

## Electronic Supporting Information

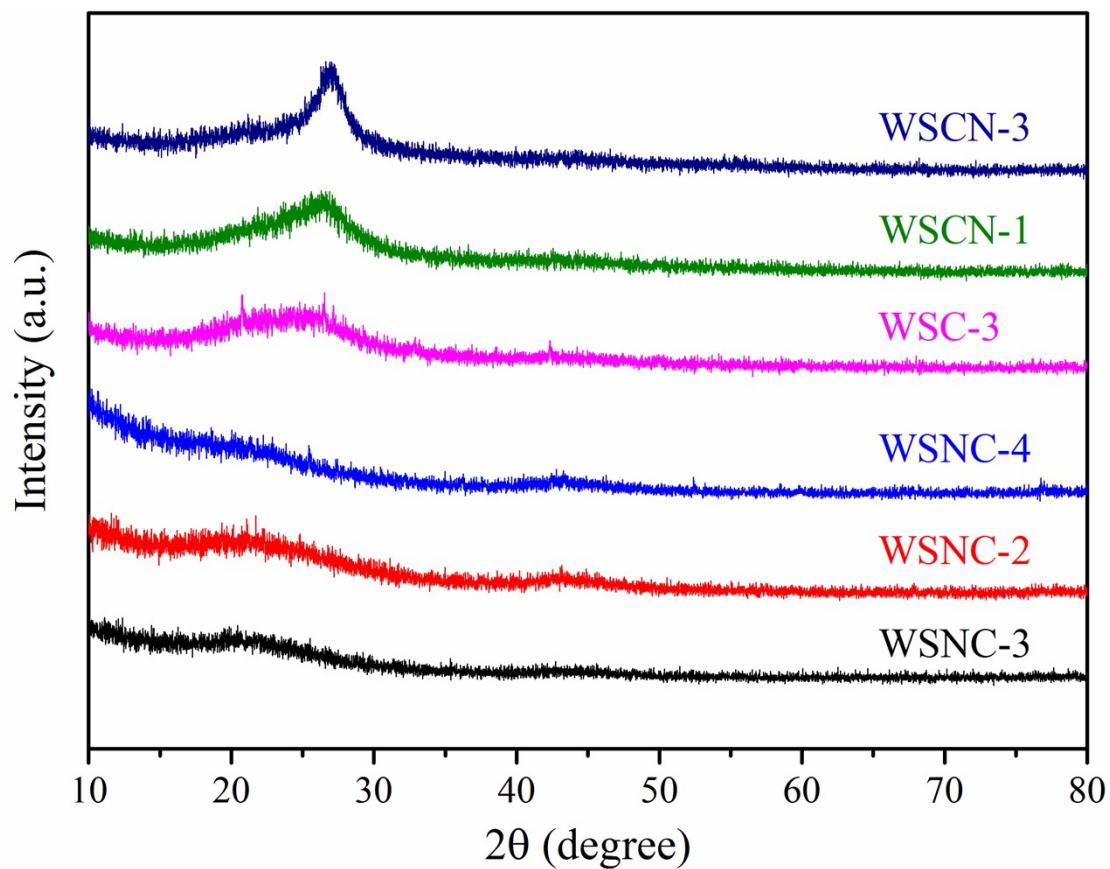
### Renewable N-doped microporous carbons from walnut shell for CO<sub>2</sub> capture and conversion

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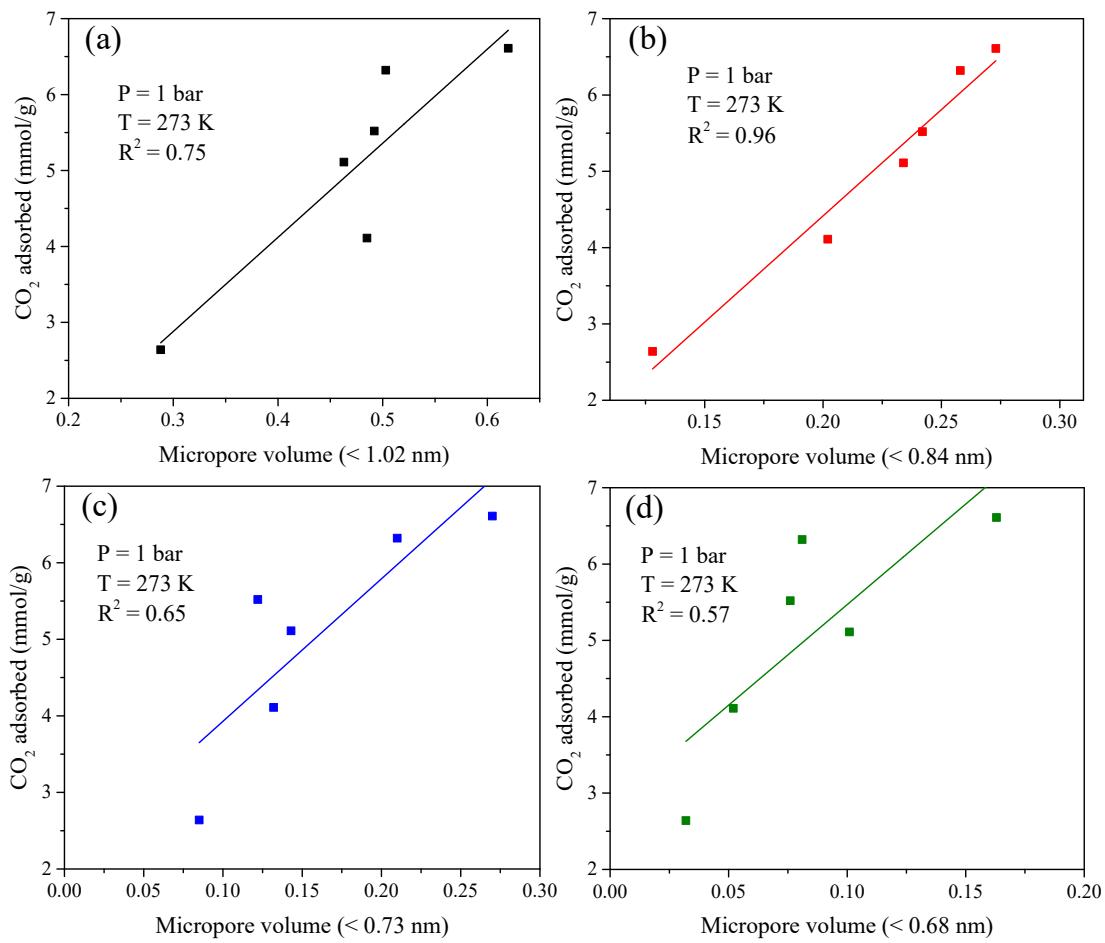
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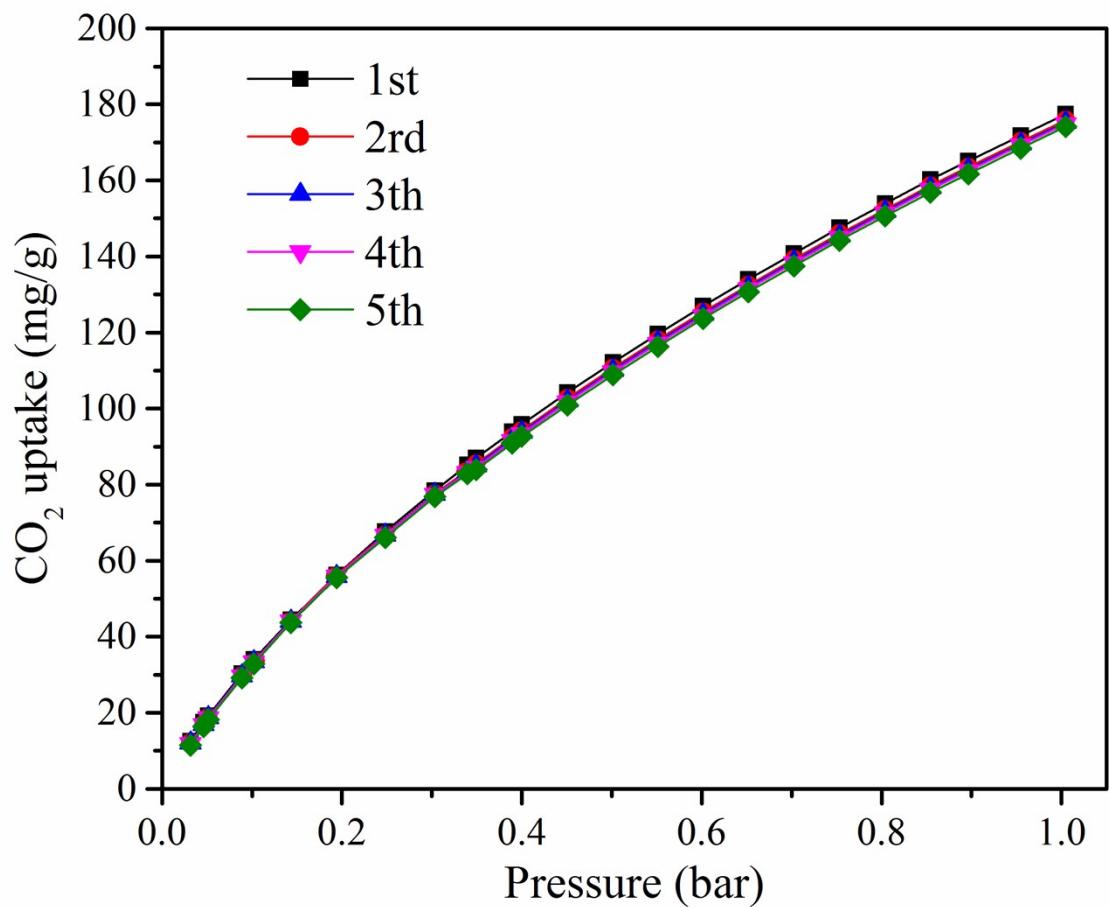
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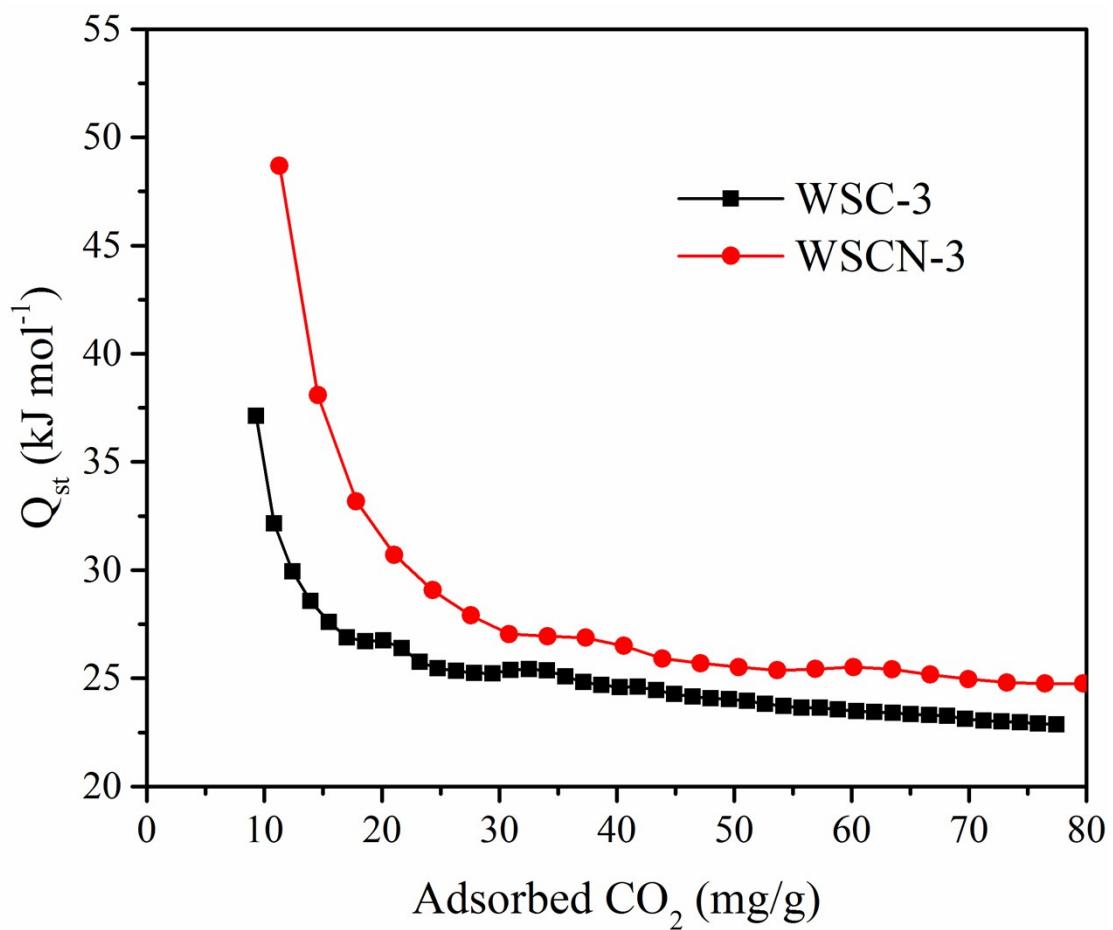
**Figure S1.** XRD patterns of different carbon materials.



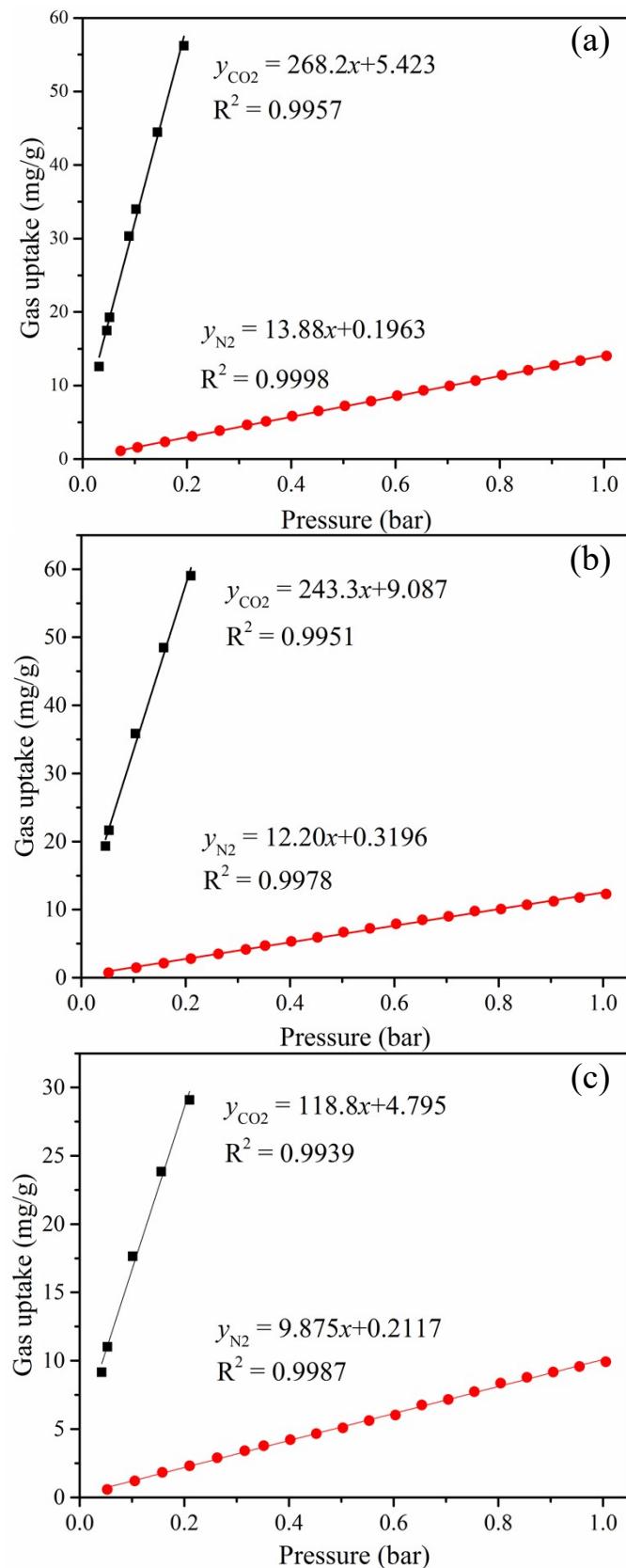
**Figure S2.** Linear fitting of the experimental data presenting a plot of  $\text{CO}_2$  adsorption capacity vs. the micropore volume of pore size (a)  $< 0.68 \text{ nm}$ , (b)  $< 0.73 \text{ nm}$ , (c)  $< 0.84 \text{ nm}$ , and (d)  $< 1.02 \text{ nm}$ .



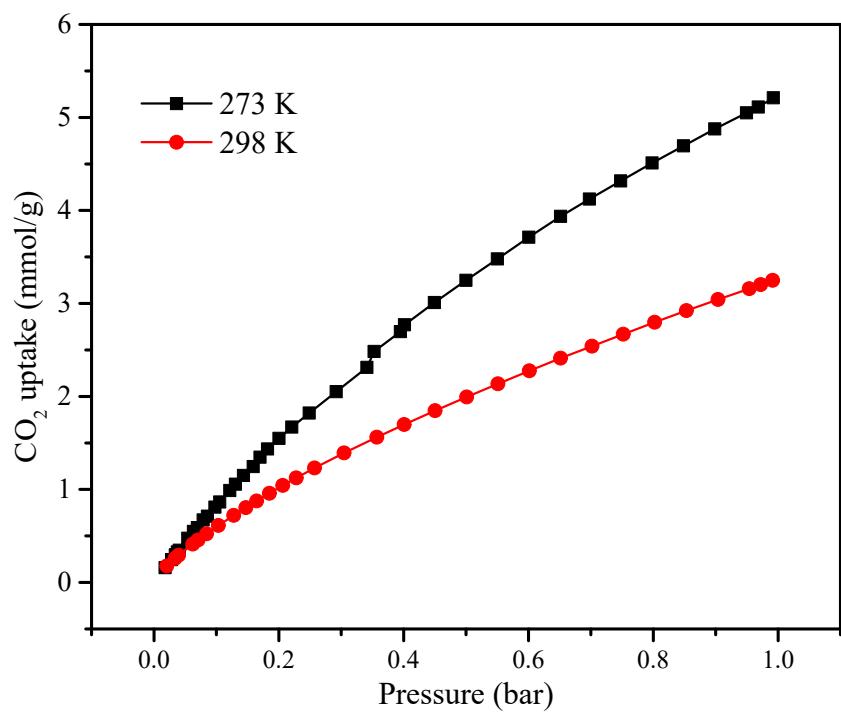
**Figure S3.** Cyclic study of CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption for WSNC-3 at 298K.



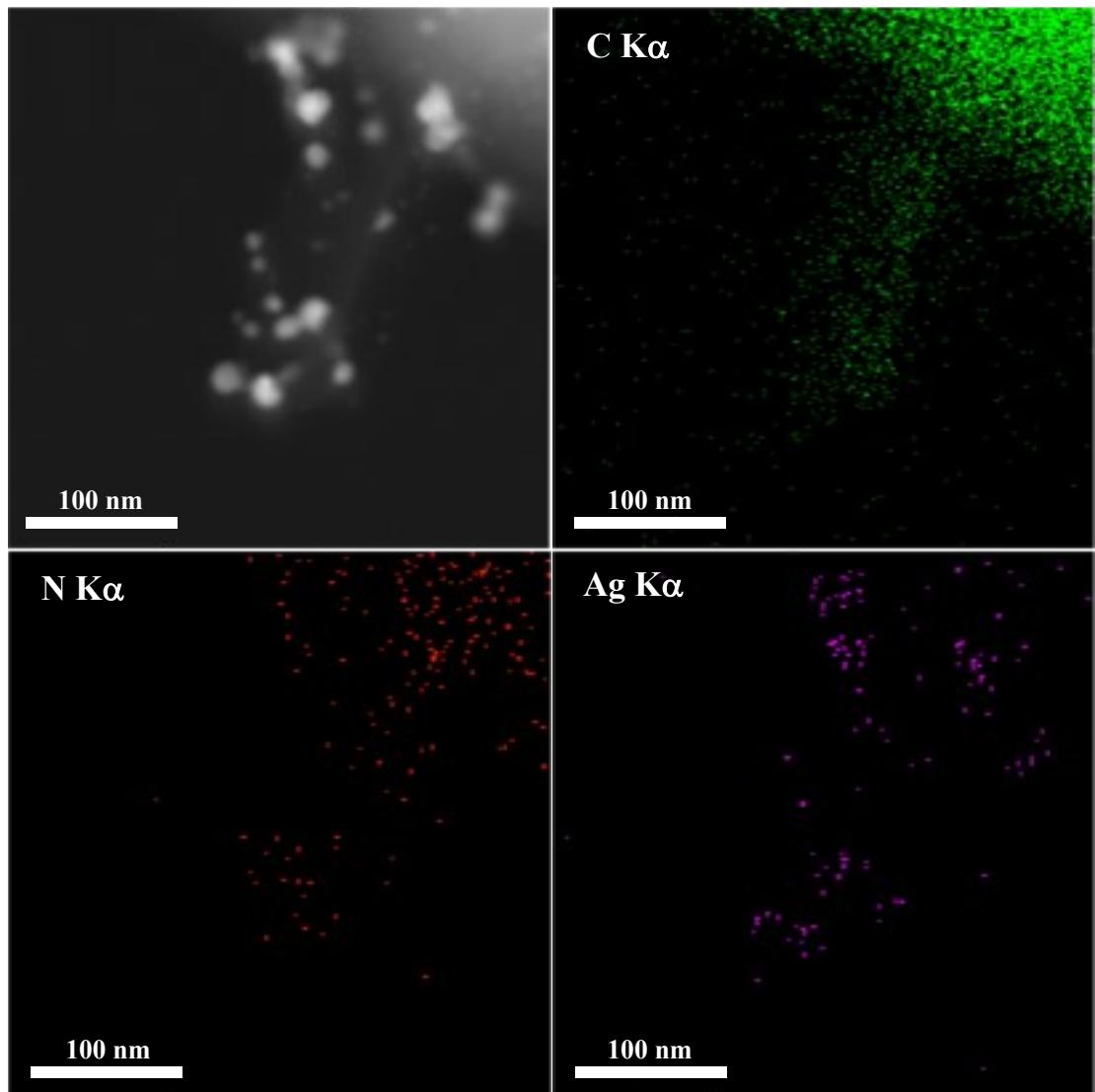
**Figure S4.** Isosteric heat of  $\text{CO}_2$  adsorption on WSCN-3 and WSC-3.



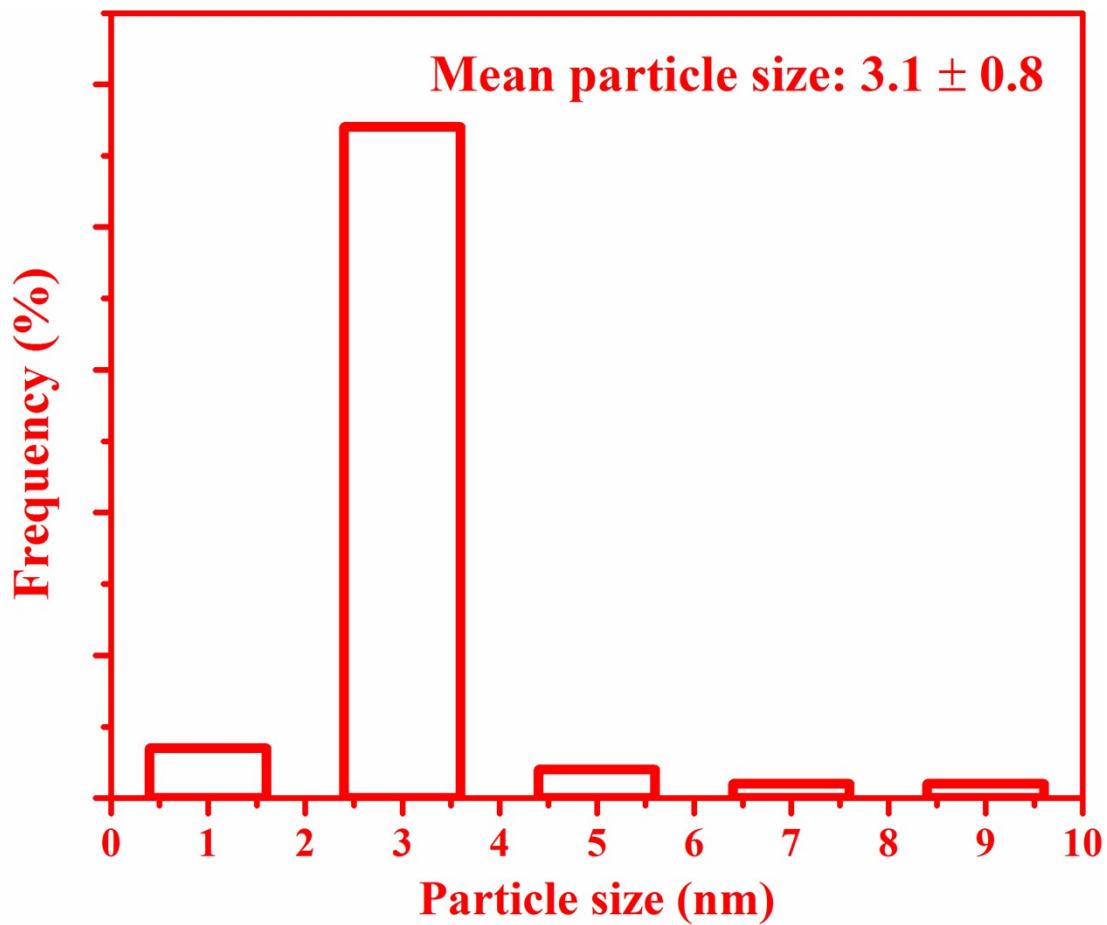
**Figure S5.** Initial slope calculation for  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{N}_2$  isotherms collected at 298K. (a) WSNC-3, (b) WSCN-3, (c) WSC-3.



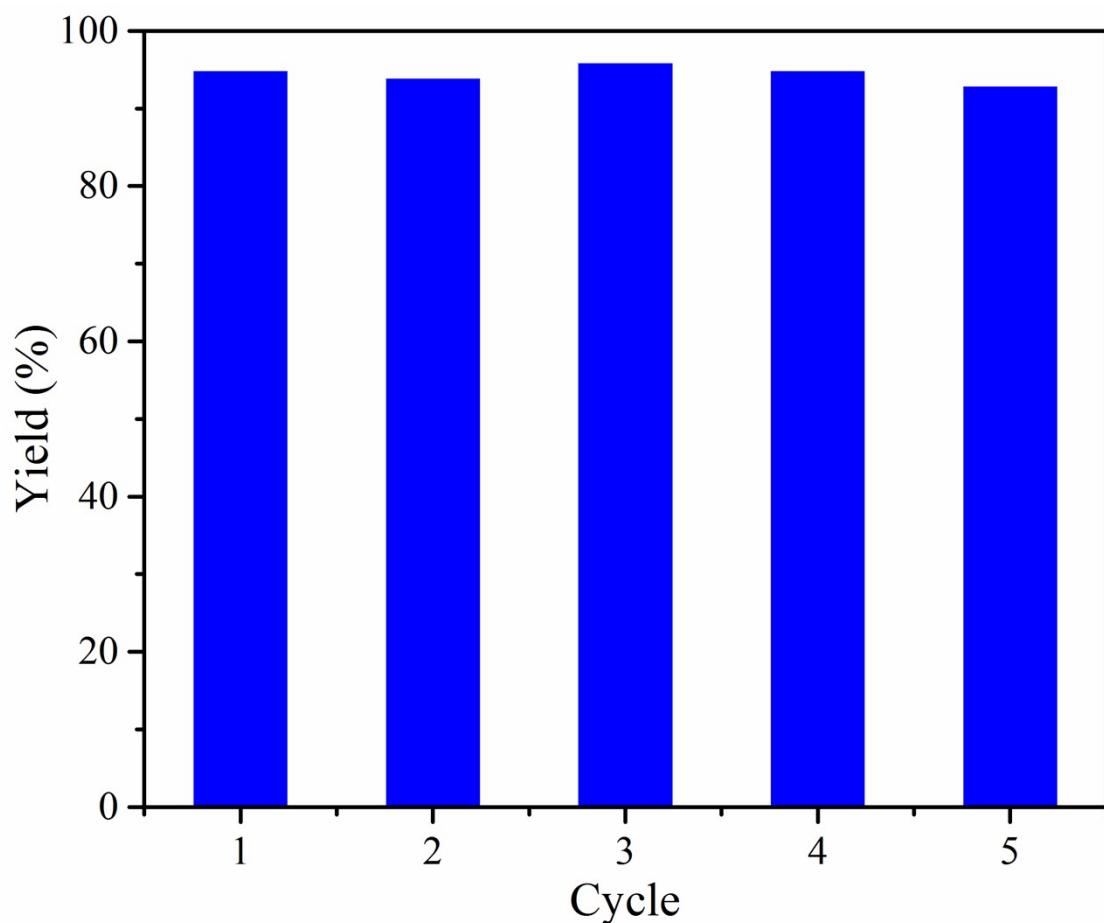
**Figure S6.** CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherms obtained at 273 K and 298 K of Ag/WSNC-3



**Figure S7.** EDS mapping of Ag/WSNC-3



**Figure S8.** Histogram of Ag particle size distribution.



**Figure S9.** Recyclability test of Ag/WSNC-3. Reaction conditions: 1.0 mmol substrate; Ag was 0.1 mol% based on substrate; DBU, 1.0 mmol; CO<sub>2</sub> 1 MPa; CH<sub>3</sub>CN, 3 mL; 30 °C, 12 h. Yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

**Table S1.** Carboxylative Cyclization of 2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol with CO<sub>2</sub> over Ag/WSNC-3<sup>a</sup>

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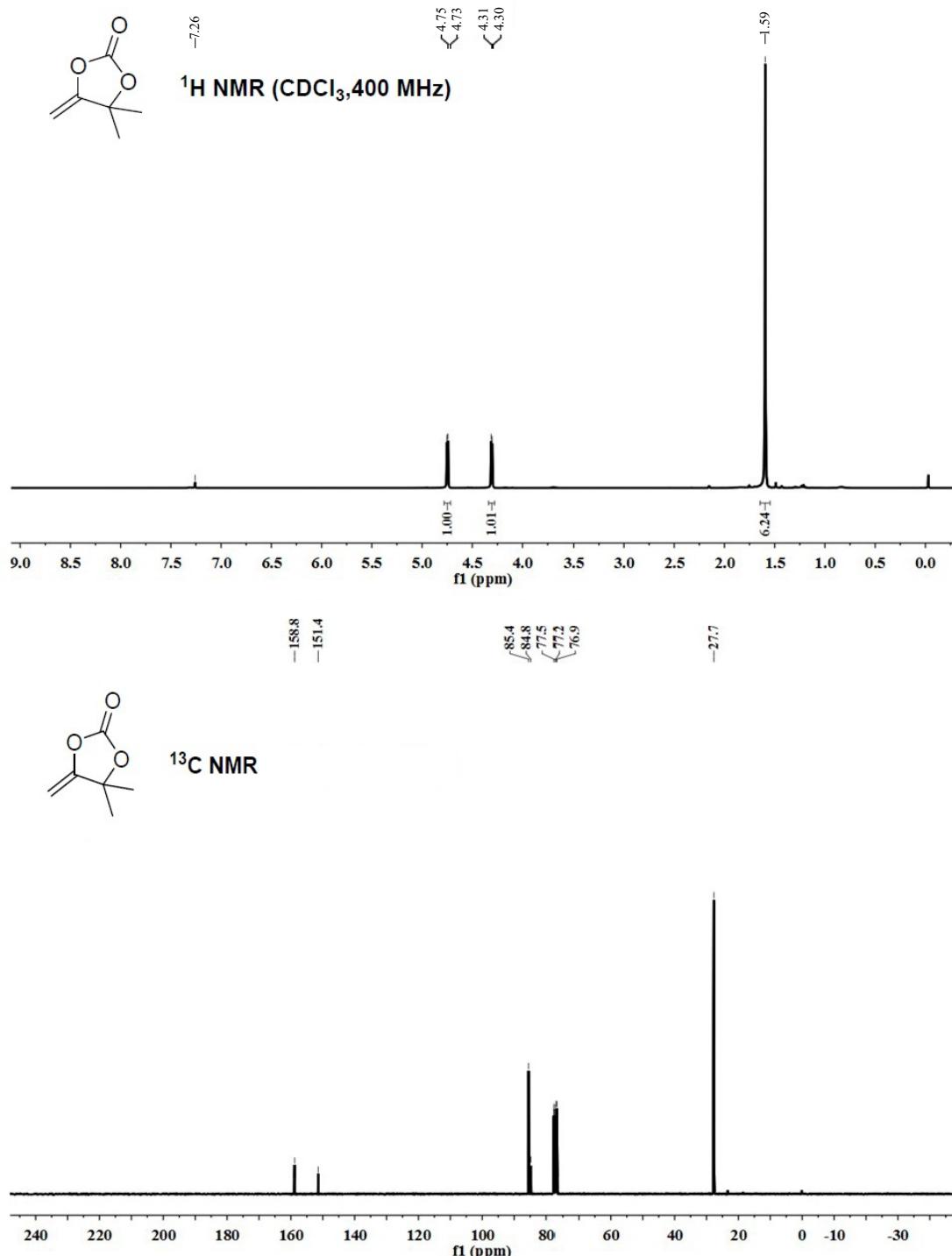
The reaction scheme shows the conversion of 2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol (a propargyl alcohol) to a cyclic carbonate. The substrate is a propargyl alcohol with a methyl group at the 2-position and a hydroxyl group at the 3-position. It reacts with CO<sub>2</sub> in the presence of Ag/WSNC-3 catalyst and DBU in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 30 °C for 12 hours to yield a cyclic carbonate product where the alkyne has been converted into a carbonyl group, which is then part of a three-membered ring with two other carbonyl groups.

Entry	Catalyst	Times/h	Yield/% <sup>b</sup>	TOF/h <sup>-1</sup> <sup>c</sup>
1	No Ag/WSNC-3 and DBU	12	<1	-
2	No Ag/WSNC-3	12	24	-
3	WSNC-3 instead of Ag/WSNC-3	12	25	-
4	Ag/WSNC-3	12	95	79
5	Ag/AC	12	62	52
6	Ag/WSC-3	12	67	56
7	Ag/WSNC-3	1	41	410
8	Ag/WSNC-3	6	74	123
9 <sup>d</sup>	Ag/WSNC-3	12	43	36
10	Ag/WSNC-3	0.5	21	420
11	Ag/WSNC-3	16	99	62
12 <sup>e</sup>	Ag/WSNC-3	1	48	480
13 <sup>f</sup>	Ag/WSNC-3	1	59	590
14 <sup>g</sup>	Ag/WSNC-3	1	67	670
15 <sup>f</sup>	Ag/WSNC-3	12	76	63

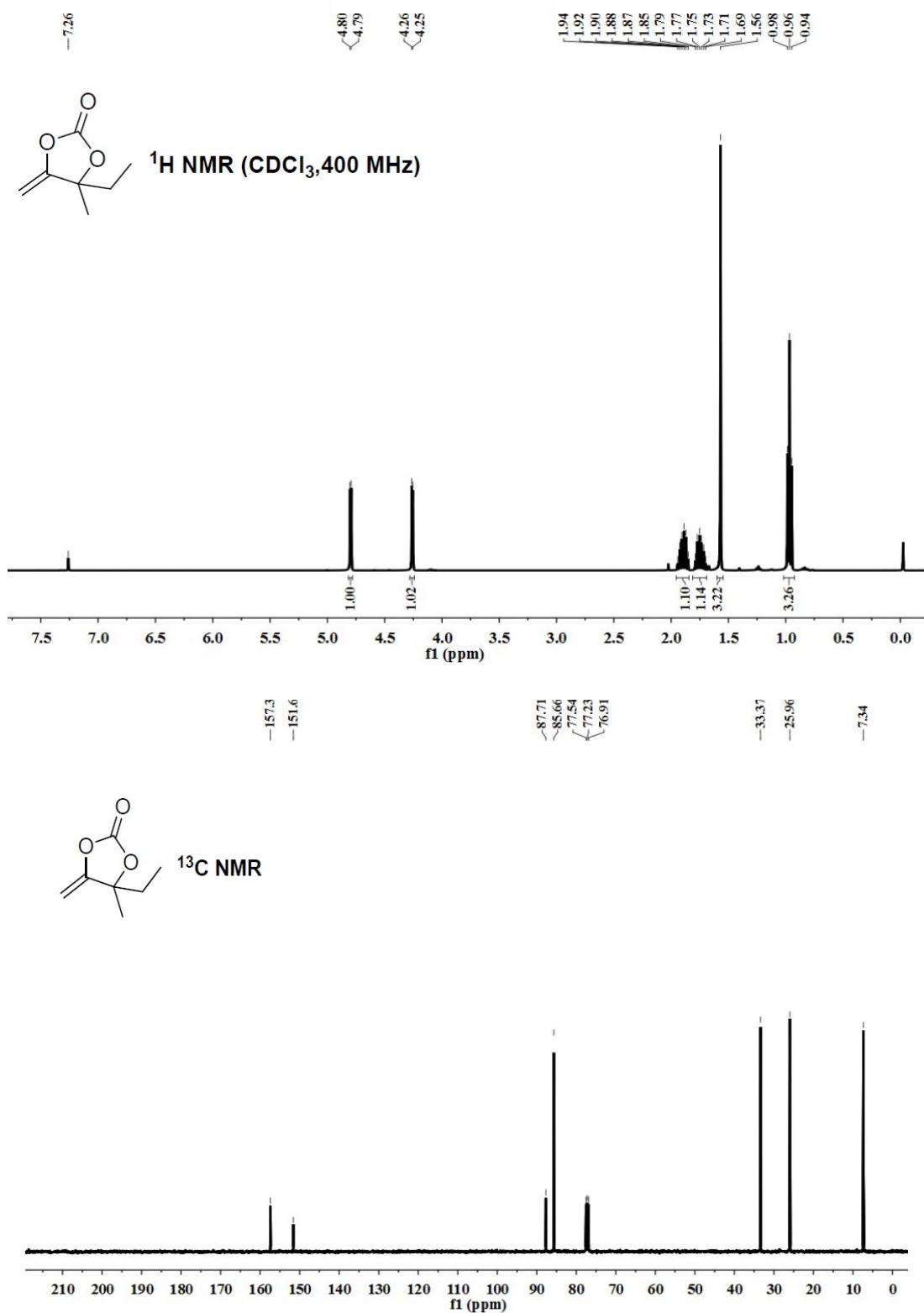
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<sup>a</sup> Reaction condition: 1.0 mmol substrate (2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol); Ag/WSNC-3, Ag was 0.1 mol% based on substrate; DBU, 1.0 mmol; CO<sub>2</sub> 1 MPa; CH<sub>3</sub>CN, 3 mL; 30 °C, 12 h. <sup>b</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>c</sup> TOF = [mol product obtained]/[(total mol metal) × (reaction time)]. <sup>d</sup> CO<sub>2</sub> 1 atm. <sup>e</sup> 40 °C. <sup>f</sup> 50 °C. <sup>g</sup> 60 °C. <sup>f</sup> Flue gas (10% CO<sub>2</sub>, 90% N<sub>2</sub>) instead of pure CO<sub>2</sub>.

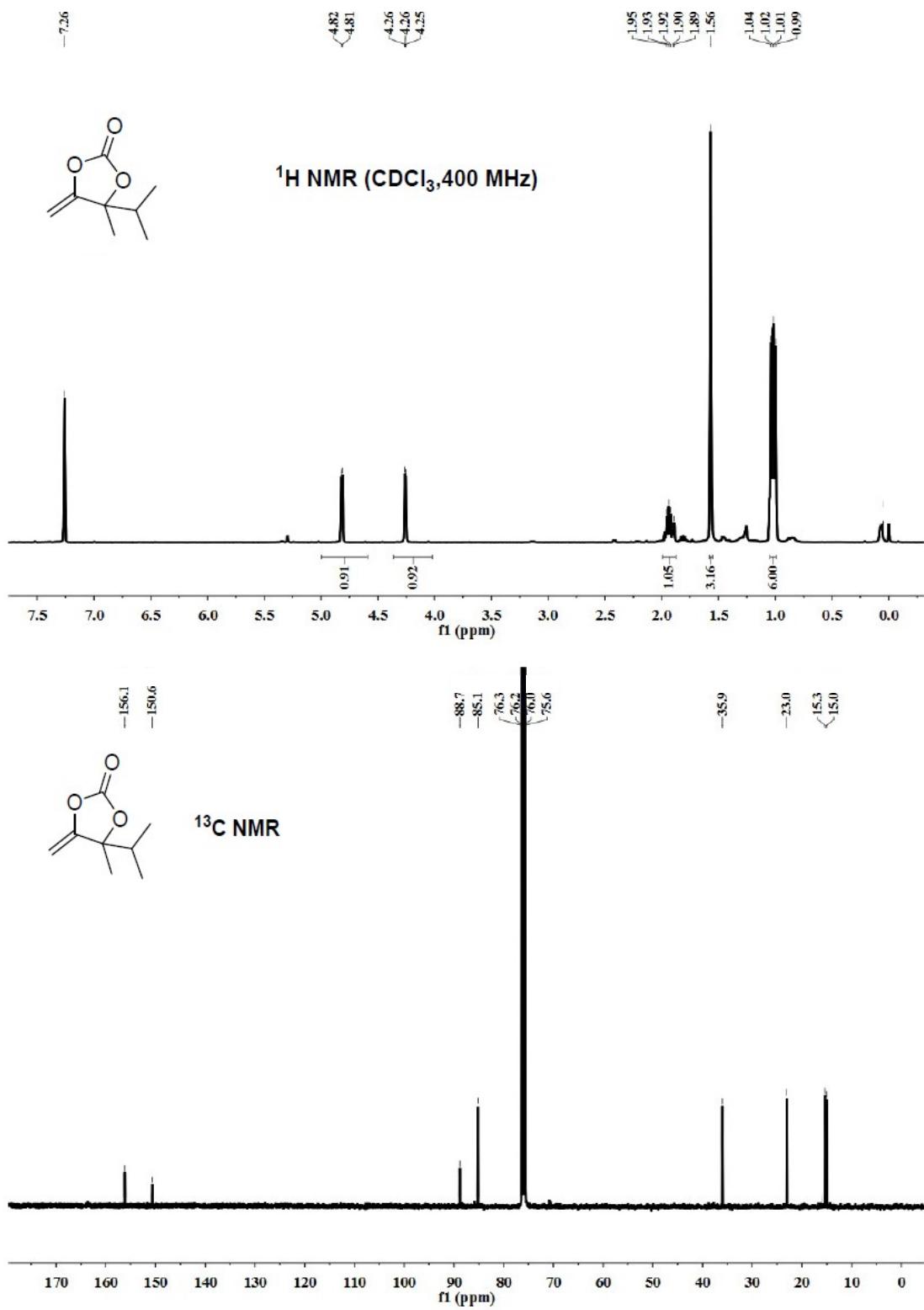
**Figure S10 to S15:  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the products of carboxylative cyclization of propargyl alcohols with  $\text{CO}_2$ .**



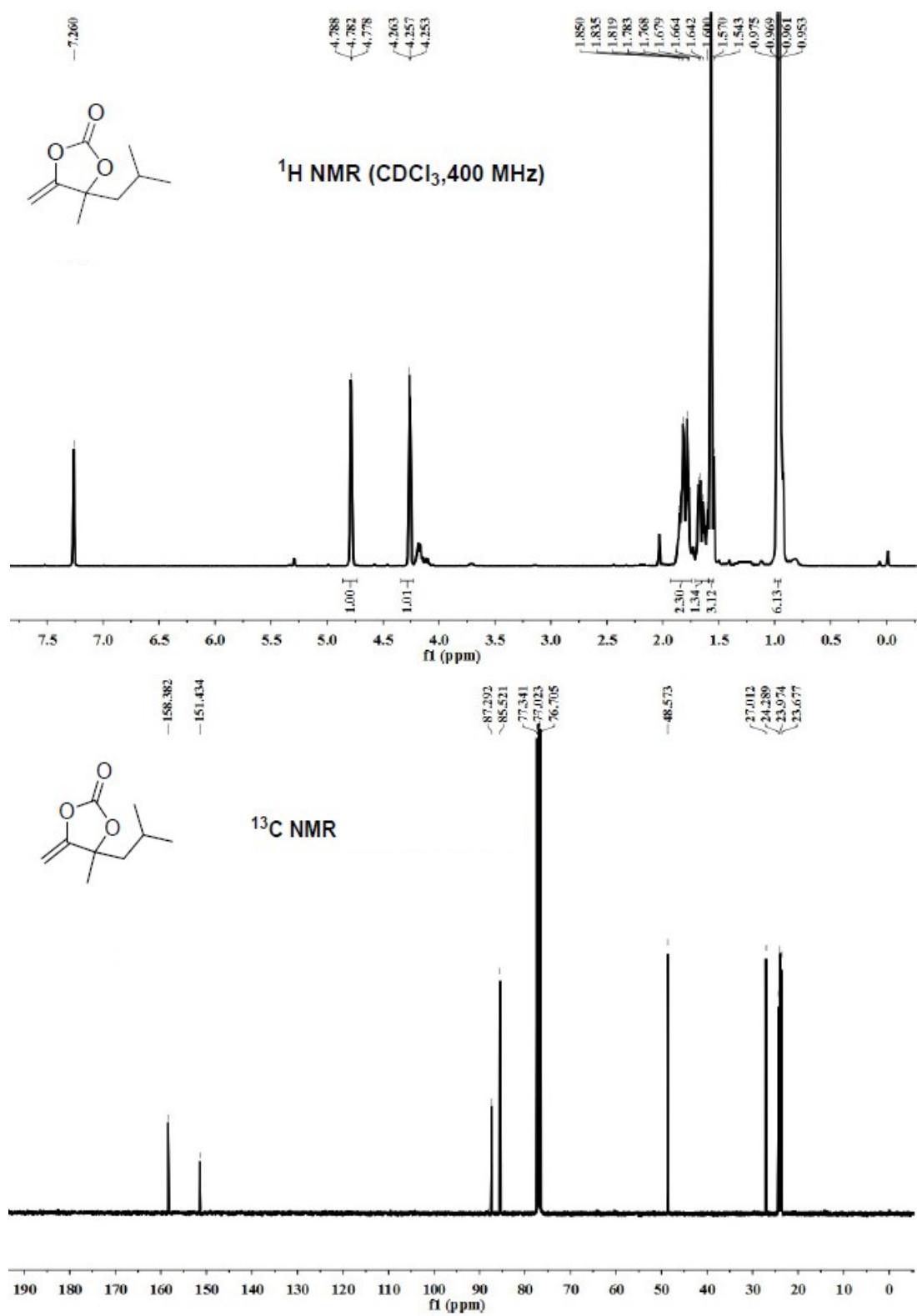
**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the 4,4-dimethyl-5-methylene-1,3-dioxolan-2-one



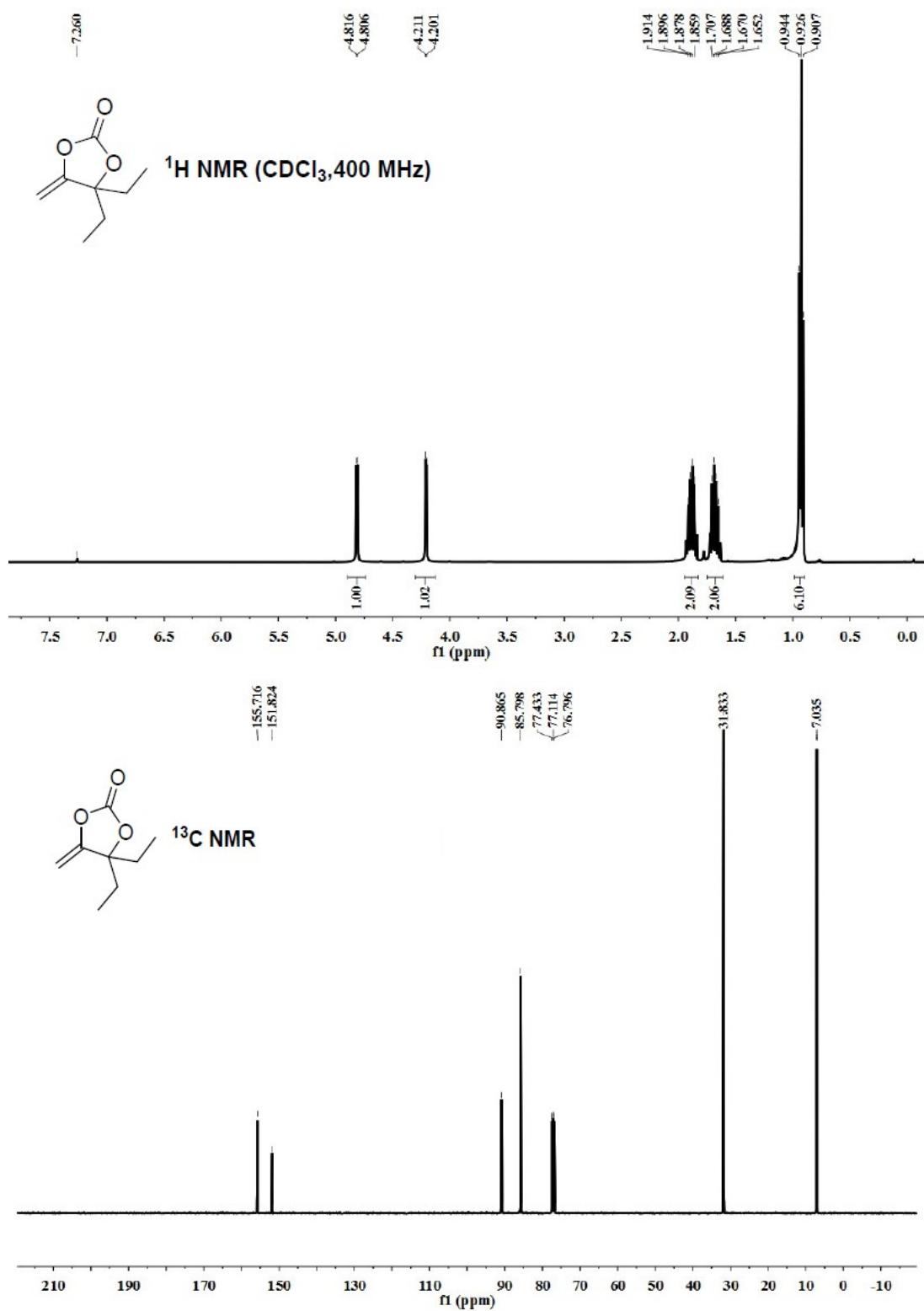
**Figure S11.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the 4-methyl-5-methylene-4-ethyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-one



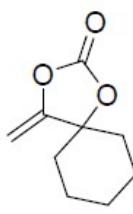
**Figure S12.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the 4-methyl-5-methylene-4-isopropyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-one



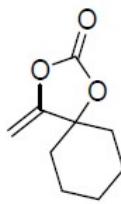
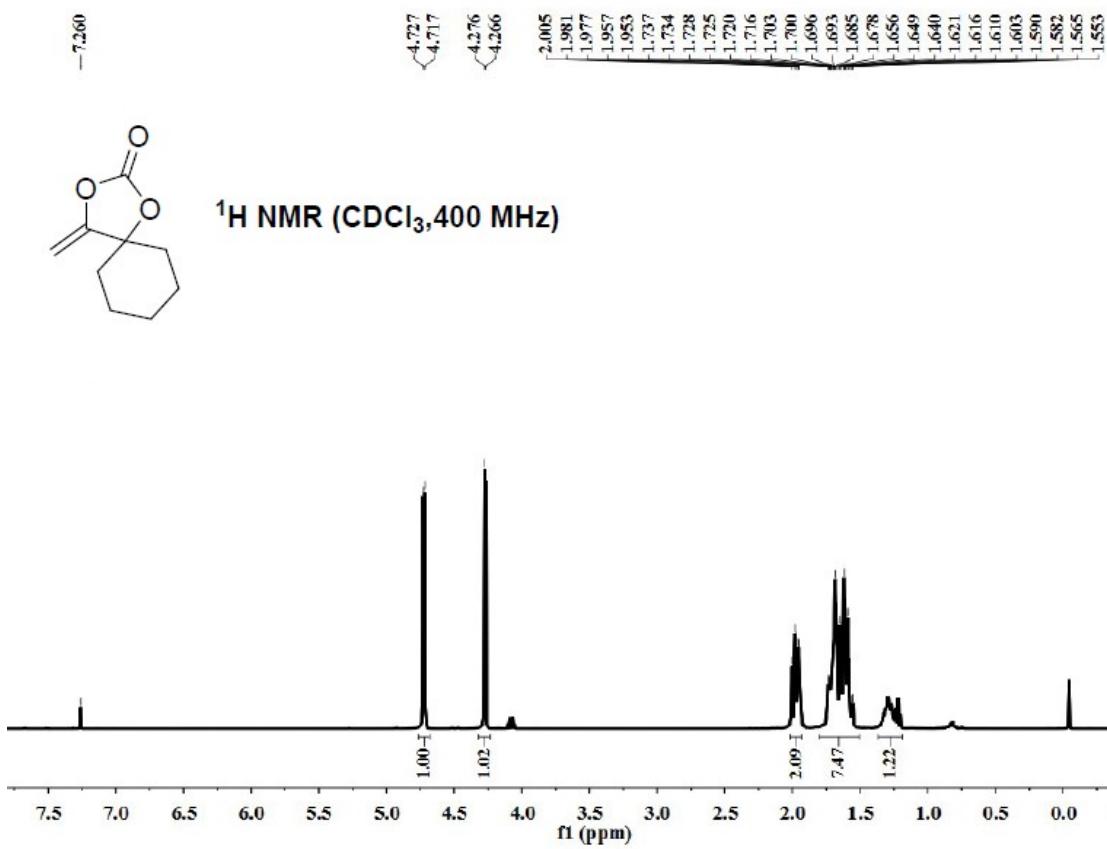
**Figure S13.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the 4-methyl-5-methylene-4-isobutyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-one



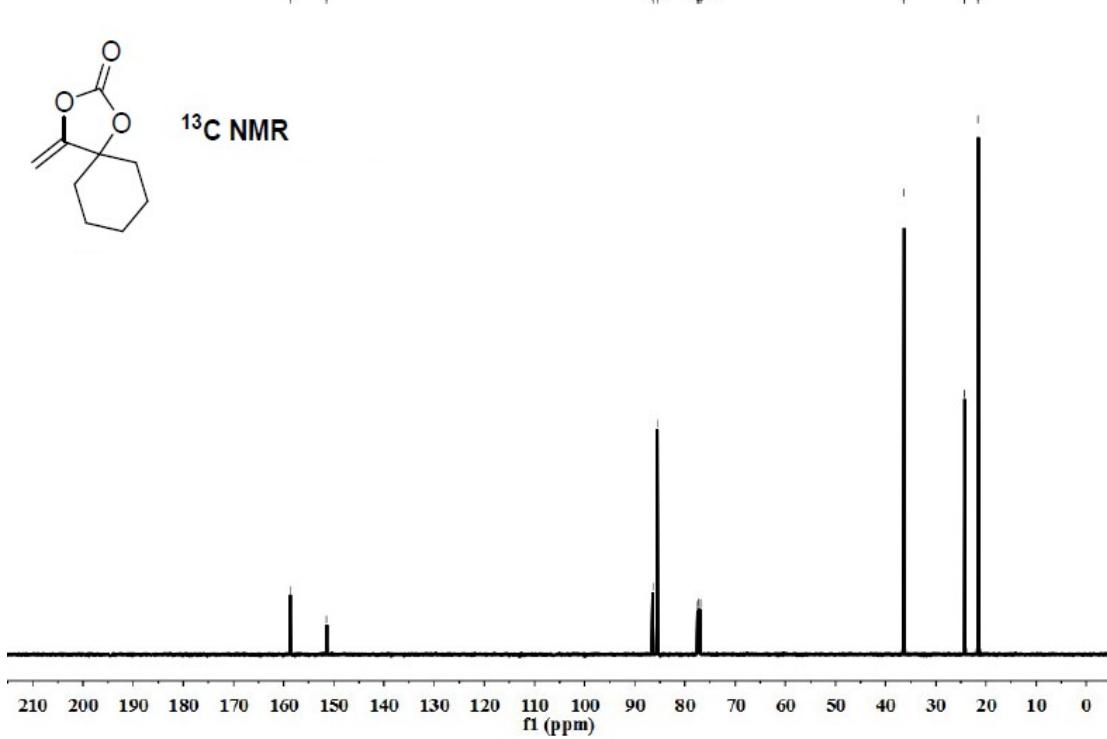
**Figure S14.** <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the 4-diethyl-5-methylene-1,3-dioxolan-2-one



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)



### <sup>13</sup>C NMR



**Figure S15.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the 4-cyclohexyl-5-methylene-1,3-dioxolan-2-one