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**Cu/N-oxyl-catalyzed aerobic oxidative esterification to oxalic acid diesters from ethylene glycol via highly selective intermolecular alcohol oxidation**

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## **Experimental details**

### **Instrumental and reagents**

GC analyses were performed on Shimadzu GC-2014 equipped with a flame ionization detector and a Rtx-1 or InertCap-5 capillary column (0.25 mm ID ×30 m length). GC-MS spectra were recorded on Shimadzu GCMS-QP2010 equipped with a InertCap5 capillary column at an ionization voltage of 70 eV. Liquid-state  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM-ECA 500.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  spectra were measured at 500 and 125 MHz, respectively, using tetramethylsilane as an internal reference ( $\delta = 0$  ppm), and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were measured at 470 Hz using  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  as an external reference ( $\delta = -76.50$  ppm). Cold spray ionization mass spectrometry (CSI-MS) (in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ) was performed on a JEOL JMS-T100CS spectrometer (using an orifice voltage of 10 V for positive ions, a sample flow of 0.1 mL/min, a spray temperature of  $-10^\circ\text{C}$ , and an ion source at room temperature). UV-Vis spectra were measured on a Shimadzu UV-3600 plus. Column chromatography on silica gel was performed by using Biotage Isolera. The copper sources, ligands, substrates, aminoxyl radicals (*N*-oxyls), and solvents were obtained from Kanto Chemical, TCI, FUJIFILM Wako Pure Chemical, or Aldrich (reagent grade) and purified before use as required. Molecular sieves 3A (MS-3A) was activated through heating at  $400^\circ\text{C}$  *in vacuo* for 3 h and stored under an Ar atmosphere.

### **General procedures for synthesis of oxalic acid diesters**

The reaction was typically performed according to the following procedures.  $\text{CuCl}$  (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), DMN-AZADO (0.015 mmol), MS-3A (200 or 500 mg), benzotrifluoride or *o*-xylene (1.0 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were placed sequentially in a Schlenk tube (volume:  $\sim 20$  mL). The reaction mixture was then purged with  $\text{O}_2$ , connected to a balloon filled with  $\text{O}_2$  gas. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously for 5 min at room temperature ( $\sim 23^\circ\text{C}$ ). Subsequently, a benzotrifluoride solution (0.6 mL) containing alcohol (1.1 mmol), ethylene glycol (0.55 mmol), and an internal standard (chlorobenzene, 0.10 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture, which was then vigorously stirred at room temperature. The substrate conversions and product yields were monitored by GC analysis. After the reaction was completed, the crude products were subjected to column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of hexane/diethyl ether or pentane/diethyl ether (gradient: 1/10–2/8) as the eluent. The gradient programs were performed using Biotage Isolera. The products were identified by GC-MS and/or NMR ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ , and  $^{19}\text{F}$ ). The present Cu catalyst was difficult to reuse because the catalyst was a homogeneous one in the reaction solution.

### **Measurement of CSI-MS spectra**

$\text{CuCl}$  (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), MS-3A (200 mg), acetonitrile (3 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were placed sequentially in a Schlenk tube (volume:  $\sim 20$  mL). The reaction mixture was then purged with  $\text{O}_2$ , connected to a balloon filled with  $\text{O}_2$  gas. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously for 5 min at room temperature ( $\sim 23^\circ\text{C}$ ). Subsequently, an acetonitrile solution (0.5 mL) containing *N*-oxyl (0.090 mmol) or alcohol (1.1 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture, which was then vigorously stirred at room temperature. After 1 h, the solution was filtered, diluted to 0.80 mM of Cu species, and characterized by CSI-MS (positive mode).

### Discussion on mass balances in **1c** synthesis from **1a** and **1b** (Tables 1, 2, and S2–S6)

The apparently bad mass balances based on ethylene glycol (**1b**) calculated by GC analysis in Tables 1, 2, and S2–S6, *e.g.* conversion of **1b**: >99%, yield of diethyl oxalate (**1c**): 30% (entry 1, Table 1), were probably derived from the presence of intermediates which could not be detected such as glycolaldehyde,  $\alpha$ -aldoesters, and hemiacetals. In fact, when the time course was analyzed using the CuCl/TMEDA/DMN-AZADO catalyst, the yield of **1c** increased considerably even after **1b** was completely consumed (Fig. S1). In the case of the bad mass balances based on ethanol (**1a**) in Tables 1, 2, and S2–S6, in addition to the aforementioned intermediates which could not be detected, the volatilization of the corresponding aldehyde, acetaldehyde (**1d**), is also possible to be the reason. However, when using 1-octanol (**1a'**) instead of **1a** as the substrate, while the corresponding aldehyde, 1-octanal (**1d'**), is involatile at room temperature, the same bad mass balance was observed, and the mass balance was improved as the reaction time passes (Table S1). Thus, it can be concluded that the volatilization of **1d** is not the main reason for the apparently bad mass balances based on **1a**.

### Optimization of reaction conditions for synthesis of diisopropyl oxalate from 2-propanol and ethylene glycol

To optimize the reaction conditions using secondary alcohols as the substrates, various Cu sources, ligands, and *N*-oxyls were used for the synthesis of diisopropyl oxalate (**16c**) starting from 2-propanol (**16a**) and ethylene glycol (**1b**) under 1 atm of O<sub>2</sub> at room temperature (Table S10). As in the case of primary alcohols, the CuCl/TMEDA/DMN-AZADO catalyst showed the highest catalytic activity, and diisopropyl oxalate was obtained in 93% GC yield by adding 500 mg of MS-3A in *o*-xylene as a solvent (Table S10, entry 1). Furthermore, in the case of the oxidative esterification of secondary alcohols, the effect of *N*-oxyls on the alcohol oxidation selectivity was confirmed, which was not seen for primary alcohols. Sterically encumbered DMN-AZADO hardly induced the oxidation of secondary alcohols, affording the desired oxalic acid diesters selectively, whereas nor-AZADO promoted the secondary alcohol oxidation due to its small steric hindrance, resulting in low selectivity toward the desired reaction (Table S11).

### Limitation of substrate scope

Despite the good results obtained for many kinds of oxalic acid diesters, the reaction did not work well with some alcohols (Table S9). First of all, alcohols bearing an amino, an amide, or a sulfide group at the  $\beta$ -position of the hydroxy group gave only low yields of the corresponding oxalic acid diesters (**29c–31c**). This may be due to the fact that ethylene glycol was not selectively oxidized when using these alcohols. In addition, the reaction did not proceed well using alcohols having electron-withdrawing functional groups (**32c–36c**) probably because the nucleophilicity of the alcohol was low. An alcohol possessing an amine moiety was also unsuitable for this esterification (**37c**). Furthermore, the easy oxidation of benzyl alcohol or 3-pyridinemethanol prevented the synthesis of the corresponding oxalic acid diester (**38c**, **39c**). For a tertiary alcohol, the reaction was hampered by steric hindrance (**40c**). Moreover, phenol was not suitable for the reaction (**41c**). This is possibly due to its low nucleophilicity, given the fact that the oxidative esterification of ethyl glycolate (**2b**), of which the corresponding aldehyde is more electrophilic than glycolaldehyde, with phenol (**38a**) can proceed in the presence of the CuCl/TMEDA/DMN-AZADO catalyst (Scheme 1).

### Reaction pathway analysis

The following sequential reactions can be envisaged for the present oxalic acid diester synthesis: the oxidation of ethylene glycol to aldehydes, the nucleophilic addition of alcohols to the aldehydes to produce hemiacetals, and the oxidation of the hemiacetals. Since ethylene glycol has two hydroxy groups, there are two possible reaction pathways

(Scheme S7a). One is a reaction path via glyoxal (**3b**), which involves ethylene glycol oxidation followed by oxidation of the other hydroxy group (Scheme S7a, path A). In the second pathway, after ethylene glycol oxidation, alcohols undergo nucleophilic addition to form hemiacetals followed by oxidation to glycolates (Scheme S7a, path B). We conducted several experiments to determine the reaction pathways. First, we performed the oxidative esterification reaction with ethanol (**1a**) using an aqueous solution of glyoxal (**3b**) as the starting substrate; no diethyl oxalate (**1c**) was obtained (Scheme S7b (i)). However, when ethylene glycol was used as the starting substrate under the same conditions in the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O, **1c** was obtained in 41% yield (Scheme S7b (ii)). These results suggest that the reaction does not proceed via the glyoxal route (path A). In the presence of **3b**, the oxidation of **1a** hardly occurred either, suggesting that strong coordination of **3b** to the Cu species possibly inhibited the oxidation reactions. By contrast, when ethyl glycolate (**2b**) was used as the starting substrate for the reaction with ethanol, **1c** was obtained in a quantitative yield (Scheme S7b (iii)), and the reaction rate was faster than that of the reaction starting from ethylene glycol (Fig. S11). These results indicate that the present esterification proceeds via path B.

### Methods of control reactions in Scheme S6b (i) and (ii)

CuCl (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), DMN-AZADO (0.015 mmol), MS-3A (800 mg), benzotrifluoride (3 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were placed sequentially in a Schlenk tube (volume: ~20 mL). The reaction mixture was then purged with O<sub>2</sub>, connected to a balloon filled with O<sub>2</sub> gas. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously for 5 min at room temperature (~23 °C). Subsequently, to the reaction mixture, a THF solution (0.5 mL) containing ethanol (1.1 mmol), glyoxal or ethylene glycol (0.55 mmol), water (130 µL), and an internal standard (chlorobenzene, 0.1 mmol) were added at 0.5 mL/h with the resulting mixture vigorously stirred at room temperature. A large amount of glyoxal might inhibit the reaction because we have confirmed that oxalic acid diester products inhibited the oxidative esterification (Scheme S8). Thus, the aforementioned slow addition of substrates was carried out.

### DFT calculation

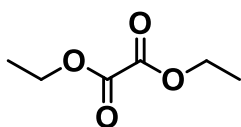
All calculations were performed using the Gaussian 16 Rev B.01 software. Geometry optimizations were conducted using the M06 functional with 6-31G(d,p) basis sets for C, H, N, and O. The Stuttgart/Dresden SDD basis set was used for Cu. The solvent effect was included by using a conductor-like polarizable continuum model for THF. The transition state (TS) structures contained one imaginary frequency exhibiting atom displacements consistent with the anticipated reaction pathway. Intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) calculations were utilized to determine the TS structures. All thermodynamic data were calculated at the standard state (25°C and 1 atm). The Cartesian coordinates of the calculated structures for complexes in Fig. 5 are shown in Table S12. The charges and multiplicities of respective molecules are as follows: organic molecules except for *N*-oxyls: charge = 0, multiplicity = 1; *N*-oxyls: charge = 0, multiplicity = 2; Cu complexes without *N*-oxyls: charge = +1, multiplicity = 2; Cu complexes with *N*-oxyls: charge = +1, multiplicity = 1.

The detailed results and discussion on Fig. S8–S10 are as follows. The oxidative esterification described in this study did not proceed when TEMPO or bpy were used as the *N*-oxyl or the ligand (Table 1, entry 7 and Table 2, entry 6). We found that there were almost no differences between the potential energy diagrams for the oxidation reactions using bpy and those using TMEDA (Fig. S8 and S9). This result indicates that the effects of these ligands were irrelevant to the ethylene glycol/hemiacetal oxidation process. In addition, natural population analysis (NPA) of **8** in Fig. S8 revealed that the Cu(I) species with TMEDA is more electron-rich (NPA = 0.573) than that with bpy (NPA =

0.585). These results support the TMEDA-promoted effects on the Cu(I) reoxidation by O<sub>2</sub>. Next, the comparison of the potential energy diagrams for ethylene glycol oxidation with TEMPO and DMN-AZADO (Fig. S10) confirmed that the ligand exchange and two-electron/one-proton transfer step using Cu/TEMPO is much more difficult than that using Cu/DMN-AZADO (**5**→**8**). This DFT result is consistent with the assumption that the steric hindrance of TEMPO hinders the oxidation of ethylene glycol.

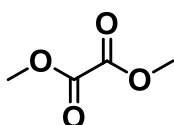
\*The details for the Gibbs free energy of the transition state (**7-TS-EtOH**) in Fig. 5 are as follows. The DFT calculations revealed that the electronic energy of **7-TS-EtOH** was higher than that of the initial state (**6-EtOH**). However, the respective addition of their zero-point energy corrections or their thermal free energy corrections to their electronic energies caused the reversal of their resulting energies, that is, the Gibbs free energy of **7-TS-EtOH** was lower than that of **6-EtOH** by only 0.47 kcal/mol. In the case of barrierless reactions, the potential energy surfaces are not suitable for the normal vibration analysis utilizing harmonic oscillator approximation in the present calculations by Gaussian 16. Thus, the accuracy of zero-point energy/thermal free energy corrections based on the unsuitable approximation is not reliable. In addition, in general, the zero-point energy/thermal free energy corrections of transition states tend to be smaller than those of initial states because the contribution of frequencies along the reaction coordinate are not present in the transition state. Therefore, if the Gibbs free energy of activation is quite low, the Gibbs free energy of the initial state can become lower than that of the transition state via the energy corrections. Considering the aforementioned discussion, we conclude that although the accurate value of **7-TS-EtOH**'s Gibbs free energy cannot be determined, the energy barrier of this hydrogen transfer process (**6-EtOH**→**7-TS-EtOH**→**8-EtOH**) is extremely small, i.e., this process is almost barrierless.

### Spectral data of synthesized oxalic acid diesters



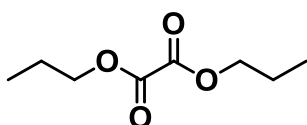
**1c** (CAS: 95-92-1)

**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-diethyl ester (1c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.39 (t,  $J = 7.16$  Hz, 6H), 4.36 (q,  $J = 7.16$  Hz, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  14.02, 63.24, 157.97. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 74 (8), 73 (3), 45 (11), 43 (4), 31 (13), 30 (6), 29 (100), 28 (10), 27 (15).



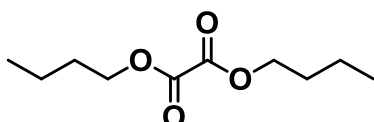
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**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-dimethyl ester (2c):** MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 59 (100), 45 (39), 31 (8), 30 (7), 29 (28), 28 (7). These mass spectral data accord with those previously reported.<sup>S1</sup>



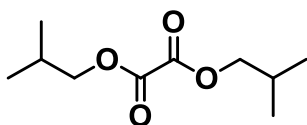
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**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-dipropyl ester (3c):** MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 133 (2), 89 (2), 71 (1), 59 (2), 44 (4), 43 (100), 42 (8), 41 (30), 39 (5), 31 (2), 30 (2), 29 (5), 28 (4), 27 (20).



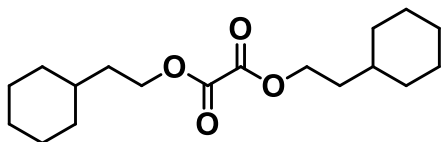
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**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-dibutyl ester (4c):** MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 58 (5), 57 (100), 56 (23), 55 (6), 41 (60), 39 (7), 29 (54), 28 (7), 27 (12). These mass spectral data accord with those previously reported.<sup>S2</sup>



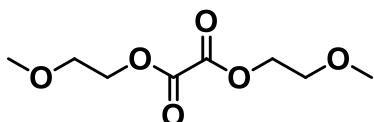
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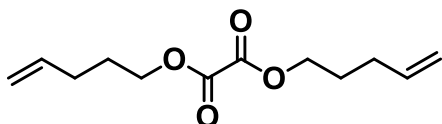
**6c**

**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-bis(2-cyclohexylethyl) ester (6c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  0.84–0.92 (m, 4H), 1.10–1.22 (m, 6H), 1.29–1.37 (m, 2H), 1.50–1.69 (m, 14H), 4.25 (t,  $J$  = 6.87 Hz, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  26.19, 26.48, 33.14, 34.46, 35.65, 65.46, 158.15. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 57 (100), 56 (24), 55 (7), 43 (7), 42 (5), 41 (79), 39 (8), 31 (7), 29 (86), 28 (9), 27 (19). Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_4$ : C, 69.64; H, 9.74. Found: C, 69.45; H, 9.71.



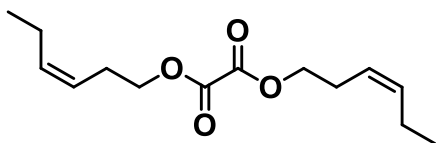
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**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-bis(2-methoxyethyl) ester (7c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  3.40 (s, 6H), 3.68–3.70 (m, 4H), 4.43–4.45 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  58.08, 64.86, 68.69, 156.63. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 103 (14), 59 (59), 58 (60), 45 (100), 43 (15.52), 31 (36), 29 (50), 28 (11).



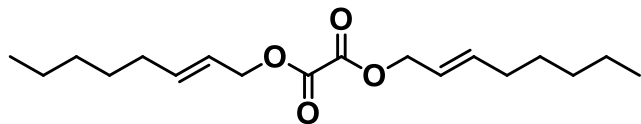
**8c**

**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-di-4-penten-1-yl ester (8c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.85 (quin,  $J$  = 6.87, 4H), 2.15–2.20 (m, 4H), 4.30 (t,  $J$  = 6.59 Hz, 4H), 5.00–5.08 (m, 4H), 5.80 (ddt,  $J$  = 17.18, 10.31 and 6.59 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  27.39, 29.77, 66.39, 115.75, 136.91, 157.94. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 69 (33), 68 (77), 67 (31), 53 (7), 41 (100), 39 (17), 29 (8), 27 (9). Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4$ : C, 63.70; H, 8.02. Found: C, 63.37; H, 7.79.



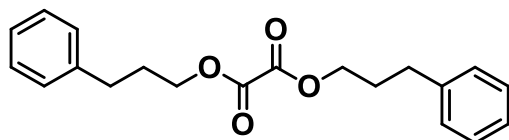
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**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-di-(3Z)-3-hexen-1-yl ester (9c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  0.97 (t,  $J$  = 7.45 Hz, 6H), 2.07 (quind,  $J$  = 7.45 and 1.43 Hz, 4H), 2.49 (qd,  $J$  = 7.16 and 0.86 Hz, 4H), 4.27 (t,  $J$  = 7.16 Hz, 4H), 5.32 (tdt,  $J$  = 7.45, 10.60 and 1.43 Hz, 2H), 5.55 (tdt,  $J$  = 7.45, 10.60 and 1.43 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  14.16, 20.61, 26.40, 66.37, 122.53, 135.43, 157.82. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 83 (20), 82 (100), 81 (13), 67 (92), 55 (82), 41 (51), 39 (15), 29 (15).



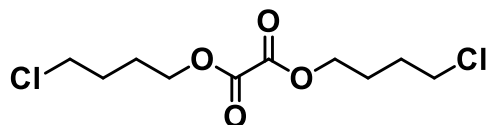
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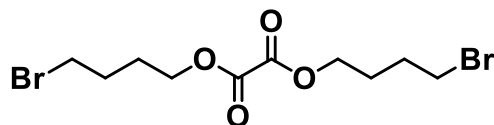
**11c**

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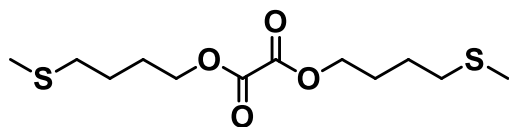
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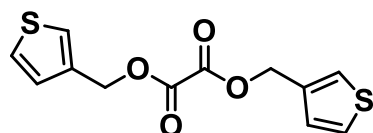
**13c**

**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-bis(4-bromobutyl) ester (13c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.83–1.89 (m, 4H), 1.89–1.95 (m, 4H), 3.39 (t,  $J$  = 6.30, 4H), 4.27 (t,  $J$  = 6.30, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  27.02, 29.07, 32.81, 66.19, 157.75. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 137 (20), 135 (21), 56 (9), 55 (100), 41 (20), 39 (11), 29 (18), 27 (11). Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 33.36; H, 4.48. Found: C, 33.20; H, 4.48.



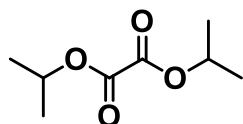
**14c**

**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-bis(4-(methylthio)butyl) ester (14c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.68–1.74 (m, 4H), 1.84–1.90 (m, 4H), 2.10 (s, 6H), 2.54 (t,  $J$  = 7.16 Hz, 4H), 4.32 (t,  $J$  = 6.59 Hz, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  15.42, 25.22, 27.28, 33.59, 66.57, 157.82. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 294 (15) [ $M^+$ ], 103 (56), 102 (26), 87 (26), 74 (24), 61 (100), 55 (24), 41 (14). Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$ : C, 48.95; H, 7.53. Found: C, 48.83; H, 7.27.



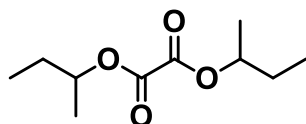
**15c**

**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-bis(thiophen-3-ylmethyl) ester (15c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  5.31 (s, 4H), 7.12–7.14, (m, 2H), 7.31–7.33, (m, 2H), 7.38–7.40, (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  63.40, 125.98, 126.55, 127.83, 134.81, 157.42. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 192 (4), 99 (5), 98 (7), 97 (100), 53 (10), 45 (20), 39 (6). Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$ : C, 51.05; H, 3.57. Found: C, 51.04; H, 3.79.



**16c** (CAS: 615-81-6)

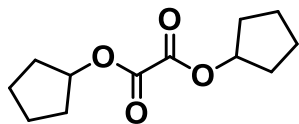
**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-bis(1-methylethyl) ester (16c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.36 (d,  $J$  = 6.01 Hz, 12H), 5.16 (sep,  $J$  = 6.30 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  21.52, 71.33, 157.85. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 59 (3), 45 (22), 44 (6), 43 (100), 42 (6), 41 (23), 39 (4), 27 (13).



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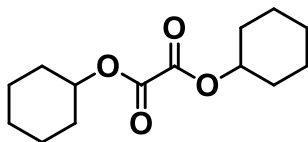
**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-bis(1-methylpropyl) ester (17c):**

MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 59 (7), 58 (6), 57 (100), 56 (9), 45 (16), 41 (33), 29 (32), 27 (7). These mass spectral data accord with those previously reported.<sup>S3</sup>



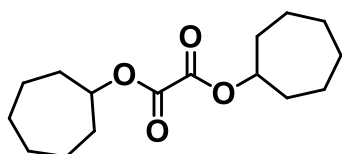
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**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-dicyclopentyl ester (18c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.59–1.66 (m, 4H), 1.75–1.85 (m, 8H), 1.89–1.97 (m, 4H), 5.28–5.31 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  23.70, 32.45, 80.21, 158.21. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 70 (6), 69 (100), 68 (12), 67 (10), 57 (6), 41 (41), 39 (7).



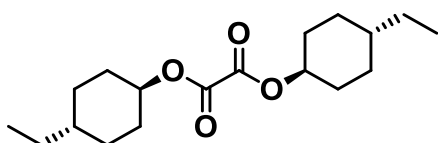
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**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-dicyclohexyl ester (19c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.25–1.33 (m, 2H), 1.35–1.43 (m, 4H), 1.53–1.60 (m, 6H), 1.75–1.81 (m, 4H), 1.91–1.95 (m, 4H), 4.89–4.94 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  23.63, 25.18, 31.21, 75.96, 157.88. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 84 (7), 83 (100), 82 (10), 67 (9), 55 (69), 54 (5), 41 (24), 39 (6), 29 (6).



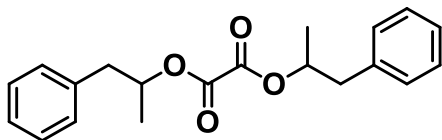
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**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-dicycloheptyl ester (20c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.44–1.51 (m, 4H), 1.57–1.60 (m, 8H), 1.67–1.73 (m, 4H), 1.75–1.82 (m, 4H), 1.95–2.01 (m, 4H), 5.05–5.10 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  21.72, 27.15, 32.39, 77.48, 156.90. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 98 (8), 97 (100), 96 (8), 81 (8), 69 (10), 67 (8), 56 (5), 55 (95), 54 (6), 43 (6), 41 (17), 39 (6), 29 (8).



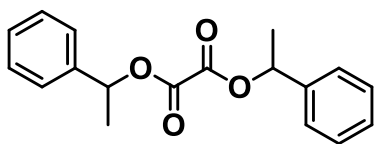
**21c**

**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-bis((1r,4R)-4-ethylcyclohexyl) ester (21c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  0.88 (t,  $J$  = 7.45 Hz, 6H), 0.97–1.06 (m, 4H), 1.11–1.20 (m, 2H), 1.21–1.26 (m, 4H), 1.44–1.53 (m, 4H), 1.83–1.85 (m, 4H), 2.04–2.07 (m, 4H), 4.79–4.85 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  11.62, 29.09, 30.48, 31.18, 38.16, 157.90. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 111 (83), 110 (17), 81 (18), 69 (100), 67 (11), 55 (38), 41 (26). Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_4$ : C, 69.64; H, 9.74. Found: C, 69.74; H, 9.64.



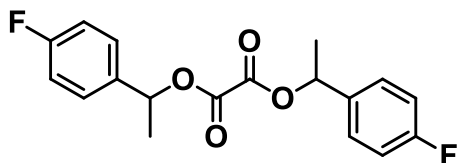
### 22c

**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-bis(1-phenylpropan-2-yl) ester (22c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.32 (d,  $J$  = 6.30 Hz, 6H), 2.85 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.75, 6.59 and 2.00 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (dd,  $J$  = 13.75 and 6.59 Hz, 2H), 5.21 (sext,  $J$  = 6.30 Hz, 2H), 7.20–7.37 (m, 10H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  19.12, 41.93, 74.98, 126.77, 128.47, 129.50, 136.72, 157.42. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 119 (23), 118 (100), 117 (13), 92 (8), 91 (94), 65 (7), 41 (9). Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4$ : C, 73.60; H, 6.79. Found: C, 73.68; H, 6.63.



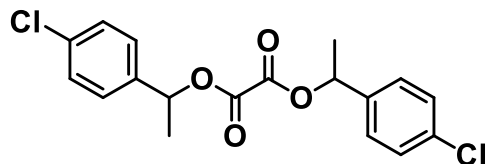
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**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-bis(1-phenylethyl) ester (23c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.64 (dd,  $J$  = 6.59 and 2.86 Hz, 6H), 6.00 (qd,  $J$  = 6.59 and 1.43 Hz, 2H), 7.29–7.41 (m, 10H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  21.99, 75.56, 126.25, 128.41, 128.63, 140.05, 157.24. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 106 (11), 105 (100), 104 (7), 103 (7), 79 (8), 78 (5), 77 (12), 51 (4).



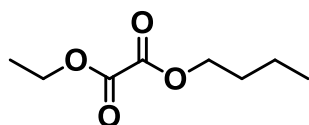
### 24c

**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-bis(1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl) ester (24c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.63 (dd,  $J$  = 6.59 and 3.72 Hz, 6H), 5.97 (qd,  $J$  = 6.59 and 1.20 Hz, 2H), 7.01–7.07 (m, 4H), 7.35–7.40 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  21.95, 75.05, 115.59, 115.76, 128.30, 128.37, 135.86, 157.17, 161.76, 163.73.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (470 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$ ):  $\delta$  -111.95. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 124 (11), 123 (100), 122 (31), 121 (12), 103 (18), 101 (11), 96 (13), 95 (7), 75 (7). Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 64.67; H, 4.82. Found: C, 64.87; H, 4.79.



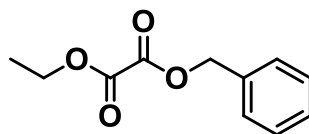
**25c**

**Ethanedioic acid, 1,2-bis(1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl) ester (25c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.62 (dd,  $J$  = 6.59 and 2.86 Hz, 6H), 5.95 (qd,  $J$  = 6.59 and 1.15 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (br, 4H), 7.33 (br, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  21.97, 75.00, 127.81, 128.97, 134.24, 138.52, 157.08. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 141 (36), 140 (34), 139 (100), 138 (60), 125 (15), 104 (12), 103 (82), 102 (20), 101 (11), 77 (42), 75 (21), 74 (12), 51 (28), 50 (17), 44 (16). Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 58.87; H, 4.39. Found: C, 59.00; H, 4.39.



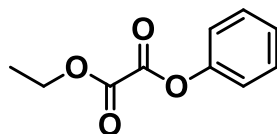
**26c** (CAS: 26404-27-3)

**Ethanedioic acid, 1-butyl 2-ethyl ester (26c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  0.96 (t,  $J$  = 7.16 Hz, 3H), 1.37–1.46 (m, 5H), 1.70–1.76 (m, 2H), 4.30 (t,  $J$  = 6.87 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (q,  $J$  = 7.16 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  13.70, 14.02, 19.04, 30.36, 63.20, 67.02, 158.01, 158.14. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 57 (100), 56 (24), 55 (7), 43 (7), 42 (5), 41 (79), 39 (8), 31 (7), 29 (86), 28 (9), 27 (19).



**27c** (CAS: 75406-29-0)

**Ethanedioic acid, 1-ethyl 2-(phenylmethyl) ester (27c):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.16 Hz, 3H), 4.35 (q,  $J$  = 7.16 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (s, 2H), 7.34–7.43 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  14.02, 63.34, 68.64, 128.82, 128.87, 128.98, 134.29, 157.76, 157.85. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 180 (16), 107 (17), 92 (9), 91 (100), 77 (5), 65 (8), 39 (3), 29 (7).



**28c** (CAS: 15779-81-4)

**Ethanedioic acid, 1-ethyl 2-phenyl ester (28c):**

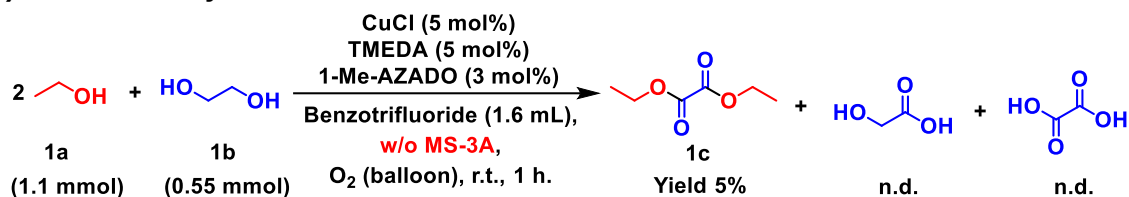
MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%): 194 (7) [ $M^+$ ], 95 (7), 94 (100), 77 (21), 66 (12), 65 (12), 51 (6), 39 (12), 29 (27), 27 (7).

### **Additional references**

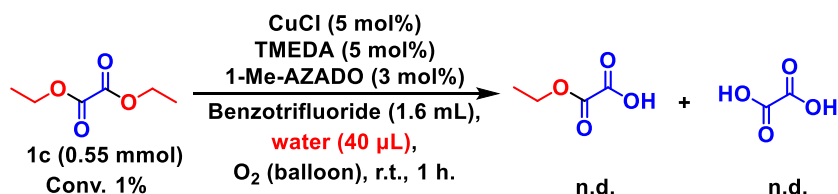
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## Supplementary schemes

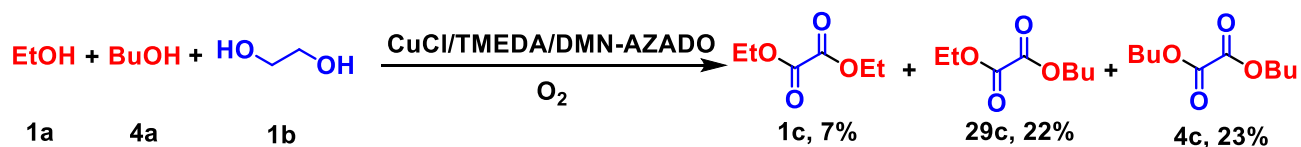
### (i) Oxidative Ethyl Esterification of **1b** without MS-3A



### (ii) Hydrolysis of **1c**

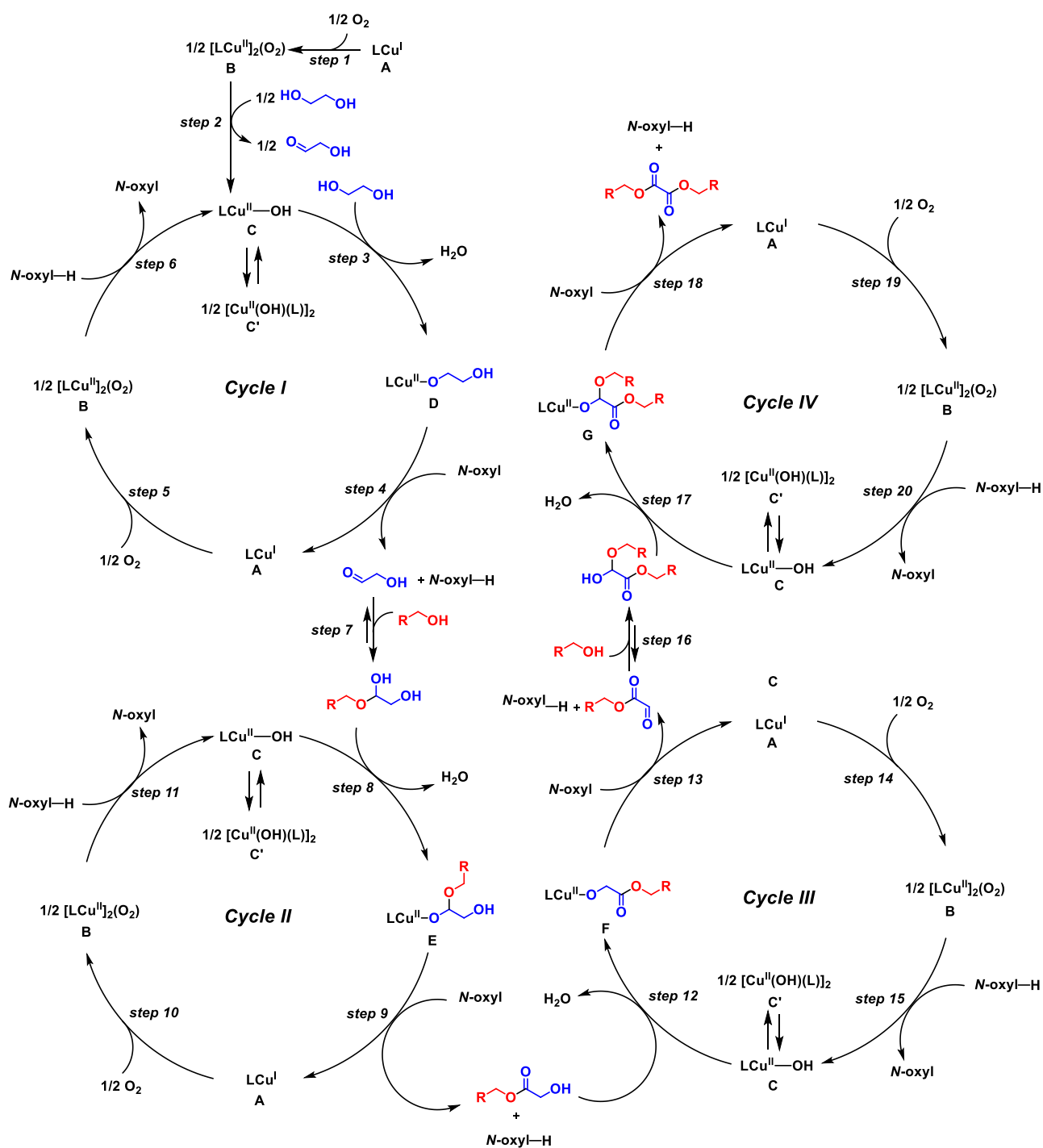


**Scheme S1** Investigation of water effect. (i) Oxidative esterification of **1b** with **1a** without MS-3A. (ii) Hydrolysis of **1c** to carboxylic acids with water. The reaction conditions are indicated in this scheme.



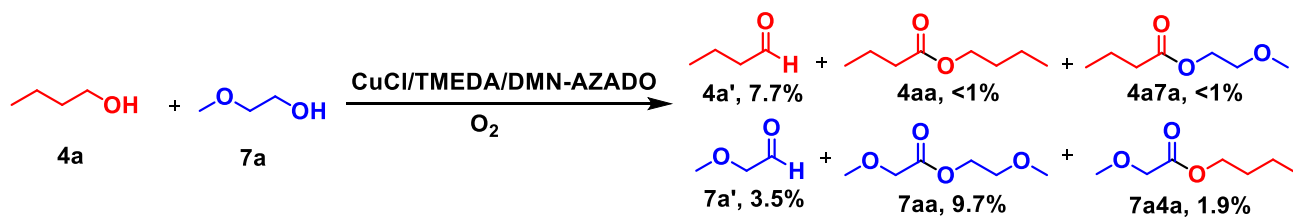
**Scheme S2** Synthesis of an unsymmetrical oxalic acid diester starting from ethylene glycol.

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.55 mmol), **4a** (0.55 mmol), **1b** (0.55 mmol), CuCl (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), DMN-AZADO (0.015 mmol), benzotrifluoride (1.6 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), MS-3A (200 mg), room temperature, 1 h. Yields were determined by GC using PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard.

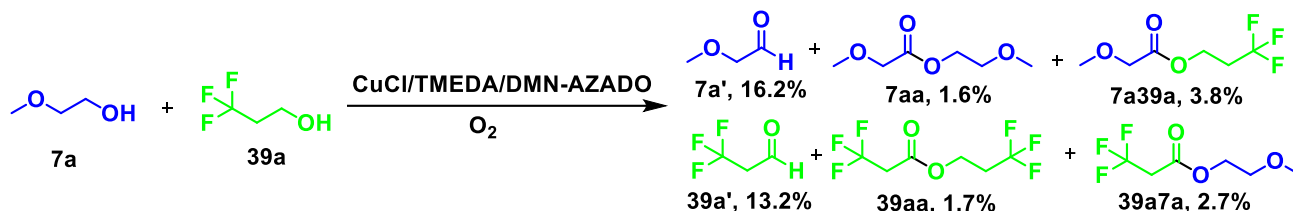


**Scheme S3** Plausible reaction mechanism for proposed CuCl/TMEDA/DMN-AZADO-catalyzed oxidative esterification of ethylene glycol with alcohols.

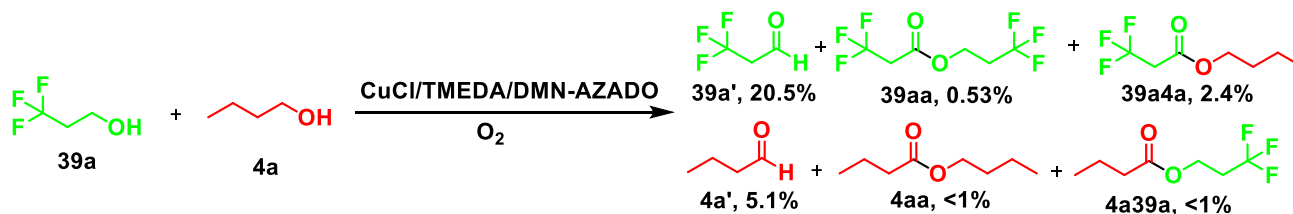
#### 4a vs 7a



#### 7a vs 39a

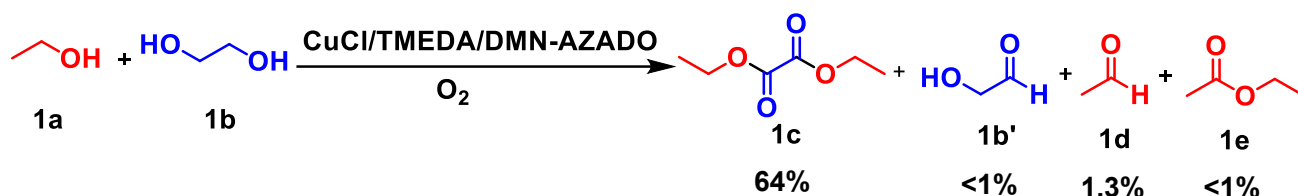


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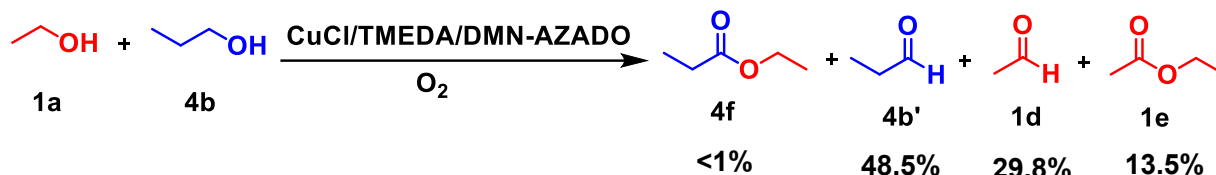


**Scheme S4** Yields of products as of 150 second in CuCl/TMEDA/DMN-AZADO-catalyzed competitive oxidation using 1-butanol, 2-methoxyethanol, and 3,3,3-trifluoro-1-propanol.

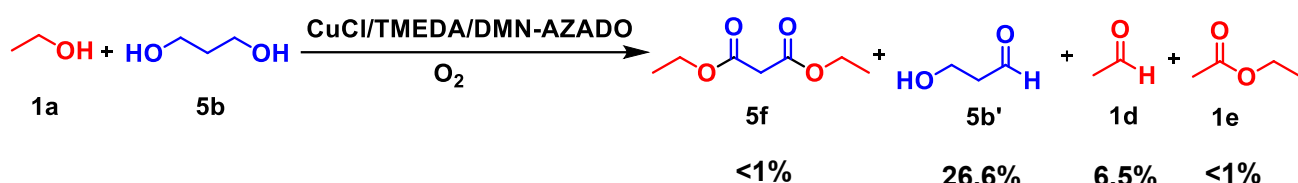
Reaction conditions: Alcohols (1.1 mmol), CuCl (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), DMN-AZADO (0.015 mmol), THF (1.6 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), MS-3A (200 mg), room temperature, PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard.



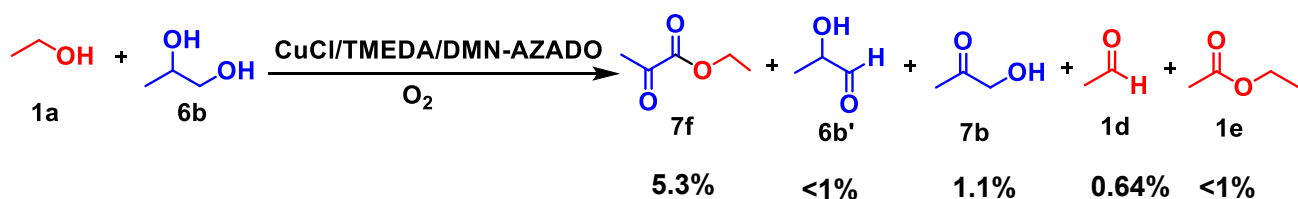
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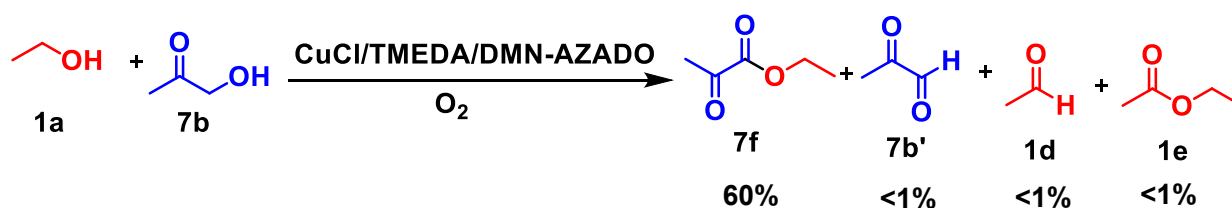
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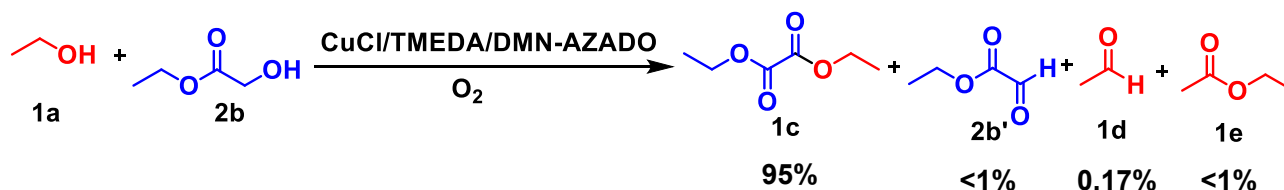
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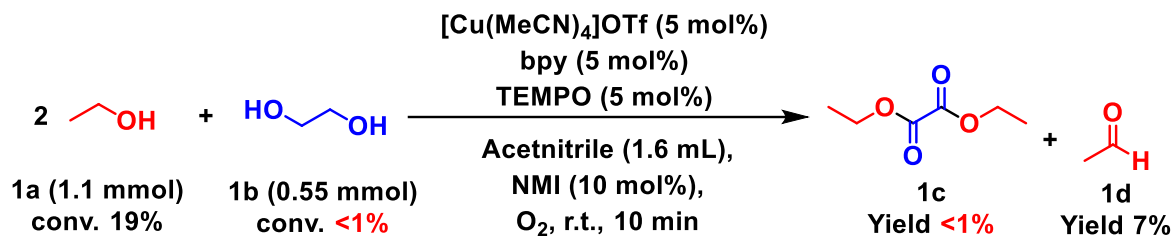
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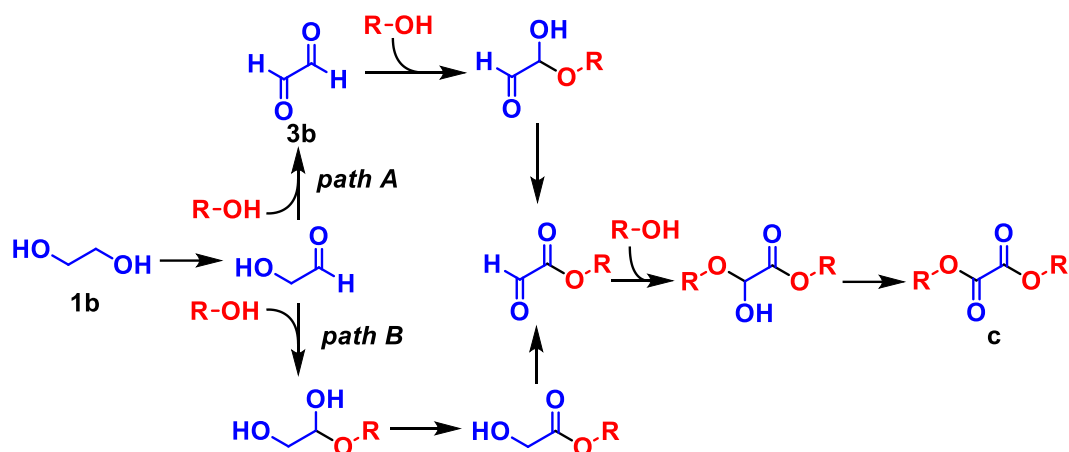
**Scheme S5** Selectivity of alcohol (**b**) oxidation to the corresponding aldehyde-derived products in the presence of ethanol (**1a**).

Reaction conditions: **1a** (1.1 mmol), **1b**, **5b**, **6b** (0.55 mmol), **2b**, **4b**, **7b** (1.1 mmol), CuCl (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), DMN-AZADO (0.015 mmol), THF (1.6 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), MS-3A (200 mg), room temperature, 1 h, PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard. Other products were not detected by GC and GC-MS analysis.



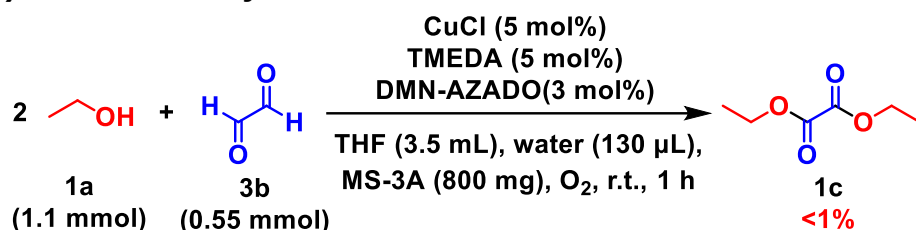
**Scheme S6** Oxidative esterification of ethylene glycol with ethanol using Cu(OTf)/bpy/TEMPO catalyst system. Reaction conditions: **1a** (1.1 mmol), **1b** (0.55 mmol), [Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>]OTf (0.025 mmol), bpy (0.025 mmol), TEMPO (0.015 mmol), acetonitrile (1.6 mL), NMI (0.05 mmol), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), room temperature, 10 min. Yields were determined by GC using PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard. NMI = *N*-methylimidazole.

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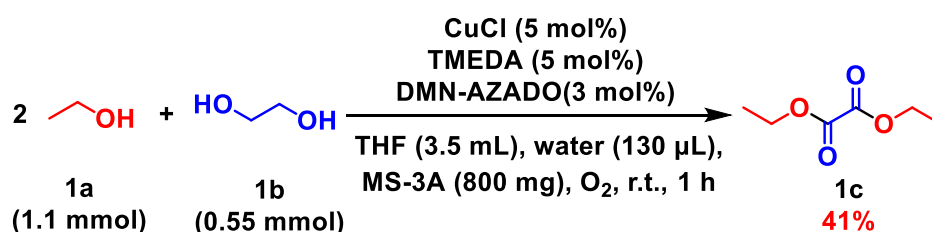


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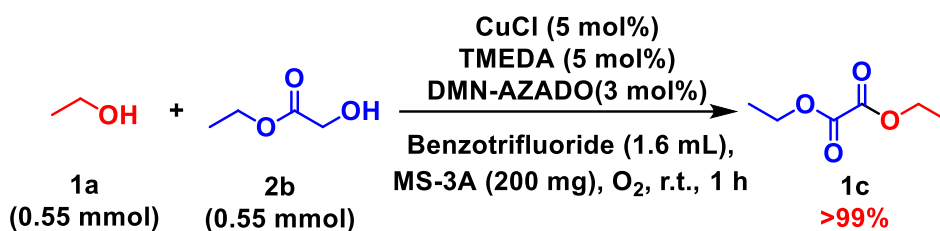
**(i) Oxidative Ethyl Esterification of 3b**



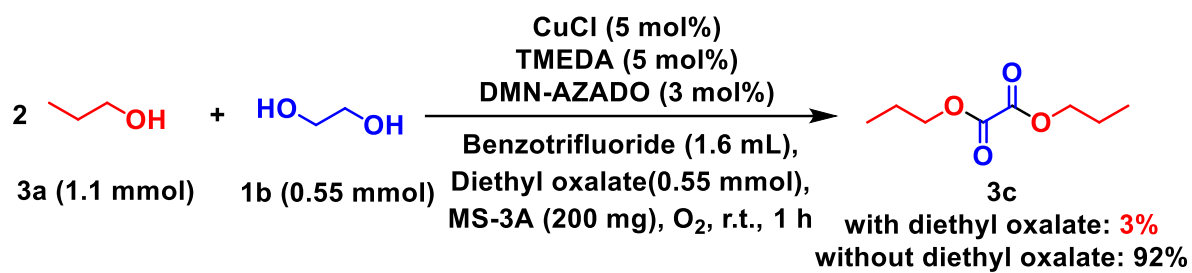
**(ii) Oxidative Ethyl Esterification of 1b**



**(iii) Oxidative Ethyl Esterification of 2b**



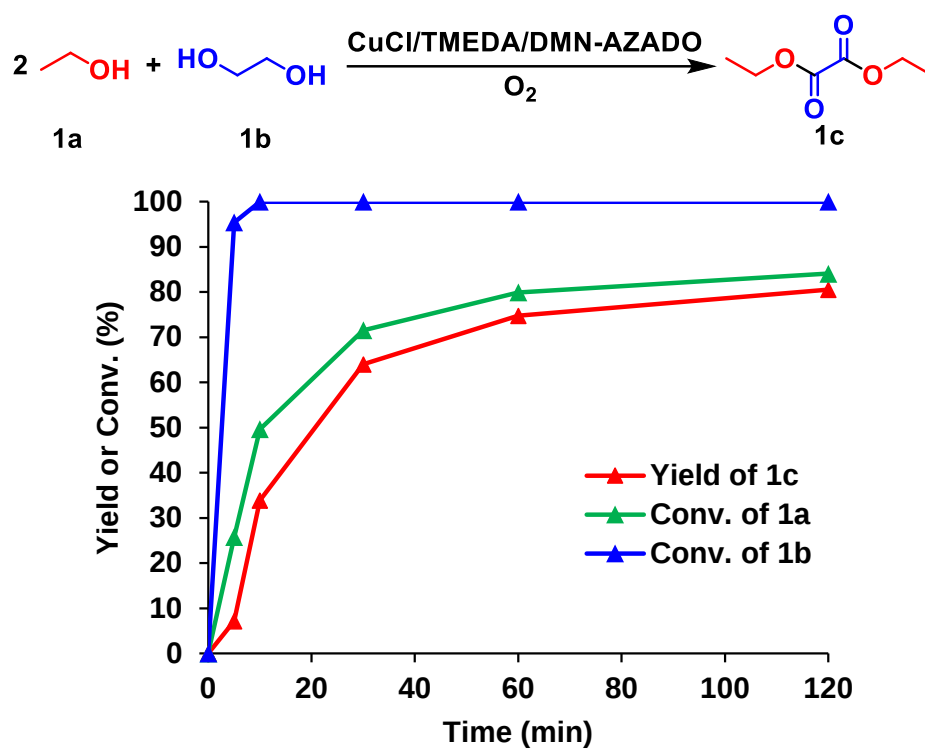
**Scheme S7** Reaction pathway analysis: (a) Assumed esterification reaction pathway. (b) Control experiments for determining the present reaction pathway.



**Scheme S8** Inhibition of **1c** production by the presence of an oxalic acid diester.

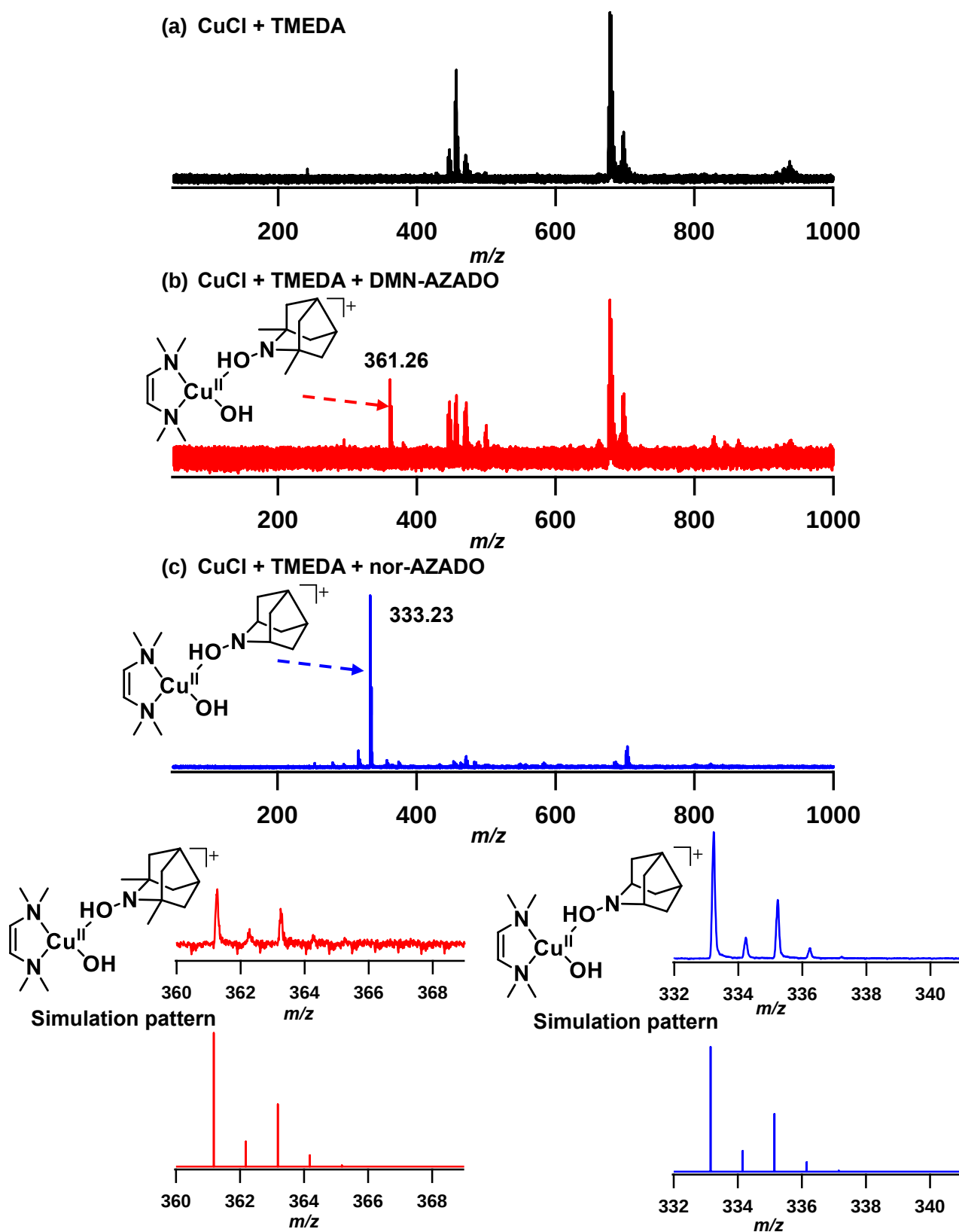
Reaction conditions: **3a** (1.1 mmol), **1b** (0.55 mmol), CuCl (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), DMN-AZADO (0.015 mmol), benzotrifluoride (1.6 mL), diethyl oxalate (**1c**) (0.55 mmol), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), room temperature, 1 h. Yields were determined by GC using PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard.

## Supplementary figures

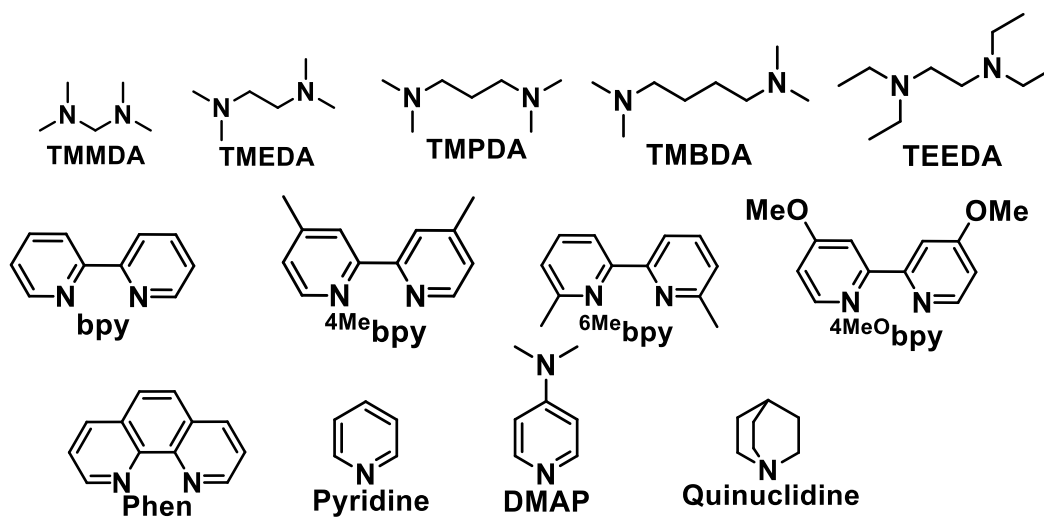


**Fig. S1** Time course analysis of the synthesis of **1c** from **1a** and **1b**.

Reaction conditions: **1a** (4.4 mmol), **1b** (2.2 mmol), CuCl (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), DMN-AZADO (0.015 mmol), benzotrifluoride (6.4 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), MS-3A (800 mg), room temperature, PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard.



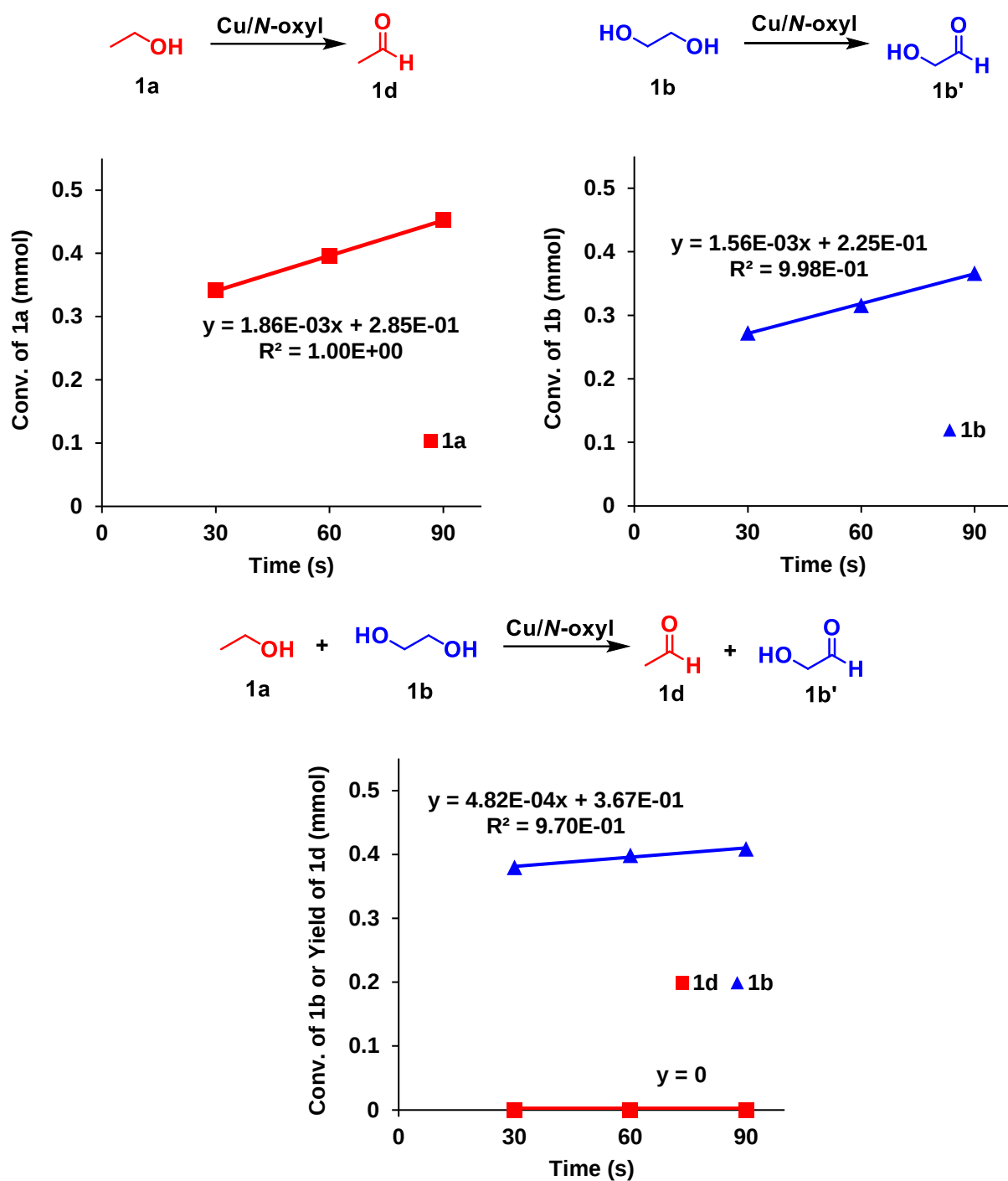
**Fig. S2** CSI-MS spectra of CuCl/TMEDA/*N*-oxyl solutions: (a) CuCl and TMEDA; (b) CuCl, TMEDA, and DMN-AZADO; (c) CuCl, TMEDA, and nor-AZADO. Measurement conditions: Positive-ion CSI-MS of acetonitrile solution (1.6 mL) including CuCl (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol) and *N*-oxyl (0.090 mmol) stirred under reaction conditions. TMEDA/*N*-oxyls were probably oxidized/reduced in the process of ionization because under the reaction conditions no oxidation of TMEDA has been observed by GC and GC-MS.



**Fig. S3** Ligands used in Table 2.

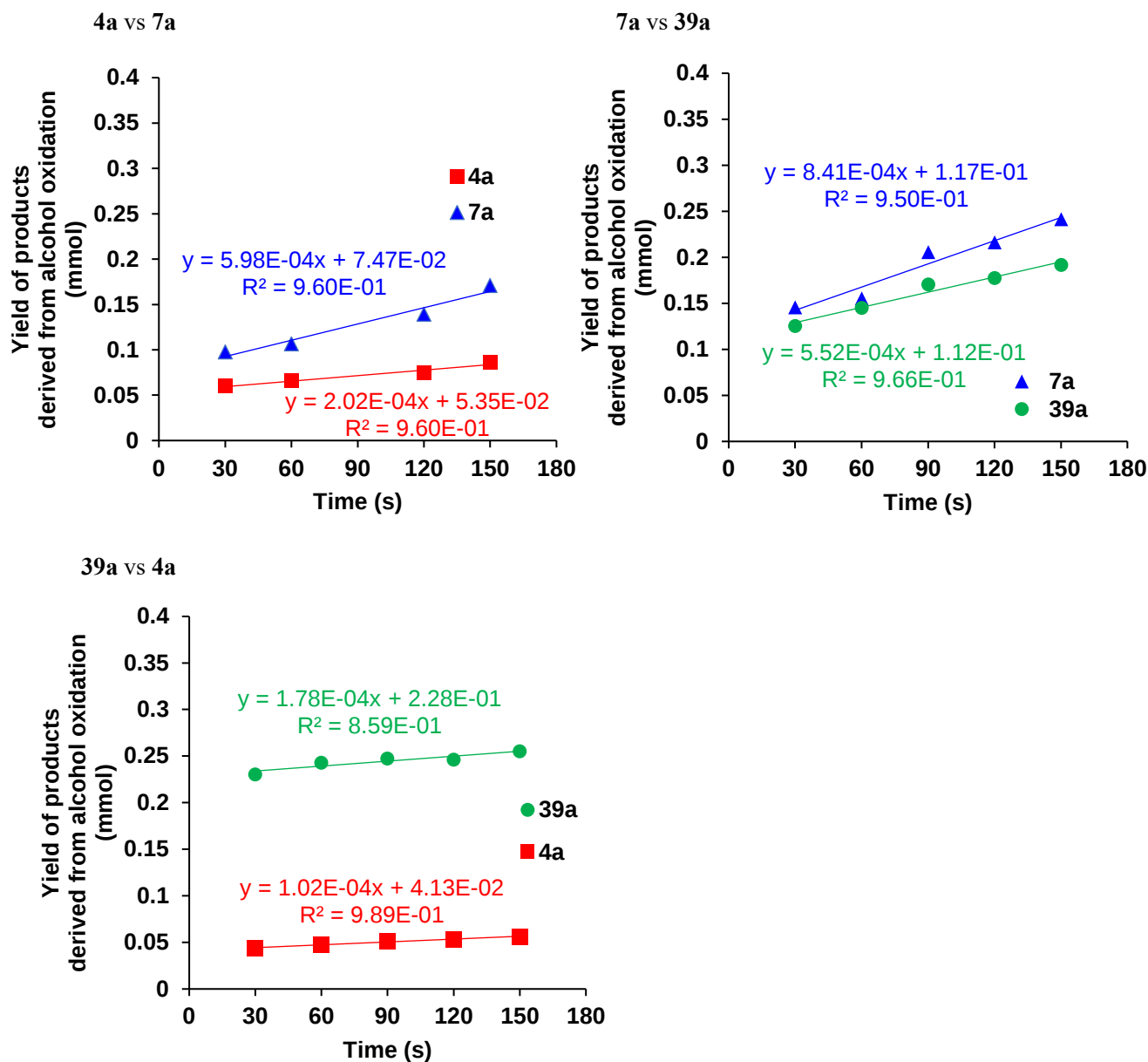
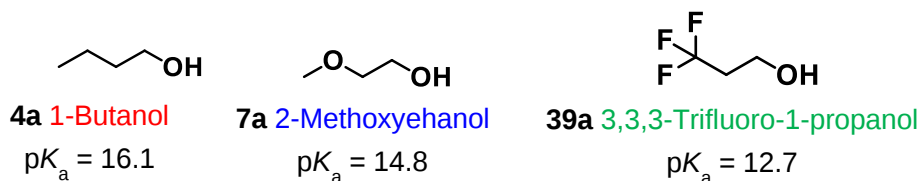
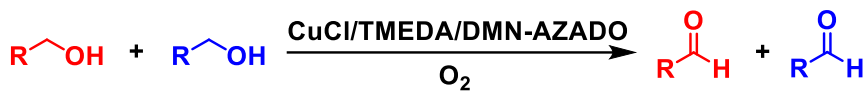


**Fig. S4** Image after the reaction without MS-3A under the conditions indicated in Scheme S1(i).



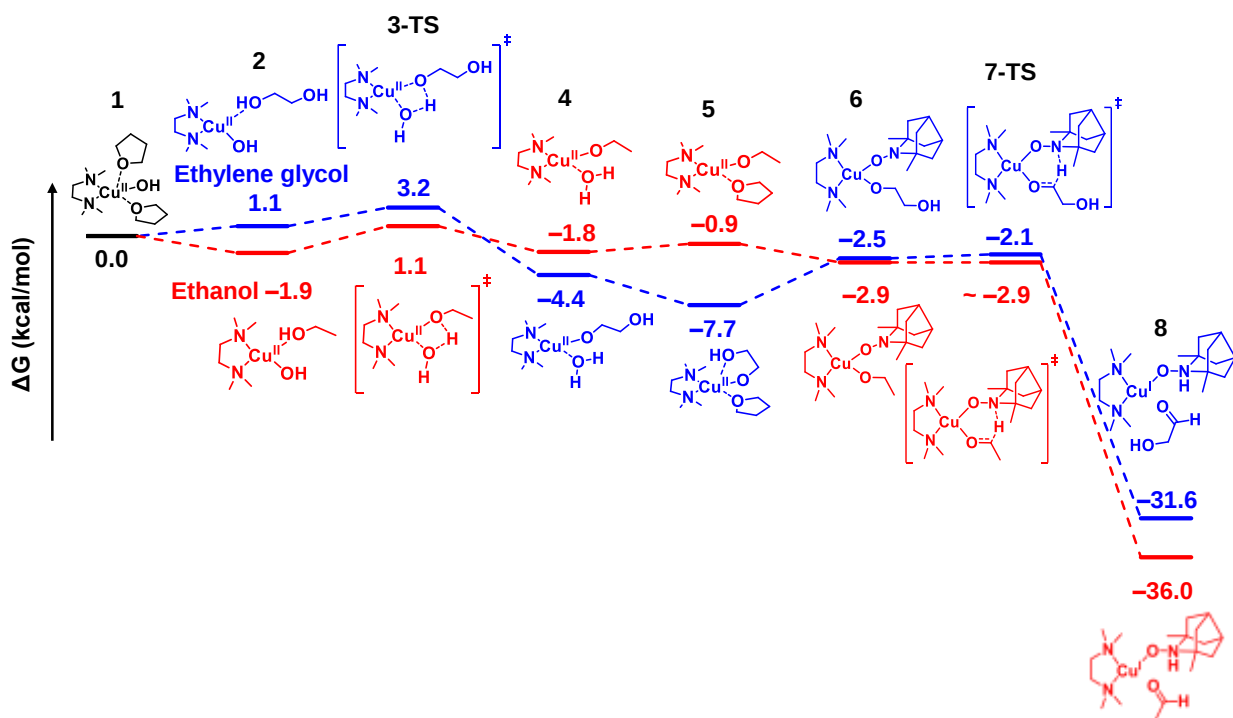
**Fig. S5** Independent oxidation and competitive oxidation of **1a** and **1b**.

Reaction conditions: **1a** (1.1 mmol) and/or **1b** (0.55 mmol), CuCl (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), DMN-AZADO (0.015 mmol), THF (1.6 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), MS-3A (200 mg), room temperature, PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard.

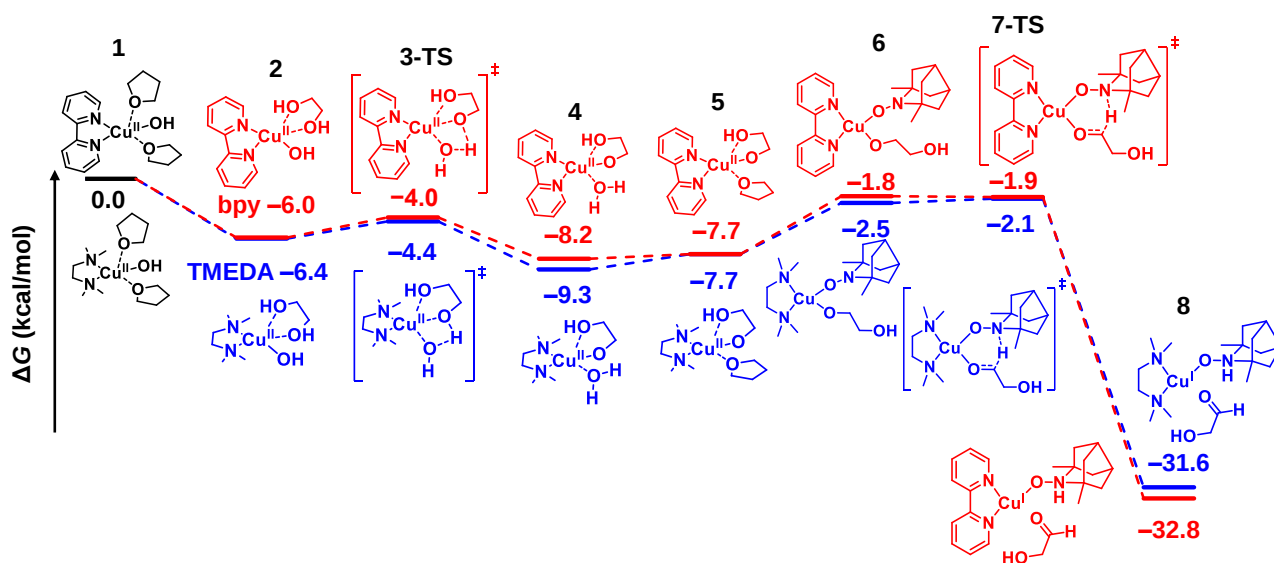


**Fig. S6** Reaction rates of CuCl/TMEDA/DMN-AZADO-catalyzed competitive oxidation using 1-butanol (**4a**), 2-methoxyethanol (**7a**), and 3,3,3-trifluoro-1-propanol (**39a**).

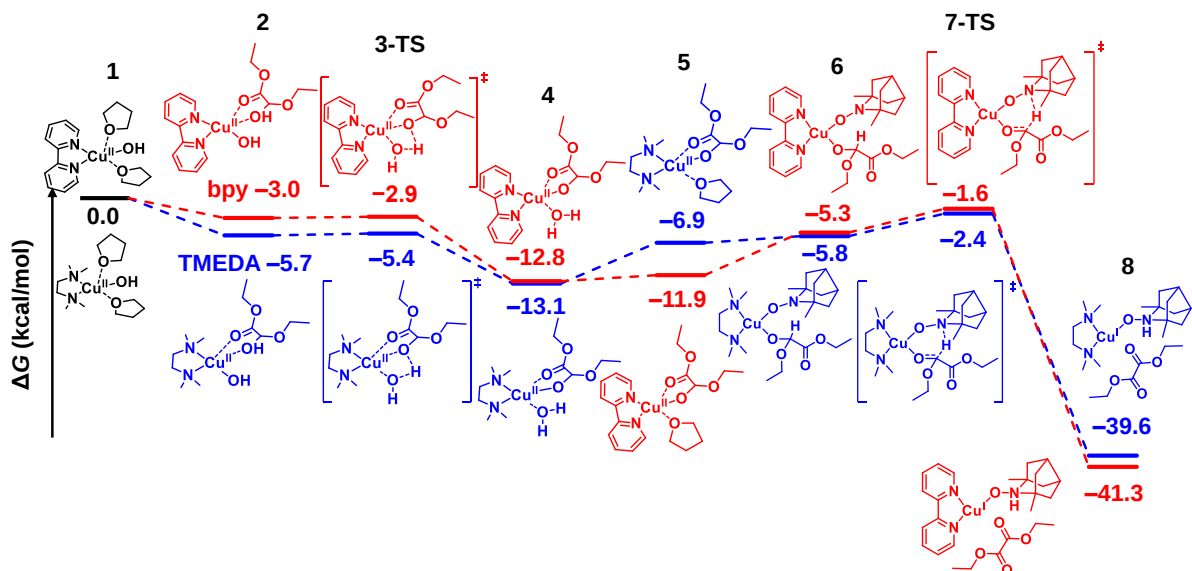
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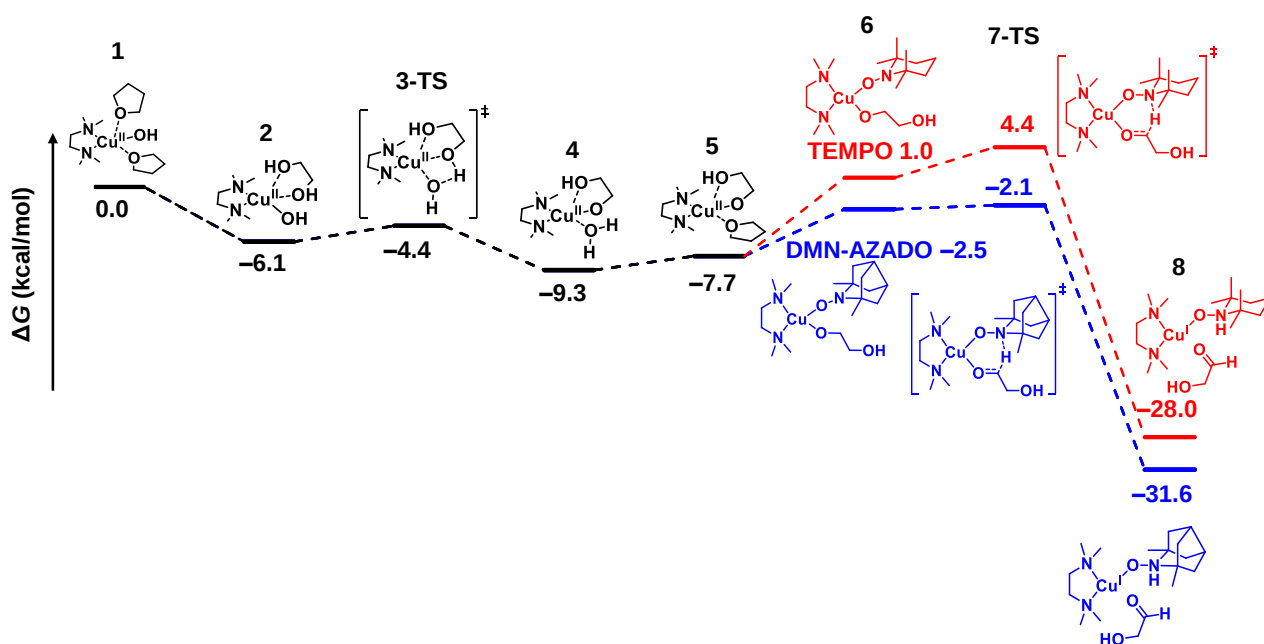
**Fig. S7** DFT calculation in ethanol oxidation and ethylene glycol (monodentate coordination) oxidation catalyzed by CuCl/TMEDA/DMN-AZADO.



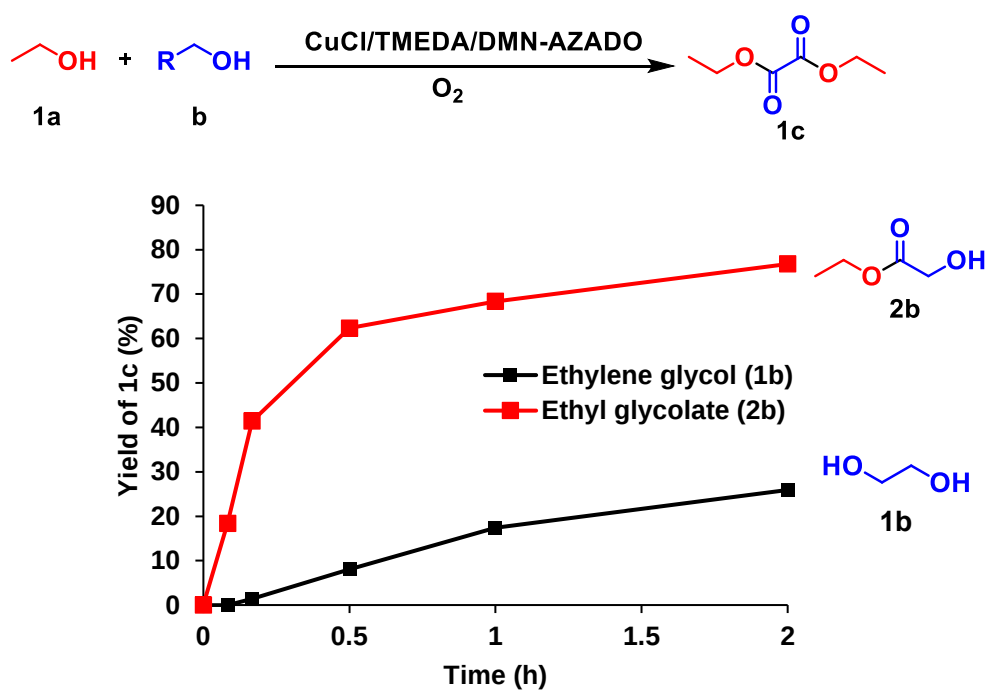
**Fig. S8** DFT calculation in ethylene glycol oxidation catalyzed by CuCl/TMEDA/DMN-AZADO or CuCl/bpy/DMN-AZADO.



**Fig. S9** DFT calculation in hemiacetal oxidation catalyzed by CuCl/TMEDA/DMN-AZADO or CuCl/bpy/DMN-AZADO.



**Fig. S10** DFT calculation in ethylene glycol oxidation catalyzed by CuCl/TMEDA/DMN-AZADO or CuCl/TMEDA/TEMPO.

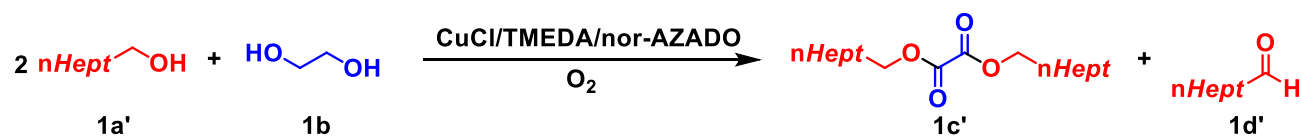


**Fig. S11** Synthesis of **1c** starting from **1b** or **2b**.

Reaction conditions: **1a** (6.6 mmol for **1b**, 3.3 mmol for **2b**), **1b** (3.3 mmol),  $\text{CuCl}$  (0.025 mmol),  $\text{TMEDA}$  (0.025 mmol),  $\text{DMN-AZADO}$  (0.015 mmol), benzotrifluoride (9.6 mL),  $\text{O}_2$  (balloon),  $\text{MS-3A}$  (1200 mg), room temperature,  $\text{PhCl}$  (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard.

## Supplementary tables

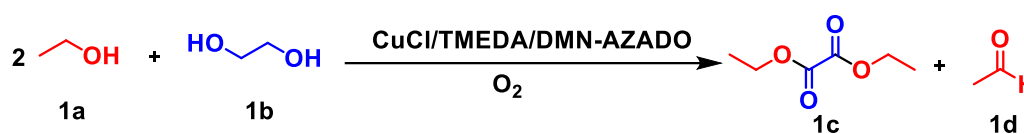
**Table S1** Oxidative esterification of ethylene glycol with 1-octanol (**1a'**) instead of **1a**.



| Entry | Time [min] | Conv. [%]  |           | Yield [%]  |            |
|-------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
|       |            | <b>1a'</b> | <b>1b</b> | <b>1c'</b> | <b>1d'</b> |
| 1     | 10         | 71         | >99       | 36         | 7          |
| 2     | 60         | 70         | >99       | 45         | 7          |

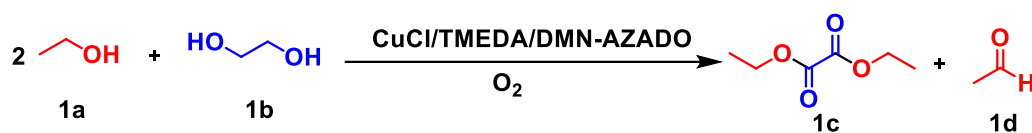
Reaction conditions: **1a'** (0.55 mmol), **1b** (1.1 mmol), CuCl (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), nor-AZADO (0.015 mmol), benzotrifluoride (1.6 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), MS-3A (200 mg), room temperature, PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard. Conversions and yields were determined by GC analysis.

**Table S2** Effect of Cu sources.



| Entry | Cu sources        | Conv. [%] |           | Yield [%] |           |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|       |                   | <b>1a</b> | <b>1b</b> | <b>1c</b> | <b>1d</b> |
| 1     | CuCl              | 97        | >99       | 84        | 5         |
| 2     | CuCl <sub>2</sub> | 41        | >99       | 17        | 2         |
| 3     | CuBr              | 24        | 97        | 6         | 1         |
| 4     | CuI               | 15        | 44        | <1        | <1        |
| 5     | Cu(OAc)           | 22        | 68        | 3         | 1         |

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.55 mmol), **1b** (1.1 mmol), Cu catalyst (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), DMN-AZADO (0.015 mmol), benzotrifluoride (1.6 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), MS-3A (200 mg), 10 min, room temperature, PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard. Conversions and yields were determined by GC analysis.

**Table S3** Effect of solvents.

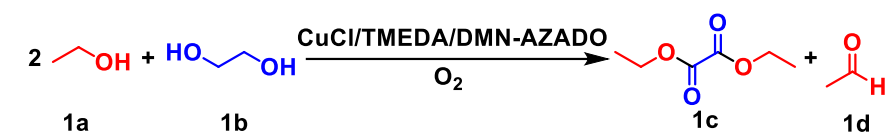
| Entry           | Solvent                         | Conv. [%] |               | Yield [%] |           |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
|                 |                                 | <b>1a</b> | <b>1b</b>     | <b>1c</b> | <b>1d</b> |
| <b>1</b>        | <b>Benzotrifluoride</b>         | <b>99</b> | <b>&gt;99</b> | <b>81</b> | <b>4</b>  |
| 2               | Toluene                         | 97        | >99           | 73        | 4         |
| 3 <sup>a</sup>  | <i>o</i> -xylene                | -         | -             | 73        | 5         |
| 4               | Butyl acetate                   | 85        | 98            | 69        | 2         |
| 5               | Heptane                         | >99       | >99           | 69        | 1         |
| 6               | Methyl <i>tert</i> -butyl ether | 89        | 99            | 68        | 2         |
| 7 <sup>a</sup>  | CPME                            | -         | 99            | 68        | 2         |
| 8               | DCE                             | 90        | >99           | 68        | 5         |
| 9               | Ethyl acetate                   | 84        | >99           | 63        | 2         |
| 10              | Mesitylene                      | 99        | >99           | 65        | 3         |
| 11              | <i>p</i> -xylene                | >99       | >99           | 61        | 5         |
| 12              | THF                             | 77        | >99           | 61        | 1         |
| 13              | MeCN                            | 75        | >99           | 58        | 3         |
| 14              | 1,4-dioxane                     | 71        | 99            | 56        | 4         |
| 15              | <i>m</i> -xylene                | 99        | >99           | 55        | 8         |
| 16 <sup>a</sup> | $\gamma$ -Butyrolactone         | 70        | -             | 42        | 1         |
| 17              | Nitrobenzene                    | 55        | >99           | 33        | <1        |
| 18              | PC                              | 7         | 89            | 7         | <1        |
| 19              | NMP                             | 7         | 97            | 2         | <1        |
| 20              | DCM                             | 98        | >99           | 74        | 5         |
| 21              | Hexane                          | 97        | >99           | 70        | 1         |
| 22              | Cyclohexane                     | 98        | >99           | 62        | 3         |

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.55 mmol), **1b** (1.1 mmol), CuCl (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), DMN-AZADO (0.015 mmol), solvent (1.6 mL), propylene carbonate (0.1 mmol), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), MS-3A (200 mg), 1 h, room temperature, PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard. Conversions and yields were determined by GC analysis. CPME = cyclopentyl methyl ether, DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane, THF = tetrahydrofuran, PC = propylene carbonate, NMP = *N*-methylpyrrolidone, DCM = dichloromethane. <sup>a</sup>Conversions of **1a** and/or **1b** were not determined by GC analysis because of the overlap of their peaks with solvent peaks.

**Table S4** Effect of green solvents.

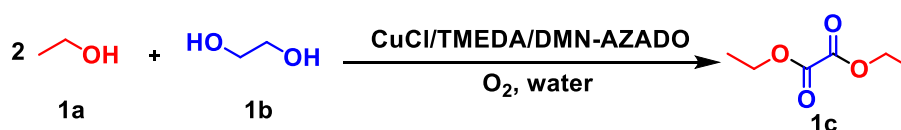
| $  \begin{array}{c}  \text{2} \text{ } \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH} + \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \xrightarrow[\text{O}_2]{\text{CuCl/TMEDA/1-Me-AZADO}} \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O-CO-OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O-CO-CH}_3 + \text{HCHO} \\  \text{1a} \qquad \qquad \text{1b} \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{1c} \qquad \qquad \text{1d}  \end{array}  $ |                        |           |     |           |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----|-----------|----|
| Entry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Solvent                | Conv. [%] |     | Yield [%] |    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                        | 1a        | 1b  | 1c        | 1d |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Benzotrifluoride       | 80        | >99 | 73        | 8  |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Anisole                | 85        | >99 | 68        | 8  |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Ethyl acetate          | 67        | >99 | 58        | 6  |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Butyl acetate          | 61        | >99 | 54        | 4  |
| 5 <sup>a</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Acetone                | -         | >99 | 55        | 2  |
| 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Methyl ethyl ketone    | 67        | >99 | 57        | 4  |
| 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Methyl isobutyl ketone | 78        | >99 | 62        | 5  |
| 8 <sup>b</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Ethanol                | -         | >99 | 38        | -  |
| 9 <sup>c</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | -                      | 73        | >99 | 36        | 5  |

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.55 mmol), **1b** (1.1 mmol), CuCl (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), 1-Me-AZADO (0.015 mmol), solvent (1.6 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), MS-3A (200 mg), 2 h, room temperature, PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard. Conversions and yields were determined by GC analysis. <sup>a</sup>Conversion of **1a** was not determined by GC analysis because of the overlap of the peak with solvent peaks. <sup>b</sup>Conversion of **1a** and yield of **1d** were not determined by GC analysis because of the excess amount of **1a**. <sup>c</sup>1 h.

**Table S5** Control experiments.

| Entry          | Conditions                         | Conv. (%) |     | Yield (%) |    |
|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----|-----------|----|
|                |                                    | 1a        | 1b  | 1c        | 1d |
| 1              | No change                          | >99       | >99 | 93        | 2  |
| 2 <sup>a</sup> | Oxalic acid instead of <b>1b</b>   | 71        | –   | <1        | <1 |
| 3 <sup>b</sup> | Glycolic acid instead of <b>1b</b> | 53        | –   | <1        | 6  |
| 4              | Without CuCl                       | 13        | 18  | <1        | <1 |
| 5              | Without TMEDA                      | 87        | >99 | 10        | 20 |
| 6              | Without DMN-AZADO                  | 19        | 26  | <1        | <1 |
| 7              | Without MS-3A                      | 52        | 68  | 8         | <1 |
| 8 <sup>c</sup> | Ar atmosphere                      | 30        | 37  | <1        | <1 |

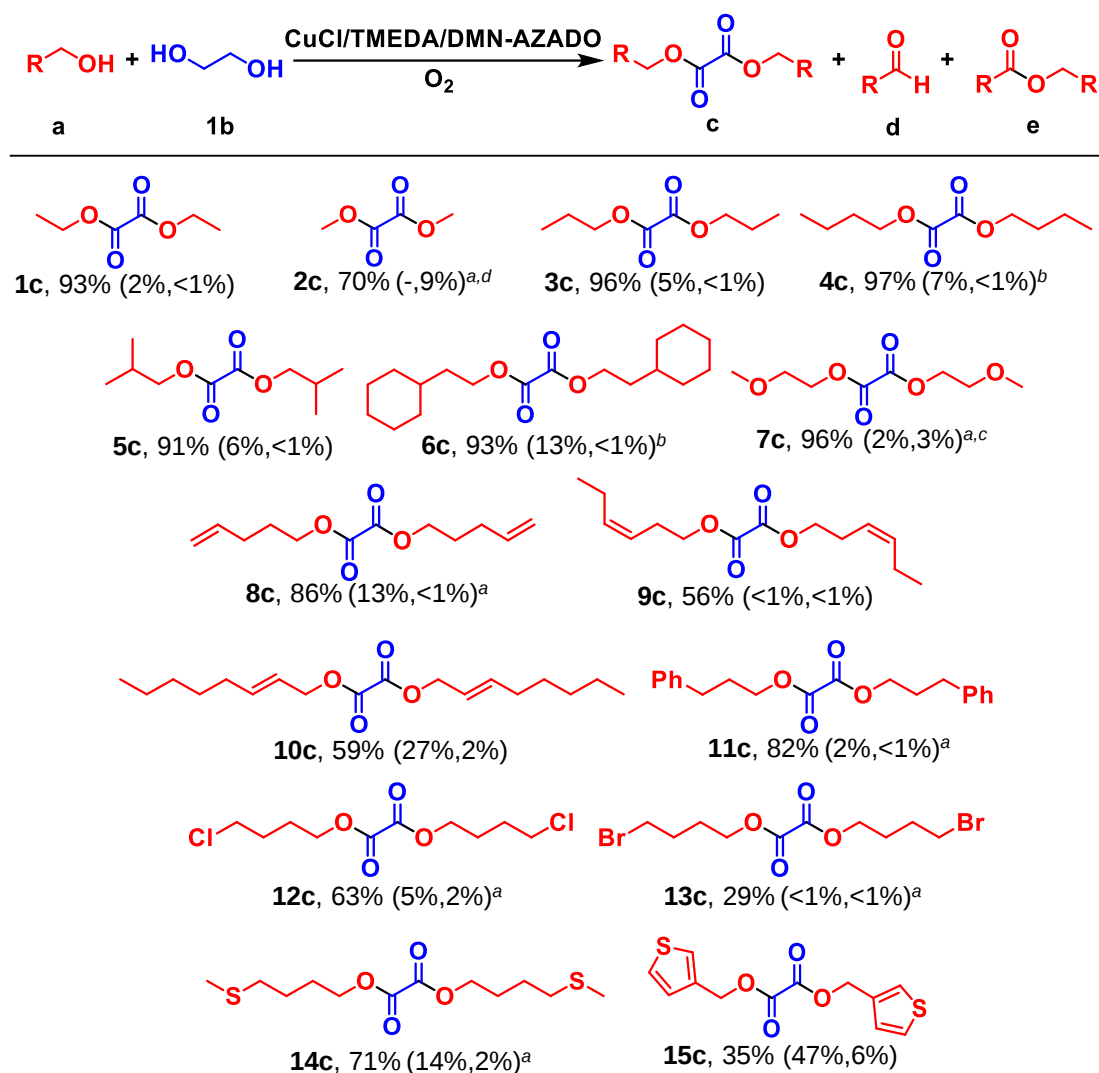
Reaction conditions: **1a** (1.1 mmol), **1b** (0.55 mmol), CuCl (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), DMN-AZADO (0.015 mmol), benzotrifluoride (1.6 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), MS-3A (200 mg), room temperature, 24 h. Conversions and yields were determined by gas chromatography analysis. <sup>a</sup>Oxalic acid (0.55 mmol) instead of **1b**. <sup>b</sup>Glycolic acid (0.55 mmol) instead of **1b**, 1-Me-AZADO (0.015 mmol) was used instead of DMN-AZADO. <sup>c</sup>Ar (1 atm).

**Table S6** Effect of MS-3A.

| Entry | Addition of Water<br>[mmol] | MS-3A [mg] | Conv. [%] |     | Yield [%] |
|-------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|-----|-----------|
|       |                             |            | 1a        | 1b  | 1c        |
| 1     | -                           | 200        | >99       | 98  | 87        |
| 2     | 2.2                         |            | 48        | 84  | 12        |
| 3     | -                           | 400        | >99       | >99 | 79        |
| 4     | 2.2                         |            | >99       | >99 | 75        |

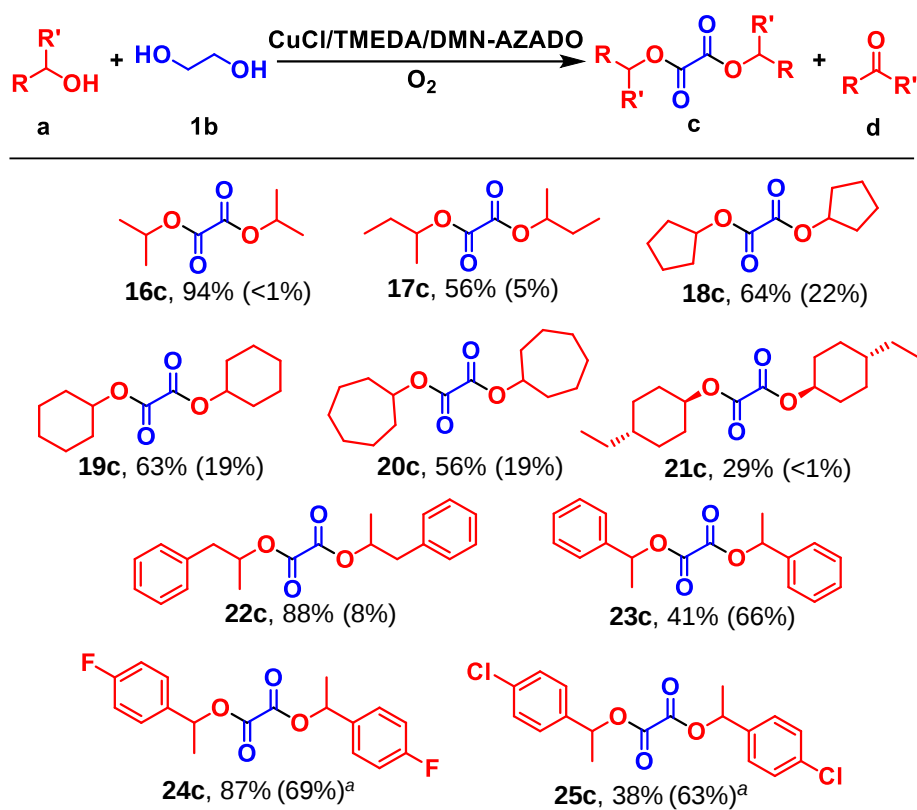
Reaction conditions: **1a** (1.1 mmol), **1b** (0.55 mmol), CuCl (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), DMN-AZADO (0.015 mmol), benzotrifluoride (1.6 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), 1 h, room temperature, PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard. Conversions and yields were determined by GC analysis.

**Table S7** GC yields of oxalic acid diesters and byproducts in substrate scope for primary alcohols.



Reaction conditions: **a** (1.1 mmol), **1b** (0.55 mmol), CuCl (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), DMN-AZADO (0.015 mmol), benzotrifluoride (1.6 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), MS-3A (200 mg), room temperature, 24 h, PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard. GC yields are shown. Byproduct yields are shown in the parentheses; left: yields of **d** (aldehydes derived from **a**), right: yields of **e** (homo-esterification products derived from **a**). <sup>a</sup>MS-3A (500 mg). <sup>b</sup>1 h. <sup>c</sup>96 h. <sup>d</sup>The corresponding aldehyde (formaldehyde) cannot be detected by GC-FID.

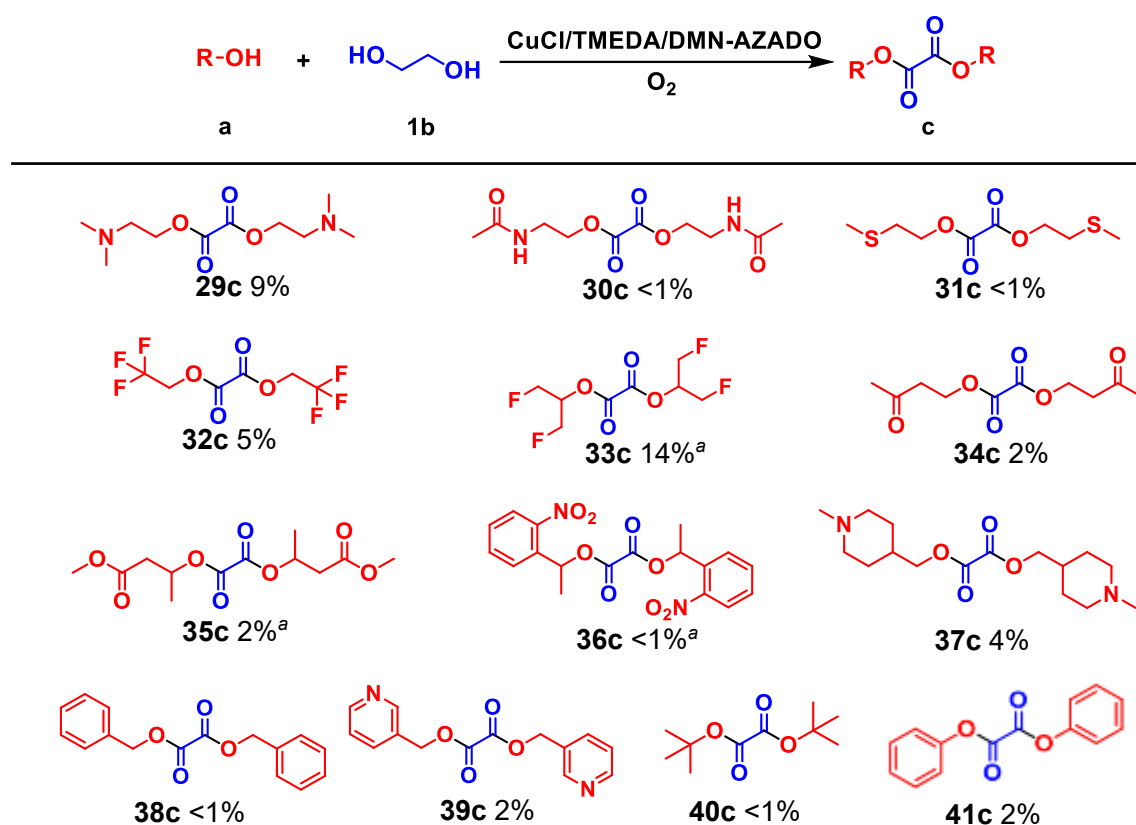
**Table S8** GC yields of oxalic acid diesters and byproducts in substrate scope for secondary alcohols.



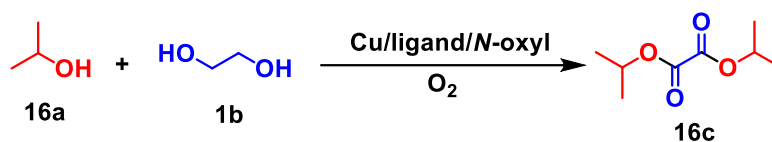
Reaction conditions: **a** (1.1 mmol), **1b** (0.55 mmol), CuCl (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), DMN-AZADO (0.015 mmol), *o*-xylene (1.6 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), MS-3A (500 mg), room temperature, 24 h, PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard. GC yields are shown. Yields of byproducts (ketones derived from **a**) are shown in the parentheses.

<sup>a</sup>**a** (5.5 mmol).

**Table S9** Limitation of substrate scope.



Reaction conditions: **a** (0.55 mmol), **1b** (1.1 mmol), CuCl (0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), TMEDA (0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), DMN-AZADO (0.015 mmol, 3 mol%), benzotrifluoride (1.6 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), MS-3A (200 mg), room temperature, 24 h, PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard. GC yields are shown. <sup>a</sup>*o*-xylene (1.6 mL), MS-3A (500 mg).

**Table S10** Optimization of the reaction conditions using a secondary alcohol (**16a**) as the substrate.

| Entry                | Cu Source         | Ligand       | N-oxyl           | Yield [%]  |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|------------|
|                      |                   |              |                  | <b>16c</b> |
| <b>1<sup>a</sup></b> | <b>CuCl</b>       | <b>TMEDA</b> | <b>DMN-AZADO</b> | <b>93</b>  |
| 2                    | CuCl              | TMEDA        | DMN-AZADO        | 48         |
| 3                    | CuCl              | TMEDA        | keto-ABNO        | 24         |
| 4                    | CuCl              | TMEDA        | AZADO            | 21         |
| 5                    | CuCl              | TMEDA        | 1-Me-AZADO       | 24         |
| 6                    | CuCl              | TMEDA        | nor-AZADO        | 16         |
| 7                    | CuCl              | TMPDA        | DMN-AZADO        | 29         |
| 8                    | CuCl              | bpy          | DMN-AZADO        | 3          |
| 9                    | CuCl              | DMAP         | DMN-AZADO        | 48         |
| 10                   | CuCl              | Quinuclidine | DMN-AZADO        | 18         |
| 11                   | CuCl <sub>2</sub> | TMEDA        | DMN-AZADO        | 20         |
| 12                   | CuBr              | TMEDA        | DMN-AZADO        | 28         |
| 13                   | CuI               | TMEDA        | DMN-AZADO        | 5          |
| 14                   | Cu(OTf)           | TMEDA        | DMN-AZADO        | 5          |
| 15                   | Cu(OAc)           | TMEDA        | DMN-AZADO        | <1         |

Reaction conditions: **16a** (0.55 mmol), **1b** (1.1 mmol), Cu source (5 mol%), ligand (5 mol%), N-oxyl (3 mol%), *o*-xylene (1.6 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), MS-3A (200 mg), 24 h, room temperature, PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard. Yields were determined by GC analysis. <sup>a</sup>MS-3A (500 mg).

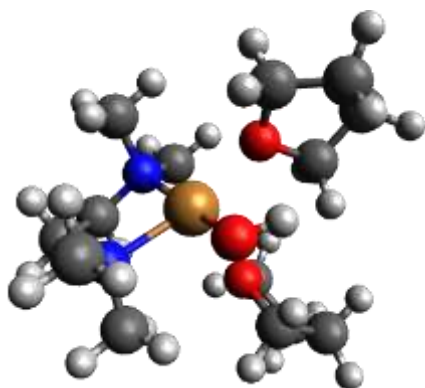
**Table S11** N-oxyl effect on the selectivity of **1b** oxidation in the presence of **16a**.

CC(C)O + OCCO  $\xrightarrow[\text{O}_2]{\text{CuCl/TMEDA/N-oxyl}}$  CC(C)OC(=O)C(=O)OC(C)C + CC(=O)C

**16a**                      **1b**                                              **16c**                      **16a'**

| Entry | N-oxyl    | Conv. [%]  |           | Yield [%]  |             |
|-------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
|       |           | <b>16a</b> | <b>1b</b> | <b>16c</b> | <b>16a'</b> |
| 1     | DMN-AZADO | 94         | >99       | 94         | <1          |
| 2     | nor-AZADO | 86         | >99       | 22         | 32          |

Reaction conditions: **16a** (1.1 mmol), **1b** (0.55 mmol), CuCl (0.025 mmol), TMEDA (0.025 mmol), N-oxyl (0.015 mmol), *o*-xylene (1.6 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), MS-3A (500 mg), room temperature, 24 h. Conversions and yields were determined by GC using PhCl (0.1 mmol) as an internal standard.

**Table S12** Cartesian coordinates of the calculated structures.**1**

| Atom | x (Å)    | y (Å)    | z (Å)    |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cu   | -0.47275 | -0.42598 | -0.36673 |
| N    | -1.22967 | -0.77292 | 1.50315  |
| N    | -2.41715 | 0.22112  | -0.83726 |
| C    | -2.33057 | 1.65542  | -1.15679 |
| H    | -1.65675 | 1.78364  | -2.00784 |
| H    | -3.32653 | 2.04677  | -1.41321 |
| H    | -1.92797 | 2.21074  | -0.30419 |
| C    | -2.95062 | -0.50526 | -1.99951 |
| H    | -3.971   | -0.16254 | -2.22843 |
| H    | -2.296   | -0.33015 | -2.85508 |
| H    | -2.97093 | -1.5793  | -1.78842 |
| C    | -1.61028 | -2.19907 | 1.53523  |
| H    | -0.70293 | -2.80819 | 1.55732  |
| H    | -2.20557 | -2.41829 | 2.43403  |
| H    | -2.18866 | -2.47607 | 0.64909  |
| C    | -0.31967 | -0.50976 | 2.62812  |
| H    | -0.80168 | -0.77996 | 3.57908  |
| H    | 0.59087  | -1.10142 | 2.50307  |
| H    | -0.06198 | 0.55113  | 2.65426  |
| C    | -2.41579 | 0.10516  | 1.60716  |
| H    | -2.04885 | 1.13166  | 1.7366   |
| H    | -3.00554 | -0.15244 | 2.5007   |
| C    | -3.25754 | -0.00493 | 0.35807  |
| H    | -3.706   | -1.00172 | 0.28238  |
| H    | -4.08961 | 0.71356  | 0.38684  |
| O    | 0.01241  | -0.36086 | -2.14586 |
| H    | 0.95714  | -0.54138 | -2.20146 |
| O    | 0.56748  | 1.74835  | 0.18025  |
| C    | 1.04965  | 2.42601  | 1.35202  |
| C    | 1.8335   | 3.63724  | 0.86287  |
| H    | 1.69461  | 1.73199  | 1.91249  |

|   |         |          |          |
|---|---------|----------|----------|
| H | 0.19905 | 2.70017  | 1.99154  |
| C | 2.24613 | 3.20564  | -0.53958 |
| H | 2.67437 | 3.87828  | 1.51891  |
| H | 1.18304 | 4.51865  | 0.80695  |
| C | 1.00197 | 2.47085  | -0.98535 |
| H | 3.10414 | 2.52096  | -0.49876 |
| H | 2.50339 | 4.04176  | -1.19574 |
| H | 1.13023 | 1.7425   | -1.79195 |
| H | 0.21726 | 3.1851   | -1.28546 |
| O | 1.29132 | -1.45602 | 0.18723  |
| C | 1.51062 | -2.76294 | -0.40573 |
| C | 2.54381 | -0.73615 | 0.26635  |
| C | 3.61061 | -1.78559 | 0.03746  |
| H | 2.5892  | -0.24621 | 1.24569  |
| H | 2.5556  | 0.03861  | -0.51406 |
| C | 2.92214 | -2.71797 | -0.95358 |
| H | 3.83312 | -2.31653 | 0.97107  |
| H | 4.53983 | -1.35352 | -0.34293 |
| H | 3.3762  | -3.7107  | -1.00804 |
| H | 2.93352 | -2.28272 | -1.96145 |
| H | 0.73456 | -2.92752 | -1.16112 |
| H | 1.40791 | -3.51443 | 0.38873  |

Zero-point correction = 0.476394 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.501707

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.502651

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.421552

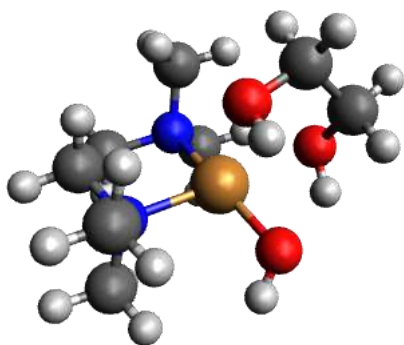
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Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1084.688507

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1084.687563

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1084.768662

## 2-EG



| Atom | x (Å)    | y (Å)    | z (Å)    |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cu   | 0.10329  | -0.24441 | -0.43923 |
| N    | -0.46902 | 1.65684  | -0.01012 |
| N    | -1.75115 | -0.85279 | 0.21828  |
| C    | -2.63713 | -1.13808 | -0.9238  |
| H    | -2.25985 | -2.00998 | -1.46412 |
| H    | -3.65496 | -1.35722 | -0.56988 |
| H    | -2.67253 | -0.29178 | -1.61525 |
| C    | -1.64016 | -2.05299 | 1.0637   |
| H    | -2.6318  | -2.35256 | 1.4329   |
| H    | -1.21068 | -2.86868 | 0.47584  |
| H    | -0.98883 | -1.84364 | 1.91678  |
| C    | 0.25964  | 2.21259  | 1.14425  |
| H    | 1.322    | 2.28045  | 0.8966   |
| H    | -0.11283 | 3.22005  | 1.37734  |
| H    | 0.13774  | 1.57016  | 2.02123  |
| C    | -0.22485 | 2.50706  | -1.19234 |
| H    | -0.60634 | 3.52345  | -1.01888 |
| H    | 0.84937  | 2.55228  | -1.38802 |
| H    | -0.729   | 2.07944  | -2.06514 |
| C    | -1.92447 | 1.58471  | 0.27986  |
| H    | -2.4626  | 1.62727  | -0.67368 |
| H    | -2.24035 | 2.45945  | 0.86522  |
| C    | -2.23598 | 0.30034  | 1.00968  |
| H    | -1.72302 | 0.27443  | 1.97928  |
| H    | -3.31471 | 0.2066   | 1.2058   |
| O    | 0.66446  | -1.75971 | -1.35714 |
| H    | -0.02709 | -2.09615 | -1.93529 |
| O    | 2.17666  | 0.29902  | -1.00625 |
| C    | 3.14263  | -0.32219 | -0.14742 |
| C    | 2.66702  | -0.31155 | 1.2855   |
| H    | 4.09573  | 0.21439  | -0.22517 |
| H    | 3.30535  | -1.35582 | -0.4795  |

|   |         |          |         |
|---|---------|----------|---------|
| O | 1.36766 | -0.88223 | 1.41261 |
| H | 2.58516 | 0.71221  | 1.66415 |
| H | 3.39332 | -0.83944 | 1.91634 |
| H | 1.96377 | -0.36929 | -1.6893 |
| H | 1.41742 | -1.81217 | 1.14289 |

Zero-point correction = 0.328076 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.346939

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.347883

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.282541

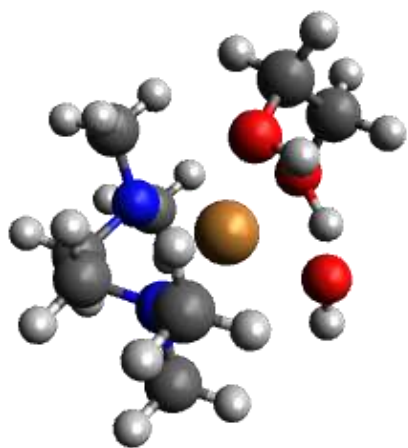
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Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -850.374657

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -850.373713

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -850.439056

### 3-TS-EG



| Atom | x (Å)    | y (Å)    | z (Å)    |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cu   | 0.14821  | -0.23516 | -0.34455 |
| N    | -0.58184 | 1.65596  | -0.06406 |
| N    | -1.65796 | -0.93035 | 0.24106  |
| C    | -2.43955 | -1.35444 | -0.93582 |
| H    | -1.94788 | -2.2129  | -1.3996  |
| H    | -3.45442 | -1.64542 | -0.62993 |
| H    | -2.50433 | -0.54994 | -1.67359 |
| C    | -1.49836 | -2.07325 | 1.1568   |
| H    | -2.4823  | -2.44475 | 1.4764   |
| H    | -0.96157 | -2.87437 | 0.64018  |
| H    | -0.92878 | -1.76365 | 2.03727  |
| C    | 0.04303  | 2.32704  | 1.08889  |
| H    | 1.1123   | 2.44794  | 0.89542  |
| H    | -0.40191 | 3.32168  | 1.23464  |
| H    | -0.0913  | 1.73675  | 2.00023  |
| C    | -0.32523 | 2.44512  | -1.28379 |
| H    | -0.77456 | 3.44464  | -1.19549 |
| H    | 0.75388  | 2.53995  | -1.42758 |
| H    | -0.75352 | 1.93375  | -2.15177 |
| C    | -2.04042 | 1.48404  | 0.15463  |
| H    | -2.52737 | 1.43865  | -0.82587 |
| H    | -2.45432 | 2.35764  | 0.67742  |
| C    | -2.29176 | 0.21529  | 0.93516  |
| H    | -1.84429 | 0.2831   | 1.93465  |
| H    | -3.36849 | 0.03469  | 1.06773  |
| O    | 0.82023  | -1.76832 | -1.40398 |
| H    | 0.34141  | -1.87219 | -2.2345  |
| O    | 2.0273   | 0.18741  | -1.05655 |
| C    | 3.0771   | -0.1626  | -0.17099 |
| C    | 2.65259  | -0.05936 | 1.27724  |

|   |         |          |          |
|---|---------|----------|----------|
| H | 3.94534 | 0.48862  | -0.34044 |
| H | 3.39997 | -1.19743 | -0.37664 |
| O | 1.41874 | -0.7524  | 1.49571  |
| H | 2.46016 | 0.98072  | 1.55897  |
| H | 3.4368  | -0.44568 | 1.93956  |
| H | 1.64557 | -0.8228  | -1.48704 |
| H | 1.58564 | -1.70314 | 1.41862  |

Zero-point correction = 0.324642 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.342402

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.343346

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.280089

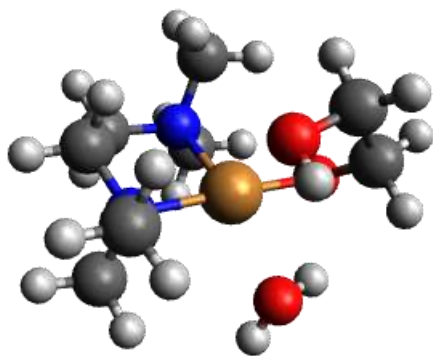
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Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -850.373923

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -850.372979

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -850.436236

## 4-EG



| Atom | x (Å)    | y (Å)    | z (Å)    |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cu   | 0.23361  | -0.18023 | -0.30381 |
| N    | -0.71443 | 1.65377  | -0.03319 |
| N    | -1.52895 | -1.02767 | 0.24527  |
| C    | -2.31826 | -1.387   | -0.94863 |
| H    | -1.86149 | -2.25309 | -1.43369 |
| H    | -3.34618 | -1.65081 | -0.66128 |
| H    | -2.34806 | -0.56172 | -1.66582 |
| C    | -1.34483 | -2.23075 | 1.0759   |
| H    | -2.3198  | -2.65288 | 1.35849  |
| H    | -0.78476 | -2.98111 | 0.50864  |
| H    | -0.78802 | -1.97307 | 1.98024  |
| C    | -0.04282 | 2.34494  | 1.07934  |
| H    | 1.01287  | 2.47365  | 0.82611  |
| H    | -0.50261 | 3.32999  | 1.2485   |
| H    | -0.12006 | 1.75558  | 1.99915  |
| C    | -0.60423 | 2.46687  | -1.25356 |
| H    | -1.1012  | 3.43885  | -1.1172  |
| H    | 0.45431  | 2.62223  | -1.47608 |
| H    | -1.06997 | 1.9402   | -2.09292 |
| C    | -2.12456 | 1.35333  | 0.29903  |
| H    | -2.69841 | 1.31383  | -0.6335  |
| H    | -2.5601  | 2.16023  | 0.9058   |
| C    | -2.20205 | 0.03308  | 1.03206  |
| H    | -1.68495 | 0.09904  | 1.9982   |
| H    | -3.24672 | -0.24719 | 1.23512  |
| O    | 0.85686  | -1.70246 | -1.71035 |
| H    | 0.30925  | -1.8643  | -2.48873 |
| O    | 1.86458  | 0.58855  | -0.87291 |
| C    | 2.96355  | 0.07541  | -0.18451 |
| C    | 2.65426  | -0.13652 | 1.28136  |
| H    | 3.82588  | 0.75912  | -0.26718 |
| H    | 3.30544  | -0.89751 | -0.60017 |

|   |         |          |          |
|---|---------|----------|----------|
| O | 1.4601  | -0.93542 | 1.40664  |
| H | 2.42116 | 0.81424  | 1.77344  |
| H | 3.48409 | -0.61164 | 1.81799  |
| H | 1.51727 | -1.03445 | -1.98317 |
| H | 1.69226 | -1.85659 | 1.22106  |

Zero-point correction = 0.327130 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.346063

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.347007

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.281398

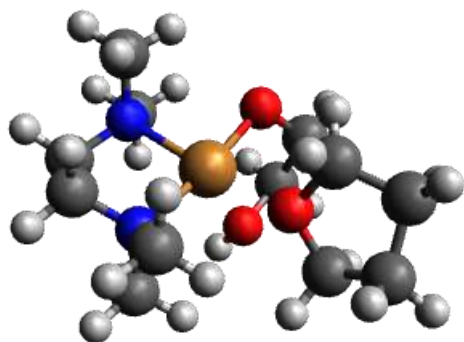
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -850.398378

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -850.379444

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -850.378500

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -850.444110

# 5-EG



| Atom | x (Å)    | y (Å)    | z (Å)    |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cu   | 0.32679  | -0.14028 | 0.13658  |
| N    | 2.36701  | -0.3272  | 0.50743  |
| N    | 0.77005  | 1.81142  | -0.3962  |
| C    | 0.73973  | 1.91481  | -1.866   |
| H    | -0.26441 | 1.67728  | -2.22875 |
| H    | 1.00421  | 2.93365  | -2.18555 |
| H    | 1.44412  | 1.20899  | -2.31564 |
| C    | -0.15317 | 2.80514  | 0.17969  |
| H    | 0.18372  | 3.82311  | -0.06516 |
| H    | -1.16013 | 2.65287  | -0.21555 |
| H    | -0.18271 | 2.68866  | 1.26783  |
| C    | 2.52196  | -0.3712  | 1.971    |
| H    | 1.96291  | -1.22795 | 2.3547   |
| H    | 3.58458  | -0.47023 | 2.23965  |
| H    | 2.12387  | 0.53965  | 2.42863  |
| C    | 2.91493  | -1.55746 | -0.07782 |
| H    | 3.99165  | -1.63768 | 0.13536  |
| H    | 2.38376  | -2.41167 | 0.34801  |
| H    | 2.7646   | -1.54566 | -1.16261 |
| C    | 3.01587  | 0.86229  | -0.07561 |
| H    | 3.17984  | 0.66656  | -1.14211 |
| H    | 4.00631  | 1.02543  | 0.37638  |
| C    | 2.13635  | 2.07425  | 0.11563  |
| H    | 2.0486   | 2.31983  | 1.1807   |
| H    | 2.56668  | 2.95514  | -0.38451 |
| O    | 0.01535  | -1.83405 | 0.8786   |
| C    | -0.79599 | -2.59829 | 0.05767  |
| C    | -0.27488 | -2.64783 | -1.3668  |
| H    | -1.84335 | -2.22998 | 0.0332   |
| H    | -0.84847 | -3.63855 | 0.42609  |
| O    | -0.12764 | -1.29232 | -1.81155 |
| H    | -0.97121 | -3.189   | -2.02296 |

|   |          |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| H | 0.70051  | -3.1557  | -1.38969 |
| H | 0.40507  | -1.27592 | -2.61419 |
| O | -1.73085 | 0.32388  | 0.1906   |
| C | -2.69825 | 0.36693  | -0.8745  |
| C | -3.97912 | 0.79453  | -0.19112 |
| H | -2.78347 | -0.63118 | -1.32764 |
| H | -2.33749 | 1.06633  | -1.63754 |
| C | -3.86906 | 0.06564  | 1.14418  |
| H | -4.86957 | 0.52506  | -0.76519 |
| H | -3.98111 | 1.88178  | -0.03651 |
| C | -2.39405 | 0.21656  | 1.47089  |
| H | -4.12863 | -0.9933  | 1.01996  |
| H | -4.51085 | 0.48375  | 1.92405  |
| H | -1.9574  | -0.635   | 2.00359  |
| H | -2.18862 | 1.14003  | 2.03154  |

Zero-point correction = 0.419816 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.442307

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.443252

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.368589

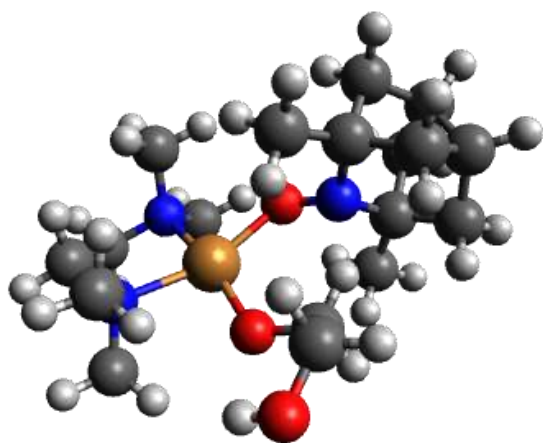
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Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1006.185415

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1006.184471

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1006.259134

## 6-EG



| Atom | x (Å)    | y (Å)    | z (Å)    |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cu   | 1.2763   | -0.12947 | -0.23676 |
| N    | 3.26743  | 0.39842  | 0.28254  |
| N    | 1.94266  | -2.07189 | -0.09519 |
| C    | 1.51572  | -2.66785 | 1.18044  |
| H    | 0.42232  | -2.67616 | 1.22169  |
| H    | 1.88588  | -3.7004  | 1.26402  |
| H    | 1.89227  | -2.08423 | 2.02631  |
| C    | 1.40689  | -2.87383 | -1.20571 |
| H    | 1.80156  | -3.90011 | -1.16729 |
| H    | 0.31547  | -2.90938 | -1.12973 |
| H    | 1.68572  | -2.41569 | -2.16025 |
| C    | 3.92096  | 1.02518  | -0.87202 |
| H    | 3.3189   | 1.8751   | -1.20389 |
| H    | 4.93186  | 1.36906  | -0.60407 |
| H    | 3.99703  | 0.31277  | -1.69946 |
| C    | 3.21377  | 1.34251  | 1.40413  |
| H    | 4.22602  | 1.62163  | 1.73566  |
| H    | 2.67688  | 2.24147  | 1.08794  |
| H    | 2.67416  | 0.88897  | 2.24375  |
| C    | 3.93853  | -0.85768 | 0.66507  |
| H    | 3.73597  | -1.04577 | 1.72579  |
| H    | 5.03053  | -0.7665  | 0.56199  |
| C    | 3.41832  | -1.99424 | -0.18535 |
| H    | 3.67531  | -1.83179 | -1.23941 |
| H    | 3.86958  | -2.95213 | 0.11557  |
| O    | 0.96461  | 1.60515  | -0.80139 |
| C    | -3.64579 | 0.65007  | -1.12092 |
| C    | -4.23855 | 0.37316  | 0.26427  |
| C    | -3.28162 | 1.00893  | 1.2776   |
| C    | -3.36785 | -1.65555 | -0.82487 |

|   |          |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| C | -3.00384 | -1.29369 | 1.59006  |
| C | -4.04627 | -1.18586 | 0.46907  |
| C | -1.80385 | -0.48179 | -2.51323 |
| H | -5.2721  | 0.711    | 0.37122  |
| H | -4.97373 | -1.72004 | 0.68933  |
| H | -3.27851 | 1.67678  | -1.24106 |
| H | -4.36041 | 0.4579   | -1.93055 |
| H | -3.72152 | 1.08933  | 2.2791   |
| H | -2.93974 | 2.00991  | 0.98614  |
| H | -4.08284 | -1.86006 | -1.63181 |
| H | -2.73915 | -2.54563 | -0.69187 |
| H | -2.40609 | -2.21292 | 1.54373  |
| H | -3.44514 | -1.22385 | 2.5924   |
| N | -1.5951  | -0.19941 | -0.05117 |
| O | -0.51765 | -0.87679 | -0.11799 |
| C | -2.55599 | -0.4108  | -1.20887 |
| C | -2.16877 | -0.02909 | 1.3455   |
| C | -1.06645 | 0.24725  | 2.33569  |
| H | -2.53134 | -0.60081 | -3.32352 |
| H | -1.11529 | -1.33173 | -2.54326 |
| H | -1.23506 | 0.43648  | -2.69973 |
| H | -0.49269 | 1.1412   | 2.05743  |
| H | -0.3761  | -0.5969  | 2.43196  |
| H | -1.51823 | 0.43027  | 3.31656  |
| C | -0.23519 | 2.24423  | -0.76943 |
| C | -0.17444 | 3.45552  | 0.14369  |
| H | -1.0539  | 1.56129  | -0.39465 |
| H | -0.57074 | 2.53958  | -1.78474 |
| O | 0.83176  | 4.34613  | -0.27632 |
| H | 0.00626  | 3.10918  | 1.18006  |
| H | -1.12904 | 3.99814  | 0.13492  |
| H | 1.595    | 3.7942   | -0.49252 |

Zero-point correction = 0.550416 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.577970

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.578914

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.495397

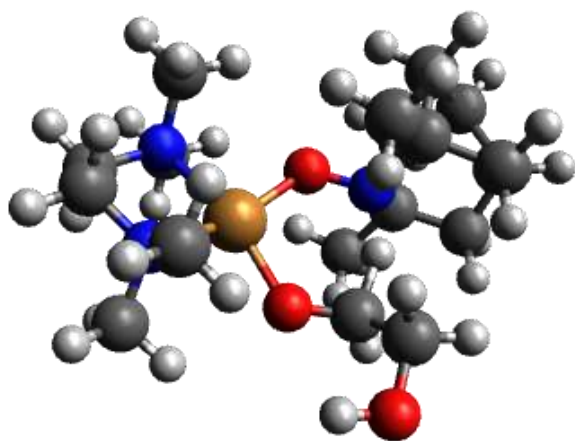
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Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1294.003649

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1294.002705

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1294.086221

## 7-TS-EG



| Atom | x (Å)    | y (Å)    | z (Å)    |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cu   | 1.31747  | -0.07649 | -0.22882 |
| N    | 3.25113  | 0.61391  | 0.292    |
| N    | 2.15815  | -1.98604 | -0.11492 |
| C    | 1.76551  | -2.6175  | 1.15193  |
| H    | 0.67539  | -2.71259 | 1.17948  |
| H    | 2.21982  | -3.61619 | 1.24652  |
| H    | 2.07679  | -2.004   | 2.00367  |
| C    | 1.70245  | -2.81911 | -1.23418 |
| H    | 2.17454  | -3.81381 | -1.20412 |
| H    | 0.61569  | -2.93781 | -1.1717  |
| H    | 1.95216  | -2.33259 | -2.18311 |
| C    | 3.84432  | 1.29011  | -0.86654 |
| H    | 3.18548  | 2.10482  | -1.18066 |
| H    | 4.83595  | 1.69772  | -0.61416 |
| H    | 3.9518   | 0.59171  | -1.70262 |
| C    | 3.13781  | 1.55439  | 1.41137  |
| H    | 4.12741  | 1.92278  | 1.72552  |
| H    | 2.52062  | 2.40406  | 1.10156  |
| H    | 2.65383  | 1.0602   | 2.2618   |
| C    | 4.02215  | -0.58449 | 0.671    |
| H    | 3.82607  | -0.79346 | 1.72943  |
| H    | 5.10401  | -0.39982 | 0.57984  |
| C    | 3.61601  | -1.76807 | -0.18355 |
| H    | 3.87289  | -1.58398 | -1.23446 |
| H    | 4.15958  | -2.67437 | 0.1286   |
| O    | 0.80644  | 1.66393  | -0.77283 |
| C    | -3.6748  | 0.42142  | -1.10627 |
| C    | -4.22193 | 0.11462  | 0.29258  |
| C    | -3.31285 | 0.84679  | 1.28561  |
| C    | -3.18836 | -1.84477 | -0.7767  |

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|---|----------|----------|----------|
| C | -2.82315 | -1.41596 | 1.61698  |
| C | -3.89059 | -1.41704 | 0.51678  |
| C | -1.77268 | -0.60328 | -2.51671 |
| H | -5.27966 | 0.36243  | 0.40894  |
| H | -4.76397 | -2.02705 | 0.75973  |
| H | -3.40077 | 1.47509  | -1.24507 |
| H | -4.38326 | 0.16196  | -1.90246 |
| H | -3.74662 | 0.90453  | 2.29134  |
| H | -3.06888 | 1.8711   | 0.97778  |
| H | -3.89249 | -2.12646 | -1.56973 |
| H | -2.48306 | -2.67394 | -0.64018 |
| H | -2.14658 | -2.27802 | 1.57169  |
| H | -3.25146 | -1.37453 | 2.62646  |
| N | -1.52016 | -0.19287 | -0.06489 |
| O | -0.44008 | -0.90784 | -0.10382 |
| C | -2.50345 | -0.54662 | -1.19902 |
| C | -2.11419 | -0.08889 | 1.35367  |
| C | -1.02802 | 0.2748   | 2.33312  |
| H | -2.50177 | -0.83423 | -3.30118 |
| H | -1.00728 | -1.3851  | -2.51758 |
| H | -1.29773 | 0.34986  | -2.77277 |
| H | -0.52236 | 1.20843  | 2.05754  |
| H | -0.27675 | -0.51721 | 2.41775  |
| H | -1.4838  | 0.4207   | 3.31851  |
| C | -0.42993 | 2.09675  | -0.79638 |
| C | -0.69753 | 3.29671  | 0.09543  |
| H | -1.16027 | 1.12556  | -0.3718  |
| H | -0.87179 | 2.209    | -1.80807 |
| O | -0.01576 | 4.42359  | -0.40199 |
| H | -0.39135 | 3.06283  | 1.13028  |
| H | -1.766   | 3.54718  | 0.10152  |
| H | 0.92386  | 4.20161  | -0.41347 |

Zero-point correction = 0.546197 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.573559

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.574503

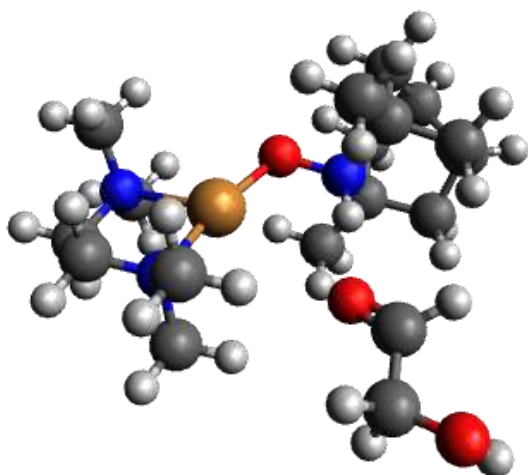
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Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1294.030772

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1294.003411

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1294.002467

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1294.085532



| Atom | x (Å)    | y (Å)    | z (Å)    |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cu   | 1.3566   | -0.3181  | 0.22758  |
| N    | 2.72978  | 1.11399  | 0.25268  |
| N    | 3.11171  | -1.72129 | -0.21507 |
| C    | 3.32107  | -2.5476  | 0.96861  |
| H    | 2.43286  | -3.16583 | 1.14201  |
| H    | 4.19814  | -3.21003 | 0.85553  |
| H    | 3.47158  | -1.92142 | 1.85485  |
| C    | 2.87787  | -2.5559  | -1.38611 |
| H    | 3.75132  | -3.18636 | -1.63138 |
| H    | 2.01924  | -3.21104 | -1.19854 |
| H    | 2.64497  | -1.92441 | -2.25204 |
| C    | 2.68461  | 1.82999  | -1.03536 |
| H    | 1.70592  | 2.30859  | -1.13948 |
| H    | 3.47671  | 2.59503  | -1.08111 |
| H    | 2.81392  | 1.13151  | -1.86794 |
| C    | 2.48712  | 2.07343  | 1.34215  |
| H    | 3.25921  | 2.85987  | 1.35288  |
| H    | 1.50515  | 2.53562  | 1.20273  |
| H    | 2.49448  | 1.55015  | 2.30334  |
| C    | 4.04303  | 0.45771  | 0.45094  |
| H    | 4.10916  | 0.17889  | 1.51037  |
| H    | 4.85501  | 1.17703  | 0.25309  |
| C    | 4.20548  | -0.77169 | -0.42498 |
| H    | 4.20875  | -0.48048 | -1.48283 |
| H    | 5.18914  | -1.23308 | -0.22597 |
| O    | -0.70527 | 2.13992  | -0.39823 |
| C    | -3.35185 | -0.36586 | -1.40299 |
| C    | -4.13027 | -0.83221 | -0.17007 |
| C    | -3.58893 | -0.01228 | 1.00388  |

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|---|----------|----------|----------|
| C | -2.56315 | -2.53477 | -1.01406 |
| C | -2.80421 | -2.17916 | 1.41009  |
| C | -3.59346 | -2.29752 | 0.09877  |
| C | -1.0458  | -0.93471 | -2.36082 |
| H | -5.215   | -0.76845 | -0.28598 |
| H | -4.37958 | -3.05604 | 0.13207  |
| H | -3.22723 | 0.72404  | -1.45514 |
| H | -3.81074 | -0.68798 | -2.34585 |
| H | -4.22971 | -0.05963 | 1.89289  |
| H | -3.44311 | 1.04981  | 0.7627   |
| H | -3.02098 | -2.88283 | -1.9484  |
| H | -1.77805 | -3.24551 | -0.73565 |
| H | -2.00087 | -2.91736 | 1.50235  |
| H | -3.44334 | -2.25938 | 2.29822  |
| N | -1.39207 | -0.65722 | 0.07715  |
| O | -0.21368 | -1.34774 | 0.29017  |
| C | -2.04121 | -1.12628 | -1.24361 |
| C | -2.29553 | -0.7501  | 1.32471  |
| C | -1.52965 | -0.21801 | 2.51     |
| H | -1.5356  | -1.1733  | -3.31172 |
| H | -0.17576 | -1.58626 | -2.24077 |
| H | -0.70069 | 0.10741  | -2.41047 |
| H | -1.17856 | 0.80754  | 2.32728  |
| H | -0.66606 | -0.84507 | 2.74581  |
| H | -2.19712 | -0.19491 | 3.37882  |
| C | -1.28008 | 3.18156  | -0.14504 |
| C | -0.70107 | 4.53263  | -0.4572  |
| H | -1.18747 | 0.35092  | -0.05049 |
| H | -2.27611 | 3.19732  | 0.35249  |
| O | -1.57769 | 5.579    | -0.16703 |
| H | -0.33978 | 4.52275  | -1.49789 |
| H | 0.1939   | 4.64946  | 0.173    |
| H | -2.20167 | 5.67528  | -0.89458 |

Zero-point correction = 0.550070 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.579463

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.580407

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.489644

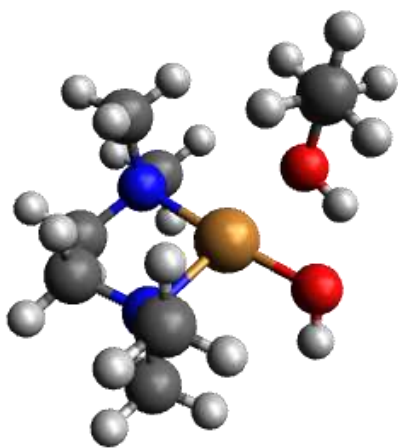
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Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1294.042844

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1294.041900

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1294.132663

## 2-EtOH



| Atom | x (Å)    | y (Å)    | z (Å)    |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cu   | 0.11592  | -0.36215 | -0.39359 |
| N    | -0.17011 | 1.60655  | -0.04775 |
| N    | -1.80199 | -0.65689 | 0.27313  |
| C    | -2.66905 | -1.05108 | -0.85187 |
| H    | -2.3039  | -1.98425 | -1.28711 |
| H    | -3.69821 | -1.2044  | -0.4975  |
| H    | -2.66936 | -0.27969 | -1.62703 |
| C    | -1.79838 | -1.71405 | 1.30006  |
| H    | -2.80615 | -1.83936 | 1.72123  |
| H    | -1.46673 | -2.6508  | 0.84736  |
| H    | -1.1018  | -1.44612 | 2.10171  |
| C    | 0.47436  | 2.02221  | 1.21343  |
| H    | 1.55593  | 1.88655  | 1.13179  |
| H    | 0.2658   | 3.0825   | 1.41388  |
| H    | 0.11077  | 1.42333  | 2.05337  |
| C    | 0.36648  | 2.41369  | -1.16075 |
| H    | 0.12366  | 3.4752   | -1.0114  |
| H    | 1.45142  | 2.29346  | -1.20789 |
| H    | -0.06886 | 2.07333  | -2.10505 |
| C    | -1.64256 | 1.77085  | 0.03746  |
| H    | -2.0366  | 1.76485  | -0.98582 |
| H    | -1.89173 | 2.74726  | 0.4774   |
| C    | -2.23514 | 0.64043  | 0.84486  |
| H    | -1.89258 | 0.68311  | 1.88465  |
| H    | -3.33228 | 0.70225  | 0.86524  |
| O    | 0.51969  | -2.10387 | -0.88023 |
| H    | -0.12763 | -2.46926 | -1.49137 |
| O    | 2.16546  | -0.19894 | -0.86089 |
| C    | 3.18554  | -0.12862 | 0.14925  |
| C    | 2.83659  | -0.9347  | 1.3765   |

|   |         |          |          |
|---|---------|----------|----------|
| H | 3.30974 | 0.93557  | 0.38144  |
| H | 4.12814 | -0.47001 | -0.29549 |
| H | 1.90334 | -0.58005 | 1.83686  |
| H | 3.62947 | -0.84925 | 2.12636  |
| H | 2.71386 | -1.99486 | 1.12918  |
| H | 2.05833 | -1.13445 | -1.15016 |

Zero-point correction = 0.321738 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.339997

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.340941

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.276440

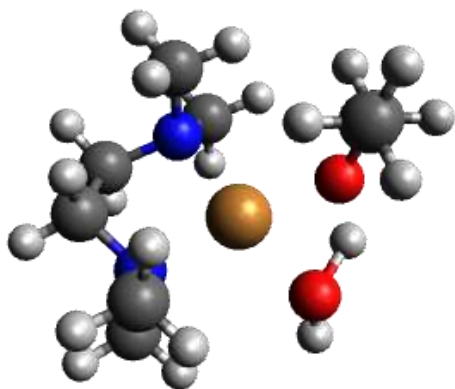
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Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -775.186013

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -775.185069

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -775.249570

### 3-TS-EtOH



| Atom | x (Å)    | y (Å)    | z (Å)    |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cu   | 0.15327  | -0.32676 | -0.33302 |
| N    | -0.26947 | 1.62677  | -0.05778 |
| N    | -1.73828 | -0.73786 | 0.25088  |
| C    | -2.50992 | -1.21981 | -0.91085 |
| H    | -2.04287 | -2.12536 | -1.30619 |
| H    | -3.5404  | -1.45267 | -0.608   |
| H    | -2.53192 | -0.46159 | -1.69884 |
| C    | -1.71113 | -1.77511 | 1.29914  |
| H    | -2.727   | -1.96542 | 1.67298  |
| H    | -1.29513 | -2.69508 | 0.88211  |
| H    | -1.07736 | -1.44423 | 2.12901  |
| C    | 0.31211  | 2.10725  | 1.21102  |
| H    | 1.40212  | 2.03881  | 1.15921  |
| H    | 0.03026  | 3.15578  | 1.38102  |
| H    | -0.03533 | 1.50351  | 2.05434  |
| C    | 0.26263  | 2.4248   | -1.1783  |
| H    | -0.02483 | 3.47917  | -1.06237 |
| H    | 1.35204  | 2.34195  | -1.19518 |
| H    | -0.13508 | 2.04306  | -2.12323 |
| C    | -1.75203 | 1.69375  | -0.02588 |
| H    | -2.10784 | 1.65163  | -1.06213 |
| H    | -2.0803  | 2.65568  | 0.39314  |
| C    | -2.29748 | 0.53347  | 0.77424  |
| H    | -2.01151 | 0.61843  | 1.82849  |
| H    | -3.39547 | 0.51089  | 0.73937  |
| O    | 0.77608  | -2.14979 | -0.74818 |
| H    | 0.43507  | -2.48604 | -1.58616 |
| O    | 2.05666  | -0.24105 | -0.8836  |
| C    | 3.06763  | 0.02258  | 0.0734   |
| C    | 2.86796  | -0.73224 | 1.3711   |
| H    | 3.10774  | 1.10806  | 0.25733  |

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|---|---------|----------|----------|
| H | 4.03691 | -0.24639 | -0.372   |
| H | 1.90886 | -0.47163 | 1.84495  |
| H | 3.66263 | -0.49494 | 2.08614  |
| H | 2.87491 | -1.81478 | 1.20084  |
| H | 1.70314 | -1.39678 | -0.93792 |

Zero-point correction = 0.318325 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.335412

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.336357

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.274814

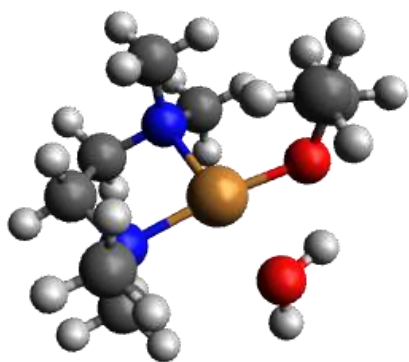
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Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -775.184185

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -775.183241

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -775.244784

# 4-EtOH



| Atom | x (Å)    | y (Å)    | z (Å)    |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cu   | 0.17142  | -0.35979 | -0.31388 |
| N    | -0.12465 | 1.65156  | -0.08887 |
| N    | -1.76153 | -0.61054 | 0.26032  |
| C    | -2.57554 | -1.07498 | -0.88011 |
| H    | -2.20207 | -2.03951 | -1.23205 |
| H    | -3.62349 | -1.19531 | -0.57137 |
| H    | -2.52718 | -0.35809 | -1.70466 |
| C    | -1.83765 | -1.59434 | 1.35769  |
| H    | -2.86666 | -1.66269 | 1.73806  |
| H    | -1.52178 | -2.57395 | 0.99196  |
| H    | -1.17213 | -1.28904 | 2.17261  |
| C    | 0.43773  | 2.12597  | 1.18953  |
| H    | 1.52398  | 2.00833  | 1.17504  |
| H    | 0.19682  | 3.18889  | 1.33359  |
| H    | 0.03787  | 1.5528   | 2.03088  |
| C    | 0.4888   | 2.39072  | -1.20593 |
| H    | 0.26868  | 3.46395  | -1.11446 |
| H    | 1.56941  | 2.23258  | -1.19297 |
| H    | 0.09124  | 2.01872  | -2.1546  |
| C    | -1.59878 | 1.80421  | -0.10891 |
| H    | -1.92584 | 1.73431  | -1.15327 |
| H    | -1.88247 | 2.80205  | 0.25649  |
| C    | -2.23392 | 0.71785  | 0.72567  |
| H    | -1.95489 | 0.82574  | 1.7796   |
| H    | -3.33033 | 0.77103  | 0.67705  |
| O    | 0.48958  | -2.41383 | -0.67583 |
| H    | 0.09775  | -2.80273 | -1.46877 |
| O    | 1.96176  | -0.36643 | -0.87426 |
| C    | 2.97627  | -0.05768 | 0.03395  |
| C    | 2.84969  | -0.79861 | 1.35328  |
| H    | 3.03341  | 1.03342  | 0.2241   |
| H    | 3.94269  | -0.31535 | -0.43261 |

|   |         |          |          |
|---|---------|----------|----------|
| H | 1.90403 | -0.54919 | 1.86075  |
| H | 3.66686 | -0.54597 | 2.03863  |
| H | 2.86449 | -1.88337 | 1.18948  |
| H | 1.3915  | -2.10673 | -0.93146 |

Zero-point correction = 0.321380 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.339473

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.340417

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.276427

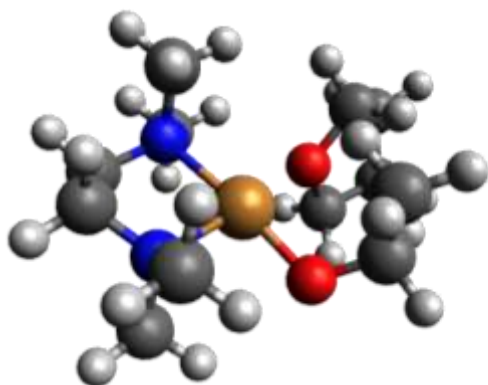
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -775.204441

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -775.186348

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -775.185404

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -775.249395

# 5-EtOH



| Atom | x (Å)    | y (Å)    | z (Å)    |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cu   | 0.33366  | 0.16819  | -0.14422 |
| N    | 2.38207  | 0.47324  | -0.26689 |
| N    | 0.81238  | -1.77653 | 0.30062  |
| C    | 0.71375  | -1.9095  | 1.76696  |
| H    | -0.33131 | -1.80396 | 2.07075  |
| H    | 1.07826  | -2.8954  | 2.09068  |
| H    | 1.29512  | -1.13101 | 2.27095  |
| C    | -0.04729 | -2.78578 | -0.34165 |
| H    | 0.29348  | -3.79812 | -0.08077 |
| H    | -1.0806  | -2.65517 | -0.00994 |
| H    | -0.00532 | -2.66323 | -1.42855 |
| C    | 2.65546  | 0.72234  | -1.69337 |
| H    | 2.07244  | 1.58893  | -2.01397 |
| H    | 3.72732  | 0.91813  | -1.84444 |
| H    | 2.36487  | -0.14346 | -2.29673 |
| C    | 2.80259  | 1.6367   | 0.52781  |
| H    | 3.88814  | 1.78841  | 0.43527  |
| H    | 2.26458  | 2.51549  | 0.16656  |
| H    | 2.54945  | 1.4724   | 1.58084  |
| C    | 3.04554  | -0.75888 | 0.20691  |
| H    | 3.16876  | -0.68232 | 1.29303  |
| H    | 4.05436  | -0.84265 | -0.22308 |
| C    | 2.2098   | -1.9636  | -0.1546  |
| H    | 2.18342  | -2.10387 | -1.24207 |
| H    | 2.63319  | -2.88022 | 0.28337  |
| O    | 0.03279  | 1.92304  | -0.65061 |
| C    | -0.91376 | 2.63444  | 0.07931  |
| C    | -0.6093  | 2.67933  | 1.56866  |
| H    | -1.94004 | 2.23923  | -0.06707 |
| H    | -0.94125 | 3.66906  | -0.30739 |
| O    | -1.69848 | -0.2932  | -0.09312 |

|   |          |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| C | -2.6485  | -0.30491 | 0.99277  |
| C | -3.93134 | -0.77869 | 0.34697  |
| H | -2.74657 | 0.71185  | 1.40105  |
| H | -2.26284 | -0.96699 | 1.77567  |
| C | -3.86226 | -0.08817 | -1.0116  |
| H | -4.8157  | -0.50714 | 0.92902  |
| H | -3.91433 | -1.86993 | 0.22824  |
| C | -2.39031 | -0.20713 | -1.36555 |
| H | -4.15088 | 0.96581  | -0.91606 |
| H | -4.5044  | -0.54923 | -1.76629 |
| H | -1.98787 | 0.65157  | -1.91371 |
| H | -2.16924 | -1.12837 | -1.92191 |
| H | -1.38247 | 3.22433  | 2.12411  |
| H | 0.35563  | 3.16548  | 1.75492  |
| H | -0.55429 | 1.66036  | 1.98818  |

Zero-point correction = 0.413687 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.435577

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.436521

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.362614

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -931.014344

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -930.992455

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -930.991510

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -931.065418

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| C | -3.95355 | -1.1636  | 0.52555  |
| C | -1.75316 | -0.52382 | -2.50005 |
| H | -5.264   | 0.66826  | 0.33192  |
| H | -4.8556  | -1.72591 | 0.77925  |
| H | -3.31487 | 1.63534  | -1.33551 |
| H | -4.34579 | 0.3373   | -1.95762 |
| H | -3.72709 | 1.2155   | 2.21081  |
| H | -2.99009 | 2.10063  | 0.86669  |
| H | -3.96605 | -1.94988 | -1.5359  |
| H | -2.59031 | -2.52372 | -0.56781 |
| H | -2.26488 | -2.05717 | 1.64289  |
| H | -3.34439 | -1.06254 | 2.64431  |
| N | -1.54836 | -0.09128 | -0.06082 |
| O | -0.44848 | -0.74281 | -0.09022 |
| C | -2.50387 | -0.41417 | -1.19738 |
| C | -2.12796 | 0.12084  | 1.32795  |
| C | -1.03743 | 0.50164  | 2.29655  |
| H | -2.47614 | -0.71887 | -3.29964 |
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| H | -0.50806 | 1.40502  | 1.96687  |
| H | -0.30725 | -0.30258 | 2.43298  |
| H | -1.4941  | 0.71497  | 3.2691   |
| C | -0.29875 | 2.3441   | -0.89638 |
| C | -0.37278 | 3.59733  | -0.04054 |
| H | -1.07247 | 1.60681  | -0.50125 |
| H | -0.66258 | 2.54461  | -1.92573 |
| H | -0.10327 | 3.37343  | 0.99969  |
| H | -1.38095 | 4.02923  | -0.05364 |
| H | 0.32932  | 4.35287  | -0.41225 |

Zero-point correction = 0.544662 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.571247

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.572191

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.490955

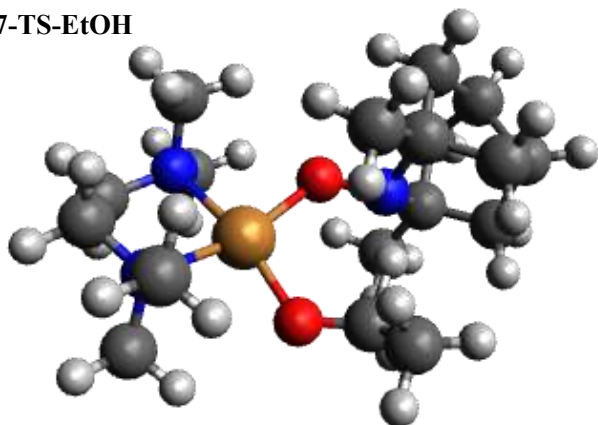
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1218.904212

## 7-TS-EtOH



| Atom | x (Å)    | y (Å)    | z (Å)    |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cu   | 1.31833  | 0.08275  | -0.25418 |
| N    | 3.25837  | 0.80388  | 0.21546  |
| N    | 2.15907  | -1.81197 | 0.00154  |
| C    | 1.76929  | -2.34334 | 1.31431  |
| H    | 0.67855  | -2.42562 | 1.35536  |
| H    | 2.21535  | -3.33635 | 1.4809   |
| H    | 2.09234  | -1.67032 | 2.11504  |
| C    | 1.6975   | -2.72681 | -1.04932 |
| H    | 2.16688  | -3.71767 | -0.94443 |
| H    | 0.61056  | -2.83695 | -0.97501 |
| H    | 1.94602  | -2.31493 | -2.03323 |
| C    | 3.84838  | 1.39472  | -0.98999 |
| H    | 3.18381  | 2.17823  | -1.36458 |
| H    | 4.83721  | 1.82668  | -0.76846 |
| H    | 3.96189  | 0.63556  | -1.77059 |
| C    | 3.14364  | 1.82257  | 1.26386  |
| H    | 4.13272  | 2.21557  | 1.549    |
| H    | 2.52199  | 2.64405  | 0.89382  |
| H    | 2.66338  | 1.3887   | 2.14875  |
| C    | 4.0299   | -0.3639  | 0.67701  |
| H    | 3.83983  | -0.49588 | 1.74877  |
| H    | 5.11167  | -0.18859 | 0.56729  |
| C    | 3.61743  | -1.60495 | -0.08806 |
| H    | 3.87007  | -1.49816 | -1.15067 |
| H    | 4.15899  | -2.48848 | 0.28663  |
| O    | 0.81214  | 1.77325  | -0.92403 |
| C    | -3.66554 | 0.49985  | -1.16026 |
| C    | -4.21544 | 0.28762  | 0.25506  |
| C    | -3.30842 | 1.08567  | 1.19757  |
| C    | -3.17982 | -1.73885 | -0.67847 |
| C    | -2.81731 | -1.1487  | 1.68214  |
| C    | -3.88341 | -1.22534 | 0.58279  |

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| C | -1.75903 | -0.61321 | -2.49388 |
| H | -5.27376 | 0.54152  | 0.3524   |
| H | -4.75686 | -1.81802 | 0.86546  |
| H | -3.39106 | 1.54191  | -1.3684  |
| H | -4.37216 | 0.18644  | -1.93857 |
| H | -3.74343 | 1.20814  | 2.1971   |
| H | -3.0631  | 2.08657  | 0.8226   |
| H | -3.88299 | -2.07312 | -1.45183 |
| H | -2.47423 | -2.55666 | -0.48548 |
| H | -2.14071 | -2.01196 | 1.69589  |
| H | -3.24723 | -1.03923 | 2.68584  |
| N | -1.51584 | -0.04506 | -0.076   |
| O | -0.43235 | -0.75063 | -0.06718 |
| C | -2.49273 | -0.47087 | -1.18412 |
| C | -2.10832 | 0.15809  | 1.32791  |
| C | -1.02334 | 0.59153  | 2.28071  |
| H | -2.4871  | -0.88421 | -3.26643 |
| H | -0.99994 | -1.39977 | -2.44549 |
| H | -1.27425 | 0.31939  | -2.80204 |
| H | -0.52022 | 1.50447  | 1.93993  |
| H | -0.27014 | -0.1909  | 2.42055  |
| H | -1.48018 | 0.80388  | 3.25355  |
| C | -0.42459 | 2.21916  | -0.95984 |
| C | -0.70811 | 3.46394  | -0.14435 |
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| H | -0.8703  | 2.25957  | -1.97568 |
| H | -0.38494 | 3.34238  | 0.89618  |
| H | -1.7727  | 3.72424  | -0.15871 |
| H | -0.14993 | 4.30867  | -0.56697 |

Zero-point correction = 0.540955 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.567177

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.568121

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.487922

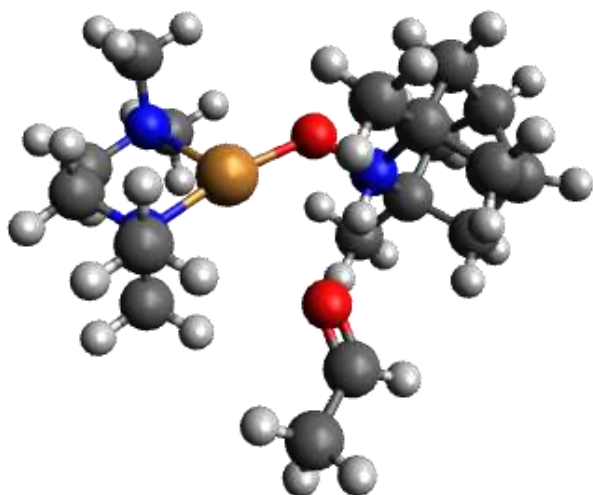
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# 8-EtOH



| Atom | x (Å)    | y (Å)    | z (Å)    |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cu   | 1.26767  | -0.27848 | 0.17348  |
| N    | 2.77644  | 1.00745  | 0.32323  |
| N    | 2.87822  | -1.82336 | -0.2928  |
| C    | 2.96425  | -2.73281 | 0.84461  |
| H    | 2.01116  | -3.26138 | 0.96056  |
| H    | 3.76961  | -3.47764 | 0.7129   |
| H    | 3.15382  | -2.17692 | 1.7694   |
| C    | 2.59134  | -2.56049 | -1.5167  |
| H    | 3.39705  | -3.27026 | -1.77625 |
| H    | 1.65939  | -3.12358 | -1.39    |
| H    | 2.45699  | -1.85966 | -2.34942 |
| C    | 2.85126  | 1.79708  | -0.91849 |
| H    | 1.93126  | 2.38071  | -1.02466 |
| H    | 3.7146   | 2.48194  | -0.89201 |
| H    | 2.94316  | 1.14034  | -1.78897 |
| C    | 2.58923  | 1.92442  | 1.46079  |
| H    | 3.44129  | 2.61844  | 1.54744  |
| H    | 1.66684  | 2.49453  | 1.31104  |
| H    | 2.50251  | 1.34697  | 2.3869   |
| C    | 4.00733  | 0.20784  | 0.51984  |
| H    | 4.00875  | -0.13254 | 1.56324  |
| H    | 4.89627  | 0.84662  | 0.38621  |
| C    | 4.07117  | -0.98426 | -0.41917 |
| H    | 4.13968  | -0.63991 | -1.4587  |
| H    | 4.99429  | -1.55688 | -0.21963 |
| O    | -0.48108 | 2.45187  | 0.00868  |
| C    | -3.47874 | 0.39539  | -1.26073 |
| C    | -4.25213 | -0.10773 | -0.03946 |
| C    | -3.56392 | 0.51386  | 1.17885  |

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|---|----------|----------|----------|
| C | -2.94018 | -1.87774 | -1.14149 |
| C | -3.02942 | -1.76096 | 1.31624  |
| C | -3.88428 | -1.64542 | 0.04663  |
| C | -1.30034 | -0.32376 | -2.39849 |
| H | -5.32529 | 0.09281  | -0.08703 |
| H | -4.75374 | -2.30767 | 0.04635  |
| H | -3.22876 | 1.4636   | -1.20627 |
| H | -4.01345 | 0.23337  | -2.20469 |
| H | -4.16575 | 0.44327  | 2.09327  |
| H | -3.30074 | 1.57117  | 1.03981  |
| H | -3.4774  | -2.06716 | -2.07916 |
| H | -2.23494 | -2.69995 | -0.98201 |
| H | -2.31851 | -2.59329 | 1.28766  |
| H | -3.63413 | -1.86135 | 2.22619  |
| N | -1.50418 | -0.27717 | 0.06753  |
| O | -0.41126 | -1.121   | 0.13921  |
| C | -2.26271 | -0.52213 | -1.25384 |
| C | -2.35637 | -0.39909 | 1.3487   |
| C | -1.48069 | -0.09075 | 2.53725  |
| H | -1.85444 | -0.39284 | -3.34139 |
| H | -0.51114 | -1.08071 | -2.39676 |
| H | -0.83156 | 0.66968  | -2.35334 |
| H | -1.02132 | 0.90302  | 2.44346  |
| H | -0.68718 | -0.83335 | 2.6559   |
| H | -2.10193 | -0.09143 | 3.44009  |
| C | -0.8682  | 3.46514  | -0.54852 |
| C | -0.14942 | 4.76169  | -0.51412 |
| H | -1.18204 | 0.70828  | 0.0309   |
| H | -1.81369 | 3.45078  | -1.13227 |
| H | 0.75194  | 4.70109  | 0.10075  |
| H | -0.81847 | 5.54173  | -0.13232 |
| H | 0.10961  | 5.05693  | -1.53843 |

Zero-point correction = 0.544406 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.572058

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.573002

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.486816

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1218.899191

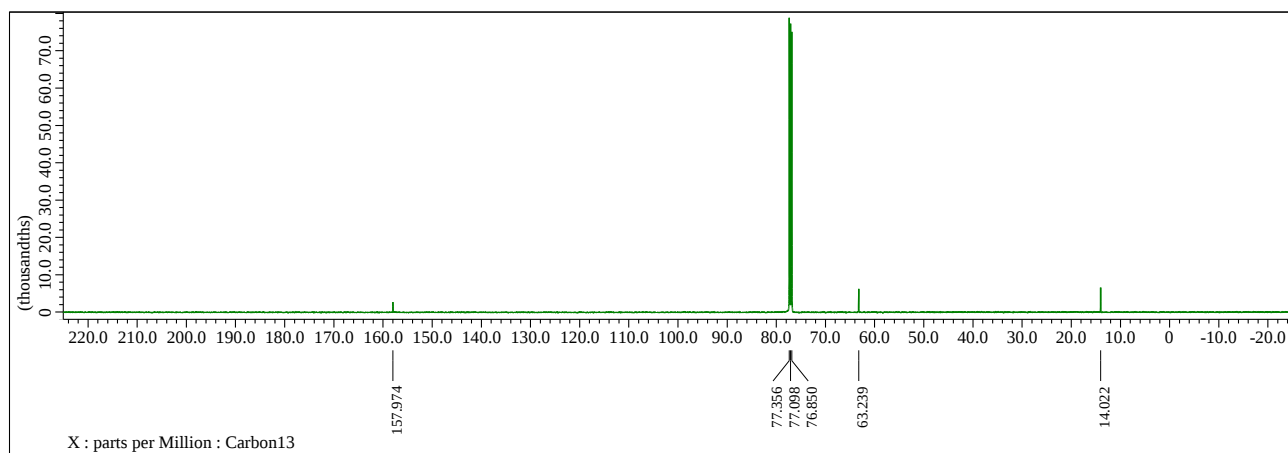
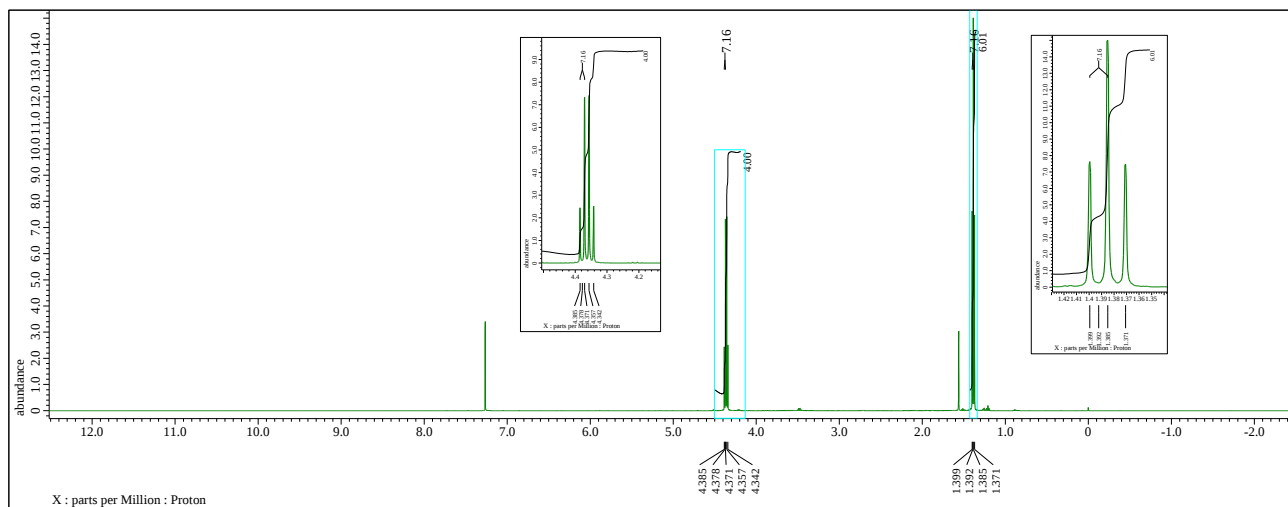
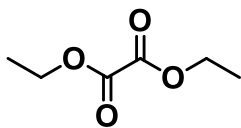
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Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1218.870595

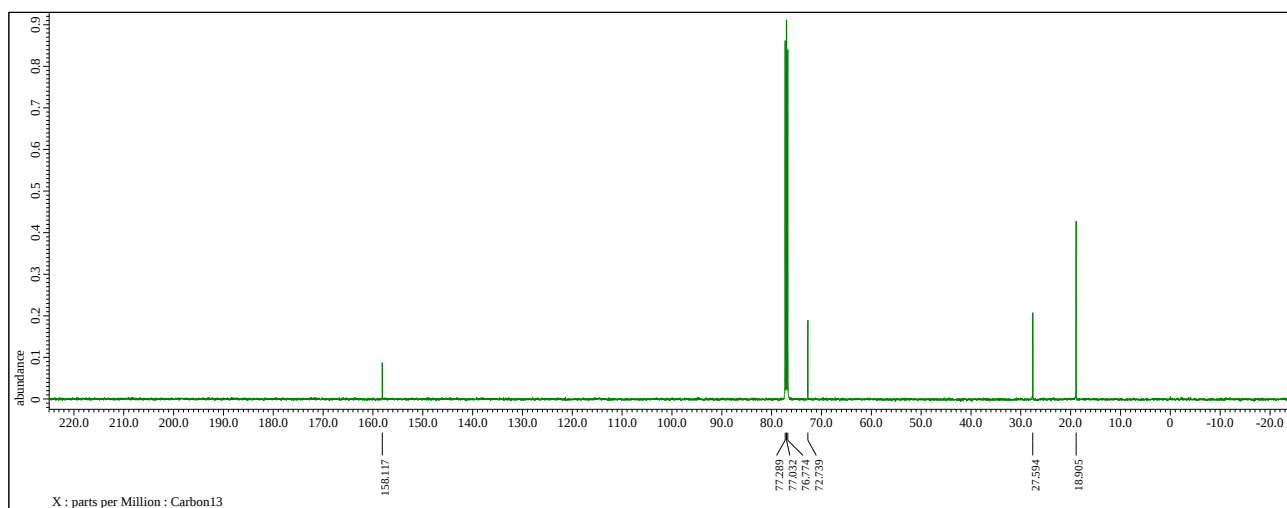
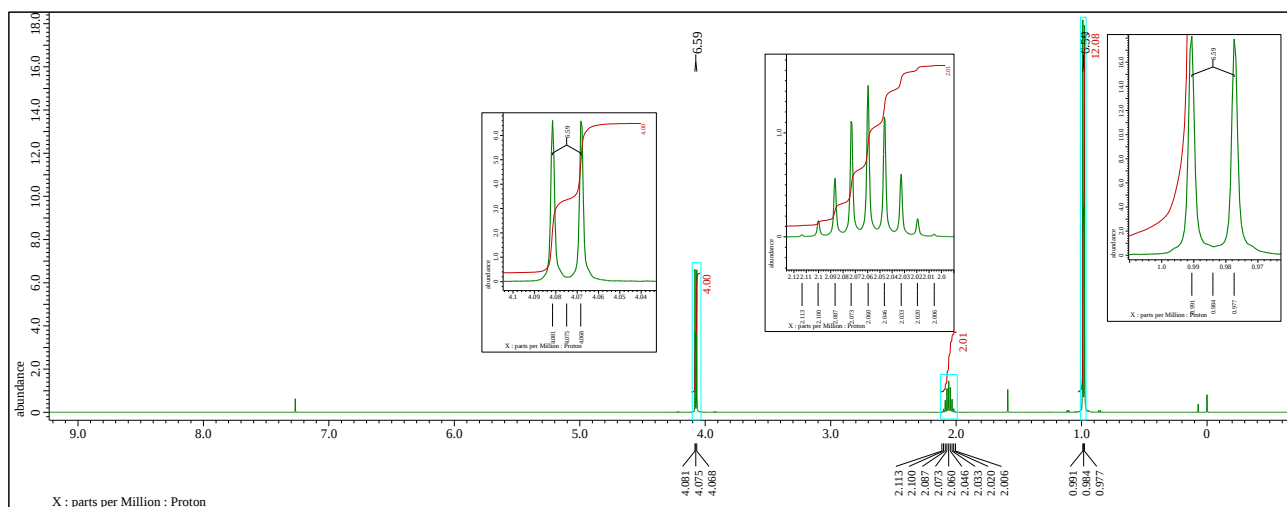
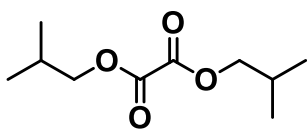
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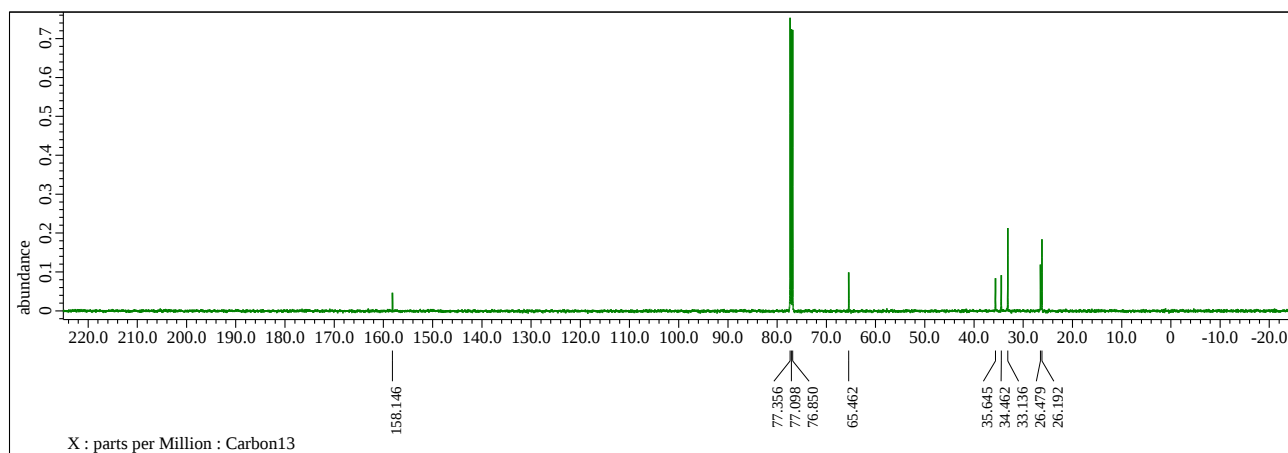
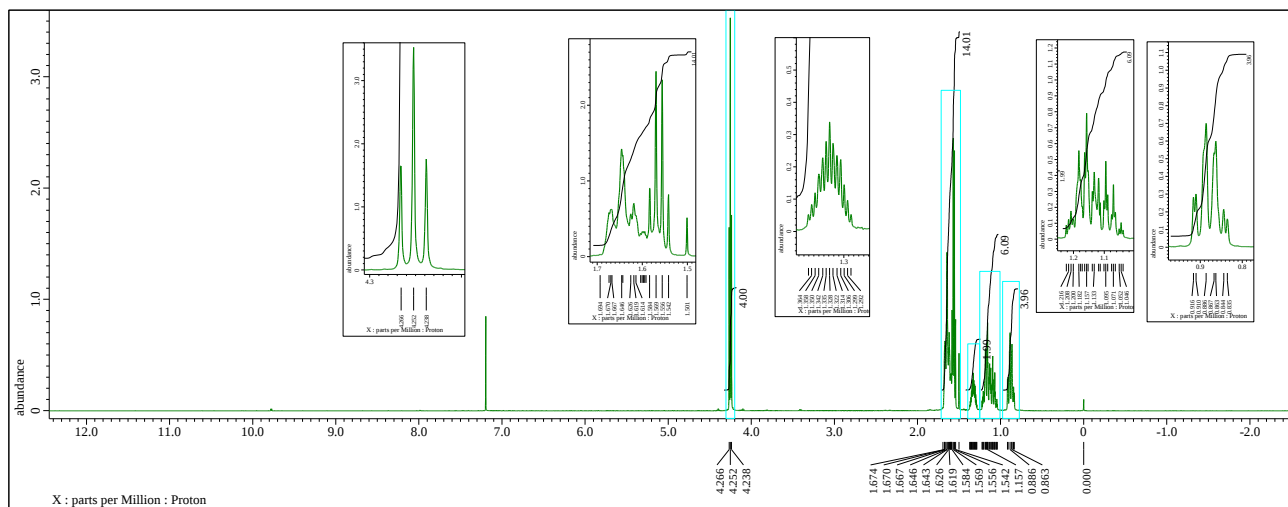
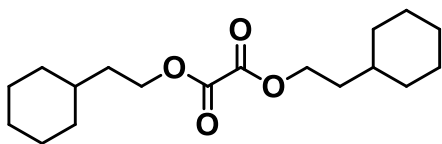
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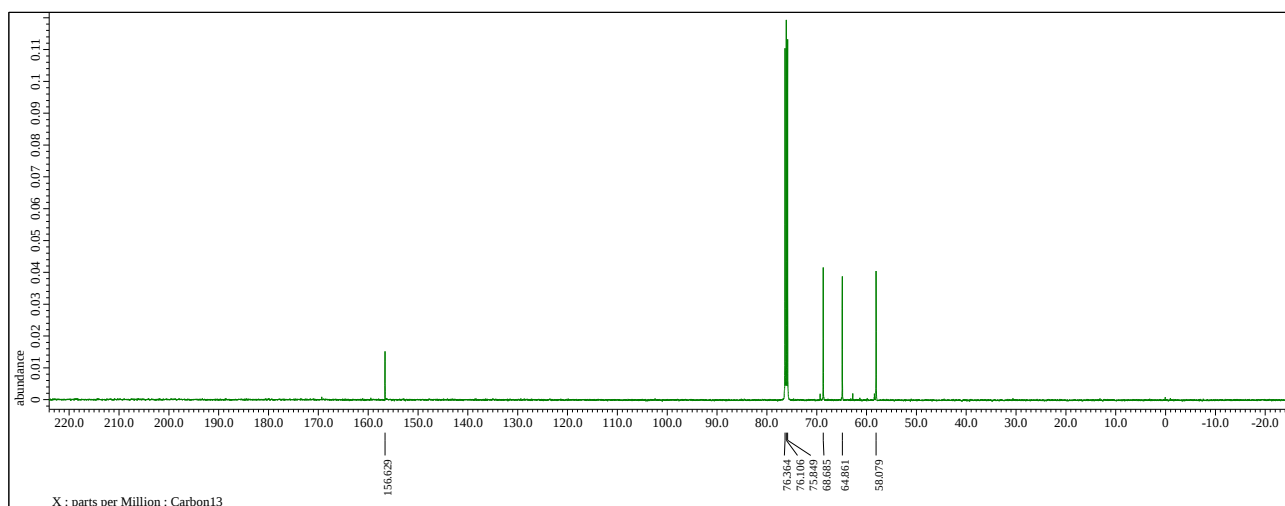
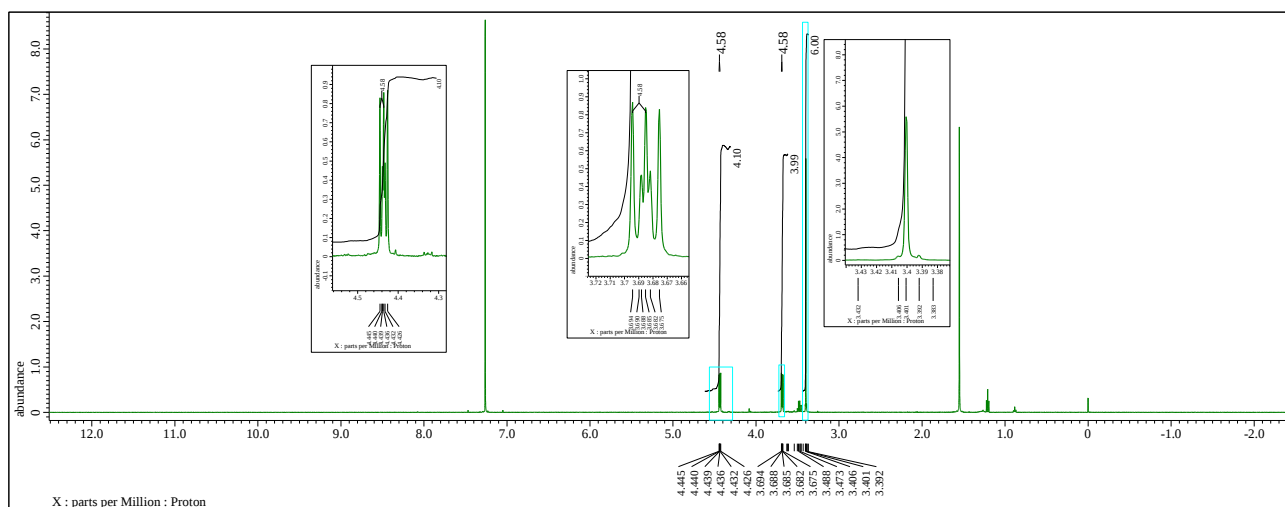
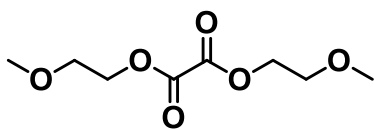
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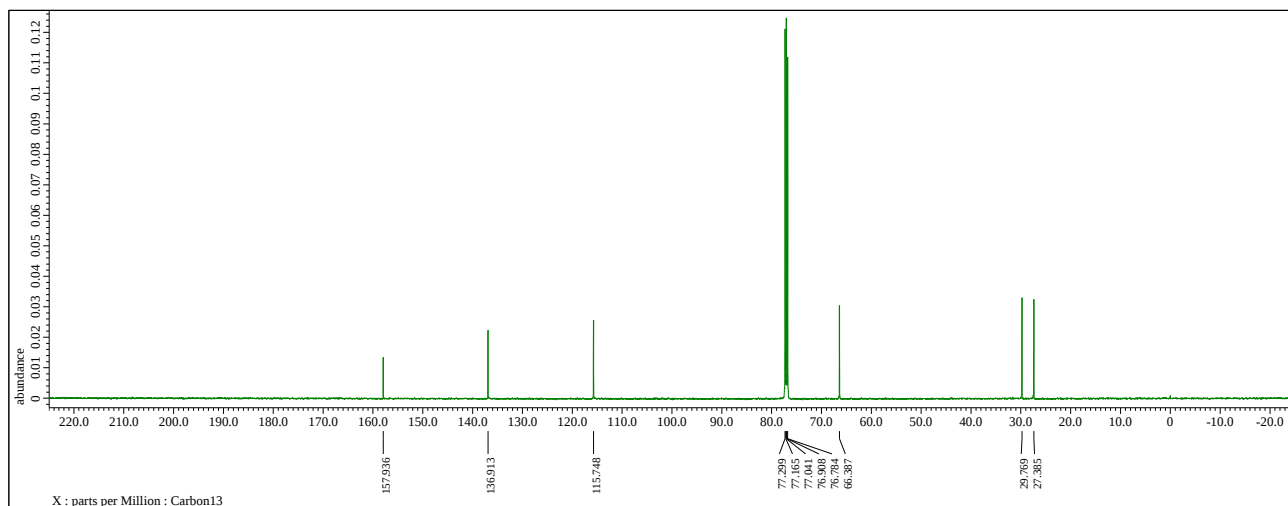
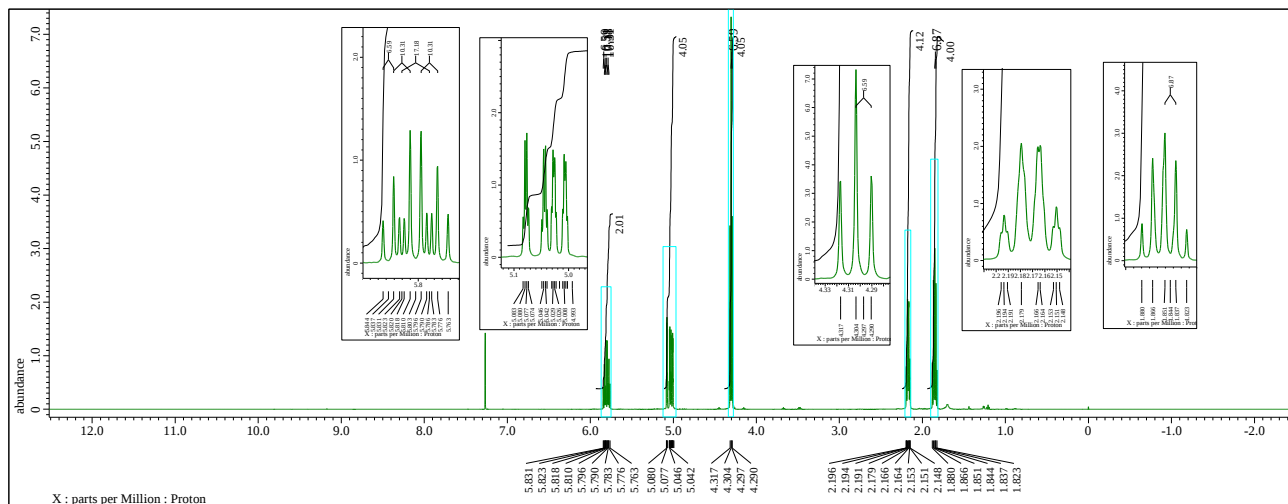


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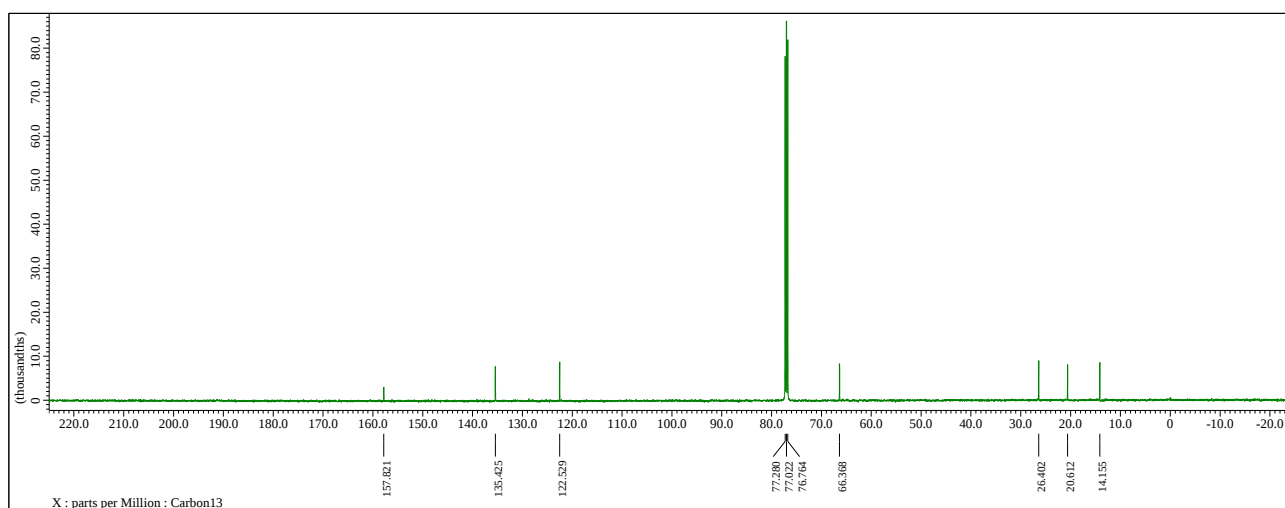
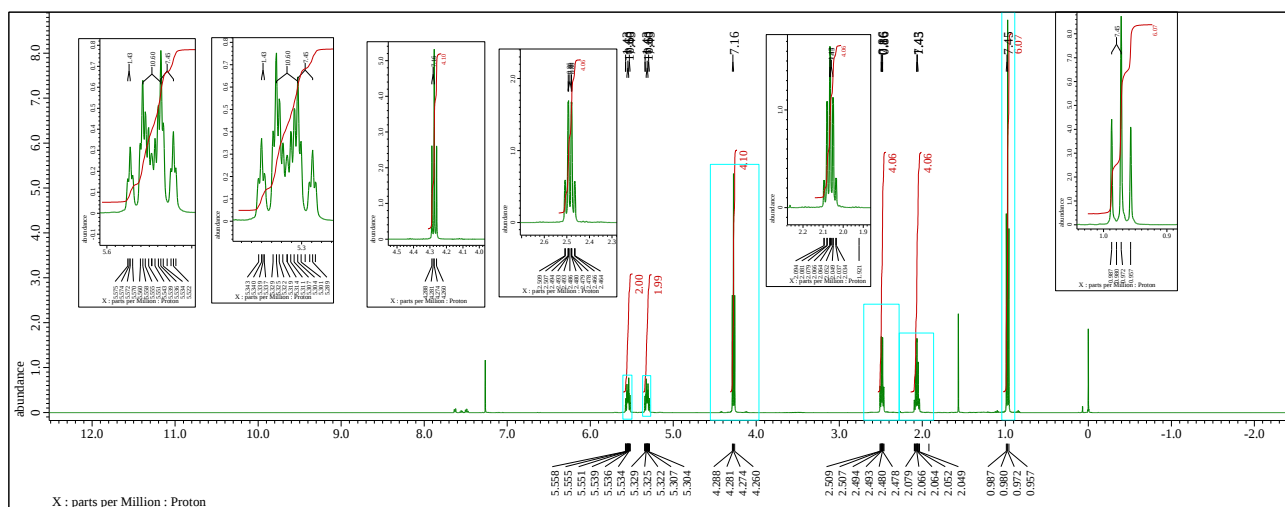
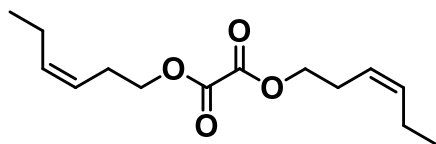


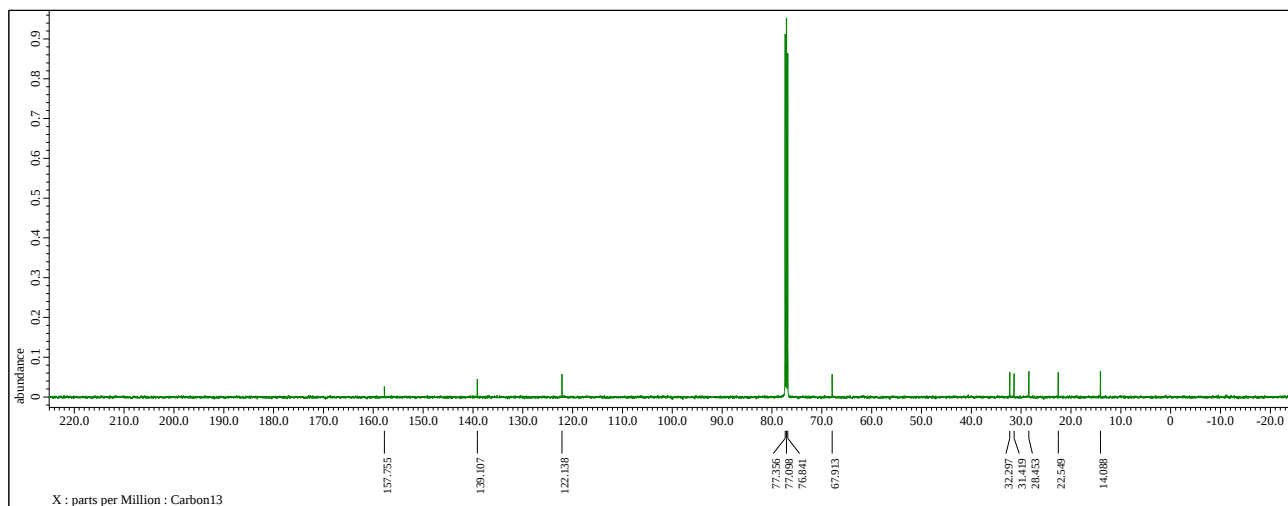
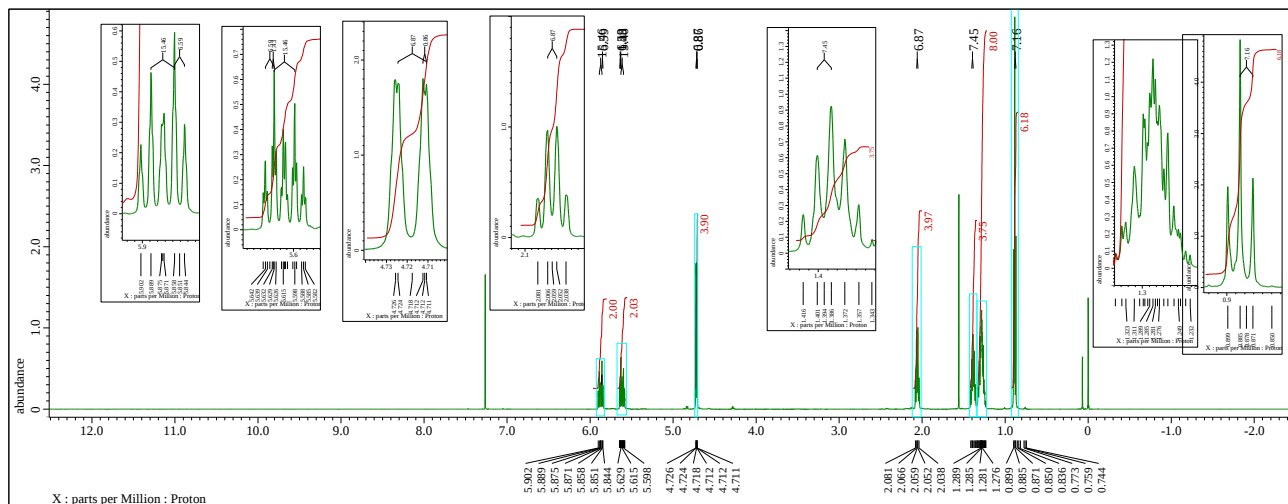
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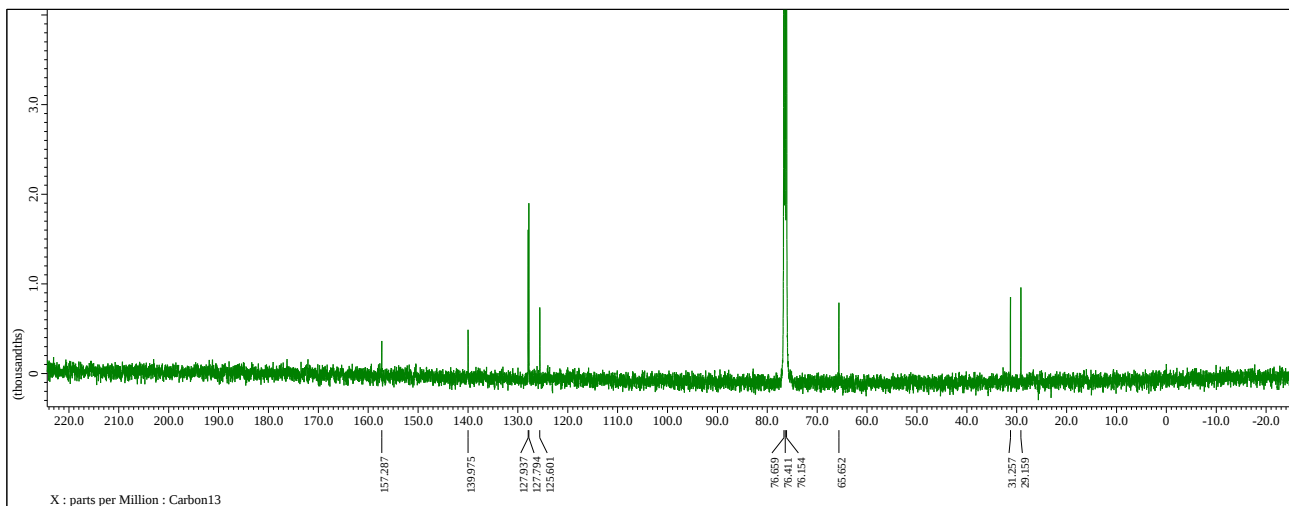


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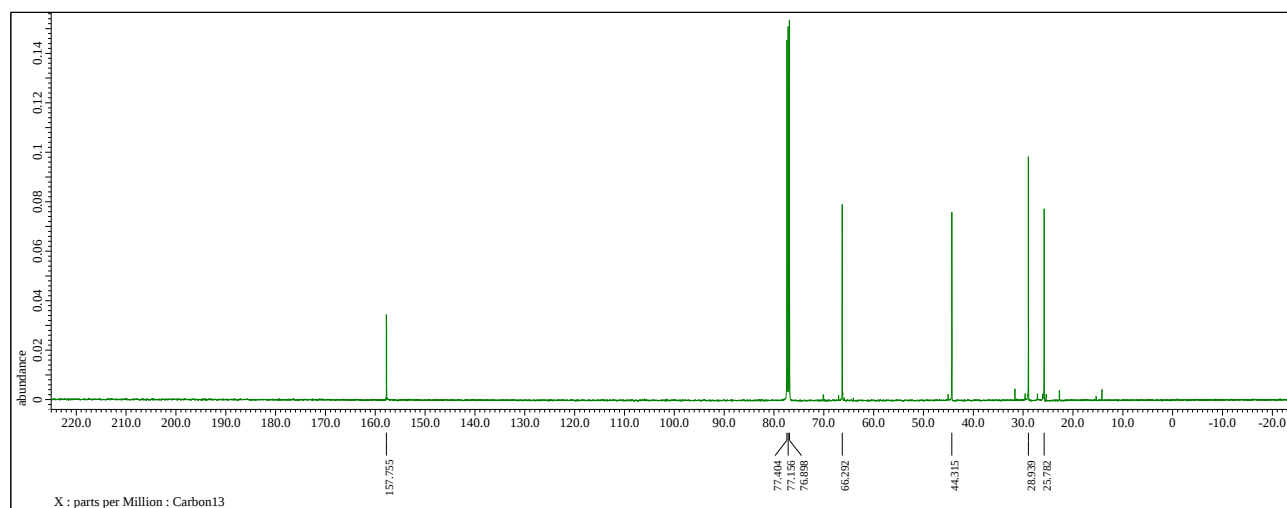
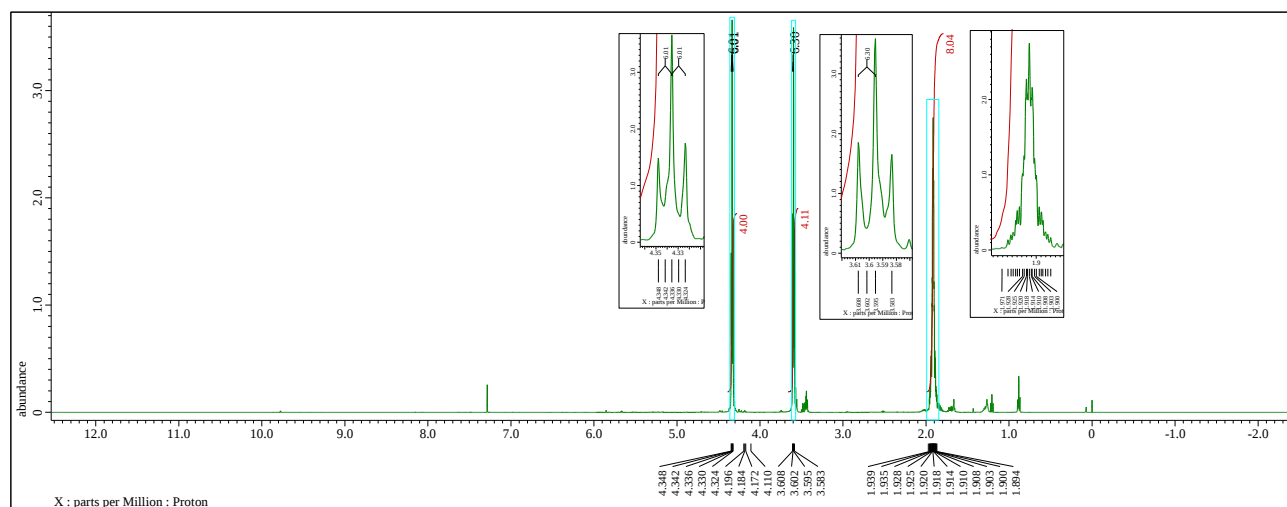
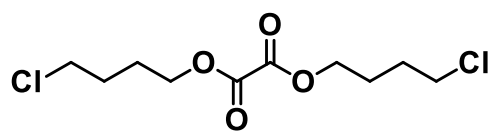
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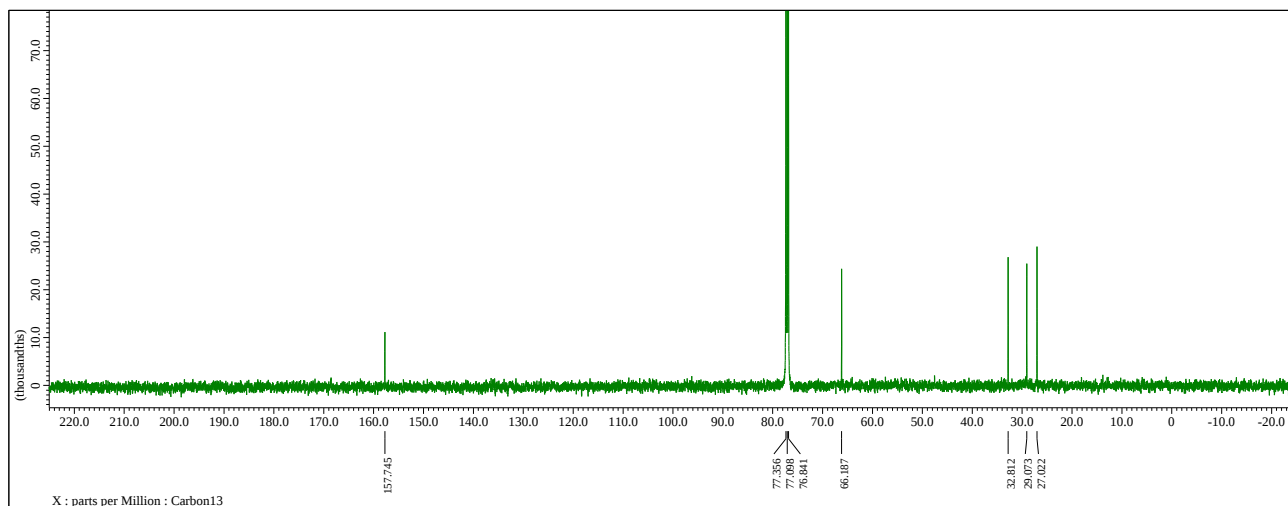
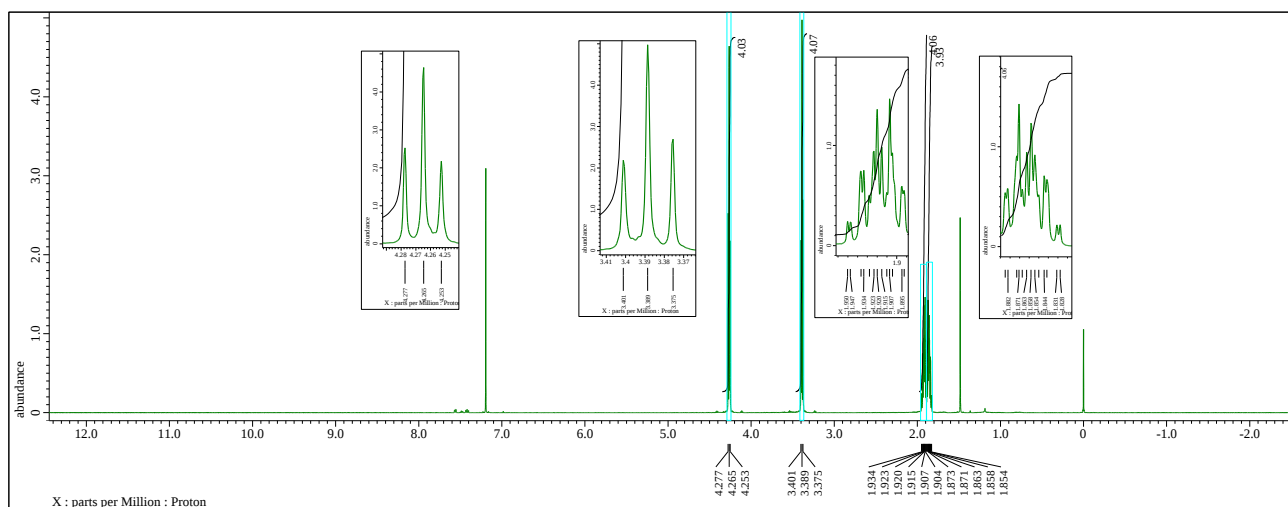
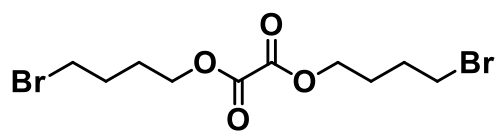
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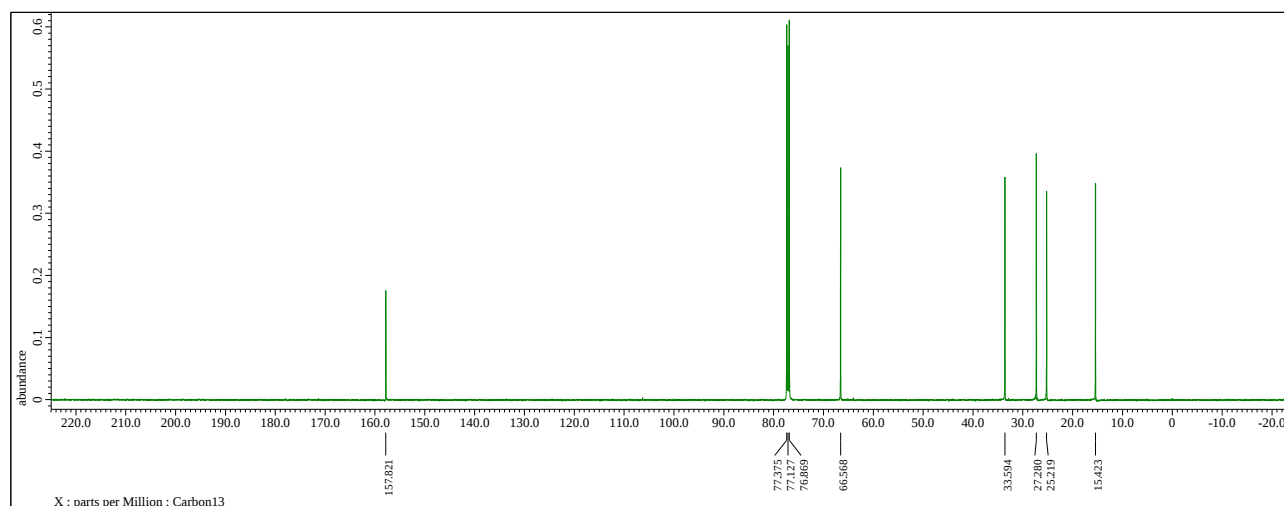
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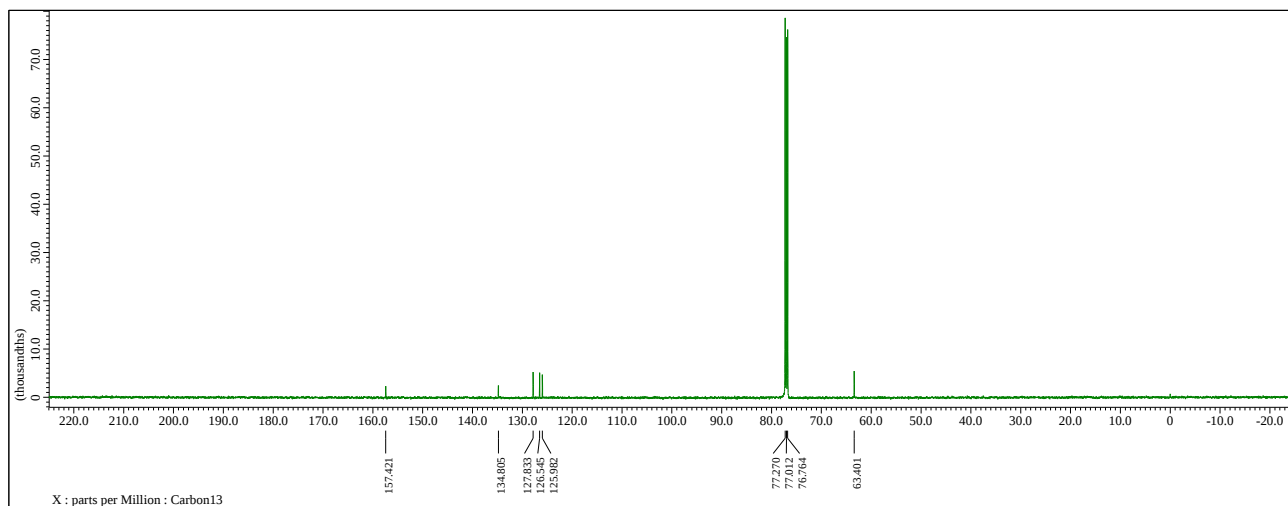
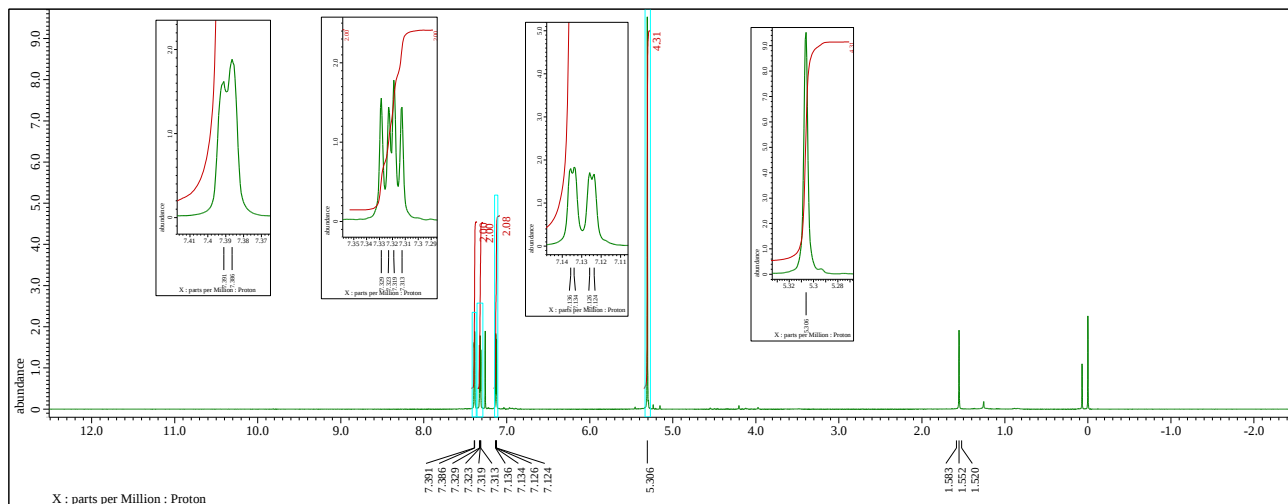
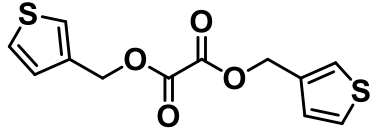


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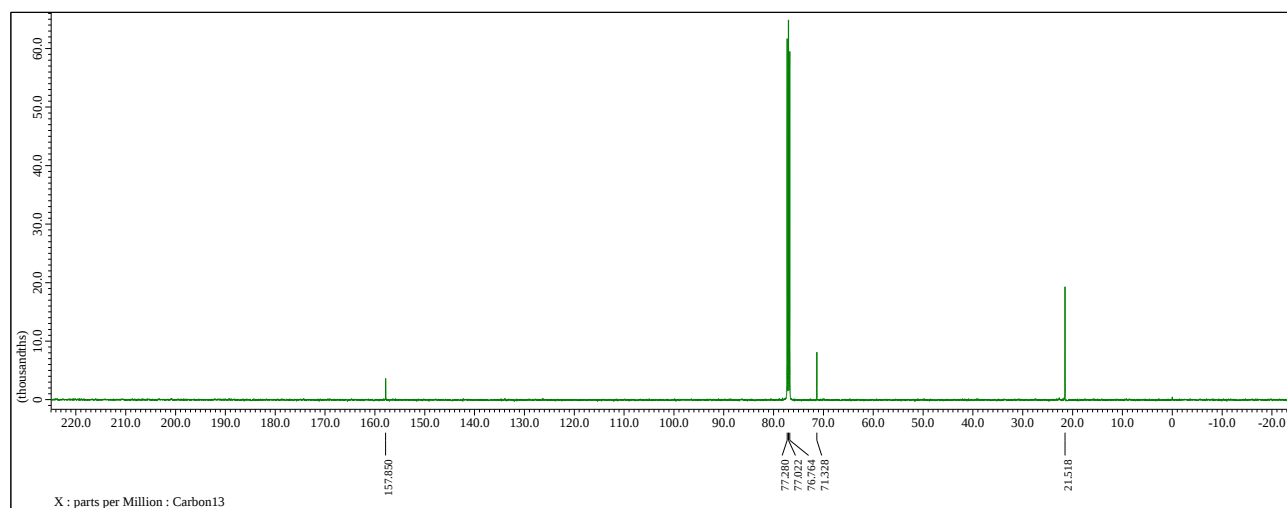
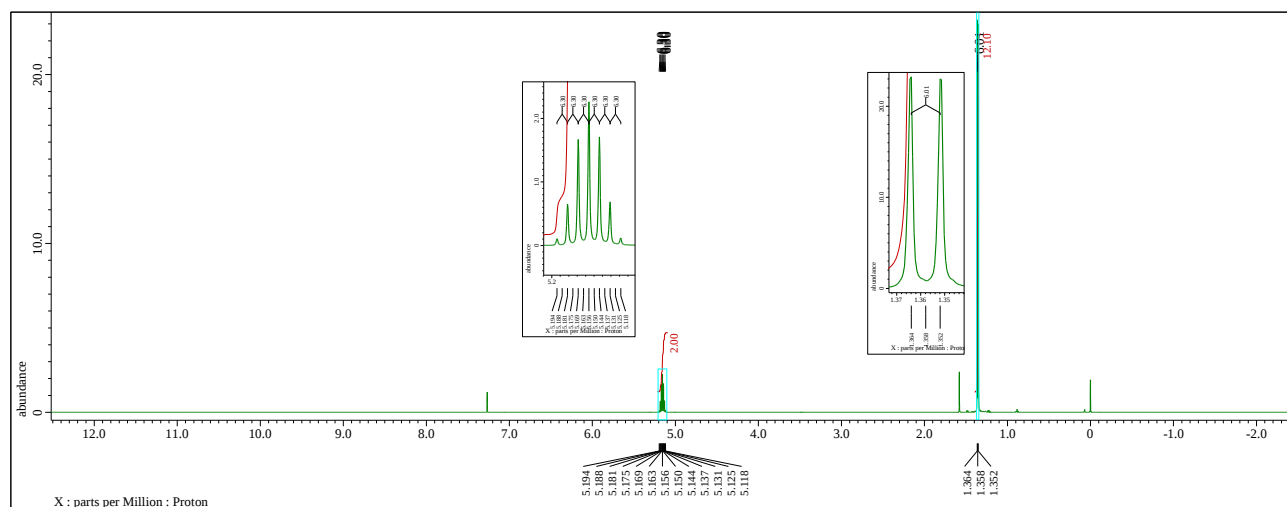
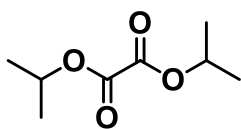


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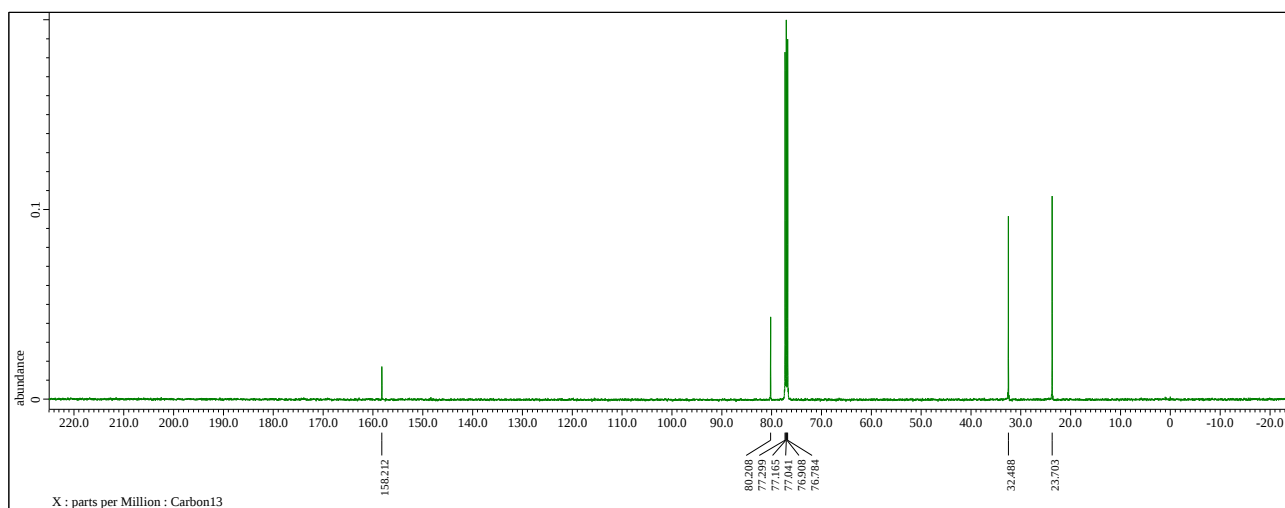
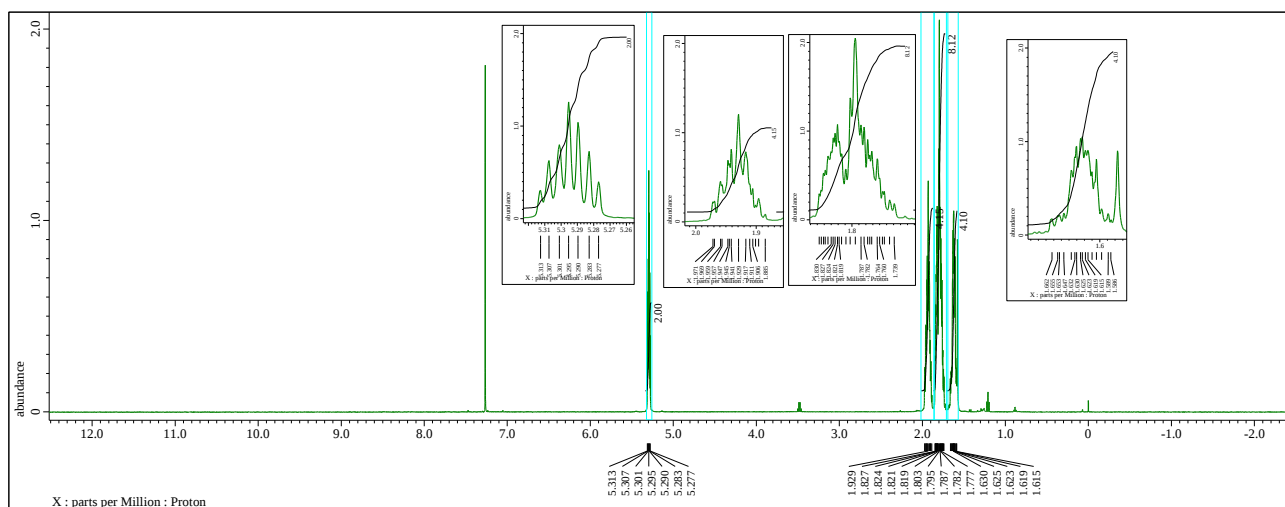
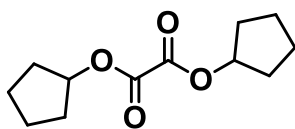
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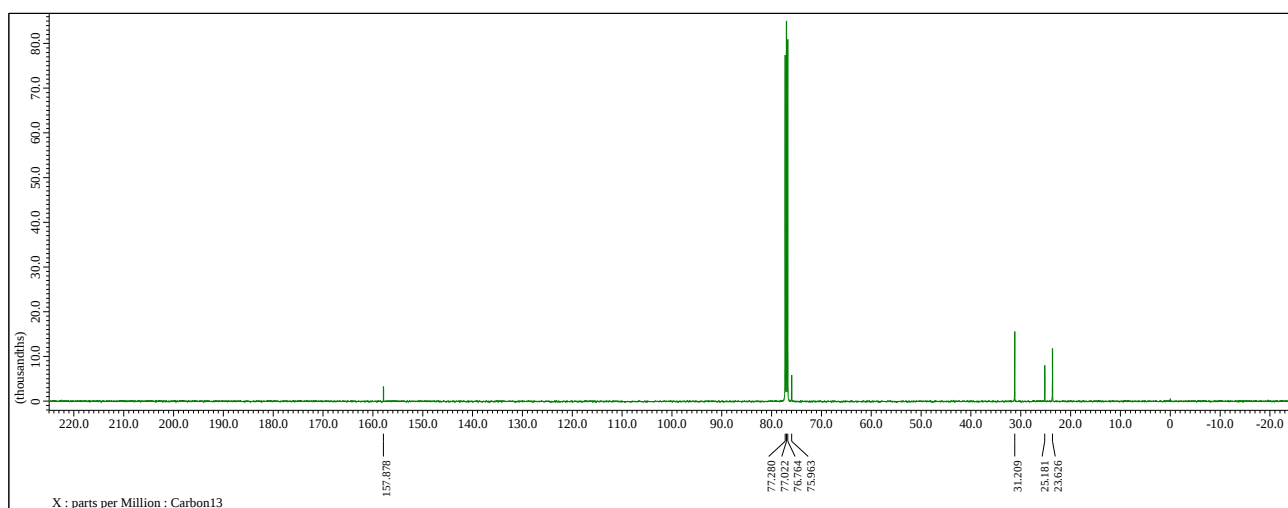
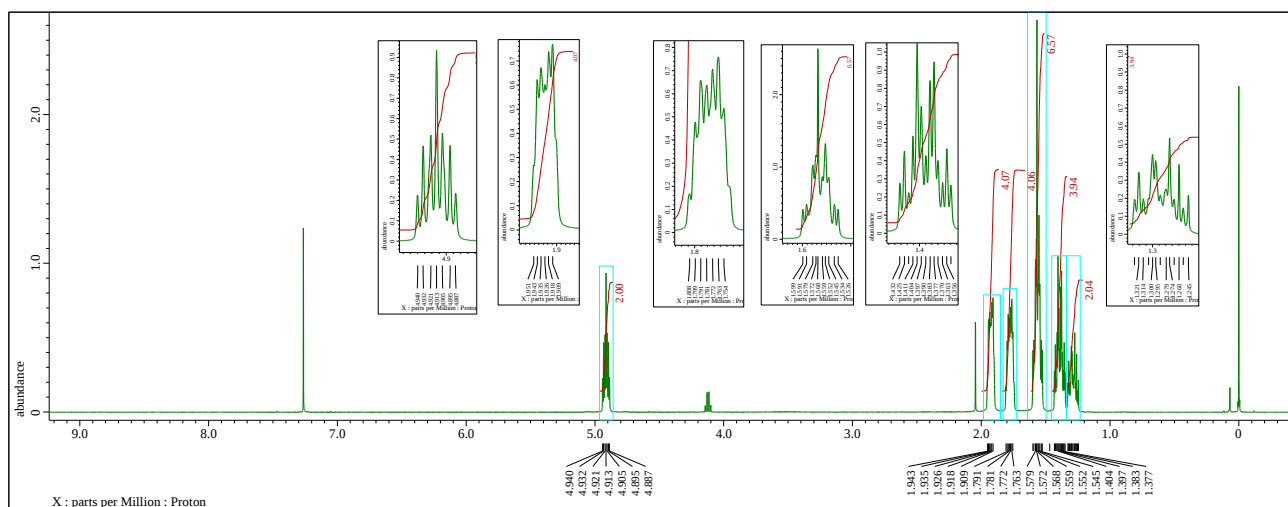
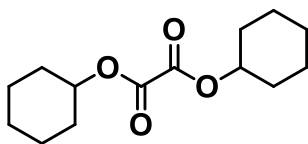
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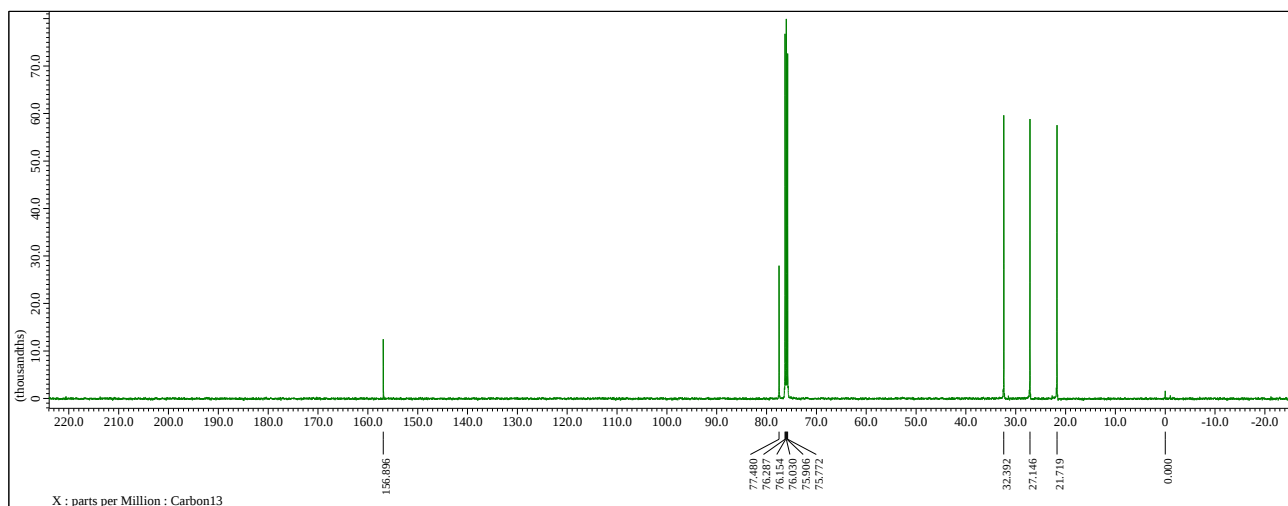
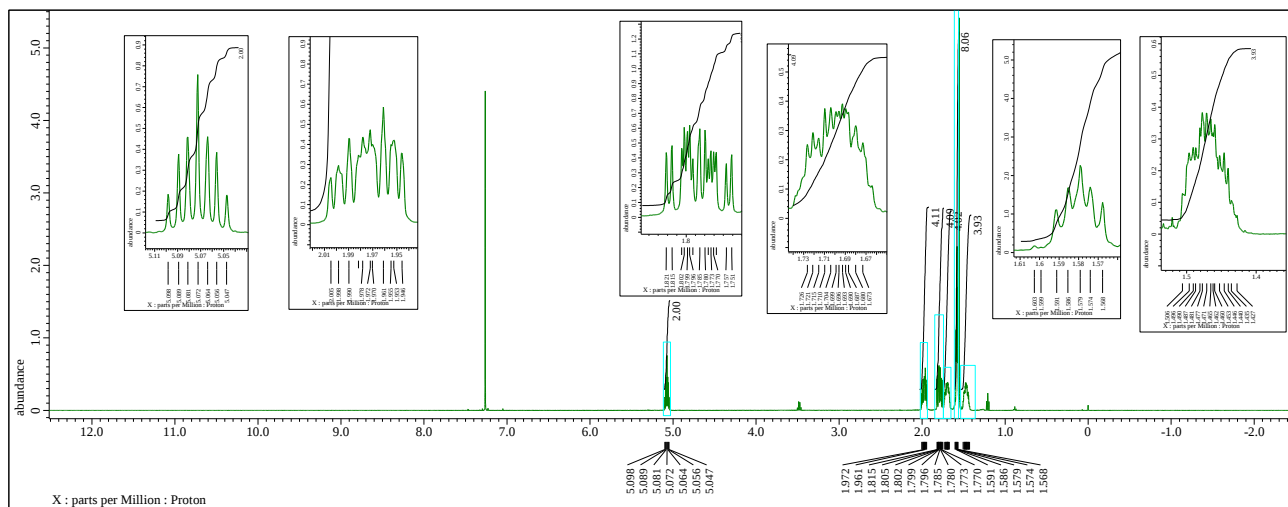
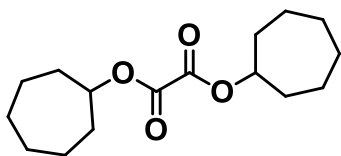
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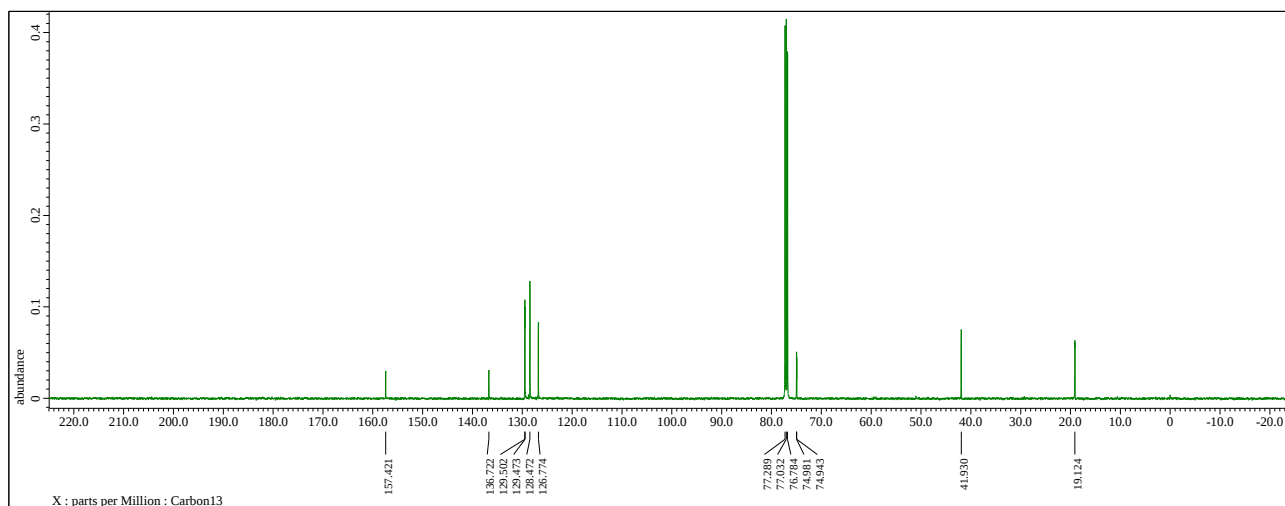
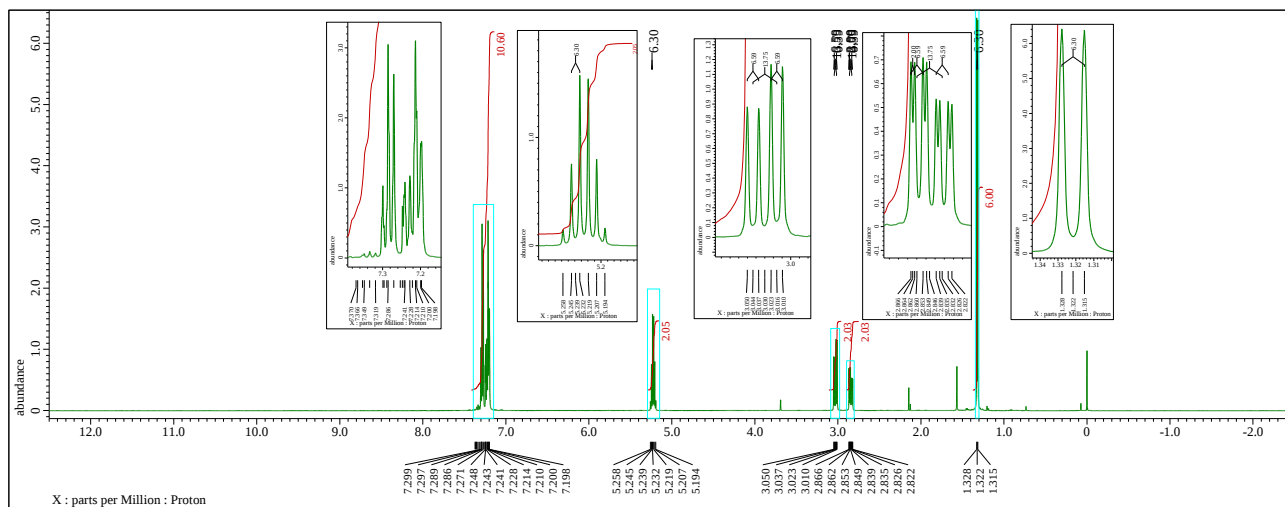
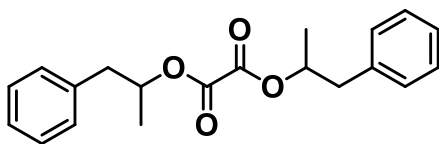




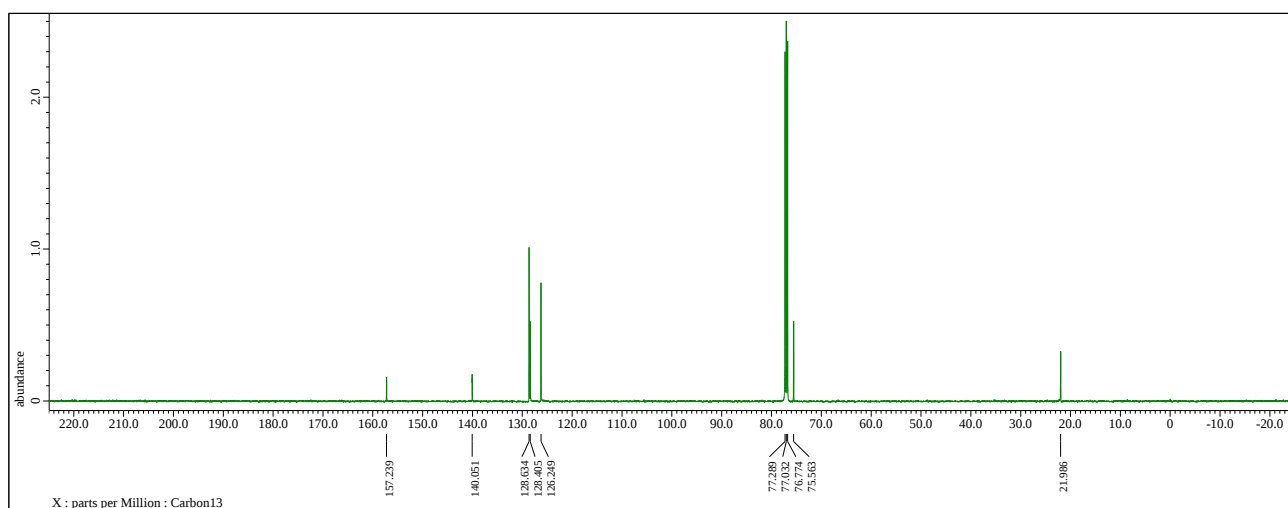
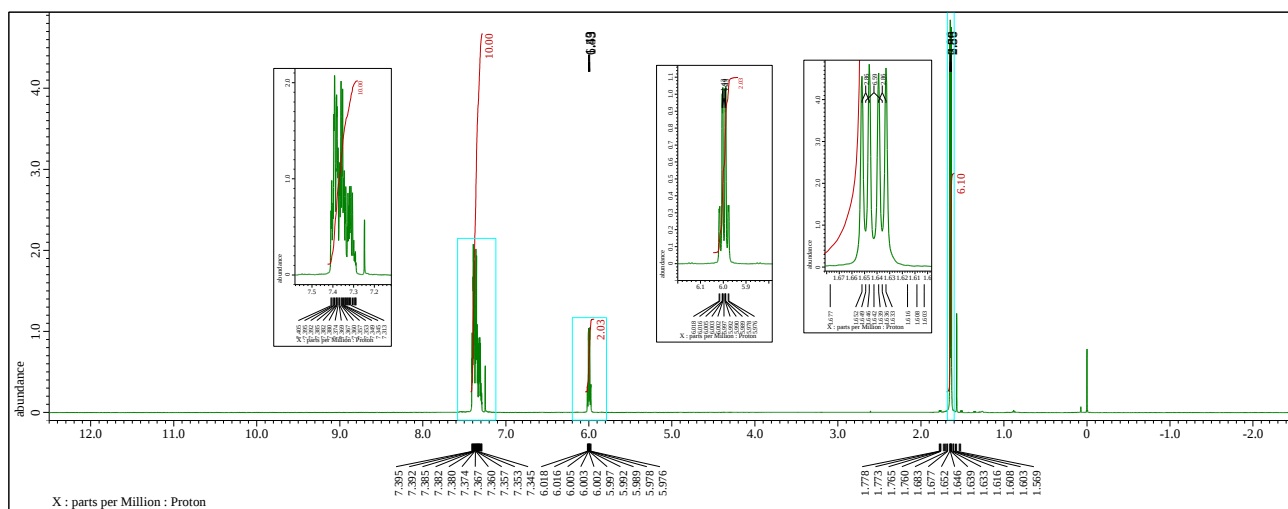
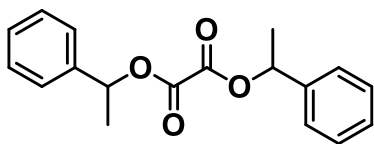
The chemical structure shows a central propanone chain. The carbonyl group is at the center, with a methyl group at the left end and an ester linkage at the right end. The ester oxygen is connected to a cyclohexane ring, which has an ethyl group attached at the 1-position with a wedge bond, indicating (S) stereochemistry. The entire molecule is (S)-1-((S)-1-ethylcyclohexyloxy)propan-2-one.



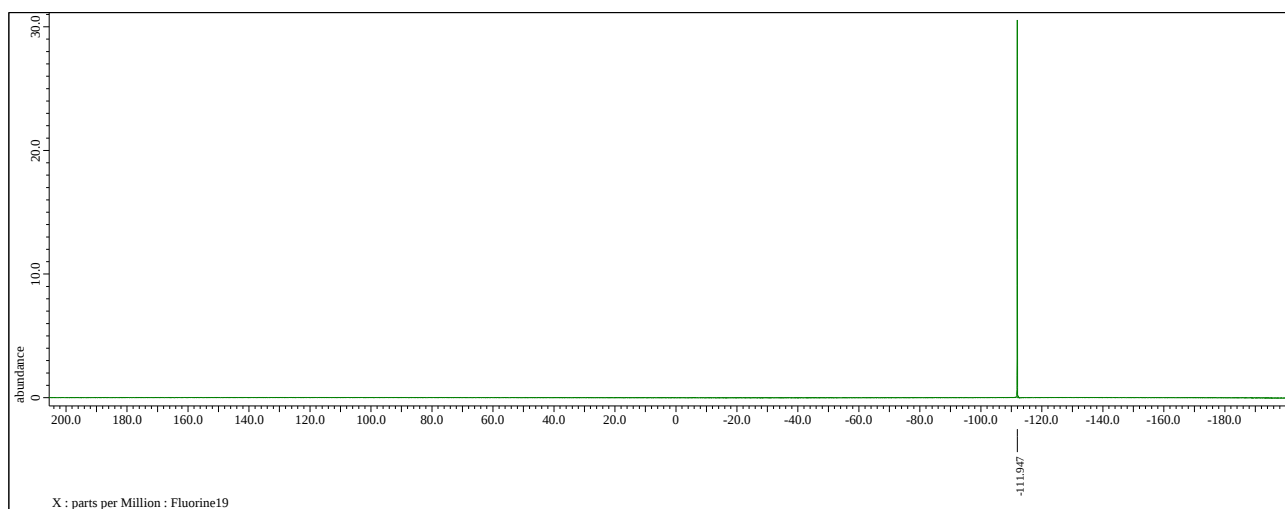
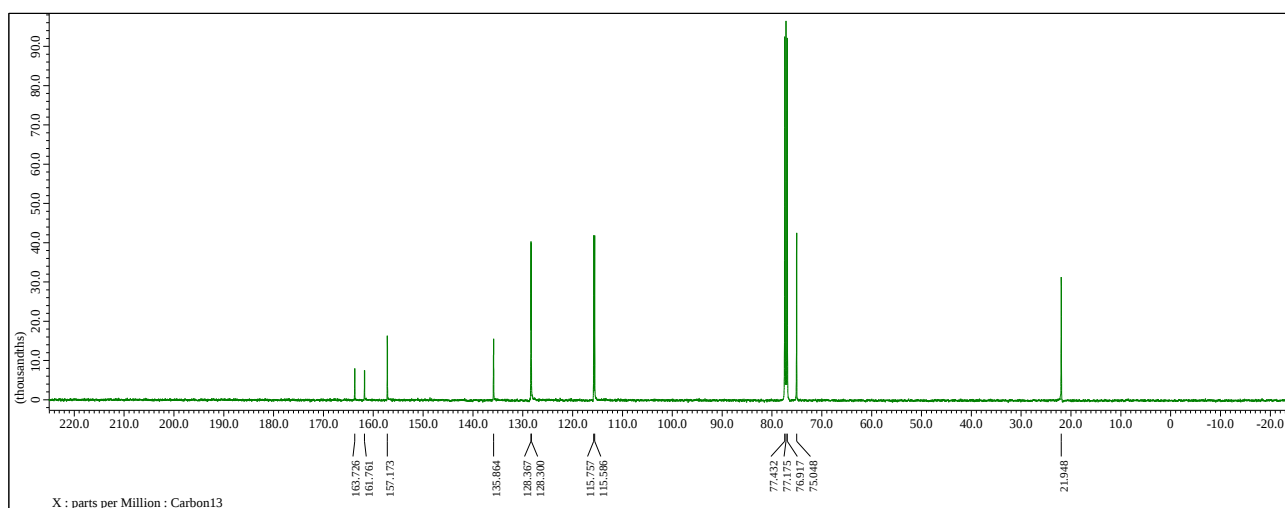
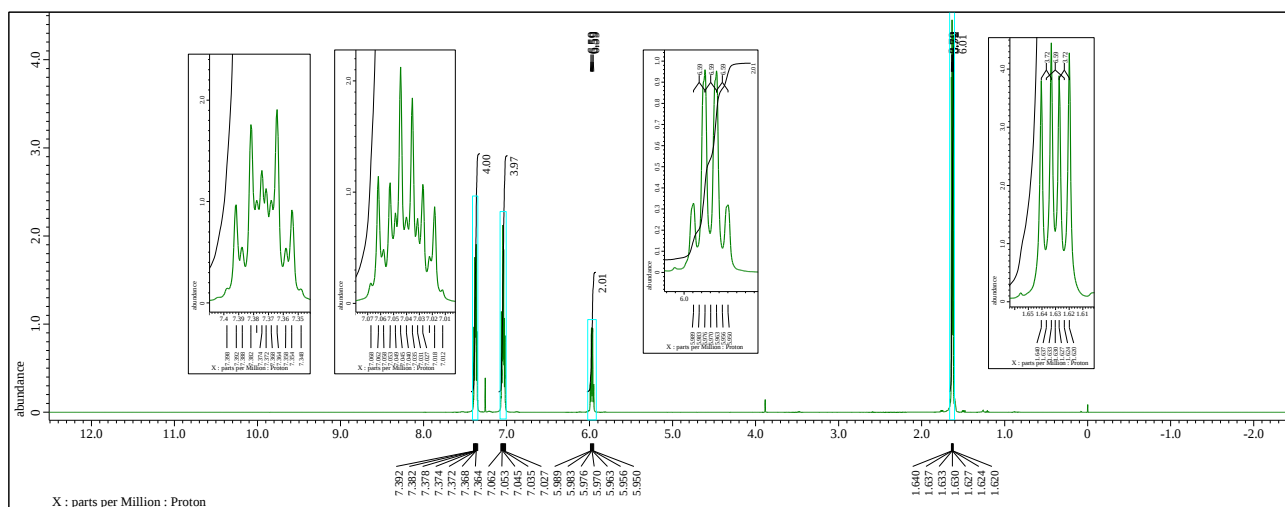
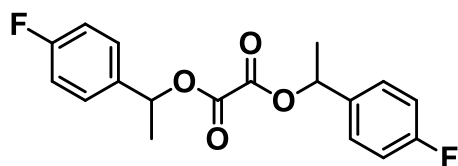
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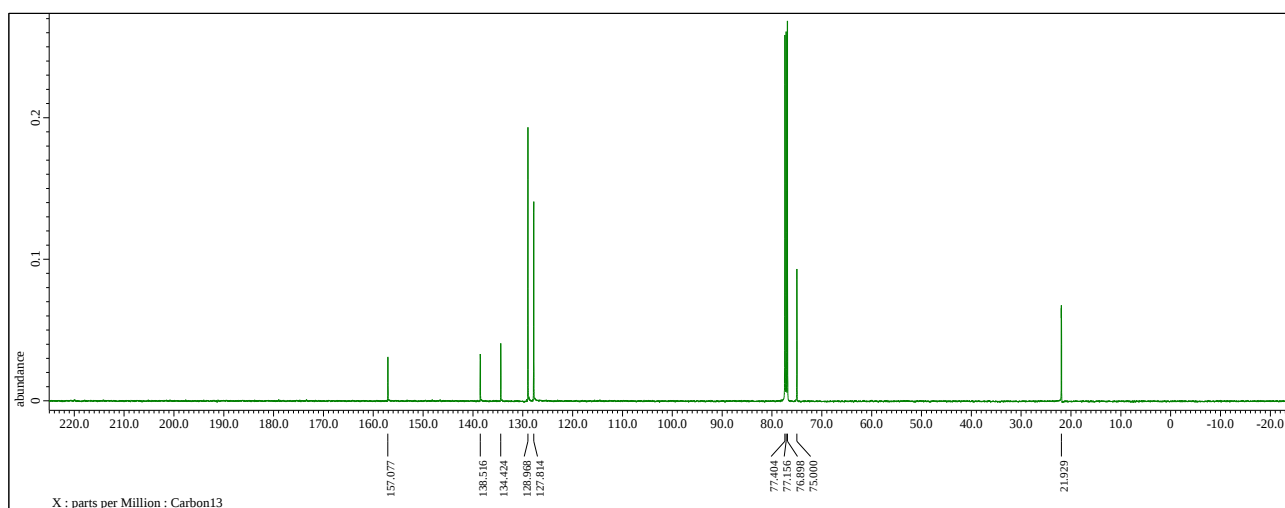
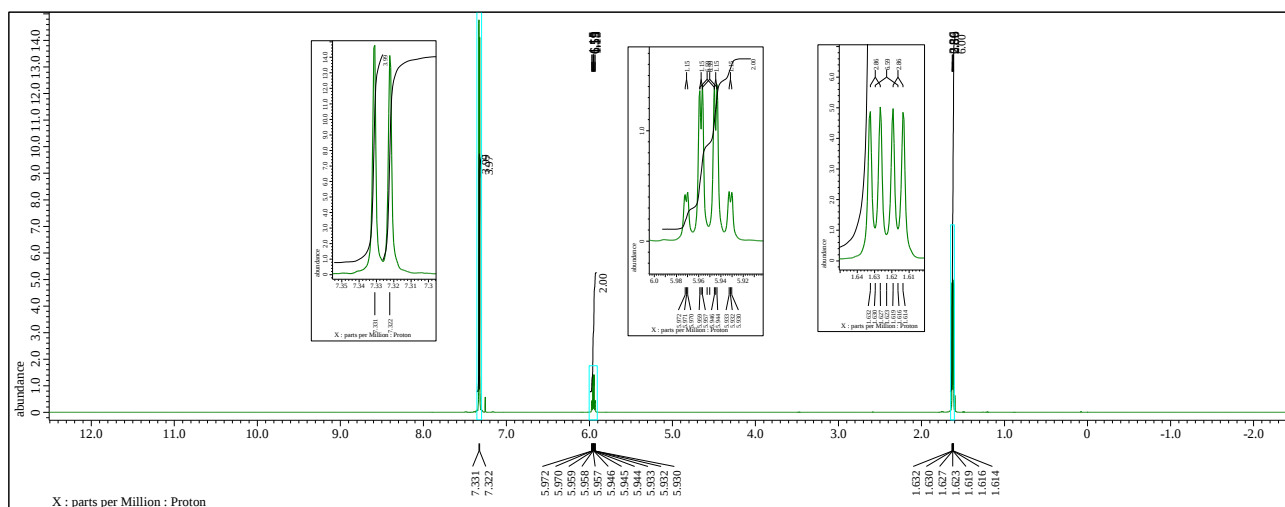
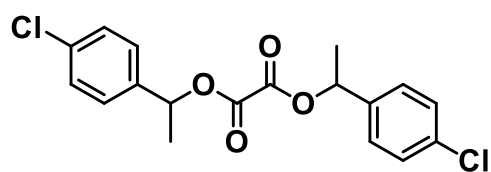
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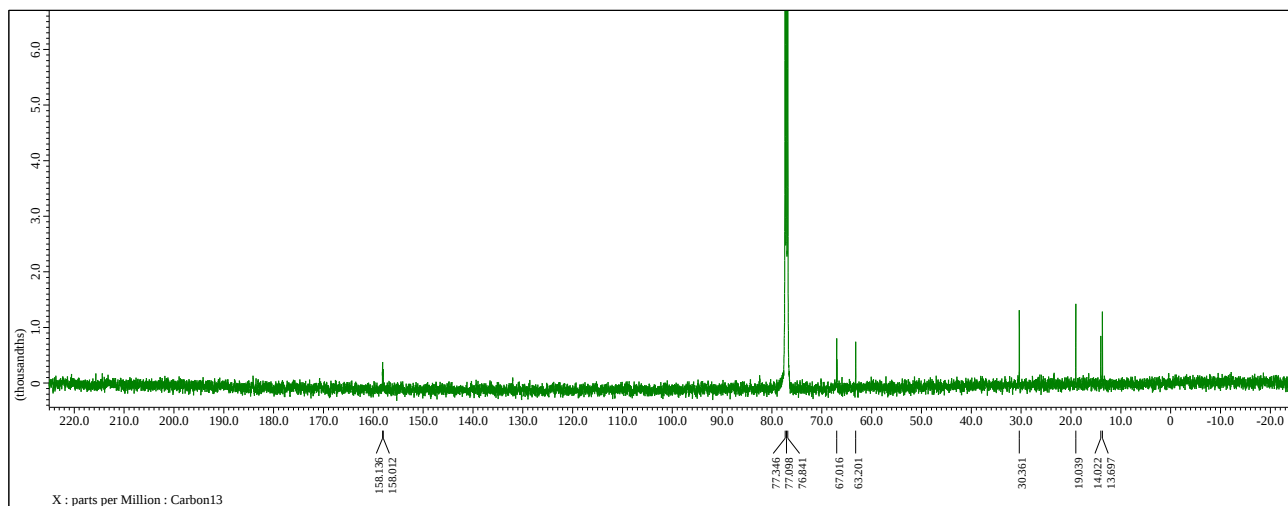
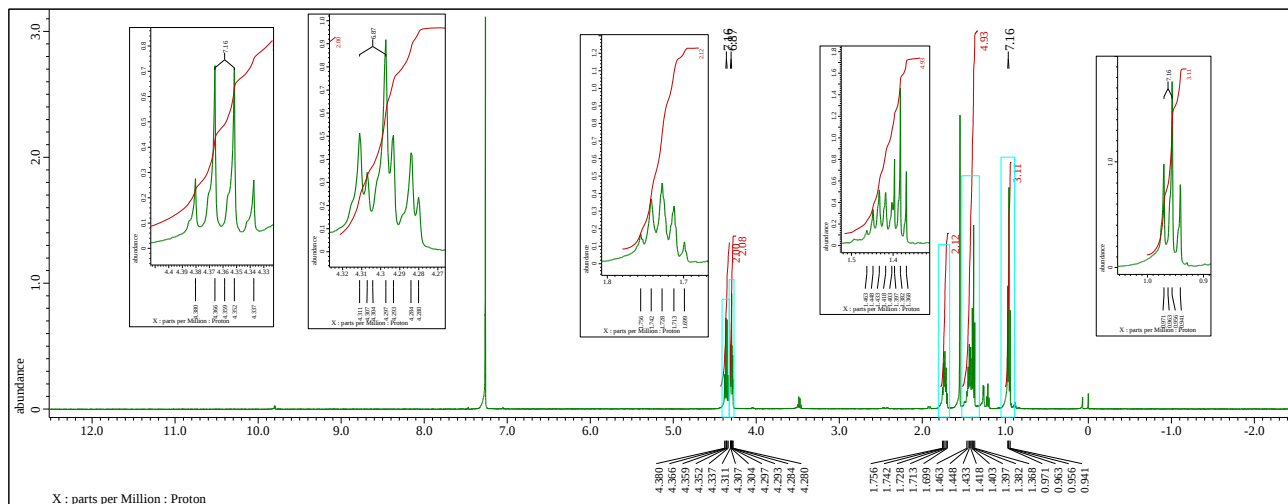


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