

Supplementary Information

Stereoselective assembly of 3,4-epoxypyrrolines via nucleophilic addition induced domino cyclization of 6-halo-1-oxa-4-azahexatrienes

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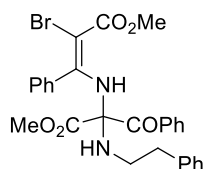
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1. General experimental details

All solvents were distilled and dried prior to use. 1,2-Dichloroethane (DCE) and dichloromethane were washed with concentrated H₂SO₄, water, then distilled from P₂O₅ and stored over anhydrous K₂CO₃. Melting points were determined on a hot stage microscope and are uncorrected. ¹H (400 MHz) and ¹³C (100 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 400 spectrometer in solvent indicated below. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane. IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu IR Affinity-1 spectrophotometer in KBr. Crystallographic data for the structures **5c** (CCDC 1936159), **6b** (CCDC 1936158), **13** (CCDC 1936916) have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. Photochemical experiments were carried out with a mercury lamp Tungfram HGOK 400 (main radiation bands 310, 360, 365 nm). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 M (0.04–0.063 mm). Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was conducted on aluminum sheets precoated with SiO₂ ALUGRAM SIL G/UV254. 2*H*-Azirines **1a–d,f**,¹ **1e**,² **1g**,³ **1h**,⁴ **1i**⁵ diazo compounds **2a**,⁶ **2b,c,e,f,i**,⁷ **2d**,⁸ **2g**,⁹ **2h**¹⁰ and oxazatrienes **3a–e,zb,zc**⁴ were prepared by the reported procedures.

2. Synthesis of amina 4a

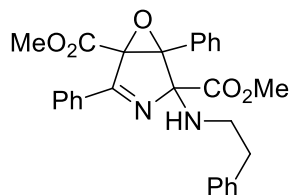
Methyl (*E*)-2-bromo-3-[[1-methoxy-1,3-dioxo-2-(phenethylamino)-3-phenylpropan-2-yl]amino]-3-phenylacrylate (**4a**)



To a solution of oxazatriene **3a** (129 mg, 0.3 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) a solution of 2-phenylethan-1-amine (40 mg, 0.33 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added dropwise under stirring. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc, 5:1) to give **4a** (147 mg, 89%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 88–89 °C (Et₂O–hexane). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 2.50–2.66 (m, 2H), 2.89–3.07 (m, 5H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 6.61 (d, 2H, *J* 7.3 Hz), 6.84–6.96 (br. s, 1H), 6.99–7.24 (m, 12H), 8.33–8.36 (m, 2H), 11.68 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 36.4, 43.1, 52.0, 52.6, 80.4, 85.0, 126.5, 128.5, 128.8, 129.1, 129.4, 129.9, 130.1, 133.4, 134.0, 135.8, 139.9 (signal of one carbon is overlapped), 160.6, 167.8, 169.4, 189.2. HRMS–ESI: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₈⁷⁹BrN₂O₅⁺ [M+H]⁺: 551.1176; found 551.1178.

3. Synthesis of epoxyrrolines 5

3.1. Synthesis of dimethyl 2,5-diphenyl-4-(2-phenylethyl)-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5a)



To a solution of oxazatriene **3a** (129 mg, 0.3 mmol) in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) a solution of 2-phenylethan-1-amine (40 mg, 0.33 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) was added dropwise under stirring. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in anhydrous acetonitrile (5 mL) and dry K_2CO_3 (124 mg, 0.9 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 1 h under stirring. The reaction mixture was washed with water (10 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2×5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc, from 10:1 to 4:1) to give **5a** (89 mg, 63%) as a colorless oil (unseparated mixture of diastereomers 5:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.18 (br. s, 1H), 2.52 (br. s, 1H), 2.70–2.98 (m, 2H), 3.05–3.35 (m, 2H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 3.67 and 3.69 (2 s, 6H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 7.10–7.64 (m, 13H), 7.82 (d, 2H, J 7.1 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 36.7, 37.1, 45.1, 45.5, 52.6, 52.7, 52.82, 52.83, 67.8, 69.8, 75.2, 78.7, 91.4, 92.9, 126.0, 126.1, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.16, 128.23, 128.3, 128.5, 128.67, 128.7, 128.8, 128.9, 129.2, 129.4, 129.5, 131.6, 131.75, 131.8, 139.2, 139.7 (signals of three carbons are overlapped), 164.3, 164.9, 168.0, 169.7, 172.3, 172.4. HRMS–ESI: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 471.1914; found 471.1905.

3.2. General procedures for the preparation of epoxyrrolines 5b–5zb

Procedure A (from oxazatrienes 3)

To a solution of oxazatrienes **3a–e** (0.3 mmol) in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) a solution of nucleophile (quantities are indicated below) in CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) was added dropwise under stirring. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography to give pure epoxyrrolines **5b–g,j–z**. In the case of compounds **5h,i,5za** the reaction mixture was washed with water (2×1 mL), the organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was crystallized from hexane/ Et_2O / CH_2Cl_2 mixture to give pure **5h,i,5za**.

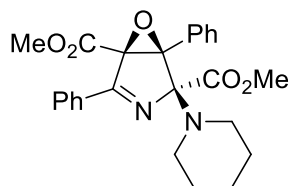
Procedure B (from azirines 1)

To a solution of diazo compound **2a–h** (quantities are indicated below) and azirine **1a–i** (0.5 mmol) in anhydrous 1,2-dichloroethane (1.5 mL) at reflux under argon $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$ (2 mol %) was added. The stirred mixture was heated under reflux until nitrogen evolution stopped. The resulting mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was filtered through a pad of silica gel using toluene/EtOAc 30:1 mixture as eluent. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL). A solution of nucleophile (quantities are indicated below) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.5 mL) was added dropwise to the resulting mixture under stirring. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography to give epoxyproline **5b–5za**.

Procedure C (from halohydrins 6)

To a solution of halohydrin **6a–d** (0.3 mmol) in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) under stirring 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU) (91 mg, 0.6 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h, then washed with water (2×1 mL), the organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was crystallized from Et_2O /hexane mixture to give epoxyproline **5b,d,z,zb**.

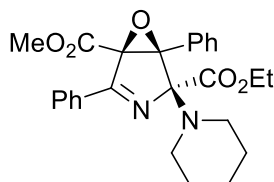
Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-4-(piperidin-1-yl)-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo-[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (**5b**)



Compound **5b** (124 mg, 95%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure A from oxazatriene **3a** (129 mg, 0.3 mmol) and piperidine (77 mg, 0.9 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 5:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. Compound **5b** (174 mg, 80%) was also obtained according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and piperidine (128 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. Compound **5b** (126 mg, 95%) was also obtained according to the procedure C from chlorohydrin **6a** (141 mg, 0.3 mmol). M.p. 141–142 °C (Et_2O /hexane). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.42–1.52 (m, 2H), 1.58–1.71 (m, 4H), 2.70–2.84 (m, 2H), 3.02–3.15 (m, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 7.33–7.43 (m, 5H), 7.44–7.57 (m, 3H), 7.79–7.86 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 24.4, 26.3, 50.2, 52.6, 52.7, 68.1, 73.4, 98.1, 128.1 (2C),

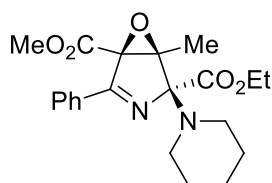
128.4, 128.7, 129.2, 130.8, 131.6, 132.0, 164.7, 169.0, 171.8. HRMS–ESI: $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{25}H_{27}N_2O_5^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 435.1914; found 435.1921. ν_{max}/cm^{-1} 1756 (C=O), 1613 (C=N).

4-Ethyl 1-methyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-4-(piperidin-1-yl)-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo-[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5c)



Compound **5c** (118 mg, 88%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure A from oxazatriene **3b** (133 mg, 0.3 mmol) or **3zc** (120 mg, 0.3 mmol) and piperidine (77 mg, 0.9 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 5:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. Compound **5c** (173 mg, 77%) was also obtained according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2b** (1.31 g, 6 mmol) and piperidine (128 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 141–142 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.17 (t, 3H, *J* 7.3 Hz), 1.40–1.53 (m, 2H), 1.56–1.70 (m, 4H), 2.69–2.86 (m, 2H), 2.98–3.16 (m, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 4.02–4.24 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.59 (m, 8H), 7.75–7.87 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.8, 24.5, 26.3, 50.2, 52.7, 61.9, 68.2, 73.2, 98.0, 128.0, 128.1, 128.3, 128.7, 129.2, 130.8, 131.5, 132.1, 164.8, 168.3, 171.9. HRMS–ESI: $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{26}H_{29}N_2O_5^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 449.2071; found 449.2064. ν_{max}/cm^{-1} 1757 (C=O), 1749 (C=O), 1613 (C=N).

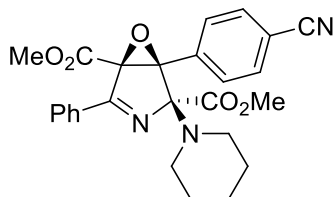
4-Ethyl 1-methyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-4-(piperidin-1-yl)-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo-[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5d)



Compound **5d** (44 mg, 38%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure A from oxazatriene **3c** (115 mg, 0.3 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 5:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. Compound **5d** (66 mg, 34%) was also obtained according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2c** (234 mg, 1.5 mmol) and piperidine (128 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. Compound **5d** (112 mg, 97%) was also obtained according to procedure C from chlorohydrin **6b** (127 mg, 0.3 mmol). M.p. 135–136 °C (Et₂O–hexane). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.28 (t,

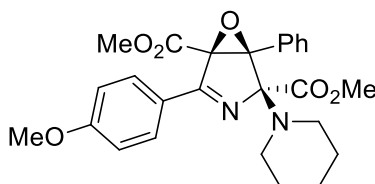
3H, *J* 7.1 Hz), 1.41–1.55 (m, 2H), 1.59–1.72 (m, 7H), 2.67–2.86 (m, 2H), 2.87–3.05 (m, 2H), 3.78 (m, 3H), 4.27 (q, 2H, *J* 7.1 Hz), 7.38–7.57 (m, 3H), 7.68–7.80 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.5, 14.0, 24.5, 26.4, 49.7, 52.8, 62.0, 67.5, 70.0, 96.4, 128.0, 128.6, 131.5, 132.2, 165.5, 168.7, 172.3. HRMS–ESI: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₆N₂NaO₅⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 409.1734; found 409.1733. $\nu_{\text{max/cm}^{-1}}$ 1750 (C=O), 1599 (C=N).

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-5-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-phenyl-4-(piperidin-1-yl)-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5e)



Compound **5e** (111 mg, 80%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure A from oxazatriene **3d** (137 mg, 0.3 mmol) and piperidine (77 mg, 0.9 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 5:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. Compound **5e** (138 mg, 60%) was also obtained according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2d** (229 mg, 1.0 mmol) and piperidine (128 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 174–175 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.39–1.53 (m, 2H), 1.54–1.76 (m, 4H), 2.61–2.81 (m, 2H), 2.89–3.10 (m, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 7.42–7.62 (m, 5H), 7.66–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.75–7.81 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.3, 26.3, 50.3, 52.9, 53.0, 68.4, 72.6, 98.1, 113.3, 118.0, 128.1, 128.8, 129.1, 131.6, 131.9, 132.1, 136.1, 164.1, 168.9, 171.6. HRMS–ESI: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₂₅N₃NaO₅⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 482.1686; found 482.1668. $\nu_{\text{max/cm}^{-1}}$ 2229 (C≡N), 1757 (C=O), 1741 (C=O), 1604 (C=N).

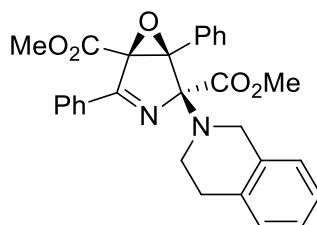
Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-4-(piperidin-1-yl)-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5f)



Compound **5f** (113 mg, 81%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure A from oxazatriene **3e** (138 mg, 0.3 mmol) and piperidine (77 mg, 0.9 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 5:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. Compound **5f** (144 mg, 62%) was also

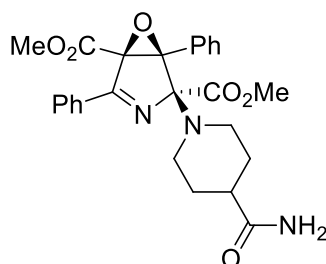
obtained according to procedure B from azirine **1b** (142 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and piperidine (128 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 160–162 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.40–1.52 (m, 2H), 1.57–1.68 (m, 4H), 2.67–2.84 (m, 2H), 2.98–3.13 (m, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 6.91–7.03 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.45 (m, 5H), 7.71–7.83 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.4, 26.3, 50.2, 52.6, 52.7, 55.4, 68.0, 73.5, 97.9, 114.1, 124.7, 128.1, 128.3, 129.1, 129.9, 130.9, 162.4, 164.9, 169.3, 170.8. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₂₉N₂O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 465.2020; found 465.2029.

Dimethyl *rac*-(1R,4R,5S)-4-(3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)-2,5-diphenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5g)



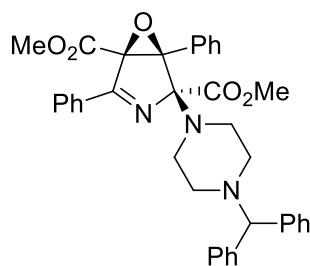
Compound **5g** (179 mg, 74%) was obtained as a colorless oil according procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (200 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.85–3.08 (m, 2H), 3.17–3.36 (m, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 4.02 and 4.40 (AB-q, 2H, *J* 15 Hz), 7.00–7.07 (m, 1H), 7.07–7.17 (m, 3H), 7.33–7.46 (m, 5H), 7.47–7.61 (m, 3H), 7.81–7.90 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 29.8, 47.5, 51.3, 52.8, 52.9, 68.2, 73.6, 97.5, 125.4, 125.8, 126.6, 128.0, 128.1, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 129.4, 130.3, 131.8, 131.9, 134.5, 135.0, 164.7, 168.7, 172.5. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₇N₂O₅⁺ [M+H]⁺ 483.1914; found 483.1919. $\nu_{\text{max/cm}^{-1}}$ 1756 (C=O), 1740 (C=O), 1609 (C=N).

Dimethyl *rac*-(1R,4R,5S)-4-(4-carbamoylpiperidin-1-yl)-2,5-diphenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5h)



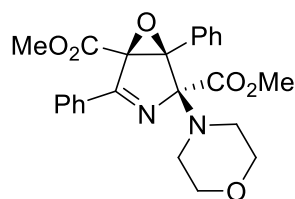
Compound **5h** (125 mg, 87%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure A from oxazatriene **3a** (129 mg, 0.3 mmol) and piperidine-4-carboxamide (115 mg, 0.9 mmol). Compound **5h** (177 mg, 74%) was also obtained according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and piperidine-4-carboxamide (192 mg, 1.5 mmol) using EtOAc as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 115–117 °C (hexane/Et₂O/CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.71–2.00 (m, 4H), 2.09–2.23 (m, 1H), 2.43 (td, 1H, *J* 11.4 Hz, *J* 2.6 Hz), 2.79 (td, 1H, *J* 11.4 Hz, *J* 2.6 Hz), 3.23 (d, 1H, *J* 11.5 Hz), 3.49 (d, 1H, *J* 11.5 Hz), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 5.72 (br. d, 2H, *J* 57.8 Hz), 7.30–7.42 (m, 5H), 7.43–7.60 (m, 3H), 7.75–7.81 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 29.2 (2C), 42.8, 48.3, 49.4, 52.7, 52.8, 68.0, 73.2, 97.6, 127.9, 128.0, 128.5, 128.7, 129.4, 130.2, 131.8, (signal of one carbon is overlapped), 164.6, 168.7, 172.3, 177.5. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₂₈N₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 478.1973; found 478.1969. $\nu_{\text{max/cm}^{-1}}$ 1745 (C=O), 1687 (C=O), 1609 (C=N).

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-4-(4-benzhydrylpiperazin-1-yl)-2,5-diphenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo-[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5i**)**



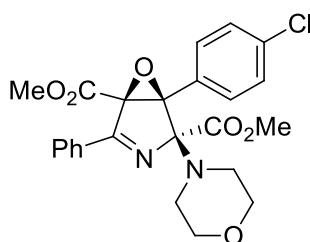
Compound **5i** (157 mg, 87%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure A from oxazatriene **3a** (129 mg, 0.3 mmol) and 1-benzhydrylpiperazine (227 mg, 0.9 mmol). Compound **5i** (225 mg, 75%) was also obtained according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and 1-benzhydrylpiperazine (378 mg, 1.5 mmol) using EtOAc as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 222–226 °C (dec., hexane/Et₂O/CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.51 (br. s, 4H), 2.80–2.95 (m, 2H), 3.14–3.27 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 4.25 (s, 1H), 7.14–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.46 (m, 9H), 7.46–7.60 (m, 3H), 7.78–7.88 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 49.2, 52.1, 52.6, 52.8, 68.0, 73.4, 76.1, 97.3, 126.8, 126.81, 127.91, 127.93, 127.95, 128.1, 128.36, 128.37, 128.5, 128.7, 129.4, 130.3, 131.7, 131.9, 142.8 (signal of one carbon is overlapped), 164.7, 168.5, 172.2. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₇H₃₆N₃O₅⁺ [M+H]⁺ 602.2649; found 602.2641. $\nu_{\text{max/cm}^{-1}}$ 1762 (C=O), 1743 (C=O), 1609 (C=N).

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-4-(morpholin-4-yl)-2,5-phenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5j)



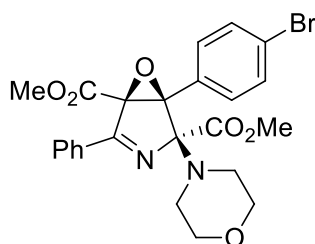
Compound **5j** (174 mg, 80%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and morpholine (131 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 154–155 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.79–2.94 (m, 2H), 3.09–3.23 (m, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.75–3.80 (m, 4H), 7.32–7.43 (m, 5H), 7.44–7.60 (m, 3H), 7.76–7.89 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 49.4, 52.7, 52.8, 67.1, 68.0, 73.2, 97.0, 127.8, 128.0, 128.5, 128.7, 129.4, 130.2, 131.7, 131.8, 164.5, 168.2, 172.4. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₅N₂O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 437.1707; found 437.1701.

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(morpholin-4-yl)-2-phenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5k)



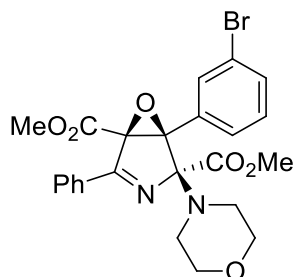
Compound **5k** (188 mg, 80%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2e** (835 mg, 3.5 mmol) and morpholine (131 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 184–186 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.84 (dt, 2H, *J* 10 Hz, *J* 4.6 Hz), 3.11 (dt, 2H, *J* 10 Hz, *J* 4.6 Hz), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.76 (t, 4H, *J* 4.6 Hz), 7.30–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.45–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.77–7.84 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 49.5, 52.9, 53.0, 67.1, 68.2, 72.6, 96.9, 128.0, 128.75, 128.81, 128.9, 129.3, 131.6, 132.0, 135.7, 164.3, 168.2, 172.4. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₄³⁵ClN₂O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 471.1317; found 471.1321. $\nu_{\text{max/cm}^{-1}}$ 1743 (C=O), 1610 (C=N).

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-4-(morpholin-4-yl)-2-phenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (**5l**)



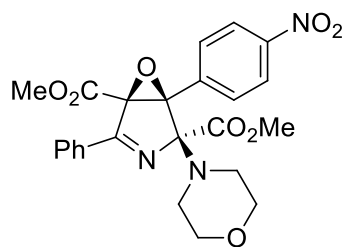
Compound **5l** (201 mg, 78%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2f** (991 mg, 3.5 mmol) and morpholine (131 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 198–199 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.83 (dt, 2H, *J* 9.8 Hz, *J* 4.6 Hz), 3.11 (dt, 2H, *J* 9.8 Hz, *J* 4.6 Hz), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.77 (t, 4H, *J* 4.6 Hz), 7.24–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.60 (m, 5H), 7.77–7.84 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 49.5, 52.9, 53.0, 67.1, 68.2, 72.6, 96.9, 124.0, 128.1, 128.8, 129.3, 129.6, 131.6, 131.8, 132.0, 164.3, 168.2, 172.4. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₄⁷⁹BrN₂O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 515.0812; found 515.0808. $\nu_{\text{max/cm}^{-1}}$ 1741 (C=O), 1608 (C=N).

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-5-(3-bromophenyl)-4-(morpholin-4-yl)-2-phenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (**5m**)



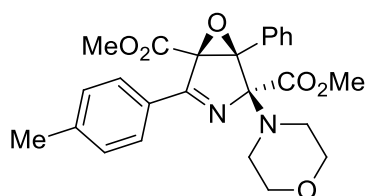
Compound **5m** (193 mg, 75%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2g** (991 mg, 3.5 mmol) and morpholine (131 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 128–129 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.77–2.90 (m, 2H), 3.06–3.18 (m, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.77 (t, 4H, *J* 4.7 Hz), 7.23–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.61 (m, 5H), 7.76–7.86 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 49.5, 52.9, 53.0, 67.1, 68.1, 72.4, 97.0, 122.5, 126.7, 128.1, 128.8, 130.1, 131.0, 131.6, 132.0, 132.5, 132.7, 164.2, 168.1, 172.3. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₄⁷⁹BrN₂O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 515.0812; found 515.0805. $\nu_{\text{max/cm}^{-1}}$ 1756 (C=O), 1735 (C=O), 1606 (C=N).

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-4-(morpholin-4-yl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5n)



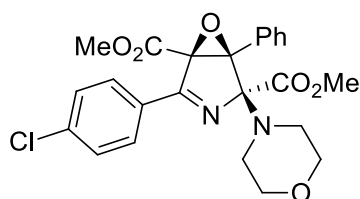
Compound **5n** (180 mg, 75%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2h** (299 mg, 1.2 mmol) and morpholine (131 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 205–207 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.76–2.88 (m, 2H), 3.04–3.16 (m, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.70–3.81 (m, 7H), 7.47–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.66 (m, 3H), 7.78–7.83 (m, 2H), 8.23–8.28 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 49.5, 53.1, 53.2, 67.1, 68.5, 72.3, 97.0, 123.7, 128.1, 128.8, 129.2, 131.3, 132.2, 137.4, 148.4, 163.9, 168.1, 172.2. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₄N₃O₈⁺ [M+H]⁺ 482.1558; found 482.1550.

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-4-(morpholin-4-yl)-5-phenyl-2-(4-methylphenyl)-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5o)



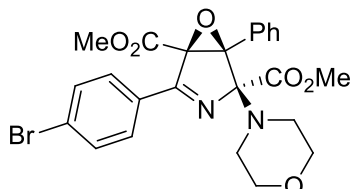
Compound **5o** (153 mg, 68%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure B from azirine **1c** (134 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and morpholine (131 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 73–75 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.80–2.92 (m, 2H), 3.10–3.21 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.77 (t, 4H, *J* 4.7 Hz), 7.28–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.42 (m, 5H), 7.68–7.73 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.6, 49.5, 52.7, 52.8, 67.2, 68.1, 73.2, 96.9, 127.9, 128.1, 128.5, 129.0, 129.41, 129.43, 130.3, 142.5, 164.6, 168.3, 172.2. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₂₇N₂O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 451.1864; found 451.1857. $\nu_{\text{max/cm}^{-1}}$ 1750 (C=O), 1735 (C=O), 1605 (C=N).

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(morpholin-4-yl)-5-phenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5p)



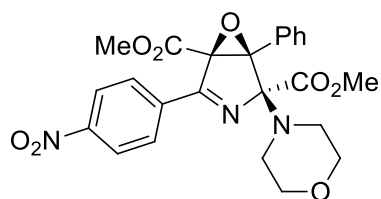
Compound **5p** (195 mg, 83%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure B from azirine **1d** (144 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and morpholine (131 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 126–127 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.77–2.91 (m, 2H), 3.07–3.21 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.77 (t, 4H, *J* 4.6 Hz), 7.31–7.43 (m, 5H), 7.44–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.72–7.76 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 49.4, 52.8, 52.9, 67.1, 67.8, 73.4, 97.1, 127.9, 128.6, 129.1, 129.4, 129.6, 130.0, 130.2, 138.2, 164.4, 168.1, 171.5. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₄³⁵ClN₂O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 471.1317; found 471.1317. $\nu_{\text{max/cm}^{-1}}$ 1741 (C=O), 1621 (C=N).

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-4-(morpholin-4-yl)-5-phenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5q)



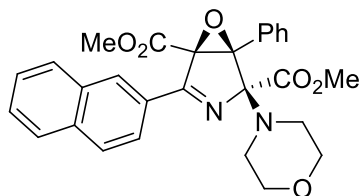
Compound **5q** (207 mg, 80%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure B from azirine **1e** (167 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and morpholine (131 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 138–140 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.78–2.90 (m, 2H), 3.09–3.19 (m, 2H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.78 (t, 4H, *J* 4.7 Hz), 7.31–7.44 (m, 5H), 7.59–7.73 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 49.5, 52.8, 53.0, 67.2, 67.8, 73.5, 97.1, 126.7, 127.9, 128.6, 129.56, 129.58, 130.0, 130.6, 132.1, 164.4, 168.1, 171.6. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₄⁷⁹BrN₂O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 515.0812; found 515.0819.

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-4-(morpholin-4-yl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-phenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5r)



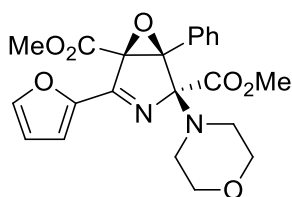
Compound **5r** (195 mg, 81%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure B from azirine **1f** (150 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and morpholine (131 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 165–167 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.78–2.91 (m, 2H), 3.08–3.21 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.77 (t, 4H, *J* 4.7 Hz), 7.29–7.46 (m, 5H), 7.92–8.04 (m, 2H), 8.30–8.40 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 49.4, 52.9, 53.0, 67.1, 67.6, 73.7, 97.4, 123.9, 127.8, 128.6, 129.1, 129.6, 129.7, 137.2, 149.6, 164.1, 167.7, 171.1. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₄N₃O₈⁺ [M+H]⁺ 482.1558; found 482.1560. $\nu_{\text{max/cm}^{-1}}$ 1740 (C=O), 1603 (C=N).

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-4-(morpholin-4-yl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-5-phenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5s)



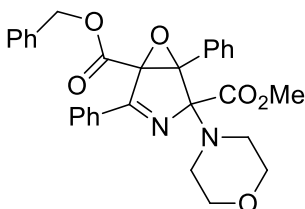
Compound **5s** (187 mg, 77%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure B from azirine **1g** (152 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and morpholine (131 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 167–169 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.84–2.97 (m, 2H), 3.15–3.27 (m, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.80 (t, 4H, *J* 4.7 Hz), 7.36–7.47 (m, 5H), 7.52–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.86–8.01 (m, 4H), 8.26 (br. s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 49.5, 52.8, 52.9, 67.2, 68.2, 73.4, 97.1, 124.4, 126.8, 127.8, 127.9, 128.55, 128.61, 128.9, 129.0, 129.2, 129.5, 130.2, 132.8, 134.9, 164.6, 168.3, 172.5. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₇N₂O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 487.1864; found 487.1856. $\nu_{\text{max/cm}^{-1}}$ 1756 (C=O), 1604 (C=N).

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-2-(furan-2-yl)-4-(morpholin-4-yl)-5-phenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo-[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5t)



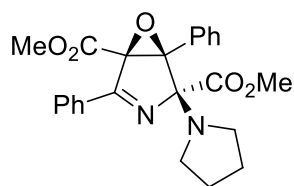
Compound **5t** (149 mg, 77%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure B from azirine **1h** (122 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and morpholine (131 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 153–155 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.79–2.92 (m, 2H), 3.07–3.20 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.77 (t, 4H, *J* 4.6 Hz), 6.60 (dd, 1H, *J* 3.5 Hz, 1.7 Hz), 7.08 (d, 1H, *J* 3.5 Hz), 7.31–7.44 (m, 5H), 7.65 (d, 1H, *J* 1.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 49.4, 52.8, 52.9, 67.1, 67.7, 73.1, 96.9, 112.5, 115.9, 127.8, 128.5, 129.5, 129.8, 146.2, 147.1, 162.3, 163.9, 168.0. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₃N₂O₇⁺ [M+H]⁺ 427.1500; found 427.1504. $\nu_{\text{max/cm}^{-1}}$ 1758 (C=O), 1616 (C=N).

1-Benzyl 4-methyl 4-(morpholin-4-yl)-2,5-diphenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5u)



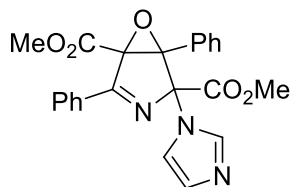
Compound **5u** (197 mg, 77%) (unseparated mixture of diastereomers, 10:1) was obtained as a colorless oil according to procedure B from azirine **1i** (165 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and morpholine (131 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.79–2.94 (m, 2H), 3.07–3.23 (m, 2H), 3.64 and 3.72 (2s, 3H), 3.77 (t, 4H, *J* 4.6 Hz), 5.00 and 5.13 (AB-q, 2H, *J* 12 Hz), 6.99–7.03 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.60 (m, 11H), 7.76–7.85 (2m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 49.4, 52.60, 52.64, 67.2, 67.6, 68.1, 73.3, 97.0, 127.9, 128.0, 128.10, 128.14, 128.39, 128.42, 128.47, 128.5, 128.6, 129.4, 130.1, 131.67, 131.69, 134.3, 163.8, 163.9, 168.0, 168.2, 172.7 (other signals are overlapped). HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₂₉N₂O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 513.2020; found 513.2027.

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-2,5-diphenyl-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5v)



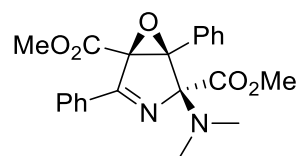
Compound **5v** (158 mg, 75%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and pyrrolidine (107 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 169–170 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.71–1.92 (m, 4H), 2.88–3.05 (m, 2H), 3.10–3.29 (m, 2H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 7.31–7.43 (m, 5H), 7.44–7.66 (m, 3H), 7.79–7.85 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.2, 49.4, 52.7, 52.8, 67.5, 73.9, 96.1, 127.8, 128.0, 128.6, 128.7, 129.4, 129.9, 131.6, 132.0, 164.8, 168.4, 172.2. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₅N₂O₅⁺ [M+H]⁺ 421.1758; found 421.1757. $\nu_{\text{max/cm}^{-1}}$ 1755 (C=O), 1609 (C=N).

Dimethyl 4-(1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)-2,5-diphenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5w)



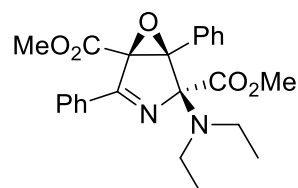
Compound **5w** (101 mg, 81%) (unseparated mixture of diastereomers, 7:1) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure A from oxazatriene **3a** (129 mg, 0.3 mmol) and imidazole (61 mg, 0.9 mmol) using EtOAc as eluent for chromatography. Compound **5w** (156 mg, 75%) was also obtained according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and imidazole (102 mg, 1.5 mmol) using EtOAc as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 152–158 °C (dec., hexane/Et₂O/CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.53 and 3.63 (2s, 3H), 3.83 and 3.89 (2s, 3H), 6.99–7.12 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.72 (m, 9H), 7.81–7.97 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 53.1 (2C), 53.7, 53.9, 70.0, 70.3, 74.2, 80.2, 89.7, 90.6, 117.2, 118.4, 127.1, 127.8, 127.9, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 128.55, 128.6, 128.9, 129.0, 129.1, 129.5, 130.0, 130.3, 130.5, 130.8, 133.0, 133.1, 135.1, 136.5, 163.2, 163.3, 165.55, 165.6, 175.8, 176.2. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₃O₅⁺ [M+H]⁺ 418.1397; found 418.1391. $\nu_{\text{max/cm}^{-1}}$ 1764 (C=O), 1735 (C=O), 1599 (C=N).

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-4-(dimethylamino)-2,5-diphenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5x)



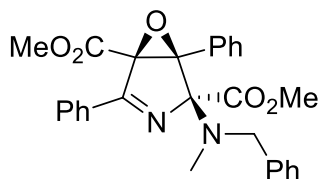
Compound **5x** (144 mg, 73%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and 2M solution of dimethylamine in CH₂Cl₂ (1 ml, 2.0 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 128–130 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.63 (s, 6H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 7.26–7.45 (m, 5H), 7.44–7.61 (m, 3H), 7.76–7.91 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 41.9, 52.7, 52.8, 67.9, 73.4, 97.6, 127.7, 128.0, 128.6, 128.7, 129.4, 130.1, 131.7, 131.9, 164.6, 168.7, 172.5. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₃N₂O₅⁺ [M+H]⁺ 395.1601; found 395.1595. ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 1745 (C=O), 1726 (C=O), 1611 (C=N).

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-4-(diethylamino)-2,5-diphenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5y)



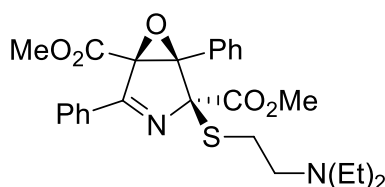
Compound **5y** (165 mg, 78%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and diethylamine (110 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 101–103 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.09 (t, 6H, *J* 7.1 Hz), 2.92–3.10 (m, 4H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 7.32–7.57 (m, 8H), 7.77–7.87 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.5, 44.9, 52.4, 52.7, 68.8, 74.0, 98.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.3, 128.6, 129.2, 131.1, 131.5, 132.2, 164.6, 169.9, 170.5. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₇N₂O₅⁺ [M+H]⁺ 423.1914; found 423.1917. ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 1755 (C=O), 1740 (C=O), 1608 (C=N).

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-4-[benzyl(methyl)amino]-2,5-diphenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5z)



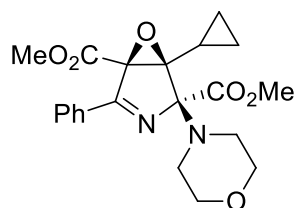
Compound **5z** (183 mg, 78%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and *N*-benzyl-*N*-methylamine (182 mg, 1.5 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 2:1) as eluent for chromatography. Compound **5z** (140 mg, 99%) was also obtained according to procedure C from chlorohydrin **6c** (152 mg, 0.3 mmol). M.p. 76–78 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.49 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.98 and 4.12 (AB-q, 2H, *J* 14 Hz), 7.22–7.62 (m, 13H), 7.85–7.94 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 37.4, 52.5, 52.8, 58.0, 68.6, 73.9, 97.8, 126.7, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.4, 128.5, 128.7, 129.3, 130.7, 131.7, 131.9, 139.8, 164.6, 169.1, 172.1. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₇N₂O₅⁺ [M+H]⁺ 471.1914; found 471.1920.

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*S*,5*R*)-4-[2-(diethylamino)ethylsulfanyl]-2,5-diphenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5za)



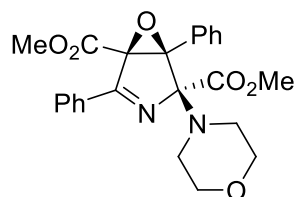
Compound **5za** (171 mg, 71%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure B from azirine **1a** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (714 mg, 3.5 mmol) and 2-(*N,N*-diethylamino)ethanethiol (200 mg, 1.5 mmol). M.p. 77–79 °C (hexane/Et₂O/CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.97 (t, 6H, *J* 7.2 Hz), 2.42–2.57 (m, 4H), 2.63–2.84 (m, 3H), 2.88–2.99 (m, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.65 (s, 3H), 7.34–7.61 (m, 8H), 7.80–7.90 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.8, 28.0, 46.8, 52.4, 52.9, 53.2, 69.2, 79.0, 86.9, 128.0, 128.3, 128.5, 128.7, 128.9, 129.8, 131.5, 132.0, 164.4, 166.8, 171.7. HRMS–ESI: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₃₀N₂NaO₅S⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 505.1768; found 505.1779. $\nu_{\text{max/cm}^{-1}}$ 1754 (C=O), 1735 (C=O), 1599 (C=N).

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-5-cyclopropyl-4-(morpholin-4-yl)-2-phenyl-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo-[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5zb**)**



Compound **5zb** (113 mg, 94%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to procedure C from bromohydrin **6d** (144 mg, 0.3 mmol). M.p. 135–136 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.46–0.57 (m, 1H), 0.60–0.87 (m, 3H), 1.30–1.41 (m, 1H), 2.74–3.04 (m, 4H), 3.68–3.82 (m, 7H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 7.34–7.60 (m, 3H), 7.64–7.84 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.0, 3.3, 7.0, 49.2, 52.8, 53.1, 67.3, 68.2, 72.3, 96.2, 127.8, 128.7, 131.77, 131.8, 165.1, 168.7, 173.1. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₅N₂O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 401.1707; found 401.1711. ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 1748 (C=O), 1602 (C=N).

4. Gram-scale synthesis of epoxy pyrroline **5j**



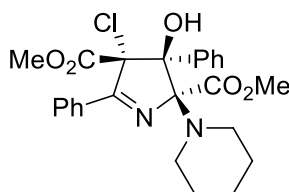
To a solution of diazo compound **2a** (5.712 g, 28.0 mmol) and azirine **1a** (1.016 g, 4.0 mmol) in anhydrous 1,2-dichloroethane (10 mL) at reflux under inert atmosphere Rh₂(OAc)₄ (35 mg, 2 mol %) was added. The stirred mixture was heated under reflux until nitrogen evolution stopped (1.5 min). The resulting mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was filtered through a pad of silica gel using toluene/EtOAc 30:1 mixture as eluent. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL). A solution of morpholine (1.044 g, 12 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added dropwise to the resulting mixture under stirring. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, from 10:1 to 2:1) to afford epoxy pyrroline **5j** (1.33 g, 76%).

5. Synthesis of halohydrins 6a–d

General procedure for preparation of halohydrins 6a–c

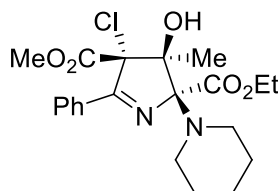
To a solution of oxazatriene **3zb–zd** (0.3 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) a solution of the amine (quantities are indicated below) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added dropwise under stirring. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.

Dimethyl *rac*-(2*R*,3*S*,4*S*)-4-chloro-3-hydroxy-3,5-diphenyl-2-(piperidin-1-yl)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrrole-2,4-dicarboxylate (**6a**)



Compound **6a** (116 mg, 82%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to the general procedure from oxazatriene **3zb** (116 mg, 0.3 mmol) and piperidine (28 mg, 0.33 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (5:1) as eluent for column chromatography. M.p. 137–139 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.35–1.80 (m, 6H), 2.60–2.90 (m, 2H), 2.88–3.65 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 6.79 (br. s, 1H), 7.30–7.70 (m, 8H), 7.96–8.19 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.7, 26.7, 49.2, 51.9, 52.9, 77.1, 86.2, 97.5, 127.1, 128.0 (2C), 128.1, 129.6, 131.1, 132.3, 137.0, 167.0, 168.7, 169.8. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₂₈³⁵ClN₂O₅⁺ [M+H]⁺: 471.1681; found 471.1689. ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 1750 (C=O), 1741 (C=O), 1626 (C=N).

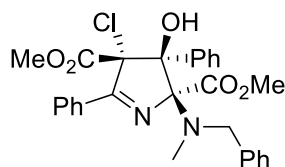
2-Ethyl 4-methyl *rac*-(2*R*,3*S*,4*S*)-4-chloro-3-hydroxy-3-methyl-5-phenyl-2-(piperidin-1-yl)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrrole-2,4-dicarboxylate (**6b**)



Compound **6b** (46 mg, 36%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to the general procedure from oxazatriene **3zc** (101 mg, 0.3 mmol) and piperidine (28 mg, 0.33 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (from 10:1 to 5:1) as eluent for chromatography. M.p. 124–126 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.26 (t, 3H, *J* 7.3 Hz), 1.48–1.73 (m, 6H), 1.83 (s, 3H), 2.73–3.07 (m, 2H), 3.20–3.63 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.11–4.34 (m, 2H), 5.67 (br. s, 1H), 7.35–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.90–8.00 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 22.0, 24.7, 26.8,

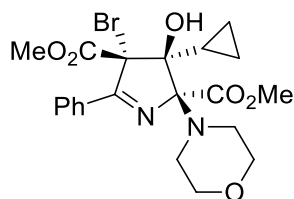
49.4, 53.0, 61.3, 78.2, 83.4, 96.3, 128.0, 129.2, 131.0, 131.9, 166.6, 167.8, 168.4. HRMS–ESI: $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{21}H_{28}^{35}ClN_2O_5^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 423.1681; found 423.1704.

Dimethyl *rac*-(2*R*,3*S*,4*S*)-2-(benzyl(methyl)amino)-4-chloro-3-hydroxy-3,5-diphenyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrrole-2,4-dicarboxylate (6c)



Compound **6c** (136 mg, 89%) was obtained as a colorless solid according to the general procedure from oxazatriene **3zb** (116 mg, 0.3 mmol) and *N*-benzyl-*N*-methylamine (40 mg, 0.33 mmol) using hexane/EtOAc mixture (5:1) as eluent for column chromatography. M.p. 118–120 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.54 (br. s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.79–3.91 (m, 4H), 4.38 (br. s, 1H), 6.67 (br. s, 1H), 7.26–7.57 (m, 11H), 7.62–7.72 (m, 2H), 8.06–8.16 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 37.1, 52.2, 52.8, 56.5, 77.7, 85.6, 99.0, 127.16, 127.2, 128.0, 128.1, 128.3, 128.4, 128.7, 129.6, 131.2, 132.3, 136.4, 138.6, 166.4, 169.1, 170.0. HRMS–ESI: $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{28}H_{28}^{35}ClN_2O_5^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 507.1681; found 507.1691. ν_{max}/cm^{-1} 1748 (C=O), 1616 (C=N).

Dimethyl *rac*-(2*R*,3*S*,4*S*)-4-bromo-3-cyclopropyl-3-hydroxy-2-(morpholin-4-yl)-5-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrrole-2,4-dicarboxylate (6d)

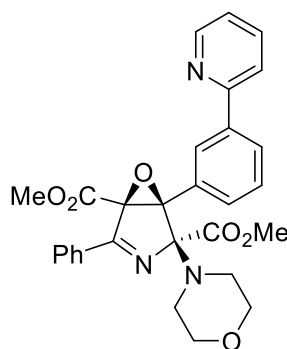


To a solution of diazo compound **2i** (101 mg, 0.6 mmol) and azirine **1a** (76 mg, 0.3 mmol) in anhydrous 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at reflux under argon Rh₂(OAc)₄ (2 mol %) was added. The stirred mixture was heated under reflux until nitrogen evolution stopped. The resulting mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was filtered through a pad of silica gel using toluene/EtOAc 30:1 mixture as eluent. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL). A solution of morpholine (29 mg, 0.33 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added dropwise to the resulting mixture under stirring. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on

silica gel using hexane/EtOAc mixture (5:1). Compound **6d** (122 mg, 85%) was obtained as a colorless solid. M.p. 155–157 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.39–0.50 (m, 1H), 0.51–0.61 (m, 1H), 0.62–0.81 (m, 2H), 1.87–1.99 (m, 1H), 3.06–3.20 (m, 2H), 3.20–3.41 (m, 2H), 3.63–3.88 (m, 10H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 7.36–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.92–8.00 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.1, 3.6, 14.7, 49.0, 52.1, 53.2, 67.6, 71.4, 84.1, 95.9, 128.1, 129.2, 131.2, 131.7, 166.5, 167.4, 170.3. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₆⁷⁹BrN₂O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 481.0969; found 481.0961.

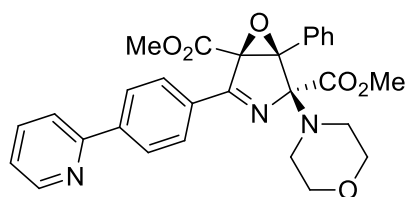
6. Synthesis of epoxyrrrolines **5zd,5ze**

Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-4-(morpholin-4-yl)-2-phenyl-5-(3-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (**5zd**)



The mixture of epoxyrrroline **5l** (103 mg, 0.2 mmol), 2-(tributylstannyl)pyridine (220 mg, 0.6 mmol), CuI (11 mg, 30 mol %) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (23 mg, 10 mol %) in anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) was placed in a screw-capped tube, degassed with argon and then heated at 100 °C for 2 h under stirring. The resulting mixture was cooled, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc, from 2:1 to 1:2) to give compound **5zd** (71 mg, 69%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 114–116 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.83–2.97 (m, 2H), 3.12–3.26 (m, 2H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.79 (t, 4H, *J* 4.7 Hz), 7.22–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.61 (m, 5H), 7.69–7.81 (m, 2H), 7.81–7.89 (m, 2H), 8.01–8.12 (m, 2H), 8.67–8.70 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 49.5, 52.9 (2C), 67.2, 68.4, 73.3, 97.0, 120.2, 122.5, 126.4, 127.7, 128.1, 128.4, 128.7, 129.0, 130.8, 131.8, 131.9, 136.8, 139.5, 149.8, 156.1, 164.5, 168.3, 172.5. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₈N₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 514.1973; found 514.1969.

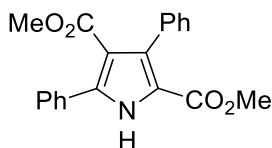
Dimethyl *rac*-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-4-(morpholin-4-yl)-5-phenyl-2-(4-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)-6-oxa-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-1,4-dicarboxylate (5ze**)**



The mixture of epoxyproline **5q** (103 mg, 0.2 mmol), 2-(tributylstannyl)pyridine (110 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuI (11 mg, 30 mol %) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (23 mg, 10 mol %) in anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) was placed in a screw-capped tube, degassed with argon and then heated at 100 °C for 2 h under stirring. The resulting mixture was cooled, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc, from 2:1 to 1:2) to give compound **5ze** (90 mg, 88%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 175–177 °C (Et₂O/hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.81–2.95 (m, 2H), 3.11–3.24 (m, 2H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.78 (t, 4H, *J* 4.7 Hz), 7.25–7.34 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.45 (m, 5H), 7.76–7.85 (m, 2H), 7.90–7.94 (m, 2H), 8.12–8.15 (m, 2H), 8.73–8.76 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 49.5, 52.7, 52.9, 67.2, 68.1, 73.3, 97.1, 120.8, 122.8, 127.1, 127.9, 128.5, 129.5, 130.2, 132.0, 136.9, 142.5, 149.9, 156.1, 164.5, 168.2, 172.1. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₈N₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 514.1973; found 514.1965.

7. Synthesis of pyrrole 11

Dimethyl 3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-2,4-dicarboxylate (**11**)



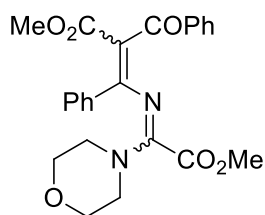
To a solution of epoxyproline **5j** (218 mg, 0.5 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂/MeOH mixture (3/3 mL) Pd/C (80 mg, 10 wt %) was added, and the resulting suspension was stirred overnight under an atmosphere of hydrogen. After the completion of the reaction (control by TLC) the reaction mixture was filtered and evaporated to give after recrystallization from hexane/EtOAc mixture (1:1) compound **11** (152 mg, 91%) as a colorless solid. M.p: 123–124 °C (EtOAc–hexane) (lit.,¹¹ 124–125 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.51 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 7.32–7.52 (m, 8H), 7.56–7.67 (m, 2H), 9.55 (br. s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 51.0, 51.5, 114.6, 119.3, 127.16, 127.19, 128.4, 128.8, 129.0, 129.9, 131.1, 133.5, 134.0, 139.0, 161.4, 165.0. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NO₄⁺ [M+H]⁺: 336.1230; found 336.1231.

8. Synthesis of oxazatrienes 12a–c

General procedure

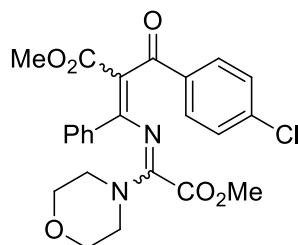
The solution of epoxy pyrroline **5j,k,n** (0.4 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (10 mL) was stirred and irradiated by UV lamp for 4 h. The resulting mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc, 1:1) to give oxazatriene **12a–c**.

Methyl 2-benzoyl-3-[(2-methoxy-1-morpholino-2-oxoethylidene)amino]-3-phenylacrylate (12a)



Compound **12a** (unseparated mixture of C=C isomers 1:1) (164 mg, 94%) was obtained as a yellow oil according to the general procedure from epoxy pyrroline **5j** (174 mg, 0.4 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.00–3.12 (m, 2H), 3.31–3.40 (m, 2H), 3.48–3.65 and 3.77–3.85 (2m, 10H), 7.09–7.21 and 7.26–7.54 (2m, 8H), 7.78–7.86 (m, 1H), 7.91–7.99 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 45.6, 46.2, 51.3, 51.6, 52.5, 52.7, 65.8, 66.4, 115.0, 117.6, 127.75, 127.8, 128.0, 128.1, 128.5, 128.8, 128.9, 129.0, 129.3, 129.6, 131.9, 132.4, 137.2, 137.8, 138.2, 138.6, 149.3, 150.3, 161.2, 161.27, 161.28, 162.3, 165.7, 167.3, 194.3, 194.5. HRMS–ESI: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₅N₂O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 437.1707; found 437.1719.

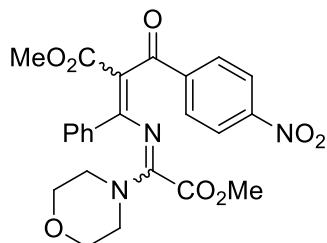
Methyl 2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3-[(2-methoxy-1-morpholino-2-oxoethylidene)amino]-3-phenylacrylate (12b)



Compound **12b** (unseparated mixture of C=C isomers 1:0.9) (181 mg, 96%) was obtained as a yellow oil according to the general procedure from epoxy pyrroline **5k** (188 mg, 0.4 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.07–3.19 (m, 2H), 3.38–3.49 (m, 2H), 3.50–3.69 and 3.76–3.87 (2m, 10H), 7.11–7.49 (m, 7H), 7.74–7.78 (m, 1H), 7.88–7.92 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 45.7, 46.3, 51.5, 51.7, 52.7, 52.8, 66.0, 66.5, 114.6, 117.3, 127.9, 128.0, 128.4, 128.5,

128.53, 128.9, 129.6, 129.8, 130.4, 130.6, 136.7, 137.1, 137.14, 137.7, 138.3, 138.8, 149.3, 150.6, 161.25, 161.29, 161.7, 162.8, 165.6, 167.1, 193.2, 193.4. HRMS–ESI: $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{24}H_{24}^{35}ClN_2O_6^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 471.1317; found 471.1321.

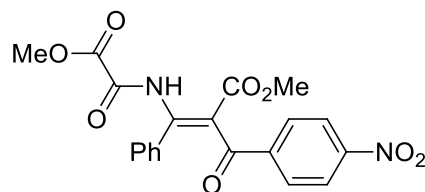
Methyl 3-[(2-methoxy-1-morpholino-2-oxoethylidene)amino]-2-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-3-phenylacrylate (12c)



Compound **12c** (unseparated mixture of isomers 1:1) (179 mg, 93%) was obtained as a yellow oil according to the general procedure from epoxyproline **5n** (192 mg, 0.4 mmol). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 2.80–4.10 (m, 14H), 6.90–7.63 (m, 5H), 7.74–8.50 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 45.8, 46.4, 51.6, 52.8, 66.1, 66.4, 114.1, 117.0, 123.3, 128.1, 128.8, 129.7, 130.0, 137.0, 137.5, 143.3, 149.5, 150.9, 161.1, 163.3, 164.2, 165.5, 167.0, 193.1 (other signals are overlapped). HRMS–ESI: $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{24}H_{24}N_3O_8^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 482.1558; found 482.1563.

9. Synthesis of compound 13

Methyl (Z)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoacetamido)-2-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-3-phenylacrylate (13)

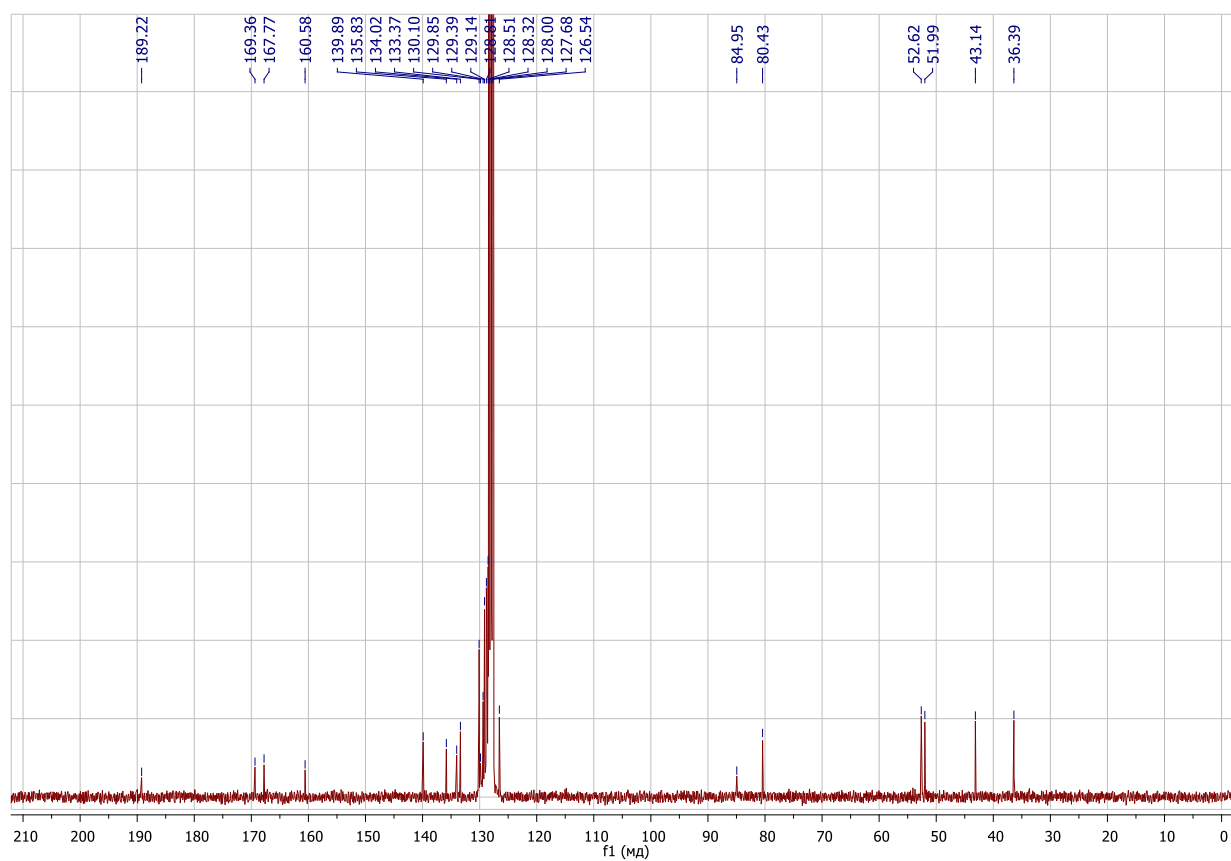
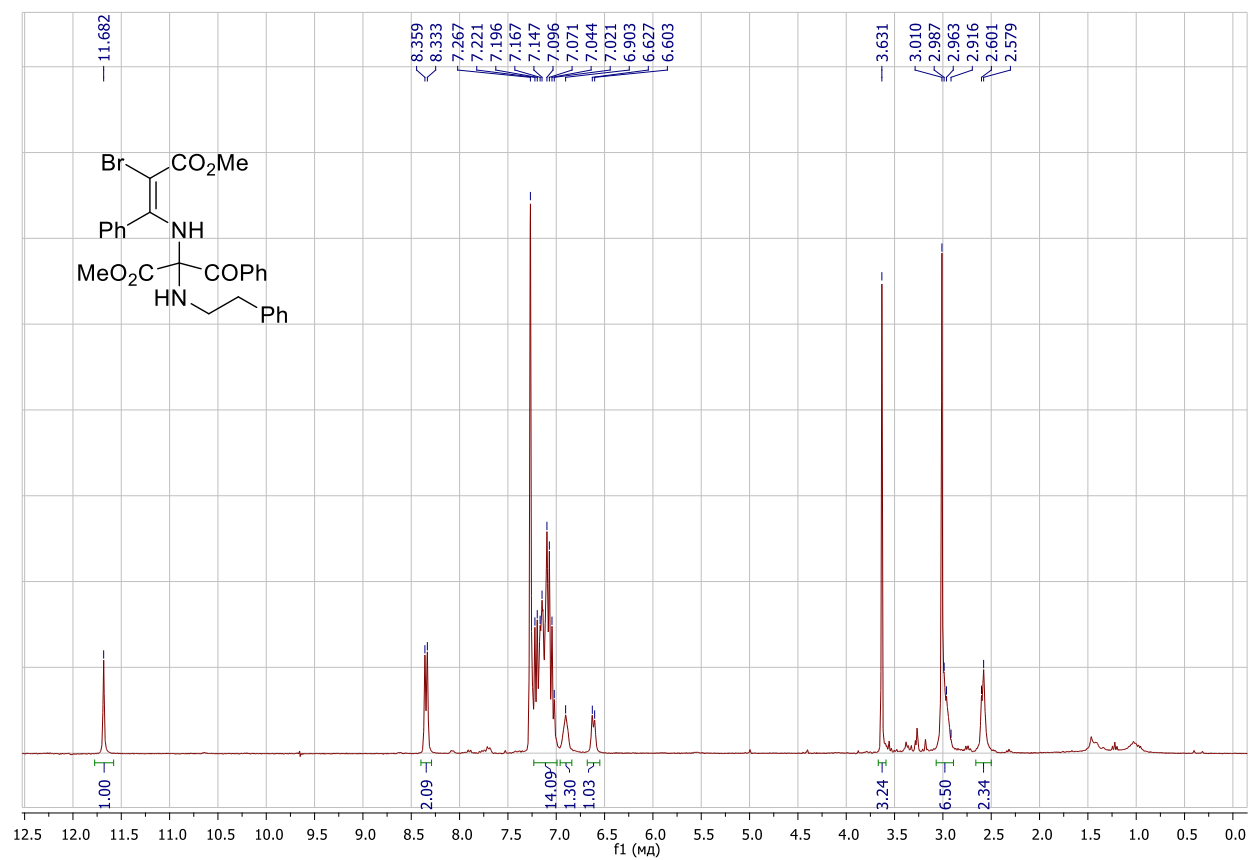


To a solution of oxazatriene **12c** (192 mg, 0.4 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) a saturated solution of HCl in Et_2O (1 mL) was added, and the resulting emulsion was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was washed with 10% solution of Na_2CO_3 (10 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2×5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/ $EtOAc$, from 8:1 to 2:1) to give **13** (67 mg, 41%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 177–178 °C ($EtOAc$ –hexane). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 7.11–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.80–7.87 (m, 2H), 8.12–8.20 (m, 2H), 12.55 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 52.8, 54.2, 113.9, 123.6, 128.2,

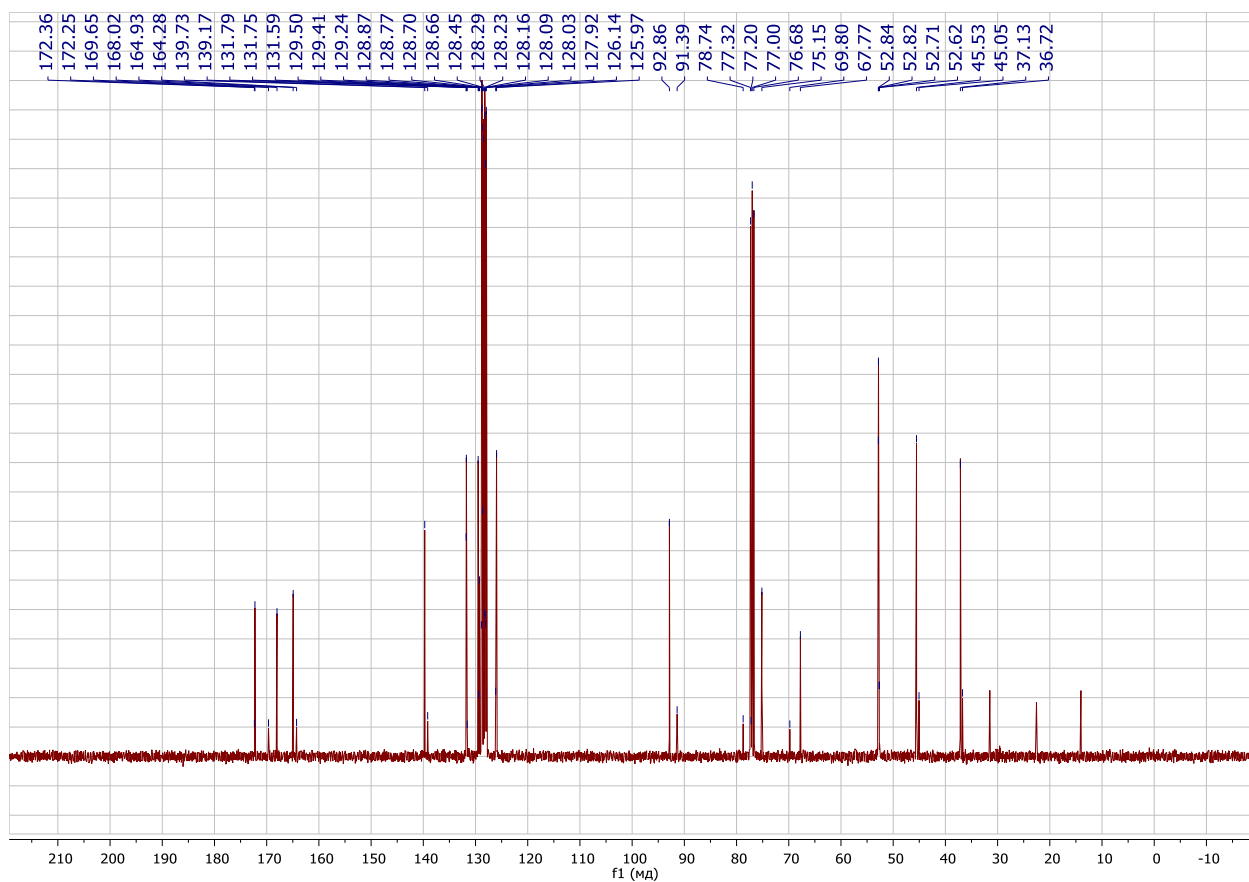
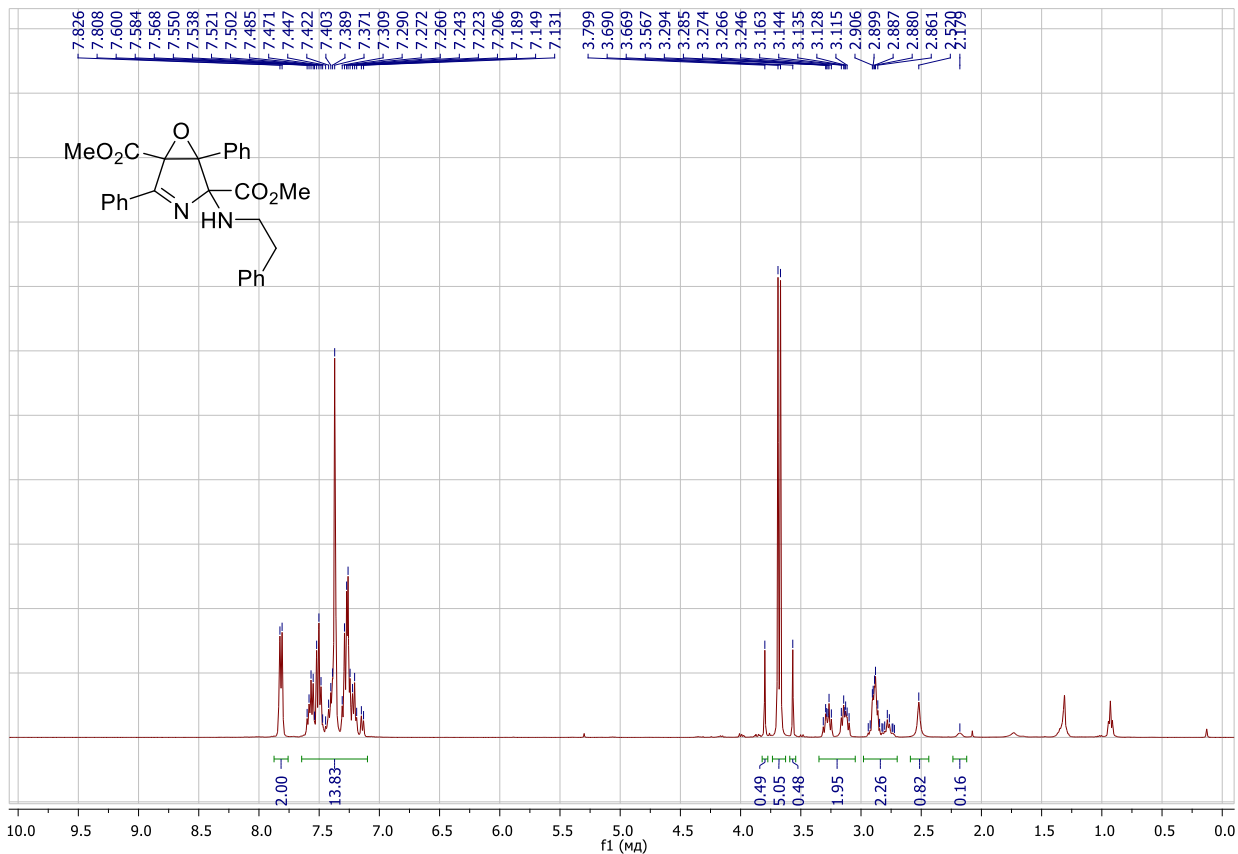
128.3, 129.7, 130.2, 131.6, 141.8, 150.1, 152.3, 153.8, 160.2, 166.3, 190.7. HRMS-ESI: $[M+H]^+$
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10. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra

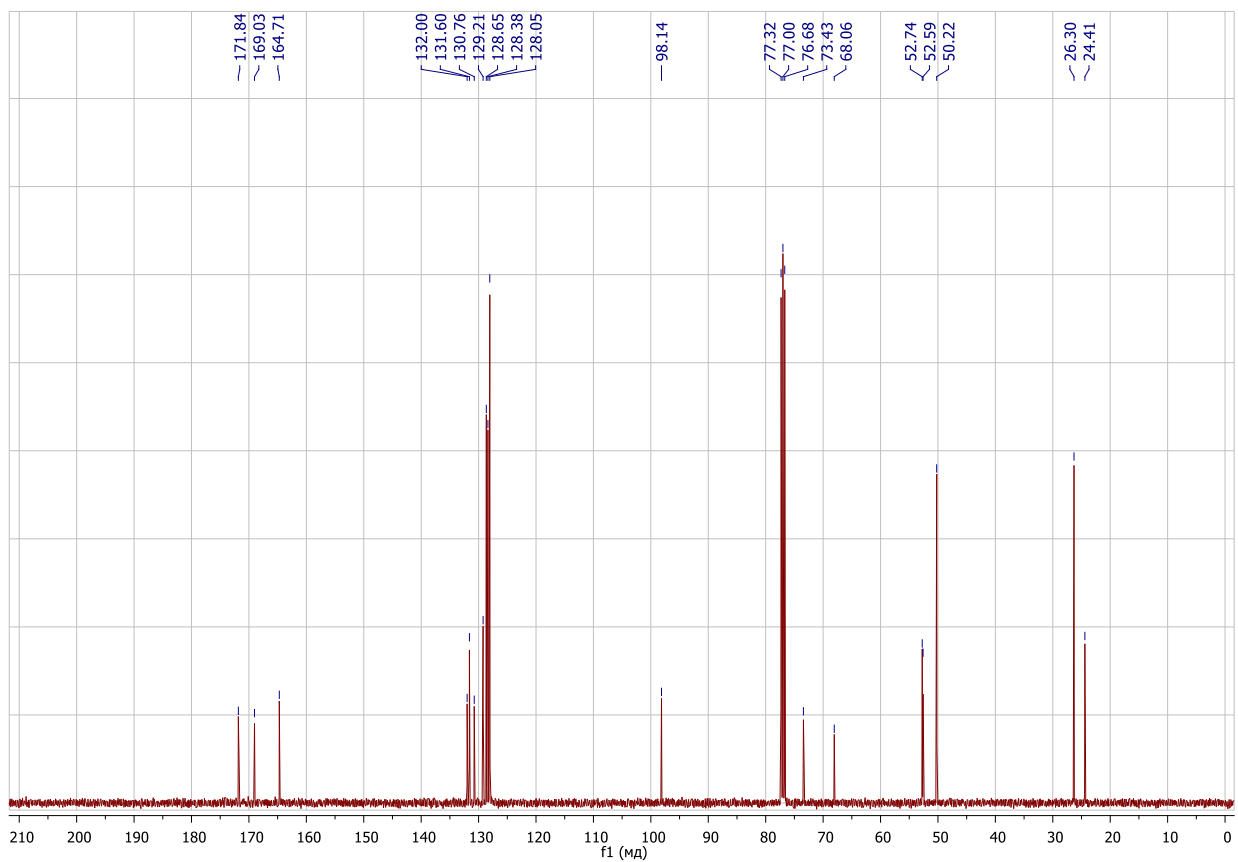
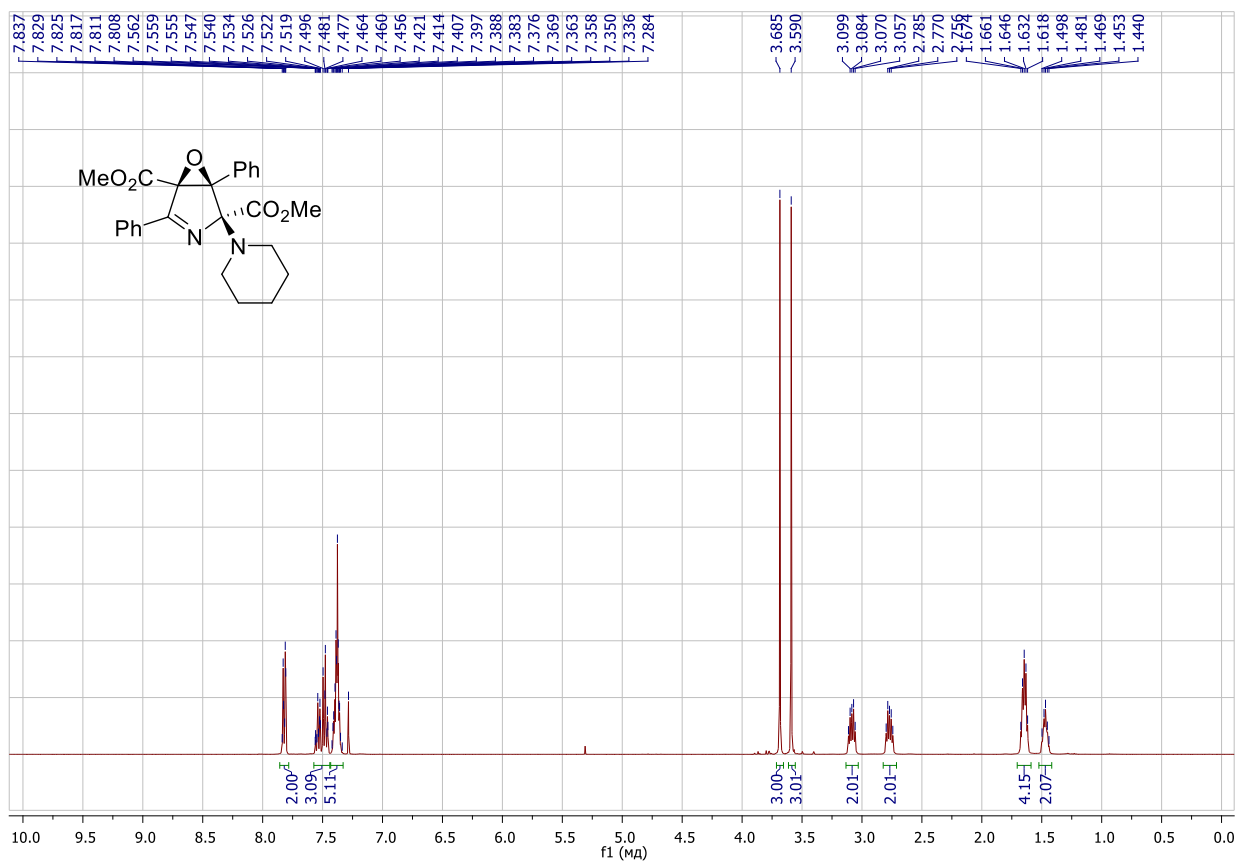
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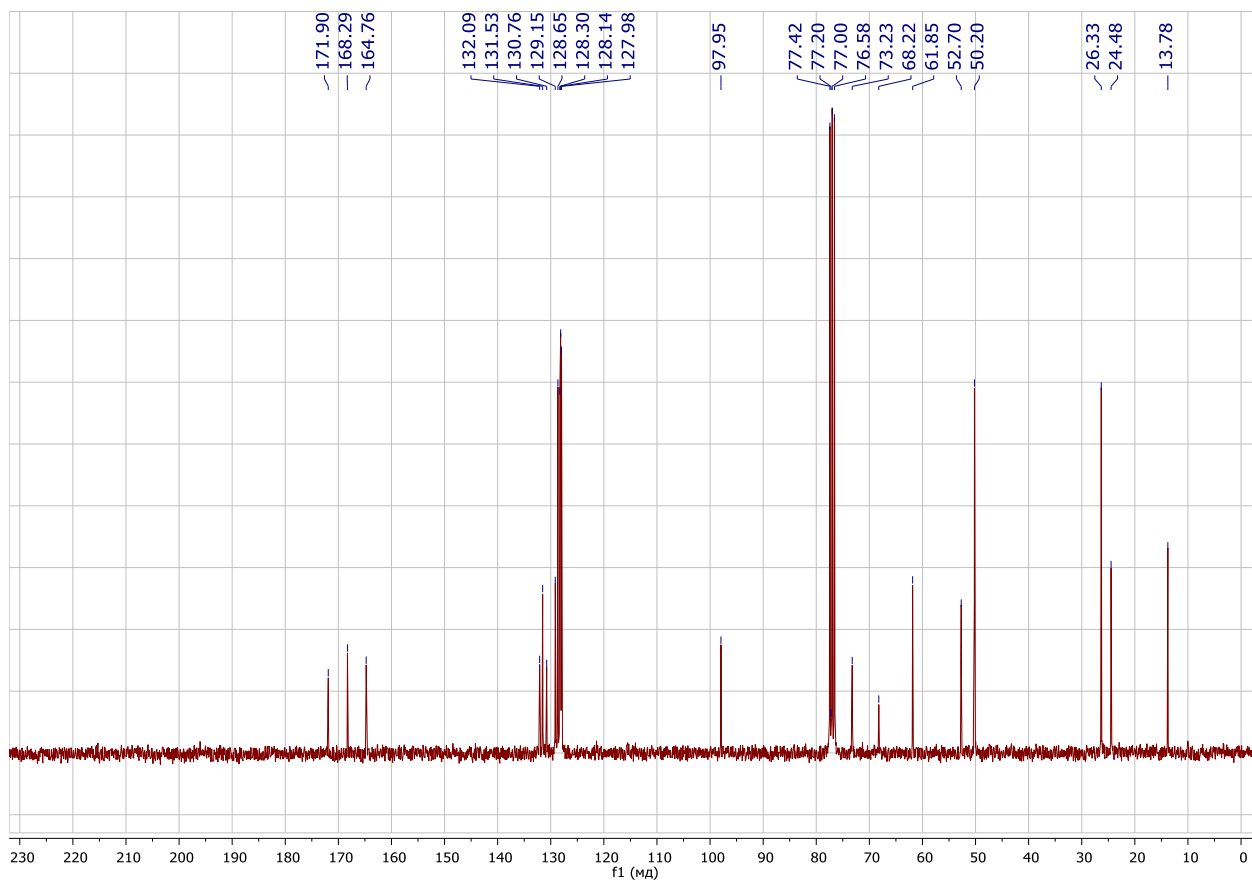
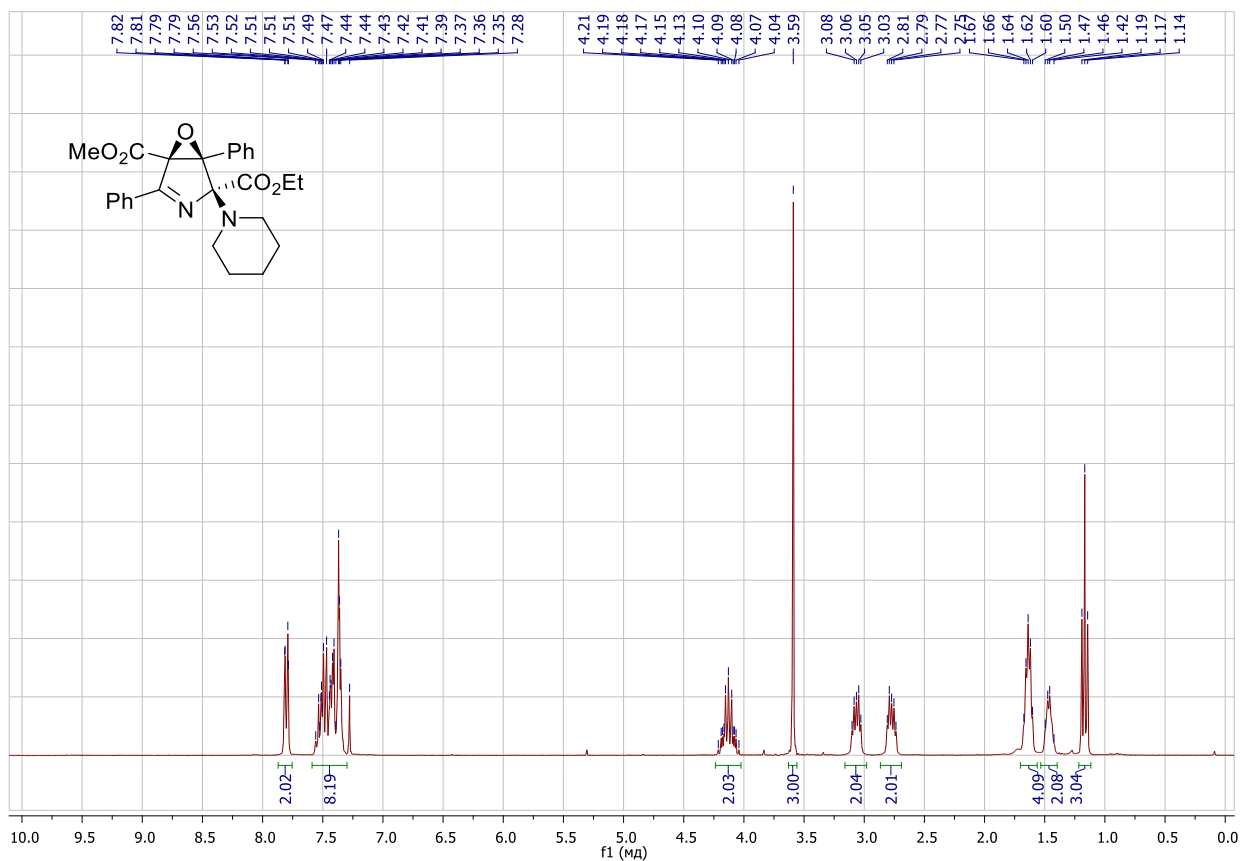
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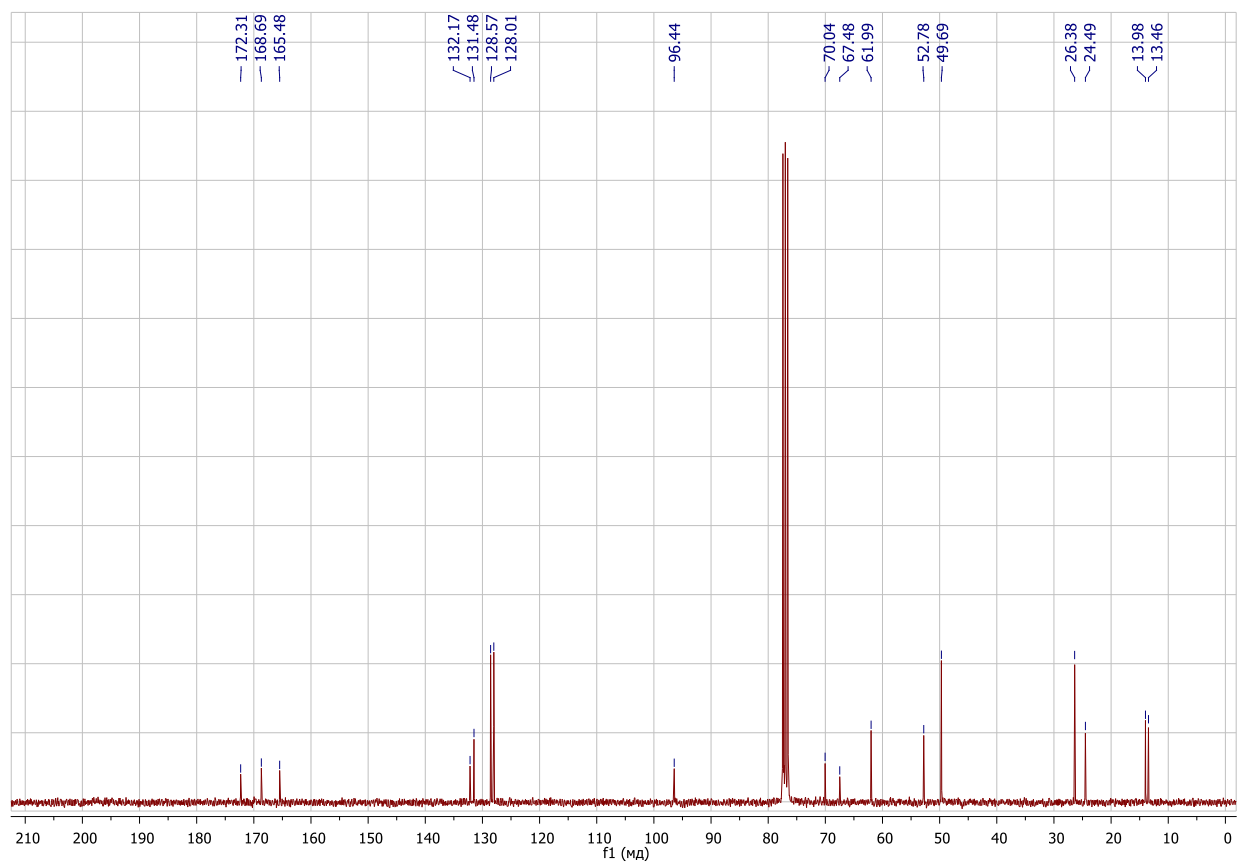
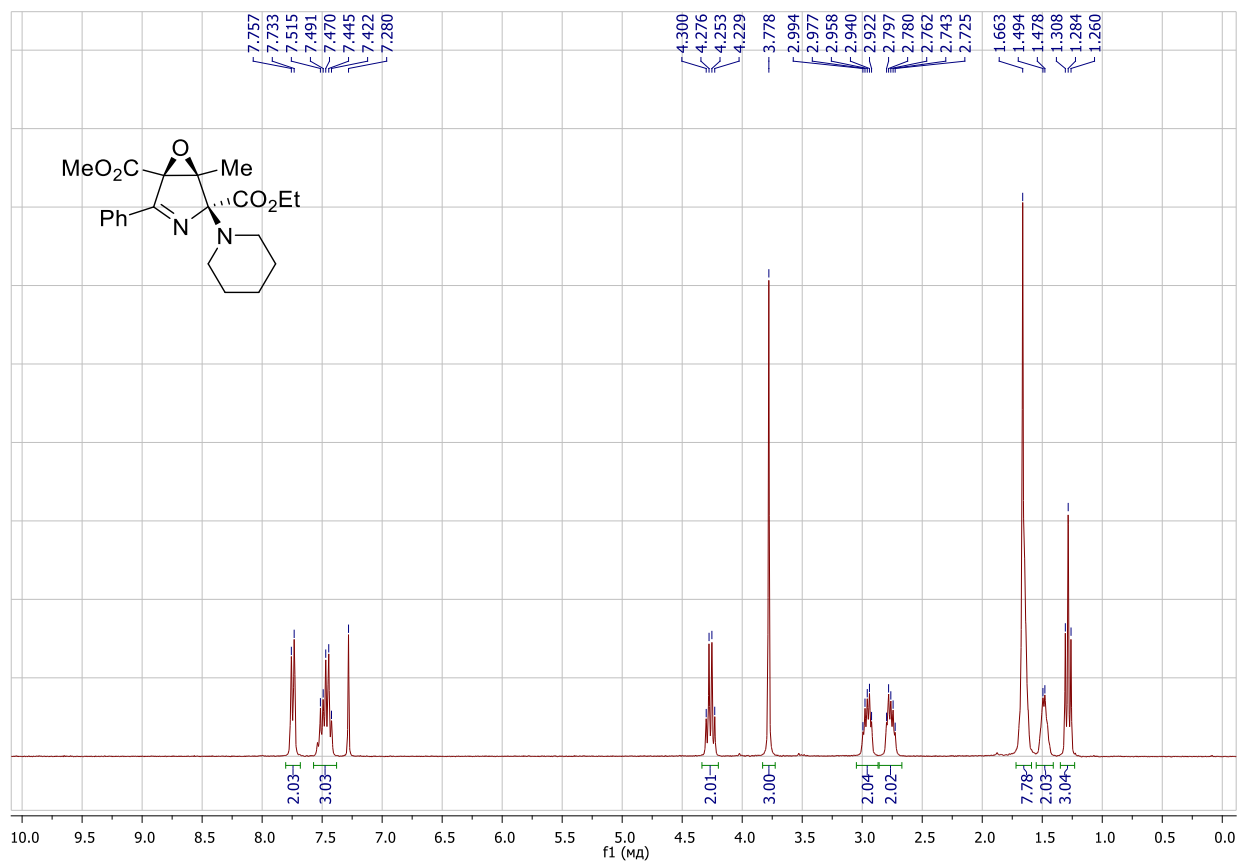
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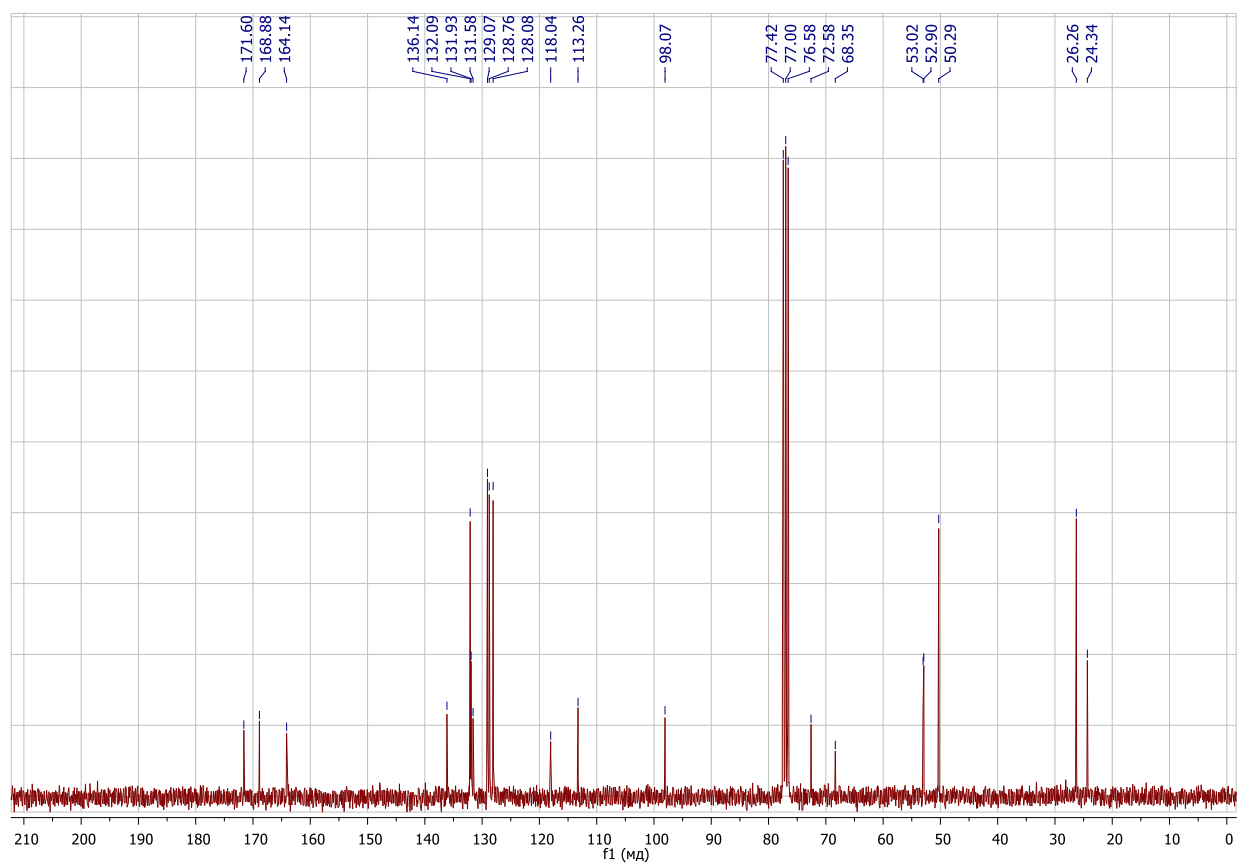
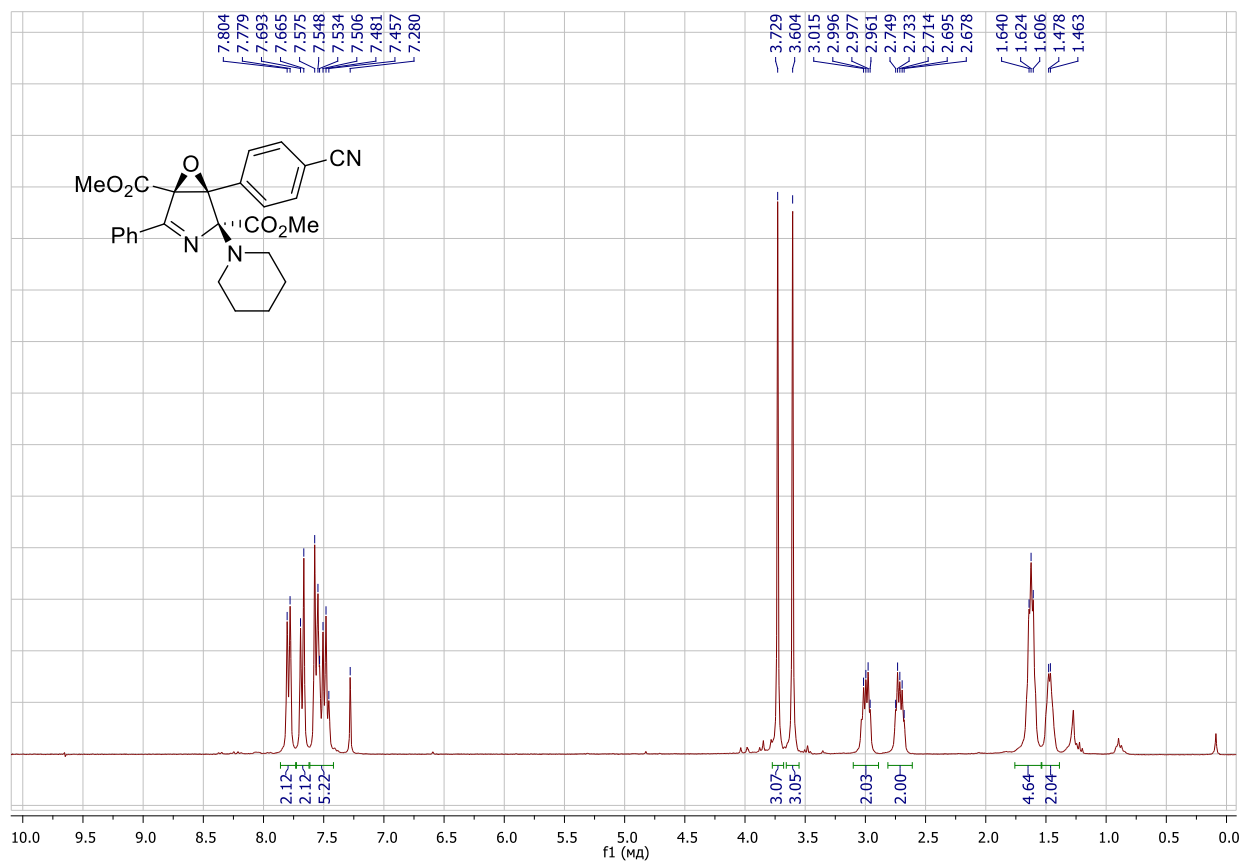
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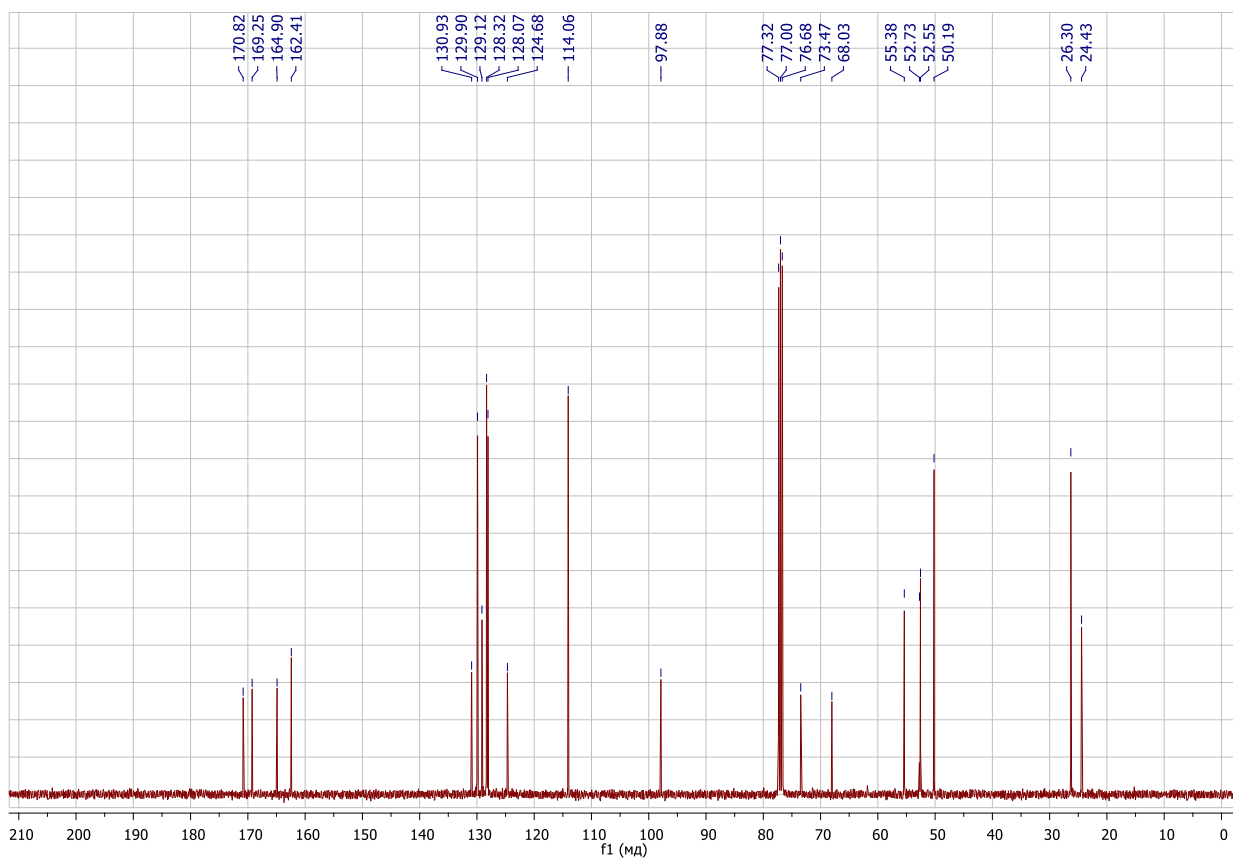
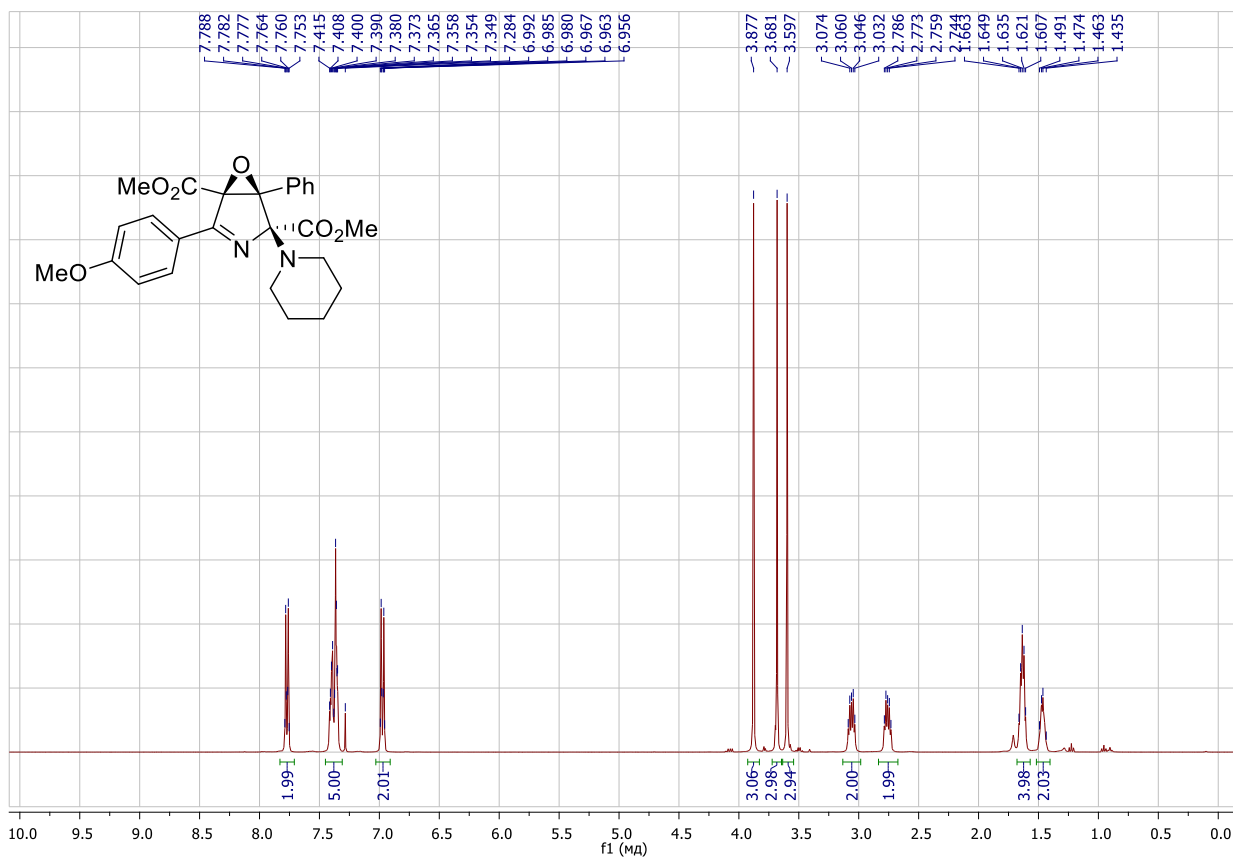
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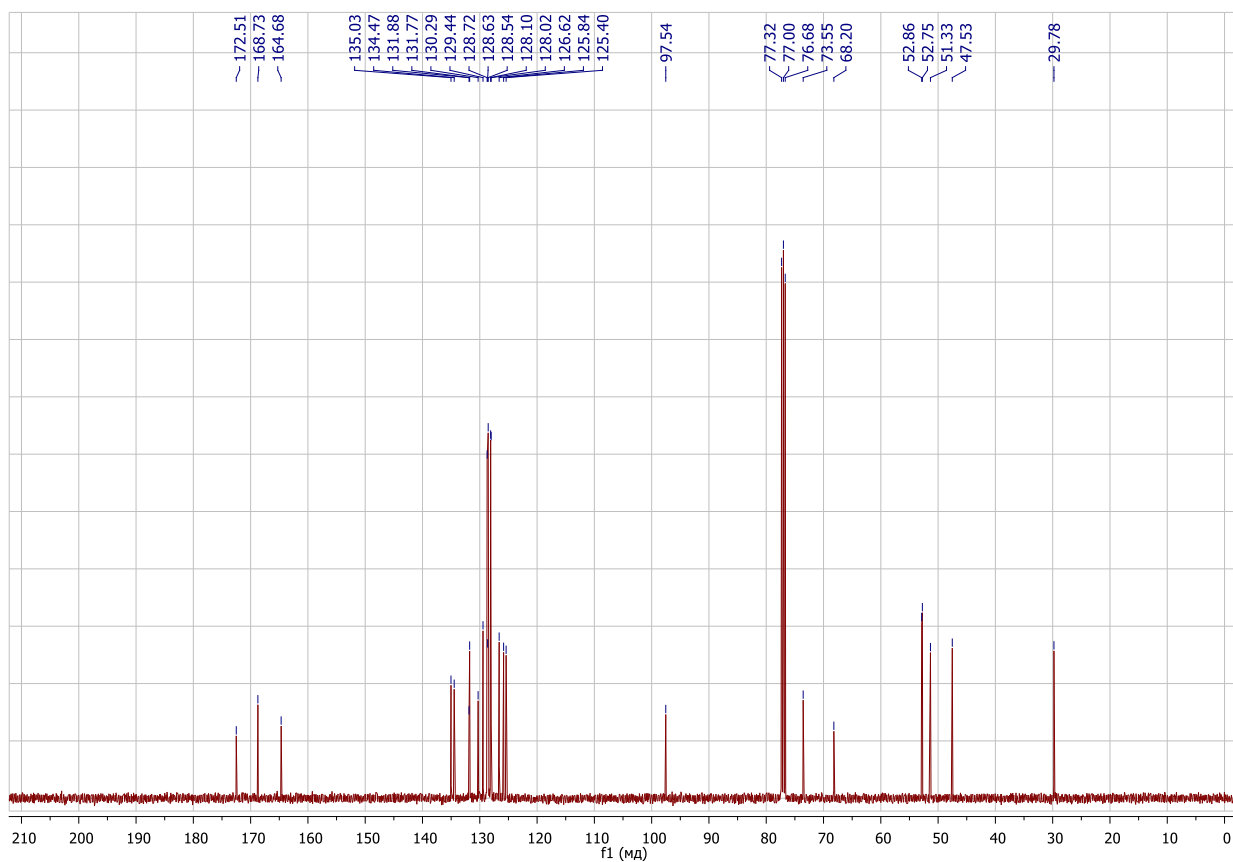
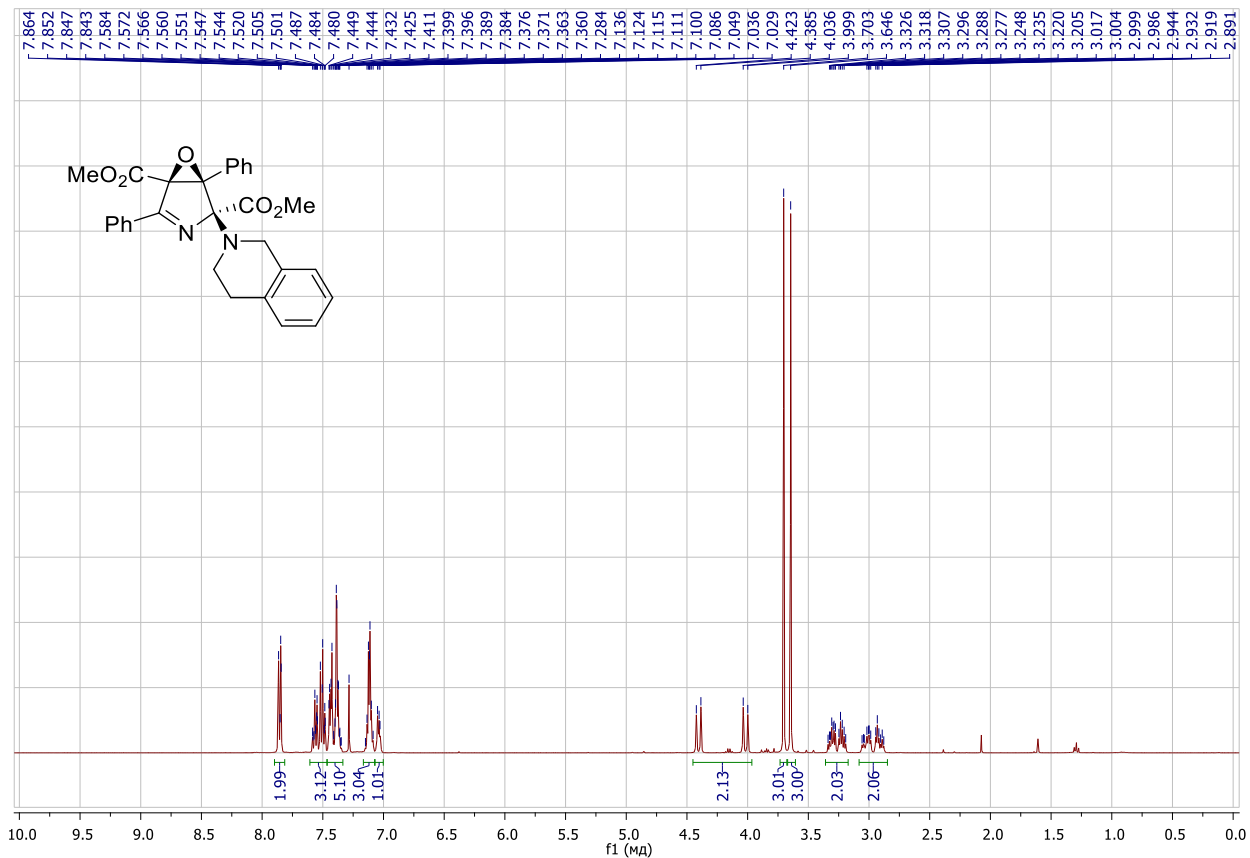
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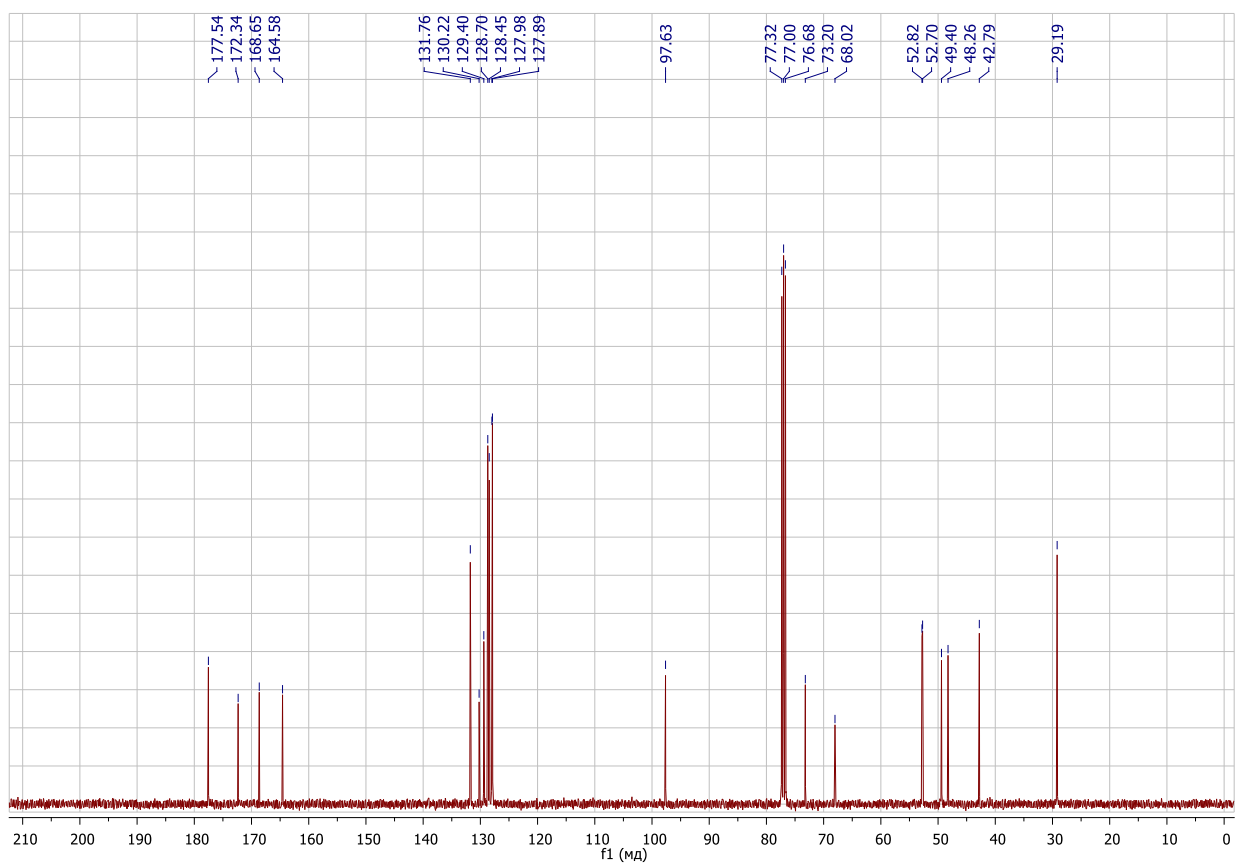
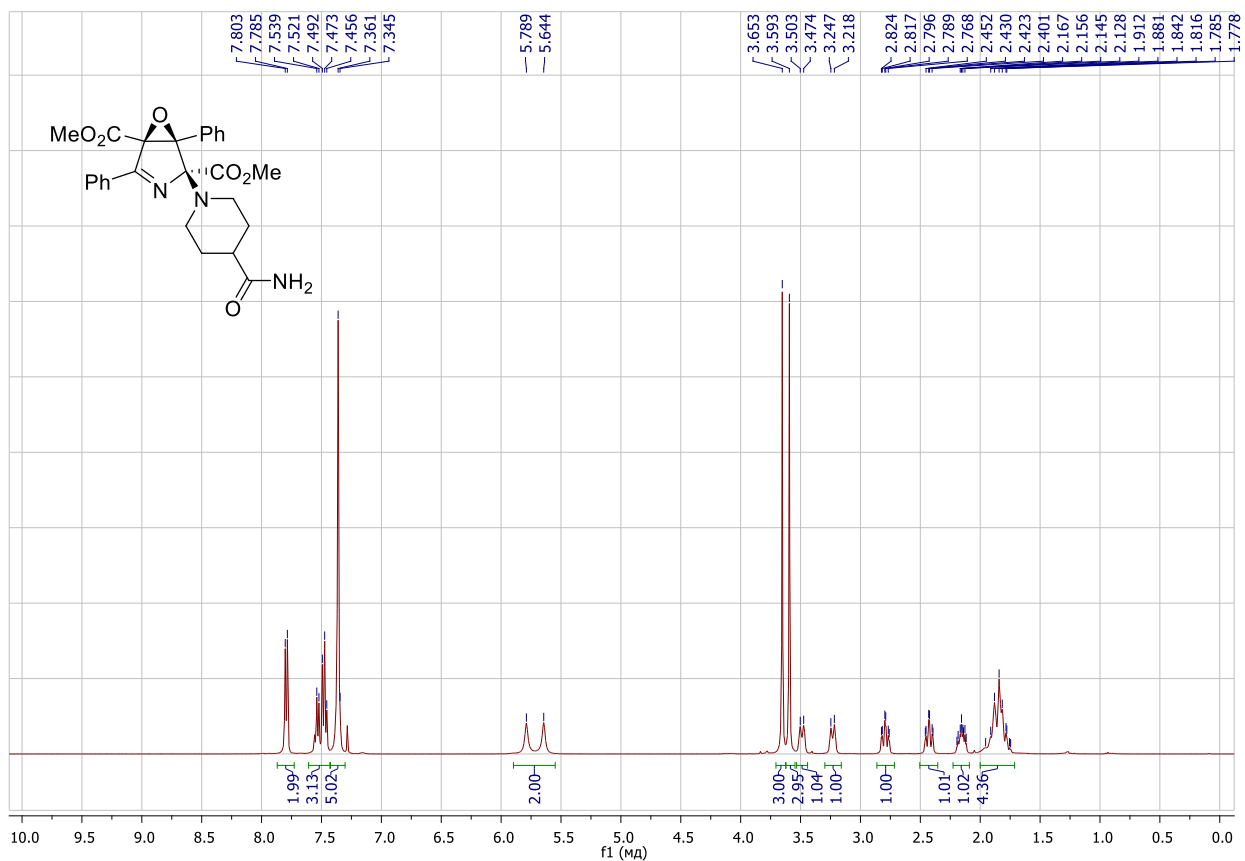
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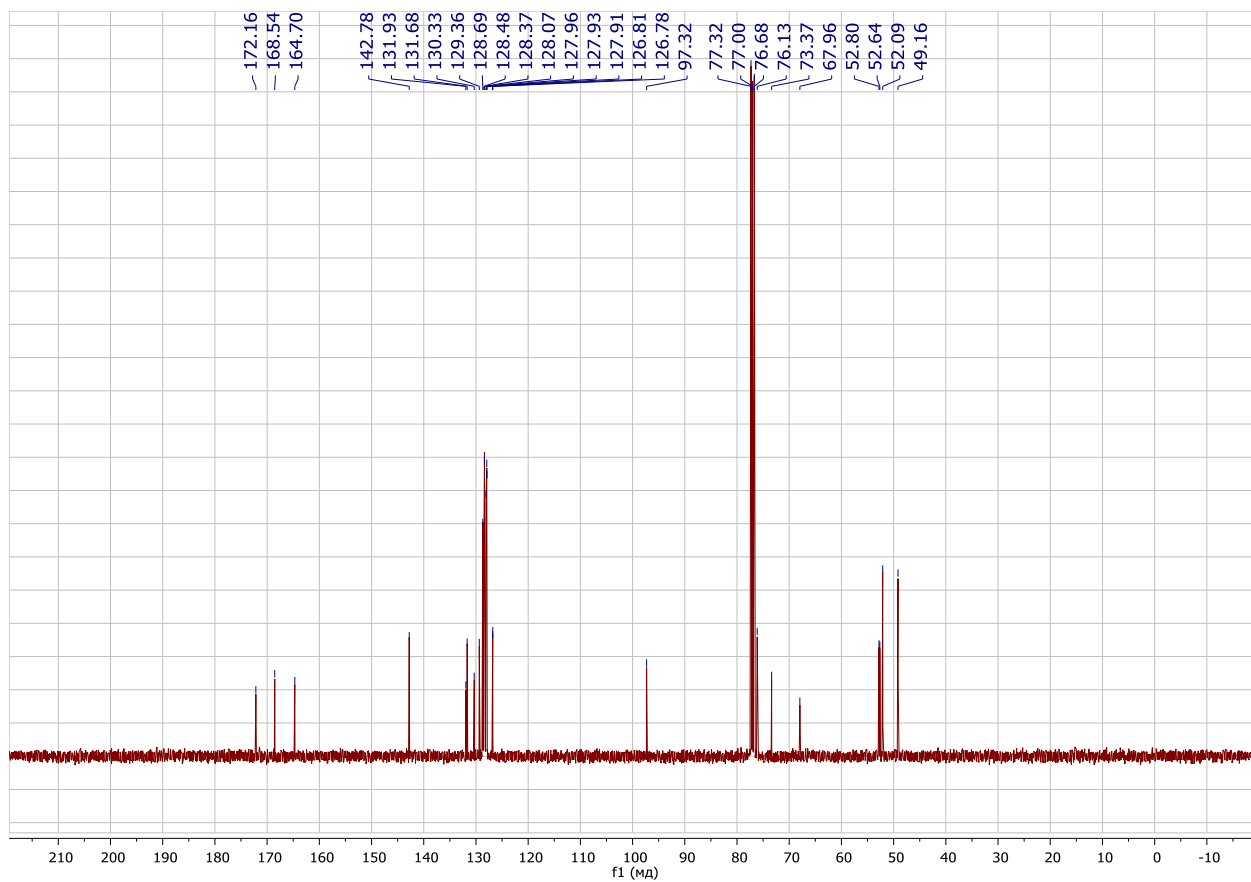
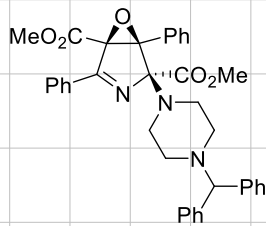
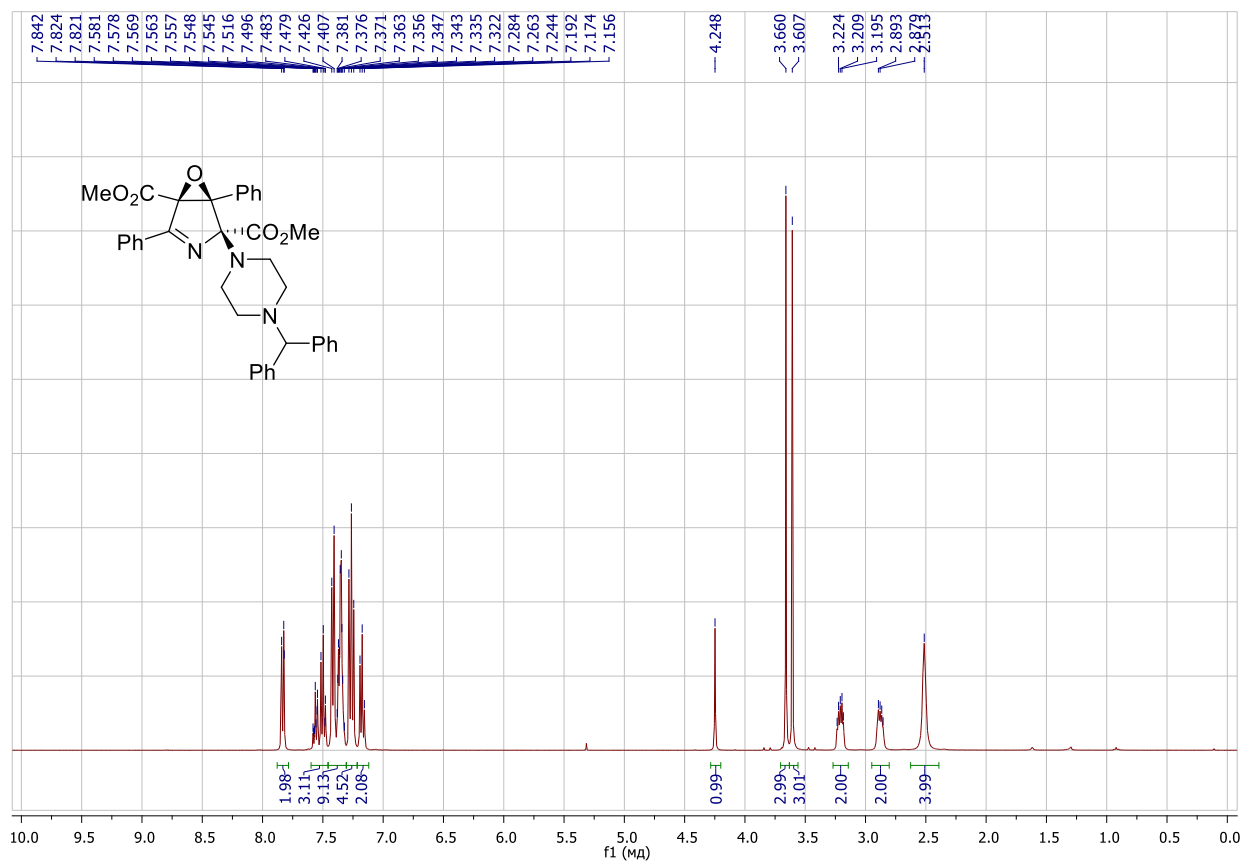
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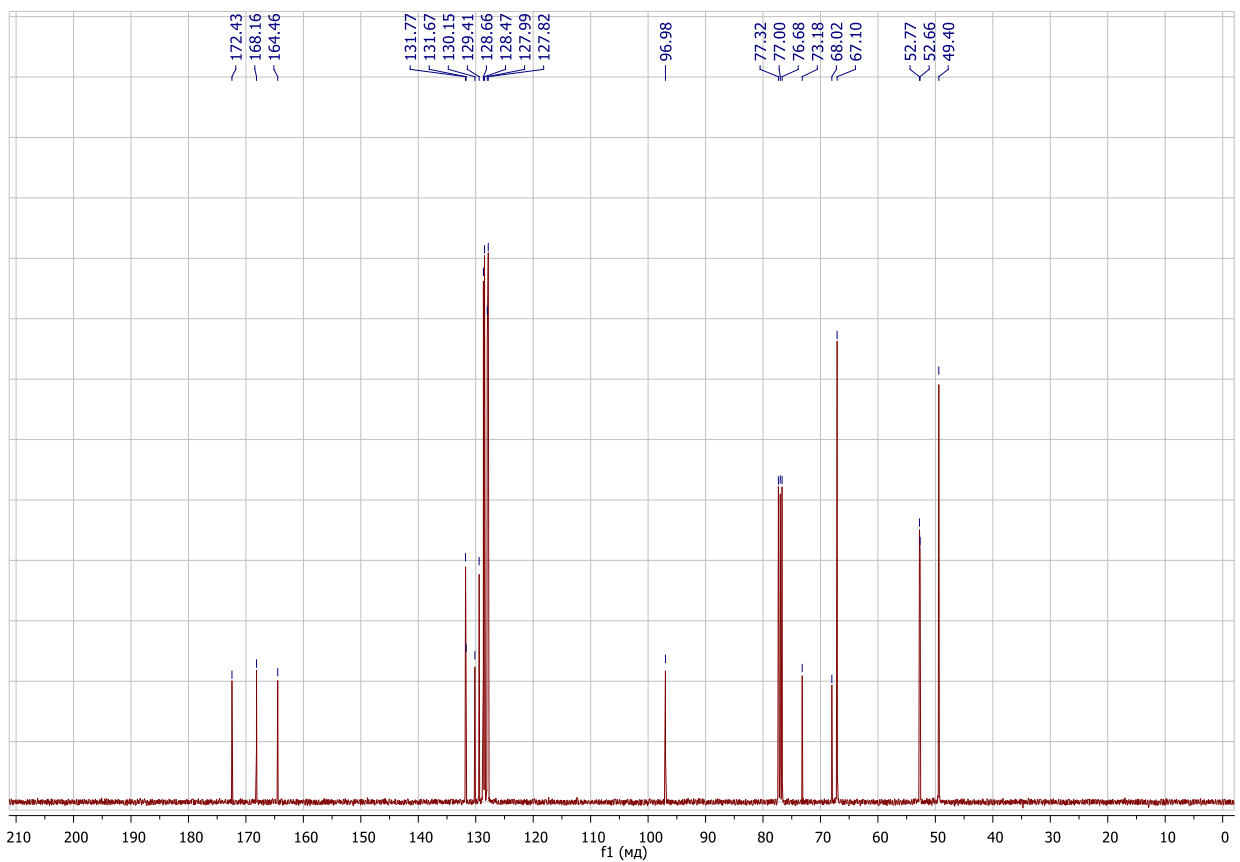
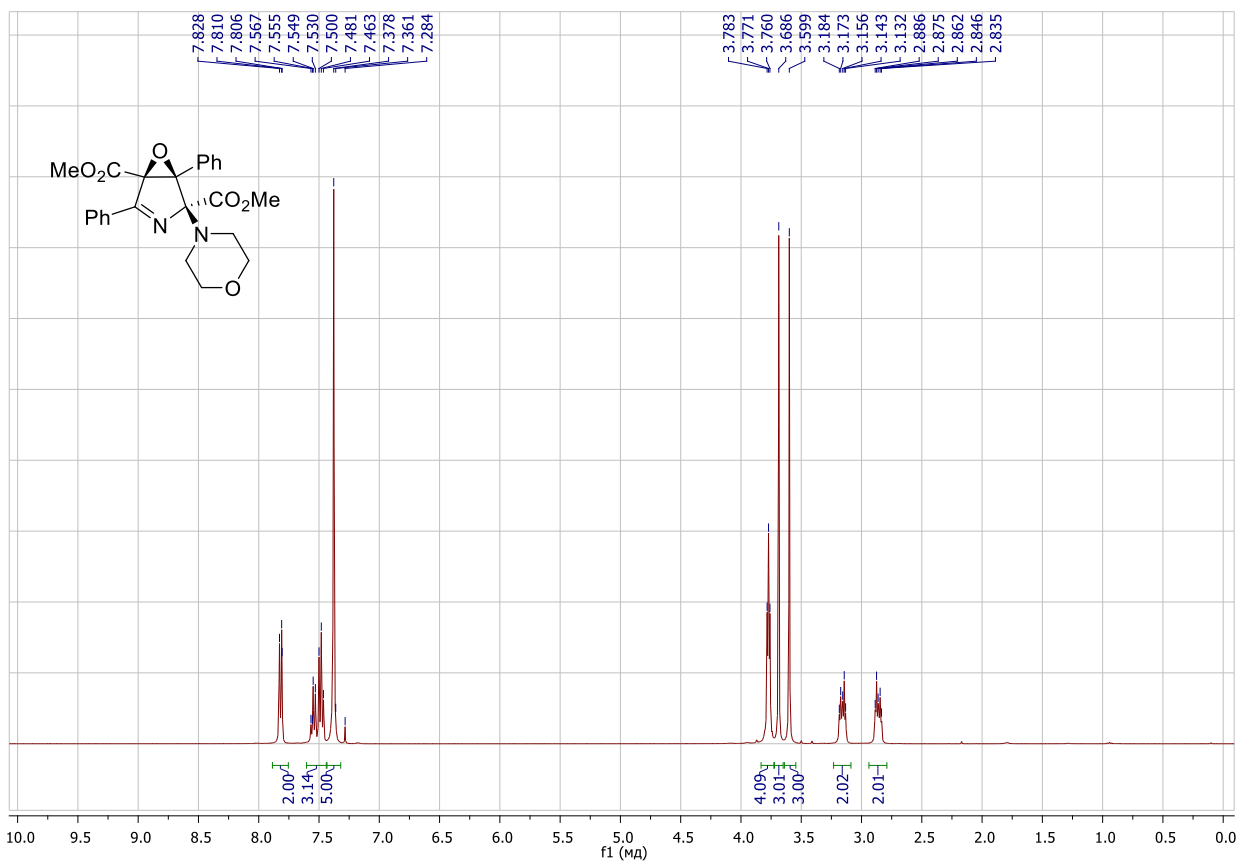
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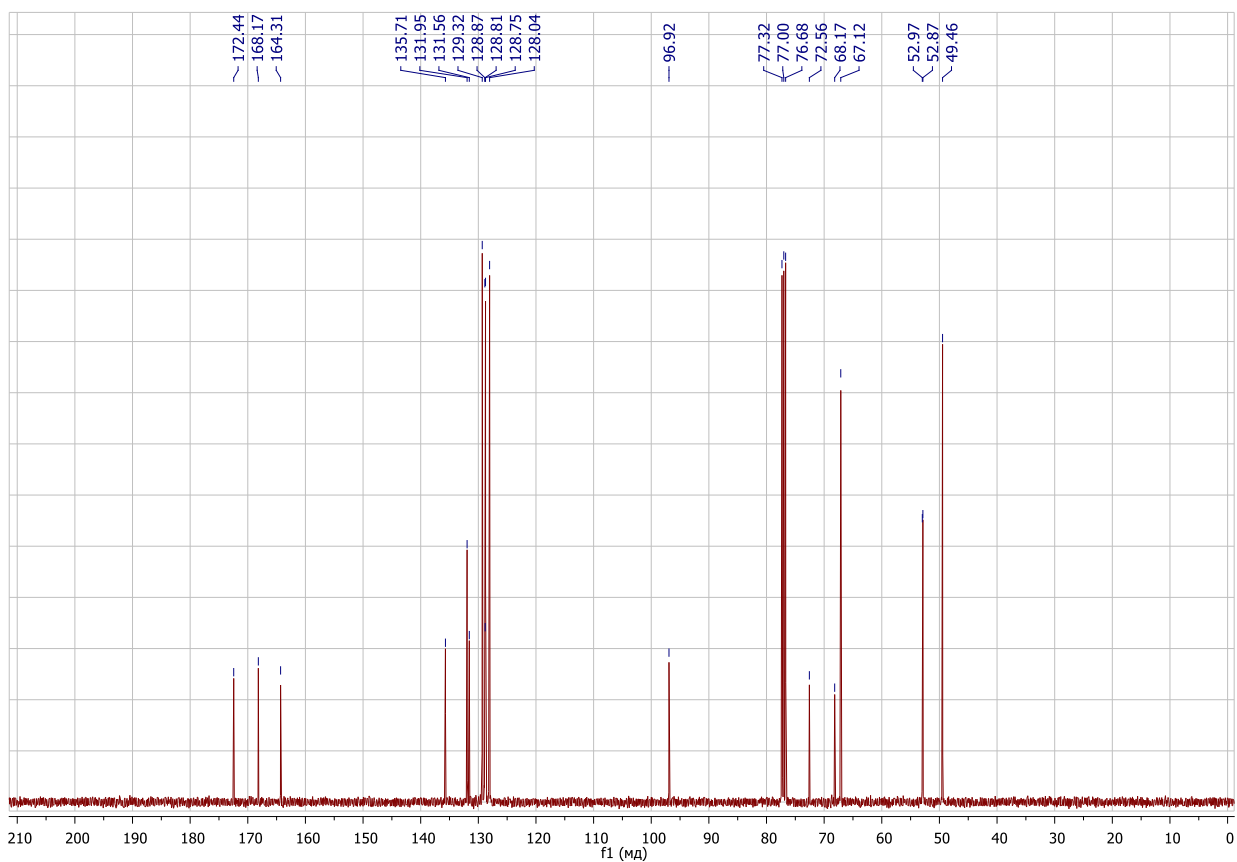
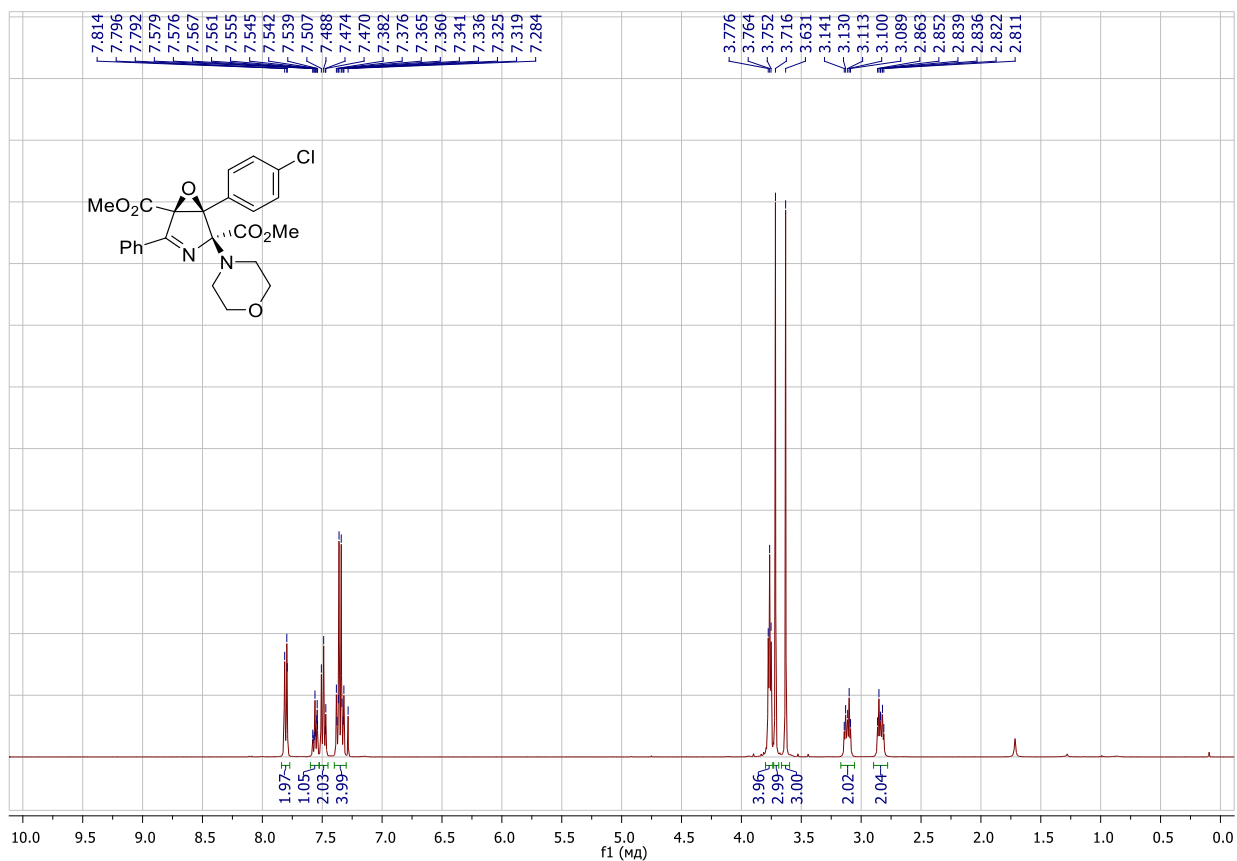
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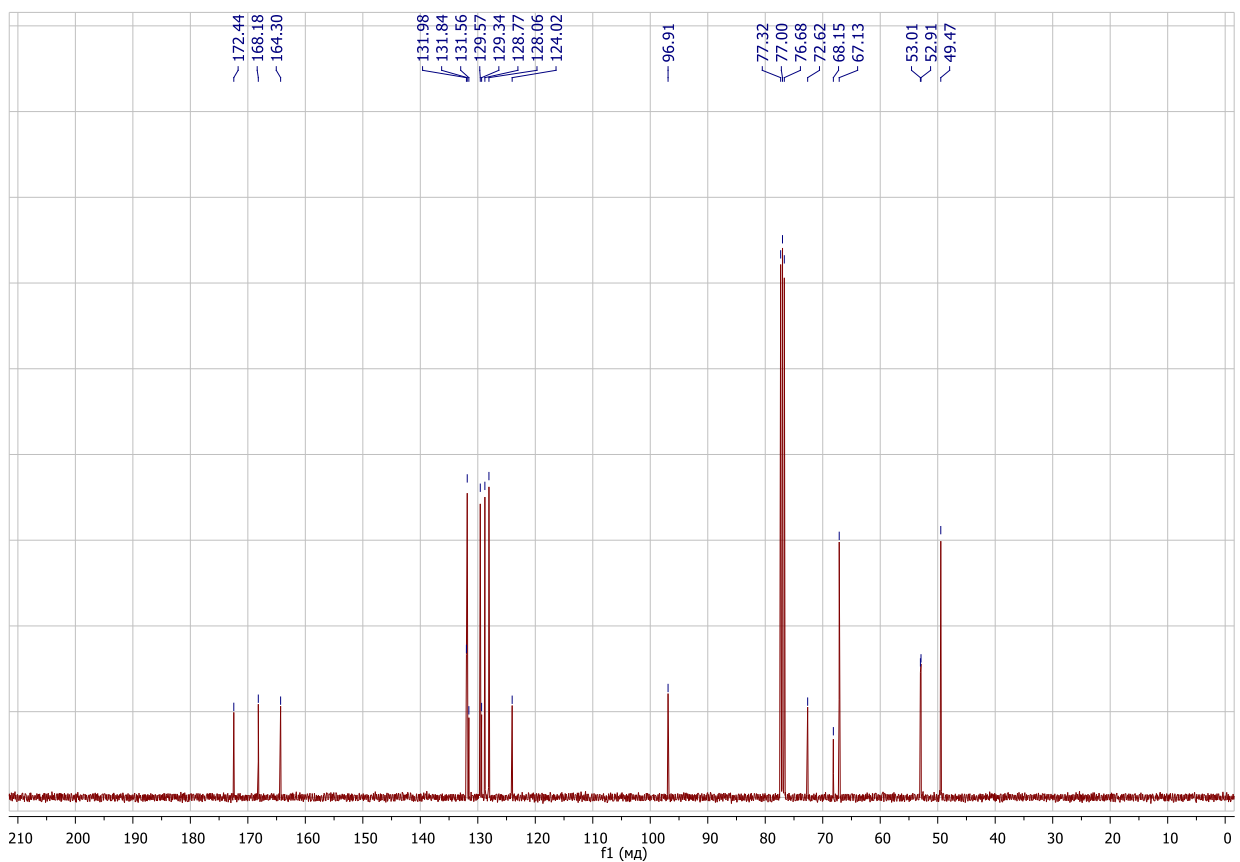
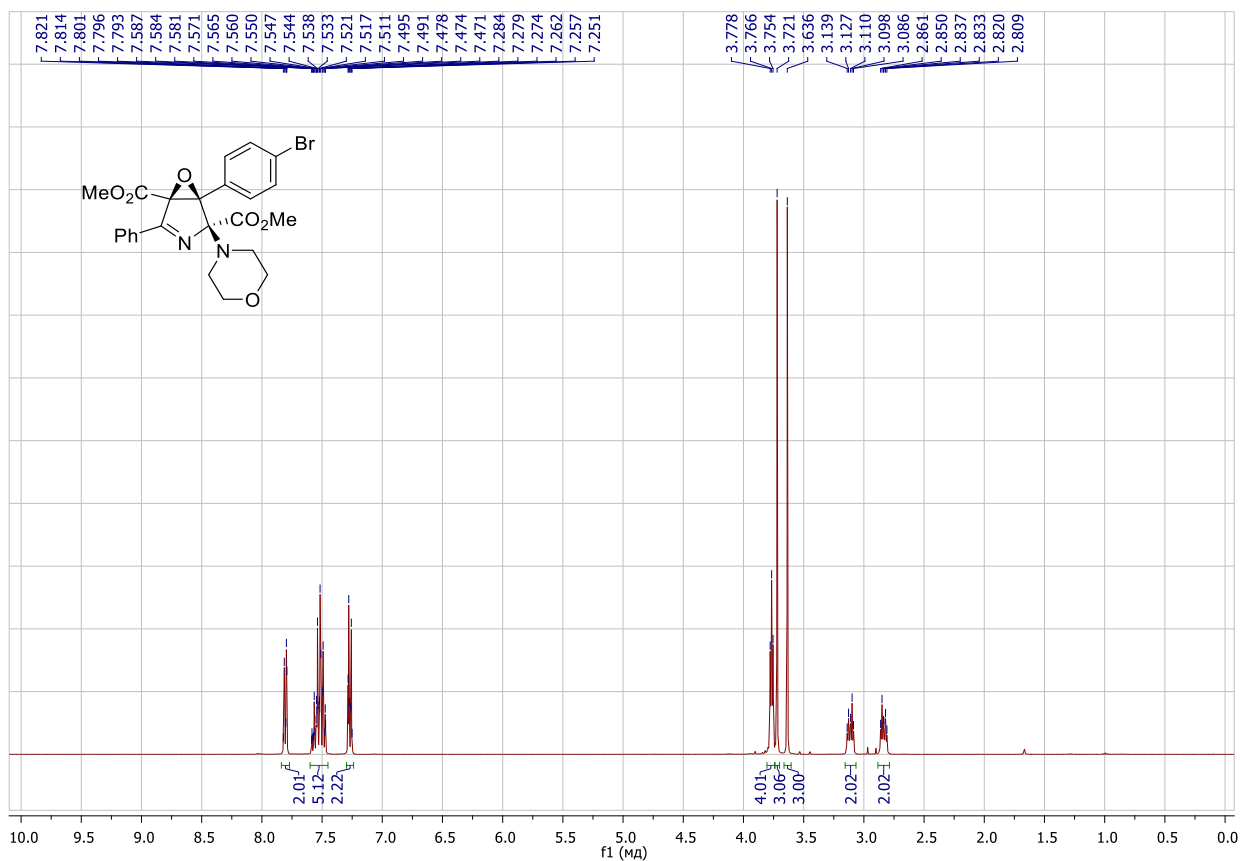
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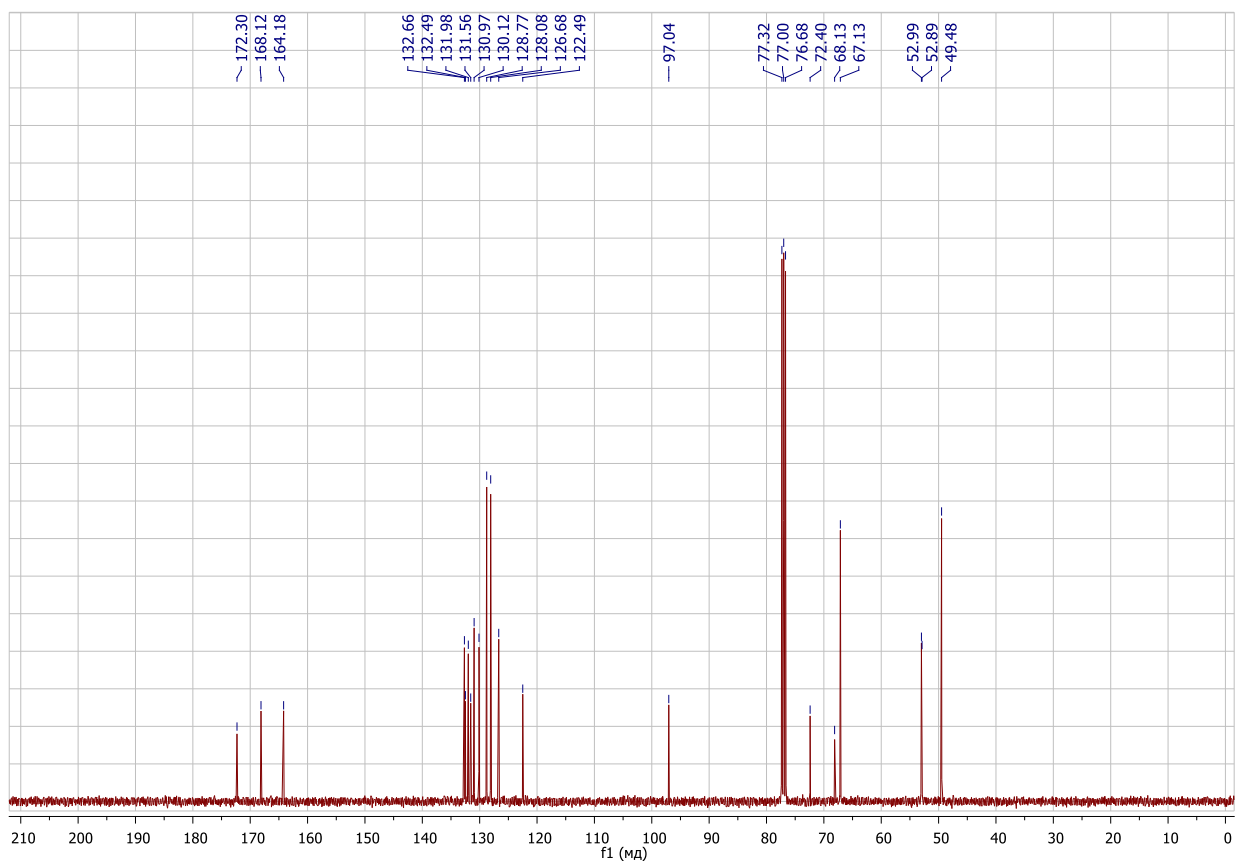
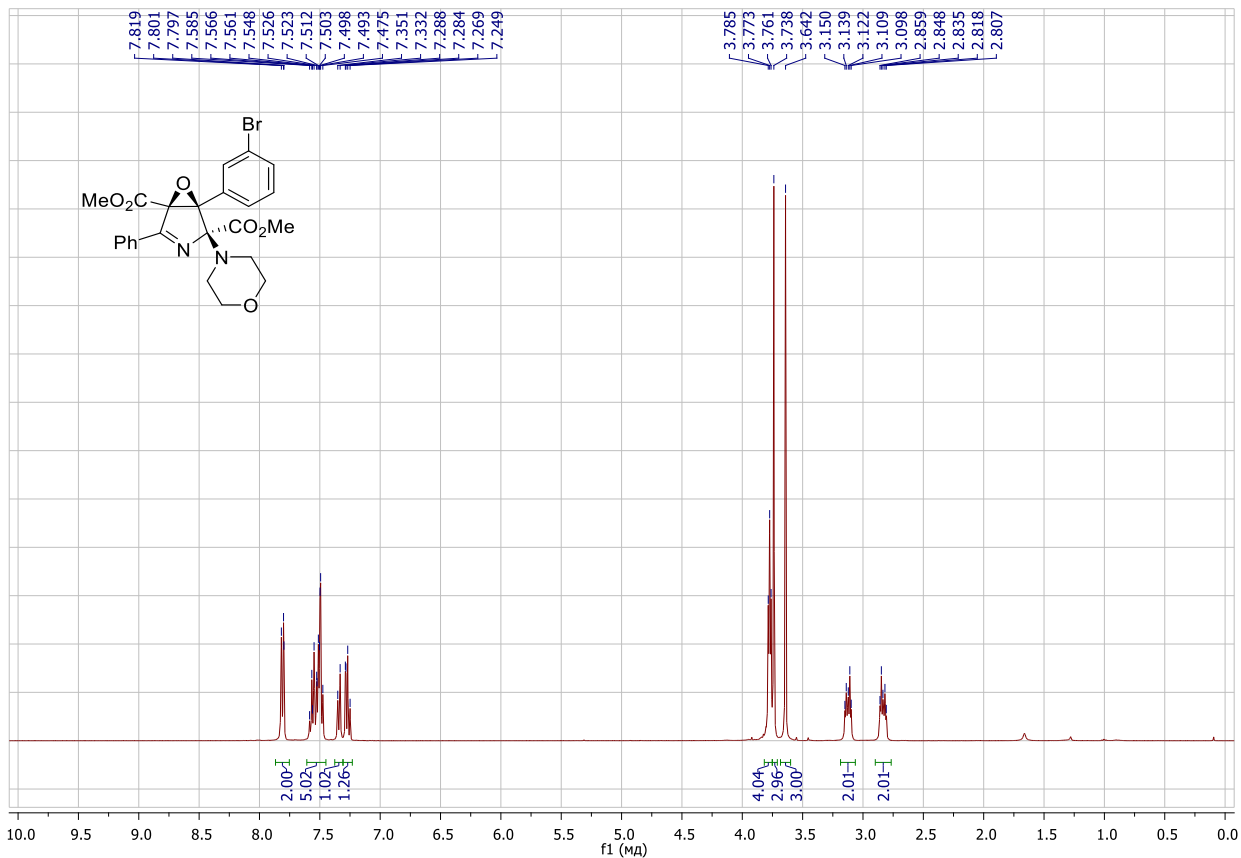
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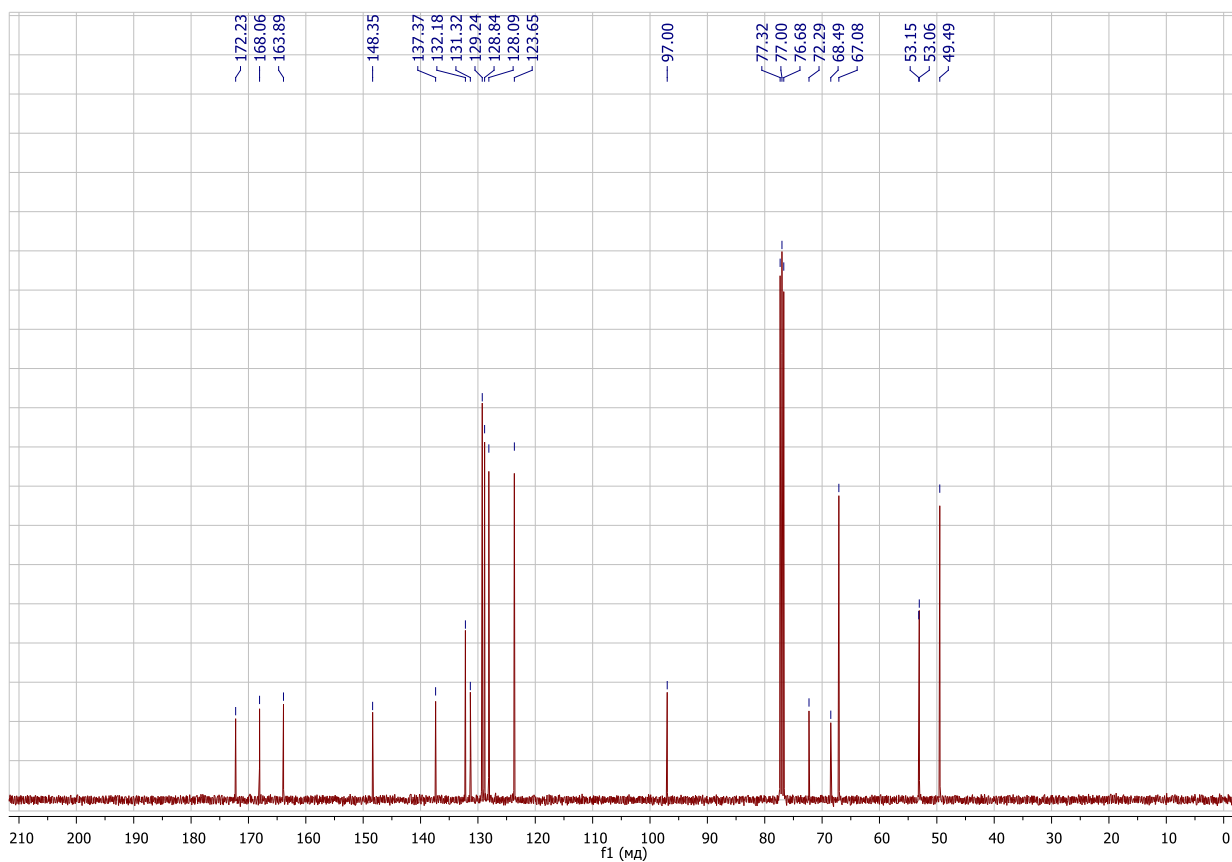
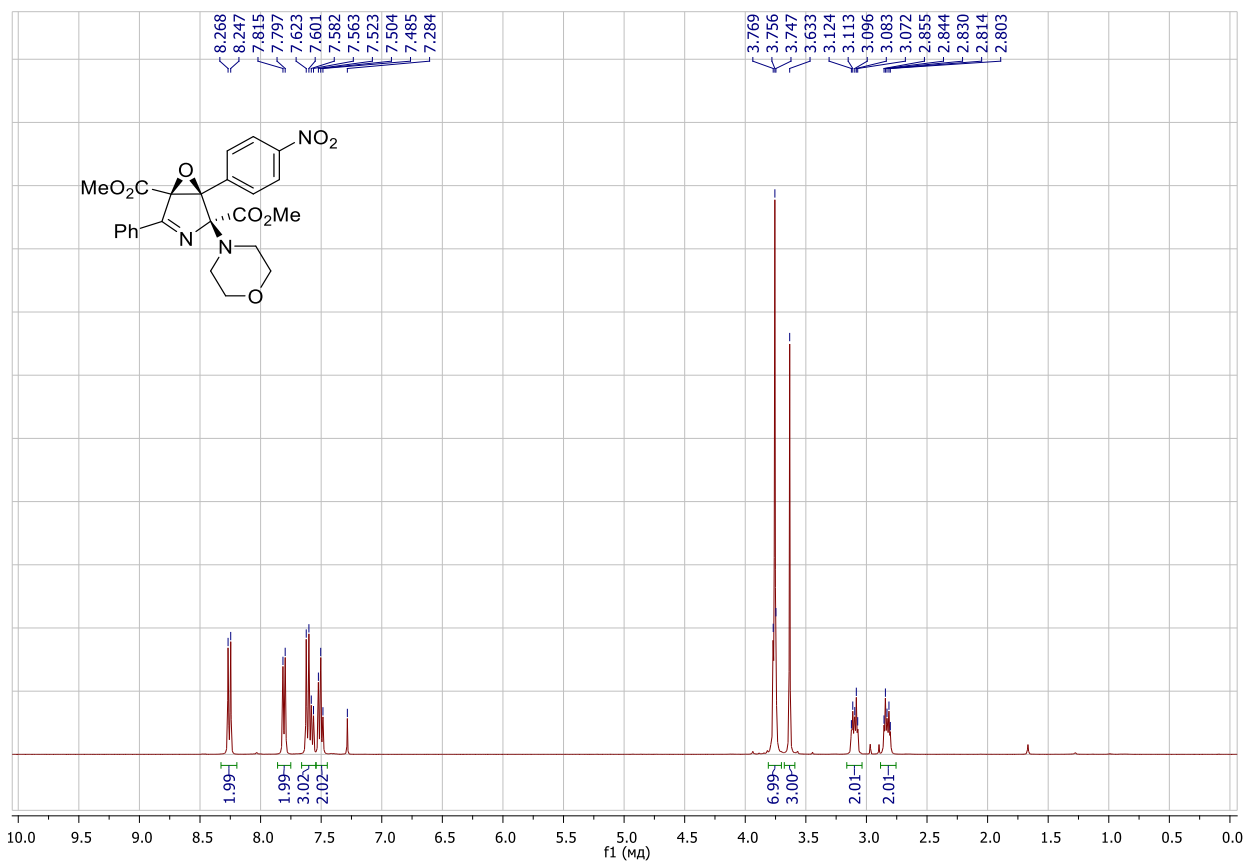
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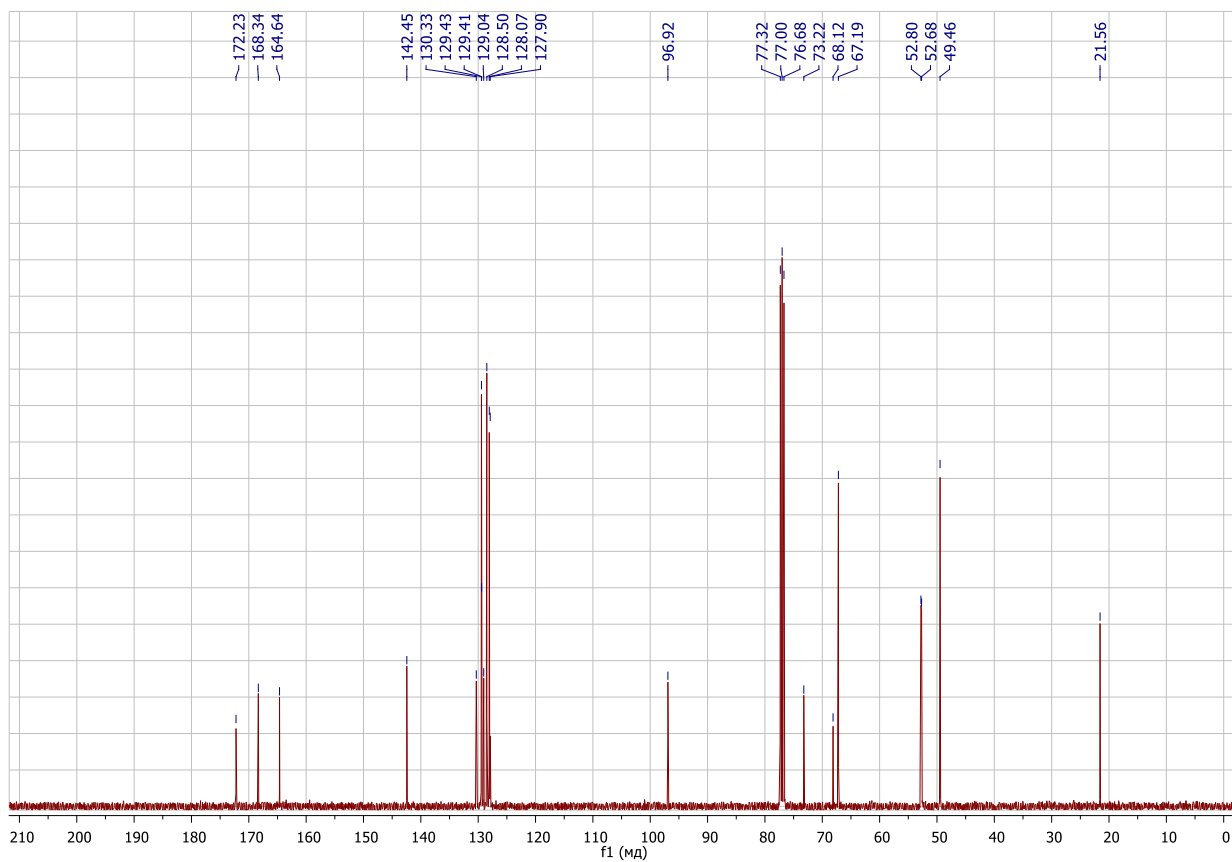
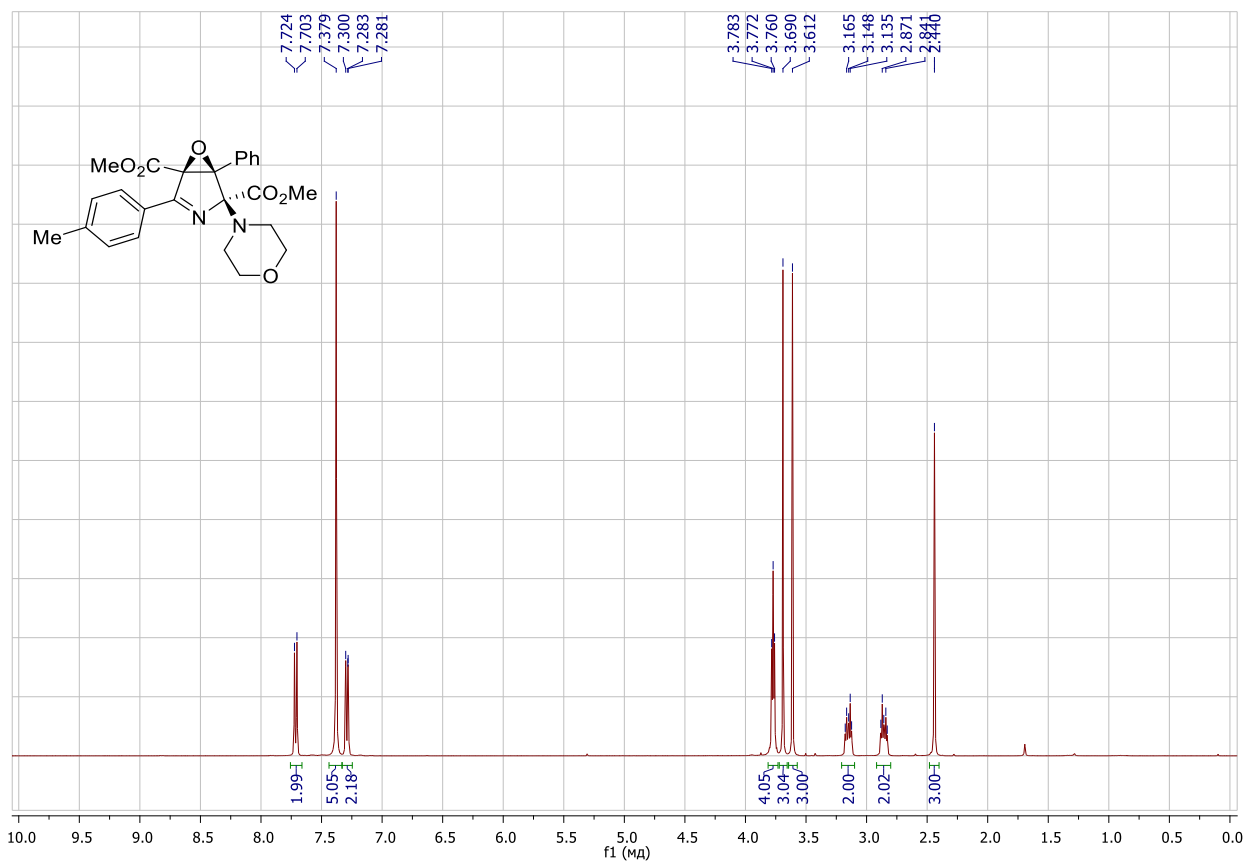
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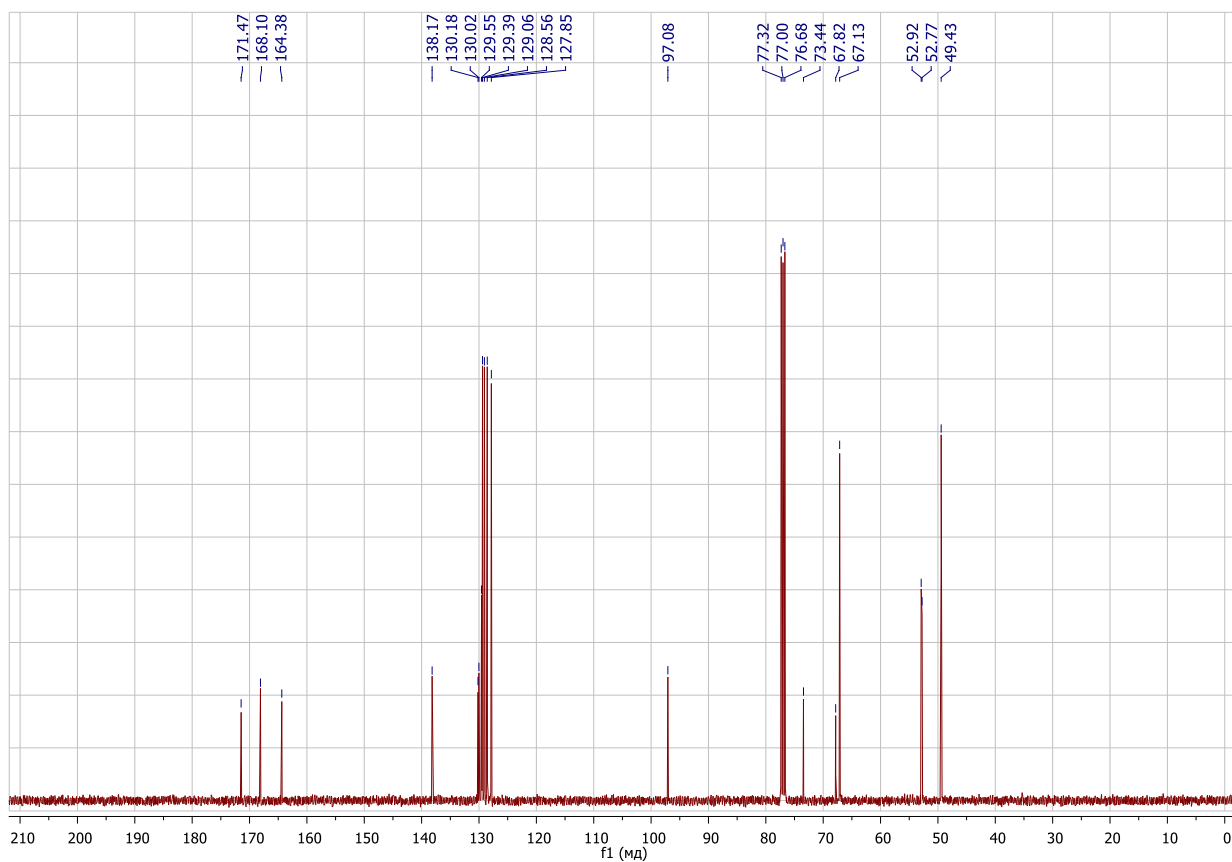
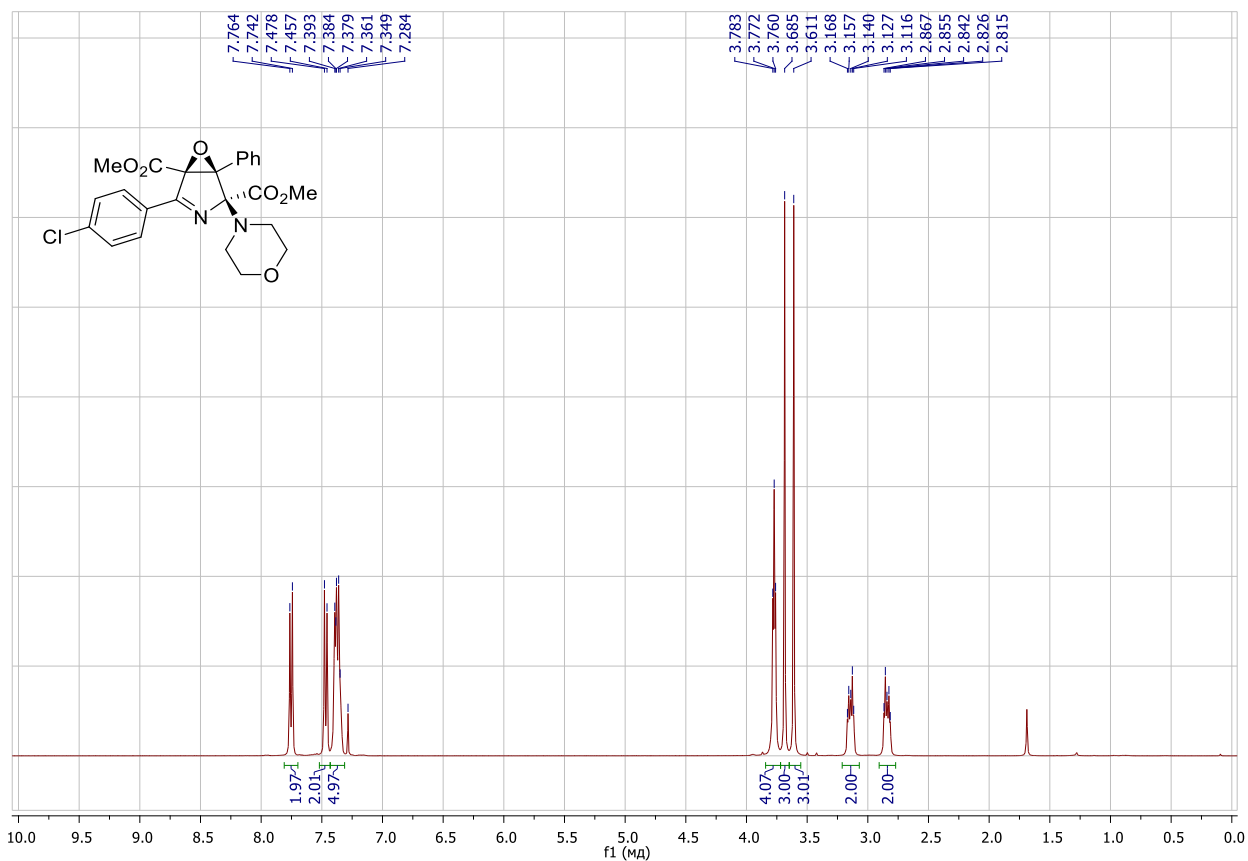
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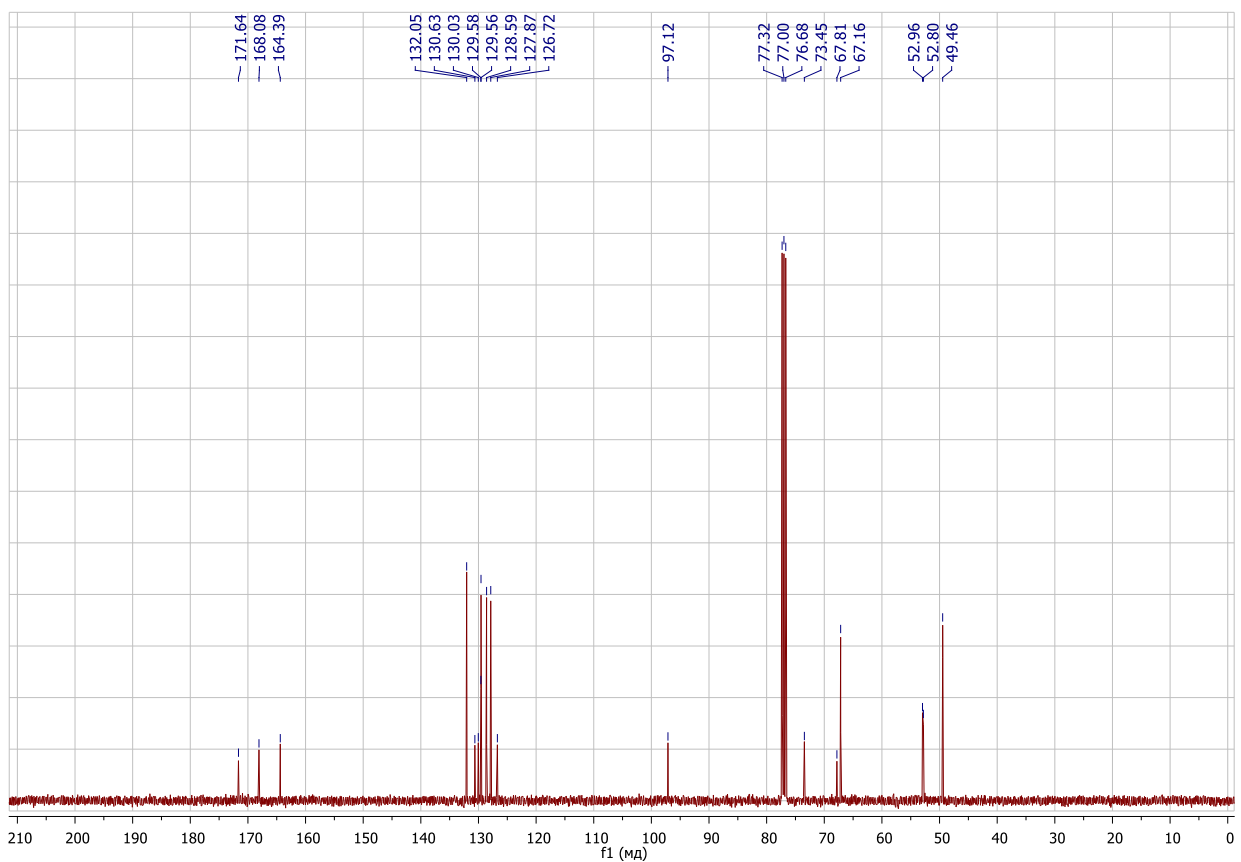
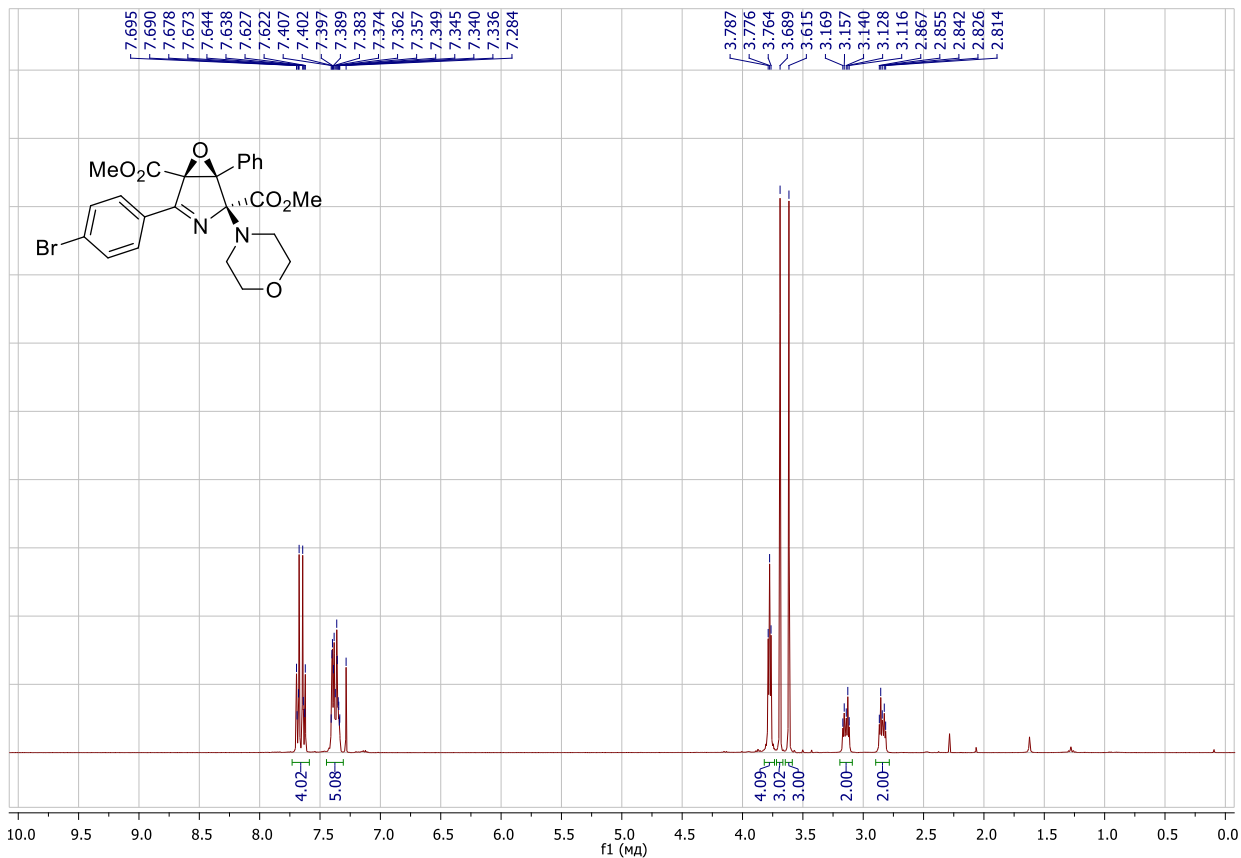
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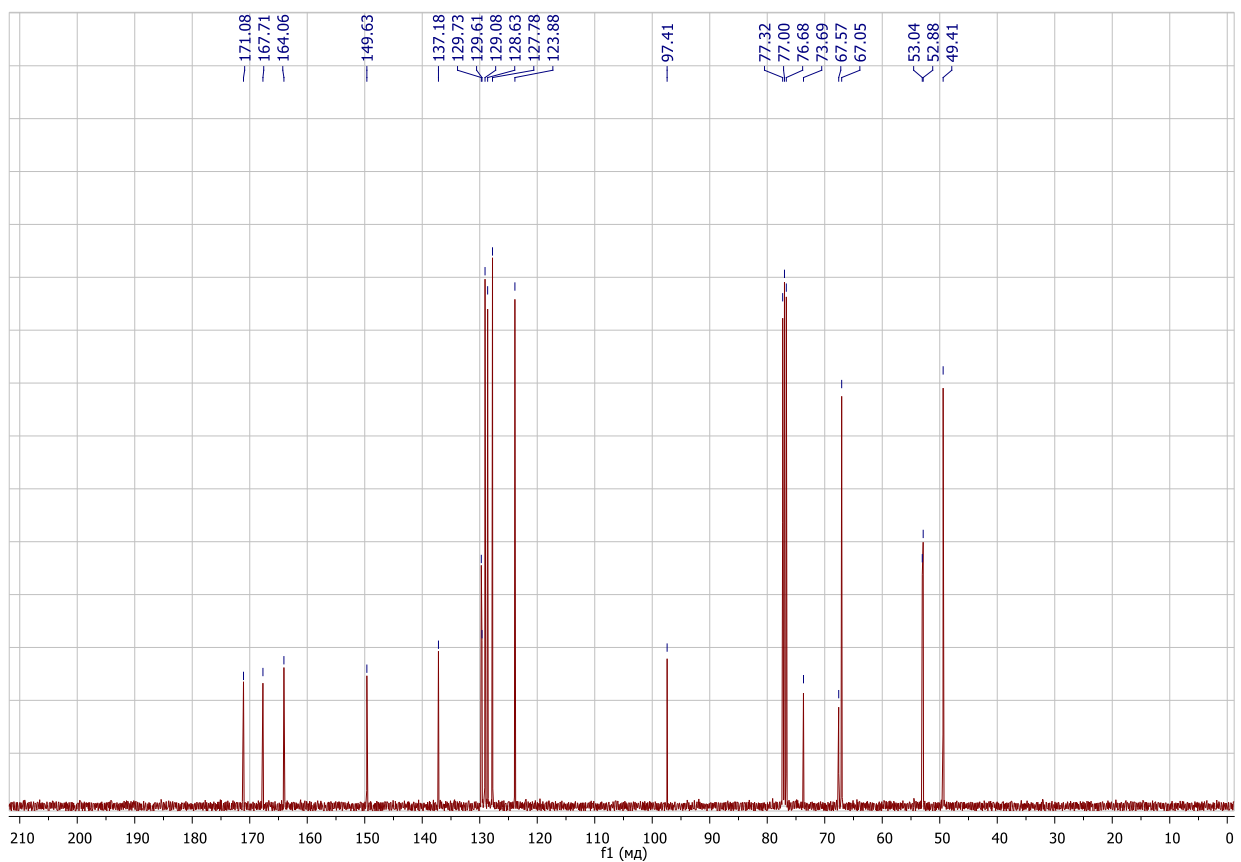
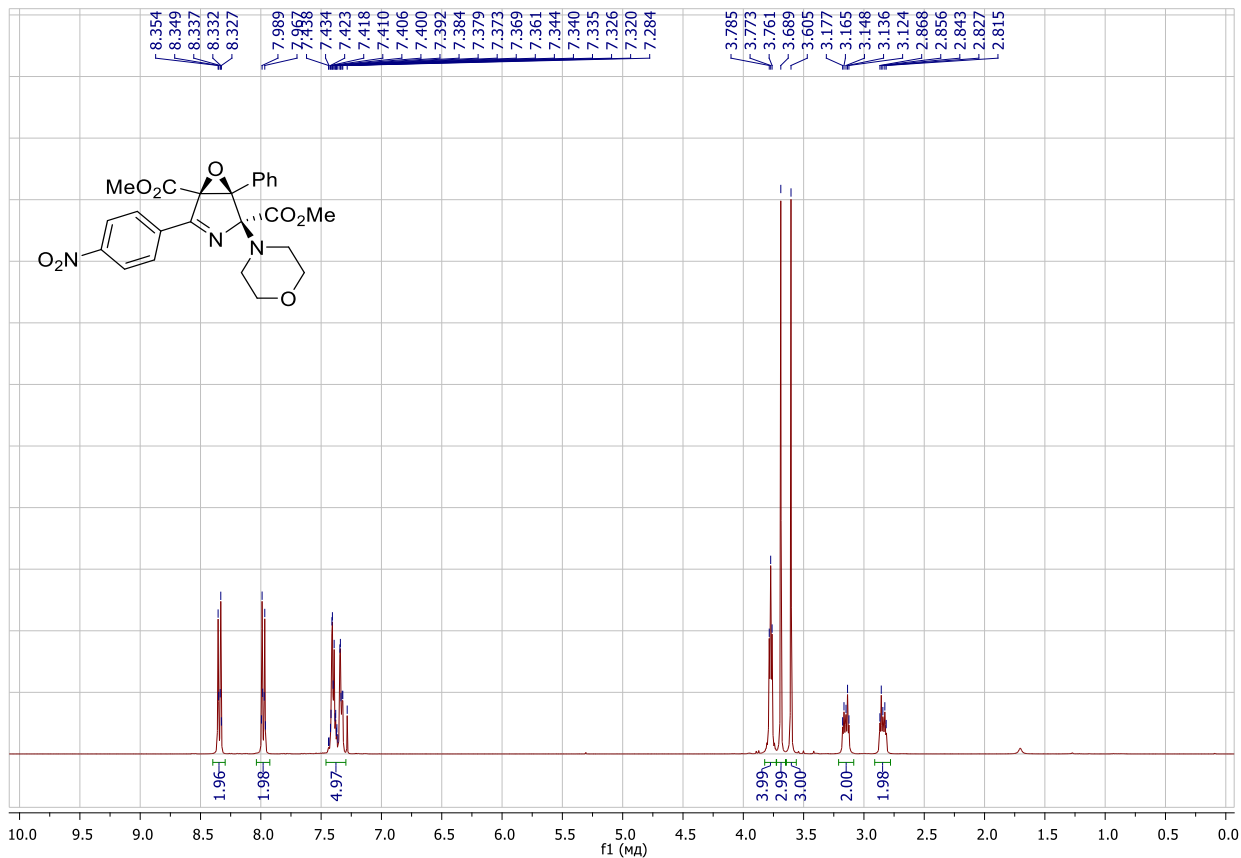
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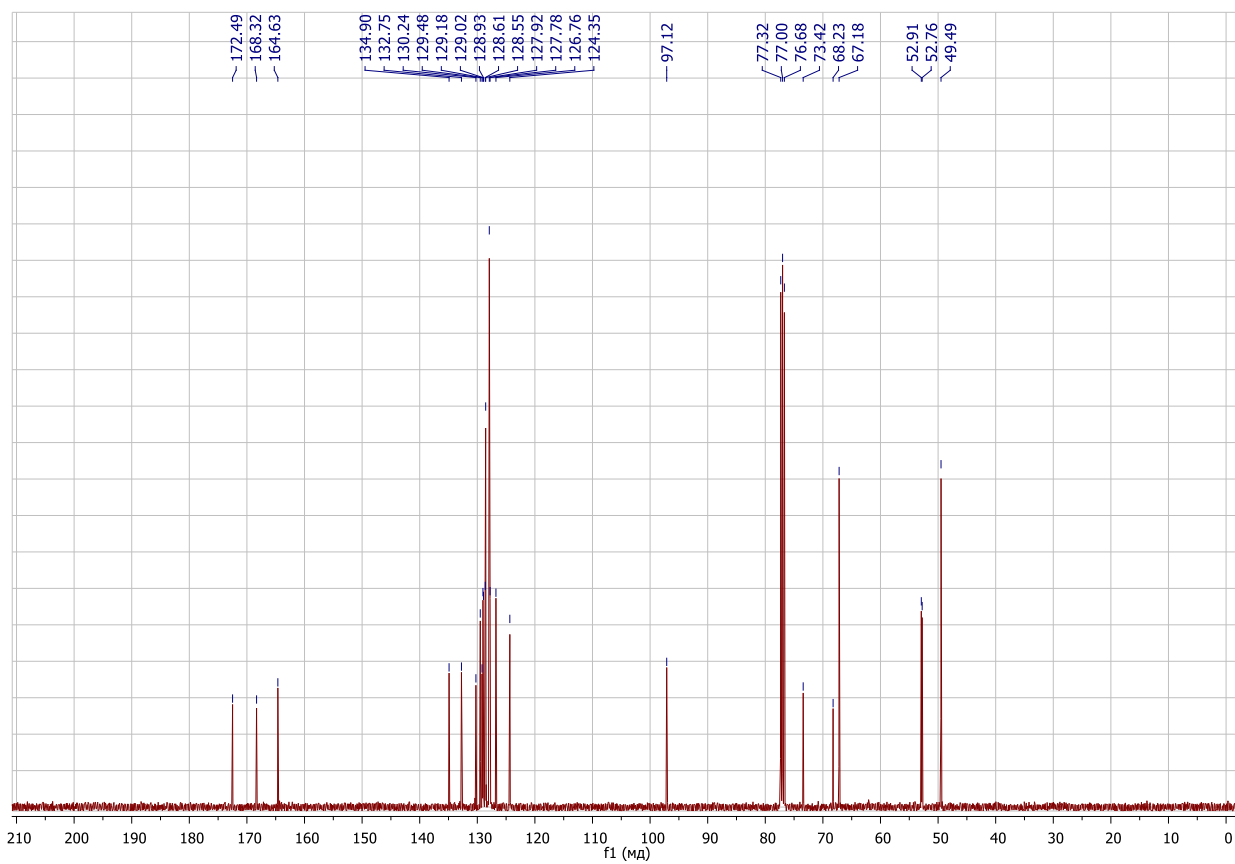
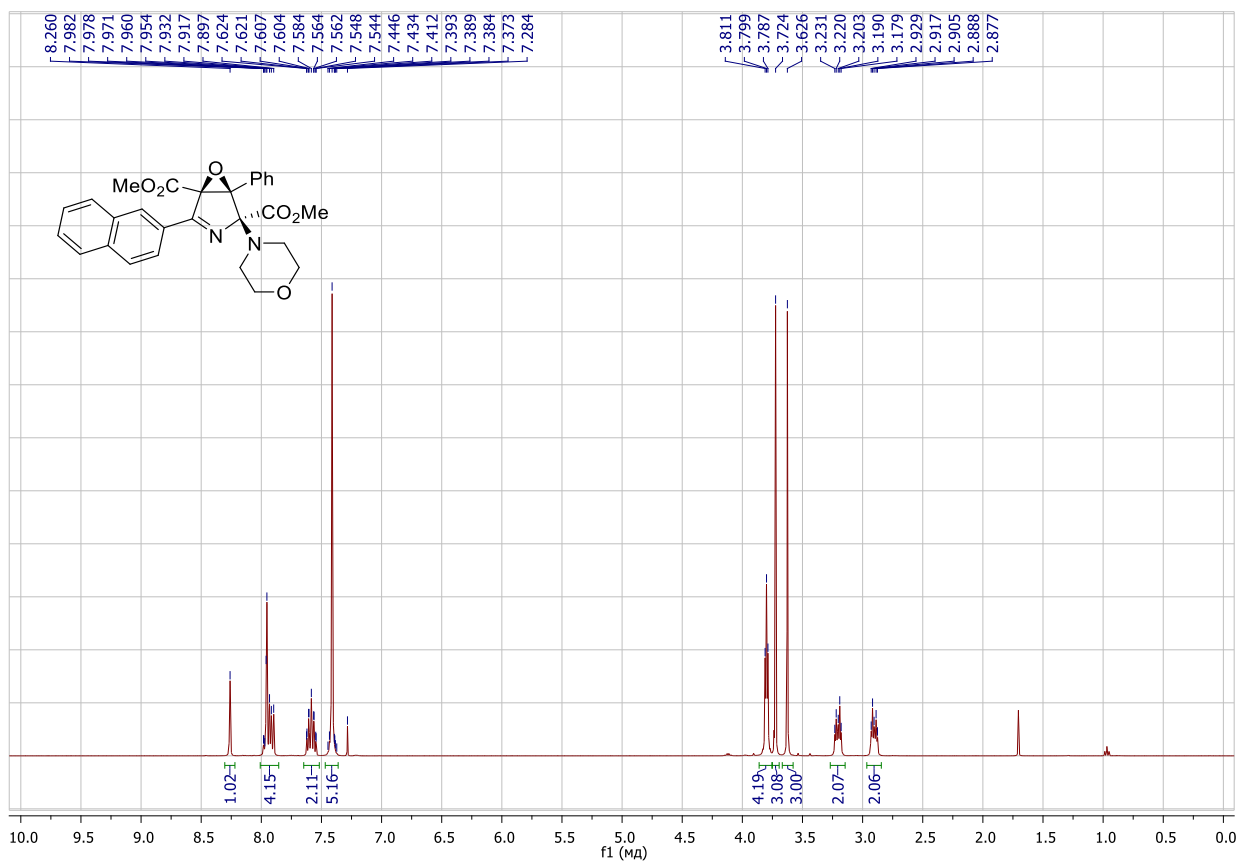
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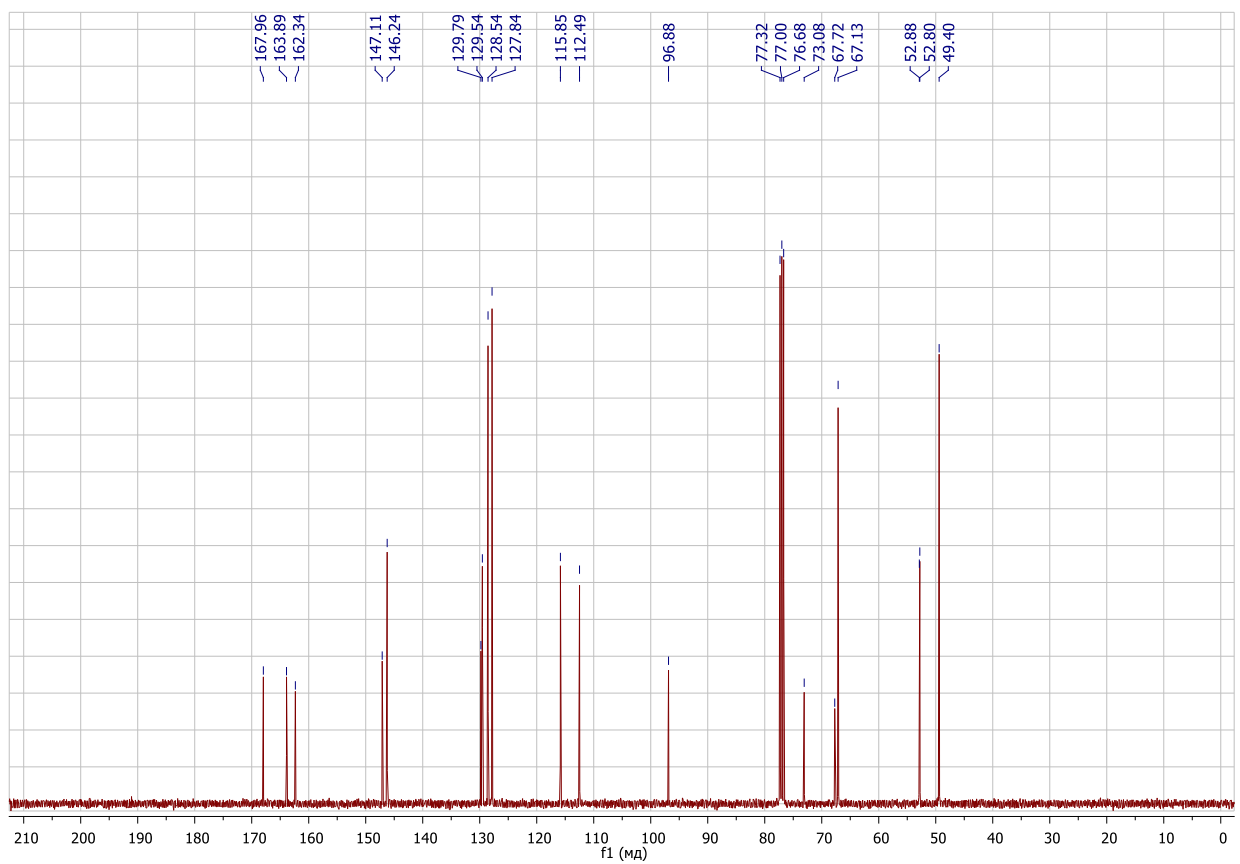
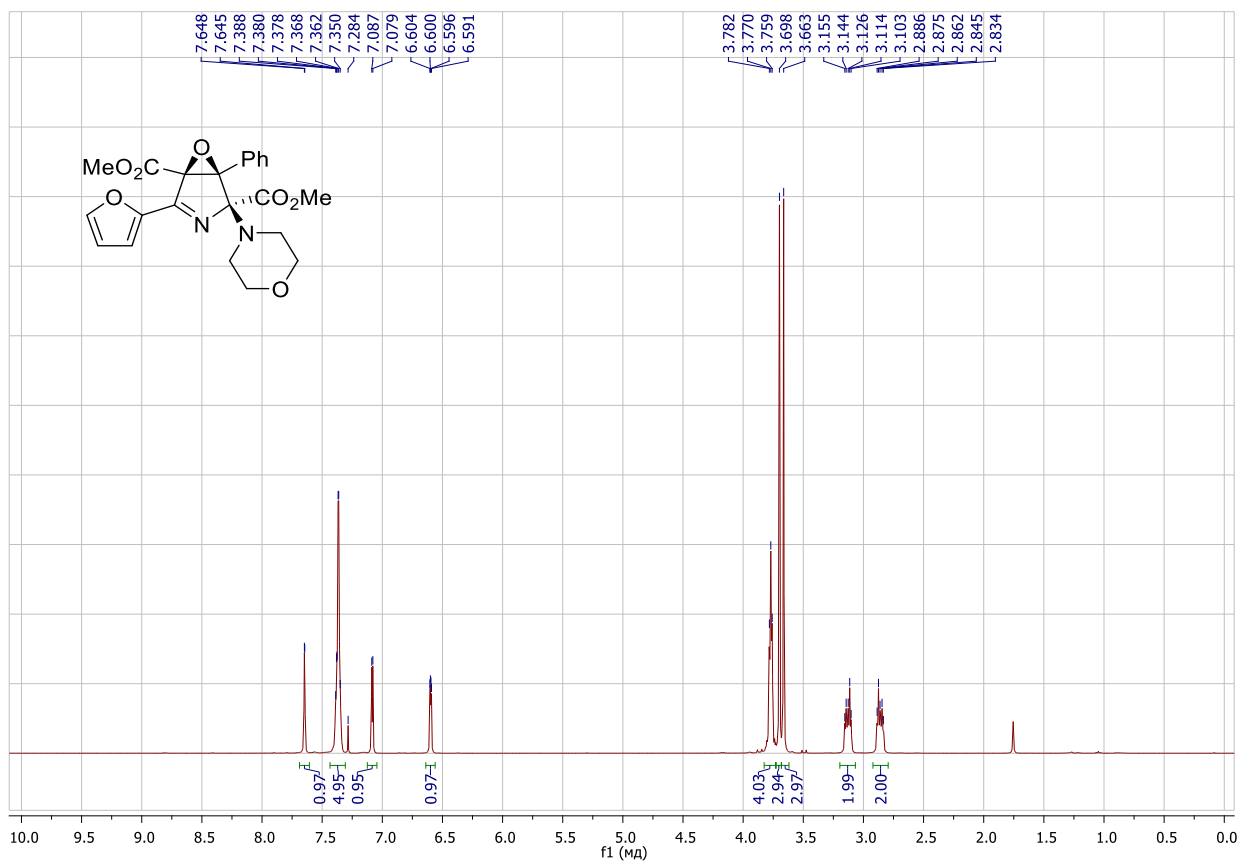
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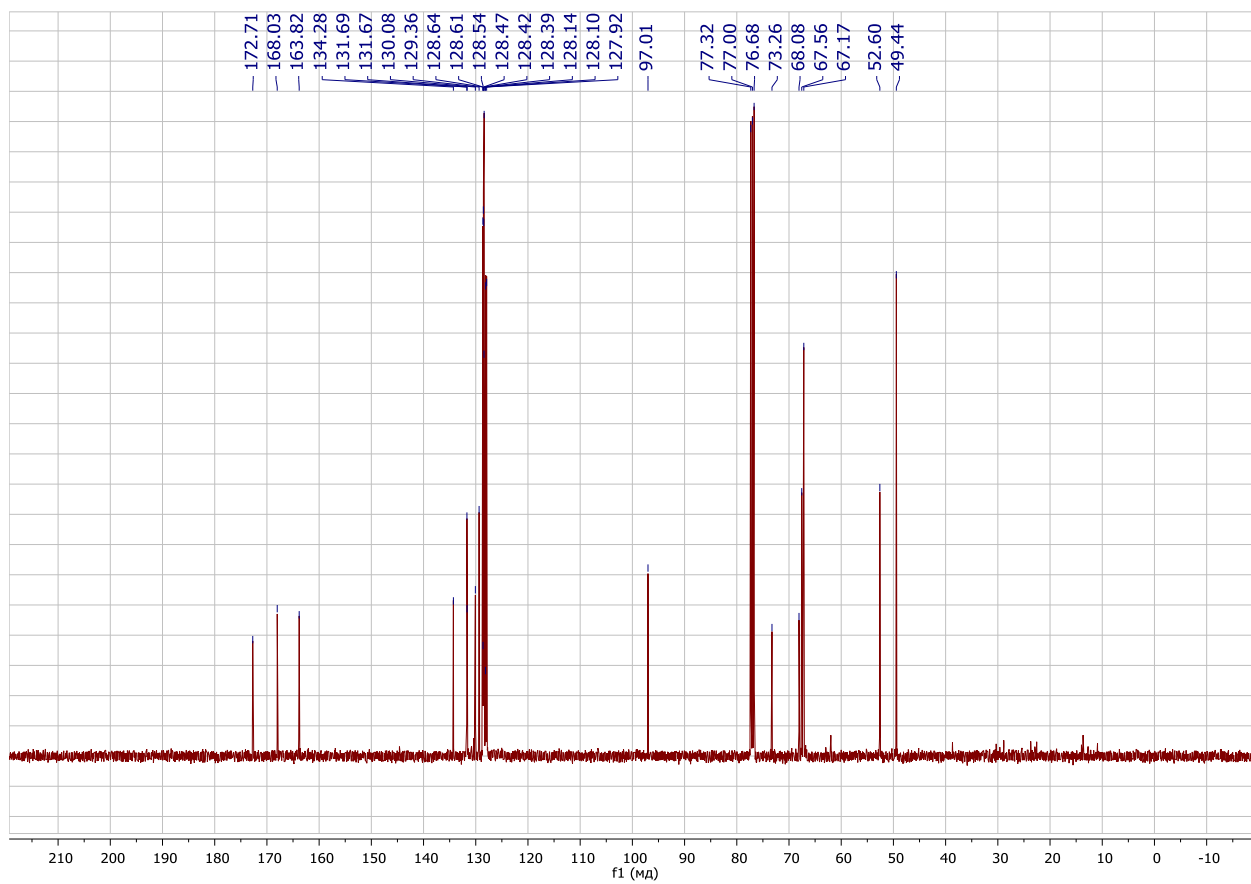
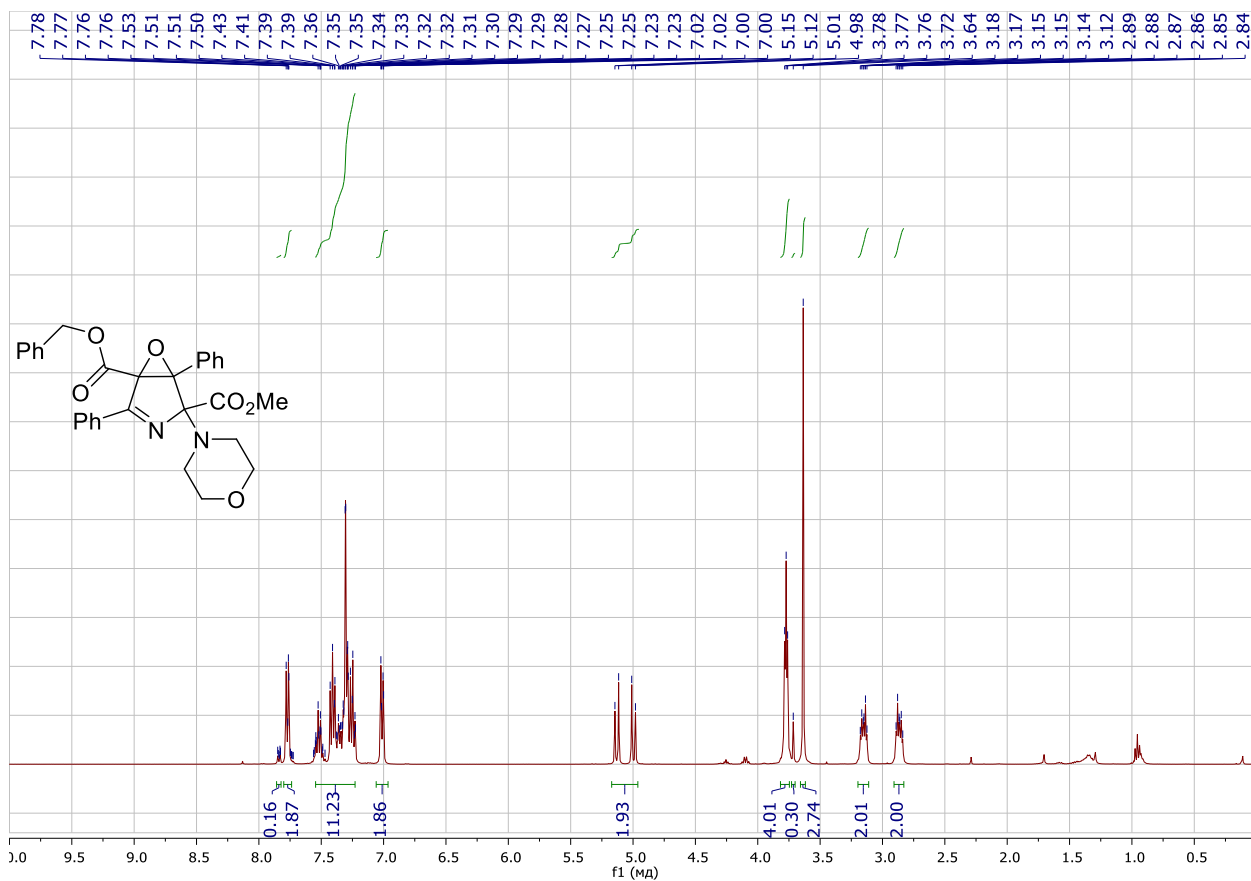
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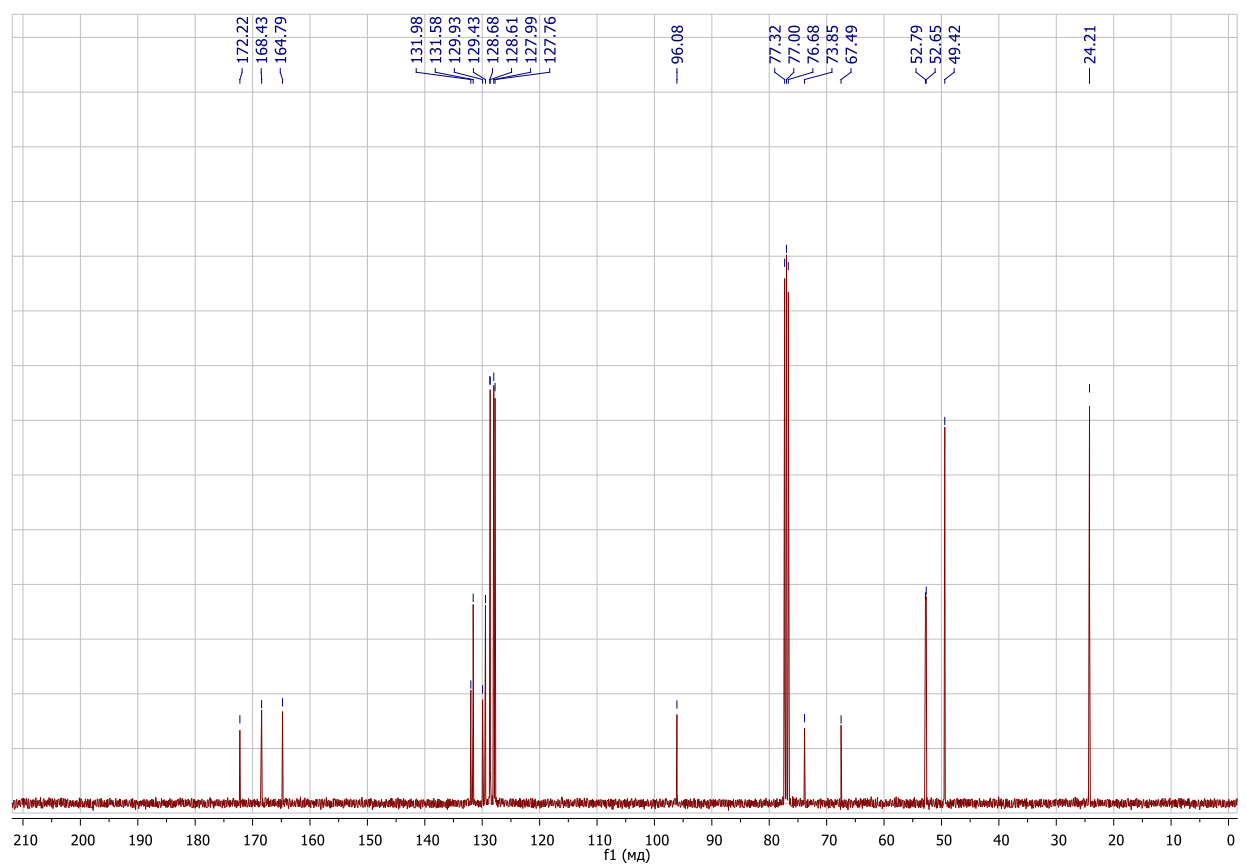
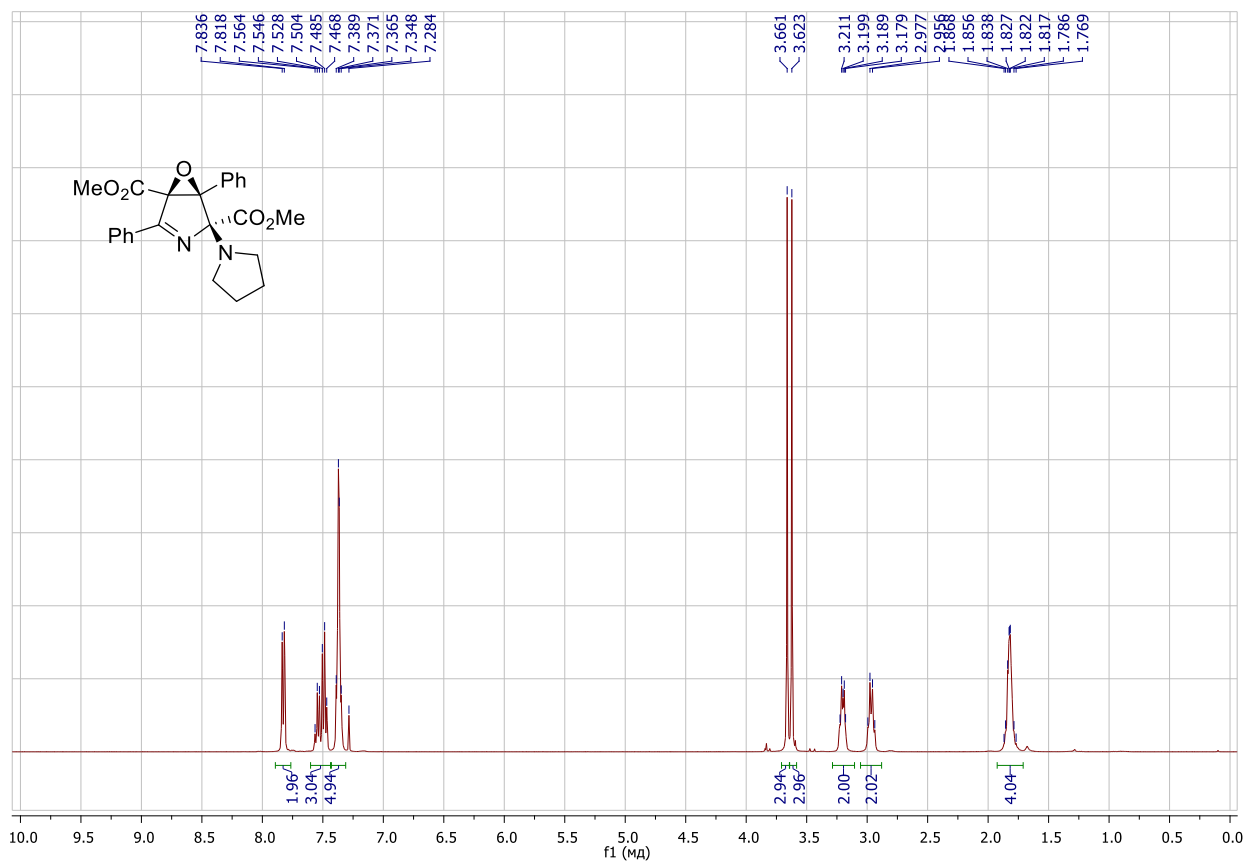
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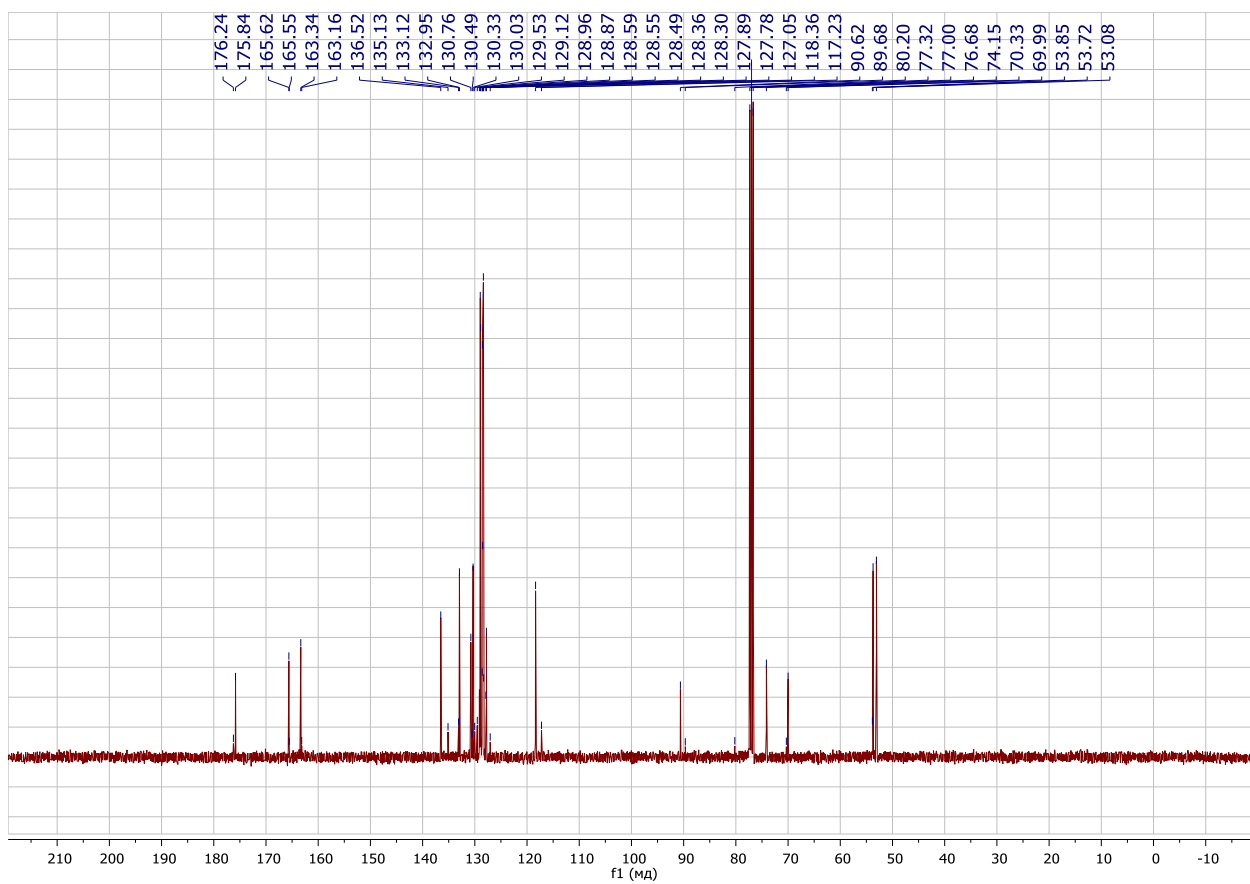
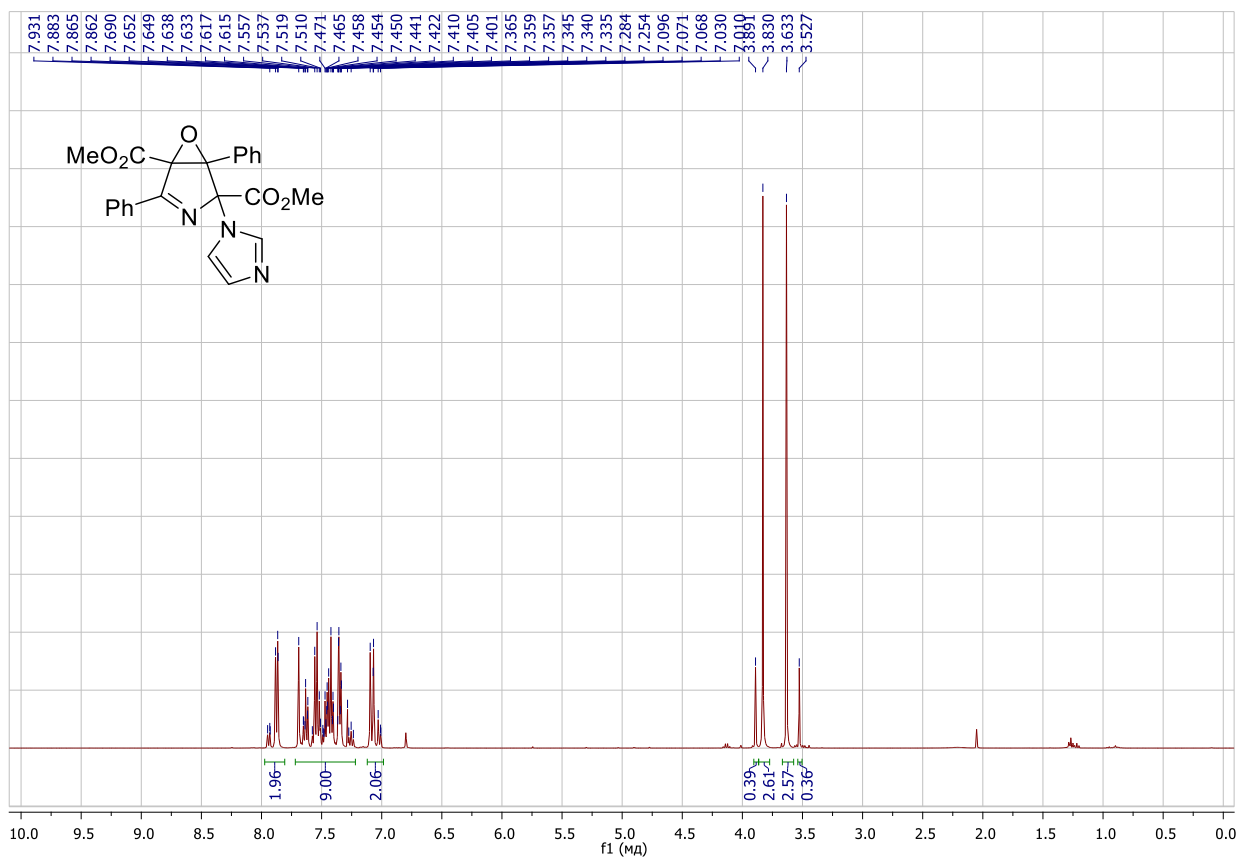
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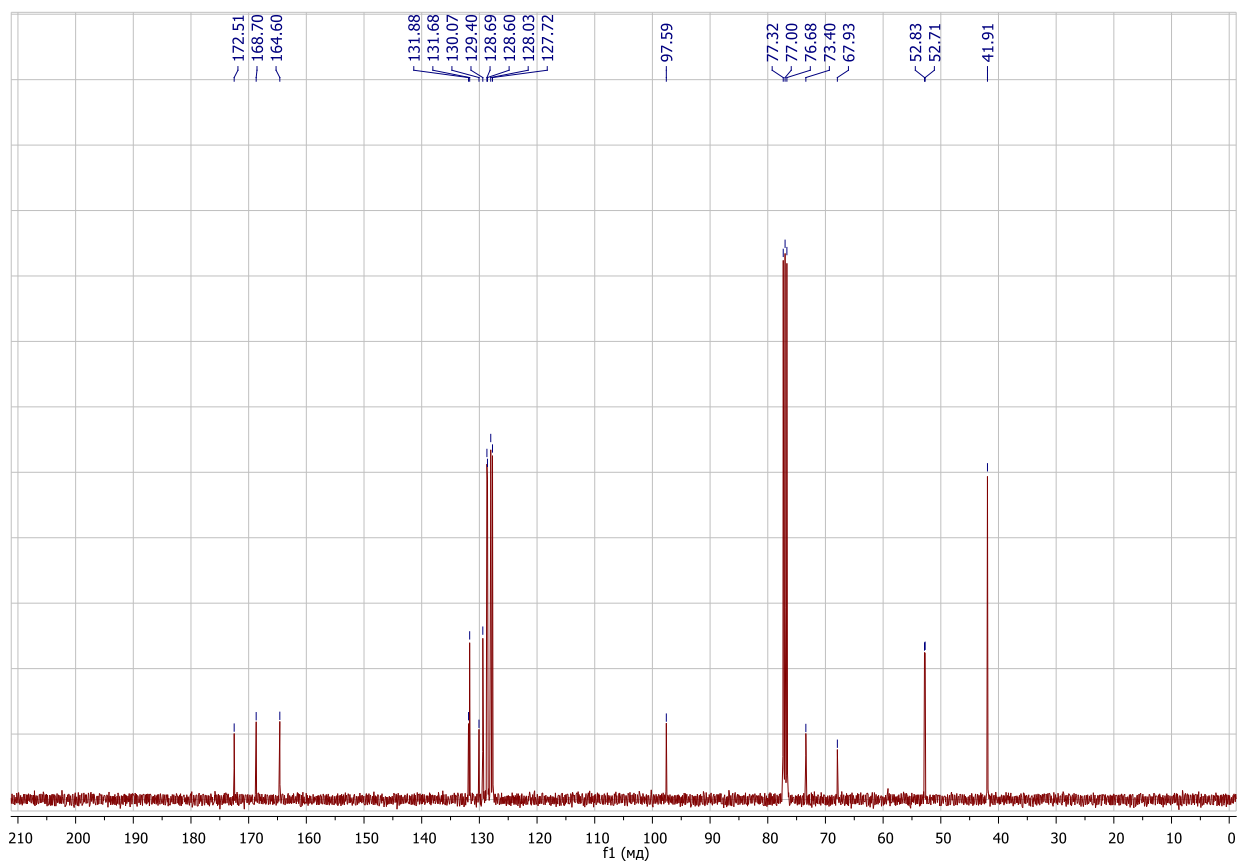
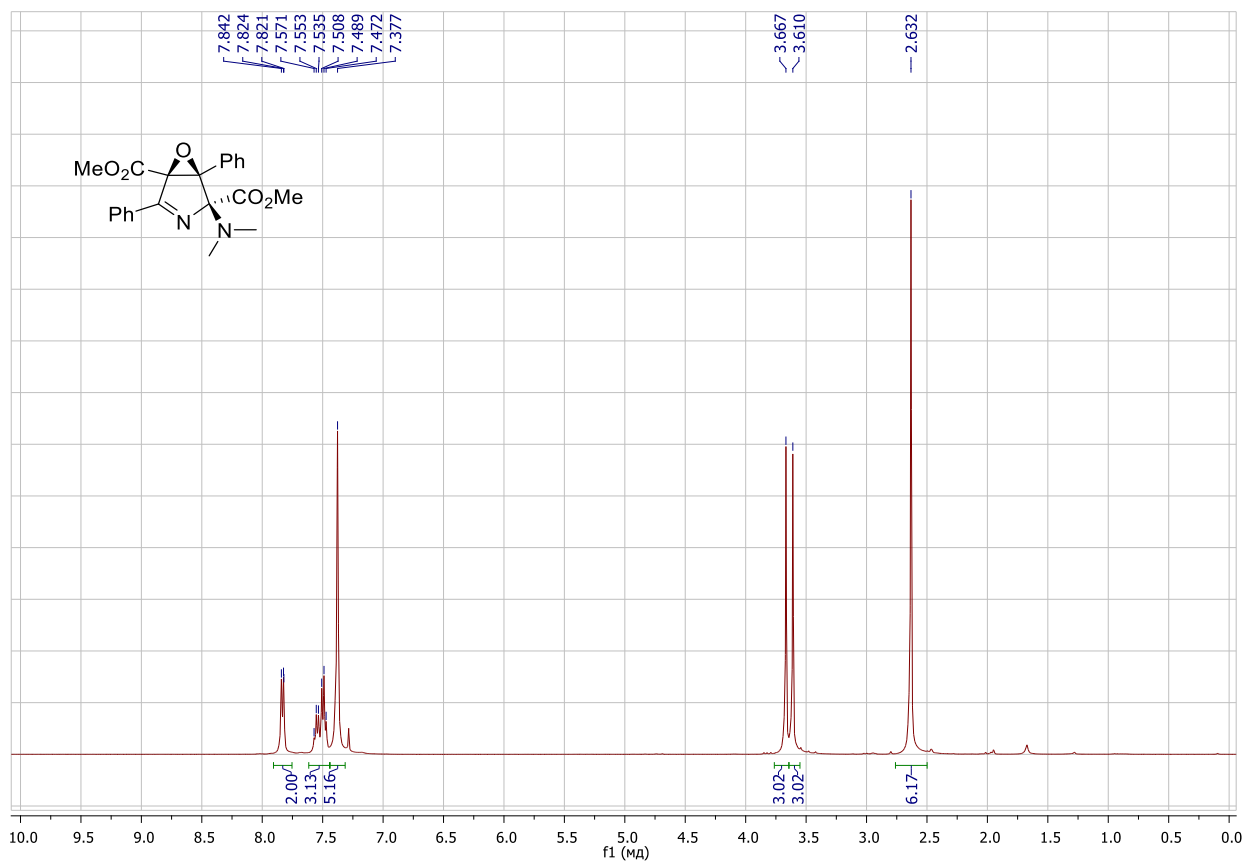
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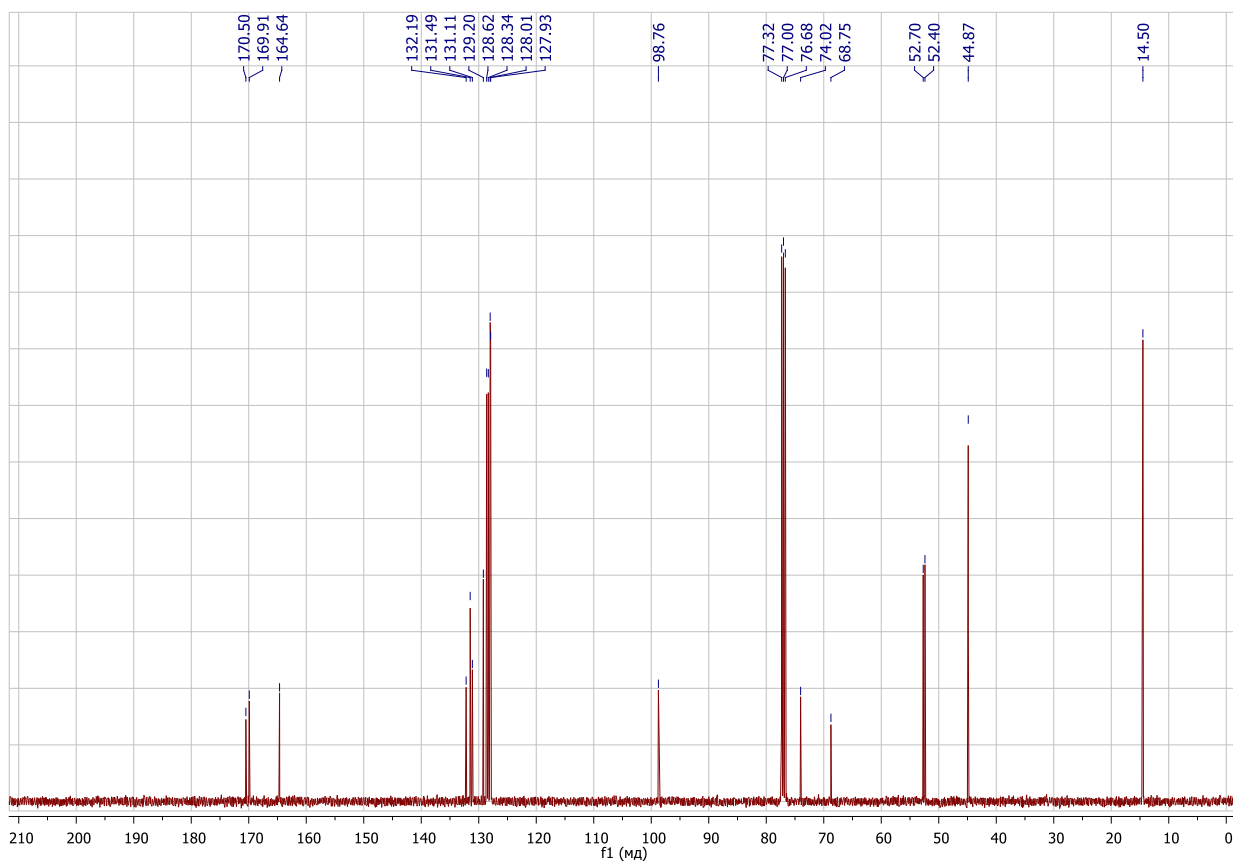
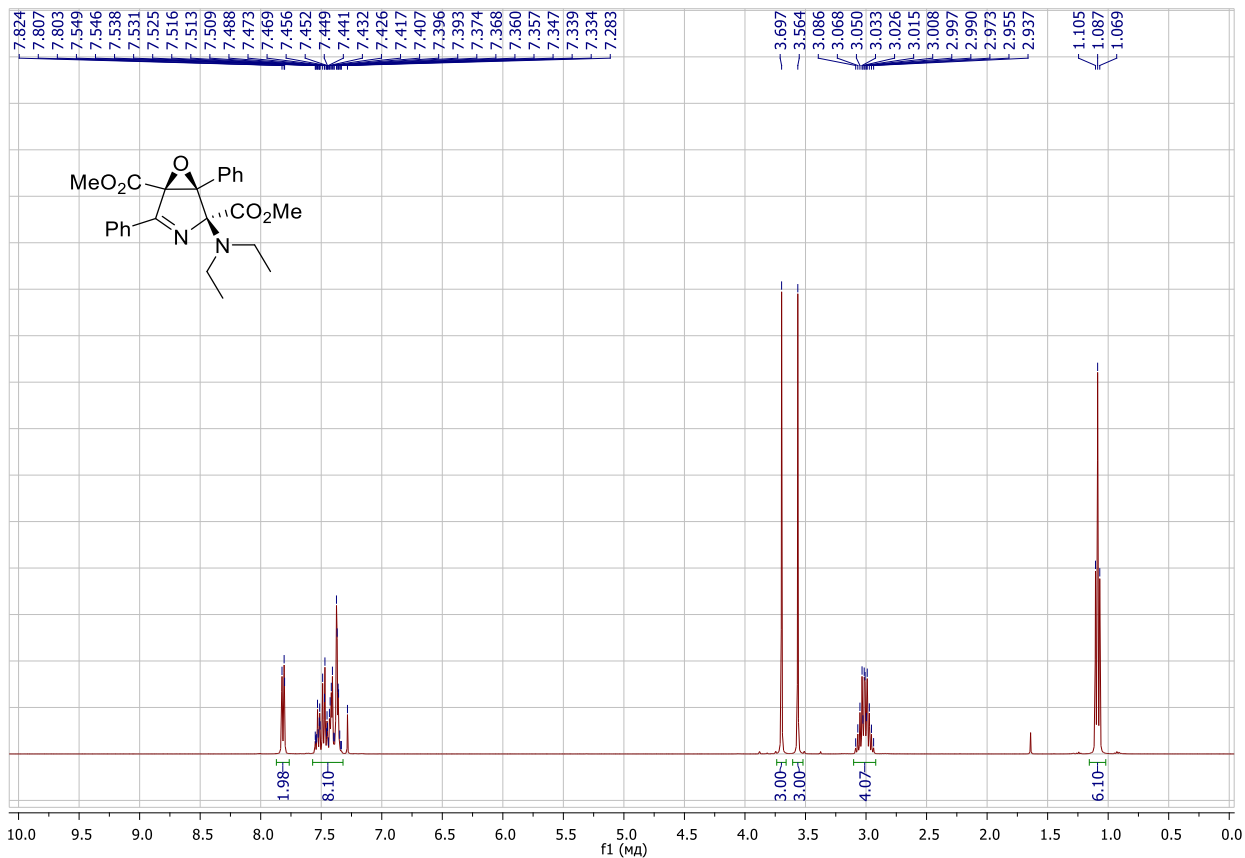
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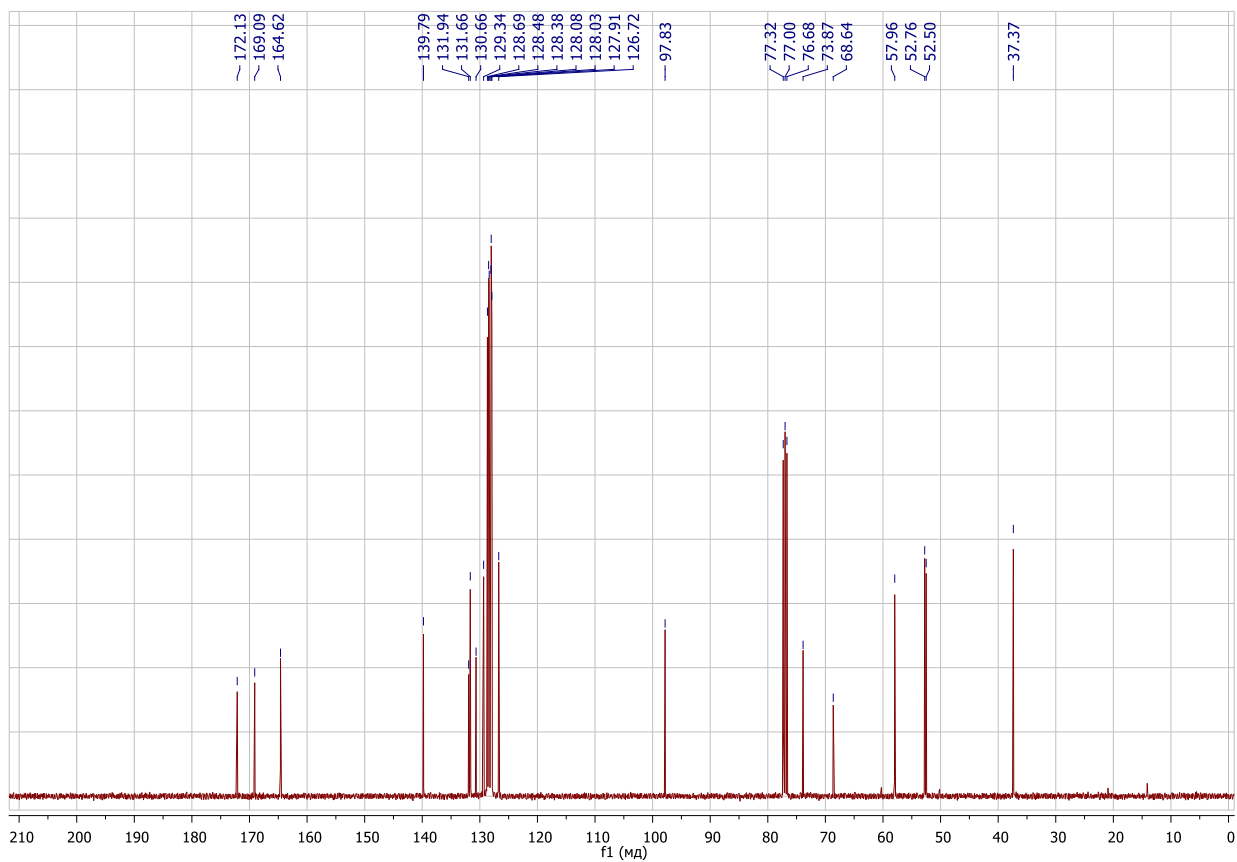
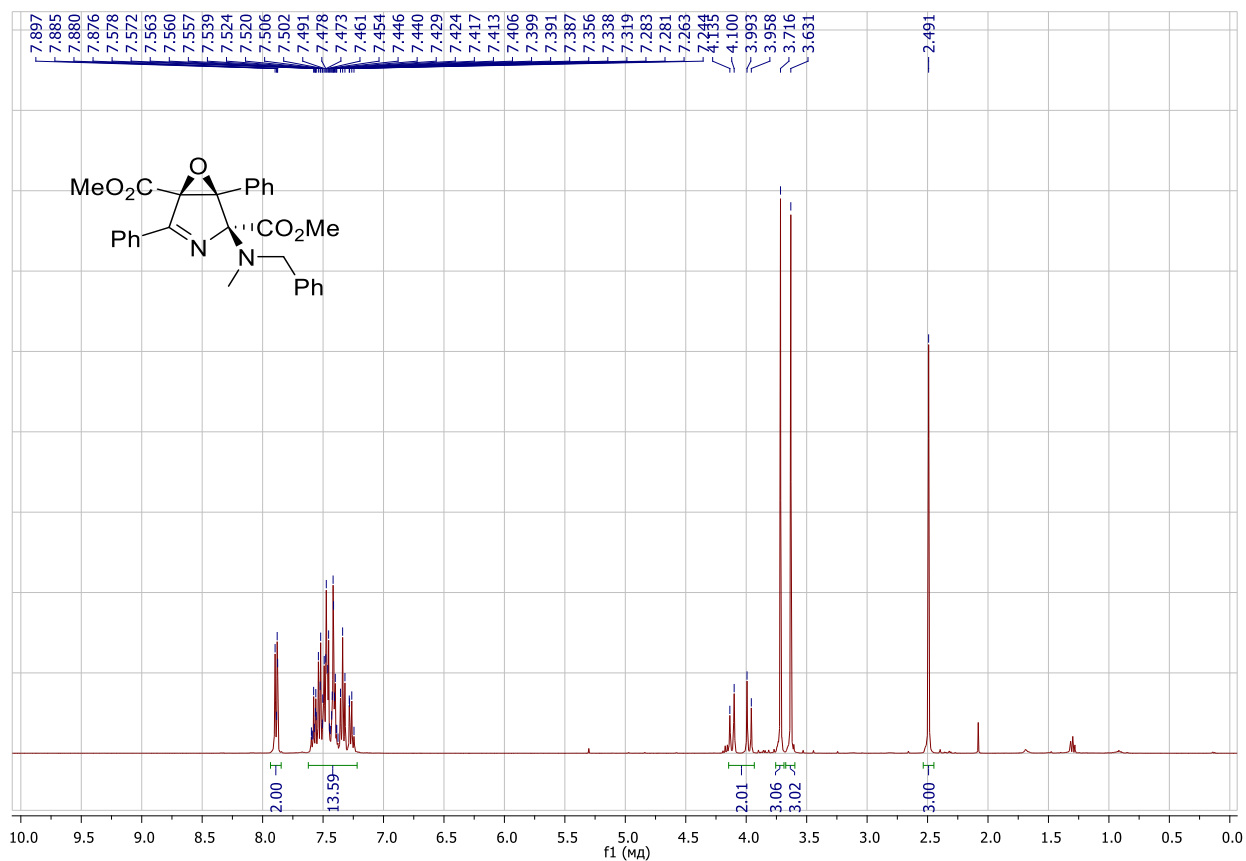
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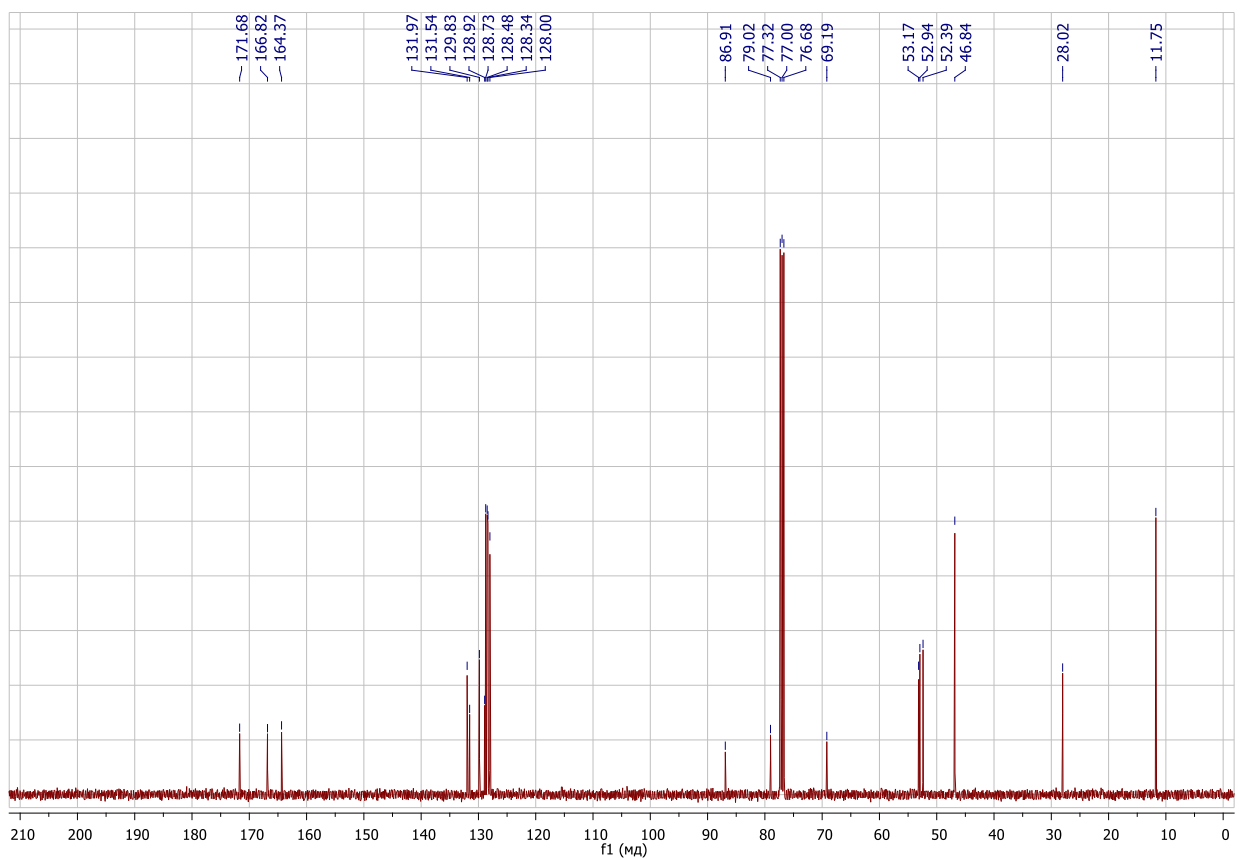
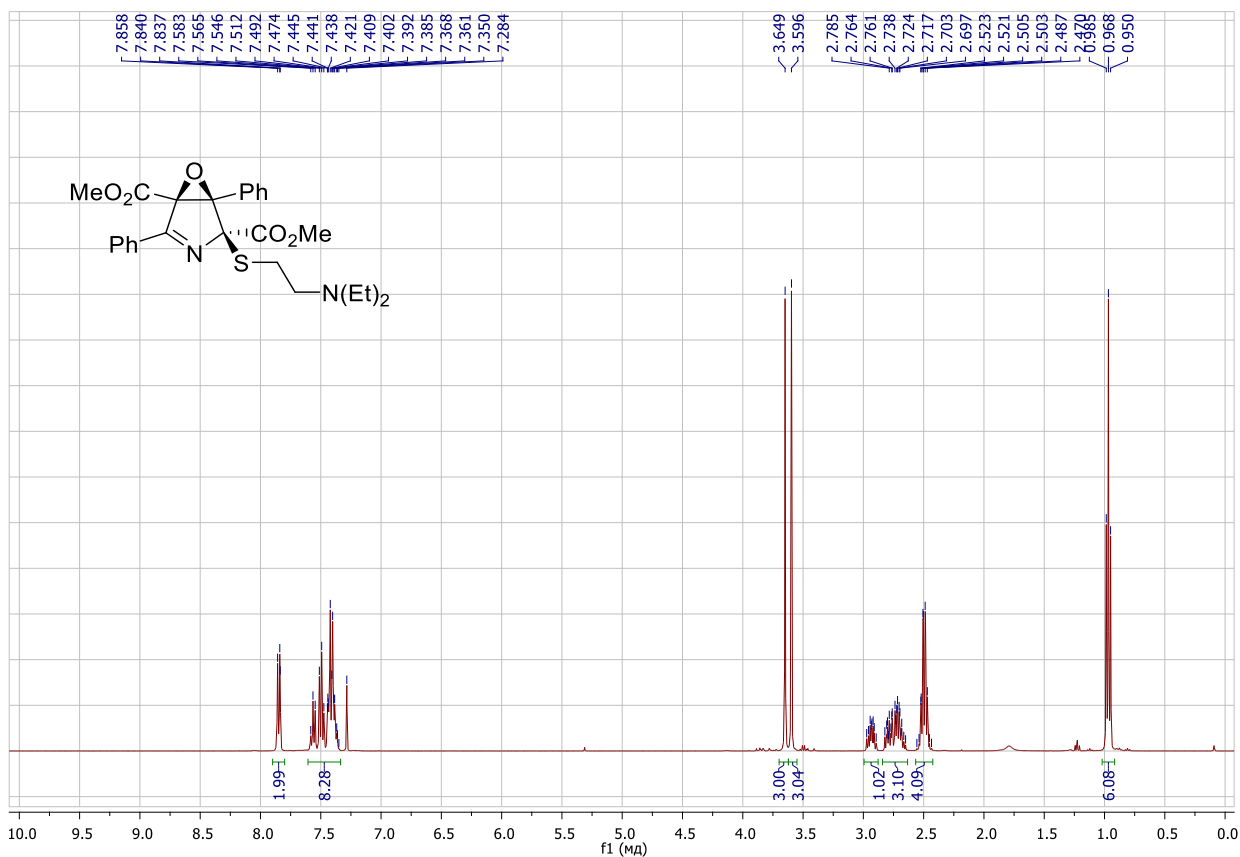
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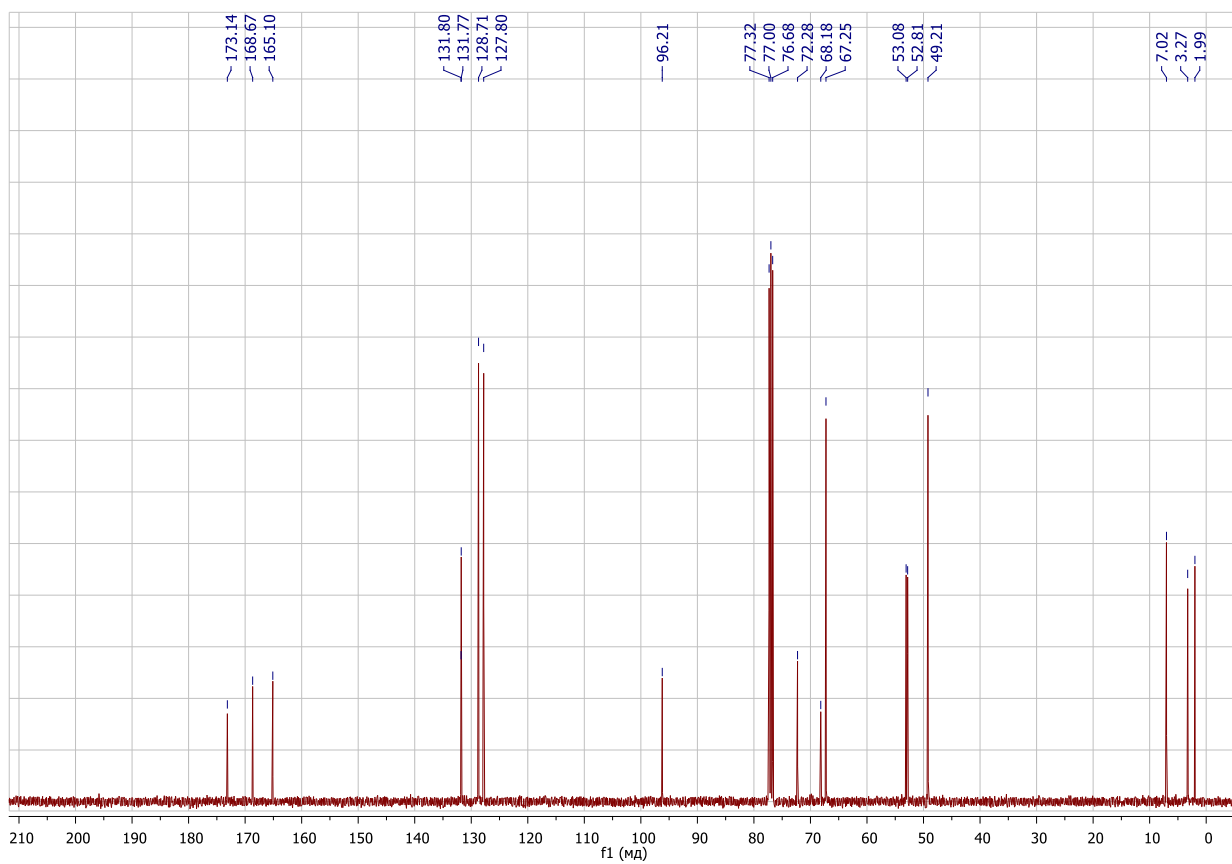
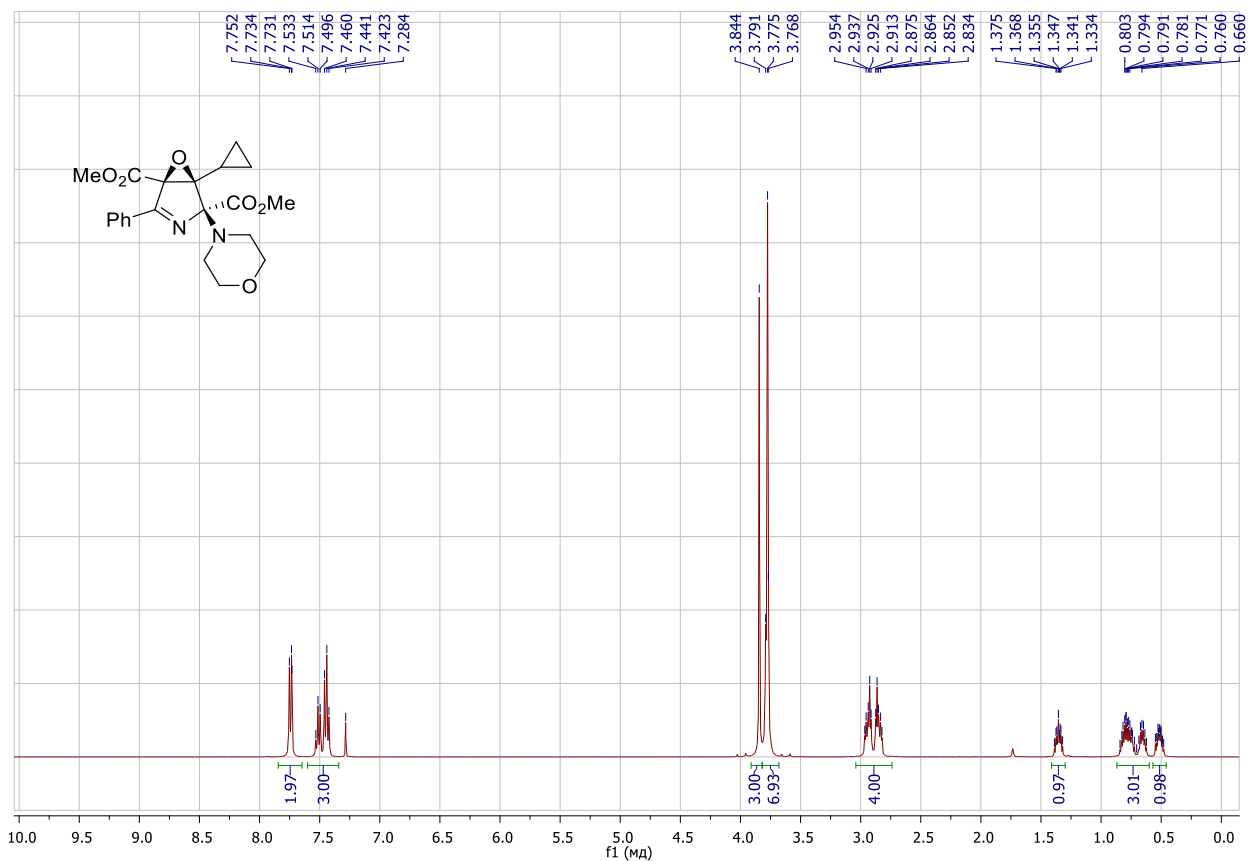
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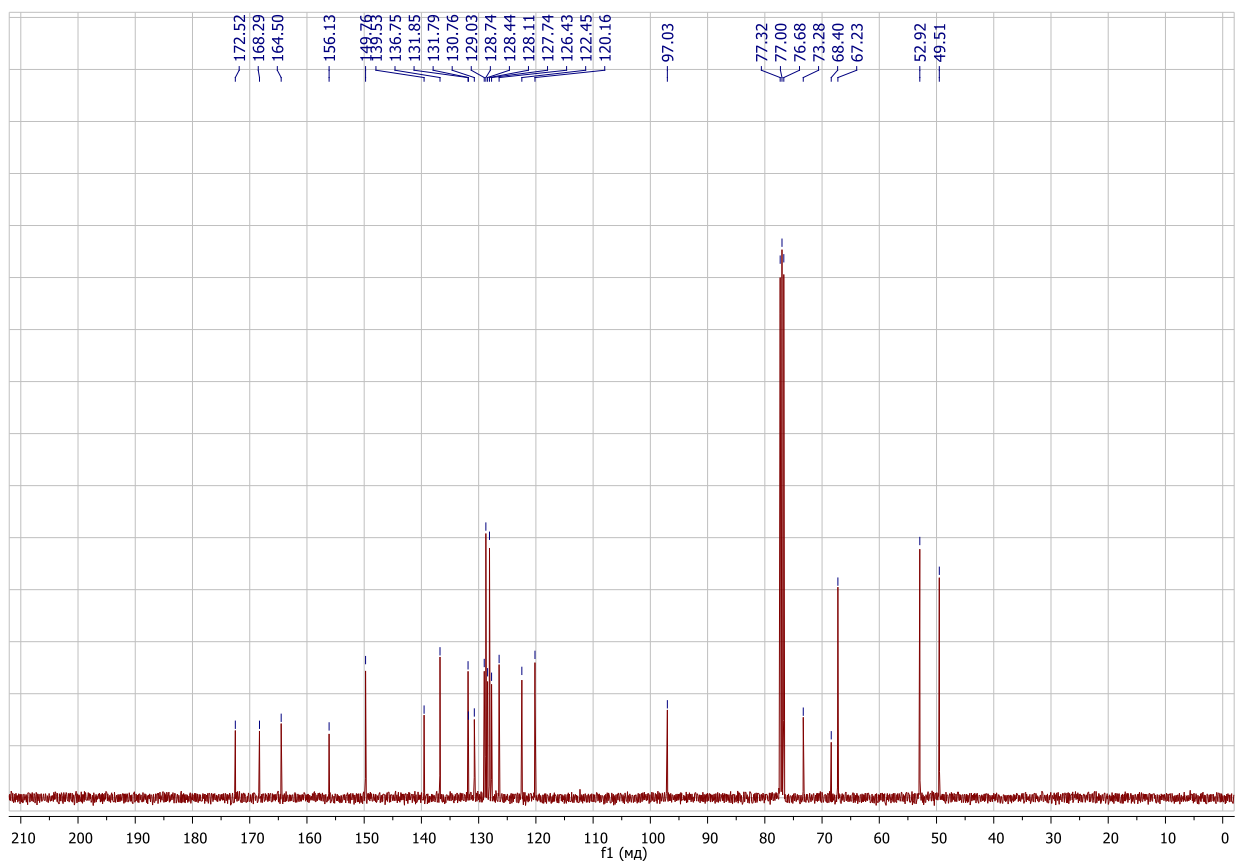
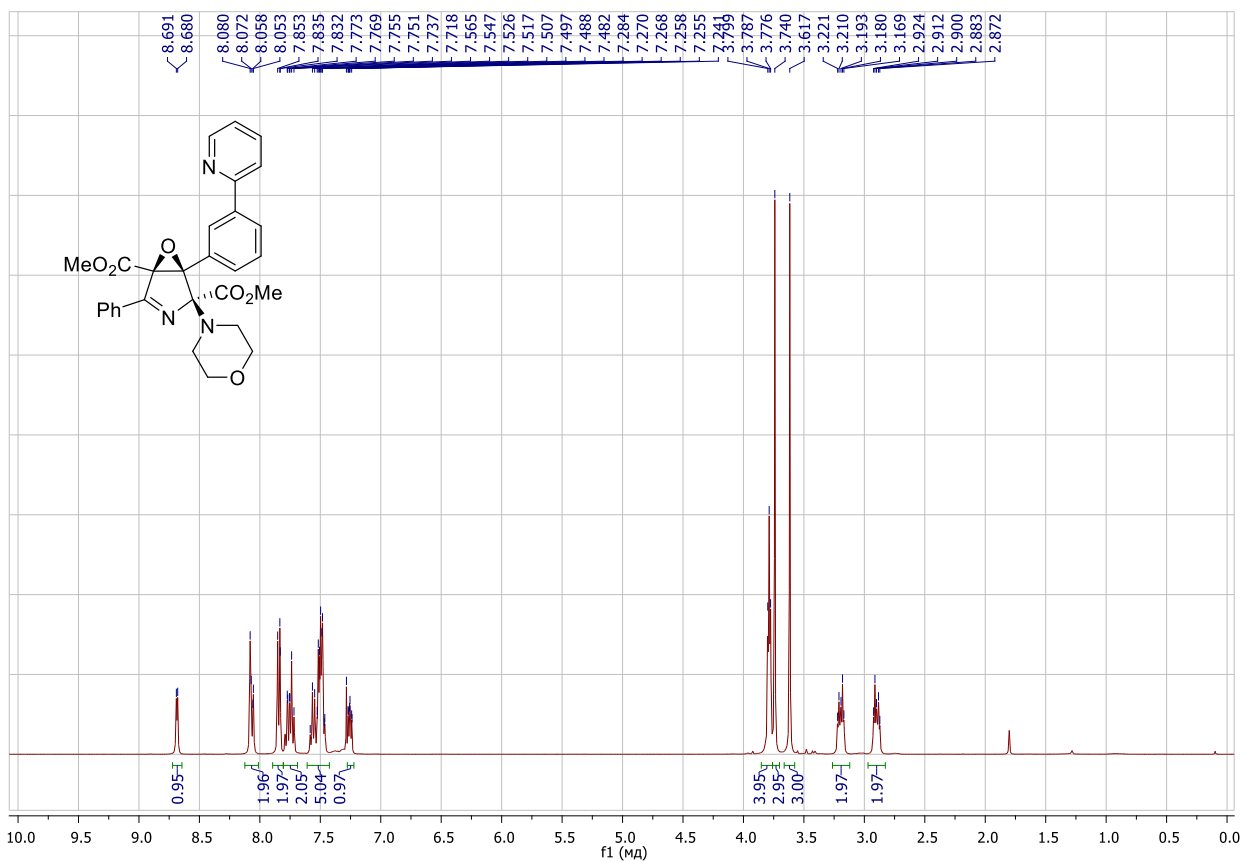
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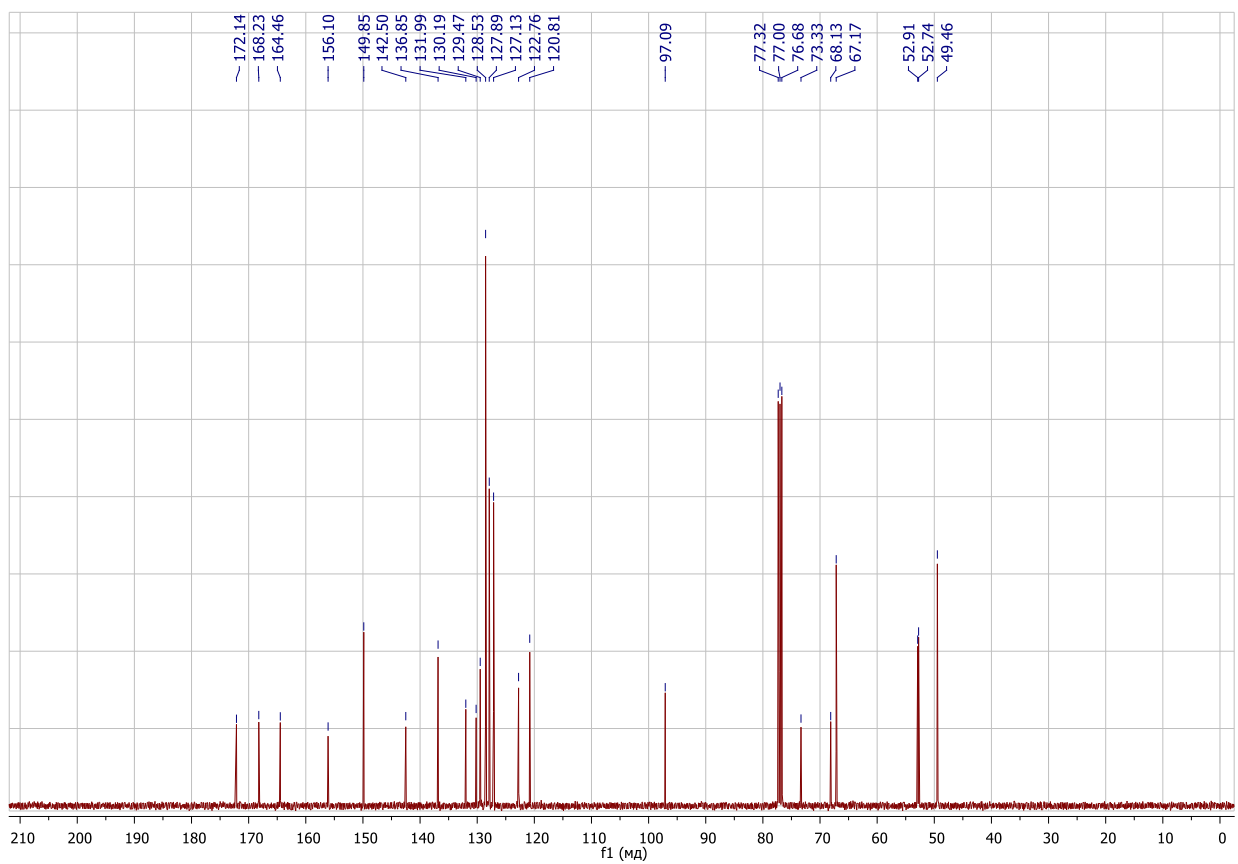
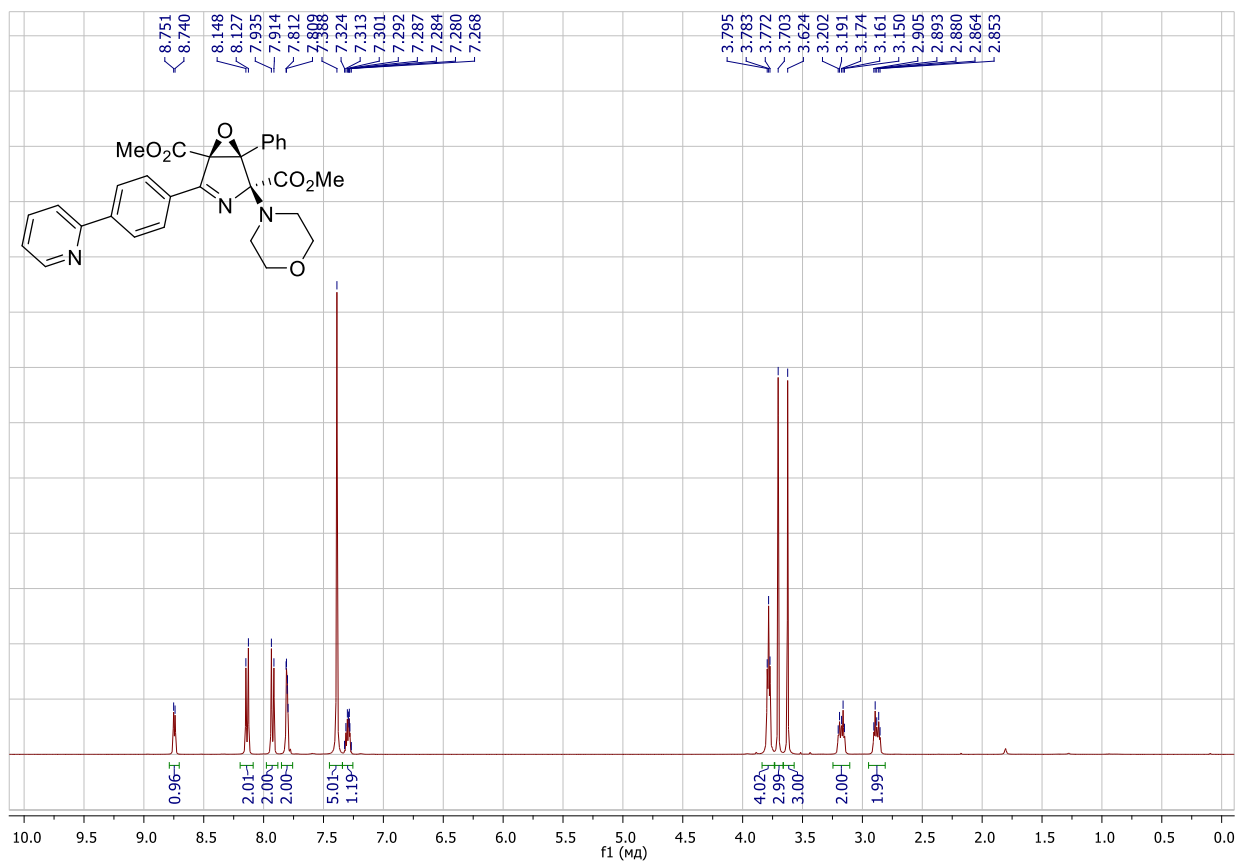
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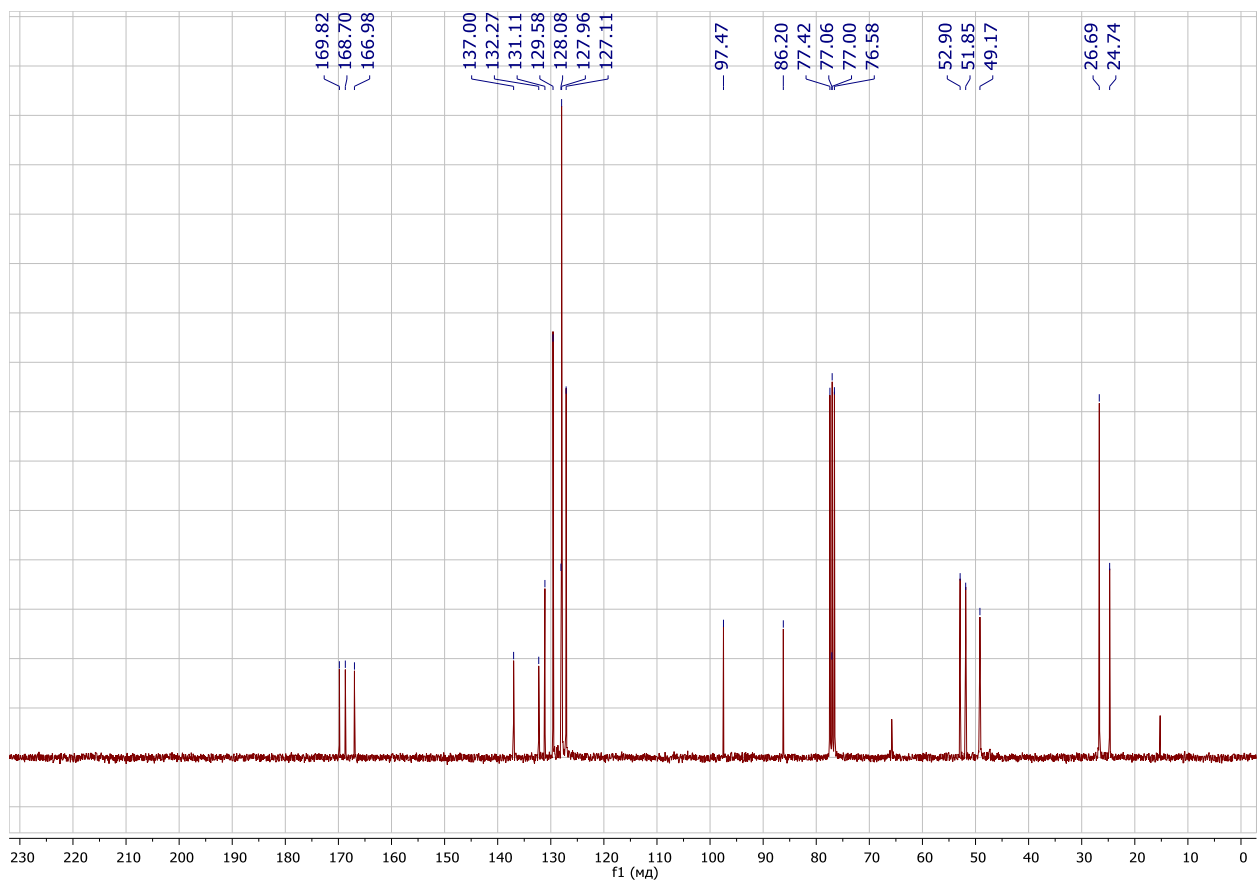
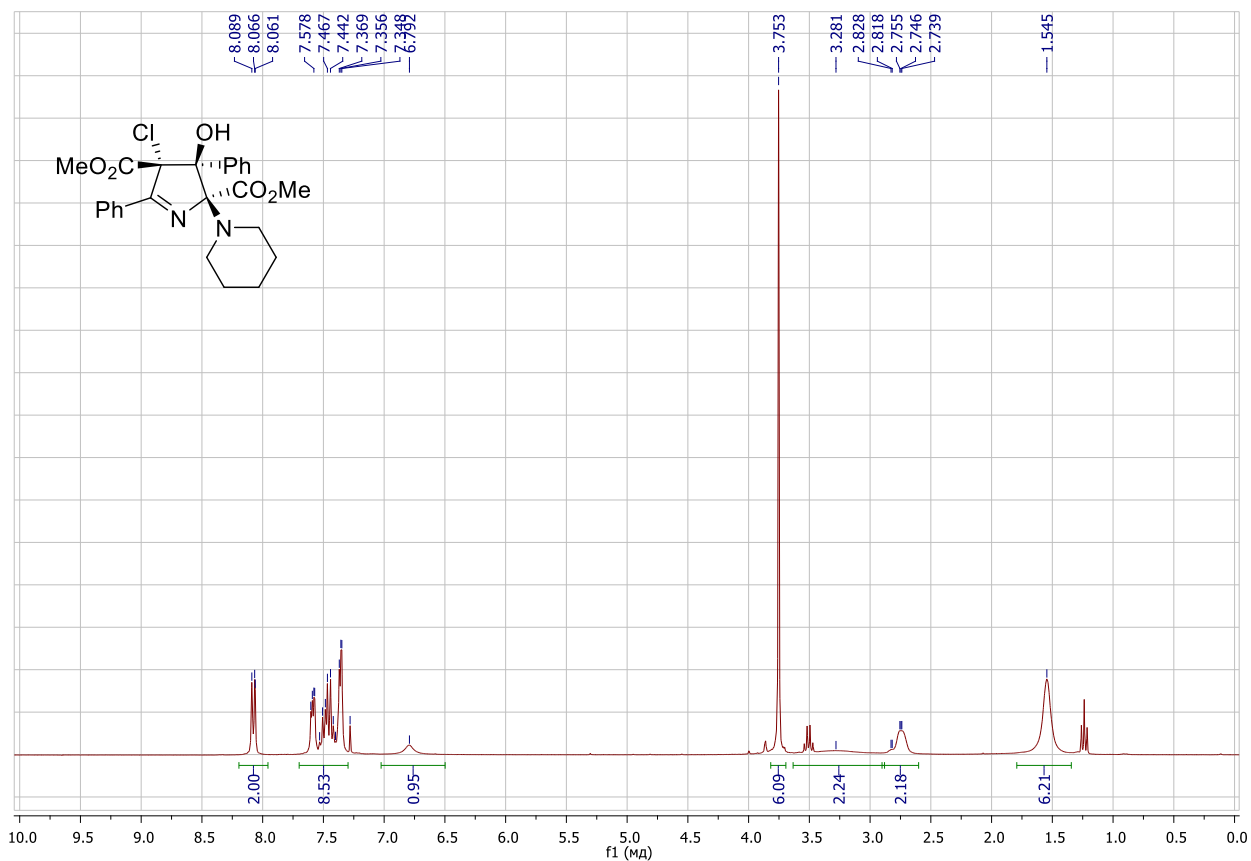
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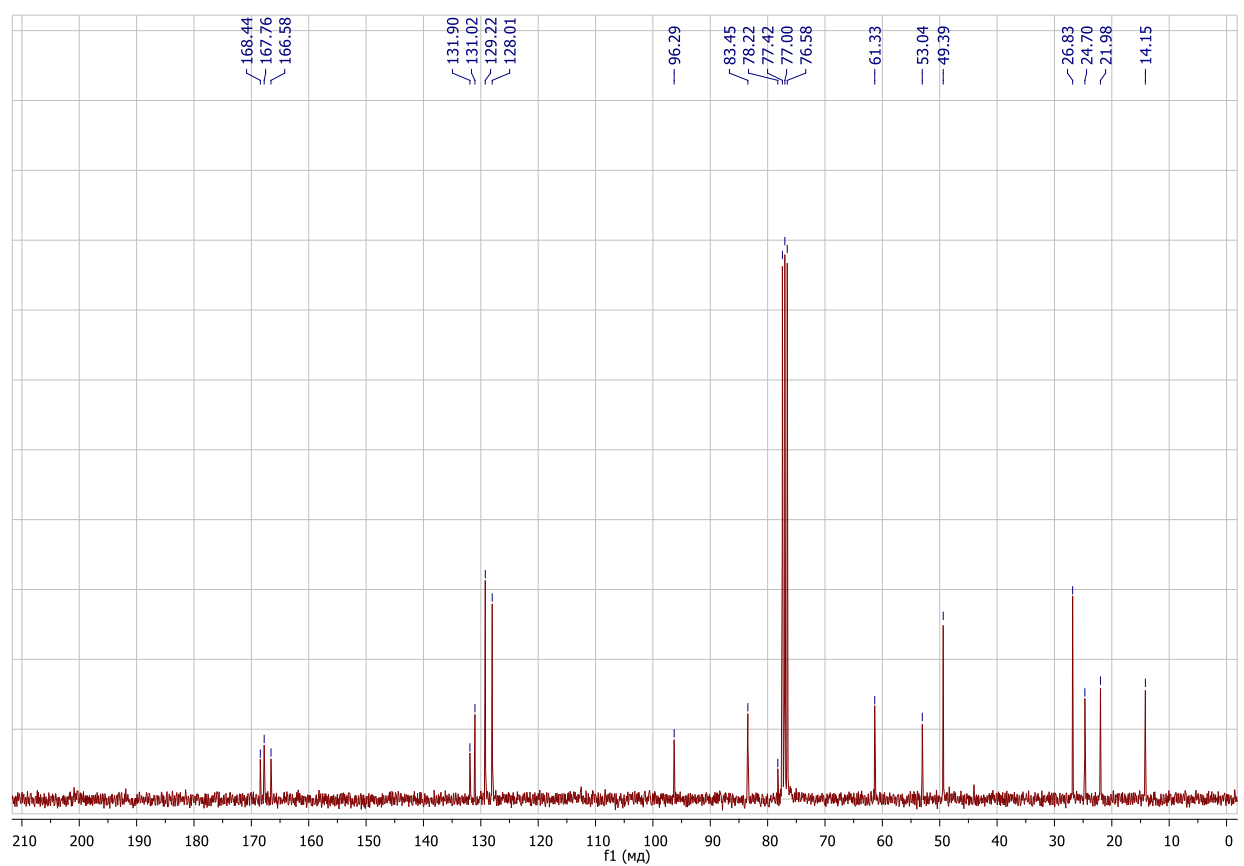
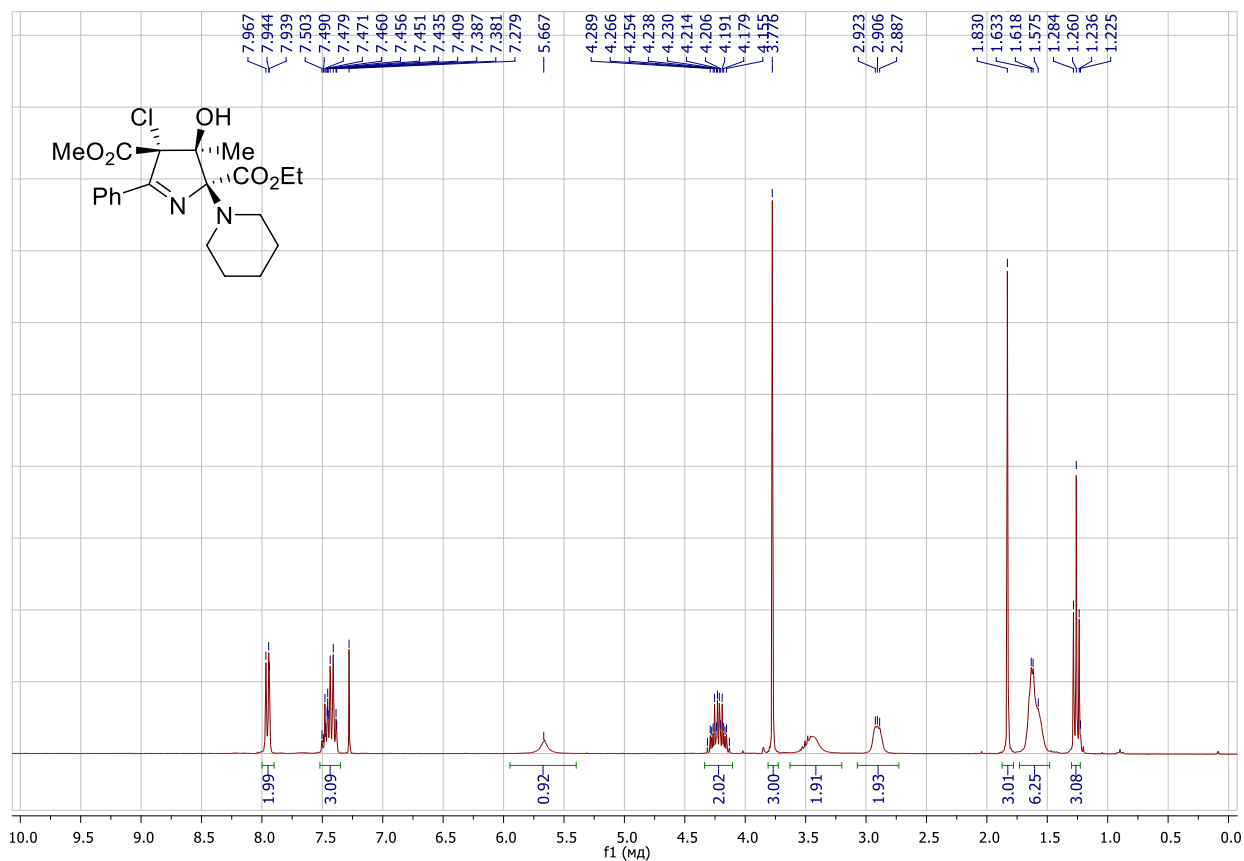
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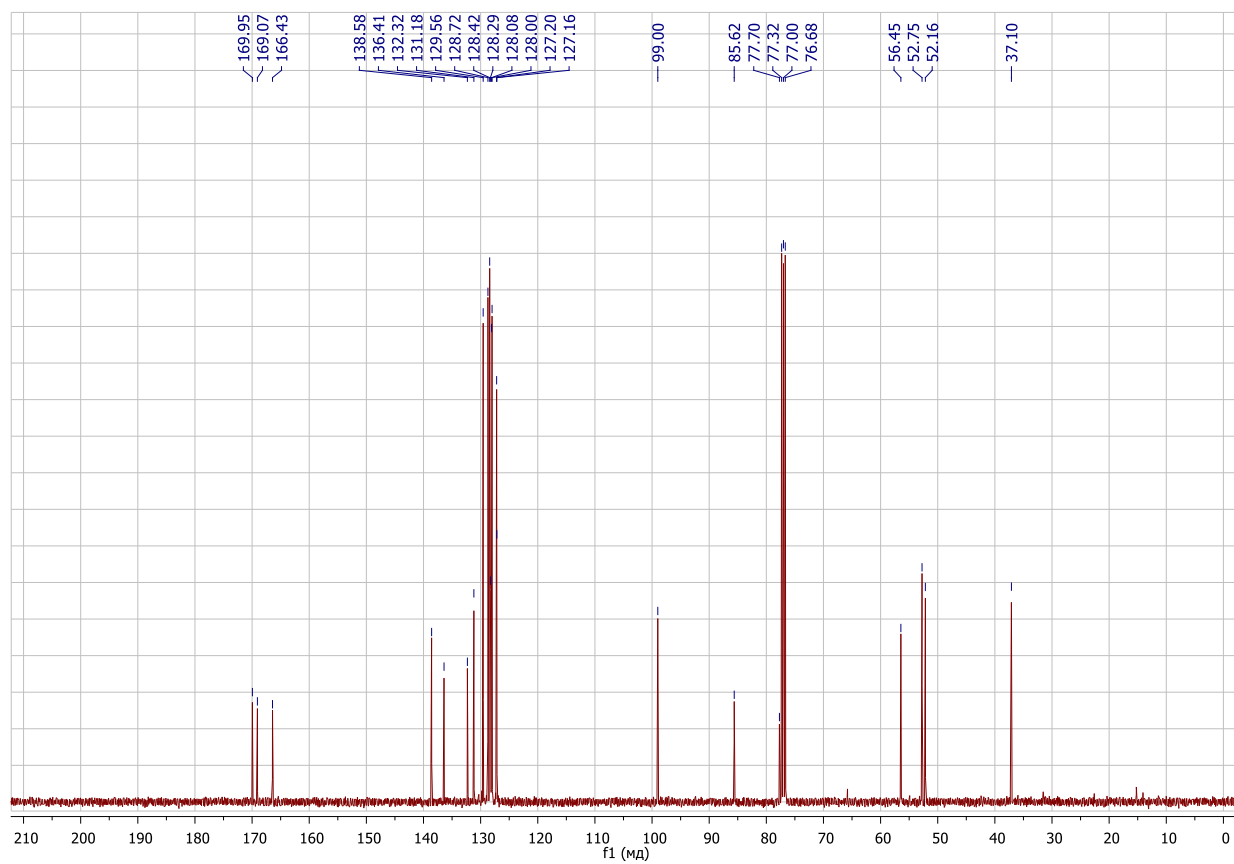
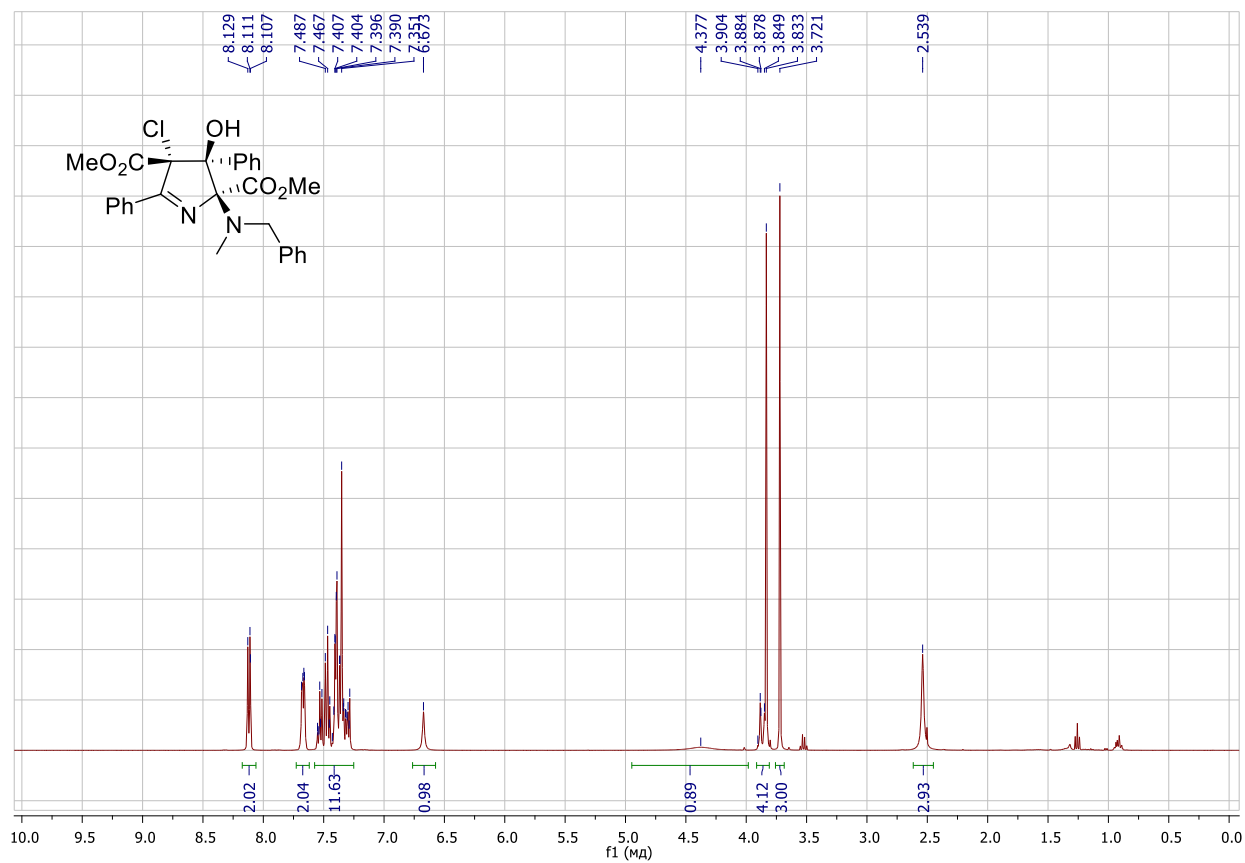
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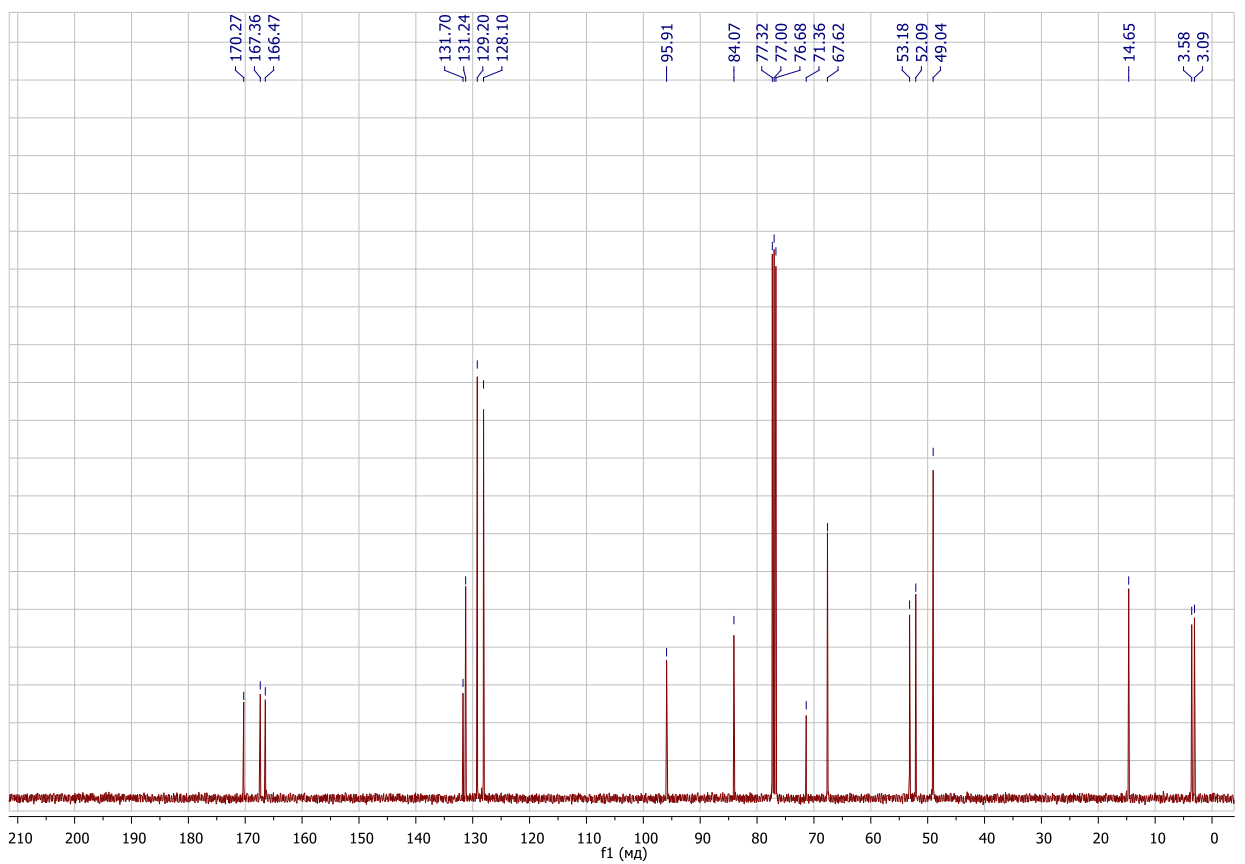
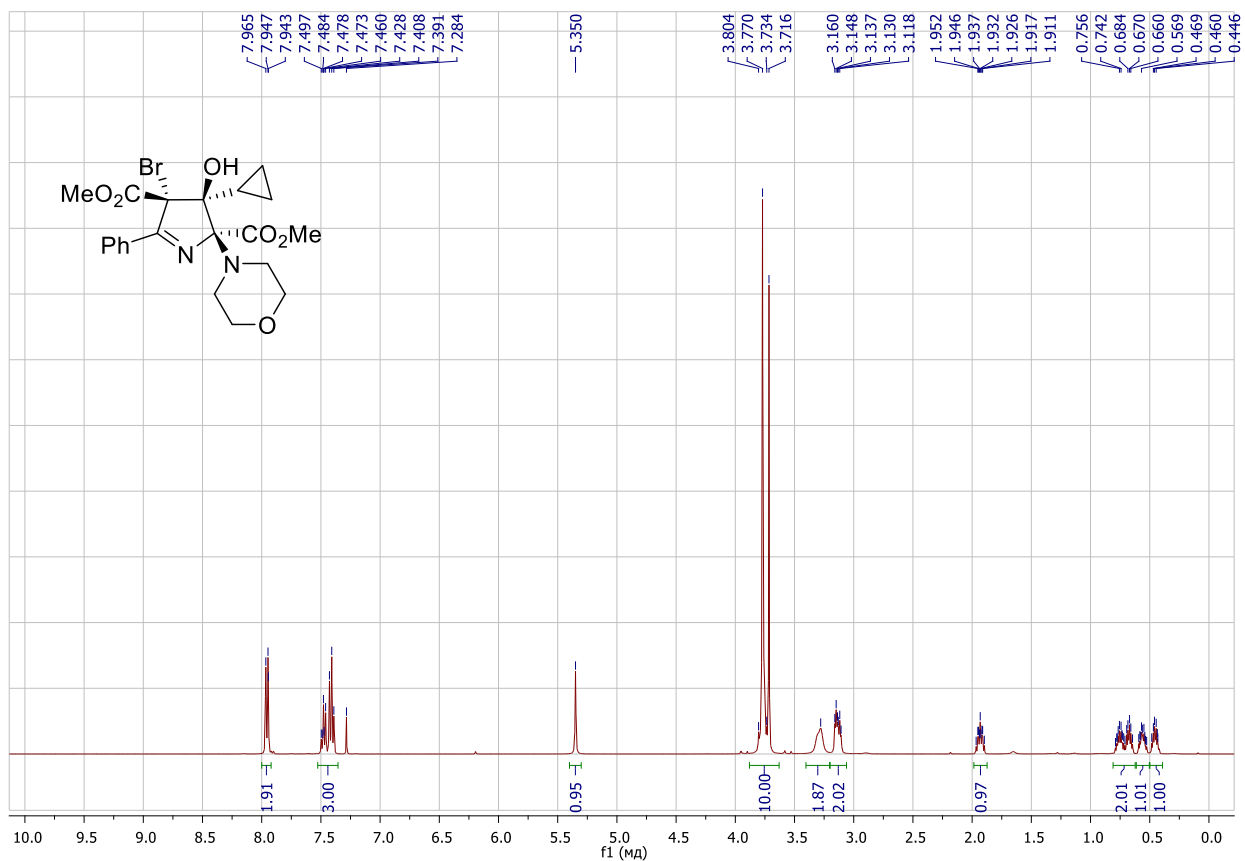
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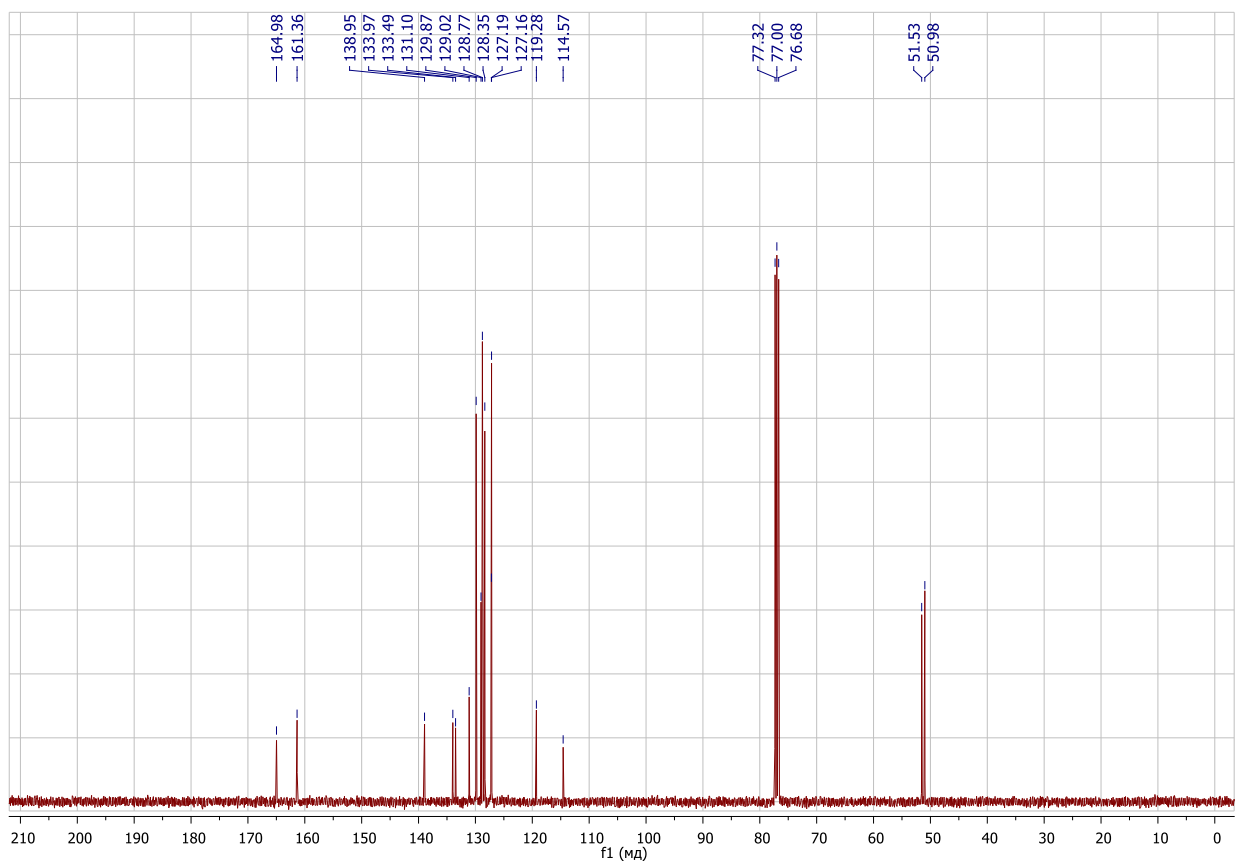
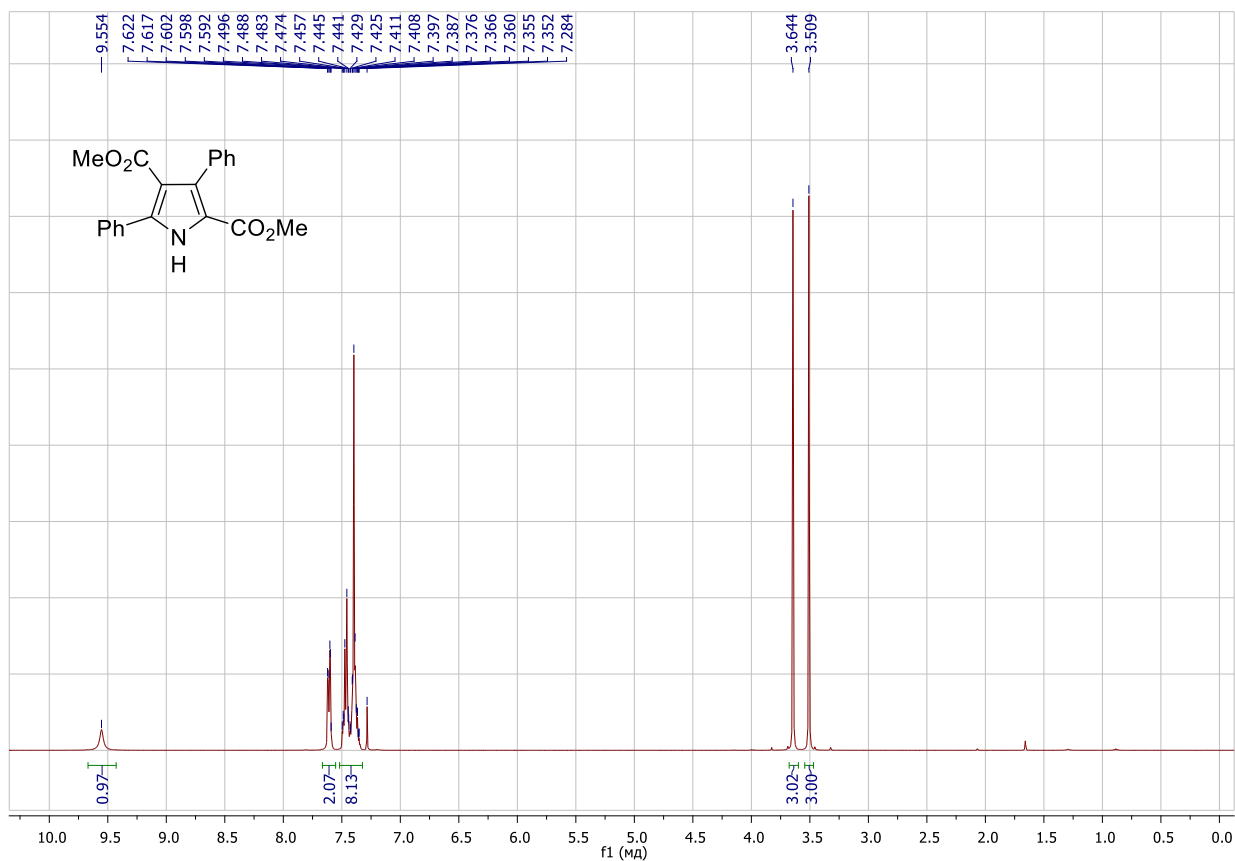
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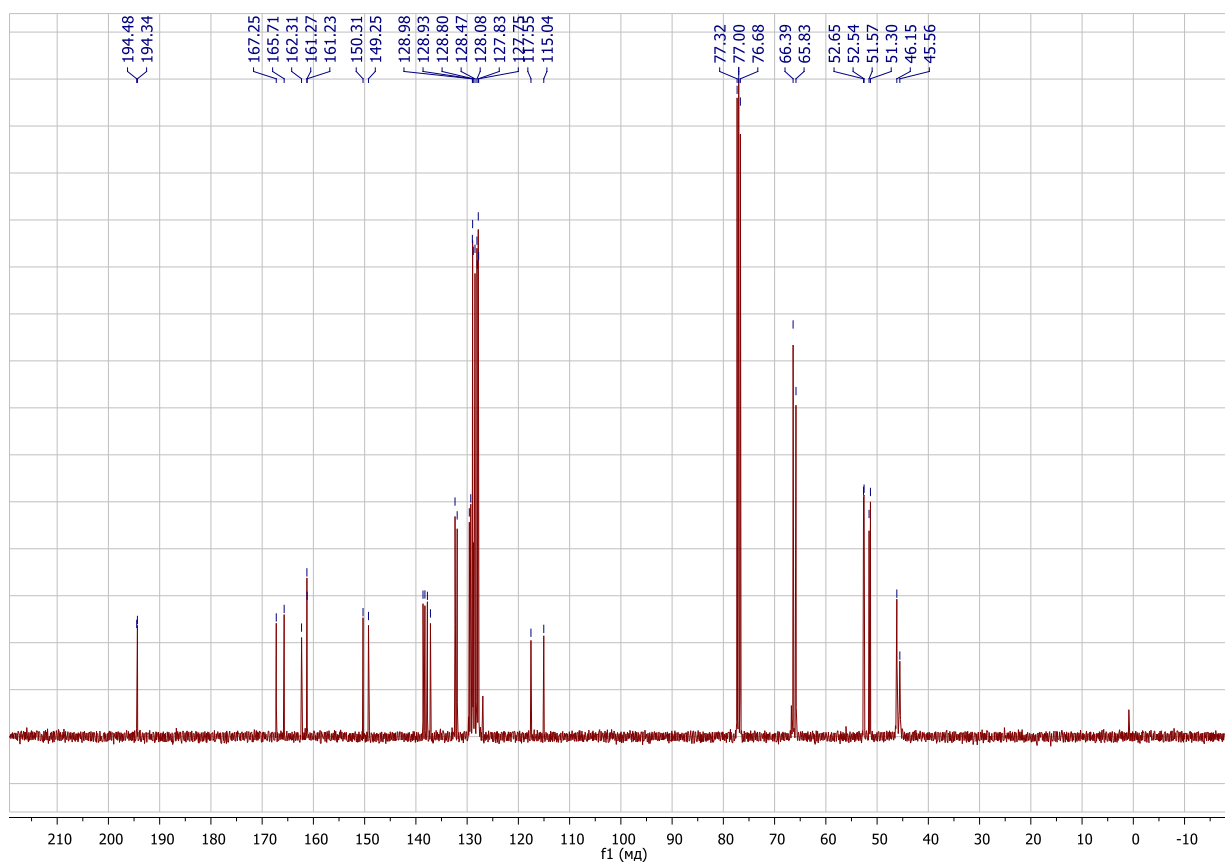
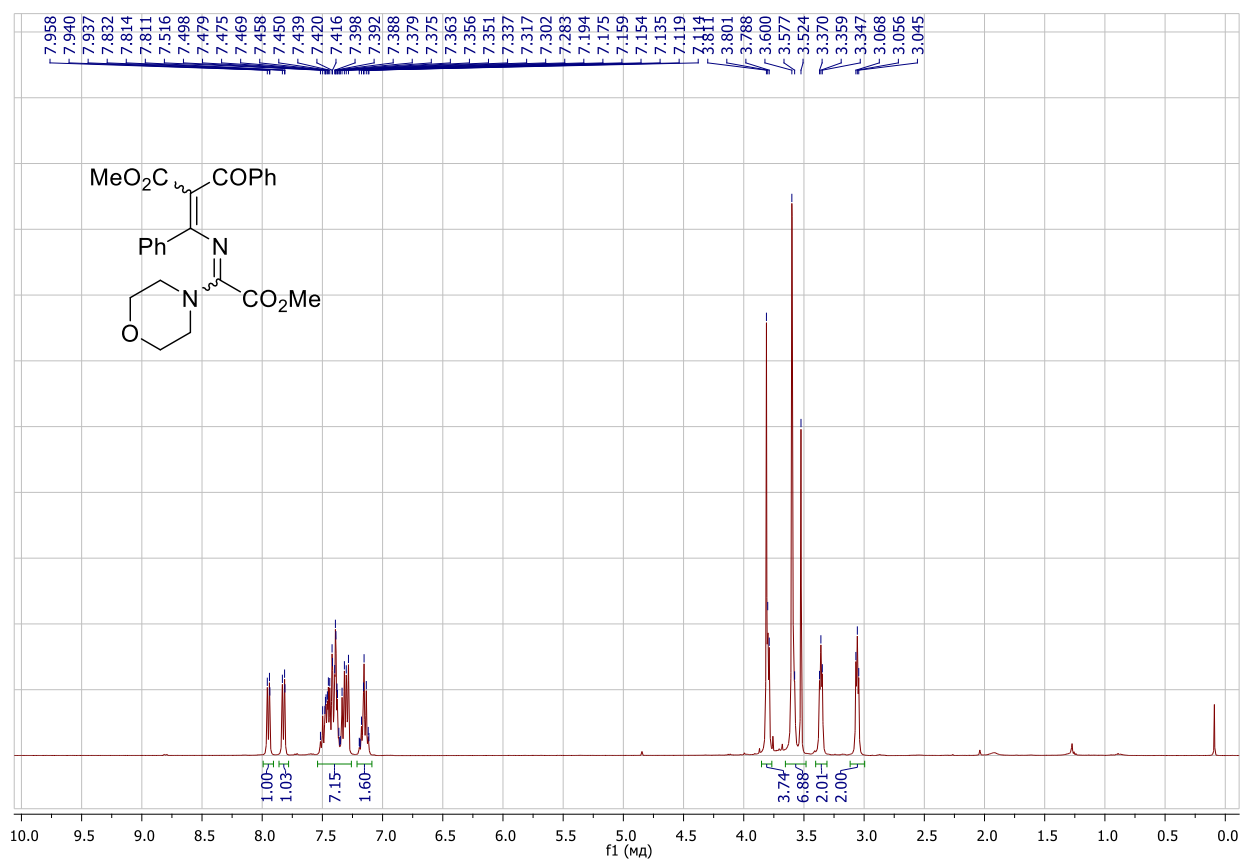
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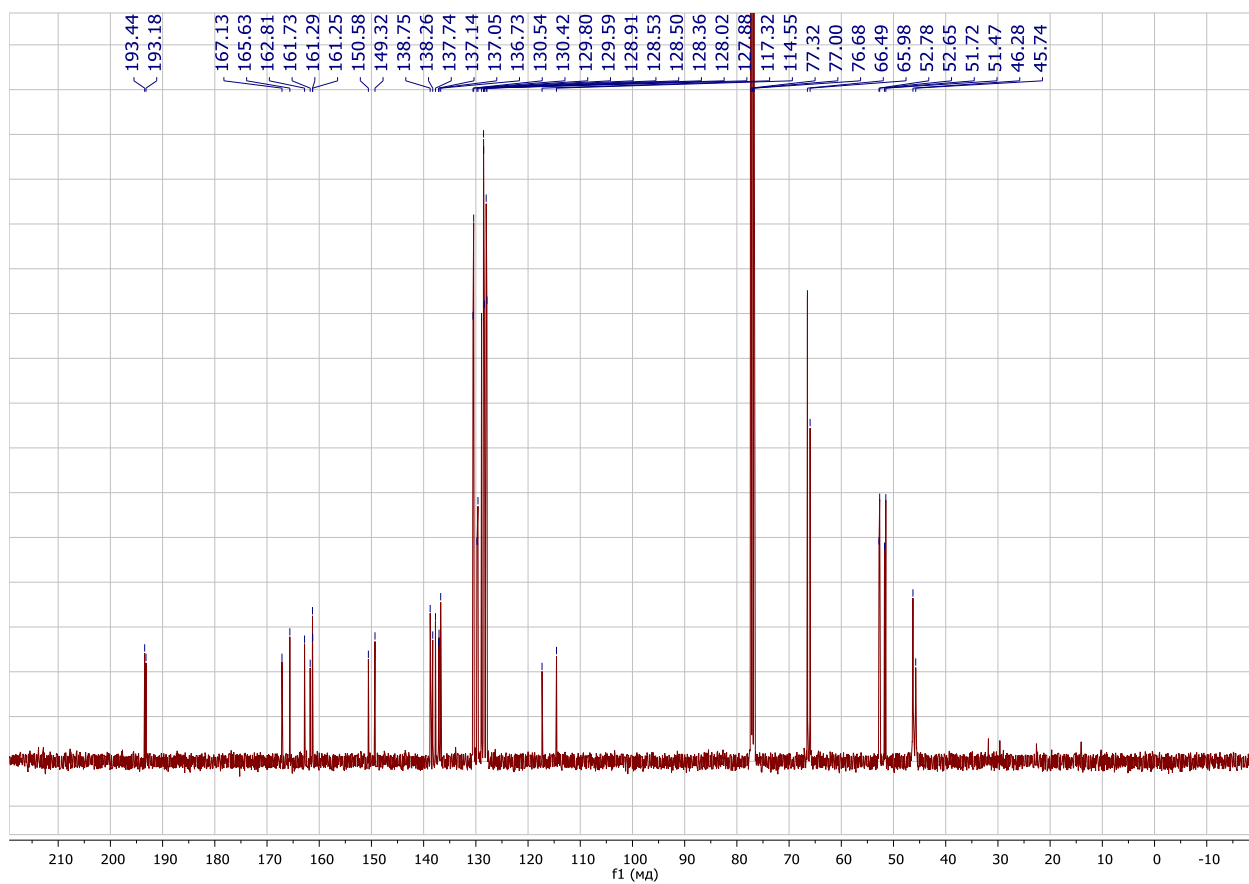
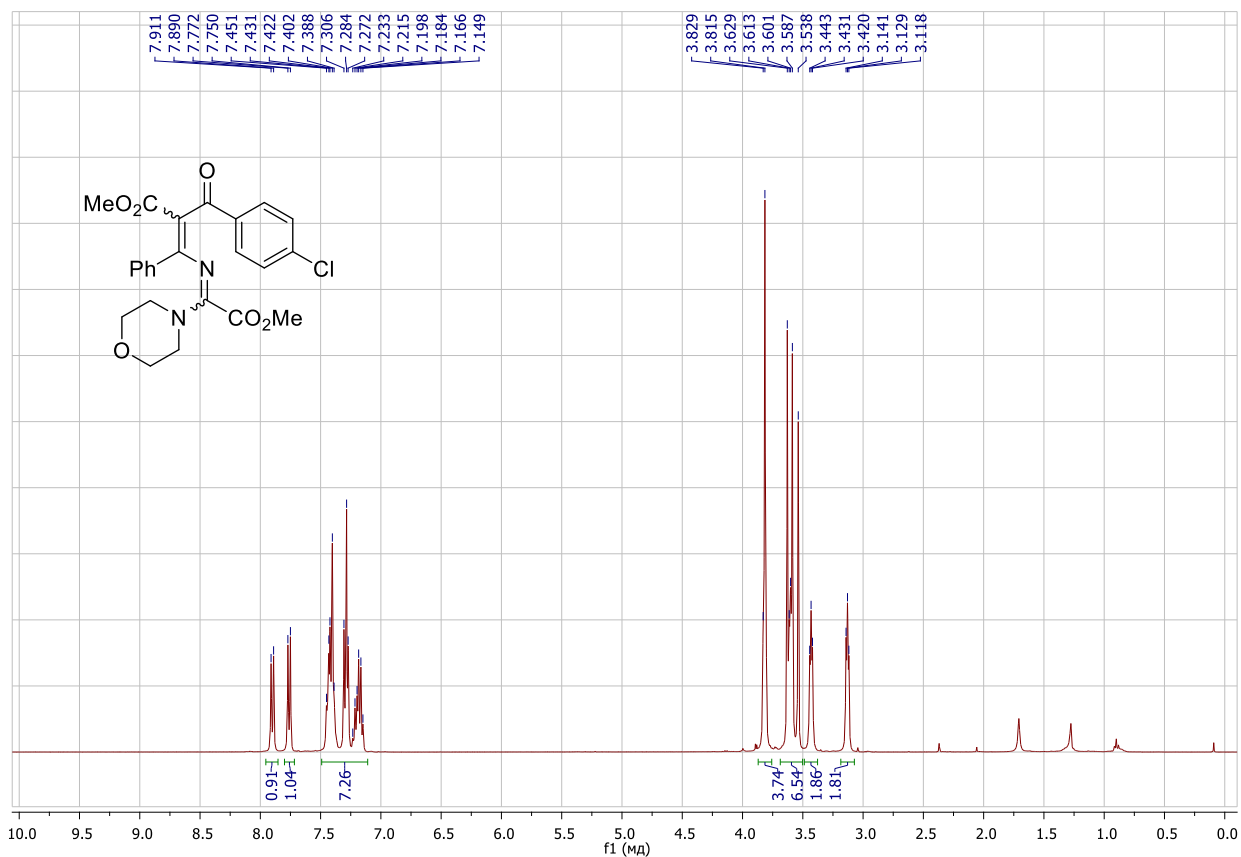
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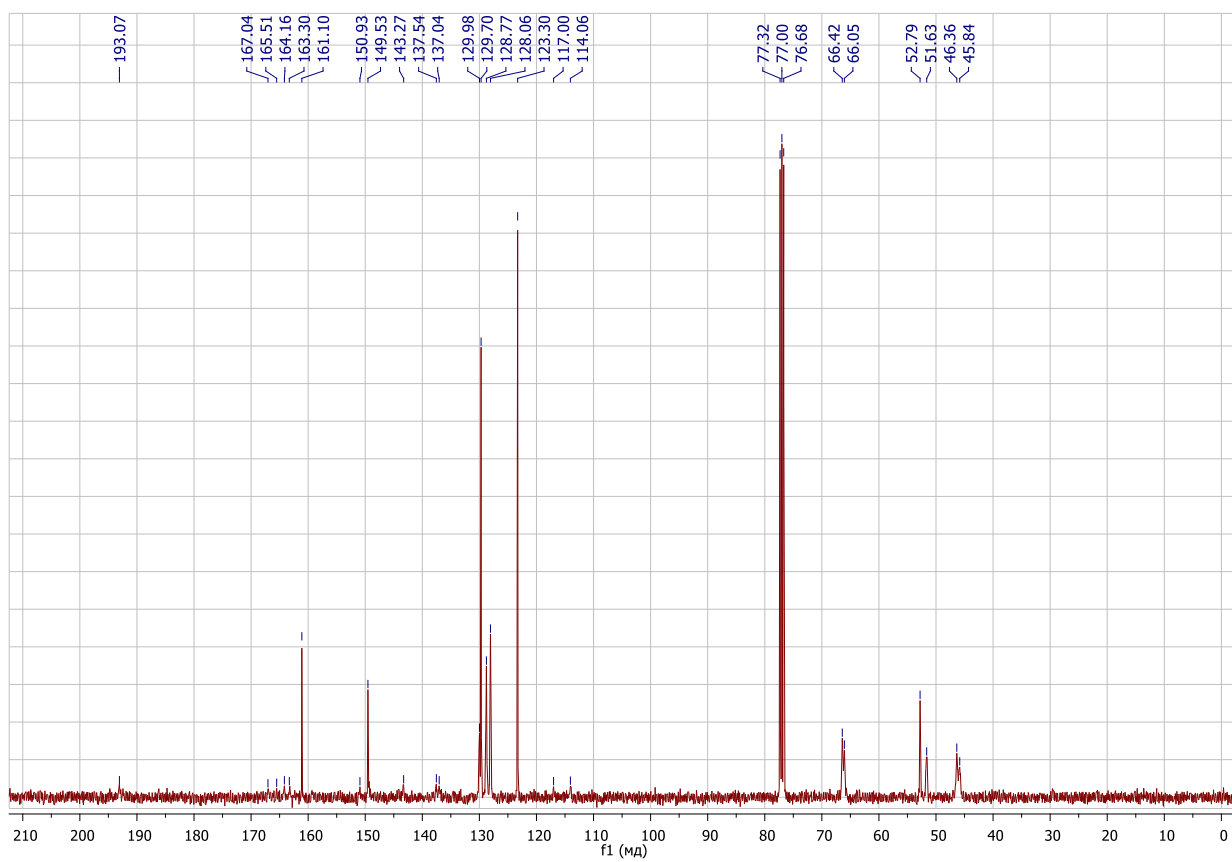
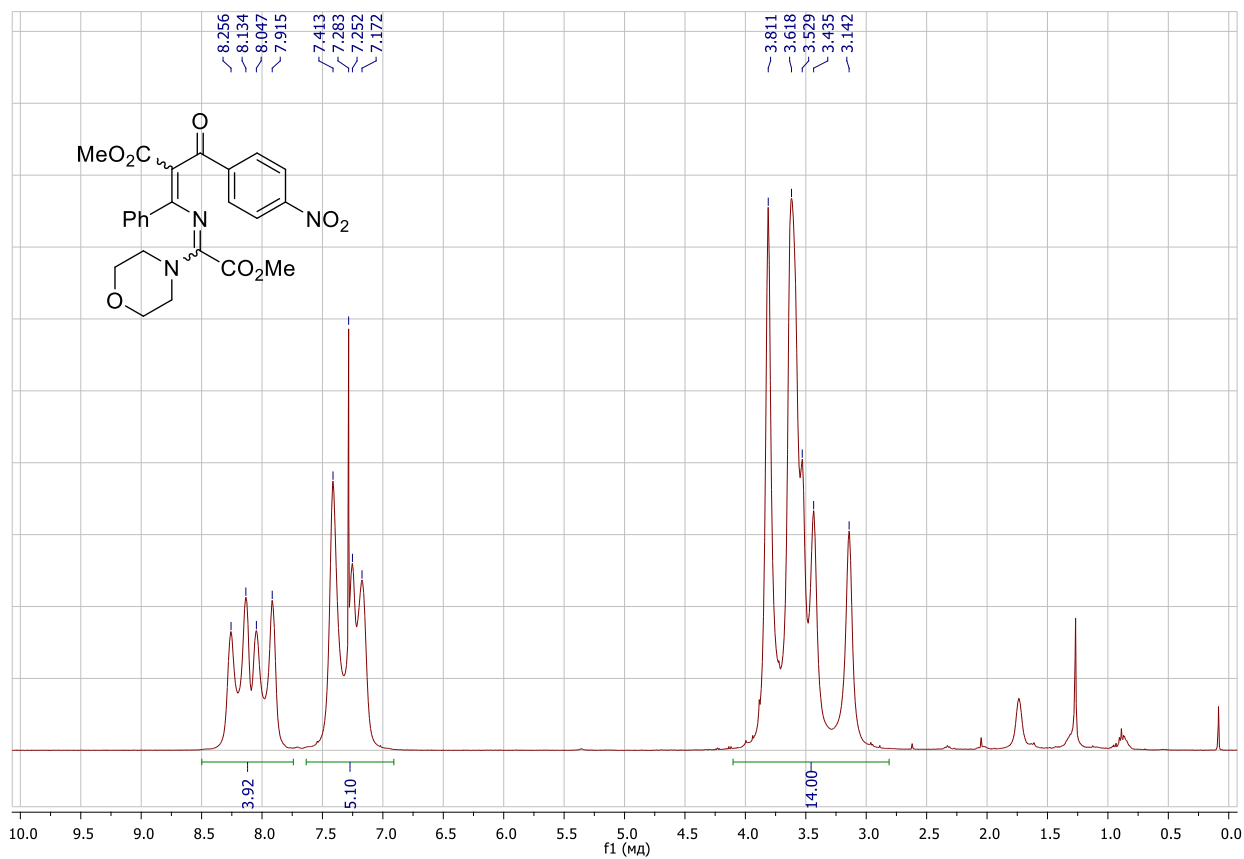
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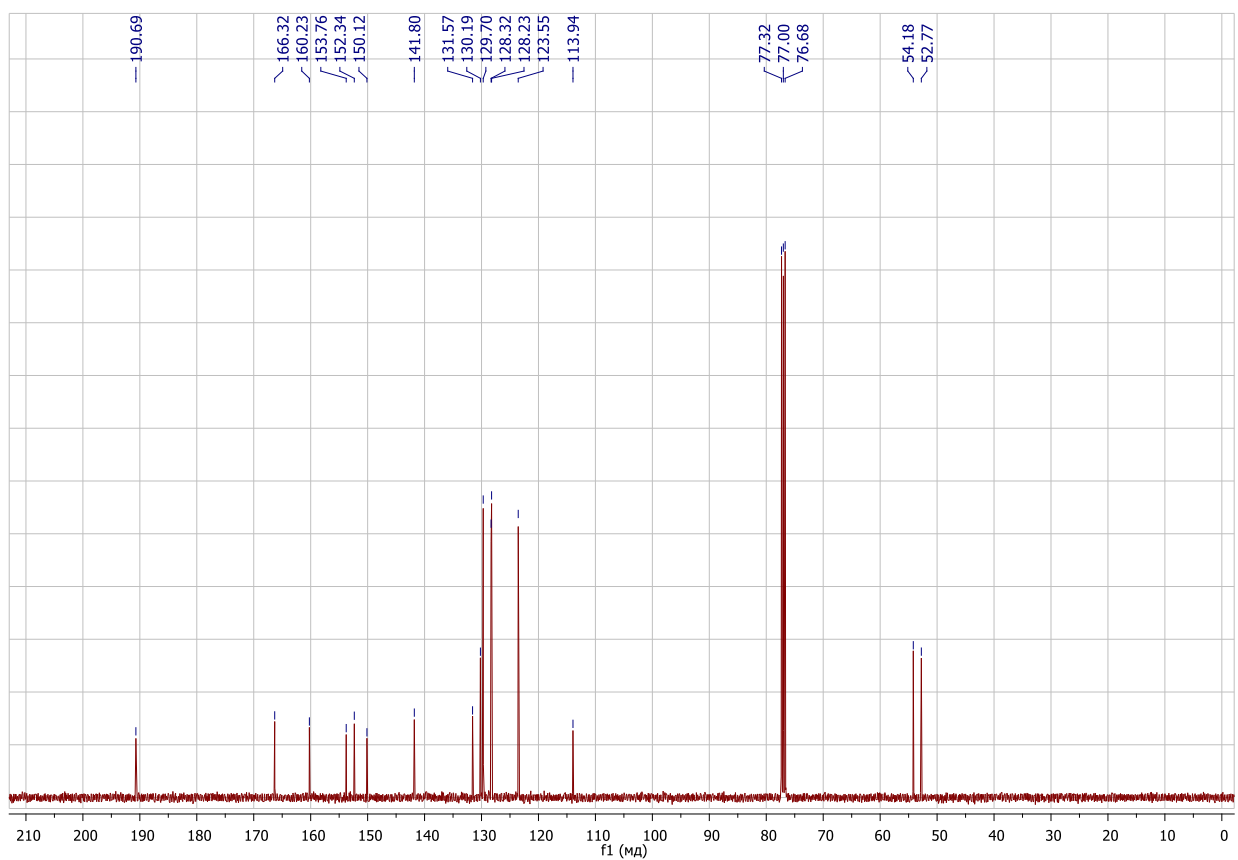
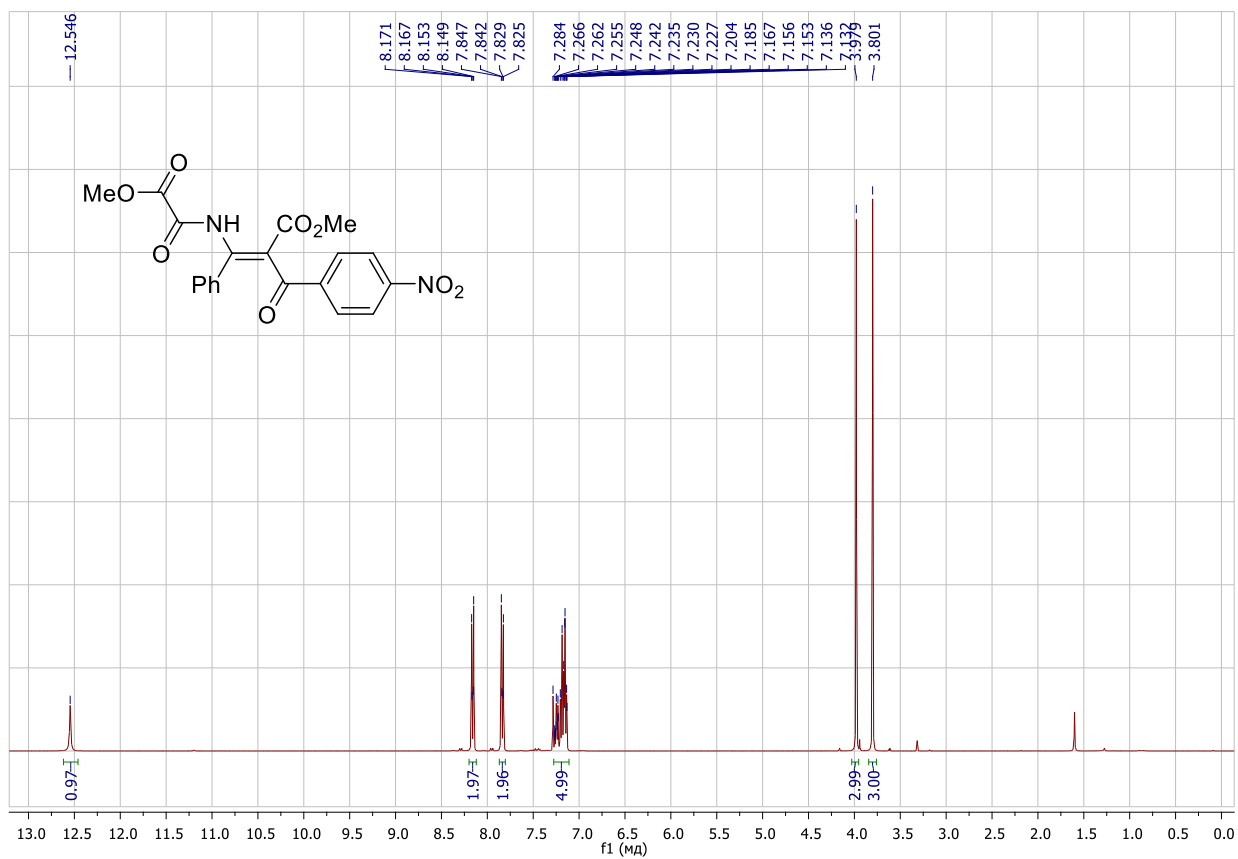
^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compound **12b**



^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compound **12c**



^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compound **13**



11. X-ray data of compounds 5c,6b,13

Single crystals of compounds **5c**, **6b** and **13** were grown by slow evaporation of their solutions in CH₂Cl₂–hexane mixture at room temperature. For single crystal X-ray diffraction experiment suitable crystals were fixed on a micro mount and placed on a diffractometer and measured at a temperature of 100K using monochromated MoK α radiation. The structures have been solved by the direct methods by means of the SHELX program¹² incorporated in the OLEX2 program package.¹³ Empirical absorption correction was applied in CrysAlisPro program complex¹⁴ using spherical harmonics, implemented in SCALE3 ABSPACK scaling algorithm. The crystallographic data and some parameters of refinement are placed in Tables S1–S3.

Figure S1. X-ray crystal structure of compound **5c** with 50% ellipsoid probability (CCDC 1936159)

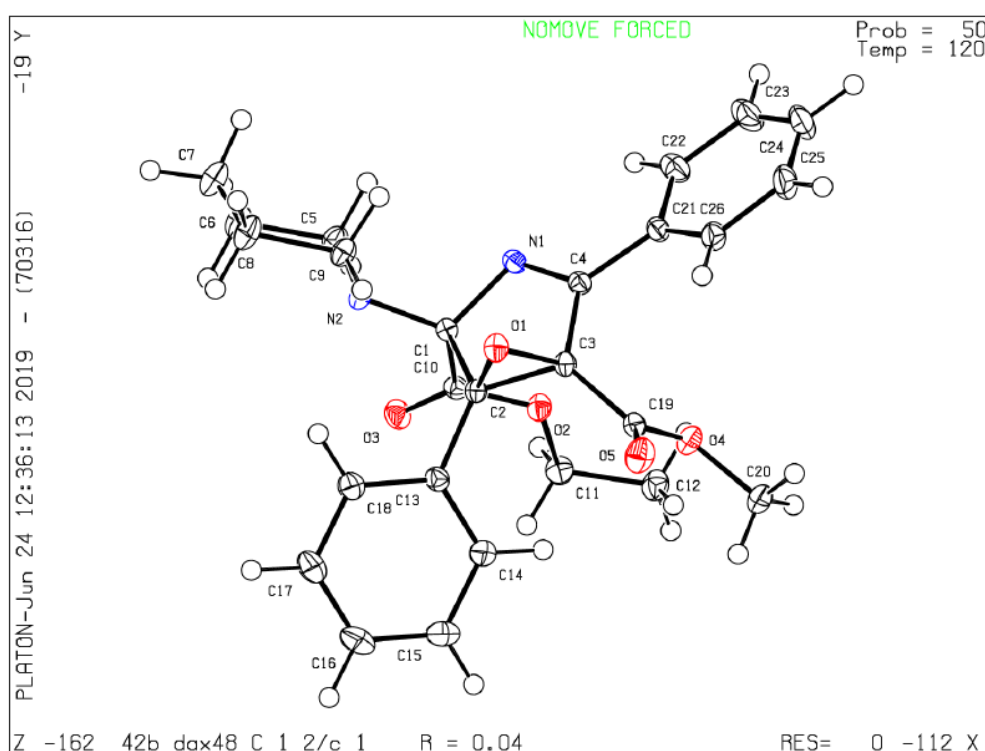


Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for compound **5c**

Identification code	dax48
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Formula weight	448.50
Temperature/K	120
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
a/Å	32.8032(8)
b/Å	8.35859(13)
c/Å	19.6012(5)

$\alpha/^\circ$	90.00
$\beta/^\circ$	121.849(3)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90.00
Volume/ \AA^3	4565.24(17)
Z	8
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.305
μ/mm^{-1}	0.091
F(000)	1904.0
Crystal size/ mm^3	$0.59 \times 0.39 \times 0.23$
Radiation	Mo K α ($\lambda = 0.7107$)
2Θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	5.28 to 61
Index ranges	$-46 \leq h \leq 46, -11 \leq k \leq 11, -27 \leq l \leq 27$
Reflections collected	60028
Independent reflections	6943 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0497, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0251$]
Data/restraints/parameters	6943/0/410
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.043
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0409, wR_2 = 0.1000$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0520, wR_2 = 0.1080$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.48/-0.21

Figure S2. X-ray crystal structure of compound **6b** with 50% ellipsoid probability (CCDC 1936158)

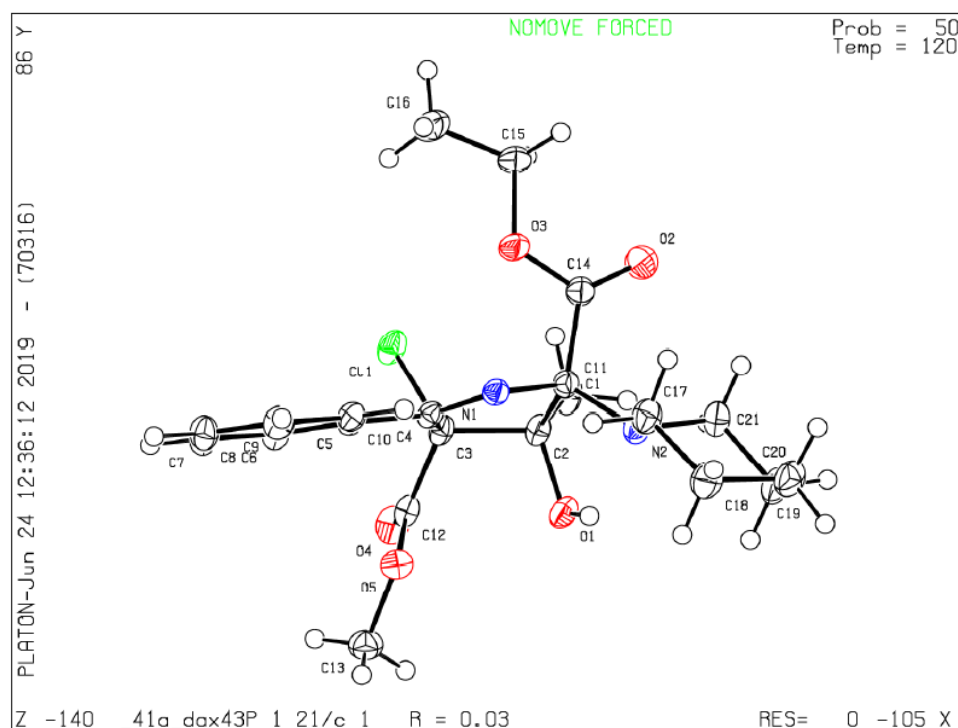


Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for compound **6b**

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Formula weight	422.90
Temperature/K	120

Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$
$a/\text{\AA}$	8.9966(3)
$b/\text{\AA}$	10.4109(3)
$c/\text{\AA}$	22.3370(7)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90.00
$\beta/^\circ$	92.301(10)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90.00
Volume/ \AA^3	2090.46(11)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g/cm}^3$	1.344
μ/mm^{-1}	0.218
F(000)	896.0
Crystal size/ mm^3	$0.44 \times 0.4 \times 0.08$
Radiation	MoK α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	3.64 to 60
Index ranges	$-12 \leq h \leq 12, -14 \leq k \leq 14, -31 \leq l \leq 31$
Reflections collected	36120
Independent reflections	6112 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0314, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0210$]
Data/restraints/parameters	6112/0/370
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	0.997
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0340, wR_2 = 0.0878$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0465, wR_2 = 0.0960$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.40/-0.21

Figure S3. X-ray crystal structure of compound **13** with 50% ellipsoid probability (CCDC 1936916)

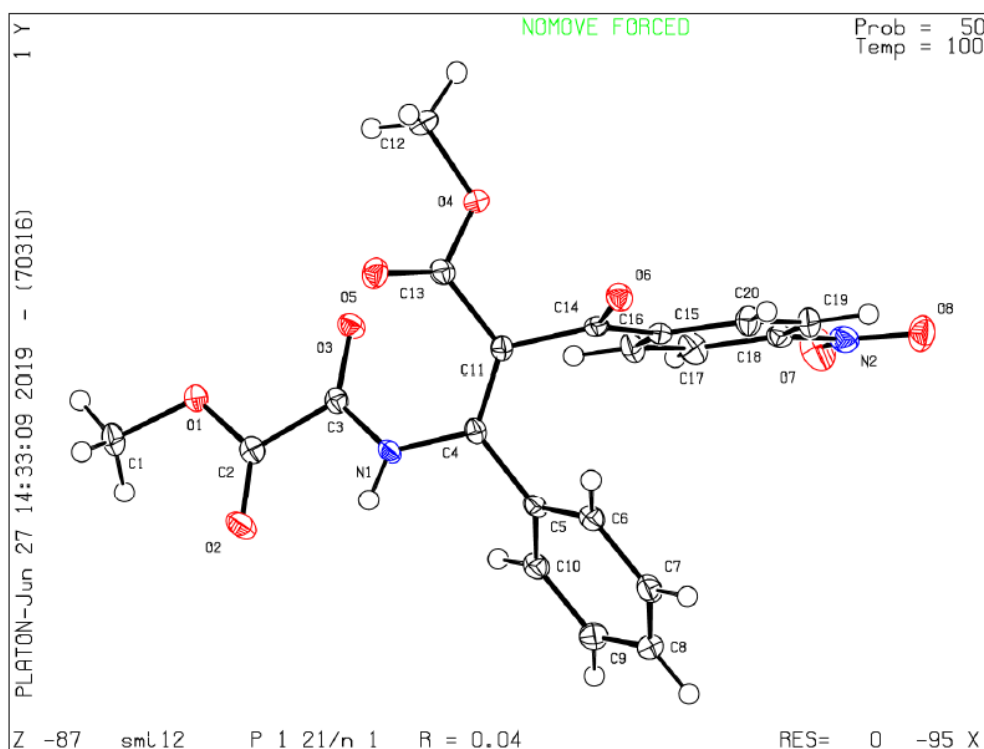


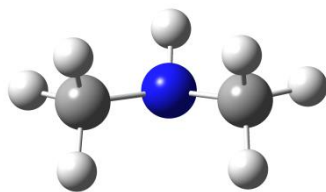
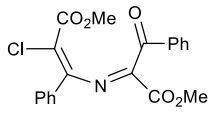
Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for compound **13**

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Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /n
a/Å	11.9680(4)
b/Å	11.1729(4)
c/Å	13.8802(4)
α/°	90
β/°	92.759(3)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	1853.86(10)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /g/cm ³	1.477
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.116
F(000)	856.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.30 × 0.22 × 0.12
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	6.818 to 54.988
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 14, -12 ≤ k ≤ 14, -18 ≤ l ≤ 18
Reflections collected	12802
Independent reflections	4254 [R _{int} = 0.0379, R _{sigma} = 0.0396]
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Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.041
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0393, wR ₂ = 0.0844
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0550, wR ₂ = 0.0952
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.31/-0.25

12. Calculation details

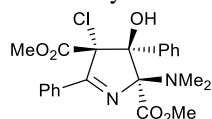
All calculations were performed by using the Gaussian 09 suite of quantum chemical programs.¹⁵ Geometry optimizations of dimethylamine, compounds **3zb**, **6e**, **7a**, **8a** and transition states TS1–TS3 were performed at the DFT B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p) level using PCM model for CH₂Cl₂. Stationary points on the respective potential-energy surfaces were characterized at the same level of theory by evaluating the corresponding Hessian indices. Careful verification of the unique imaginary frequencies for transition states was carried out to check whether the frequency indeed pertains to the desired reaction coordinate. Single point calculations of energies for stationary points were carried out at the DFT wB97XD/cc-pVTZ level using PCM solvation model for toluene. Thermal corrections to Gibbs free energies obtained in the optimization calculations were used.

Table S4. Energies (au) and cartesian coordinates of stationary points for dimethylamine, compounds **3zb**, **6e**, **7a**, **8a** and transition states TS1–TS3 calculated at wB97XD/cc-pVTZ level (PCM, CH₂Cl₂).

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Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.097624				Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.347500			
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.066822				Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.259104			
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Imaginary frequency = 0.				Imaginary frequency = 0.			
							
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Chlorohydrin **6e**



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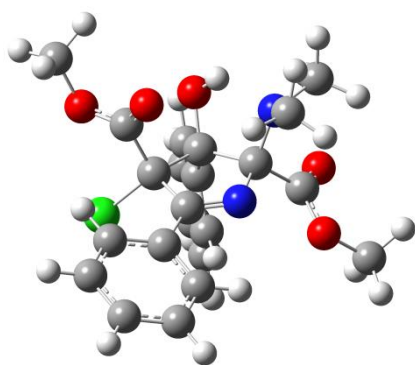
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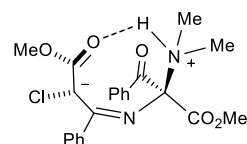
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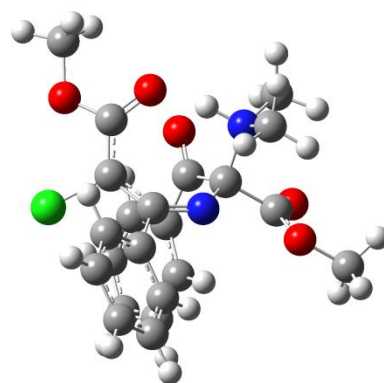
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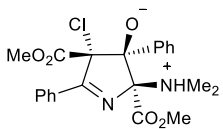
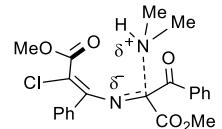
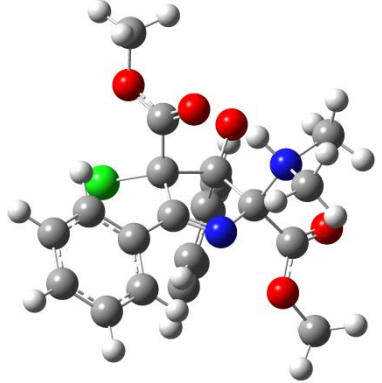
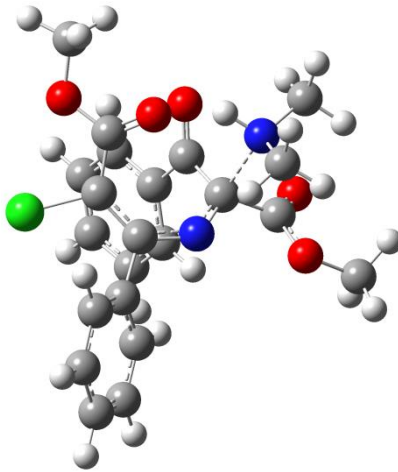
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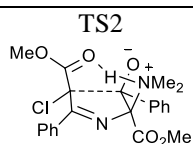
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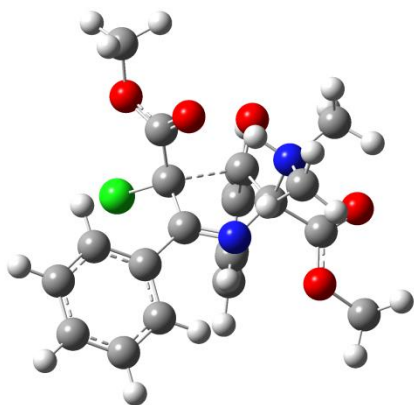
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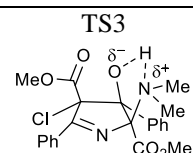
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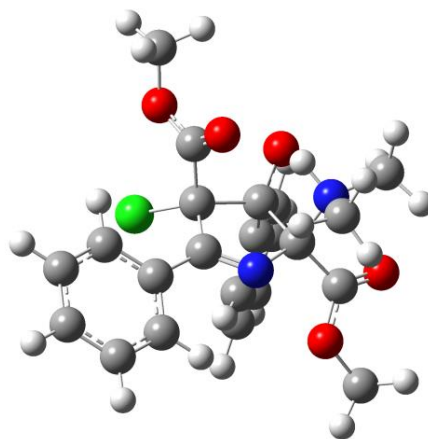
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