

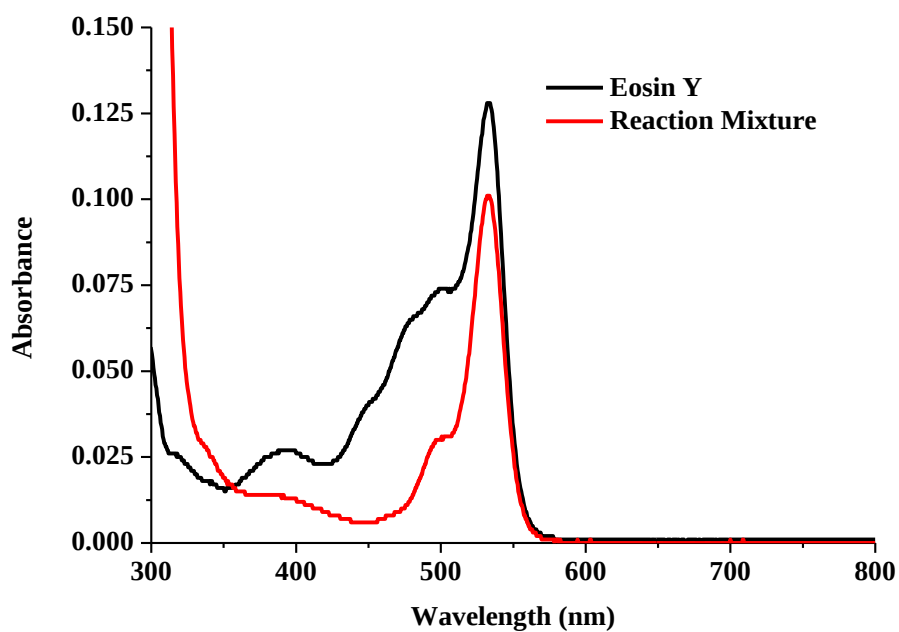
**Visible light enabled γ -trifluoromethylation of Baylis-Hillman acetates:
stereoselective synthesis of trisubstituted alkenes**

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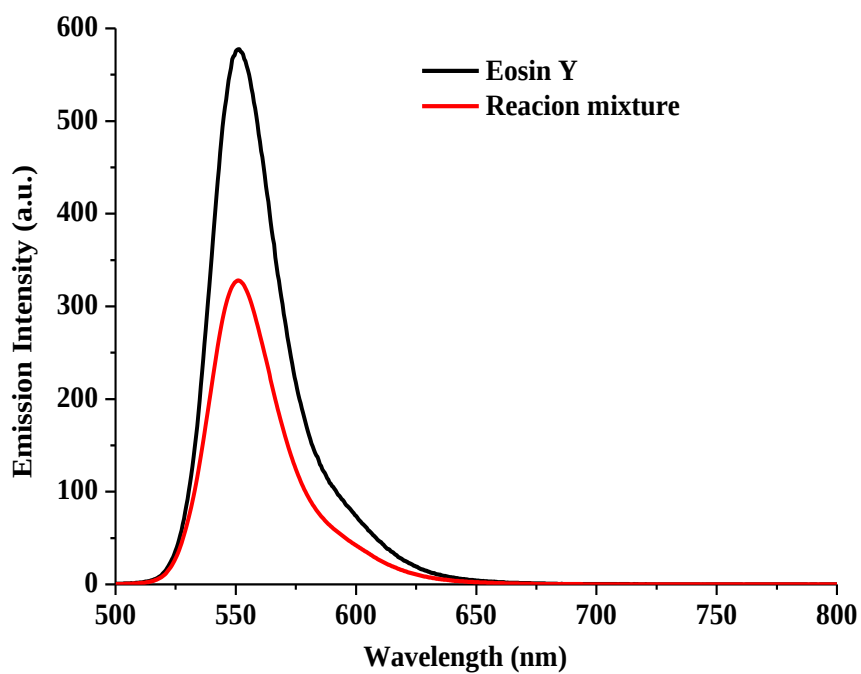
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I. UV-Visible & fluorescence spectra for the representative transformation of 1a to 2a:



(UV-Visible Spectrum)



(Fluorescence spectrum)

General information: All the reagents used were procured from Aldrich/Merck and were used without further purification unless otherwise specified. The solvents were purified by distillation methods and were stored over 4 Å molecular sieves prior to its use. All the reactions were performed using oven-dried glassware. Organic solutions were concentrated using a Buchi rotary evaporator. Column chromatography was carried out over silica gel (Merck 100–200 mesh), whereas thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using silica gel GF254 (Merck) plates. ^1H (500 MHz), ^{13}C (125.7 MHz) and ^{19}F (470 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL spectrometer JNM-ECZ500R/S1 in CDCl_3 using TMS as internal reference. All the chemical shifts are reported in δ/ppm , and coupling constants (J) in Hertz (Hz). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained at the Centre of Biomedical Research Mass Spectrometry Service Centre using a Waters GCT Premier instrument run on electron ionization (EI) direct probe or a Waters QTOF Ultima instrument run on electro-spray ionization (ESI+). Green LED (2.50 W, $\lambda = 535 \text{ nm}$) Rebel LED mounted on a 25 mm cool base was purchased from commercial supplier Luxeon Star LEDs Quadica Developments Inc Canada. The quantum yield of the reaction was determined using Shimadzu UV-1601 and Perkin Elmer LS 55 fluorescence spectrophotometer in EtOH.

General procedure for the Synthesis of Baylis-Hillman acetates 1.¹

Step I: Preparation of Baylis-Hillman alcohols. A mixture of the aldehyde (10.0 mmol), acrylate/acrylonitrile (10.5 mmol) and DABCO (10.0 mmol), contained in a glass vessel, was stirred at 0°C to RT for 12 h. After completion of reaction (TLC), the mixture was diluted with diethyl ether (25 mL) and then washed with 0.5 M HCl solution (3 × 30 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude product, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a mixture of ethyl acetate-hexane (1:9) to give the pure Baylis-Hillman alcohol.

Step II: Preparation of Baylis-Hillman acetates 1. To a solution of Et_3N (5.0 mmol), Ac_2O (5.0 mmol), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) (10 mol%) in dichloromethane (25 mL) was added the Baylis-Hillman alcohol (5.0 mmol) prepared by Step I at 0°C to RT, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min. Upon

completion of the reaction (TLC), the mixture was shaken with aqueous saturated solution of NaHCO_3 . The organic phase was taken out, dried using anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated to yield the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography using a mixture of ethyl acetate/hexane (0.5:9.5) to furnish the pure product **1**. All the synthesized products **1** were characterized by the comparison of their NMR data with literature values.² The NMR data and spectra of **1** are given are given below.

II. Physical and spectra data of the Baylis-Hillman acetates **1**:

2-(Acetoxy-p-tolyl-methyl)-acrylic acid ethyl ester (1a):^{2a} Colourless Oily Liquid;

Yield: 89%, 1.16 g; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): 1.13 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 4.05 (q, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 7.106 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3): 14.0, 21.2, 61.0, 73.1, 125.3, 127.8, 129.2, 134.9, 138.3, 140.0, 165.1, 169.5.

2-(Acetoxy-p-tolyl-methyl)-acrylic acid butyl ester (1b): Colourless Oily Liquid; Yield:

92%, 1.33 g; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): 0.86 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.24 (sextet, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.53 (quintet, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 4.04 (m, 2H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3): 13.7, 19.1, 21.2, 30.6, 64.9, 73.2, 125.4, 127.8, 129.2, 135.0, 138.3, 140.0, 165.2, 169.6.

2-(Acetoxy-phenyl-methyl)-acrylic acid butyl ester (1c): Colourless Oily Liquid; Yield:

90%, 1.24 g; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): 0.84 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.22 (sextet, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.50 (quintet, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 4.03 (m, 2H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.35 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3): 13.6, 19.0, 20.8, 30.5, 64.9, 73.2, 125.7, 127.7, 128.4, 128.5, 137.8, 139.8, 165.1, 169.6.

2-(Acetoxy-phenyl-methyl)-acrylic acid isobutyl ester (1d): Colourless Oily Liquid;

Yield: 85%, 1.17 g; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): 0.83 (m, 3H), 0.96 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.84-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 4.01 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.39 (m, 5H).

2-(Acetoxy-phenyl-methyl)-acrylic acid methyl ester (1e):^{2b} Colourless Oily Liquid; Yield: 87%, 1.02 g; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.02 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 7.23-7.31 (m, 5H).

2-(Acetoxy-phenyl-methyl)-acrylic acid ethyl ester (1f):^{2a} Colourless Oily Liquid; Yield: 85%, 1.05 g; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 1.19 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.38 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 14.0, 21.1, 60.9, 73.1, 125.5, 127.7, 128.3, 128.4, 137.8, 139.9, 164.9, 169.4.

2-(Acetoxy-phenyl-methyl)-acrylic acid tert-butyl ester (1g):^{2c} Colourless Oily Liquid; Yield: 82%, 1.13 g; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 0.80 (t, *J* = 7.5, 3H), 1.18 (sextet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 4.00 (q, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 7.19-7.28 (m, 5H).

Acetic acid 2-cyano-1-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-allyl ester (1h):^{2d} Colourless Oily Liquid; Yield: 80%, 0.92 g; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.15 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 21.0, 55.4, 74.1, 114.4, 116.4, 123.5, 127.7, 128.6, 131.5, 160.3, 169.4.

2-[Acetoxy-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-methyl]-acrylic acid methyl ester (1i):^{2e} Colourless Oily Liquid; Yield: 86%, 1.08 g; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.09 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 7.01 (s, 2H), 7.36 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 21.0, 52.0, 72.5, 115.3 (d, *J* = 21.0 Hz), 125.6, 129.6 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 128.5, 133.7, 139.5, 161.7, 163.6, 165.3, 166.4, 169.4.

2-[Acetoxy-(4-chloro-phenyl)-methyl]-acrylic acid methyl ester (1j): Colourless Oil; Yield: 92%, 1.23 g; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.10 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 7.31 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 21.1, 52.1, 72.5, 125.9, 128.7, 129.2, 134.3, 136.5, 139.3, 165.3, 169.4.

2-[Acetoxy-(4-chloro-phenyl)-methyl]-acrylic acid ethyl ester (1k):^{2f} Colourless Oily Liquid; Yield: 90%, 1.26 g; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 1.20 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.33 (m, 4H);

¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 14.0, 21.1, 61.1, 72.5, 125.7, 128.7, 129.2, 134.2, 136.5, 139.5, 164.8, 169.3.

2-[Acetoxy-(4-chloro-phenyl)-methyl]-acrylic acid butyl ester (1l): Colourless Oily Liquid; Yield: 94%, 1.45 g; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.40-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.68 (m, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 4.21 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H).

Acetic acid 1-(3-chloro-phenyl)-2-cyano-allyl ester (1m): Colourless Oily Liquid; Yield: 86%, 1.01 g; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.10 (s, 3H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.36 (m, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 20.9, 73.6.1, 115.9, 127.7, 125.2, 127.0, 129.5, 130.3, 132.5, 135.0, 137.6, 169.2.

2-[Acetoxy-(3-chloro-phenyl)-methyl]-acrylic acid ethyl ester (1n): Colourless Oily Liquid; Yield: 84%, 1.18 g; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 7.26 (s, 3H), 7.35 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 14.0, 21.1, 61.2, 72.5, 126.1, 127.8, 128.6, 129.8, 134.4, 139.4, 140.0, 164.8, 169.4.

2-[Acetoxy-(3-chloro-phenyl)-methyl]-acrylic acid butyl ester (1o): Colourless Oily Liquid; Yield: 89%, 1.37 g; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (quintet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.49 (q, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 4.02 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 7.20 (s, 3H), 7.29 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 13.7, 19.1, 21.1, 30.6, 65.0, 72.5, 126.1, 127.8, 128.6, 129.8, 134.4, 139.4, 140.1, 164.9, 169.4.

2-[Acetoxy-(3-chloro-phenyl)-methyl]-acrylic acid tert-butyl ester (1p): Colourless Oily Liquid; 83%, 1.28 g; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 1.35 (s, 9H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 5.73 (s, 2H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 7.21-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.32 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 22.2, 27.9, 72.7, 81.8, 125.2, 126.1, 127.9, 128.5, 129.7, 134.3, 140.6, 164.0, 166.4, 169.4.

2-[Acetoxy-(2-bromo-phenyl)-methyl]-acrylic acid methyl ester (1q):^{2g} Yellowish Oily Liquid; Yield: 82%, 1.27 g; **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.06 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H),

7.51 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3): 21.2, 52.2, 72.3, 123.7, 127.6, 128.1, 128.6, 129.9, 133.2, 136.9, 138.2, 165.4, 169.3.

2-[Acetoxy-(2-bromo-phenyl)-methyl]-acrylic acid ethyl ester (1r): Yellowish Oily Liquid; Yield: 82%, 1.33 g; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): 1.22 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 4.17 (q, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 7.16-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3): 14.1, 20.9, 61.1, 72.4, 123.9, 127.6, 127.7, 128.7, 129.9, 133.2, 137.2, 138.6, 165.9, 169.2.

2-[Acetoxy-(2-bromo-phenyl)-methyl]-acrylic acid butyl ester (1s): Yellowish Oily Liquid; Yield: 86%, 1.52 g; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): 0.86 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.24-1.31 (sextet, 2H), 1.55 (quintet, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 4.11 (q, J = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 7.00 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.58 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3): 13.5, 19.08, 20.8, 22.2, 30.5, 65.0, 72.4, 124.0, 127.5, 127.7, 128.7, 129.9, 133.2, 137.1, 138.5, 165.0, 166.5, 169.2.

2-[Acetoxy-(3-bromo-phenyl)-methyl]-acrylic acid butyl ester (1t): Yellowish Oily Liquid; Yield: 88%, 1.55 g; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): 0.88 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (sextet, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (quintet, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 4.06-4.16 (m, 2H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 7.26-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3): 13.7, 19.1, 21.1, 30.6, 65.0, 72.5, 126.1, 126.2, 127.8, 128.6, 129.8, 134.4, 139.4, 140.1, 164.9, 169.4.

2-(Acetoxy-*m*-tolyl-methyl)-acrylic acid butyl ester (1u): Colourless Oily Liquid; Yield: 83%, 1.20 g; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): 0.79 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.18-1.22 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.52 (m, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 4.01 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 7.08-7.19 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3): 13.7, 19.1, 21.2, 21.4, 30.5, 64.8, 73.3, 124.8, 125.5, 128.3, 128.5, 129.2, 137.7, 138.1, 139.9, 165.1, 169.5.

2-(Acetoxy-thiophen-2-yl-methyl)-acrylic acid methyl ester (1v):^{2b} Yellow Oily Liquid; Yield: 85%, 1.02 g; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): 2.10 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 8.0, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.0,

1H), 7.49 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 21.1, 52.1, 72.4, 122.5, 126.3, 126.5, 130.1, 130.6, 131.5, 139.1, 140.2, 165.2, 169.3.

2-[Acetoxy-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-methyl]-acrylic acid butyl ester (1w): Colourless Oily Liquid; Yield: 83%, 1.20 g; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (sextet, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.55 (quintet, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.1 (s, 3H), 3.8 (s, 3H), 4.07-4.16 (m, 2H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.84-6.86 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.98 (m, 2H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 13.7, 19.1, 21.1, 30.6, 55.3, 64.9, 73.1, 113.4, 113.8, 120.1, 125.9, 129.5, 139.4, 139.8, 159.7, 165.1, 169.5.

2-[Acetoxy-(4-cyano-phenyl)-methyl]-acrylic acid methyl ester (1x): Colourless solid; Yield: 94%, 2.40 g; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.12 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 21.0, 52.3, 72.5, 112.3, 126.8, 128.4, 129.9, 132.4, 142.8, 143.3, 165.1, 169.3

2-[Acetoxy-(2,4-dichloro-phenyl)-methyl]-acrylic acid methyl ester (1y): Colourless solid; Yield: 97%, 2.92 g; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.12 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 7.24-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): 20.9, 52.3, 69.8, 127.4, 128.0, 129.5, 129.8, 134.2, 134.6, 135.0, 137.9, 165.2, 169.2

General Procedure for the synthesis of products 2: A mixture of Baylis-Hillman acetate **1** (1.0 mmol), CF₃SO₂Na (3.0 equiv.), eosin Y (2.0 mol %) and DMSO (3mL), placed in a closed vessel, was irradiated with Luxeon Rebel high power green LED [2.50 W, λ = 535 nm] from the bottom side at room temperature for 12-15 h. After completion of the reaction (as indicated by TLC), the mixture was quenched with water (5 mL), and then extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude product, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a mixture of ethyl acetate-hexane (0.5:9.5) to give the pure product **2**. All the products were characterized by ¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁹F and HRMS data as given below.

Physical and spectra data of the products 2:

4,4,4-Trifluoro-2-(4-methyl-benzylidene)-butyric acid ethyl ester (2a): Rf (5%, EA/PE) = 0.65; Colourless oily liquid (73%, 198.63 mg); (*E/Z* = 95/5); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.3 (s, 3H), 3.34 (q, ³*J*_{H-F} = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 14.2, 21.3, 31.8 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 30.0 Hz), 61.4, 121.8, 122.5 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 276.4 Hz), 129.2, 129.5, 131.4, 139.6, 144.9, 167.2; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -63.09 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI⁺): (M+H)⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₆F₃O₂ 273.1097, found 273.1108.

4,4,4-Trifluoro-2-(4-methyl-benzylidene)-butyric acid butyl ester (2b): Rf (5%, EA/PE) = 0.62; Colourless oily liquid (76%, 228.09 mg); (*E/Z* = 94/6); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.34 (sextet, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (quintet, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.33 (q, ³*J*_{H-F} = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 13.7, 19.2, 21.3, 30.6, 31.8 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 30.0 Hz), 65.3, 121.8, 122.5 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 276.1 Hz), 129.2, 129.5, 131.4, 139.6, 144.9, 167.3; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -63.4 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI⁺): (M+H)⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₂₀F₃O₂ 301.1410, found 301.1409.

2-Benzylidene-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyric acid butyl ester (2c): Rf (5%, EA/PE) = 0.65; Colourless oily liquid (69%, 197.41 mg); (*E/Z* = 93/7); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.34 (sextet, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (quintet, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.33 (q, ³*J*_{H-F} = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.90 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 13.6, 19.1, 30.6, 31.7 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 30.5 Hz), 65.3, 122.3 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 276.5 Hz), 128.7, 128.8, 129.2, 134.3, 144.9, 167.0; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -62.9 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI⁺): (M+H)⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₈F₃O₂ 287.1253, found 287.1246.

2-Benzylidene-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyric acid isobutyl ester (2d): Rf (5%, EA/PE) = 0.66; Colourless oily liquid (63%, 180.24 mg); (*E/Z* = 81/19); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H), 1.92-2.10 (m, 1H), 3.33 (q, ³*J*_{H-F} = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.91 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 19.2, 27.9, 31.8 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 30.1 Hz), 71.7, 122.4 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} =

275.0 Hz), 122.9, 128.8, 128.9, 129.3, 134.4, 145.1, 167.1; **¹⁹F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -63.0 (s, 3F). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): (M+H)⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₈F₃O₂ 287.1253, found 287.1251.

2-Benzylidene-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyric acid methyl ester (2e):^{2d} R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.70; Colourless oily liquid (67%, 163.52 mg); (*E/Z* = 96/4); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.40 (q, ³J_{H-F} = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 7.38-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.90 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 31.8 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 28.8 Hz), 52.5, 119.2 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 279.2 Hz), 122.5, 126.3, 128.9, 129.4, 145.3, 175.5; **¹⁹F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -63.0 (s, 3F). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): (M+H)⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₂F₃O₂ 245.0784, found 245.0781.

2-Benzylidene-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyric acid ethyl ester (2f): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.70; Colourless oily liquid (67%, 167.75 mg); (*E/Z* = 95/5); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 3.30 (q, ³J_{H-F} = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 4.2 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.91 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 14.2, 31.7 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.1 Hz), 61.5, 120.8 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 256.5 Hz), 122.0, 128.9, 129.3, 134.4, 145.0, 167.1; **¹⁹F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -63.0 (s, 3F). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): (M+H)⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₄F₃O₂ 259.0940, found 259.0938.

2-Benzylidene-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyric acid tert-butyl ester (2g): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.72; Colourless oily liquid (67%, 205.99 mg); (*E/Z* = 95/5); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.47 (s, 9H), 3.26 (q, ³J_{H-F} = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.81 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 27.9, 31.8 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.2 Hz), 81.65, 122.4 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 276.5 Hz), 124.4, 128.7, 128.9, 129.0, 134.6, 143.9, 166.1; **¹⁹F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -63.0 (s, 3F). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): (M+H)⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₈F₃O₂ 287.1257, found 287.1251.

4,4,4-Trifluoro-2-(4-methoxy-benzylidene)-butyronitrile (2h): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.55; Colourless oily liquid (78%, 188.03 mg); (*E/Z* = 99/1); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.03 (q, ³J_{H-F} = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 3.8 (s, 3H), 6.88-6.91 (m, 2H), 7.0 (s, 1H), 7.70-7.73 (m, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 39.7 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 31.2 Hz), 55.4, 95.8, 114.4, 118.1, 121.6 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 256.4 Hz), 125.3, 131.2, 149.7, 161.9; **¹⁹F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -66.0 (s, 3F). **HRMS** (ESI⁺): (M+H)⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₁F₃NO 242.0787, found 242.0790.

4,4,4-Trifluoro-2-(4-fluoro-benzylidene)-butyric acid methyl ester (2i): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.62; Colourless oily liquid (63%, 165.09 mg); (*E/Z* = 95/5); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.3 (q, ³J_{H-F} = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 7.03-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.87 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 32.5 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.1 Hz), 52.5, 115.9, 116.0, 120.2 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 219.5 Hz), 130.3, 131.0 (d, ¹J_{C-F} = 8.5 Hz), 144.1, 164.2, 167.4; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -110.6 (s, 1F), -63.0 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI⁺): (M+H)⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₁F₄O₂ 263.0690, found 263.0687.

2-(4-Chloro-benzylidene)-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyric acid methyl ester (2j): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.57; Colourless oily liquid (60%, 166.80 mg); (*E/Z* = 89/11); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.30 (q, ³J_{H-F} = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 31.7 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.7 Hz), 52.5, 122.1 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 276.7 Hz), 123.0, 129.0, 130.2, 132.6, 135.4, 143.8, 167.1; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -63.3 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI⁺): (M+H)⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₁ClF₃O₂ 279.0394, found 279.0401.

2-(4-Chloro-benzylidene)-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyric acid ethyl ester (2k): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.57; Colourless oily liquid (67%, 196.09 mg); (*E/Z* = 89/11); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 3.29 (q, ³J_{H-F} = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.84 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 14.1, 31.7 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.3 Hz), 61.6, 122.2 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 276.7 Hz), 123.4, 129.0, 130.1, 132.7, 135.4, 143.6, 166.7; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -63.1 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI⁺): (M+H)⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₃ClF₃O₂ 293.0551, found 293.0563.

2-(4-Chloro-benzylidene)-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyric acid butyl ester (2l): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.55; Colourless oily liquid (62%, 198.44 mg); (*E/Z* = 91/9); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.35 (sextet, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (quintet, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (q, ³J_{H-F} = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.84 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 13.7, 19.2, 30.7, 31.8 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.2 Hz), 65.5, 123.5, 126.0 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 302.8 Hz), 129.2, 130.9, 133.1, 135.5,

143.6, 166.8; ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = -63.4 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI+): $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClF}_3\text{O}_2$ 321.0864, found 321.0859.

2-(3-Chloro-benzylidene)-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyronitrile (2m): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.55; Colourless oily liquid (67%, 164.16 mg); (*E/Z* = 79/21); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 3.09 (q, $^3J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.0 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 39.7 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 31.1 Hz), 101.2, 116.9, 124.5 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 248.0 Hz), 126.9, 129.2, 130.3, 131.2, 134.1, 135.1, 148.6, 149.3; ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = -65.7 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI+): $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{ClF}_3\text{N}$ 246.0292, found 246.0291.

2-(3-Chloro-benzylidene)-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyric acid ethyl ester (2n): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.57; Colourless oily liquid (65%, 189.82 mg); (*E/Z* = 93/7); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 3.28 (q, $^3J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 14.1, 31.7 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 30.8 Hz), 61.6, 124.3, 124.6 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 251.8 Hz), 126.7, 128.8, 129.2, 130.1, 134.8, 136.1, 143.4, 166.6; ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = -63.3 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI+): $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClF}_3\text{O}_2$ 293.0551, found 293.0547.

2-(3-Chloro-benzylidene)-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyric acid butyl ester (2o): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.57; Colourless oily liquid (63%, 201.66 mg); (*E/Z* = 90/10); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.40 (sextet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (quintet, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (q, $^3J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 3H), 7.89 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 13.7, 19.2, 30.7, 31.7 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 30.6 Hz), 65.6, 124.3, 124.4 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 263.2 Hz), 126.8, 128.8, 129.2, 130.1, 134.8, 136.2, 143.4, 166.7; ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = -63.3 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI+): $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClF}_3\text{O}_2$ 321.0864, found 321.0874.

2-(3-Chloro-benzylidene)-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyric acid tert-butyl ester (2p): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.60; Colourless oily liquid (60%, 192.04 mg); (*E/Z* = 89/11); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.46 (s, 9H), 3.21 (q, $^3J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.7 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 27.9, 31.8 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 30.1 Hz),

81.9, 122.2 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 263.2 Hz), 125.7, 128.7, 128.9, 129.9, 134.7, 136.4, 144.2, 165.6; ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = -63.1 (s, 3F). **HRMS** (ESI+): (M+H) $^+$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{17}ClF_3O_2$ 321.0864, found 321.0874.

2-(2-Bromo-benzylidene)-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyric acid methyl ester (2q): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.65; Colourless oily liquid (68%, 225.14 mg; (*E/Z* = 92/8); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 3.17 (q, $^3J_{H-F}$ = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 7.13-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 31.7 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 30.7 Hz), 52.6, 121.9, 123.5, 124.2 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 276.6 Hz), 124.5, 127.5, 129.4, 132.9, 134.95, 144.5, 166.8; ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = -63.7 (s, 3F). **HRMS** (ESI+): (M+H) $^+$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{11}BrF_3O_2$ 322.9889, found 322.9907.

2-(2-Bromo-benzylidene)-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyric acid ethyl ester (2r): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.65; Colourless oily liquid (65%, 218.39 mg; (*E/Z* = 89/11); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 1.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 3.16 (q, $^3J_{H-F}$ = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 14.12, 31.7 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 30.3 Hz), 61.6, 122.0 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 276.0 Hz), 123.5, 124.8, 127.5, 129.5, 130.3, 132.9, 135.0, 144.3, 166.4; ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = -63.1 (s, 3F). **HRMS** (ESI+): (M+H) $^+$ calcd for $C_{13}H_{13}BrF_3O_2$ 337.0046, found 337.0054.

2-(2-Bromo-benzylidene)-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyric acid butyl ester (2s): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.62; Colourless oily liquid (63%, 229.33 mg; (*E/Z* = 91/9); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 0.88 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (sextet, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (quintet, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (q, $^3J_{H-F}$ = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 13.6, 19.1, 30.5, 31.6 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 30.5 Hz), 65.5, 122.0 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 276.7 Hz), 123.5, 124.7, 127.5, 129.5, 130.3, 132.9, 135.0, 144.2, 166.4; ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = -63.3 (s, 3F). **HRMS** (ESI+): (M+H) $^+$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{17}BrF_3O_2$ 365.0359, found 365.0355.

2-(3-Bromo-benzylidene)-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyric acid butyl ester (2t): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.65; Colourless oily liquid (67%, 243.89 mg; (*E/Z* = 90/10); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.34 (sextet, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (quintet, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (q, ³J_{H-F} = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 3H), 7.80 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 13.7, 19.2, 30.6, 31.7 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.5 Hz), 65.6, 124.3, 124.5 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 246.4 Hz), 126.7, 128.8, 130.0, 130.4, 134.8, 136.1, 143.3, 166.7; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -62.9 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI⁺): (M+H)⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₇BrF₃O₂ 365.0359, found 365.0357.

4,4,4-Trifluoro-2-(3-methyl-benzylidene)-butyric acid butyl ester (2u): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.65; Colourless oily liquid (73%, 219.09 mg; (*E/Z* = 92/8); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (sextet, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (quintet, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 3.34 (q, ³J_{H-F} = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.24-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 13.8, 19.2, 21.5, 30.7, 31.8 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.0 Hz), 65.4, 112.5, 122.6 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 251.0 Hz), 125.9, 129.1, 129.7, 130.1, 134.4, 138.5, 145.2, 167.2; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -63.0 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI⁺): (M+H)⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₂₀F₃O₂ 301.1410, found 301.1409.

4,4,4-Trifluoro-2-thiophen-2-ylmethylene-butyric acid methyl ester (2v): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.70; Colourless oily liquid (65%, 162.51 mg; (*E/Z* = 91/9); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.28 (q, ³J_{H-F} = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 31.78 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.6 Hz), 52.7, 122.2 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 270.4 Hz), 122.9, 127.2, 130.4, 131.7, 132.3, 136.4, 143.6, 167.1; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -63.7 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI⁺): (M+H)⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₀F₃O₂S 251.0348, found 251.0346.

4,4,4-Trifluoro-2-(3-methoxy-benzylidene)-butyric acid butyl ester (2w): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.55; Colourless oily liquid (76%, 240.25 mg; (*E/Z* = 98/2); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (sextet, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (quintet, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 3.34 (q, ³J_{H-F} = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.24-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 13.7, 19.2, 30.7, 31.9 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.6 Hz), 55.3, 65.4, 114.1, 115.1, 121.2, 122.4 (q, ¹J_{C-F} =

278.7 Hz), 123.1, 129.9, 135.7, 144.9, 159.8, 167.1; **¹⁹F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -62.9 (s, 3F). **HRMS** (ESI+): (M)⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₉F₃O₃ 316.1286, found 316.1289.

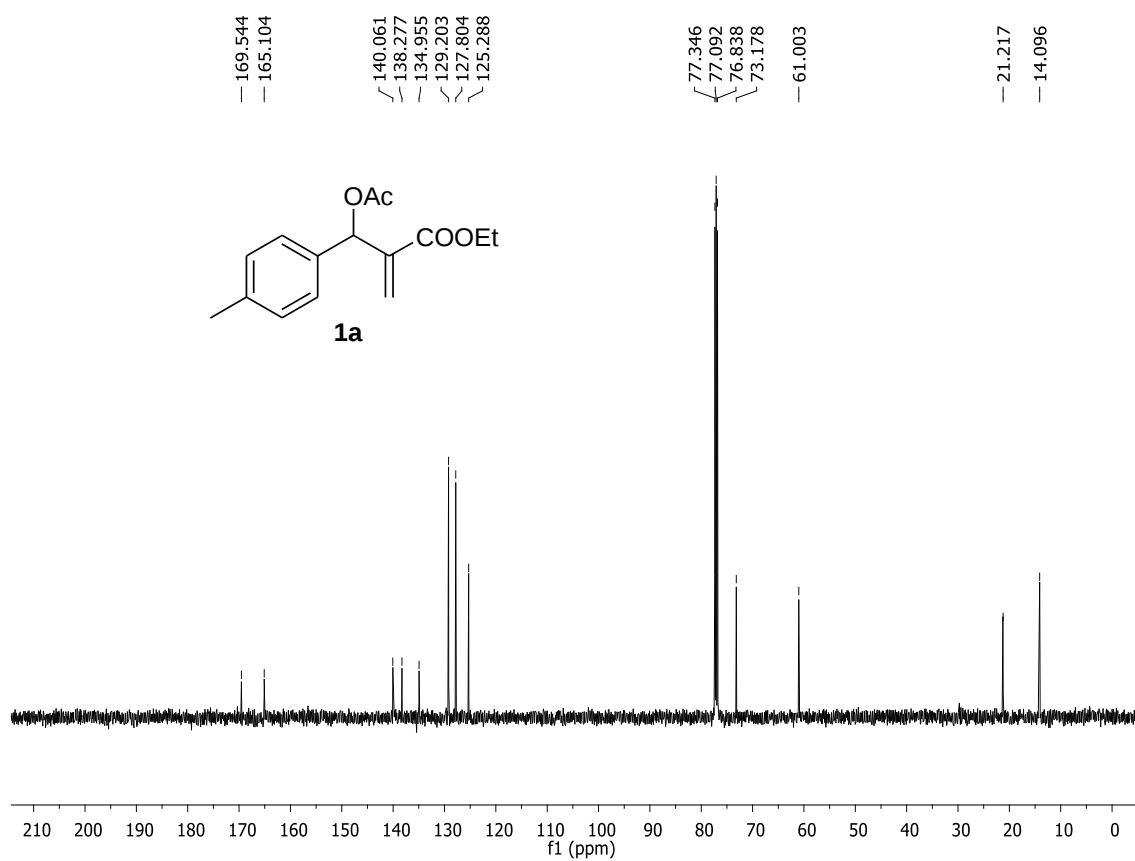
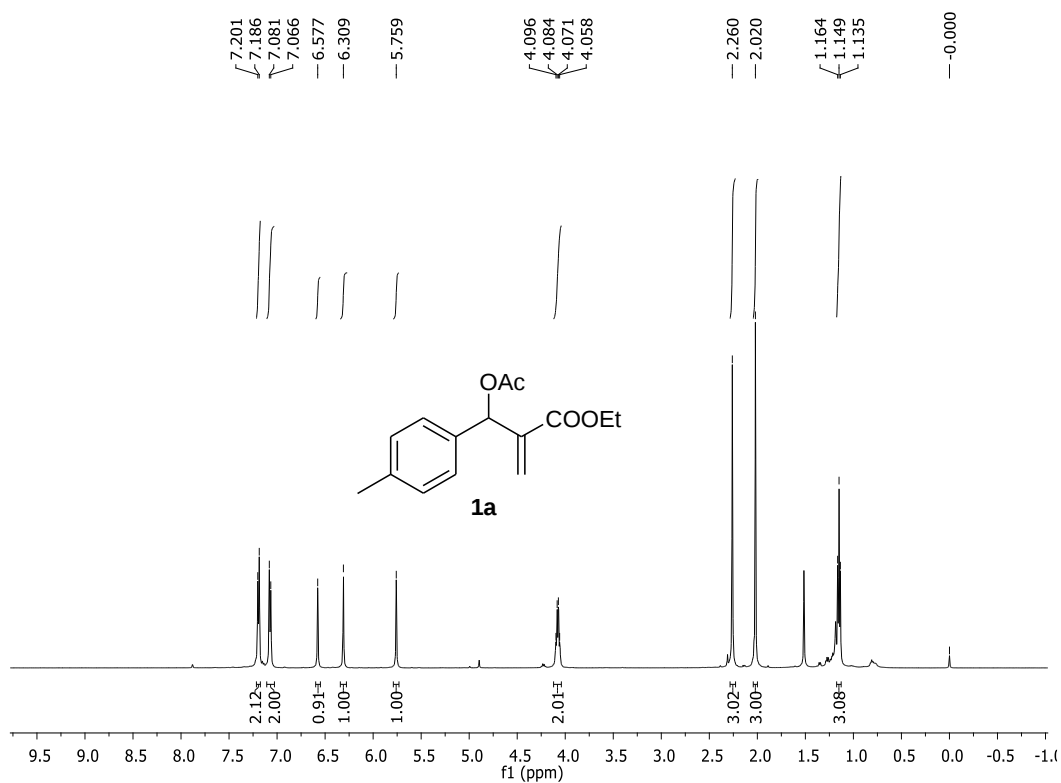
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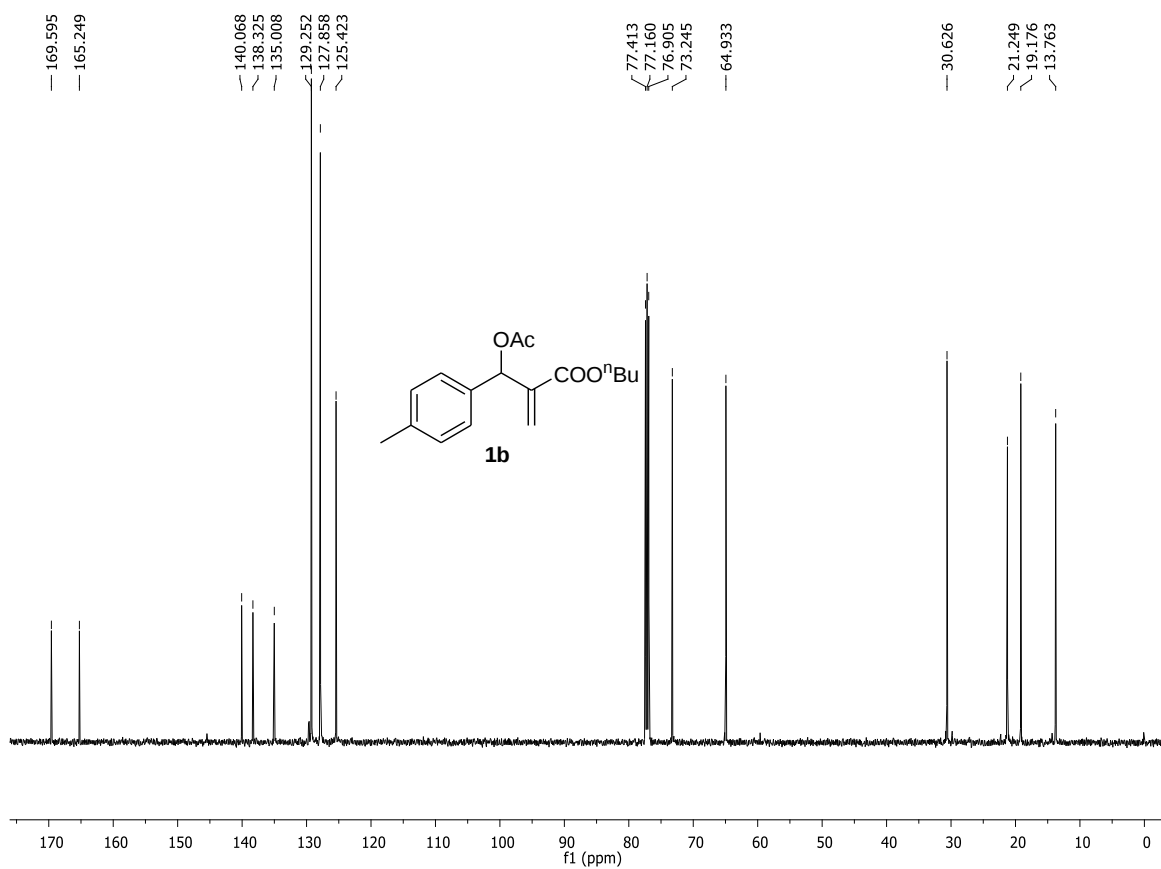
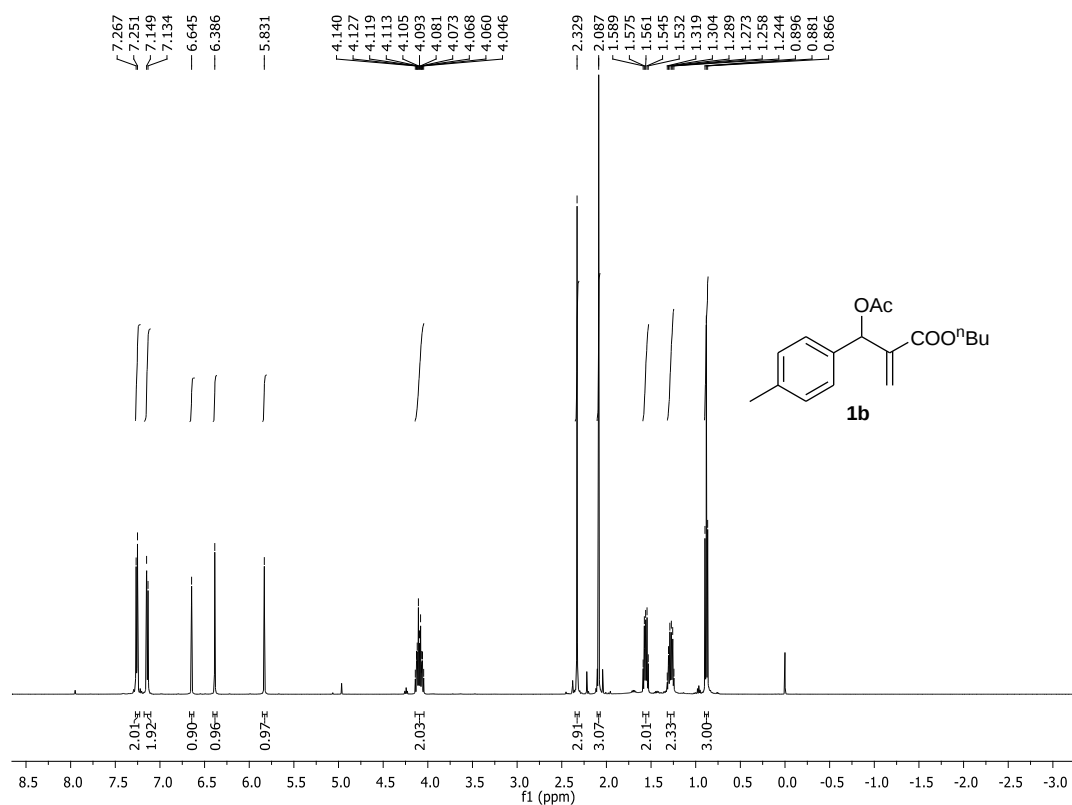
2-(2,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-4,4,4-trifluoro-butyric acid methyl ester (2y): R_f (5%, EA/PE) = 0.40; Colourless oily liquid (57%, 177.80 mg; (*E/Z* = 90/10)); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.23 (q, ³J_{H-F} = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 1.5, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 31.9 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 30.8 Hz), 52.8, 122.0 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275.2 Hz), 127.5, 129.2, 129.9, 130.3, 131.7, 134.7, 135.8, 141.5, 166.7; **¹⁹F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -63.4 (s, 3F). **HRMS** (ESI+): (M+H)⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₀Cl₂F₃O₂ 313.0004, found 313.0019.

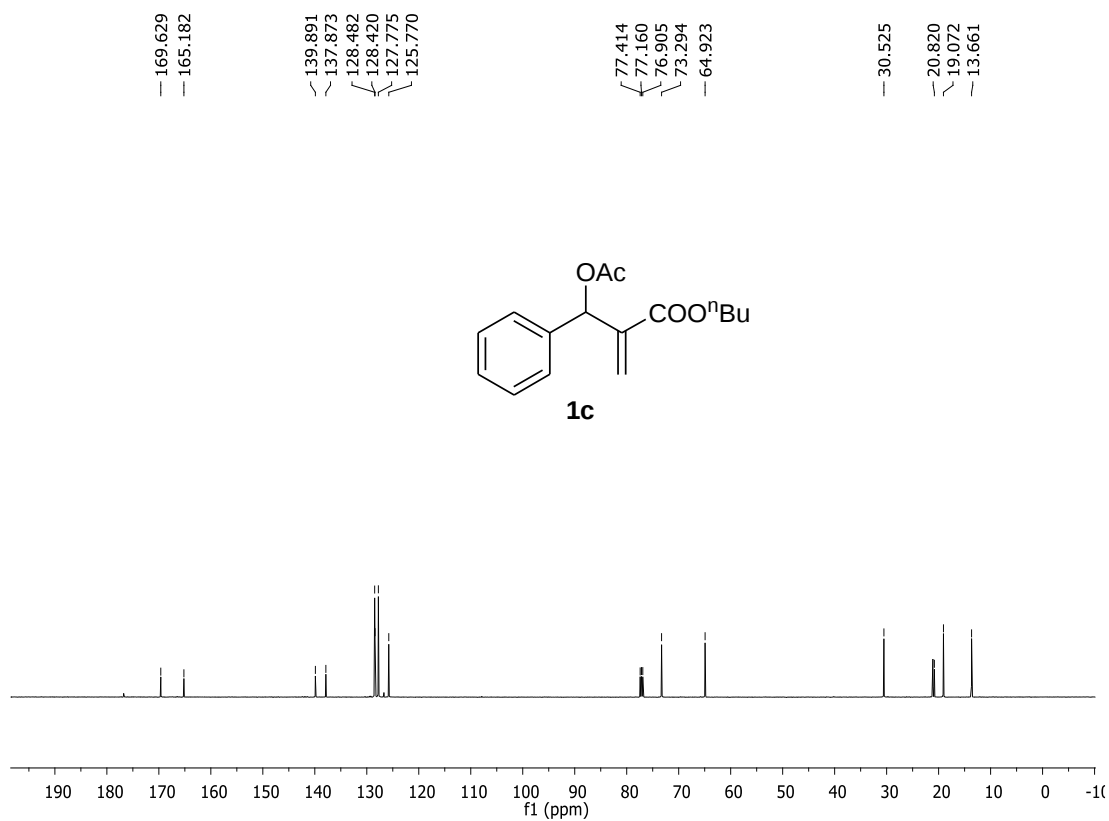
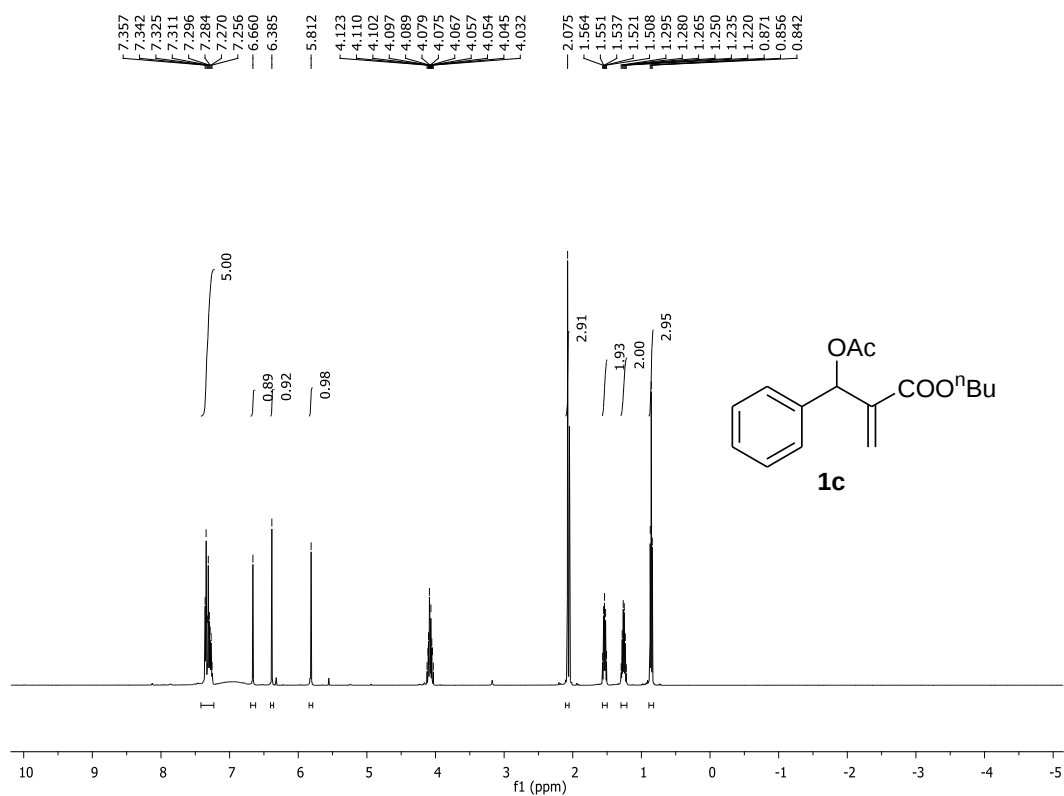
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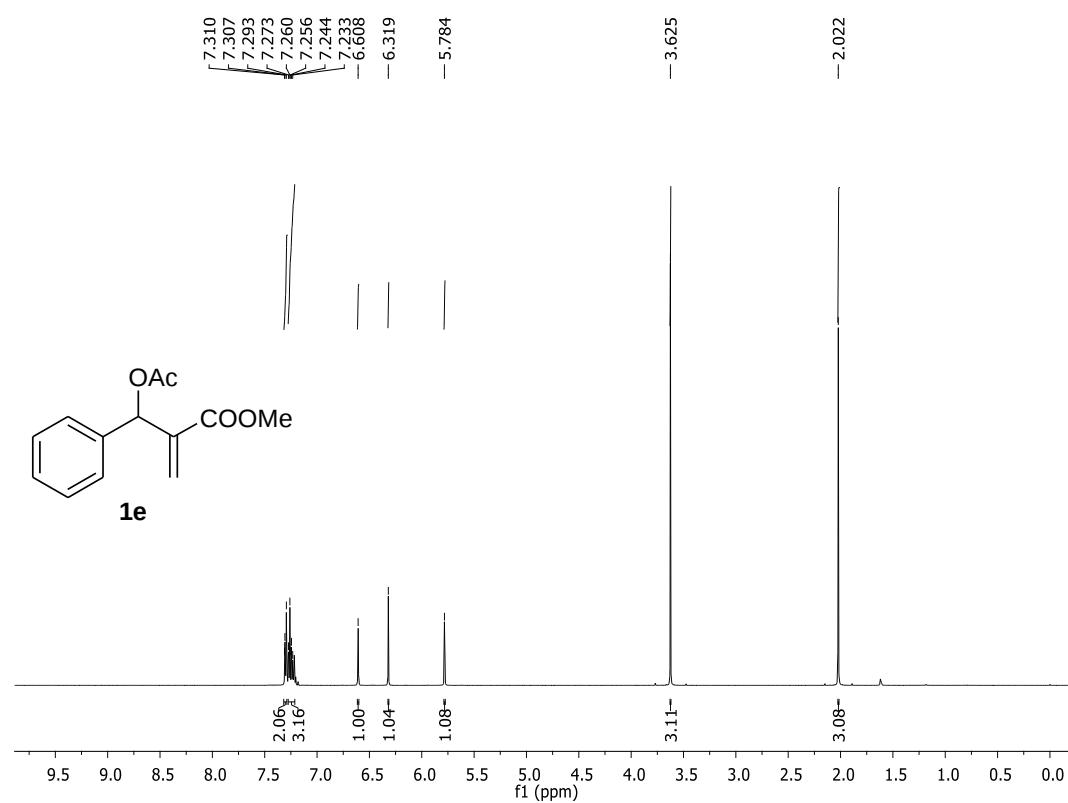
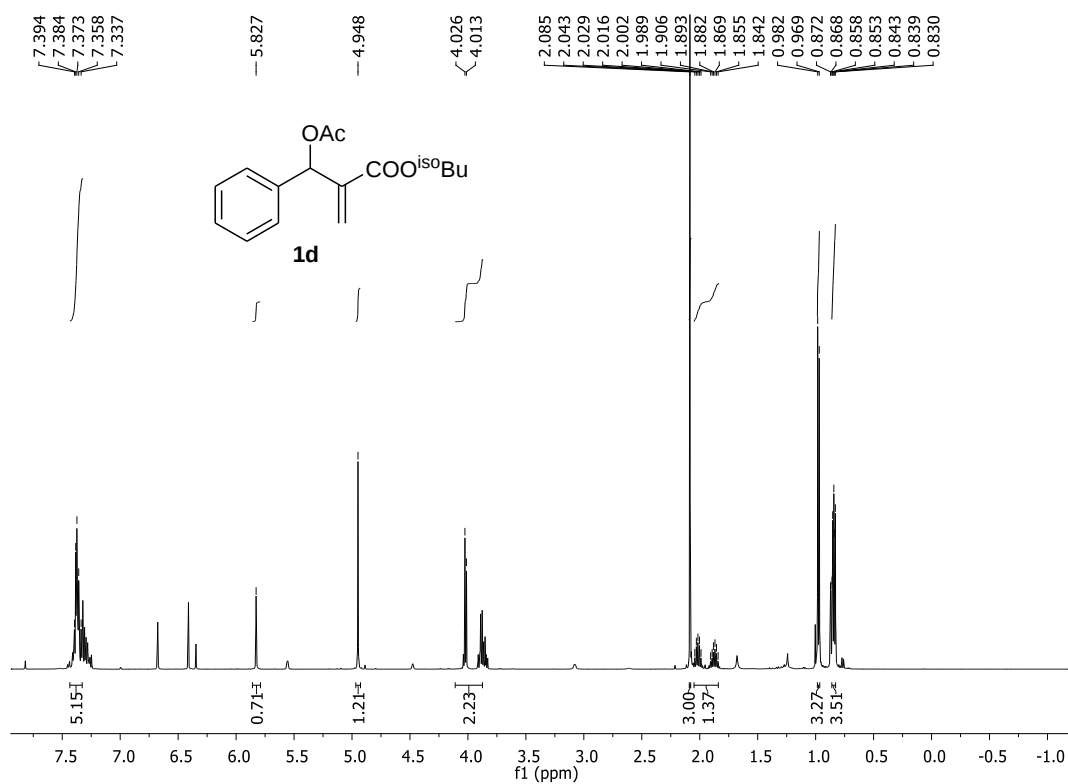
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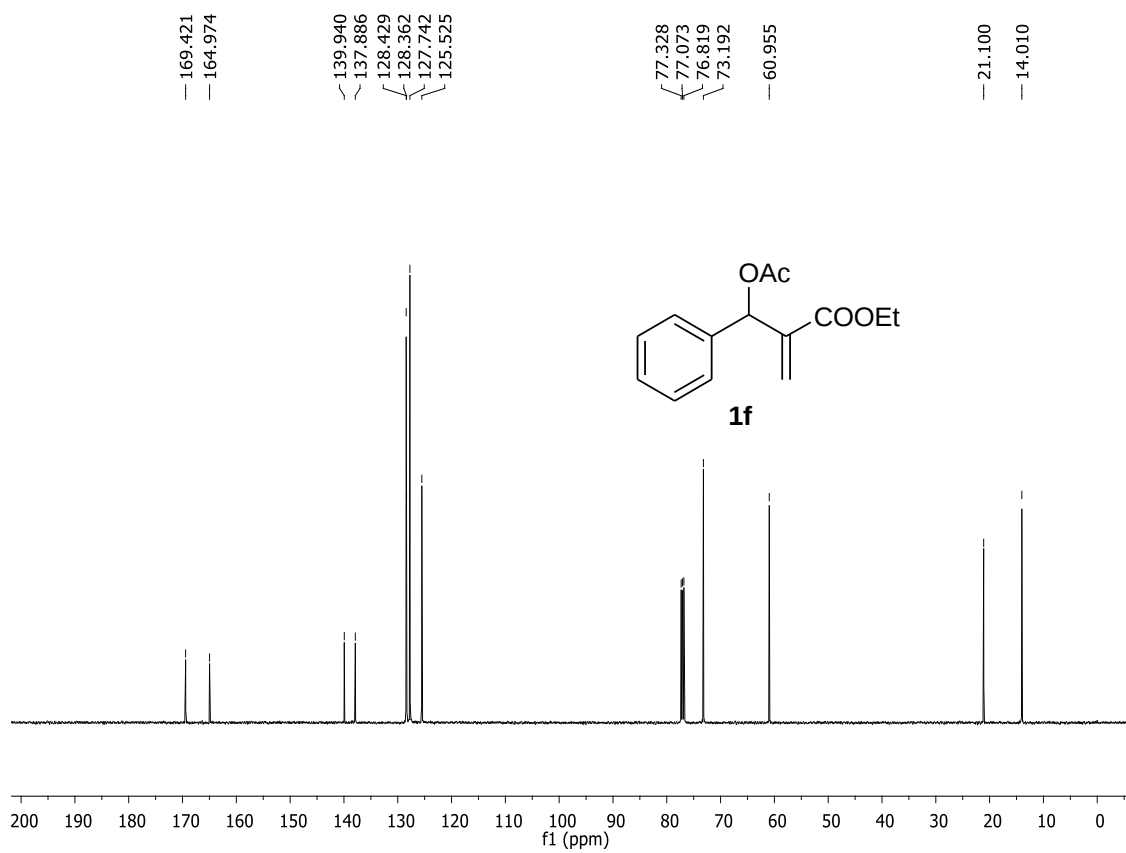
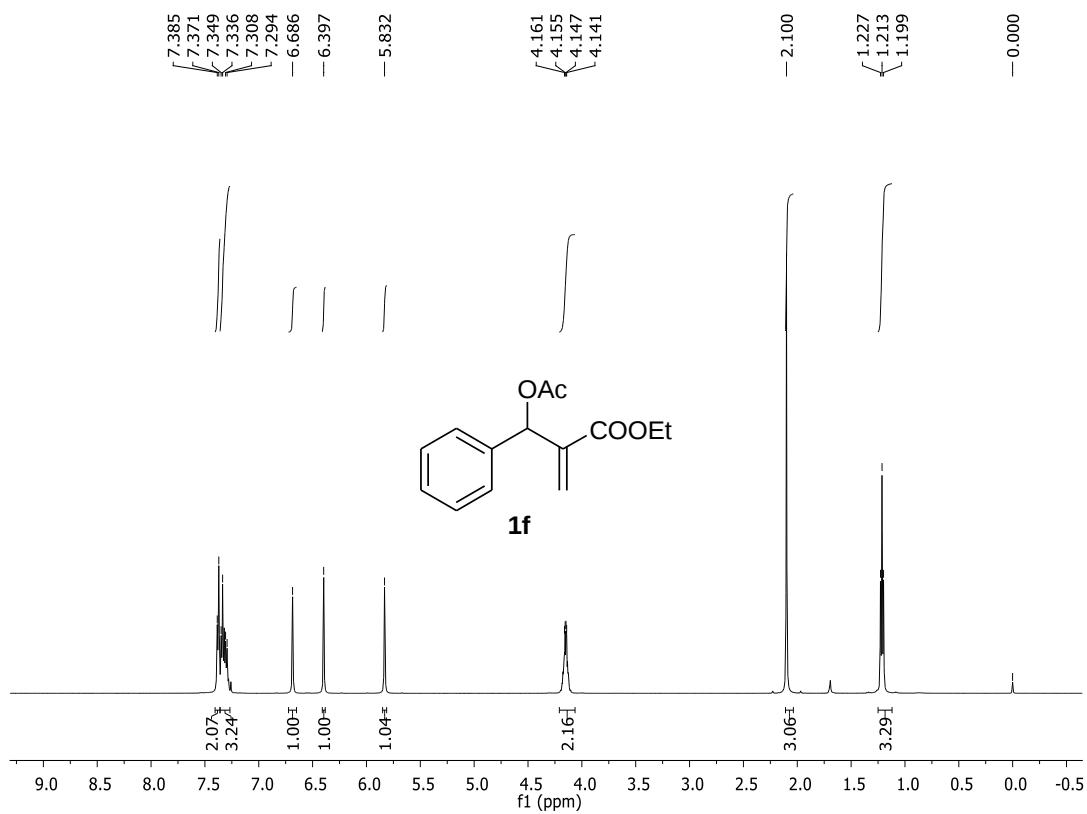
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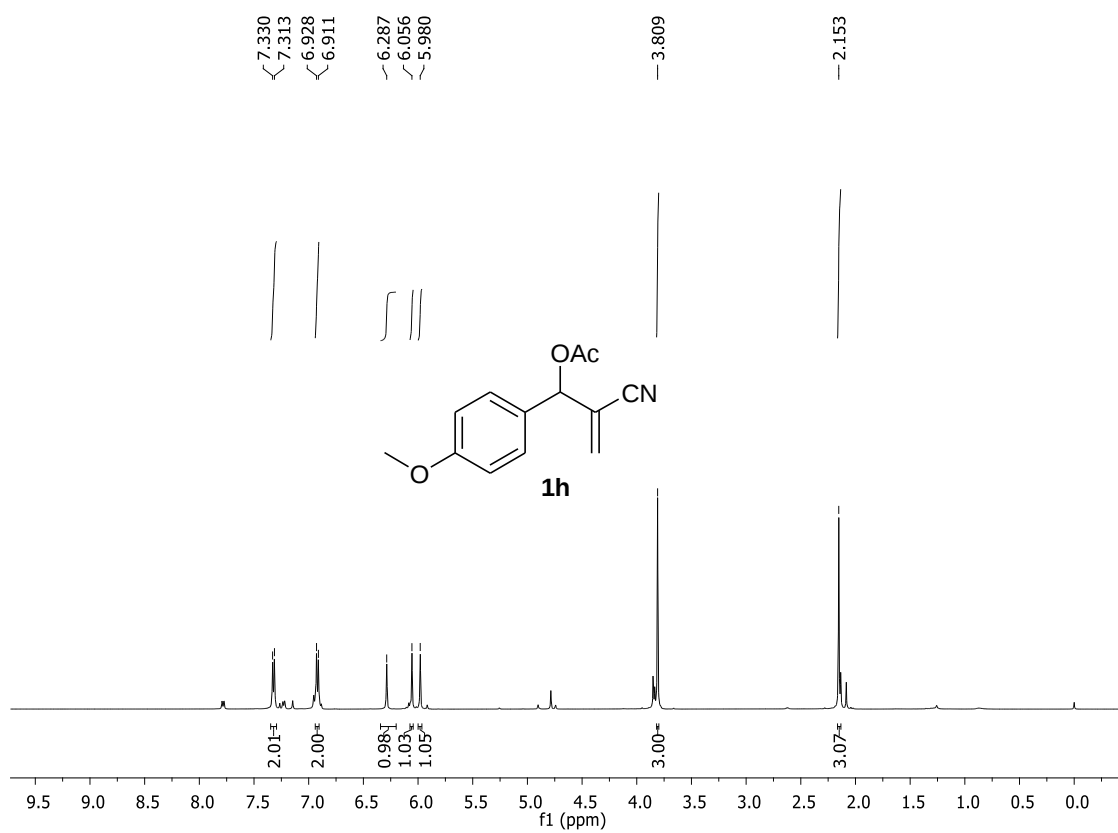
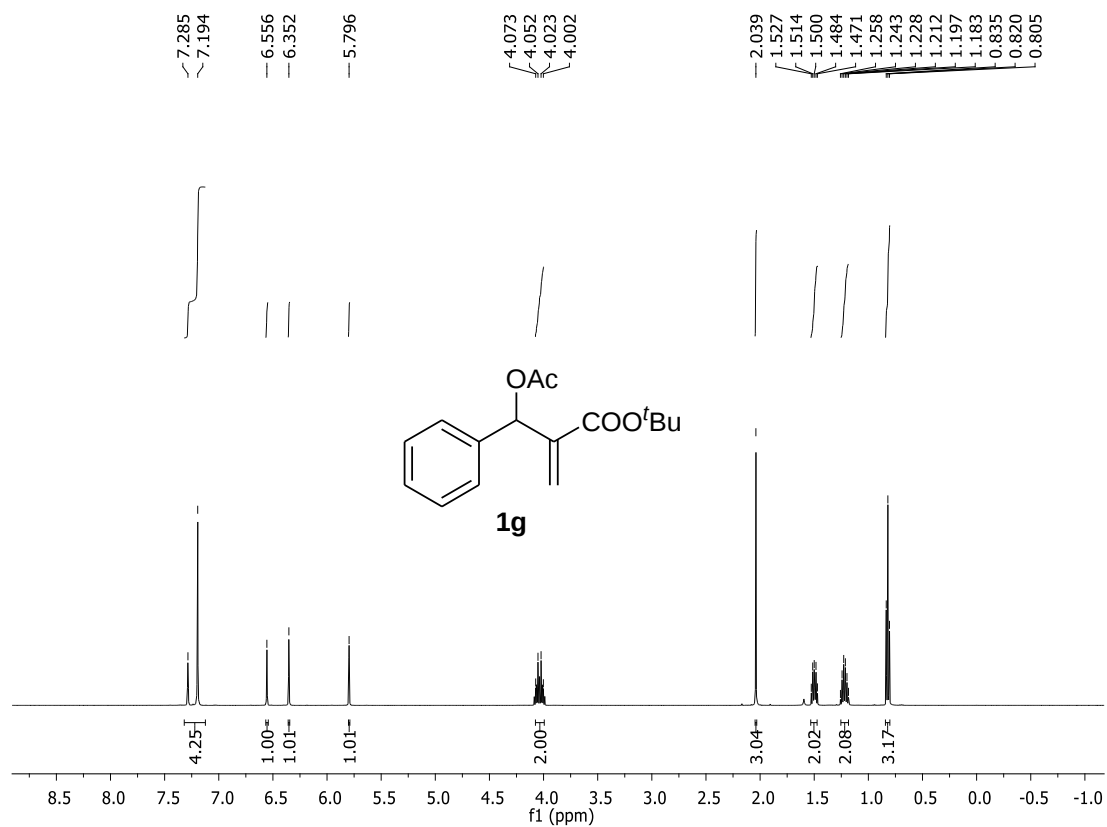


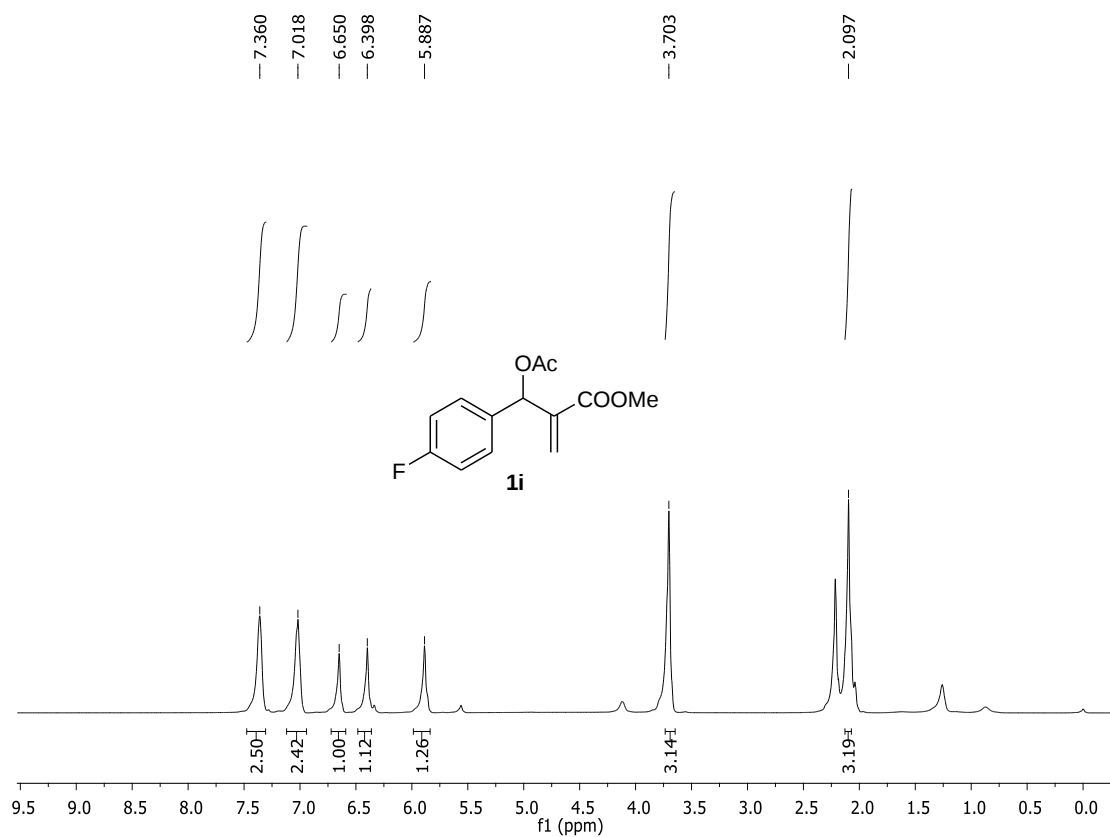
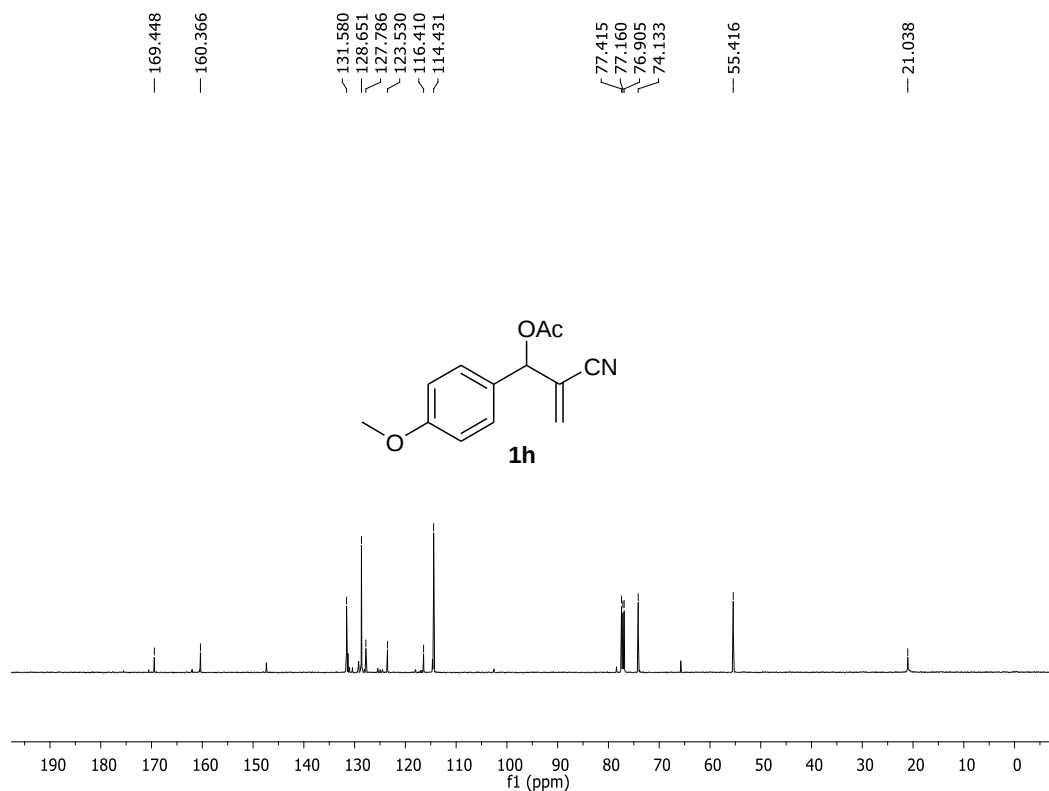


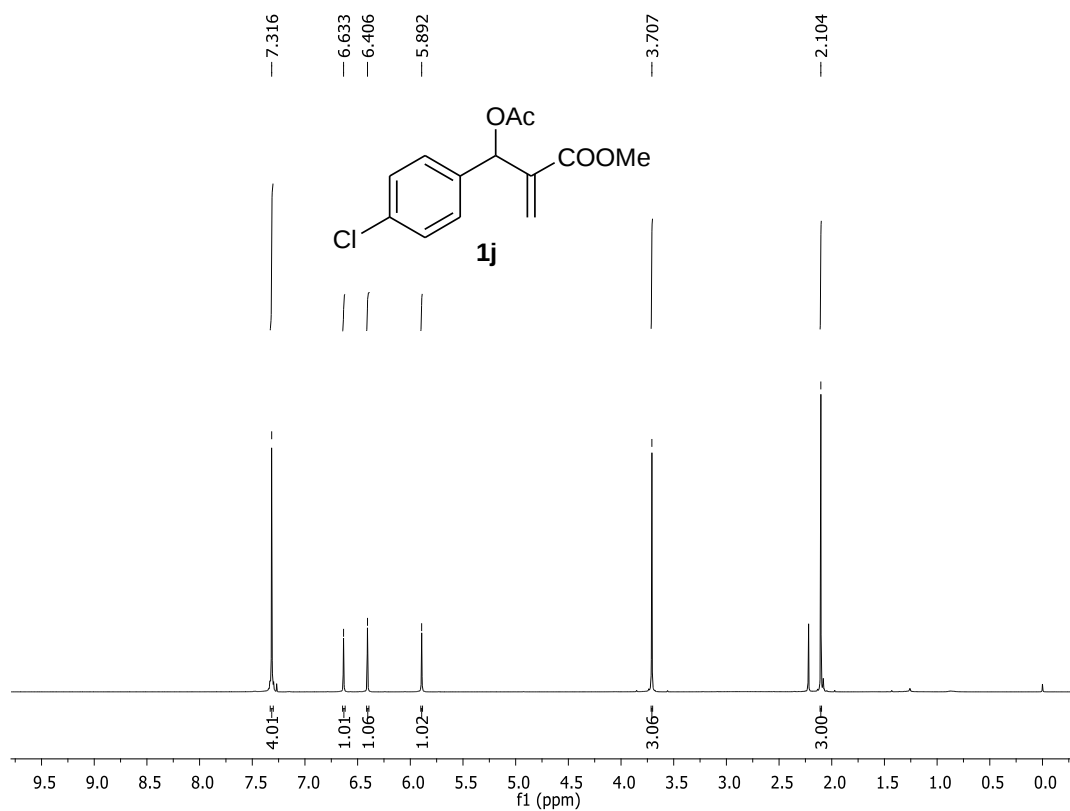
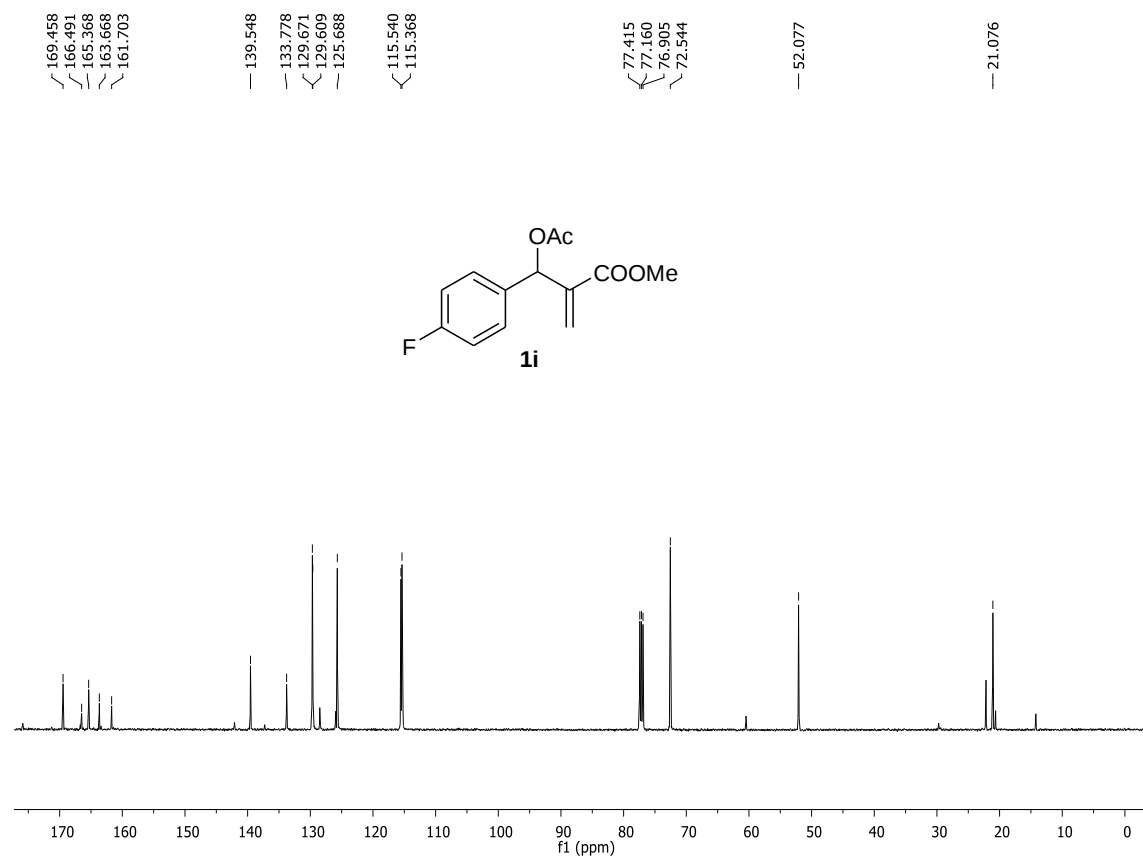


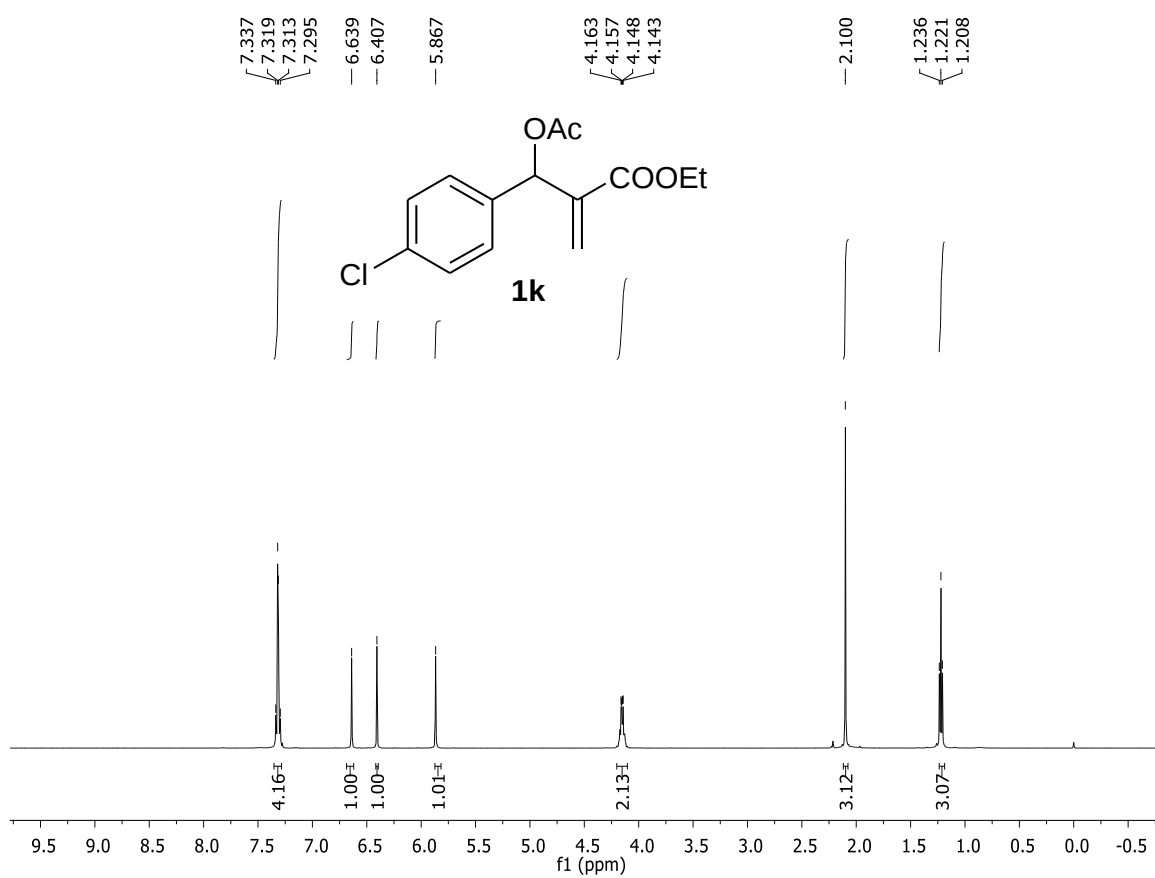
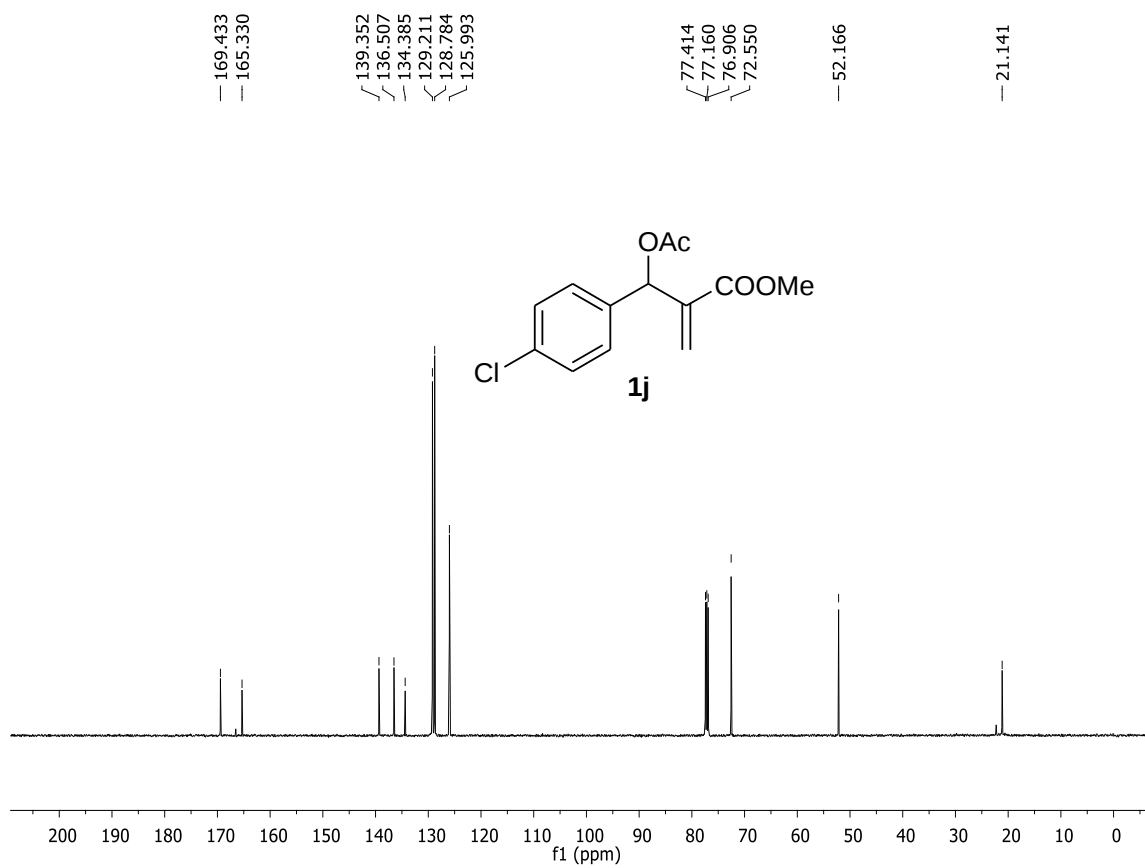


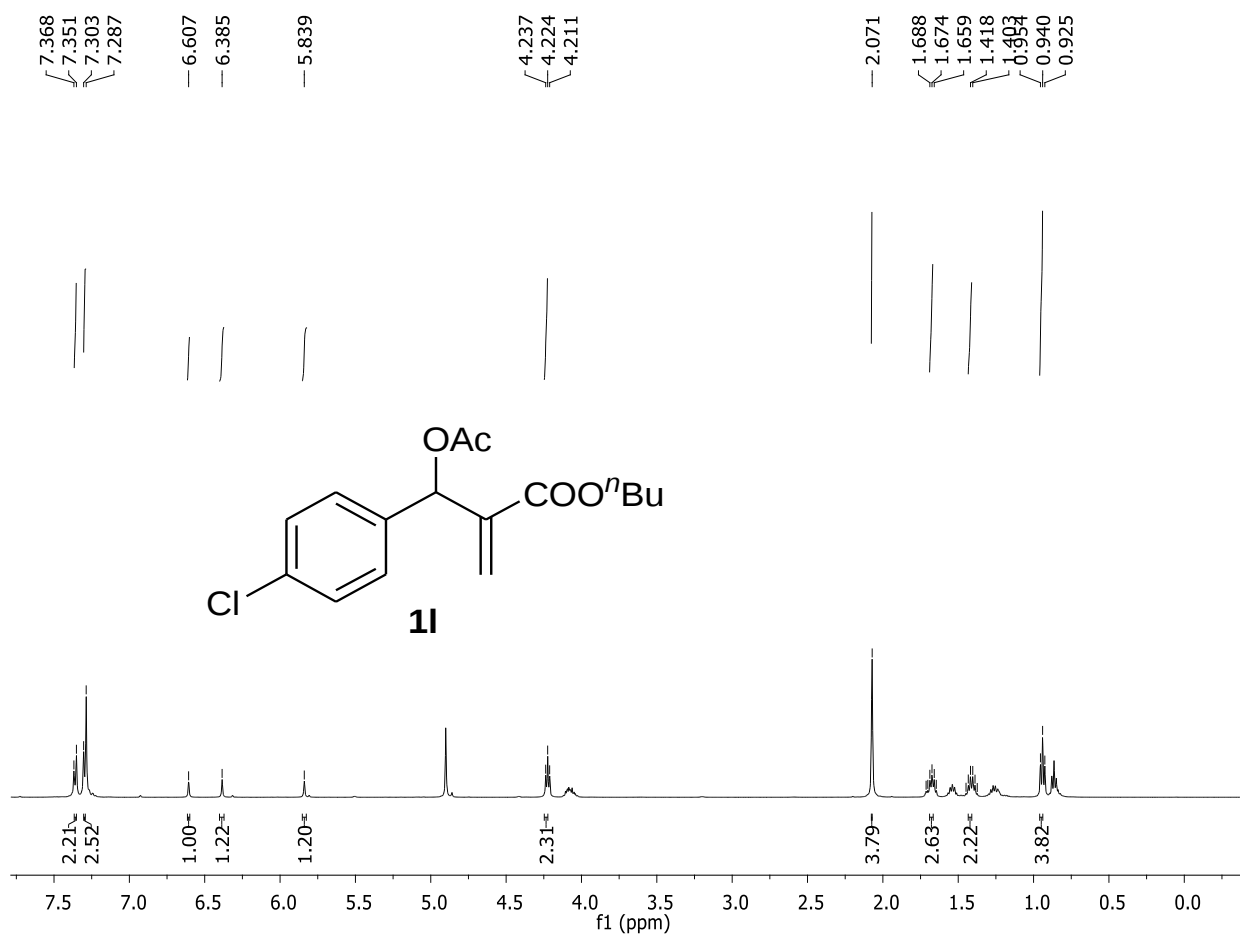
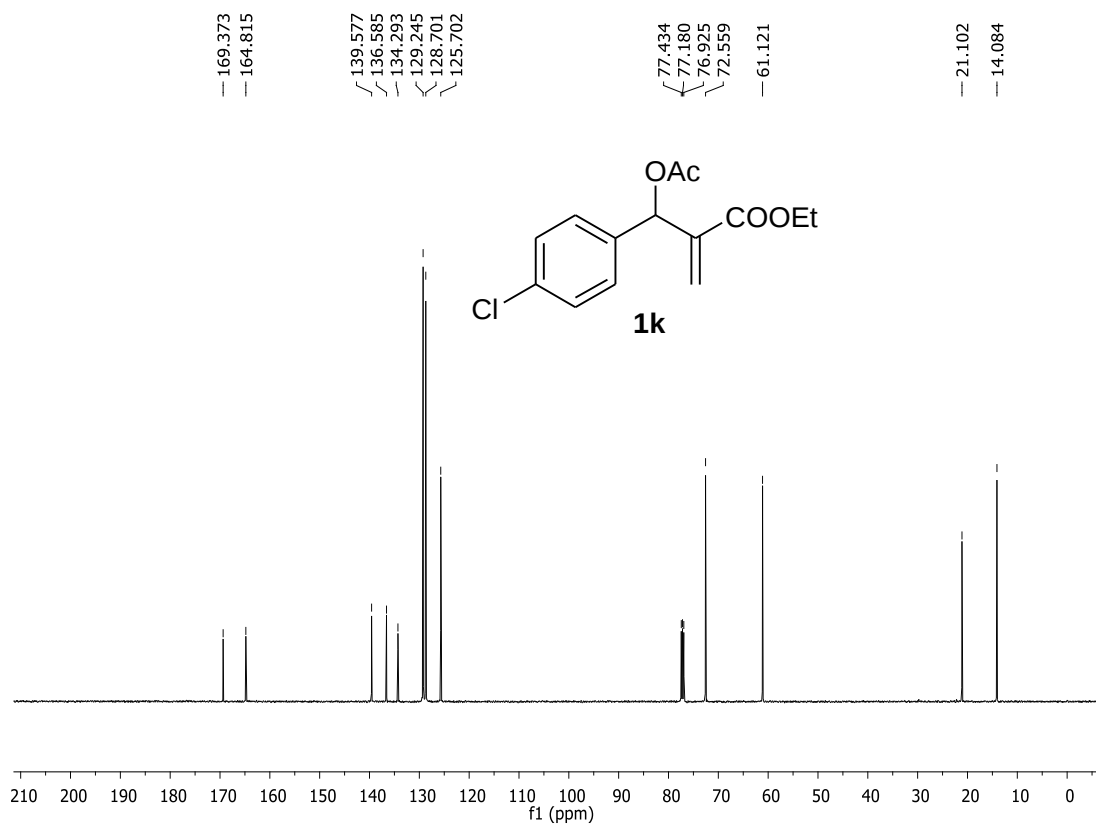


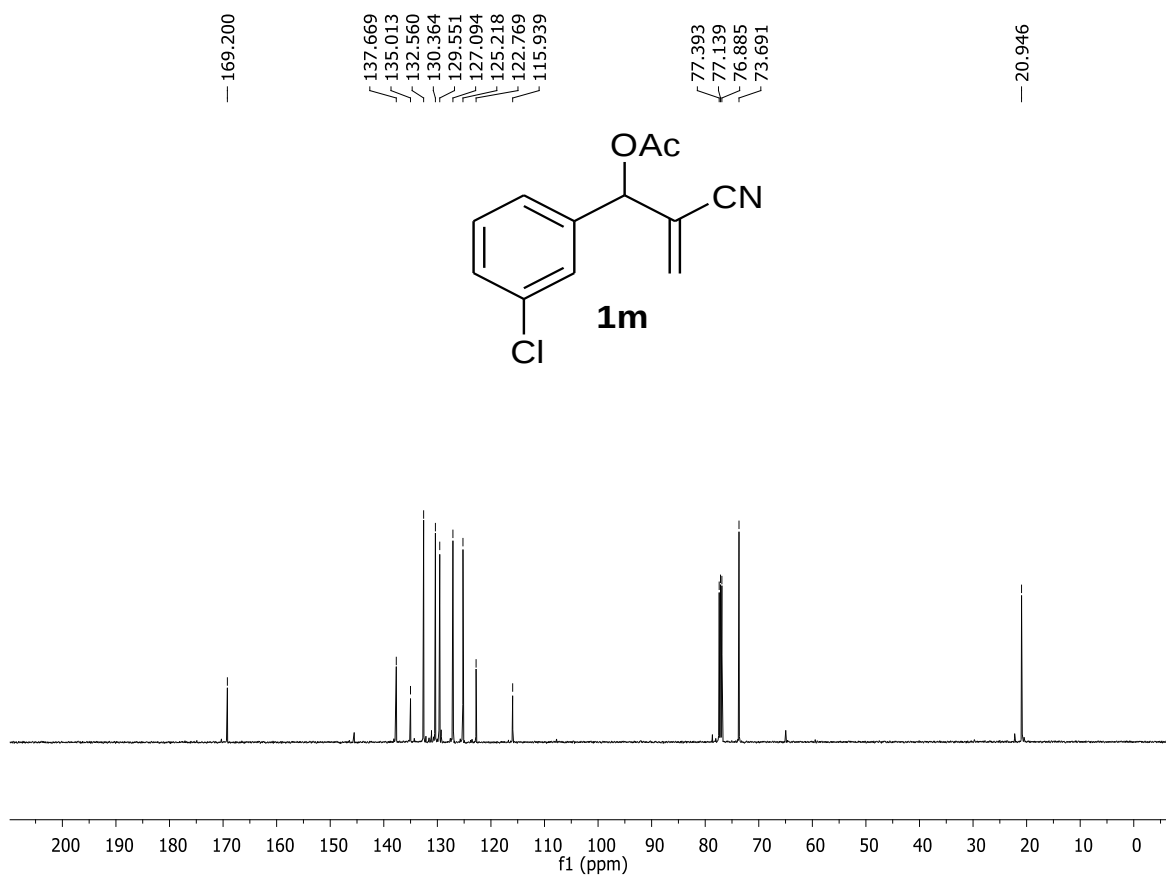
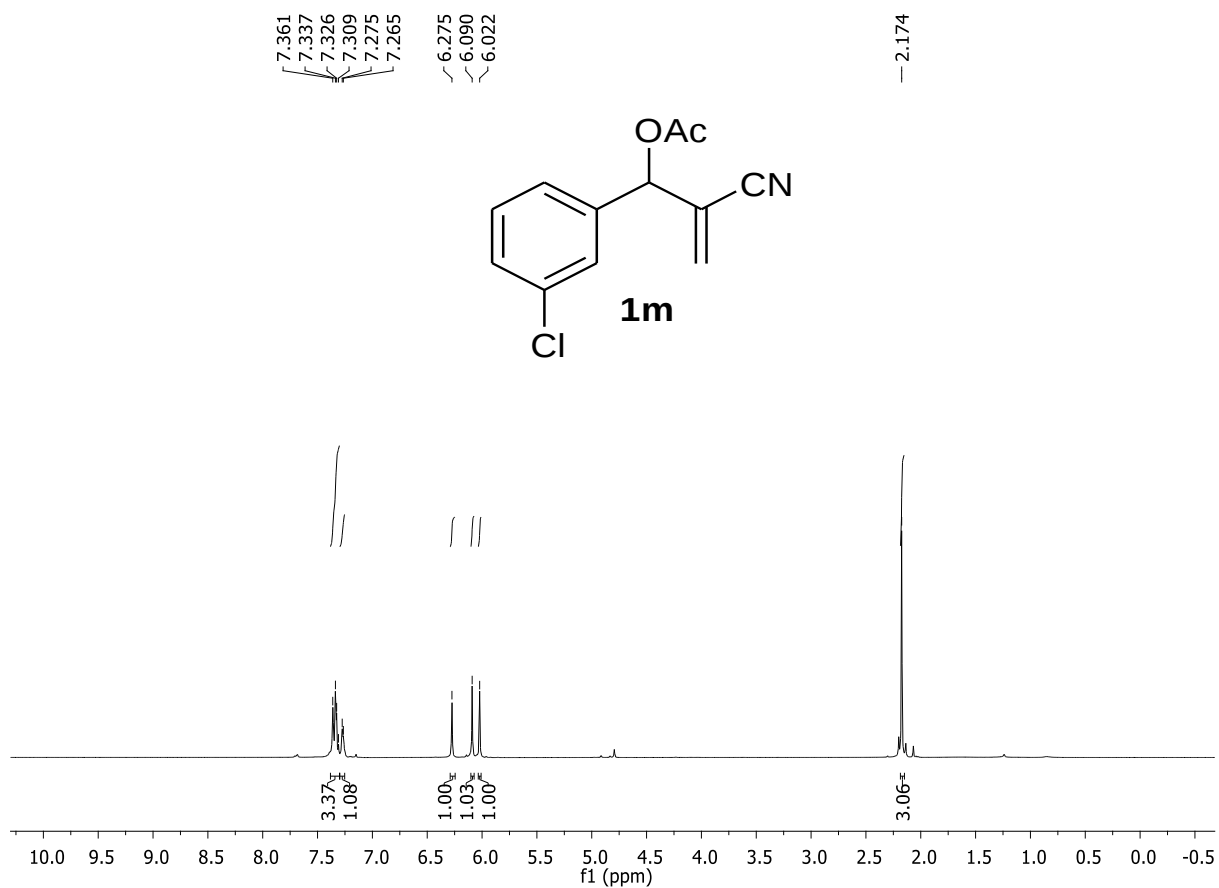


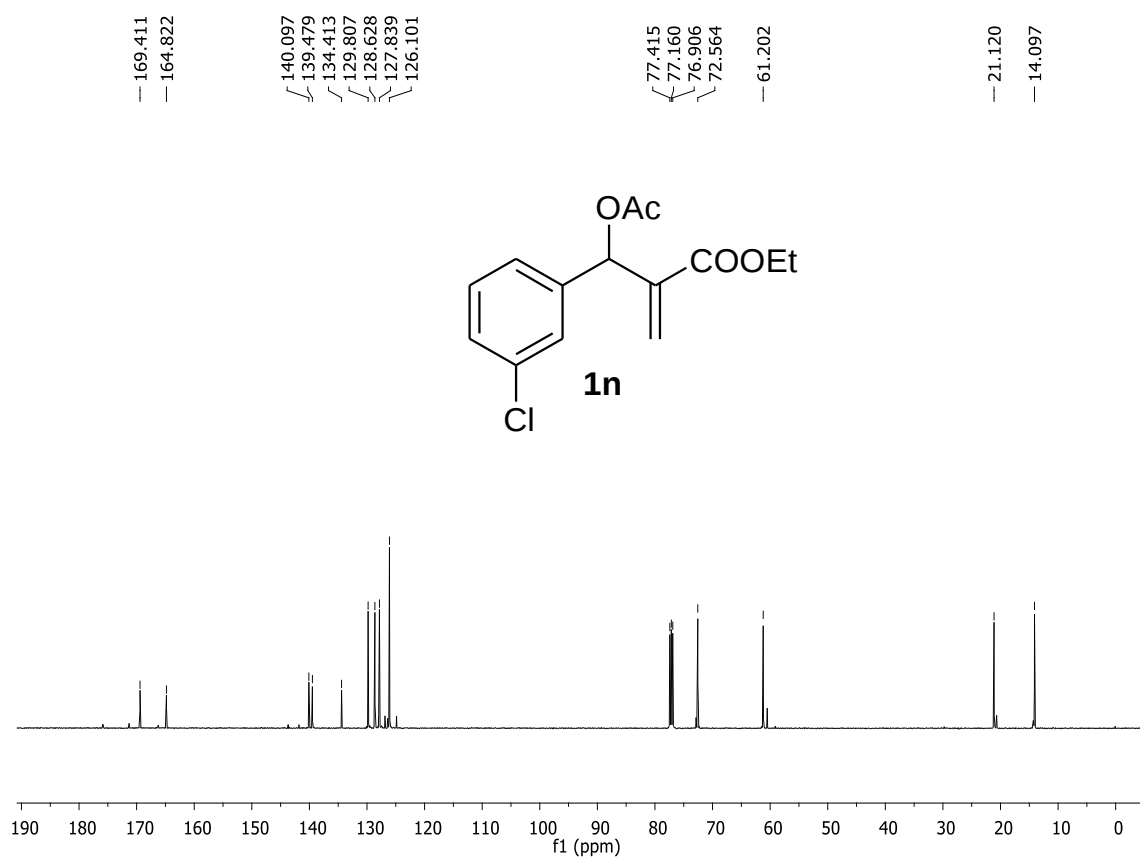
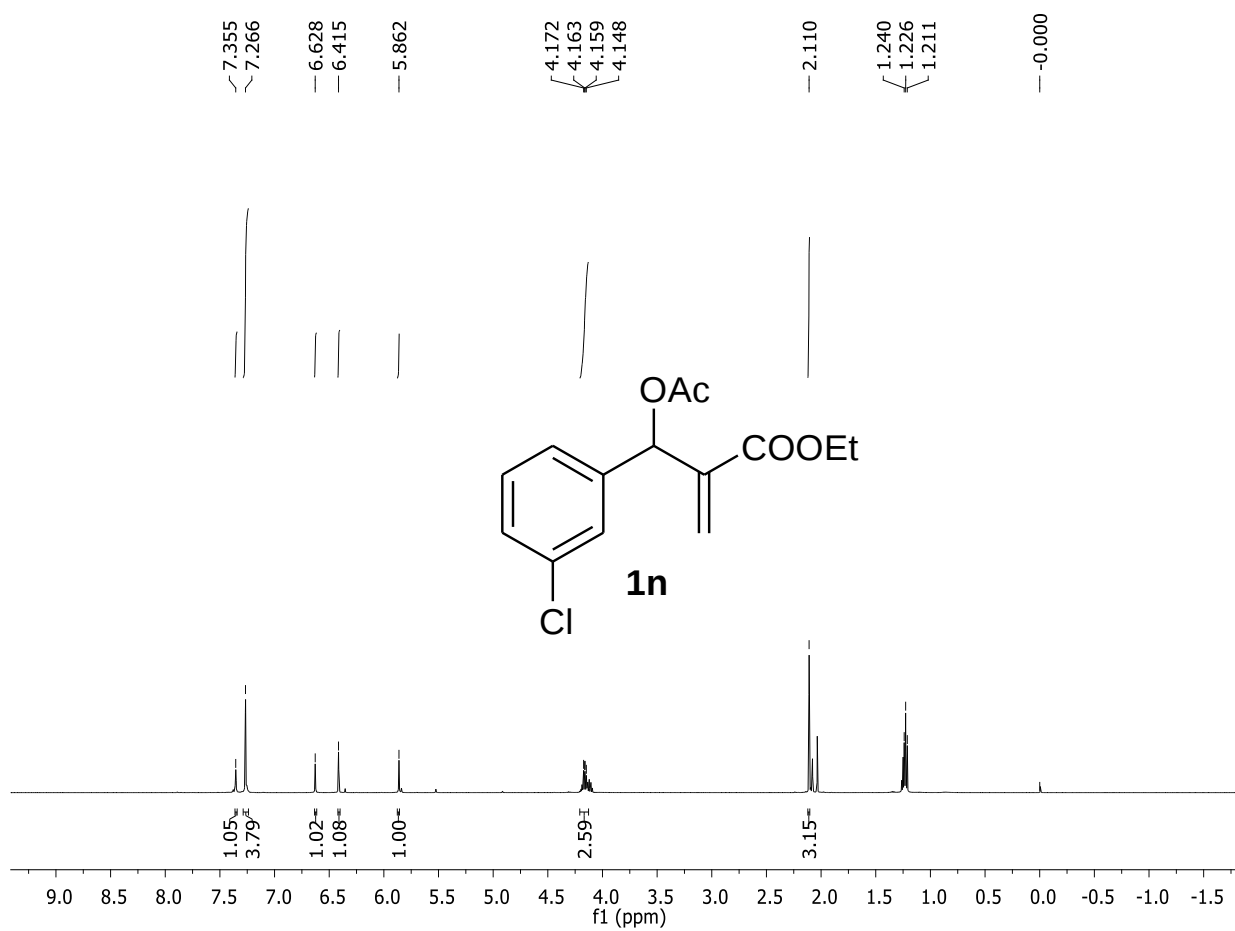


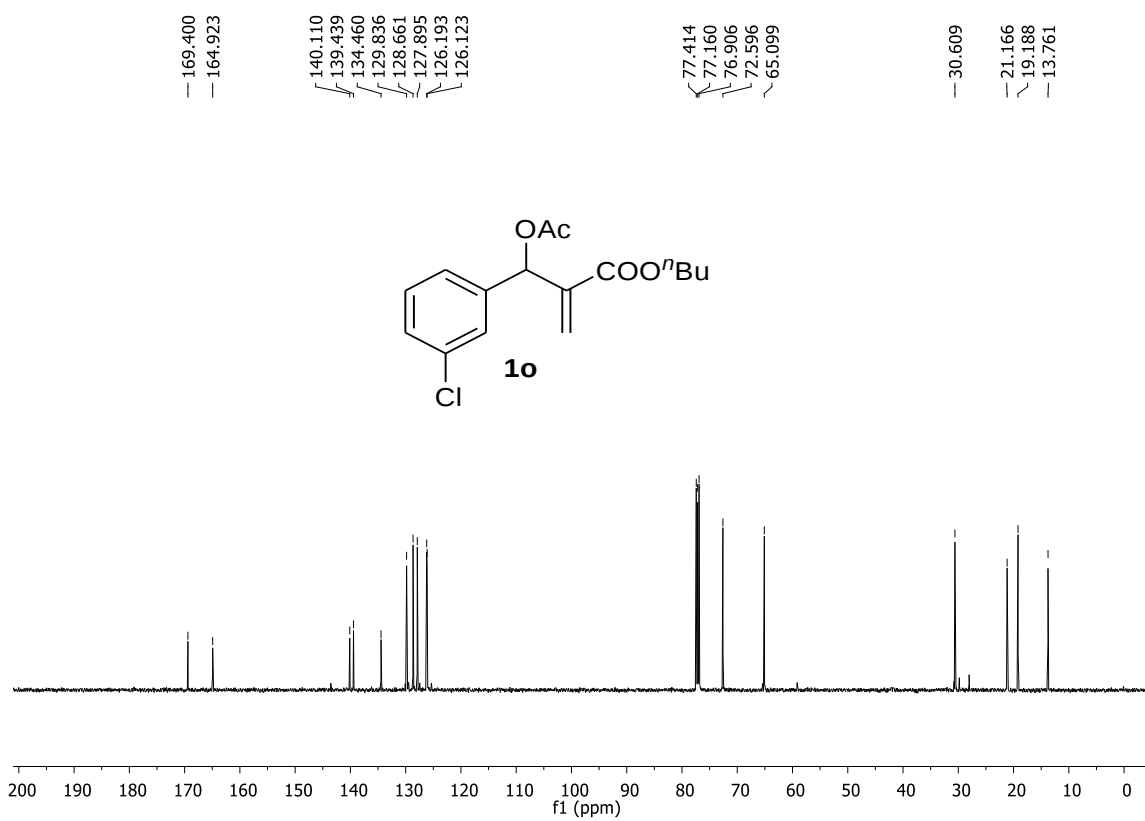
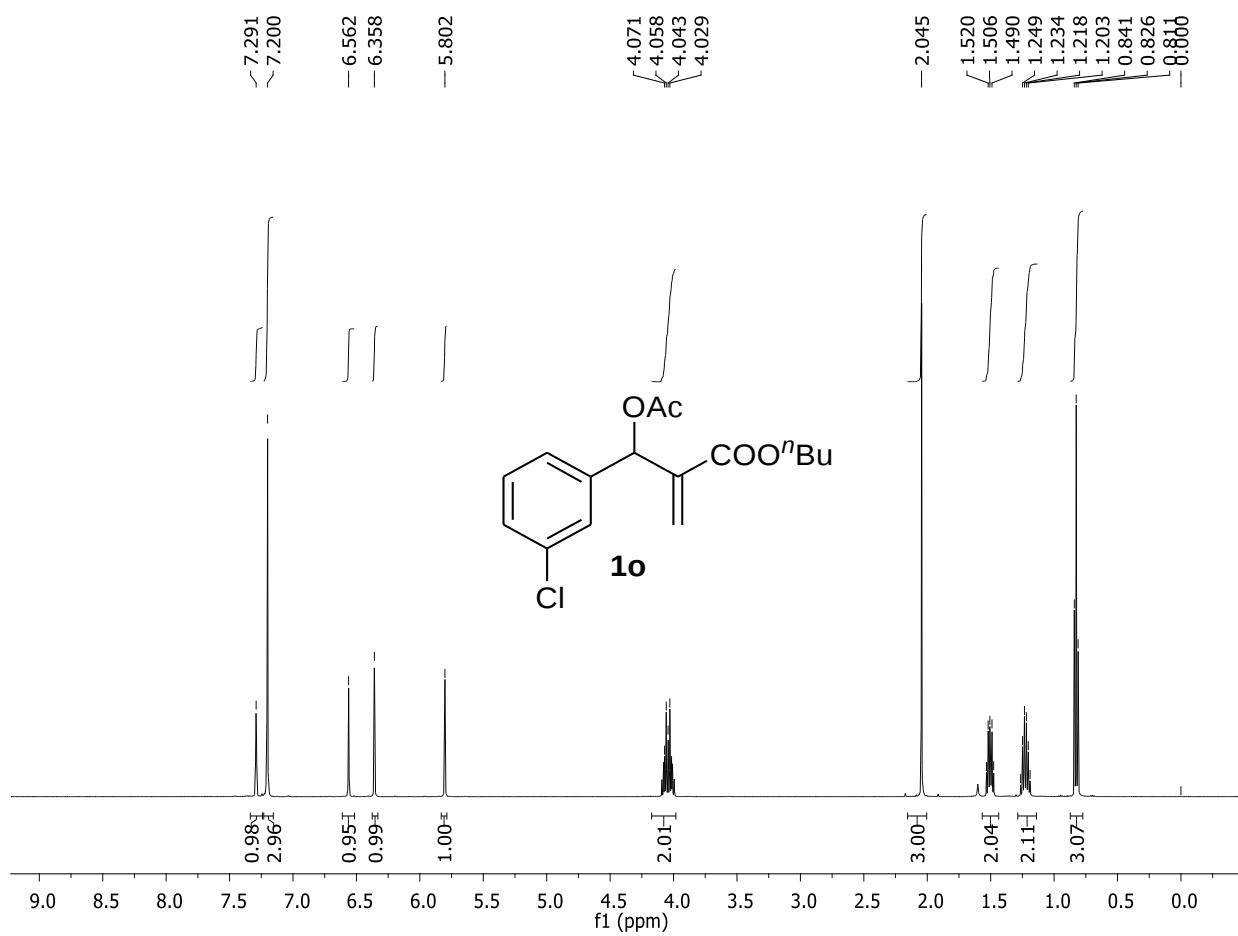


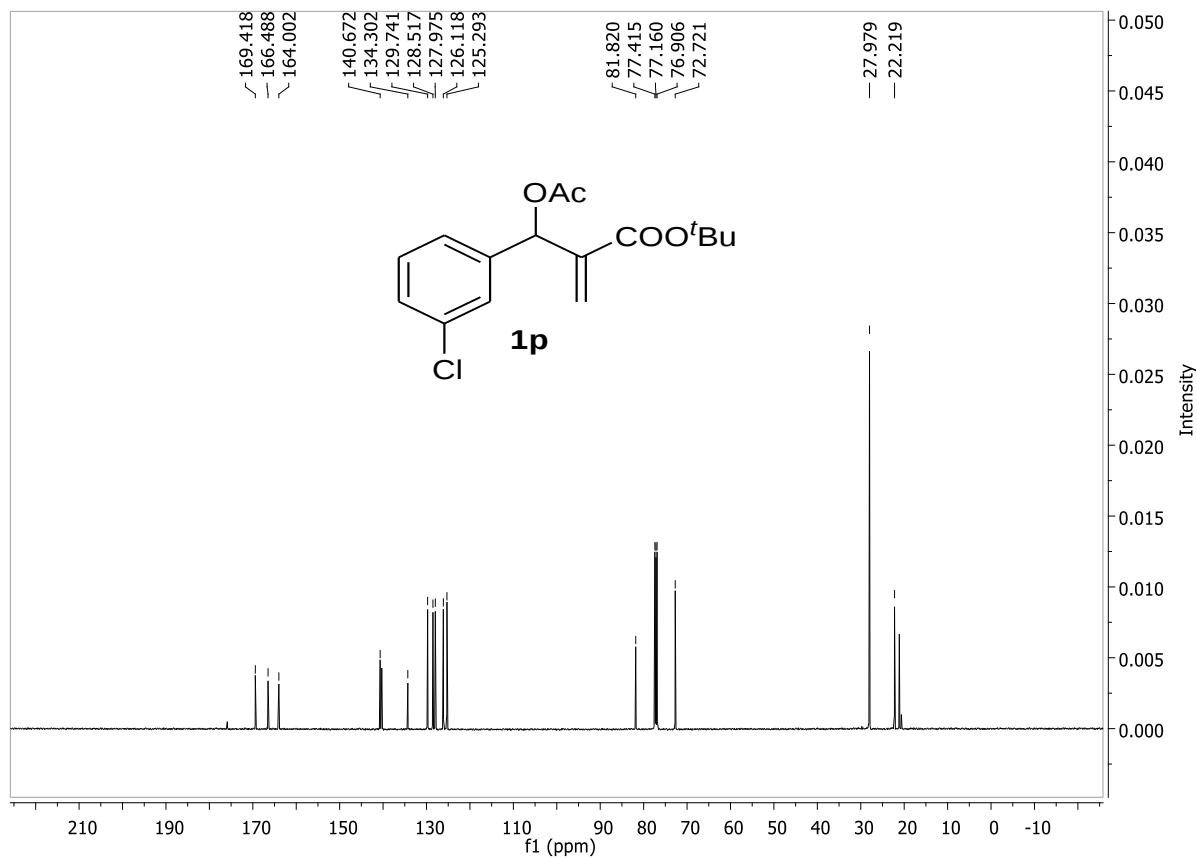
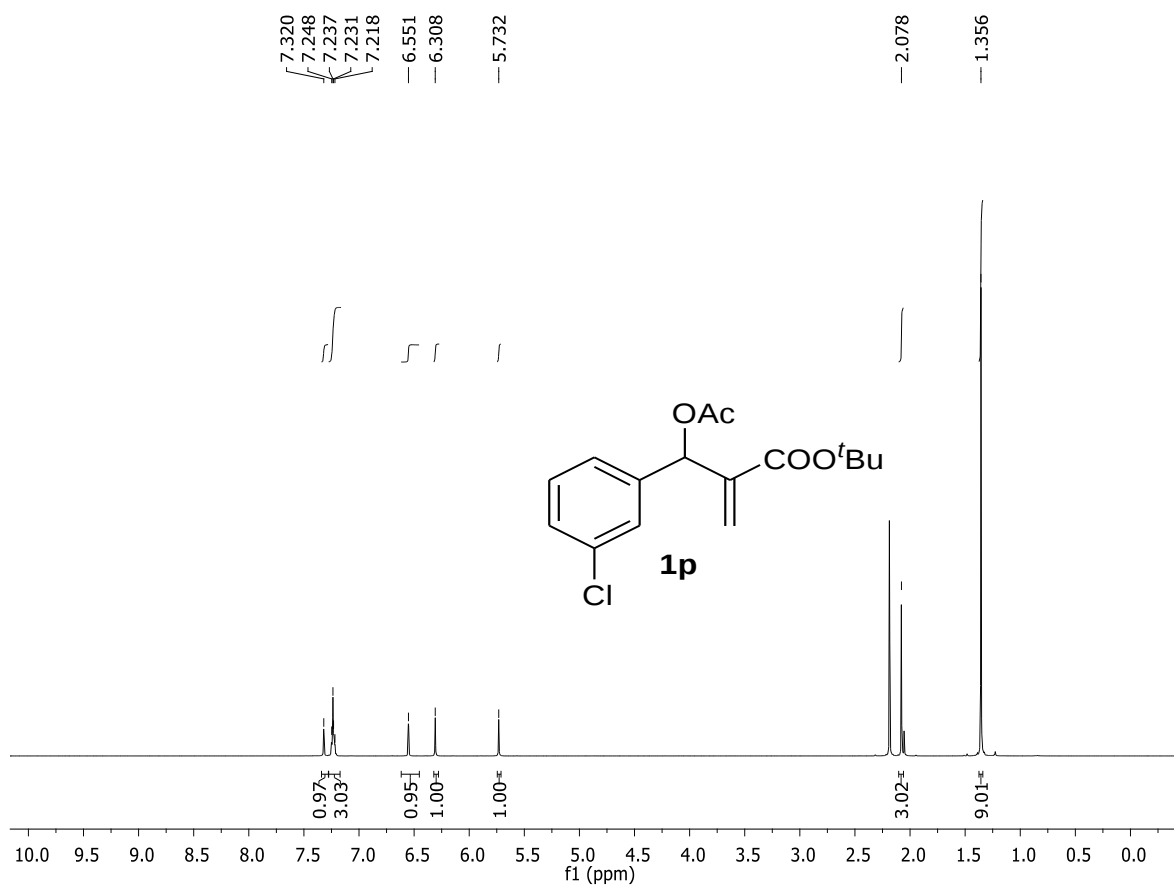


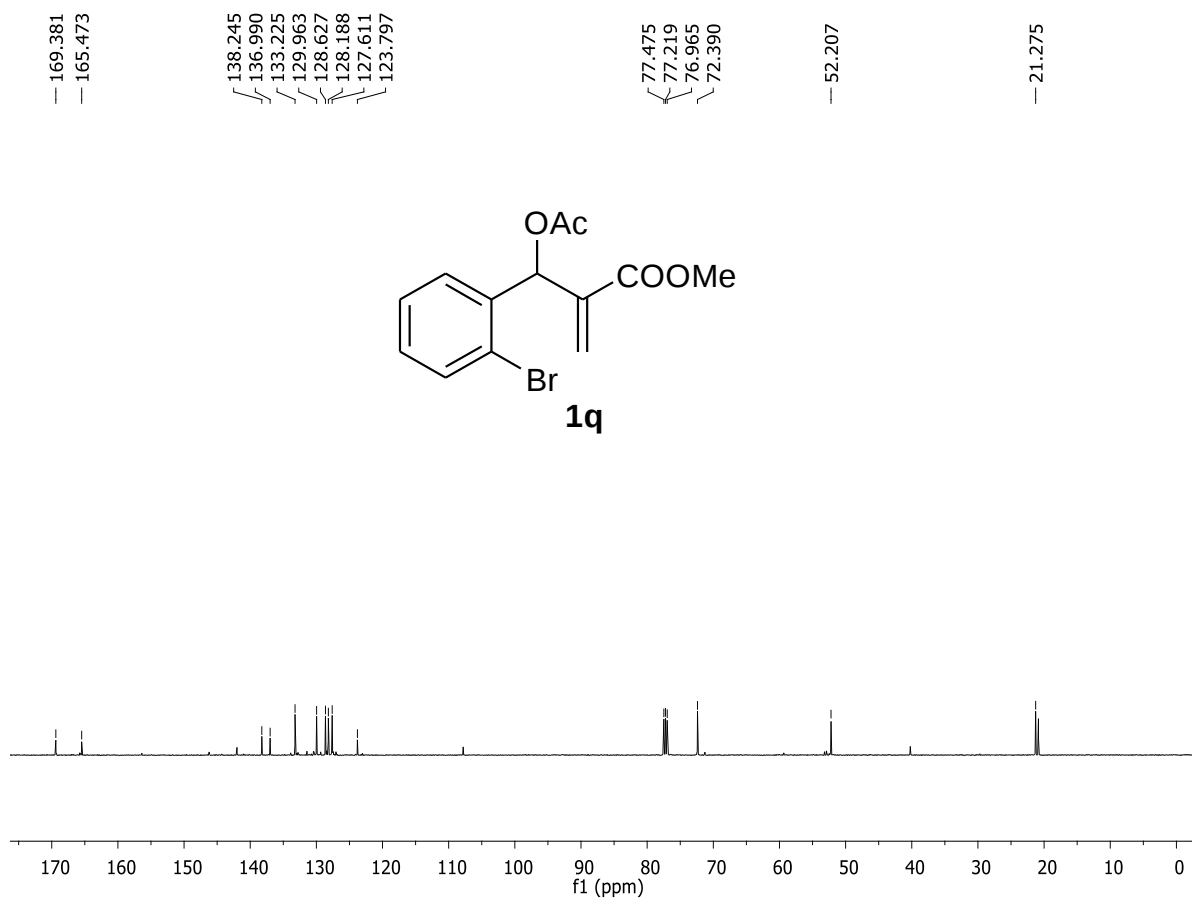
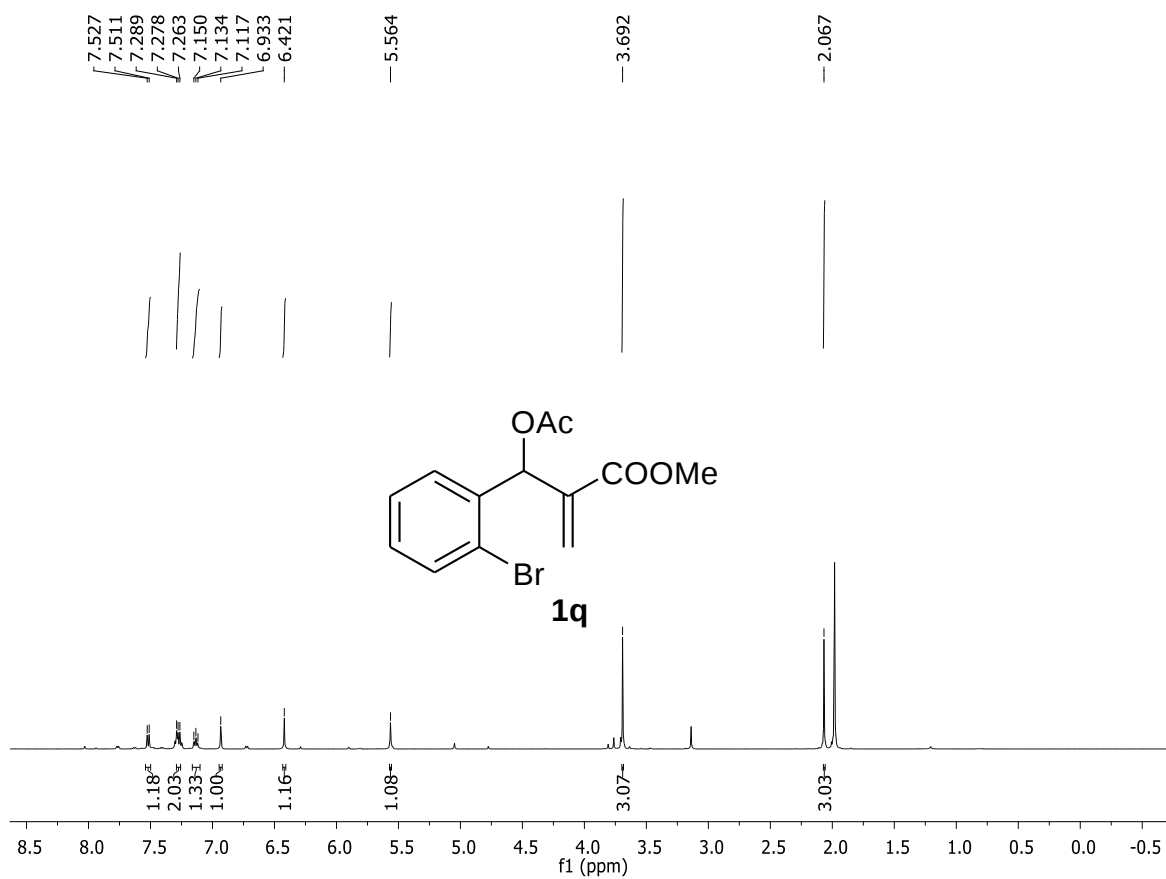


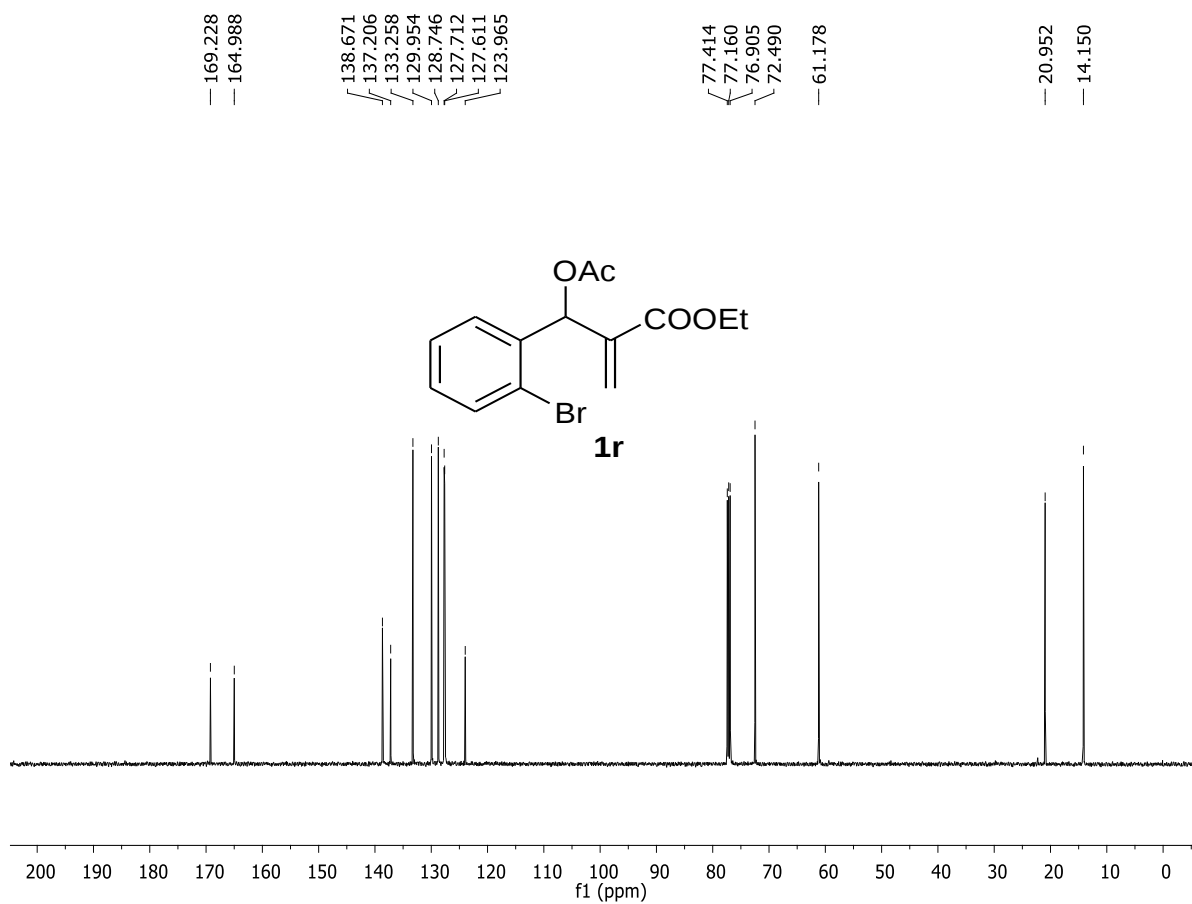
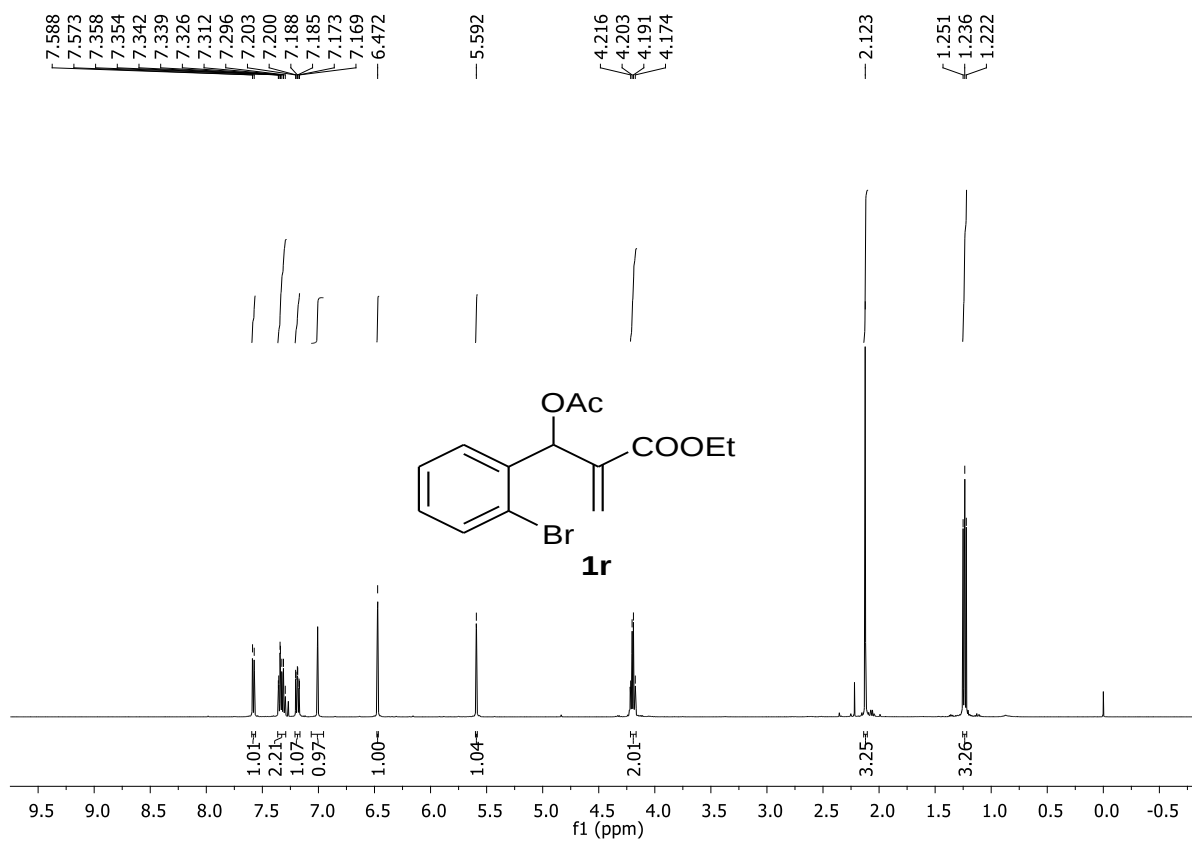


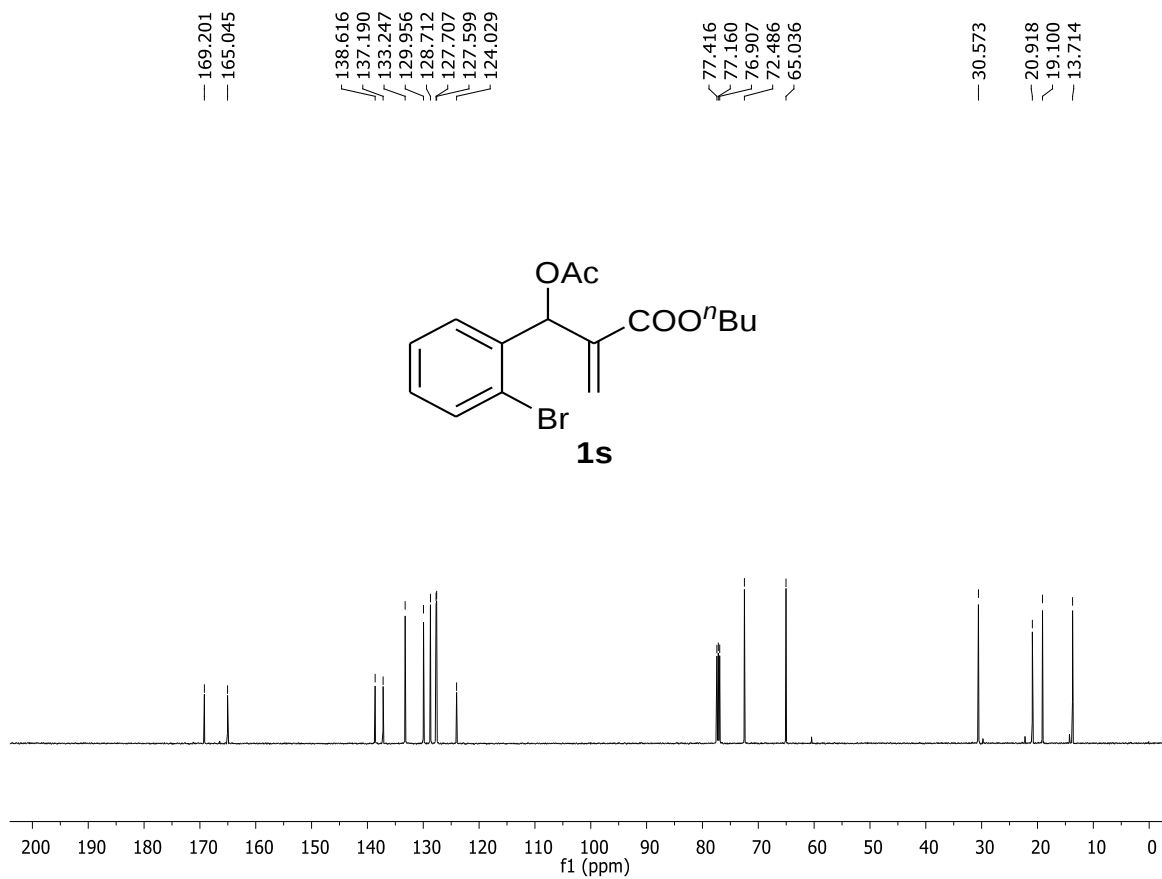
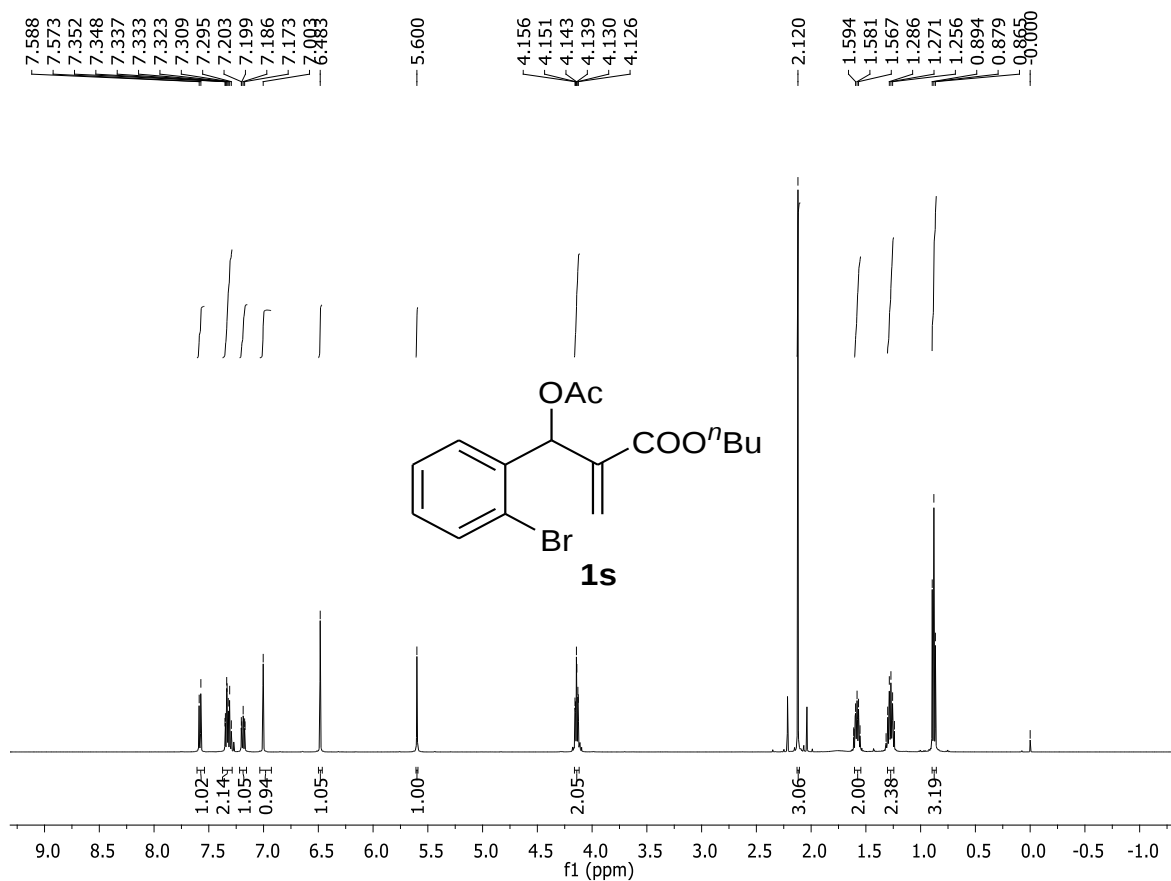


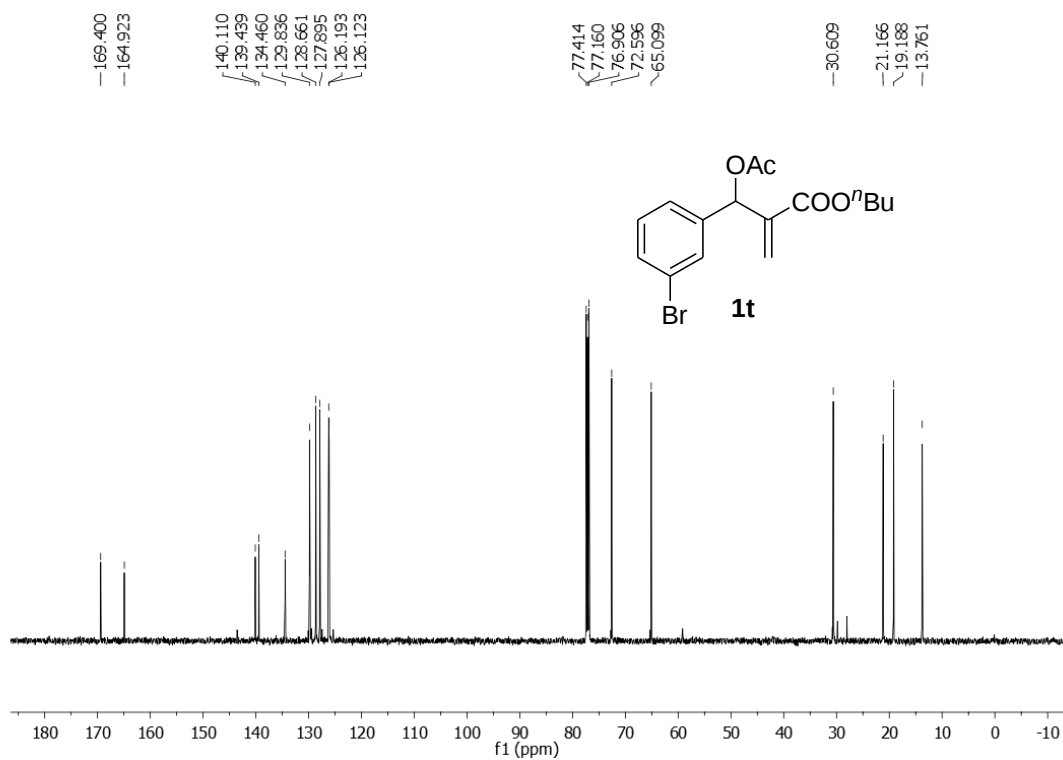
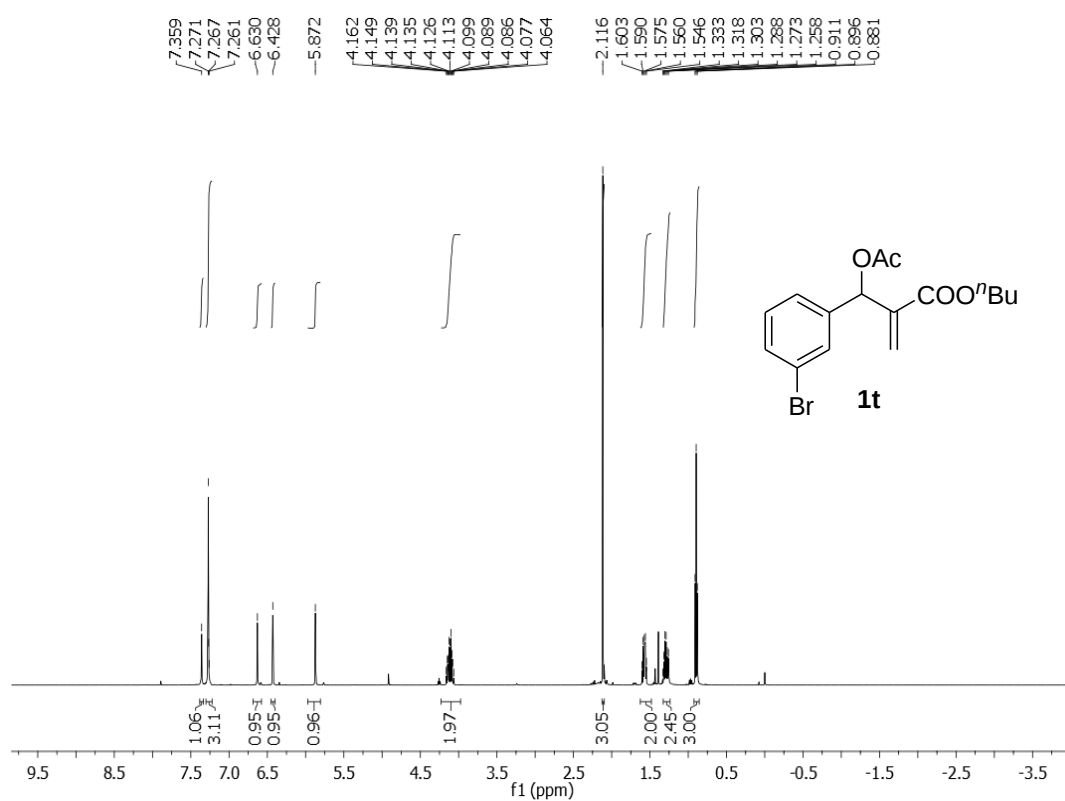


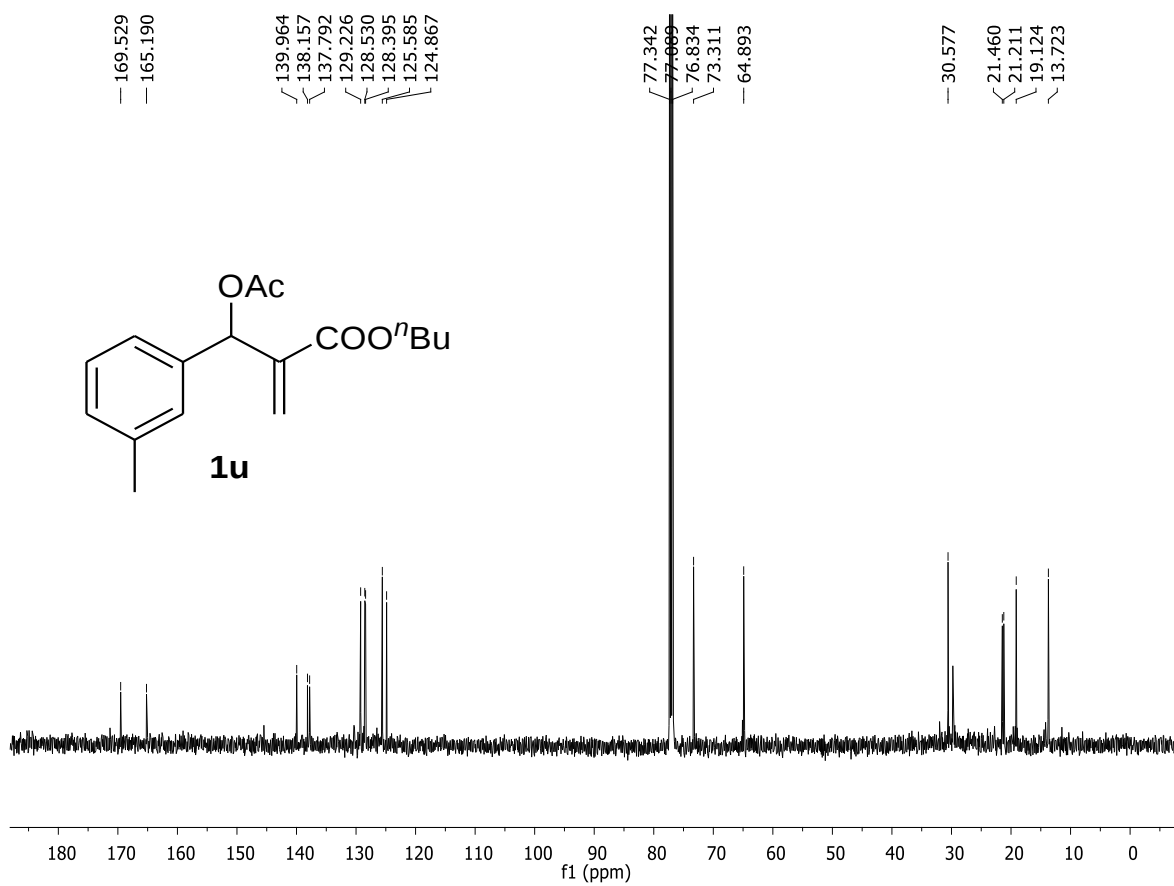
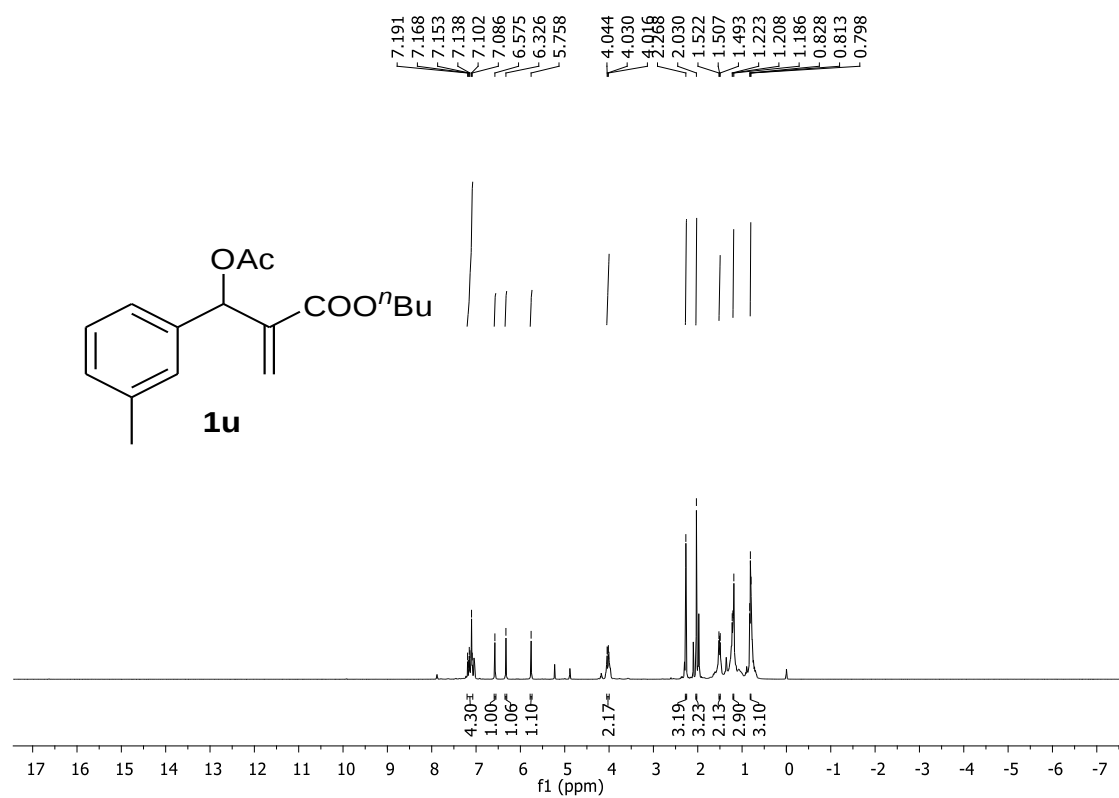


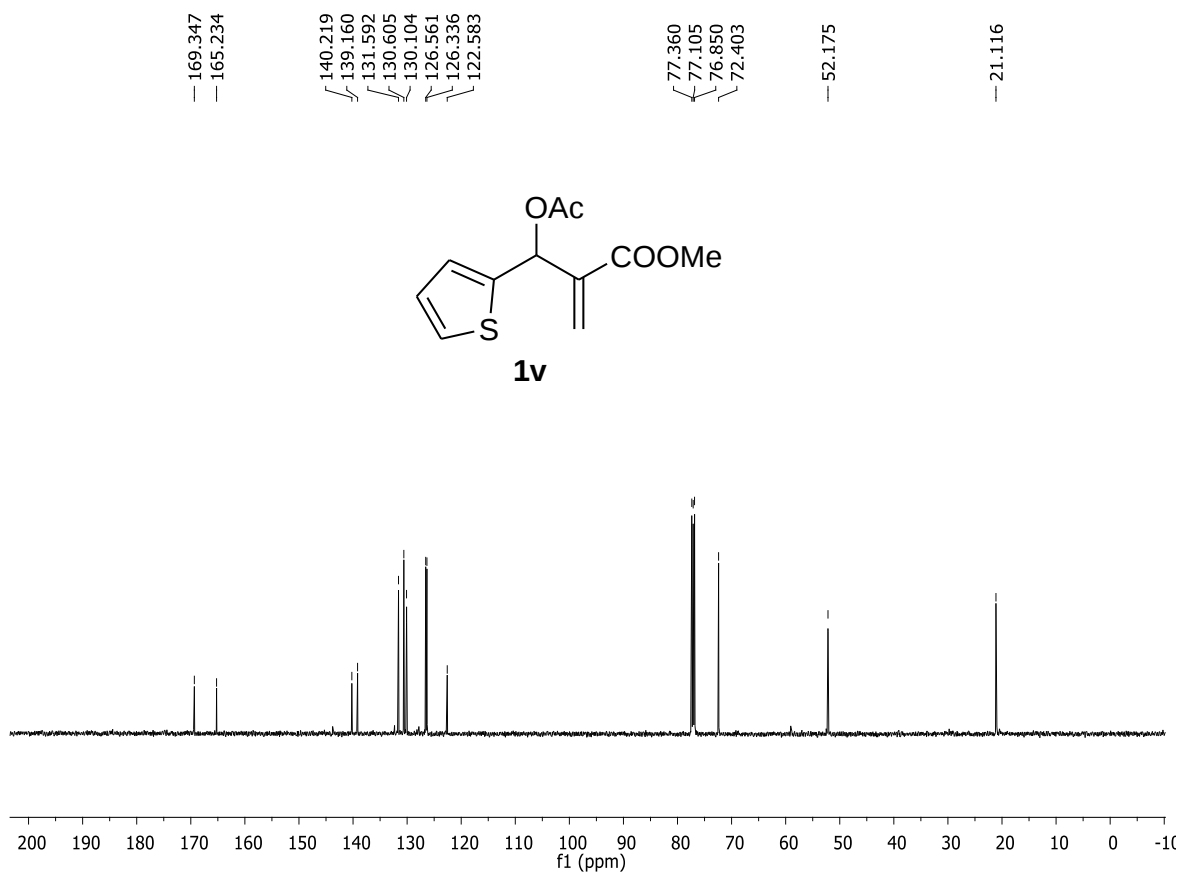
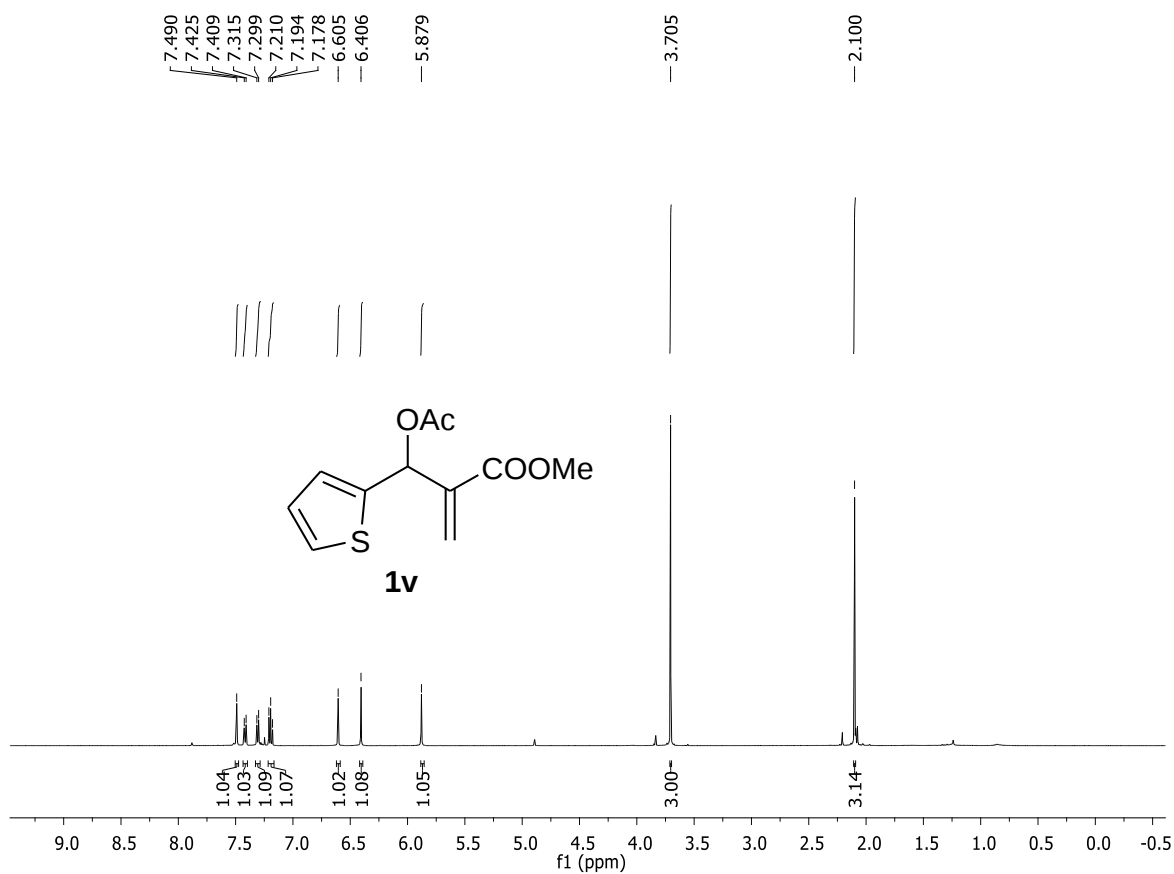


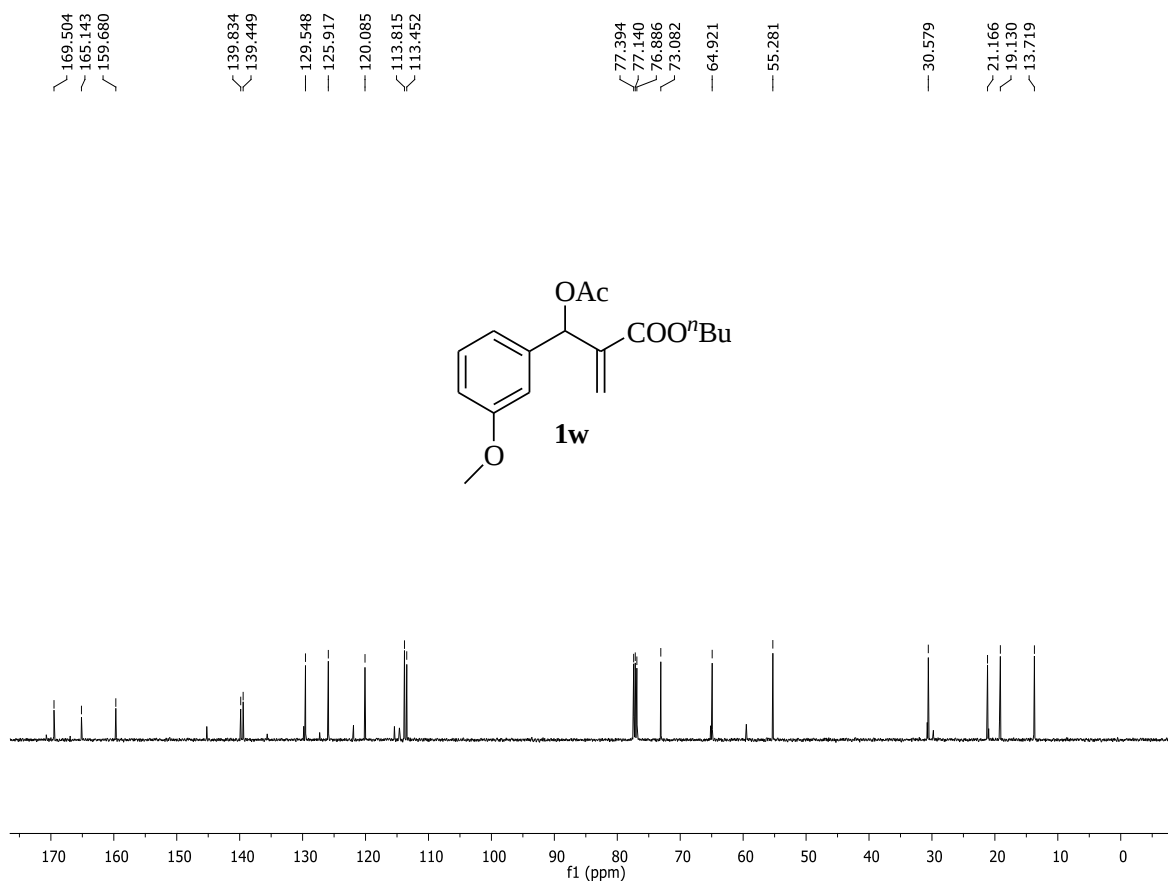
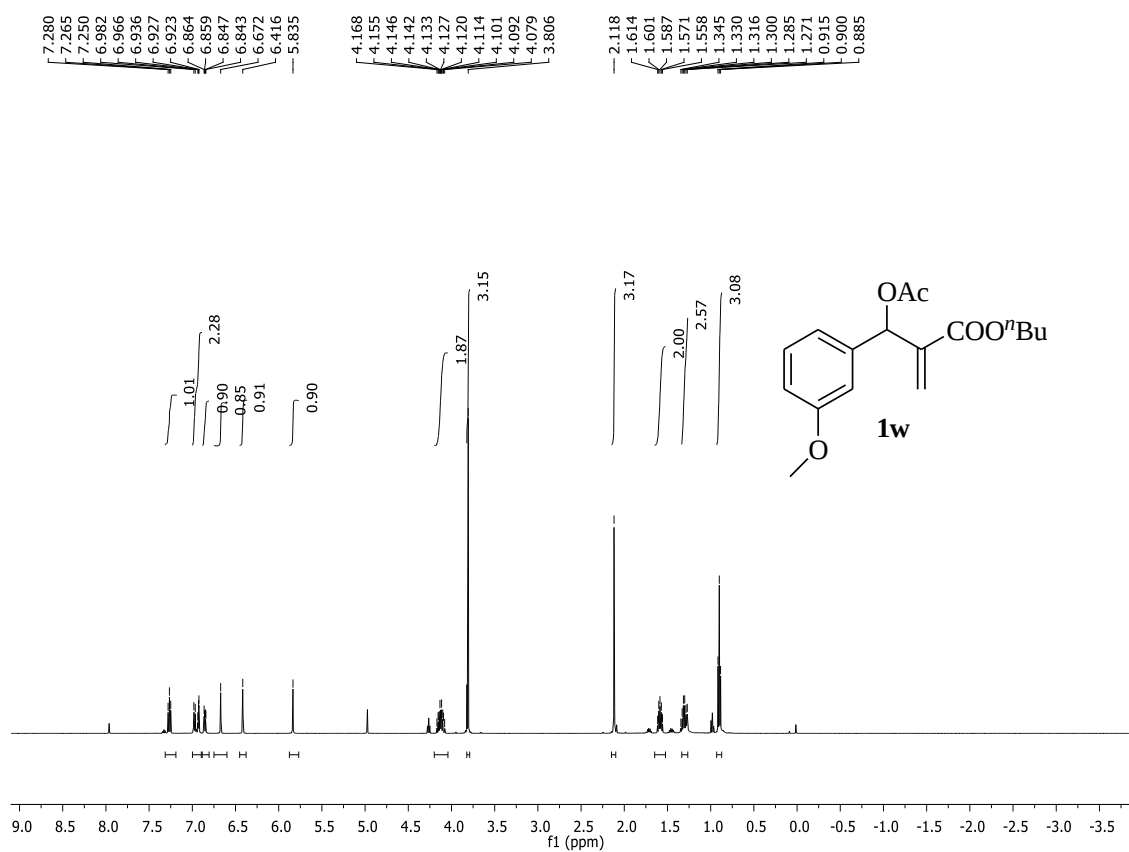


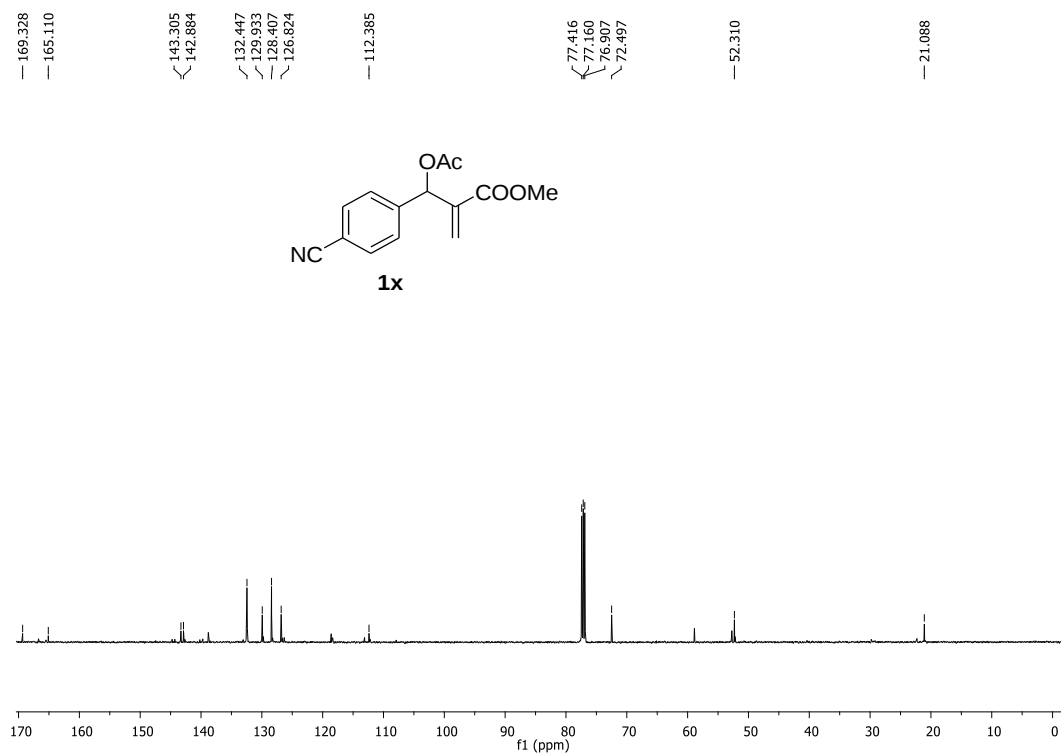
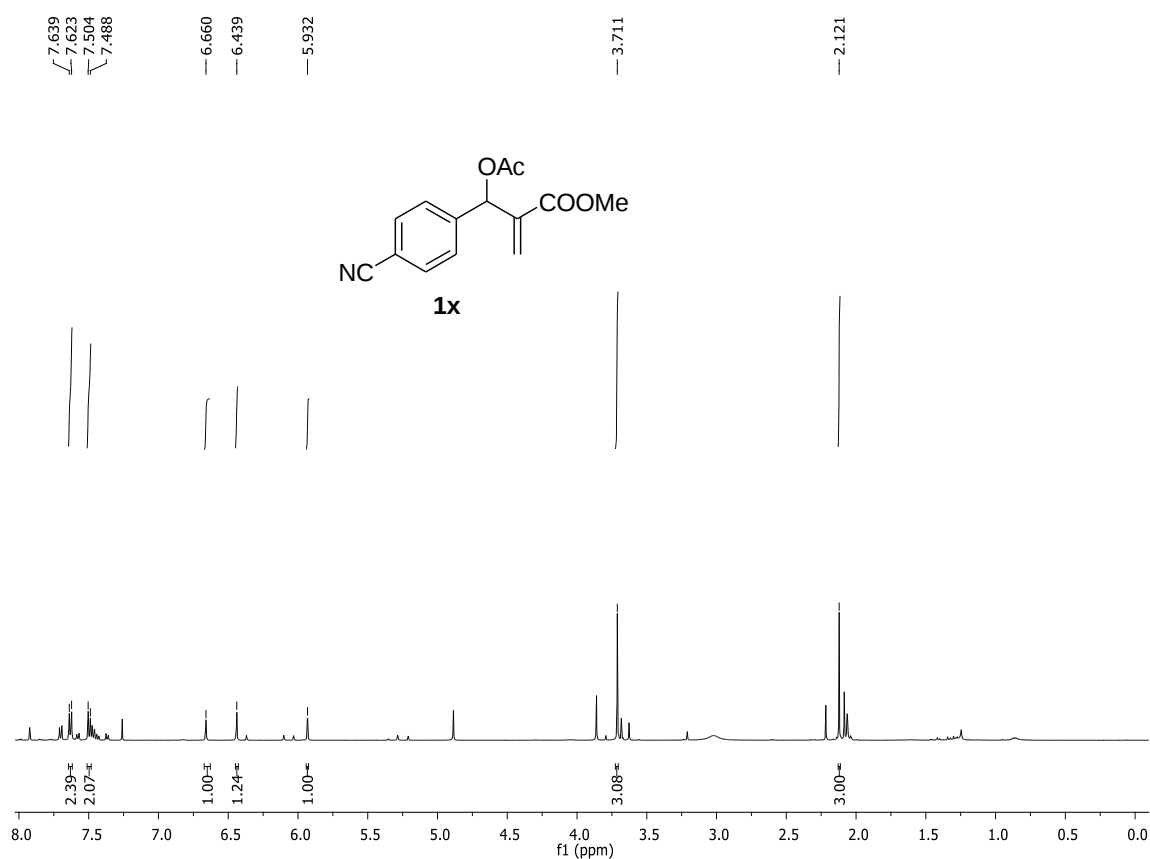


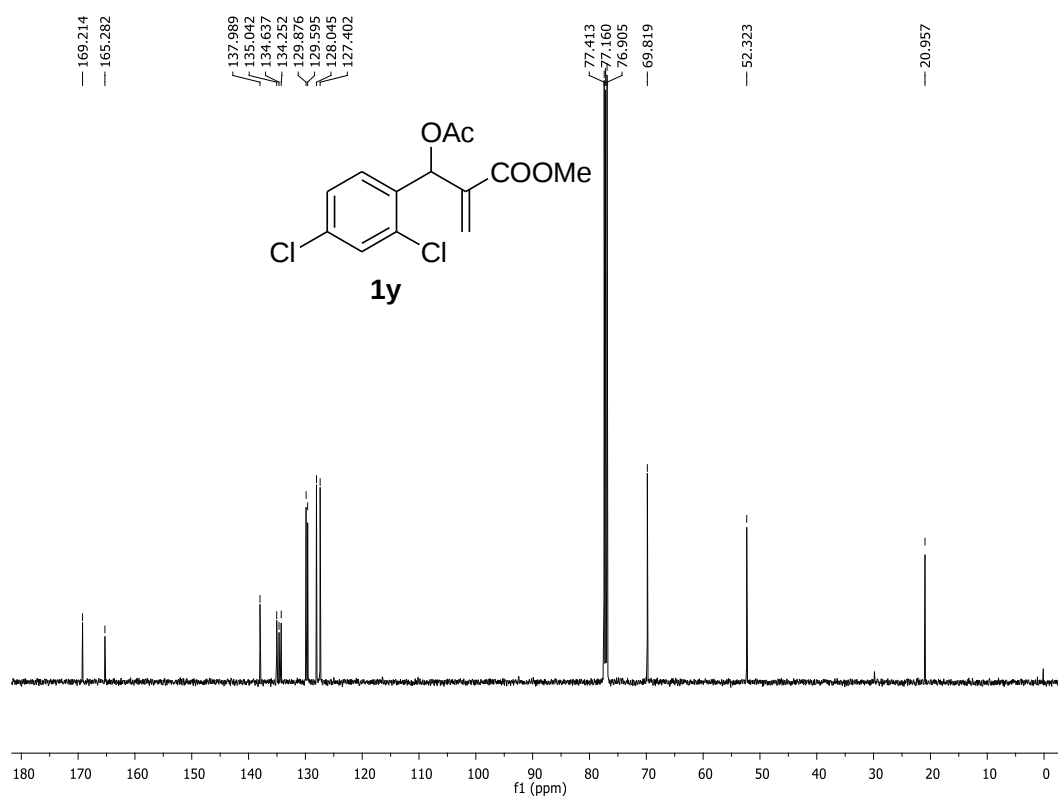
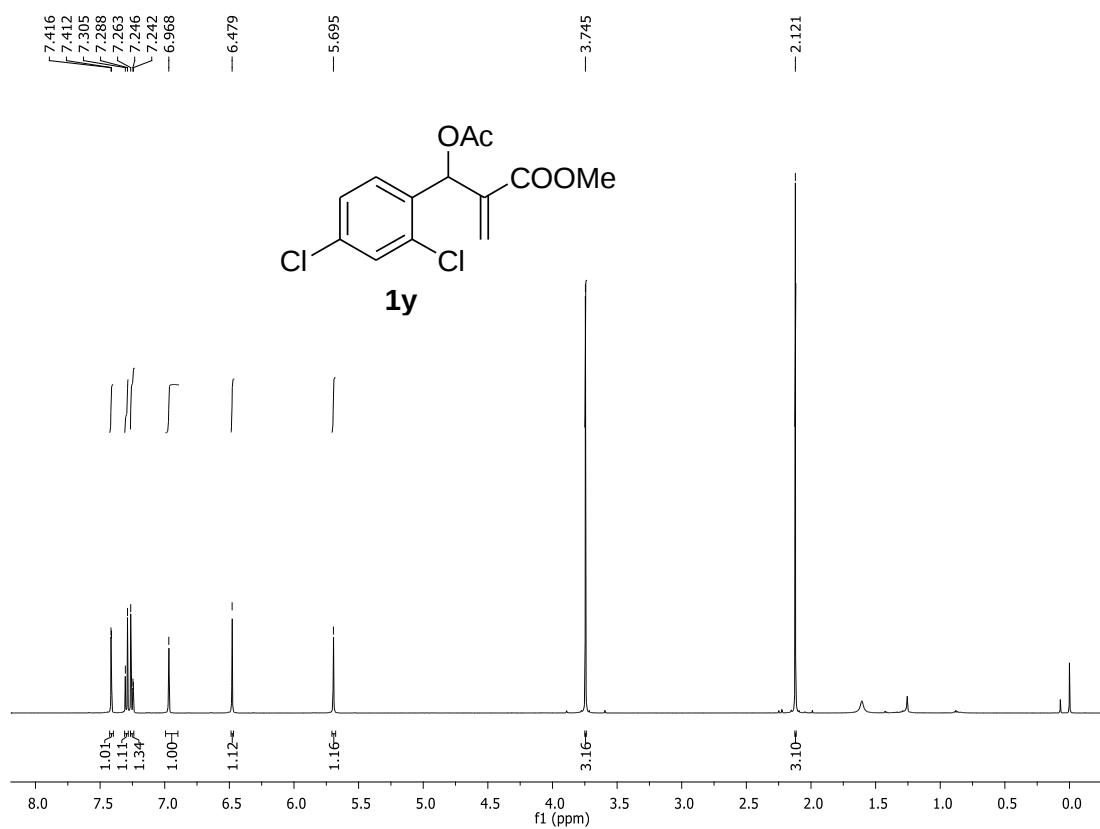












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