

Supporting Information

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(A) General Information

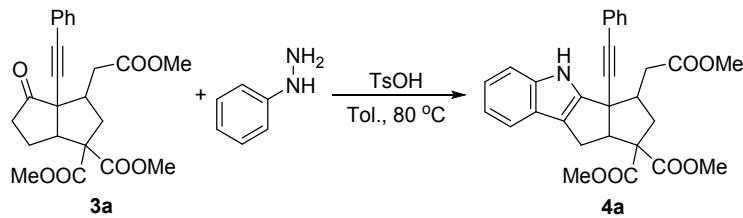
¹H NMR spectra were recorded on commercial instruments (400 MHz). Chemical shifts are recorded in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane and with the solvent resonance as the internal standard. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, br = broad), coupling constants (Hz), integration. ¹³C NMR data were collected on commercial instruments (101 MHz) with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from the tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as internal standard. The enantiomeric excesses were determined by HPLC analysis on chiral DAICEL CHIRALPAK IA, IE, ADH or IC column at 254 nm. Optical rotations were measured on a commercial polarimeter and are reported as follows: $[\alpha]_D^T$ (c = g/100 mL, CH₂Cl₂). HRMS was recorded on a commercial apparatus (ESI source). Solvents were dried according to standard procedures. Racemic samples were prepared according to the methods reported in the literature.^[1] All reactions were performed in sealed oven-dried glass tubes under an atmosphere of nitrogen unless otherwise noted. The diastereoisomers of the catalytic products have different Rf values and they could be isolated by flash chromatography on silica gel. Malonate **2** and Enynes were prepared according to the literature.^[2,3] The *N,N'*-dioxides were prepared according to the methods reported in the literature.^[4]

(B) General experimental procedure for the preparation of polyquinanes

In a test tube, a mixture of **L-PiMe₃** (5.6 mg, 10 mol%) and Y(OTf)₃ (5.4 mg, 10 mol%) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) was stirred at 30 °C for 0.5 hour under N₂ atmosphere. After the sovent had been removed under vacuum, enynes (**1**) (0.1 mmol), malonate (**2**) (0.1 mmol) and CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) were added. After being stirred at 30 °C for 10 min, iPr₂EtN (8.4 µL, 50 mol%) was added and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 48 h. The reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1/6-1/2) to afford the desired products.

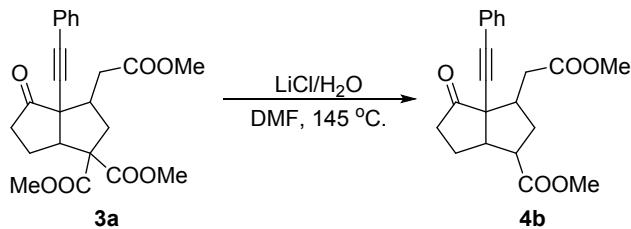
(C) Transformations of **3a and **3o****

a): Synthesis of compound **4a from **3a****



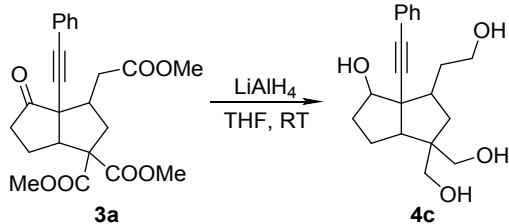
To a solution of phenylhydrazine (0.24 mmol, 25.9 mg) in toluene (2.0 mL) was added **3a** (0.2 mmol, 82.4 mg, 97% ee), and the resulting mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature. TSOH (0.24 mmol, 45.6 mg) was then added and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for another 48 h. The solution was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with water and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer was then washed with water, NH₄Cl (0.1 M), and saturated NaHCO₃. The collected organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1/6 – 1/3) to give compound **4a** as a white solid in 89% (86.1 mg) yield with 97% ee.

b): synthesis of compound 4b from 3a



To a dry Schlenk tube was added **3a** (0.2 mmol, 82.4 mg, 97% ee), LiCl (2 mmol, 84 mg), H₂O (2 mmol, 36 mg) and DMF (2.5 mL). The reaction was stirred at 145 °C for 1 hour. The solution was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The collected organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6/1 - 3/1) to yield **4b** as a colourless oil in 51% yield (36.1 mg) with 97%/97% ee, 76/24 d.r.

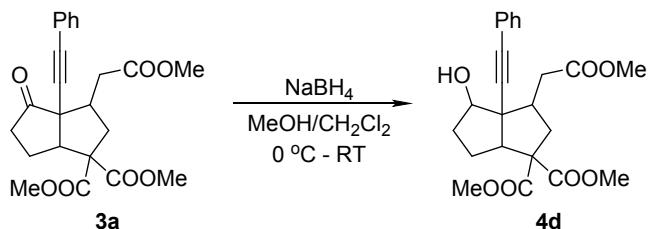
c): Synthesis of compound 4c from 3a



To a stirred suspension of LiAlH₄ (3.6 mmol, 136.8 mg) in 15 mL of THF under N₂ atmosphere, was added **3a** (0.3 mmol, 123.6 mg, 97% ee) in 7.5 mL of THF via syringe at room temperature.

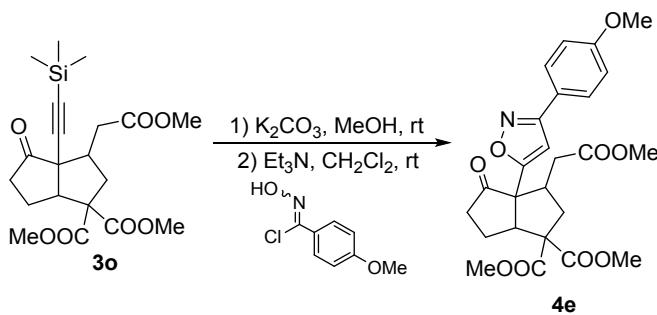
After 0.5 h, the reaction was quenched with H₂O, followed by aq. 10% NaOH solution, and then extracted with ethyl acetate. The collected organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (MeOH/ethyl acetate = 0/1 - 1/10) to afford the product **4c** as a colourless oil in 71% yield (70.5 mg) with 97% ee.

d): Synthesis of compound **4d from **3a****



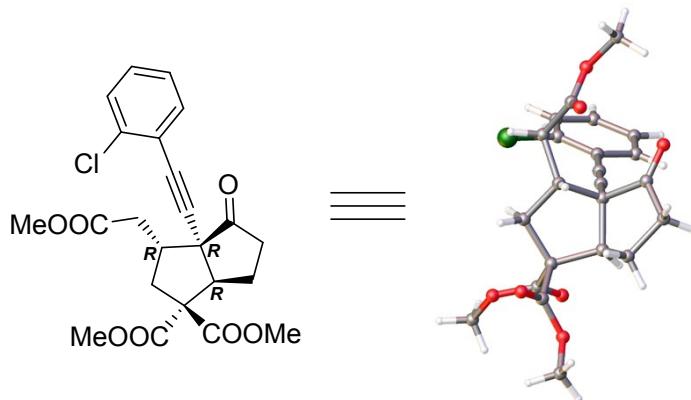
To a stirred suspension of **3a** (0.2 mmol, 82.4 mg, 97% ee) in 3.5 mL of MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ (6/1), was added NaBH₄ (0.6 mmol, 22.7 mg) at 0 °C. Then the mixture was stirred at room temperature for another 3.5 h. After that the reaction was quenched with H₂O and extracted with ethyl acetate. The collected organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6/1 - 3/1) to afford the product **4d** as a colourless oil in 81% yield (67.5 mg) with 97% ee.

e): Synthesis of compound **4e from **3o****



To a stirred suspension of **3o** (0.28 mmol, 115.1 mg, 91% ee) in 2.5 mL of MeOH, was added K₂CO₃ (0.56 mmol, 77.8 mg) at room temperature. Then the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for another 1.5 h. After that, the reaction was filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was directly subjected to the next reaction without further purification. Then, N-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzimidoyl chloride (0.56 mmol, 110.6 mg), Et₃N (0.56 mmol, 56.6 mg) and CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was added to the mixture at room temperature. After 21 h, the reaction was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6/1 - 2/1) to afford the product **4e** as a colourless oil in 72% (98.2 mg) yield with 92% ee.

(D) The X-ray structure for 3h (CCDC 1519972)



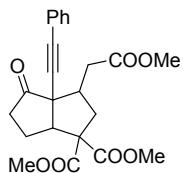
The compound **3h** was recrystallized from CH_2Cl_2 and petroleum ether.

CCDC 1519972 contains the supplementary crystallographic data of the adduct **3h** for this paper.

These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via
www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

(E) The analytical and spectral characterization data for the compounds

Dimethyl 3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-oxo-3a-(phenylethynyl)hexahydropentalene-1,1(2H)-dicarboxylate (3a)

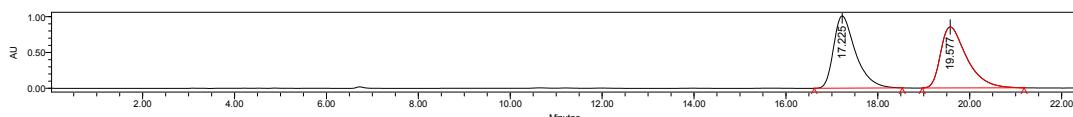


Colourless oil, 30.1 mg, 73% yield. 97% *ee* determined by HPLC (chiral ADH column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 17.0 min, 19.4 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -52.31$ ($c = 0.43$ in CH_2Cl_2).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 3.93 – 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.85 – 3.62 (m, 9H), 3.01 (dd, $J=14.0, 7.2$, 1H), 2.87 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.62 – 2.43 (m, 3H), 2.26 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.72 (m, 1H).

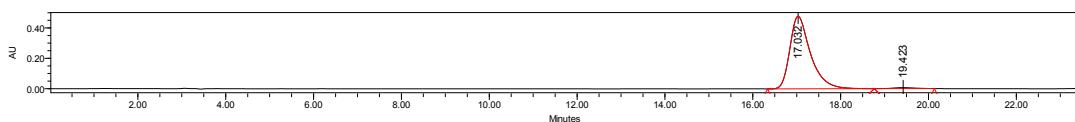
^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 211.5, 172.5, 171.3, 170.3, 131.9, 128.5, 128.3, 122.7, 87.4, 85.0, 62.8, 58.6, 55.0, 53.2, 52.9, 51.9, 40.8, 39.8, 37.4, 35.7, 22.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{NaO}_7^+$ ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$) 435.1420, found 435.1416.



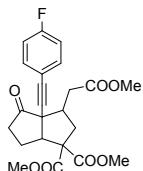
	Retention Time	Area	% Area

1	17.225	33480243	49.99
2	19.577	33488856	50.01



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	17.032	15546697	98.57
2	19.423	225779	1.43

Dimethyl 3a-((4-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-oxohexahydropentalene-1,1(2H)-dicarboxylate (3b)

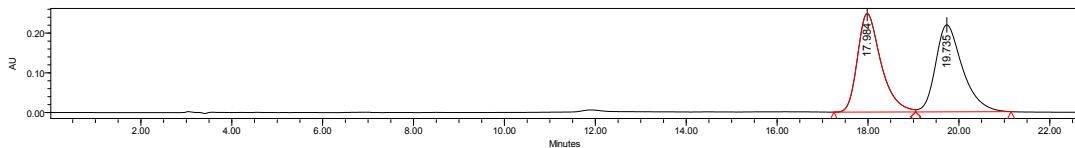


Colourless oil, 28.1 mg, 65% yield. 95% ee determined by HPLC (chiral ADH column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 18.0 min, 19.7 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -42.97$ ($c = 0.38$ in CH_2Cl_2).

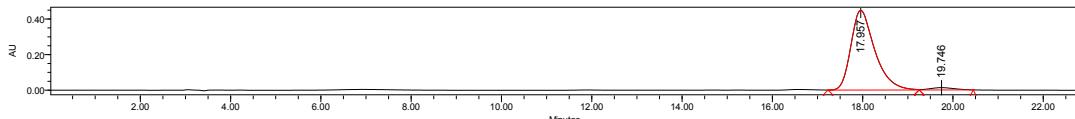
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.40 (dd, $J=8.0, 5.6$, 2H), 6.99 (t, $J=8.4$, 2H), 3.91 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.79 – 3.61 (m, 9H), 3.02 (dd, $J=14.0, 7.2$, 1H), 2.86 – 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.58 – 2.45 (m, 3H), 2.23 – 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.68 (m, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 211.5, 172.4, 171.3, 170.3, 162.7 (d, $J=250$), 133.9 (d, $J=10$), 118.8 (d, $J=10$), 115.6(d, $J=20$), 86.4, 84.7, 62.7, 58.7, 55.0, 53.2, 52.9, 51.9, 40.9, 39.8, 37.5, 35.7, 22.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{FNaO}_7^+ ([\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+)$ 453.1326, found 453.1324.

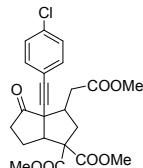


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1	17.984	8902733	49.68
2	19.735	9017648	50.32



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1	17.957	16467351	97.20
2	19.746	473640	2.80

Dimethyl 3a-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-oxohexahydropentalene-1,1(2H)-dicarboxylate (3c)

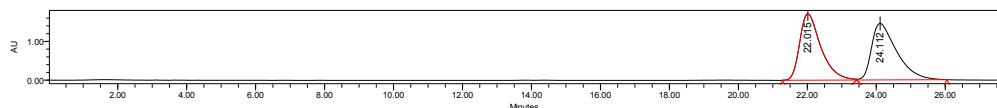


Colourless oil, 31.8 mg, 71% yield. 97% *ee* determined by HPLC (chiral ADH column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 21.1 min, 24.4 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -49.02$ ($c = 0.51$ in CH₂Cl₂).

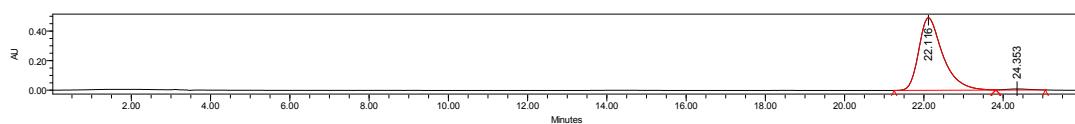
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.30 (dd, J =30.8, 8.0, 4H), 3.91 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.85 – 3.63 (m, 9H), 3.02 (dd, J =14.0, 7.2, 1H), 2.86 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.62 – 2.43 (m, 3H), 2.25 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.70 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 211.3, 172.3, 171.3, 170.2, 134.6, 133.2, 128.7, 121.1, 86.3, 86.1, 62.7, 58.7, 55.0, 53.2, 52.9, 51.9, 40.9, 39.8, 37.4, 35.7, 22.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₂₃H₂₃^{34.9689}ClNaO₇⁺ ([M + Na]⁺) 469.1030, found 469.1028; calcd for C₂₃H₂₃^{36.9659}ClNaO₇⁺ ([M + Na]⁺) 471.1001, found 471.1003.



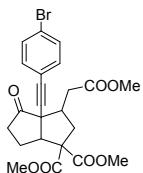
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2	24.112	73660261	50.13



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1	22.116	20671167	98.56
2	24.353	302567	1.44

Dimethyl 3a-((4-bromophenyl)ethynyl)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-oxohexahydropentalene-1,1(2H)-dicarboxylate (3d)

1,1(2H)-dicarboxylate (3d)

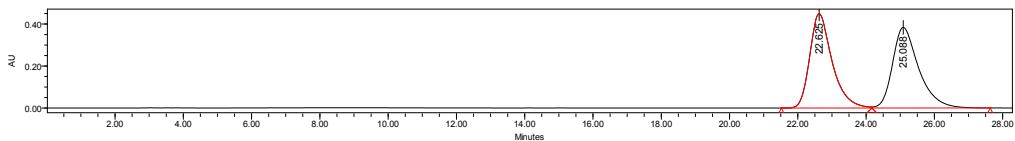


Colourless oil, 29.3 mg, 60% yield. 96% *ee* determined by HPLC (chiral ADH column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 22.7 min, 25.3 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -44.88$ ($c = 0.51$ in CH₂Cl₂).

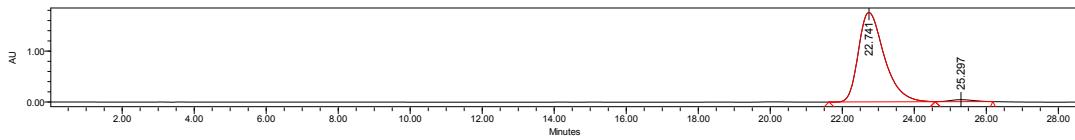
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¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 211.3, 172.3, 171.3, 170.2, 133.4, 131.6, 122.8, 121.6, 86.4, 86.3, 62.7, 58.7, 55.0, 53.2, 52.9, 51.9, 40.9, 39.8, 37.5, 35.7, 22.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₂₃H₂₃^{78.9183}BrNaO₇⁺ ([M + Na]⁺) 513.0525, found 513.0525; calcd for C₂₃H₂₃^{80.9163}BrNaO₇⁺ ([M + Na]⁺) 515.0504, found 515.0504.

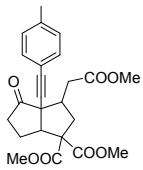


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2	25.088	20447916	50.00



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	22.741	87637539	97.99
2	25.297	1796447	2.01

Dimethyl 3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-oxo-3a-(p-tolyethylidynyl)hexahydropentalene-1,1(2H)-dicarboxylate (3e)

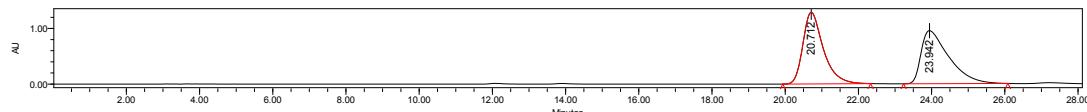


Colourless oil, 30.3 mg, 71% yield. 97% *ee* determined by HPLC (chiral ADH column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 20.5 min, 24.0 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -48.52$ ($c = 0.47$ in CH₂Cl₂).

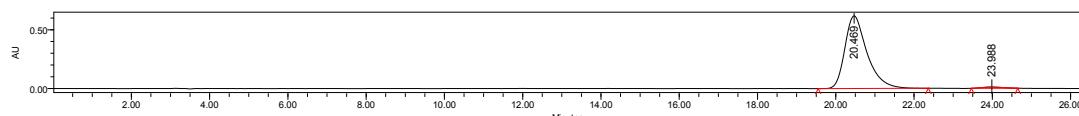
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.30 (d, *J*=8.0, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J*=8.0, 2H), 3.92 – 3.63 (m, 10H), 3.00 (dd, *J*=13.2, 7.2, 1H), 2.88 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.61 – 2.45 (m, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.25 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.70 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 211.7, 172.5, 171.3, 170.4, 138.6, 131.8, 129.1, 119.6, 87.6, 84.2, 62.8, 58.6, 55.1, 53.2, 52.9, 51.9, 40.8, 39.8, 37.4, 35.7, 22.6, 21.6.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₂₄H₂₆NaO₇⁺ ([M + Na]⁺) 449.1576, found 449.1572.

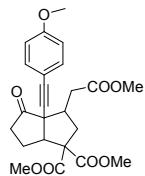


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2	23.942	50103695	50.11



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1	20.469	24270210	98.51
2	23.988	366242	1.49

Dimethyl 3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3a-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-4-oxohexahydronatalene-1,1(2H)-dicarboxylate (3f)

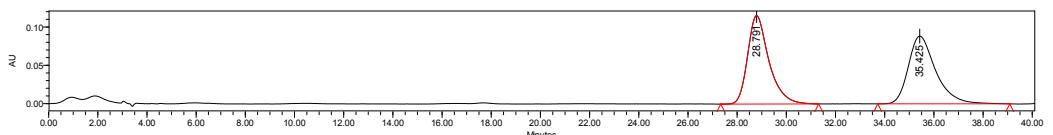


Colourless oil, 30.6 mg, 70% yield. 95% *ee* determined by HPLC (chiral ADH column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 28.5 min, 35.1 min. [α]_D²⁰ = -61.6 (*c* = 0.61 in CH₂Cl₂).

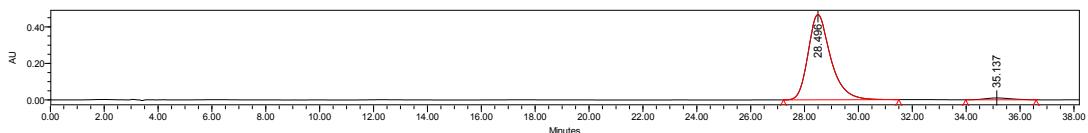
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 3.90 – 3.63 (m, 13H), 2.99 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.86 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.62 – 2.43 (m, 3H), 2.24 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.70 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 211.8, 172.5, 171.4, 170.4, 159.8, 133.4, 114.8, 113.9, 87.3, 83.5, 62.8, 58.7, 55.4, 55.1, 53.2, 52.9, 51.9, 40.8, 39.8, 37.4, 35.8, 22.6.

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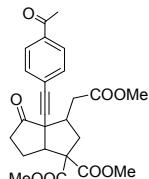


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2	35.425	6830533	49.64



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	28.496	27117090	97.55
2	35.137	682297	2.45

Dimethyl 3a-((4-acetylphenyl)ethynyl)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-oxohexahydropentalene-1,1(2H)-dicarboxylate (3g)

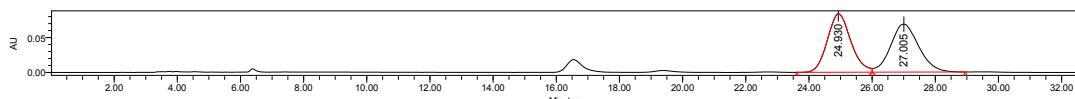


Colourless oil, 28.4 mg, 63% yield. 97% ee determined by HPLC (chiral ADH column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 24.6 min, 26.7 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -48.28$ (*c* = 0.52 in CH₂Cl₂).

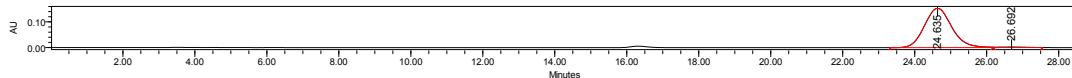
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¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 211.1, 197.4, 172.3, 171.3, 170.2, 136.5, 132.1, 128.3, 127.5, 88.5, 86.6, 62.7, 58.8, 54.9, 53.2, 52.9, 52.0, 40.9, 39.8, 37.5, 35.6, 26.8, 22.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₂₅H₂₆NaO₈⁺ ([M + Na]⁺) 477.1525, found 477.1525.

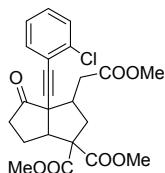


	Retention Time	Area	% Area
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2	27.005	4275974	49.65



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	24.635	8078775	98.55
2	26.692	119027	1.45

Dimethyl 3a-((2-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-oxohexahydropentalene-1,1(2H)-dicarboxylate (3h)

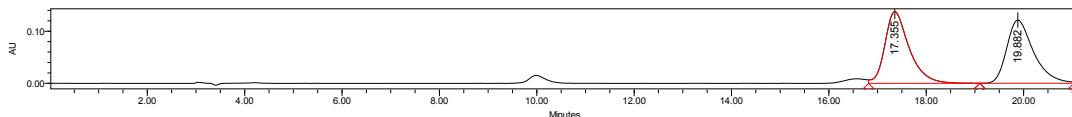


Colourless oil, 30.1 mg, 67% yield. 97% *ee* determined by HPLC (chiral ADH column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 17.4 min, 19.9 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -32.27$ (*c* = 0.50 in CH₂Cl₂).

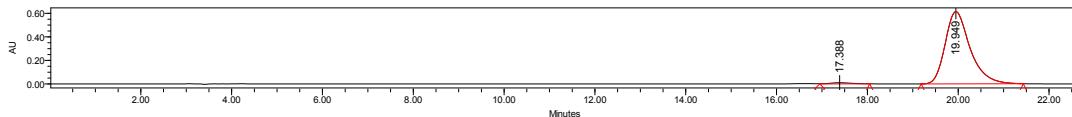
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 3.94 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.88 – 3.57 (m, 9H), 3.04 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.67 – 2.45 (m, 3H), 2.28 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.71 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 211.2, 172.5, 171.2, 170.4, 136.2, 133.6, 129.5, 129.3, 126.5, 122.6, 90.5, 84.2, 62.7, 58.8, 54.8, 53.2, 52.9, 51.9, 41.1, 40.0, 37.6, 35.5, 22.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₂₃H₂₃^{34.9689}ClNaO₇⁺ ([M + Na]⁺) 469.1030, found 469.1031; calcd for C₂₃H₂₃^{36.9659}ClNaO₇⁺ ([M + Na]⁺) 471.1001, found 471.1024.

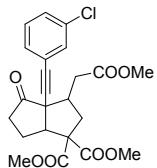


	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	17.355	4763939	50.64
2	19.882	4643747	49.36



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	17.388	301982	1.27
2	19.949	23383338	98.73

Dimethyl 3a-((3-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-oxohexahdropentalene-1,1(2H)-dicarboxylate (3i)

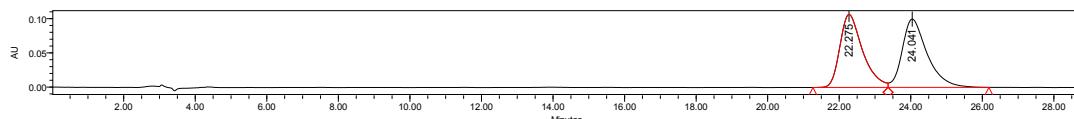


Colourless oil, 28.1 mg, 63% yield. 97% *ee* determined by HPLC (chiral ADH column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 22.6 min, 24.3 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -49.40$ ($c = 0.50$ in CH₂Cl₂).

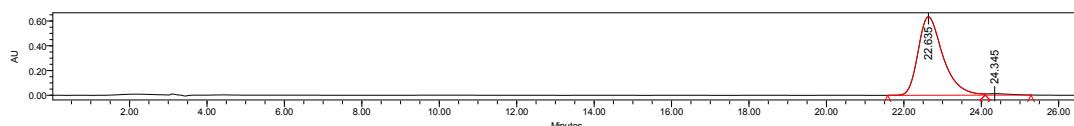
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 3.91 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.84 – 3.62 (m, 9H), 3.03 (dd, *J*=14.0, 7.2, 1H), 2.85 – 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.61 – 2.44 (m, 3H), 2.24 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.68 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 211.2, 172.3, 171.3, 170.2, 134.2, 131.8, 130.1, 129.6, 128.9, 124.3, 86.4, 86.0, 62.7, 58.7, 54.9, 53.3, 52.9, 51.9, 40.9, 39.8, 37.5, 35.6, 22.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₂₃H₂₃^{34.9689}ClNaO₇⁺ ([M + Na]⁺) 469.1030, found 469.1029; calcd for C₂₃H₂₃^{36.9659}ClNaO₇⁺ ([M + Na]⁺) 471.1001, found 471.1028.

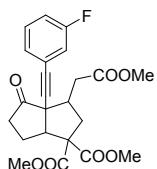


	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	22.275	4704262	49.30
2	24.041	4838650	50.70



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	22.635	28253816	98.41
2	24.345	456900	1.59

Dimethyl 3a-((3-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-oxohexahdropentalene-1,1(2H)-dicarboxylate (3j)



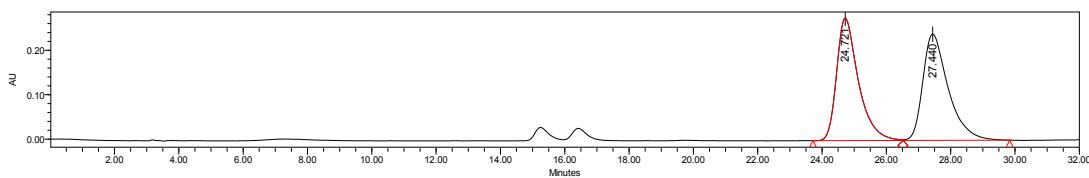
Colourless oil, 27.0 mg, 63% yield. 97% *ee* determined by HPLC (chiral ADH column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm,

retention time: 24.5 min, 27.2 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -52.37$ ($c = 0.51$ in CH_2Cl_2).

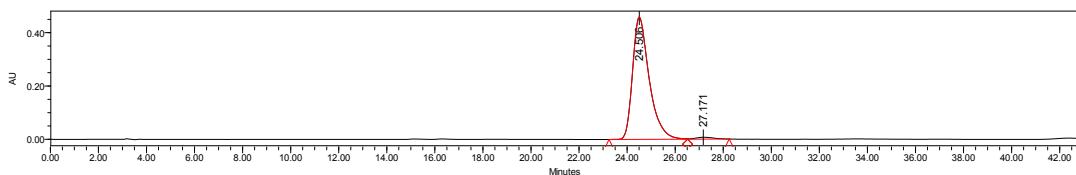
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 7.28 - 7.18$ (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 3.89 (dd, $J=9.6, 8.4$, 1H), 3.83 – 3.64 (m, 9H), 3.03 (dd, $J=14.0, 7.2$, 1H), 2.86 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.61 – 2.43 (m, 3H), 2.24 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.69 (m, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 211.2, 172.3, 171.3, 170.2, 162.4$ (d, $J=250$), 123.0 (d, $J=10$), 127.8 (d, $J=3$), 124.5 (d, $J=10$), 118.7 (d, $J=20$), 115.9 (d, $J=20$), 86.2, 86.1, 62.7, 58.6, 54.9, 53.2, 52.9, 51.9, 40.9, 39.8, 37.5, 35.6, 22.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{FNaO}_7^+$ ([M + Na] $^+$) 453.1326, found 453.1327.

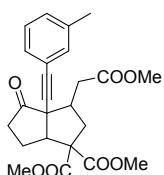


	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	24.721	12941464	49.72
2	27.440	13085878	50.28



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	24.506	22031387	98.37
2	27.171	365070	1.63

Dimethyl 3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-oxo-3a-(m-tolyethylidynyl)hexahydropentalene-1,1(2H)-dicarboxylate (3k)

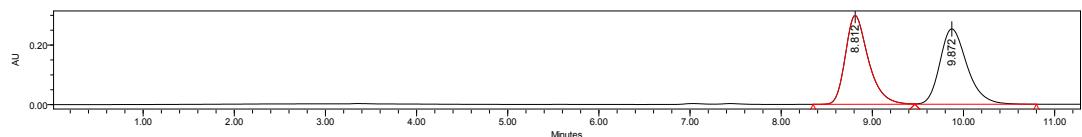


Colourless oil, 30.7 mg, 72% yield. 95% ee determined by HPLC (chiral ADH column), *n*-hexane/i-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, retention time: 8.6 min, 9.6 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -50.98$ ($c = 0.51$ in CH_2Cl_2).

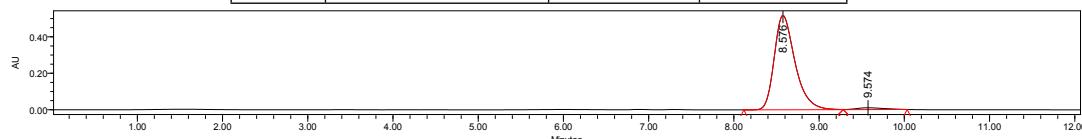
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 7.27 - 7.06$ (m, 4H), 3.91 – 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.83 – 3.59 (m, 9H), 3.01 (dd, $J=14.0, 7.2$, 1H), 2.87 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.60 – 2.46 (m, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.24 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.68 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 211.6, 172.5, 171.3, 170.4, 138.0, 132.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.2, 122.4, 87.6, 84.6, 62.7, 58.6, 55.0, 53.2, 52.9, 51.9, 40.8, 39.8, 37.5, 35.7, 22.7, 21.3.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₂₄H₂₆NaO₇⁺ ([M + Na]⁺) 449.1576, found 449.1577.

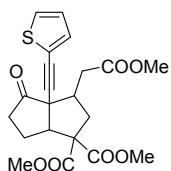


	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	8.812	5232326	49.94
2	9.872	5244137	50.06



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1	8.576	8756175	97.51
2	9.574	223787	2.49

Dimethyl 3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-oxo-3a-(thiophen-2-ylethynyl)hexahdropentalene-1,1(2H)-dicarboxylate (3l)

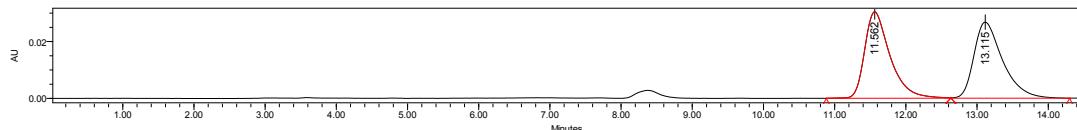


Colourless oil, 22.4 mg, 54% yield. 98% ee determined by HPLC (chiral ADH column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 11.6 min, 13.1 min. [α]_D²⁰ = -47.04 (*c* = 0.37 in CH₂Cl₂).

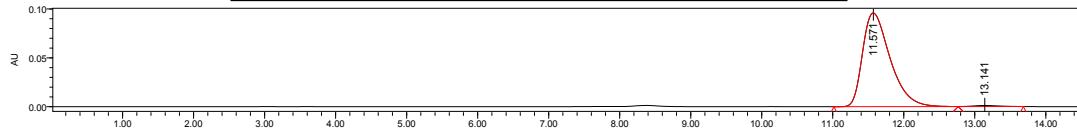
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.23 (dd, *J*=5.2, 1.2, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J*=3.6, 1.2, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J*=5.2, 4.0, 1H), 3.88 (dd, *J*=9.2, 8.8, 1H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.04 – 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.84 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.56 – 2.43 (m, 3H), 2.24 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.69 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 211.3, 172.4, 171.3, 170.3, 132.5, 127.3, 127.0, 122.5, 88.9, 80.6, 62.8, 58.9, 55.0, 53.3, 52.9, 51.9, 40.9, 39.8, 37.4, 35.7, 22.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NaO₇S⁺ ([M + Na]⁺) 441.0984, found 441.0983.

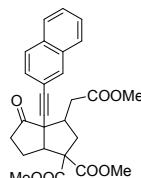


	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	11.562	753968	50.16
2	13.115	749120	49.84



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1	11.571	2579959	98.94
2	13.141	27634	1.06

Dimethyl 3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3a-(naphthalen-2-ylethynyl)-4-oxohexahydropentalene-1,1(2H)-dicarboxylate (3m)

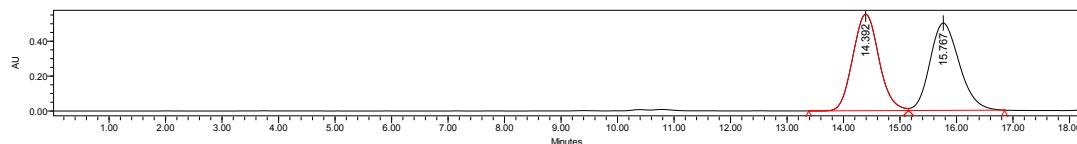


Colourless oil, 32.8 mg, 71% yield. 97% *ee* determined by HPLC (chiral ADH column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 14.5 min, 15.8 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -52.18$ ($c = 0.55$ in CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.85 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.57 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 3.97 – 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.86 – 3.51 (m, 9H), 3.04 (dd, *J*=14.0, 7.6, 1H), 2.92 – 2.75 (m, 2H), 2.67 – 2.45 (m, 3H), 2.30 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.69 (m, 1H).

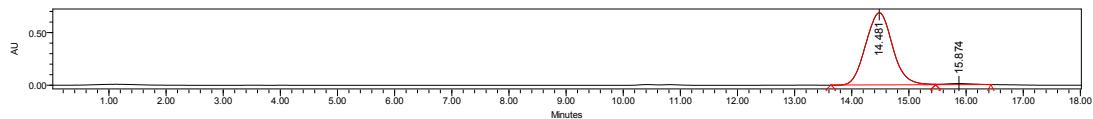
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 211.6, 172.5, 171.4, 170.3, 132.9, 131.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.8, 126.8, 126.7, 119.9, 87.8, 85.3, 62.8, 58.8, 55.1, 53.3, 52.9, 51.9, 40.9, 39.8, 37.5, 35.8, 22.70.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₂₇H₂₆NaO₇⁺ ([M + Na]⁺) 485.1576, found 485.1573.



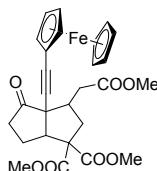
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1	14.392	17733924	49.56

2	15.767	18051195	50.44
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	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	14.481	22293235	98.44
2	15.874	353227	1.56

((3-(2-Methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-1,1-bis(methoxycarbonyl)-4-oxohexahdropentalen-3a(1H)-yl)ethynyl)ferrocene (3n)

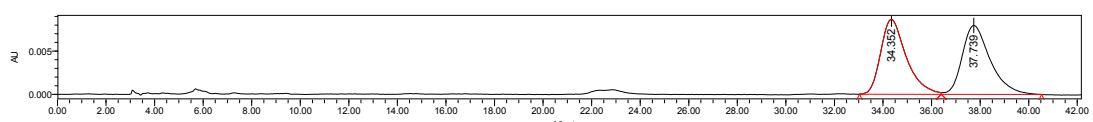


Colourless oil, 18.3 mg, 35% yield. 97% *ee* determined by HPLC (chiral ADH column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 35.0 min, 38.2 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -25.80$ ($c = 0.31$ in CH₂Cl₂).

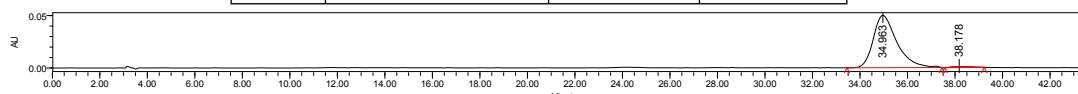
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 4.45 – 4.35 (m, 2H), 4.21 (s, 4H), 4.16 (d, $J=2.0$, 2H), 3.94 – 3.64 (m, 10H), 3.00 (dd, $J=13.6$, 6.8, 1H), 2.83 (dd, $J=16.0$, 4.4, 1H), 2.76 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.62 – 2.41 (m, 3H), 2.22 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.66 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 211.9, 172.6, 171.3, 170.4, 86.1, 81.1, 71.7, 70.0, 68.7, 64.7, 62.6, 58.8, 54.9, 53.2, 52.9, 51.9, 40.6, 39.9, 37.5, 35.7, 22.6.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₂₇H₂₉FeO₇⁺ ([M + H]⁺) 521.1263, found 521.1285.

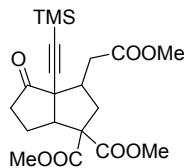


	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	34.352	632484	49.80
2	37.739	637540	50.20



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	34.963	3445470	98.48
2	38.178	53285	1.52

Dimethyl 3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-oxo-3a-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)hexahdropentalene-1,1(2H)-dicarboxylate (3o)

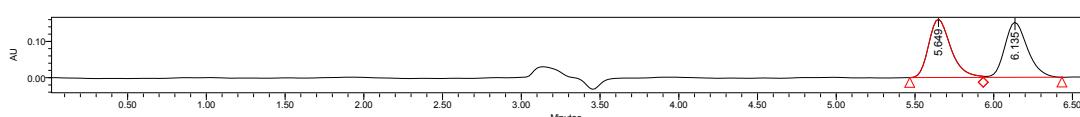


Colourless oil, 25.5 mg, 62% yield. 91% *ee* determined by HPLC (chiral IA column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 210 nm, retention time: 5.7 min, 6.2 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -42.97$ ($c = 0.38$ in CH₂Cl₂).

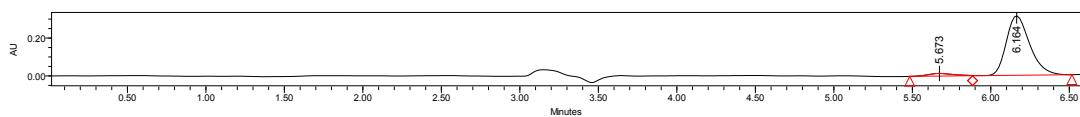
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.66 – 3.57 (m, 7H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.80 (dd, J = 14.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (dd, J = 16.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.19 (m, 3H), 2.04 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.46 (m, 1H), 0.00 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 211.4, 172.5, 171.1, 170.4, 101.2, 92.5, 62.6, 58.9, 55.0, 53.1, 52.9, 51.9, 40.5, 39.8, 37.4, 35.6, 22.5, 0.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₂₀H₂₈NaO₇Si⁺ ([M + Na]⁺) 431.1502, found 431.1500.

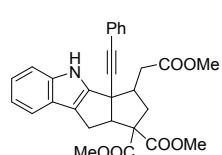


	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	5.649	1571105	50.80
2	6.135	1521922	49.20



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1	5.673	159620	4.69
2	6.164	3246928	95.31

Dimethyl 3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3a-(phenylethyynyl)-2,3,3a,4,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-pentaleno[1,2-b]indole-1,1-dicarboxylate (4a)

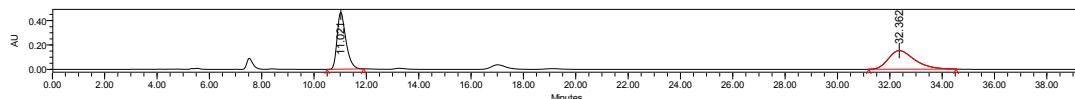


White solid, 86.1 mg, 89% yield. 97% *ee* determined by HPLC (chiral ADH column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 11.0 min, 32.3 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -46.69$ ($c = 1.72$ in CH₂Cl₂).

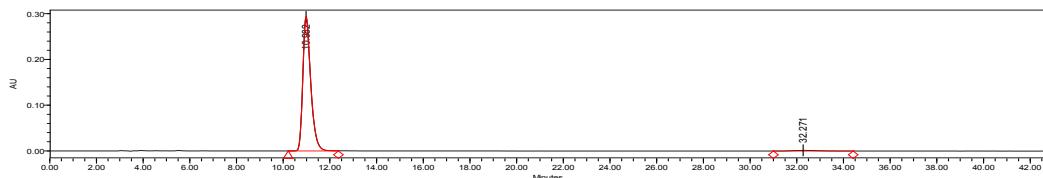
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.92 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.16 (m, 7H), 7.07 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 4.14 (d, J=6.8, 1H), 3.66 (d, J=17.6, 6H), 3.37 – 3.20 (m, 4H), 3.14 (dd, J=15.2, 7.6, 1H), 3.00 (d, J=15.2, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J=17.2, 11.6, 1H), 2.69 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 1.86 (t, J=12.4, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 174.5, 171.7, 170.2, 145.2, 140.9, 131.6, 128.3, 128.1, 124.3, 123.2, 121.3, 119.5, 118.9, 116.3, 112.3, 88.6, 86.2, 66.2, 62.3, 53.0, 52.4, 52.0, 51.3, 42.0, 41.6, 37.6, 26.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₂₉H₂₇NNaO₆⁺ ([M + Na]⁺) 508.1736, found 508.1737.



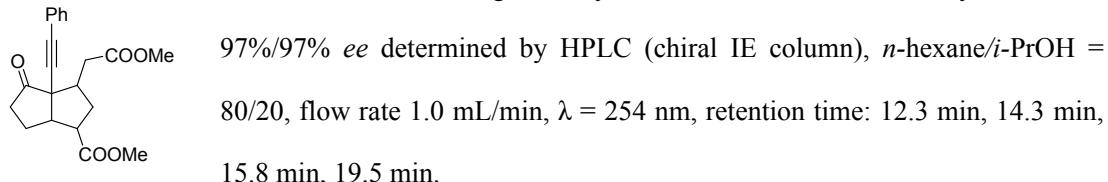
	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	11.021	10920002	50.65
2	32.362	10640224	49.35



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	10.982	6939201	98.52
2	32.271	104042	1.48

Methyl 3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-oxo-3a-(phenylethynyl)octahydropentalene-1-carboxylate (**4b**)

Colourless oil, 36.1 mg, 51% yield. 76/24 d.r. determined by ¹H NMR.

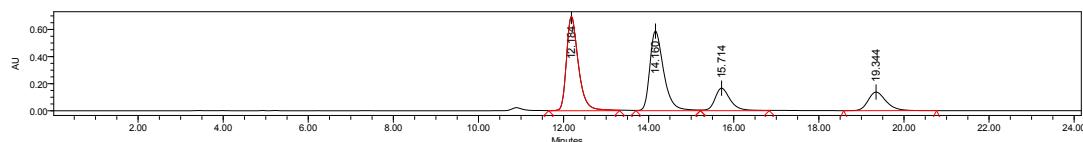


97%/97% ee determined by HPLC (chiral IE column), *n*-hexane/i-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 12.3 min, 14.3 min, 15.8 min, 19.5 min.

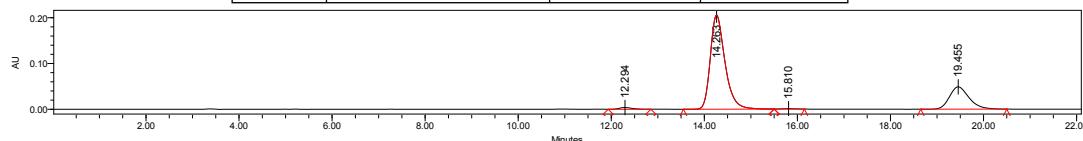
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 3.77 – 3.63 (m, 6H), 3.50 – 3.41 (m, 0.28H), 3.30 – 3.19 (m, 1H), 2.95 – 2.30 (m, 7.86H), 2.11 – 1.84 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 213.4, 212.3, 174.2, 173.7, 172.8, 172.6, 131.9, 131.9, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 122.7, 87.0, 86.6, 85.7, 85.4, 59.4, 57.7, 53.8, 53.0, 52.2, 51.9, 51.8, 48.8, 45.4, 41.8, 40.6, 37.2, 36.6, 36.3, 35.9, 32.9, 24.9, 22.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NaO₅⁺ ([M + Na]⁺) 377.1365, found 377.1369.



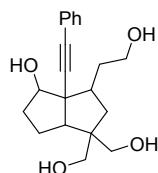
	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	12.184	13522152	38.69
2	14.160	13238167	37.88
3	15.714	4154811	11.89
4	19.344	4030550	11.53



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	12.294	76286	1.27
2	14.263	4500668	74.73
3	15.810	19213	0.32
4	19.455	1426036	23.68

(4-Hydroxy-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3a-(phenylethynyl)octahdropentalene-1,1-diyl)dimethanol

(4c)

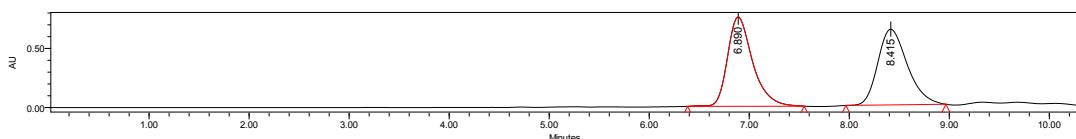


Colourless oil, 70.5 mg, 71% yield. 97% ee determined by HPLC (chiral IC column), n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 6.9 min, 8.5 min. [α]_D²⁰ = -33.51 (c = 1.14 in CH₂Cl₂).

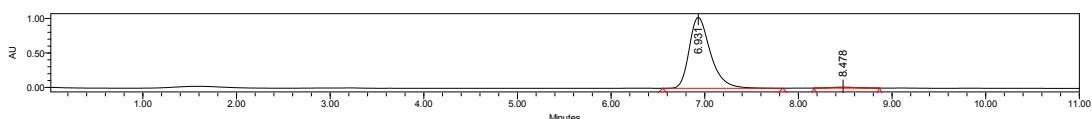
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.28 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 4.65 (d, J=32.4, 2H), 4.13 – 3.99 (m, 2H), 3.74 – 3.36 (m, 7H), 2.48 (t, J=8.8, 2H), 2.00 (d, J=7.6, 1H), 1.83 – 1.41 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 131.5, 128.3, 127.8, 123.8, 94.6, 84.6, 78.9, 71.6, 64.9, 61.2, 61.1, 58.0, 47.1, 41.3, 37.3, 35.0, 34.5, 23.7, 14.3.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $C_{20}H_{26}NaO_4^+ ([M + Na]^+)$ 353.1729, found 353.1730.

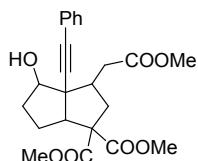


	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	6.890	13157640	50.01
2	8.415	13154236	49.99



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	6.931	16284088	98.59
2	8.478	232456	1.41

Dimethyl 4-hydroxy-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3a-(phenylethynyl)hexahdropentalene-1,1(2H)-dicarboxylate (4d)

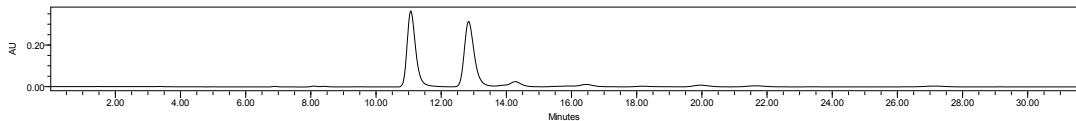


Colourless oil, 67.5 mg, 81% yield. 97% ee determined by HPLC (chiral IE column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, retention time: 11.0 min, 12.8 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -103.07$ ($c = 1.20$ in CH_2Cl_2).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ = 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 4.15 (dd, $J=5.6, 3.2, 1H$), 4.09 – 3.98 (m, 1H), 3.77 – 3.63 (m, 10H), 3.29 – 3.11 (m, 1H), 2.86 (dd, $J=17.6, 10.4, 1H$), 2.69 (dd, $J=12.8, 6.0, 1H$), 2.58 (dd, $J=17.6, 4.4, 1H$), 2.11 – 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.47 (m, 1H).

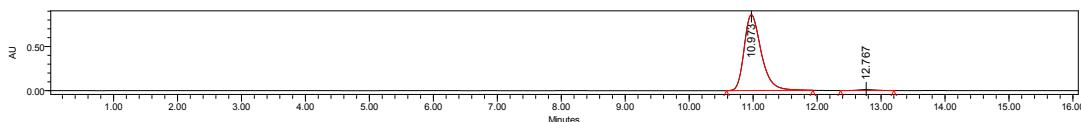
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ = 175.0, 172.1, 171.1, 131.6, 128.3, 128.0, 123.4, 92.4, 85.9, 78.7, 61.4, 59.8, 58.0, 52.9, 52.4, 52.1, 43.5, 36.4, 36.3, 36.2, 27.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $C_{23}H_{26}NaO_7^+ ([M + Na]^+)$ 437.1576, found 437.1570.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area

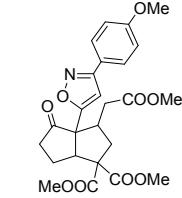
1	11.068	6777778	50.04
2	12.842	6767473	49.96



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	10.973	15978289	98.71
2	12.767	208833	1.29

Dimethyl 3a-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)isoxazol-5-yl)-3-(2-(methylperoxy)-2*D*-ethyl)-4-oxohexahdropentalene-1,1(2*H*)-dicarboxylate (4e)

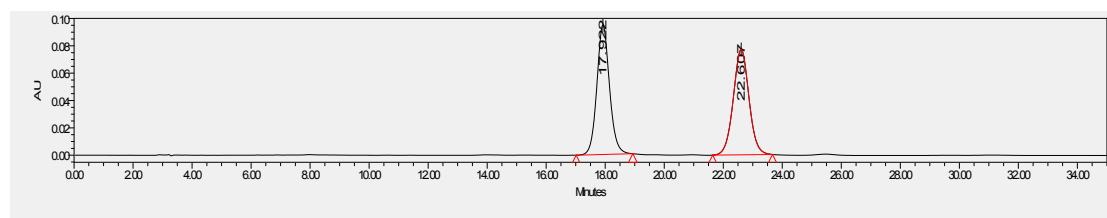
Colourless oil, 98.2 mg, 72% yield. 92% *ee* determined by HPLC (chiral IA column), *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention time: 17.9 min, 23.2 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -188.55$ ($c = 1.75$ in CH_2Cl_2 , $\lambda = 365$ nm).



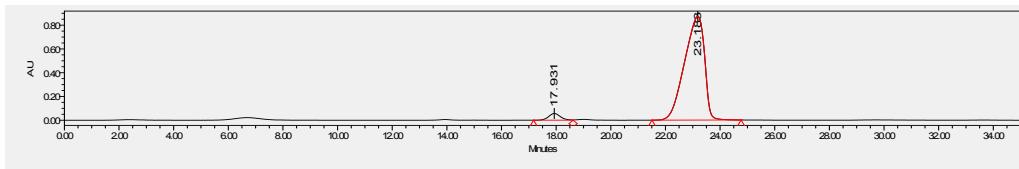
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.77 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 4.13 – 4.10 (m, 1H), 3.86 – 3.75 (m, 9H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.08 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.64 – 2.44 (m, 3H), 2.30 – 2.19 (m, 2H), 2.03 – 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.81 (m, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 213.4, 171.9, 171.1, 170.7, 168.54, 161.9, 161.1, 128.2, 121.1, 114.3, 101.3, 63.1, 62.0, 60.4, 55.4, 55.3, 53.2, 53.2, 52.9, 52.9, 52.2, 51.8, 41.9, 40.6, 38.0, 34.9, 22.7, 21.1, 14.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{27}\text{NNaO}_9^+ ([\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+)$ 508.1584, found 508.1584.



	Retention Time	Area	% Area
1	17.922	2827910	49.81
2	22.607	2849045	50.19



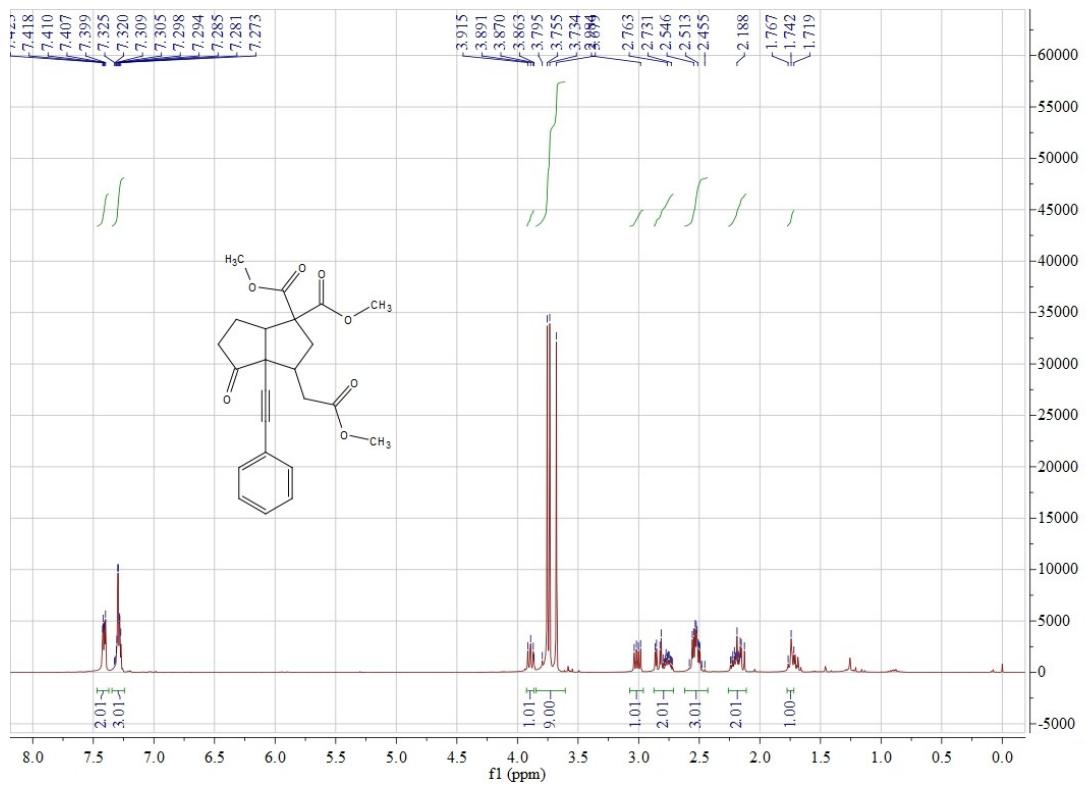
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2	23.183	44279309	96.32

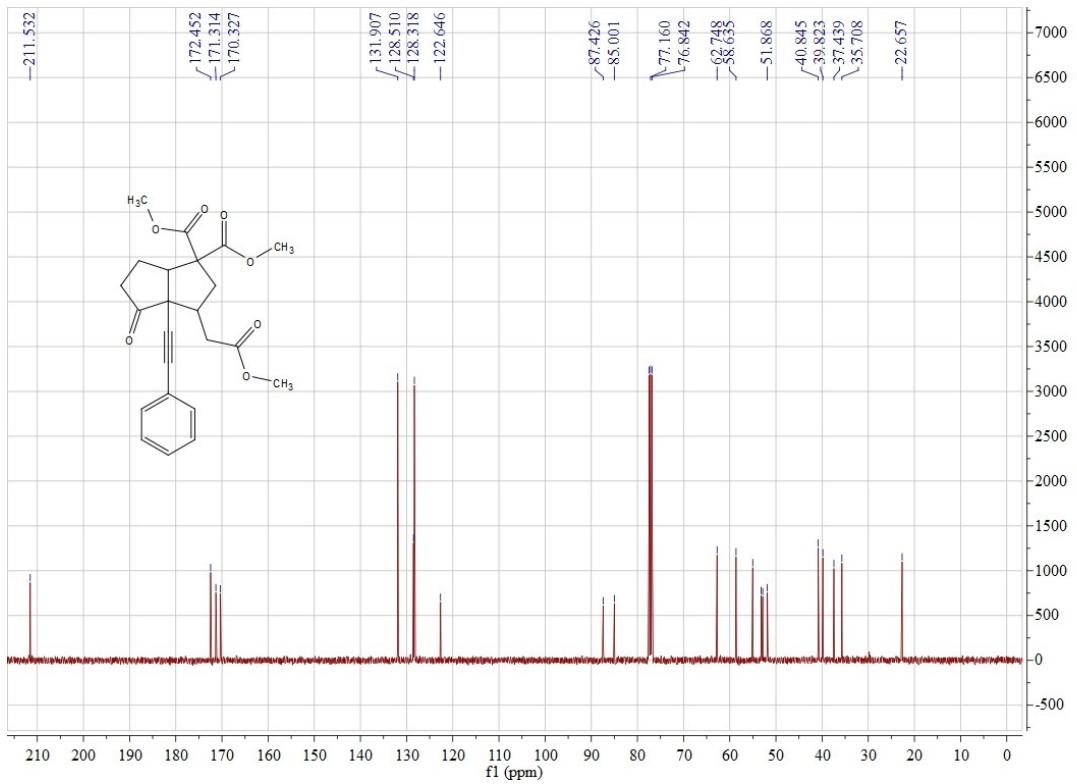
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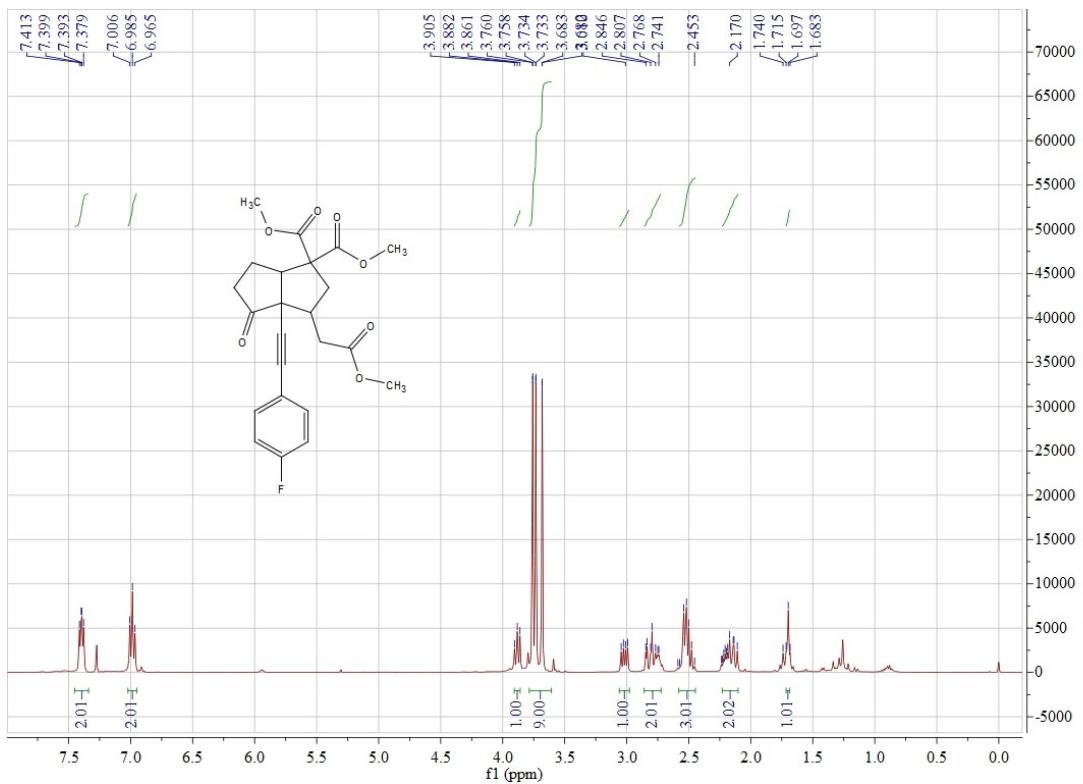
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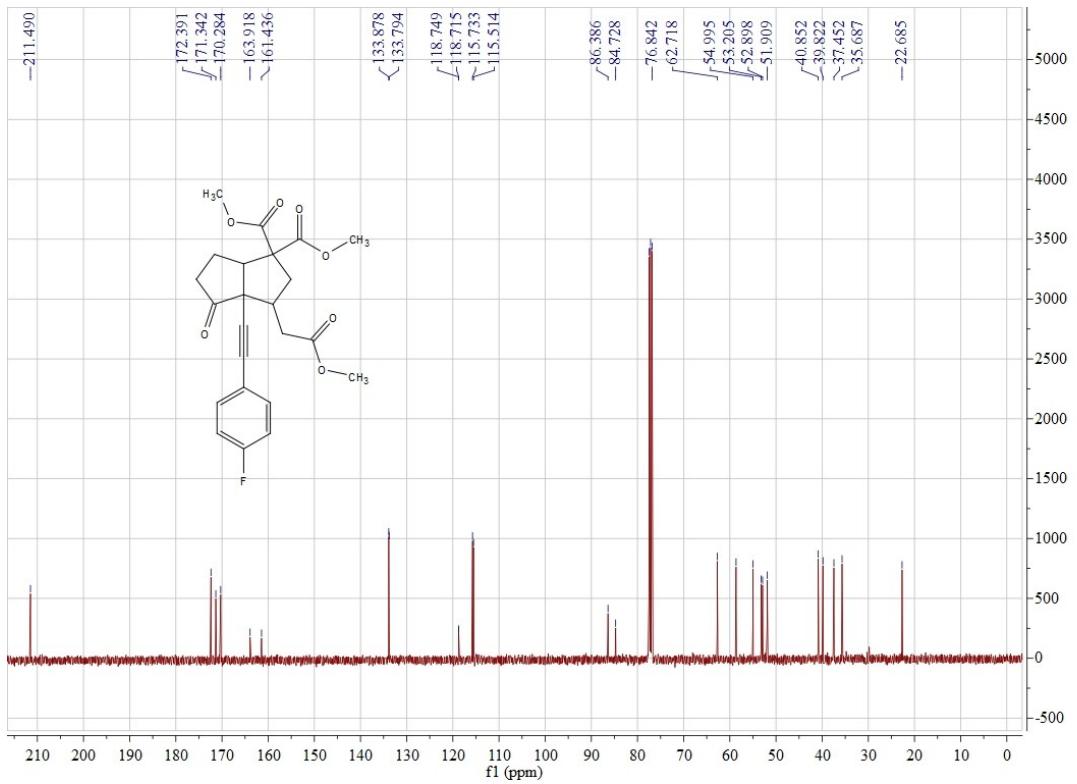
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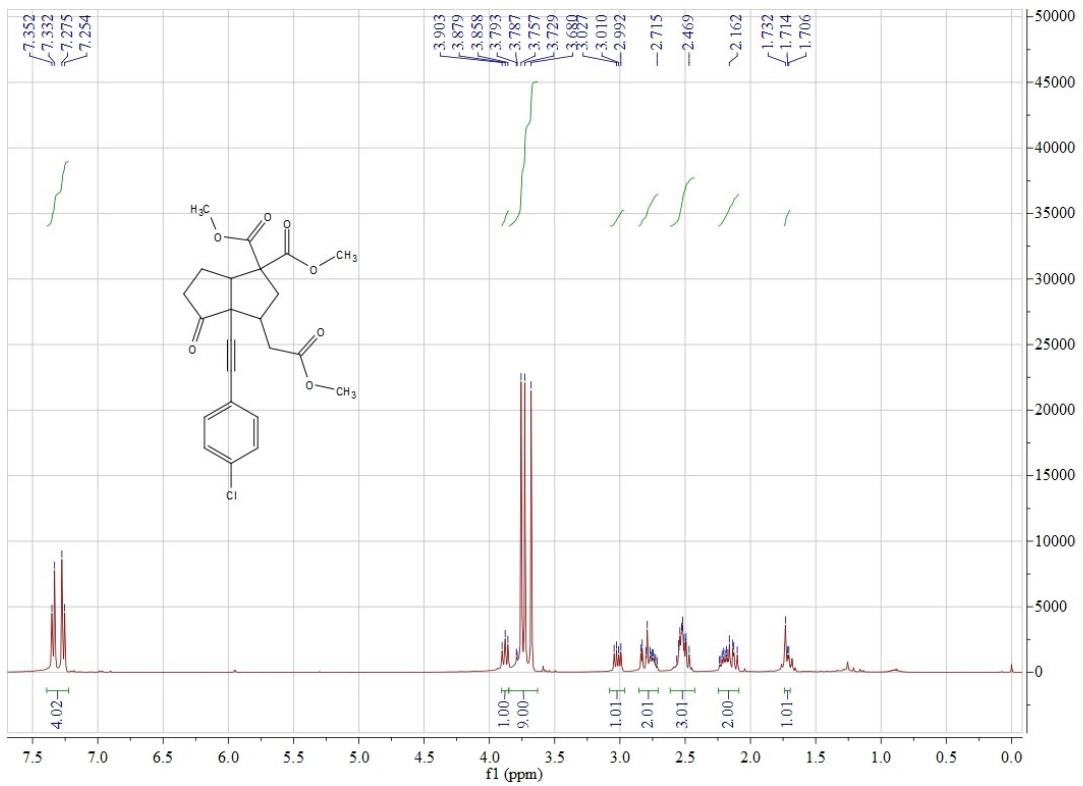


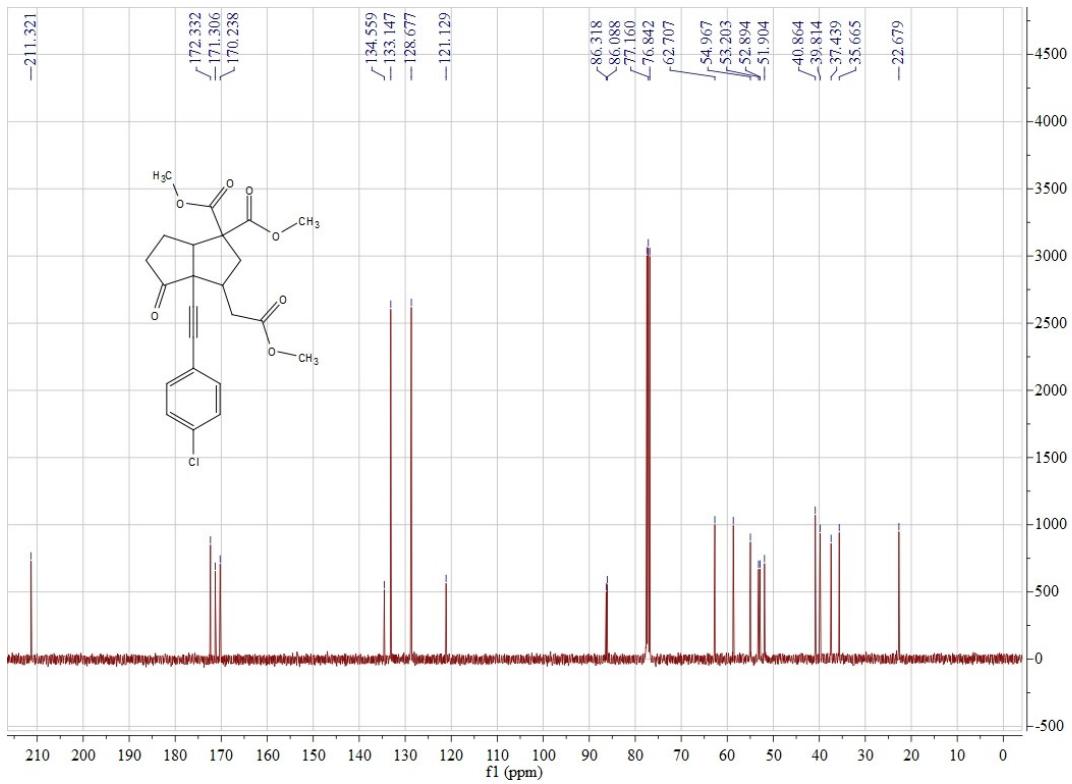
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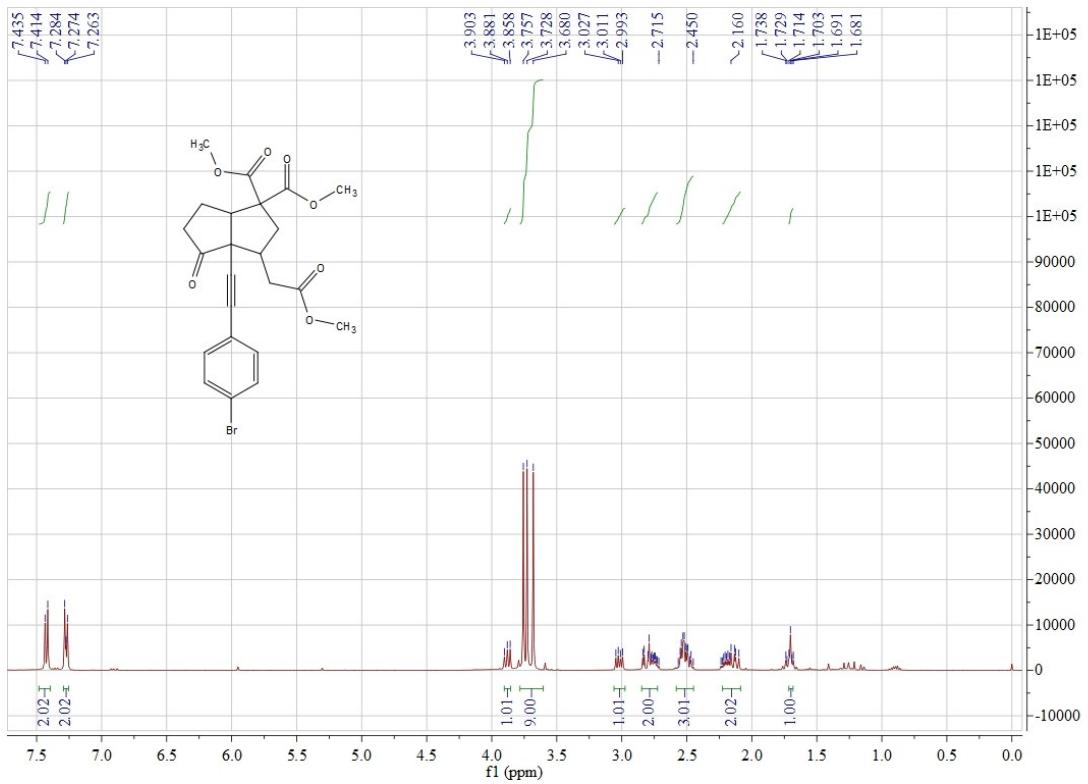


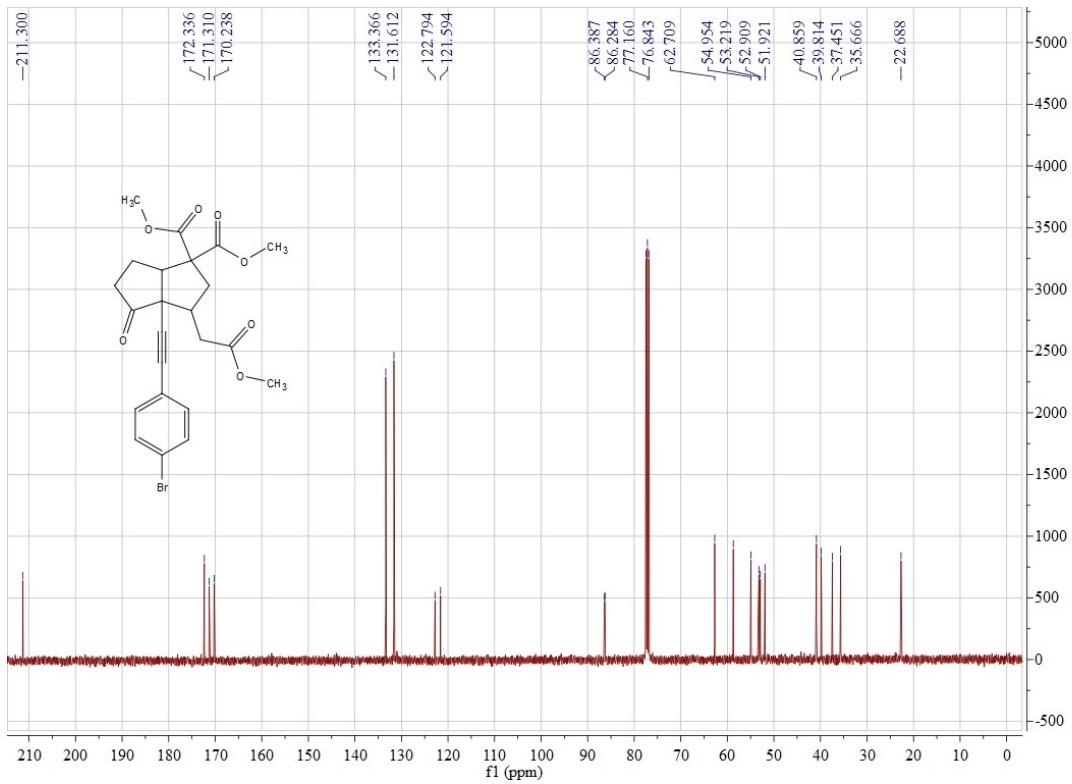
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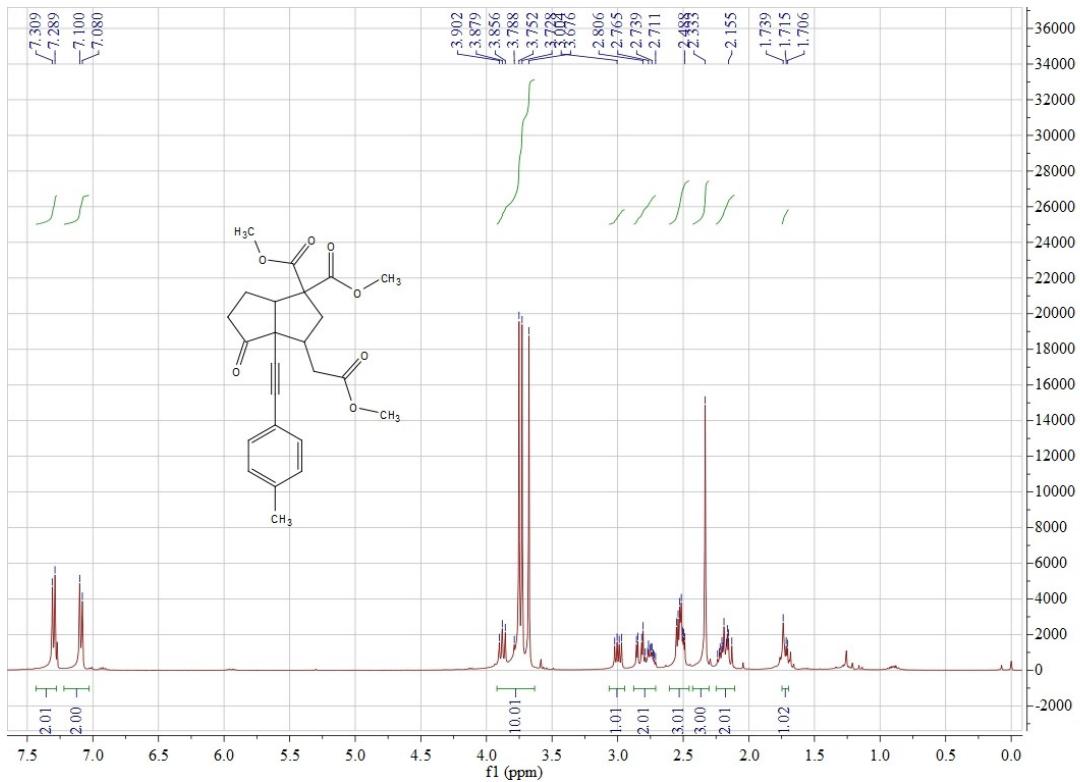


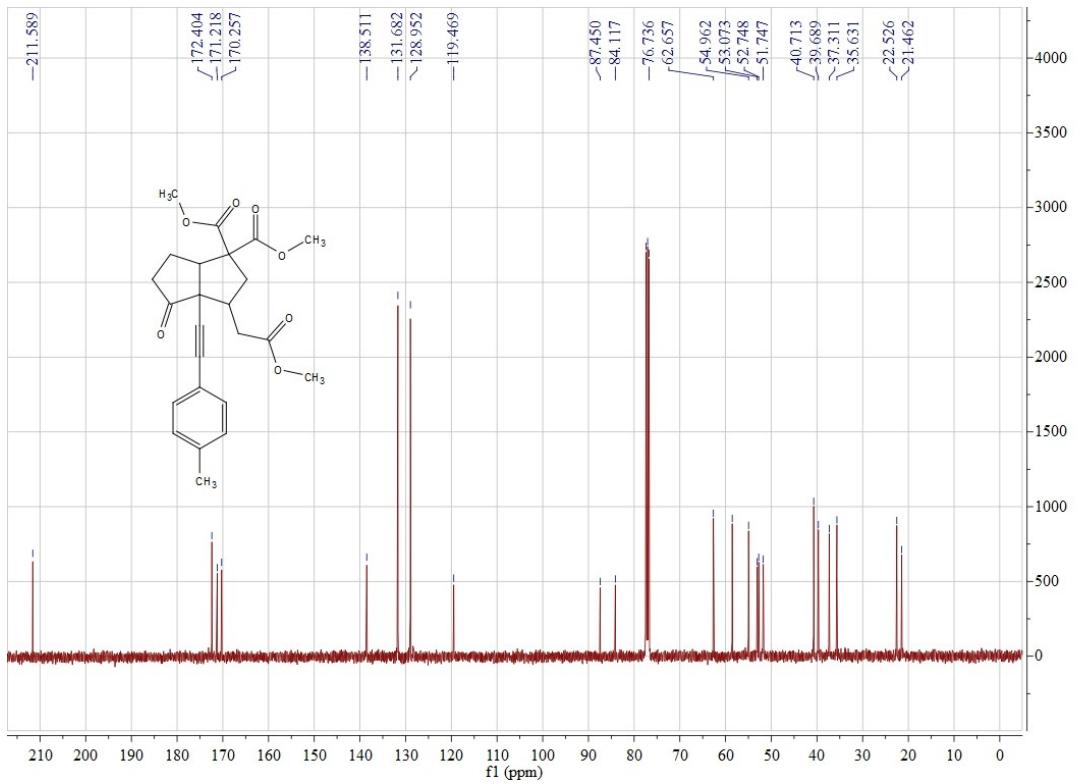
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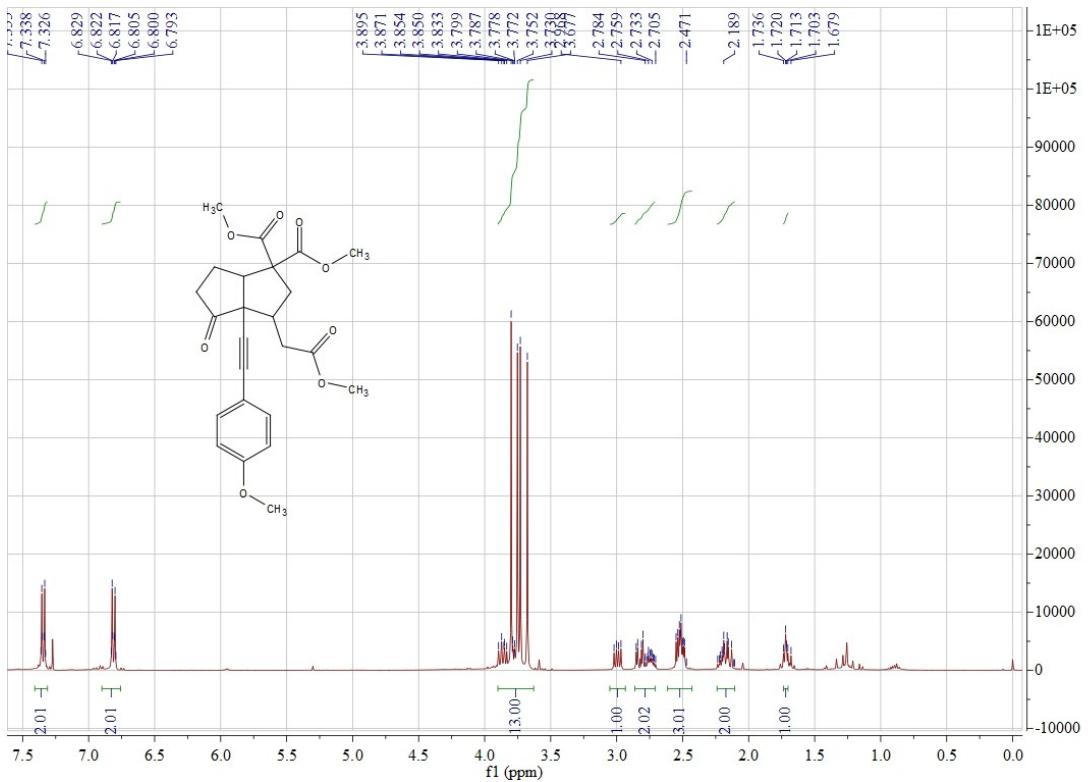


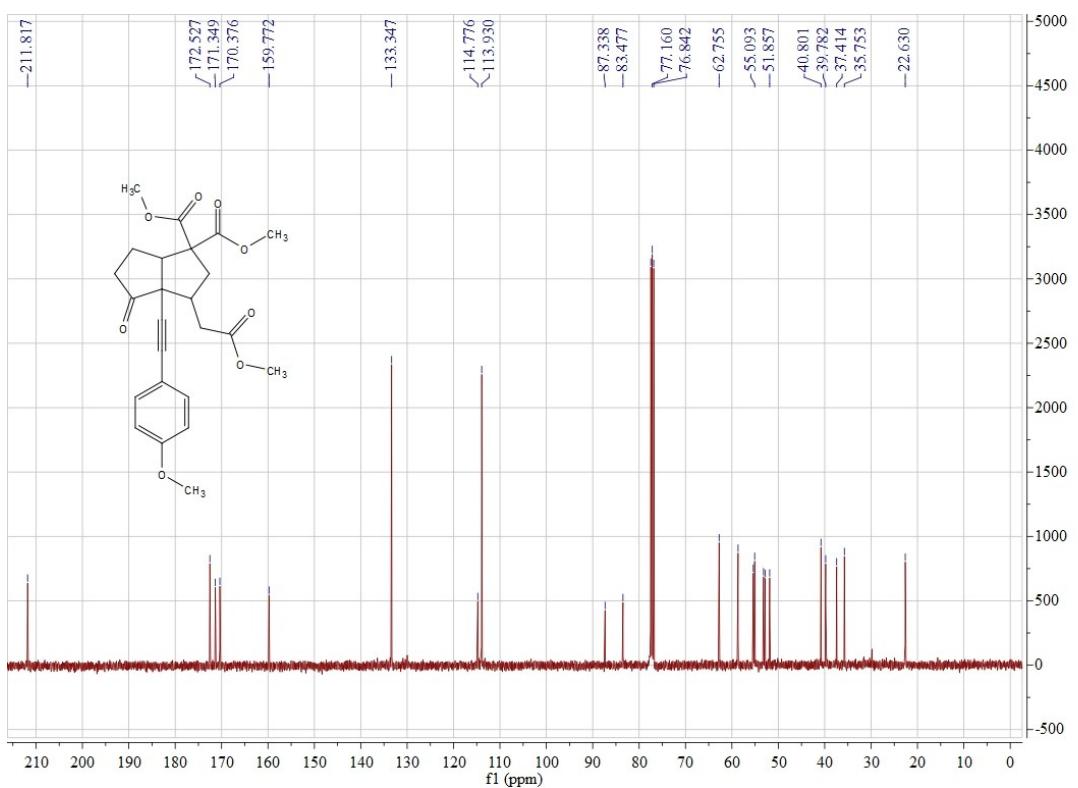
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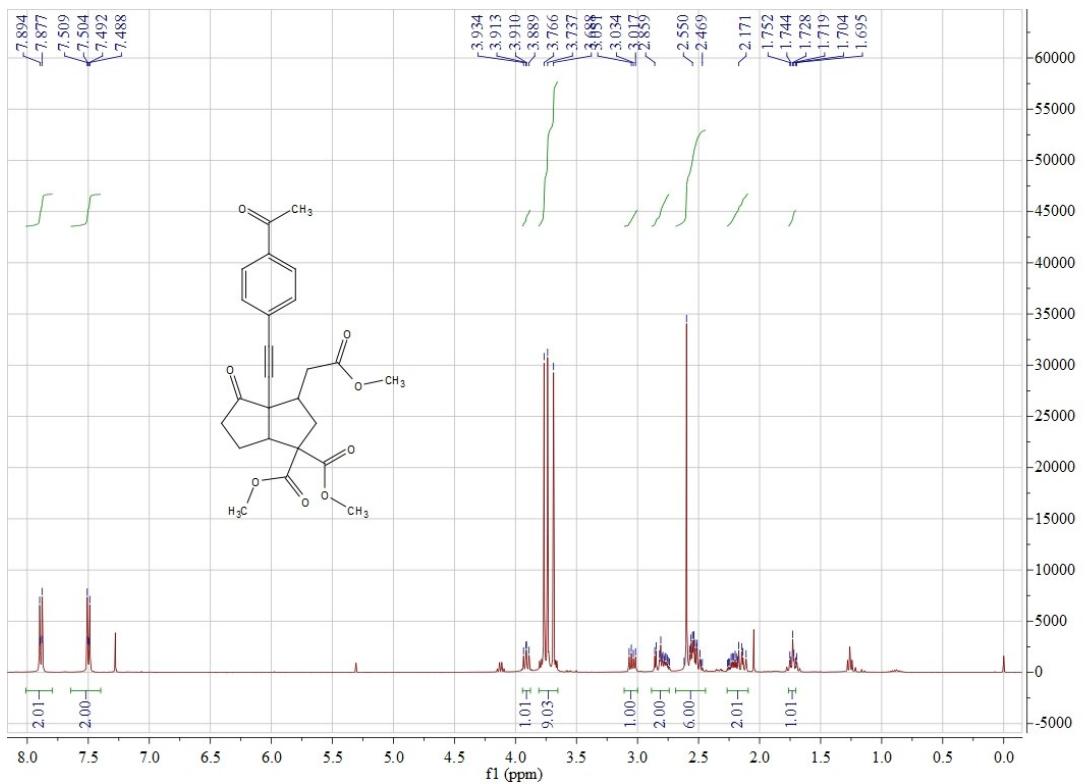


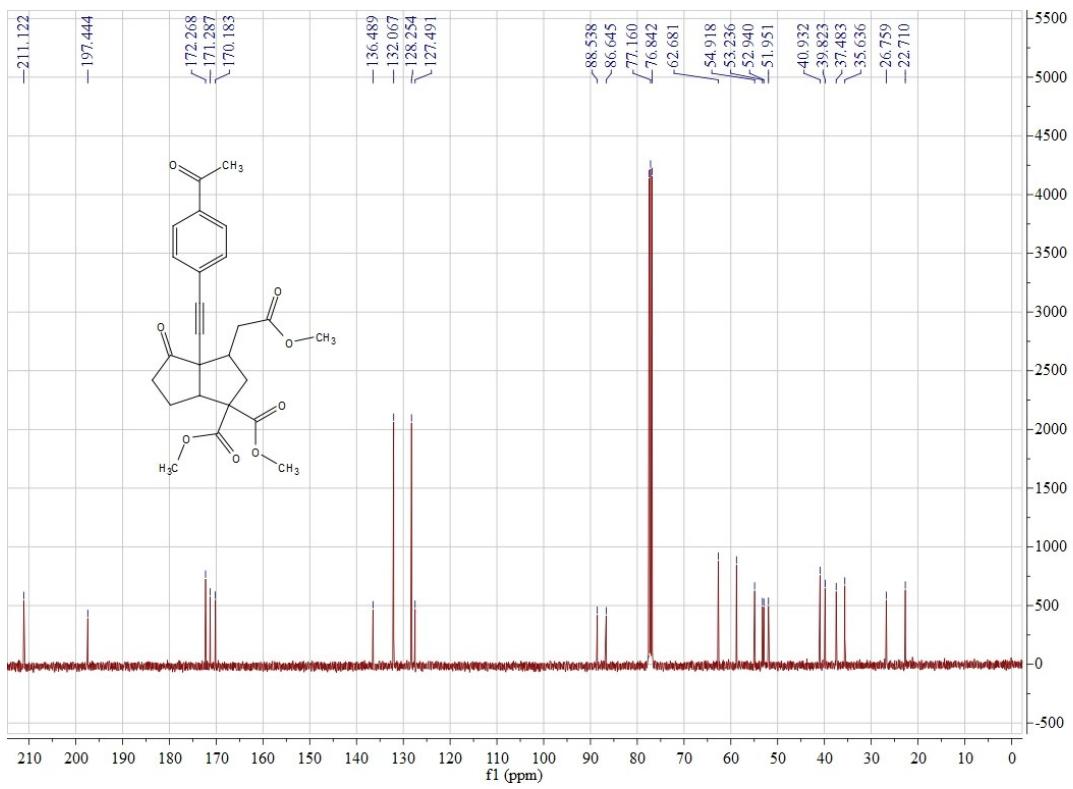
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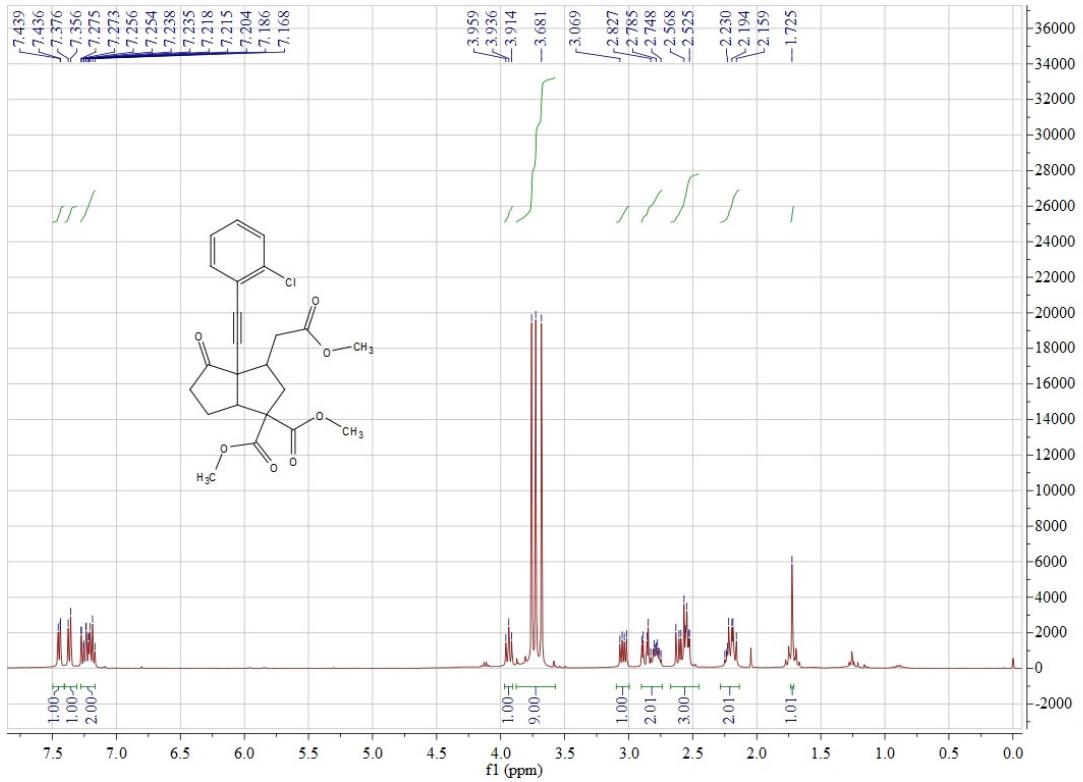


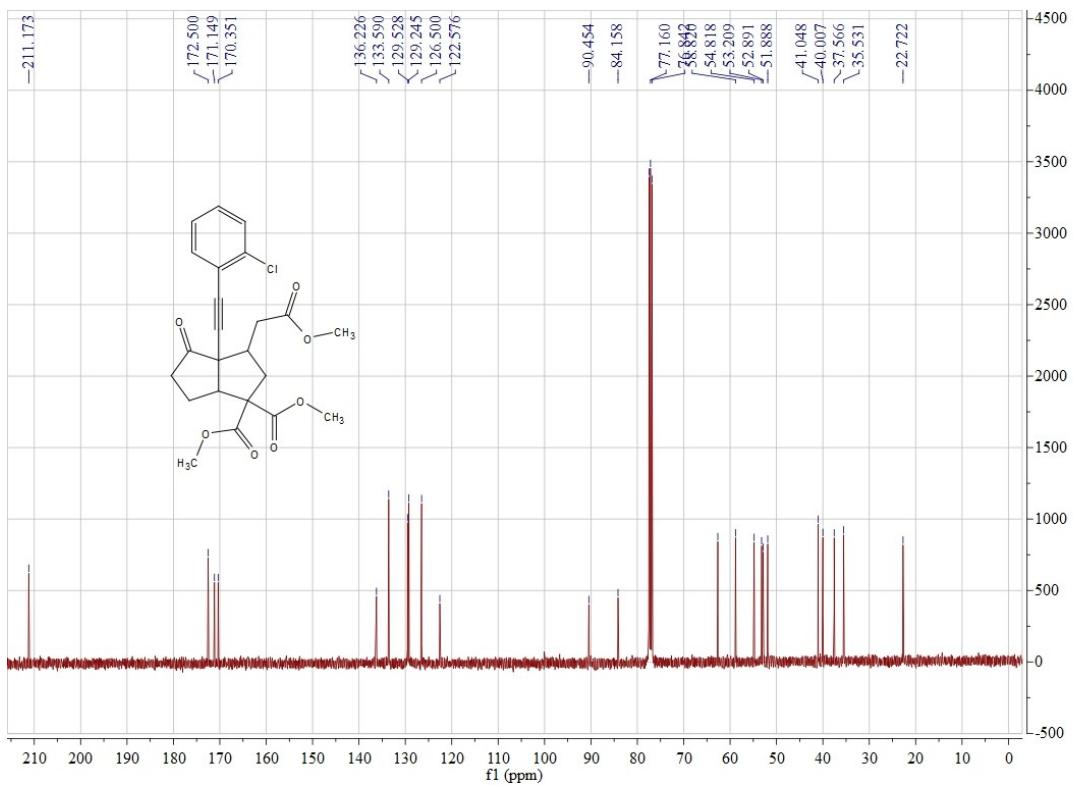
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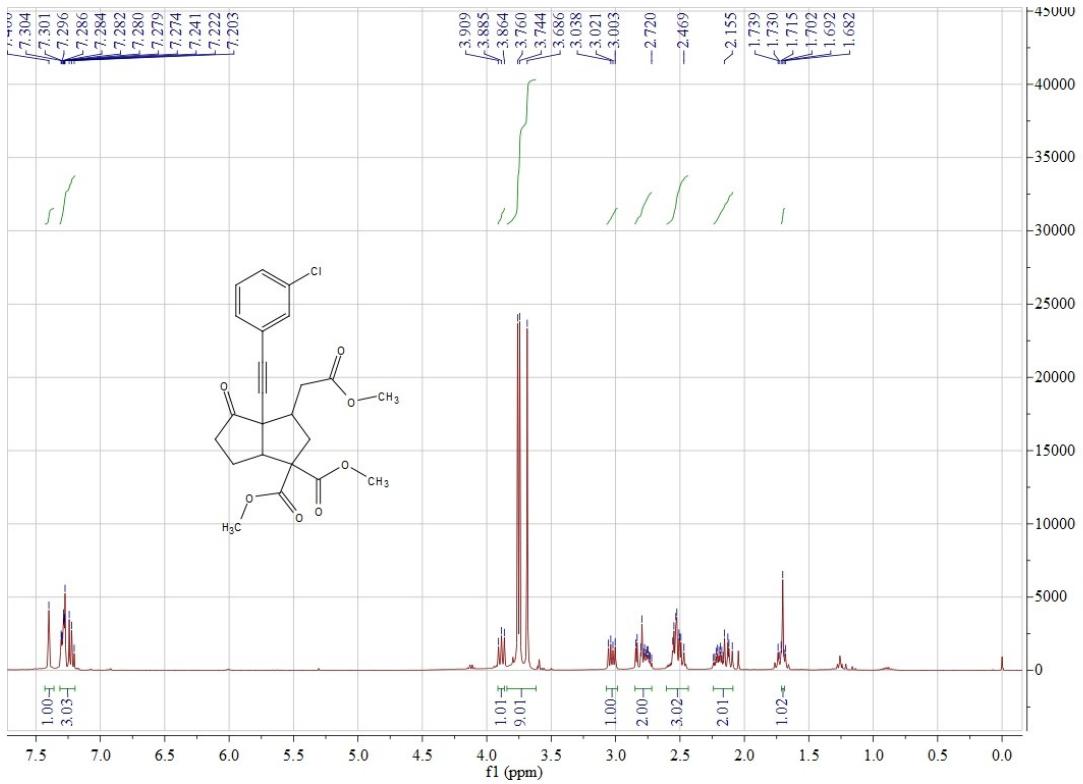


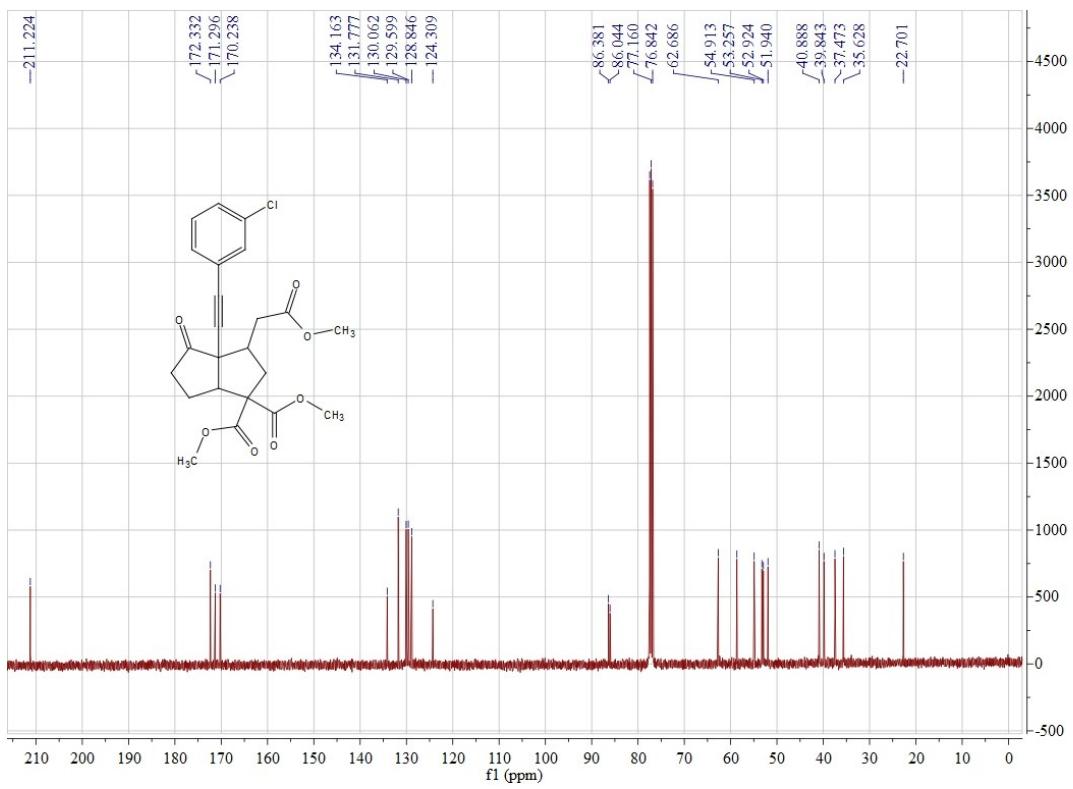
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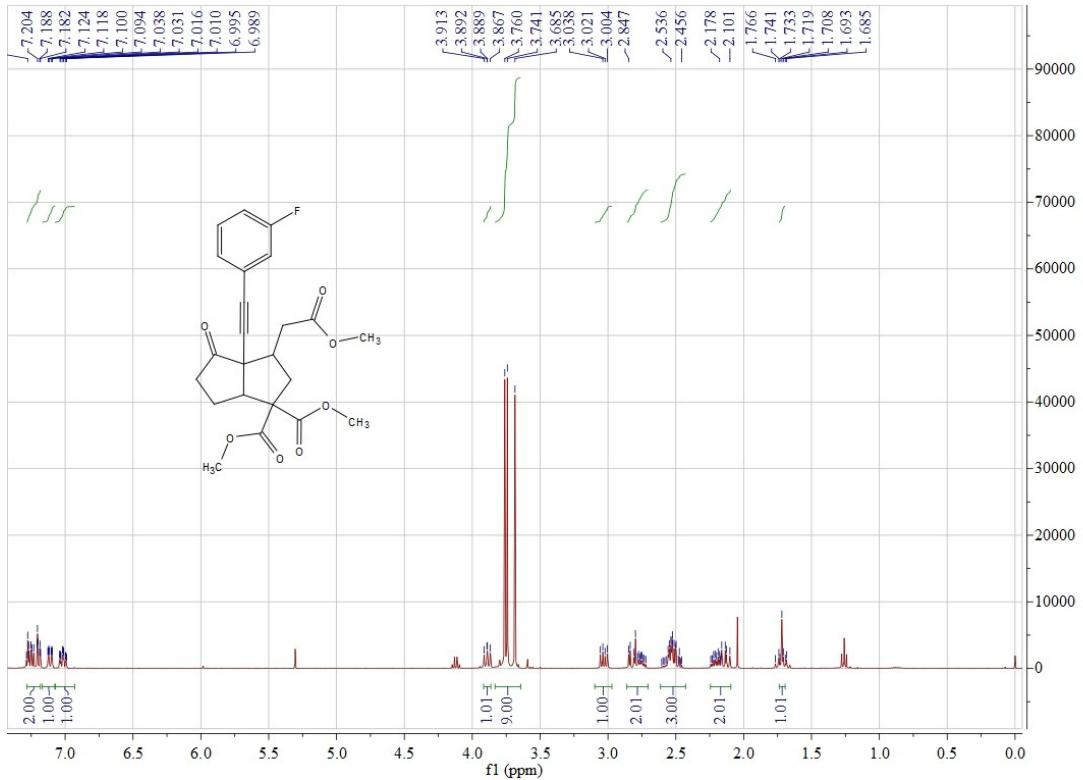


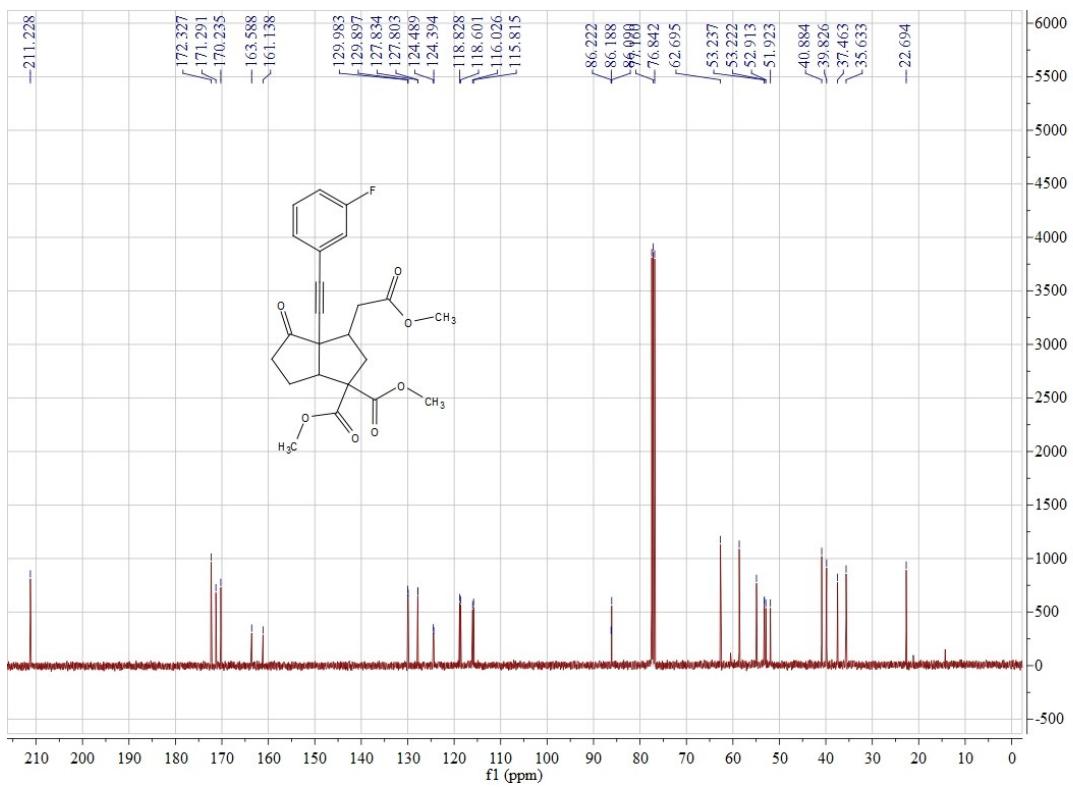
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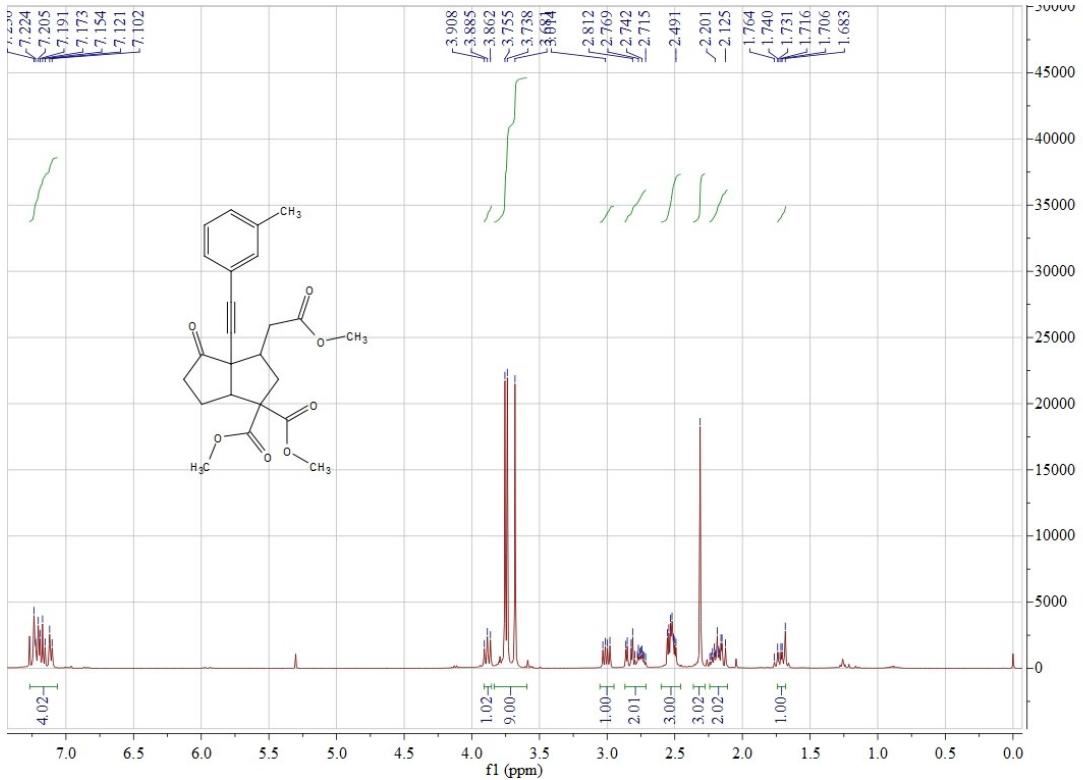


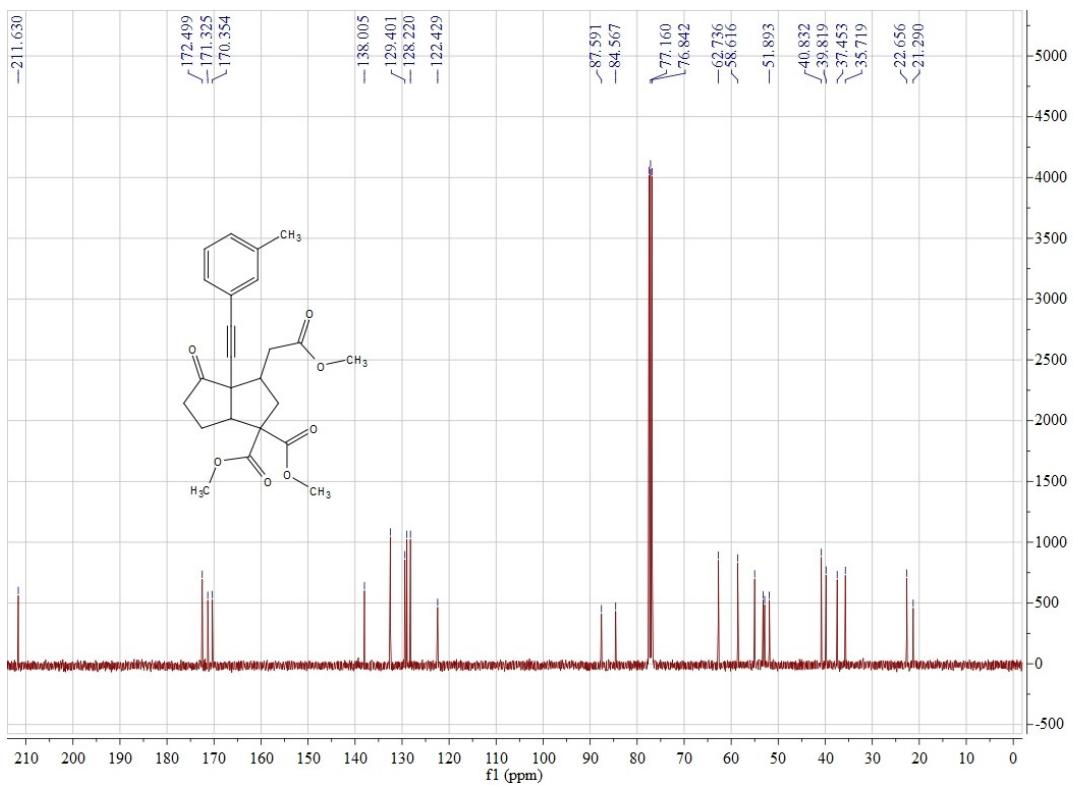
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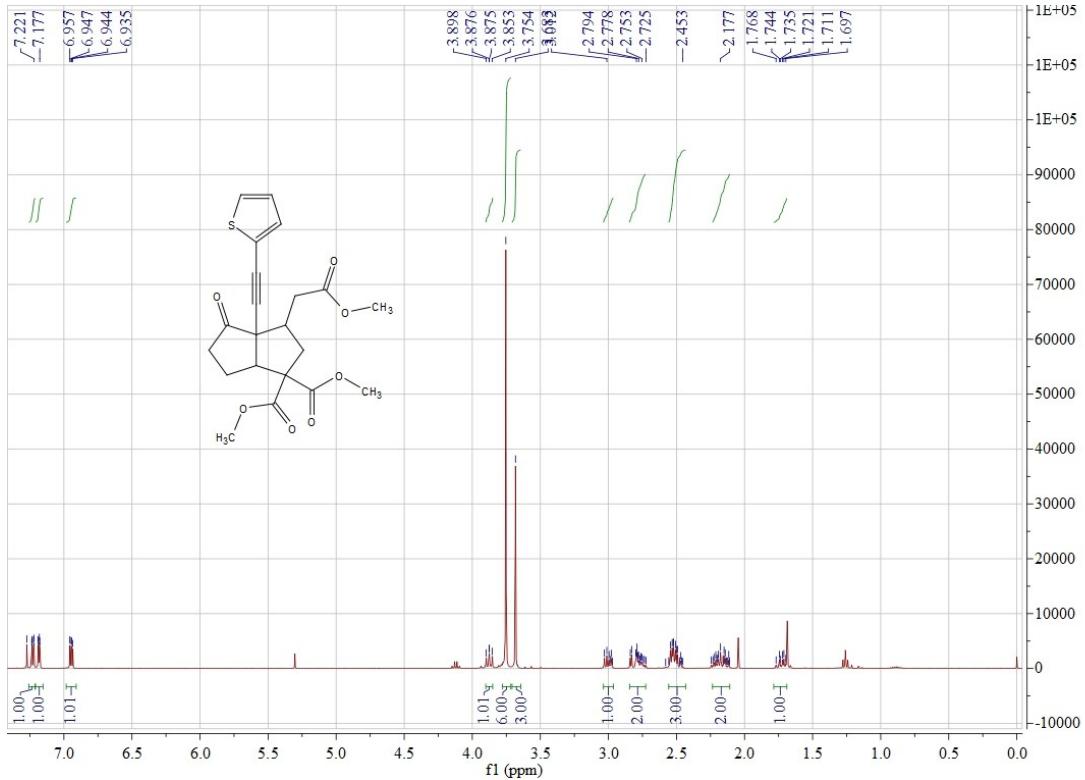


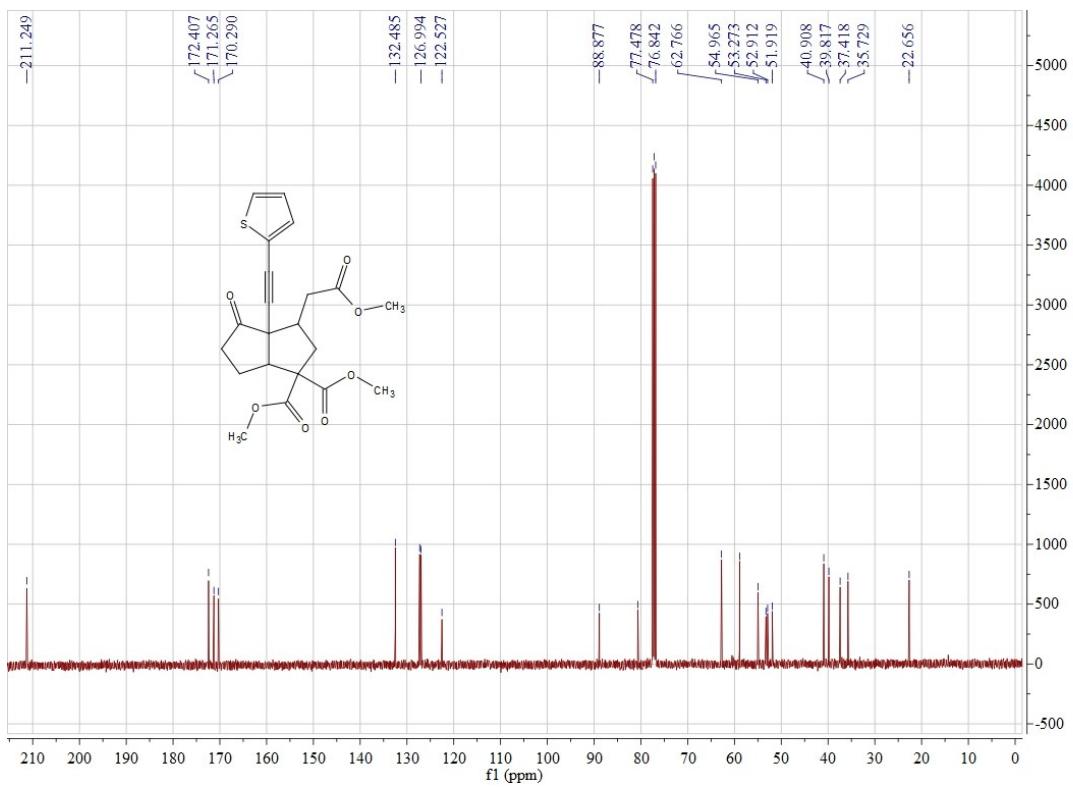
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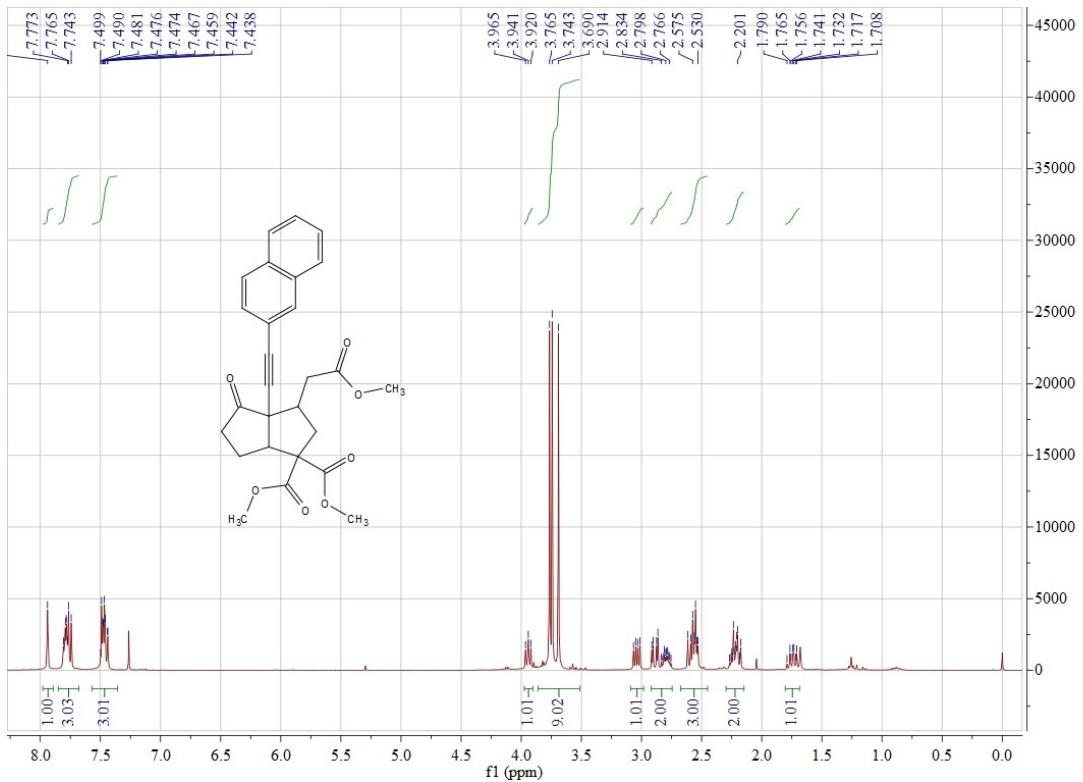


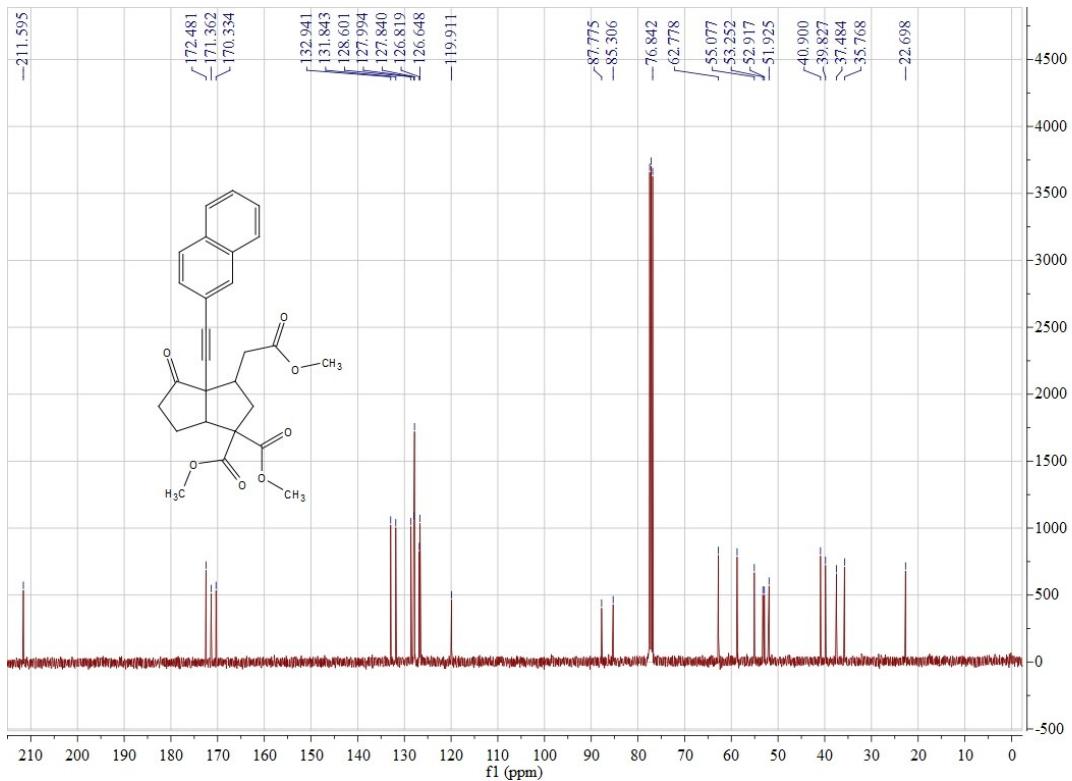
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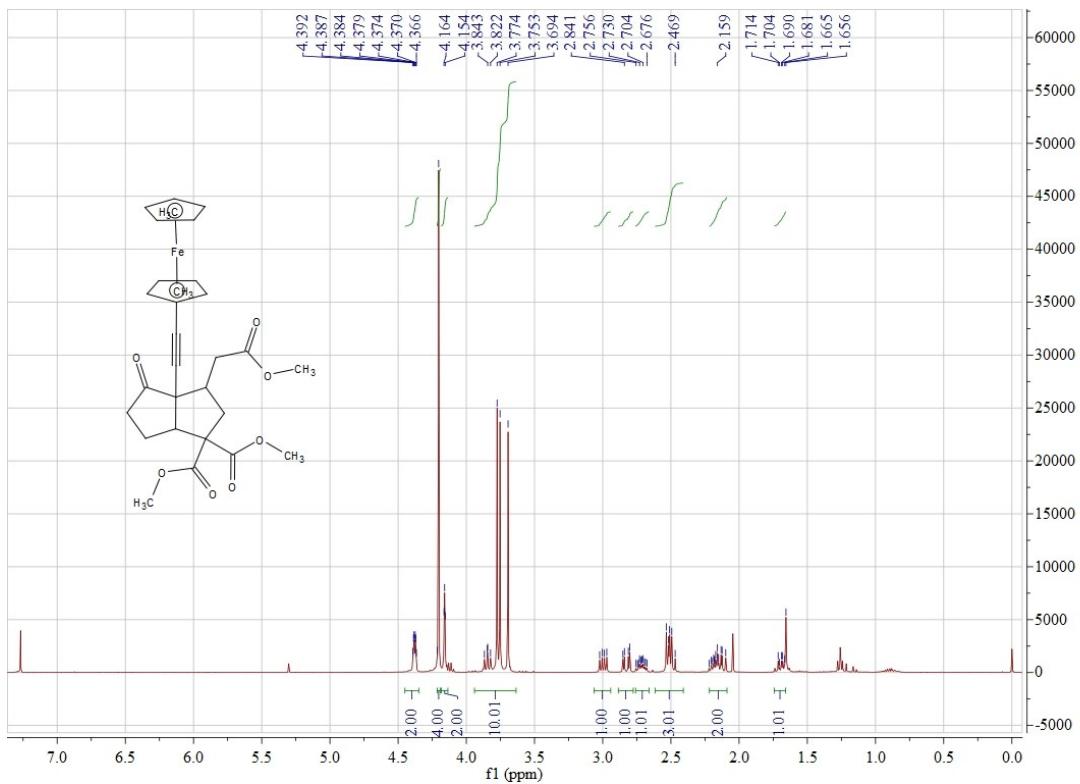


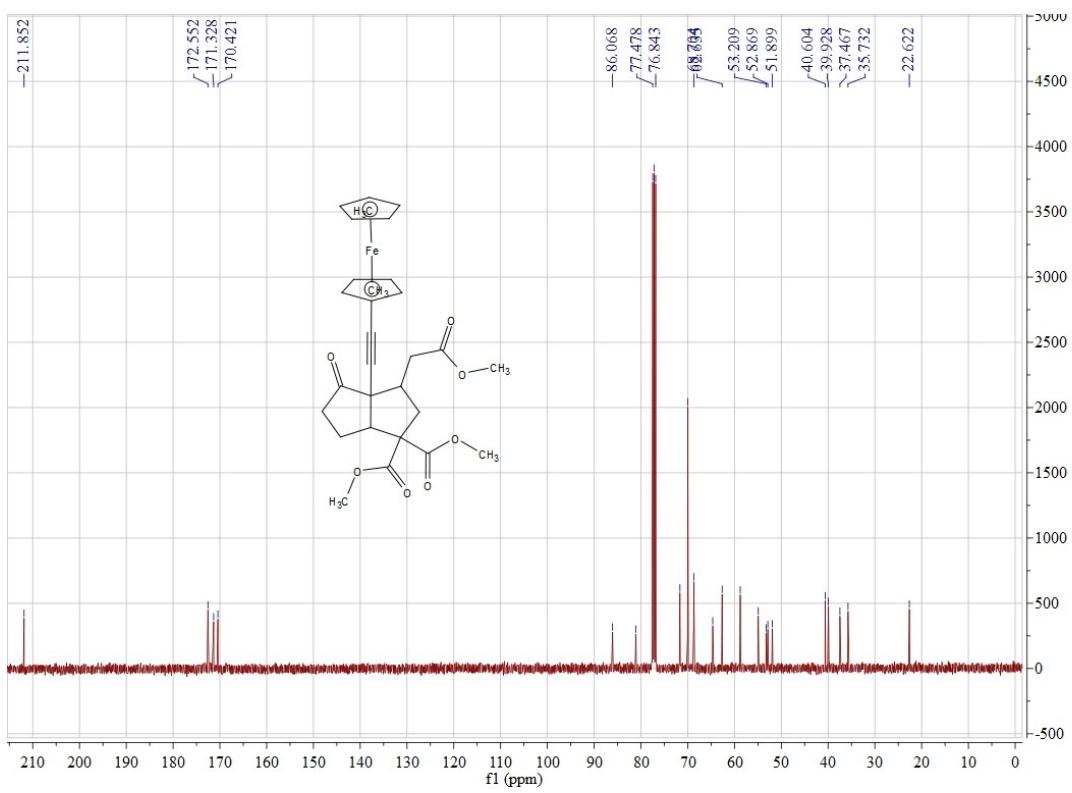
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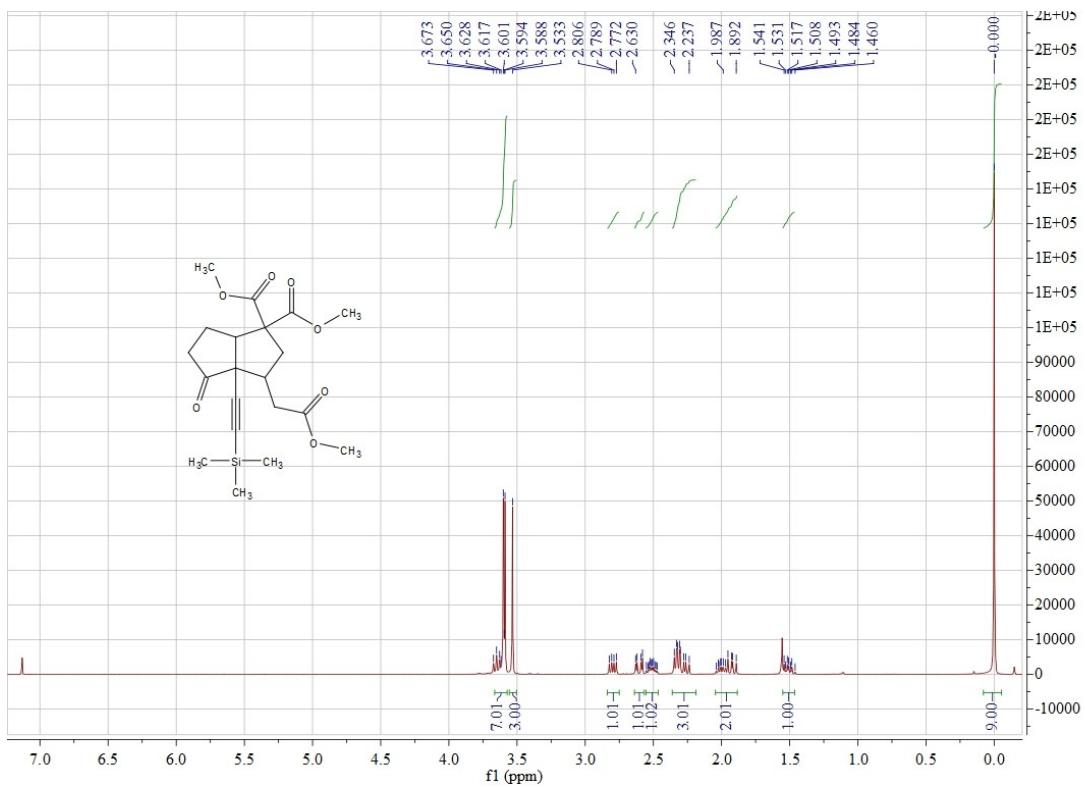


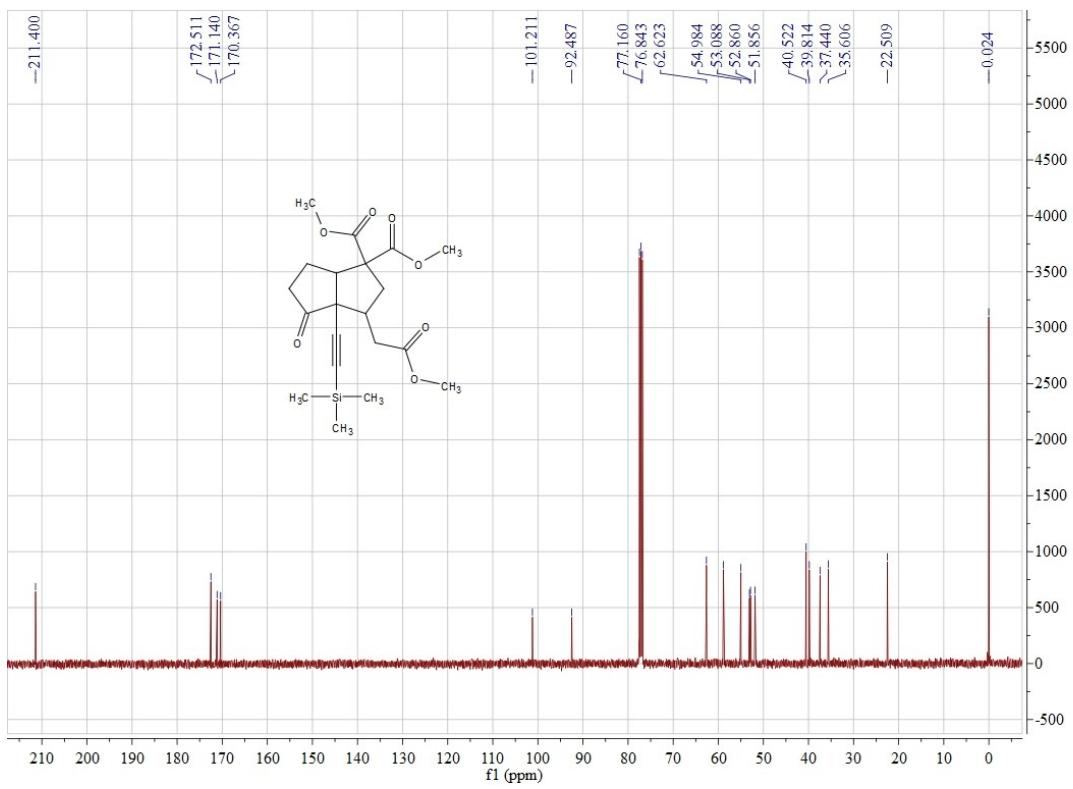
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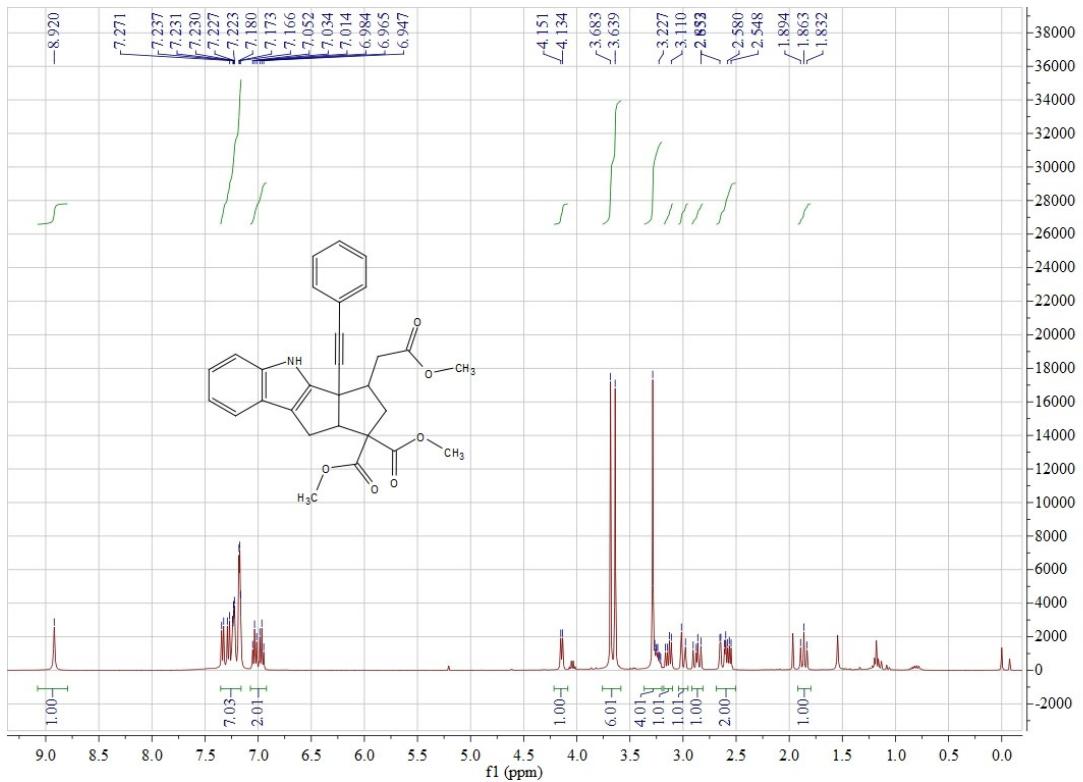


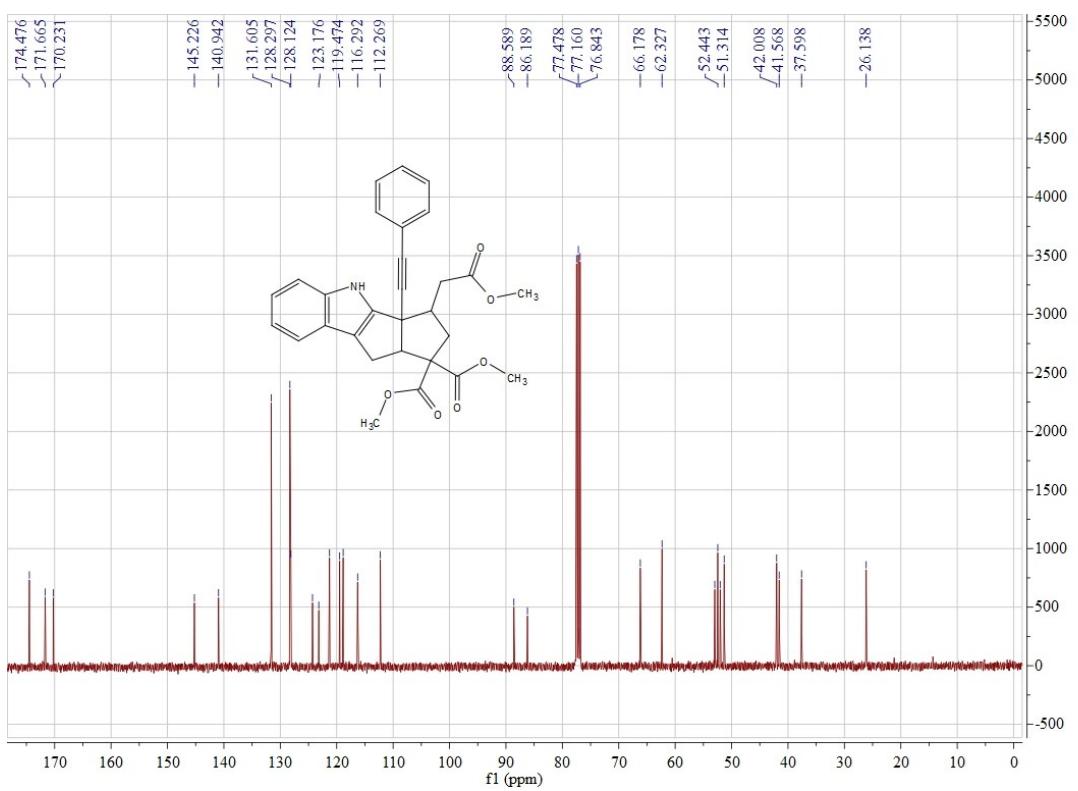
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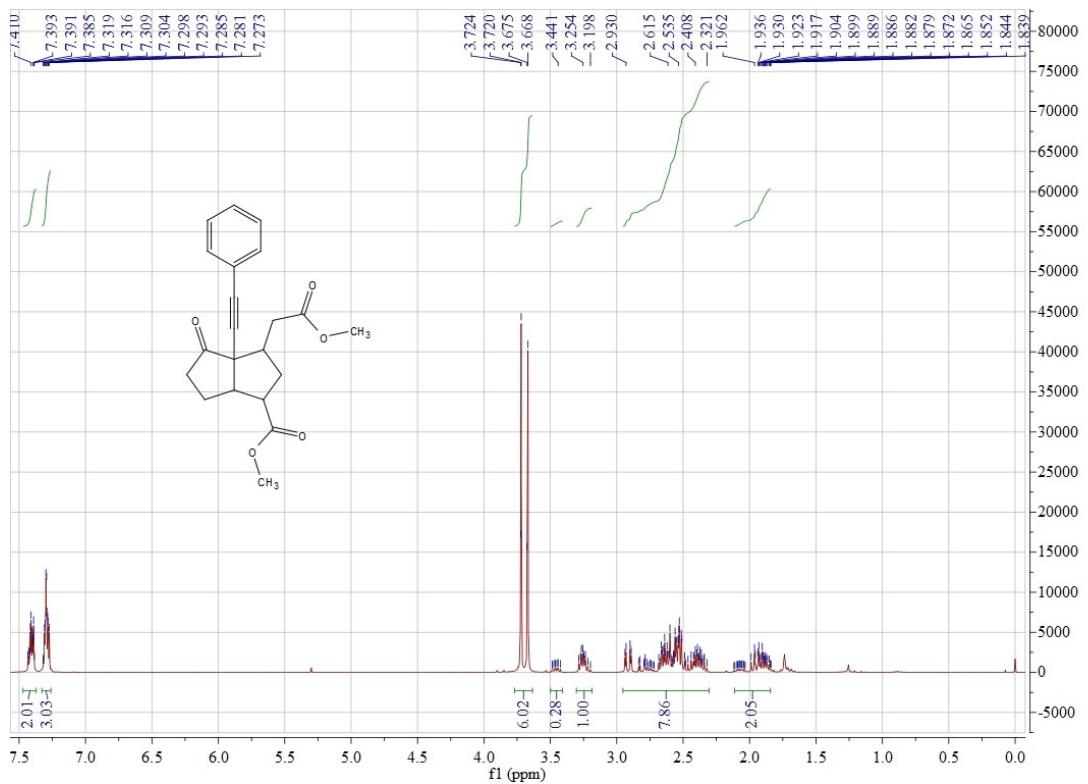


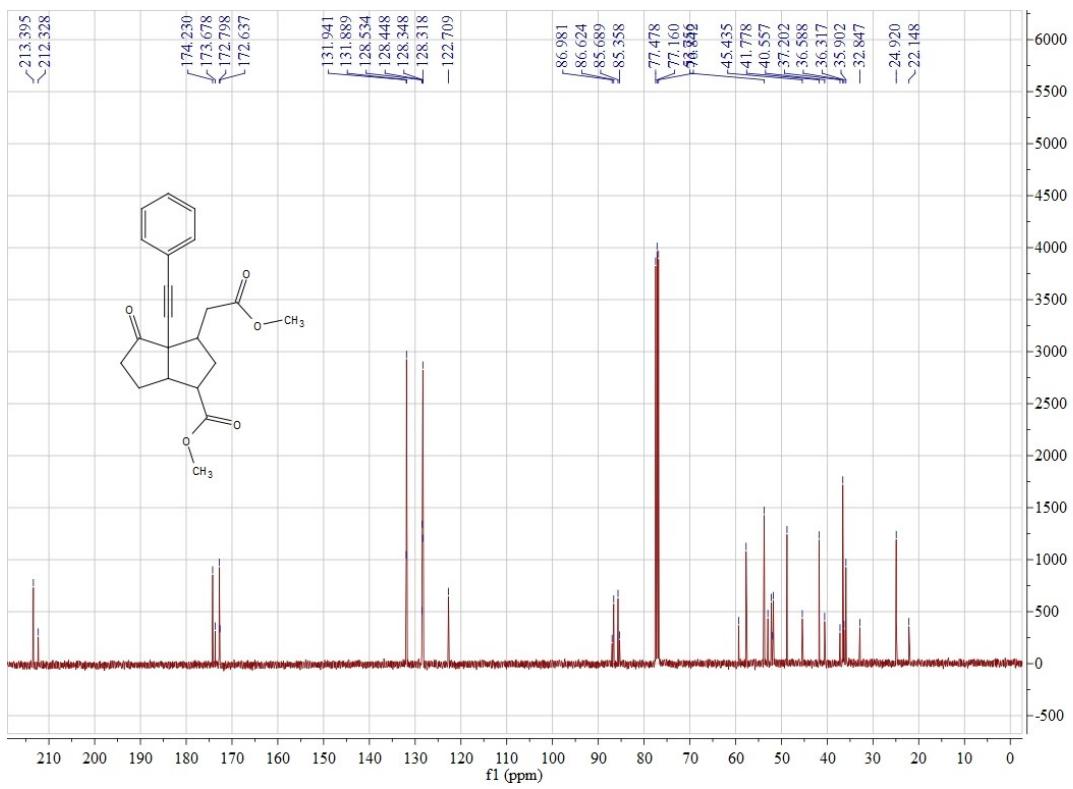
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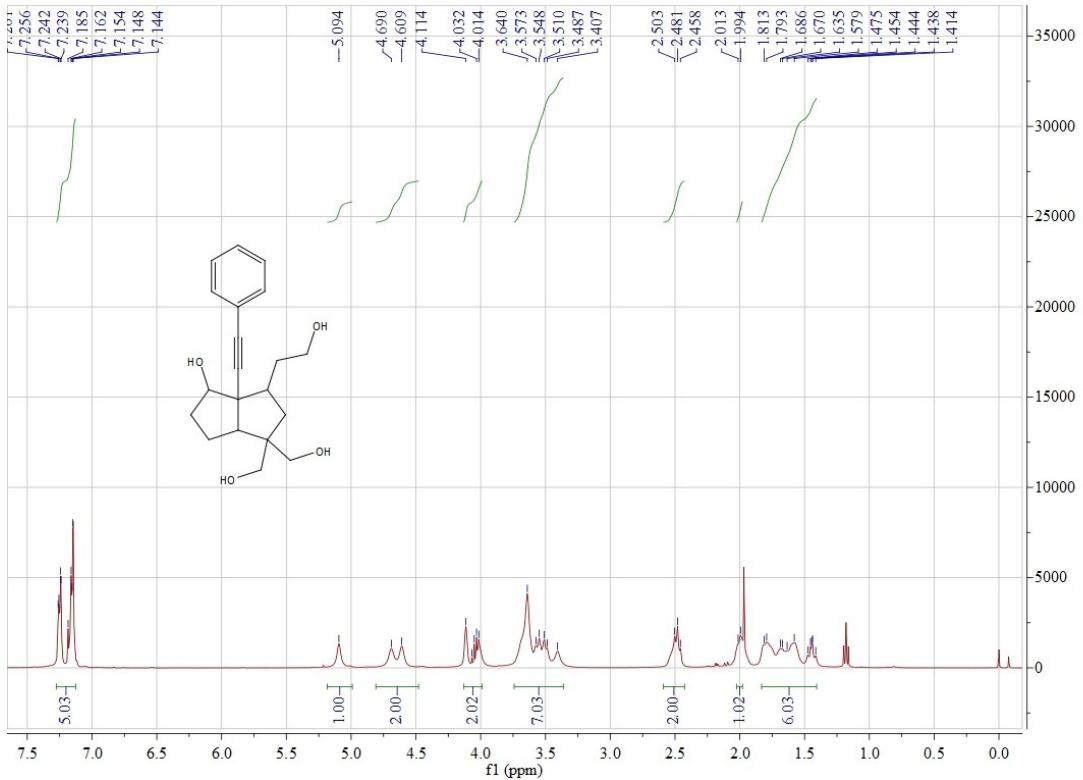


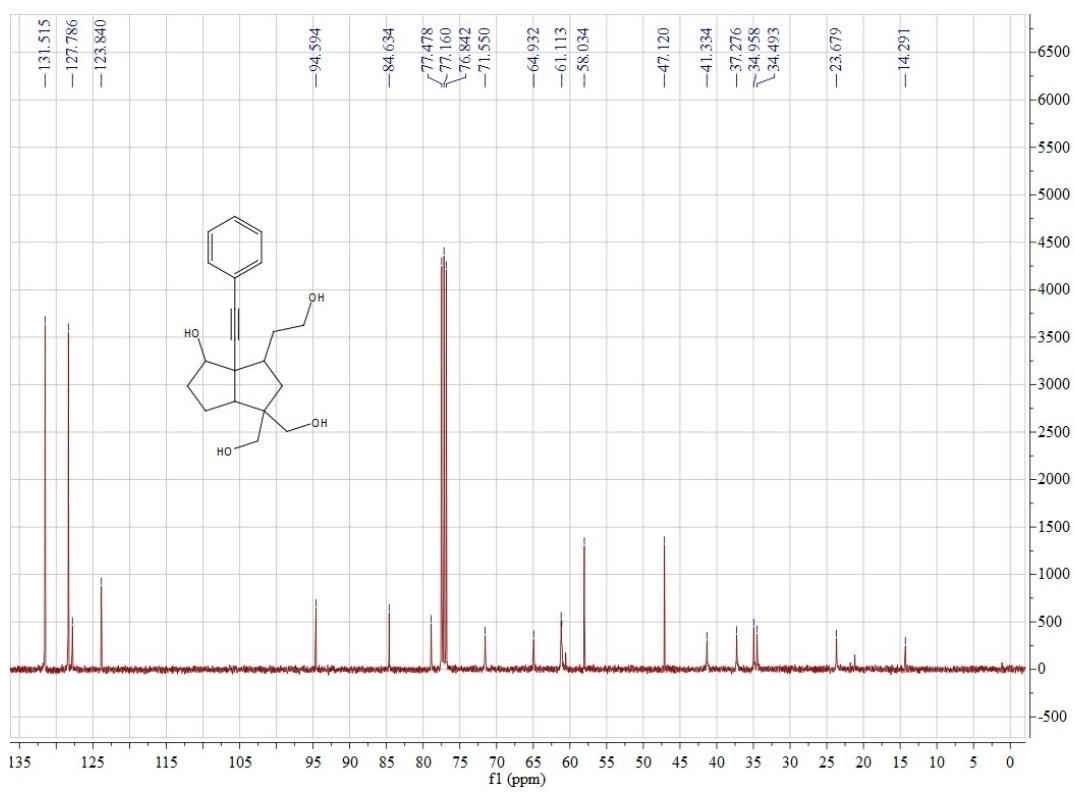
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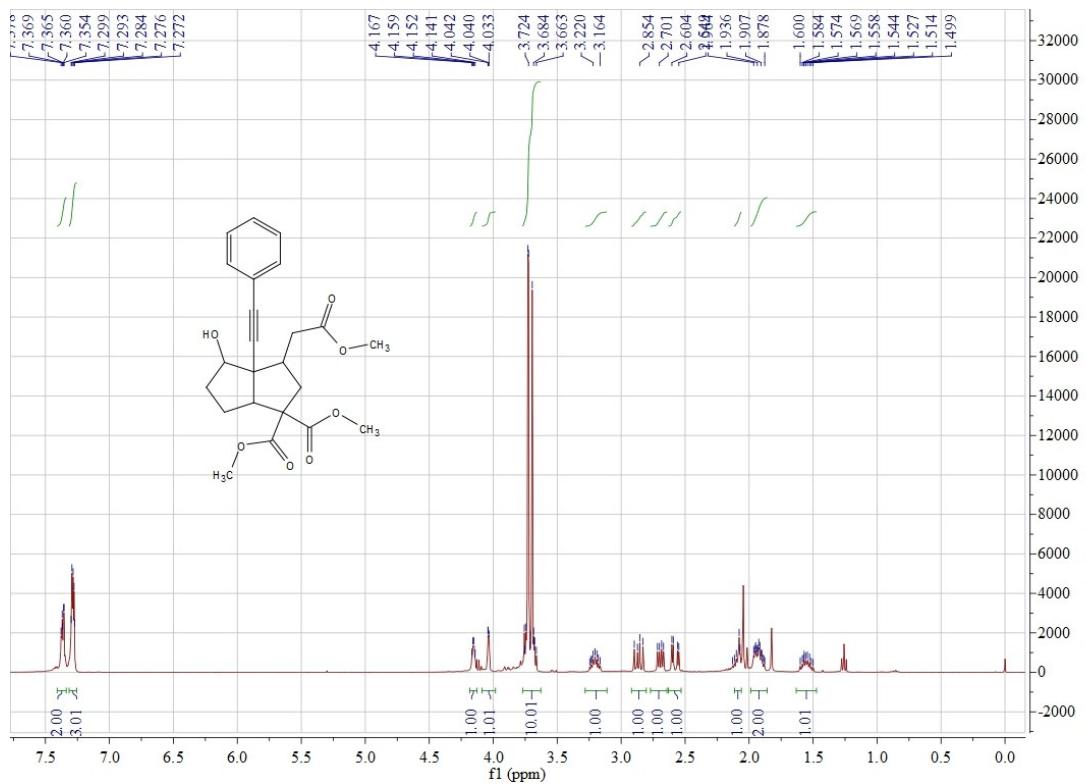


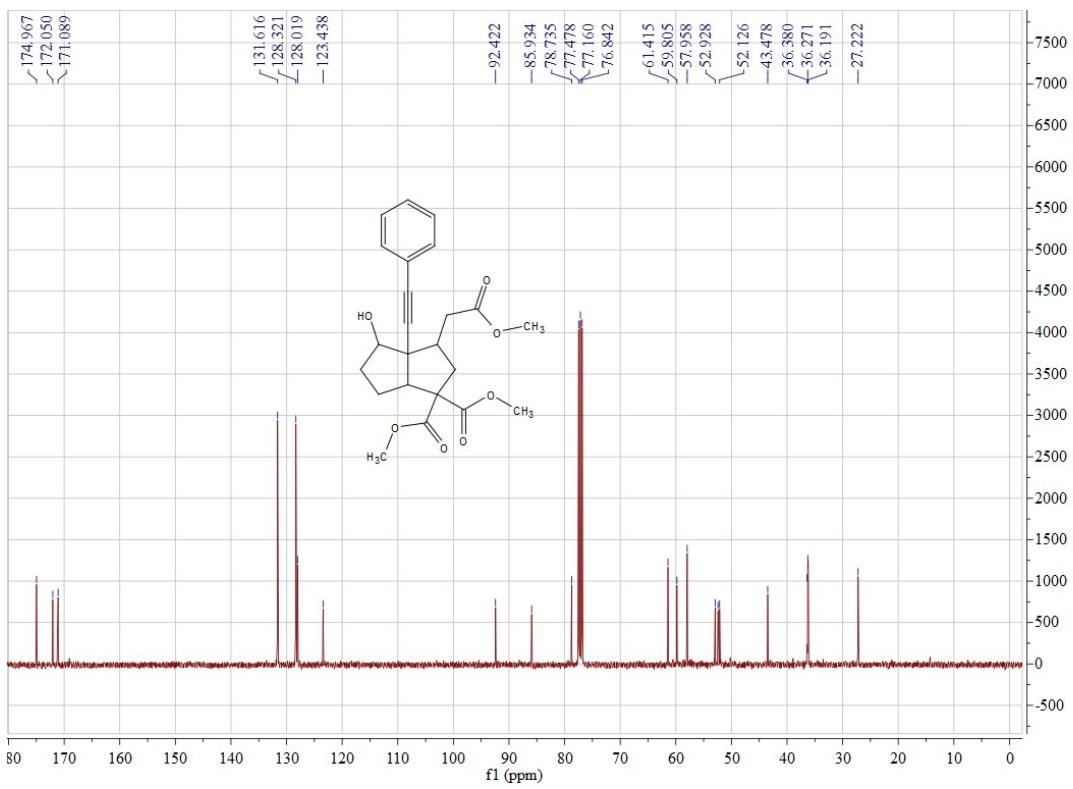
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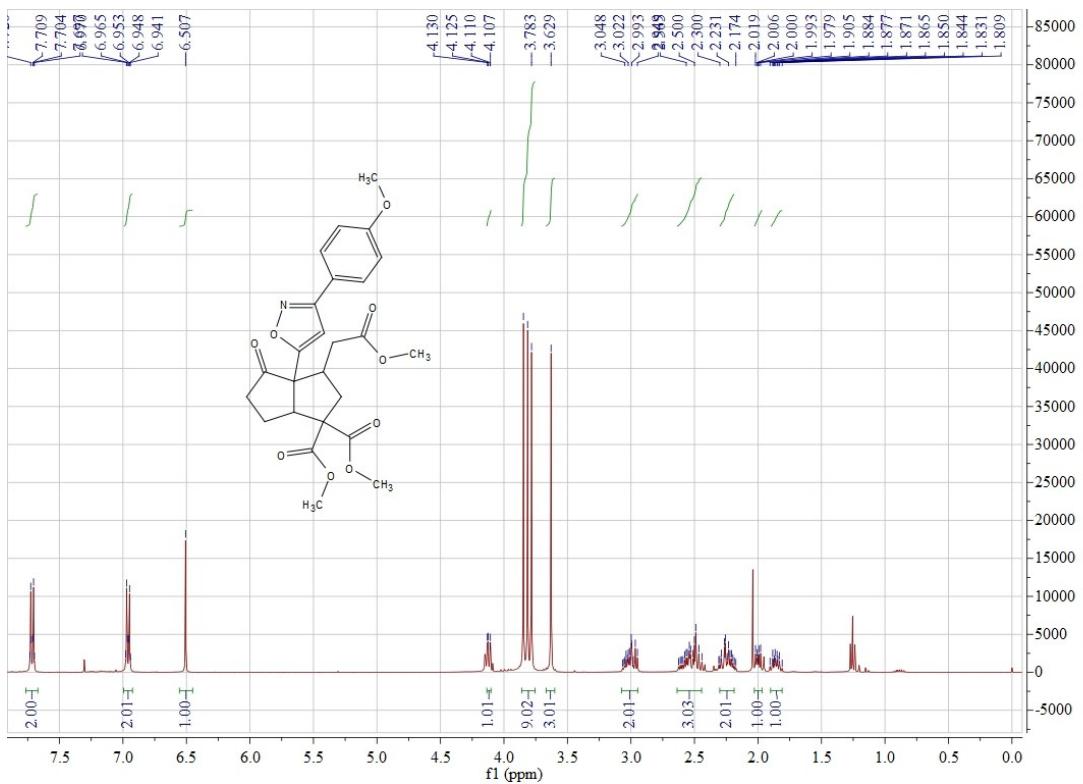


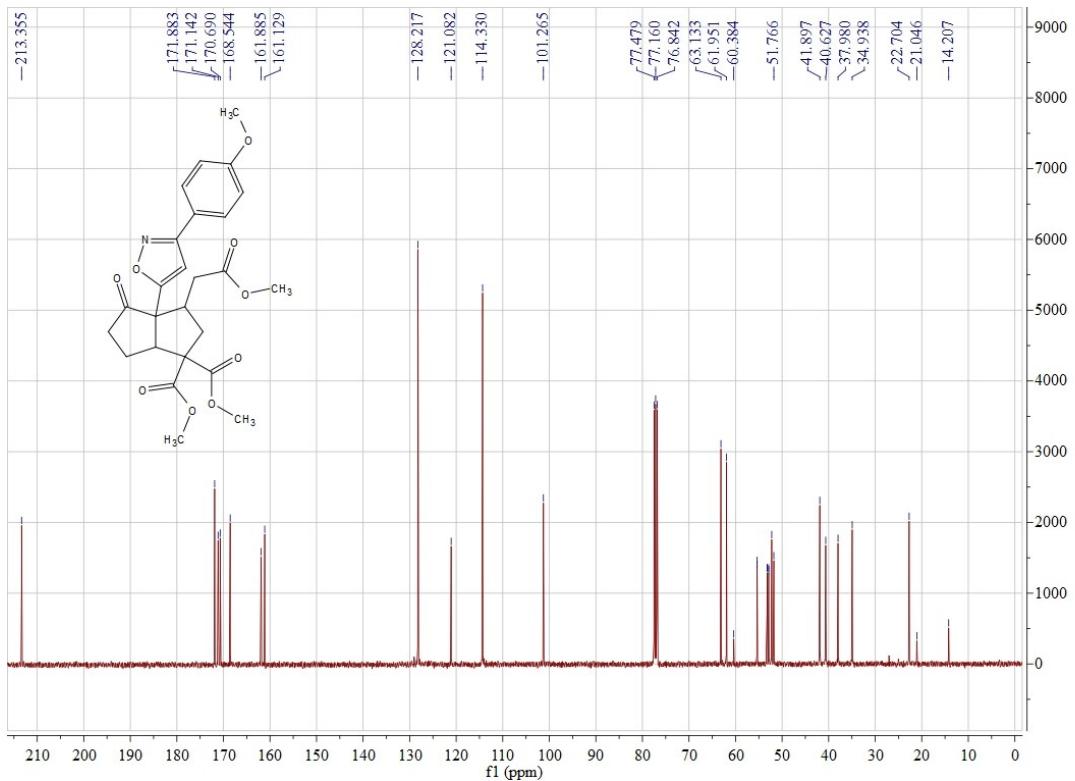
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