

Electronic Supplementary Information

Visible-Light-Driven Regioselective Carbocarboxylation of 1,3-Dienes with Organic Halides and CO₂

Chunlin Zhou,^{ab} Xinchao Wang,^a Lei Yang,^{ab} Lei Fu,^{*c} and Gang Li^{*ad}

^aState Key Laboratory of Structural Chemistry, Center for Excellence in Molecular Synthesis, Fujian Institute of Research on the Structure of Matter, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), 155 West Yang-Qiao Road, Fuzhou, Fujian, 350002, China. E-mail: gangli@fjirsm.ac.cn

^bFujian College, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, 100049, China

^cProvincial University Key Laboratory of Cellular Stress Response and Metabolic Regulation, College of Life Science, Fujian Normal University, Fuzhou, Fujian, 350117, China. Email: fulei@fjnu.edu.cn

^dFrontiers Science Center for Transformative Molecules, School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai 200240, China.

Table of contents

1. General Information	S3
2. Experimental Section	S3
2.1 Optimization of the reaction conditions	S3
2.2 General procedures for synthesis of products.....	S5
2.3 Characterization of products.....	S6
2.4 Mechanistic Studies	S35
2.5 Gram-scale reaction	S38
2.6 General procedures for the synthesis of substrates.....	S39
3. References	S40
4. X-Ray Crystallographic Spectrum of 3aai and 5aa' (the acid of 5aa)	S41
5. NMR spectrum of compounds	S43

1. General Information

Unless otherwise noted, commercial available reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers (such as Strem, Alfa Aesar, J&K Chemical Co., Energy Chemical, Bide Pharmatech Ltd. and Adamas) and used as received. Solvents were generally dried over 4Å molecular sieves. Purification of products was performed by flash chromatography (FC) using silica gel or preparative thin layer chromatography. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE III spectrometer (400 MHz and 101 MHz, respectively). Chemical shifts are reported parts per million (ppm) referenced to CDCl_3 (δ 7.26 ppm), tetramethylsilane (TMS, δ 0.00 ppm) for ^1H NMR; CDCl_3 (δ 77.16 ppm) for ^{13}C NMR. The following abbreviations (or combinations thereof) were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublet, td = triplet of doublet and m = multiplet,. To distinguish, some ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts retain two decimal places. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on an Impact II UHR-TOF mass spectrometry equipped with an ESI source from Bruker at Fujian Institute of Research on the Structure of Matter. The Blue LED strips (1 meter, 30W) were purchased from Prime LED Co., Ltd. (China). CO_2 gas (Purity: 99.995%) was purchased from Linde.

2. Experimental Section

2.1 Optimization of the reaction conditions

Photocatalysts:

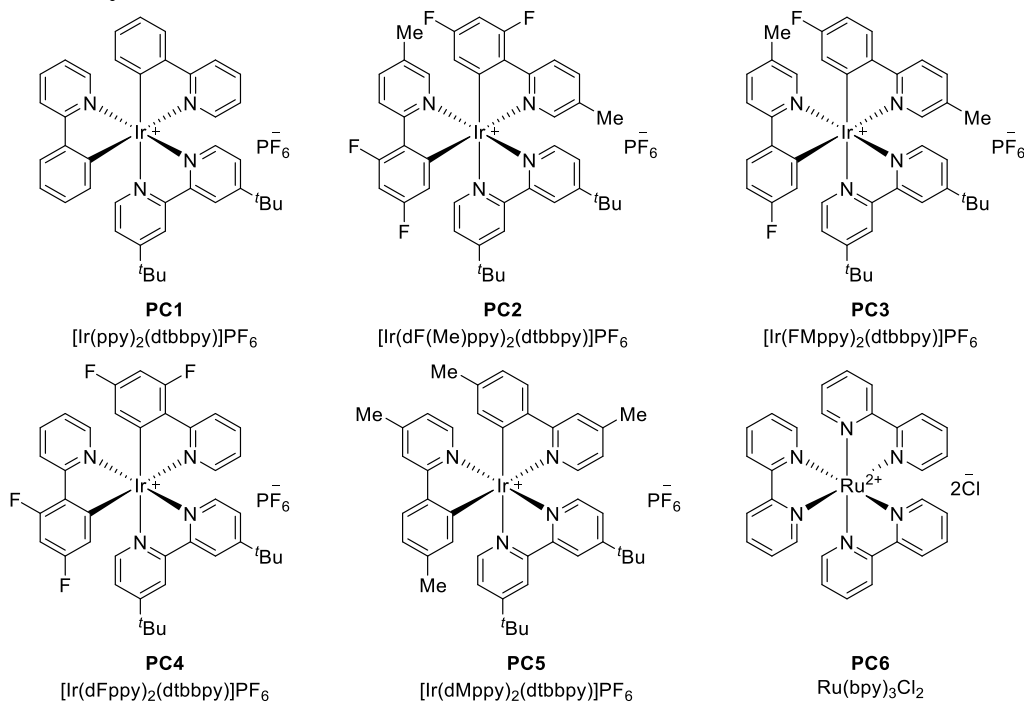
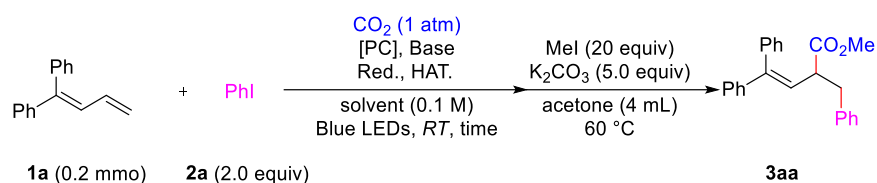
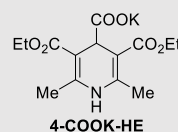
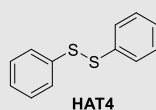
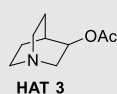


Table S1. Screening of the reaction conditions.



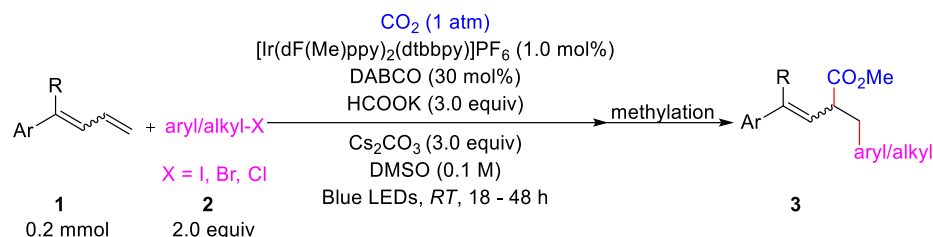
NO.	[PC] (2 mol%)	Base (3.0 eq.)	Red. (3.0 eq.)	HAT (0.5 eq.)	Solvent (0.1M)	time	Yield ^a (%)
1	PC1	K ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMSO	24 h	71
2	PC2	K ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMSO	24 h	74
3	PC3	K ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMSO	24 h	71
4	PC4	K ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMSO	24 h	71
5	PC5	K ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMSO	24 h	72
6	PC6	K ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMSO	24 h	74
7	PC6	^t BuOLi	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMSO	24 h	59
8	PC6	^t BuONa	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMSO	24 h	23
9	PC6	Na ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMSO	24 h	56
10	PC6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMSO	24 h	75
11	PC6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	HCOONa	HAT 1	DMSO	24 h	71
12	PC6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	HCOOCs	HAT 1	DMSO	24 h	57
13	PC6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	(HCOO) ₂ Ca	HAT 1	DMSO	24 h	7
14	PC6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	4-COOK-HE	-	DMSO	24 h	67
15	PC6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	DIPEA	-	DMSO	24 h	31
16	PC6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	ⁿ Bu ₃ N	-	DMSO	24 h	22
17	PC6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 2	DMSO	24 h	trace
18	PC6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 3	DMSO	24 h	n.d.
19	PC6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 4	DMSO	24 h	trace
^c 20	PC6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMSO	24 h	75
^c 21	PC6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMF	24 h	8
^c 22	PC6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMA	24 h	6
^c 23	PC6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	MeCN	24 h	trace
^c 24	PC6 (1mol%)	Cs ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMSO	24 h	75
^c 25	PC6 (1mol%)	Cs ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMSO	12 h	71
^c 26	PC6 (1mol%)	Cs ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMSO	18 h	80
^c 27	PC1 (1mol%)	Cs ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMSO	18 h	80
^c 28	PC2 (1mol%)	Cs ₂ CO ₃	HCOOK	HAT 1	DMSO	18 h	93(79) ^b



^aYield was determined by ¹H NMR with CH₂Br₂ as internal standard. ^bIsolated yield.

^c30 mol% HAT 1 (DABCO) was used.

2.2 General procedures for synthesis of products



General procedure A:

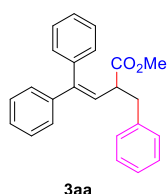
The oven-dried Schlenk tube (25 mL) containing a stirring bar was charged with substrates **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and Ir[(dF(Me)ppy)₂(dtbbpy)]PF₆ (1 mol%) in the air. Then the tube was moved into a glovebox and charged with DABCO (30 mol%), HCOOK (3.0 equiv) and Cs₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv). The tube was sealed and evacuated and back-filled with CO₂ three times. Subsequently, the degassed anhydrous DMSO (2 mL, 0.1 M) was added into the tube via syringe. Then the tube was evacuated and back-filled with CO₂ for 10 times. Finally, the mixture was placed under a 30 W blue LEDs ($\lambda_{\text{max}}=465$ nm, 3.0 cm - 4.5 cm away from the LEDs, with cooling fan to keep the reaction temperature at 25 - 40 °C) light source and stirred at ambient temperature for 18 - 48 h. Upon completion of the reaction, all the solvent were removed under reduced pressure at high temperature. The residue was dissolved with acetone (4.0 mL), and CH₃I (20.0 equiv) was added to the tube. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 3 h and then cooled to room temperature. Upon completion of the methylation, the mixture was diluted with 5 mL EtOAc and filtered through a short pad of Celite and the Celite pad were washed with an additional EtOAc (10 mL x 4). Then the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product. The crude ¹H NMR spectrum was taken using CH₂Br₂ (0.2 mmol) as internal standard. Finally, the resulting residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography using PE/EtOAc as the eluent to afford the desired products.

General procedure B:

The oven-dried Schlenk tube (25 mL) containing a stirring bar was charged with substrates **1** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2** (0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and Ir[(dF(Me)ppy)₂(dtbbpy)]PF₆ (1 mol%) in the air. Then the tube was moved into a glovebox and charged with DABCO (30 mol%), HCOOK (3.0 equiv) and Cs₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv). The tube was sealed and evacuated and back-filled with CO₂ three times. Subsequently, the degassed anhydrous DMSO (2 mL, 0.1 M) was added into the tube via syringe. Then the tube was evacuated and back-filled with CO₂ for 10 times. Finally, the mixture was placed under a 30 W blue LEDs ($\lambda_{\text{max}}=465$ nm, 3.0 cm - 4.5 cm away from the LEDs, with cooling fan to keep the reaction temperature at 25 - 40 °C) light source and stirred at ambient temperature for 18 - 48 h. Upon completion of the reaction, AcOH (0.2 mL) was added and the system was stirred for 10 min at room temperature. Then all the solvent were removed under reduced pressure at high temperature. The residue was dissolved with MeOH (4.0 mL), then SOCl₂ (0.4 mL) was added dropwise to the tube at 0 °C in the ice bath. The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 6 h and then

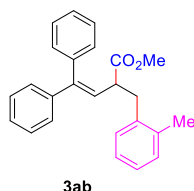
cooled to room temperature. Upon completion of the methylation, the mixture was diluted with 5 mL EtOAc and quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ at 0 °C in the ice bath. The organic phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL x 3). The combined organic phases were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product. The crude ¹H NMR spectrum was taken using CH₂Br₂ (0.2 mmol) as internal standard. Finally, the resulting residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography using PE/EtOAc as the eluent to afford the desired products.

2.3 Characterization of products



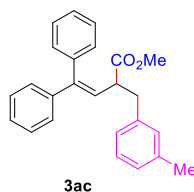
methyl 2-benzyl-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3aa)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 79%, 54.0 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.35 – 7.12 (m, 11H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 6.11 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.47 (dt, *J* = 10.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 8.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.3, 144.7, 141.8, 139.2, 138.5, 129.7, 129.3, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 126.5, 125.7, 52.0, 48.2, 39.4. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for C₂₄H₂₂O₂Na⁺ (*M*+Na)⁺ 365.1512, found 365.1509.



methyl 2-(2-methylbenzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3ab)

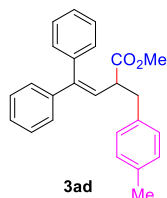
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 76%, 54.1 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.36 – 7.12 (m, 8H), 7.12 – 6.93 (m, 4H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.54 – 3.38 (m, 1H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.4, 144.6, 141.6, 139.1, 136.6, 130.4, 130.35, 129.7, 128.2, 127.5, 127.3, 127.27, 126.7, 125.8, 125.7, 52.0, 46.5, 36.8, 19.0. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for C₂₅H₂₄O₂Na⁺ (*M*+Na)⁺ 379.1669, found 379.1669.



methyl 2-(3-methylbenzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3ac)

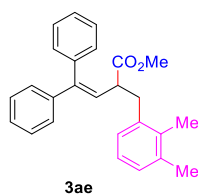
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 78%, 55.6 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.34 – 7.14 (m, 8H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.09 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.52 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 3.07 (dd, J = 13.4, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, J = 13.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.4, 144.6, 141.9, 139.2, 138.4, 137.8, 130.0, 129.7, 128.23, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 126.4, 125.8, 52.0, 48.1, 39.3, 21.4. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 379.1669, found 379.1670.



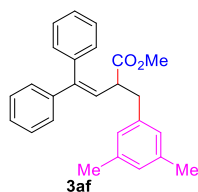
methyl 2-(4-methylbenzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3ad)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 72%, 51.3 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.38 – 7.12 (m, 8H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.96 – 6.81 (m, 4H), 6.10 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.44 (dt, J = 10.3, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.4, 144.5, 141.8, 139.2, 135.9, 135.3, 129.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 125.9, 52.0, 48.3, 39.0, 21.2. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 379.1669, found 379.1668.



methyl 2-(2,3-dimethylbenzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3ae)

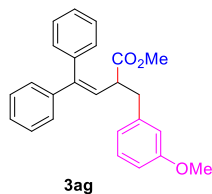
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 70%, 51.9 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.33 – 7.10 (m, 8H), 7.02 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.12 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.53 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 3.17 (dd, J = 13.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, J = 13.1, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.78 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.5, 144.6, 141.7, 139.1, 136.9, 136.3, 135.2, 129.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 125.7, 125.2, 52.0, 46.4, 37.6, 20.7, 14.8. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 393.1825, found 393.1826.



methyl 2-(3,5-dimethylbenzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3af)

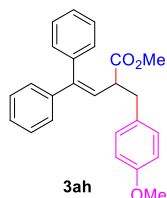
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 72%, 53.4 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.35 – 7.08 (m, 8H), 6.86 (dd, J = 6.4, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.60 (s, 2H), 6.06 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.51 – 3.34 (m, 1H), 3.02 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J = 13.4, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz,

Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.4, 144.5, 142.0, 139.3, 138.3, 137.7, 129.8, 128.2, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 126.0, 52.0, 48.0, 39.2, 21.3. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $C_{26}H_{26}O_2Na^+$ ($M+Na$)⁺ 393.1825, found 393.1825.



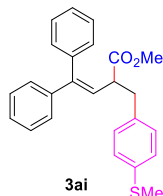
methyl 2-(3-methoxybenzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3ag)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 70%, 52.3 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.35 – 7.15 (m, 8H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.53 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 3.08 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 8.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.3, 159.6, 144.7, 141.8, 140.0, 139.2, 129.7, 129.3, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 125.7, 121.7, 114.4, 112.3, 55.2, 52.0, 48.1, 39.4. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $C_{25}H_{24}O_3Na^+$ ($M+Na$)⁺ 395.1618, found 395.1620.



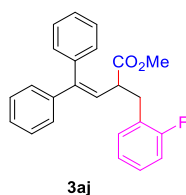
methyl 2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3ah)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 53%, 39.0 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.35 – 7.13 (m, 8H), 6.99 – 6.84 (m, 4H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.43 (dt, *J* = 10.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.3, 158.3, 144.5, 141.8, 139.2, 130.5, 130.2, 129.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 125.8, 113.8, 55.3, 52.0, 48.4, 38.6. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $C_{25}H_{24}O_3Na^+$ ($M+Na$)⁺ 395.1618, found 395.1618.



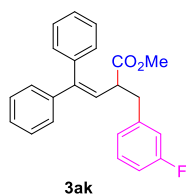
methyl 2-(4-(methylthio)benzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3ai)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 56%, 43.4 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.34 – 7.14 (m, 8H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.98 – 6.78 (m, 4H), 6.08 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.44 (dt, *J* = 10.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.2, 144.8, 141.7, 139.1, 136.2, 135.5, 129.8, 129.7, 128.3, 128.26, 127.6, 127.4, 127.4, 126.9, 125.5, 52.0, 48.1, 38.8, 16.3. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $C_{25}H_{24}O_2SNa^+$ ($M+Na$)⁺ 411.1389, found 411.1388.



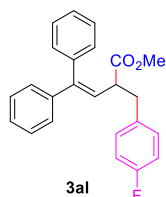
methyl 2-(2-fluorobenzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3aj)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 48%, 34.8 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.34 – 7.09 (m, 9H), 7.05 – 6.87 (m, 3H), 6.87 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 6.10 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.56 – 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.07 (dd, $J = 13.4, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.97 (dd, $J = 13.2, 8.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.1, 161.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 246.4$ Hz), 145.0, 141.8, 139.0, 131.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.6$ Hz), 129.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 125.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 15.8$ Hz), 125.3, 124.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.6$ Hz), 115.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.1$ Hz), 52.1, 46.8, 32.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.7$ Hz). HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{FO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 383.1418, found 383.1418.



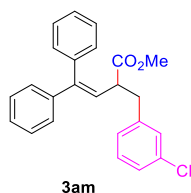
methyl 2-(3-fluorobenzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3ak)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 61%, 43.6 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.31 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.9$ Hz, 3H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.91 (dd, $J = 6.6, 2.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (td, $J = 8.5, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.47 (dt, $J = 10.3, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, $J = 13.4, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, $J = 13.6, 8.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.0, 162.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 246.5$ Hz), 145.1, 141.6, 141.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.4$ Hz), 139.1, 129.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.3$ Hz), 129.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 125.2, 125.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.8$ Hz), 116.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.0$ Hz), 113.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.1$ Hz), 52.1, 47.8, 38.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.8$ Hz). HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{FO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 383.1418, found 383.1419.



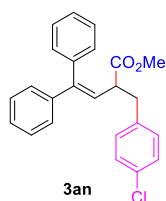
methyl 2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3al)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 60%, 43.2 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.35 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 7.16 (dd, $J = 7.5, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.00 – 6.83 (m, 6H), 6.07 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.44 (dt, $J = 10.8, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, $J = 13.5, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, $J = 13.6, 8.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.1, 161.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 245.2$ Hz), 144.9, 141.7, 139.1, 134.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.3$ Hz), 130.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.9$ Hz), 129.7, 128.3, 128.28, 127.7, 127.4, 127.36, 125.4, 115.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.3$ Hz), 52.1, 48.2, 38.5. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{FO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 383.1418, found 383.1418.



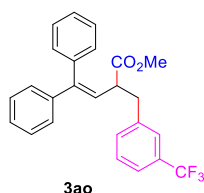
methyl 2-(3-chlorobenzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3am)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 52%, 38.8 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.36 – 3.28 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.93 – 6.82 (m, 3H), 6.05 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.51 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 3.06 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.0, 145.2, 141.6, 140.5, 139.0, 134.1, 129.63, 129.6, 129.4, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.55, 127.5, 127.4, 126.7, 125.1, 52.1, 47.8, 38.8. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 399.1122, found 399.1123.



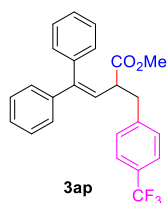
methyl 2-(4-chlorobenzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3an)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 60%, 45.1 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.36 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.98 – 6.83 (m, 4H), 6.06 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.44 (dt, J = 10.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.1, 145.0, 141.6, 139.1, 137.0, 132.3, 130.6, 129.7, 128.5, 128.35, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 125.2, 52.1, 48.0, 38.6. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 399.1122, found 399.1123.



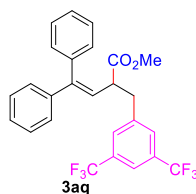
methyl 4,4-diphenyl-2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)but-3-enoate (3ao)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: X = I, 53%, 43.3 mg; X = Br, 51%, 42.0 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.43 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.10 (m, 11H), 6.83 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 6.05 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.47 (td, J = 9.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.9, 145.4, 141.6, 139.5, 139.0, 132.8, 130.7 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 32.3 Hz), 129.5, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 126.0 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.8 Hz), 124.9, 124.2 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 273.3 Hz), 123.4 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.8 Hz), 52.2, 47.8, 38.9. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 433.1386, found 433.1387.



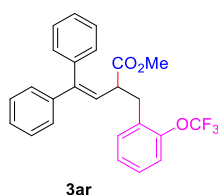
methyl 4,4-diphenyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)but-3-enoate (3ap)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: X = I, 56%, 46.1 mg; X = Br, 50%, 41.2 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.44 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (dd, J = 6.7, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 6.07 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.55 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 3.14 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J = 13.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.9, 145.3, 142.7, 141.5, 138.9, 129.63, 129.57, 128.8 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 29.8 Hz), 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 125.3 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.8 Hz), 124.9, 124.4 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 272.8 Hz) 52.2, 47.9, 39.0. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 433.1386, found 433.1386.



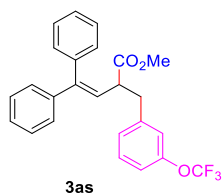
methyl 2-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3aq)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 50%, 48.6 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.44 (s, 2H), 7.35 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 7.13 (dd, J = 6.8, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (dd, J = 6.6, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.02 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.51 (td, J = 9.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.6, 146.2, 141.3, 141.1, 138.8, 131.6 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 33.3 Hz), 129.5 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.6 Hz), 129.4, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 127.4, 124.1, 123.4 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 273.6 Hz), 120.7 – 120.5 (m), 52.4, 47.5, 38.6. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_6\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 501.1260, found 501.1260.



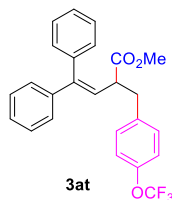
methyl 4,4-diphenyl-2-(2-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl)but-3-enoate (3ar)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 55%, 45.8 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.33 – 7.02 (m, 12H), 6.86 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 6.09 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.58 – 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.0, 148.0, 145.1, 141.7, 139.0, 131.8, 130.9, 129.6, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 127.4, 127.38, 126.5, 125.2, 120.6 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 258.6 Hz) 120.2 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 1.6 Hz), 52.1, 46.6, 33.2. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 449.1335, found 449.1334.



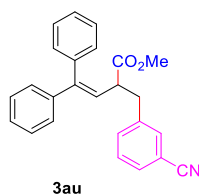
methyl 4,4-diphenyl-2-(3-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl)but-3-enoate (3as)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: X = I, 48%, 41.0 mg; X = Br, 54%, 45.6 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.15 (dd, J = 7.4, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.83 (m, 3H), 6.06 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.46 (dt, J = 9.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.0, 149.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 1.7 Hz), 145.3, 141.6, 140.9, 139.0, 129.7, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 125.0, 121.8, 120.6 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 257.9 Hz), 119.0, 52.1, 47.9, 38.9. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 449.1335, found 449.1333.



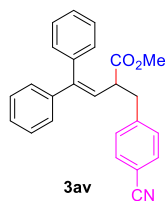
methyl 4,4-diphenyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl)but-3-enoate (3at)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 57%, 48.3 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.36 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.16 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (q, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 6.89 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 6.07 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.50 – 3.38 (m, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 13.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.1, 147.9 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 1.7 Hz), 145.2, 141.6, 139.0, 137.4, 130.6, 129.6, 128.33, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 125.1, 120.9, 120.6 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 257.7 Hz), 52.1, 48.1, 38.5. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 449.1335, found 449.1335.



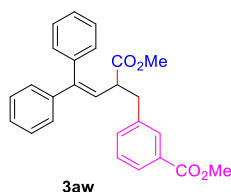
methyl 2-(3-cyanobenzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3au)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: X = I, 40%, 29.4 mg; X = Br, 60%, 43.6 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.46 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.18 (m, 9H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.88 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 6.03 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.49 (dt, J = 10.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, J = 13.8, 8.6 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.7, 145.6, 141.3, 140.0, 138.8, 133.9, 132.7, 130.3, 129.5, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 124.5, 118.8, 112.4, 52.3, 47.5, 38.5. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 390.1464, found 390.1464.



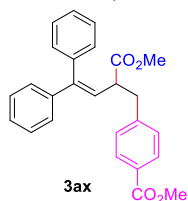
methyl 2-(4-cyanobenzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3av)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: X = Br, 63%, 46.3 mg; X = Cl, 51%, 37.2 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (dd, J = 6.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 6.05 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.56 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 3.13 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.7, 145.4, 144.2, 141.3, 138.8, 132.1, 130.1, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 124.5, 119.0, 110.3, 52.2, 47.5, 39.1. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 390.1464, found 390.1464.



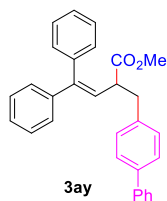
methyl 3-(2-(methoxycarbonyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-en-1-yl)benzoate (3aw)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 57%, 45.4 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.85 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.06 (m, 10H), 6.84 (dd, J = 6.7, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.07 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.56 – 3.40 (m, 1H), 3.13 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.0, 167.1, 145.2, 141.7, 139.0, 138.8, 133.9, 130.5, 130.2, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.4, 127.38, 125.2, 52.1, 52.1, 47.9, 39.0. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 423.1567, found 423.1565.



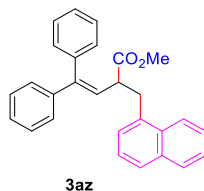
methyl 4-(2-(methoxycarbonyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-en-1-yl)benzoate (3ax)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: X = I, 55%, 43.9 mg; X = Br, 65%, 52.9 mg; X = Cl, 60%, 48.3 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 6.07 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.54 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 3.13 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, J = 13.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.9, 167.1, 145.1, 144.0, 141.5, 139.0, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 128.4, 128.34, 128.27, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 125.1, 52.1, 47.7, 39.2. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 423.1567, found 423.1566.



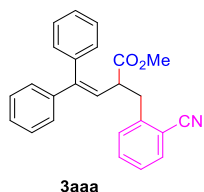
methyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylmethyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3ay)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 62%, 51.3 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.55 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.12 (m, 9H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.95 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.12 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.56 – 3.41 (m, 1H), 3.13 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.3, 144.8, 141.8, 141.1, 139.4, 139.2, 137.6, 129.74, 129.7, 128.9, 128.3, 128.26, 127.6, 127.4, 127.36, 127.2, 127.1, 125.6, 52.1, 48.2, 39.0. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 441.1825, found 441.1826.



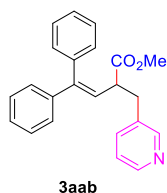
methyl 2-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3az)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 55%, 43.3 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.03 (m, 11H), 6.67 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.21 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dt, J = 10.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.56 (dd, J = 13.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.4, 144.7, 141.6, 138.9, 134.4, 133.9, 132.0, 129.4, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 126.0, 125.8, 125.5, 125.3, 123.4, 52.0, 47.1, 36.7. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 415.1668, found 415.1669.



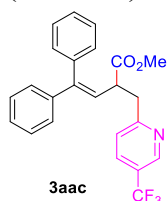
methyl 2-(2-cyanobenzyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3aaa)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: X = Cl, 67%, 49.2 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.53 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.14 (m, 9H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.13 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.61 (td, J = 10.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, J = 13.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, J = 13.6, 9.6 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.5, 145.7, 142.5, 141.3, 138.7, 132.8, 132.7, 130.6, 129.6, 128.3, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 127.1, 124.1, 117.9, 113.3, 52.3, 47.3, 37.1. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 390.1464, found 390.1462.



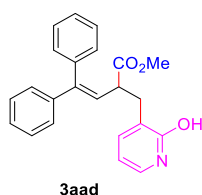
methyl 4,4-diphenyl-2-(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)but-3-enoate (3aab)

The general procedure B was followed. Yield: 50%, 33.8 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.45 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.38 – 7.22 (m, 7H), 7.22 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.92 (dd, $J = 6.5, 2.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.09 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.50 (dt, $J = 10.2, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, $J = 13.8, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, $J = 13.7, 8.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.8, 150.4, 147.8, 145.5, 141.4, 138.9, 136.9, 134.1, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 124.7, 123.4, 52.2, 47.6, 36.2. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 366.1464, found 366.1460.



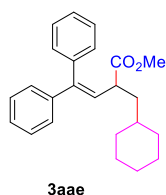
methyl 4,4-diphenyl-2-((5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)methyl)but-3-enoate (3aac)

The general procedure B was followed. Yield: 50%, 41.6 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.64 (s, 1H), 7.74 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.20 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.00 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.09 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 – 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.36 (dd, $J = 14.0, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, $J = 13.6, 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.0, 162.7 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.6$ Hz), 146.2 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.1$ Hz), 145.3, 141.7, 138.9, 133.2 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.5$ Hz), 129.6, 128.34, 128.3, 127.8, 127.54, 127.5, 124.8, 124.5 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 33.1$ Hz), 123.8 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 273.2$ Hz), 123.3, 52.3, 45.9, 41.0. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 434.1338, found 434.1339.



methyl 2-((2-hydroxypyridin-3-yl)methyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3aad)

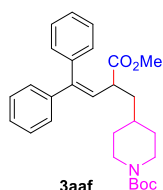
The general procedure B was followed. Yield: 46%, 32.8 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 13.05 (br, 1H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 9H), 7.09 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.17 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 – 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.04 (dd, $J = 13.4, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, $J = 13.2, 8.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.4, 144.9, 142.0, 140.1, 139.2, 133.1, 129.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 125.8, 106.5, 52.1, 44.6, 34.0. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 382.1414, found 382.1406.



3aae

methyl 2-(cyclohexylmethyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3aae)

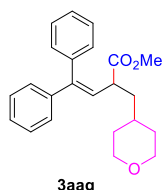
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 44%, 30.6 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.48 – 7.14 (m, 10H), 6.08 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.35 (td, J = 8.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.72 – 1.47 (m, 6H), 1.38 – 1.02 (m, 5H), 0.84 (qd, J = 12.4, 11.6, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 0.70 (qd, J = 12.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.3, 143.8, 142.0, 139.5, 129.9, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 127.46, 127.4, 127.2, 52.0, 43.7, 41.0, 35.3, 33.6, 32.8, 26.6, 26.4, 26.2. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 371.1982, found 371.1980.



3aaf

tert-butyl 4-(2-(methoxycarbonyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-en-1-yl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3aaf)

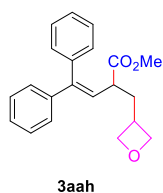
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 50%, 45.7 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 5.97 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.08 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.33 – 3.20 (m, 1H), 2.47 (dt, J = 35.7, 10.6 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (dt, J = 14.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.52 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 1.29 – 1.17 (m, 1H), 1.09 (dt, J = 13.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 0.91 (qd, J = 12.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 0.77 (qd, J = 12.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.9, 154.9, 144.2, 141.7, 139.3, 129.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 126.5, 79.3, 52.1, 43.3, 39.9, 33.6, 32.3, 31.7, 28.5. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 472.2458, found 472.2462.



3aag

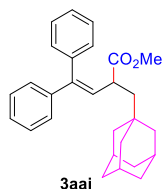
methyl 4,4-diphenyl-2-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)methyl)but-3-enoate (3aag)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: X = I, 50%, 35.1 mg; X = Br, 56%, 39.5 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.35 – 7.14 (m, 8H), 7.11 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.98 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dt, J = 11.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.32 – 3.16 (m, 2H), 3.11 (td, J = 11.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.76 – 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.52 – 1.28 (m, 3H), 1.23 – 0.88 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.9, 144.2, 141.7, 139.3, 129.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.65, 127.6, 127.4, 126.5, 68.0, 67.9, 52.1, 43.1, 40.3, 33.2, 32.6. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 373.1774, found 373.1772.



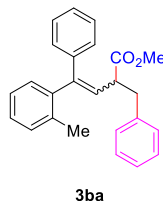
methyl 2-(oxetan-3-ylmethyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3aah)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 60%, 38.7 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.02 (m, 7H), 5.95 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.66 – 4.54 (m, 1H), 4.43 (m, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.07 (td, J = 10.1, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (hept, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (dt, J = 13.6, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (dt, J = 13.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.2, 144.7, 141.5, 139.1, 129.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 125.3, 77.5, 77.2, 52.1, 44.3, 37.0, 33.3. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 345.1461, found 345.1463.



methyl 2-((adamantan-1-yl)methyl)-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3aai)

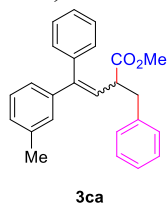
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 69%, 55.6 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.39 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.02 (m, 7H), 5.96 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.28 (dt, J = 10.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.79 – 1.72 (m, 3H), 1.68 (dd, J = 14.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.60 – 1.37 (m, 6H), 1.35 – 1.13 (m, 7H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.7, 142.4, 142.1, 139.5, 129.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 127.48, 127.4, 52.0, 47.8, 42.3, 41.7, 37.0, 33.0, 28.7. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 423.2294, found 423.2294.



methyl 2-benzyl-4-phenyl-4-(o-tolyl)but-3-enoate (3ba, E/Z = 5.9/1)

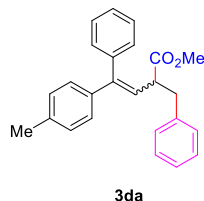
The corresponding substrate contained inseparable *E/Z* isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 71%, 50.9 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40 – 7.14 (m, 10H), 7.14 – 7.00 (m, 3H), 6.97 (dd, J = 7.3, 2.2 Hz, 0.33H), 6.42 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 0.46H), 6.30 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 0.46H), 6.24 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 0.36H), 5.72 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 0.14H), 3.90 – 3.79 (m, 0.16H), 3.74 (s, 0.44H), 3.69 (s, 1.06H), 3.65 (s, 1.42H), 3.38 (dt, J = 10.1, 7.3 Hz, 0.35H), 3.29 – 3.17 (m, 0.60H), 3.13 (dd, J = 13.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 – 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.08 (s, 1.37H), 2.01 (s, 0.46H), 1.58 (s, 1.09H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.31, 174.26, 174.1, 145.1, 144.4, 143.6, 143.1, 140.7, 140.2, 139.4, 138.63, 138.59, 138.51, 138.3, 138.1, 136.8, 136.6, 136.1, 130.7, 130.35, 130.33, 130.2, 129.9, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.56, 127.52, 127.48, 127.2, 126.6, 126.54, 126.51, 126.1, 125.7, 125.6,

125.5, 52.1, 52.0, 51.9, 48.7, 48.3, 47.2, 39.4, 39.3, 39.1, 20.4, 19.5, 19.4. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for C₂₅H₂₄O₂Na⁺ (*M*+Na)⁺ 379.1668, found 379.1669.



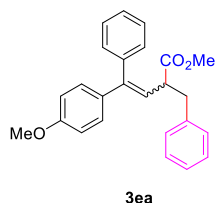
methyl 2-benzyl-4-phenyl-4-(m-tolyl)but-3-enoate (3ca, *E/Z* = 1.1/1)

The corresponding substrate contained inseparable *E/Z* isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 59%, 42.3 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.38 – 7.03 (m, 11H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 0.55H), 6.97 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 0.52H), 6.61 (s, 0.48H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 1.42H), 3.69 (s, 1.56H), 3.57 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 3.15 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.00 – 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 1.51H), 2.33 (s, 1.59H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.4, 174.3, 144.82, 144.75, 141.9, 141.8, 139.3, 139.1, 138.6, 138.5, 137.79, 137.77, 130.3, 129.7, 129.4, 129.3, 128.4, 128.3, 128.25, 128.21, 128.13, 128.09, 128.07, 128.0, 127.5, 127.14, 127.3, 126.7, 126.5, 126.4, 125.6, 125.5, 124.6, 52.0, 48.23, 48.17, 39.4, 21.5. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for C₂₅H₂₄O₂Na⁺ (*M*+Na)⁺ 379.1668, found 379.1668.



methyl 2-benzyl-4-phenyl-4-(p-tolyl)but-3-enoate (3da, *E/Z* = 1.4/1)

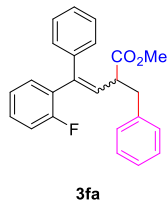
The corresponding substrate contained inseparable *E/Z* isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 68%, 48.0 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.33 – 7.13 (m, 7H), 7.13 – 6.93 (m, 5H), 6.91 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.54 – 3.38 (m, 1H), 3.15 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.94 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 1.90H), 2.30 (s, 1.30H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.4, 174.3, 144.6, 144.5, 142.0, 139.3, 139.0, 138.5, 137.4, 137.0, 136.2, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.23, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 126.5, 126.4, 125.6, 124.8, 52.0, 48.2, 39.4, 21.4, 21.2. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for C₂₅H₂₄O₂Na⁺ (*M*+Na)⁺ 379.1668, found 379.1670.



methyl 2-benzyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (3ea, *E/Z* = 3.2/1)

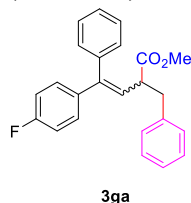
The corresponding substrate contained inseparable *E/Z* isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 65%, 46.9 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 – 6.99 (m, 10H), 6.95 – 6.75 (m, 4H), 6.08 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 0.76H), 6.05 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 0.24H), 3.86 (s, 2.36H), 3.81 (s, 0.79H), 3.69 (s, 2.25H), 3.68 (s, 0.76H), 3.55 (dt, *J* = 10.3, 8.0 Hz, 0.79H), 3.46 (dt, *J* = 10.4, 7.9 Hz, 0.27H), 3.19 – 3.06 (m, 1H), 2.97 –

2.84 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.5, 174.4, 159.2, 158.9, 144.4, 144.1, 142.2, 139.4, 138.6, 138.5, 134.5, 131.5, 130.9, 129.7, 129.3, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.52, 127.47, 127.3, 126.5, 126.4, 125.6, 123.9, 113.7, 113.6, 55.4, 55.3, 52.01, 51.98, 48.19, 48.17, 39.5, 39.4. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 395.1618, found 395.1618.



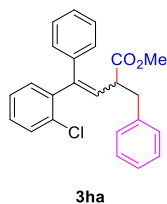
methyl 2-benzyl-4-(2-fluorophenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (3fa, *E/Z* = 3.1/1)

The corresponding substrate contained inseparable *E/Z* isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 71%, 51.0 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.36 – 7.12 (m, 9H), 7.12 – 6.57 (m, 5H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 0.74H), 6.03 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 0.24H), 3.66 (s, 0.75H), 3.61 (s, 2.44H), 3.32 (dt, *J* = 10.9, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.16 – 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.97 – 2.82 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.1, 173.9, 160.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 250.3 Hz), 160.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 247.6 Hz), 140.5, 139.5, 139.1, 138.4, 138.3, 138.2, 131.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.5 Hz), 131.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.4 Hz), 129.8, 129.7, 129.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.0 Hz), 129.3, 129.2, 129.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.4 Hz), 128.44, 128.4, 128.36, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.3, 126.7, 126.6, 126.5, 126.48, 126.3, 124.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.6 Hz), 123.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.4 Hz), 116.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 22.8 Hz), 115.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 22.1 Hz), 52.1, 52.0, 48.7, 47.9, 39.3. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{FO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 383.1418, found 383.1419.



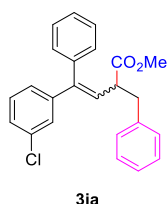
methyl 2-benzyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (3ga, *E/Z* = 1.6/1)

The corresponding substrate contained inseparable *E/Z* isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 55%, 39.9 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 – 7.12 (m, 8H), 7.10 – 6.92 (m, 4H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 0.62H), 6.07 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 0.38H), 3.71 (s, 1.82H), 3.70 (s, 1.17H), 3.55 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 3.20 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 2.98 – 2.84 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.2, 174.1, 162.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 247.8 Hz), 162.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 247.1 Hz), 143.8, 143.7, 141.6, 139.0, 138.4, 138.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.3 Hz), 135.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.4 Hz), 131.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 7.9 Hz), 129.6, 129.34, 129.3, 129.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.0 Hz), 128.42, 128.4, 128.38, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 126.5, 126.1, 125.5, 115.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 21.4 Hz), 115.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 21.4 Hz), 52.1, 52.0, 48.3, 48.1, 39.4, 39.3. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{FO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 383.1418, found 383.1420.

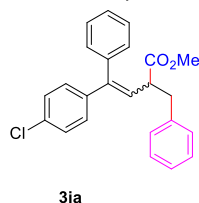


methyl 2-benzyl-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (3ha, *E/Z* = 1.2/1)

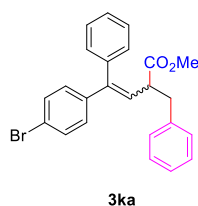
The corresponding substrate contained inseparable *E/Z* isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 66%, 50.0 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.55 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.17 (m, 10H), 7.17 – 6.95 (m, 2.70H), 6.42 – 6.26 (m, 1.42H), 3.68 (s, 1.51H), 3.63 (s, 1.29H), 3.33 (td, *J* = 9.3, 5.5 Hz, 0.43H), 3.27 – 3.08 (m, 1.50H), 3.02 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 5.7 Hz, 0.46H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 8.4 Hz, 0.54H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.85, 173.79, 141.6, 141.4, 139.8, 139.7, 138.5, 138.4, 137.7, 137.68, 133.9, 133.8, 132.1, 131.3, 130.0, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 129.26, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 127.0, 126.6, 126.57, 126.5, 52.0, 51.9, 48.7, 48.67, 39.5, 38.8. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for C₂₄H₂₁ClO₂Na⁺ (*M*+Na)⁺ 399.1122, found 399.1124.

**methyl 2-benzyl-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (3ia, *E/Z* = 2.0/1)**

The corresponding substrate contained inseparable *E/Z* isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 47%, 35.6 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40 – 7.11 (m, 9H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 6.92 – 6.83 (m, 1.32H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 0.35H), 6.73 (s, 0.34H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 3.54 – 3.37 (m, 1H), 3.20 – 3.07 (m, 1H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 8.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.05, 174.02, 143.7, 143.6, 143.55, 141.1, 140.9, 138.4, 138.3, 138.26, 134.3, 134.2, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.46, 129.4, 129.3, 128.5, 128.45, 128.37, 127.9, 127.8, 127.65, 127.6, 127.58, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 126.7, 126.6, 126.4, 125.6, 52.2, 52.1, 48.3, 48.1, 39.3, 39.2. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for C₂₄H₂₁ClO₂Na⁺ (*M*+Na)⁺ 399.1122, found 399.1123.

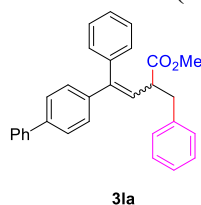
**methyl 2-benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (3ja, *E/Z* = 1.2/1)**

The corresponding substrate contained inseparable *E/Z* isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 60%, 43.8 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 – 7.15 (m, 9H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 1.38H), 3.70 (s, 1.63H), 3.56 – 3.38 (m, 1H), 3.14 (dt, *J* = 13.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.1, 174.0, 143.7, 143.6, 141.4, 140.3, 138.7, 138.3, 137.6, 133.4, 133.3, 131.1, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.44, 128.4, 128.38, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 126.6, 126.55, 126.2, 126.15, 52.1, 52.07, 48.2, 48.1, 39.4, 39.3. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for C₂₄H₂₁ClO₂Na⁺ (*M*+Na)⁺ 399.1122, found 399.1122.



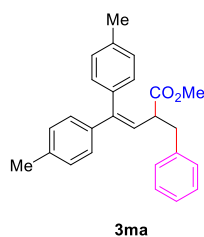
methyl 2-benzyl-4-(4-bromophenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (3ka, $E/Z = 1.2/1$)

The corresponding substrate contained inseparable E/Z isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 70%, 57.9 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.38 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 6.98 (m, 7H), 6.98 – 6.84 (m, 3H), 6.75 (dd, $J = 6.4, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dd, $J = 10.5, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.58 (s, 1.37H), 3.57 (s, 1.65H), 3.42 – 3.26 (m, 1H), 3.01 (dt, $J = 13.6, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd, $J = 13.6, 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 174.1, 174.0, 143.7, 143.66, 141.3, 140.7, 138.6, 138.3, 138.1, 131.4, 131.3, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.44, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 126.6, 126.55, 126.2, 126.1, 121.7, 121.5, 52.1, 52.07, 48.2, 48.1, 39.3, 39.2. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($M+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 443.0617, found 443.0620.



methyl 4-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-benzyl-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (3la, $E/Z = 1.3/1$)

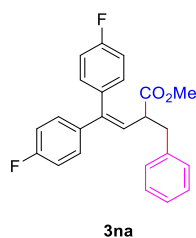
The corresponding substrate contained inseparable E/Z isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 71%, 59.5 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, $J = 13.0, 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.18 (m, 9H), 7.09 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.03 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.23 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 0.44H), 6.18 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 0.56H), 3.73 (s, 1.57H), 3.71 (s, 1.38H), 3.67 – 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.17 (dt, $J = 12.4, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 – 2.91 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 174.3, 174.25, 144.4, 144.2, 141.8, 140.8, 140.7, 140.67, 140.4, 140.1, 139.1, 138.5, 138.2, 130.2, 129.7, 129.34, 129.3, 128.9, 128.87, 128.4, 128.34, 128.27, 127.7, 127.6, 127.48, 127.45, 127.4, 127.1, 127.07, 127.0, 126.9, 126.5, 125.9, 125.7, 52.03, 52.01, 48.2, 39.4. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($M+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 441.1825, found 441.1826.



methyl 2-benzyl-4,4-di-p-tolylbut-3-enoate (3ma)

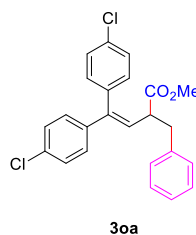
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 60%, 44.1 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.32 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 6.99 (m, 8H), 6.81 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.07 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.51 (dt, $J = 10.4, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, $J = 13.5, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd, $J = 13.5, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 174.5, 144.5, 139.3, 138.6, 137.3, 136.9, 136.4, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 127.3, 126.4, 124.7, 52.0, 48.2, 39.5, 21.4, 21.2. HRMS

(m/z, ESI): calcd for C₂₆H₂₆O₂Na⁺ (M+Na)⁺ 393.1825, found 393.1826.



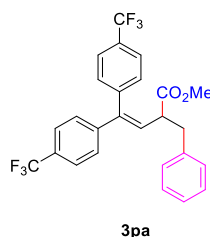
methyl 2-benzyl-4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)but-3-enoate (3na)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 65%, 49.8 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.30 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 6.92 (m, 6H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 6.06 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.49 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 3.14 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 8.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.1, 162.5 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 248.2 Hz), 162.2 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 247.5 Hz), 142.8, 138.3, 137.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz), 134.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.3 Hz), 131.3 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 8.1 Hz), 129.3, 129.0 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 8.1 Hz), 128.4, 126.6, 125.9, 115.3 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 21.3 Hz), 115.2 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 21.6 Hz), 52.1, 48.2, 39.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI): calcd for C₂₄H₂₀F₂O₂Na⁺ (M+Na)⁺ 401.1324, found 401.1323.



methyl 2-benzyl-4,4-bis(4-chlorophenyl)but-3-enoate (3oa)

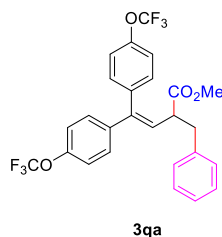
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 65%, 52.4 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.34 – 7.16 (m, 7H), 7.13 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.11 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.42 (td, *J* = 9.7, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 8.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.9, 142.6, 139.8, 138.2, 137.1, 133.7, 133.6, 131.0, 129.3, 128.63, 128.6, 128.5, 128.47, 126.6, 52.2, 48.2, 39.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI): calcd for C₂₄H₂₀Cl₂O₂Na⁺ (M+Na)⁺ 433.0733, found 433.0733.



methyl 2-benzyl-4,4-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-3-enoate (3pa)

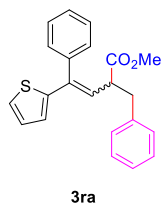
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 50%, 48.1 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.56 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.35 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.41 (td, *J* = 10.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 9.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.6, 144.4, 142.5, 142.1, 138.0, 130.1, 129.9 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 32.7 Hz), 129.88 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 32.6 Hz), 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 126.8, 125.4

(q, J_{C-F} = 3.9 Hz), 124.2 (q, J_{C-F} = 273.1 Hz), 52.3, 48.3, 39.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI): calcd for $C_{26}H_{20}F_6O_2Na^+$ (M+Na) $^+$ 501.1260, found 501.1260.



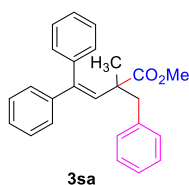
methyl 2-benzyl-4,4-bis(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)but-3-enoate (3qa)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 65%, 64.7 mg. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.29 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.07 (m, 6H), 7.06 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.11 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.41 (td, J = 9.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 13.6, 9.2 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.9, 148.9 (q, J_{C-F} = 1.9 Hz), 148.7 (q, J_{C-F} = 1.8 Hz), 142.4, 140.1, 138.2, 137.2, 131.1, 129.3, 128.7, 128.5, 127.2, 126.7, 120.9, 120.8, 120.6 (q, J_{C-F} = 258.3 Hz), 120.58 (q, J_{C-F} = 258.3 Hz), 52.2, 48.2, 39.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI): calcd for $C_{26}H_{20}F_6O_4Na^+$ (M+Na) $^+$ 533.1158, found 533.1160.



methyl 2-benzyl-4-phenyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)but-3-enoate (3ra, E/Z = 2.1/1)

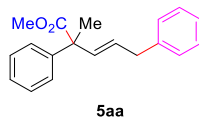
The corresponding substrate contained inseparable E/Z isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 60%, 40.8 mg. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.41 – 7.17 (m, 8H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 1.43H), 7.08 – 6.99 (m, 1.32H), 6.97 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 0.70H), 6.57 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 0.29H), 6.18 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 0.32H), 6.13 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 0.68H), 3.85 (dt, J = 10.4, 7.4 Hz, 0.73H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 1H), 3.42 – 3.31 (m, 0.30H), 3.19 (dd, J = 13.6, 7.2 Hz, 0.71H), 3.10 (dd, J = 13.4, 6.6 Hz, 0.32H), 2.99 (dd, J = 13.6, 7.6 Hz, 0.71H), 2.89 (dd, J = 13.4, 8.2 Hz, 0.32H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.0, 173.97, 146.2, 142.1, 140.3, 138.7, 138.4, 138.3, 138.2, 137.5, 129.4, 129.35, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.39, 128.3, 128.25, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.3, 126.9, 126.6, 126.5, 126.3, 126.0, 124.7, 124.2, 52.1, 52.0, 48.3, 48.0, 39.5, 39.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI): calcd for $C_{22}H_{20}O_2SNa^+$ (M+Na) $^+$ 371.1076, found 371.1075.



methyl 2-benzyl-2-methyl-4,4-diphenylbut-3-enoate (3sa)

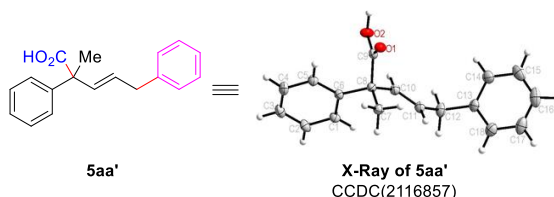
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 65%, 46.2 mg. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 – 7.11 (m, 13H), 7.10 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 3.14 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz,

Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.7, 143.4, 142.0, 139.3, 137.1, 132.9, 130.7, 130.1, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.4, 127.34, 127.3, 126.8, 51.6, 49.0, 47.0, 23.8. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $C_{25}H_{24}O_2Na^+$ ($M+Na$) $^+$ 379.1669, found 379.1669.



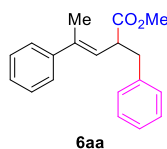
methyl (*E*)-2-methyl-2,5-diphenylpent-3-enoate (5aa)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 49%, 27.4 mg. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.39 – 7.03 (m, 10H), 6.04 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (dt, J = 15.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.40 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.56 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.6, 144.2, 140.4, 134.5, 129.7, 128.6, 128.58, 128.5, 126.9, 126.5, 126.2, 53.3, 52.5, 39.2, 24.5. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $C_{19}H_{20}O_2Na^+$ ($M+Na$) $^+$ 303.1356, found 303.1355.



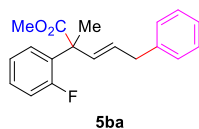
(*E*)-2-methyl-2,5-diphenylpent-3-enoic acid (5aa')

5aa' was obtained without methylation work-up of the reaction. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.41 – 7.14 (m, 10H), 6.12 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (dt, J = 14.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.65 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 181.1, 143.4, 140.2, 134.0, 130.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 127.2, 126.7, 126.3, 53.1, 39.2, 24.1. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $C_{18}H_{18}O_2Na^+$ ($M+Na$) $^+$ 289.1199, found 289.1200.



methyl (*E*)-2-benzyl-4-phenylpent-3-enoate (6aa)

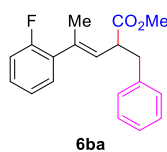
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 15%, 8.7 mg. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.36 – 6.97 (m, 10H), 5.71 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.67 – 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.10 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.4, 143.3, 138.9, 138.4, 129.3, 128.5, 128.3, 127.3, 126.5, 126.0, 125.0, 52.0, 47.8, 39.2, 16.3. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $C_{19}H_{20}O_2Na^+$ ($M+Na$) $^+$ 303.1356, found 303.1355.



methyl (*E*)-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-5-phenylpent-3-enoate (5ba)

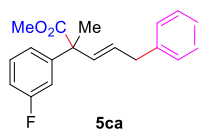
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 46%, 27.3 mg. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40 – 7.20 (m, 7H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 10.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (dt, J = 15.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.53 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.2, 160.5

(d, J_{C-F} = 247.7 Hz), 140.1, 133.0, 131.9 (d, J_{C-F} = 13.3 Hz), 130.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9 (d, J_{C-F} = 4.3 Hz), 126.3, 124.1 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.3 Hz), 115.8 (d, J_{C-F} = 22.4 Hz), 52.6, 50.3, 39.0, 23.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI): calcd for $C_{19}H_{19}FO_2Na^+$ (M+Na) $^+$ 321.1261, found 321.1263.



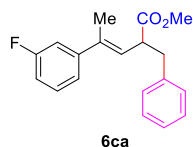
methyl (*E*)-2-benzyl-4-(2-fluorophenyl)pent-3-enoate (6ba)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 17%, 10.6 mg. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.34 – 7.05 (m, 7H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 11.0, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.71 – 3.58 (m, 4H), 3.13 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, J = 13.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.2, 159.9 (d, J_{C-F} = 248.2 Hz), 138.7, 135.0, 132.0 (d, J_{C-F} = 14.0 Hz), 129.8 (d, J_{C-F} = 4.4 Hz), 129.3, 128.7 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.3 Hz), 128.5, 128.1 (d, J_{C-F} = 2.1 Hz), 126.6, 124.0 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.4 Hz), 115.8 (d, J_{C-F} = 22.6 Hz), 52.0, 47.4, 39.1, 17.2 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.6 Hz). HRMS (m/z, ESI): calcd for $C_{19}H_{19}FO_2Na^+$ (M+Na) $^+$ 321.1261, found 321.1261.



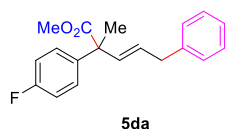
methyl (*E*)-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-5-phenylpent-3-enoate (5ca)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 50%, 30.2 mg. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.31 – 7.08 (m, 6H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dt, J = 10.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (td, J = 8.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (dt, J = 15.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.41 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.56 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.1, 162.9 (d, J_{C-F} = 246.4 Hz), 146.7 (d, J_{C-F} = 6.9 Hz), 140.1, 133.8, 130.2, 130.0, 129.9, 128.6, 126.3, 122.3 (d, J_{C-F} = 2.9 Hz), 114.0 (d, J_{C-F} = 2.1 Hz), 113.8, 53.1 (d, J_{C-F} = 1.7 Hz), 52.6, 39.1, 24.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI): calcd for $C_{19}H_{19}FO_2Na^+$ (M+Na) $^+$ 321.1261, found 321.1261.



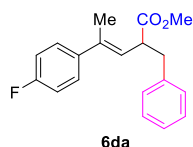
methyl (*E*)-2-benzyl-4-(3-fluorophenyl)pent-3-enoate (6ca)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 14%, 8.3 mg. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.38 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dt, J = 10.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (td, J = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.63 (m, 4H), 3.21 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J = 13.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.1, 162.9 (d, J_{C-F} = 245.9 Hz), 145.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 7.5 Hz), 138.7, 137.3 (d, J_{C-F} = 2.3 Hz), 129.7 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.5 Hz), 129.3, 128.5, 126.6, 125.9, 121.6 (d, J_{C-F} = 2.7 Hz), 114.0 (d, J_{C-F} = 21.3 Hz), 112.9 (d, J_{C-F} = 22.0 Hz), 52.1, 47.7, 39.2, 16.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI): calcd for $C_{19}H_{19}FO_2Na^+$ (M+Na) $^+$ 321.1261, found 321.1260.



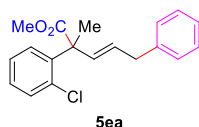
methyl (*E*)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-5-phenylpent-3-enoate (5da)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 34%, 20.3 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.35 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.04 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.12 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.73 (dt, $J = 15.7, 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.51 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.66 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.5, 161.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 246.4$ Hz), 140.2, 139.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.3$ Hz), 134.4, 129.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 126.3, 115.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.4$ Hz), 52.8, 52.5, 39.1, 24.6. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{FO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 321.1261, found 321.1261.



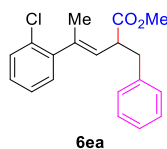
methyl (*E*)-2-benzyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)pent-3-enoate (6da)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 8%, 6.0 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.99 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.73 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.61 (m, 4H), 3.18 (dd, $J = 13.6, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, $J = 13.4, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.82 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.3, 162.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 246.9$ Hz), 139.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.0$ Hz), 138.8, 137.4, 129.3, 128.5, 127.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.9$ Hz), 126.6, 124.9, 115.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.3$ Hz), 52.0, 47.7, 39.2, 16.4. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{FO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 321.1261, found 321.1262.



methyl (*E*)-2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-5-phenylpent-3-enoate (5ea)

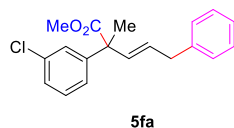
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 45%, 28.5 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.32 (ddd, $J = 16.5, 7.6, 1.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.09 (m, 7H), 6.11 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.57 (dt, $J = 15.7, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.41 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.4, 141.6, 140.1, 133.8, 133.7, 130.7, 130.4, 128.6, 128.58, 128.56, 128.4, 126.9, 126.3, 53.1, 52.7, 39.1, 23.3. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 337.0966, found 337.0965.



methyl (*E*)-2-benzyl-4-(2-chlorophenyl)pent-3-enoate (6ea)

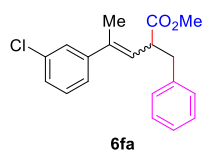
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 19%, 12.3 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.38 – 7.16 (m, 8H), 7.12 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 5.48 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.66 (m, 4H), 3.20 (dd, $J = 13.5, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, $J = 13.6, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.83 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.2, 143.6, 138.8, 138.4, 132.3,

130.1, 129.6, 129.3, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 126.7, 126.6, 52.0, 47.2, 38.9, 17.7. HRMS (m/z, ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₁₉ClO₂Na⁺ (M+Na)⁺ 337.0966, found 337.0966.



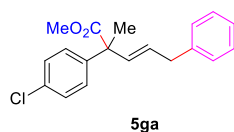
methyl (*E*)-2-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-5-phenylpent-3-enoate (5fa)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 43%, 27.1 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.10 (m, 6H), 7.06 (dt, *J* = 7.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (dt, *J* = 15.6, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.55 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.0, 146.2, 140.1, 134.4, 133.8, 130.4, 129.8, 128.64, 128.6, 127.2, 126.9, 126.3, 124.9, 53.2, 52.6, 39.1, 24.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₁₉ClO₂Na⁺ (M+Na)⁺ 337.0966, found 337.0966.



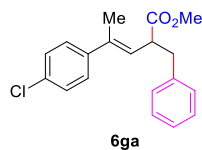
methyl 2-benzyl-4-(3-chlorophenyl)pent-3-enoate (6fa, *E/Z* = 6.9/1)

The corresponding substrate contained inseparable *E/Z* isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 17%, 10.8 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.34 – 7.10 (m, 9H), 5.79 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 0.83H), 5.50 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 0.12H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 4H), 3.30 – 3.22 (m, 0.15H), 3.18 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 6.9 Hz, 0.84H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 6.3 Hz, 0.15H), 2.86 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 8.0 Hz, 0.84H), 2.73 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 8.5 Hz, 0.14H), 1.95 (s, 0.40H), 1.80 (s, 2.43H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.4, 174.1, 145.1, 143.0, 139.4, 138.6, 138.5, 137.2, 134.2, 129.55, 129.49, 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.2, 127.1, 126.6, 126.5, 126.2, 126.04, 125.97, 124.8, 124.1, 52.1, 52.0, 47.7, 47.65, 39.7, 39.2, 25.8, 16.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₁₉ClO₂Na⁺ (M+Na)⁺ 337.0966, found 337.0966.



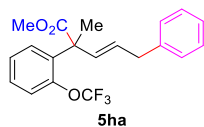
methyl (*E*)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-5-phenylpent-3-enoate (5ga)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 42%, 26.2 mg. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 6.08 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (dt, *J* = 15.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.48 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.2, 142.6, 140.2, 134.1, 132.8, 130.2, 128.64, 128.63, 128.61, 128.1, 126.3, 52.9, 52.6, 39.1, 24.4. HRMS (m/z, ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₁₉ClO₂Na⁺ (M+Na)⁺ 337.0966, found 337.0966.



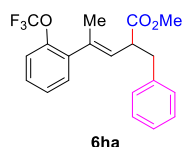
methyl (*E*)-2-benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)pent-3-enoate (6ga)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 8%, 5.7 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.35 – 7.13 (m, 9H), 5.77 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.74 – 3.63 (m, 4H), 3.18 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 13.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.2, 141.6, 138.7, 137.3, 133.1, 129.3, 128.5, 128.45, 127.3, 126.6, 125.4, 52.1, 47.7, 39.2, 16.2. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 337.0966, found 337.0966.



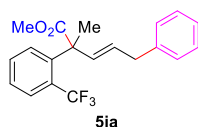
methyl (*E*)-2-methyl-5-phenyl-2-(2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)pent-3-enoate (5ha)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 39%, 28.1 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.39 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 6.07 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (dt, J = 15.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.48 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.0, 147.4, 140.1, 135.3, 133.4, 130.7, 128.6, 128.63, 128.61, 128.55, 126.3, 125.9, 120.5 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 260.1 Hz), 117.7 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.1 Hz), 52.4, 50.9, 39.1, 23.2. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 387.1178, found 387.1177.



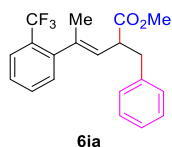
methyl (*E*)-2-benzyl-4-(2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)pent-3-enoate (6ha)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 24%, 17.7 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.35 – 7.09 (m, 9H), 5.53 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.60 (m, 4H), 3.17 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.0, 146.2 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 1.8 Hz), 138.8, 138.2, 135.6, 130.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 126.9, 126.6, 121.0 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 1.6 Hz), 120.6 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 257.2 Hz), 52.0, 47.3, 38.7, 17.5. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 387.1178, found 387.1178.



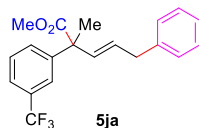
methyl (*E*)-2-methyl-5-phenyl-2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pent-3-enoate (5ia)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 14%, 9.7 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.24 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (dt, J = 15.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.43 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.74 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.2, 141.1, 140.1, 135.7, 131.7, 129.9, 128.9, 128.8 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 5.2 Hz), 128.6, 128.55, 128.5, 127.5, 126.2, 124.6 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 275.1 Hz), 53.3, 52.4, 39.0, 26.4. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 371.1229, found 371.1229.



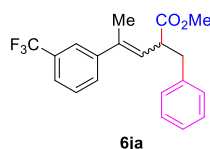
methyl (*E*)-2-benzyl-4-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pent-3-enoate (6ia)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 50%, 35.2 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.18 (dd, J = 13.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, J = 13.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.9, 144.0 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.0 Hz), 138.9, 137.2, 131.5, 130.1, 129.2, 128.4, 127.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 30.0 Hz), 127.5 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 1.8 Hz), 127.0, 126.5, 126.1 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 5.3 Hz), 124.3 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 274.9 Hz), 51.9, 47.3, 38.5, 19.1 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.1 Hz). HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 371.1229, found 371.1230.



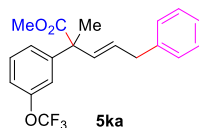
methyl (*E*)-2-methyl-5-phenyl-2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pent-3-enoate (5ja)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 43%, 30.0 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.59 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.09 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (dt, J = 15.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.50 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.0, 145.2, 140.0, 133.7, 130.8 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 32.1 Hz), 130.77, 130.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 126.4, 124.1 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 265.6 Hz), 123.9 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.8 Hz), 123.5 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.9 Hz), 53.3, 52.7, 39.1, 24.4. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 371.1229, found 371.1230.



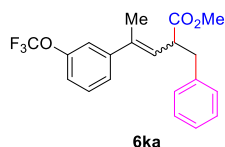
methyl 2-benzyl-4-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pent-3-enoate (6ja, *E/Z* = 14.3/1)

The corresponding substrate contained inseparable *E/Z* isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 17%, 12.1 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 5.85 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 0.07H), 3.79 – 3.64 (m, 4H), 3.23 (dd, J = 13.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, J = 13.4, 6.3 Hz, 0.11H), 2.91 (dd, J = 13.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dd, J = 13.4, 8.7 Hz, 0.10H), 2.01 (s, 0.27H), 1.88 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.1, 144.0, 138.6, 137.3, 130.7 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 32.5 Hz), 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 126.7, 126.5, 124.3 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 273.2 Hz), 123.9 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 11.4 Hz), 122.8 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 11.4 Hz), 52.1, 47.7, 39.2, 16.2. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 371.1229, found 371.1230.

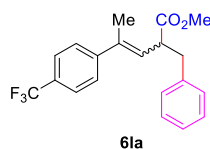


methyl (E)-2-methyl-5-phenyl-2-(3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)pent-3-enoate (5ka)

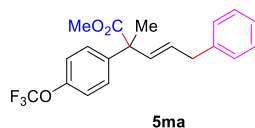
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 39%, 28.3 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.07 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (dt, J = 16.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.49 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.0, 149.4 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 1.6 Hz), 146.6, 140.1, 133.7, 130.6, 129.8, 128.7, 128.6, 126.4, 125.0, 120.6 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 258.2 Hz), 119.6, 119.3, 53.2, 52.6, 39.2, 24.4. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 387.1178, found 387.1177.

**methyl 2-benzyl-4-(3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)pent-3-enoate (6ka, E/Z = 12.5/1)**

The corresponding substrate contained inseparable E/Z isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 20%, 14.9 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.41 – 7.21 (m, 7H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 7.00 (m, 0.18H), 6.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 0.08H), 6.73 (s, 0.07H), 5.87 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 0.08H), 3.80 – 3.67 (m, 4H), 3.37 – 3.28 (m, 0.12H), 3.25 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.4 Hz, 0.11H), 2.93 (dd, J = 13.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, J = 13.4, 8.6 Hz, 0.09H), 2.03 (s, 0.26H), 1.87 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.3, 174.1, 149.4 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.0 Hz), 145.3, 143.3, 139.2, 138.6, 137.1, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 128.3, 126.7, 126.5, 126.3, 126.2, 125.1, 124.4, 120.6 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 257.9 Hz), 120.4, 119.5, 118.7, 52.1, 51.9, 47.7, 47.6, 39.15, 39.07, 25.7, 16.2. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 387.1178, found 387.1177.

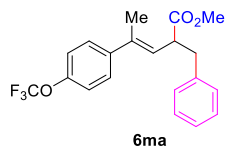
**methyl 2-benzyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pent-3-enoate (6la) (E/Z = 5.9/1)**

The corresponding substrate contained inseparable E/Z isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 50%, 35.7 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 0.47H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 0.36H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 0.34H), 5.88 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 0.17H), 3.82 – 3.69 (s, 4H), 3.68 (s, 0.58H), 3.23 (dd, J = 13.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, J = 13.2, 6.4 Hz, 0.20H), 2.91 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dd, J = 13.4, 8.6 Hz, 0.19H), 2.01 (s, 0.53H), 1.86 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.3, 174.0, 146.7, 145.0, 139.5, 138.6, 138.5, 137.4, 129.3, 129.26, 129.2 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 32.5 Hz), 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 126.9, 126.7, 126.5, 126.3, 125.3 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.8 Hz), 125.2, 125.1, 124.4 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 272.8 Hz), 52.1, 52.0, 47.7, 47.66, 39.2, 39.1, 25.7, 16.1. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 371.1229, found 371.1230.

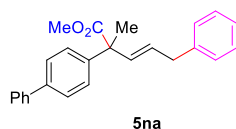


methyl (*E*)-2-methyl-5-phenyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)pent-3-enoate (5ma)

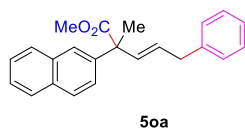
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 50%, 36.1 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 6.10 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (dt, J = 15.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.49 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.65 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.2, 148.1 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 1.9 Hz), 142.8, 140.1, 134.0, 130.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 126.3, 120.9, 120.6 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 258.1 Hz), 52.9, 52.6, 39.2, 24.5. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 387.1178, found 387.1180.

**methyl (*E*)-2-benzyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)pent-3-enoate (6ma)**

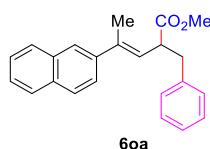
The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 11%, 8.5 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.11 (m, 5H), 5.77 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.73 – 3.63 (m, 4H), 3.19 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.2, 148.4 ($J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 1.9 Hz), 142.0, 138.7, 137.2, 129.3, 128.5, 127.3, 126.6, 125.8, 120.8, 120.6 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 256.9 Hz), 52.1, 47.7, 39.2, 16.3. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 387.1178, found 387.1178.

**methyl (*E*)-2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-methyl-5-phenylpent-3-enoate (5na)**

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 57%, 40.9 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.53 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.12 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (dt, J = 15.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.46 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.6, 143.2, 140.8, 140.3, 139.8, 134.4, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 127.0, 126.3, 53.1, 52.5, 39.2, 24.4. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 379.1668, found 379.1668.

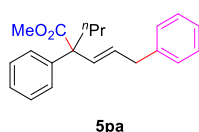
**methyl (*E*)-2-methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-5-phenylpent-3-enoate (5oa)**

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 45%, 29.6 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 6.29 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (dt, J = 15.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.57 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.7, 141.5, 140.4, 134.4, 133.3, 132.4, 130.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.19, 128.15, 127.6, 126.27, 126.25, 126.0, 125.3, 124.9, 53.4, 52.5, 39.2, 24.4. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 353.1512, found 353.1512.



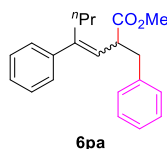
methyl (*E*)-2-benzyl-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)pent-3-enoate (6oa)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 7%, 5.0 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.87 – 7.79 (m, 3H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.59 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.36 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 5.99 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dt, J = 9.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.25 (dd, J = 13.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.4, 140.4, 138.9, 138.2, 133.5, 132.8, 129.3, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 126.6, 126.3, 125.9, 125.5, 124.6, 124.5, 52.1, 47.9, 39.3, 16.3. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 353.1512, found 353.1512.



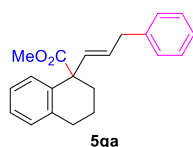
methyl (*E*)-2,5-diphenyl-2-propylpent-3-enoate (5pa)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 50%, 31.3 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.22 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 6.05 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (dt, J = 16.0, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.38 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.12 – 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.24 – 1.02 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.4, 142.8, 140.4, 133.7, 130.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.3, 126.8, 126.2, 57.1, 52.3, 39.8, 39.3, 18.3, 14.7. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 331.1668, found 331.1665.



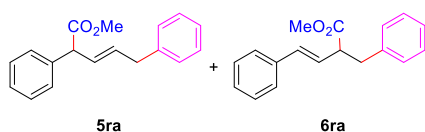
methyl 2-benzyl-4-phenylhept-3-enoate (6pa, *E/Z* = 7.1/1)

The corresponding substrate contained inseparable *E/Z* isomers. The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 15%, 9.7 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.29 – 7.11 (m, 10H), 6.95 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 0.29H), 6.78 – 6.73 (m, 0.26H), 5.62 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 0.14H), 3.71 – 3.62 (m, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 0.43H), 3.24 (dt, J = 10.3, 7.4 Hz, 0.16H), 3.13 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, J = 13.4, 6.8 Hz, 0.16H), 2.83 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, J = 13.4, 8.0 Hz, 0.15H), 2.29 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 0.30H), 1.26 – 1.12 (m, 2H), 1.08 – 0.99 (m, 1H), 0.79 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 0.53H), 0.72 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.8, 174.4, 143.6, 142.6, 138.9, 138.8, 129.4, 129.3, 128.5, 128.31, 128.27, 128.2, 128.1, 127.4, 127.2, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 126.4, 125.5, 123.8, 52.0, 51.8, 47.6, 47.5, 41.7, 39.5, 39.4, 32.1, 21.6, 20.9, 14.0, 13.7. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 331.1668, found 331.1668.



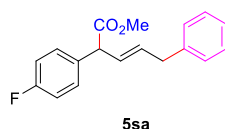
methyl (E)-1-(3-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-1-carboxylate (5qa)

The general procedure A was followed. Yield: 32%, 19.6 mg. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.02 (m, 7H), 5.91 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (dt, J = 15.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.37 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.87 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.39 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 1.93 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.70 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 176.3, 140.5, 137.2, 136.7, 136.0, 130.9, 130.4, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 126.9, 126.1, 125.6, 53.9, 52.5, 39.0, 33.9, 29.6, 19.1. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 329.1512, found 329.1511.



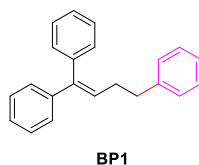
methyl (E)-2,5-diphenylpent-3-enoate (5ra), methyl (E)-2-benzyl-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (6ra) (5ra/6ra = 8.3/1)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.46 – 7.07 (m, 11H), 6.40 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 0.12H), 6.23 (dd, J = 15.9, 8.6 Hz, 0.13H), 5.95 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (dt, J = 14.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 0.40H), 3.51 – 3.45 (m, 0.19H), 3.39 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (dd, J = 13.6, 7.9 Hz, 0.14H), 2.93 (dd, J = 13.6, 7.1 Hz, 0.12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.3, 140.0, 138.7, 132.8, 132.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.55, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 126.9, 126.6, 126.5, 126.2, 54.7, 52.3, 51.5, 39.1, 39.0. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 289.1199, found 289.1199.



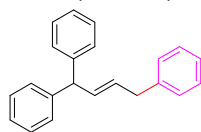
methyl (E)-5-phenyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pent-3-enoate (5sa)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.01 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.90 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (dt, J = 15.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.40 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 173.1, 162.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 245.7 Hz), 139.9, 134.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.3 Hz), 132.6, 129.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.1 Hz), 128.7, 128.64, 128.6, 126.3, 115.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 21.5 Hz), 53.9, 52.4, 38.9. HRMS (m/z , ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{FO}_2\text{Na}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 307.1105, found 307.1106.



but-1-ene-1,1,4-triyltribenzene (BP1)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 – 7.10 (m, 13H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.10 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.74 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 142.8, 142.4, 141.8, 140.2, 129.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.3, 127.0, 127.0, 126.0, 36.3, 31.8.



BP2

(*E*)-but-2-ene-1,1,4-triyltribenzene (BP2)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.41 – 7.27 (m, 7H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 8H), 6.02 (dd, $J = 15.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.61 (dt, $J = 14.2, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.75 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.44 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 144.1, 140.6, 134.1, 131.0, 128.7, 128.54, 128.53, 128.5, 126.4, 126.1, 54.0, 39.1.

2.4 Mechanistic Studies

Stern-Volmer fluorescence quenching experiments:

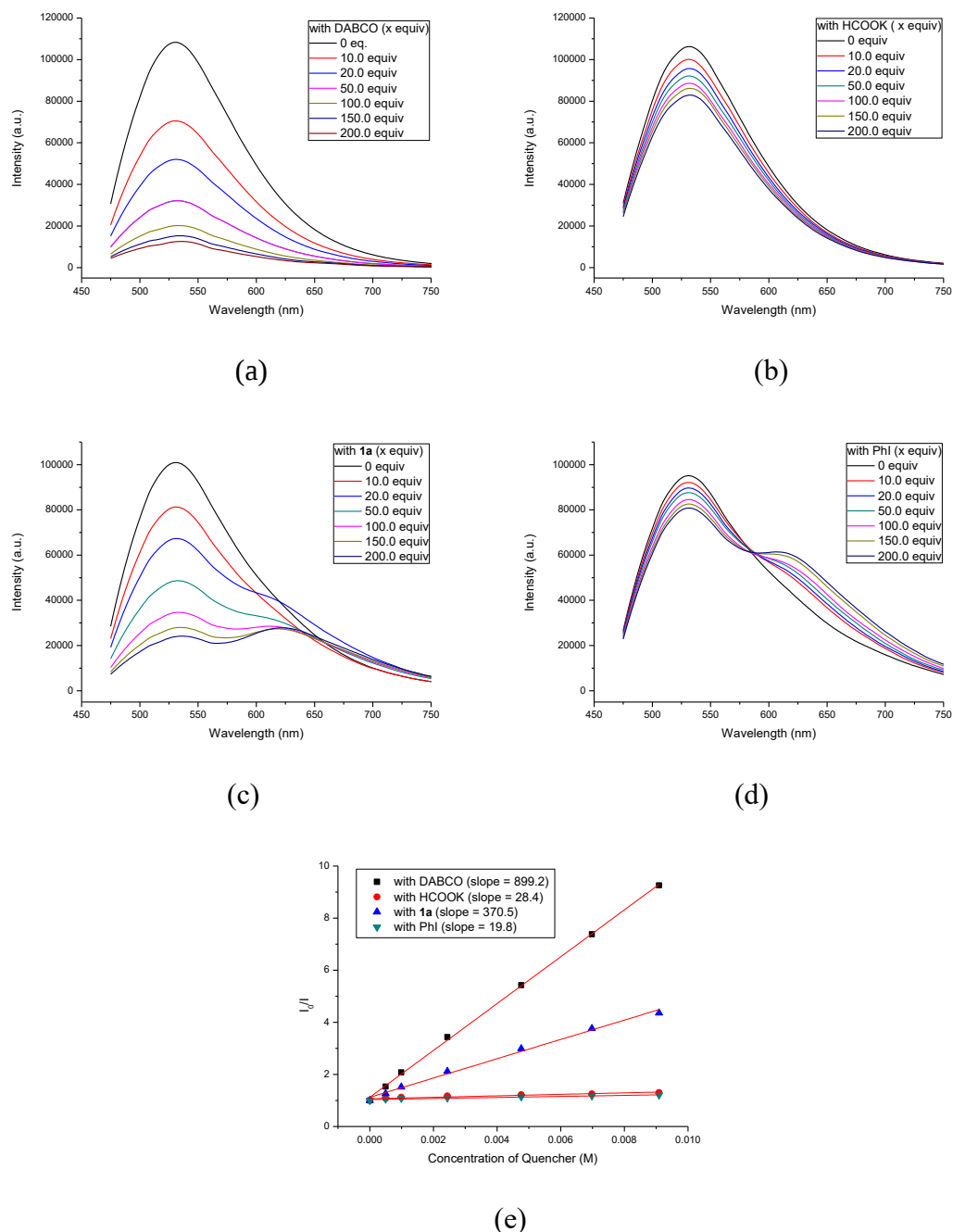


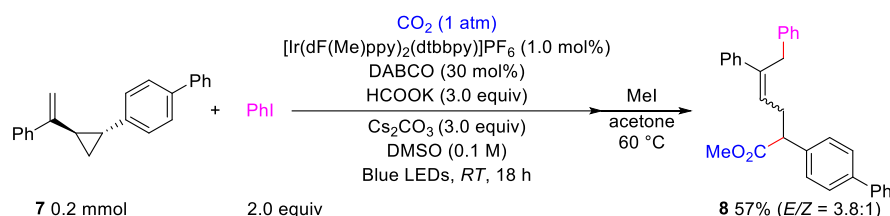
Figure S1. (a) Stern-Volmer quenching by DABCO. (b) Stern-Volmer quenching by HCOOK. (c) Stern-Volmer quenching by substrate **1a**. (d) Stern-Volmer quenching by PhI. (e) Stern-Volmer quenching plot of DABCO, HCOOK, **1a** and PhI.

Fluorescence spectra were collected on FLS1000 spectrofluorimeter. Samples for the quenching experiments were prepared in a 4.0 mL glass cuvette with a septum screw cap. Photocatalyst $[\text{Ir}(\text{dF}(\text{Me})\text{ppy})_2(\text{dtbbpy})]\text{PF}_6$ (**PC**) was irradiated at 465 nm and the emission intensity at 531 nm was observed. In a typical experiment, the emission

spectrum of a 5.0×10^{-5} M solution of **PC** in DMSO was collected.

A stock solution of quenchers DABCO (0.5 mmol), HCOOK (0.5 mmol), **1a** (0.5 mmol) and PhI (0.5 mmol) in 5.0 mL of DMSO were prepared respectively. Then, different amounts of this stock solution were added to a solution of the photocatalyst $[\text{Ir}(\text{dF}(\text{Me})\text{ppy})_2(\text{dtbbpy})]\text{PF}_6$ (**PC**) in DMSO (5.0×10^{-5} M). As shown in **Figure S1**, the stock solution of HCOOK or PhI were added to the solution of **PC**, a less decrease of $[\text{Ir}(\text{dF}(\text{Me})\text{ppy})_2(\text{dtbbpy})]\text{PF}_6$ (**PC**) luminescence with a slope of 28.4 and 19.8 were observed respectively. While the stock solution of DABCO or substrate **1a** were added to the solution of **PC**, a significant decrease of **PC** luminescence were observed, but the slope of DABCO (= 899.2) is much larger than the slope of **1a** (= 370.5). These results suggested that DABCO had the priority to undergo SET with excited $[\text{Ir}(\text{dF}(\text{Me})\text{ppy})_2(\text{dtbbpy})]\text{PF}_6$ (**PC**^{*}).

Radical clock experiment:

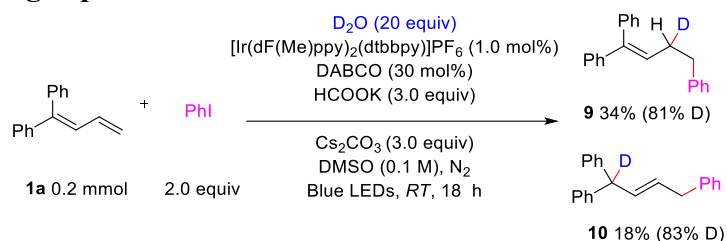


The oven-dried Schlenk tube (25 mL) containing a stirring bar was charged with substrates **7** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and $[\text{Ir}(\text{dF}(\text{Me})\text{ppy})_2(\text{dtbbpy})]\text{PF}_6$ (1 mol%) in the air. Then the tube was moved into a glovebox and charged with DABCO (30 mol%), HCOOK (3.0 equiv) and Cs_2CO_3 (3.0 equiv). The tube was sealed and evacuated and back-filled with CO_2 three times. Subsequently, PhI (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and the degassed anhydrous DMSO (2 mL, 0.1M) was added into the tube via syringe. Then the tube was evacuated and back-filled with CO_2 for 10 times. Finally, the mixture was placed under a 30 W blue LEDs ($\lambda_{\text{max}}=465$ nm, 3.0 cm - 4.5 cm away from the LEDs, with cooling fan to keep the reaction temperature at 25 - 40 °C) light source and stirred at ambient temperature for 18 h. Upon completion of the reaction, all the solvent were removed under reduced pressure at high temperature. The residue was dissolved with acetone (4.0 mL), and CH_3I (20.0 equiv) was added to the tube. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 3 h and then cooled to room temperature. Upon completion of the methylation, the mixture was diluted with 5 mL EtOAc and filtered through a short pad of Celite and the Celite pad were washed with an additional EtOAc (10 mL x 4). Then the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product. The resulting residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography using petroleum ether/EtOAc (30:1) as the eluent to afford the product **8** in 57% (*E/Z* = 3.8/1) yield.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.67 – 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.46 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.28 – 7.02 (m, 12H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.6 Hz, 0.61H), 6.94 – 6.86 (m, 0.55H), 5.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 0.26H), 3.86 (q, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 1H), 3.54 (s, 0.59H), 3.05 (dt, *J* = 15.5, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (tt, *J* = 19.2, 7.0 Hz, 1.34H), 2.52 (dt, *J* = 15.0, 7.9 Hz, 0.33H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 174.1, 174.0, 142.9, 142.7, 140.9, 140.8, 140.5, 140.4, 140.3, 139.9,

139.5, 139.4, 137.7, 137.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.48, 128.4, 128.3, 128.26, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 127.38, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.8, 126.4, 126.1, 126.0, 125.5, 52.3, 52.1, 51.6, 51.4, 45.9, 36.0, 33.2, 32.9. HRMS (m/z, ESI): calcd for $C_{31}H_{28}O_2Na^+$ (M+Na)⁺ 455.1982, found 455.1982.

Isotope-labelling experiment with D₂O:

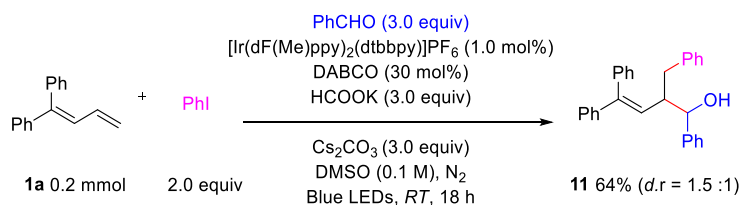


The oven-dried Schlenk tube (25 mL) containing a stirring bar was charged with substrates **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Ir[(dF(Me)ppy)₂(dtbbpy)]PF₆ (1 mol%) in the air. Then the tube was moved into a glovebox and charged with DABCO (30 mol%), HCOOK (3.0 equiv) and Cs₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv). The tube was sealed and evacuated and back-filled with N₂ three times. Subsequently, PhI (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), D₂O (20.0 equiv) and the degassed anhydrous DMSO (2 mL, 0.1M) was added into the tube via syringe. Then the tube was evacuated and back-filled with N₂ for 3 times. Finally, the mixture was placed under a 30 W blue LEDs (λ_{max} =465 nm, 3.0 cm - 4.5 cm away from the LEDs, with cooling fan to keep the reaction temperature at 25 - 40 °C) light source and stirred at ambient temperature for 18 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the mixture was quenched with water (15 ml) and diluted with 5 mL EtOAc. The organic phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL x 4). The combined organic phases were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product. The resulting residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography using petroleum ether as the eluent to afford the 3,4-adduct **9** in 34% (81% D) yield and 1,4-adduct **10** in 18% (83% D) yield.

Characterization of 3,4-adduct **9**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.52 – 6.94 (m, 15H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (p, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1.19H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 142.8, 142.4, 141.8, 140.2, 129.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.3, 127.0, 127.0, 126.0, 36.3, 36.2, 31.8, 31.6, 31.4, 31.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI): calcd for C₂₂H₁₉DNa⁺ (M+Na)⁺ 308.1520, found 308.1521.

Characterization of 1,4-adduct **10**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.44 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 9H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (dt, *J* = 15.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 0.17H), 3.44 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 144.1, 140.6, 134.1, 131.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.54, 128.5, 126.4, 126.1, 54.0, 39.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI): calcd for C₂₂H₁₉DNa⁺ (M+Na)⁺ 308.1520, found 308.1521.

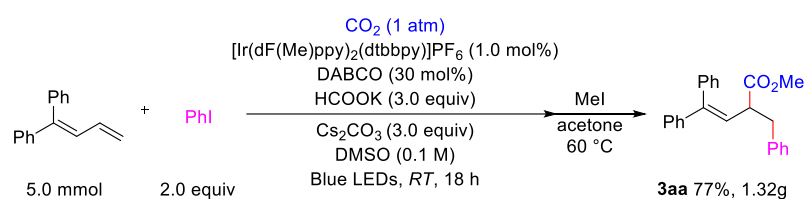
Investigation of using aldehyde as the electrophile:



The oven-dried Schlenk tube (25 mL) containing a stirring bar was charged with substrates **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Ir[(dF(Me)ppy)₂(dtbbpy)]PF₆ (1 mol%) in the air. Then the tube was moved into a glovebox and charged with DABCO (30 mol%), HCOOK (3.0 equiv) and Cs₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv). The tube was sealed and evacuated and back-filled with N₂ three times. Subsequently, PhI (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), PhCHO (3.0 equiv) and the degassed anhydrous DMSO (2 mL, 0.1M) was added into the tube via syringe. Then the tube was evacuated and back-filled with N₂ for 3 times. Finally, the mixture was placed under a 30 W blue LEDs (λ_{max} =465 nm, 3.0 cm - 4.5 cm away from the LEDs, with cooling fan to keep the reaction temperature at 25 - 40 °C) light source and stirred at ambient temperature for 18 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the mixture was quenched with water (15 ml) and diluted with 5 mL EtOAc. The organic phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL x 4). The combined organic phases were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product. The resulting residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography using PE/EA (12:1) as the eluent to afford the product **11** in 64% (*d.r.* = 1.5:1) yield.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.51 – 7.02 (m, 16H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1.30H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 0.75H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 0.58H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 0.38H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 3.2 Hz, 0.38H), 2.84 – 2.59 (m, 2.74H), 2.07 (br, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 144.9, 143.8, 143.1, 143.0, 142.3, 142.2, 140.1, 140.0, 139.7, 139.6, 129.9, 129.6, 129.55, 129.5, 128.9, 128.3, 128.25, 128.23, 128.2, 128.15, 128.1, 127.8, 127.78, 127.7, 127.6, 127.58, 127.14, 127.1, 127.04, 127.0, 126.7, 126.63, 126.0, 49.9, 49.3, 38.9, 37.8. HRMS (*m/z*, ESI): calcd for C₂₉H₂₆ONa⁺ (*M*+Na)⁺ 413.1876, found 413.1875.

2.5 Gram-scale reaction

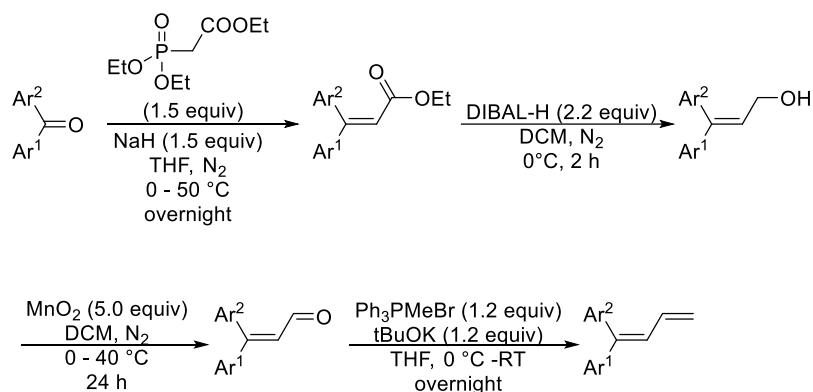


The oven-dried Schlenk tube (350 mL) containing a stirring bar was charged with substrates **1** (5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Ir[(dF(Me)ppy)₂(dtbbpy)]PF₆ (1 mol%) in the air. Then the tube was moved into a glovebox and charged with DABCO (30 mol%), HCOOK (3.0 equiv) and Cs₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv). The tube was sealed and evacuated and back-filled with CO₂ three times. Subsequently, PhI (10.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and the degassed anhydrous DMSO (50 mL, 0.1M) was added into the tube via syringe. Then the tube was evacuated and back-filled with CO₂ for 10 times. Finally, the mixture was placed under a 30 W blue LEDs (λ_{max} =465 nm, 3.0 cm - 4.5 cm away from the LEDs, with cooling fan to keep the reaction temperature at 25 - 40 °C) light source and stirred at ambient temperature for 18 h. Upon completion of the reaction, all the solvent were removed under reduced pressure at high temperature. The residue was dissolved with

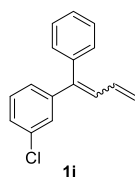
acetone (30 mL), and CH₃I (20.0 equiv) was added to the tube. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 3 h and then cooled to room temperature. Upon completion of the methylation, the mixture was diluted with 10 mL EtOAc and filtered through a short pad of Celite and the Celite pad were washed with an additional EtOAc (15 mL x 4). Then the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product. The crude ¹H NMR spectrum was taken using CH₂Br₂ (5.0 mmol) as internal standard. Finally, the resulting residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography using PE to PE/EtOAc (40:1) as the eluent to afford the desired product **3aa** in 77% (1.32g) isolated yield.

2.6 General procedures for the synthesis of substrates

All the 1,1-disubstituted conjugated dienes were prepared according to the reported literatures^[S1] and the NMR spectrum of substrates **1a – h**, **1j**, **1l – o**, **1r – s**, **4a – s** are accordance with the reported literatures.^[S2]

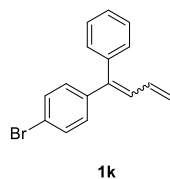


Characterization of substrates **1i**, **1k**, **1p** and **1q**:



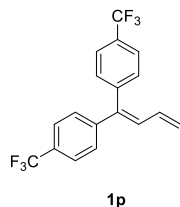
1-chloro-3-(1-phenylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene (**1i**)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.42 – 7.14 (m, 8H), 7.14 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.50 – 6.32 (m, 1H), 5.41 (dd, *J* = 16.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (dt, *J* = 10.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 144.1, 141.9, 141.7, 141.6, 141.5, 139.0, 134.7, 134.5, 134.34, 134.27, 130.44, 130.4, 129.64, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 128.8, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.63, 127.6, 127.56, 125.9, 119.7, 119.66.



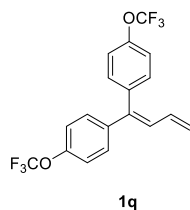
1-bromo-4-(1-phenylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene (**1k**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.60 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 6.98 (m, 8H), 6.68 (dd, J = 11.7, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.52 – 6.27 (m, 1H), 5.39 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (dd, J = 10.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 142.1, 141.9, 141.7, 141.1, 139.2, 138.6, 134.8, 134.6, 132.2, 131.5, 131.4, 130.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.98, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 121.7, 119.5, 119.4.



4,4'-(buta-1,3-diene-1,1-diyl)bis((trifluoromethyl)benzene) (1p)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.70 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd, J = 8.0, 5.3 Hz, 4H), 6.85 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (dt, J = 16.8, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 144.9, 142.8, 140.4, 134.0, 131.4, 130.9, 130.1 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 32.6 Hz), 129.8 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 32.6 Hz), 127.8, 125.6 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.7 Hz), 125.5 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.8 Hz), 124.3 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 273.0 Hz), 124.28 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 273.2 Hz), 121.5.



4,4'-(buta-1,3-diene-1,1-diyl)bis((trifluoromethoxy)benzene) (1q)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40 – 7.22 (m, 6H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (dt, J = 16.9, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.9 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.6 Hz), 148.88 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.0 Hz), 140.53, 140.40, 137.93, 134.35, 131.96, 130.02, 128.98, 120.97, 120.91, 120.7 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 258.3 Hz), 120.66 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 258.2 Hz), 120.30.

3. References

- [S1] (a) J. Takaya, K. Sasano, N. Iwasawa. *Org. Lett.* 2011, **13**, 1698-1701. (b) C. Liu, J. Yuan, J. Zhang, Z. Wang, Z. Zhang, W. Zhang. *Org. Lett.* 2018, **20**, 108-111.
- [S2] (a) K. Wang, S. Chen, H. Zhang, S. Xu, F. Ye, Y. Zhang, J. Wang. *Org. Biomol. Chem.*, 2016, **14**, 3809-3820. (b) L. Zhou, F. Ye, Y. Zhang, J. Wang. *Org. Lett.* 2012, **14**, 922-925. (c) Q. Yang, H. Chai, T. Liu, Z. Yu. *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 2013, **54**, 6485-6489.

4. X-Ray Crystallographic Spectrum of 3aai and 5aa' (the acid of 5aa)

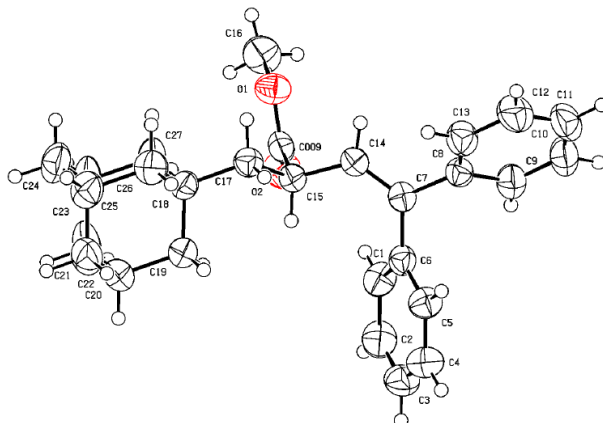


Figure S2. The crystal structure of **3aai** (CCDC 2116858).

Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for **3aai**.

Identification code	19-12-4tm_auto
Empirical formula	C ₂₈ H ₃₂ O ₂
Formula weight	400.53
Temperature	293(2) K
Wavelength	1.3405 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.5909(4) Å α = 90 ° b = 23.7105(9) Å β = 106.352(4) ° c = 10.2921(4) Å γ = 90 °
Volume	2245.80(16) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.185 g/cm ³
Absorption coefficient	0.360 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	864
Crystal size	0.230 x 0.039 x 0.025 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	3.241 to 61.562 °
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 11, -30 ≤ k ≤ 31, -13 ≤ l ≤ 13
Reflections collected	31933
Independent reflections	5141 [R(int) = 0.0327]
Completeness to theta = 53.543 °	99.9 %
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	5141 / 0 / 272
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.106
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0451, wR2 = 0.1212
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0572, wR2 = 0.1295
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.160 and -0.162 e.Å ⁻³

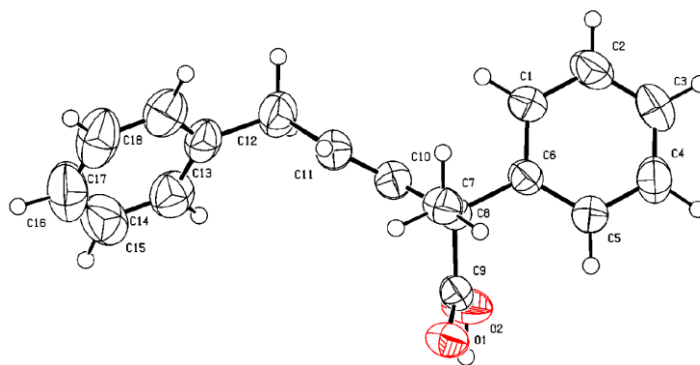
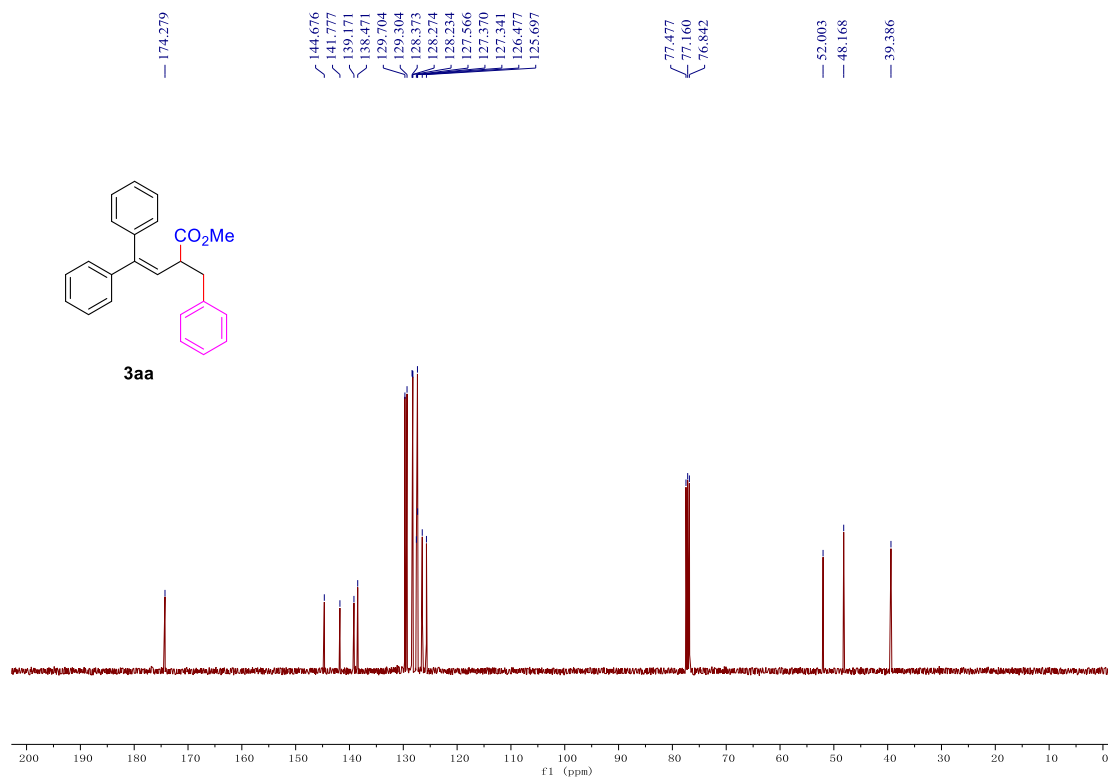
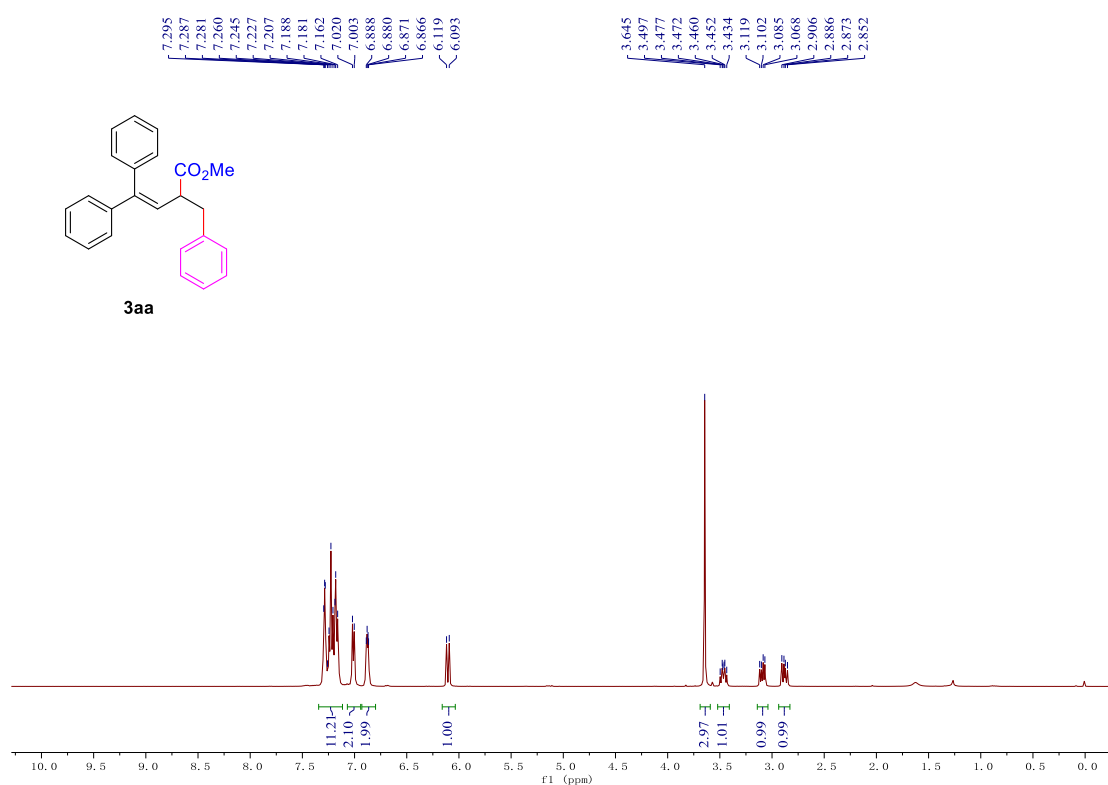


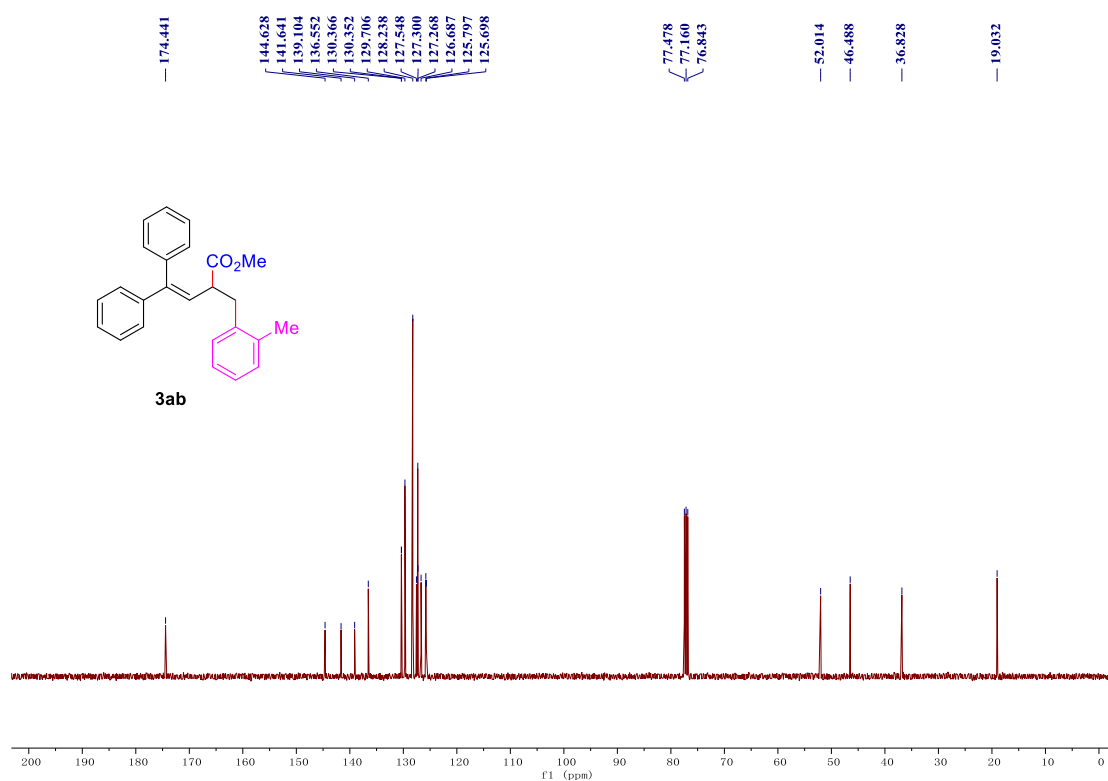
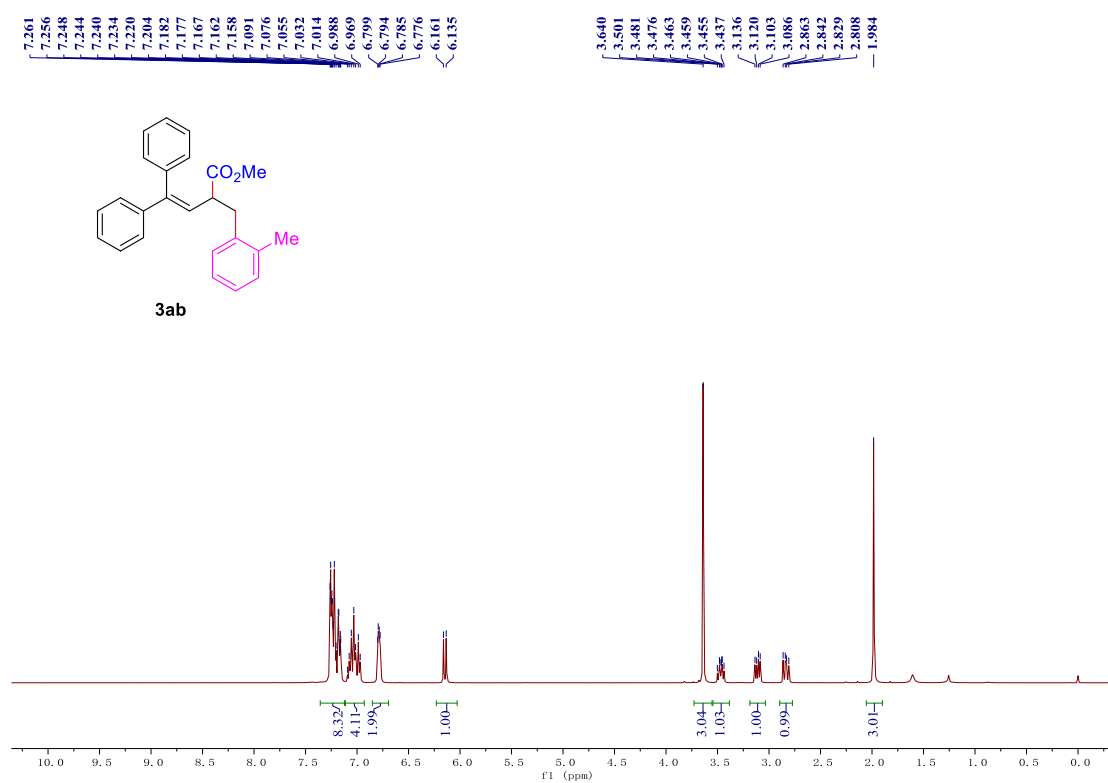
Figure S3. The crystal structure of **5aa'** (CCDC 2116857)

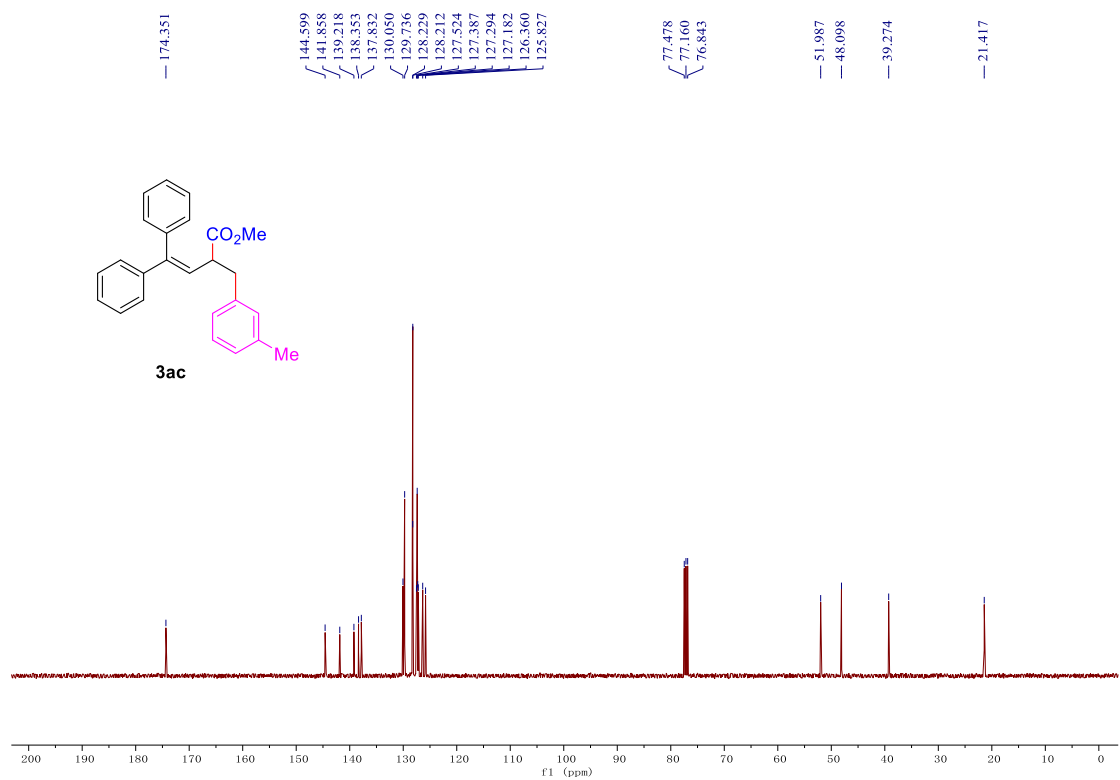
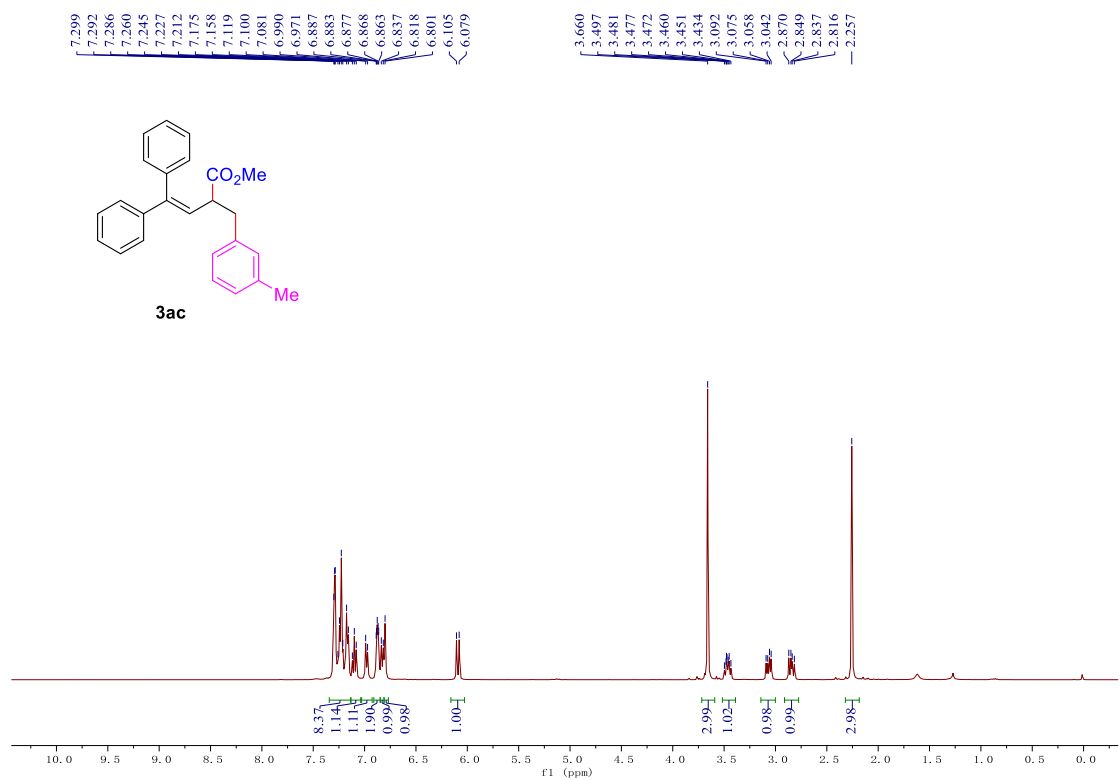
Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for **5aa'**.

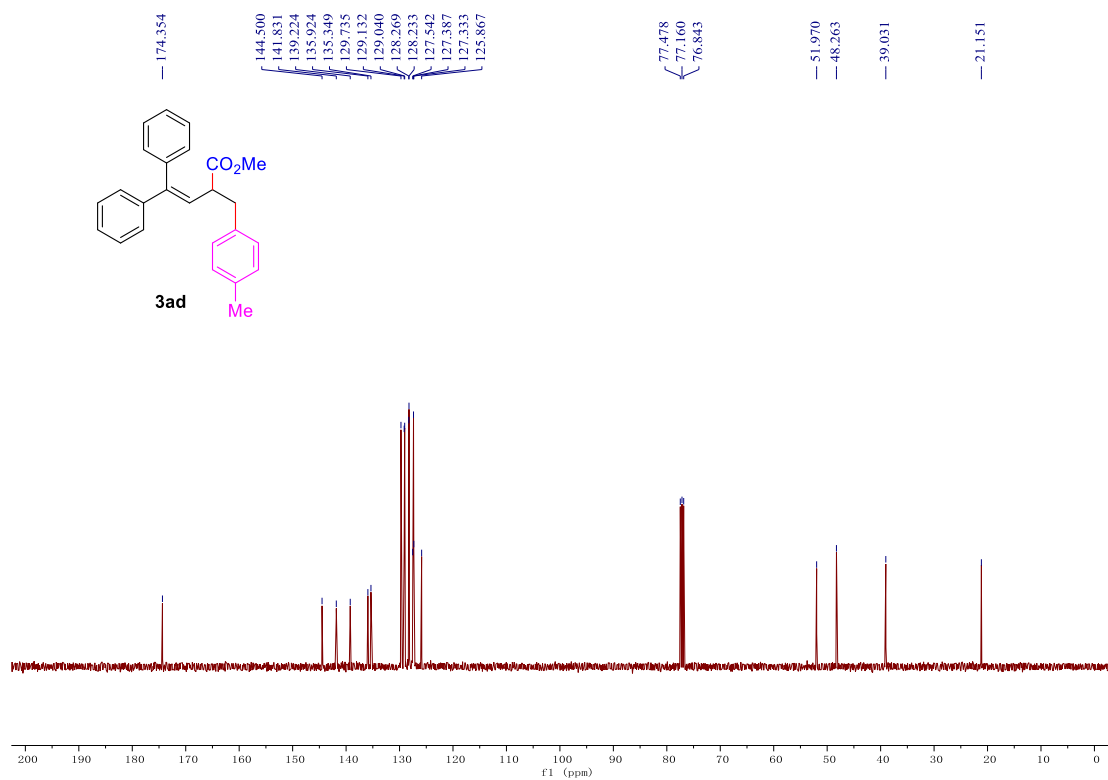
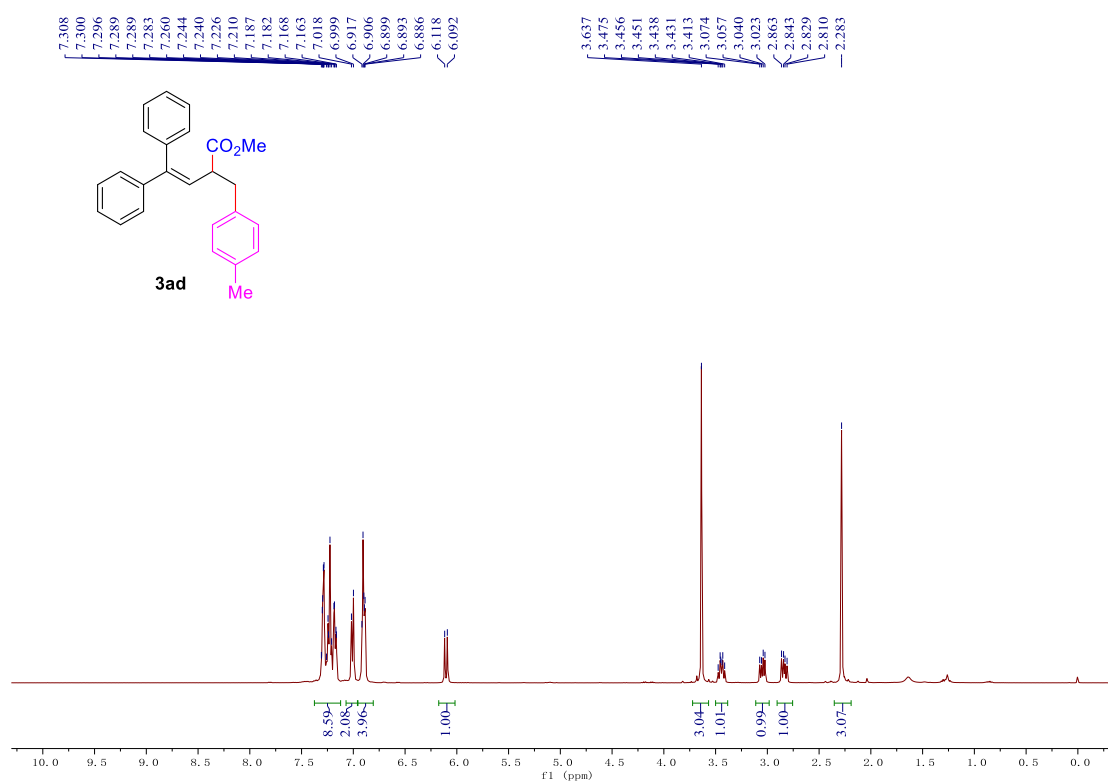
Identification code	18-16-3A_auto
Empirical formula	C ₁₈ H ₁₈ O ₂
Formula weight	266.34
Temperature	293.0 K
Wavelength	1.3405 Å
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	P-1
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.8580(2) Å α = 101.608(2) ° b = 9.5201(2) Å β = 109.911(2) ° c = 9.7104(2) Å γ = 92.242(2) °
Volume	749.00(3) Å ³
Z	2
Density (calculated)	1.1809 g/cm ³
Absorption coefficient	0.383 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	284.6713
Crystal size	0.033 x 0.028 x 0.025 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	4.15 to 60.64 °
Index ranges	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -12 ≤ k ≤ 12, -12 ≤ l ≤ 12
Reflections collected	19649
Independent reflections	3409 [R(int) = 0.0340]
Completeness to theta = 60.6394 °	98.64 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.70352
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	3409 / 0 / 253
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.0649
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0443, wR2 = 0.1139
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0556, wR2 = 0.1197
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.2958 and -0.2085 e.Å ⁻³

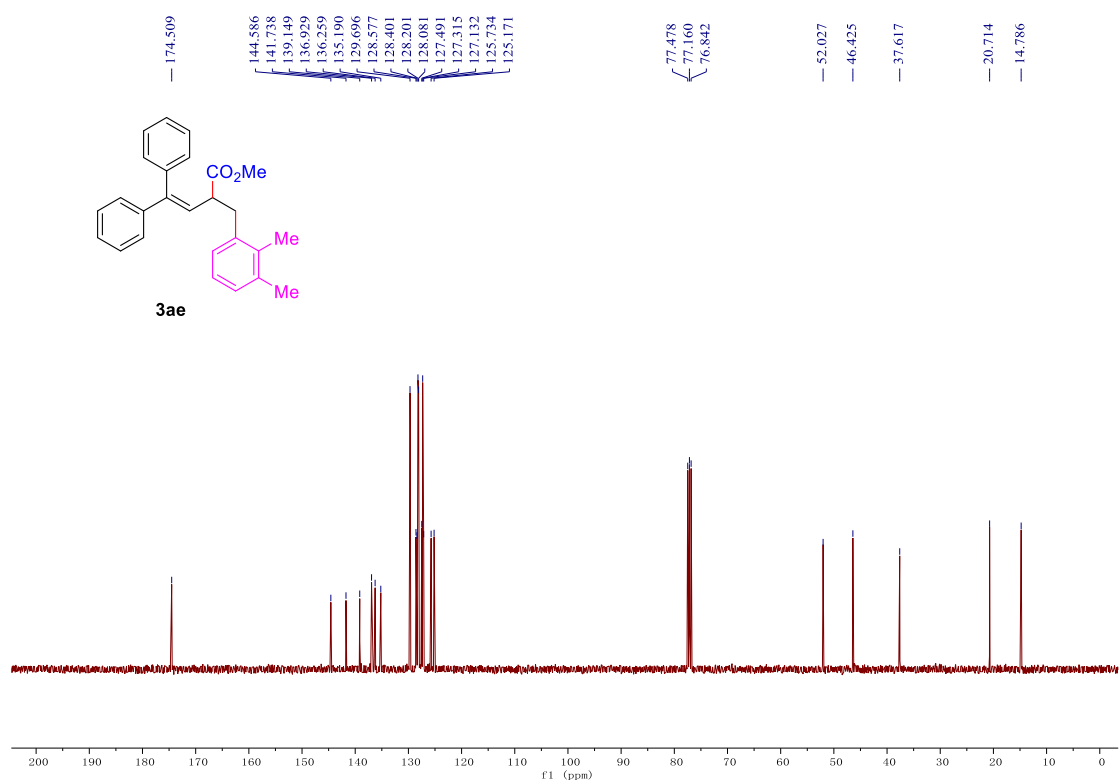
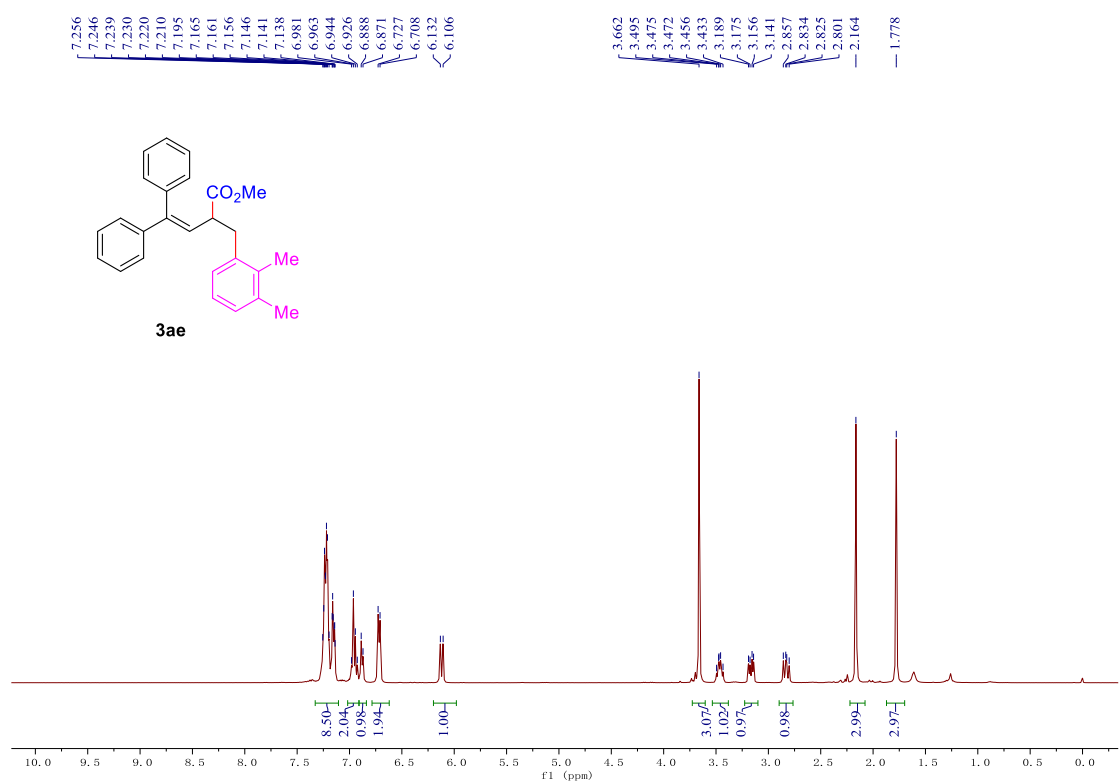
5. NMR spectrum of compounds

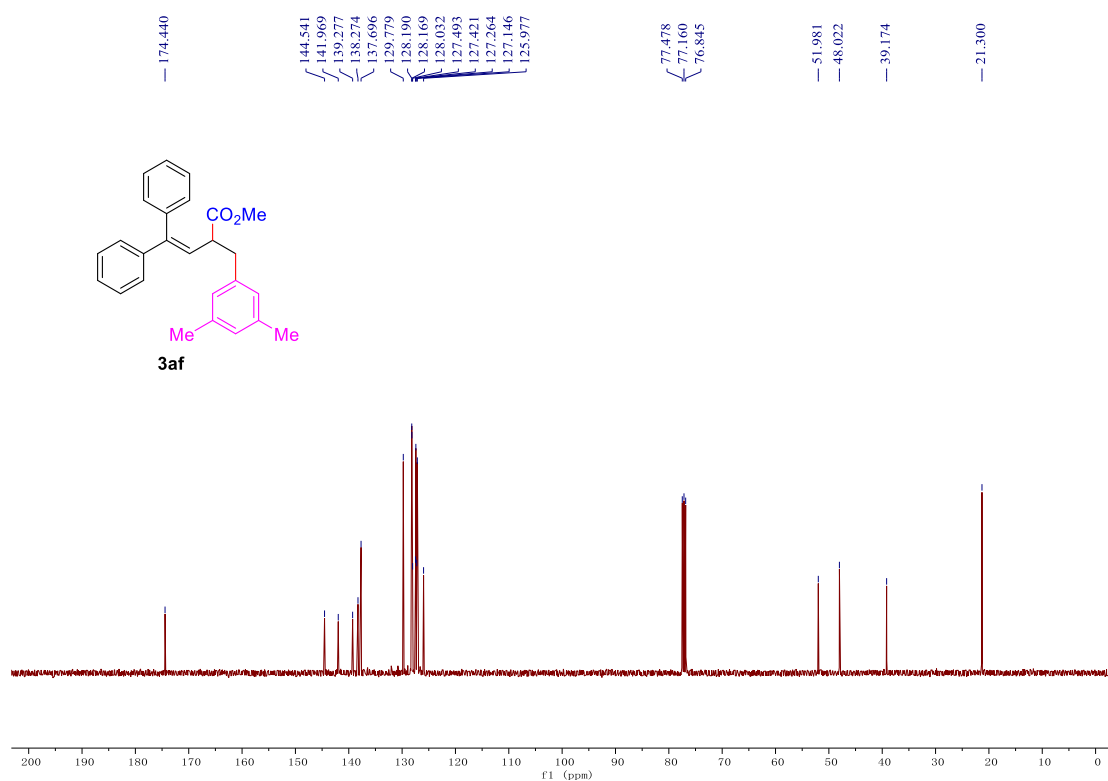
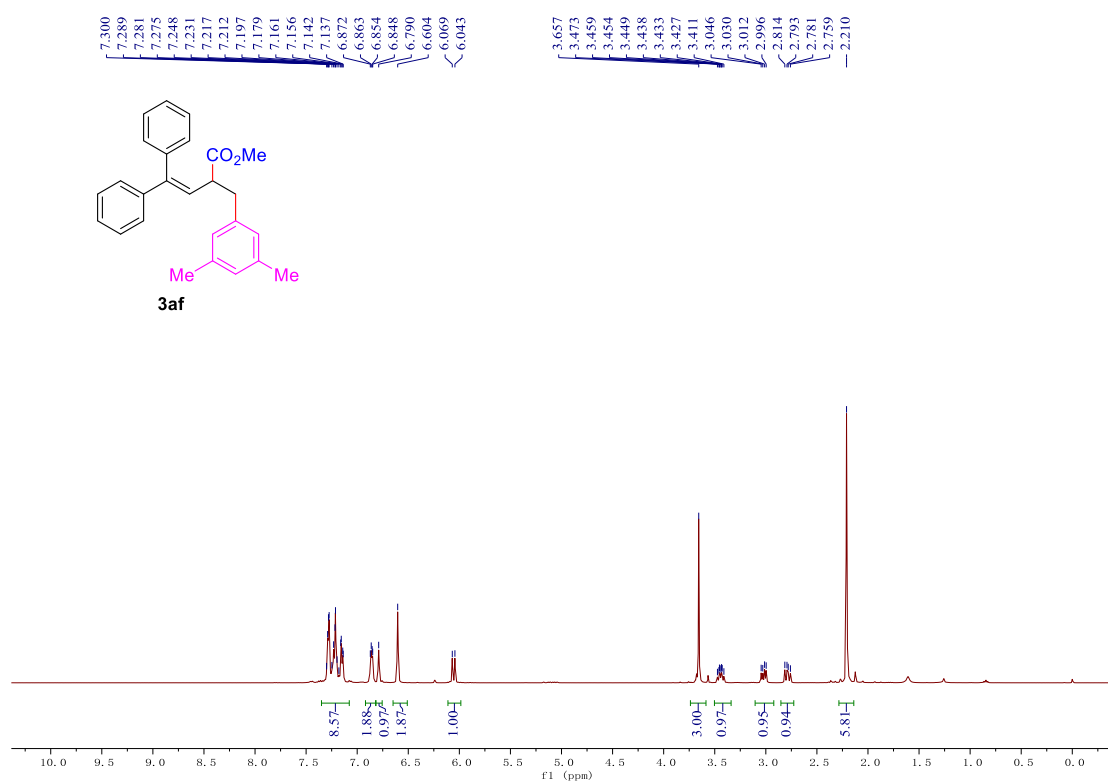


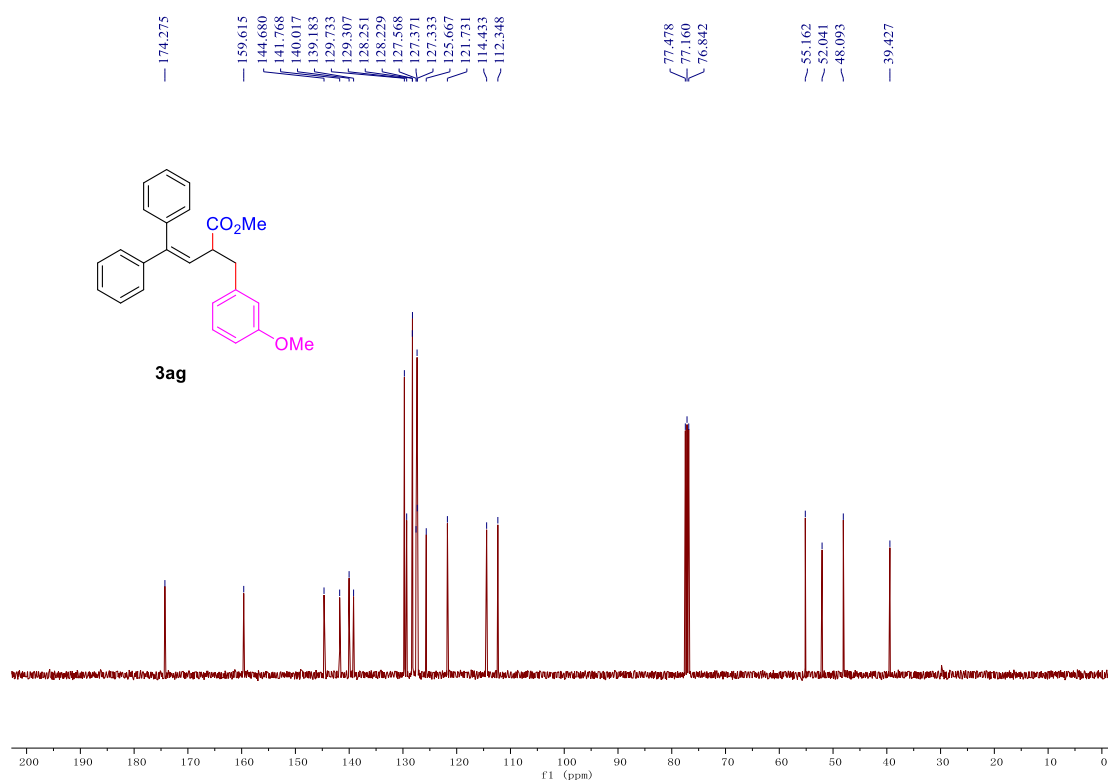
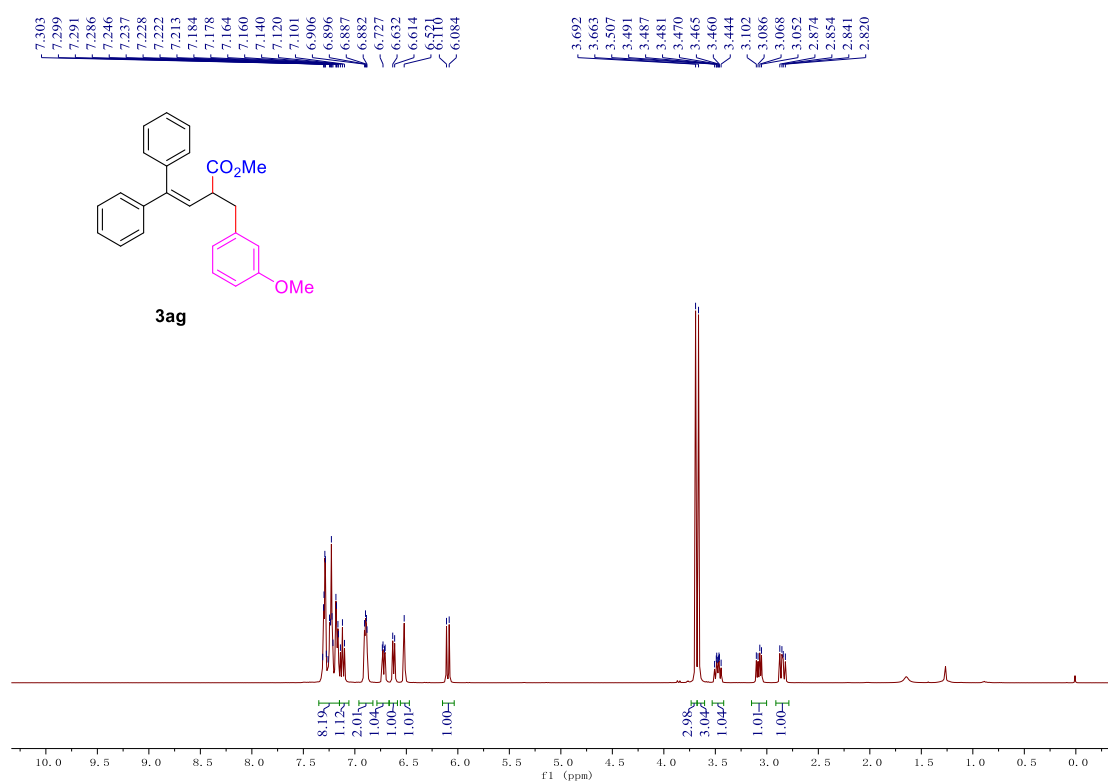


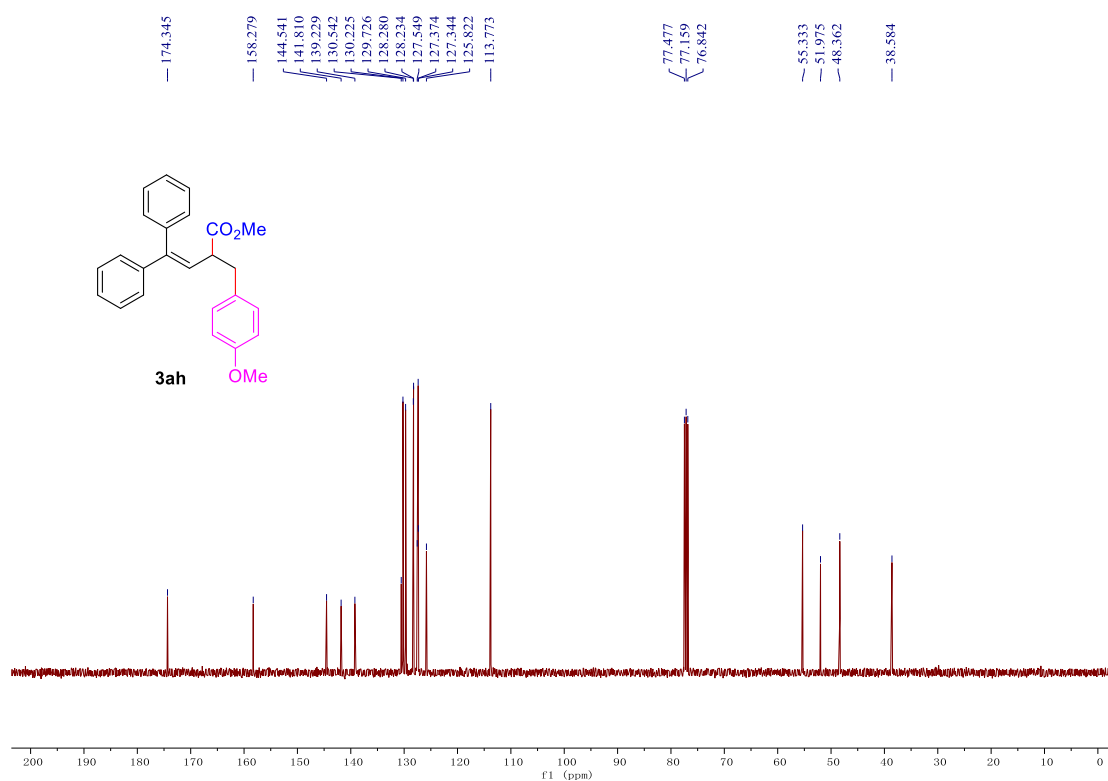
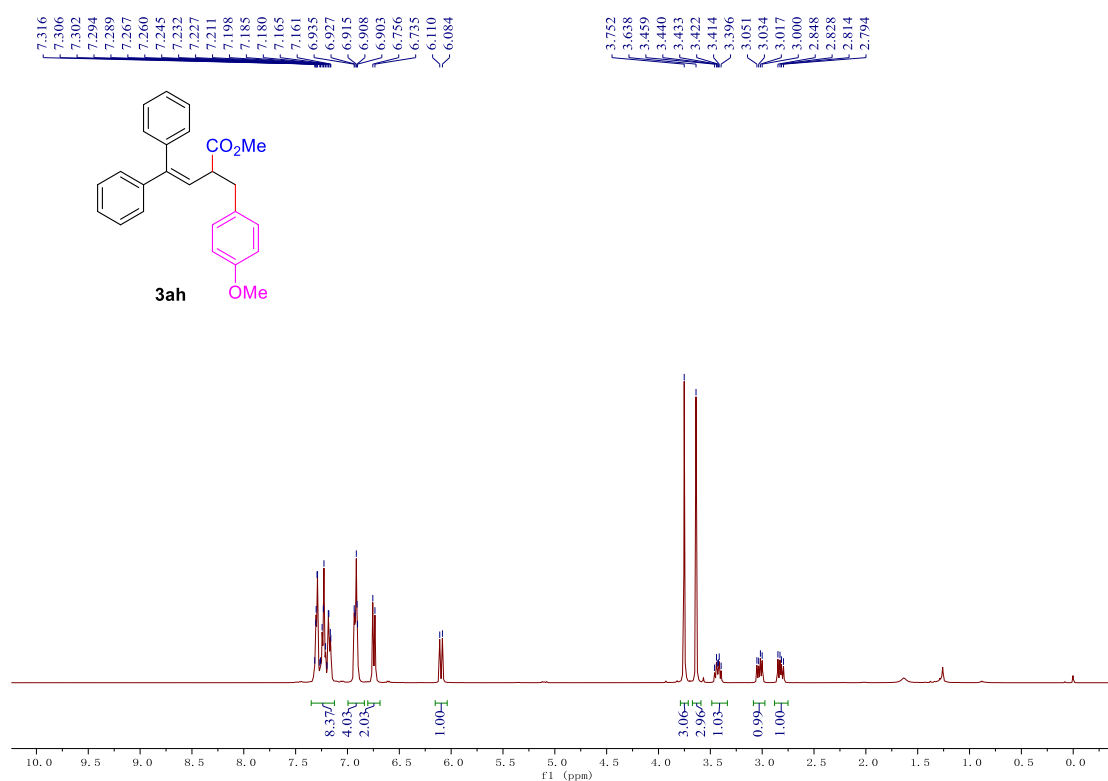


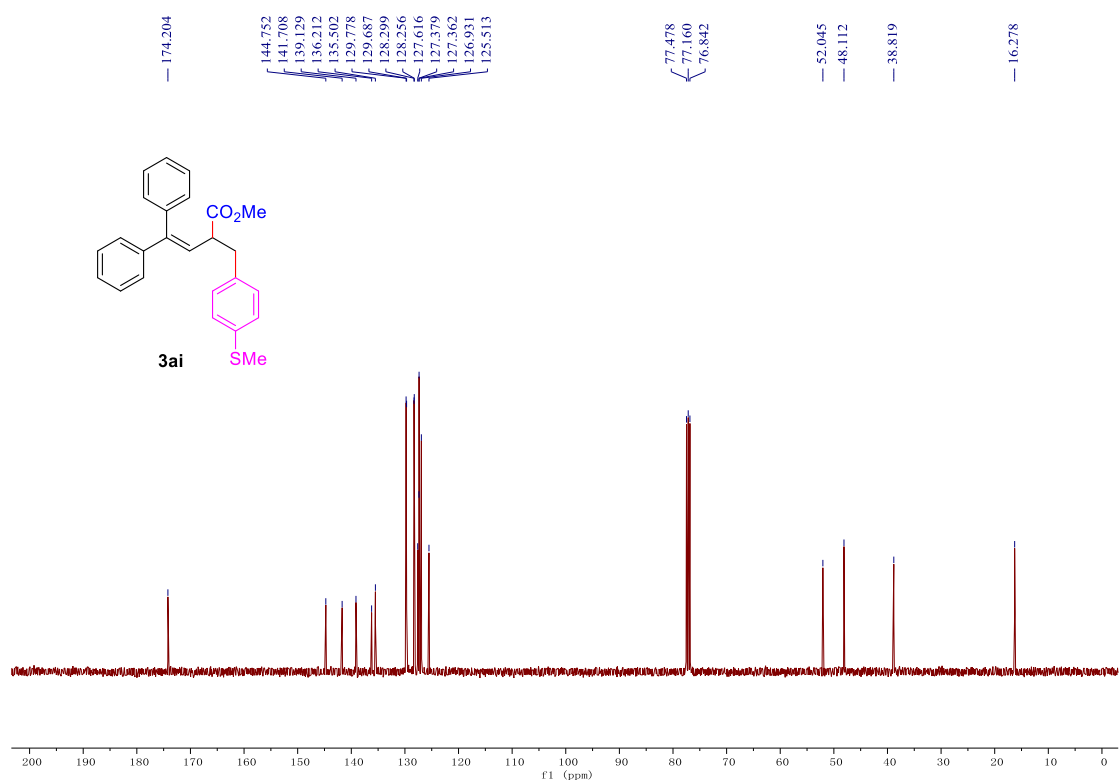
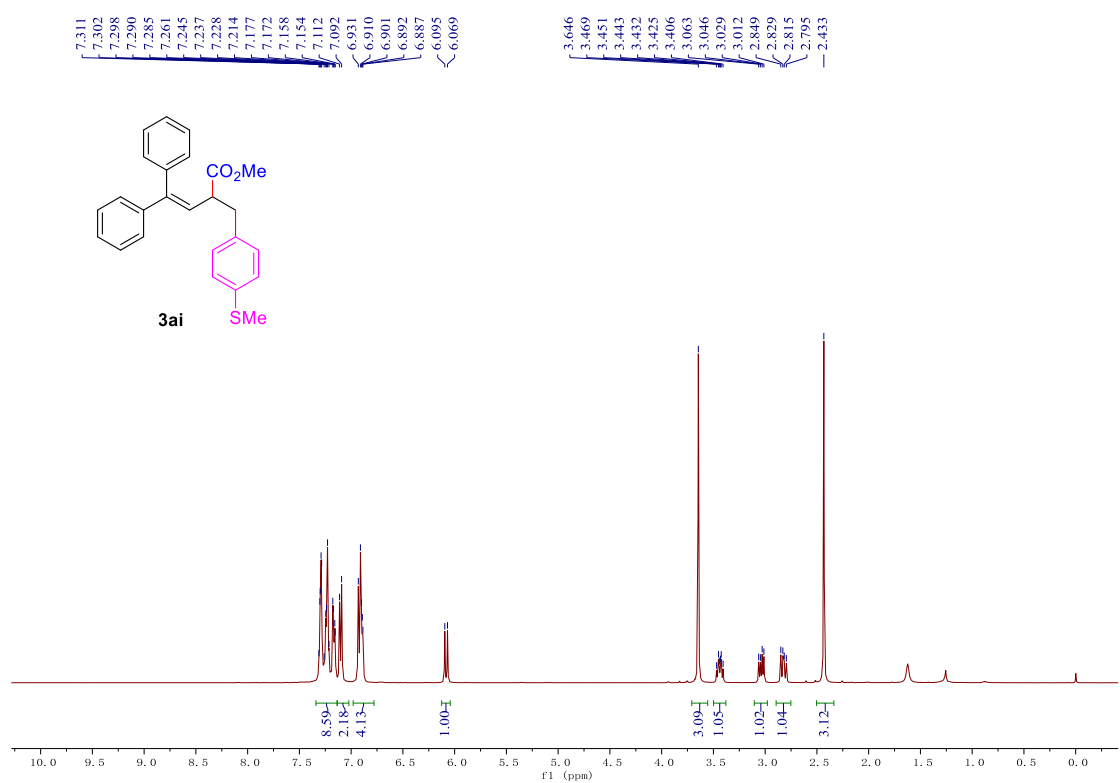


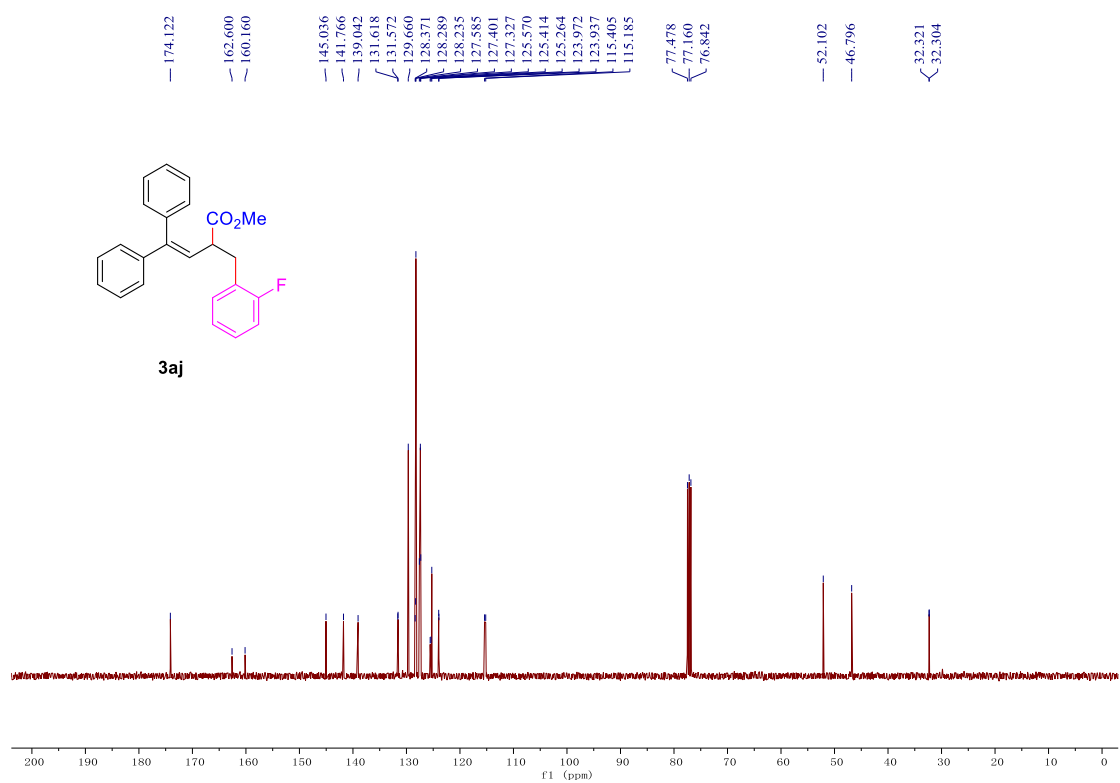
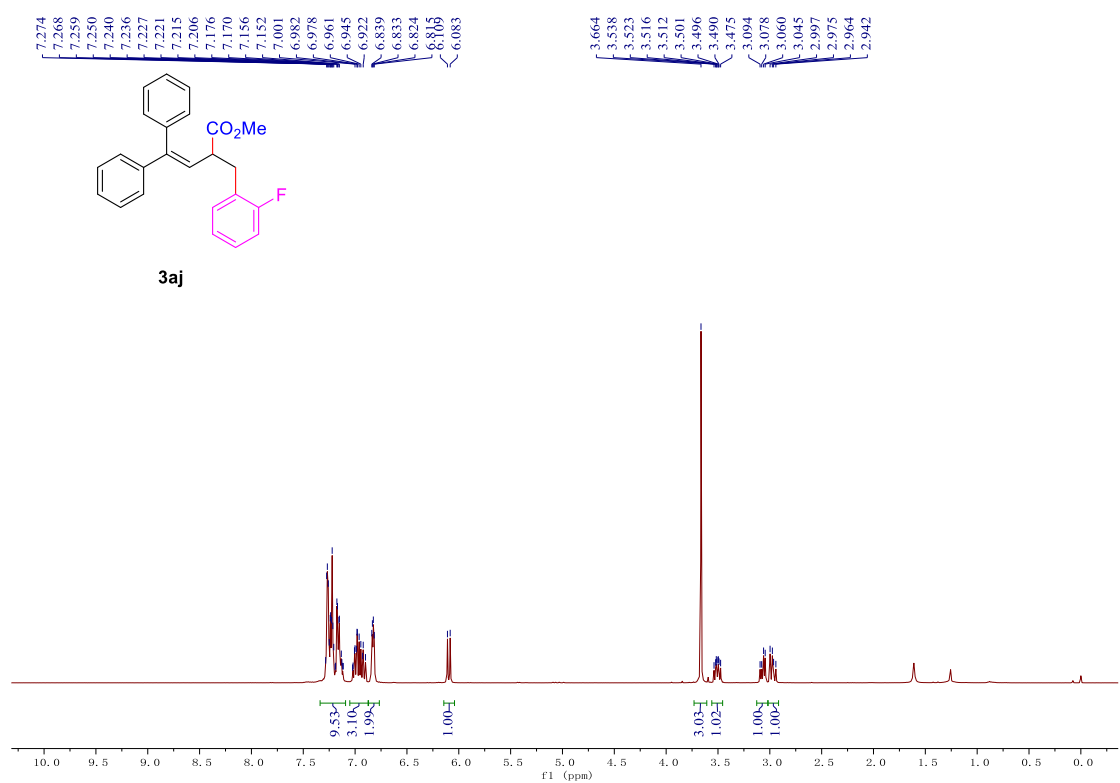


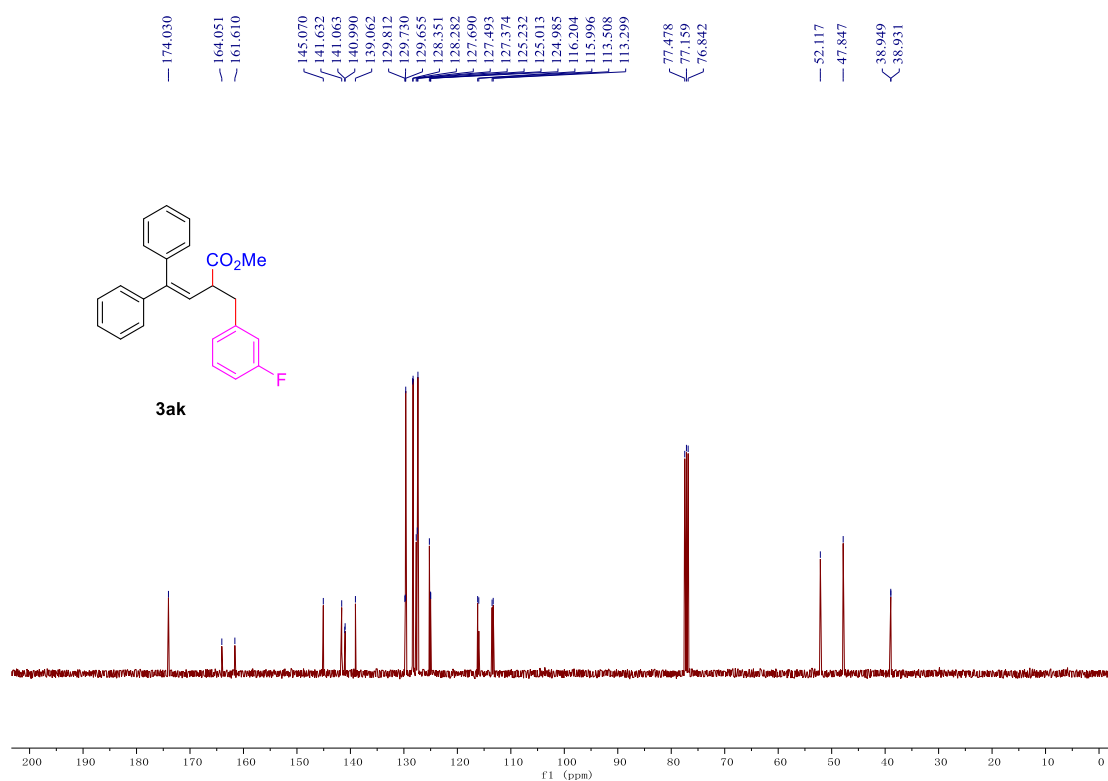
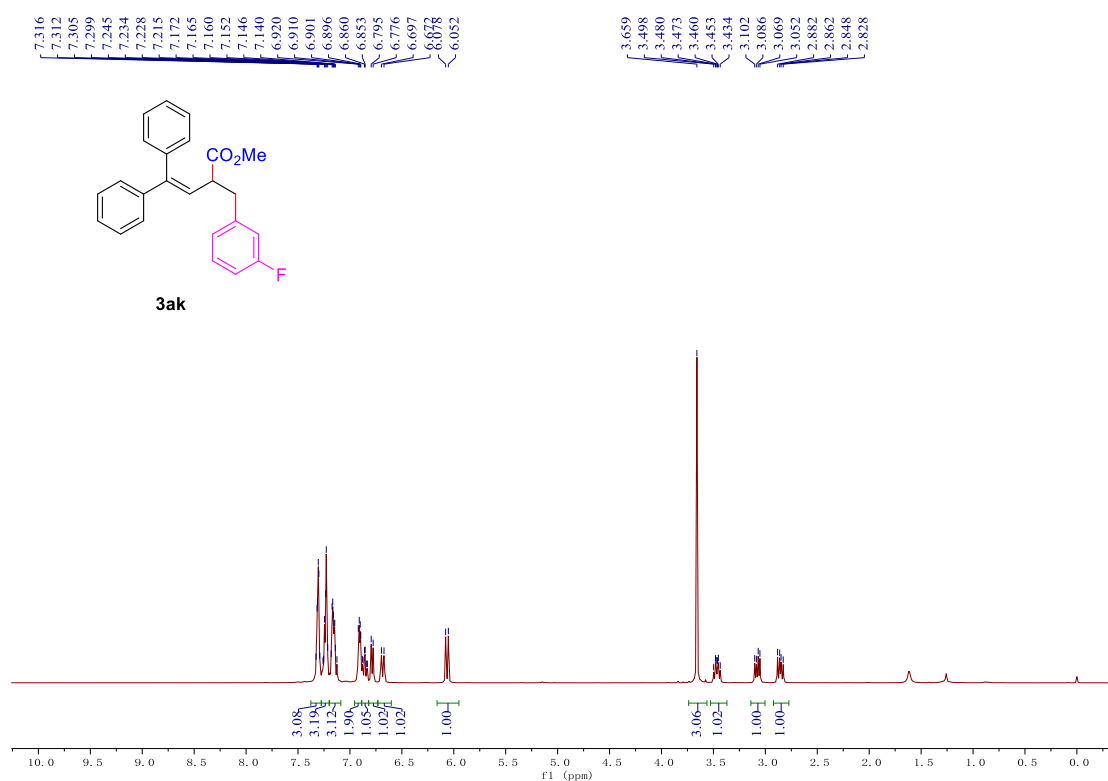


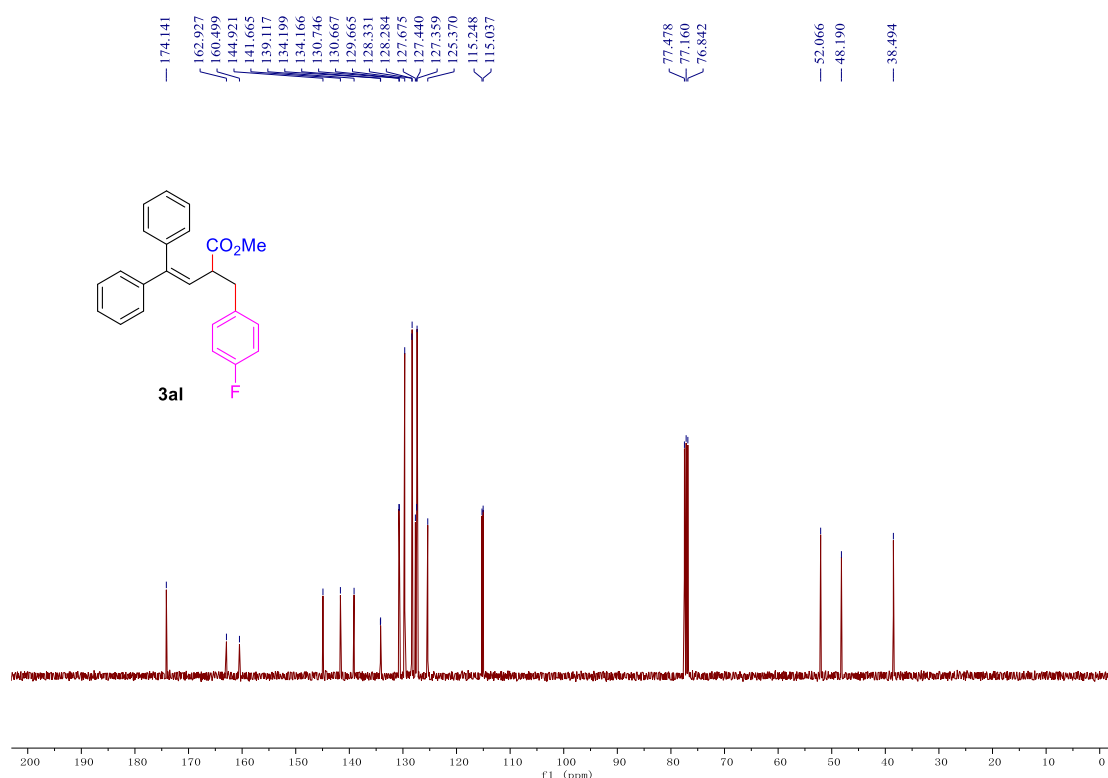
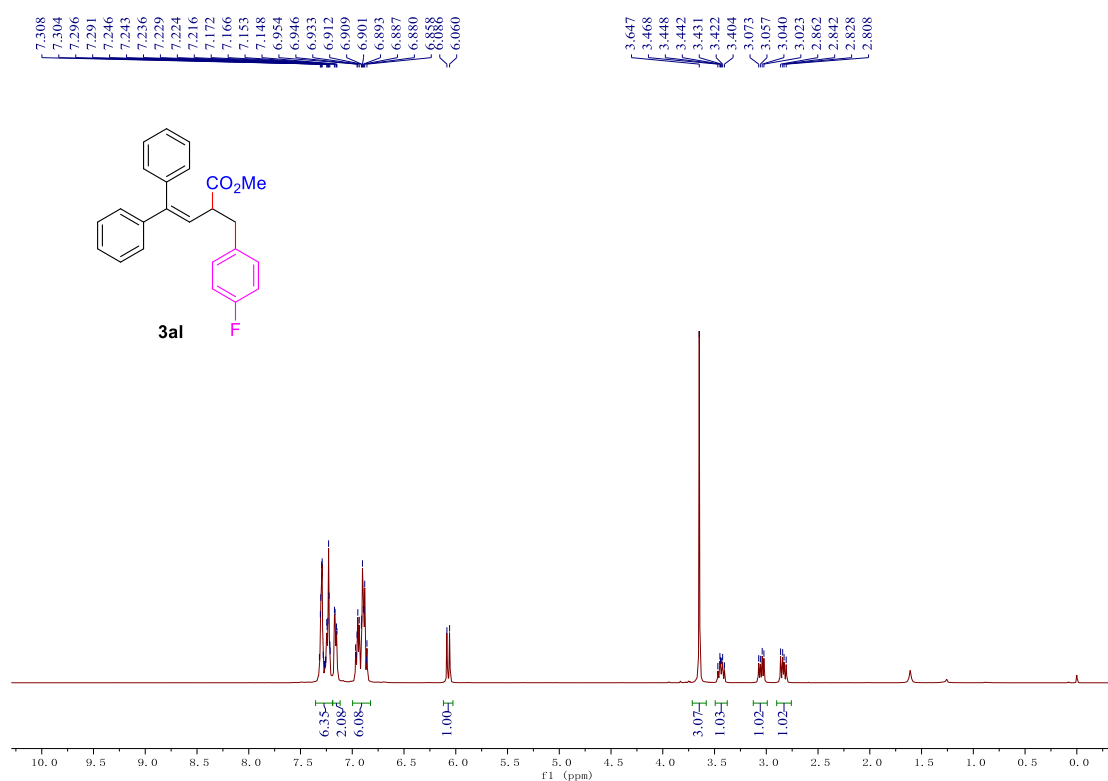


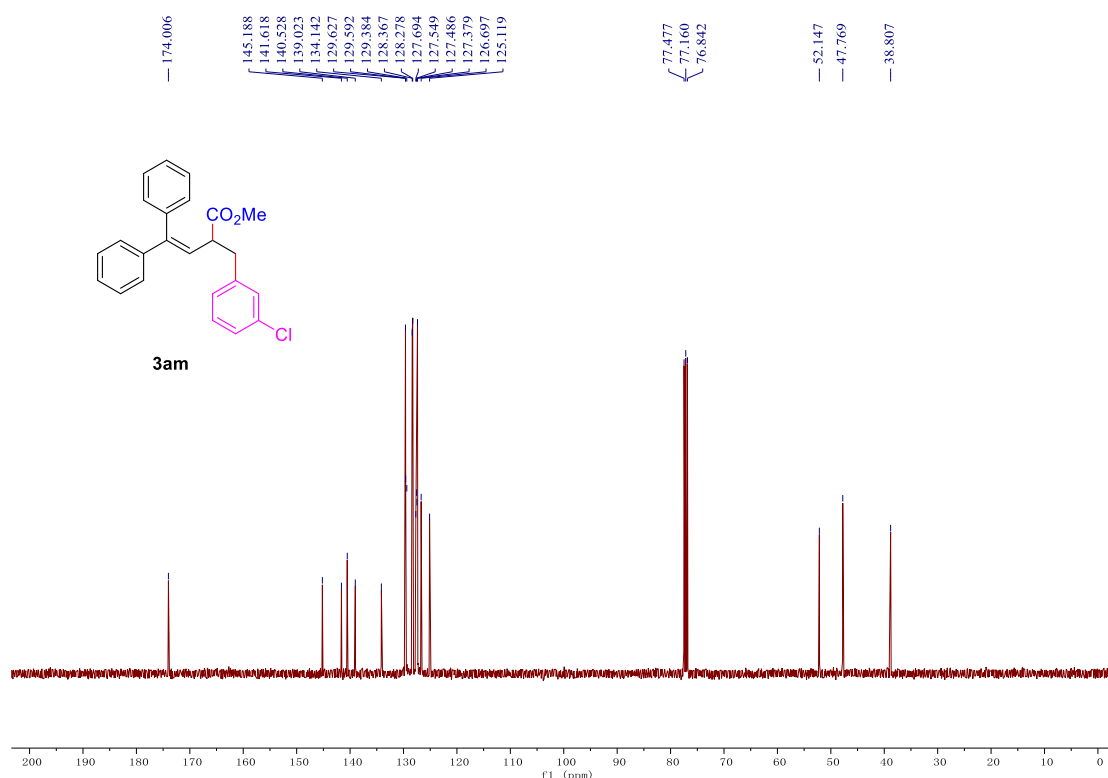
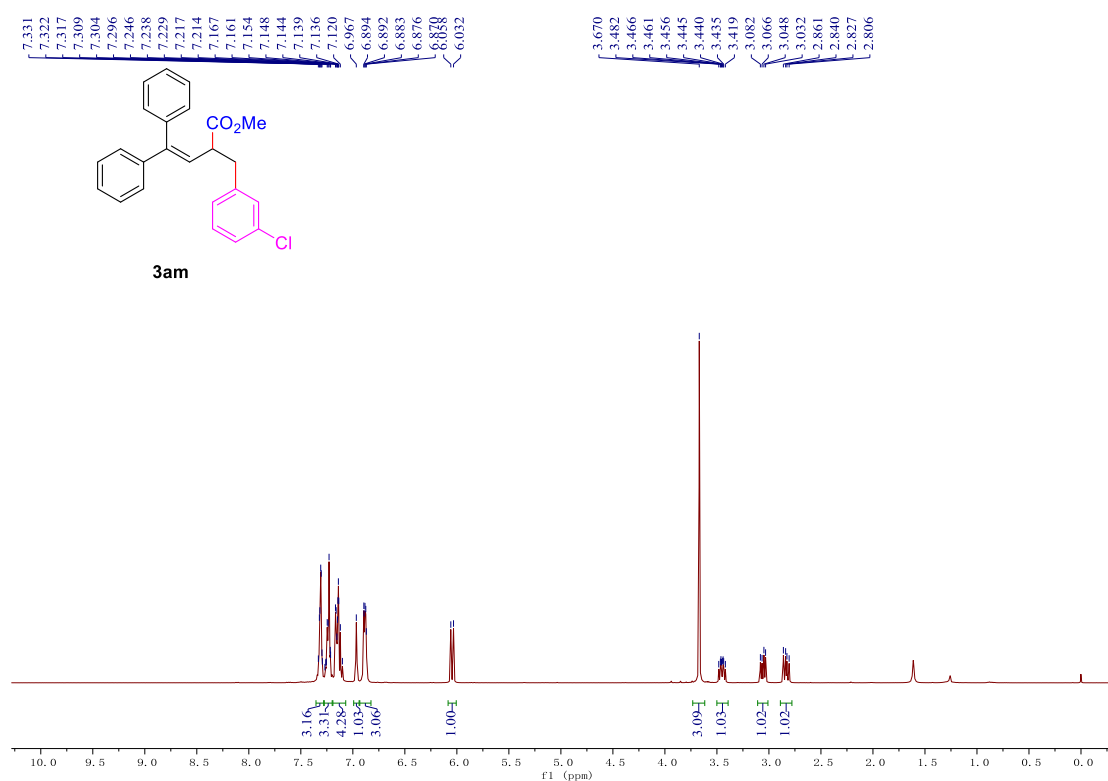


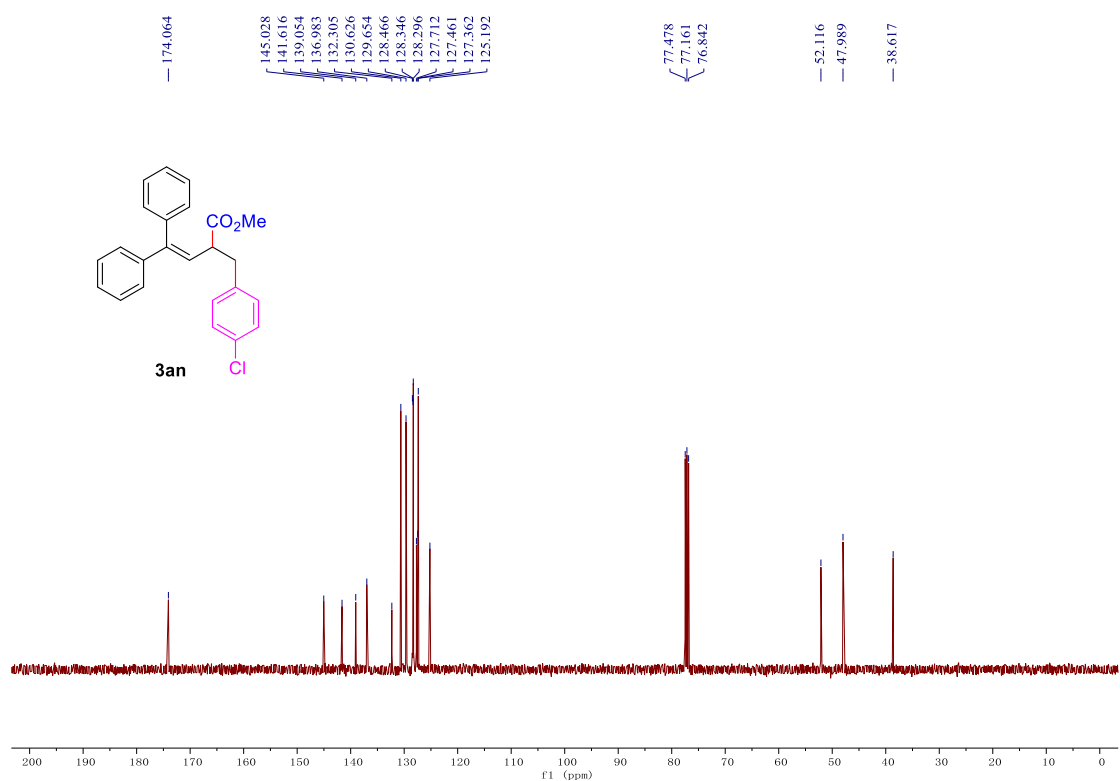
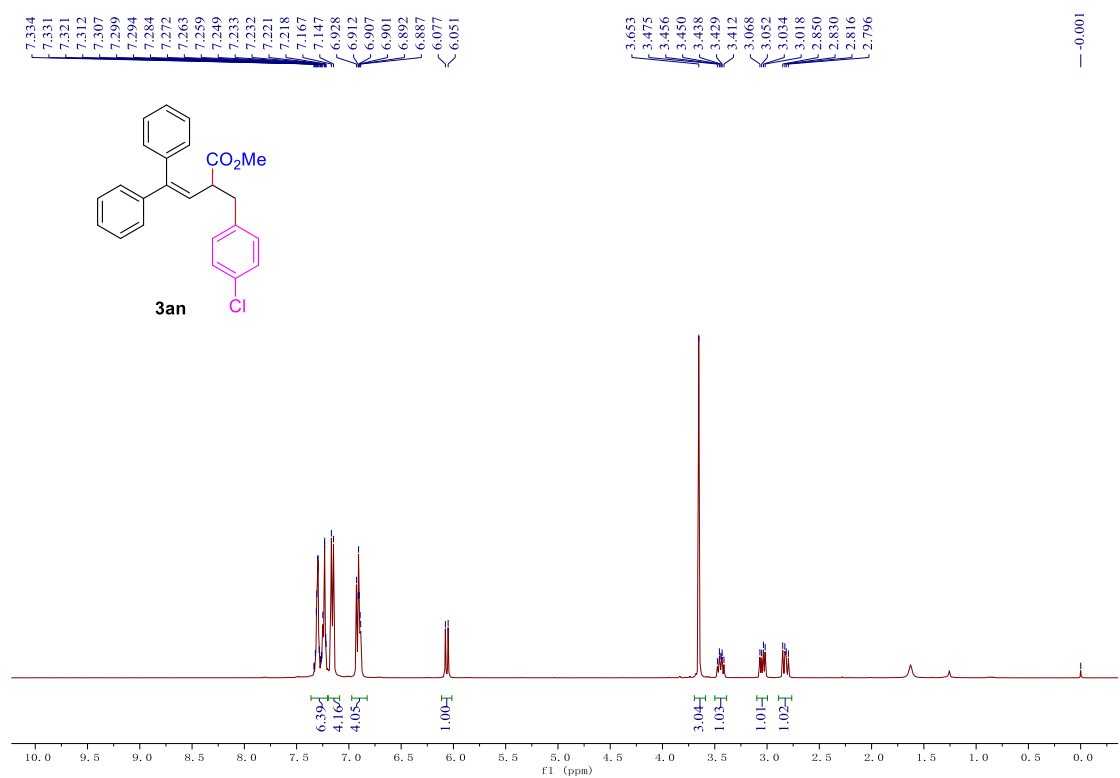


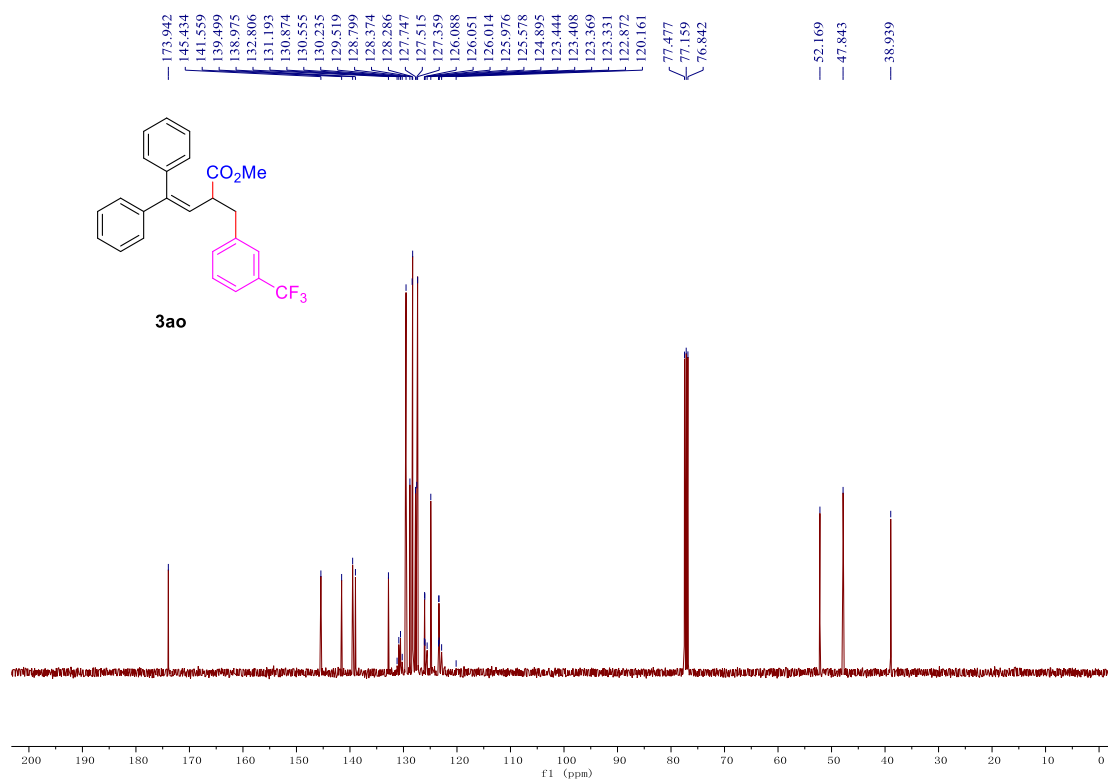
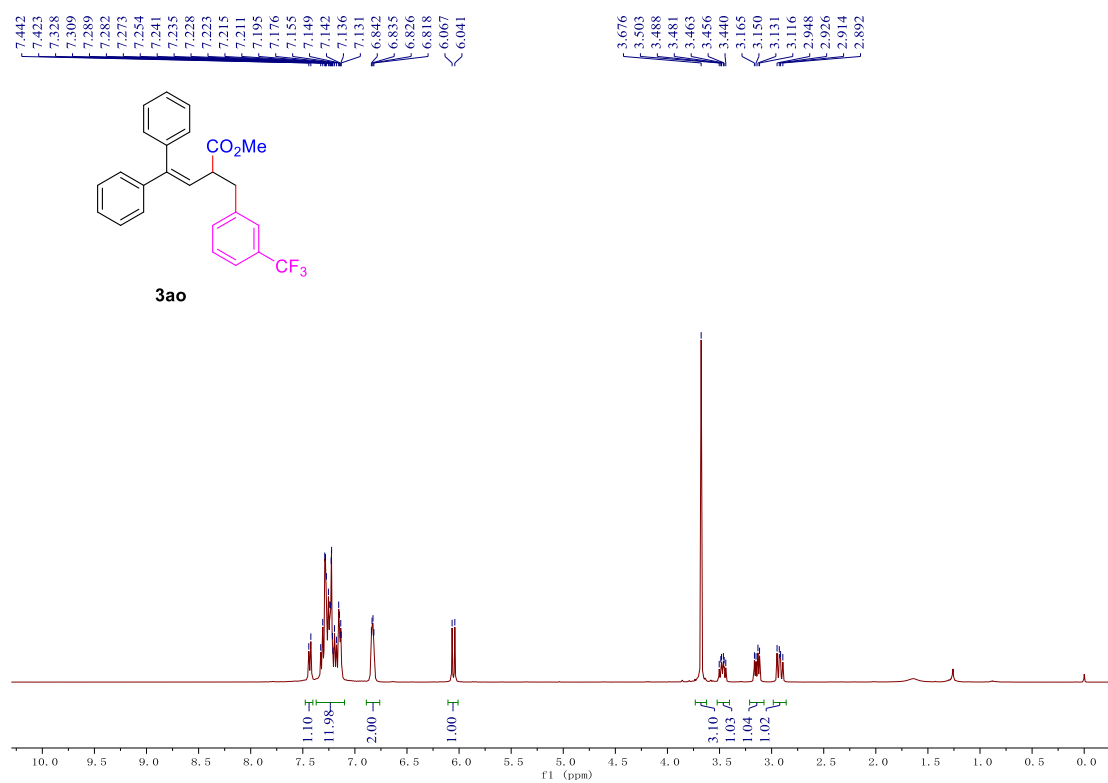


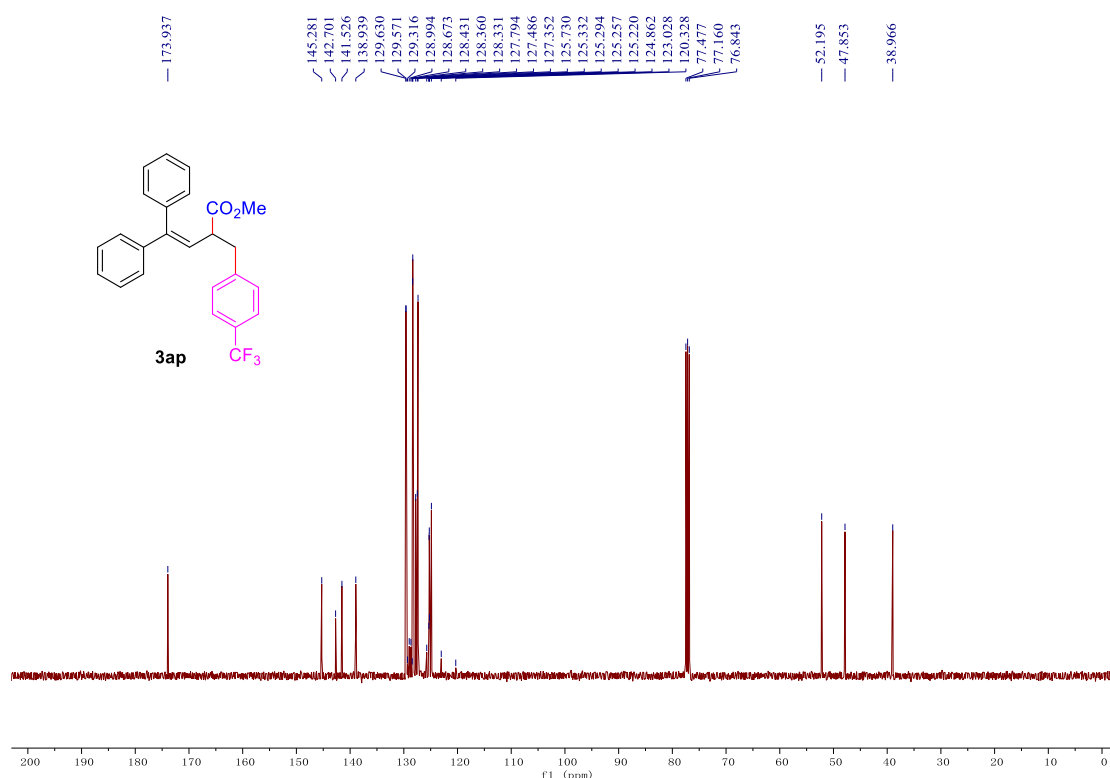
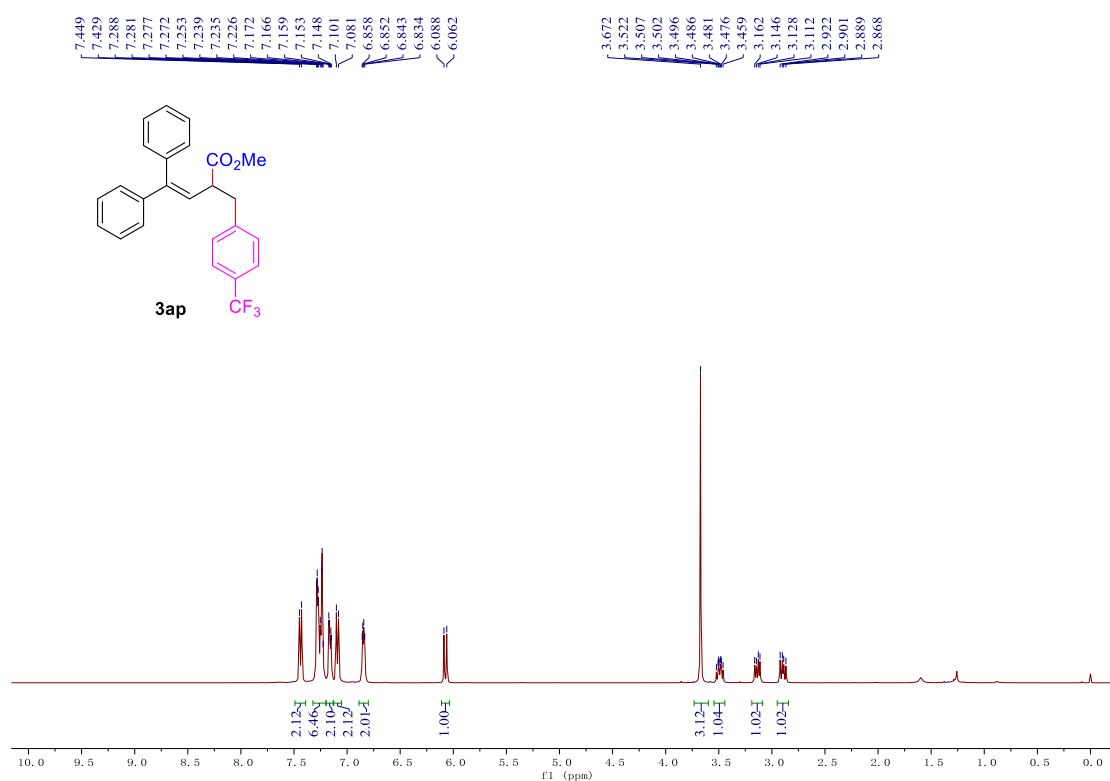


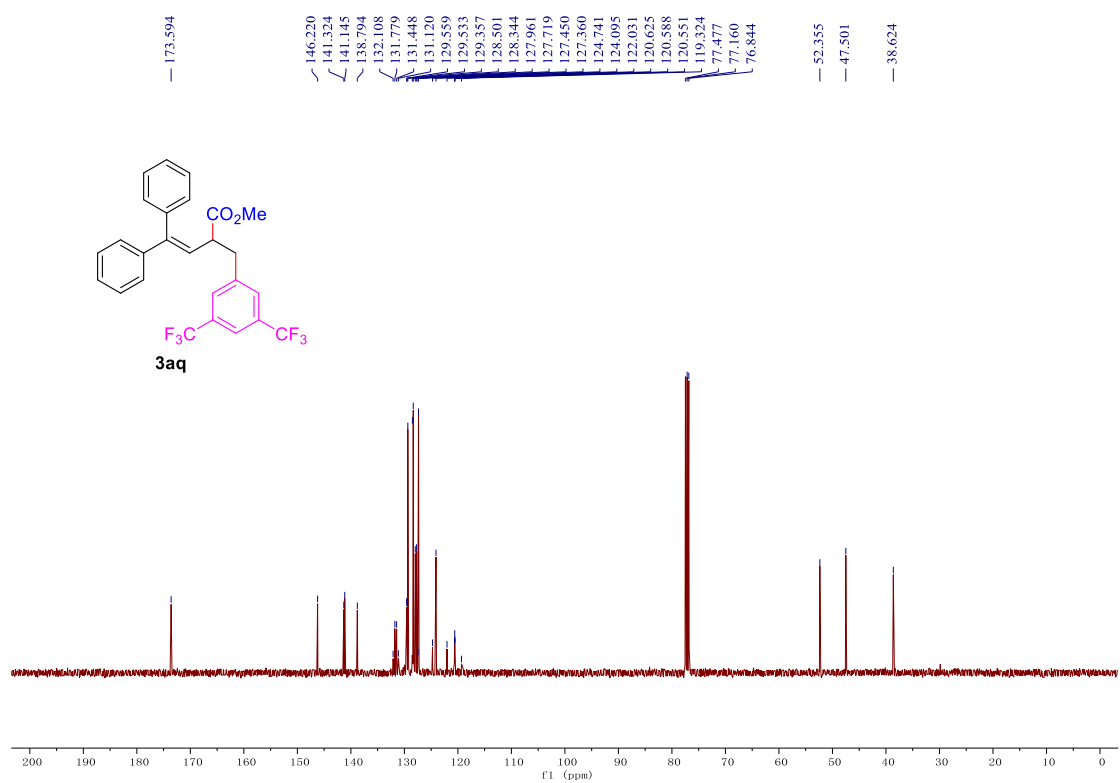
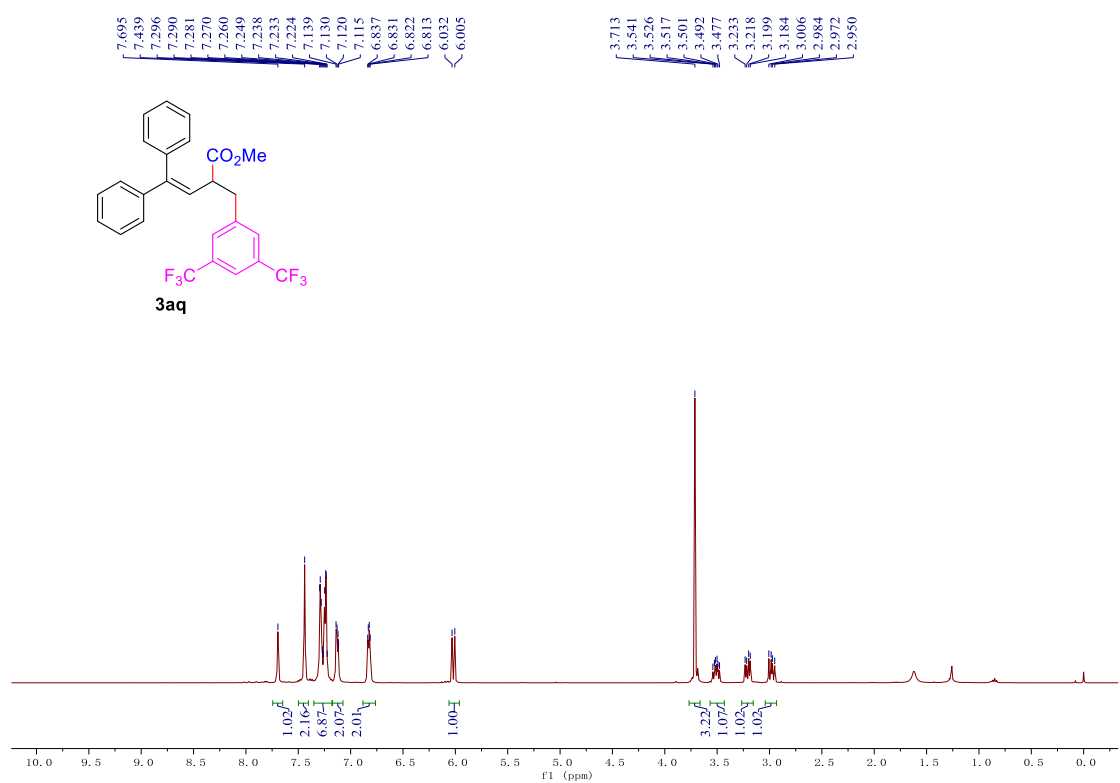


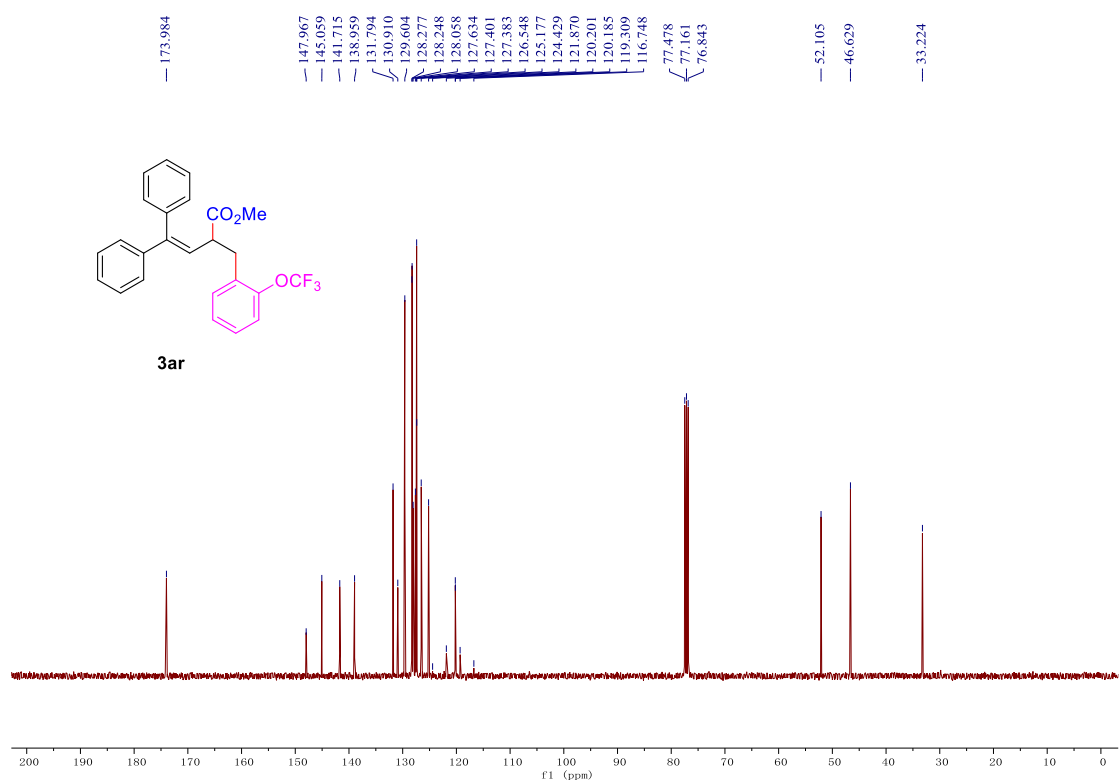
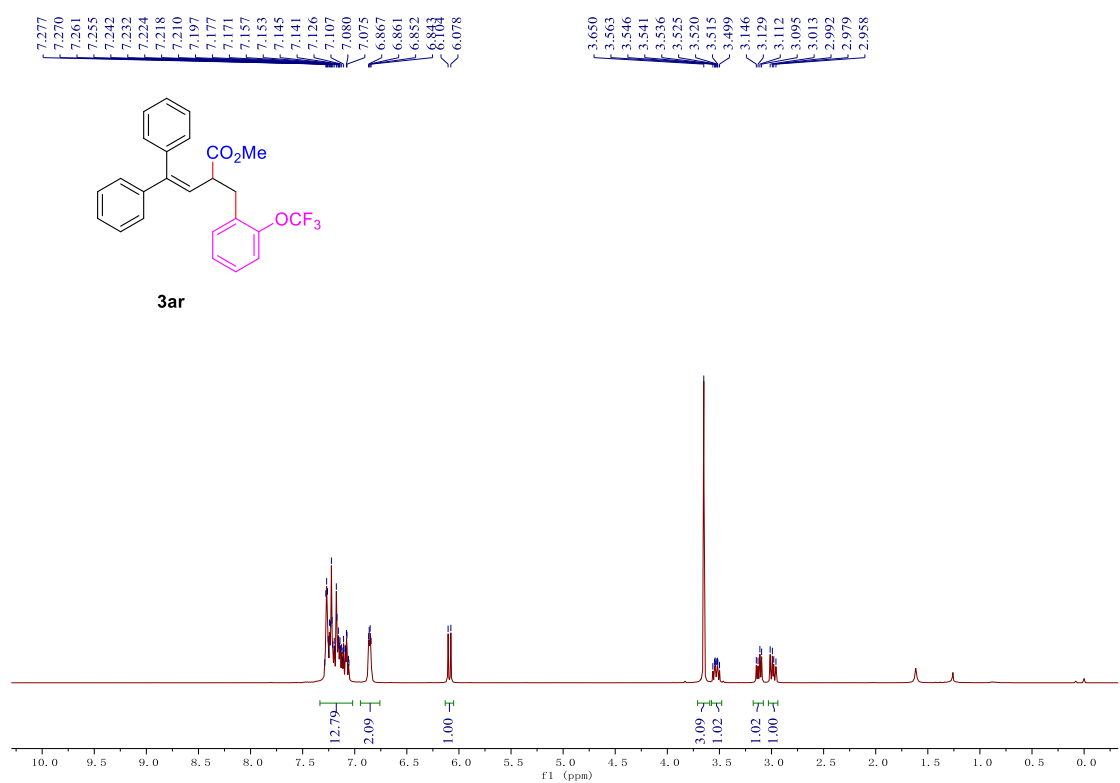


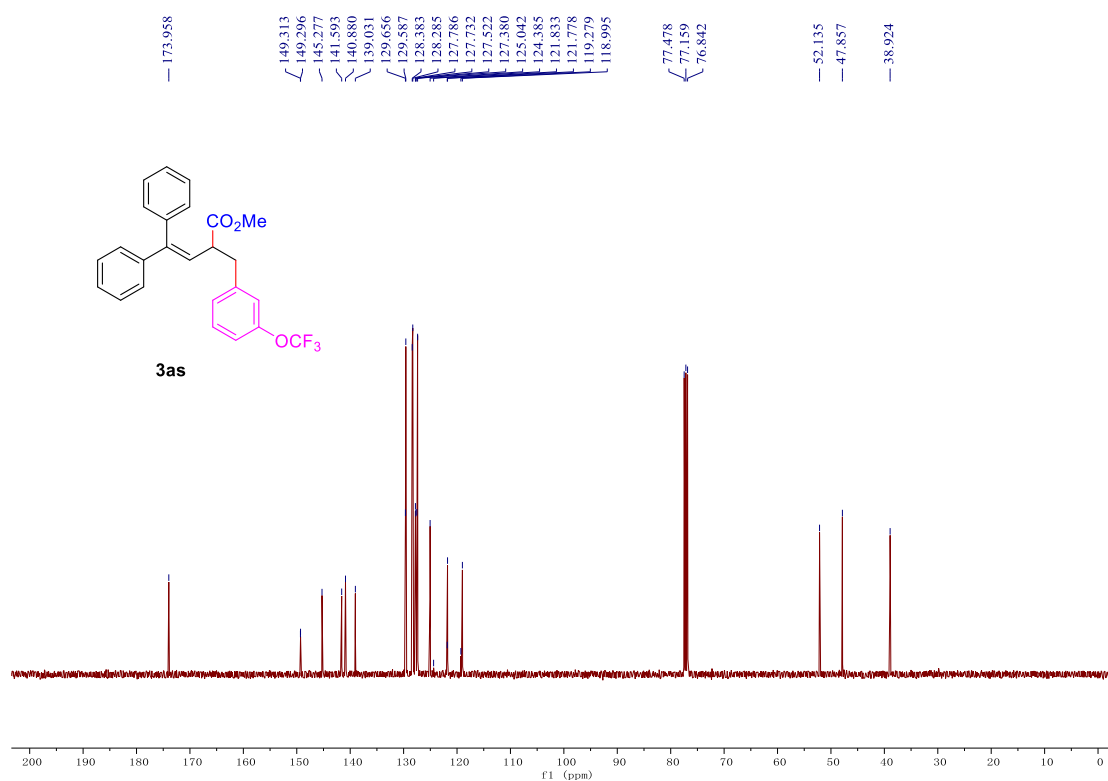
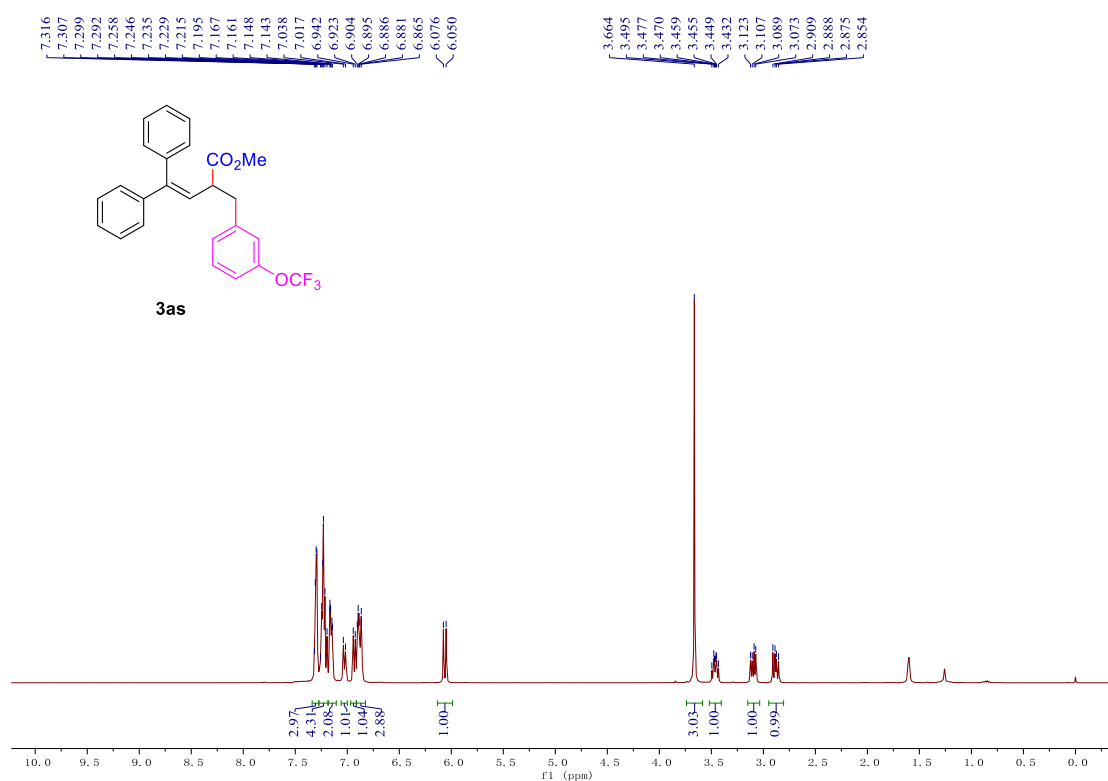


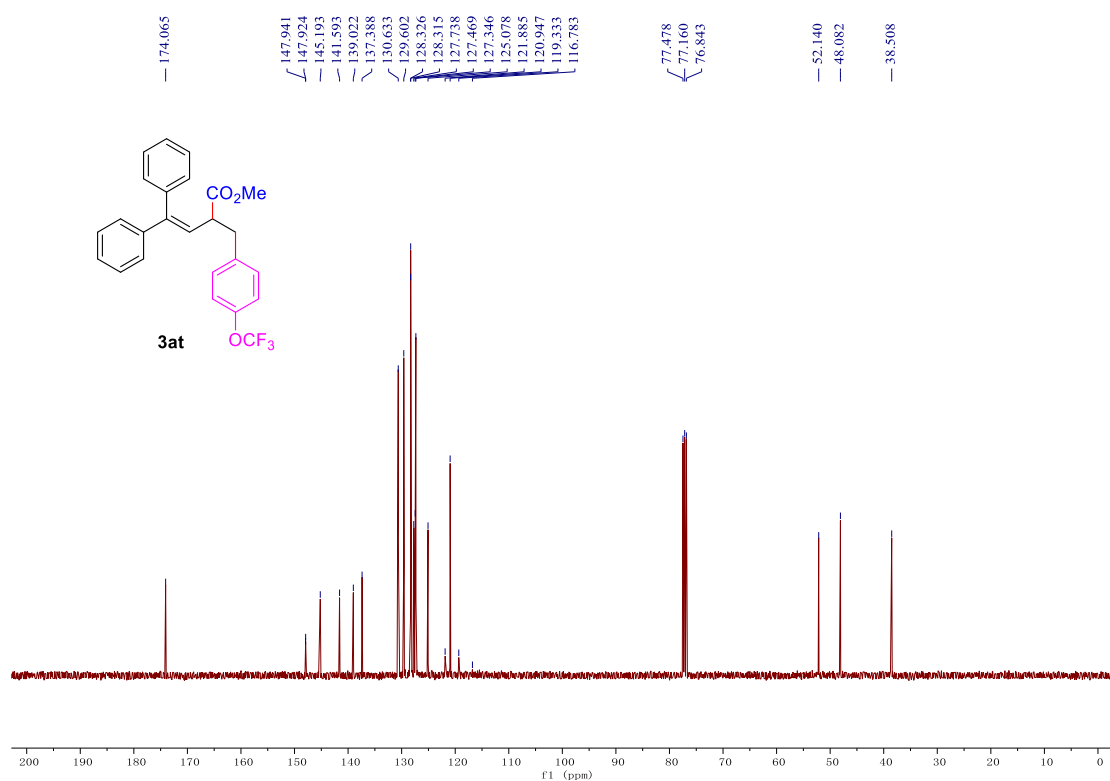
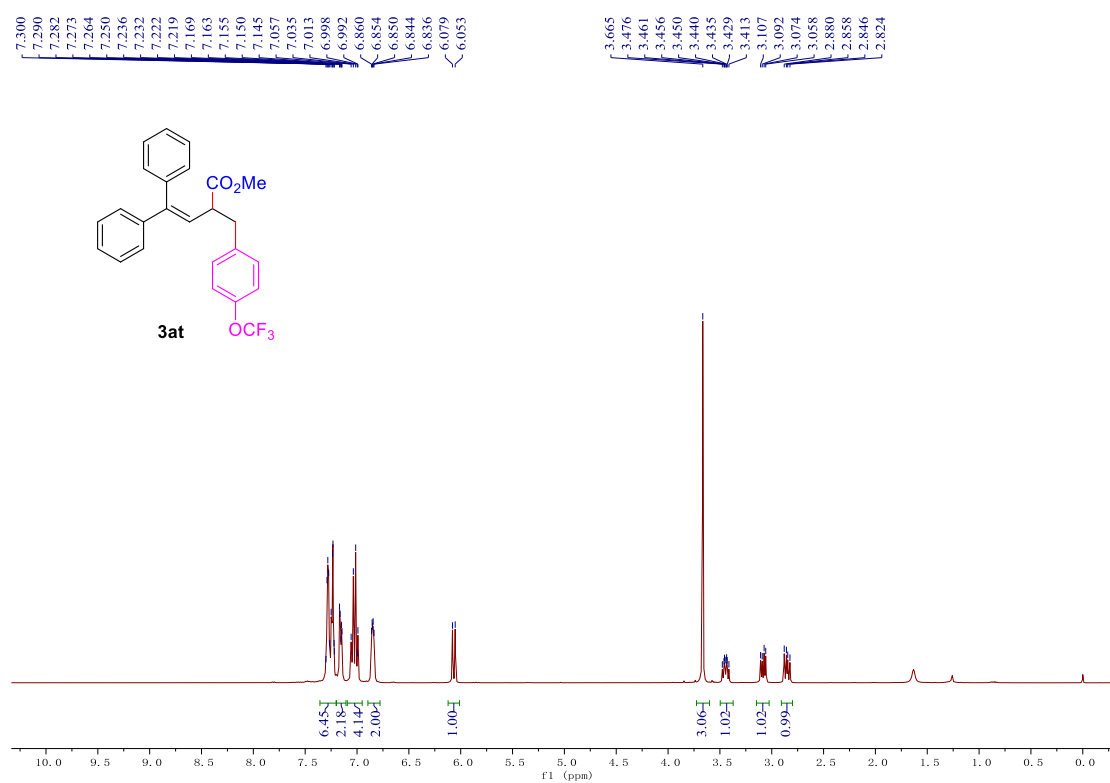


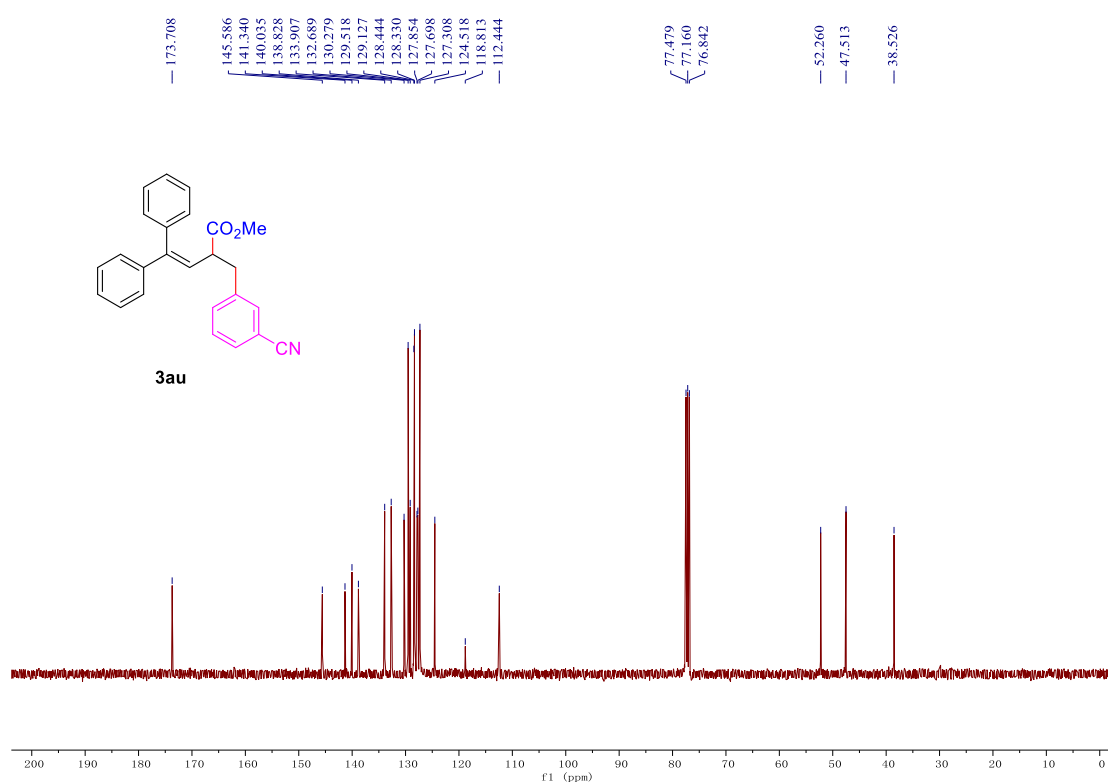
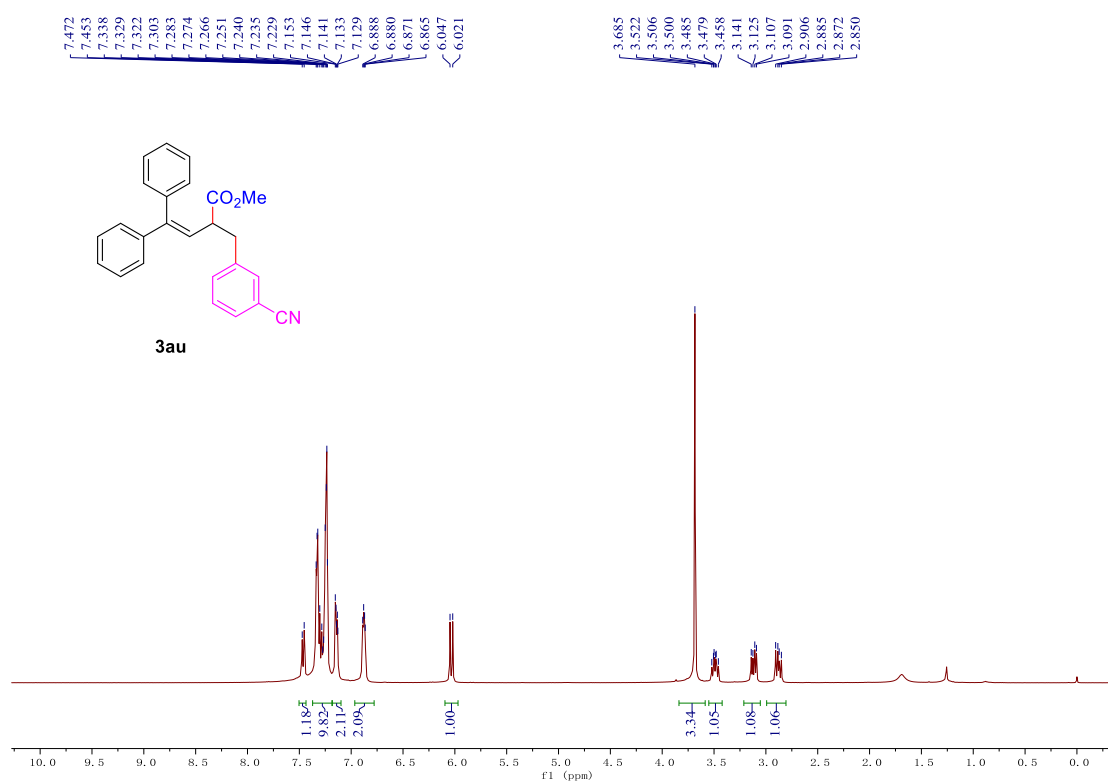


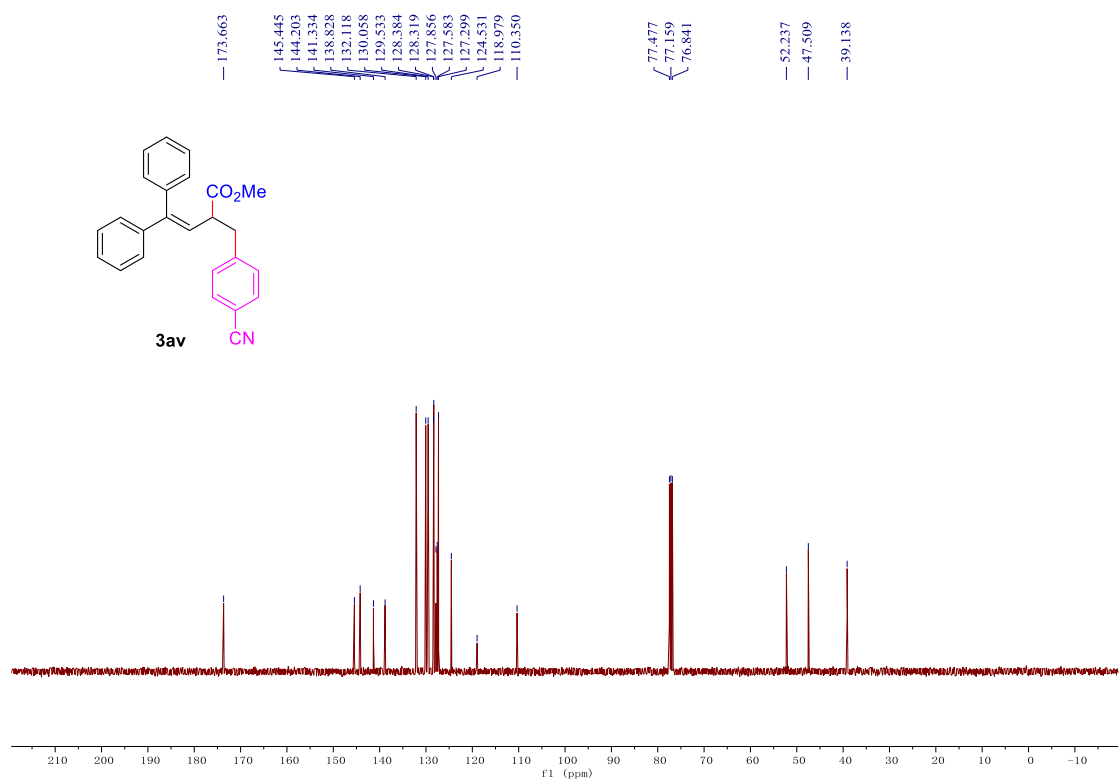
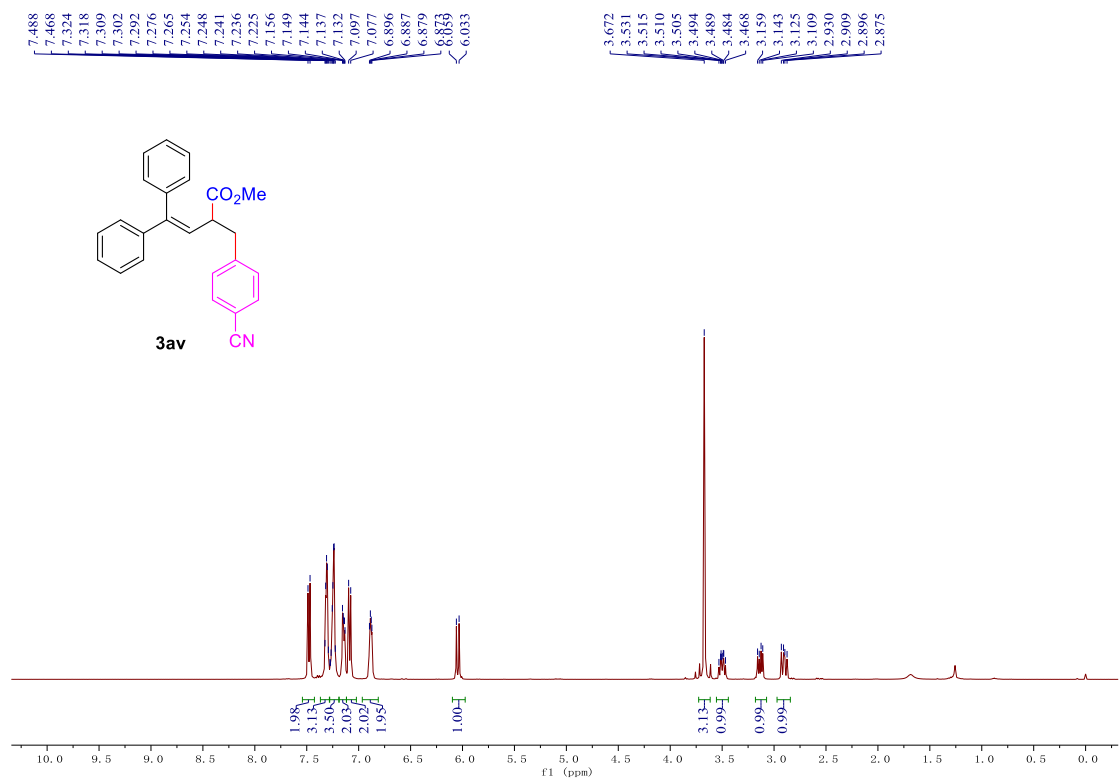


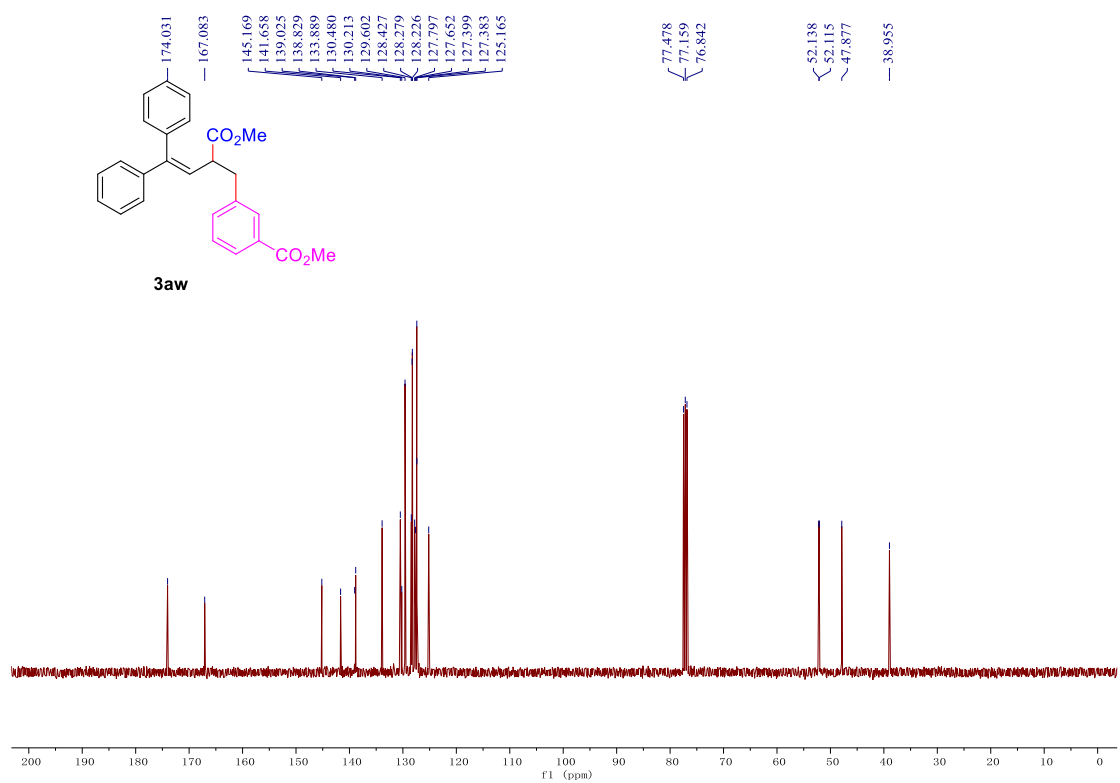
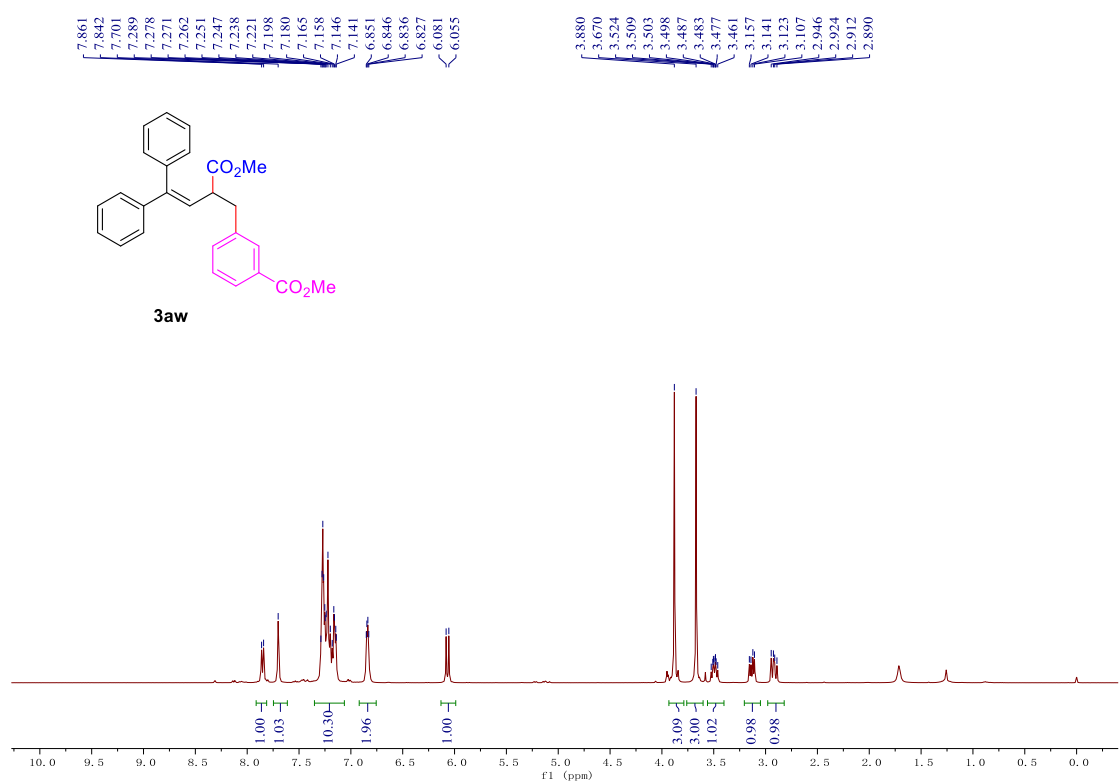


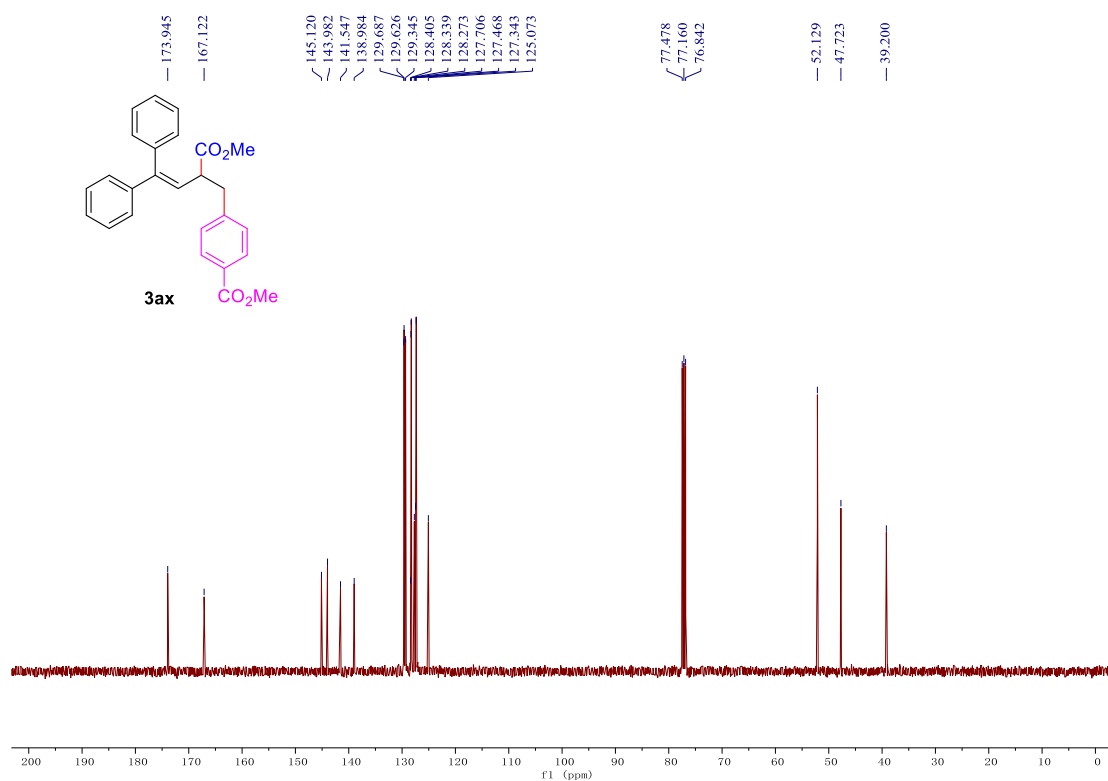
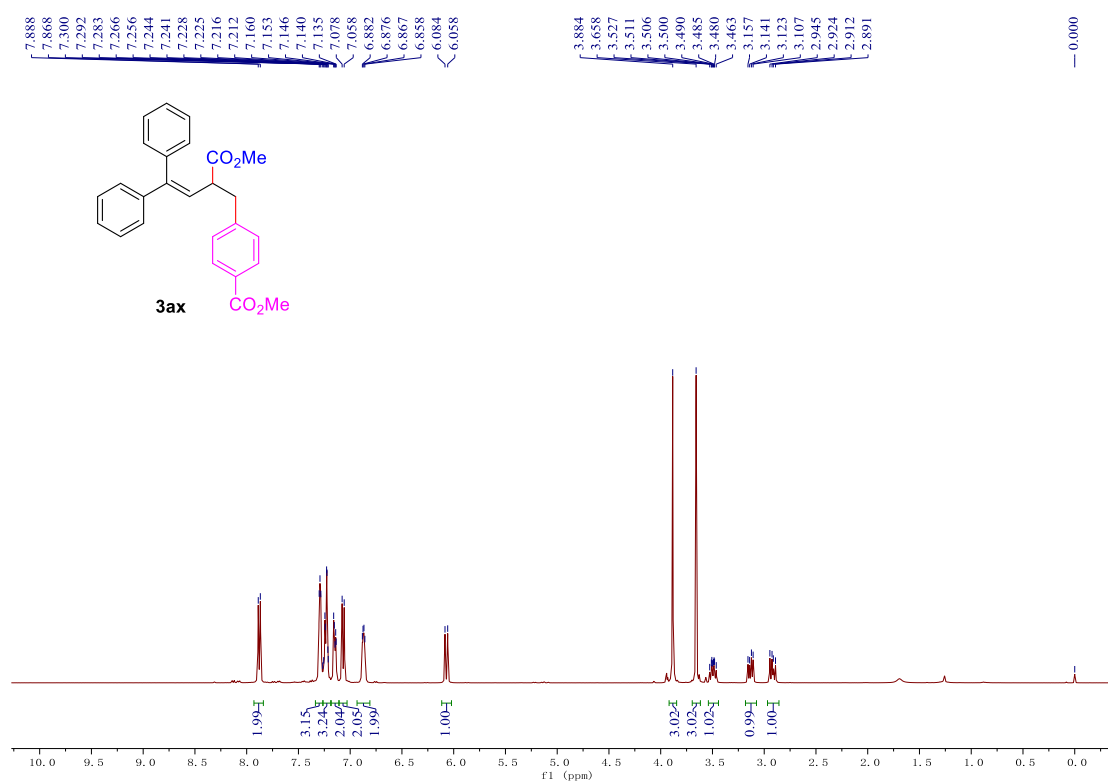


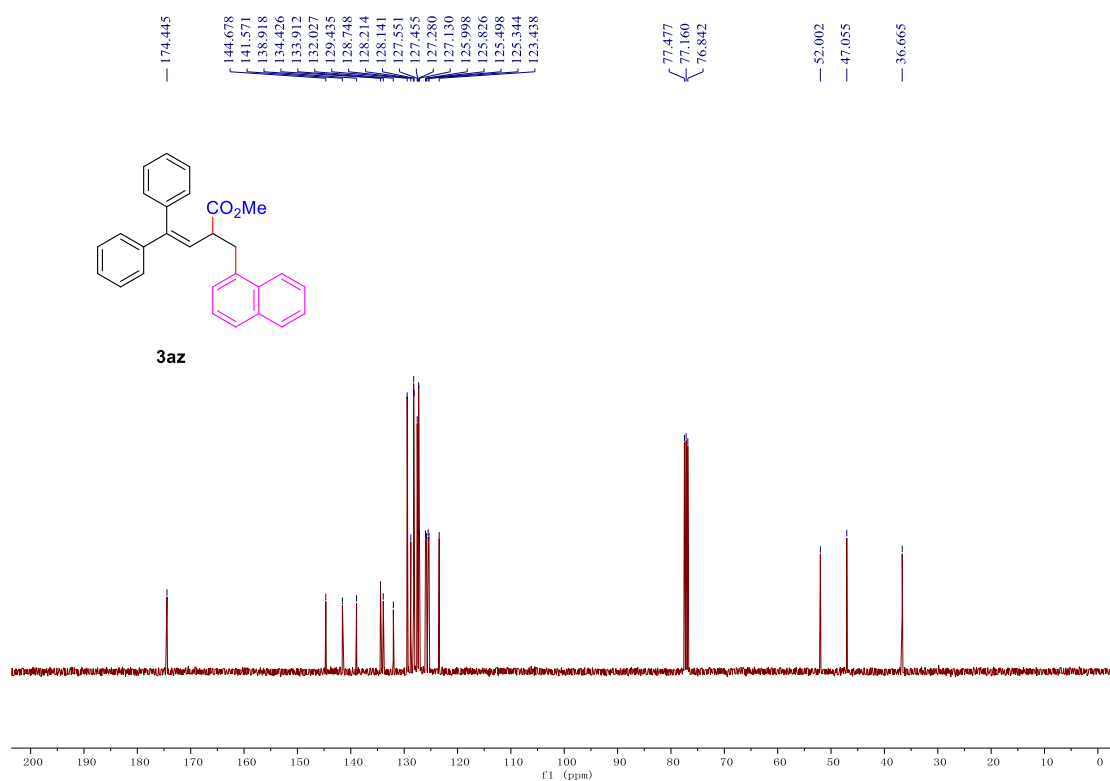
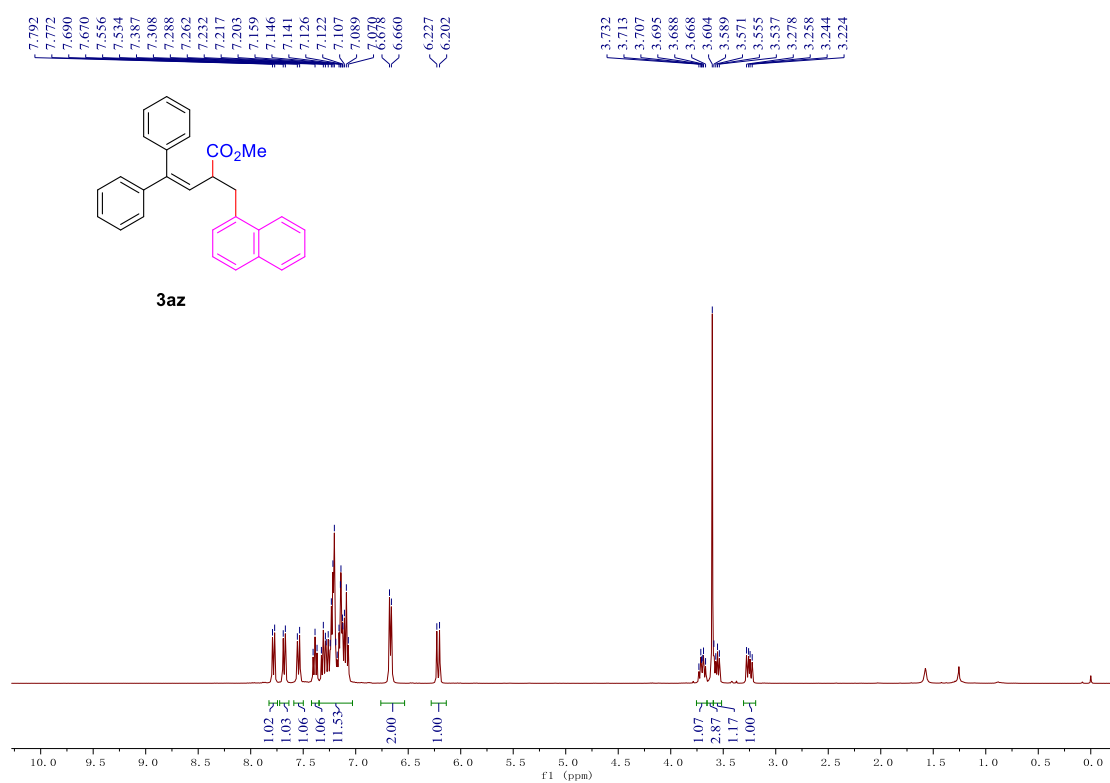


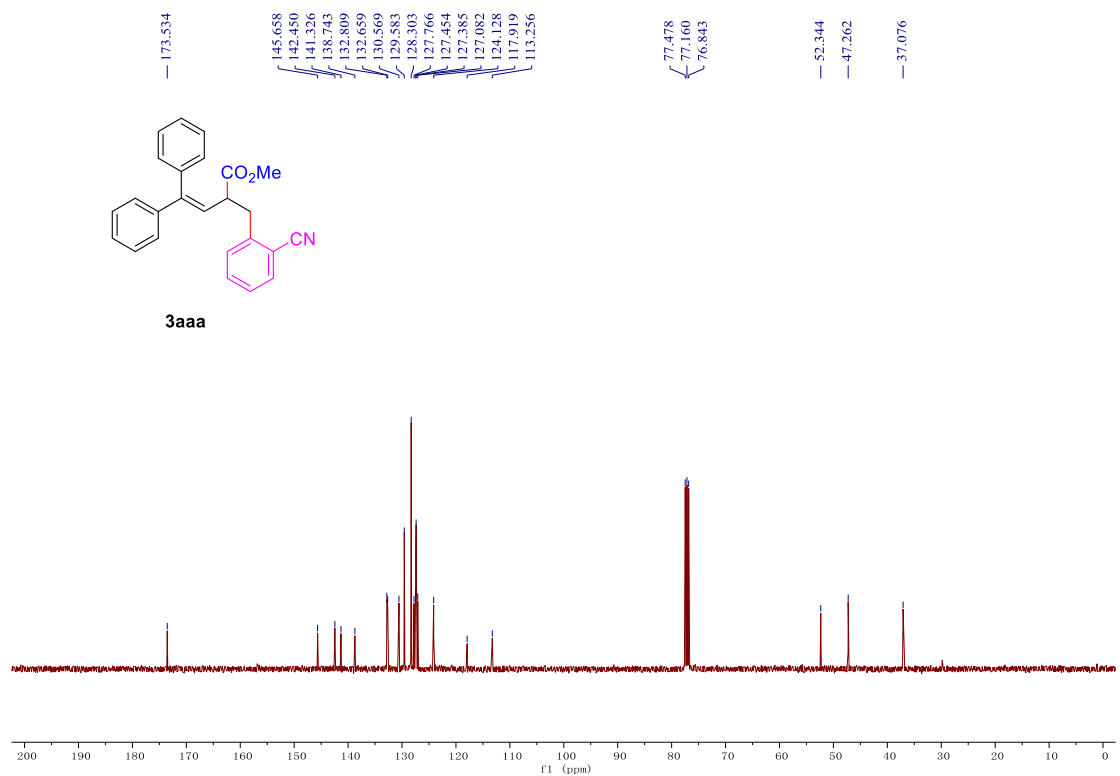
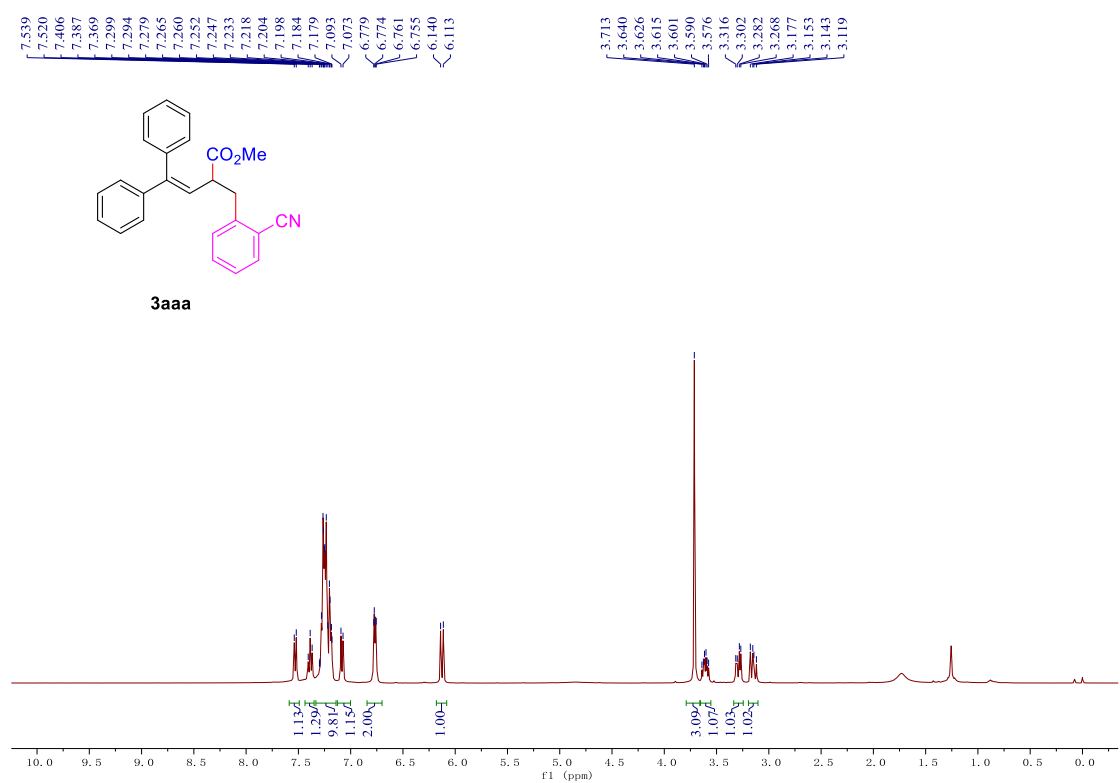


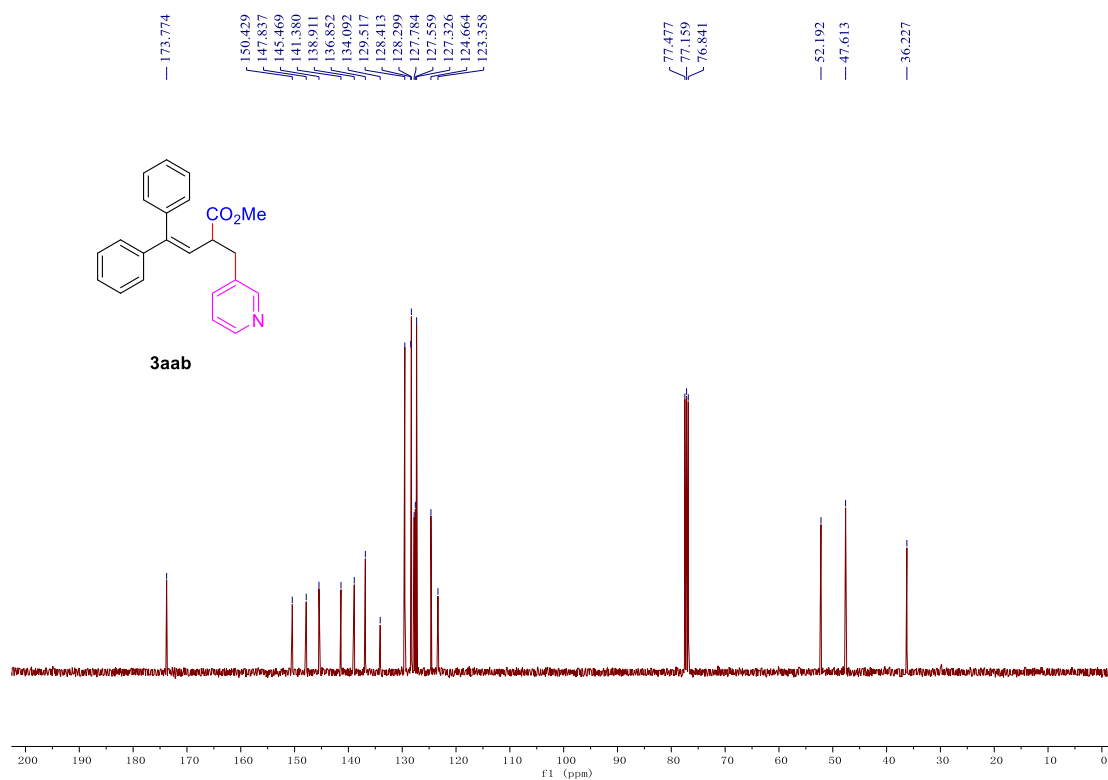
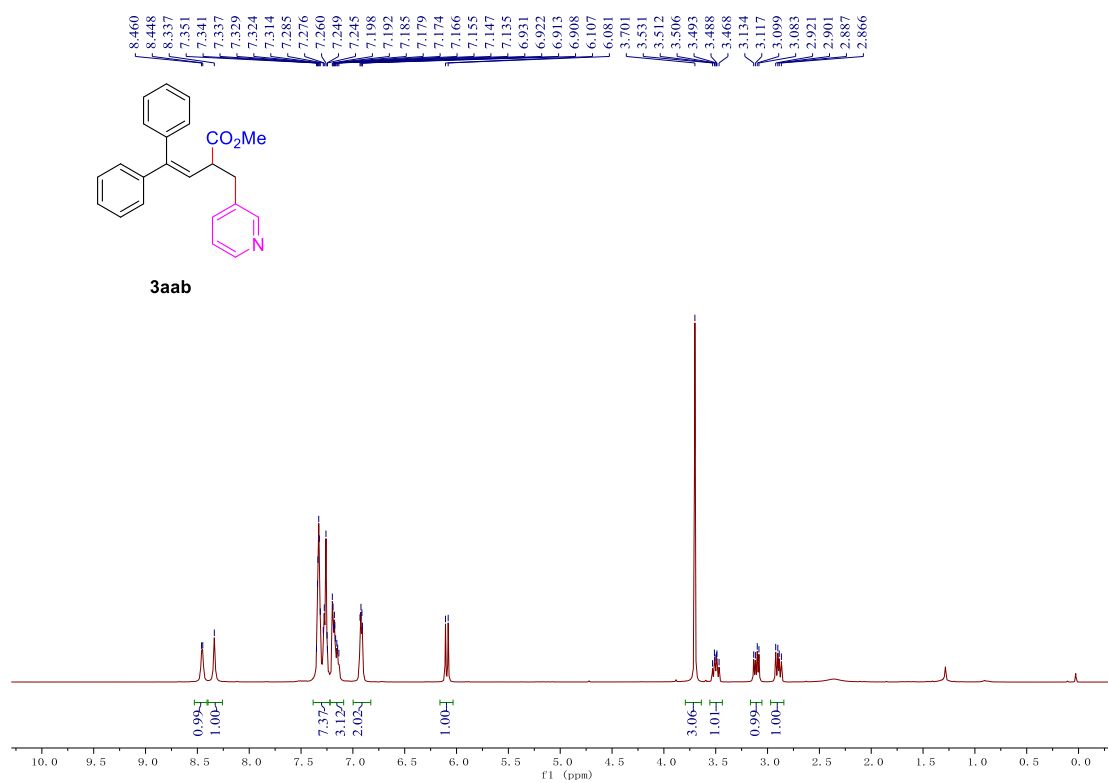


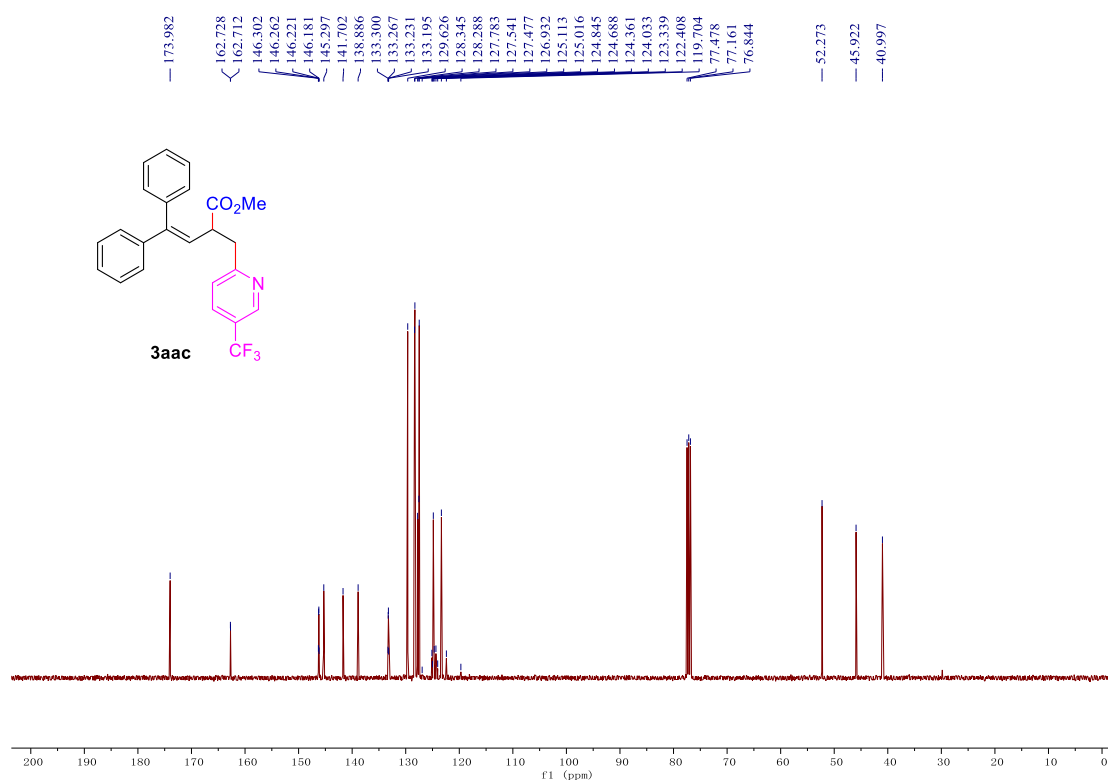
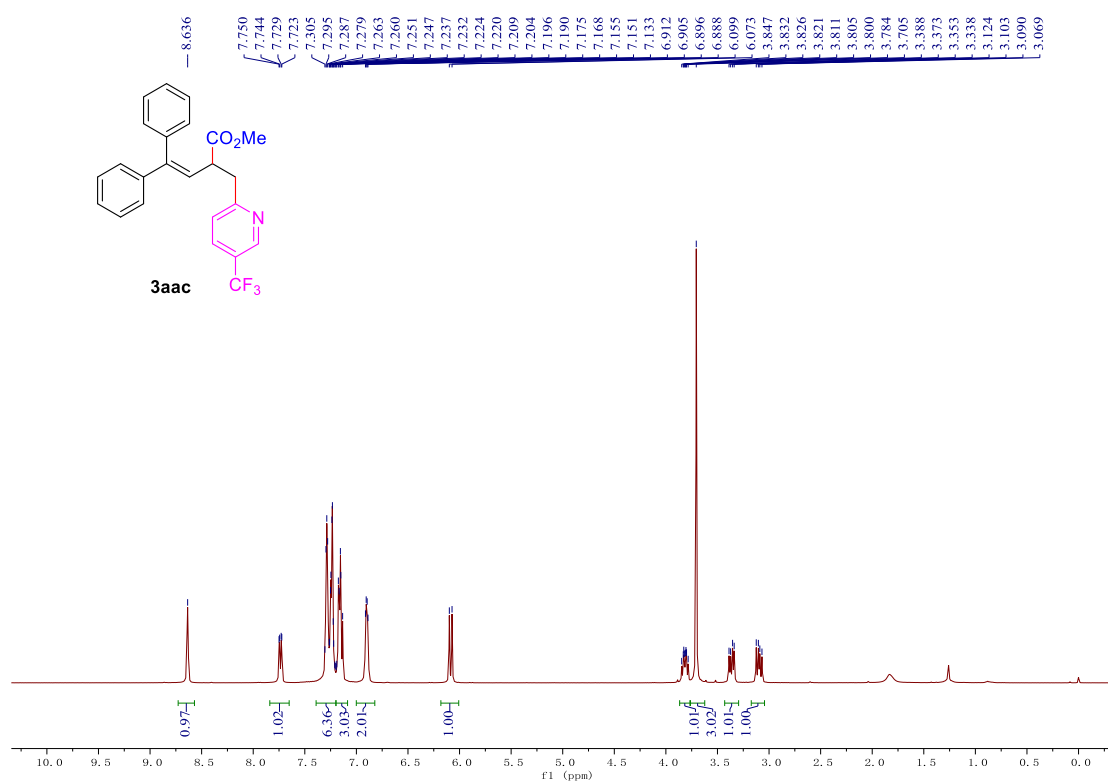


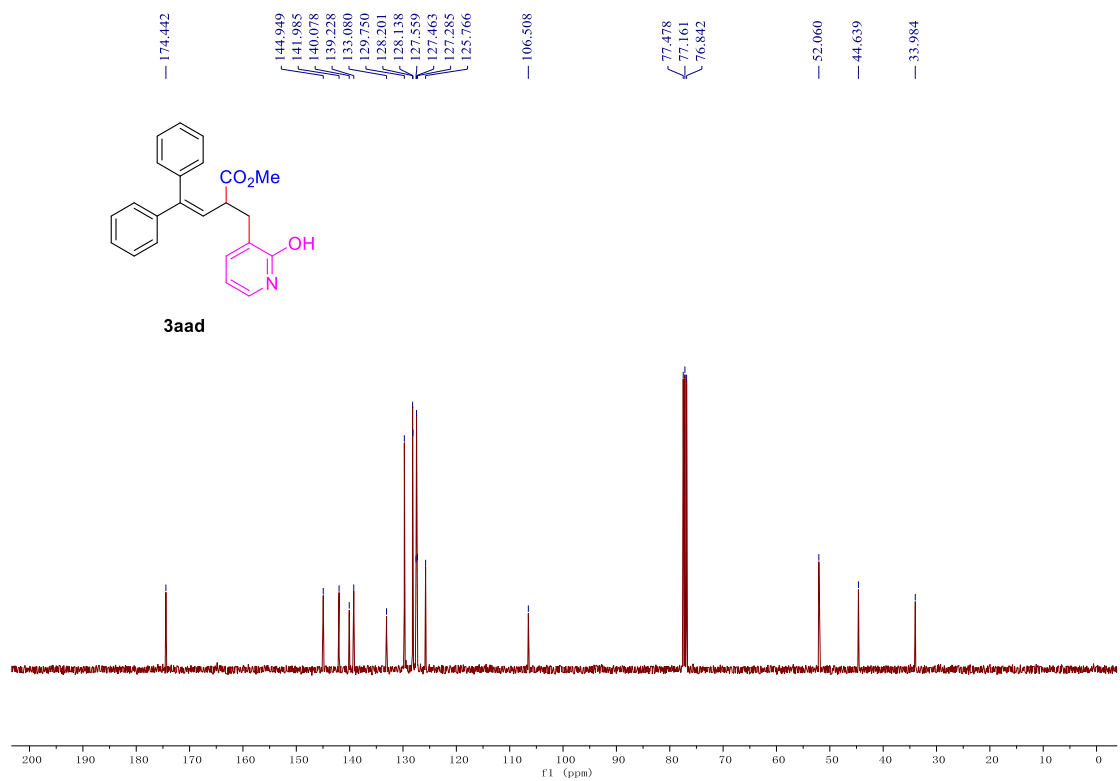
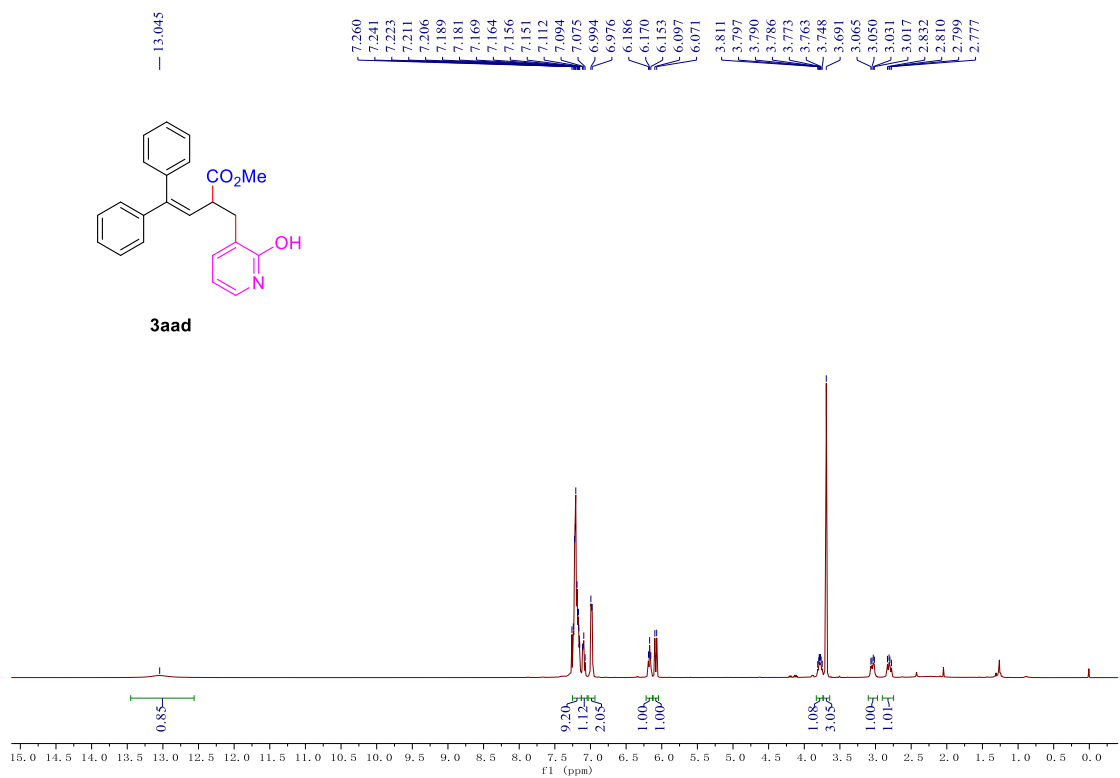


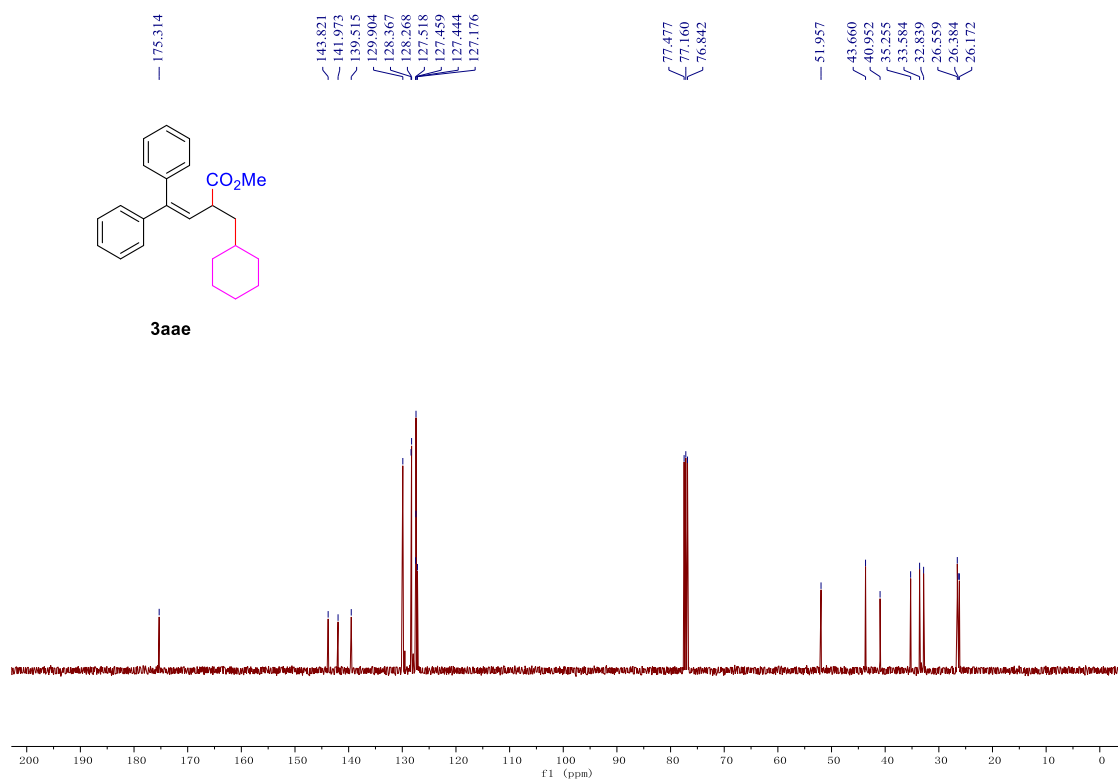
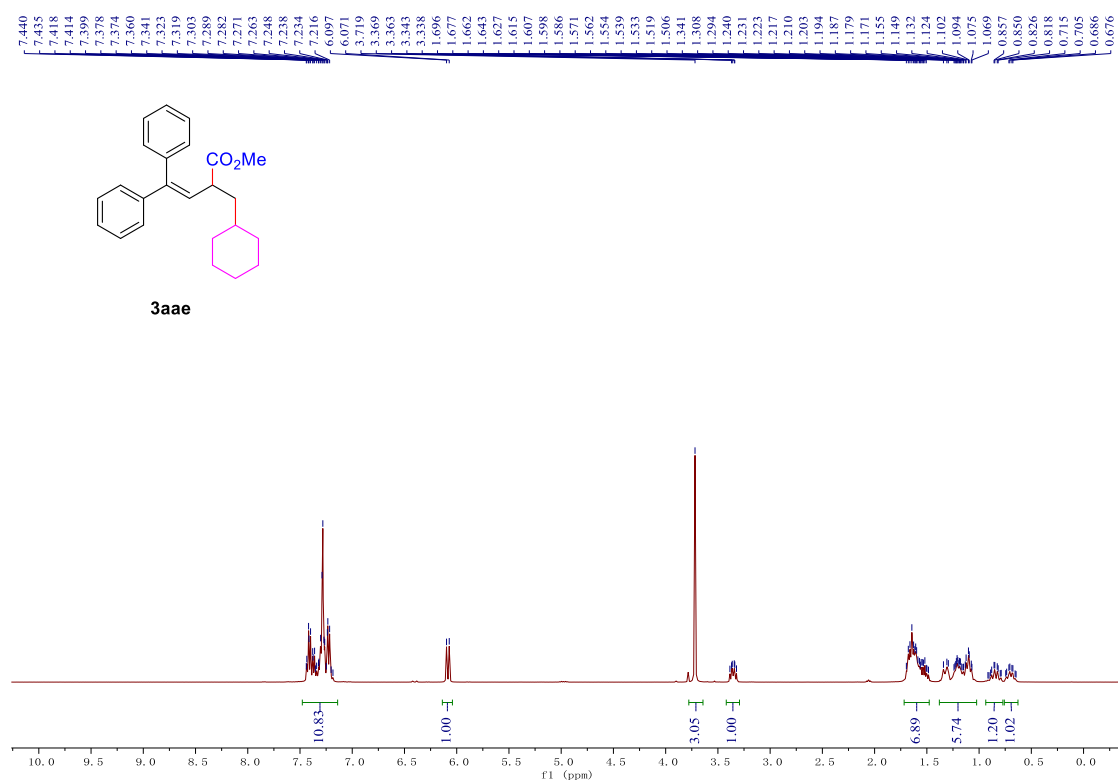


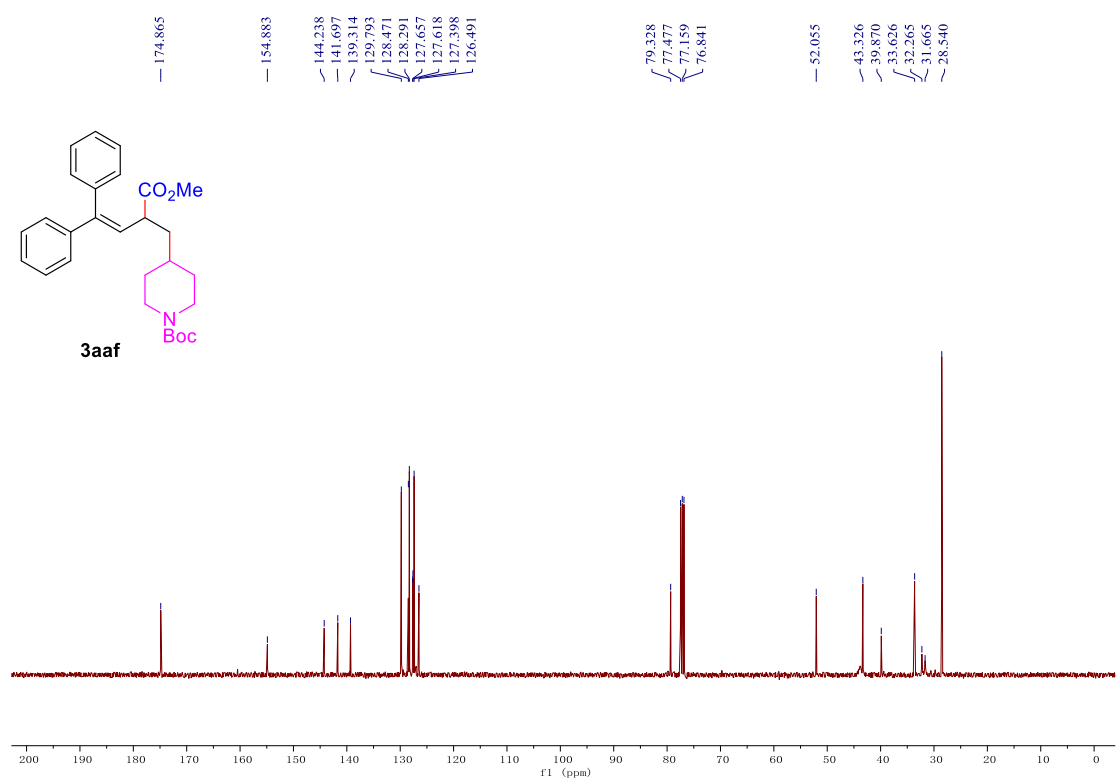
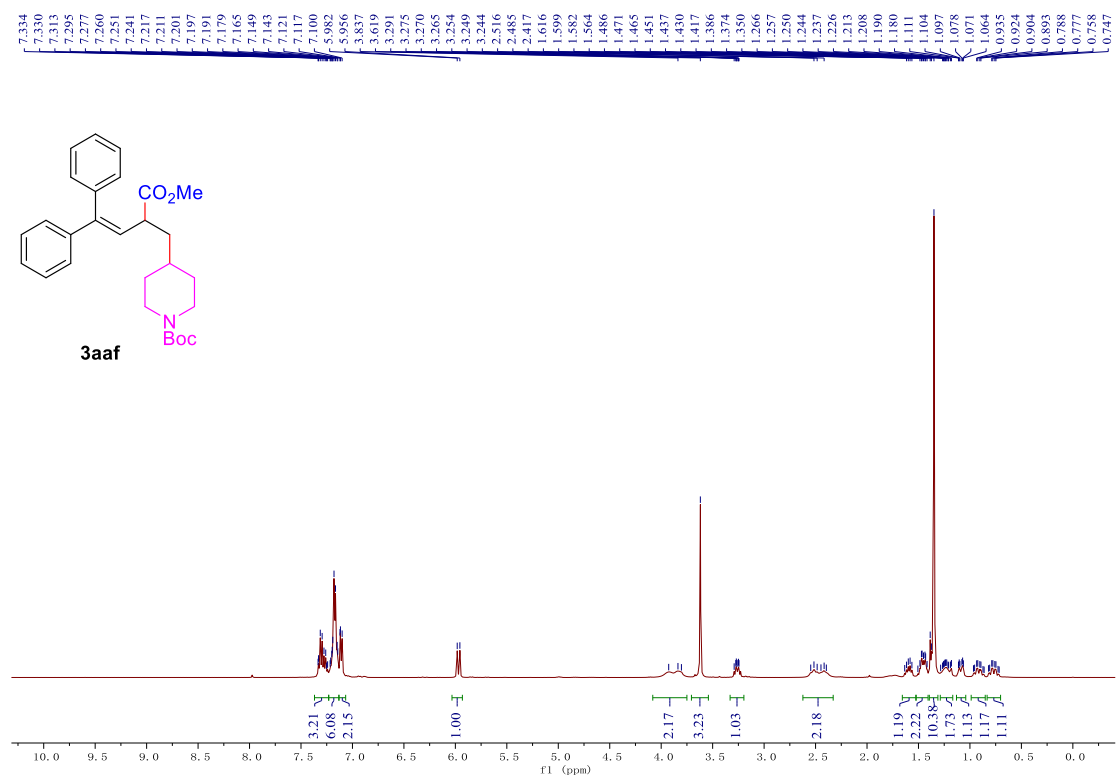


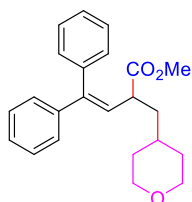
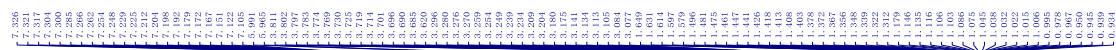




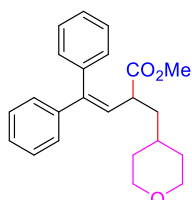
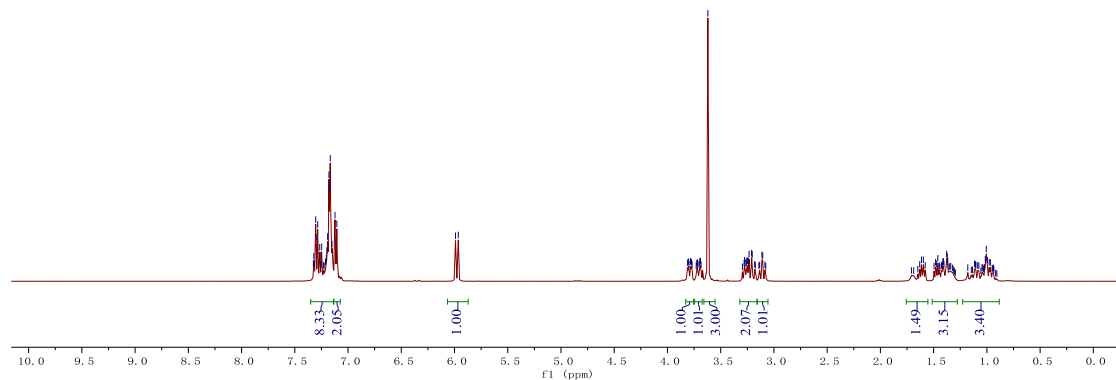








3aag



3aag

