

## *Supporting information*

### **Hydroesterification of styrene derivatives catalyzed by an acidic resin supporting Palladium complexes**

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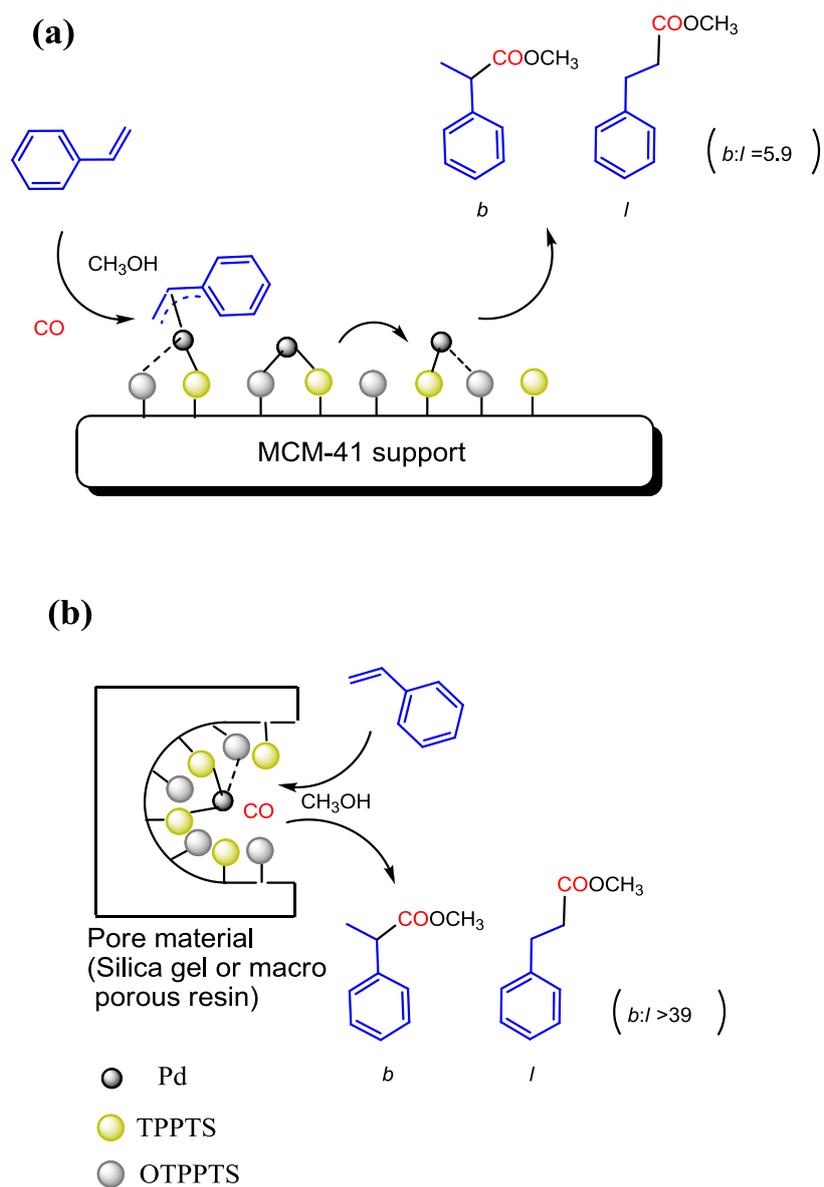
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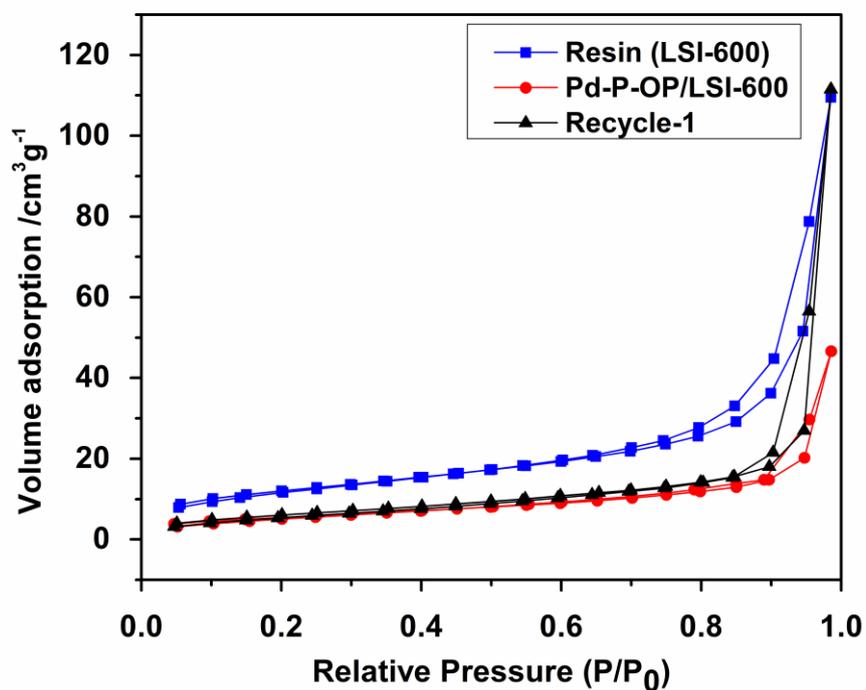
**Table S1.** The physical properties of supports.

Entries	Samples	BET surface area $/\text{m}^2\text{g}^{-1}$	Mean pore diameter $/\text{nm}$	Pore volume $/\text{cm}^3\text{g}^{-1}$
1	LSI-600	42.4	19.1	0.17
2	LSCA-10	15.5	17.1	0.07
3	LSCA-30	15.7	17.0	0.11
4	CT-450	12.8	17.2	0.13
5	Amberlyst 15	44.5	40.0	0.36
6	Amberlist IR 120	0.8	-	<0.001
7	Silica gel	337.8	32.9	0.91
8	MCM-41	800	3.5	0.70
9	Quartz	1.2	-	<0.003

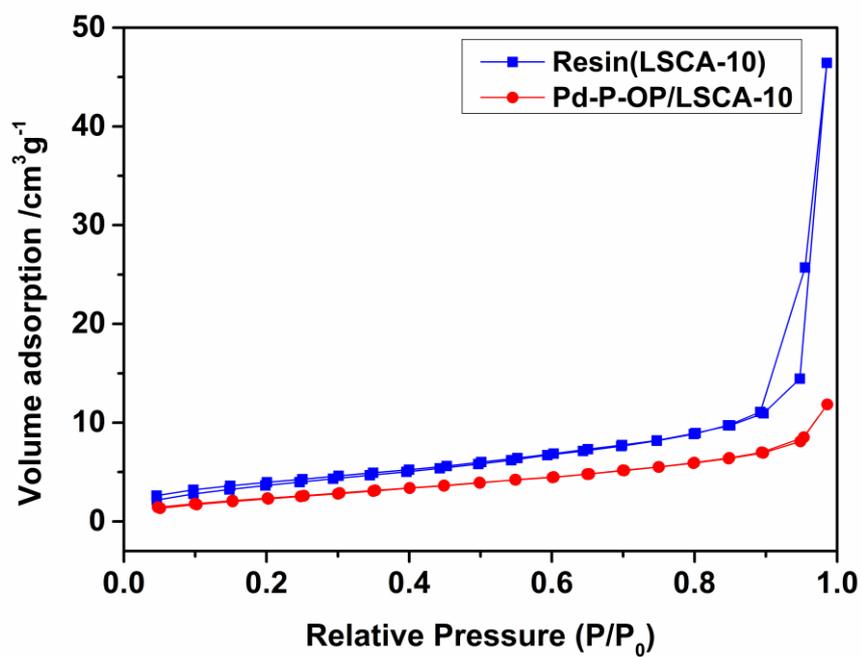


**Figure S1.** The steric confinement effect of the supports: (a) MCM-41 as the support (MCM-41 with an average pore size of 3.5 nm); (b) Silica gel and macro porous resins with an average pore size of 15-33 nm as support.

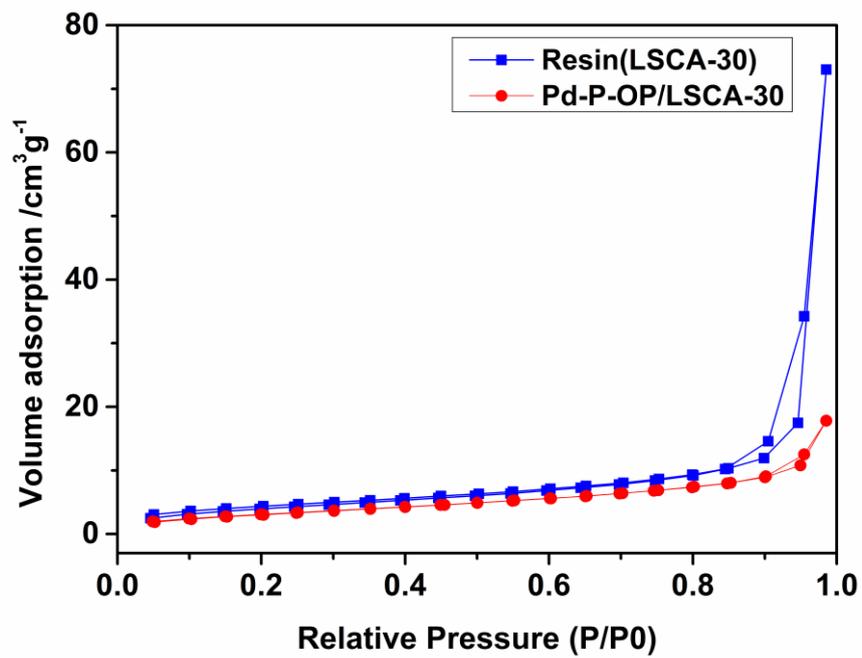
### Nitrogen adsorption isotherms of resins and the Pd-P-OP/Resin catalyst.



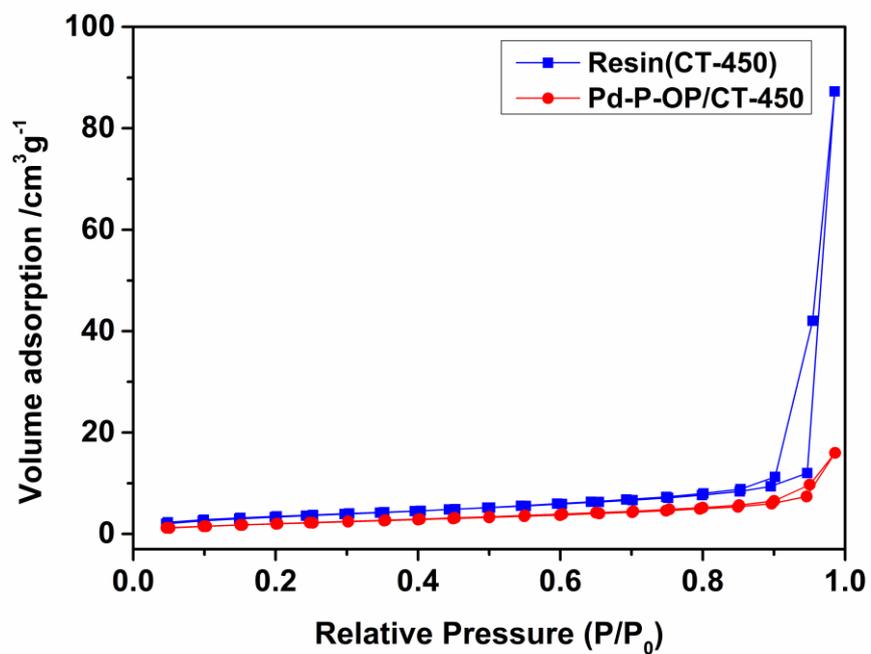
**Figure S2.** N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherms of (■) LSI-600 resin, (●) fresh Pd-P-OP/LSI-600 catalyst and (▲) the third recycled Pd-P-OP/LSI-600 catalyst.



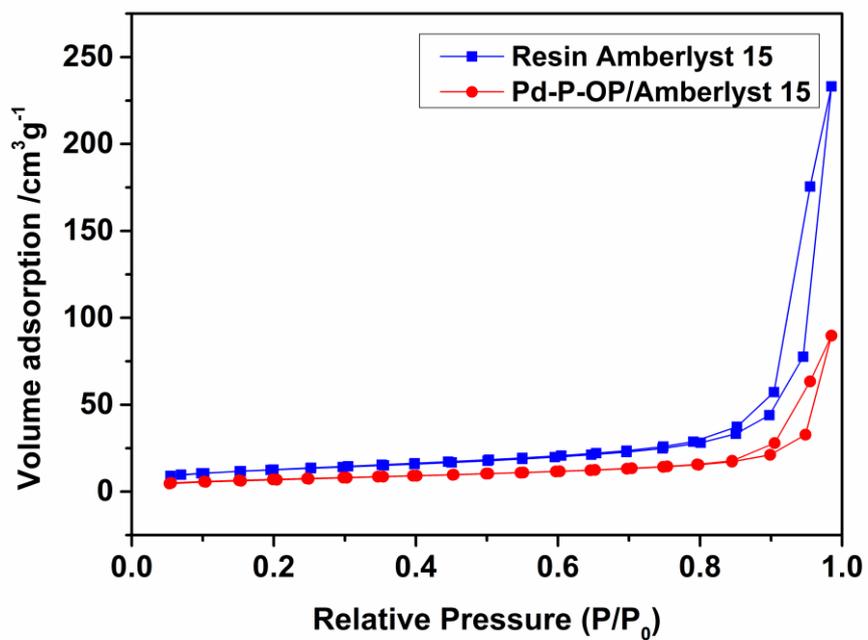
**Figure S3.** N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherms of (■) LSCA-10 resin and (●) fresh Pd-P-OP/LSCA-10 catalyst.



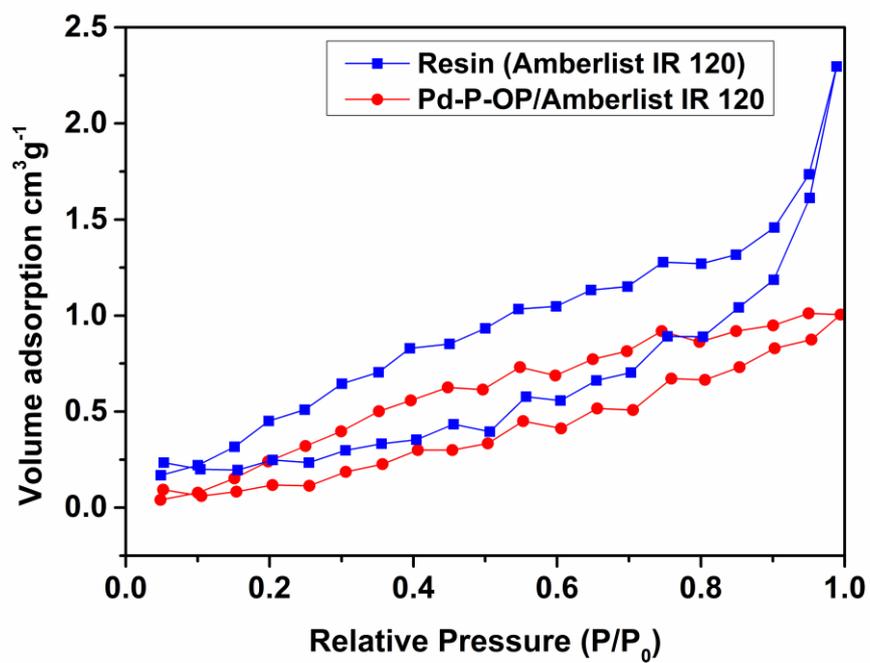
**Figure S4.** N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherms of (■) LSCA-30 resin and (●) Pd-P-OP/LSCA-30 catalyst.



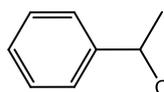
**Figure S5.** N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherms of (■) CT-450 resin and (●) Pd-P-OP/CT-450 catalyst.



**Figure S6.** N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherms of (■) Amberlyst 15 resin and (●) Pd-P-OP/Amberlyst 15 catalyst.



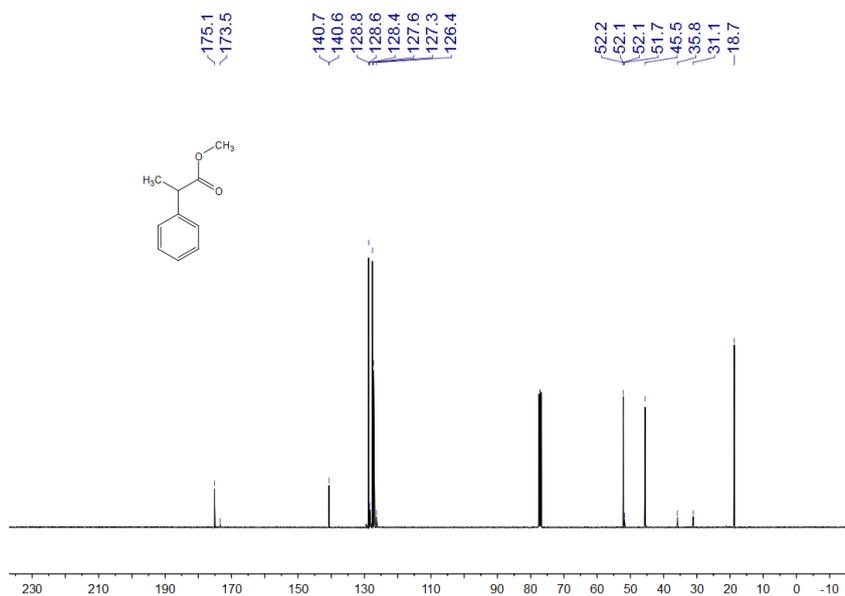
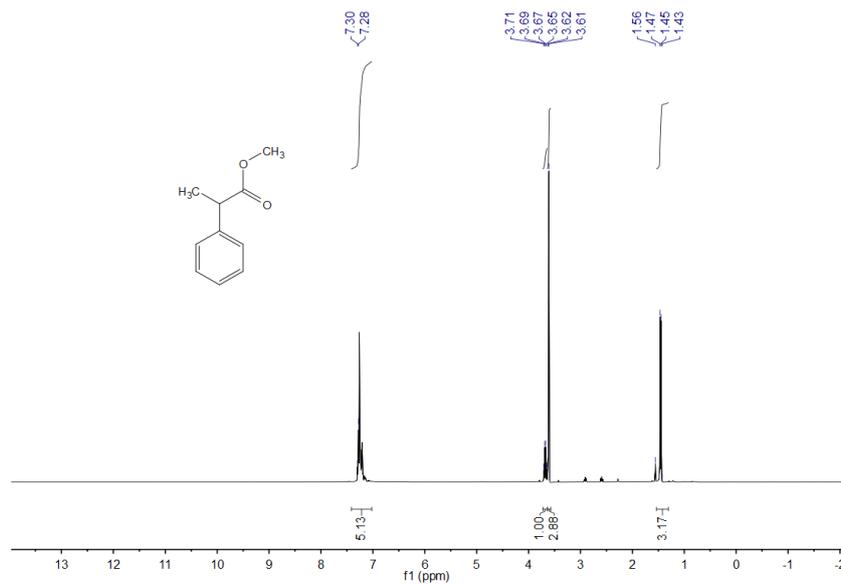
**Figure S7.** N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherms of (■) Amberlist IR 120 resin and (●) Pd-P-OP/Amberlist IR 120 catalyst.



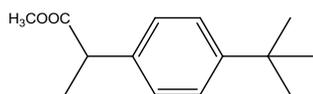
**Methyl 2-phenylpropanoate<sup>[1]</sup>:**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.21-7.28 (m, ArH, 5H), 3.68 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH, 1H), 3.61 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>, 3H), 1.46 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 175.1, 140.7, 128.8, 127.6, 127.2, 52.1, 45.5, 18.7. GC MS: MS (EI): *m/z* calcd. for [C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]:164.1, found 164.1.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (upper) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (bottom)



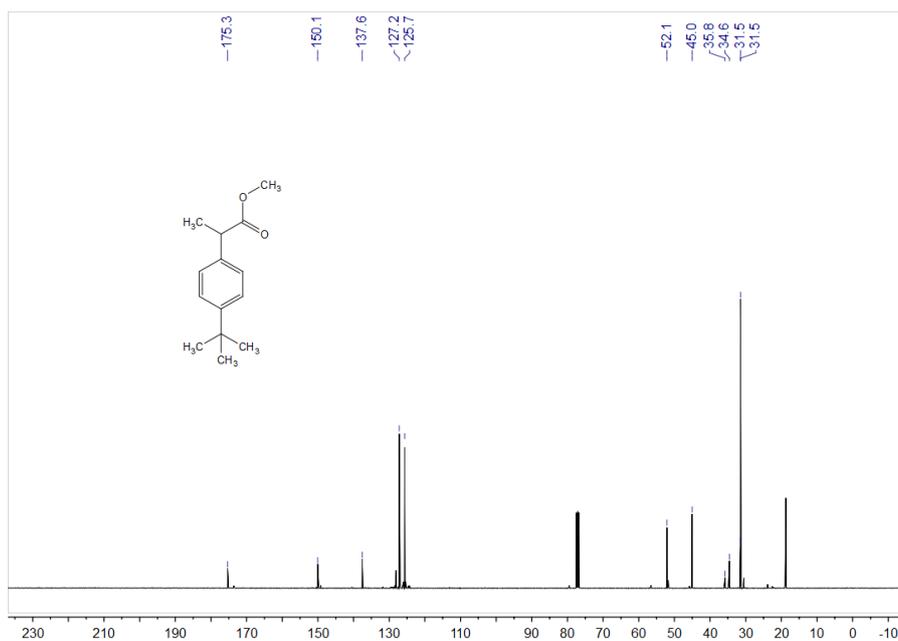
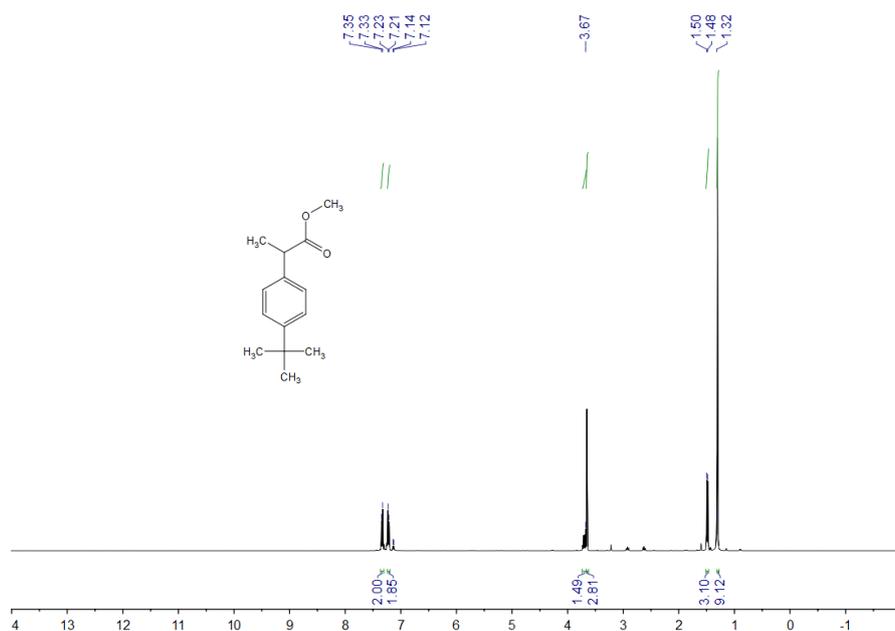


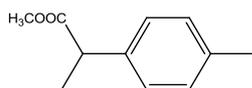


**Methyl 2-(4-tert-butylphenyl)propanoate:**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 3.68 (dd,  $J = 14.3, 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 1.45 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.27 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  175.3, 150.1, 137.6, 127.2, 125.7, 52.1, 45.0, 34.6, 31.5, 18.7. GC MS: MS (EI):  $m/z$  calcd. for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2]$ : 220.1, found 220.2.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (upper) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (bottom)

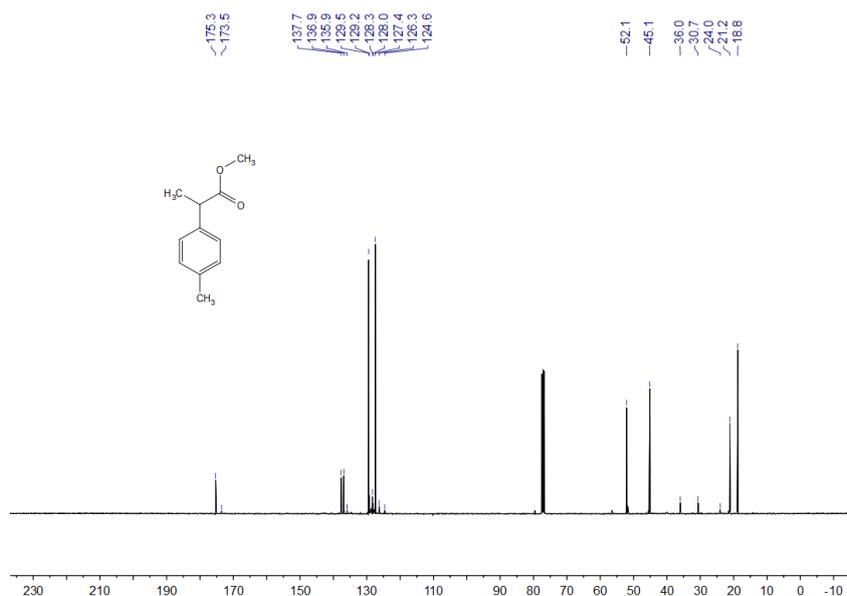
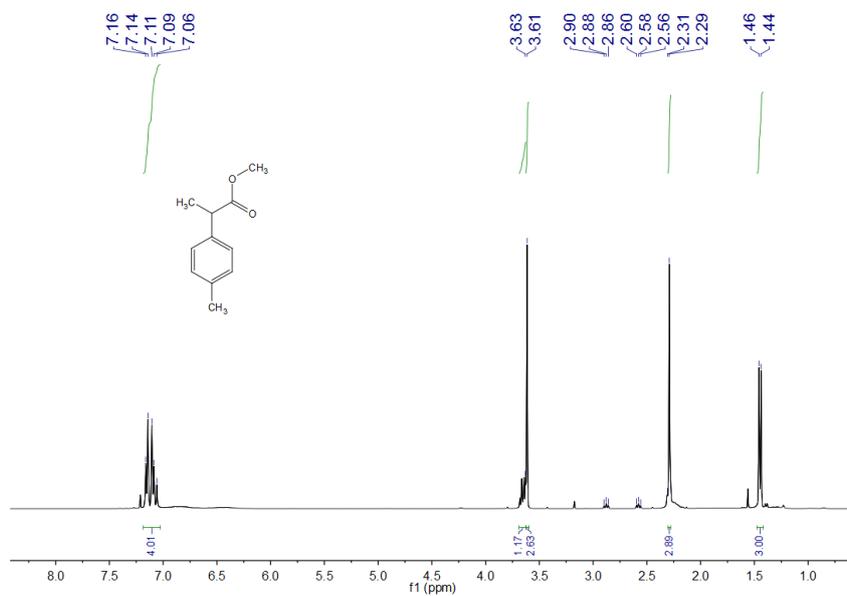


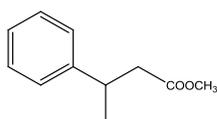


**Methyl 2-*p*-tolylpropanoate:**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.15 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 3.66 (dd,  $J = 13.2, 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.45 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  175.3, 137.7, 136.9, 129.5, 127.4, 52.1, 45.1, 21.2, 18.8. GC MS: MS (EI):  $m/z$  calcd. for  $[\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2]$ : 178.1, found 178.1.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (upper) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (bottom)

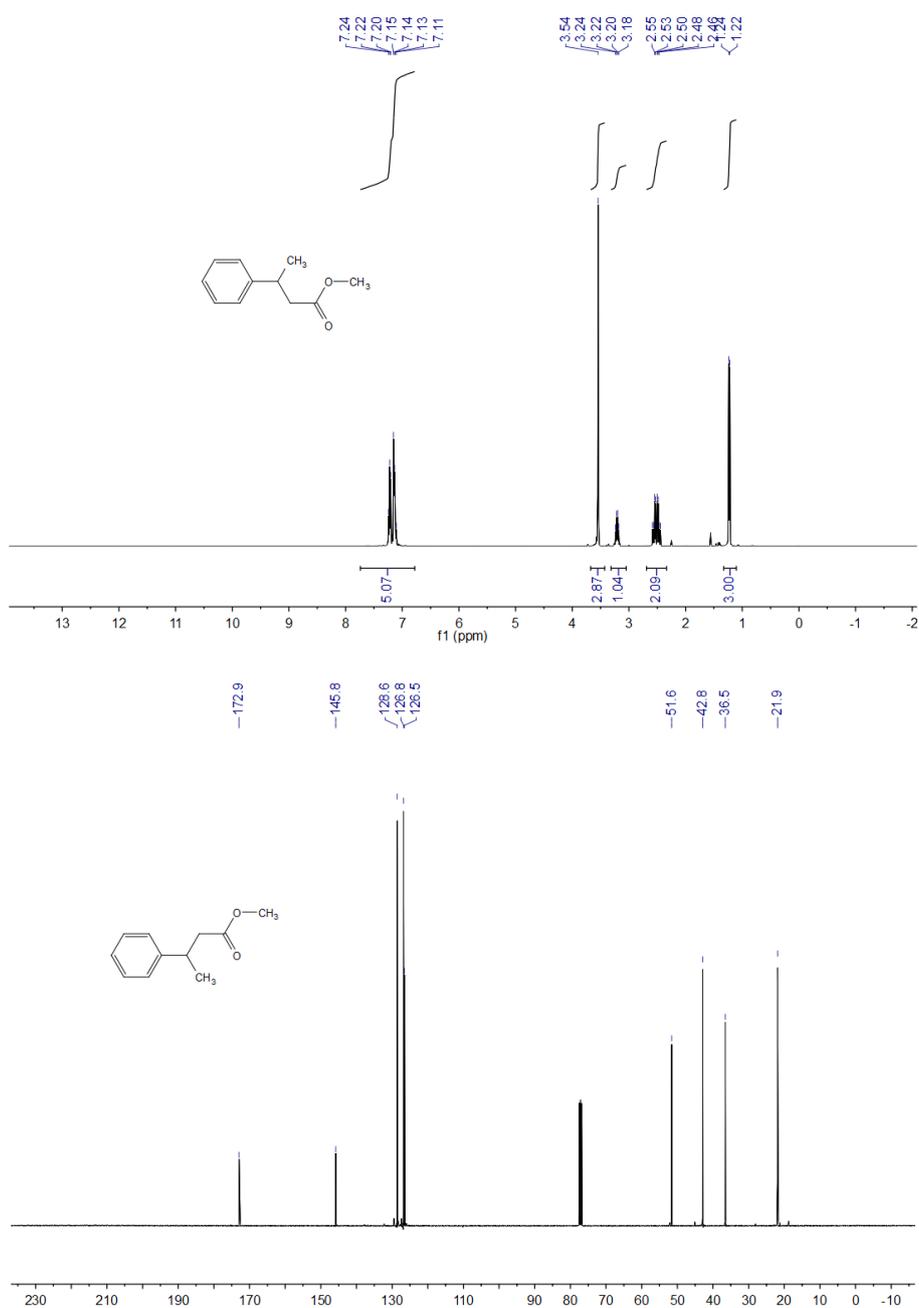




### Methyl 3-p-tolylbutanoate<sup>[1]</sup>:

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.25–7.10 (m, 5H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.21 (m, *J* = 14.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.9, 145.8, 128.6, 126.8, 126.52, 51.6, 42.9, 36.6, 21.9. GC MS: MS (EI): *m/z* calcd. for [C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]:178.1, found 178.1.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (upper) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (bottom)



## Reference

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