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# Valorisation of urban waste to access low-cost heterogeneous palladium catalyst for cross-coupling reactions in biomass-derived γ-valerolactone.

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## 1. General Remarks

Unless otherwise stated, all chemicals were purchased and used without any further purification. GLC analyses were performed by using Hewlett-Packard HP 5890 SERIES II equipped with a capillary column DB-5MS (30 m, 0.32 mm), a FID detector, and helium as gas carrier. GC-EIMS analyses were carried out by using a Hewlett-Packard HP 6890N Network GC system/5975 mass selective detector equipped with an electron impact ionizer at 70 eV. Melting points were measured on a Büchi 510 apparatus. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-ADVANCE 400 MHz ( $^{1}$ H at 400 MHz,  $^{13}$ C at 100.6 MHz and  $^{19}$ F at 376.4 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm ( $\delta$ ), coupling constant (J) in hertz and multiplicity are reported as follows: s = singlet, bs = broad singlet, d = doublet, dd = double doublet, td = double triplet, t = triplet, t = measured ne multiplet. Products purification was performed using 230-400 mesh silica gel. Elemental Analysis (EA) were conducted on Elementar UNICUBE® elemental analyzer. Metal loading was measured using MP-AES 4210 instrument. TEM images were obtained using a PHILIPS CM 12 transmission electron microscopy operating in the range 20 to 120 kV with an image resolution of 0.34nm.

Characterization data, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra are reported below.

# 2. General procedures

## Pine needle pre-treatment

Pine needles from urban waste were chopped into pieces of 1-2 cm and dried at 110°C for 1 day.<sup>1</sup> Then, the dry biomass was grinded and sieved. 7.05 g of the obtained material was extracted in Soxhlet apparatus with toluene methanol azeotrope (98% recovered) for 8h in order to remove oil, waxes and proteins and dried at 80°C under vacuum to afford 6.57 g of dry lignocellulosic biomass.<sup>2</sup>

## **Preparation of PiNe support**

1 g of the pre-treated pine needles material was placed in Erlenmeyer flask and sonicated for 30 min with 20 mL of sulfuric acid. After sonication, the material was kept in sulfuric acid for 3 days<sup>3</sup> and then filtered and washed several times with water until neutral pH. The recovered material (736 mg) was then dried under vacuum at 110°C. The formation of active carbon has been confirmed by methylene blue test.

# Preparation of Pd/PiNe

In a 50 mL two neck round bottom flask 400 mg of PiNe support were suspended in 20 mL of diethylene glycol. Aqueous solution of H<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>4</sub> (prepared dissolving 87 mg of PdCl<sub>2</sub> in 1 mL HCl) was added dropwise under sonication. The pH was adjusted to 12-13 by adding NaOH 5M solution. The reduction step has been carried out at 130°C for 3h under Ar atmosphere. The suspension was filtered and washed several times with hot water.<sup>4</sup> The loading of Pd (9.9 wt%) was measured by MP-AES analysis.

# Typical procedure for Heck-Mizoroki reaction (extraction work up).

In a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer, the aryl iodide 1 (1mmol), the alkene 2 or 4 (1.2 mmol), GVL (0.8 M, 1.25 mL), diethylaminomethyl-polystyrene (1.5 equiv, 0.47 g) and Pd/PiNe (0.1 mol%, 1.1 mg) were consecutively added, and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 4 h, the heterogeneous base and catalyst were filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The solvent was distilled and recovered (94%) as pure solvent and the product extracted with 3 mL of CPME. The organic phase was washed with water (3x2 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent removed under vacuum to afford pure products 3 or 5.

## Typical procedure for Heck-Mizoroki reaction (precipitation work up).

In a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer, the aryl iodide 1 (1mmol), the alkene 2 or 4 (1.2 mmol), GVL (0.8 M, 1.25 mL), diethylaminomethyl-polystyrene (1.5 equiv, 0.47 g) and Pd/PiNe (0.1 mol%, 1.1 mg) were consecutively added, and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 4 h, the heterogeneous base and catalyst were filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The solvent was distilled and recovered (94%) as pure solvent and the product precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0°C. The precipitate was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of cold water, then dried under vacuum to afford compounds 3 or 5.

## Regeneration procedure for PS-TEA.

The catalyst-base system (470.3 mg) filtered from the reaction mixture was charged into a screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer, and TEA (1 eq, 1.5 mmol, 209  $\mu$ L) in 1 mL GVL was added. The mixture was kept under stirring for 30 min, at 28°C. Next, the catalyst-base system was filtered off, washed with 1 mL of GVL, and dried under vacuum. GVL was distilled and recovered (94%) as pure solvent.

# Typical procedure for Hiyama reaction.

In a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer, the aryl halide **1** (1mmol), the silane **6** (1.5 mmol), GVL:H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 1 mL), TBAF (1.5 equiv, 488 mg) and **Pd/PiNe** (0.5 mol%, 5.3 mg) were consecutively added, and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 20 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The product was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0°C. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with 1 mL of cold water, and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:EtOAc, 95:5) to afford product **7**.

# Typical procedure for consecutive Hiyama-Heck reaction.

In a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer, the aryl halide **1** (1mmol), the silane **6c** (1.5 mmol), GVL (0.8 mL), aq. t-Bu-phenol (7μM, 0.2 mL) TBAF (1.5 equiv, 488 mg) and **Pd/PiNe** (0.5 mol%, 5.3 mg) were consecutively added, and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 16 h, aryl iodide **1a** (1.1 eq) was added and the mixture was kept under stirring at 130 °C. After 3 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The crude was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0°C and pure product purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:EtOAc, 95:5).

## General procedure for leaching determination

The crude reaction mixture, after separation from the catalyst/ base system was dried under vacuum, dissolved in 2 mL of aqua regia, and stirred for 1h at room temperature. The mixture was transferred in a 10 mL graduated flask and Milli-Q water was added to reach the final volume. If present, residual solid was filtered off and the sample was analyzed by MP-AES 4210 instrument.

Table ESI-1. Optimization of consecutive Hiyama-Heck reaction with Pd/PiNe catalyst.

Entry	6c (eq)	TBAF (eq)	1a (eq)	Conv (%)	Sel (%)
1	1.5	1.5	1.1	87	49
2	1	1.1	1.2	74	59
3 <sup>a</sup>	1	1.25	1.2	79	68
4 <sup>a</sup>	1	1.5	1.5	>99	58
5 <sup>a,b</sup>	1	1.5	1.5	84	77

Reaction conditions: **1f** (1 mmol), **6c**, **Pd/PiNe** (0.5 mol%), TBAF, GVL:H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1), 130°C, 16 h. **1a**, TEA (1.5 eq), 130°C, 3h.  $^a$ 20% of 7 $\mu$ M aq solution of t-Bu phenol was used in GVL as reaction medium.  $^b$ reaction performed without TEA.

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## 3. Characterization data

Chem.Name	Methyl cinnamate (3aa)
Lit.Ref	F. Valentini, H. Mahmoudi, L. A. Bivona, O. Piermatti, M. Bagherzadeh, L. Fusaro, C. Aprile, A. Marrocchi, L. Vaccaro, <i>ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng.</i> 2019, <b>7</b> , 6939–6946

# Method:

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer catalyst **Pd/PiNe** (9.9 wt%, 1.1 mg, 0.1 mmol%), PS-TEA (469 mg, 1.5 mmol), iodobenzene **1a** (114  $\mu$ L, 1 mmol, 97% purity), methyl acrylate **2a** (110  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol, 98% purity) and 1.25 mL of GVL were consecutively added and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C for 4 h. After reaction completion the catalyst was removed through filtration and washed with 1 mL of GVL (94% recovered). The product **3aa** was isolated by precipitation work-up as white solid (149 mg, 92% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	m.p.	36-38°C		
<b>Elemental Analysis</b> : Calc.: C: 74.06; H: 6.22; found: C: 74.08; H: 6.20.					
	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz	
	7.70	1	d	16.0	
<sup>1</sup> H NMR	7.54-7.51	2	т		
(400 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	7.40-7.37	3	т		
	6.45	1	d	16.0	
	3.81	3	S		

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 167.6, 145.0, 134.5, 130.4, 129.0, 128.2, 117.9, 51.8

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 162 (M+, 50), 161 (25), 131 (100), 103 (71), 102 (25), 77(39), 51 (22).

Chem.Name	Benzyl cinnamate (3ab)
Lit.Ref	J. Tummatorn, P. A. Albiniak, G. B. Dudley <i>J. Org. Chem.</i> 2007, <b>72</b> , 8962–8964

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer catalyst **Pd/PiNe** (9.9 wt%, 1.1 mg, 0.1 mmol%), PS-TEA (469 mg, 1.5 mmol), iodobenzene **1a** (114  $\mu$ L, 1 mmol, 97% purity), benzyl acrylate **2b** (189  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol, 98% purity) and 1.25 mL of GVL were consecutively added and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C for 4 h. After reaction completion the catalyst was removed through filtration and washed with 1 mL of GVL (94% recovered). The product **3ab** was isolated by extraction work-up as colourless oil (235 mg, 99% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	m.p.	oil
Flomental Analysis: Calc	· C· 80 65· H· 5 02·	found: C: 80 63: H	· 5 03

**Elemental Analysis**: Calc.: C: 80.65; H: 5.92; found: C: 80.63; H: 5.93.

	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	7.74	1	d	16.0
<sup>1</sup> H NMR	7.54-7.45	2	т	
(400 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	7.45-7.35	8	т	
	6.40	1	d	16.0
	5.27	2	S	

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 166.9, 145.3, 136.2, 134.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 118.0, 66.5.

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 238 (m+, 30), 193 (66), 192 (100), 178 (11), 132 (11), 131 (84), 115 (18), 104 (15), 103 (47), 91 (92), 77 (51), 65 (20), 51 (22)

Chem.Name	(E)-methyl 3-(3-nitrophenyl)acrylate (3ba)	
Lit.Ref	J. Ruan, X. Li, O. Saidi, J. Xiao. <i>J. Am. Chem.</i> Soc. 2008, <b>130</b> , 2424–2425	

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer catalyst **Pd/PiNe** (9.9 wt%, 1.1 mg, 0.1 mmol%), PS-TEA (469 mg, 1.5 mmol), 1-iodo-3-nitrobenzene **1b** (251 mg, 1 mmol, 99% purity), methyl acrylate **2a** (110  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol, 98% purity) and 1.25 mL of GVL were consecutively added and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C for 4 h. After reaction completion the catalyst was removed through filtration and washed with 1 mL of GVL (94% recovered). The product **3ba** was isolated by precipitation work-up as pale-yellow solid (186 mg, 90% yield).

Mol Formula	$C_{10}H_9NO_4$	m.p.	122-124 °C

**Elemental Analysis**: Calc.: C: 57.97; H: 4.38; N: 6.76; found: C: 57.99; H: 4.37; N: 6.78;

	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	8.38	1	S	
	8.24	1	dd	8.4 / 1.2
<sup>1</sup> H NMR	7.82	1	d	8.0
(400 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	7.73	1	d	16.0
	7.59	1	t	8.0
	7.56	1	d	16.0
	3.84	3	s	

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 166.7, 148.9, 142.1, 136.3, 133.8, 130.1, 124.7, 122.6, 121.1, 52.2.

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 207 (M+, 47), 190 (34), 177 (11), 176 (100), 130 (15), 129 (21), 118 (25), 102 (49), 75 (15), 51 (12), 50 (13).

Chem.Name	(E)-benzyl 3-(3-nitrophenyl)acrylate (3bb)
Lit.Ref	A. R. Katritzky, S. Zhang, A. Soares, M. Wang, A facile synthesis of benzyl-α, β-unsaturated carboxylic esters. ARKIVOC, 2001, <b>10</b> , 54-57.
O <sub>2</sub> N I	<b>Pd/PiNe</b> (0.1 mol%), PS-TEA (1.5 eq) <b>O<sub>2</sub>N COOBn</b>

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer catalyst **Pd/PiNe** (9.9 wt%, 1.1 mg, 0.1 mmol%), PS-TEA (469 mg, 1.5 mmol), 1-iodo-3-nitrobenzene **1b** (251 mg, 1 mmol, 99% purity), benzyl acrylate **2b** (189  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol, 98% purity) and 1.25 mL of GVL were consecutively added and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C for 4 h. After reaction completion the catalyst was removed through filtration and washed with 1 mL of GVL (94% recovered). The product **3bb** was isolated by precipitation work-up as plae yellow solid (266 mg, 94% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>13</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>	m.p.	68-69 °C

**Elemental Analysis**: Calc.: C: 67.84; H: 4.63; N: 4.94; found: C: 67.85; H: 4.62; N: 4.95

	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	8.38	1	S	
	8.23	1	d	8.0
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	7.82	1	d	8.0
	7.76	1	d	16.0
	7.58	1	t	8.0
	7.42-7.36	5	т	
	6.61	1	d	16.0
	5.28	2	S	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 166.1, 148.9, 142.4, 136.2, 135.8, 133.8, 130.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 124.8, 122.6, 121.3, 66.9.

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 283 (M+, 6), 267 (14), 268 (80), 238 (46), 237 (18), 222 (11), 221 (13), 220 (13), 191 (16), 176 (61), 130 (14), 129 (11), 102 (38), 91 (100), 79 (11), 77 (16), 76 (17), 65 (16)

Chem.Name	(E)-methyl 3-(4-acetylphenyl)acrylate ( <b>3ca</b> )
Lit.Ref	F. Valentini, H. Mahmoudi, L. A. Bivona, O. Piermatti, M. Bagherzadeh, L. Fusaro, C. Aprile, A. Marrocchi, L. Vaccaro, ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng. 2019, <b>7</b> , 6939–6946

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer catalyst **Pd/PiNe** (9.9 wt%, 1.1 mg, 0.1 mmol%), PS-TEA (469 mg, 1.5 mmol), 4-iodoacetophenone **1c** (249 mg, 1 mmol, 99% purity), methyl acrylate **2a** (110  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol, 98% purity) and 1.25 mL of GVL were consecutively added and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C for 4 h. After reaction completion the catalyst was removed through filtration and washed with 1 mL of GVL (94% recovered). The product **3ca** was isolated by precipitation workup as pale yellow solid (191 mg, 94% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	m.p.	104-106°C		
<b>Elemental Analysis</b> : Calc.: C: 70.58; H: 5.92; found: C: 70.61; H: 5.93.					
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz	
	7.97	2	d	8.0	
	7.71	1	d	16.0	
	7.61	2	d	8.0	
	6.53	1	d	16.0	
	3.83	3	S		
	2.62	3	S		

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 197.5, 167.1, 143.5, 138.9, 138.2, 129.0, 128.3, 120.5, 52.1, 26.8

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 205 (22), 204 (M+, 100), 190 (34), 189 (81), 188 (24), 173 (24), 161 (62),131 (37), 130 (16), 129 (27), 118 (26), 103 (20), 102 (72), 101 (18), 76 (31), 75 (24), 74 (16), 51 (26), 50 (19).

Chem.Name	(E)-benzyl 3-(4-acetylphenyl)acrylate ( <b>3cb</b> )
	T. Ichikawa, M. Mizuno, S. Ueda, N. Ohneda, H. Odajima, Y. Sawama, Y. Monguchia, H. Sajiki <i>Tetrahedron</i> , 2018, <b>74</b> , 1810-1816

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer catalyst **Pd/PiNe** (9.9 wt%, 1.1 mg, 0.1 mmol%), PS-TEA (469 mg, 1.5 mmol), 4-iodoacetophenone **1c** (249 mg, 1 mmol, 99% purity), benzyl acrylate **2b** (189  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol, 98% purity) and 1.25 mL of GVL were consecutively added and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C for 4 h. After reaction completion the catalyst was removed through filtration and washed with 1 mL of GVL (94% recovered). The product **3cb** was isolated by extraction work-up as white solid (277 mg, 98% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	m.p.	

**Elemental Analysis**: Calc.: C: 77.12; H: 5.75; found: C: 77.13; H: 5.75

	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	7.97	2	d	8.0
	7.73	1	d	16.0
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	7.60	2	d	8.0
	7.44-7.35	5	т	
	6.57	1	d	16.0
	5.27	2	S	
	2.61	3	s	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 197.4, 166.4, 143.7, 138.8, 138.2, 136.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 120.6, 66.8, 26.8.

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 281 (20), 280 (M+, 100), 265 (37), 237 (27), 236 (12), 235 (57), 234 (59), 219 (15), 193 (17), 197 (14), 191 (22), 173 (50), 115 (13), 91 (94), 77 (13), 65 (13)

Chem.Name	(E)-methyl 3-(p-tolyl)acrylate (3da)
Lit.Ref	F. Valentini, H. Mahmoudi, L. A. Bivona, O. Piermatti, M. Bagherzadeh, L. Fusaro, C. Aprile, A. Marrocchi, L. Vaccaro, <i>ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng.</i> 2019, <b>7</b> , 6939–6946

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer catalyst **Pd/PiNe** (9.9 wt%, 1.1 mg, 0.1 mmol%), PS-TEA (469 mg, 1.5 mmol), 4-iodotoluene **1d** (220 mg, 1 mmol, 99% purity), methyl acrylate **2a** (110  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol, 98% purity) and 1.25 mL of GVL were consecutively added and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C for 4 h. After reaction completion the catalyst was removed through filtration and washed with 1 mL of GVL (94% recovered). The product **3da** was isolated by precipitation work-up as white solid (162 mg, 92% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	m.p.	54-56 °C

Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 74.98; H: 6.86; found: C: 75.01; H: 6.89.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	7.67	1	d	16.0
	7.42	2	d	8.0
	7.19	2	d	8.0
	6.39	1	d	16.0
	3.80	3	S	
	2.37	3	S	

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 167.8, 145.0, 140.9, 131.8, 129.8, 128.2, 116.8, 51.8, 21.6.

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 176 (M+, 100), 175 (56), 161 (22), 146 (40), 145 (100), 131 (16), 118 (25), 117 (100), 116 (56), 115 (100), 102 (17), 91 (67), 89 (25), 65 (32), 63 (26), 57 (16), 51 (16).

Chem.Name	(E)-benzyl 3-(p-tolyl)acrylate ( <b>3db</b> )
	J. Liu, Y. Wang, Y. Yue, N. Liu, J. Zhang, S. Zhao, Q. Tang, K. Zhuo, <i>Eur. J. Org. Chem.</i> , 2017, 2641-2647.

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer catalyst **Pd/PiNe** (9.9 wt%, 1.1 mg, 0.1 mmol%), PS-TEA (469 mg, 1.5 mmol), 4-iodotoluene **1d** (220 mg, 1 mmol, 99% purity), benzyl acrylate **2b** (189  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol, 98% purity) and 1.25 mL of GVL were consecutively added and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C for 4 h. After reaction completion the catalyst was removed through filtration and washed with 1 mL of GVL (94% recovered). The product **3db** was isolated by precipitation work-up as white solid (237 mg, 94% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	m.p.		
Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 80.93; H: 6.39; found: C: 80.95; H: 6.38				

	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	7.71	1	d	16
	7.43-7.36	4	т	
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	7.35-7.34	2	т	
	7.19	2	d	8
	6.44	1	d	16
	5.25	2	S	
	2.37	3	S	

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 167.2, 145.4, 140.1, 136.3, 131.8, 129.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 116.9, 66.4, 21.6.

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 253 (11), 252 (M+, 55), 234 (11), 207 (54), 206 (62), 192 (11), 145 (65), 118 (20), 117 (27), 116 (15), 115 (52), 91 (100), 89 (13), 65 (27).

Chem.Name	(E)-1,2-diphenylethene ( <b>5a</b> )
Lit.Ref	F. Valentini, H. Mahmoudi, L. A. Bivona, O. Piermatti, M. Bagherzadeh, L. Fusaro, C. Aprile, A. Marrocchi, L. Vaccaro, <i>ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng.</i> 2019, <b>7</b> , 6939–6946

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer catalyst **Pd/PiNe** (9.9 wt%, 1.1 mg, 0.1 mmol%), PS-TEA (469 mg, 1.5 mmol), iodobenzene **1a** (114  $\mu$ L, 1 mmol, 97% purity), styrene **4** (128  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol, 98% purity) and 1.25 mL of GVL were consecutively added and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C for 4 h. After reaction completion the catalyst was removed through filtration and washed with 1 mL of GVL (94% recovered). The product **3ab** was isolated by precipitation work-up as white solid (159 mg, 88% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	m.p.	126-128 °C
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**Elemental Analysis**: Calc.: C: 93.29; H: 6.71; found: C: 93.32; H: 6.72.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	7.54	4	d	8.0
	7.38	4	t	8.0
	7.30-7.26	2	т	
	7.14	2	S	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 137.5, 128.8, 127.8, 126.7.

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 181 (40), 180 (M+, 100), 179 (100), 178 (91), 177 (24), 176 (27), 166 (19), 165 (86), 152 (35), 151 (17), 102 (23), 89 (46), 77 (19), 76 (33), 63 (18), 51 (23).

Chem.Name	(E)-1-nitro-3-styrylbenzene ( <b>5b</b> )
Lit.Ref	A. Maji, O. Singh, S. Singh, A. Mohanty, P.K. Maji, K. Ghosh, <i>Eur. J. Inorg. Chem.</i> , 2020, 1596-1611

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer catalyst **Pd/PiNe** (9.9 wt%, 1.1 mg, 0.1 mmol%), PS-TEA (469 mg, 1.5 mmol), 1-iodo-3-nitrobenzene **1b** (251 mg, 1 mmol, 99% purity), styrene **4** (128  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol, 98% purity) and 1.25 mL of GVL were consecutively added and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C for 4 h. After reaction completion the catalyst was removed through filtration and washed with 1 mL of GVL (94% recovered). The product **5b** was isolated by precipitation work-up as pale yellow solid (171 mg, 76% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	m.p.	106-107 °C
Elemental Analysis: Calc	· C. 74 65· H. 4.92·	N. 6.22: found: C: 7	74 67: H: 4 91: N: 6 21

	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	8.38	1	s	
	8.11	1	d	7.6
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	7.80	1	d	7.6
	7.56-7.51	3	т	
	7.41	2	t	7.6
	7.35-7.31	1	т	
	7.25	1	d	16.0
	7.14	1	d	16.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 148.9, 139.3, 136.4, 132.4, 131.9, 129.7, 129.0, 128.7, 127.0, 126.2, 122.2, 121.0.

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 226 (13), 225 (M<sup>+</sup>, 79), 180 (15), 179 (27), 178 (100), 176 (18), 165 (12), 152 (21)

Chem.Name	(E)-1-(4-styrylphenyl)ethanone ( <b>5c</b> )
Lit.Ref	F. Valentini, H. Mahmoudi, L. A. Bivona, O. Piermatti, M. Bagherzadeh, L. Fusaro, C. Aprile, A. Marrocchi, L. Vaccaro, ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng. 2019, <b>7</b> , 6939–6946

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer catalyst **Pd/PiNe** (9.9 wt%, 1.1 mg, 0.1 mmol%), PS-TEA (469 mg, 1.5 mmol), 4-iodoacetophenone **1c** (249 mg, 1 mmol, 99% purity), styrene **4** (128  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol, 98% purity) and 1.25 mL of GVL were consecutively added and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C for 4 h. After reaction completion the catalyst was removed through filtration and washed with 1 mL of GVL (94% recovered). The product **5c** was isolated by precipitation work-up as pale yellow solid (211 mg, 95% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O	m.p.	140-142 °C	
Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 86.45; H: 6.35; found: C: 86.42; H: 6.34.				

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	7.96	2	d	8.4
	7.59	2	d	8.0
	7.54	2	d	7.6
	7.40-7.37	2	т	
	7.30	1	t	8
	7.24	1	d	16
	7.14	1	d	16
	2.61	3	S	

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 197.6, 142.2, 136.8, 136.1, 131.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.6, 127.0, 126.7, 26.8.

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 223 (27), 222 (M<sup>+</sup>, 89), 208 (38), 207 (100), 179 (52), 178 (89), 177 (25), 176 (26), 152 (23), 89 (21).

Chem.Name	(E)-1-methyl-4-styrylbenzene (5d)
Lit.Ref	F. Valentini, H. Mahmoudi, L. A. Bivona, O. Piermatti, M. Bagherzadeh, L. Fusaro, C. Aprile, A. Marrocchi, L. Vaccaro, ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng. 2019, <b>7</b> , 6939–6946

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer catalyst **Pd/PiNe** (9.9 wt%, 1.1 mg, 0.1 mmol%), PS-TEA (469 mg, 1.5 mmol), 4-iodotoluene **1d** (220 mg, 1 mmol, 99% purity), styrene **4** (128 μL, 1.2 mmol, 98% purity) and 1.25 mL of GVL were consecutively added and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C for 4 h. After reaction completion the catalyst was removed through filtration and washed with 1 mL of GVL (94% recovered). The product **5d** was isolated by precipitation work-up as white solid (171 mg, 88% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	m.p.	120-122 °C

**Elemental Analysis:** Calc.: C: 92.74; H: 7.26; found: C: 92.71; H: 7.24.

	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	7.51	2	d	7.6
	7.42	2	d	8.0
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	7.35	2	t	7.6
	7.26-7.20	1	т	
	7.17	2	d	8.0
	7.10-7.06	2	т	
	2.36	3	S	

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 137.7, 134.7, 129.5, 128.8, 127.9, 127.6, 126.6, 126.5, 21.4.

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 195 (31), 194 (M+, 97), 193 (46), 180 (29), 179 (100), 178 (94), 165 (27), 152 (19), 115 (26), 89 (17).

Chem.Name	4-nitro-1,1'-biphenyl ( <b>7ea</b> )
Lit.Ref	E. Ismalaj, G. Strappaveccia, E. Ballerini, F. Elisei, O. Piermatti, D. Gelman, L. Vaccaro <i>ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng.</i> , <b>2014</b> , 2, 2461-2464

MW: 199,21 g/mol

#### Method:

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer, the aryl halide 1e (204 mg, 1mmol), triethoxy(phenyl) silane 6a (368 mg, 0.370 mL 1.5 mmol), GVL: H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 1 mL), TBAF (1.5 equiv, 488 mg) and Pd/PiNe (0.5 mol%, 5.3 mg) were consecutively added, and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 20 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The product was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0°C. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with 1 mL of cold water, and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:EtOAc, 95:5) to afford product 7ea as white solid (162 mg, 81% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	m.p.	116-117°C	
Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 72.35; H: 4.55; N: 7.03. found: C, 72.40; H: 4.59; N: 7.01				
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	8.30	2	d	8.0
	7.74	2	d	8.0
	7.63	2	d	8.0
	7.52-7.43	3	т	

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 147.8, 147.2, 138.9, 129.2, 129.0, 127.9, 127.5, 124.2.

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 199 (M+, 83), 169 (44), 153 (31), 152 (100), 151 (33), 150 (11), 141 (40), 127 (11), 126 (11), 115 (19), 77 (12), 76 (14), 63 (13), 51 (12)

Chem.Name	1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)ethanone ( <b>7fa</b> )
Lit.Ref	E. Ismalaj, G. Strappaveccia, E. Ballerini, F. Elisei, O. Piermatti, D. Gelman, L. Vaccaro <i>ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng.</i> , <b>2014</b> , 2, 2461-2464

MW: 196,24 g/mol

## Method:

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer, the aryl halide **1f** (203 mg, 1mmol), triethoxy(phenyl) silane **6a** (368 mg, 0.370 mL 1.5 mmol), GVL: H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 1 mL), TBAF (1.5 equiv, 488 mg) and **Pd/PiNe** (0.5 mol%, 5.3 mg) were consecutively added, and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 20 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The product was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0°C. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with 1 mL of cold water, and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:EtOAc, 95:5) to afford product **7fa** as white solid (164 mg, 84% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O	m.p.	115-117 °C
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**Elemental Analysis:** Calc.: C: 85.68; H: 6.16. found: C: 85.78; H: 6.13

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	8.04	2	d	8.0
	7.69	2	d	8.0
	7.65-7.62	2	m	
	7.48	2	t	8.0
	7.42-7.38	1	m	
	2.64	3	S	

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 197.9, 145.9, 140.0, 136.0, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 127.4, 127.3, 26.8

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 196 (M+, 48), 182 (14), 181 (100), 153 (42), 152 (69), 151 (21), 76 (11), 43 (12)

Chem.Name	ethyl [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate ( <b>7ga</b> )
Lit.Ref	Q. Cao, J. L. Howard, E. Wheatley, D. L. Browne, <i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.,</i> 2018, <b>57</b> , 11339 -11343

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer, the aryl halide 1g (234 mg, 0.167 mL, 1mmol), triethoxy(phenyl) silane 6a (368 mg, 0.370 mL 1.5 mmol), GVL: H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 1 mL), TBAF (1.5 equiv, 488 mg) and **Pd/PiNe** (0.5 mol%, 5.3 mg) were consecutively added, and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 20 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The product was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0°C. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with 1 mL of cold water, and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:EtOAc, 95:5) to afford product 7ga as pale yellow solid (188 mg, 83% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	m.p.	93-94°C
<b>Elemental Analysis:</b> C: 79.62; H: 6.24; found: C: 79.66; H: 6.20			

	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	8.12	2	d	8.0
	7.66	2	d	8.0
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	7.63	2	d	8.0
	7.47	2	t	8.0
	7.41-7.38	1	т	
	4.41	2	q	8.0
	1.42	3	t	8.0

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 166.7, 145.7, 140.2, 130.2, 129.4, 129.1, 128.2 ,127.4, 127.1, 61.1, 14.5

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 226 (M+, 65), 198 (34), 182 (18), 181 (100), 153 (30), 152 (51), 76 (12)

MW: 226,27 g/mol

Chem.Name	4-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (7da)
Lit.Ref	E. Ismalaj, G. Strappaveccia, E. Ballerini, F. Elisei, O. Piermatti, D. Gelman, L. Vaccaro <i>ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng.</i> , <b>2014</b> , 2, 2461-2464

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer, the aryl halide 1d (220 mg, 1mmol), triethoxy(phenyl) silane 6a (368 mg, 0.370 mL 1.5 mmol), GVL:  $H_2O$  (4:1, 1 mL), TBAF (1.5 equiv, 488 mg) and Pd/PiNe (0.5 mol%, 5.3 mg) were consecutively added, and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 20 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The product was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0°C. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with 1 mL of cold water, and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:EtOAc, 95:5) to afford product 7da as white solid (130 mg, 77% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	m.p.	45-47 °C	
Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 92.81; H: 7.19. found: C, 92.76; H: 7.23				

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	7.61	2	d	8.0
	7.52	2	d	8.0
	7.45	2	t	8.0
	7.35	1	t	8.0
	7.29-7.27	2	т	
	2.43	3	S	

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 141.3, 138.5, 137.1, 129.6, 128.9, 127.1, 127.1, 127.1, 21.2

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 169 (14), 168 (M+, 100), 167 (66), 165 (28), 153 (15), 152 (21), 115 (11)

MW: 168,23 g/mol

Chem.Name	4-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (7ha)
Lit.Ref	E. Ismalaj, G. Strappaveccia, E. Ballerini, F. Elisei, O. Piermatti, D. Gelman, L. Vaccaro <i>ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng.</i> , <b>2014</b> , 2, 2461-2464

MW: 184,23 g/mol

#### Method:

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer, the aryl halide 1h (234 mg, 1mmol), triethoxy(phenyl) silane 6a (368 mg, 0.370 mL 1.5 mmol), GVL: H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 1 mL), TBAF (1.5 equiv, 488 mg) and Pd/PiNe (0.5 mol%, 5.3 mg) were consecutively added, and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 20 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The product was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0°C. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with 1 mL of cold water, and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether) to afford product 7ha as yellow solid (118 mg, 64% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O	m.p.	87-89 °C	
Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 84.75; H: 6.57. found: C: 84.77; H: 6.55				
	δ value.	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	7.55	4	t	8.0
	7.42	2	t	8.0
	7.33-7.26	1	т	
	6.99	2	d	8.0
	3.86	3	S	

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 159.3, 141.0, 133.9, 128.9, 128.3, 126.9, 126.8, 114.3, 55.5

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 185 (14), 184 (M+, 100), 169 (51), 141 (61), 139 (17), 115 (53)

Chem.Name	1-phenylnaphthalene ( <b>7ia</b> )
Lit.Ref	E. Ismalaj, G. Strappaveccia, E. Ballerini, F. Elisei, O. Piermatti, D. Gelman, L. Vaccaro <i>ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng.</i> , <b>2014</b> , 2, 2461-2464

MW: 204,27 g/mol

#### Method:

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer, the aryl halide 1i (254 mg, 1mmol), triethoxy(phenyl) silane 6a (368 mg, 0.370 mL 1.5 mmol), GVL: H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 1 mL), TBAF (1.5 equiv, 488 mg) and **Pd/PiNe** (0.5 mol%, 5.3 mg) were consecutively added, and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 20 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The product was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0°C. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with 1 mL of cold water, and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether) to afford product 7ia as colourless oil (153 mg, 75% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	m.p.	44-46 °C		
Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 94.08; H: 5.92. found: C: 94.16; H: 5.89					
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz	
	7.91	2	d	8	
	7.87	1	d	8	
	7.55-7.48	6	т		
	7.46-7.41	3	т		

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 140.9, 140.4, 133.9, 131.8, 130.2, 128.4, 127.8, 127.4, 127.1, 126.2, 126.1, 125.9, 125.5.

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 204 (M+, 100), 203 (98), 202 (61), 201 (13), 200 (13), 101 (16)

Chem.Name	4-methoxy-4'-nitro-1,1'-biphenyl (7eb)
Lit.Ref	E. Ismalaj, G. Strappaveccia, E. Ballerini, F. Elisei, O. Piermatti, D. Gelman, L. Vaccaro <i>ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng.</i> , <b>2014</b> , 2, 2461-2464

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer, the aryl halide **1e** (204 mg, 1mmol), triethoxy(4-methoxyphenyl) silane **6b** (418 mg, 0.406 mL, 1.5 mmol), GVL: H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 1 mL), TBAF (1.5 equiv, 488 mg) and **Pd/PiNe** (0.5 mol%, 5.3 mg) were consecutively added, and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 20 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The product was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0°C. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with 1 mL of cold water, and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:EtOAc, 95:5) to afford product **7eb** as pale yellow solid (209 mg, 91% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	m.p.	110-112 °C		
Elemental Analysis: Calo	Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 68.11; H: 4.84; N: 6.11. found: C: 68.21; H: 4.90; N: 6.05				
	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz	
	8.27	2	d	8.0	
<sup>1</sup> H NMR	7.69	2	d	8.0	
(400 MHz, CDCl₃)	7.58	2	d	8.0	
	7.02	2	d	8.0	

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 160.6, 147.4, 146.7, 131.2, 128.7, 127.2, 124.3, 114.8, 55.6

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**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 230 (14), 229 (M+, 100), 199 (25), 183 (11), 171 (18), 168 (24), 152 (18), 140 (31), 139 (57), 128 (13)

Chem.Name	1-(4'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)ethanone ( <b>7fb</b> )
Lit.Ref	E. Ismalaj, G. Strappaveccia, E. Ballerini, F. Elisei, O. Piermatti, D. Gelman, L. Vaccaro <i>ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng.</i> , <b>2014</b> , 2, 2461-2464

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer, the aryl halide **1f** (203 mg, 1mmol), triethoxy(4-methoxyphenyl) silane **6b** (418 mg, 0.406 mL, 1.5 mmol), GVL: H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 1 mL), TBAF (1.5 equiv, 488 mg) and **Pd/PiNe** (0.5 mol%, 5.3 mg) were consecutively added, and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 20 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The product was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0°C. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with 1 mL of cold water, and purified by filtration on silica pad with toluene to afford product **7fb** as white solid (168 mg, 74% yield).

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**Elemental Analysis:** Calc.: C: 79.62; H: 6.24. Found: C. 79.69; H: 6.21

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	8.01	2	d	8.0
	7.65	2	d	8.0
	7.58	2	d	8.0
	7.00	2	d	8.0
	3.87	3	S	
	2.63	3	S	

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 197.9, 160.1, 145.5, 135.4, 132.4, 129.1, 128.5, 126.8, 114.6, 55.5, 26.8

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 227 (10), 226 (M+, 55), 212 (12), 211 (100), 183 (13), 168 (20), 152 (12), 140 (29), 139 (49), 63 (11), 43 (18)

Chem.Name	ethyl 4'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (7gb)
Lit.Ref	Q. Cao, J. L. Howard, E. Wheatley, D. L. Browne, <i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> , 2018, <b>57</b> , 11339 -11343

Mol Formula

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer, the aryl halide **1g** (234 mg, 1mmol), triethoxy(4-methoxyphenyl) silane **6b** (418 mg, 0.406 mL, 1.5 mmol), GVL: H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 1 mL), TBAF (1.5 equiv, 488 mg) and **Pd/PiNe** (0.5 mol%, 5.3 mg) were consecutively added, and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 20 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The product was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0°C. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with 1 mL of cold water, and purified by filtration on silica pad with toluene to afford product **7gb** as white solid (226 mg, 88% yield).

100-103 °C

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Wor Formula	U <sub>16</sub> Γ1 <sub>16</sub> U <sub>3</sub>	iii.p.	100-103 C			
Elemental Analysis: Calc.:	Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 74.98; H: 6.29; found: C: 75.01; H: 6.30					
	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz		
	8.08	2	d	8.4		
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	7.62	2	d	8.4		
	7.57	2	d	8.8		
	7.00	2	d	8.8		
	4.40	2	q	7.2		
	3.86	3	S			
	1.41	3	t	7.2		

 $^{13}$ C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl₃) δ: 166.8, 160.0, 145.4, 132.6, 130.2, 128.8, 128.5, 126.6, 114.5, 61.1, 55.5, 14.5

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 257 (18), 256 (M+, 100), 212 (13), 211 (64), 168 (13), 140 (14), 139 (22)

Chem.Name	4-methoxy-4'-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (7db)
Lit.Ref	E. Ismalaj, G. Strappaveccia, E. Ballerini, F. Elisei, O. Piermatti, D. Gelman, L. Vaccaro <i>ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng.</i> , <b>2014</b> , 2, 2461-2464

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer, the aryl halide **1d** (220 mg, 1mmol), triethoxy(4-methoxyphenyl) silane **6b** (418 mg, 0.406 mL, 1.5 mmol), GVL: H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 1 mL), TBAF (1.5 equiv, 488 mg) and **Pd/PiNe** (0.5 mol%, 5.3 mg) were consecutively added, and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 20 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The product was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0°C. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with 1 mL of cold water, and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:EtOAc, 95:5) to afford product **7db** as white solid (149 mg, 75% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O	m.p.	110-112 °C	
Elemental Analysis: Calc : C: 84 81: H: 7.12 found: C: 84 79: H: 7.10				

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	7.51	2	d	8
	7.45	2	d	8
	7.23	2	d	8
(100 11111, 00 010)	6.97	2	d	8
	3.85	3	S	
	2.39	3	S	

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 159.1, 138.1, 136.5, 133.9, 129.6, 128.1, 126.7, 114.3, 55.5, 21.2

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 199 (14), 198 (M+, 100), 183 (59), 155 (44), 154 (11), 153 (17), 152 (17), 128 (16), 127 (10), 115 (12)

Chem.Name	1-(4-methoxyphenyl)naphthalene ( <b>7ib</b> )
Lit.Ref	E. Ismalaj, G. Strappaveccia, E. Ballerini, F. Elisei, O. Piermatti, D. Gelman, L. Vaccaro <i>ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng.</i> , <b>2014</b> , 2, 2461-2464

Prepared according to general procedure: in a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer, the aryl halide **1i** (254 mg, 1mmol), triethoxy(4-methoxyphenyl) silane **6b** (418 mg, 0.406 mL, 1.5 mmol), TBAF (1.5 equiv, 488 mg) and **Pd/PiNe** (0.5 mol%, 5.3 mg) were consecutively added, and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 20 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The product was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0°C. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with 1 mL of cold water, and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether) to afford product **7ib** as white solid (211 mg, 90% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O	m.p.	114-116°C	
Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 87.15; H: 6.02. found: C: 87.25; H: 6.04				
	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz

	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	7.91	2	t	8
4	7.84	1	d	8
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	7.50	2	q	8
(100 11111, 01 010)	7.45-7.40	4	т	
	7.04	2	d	8
	3.90	3	s	

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 159.1, 140.1, 134.0, 133.3, 132.0, 131.3, 128.4, 127.5, 127.1, 126.2, 126.1, 125.8, 125.6, 113.9, 55.5.

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 235 (31), 234 (M+, 100), 219 (50), 203 (15), 202 (11), 191 (33), 190 (39), 189 (56), 101 (10), 94 (11)

Chem.Name	(E)-1-nitro-4-styrylbenzene ( <b>8ea</b> )
Lit.Ref	ChemistrySelect, <b>2019</b> , 4, 6913-6916

Prepared according to general procedure: In a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer were consecutively added 1-bromo-4-nitrobenzene **1e** (1 mmol, 202 mg), **Pd/PiNe** (0.5 mol%, 5.3 mg), TBAF (1.5 equiv, 488 mg), triethoxyvinylsilane **6c** (1.5 mmol, 326  $\mu$ L), GVL (0.8 mL), and aq. t-Bu-phenol solution (7 $\mu$ M, 0.2 mL) and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 16 h, iodobenzene **1a** (1.1 eq) was added and the mixture was kept under stirring at 130 °C. After 3 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The crude material was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0 °C and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:EtOAc, 95:5) to afford product **8ea** as a pale yellow solid (136 mg, 60% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	m.p.	155-159 °C
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**Elemental Analysis**: Calc: C: 74.65; H: 4.92; N: 6.22; found: C: 74.72; H: 4.94; N: 6.20

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	8.19	2	d	8.4
	7.60	2	d	8.8
	7.53	2	d	7.6
	7.37	2	t	7.6
	7.32-7.29	1	m	
	7.22	1	d	16.4
	7.14-7.10	1	d	16.4

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 146.9, 144.0, 136.3, 133.5, 129.0, 129.0, 127.2, 127.0, 126.4, 124.3

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 226 (15), 225 (M+, 100), 179 (40), 176 (17), 165 (15), 152 (27).

Chem.Name	(E)-1-(4-styrylphenyl)ethenone (8fa)
Lit.Ref	ChemistrySelect, <b>2019</b> , 4, 6913-6916

Prepared according to general procedure: In a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer were consecutively added 4-bromo-acetophenone **1f** (1 mmol, 199 mg), **Pd/PiNe** (0.5 mol%, 5.3 mg), TBAF (1.5 equiv, 488 mg), triethoxyvinylsilane **6c** (1.5 mmol, 326  $\mu$ L), GVL (0.8 mL), and aq. t-Bu-phenol solution (7 $\mu$ M, 0.2 mL) and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 16 h, iodobenzene **1a** (1.1 eq) was added and the mixture was kept under stirring at 130 °C. After 3 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The crude material was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0 °C and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:EtOAc, 95:5) to afford product **8fa** as a white solid (89 mg, 40% yield).

Mol Formula C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O m.p. 141-142 °C
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**Elemental Analysis:** Calc.: C: 86.45; H: 6.35; found: C: 86.52; H: 6.36

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	7.96	2	d	8.4
	7.59	2	d	8.4
	7.55	2	d	7.6
	7.39	2	t	7.6
	7.33-7.28	1	т	
	7.24	1	d	16.4
	7.13	1	d	16.4
	2.61	3	S	

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 197.6, 142.2, 136.8, 136.1, 131.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.6, 127.0, 126.6, 26.7

**GC-EIMS (m/z, %):** 223 (27), 222 (M+, 89), 208 (38), 207 (100), 179 (52), 178 (89), 177 (25), 176 (26), 152 (23), 89 (21).

Chem.Name	(E)-ethyl 4-styrylbenzoate (8ga)
Lit.Ref	Chemistry, A European Journal, <b>2015</b> , 21, 7061-7065

Prepared according to general procedure: In a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer were consecutively added ethyl 4-bromobenzoate 1g (1 mmol, 229 mg), Pd/PiNe (0.5 mol%, 5.3 mg), TBAF (1.5 equiv, 488 mg), triethoxyvinylsilane 6c (1.5 mmol, 326  $\mu$ L), GVL (0.8 mL), and aq. t-Bu-phenol solution ( $7\mu$ M, 0.2 mL) and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 16 h, iodobenzene 1a (1.1 eq) was added and the mixture was kept under stirring at 130 °C. After 3 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The crude material was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0 °C and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:EtOAc, 95:5) to afford product 8ga as a white solid (94 mg, 37% yield).

Mol Formula	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	m.p.	108-109 °C
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Elemental Analysis: Calc.: C: 80.93; H: 6.39; found: C: 80.98; H: 6.36

	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
	8.03	2	d	8.4
	7.58-7.53	4	т	
4	7.38	2	t	7.6
<sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	7.31-7.24	1	т	
(100 111112, 02 019)	7.22	1	d	16.4
	7.13	1	d	16.4
	4.39	2	q	7.2
	1.41	3	t	7.2

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 166.6, 141.9, 136.9, 131.3, 130.1, 129.4, 128.9, 128.4, 127.8, 126.9, 126.4, 61.1, 14.5

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 253 (19), 252 (M+, 100), 207 (54), 180 (12), 179 (77), 178 (63).

Chem.Name	(E)-1,2-bis(4-nitrophenyl)ethene (8jj)
Lit.Ref	EurJOC, <b>2006</b> , 5, 1323-1334

# MW: 270.24 g/mol

## Method:

Prepared according to general procedure: In a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer were consecutively added 1-iodo-4-nitrobenzene **1e** (1 mmol, 254 mg), **Pd/PiNe** (0.5 mol%, 2.6 mg), TBAF (1.1 eq, 179 mg), triethoxyvinylsilane **6c** (0.5 mmol, 109  $\mu$ L), GVL (0.8 mL), and aq. t-Bu-phenol solution (7 $\mu$ M, 0.2 mL) and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 16 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The crude material was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0°C and washed with petroleum ether to afford product **8jj** as a yellow solid (70 mg, 52% yield).

Mol Formula   $C_{14}H_{10}N_2O_4$   m.p.   234-235 °C
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**Elemental Analysis:** Calc.: C: 62.22; H: 3.73; N: 10.37; found C: 62.32; H: 3.75; N: 10.40

	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
<sup>1</sup> H NMR	8.27	4	d	8.4
(400 MHz, CDCl₃)	7.69	4	d	8.4
	7.30	2	S	

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 147.6, 142.6, 130.8, 127.6, 124.4

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 271 (16) 270 (M+,100), 178 (24), 177 (20), 176 (30), 166 (26), 165 (44).

Chem.Name	(E)-1,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)ethene (8hh)
Lit.Ref	Appl Organometal Chem., <b>2019</b> ; 33, e4618

MW: 240.30 g/mol

## Method:

Prepared according to general procedure: In a 4 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a magnetic stirrer were consecutively added 4-iodoanisole **1h** (1 mmol, 238 mg), **Pd/PiNe** (0.5 mol%, 2.6 mg), TBAF (1.1 eq, 179 mg), triethoxyvinylsilane **6c** (0.5 mmol, 109  $\mu$ L), GVL (0.8 mL), and aq. t-Buphenol solution (7 $\mu$ M, 0.2 mL) and the resulting mixture was left under stirring at 130 °C. After 16 h, the catalyst was filtered off and washed with 1 mL of GVL. The crude material was precipitated with 1 mL of water at 0°C and washed with petroleum ether to afford product **8hh** as a withe solid (49 mg, 41% yield).

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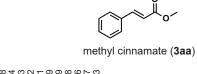
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	δ value:	No. H	Mult	J value/Hz
4	7.43	4	d	8.8
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)	6.93	2	S	
	6.89	4	d	8.8
	3.83	6	S	

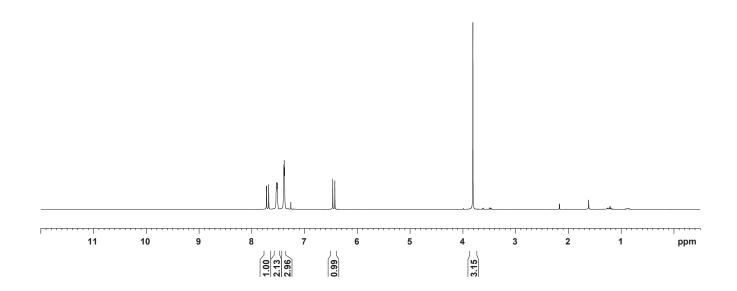
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 159.2, 130.6, 127.6, 126.3, 114.3, 55.5

GC-EIMS (m/z, %): 241 (18), 240 (M+, 100), 225 (51).

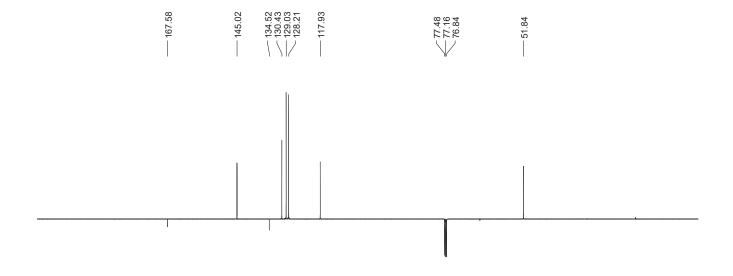


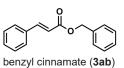




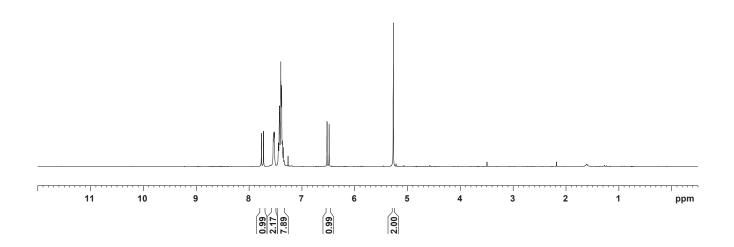


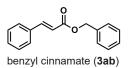


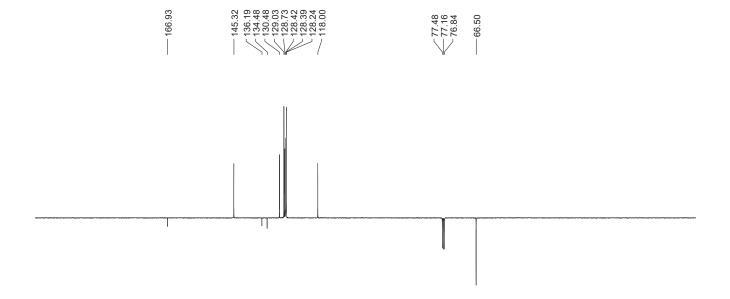


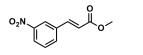








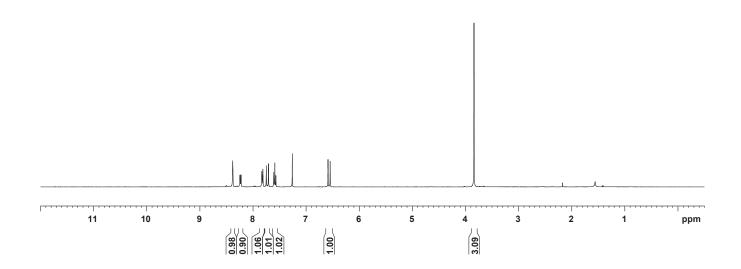




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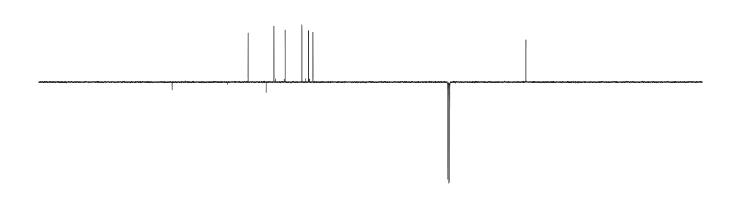
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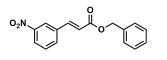
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(E)-methyl 3-(3-nitrophenyl)acrylate (3ba)

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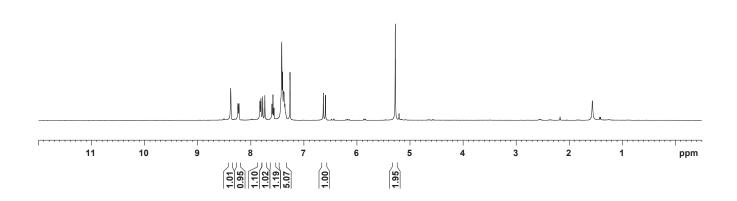


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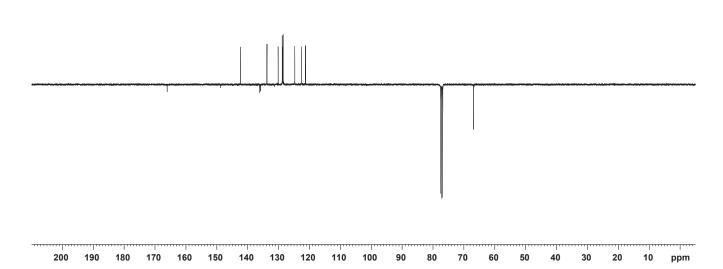


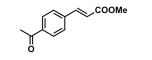


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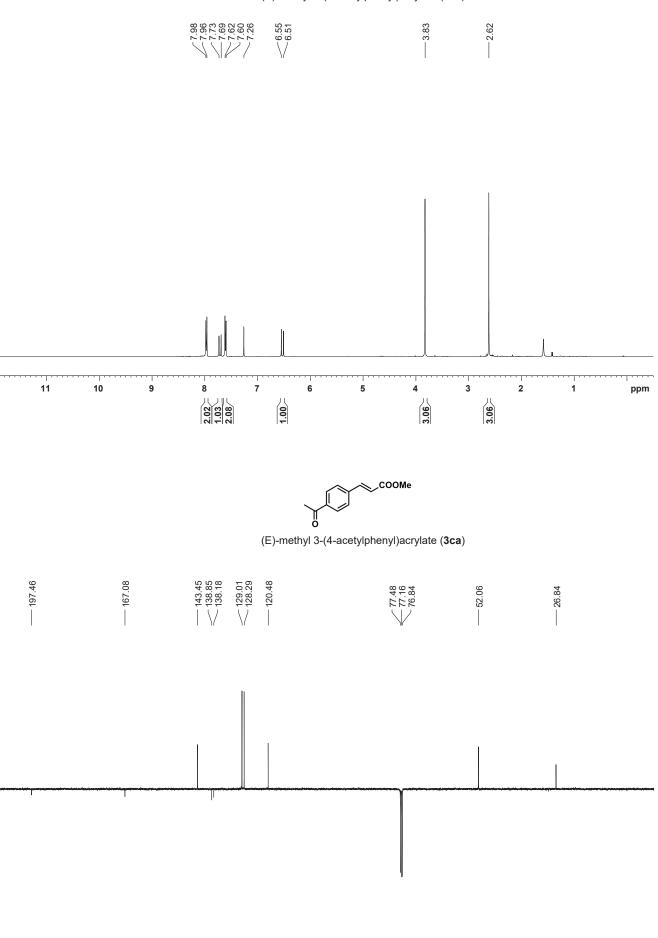
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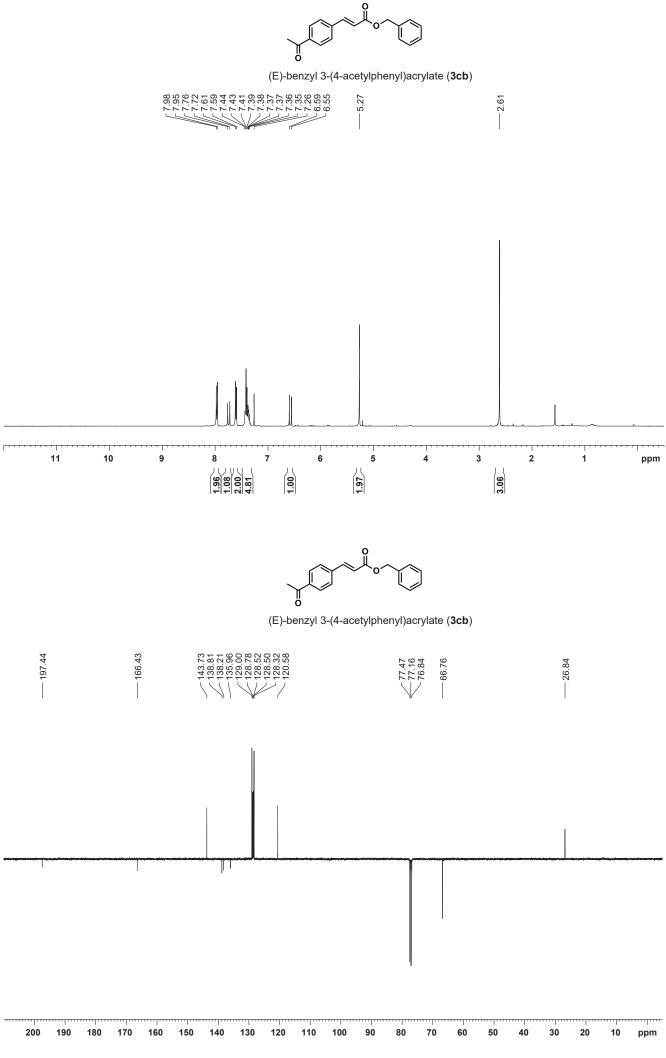


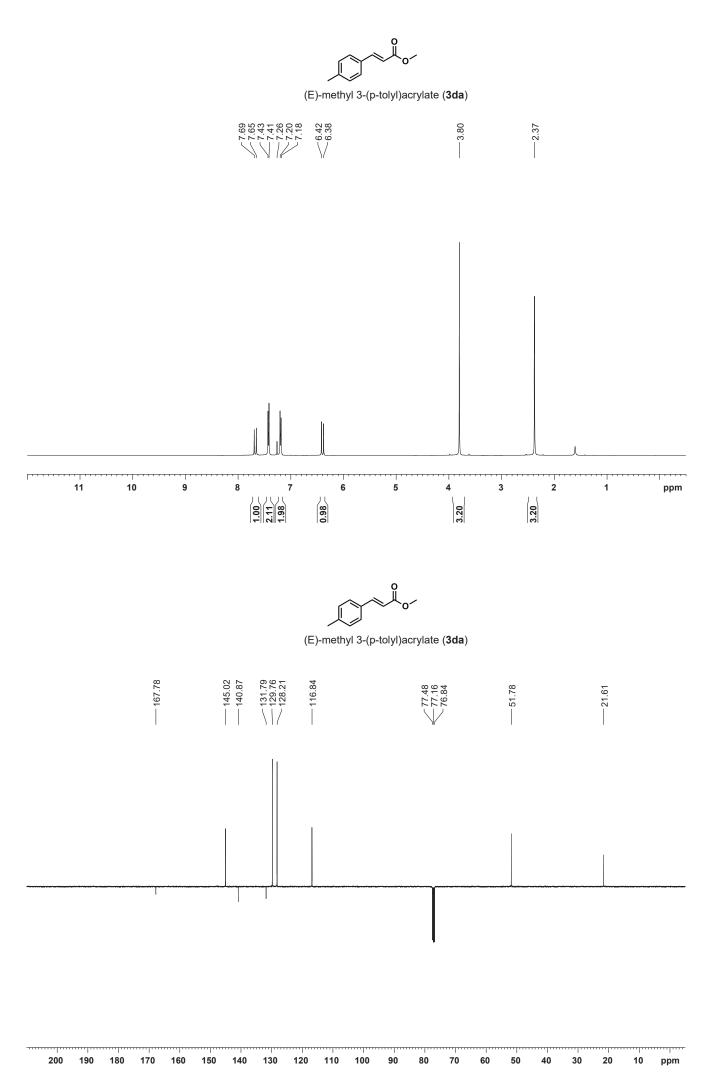


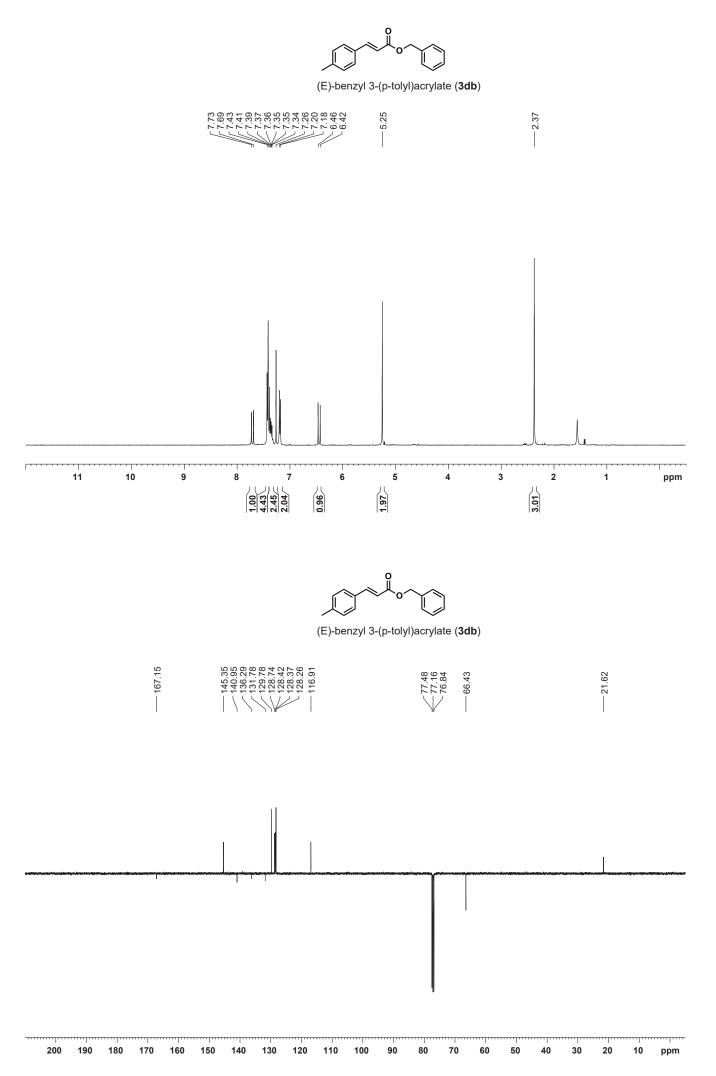
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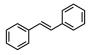


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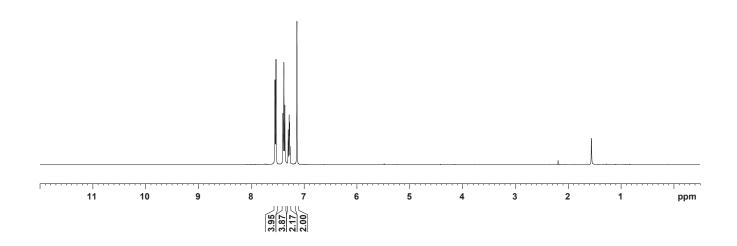


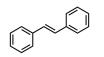




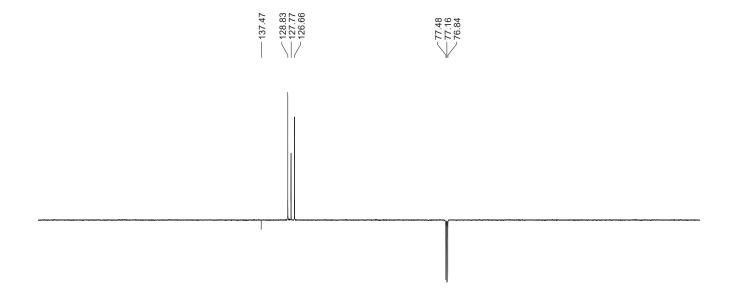
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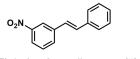






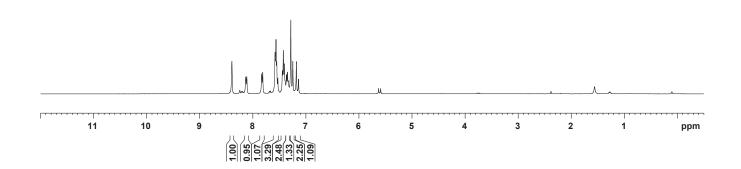
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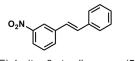




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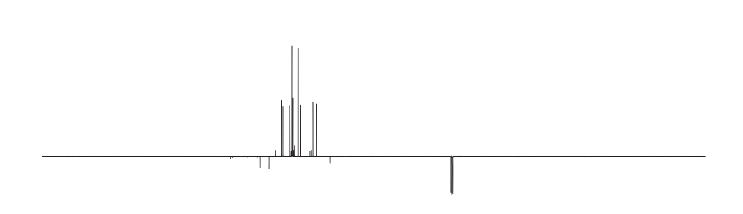




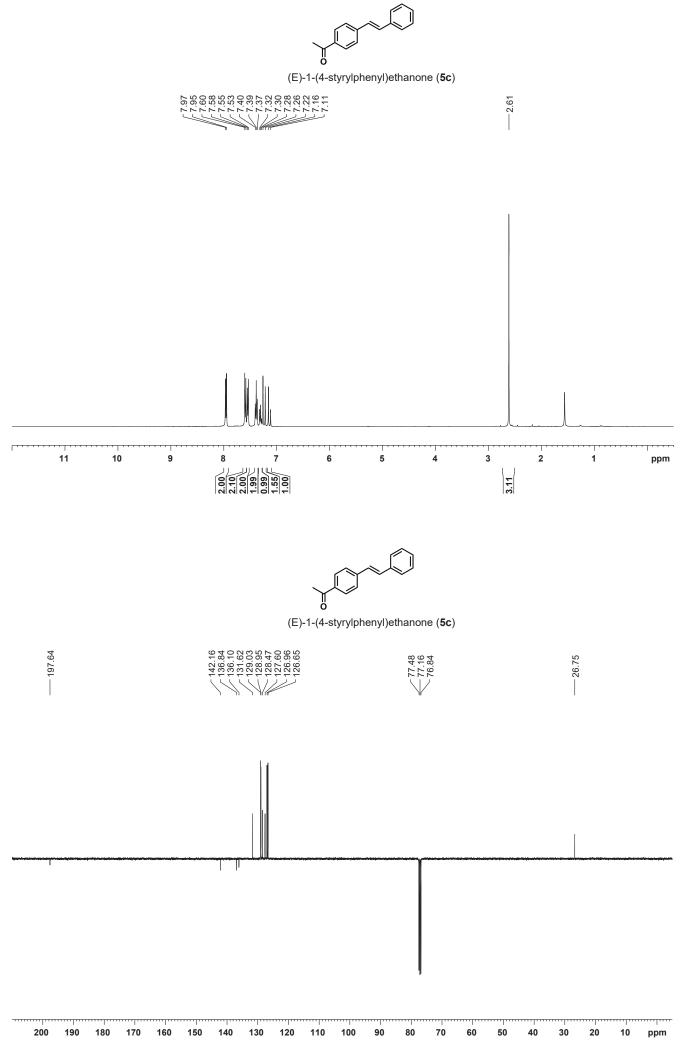


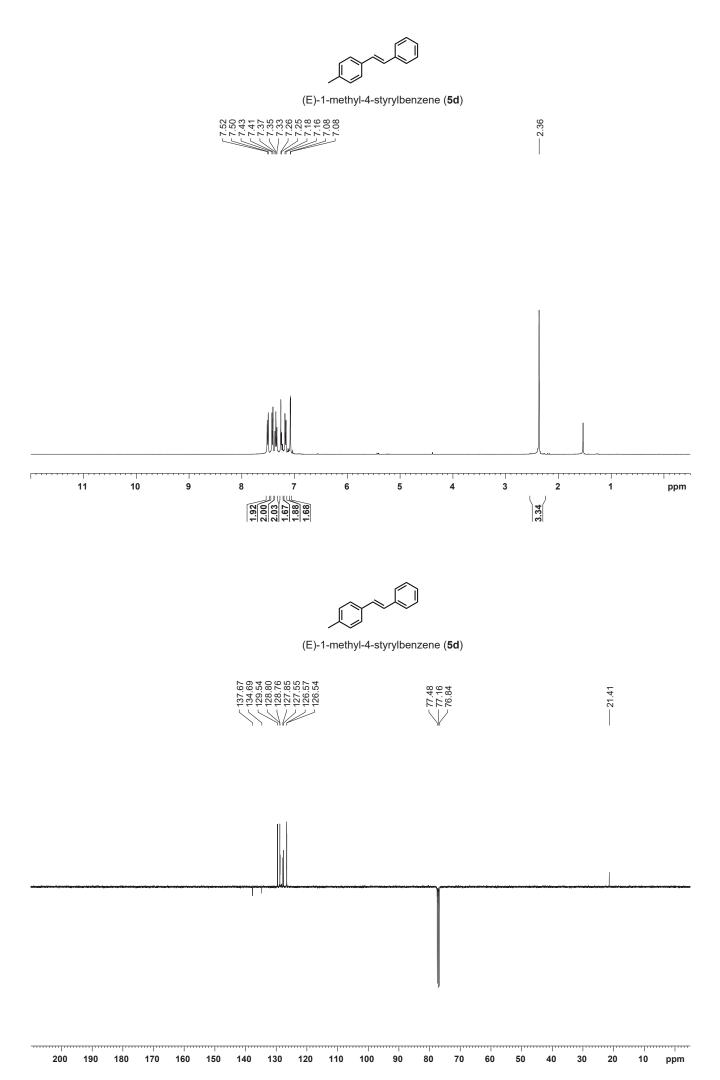
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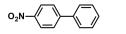
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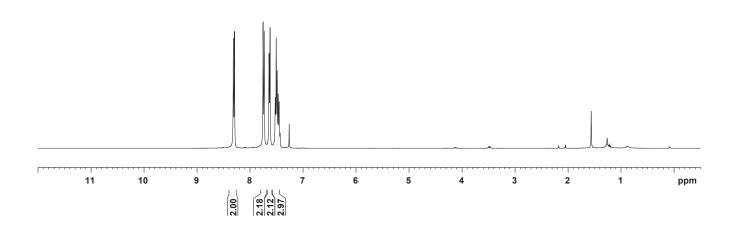


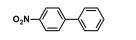




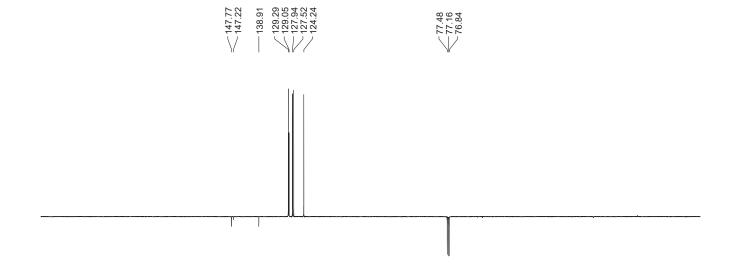
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4-nitro-1,1'-biphenyl (7ea)

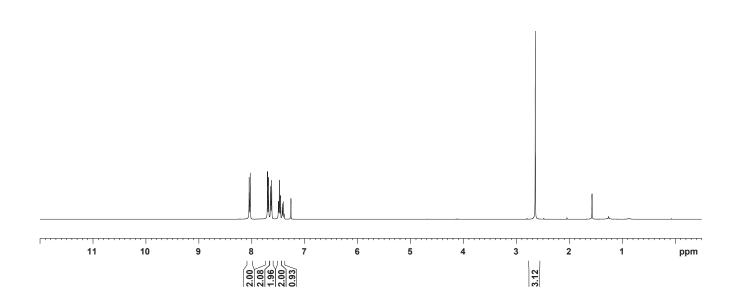




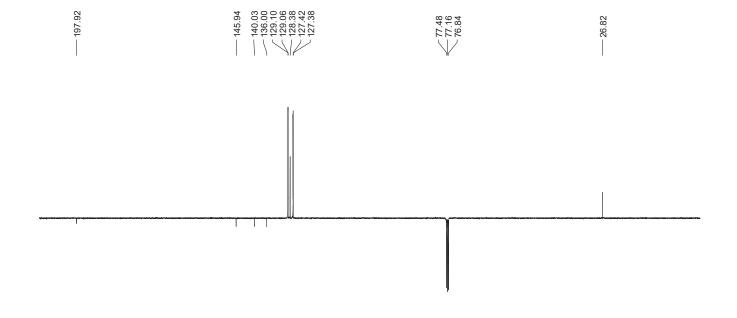
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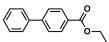


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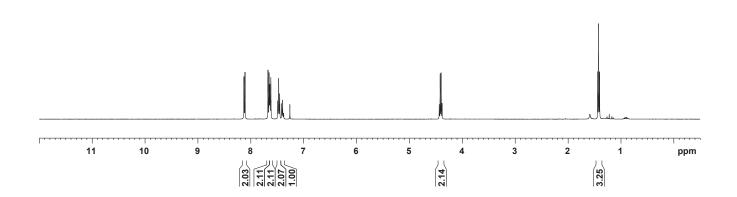


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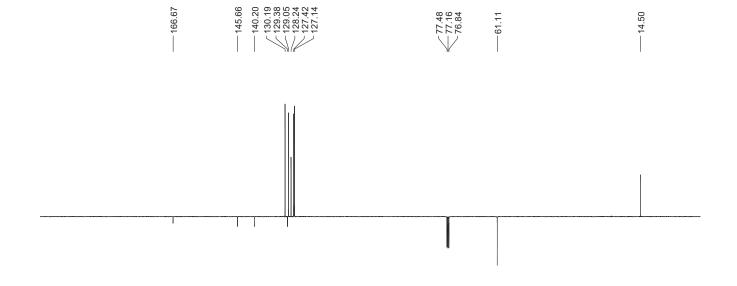


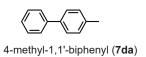


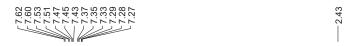


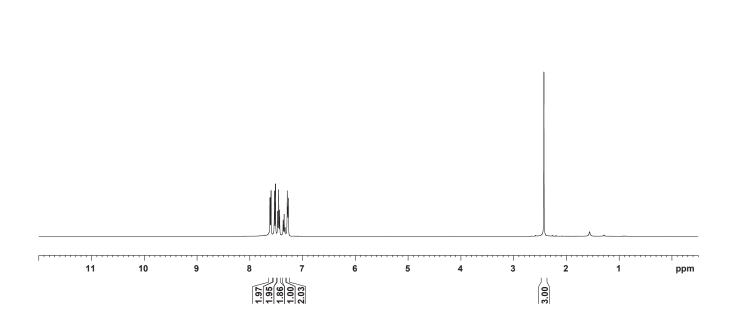


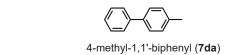
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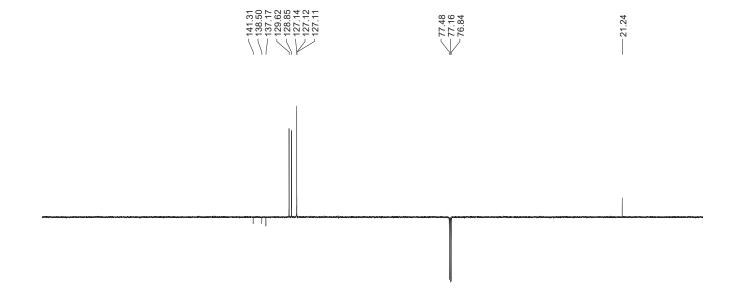


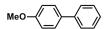






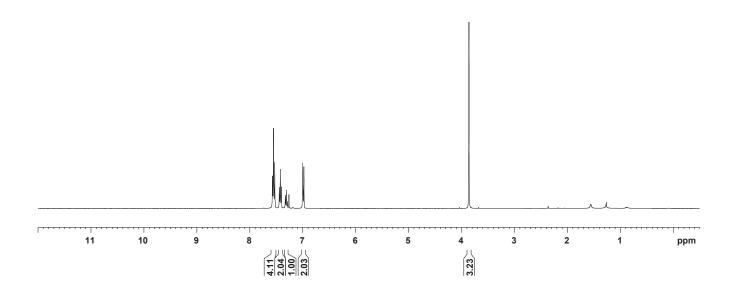


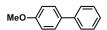




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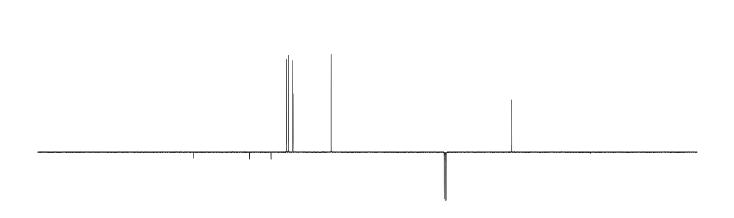






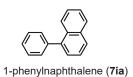
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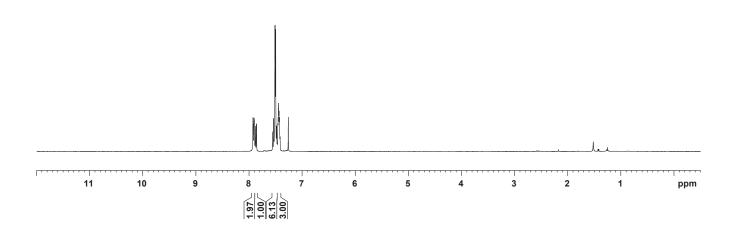


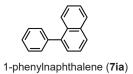
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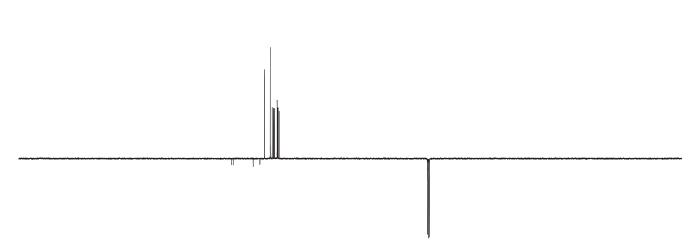


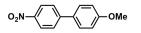








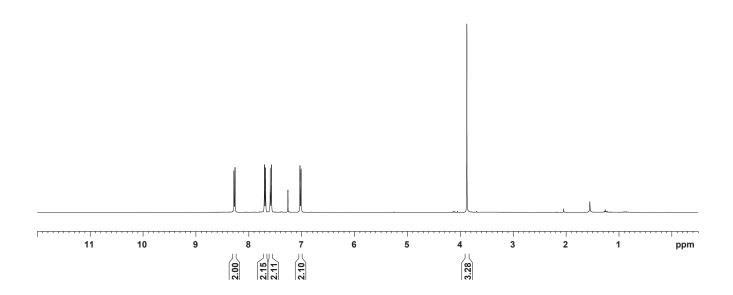


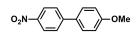


4-methoxy-4'-nitro-1,1'-biphenyl (7eb)



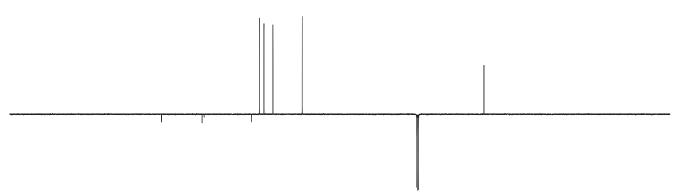
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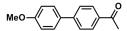




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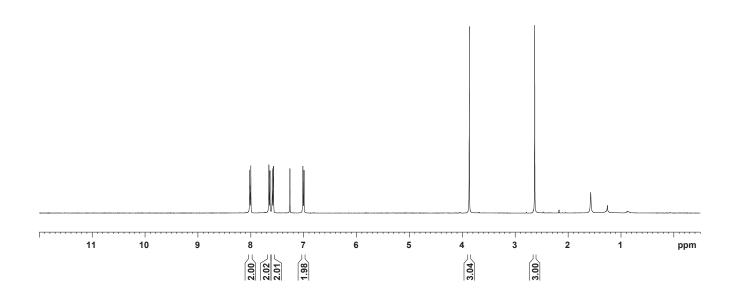






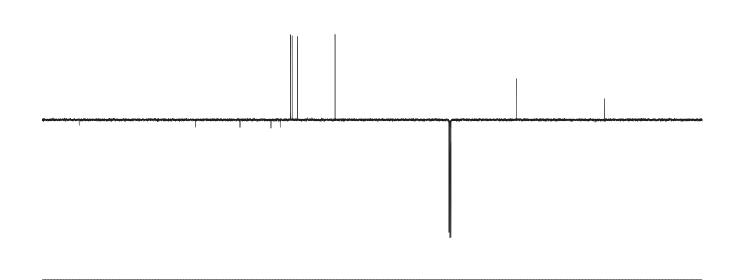
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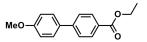


1-(4'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)ethanone (7fb)





ppm

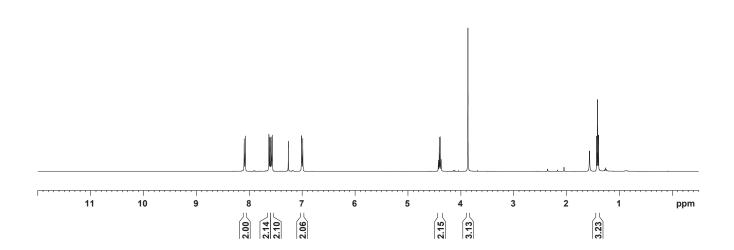


ethyl 4'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (7gb)



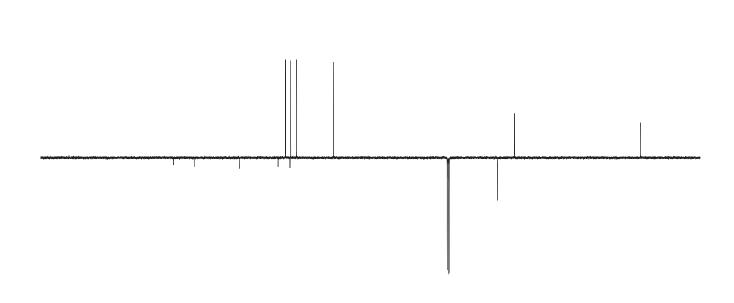






ethyl 4'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (7gb)

—61.05 —55.53



132.62 130.21 128.75 128.51 128.51

-114.51

-159.96

200

190

180

170

160

150

140

130

120

110

100

90

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70

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50

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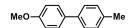
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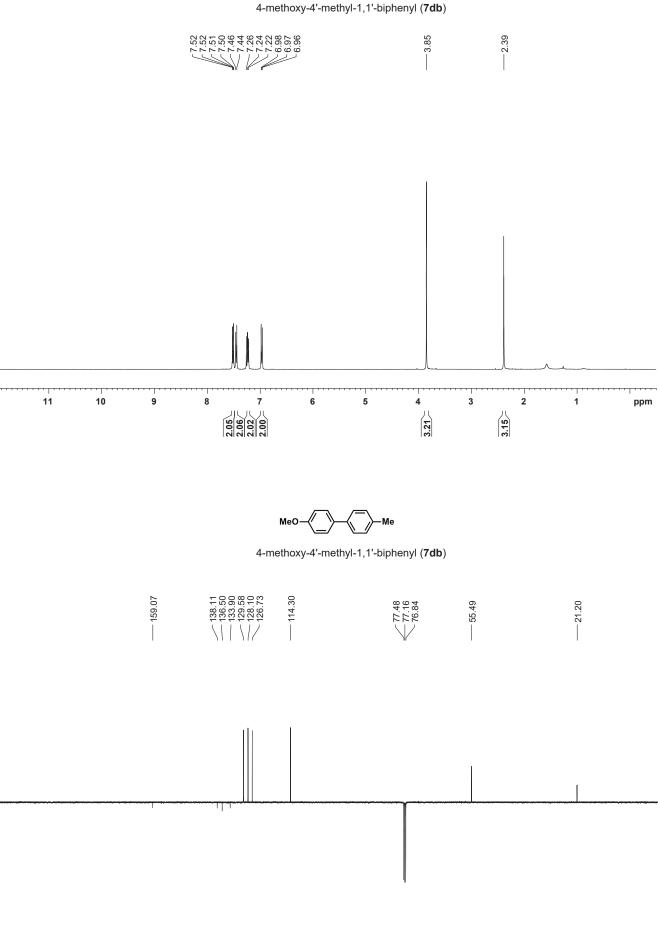
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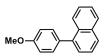
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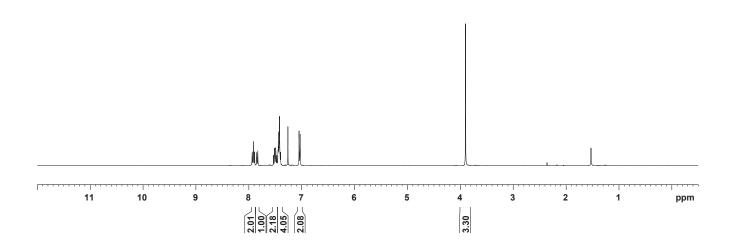


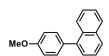
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1-(4-methoxyphenyl)naphthalene (7ib)

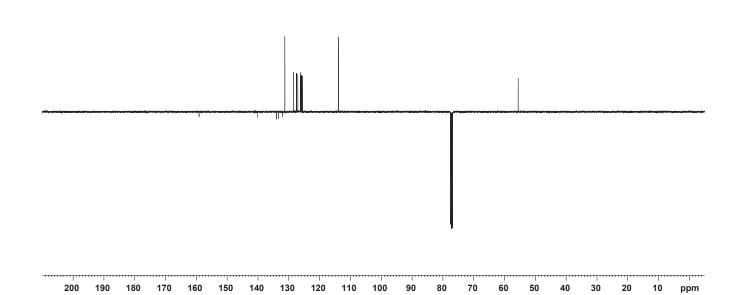


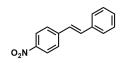




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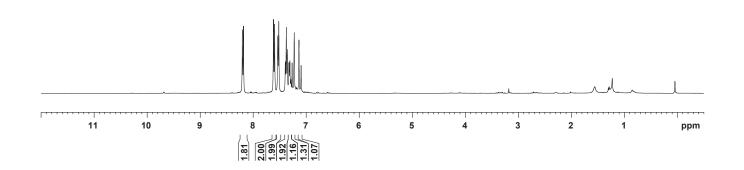


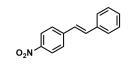




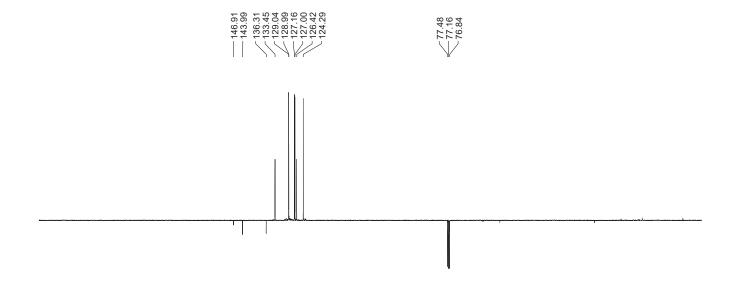
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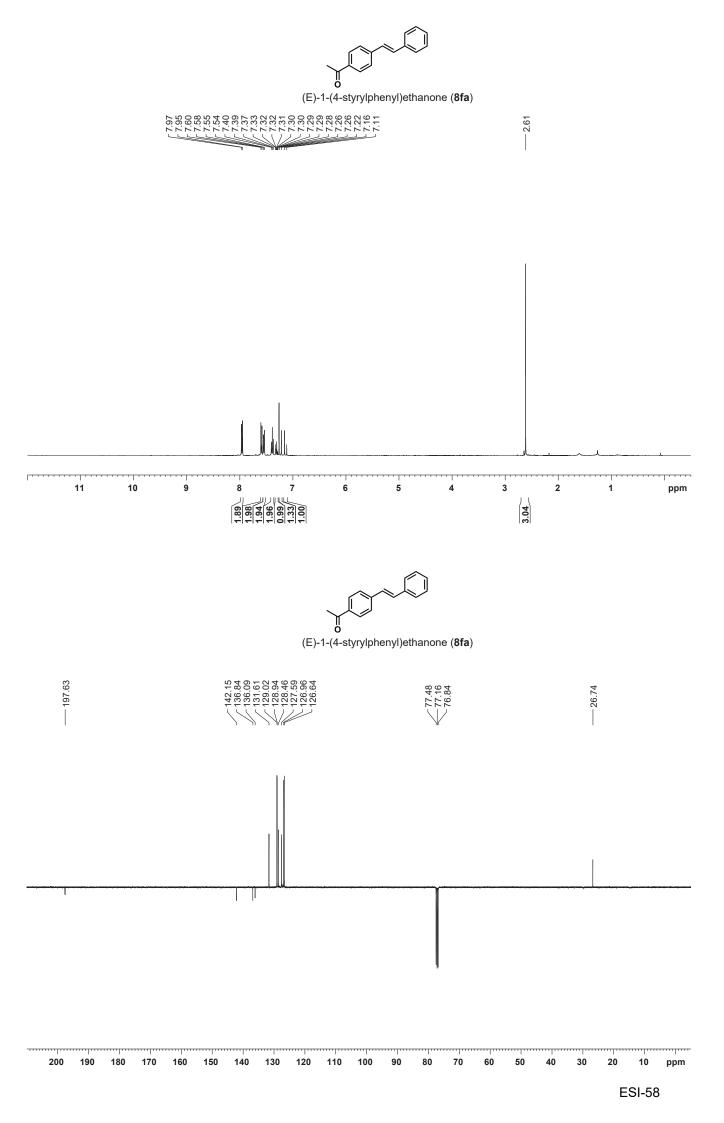


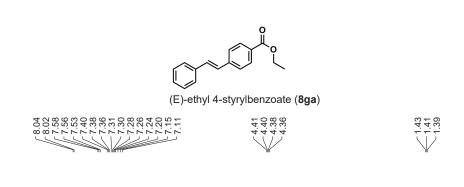


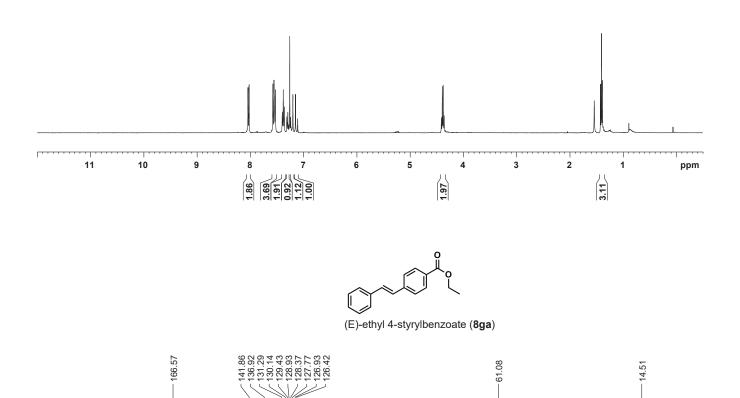


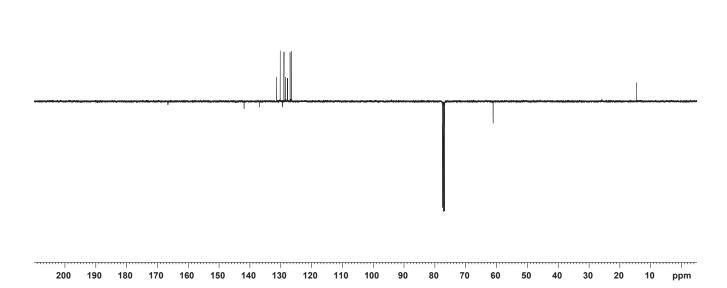
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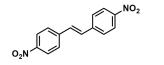






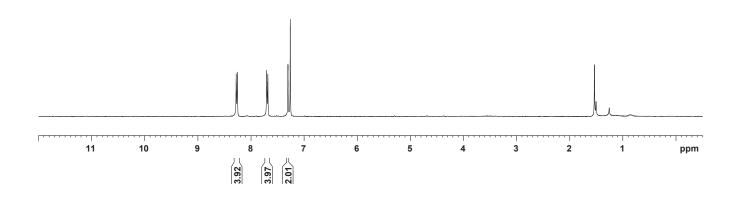






(E)-1,2-bis(4-nitrophenyl)ethene (8jj)

8.28 8.26 8.26 7.70 7.68



$$O_2N$$

(E)-1,2-bis(4-nitrophenyl)ethene (8jj)

77.48

