

# Supporting Information for **N-Heterocyclic Carbene-Catalyzed Formal Cross-Coupling Reaction of α-Haloenals with Thiols: Organocatalytic Construction of sp<sup>2</sup> Carbon– Sulfur Bonds**

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**General Methods:** Unless otherwise indicated, all reactions were conducted under nitrogen atmosphere in an oven-dried glassware with magnetic stirring bar. Column chromatograph was performed with silica gel (200~300 mesh) and analytical TLC on silica gel 60-F254. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra were recorded on 400 MHz spectrometer using deuterated chloroform as solvent, with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard and reported in ppm ( $\delta$ ). Infrared spectra were recorded on a FT/IR spectrophotometer and reported as wave number(cm<sup>-1</sup>). EI mass spectra were measured on Agilent 7890A/5975C GC-MS and methanol or acetonitrile was used to dissolve the sample. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on

FTICRMS. Thiols were obtained from commercial supplies and used without purification.  $\alpha$ -Haloenals were synthesized according to literature.<sup>1</sup> Anhydrous THF and toluene were distilled from sodium and benzophenone. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>CN were distilled from calcium hydride. Petroleum ether (PE), where used, has a boiling range of 60–90 °C.

**General procedure for the synthesis  $\alpha$ -thioenals:** A suspension of potassium carbonate (110mg, 0.8mmol) and IMes·HCl (9mg, 0.025mmol) in freshly distilled CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) was stirred at ambient temperature for 0.5 h. Thiol (0.75mmol) and aldehyde (0.5mmol) were added subsequently and the solution was stirred at room temperature until full consume of the starting  $\alpha$ -haloinal as indicated by TLC. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a short pad of silica gel and the silica gel was washed with 20 mL of 20% EtOAc in petroleum ether. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude material was subjected to column chromatography (silica gel, PE-EtOAc, 10:1~100:1) to give the desired product.

**procedure for the synthesis IV:** A suspension of potassium carbonate (110mg, 0.8mmol) and IMes·HCl (9mg, 0.025mmol) in freshly distilled CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) was stirred at ambient temperature for 0.5 h. Lithium chloride (26mg, 0.6mmol), Thiol (1.5mmol) and aldehyde (0.5mmol) were added subsequently and the solution was stirred at room temperature until full consume of the starting  $\alpha$ -haloinal as indicated by TLC. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, PE-Et<sub>2</sub>O, 30:1) to afford the desired product.

**procedure for the Elimination of IV:** A suspension of potassium carbonate (42mg, 0.3mmol) and IMes·HCl (9mg, 0.025mmol) in freshly distilled CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) was stirred at ambient temperature for 0.5 h. Bisulfenylated aldehyde (**IV**) was then added and the solution was stirred at room temperature until full consume of the starting Bisulfenylated aldehyde as indicated by TLC. The crude material was subjected to column chromatography (silica gel, PE-EtOAc, 10:1~100:1) to give the desired product.

## Experimental Data:

### (Z)-2-(ethylthio)-3-phenylacrylaldehyde (**3a**)

Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/50), yielding 107 mg (90%) of **3a** as a yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.53$  (1/15 ethyl acetate/petroleum ether);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 1.20$  (t,  $J = 7.42$  Hz, 3H), 2.98 (q,  $J = 7.41$  Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.93-7.96 (m, 2H), 9.59 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 15.1, 26.7, 128.6, 130.6, 131.3, 134.2, 135.9, 152.0, 191.7$ ; IR (KBr) 2967.0, 2926.6, 1695.8, 1633.4, 1593.0, 1443.7, 1364.2, 1123.2, 756.1, 693.7, 527.3  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; GC-MS (EI): m/z 192.0 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{OS}$  (EI): 192.0609; Found: 192.0611.

### (Z)-3-phenyl-2-(propylthio)acrylaldehyde (**3b**)

Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/20), yielding 91 mg of **3b** (88%) as a yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.53$  (1/10 ethyl acetate/petroleum ether);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 0.93$  (t,  $J = 7.34$  Hz, 3H), 1.49-1.59 (m, 2H), 2.92 (t,  $J = 7.32$  Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.95-7.98 (m, 2H), 9.56 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 13.2, 23.4, 34.4, 128.5, 130.6, 131.3, 134.3, 136.2, 151.9, 191.7$ ; IR (KBr) 2976.7, 1699.2, 1583.3, 1449.4, 1355.4, 1117.5, 763.7, 689.7, 523.8  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; GC-MS (EI): m/z 206.0 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{OS}$  (EI): 206.0765; Found: 206.0767.

### (Z)-2-(butylthio)-3-phenylacrylaldehyde (**3c**)

Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/50), yielding 101 mg (90%) of **3c** as a yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.57$  (1/10 ethyl acetate/petroleum ether);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 0.85$  (t,  $J = 7.32$  Hz, 3H), 1.30-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.54 (m, 2H), 2.94 (t,  $J = 7.42$  Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 9.58 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 13.57, 21.75, 32.06, 32.15, 128.51, 130.56, 131.24, 134.26, 136.26, 151.77, 191.73$ ; IR (KBr) 2963.5, 2867.7, 1692.8, 1596.9, 1447.7, 1361.9, 1298.1, 1116.7, 758.6, 688.9, 529.3  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; GC-MS (EI): m/z 220.0 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{OS}$  (EI): 220.0922; Found: 220.0925.

### **(Z)-2-(octadecylthio)-3-phenylacrylaldehyde (3d)**

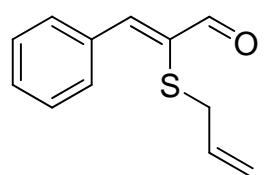
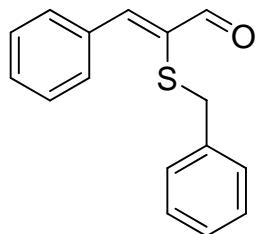
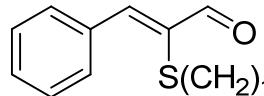
Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/100), yielding 142 mg (70%) of **3d** as a yellow solid.  $R_f = 0.63$  (1/10 ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) ; m.p. 53.3-54.5°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 0.88$  (t,  $J = 6.84$  Hz, 3H), 1.20-1.29 (m, 30H), 1.46-1.56 (m, 2H), 2.93 (t,  $J = 7.42$  Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.93-7.97 (m, 2H), 9.58 (s, 1H),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 14.12$ , 22.69, 28.59, 28.80, 29.09, 29.36, 29.44, 29.52, 29.62, 29.65, 29.97, 31.92, 32.50, 128.49, 130.55, 131.24, 134.26, 136.27, 151.79, 191.72; IR (KBr) 2925.5, 2844.4, 1680.9, 1636.9, 1593.1, 1356.4, 1114.4, 727.4  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{44}\text{OS}$  (EI): 416.3113; Found: 416.3113.

### **(Z)-2-(benzylthio)-3-phenylacrylaldehyde (3e)**

Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/30), yielding 110 mg (86%) of **3l** as a yellow solid.  $R_f = 0.57$  (1/5 ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) ; m.p. 36.8-38.7°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 4.17$  (s, 2H), 7.15-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.40-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.81-7.83 (m, 2H), 9.51 (s, 1H),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 36.69$ , 127.17, 128.40, 128.45, 129.03, 130.65, 131.16, 134.04, 135.43, 137.42, 152.86, 191.66; IR (KBr) 3059.1, 2839.7, 1682.1, 1630.7, 1587.1, 1369.3, 1121.8, 757.8, 684.6, 516.6  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; GC-MS (EI): m/z 254.0 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{OS}$  (EI): 254.0765; Found: 254.0763.

### **(Z)-2-(allylthio)-3-phenylacrylaldehyde(3f)**

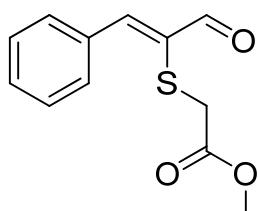
Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/50), yielding 61 mg (60%) of **3f** as a yellow oil.  $R_f =$  (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 3.58$ -3.60 (m, 2H), 4.96-5.01 (m, 2H), 5.65-5.76 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.91-7.95 (m, 2H), 9.54 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 35.29$ , 117.91, 128.57, 130.75, 131.32, 133.67, 134.15,



135.20, 152.87, 191.49; IR (KBr) 2837.4, 1698.4, 1626.7, 1583.1, 1559.7, 1488.1, 1371.2, 1123.4, 911.5, 691.8, 525.1; GC-MS (EI): m/z 203.9 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS calcd for  $C_{12}H_{12}OS$  (EI): 204.0609; Found: 204.0611.

### (Z)-methyl 2-((3-oxo-1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)thio)acetate(3g)

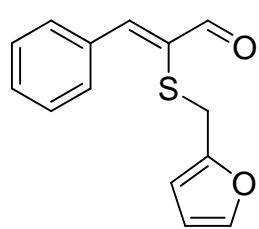
Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/10), yielding 93 mg (79%) of **3g** as a yellow



oil.  $R_f$  = (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.92-7.94 (m, 2H), 9.57 (s, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 33.32, 52.40, 128.66, 130.99, 131.29, 133.77, 134.09, 153.24, 169.74, 191.16; IR (KBr) 2834.9, 1744.4, 1688.9, 1627.9, 1548.7, 1432.2, 1359.2, 1272.2, 756.4, 689.7; GC-MS (EI): m/z 236.0 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS calcd for  $C_{12}H_{12}O_3S$  (EI): 236.0507; Found: 236.0511.

### (Z)-2-((furan-2-ylmethyl)thio)-3-phenylacrylaldehyde(3h)

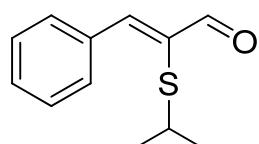
Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/10), yielding 116 mg (92%) of **3h** as a



yellow solid.  $R_f$  = (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether); m.p. 37.0-38.8 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz DMSO)  $\delta$  = 4.24 (s, 2H), 6.12-6.13 (m, 1H), 6.29-6.30 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.82-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 9.59 (s, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz DMSO)  $\delta$  = 27.61, 107.99, 110.48, 128.47, 130.60, 130.72, 133.77, 134.04, 142.62, 150.58, 153.09, 191.95; IR (KBr) 2834.4, 1684.7, 1630.3, 1595.1, 1361.3, 1127.6, 1011.4, 927.6, 742.4, 693.9; GC-MS (EI): m/z 243.9 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS calcd for  $C_{14}H_{12}O_2S$  (EI): 244.0558; Found: 244.0563.

### (Z)-2-(isopropylthio)-3-phenylacrylaldehyde (3i)

Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/50), yielding 67 mg (65%) of **3i** as a yellow

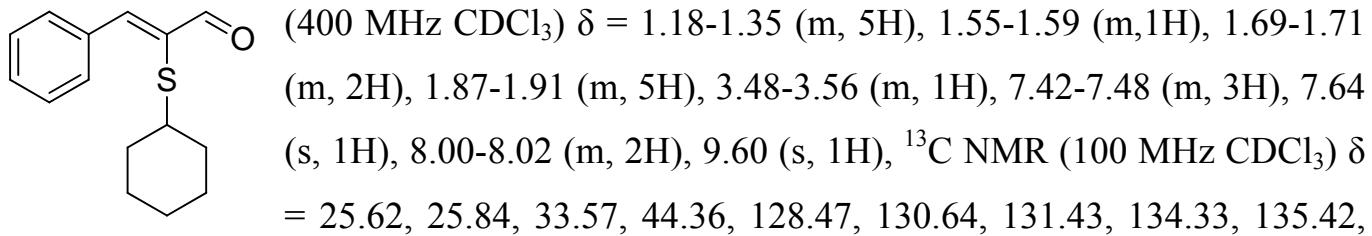


oli.  $R_f$  = 0.48 (1/10 ethyl acetate/petroleum ether);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 1.22 (d, 6H,  $J$  = 6.72 Hz), 3.78-3.85 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.98-8.01 (m, 2H), 9.61 (s, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 23.35, 36.22, 128.49, 130.67, 131.42, 134.28, 136.04, 152.63, 192.03; IR

(KBr) 2974.7, 2834.7, 1703.2, 1591.3, 1449.4, 1365.4, 1121.5, 767.7, 681.7, 523.8 cm<sup>-1</sup>; GC-MS (EI): m/z 206.0 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>OS (EI): 206.0765; Found: 206.0766.

### (Z)-2-(cyclohexylthio)-3-phenylacrylaldehyde (**3j**)

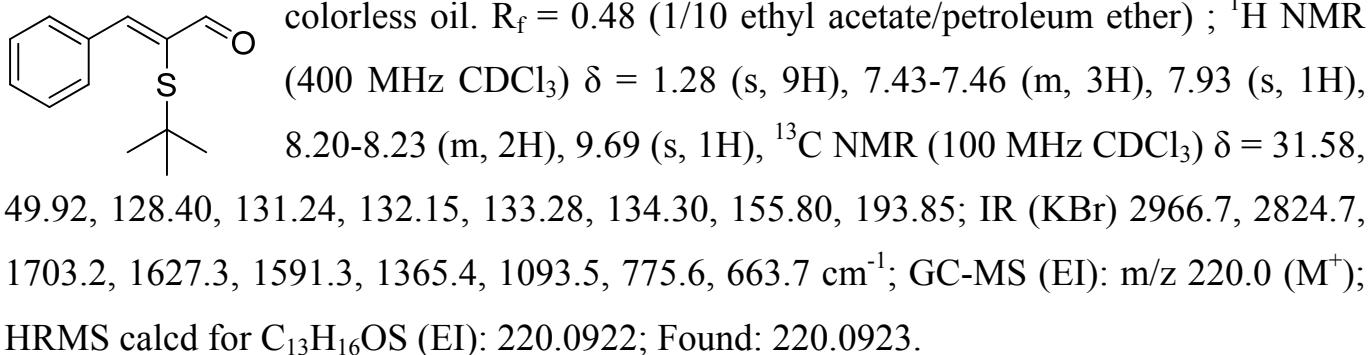
Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/20), yielding 110 mg (90%) of **3j** as a yellow solid. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.56 (1/10 ethyl acetate/petroleum ether); m.p. 77.5-78.1°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR



152.72, 192.12; IR (KBr) 1938.7, 2834.7, 1693.2, 1637.3, 1571.3, 1365.4, 1121.5, 757.7, 691.7, 533.8 cm<sup>-1</sup>; GC-MS (EI): m/z 246.0 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>OS (EI): 246.1078; Found: 246.1080.

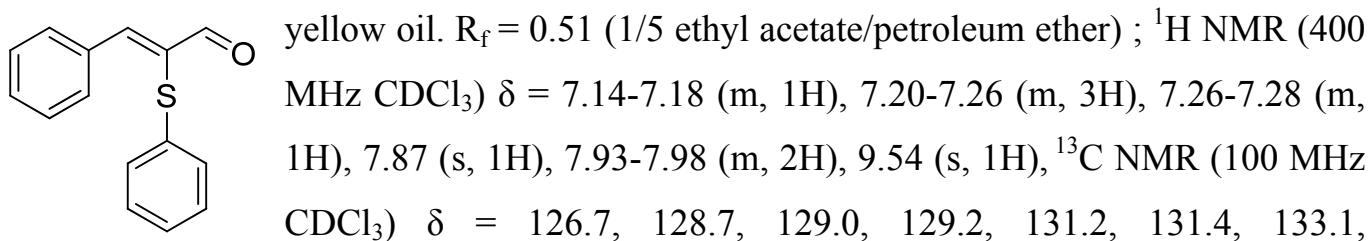
### (Z)-2-(tert-butylthio)-3-phenylacrylaldehyde (**3k**)

Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/50), yielding 58 mg (53%) of **3k** as a



### (Z)-3-phenyl-2-(phenylthio)acrylaldehyde (**3l**)<sup>2</sup>

Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/50), yielding 86 mg (90%) of **3l** as a green-



133.7, 133.8, 151.2, 190.8; IR (KBr) 3053.7, 2827.2, 1696.5, 1589.1, 1480.4, 1450.1, 1353.4, 1116.5, 743.0, 688.1, 536.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>; GC-MS (EI): m/z 240.0 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>OS (EI): 240.0609; Found: 240.0611.

### (Z)-2-(ethylthio)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylaldehyde (3m)

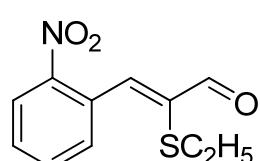
Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/20), yielding 92 mg (83%) of 3m as a yellow oil . R<sub>f</sub> = 0.47 (1/5 ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 1.19 (t, J = 7.40 Hz, 3H), 2.95 (q, J = 7.40 Hz ,2H), 3.87 (s,3H), 6.95-6.99 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 8.00-8.03 (m, 2H), 9.54 (s, 1H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 15.05, 26.78, 55.44, 114.02, 127.09, 132.94, 133.59, 152.70, 161.64, 191.83; IR (KBr) 2963.8, 2926.1, 2834.6, 1684.8, 1604.7, 1513.3, 1455.0, 1417.3, 1363.6, 1305.3, 1251.6, 1181.9, 1128.1, 1026.4, 828.7, 770.4, 668.6, 534.9 cm<sup>-1</sup>; GC-MS (EI): m/z 221.9 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (EI): 222.0715; Found: 222.0713.

### (Z)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(ethylthio)acrylaldehyde (3n)

Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/50), yielding 94 mg (83%) of 3n as a yellow oil . R<sub>f</sub> = 0.58 (1/10 ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 1.19 (t, J = 7.40 Hz, 3H ), 2.99(q, J = 7.40 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.88-7.92 (m, 2H), 9.58 (s,1H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 15.10, 26.72, 128.81, 132.42, 132.66, 136.43, 136.52, 150.15, 191.38; IR (KBr) 2984.7, 2918.7, 2834.7, 1703.2, 1581.3, 1477.3, 1375.4, 1131.5, 1085.5, 991.6, 813.6, 747.7, 681.7, 523.8 cm<sup>-1</sup>; GC-MS (EI): m/z 225.9 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClOS (EI): 226.0219; Found: 226.0217.

### (Z)-2-(ethylthio)-3-(2-nitrophenyl)acrylaldehyde (3o)

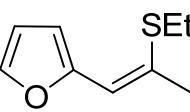
Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/20), yielding 94 mg (76%) of 3o as a brown-red oil . R<sub>f</sub> = 0.46 (1/5 ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 1.12 (t, J = 7.42 Hz, 3H), 2.84 (q, J = 7.40 Hz, 2H),



7.57-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.74 (m, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 8.19-8.22 (m, 1H), 9.70 (s, 1H),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 14.86, 26.40, 124.91, 130.21 (d, 8.53 Hz), 131.59, 133.34, 138.88, 148.02, 190.73; IR (KBr) 2984.7, 2918.7, 2816.7, 1693.2, 1581.3, 1525.3, 1347.4, 1121.5, 859.6, 785.6, 747.7, 701.7, 673.7, 607.7, 513.8  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; GC-MS (EI): m/z 236.8 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$  (EI): 237.0460; Found: 237.0466.

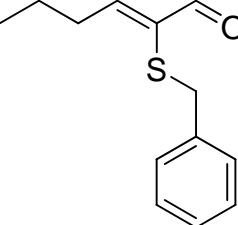
### (Z)-2-(ethylthio)-3-(furan-2-yl)acrylaldehyde (3p)

Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/50), yielding 71 mg (78%) of **3p** as a brown

 solid.  $R_f$  = 0.49 (1/10 ethyl acetate/petroleum ether); m.p. 35.5-36.9 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 1.23 (t,  $J$  = 7.40 Hz, 3H), 3.06 (q,  $J$  = 7.40 Hz, 2H), 6.60-6.62 (m, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 3.60 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd,  $J$  = 1.76 Hz, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 9.51 (s, 1H),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 15.36, 26.34, 113.16, 118.38, 131.98, 137.96, 145.49, 150.82, 190.29; IR (KBr) 3108.2, 2967.8, 2833.4, 1689.2, 1631.8, 1589.5, 1462.8, 1357.1, 1194.1, 1115.6, 1017.4, 946.5, 756.3, 656.6, 621.9, 508.7  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; GC-MS (EI): m/z 181.9 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2\text{S}$  (EI): 182.0402; Found: 184.0404.

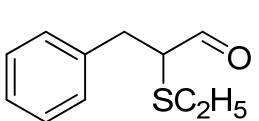
### (Z)-2-(benzylthio)hex-2-enal (3q)

Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/50), yielding 70 mg (64%) of **3q** as a yellow

 solid.  $R_f$  = 0.49 (1/20 ethyl acetate/petroleum ether); m.p. 36.8-38.7 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 1.23 (t,  $J$  = 7.40 Hz, 3H), 1.26-1.35 (m, 2H), 2.32-2.38 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 6.93 (t,  $J$  = 7.34 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.26 (m, 5H), 9.39 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 13.72, 21.45, 32.61, 36.37, 126.97, 128.31, 128.90, 137.09, 138.15, 162.48, 191.21; IR (KBr) 3034.5, 2965.5, 2919.6, 1696.9, 1596.8, 1498.3, 1450.8, 1166.8, 1083.1, 753.3, 699.1  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; GC-MS (EI): m/z 220.0 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{OS}$  (EI): 220.0922; Found: 220.0925.

### **2-(ethylthio)-3-phenylpropanal (3r)**

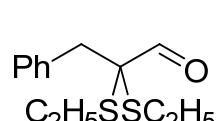
Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/50), yielding 85 mg (80%) of **3r** as a



colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.59$  (1/20 ethyl acetate/petroleum ether);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 1.21$  (t,  $J = 7.44$  Hz, 3H), 2.36-2.49 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.93 (m, 1H), 3.11-3.17 (m, 1H), 3.39-3.44 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 2H), 9.27 (s, 1H),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 14.42, 24.29, 34.34, 54.13, 126.94, 128.67, 128.96, 137.40, 192.81$ ; IR (KBr) 2981.1, 2916.8, 2823.4, 1713.3, 1641.4, 1598.5, 1454.6, 1361.2, 1139.2, 759.4, 695.1; GC-MS (EI): m/z 194.0 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{OS}$  (EI): 194.0765; Found: 194.0766.

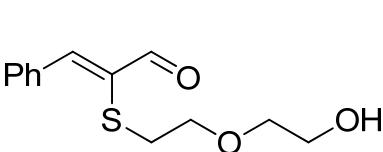
### **2,2-bis(ethylthio)-3-phenylpropanal (3s)**

Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/100), yielding 79 mg (83%) of **3s** as a



colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.41$  (1/50 ethyl acetate/petroleum ether);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 1.20$  (t,  $J = 7.52$  Hz, 6H), 2.46-2.55 (m, 4H), 3.22 (s, 2H), 7.23-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 4H), 9.21 (s, 1H),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 13.88, 23.26, 39.58, 68.54, 127.27, 128.22, 130.44, 135.09, 188.89$ ; IR (KBr) 3035.8, 2969.3, 2929.7, 2870.2, 1703.4, 1498.1, 1458.4, 1372.1, 1265.9, 1033.7, 974.2, 756.1, 696.7, 576.3  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; GC-MS (EI): m/z 254.0 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{OS}_2$  (EI): 254.0799; Found: 254.0800.

### **(Z)-2-((2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethyl)thio)-3-phenylacrylaldehyde(3t)**



Purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/1), yielding 94 mg (76%) of **3t** as a yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.47$  (1/4 ethyl acetate/petroleum ether);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 2.58$  (s, 1H), 3.14 (t,  $J = 6.24$  Hz, 2H), 3.45-3.47 (m, 2H), 3.58-3.61 (m, 2H), 3.61-3.65 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.93-7.98 (m, 2H), 9.57 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 31.98, 61.64, 70.30, 72.02, 128.62, 130.87, 131.34, 134.03, 135.42, 152.54, 191.79$ ; IR (KBr) 3415.7, 2944.8, 2860.5, 1692.9, 1585.9, 1548.6, 1457.8, 1274.6, 1123.8, 1062.2, 758.9, 690.8, 538.4; GC-MS (EI): m/z 252.0 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{S}$  (EI): 252.0820 ; Found: 252.0816

## 2,3-bis(ethylthio)-3-phenylpropanal

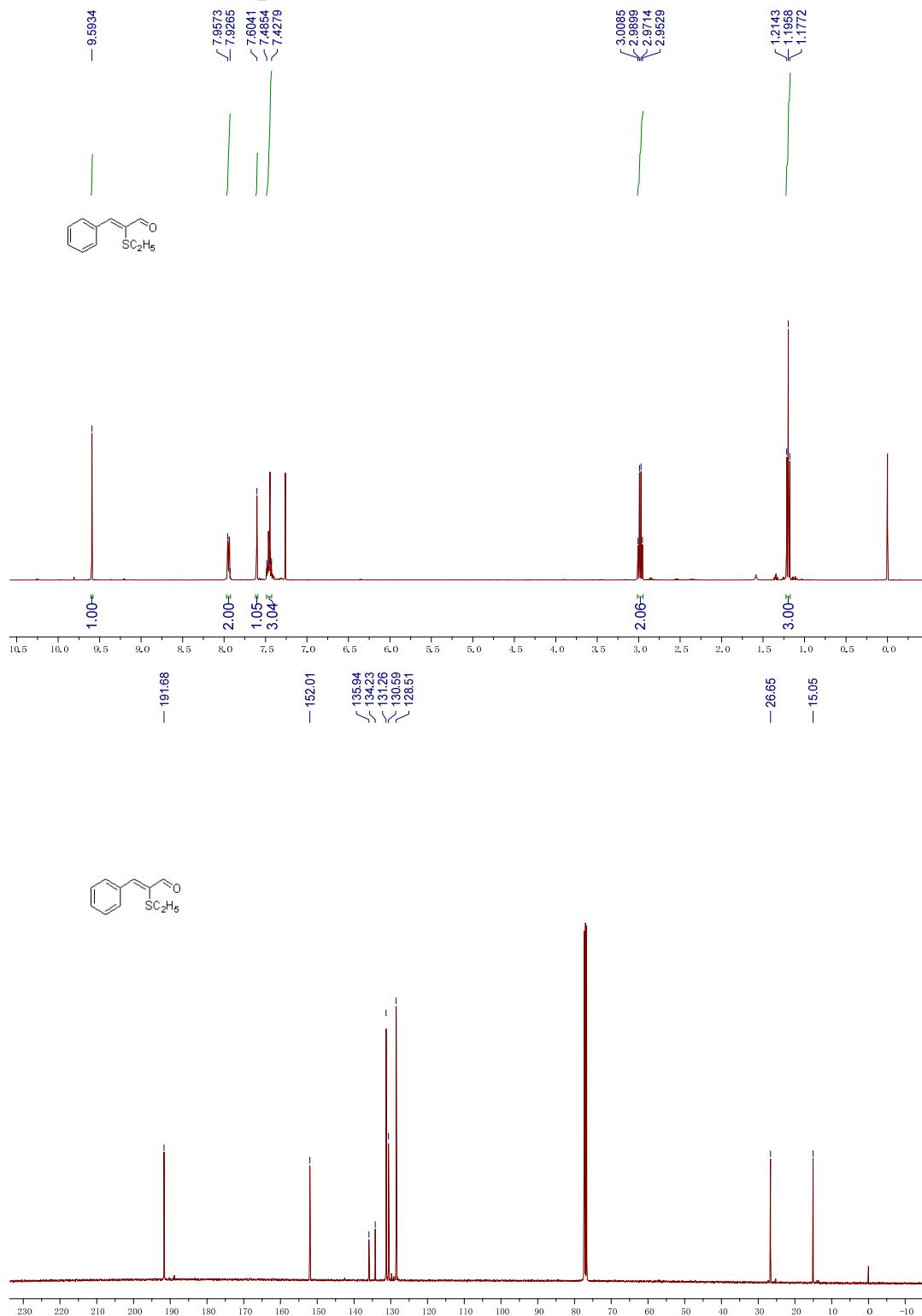
Purified with diethyl ether/petroleum ether (1/30), yielding 33 mg (26%) of **IV** as a yellow

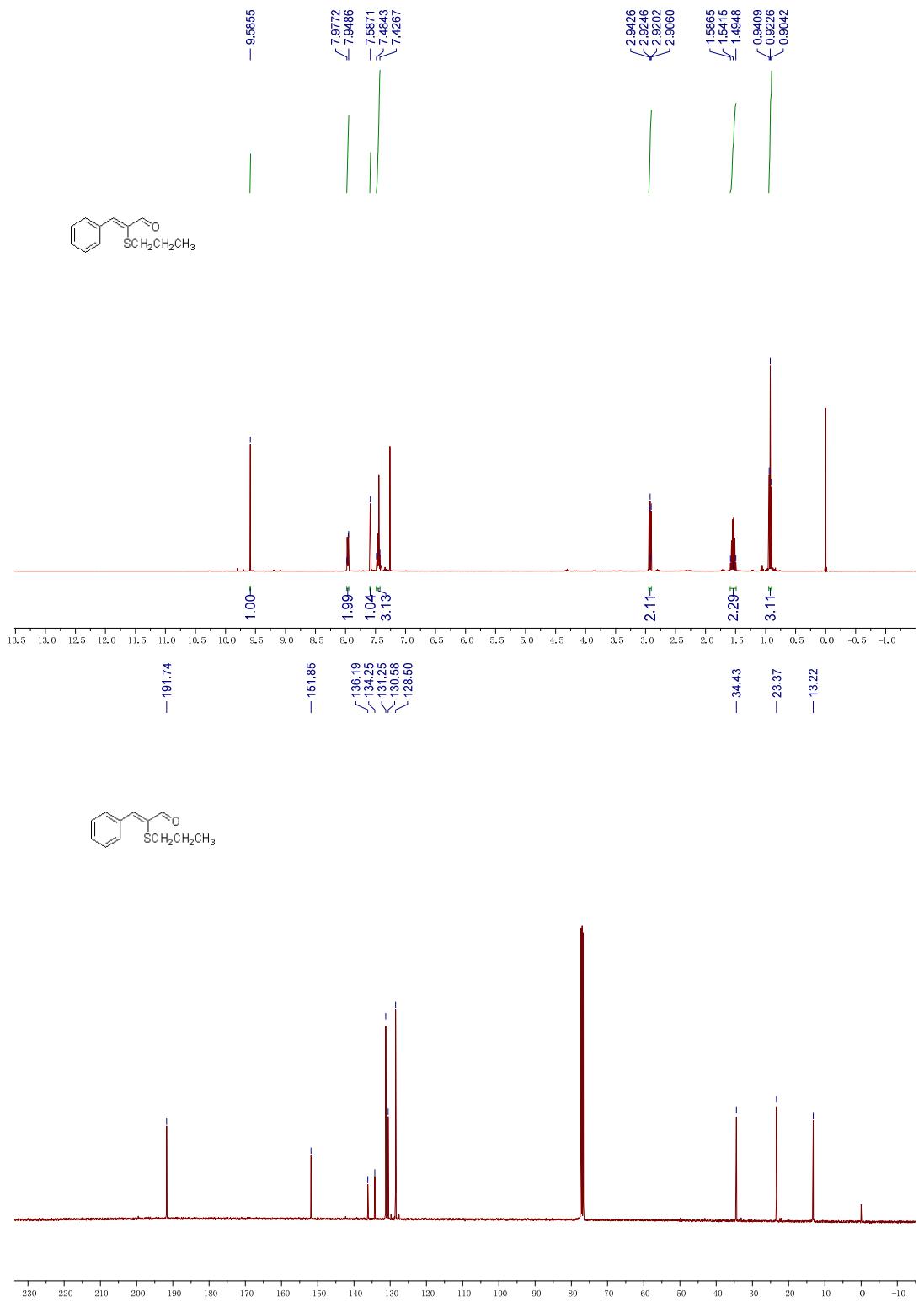
oil.  $R_f = 0.40$  (1/20 ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 9.2034$  (d,  $J = 5.72\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 7.2569-7.3764 (m, 5H), 3.9101 (d,  $J = 11.48\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.4625 (dd,  $J_1 = 11.52\text{Hz}$ ,  $J_2 = 5.76\text{Hz}$ ), 1.0789-1.2624 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 189.18$ , 138.68, 128.81, 128.29, 127.94, 56.97, 47.09, 25.61, 25.10, 14.26, 14.05; GC-MS (EI): m/z 254.0 ( $\text{M}^+$ )

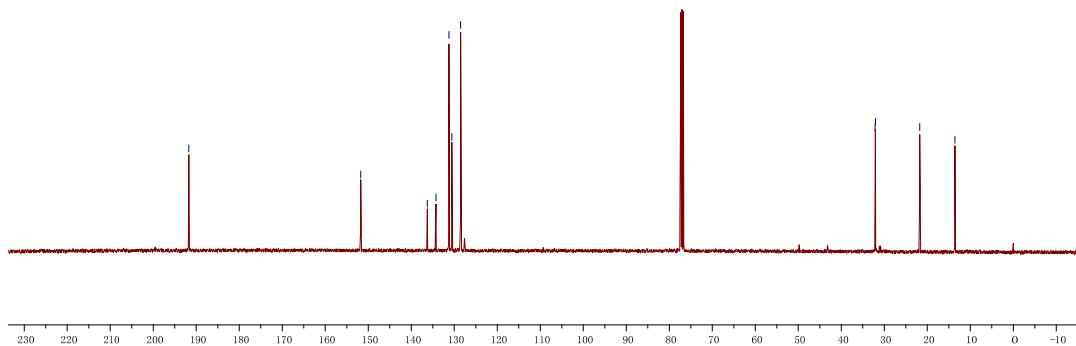
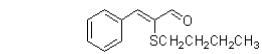
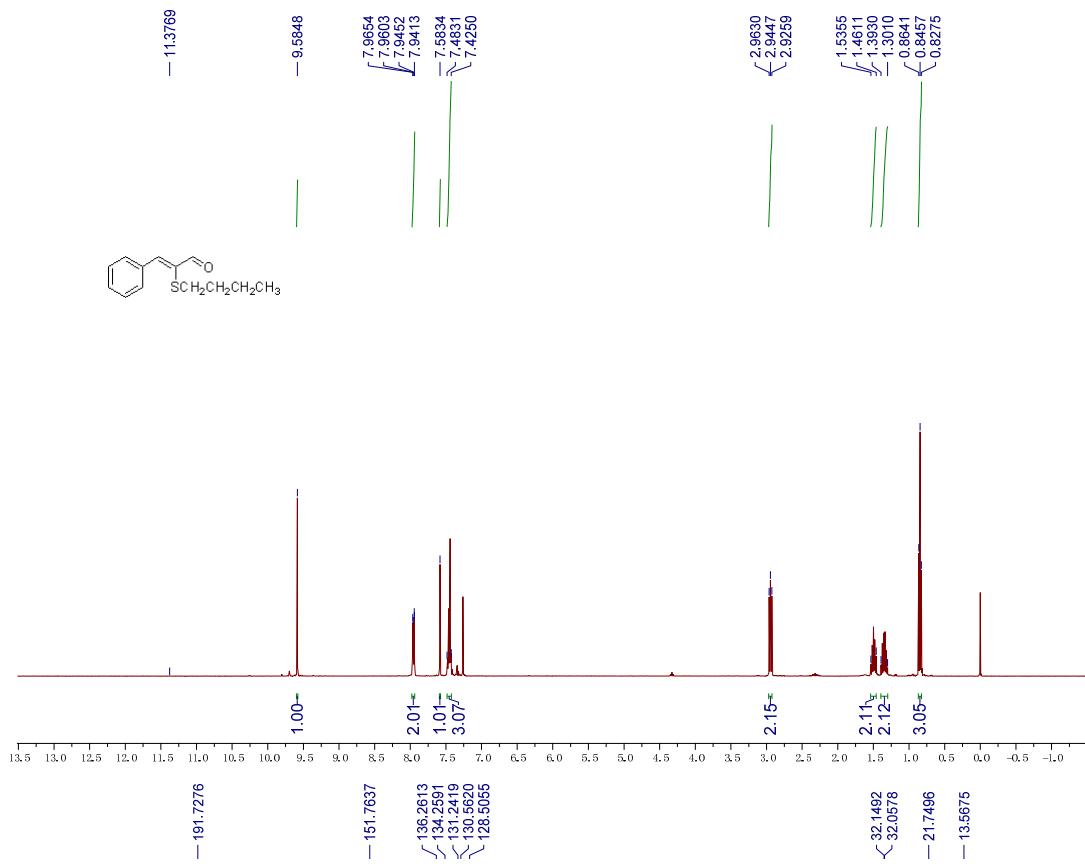
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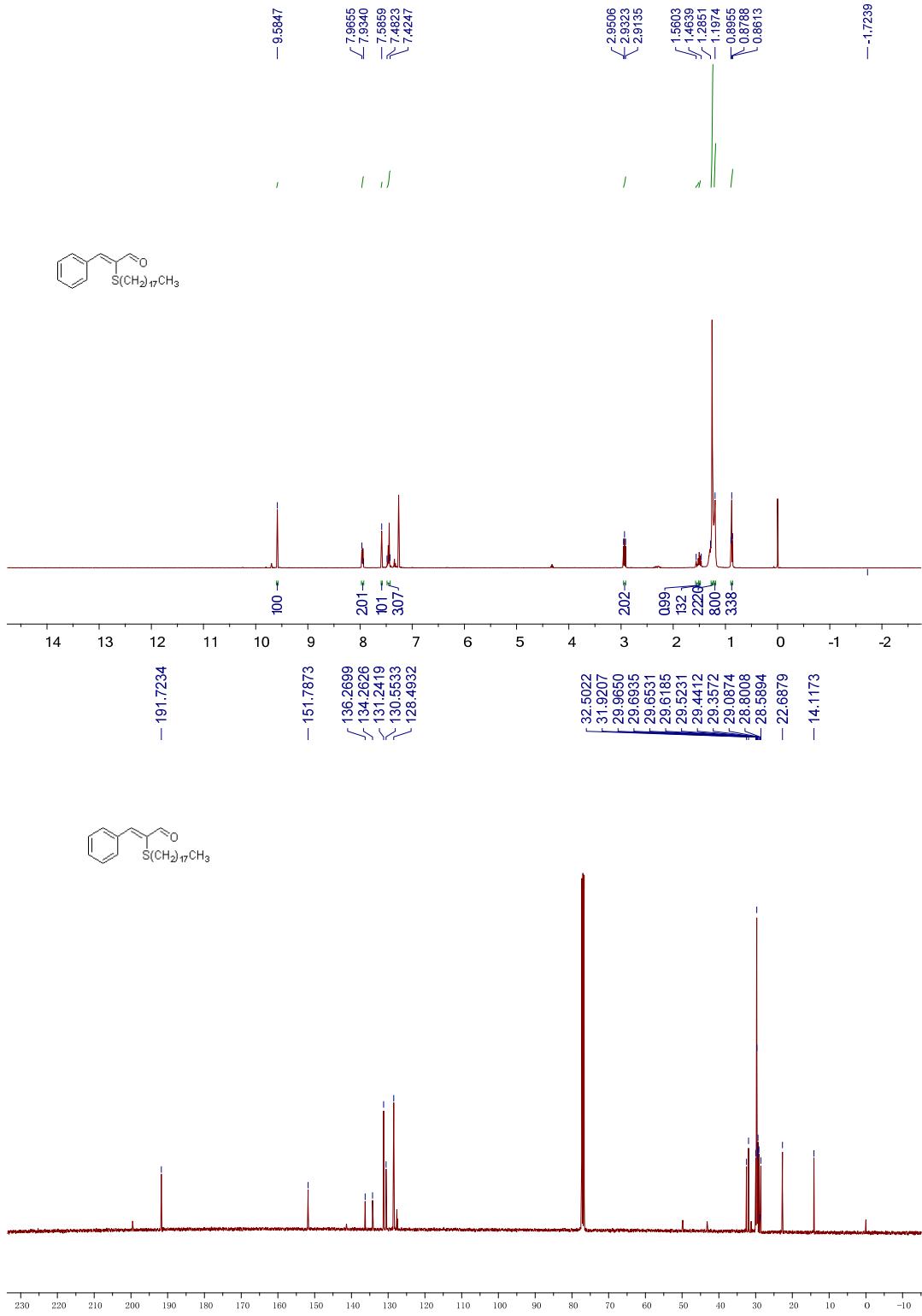
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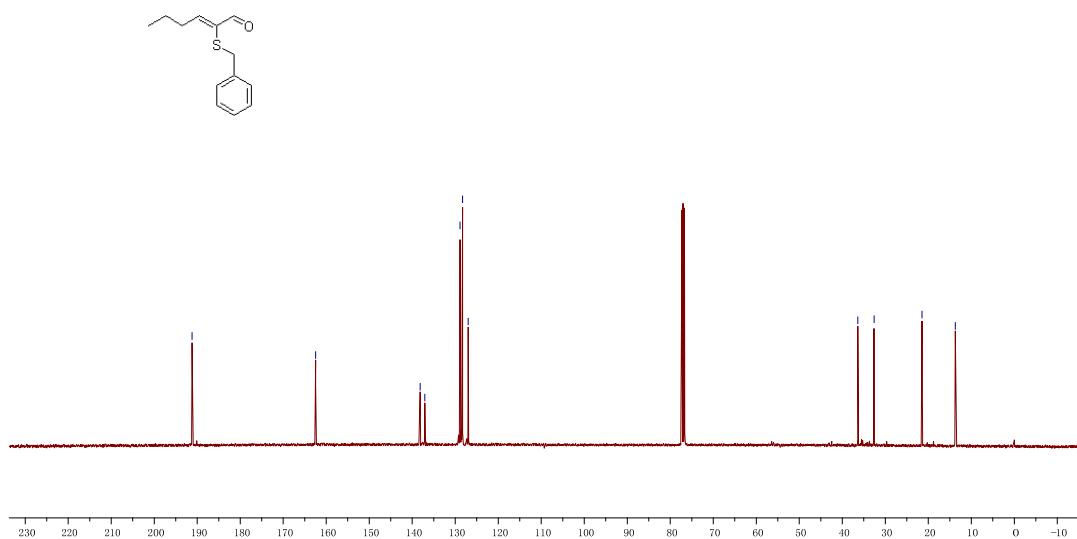
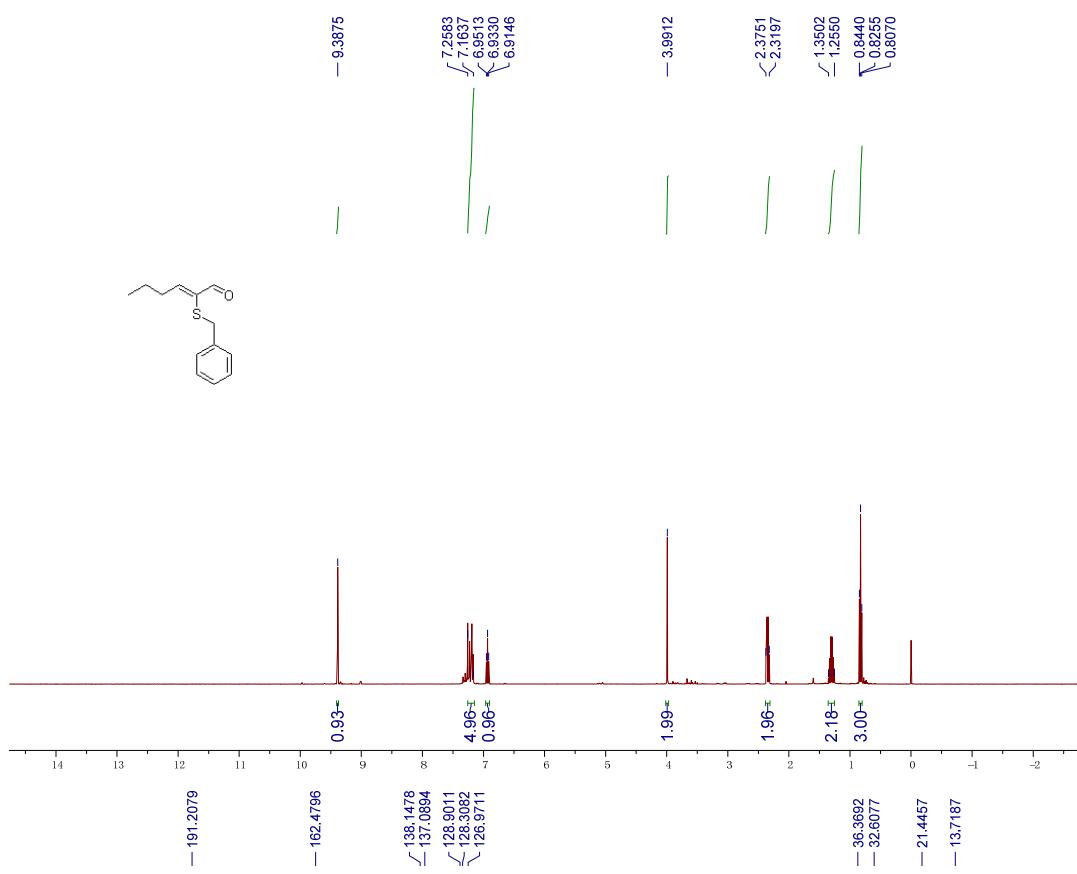
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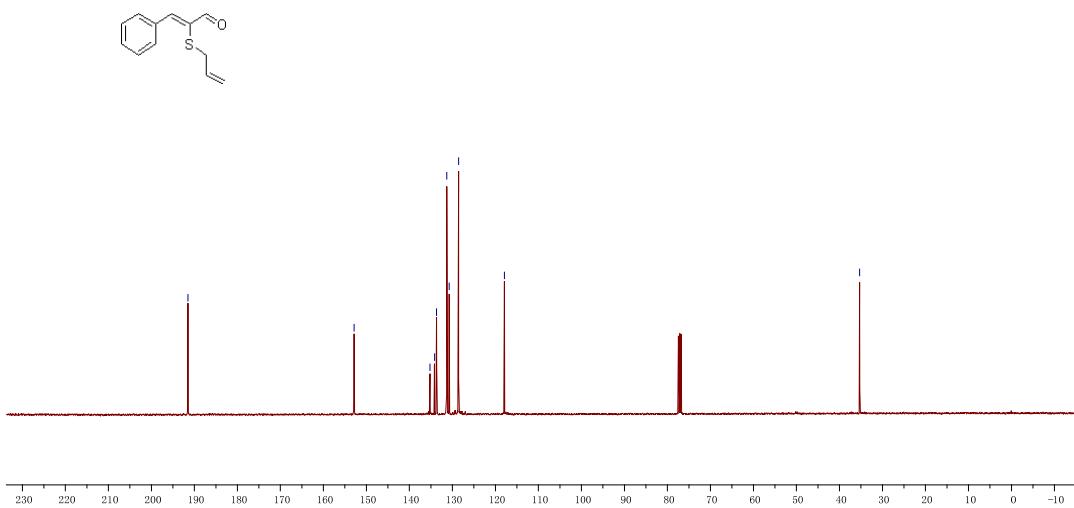
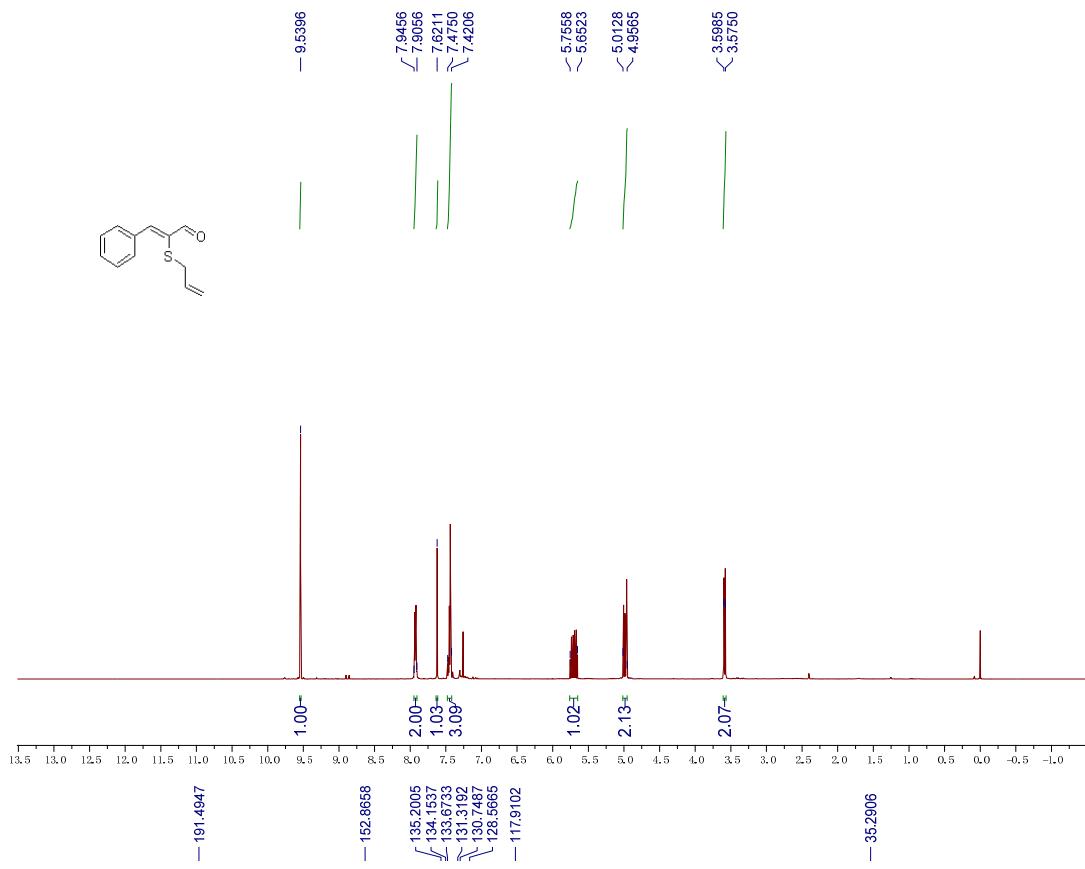


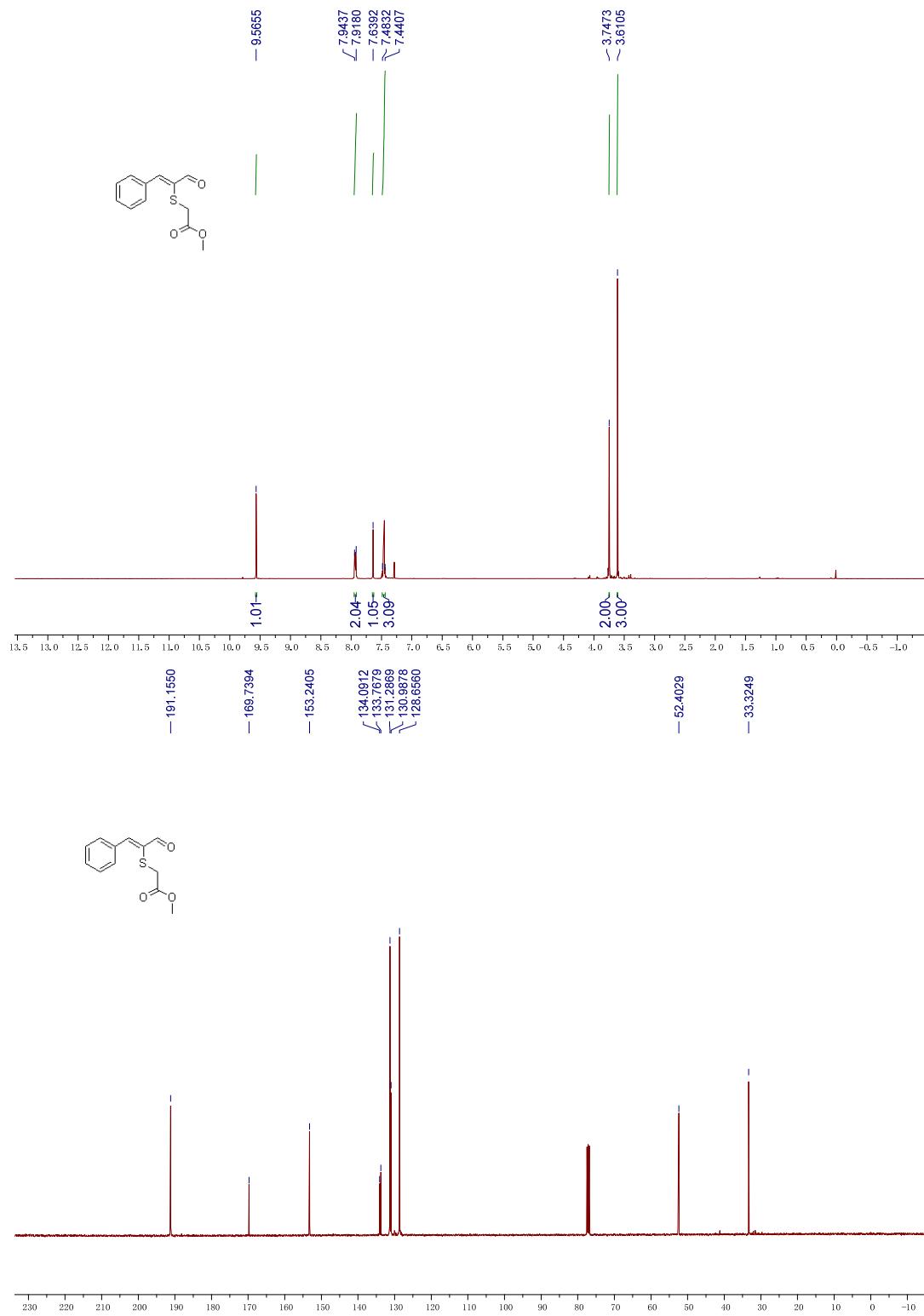


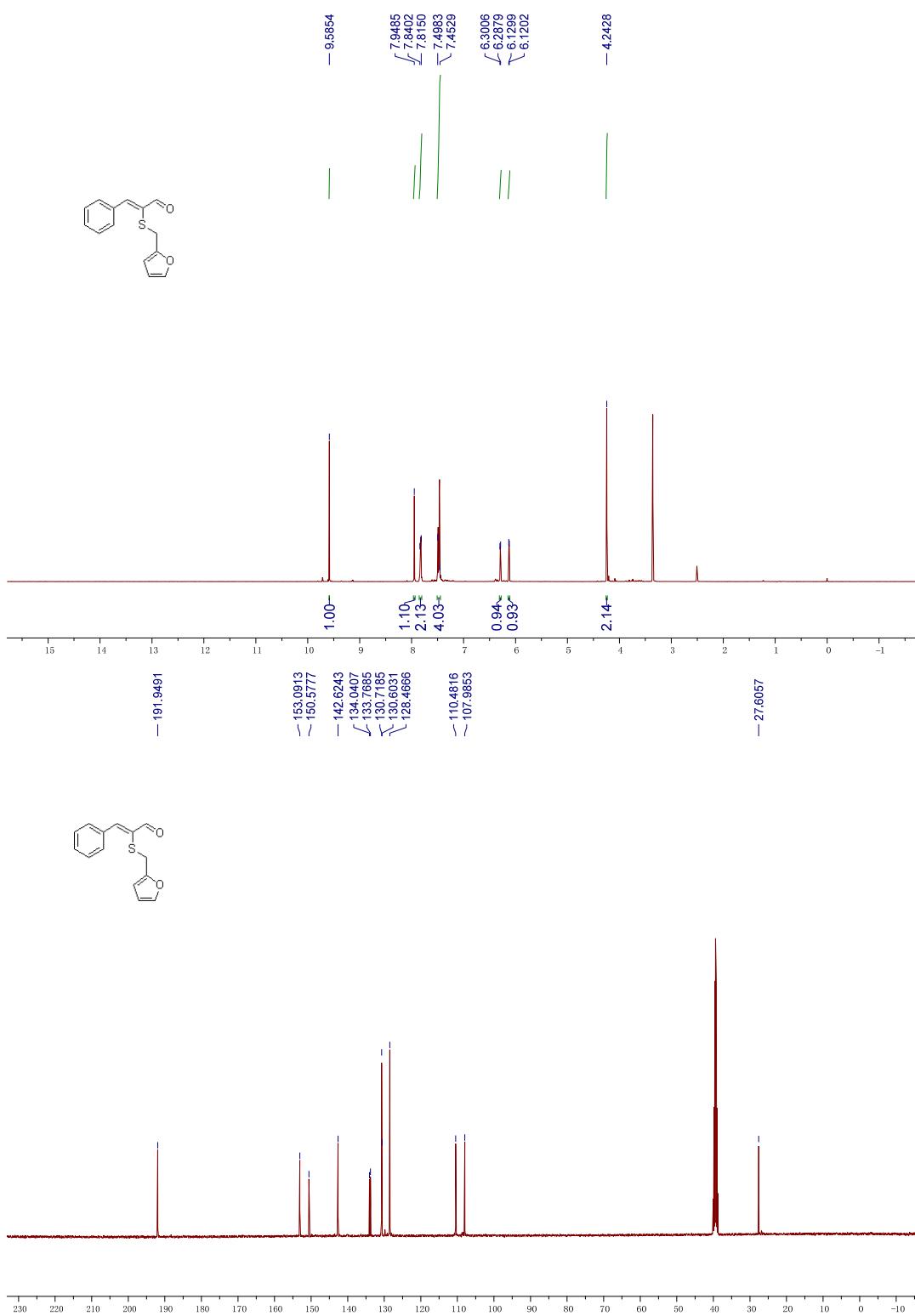


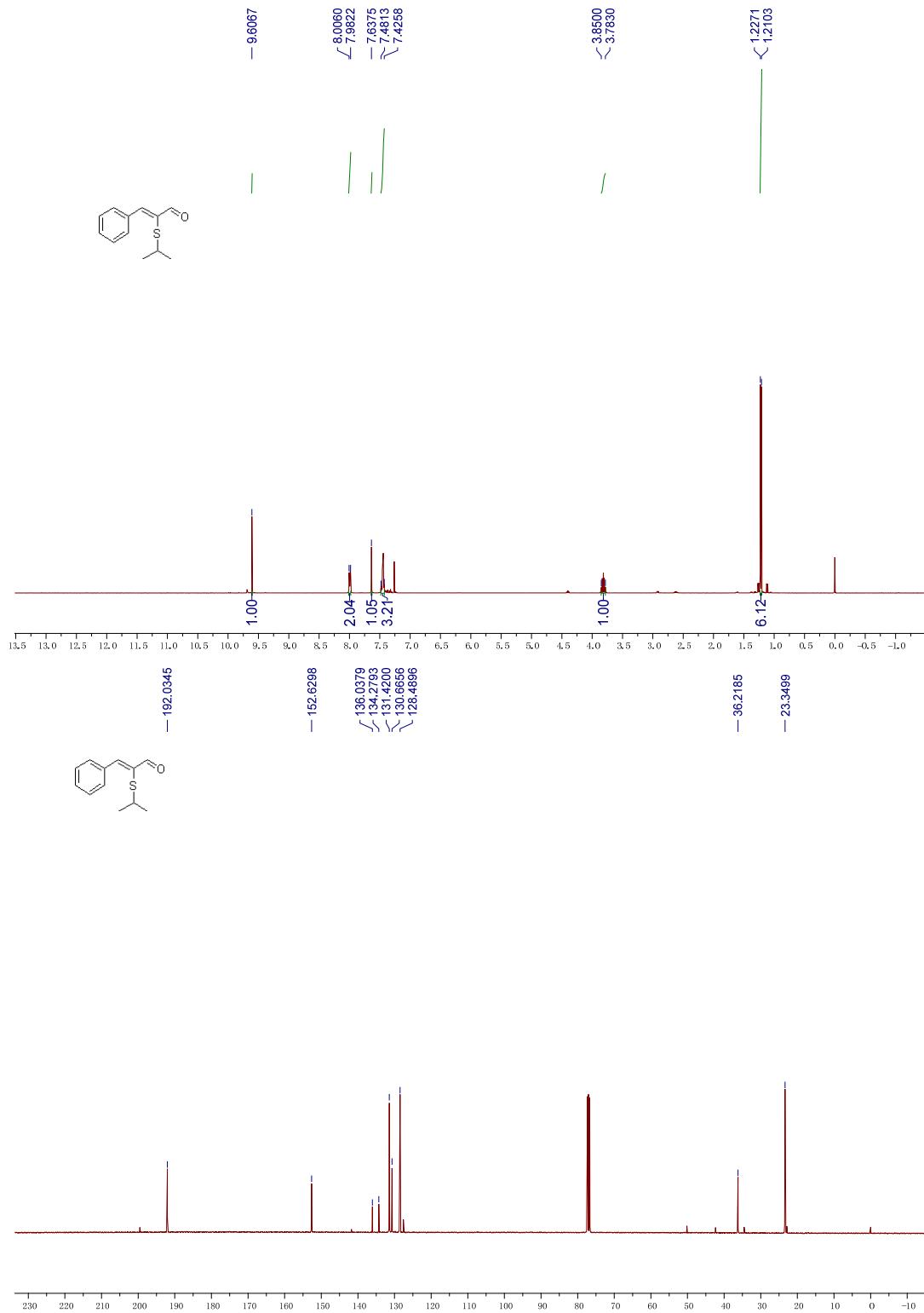


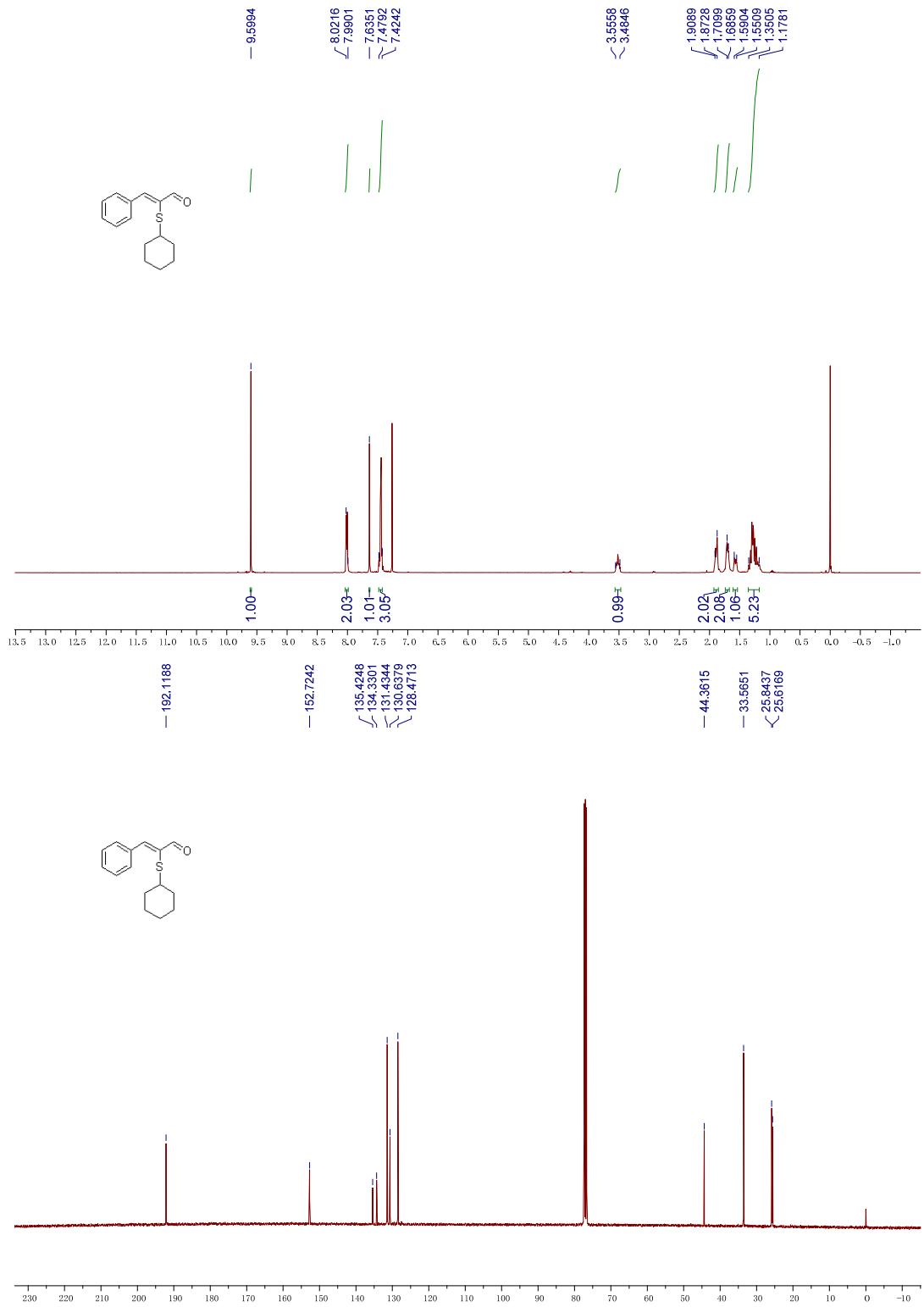


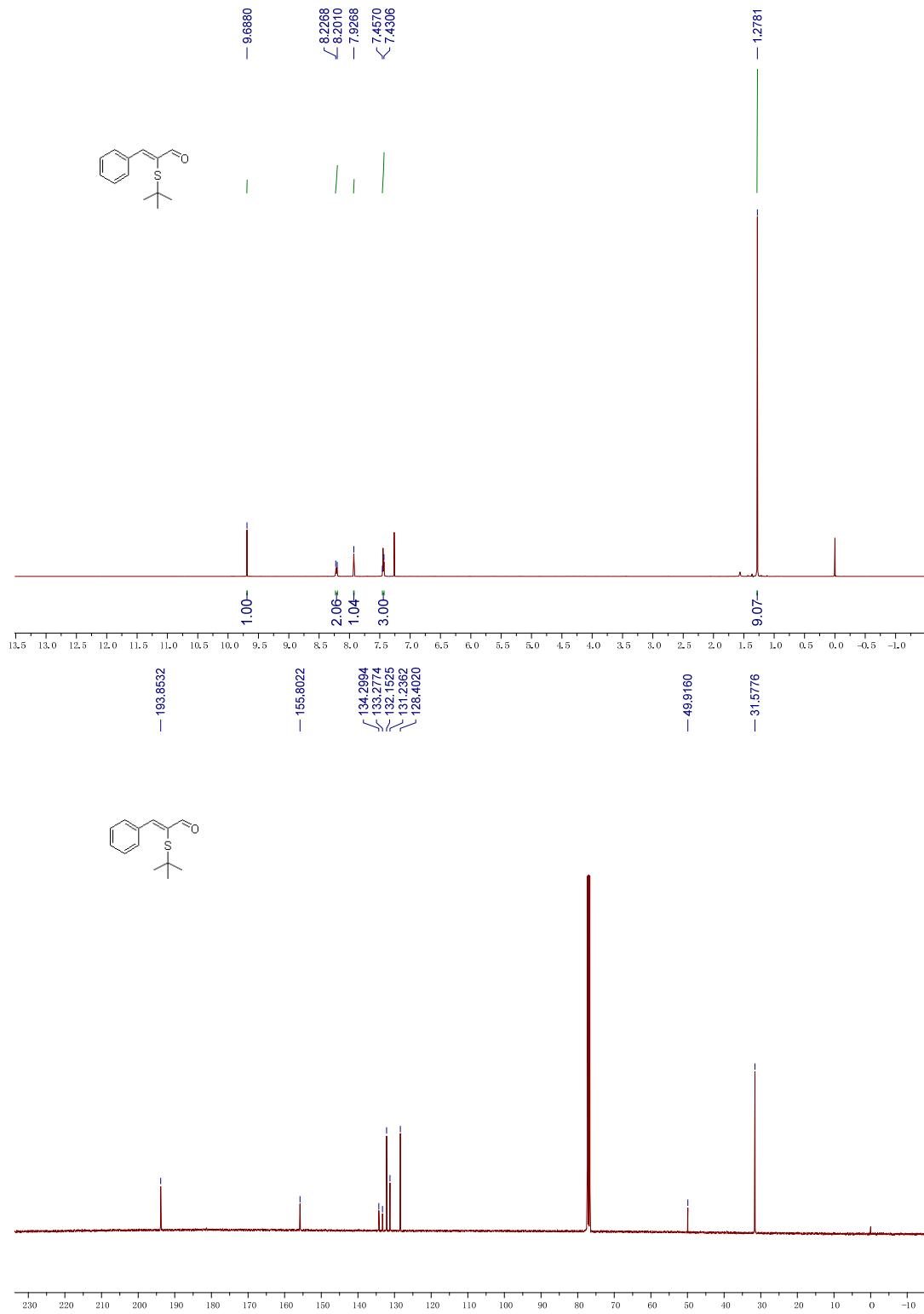


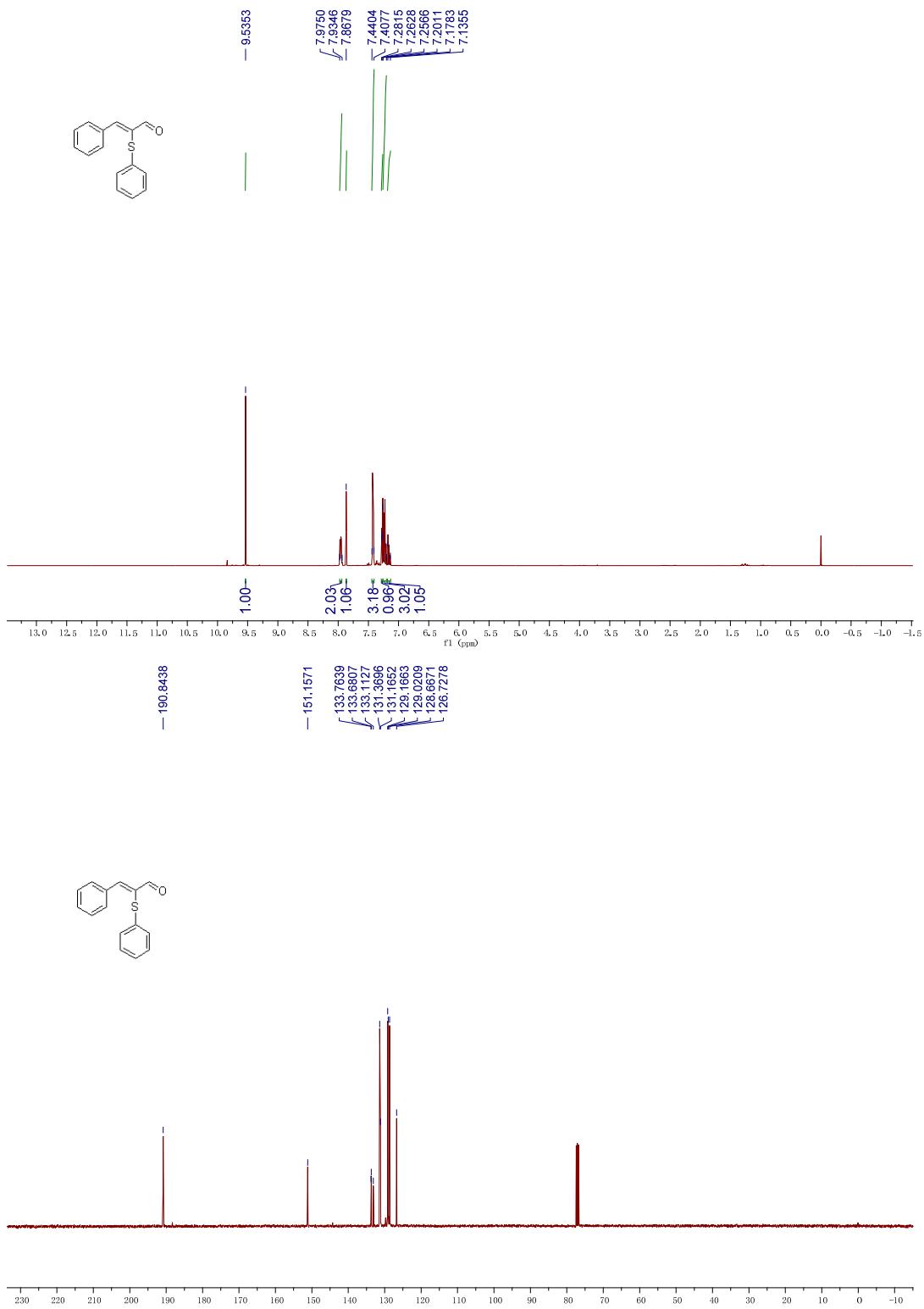


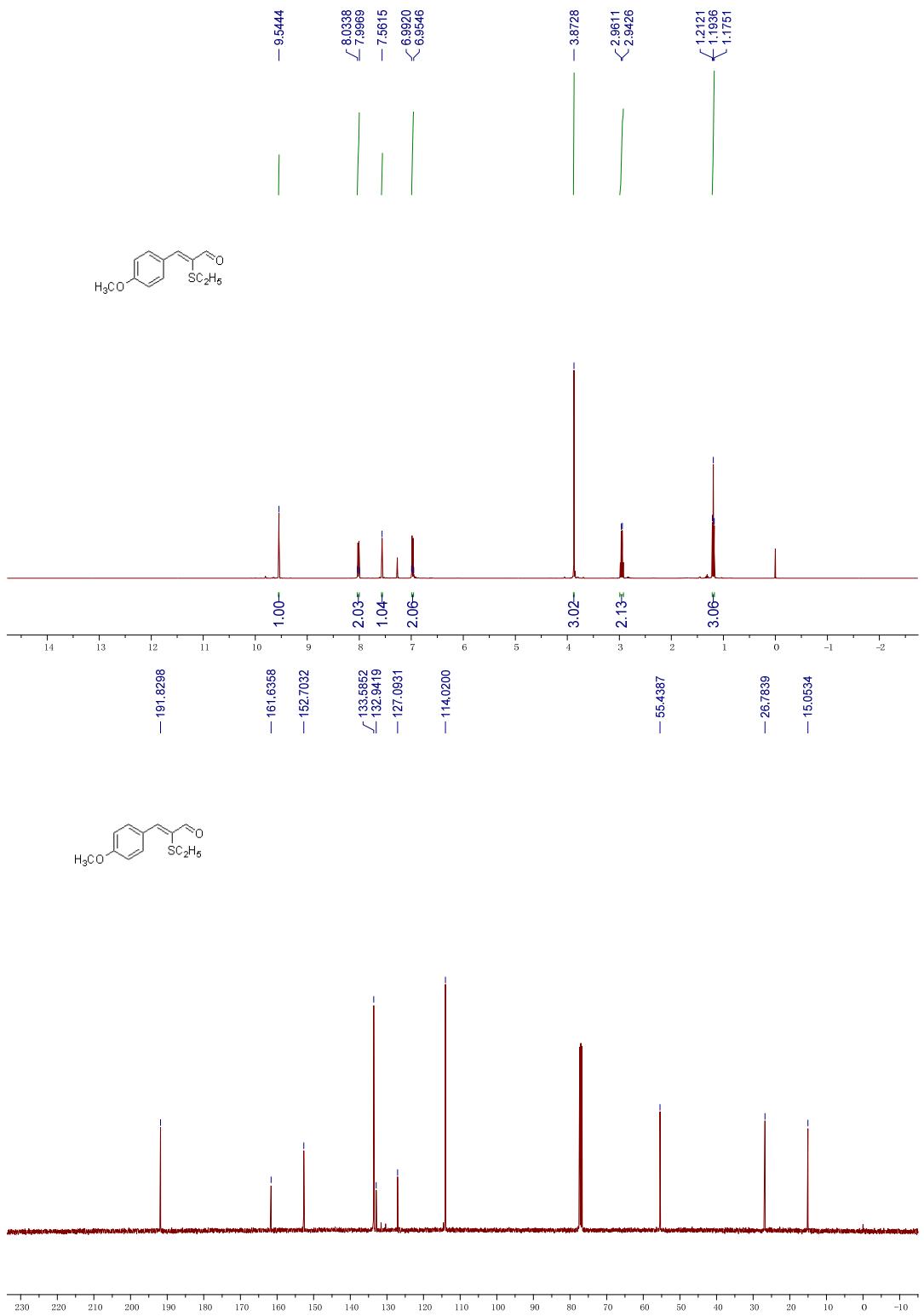


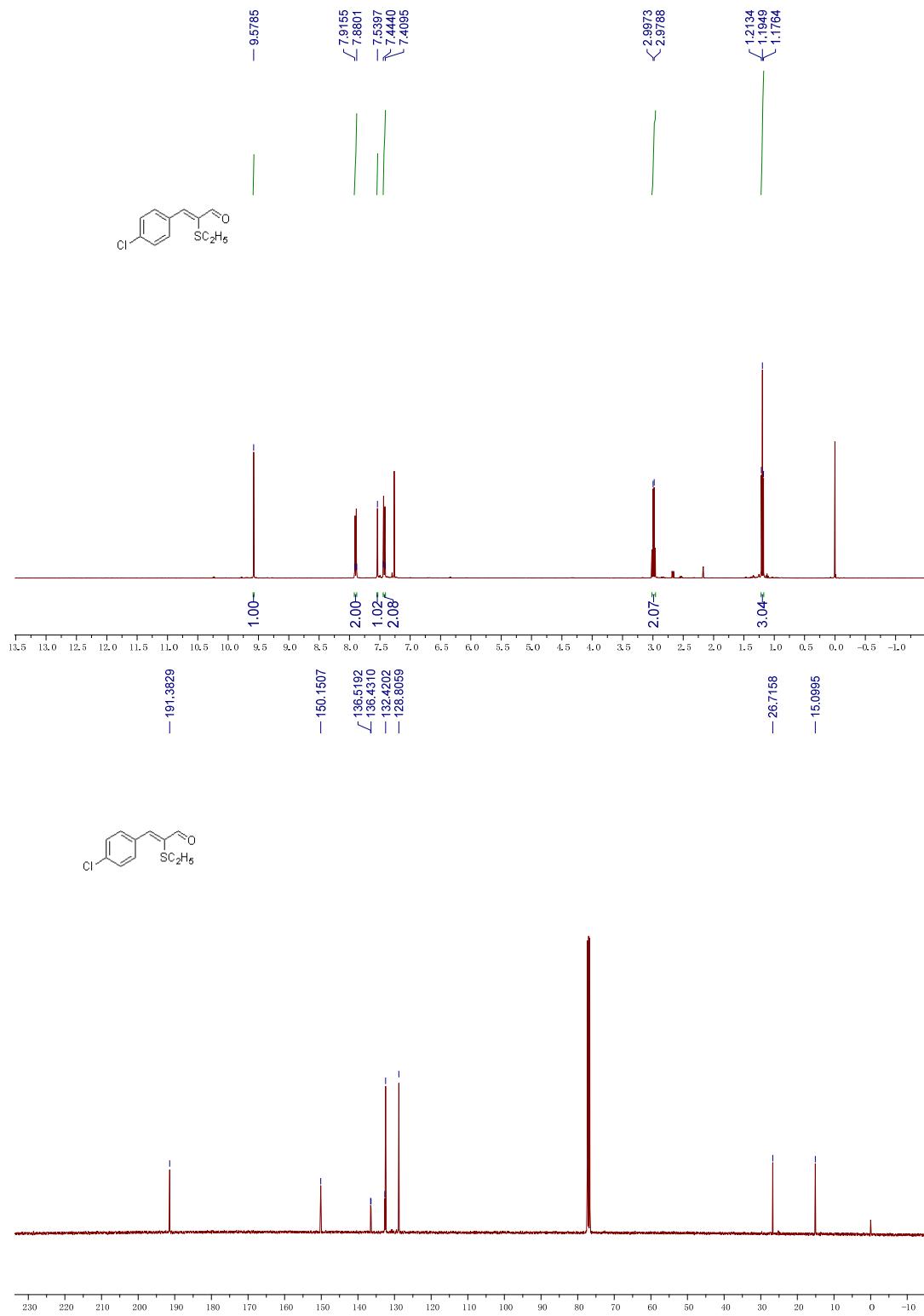


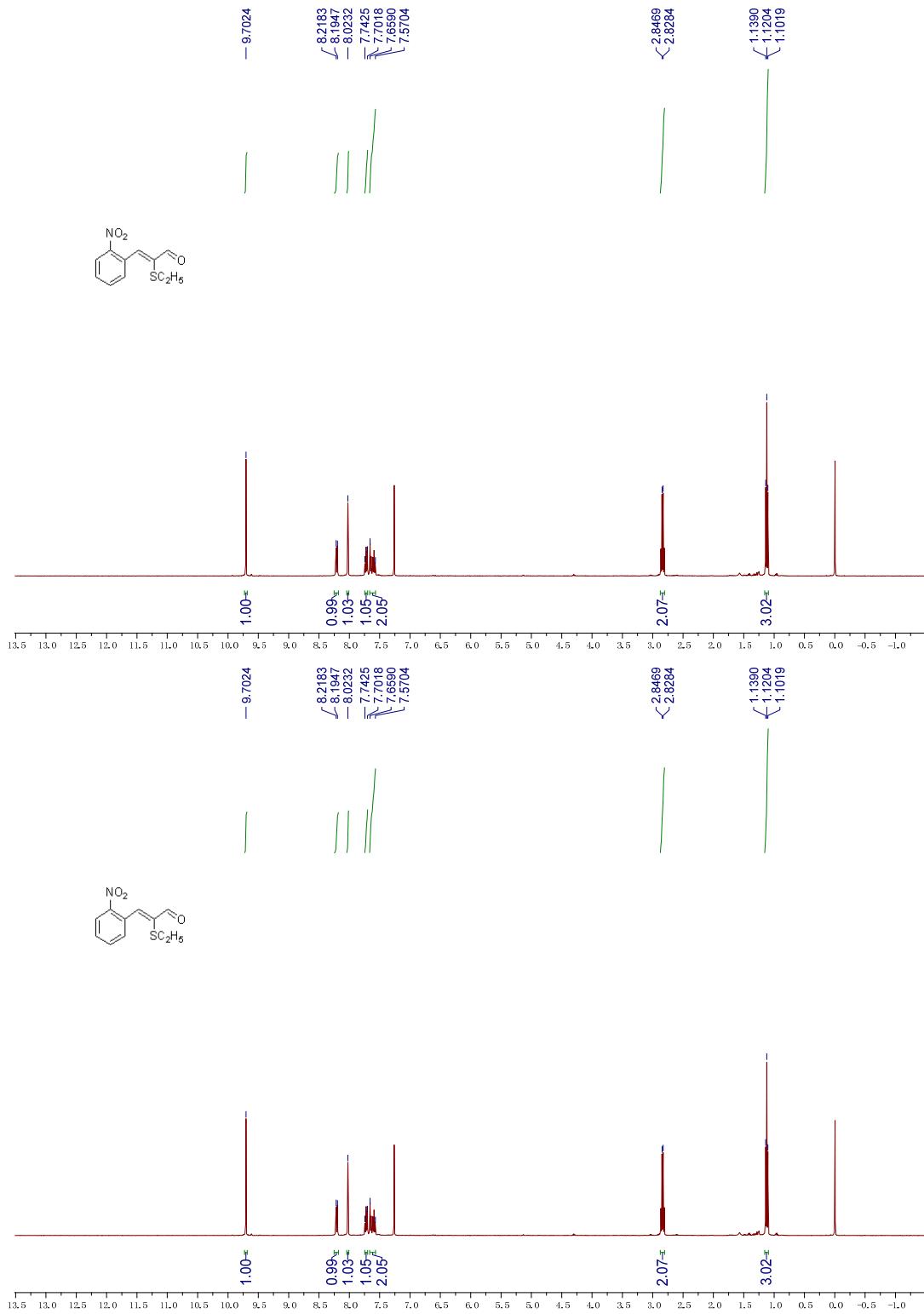


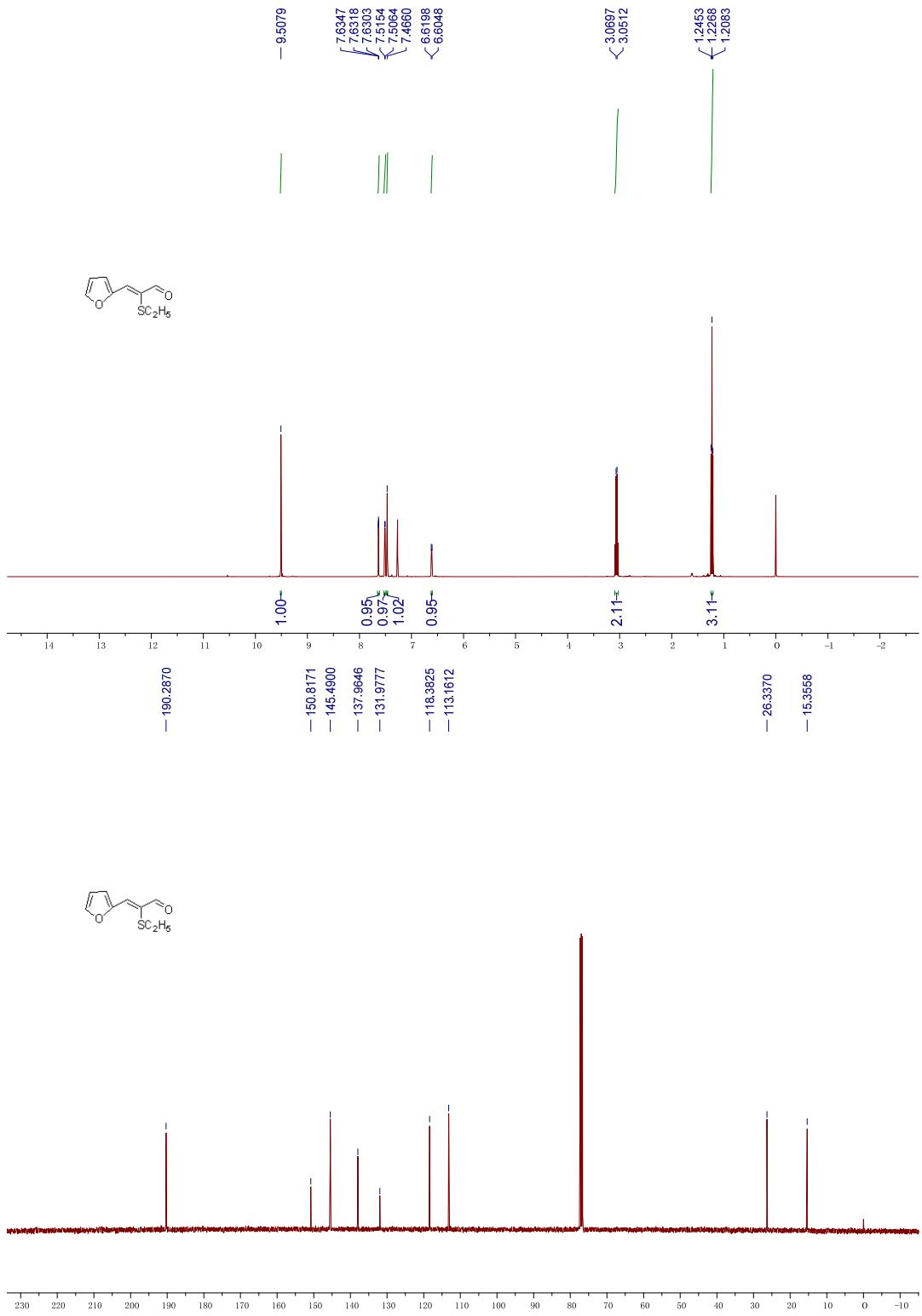


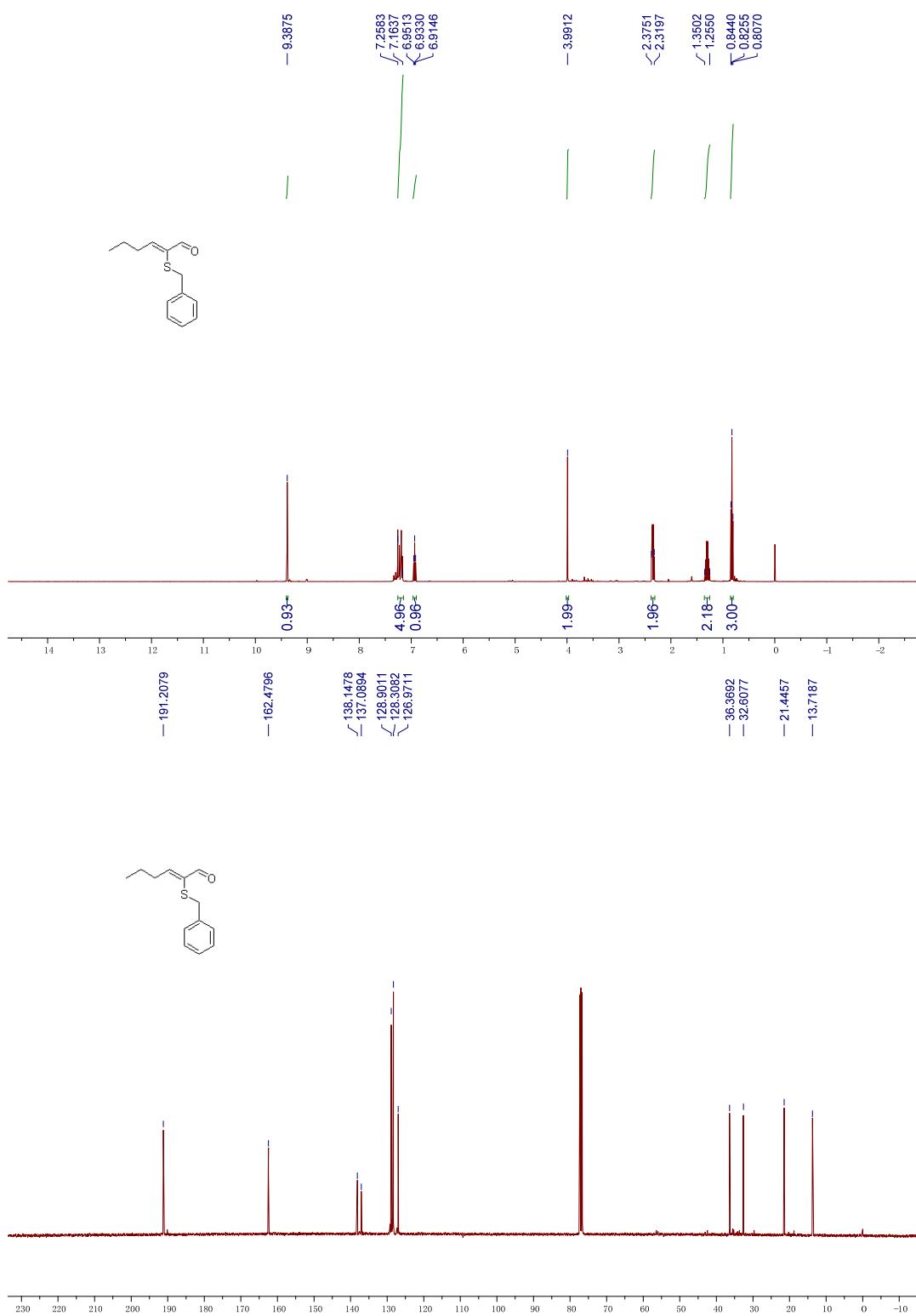


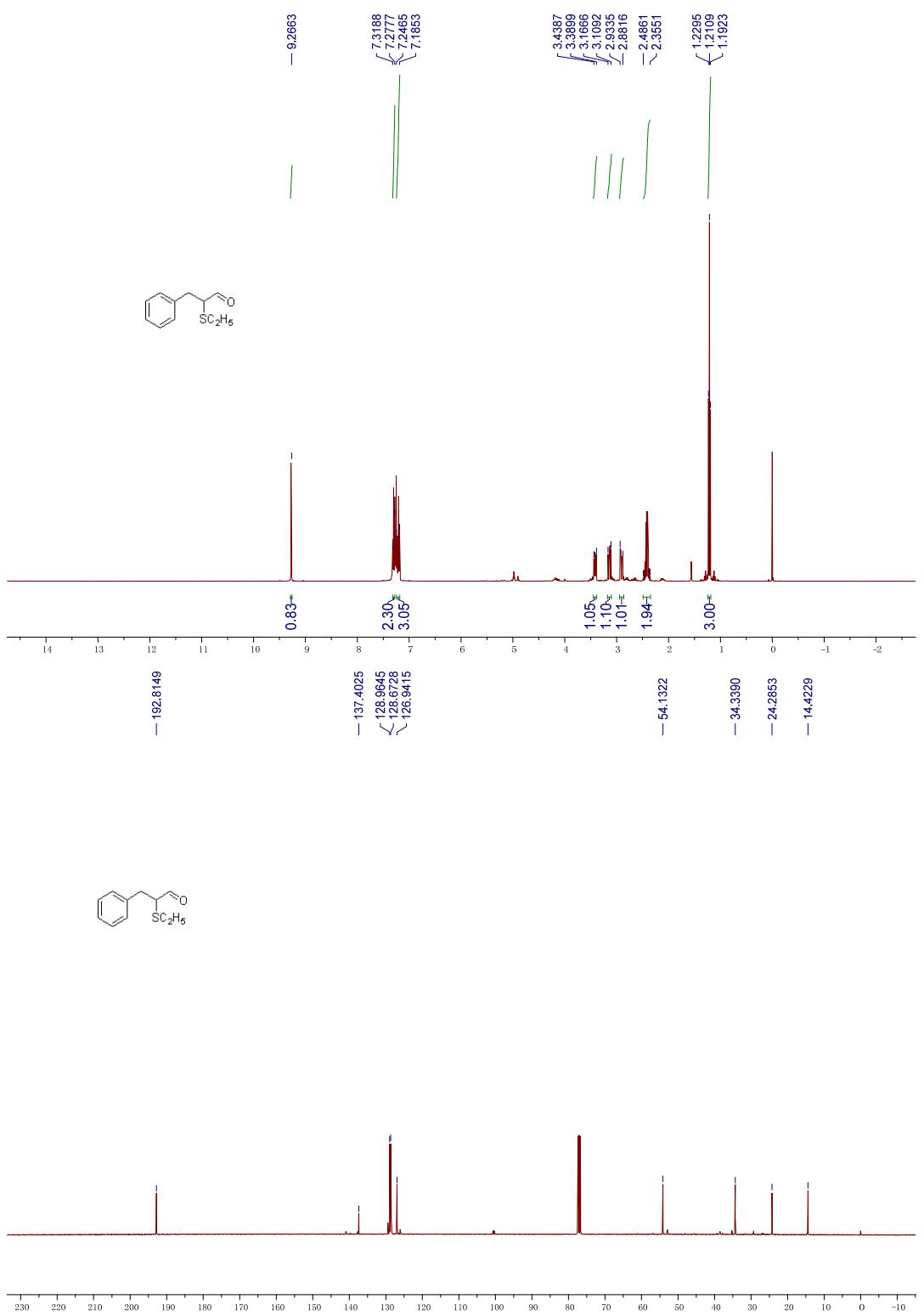


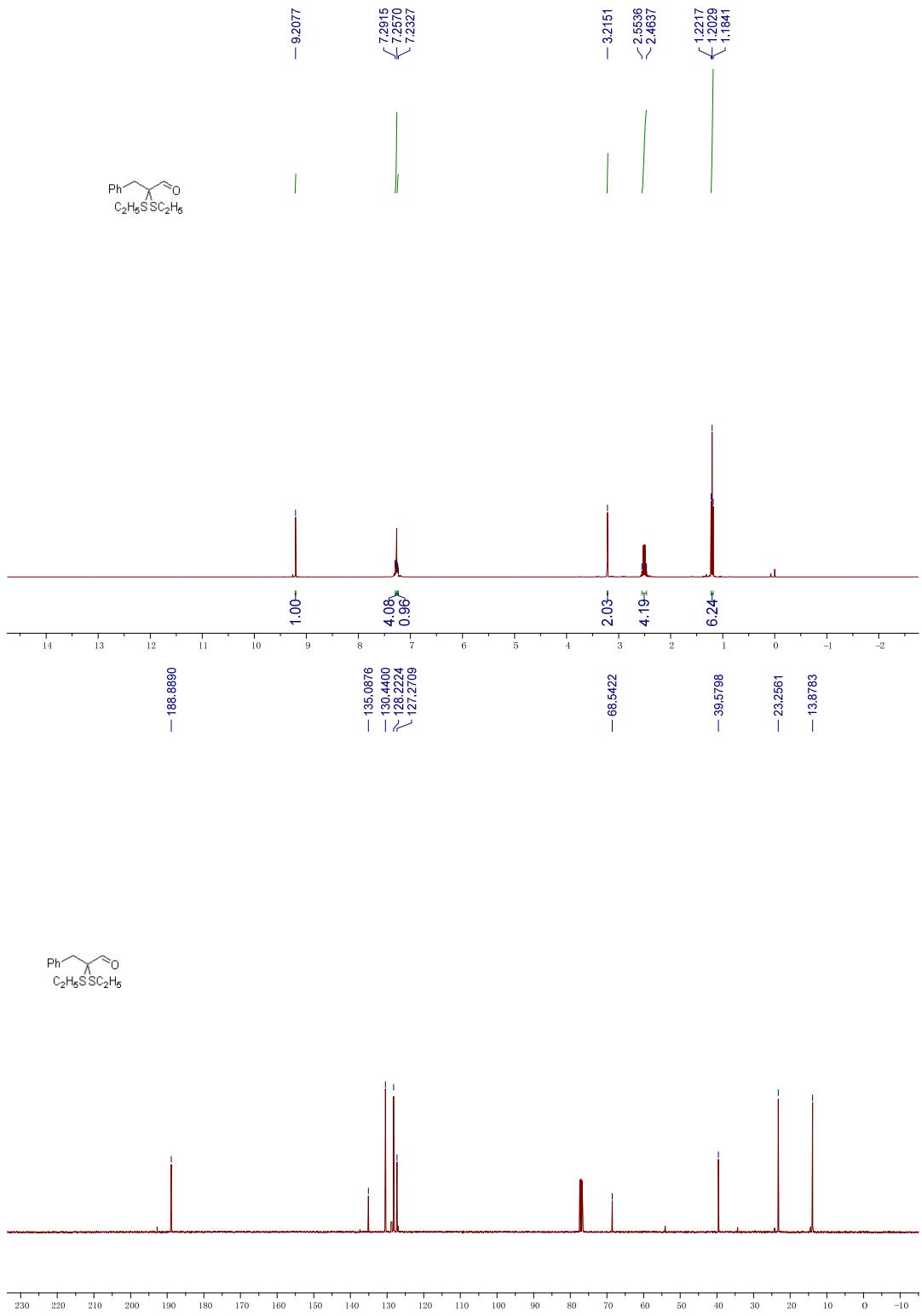


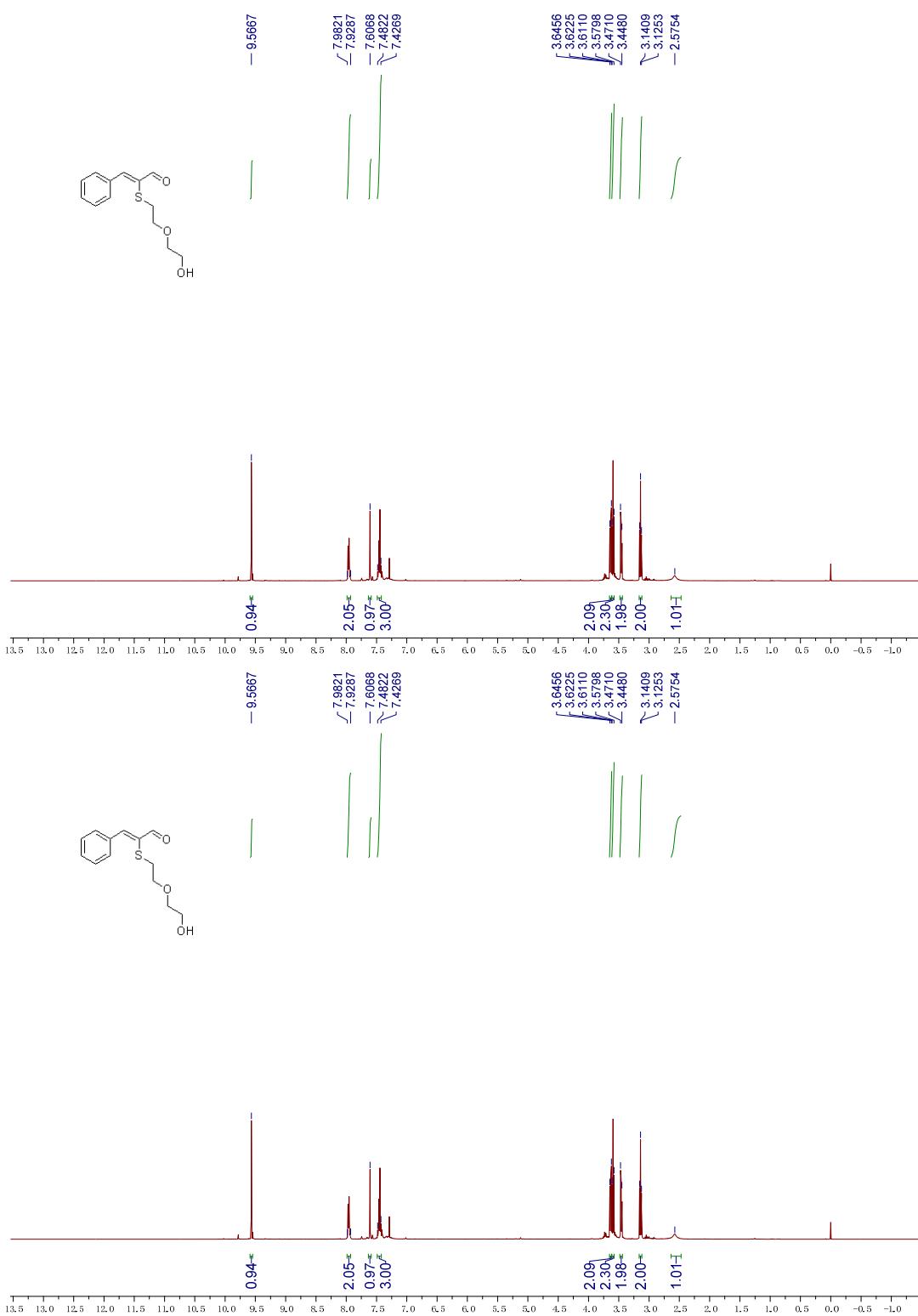




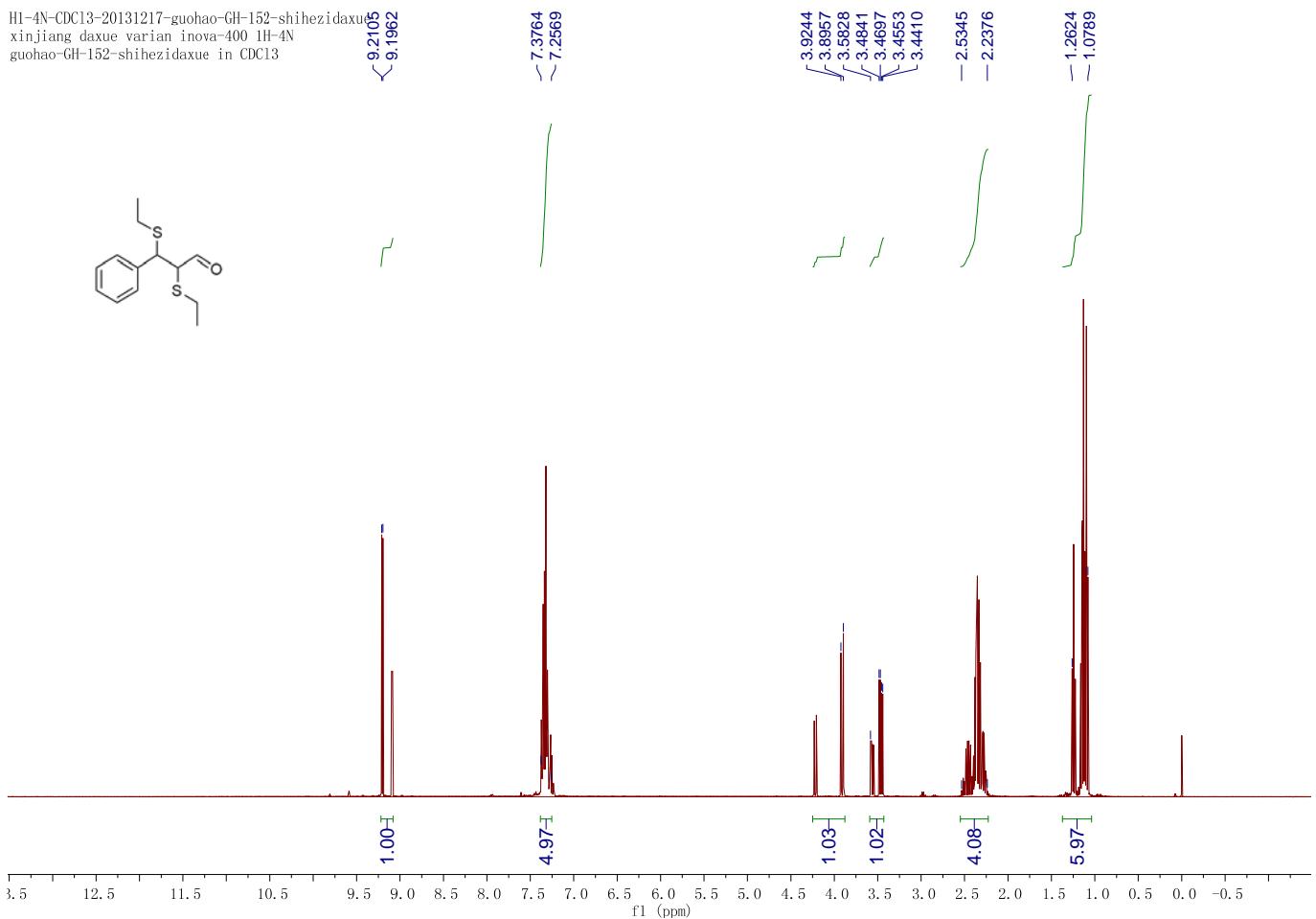




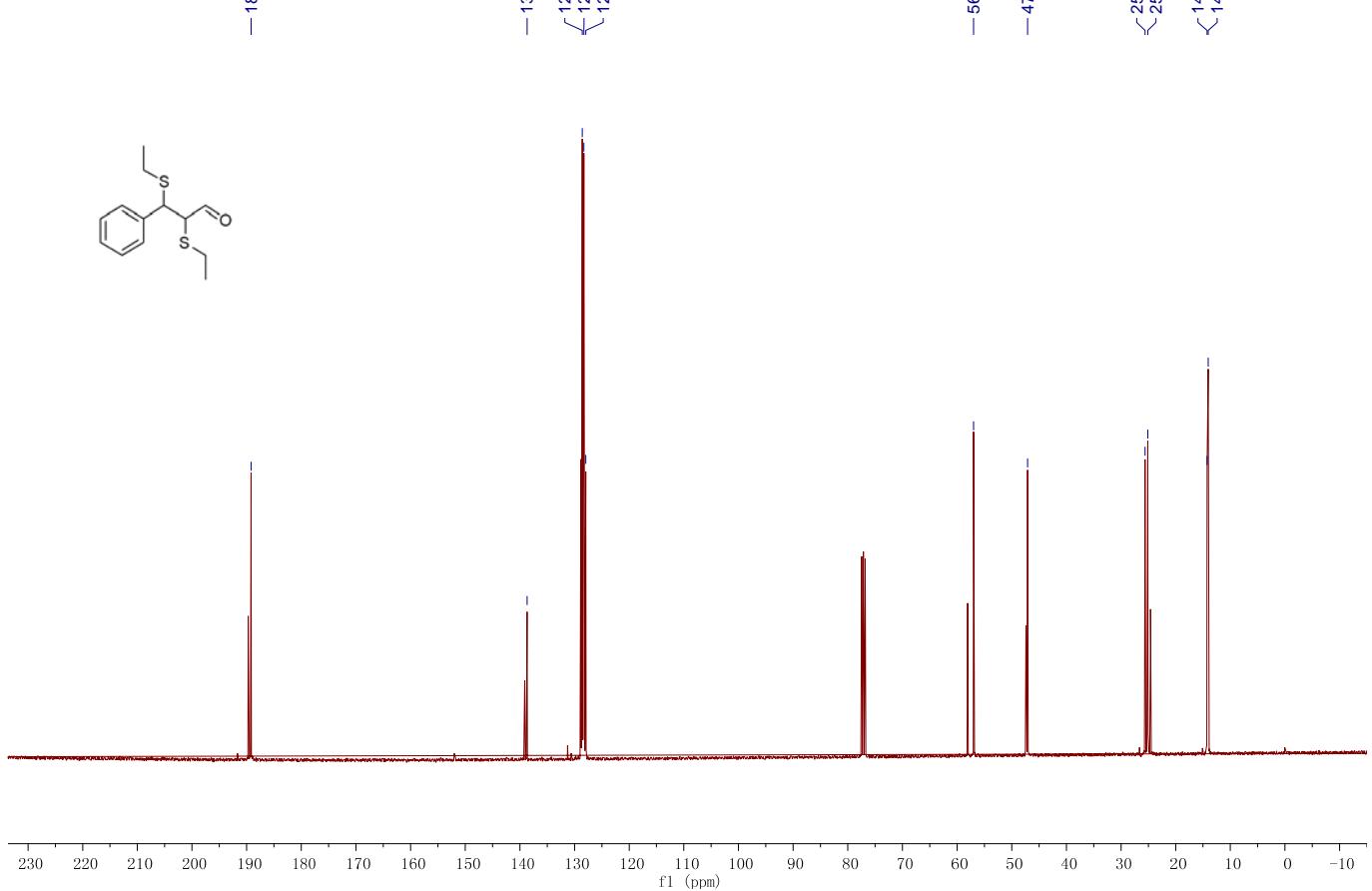




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