# **Experimental:**

Commercial reagents were used as received unless stated otherwise. The catalyst **1** was prepared according to published procedures.<sup>1,2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 or 500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 or 125 MHz) spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on JEOL (Eclipse-500 and ECX-300 respectively) instruments. High resolution electrospray mass spectra were obtained at the University of Florida using an APEX II instrument (Bruker Daltonics, Billerica, MA).

# Ethyl 2-bromo-4-pentenoate (15a)<sup>3</sup>

EDA (114 mg, 2.00 mmol) in allyl bromide 1.5 mL was added by automatic syringe over 1 h to a stirred solution of the catalyst (40 mg, 0.050 mmol) in the allyl bromide (1.5 mL) under nitrogen in a flask shielded from light. The resulting solution was stirred 24 h at ambient temperature under nitrogen. The solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 98:3 pentane/ether), yielding the product as a colorless oil (147 mg, 75%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz):  $\delta = 1.29$  (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 2.76-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.83 (m, 1H), 4.22 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.20-5.13 (m, 2H), 5.80-5.71 (m, 1H)

# *t*-Butyl 2-bromo-4-pentenoate (15b)<sup>3</sup>

*tert*-Butyl diazoacetate (200 mg, 1.41 mmol) in the allyl bromide (1.5 mL) was added by automatic syringe over 1 h to a stirred solution of the catalyst (30 mg, 0.038 mmol) in the allyl bromide (1.5 mL) under nitrogen in a flask shielded from light. The resulting solution was stirred 24 h at ambient temperature under nitrogen. The solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 98:2 pentane/ether), yielding the product (215 mg, 65% yield) as a colorless oil.

IR (neat)  $cm^{-1} = 2980, 1735, 1641, 1456.$ 

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz):  $\delta$  = 1.46 (s, 9H), 2.64-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.78-2.84 (m, 1H), 4.12 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.13-5.18 (m, 2H), 5.70-5.79 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz): δ = 28.2, 39.6, 46.5, 82.9, 119.3, 133.7, 168.8.

# Ethyl 2-chloro-3-methyl-4-pentenoate (16a)<sup>4</sup>

Ethyl diazoacetate (218 mg, 2.00 mmol) in the crotyl chloride (1.5 mL) was added by automatic syringe over 1 h to a stirred solution of the catalyst (40 mg, 0.050 mmol) in the crotyl chloride (1.5 mL) under nitrogen in a flask shielded from light. The resulting solution was stirred 24 h at ambient temperature under nitrogen. The solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 98:6 pentane/ether), yielding the product (290 mg, 86% yield) as a colorless oil.

IR (neat)  $\text{cm}^{-1} = 2982$ , 1748, 1642, 1457.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz):  $\delta = 1.15$  (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1.5H), 1.16 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1.5H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.5H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.5 H), 2.82-2.90 (m, 1H), 4.26-4.15 (m, 3H), 5.17-5.11 (m, 2H), 5.87-5.72 (m, 1H), *syn/anti* ratio = 1/1.

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<sup>3.</sup> Stotter, P.L.; Hill, K.A. Tetrahedron Lett. 1972, 40, 4067-4074.

<sup>4.</sup> Doyle, M.P.; Tamblyn, W.H.; Bagheri, V. J. Org. Chem. 1981, 46, 5094-5102

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz):  $\delta$  = 14.13, 14.17, 16.0, 17.3, 42.00, 42.04, 61.9, 62.0, 62.1, 62.3, 116.82, 116.89, 137.7, 138.3, 168.8, 168.9.

#### t-Butyl 2-chloro-3-methyl-4-pentenoate (16b)

*tert*-Butyl diazoacetate (166 mg, 1.17 mmol) in the crotyl chloride (1.5 mL) was added by automatic syringe over 1 h to a stirred solution of the catalyst (30 mg, 0.038 mmol) in the crotyl chloride (1.5 mL) under nitrogen in a flask shielded from light. The resulting solution was stirred 24 h at ambient temperature under nitrogen. The solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 98:6 pentane/ether), yielding the product (230 mg, 96% yield) as a colorless oil.

IR (neat,  $cm^{-1}$ ): = 2980, 1744, 1643, 1457.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz):  $\delta = 1.12$ , 1.4 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 1.46, 1.45 (s, 9H), 2.79 (m, 1H), 4.04, 4.07 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.08-5.11 (m, 2H), 5.72-5.77 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz):  $\delta$  = 16.0, 17.4, 27.92, 27.96, 42.00, 42.04, 63.1, 63.3, 82.6, 82.7, 116.6, 116.7, 137.9, 138.5, 167.8, 167.9.

### Ethyl 2-chloro-4-methyl-4-pentenoate (17a)

Ethyl diazoacetate (218 mg, 2.00 mmol) in the 3-chloro-2-methylpropene (1.5 mL) was added by automatic syringe over 1 h to a stirred solution of the catalyst (40 mg, 0.050 mmol) in the 3-chloro-2-methylpropene (1.5 mL) under nitrogen in a flask shielded from light. The resulting solution was stirred 24 h at ambient temperature under nitrogen. The solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 98:3 pentane/Ether), yielding the product (200 mg, 59% yield) as a colorless oil.

IR (neat,  $cm^{-1}$ ): = 2981, 2358, 1727, 1446, 1383.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz):  $\delta = 1.29$  (m, 3H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 2.57 (dd, J = 3.0, 16.5 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, J = 3.0, 16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (m, 2H), 4.38 (m, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz): δ = 14.1, 22.1, 42.9, 55.0, 62.1, 114.4 139.9, 169.5.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_8H_{14}ClO_2 (M+H)^+$  177.0678, found 177.0674.

#### t-Butyl 2-chloro-4-methyl-4-pentenoate (17b)

*tert*-Butyl diazoacetate (165 mg, 1.16 mmol) in the 3-chloro-2-methylpropene (1.5 mL) was added by automatic syringe over 1 h to a stirred solution of the catalyst (30 mg, 0.038 mmol) in 3-chloro-2-methylpropene (1.5 mL) under nitrogen in a flask shielded from light. The resulting solution was stirred 24 h at ambient temperature under nitrogen. The solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 98:3 pentane/ether), yielding the product (200 mg, 84% yield) as a colorless oil.

IR (neat,  $cm^{-1}$ ) = 2982, 1744, 1652, 1455, 1395.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz):  $\delta$  = 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 7.3 and 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz): δ = 22.1, 27.8, 43.0, 56.0, 82.6, 114.2, 140.2, 168.5.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{10}H_{18}ClO_2 (M+H)^+ 205.0990$ , found 205.0989.

#### Ethyl 2-bromo-4-methyl-4-pentenoate (18a)

Ethyl diazoacetate (218 mg, 2.00 mmol) in the 3-bromo-2-methylpropene (1.5 mL) was added by automatic syringe over 1 h to a stirred solution of the catalyst (40 mg, 0.050 mmol) in the 3-bromo-2-methylpropene (1.5 mL) under nitrogen in a flask shielded from light. The resulting solution was stirred 24 h at ambient temperature under nitrogen. The

solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 97:3 pentane/ether), yielding the product (240 mg, 57% yield) as a colorless oil.

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): = 2925, 2854, 1741, 1457.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz):  $\delta = 1.29$  (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 2.65 (dd, J = 7.2, 15.0 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, J = 8.1, 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (dd, J = 7.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz)  $\delta$  = 14.0, 22.2, 42.8, 43.6, 62.0, 114.1, 140.8, 169.6.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_8H_{14}BrO_2 (M+H)^+ 221.0172$ , found 221.0174.

#### t-Butyl 2-bromo-4-methyl-4-pentenoate (18b)

*tert*-Butyl diazoacetate (166 mg, 1.17 mmol) in the 3-bromo-2-methylpropene (1.5 mL) was added by automatic syringe over 1 h to a stirred solution of the catalyst (30 mg, 0.038 mmol) in the 3-bromo-2-methylpropene (1.5 mL) under nitrogen in a flask shielded from light. The resulting solution was stirred 24 h at ambient temperature under nitrogen. The solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 97:3 pentane/ether), yielding the product (260 mg, 89% yield) as a colorless oil.

IR (neat,  $cm^{-1}$ ): = 3081, 2980, 1743, 1651, 1455, 1394.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz):  $\delta = 1.48$  (s, 9H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 2.55 (dd, J = 7.5, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd, J = 7.5, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz):  $\delta = 22.2$ , 27.9, 43.1, 56.1, 82.6, 114.3, 140.2, 168.5.

#### Ethyl 2-bromo-3-bromomethyl-4-pentenoate (19a)

Ethyl diazoacetate (218 mg, 2.00 mmol) and 1,4-dibromo-2-butene (1.00 g), dissolved in dichloromethane (1 mL) was added by automatic syringe over 1 h to a stirred solution of the catalyst (40 mg, 0.050 mmol) and 1,4-dibromo-2-butene (1.00 g) in dichloromethane (1 mL) under nitrogen in a flask shielded from light. The resulting solution was stirred 24 h at ambient temperature under nitrogen. The solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 98:3 pentane/ether), yielding the product as a colorless oil (400 mg, 70% yield).

IR (neat,  $cm^{-1}$ ): = 2983, 2359, 1740, 1370.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz):  $\delta = 1.25 - 1.27$  (m, 3H), 2.98-3.01 (m, 1H), 3.48-3.49 (m, 1H), 3.61-3.66, 3.72-3.78 (m, 1H), 4.14-4.25 (m, 2H), 4.30, 4.70 (dd, J = 3.0, 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.26-5.27 (m, 2H), 5.71-5.74 (m, 1H), *syn/anti* ratio = 1/1.

 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz):  $\delta$  = 14.0, 14.3, 34.3, 36.0, 47.61, 47.64, 48.4, 50.0, 62.1, 62.5, 120.4, 120.9, 133.7, 134.0, 168.1, 168.4.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_8H_{13}Br_2O_2 (M+H)^+ 300.9261$ , found 300.9260.

#### *t*-Butyl 2-bromo-3-bromomethyl-4-pentenoate (19b)

*tert*-Butyl diazoacetate (130 mg, 0.915 mmol) and 1,4-dibromo-2-butene (1.00 g), dissolved in dichloromethane (1 mL) was added by automatic syringe over 1 h to a stirred solution of the catalyst (30 mg, 0.038 mmol) and 1,4-dibromo-2-butene (1.00 g) in dichloromethane (1 mL) under nitrogen in a flask shielded from light. The resulting solution was stirred 24 h at ambient temperature under nitrogen. The solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 98:3 pentane/ether), yielding the product (260 mg, 87% yield) as a colorless oil.

IR (neat,  $cm^{-1}$ ): = 2979, 1734, 1476, 1426.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz)  $\delta$  = 1.44, 1.46 (s, 9H), 2.92-3.00 (m, 1H), 3.5 (m, 1H), 3.64 (dd , *J* = 3.2, 10.0 Hz), 3.75 (dd , *J* = 5.3, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.2 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 4.61 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.25-5.29 (m, 2H), 5.71-5.75 (m, 1H), *syn/anti* ratio = 1/1.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz): δ = 27.8, 27.9, 34.5, 36.3, 47.6, 48.6, 49.2, 51.4, 82.9, 83.3, 120.2, 120.8, 133.8, 134.2, 167.0, 167.4.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{10}H_{16}Br_2O_2Na (M+Na)^+$  350.9394, found 350.9396.

# tert-Butyl 2-bromo-3,4-pentadienoate (23b)

*tert*-Butyl diazoacetate (166 mg, 1.17 mmol) in distilled propargyl bromide (1.5 mL) was added by automatic syringe over 1 h to a stirred solution of the catalyst (30 mg, 0.038mmol) in the propargyl bromide (1.5 mL) under nitrogen in a flask shielded from light. The resulting solution was stirred 24 h at ambient temperature under nitrogen. The solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 98:2 pentane/ether), yielding the product as a colorless oil (180 mg, 66% yield).

IR (neat,  $cm^{-1}$ ): = 2979, 1951, 1734, 1369.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz):  $\delta$  = 1.48 (s, 9H), 4.60 (dt, *J* = 6.5, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz): δ = 27.8, 44.6, 78.3, 83.0, 89.6, 167.0, 209.2.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_9H_{13}BrO_2Na (M+Na)^+ 254.991$ , found 254.991.

#### Ethyl 2-bromo-3-ethyl-3,4-pentadienoate (24a)

EDA (218 mg, 2.00 mmol) in the 1-bromo-2-pentyne (1.5 mL) was added by automatic syringe over 1 h to a stirred solution of the catalyst (40 mg, 0.050 mmol) in the 1-bromo-2-pentyne (1.5 mL) under nitrogen in a flask shielded from light. The resulting solution was stirred 24 h at ambient temperature under nitrogen. The solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 94:6 pentane/ether), yielding the product (316 mg, 71% yield) as a colorless oil.

IR (neat,  $cm^{-1}$ ): = 2974, 2935, 1951, 1744, 1456.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz):  $\delta$  = 1.16 (m, 3H), 0.92 (m, 3H), 2.00-2.14 (m, 2H), 4.06-4.16 (m, 2H), 4.74-4.86 (m, 3H)

<sup>13</sup> C NMR (75 MHz): δ = 11.9, 14.1, 21.8, 48.9, 62.3, 79.4, 103.5, 168.2, 206.8.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_9H_{14}BrO_2 (M+H)^+ 233.0172$ , found 233.0174.

#### tert-Butyl 2-bromo-3-ethyl-3,4-pentadienoate (24a)

*tert*-Butyl diazoacetate (176 mg, 1.24 mmol) in the 1-bromo-2-pentyne 1.5 mL was added by automatic syringe over 1 h to a stirred solution of the catalyst (30 mg, 0.038 mmol) in the 1-bromo-2-pentyne (1.5 mL) under nitrogen in a flask shielded from light. The resulting solution was stirred 24 h at ambient temperature under nitrogen. The solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 94:6 pentane/ether), yielding the product as a colorless oil (240 mg, 74% yield).

IR (neat,  $cm^{-1}$ ): = 2975, 2935, 1951, 1742, 1457, 1369.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz):  $\delta = 1.03$  (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 2.17 (m, 2H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.89 (m, 2H)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz): δ = 11.9, 21.9, 27.9, 50.2, 79.3, 82.9, 103.4, 166.4, 206.6.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>34</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na (2M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 545.0706, found 545.0713.

## tert-Butyl 2-chloro-4-hexenoate (26)

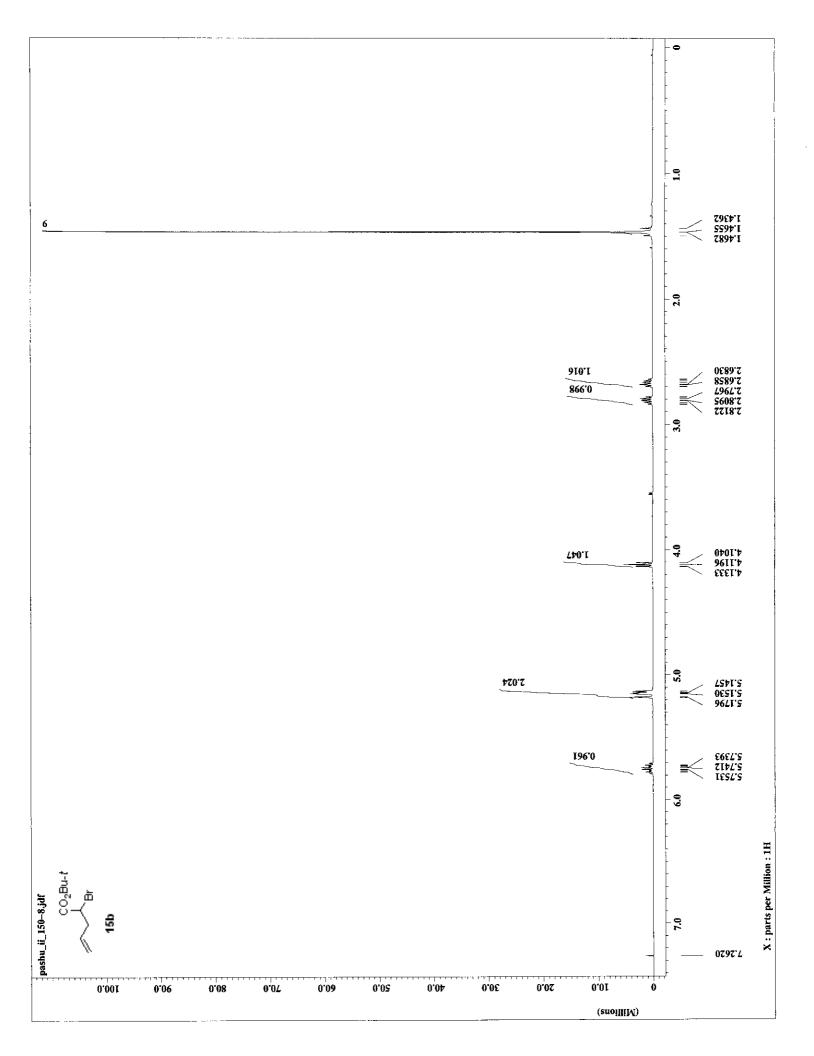
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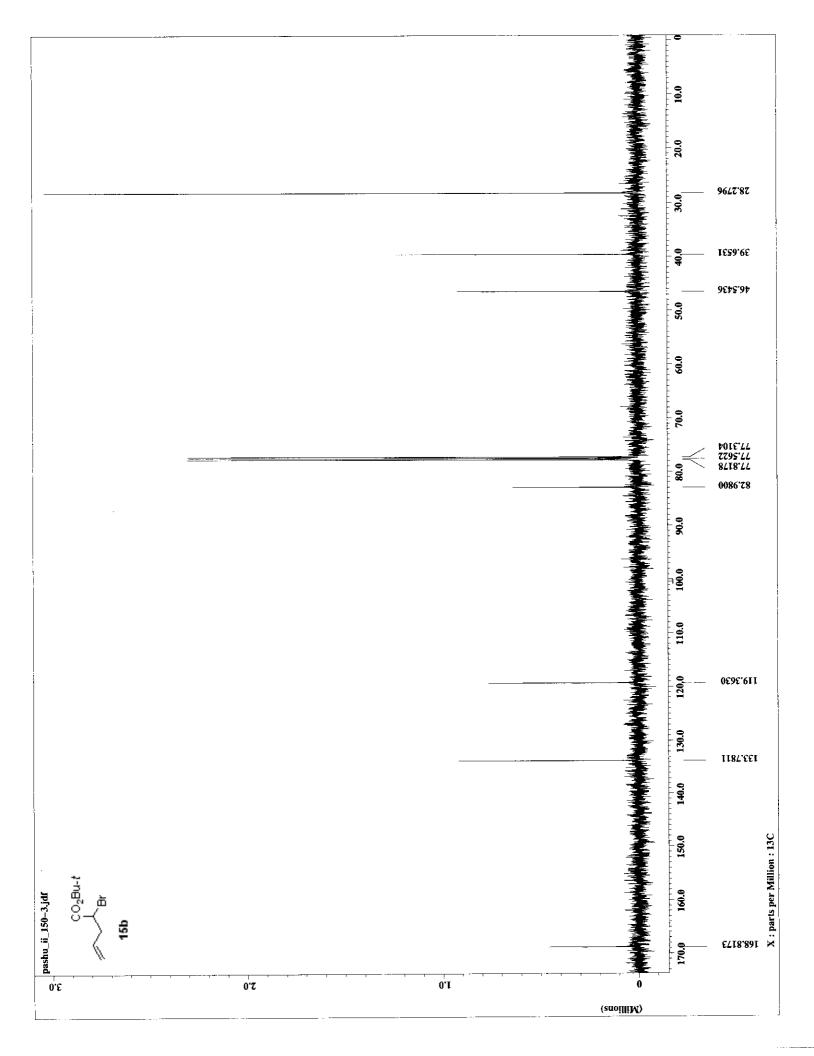
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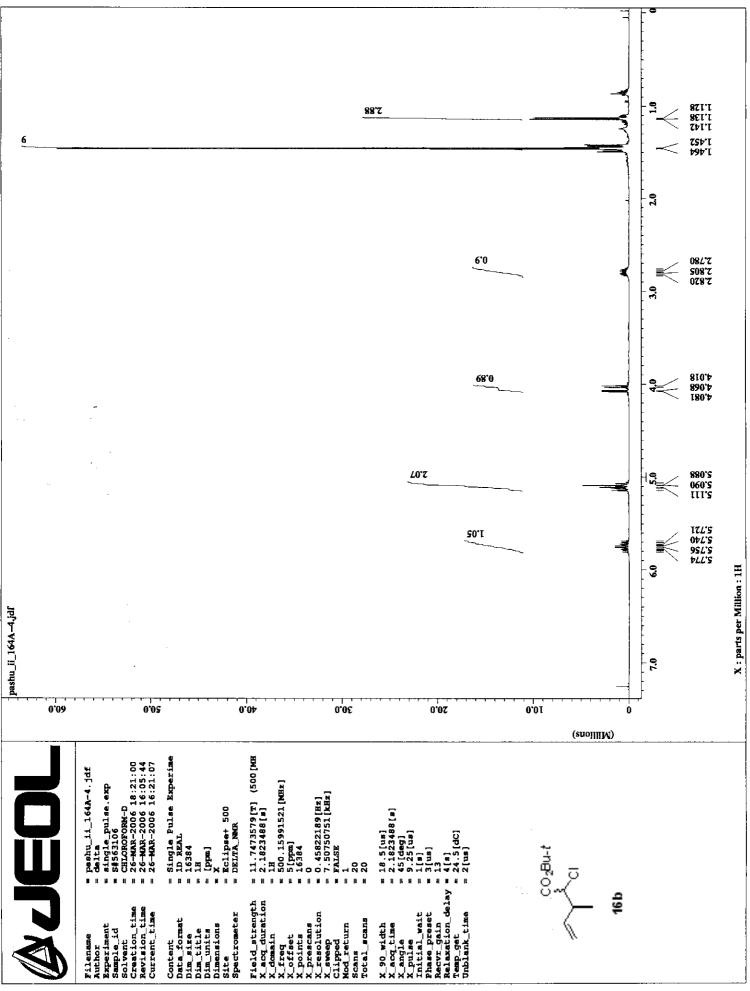
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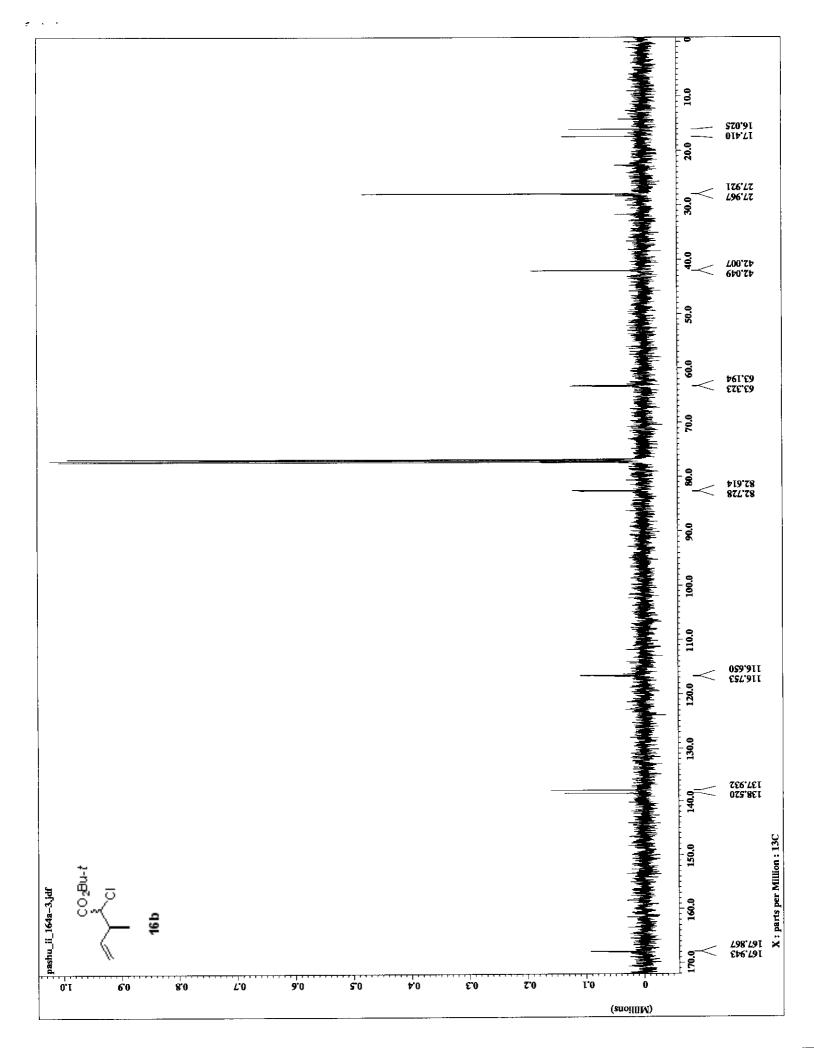
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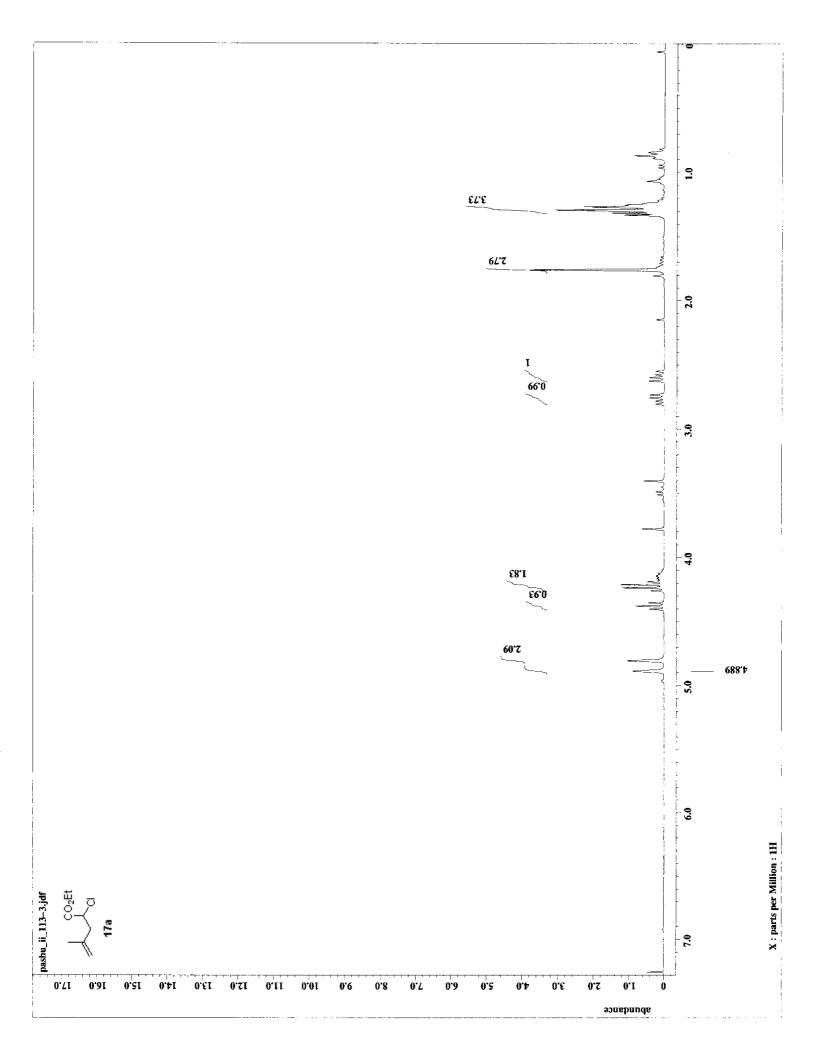
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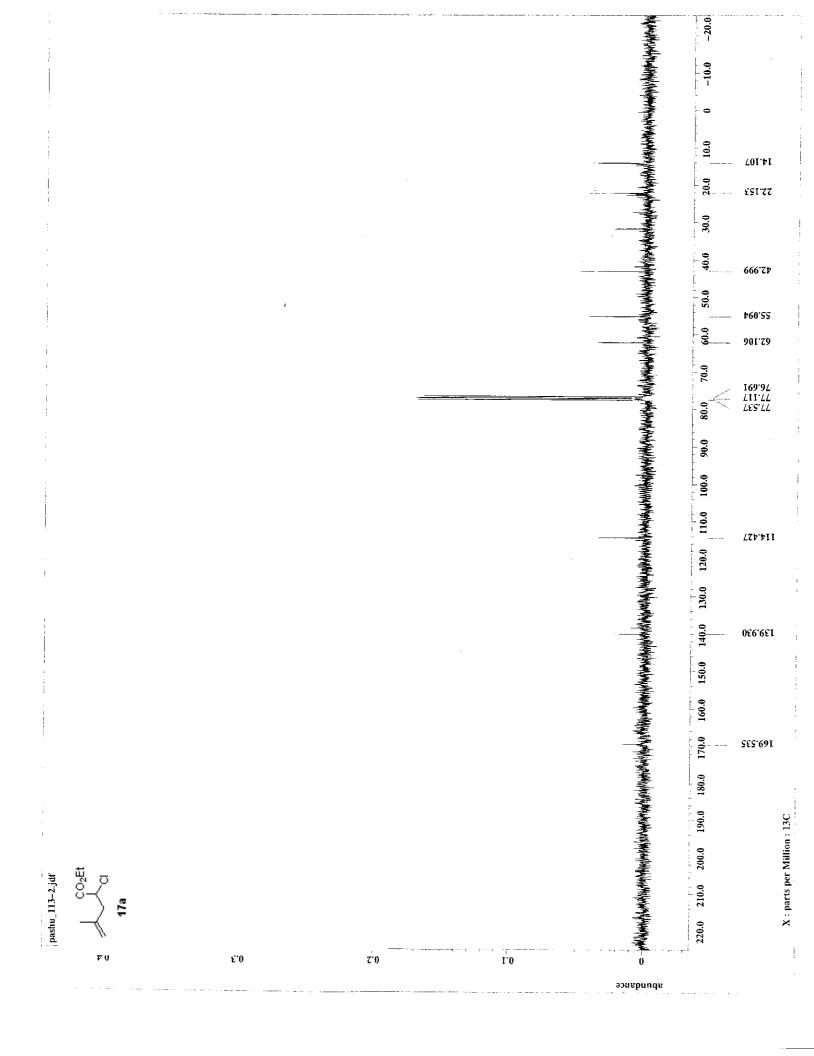


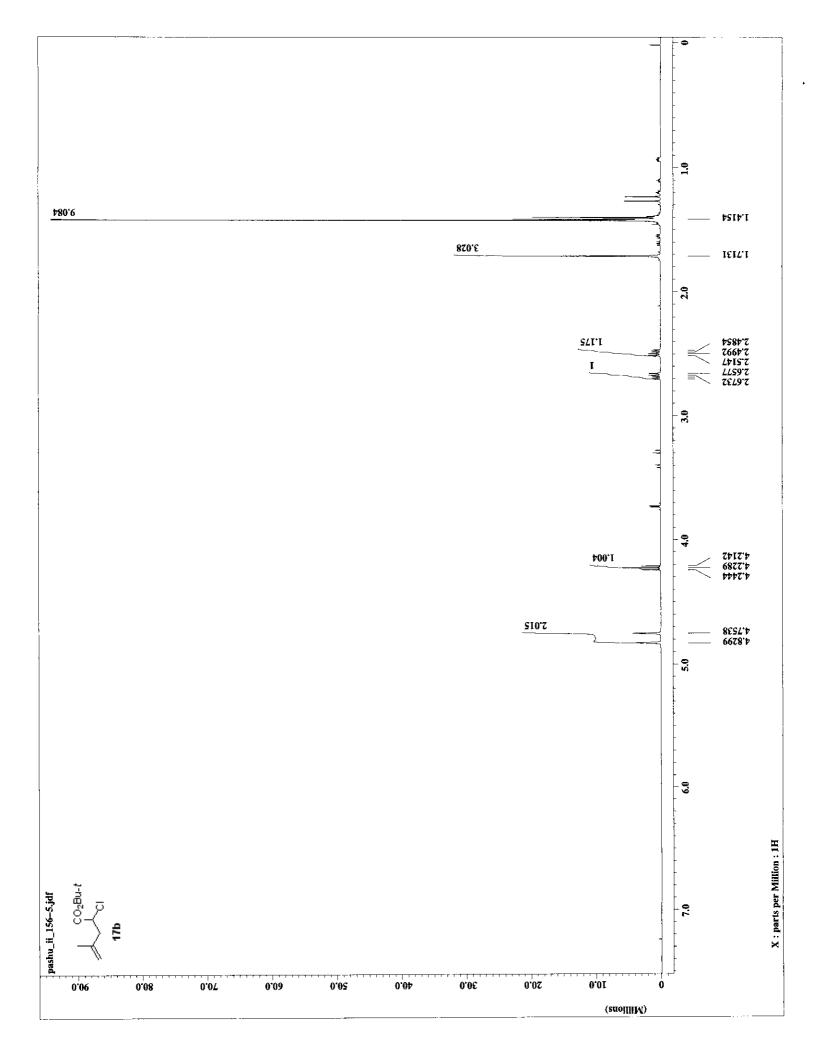


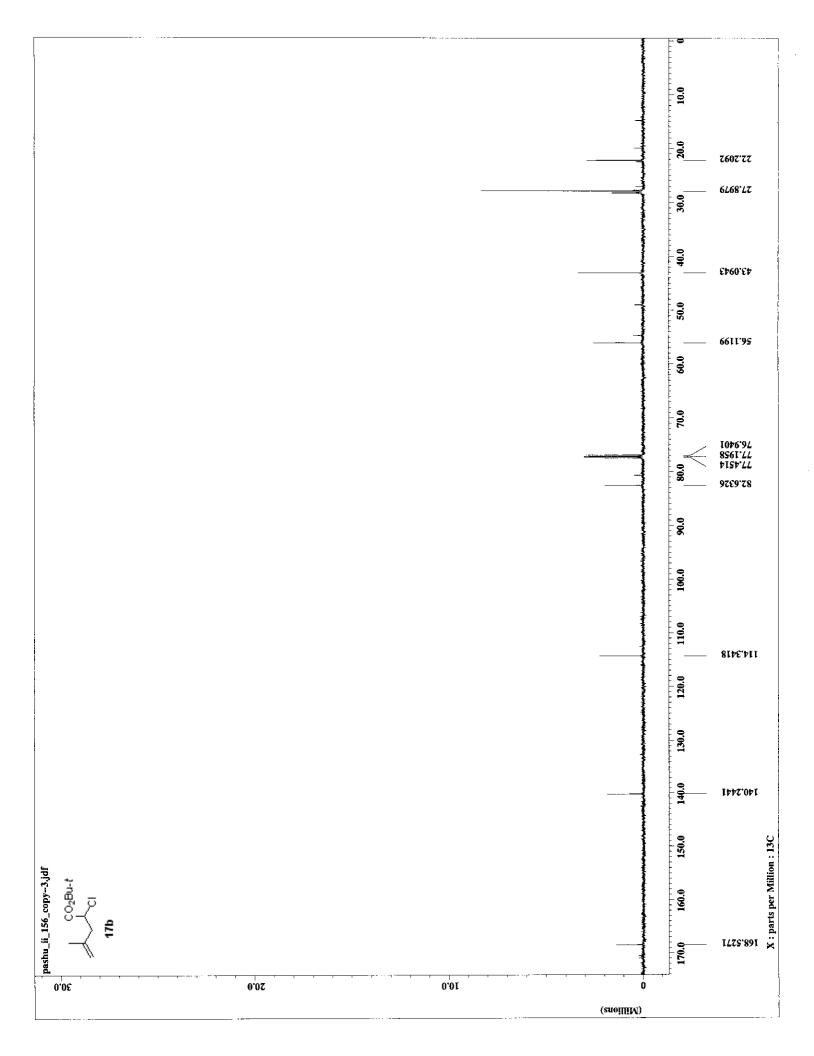


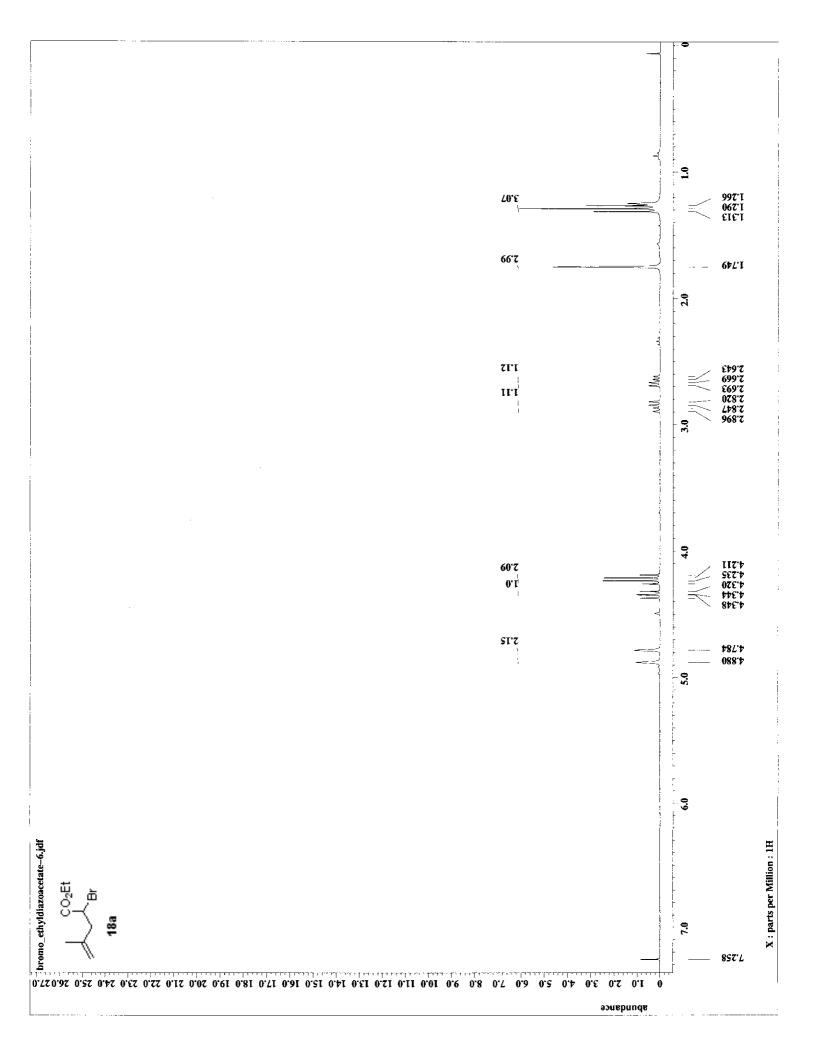


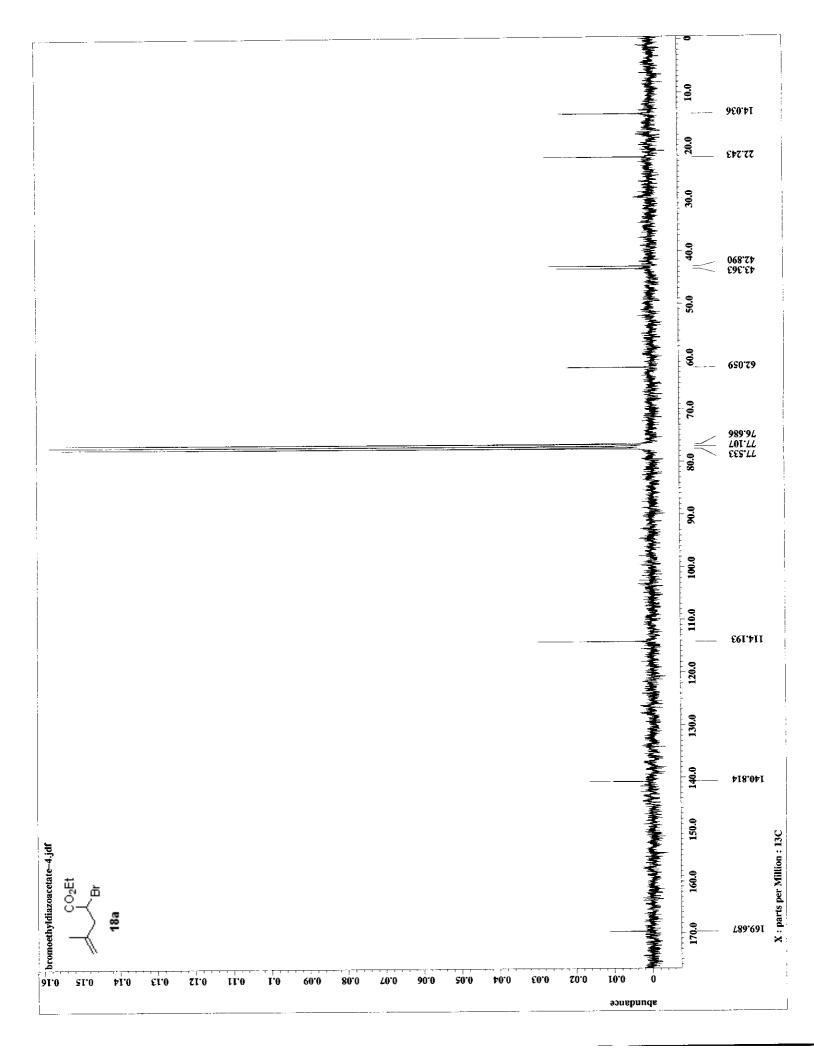


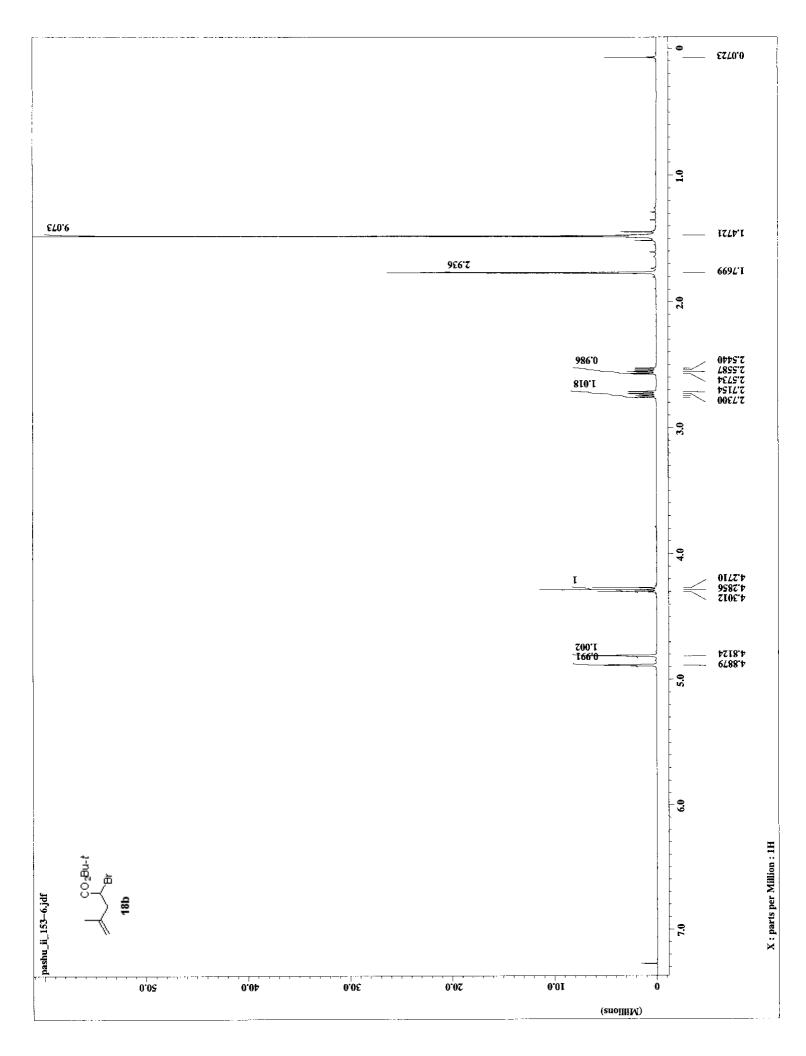


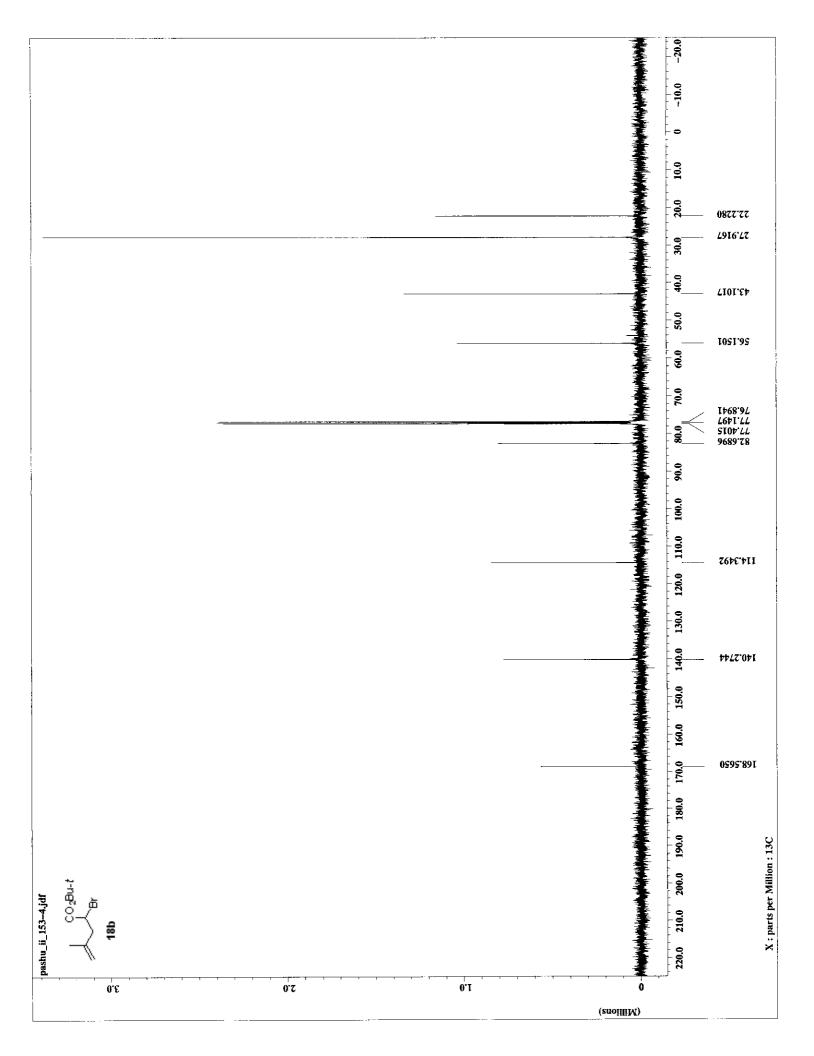


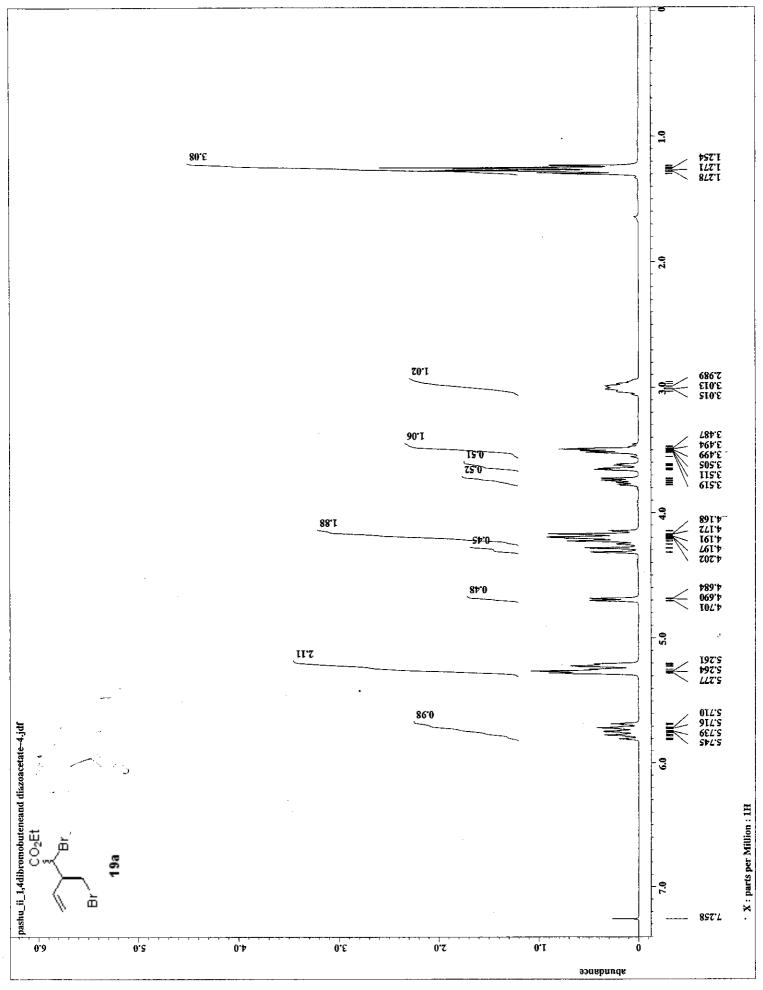






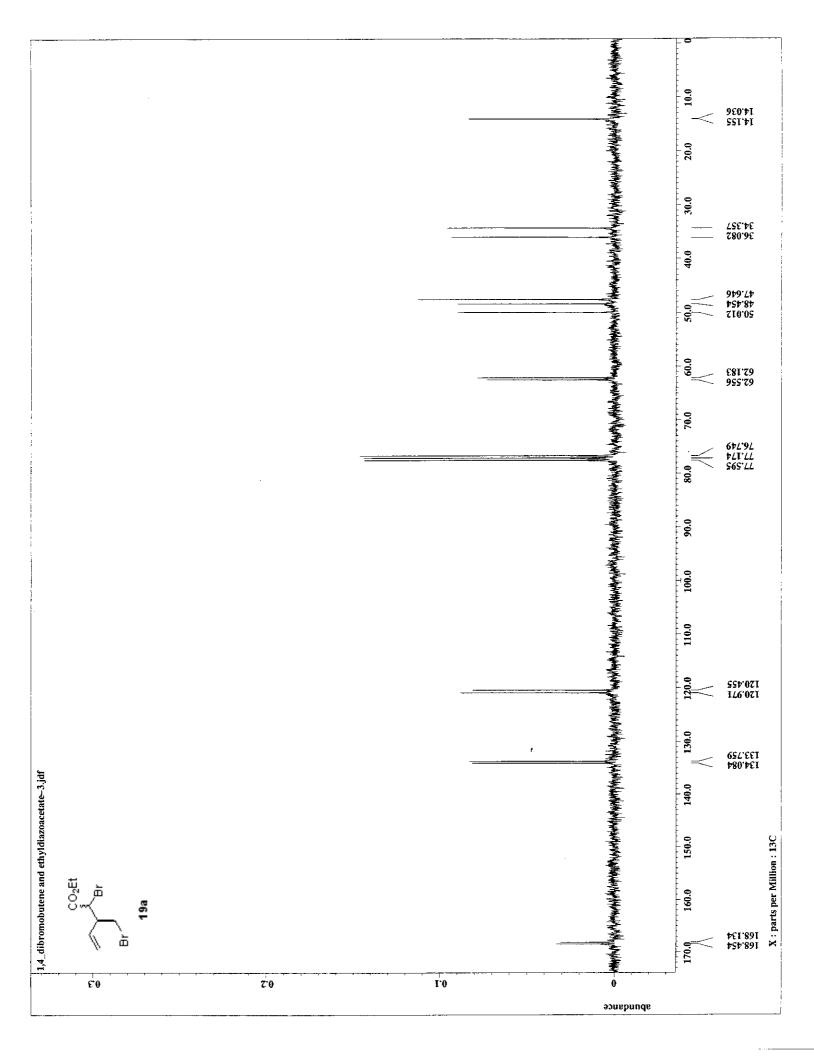


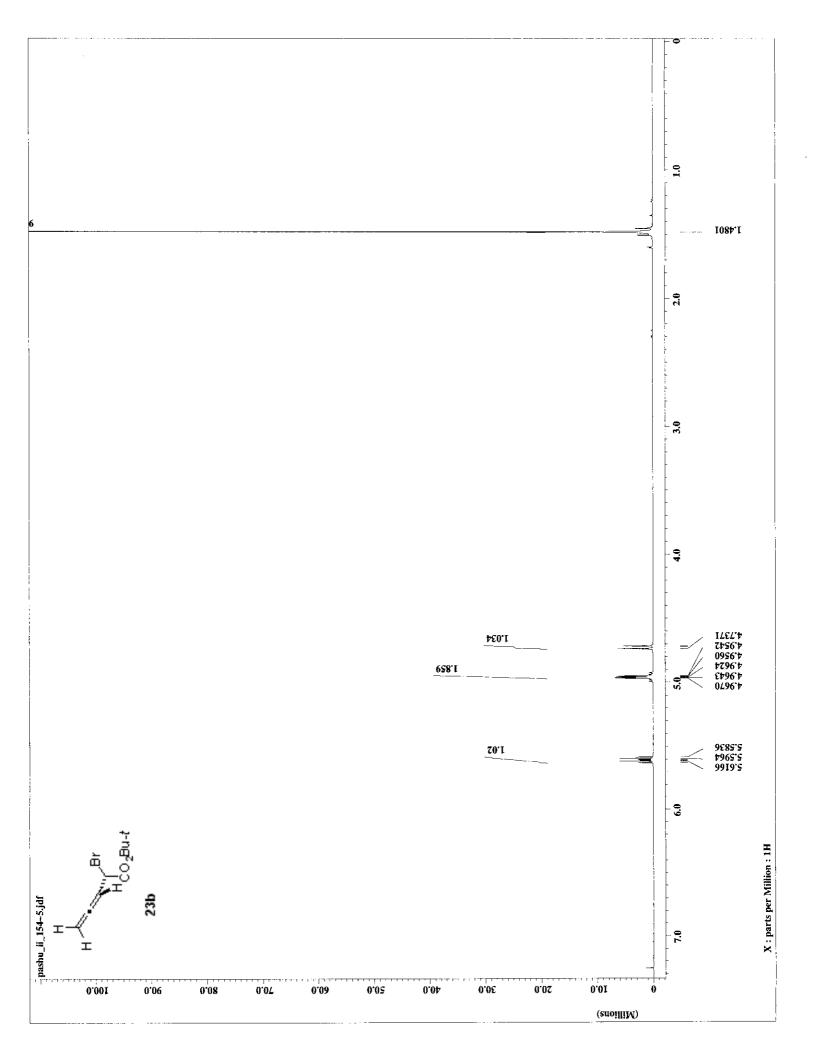


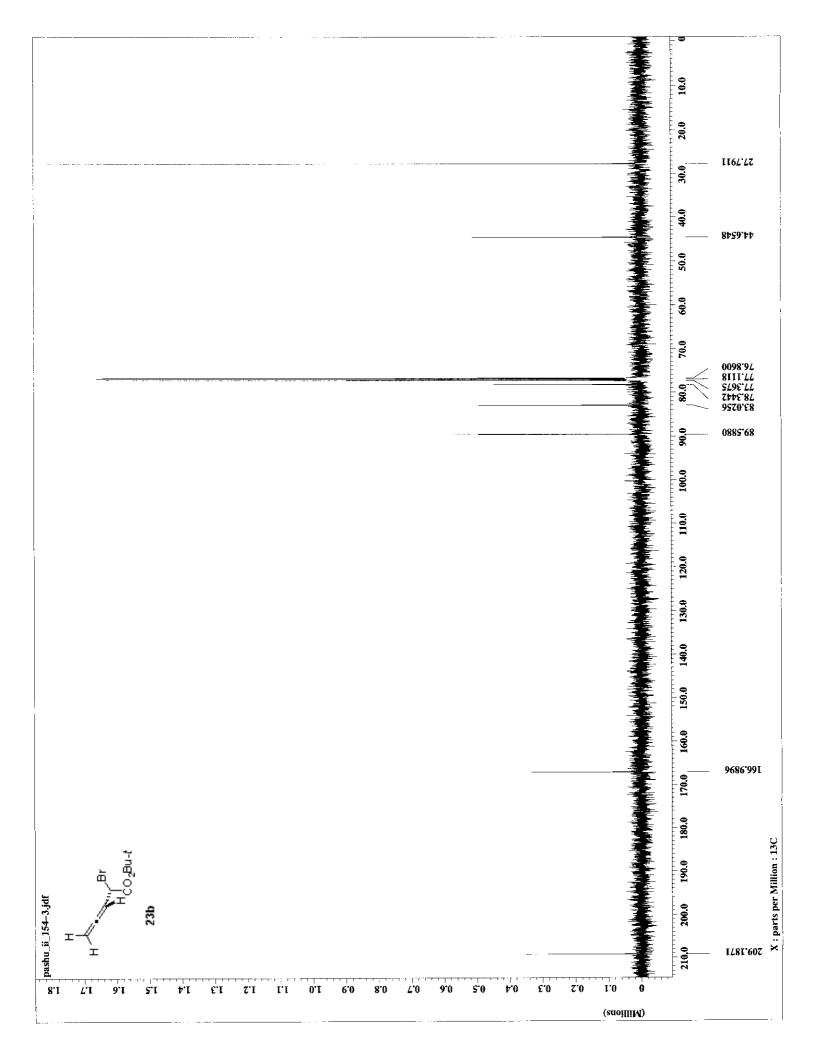


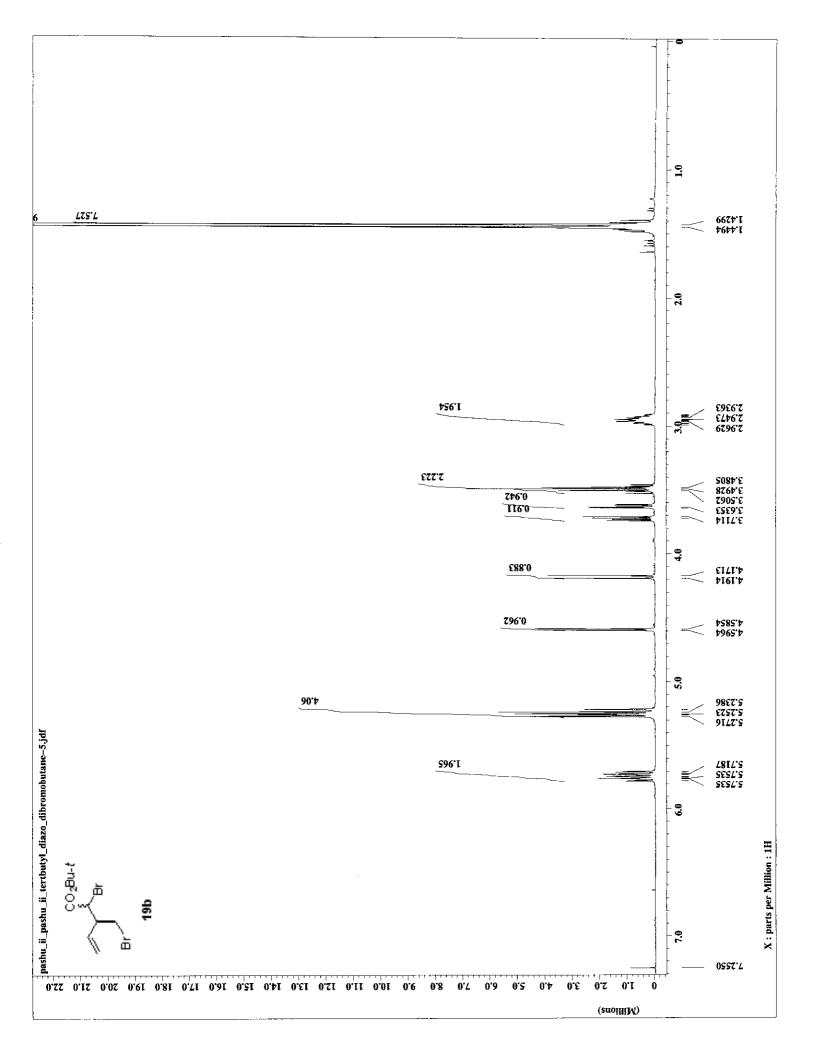
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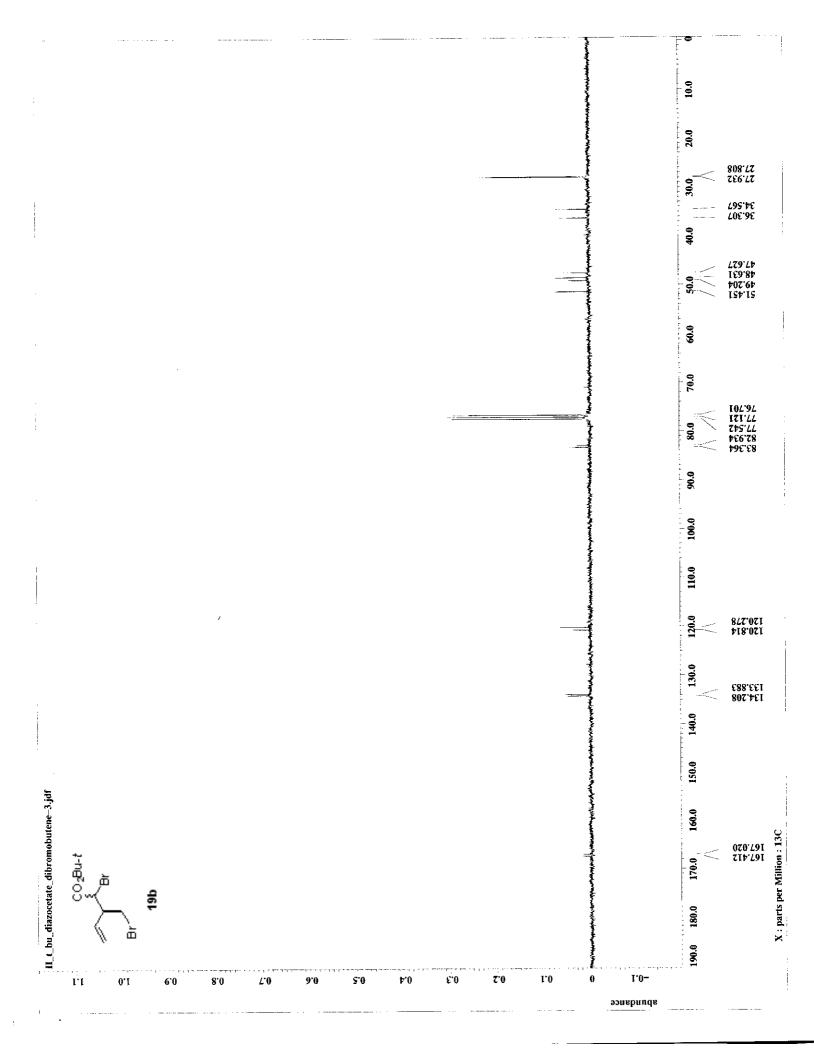
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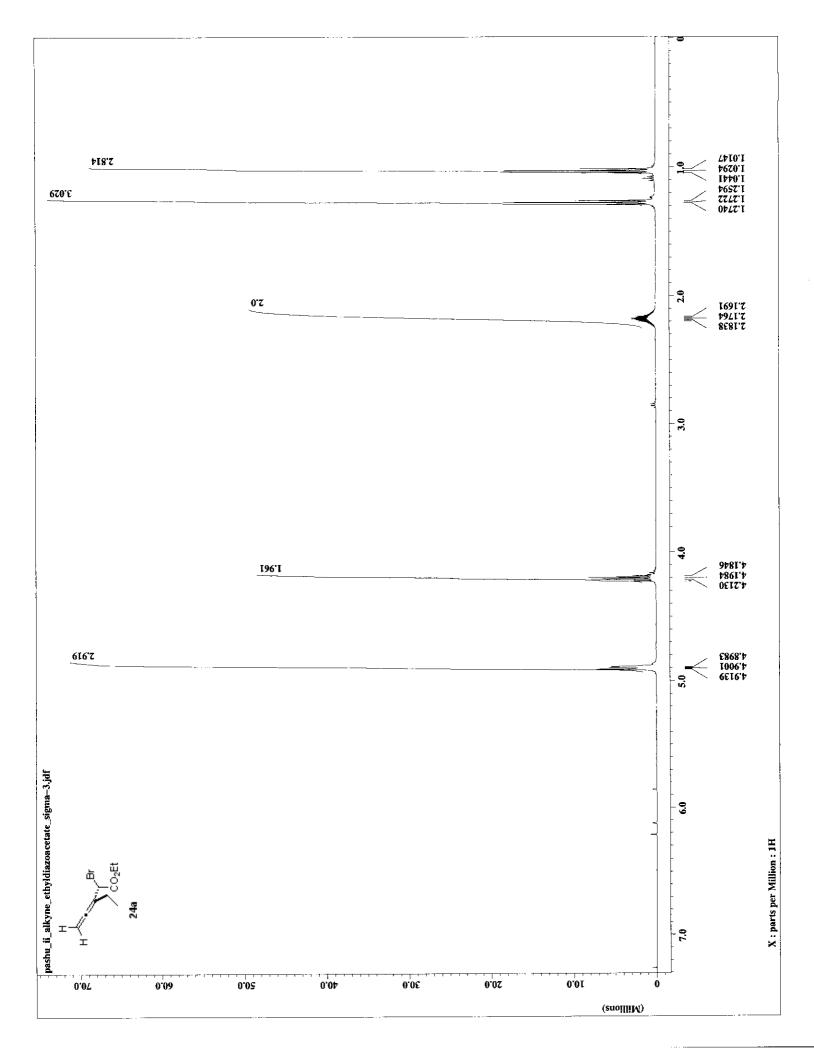


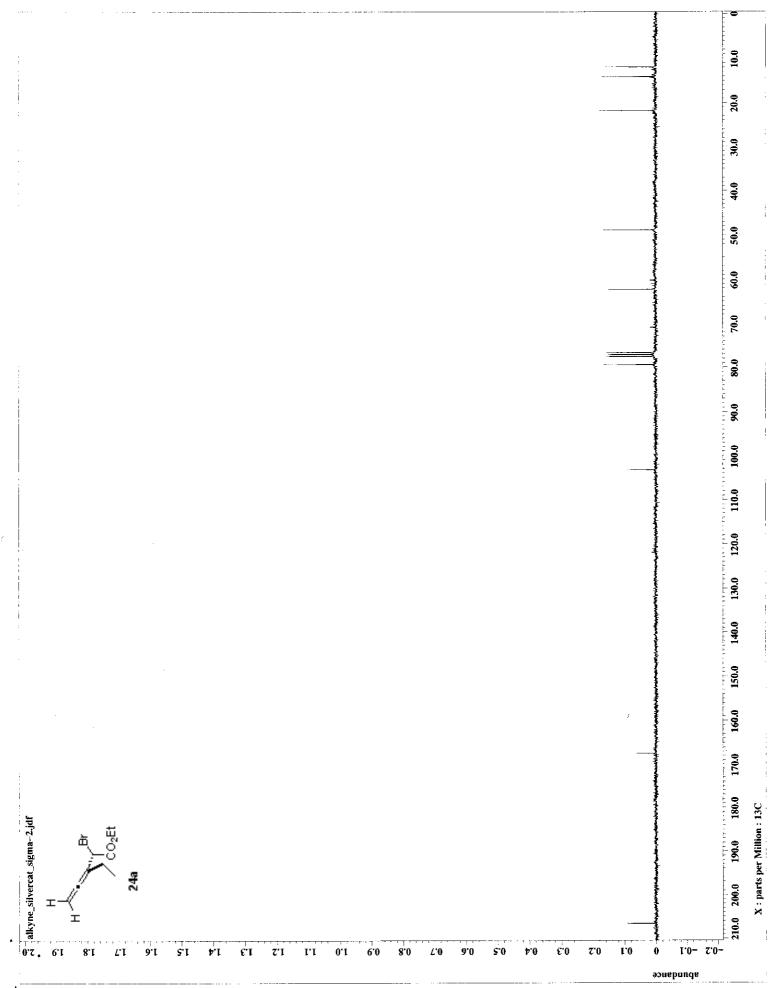


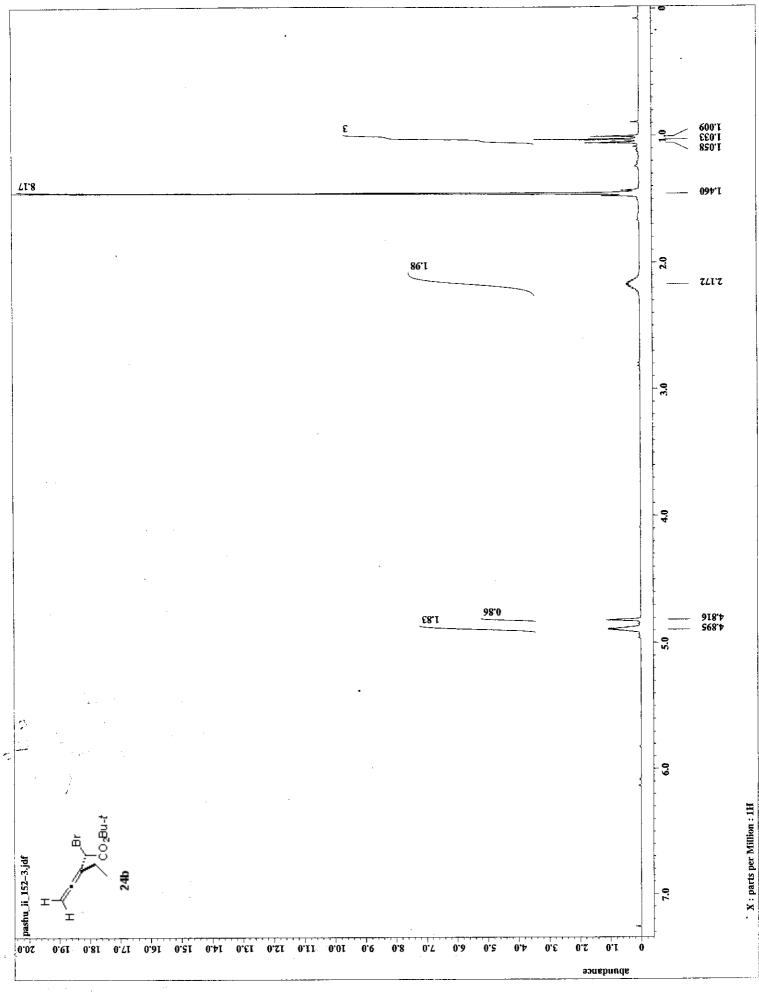




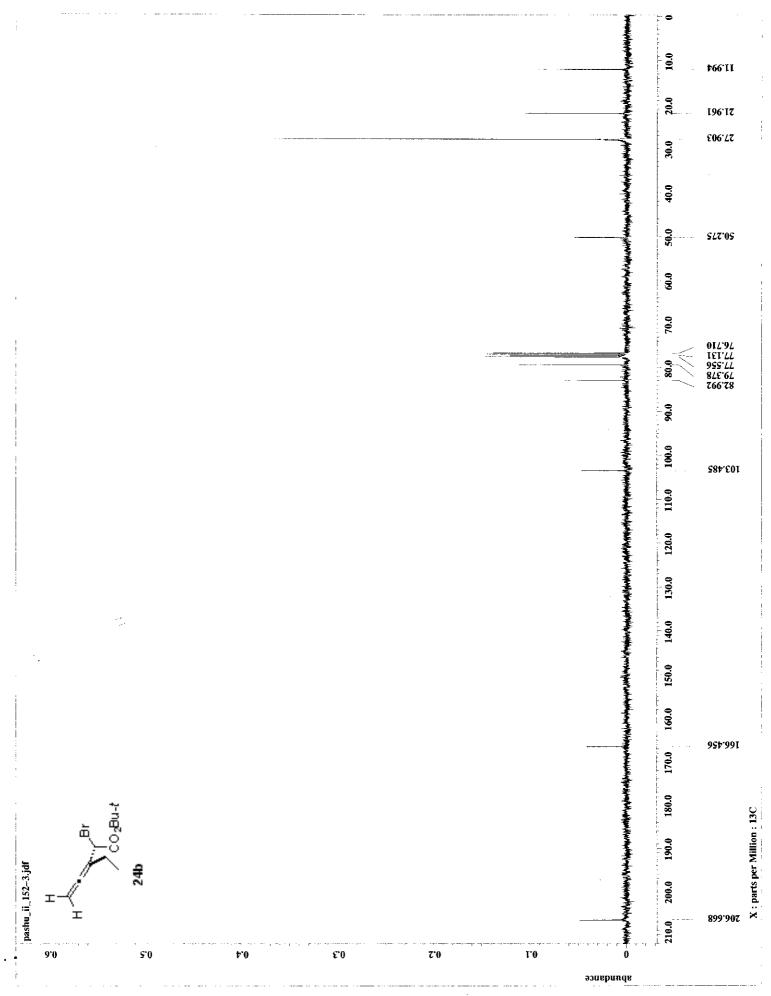








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