

Supporting Information

A Mild Lewis Acid Mediated Epoxy-Ester to Bicyclic Ortho Ester Rearrangement

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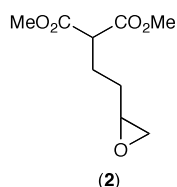
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Experimental section

General Information. High resolution mass spectroscopy was carried out on a Jeol SX 102 machine, using fast atom bombardment (FAB⁺) ionisation technique. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy was carried out using a Bruker DPX 400 instrument. The spectra were calibrated where possible to the signals of tetramethylsilane or the small quantity of CHCl₃ present in CDCl₃. Where possible, coupling constants (*J*) are shown denoting the multiplicity as a singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quarter (q), multiplet (m). The size of the coupling constant is given in Hertz (Hz). Fourier transformation Infra Red spectroscopy was recorded using a Paragon 1000 Perkin Elmer FT-IR spectrophotometer in the range of 3500-600 cm⁻¹ following a standard background correction. Flash silica column chromatography was used as a standard purification procedure using Fluka Kiesel gel 60, 0.04-0.063 mm particle size. Thin layer chromatography was used where possible as a standard procedure for monitoring the course and rate of a given reaction. TLC plates used were Merck aluminium backed sheets with Kiesel gel 60 F₂₅₄ silica coating. DCM was distilled over CaH₂ for anhydrous reactions. Petrol was distilled collecting the fraction distilling below 60 °C. THF was dried over sodium/benzophenone and freshly distilled before use. Diethyl ether was purchased from Fischer Scientific (99+ %) and used without purification. Ethyl acetate was distilled over CaCl₂ for general use.

General procedure for the epoxidation of malonic olefins.

To a solution of malonic olefins in DCM, at 0 °C, *m*-CPBA was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for eight hours at 0 °C and then quenched with 0.1M NaOH solution (80 mL). The organic layer was separated and aqueous layer extracted with DCM (2×25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed again with 0.1M NaOH (2×50 mL) solution, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under *vacuo* to afford neat epoxides.



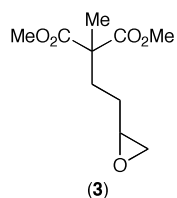
2-(2-Oxiranylethyl)malonic acid dimethyl ester (2) was obtained as colourless oil (1.50 g, 7.42 mmol, 92 %).

V_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2923s, 2853s, 1738s, 1458m, 1375w, 1268w.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 1.53-1.66 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.05-2.12 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.49 (1H, dd, J 2.8 Hz, 4.8 Hz, CH₂), 2.76 (1H, t, J 4.4 Hz, CH₂), 2.91-2.94 (1H, m, CH), 3.45 (1H, t, J 7.4 CH), 3.75 (6H, s, OCH₃).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 25.28 (CH₂), 30.08 (CH₂), 46.80 (CH₂), 51.11 (CH), 51.51 (CH), 52.61 (OCH₃), 52.62 (OCH₃), 169.55 (CO₂CH₃), 169.57 (CO₂CH₃).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for C₉H₁₄O₅(Na⁺) requires 225.0733; found 225.0728 and C₉H₁₄O₅(H⁺) requires 203.0914 found 203.0910.



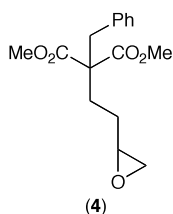
2-Methyl-2-(2-oxiranylethyl)malonic acid dimethyl ester (3) was obtained as colourless oil (1.05 g, 4.86 mmol, 97 %).

V_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2970m, 2954s, 1731s, 1434m, 1380w, 1236br, 1115m, 876w.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 1.42 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.48-1.54 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.95-2.06 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.47 (1H, dd, J 2.8 Hz, 4.8 Hz, CH₂), 2.75 (1H, t, J 4.8 Hz, CH₂), 2.89-2.94 (1H, m, CH), 3.73 (6H, s, OCH₃).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 20.01 (CH₃), 27.65 (CH₂), 31.86 (CH₂), 46.90 (CH₂), 51.86 (CH), 52.52 (OCH₃), 52.54 (OCH₃), 53.24 (C), 172.42 (CO₂CH₃), 172.46 (CO₂CH₃).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for C₁₀H₁₆O₅(Na⁺) requires 239.0890; found 239.0886.



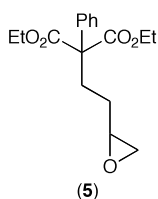
2-Benzyl-2-(2-oxiranylethyl)malonic acid dimethyl ester (4) was obtained as colourless oil (1.20 g, 4.11 mmol, 98 %).

ν_{max} (film)/ cm^{-1} 3086w, 3061w, 3031w, 2995w, 2952m, 2869w, 1734s, 1496w, 1434s, 1327s, 1269s, 1207s, 1179s, 1157s, 1123s, 1092w, 1031w.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.51-1.57 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.87-2.03 (2H, m, CH_2), 2.46 (1H, dd, J 2.8 Hz, 4.8 Hz, CH_2), 2.74 (1H, t, J 4.8 Hz, CH_2), 2.87-2.90 (1H, m, CH), 3.24 (2H, s, CH_2), 3.71 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.72 (3H, s, OCH_3), 7.04-7.07 (2H, m, ArCH), 7.23-7.29 (3H, m, ArCH).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 27.68 (CH_2), 28.35 (CH_2), 38.62 (CH_2), 46.96 (CH_2), 51.83 (CH), 52.45 (OCH_3), 52.46 (OCH_3), 58.52 (C), 127.15 (ArCH), 128.41 (ArCH), 129.79 (ArCH), 135.67 (ArC), 171.35 (CO_2CH_3), 171.43 (CO_2CH_3).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 315.1203; found 315.1197 and $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5(\text{H}^+)$ requires 293.1384 found 293.1379.



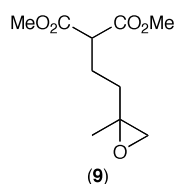
2-(2-Oxiranyl-ethyl)-2-phenyl-malonic acid diethyl ester (5) was obtained as colourless oil (0.63g, 2.06 mmol, 98 %).

ν_{max} (film)/ cm^{-1} 3058w, 2982s, 2937m, 1732s, 1499m, 1447s, 1412m, 1389m, 1367w, 1184s, 1122m, 1049m, 943w, 916w, 841m.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.24 (6H, t, J 7.2 Hz, CH_3), 1.43-1.59 (2H, m, CH_2), 2.37-2.53 (3H, m, CH_2), 2.72 (1H, t, J 4.4 Hz, CH_2), 2.88-2.91 (1H, m, CH), 4.21-4.27 (4H, m, CH_2), 7.26-7.40 (5H, m, ArCH).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 13.98 (CH_3), 27.98 (CH_2), 32.02 (CH_2), 46.92 (CH_2), 51.97 (CH), 61.65 (CH_2), 62.19 (C), 127.58 (ArCH), 127.95 (ArCH), 128.21 (ArCH), 136.66 (ArC), 170.47 (CO_2Et), 170.51 ($\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 329.1359; found 329.1359 (-0.1010ppm) and $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5(\text{H}^+)$ requires 307.1540 found 307.1541 (0.3416ppm).



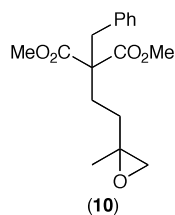
2-[2-(2-Methyloxiranyl)ethyl]malonic acid dimethyl ester (9) was obtained as colourless oil (1.55 g, 7.17 mmol, 96 %).

$V_{\max}$ (film)/ cm^{-1} 2956m, 1735s, 1436s, 1346s, 1227br, 1157s, 1101w, 1042w, 892w, 806w.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.33 (3H, s, CH_3), 1.54-1.63 (2H, m, CH_2), 2.01 (2H, q, J 7.2 Hz, CH_2), 2.58 (1H, d, J 4.6 Hz, CH_2), 2.63 (1H, d, J 4.6 Hz, CH_2), 3.39 (1H, t, J 7.2 Hz, CH), 3.74 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.75 (3H, s, OCH_3).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 20.79 (CH_3), 24.48 (CH_2), 34.10 (CH_2), 51.29 (CH), 52.54 (OCH_3), 52.56 (OCH_3), 53.48 (CH_2), 56.32 (C), 169.55 (CO_2CH_3), 169.58 (CO_2CH_3).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 239.0890; found 239.0888 and $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5(\text{H}^+)$ requires 217.1071 found 217.1069.



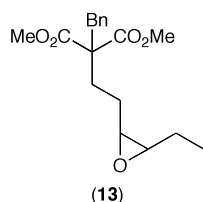
2-Benzyl-2-[2-(2-methyloxiranyl)ethyl]malonic acid dimethyl ester (10) was obtained as colourless oil (1.60 g, 5.23 mmol, 99 %).

$V_{\max}$ (film)/ cm^{-1} 3087w, 3061w, 3031s, 2952s, 2886w, 2844w, 1734s, 1604w, 1496s, 1435s, 1392m, 1328m, 1231s, 1198s, 1177s, 1109s, 1024s, 976s, 900m.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.29 (3H, s, CH_3), 1.43-1.50 (1H, m, CH_2), 1.56-1.60 (1H, m, CH_2), 1.86-1.90 (2H, m, CH_2), 2.56 (2H, q, J 5 Hz, CH_2), 3.23 (2H, s, CH_2), 3.71 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.72 (3H, s, OCH_3), 7.05-7.07 (2H, m, ArCH), 7.20-7.30 (3H, m, ArCH).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 20.83(CH_3), 27.59 (CH_2), 31.58 (CH_2), 38.37 (CH_2), 52.42 (OCH_3), 53.61 (CH_2), 56.54 (C), 58.54 (C), 127.13 (ArCH), 128.38 (ArCH), 129.78 (ArCH), 135.72 (ArC), 171.38 (CO_2CH_3), 171.42 (CO_2CH_3).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 329.1359; found 329.1357 and $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5(\text{H}^+)$ requires 307.1540 found 307.1539.



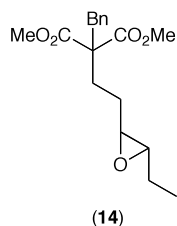
syn-2-Benzyl-2-[2-(3-ethyloxiranyl)ethyl]malonic acid dimethyl ester (13) was obtained as colourless oil (1.62 g, 5.12 mmol, 99 %).

$V_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3087m, 3063s, 3030s, 2970s, 2877s, 2844m, 1732s, 1604w, 1454s, 1434s, 1389s, 1309s, 1203br, 1108s, 1031s, 818s.

δ H (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 1.02 (3H, t, J 7.6 Hz, CH₃), 1.42-1.59 (4H, m, CH₂), 1.85-2.02 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.84-2.88 (2H, m, CH), 3.26 (2H, s, CH₂), 3.72 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.73 (3H, s, OCH₃), 7.07 (2H, d, J 8 Hz, ArCH), 7.21-7.29 (3H, m, ArCH).

δ C (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 10.61 (CH₃), 21.00 (CH₂), 23.08 (CH₂), 28.96 (CH₂), 38.68 (CH₂), 52.43 (C), 56.68 (OCH₃), 58.39 (CH), 58.66 (CH), 127.13 (ArCH), 128.41 (ArCH), 129.78 (ArCH), 135.69 (ArC), 171.36 (CO₂CH₃), 171.45 (CO₂CH₃).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for C₁₈H₂₄O₅(Na⁺) requires 343.1516; found 343.1510 and C₁₈H₂₄O₅(H⁺) requires 321.1697 found 321.1693.



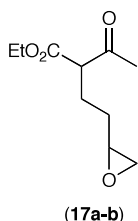
anti-2-Benzyl-2-[2-(3-ethyloxiranyl)ethyl]malonic acid dimethyl ester (14) was obtained as colourless oil (0.57 g, 1.78 mmol, 97 %).

$V_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3087w, 3063w, 3030w, 2968s, 2876w, 2844w, 1735s, 1604w, 1496w, 1455s, 1434s, 1269s, 1232s, 1203s, 1179s, 1097w, 892w.

δ H (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 0.97 (3H, t, J 7.6 Hz, CH₃), 1.49-1.58 (4H, m, CH₂), 1.85-1.98 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.62-2.66 (2H, m, CH), 3.24 (2H, s, CH₂), 3.71 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.72 (3H, s, OCH₃), 7.06 (2H, d, J 8 Hz, ArCH), 7.23-7.28 (3H, m, ArCH).

δ C (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 9.83 (CH₃), 24.99 (CH₂), 27.34 (CH₂), 28.42 (CH₂), 38.58 (CH₂), 52.41 (OCH₃), 57.83 (CH), 58.56 (C), 59.80 (CH), 127.12 (ArCH), 128.38 (ArCH), 129.80 (ArCH), 135.72 (ArC), 171.36 (CO₂CH₃), 171.42 (CO₂CH₃).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for C₁₈H₂₄O₅(Na⁺) requires 343.1527; found 343.1509 and C₁₈H₂₄O₅(H⁺) requires 321.1707 found 321.1691.



2-(2-Oxiranylethyl)-3-oxobutyrates ethyl ester (17a-b) was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with light petrol/Et₂O (9:1) to afford a mixture (1:1) of inseparable diastereoisomers (1.20 g, 6.00 mmol, 86 %) as colourless oil.

V_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2983m, 2936m, 1740s, 1715s, 1621w, 1447w, 1361w, 1246m, 1151m, 1097w, 1069w, 856w, 837w.

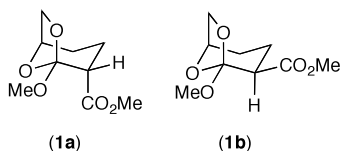
δH (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 1.28 (6H, t, J 7.2 Hz, CH₃), 1.42-1.50 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.62-1.68 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.02 (4H, q, J 7.6 Hz, CH₂), 2.25 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.26 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.45-2.48 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.74 (2H, t, J 4.4 Hz, CH₂), 2.87-2.93 (2H, m, CH), 3.52 (2H, dt, J 7.2 Hz, 21.6 Hz, CH), 4.20 (4H, q, J 7.2 Hz, CH₂).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 14.03 (CH₃), 24.39 (CH₂), 24.43 (CH₂), 28.83 (CH₃), 29.21 (CH₃), 29.89 (CH₂), 30.19 (CH₂), 46.62 (CH₂), 46.72 (CH₂), 51.53 (CH), 51.61 (CH), 58.75 (CH), 59.16 (CH), 61.40 (CH₂), 169.43 (CO₂Et), 202.63 (COCH₃), 202.70 (COCH₃).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for C₁₀H₁₆O₄(Na⁺) requires 223.0941; found 223.0941 and C₁₀H₁₆O₄(H⁺) requires 201.1121 found 201.1121.

General procedure for Lewis acid catalysed cyclisation of malonyl epoxides.

To the solution of malonyl epoxide in DCM was added zinc bromide. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for eight hours and then quenched with water. The organic layer was separated and aqueous layer extracted with (3×30 mL) DCM. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure.



5-Methoxy-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-4-carboxylic acid methyl ester (1a and 1b) was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with light petrol/EtOAc (9:1).

1a was obtained as white crystalline solid (50 mg, 0.25 mmol, 17 %), recrystallised from MeOH at 0 °C m.p. 69-71 °C.

V_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2953s, 2894m, 2863w, 1735s, 1434m, 1369m, 1329m, 1290s, 1218s, 1138s, 1003, 1025s, 920s.

δ H (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.46 (1H, dd, J 5.8 Hz, 14 Hz, CH_2), 1.89 (1H, dd, J 6.2 Hz, 14 Hz, CH_2), 1.99-2.07 (1H, m, CH_2), 2.32-2.36 (1H, m, CH_2), 2.92 (1H, d, J 6.2 Hz, CH), 3.41 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.72 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.86 (1H, d, J 7 Hz, CH_2), 4.00 (1H, t, J 7 Hz, CH_2), 4.72 (1H, s, CH).

δ C (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 21.17 (CH_2), 25.59 (CH_2), 47.35 (CH), 49.02 (OCH_3), 51.92 (OCH_3), 68.14 (CH_2), 75.57 (CH), 118.90 (C), 171.80 (CO_2CH_3).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_5(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 225.0733; found 225.0729.

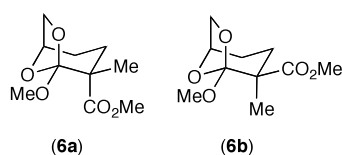
1b was obtained as white crystalline solid (0.19 g, 0.94 mmol, 63 %), recrystallised from MeOH at 0 °C m.p. 65.5 °C.

ν_{max} (DCM)/ cm^{-1} 2993m, 2954m, 2922m, 2900s, 2853m, 1741s, 1490s, 1435s, 1362s, 1341m, 1291m, 1227m, 1162s, 994s, 960s.

δ H (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.62 (1H, dd, J 6 Hz, 12.4 Hz, CH_2), 1.86-1.93 (1H, m, CH_2), 1.86-1.93 (1H, m, CH_2), 2.15-2.24 (1H, m, CH_2), 2.94 (1H, dd, J 4.8 Hz, 12.4 Hz, CH), 3.40 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.71 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.96 (1H, d, J 7 Hz, CH_2), 4.05 (1H, t, J 7 Hz, CH_2), 4.63 (1H, s, CH).

δ C (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 21.66 (CH_2), 27.71 (CH_2), 48.92 (CH), 49.85 (OCH_3), 51.93 (OCH_3), 69.12 (CH_2), 74.73 (CH), 119.08 (C), 171.79 (CO_2CH_3).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_5(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 225.0733; found 225.0732.



5-methoxy-4-methyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-4-carboxylic acid methyl ester (6a and 6b)

was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with light petrol/EtOAc (97:3).

6a was obtained as colourless oil (0.17 g, 0.79 mmol, 17 %).

ν_{max} (film)/ cm^{-1} 2976s, 2950s, 2891m, 2844w, 1728s, 1459m, 1438m, 1375w, 1339w, 1233s, 1282s, 1262s, 1203s, 1168s, 1130s, 1042s, 836w, 648w.

δ H (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.26 (3H, s, CH_3), 1.45 (1H, dd, J 6 Hz, 13.6 Hz, CH_2), 1.63 (1H, dt, J 6 Hz, 13.6 Hz, CH_2), 2.03 (1H, dd, J 6 Hz, 13.6 Hz, CH_2), 2.23-2.35 (1H, m, CH_2), 3.38 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.71 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.80 (1H, d, J 7.2 Hz, CH_2), 3.99 (1H, t, J 7.2 Hz, CH_2), 4.66 (1H, s, CH).

δ C (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 20.81 (CH_3), 27.42 (CH_2), 30.09 (CH_2), 48.87 (OCH_3), 50.99 (C), 52.02 (OCH_3), 68.54 (CH_2), 75.45 (CH), 120.71 (C), 173.97 (CO_2CH_3).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 239.0890; found 239.0888.

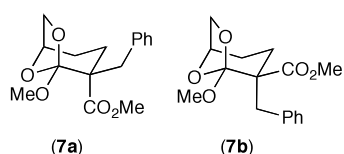
6b was obtained as white crystalline solid (0.63 g, 2.92 mmol, 63 %) recrystallised in MeOH at 0 °C. m.p. 42.5 °C.

$V_{\max}$ (film)/ cm^{-1} 2984s, 2951s, 2893m, 2843w, 1729s, 1465s, 1438w, 1338w, 1329s, 1262s, 1239s, 1198s, 1182s, 1129s, 1070s.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.38 (3H, s, CH_3), 1.49-1.57 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.95-2.05 (1H, m, CH_2), 2.41-2.52 (1H, m, CH_2), 3.36 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.71 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.91 (1H, d, J 7.2 Hz, CH_2), 3.99-4.03 (1H, m, CH_2), 4.61 (1H, s, CH).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 17.95 (CH_3), 25.23 (CH_2), 28.35 (CH_2), 48.88 (OCH_3), 50.96 (C), 52.09 (OCH_3), 68.53 (CH_2), 57.07 (CH), 120.88 (C), 174.17 (CO_2CH_3).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 239.0890; found 239.0890.



4-Benzyl-5-methoxy-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-4-carboxylic acid methyl ester (7a and 7b)
was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with light petrol/EtOAc (97:3).

7a was obtained as colourless oil (0.15 g, 0.51 mmol, 15 %).

$V_{\max}$ (film)/ cm^{-1} 3085m, 3061m, 3028s, 2974s, 2949s, 2891s, 2843m, 1728s, 1603m, 1495s, 1439s, 1343s, 1231br, 1201s, 1075s, 690s, 945s, 869m.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.43 (1H, dd, J 6 Hz, 13.6 Hz, CH_2), 1.60-1.69 (1H, m, CH_2), 1.76 (1H, dd, J 6 Hz, 13.6 Hz, CH_2), 2.15-2.26 (1H, m, CH_2), 2.69 (1H, d, J 13.6 Hz, CH_2), 3.44 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.55 (1H, d, J 13.6 Hz, CH_2), 3.72 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.85 (1H, d, J 6.8 Hz, CH_2), 4.03 (1H, t, J 6.8 Hz, CH_2), 4.64 (1H, s, CH), 7.08 (2H, d, J 7.2 Hz, ArCH), 7.17-7.25 (3H, m, ArCH).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 27.22 (CH_2), 27.36 (CH_2), 39.74 (CH_2), 49.09 (OCH_3), 51.85 (OCH_3), 56.47 (C), 69.04 (CH_2), 75.77 (CH), 120.69 (C), 126.46 (ArCH), 128.09 (ArCH), 130.01 (ArCH), 136.84 (ArCH), 172.53 (CO_2CH_3).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 315.1203; found 315.1206 and $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5(\text{H}^+)$ requires 293.1384 found 293.1387.

7b was obtained as white crystalline solid (0.63 g, 2.16 mmol, 63 %) recrystallised from MeOH at 0 °C. m.p. 98.2-99.7 °C.

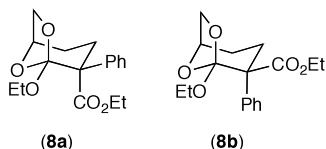
$V_{\max}$ (film)/ cm^{-1} 3085w, 3061w, 3027w, 2950s, 2892m, 2847w, 1727s, 1496w, 1455m, 1437m, 1310w, 1254m, 1195s, 1178s, 994s.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.50 (1H, dd, J 5.6 Hz, 14 Hz, CH_2), 1.59 (1H, dd, J 5.6 Hz, 14 Hz, CH_2), 2.00-2.11 (1H, m, CH_2), 2.24-2.38 (1H, m, CH_2), 3.09 (1H, d, J 14, CH_2), 3.42 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.52 (1H, d, J

14 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 3.71 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.91 (1H, d, J 7 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 4.02 (1H, t, J 7 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 4.67 (1H, s, $\underline{\text{CH}}$), 7.12 (2H, d, J 7.2 Hz, ArCH), 7.18-7.26 (3H, m, ArCH).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 21.07 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 22.32 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 35.79 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 49.18 (OCH_3), 52.06 (OCH_3), 56.37 ($\underline{\text{C}}$), 68.72 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 75.15 ($\underline{\text{CH}}$), 121.02 ($\underline{\text{C}}$), 126.43 (ArCH), 128.19 (ArCH), 130.15 (ArCH), 138.01 (ArC), 172.59 (CO_2CH_3).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 315.1203; found 315.1206 and $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5(\text{H}^+)$ requires 293.1384 found 293.1387.



5-Ethoxy-4-phenyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-4-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (8a and 8b) was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with light petrol/EtOAc (97:3).

8a was obtained as colourless oil (44 mg, 0.16 mmol, 9 %).

ν_{max} (film)/ cm^{-1} 2978s, 2896m, 1720s, 1602w, 1499m, 1445m, 1366m, 1262s, 1225s, 1185s, 1154s, 1044s, 1003s, 1056s, 974s, 950m, 770w.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.20-1.25 (6H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_3}$), 1.53 (1H, ddt, J 1.4 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 13.2 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 1.95-2.03 (1H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 2.27-2.37 (1H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 2.45 (1H, ddt, J, 1.4 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 13.2 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 3.75-3.86 (2H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 3.89 (1H, d, J 6.8 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 4.05-4.08 (1H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 4.13-4.21 (1H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 4.24-4.33 (1H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 4.69 (1H, t, J 4 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}}$), 7.18-7.22 (1H, m, ArCH), 7.25-7.30 (2H, m, ArCH), 7.43-7.45 (2H, m, ArCH).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 14.06 ($\underline{\text{CH}_3}$), 15.58 ($\underline{\text{CH}_3}$), 27.83 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 32.34 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 57.62 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 60.70 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 61.08 ($\underline{\text{C}}$), 69.17 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 75.56 ($\underline{\text{CH}}$), 120.99 ($\underline{\text{C}}$), 126.66 (ArCH), 127.15 (ArCH), 128.12 (ArCH), 140.56 (ArC), 172.12 ($\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 329.1359; found 329.1350 and $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5(\text{H}^+)$ requires 307.1540 found 307.1532.

8b as white crystalline solid (0.15 g, 0.49 mmol, 30 %) recrystallised from MeOH at 0 °C m.p. 84.5-85.6 °C.

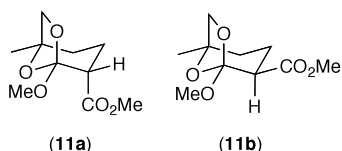
ν_{max} (film)/ cm^{-1} 2978m, 1720s, 1606w, 1445w, 1365w, 1251s, 1160m, 1088m, 1028s, 995m, 938w, 753s.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.15 (3H, t, J 7.2 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}_3}$), 1.24 (3H, t, J 7.2 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}_3}$), 1.52 (1H, ddt, J 1.6 Hz, 5.6 Hz, 14 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 1.82-1.90 (1H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 2.23 (1H, ddt, J 1.6 Hz, 5.6 Hz, 14.4 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 2.71-2.79 (1H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 3.79-3.89 (2H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 3.94 (1H, d, J 7.2 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 4.00-4.03 (1H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 4.07-4.20

(2H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 4.61 (1H, t, J 3.6 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}}$), 7.19-7.24 (1H, m, Ar $\underline{\text{CH}}$), 7.26-7.31 (2H, m, Ar $\underline{\text{CH}}$), 7.54-7.57 (2H, m, Ar $\underline{\text{CH}}$).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 14.02 ($\underline{\text{CH}_3}$), 15.41 ($\underline{\text{CH}_3}$), 26.25 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 29.65 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 57.51 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 59.49 ($\underline{\text{C}}$), 60.95 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 68.41 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 74.97 (1 $\underline{\text{CH}}$), 120.70 ($\underline{\text{C}}$), 126.53 (Ar $\underline{\text{CH}}$), 127.66 (Ar $\underline{\text{CH}}$), 128.79 (Ar $\underline{\text{CH}}$), 139.28 (Ar $\underline{\text{C}}$), 172.55 ($\underline{\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3}$).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 329.1359; found 329.1352 and $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5(\text{H}^+)$ requires 307.1540 found 307.1533.



5-Methoxy-1-methyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-4-carboxylic acid methyl ester (11a and 11b)

was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with light petrol/ Et_2O (97:3).

11a was obtained as colourless oil (60 mg, 0.28 mmol, 20 %).

V_{max} (film)/ cm^{-1} 2951s, 2884s, 2846m, 1736s, 1437s, 1361m, 1323s, 1300, 1242s, 1160s, 1140s, 1100s, 994s, 973s, 894s, 795m.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.41 (3H, s, $\underline{\text{CH}_3}$), 1.48-1.53 (1H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 1.91-1.94 (1H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 1.98-2.08 (1H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 2.11-2.20 (1H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 2.88 (1H, d, J 6 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}}$), 3.42 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.56 (1H, dd, J 1.8 Hz, 6.8 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 3.71 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.86 (1H, d, J 6.8 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 22.18 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 22.36 ($\underline{\text{CH}_3}$), 31.45 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 46.40 ($\underline{\text{CH}}$), 48.88 (OCH_3), 51.87 (OCH_3), 73.38 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 81.37 ($\underline{\text{C}}$), 119.33 ($\underline{\text{C}}$), 171.77 ($\underline{\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3}$).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 239.0890; found 239.0888 and $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5(\text{H}^+)$ requires 217.1071 found 217.1069.

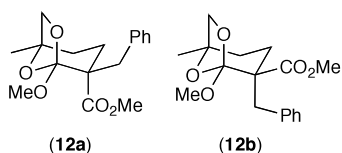
11b was obtained as colourless oil (0.17 g, 0.79 mmol, 57 %).

V_{max} (film)/ cm^{-1} 2951s, 2884s, 2846m, 1736s, 1437s, 1382s, 1364s, 1321s, 1256s, 1235s, 1210s, 1170s, 1106s, 1044s, 1012s, 978m, 922s, 893s.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.38 (3H, s, $\underline{\text{CH}_3}$), 1.65-1.70 (2H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 1.88-1.93 (1H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 2.15-2.25 (1H, m, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 2.88 (1H, dd, J 5.2 Hz, 12 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}}$), 3.41 (3H, m, OCH_3), 3.63 (1H, dd, J 1.2 Hz, 7 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 3.71 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.98 (1H, d, J 7 Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}_2}$).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 22.15 ($\underline{\text{CH}_3}$), 22.84 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 33.61 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 48.79 ($\underline{\text{CH}}$), 49.09 (OCH_3), 51.92 (OCH_3), 74.35 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2}$), 80.48 ($\underline{\text{C}}$), 119.38 ($\underline{\text{C}}$), 171.97 ($\underline{\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3}$).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 239.0890; found 239.0887 and $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5(\text{H}^+)$ requires 217.1071 found 217.1069.



4-Benzyl-5-methoxy-1-methyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-4-carboxylic acid methyl ester (12a and 12b) was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with light petrol/Et₂O (97:3).

12a was obtained as white crystalline solid (0.27 g, 0.88 mmol, 30 %) recrystallised from methanol at 0 °C m.p. 79.2-80.2 °C.

V_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3061w, 3029w, 2974s, 2948s, 2881m, 2843w, 1730s, 1604w, 1480w, 1382m, 1374s, 1318s, 1296m, 1228s, 1214s, 1157s, 1103s, 1080s, 971s.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 1.35 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.45-1.50 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.63-1.71 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.75-1.81 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.95-2.05 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.67 (1H, d, J 13.6 Hz, CH₂), 3.46 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.53 (1H, d, J 13.6 Hz, CH₂), 3.61 (1H, dd, J 2.4 Hz, 6.8 Hz, CH₂), 3.71 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.86 (1H, d, J 6.8 Hz, CH₂), 7.08 (2H, d, J 7.6 Hz, ArCH), 7.18-7.25 (3H, m, ArCH).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 21.88 (CH₃), 28.17 (CH₂), 33.22 (CH₂), 39.54 (CH₂), 48.95 (OCH₃), 51.81 (OCH₃), 55.52 (C), 74.17 (CH₂), 81.58 (C), 120.20 (C), 126.44 (ArCH), 128.07 (ArCH), 129.97 (ArCH), 136.99 (ArC), 172.47 (CO₂CH₃).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for C₁₇H₂₂O₅(Na⁺) requires 329.1359; found 329.1351 and C₁₇H₂₂O₅(H⁺) requires 307.1540 found 307.1533.

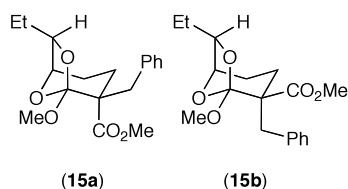
12b was obtained as white crystalline solid (0.60 g, 1.96 mmol, 60 %) recrystallised from methanol at 0 °C m.p. 86.6-87.2 °C.

V_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3086w, 3061w, 3027m, 2975s, 2949s, 2884s, 2844s, 1728s, 1603w, 1496s, 1436s, 1382s, 1293s, 1258s, 1109s, 1093s, 1010s, 990s, 955m, 902m.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 1.43 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.53-1.64 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.53-1.64 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.80-1.89 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.30-2.40 (1H, m, CH₂), 3.05 (1H, d, J 14 Hz, CH₂), 3.44 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.52 (1H, d, J 14 Hz, CH₂), 3.60 (1H, dd, J 2 Hz, 6.8 Hz, CH₂), 3.71 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.93 (1H, d, J 6.8 Hz, CH₂), 7.13 (2H, d, J 7.6 Hz, ArCH), 7.16-7.25 (3H, m, ArCH).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 22.18 (CH₃), 23.40 (CH₂), 31.59 (CH₂), 35.71 (CH₂), 49.04 (OCH₃), 52.03 (OCH₃), 55.46 (C), 73.93 (CH₂), 80.93 (C), 121.27 (C), 126.39 (ArCH), 128.16 (ArCH), 130.15 (ArCH), 138.05 (ArC), 172.66 (CO₂CH₃).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for C₁₇H₂₂O₅(Na⁺) requires 329.1359; found 329.1351 and C₁₇H₂₂O₅(H⁺) requires 307.1540 found 307.1533.



exo-4-Benzyl-7-ethyl-5-methoxy-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-4-carboxylic acid methyl ester (15a and 15b) was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with light petrol/EtOAc (19:1) affording a chromatographically inseparable mixture of diastereoisomers. **15b** was separated by recrystallization in hexane at 0 °C as white solid, leaving a 2:1 mixture of **15a** and **15b** in the mother liquor.

15a and 15b was obtained as colourless oil (0.10 g, 0.31 mmol, 19 %).

V_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3086w, 3062w, 3028m, 2951s, 2253w, 1731s, 1603w, 1496s, 1437s, 1337s, 1225br, 1131s, 913s, 849w, 809w, 735w.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 0.95 (3H, t, J 7.2 Hz, CH₃), 0.98 (3H, t, J 7.2 Hz, CH₃), 1.39-1.44 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.46-1.51 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.56-1.76 (7H, m, CH₂), 2.01-2.06 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.14-2.23 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.29-2.38 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.68 (1H, d, J 14 Hz, CH₂), 3.08 (1H, d, J 14 Hz, CH₂), 3.43 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.45 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.56 (2H, d, J 14 Hz, CH₂), 3.70 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.71 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.80 (1H, t, J 7 Hz, CH), 3.87 (1H, t, J 7 Hz, CH), 4.23 (1H, t, J 1.8 Hz, CH), 4.26 (1H, t, 1.8 Hz, CH), 7.08-7.24 (10H, m, ArCH).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 9.89 (CH₃), 9.95 (CH₃), 22.42 (CH₂), 25.43 (CH₂), 27.25 (CH₂), 27.55 (CH₂), 27.57 (CH₂), 35.71 (CH₂), 39.70 (CH₂), 49.02 (OCH₃), 49.07 (OCH₃), 51.80 (OCH₃), 52.02 (OCH₃), 56.00 (C), 56.09 (C), 78.24 (CH), 78.82 (CH), 80.44 (CH), 80.74 (CH), 120.90 (C), 121.28 (C), 126.39 (ArCH), 126.41 (ArCH), 128.06 (ArCH), 128.17 (ArCH), 130.03 (ArCH), 130.14 (ArCH), 136.97 (ArC), 138.10 (ArC), 172.63 (CO₂CH₃).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for C₁₈H₂₄O₅(Na⁺) requires 343.1516; found 343.1512 and C₁₈H₂₄O₅(H⁺) requires 321.1697 found 321.1694.

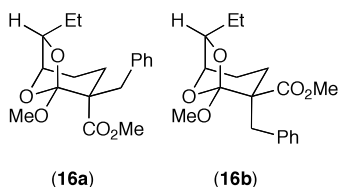
15b was obtained as white solid (0.38 g, 1.19 mmol, 73 %) recrystallized from methanol at 0 °C m.p. 100-101 °C.

V_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3085w, 3061w, 3027s, 2950s, 2877s, 2843m, 1723s, 1603m, 1495s, 1436, 1335s, 915s, 865w, 817w, 796m.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 0.95 (3H, t, J 7.6 Hz, CH₃), 1.46-1.51 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.54-1.61 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.68-1.75 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.96-2.08 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.28-2.39 (1H, m, CH₂), 3.08 (1H, d, J 14 Hz, CH₂), 3.43 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.52 (1H, d, J 14 Hz, CH₂), 3.71 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.87 (1H, t, J 7 Hz, CH), 4.26 (1H, t, J 1.6 Hz, CH), 7.12 (2H, d, J 7.6 Hz, ArCH), 7.17-7.25 (3H, m, ArCH).

δ C (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 9.89 (CH₃), 22.42 (CH₂), 25.43 (CH₂), 27.55 (CH₂), 35.72 (CH₂), 49.07 (OCH₃), 52.02 (OCH₃), 56.00 (C), 78.24 (CH), 80.44 (CH), 121.28 (C), 126.38 (ArCH), 128.17 (ArCH), 130.14 (ArCH), 138.10 (ArC), 172.67 (CO₂CH₃).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for C₁₈H₂₄O₅(Na⁺) requires 343.1516; found 343.1511.



endo-4-Benzyl-7-ethyl-5-methoxy-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-4-carboxylic acid methyl ester (16a and 16b) was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with light petrol/EtOAc (19:1) affording a chromatographically inseparable mixture of diastereoisomers. **16b** was separated by recrystallization in hexane at 0 °C as white granules, leaving pure **16a** in the mother liquor.

16a was obtained as colourless oil (0.11g, 0.34 mmol, 21 %).

V_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3085w, 3061w, 3028w, 2967s, 2949s, 1730s, 1603w, 1496w, 1453s, 1277s, 1177s, 1134s, 1115s, 1072s, 1012s, 914s, 868w, 807w.

δ H (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 1.02 (3H, t, J 7.4 Hz, CH₃), 1.50-1.58 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.66-1.71 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.80-1.87 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.11-2.20 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.65 (1H, d, J 13.6 Hz, CH₂), 3.46 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.55 (1H, d, J 13.6 Hz, CH₂), 3.72 (3H, s, OCH₃), 4.10-4.14 (1H, m, CH), 4.40 (1H, t, J 3.8 Hz, CH), 7.07 (2H, d, J 6.8 Hz, ArCH), 7.17-7.25 (3H, m, ArCH).

δ C (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 10.50 (CH₃), 22.06 (CH₂), 22.86 (CH₂), 28.38 (CH₂), 39.51 (CH₂), 48.85 (OCH₃), 51.83 (OCH₃), 55.87 (C), 78.05 (CH), 81.72 (CH), 120.12 (C), 126.38 (ArCH), 128.05 (ArCH), 130.01 (ArCH), 136.97 (ArC), 172.89 (CO₂CH₃).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for C₁₈H₂₄O₅(Na⁺) requires 343.1516; found 343.1510 and C₁₈H₂₄O₅(H⁺) requires 321.1697 found 321.1692.

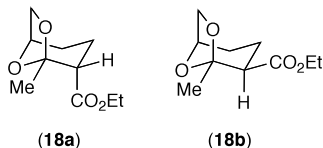
16b was obtained as white granules (0.27 g, 0.84 mmol, 52 %) recrystallized from methanol at 0 °C m.p. 92-94 °C.

V_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3085w, 3061w, 3027m, 2967s, 2949s, 2878s, 2842w, 1728s, 1603w, 1496s, 1433s, 1272s, 1227s, 1127s, 1114s, 957s.

δ H (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 0.98 (3H, t, J 7.2 Hz, CH₃), 1.52-1.63 (3H, m, CH₂), 1.83-1.88 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.90-2.02 (1H, m, CH₂), 2.34-2.43 (1H, m, CH₂), 3.10 (1H, d, J 14 Hz, CH₂), 3.44 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.52 (1H, d, J 14 Hz, CH₂), 3.70 (3H, s, OCH₃), 4.11-4.17 (1H, m, CH), 4.43 (1H, t, J 4 Hz, CH), 7.12 (2H, d, J 7.6 Hz, ArCH), 2.16-2.26 (3H, m, ArCH).

δ C (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 10.54 (CH_3), 21.60 (CH_2), 21.82 (CH_2), 23.34 (CH_2), 36.33 (CH_2), 48.95 (OCH_3), 51.96 (OCH_3), 55.68 (C), 77.34 (CH), 81.98 (CH), 120.58 (C), 126.36 (ArCH), 128.15 (ArCH), 130.19 (ArCH), 138.27 (ArC), 172.57 (CO_2CH_3).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_5(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 343.1516; found 343.1510.



5-Methyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-4-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (18a and 18b) was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with light petrol/ Et_2O (19:1).

18a was obtained as colourless oil (0.40 g, 2.00 mmol, 40 %).

ν_{max} (film)/ cm^{-1} 2978s, 2942s, 2889s, 1734s, 1479w, 1449m, 1372s, 1324s, 1253s, 1243s, 1324s, 1204s, 1154s, 1112s, 1067s, 891s, 876s.

δ H (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.28 (3H, t, J 7.2 Hz, CH_3), 1.43 (1H, dd, J 6 Hz, 14 Hz, CH_2), 1.54 (3H, s, CH_3), 1.85 (1H, dd, J 6 Hz, 14 Hz, CH_2), 1.98-2.08 (1H, m, CH_2), 2.25-2.36 (1H, m, CH_2), 2.65 (1H, d, J 6, CH), 3.86-3.90 (2H, m, CH_2), 4.12-4.22 (2H, m, CH_2), 4.61 (1H, s, CH).

δ C (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 14.18 (CH_3), 20.05 (CH_2), 23.60 (CH_3), 25.55 (CH_2), 48.45 (CH), 60.41 (CH_2), 68.48 (CH_2), 75.58 (CH), 106.34 (C), 172.23 (CO_2Et).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 223.0941; found 223.0938 and $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4(\text{H}^+)$ requires 201.1121 found 201.1119.

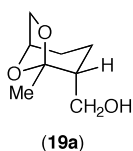
18b was obtained as colourless oil (0.40 g, 2.00 mmol, 40 %).

ν_{max} (film)/ cm^{-1} 2979s, 2941s, 2891m, 1736s, 1448w, 1384s, 1337s, 1257s, 1154s, 1036s, 943s, 867w, 829w.

δ H (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.26 (3H, t, J 7.2 Hz, CH_3), 1.49 (3H, s, CH_3), 1.59 (1H, dd, J 6 Hz, 13.6 Hz, CH_2), 1.80-1.87 (1H, m, CH_2), 1.80-1.87 (1H, m, CH_2), 2.10-2.20 (1H, m, CH_2), 2.69 (1H, dd, J 5 Hz, 11.8 Hz, CH), 3.90-3.94 (1H, m, CH_2), 3.99 (1H, d, J 6.8 Hz, CH_2), 4.10-4.20 (2H, m, CH_2), 4.55 (1H, s, CH).

δ C (100 MHz; CDCl_3) 14.21 (CH_3), 20.52 (CH_2), 22.91 (CH_3), 27.80 (CH_2), 50.95 (CH), 60.45 (CH_2), 69.57 (CH_2), 74.53 (CH), 106.40 (C), 172.33 (CO_2Et).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4(\text{Na}^+)$ requires 223.0941; found 223.0937 and $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4(\text{H}^+)$ requires 201.1121 found 201.1118.



(5-Methyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-4-yl)methanol (19a)

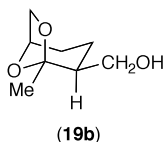
To the solution of 5-methyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-4-carboxylic acid ethyl ester **18a** (0.25 g, 1.25 mmol) in THF (13 mL) at RT was added LiAlH₄ (80 mg, 2.10 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for one hour and then quenched with methanol (5 mL) and washed with water (10 mL). The organic layer was extracted with DCM (2×20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure affording (5-methyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-4-yl)methanol **19a** (0.14 g, 0.86 mmol, 70 %) as colourless oil.

V_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3400br, 2940s, 1457s, 1384s, 1327s, 1295s, 1190s, 1168s, 1116s, 1015s, 950s, 887s, 847s.

δH (400 MHz; CDCl₃) 1.41-1.44 (1H, m, CH₂), 1.48 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.72-1.79 (2H, m, CH, CH₂), 1.99-2.09 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.37 (1H, s, OH), 3.73 (1H, dd, J 3.6 Hz, 11.2 Hz, CH₂), 3.80 (1H, dd, J 6 Hz, 11.2 Hz, CH₂), 3.85-3.91 (2H, m, CH₂), 4.56 (1H, m, CH).

δC (100 MHz; CDCl₃) 20.06 (CH₂), 22.78 (CH₃), 25.88 (CH₂), 44.39 (CH), 63.83 (CH₂), 68.35 (CH₂), 75.64 (CH), 108.52 (C).

m/z (ESI) Calculated for C₈H₁₄O₃(Na⁺) requires 181.0835; found 181.0832 and C₈H₁₄O₃(H⁺) requires 159.1016 found 159.1013.



(5-Methyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-4-yl)methanol (19b)

To the solution of 5-methyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-4-carboxylic acid ethyl ester **18b** (0.20 g, 0.10 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at RT was added LiAlH₄ (64 mg, 1.70 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for one hour and then quenched with methanol (5 mL) and washed with water (10 mL). The organic layer was extracted with DCM (2×20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with light petrol/EtOAc (8:1) affording (5-methyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-4-yl)methanol **19b** (0.12 g, 0.86 mmol, 75 %) as colourless oil.

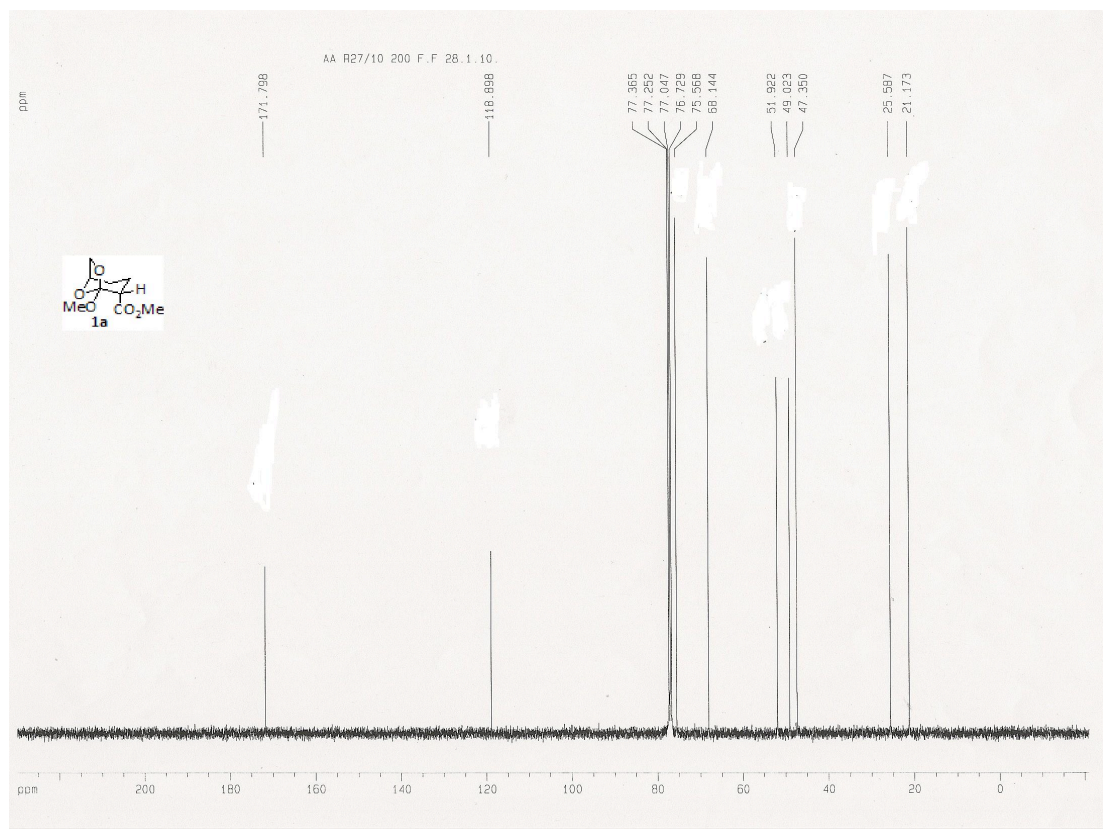
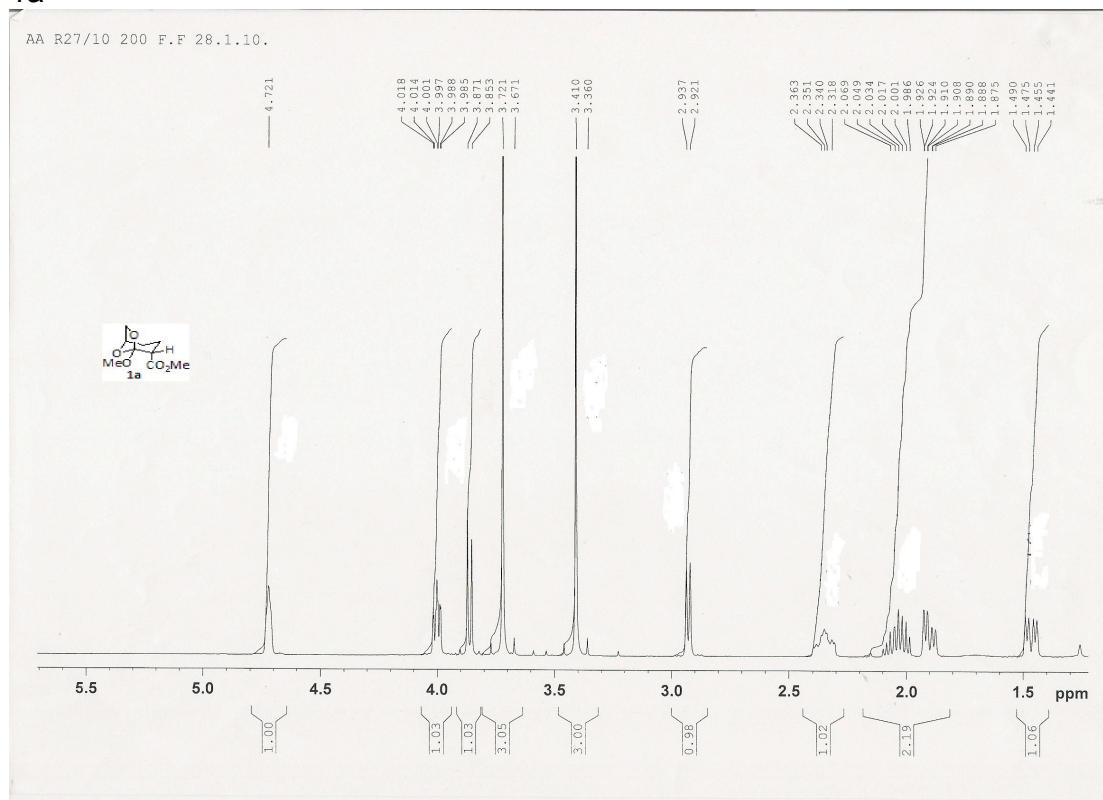
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δ H (400 MHz; CDCl_3) 1.51 (3H, s, CH_3), 1.58-1.68 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.81-1.95 (3H, m, CH_2 , CH), 2.41 (1H, s, OH), 3.50 (1H, d, J 10.4 Hz, CH_2), 3.74 (1H, dd, J 3.6 Hz, 11.2 Hz, CH_2), 3.85-3.90 (2H, m, CH_2), 4.54-4.55 (1H, m, CH).

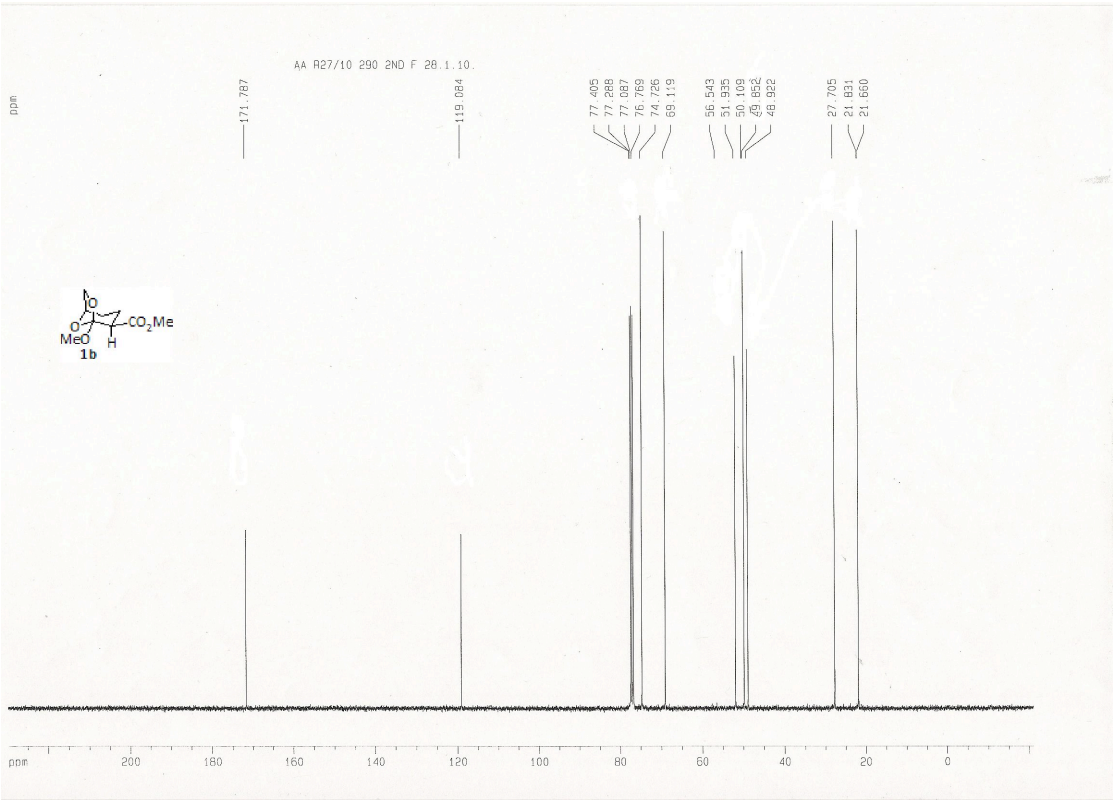
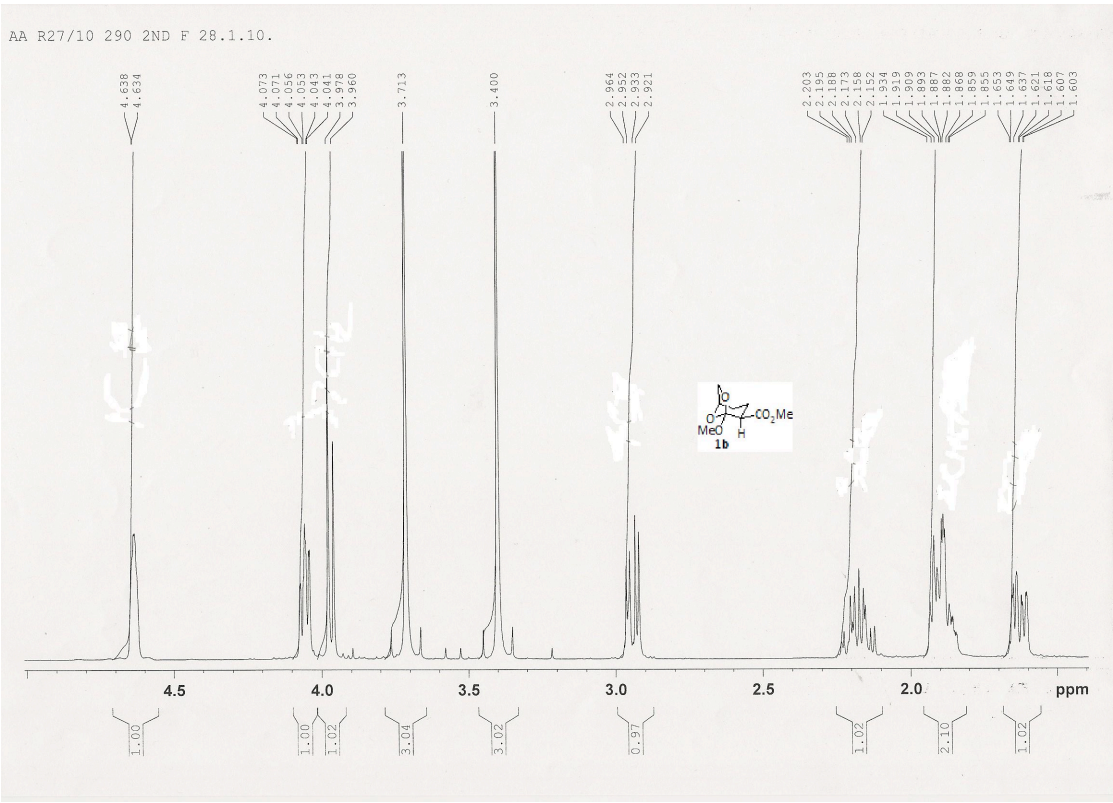
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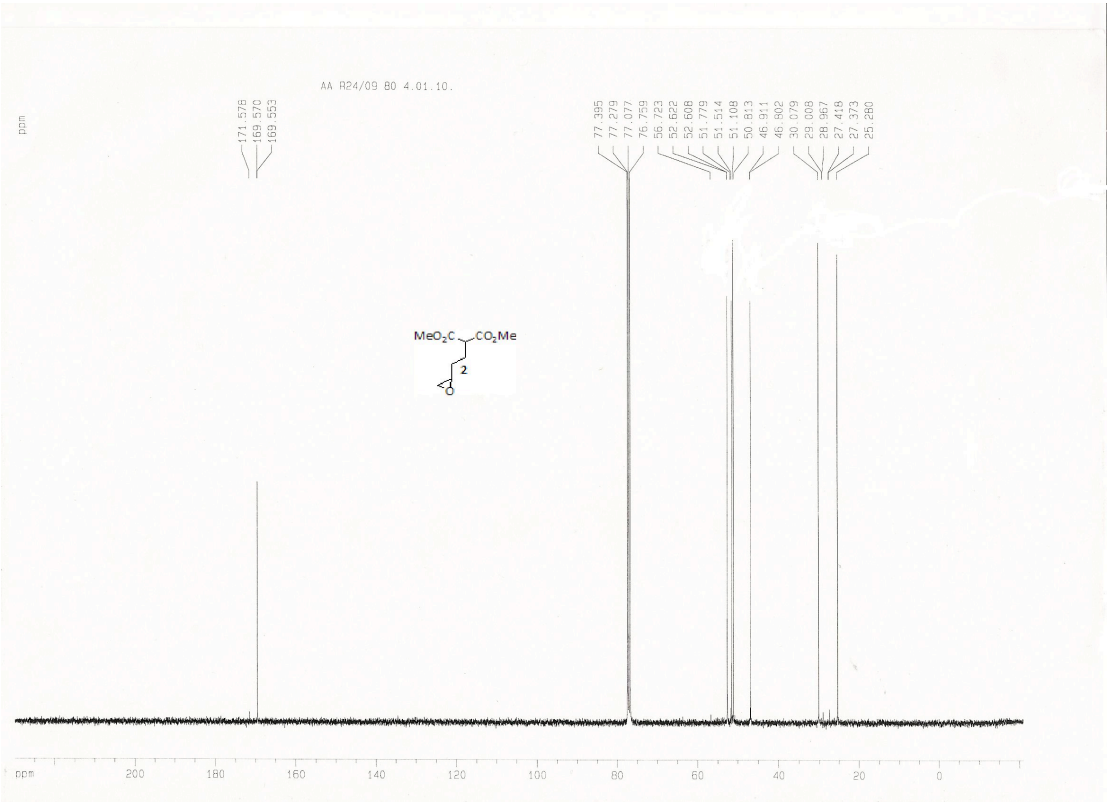
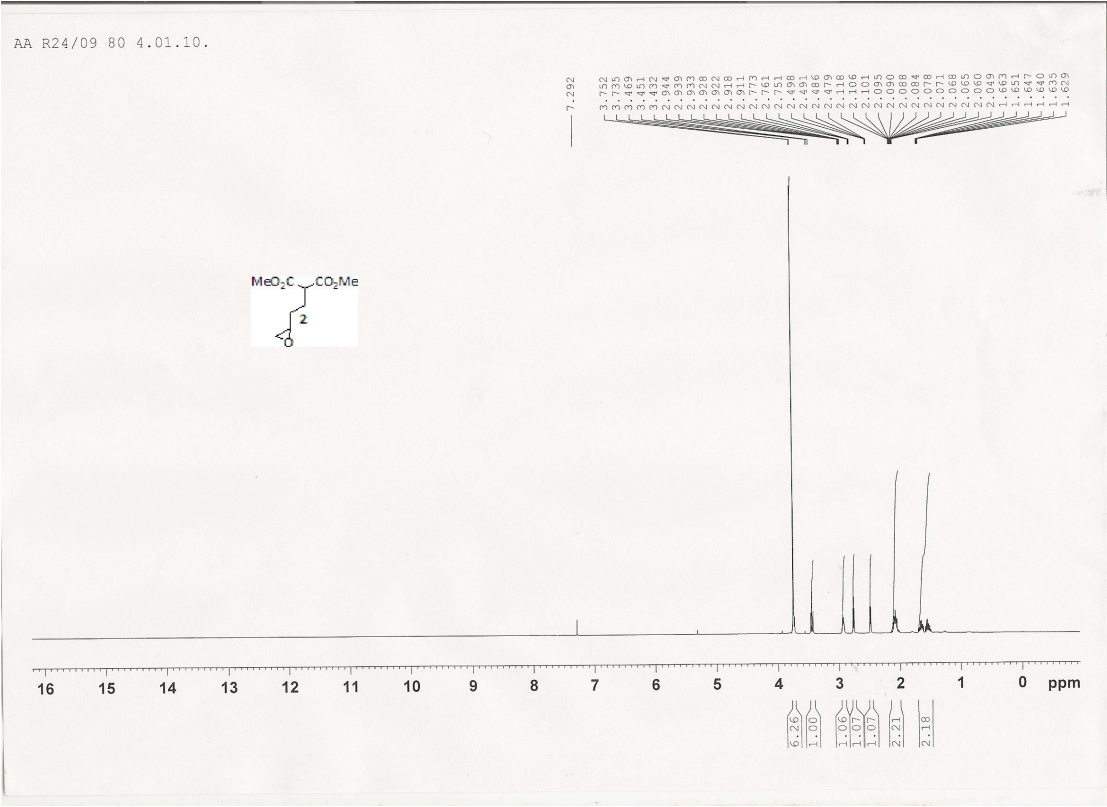
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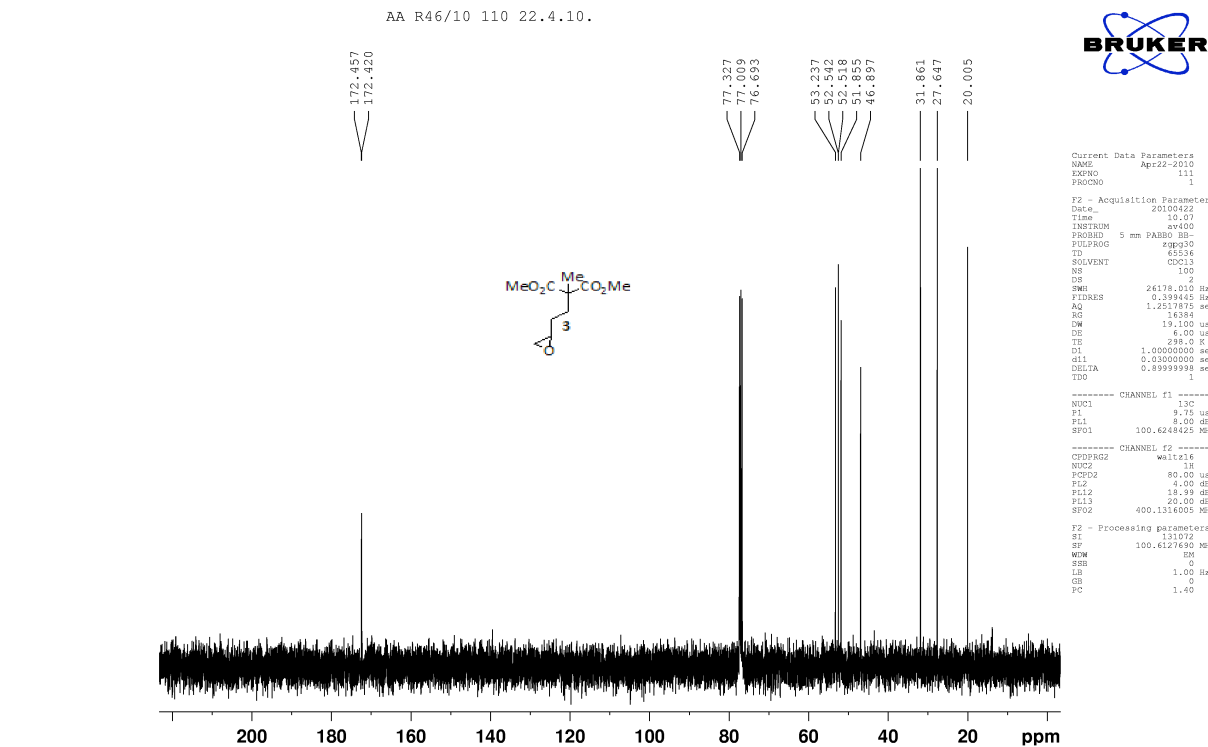
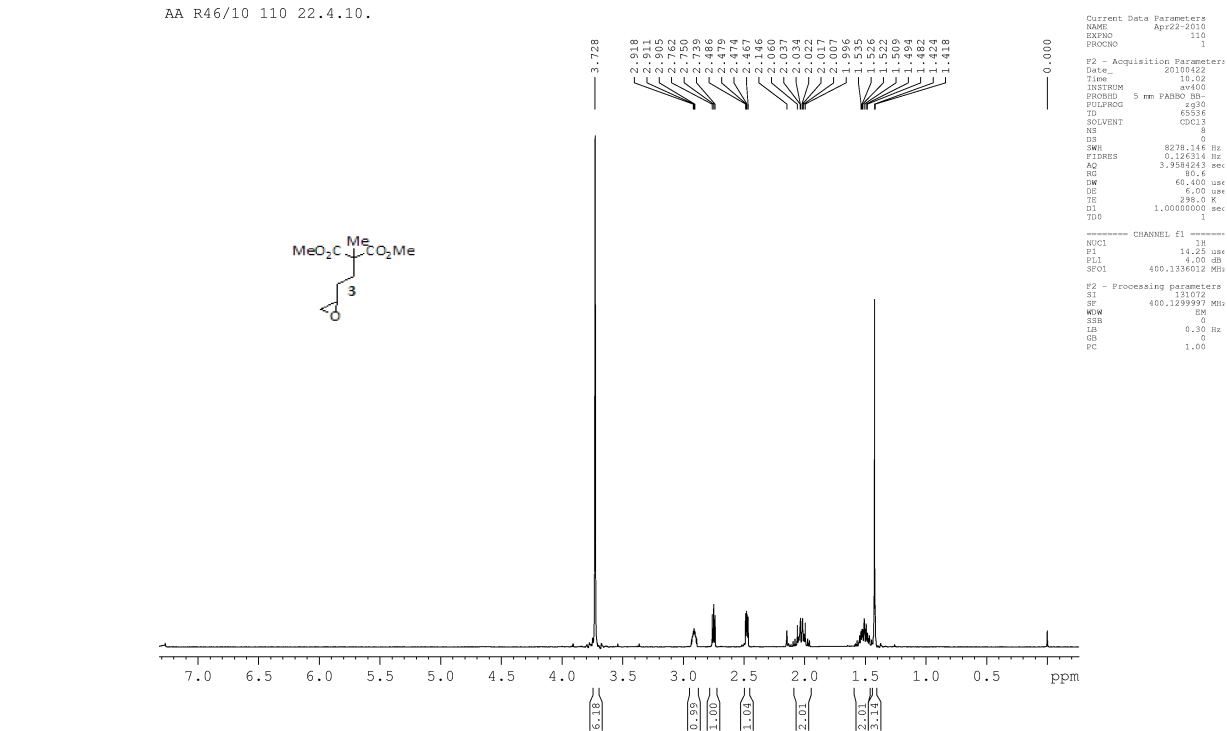
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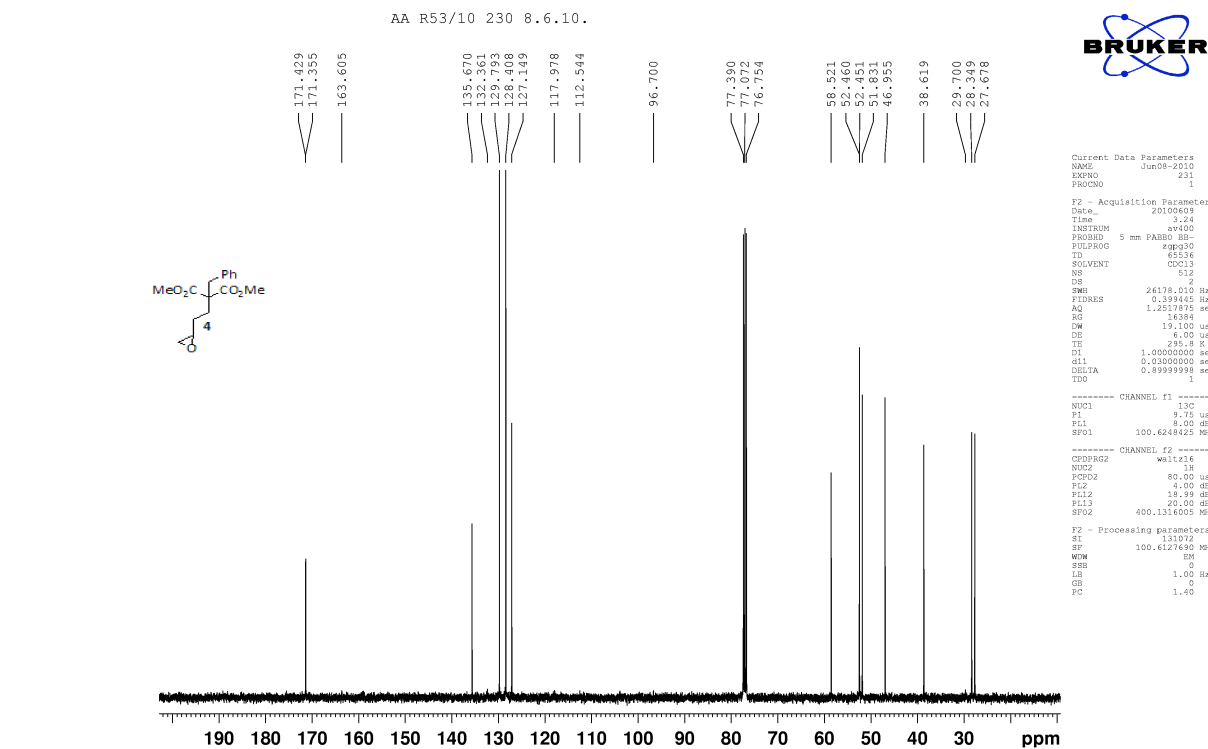
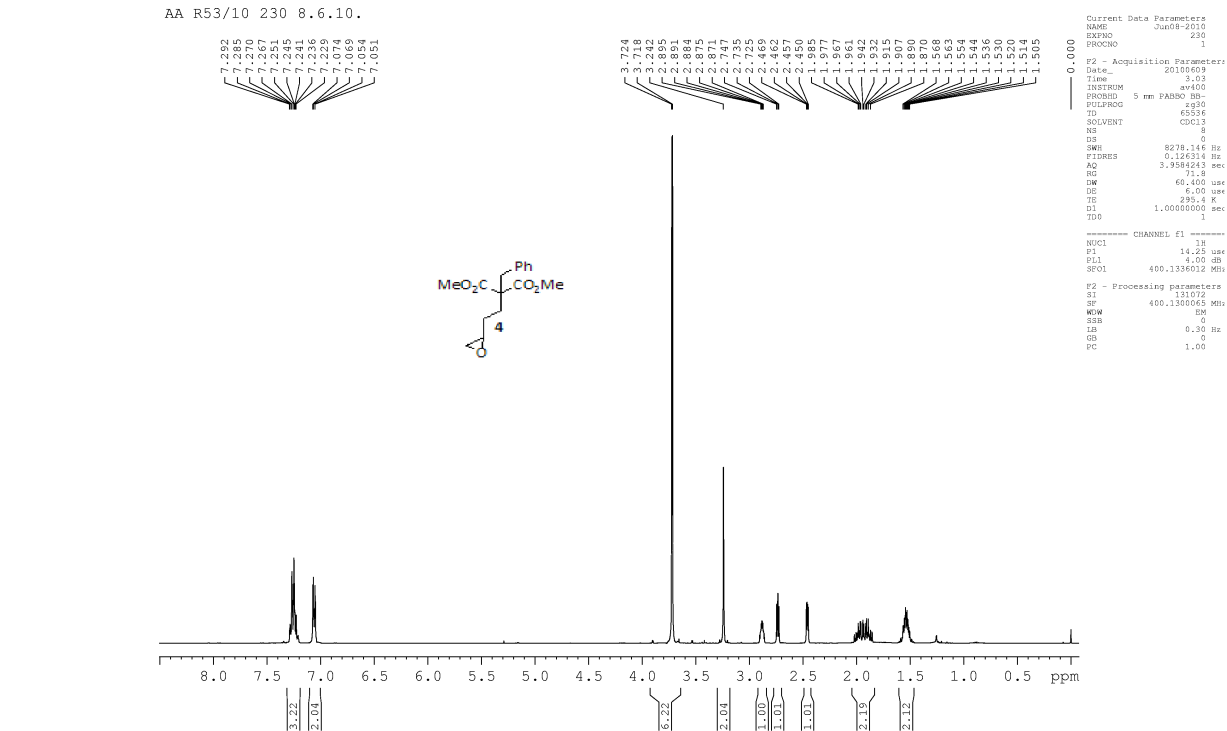


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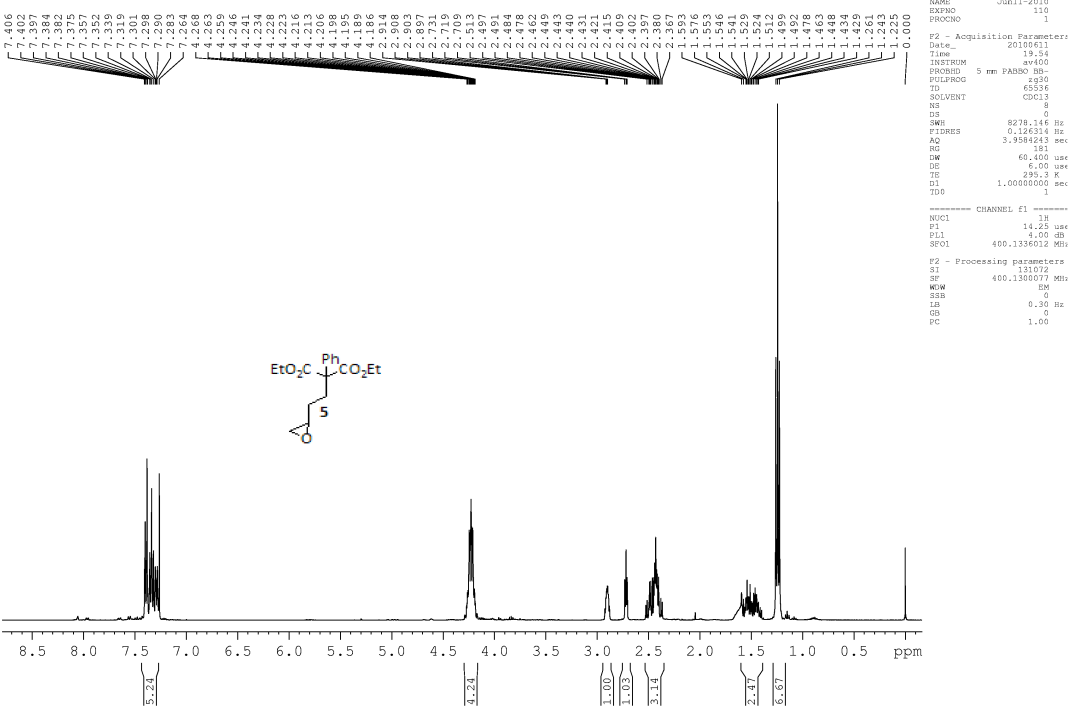




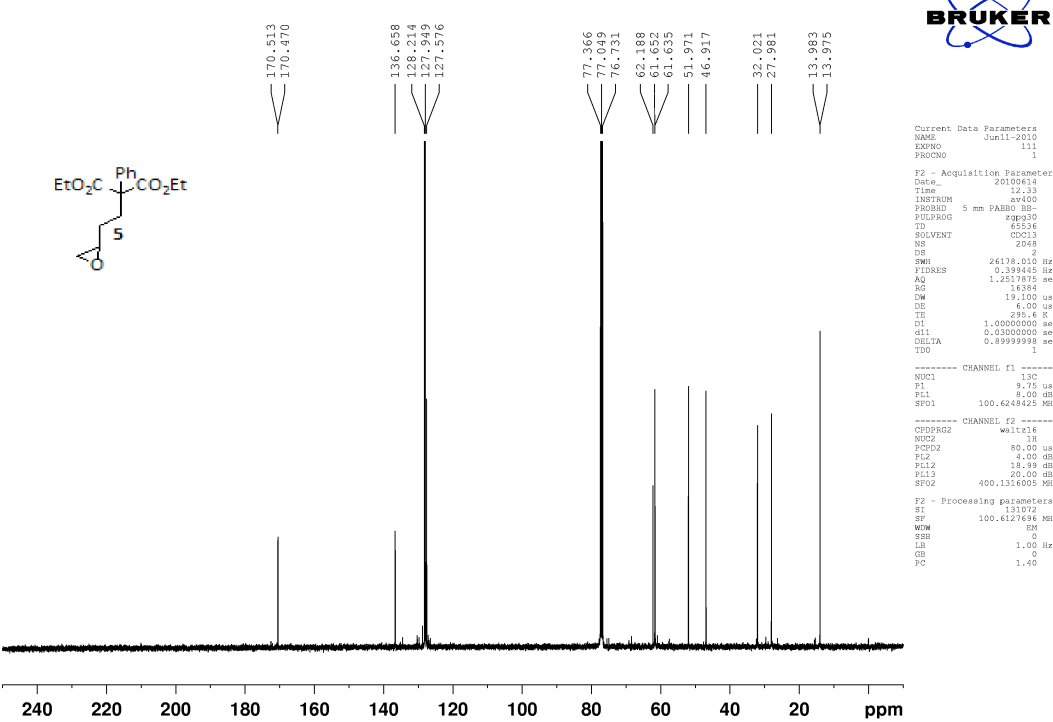




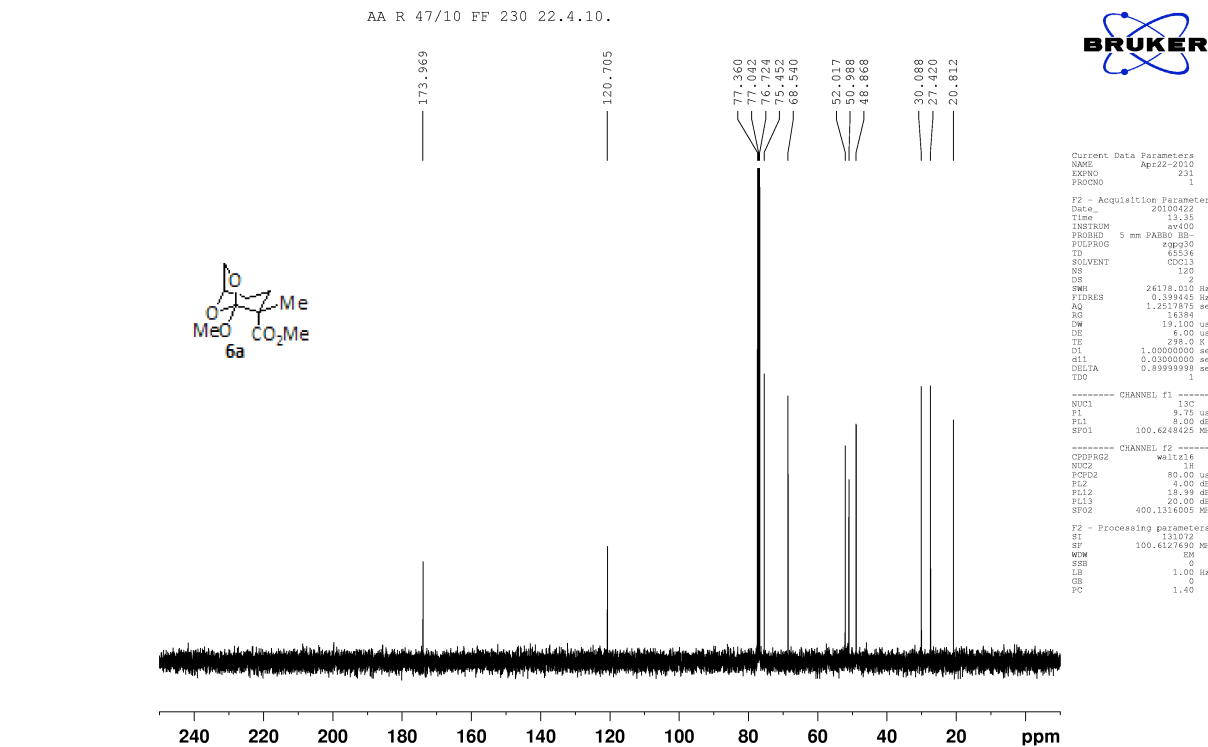
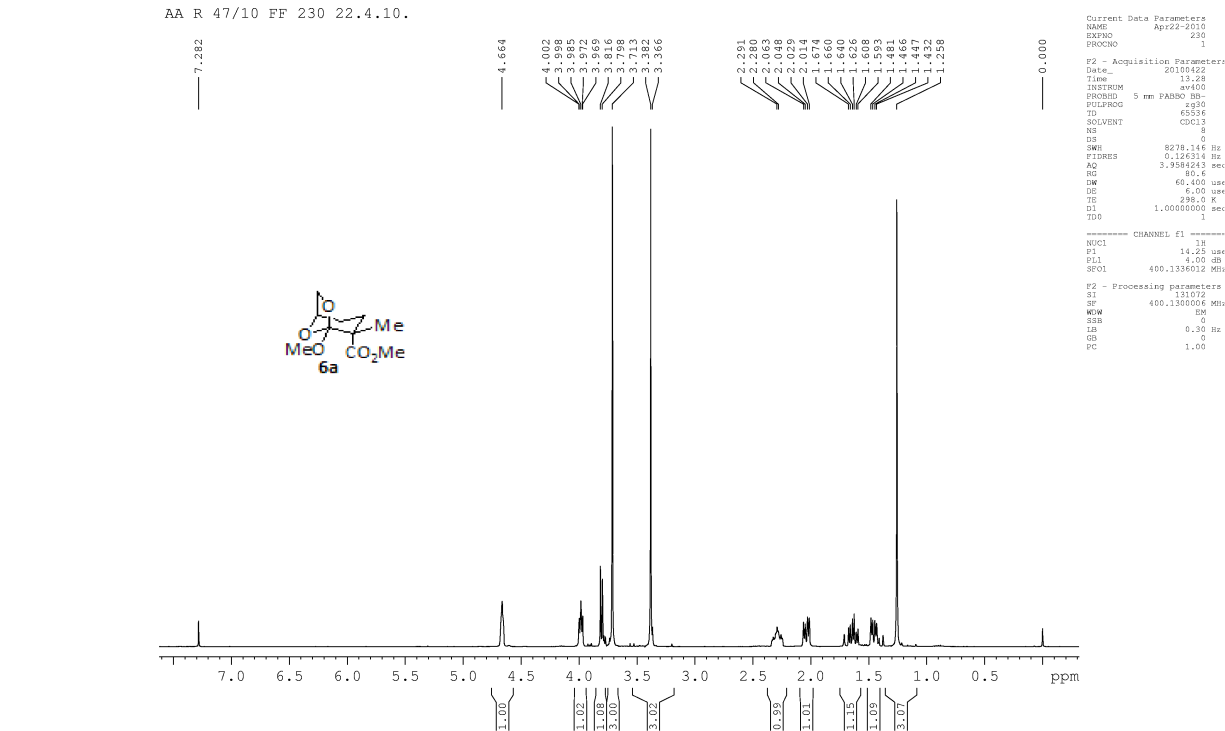
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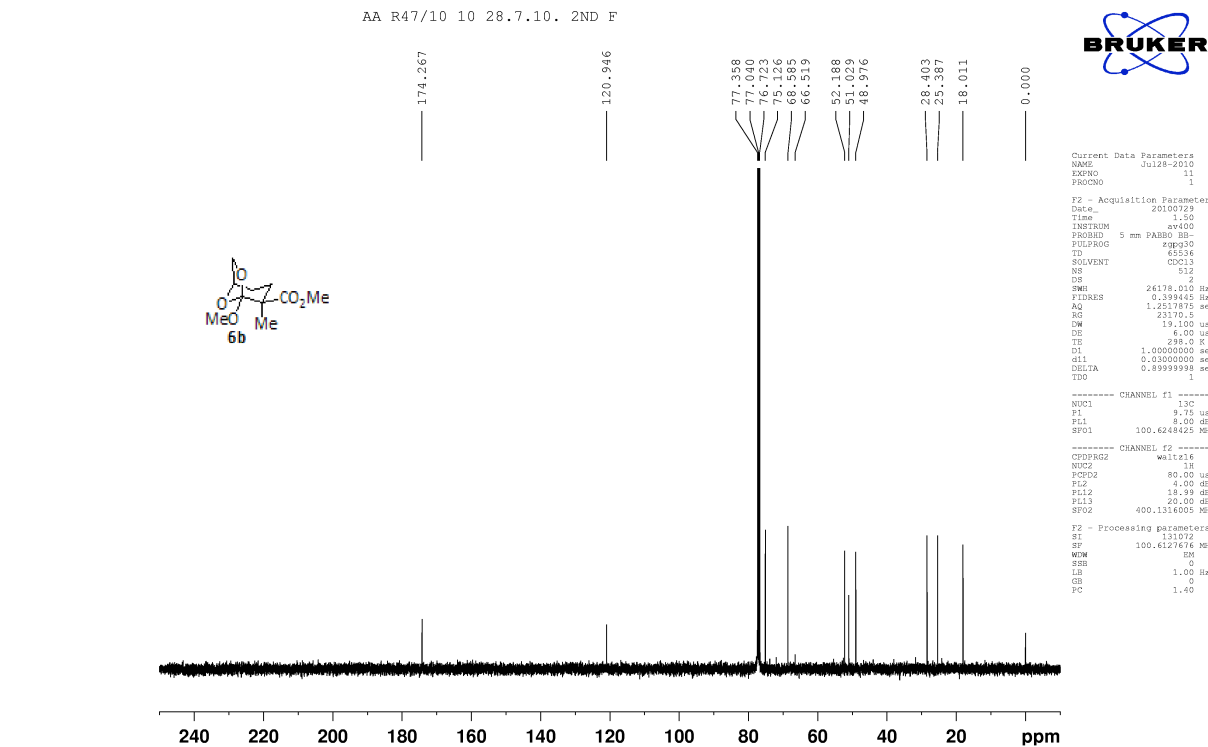
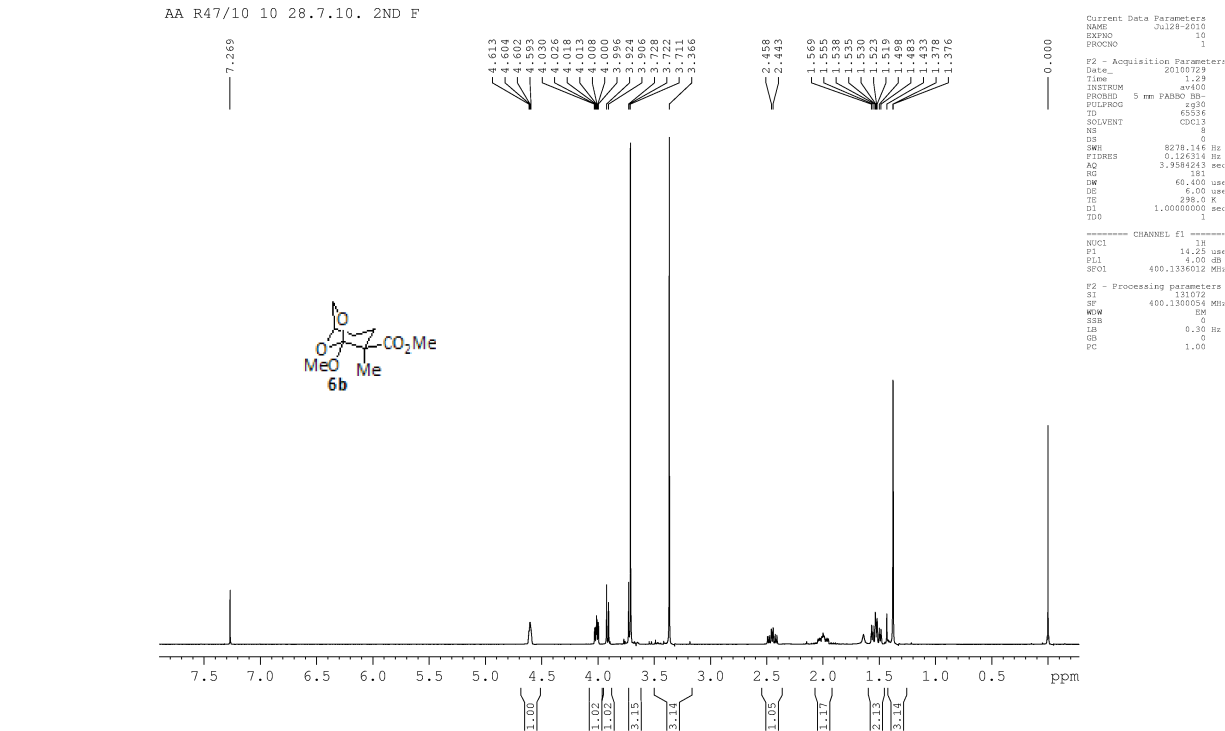
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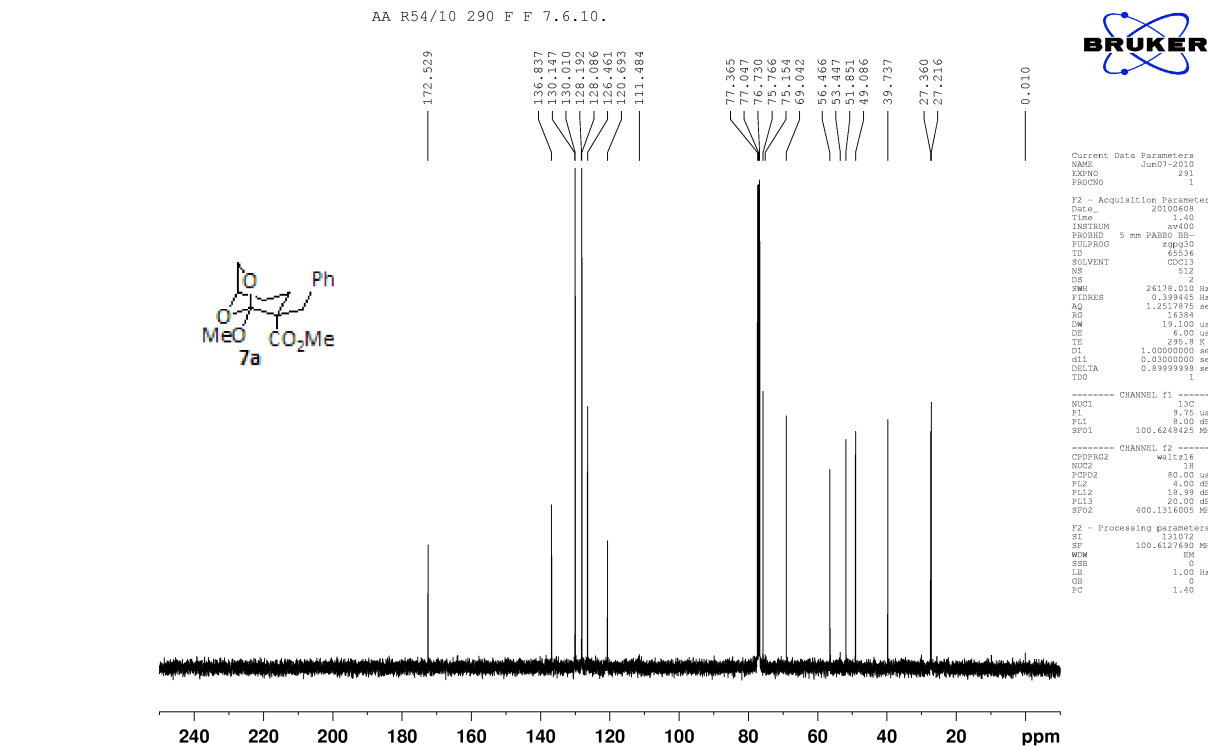
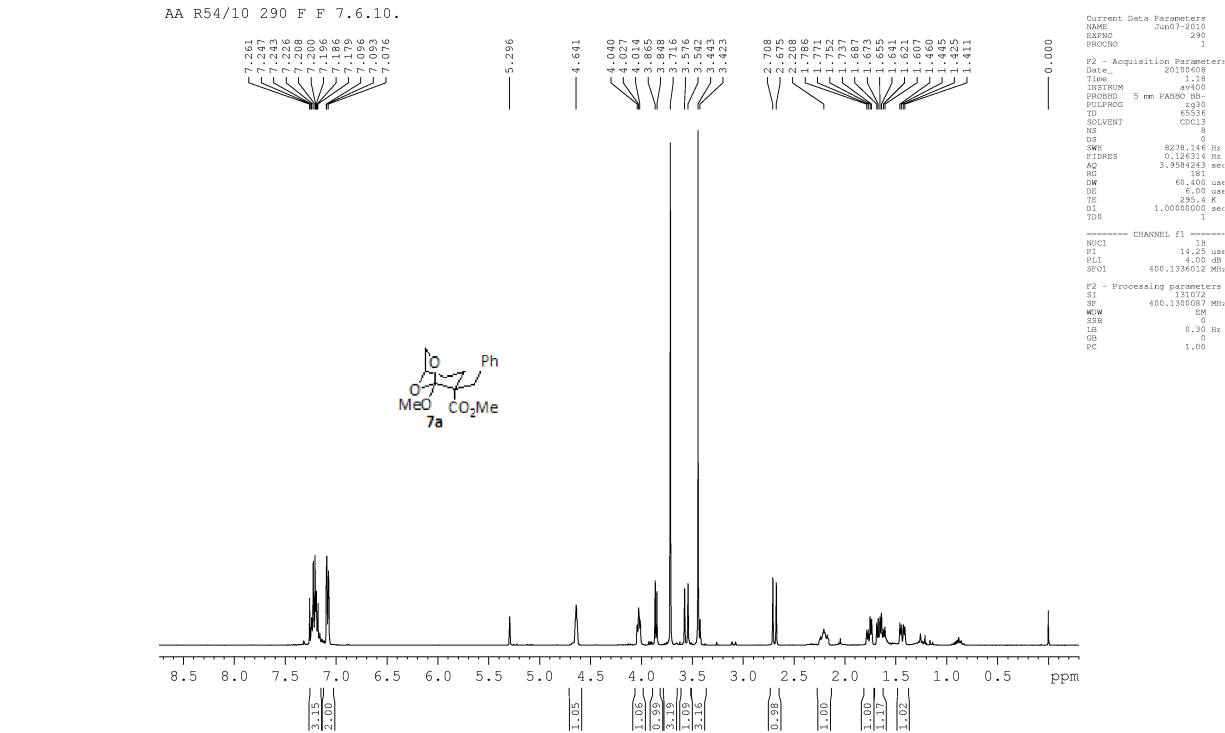
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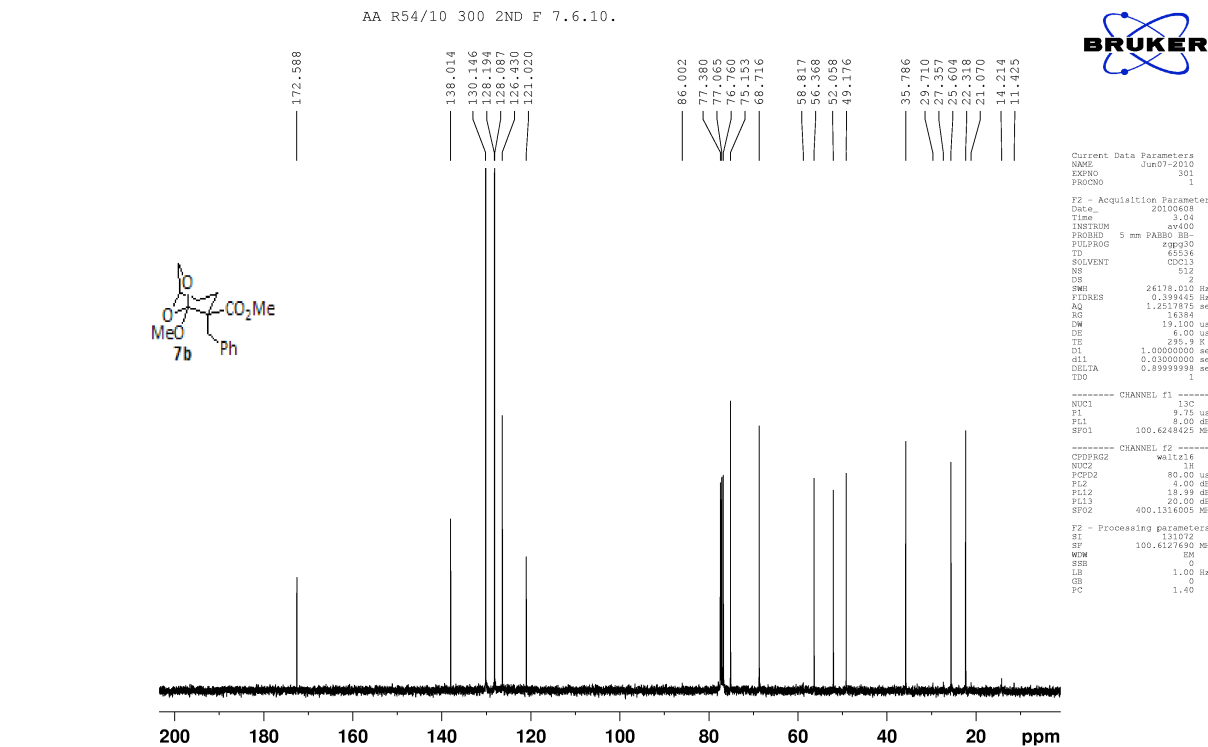
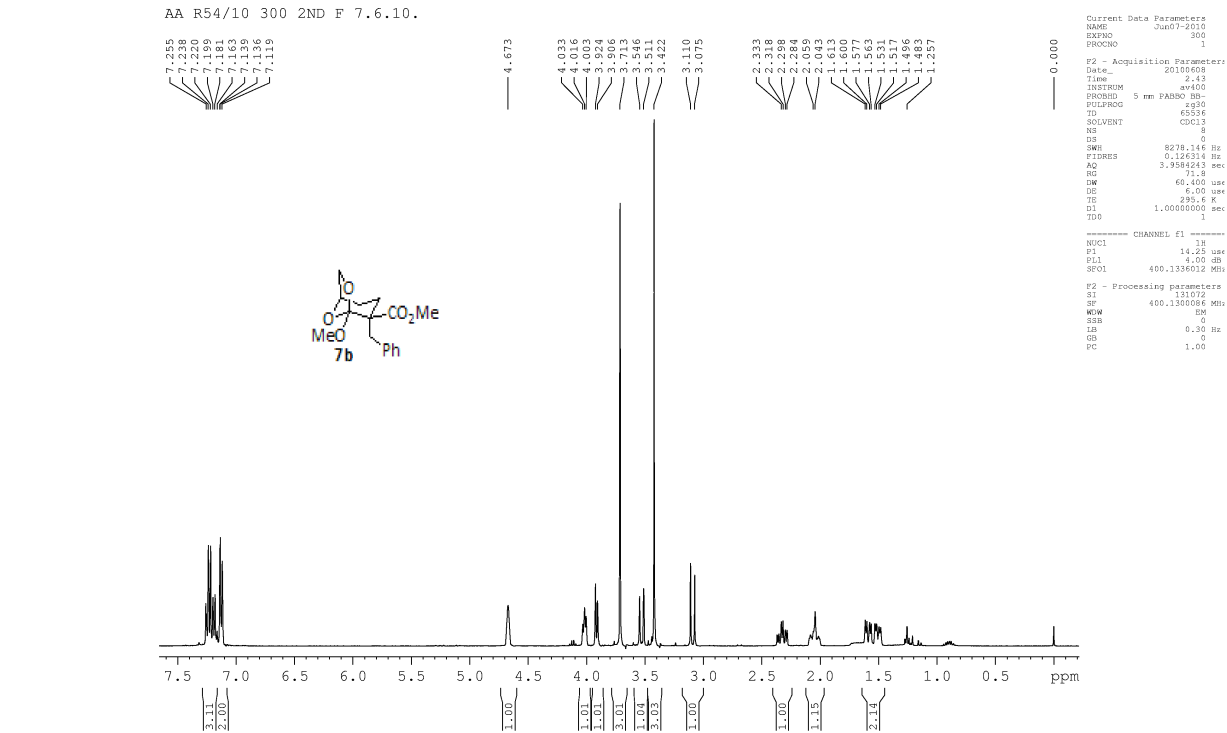
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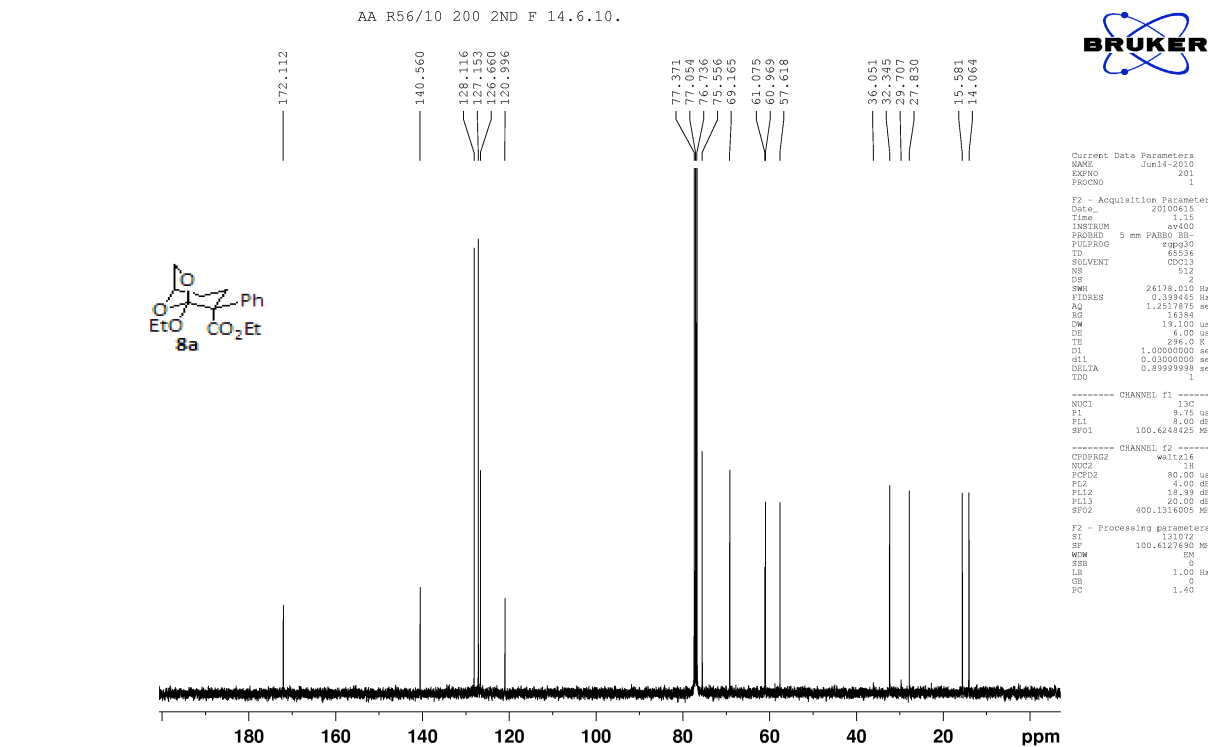
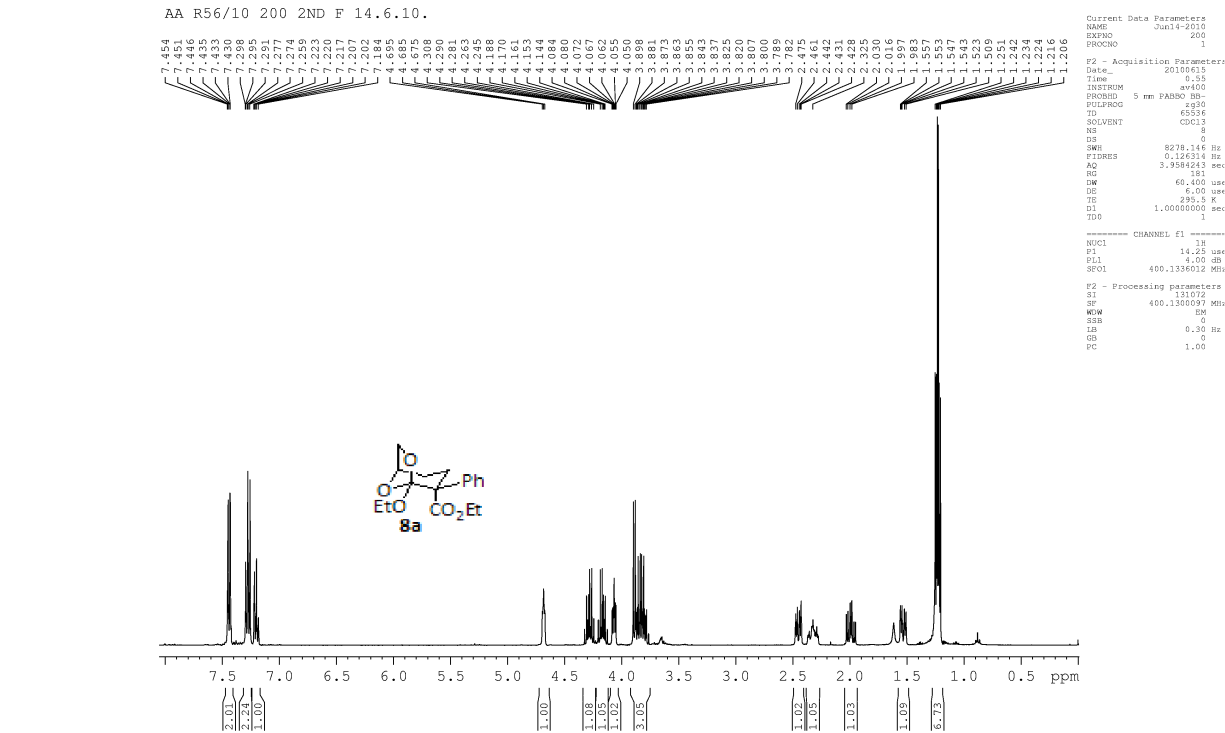
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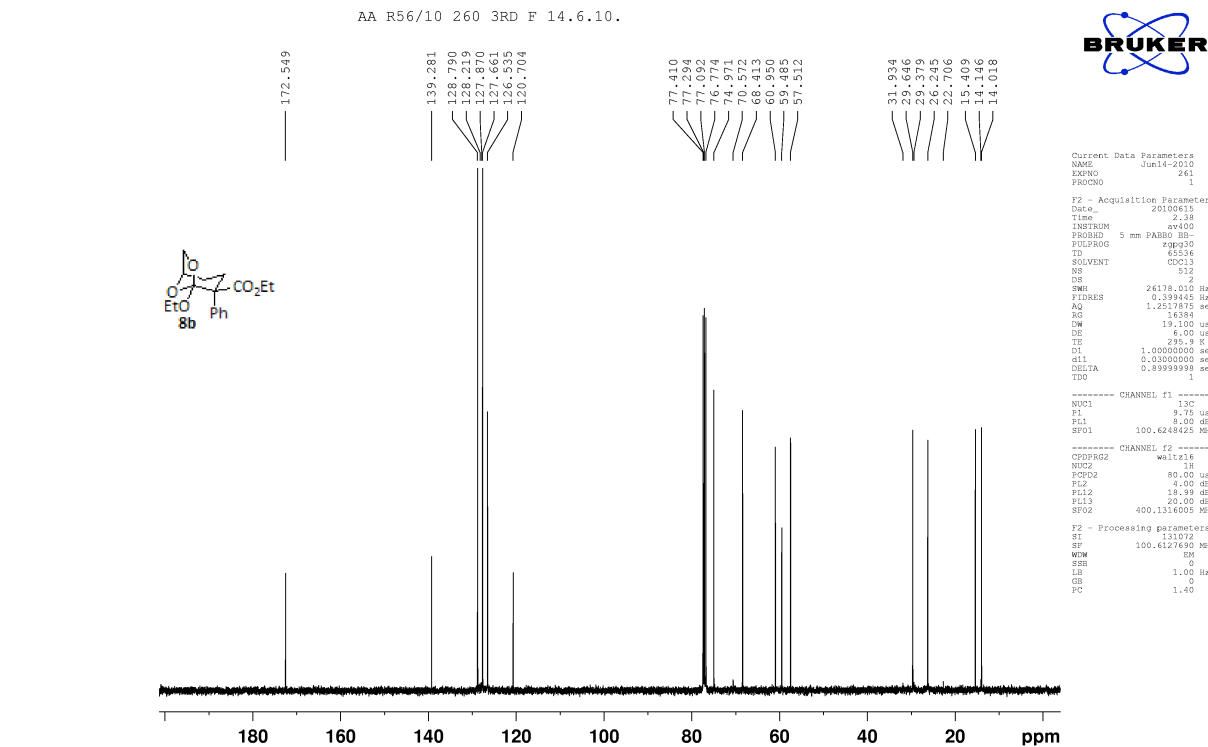
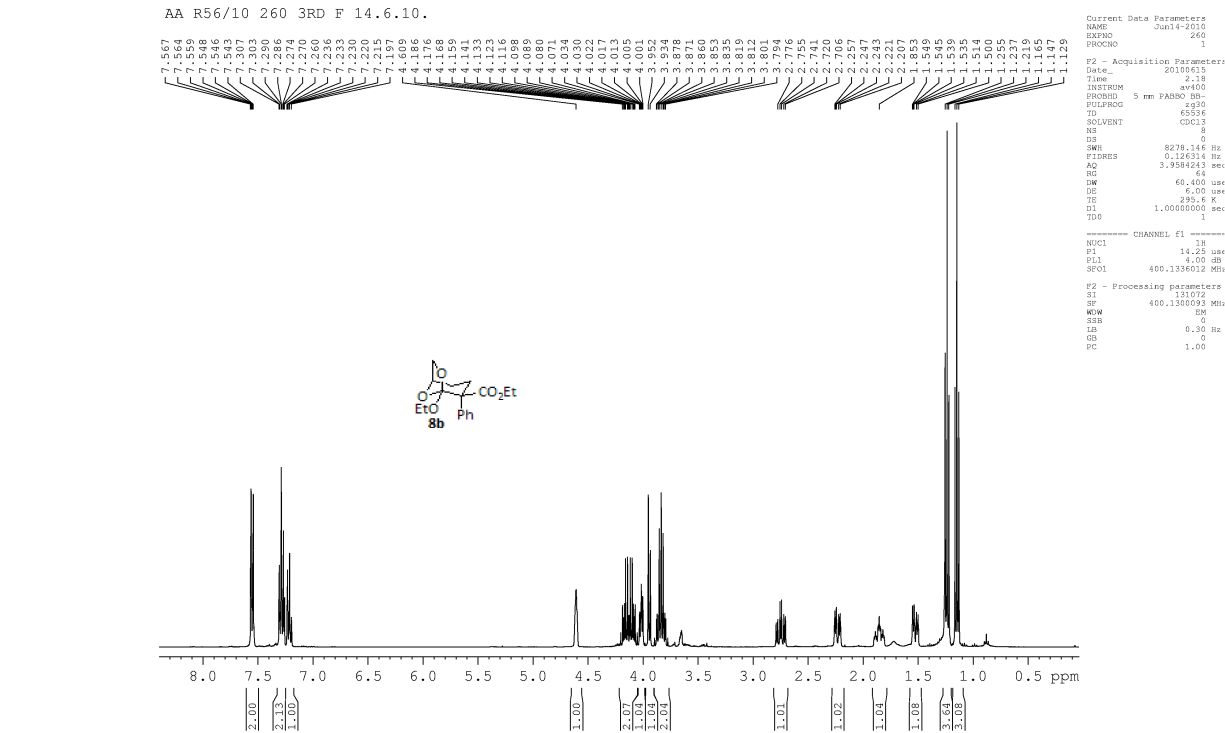
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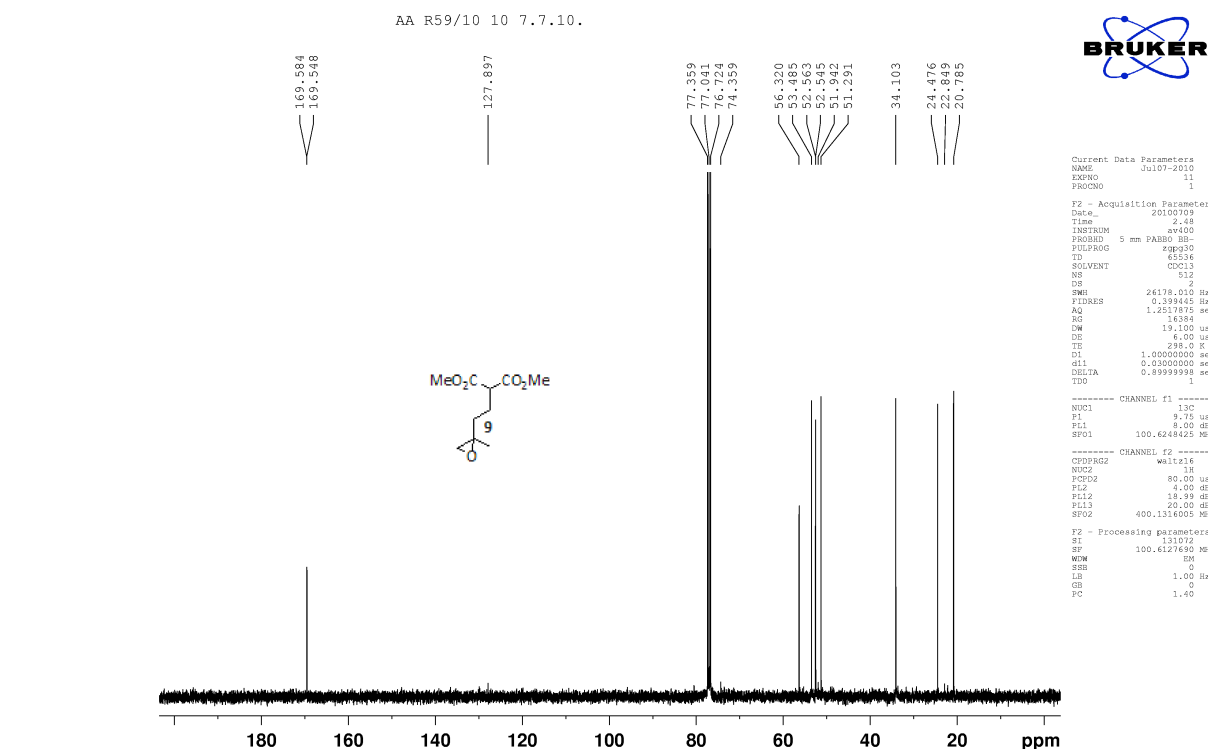
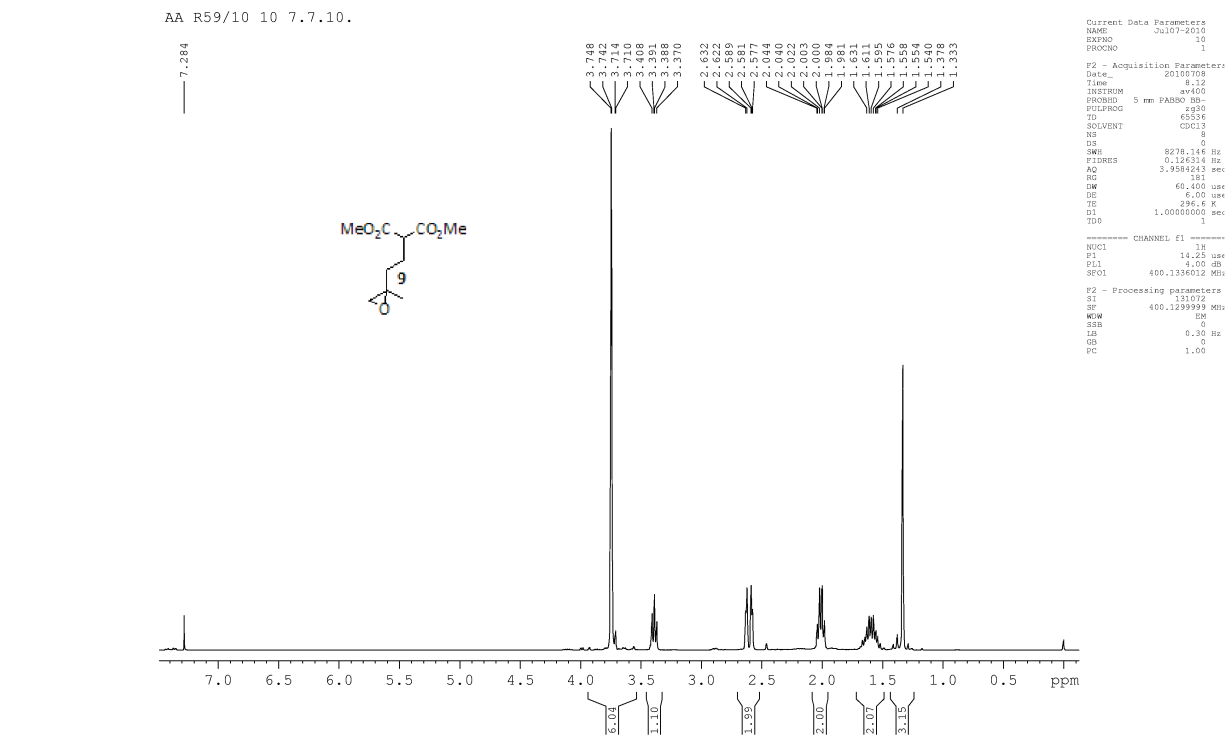


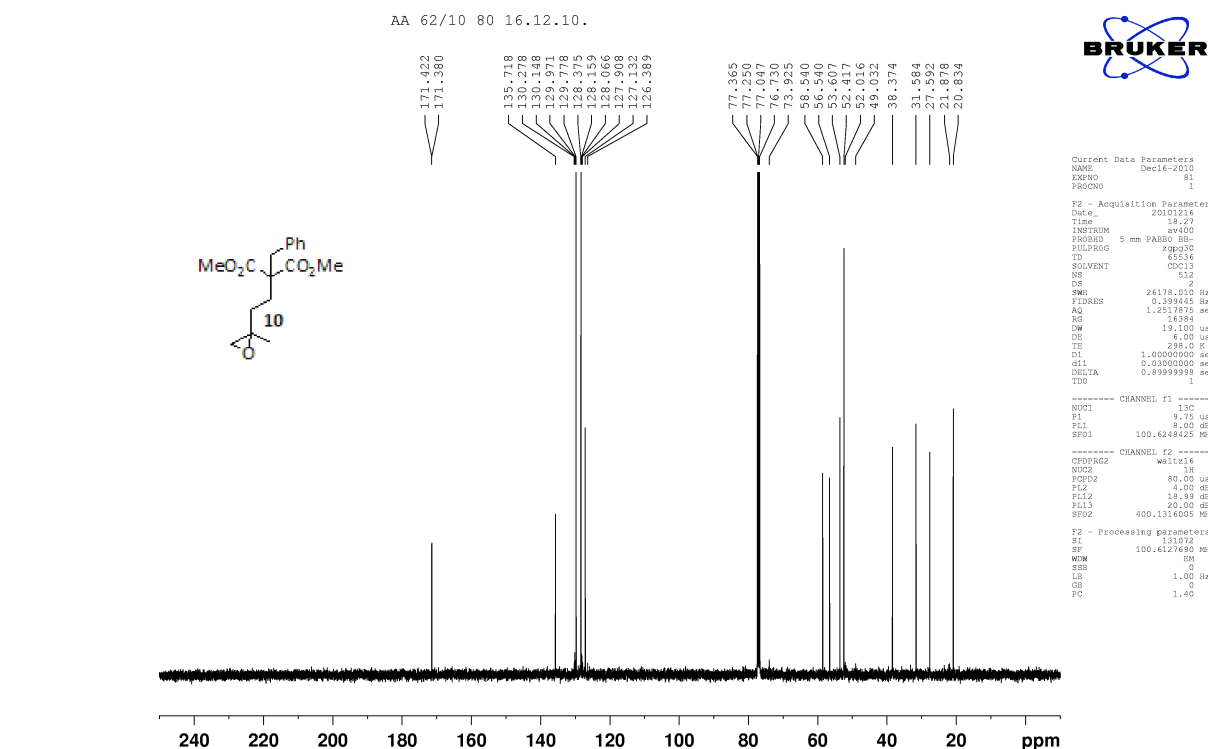
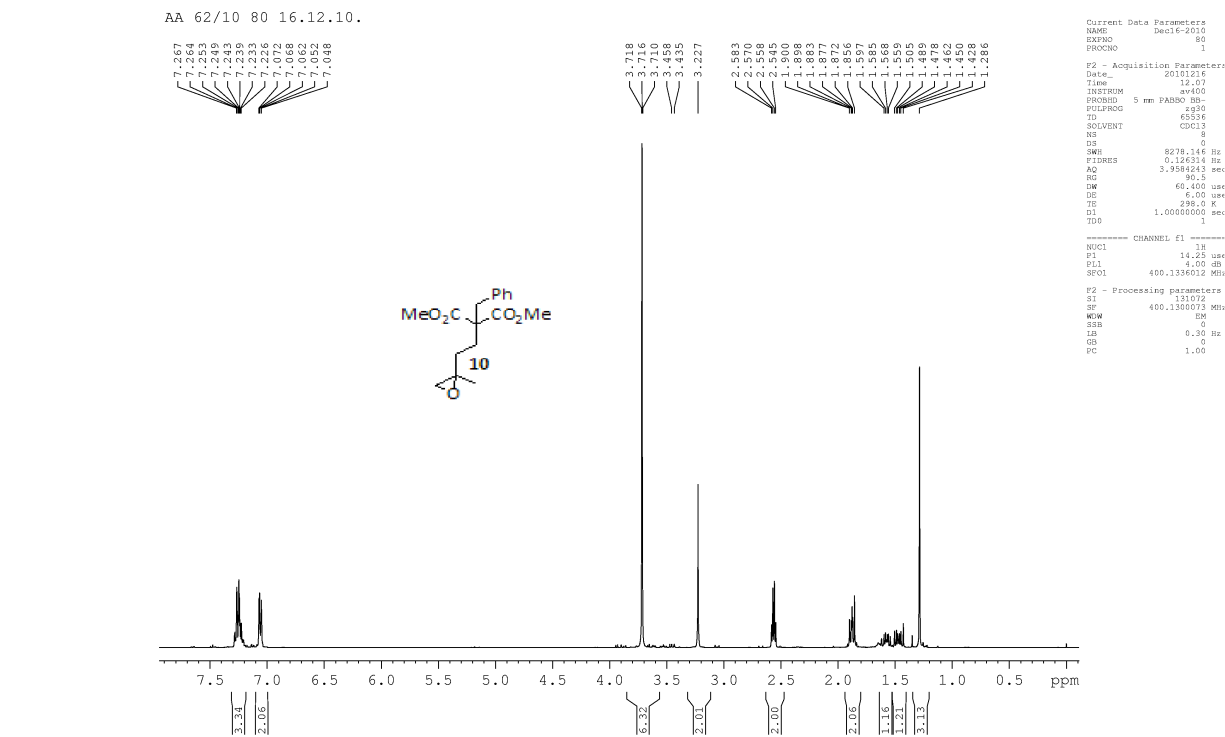
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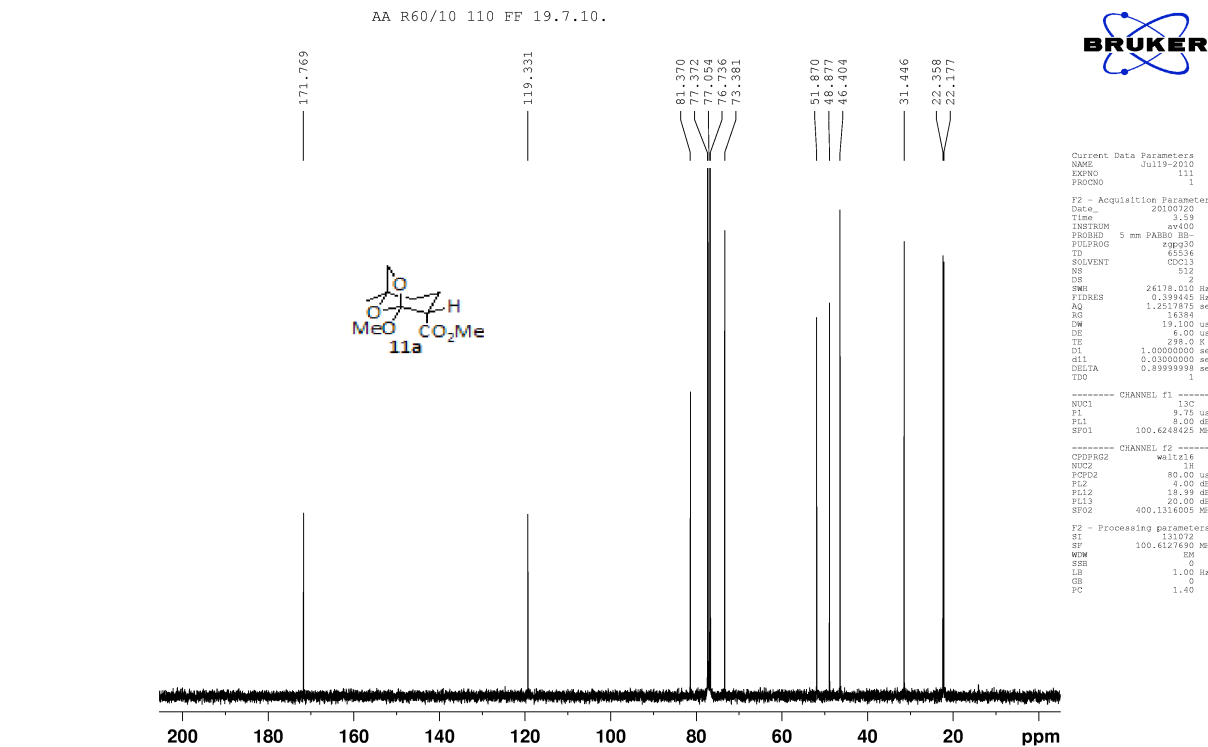
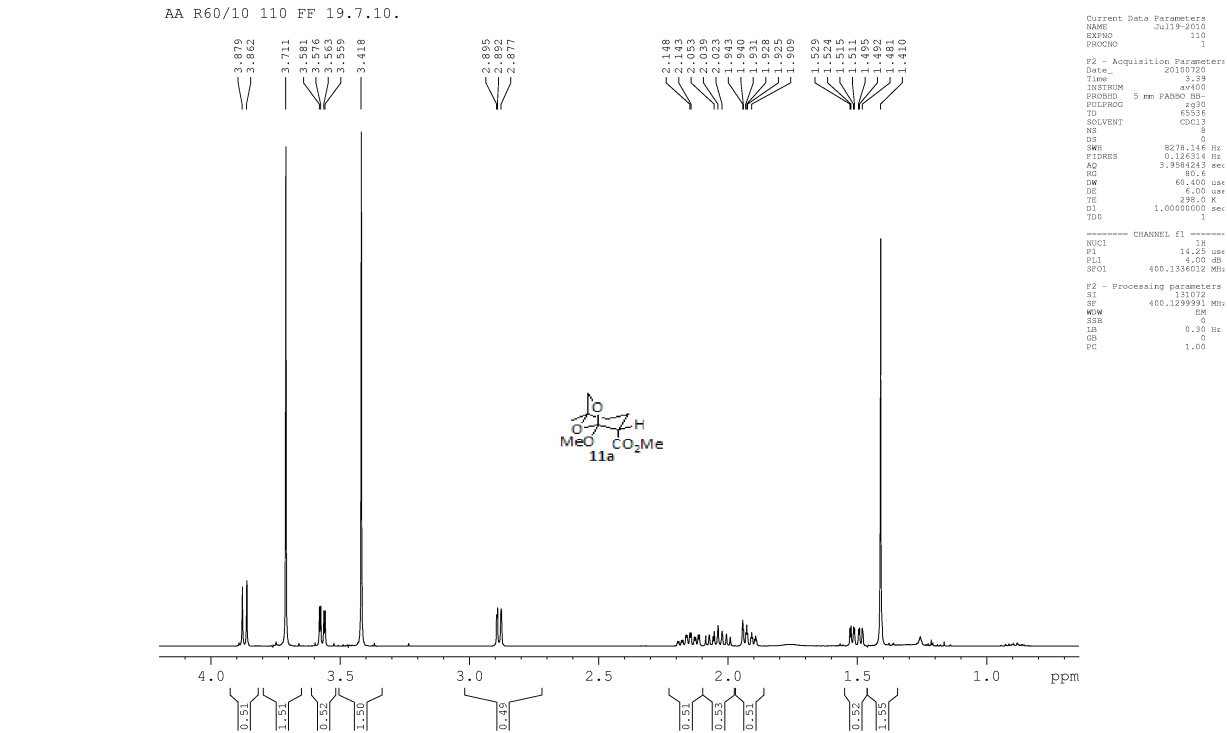
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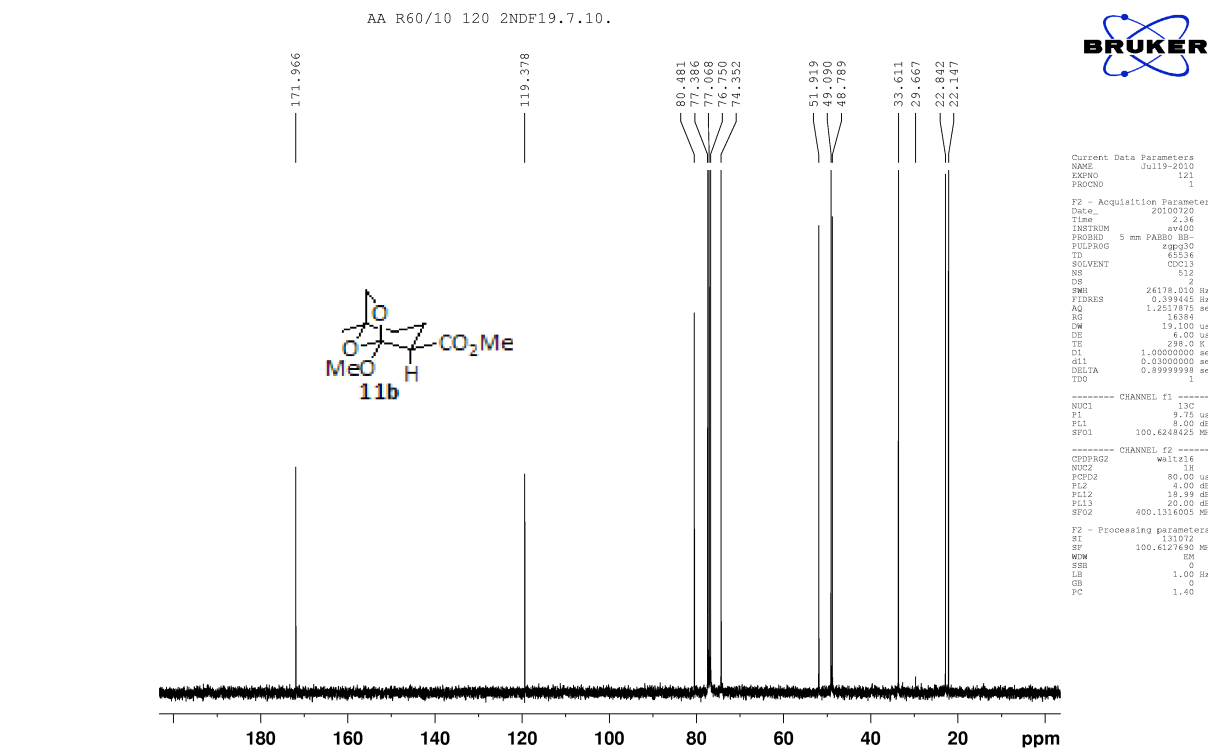
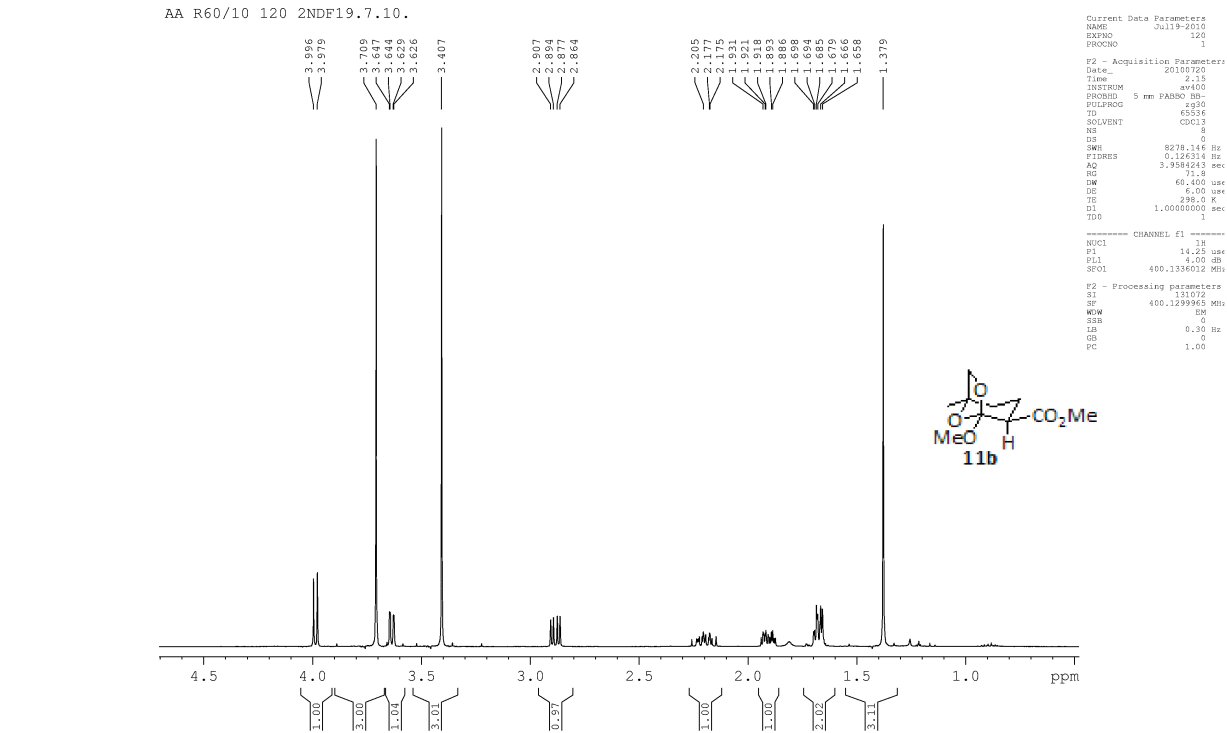




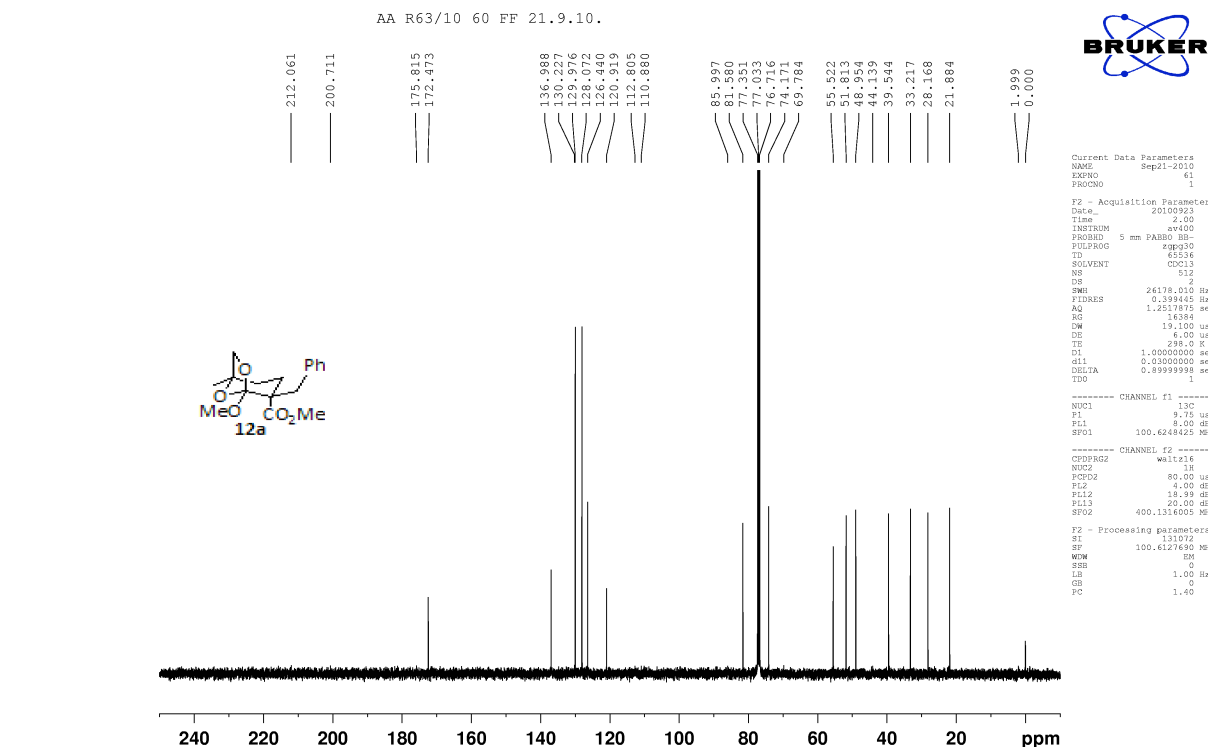
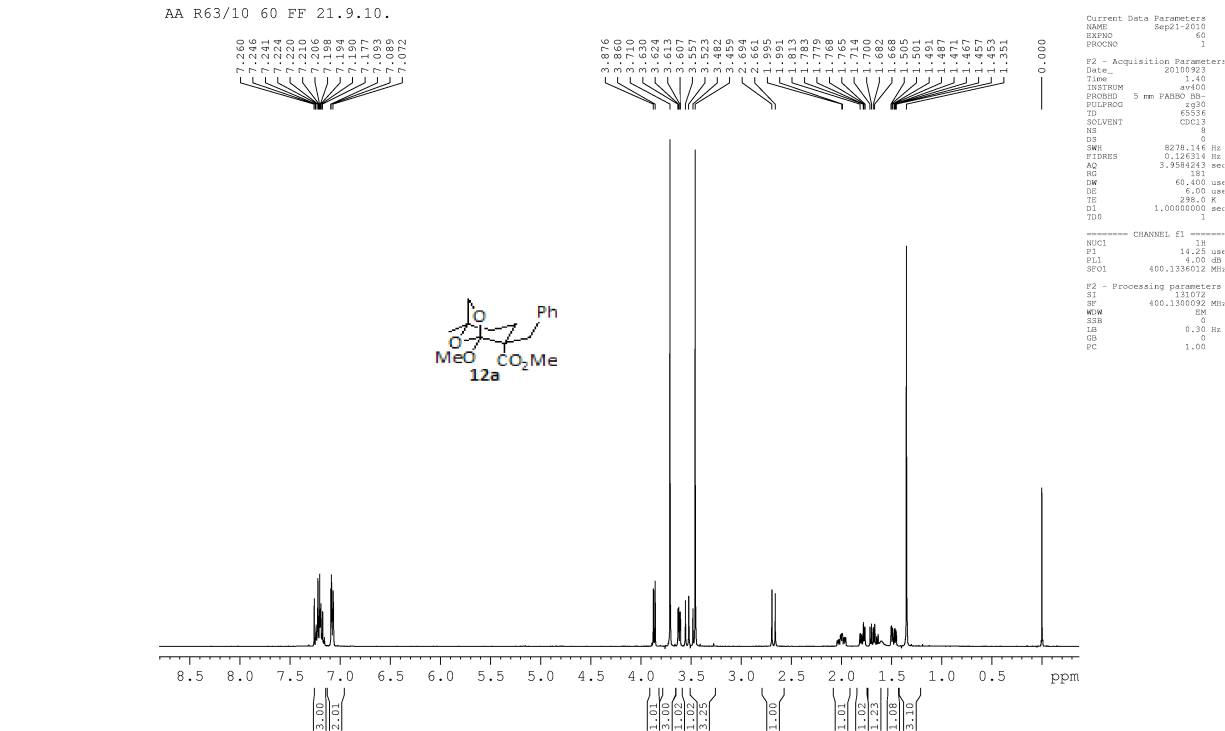
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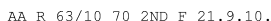
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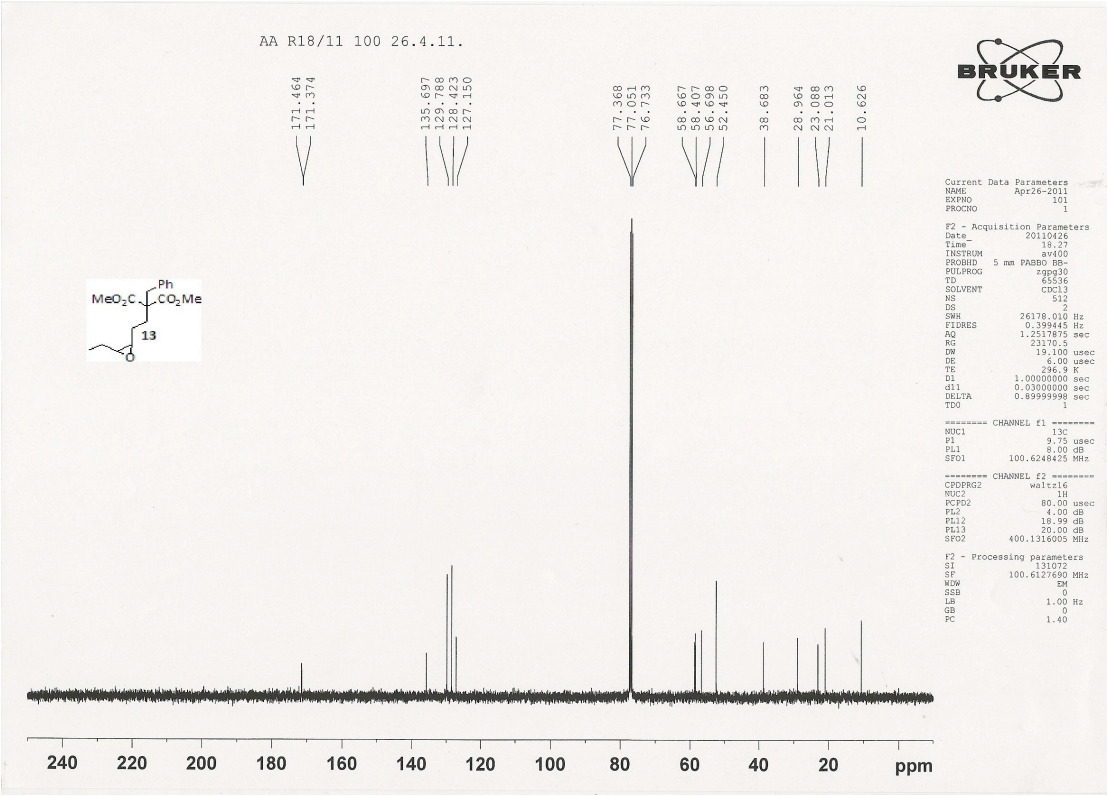
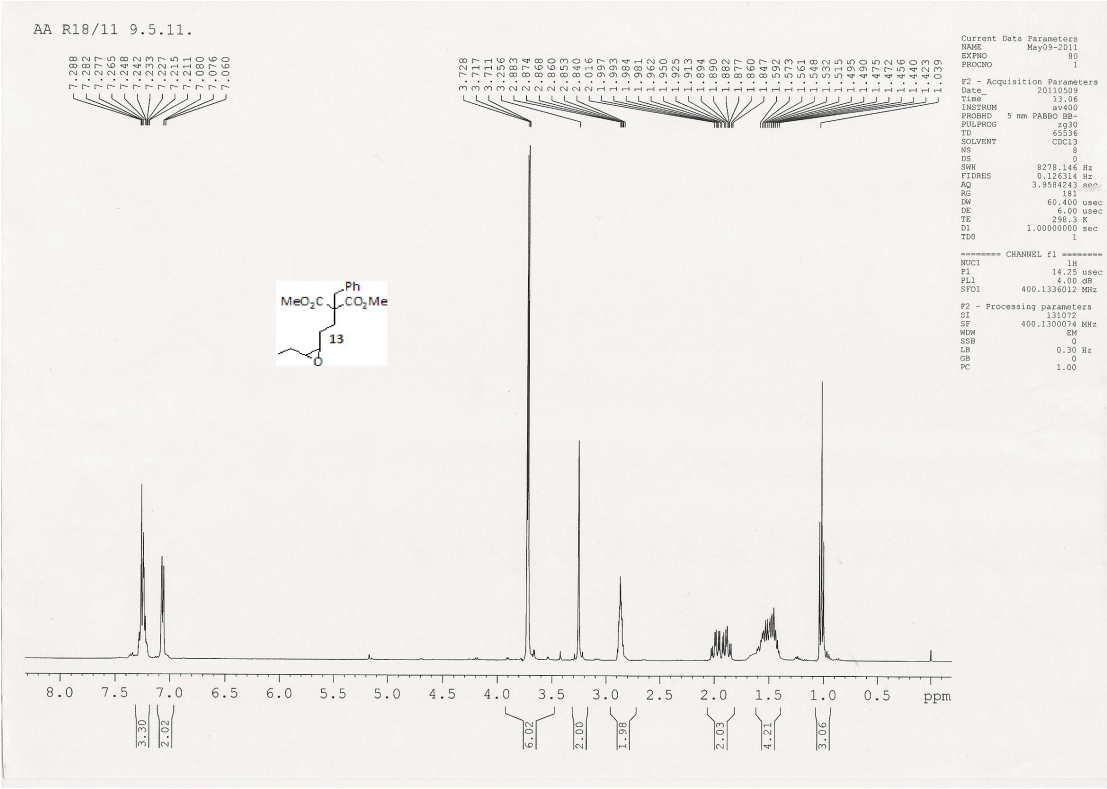


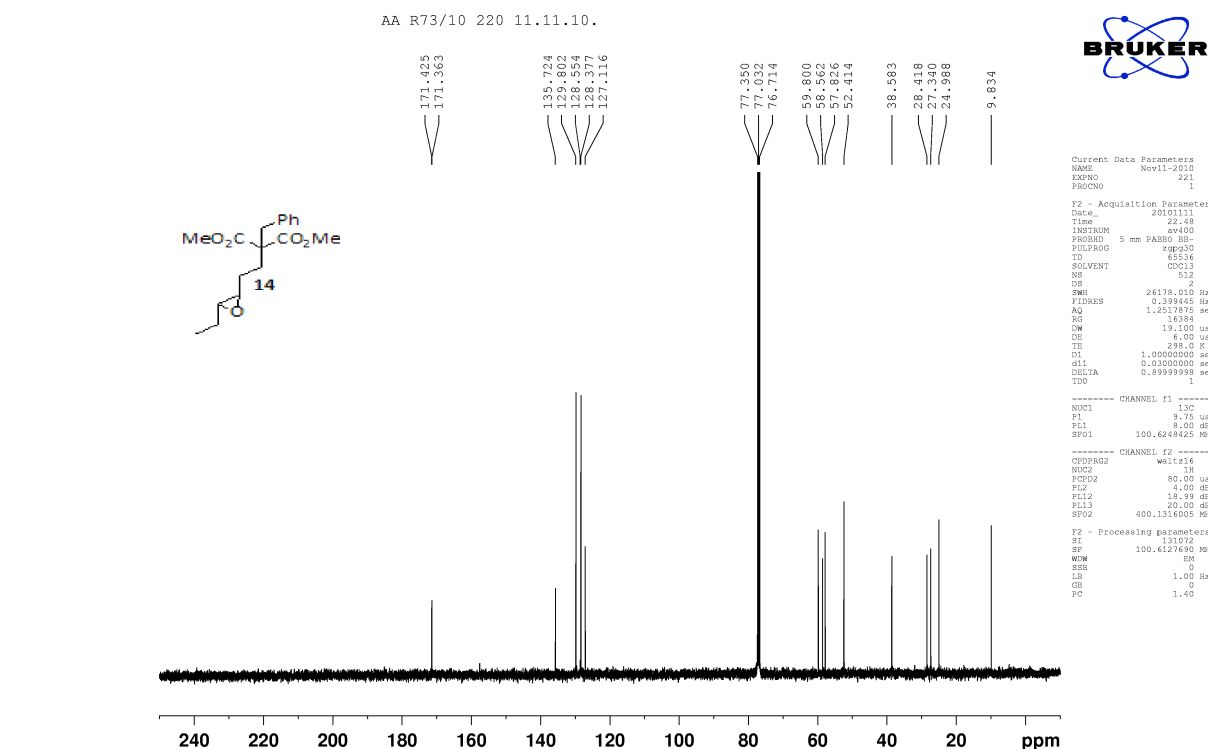
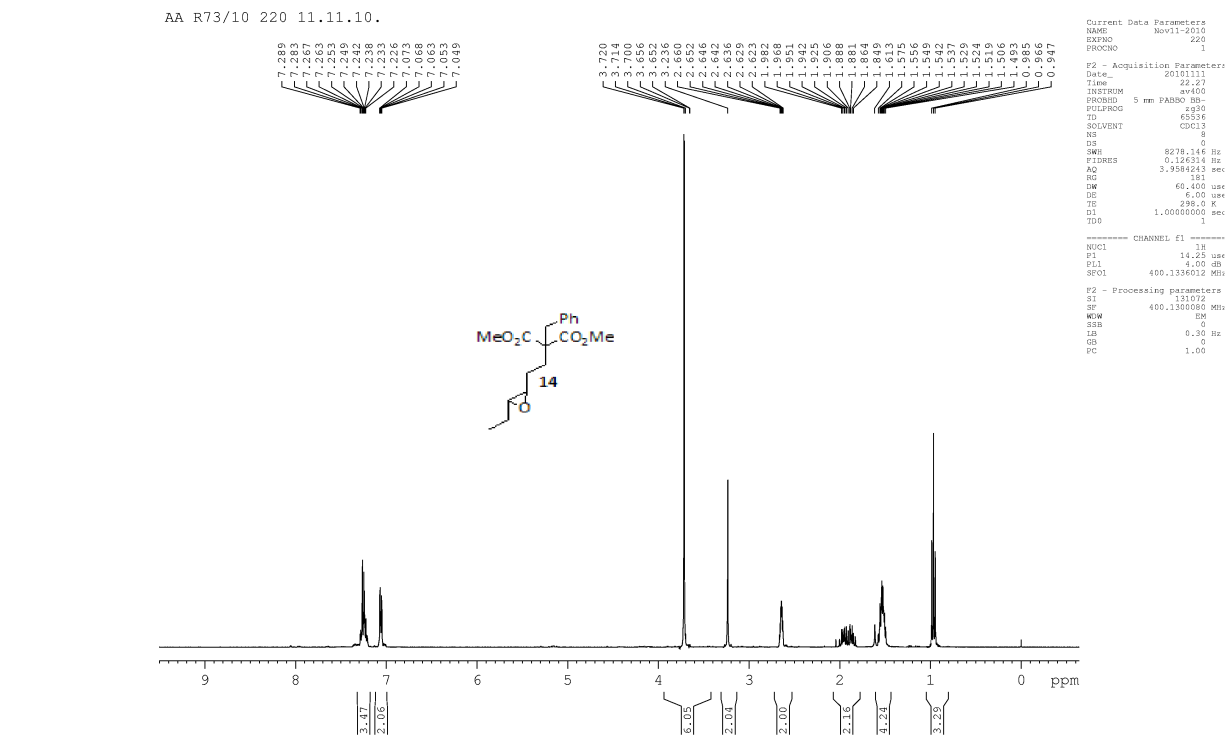
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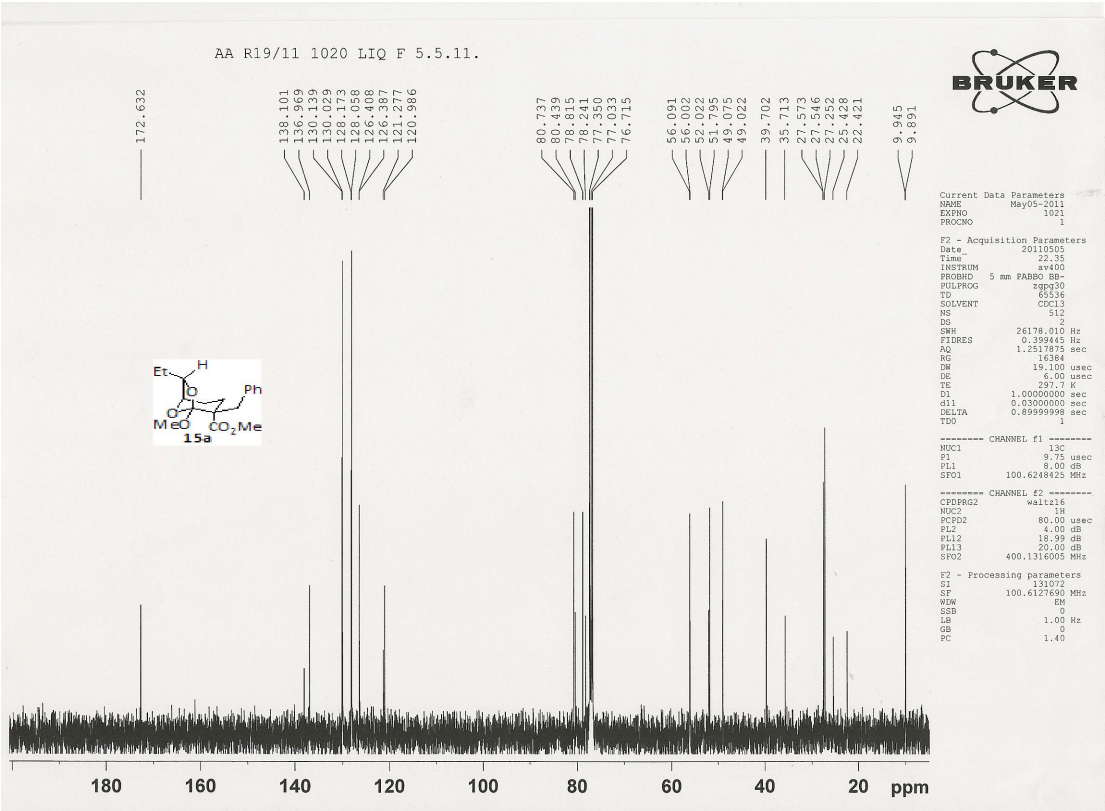
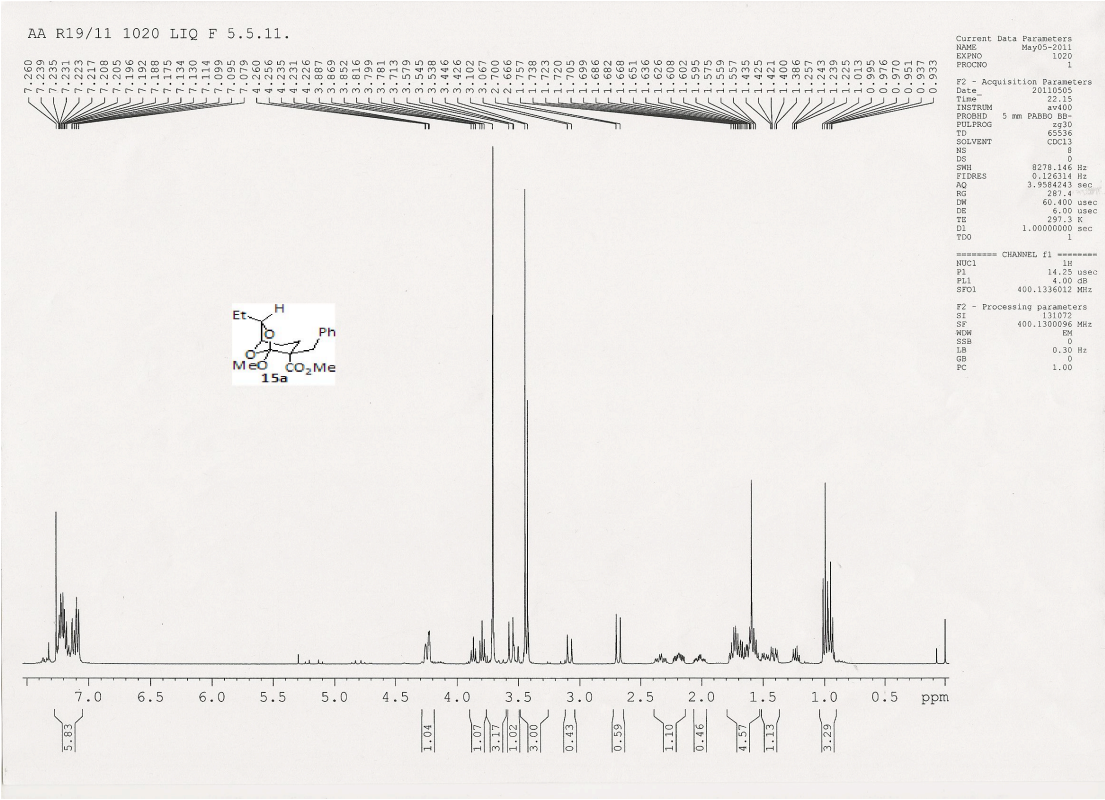
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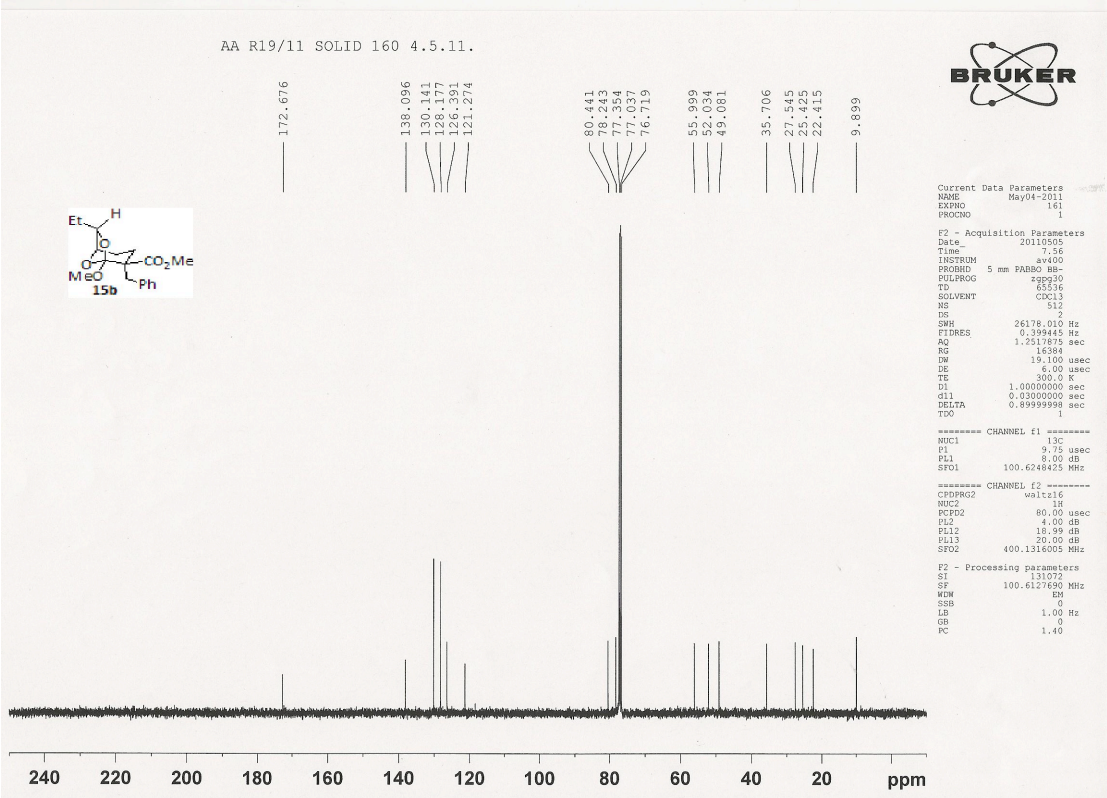
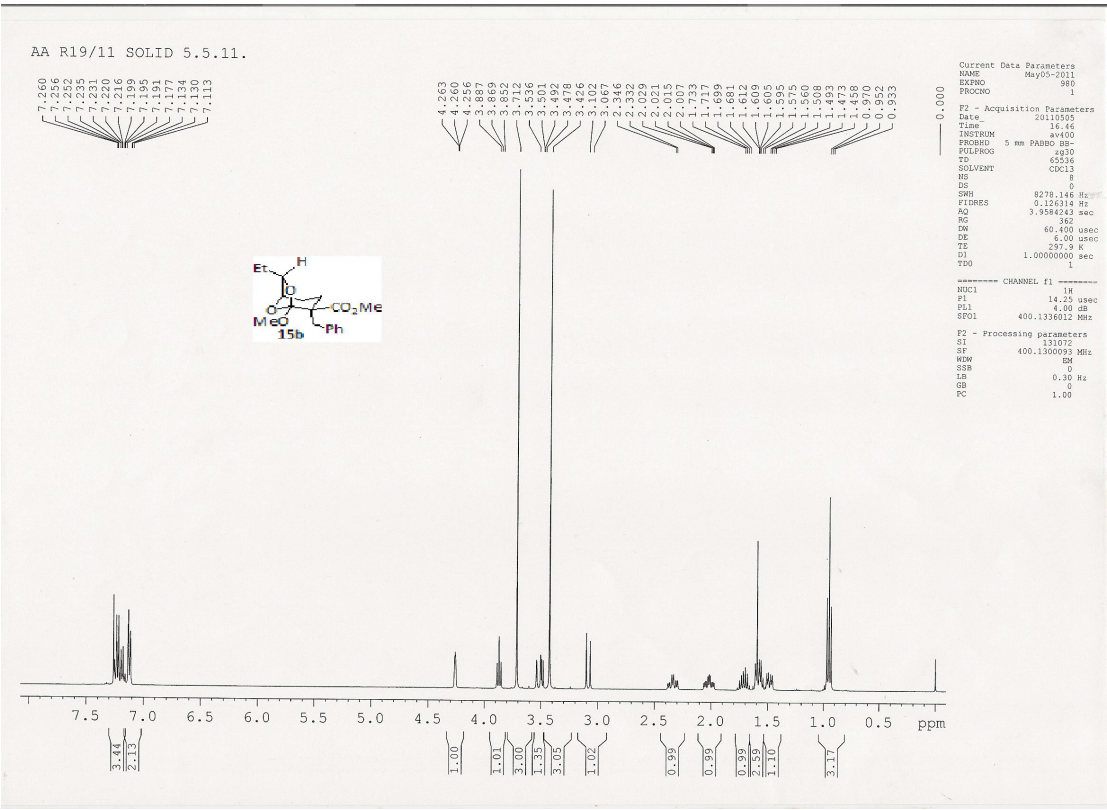




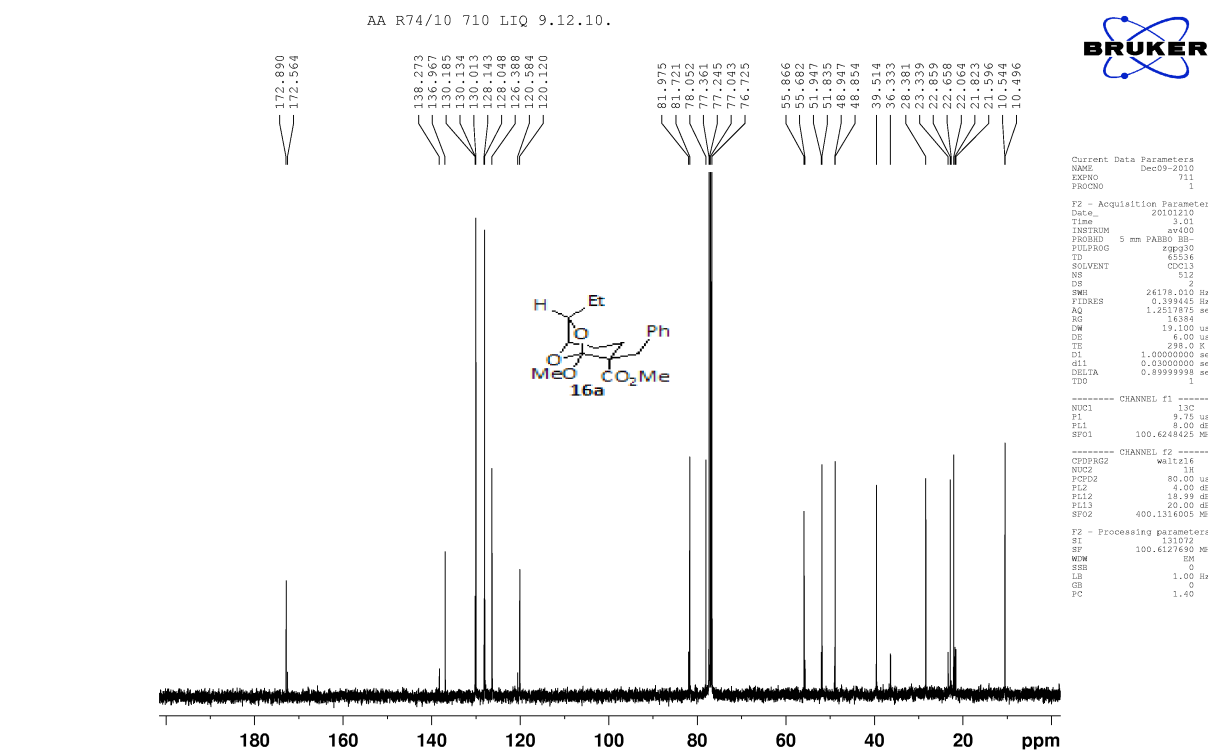
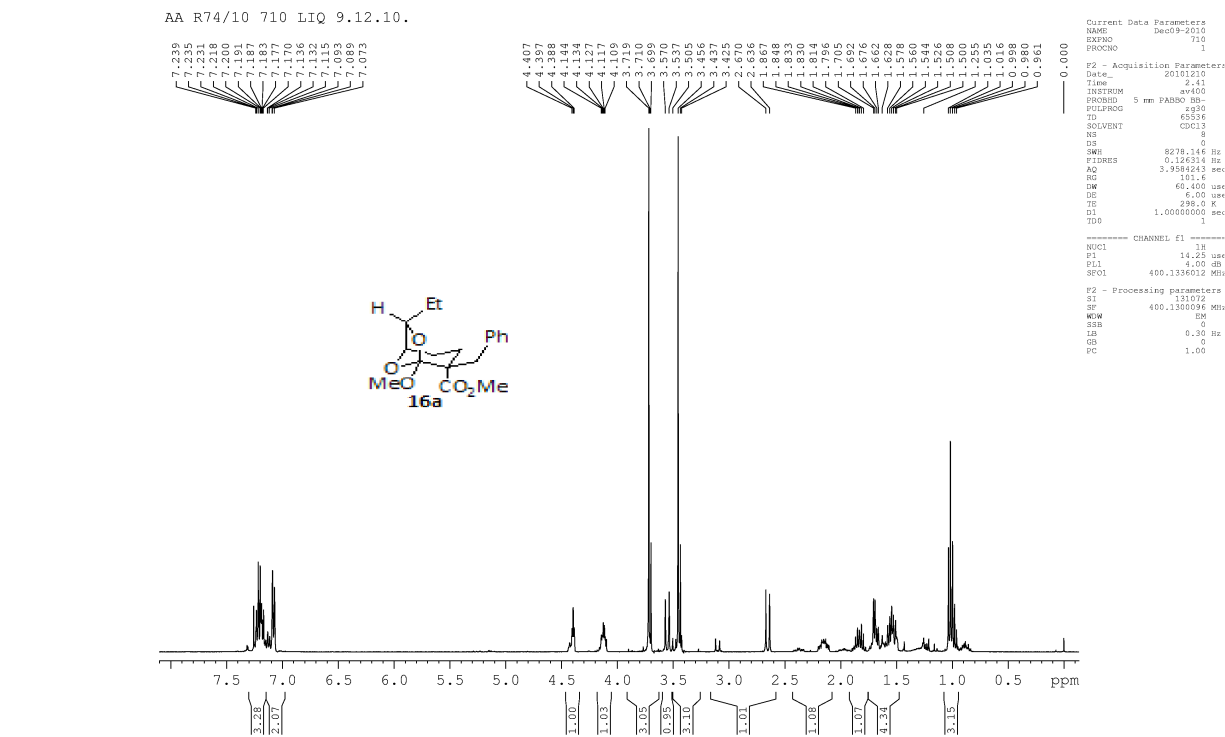
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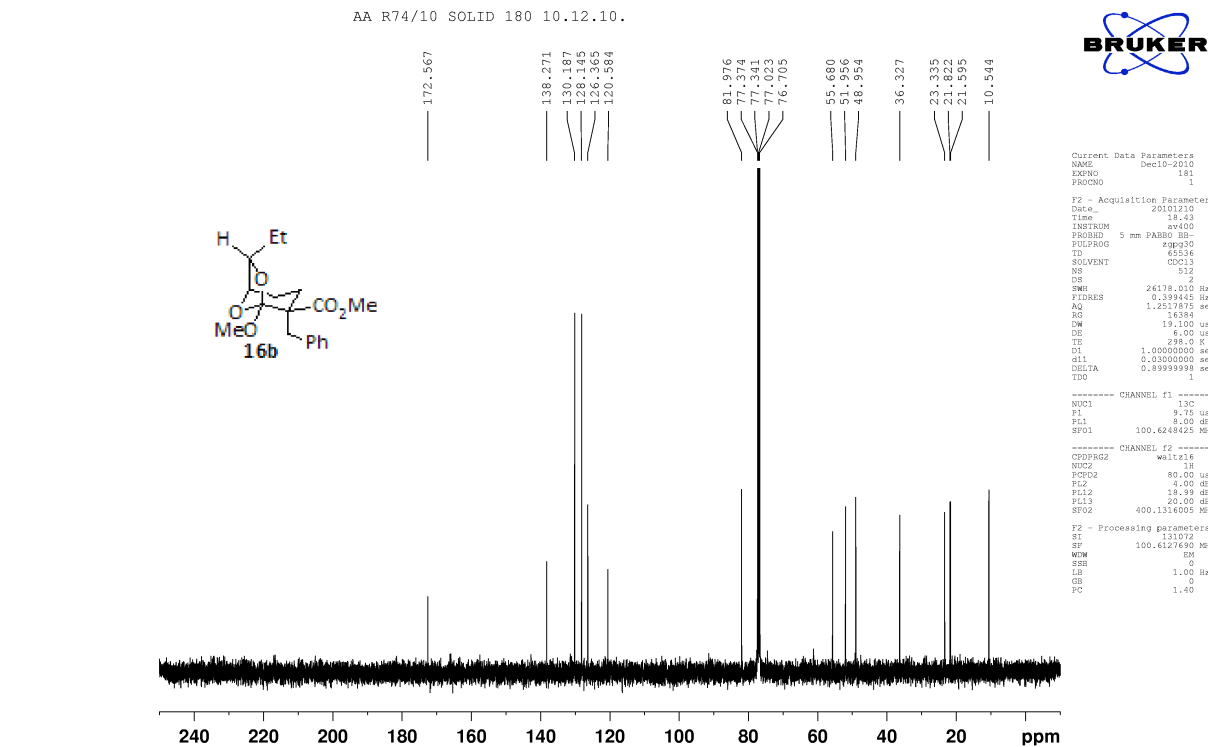
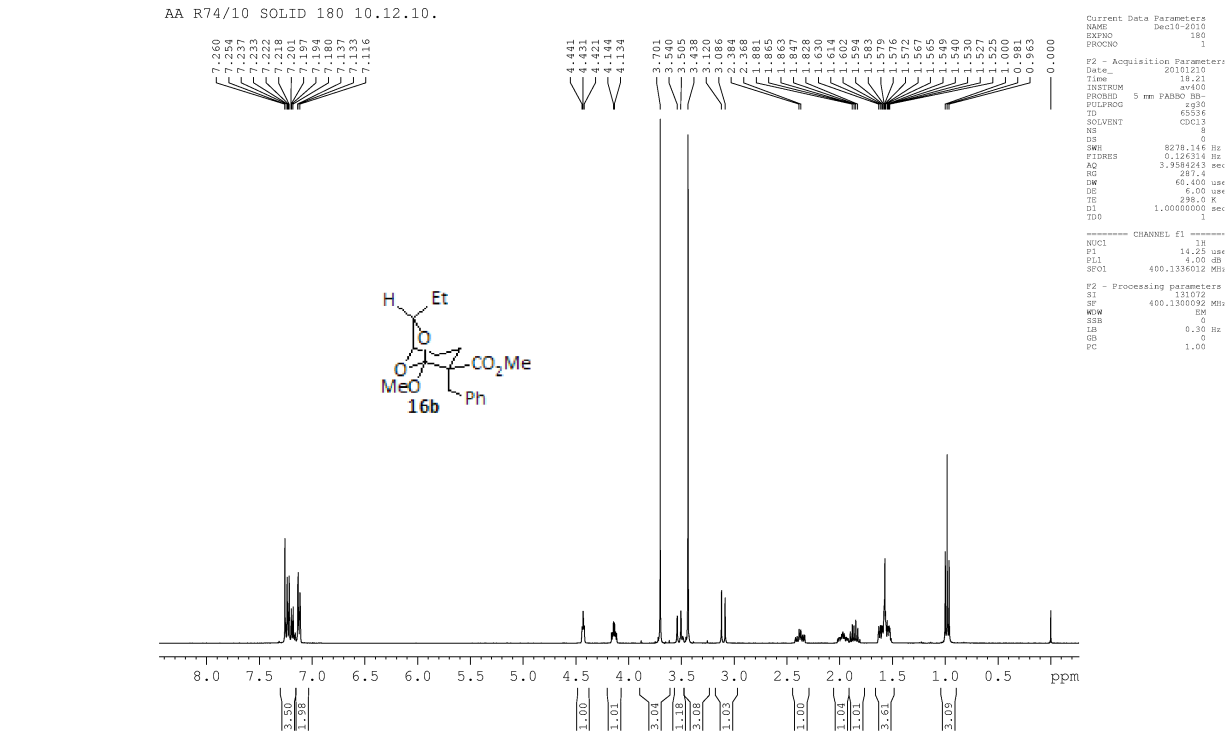
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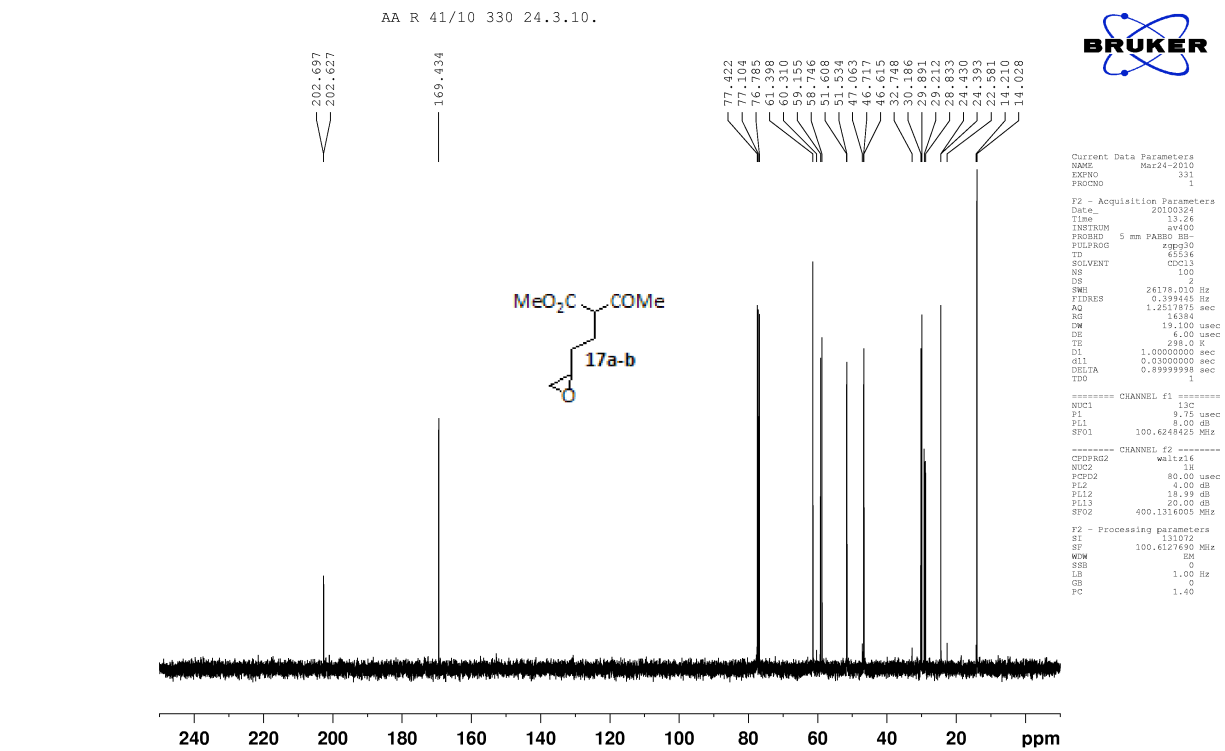
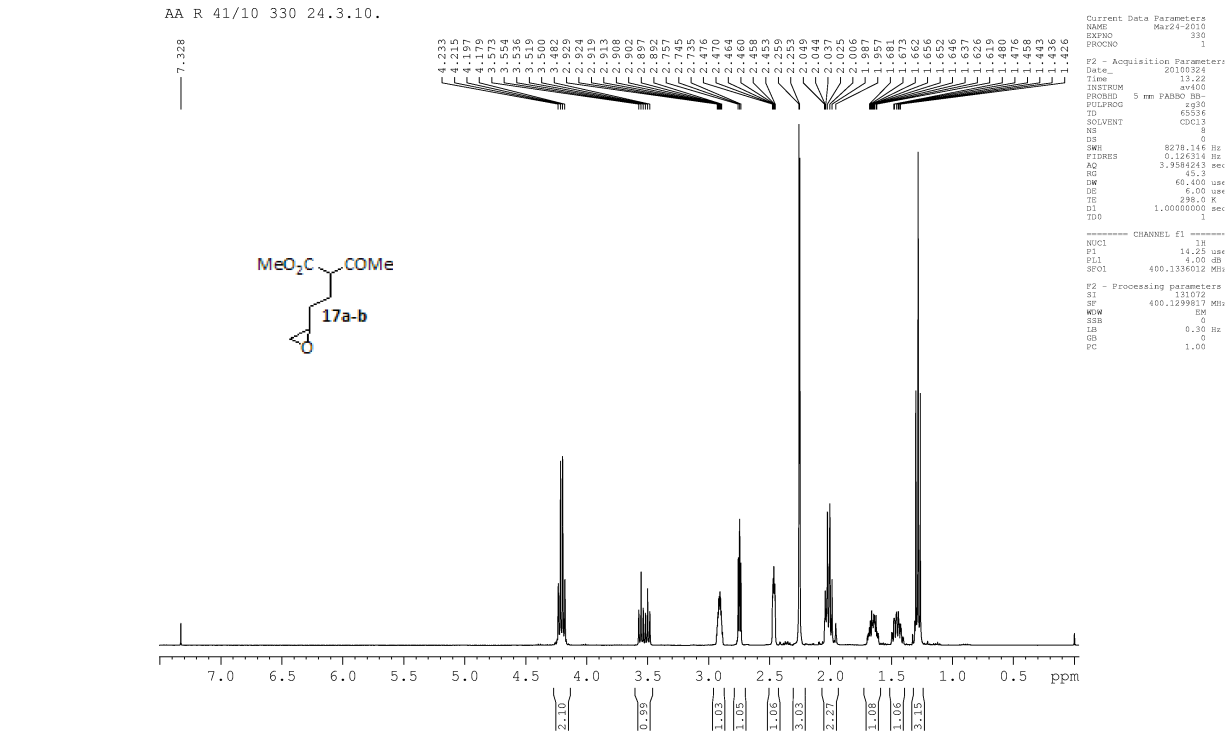
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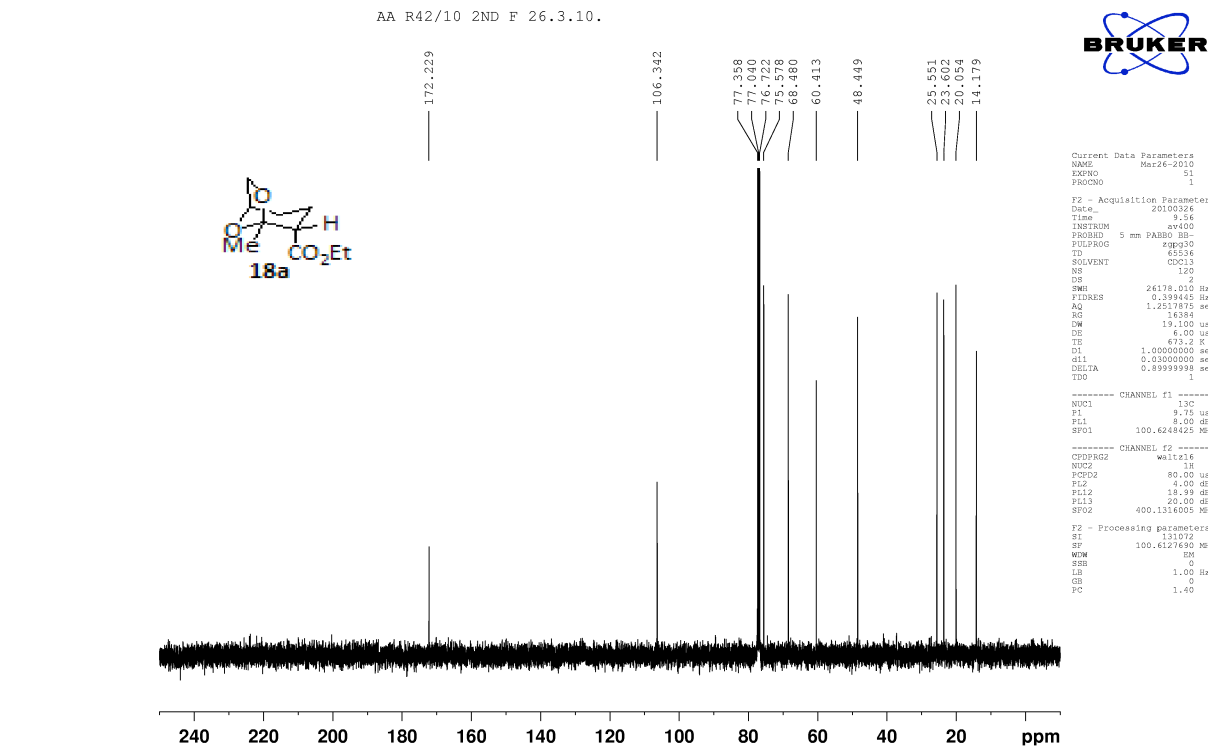
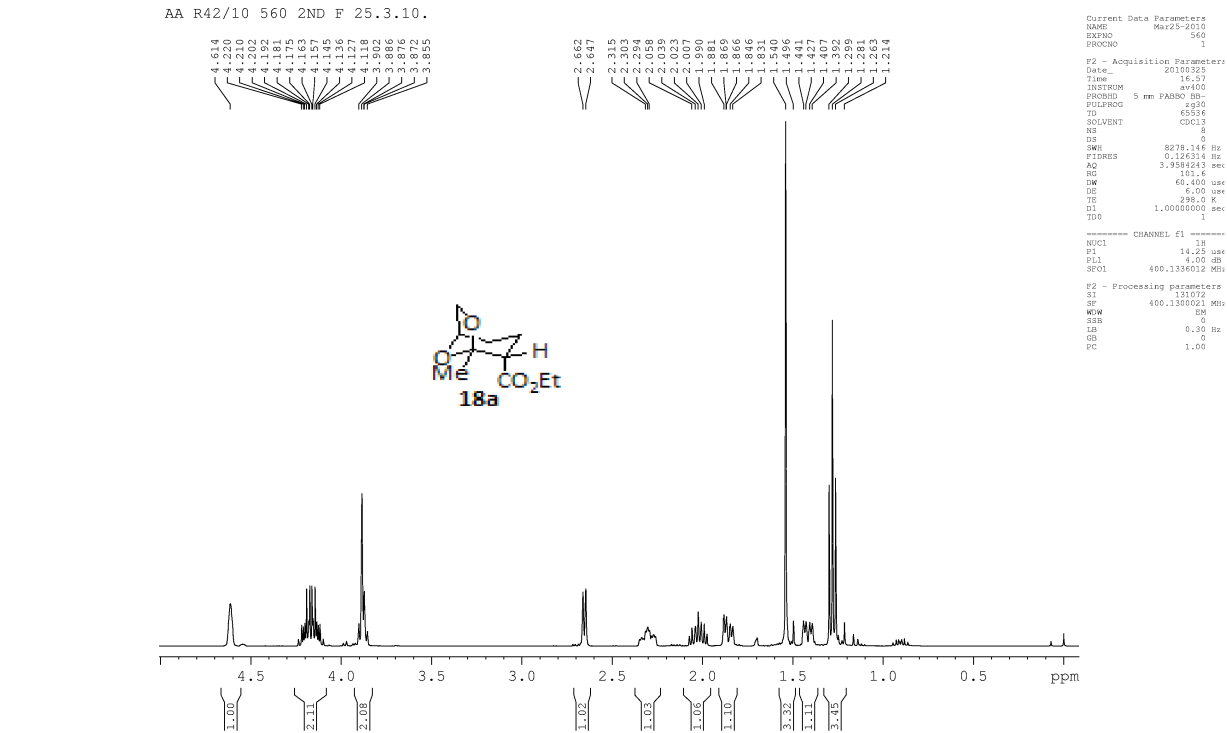
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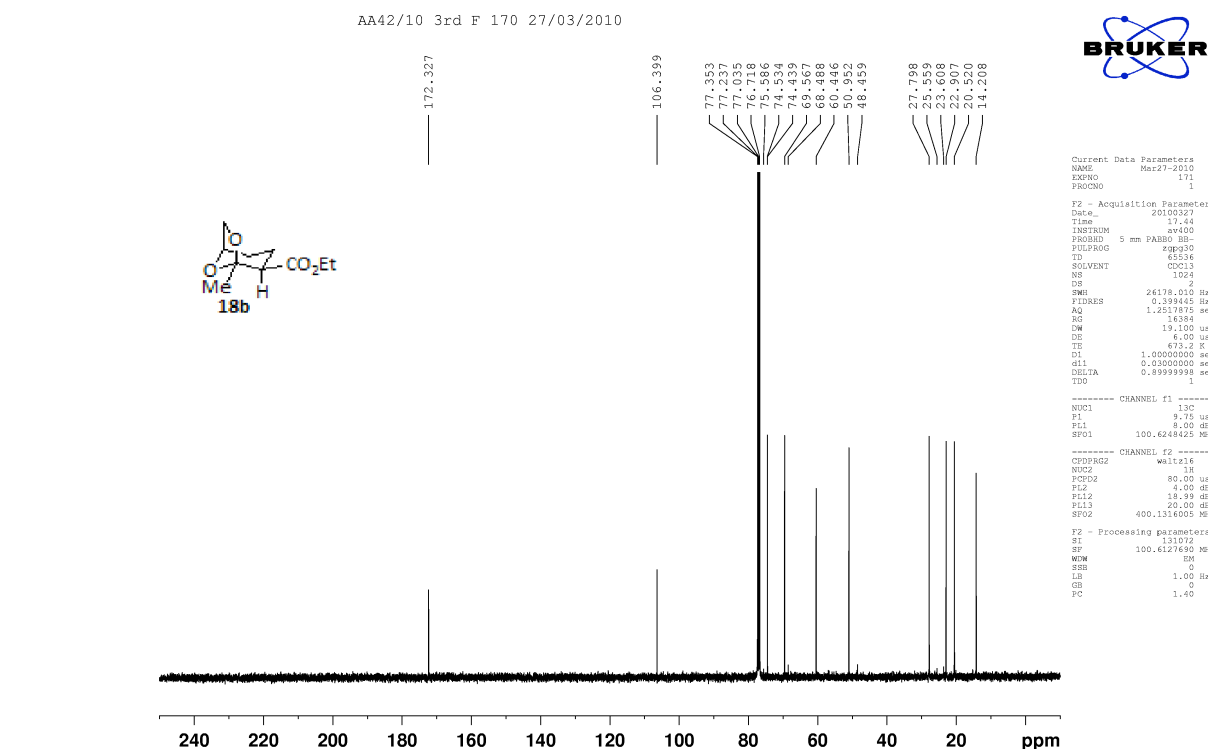
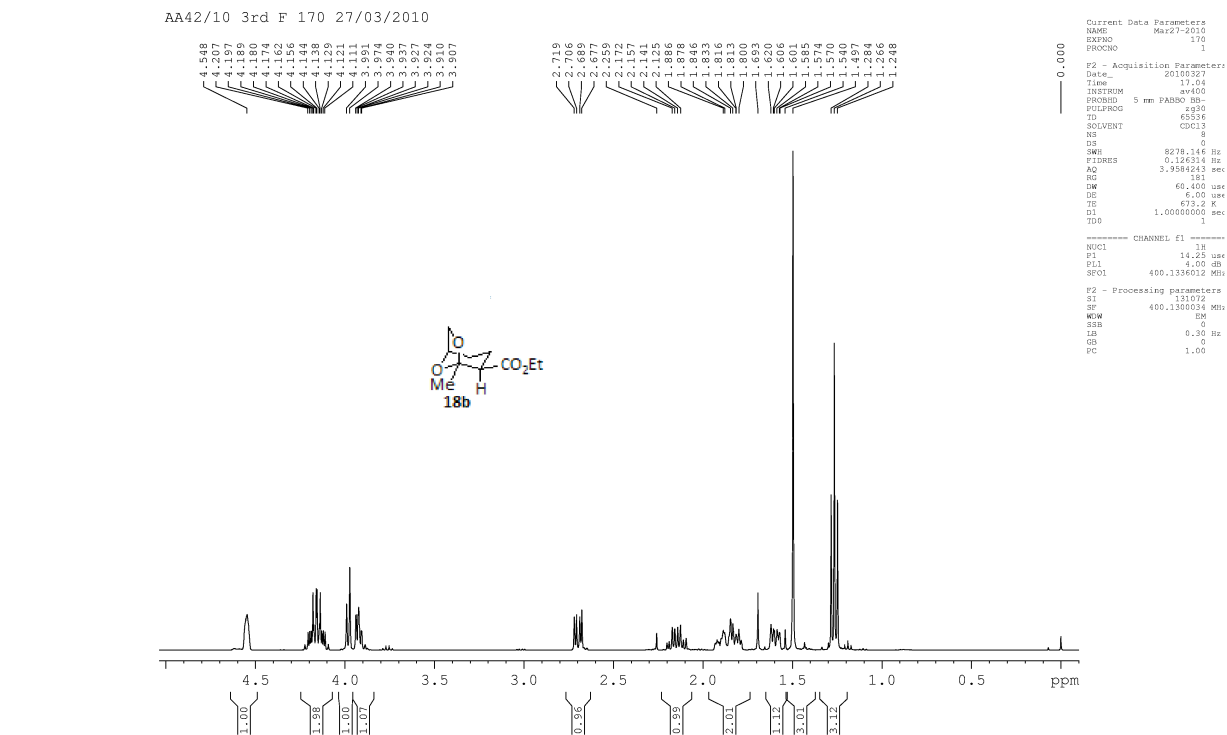
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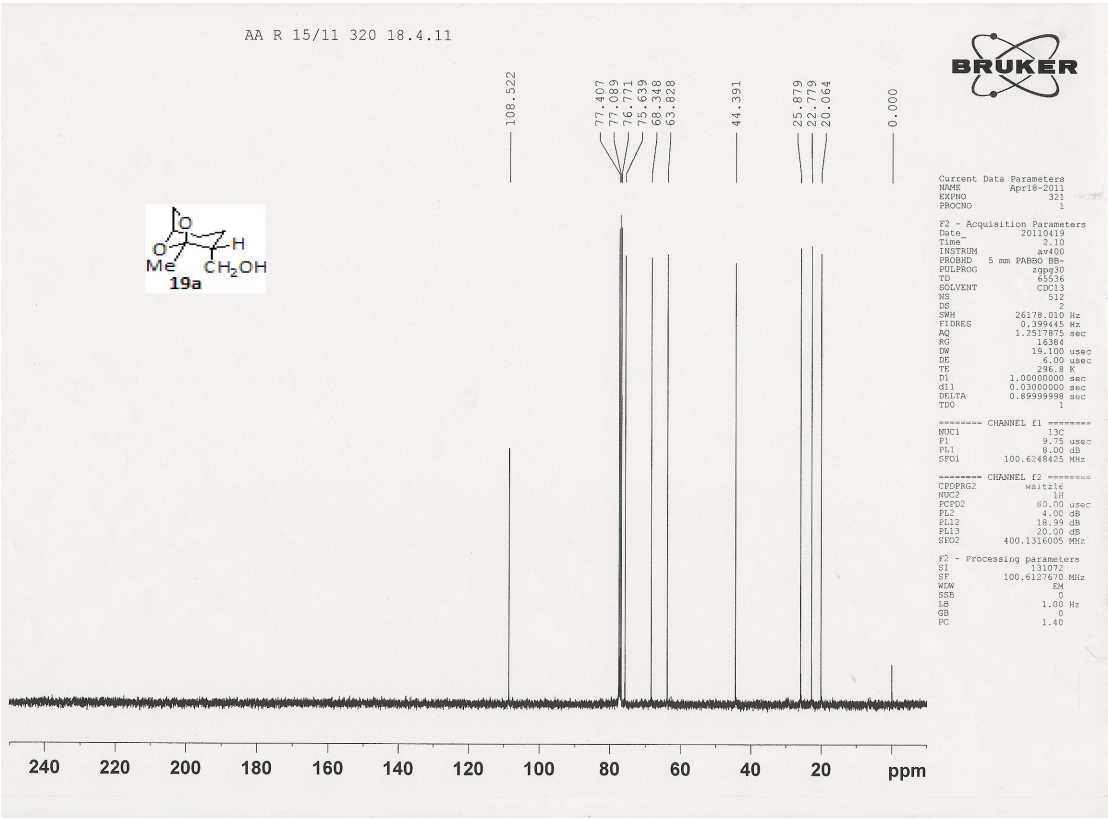
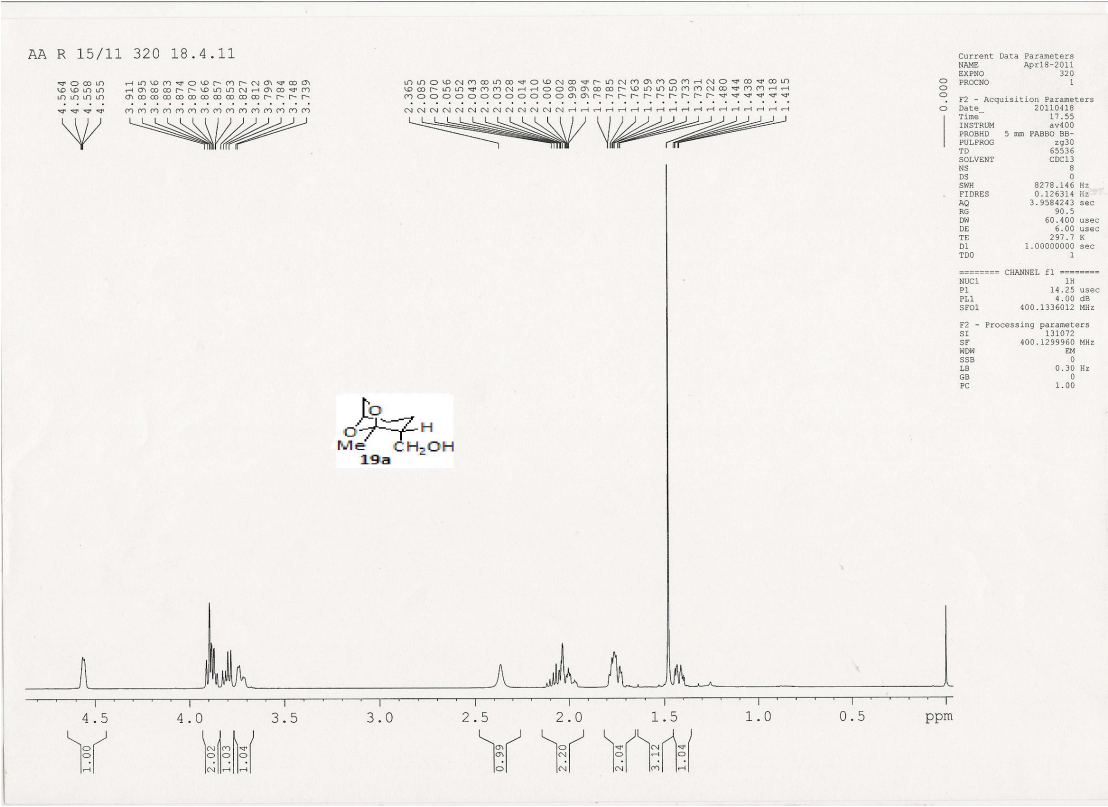
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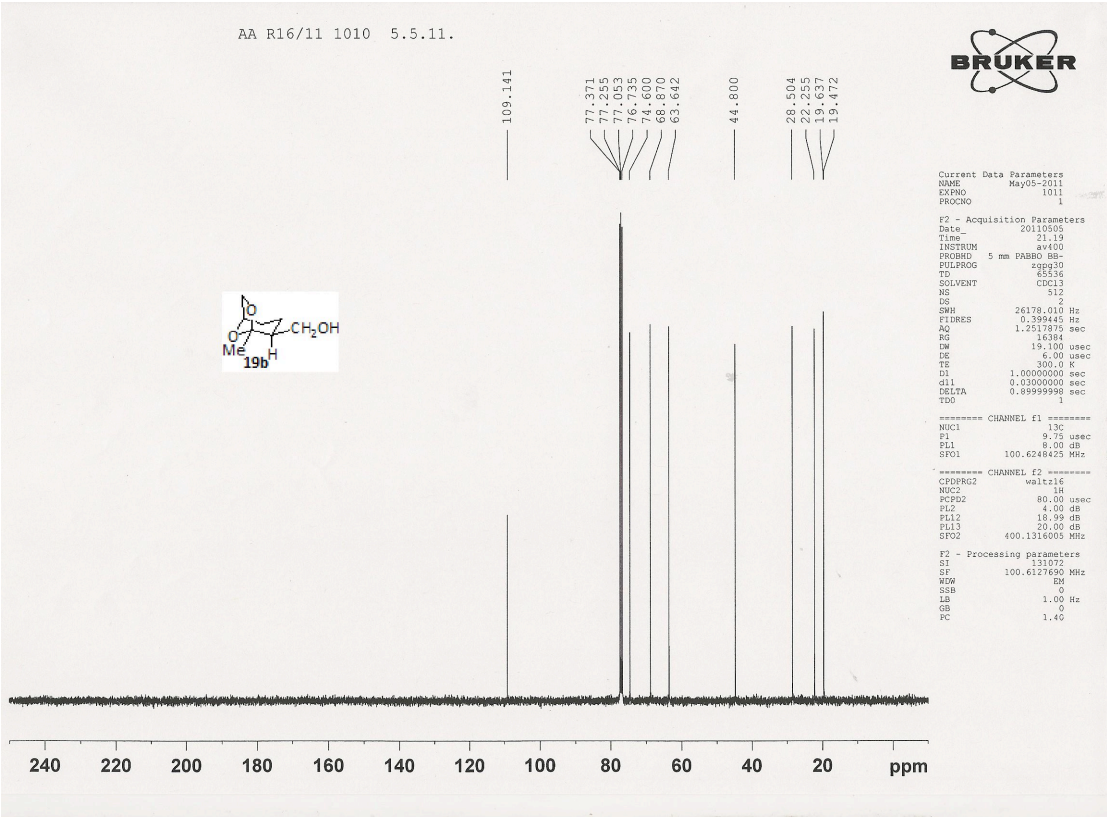
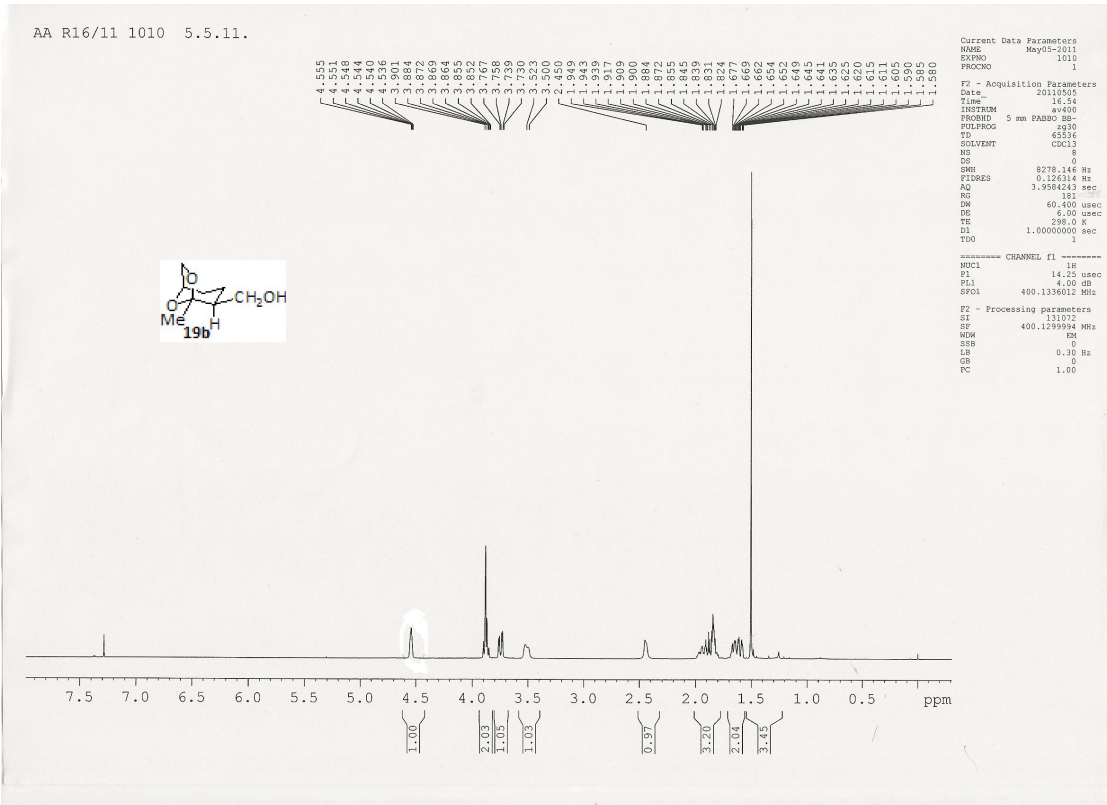
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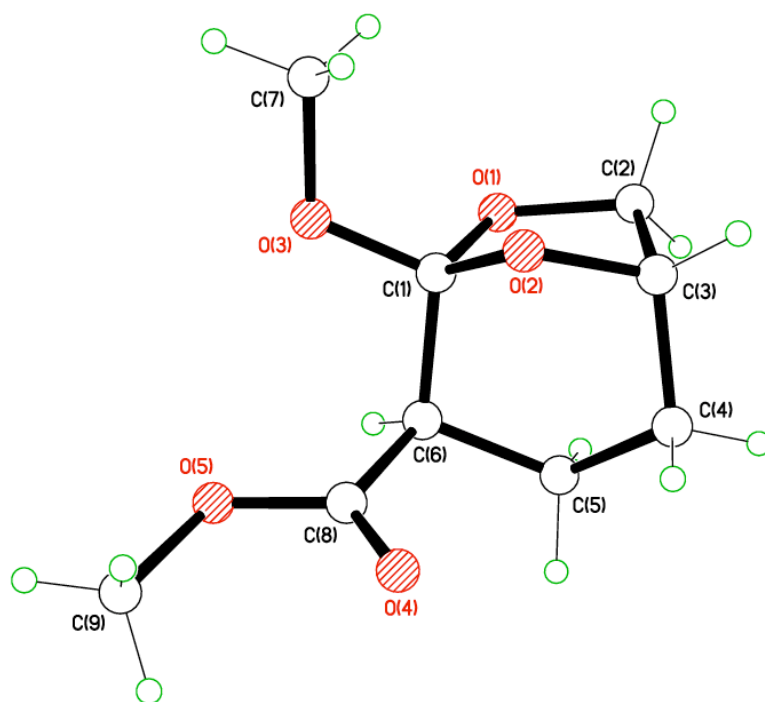
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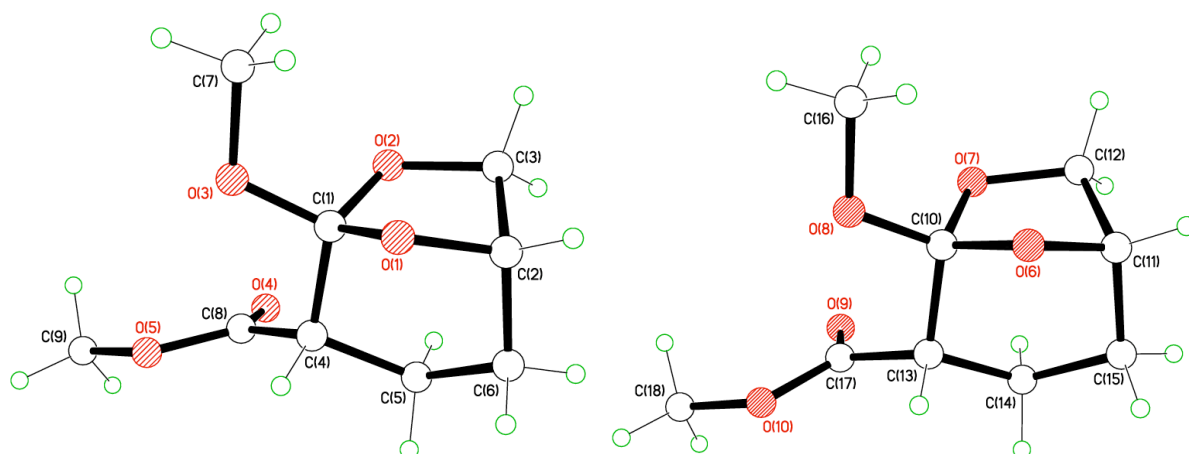
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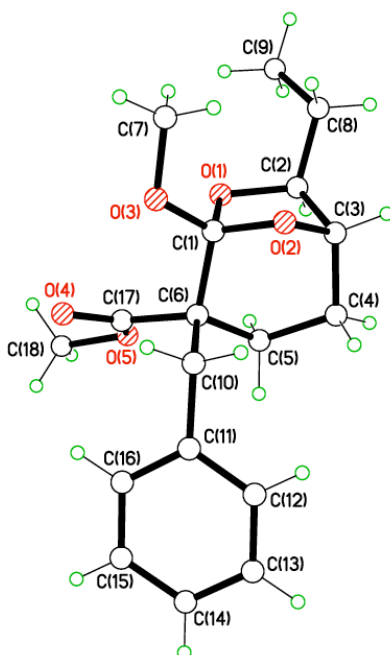
Figures for X-ray Structures.



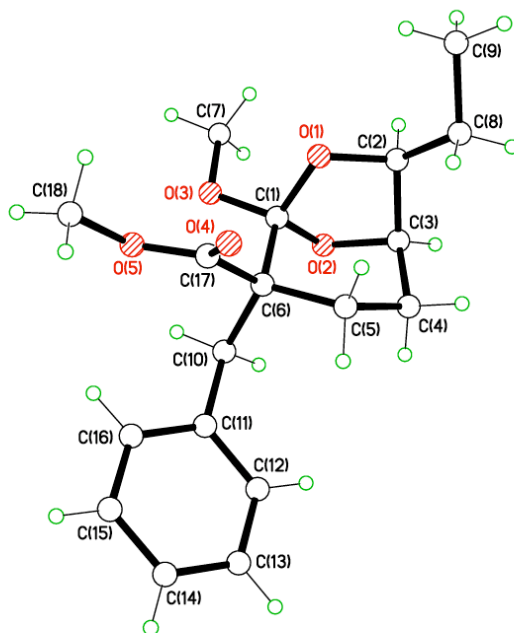
Crystal structure of compound **1a**.



Crystal structure of compound **1b** with two molecules in the asymmetric unit.



Crystal structure of compound **15b**.



Crystal structure of compound **16b**.

X-ray Experimental.

The diffraction data were collected at 150K on a Bruker Apex 2 CCD diffractometer equipped with MoK α radiation¹. Data were corrected for absorption and Lp effects¹, solved by direct methods^{2,3}, and refined^{2,3} by full-matrix least-squares on F^2 . H atoms were included in a riding model. Structure solutions were routine. In **16b** Friedel pairs were merged as there was no indication as to absolute structure from the diffraction data. Further numerical details in the main paper.

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