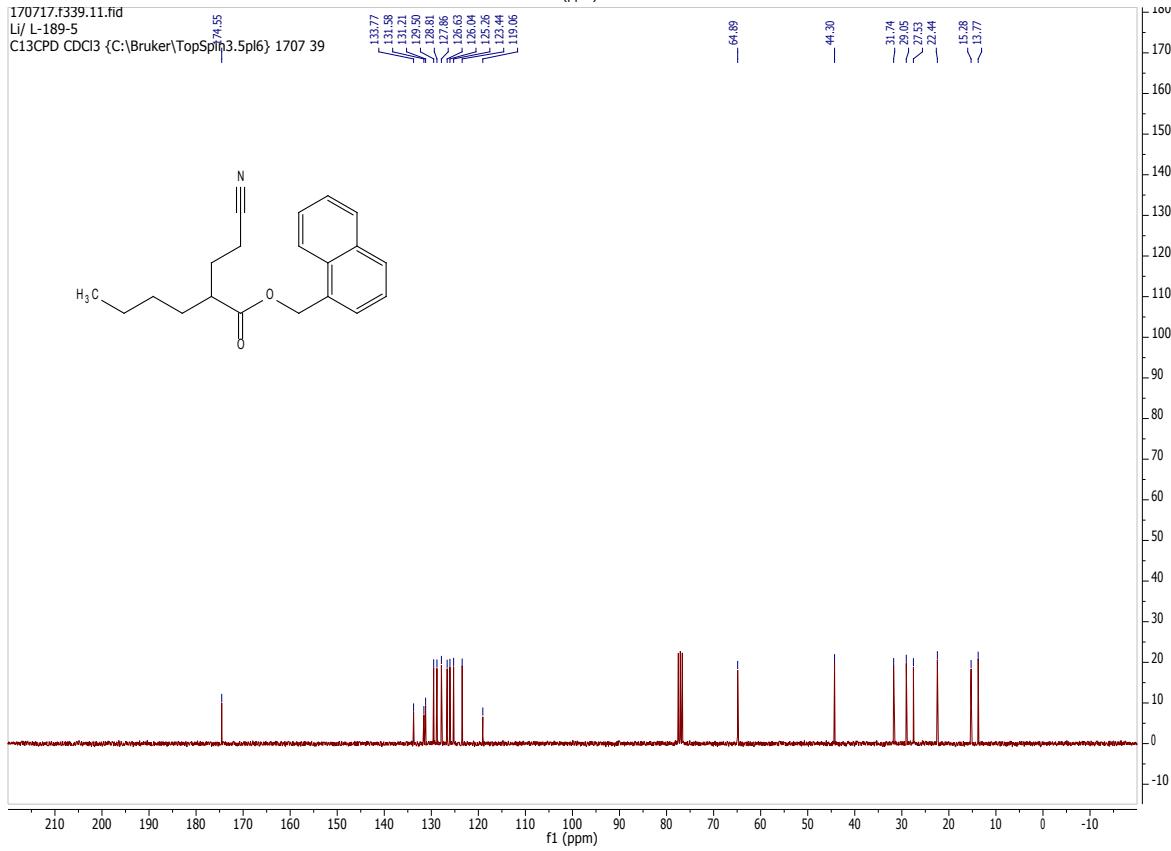
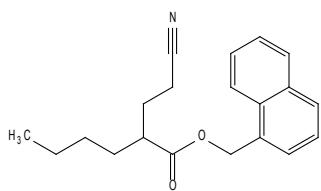
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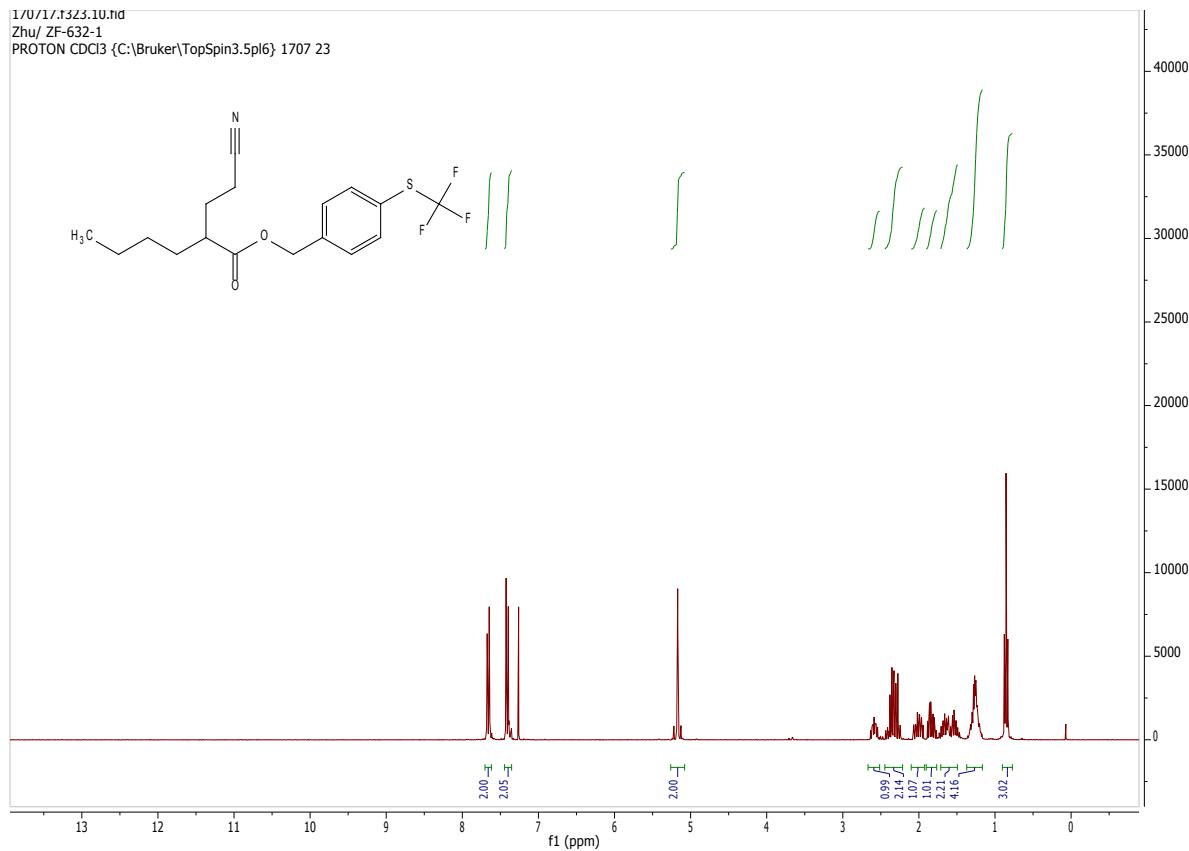
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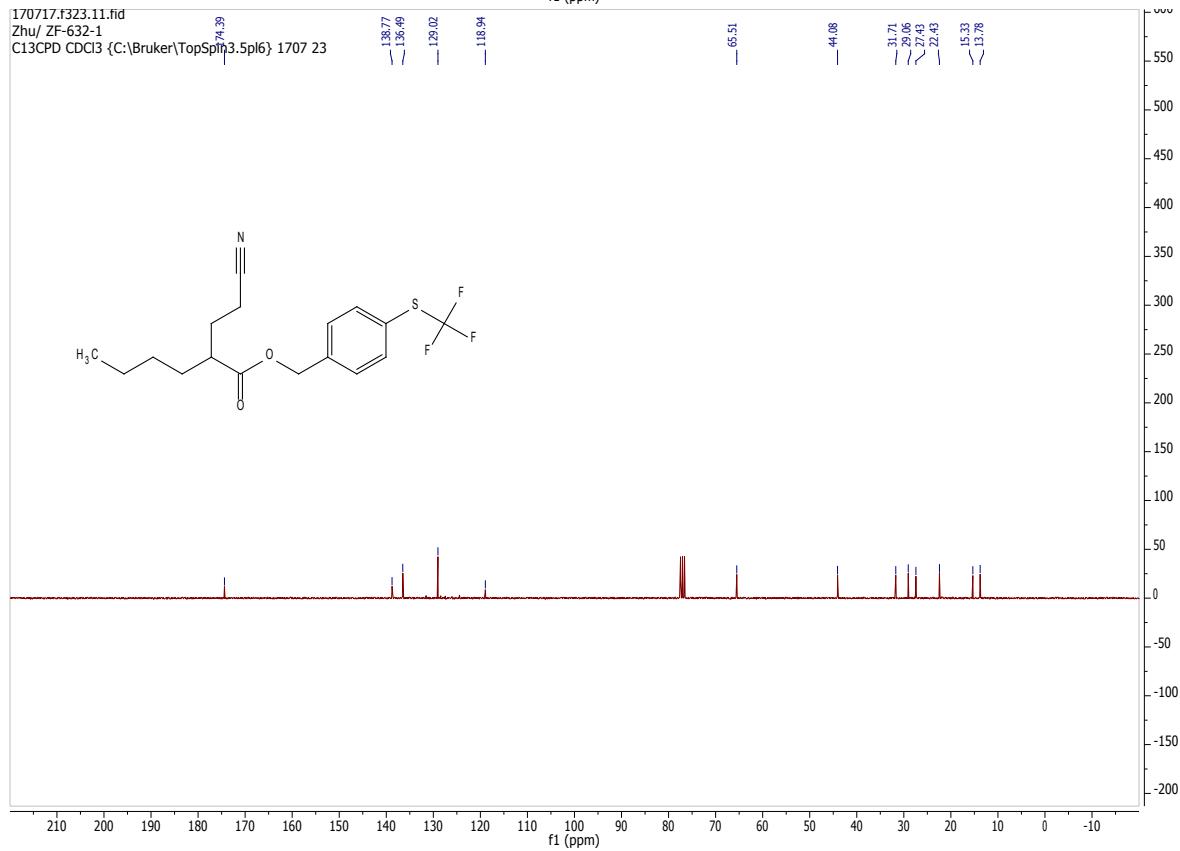
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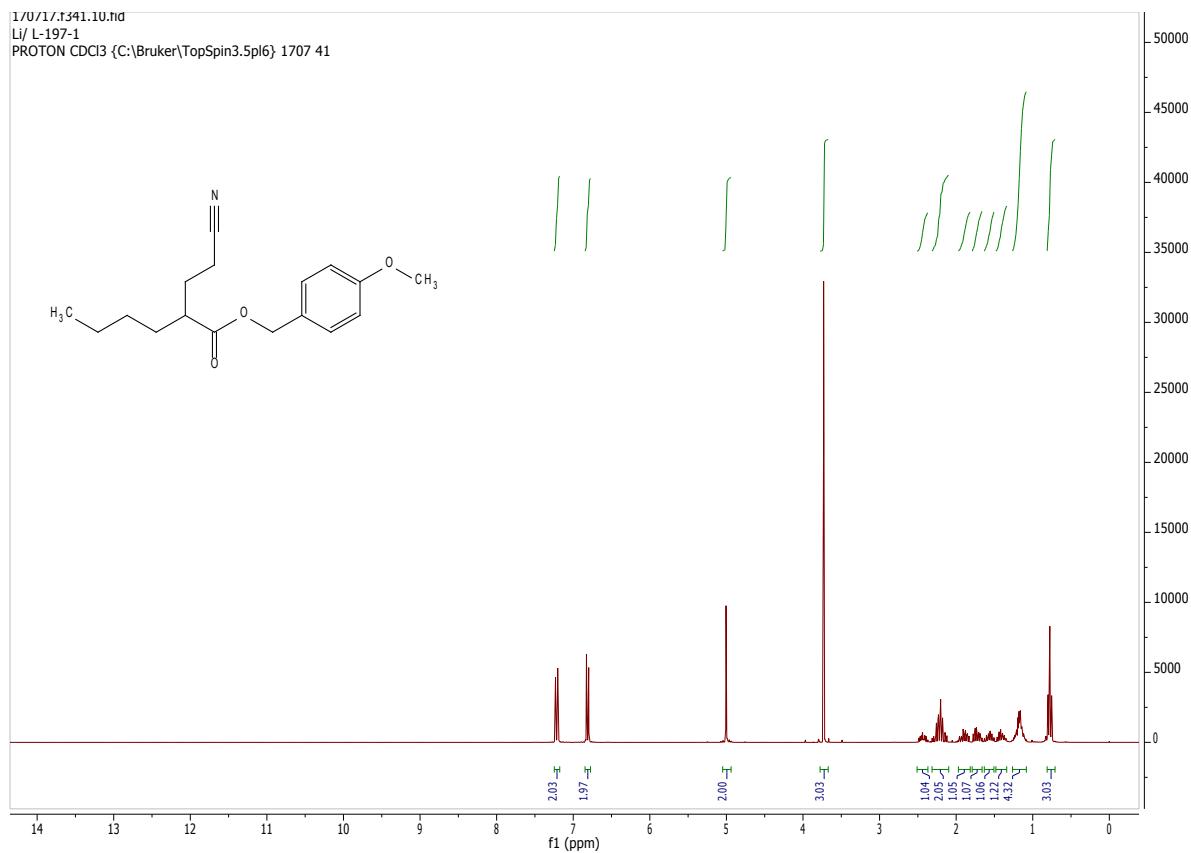


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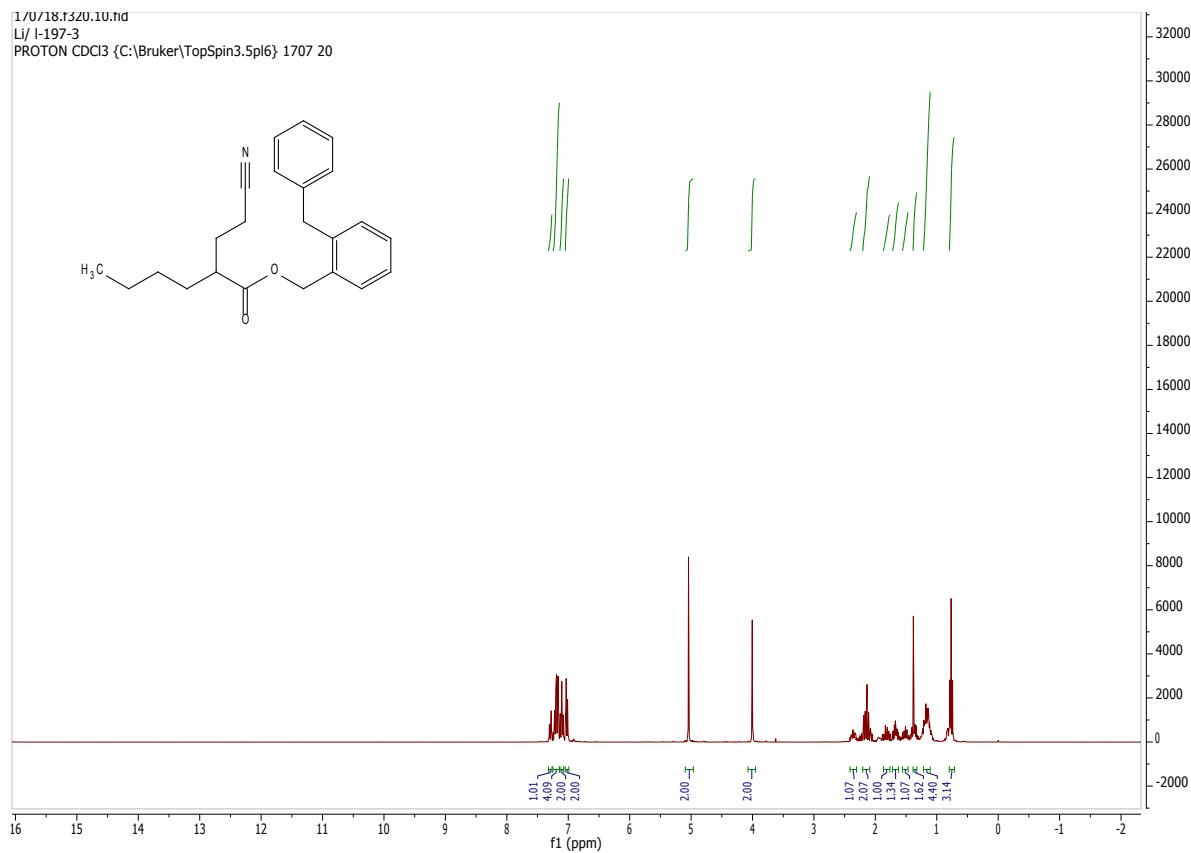
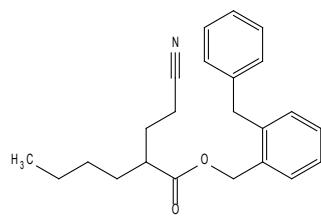


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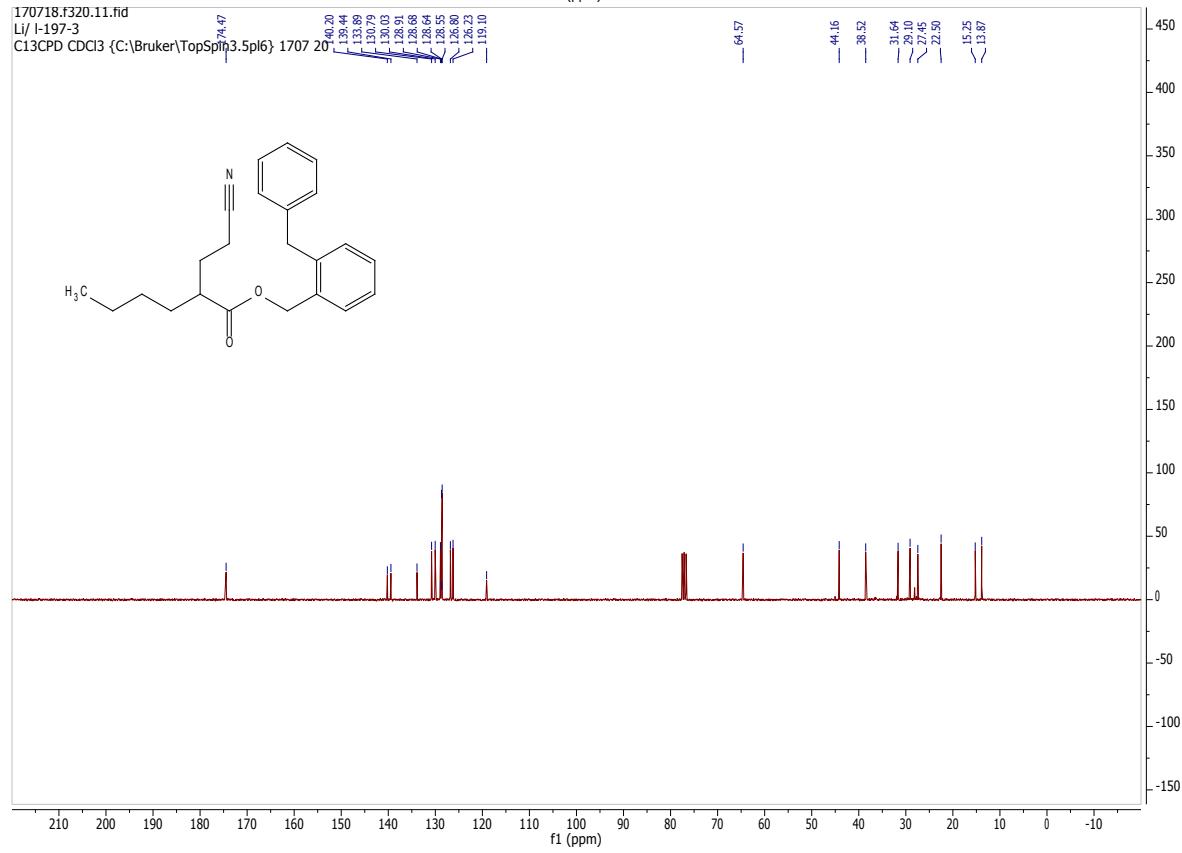
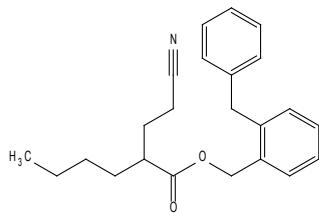




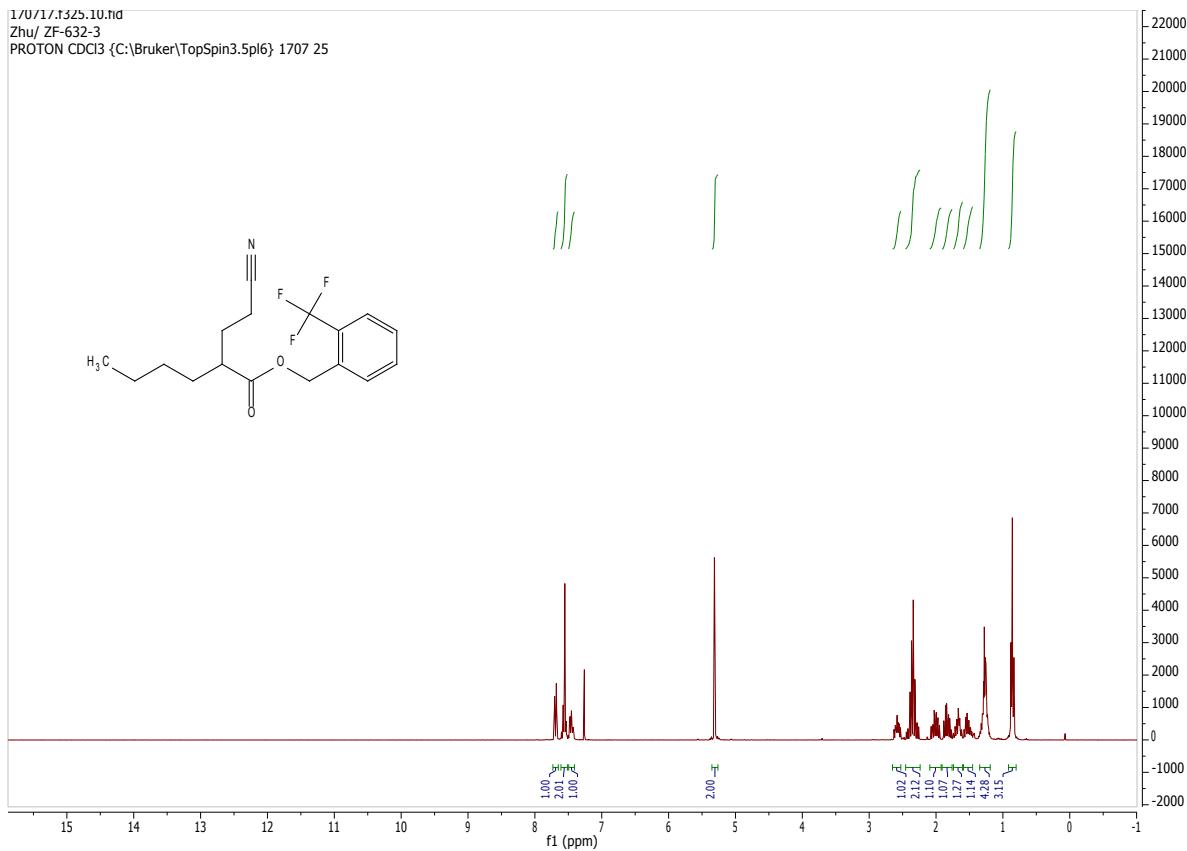
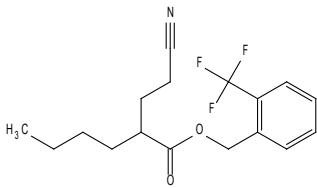
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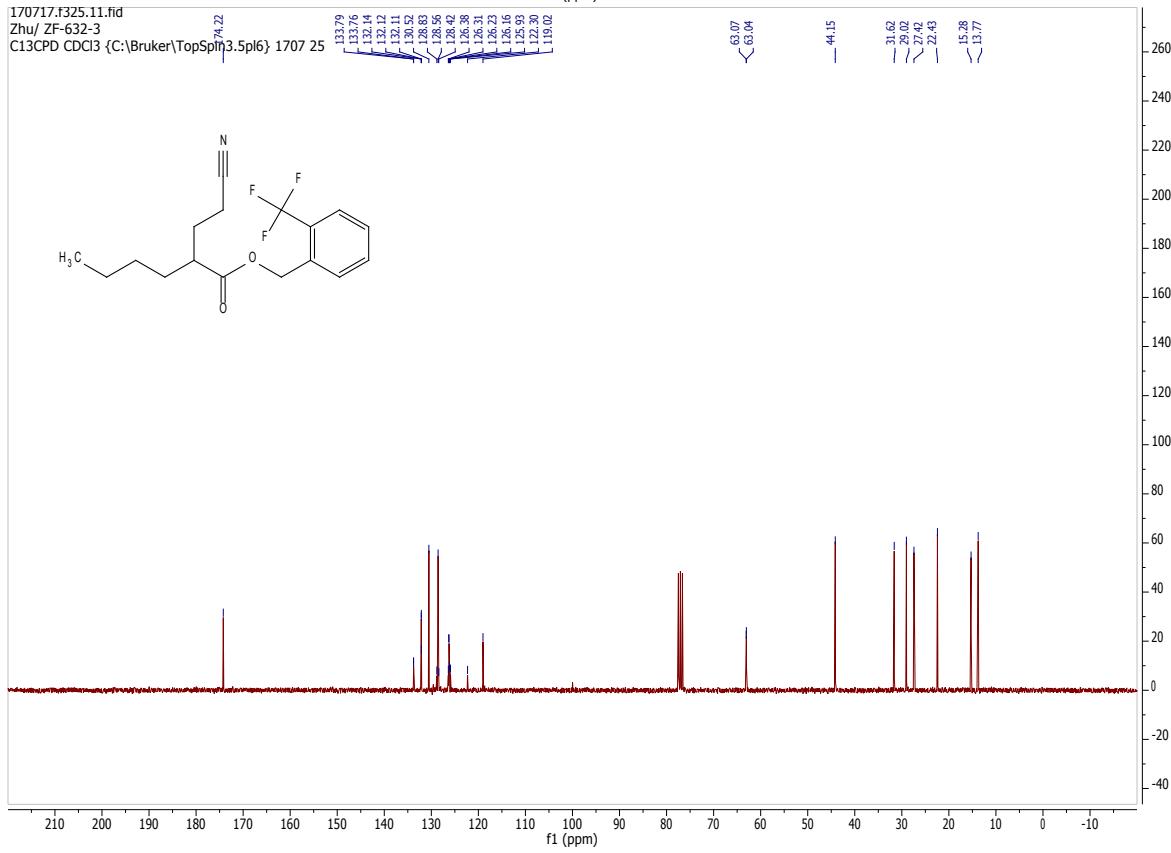
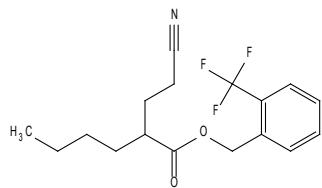
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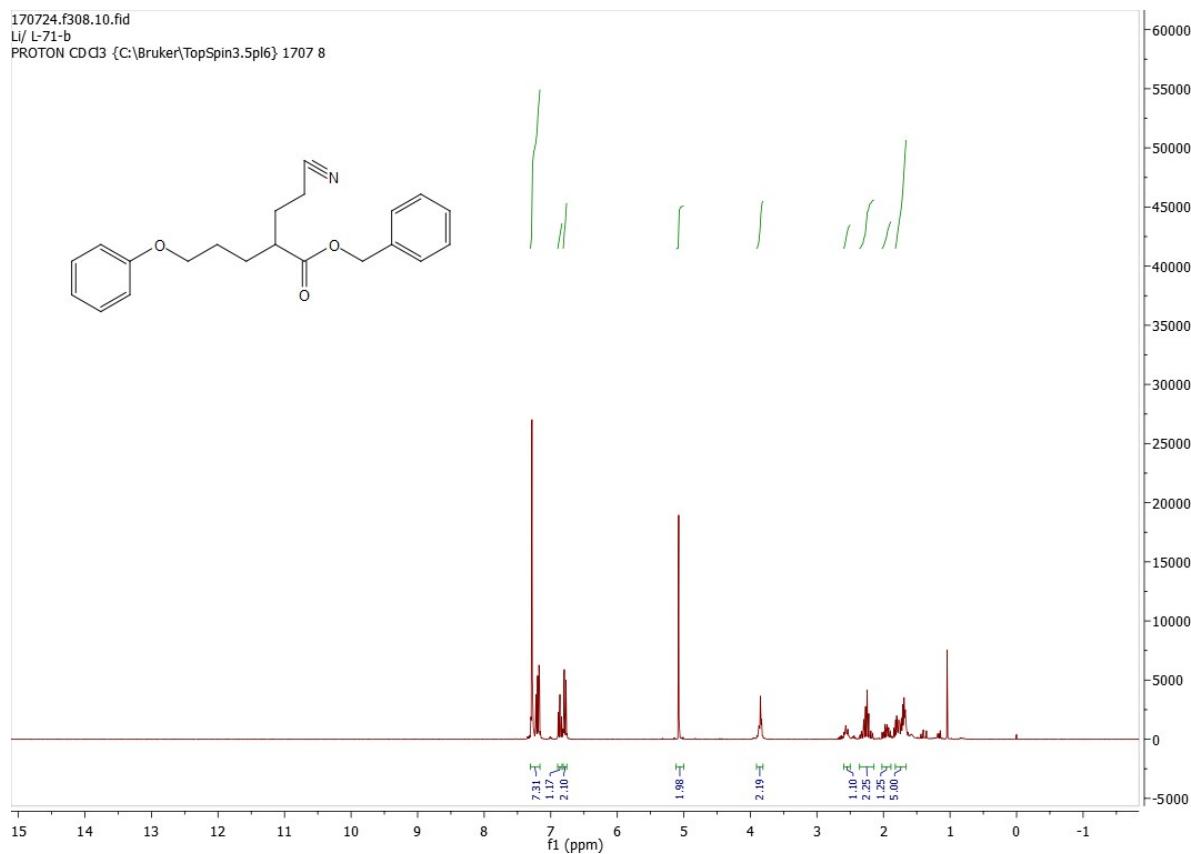
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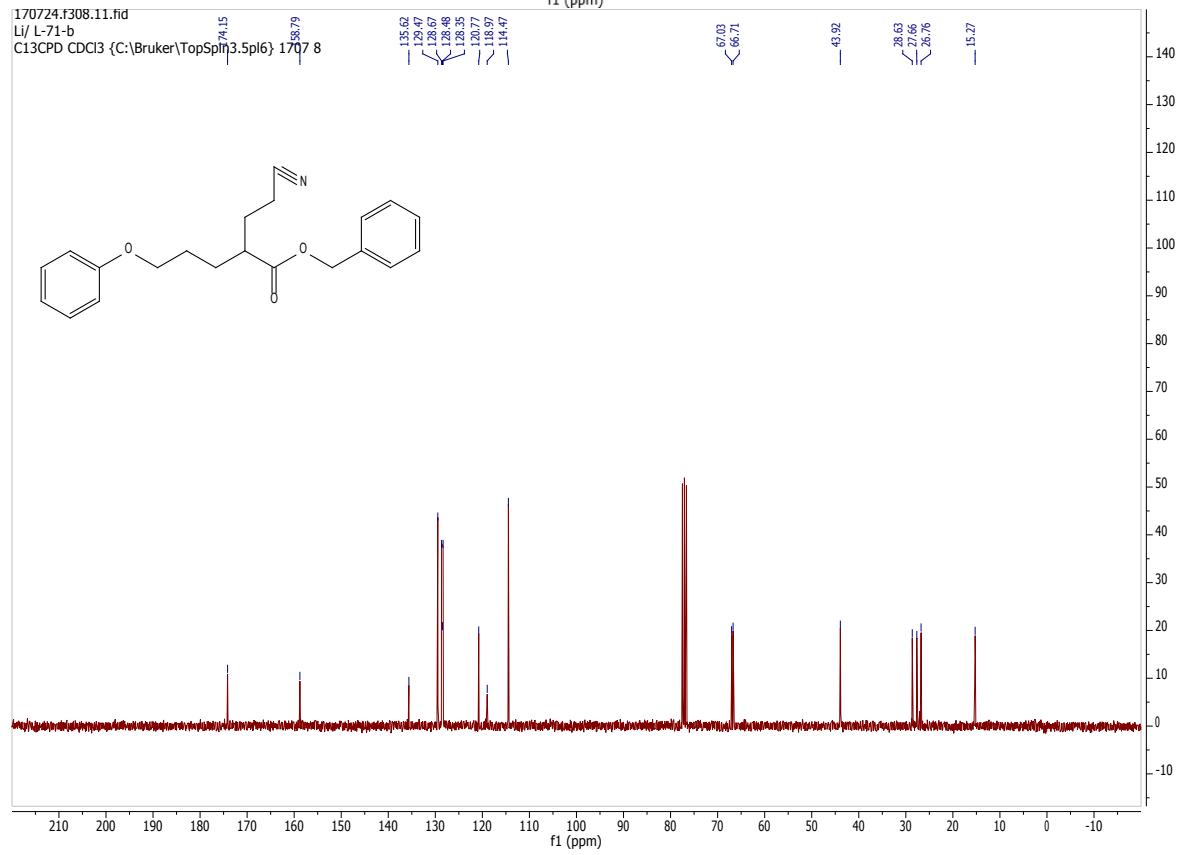
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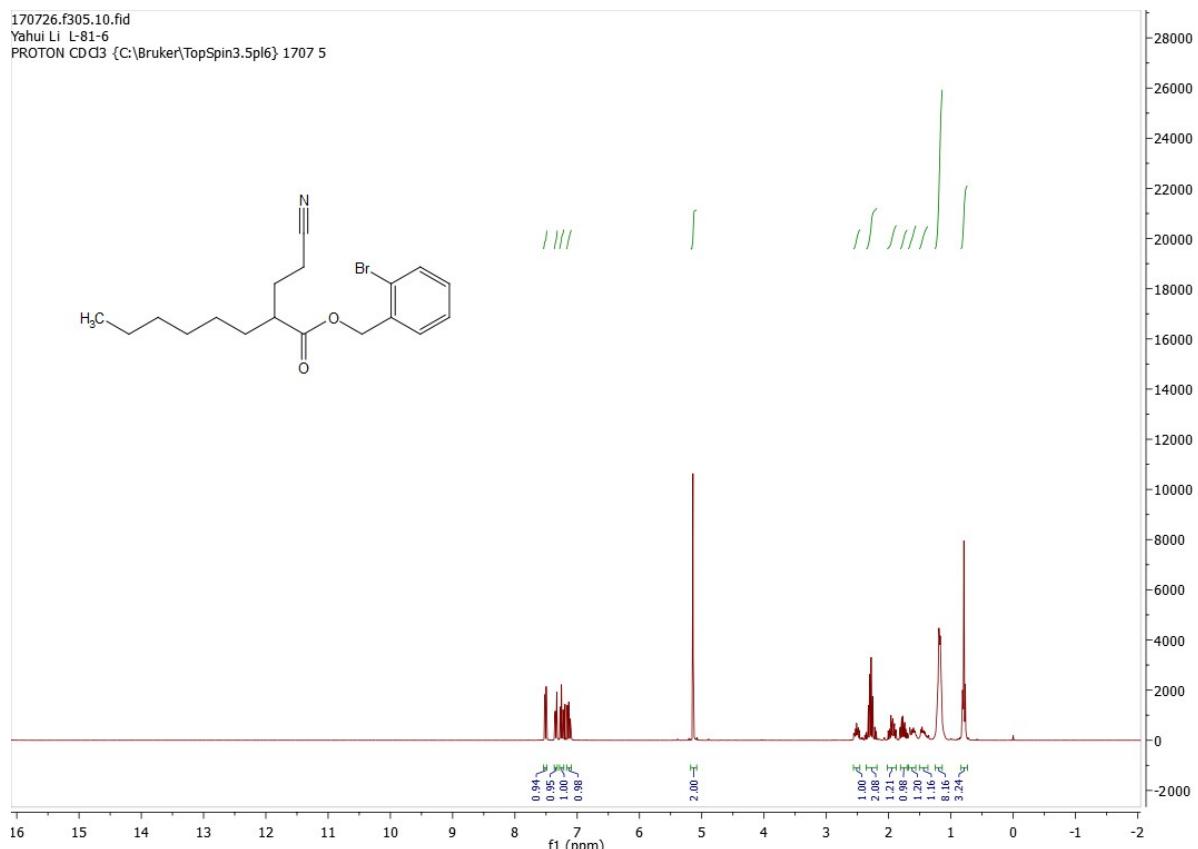
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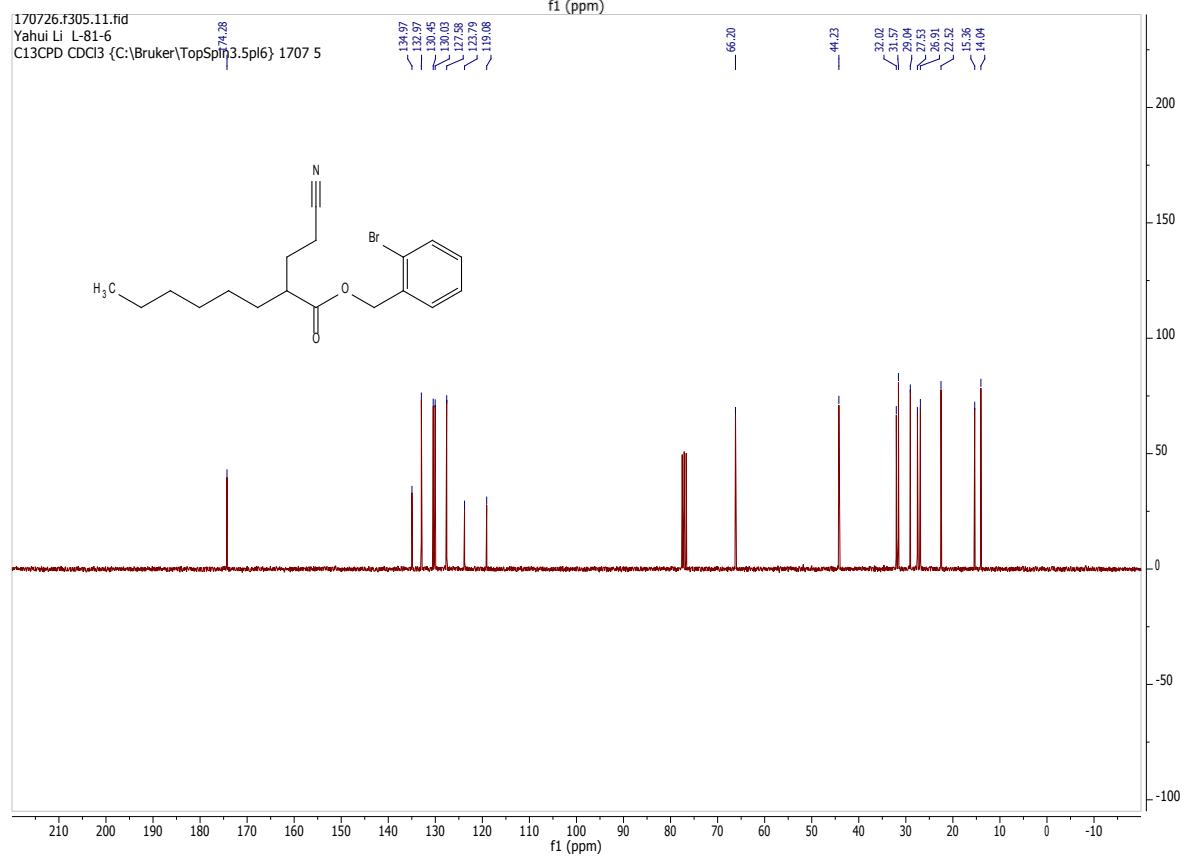
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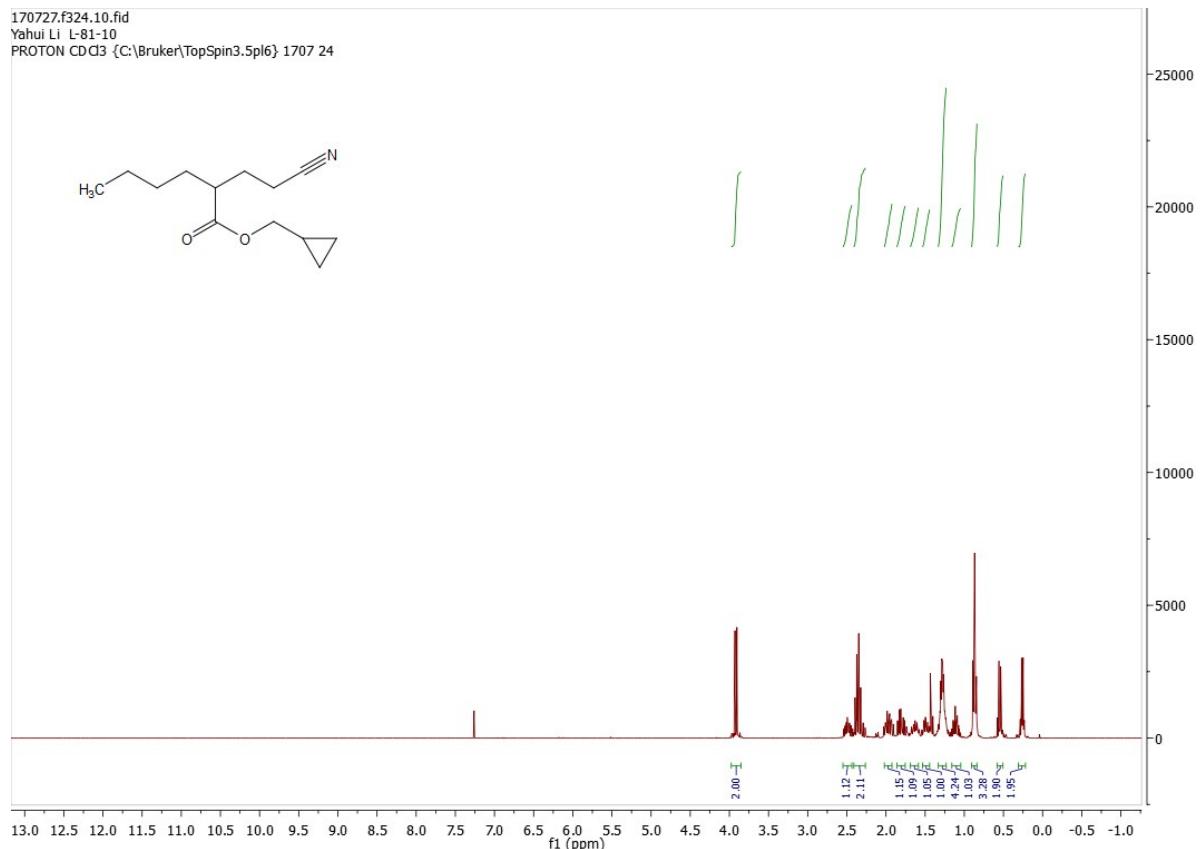
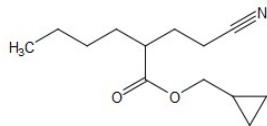
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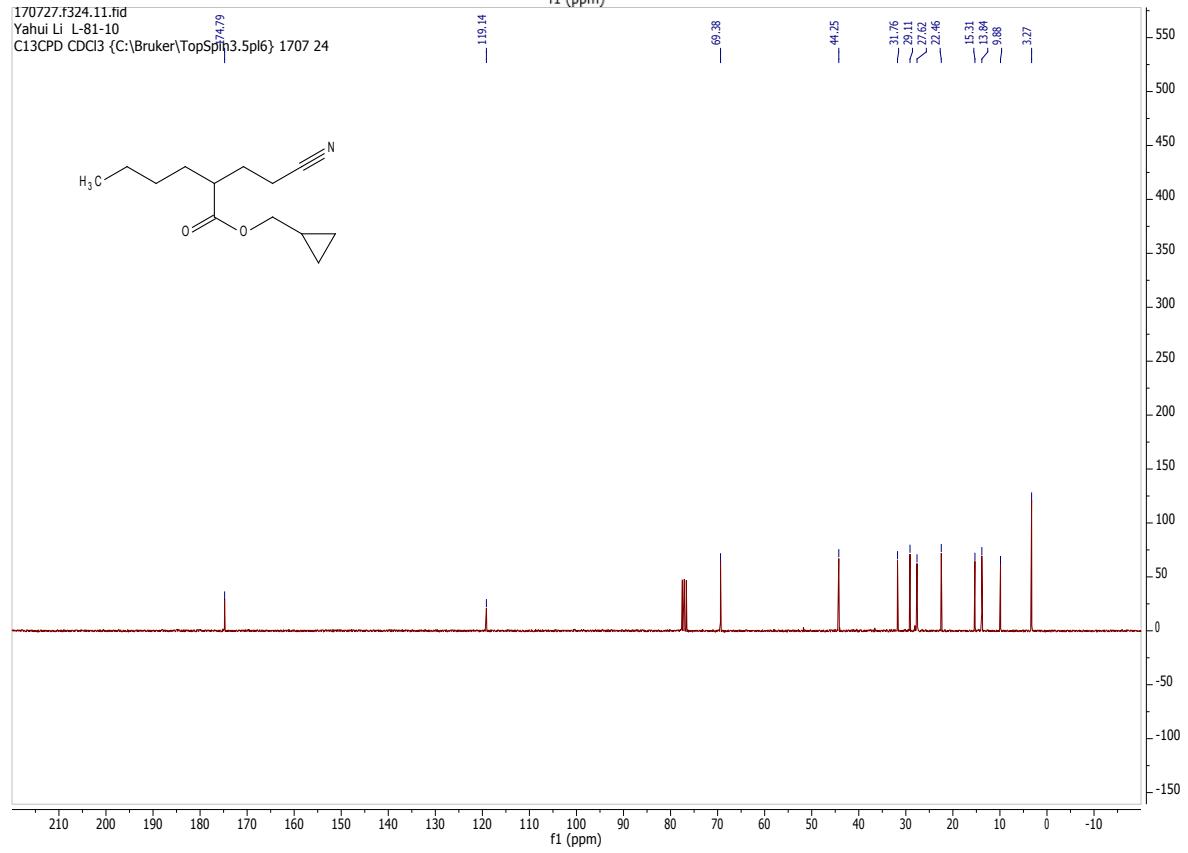
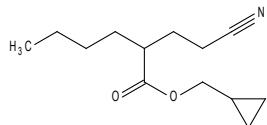
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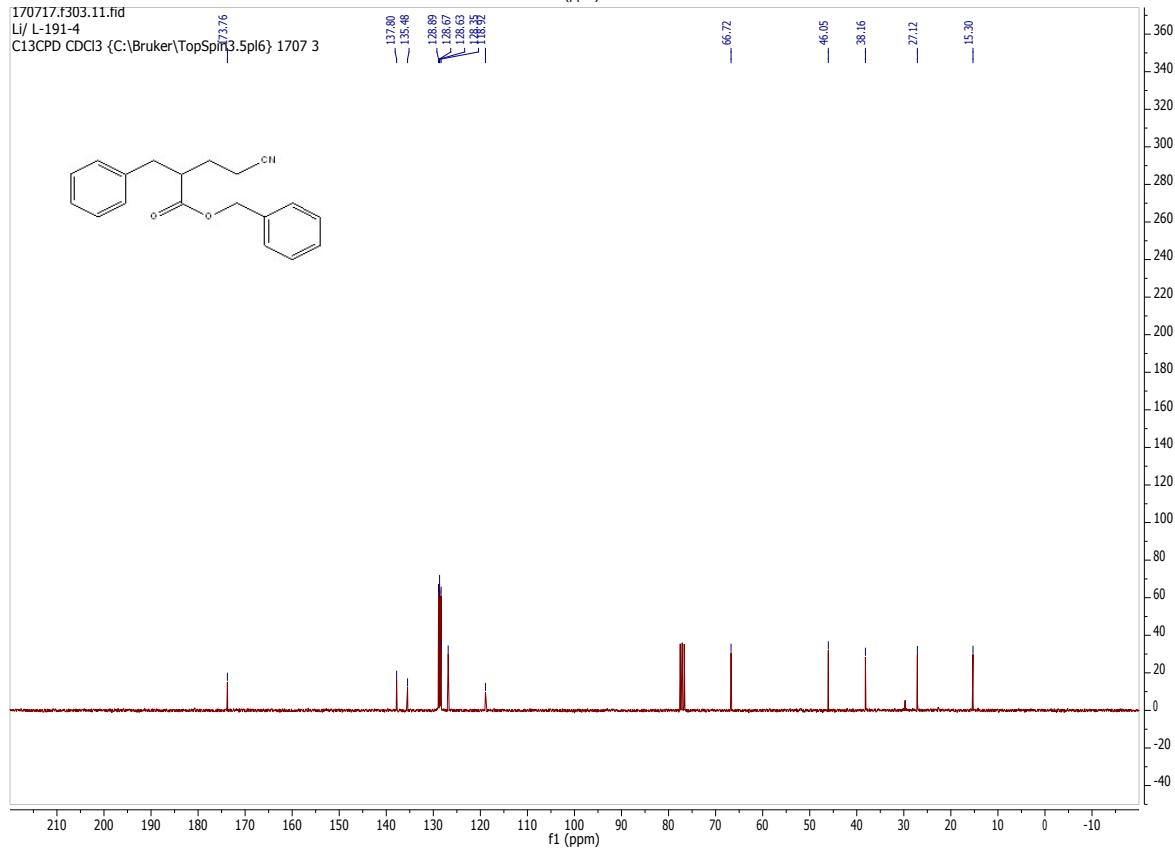
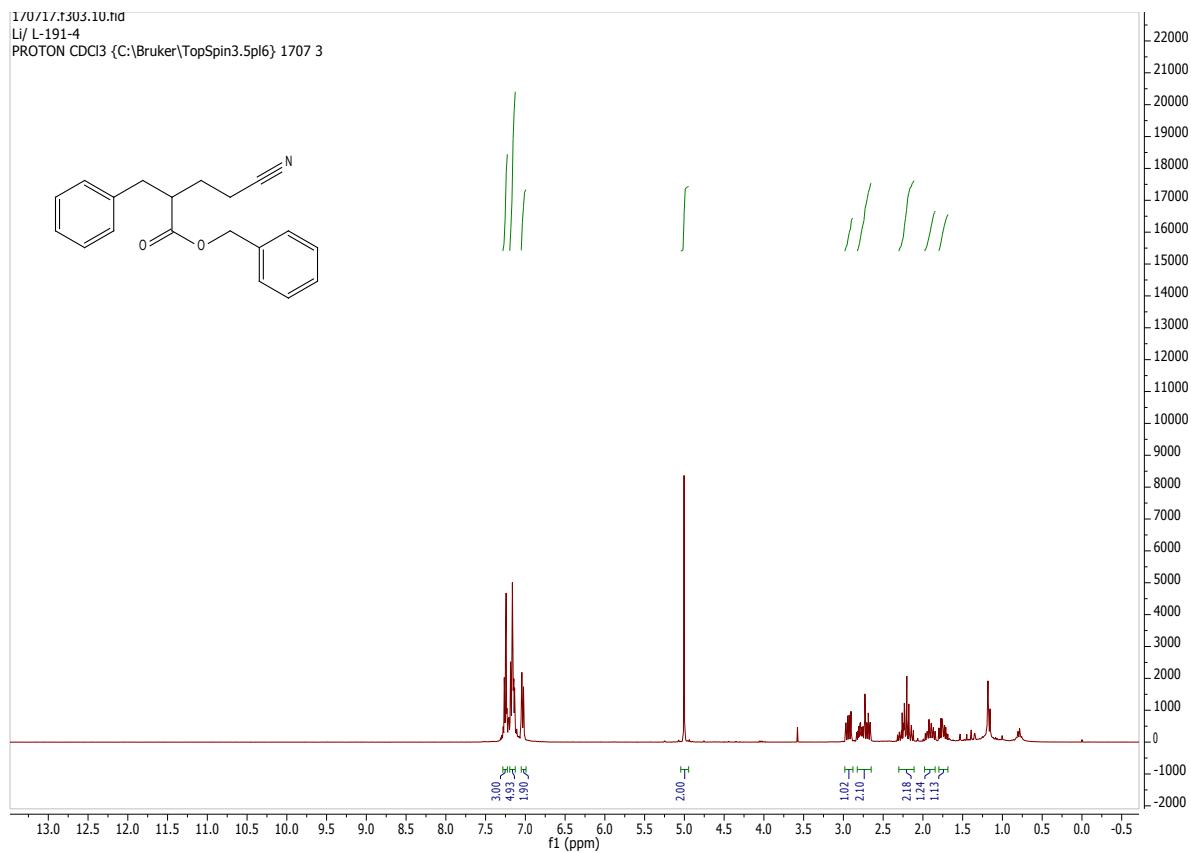


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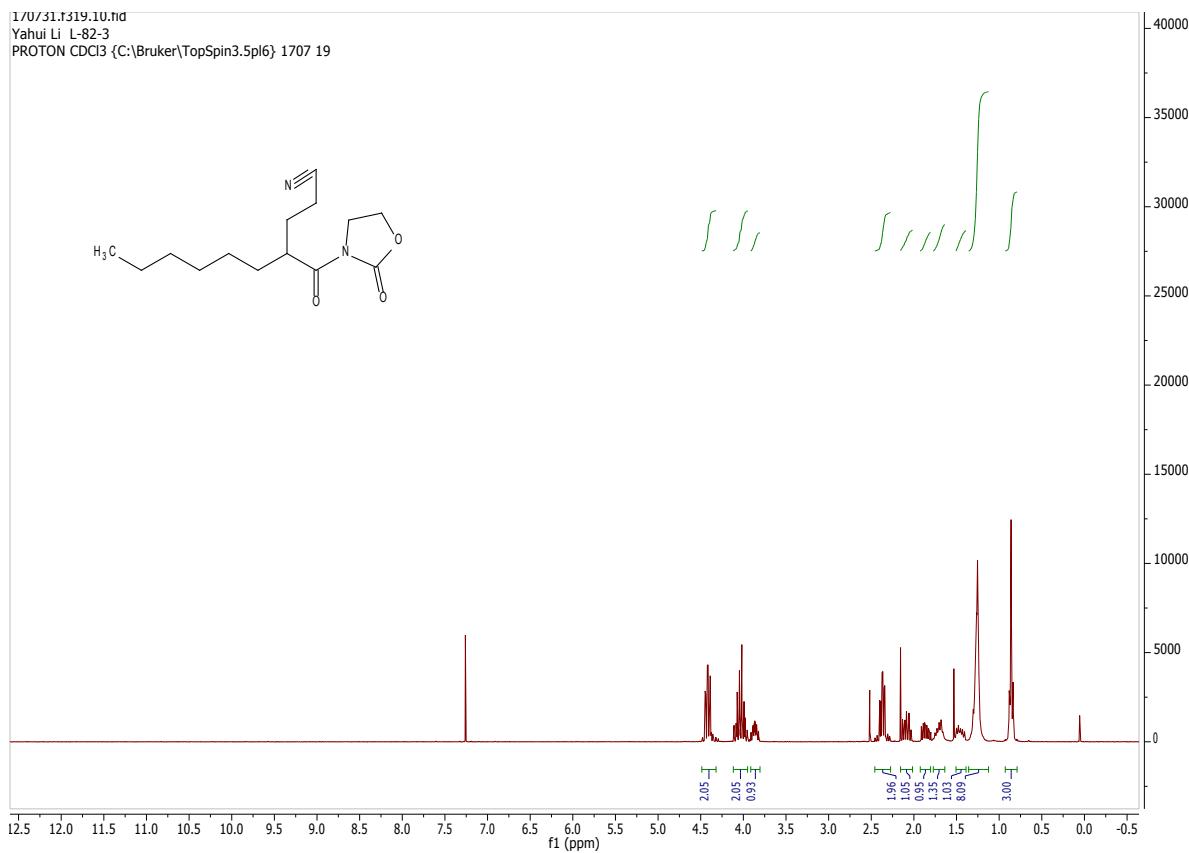


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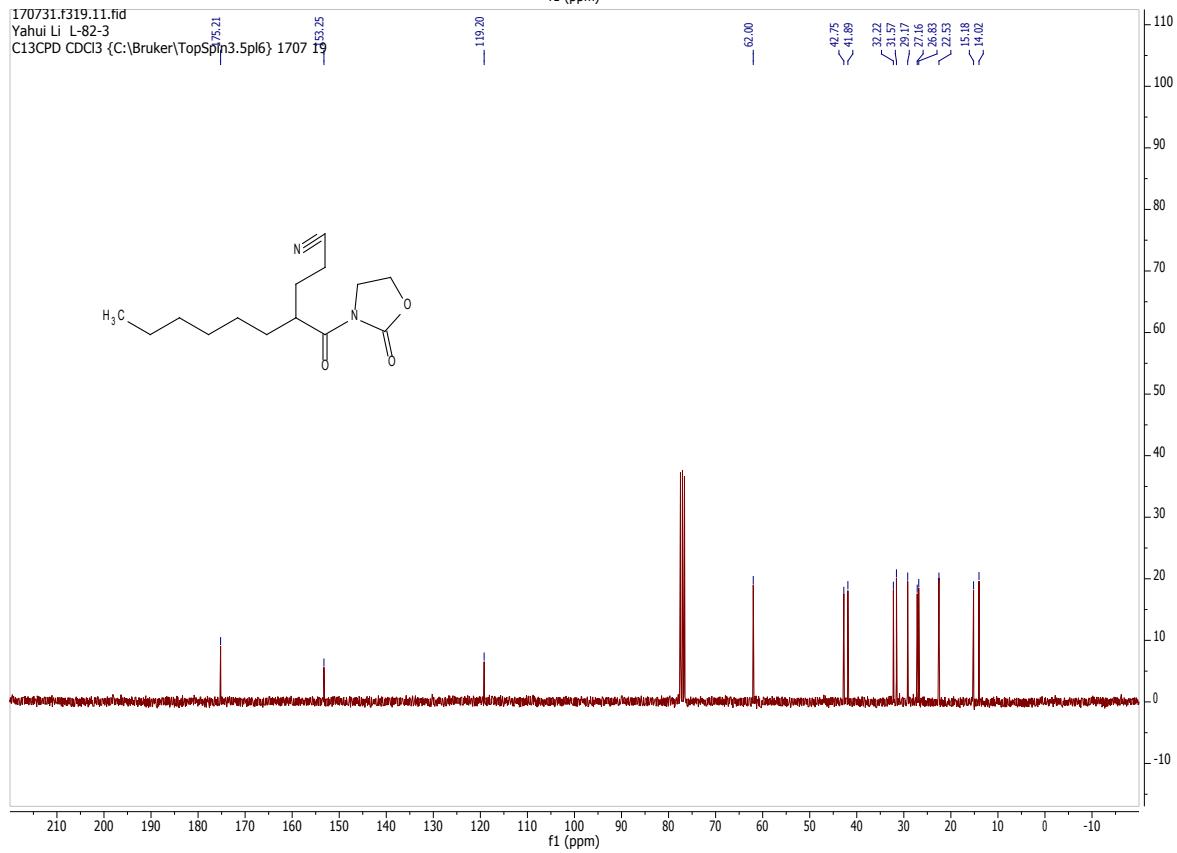




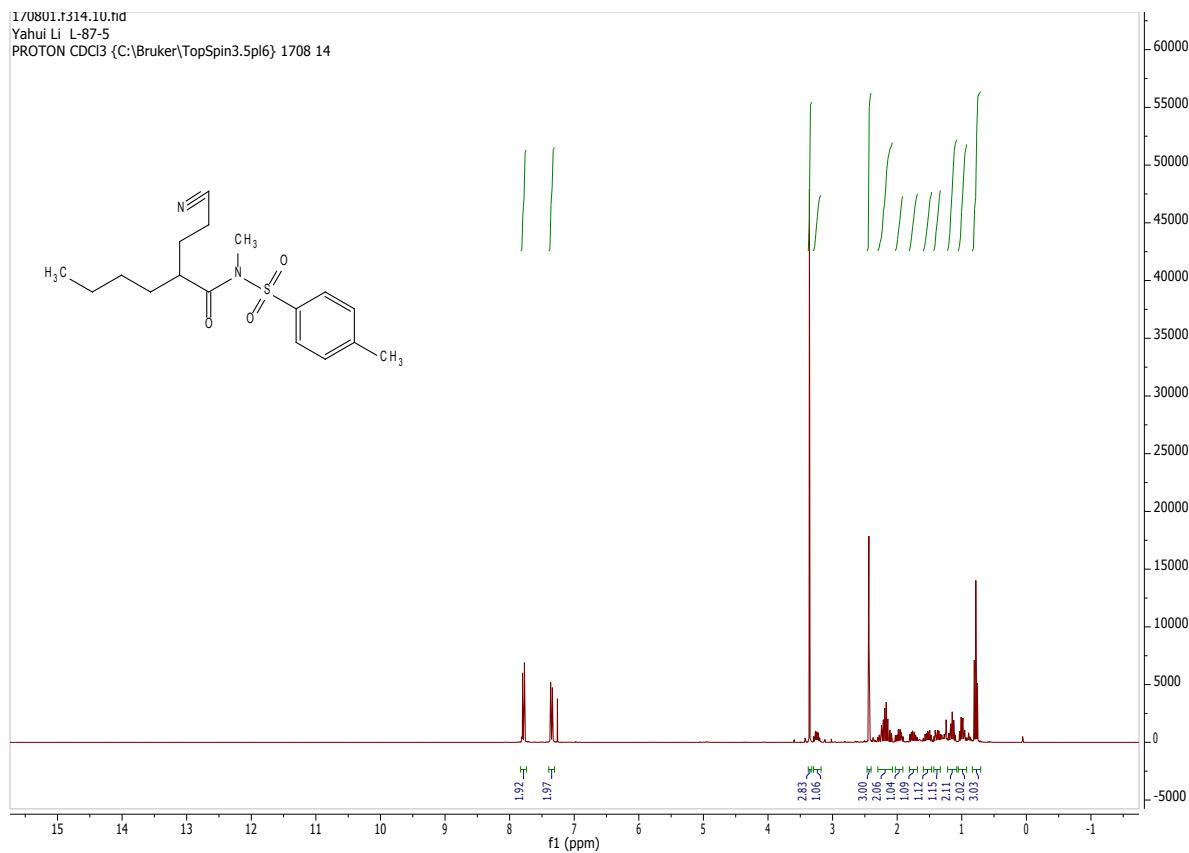
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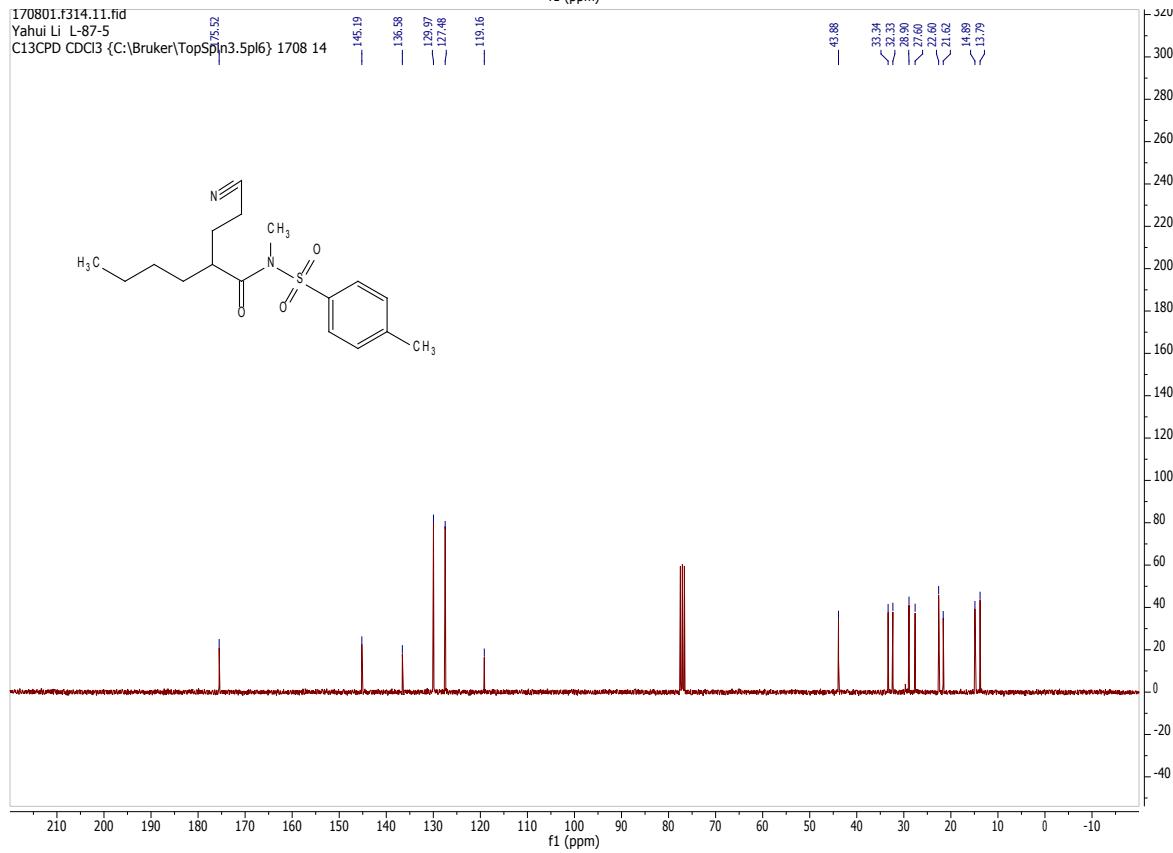
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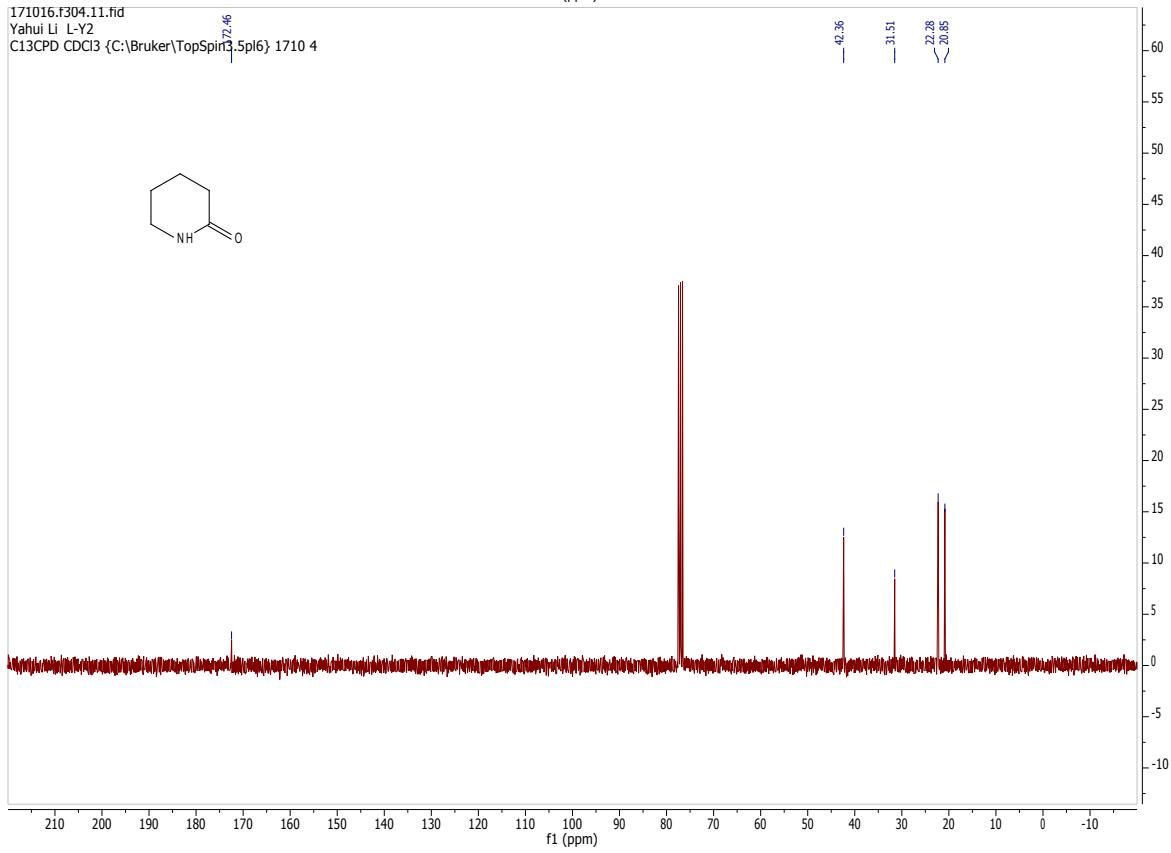
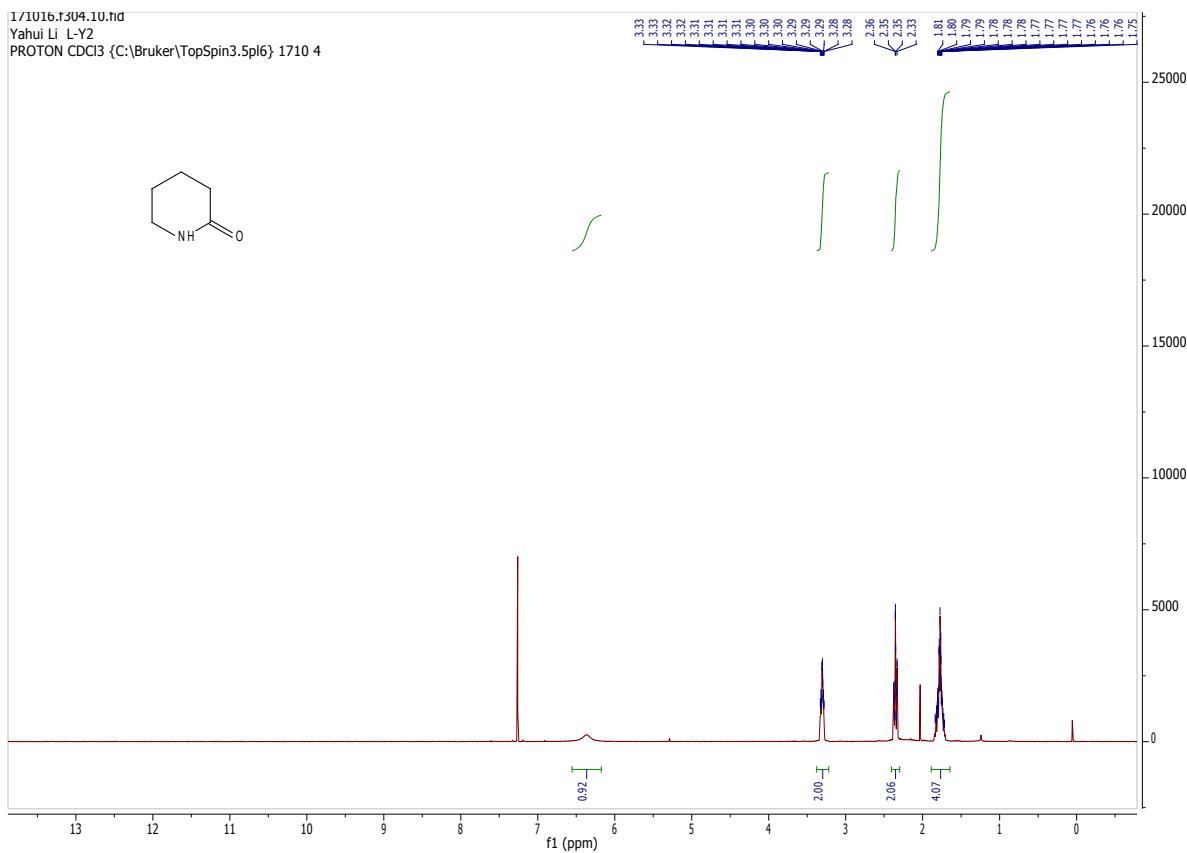


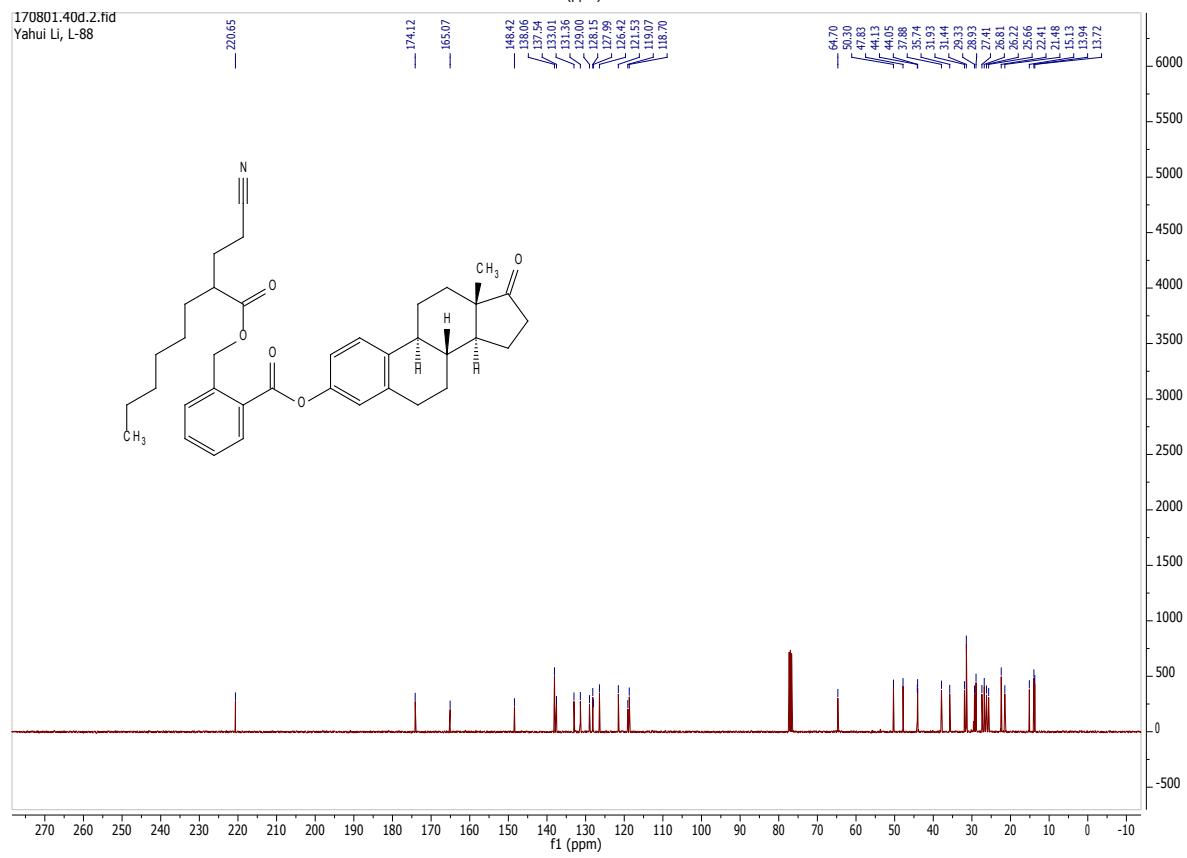
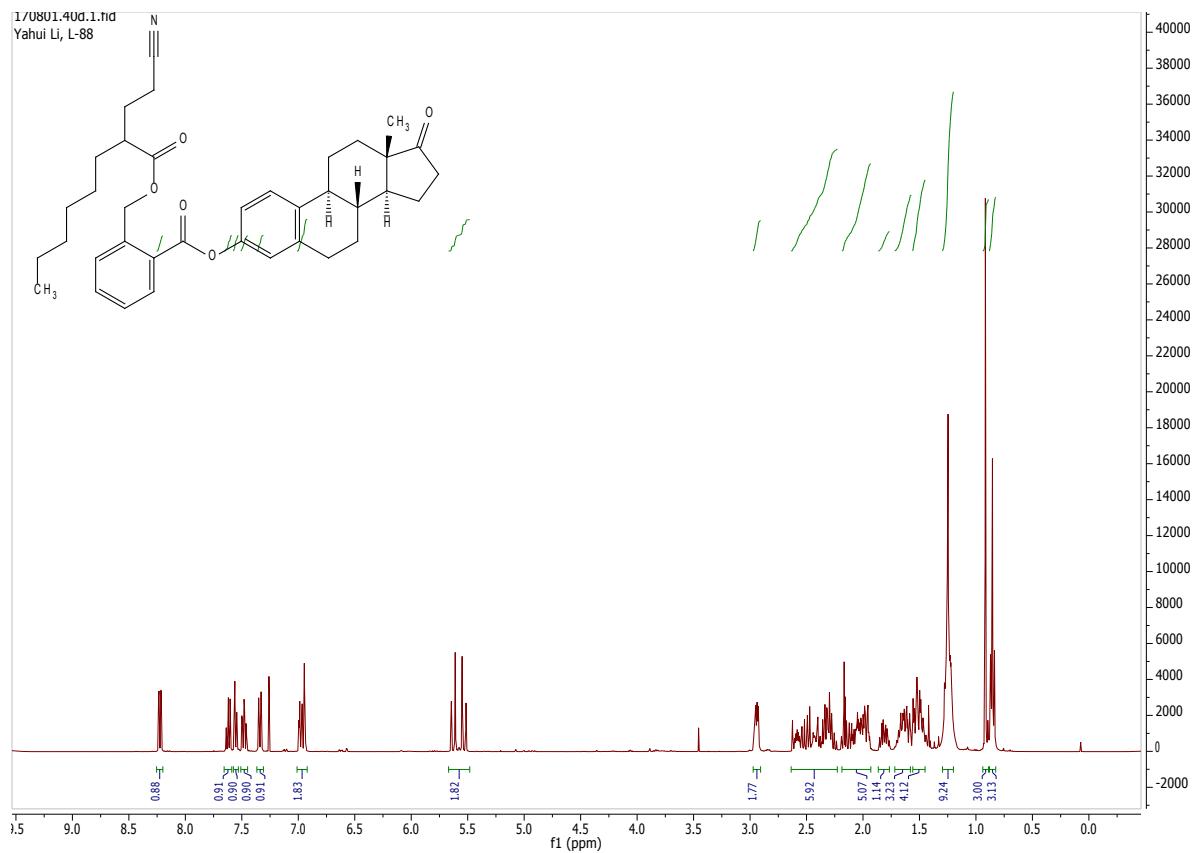
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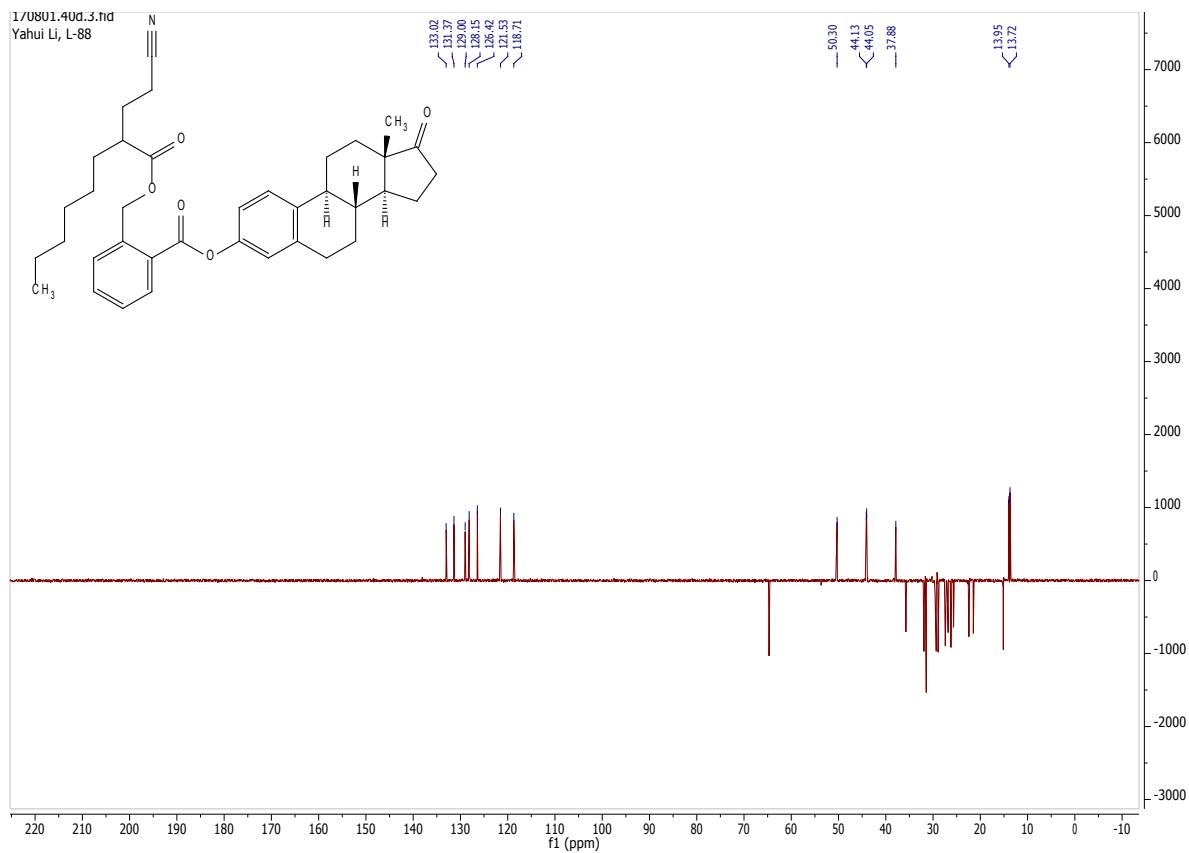


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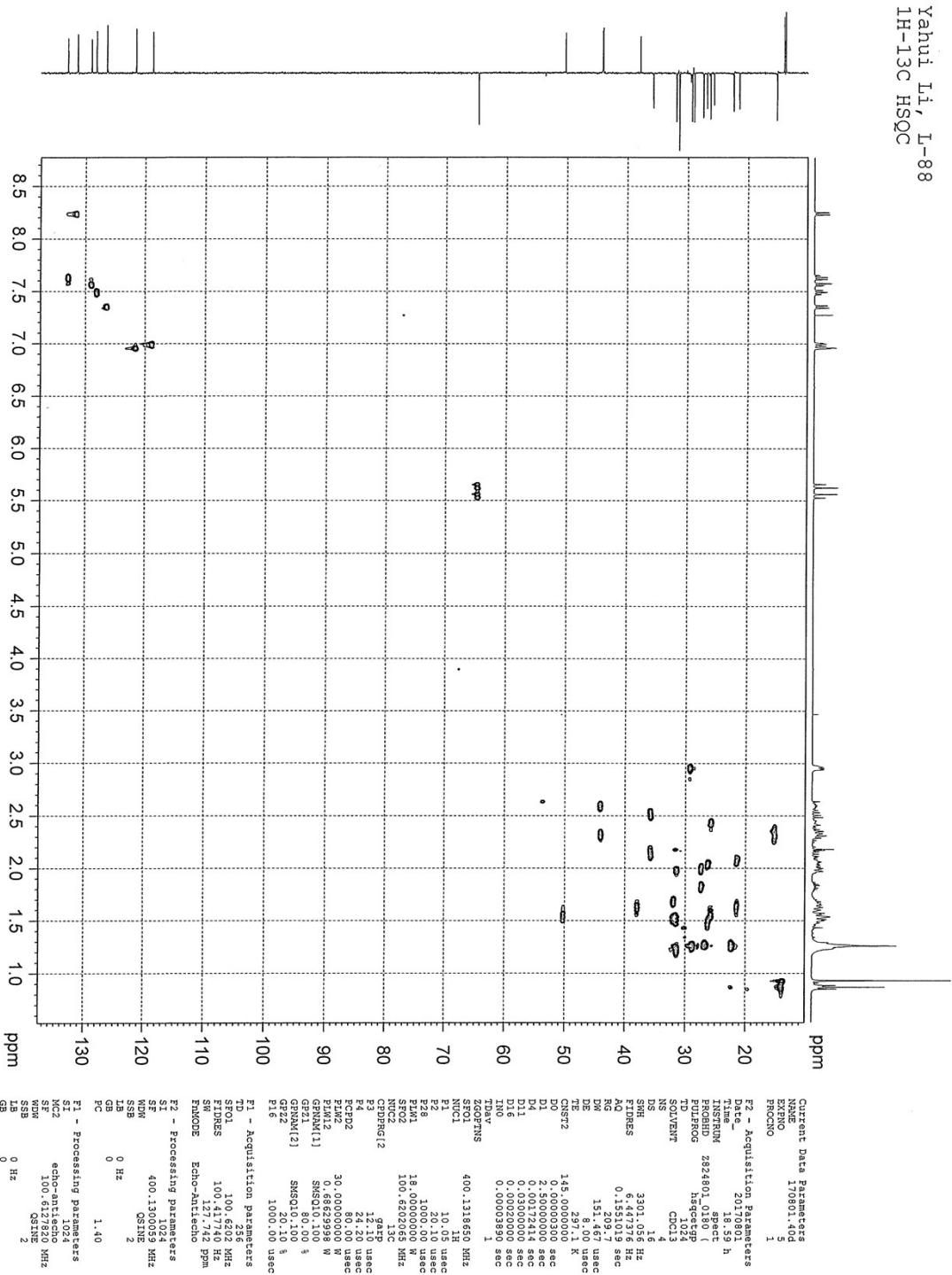








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