

# Carbene-catalyzed Acylation Reaction Promoted by an Unprecedented Oxidant CCl<sub>3</sub>CN

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## Supporting Information

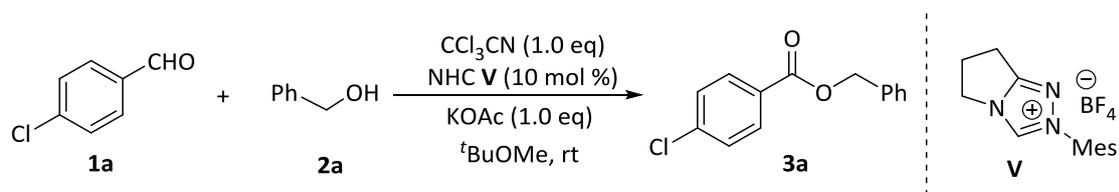
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## 1. General information

Chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise stated.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ACF400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference: proton (chloroform  $\delta$  7.26), carbon (chloroform  $\delta$  77.0) or tetramethylsilane (TMS  $\delta$  0.00) was used as a reference. Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), bs (broad singlet). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). Low resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT LCQ spectrometer in ESI mode, and a Finnigan/MAT 95XL-T mass spectrometer in EI mode. All high resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT 95XL-T spectrometer. For thin layer chromatography (TLC), Visualization on TLC was achieved by use of UV light (254 nm). Flash column chromatography was performed using Tsingdao silica gel (60, particle size 0.040-0.063 mm). The enantiomeric excesses of products were determined by chiral phase HPLC analysis.

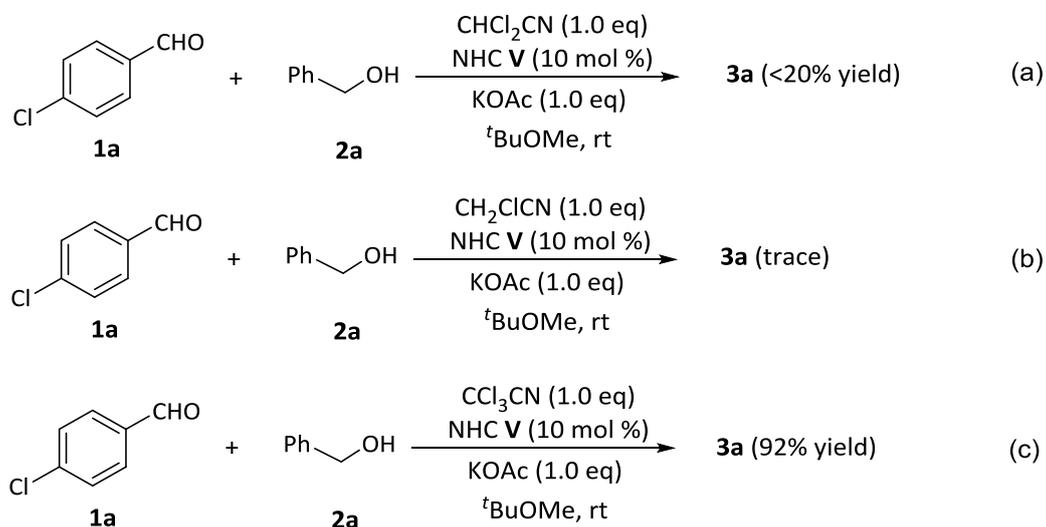
## 2. General procedure



To a flame-dried Schlenk reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar, was added the azolium precatalyst **V** (3.2 mg, 0.01 mmol), aldehyde **1a** (14.1 mg, 0.10 mmol), phenylmethanol **2a** (10.8 mg, 0.10 mmol) and KOAc (9.8 mg, 0.10 mmol). The Schlenk tube was closed with a septum, evacuated and refilled with Ar. After that  $\text{CCl}_3\text{CN}$  (14.4 mg, 10  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.1 mmol) and anhydrous  $t\text{BuOMe}$  (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was then stirred at room temperature until TLC indicated the fully consumed of the start materials. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was concentrated and directly purified through preparative thin layer chromatography on silica gel using EtOAc/hexane (1:20 to 1:10) as eluent to afford pure products **3a**.

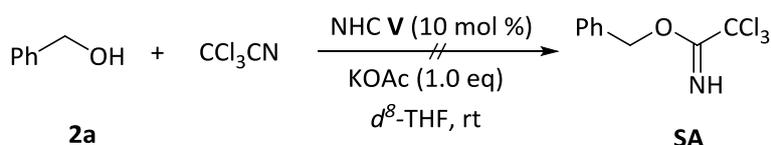
### 3. Control experiments and mechanistic study

**3.1** Control experiments with  $\text{CHCl}_2\text{CN}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{ClCN}$  and  $\text{CCl}_3\text{CN}$  as the oxidants were performed, it showed that the electron-deficient nature of those nitriles was crucial in the transformation (Scheme S1).

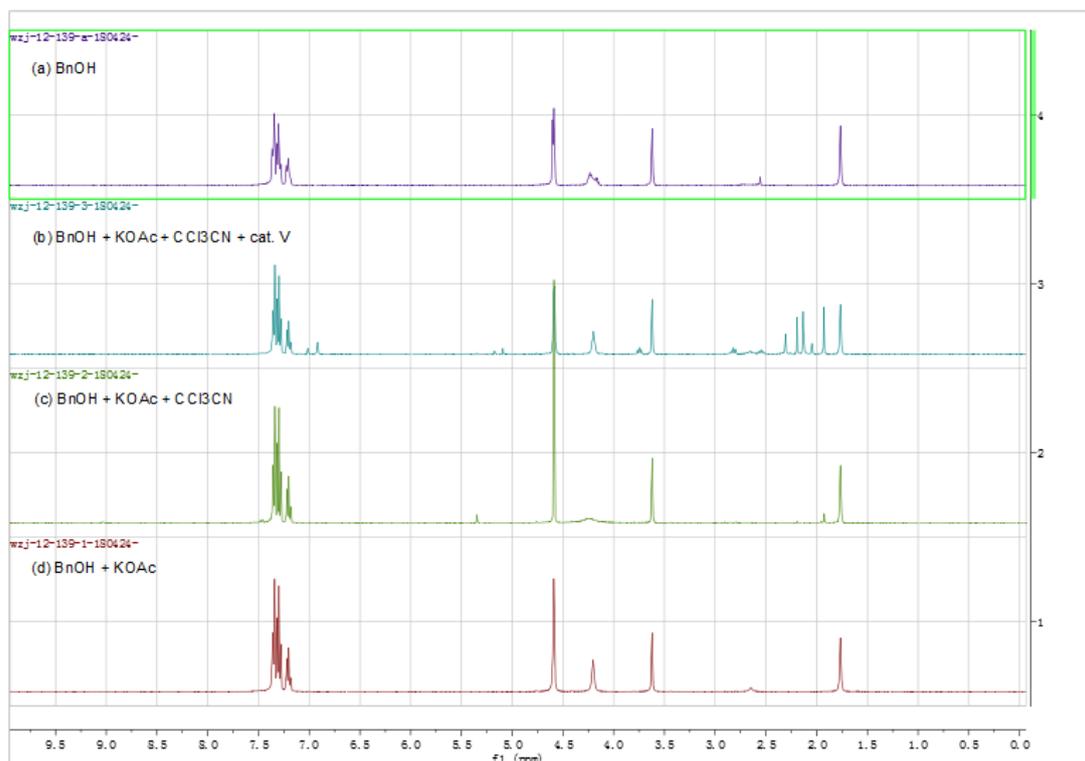


**Scheme S1**

**3.2** Under the strong base conditions, alcohol (e.g. phenylmethanol, **2a**) may react with  $\text{CCl}_3\text{CN}$  to give the benzyl 2,2,2-trichloroacetimidate<sup>1</sup> (**SA**, Scheme S2). However, mixed **2a** with cat. **V**,  $\text{CCl}_3\text{CN}$ , KOAc and *d*<sup>8</sup>-THF, the crude NMR data showed that no signal changes observed (Figure S1). We concluded that **SA** may not be formed under the reaction condition.

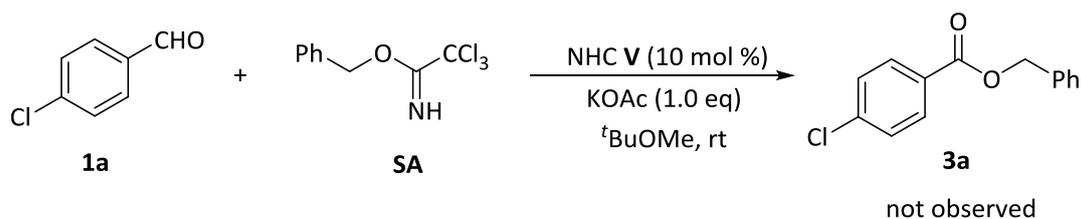


**Scheme S2**



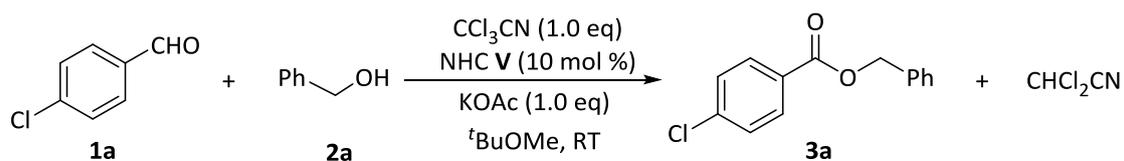
**Figure S1** NMR control experiment in  $d^8$ -THF. (a) BnOH in  $d^8$ -THF; (b) BnOH, KOAc,  $CCl_3CN$  and cat. **V** in  $d^8$ -THF; (c) BnOH, KOAc and  $CCl_3CN$  in  $d^8$ -THF; (d) BnOH and KOAc in  $d^8$ -THF.

Furthermore, when **SA** (prepared according to the literature procedure<sup>2</sup>) was employed to react with **1a**, the desired product **3** was not observed (Scheme S3). Those results demonstrated that **SA** was not the intermediate for the reaction.

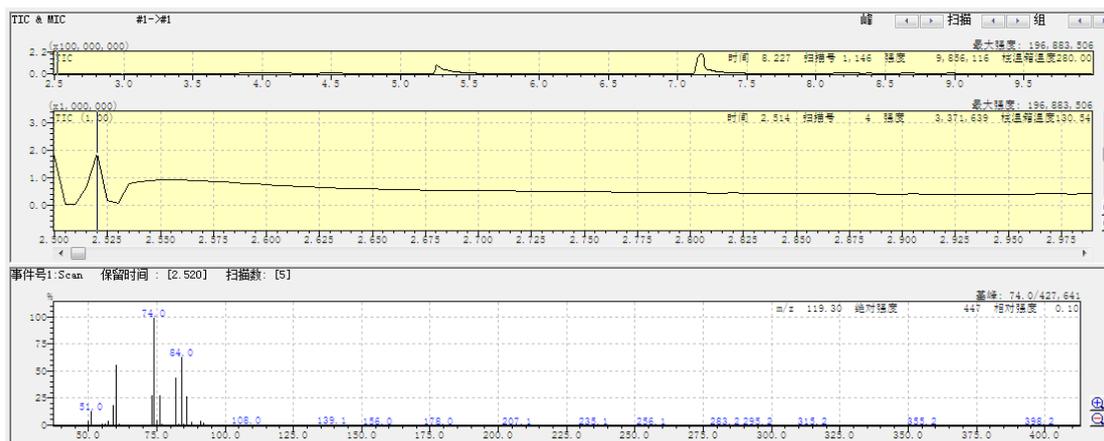


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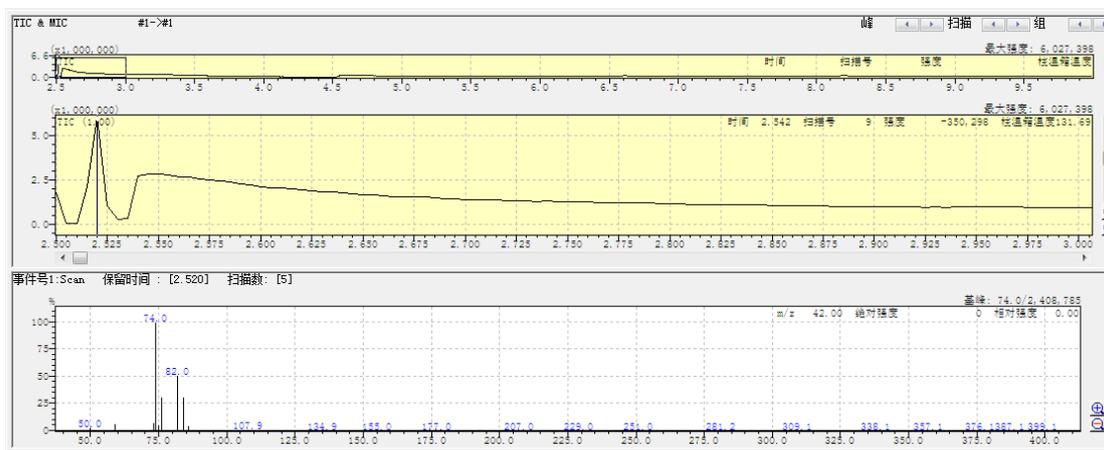
**3.3** When the standard reaction between **2a** and **1a** was finished (Scheme S4),  $CHCl_2CN$  could be detected by GC-MS (Figure S2 and Figure S3).



**Scheme S4**

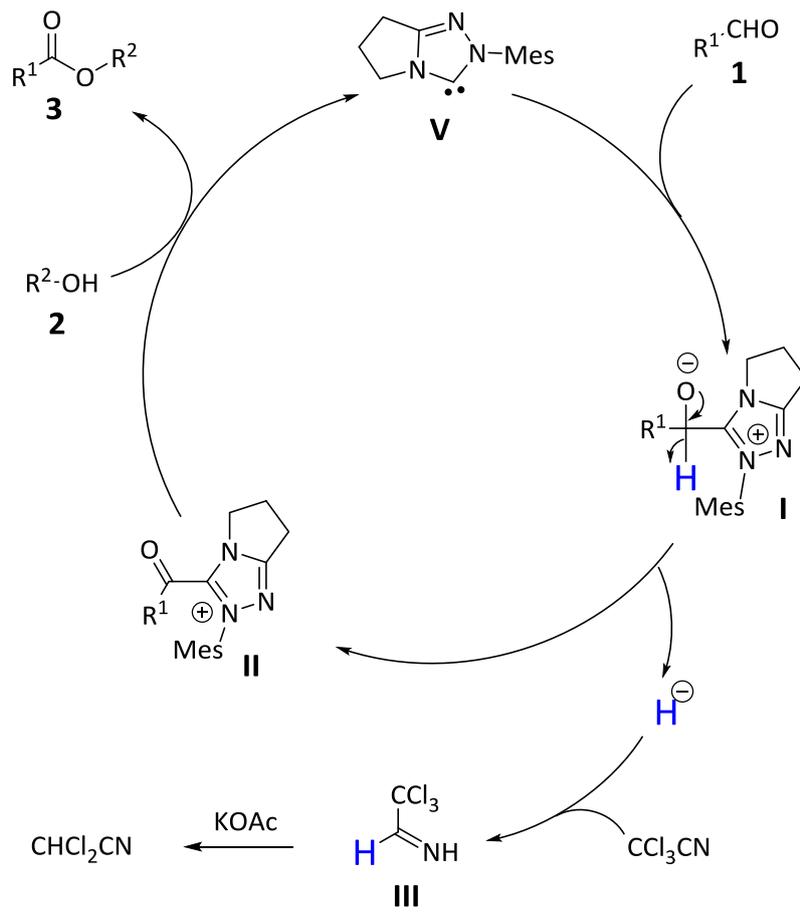


**Figure S2** GC-MS spectrum of the reaction mixture



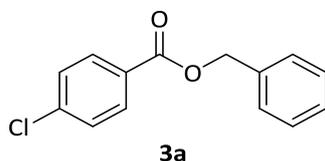
**Figure S3** GC-MS spectrum of  $\text{CHCl}_2\text{CN}$

Building upon above mechanistic studies, a plausible mechanism for this transformation is proposed as Scheme S5. The catalytic cycle is proposed to go through hydride transfer process. A hydride transfers from **I** to  $\text{CCl}_3\text{CN}$  to afford acyl azolium **II** and intermediate **III** (it was documented by Savkov that dichloroacetonitrile could undergo hydrogenation by triosmium dihydride cluster under mild conditions<sup>3</sup>). Dehydrochlorination of **III** leads to the byproduct  $\text{CHCl}_2\text{CN}$ <sup>4</sup>. Lastly, intermediate **II** reacts with nucleophile **2** to give the final product **3** along with the regeneration of catalyst **V** for next catalytic cycle.

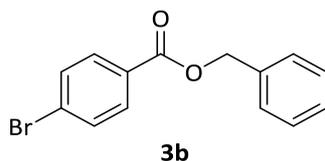


**Scheme S5 Postulated mechanism**

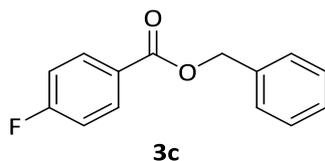
#### 4. Characterization



Benzyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**3a**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 92% yield (22.7 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.38 (m, 7H), 5.38 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.6, 139.5, 135.8, 131.1, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 67.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 247.0526, found 247.0530.

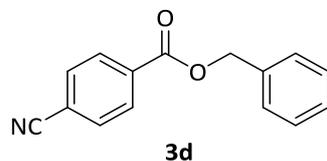


Benzyl 4-bromobenzoate (**3b**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 91% yield (26.5 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.96 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.60 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 5.38 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.7, 135.8, 131.8, 131.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 67.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 291.0015, found 291.0017.

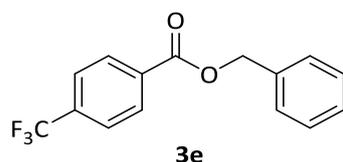


Benzyl 4-fluorobenzoate (**3c**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 88% yield (20.2 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.12 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 5.5$  Hz, 2H),

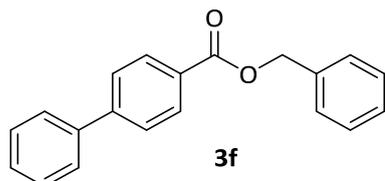
7.48 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 5.39 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 253$  Hz), 165.5, 135.9, 132.3 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 9$  Hz), 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 126.4 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3$  Hz), 115.6 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22$  Hz), 66.9.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): -105.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{FO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 231.0816, found 231.0822.



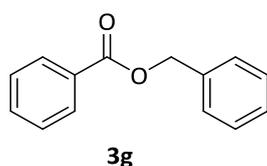
Benzyl 4-cyanobenzoate (**3d**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 93% yield (22.0 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.19 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 5.42 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.8, 135.3, 134.0, 132.3, 130.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 118.0, 116.5, 67.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 238.0863, found 238.0865.



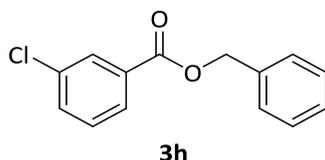
Benzyl 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (**3e**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 81% yield (22.7 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.22 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 5.43 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.2, 135.6, 134.5 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 33$  Hz), 133.4, 130.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 125.4 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4$  Hz), 125.4 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): -63.1. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 281.0784, found 281.0794.



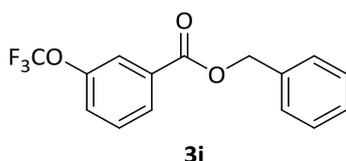
Benzyl [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (**3f**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 83% yield (23.9 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.20 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.69 (dd,  $J = 16.2, 7.9$  Hz, 4H), 7.53 – 7.40 (m, 8H), 5.44 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.4, 145.8, 140.0, 136.2, 130.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.3, 127.1, 66.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 289.1223, found 289.1227.



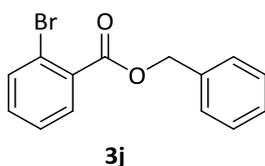
Benzyl benzoate (**3g**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 71% yield (15.1 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.12 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.38 (m, 7H), 5.41 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.5, 136.1, 133.1, 130.2, 129.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 66.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 213.0910, found 213.0918.



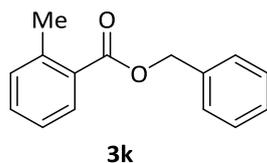
Benzyl 3-chlorobenzoate (**3h**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 80% yield (19.8 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.08 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 6H), 5.40 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.2, 135.7, 134.6, 133.1, 131.9, 129.8, 129.7, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 67.1. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 247.0520, found 247.0525.



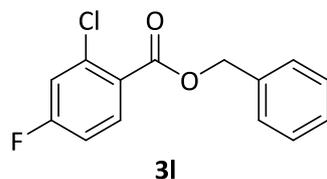
benzyl 3-(trifluoromethoxy)benzoate (**3i**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 73% yield (21.6 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.05 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.37 (m, 7H), 5.42 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.1, 149.2, 135.6, 132.2, 129.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 125.5, 122.2, 119.1, 67.2.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -57.9. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 297.0733, found 297.0739.



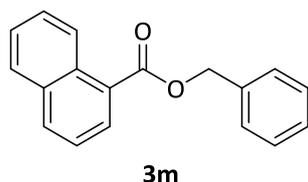
Benzyl 2-bromobenzoate (**3j**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 78% yield (22.7 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.84 (dd,  $J = 7.3, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 5.41 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.0, 135.5, 134.4, 132.6, 132.1, 131.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.2, 121.8, 67.4. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 291.0015, found 291.0017.



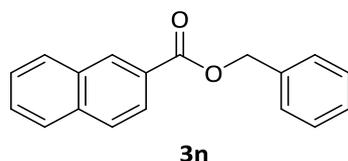
Benzyl 2-methylbenzoate (**3k**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 68% yield (15.4 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 2.64 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.4, 140.4, 136.2, 132.1, 131.7, 130.7, 129.7, 129.5, 128.6, 128.2, 125.7, 66.5, 21.8. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 227.1067, found 227.1068.



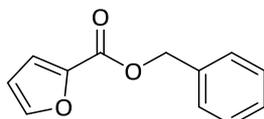
Benzyl 2-chloro-4-fluorobenzoate (**3l**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 75% yield (19.8 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.22 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 5.40 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.2 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}=255$  Hz), 164.5, 136.0, 135.7 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}=44$  Hz), 133.7 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}=10$  Hz), 128.7, 128.5, 128.1 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}=69$  Hz), 126.0 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}=4$  Hz), 118.7 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}=25$  Hz), 114.1 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}=22$  Hz), 67.4.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -105.3. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClFO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 265.0426, found 265.0430.



Benzyl 1-naphthoate (**3m**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 79% yield (20.7 mg) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.98 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.27 (dd,  $J = 7.3, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.64 (ddd,  $J = 8.5, 6.9, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (ddd,  $J = 15.4, 10.0, 4.5$  Hz, 4H), 7.43 (ddd,  $J = 14.6, 5.1, 1.9$  Hz, 3H), 5.50 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.3, 136.1, 133.9, 133.5, 131.5, 130.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.8, 127.0, 126.2, 125.8, 124.5, 66.8. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 263.1067, found 263.1077.

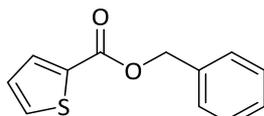


Benzyl 2-naphthoate (**3n**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 84% yield (22.0 mg) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.69 (s, 1H), 8.14 (dd,  $J = 8.6$ , 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 5.48 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.6, 136.1, 135.6, 132.5, 131.3, 129.4, 128.7, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.4, 126.7, 125.3, 66.9. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 263.1067, found 263.1077.



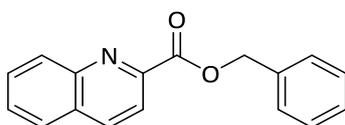
**3o**

Benzyl furan-2-carboxylate (**3o**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 88% yield (17.8 mg) as a light brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.60 (d,  $J = 0.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd,  $J = 3.4$ , 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.6, 146.5, 144.6, 135.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 118.2, 117.9, 66.6. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_3^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 203.0703, found 203.0707.



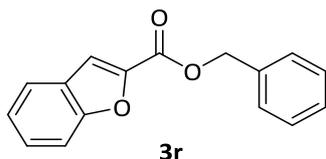
**3p**

Benzyl thiophene-2-carboxylate (**3p**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 87% yield (18.9 mg) as a light brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.17 (dd,  $J = 3.0$ , 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd,  $J = 5.1$ , 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.33 (dd,  $J = 5.1$ , 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.6, 136.1, 133.6, 133.0, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 126.1, 66.4. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 219.0474, found 219.0479.

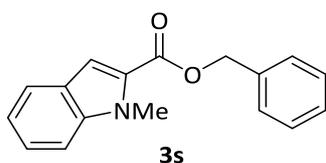


**3q**

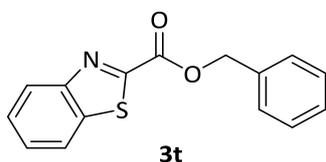
Benzyl quinoline-2-carboxylate (**3q**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 8 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 97% yield (25.5 mg) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.35 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.80 (ddd,  $J = 8.4$ , 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 5.56 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.2, 148.0, 147.7, 137.3, 135.7, 130.8, 130.3, 129.3, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.5, 121.1, 67.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 264.1019, found 264.1018.



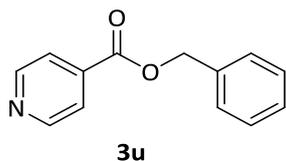
Benzyl benzofuran-2-carboxylate (**3r**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 80% yield (20.2 mg) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.69 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.45 (ddd,  $J = 18.4, 14.0, 7.4$  Hz, 5H), 7.32 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.45 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.5, 155.8, 145.4, 135.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 127.7, 127.0, 123.8, 122.9, 114.2, 112.4, 67.1. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 253.0859, found 253.0857.



Benzyl 1-methyl-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate (**3s**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 8 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 64% yield (17.0 mg) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.21 (dd,  $J = 6.4, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.310 (m, 6H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.8, 137.2, 136.9, 135.4, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.0, 126.7, 122.8, 122.0, 121.7, 109.8, 65.4, 33.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 266.1176, found 266.1179.

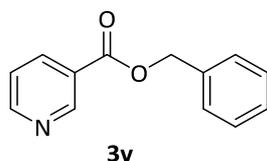


Benzyl benzo[*d*]thiazole-2-carboxylate (**3t**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 6 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 75% yield (20.2 mg) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.27 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 5.54 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.5, 158.1, 153.2, 136.8, 134.8, 128.8, 128.8, 128.7, 127.7, 127.1, 125.6, 122.1, 68.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 270.0583, found 270.0588.

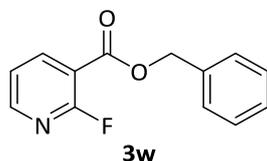


Benzyl isonicotinate (**3u**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 8 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 95% yield (20.2 mg) as a brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.80 (dd,  $J = 4.6, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd,

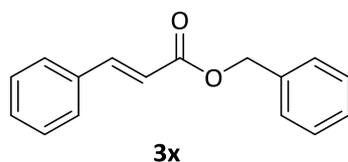
$J = 4.4, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 5.41 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.0, 150.7, 137.3, 135.3, 128.7, 128.7, 128.4, 122.9, 67.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 214.0863, found 214.0869.



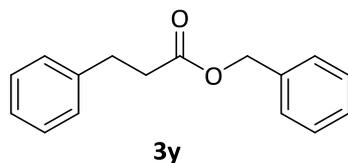
Benzyl nicotinate (**3v**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 8 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 89% yield (19.0 mg) as a brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.29 (s, 1H), 8.80 (t,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.34 (dt,  $J = 7.9, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 5.42 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.1, 153.5, 151.1, 137.2, 135.5, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 126.1, 123.3, 67.1. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 214.0863, found 214.0868.



Benzyl 2-fluoronicotinate (**3w**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 8 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 86% yield (19.9 mg) as a brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.45 – 8.41 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 5.43 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.0 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 160.4, 151.8, 151.7, 143.3, 135.3, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 121.4 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz), 67.5.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -61.5, -61.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{FNO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 232.0768, found 232.0768.

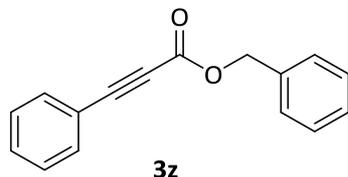


Benzyl cinnamate (**3x**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 41% yield (9.8 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.77 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 8H), 6.53 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.30 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.8, 145.2, 136.1, 134.4, 130.4, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.3, 128.1, 117.9, 66.4. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 239.1067, found 239.1066.

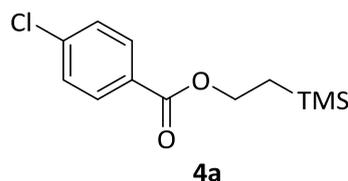


Benzyl 3-phenylpropanoate (**3y**), the product was purified over silica gel by column

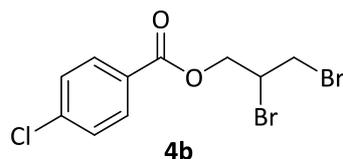
chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 69% yield (16.6 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.41 – 7.29 (m, 7H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 3.01 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.7, 140.4, 140.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 126.3, 66.5, 35.9, 31.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 241.1223, found 241.1225.



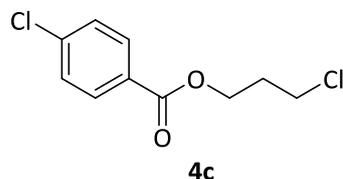
Benzyl 3-phenylpropanoate (**3z**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:50 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 23% yield (5.4 mg) as a light brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.38 (m, 8H), 5.30 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.9, 134.9, 133.0, 130.7, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 119.6, 86.8, 80.5, 67.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 237.0916, found 237.0915.



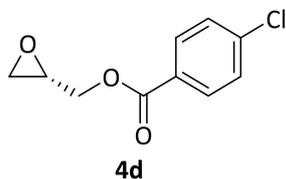
2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4a**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 88% yield (22.5 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.99 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.44 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.15 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 0.10 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.9, 139.2, 130.9, 129.1, 128.7, 63.5, 17.4, 1.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClO}_2\text{Si}^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 257.0765, found 257.0768.



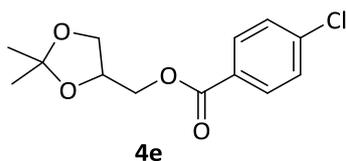
2,3-Dibromopropyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4b**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 78% yield (27.6 mg) as a light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.76 (ddd,  $J = 17.7, 12.2, 4.9$  Hz, 2H), 4.49 (dt,  $J = 9.5, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.92 – 3.80 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.0, 140.0, 131.2, 128.9, 127.8, 65.8, 46.8, 32.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{Br}_2\text{ClO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 354.8736, found 354.8736.



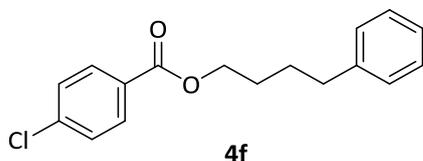
3-Chloropropyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4c**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 84% yield (19.5 mg) as a light brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.99 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.50 (t,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.71 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.26 (p,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.6, 139.6, 131.0, 128.8, 128.5, 62.0, 41.2, 31.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 233.0136, found 233.0138.



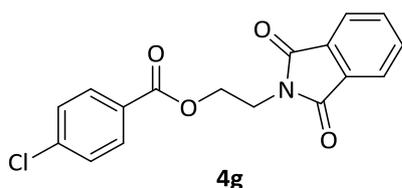
(*S*)-Oxiran-2-ylmethyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4d**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 74% yield (15.7 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.68 (dd,  $J = 12.3, 2.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd,  $J = 12.3, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.38 – 3.33 (m, 1H), 2.92 (t,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd,  $J = 4.8, 2.6$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.4, 139.8, 131.2, 128.8, 128.1, 65.7, 49.4, 44.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClO}_3^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 213.0318, found 213.0322.



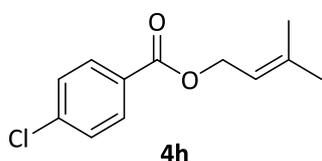
(2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4e**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 81% yield (21.9 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.01 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.50 – 4.34 (m, 3H), 4.17 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.5, 139.7, 131.1, 128.8, 128.3, 109.9, 73.6, 66.3, 65.3, 26.8, 25.3. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClO}_4^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 271.0737, found 271.0739.



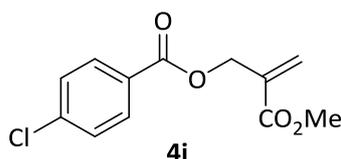
4-phenylbutyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4f**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 85% yield (24.5 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.99 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd,  $J = 14.6, 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 4.37 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.82 (dd,  $J = 7.4, 3.7$  Hz, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.8, 142.0, 139.3, 131.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 125.9, 65.1, 35.5, 28.3, 27.8. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 289.0995, found 289.0999.



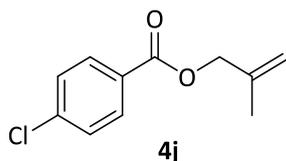
2-(1,3-Dioxoisindolin-2-yl)ethyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4g**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 5 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 94% yield (30.9 mg) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.99 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.88 (dd,  $J = 5.4, 3.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd,  $J = 5.5, 3.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 4.64 – 4.45 (m, 2H), 4.13 (t,  $J = 5.3$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.1, 165.5, 139.6, 134.2, 132.0, 131.2, 131.1, 128.8, 128.2, 123.5, 62.6, 37.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClNO}_4^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 330.0533, found 330.0533.



3-Methylbut-2-en-1-yl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4h**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 82% yield (18.4 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.00 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 5.48 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.81 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.8, 139.5, 139.2, 131.0, 129.0, 128.7, 118.5, 62.1, 25.8, 18.1. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 225.0682, found 225.0684.

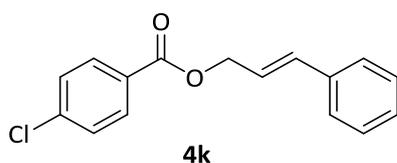


2-(Methoxycarbonyl)allyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4i**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 83% yield (21.1 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 5.96 (d,  $J = 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.6, 165.1, 139.7, 135.2, 131.1, 128.8, 128.3, 127.8, 63.1, 52.1. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClO}_4^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 255.0424, found 255.0432.

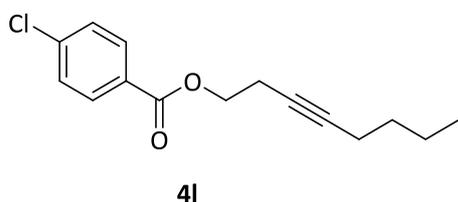


2-Methylallyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4j**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 85% yield (17.9 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H),

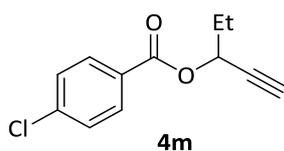
7.45 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 5.05 (d,  $J = 29.7$  Hz, 2H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 1.86 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.4, 139.8, 139.5, 131.0, 128.8, 128.7, 68.4, 19.6. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 211.0526, found 211.0531.



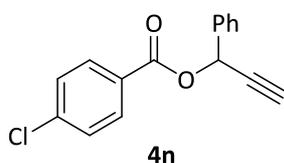
Cinnamyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4k**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 87% yield (23.7 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.04 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.36 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.42 (dt,  $J = 15.9, 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.00 (dd,  $J = 6.5, 1.1$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.6, 139.5, 136.1, 134.6, 131.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 126.7, 123.0, 65.8. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 273.0682, found 273.0689.



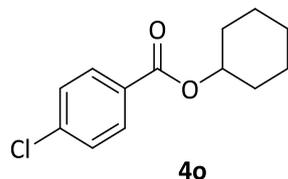
Oct-3-yn-1-yl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4l**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 89% yield (23.5 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.01 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.40 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.66 – 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.17 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 5.7$  Hz, 2H), 1.50 – 1.34 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.5, 139.4, 131.1, 128.7, 128.6, 82.3, 75.3, 63.6, 30.9, 21.9, 19.4, 18.4, 13.6. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 265.0995, found 265.0993.



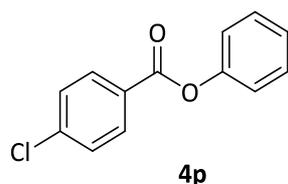
Pent-1-yn-3-yl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4m**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 71% yield (15.8 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 5.56 (td,  $J = 6.4, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.52 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.10 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.13 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.7, 139.7, 131.2, 128.8, 128.3, 80.8, 73.9, 65.7, 28.0, 9.3. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 223.0526, found 223.0528.



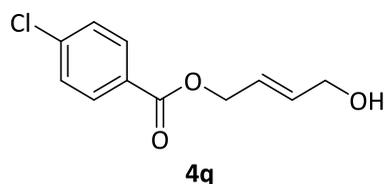
1-Phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4n**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 68% yield (18.4 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.11 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.70 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.59 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dt,  $J = 8.0, 6.5$  Hz, 6H), 6.73 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.72 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.4, 136.6, 133.4, 129.9, 129.7, 129.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.7, 80.3, 75.6, 65.8. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 271.0526, found 271.0532.



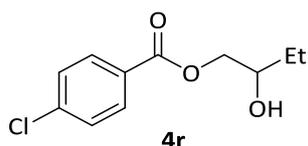
Cyclohexyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4o**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 80% yield (19.0 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.00 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 5.07 – 5.00 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.57 (m, 3H), 1.53 – 1.47 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.1, 139.1, 130.9, 129.5, 128.6, 73.4, 31.6, 25.4, 23.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 239.0839, found 239.0839.



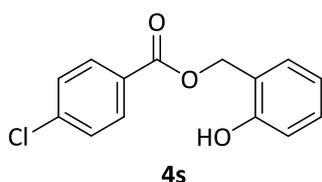
Phenyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4p**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 61% yield (14.2 mg) as a light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.18 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.4, 150.8, 140.2, 131.6, 129.6, 129.0, 128.1, 126.1, 121.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 233.0369, found 233.0369.



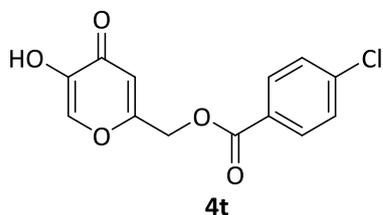
(*E*)-4-Hydroxybut-2-en-1-yl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4q**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 8 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 92% yield (20.8 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.99 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 5.94 (dt,  $J = 12.9, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.77 (dt,  $J = 11.1, 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.35 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.35 – 1.99 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.8, 139.6, 133.7, 131.0, 128.8, 128.5, 125.4, 60.8, 58.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClO}_3^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 227.0475, found 227.0481.



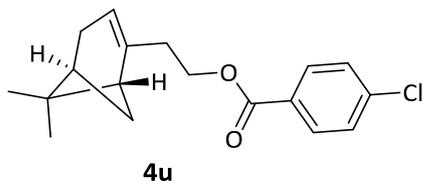
2-Hydroxybutyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4r**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 8 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 79% yield (18.0 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.00 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.40 (dd,  $J = 11.5, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dd,  $J = 11.5, 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (qd,  $J = 7.2, 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 1H), 1.67 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.05 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.9, 139.7, 131.1, 128.8, 128.4, 71.4, 69.0, 26.5, 9.8. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClO}_3^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 229.0631, found 229.0637.



2-Hydroxybenzyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4s**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 8 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 89% yield (23.3 mg) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 6.98 (dd,  $J = 17.1, 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 5.40 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.0, 155.6, 140.2, 132.3, 131.4, 131.3, 128.9, 127.7, 121.5, 120.7, 117.9, 64.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClO}_3^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 263.0475, found 263.0478.

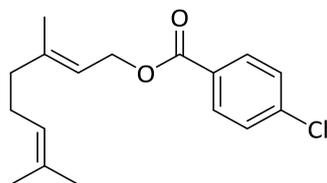


(5-Hydroxy-4-oxo-4H-pyran-2-yl)methyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4t**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 8 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 79% yield (22.1 mg) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.8, 164.7, 162.7, 145.9, 140.4, 137.8, 131.3, 129.1, 127.2, 111.2, 61.9. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClO}_5^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 281.0217, found 281.0222.



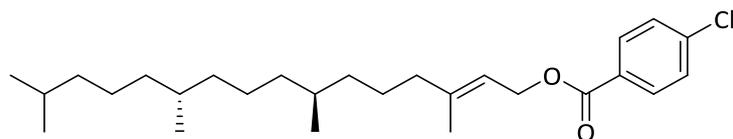
2-((1R,5S)-6,6-Dimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]hept-2-en-2-yl)ethyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4u**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 71% yield (21.6 mg) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR

(400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.98 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.39 – 4.29 (m, 2H), 2.42 (ddd,  $J$  = 11.2, 10.8, 6.1 Hz, 3H), 2.26 (q,  $J$  = 17.6 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (t,  $J$  = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (s, 4H), 1.19 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 0.85 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.7, 144.1, 139.3, 130.9, 128.9, 128.7, 119.0, 63.5, 45.8, 40.7, 38.0, 36.0, 31.7, 31.4, 26.3, 21.2. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 305.1308, found 305.1318.



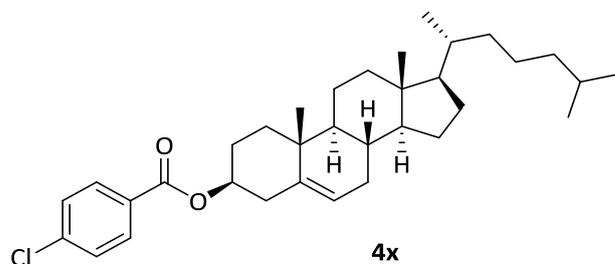
**4v**

(*E*)-3,7-Dimethylocta-2,6-dien-1-yl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4v**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 89% yield (26.0 mg) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.48 (t,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 4.86 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.21 – 2.07 (m, 4H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.8, 142.7, 139.2, 131.9, 131.0, 129.0, 128.7, 123.7, 118.2, 62.1, 39.6, 26.3, 25.7, 17.7, 16.6. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 293.1308, found 293.1316.



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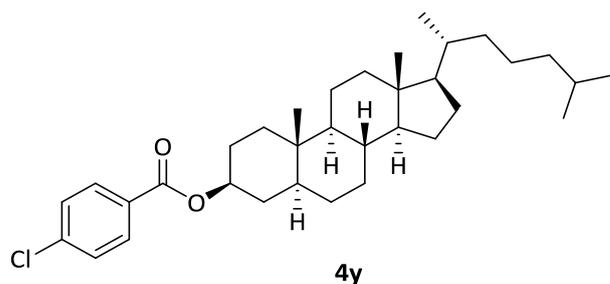
(7*S*,11*R*,*E*)-3,7,11,15-Tetramethylhexadec-2-en-1-yl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4w**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 81% yield (35.2 mg) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.51– 5.44 (m, 1H), 4.86 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.08 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.78 (s, 3H), 1.60 – 1.39 (m, 20H), 1.37 – 0.89 (m, 11H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.8, 143.2, 139.2, 131.0, 129.0, 128.6, 117.9, 62.1, 39.9, 39.4, 37.4, 37.3, 36.6, 32.8, 32.7, 28.0, 25.0, 24.8, 24.5, 22.7, 22.6, 19.7, 19.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>44</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 435.3030, found 435.3037.



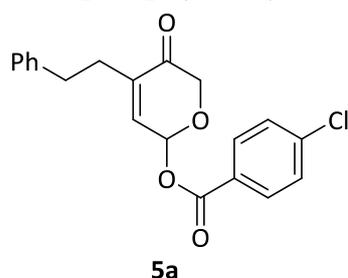
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(3*S*,8*S*,9*S*,10*R*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*)-10,13-Dimethyl-17-((*R*)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4x**), the product was purified over silica gel by column

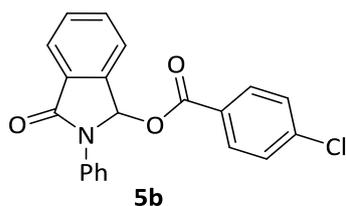
chromatography (1:20 to 1: 4 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 75% yield (39.3 mg) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.00 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 5.44 (d,  $J = 4.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.95 – 4.77 (m, 1H), 2.48 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.11 – 1.70 (m, 3H), 1.68 – 1.13 (m, 20H), 1.10 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.07 – 0.98 (m, 3H), 0.95 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 3H), 0.89 (dd,  $J = 6.6, 1.6$  Hz, 6H), 0.72 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.1, 139.5, 139.1, 131.0, 129.3, 128.6, 122.9, 74.9, 56.7, 56.2, 50.1, 42.3, 39.8, 39.5, 38.2, 37.0, 36.7, 36.2, 35.8, 32.0, 31.9, 29.7, 28.3, 28.0, 27.9, 24.3, 23.9, 22.8, 22.6. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{50}\text{ClO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 525.3499, found 525.3497.



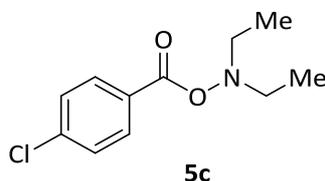
(3*S*,5*S*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*)-10,13-Dimethyl-17-((*R*)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)hexadecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl 4-chlorobenzoate (**4y**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 4 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 79% yield (41.6 mg) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.97 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 5.04 – 4.88 (m, 1H), 1.99 (dd,  $J = 18.9, 9.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.89 – 1.44 (m, 9H), 1.42 – 0.98 (m, 20H), 0.93 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 3H), 0.92 – 0.85 (m, 9H), 0.68 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.3, 139.1, 130.9, 129.4, 128.6, 74.7, 56.4, 56.3, 54.3, 44.7, 42.6, 40.0, 39.5, 36.8, 36.2, 35.8, 35.5, 34.1, 32.0, 29.7, 28.7, 28.3, 28.0, 27.6, 24.2, 23.9, 22.8. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{52}\text{ClO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 527.3656, found 527.3661.



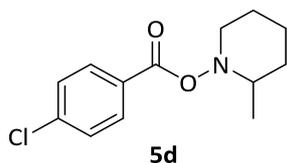
5-Oxo-4-phenethyl-5,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl 4-chlorobenzoate (**5a**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 8 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 83% yield (29.5 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.99 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 (dd,  $J = 10.0, 4.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 3H), 6.65 (dd,  $J = 28.8, 3.7$  Hz, 2H), 4.59 (d,  $J = 17.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d,  $J = 17.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.88 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.7, 164.3, 140.6, 140.3, 139.4, 137.1, 131.3, 129.0, 128.5, 128.5, 127.7, 126.2, 88.7, 67.4, 33.8, 29.9. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClO}_4^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 357.0894, found 357.0895.



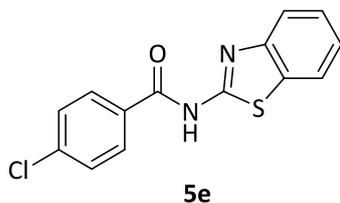
3-Oxo-2-phenylisoindolin-1-yl 4-chlorobenzoate (**5b**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 4 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 68% yield (24.7 mg) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (dd,  $J = 5.5, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.74 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.71 – 7.62 (m, 4H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.25 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.9, 165.6, 140.4, 140.3, 136.3, 133.2, 132.0, 131.3, 130.8, 129.3, 129.0, 127.3, 126.2, 124.2, 124.2, 122.0, 82.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}_3^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 364.0740, found 364.0740.



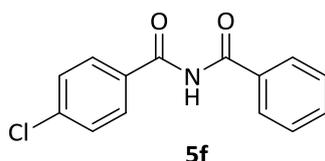
*O*-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-*N,N*-diethylhydroxylamine (**5c**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 83% yield (18.8 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.97 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.04 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 4H), 1.17 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.0, 139.5, 130.9, 128.8, 127.6, 53.5, 11.9. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 228.0791, found 228.0795.



2-Methylpiperidin-1-yl 4-chlorobenzoate (**5d**), the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 72% yield (18.2 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.58 – 3.55 (m, 1H), 2.86 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.86 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.47 (m, 5H), 1.42 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 1.18 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.3, 139.4, 130.8, 128.7, 128.0, 62.6, 58.0, 33.7, 25.6, 23.8, 19.9. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClNO}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 254.0948, found 254.0946.



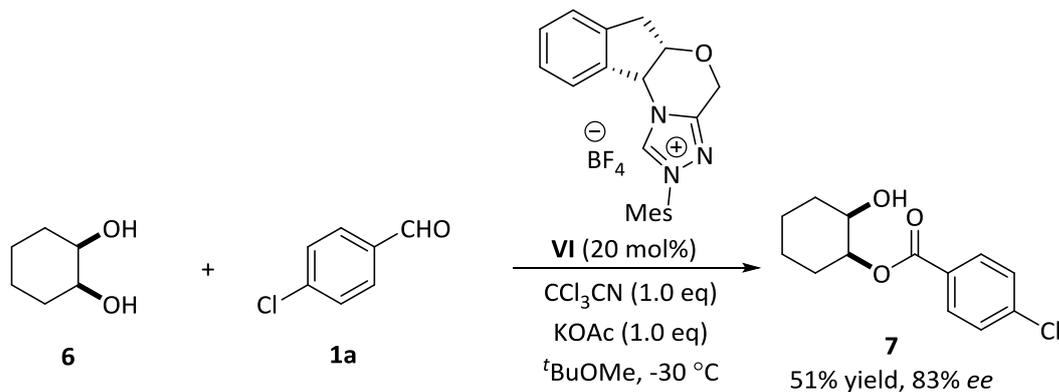
*N*-(Benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-yl)-4-chlorobenzamide (**5e**), following the general procedure, Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> was used as base, the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 4 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 73% yield (21.0 mg) as a light yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 11.66 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.92 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.0, 160.0, 147.6, 139.6, 131.9, 130.4, 129.4, 129.3, 126.3, 124.3, 121.5, 120.6. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>OS<sup>+</sup> (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 289.0202, found 289.0203.



*N*-Benzoyl-4-chlorobenzamide (**5f**), following the general procedure, NaH was used as base, the product was purified over silica gel by column chromatography (1:20 to 1: 6 EtOAc/hexane) and was obtained in 69% yield (17.9 mg) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.87 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.2, 166.1, 139.6, 133.3, 133.0, 131.7, 129.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 260.0478, found 260.0478.

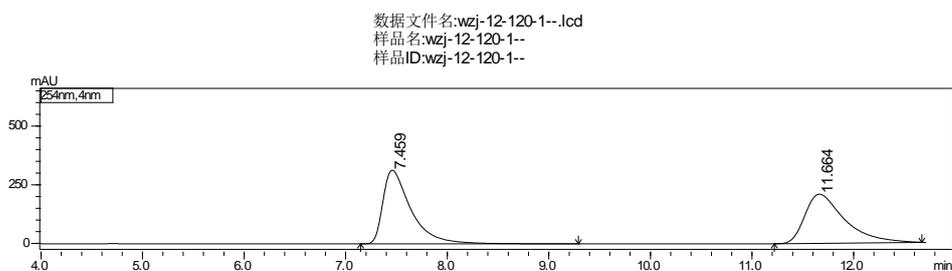
## 5. Application to the desymmetrization of *cis*-diols

### 5.1 Desymmetrization reaction of 1,2-diols

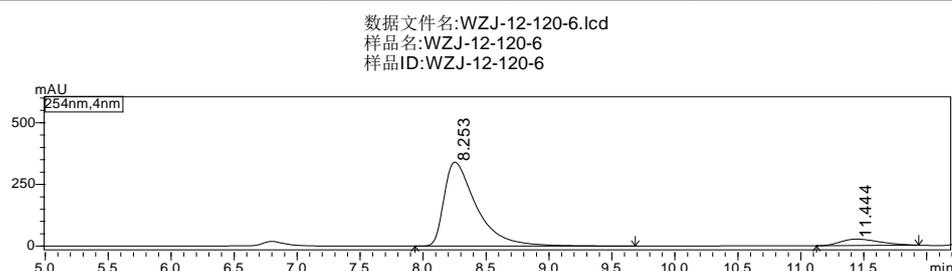


To a flame-dried Schlenk reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar, was added the azolium precatalyst **VI** (8.4 mg, 0.02 mmol), *cis*-cyclohexane-1,2-diol **6** (11.6 mg, 0.10 mmol) and KOAc (9.8 mg, 0.10 mmol). The Schlenk tube was closed with a septum, evacuated and refilled with Ar. Then CCl<sub>3</sub>CN (14.4 mg, 10μL, 0.1 mmol) and <sup>t</sup>BuOMe (0.8 mL) were added. After that the Schlenk tube was cooled to -30 °C, aldehyde **1a** (14.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) in anhydrous <sup>t</sup>BuOMe (0.2 mL) was added slowly. The mixture was then stirred at that temperature overnight. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was quenched with drops of water, concentrated and directly purified through preparative thin layer chromatography on silica gel (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) to

afford pure products **7** with 51% yield (13.0 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.00 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 5.23 (dt,  $J = 5.7, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.99 (t,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.06 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.80 (m, 5H), 1.78 – 1.64 (m, 2H). HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClO}_3^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 255.0788, found 255.0790.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.4, 139.5, 131.0, 128.9, 128.8, 74.9, 69.6, 30.4, 27.4, 21.8, 21.5. HPLC analysis: (Chiralpak OJ-H, isopropanol/hexane = 5/95, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_R$  (major) = 8.3 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 11.4 min,  $ee = 83\%$ .

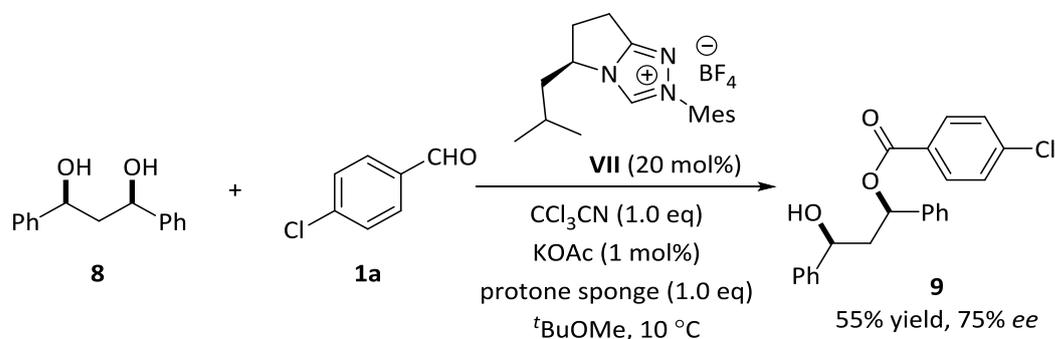


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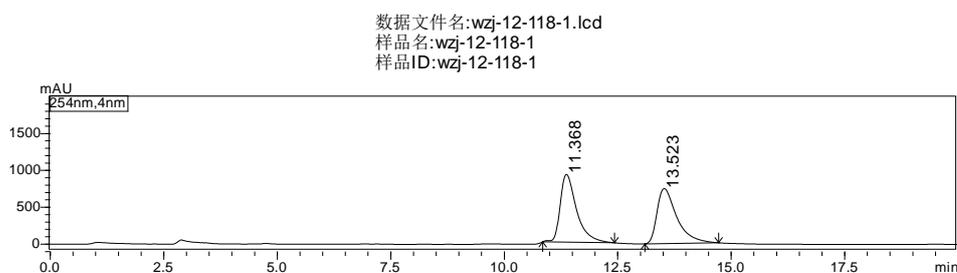
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## 5.2 Desymmetrization reaction of 1,3-diols

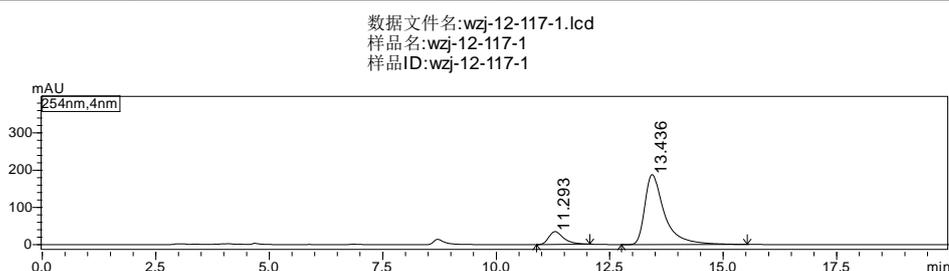


To a flame-dried Schlenk reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar, was added the azolium precatalyst **VII** (7.5 mg, 0.02 mmol), *cis*-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-diol **8** (22.8 mg, 0.10 mmol),  $\text{KOAc}$  (1.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) and proton sponge (30.1 mg, 0.1

mmol). The Schlenk tube was closed with a septum, evacuated and refilled with Ar. Then  $\text{CCl}_3\text{CN}$  (14.4 mg, 10  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.1 mmol) and  $^t\text{BuOMe}$  (0.8 mL) were added. After that the Schlenk tube was cooled to 10  $^\circ\text{C}$ , aldehyde **1a** (14.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) in anhydrous  $^t\text{BuOMe}$  (0.2 mL) was added slowly. The mixture was then stirred at that temperature overnight. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was quenched with drops of water, concentrated and directly purified through preparative thin layer chromatography on silica gel (1:20 to 1: 10 EtOAc/hexane) to afford pure products **9** with 55% yield (20.1 mg) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.34 (dd,  $J = 10.3, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.82 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.87 – 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.45 (ddd,  $J = 14.1, 10.3, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd,  $J = 14.5, 9.8, 3.3$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.7, 143.6, 140.2, 139.7, 131.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 126.4, 125.8, 74.2, 70.6, 46.6. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClO}_3^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 367.1101, found 367.1108. HPLC analysis: (Chiralpak AD-H, isopropanol/hexane = 20/80, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm):  $t_{\text{R}}$  (minor) = 11.3 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  (major) = 13.4 min,  $ee = 75\%$ .



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1	11.368	23098271	919363	50.696	55.256
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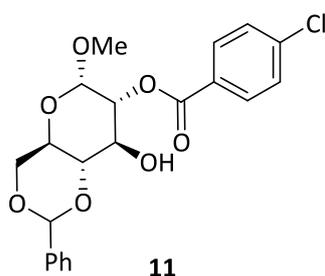
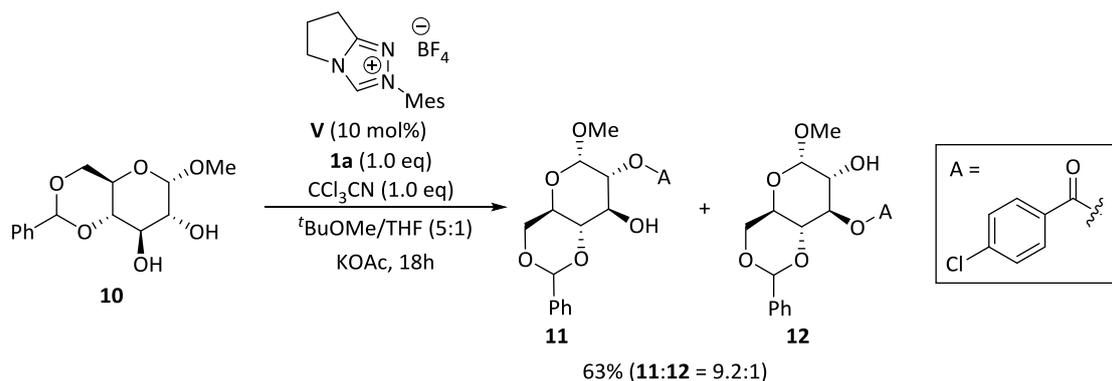


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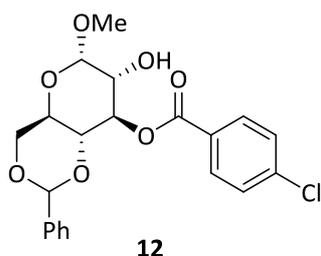
## 6. Application to the acylation of carbohydrates

General procedure. To a flame-dried Schlenk reaction tube equipped with a magnetic

stir bar, was added the corresponding azolium precatalyst (**V/VIII**, 0.01 mmol), aldehyde **1a** (14.1 mg, 0.10 mmol), carboxhydrates **10/13/16** (28.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) and KOAc (9.8 mg, 0.10 mmol). The Schlenk tube was closed with a septum, evacuated and refilled with Ar. After that CCl<sub>3</sub>CN (14.4 mg, 10 $\mu$ L, 0.1 mmol), anhydrous <sup>t</sup>BuOMe (1.0 mL) and THF (0.2 mL) was added. The mixture was then stirred at room temperature until TLC indicated the fully consumed of the start materials. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was concentrated and directly purified through preparative thin layer chromatography on silica gel (1:10 to 1: 2 EtOAc/hexane) to afford pure products as white solid.

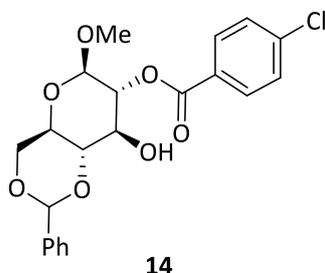
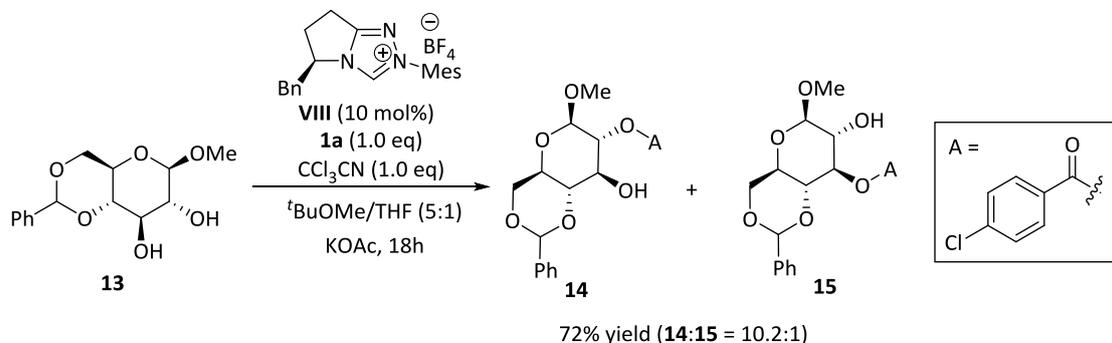


According to the general procedure, **11** was obtained with 23.9 mg as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (dd,  $J$  = 6.5, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 5H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.07 (dt,  $J$  = 9.3, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 4.38 – 4.33 (m, 2H), 3.93 (td,  $J$  = 9.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (t,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (t,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.4, 139.9, 137.0, 131.4, 129.4, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 126.3, 102.1, 97.7, 81.5, 74.2, 68.9, 68.8, 62.1, 55.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClO<sub>7</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 421.1054, found 421.1053.

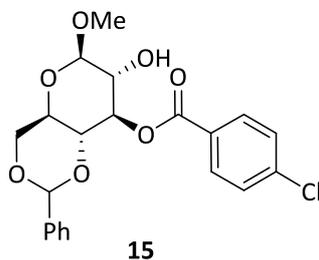


According to the general procedure, **12** was obtained with 2.6 mg as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.32

(m, 3H), 5.58 (dd,  $J = 18.4, 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.89 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd,  $J = 10.2, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (td,  $J = 9.9, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.84–3.74 (m, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.32 (d,  $J = 11.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.8, 139.6, 136.9, 131.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 126.1, 100.6, 100.2, 78.8, 73.3, 72.0, 69.0, 62.8, 55.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClO}_7^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 421.1054, found 421.1056.

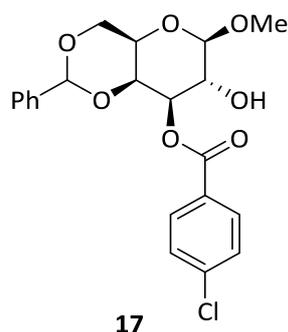
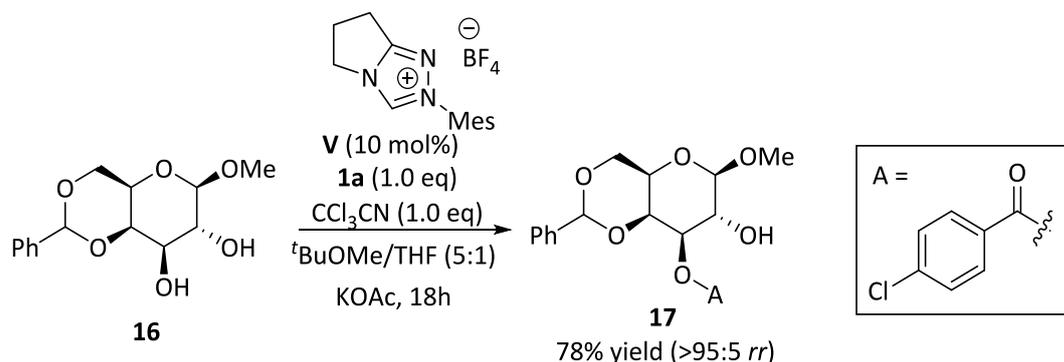


According to the general procedure with cat. **VIII**, **14** was obtained with 27.5 mg as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.04 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.53 (dd,  $J = 6.6, 3.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.44–7.40 (m, 3H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.20 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd,  $J = 10.5, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.07 (t,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.86 (t,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.69 (t,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.62–3.53 (m, 4H), 2.68 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.0, 139.8, 136.9, 131.3, 129.4, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 126.3, 102.3, 102.0, 80.9, 74.8, 72.4, 68.6, 66.2, 57.2. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClO}_7^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 421.1054, found 421.1054.



According to the general procedure with cat. **VIII**, **15** was obtained with 2.7 mg as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.04 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 (dd,  $J = 9.1, 2.2$  Hz, 4H), 7.40–7.32 (m, 3H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 5.49 (t,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd,  $J = 10.5, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dt,  $J = 13.3, 9.9$  Hz, 2H), 3.76–3.71 (m, 1H), 3.65–3.60 (m, 4H), 2.71 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.7, 139.8, 136.8, 131.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 126.1, 104.6, 101.5,

78.6, 74.5, 73.6, 68.7, 66.6, 57.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClO<sub>7</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 421.1054, found 421.1052.

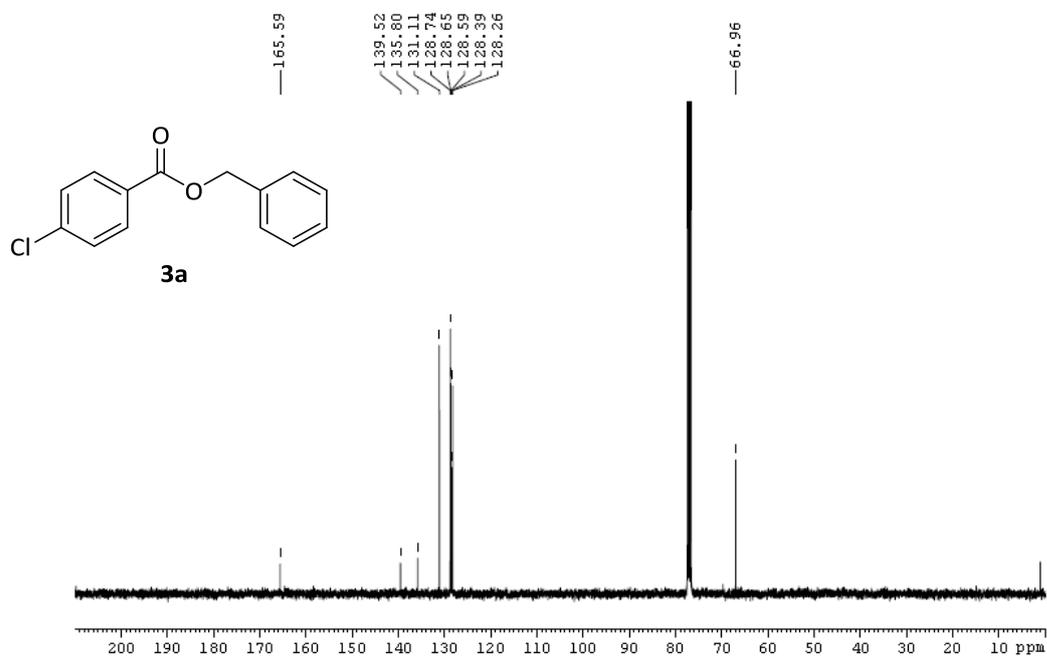
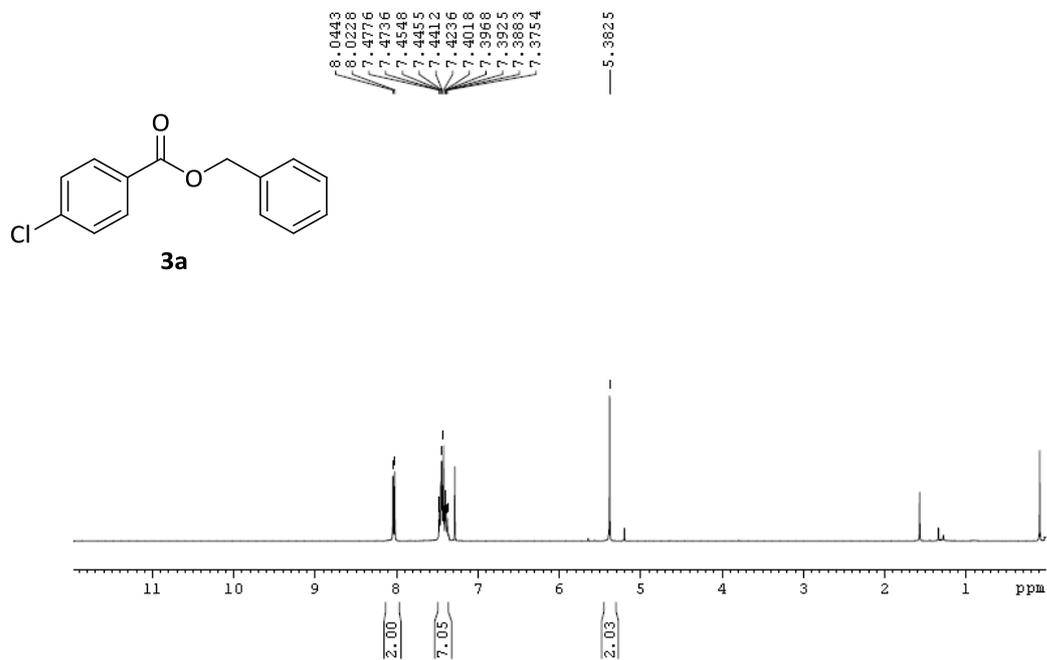


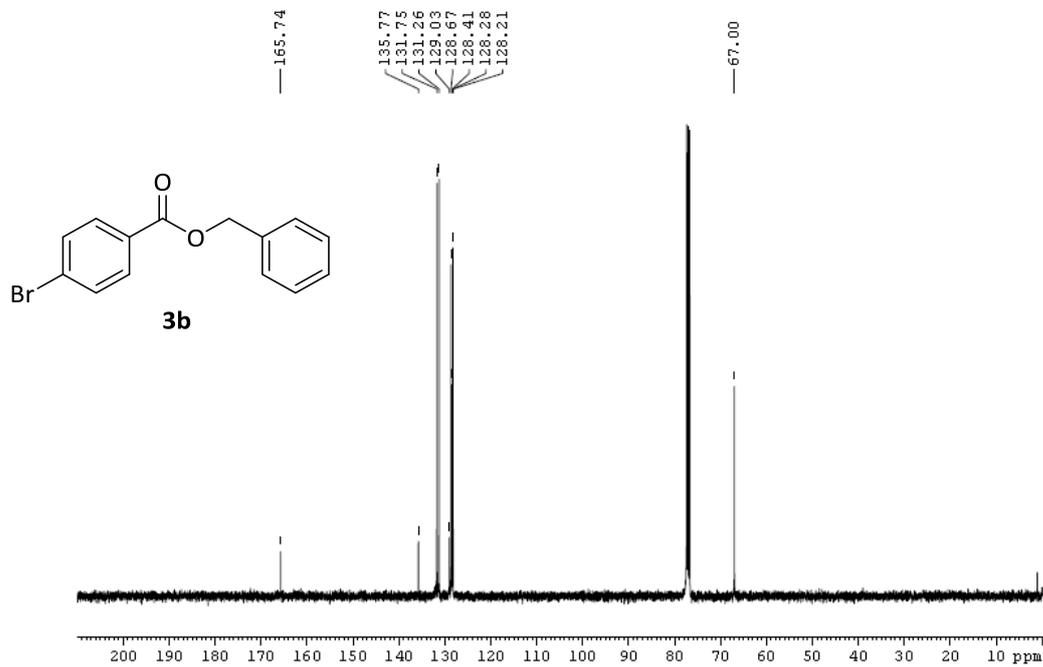
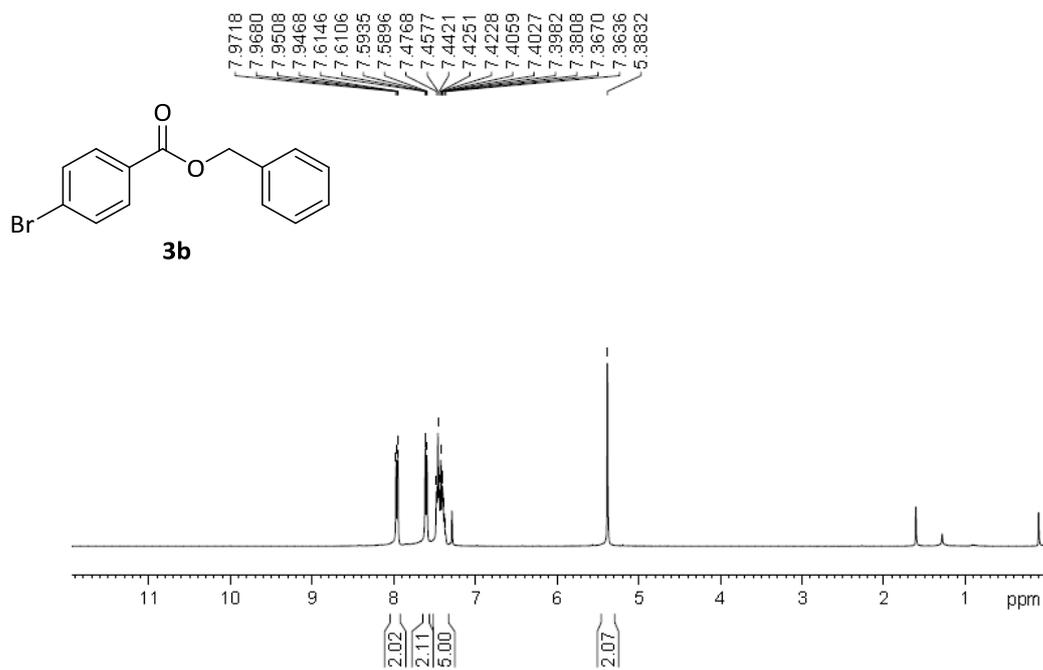
According to the general procedure, **17** was obtained with 32.7 mg as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.6 Hz, 3H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 5.16 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (t, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 4.20 – 4.11 (m, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 1H), 2.41 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.6, 139.8, 137.6, 131.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.1, 128.1, 126.1, 104.1, 100.8, 74.4, 73.6, 69.0, 68.7, 66.6, 57.3. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClO<sup>+</sup> (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 421.1054, found 421.1059.

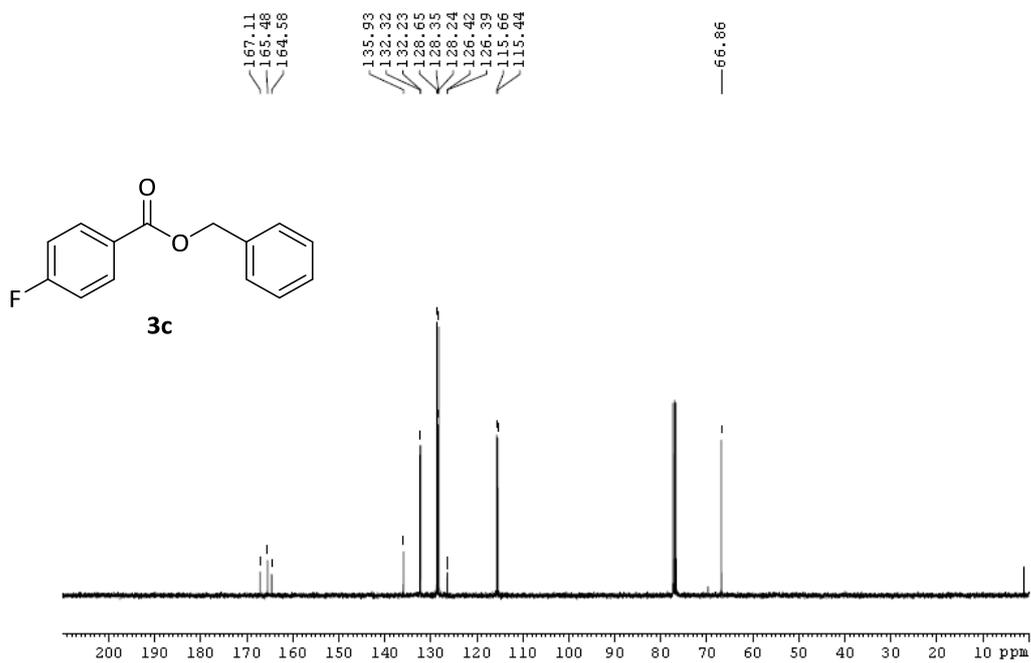
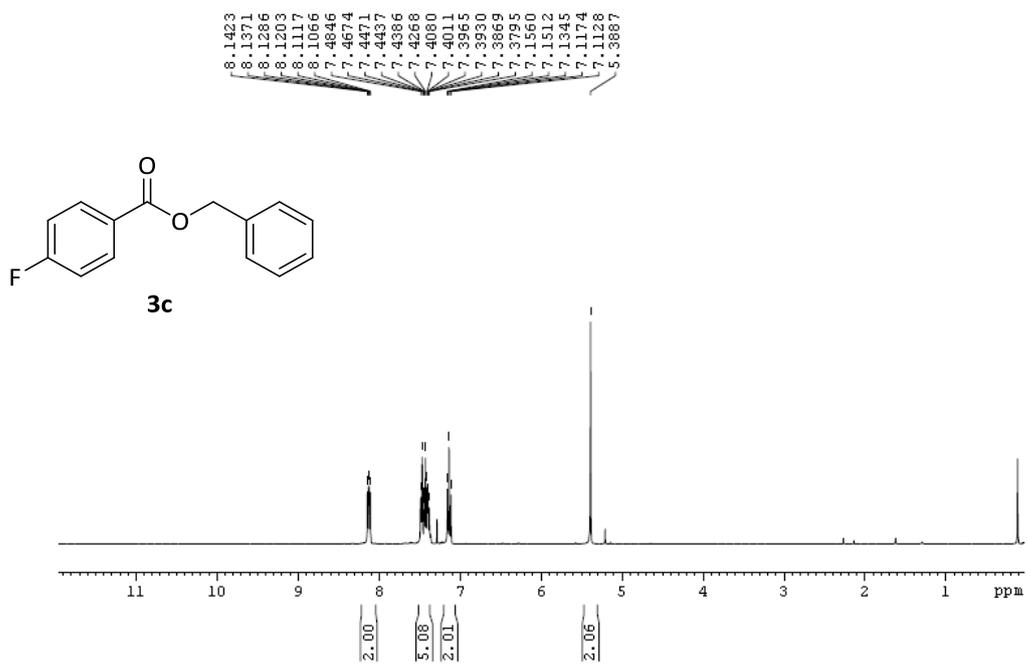
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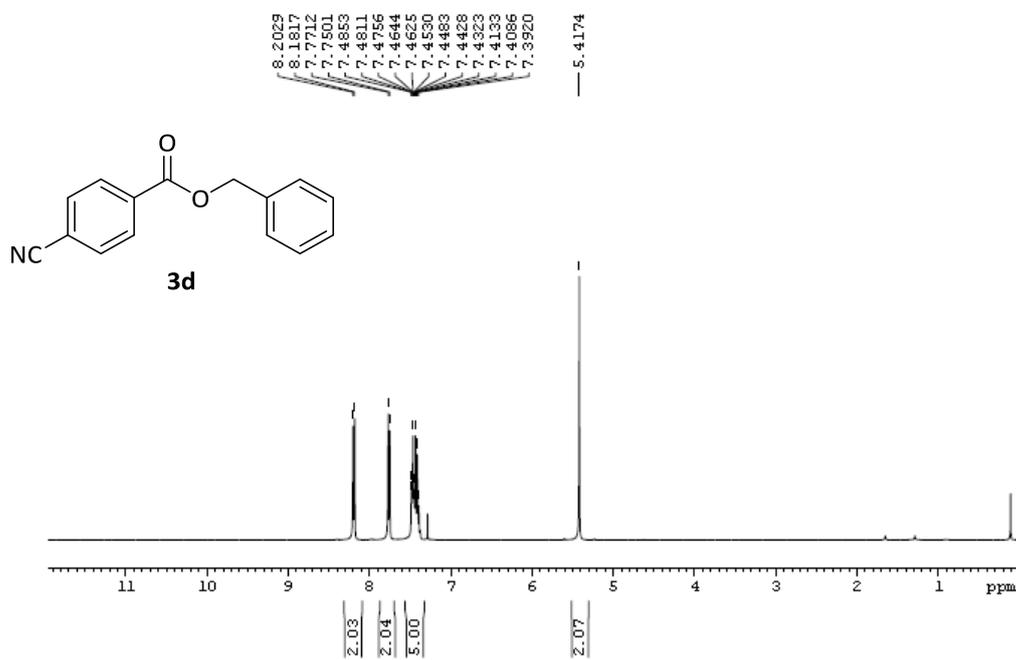
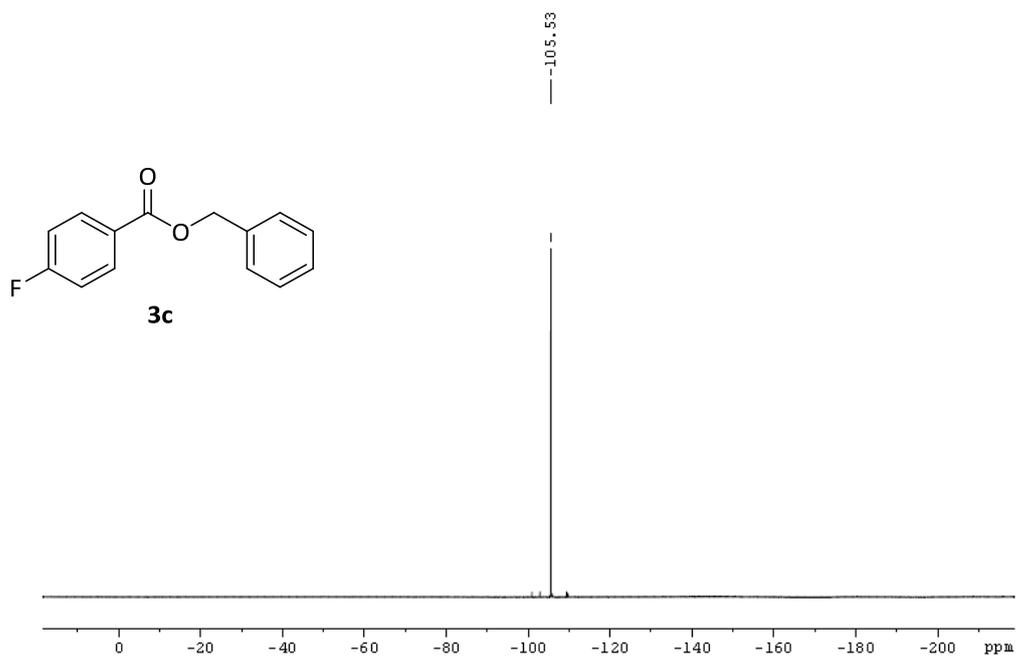
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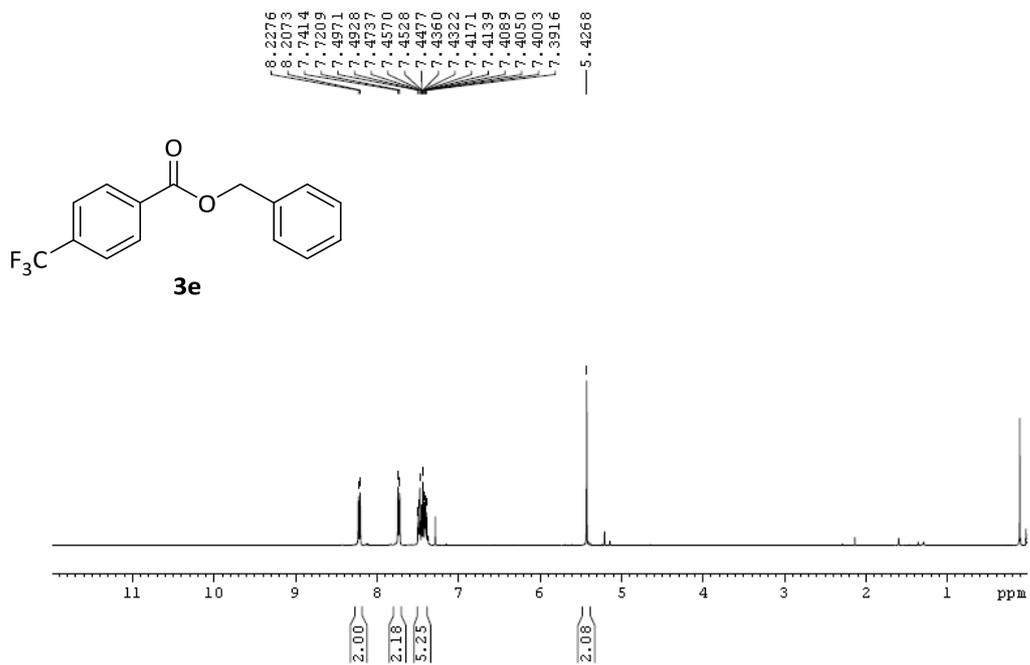
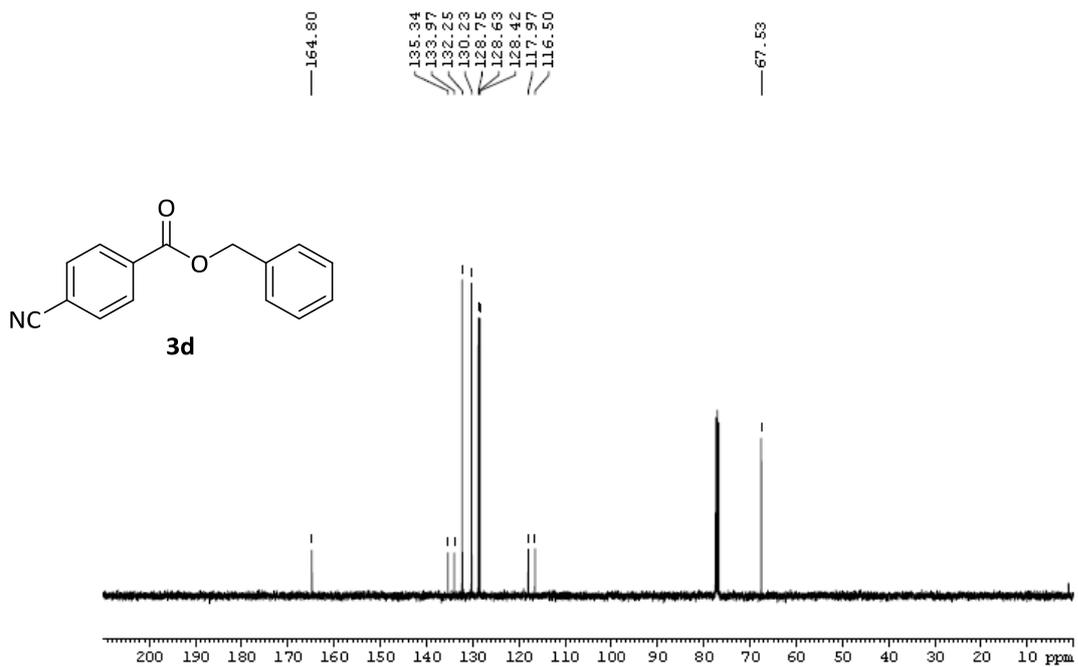
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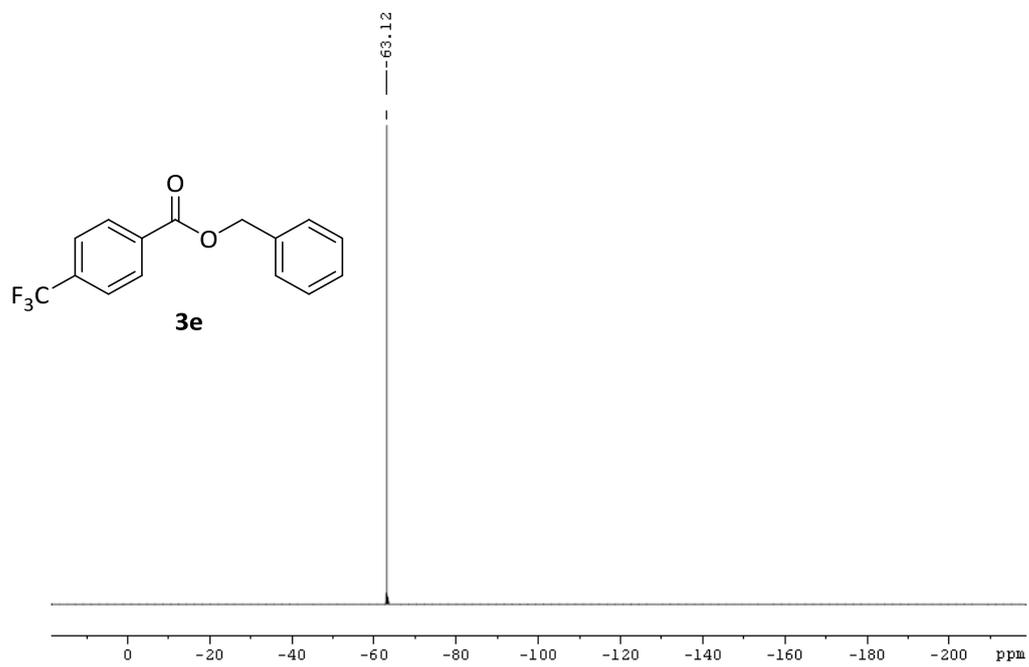
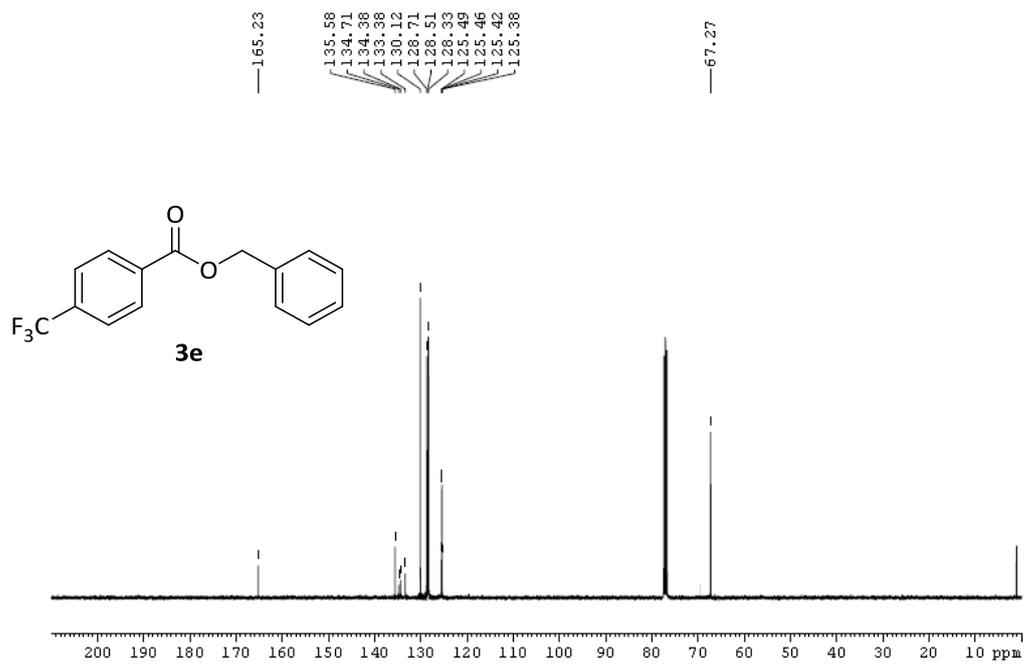


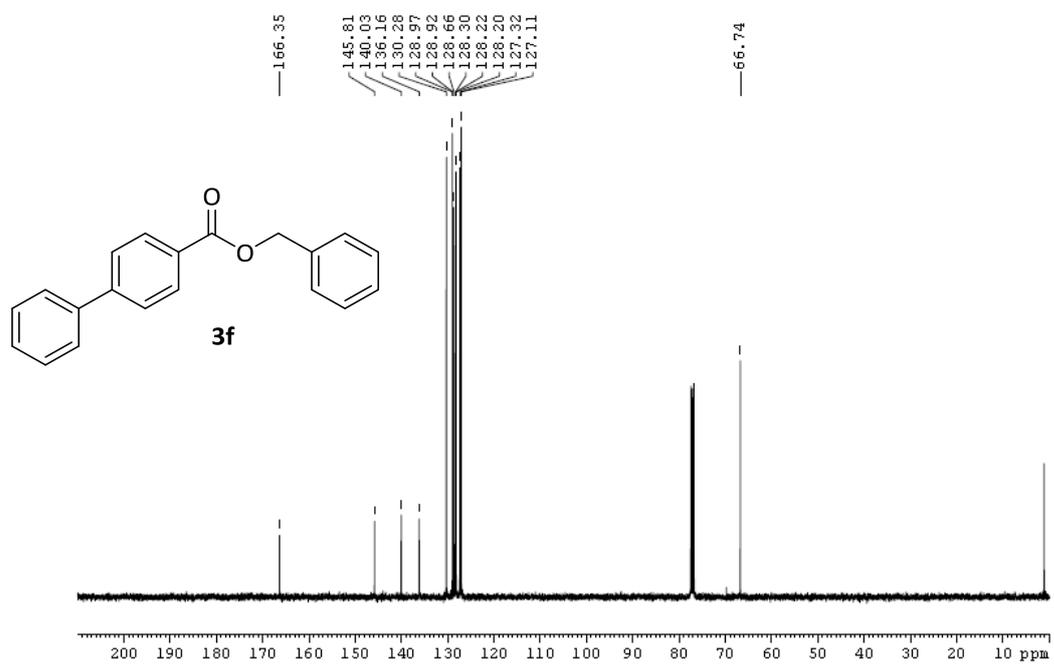
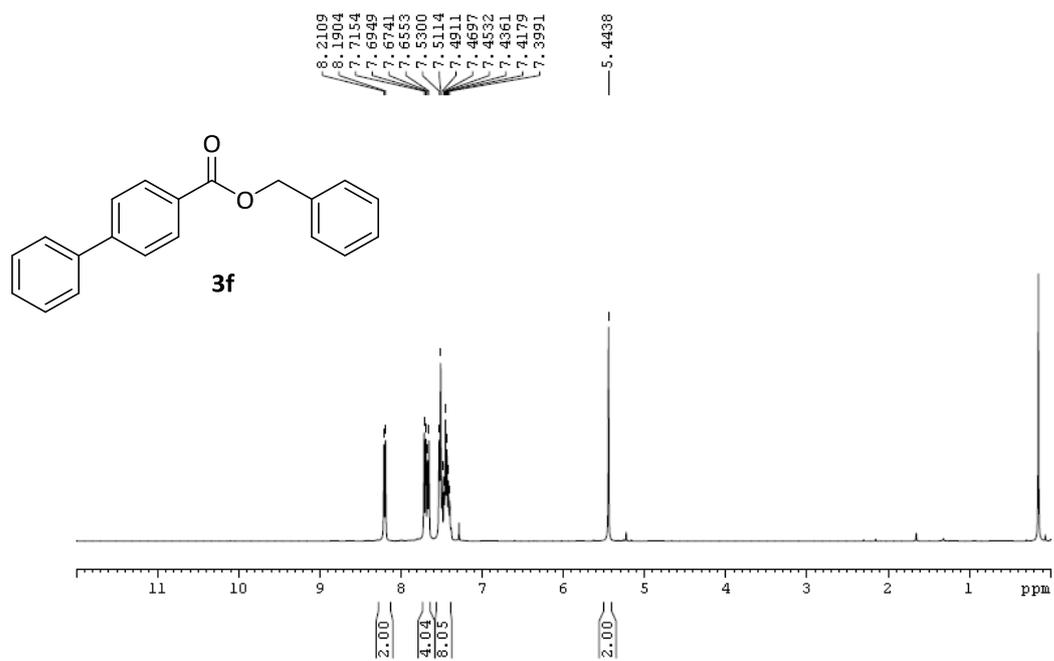


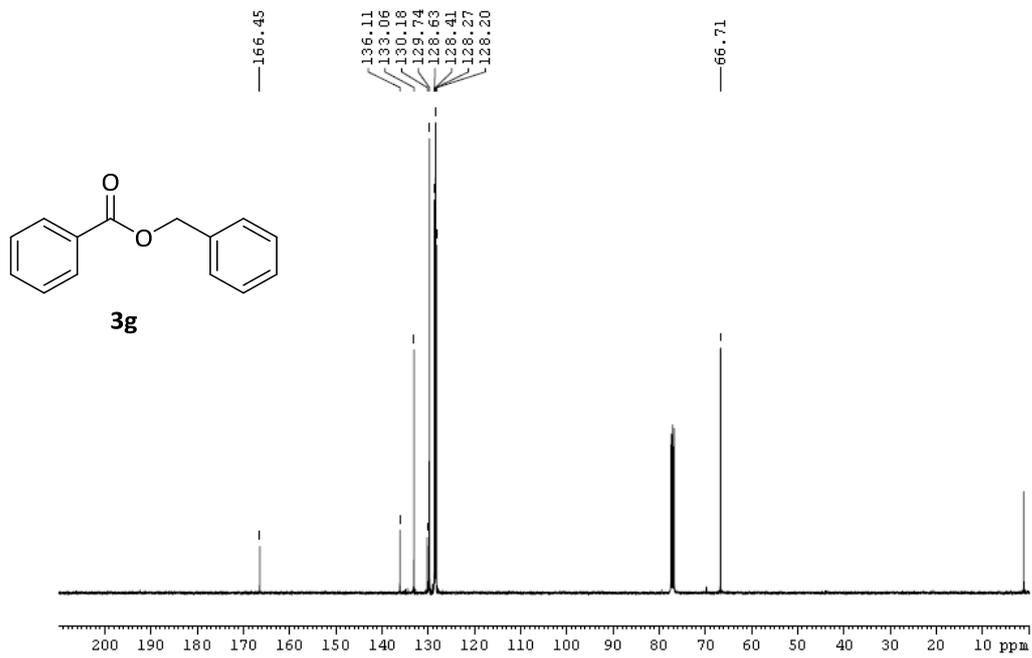
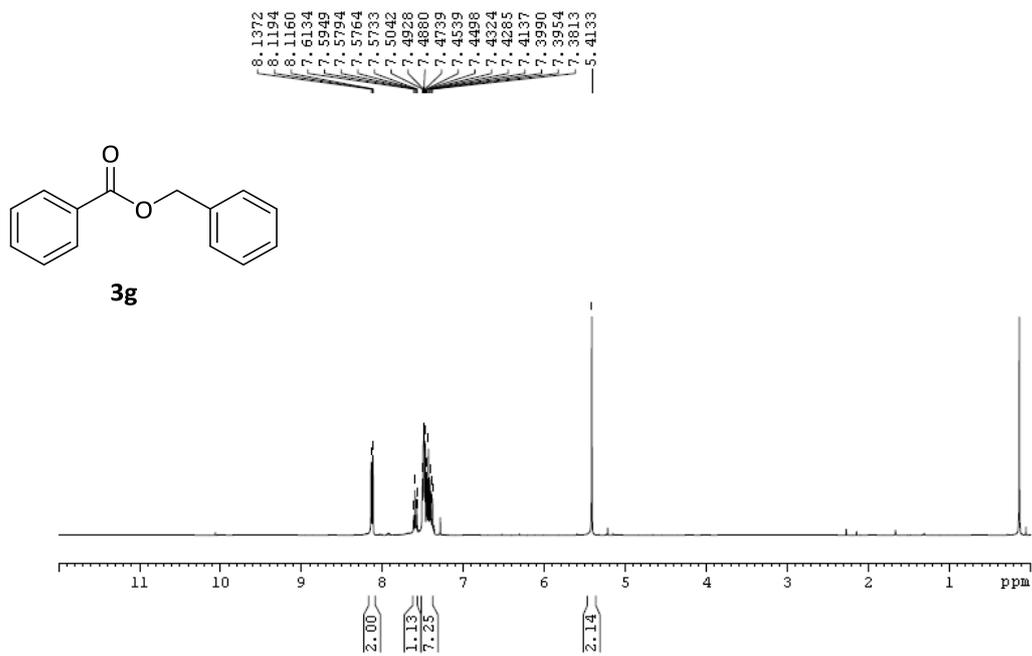


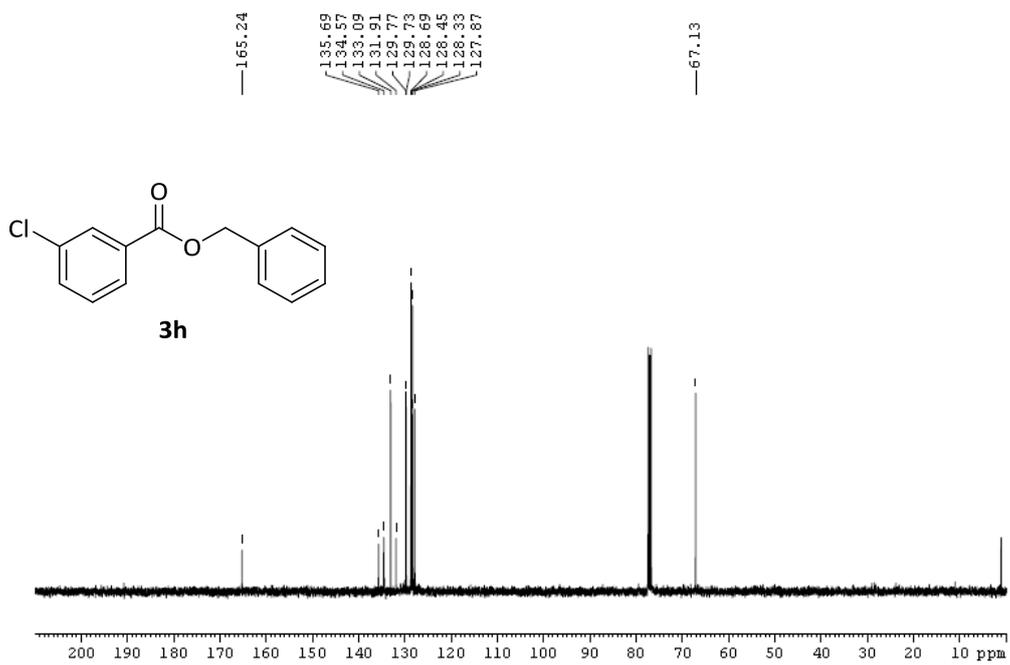
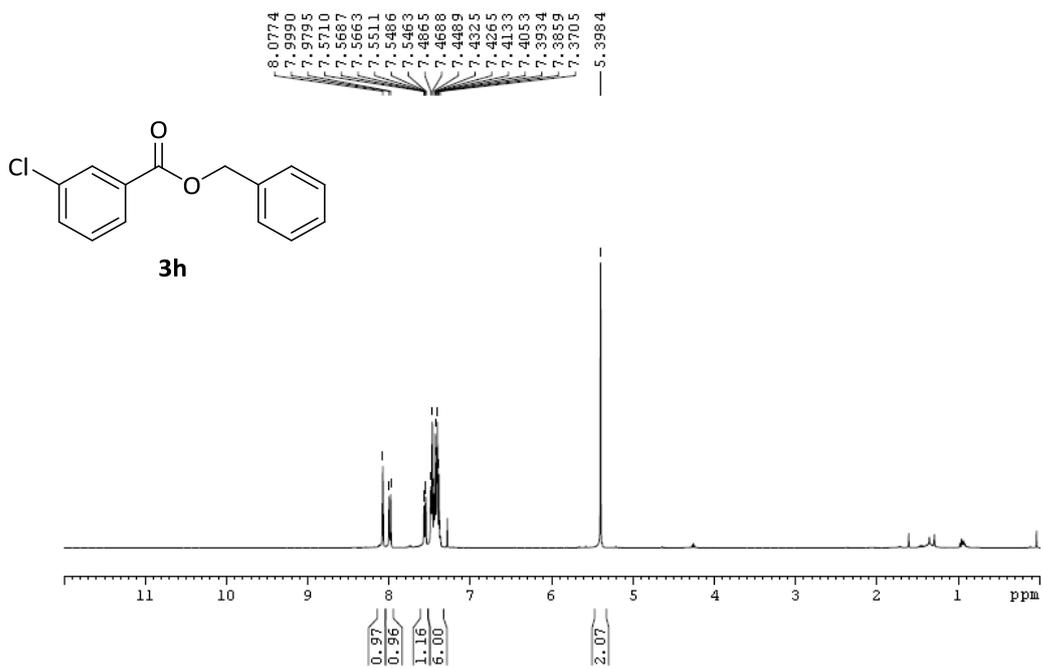


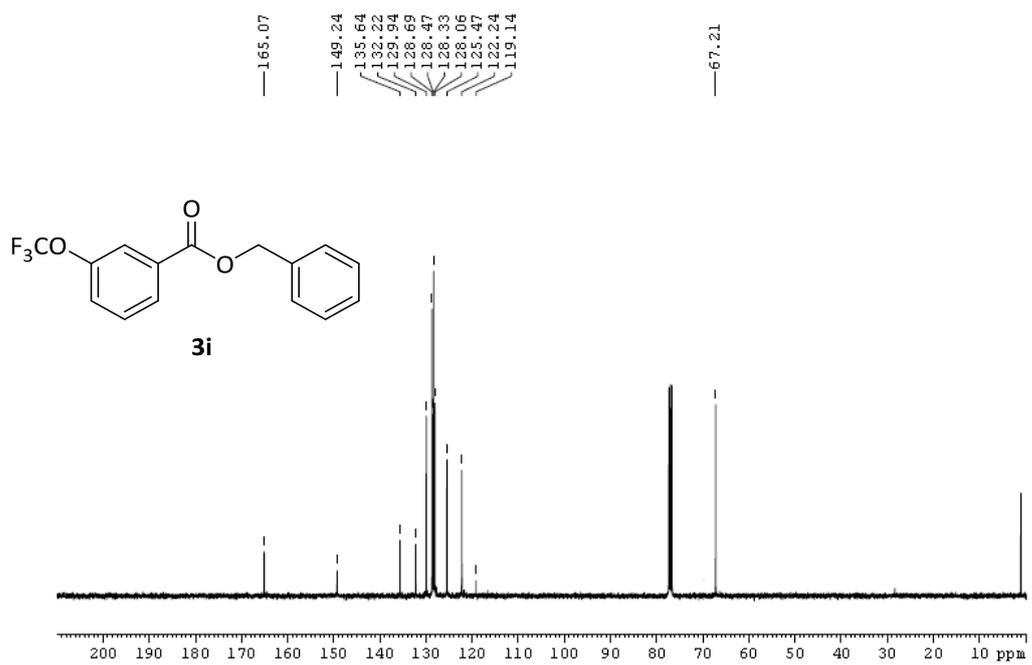
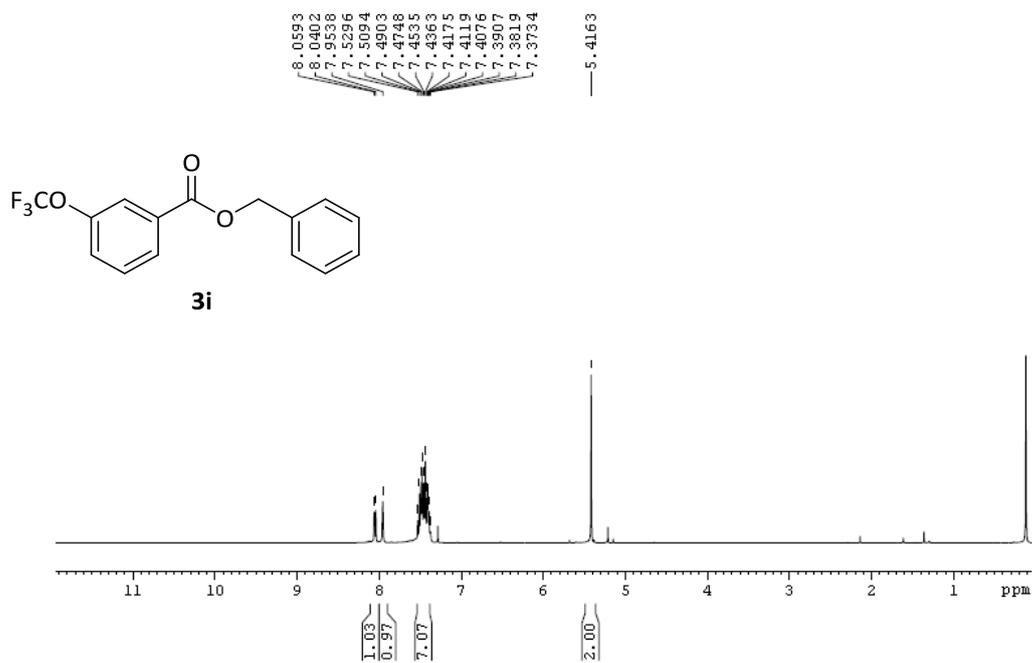


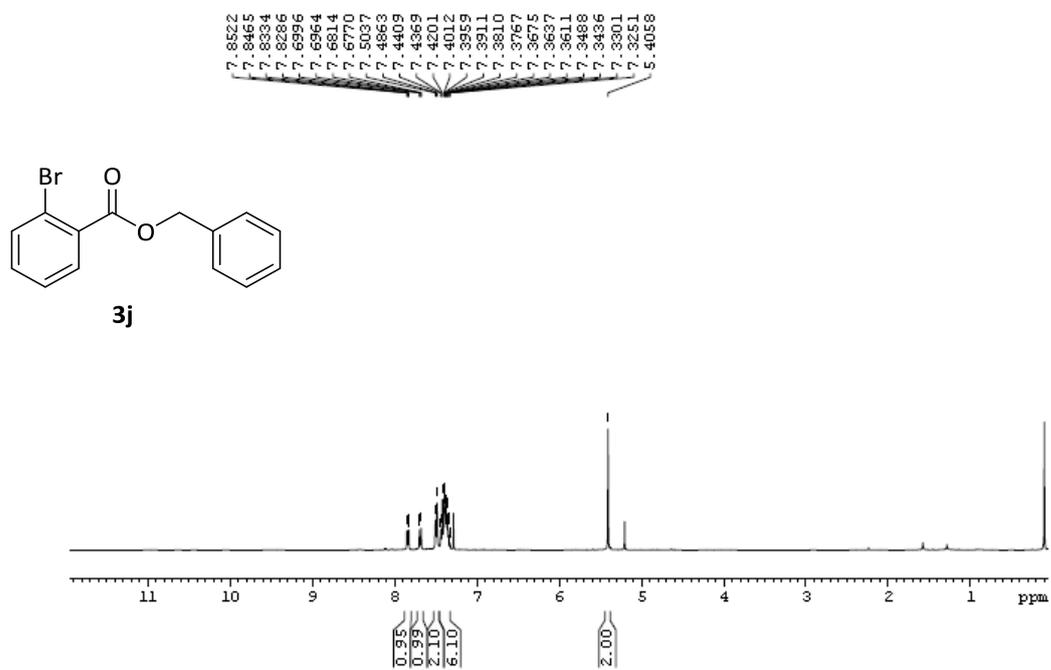
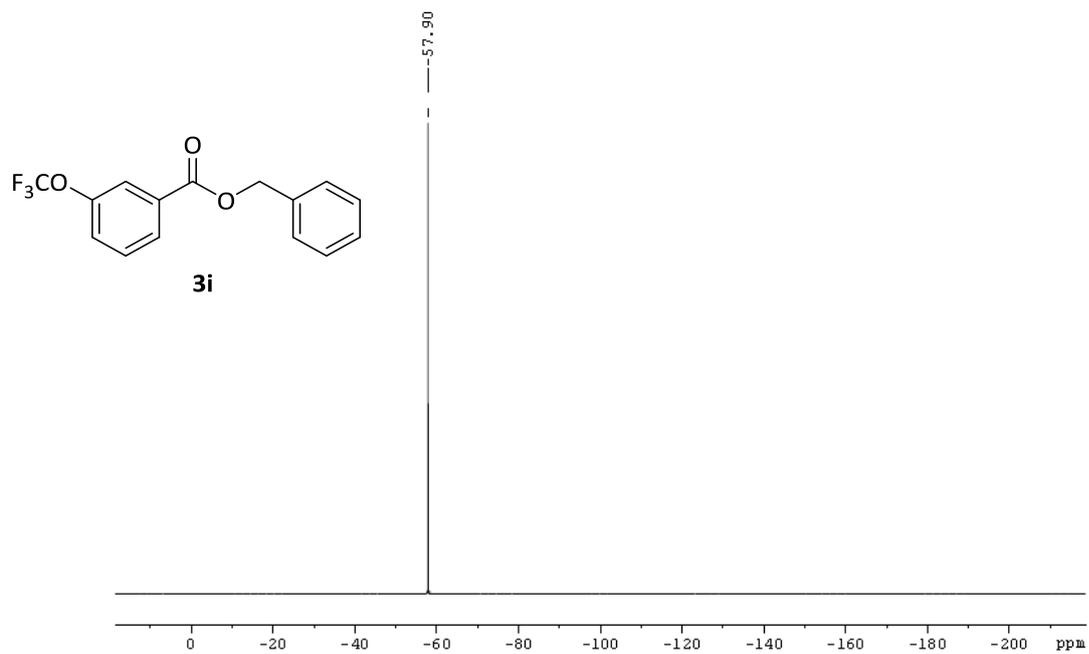


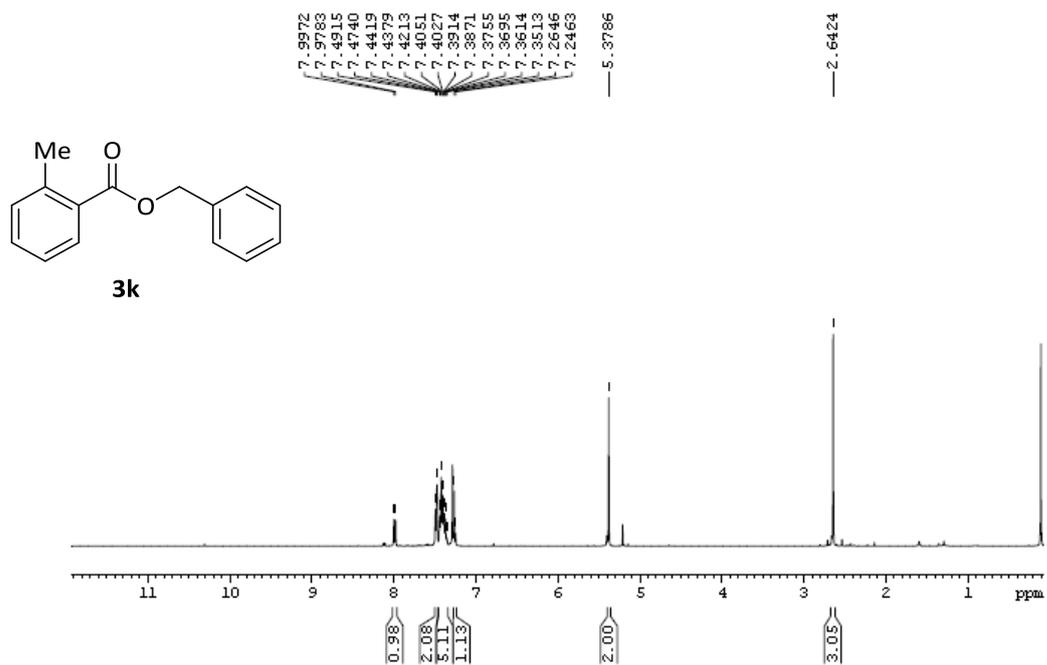
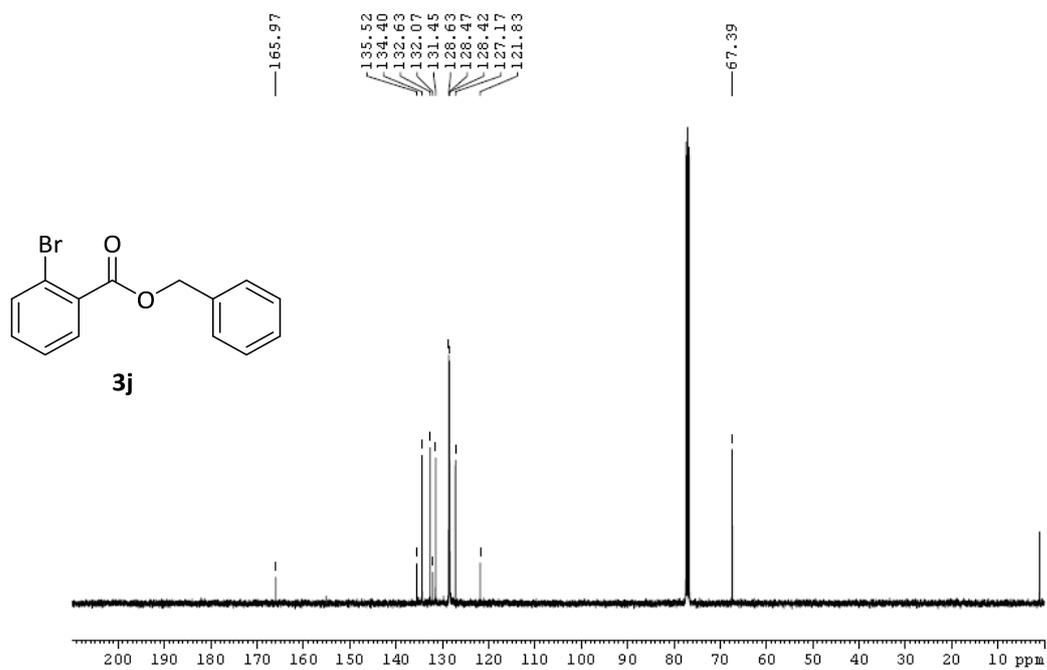


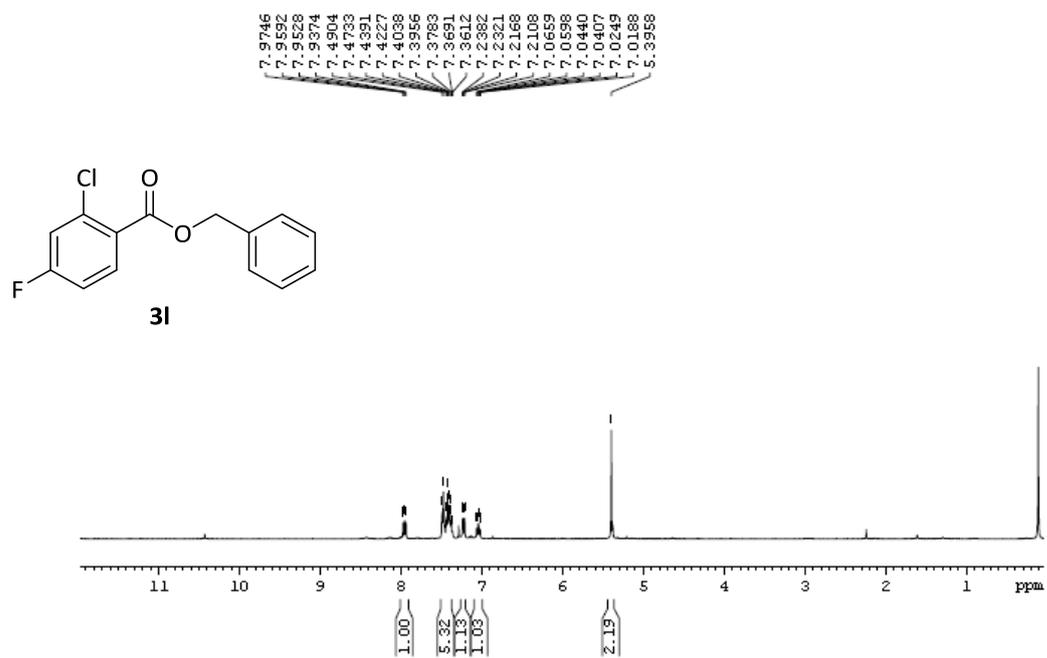
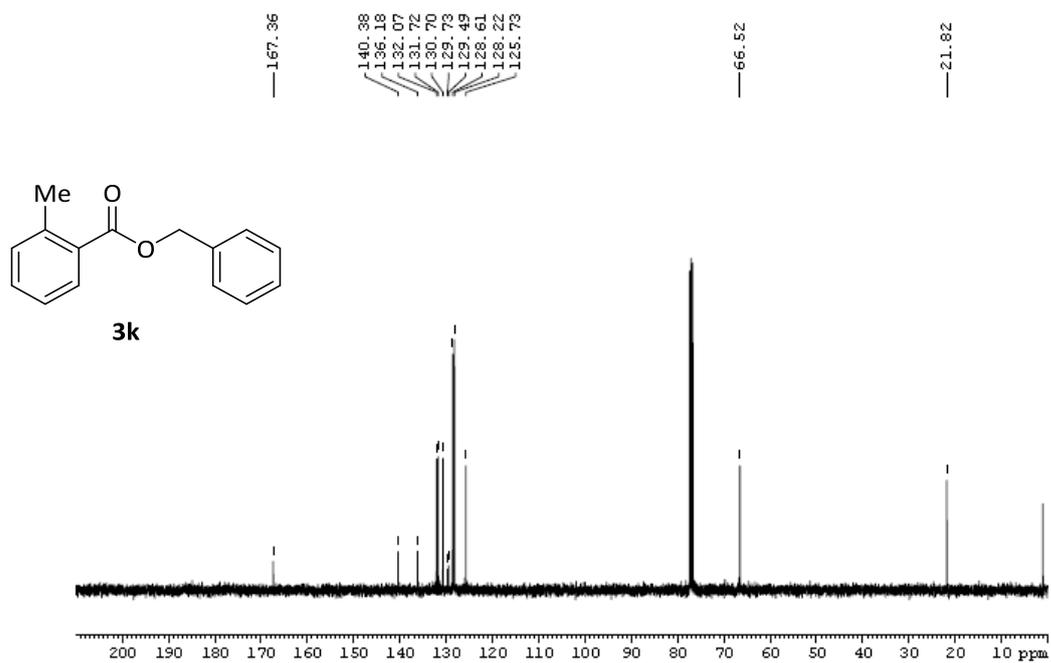


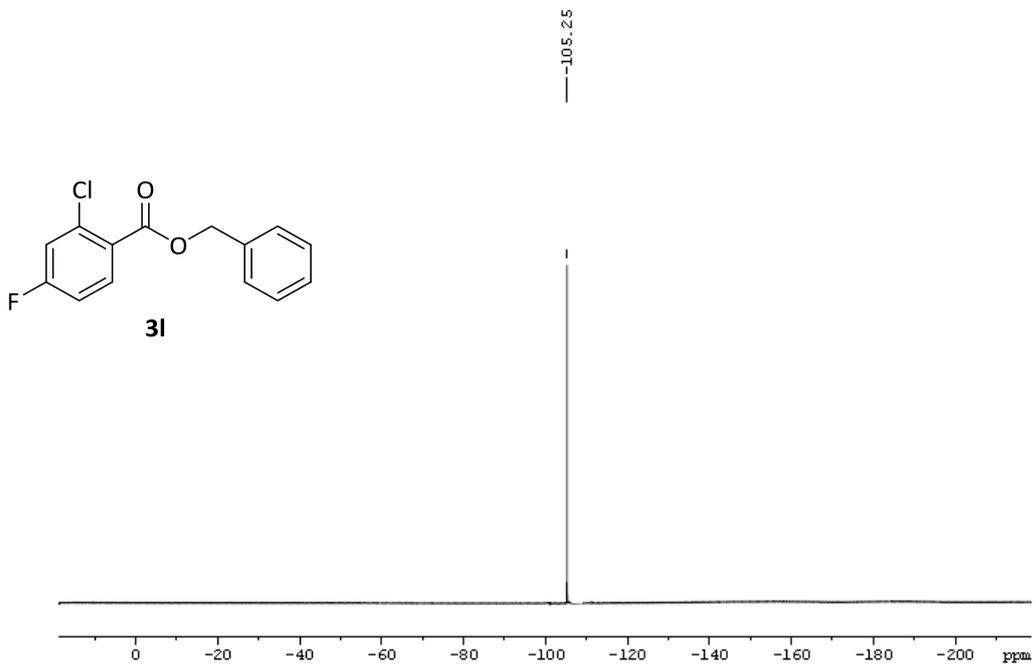
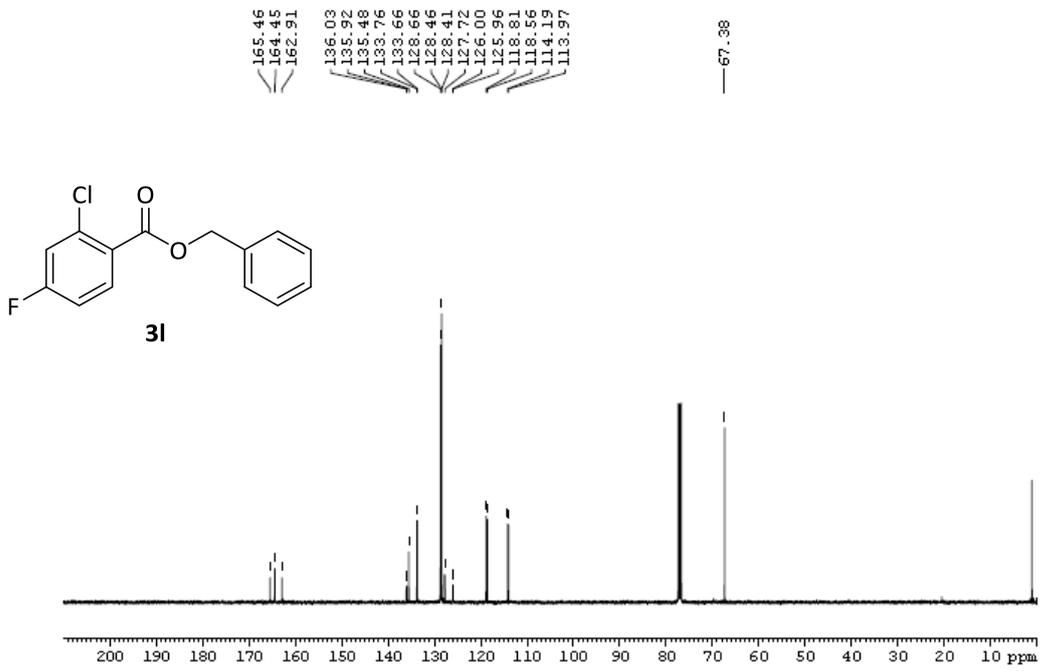


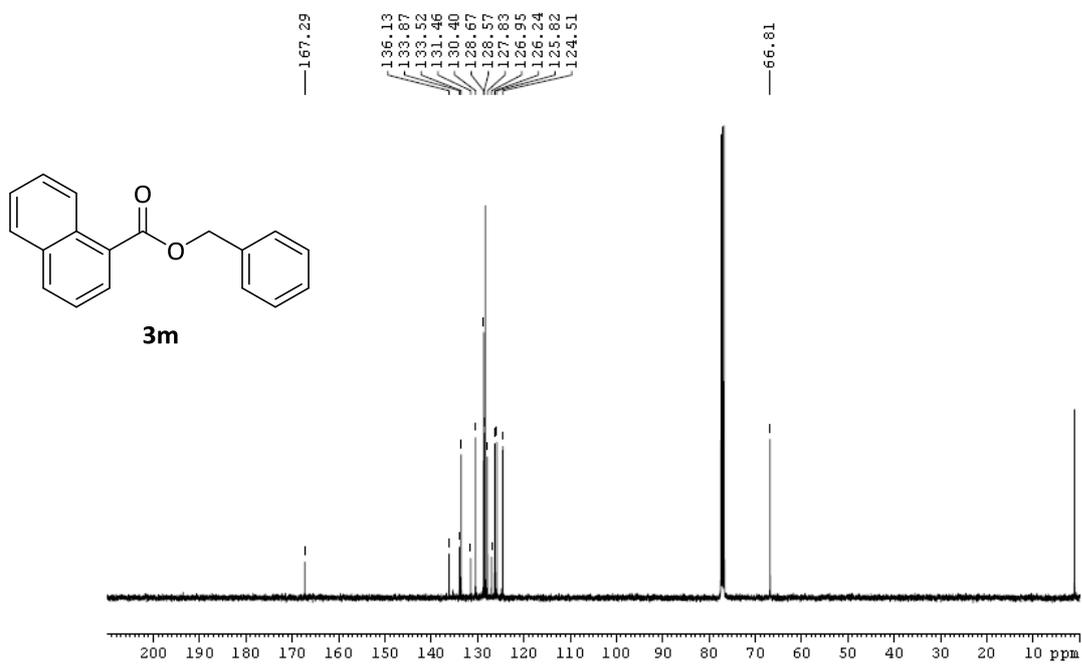
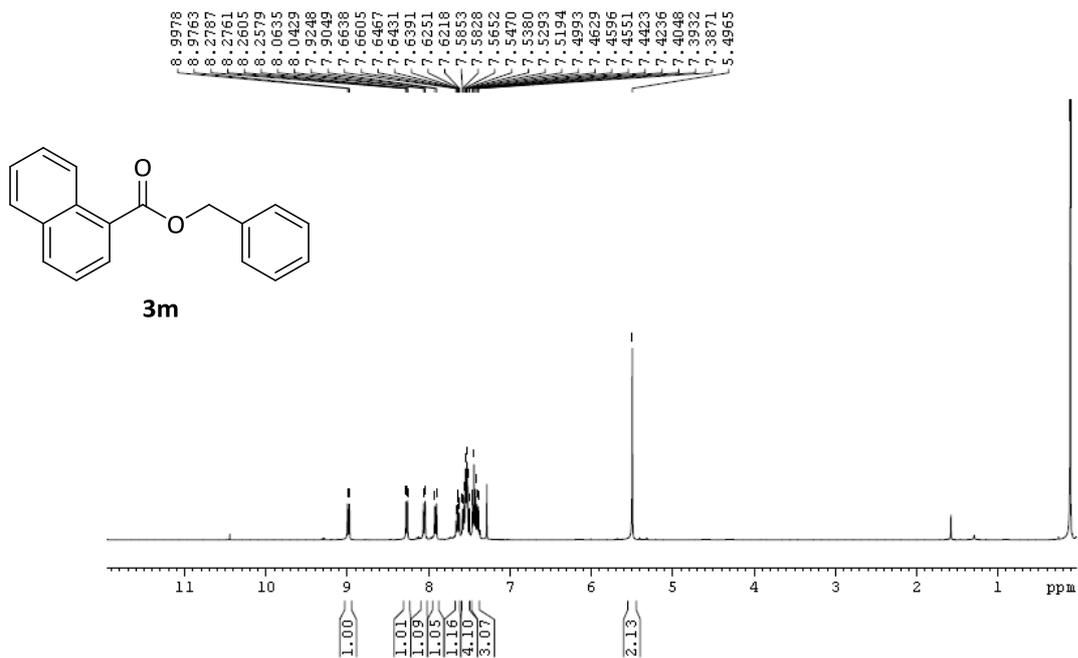


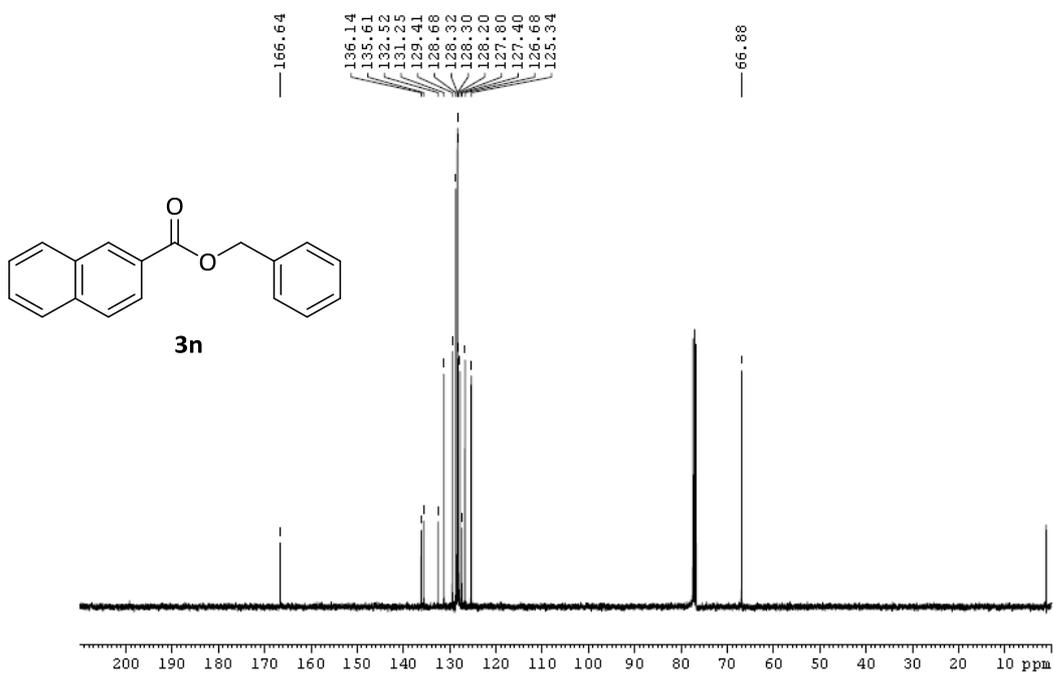
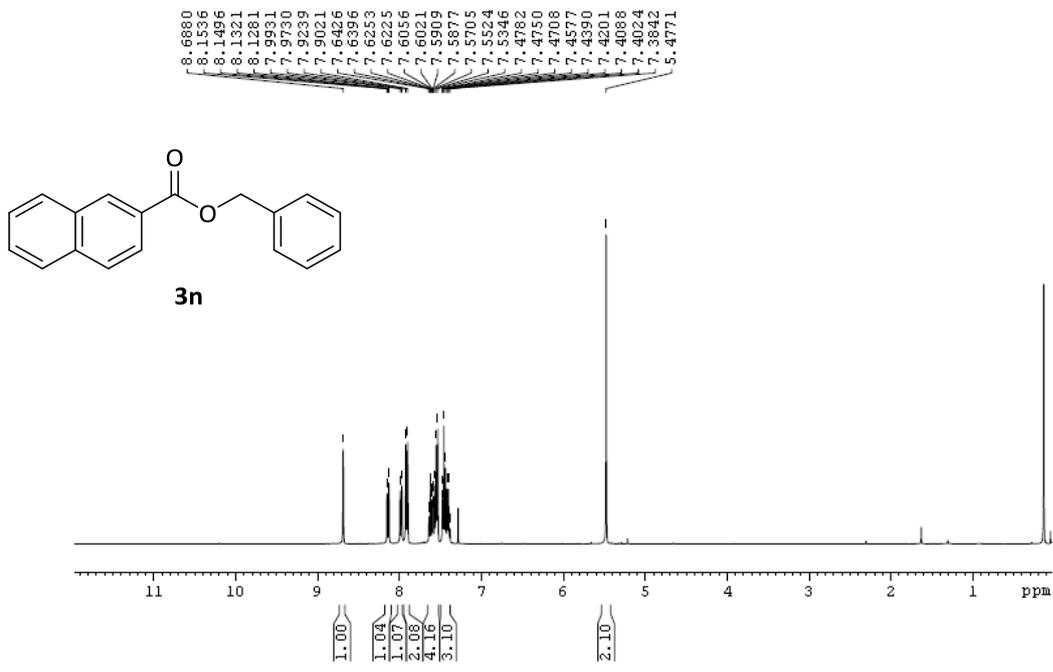


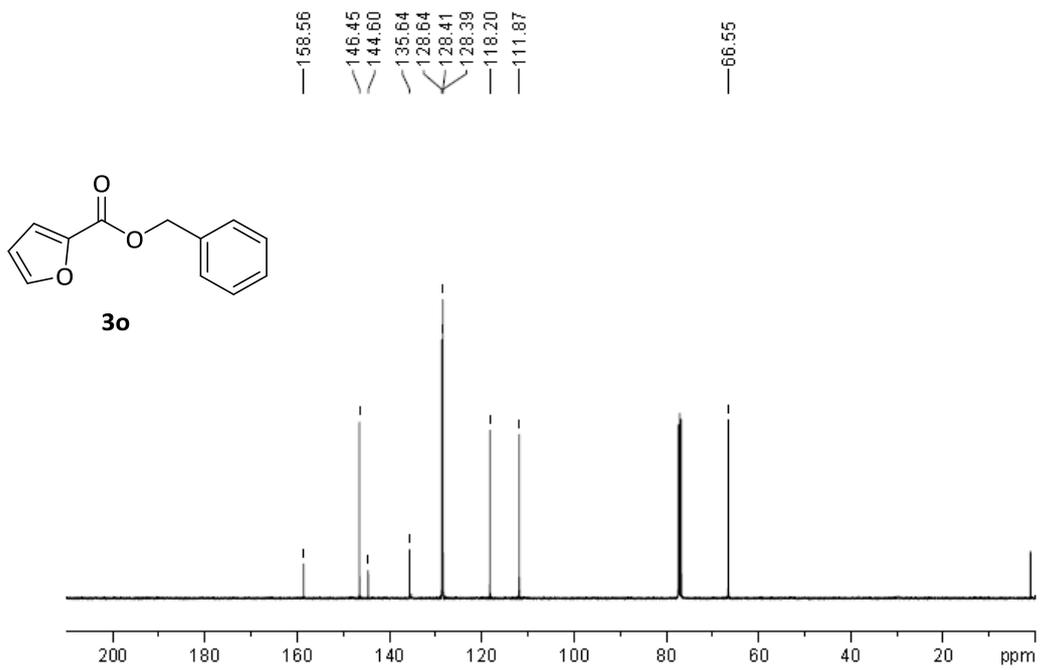
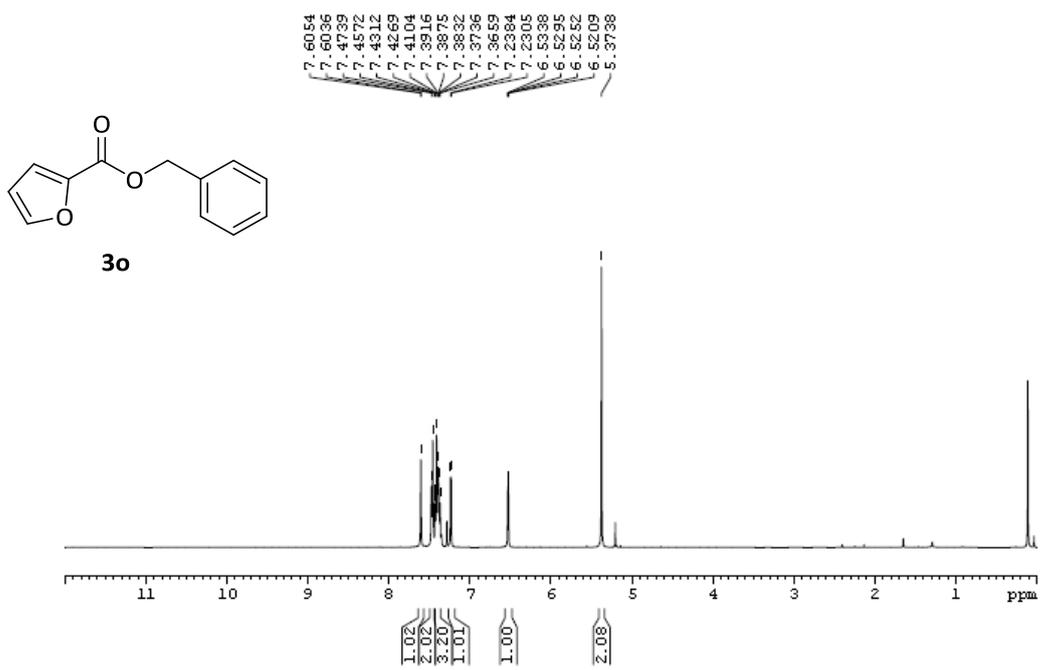


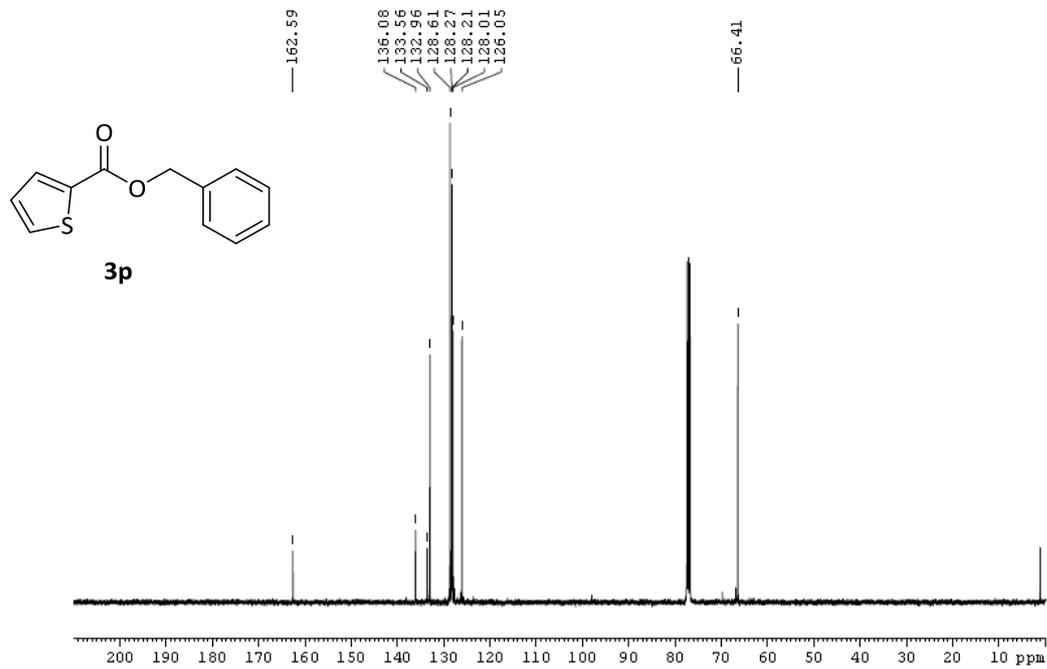
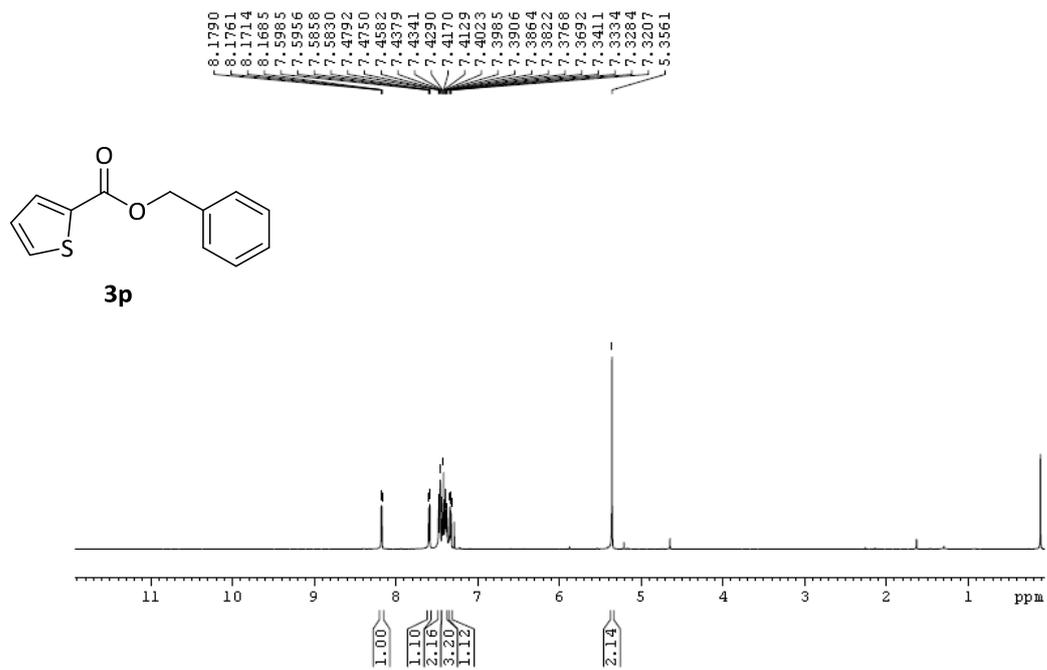


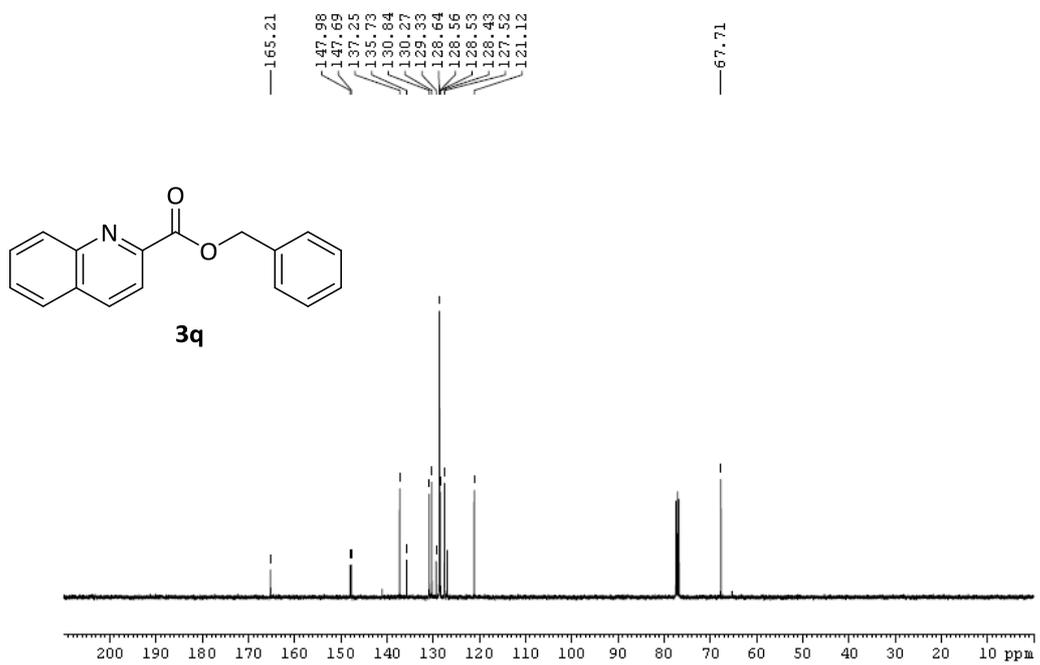
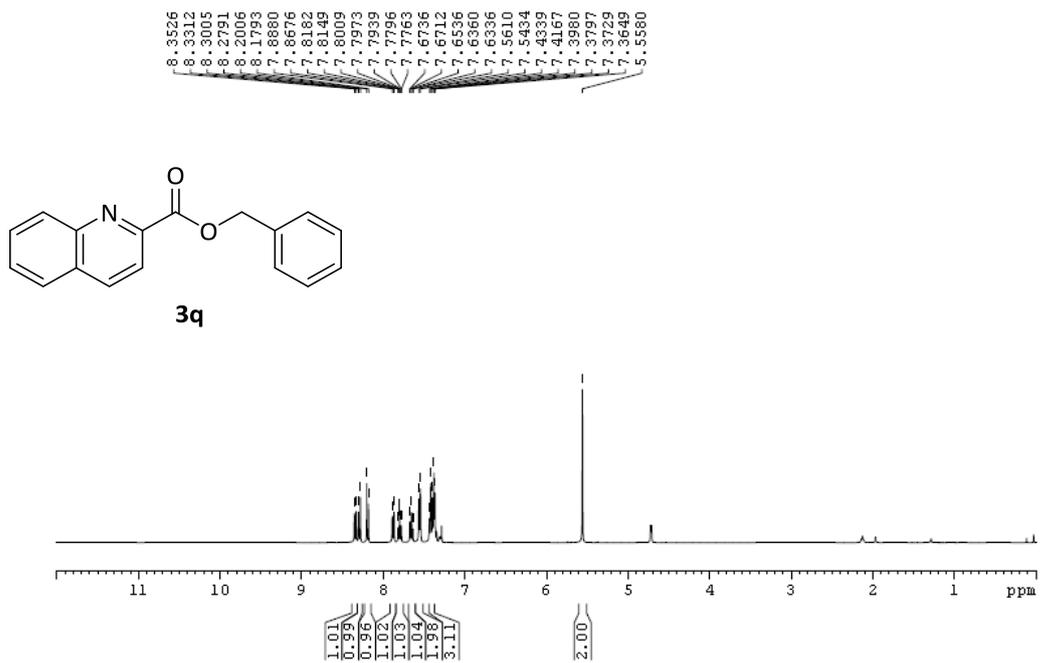


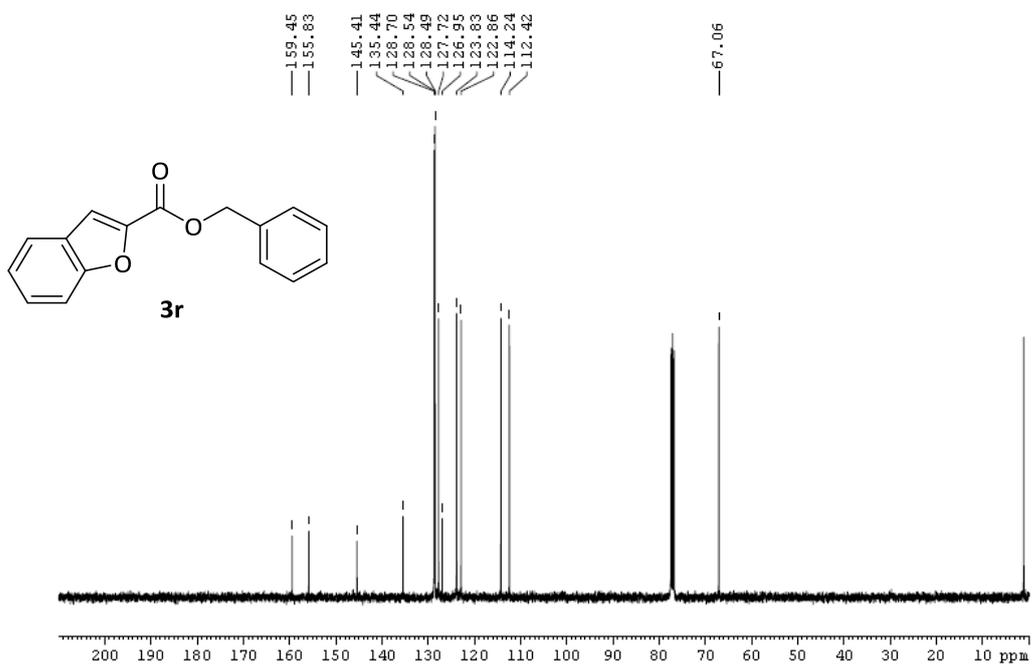
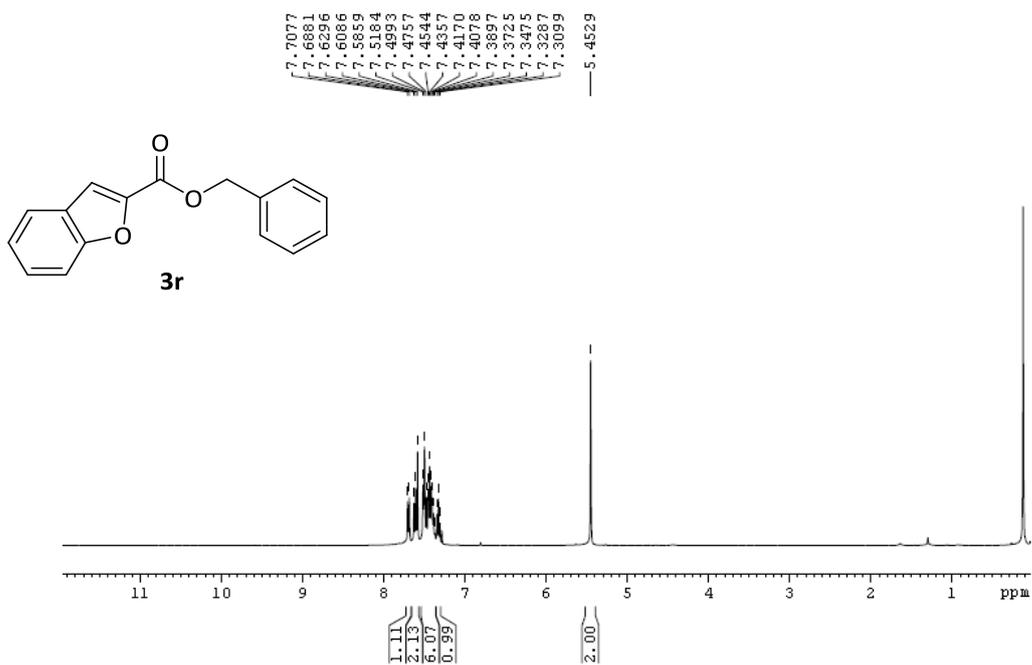




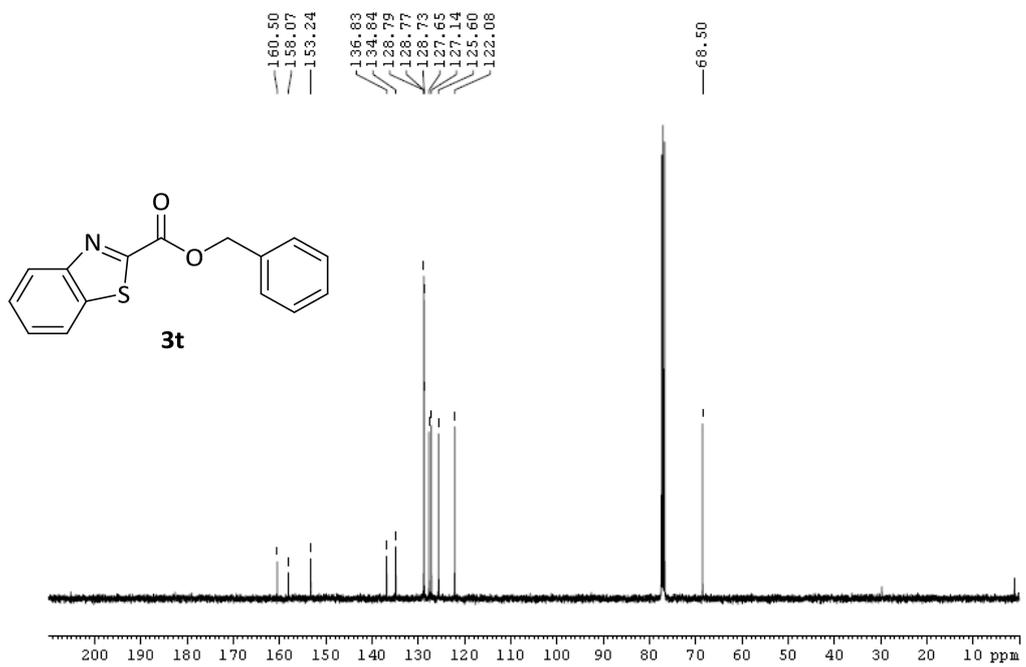
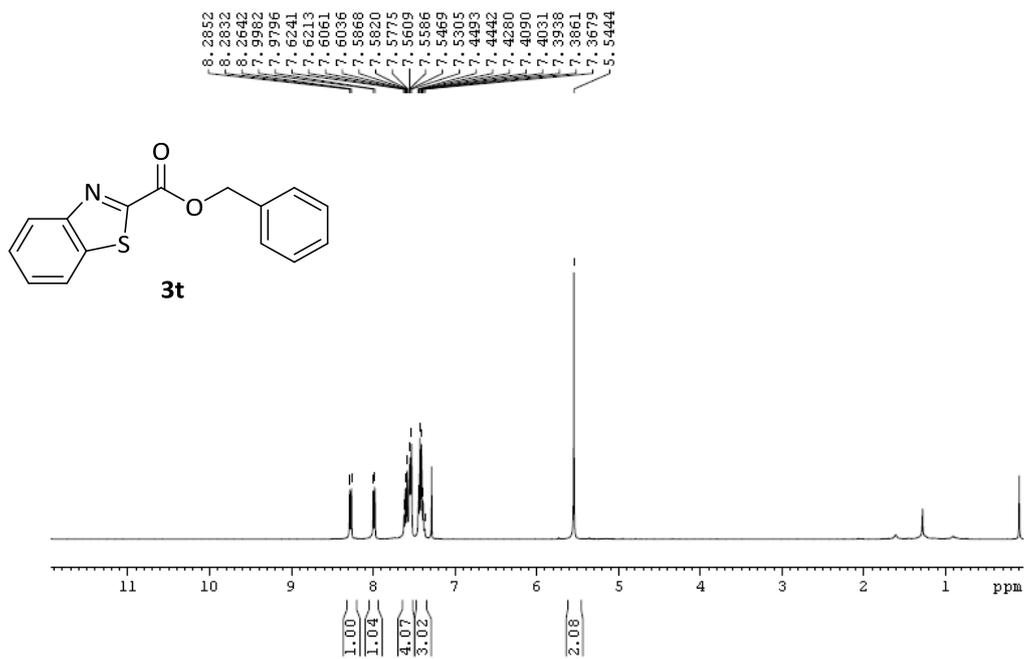


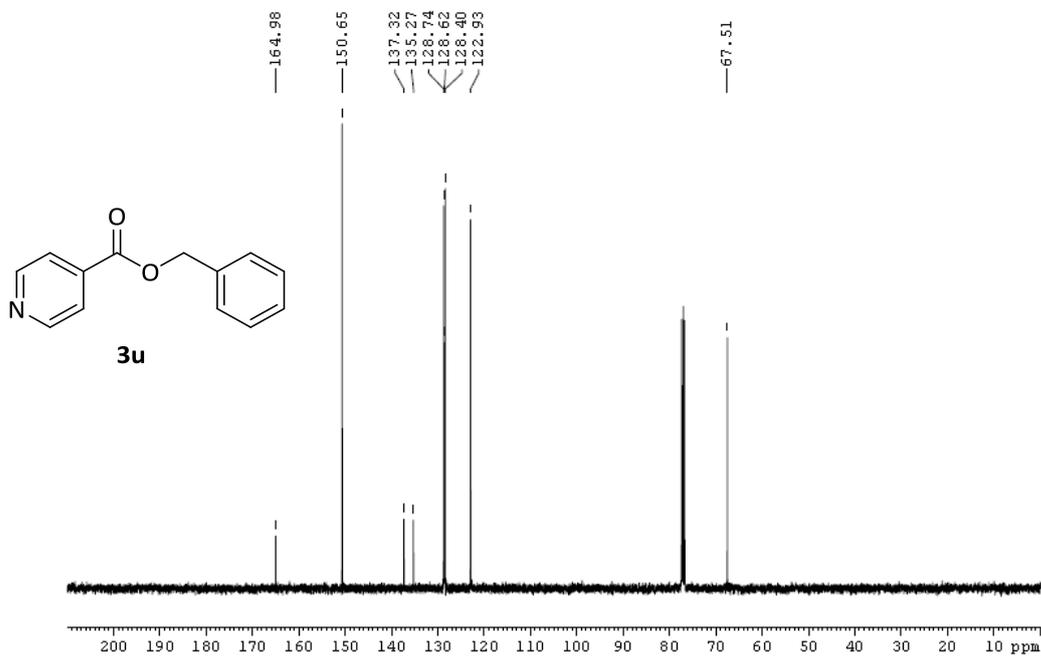
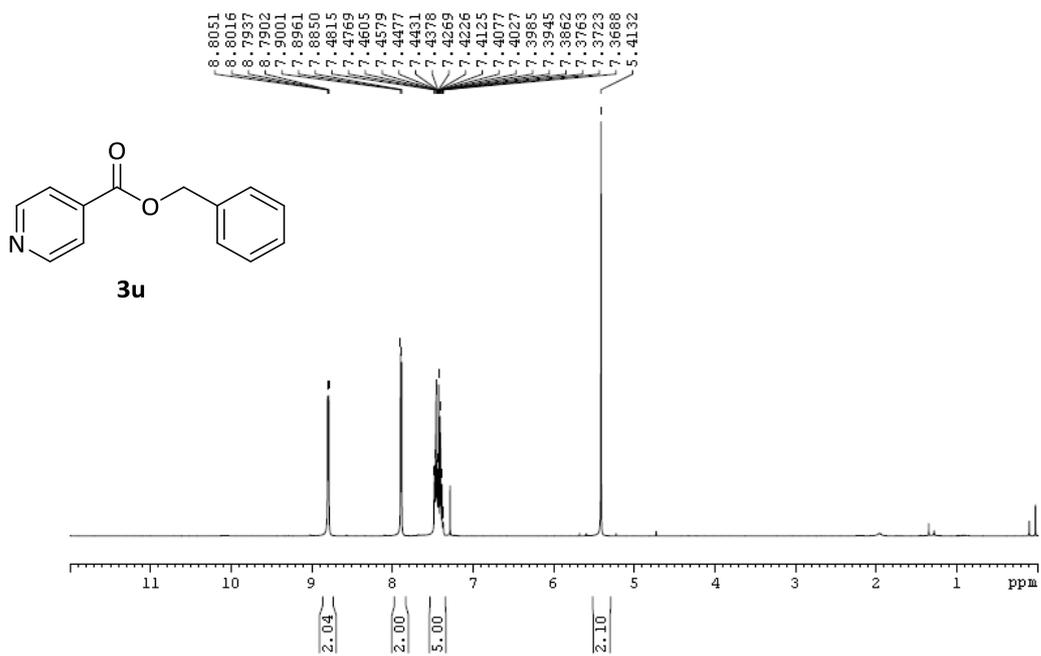


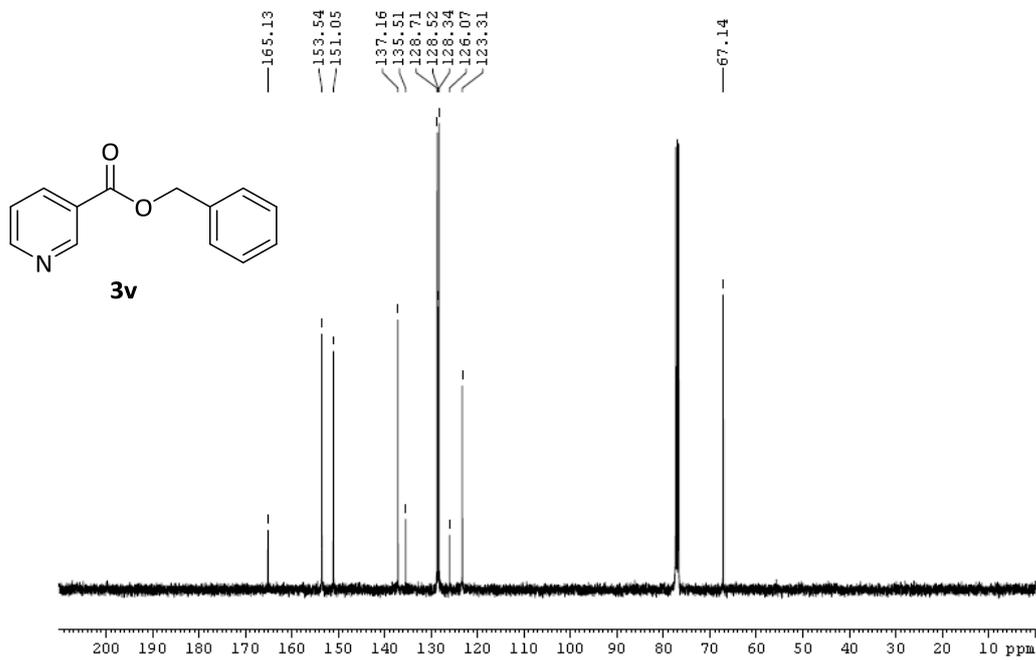
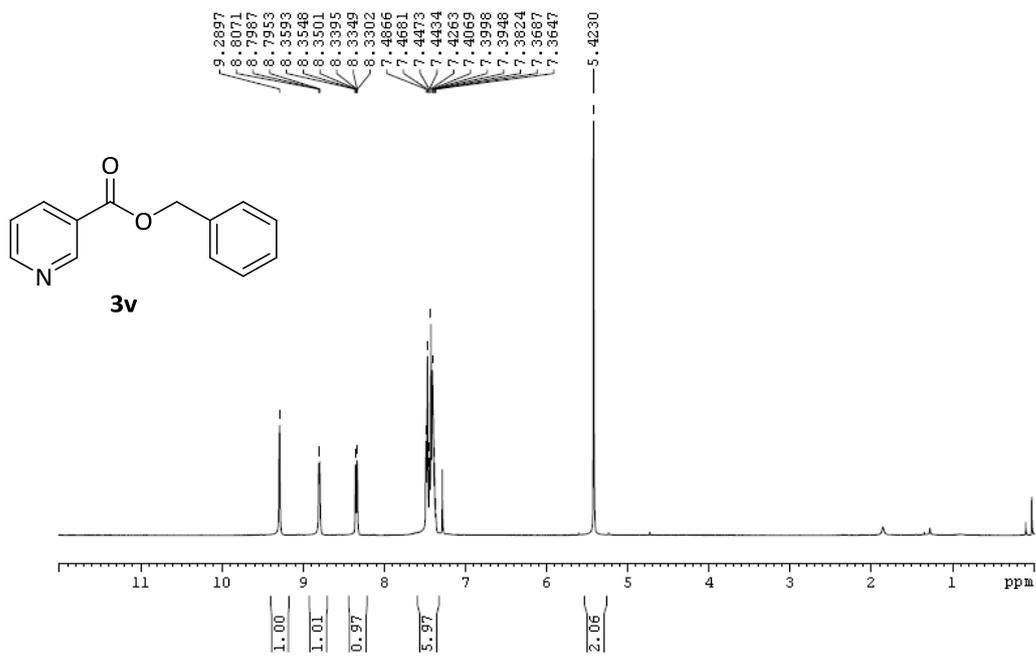


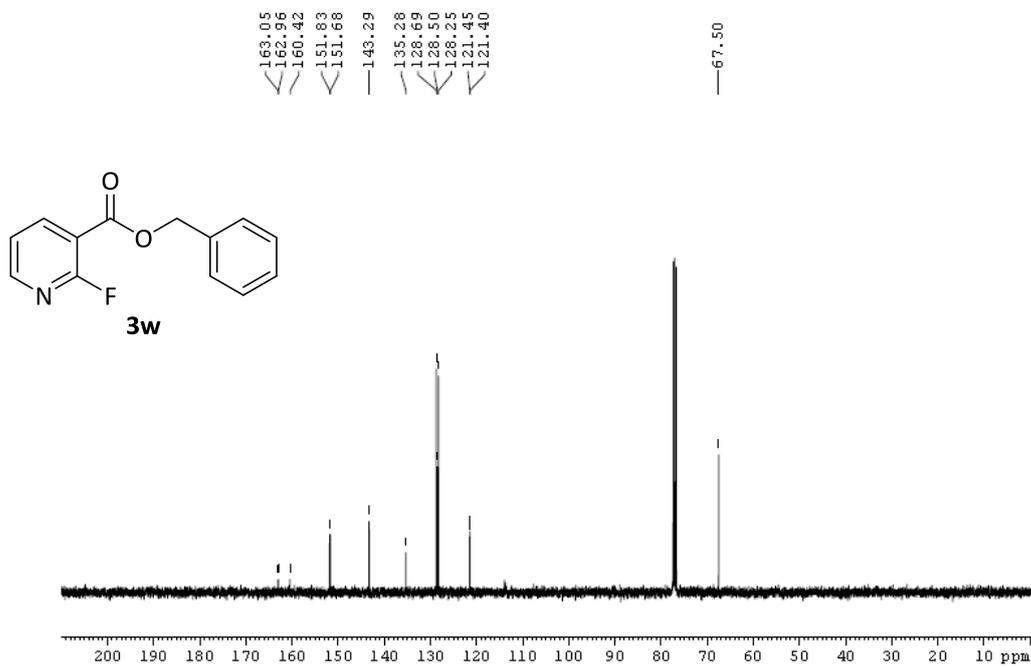
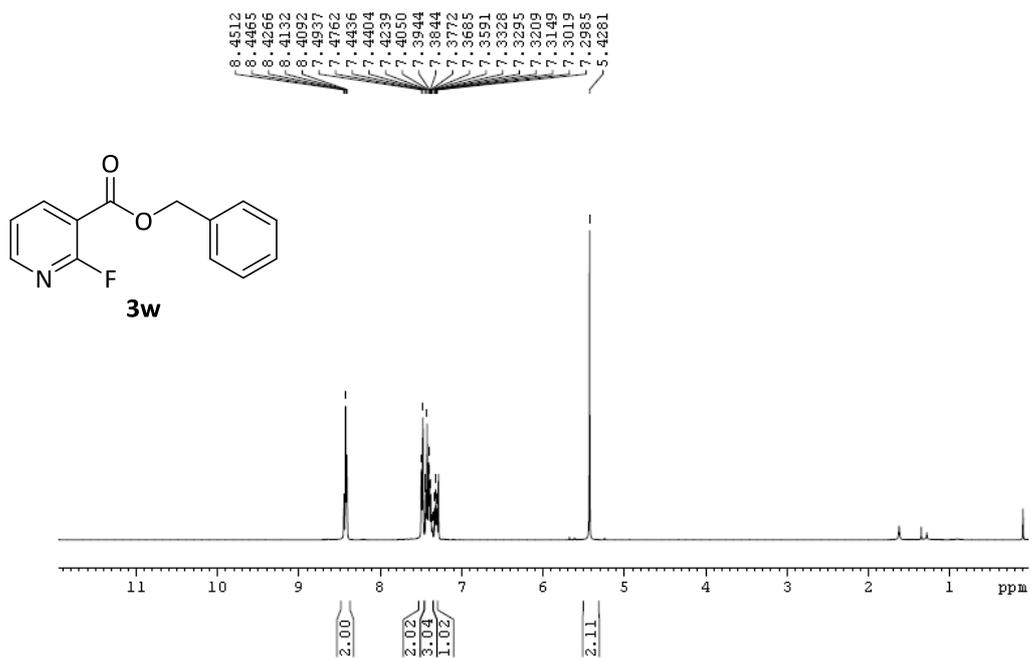


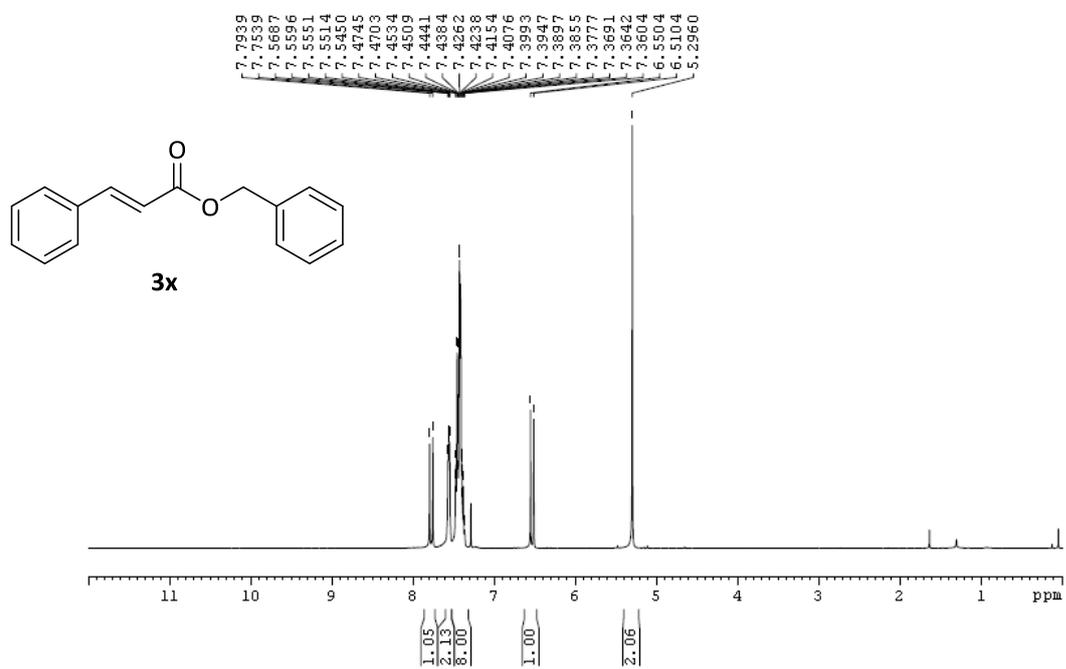
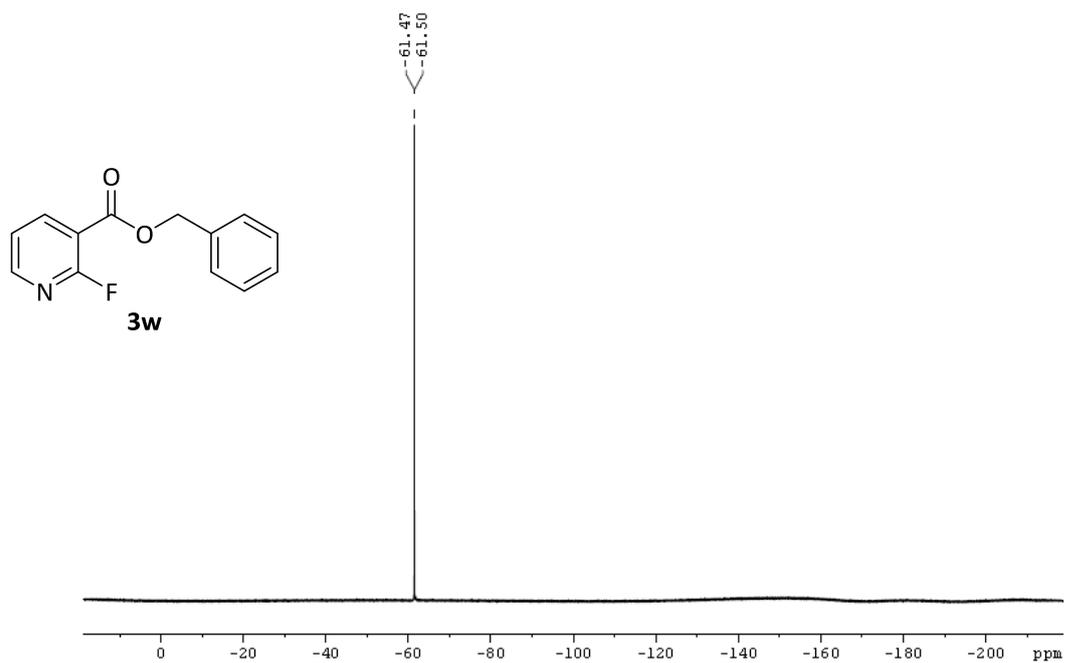


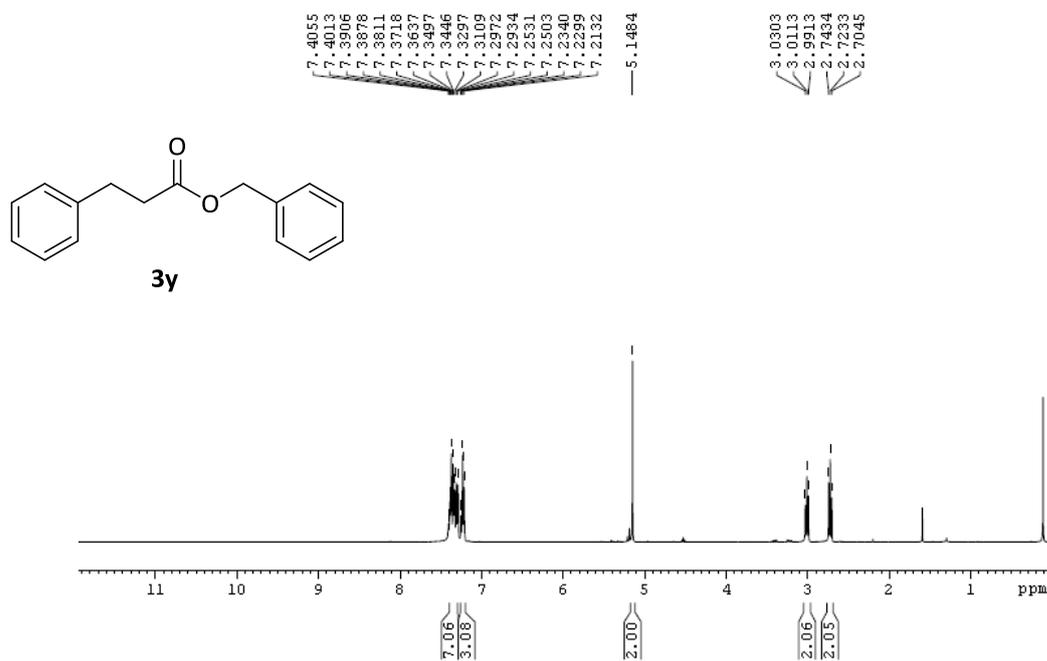
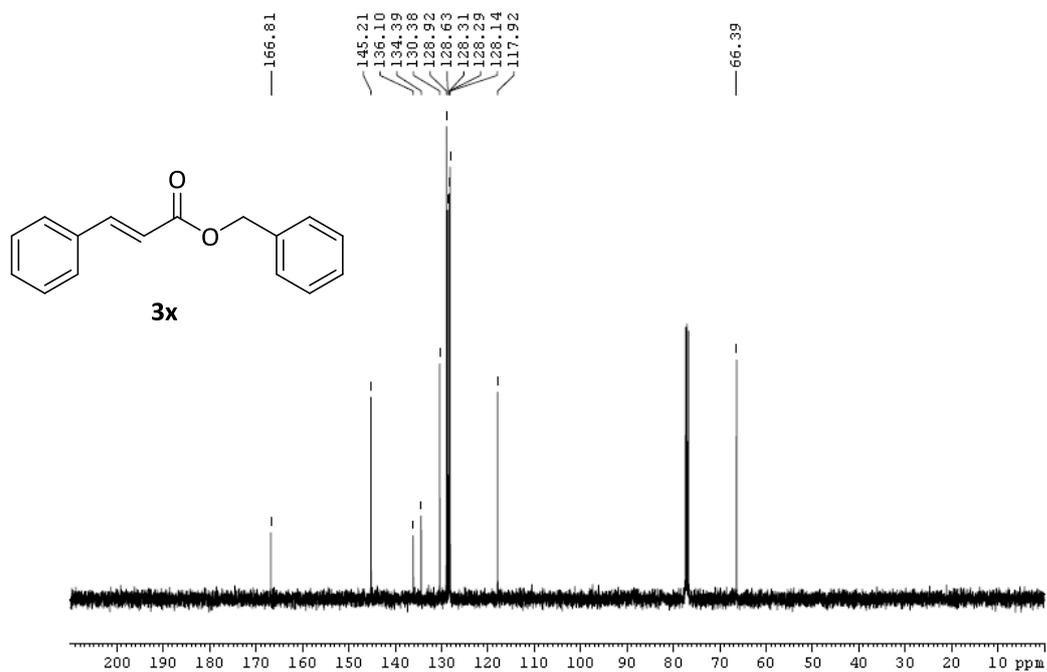


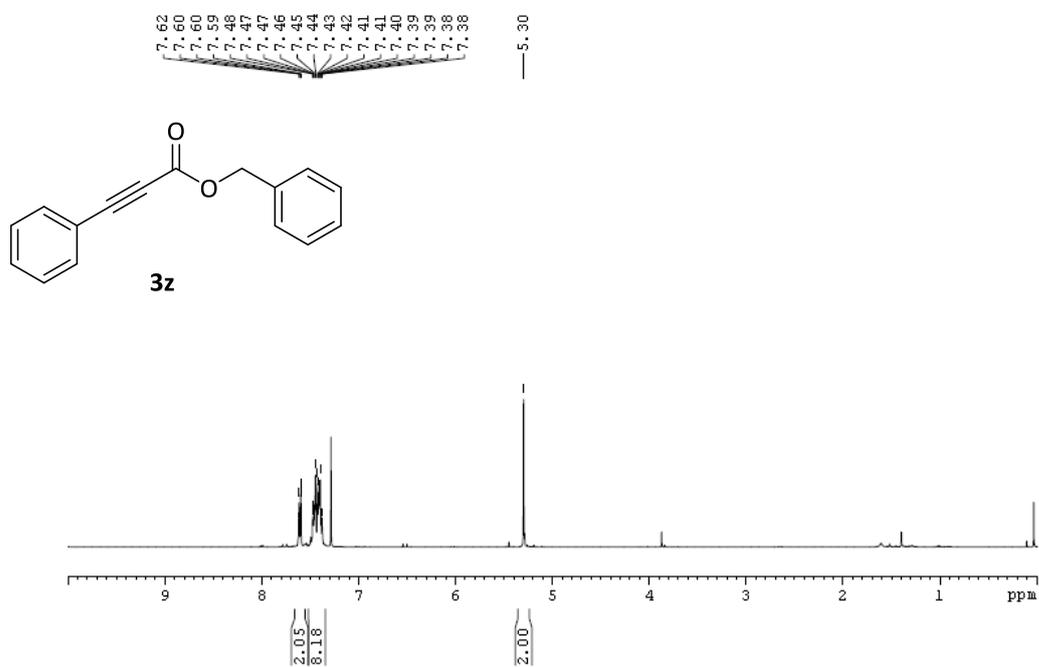
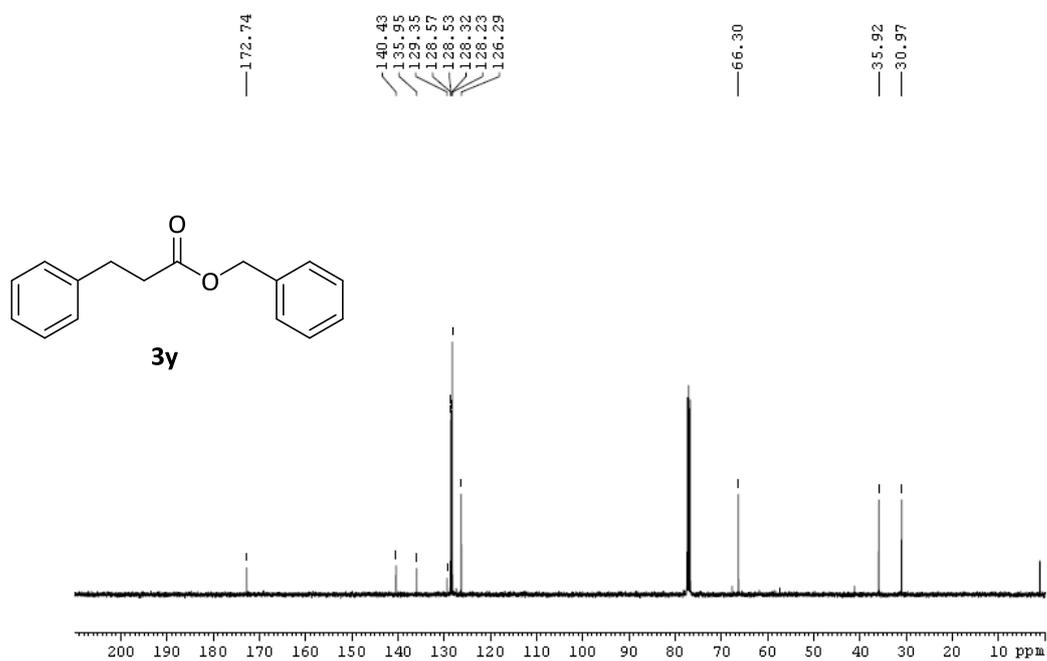


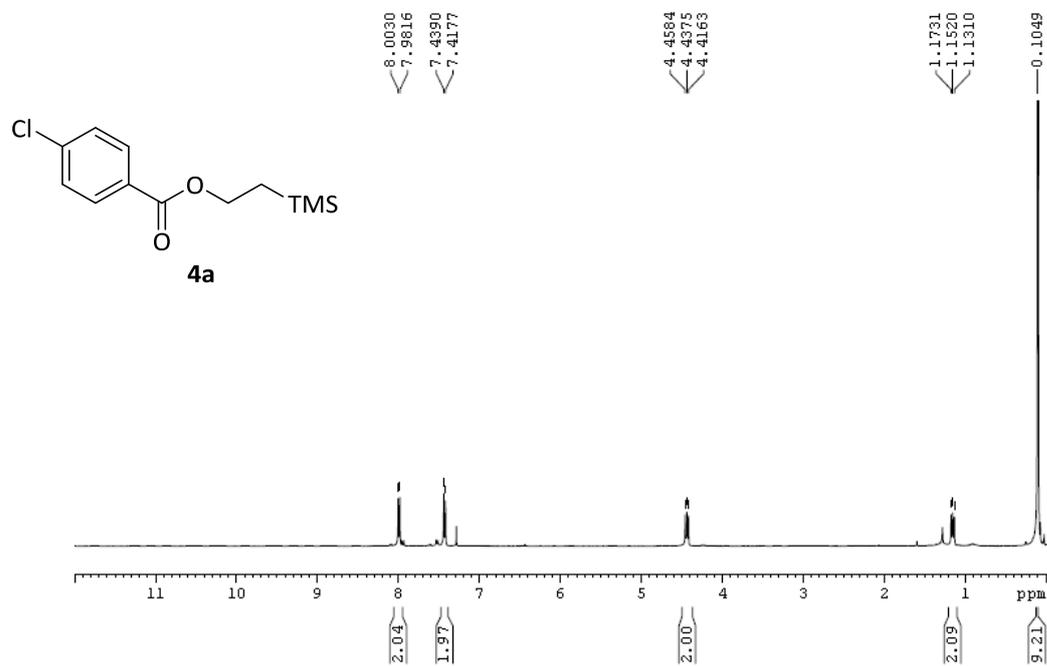
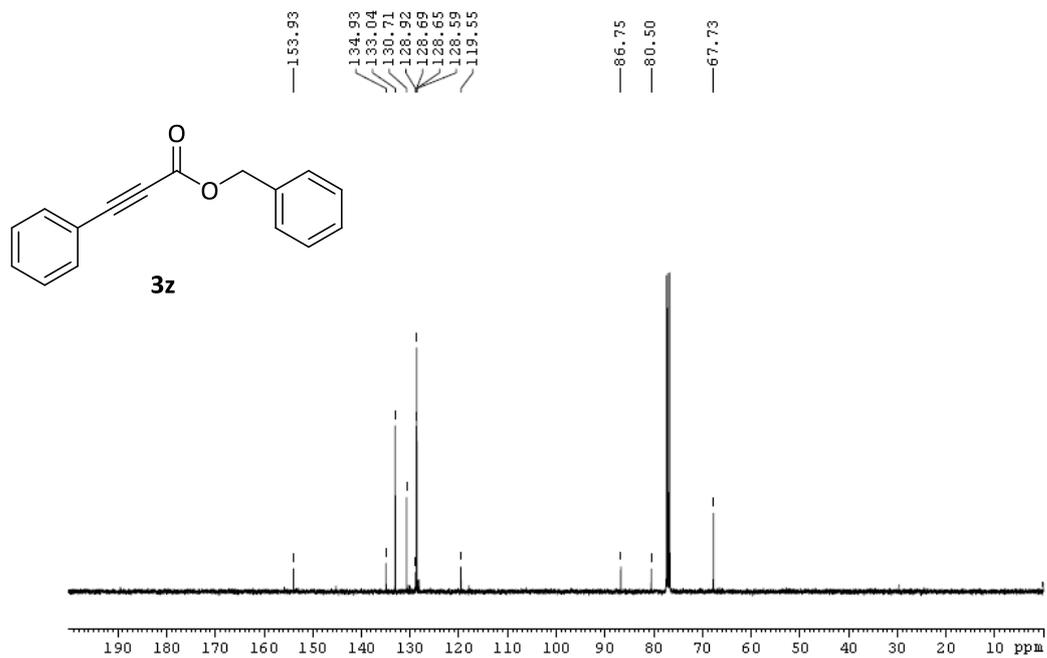


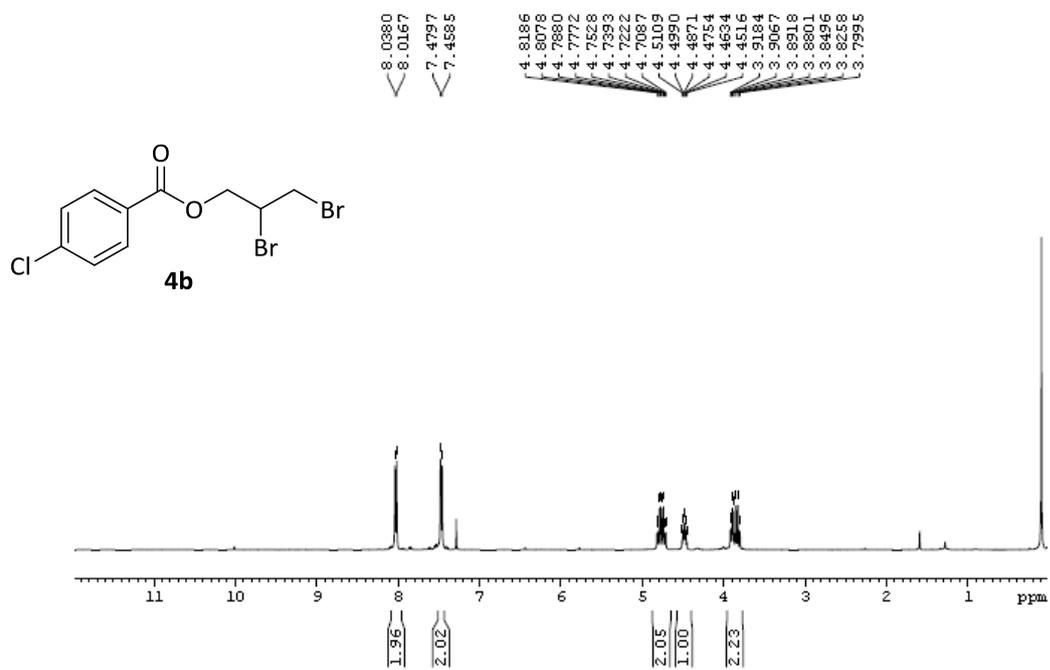
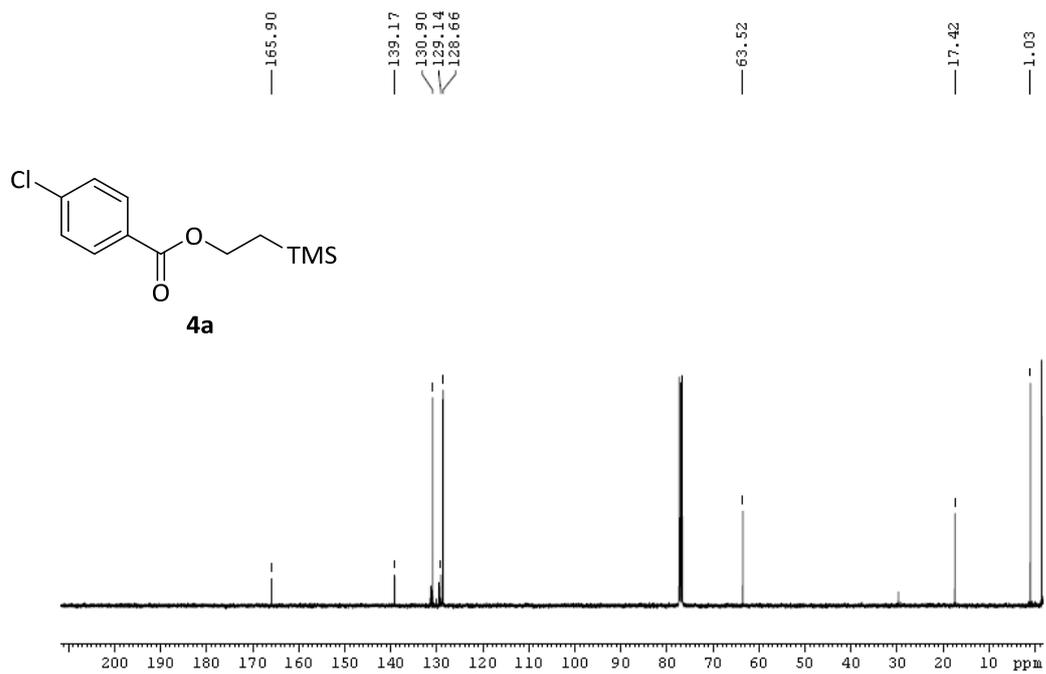


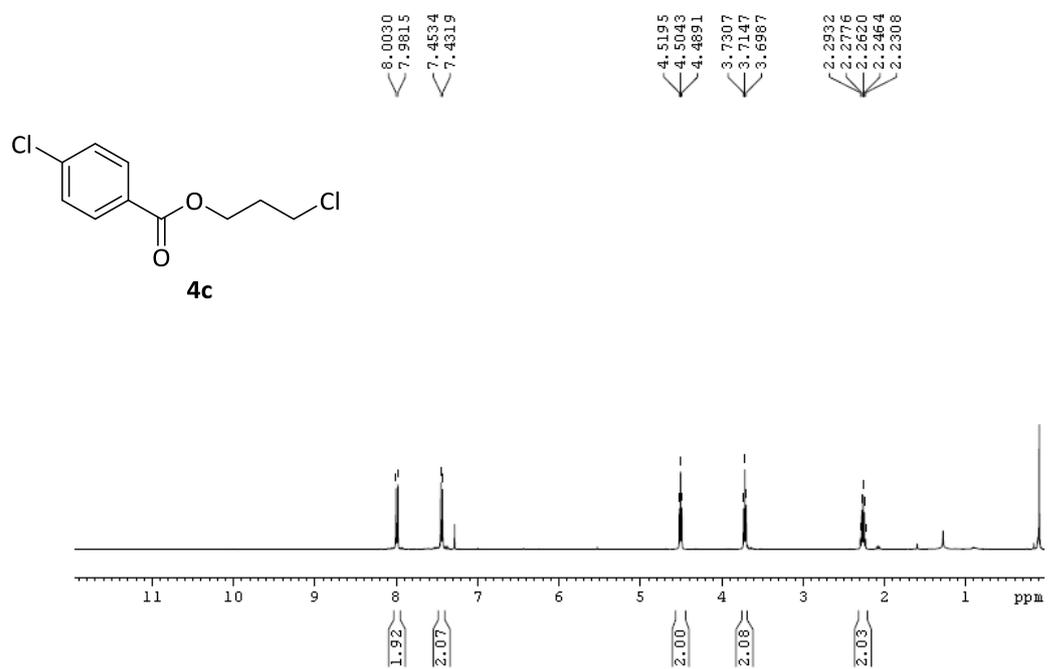
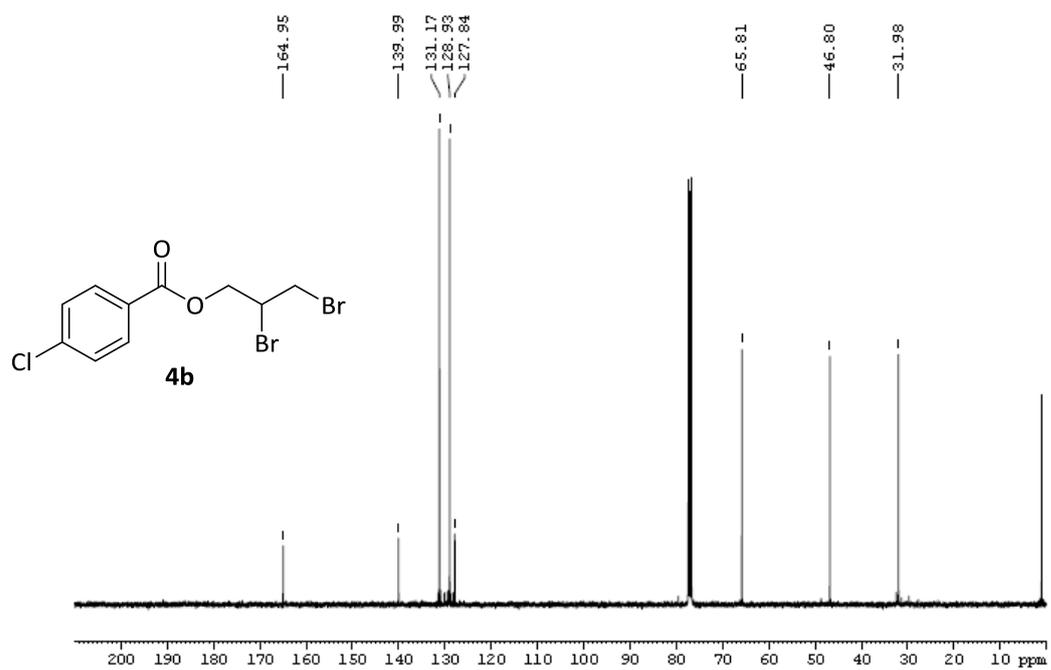


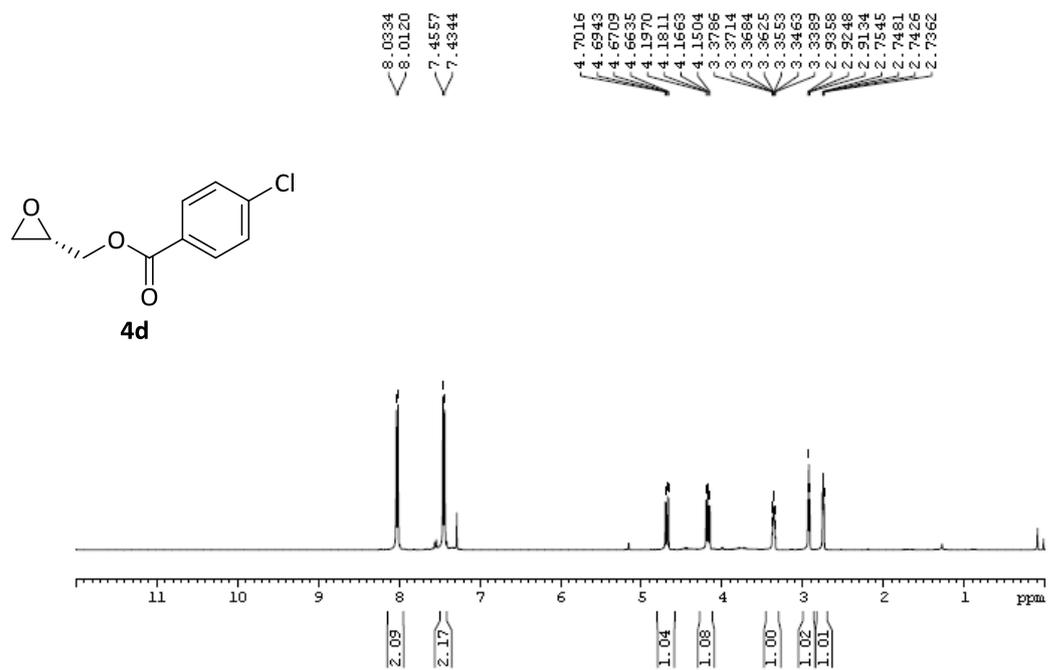
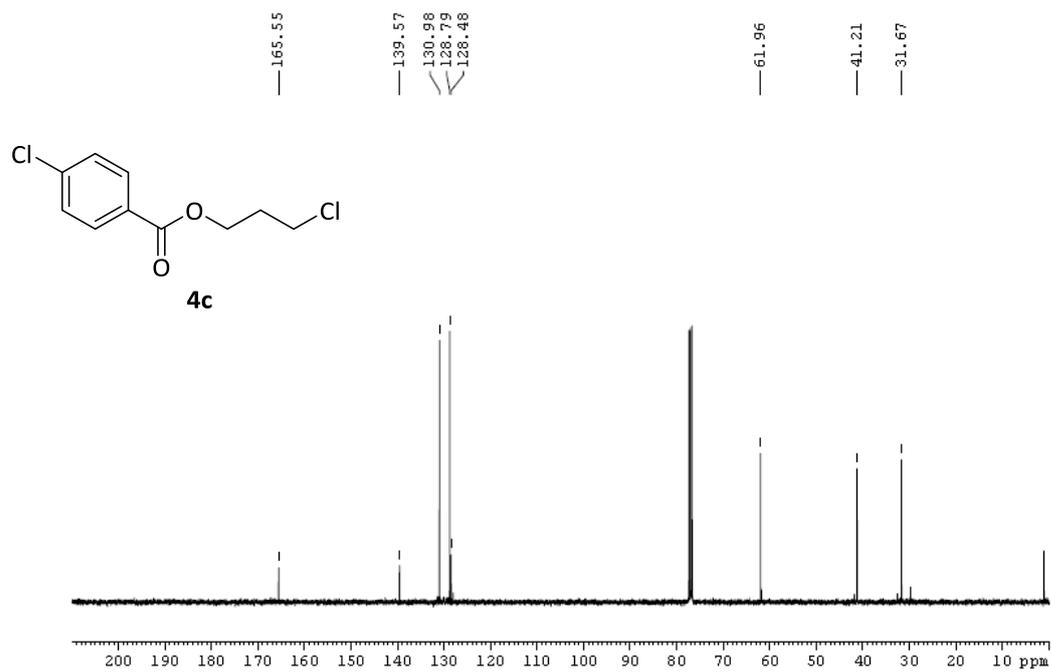


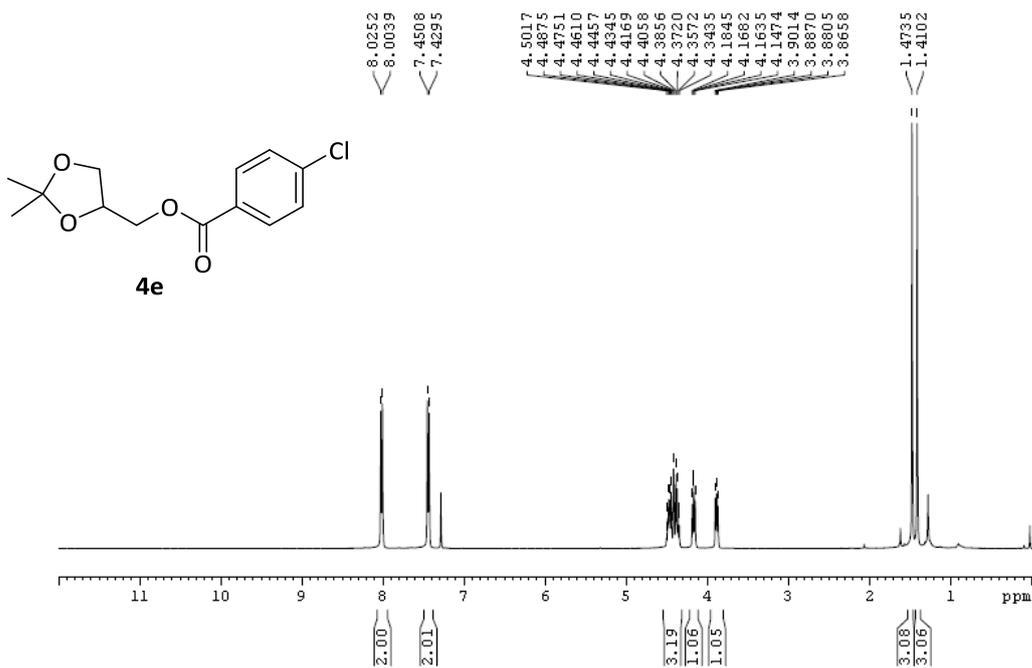


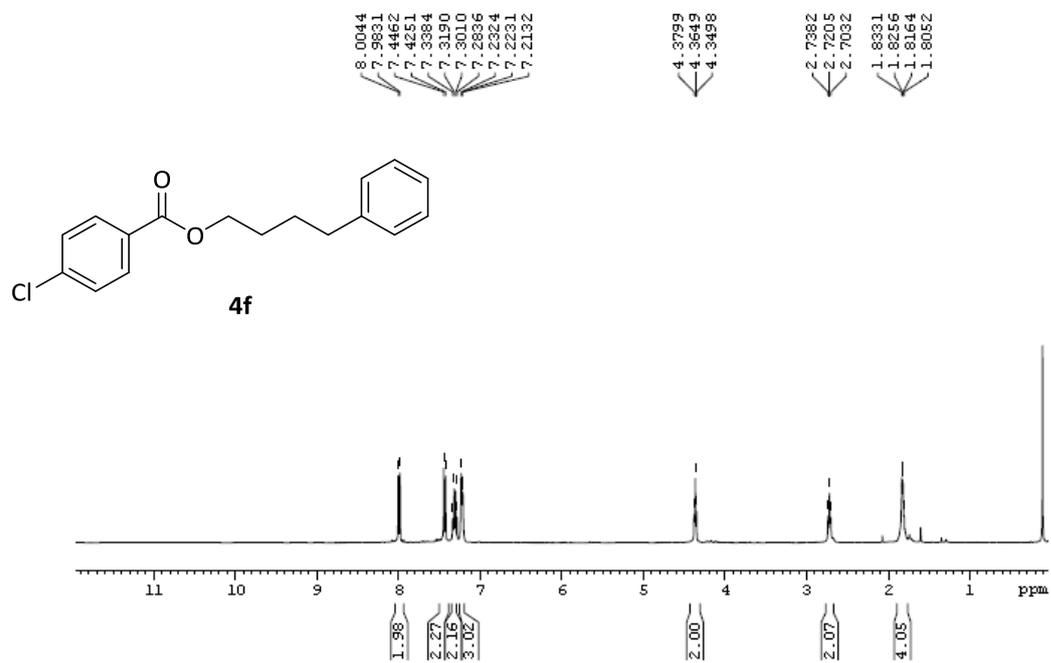
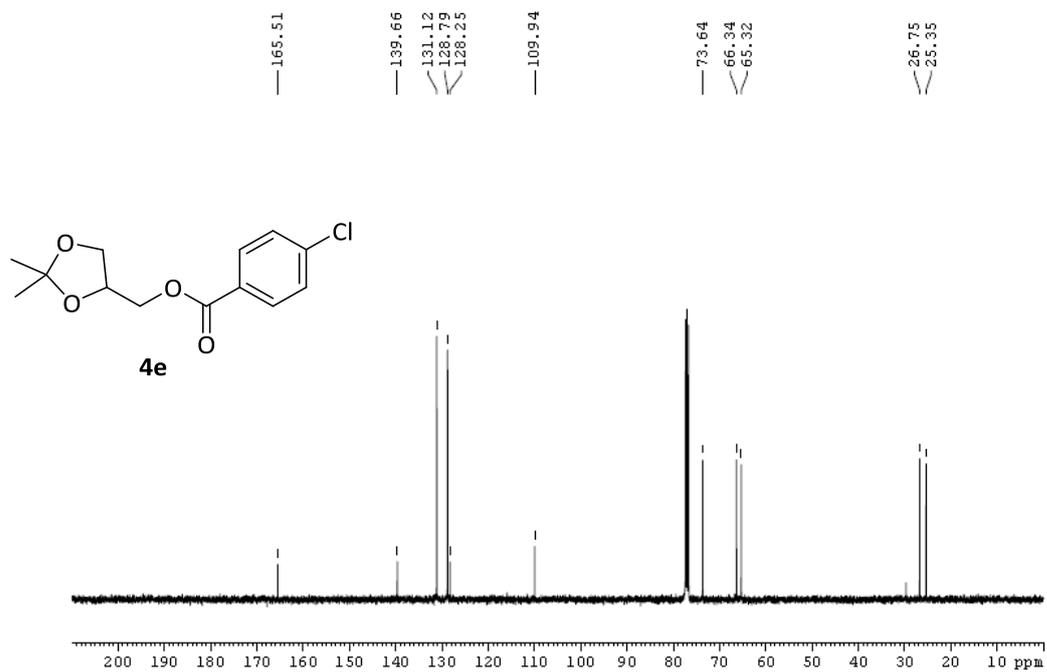


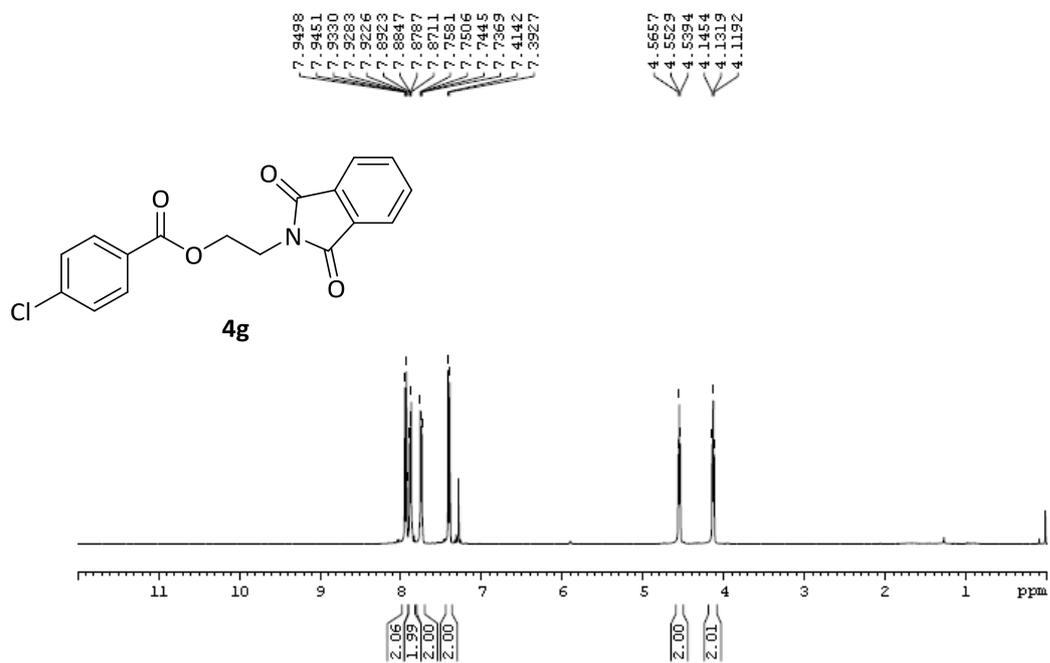
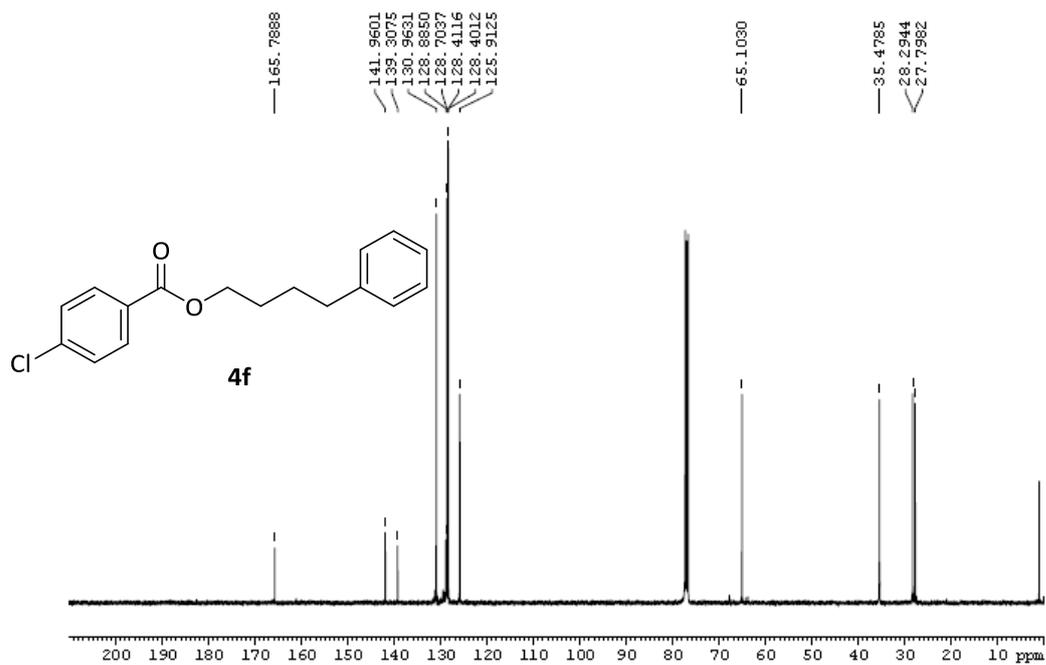


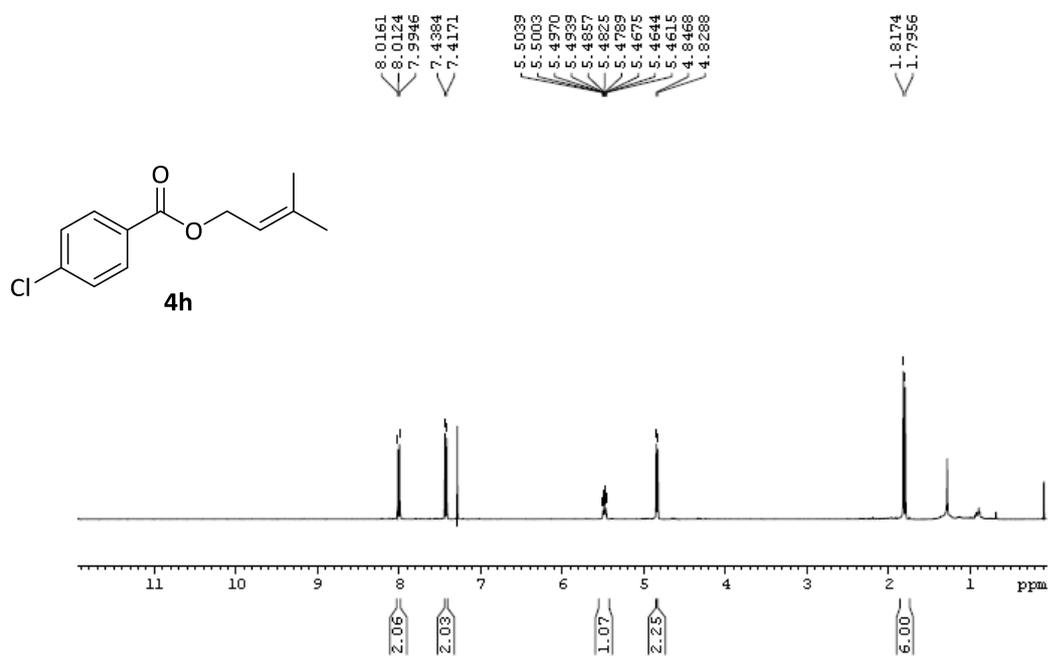
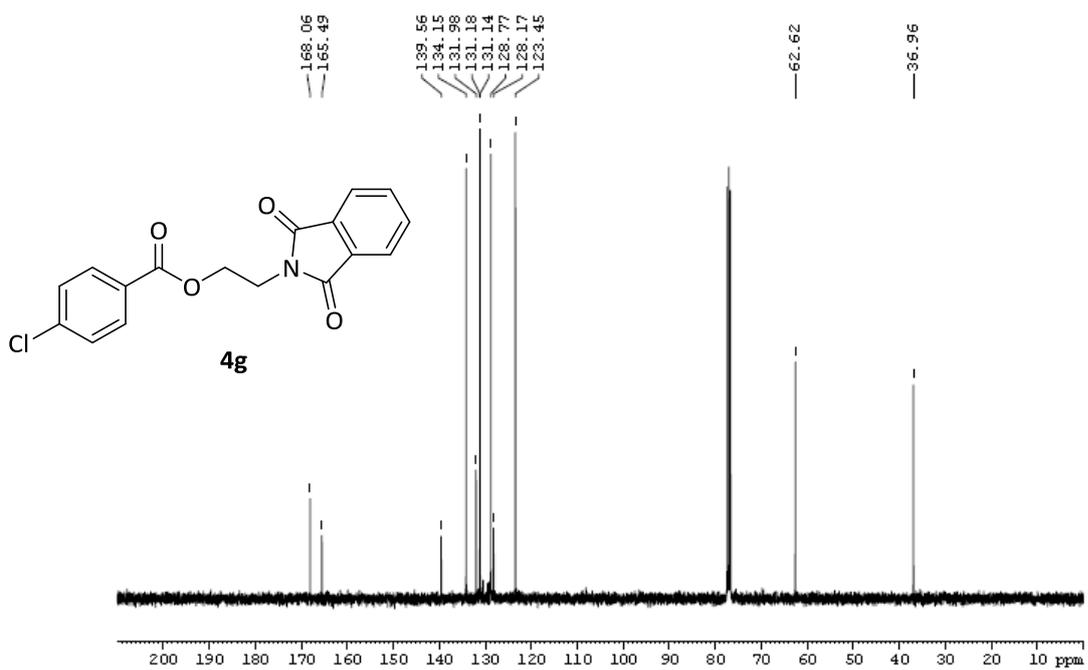


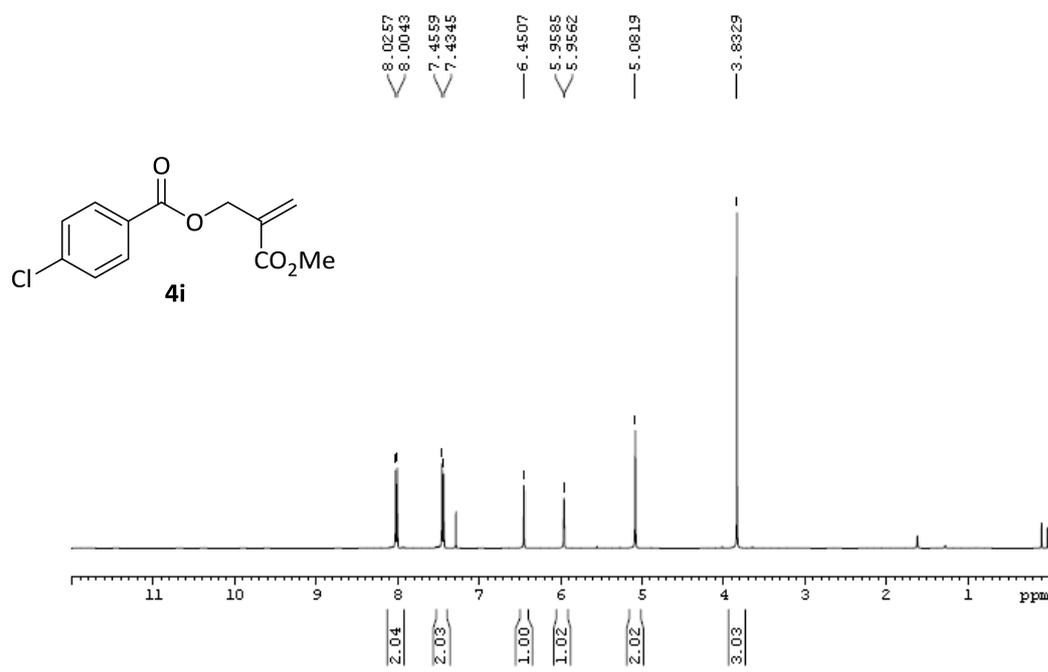
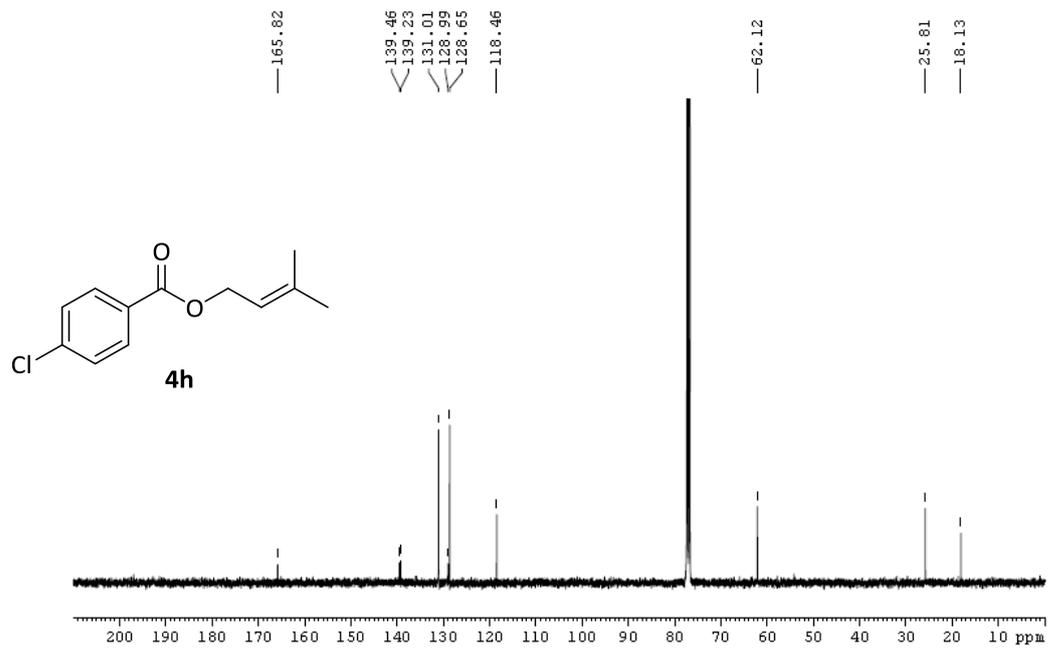


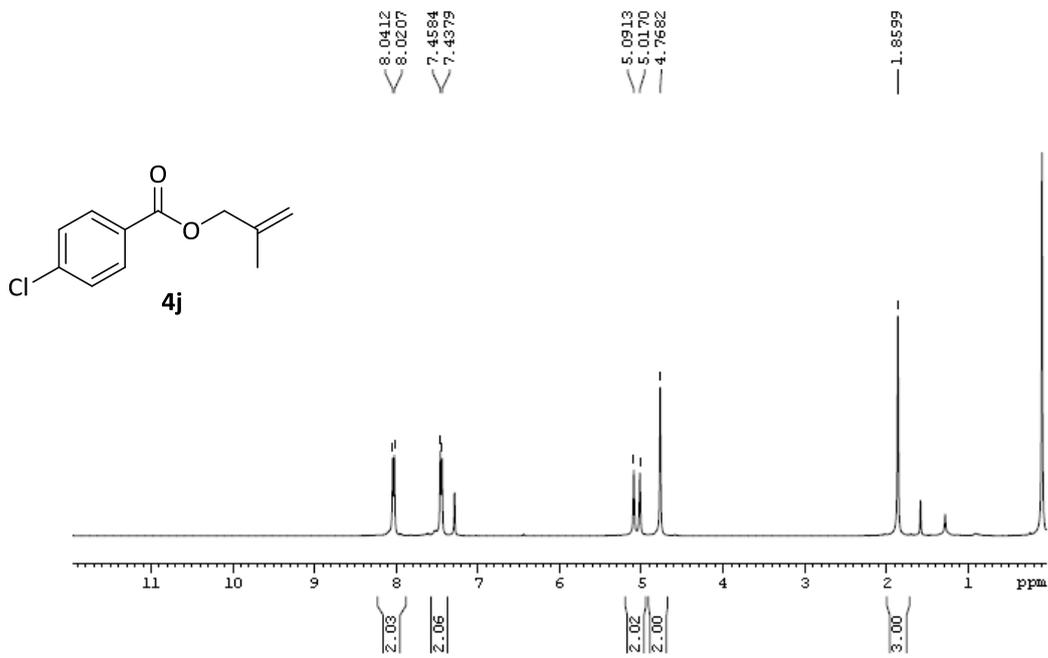
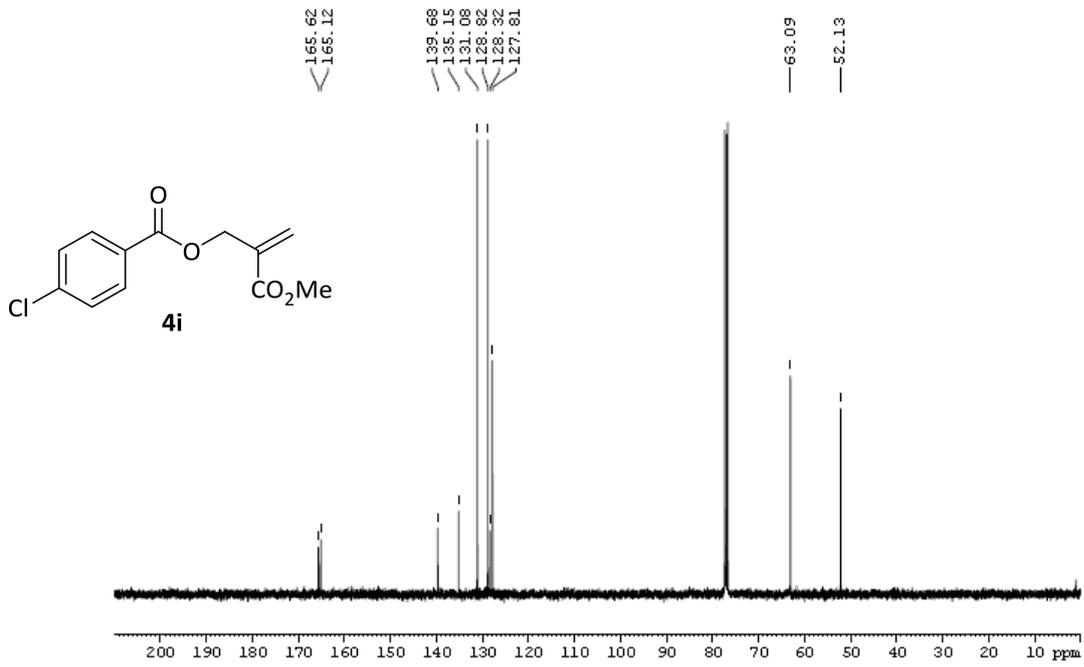


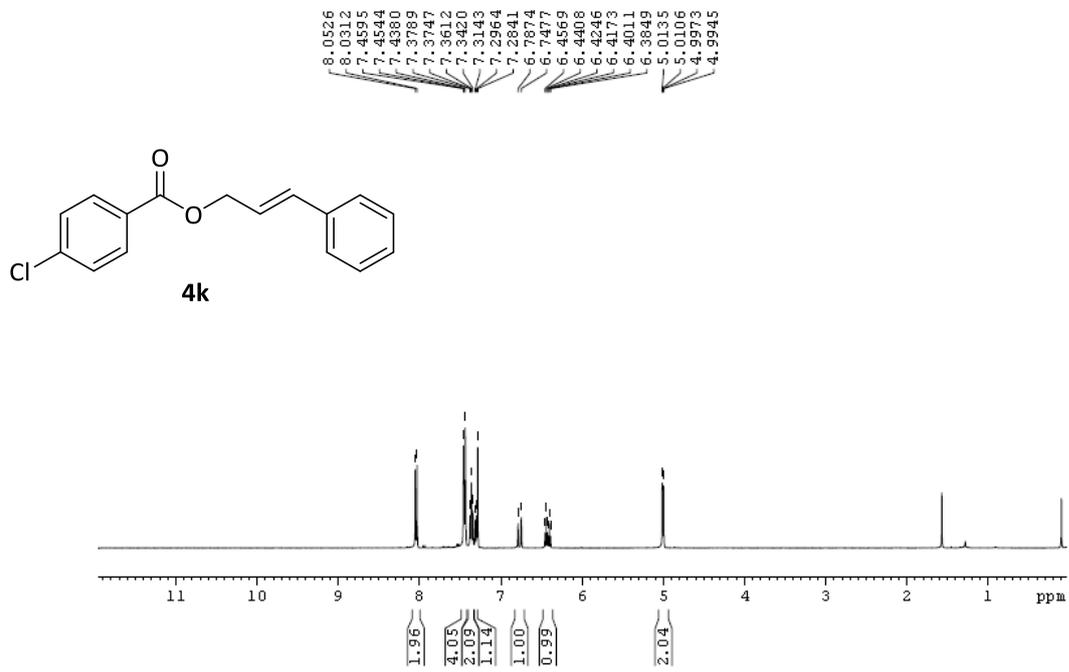
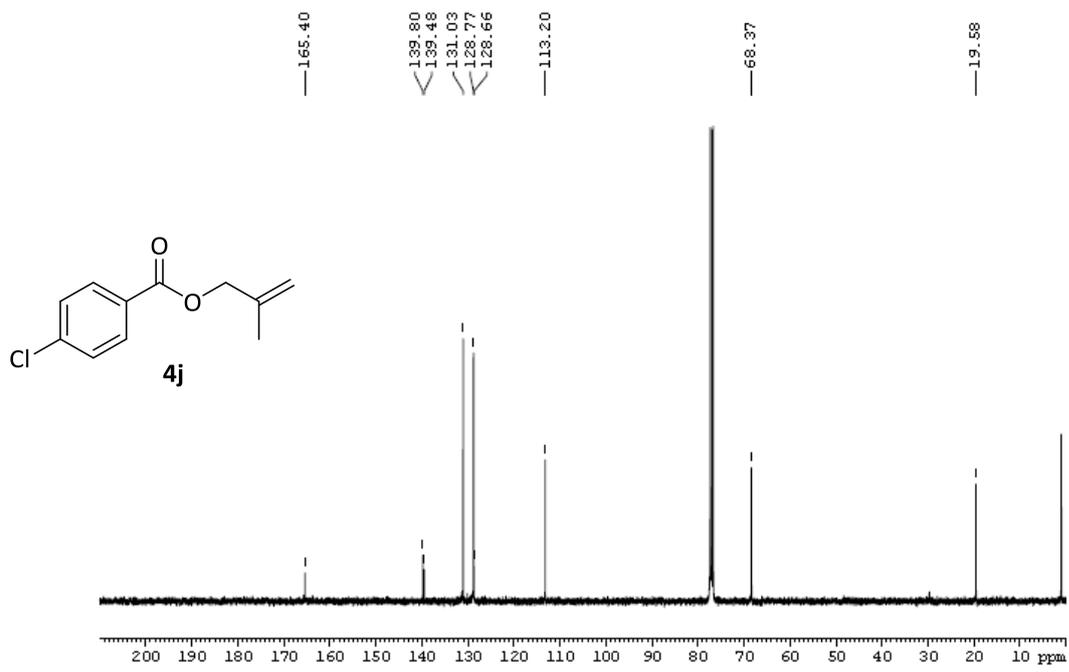


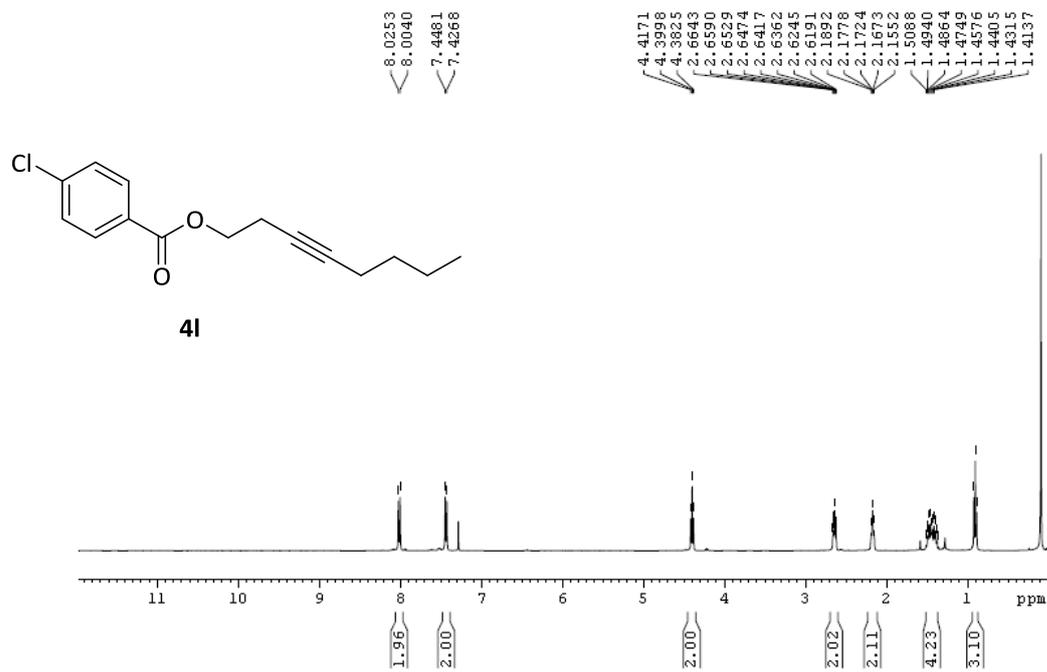
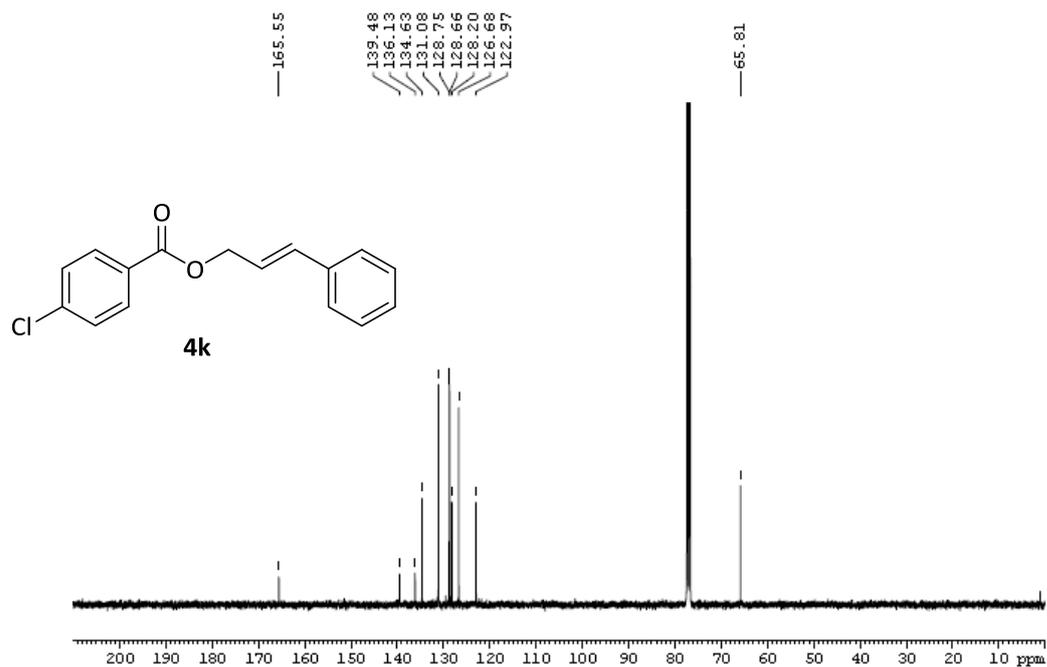


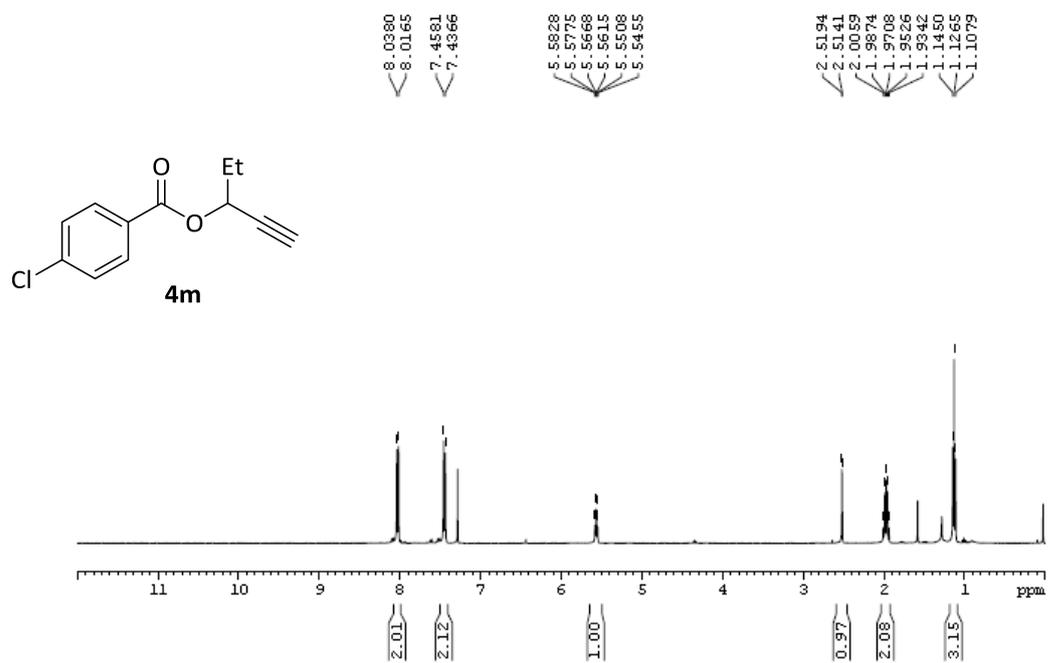
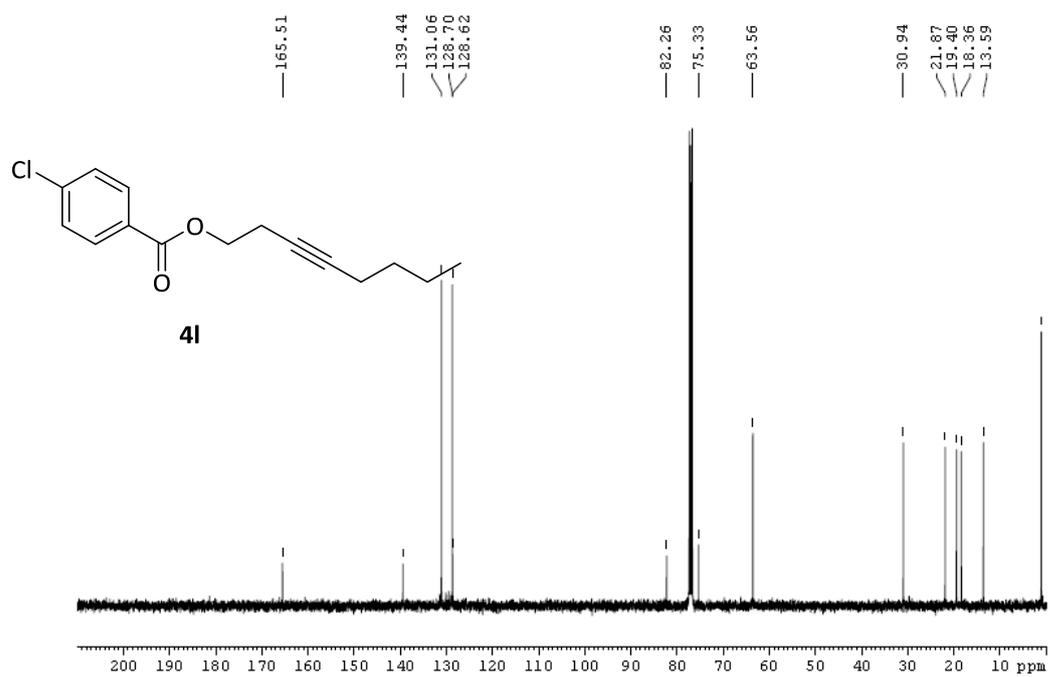


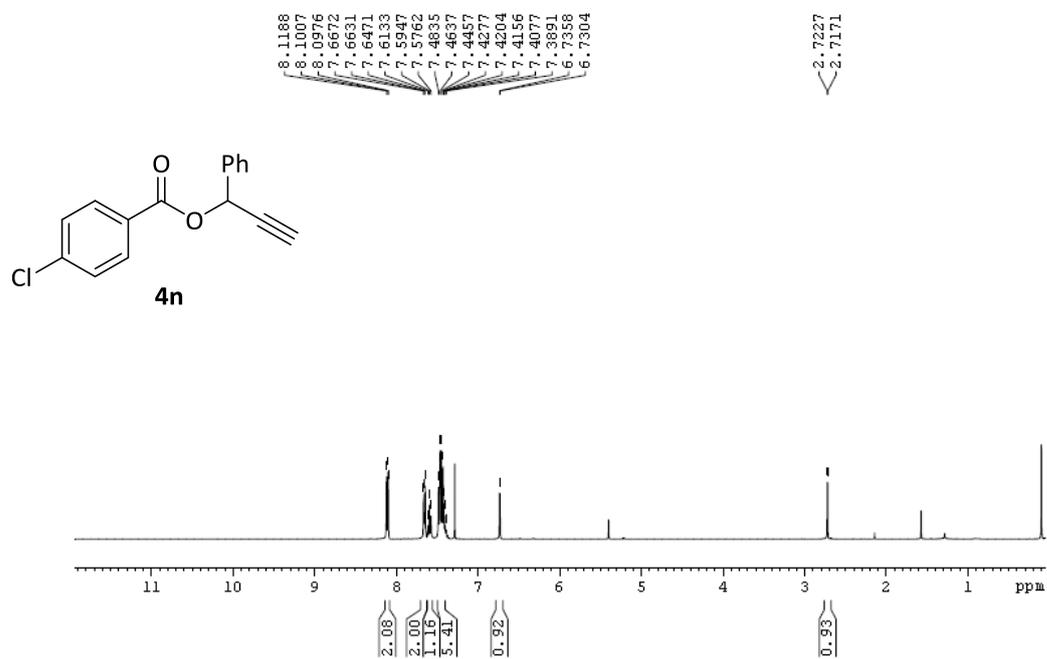
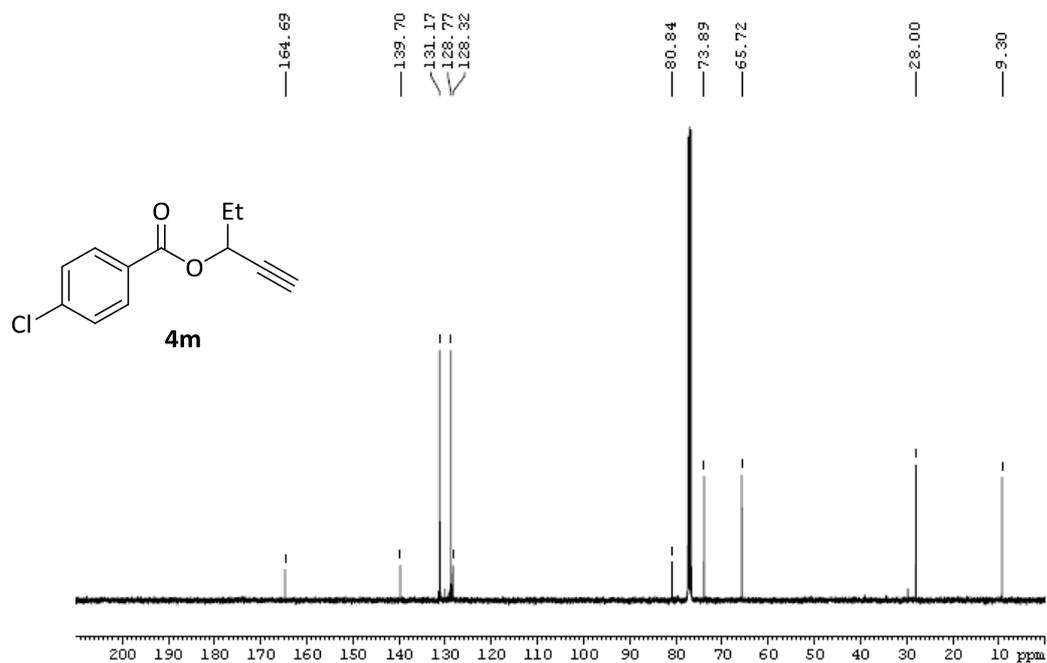


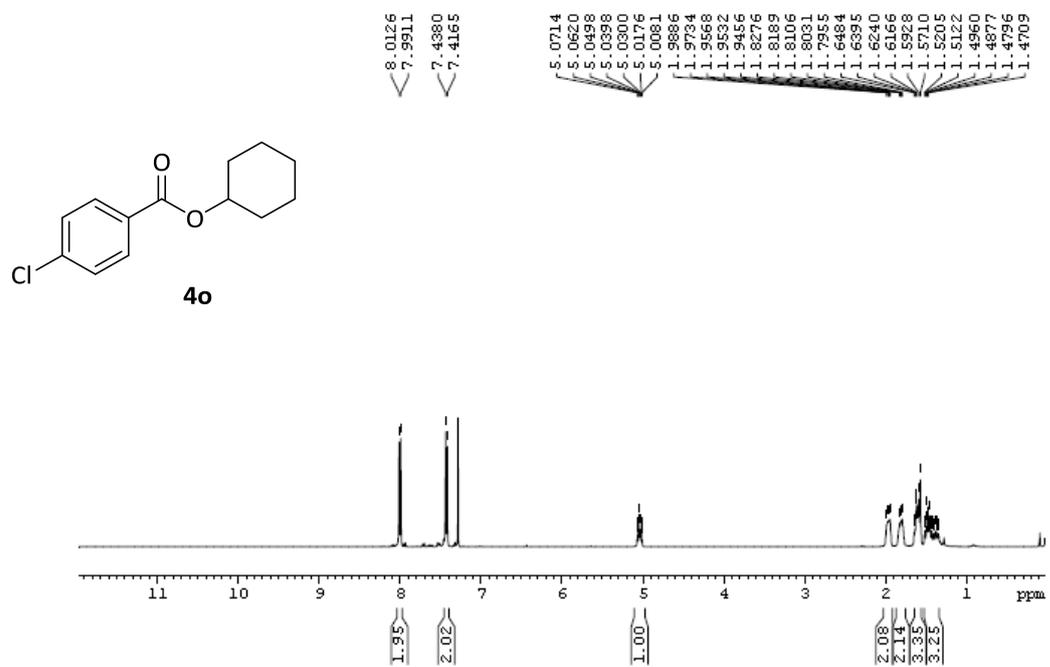
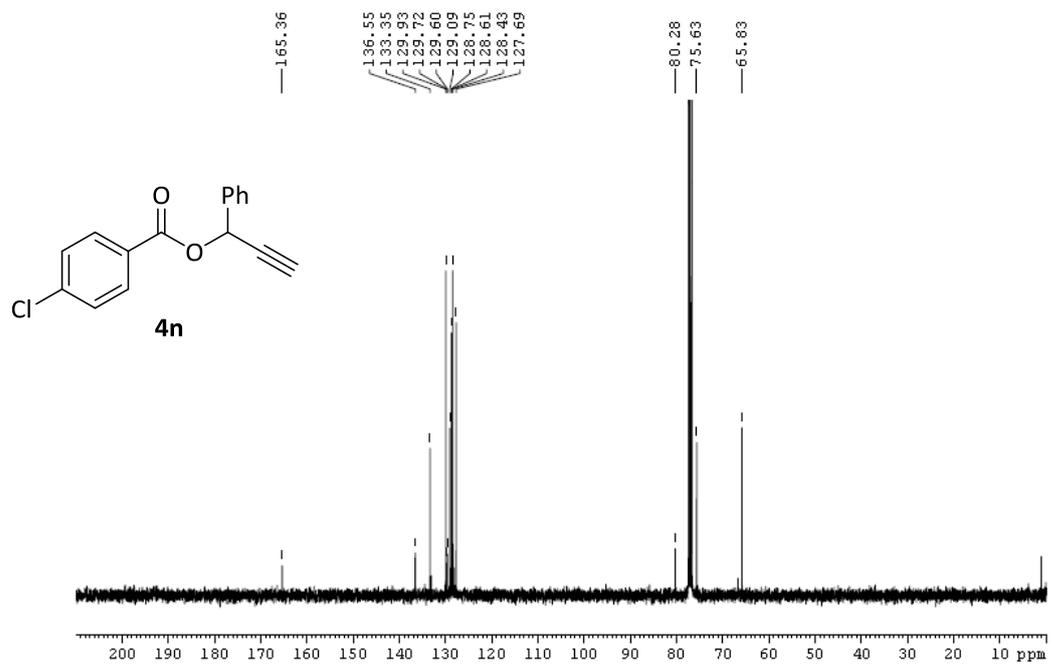


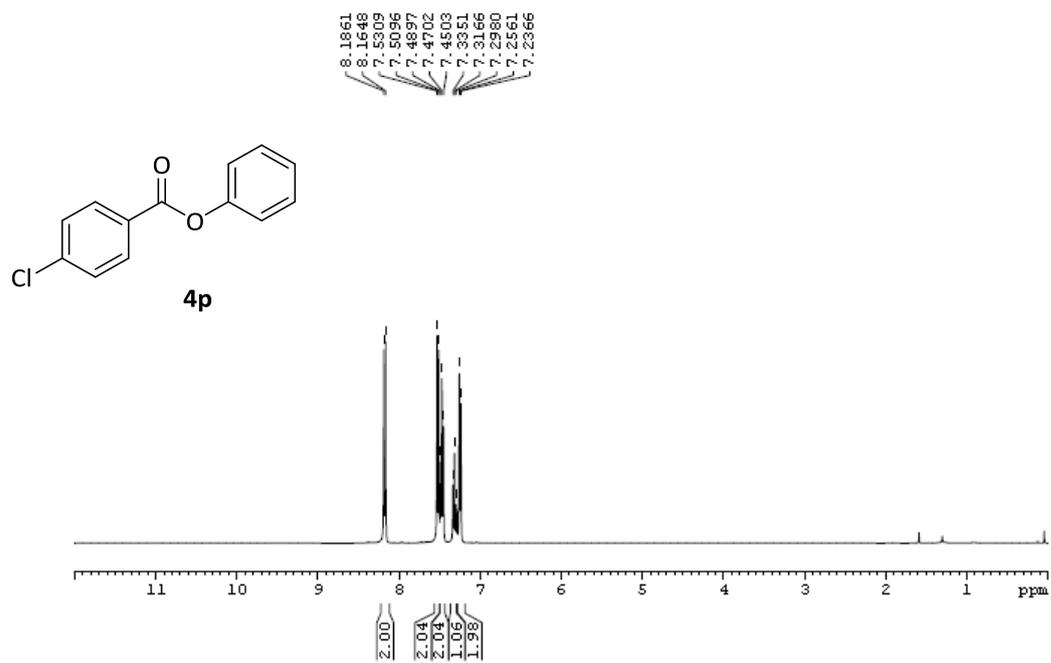
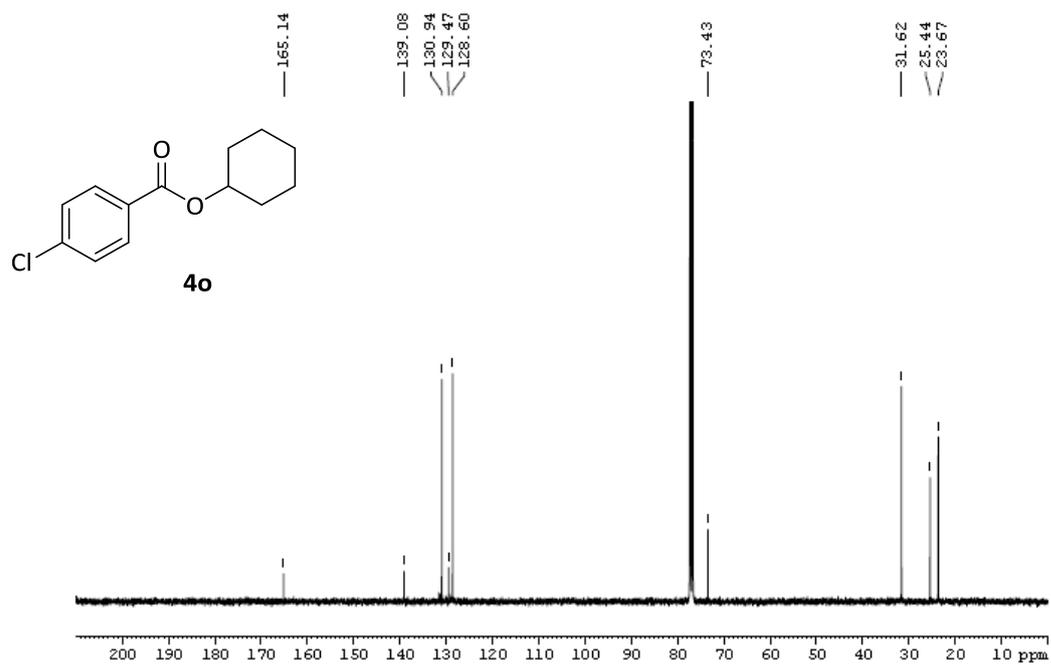


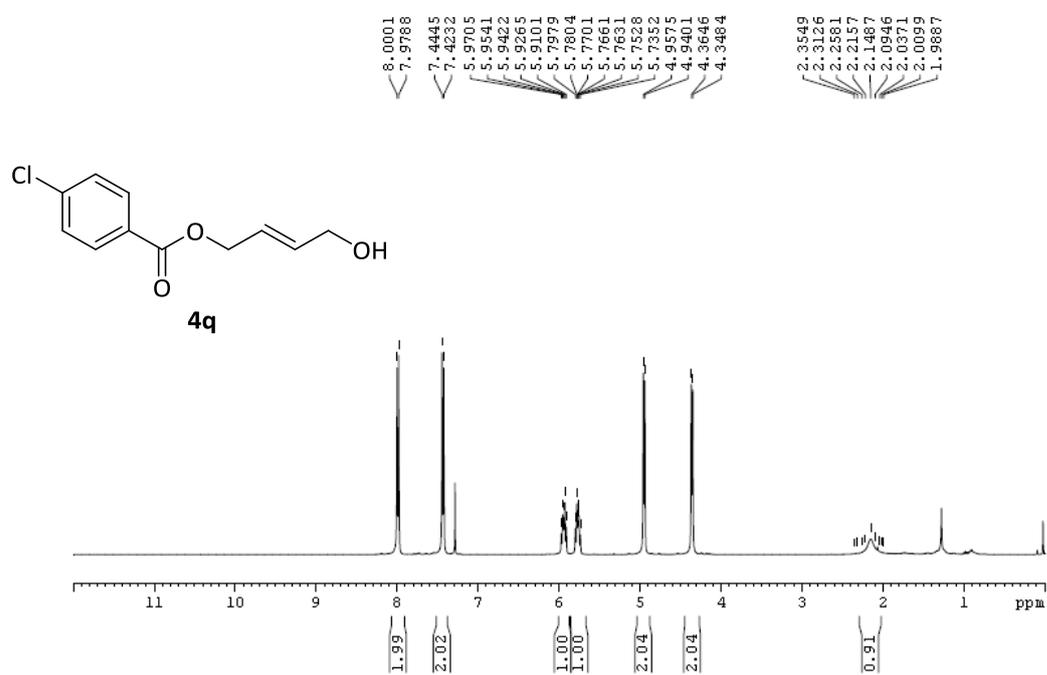
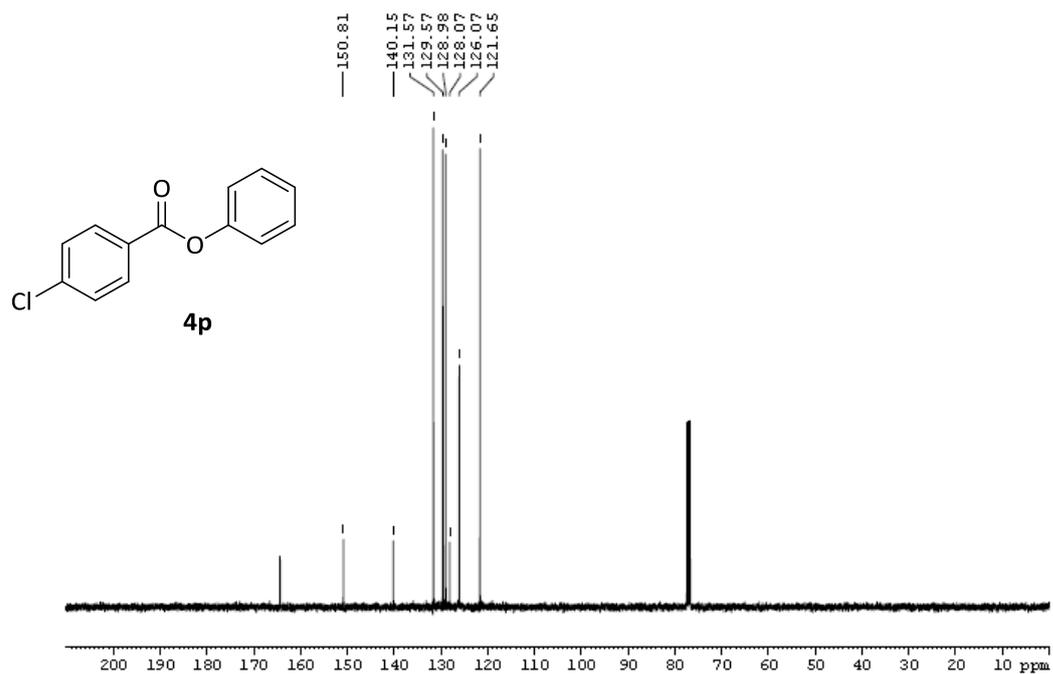


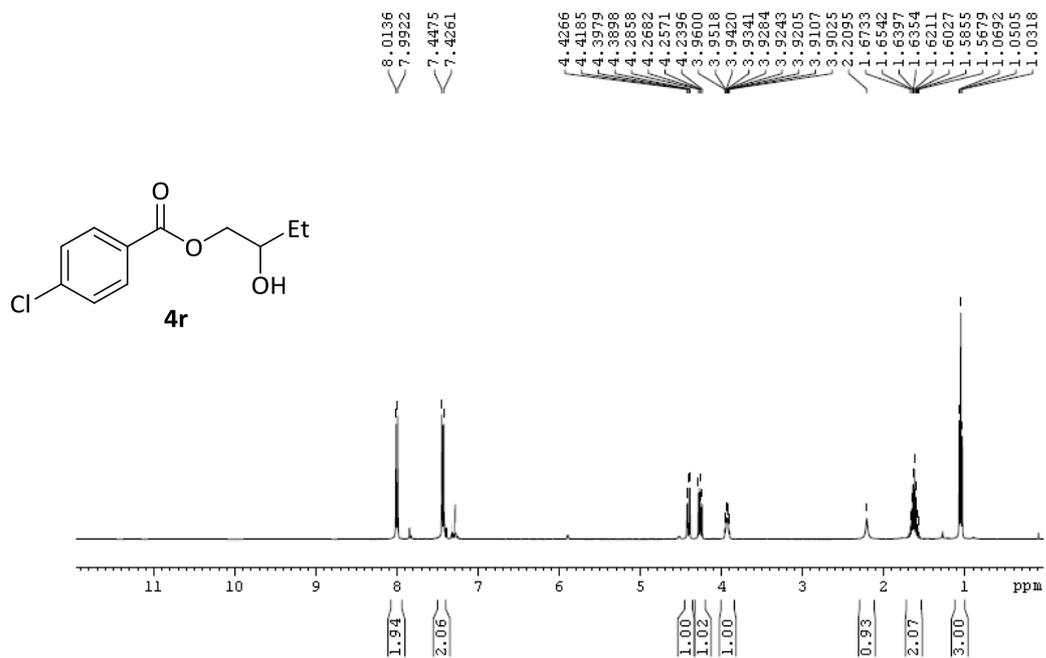
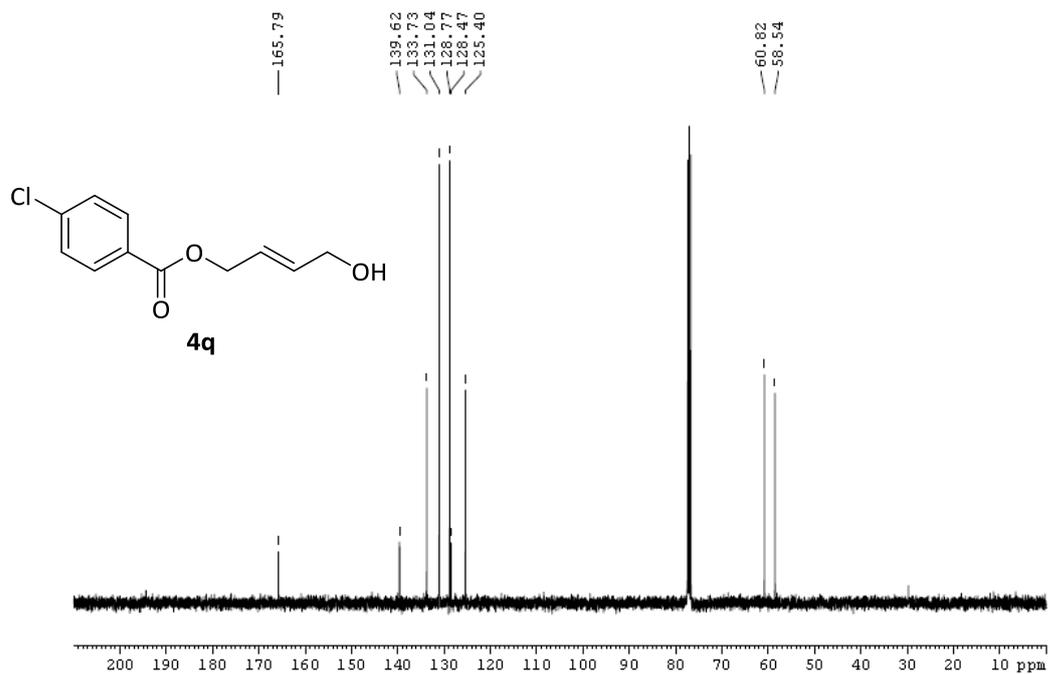


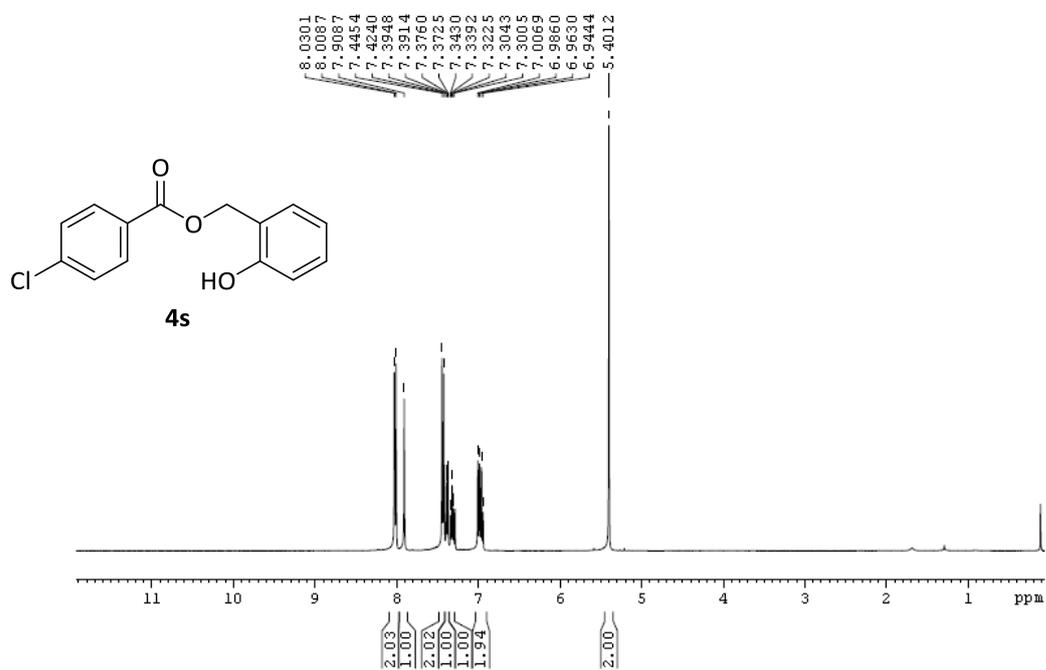
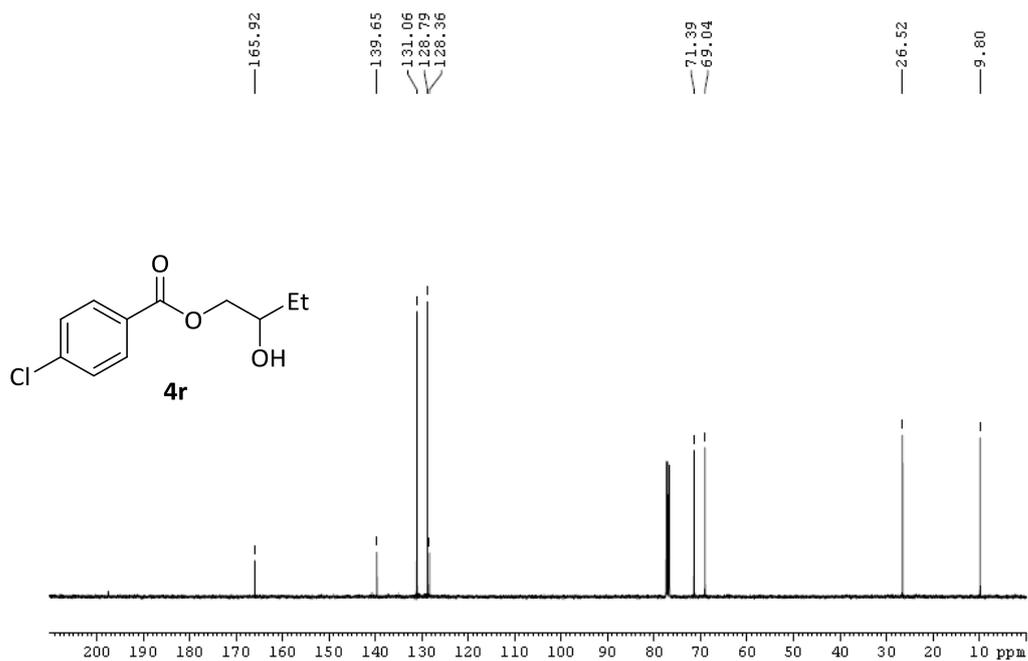


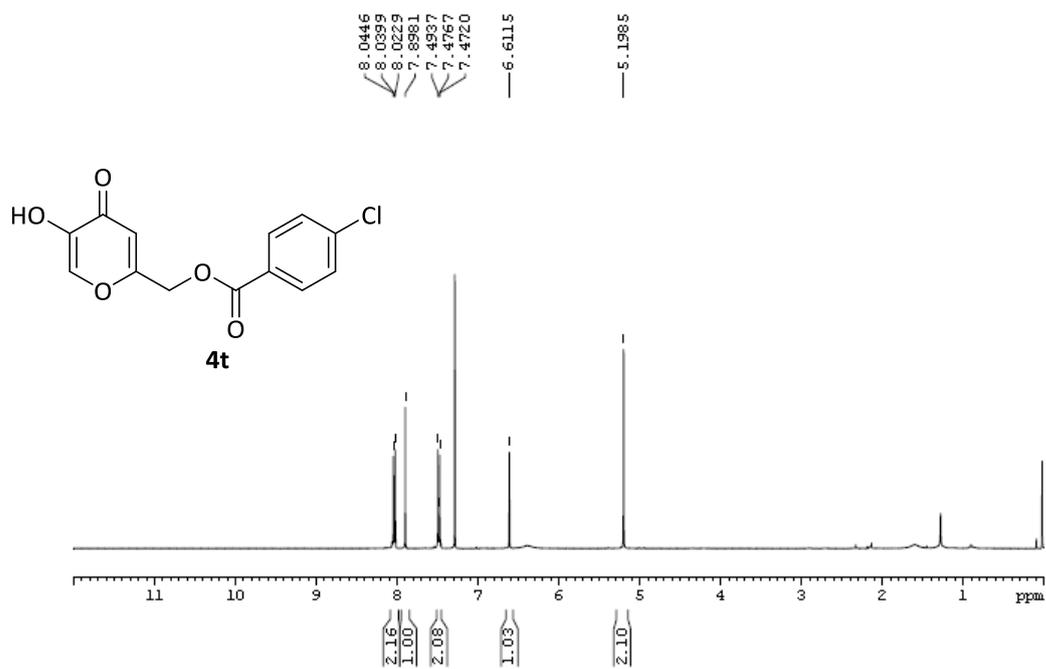
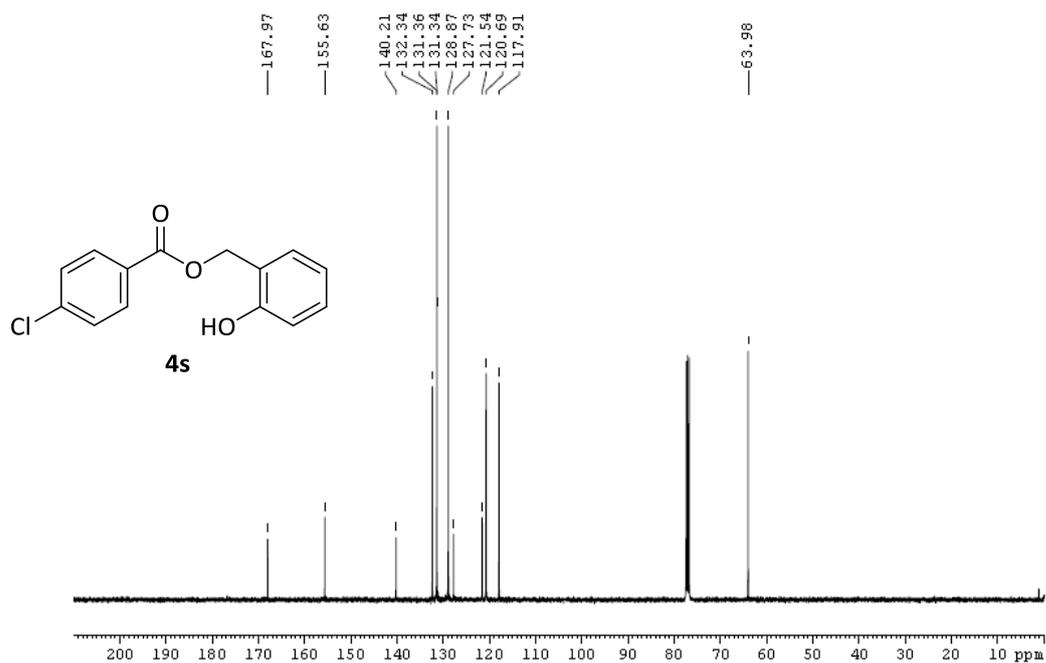


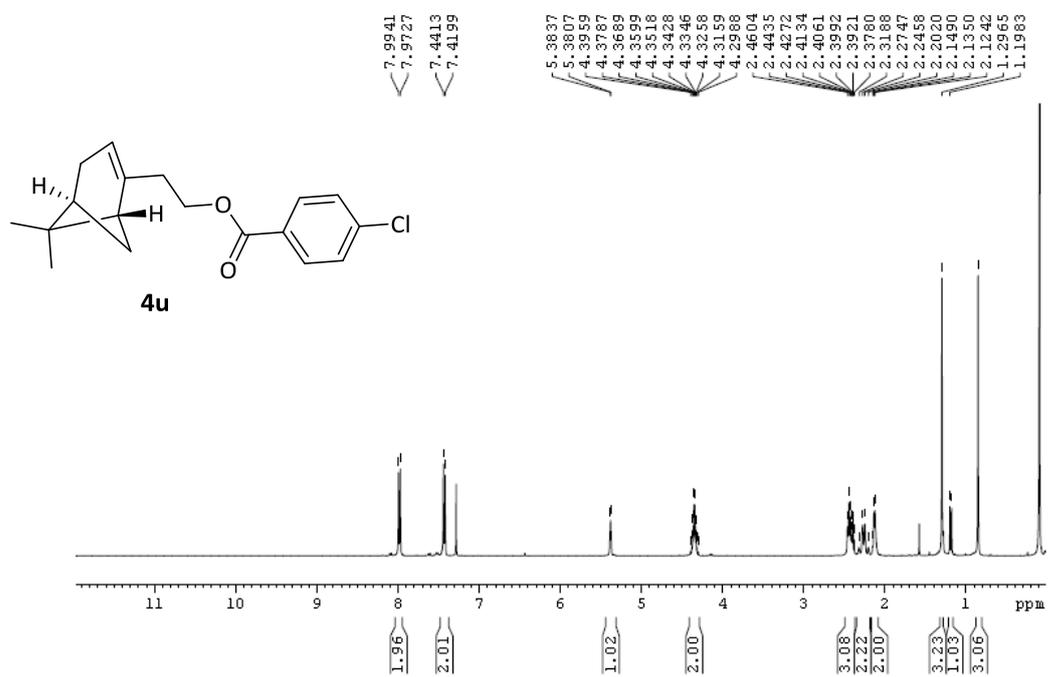
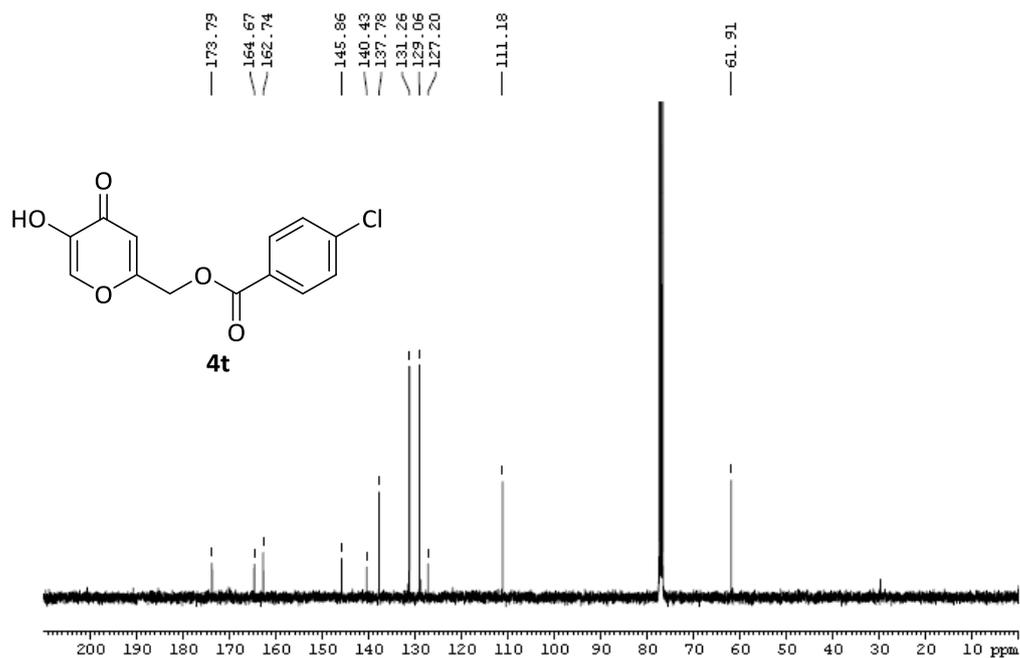


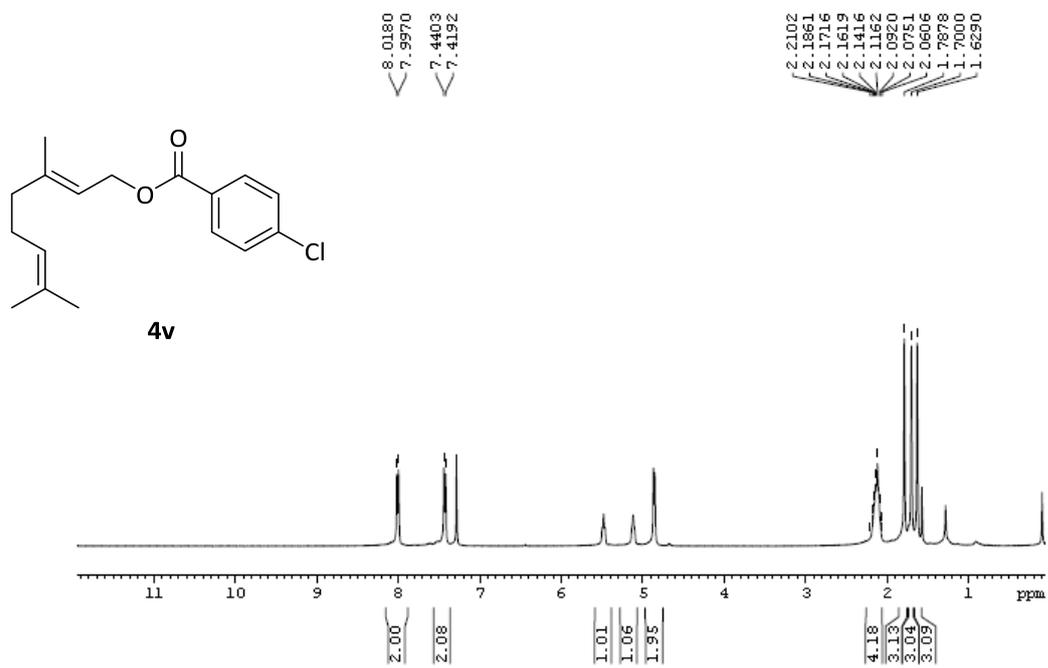
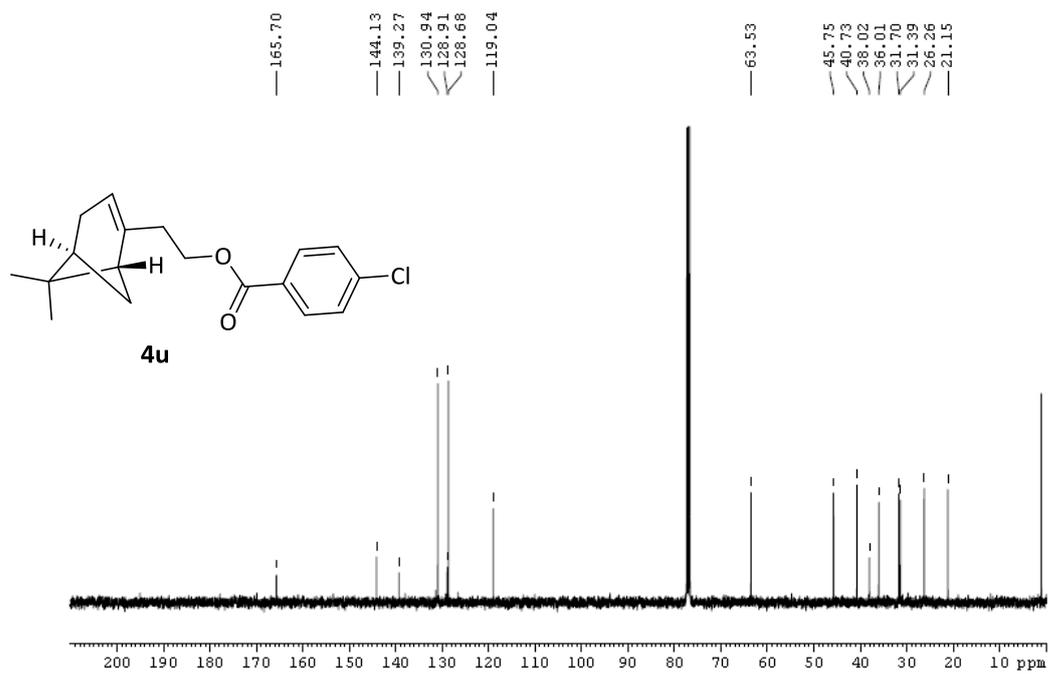


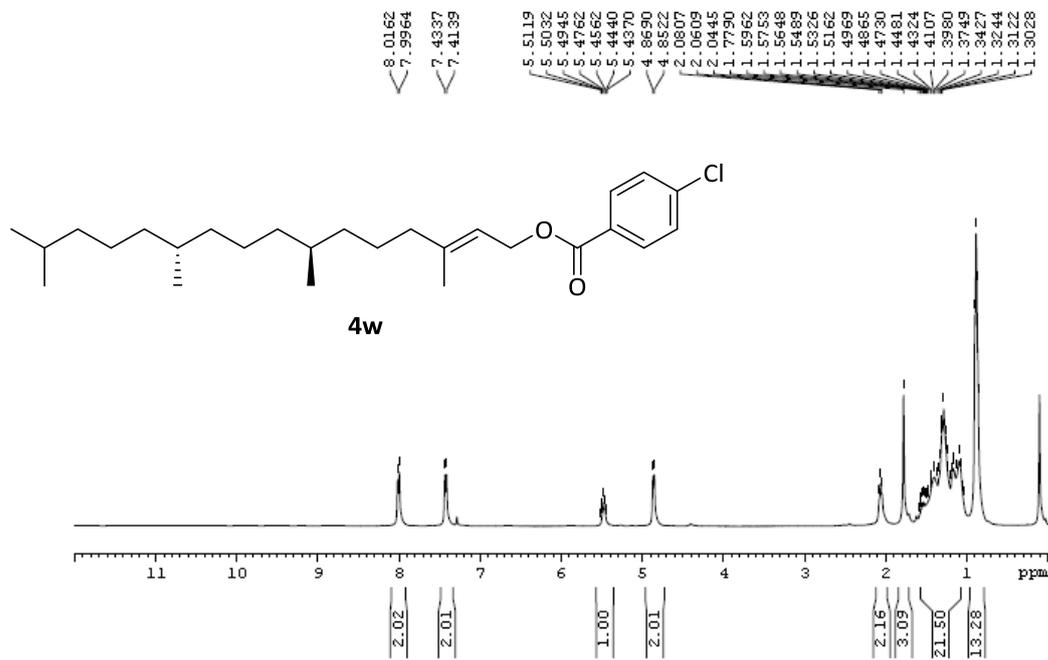
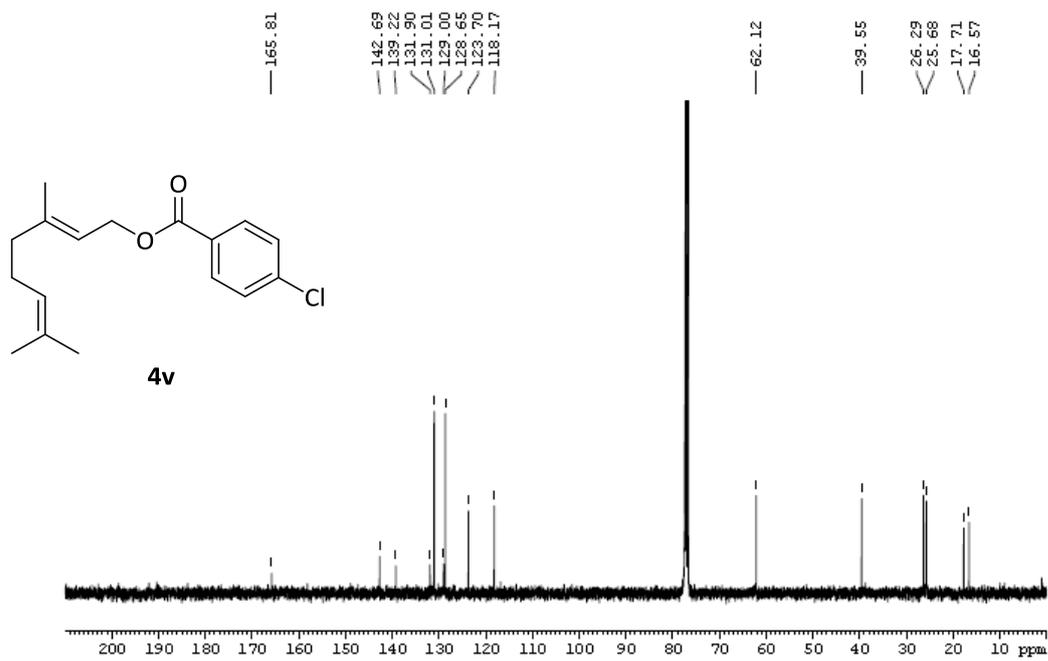


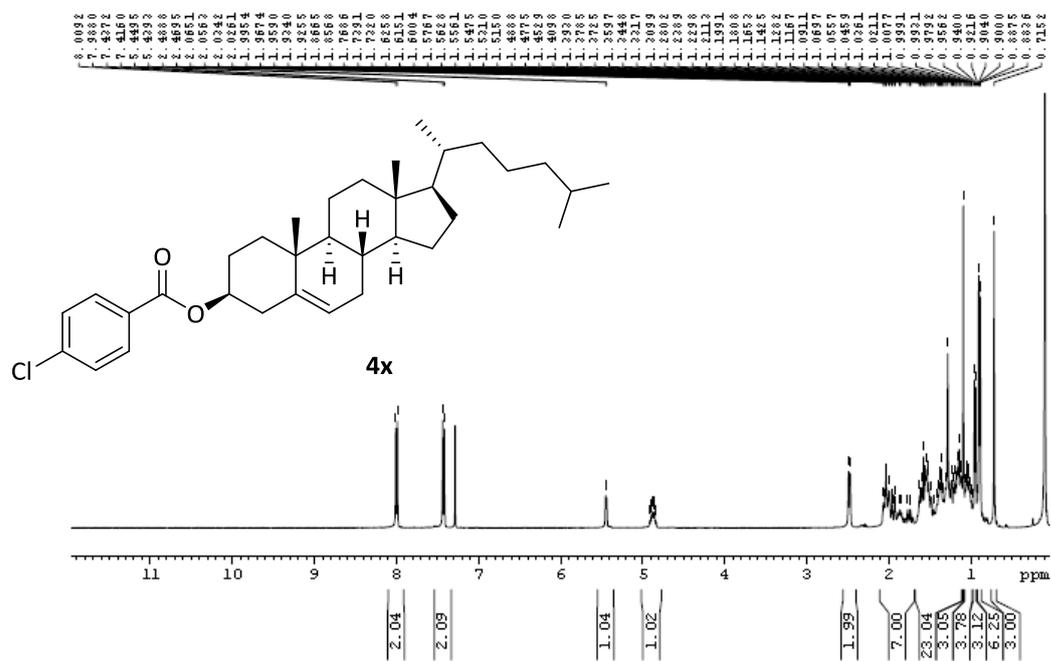
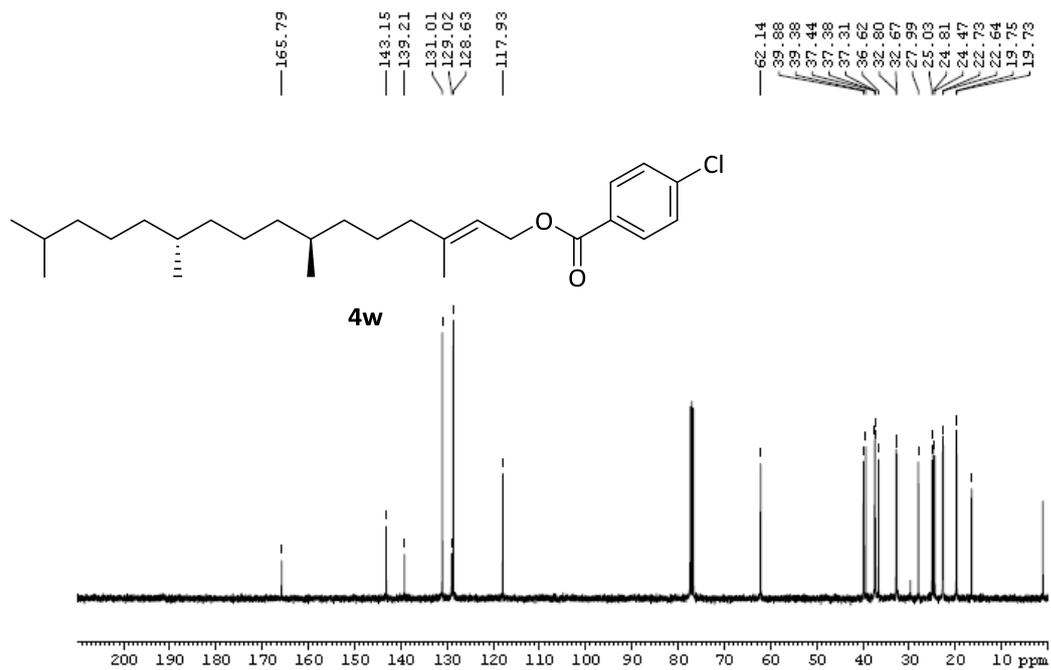


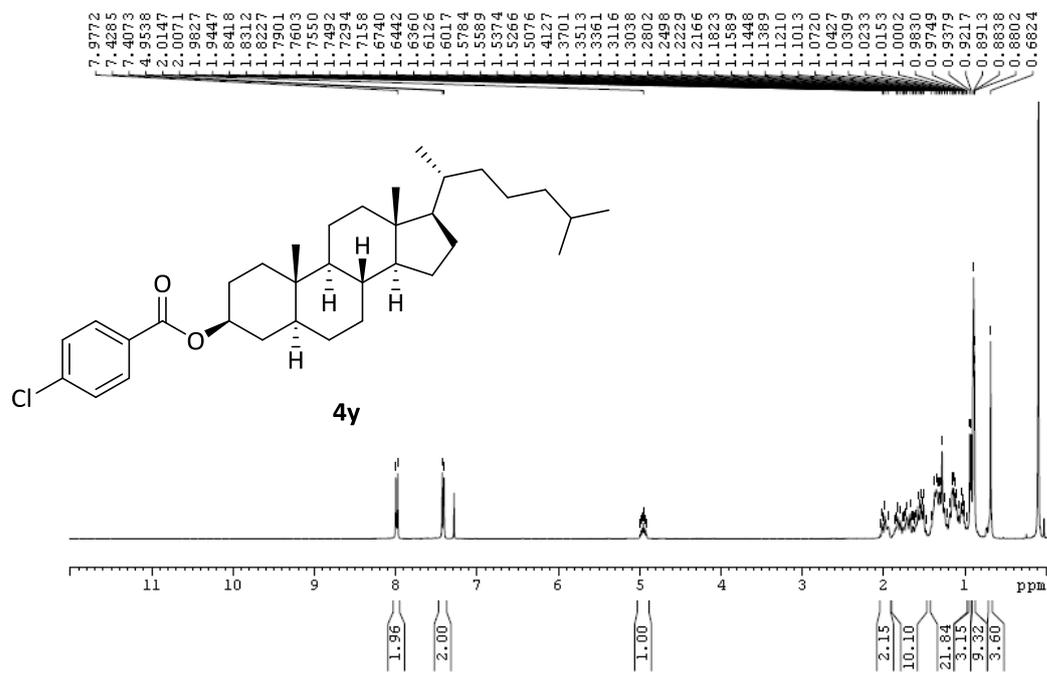
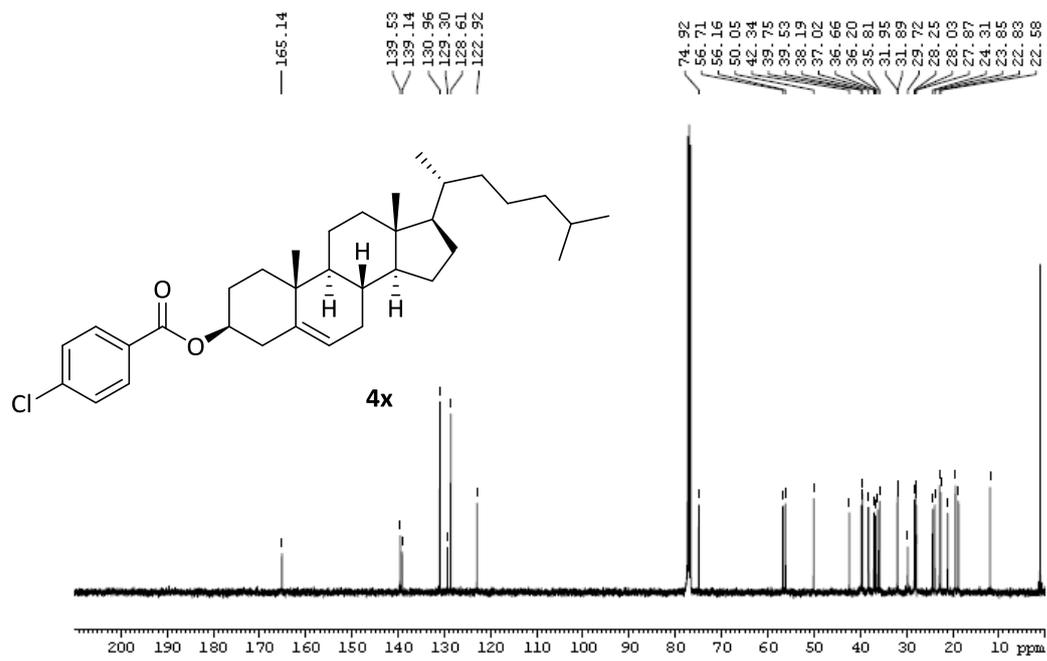


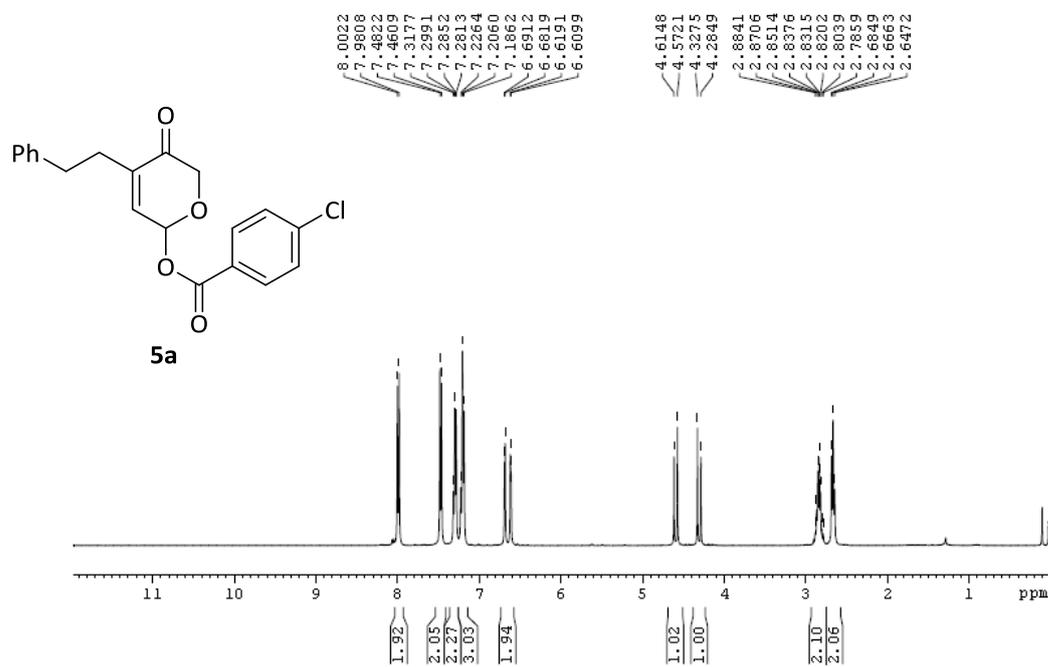
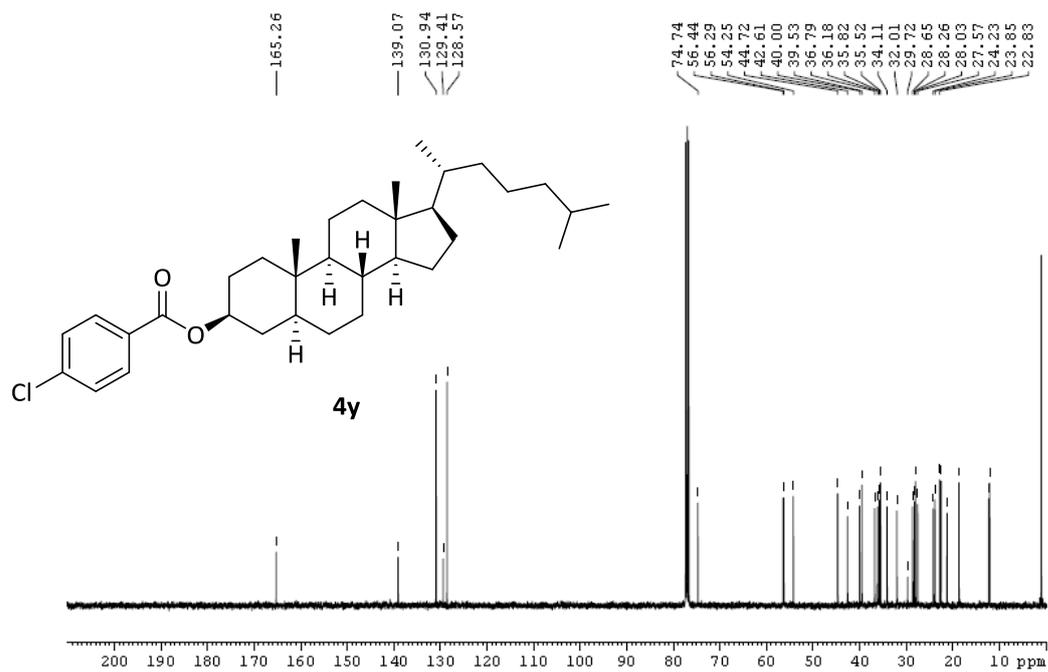


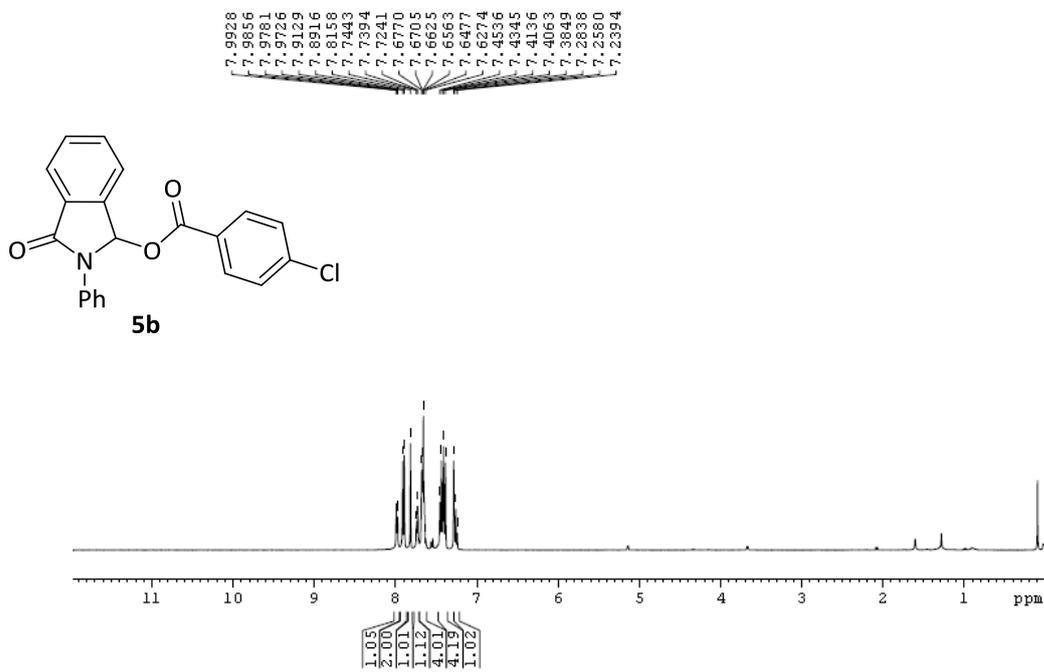
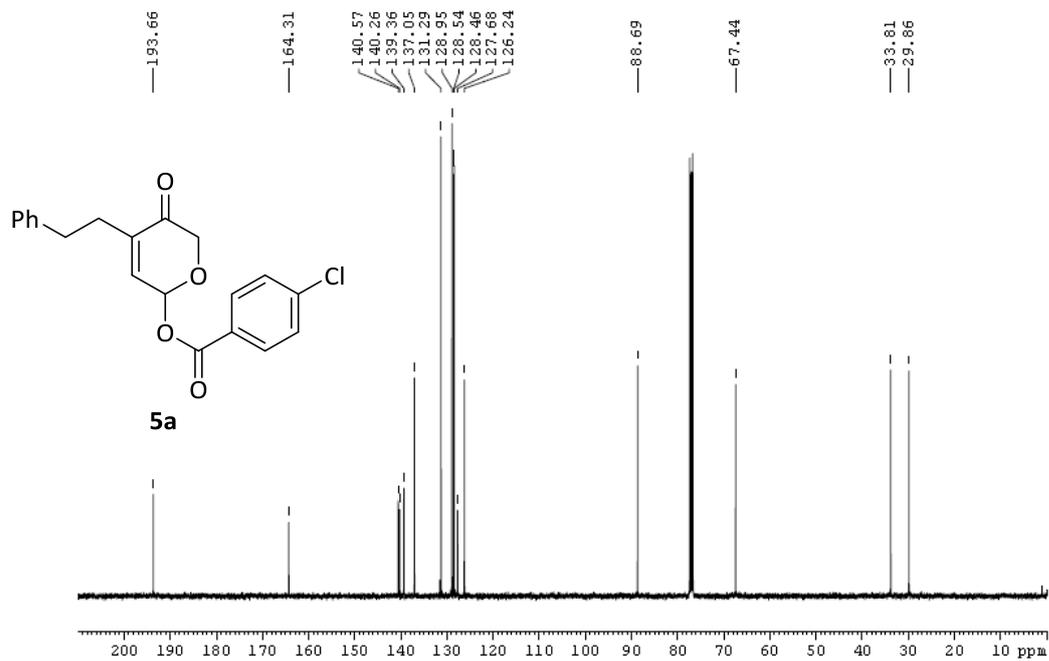


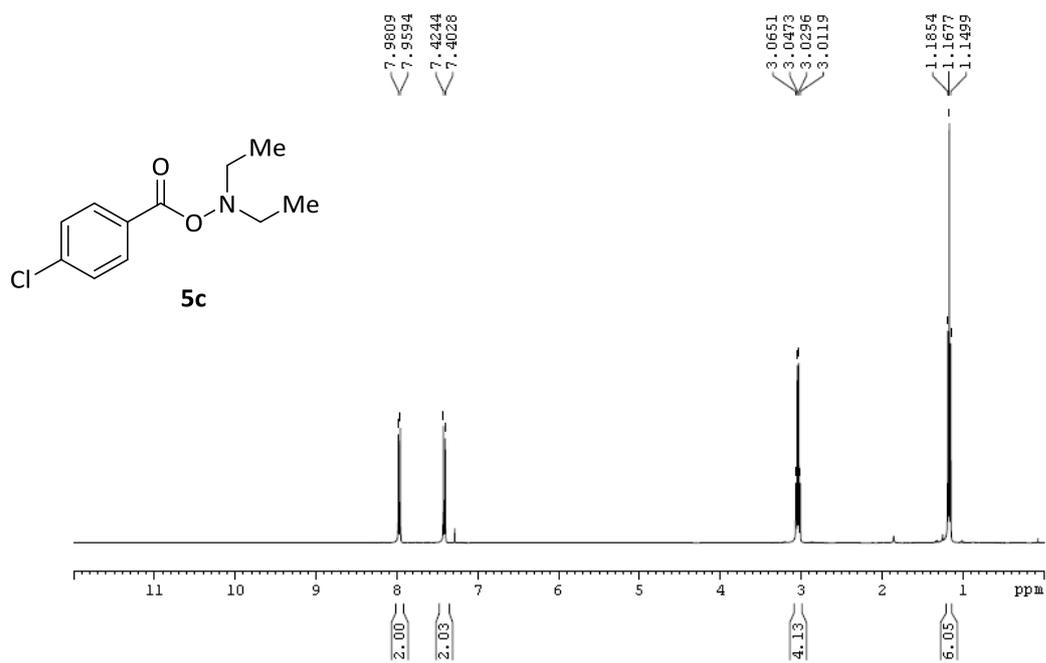
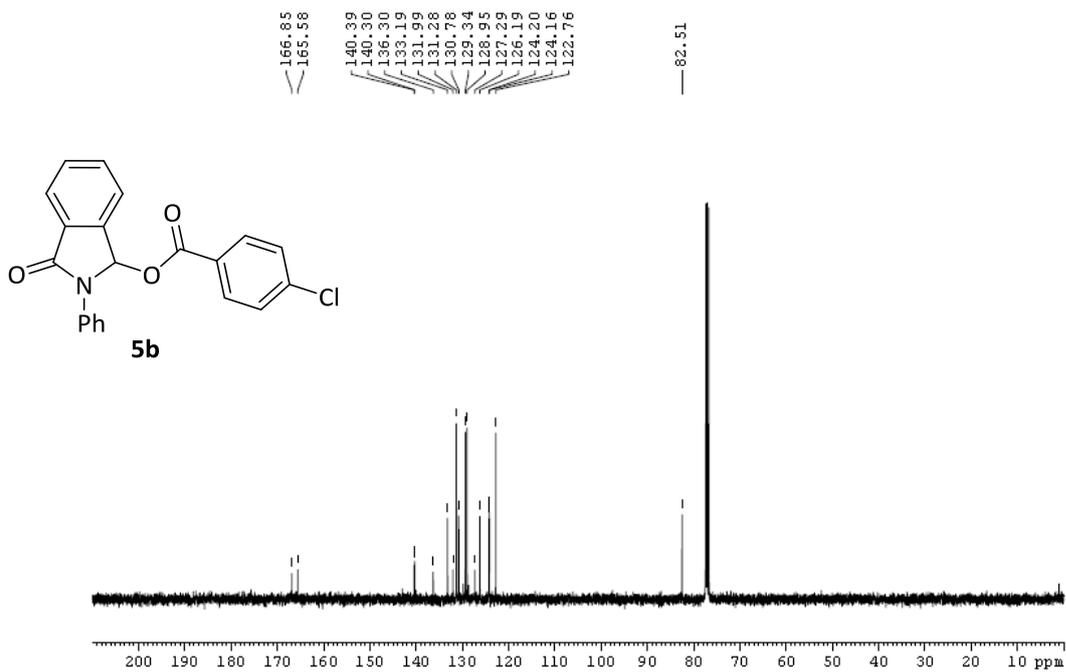


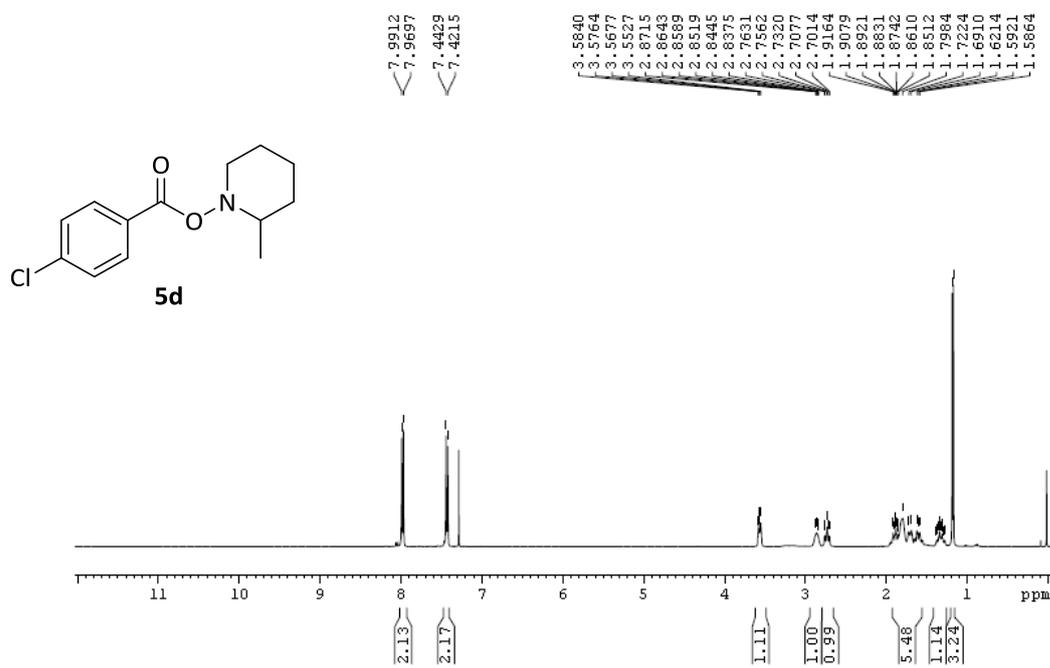
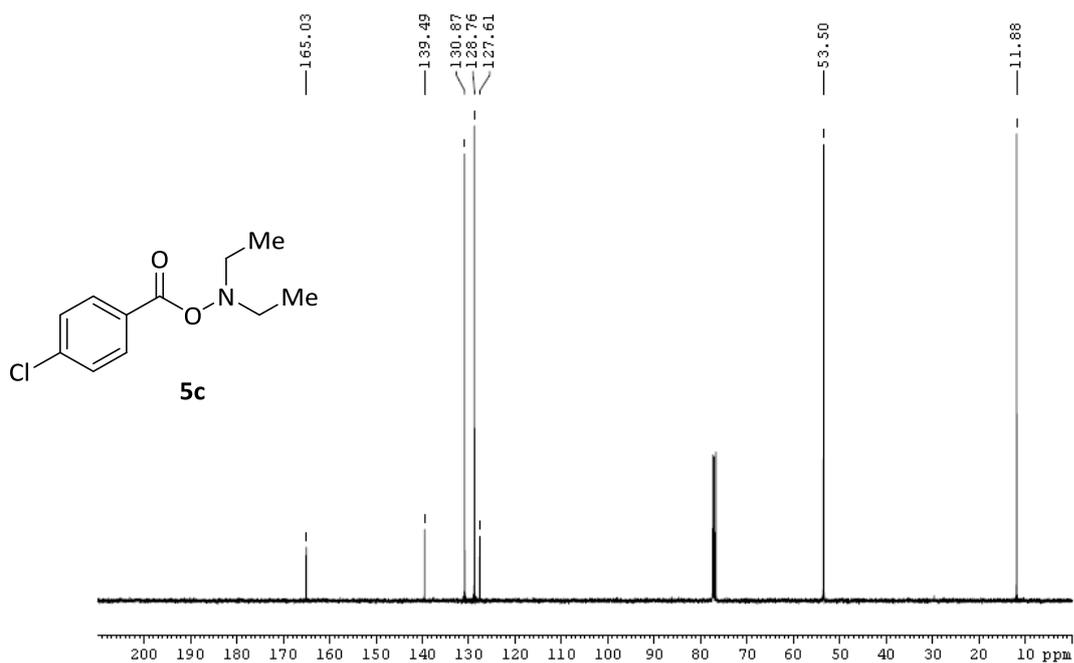


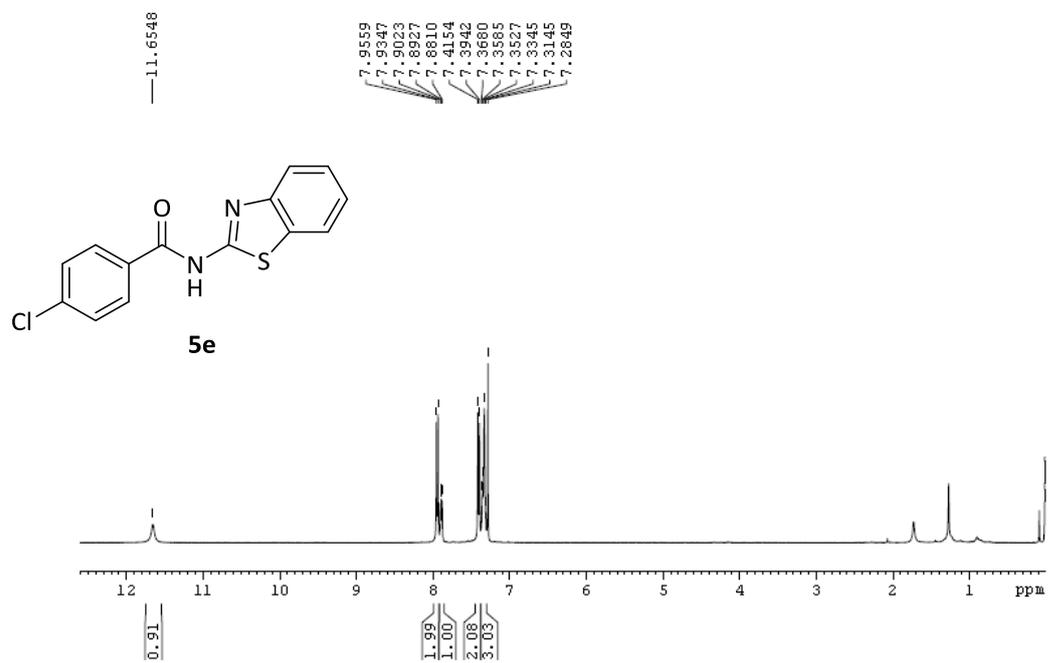
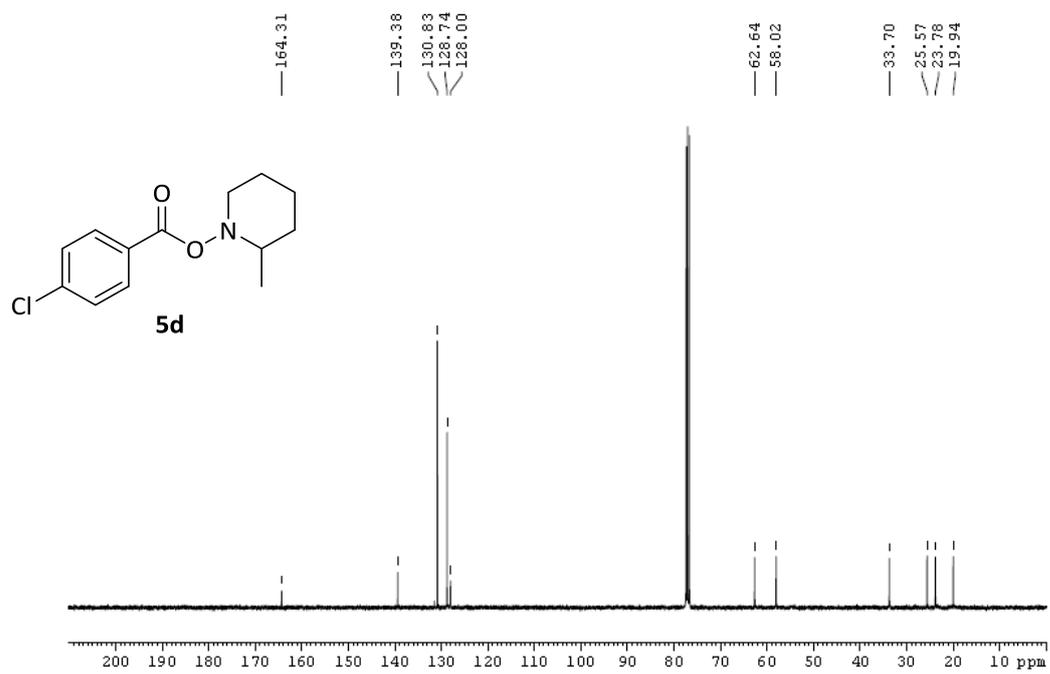


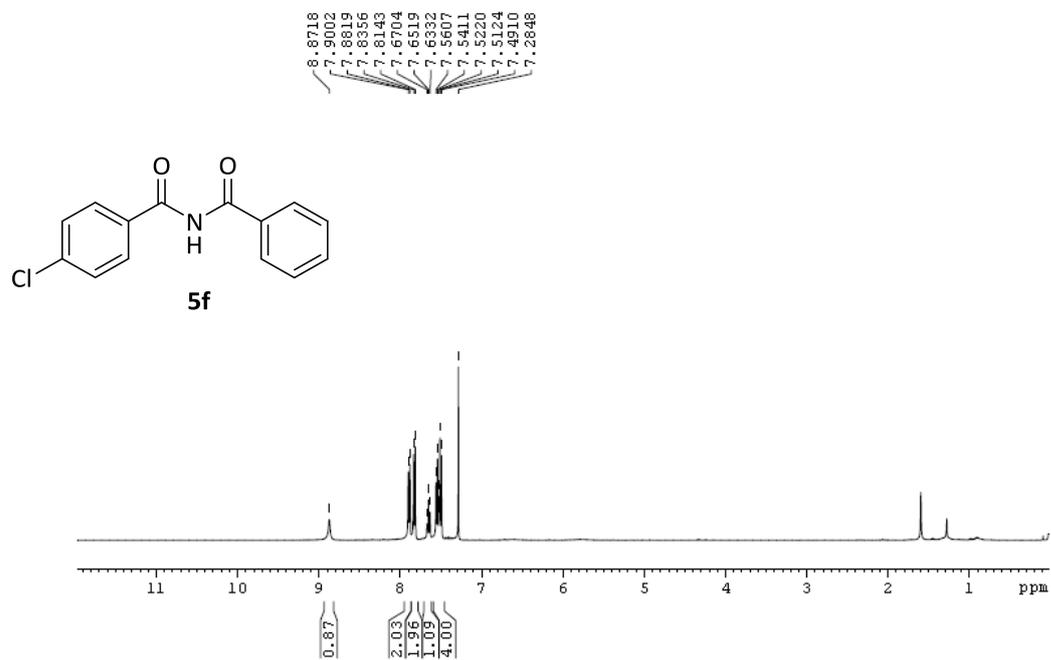
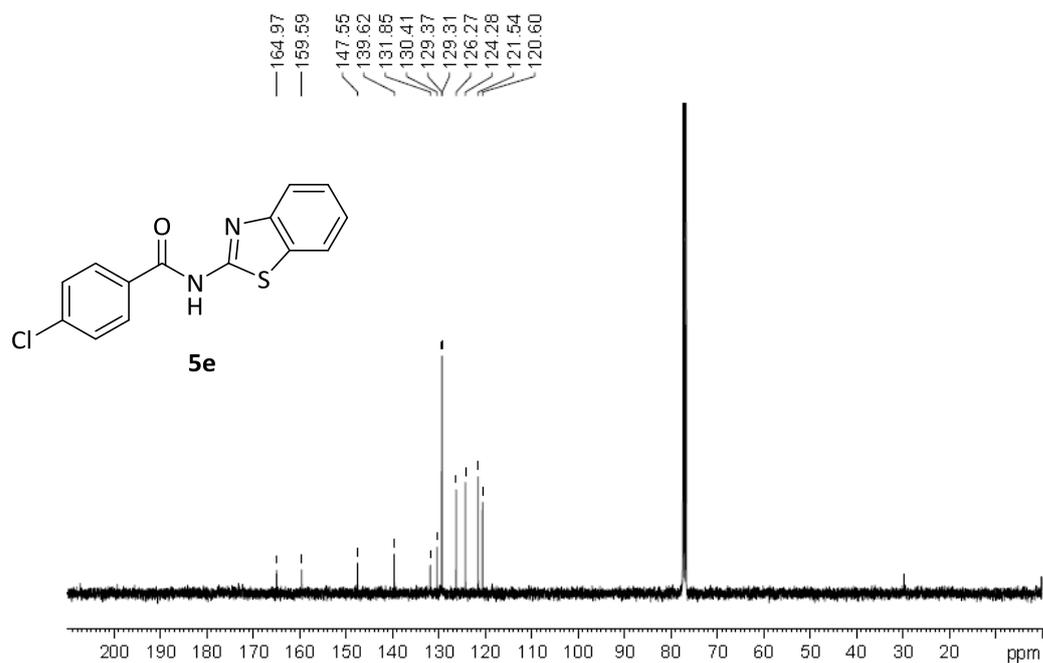


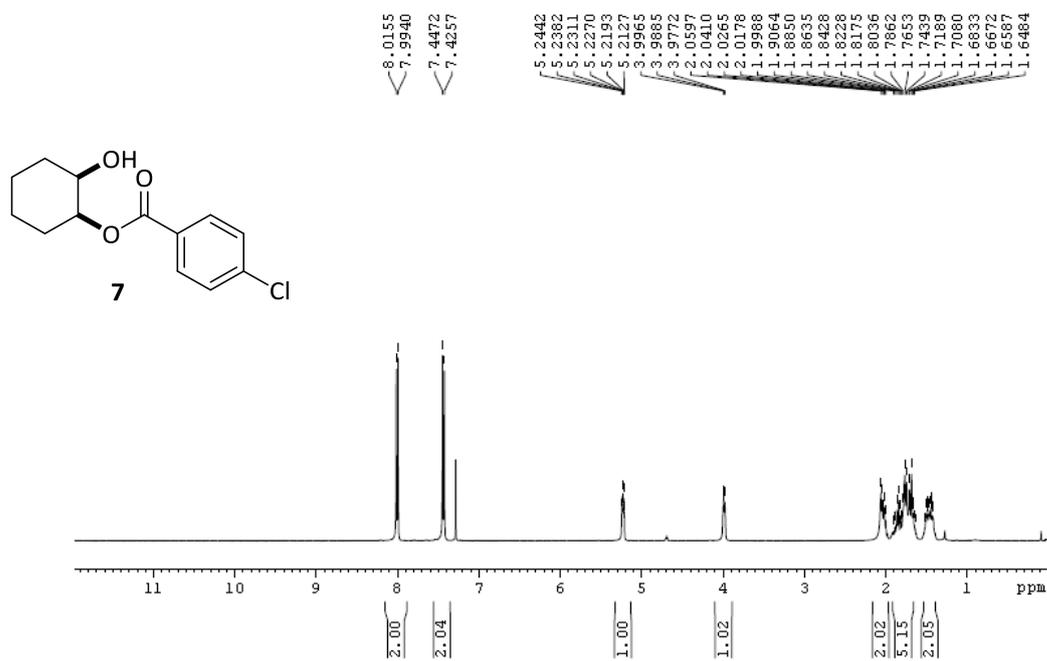
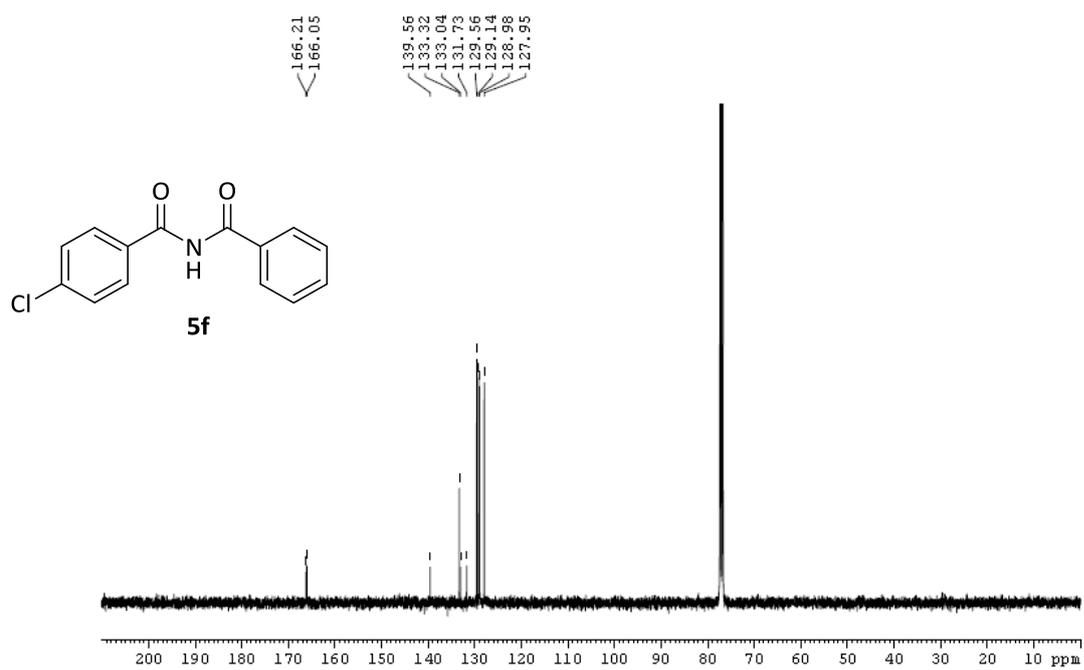


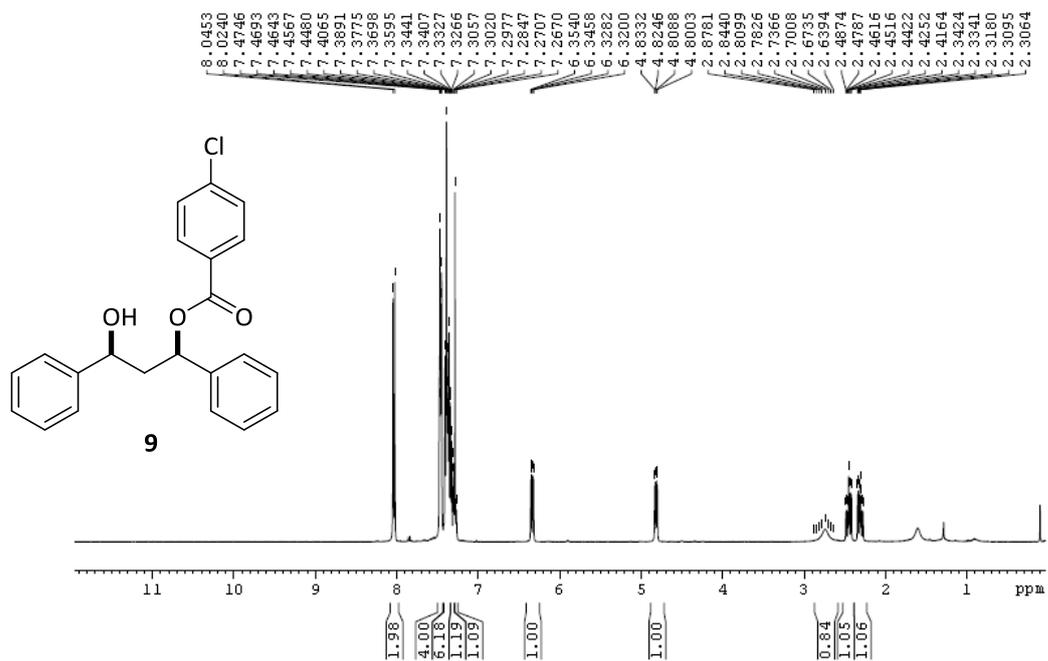
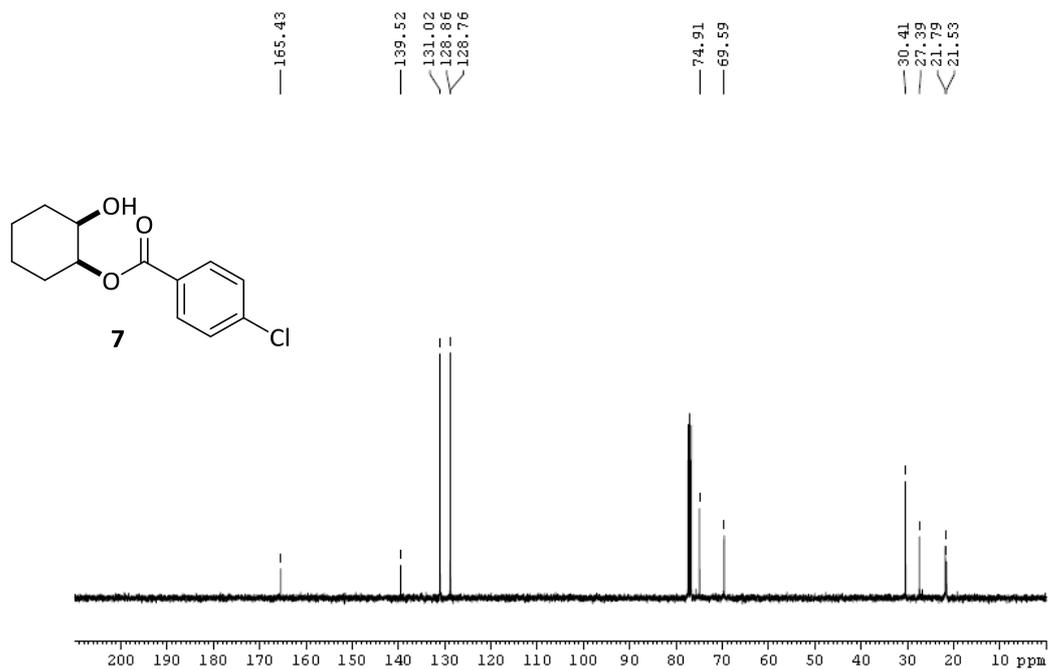


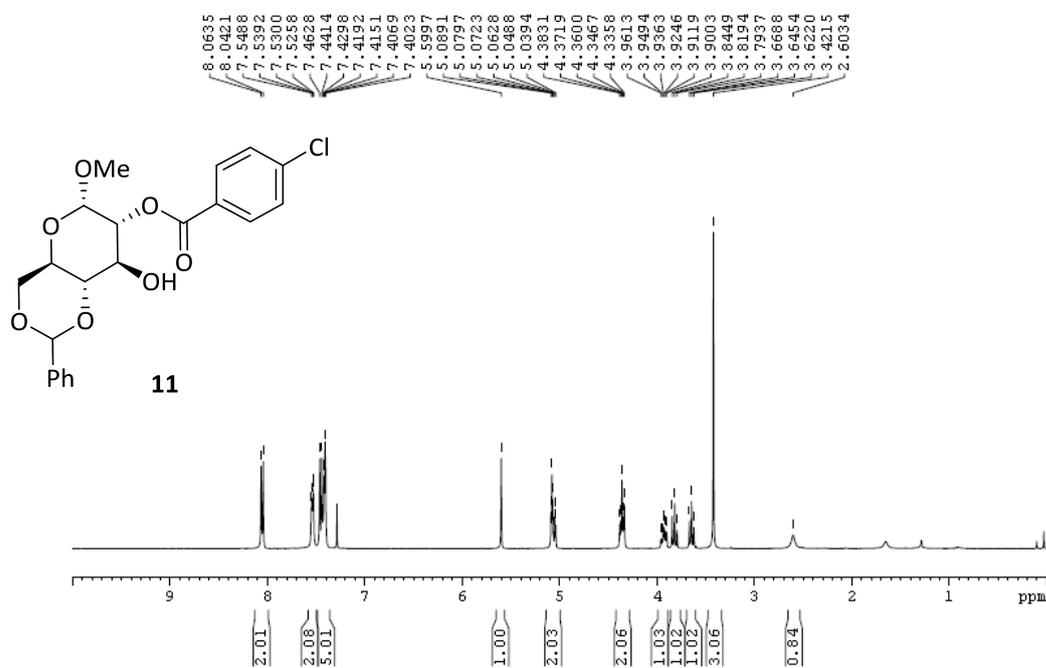
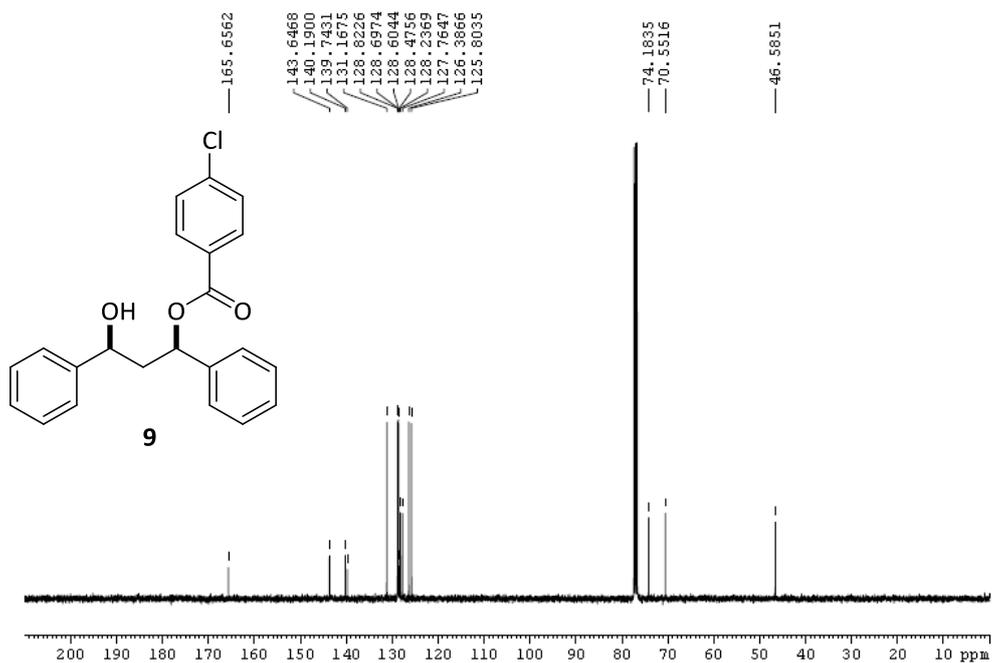


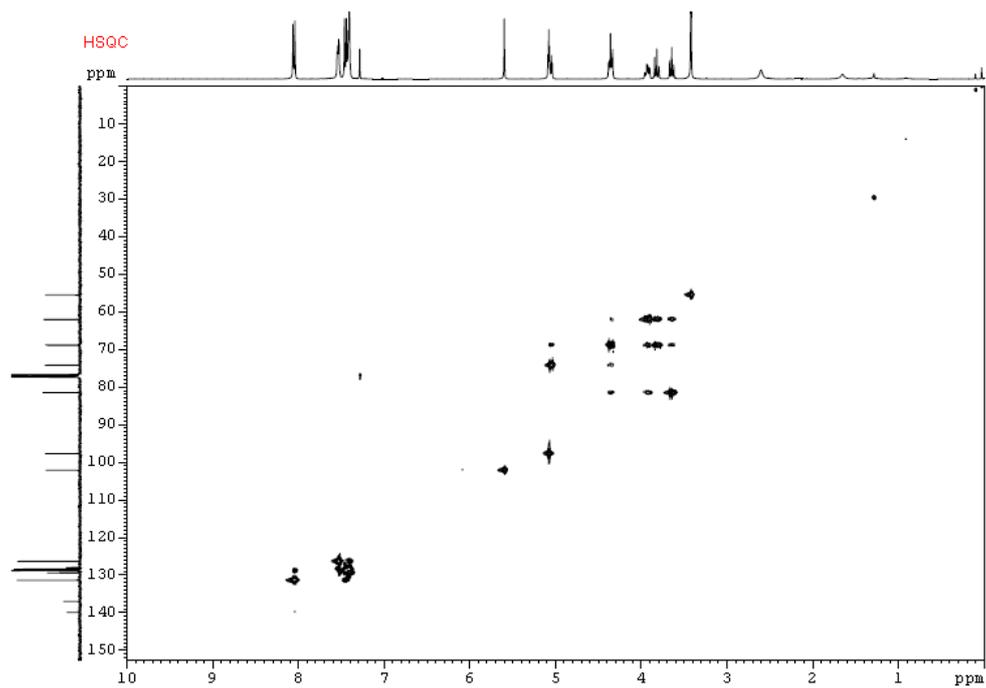
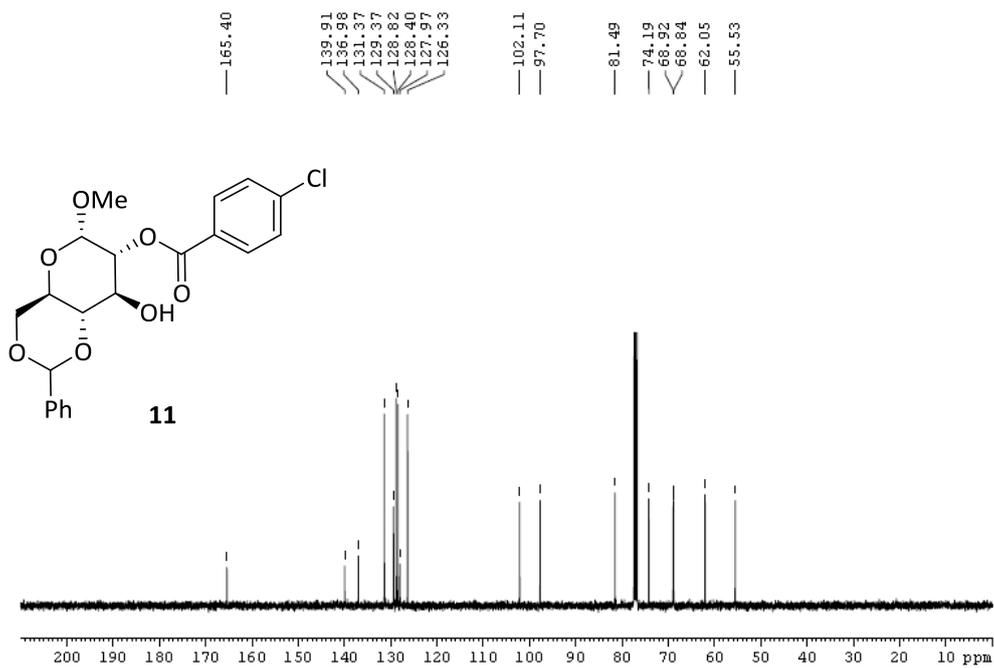


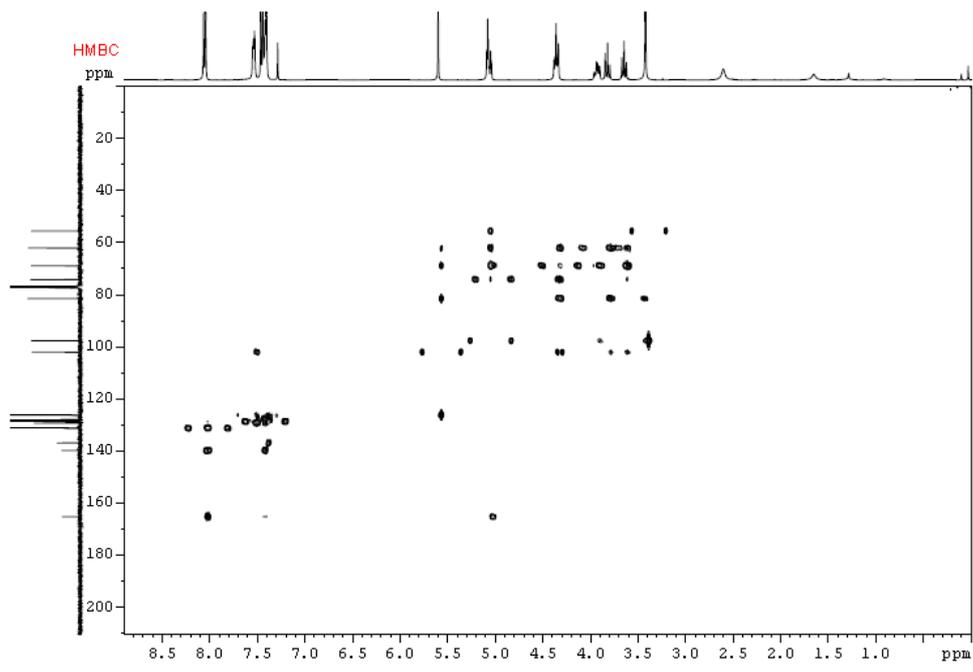




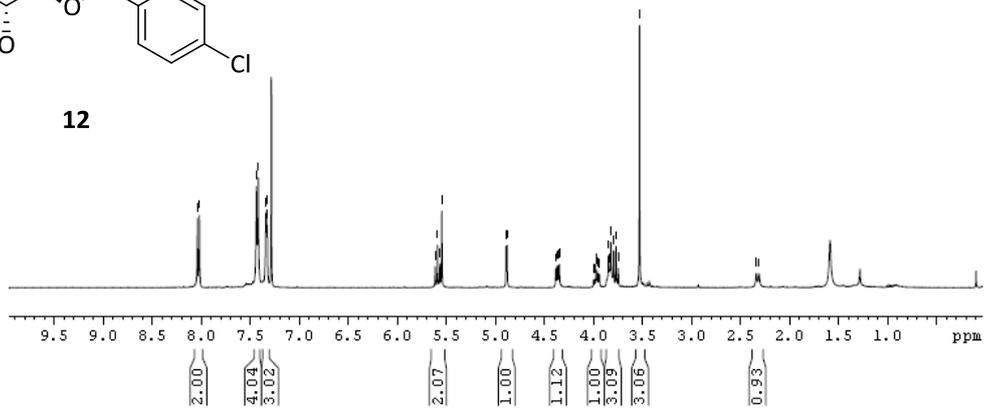
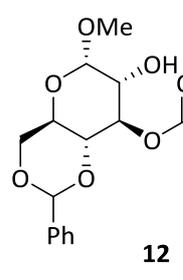


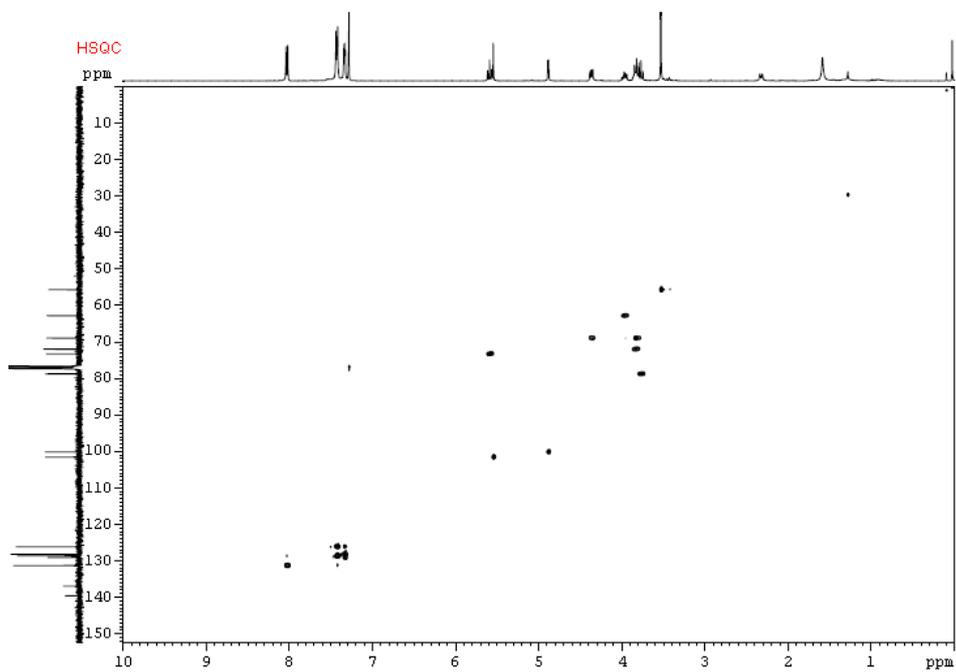
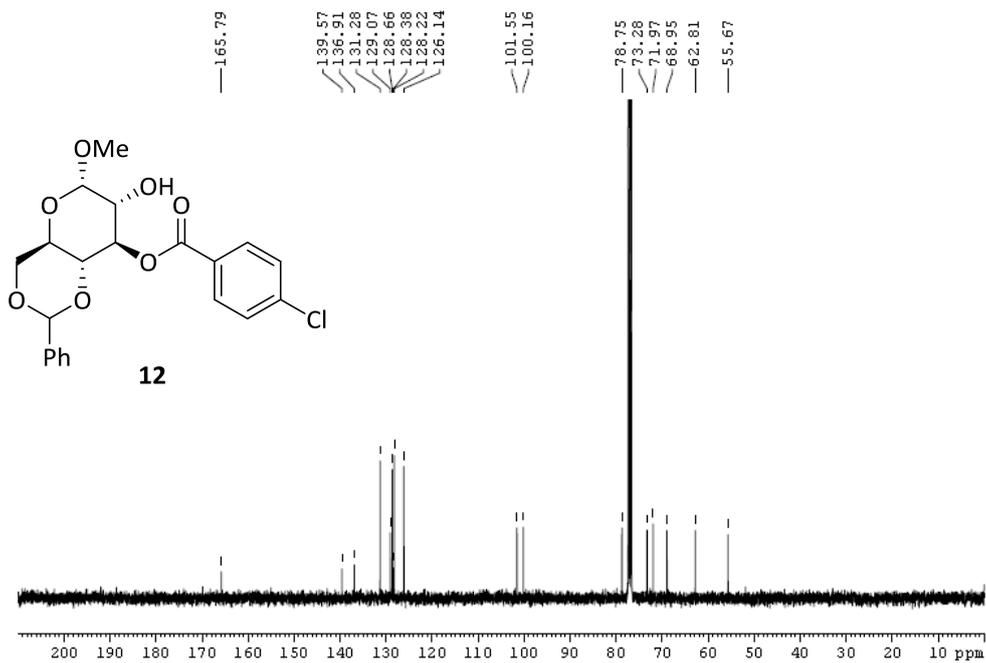


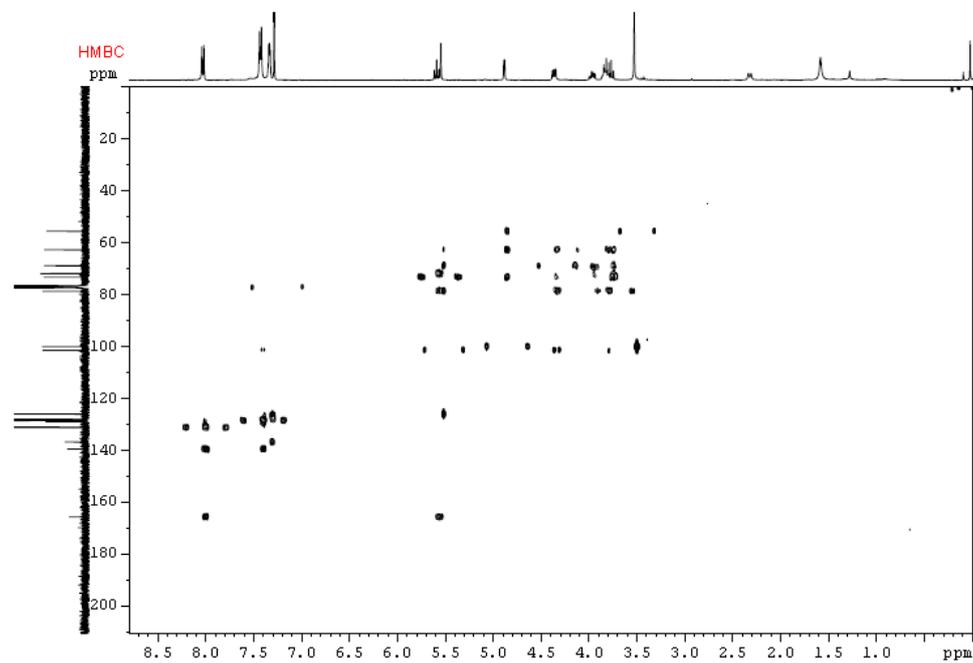




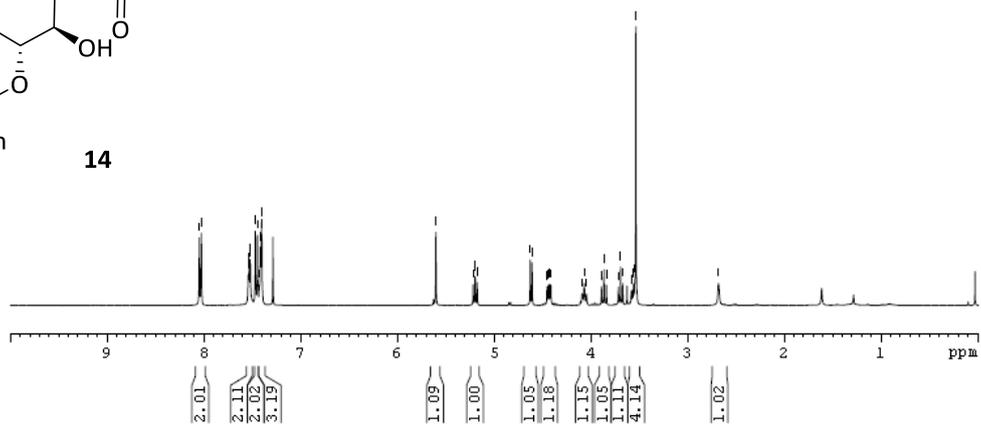
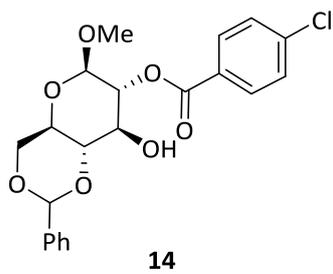
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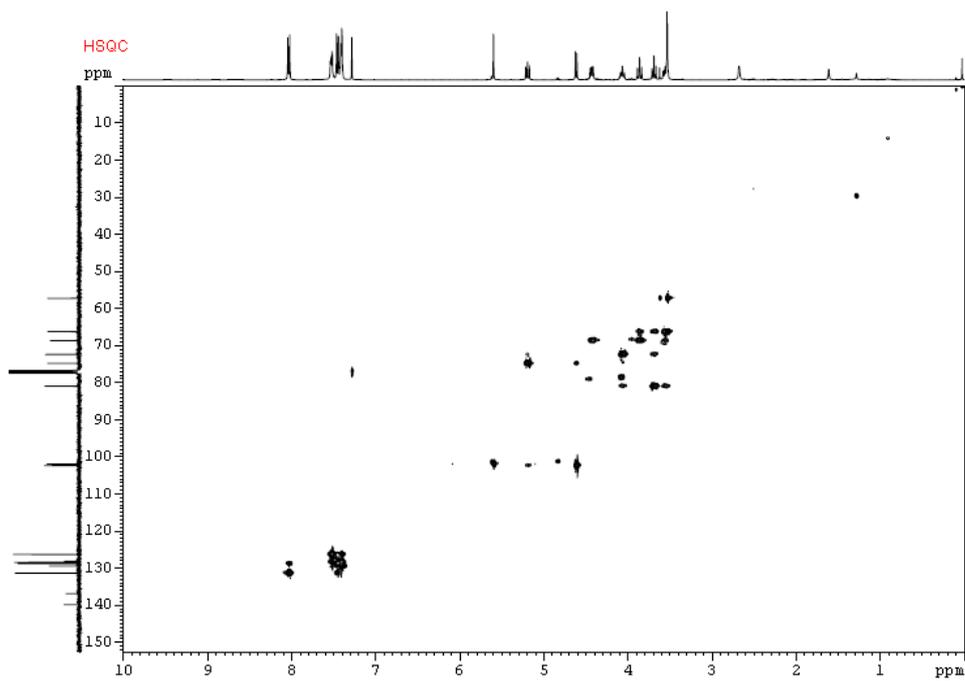
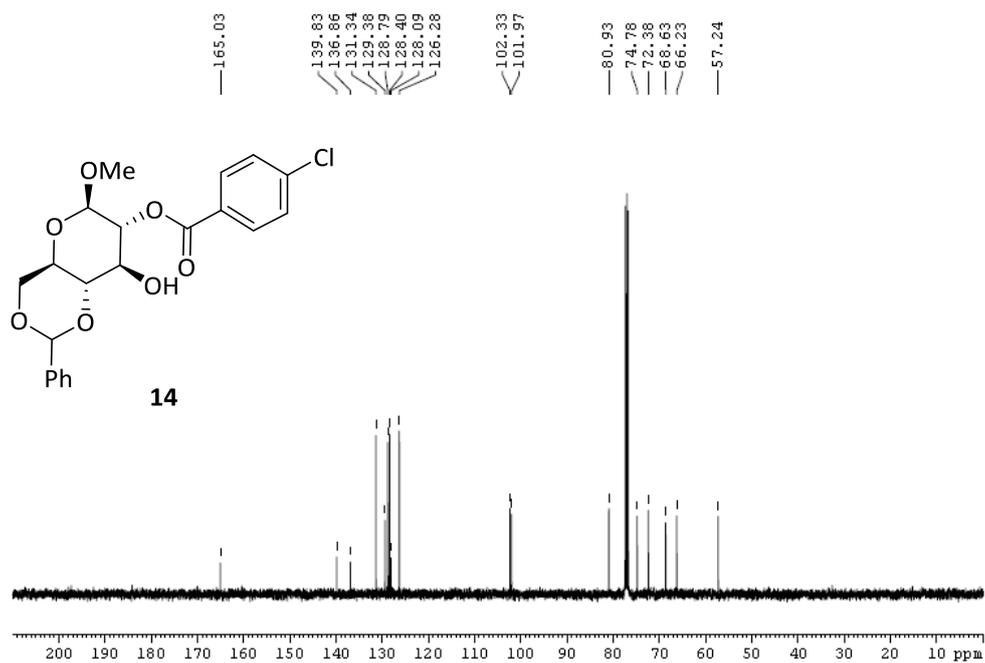


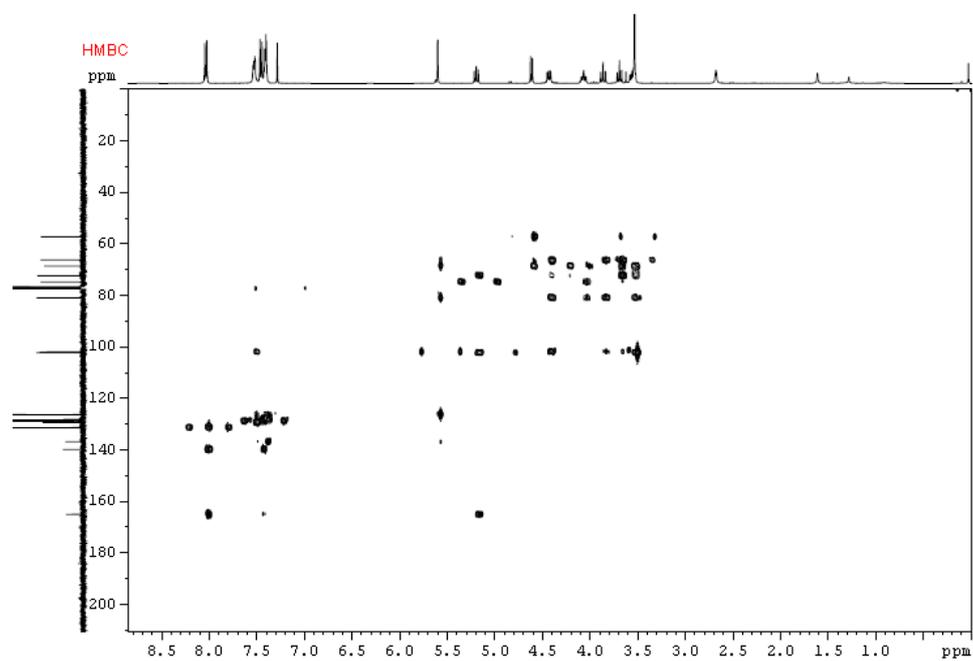




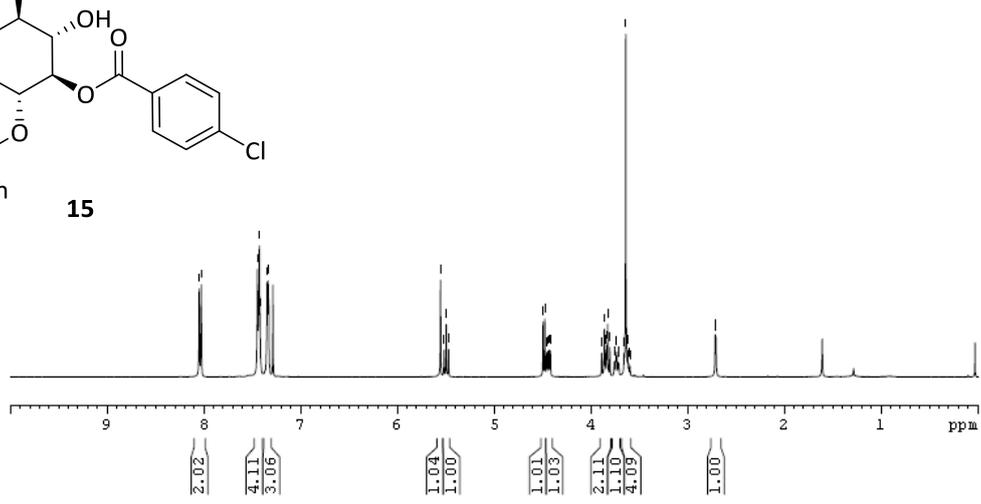
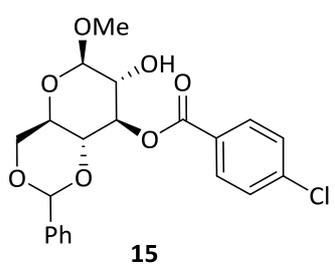
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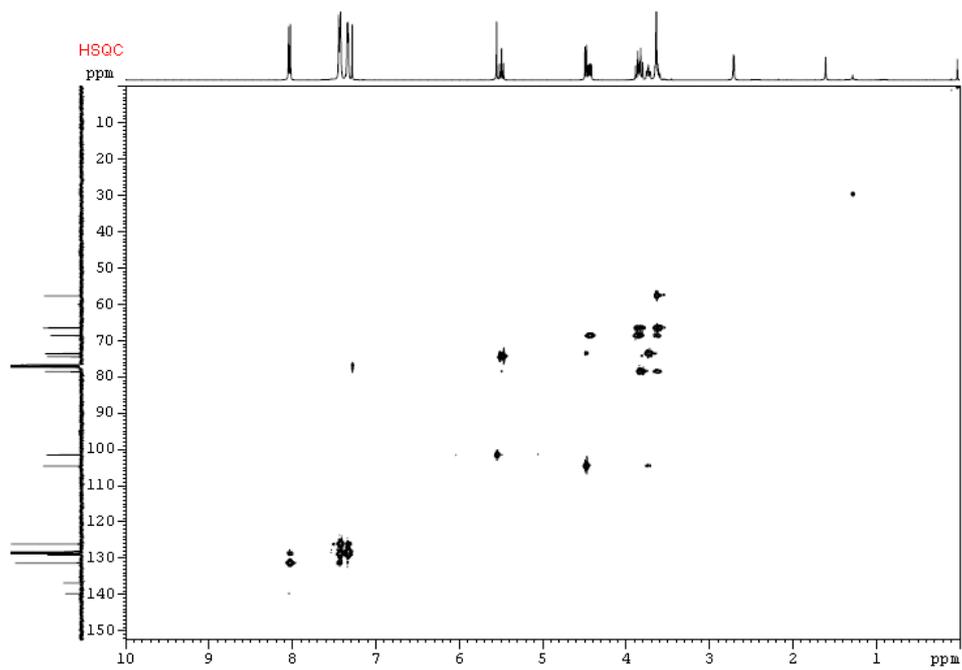
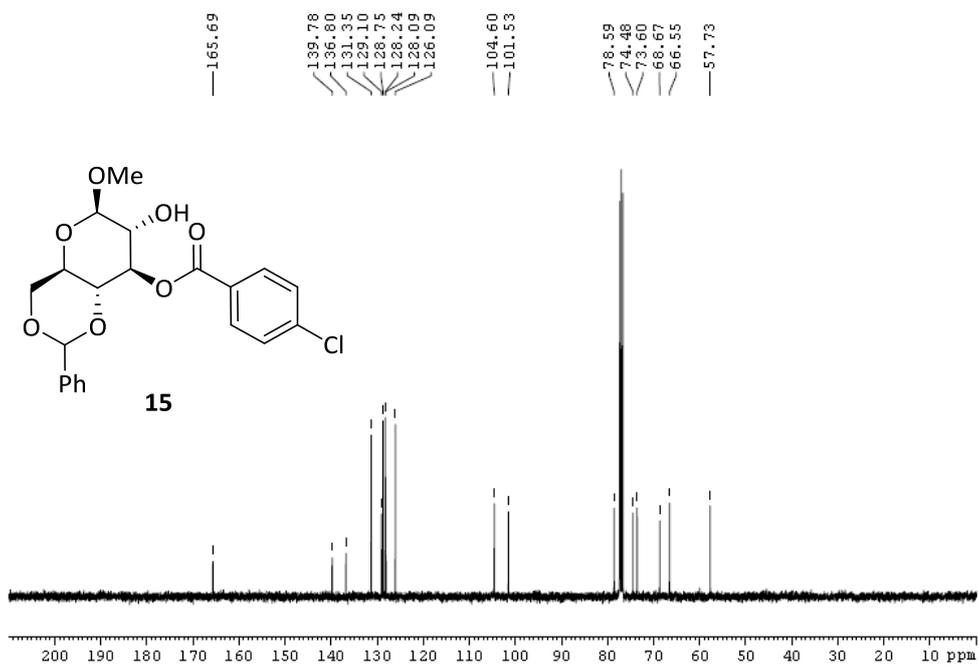


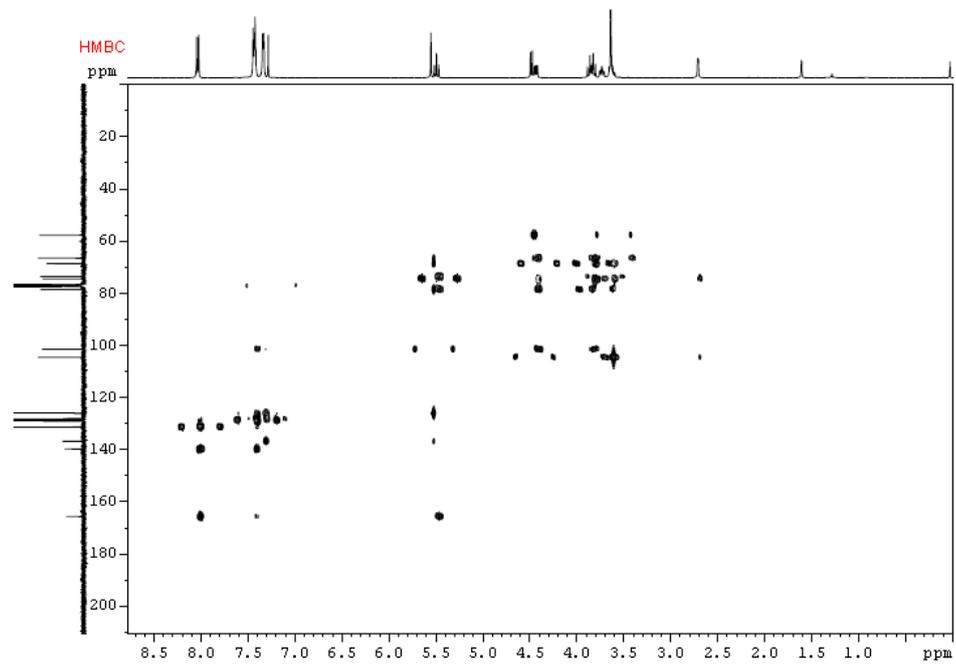




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