

Supplementary Information

Elemental sulfur as the “S” source: visible-light-mediated four-component reactions leading to thiocyanates

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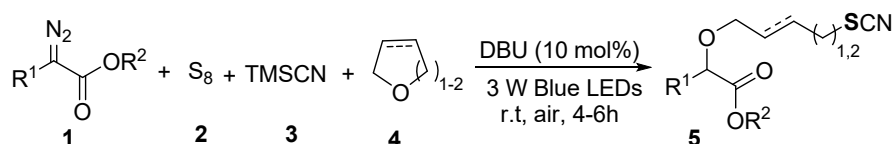
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1. General information

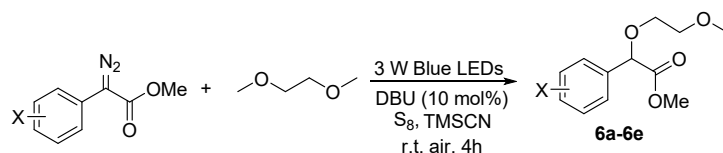
All commercially available reagent grade chemicals were purchased from Aldrich, Acros, Bidepharm and Energy Chemical Company and used as received without further purification unless otherwise stated. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR were recorded in CDCl_3 on a Bruker Avance III spectrometer with TMS as internal standard (500 MHz ^1H , 125 MHz ^{13}C) at room temperature, the chemical shifts (δ) were expressed in ppm and J values were given in Hz. The following abbreviations are used to indicate the multiplicity: singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), doublet of doublets (dd), doublet of triplets (dt), and multiplet (m). All first order splitting patterns were assigned on the basis of the appearance of the multiplet. Splitting patterns that could not be easily interpreted were designated as multiplet (m). Mass analyses and HRMS were obtained on a Finnigan-LCQDECA mass spectrometer and a Bruker Daltonics Bio-TOF-Q mass spectrometer by the ESI method, respectively. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh). There is 3.0 cm distance between the reactor and LEDs.

2. The procedure for visible-light-initiated four-component reaction of α -diazoesters, elemental sulfur, cyclic ethers and TMSCN leading to thiocyanates.



To a mixture of α -diazoesters **1** (0.2 mmol), S_8 **2** (0.2 mmol), TMSCN **3** (0.1 mmol) and DBU (0.01 mmol) was added cyclic ethers **4** (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred in air under the irradiation of 3W blue LED at room temperature for 4-6h. After completion of the reaction, the solution was concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent to give the desired product **5**.

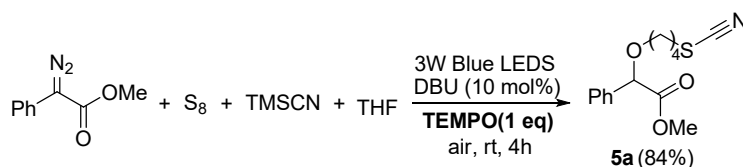
3. The procedure for two-component reaction of α -diazoesters with dimethoxyethane leading to α -alkoxyl esters.



To a mixture of α -diazoesters **1** (0.2 mmol), S_8 (0.2 mmol), TMSCN (0.1 mmol) and DBU (0.01mmol) was added dimethoxyethane (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred in air under the irradiation of 3W blue LED at room temperature for 4h. After completion of the reaction, the solution was concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent to give the desired product **6**.

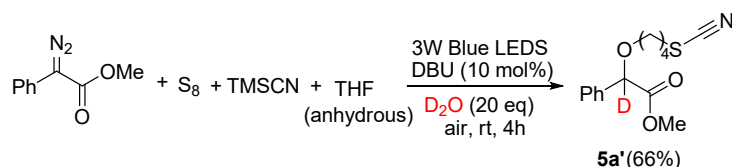
4. Preliminary mechanistic studies.

4.1 The addition of TEMPO in the model reaction system.



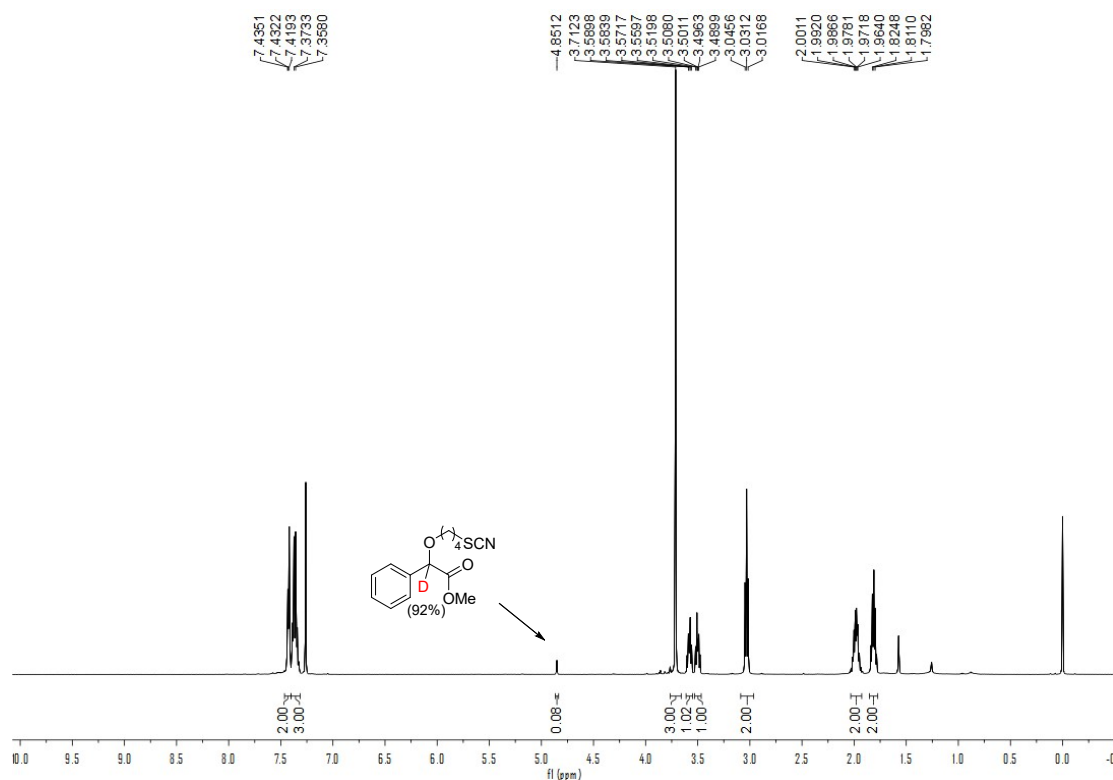
To a mixture of α -diazoester **1a** (0.2 mmol), S_8 **2** (0.2 mmol), TMSCN **3** (0.1 mmol) and DBU (0.01mmol), TEMPO (0.1 mmol) was added THF (AR, 2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred in air under the irradiation of 3W blue LED at room temperature for 4h. After completion of the reaction, the solution was concentrated in vacuum, the desired product **5a** was obtained in 84% yield. This result indicated that a radical process might not be involved in the present transformations.

4.3 Deuterium experiment.

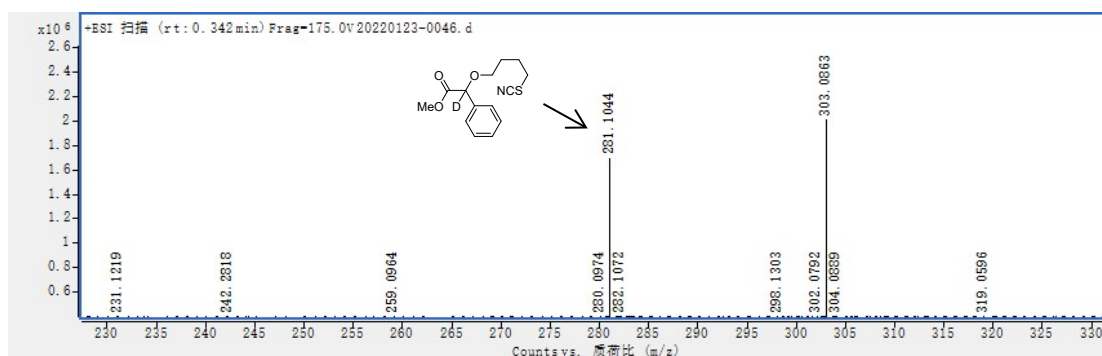


To a mixture of α -diazoester **1a** (0.2 mmol), S_8 **2** (0.2 mmol), TMSCN **3** (0.1 mmol), DBU (0.01mmol), and D_2O (2 mmol) was added anhydrous THF (2 mL). The

reaction mixture was stirred in air under the irradiation of 3W blue LED at room temperature for 4h. After completion of the reaction, the solution was concentrated in vacuum, the desired product D-5a was obtained in 66% yield. The deuterated product was determined by ^1H NMR and HRMS. This result indicated which indicated that proton at α -position of ester came from water in solvent.



NMR



HRMS

4.2 The procedures for Light On/off experiments.

To a mixture of α -diazoester **1a** (0.4 mmol), S_8 **2** (0.2 mmol), diethyl H-phosphonate **3a** (0.1 mmol), and DBU (0.1 mmol) was added THF (2 mL). The reaction mixture was separately stirred and irradiated by 3 W blue LEDs at room temperature for 1h, 2h, and 3h. The desired product **5a** was isolated in 25%, 50%, and 71%, respectively. Additionally, the reaction mixture was stirred and irradiated by 3 W Blue LEDs at room temperature for 1h, then the reaction mixture was continuously stirred in the dark for 1h, the corresponding product was also obtained in 25.1% yield. Additionally, when the reaction mixture was stirred and irradiated by 3 W blue LEDs at room temperature for 2h, then the reaction mixture was continuously stirred in the dark for 1h, the corresponding product was obtained in 50% yield. The above results suggested that the continuous visible-light irradiation is necessary for promoting this transformation.

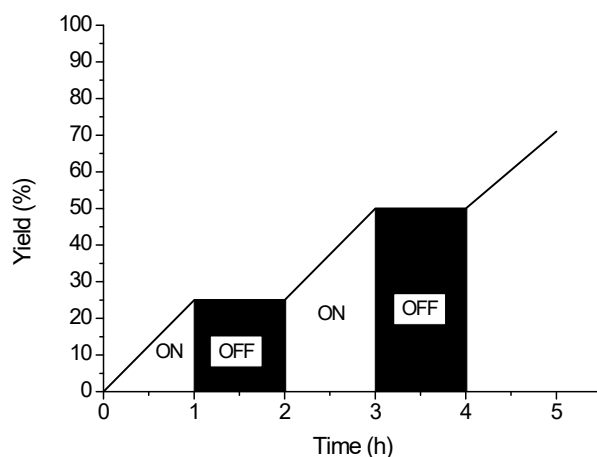
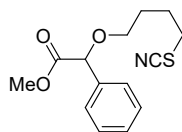


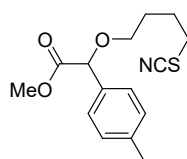
Fig S1. On/off experiments.

5. Characterization data of products 5a- 5x



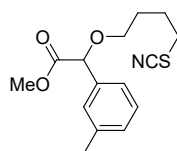
methyl 2-phenyl-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

Compound **5a** was obtained in 84% yield (23.4 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Colorless oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.60 – 3.56 (m, 1H), 3.52 – 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.03 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.99 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.78 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.2, 136.4, 128.8, 128.7, 127.2, 112.3, 81.1, 68.8, 52.3, 33.8, 27.7, 27.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ 280.1007; found 280.1008.



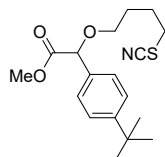
methyl 2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)-2-(p-tolyl)acetate

Compound **5b** was obtained in 89% yield (26.2 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Colorless oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.30 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.56 – 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.50 – 3.46 (m, 1H), 3.02 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.99 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.80 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.4, 138.7, 133.4, 129.4, 129.3, 127.1, 112.3, 81.0, 68.6, 52.2, 33.9, 27.7, 27.0, 21.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ 294.1164; found 294.1166.



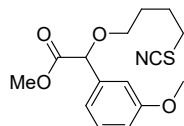
methyl 2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)-2-(m-tolyl)acetate

Compound **5c** was obtained in 84% yield (24.5 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Colorless oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.57 – 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.51 – 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.03 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.99 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.77 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.3, 138.5, 136.2, 129.6, 128.6, 127.8, 124.3, 112.3, 81.2, 68.8, 52.3, 33.9, 27.7, 27.0, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ 294.1164; found 294.1168.



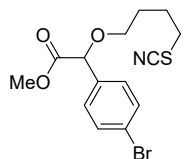
methyl 2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

Compound **5d** was obtained in 79% yield (26.3 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.57 – 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.52 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 3.03 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.99 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.4, 151.8, 133.3, 126.9, 125.7, 112.3, 81.0, 68.7, 52.2, 34.6, 33.9, 31.3, 27.8, 27.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ 336.1633; found 336.1636.



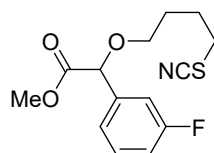
methyl 2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

Compound **5e** was obtained in 70% yield (21.6 mg) according to the general procedure (6h). Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 4.83 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.59 – 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.52 – 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.01 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.00 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.79 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.1, 159.9, 137.8, 129.7, 119.5, 114.5, 112.5, 112.3, 81.0, 68.8, 55.3, 52.3, 33.8, 27.7, 27.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ 310.1113; found 310.1115.



methyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

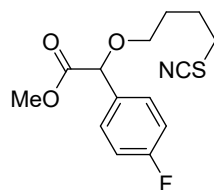
Compound **5f** was obtained in 80% yield (28.7 mg) according to the general procedure (6h). Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.61 – 3.56 (m, 1H), 3.51 – 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.03 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.10 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.79 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.8, 135.4, 131.9, 128.8, 122.9, 112.2, 80.5, 69.0, 52.4, 33.8, 27.7, 27.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrNO}_3\text{S}$ 358.0113; found 358.0117.



methyl 2-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

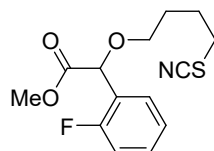
Compound **5g** was obtained in 84% yield (25.3 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.61 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.53 – 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.04 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.01 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.81 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.8, 162.8 (d, $J = 245.3$ Hz), 138.7 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 130.2 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 122.7 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 115.7 (d, $J =$

21.0 Hz), 114.1(d, $J = 22.5$ Hz), 112.3, 80.5 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 69.0, 52.4, 33.8, 27.7, 26.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{14}H_{17}FNO_3S$ 298.0913; found 298.0910.



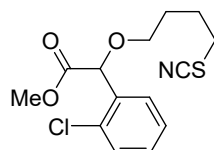
methyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

Compound **5h** was obtained in 86% yield (25.6 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Yellow oil. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.42 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.60 – 3.56 (m, 1H), 3.51 – 3.47 (m, 1H), 3.03 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.00 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.78 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 171.1, 163.9 (d, $J = 246.0$ Hz), 132.2 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 128.9 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 115.7(d, $J = 22.5$ Hz), 112.3, 80.4, 68.9, 52.4, 33.8, 27.7, 26.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{14}H_{17}FNO_3S$ 298.0913; found 298.0909.



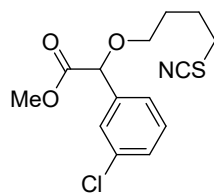
methyl 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

Compound **5i** was obtained in 83% yield (24.6 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Colorless oil. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, $J = 9$ Hz, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 3.73 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 3H), 3.65 – 3.62 (m, 1H), 3.53 – 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.02 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.99 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.77 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.7, 160.4 (d, $J = 246.8$ Hz), 130.5 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 128.7 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 124.6 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 123.9 (d, $J = 14.2$ Hz), 115.6 (d, $J = 21.6$ Hz), 112.3, 74.1 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 69.6, 69.1, 52.4, 33.8, 27.7, 26.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{14}H_{17}FNO_3S$ $[M+H]^+$ 298.0913, found 298.0898.



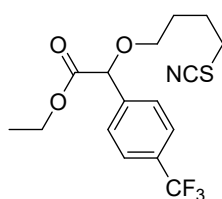
methyl 2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

Compound **5j** was obtained in 85% yield (26.4 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Colorless oil. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.67 – 3.63 (m, 1H), 3.54 – 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.02 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.98 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.79 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.7, 134.4, 133.9, 129.9, 129.7, 128.7, 127.3, 112.3, 69.2, 52.4, 33.8, 27.7, 26.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{14}H_{17}ClNO_3S$ 314.0618; found 314.0614.



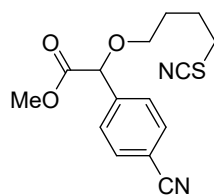
methyl 2-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

Compound **5k** was obtained in 79% yield (34.1 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.60 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.52 – 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.04 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.01 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.80 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.7, 138.3, 134.6, 129.9, 128.9, 127.2, 125.2, 112.3, 80.4, 69.1, 52.5, 33.8, 27.7, 26.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClNO}_3\text{S}$ 314.0618; found 314.0616.



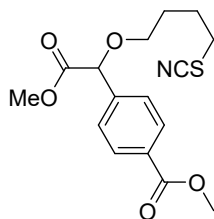
ethyl 2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetate

Compound **5l** was obtained in 77% yield (27.7 mg) according to the general procedure (6h). Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 4H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.23 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.65 – 3.63 (m, 1H), 3.55 – 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.05 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.02 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.1, 140.3, 130.8 (d, $J = 32.3$ Hz), 127.2, 125.6 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 123.9 (d, $J = 272.1$ Hz), 80.6, 69.2, 61.6, 33.8, 27.8, 26.9, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ 362.1038; found 362.1042.



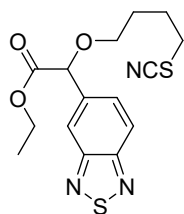
methyl 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

Compound **5m** was obtained in 86% yield (25.1 mg) according to the general procedure (6h). Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.67 – 3.63 (m, 1H), 3.55 – 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.04 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.02 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.83 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.2, 141.4, 132.5, 127.7, 118.4, 112.7, 112.2, 80.4, 69.4, 52.6, 33.7, 27.8, 26.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 305.0960, found 305.0955.



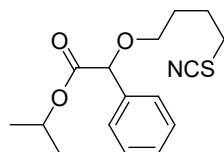
methyl 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)ethyl)benzoate

Compound **5n** was obtained in 93% yield (31.6 mg) according to the general procedure (6h). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.57 – 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.46 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.94 – 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.75 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 166.6, 141.2, 130.5, 129.9, 127.0, 112.2, 80.7, 69.1, 52.5, 52.2, 33.8, 27.7, 27.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₀NO₅S [M+H]⁺ 338.1062, found 338.1067.



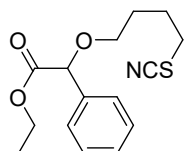
ethyl 2-(benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

Compound **5o** was obtained in 52% yield (18.3 mg) according to the general procedure (6h). Yellow oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 4.24 – 4.18 (m, 2H), 3.70 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.61 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.07 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.04 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.88 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 154.8, 154.6, 138.2, 128.2, 121.8, 120.0, 112.2, 80.8, 69.2, 61.7, 33.8, 27.8, 27.0, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈N₃O₃S₂ [M+H]⁺ 352.0790, found 352.0777.



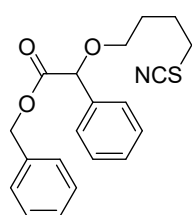
isopropyl 2-phenyl-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

Compound **5p** was obtained in 79% yield (19.4 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 5.06 – 5.02 (m, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 3.61 – 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.53 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 3.05 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.01 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 136.6, 128.6, 128.6, 127.0, 112.4, 81.3, 68.8, 68.7, 33.9, 27.8, 27.1, 21.8, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₂NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 308.1320; found 308.1322.



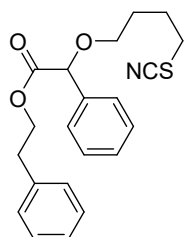
ethyl 2-phenyl-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

Compound **5q** was obtained in 92% yield (27.0 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.21 – 4.11 (m, 2H), 3.61 – 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.52 – 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.04 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.02 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.8, 136.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 127.1, 112.3, 81.2, 68.8, 61.3, 33.9, 27.7, 27.0, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 294.1164, found 294.1166.



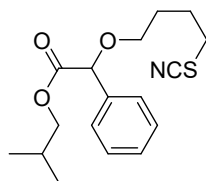
benzyl 2-phenyl-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

Compound **5r** was obtained in 87% yield (30.8 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 5.17 – 5.10 (m, 2H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 3.58 – 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.52 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 2.99 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.98 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.76 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.7, 136.3, 135.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.2, 112.3, 81.2, 68.8, 66.8, 33.8, 27.7, 27.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 356.1320, found 356.1315.



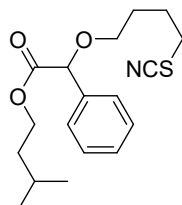
phenethyl 2-phenyl-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

Compound **5s** was obtained in 81% yield (29.8 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.37 – 4.32 (m, 2H), 3.52 – 3.44 (m, 2H), 3.01 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.89 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.00 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.70 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.7, 137.4, 136.4, 128.9, 128.5, 127.1, 126.6, 112.4, 81.2, 68.8, 65.6, 34.9, 33.9, 27.7, 27.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ 370.1477; found 370.1480.



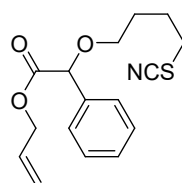
isobutyl 2-phenyl-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

Compound **5t** was obtained in 79% yield (30.6 mg) according to the general procedure (the reaction was complete for 4h). Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 3.93 – 3.86 (m, 2H), 3.62 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.53 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 3.04 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.01 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.88 – 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 0.83 – 0.81 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.9, 136.7, 128.7, 128.6, 127.1, 112.3, 81.2, 71.1, 68.8, 33.9, 27.8, 28.7, 27.0, 18.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 322.1477, found 322.1481.



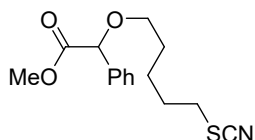
isopentyl 2-phenyl-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

Compound **5u** was obtained in 82% yield (30.5 mg) according to the general procedure (the reaction was complete for 6h). Yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 4.15 – 4.12 (m, 2H), 3.59 – 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.52 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 3.04 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.00 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.44 (m, 2H), 0.84 (dd, $J = 9.8, 6.6$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.9, 136.5, 128.7, 128.6, 127.1, 112.4, 81.2, 68.8, 63.9, 37.1, 33.9, 27.7, 27.0, 24.9, 22.4, 22.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 336.1633, found 336.1637.



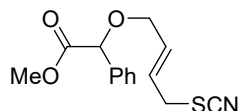
allyl 2-phenyl-2-(4-thiocyanatobutoxy)acetate

Compound **5v** was obtained in 88% yield (37.0 mg) according to the general procedure (the reaction was complete for 6h). Yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45 – 7.3 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 5.89 – 5.80 (m, 1H), 5.21 – 5.17 (m, 2H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 4.82 – 4.60 (m, 1H), 3.62 – 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.53 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 3.03 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.00 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.80 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.5, 136.4, 131.6, 128.8, 128.7, 127.2, 127.1, 118.5, 112.3, 81.2, 68.8, 65.6, 33.9, 27.7, 27.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 306.1164, found 306.1167.



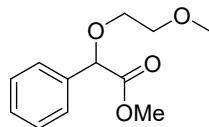
methyl 2-phenyl-2-((5-thiocyanatopentyl)oxy)acetate

Compound **5w** was obtained in 64% yield (18.8 mg) according to the general procedure (the reaction was complete for 6h). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 3.71(s, 3H), 3.56 – 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.48 – 3.45(m, 1H), 2.95 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.88 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.53 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.3, 136.5, 128.7, 128.6, 127.2, 112.3, 81.1, 69.3, 52.3, 33.9, 29.6, 28.9, 24.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₂₅N₂O₃S [M+H]⁺ 294.1164, found 294.1166.



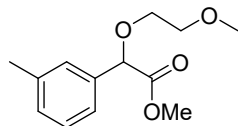
methyl (E)-2-phenyl-2-((4-thiocyanatobut-2-en-1-yl)oxy)acetate

Compound **5x** was obtained in 47% yield (11.8 mg) according to the general procedure (the reaction was complete for 4h). Yellow oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 5.97 – 5.93 (m, 1H), 5.82 – 5.77 (m, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 4.24 – 4.20 (m, 1H), 4.16 – 4.12 (m, 1H), 3.76 – 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.67 – 3.63 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 135.9, 131.8, 129.0, 128.8, 127.4, 125.9, 111.9, 80.5, 64.7, 52.4, 30.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆NO₃S 278.0851; found 278.0852.



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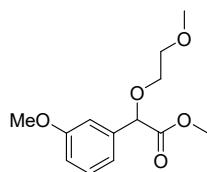
Compound **6a** was obtained in 57% yield (12.8 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 3.72 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.66 – 3.63 (m, 1H), 3.62 – 3.57 (m, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.3, 136.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.3, 81.4, 72.0, 69.0, 59.0, 52.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₇O₄ 225.2217; found 225.2219.



methyl 2-(2-methoxyethoxy)-2-(m-tolyl)acetate

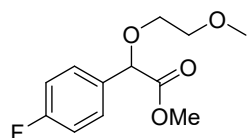
Compound **6b** was obtained in 56% yield (13.3 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.24 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.70 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.65 – 3.63 (m, 3H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4, 138.4,

136.3, 129.5, 128.5, 127.9, 124.5, 81.4, 72.0, 68.9, 59.0, 52.2, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{13}H_{19}O_4$ 239.1283; found 239.1287.



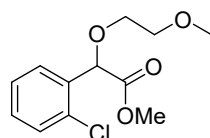
methyl 2-(2-methoxyethoxy)-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)acetate

Compound **6c** was obtained in 66% yield (16.8 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Colorless oil. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.26 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.69–3.67 (m, 1H), 3.66–3.58 (m, 3H), 3.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 171.2, 159.8, 137.9, 129.6, 119.7, 114.6, 112.4, 81.3, 72.0, 69.0, 59.0, 55.3, 52.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{13}H_{19}O_5$ 255.1232; found 255.1236.



methyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(2-methoxyethoxy)acetate

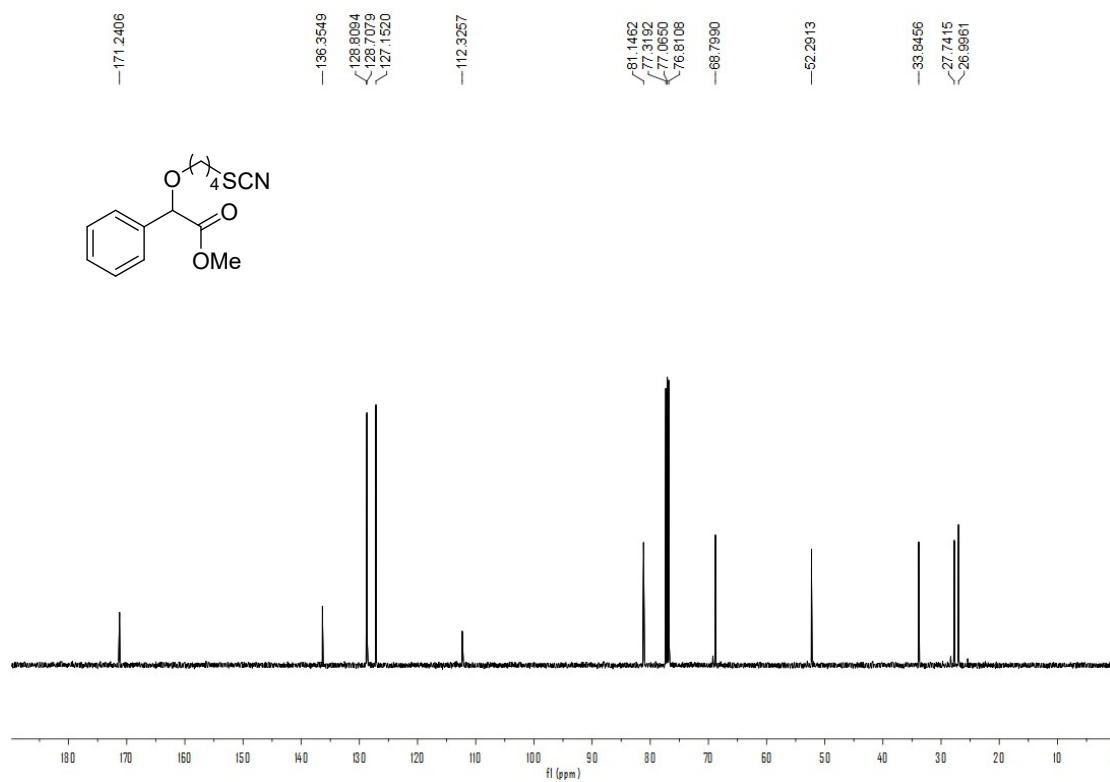
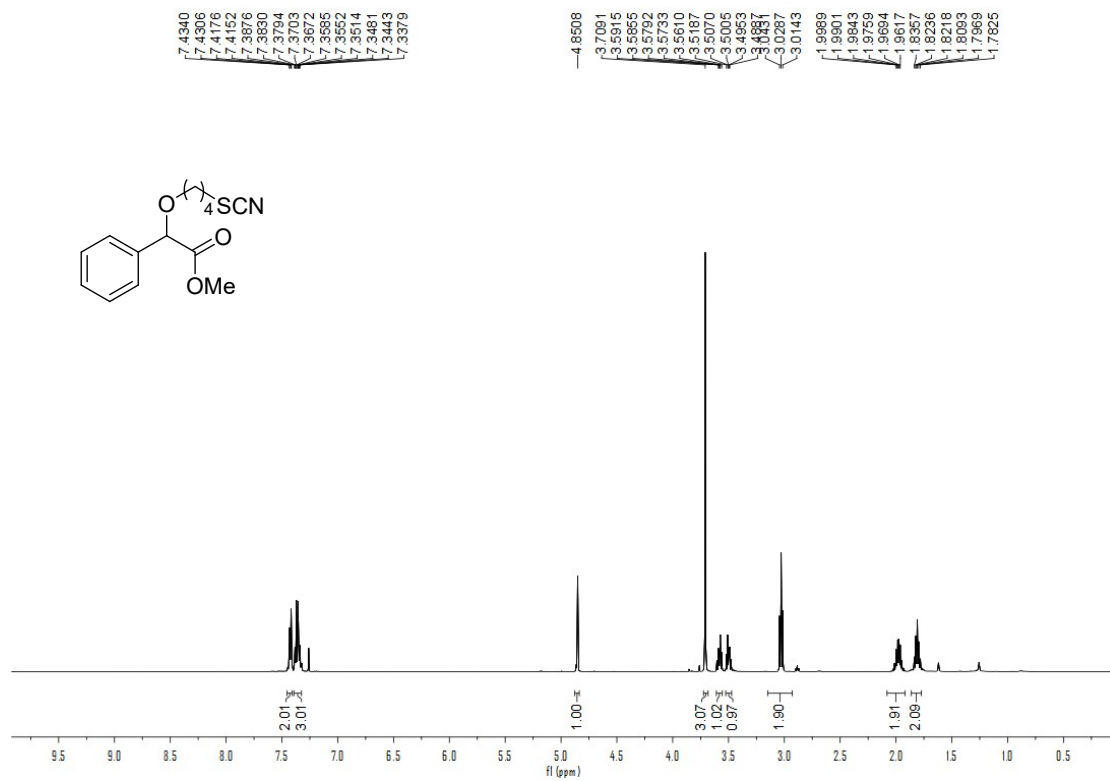
Compound **6d** was obtained in 53% yield (12.8 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Colorless oil. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.45–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.06–7.03 (m, 2H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.69 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.65 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 171.2, 162.9 (d, $J = 245.8$ Hz), 132.3 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 129.0 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 115.5 (d, $J = 21.5$ Hz), 80.7, 72.0, 69.1, 59.0, 52.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{12}H_{16}FO_4$ 243.1033; found 243.1037.



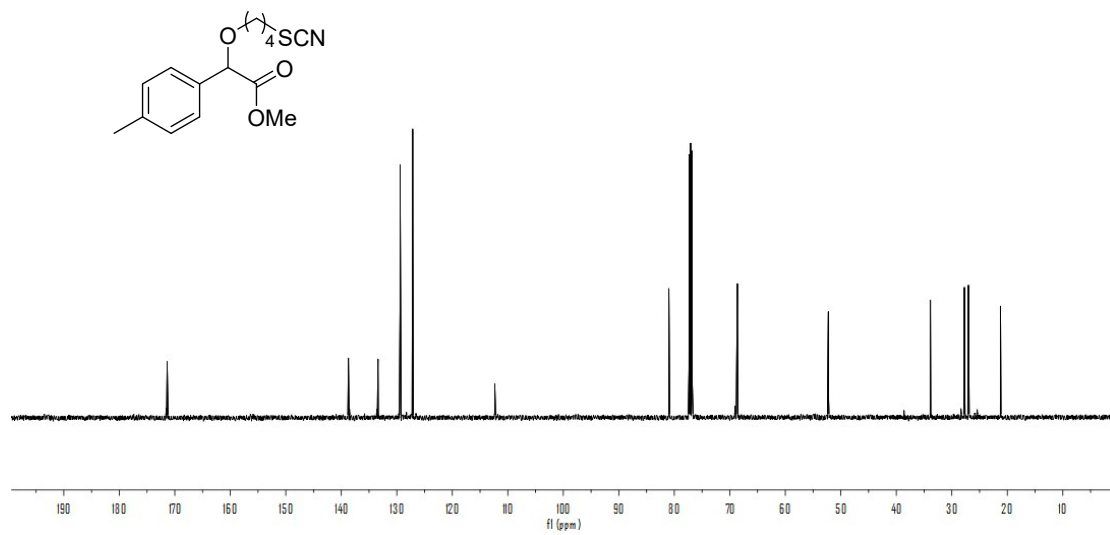
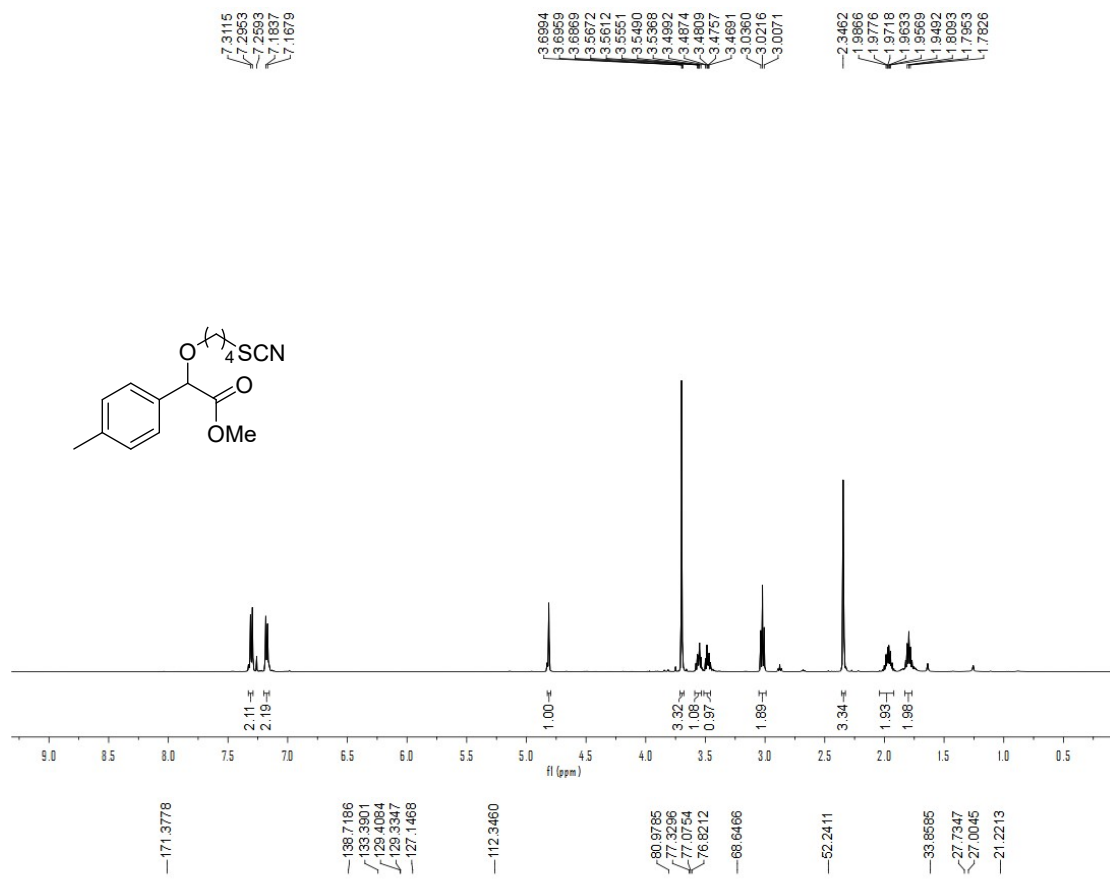
methyl 2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-methoxyethoxy)acetate

Compound **6e** was obtained in 76% yield (19.6 mg) according to the general procedure (4h). Colorless oil. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.55 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 3.79 – 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.69 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 3.60 – 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.6, 134.5, 133.8, 129.8, 129.6, 128.9, 127.2, 77.6, 71.8, 69.4, 59.0, 52.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{12}H_{16}ClO_4$ 259.0737; found 259.0741.

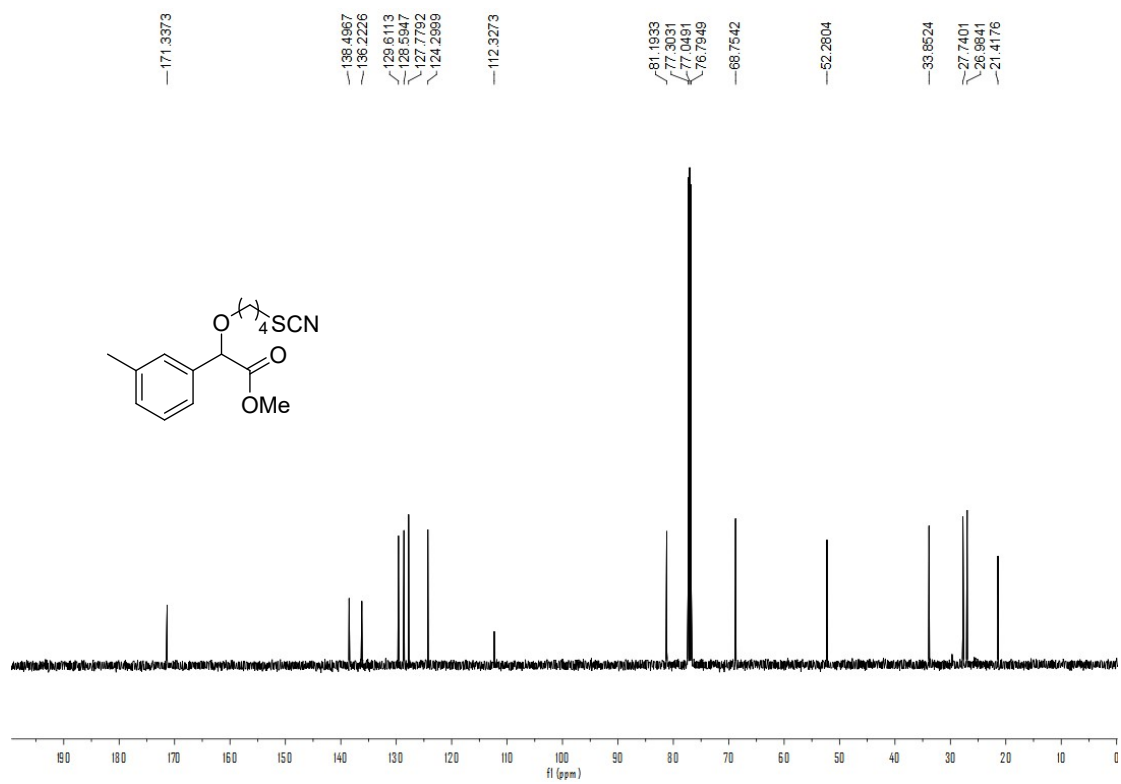
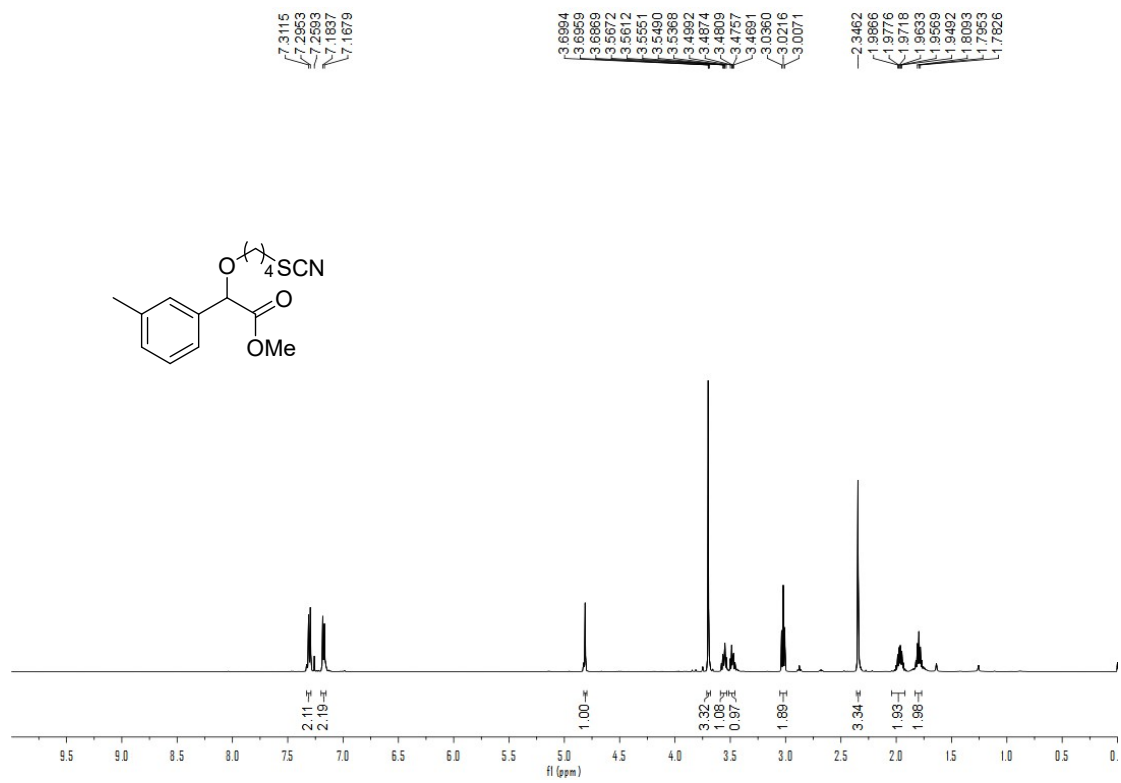
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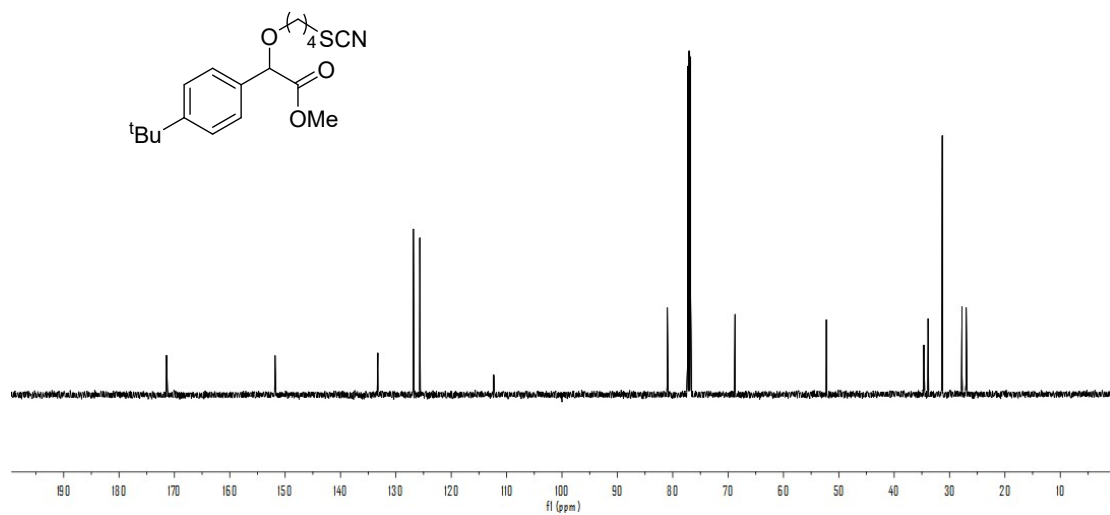
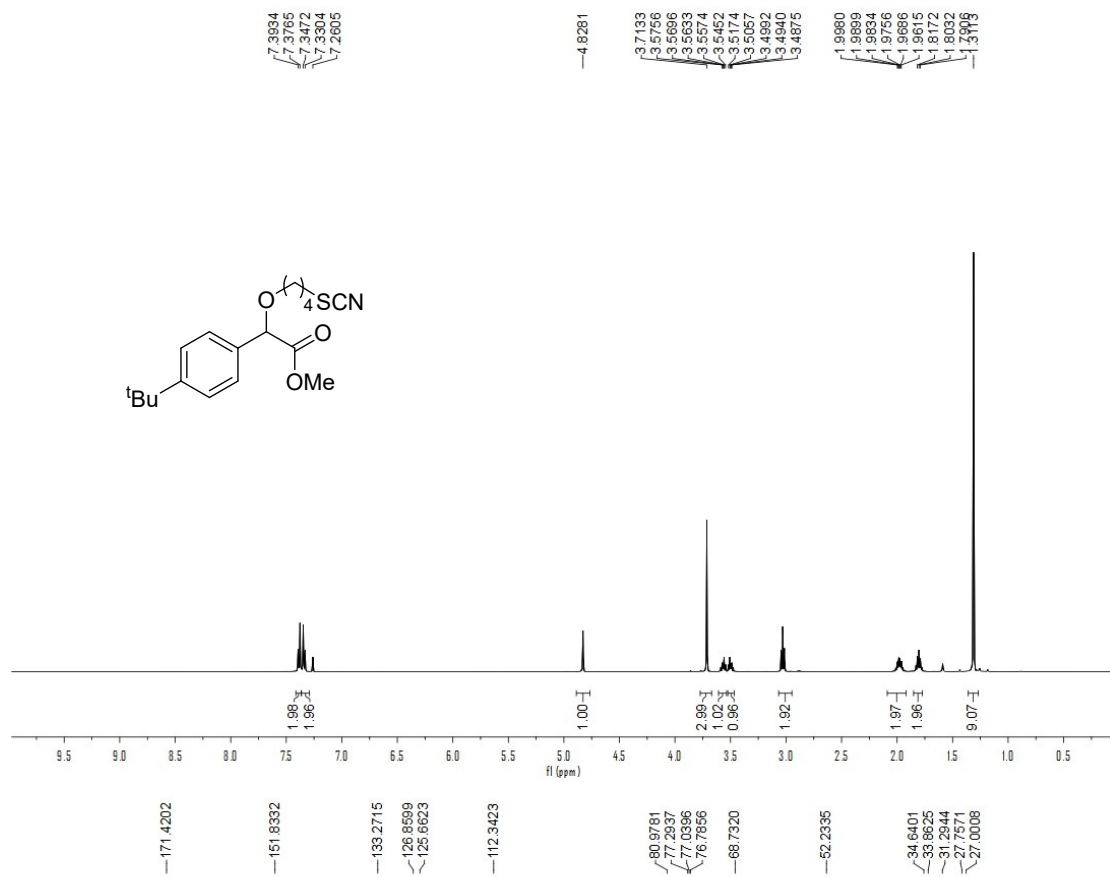
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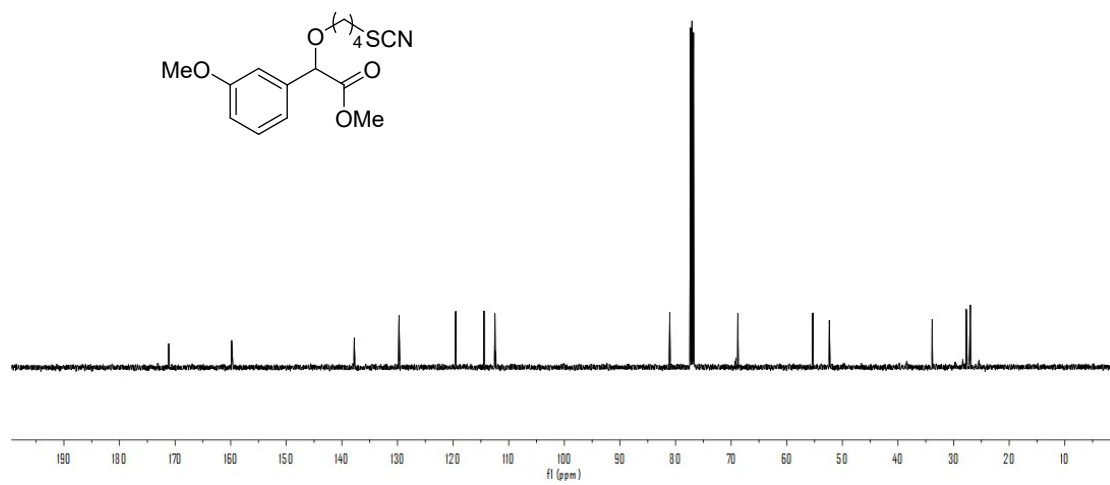
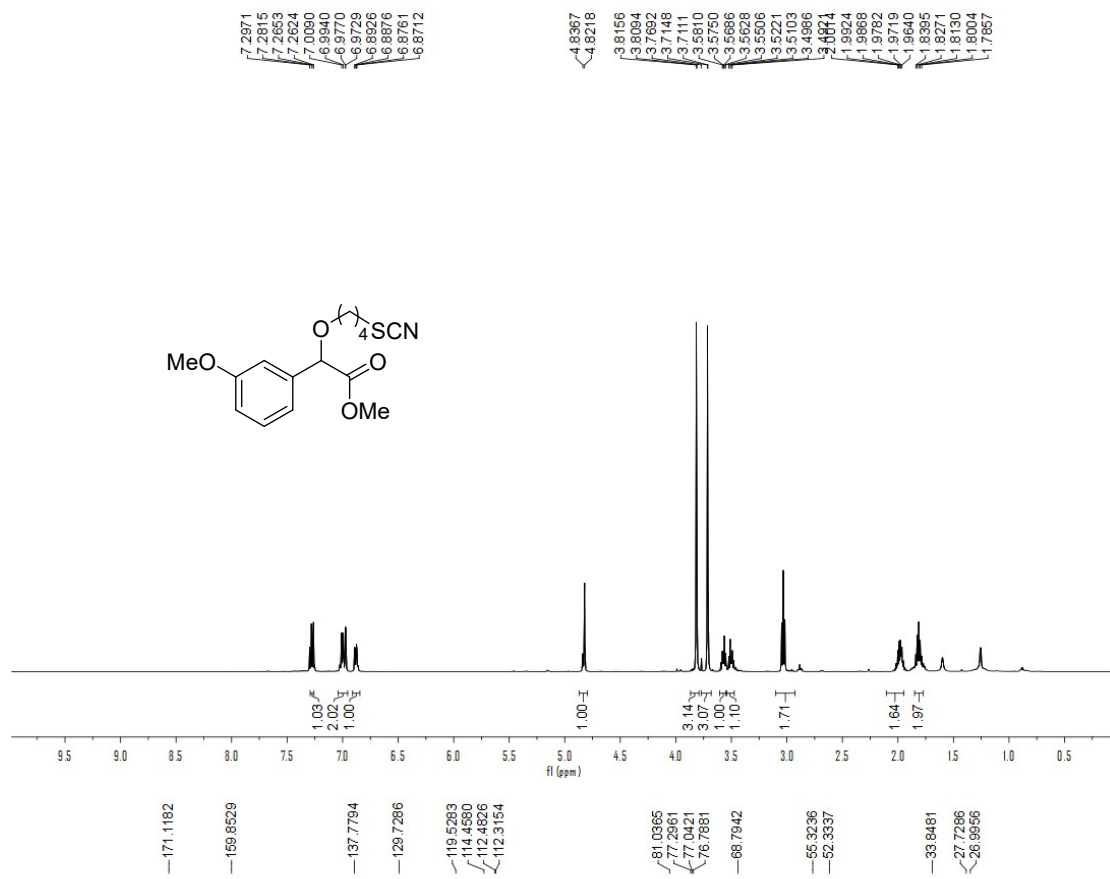
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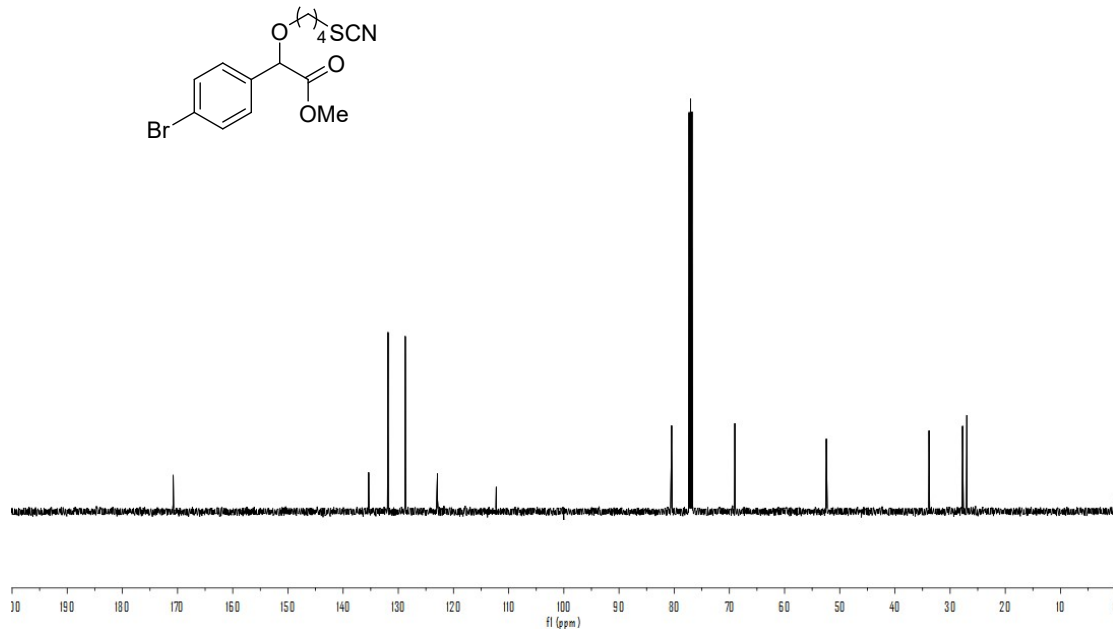
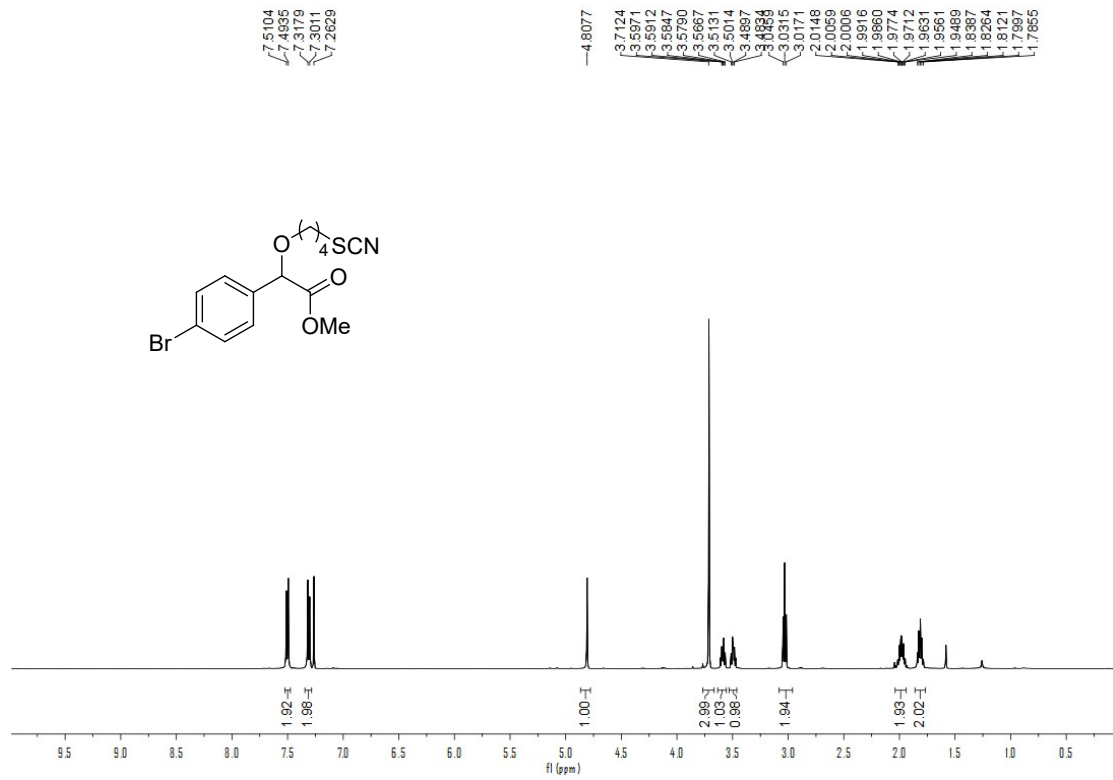
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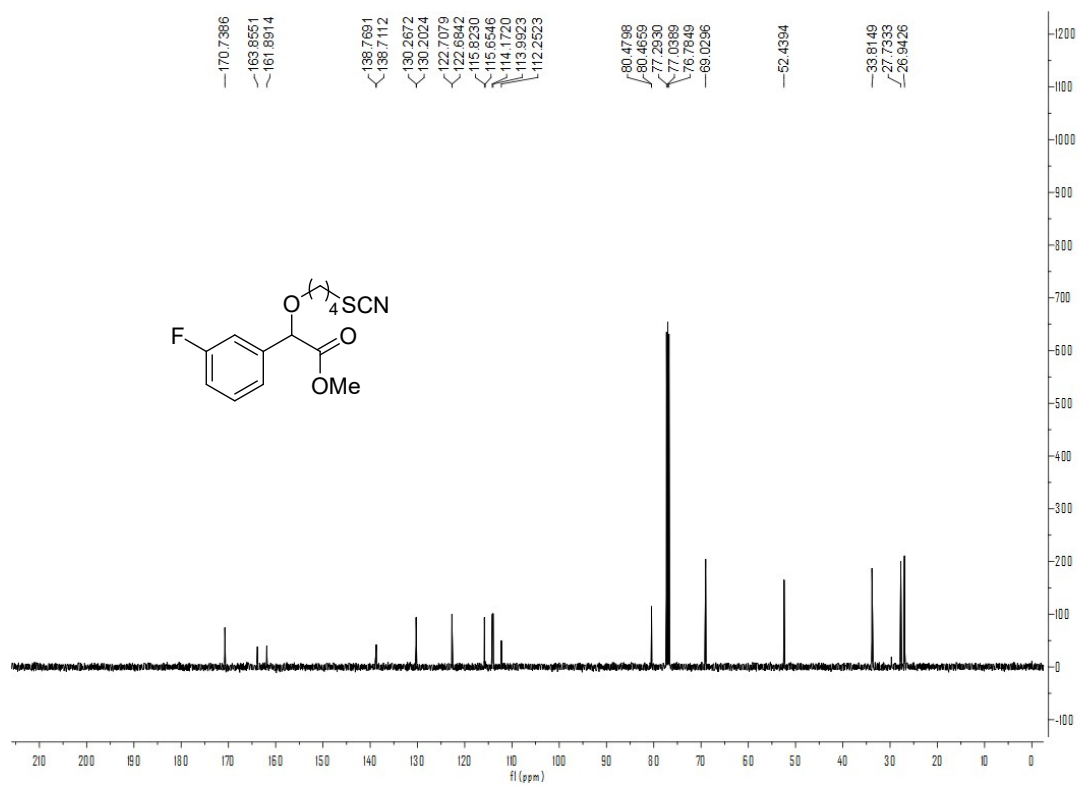
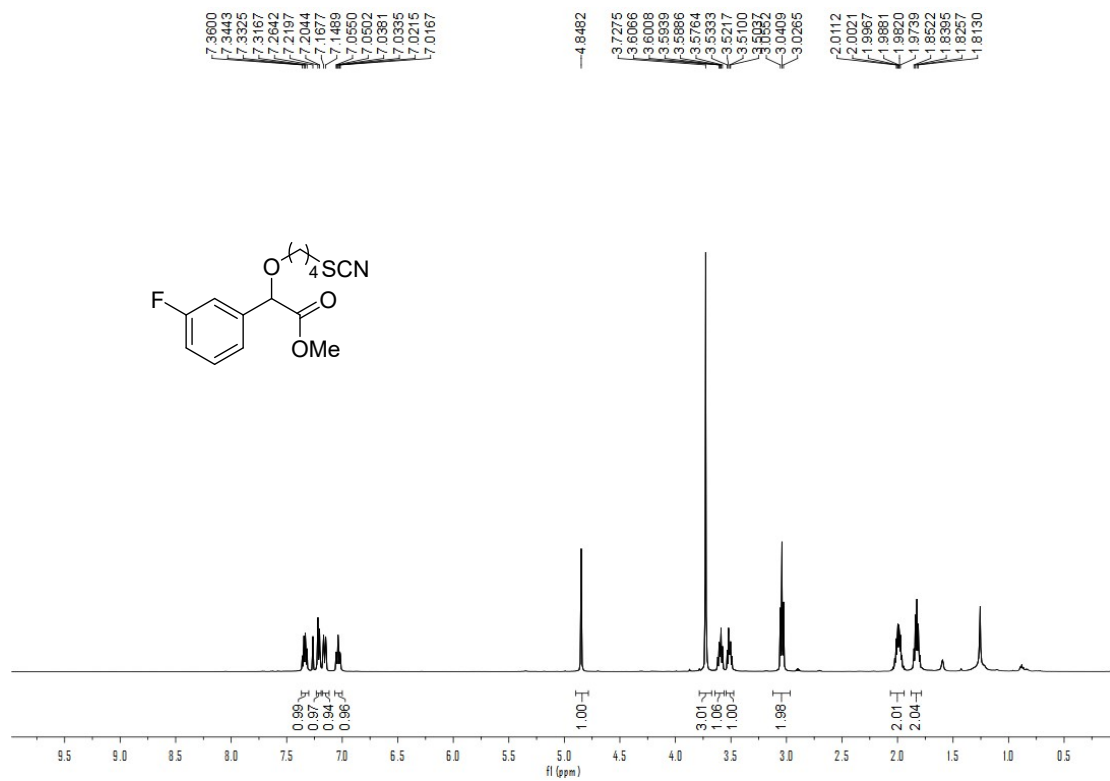
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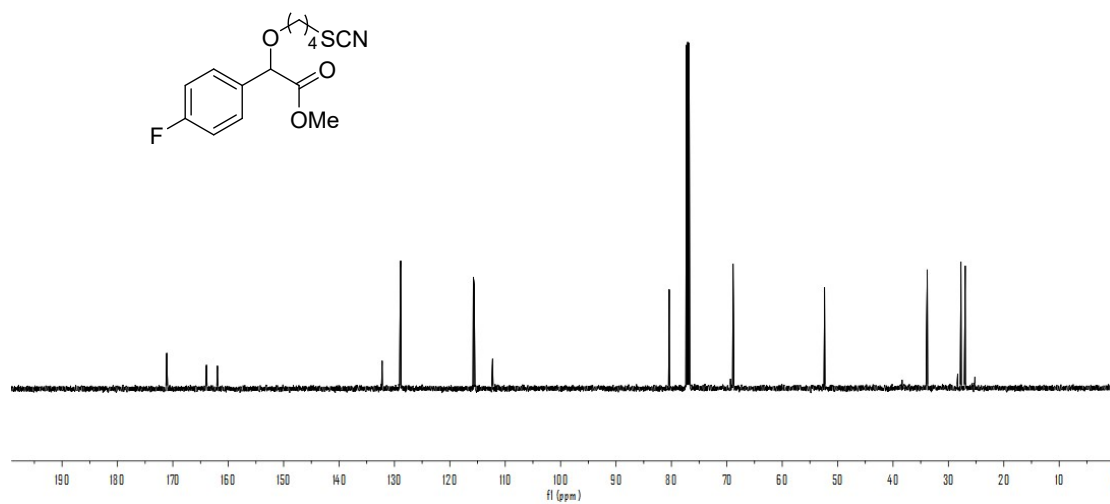
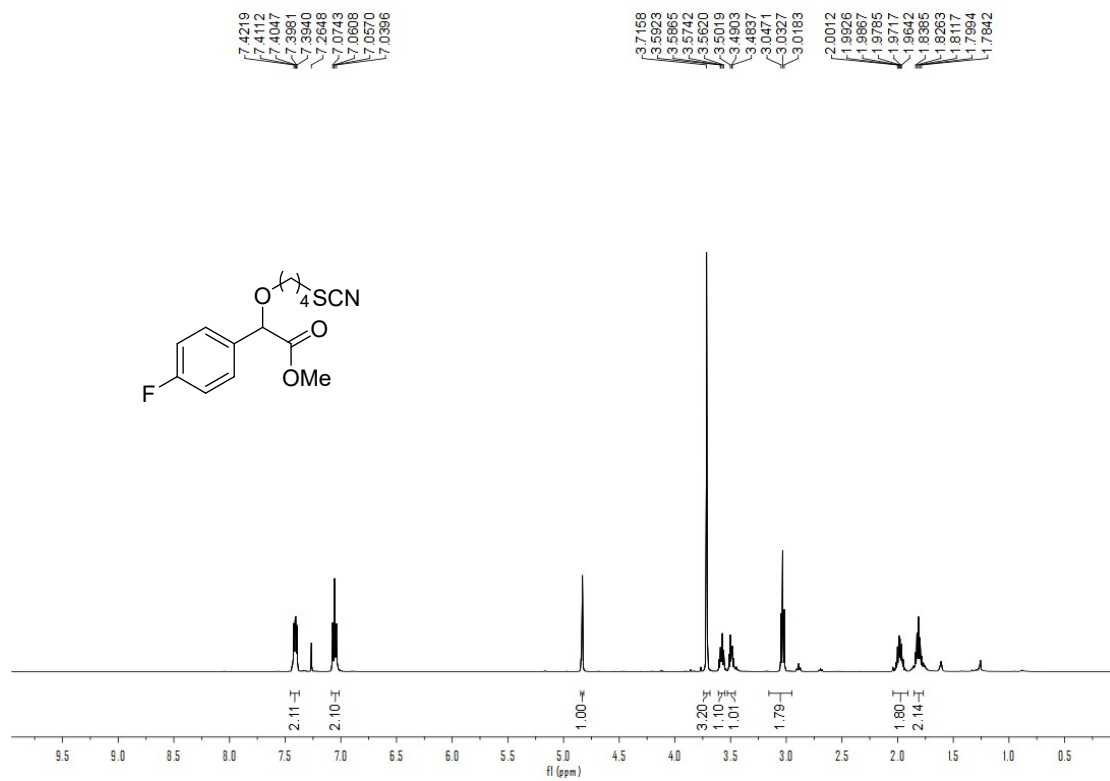
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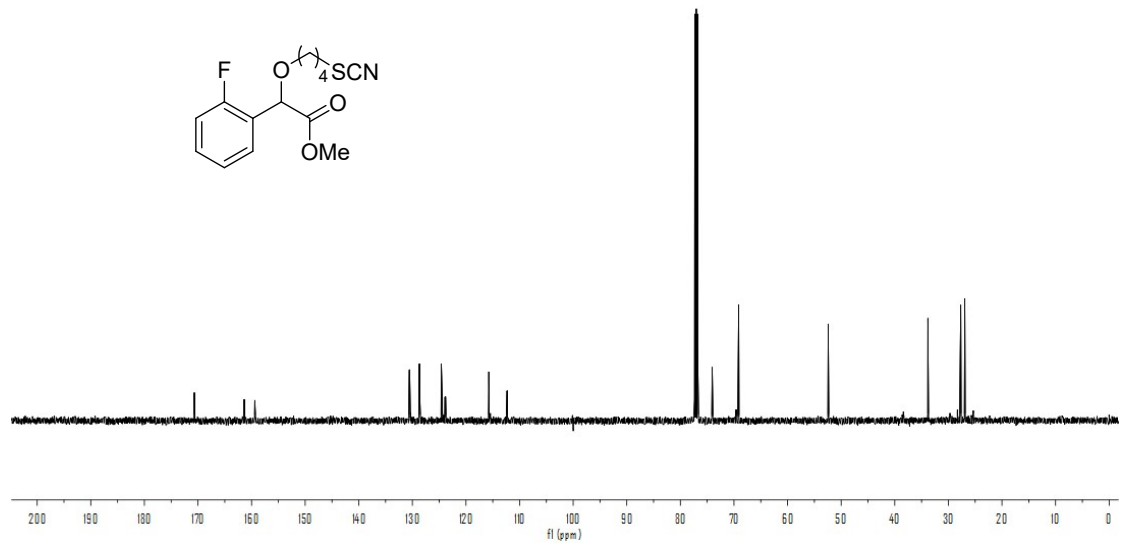
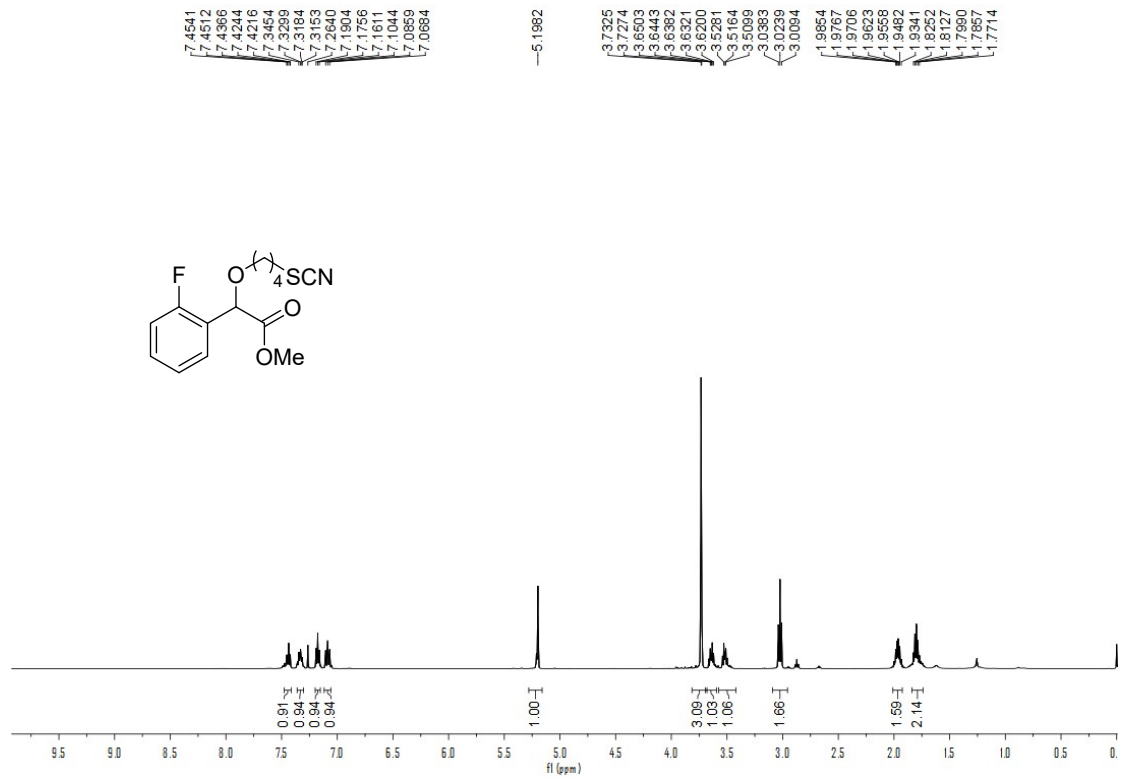
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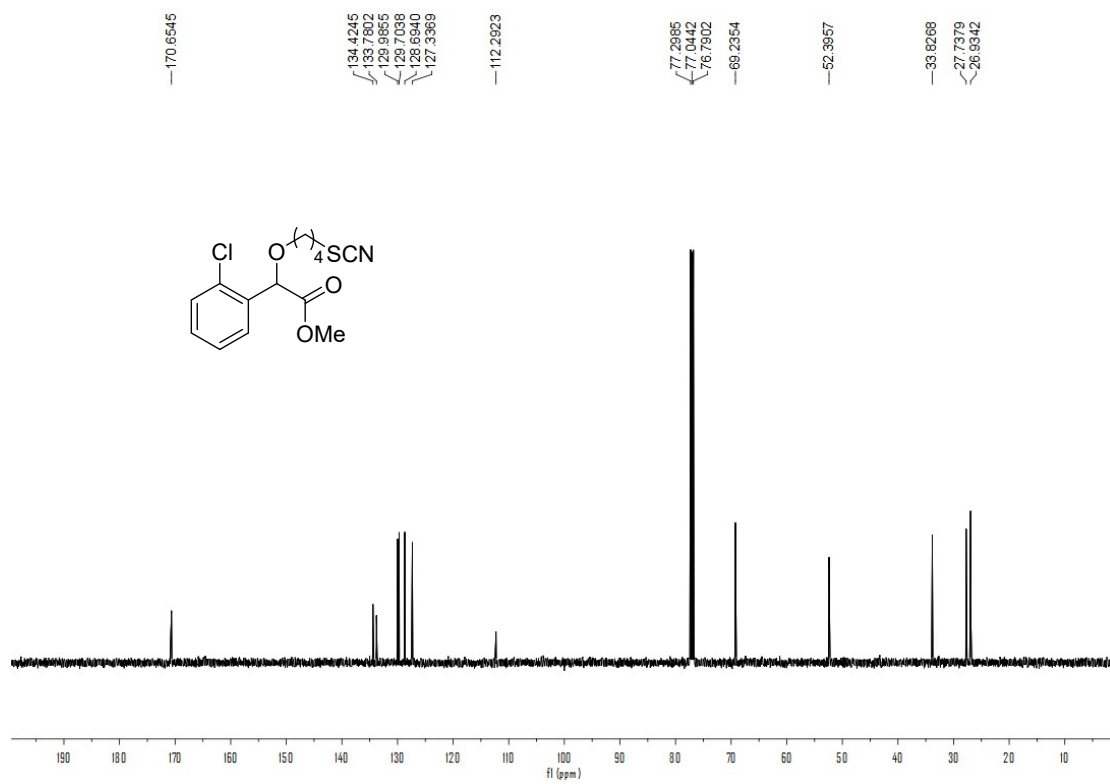
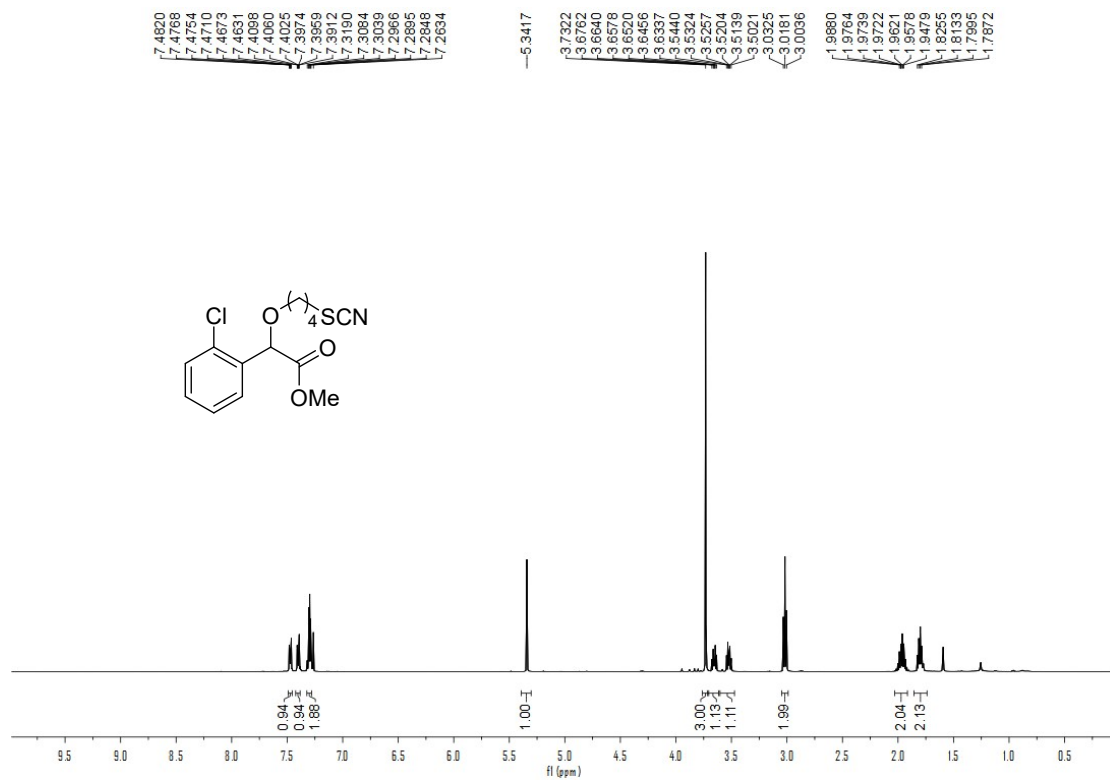
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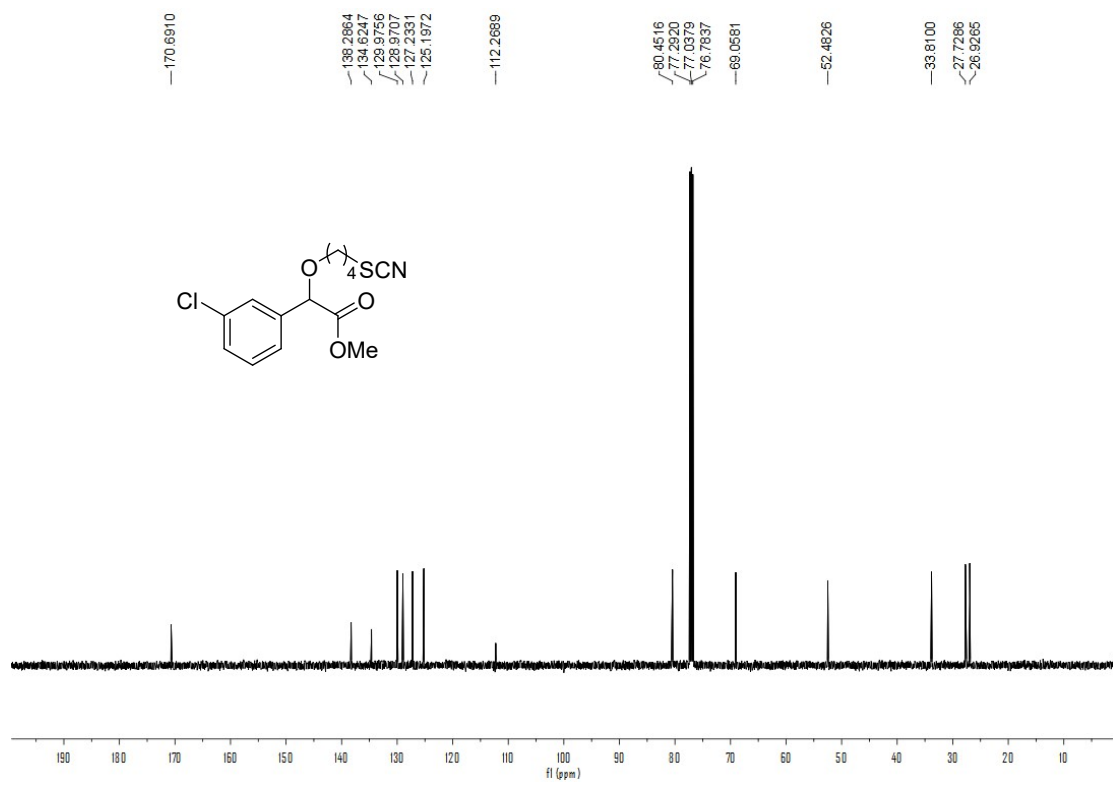
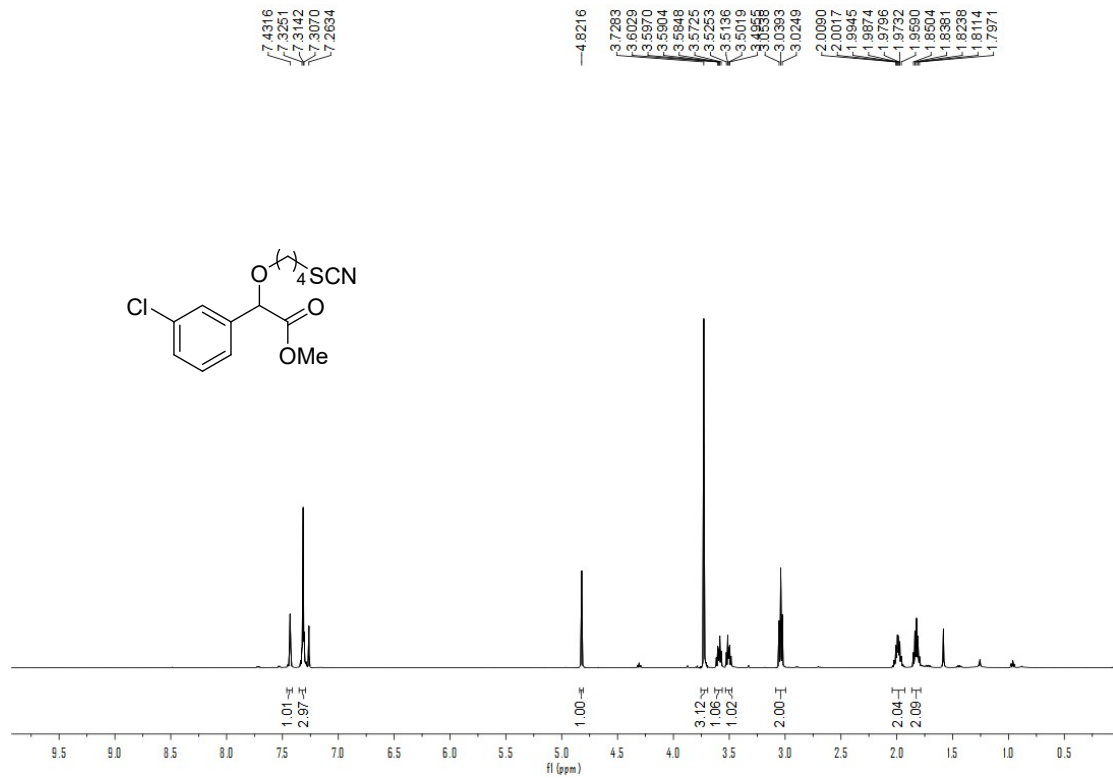
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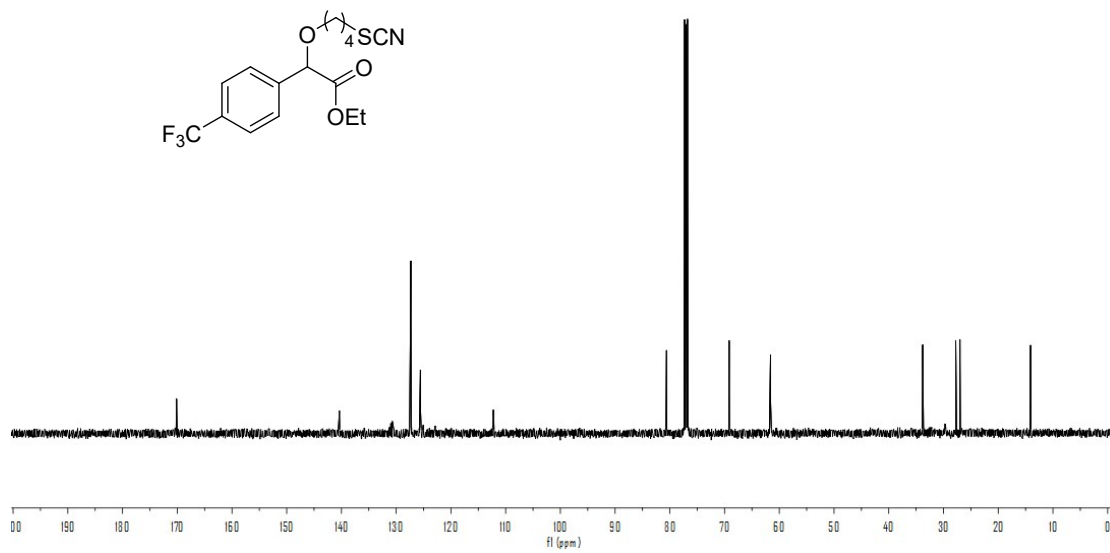
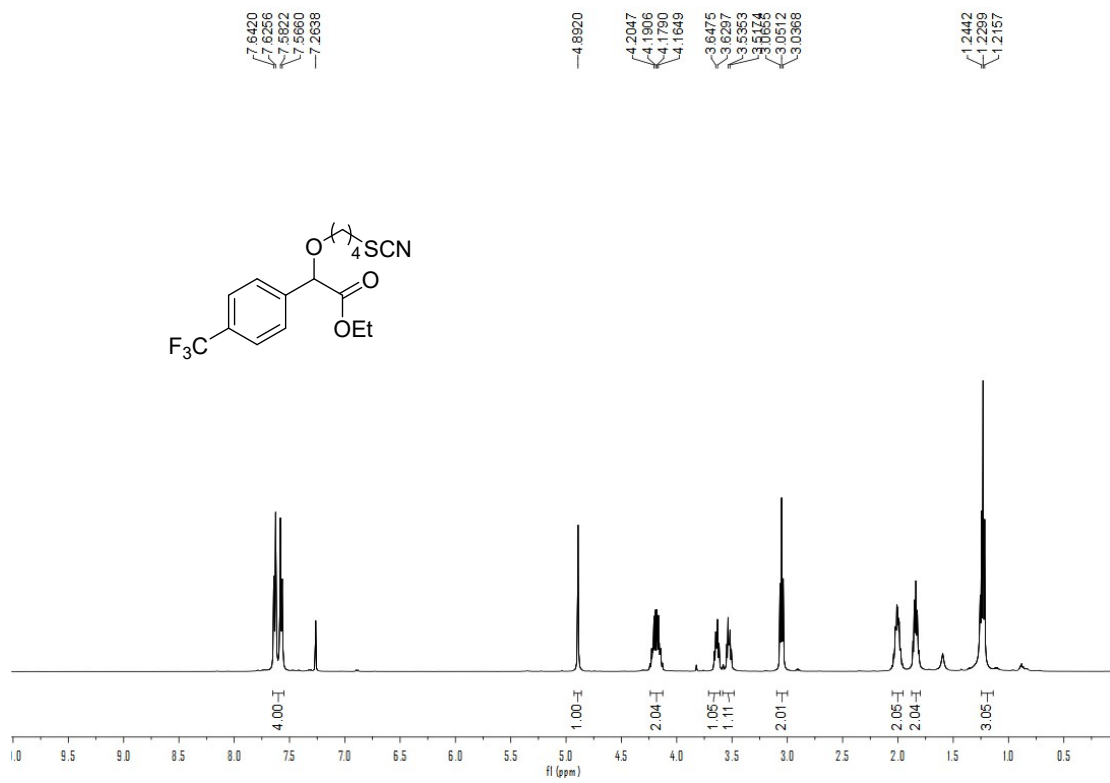
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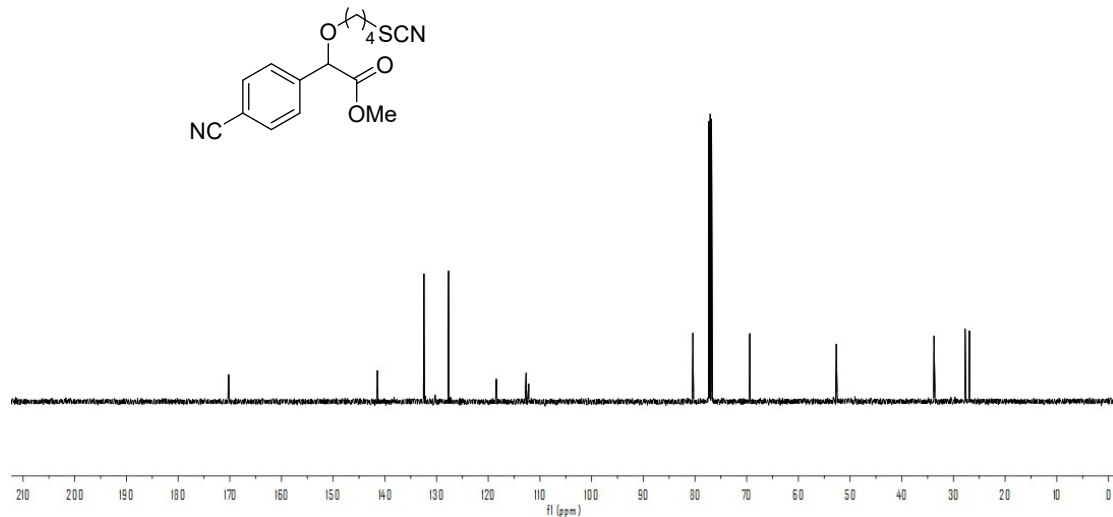
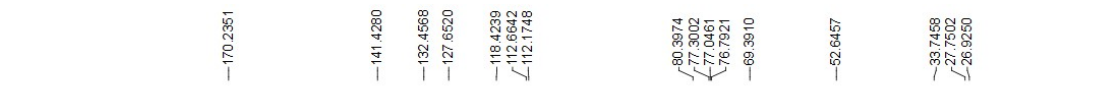
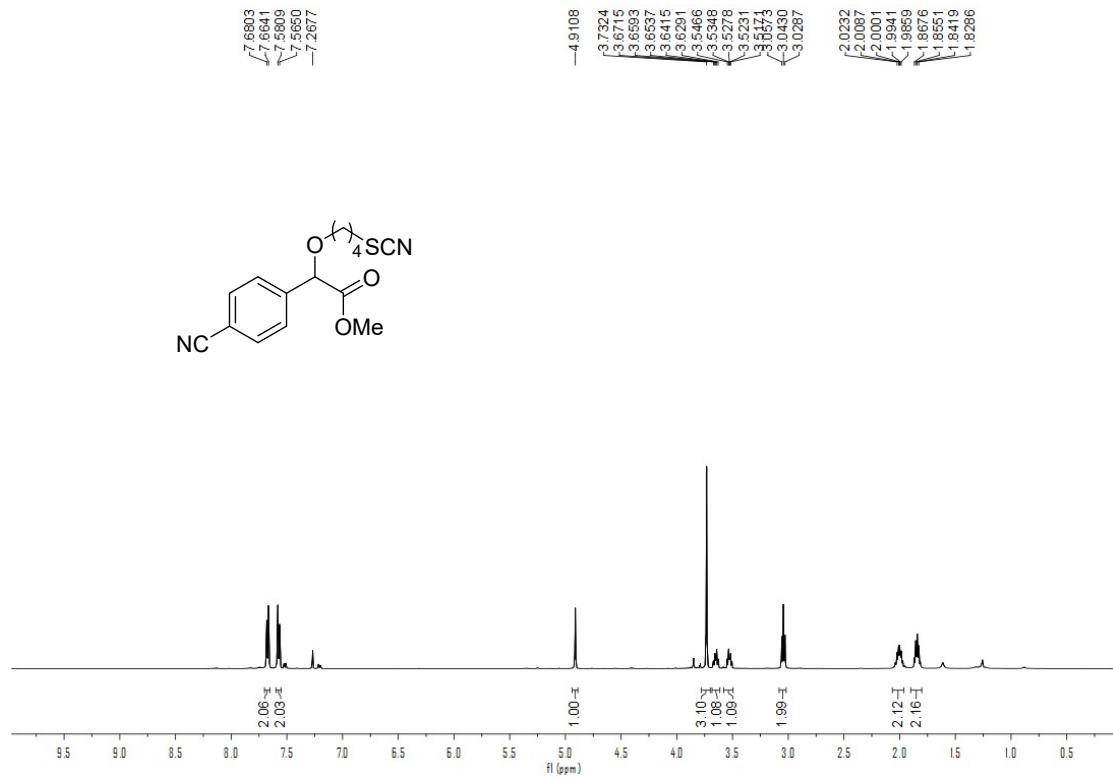
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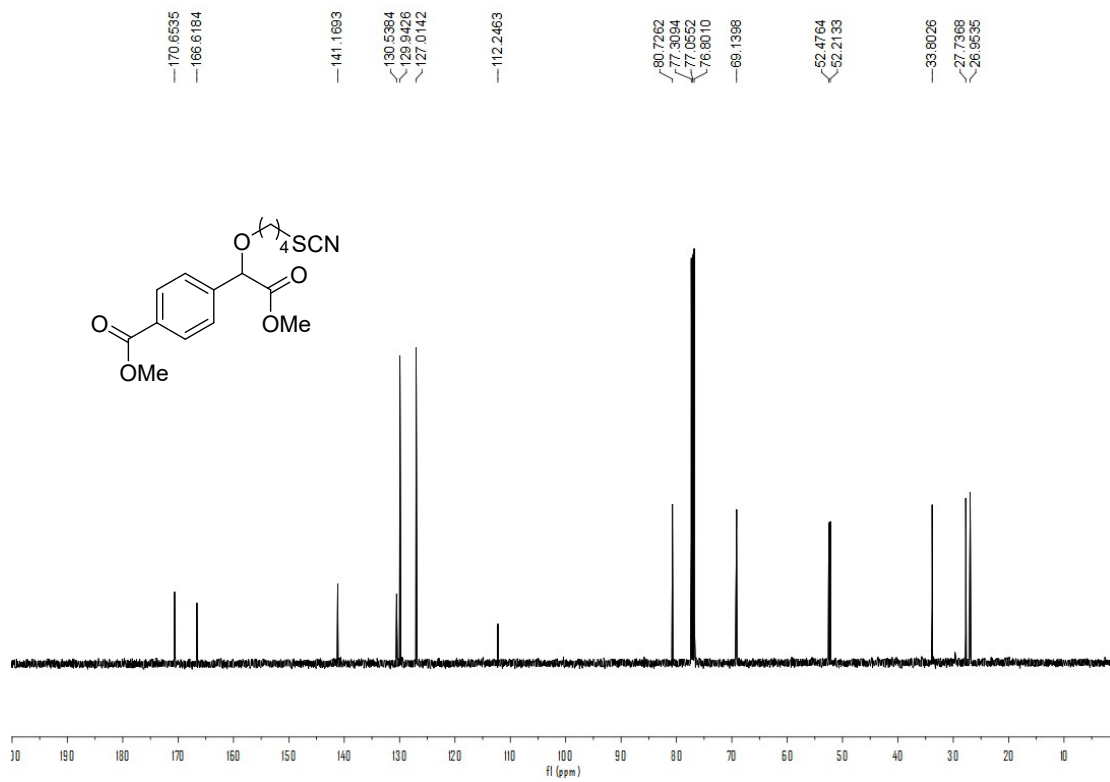
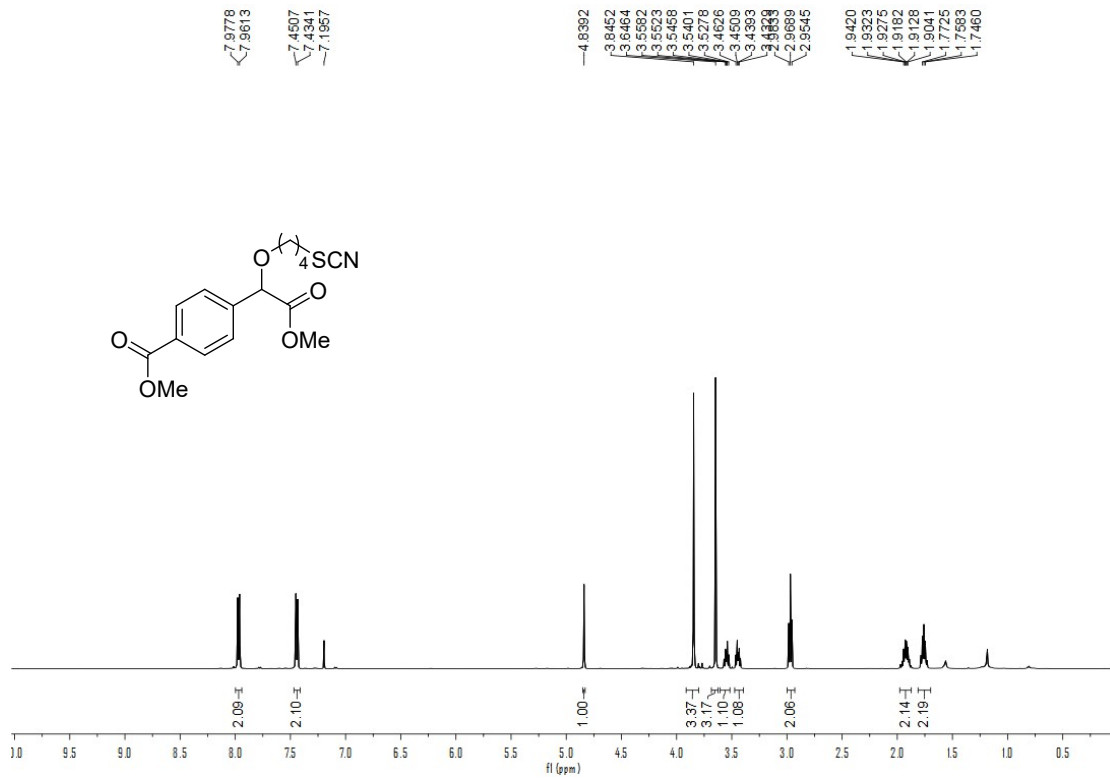
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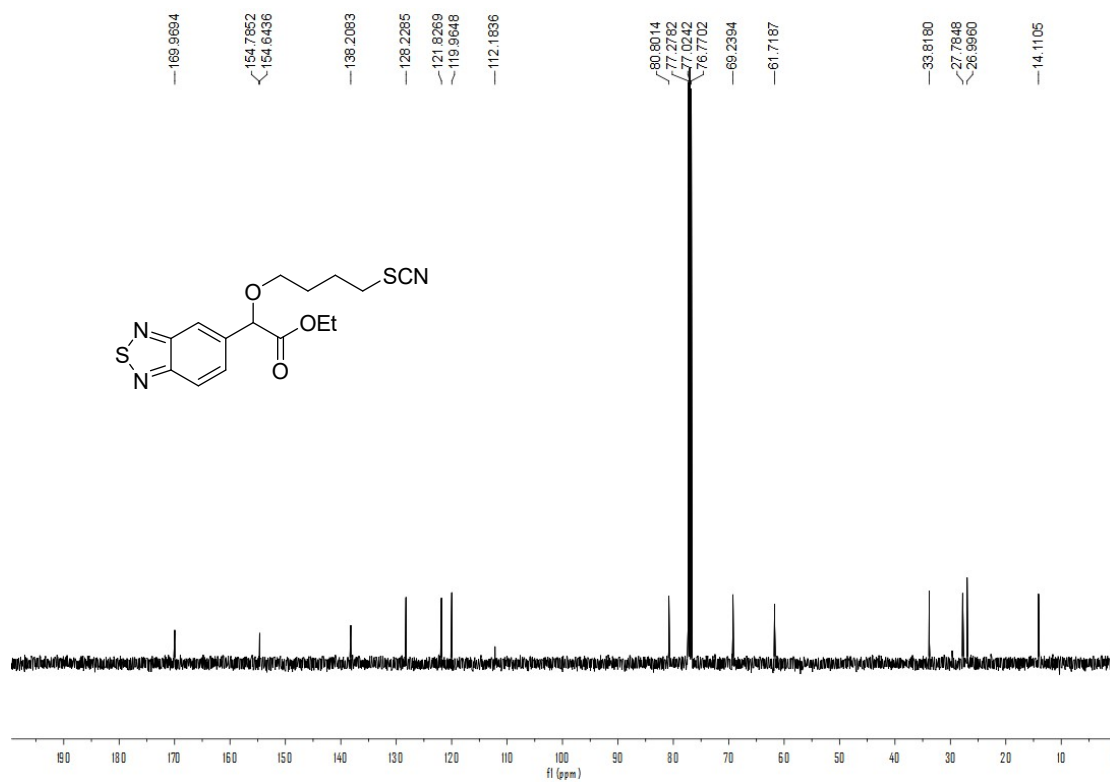
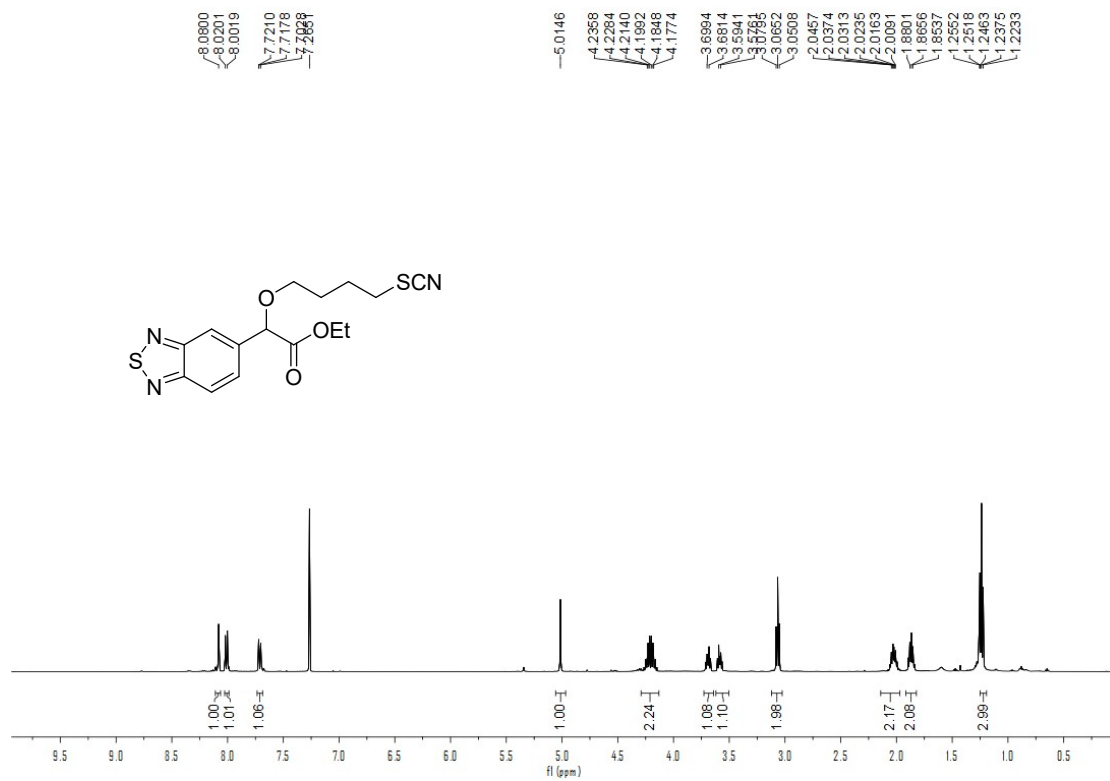
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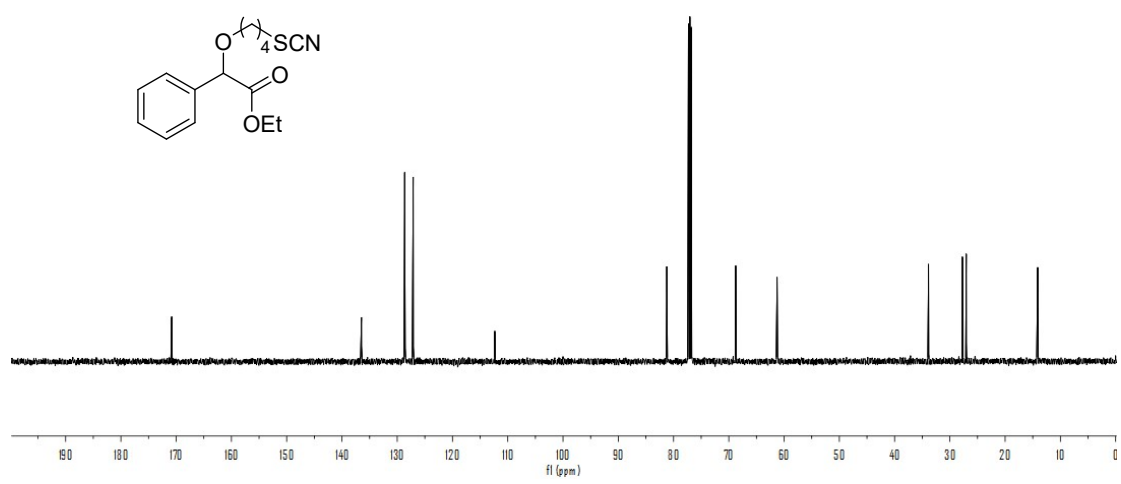
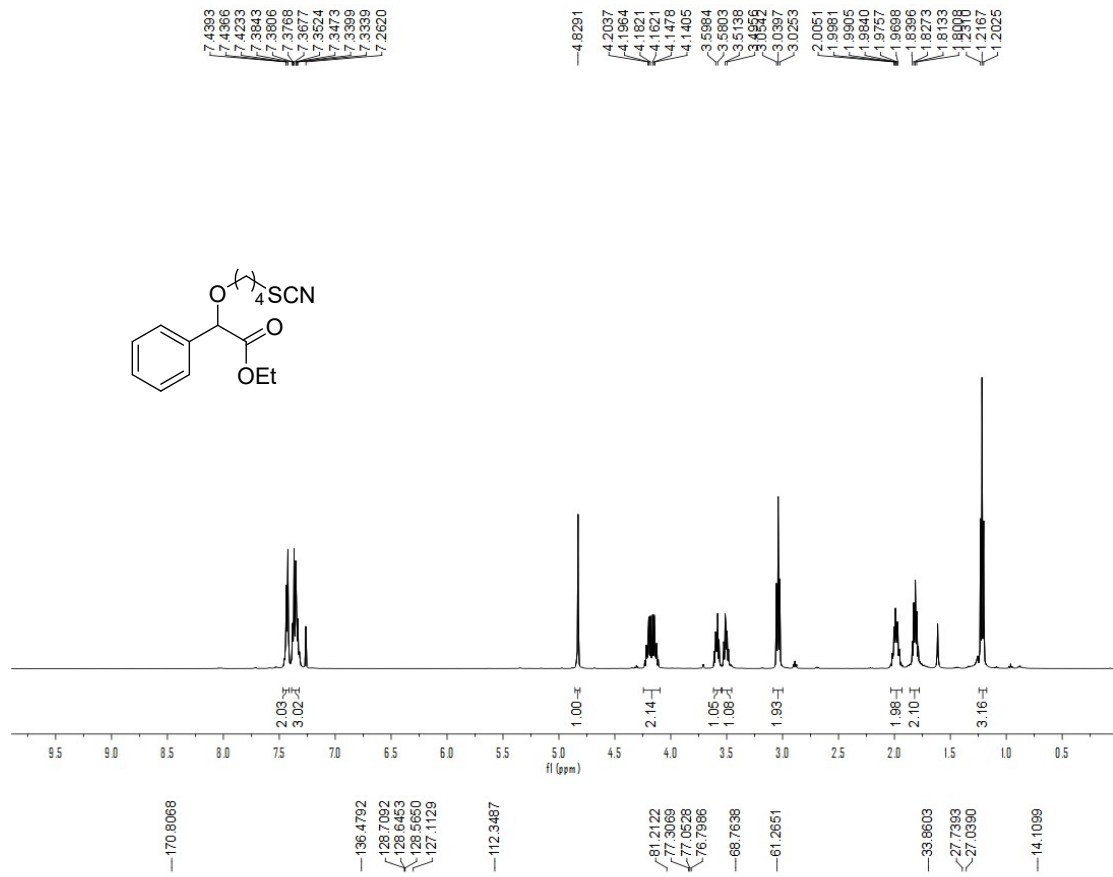
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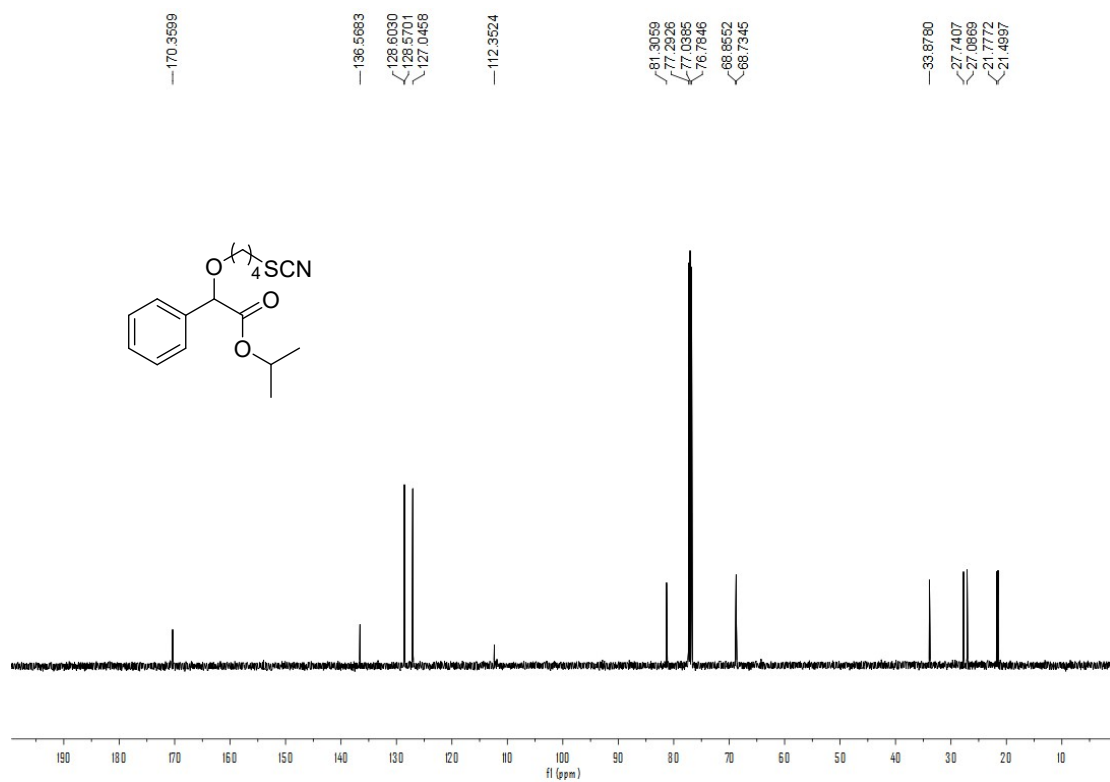
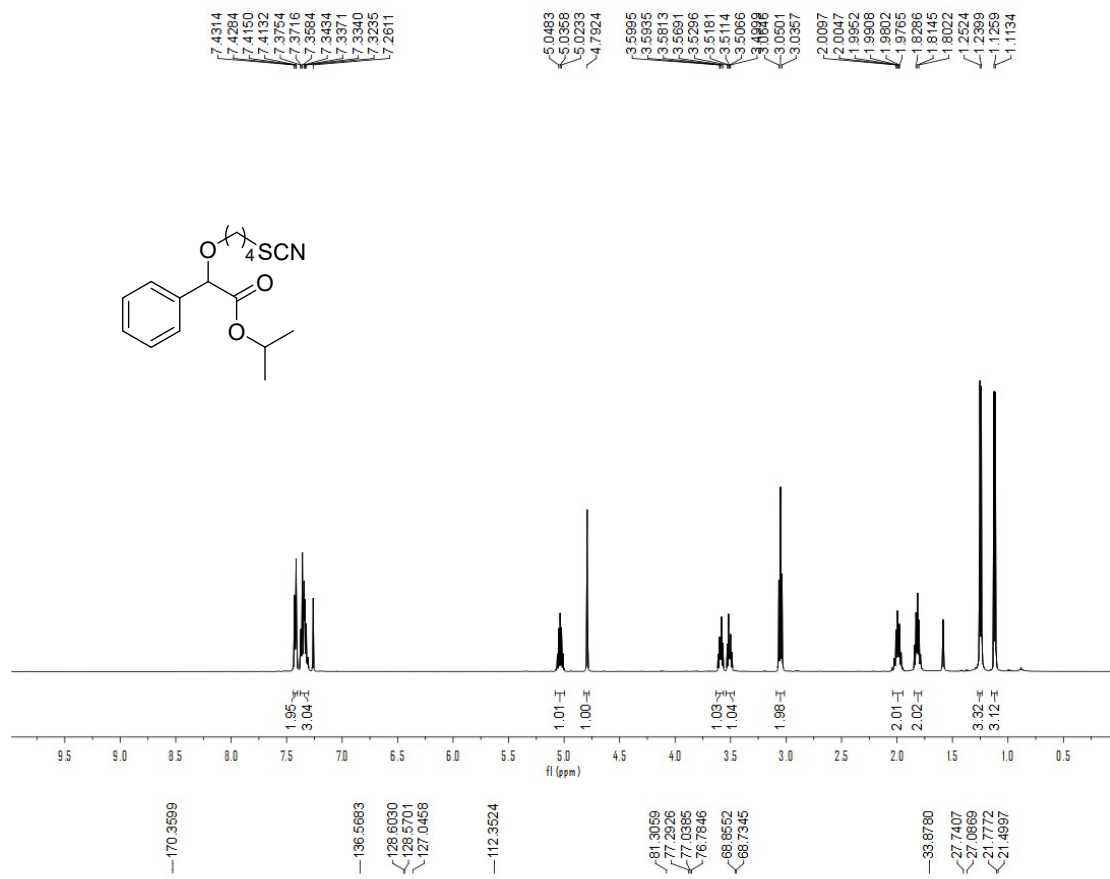
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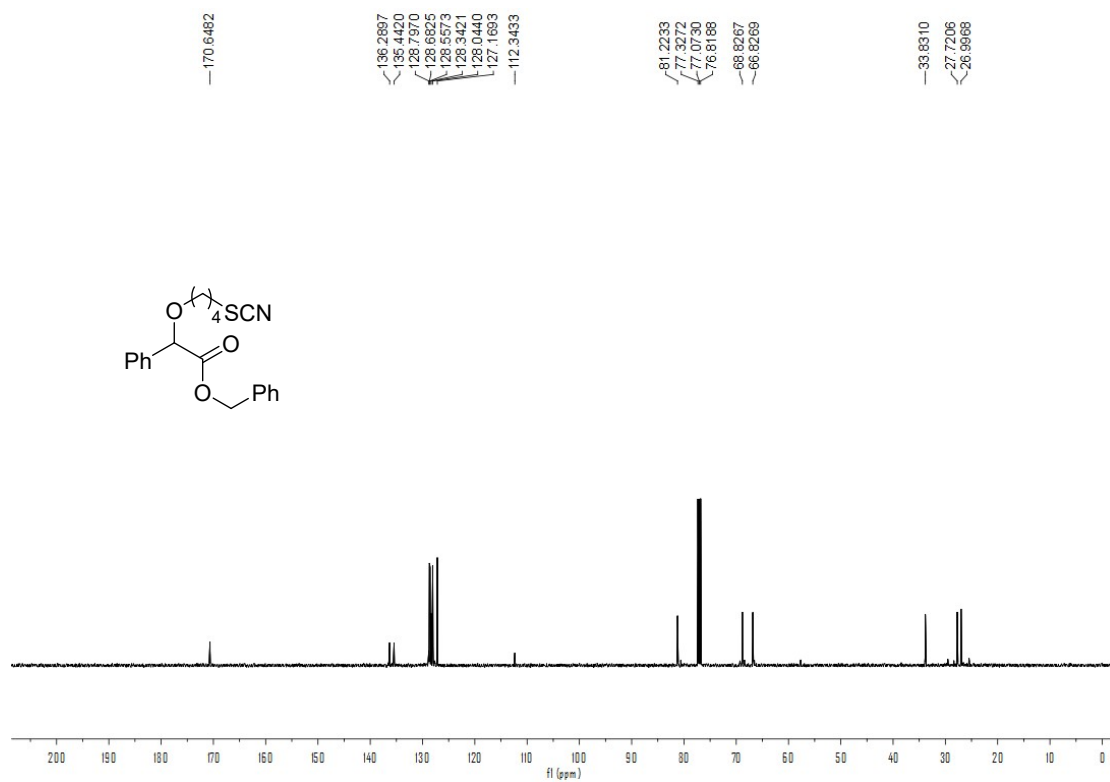
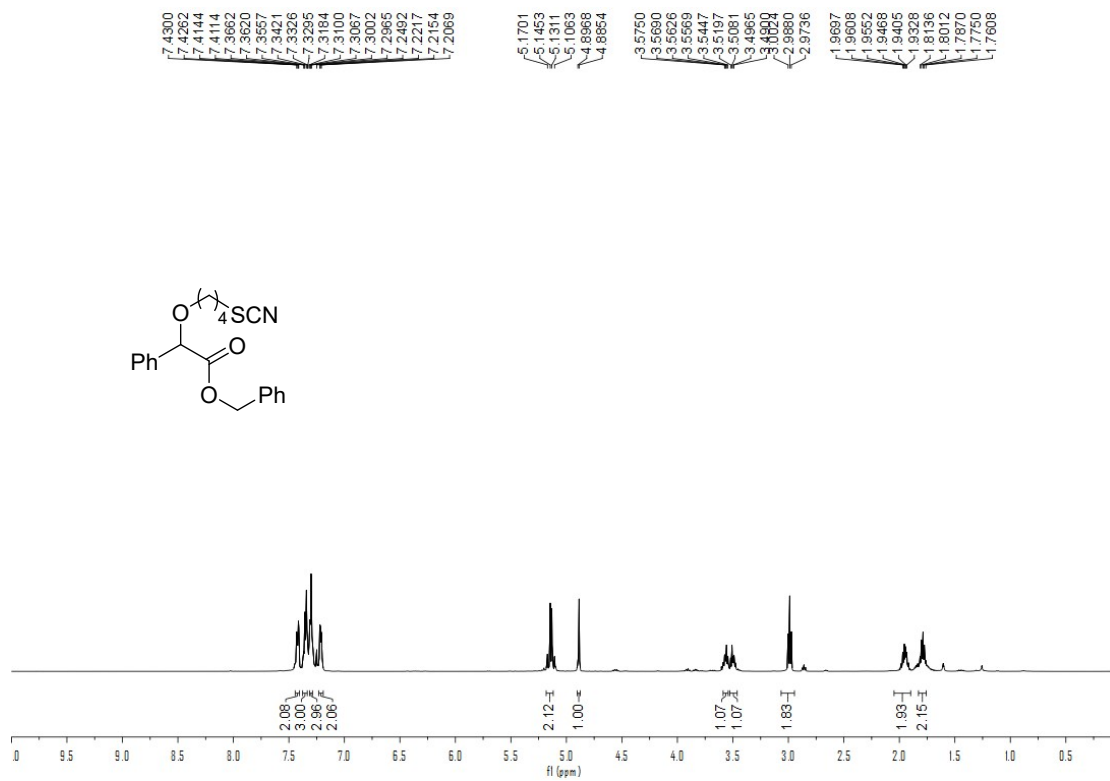
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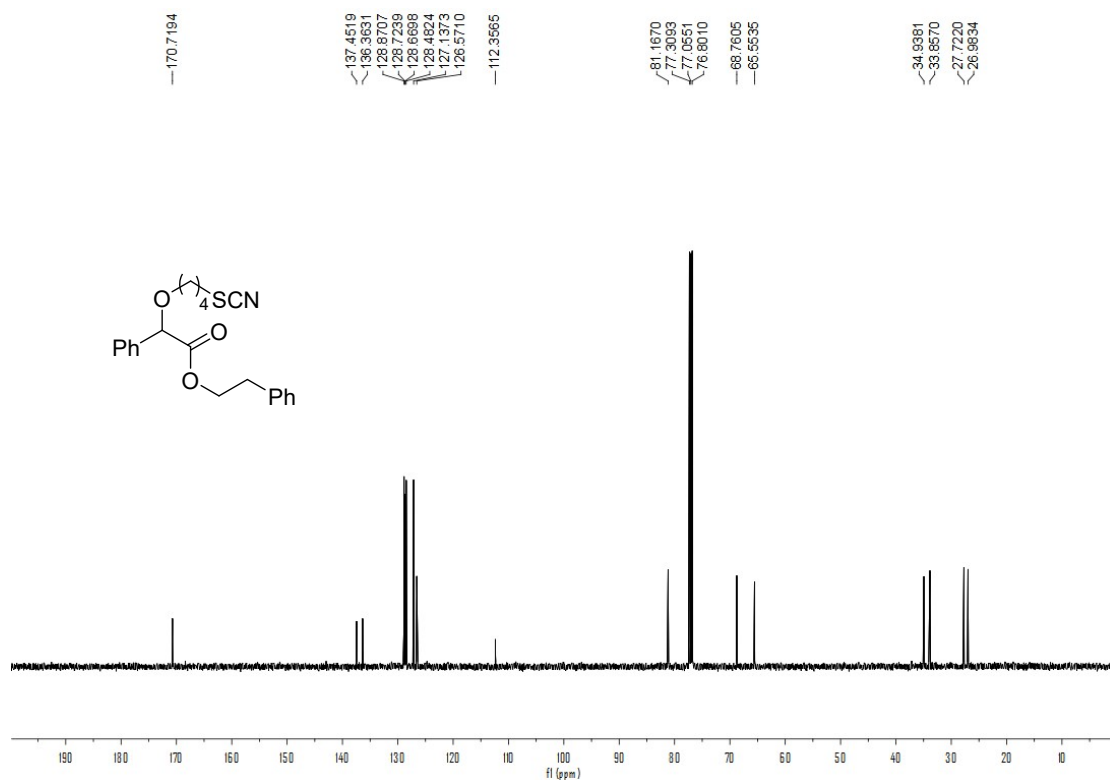
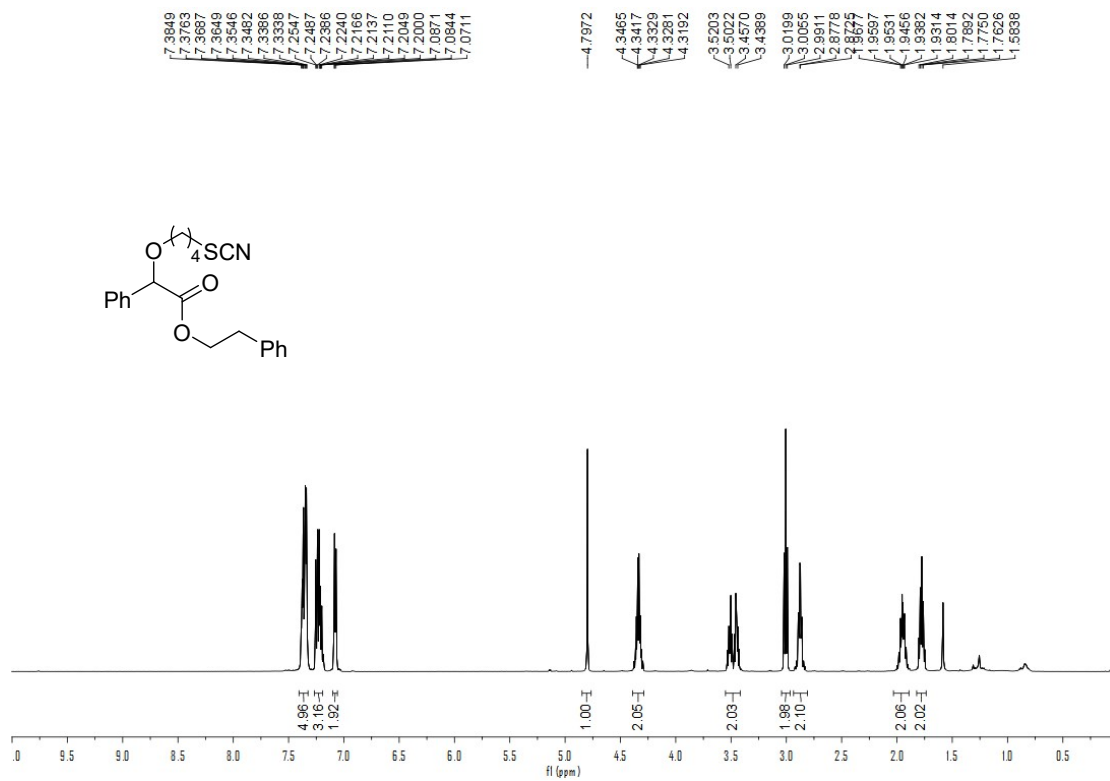
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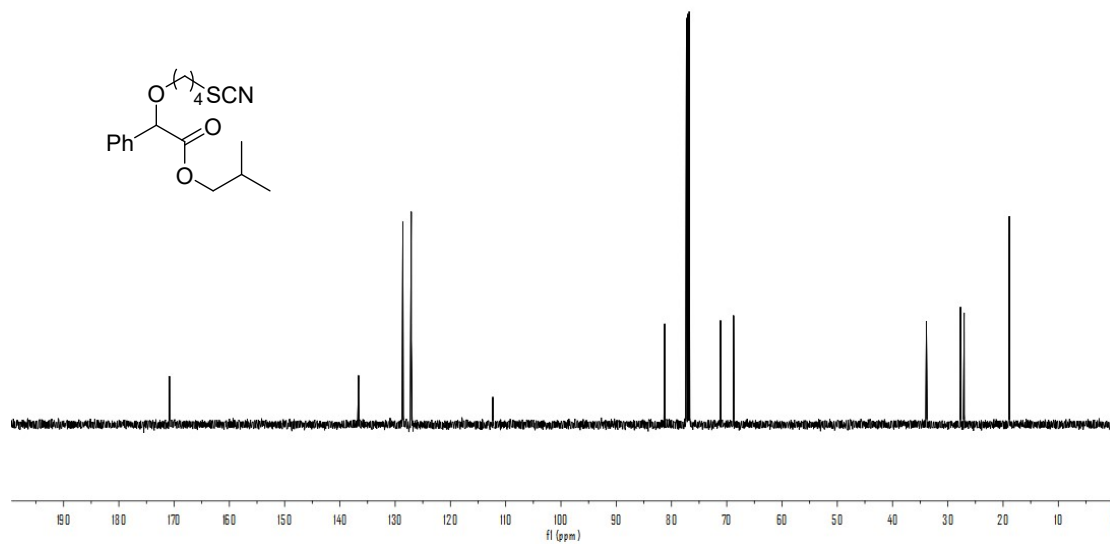
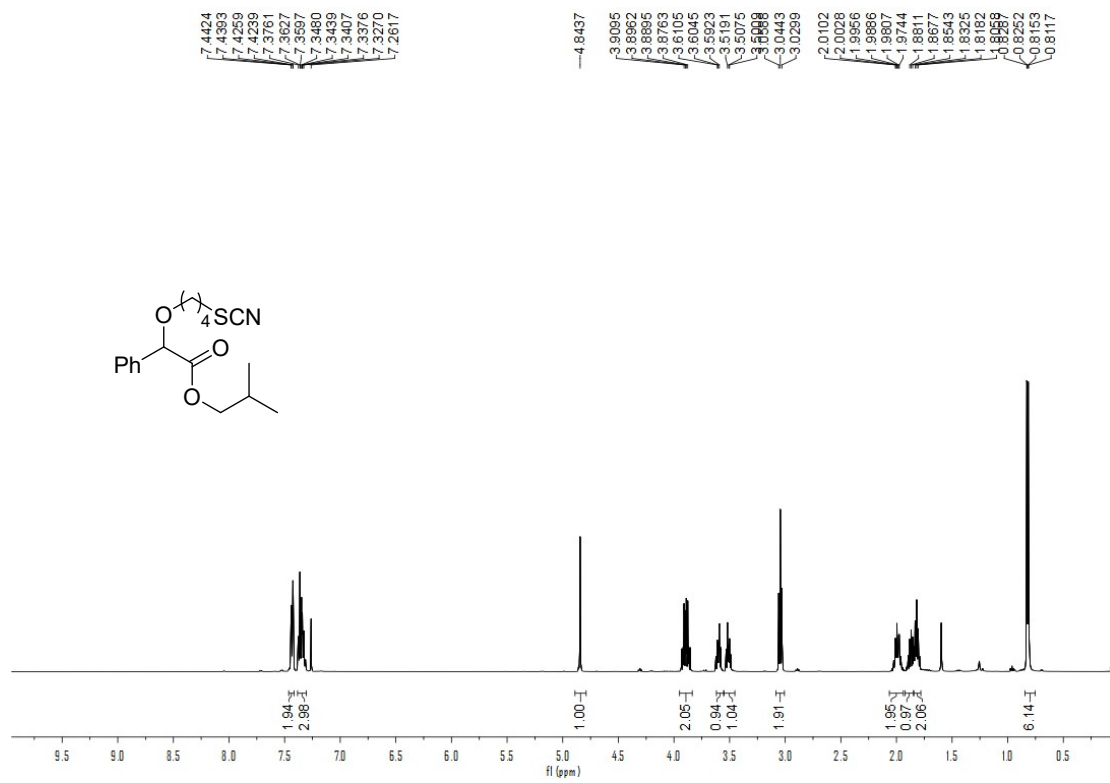
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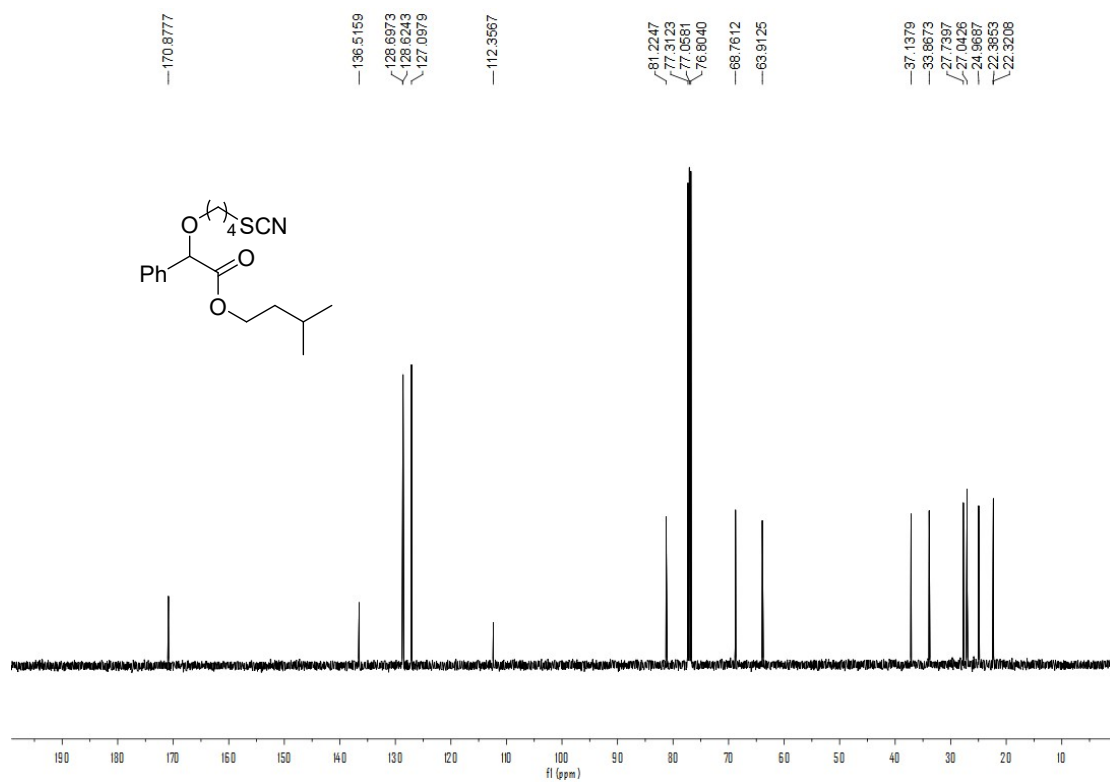
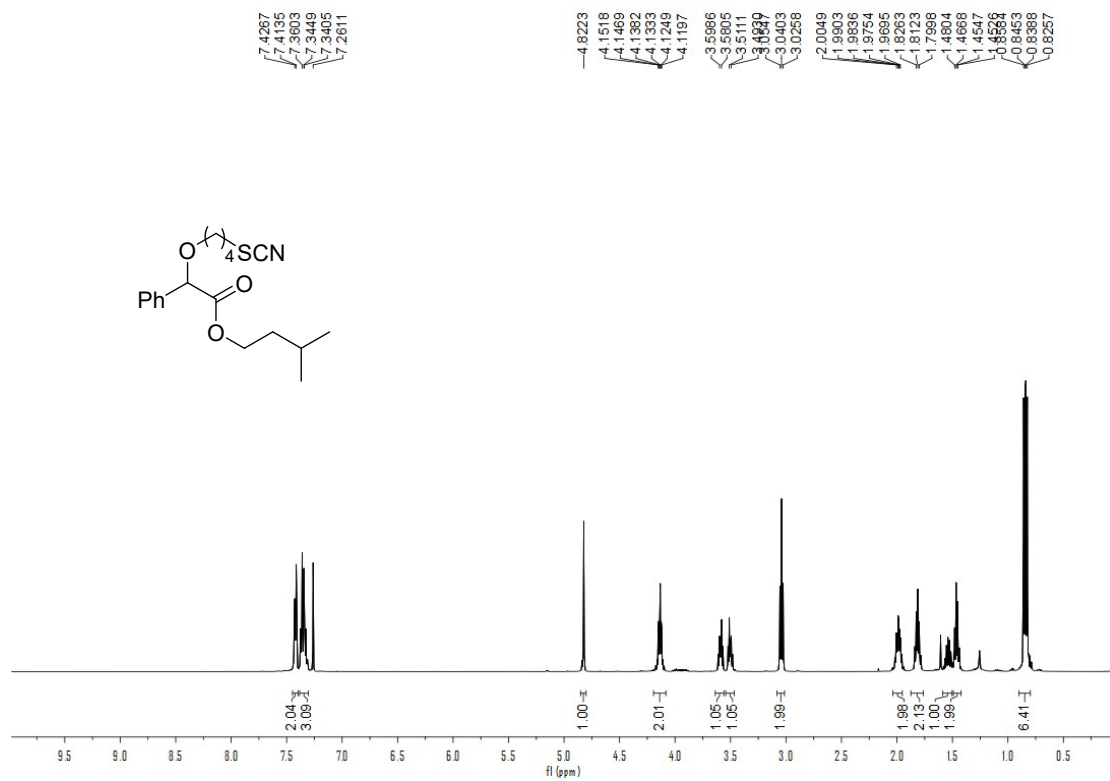
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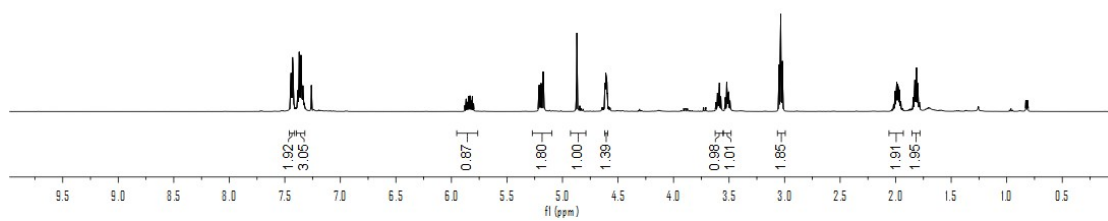
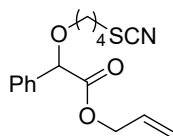


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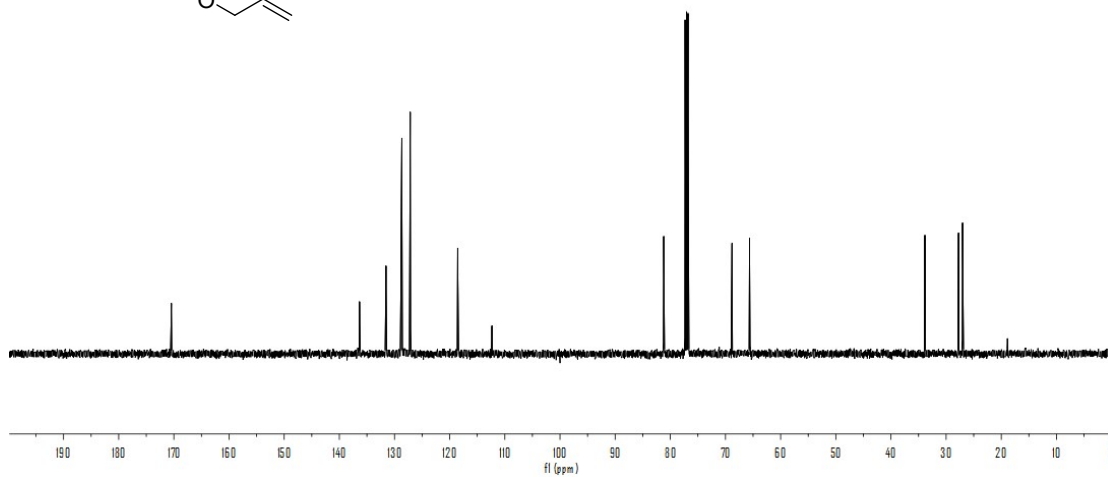
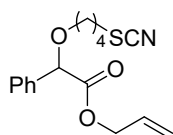


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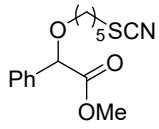
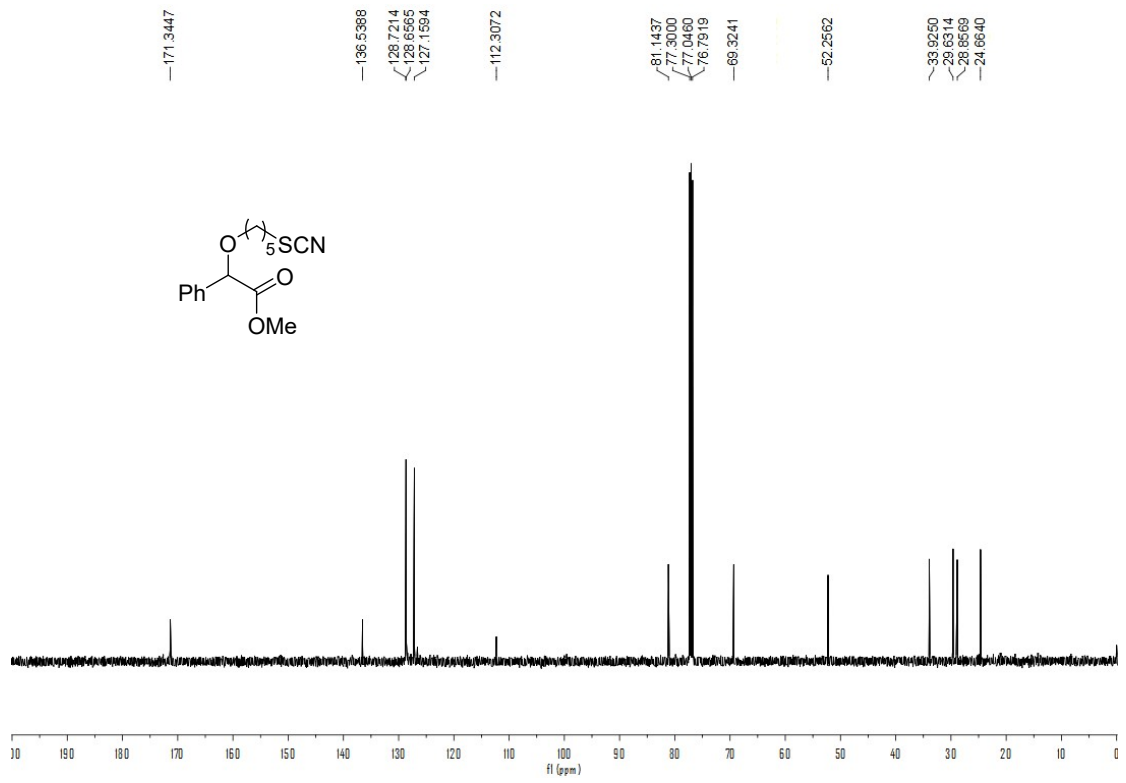
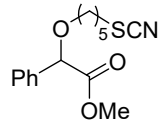
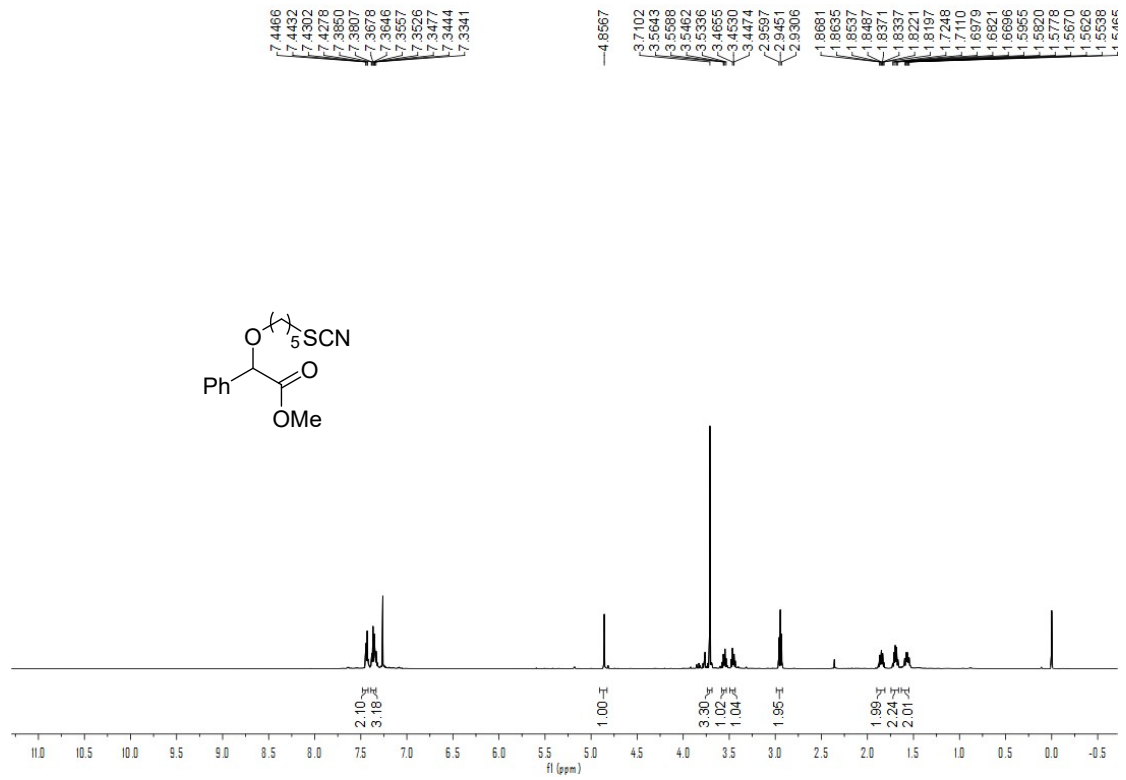
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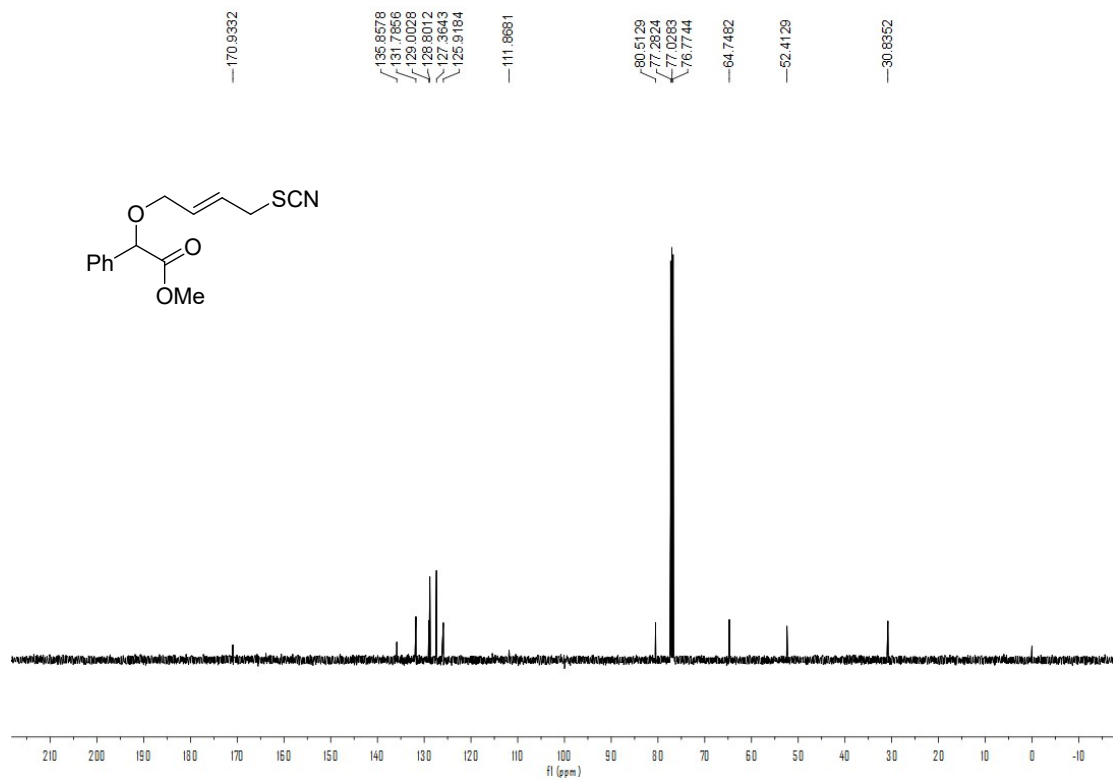
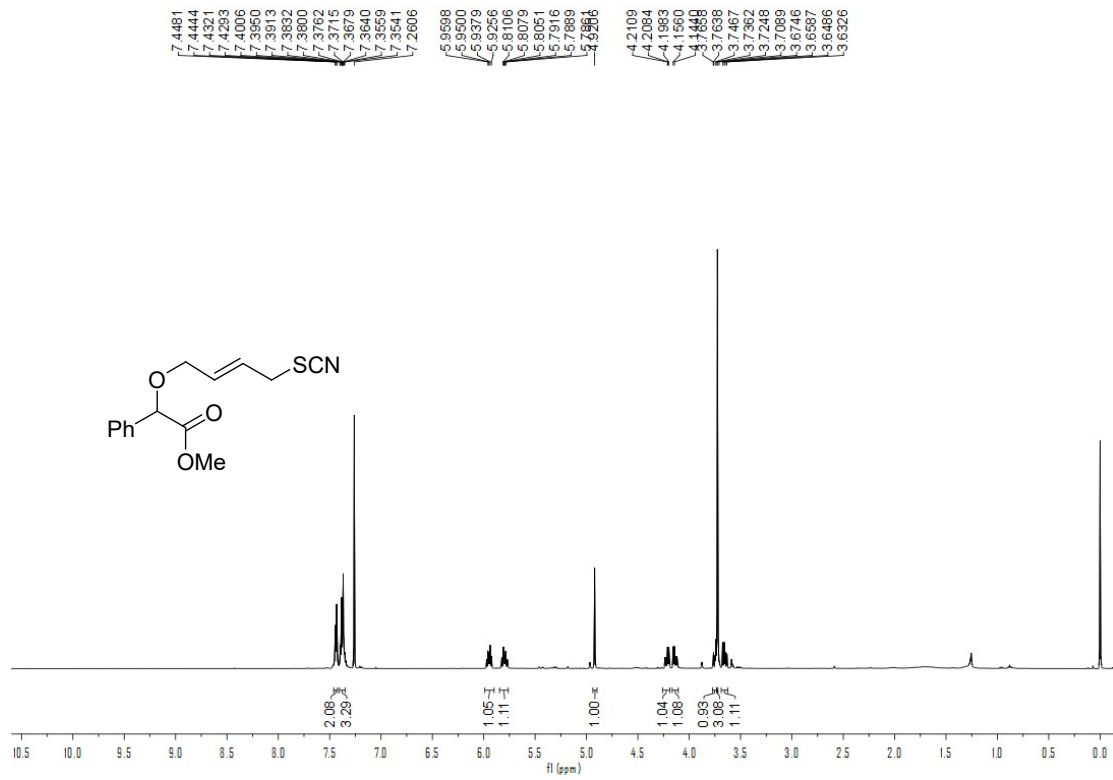
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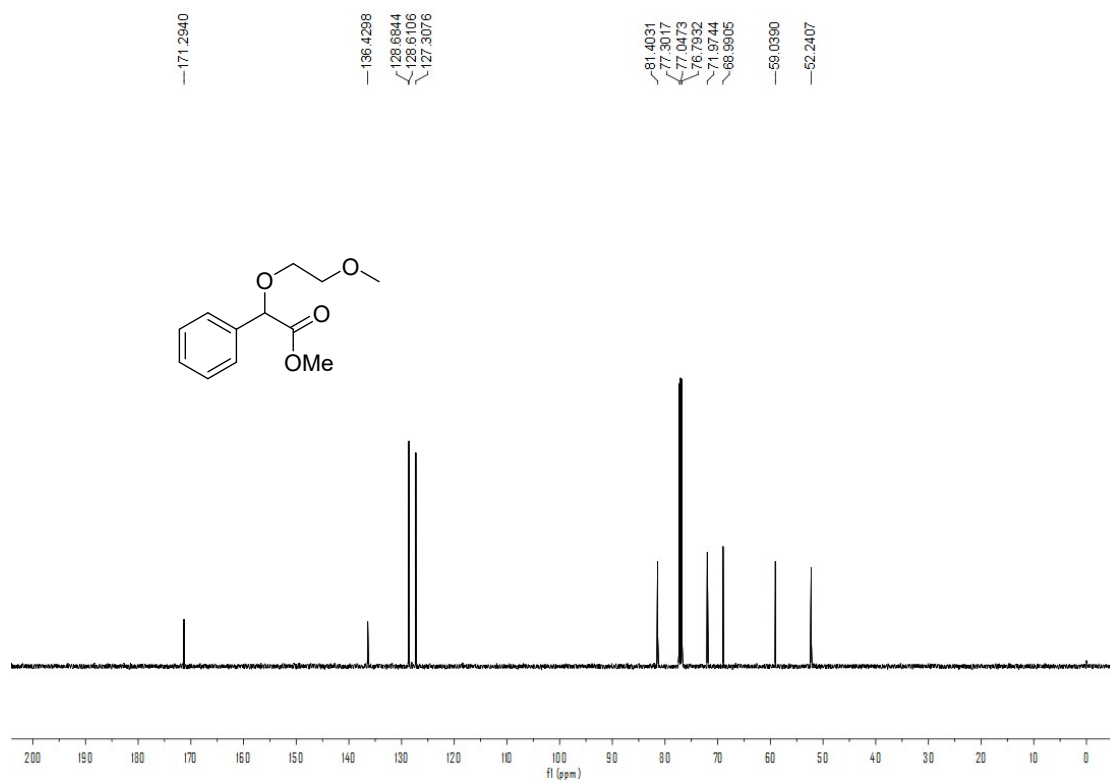
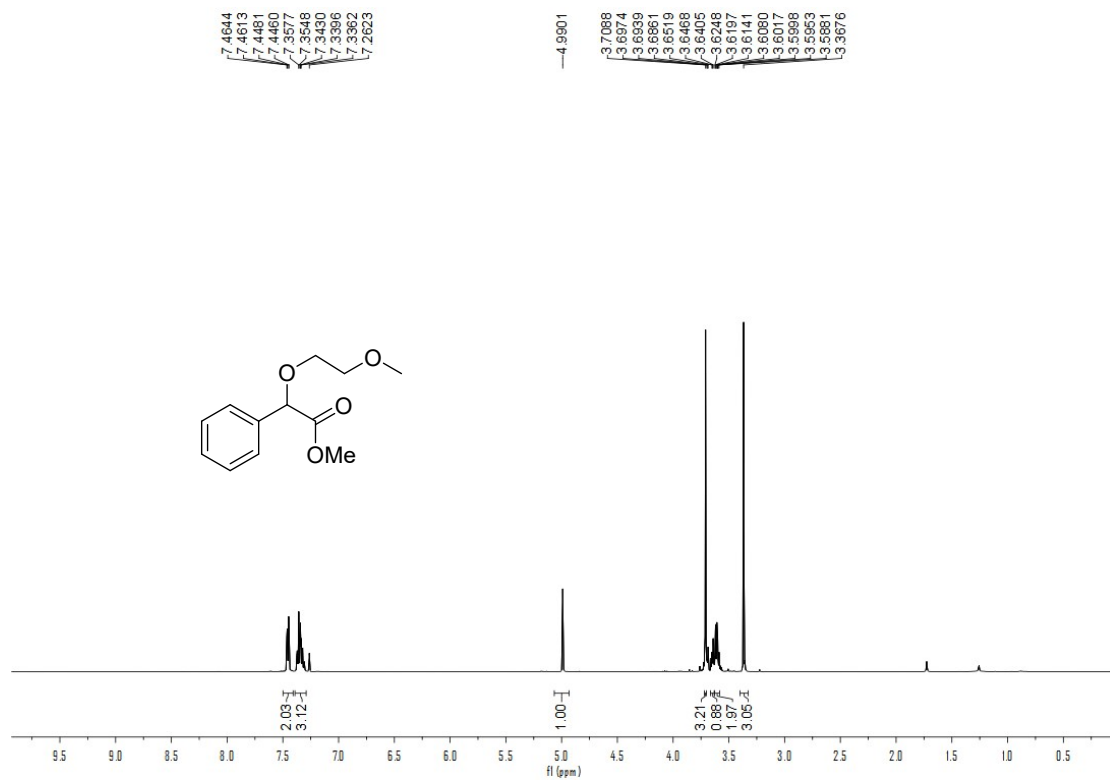
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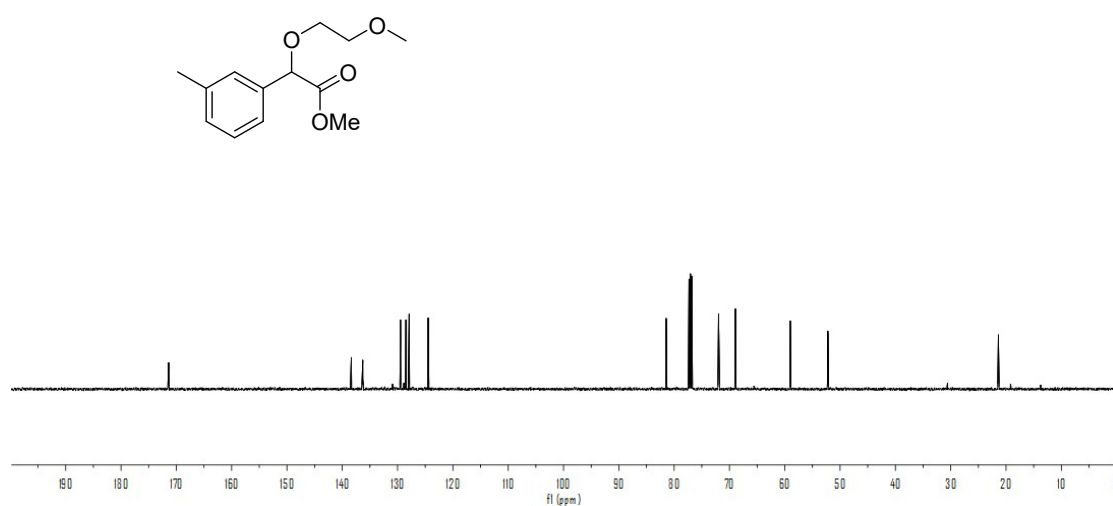
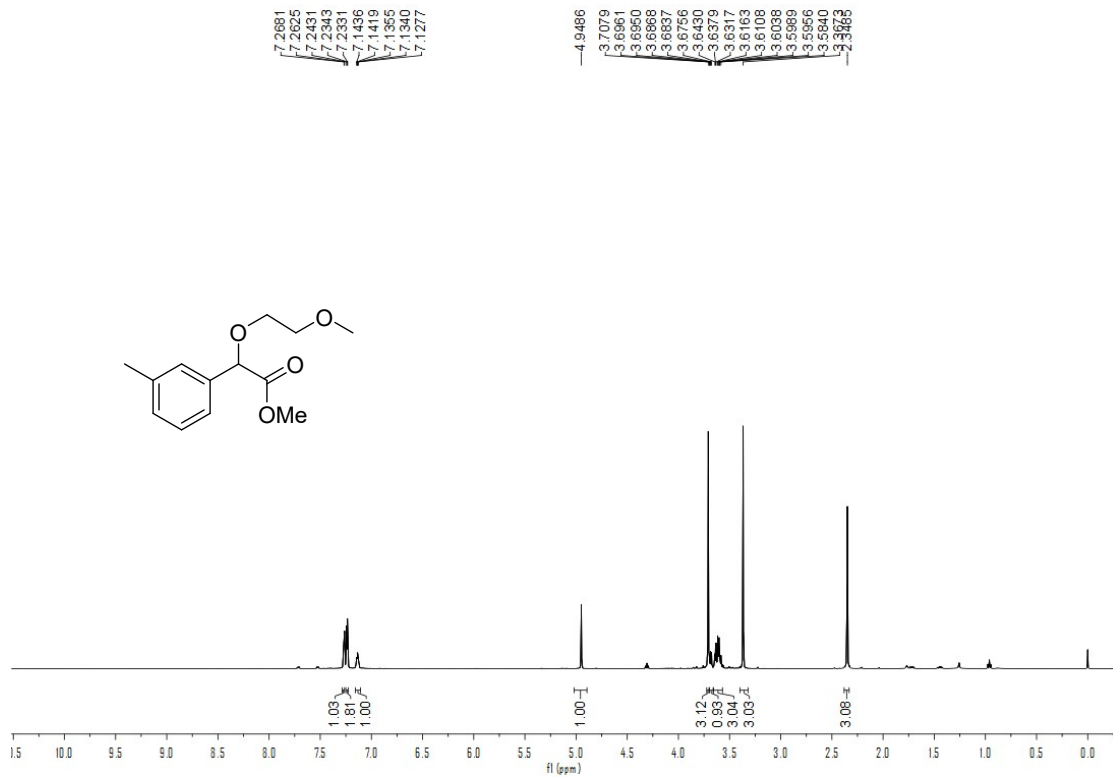
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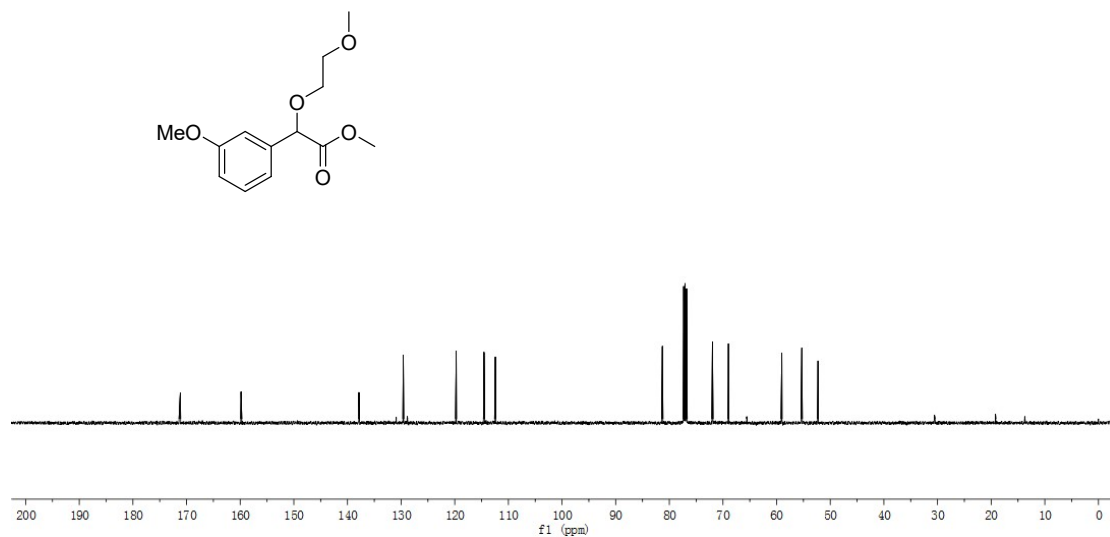
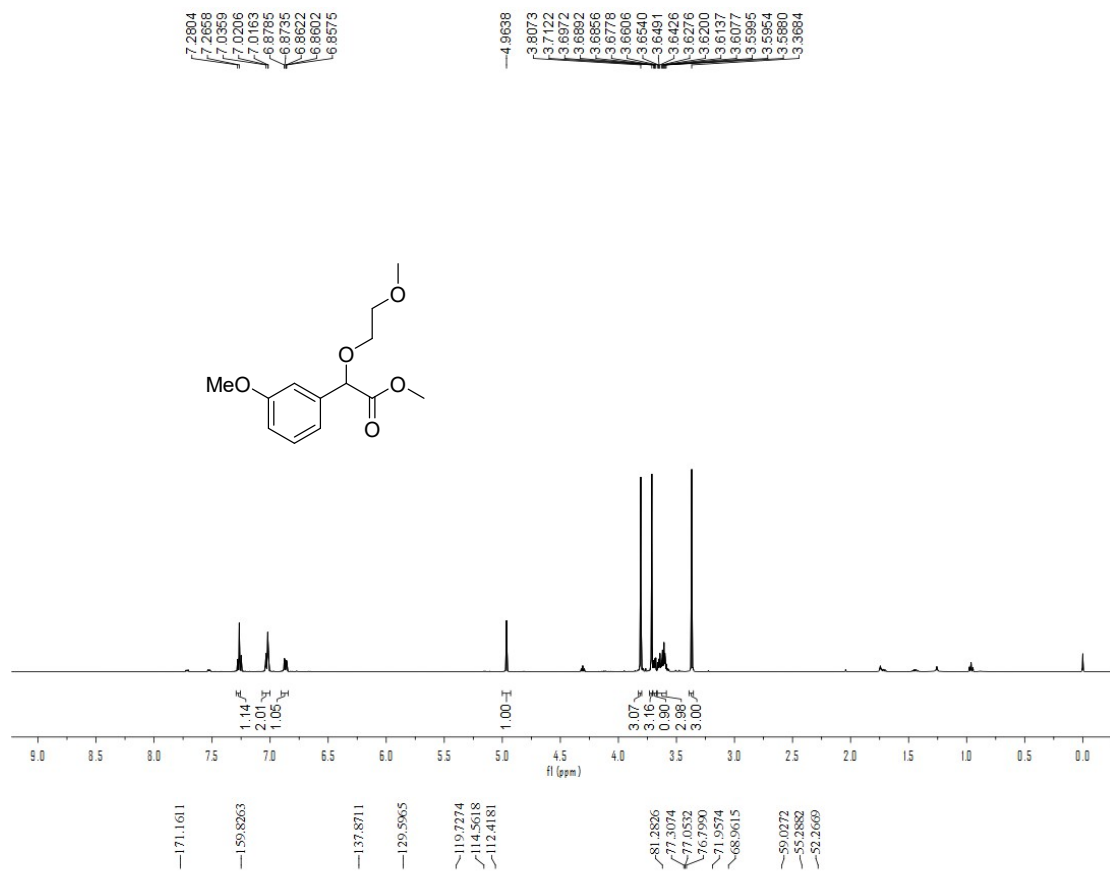
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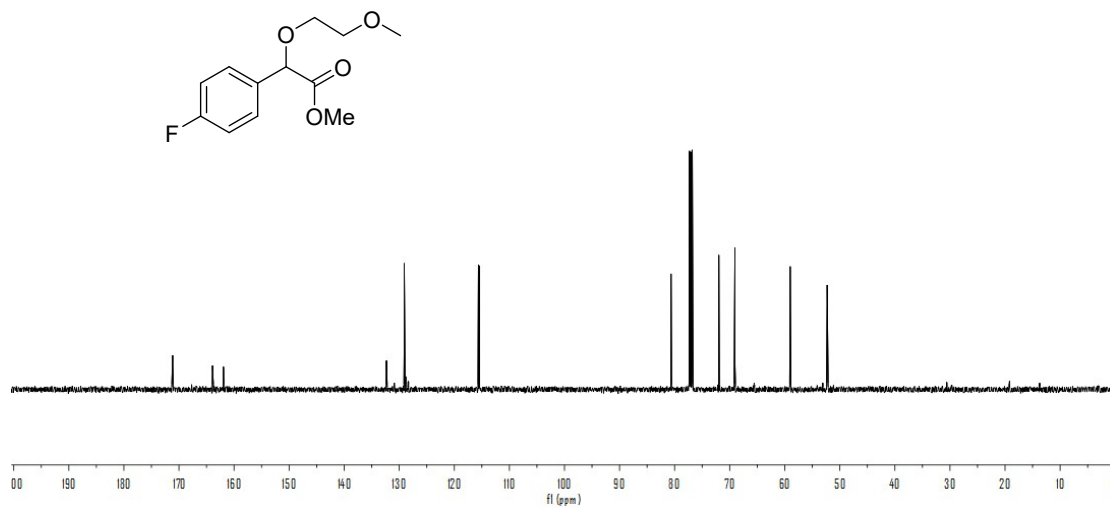
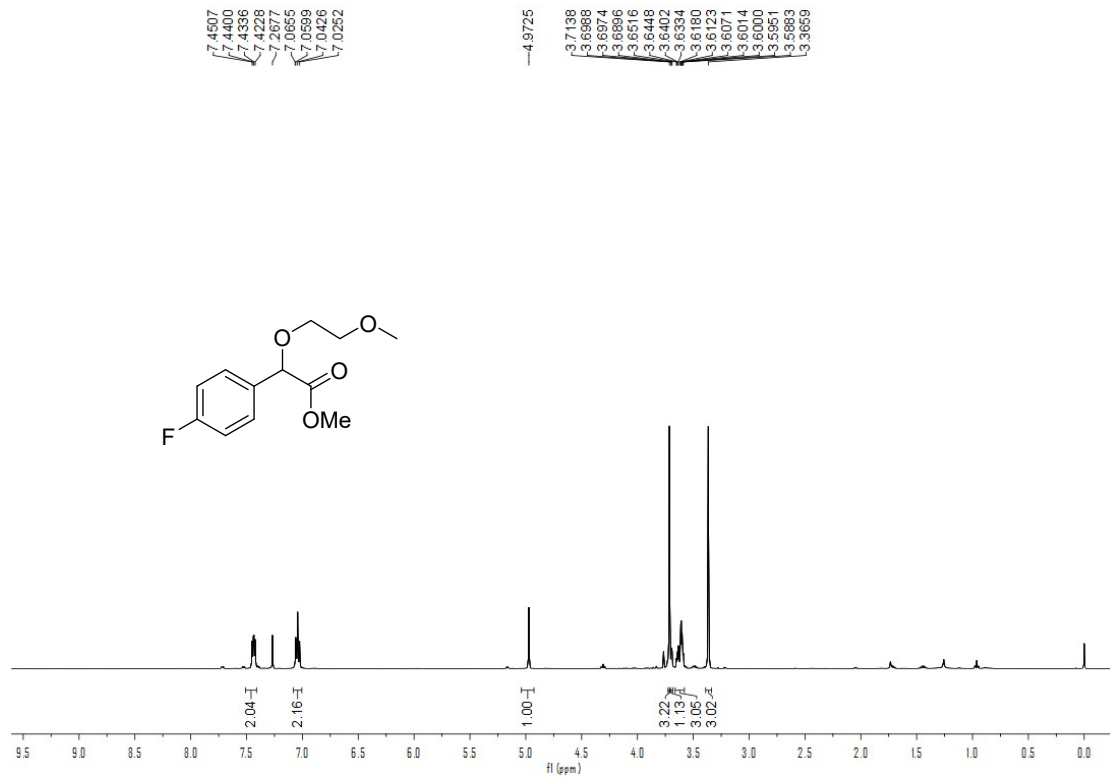
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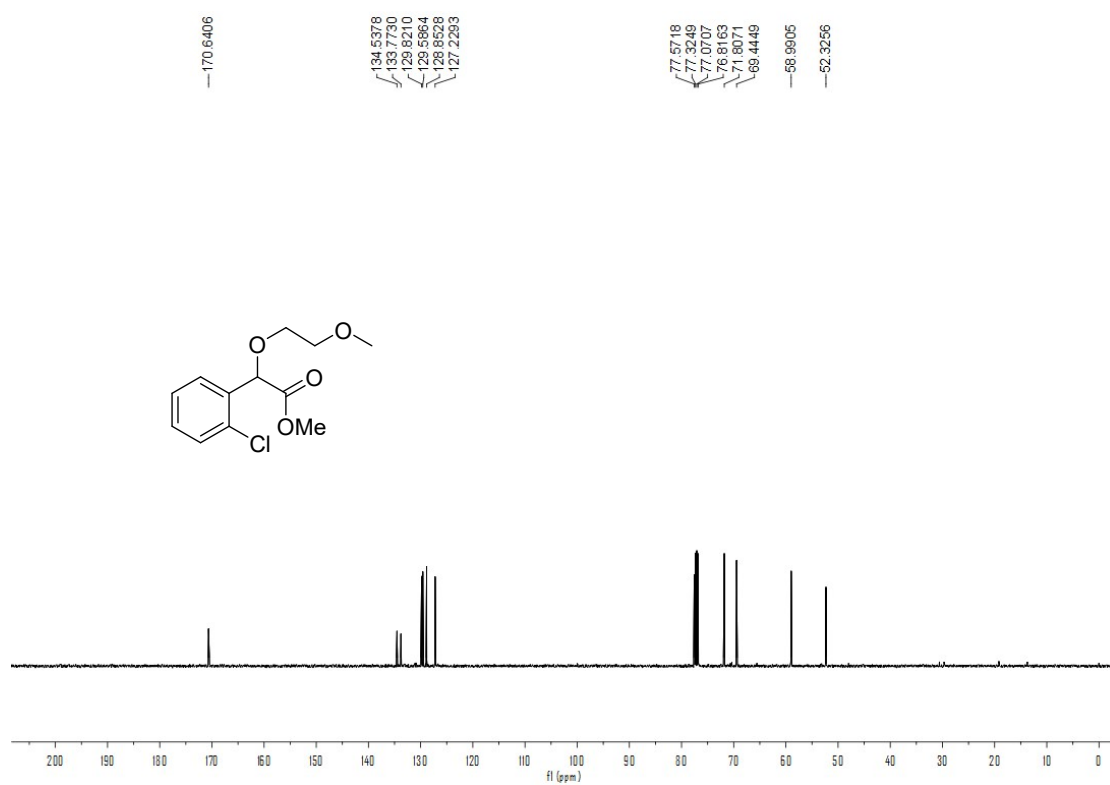
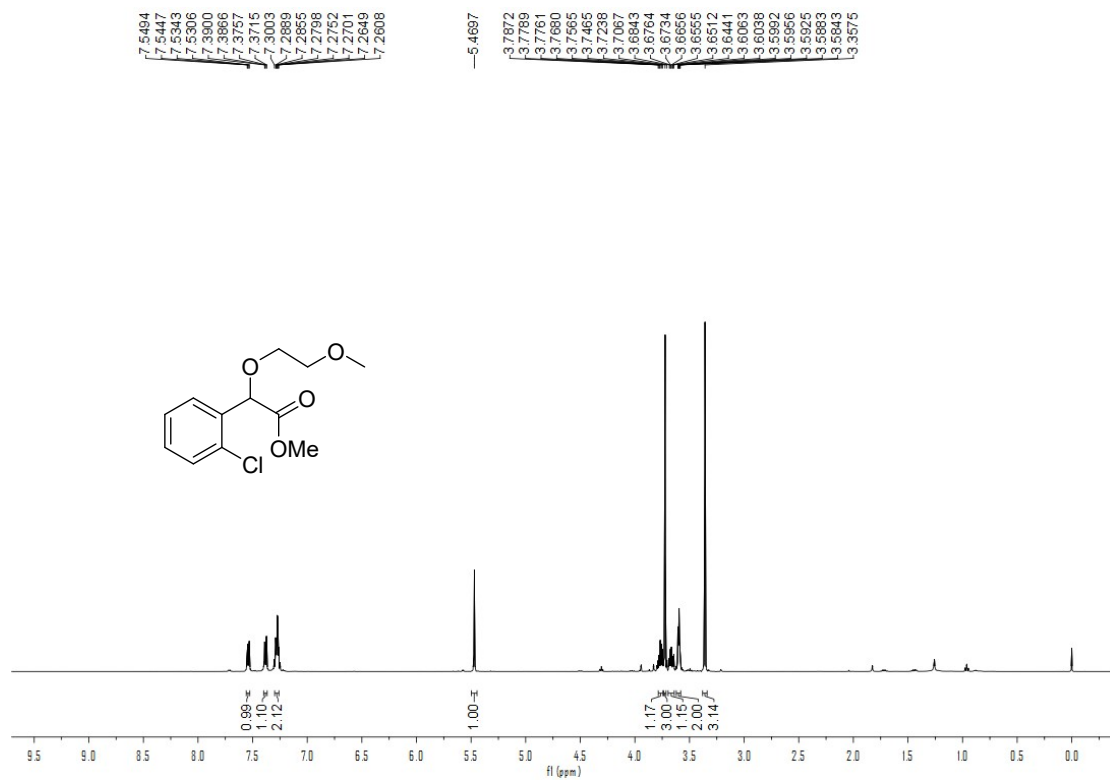
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