

Supporting Information

Palladium-catalyzed formation of phenolic compounds by a reaction of carbonyl compounds with carbon dioxide

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1 General Information

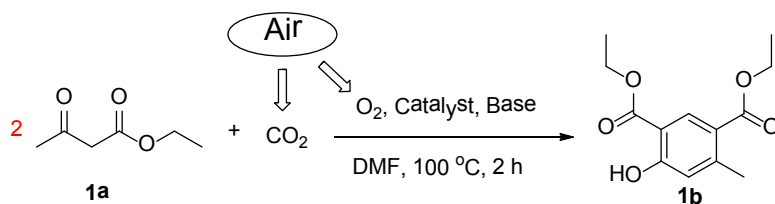
Methods. All manipulations were performed under an air atmosphere unless otherwise stated. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (300–400 mesh). NMR spectra were obtained using a Bruker Avance 500 spectrometer (^1H at 500 MHz and ^{13}C at 125 MHz). Chemical shifts for ^1H NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl_3 : δ 7.26 ppm). Chemical shifts for ^{13}C NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) from tetramethylsilane with the solvent as the internal standard (CDCl_3 : δ 77.0 ppm). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on the Exactive Mass Spectrometer (Thermo Scientific, USA) equipped with ESI ionization source.

Materials. Unless stated otherwise, commercial reagents were used without further purification. All reagents were weighed and handled in air at room temperature.

2 General Experimental Procedure

The reaction mixture of carbonyl compounds **1** (0.6 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (6.7 mg, 5 mol %), K_2CO_3 (41.4 mg, 0.5 eq) and DMF (1 mL) in a 10 mL flask was stirred at 100 °C under an air atmosphere and monitored periodically by TLC. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (30 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 and filtered. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the product.

3 Optimization of Reaction Conditions^a

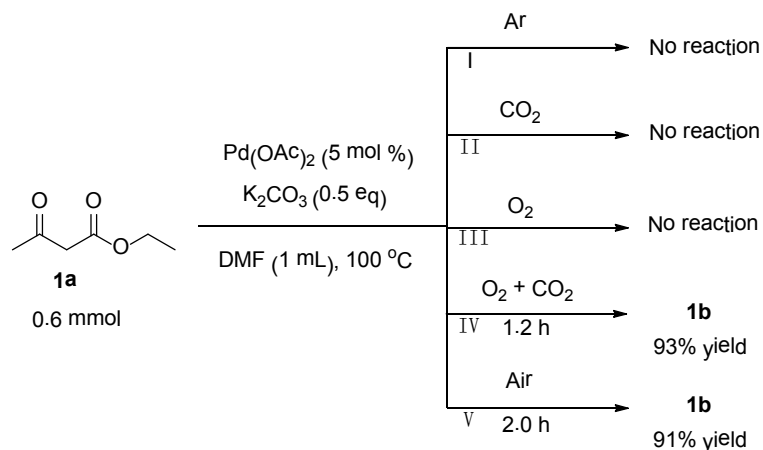


Entry	Catalyst	Base	Yield [%] ^b
1	Pd(OAc)₂	K₂CO₃ (0.5 eq)	91
2	Pd(OAc) ₂	K ₂ CO ₃ (0.2 eq)	43
3	Pd(OAc) ₂	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.0 eq)	66
2	InCl ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	0
3	In(OTf) ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	0
4	FeCl ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	20
5	Fe(OTf) ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	28
6	CuCl ₂	K ₂ CO ₃	0
7	Cu(OTf) ₂	K ₂ CO ₃	0
8	CuCl	K ₂ CO ₃	0
9	BiCl ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	31
10	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cs ₂ CO ₃	56
11	Pd(OAc) ₂	NaHCO ₃	47
12	Pd(OAc) ₂	CH ₃ COONa	0
13	Pd(OAc) ₂	HOCH ₂ CH ₂ NH ₂	0
14	Pd(OAc) ₂	KOH	0

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.6 mmol), air (1 atm), catalyst (5 mol %), base (0.5 equiv), DMF (1 mL), 100 °C, 2 h. ^b Isolated yield of pure product based on **1a**.

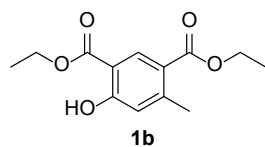
4 Contrast Experiment

In order to prove the CO_2 was come from the air, we did a series of control experiments. When the reaction was proceed under the Ar, CO_2 , or O_2 atmosphere, there was no desired product observed. Interesting, the reaction were conducted well in the presence of the mixture of O_2 and CO_2 , what is more, the yield of the product was slightly higher than in the air atmosphere. On the basis of the above experimental observations, we came to the conclusion that the CO_2 did participate in the reaction. Meanwhile, O_2 played an important role in this process.



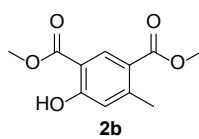
Scheme 1 I. In the presence of Argon. II. In the presence of CO_2 . III. In the presence of O_2 . IV. In the presence of O_2 (20%) and CO_2 (80%). V. In the presence of air.

5 Characterization of the Compounds



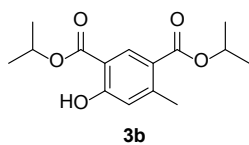
Diethyl 4-hydroxy-6-methylisophthalate. Isolated by column

chromatography (silica gel, PE /EA = 50/1), yellow oil: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.09 (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 4.43 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.35 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.40 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.70, 166.50, 163.80, 149.02, 133.73, 121.42, 120.26, 110.38, 61.66, 60.70, 22.46, 14.36, 14.20; **HRMS** (m/z) (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5[\text{M}-\text{H}^+]$: 251.09187; found: 251.09267.



Dimethyl 4-hydroxy-6-methylisophthalate. Isolated by column

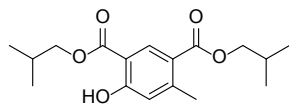
chromatography (silica gel, PE /EA = 50/1), white solid (mp 108-110 °C): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.98 (s, 1H), 8.49 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.61 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.99, 166.67, 163.76, 149.46, 133.86, 120.91, 120.31, 110.08, 52.40, 51.75, 22.46; **HRMS** (m/z) (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}^+]$: 223.06057; found: 223.06104.



Diisopropyl 4-hydroxy-6-methylisophthalate. Isolated by column

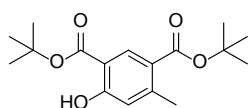
chromatography (silica gel, PE /EA = 50/1), yellow oil: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.17 (s,

1H), 8.42 (s, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 5.29 (sep, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.22 (sep, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 1.40 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H), 1.37 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.28, 166.30, 163.71, 148.51, 133.66, 121.84, 120.14, 110.66, 69.62, 68.30, 22.59, 21.98, 21.80; HRMS (m/z) (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]: 279.12317; found: 279.12399.



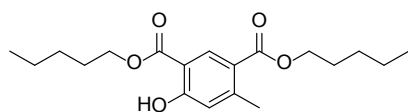
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Diisobutyl 4-hydroxy-6-methylisophthalate. Isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, PE /EA = 50/1), pale yellow solid (mp 123-125 °C): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.05 (s, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 4.14 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.07 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 2.12-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.04 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 6H), 1.03 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.61, 166.37, 163.77, 149.19, 133.81, 121.25, 120.25, 110.34, 71.40, 70.82, 27.88, 27.79, 22.51, 19.23, 19.03; HRMS (m/z) (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_5$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]: 307.15447; found: 307.15546.



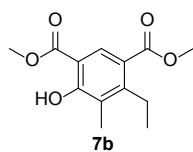
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Di-tert-butyl 4-hydroxy-6-methylisophthalate. Isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, PE /EA = 50/1), yellow oil: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.22 (s, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 9H), 1.59 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.35, 166.04, 163.65, 147.98, 133.96, 122.80, 120.06, 111.53, 83.17, 80.99, 28.32, 28.18, 22.54; HRMS (m/z) (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_5$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]: 307.15447; found: 307.15531.



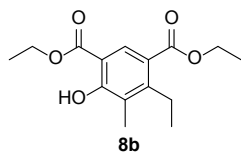
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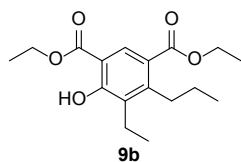
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Dimethyl 4-ethyl-6-hydroxy-5-methylisophthalate. Isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, PE /EA = 50/1), white solid (mp 58-60 °C): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.39 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.02 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.52, 167.49, 162.21, 152.25, 130.73, 125.75, 120.99, 109.05, 52.37, 51.86, 24.05, 14.09, 10.80; **HRMS** (m/z) (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]: 251.09187; found: 251.09244.



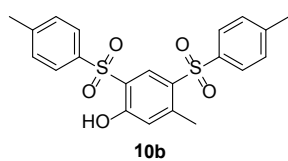
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Diethyl 4-ethyl-6-hydroxy-5-methylisophthalate. Isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, PE /EA = 50/1), white solid (mp 84-86 °C): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.49 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 4.42 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.35 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.99 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.39 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.19 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.22, 167.52, 162.18, 151.62, 130.42, 125.62, 121.70, 109.35, 61.61, 60.80, 24.10, 14.31, 14.20, 14.17, 10.83; **HRMS** (m/z) (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]: 279.12317; found: 279.12354.



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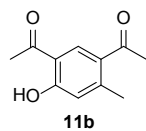
Diethyl 5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-6-propylisophthalate. Isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, PE /EA = 50/1), yellow oil: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.45 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 4.42 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.34 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.95-2.91 (m, 2H), 2.74 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.60-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.42 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.39 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.15 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.03 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.21, 167.60, 162.08, 149.63, 130.62, 126.38, 121.98, 109.48, 61.55, 60.77, 32.21, 24.69, 19.00, 14.56, 14.31, 14.20, 13.89; **HRMS** (m/z) (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_5$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]: 307.15447; found: 307.15536



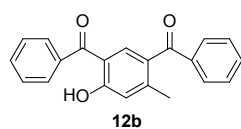
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5-Methyl-2,4-ditosylphenol. Isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, PE /EA = 50/1), yellow solid (mp 98-100 °C): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.71 (s, 1H),

8.49 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.06, 146.44, 145.55, 144.40, 137.86, 137.65, 132.17, 131.69, 130.36, 129.81, 127.74, 127.05, 122.64, 122.14, 21.65, 21.56, 20.42; HRMS (m/z) (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]: 415.06732; found: 415.06833.



1,1'-(4-hydroxy-6-methyl-1,3-phenylene)Diethanone¹. Isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, PE /EA = 50/1), yellow solid (mp 106-108 °C): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.53 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.57 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.49, 198.28, 164.54, 149.30, 133.51, 128.85, 121.54, 115.63, 28.93, 26.27, 22.68; HRMS (m/z) (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]: 191.07074; found: 191.07127.

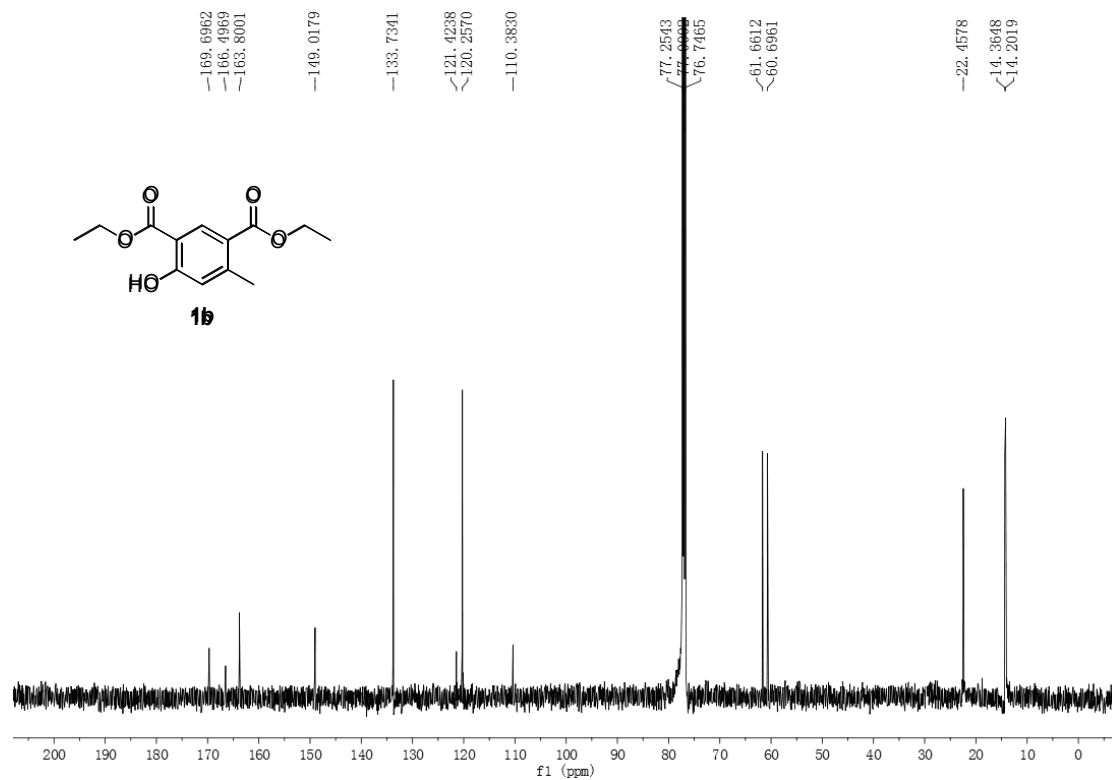
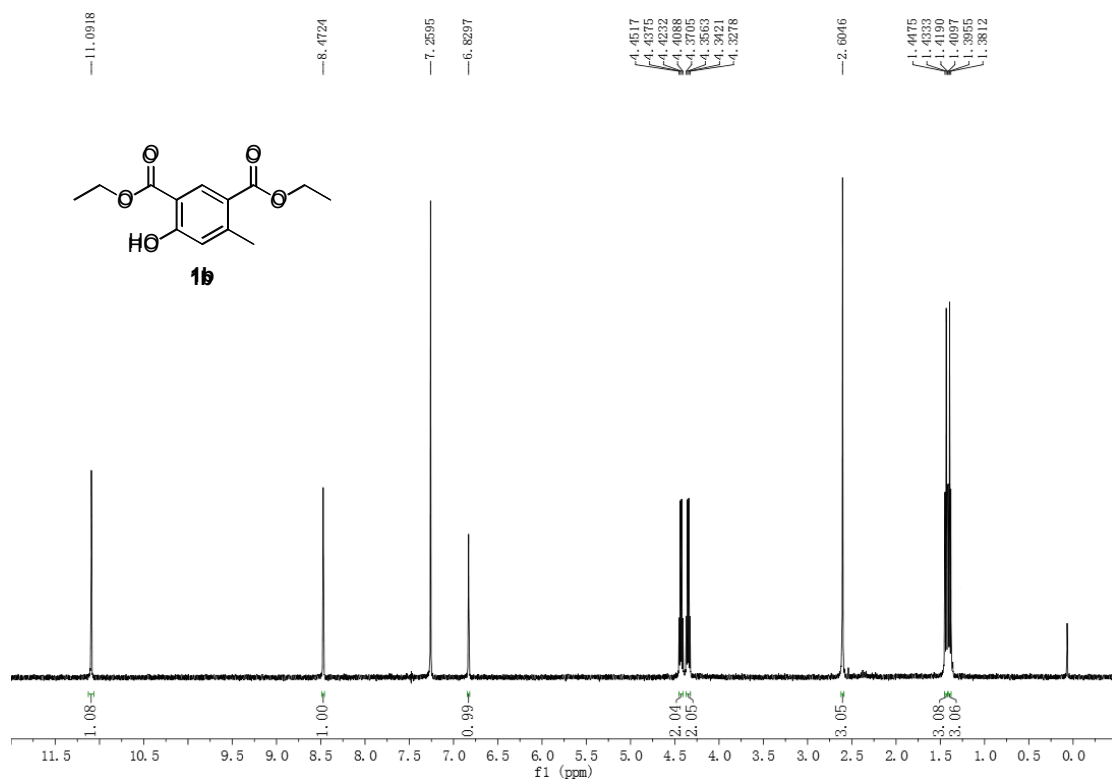


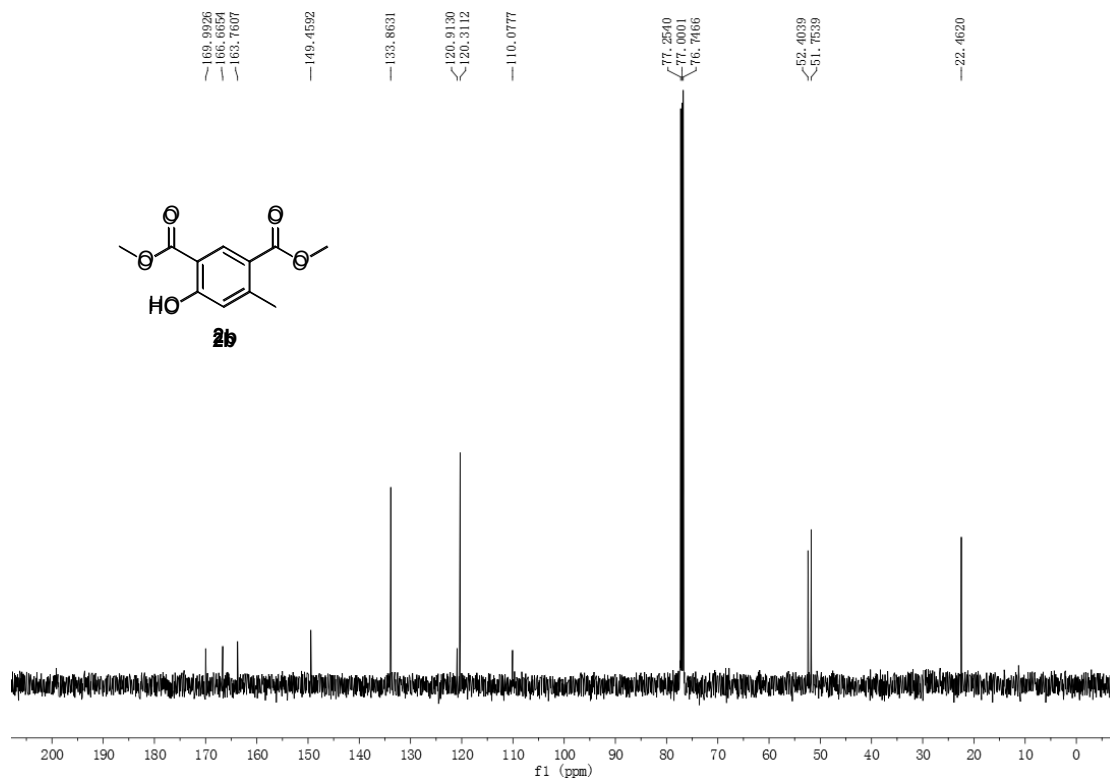
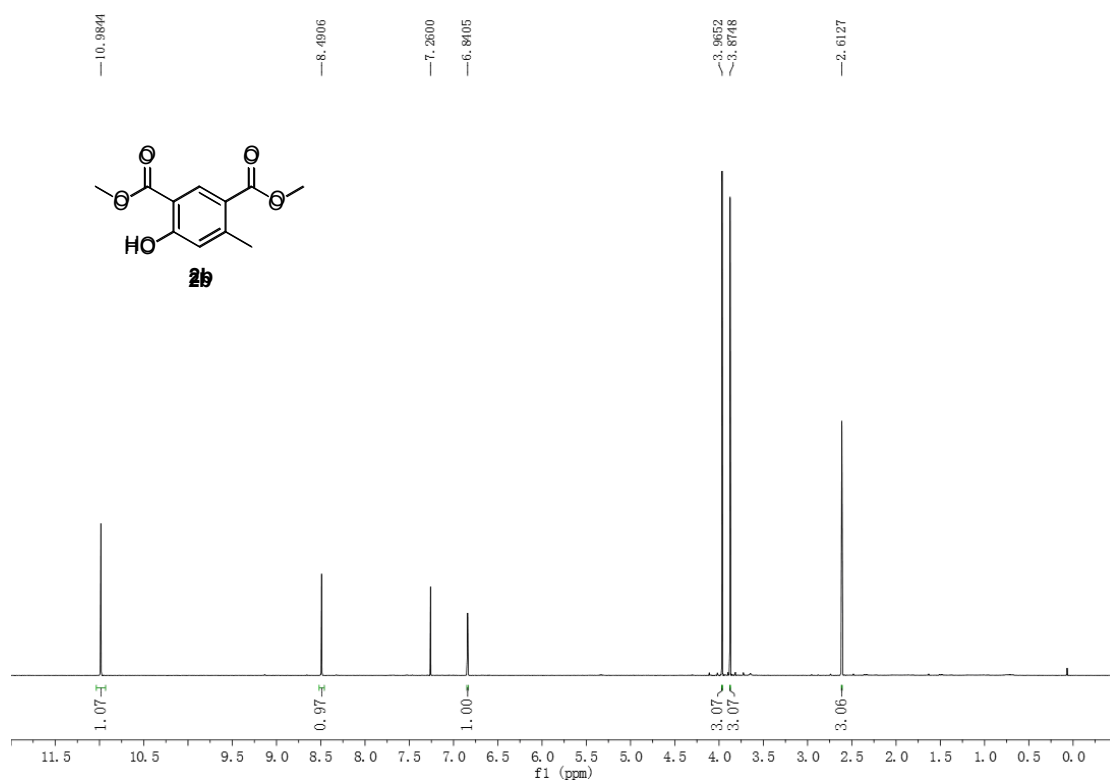
(4-hydroxy-6-methyl-1,3-phenylene)bis(phenylmethanone). Isolated by column chromatography (silica gel, PE /EA = 50/1), yellow oil: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.25 (s, 1H), 9.95 (s, 1H), 7.91-6.92 (m, 10H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.95, 158.90, 145.86, 139.84, 139.66, 139.06, 132.87, 128.90, 128.79, 128.65, 128.19, 127.05, 122.02, 121.64, 113.26, 22.47; HRMS (m/z) (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]: 315.10204; found: 315.10306.

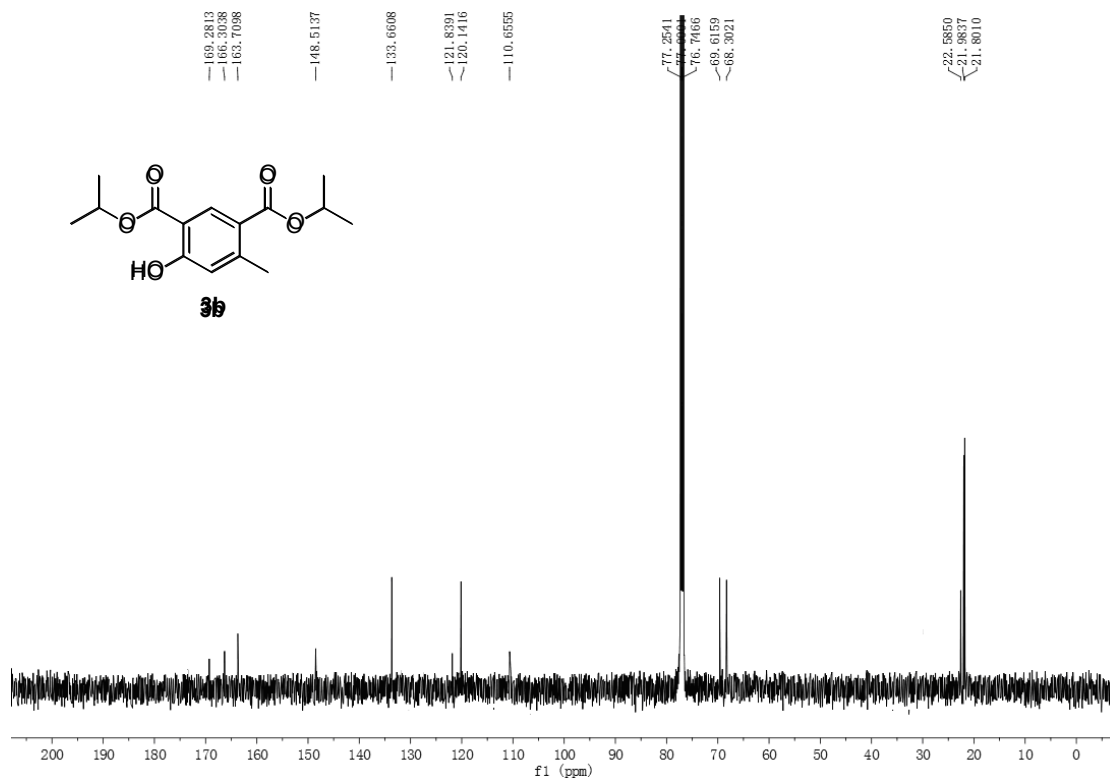
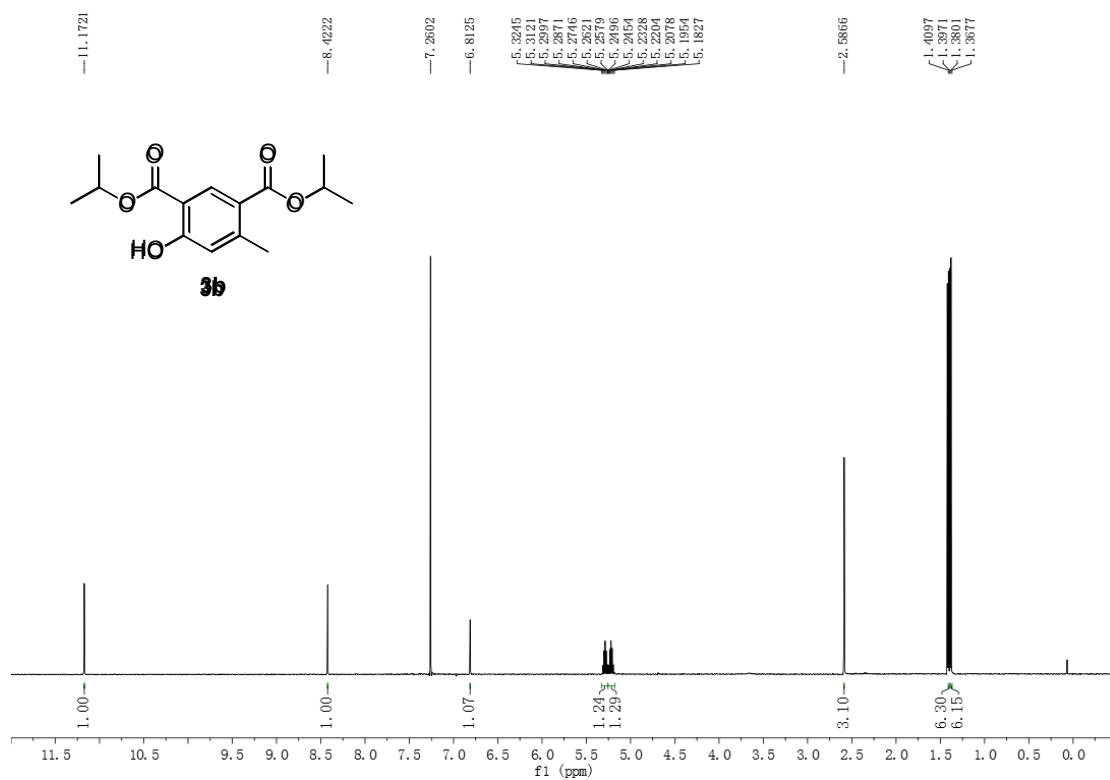
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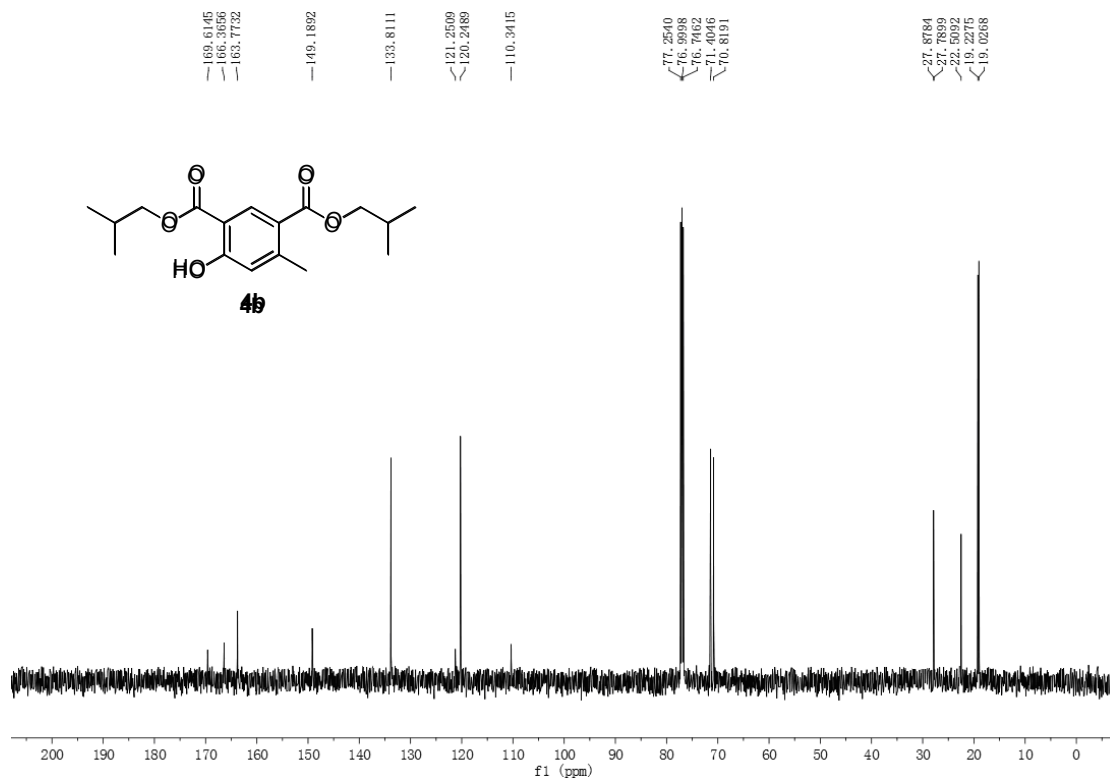
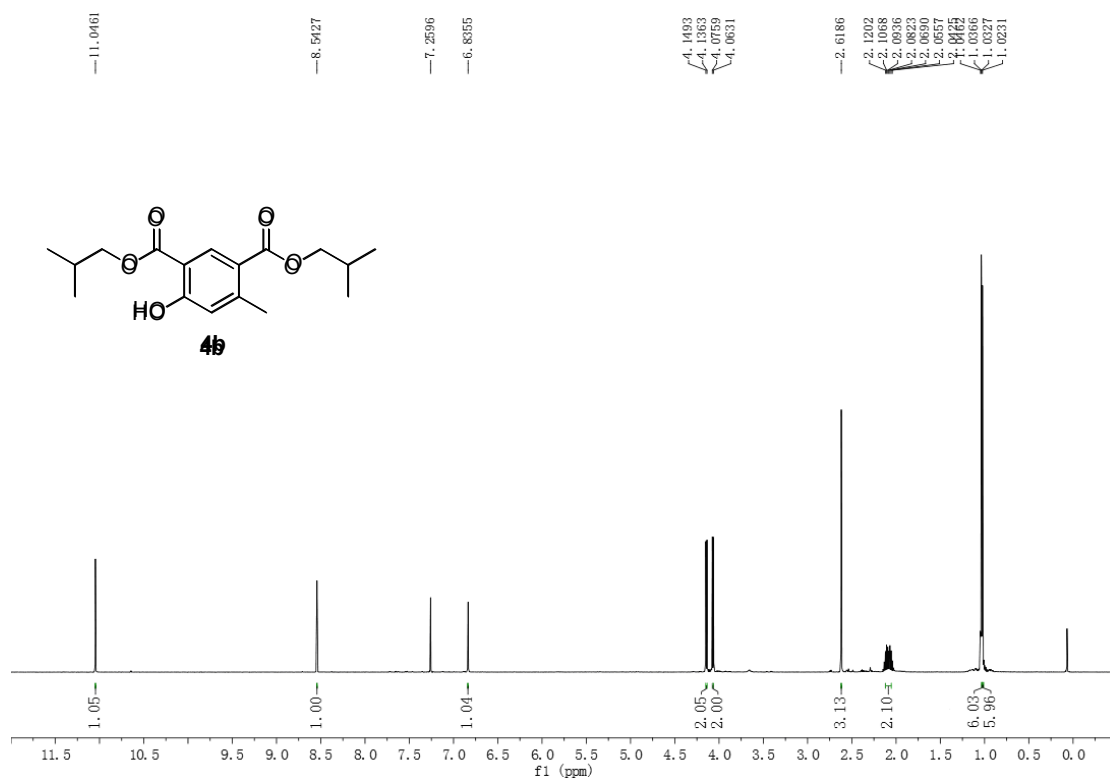
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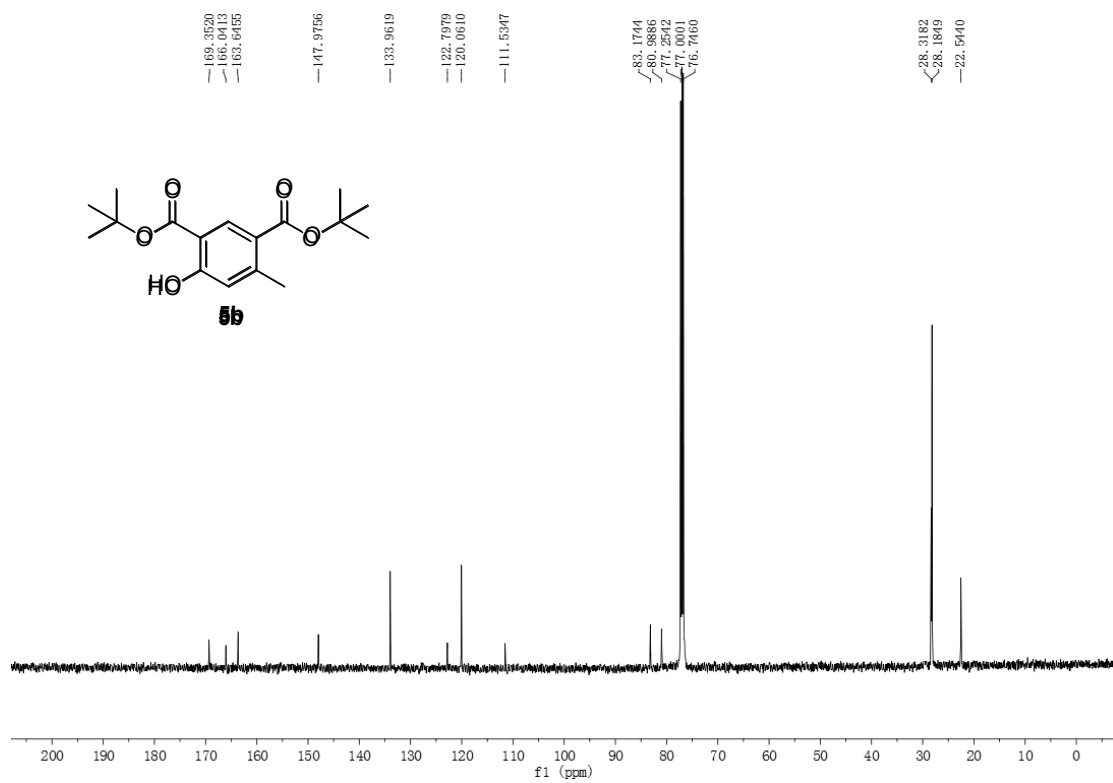
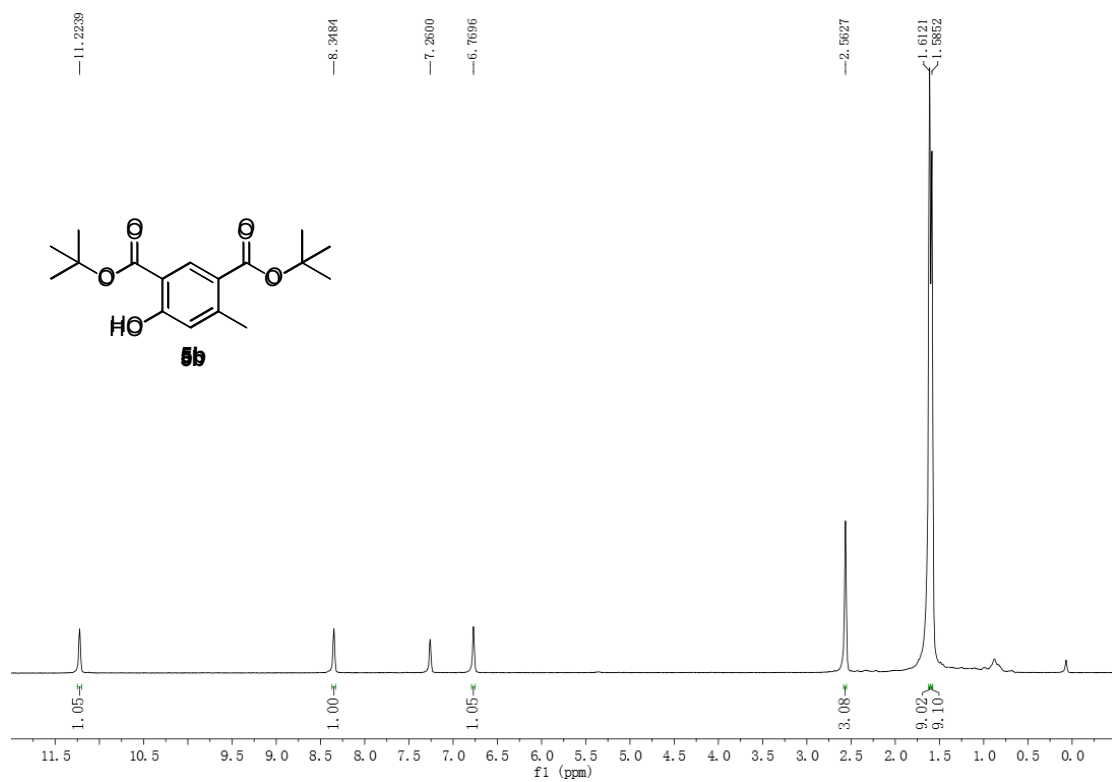
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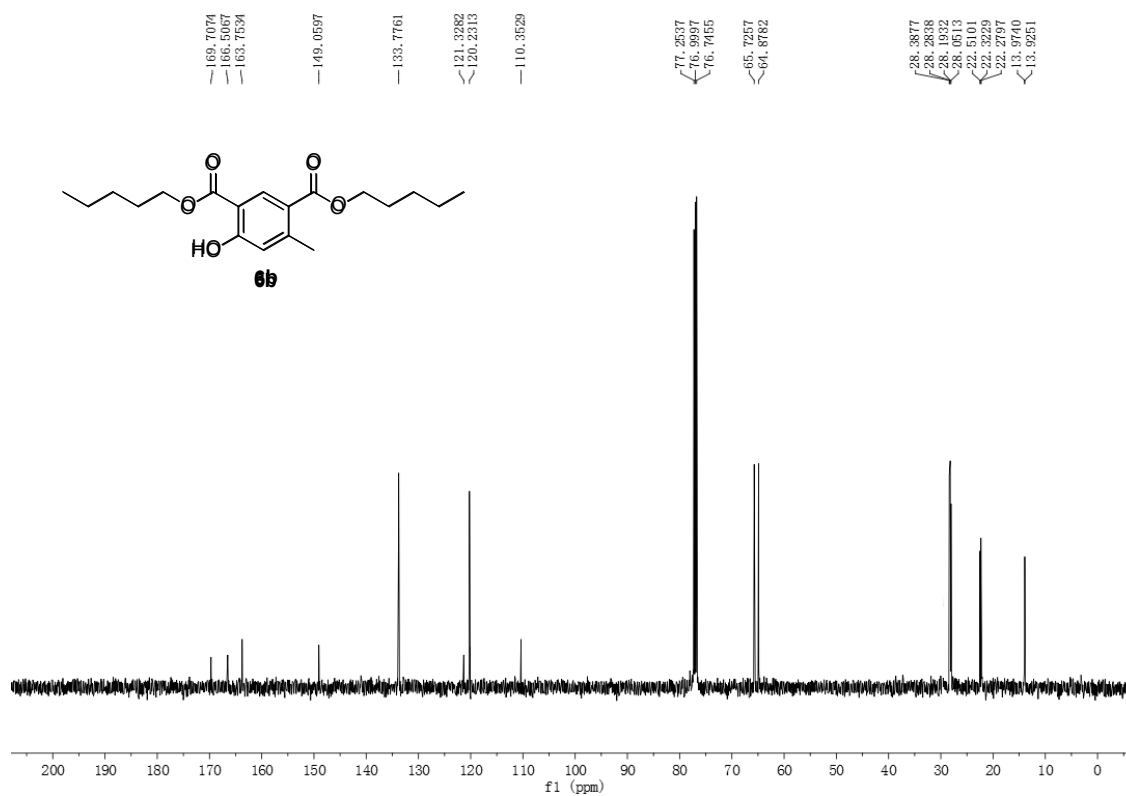
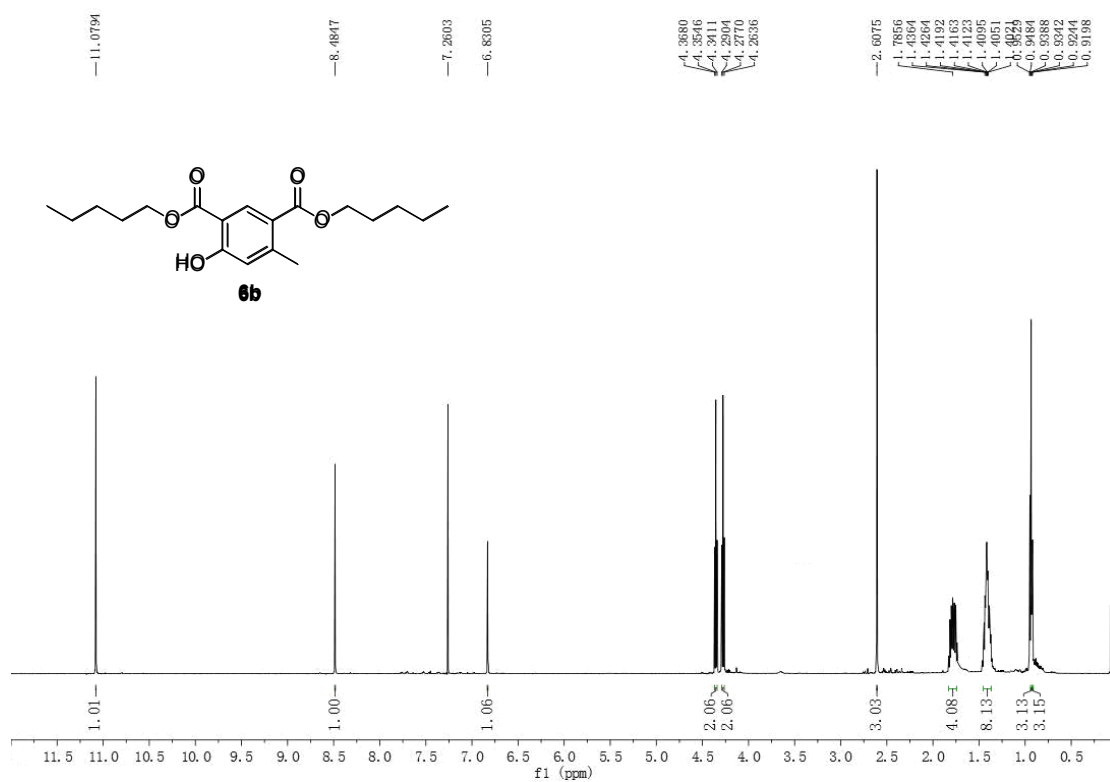


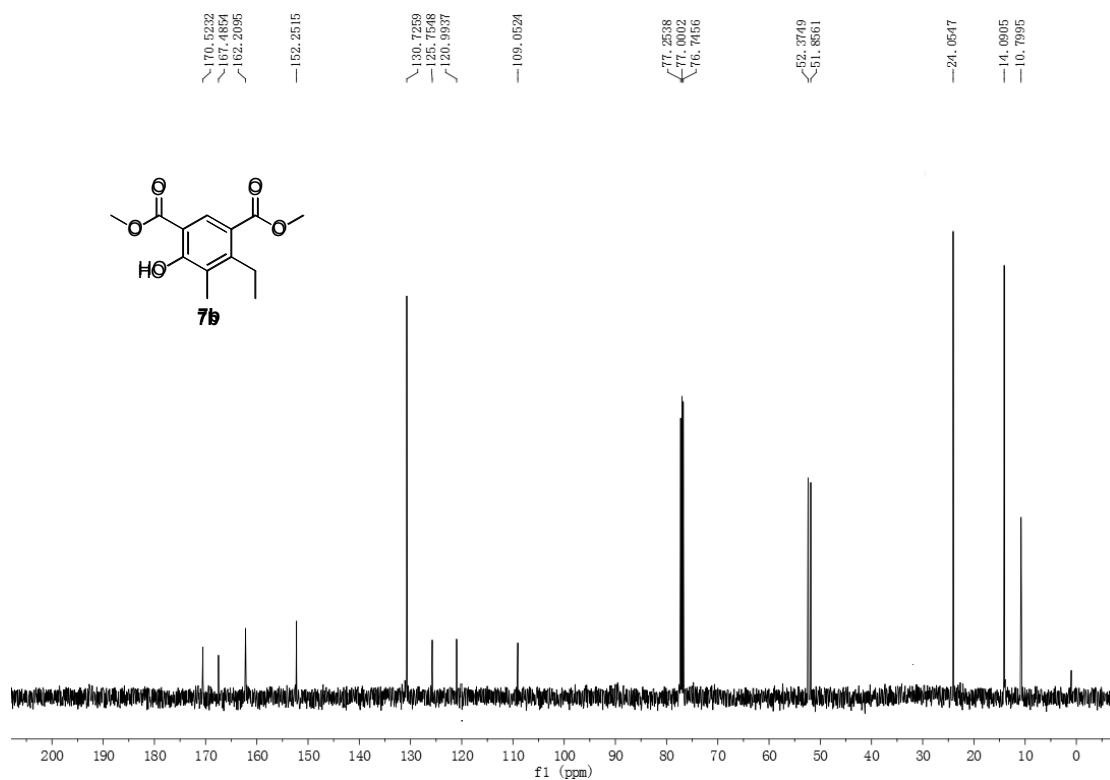
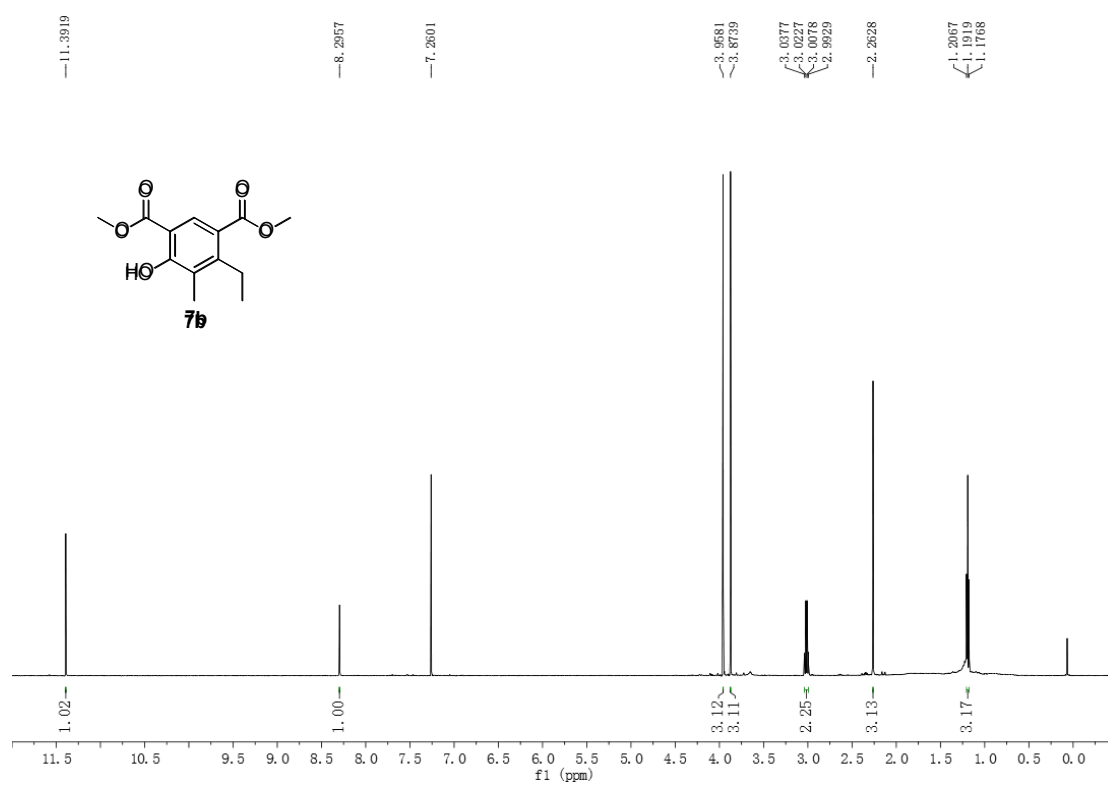


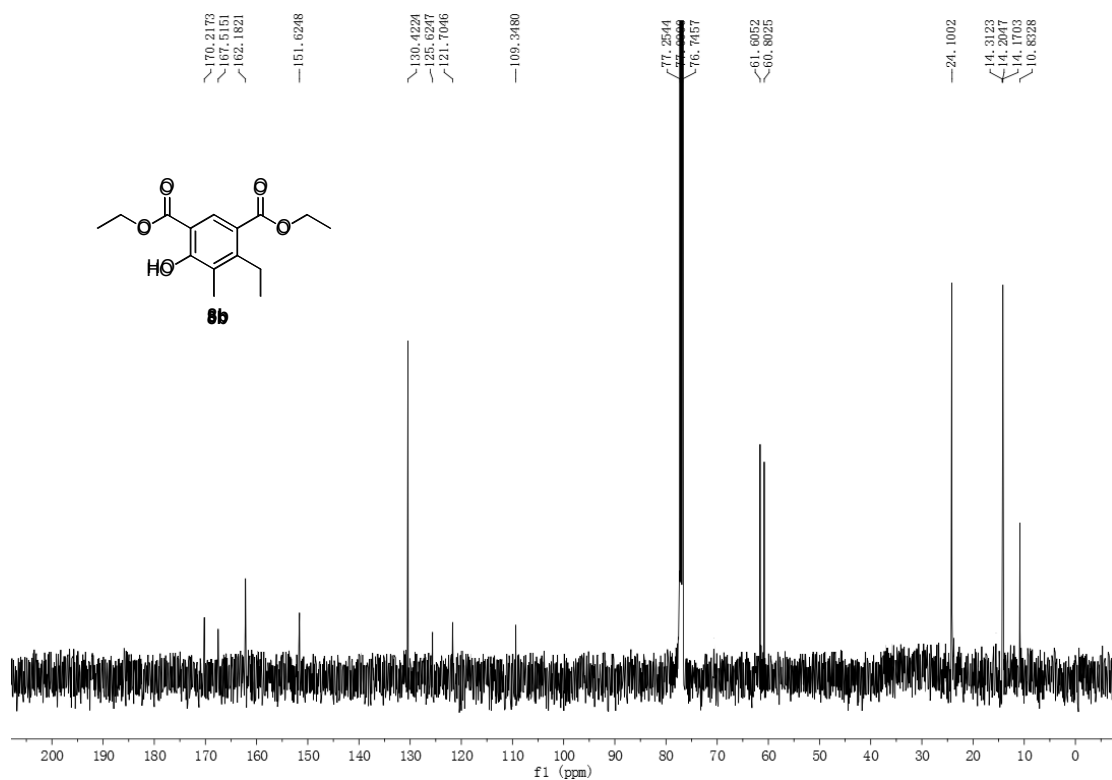
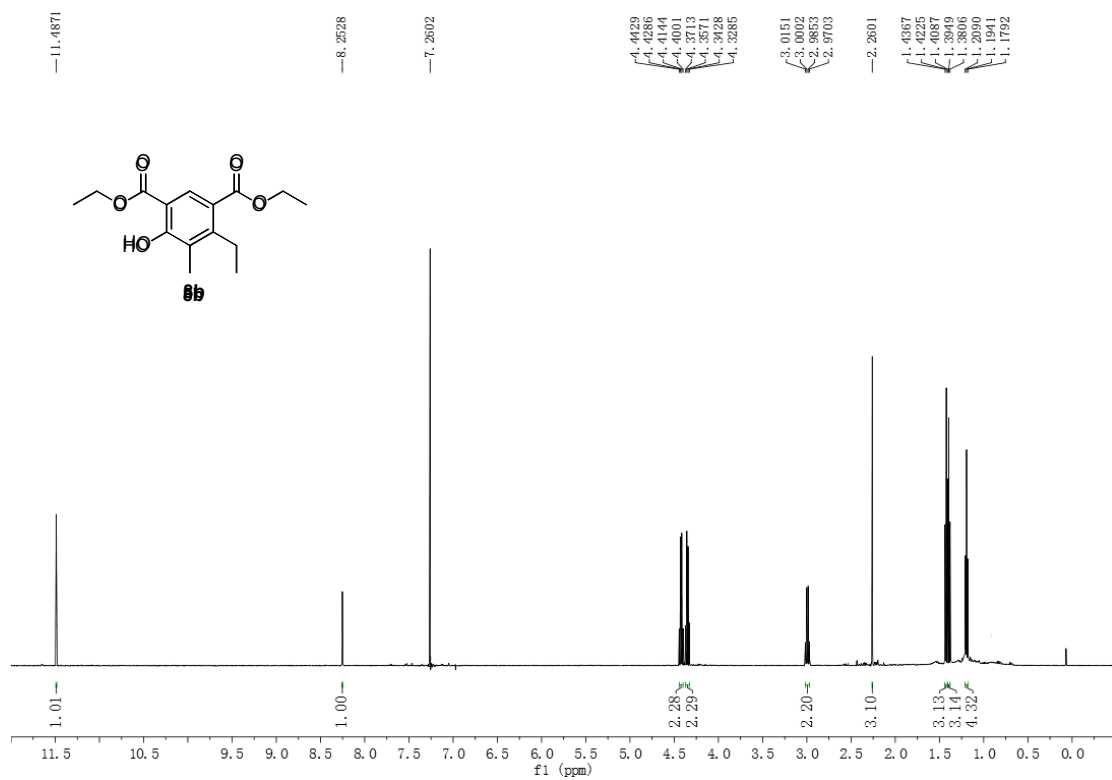


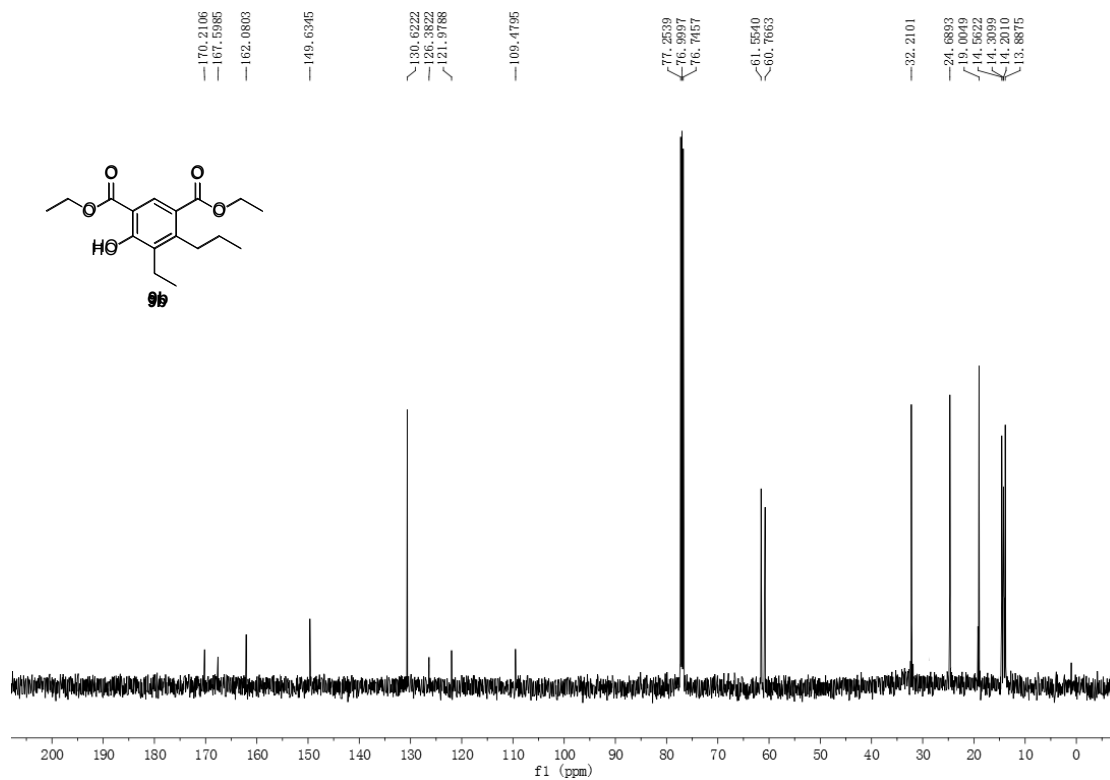
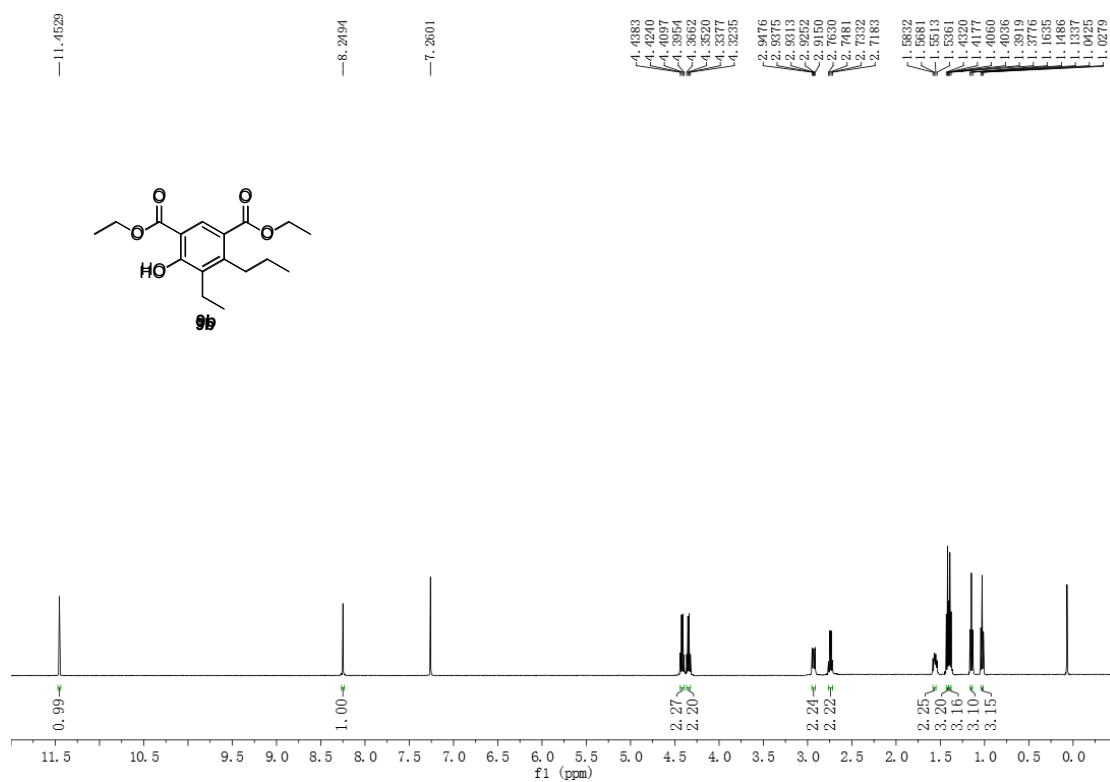


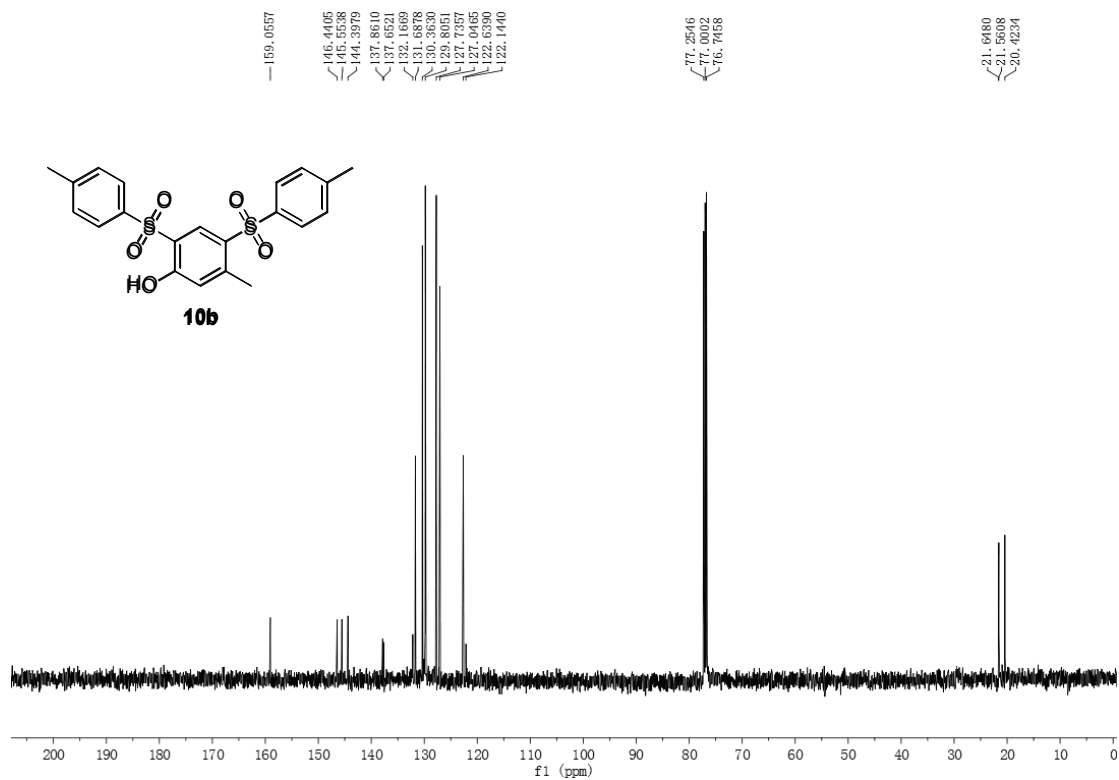
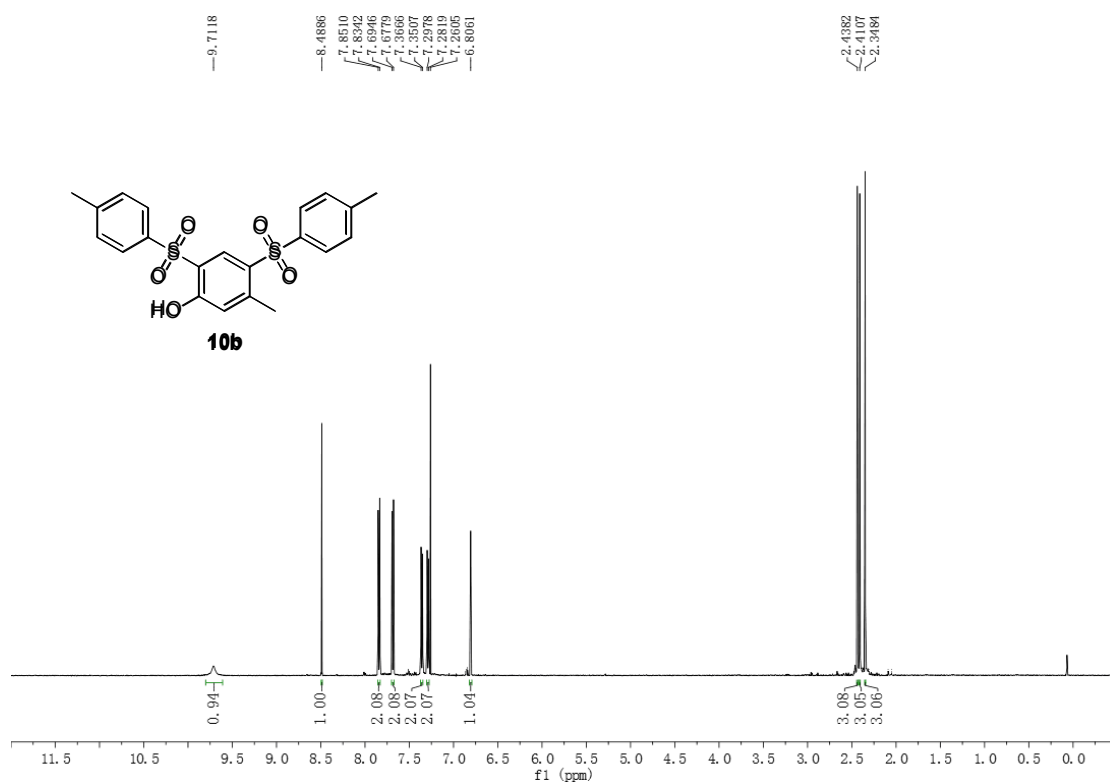


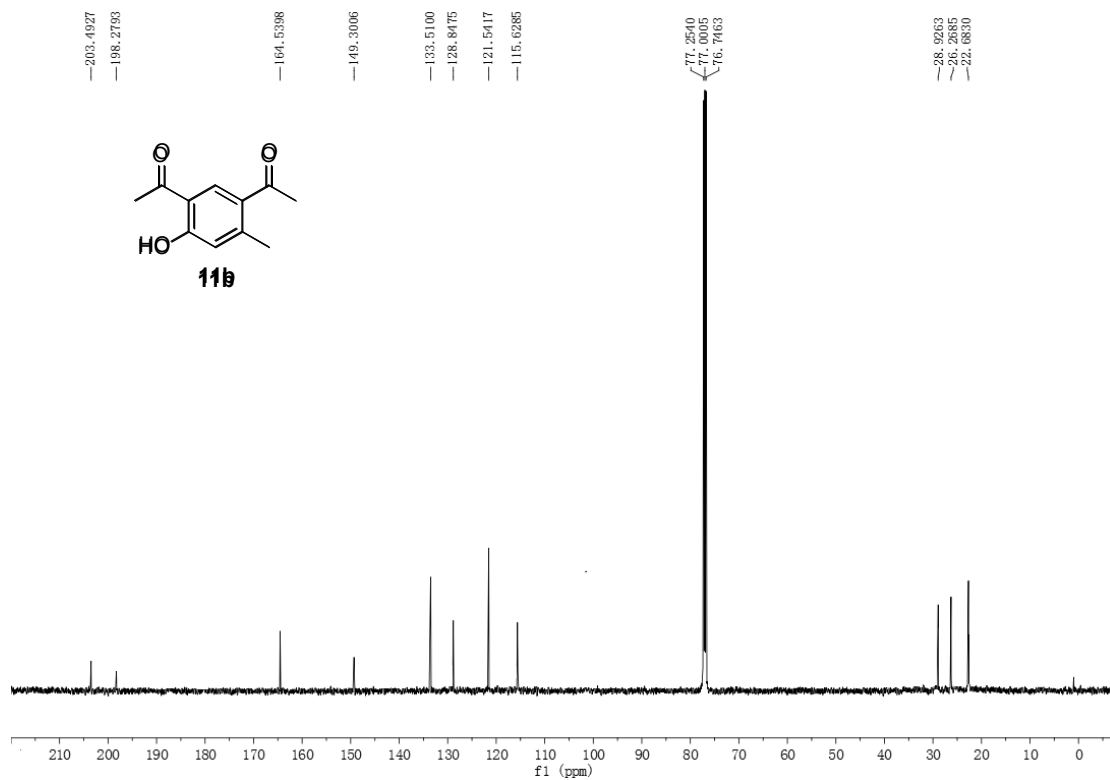
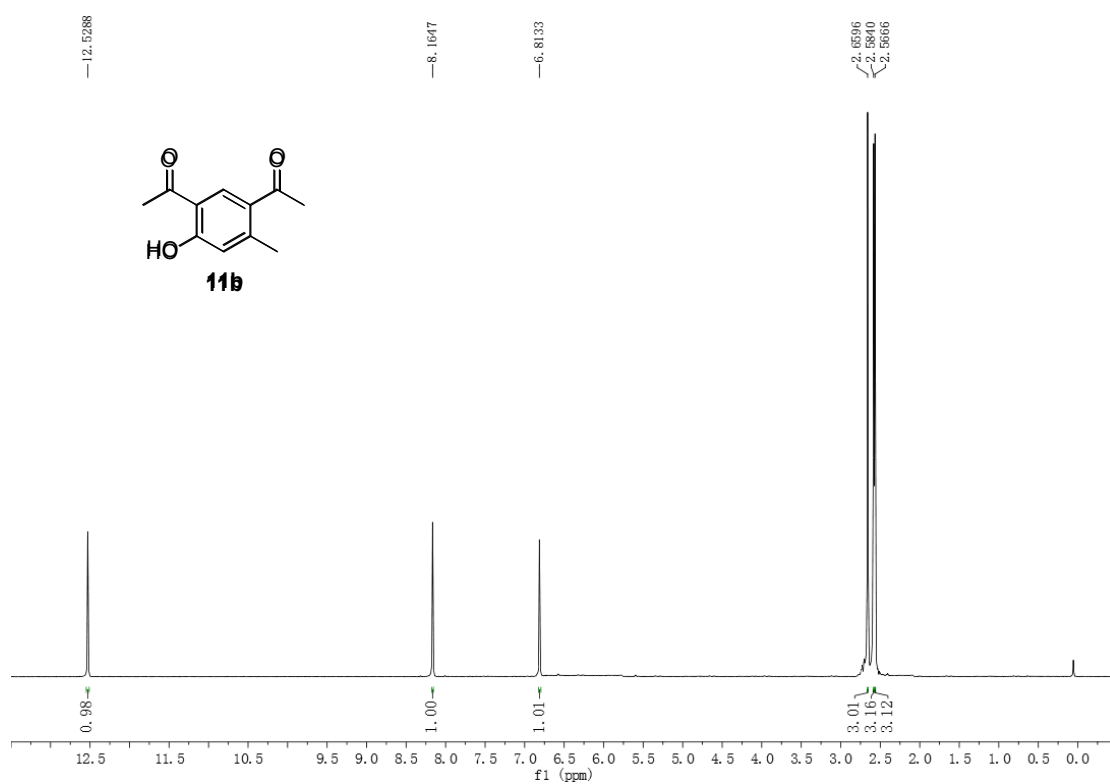


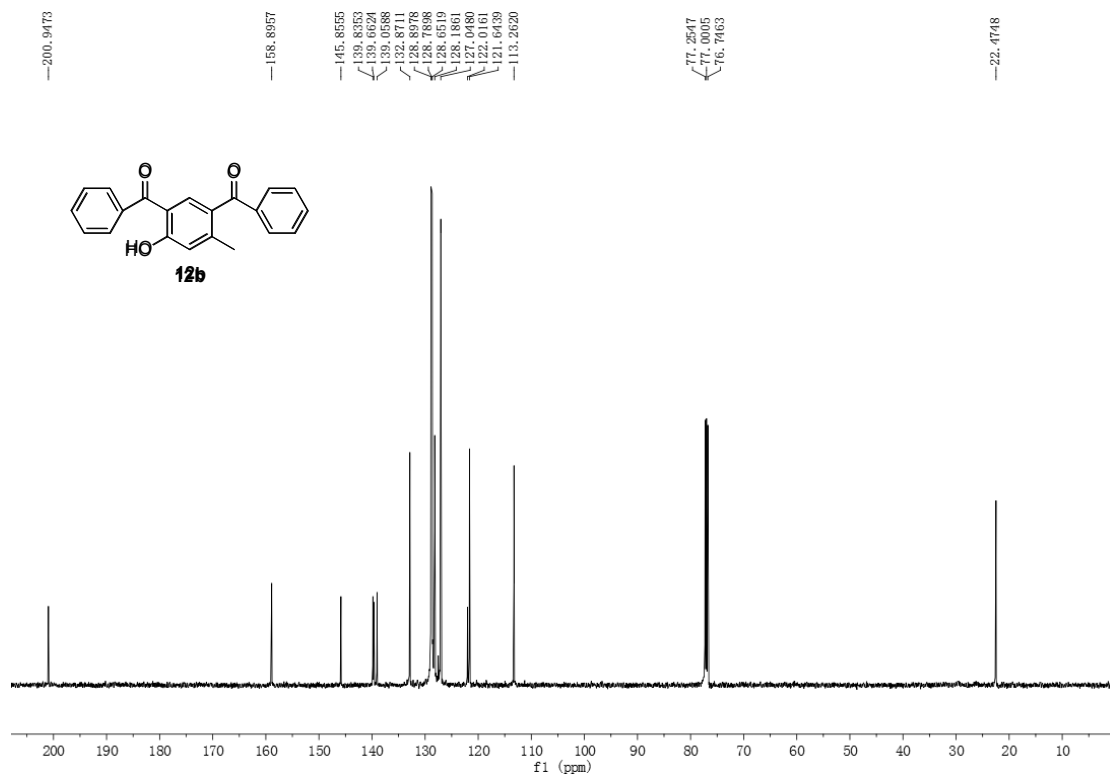
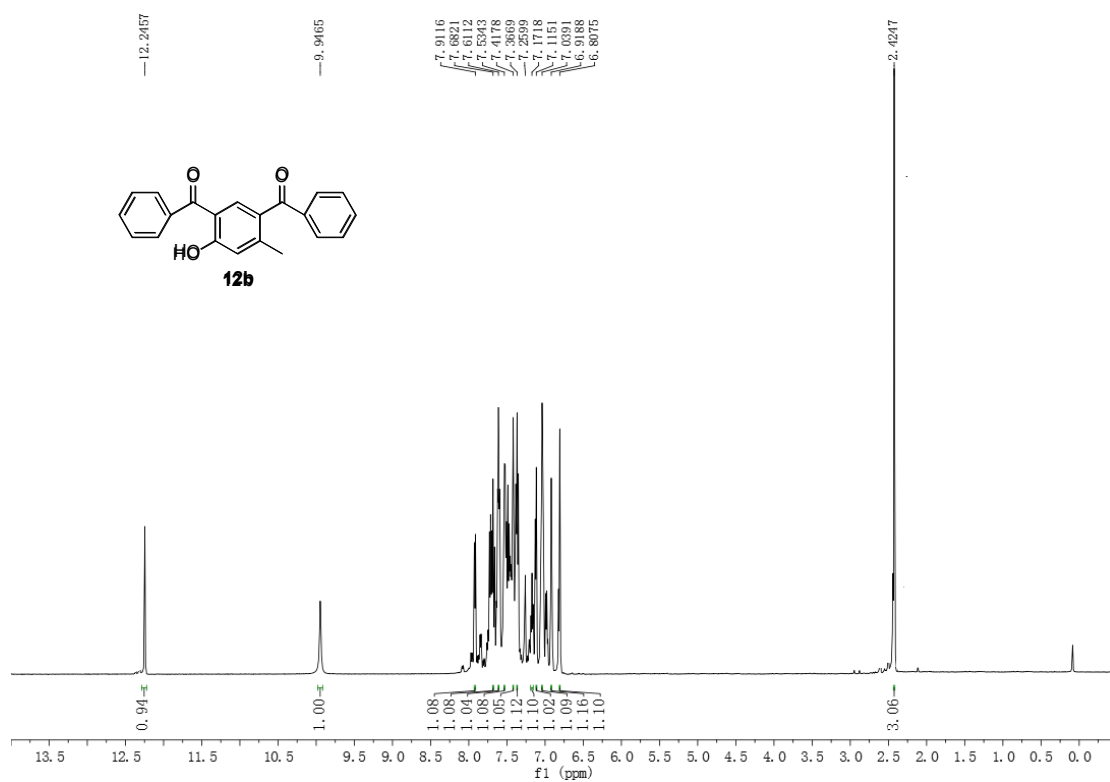




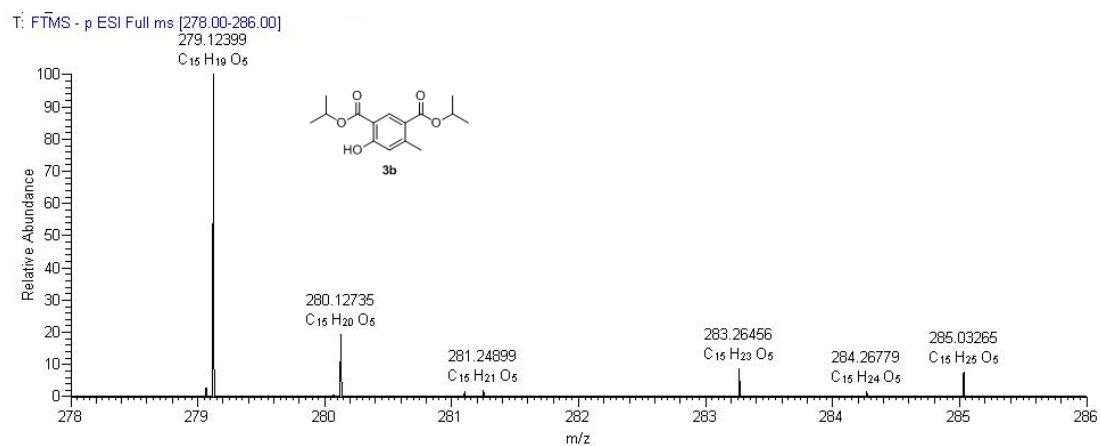
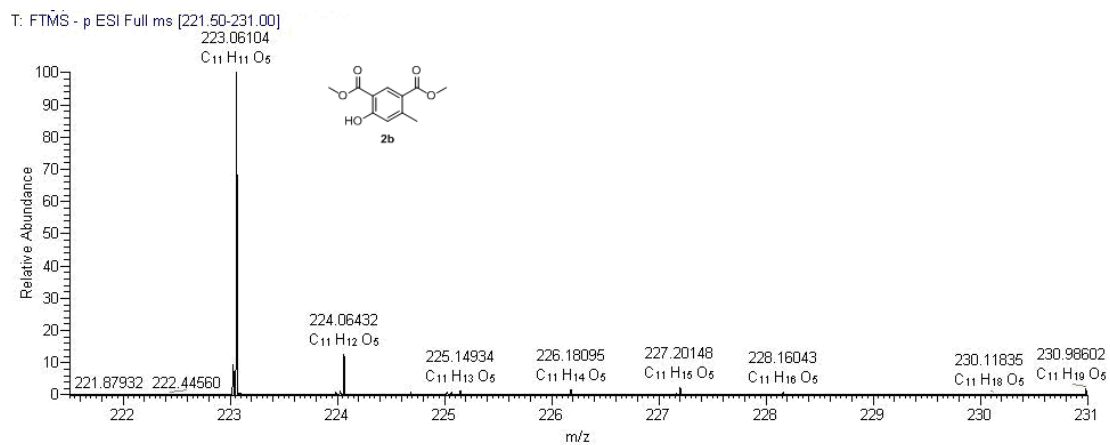
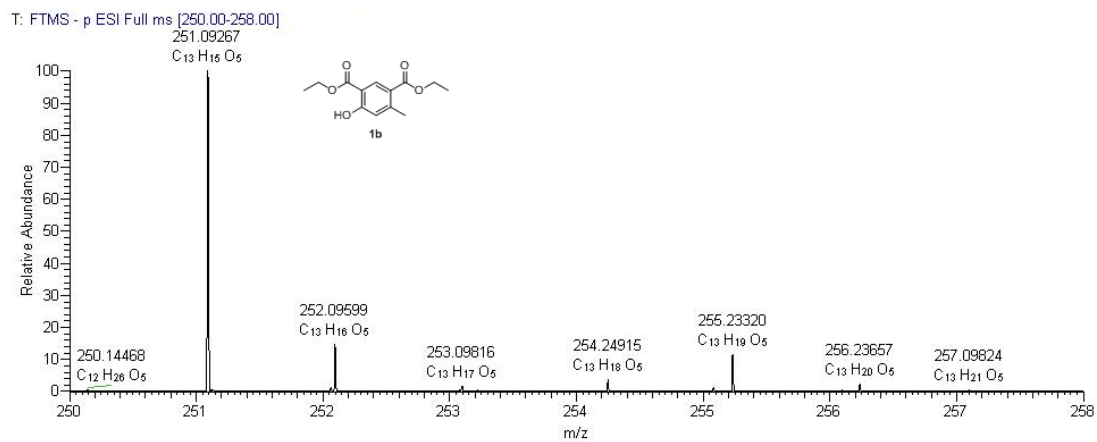


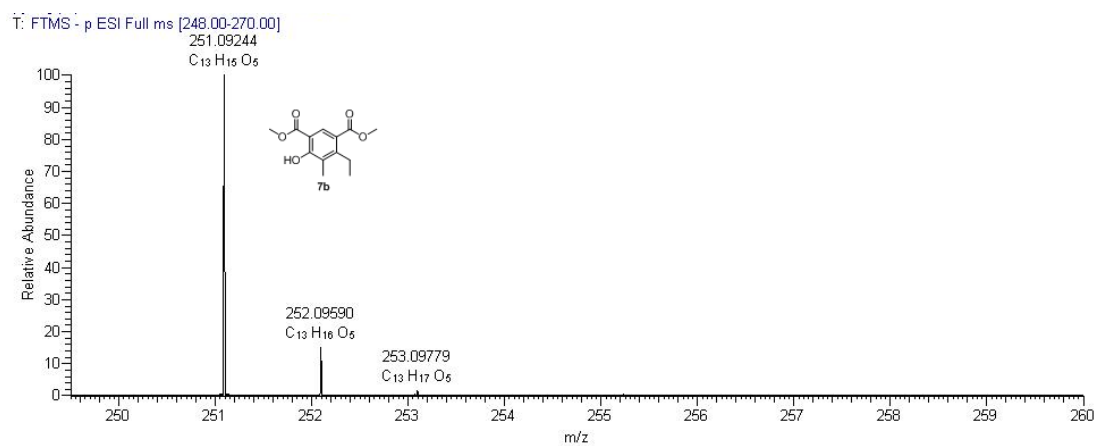
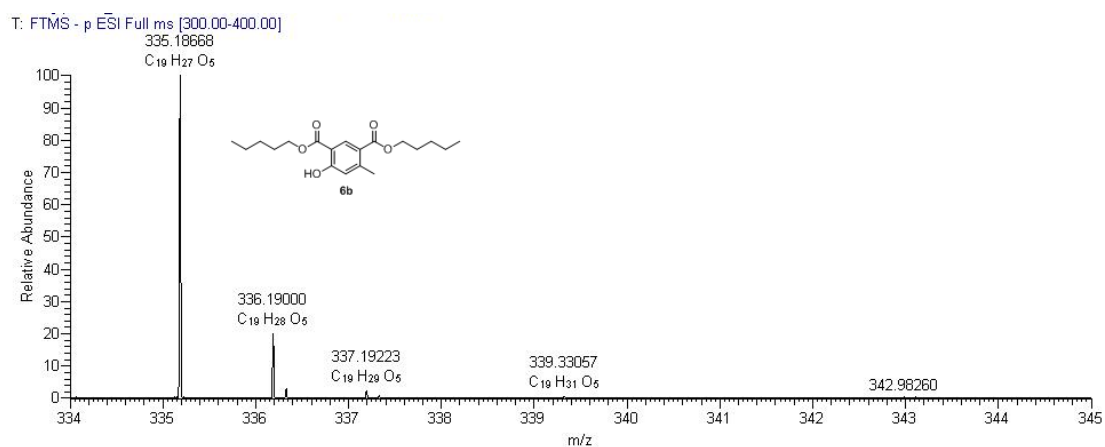
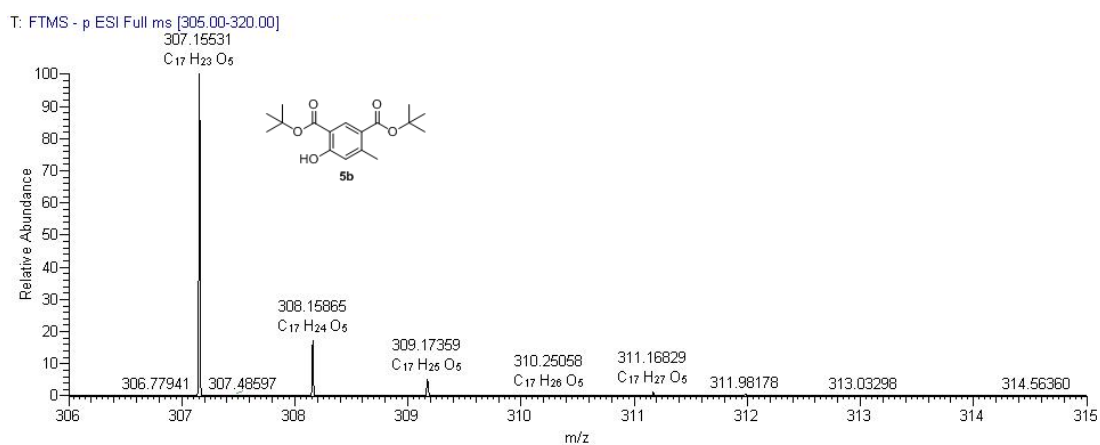
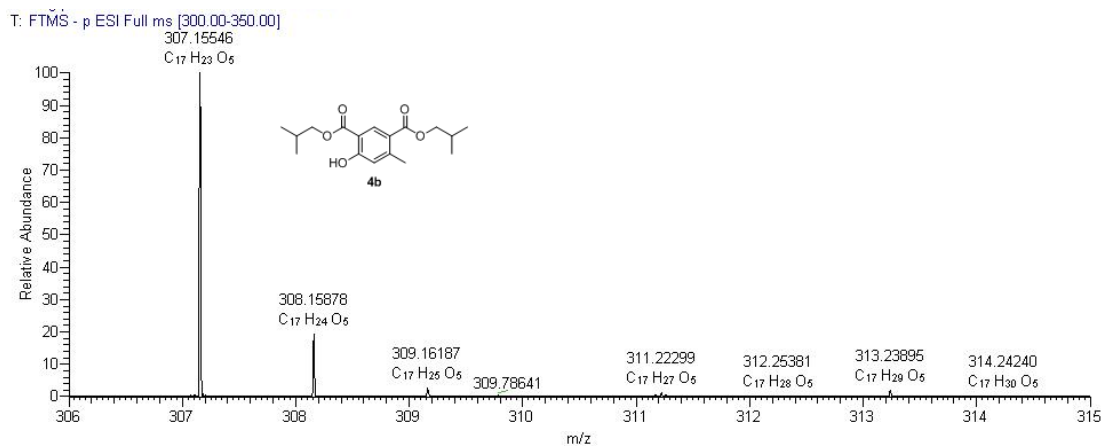


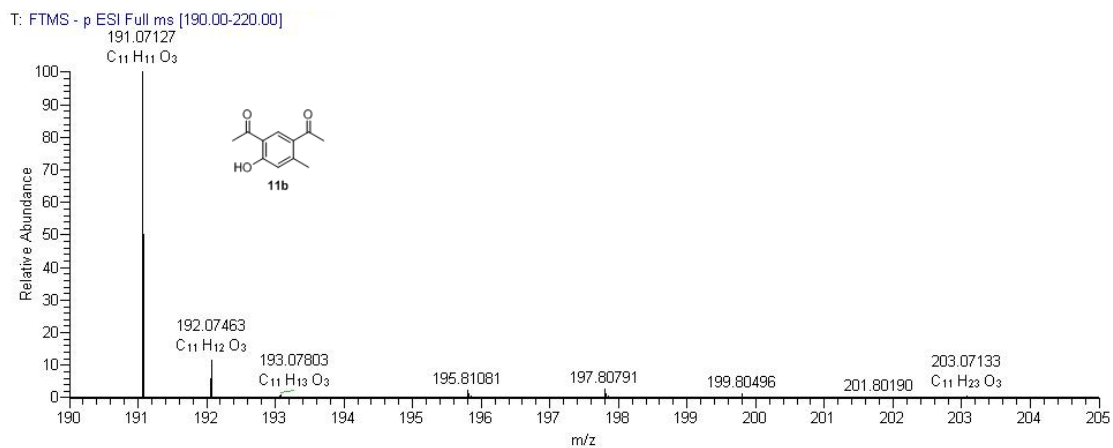
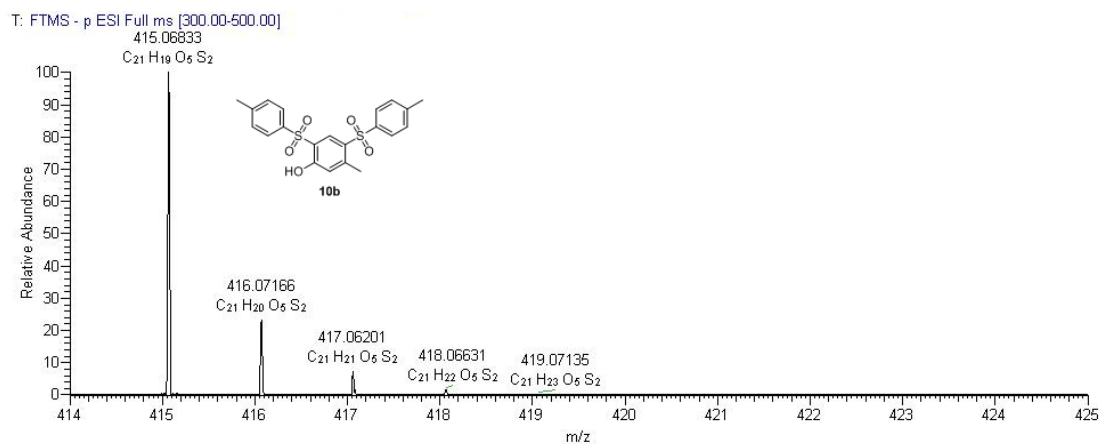
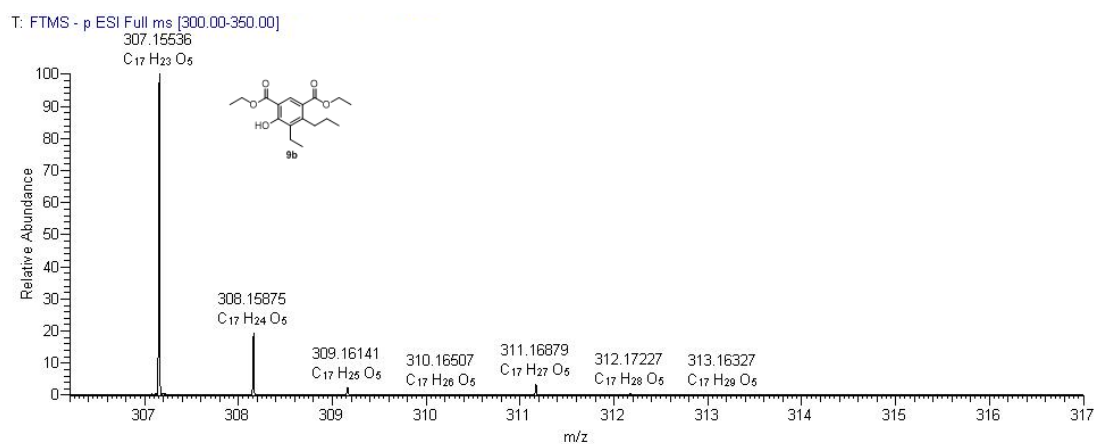
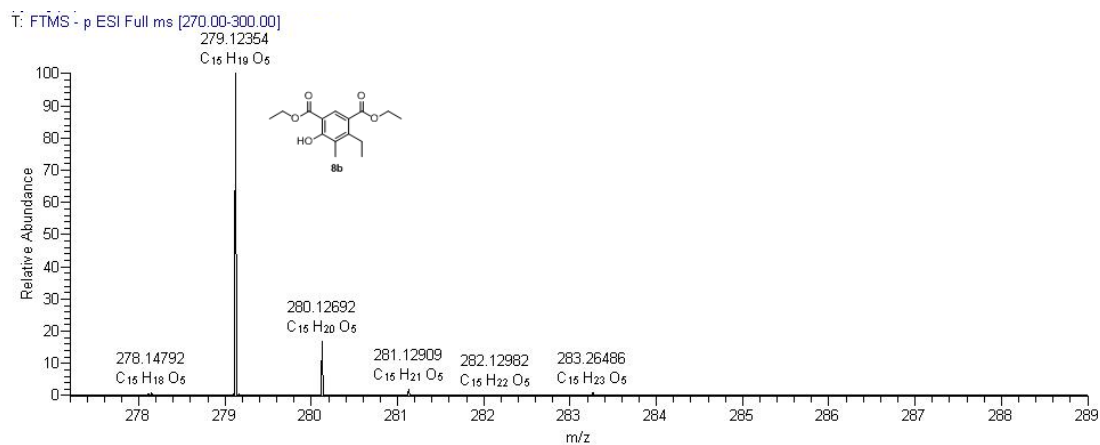




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