

Supporting Information

In Situ Generation of Highly Reactive Allenes from Nitrocyclopropanes: Controllable Synthesis of Enynes and Enesters

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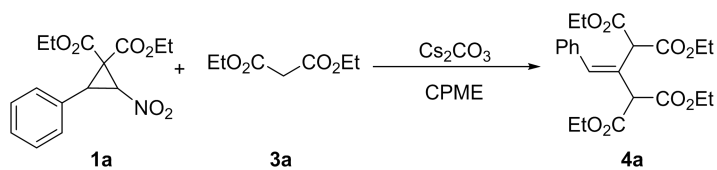
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1. General information

NMR data were obtained on Bruker AVANCE 400MHz for ^1H at 400 MHz and for ^{13}C at 101 MHz, Bruker AVANCE 500MHz for ^1H at 500 MHz and for ^{13}C at 126 MHz, or Bruker AVANCE 600MHz for ^1H at 600 MHz and for ^{13}C at 151 MHz with TMS as the internal standard. HRMS data were measured on an Agilent 6120 LC/TOF-MS with ESI source or Waters Premier GC/ TOF-MS with EI source. experiments were conducted using silica gel GF254 (200-300mesh) eluting with ethyl ether and petroleum ether. TLC experiments were carried out on glass-backed silica plates. The commercial supplier of the soybean lecithin is Energy Chemical, the Item No. is E1201331000. Unless otherwise noted, chemicals were used without purification as commercially available.

2. Optimization of reaction conditions^a

Table S1. Screening of reaction conditions

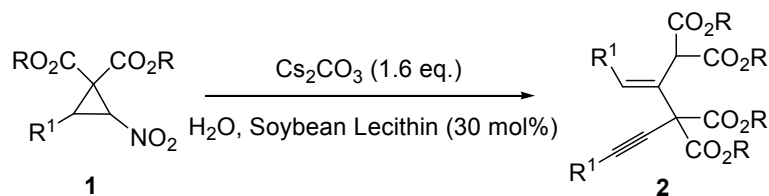


entry	base (x eq.)	solvent	yield ^b (%)
1	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	Toluene	51
2	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂	51
3	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	EtOAc	48
4	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	THF	57
5	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	Et ₂ O	58
6	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	DIPE	53
7	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	CPME ^c	55
8	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	CH ₃ CN	n.d
9	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	DMF	n.d
10	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	Acetone	39
11	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	CPME ^c	66
12	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.4)	CPME ^c	77
13	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.6)	CPME ^c	83
14	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.8)	CPME ^c	87
15	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	CPME ^c	82

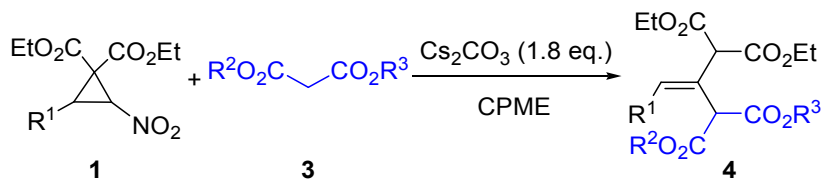
^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.13 mmol), **3a** (0.21 mmol) and Cs₂CO₃ (1 eq., 0.13mmol) were added in a solvent (1.3 mL) , then the resulting mixture was stirred at r.t. for 2h.

^bIsolated yields. ^cCyclopentyl Methyl Ether.

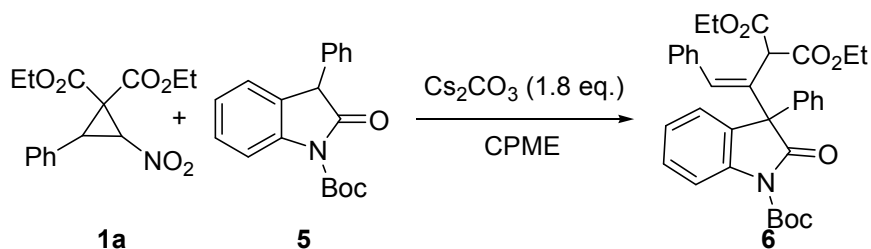
3. General experimental procedure for synthesis of compounds **2**, **4** and **6**, and characterization of compounds **2a-2t**, **4a-4y** and **6**



Conditions: the reactions were conducted in H_2O (1.3 mL) using surfactant soybean lecithin (30 mol%), **1** (0.13 mmol), and Cs_2CO_3 (1.6 eq.) with stirring for 4 h at r.t. After completion, the reaction mixture was dried and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give products **2a-2t** (eluent: petroleum ether-ethyl acetate).

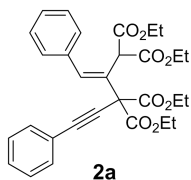


Conditions: the reactions were conducted in CPME (1.3 mL) using **1** (1.6 eq.), **3** (0.13 mmol) and Cs_2CO_3 (1.8 eq.) with stirring for 4 h at room temperature. After completion, the reaction mixture was dried and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give products **4a-4y** (eluent: petroleum ether-ethyl acetate).

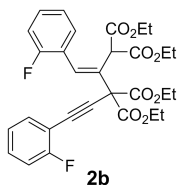


Conditions: the reaction was conducted in CPME (1.3 mL) using **1** (1.6 eq.), **5** (0.13 mmol) and Cs_2CO_3 (1.8 eq.) with stirring for 4 h at room temperature. After completion, the reaction mixture was dried and concentrated. The residue was

purified by flash chromatography to give the product **6** (eluent: petroleum ether-ethyl acetate).

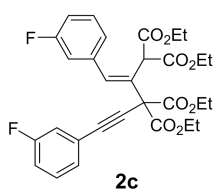


(E)-2-benzylidene-5-phenylpent-4-yn-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 28.0 mg, 82.8%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 4.41 – 4.23 (m, 4H), 4.05 – 3.84 (m, 4H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.14 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.5($\times 2$), 167.0($\times 2$), 135.8, 131.8($\times 2$), 128.7, 128.6($\times 2$), 128.2($\times 2$), 128.0($\times 2$), 127.9, 127.8, 122.4, 88.8, 83.3, 62.9($\times 2$), 62.2, 61.5($\times 2$), 53.5, 13.9($\times 2$), 13.8($\times 2$). RMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 543.2198, found 543.2002.



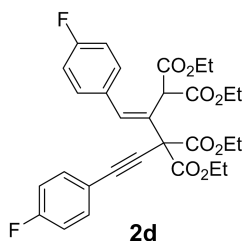
(E)-2-(2-fluorobenzylidene)-5-(2-fluorophenyl)pent-4-yn-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 25.0 mg, 69.2%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.74 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 4.37 – 4.30 (m, 4H), 4.03 – 3.84 (m, 4H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.3($\times 2$), 166.5($\times 2$), 163.1 ($^1J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 253.1 Hz), 160.0 ($^1J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 249.0 Hz), 133.7, 131.7 ($^4J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.3 Hz), 130.9 ($^4J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.4 Hz), 130.5 ($^3J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 7.8 Hz), 129.9 ($^3J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.1 Hz), 129.5, 123.8 ($^3J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.9 Hz), 123.6 ($^3J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.9 Hz).

$f = 3.7$ Hz), 123.5 ($^2J_{C-F} = 14.5$ Hz), 115.5 ($^2J_{C-F} = 20.8$ Hz), 114.8 ($^2J_{C-F} = 21.0$ Hz), 111.0 ($^2J_{C-F} = 15.6$ Hz), 88.2 ($^3J_{C-F} = 3.3$ Hz), 82.6, 63.0($\times 2$), 62.3, 61.6($\times 2$), 53.7, 13.8($\times 2$), 13.7($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[C_{30}H_{30}F_2O_8 + Na]^+$ m/z 579.1809, found 579.1813.



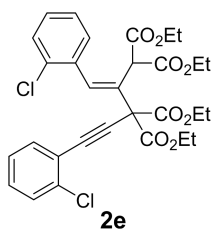
(E)-2-(3-fluorobenzylidene)-5-(3-fluorophenyl)pent-4-yn-1,1,3,3-

tetracarboxylate, yield: 22.1 mg, 61.2%; off white oil; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 4.36 – 4.31 (m, 4H), 4.04 – 3.92 (m, 4H), 1.36 (t, $J = 7.00$ Hz, 6H), 1.17 (t, $J = 7.00$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 167.2($\times 2$), 166.6($\times 2$), 163.3 ($^1J_{C-F} = 16.3$ Hz), 161.3 ($^1J_{C-F} = 17.0$ Hz), 137.7 ($^3J_{C-F} = 7.9$ Hz), 136.8, 129.9 ($^3J_{C-F} = 8.7$ Hz), 129.6 ($^3J_{C-F} = 8.4$ Hz), 128.8, 127.7 ($^4J_{C-F} = 3.0$ Hz), 124.4 ($^4J_{C-F} = 2.9$ Hz), 124.1 ($^3J_{C-F} = 9.7$ Hz), 118.6 ($^2J_{C-F} = 23.1$ Hz), 116.2 ($^2J_{C-F} = 21.3$ Hz), 115.6 ($^2J_{C-F} = 22.2$ Hz), 114.7 ($^2J_{C-F} = 21.2$ Hz), 87.6 ($^4J_{C-F} = 3.4$ Hz), 84.0, 63.1($\times 2$), 62.0, 61.6($\times 2$), 53.4, 13.9($\times 2$), 13.8($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[C_{30}H_{30}F_2O_8 + Na]^+$ m/z 579.1809, found 579.1811.



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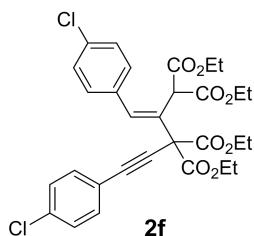
tetracarboxylate, yield: 26.1 mg, 72.2%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.52 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 6.97 (m, 4H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 4.38 – 4.28 (m, 4H), 4.01 – 3.87 (m, 4H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.00$ Hz, 6H), 1.15 (t, $J = 7.00$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.4($\times 2$), 166.8($\times 2$), 163.6 ($^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 52.7$ Hz), 161.6 ($^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 49.9$ Hz), 136.9, 133.8 ($^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.3$ Hz) ($\times 2$), 131.6 ($^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.4$ Hz), 130.6 ($^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.2$ Hz) ($\times 2$), 128.1, 118.4, 115.6 ($^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.1$ Hz) ($\times 2$), 114.9 ($^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.4$ Hz) ($\times 2$), 87.8, 82.9, 63.0($\times 2$), 62.1, 61.6($\times 2$), 53.5, 13.9($\times 2$), 13.8($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{30}\text{F}_2\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 579.1809, found 579.1812.



(E)-2-(2-chlorobenzylidene)-5-(2-chlorophenyl)pent-4-yne-1,1,3,3-

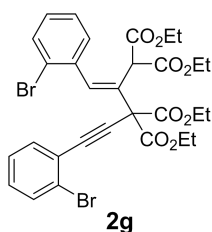
tetracarboxylate, yield: 26.1 mg, 68.4%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.83 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 4.38 – 4.31 (m, 4H), 4.09 – 3.73 (m, 4H), 1.36 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H), 1.16 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.4($\times 2$), 166.5($\times 2$), 136.4, 135.9, 134.0, 133.8, 133.6, 130.9, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 126.4, 126.3, 122.3,

88.1, 85.9, 63.0(×2), 62.3, 61.6(×2), 53.7, 13.9(×2), 13.8(×2). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{30}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 611.1220, found 611.1224.



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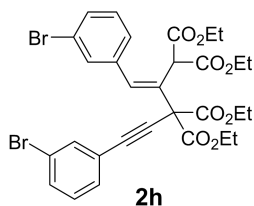
tetracarboxylate, yield: 21.7 mg, 56.9%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.37 – 4.29 (m, 4H), 4.03 – 3.85 (m, 4H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.00$ Hz, 6H), 1.15 (t, $J = 7.00$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.3(×2), 166.6(×2), 136.8, 134.9, 134.0, 133.9, 133.1(×2), 130.1(×2), 128.6(×2), 128.6, 128.2(×2), 120.7, 87.8, 84.1, 63.1(×2), 62.2, 61.6(×2), 53.5, 13.9(×2), 13.8(×2). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{30}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 611.1220, found 611.1226.



(E)-2-(2-bromobenzylidene)-5-(2-bromophenyl)pent-4-yne-1,1,3,3-

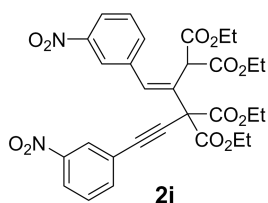
tetracarboxylate, yield: 29.6 mg, 67.4%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.80 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 4.38 – 4.30 (m, 4H), 4.01 – 3.81 (m, 4H), 1.37 (t, $J = 7.00$ Hz, 6H), 1.17 (t, $J =$

7.00 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.3($\times 2$), 166.4($\times 2$), 137.8, 135.7, 133.8, 132.4, 131.9, 131.1, 129.9, 129.5, 128.2, 126.9($\times 2$), 125.8, 124.6, 124.0, 87.5, 87.5, 63.0($\times 2$), 62.2, 61.6($\times 2$), 53.8, 14.0($\times 2$), 13.8($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{30}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 701.0307, found 701.0314.



(E)-2-(3-bromobenzylidene)-5-(3-bromophenyl)pent-4-yn-1,1,3,3-

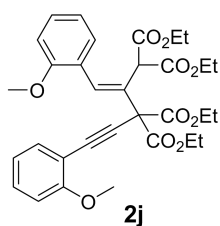
tetracarboxylate, yield: 26.0 mg, 59.2%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.66 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.37 – 4.29 (m, 4H), 4.09 – 3.88 (m, 4H), 1.36 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.2($\times 2$), 166.5($\times 2$), 137.7, 136.5, 134.5, 132.0, 131.4, 130.8, 130.4, 129.7, 129.6, 129.1, 127.4, 124.2, 122.1, 122.0, 87.4, 84.4, 63.1($\times 2$), 62.1, 61.7($\times 2$), 53.5, 13.9($\times 2$), 13.8($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{30}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 701.0307, found 701.0311.



(E)-2-(3-nitrobenzylidene)-5-(3-nitrophenyl)pent-4-yn-1,1,3,3-

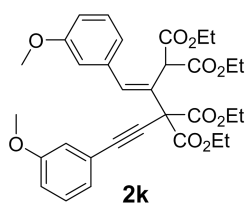
tetracarboxylate, yield: 17.2 mg, 43.5%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.46 – 8.09 (m, 4H), 7.87 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s,

1H), 4.40 – 4.33 (m, 4H), 4.13 – 3.78 (m, 4H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.0($\times 2$), 166.1($\times 2$), 148.1, 147.9, 137.6, 137.1, 135.6, 135.0, 130.3, 129.5, 129.1, 126.7, 123.9, 123.7($\times 2$), 122.8, 86.8, 85.5, 63.4($\times 2$), 62.2, 62.0($\times 2$), 53.5, 14.0($\times 2$), 13.8($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{12} + \text{Na}]^+ m/z$ 633.1701, found 633.1707.



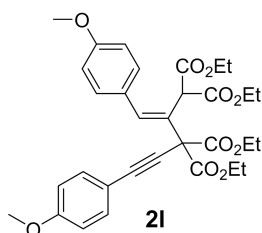
(E)-2-(2-methoxybenzylidene)-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)pent-4-yn-1,1,3,3-

tetracarboxylate, yield: 31.0 mg, 82.3%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.67 (dt, $J = 6.7, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.93 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.84 (dd, $J = 18.6, 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.36 – 4.28 (m, 4H), 3.97 – 3.89 (m, 2H), 3.88 – 3.76 (m, 8H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H), 1.13 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.8($\times 2$), 167.1($\times 2$), 160.7, 157.2, 134.7, 133.7, 130.3, 129.9, 129.4, 127.2, 125.0, 120.3, 120.0, 112.1, 111.1, 110.1, 87.4, 85.3, 62.6($\times 2$), 62.4, 61.2($\times 2$), 55.8, 55.5, 53.9, 13.8($\times 2$), 13.7($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_{10} + \text{Na}]^+ m/z$ 603.2208, found 603.2214.



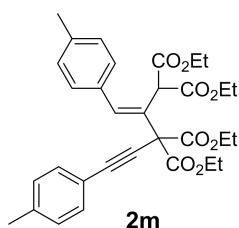
***(E)*-2-(3-methoxybenzylidene)-5-(3-methoxyphenyl)pent-4-yne-1,1,3,3-**

tetracarboxylate, 26.1 mg, 69.1%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.41 – 7.18 (m, 1), 7.18 – 7.02 (m, 5H), 6.99 – 6.79 (m, 3H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.38 – 4.29 (m, 4H), 4.00 – 3.88 (m, 4H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H), 1.14 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.6($\times 2$), 166.9($\times 2$), 159.2, 159.2, 138.0, 137.0, 129.3, 128.9, 127.9, 124.4, 123.4, 120.9, 116.6, 115.4, 114.3, 113.4, 88.7, 83.1, 62.9($\times 2$), 62.2, 61.5($\times 2$), 55.3, 55.2, 53.6, 13.9($\times 2$), 13.8($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_{10} + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 603.2208, found 603.2210.



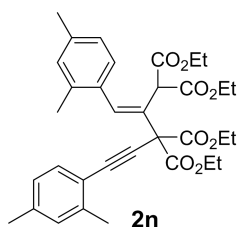
***(E)*-2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-4-yne-1,1,3,3-**

tetracarboxylate, yield: 28.1 mg, 74.3%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.49 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 6.88 – 6.79 (m, 4H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 4.36 – 4.28 (m, 4H), 4.03 – 3.90 (m, 4H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H), 1.14 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.7($\times 2$), 167.2($\times 2$), 159.9, 159.2, 137.5, 133.3($\times 2$), 130.1($\times 2$), 128.2, 126.8, 114.6, 113.8($\times 2$), 113.3($\times 2$), 88.7, 82.0, 62.8($\times 2$), 62.3, 61.4($\times 2$), 55.3, 55.2, 53.6, 13.9($\times 2$), 13.8($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_{10} + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 603.2210, found 603.2213.



(E)-2-(4-methylbenzylidene)-5-(p-tolyl)pent-4-yne-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate,

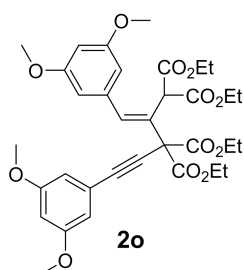
yield: 29.0 mg, 81.5%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.41 – 7.10 (m, 9H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 4.36 – 4.29 (m, 4H), 4.02 – 3.88 (m, 4H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H), 1.14 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.6($\times 2$), 167.1($\times 2$), 138.8, 137.9, 137.5, 132.8, 131.7($\times 2$), 128.9($\times 2$), 128.6($\times 2$), 128.6($\times 2$), 127.4, 119.4, 88.8, 82.6, 62.8($\times 2$), 62.1, 61.4($\times 2$), 53.5, 21.5, 21.2, 13.9($\times 2$), 13.8($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 571.2303, found 571.2309.



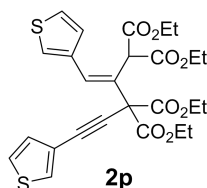
(E)-2-(2,4-dimethylbenzylidene)-5-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)pent-4-yne-1,1,3,3-

tetracarboxylate, yield: 31.2 mg, 83.2%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.41 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.03 – 6.91 (m, 4H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 4.36 – 4.31 (m, 4H), 3.95 – 3.83 (m, 4H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, $J = 7.00$ Hz, 6H), 1.14 (t, $J = 7.00$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.4($\times 2$), 167.3($\times 2$), 140.7, 138.7, 137.7($\times 2$), 136.6, 132.2, 131.9, 130.2, 130.1, 128.7, 127.9, 126.2, 126.0,

119.3, 87.9, 86.4, 62.8(×2), 62.0, 61.3(×2), 53.5, 21.43, 21.1, 20.4, 19.7, 14.0(×2), 13.8(×2). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[C_{34}H_{40}O_8 + Na]^+$ m/z 599.2622, found 599.2626.

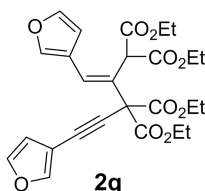


(E)-2-(3,5-dimethoxybenzylidene)-5-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)pent-4-yne-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 35.7 mg, 85.8%; off white oil; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.33 – 6.62 (m, 5H), 6.49 – 6.34 (m, 2H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.37 – 4.28 (m, 4H), 4.04 – 3.87 (m, 4H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H), 1.16 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 167.6(×2), 166.9(×2), 160.4(×2), 160.4(×2), 138.0, 137.5, 128.0, 123.6, 109.7(×2), 106.2(×2), 102.2, 100.8, 88.7, 82.7, 62.9(×2), 62.1, 61.6(×2), 55.4(×2), 55.3(×2), 53.7, 13.9(×2), 13.8(×2). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[C_{34}H_{40}O_{12} + Na]^+$ m/z 633.2428, found 633.2430.



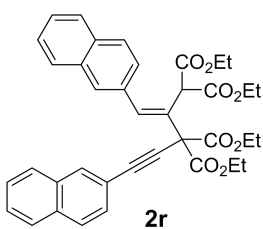
(E)-5-(thiophen-3-yl)-2-(thiophen-3-ylmethylene)pent-4-yne-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 21.0 mg, 60.7%; off white oil; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.49 – 6.28 (m, 8H), 4.37 – 4.18 (m, 4H), 4.17 – 3.92 (m, 4H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H), 1.00 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 168.4(×2), 167.1(×2), 150.7,

147.7, 142.7(×2), 135.3, 131.4, 125.5, 119.9, 112.5, 111.6(×2), 111.1, 69.92, 68.4, 62.2(×2), 61.6(×2), 14.0(×2), 13.6(×2). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C₂₆H₂₈O₈S₂ + Na]⁺ *m/z* 555.1129, found 555.1131.



(E)-5-(furan-3-yl)-2-(furan-3-ylmethylene)pent-4-yne-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate,

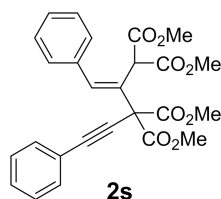
yield: 21.2 mg, 65.2%; off white oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43 – 6.90 (m, 7H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 4.38 – 4.19 (m, 4H), 4.10 – 3.95 (m, 4H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.3(×2), 166.9(×2), 139.5, 137.7, 135.9, 133.1, 129.0, 127.6, 127.5(×2), 127.4, 126.8, 125.8, 125.0, 70.3, 69.5, 62.2(×2), 61.9(×2), 14.1(×2), 13.5(×2). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C₂₆H₂₈O₁₀ + Na]⁺ *m/z* 523.0774, found 523.0779.



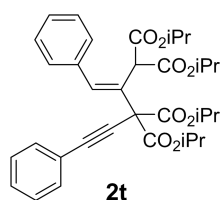
(E)-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-(naphthalen-2-ylmethylene)pent-4-yne-1,1,3,3-

tetracarboxylate, yield: 22.2 mg, 55.0%; off white oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 6H), 7.61 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.45 (m, 5H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.44 – 4.35 (m, 4H), 3.93 – 3.84 (m, 4H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.5(×2), 167.0(×2), 138.0, 133.2,

133.0, 132.9, 132.8, 132.7, 132.0, 128.4(×2), 128.3, 127.9, 127.8(×2), 127.7, 127.5(×2), 126.8, 126.6, 126.5, 126.2(×2), 119.7, 89.1, 83.6, 63.0, 62.3(×2), 61.5(×2), 53.7, 14.0(×2), 13.7(×2). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[C_{38}H_{36}O_8 + Na]^+$ m/z 643.2306, found 643.2308.

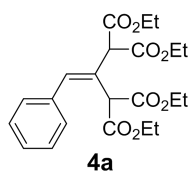


(E)-2-benzylidene-5-phenylpent-4-yn-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 20.1 mg, 66.7%; off white oil; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 5H), 3.85 (s, 1H), 3.51 (s, 5H), 3.44 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 167.9(×2), 167.5(×2), 138.3, 135.4, 131.9(×2), 128.9, 128.6(×2), 128.2(×2), 128.0(×2), 127.9, 127.6, 122.0, 89.2, 82.6, 53.9(×2), 53.3, 53.0, 52.5(×2). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[C_{26}H_{24}O_8 + Na]^+$ m/z 487.1368, found 487.1370

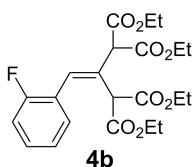


(E)-2-benzylidene-5-phenylpent-4-yn-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 16.3 mg, 43.5%; off white oil; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.53 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 7H), 5.19 – 5.13 (m, 2H), 4.84 – 4.78 (m, 2H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 1.36 – 1.33 (m, 12H), 1.15 – 1.10 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 166.9(×2), 166.4(×2), 137.8,

136.1, 131.8(×2), 128.7(×2), 128.5, 128.2(×2), 128.0(×2), 128.0, 127.7, 122.8, 88.3, 83.9, 70.5(×2), 69.2(×2), 54.0, 29.7, 21.6(×2), 21.5(×2), 21.5(×2), 21.4(×2). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[C_{34}H_{40}O_8 + Na]^+$ m/z 599.2614, found 599.2628.

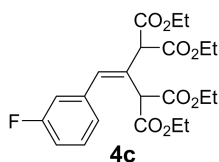


2-benzylidenepropane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 46.7 mg, 87.3%; off white oil; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.40 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 4.31 – 4.16 (m, 8H), 1.33 – 1.25 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 168.2(×2), 167.4(×2), 137.7, 135.7, 128.8(×2), 128.4(×2), 127.7, 125.1, 61.9(×2), 61.7(×2), 54.2, 53.2, 14.0 (×2), 13.9(×2). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[C_{22}H_{28}O_8 + Na]^+$ m/z 296.0754, found 296.0758.



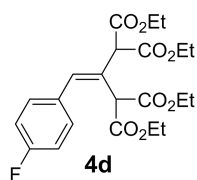
2-(2-fluorobenzylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 45.4 mg, 79.7%; off white oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.34 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 7.01 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 4.60 (s, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 4.41 – 3.91 (m, 8H), 1.26 – 1.15 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 167.9(×2), 167.2(×2), 160.2 (d, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 166.4 Hz), 131.0 (d, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 1.9 Hz), 130.5 (d, $^4J_{C-F}$ = 1.8 Hz), 129.9 (d, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 5.4 Hz), 127.3, 124.0 (d, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 2.5 Hz), 123.4 (d, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 10.0 Hz), 115.6 (d, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 14.5 Hz),

62.0(×2), 61.8(×2), 54.4, 53.8, 14.0(×2), 13.9(×2). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[C_{22}H_{27}FO_8 + Na]^+$ m/z 461.1596, found 461.1598.



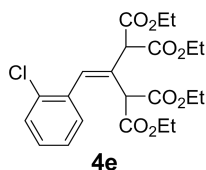
2-(3-fluorobenzylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 38.9 mg, 68.3%;

off white oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.40 – 6.97 (m, 5H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 4.30 – 4.15 (m, 8H), 1.38 – 1.18 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 168.0(×2), 167.2(×2), 162.7 (d, $^1J_{C-F} = 247.5$ Hz), 137.7 (d, $^3J_{C-F} = 8.0$ Hz), 136.5 (d, $^4J_{C-F} = 2.2$ Hz), 130.0 (d, $^3J_{C-F} = 8.5$ Hz), 126.2, 124.6 (d, $^4J_{C-F} = 3.0$ Hz), 115.7 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 22.0$ Hz), 114.7 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 21.1$ Hz), 62.0(×2), 61.8(×2), 54.2, 53.2, 14.0(×2), 13.9(×2). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[C_{22}H_{27}FO_8 + Na]^+$ m/z 461.1596, found 461.1609.

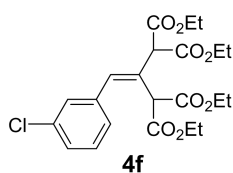


2-(4-fluorobenzylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 44.2 mg, 77.6%;

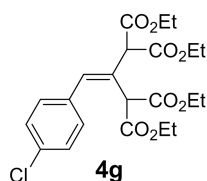
off white oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 4.37 – 4.06 (m, 8H), 1.51 – 1.11 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 168.1(×2), 167.3(×2), 162.3 (d, $^1J_{C-F} = 165.7$ Hz), 136.8, 131.6 (d, $^4J_{C-F} = 2.3$ Hz), 130.6 (d, $^3J_{C-F} = 5.4$ Hz) (×2), 125.3, 115.4 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 14.3$ Hz) (×2), 62.0(×2), 61.8(×2), 54.2, 53.1, 14.0(×2), 13.9(×2). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[C_{22}H_{27}FO_8 + Na]^+$ m/z 461.1596, found 461.1608.



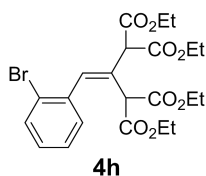
2-(2-chlorobenzylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 42.3 mg, 71.7%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.46 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 4.32 – 4.15 (m, 8H), 1.39 – 1.19 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.9($\times 2$), 167.1($\times 2$), 135.3, 134.3, 134.1, 130.4, 129.5, 129.3, 126.7, 126.7, 61.9($\times 2$), 61.8($\times 2$), 54.3, 53.6, 14.1($\times 2$), 13.9($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClO}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 477.1296, found 477.1301.



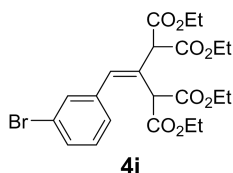
2-(3-chlorobenzylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 50.2 mg, 85.1%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.34 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 4.41 – 4.15 (m, 8H), 1.46 – 1.12 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.0($\times 2$), 167.2($\times 2$), 137.4, 136.4, 134.4, 129.8, 128.9, 127.9, 127.0, 126.5, 62.0($\times 2$), 61.8($\times 2$), 54.2, 53.2, 14.0($\times 2$), 13.9($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClO}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 477.1296, found 477.1305.



2-(4-chlorobenzylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 47.9 mg, 81.2%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 4.29 – 4.16 (m, 8H), 1.63 – 0.89 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.1($\times 2$), 167.2($\times 2$), 136.6, 134.1, 133.8, 130.2($\times 2$), 128.7($\times 2$), 125.87, 62.0($\times 2$), 61.8($\times 2$), 54.2, 53.1, 14.0($\times 2$), 13.9($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClO}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 477.1296, found 477.1302.

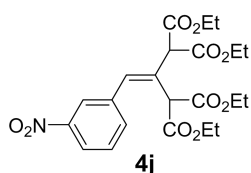


2-(2-bromobenzylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 51.1 mg, 78.9%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.66 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 4.31 – 4.13 (m, 8H), 1.42 – 1.17 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.9($\times 2$), 167.1($\times 2$), 137.2, 136.2, 132.7, 130.5, 129.4, 127.3, 126.4, 124.1, 61.9($\times 2$), 61.8($\times 2$), 54.2, 53.6, 14.1($\times 2$), 13.9($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{BrO}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 521.0777, found 521.0781.

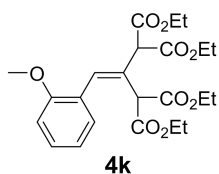


2-(3-bromobenzylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 49.2 mg, 76.0%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.10 (s, 1H), δ 4.69 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 4.28 – 4.16 (m, 8H), 1.32 – 1.27 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101

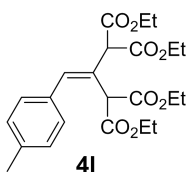
MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.9($\times 2$), 167.2($\times 2$), 137.6, 136.3, 131.7, 130.8, 130.0, 127.4, 126.5, 122.5, 62.0($\times 2$), 61.8($\times 2$), 54.2, 53.2, 14.0($\times 2$), 13.9($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C₂₂H₂₇BrO₈ + Na]⁺ m/z 521.0777, found 521.0783.



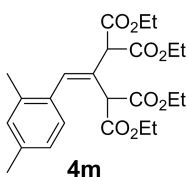
2-(3-nitrobenzylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 46.8 mg, 77.4%; off white oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.24 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 4.32 – 4.18 (m, 8H), 1.39 – 1.26 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.8($\times 2$), 166.9($\times 2$), 148.3, 137.2, 135.4, 135.0, 129.5, 127.9, 123.8, 122.7, 62.3($\times 2$), 62.0($\times 2$), 54.2, 53.1, 14.0($\times 2$), 13.9($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C₂₂H₂₇NO₁₀ + Na]⁺ m/z 488.1547, found 488.1550.



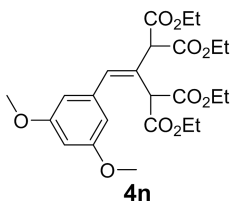
2-(2-methoxybenzylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 52.7 mg, 90.1%; off white oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.00 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.39 – 4.00 (m, 8H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 1.57 – 0.97 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.3($\times 2$), 167.6($\times 2$), 157.4, 134.0, 130.8, 129.4, 124.8, 124.7, 120.4, 110.9, 61.7($\times 2$), 61.6($\times 2$), 55.6, 54.4, 53.7, 14.0($\times 2$), 13.9($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C₂₃H₃₀O₉ + Na]⁺ m/z 473.1801, found 473.1804.



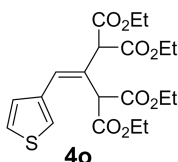
2-(4-methylbenzylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 50.2 mg, 89.0%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 4.33 – 4.15 (m, 8H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.39 – 1.18 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.3($\times 2$), 167.5($\times 2$), 137.7, 137.6, 132.8, 129.1($\times 2$), 128.7($\times 2$), 124.5, 61.8($\times 2$), 61.7($\times 2$), 54.2, 53.2, 21.2, 14.0($\times 2$), 13.9($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 457.1838, found 457.1856.



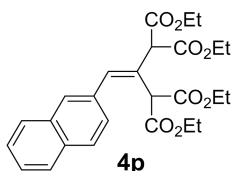
2-(2,4-dimethylbenzylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 51.4 mg, 88.3%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.42 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 4.36 – 4.10 (m, 8H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.51 – 1.11 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.3($\times 2$), 167.5($\times 2$), 137.7, 137.6, 136.8, 132.2, 130.7, 128.5, 126.4, 125.2, 61.7($\times 2$), 61.6($\times 2$), 54.2, 53.5, 21.2, 19.7, 14.1($\times 2$), 13.9($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 471.1995, found 471.2010.



2-(3,5-dimethoxybenzylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 52.6 mg, 84.3%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.55 (s, 2H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 4.28 – 4.16 (m, 8H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 1.44 – 1.11 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.2($\times 2$), 167.4($\times 2$), 160.7($\times 2$), 137.8, 137.5, 125.3, 106.5($\times 2$), 100.6, 61.9($\times 2$), 61.7($\times 2$), 55.4($\times 2$), 54.1, 53.3, 14.0($\times 2$), 13.9($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_{10} + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 503.1893, found 503.1906.

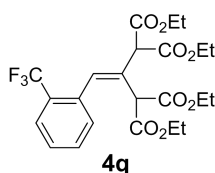


2-(thiophen-3-ylmethylene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate yield: 42.5 mg, 76.7%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.38 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 4.31 – 4.11 (m, 8H), 1.39 – 1.20 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.0($\times 2$), 167.2($\times 2$), 137.8, 129.8, 129.0, 127.4, 126.8, 123.6, 62.0($\times 2$), 61.8($\times 2$), 54.4, 53.8, 14.0($\times 2$), 13.9($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_8\text{S} + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 499.1246, found 499.1252.

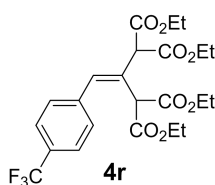


2-(naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 46.4 mg, 75.9%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.00 – 7.44 (m, 7H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 4.33 – 4.15 (m, 8H), 1.49 – 1.19 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101

MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.2($\times 2$), 167.5($\times 2$), 137.8, 133.2, 133.2, 132.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 126.8, 126.3($\times 2$), 125.5, 61.9($\times 2$), 61.8($\times 2$), 54.3, 53.3, 14.1($\times 2$), 14.0($\times 2$).
 HRMS (ESI⁺) calcd for [C₂₆H₃₀O₈ + Na]⁺ m/z 493.1838, found 493.1852.

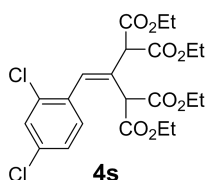


2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 42.4 mg, 66.8%; off white oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.73 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.40 (s, 1H), 4.30 – 4.11 (m, 8H), 1.35 – 1.18 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.8($\times 2$), 167.0($\times 2$), 134.5, 131.8, 130.8, 128.8 (² J_{C-F} = 40.4 Hz, 20.3 Hz), 128.0, 127.4, 126.0 (³ J_{C-F} = 7.0 Hz, 3.5 Hz) ($\times 2$), 123.8 (¹ J_{C-F} = 366.5 Hz, 183.3 Hz), 61.9($\times 2$), 61.8($\times 2$), 54.1, 53.9, 14.0($\times 2$), 13.8($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI⁺) calcd for [C₂₃H₂₇F₃O₈ + Na]⁺ m/z 511.1580, found 511.1584.

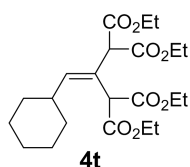


2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 50.9 mg, 80.2%; off white oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.70 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 4.67 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.31 – 4.09 (m, 8H), 1.46 – 1.15 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.9($\times 2$), 167.1($\times 2$), 139.3, 136.4, 129.8 (² J_{C-F} = 21.7 Hz, 40.3 Hz), 129.1($\times 2$), 127.0, 125.4 (³ J_{C-F} = 5.1 Hz, 2.5 Hz) ($\times 2$), 124.1 (¹ J_{C-F} = 364.1 Hz,

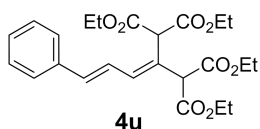
182.1 Hz), 62.1(×2), 61.9(×2), 54.2, 53.2, 14.0(×2), 13.9(×2). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{27}\text{F}_3\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^+ m/z$ 511.1580, found 511.1583.



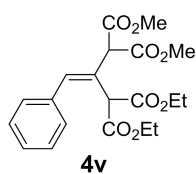
2-(2,4-dichlorobenzylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 51.2 mg, 80.7%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.44 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 4.49 (s, 1H), 4.35 – 4.05 (m, 8H), 1.39 – 1.19 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.8(×2), 166.9(×2), 134.9, 134.5, 134.2, 132.8, 131.2, 129.4, 127.5, 127.1, 62.0(×2), 61.9(×2), 54.3, 53.6, 14.1(×2), 13.9(×2). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^+ m/z$ 511.0902, found 511.0909.



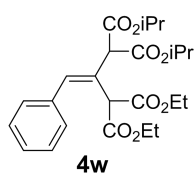
2-(cyclohexylmethylene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 24.1 mg, 43.5%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.75 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 4.38 (s, 1H), 4.26 – 4.07 (m, 8H), 2.37 – 2.23 (m, 1H), 1.78 – 1.63 (m, 6H), 1.35 – 1.07 (m, 16H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.4(×2), 167.7(×2), 144.6, 121.3, 61.7(×2), 61.4(×2), 55.5, 52.8, 37.8, 32.3(×2), 25.9, 25.5(×2), 14.0(×2), 13.9(×2). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^+ m/z$ 449.2151, found 449.2164.



2-(3-phenylallylidene)propane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 48.4 mg, 83.4%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.37 – 7.15 (m, 5H), δ 6.99 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.67 – 6.55 (m, 2H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 4.40 (s, 1H), 4.28 – 4.01 (m, 8H), 1.49 – 0.95 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.9($\times 2$), 167.5($\times 2$), 137.2, 136.9, 136.8, 128.7($\times 2$), 128.2, 126.8($\times 2$), 123.6, 123.4, 61.9($\times 2$), 61.8($\times 2$), 56.75, 53.2, 14.0($\times 2$), 14.0($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 469.1838, found 469.1841.

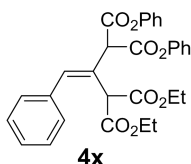


1,1-diethyl 3,3-dimethyl-2-benzylidenepropane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 28 mg, 55.0%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.42 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 4.23 – 4.17 (m, 4H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 1.28 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.7($\times 2$), 167.5($\times 2$), 137.9, 135.5, 128.8($\times 2$), 128.5($\times 2$), 127.8, 124.8, 62.0($\times 2$), 53.8, 53.1, 52.9($\times 2$), 13.9($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 415.1387, found 415.1398.



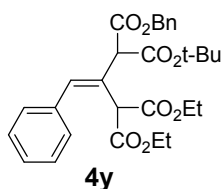
1,1-diethyl 3,3-diisopropyl-2-benzylidenepropane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate,

yield: 34.3 mg, 58.9%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.57 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 5.21 – 4.99 (m, 2H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 4.30 – 4.08 (m, 4H), 1.48 – 1.04 (m, 18H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.7($\times 2$), 167.4($\times 2$), 137.6, 135.8, 128.8($\times 2$), 128.4($\times 2$), 127.7, 125.3, 69.1($\times 2$), 61.8($\times 2$), 54.6, 53.3, 21.6($\times 2$), 21.5($\times 2$), 13.9($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 471.2001, found 471.2006.



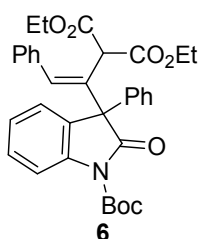
1,1-diethyl 3,3-diphenyl-2-benzylidenepropane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield:

40.1 mg, 60.1%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.55 – 7.15 (m, 16H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.36 – 4.16 (m, 4H), 1.35 – 1.23 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.5($\times 2$), 166.7($\times 2$), 150.8, 138.7, 135.3, 129.6($\times 4$), 129.4, 128.8($\times 2$), 128.6($\times 2$), 128.1, 126.2($\times 2$), 124.8, 121.3($\times 4$), 62.2($\times 2$), 54.1, 53.1, 14.0($\times 2$). HRMS (ESI+) calcd for $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^+$ m/z 539.1687, found 539.1692.



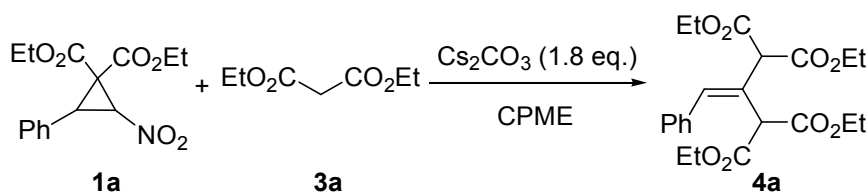
1-benzyl 1-(tert-butyl) 3,3-diethyl (E)-2-benzylidenepropane-1,1,3,3-tetracarboxylate, yield: 34.5 mg, 52%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

7.42 – 7.25 (m, 10H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.63 (s, 1H), 4.26 – 4.00 (m, 4H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.28 (t, 3H), 1.19 (t, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.3, 167.5, 167.4, 166.9, 137.6, 135.8, 135.7, 128.8($\times 2$), 128.5($\times 2$), 128.4($\times 2$), 128.3($\times 2$), 128.2, 127.7, 125.3, 82.0, 67.2, 61.8 ($\times 2$), 55.2, 53.3, 27.8($\times 3$), 14.0, 13.9. HRMS (ESI $^{+}$) calcd for $[\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_8 + \text{Na}]^{+}$ m/z 510.5830, found 510.5834.



diethyl *(E)-2-(1-(1-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-2-oxo-3-phenylindolin-3-yl)-2-phenylvinyl)malonate*, yield: 65.8 mg, 89%; off white oil; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 – 7.48 (m, 5H), 7.39 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 4.39 (s, 1H), 3.91 (dd, 2H), 3.82 – 3.65 (m, 2H), 1.66 (s, 9H), 1.12 (t, 3H), 1.09 (t, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.6, 167.6, 167.4, 149.3, 139.4, 139.4, 137.8, 135.7, 133.1, 129.6, 128.9, 128.8($\times 2$), 128.7($\times 2$), 128.6($\times 2$), 127.8, 127.7($\times 2$), 127.6, 126.6, 124.3, 115.4, 84.4, 64.8, 61.4($\times 2$), 53.7, 28.1($\times 3$), 13.8, 13.7. HRMS (ESI $^{+}$) calcd for $[\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_7 + \text{Na}]^{+}$ m/z 569.6540, found 569.6545.

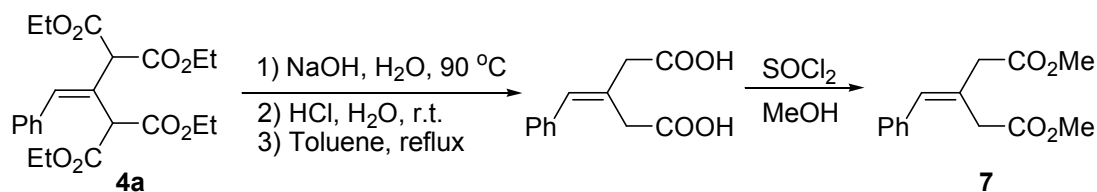
4. Scale-up experiment



The reaction was conducted in CPME (15 mL) using **1a** (3.9 mmol, 1.2 g), **3a** (6.3 mmol), and Cs_2CO_3 (7.2 mmol) with stirring for 4 h at room temperature. After

completion, the reaction mixture was dried and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give the product **4a** in 84% yield (eluent: petroleum ether-ethyl acetate).

5. Synthetic application of **4a**



NaOH (5 equiv.) was added into a stirred solution of **4a** (11.7 mmol) in H₂O (21 mL) at 90 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred vigorously for 2h. Then, the aqueous layer was separated, washed with Et₂O (2 × 50 mL), acidified to pH=2 with aqueous HCl solution (6 M), and extracted with EtOAc (5× 50 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (50 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the acid as an oily yellow liquid that was used in the next step without further purification.

The oily yellow liquid was dissolved in toluene (10 mL), and the mixture was stirred vigorously at 120 °C for 6h. Then the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to leave an oily yellow liquid. Finally, the resulting mixture was dissolved in MeOH (15 mL), added SOCl₂ (2.5 equiv.) at 0 °C, and stirred vigorously for 2h, then mixture was washed with brine (50 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (1/13 EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the compound **7** in 18.8 mg, 76% yield; off white oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26 (m, 3H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 2H), 3.33 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7(×2), 136.5, 133.2, 128.6(×2), 128.3(×2), 127.9, 127.2, 52.1, 52.0, 42.8, 36.4. HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C₁₄H₁₆O₄ + Na]⁺ *m/z* 248.2780, found 248.2776.

6. Further confirmation of allene intermediate

6.1 High-resolution ESI-MS spectrum of the dimerization reaction

Figure S1 High-resolution ESI-MS spectrum (positive mode) of the reaction mixture

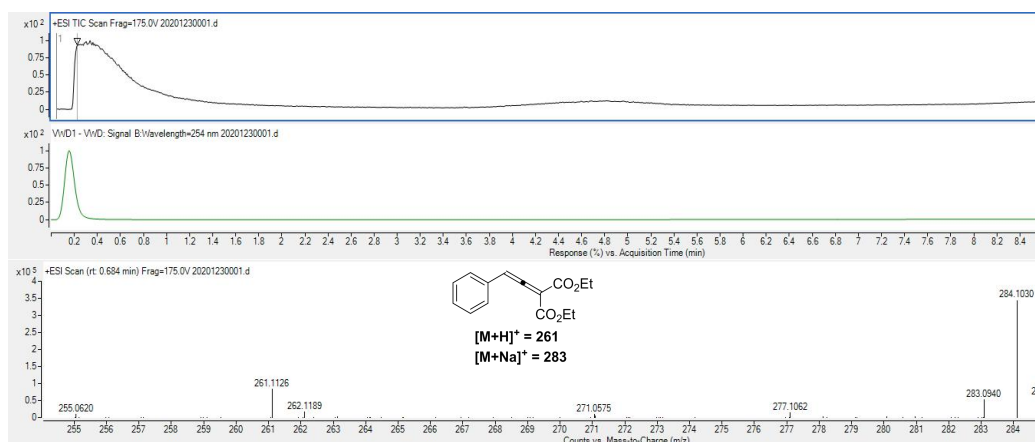
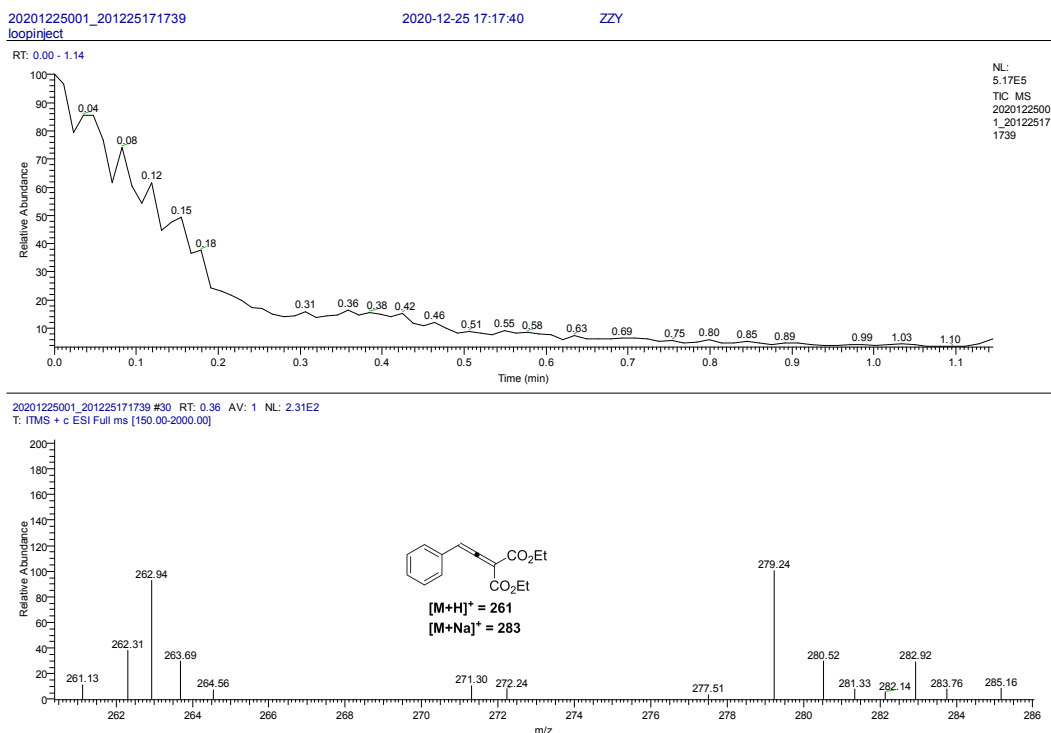


Table S2. High-resolution mass data of detected intermediates **A**

Species	Formula	Mass (measured)	Mass (calculated)	Error [ppm]
$[M+H]^+$	$C_{15}H_{17}O_4^+$	261.1126	261.1121	1.8
$[M+Na]^+$	$C_{15}H_{16}O_4Na^+$	283.0940	283.0941	0.4

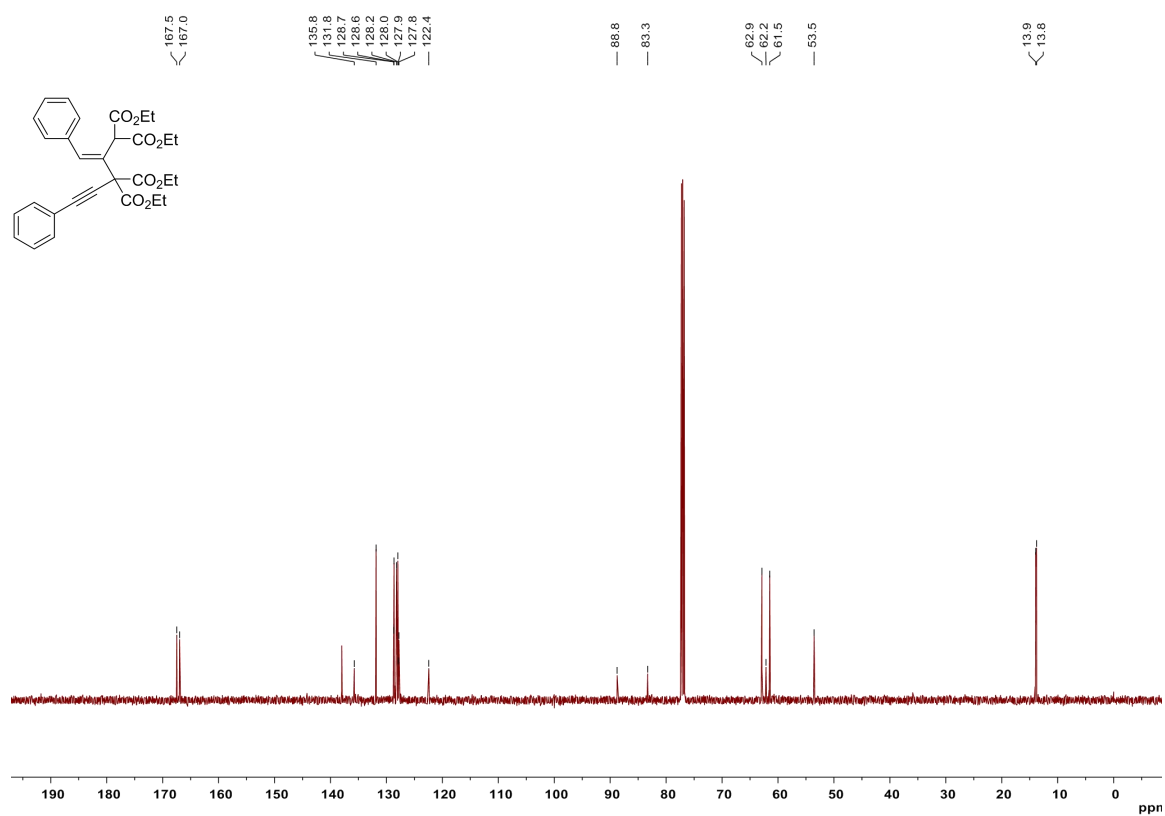
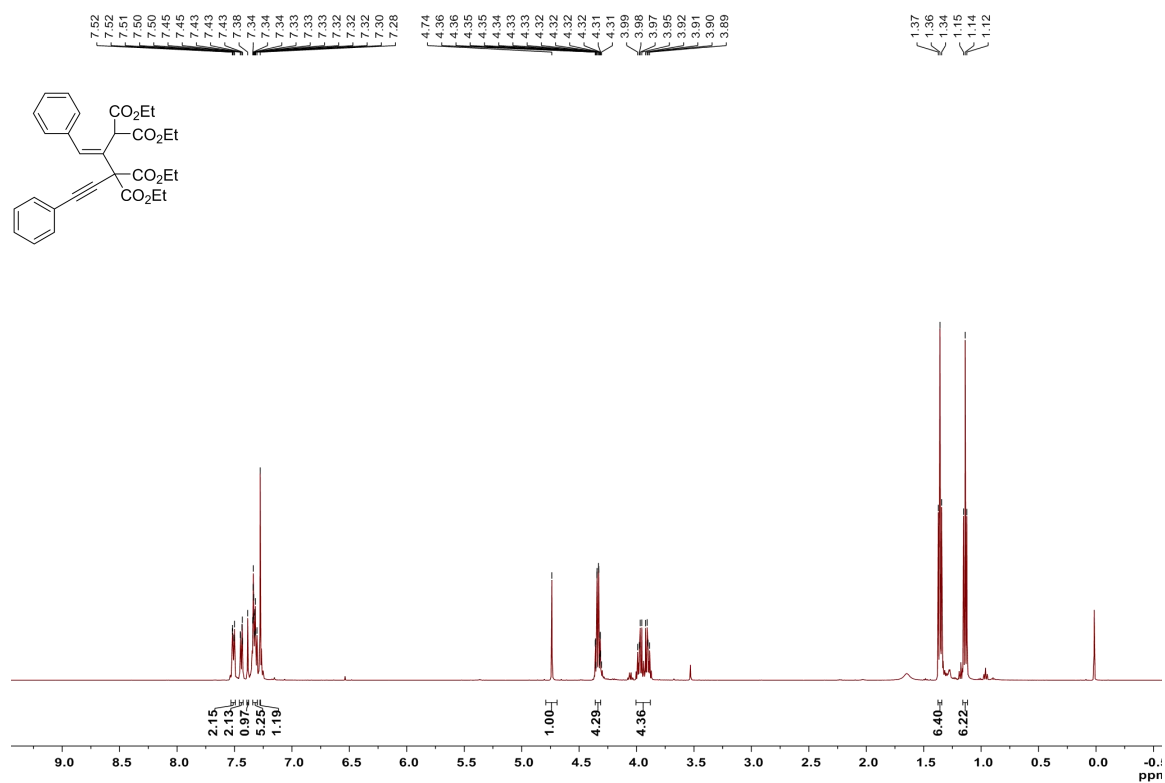
6.2 ESI-MS spectrum of the allene-synthesized reaction using phosphorus ylide and acyl chloride

Figure S2 ESI-MS spectrum (positive mode) of the reaction mixture

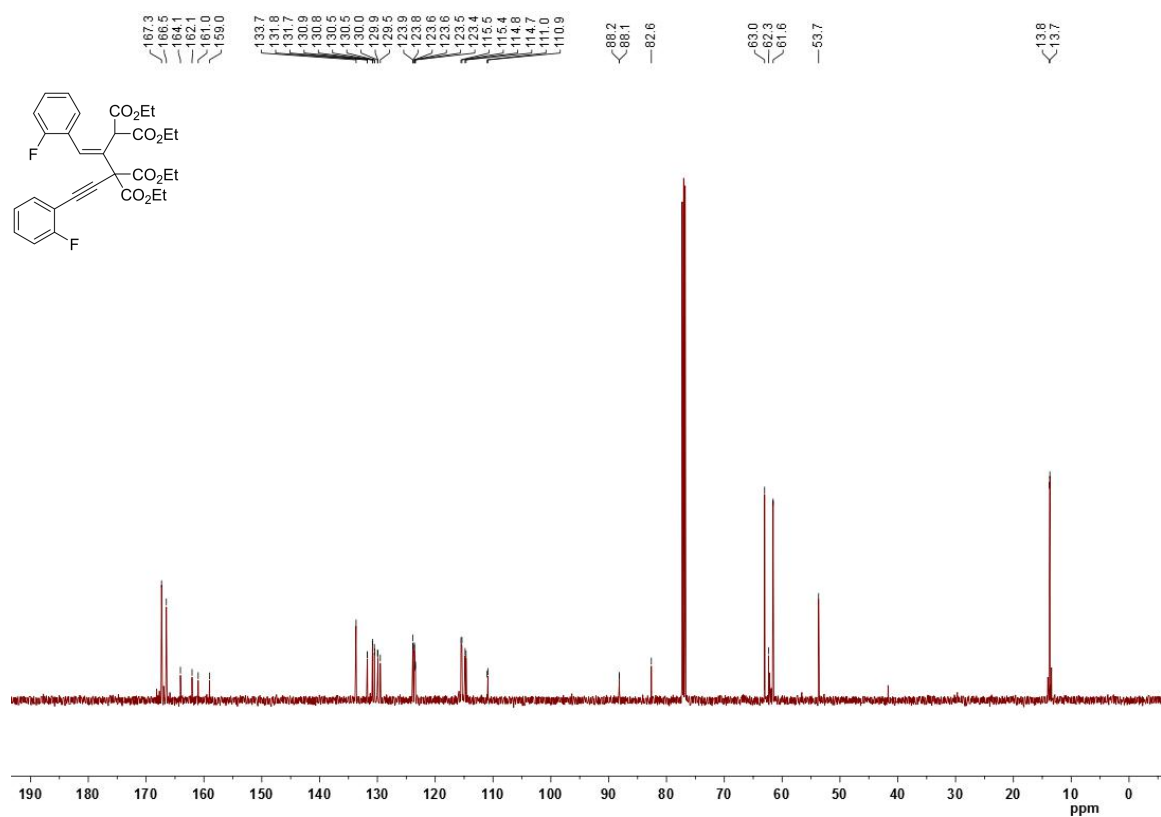
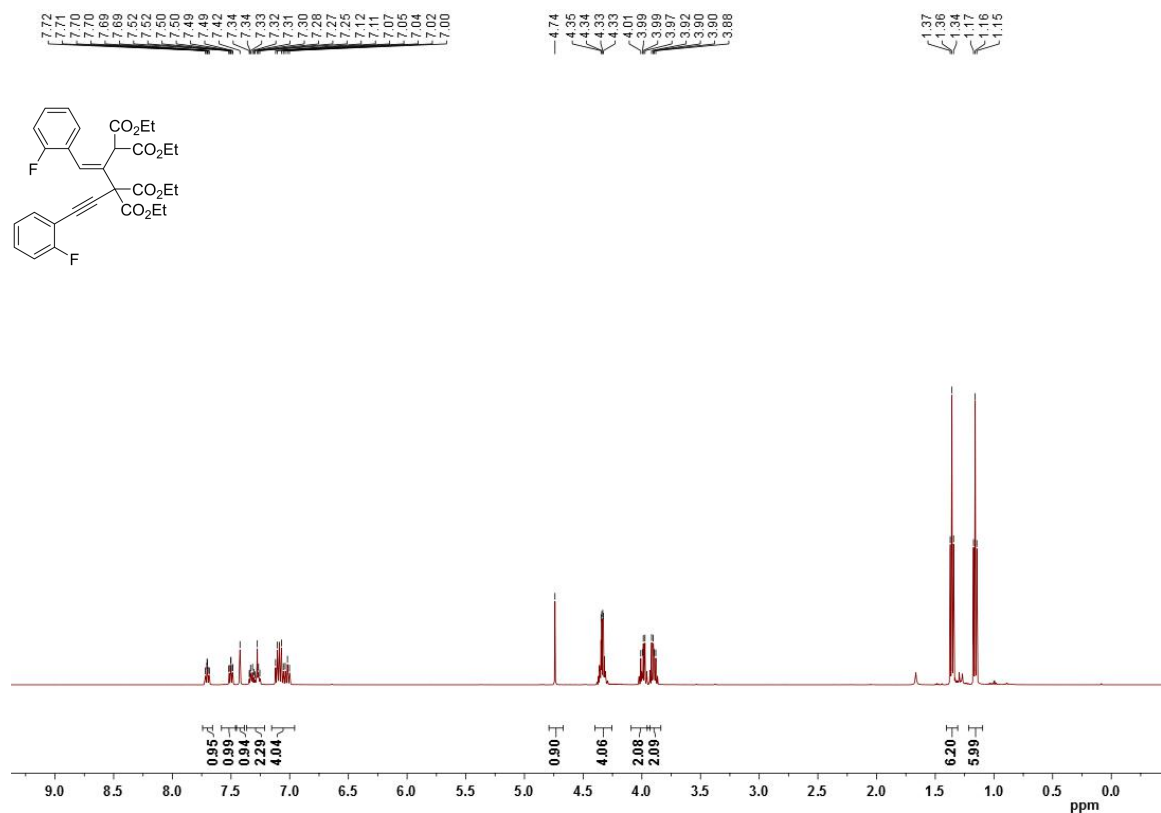


7. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compounds 2a-2t, 4a-4y, 6 and 7

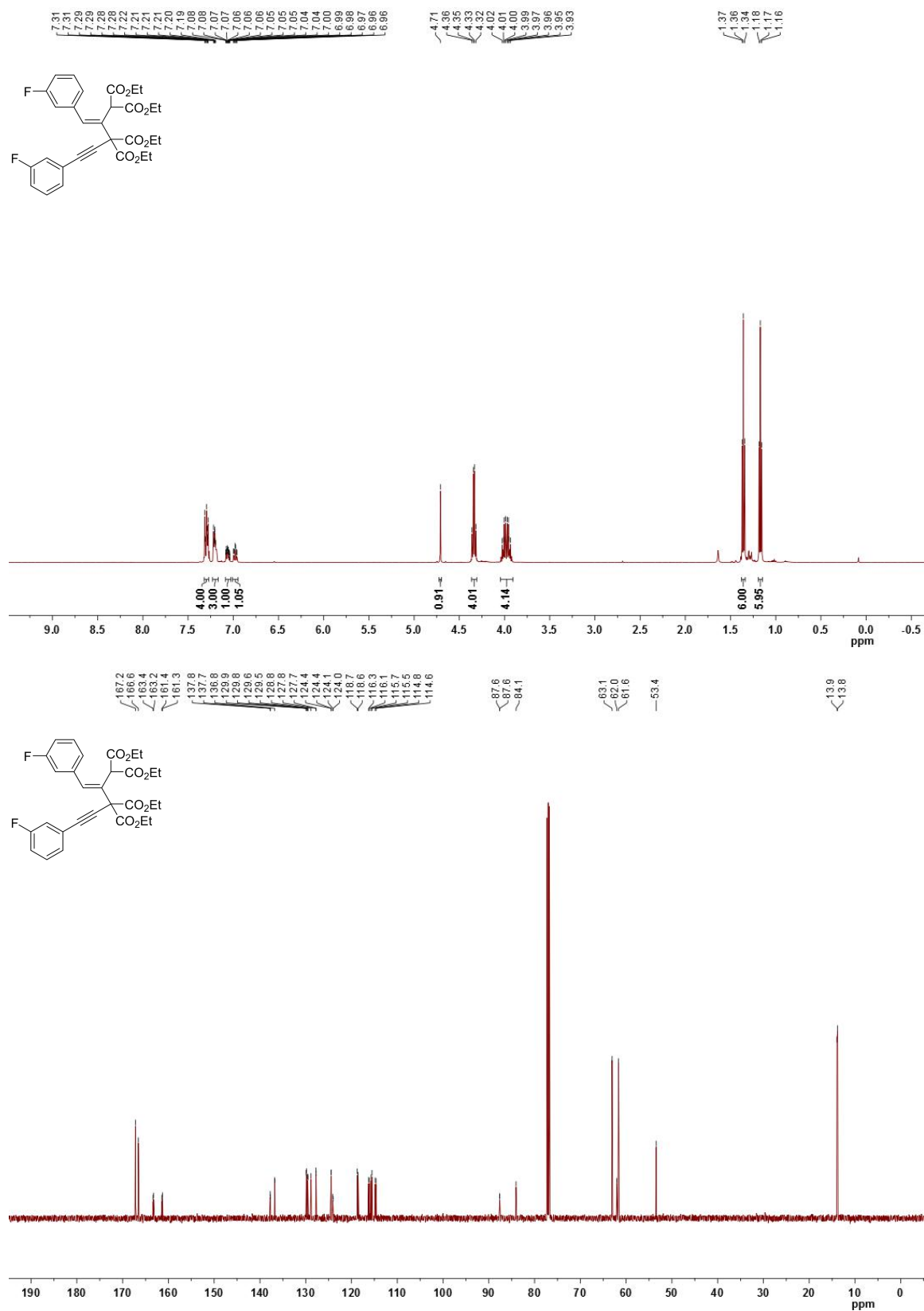
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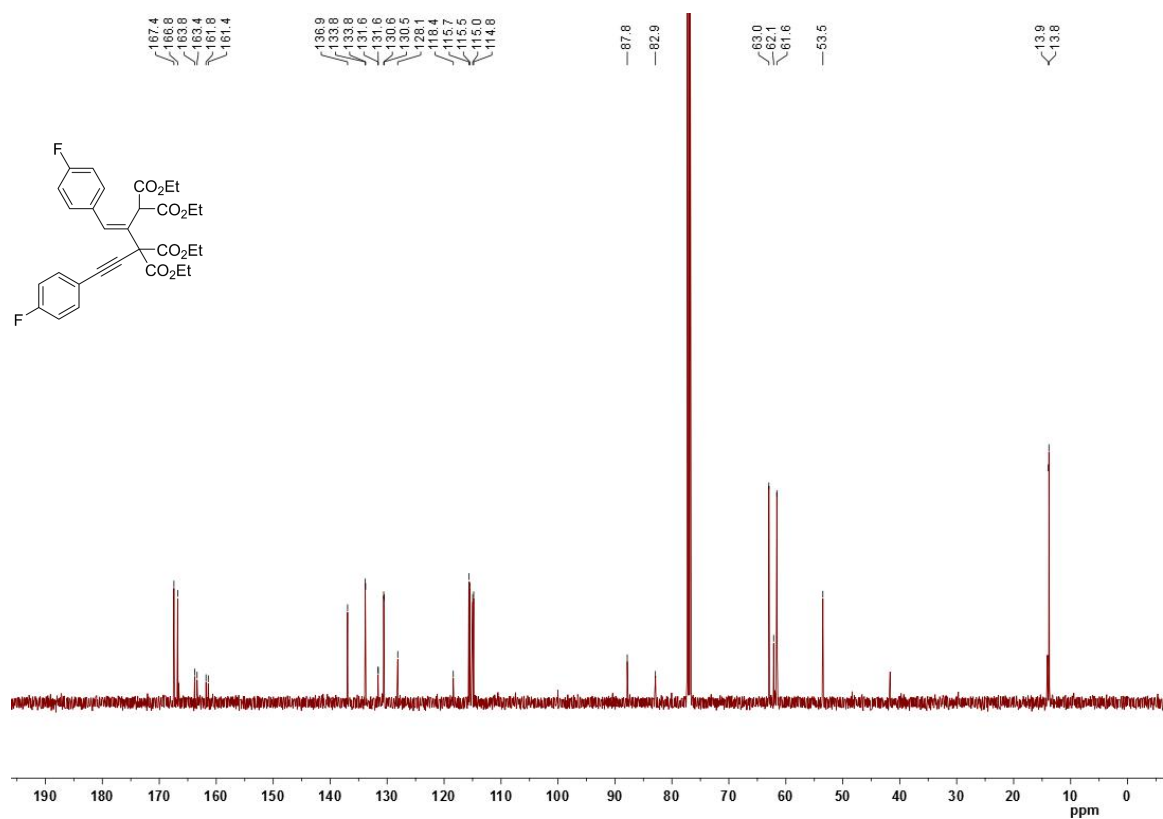
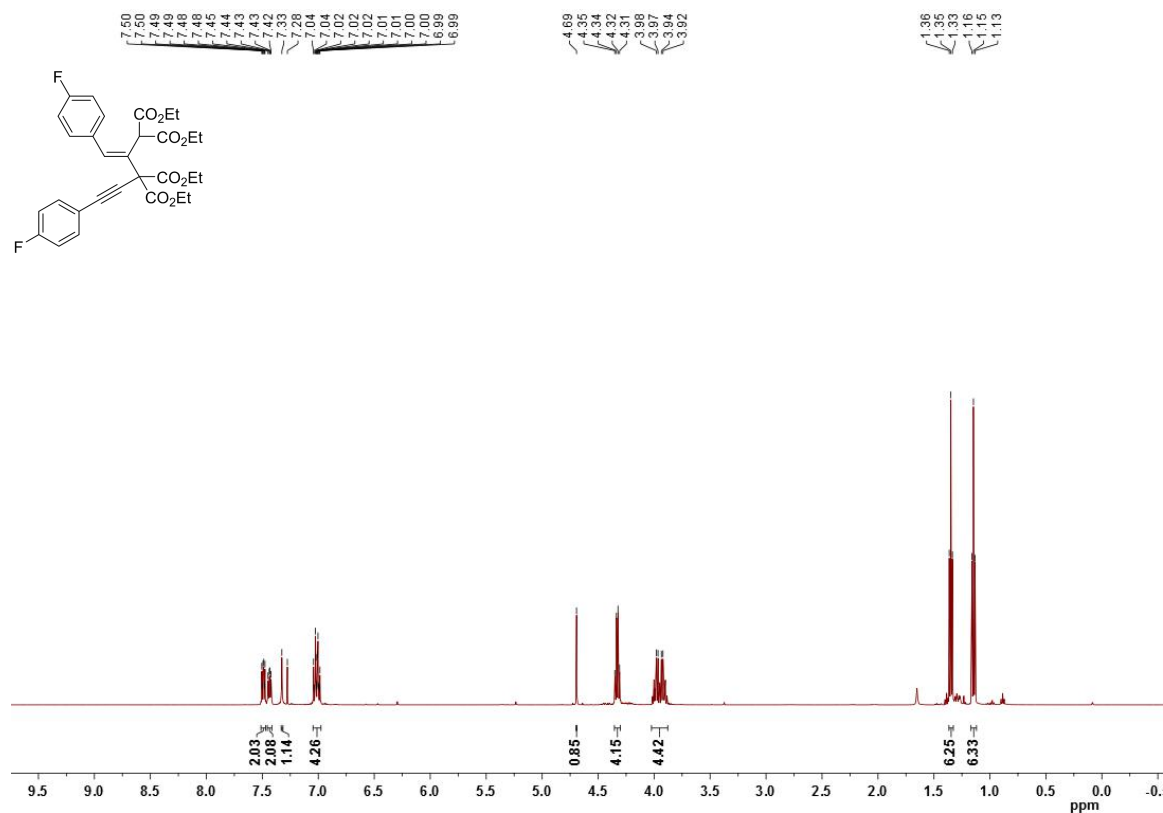
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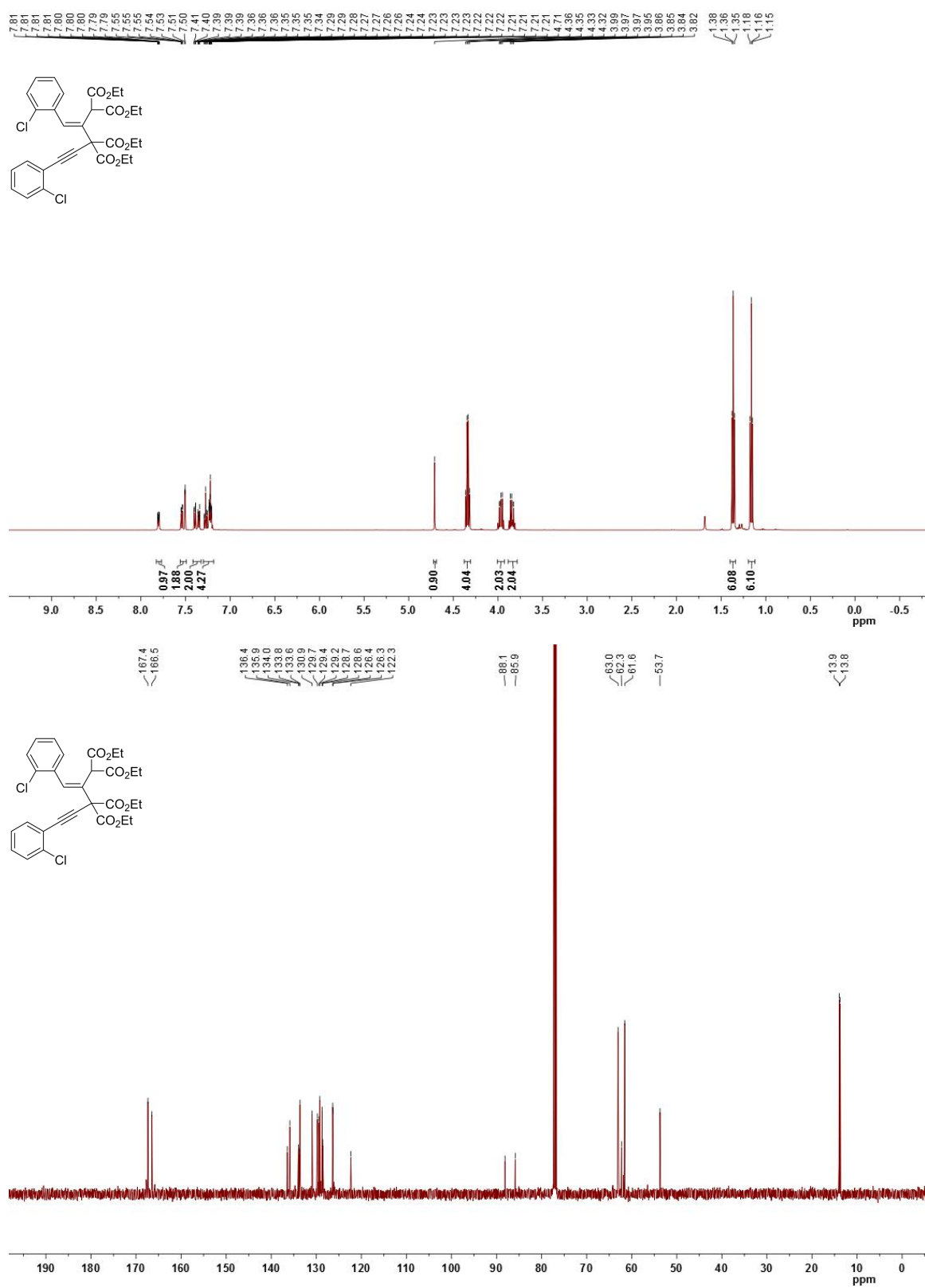
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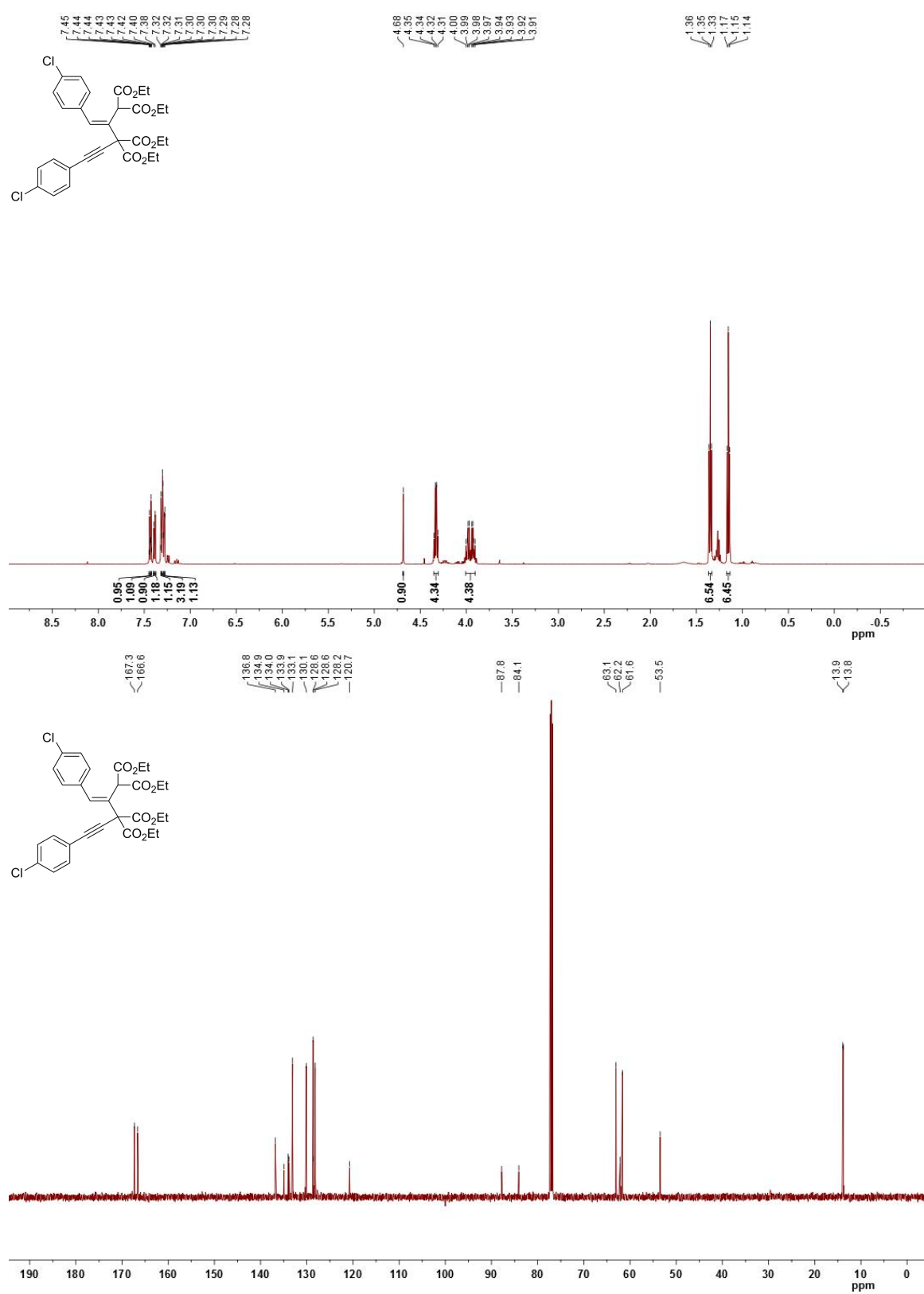
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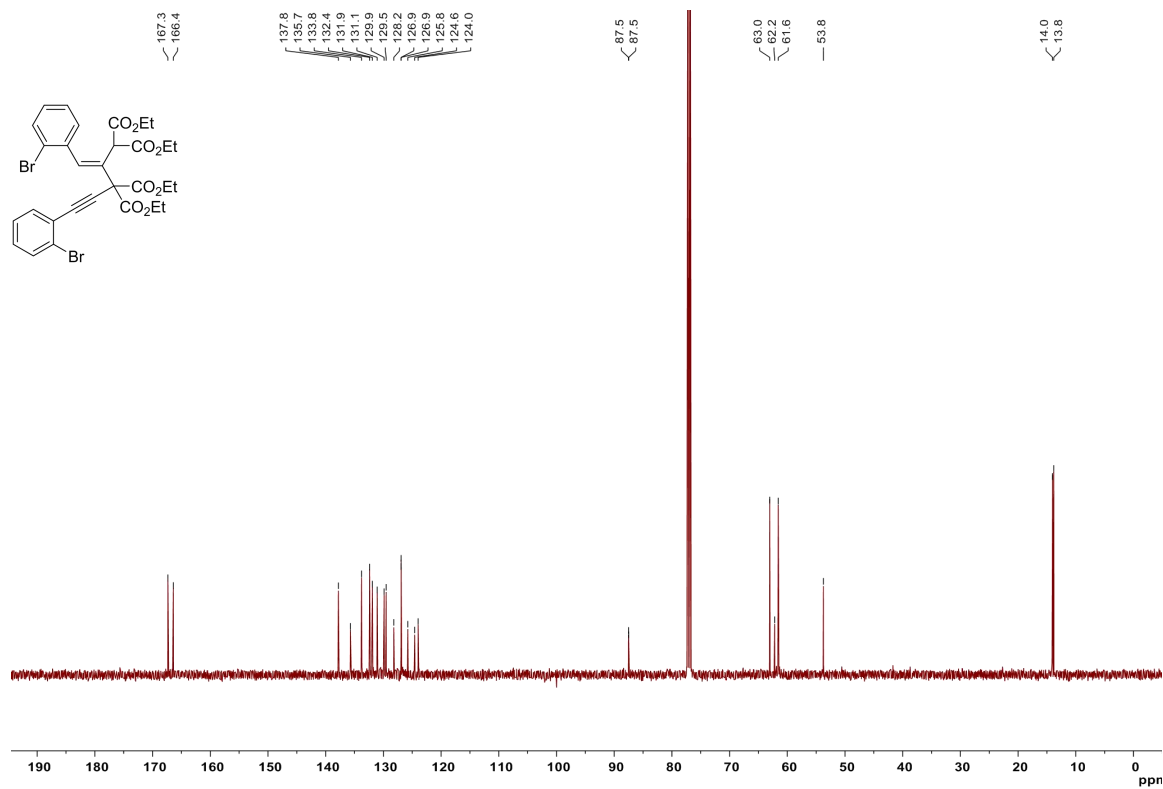
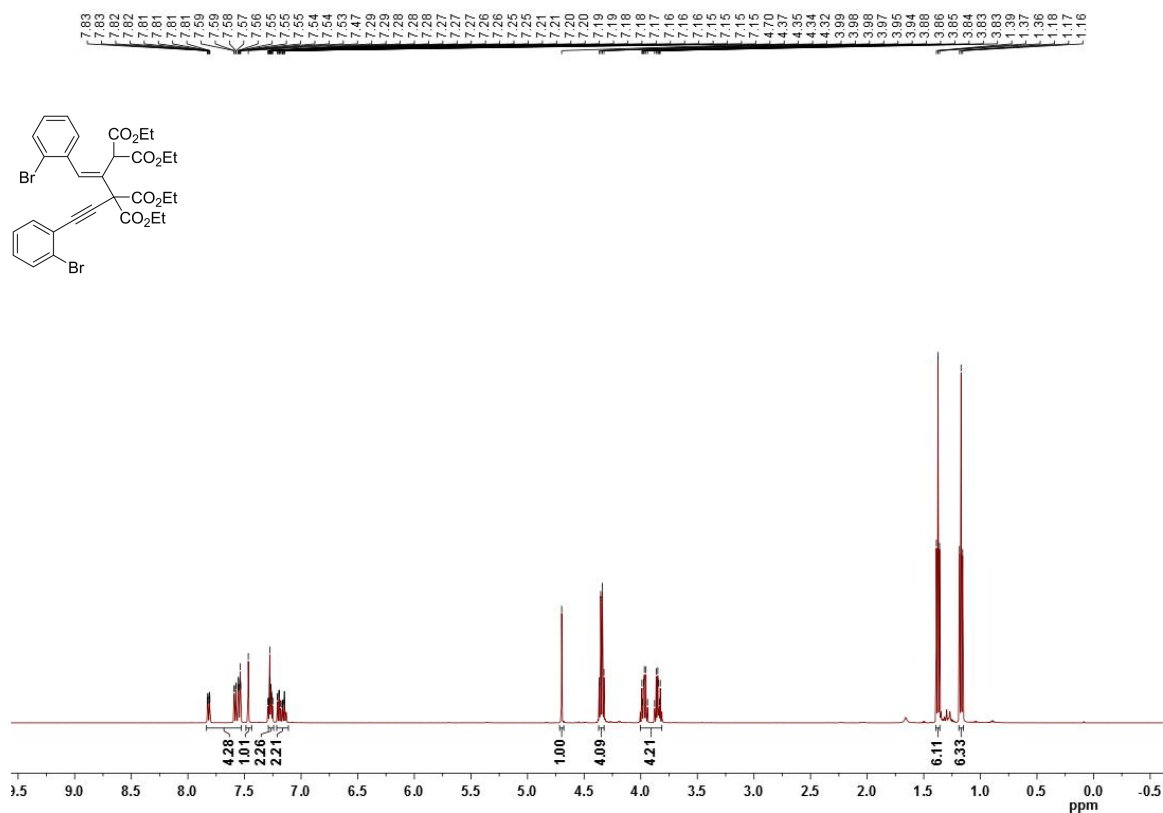
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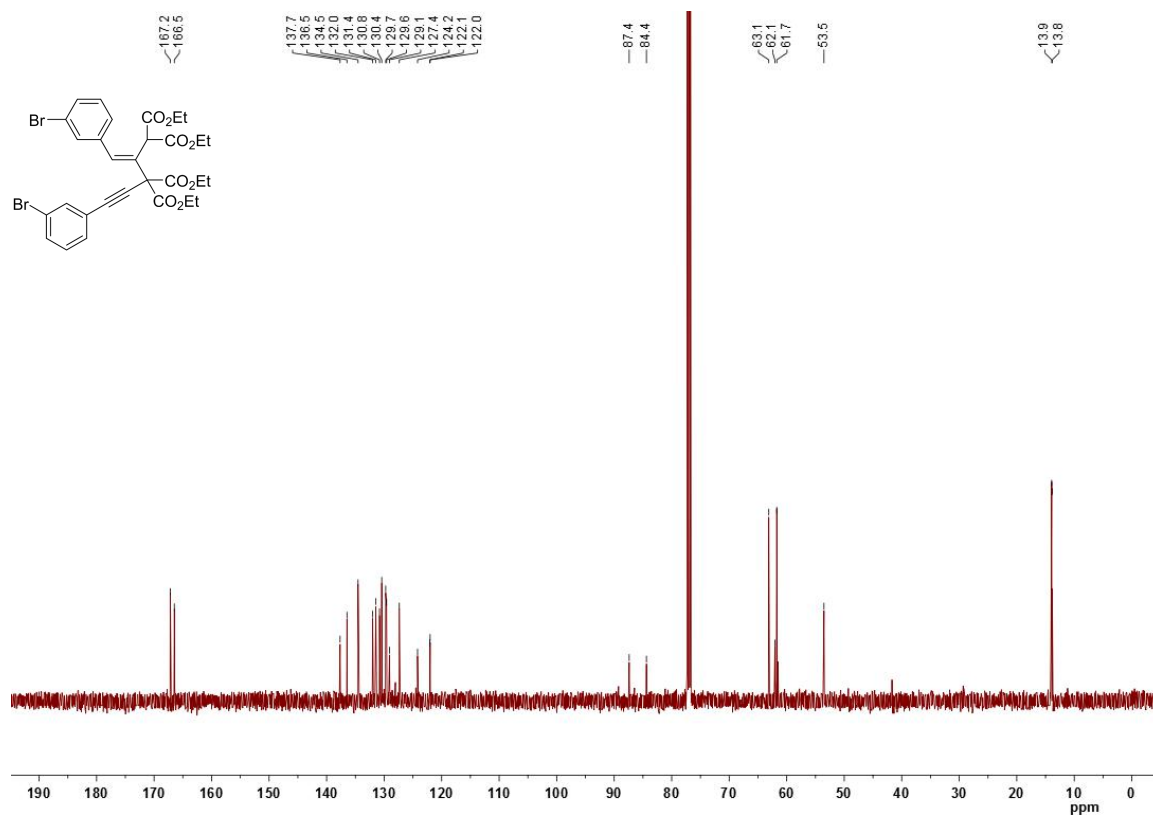
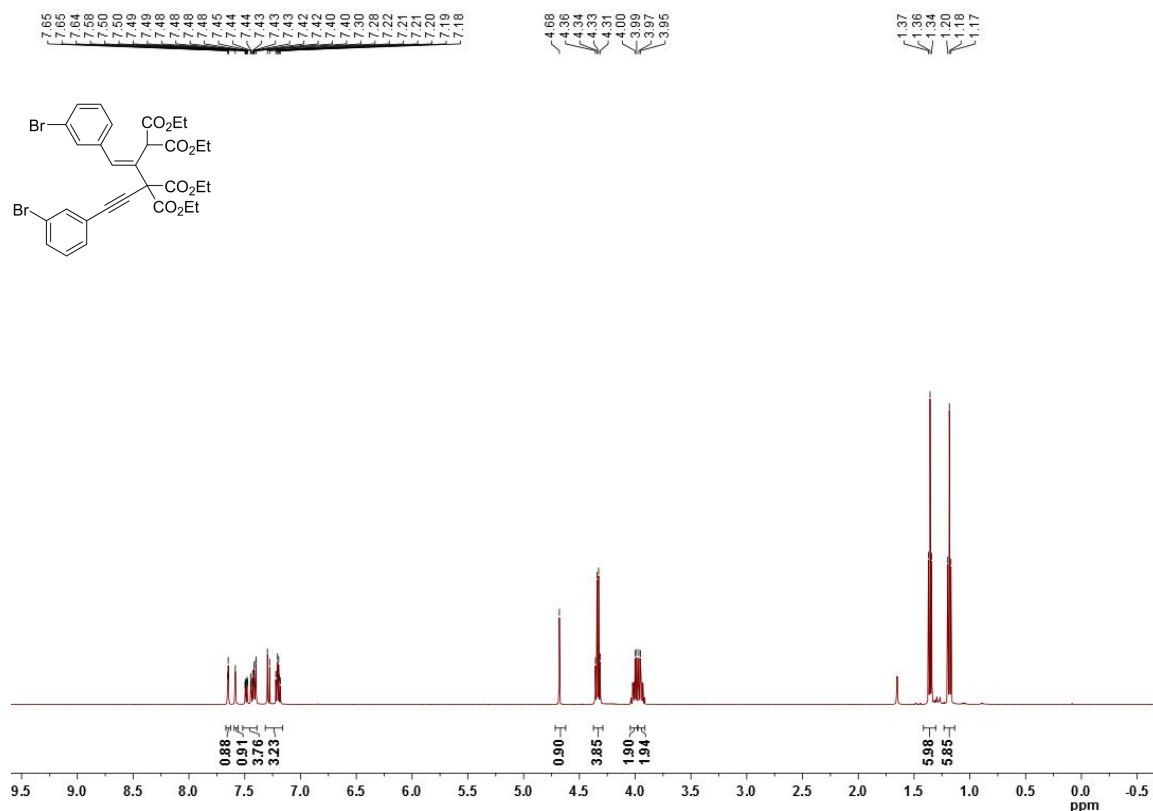
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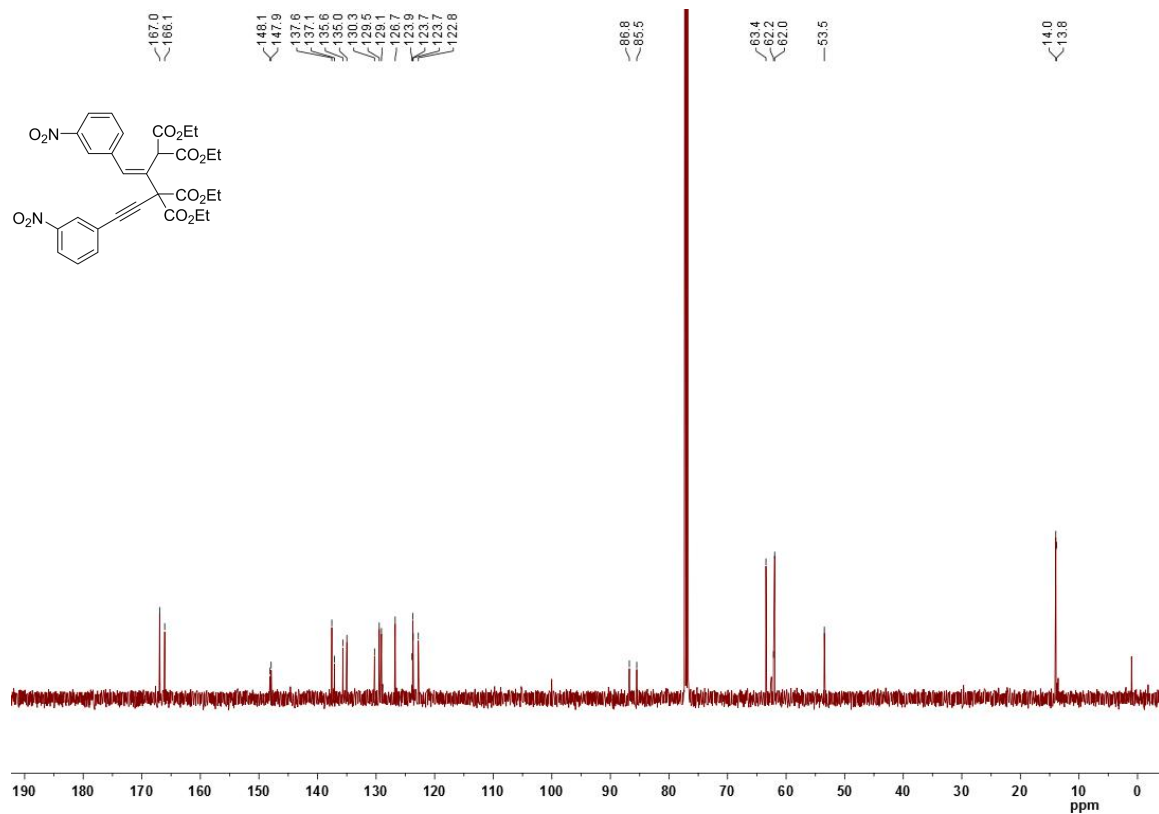
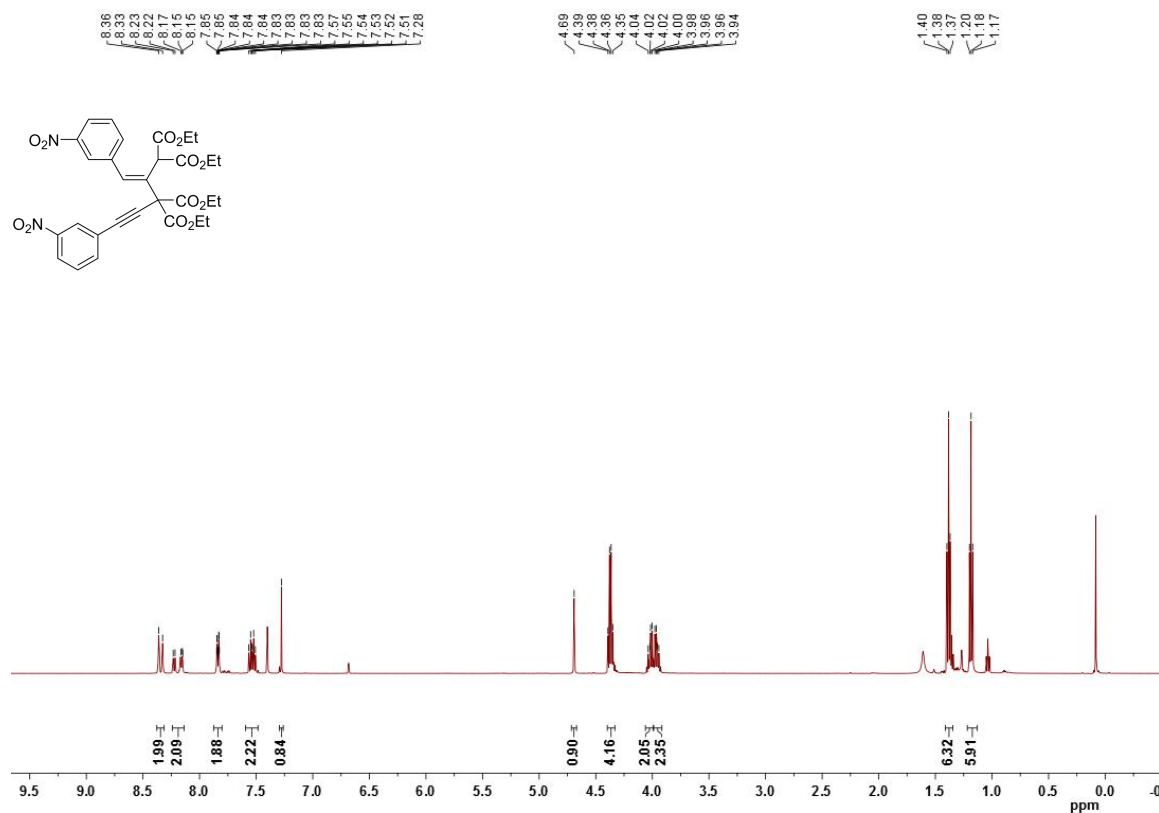
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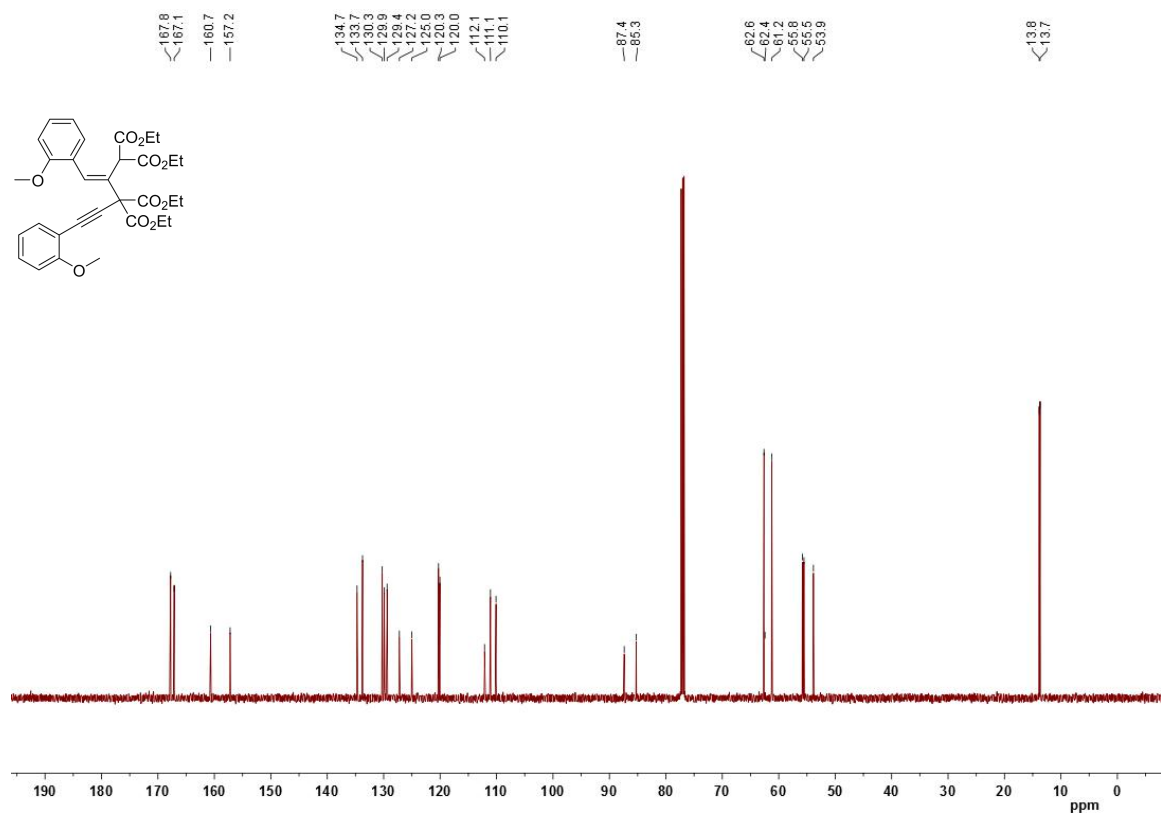
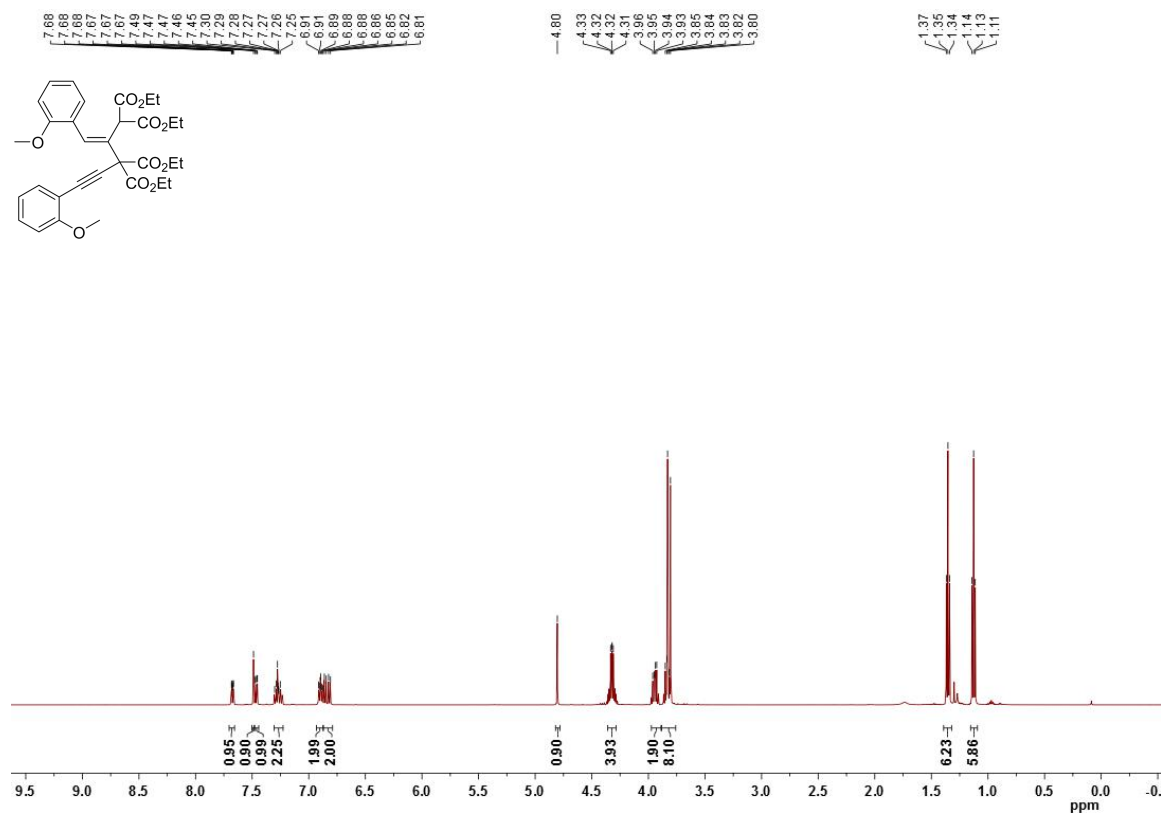
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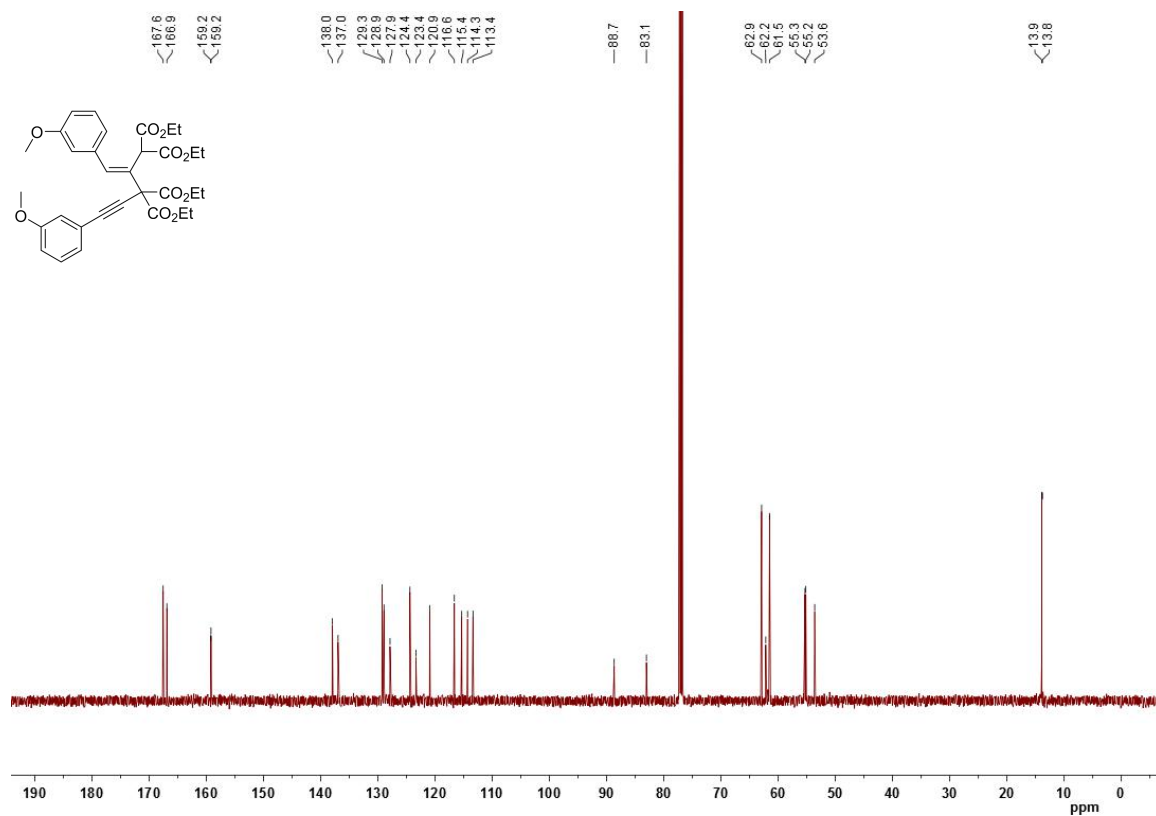
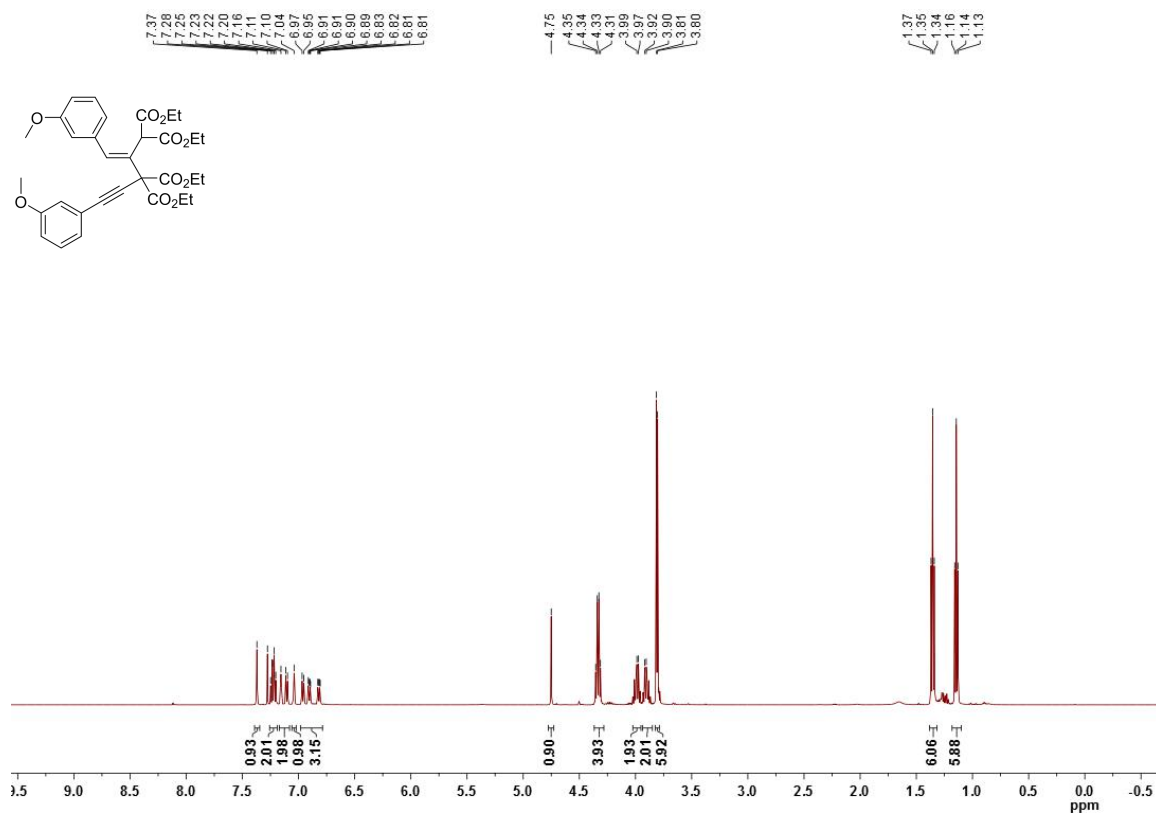
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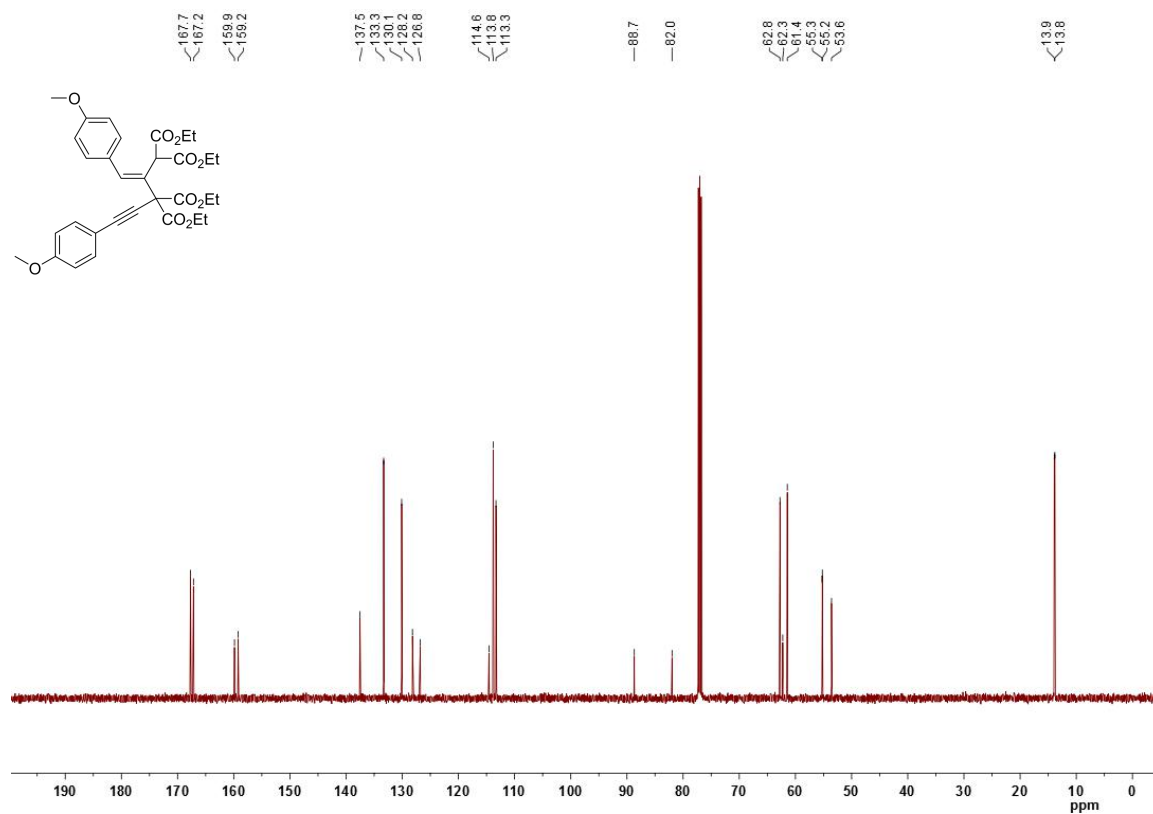
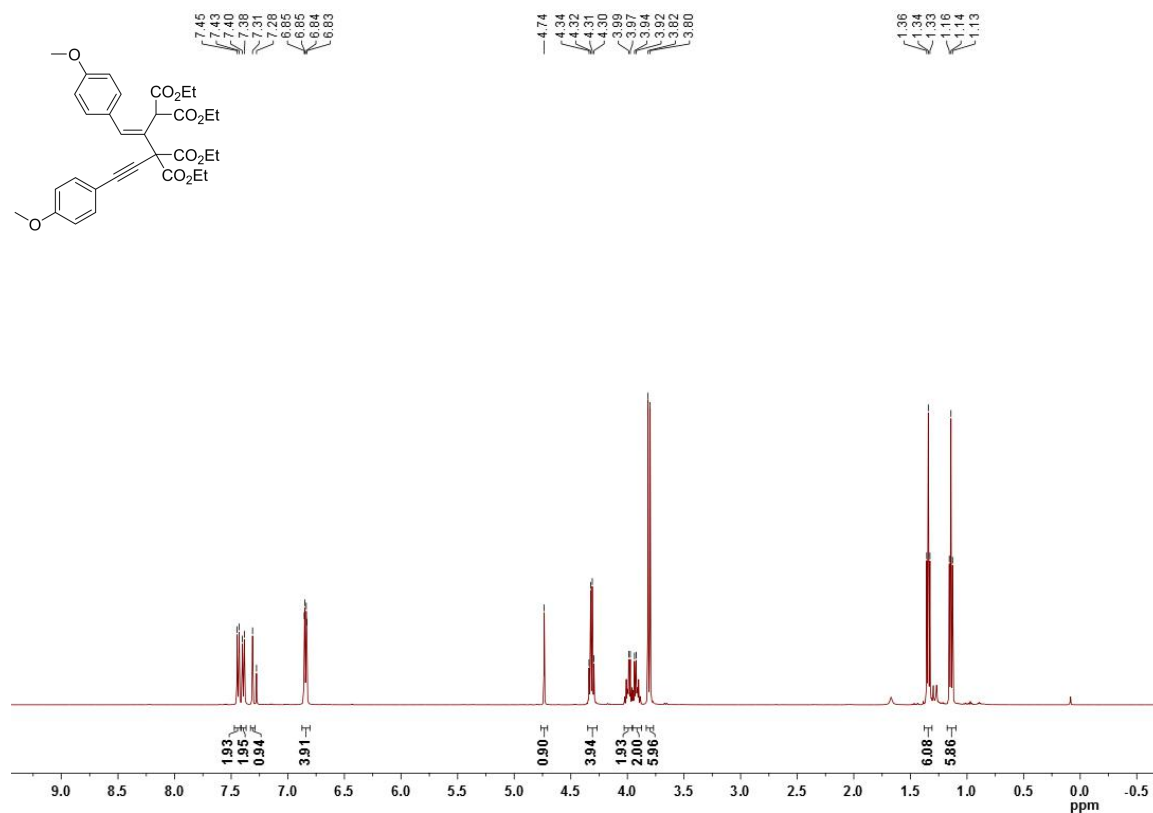
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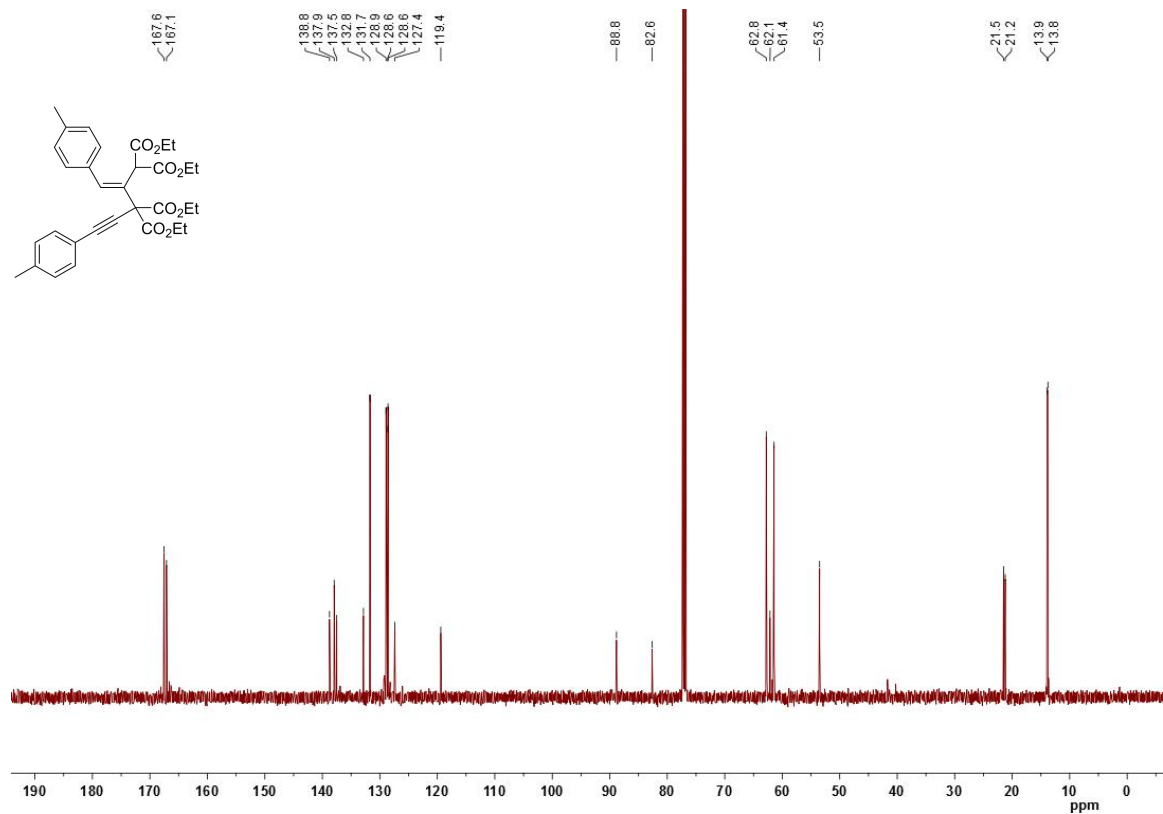
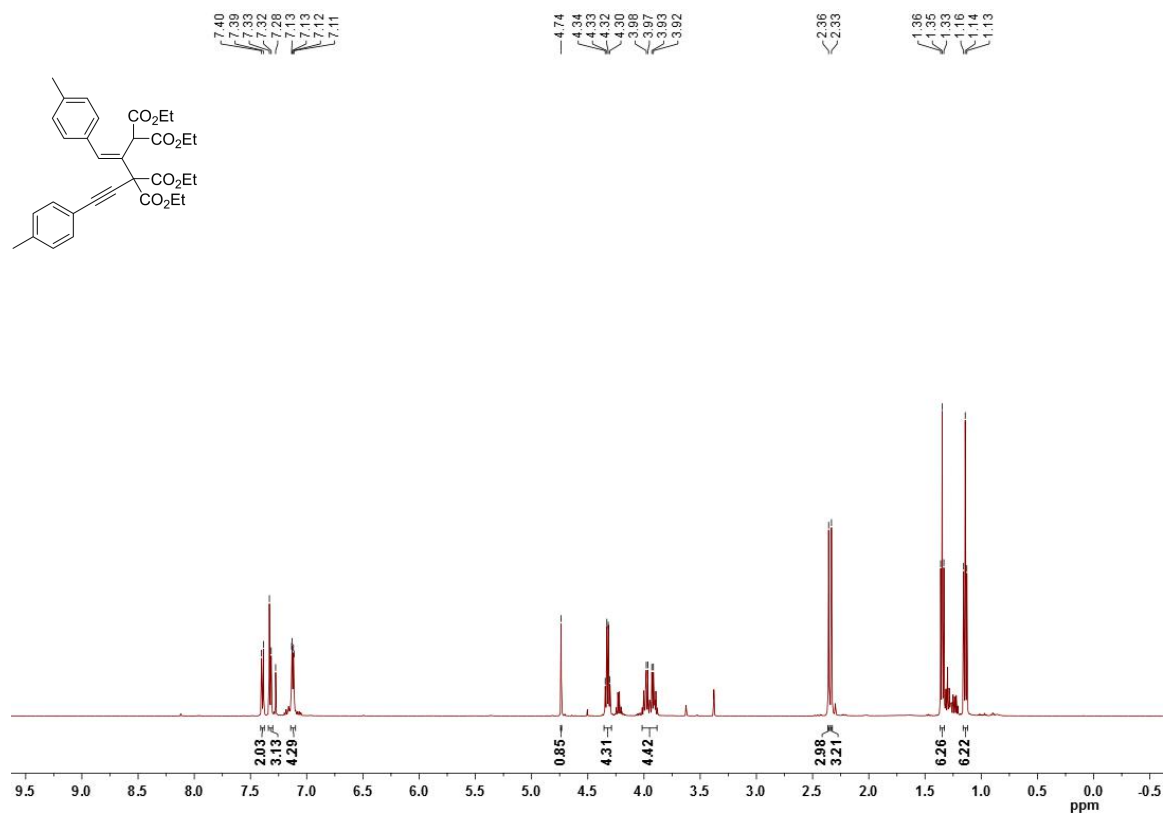
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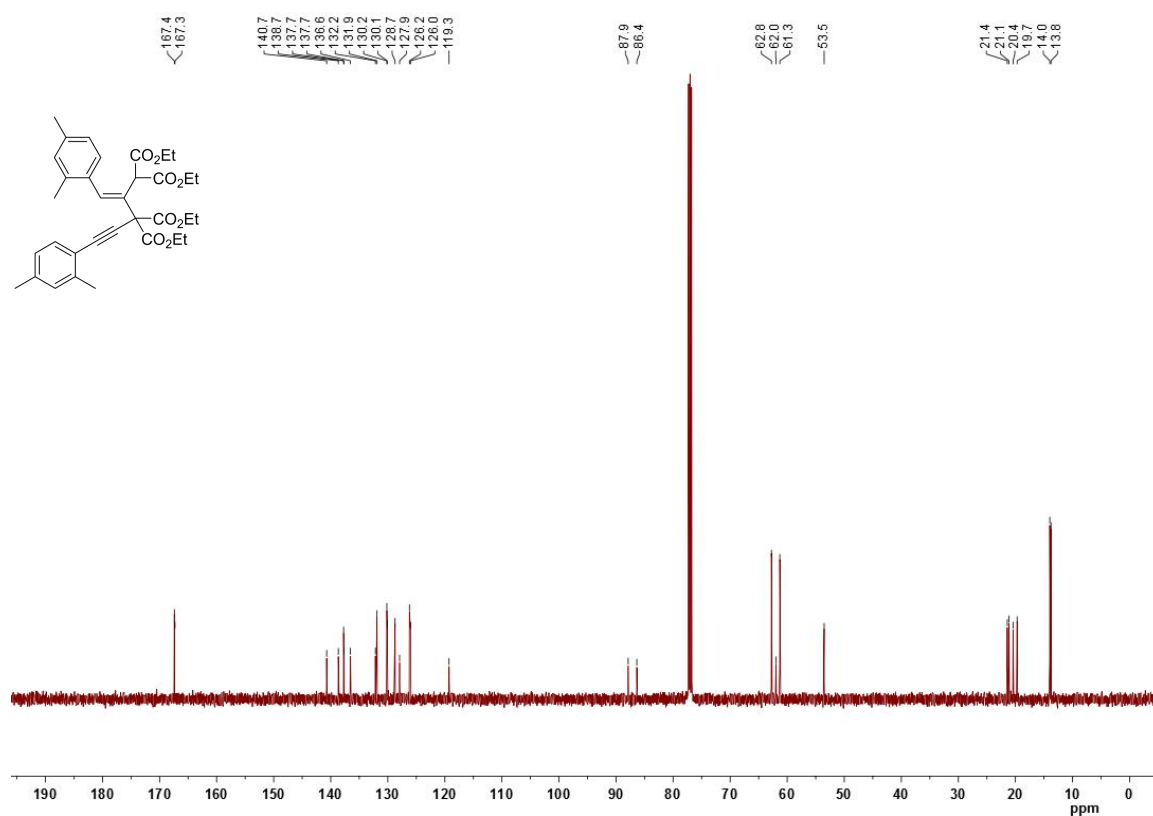
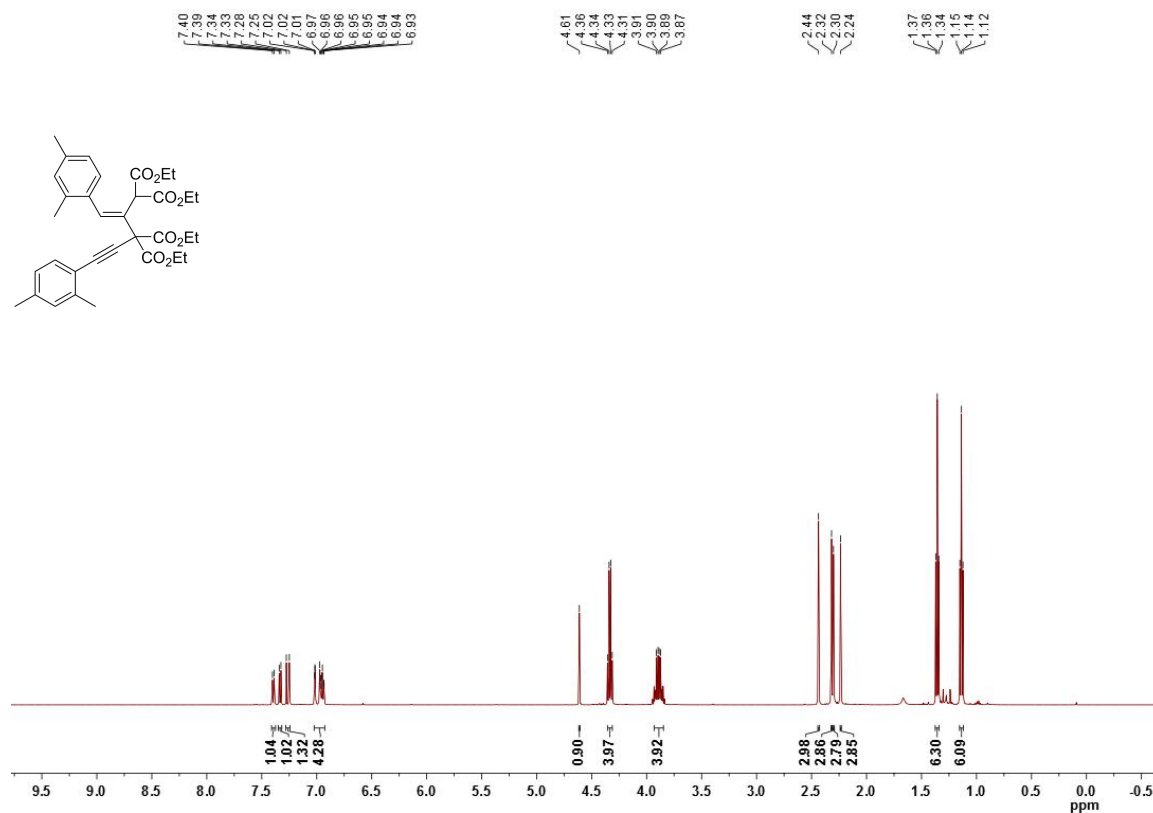
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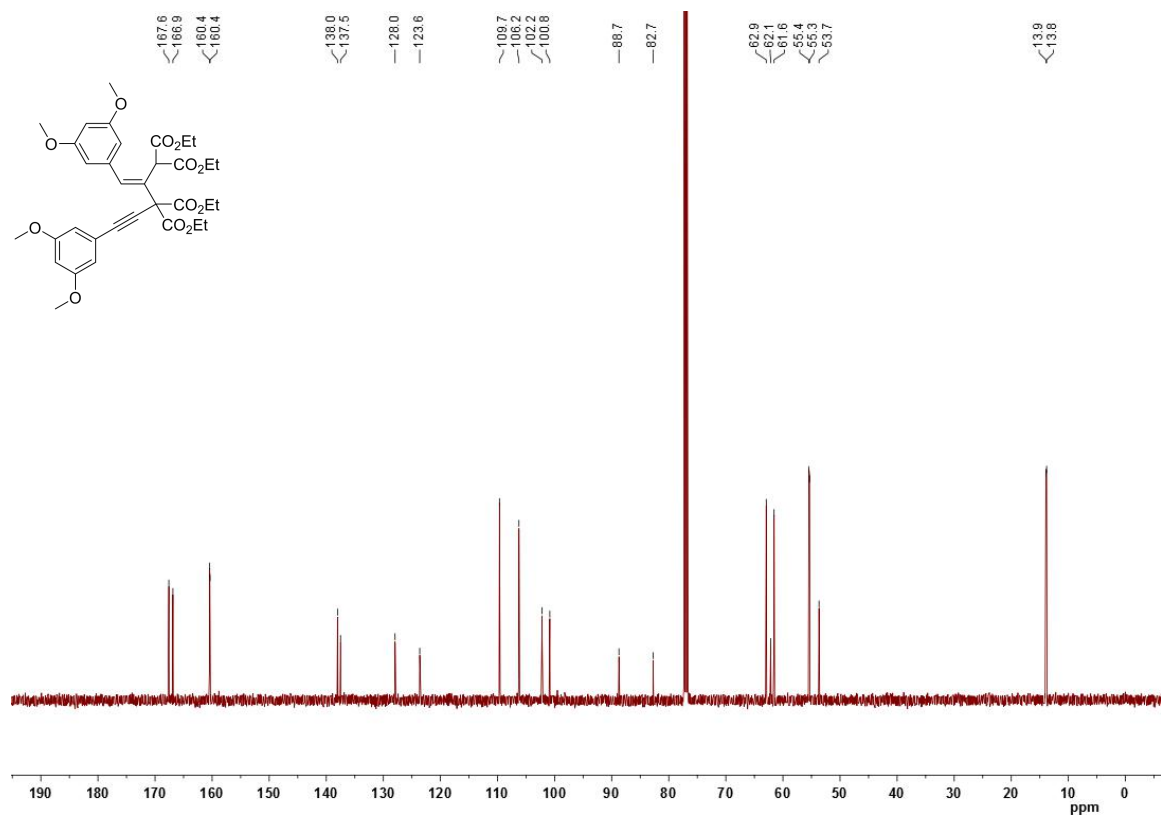
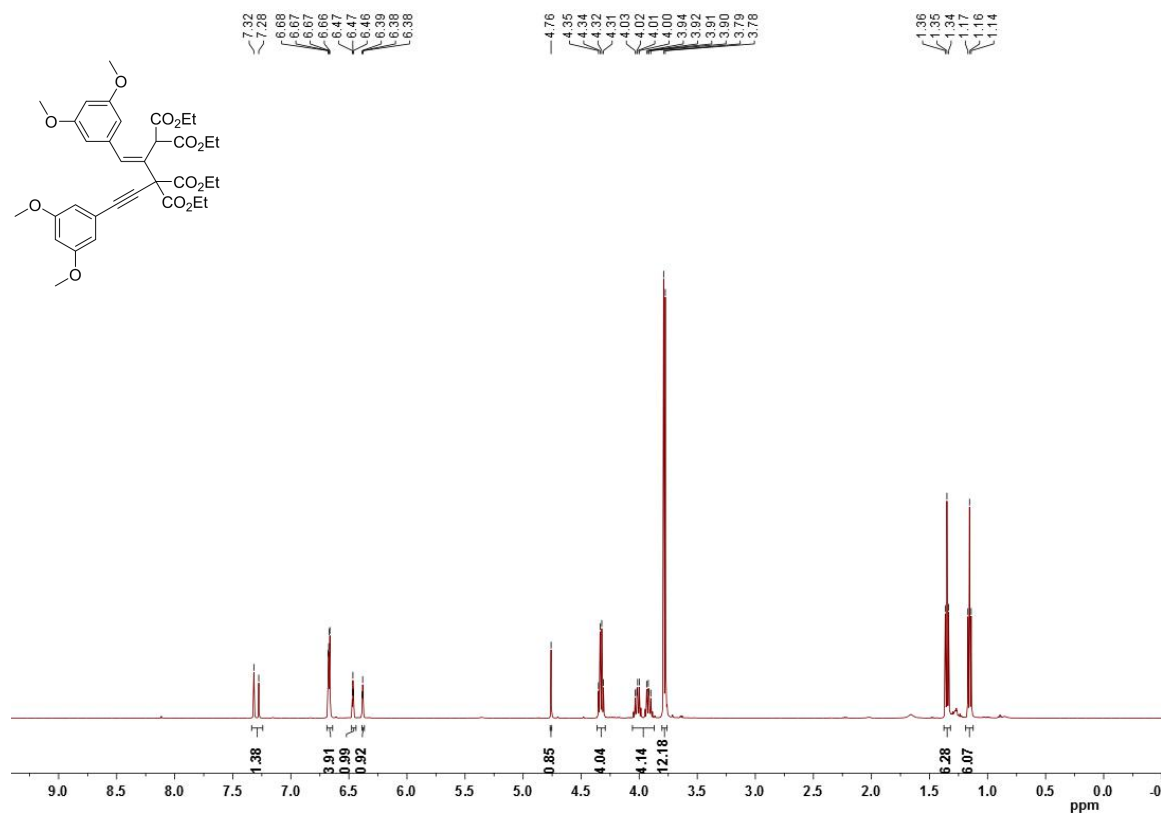
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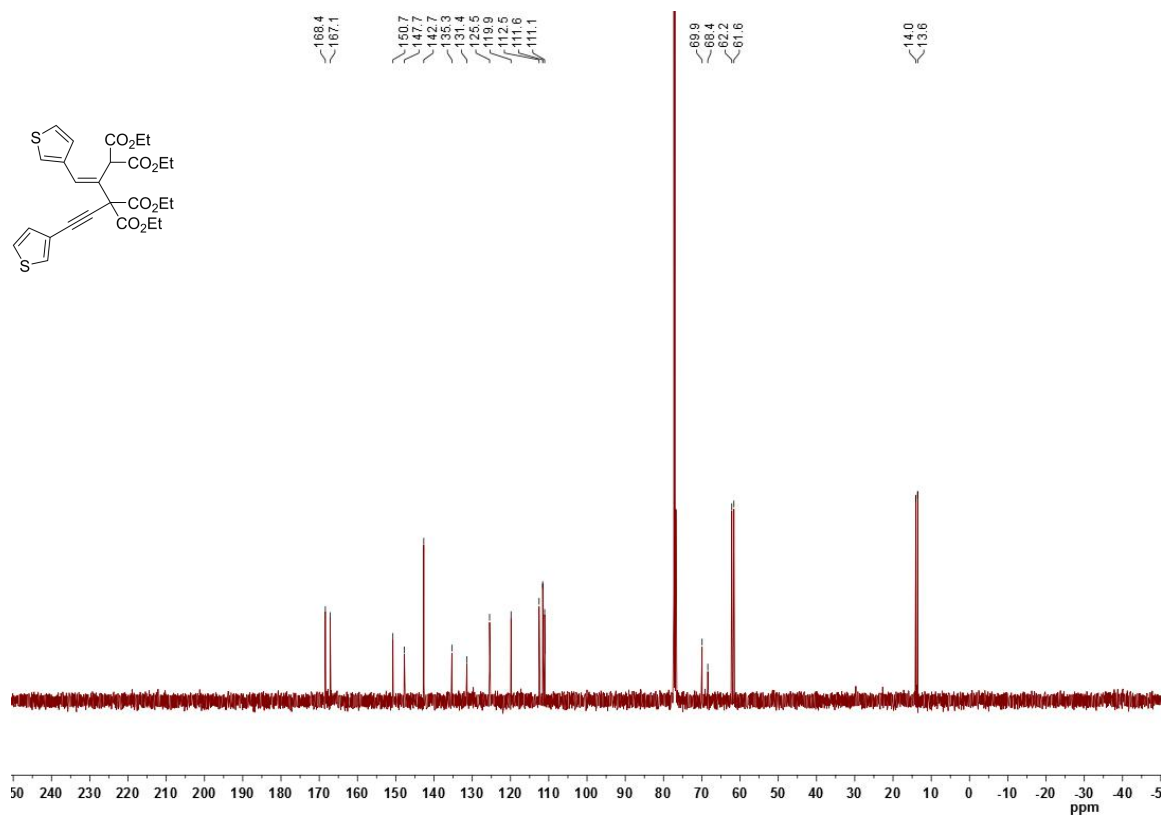
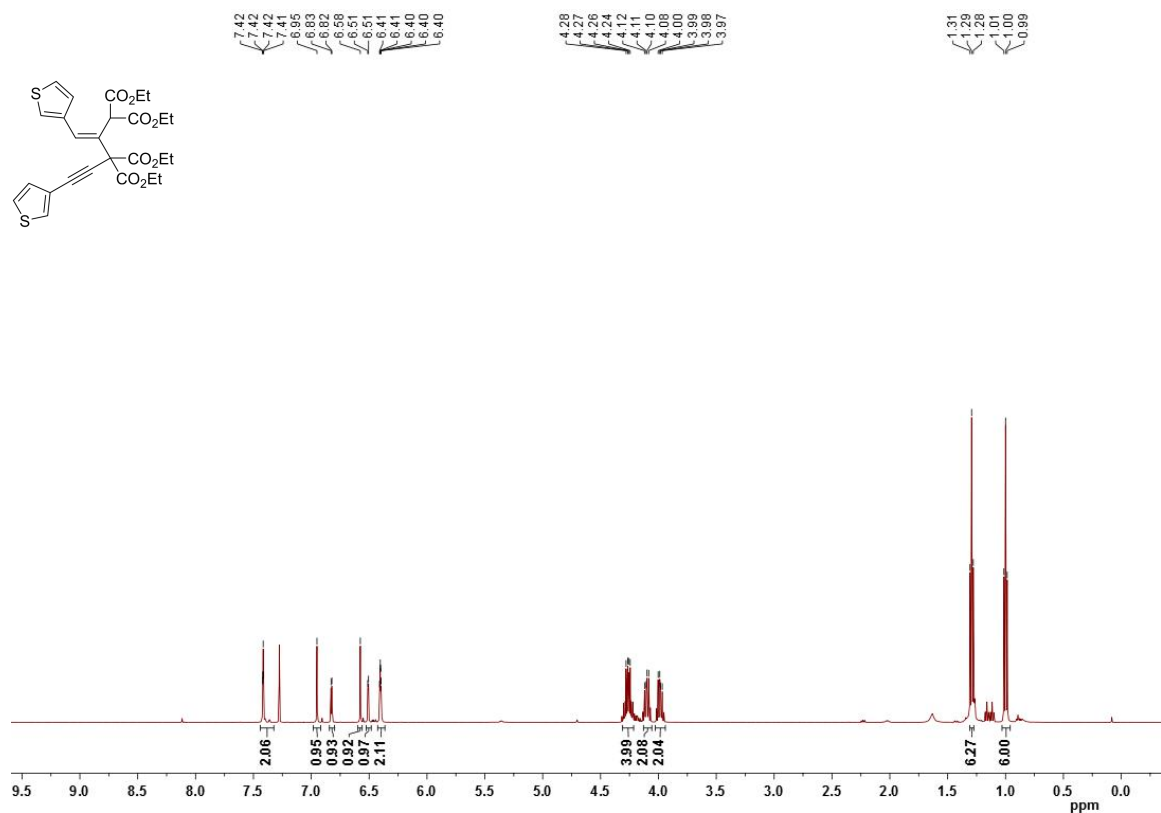
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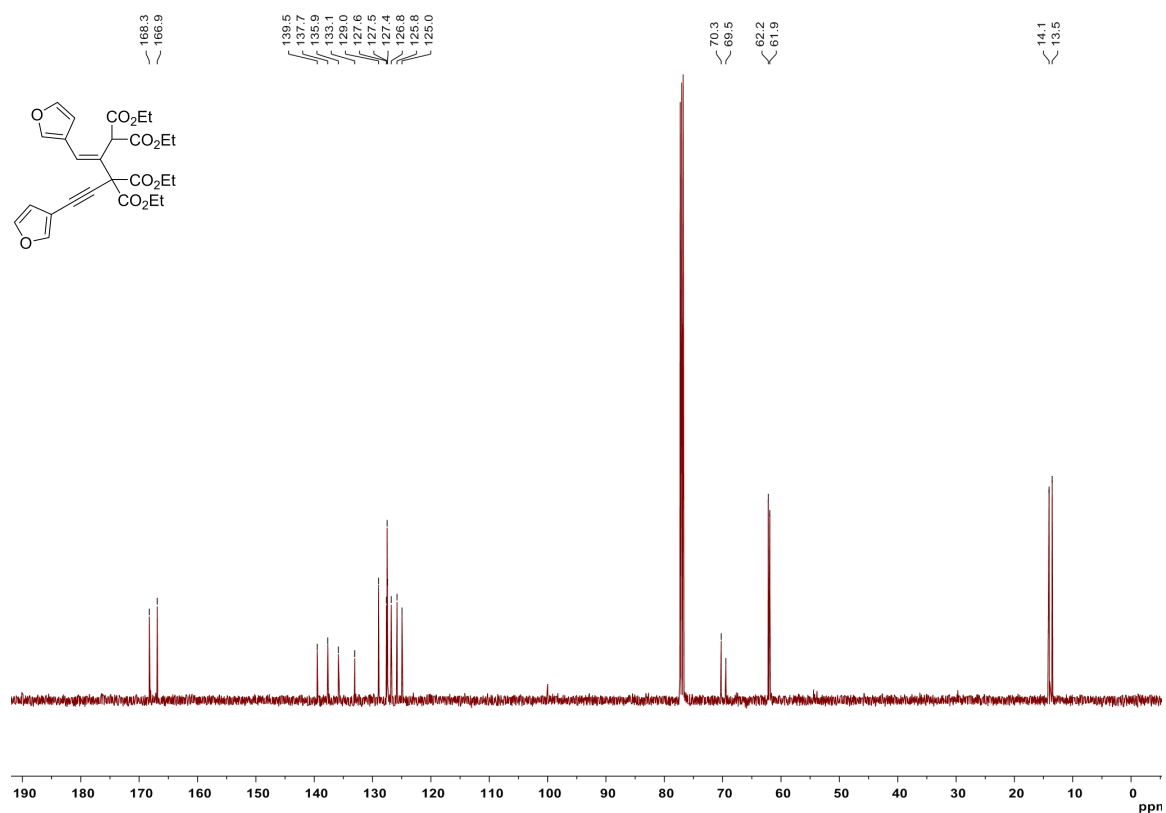
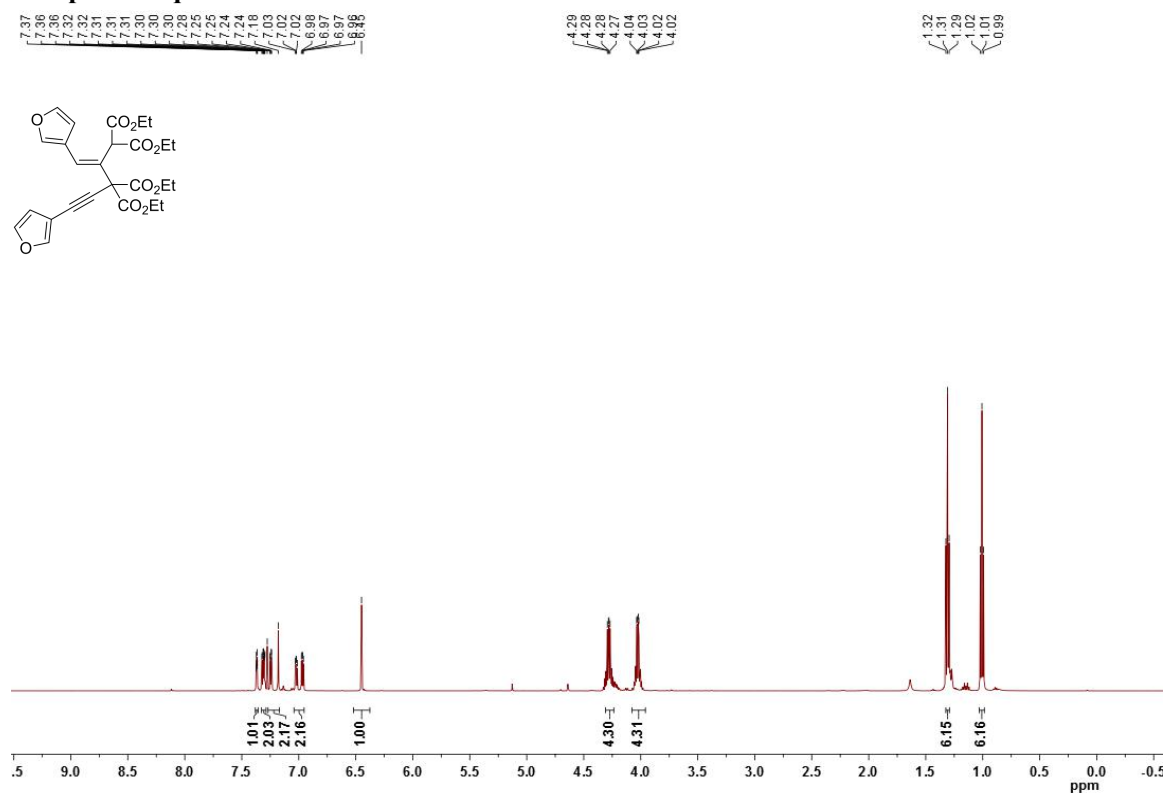
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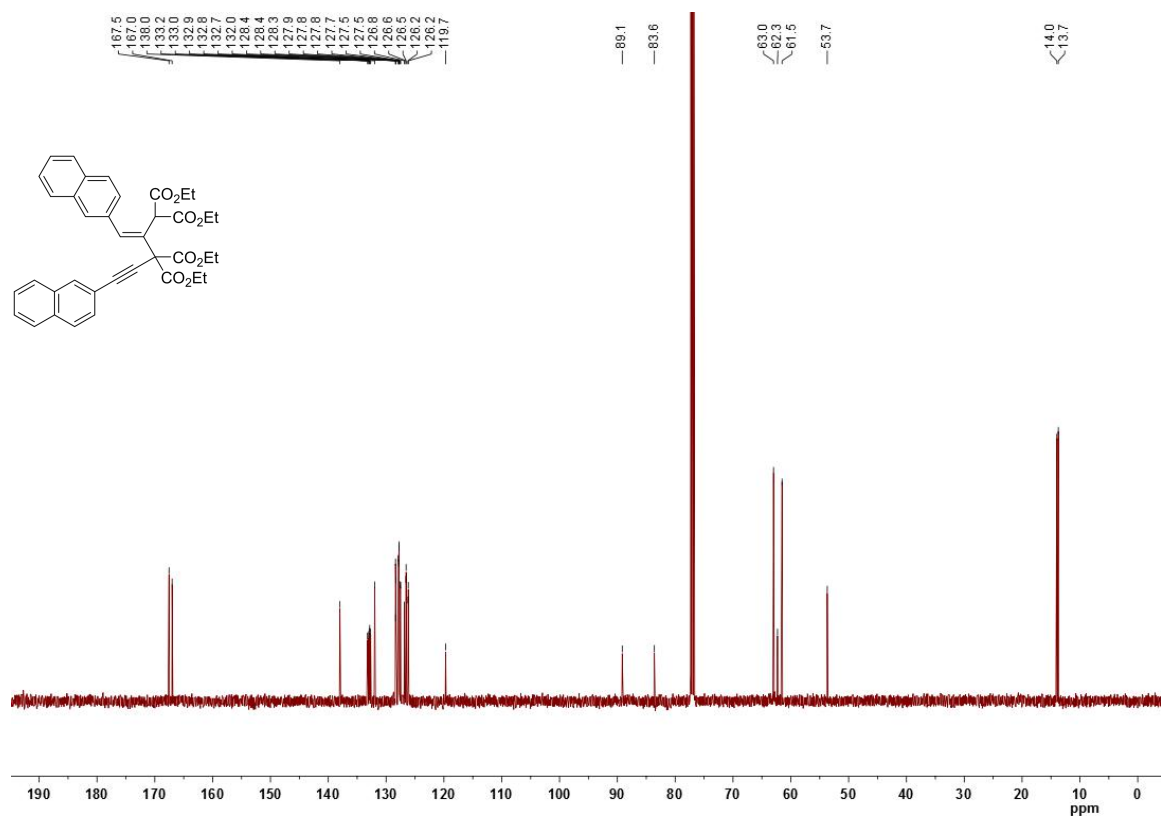
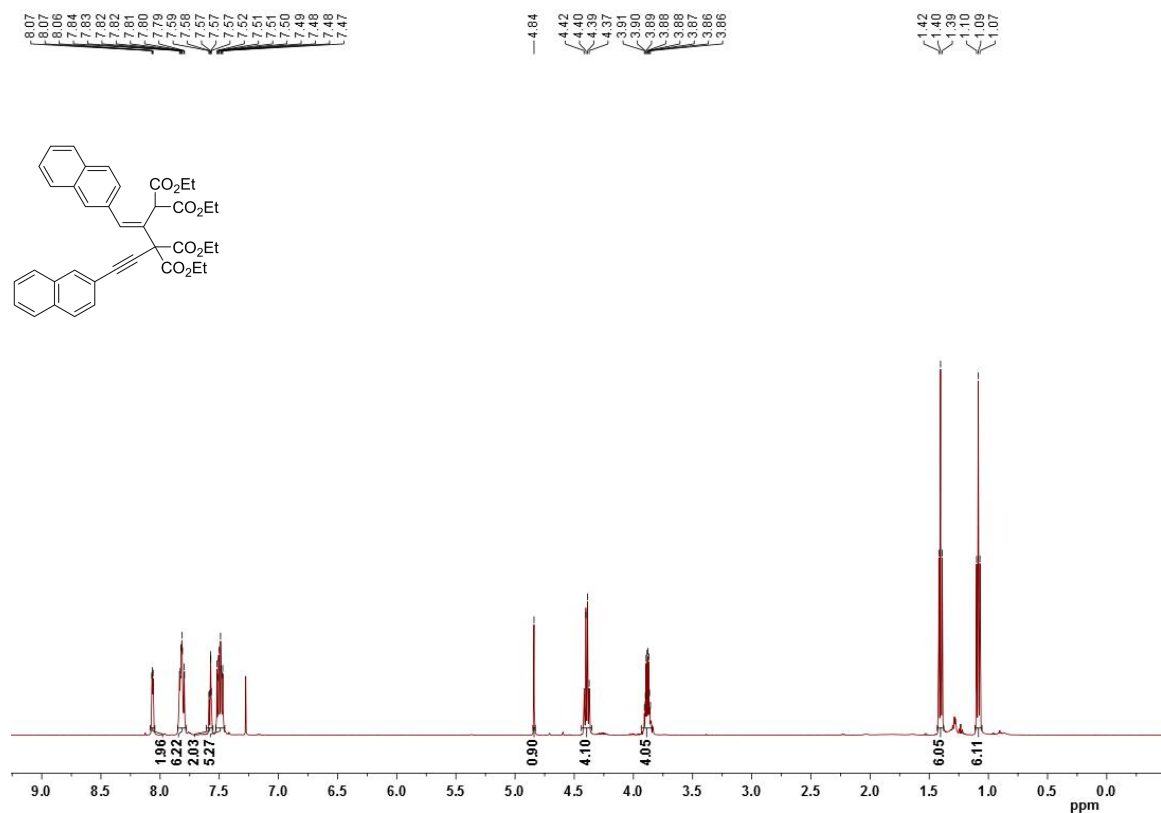
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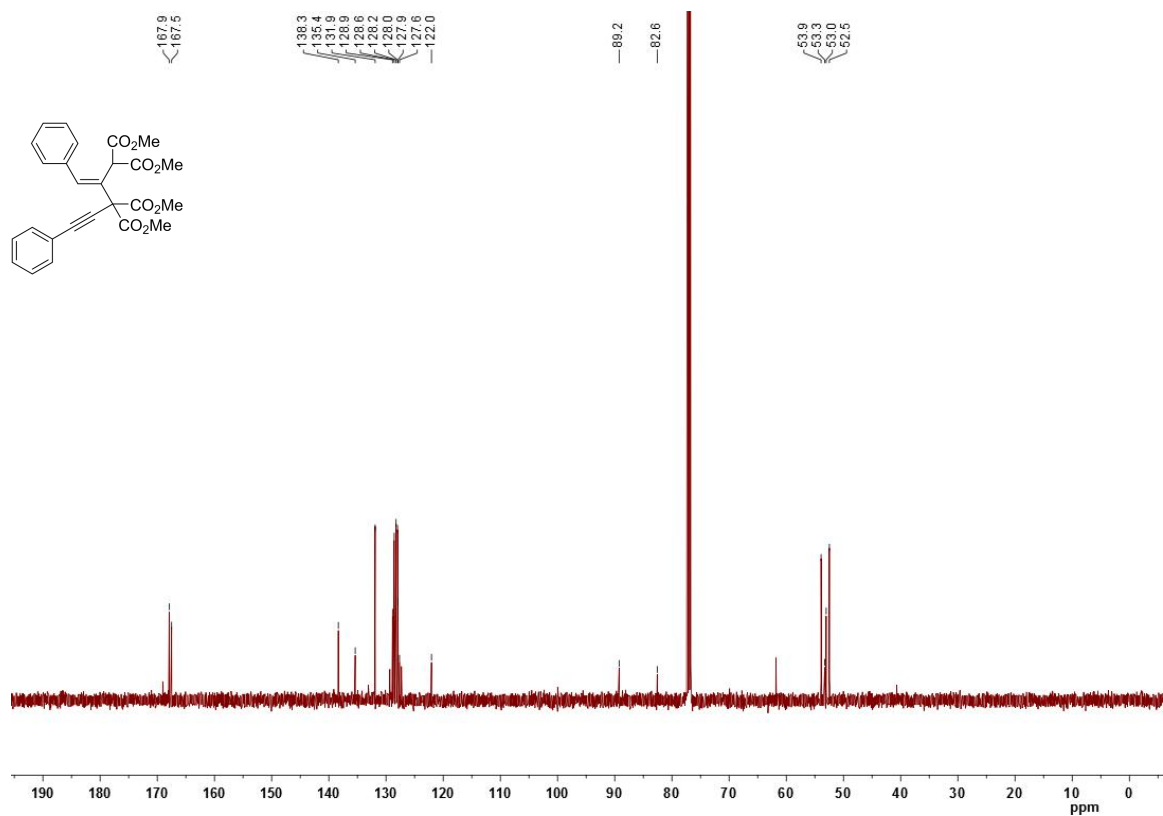
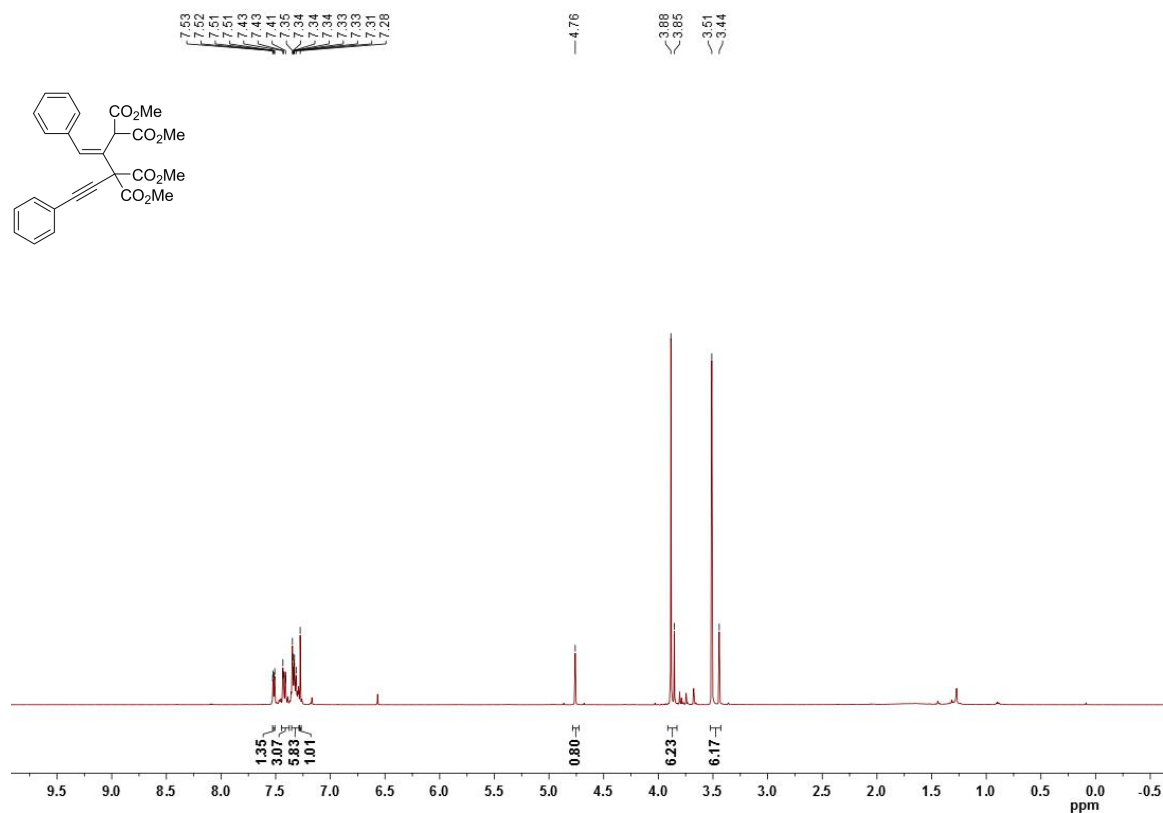
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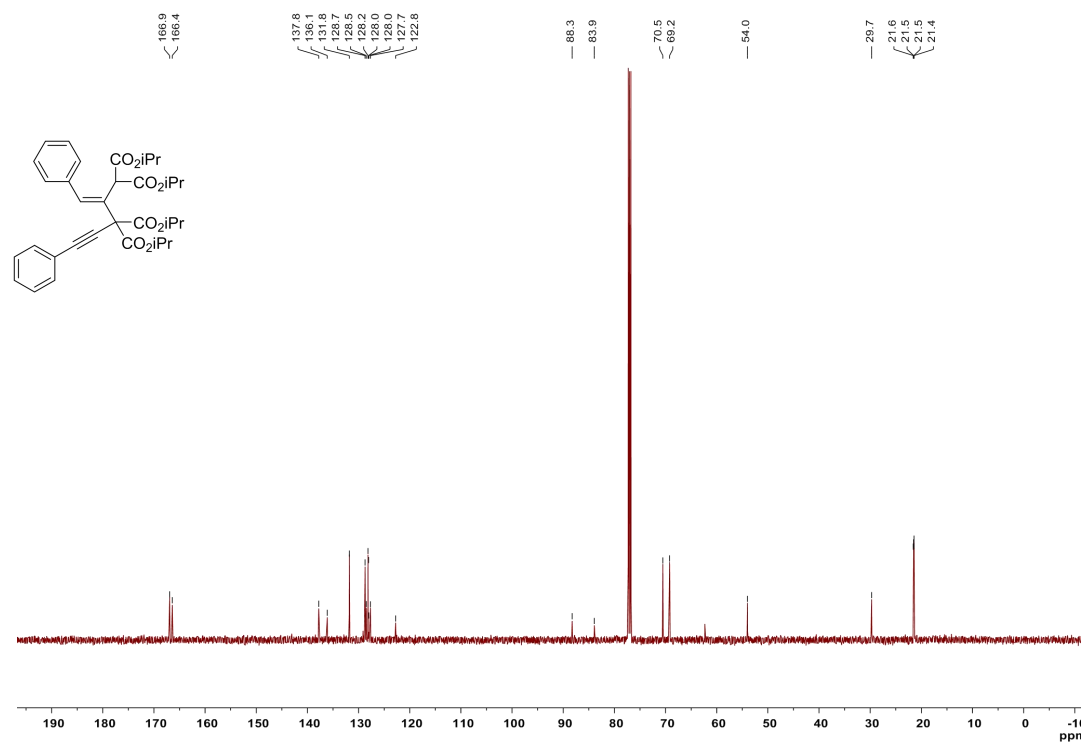
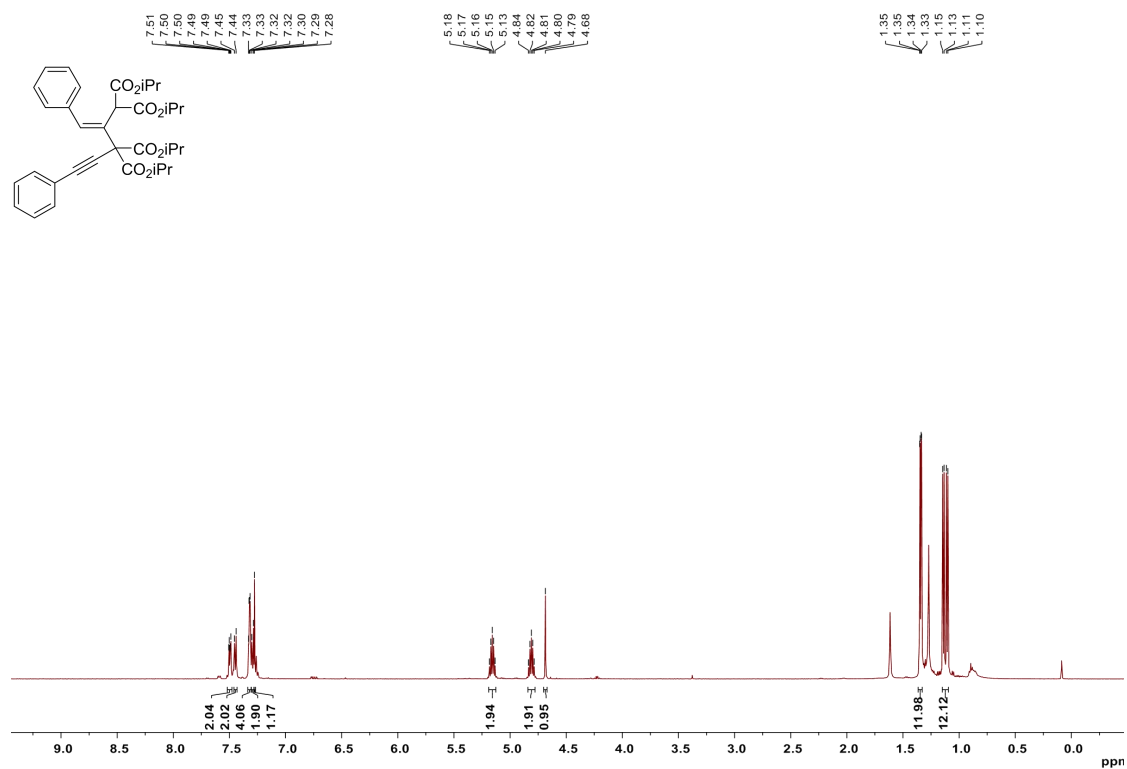
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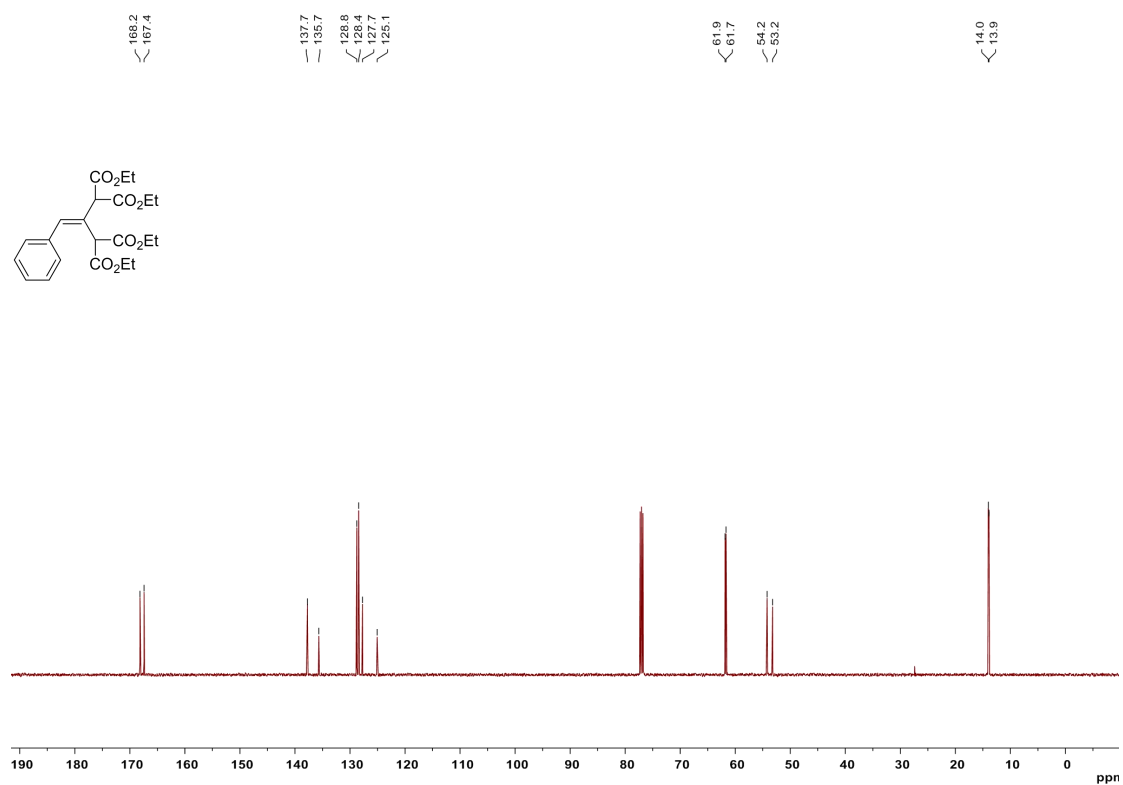
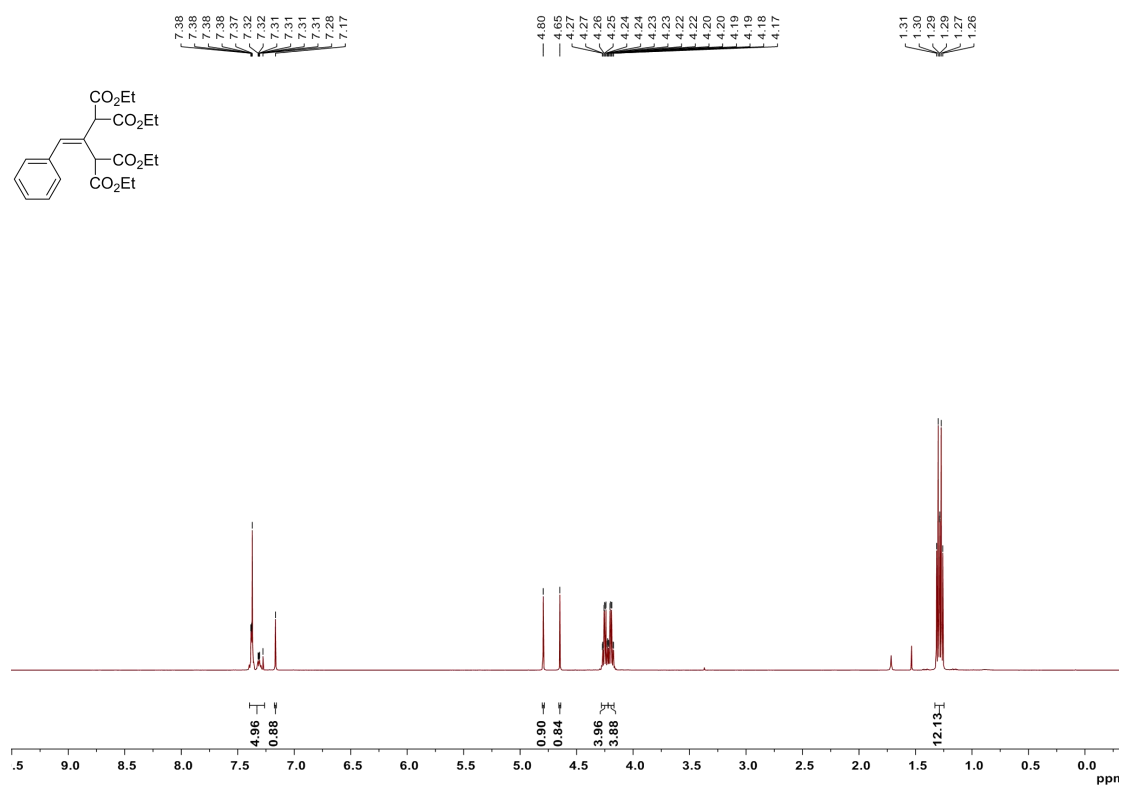
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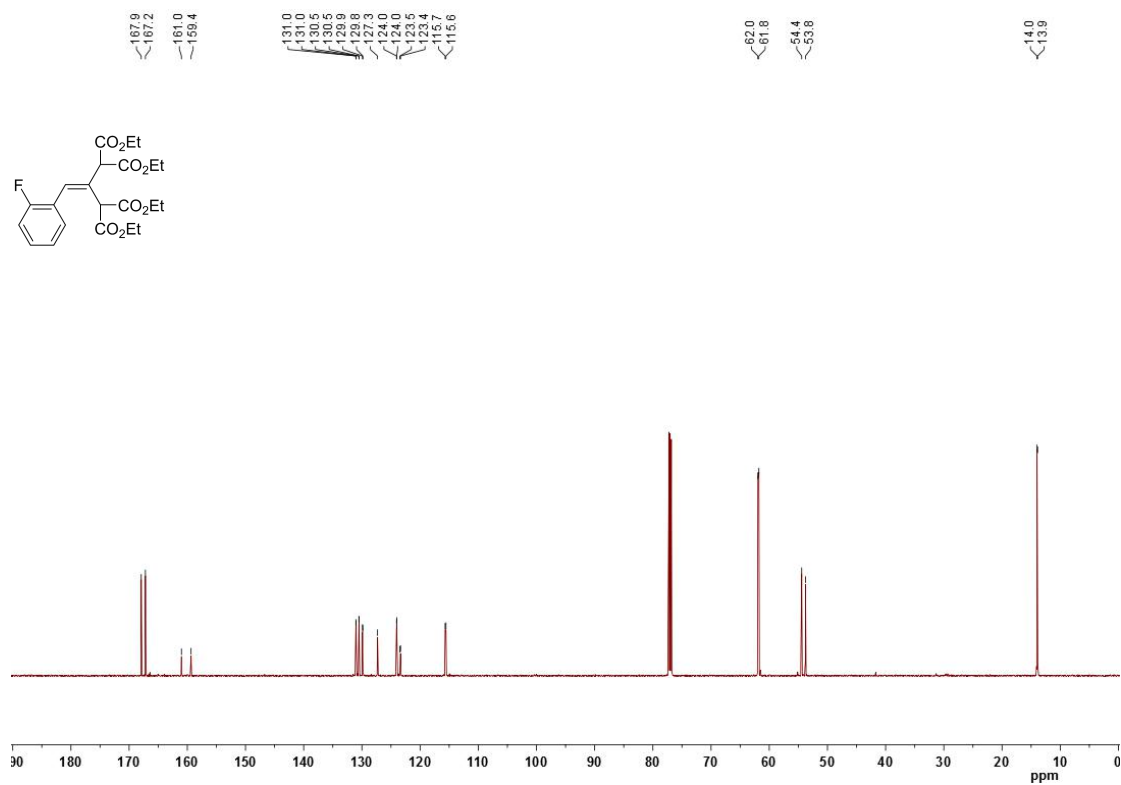
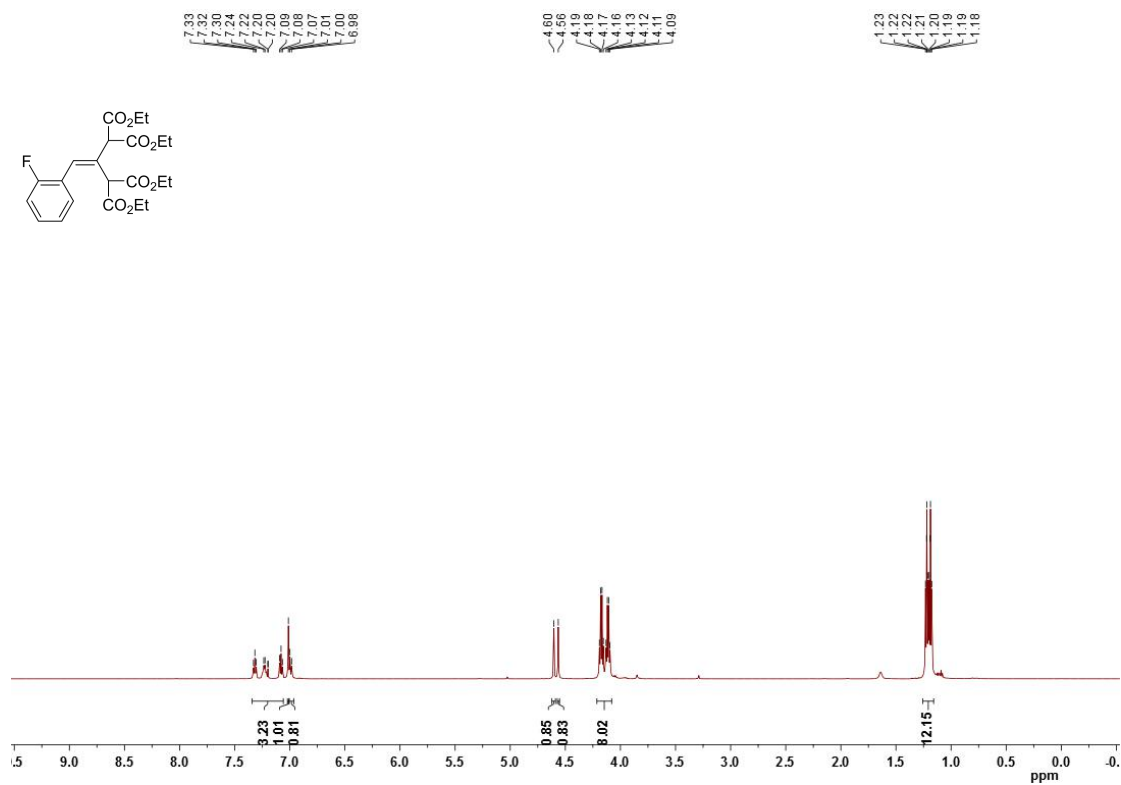
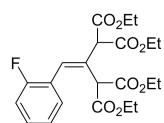
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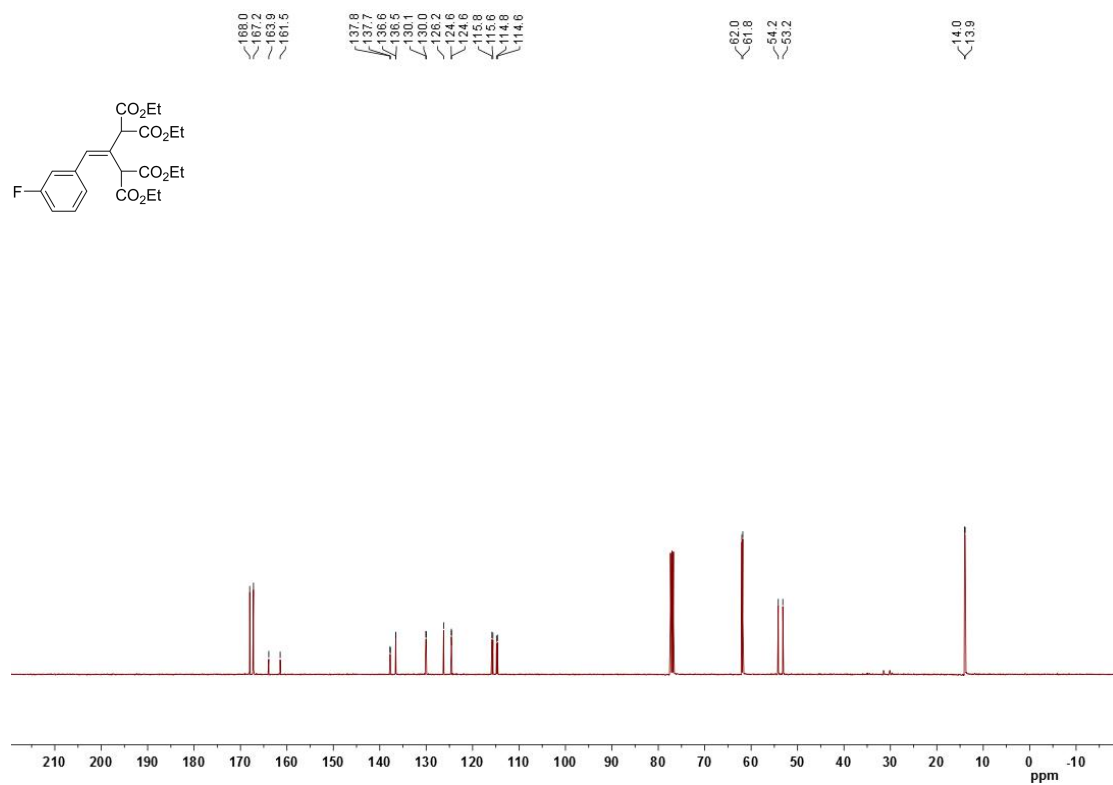
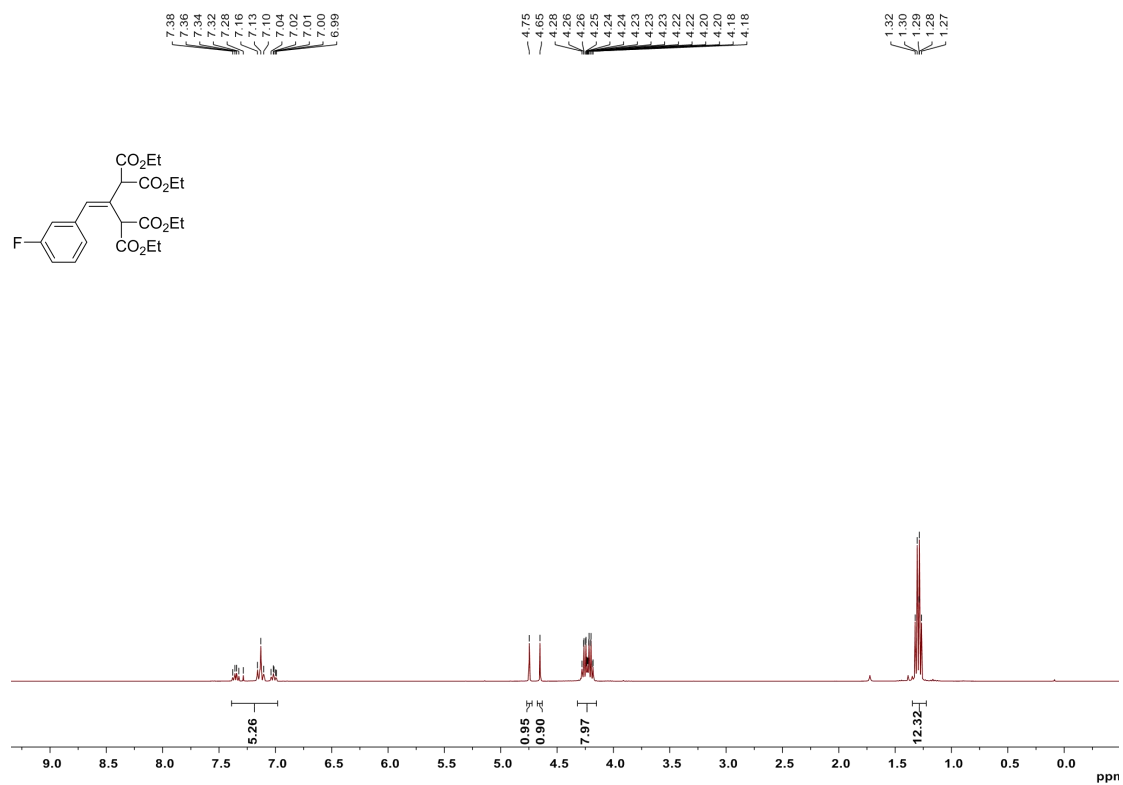
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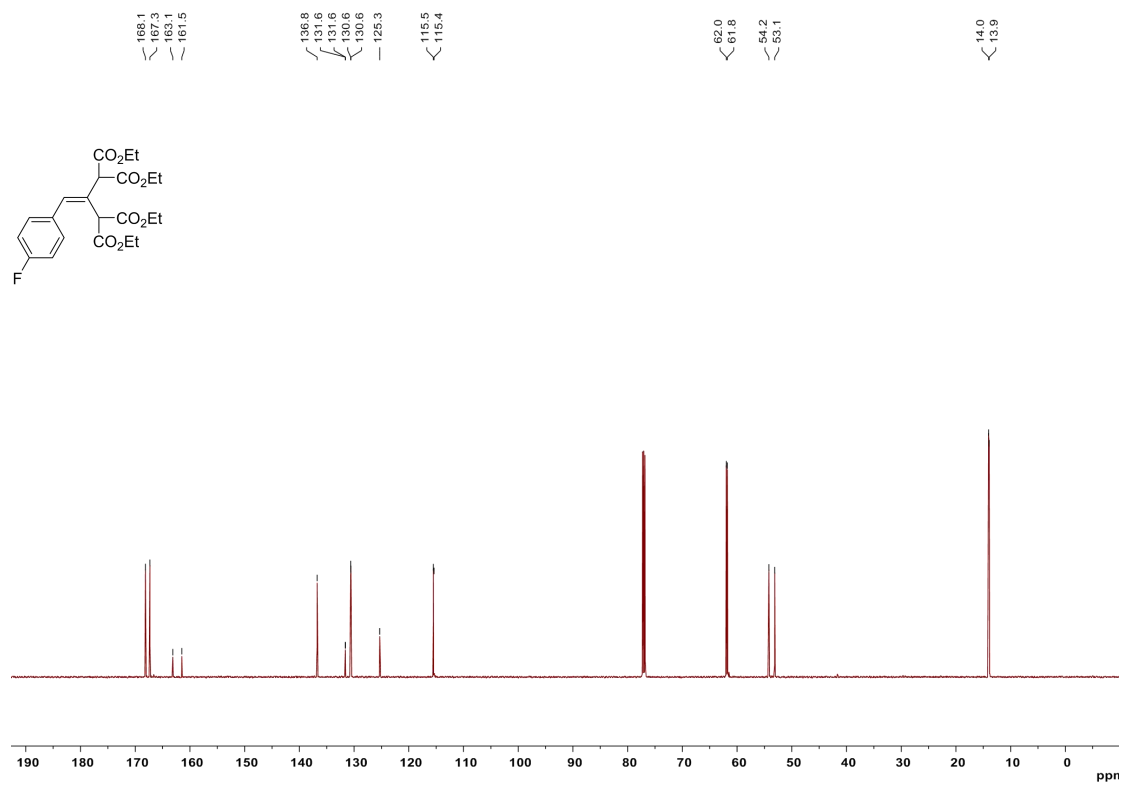
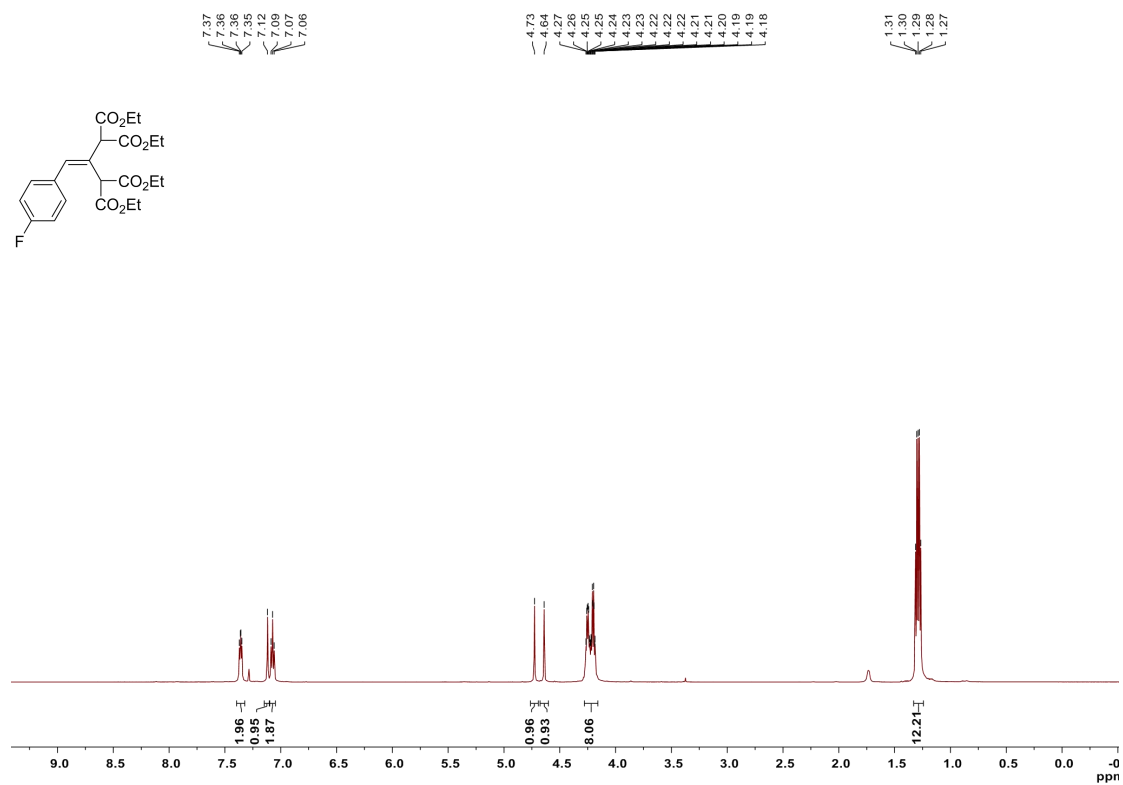
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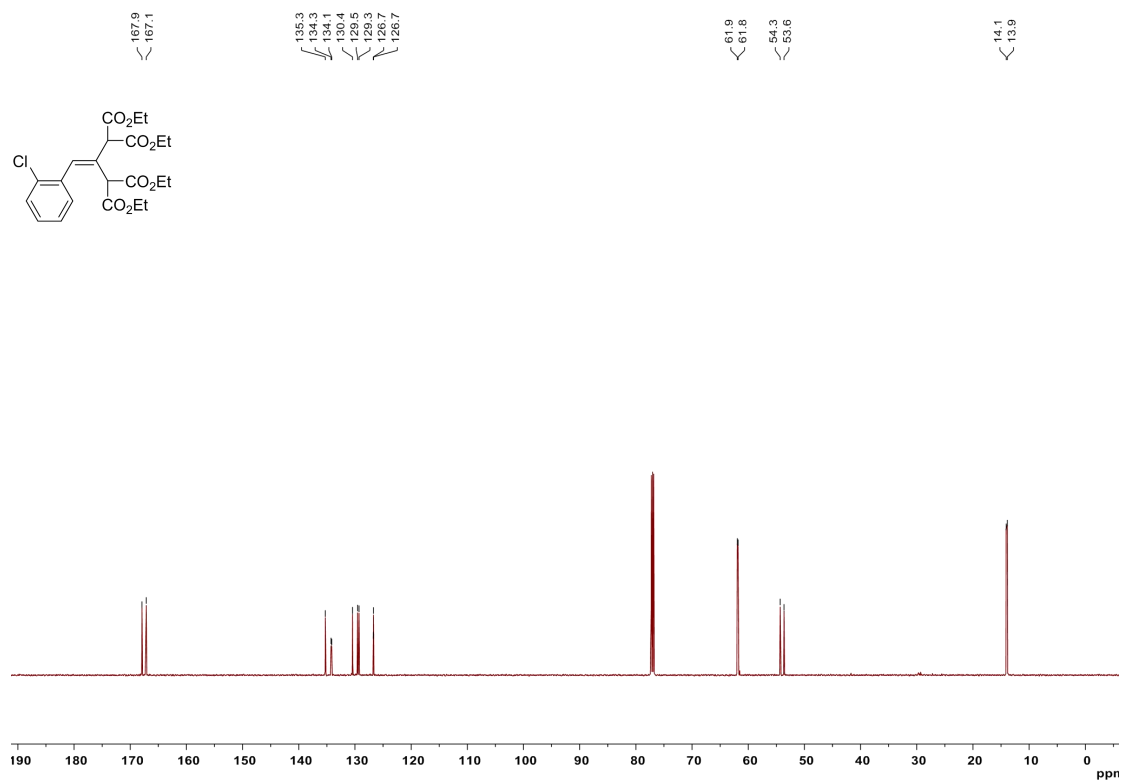
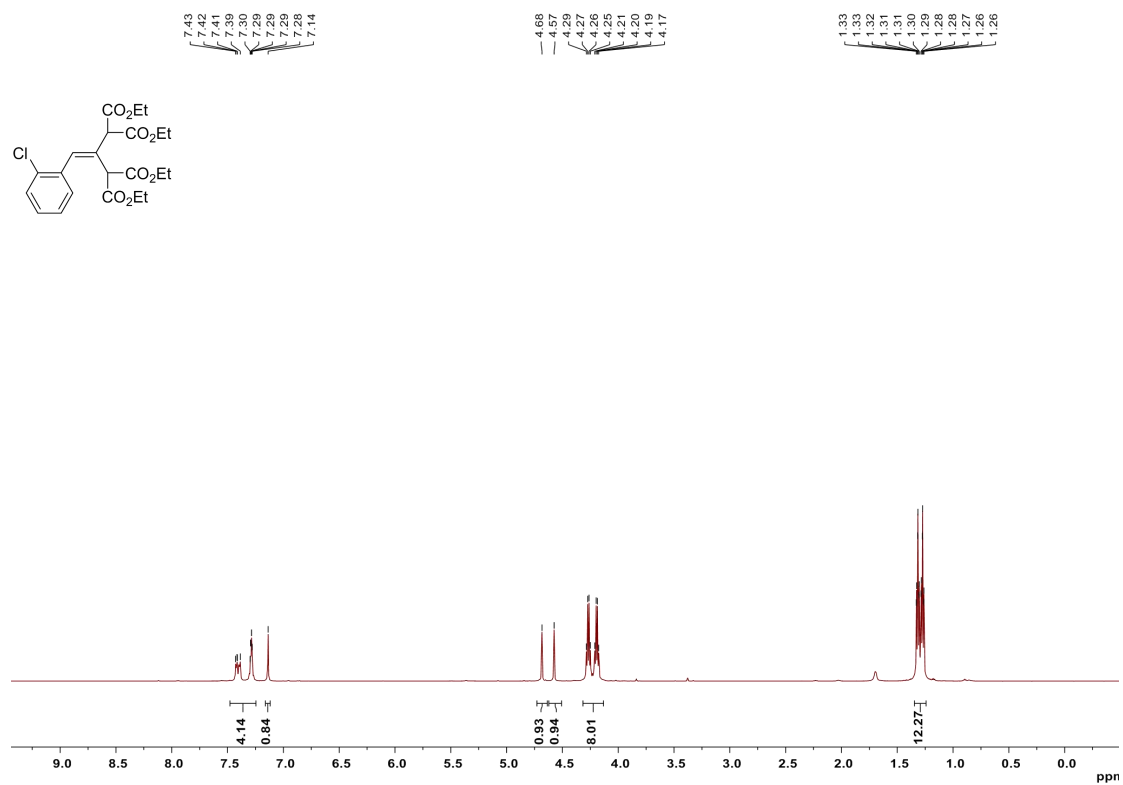
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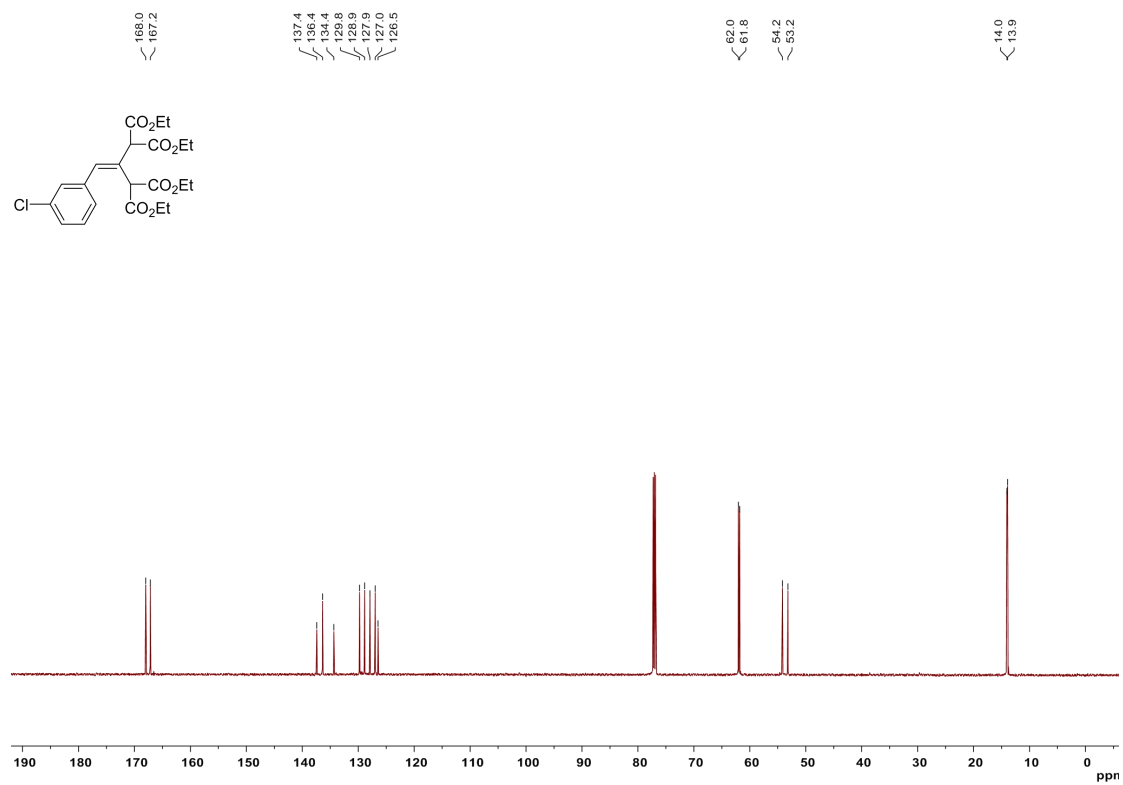
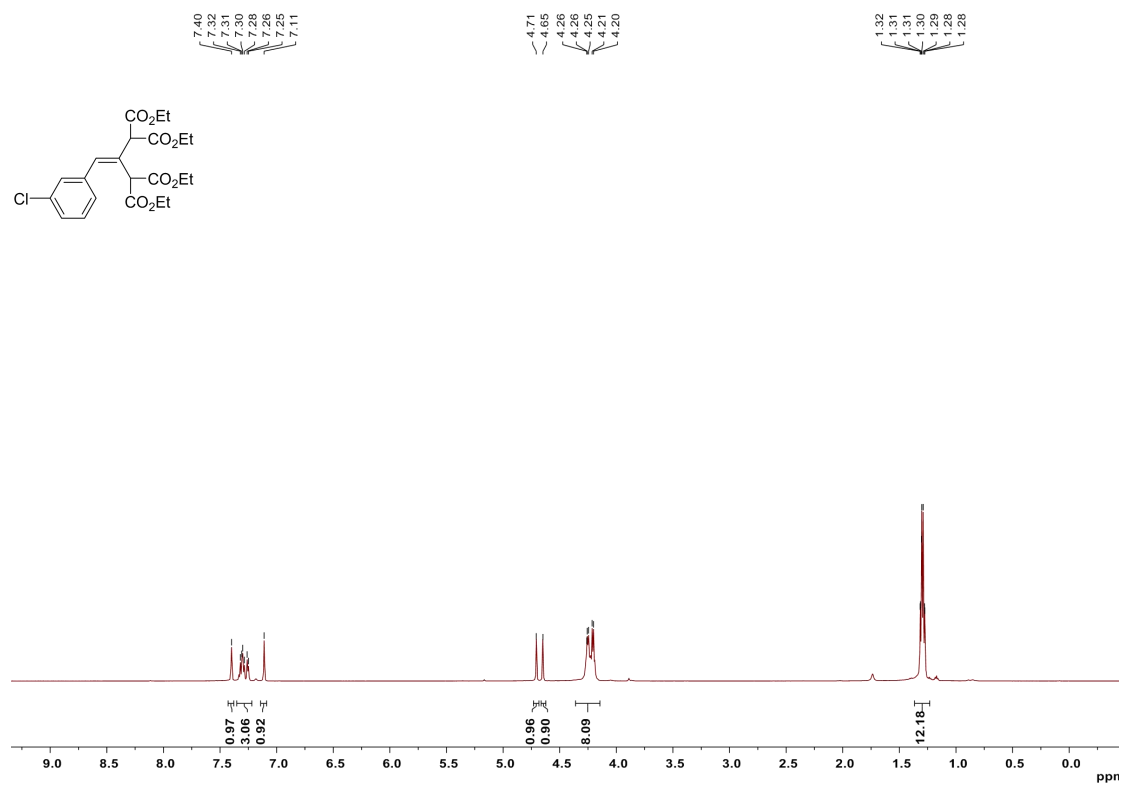
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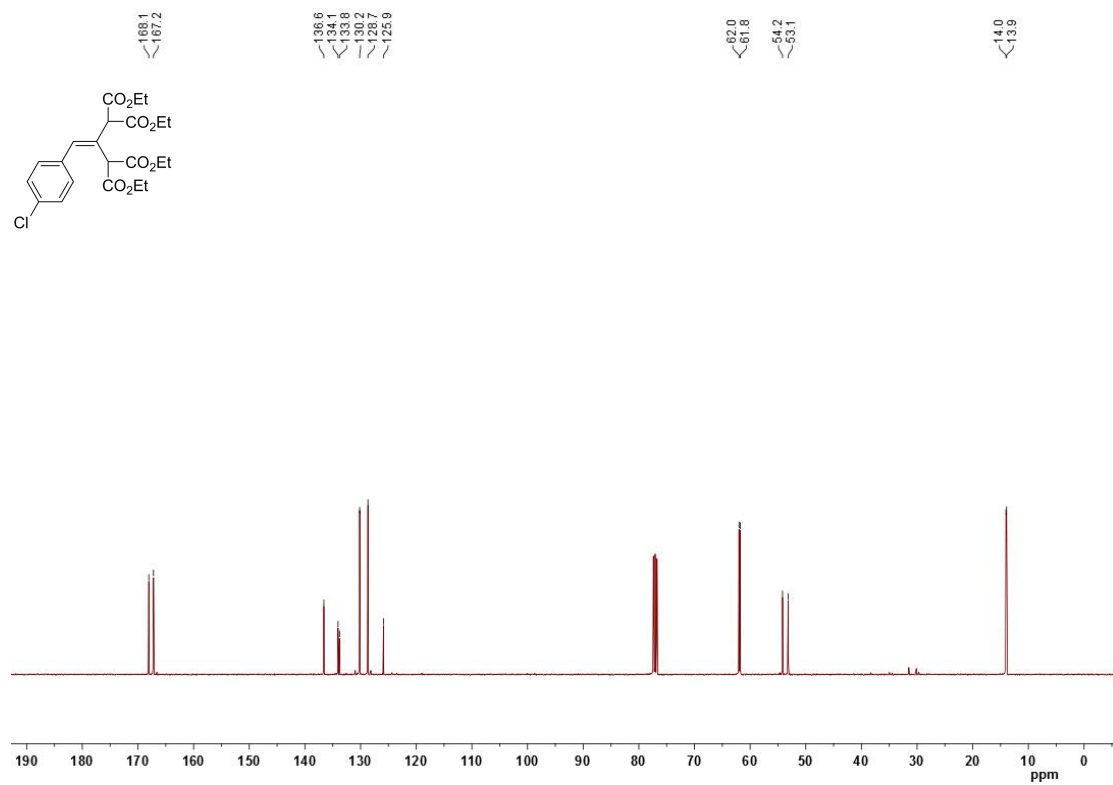
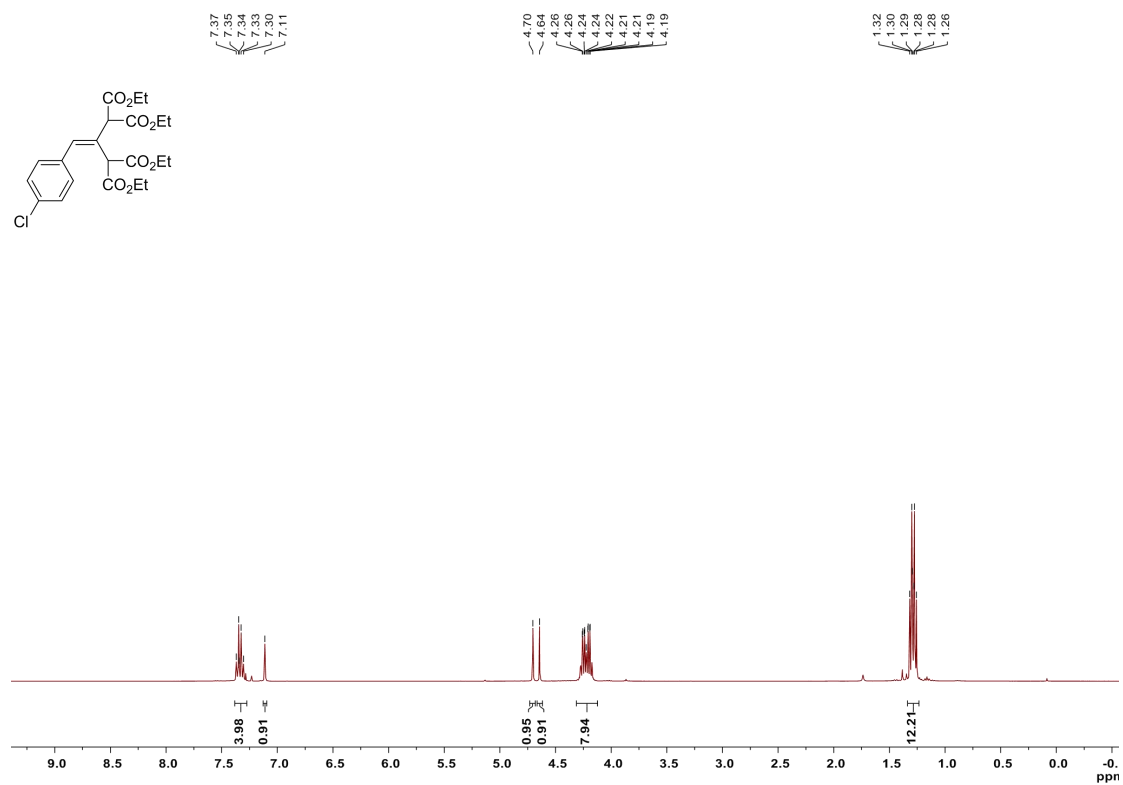
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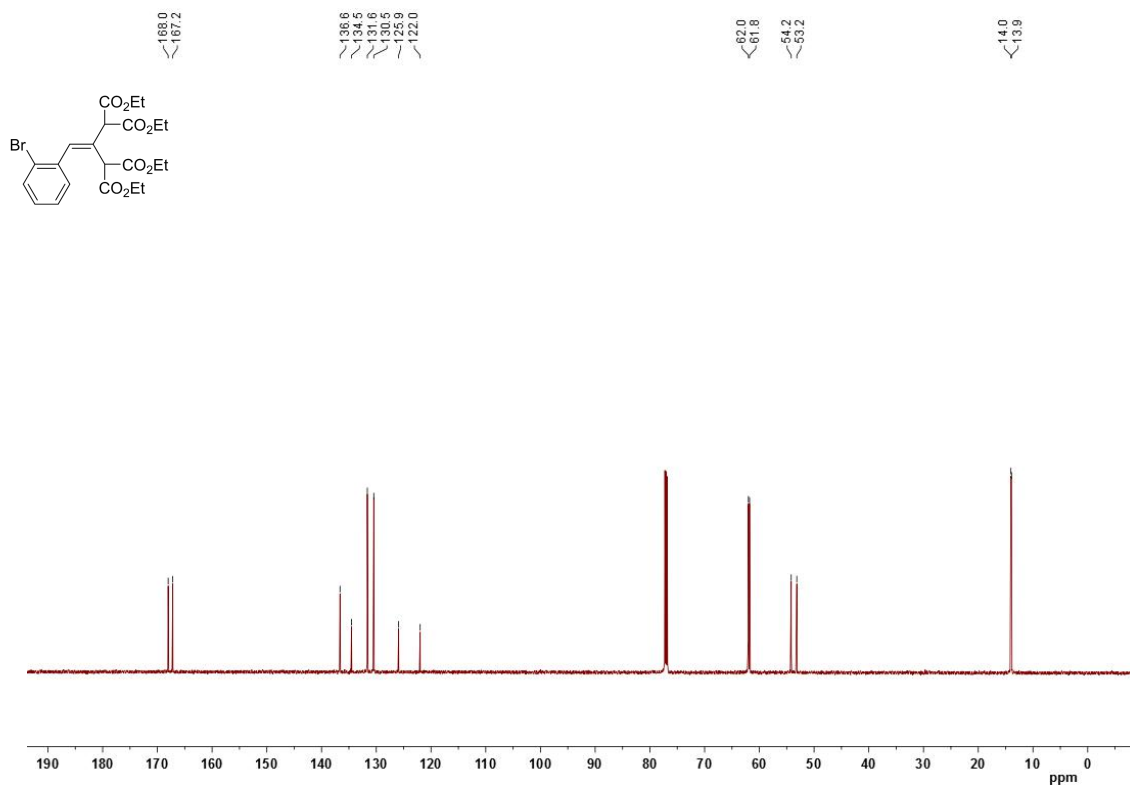
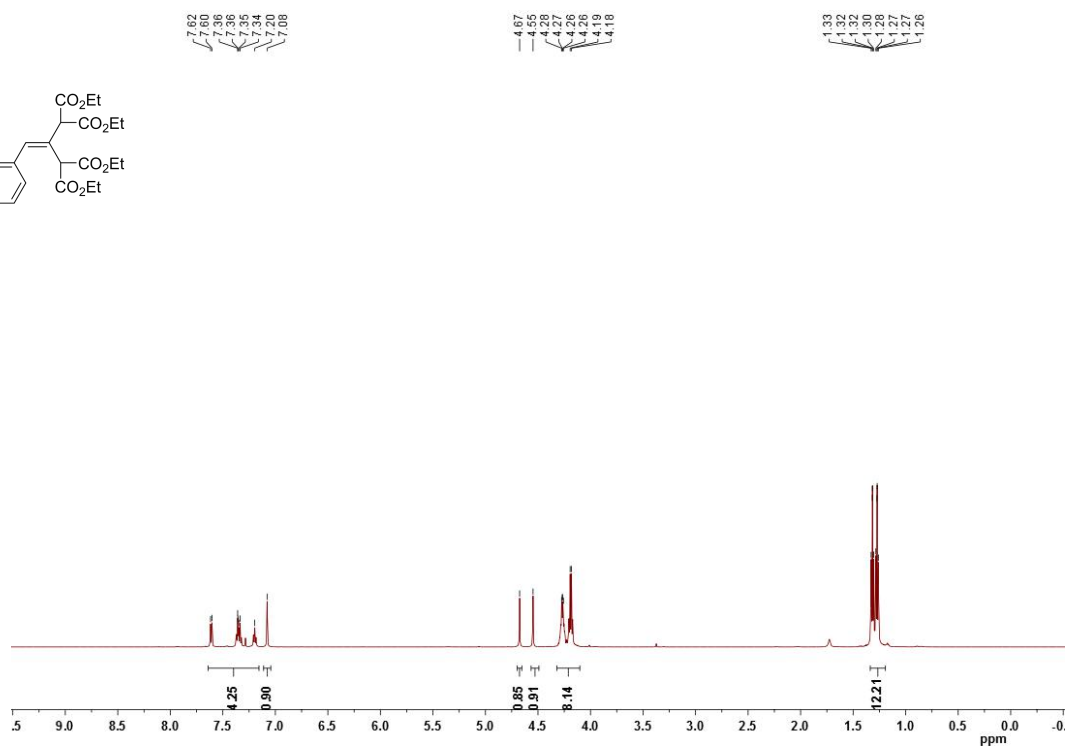
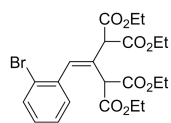
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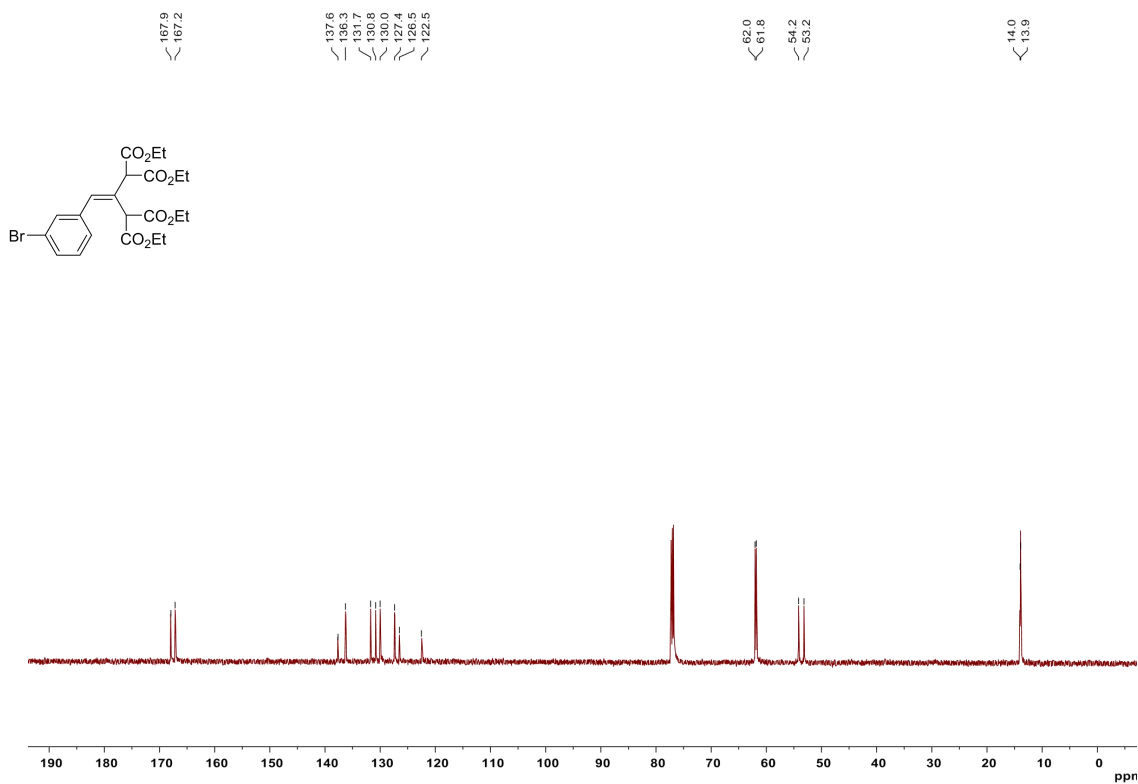
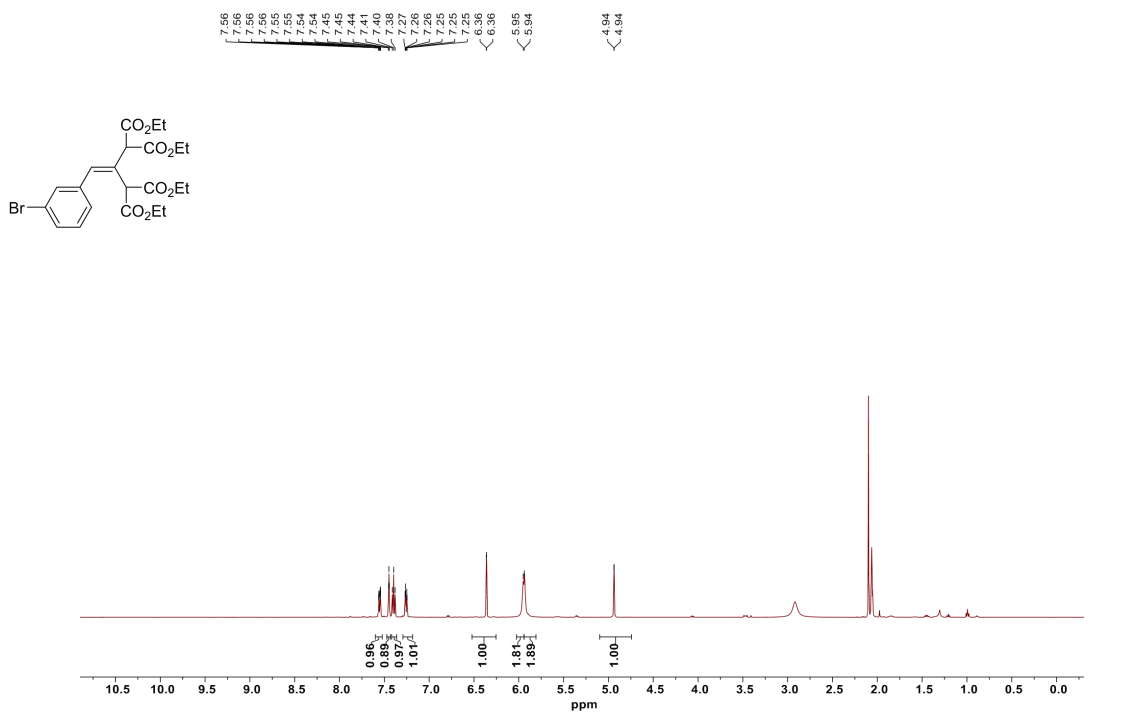
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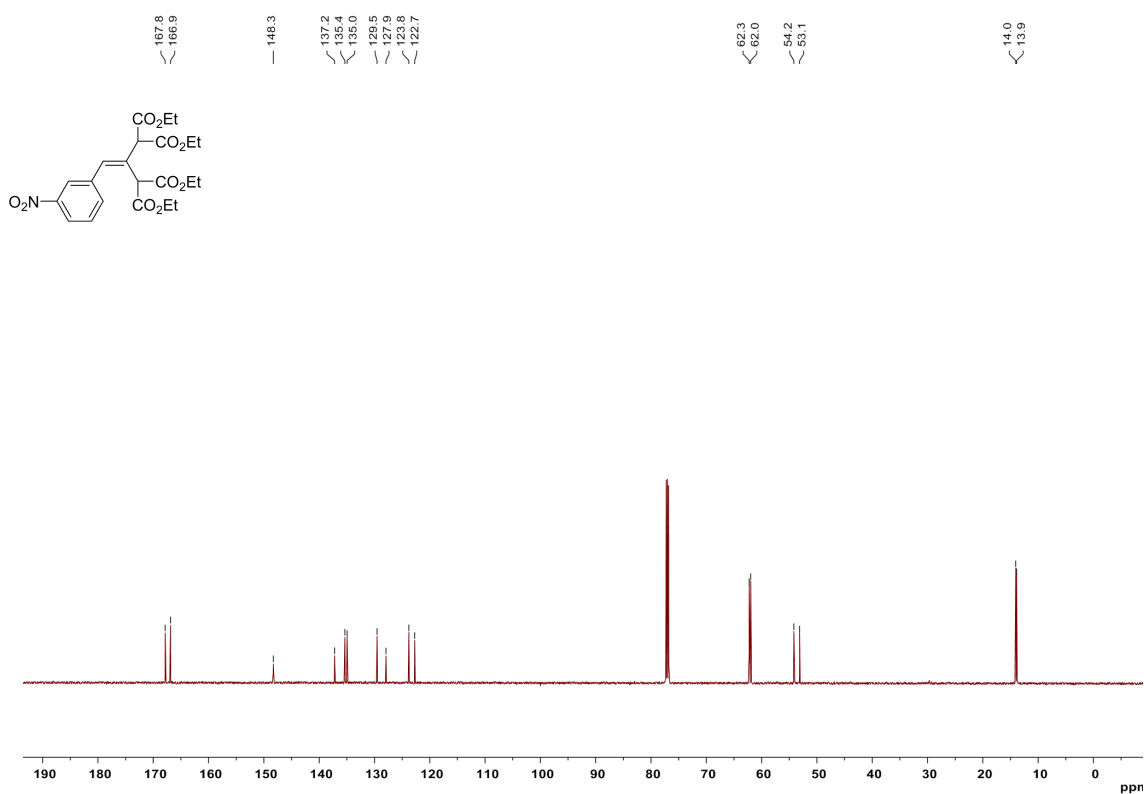
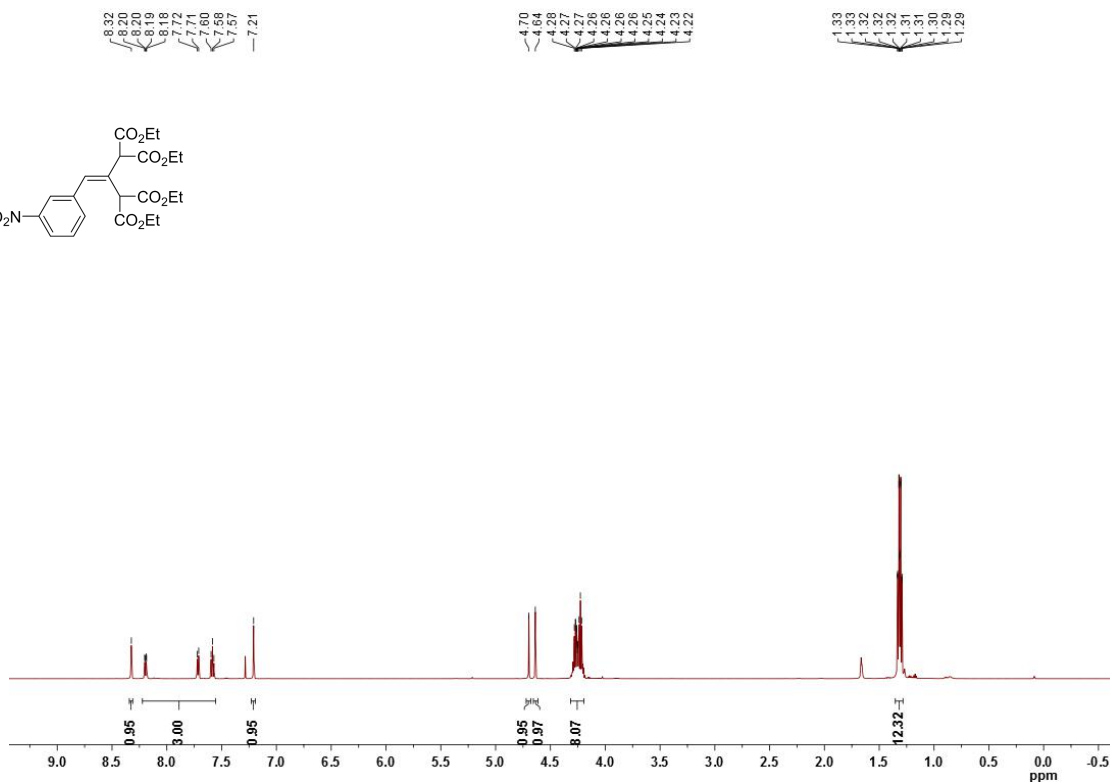
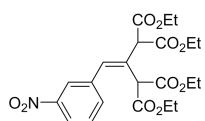
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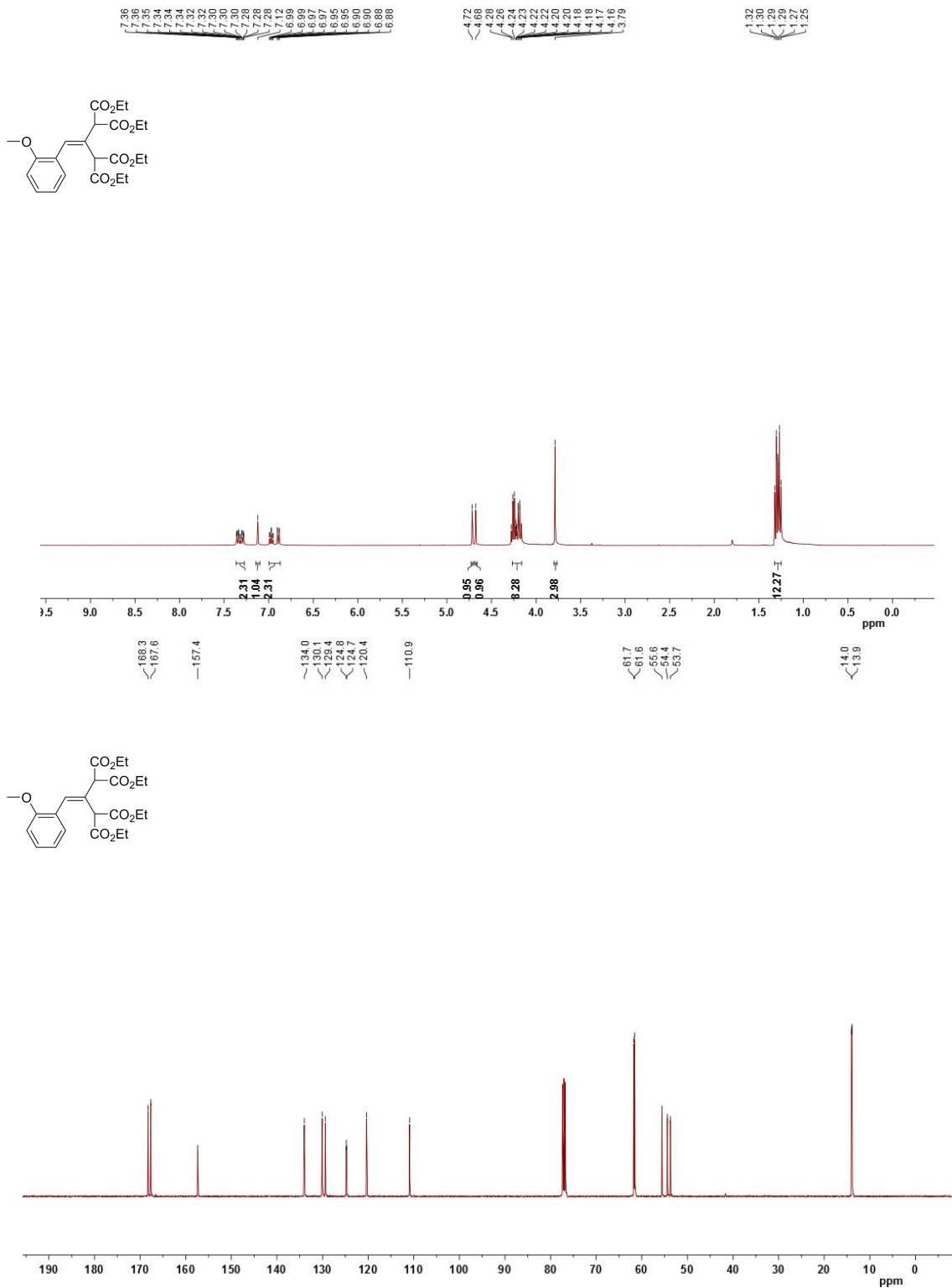
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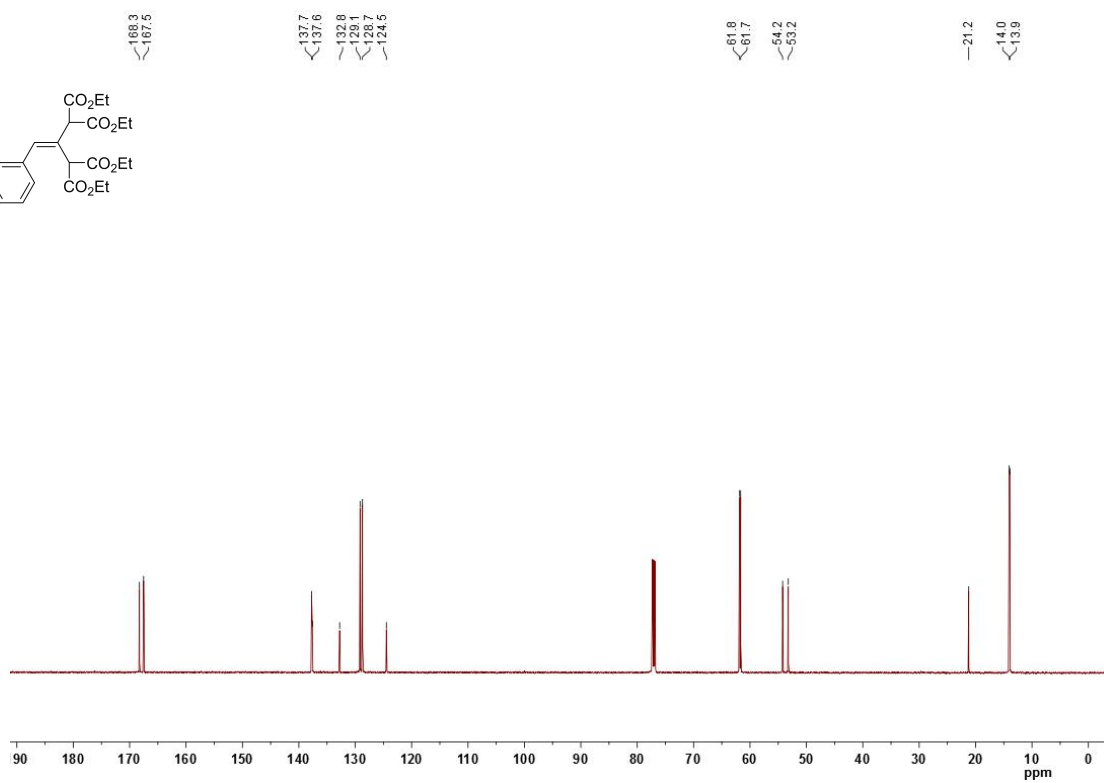
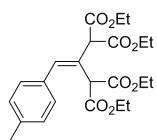
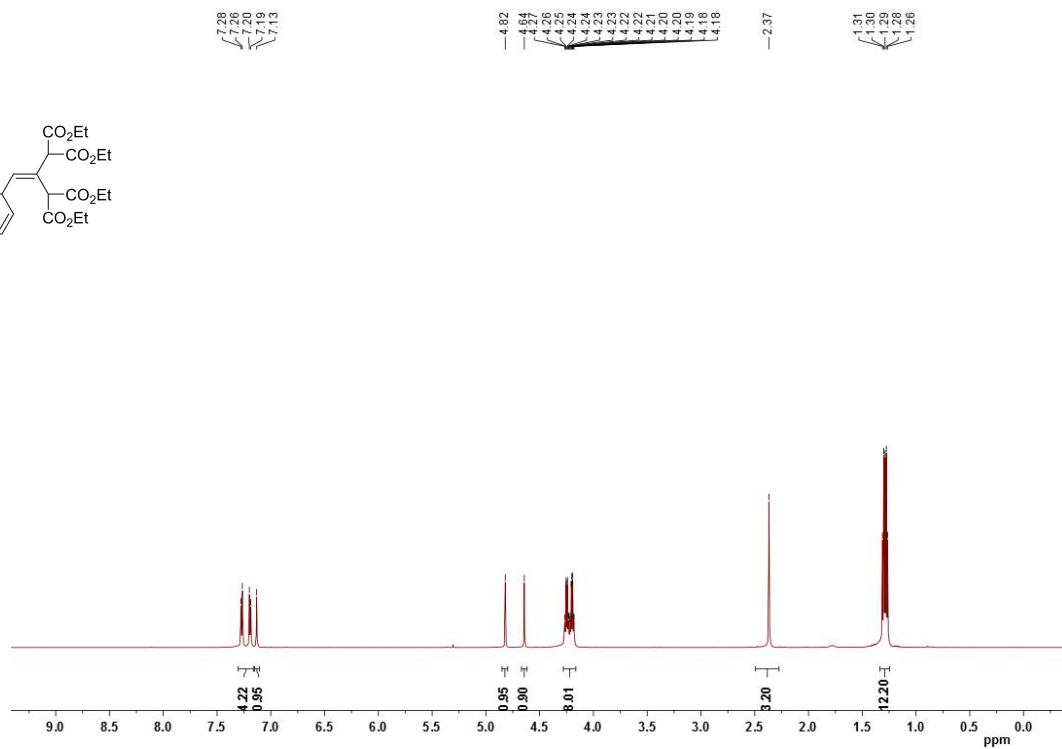
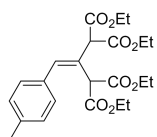
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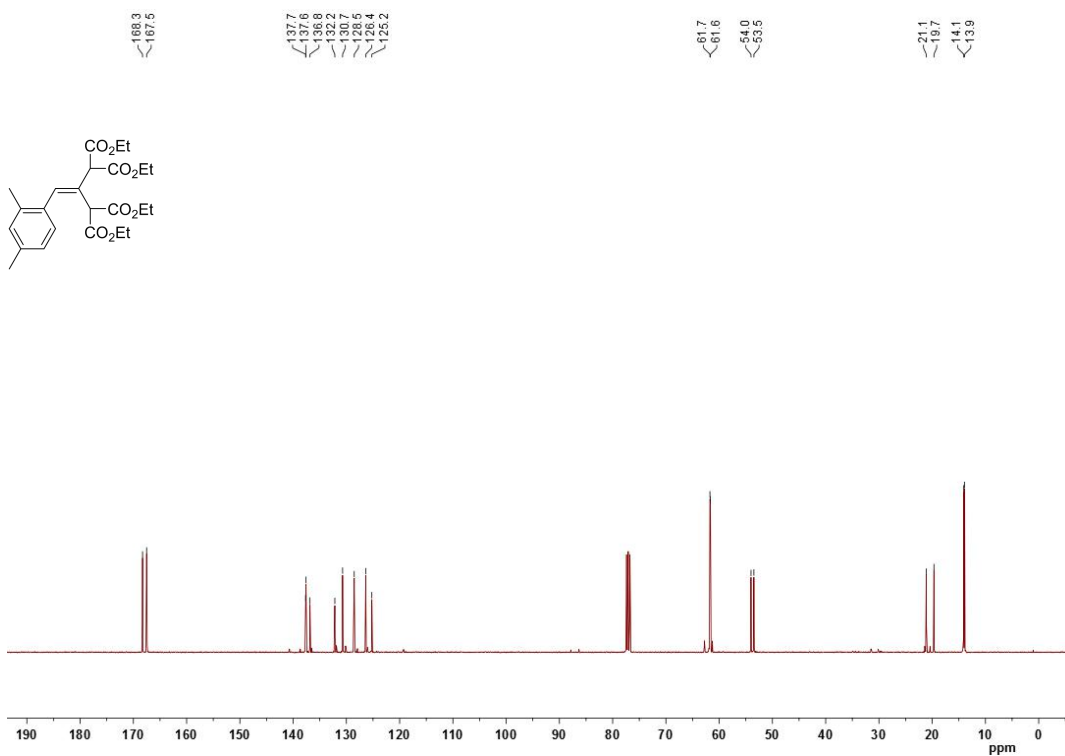
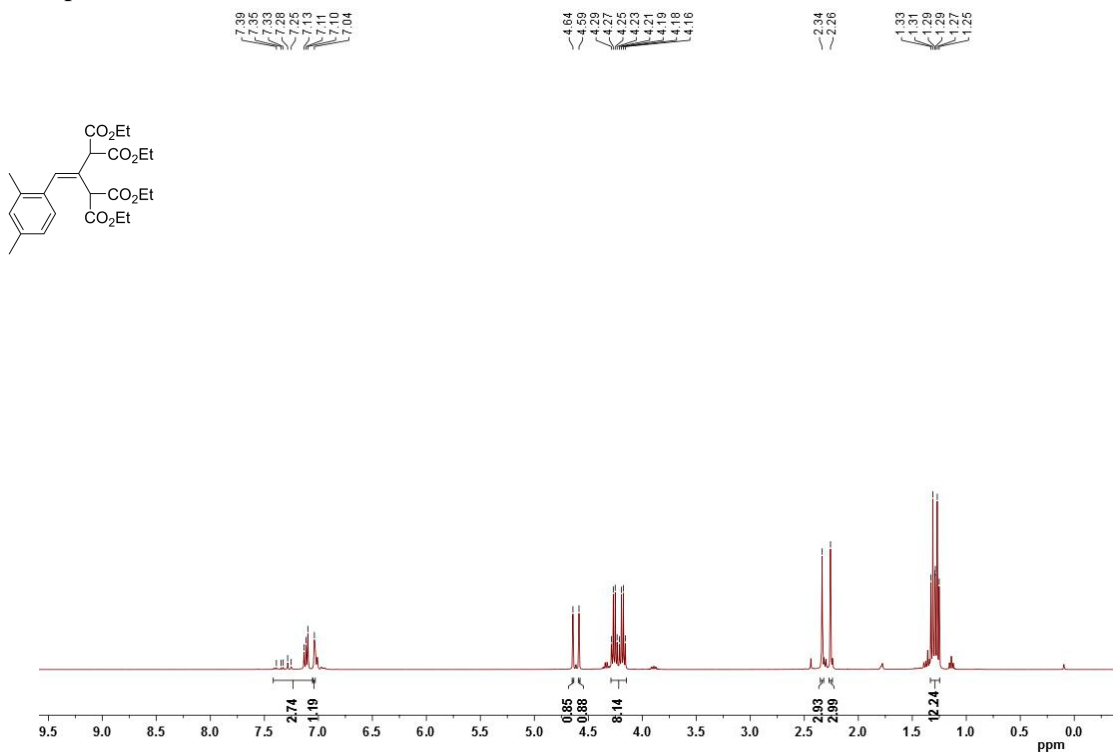
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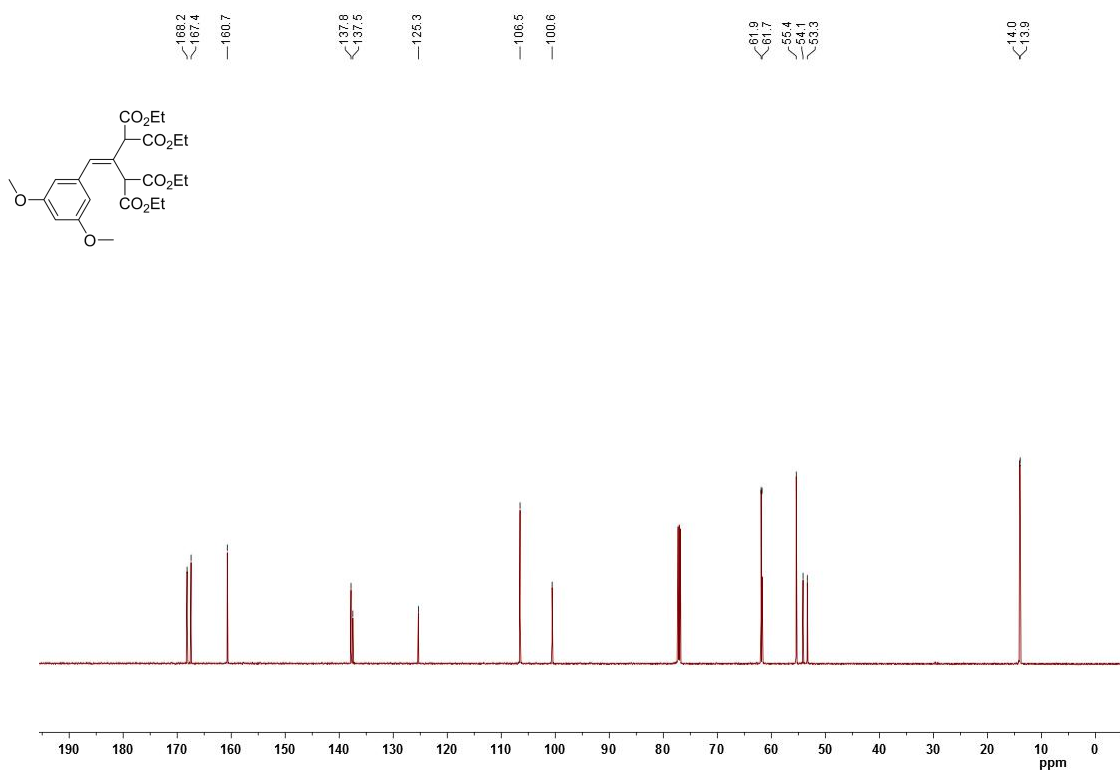
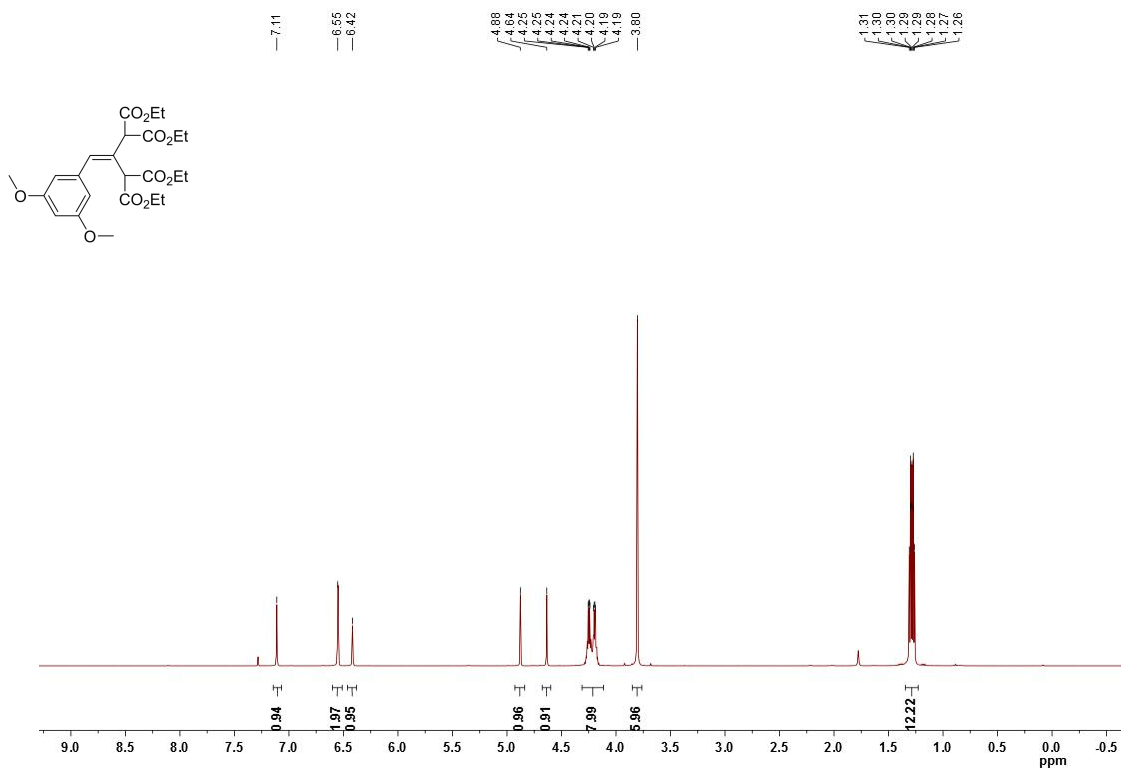
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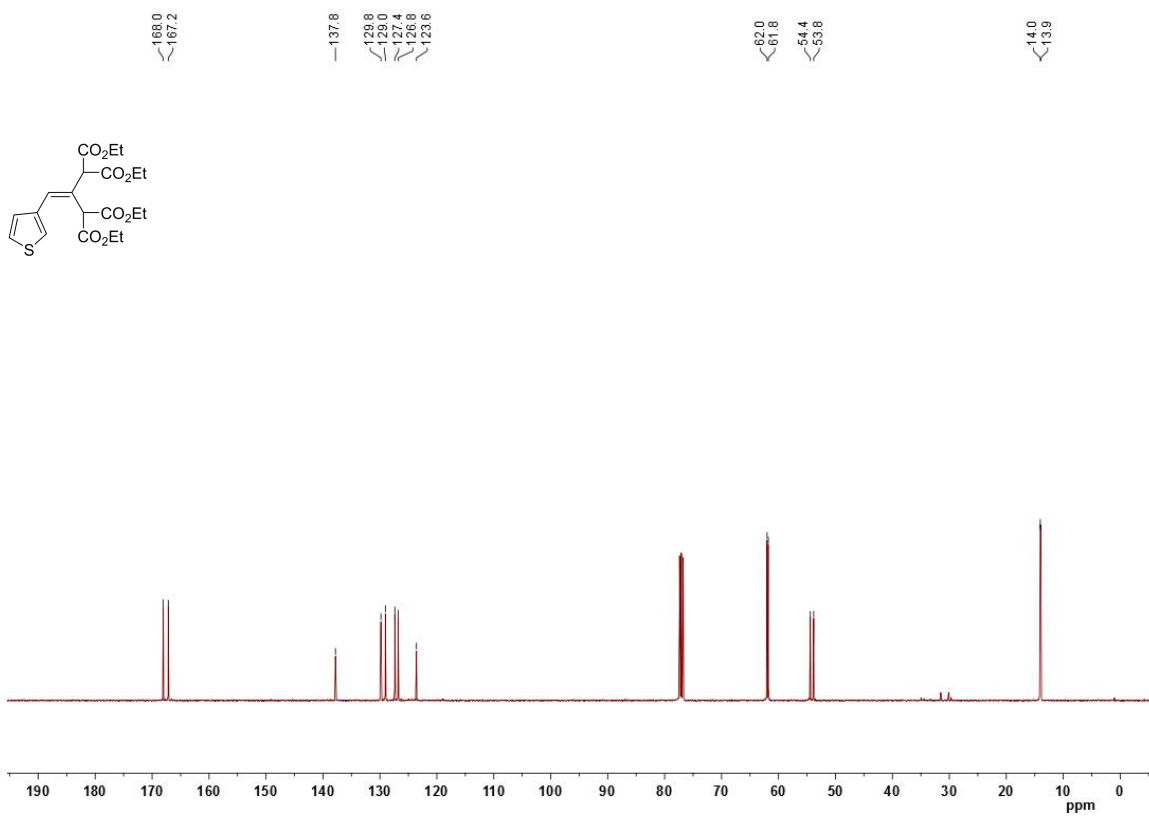
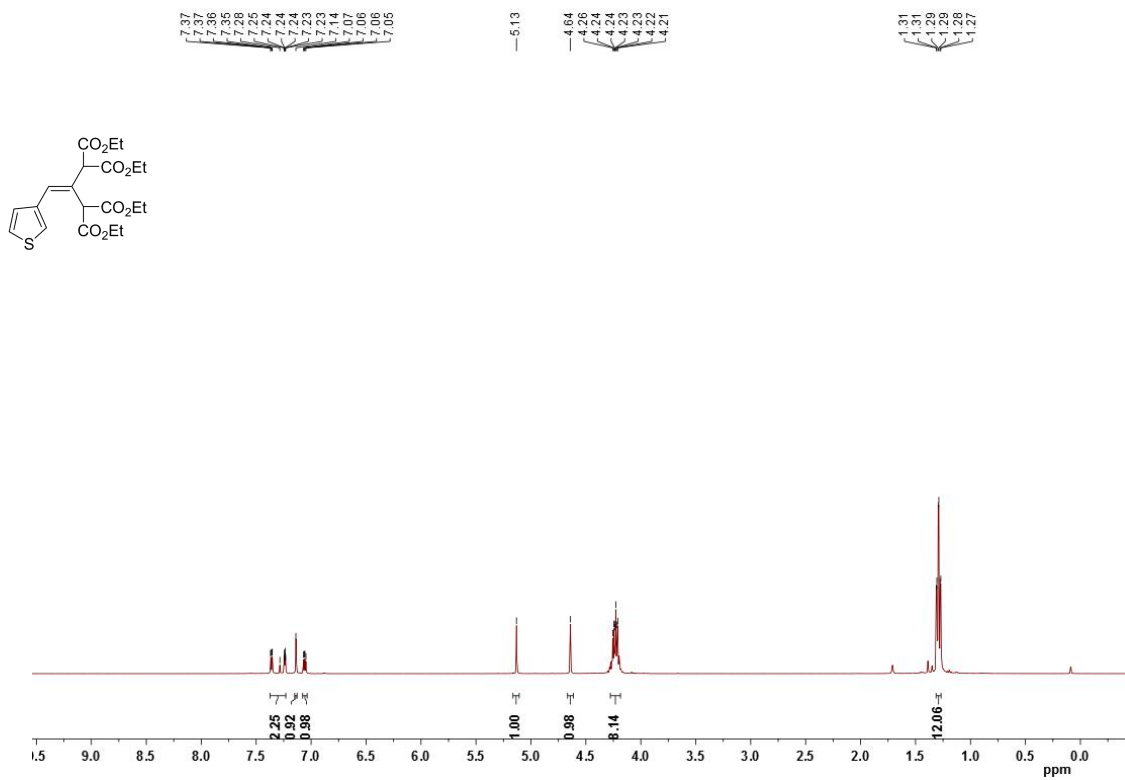
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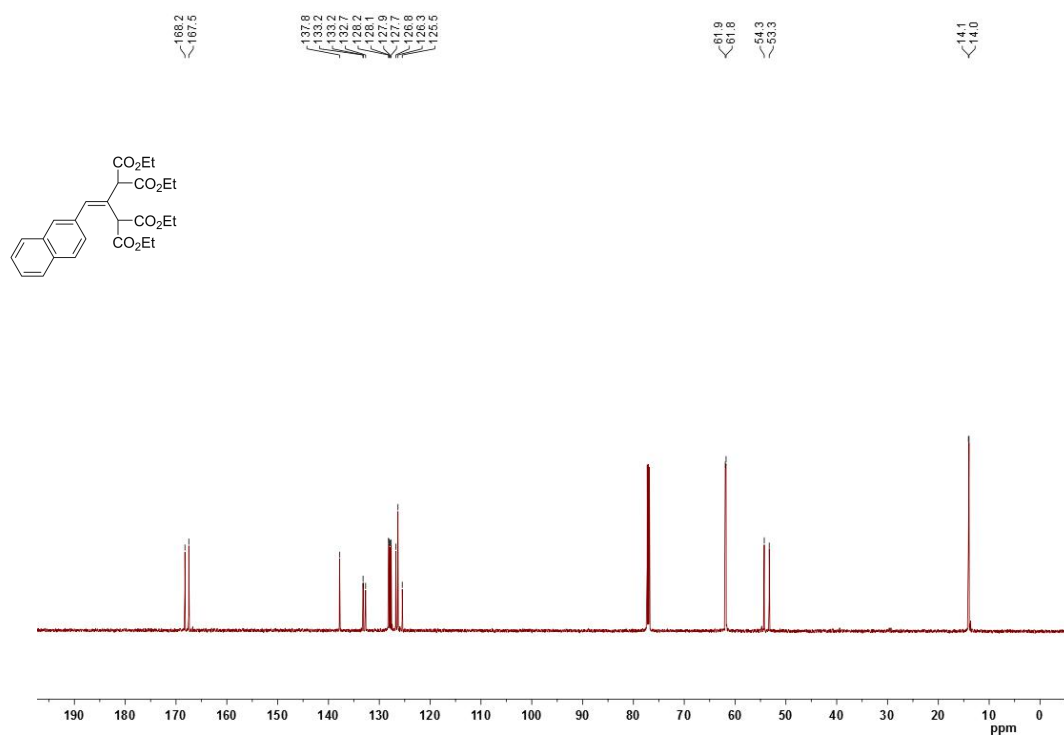
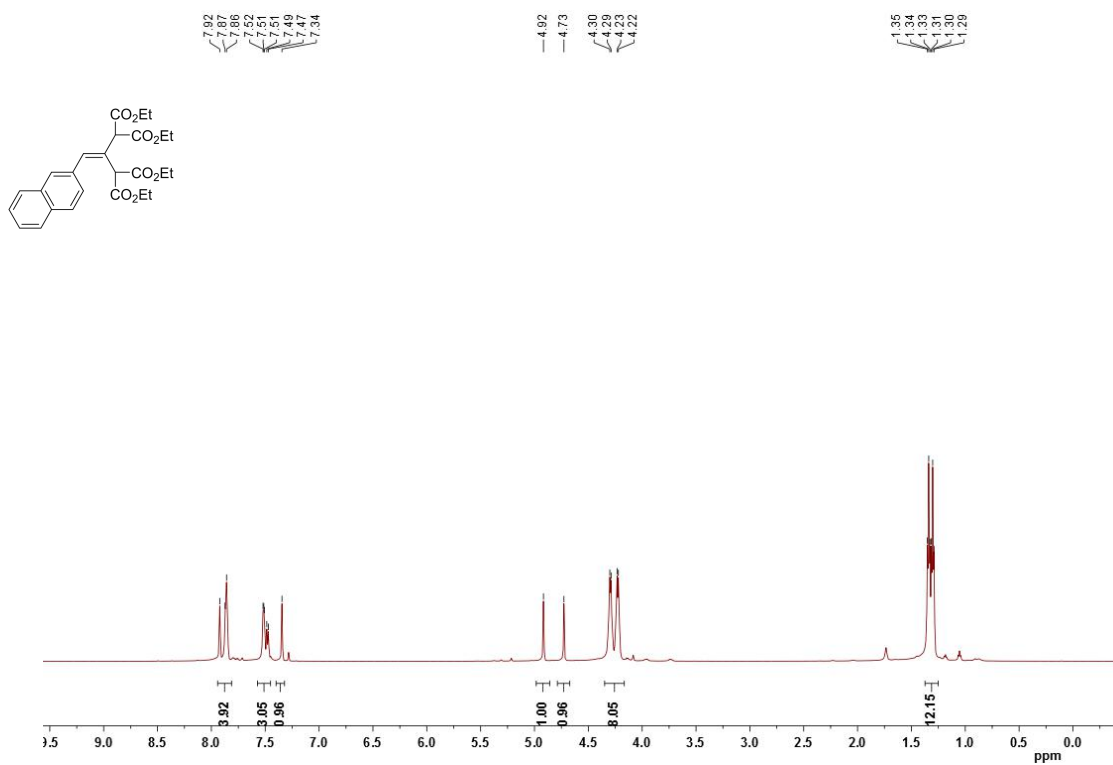
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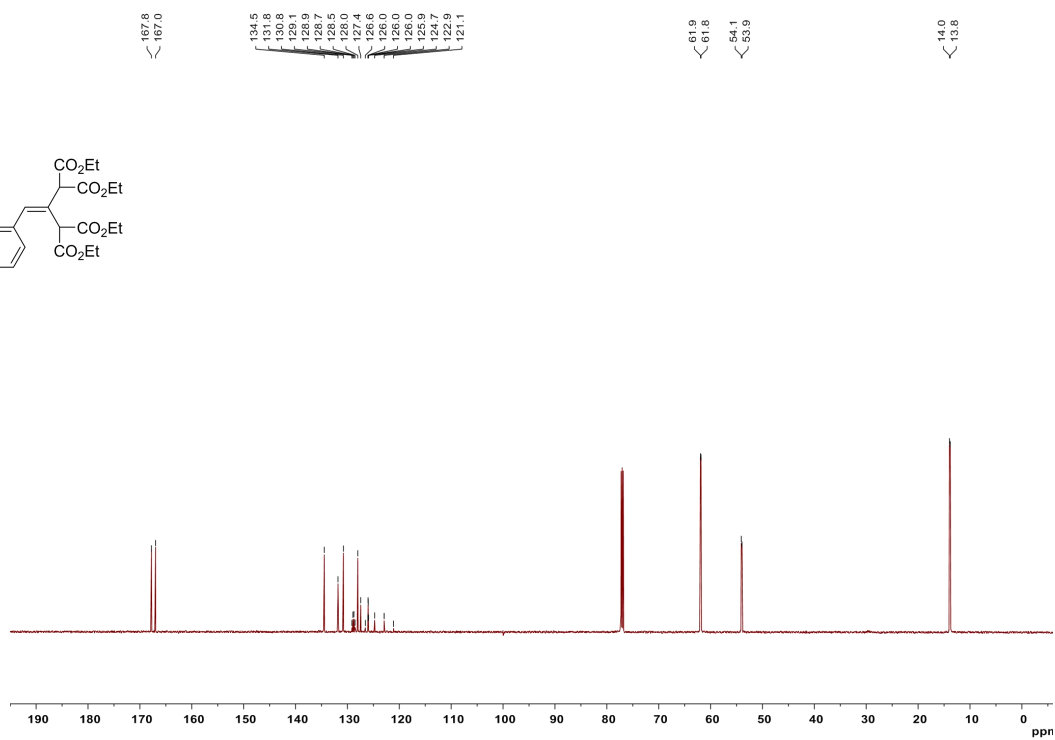
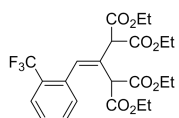
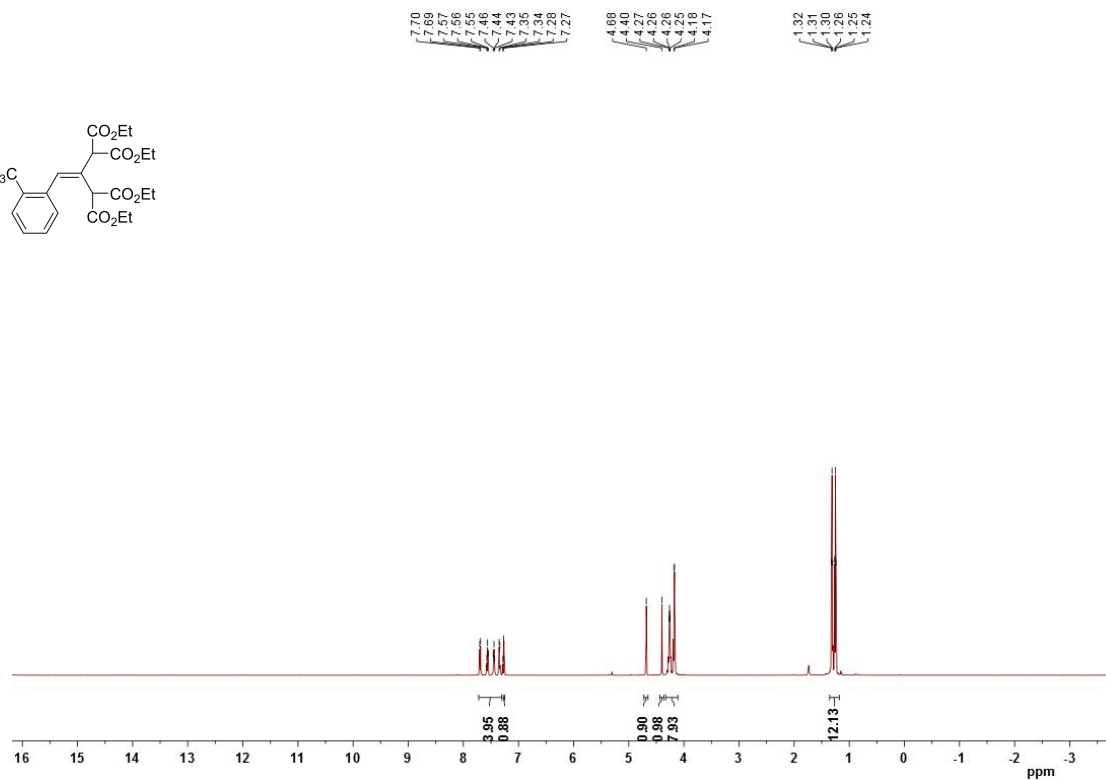
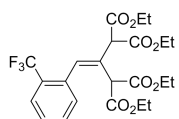
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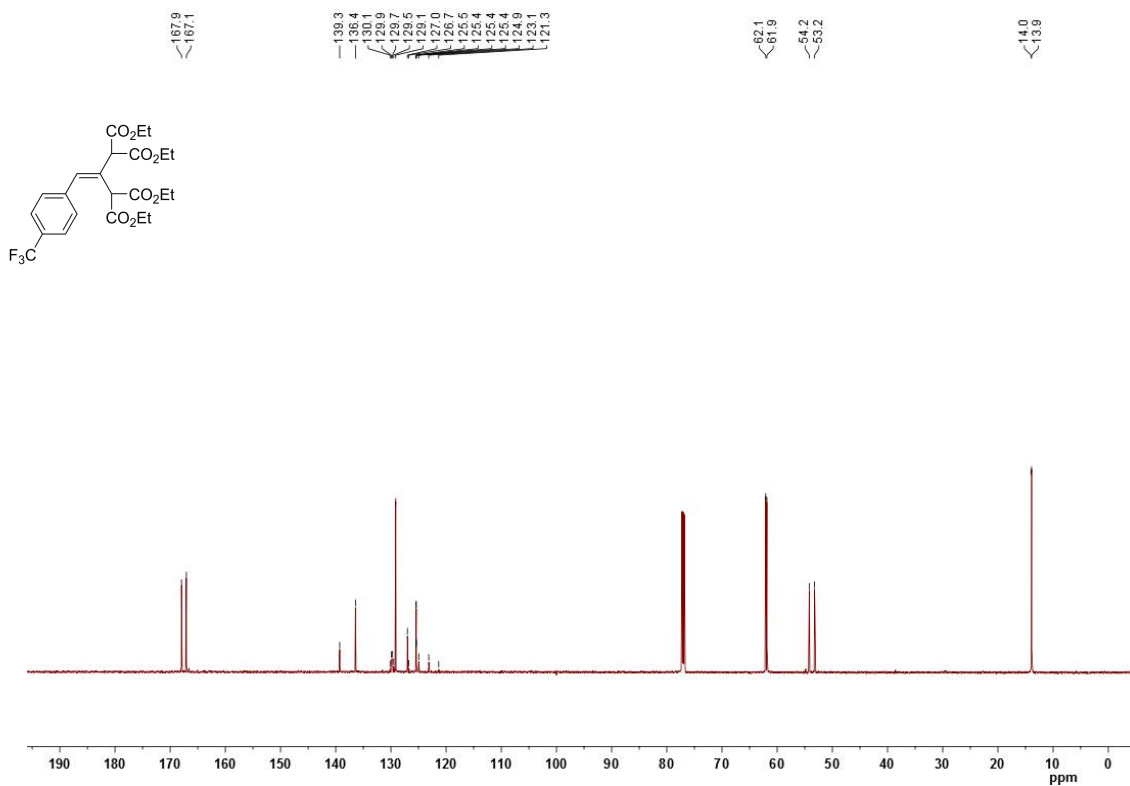
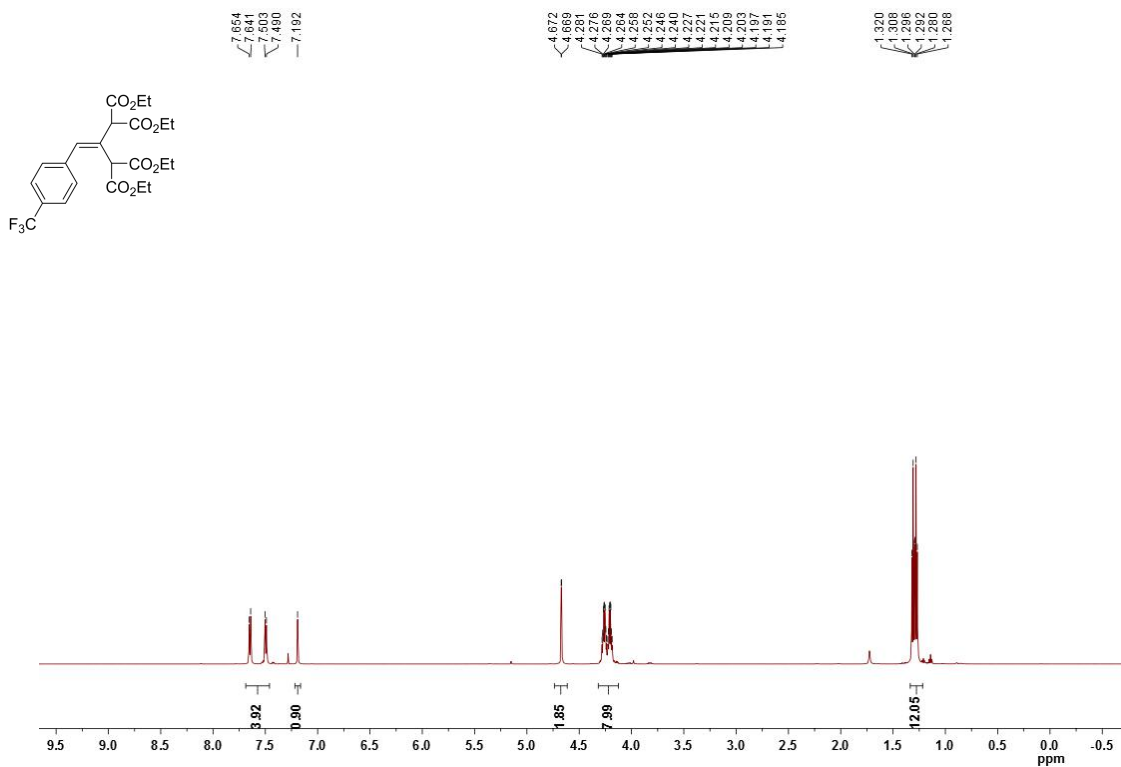
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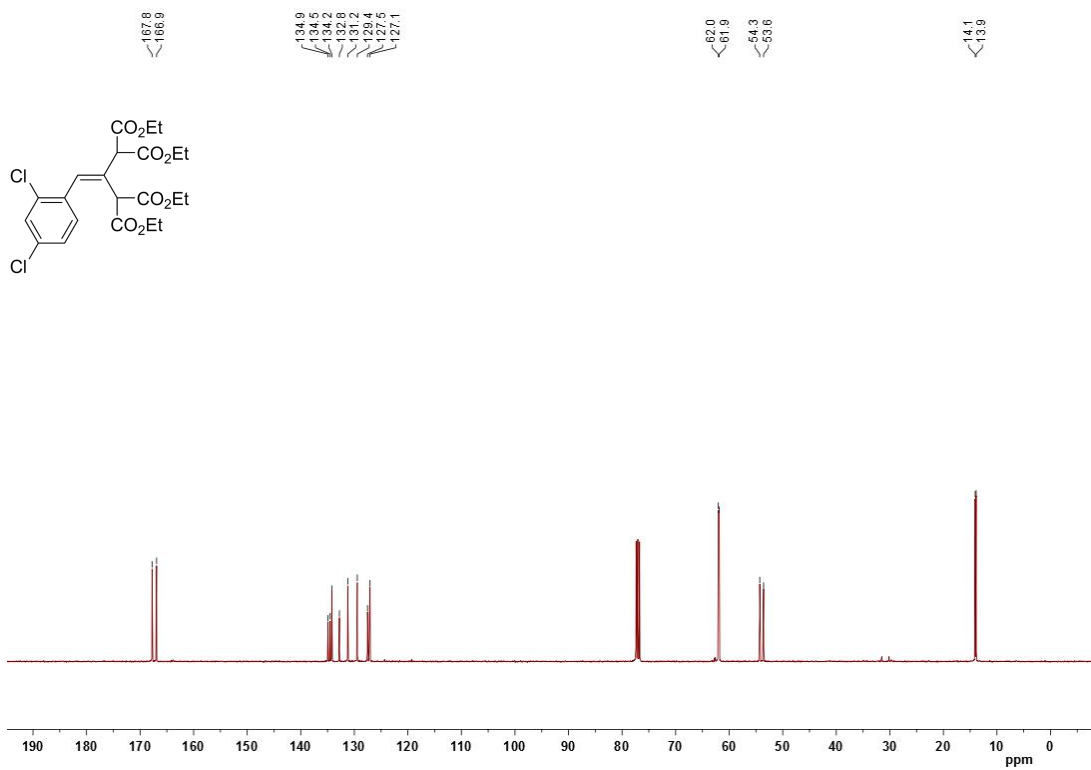
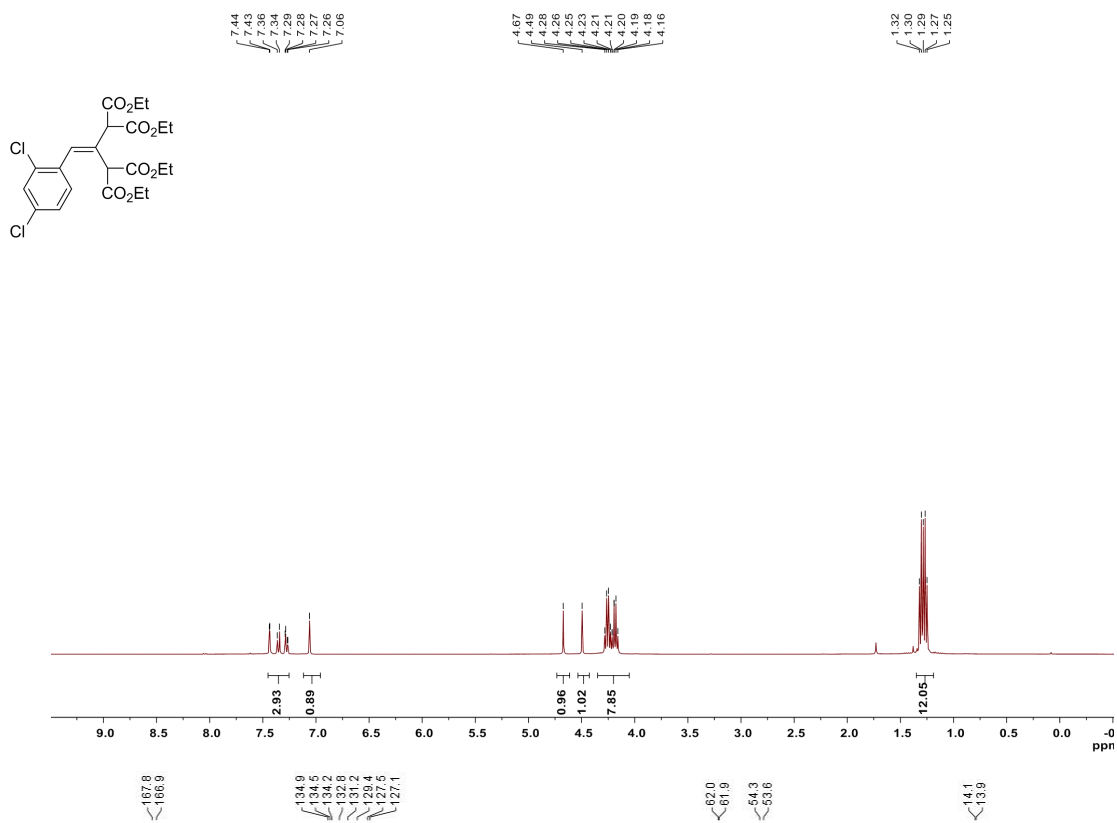
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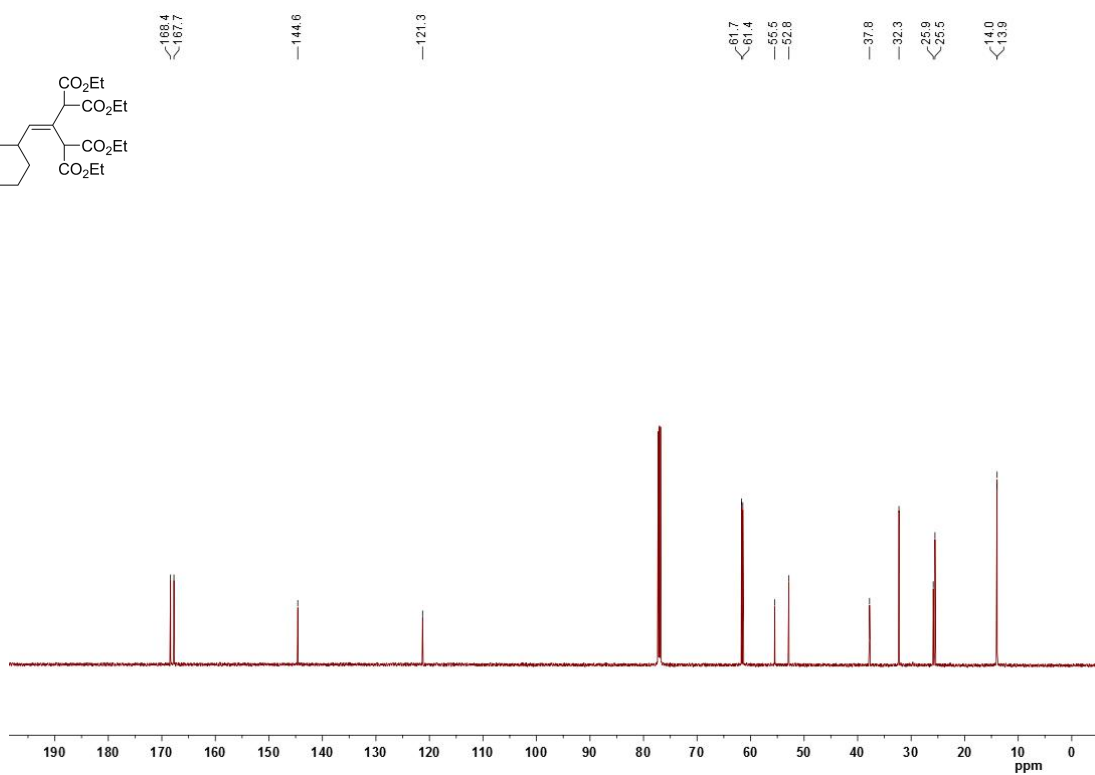
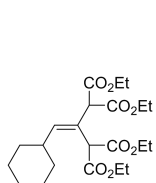
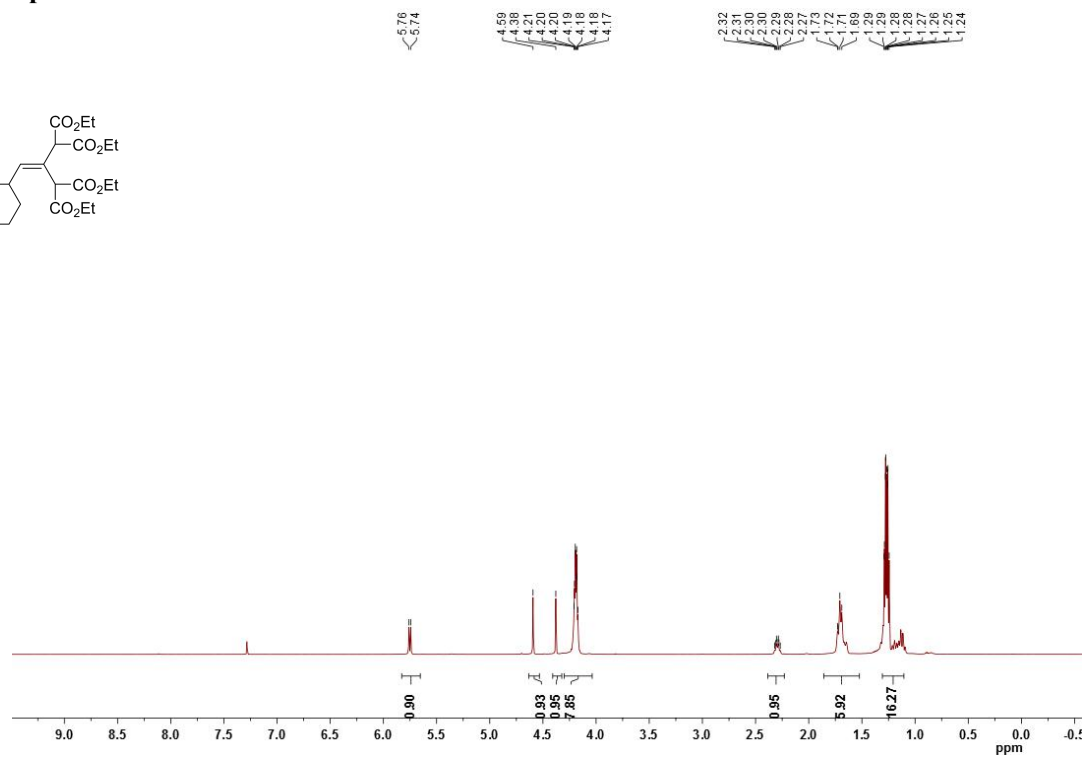
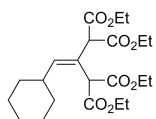
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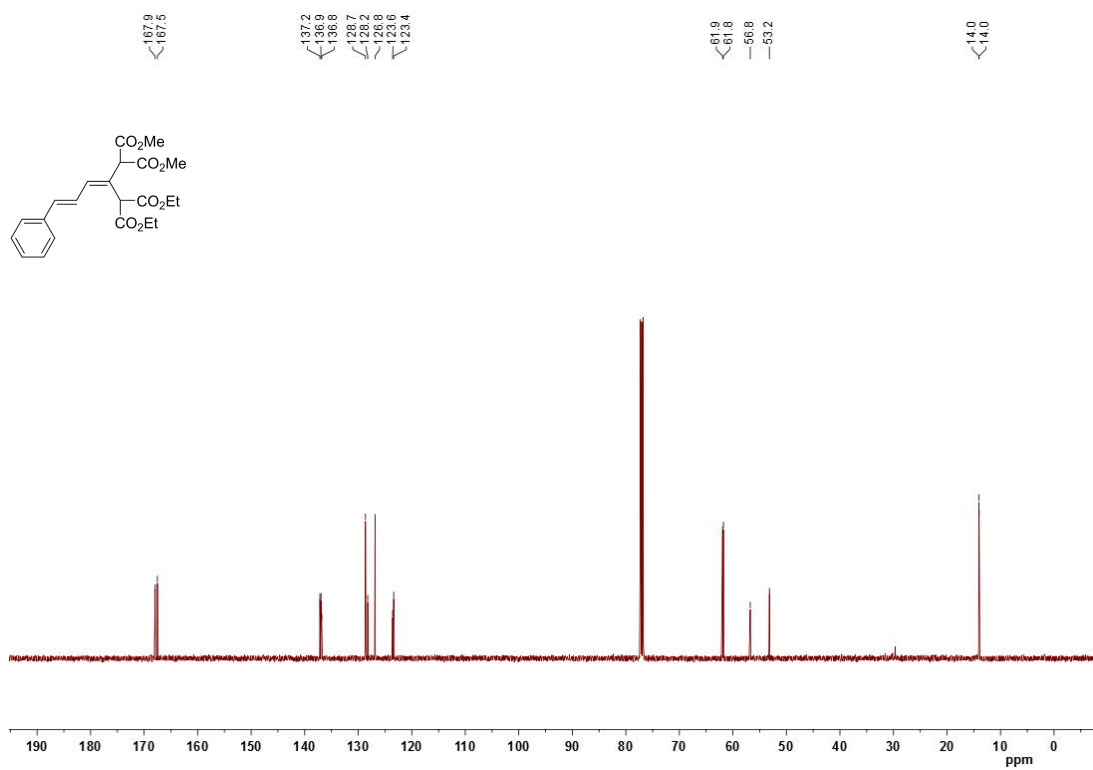
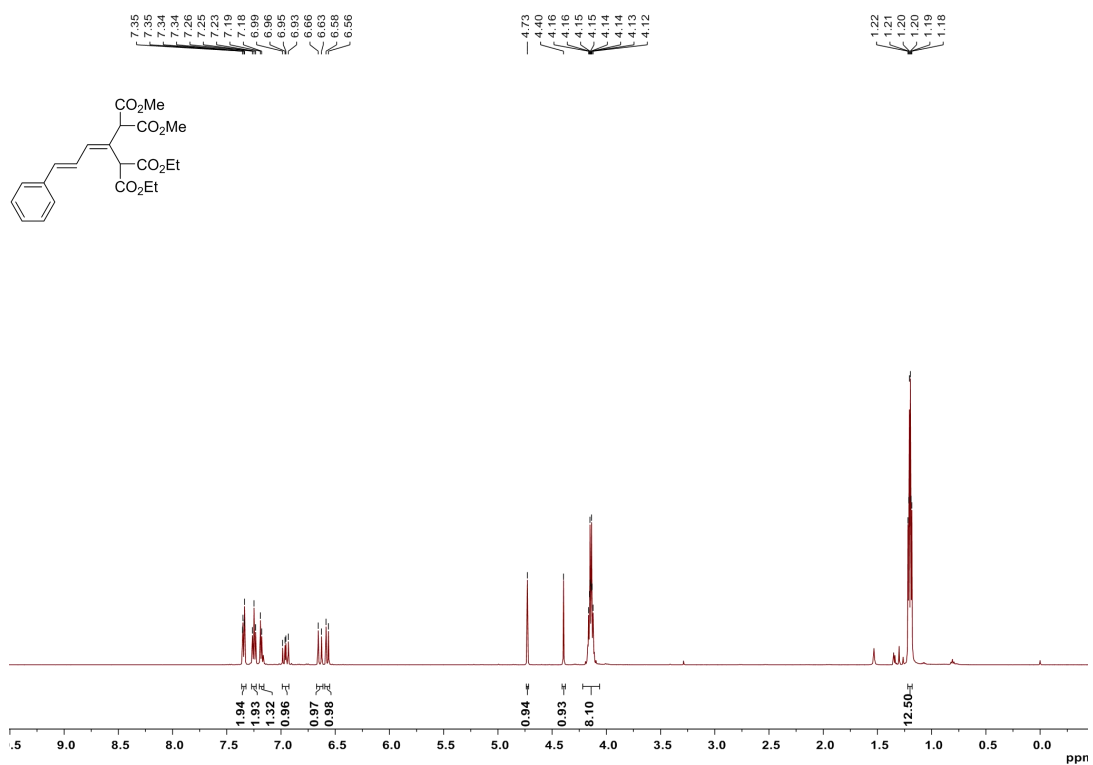
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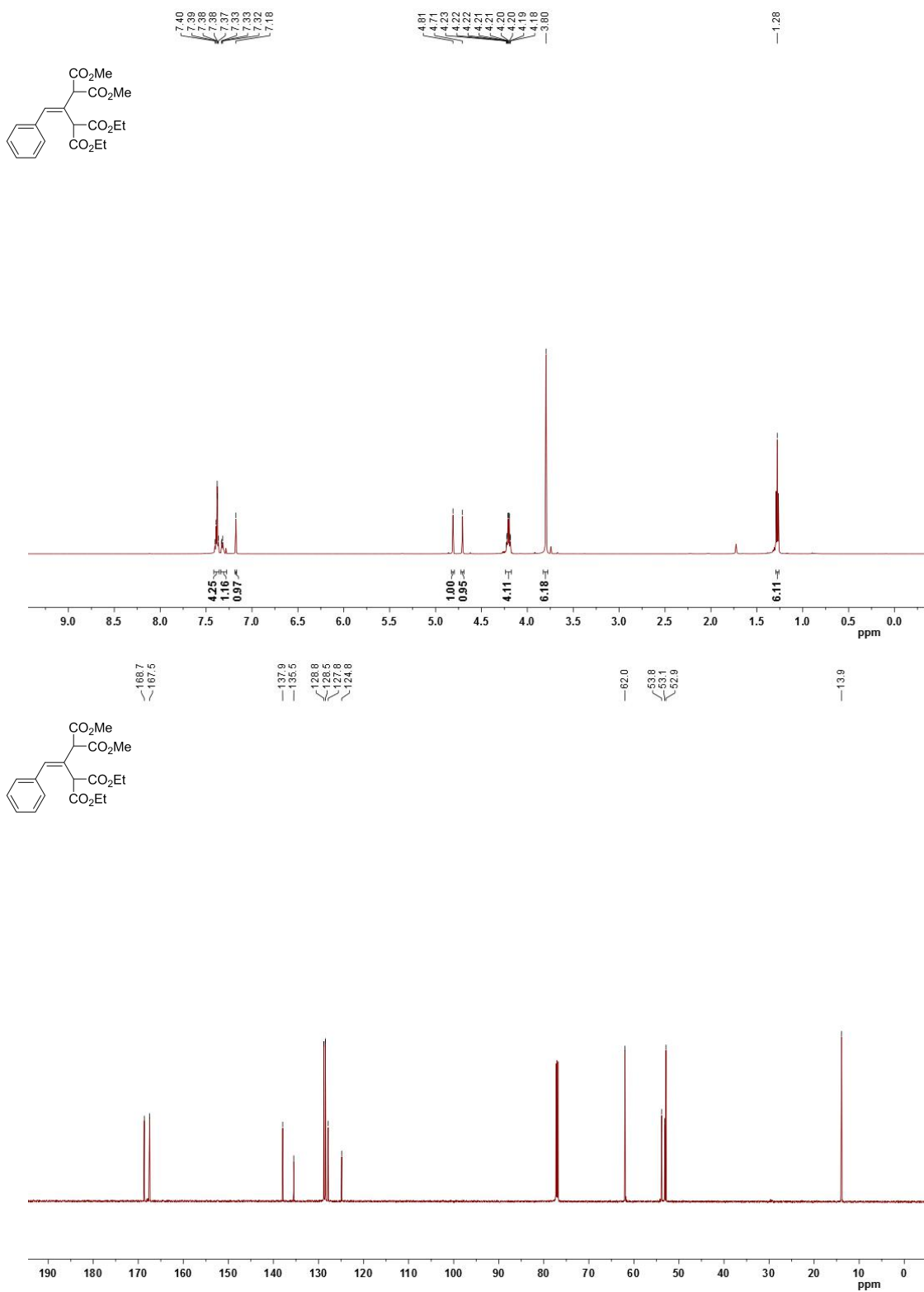
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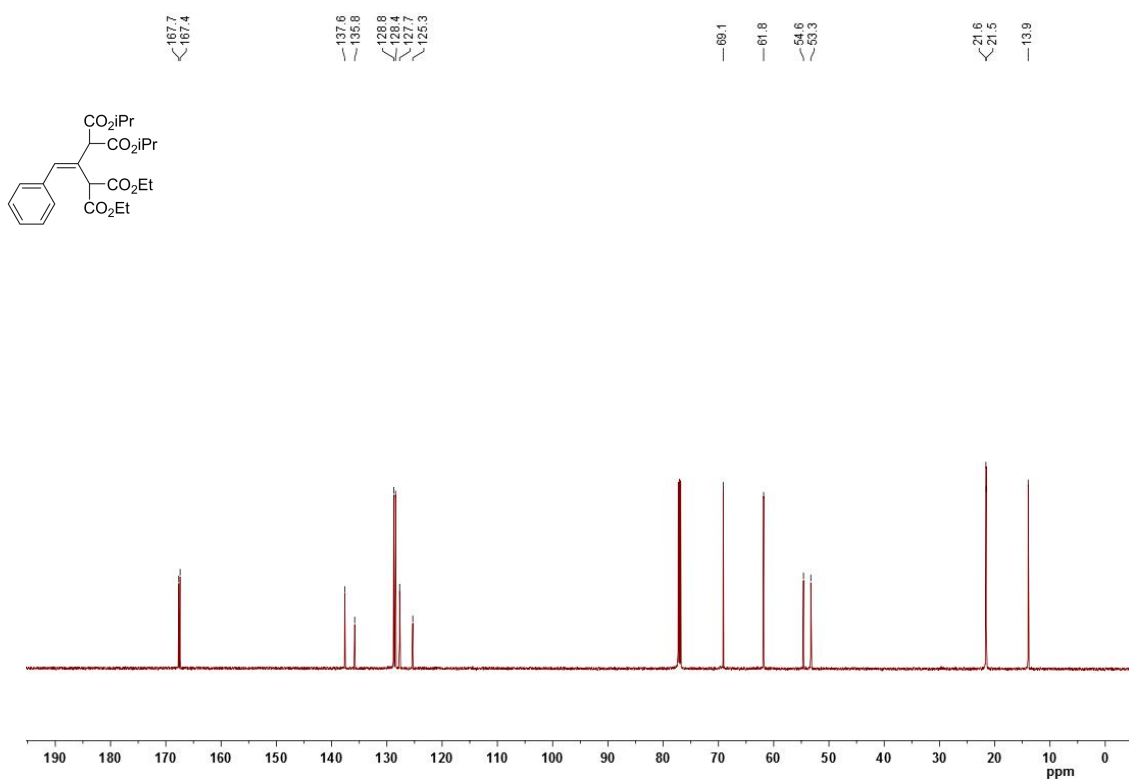
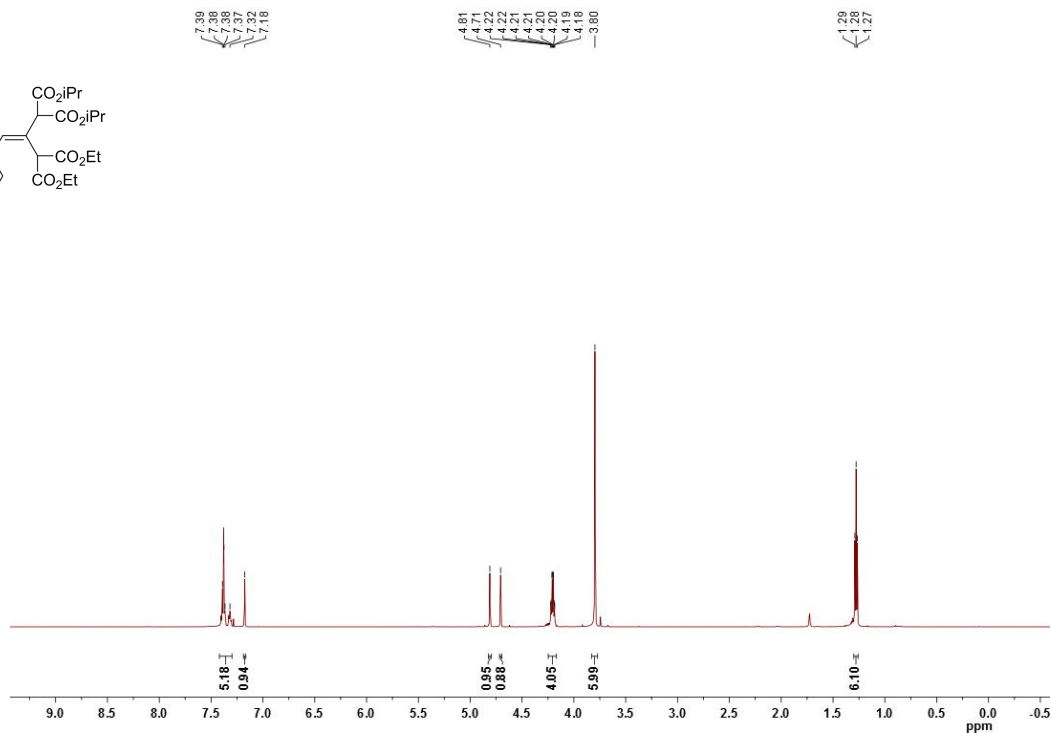
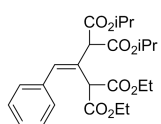
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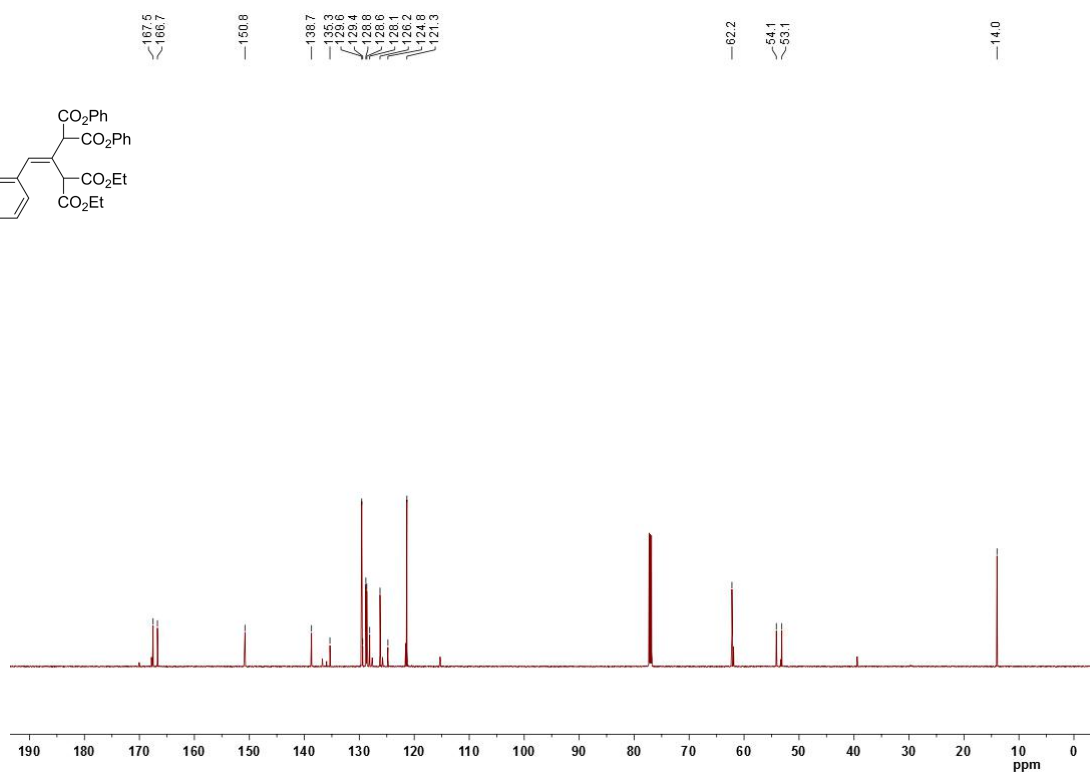
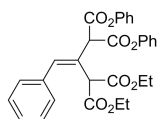
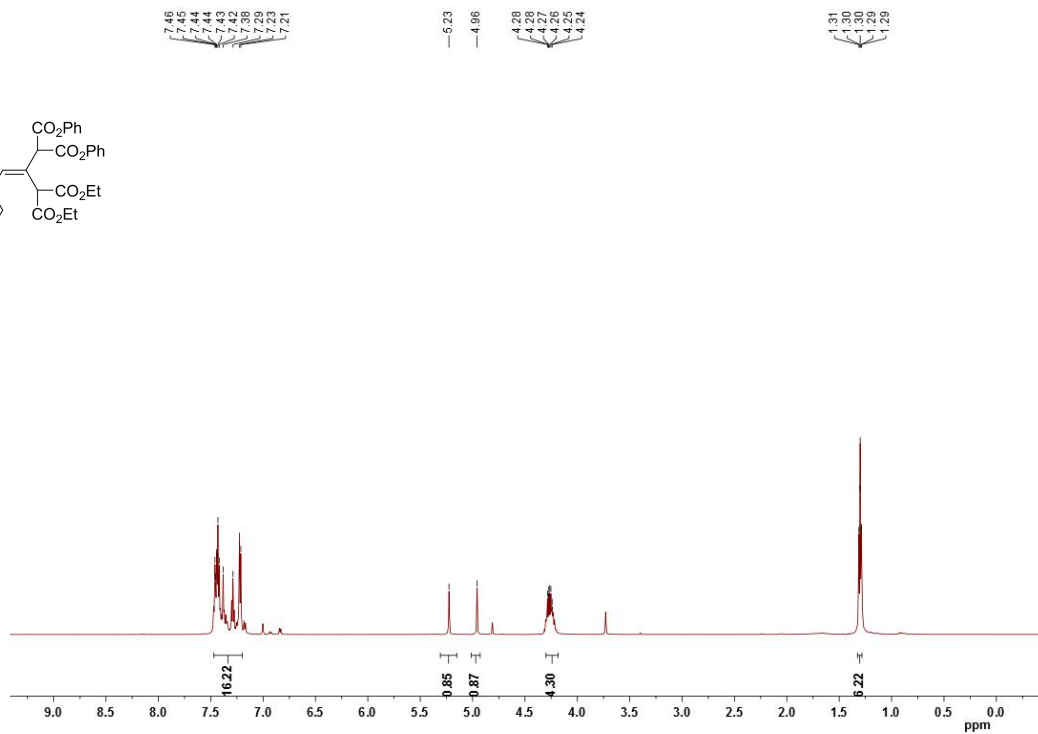
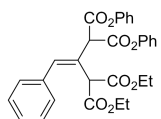
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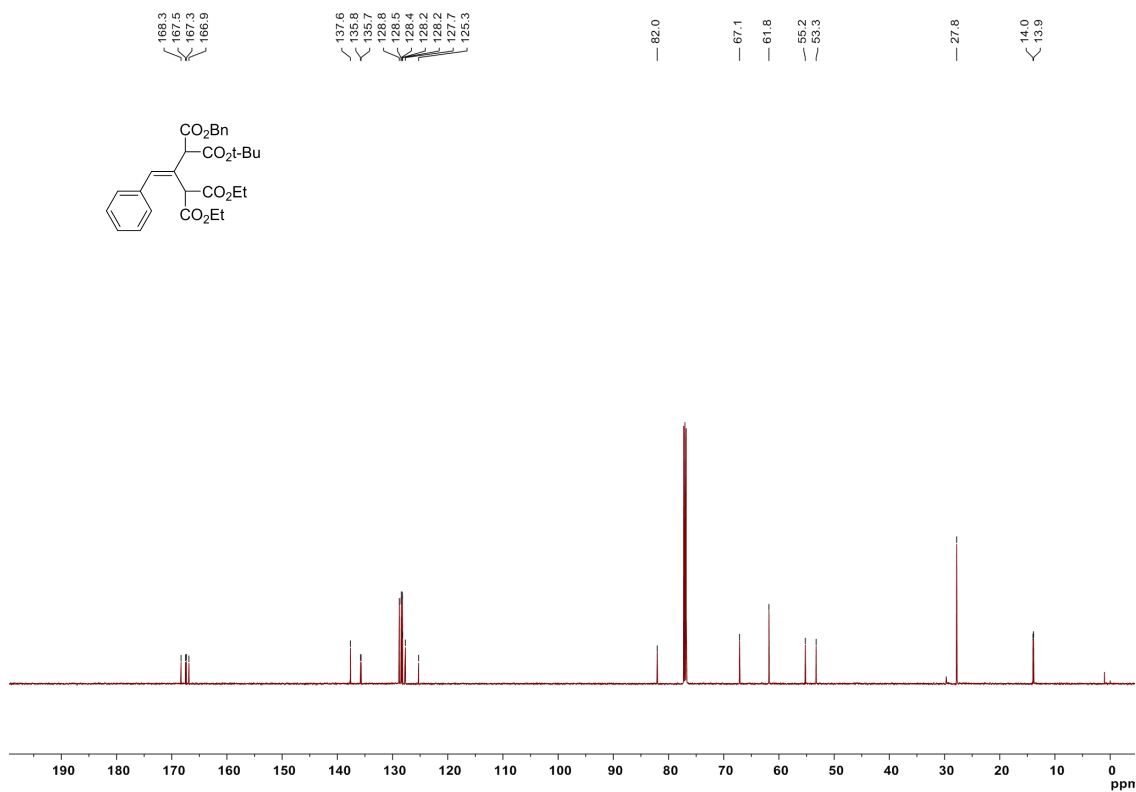
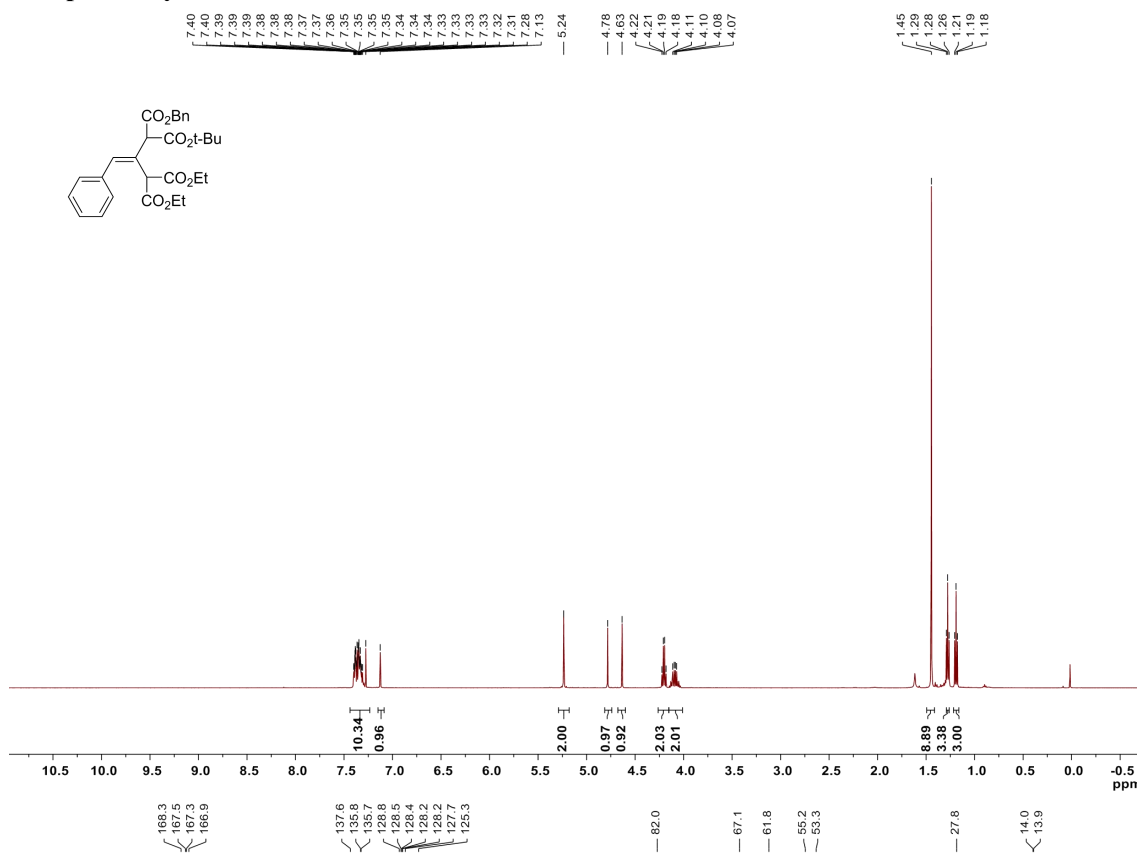
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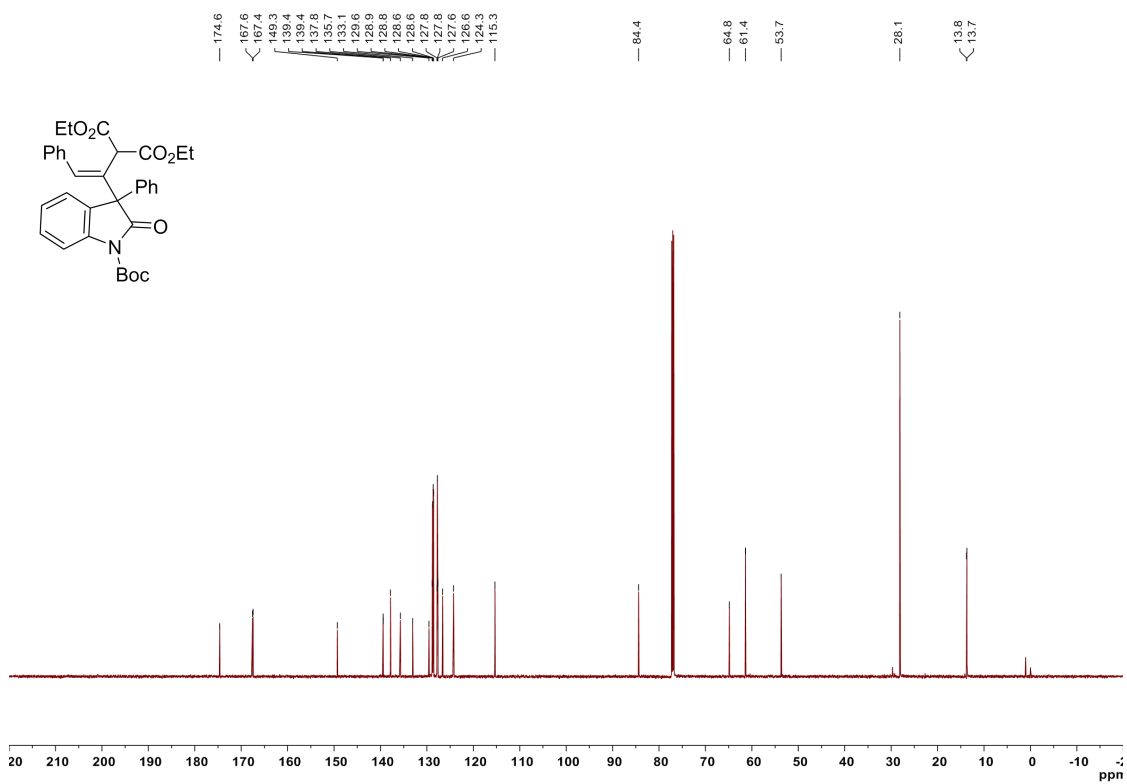
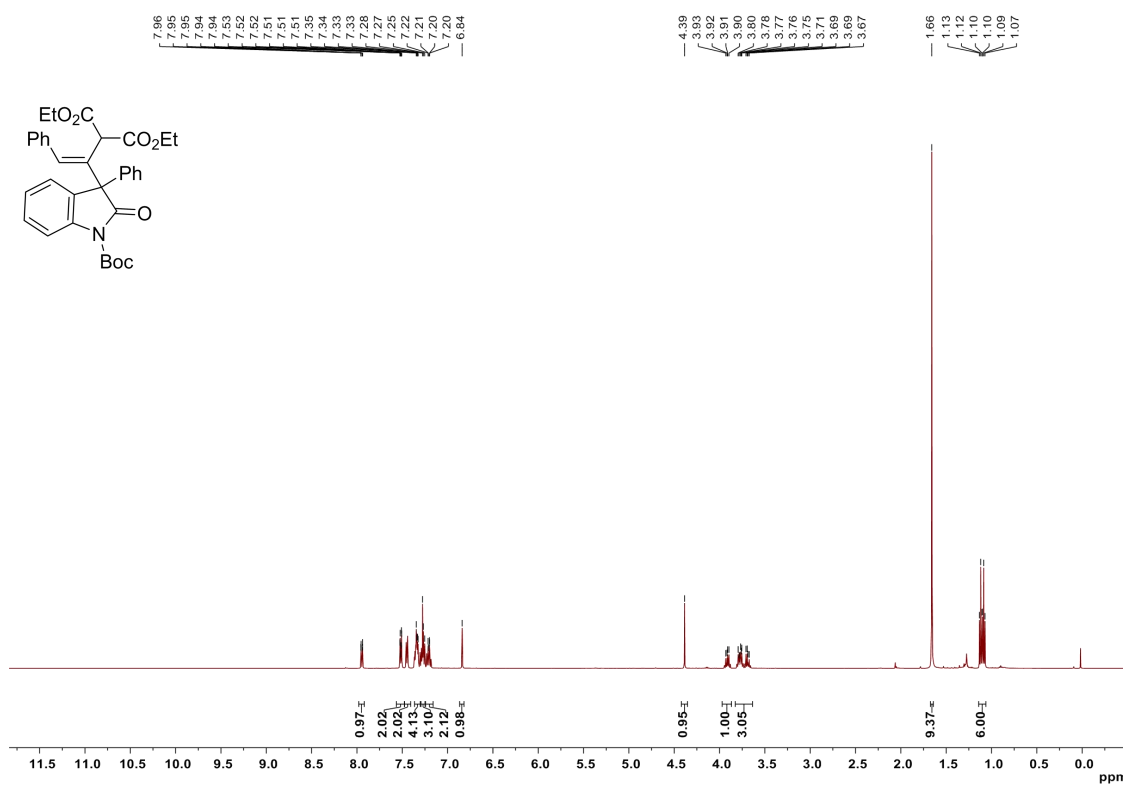
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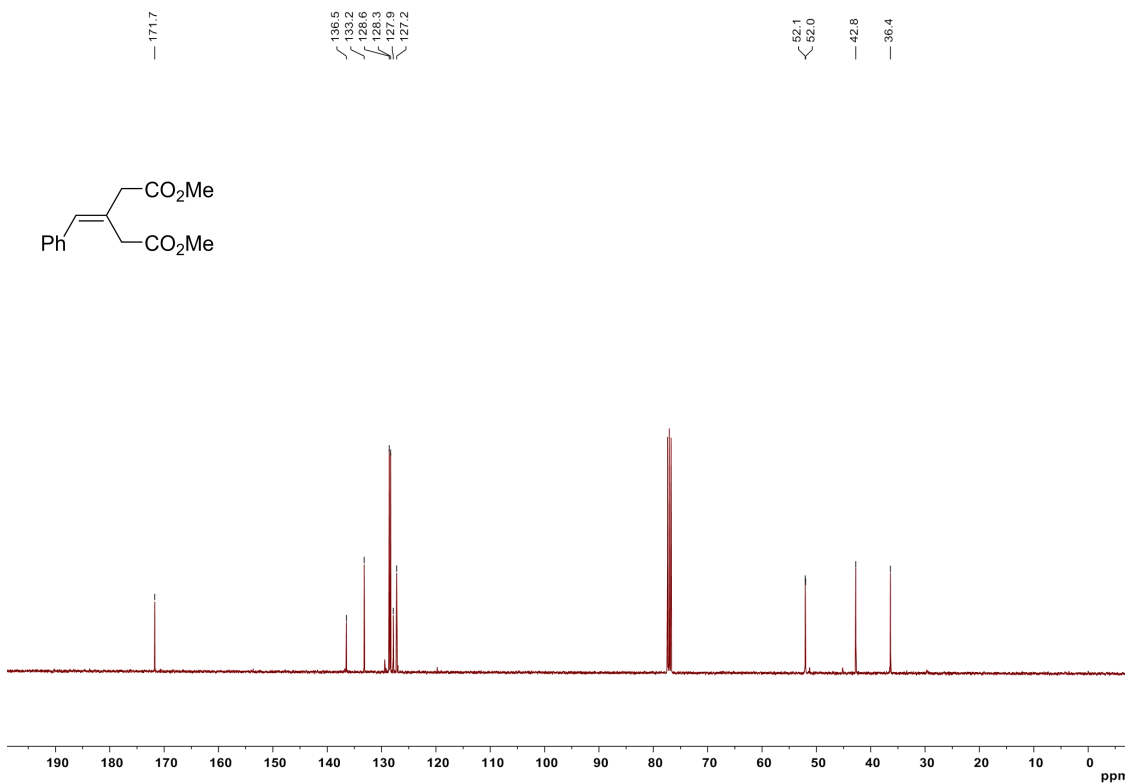
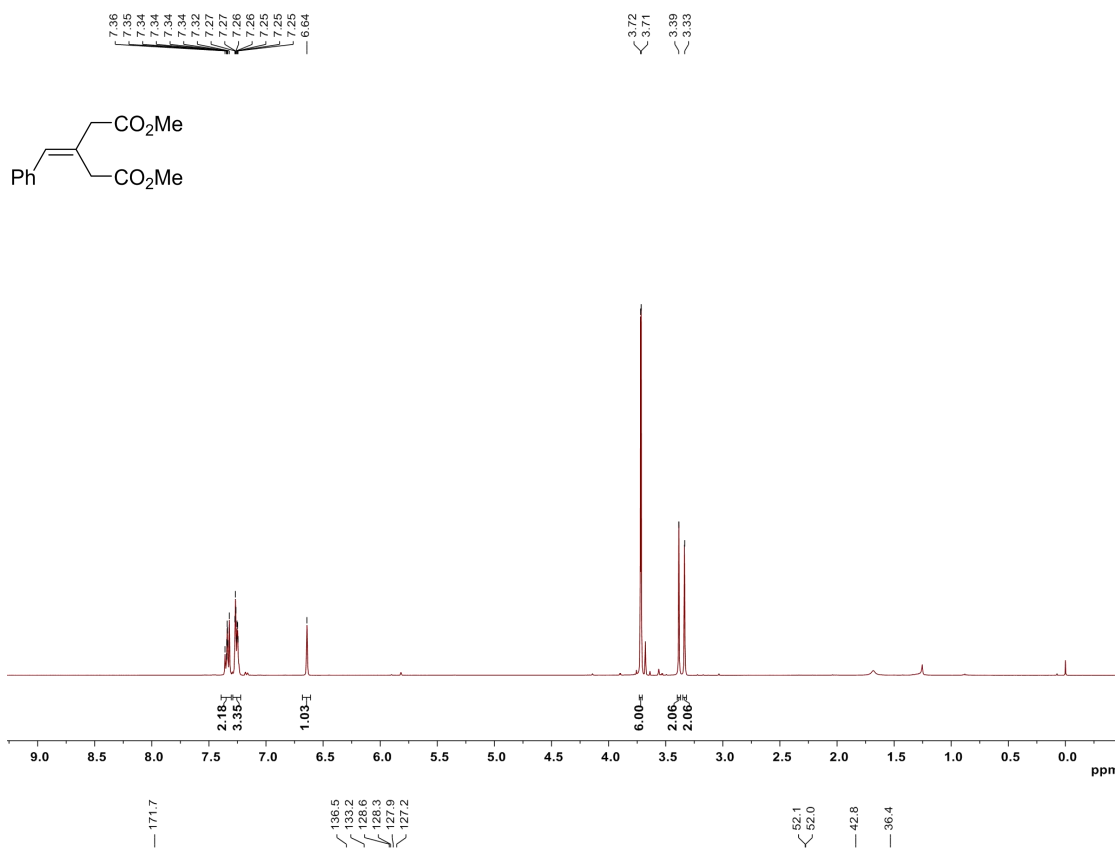
Compound 4y



Compound 6



Compound 7



8. X-ray crystal structure of compounds 2a and 9

8.1 X-ray crystal structure of the compound 2a

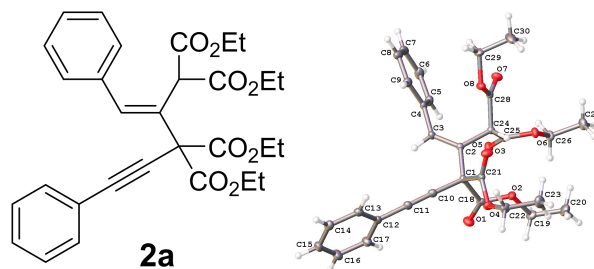


Figure S3. X-ray crystal structure of the compound 2a

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters of the compound 2a

Parameter	Value
CCDC deposition number	1950633
Empirical formula	C ₃₀ H ₃₂ O ₈
Formula weight	520.55
Temperature	170.01 K
Wavelength	1.34139 Å
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	P-1
Cell dimensions	$a = 9.5108(2)$ Å $\alpha = 87.7580(10)^\circ$ $b = 9.9970(2)$ Å $\beta = 89.5710(10)^\circ$ $c = 14.6139(3)$ Å $\gamma = 80.9690(10)^\circ$
Volume	1371.21(5) Å ³
Z	2
Density (calculated)	1.261 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.482 mm ⁻¹
F_{000}	552
Crystal size	0.15 × 0.12 × 0.1 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	3.985° to 54.974°
Index ranges	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11 -12 ≤ k ≤ 12 -17 ≤ l ≤ 17
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2
restraints /parameters	5192 / 0 / 347
Goodness of fit on F^2	1.074
Extinction coef	n/a

8.2 X-ray crystal structure of the compound 9

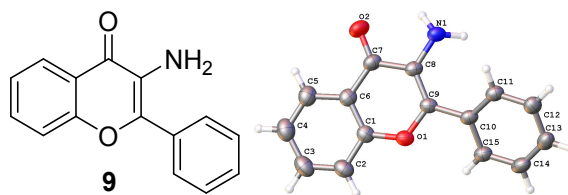


Figure S4. X-ray crystal structure of the compound **9**

Table S4. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters of the compound **9**

Parameter	Value
CCDC deposition number	1950634
Empirical formula	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ NO ₂
Formula weight	237.25
Temperature	296.15 K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Orthorhombic
Hall group	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁
Cell dimensions	$a = 4.1619 (7) \text{ Å}$ $\alpha = 90^\circ$ $b = 13.023 (2) \text{ Å}$ $\beta = 90^\circ$ $c = 21.315 (4) \text{ Å}$ $\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	1155.2(3) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.364 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.091 mm ⁻¹
F_{000}	496
Crystal size	0.12 × 0.1 × 0.05 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.833° to 27.659°
Index ranges	$-5 \leq h \leq 5$ $-17 \leq k \leq 16$ $-27 \leq l \leq 27$
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2
restraints /parameters	2697/0/171
Goodness of fit on F^2	0.835
Extinction coef	n/a