

Supporting Information

Electrochemical Oxidation of propargyl alcohol: A rapid access to unprecedented dioxo-orthoester under mild open-air condition

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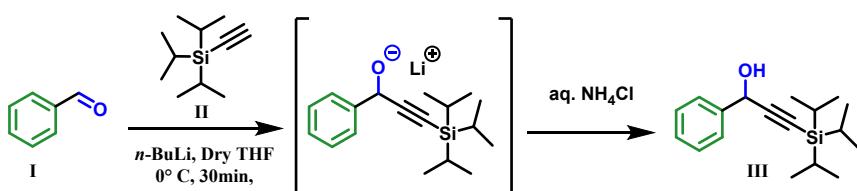
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1. General Information

Electrochemical synthesis of all the 2,3-dioxo orthoesters 2a-2zc was performed inside a three-necked pear-shaped container (10 ml & 25 ml). Propargyl alcohols 1a-1zd are being synthesized according to the following procedures from their corresponding aryl aldehydes and (Triisopropylsilyl)acetylene. All reagents, especially aldehydes, (Triisopropylsilyl)acetylene, and n-BuLi, were bought from Sigma-Aldrich and used without any further purifications. Glass apparatuses are 4-5 h oven-dried, and solvents were dried as per their conventional drying procedures. Column chromatographic purifications were done using silica gel having a mesh size of 100-200. Constant current electrosynthesis was performed using Orgel® made by Eliteck Industries Private Ltd., an instrument that can supply constant current or constant voltage through a switch while stirring the electrolyte during the application of current or voltage with variable stirring speed (rpm). The current (0 to 100 mA) or voltage (0 to 30 V) can be controlled subtly with a knob. The isolated yield of the column-purified orthoesters have been recorded FTIR on the JASCO FT/IR-4600 instrument. ^1H , $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ & ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded on BRUKER ASCEND 400 unit [^1H NMR (400 MHz), $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz) & ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz)] taking TMS ($\delta = 0$ ppm) as internal standard and high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) of all triazoles moieties have been recorded on WATERS XEVO G2- XS QT of mass spectrometer. Melting points were measured with a Lab X India digital melting point apparatus. The single crystal XRD data of 2zg was recorded on a BRUKER diffractometer and structure was elucidated through Apex-IV software. NMR splitting pattern singlet, doublet, triplet, quartet, heptet, doublet of doublet, doublet of triplet, doublet of quartet, quartet of doublet, doublet of doublet of triplet, doublet of doublet of doublet and multiplate have been abbreviated as s, d, t, q, hept, dd, dt, dq, qd, ddt, ddd and m respectively.

2. General synthetic procedure of Propargyl Alcohols 1a-1zc:

a. Typical procedure for the synthesis of silylated propargyl alcohols III.

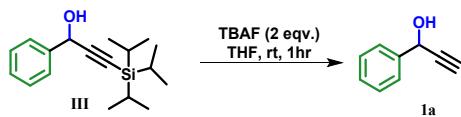


Scheme S1. Synthesis of silylated propargyl alcohol III

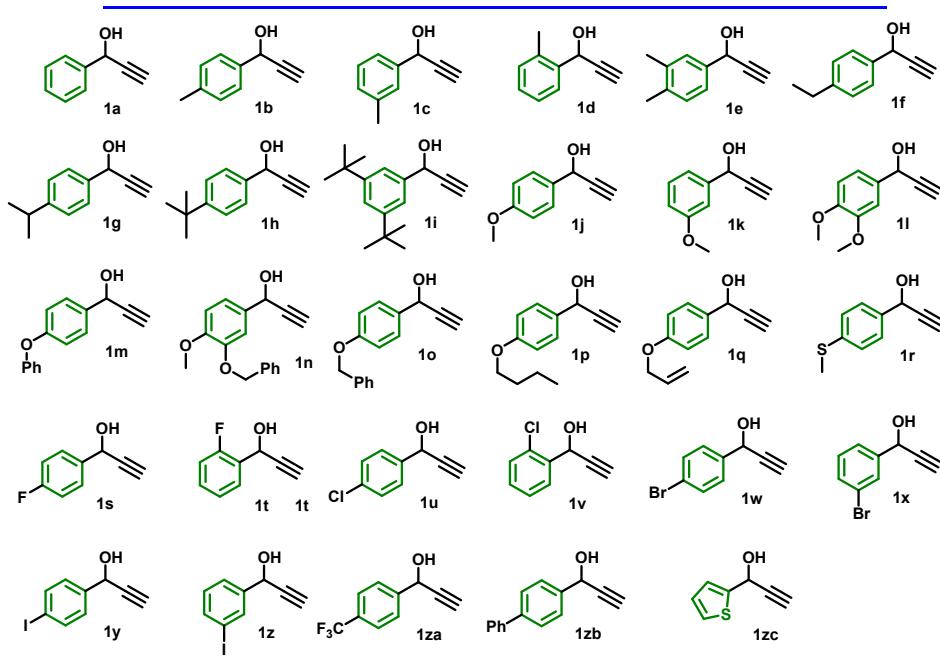
To a previously oven dried two-necked 50 ml round bottom flask 15 ml dry THF added which was then properly degassed and fitted with a N₂ balloon. Through a septa-syringe system (Triisopropylsilyl)acetylene II was added dropwise. The flask was cooled to 0°C, followed by n-BuLi (1.4 equivalents) was added dropwise over a span of 10 minutes. The mix was stirred for 15 min at that temp followed by the addition of the THF solution of Benzaldehyde I dropwise. Then the reaction mixture was stirred for another 30 min. The completion of the reaction was confirmed by T.L.C., and it was quenched using saturated ammonium chloride solution followed by the addition of ethyl acetate. The combine organic layer was collected on anhydrous sodium sulphate after the work up the reaction mixture. The concentrated organic

solution was then purified through column chromatography (silica gel 100-200 mesh) using ethyl acetate: hexane (1:4) as eluent affording silylated propargyl alcohol^[1] (**III**, 3.75 mmol, 80%), a yellow liquid.

b. Procedure of silyl group deprotection reaction to afford propargyl alcohol **1a.**



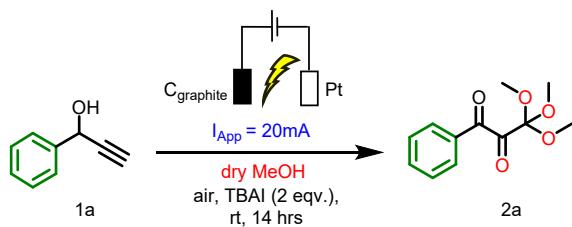
Scheme S2. Deprotection of silyl group to synthesise propargyl alcohol **1a**



Silylated propargyl alcohol **III** was taken in an oven dried 50 ml round bottom flask followed by the addition of 10 ml THF. Then dropwise tetrabutyl ammoniumfluoride (TBAF, 75% in water) was added to the reaction mixture which was stirred for 1hr at rt. The completion of the reaction confirmed by T.L.C., and it was quenched by ethyl acetate followed by water. The combine organic layer was collected on anhydrous sodium sulphate after the work up the reaction mixture. The concentrated organic solution was then purified through column chromatography (silica gel 100-200 mesh) using ethyl acetate: hexane (3:7) as eluent affording propargyl alcohol^[2] (**1a**, 1.20 mmol, 76%), a light-yellow liquid.

Propargyl alcohols **1b-1zc** was synthesised using the same procedure mentioned above using corresponding aryl aldehydes and (Triisopropylsilyl)acetylene and TBAF.

3. Synthetic procedure of electrolysis of **2a**.



Scheme S3. Electrochemical synthesis of Orthoester **2a**

In a pear-shaped container **1** was taken followed by the addition of 2eqv. TBAI as electrolyte, which was then fitted with C_{Graphite} as anode and spiral Pt wire as cathode. The electrolysis was done in dry MeOH medium at constant current flow 20mA and the mix was stirred at rt for 14hrs. The completion of reaction was confirmed by TLC and then it was quenched by ethyl acetate followed by saturated sodium thiosulphate solution. The combine organic layer was collected on anhydrous sodium sulphate after the work up the reaction mixture. The concentrated organic solution was then purified through column chromatography (silica gel 100-200 mesh) using ethyl acetate: hexane (1:9) as eluent affording 2,3-dioxoorthooester (**2a**, 1.20 mmol, 65%), a yellow liquid.

4. Control Experiment:

a) Proof for radical mechanism by Mass Spectrometry method

In a Pear-shaped container **1a** was electrolysed in MeOH along with 5eqv. of TEMPO using TBAI as electrolyte. as a result, the desire product **2a** was not obtained after the optimum reaction time and that suggests the radical mechanism. Hence it is also proved by the Mass Spectrometric detection of reaction mixture found a TEMPO adduct which is given in the fig. having protonated mass m/z = 414.2616.

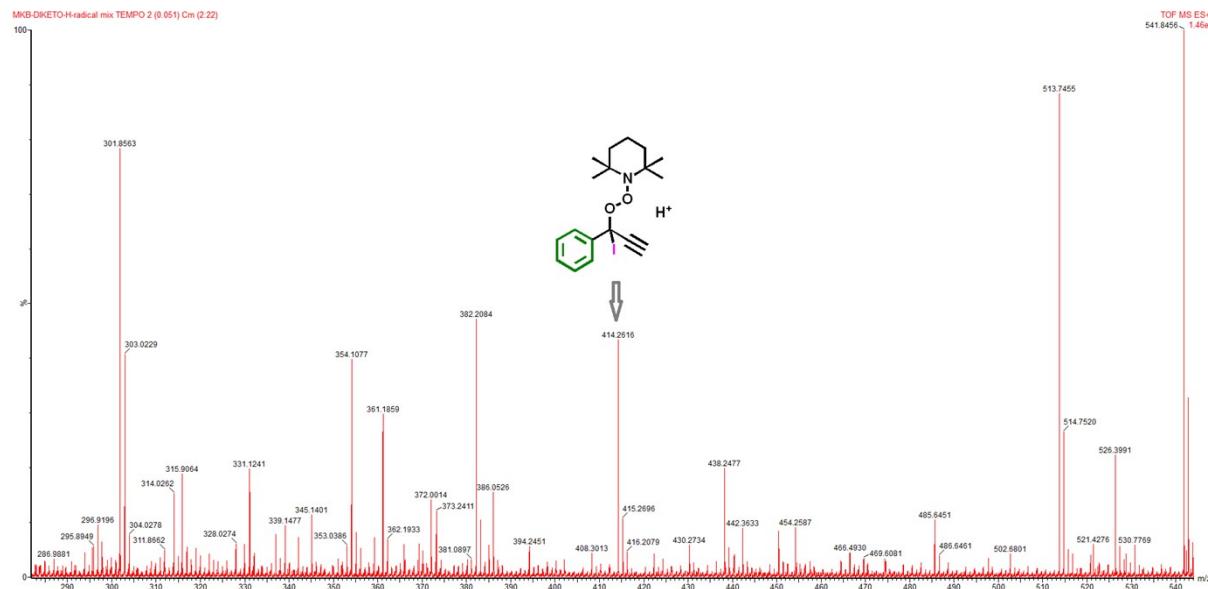


Fig1. HRMS data of TEMPO adduct with a radical intermediate.

b) HRMS data of some detected intermediates

To prove the mechanism, we have taken the HRMS data of the reaction mixture and we have found two intermediates from HRMS data. Between them 1st one is the protonated mass of the ynone intermediate (**1a'**) having m/z = 131.3485 (fig. 2) and another one is at m/z (M + Na) = 231.3916 of the intermediate (**1ad'**) shown in fig 3.

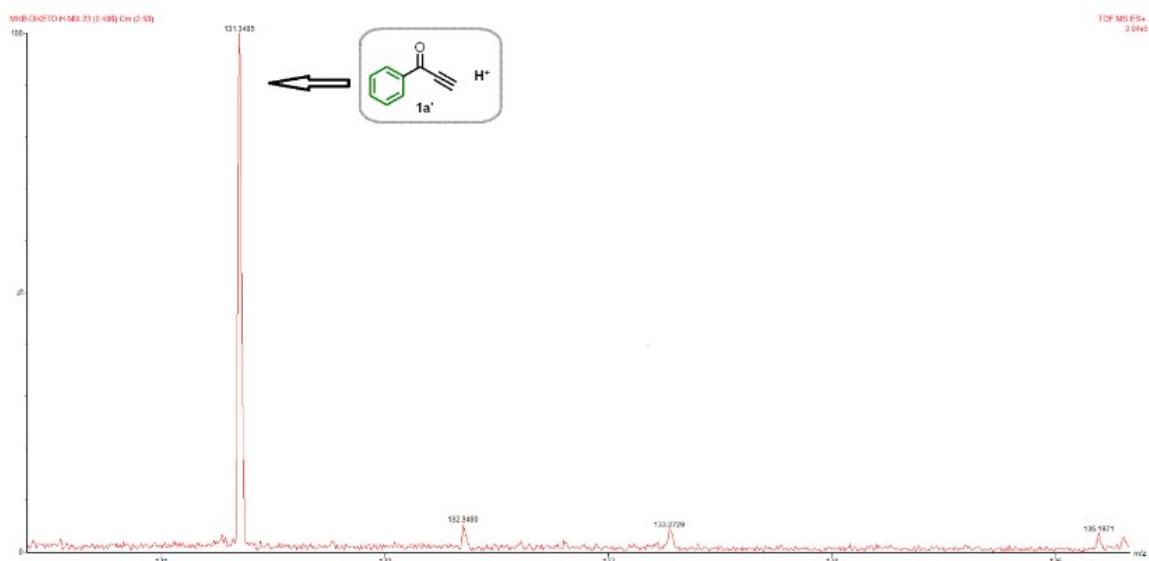


Fig2. HRMS data of intermediate **1a'**

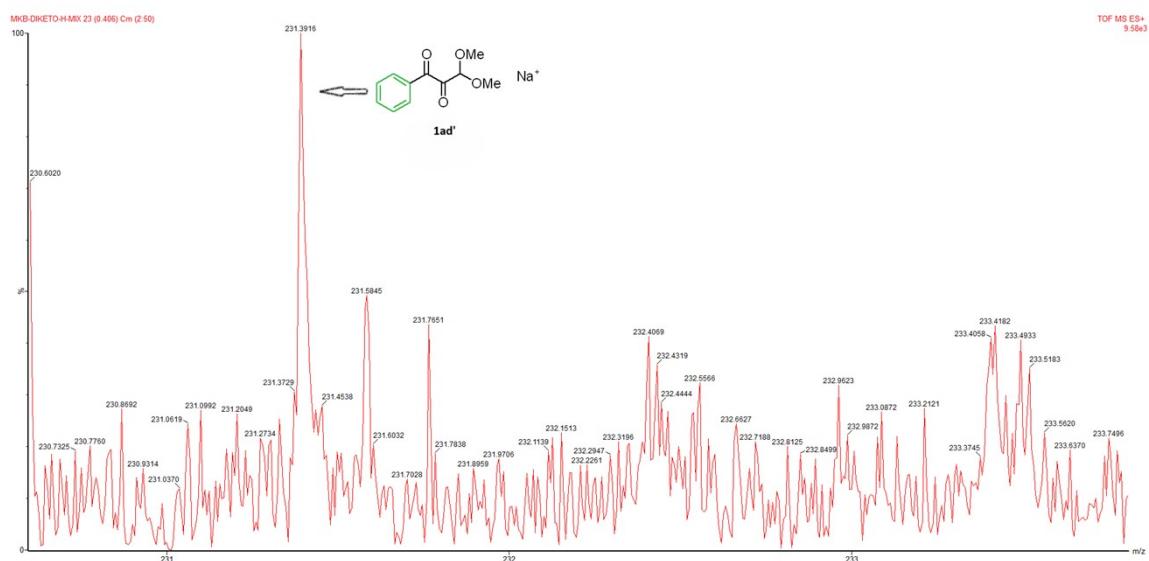
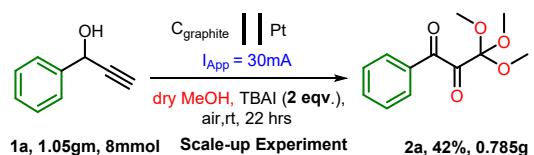


Fig3. HRMS data of intermediate **1ad'**

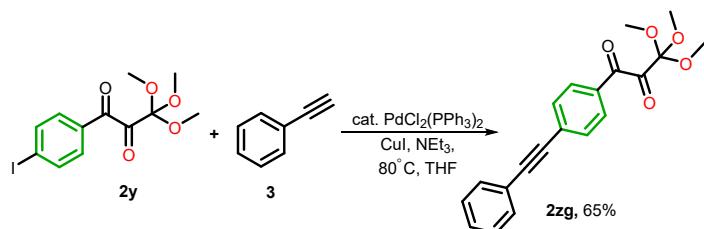
5. Gram Scale Synthesis



Scheme S4. Gram Scale synthesis of Orthoester 2a

To a 50 ml oven dried 3 neck pear-shaped container **1a** (1.05g, 8mmol) was charged followed by 2eqv. of TBAI as electrolyte. Which was then fitted with C_{Graphite} as anode and Pt as cathode. The electrolysis was done in 20 ml dry MeOH medium at constant current flow 30mA and the mix was stirred at rt for 22hrs. The completion of reaction was confirmed by TLC and then it was quenched by ethyl acetate followed by saturated sodium thiosulphate solution. The combine organic layer was collected on anhydrous sodium sulphate after the work up the reaction mixture. The concentrated organic solution was then purified through column chromatography (silica gel 100-200 mesh) using ethyl acetate: hexane (1:9) as eluent affording 2,3-dioxoorthoester **2a** (0.785g, 42%), a yellow liquid.

6. Synthetic Transformation



Scheme S5. Sonogashira Coupling reaction of 2y

To an oven dried seal tube **2y** (75 mg, 0.2 mmol) was taken along with Phenyl Acetylene **3** (31mg, 0.3mmol). 10 mol% of PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ used as catalyst followed by the addition of 10 mol% of CuI and stirred at 80°C in THF medium for 2hr after 2eqv. of NEt₃ addition. After getting confirmation of reaction completion from TLC profile it was quenched by EtOAc followed by water. The combine organic layer was collected on anhydrous sodium sulphate after the work up the reaction mixture. The concentrated organic solution was then purified through column chromatography (silica gel 100-200 mesh) using ethyl acetate: hexane (1:4) as eluent affording another 2,3-dioxoorthoester as Sonogashira coupling product ^[3] (**2zg**, 44.8mg, 0.13 mmol, 65%), a pale-yellow solid (m.p.- 76°-80°C).

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8. Cyclic Voltametric Study

The cyclic voltammetry was employed to investigate the electrochemical behaviour of 1a (starting material) in methanol using reactive electrolyte (0.1 (M) $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NI}$) and inert supporting electrolyte (0.1 (M) $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$). Measurement was conducted using glassy carbon working electrode of active area 0.07 cm^2 , Pt-spring auxiliary electrode and an Ag/AgCl (in saturated KCl) as reference electrode. In presence of reactive electrolyte 0.1(M) $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NI}$, the broad reductive peak at -0.9V attributed to the background electrolyte was shifted towards more negative -1.2V on addition of 1a (Fig. 4a), highlighting the interaction between the iodine radical and 1a as predicted in mechanism and supported by DFT. A similar broad reductive signal was observed using the inert electrolyte at -0.5V which shifted to -0.87V in presence of 1a (Fig. 4b)

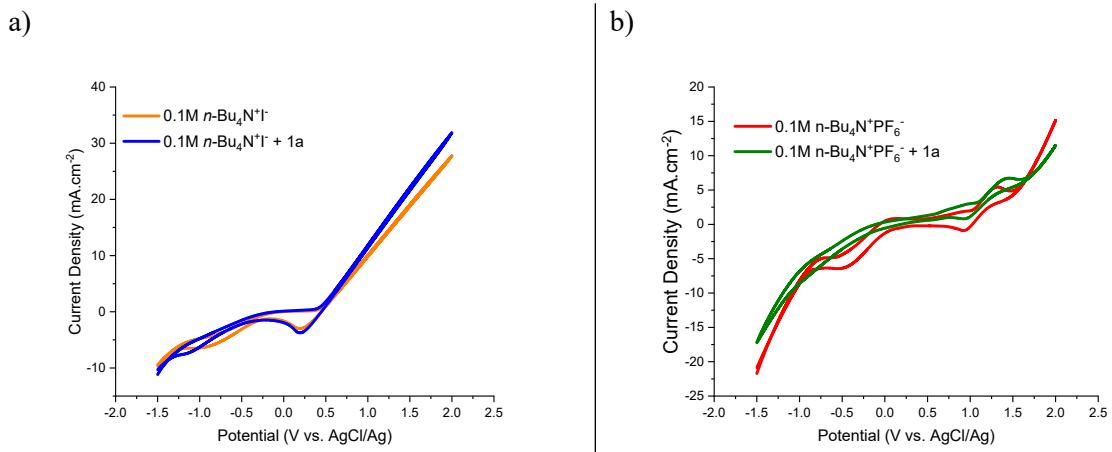


Fig. 4. a. We used AgCl/Ag as the reference electrode Glassy Carbon (0.07 cm^2) as working electrode and spiral Pt wire (1.76 cm^2) as the auxiliary electrode to perform cyclic voltammetric study of 0.1 (M) $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NI}$ (orange) solution in 15 ml MeOH and compared with 10 mM 1a in 0.1 (M) $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NI}$ in 15 ml MeOH (blue). b. Cyclic voltammetry of 10 (mM) Starting Material 1a (green) in 0.1 (M) $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ electrolytic solution using 0.07 cm^2 Glassy Carbon as working electrode against AgCl/Ag as reference electrode and spiral Pt wire (1.76 cm^2) as the auxiliary electrode at a scan rate of 50 mV.s^{-1} , compared to a blank i.e. 0.1 (M) $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ electrolytic solution (red).

9. Computational details

All density functional theory calculations were performed using Gaussian16.^[1] Geometry optimizations were performed at the wB97xD^[2] level using the valence triple- ζ -type of basis setDef2TZVP^[3] for all atoms except I, for which the SDD basis set (Stuttgart/Dresden ECP) was used, and this basis is augmented by an additional d-type polarization function for I with $\zeta_d = 1.050$ and for Ag with $\zeta_f = 0.289$.^[4] The solvent effects (methanol) were evaluated implicitly by a self-consistent reaction field (SCRF) approach for all the intermediates and transition states, using the SMD continuum solvation model.^[5] Unless specified otherwise, ΔG was used throughout the text. Frequency calculations of reactants and transition states were performed at the same level of theory. The optimized geometries were confirmed to be minima (no imaginary frequencies) or transition structures (one imaginary frequency) by frequency calculations. All transition states were optimized using the default Berny algorithm implemented in the Gaussian 16 code. Intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) calculations were performed to verify the expected connections of the first-order saddle points with the local minima found on the potential energy surface.^[6] Hirshfeld spin distributions were computed with Multiwfn 3.8.^[7] CYLview was used to create images of optimized structures.^[8]

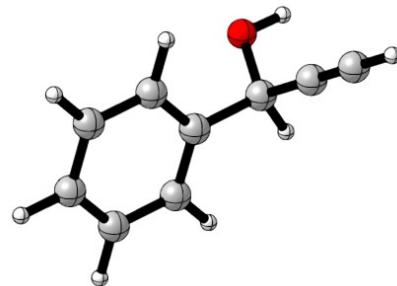
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b. Energies and cartesian coordinates of optimized structures

1a

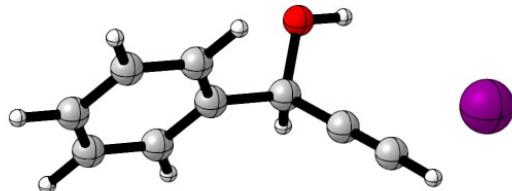
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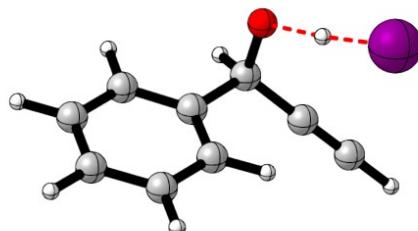


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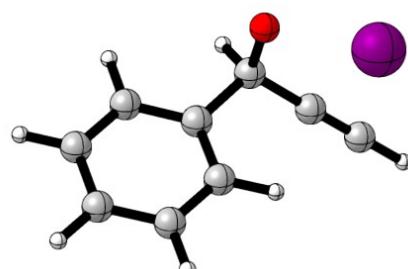
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1a'

Zero-point correction= 0.120174 (Hartree/Particle)

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Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.086325

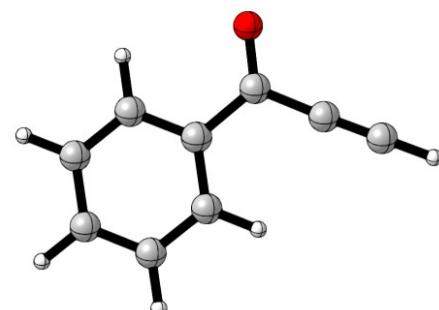
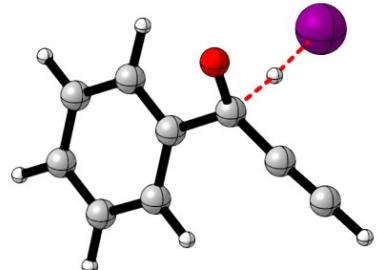
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1aa'

Zero-point correction= 0.167375 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy= 0.180005

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.180949

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.125296

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Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -834.536908

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -834.535964

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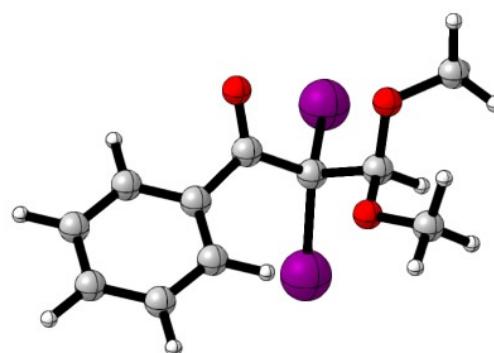
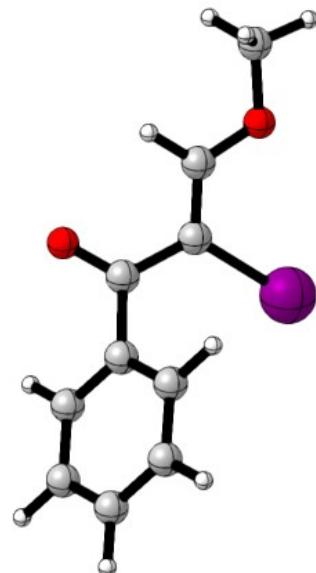
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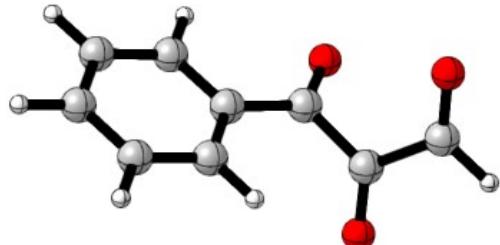


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Zero-point correction= 0.129382 (Hartree/Particle)
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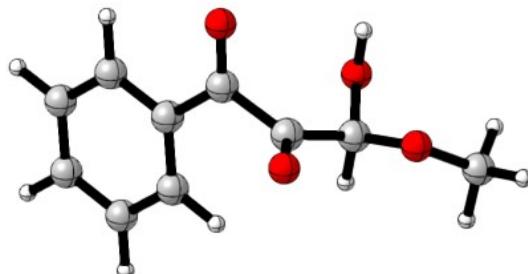
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Zero-point correction= 0.186563 (Hartree/Particle)
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Zero-point correction= 0.170607 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy= 0.182856

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.183800

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.130220

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -611.770463

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -611.758215

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -611.757270

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -611.810850

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Thermal correction to Energy= 0.229641

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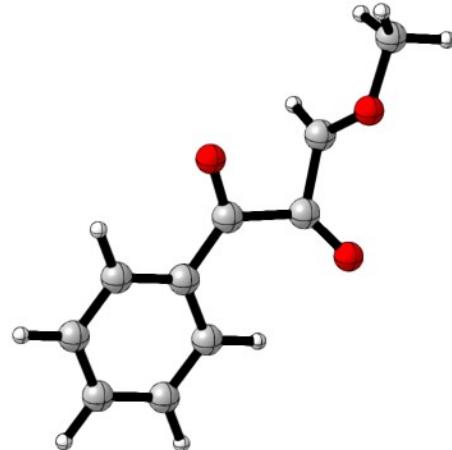
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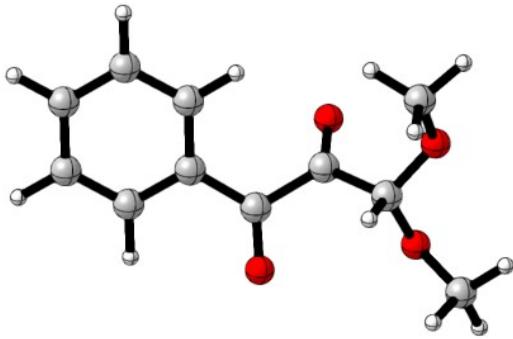
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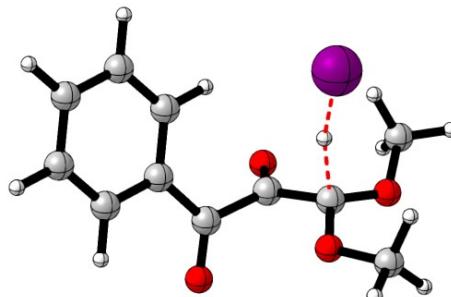


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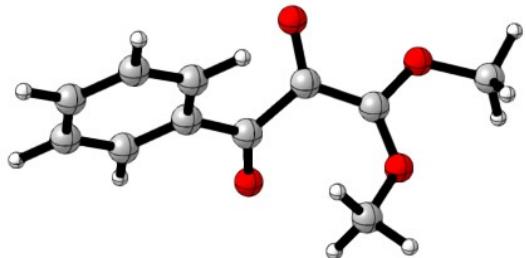
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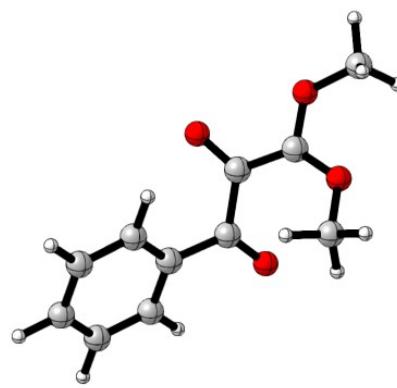
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2a

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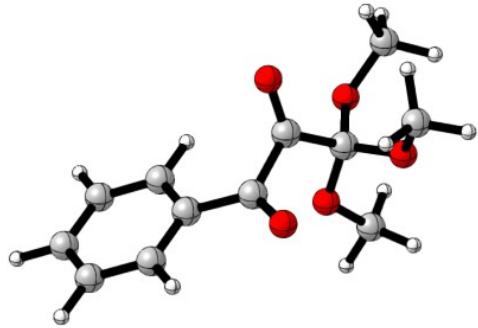
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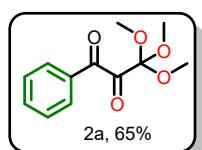
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10. NMR Data of synthesised 2,3-dioxo orthoester derivatives:

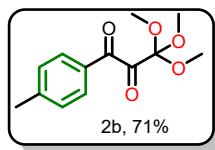
3,3,3-trimethoxy-1-phenylpropane-1,2-dione (2a)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified

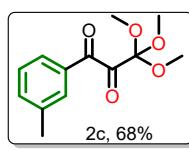
by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2a** (94 mg, 65% yield) as a yellow oil; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.90-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (s, 9H); **¹³C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 197.9, 194.3, 134.7, 132.5, 129.5, 128.9, 110.2, 51.0; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1673, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₁₂H₁₄NaO₅: 261.0739; Found: 261.0741.

3,3,3-trimethoxy-1-(p-tolyl)propane-1,2-dione (**2b**)



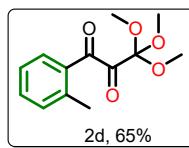
Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2b** (104 mg, 71% yield) as a yellow oil; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (s, 9H), 2.45 (s, 3H); **¹³C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 198.0, 193.9, 145.9, 130.1, 129.6, 110.2, 50.9, 21.9; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1673, 173; **HRMS** (ESI)m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₁₃H₁₆NaO₅: 275.0895; Found: 275.0898.

3,3,3-trimethoxy-1-(m-tolyl)propane-1,2-dione (**2c**)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2c** (98 mg, 68% yield) as a pale-yellow oil; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (s, 9H), 2.43 (s, 3H); **¹³C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 198.0, 194.4, 138.8, 135.6, 132.4, 129.7, 128.8, 127, 110.2, 50.9, 21.4; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1673, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₁₃H₁₆NaO₅: 275.0895; Found: 275.0900.

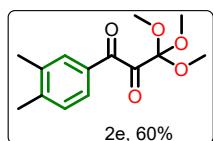
3,3,3-trimethoxy-1-(o-tolyl)propane-1,2-dione (**2d**)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2d** (95 mg, 65% yield) as a deep yellow oil; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (s, 9H), 2.66 (s, 3H); **¹³C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 197.5, 196.5, 141.2, 133.5, 132.5, 132.4, 130.9, 125.8, 110.2,

50.9, 21.6; **IR** (neat, cm^{-1}) = 1673, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_5$: 275.0895; Found: 275.0898.

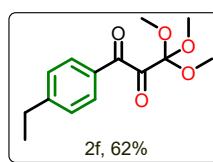
1-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypropane-1,2-dione (2e)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2e**

(85 mg, 60% yield) as a yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.67 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J = 7.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H), 3.45 (s, 9H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); **¹³C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 198, 194.1, 144.8, 137.5, 130.4, 130.3, 130.1, 127.5, 110.2, 50.9, 20.3, 19.8; **IR** (neat, cm^{-1}) = 1673, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_5$: 289.1052; Found: 289.1055.

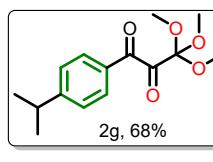
1-(4-ethylphenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypropane-1,2-dione (2f)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2f**

(88 mg, 62% yield) as a yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.82-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (s, 9H), 2.75 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); **¹³C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 198, 193.9, 152.0, 130.2, 129.7, 128.5, 110.2, 50.9, 29.2, 15.1; **IR** (neat, cm^{-1}) = 1673, 1733; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_5$: 289.1052; Found: 289.1057.

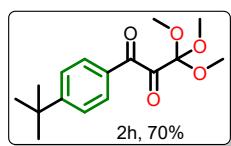
1-(4-isopropylphenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypropane-1,2-dione (2g)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2g** (98 mg, 68% yield) as a pale-yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ =

7.82 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (s, 9H), 3.00 (hept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); **¹³C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 198, 193.9, 156.6, 130.4, 129.8, 127.1, 110.2, 51, 34.5, 23.6; **IR** (neat, cm^{-1}) = 1673, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_5$: 303.1208; Found: 303.1211.

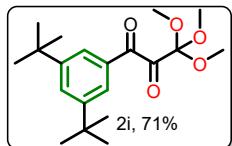
1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypropane-1,2-dione (2h)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2h** (95 mg, 70% yield) as a yellow oil; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.83

(d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (s, 9H), 1.37 (s, 9H); **13C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 197.9, 193.8, 158.7, 129.9, 129.5, 125.9, 110.2, 50.9, 35.4, 31.0; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1673, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₁₆H₂₂NaO₅: 317.1365; Found: 317.1369.

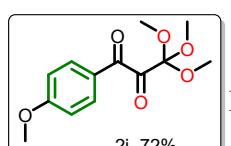
1-(3,5-di-tert-butylphenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypropane-1,2-dione (2i)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2i**

(102 mg, 71% yield) as a yellow oil; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.76 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (s, 9H), 1.36 (s, 18H); **13C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 198.5, 195.1, 151.6, 132.1, 129.2, 123.9, 110.2, 50.9, 35.0, 31.3; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1673, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₂₀H₃₀NaO₅: 373.1991; Found: 373.1994.

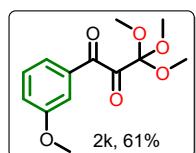
3,3,3-trimethoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propane-1,2-dione (2j)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 17:3 as the eluent) to give **2j** (108 mg, 72% yield) as a yellow oil; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.86-

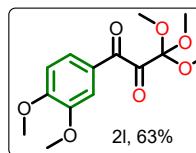
7.84 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.44(s, 9H); **13C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 198.1, 192.7, 164.8, 131.9, 125.5, 114.3, 110.2, 55.7, 51.0; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1670, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₁₃H₁₆NaO₆: 291.0845; Found: 291.0848.

3,3,3-trimethoxy-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)propane-1,2-dione (2k)



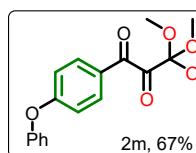
Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 17:3 as the eluent) to give **2k** (87 mg, 61% yield) as a yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.45-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.21 (dq, *J* = 6.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.87(s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 9H); **¹³C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 197.8, 194.2, 159.9, 133.7, 129.9, 122.7, 121.7, 112.5, 110.2, 55.5, 51.0; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1673, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₁₃H₁₆NaO₆: 321.1103; Found: 321.1105.

1-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypyropane-1,2-dione (**2l**)



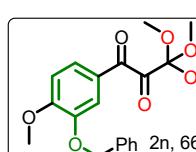
Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 4:1 as the eluent) to give **2l** (88 mg, 63% yield) as a pale-yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.49 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 9H); **¹³C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 198.0, 192.9, 154.7, 149.4, 125.7, 125.6, 110.3, 110.2, 110.0, 56.2, 56.0, 51.0; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1670, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₁₄H₁₈NaO₇: 321.0950; Found: 321.0952.

3,3,3-trimethoxy-1-(4-phenoxyphenyl)propane-1,2-dione (**2m**)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 17:3 as the eluent) to give **2m** (89 mg, 67% yield) as a yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.87-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 2H), 3.45 (s, 9H); **¹³C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 197.9, 192.8, 163.6, 154.8, 131.9, 130.2, 126.9, 125.1, 120.6, 117.3, 110.2, 51.0; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1671, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NaO₆: 353.1001; Found: 353.1006.

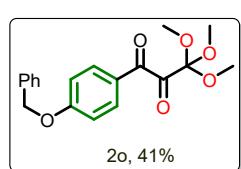
1-(3-(benzyloxy)-4-methoxyphenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypyropane-1,2-dione (**2n**)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 4:1 as the eluent) to give

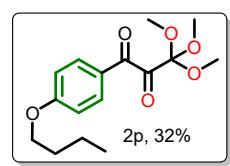
2n (96 mg, 66% yield) as a pale-yellow oil; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.53 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.42 (s, 9H); **13C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 197.9, 192.7, 155.3, 148.5, 136.2, 128.7, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 125.8, 125.5, 112.4, 110.8, 110.2, 70.9, 56.2, 50.9; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1669, 1730; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₂₀H₂₂NaO₇: 397.1263; Found: 397.1264.

1-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypropane-1,2-dione (**2o**)



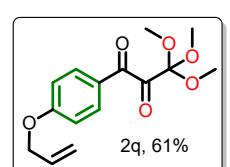
Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 17:3 as the eluent) to give **2o** (56 mg, 41% yield) as a yellow oil; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 3.46 (s, 9H); **13C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 198.0, 192.7, 163.9, 135.9, 131.9, 128.8, 128.4, 127.5, 125.7, 115.1, 110.2, 70.3, 51.0; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1669, 1730; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NaO₆: 367.1158; Found: 367.1160.

1-(4-butoxyphenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypropane-1,2-dione (**2p**)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 17:3 as the eluent) to give **2p** (42 mg, 32% yield) as a yellow oil; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (s, 9H), 1.85-1.47 (m, 2H), 1.51 (qd, *J* = 8.6, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); **13C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 198.1, 192.7, 164.5, 131.9, 125.3, 114.7, 110.2, 68.2, 50.9, 31.0, 19.2, 13.8; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1671, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₁₆H₂₂NaO₆: 333.1314; Found: 333.1315.

1-(4-(allyloxy)phenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypropane-1,2-dione (**2q**)



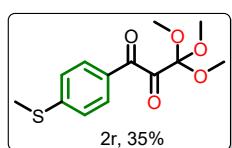
Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 17:3 as the eluent) to give

2q (86 mg, 61% yield) as a yellow oil; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ =

7.82 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.03 (ddt, $J = 17.3, 10.5, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.41 (dq, $J = 17.3, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dq, $J = 10.5, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dt, $J = 5.4, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.43 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 198.0, 192.7, 163.8, 132.2, 131.9, 125.6, 118.4,

114.9, 110.2, 69.0, 50.9; IR (neat, cm^{-1}) = 1669, 1731; HRMS (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_6$: 317.1001; Found: 317.1003.

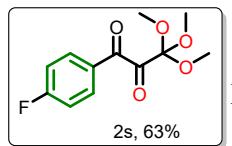
3,3,3-trimethoxy-1-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)propane-1,2-dione (2r)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 22:3 as the eluent) to give

2r (43 mg, 35% yield) as a dark-yellow semisolid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.78 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.6$, 2H), 3.45 (s, 9H), 2.54 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 197.9, 193.2, 148.6, 129.8, 128.7, 124.9, 110.2, 51.0, 14.6; IR (neat, cm^{-1}) = 1670, 1730; HRMS (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_6\text{S}$: 307.0616; Found: 307.0619.

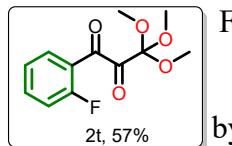
1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypropane-1,2-dione (2s)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2s**

(94 mg, 63% yield) as a pale-yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.95-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.46 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 197.7, 192.7, 166.7 (d, $J = 257.8$ Hz), 132.3 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 129.1, 116.3 (d, $J = 22.3$ Hz), 110.1, 51.0; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = -101.7; IR (neat, cm^{-1}) = 1673, 1731; HRMS (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNaO}_5$: 279.0645; Found: 279.0649.

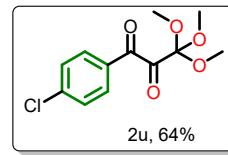
1-(2-fluorophenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypropane-1,2-dione (2t)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2t** (69 mg, 57% yield) as a pale-yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.98 (ddd, $J = 7.9, 7.0, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.33 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.1, 1$ H), 7.17 (ddd, $J = 10.7, 8.4$,

1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.45(s, 9H); **¹³C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 194.4, 191.3, 162.9 (d, *J* = 258.0 Hz), 136.7 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 130.4 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 124.8 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 121.4 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 116.6 (d, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 110.5, 50.9; **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -107.6; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1673, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₁₂H₁₃FNaO₅: 279.0645; Found: 279.0649.

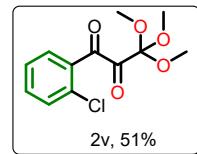
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypropane-1,2-dione (**2u**)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2u** (92 mg, 64% yield) as a pale-yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (s, 9H); **¹³C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 197.6, 193.1, 141.4, 130.9, 130.6, 129.4, 110.1, 51.0; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1673, 1731;

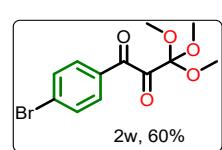
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1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypropane-1,2-dione (**2v**)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2a** (53 mg, 51% yield) as a dark-yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.77 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.41 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.5, 1H), 3.44(s, 9H); **¹³C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 194.7, 193.5, 138.4, 134.2, 132.1, 131.2, 128.8, 126.9, 115.6, 50.9; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1673, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₁₂H₁₃ClNaO₅: 295.0349; Found: 295.0354

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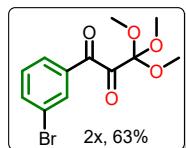


Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2w** (74 mg, 60% yield) as a pale-yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ =

7.75 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.45 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 197.5, 193.4, 132.3, 131.2, 130.8, 130.3, 110.1, 51.0$; IR (neat, cm^{-1}) = 1673, 1731;

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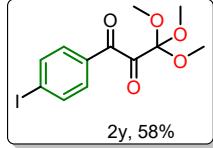
1-(3-bromophenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypropane-1,2-dione (2x)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2x** (80 mg, 63% yield) as a yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.03$ (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.45 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 197.2, 192.9, 137.5, 134.2, 132.0, 130.5, 128.2, 123.2, 110.1, 51.1$; IR (neat, cm^{-1}) = 1673,

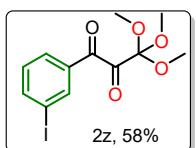
1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: ($M + \text{Na}$) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrNaO}_5$: 338.9844; Found: 338.9848.

1-(4-iodophenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypropane-1,2-dione (2y)



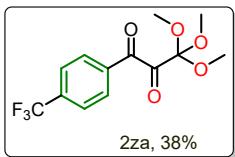
Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2y** (82 mg, 58% yield) as a white amorphous solid (m.p.- 90°-94°C); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 7.91$ (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.44 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 197.5, 193.7, 138.3, 131.8, 130.6, 110.1, 103.38, 51.0$; IR (neat, cm^{-1}) = 1673, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: ($M + \text{Na}$) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{INaO}_5$: 386.9705; Found: 386.9709.

1-(3-iodophenyl)-3,3,3-trimethoxypropane-1,2-dione (2z)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2z** (85 mg, 58% yield) as a pale-yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.22$ (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dt, $J = 7.9, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dt, $J = 7.8, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, $J = 7.81$ Hz, 1H), 3.45 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 197.2, 192.9, 143.3, 137.9, 134.2, 130.5, 128.7, 110.1, 94.5, 51.0$; IR (neat, cm^{-1}) = 1673, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: ($M + \text{Na}$) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{INaO}_5$: 386.9705; Found: 386.9708.

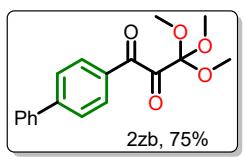
3,3,3-trimethoxy-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propane-1,2-dione (2za)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give

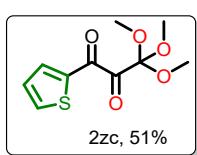
2za (50 mg, 38% yield) as a yellow oil; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (s, 9H); **13C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 197.4, 193.4, 135.7 (d, *J* = 33 Hz), 135.1, 129.7, 125.9 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.7, 122.0, 110.1, 51.1; **19F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -63.4; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1673, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₁₃H₁₃F₃NaO₅: 329.0613; Found: 329.0616.

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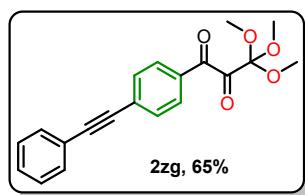
Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2zb** (106 mg, 75% yield) as a yellow oil; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.98-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 1H), 3.45 (s, 9H); **13C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 197.9, 193.9, 147.4, 139.6, 131.2, 130.1, 129.1, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 110.2, 51.0; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1670, 1730; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NaO₅: 337.1052; Found: 337.1055.

3,3,3-trimethoxy-1-(thiophen-2-yl)propane-1,2-dione (2zc)



Following the synthetic electrolysis procedure, the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE: EA = 9:1 as the eluent) to give **2zc** (69 mg, 51% yield) as a yellow oil; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.83 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 3.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 9H); **13C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 195.3, 185.4, 193.3, 136.4, 136.0, 128.7, 110.4, 51.0; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1671, 1731; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₁₀H₁₂SNaO₅: 267.0303; Found: 267.0306.

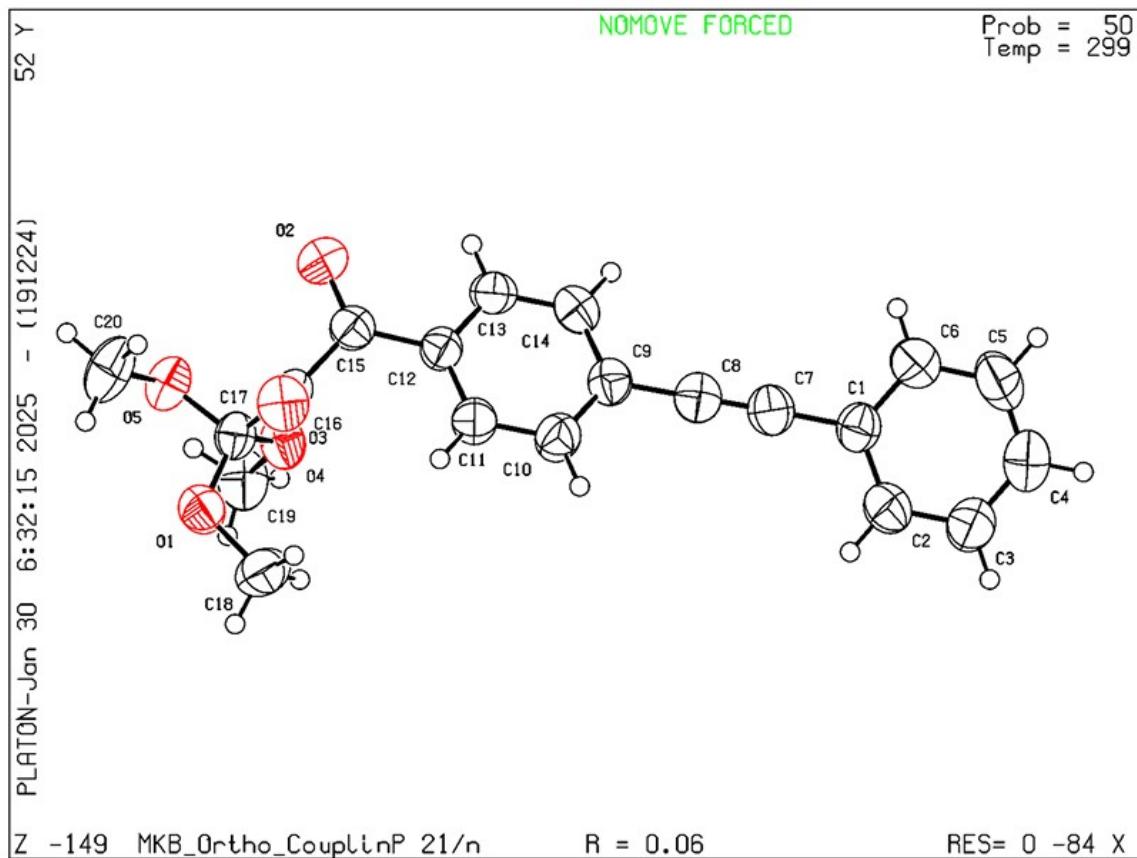
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 3H), 3.47(s, 9H); **¹³C{H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 197.7, 193.5, 131.9, 131.8, 131.5, 129.9, 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 122.4, 110.2, 93.9, 88.5, 51.0; **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) = 1673, 1731, 2214; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: (M + Na) calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NaO₅: 338.1154; Found: 338.1159.

11. X-ray data for 2zg

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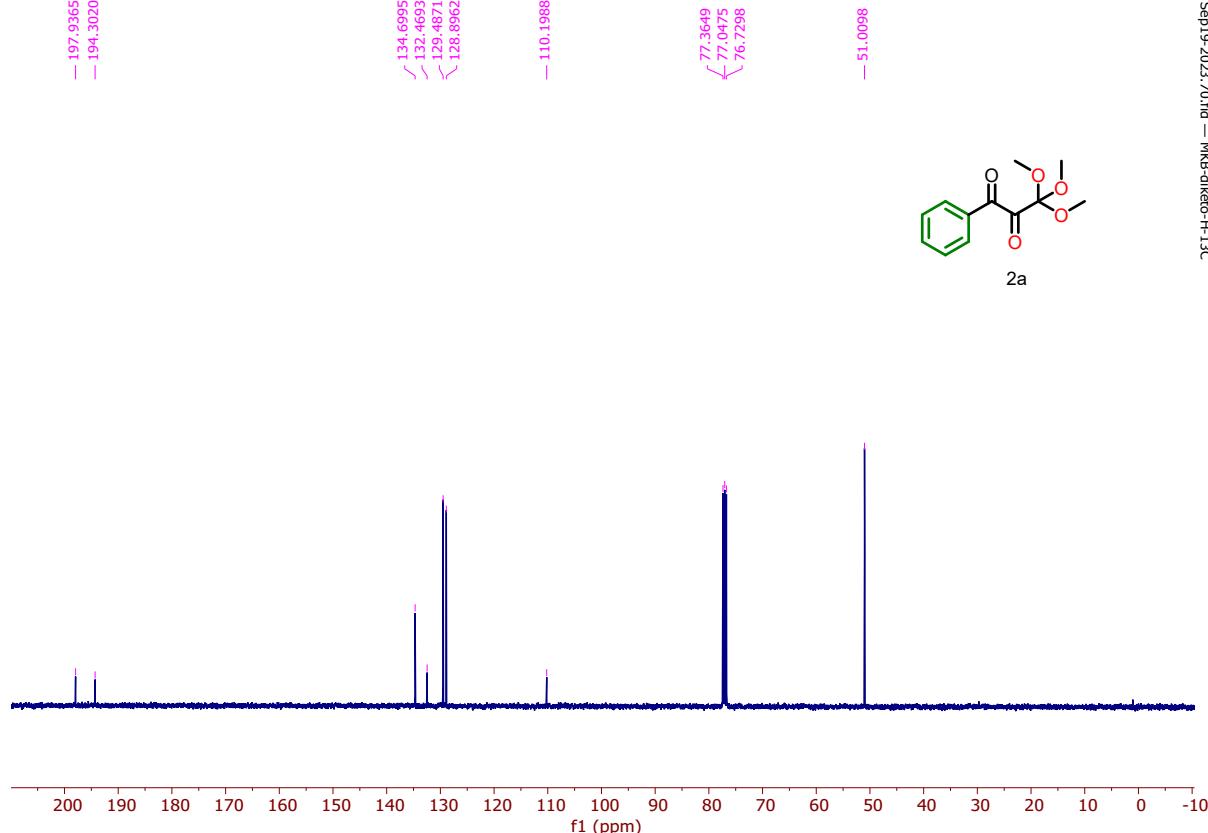
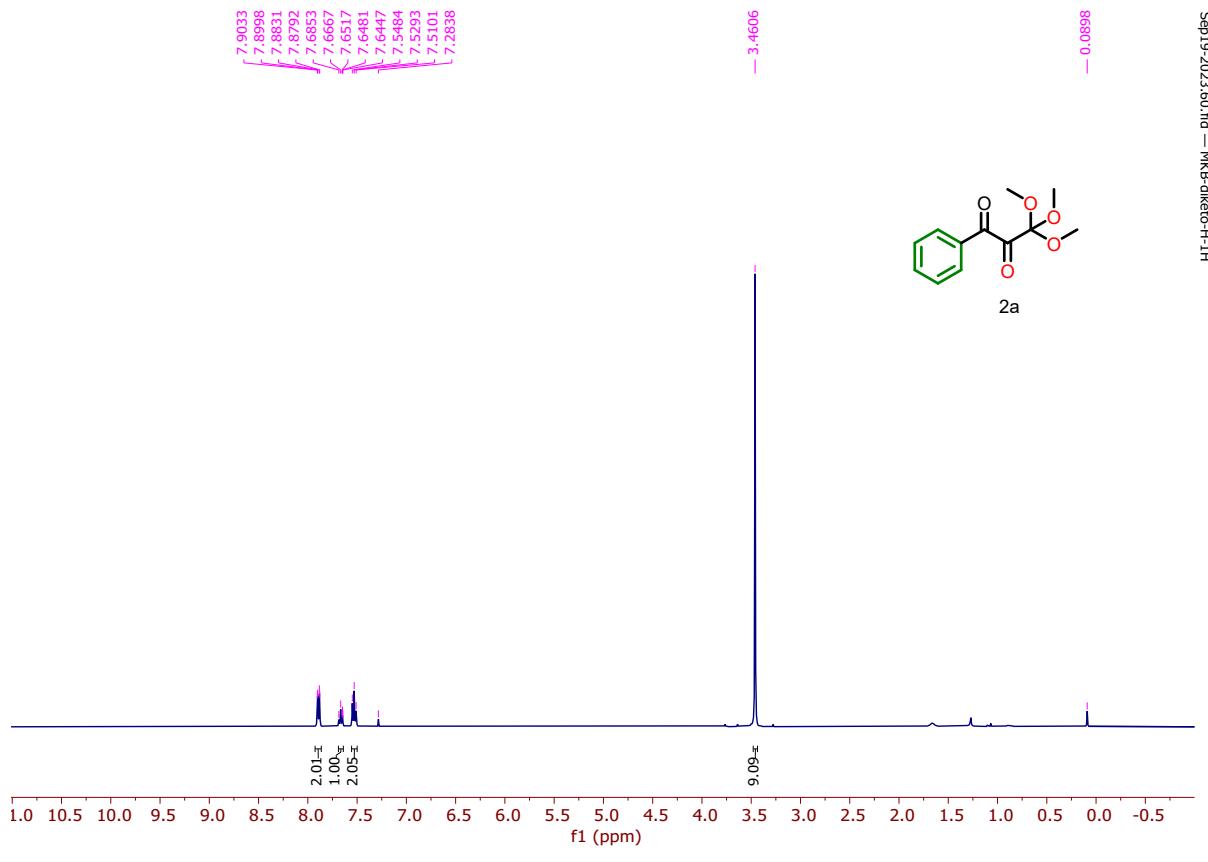
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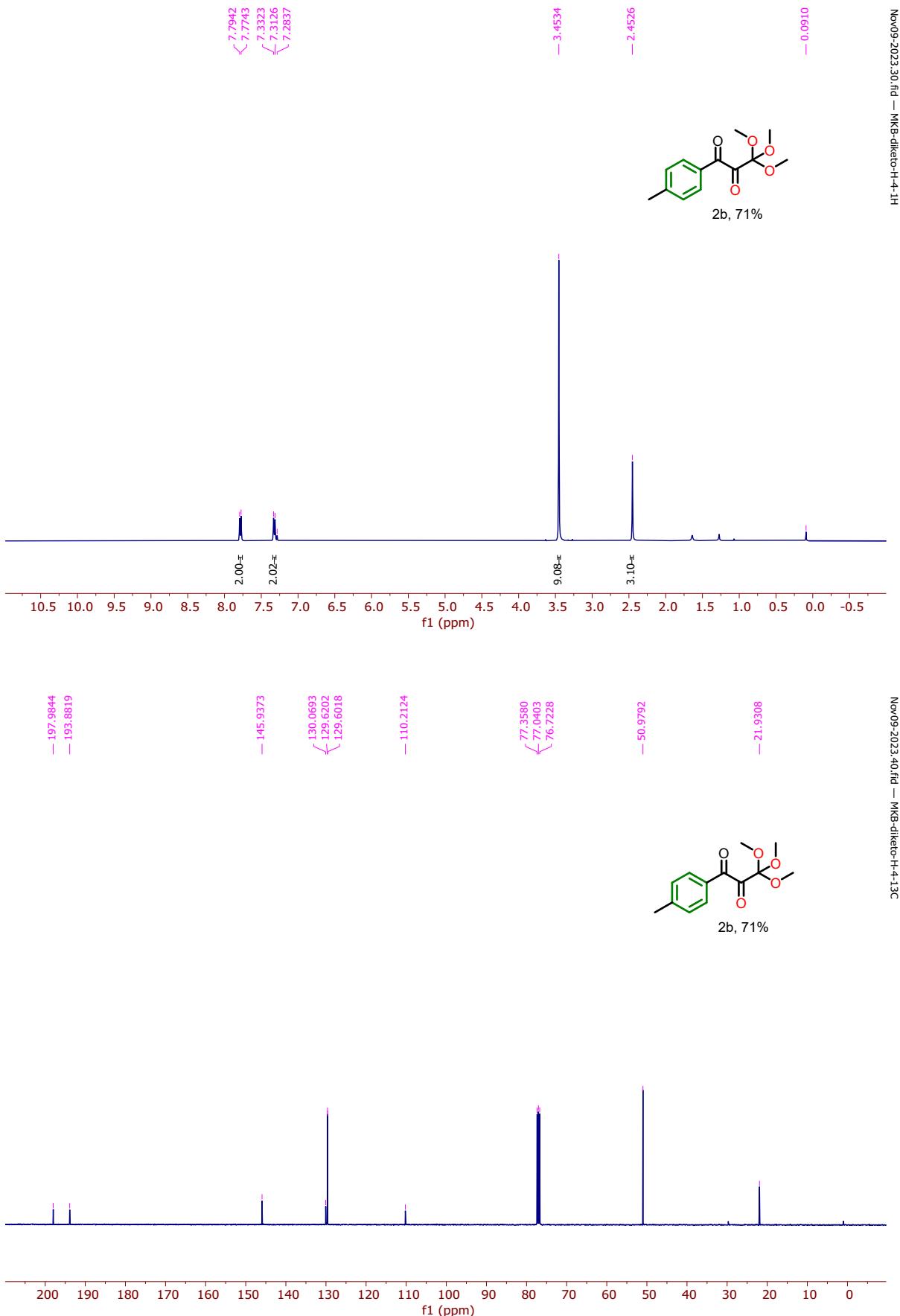
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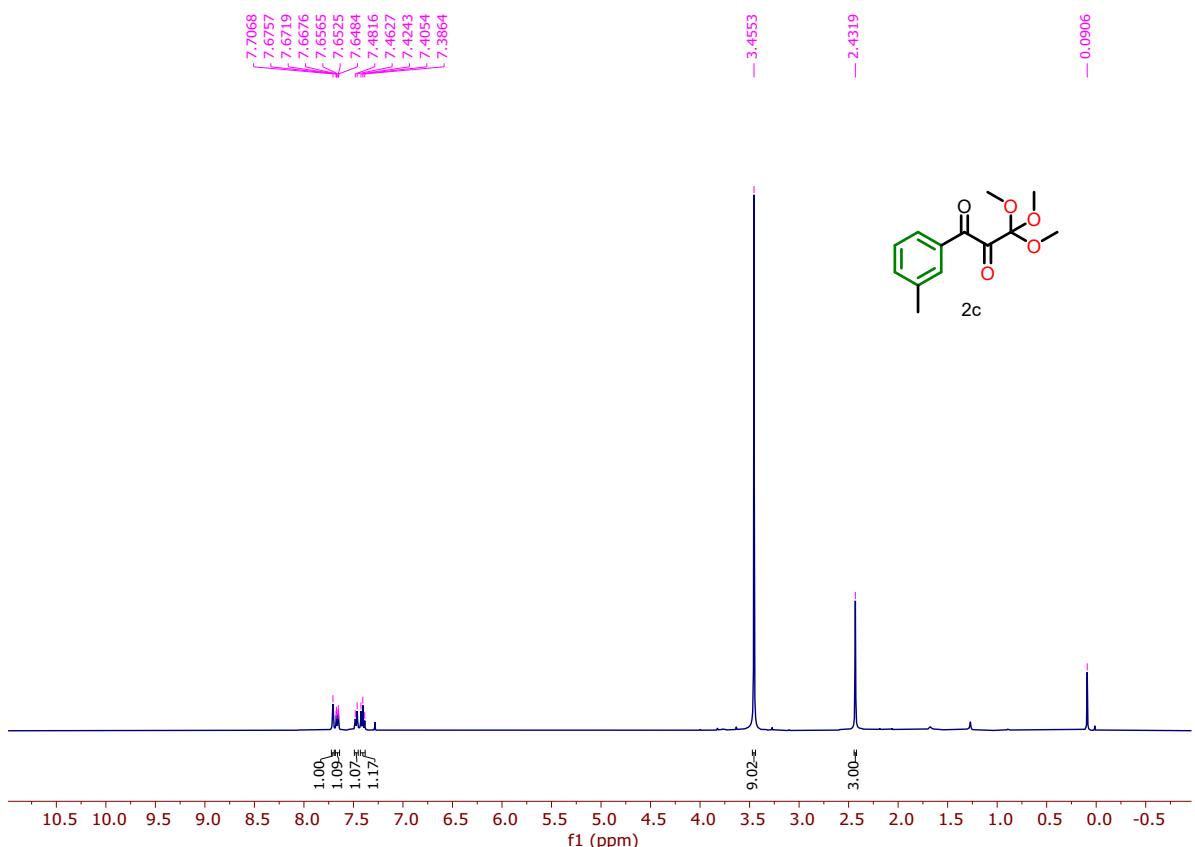
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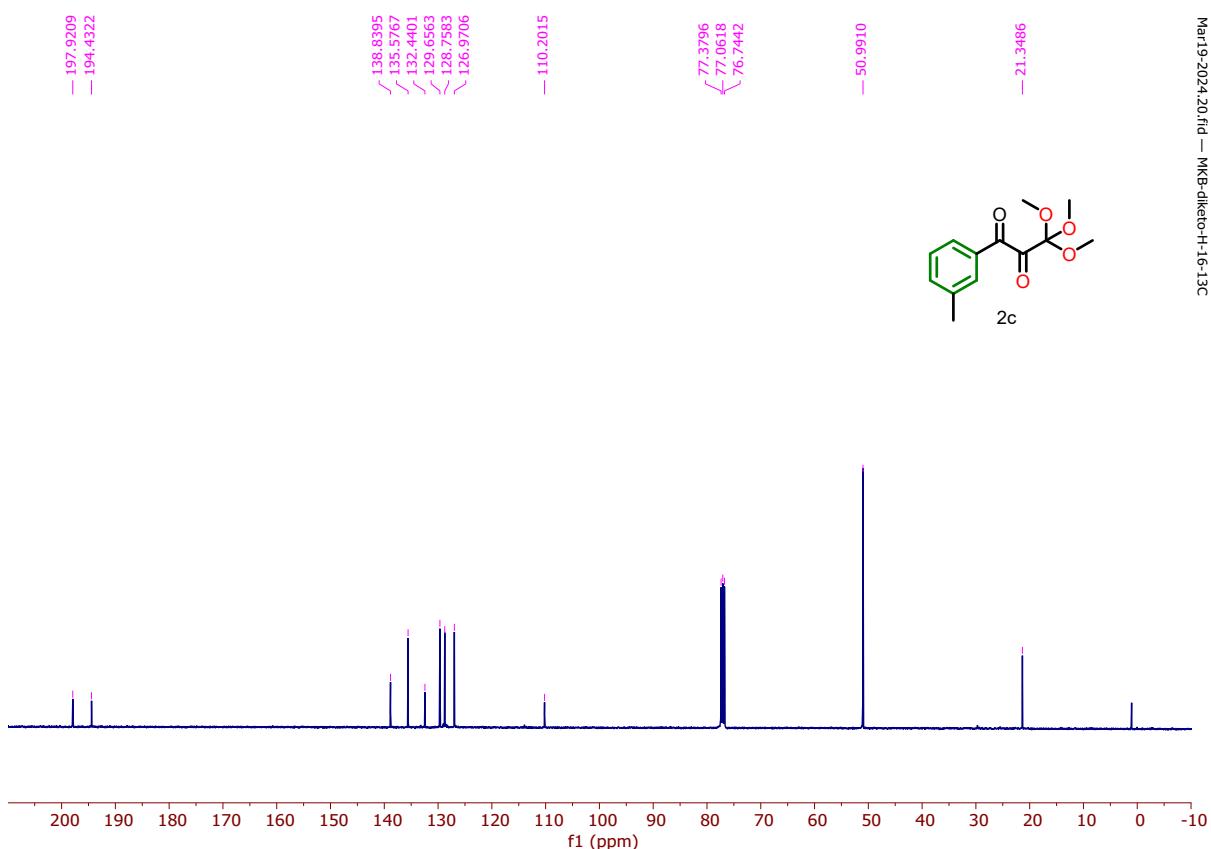
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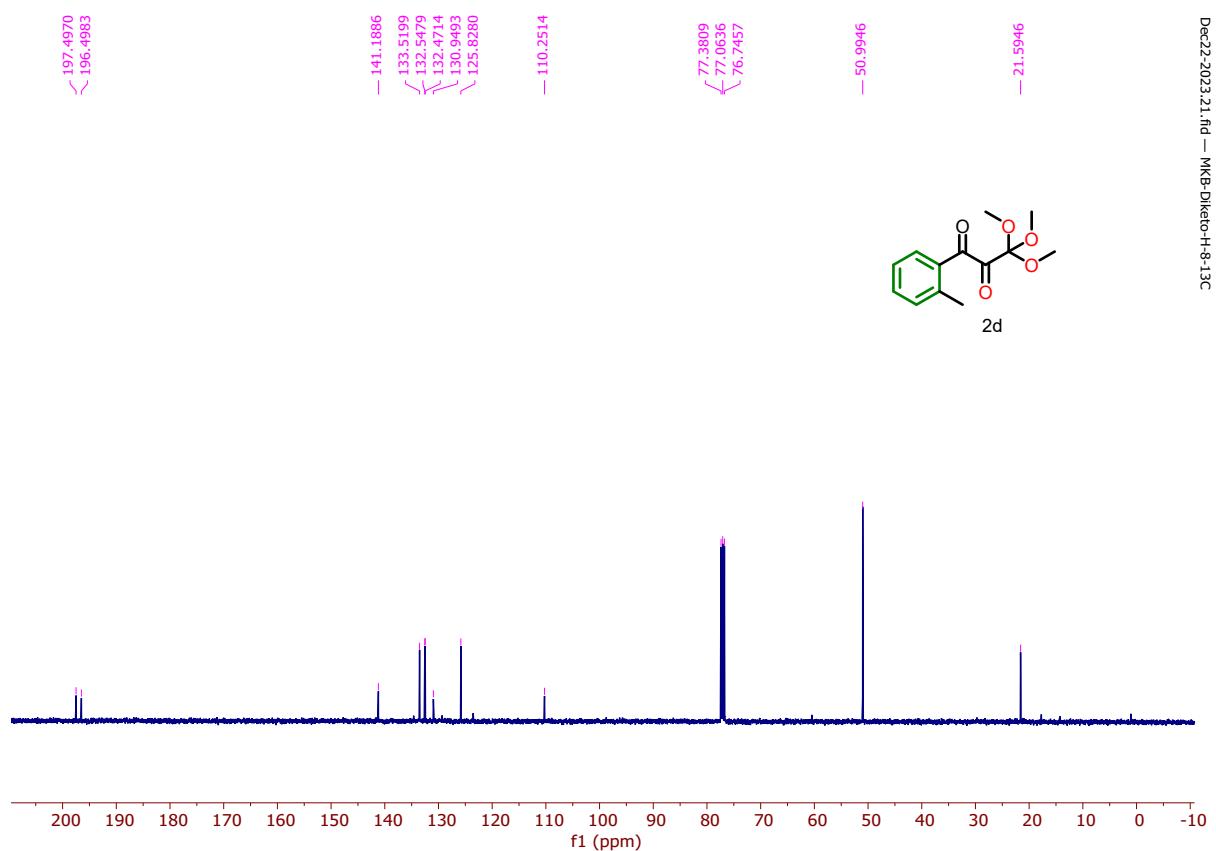
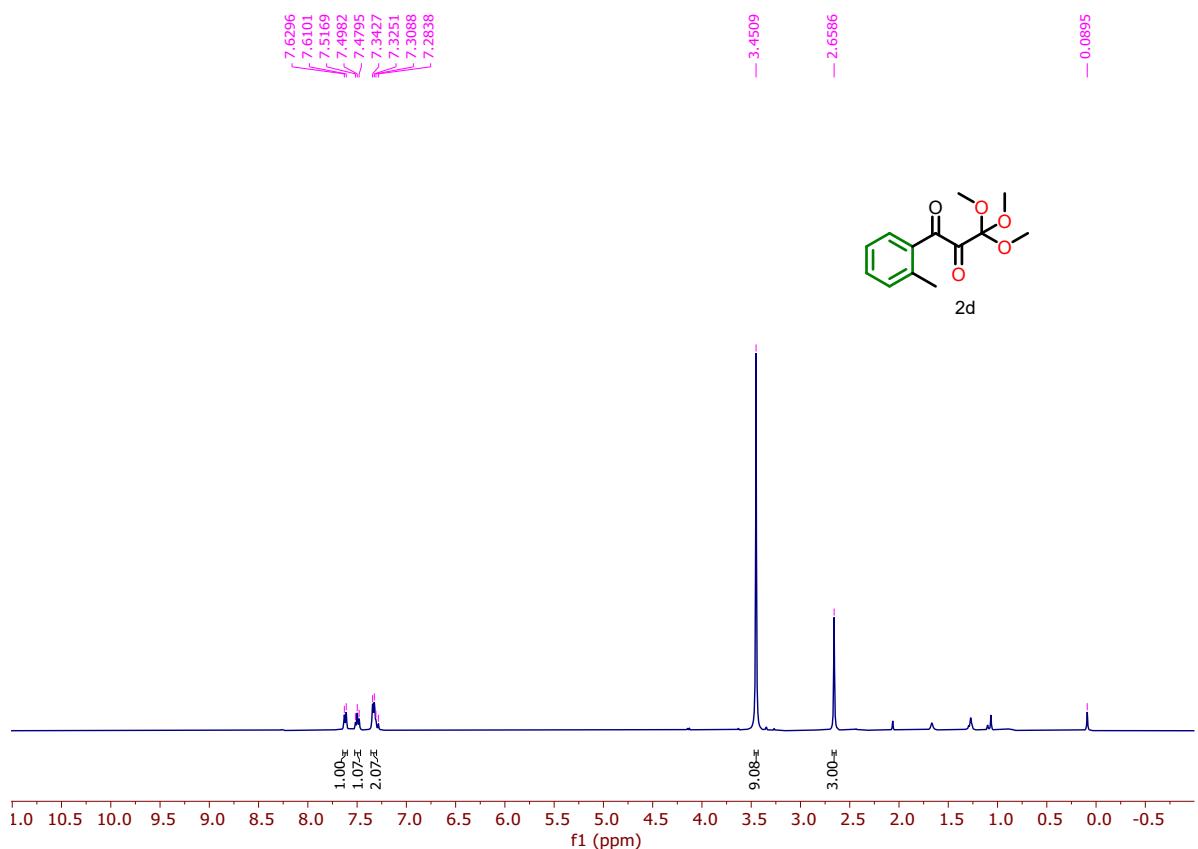


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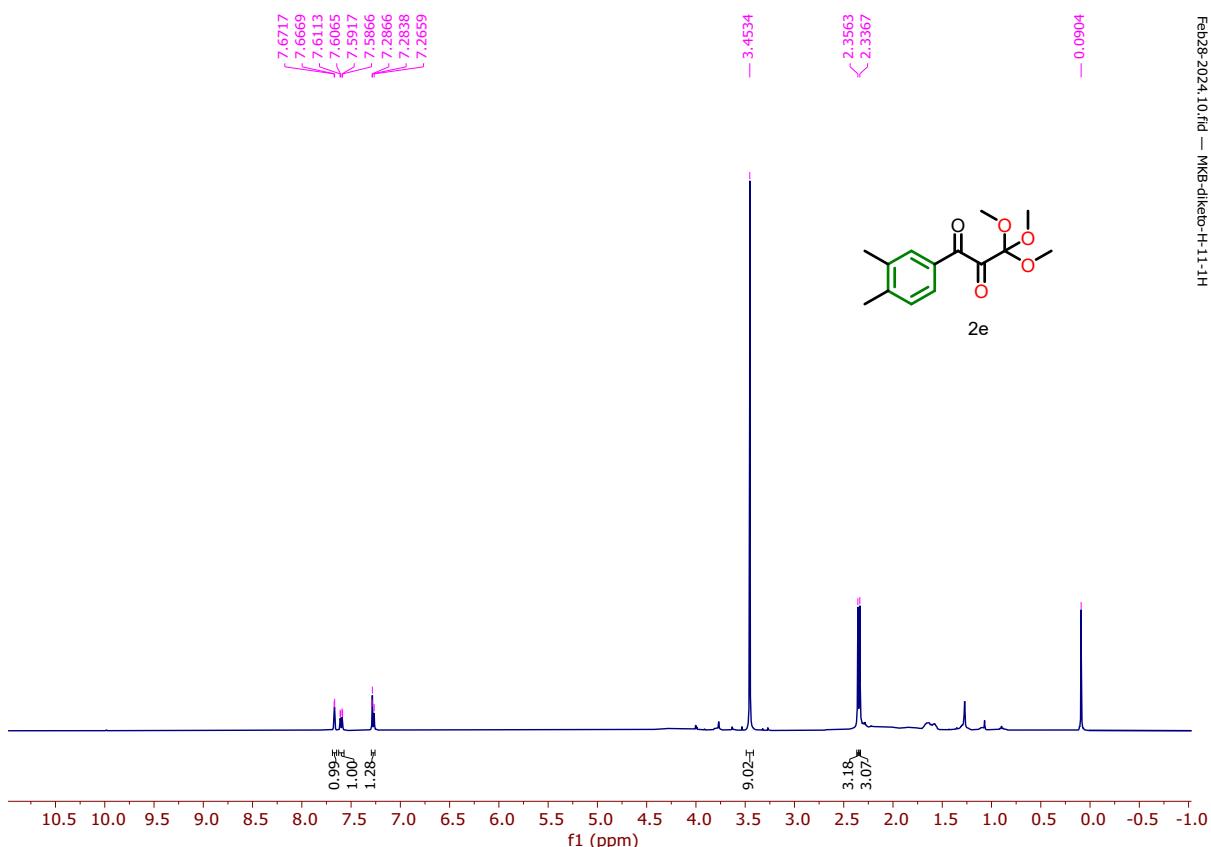


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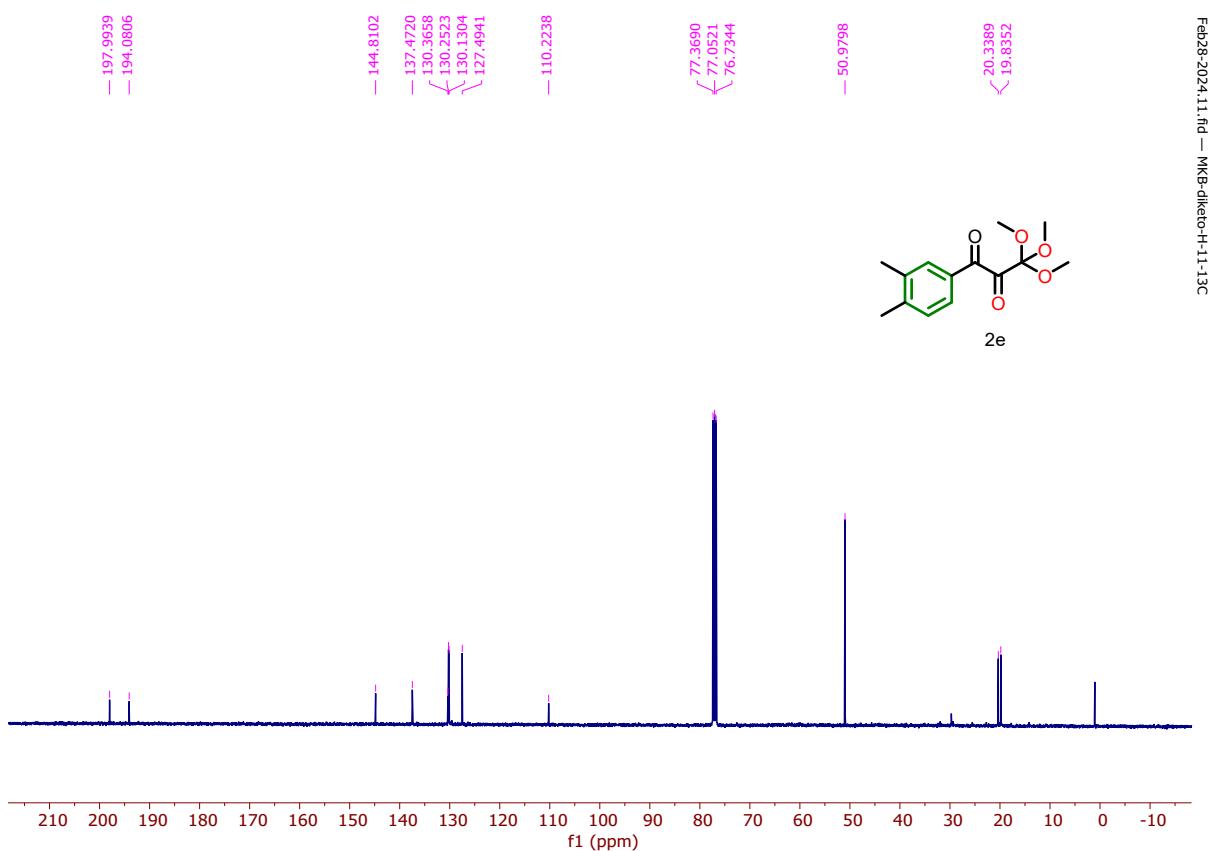
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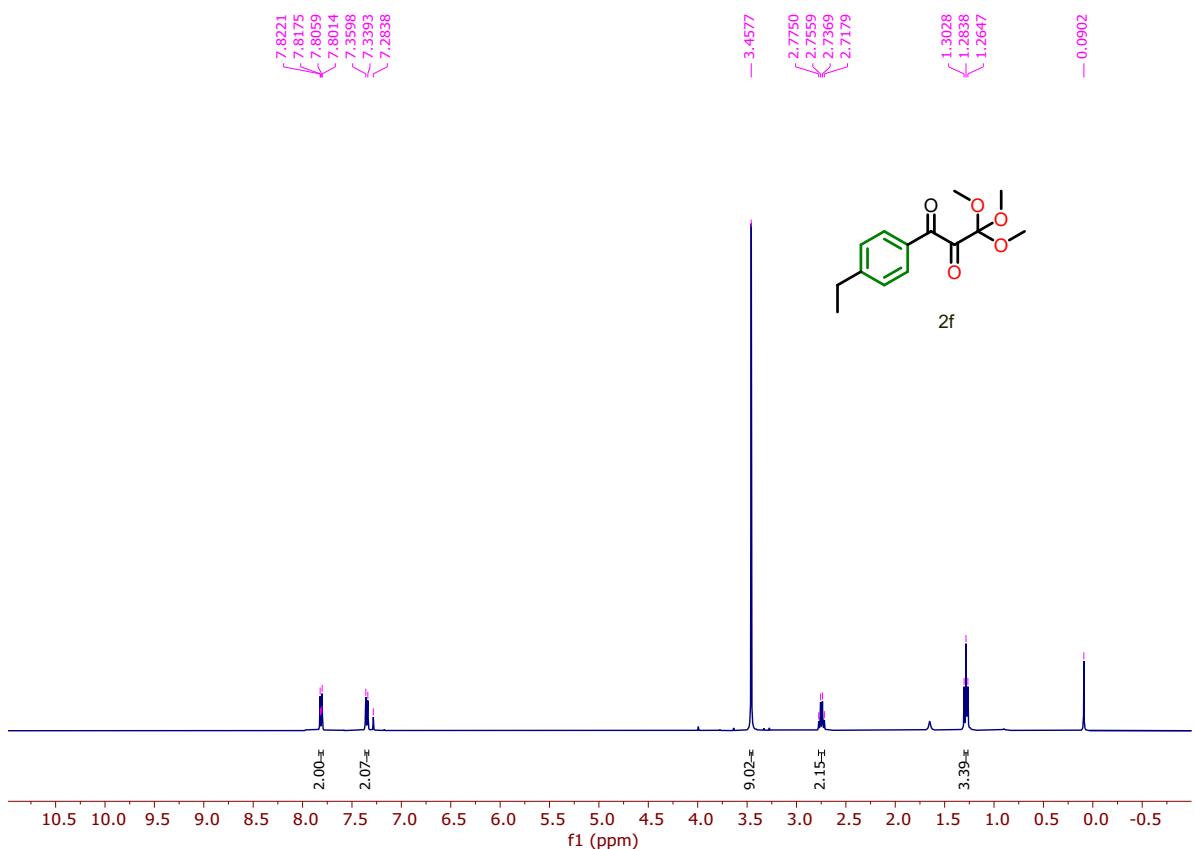


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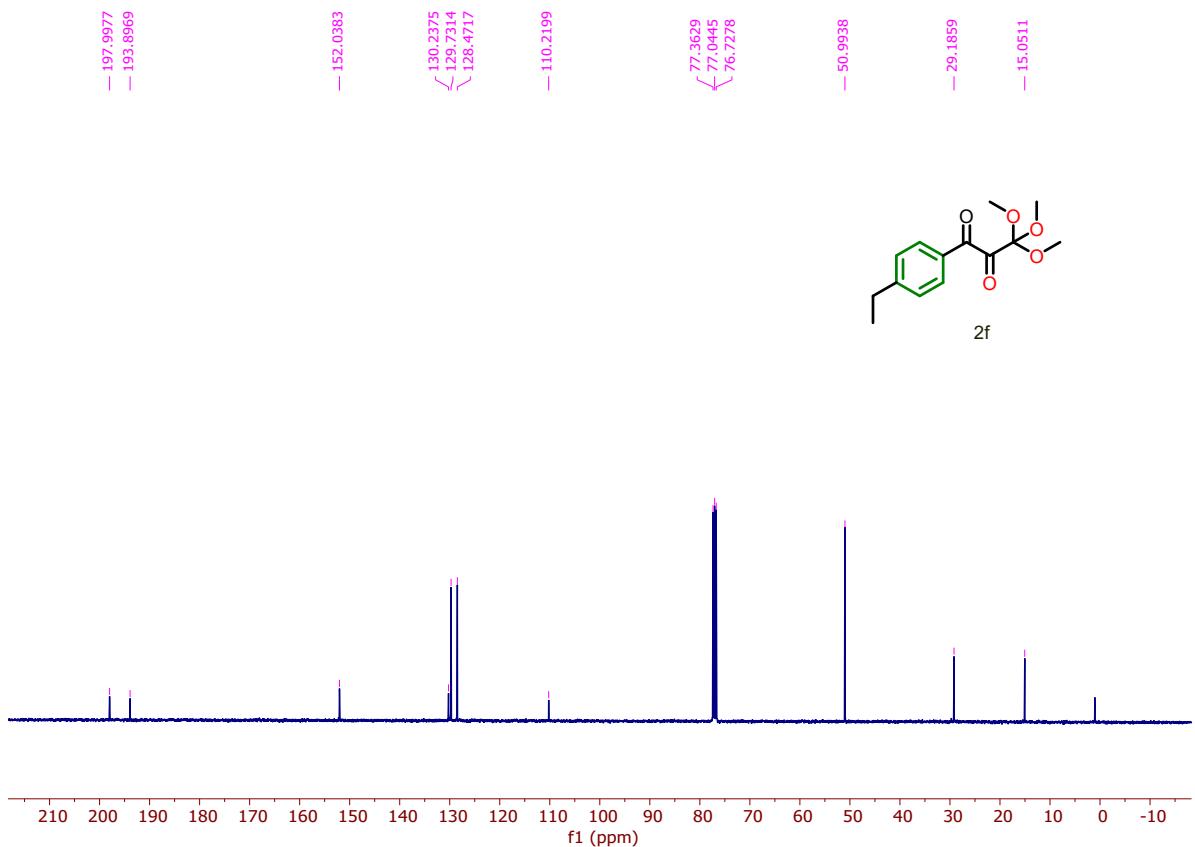


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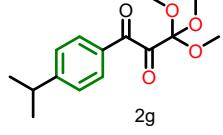
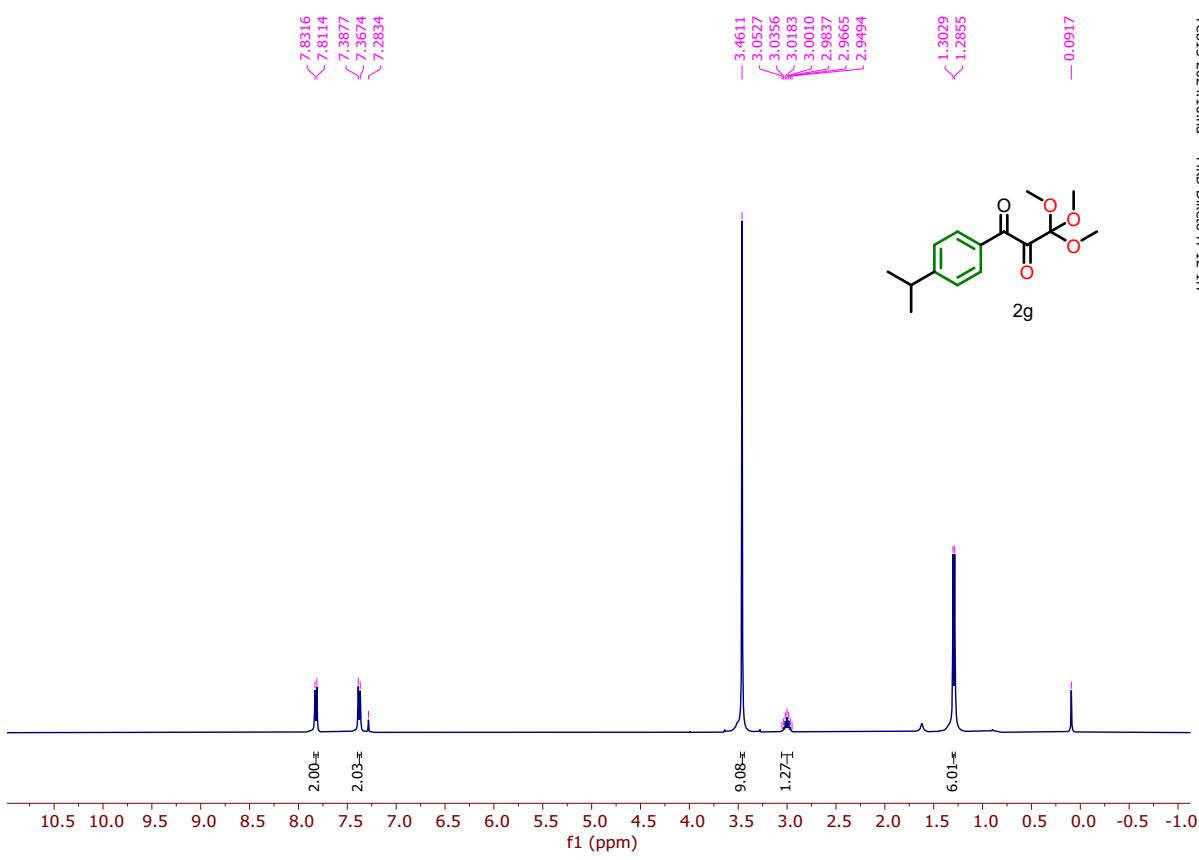


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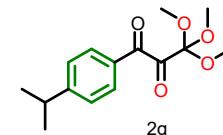
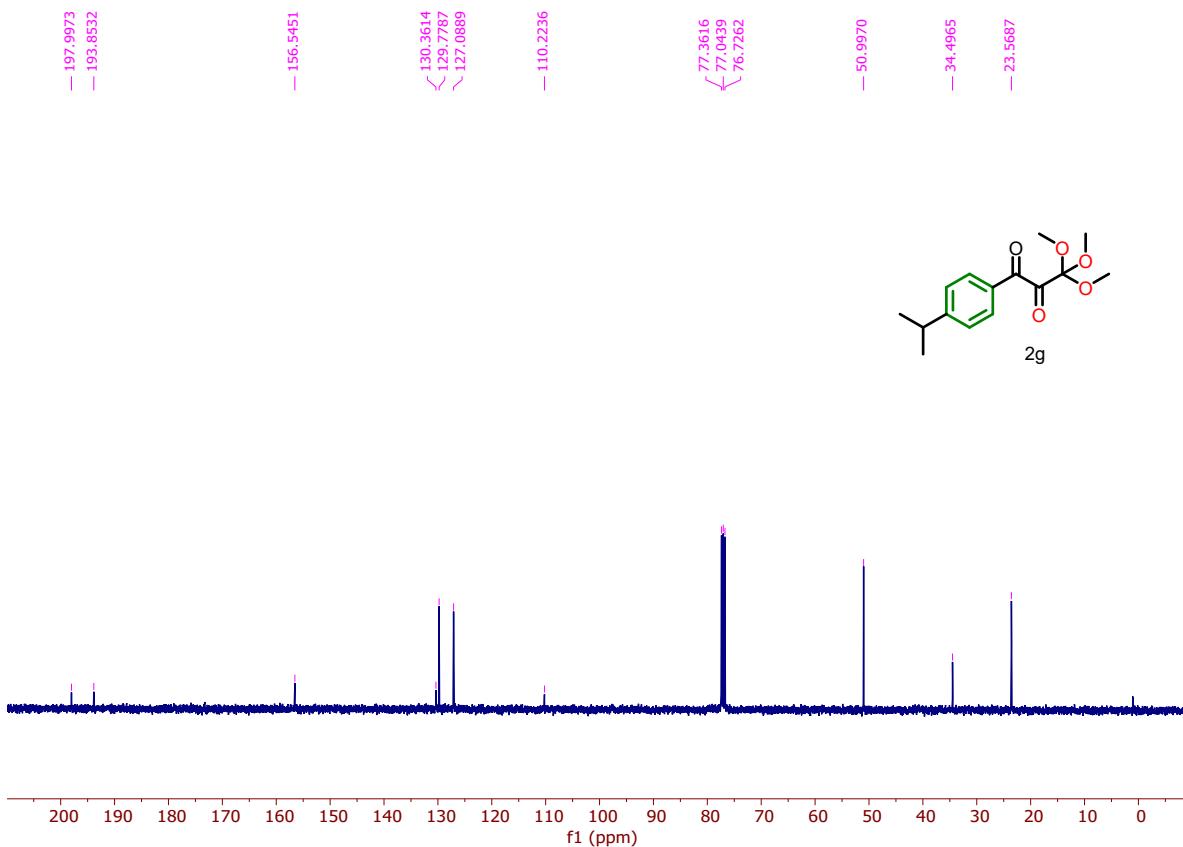
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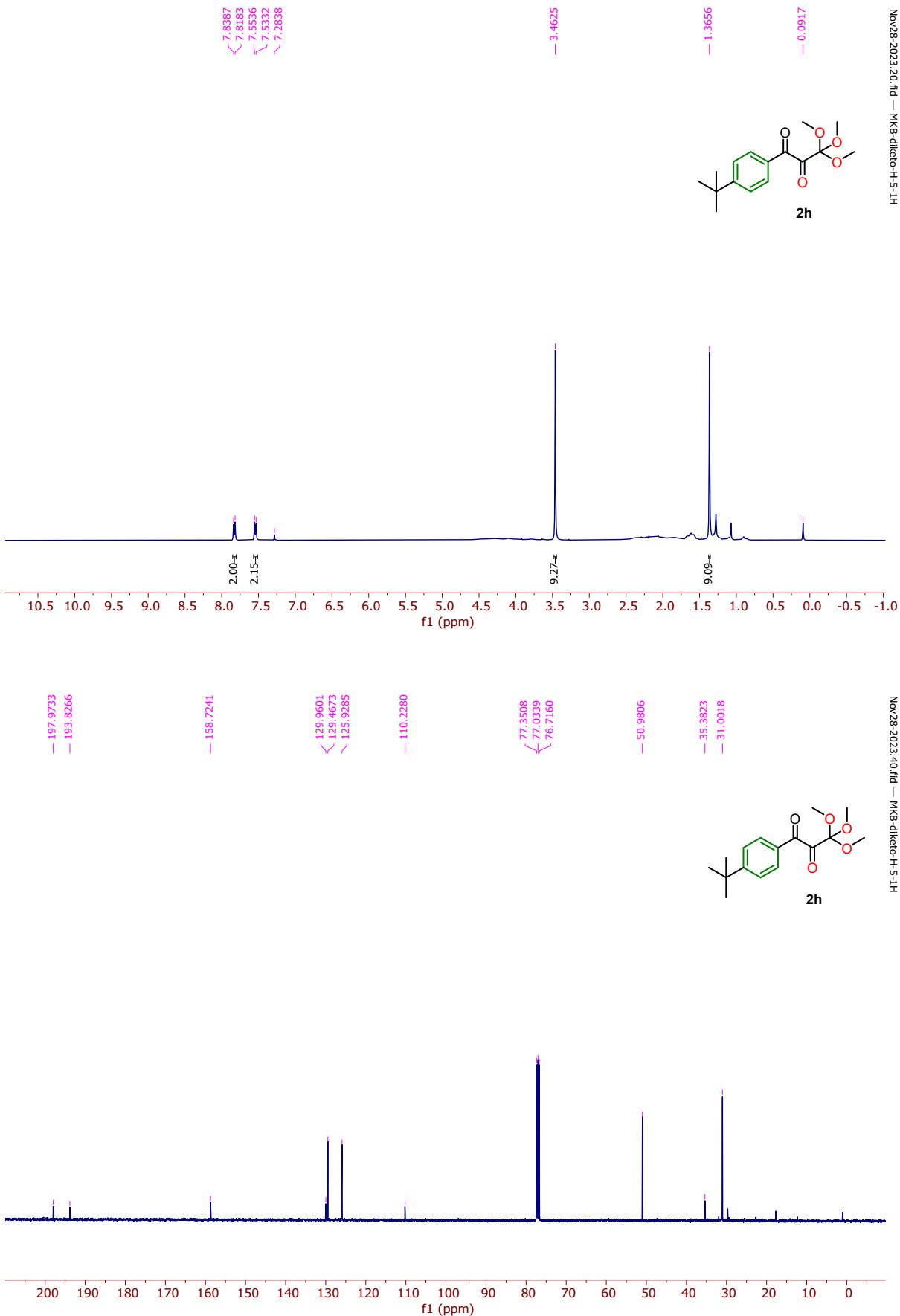


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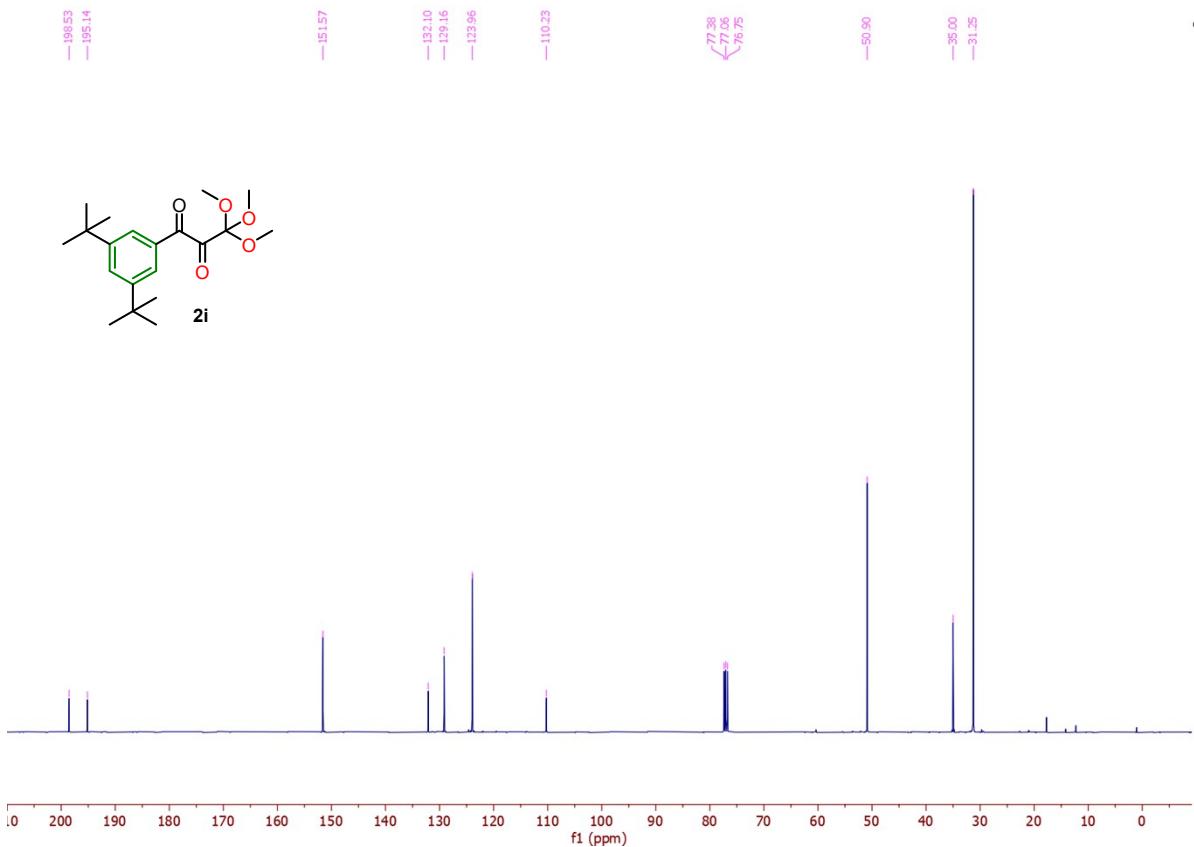
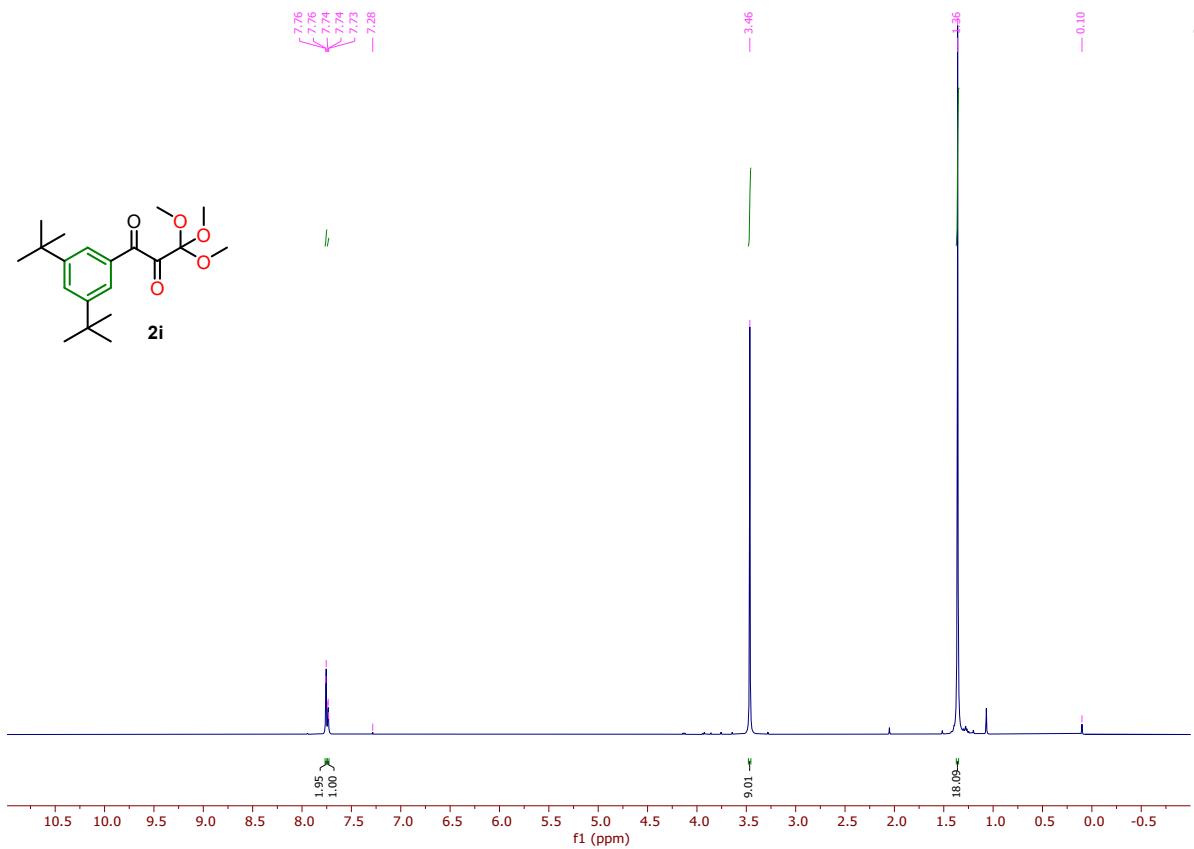
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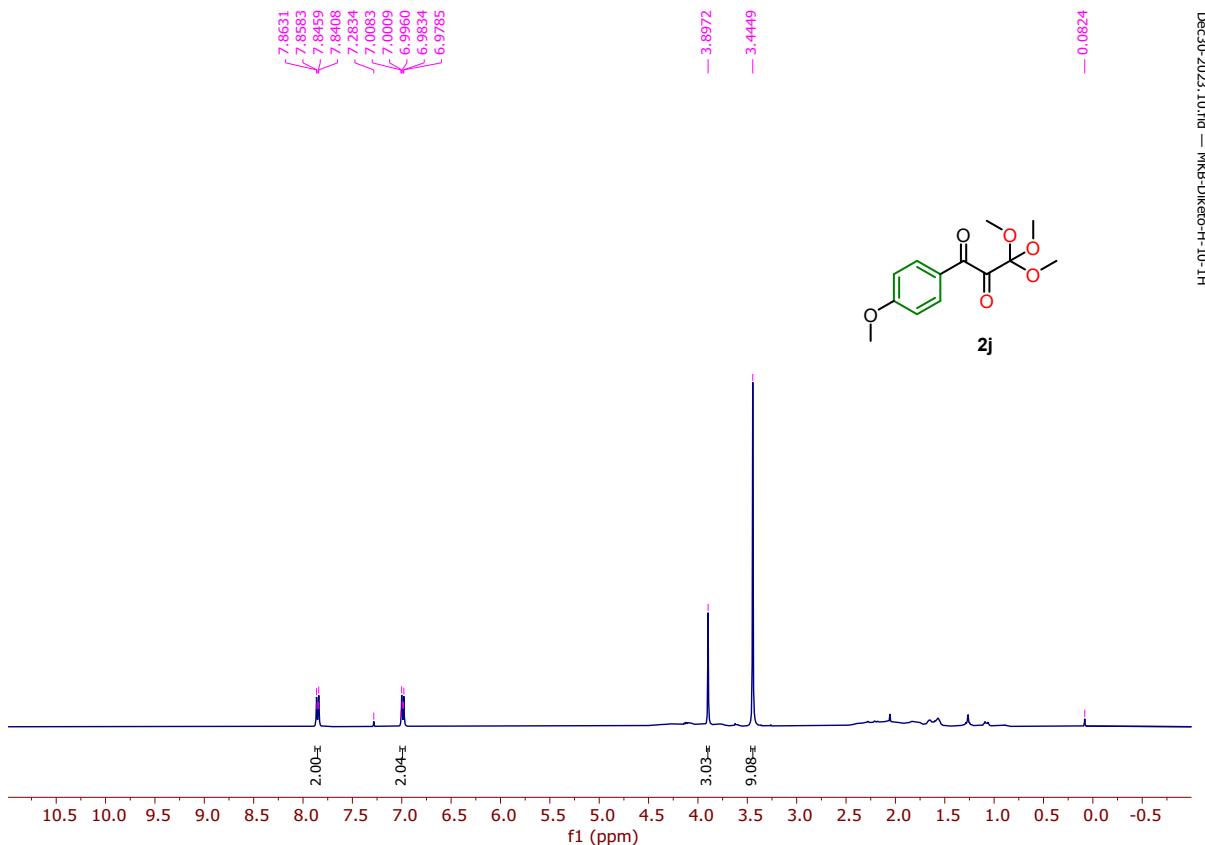
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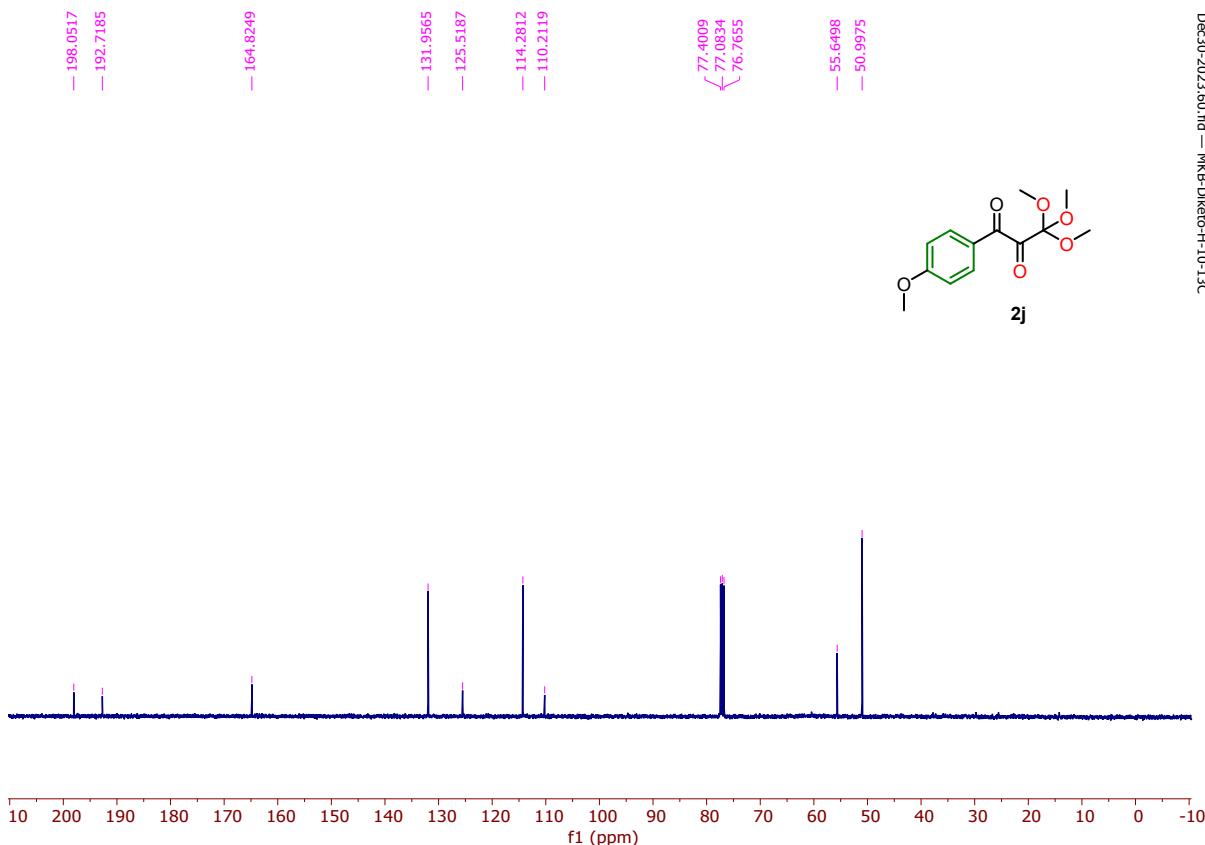
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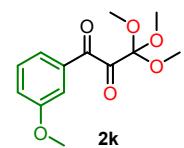
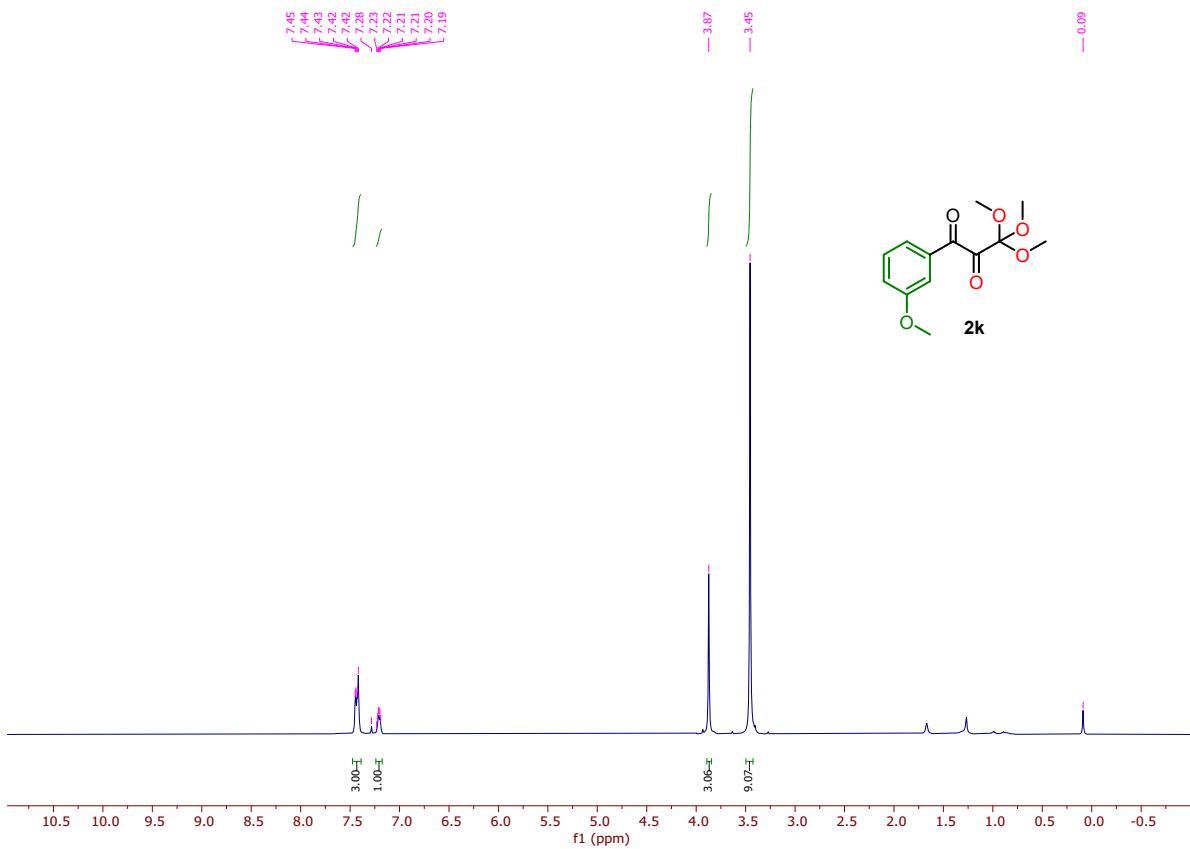


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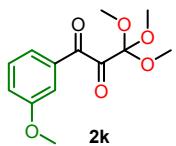
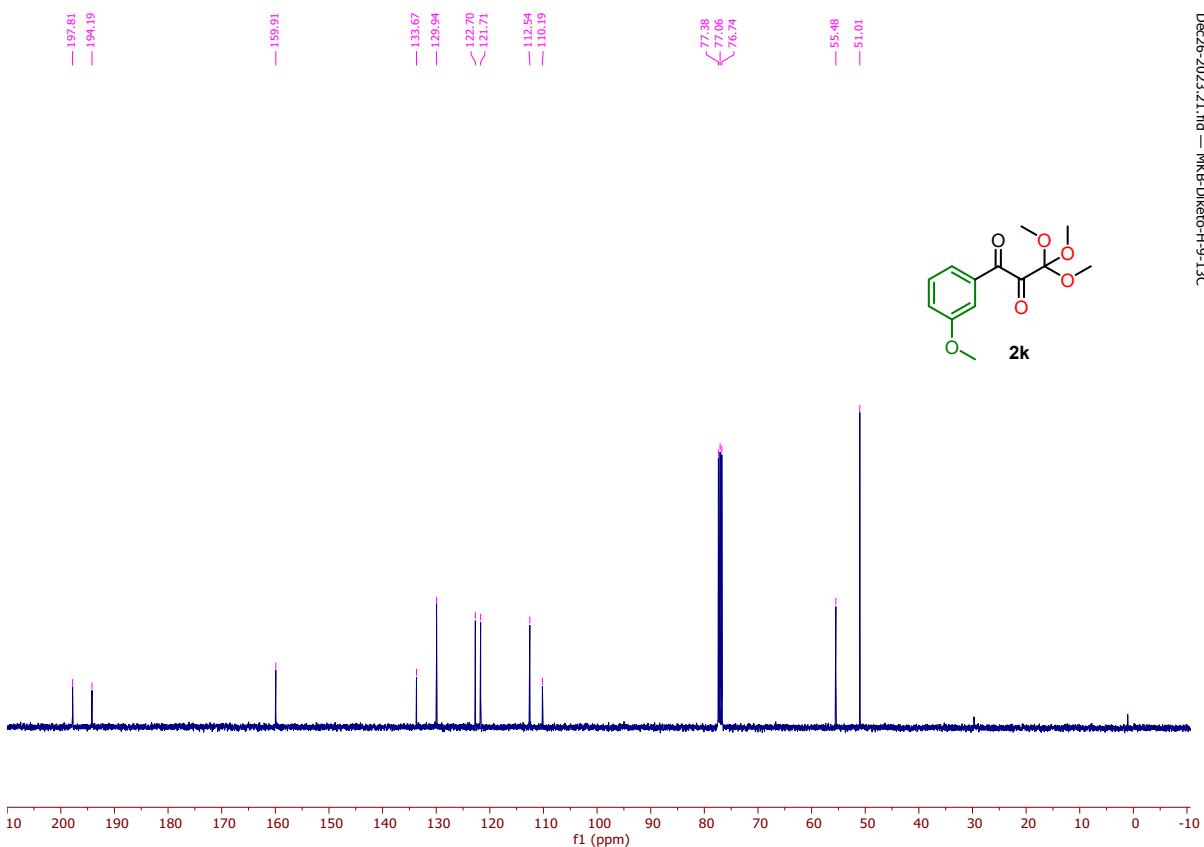
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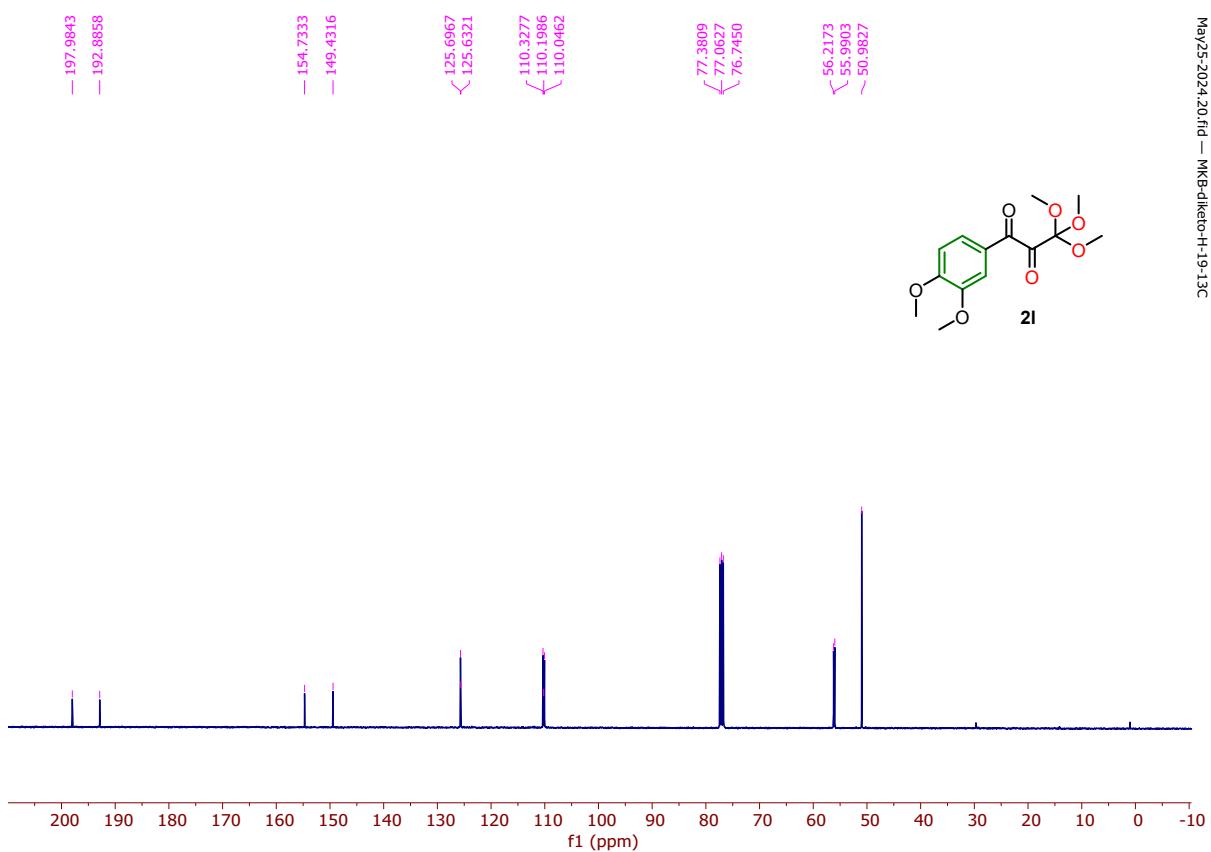
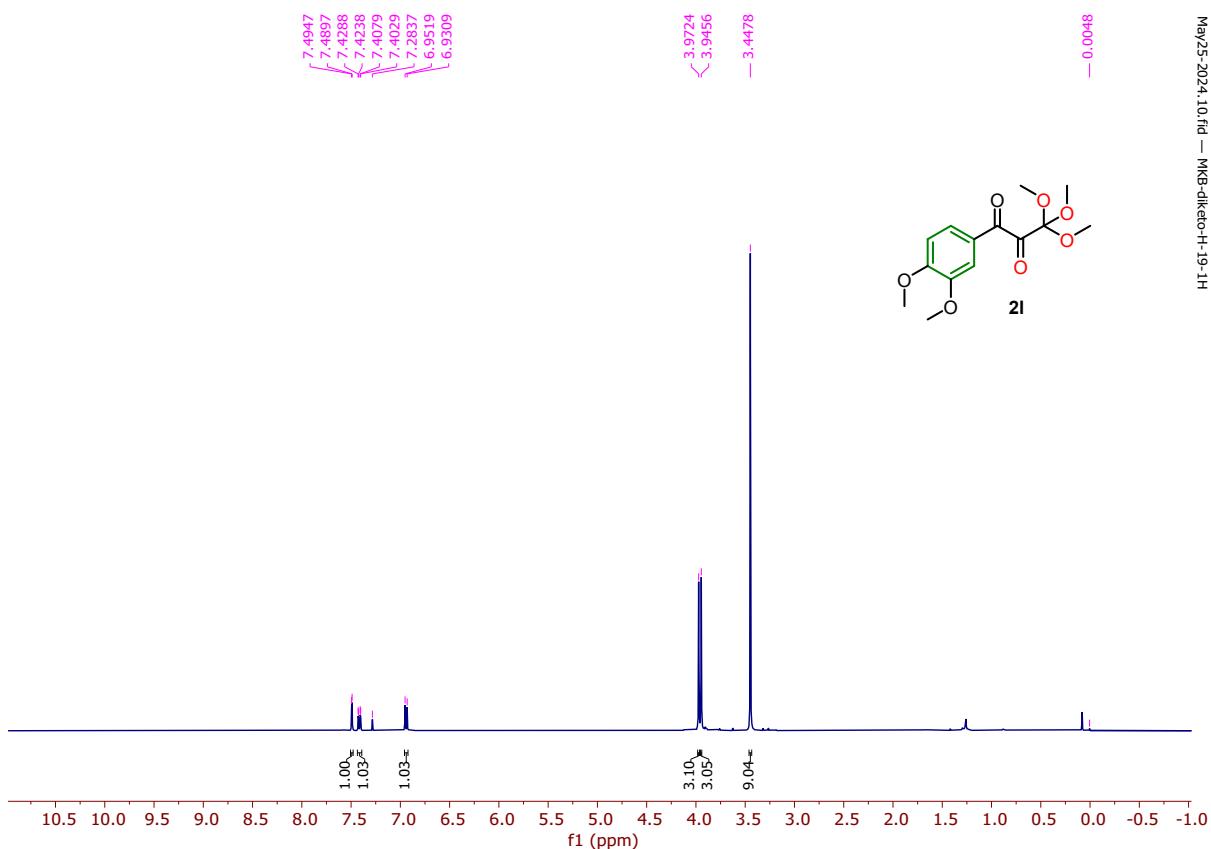


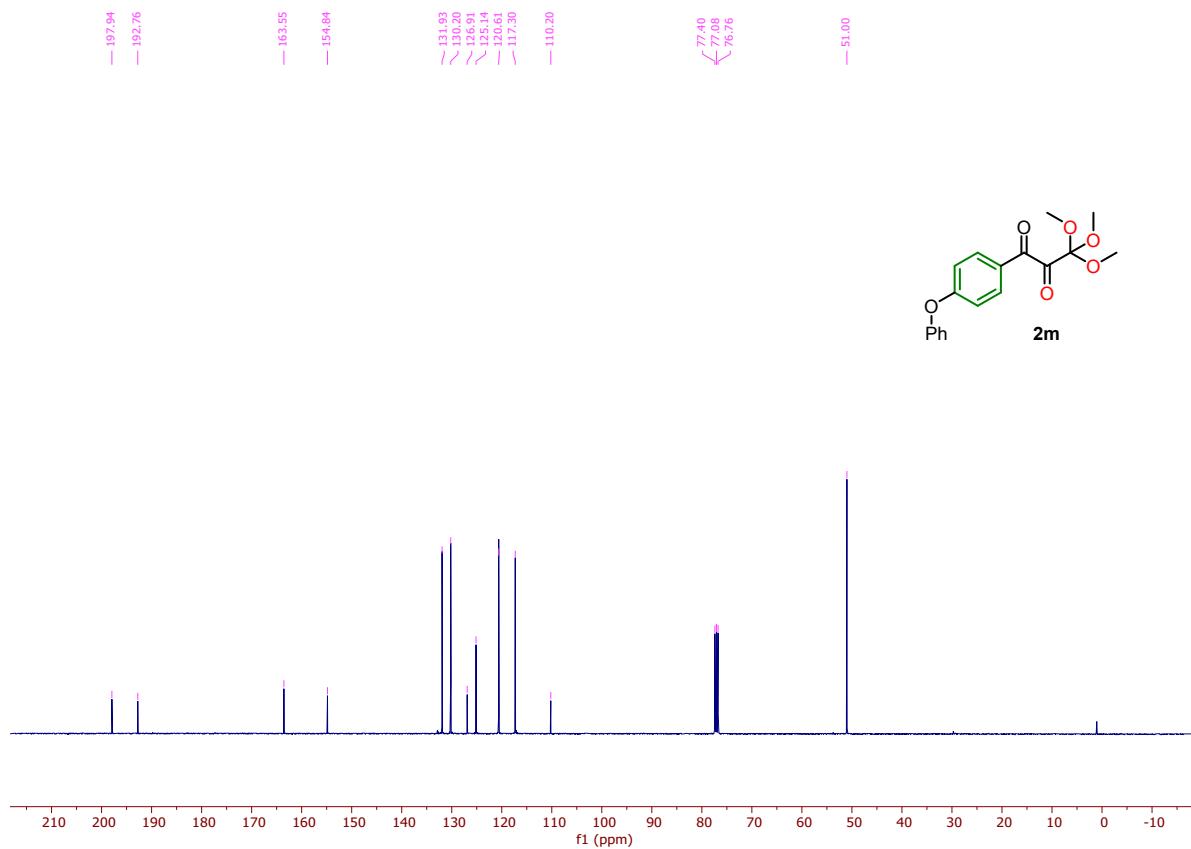
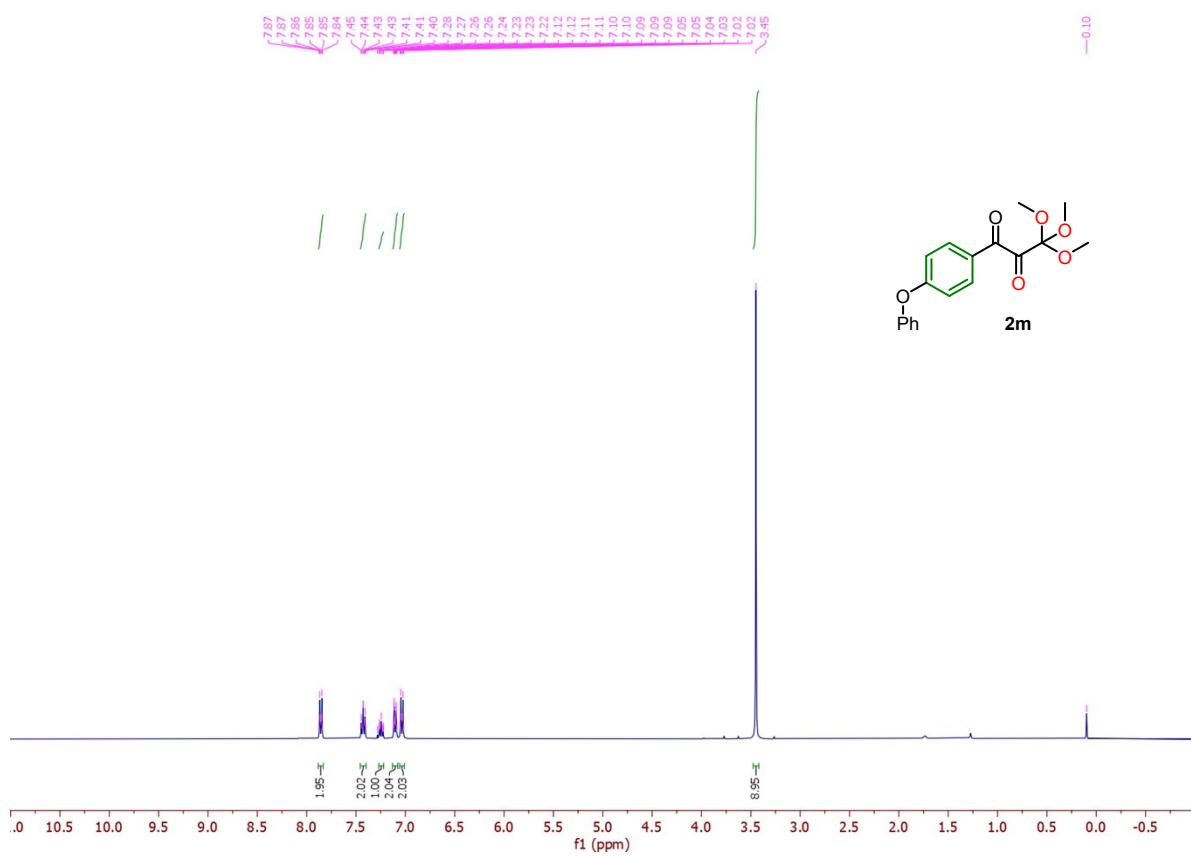
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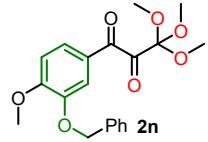
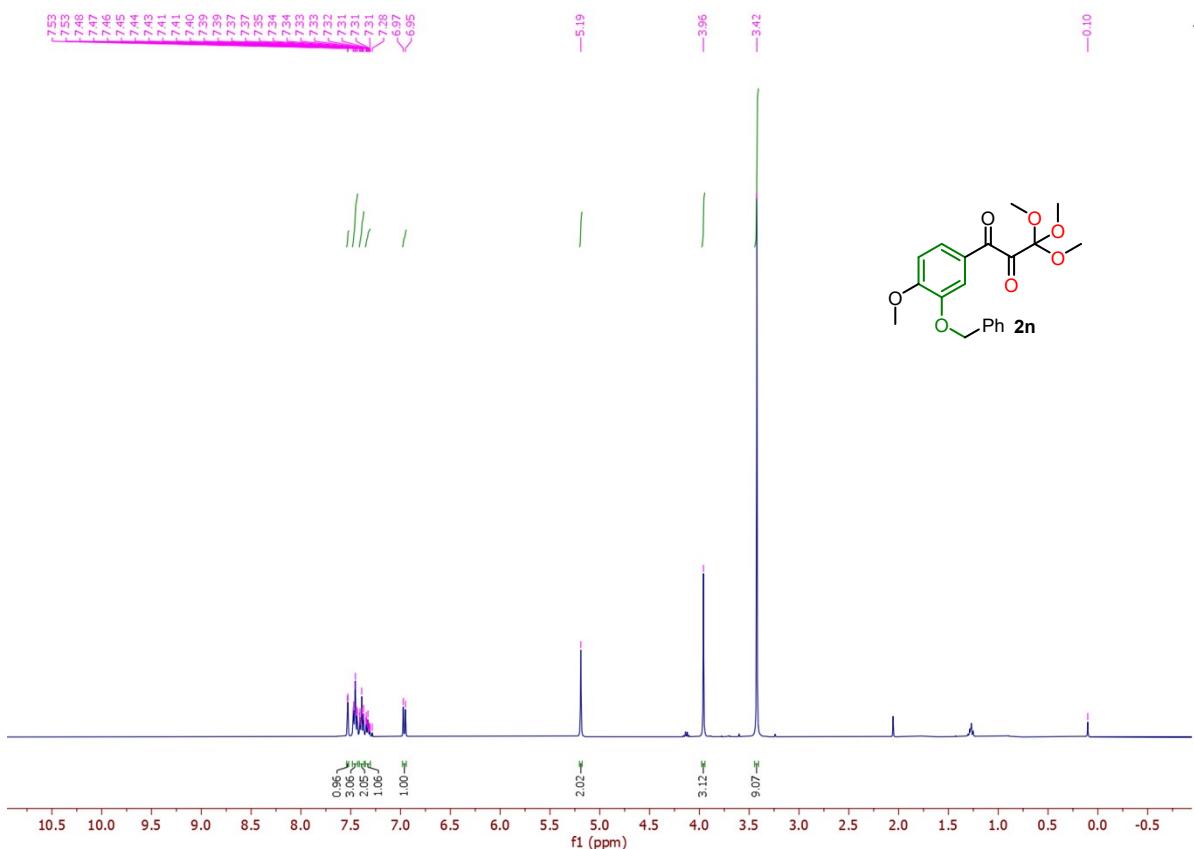


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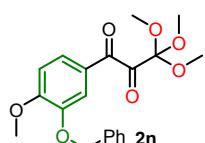
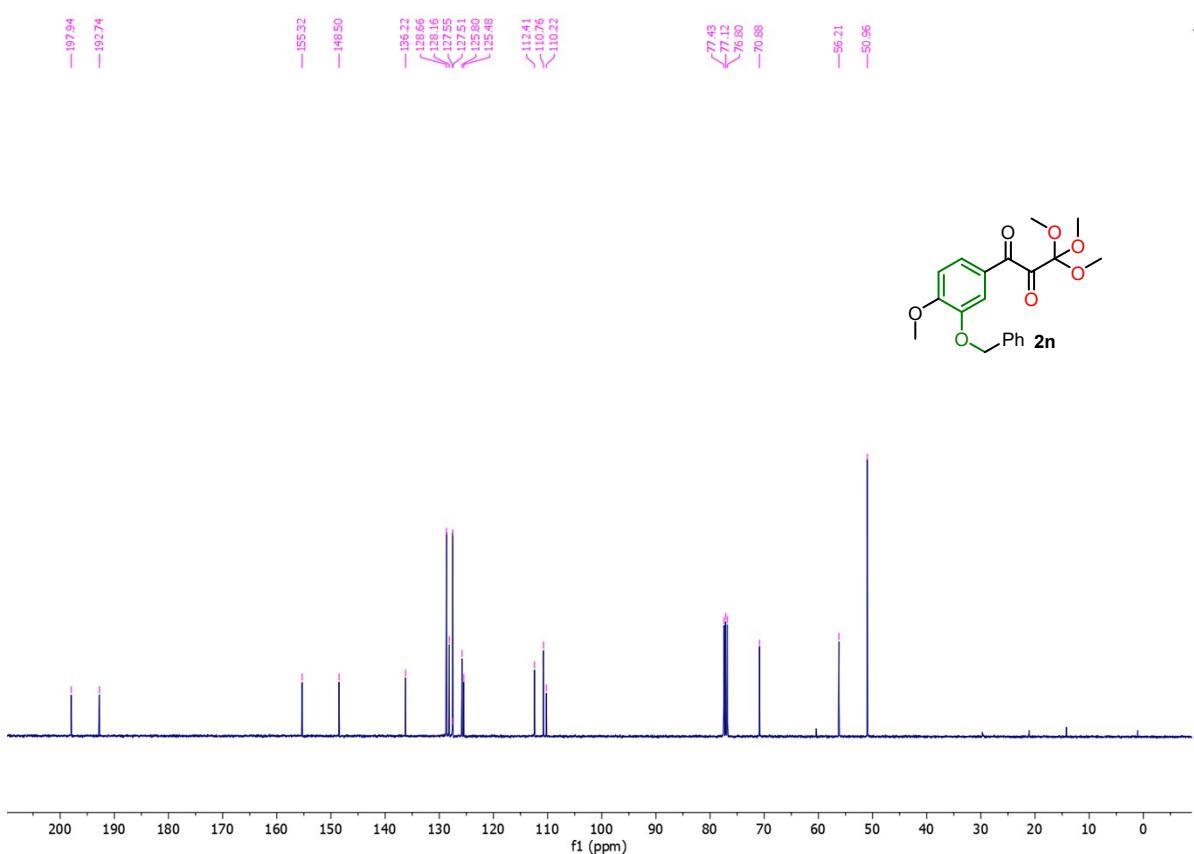


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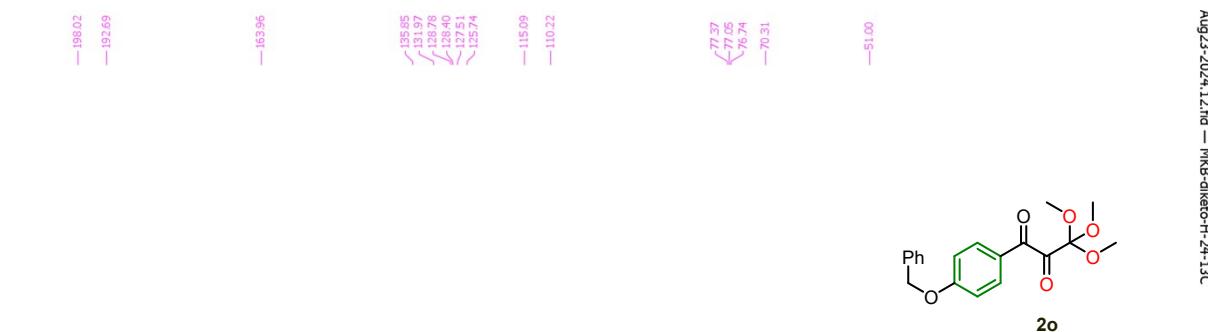
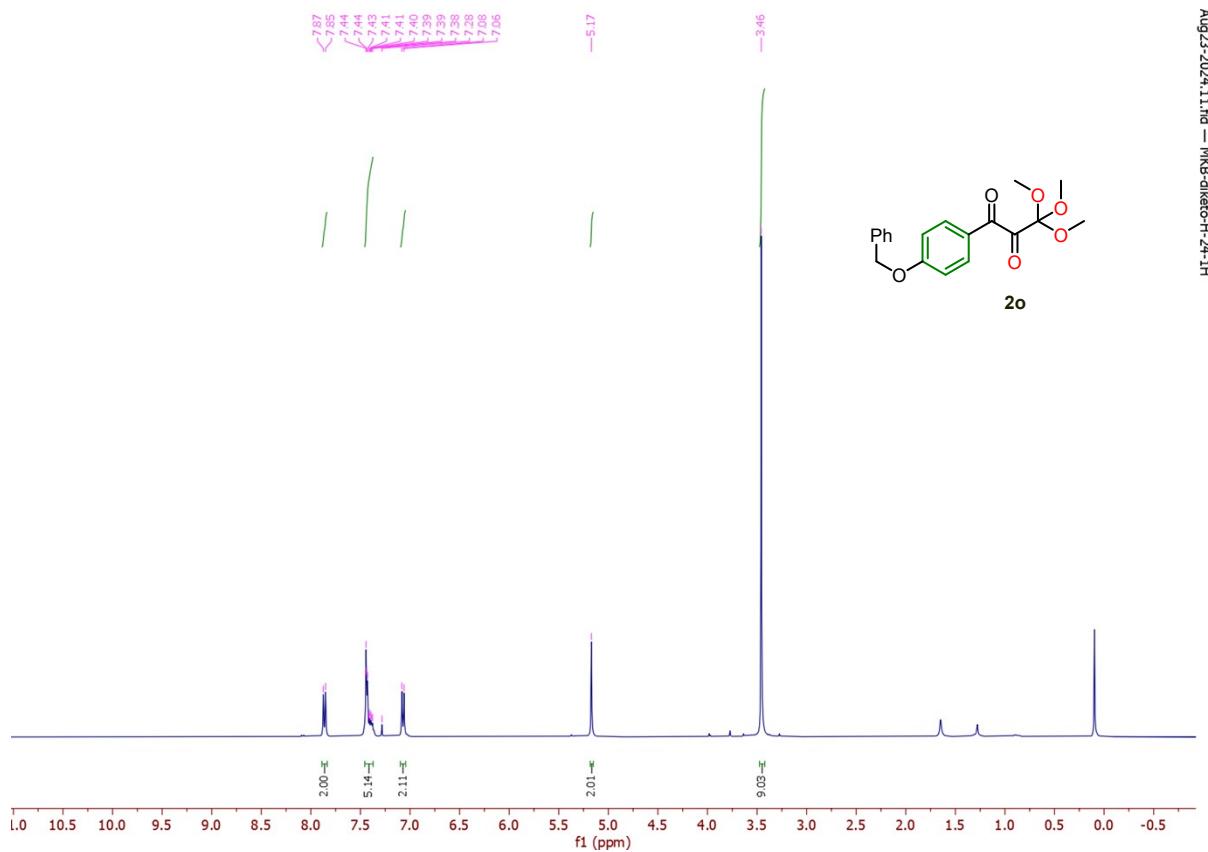


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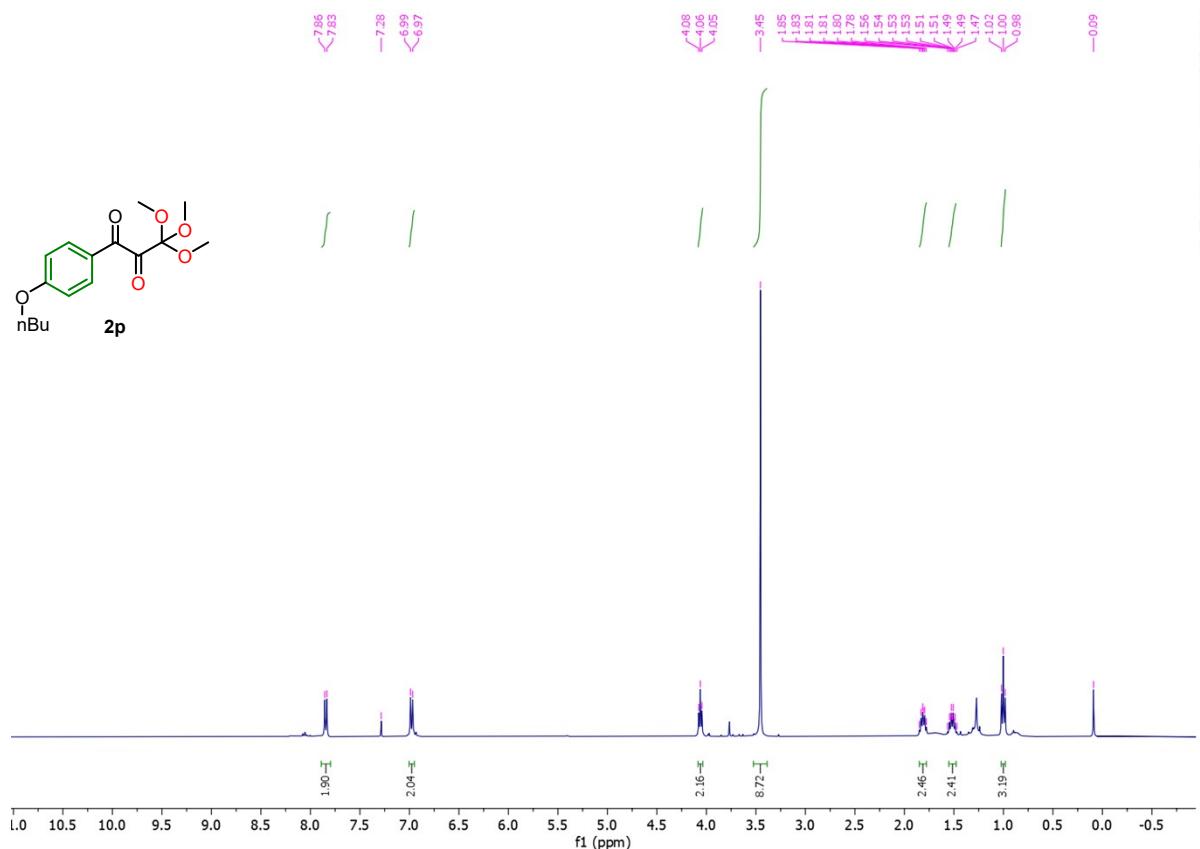


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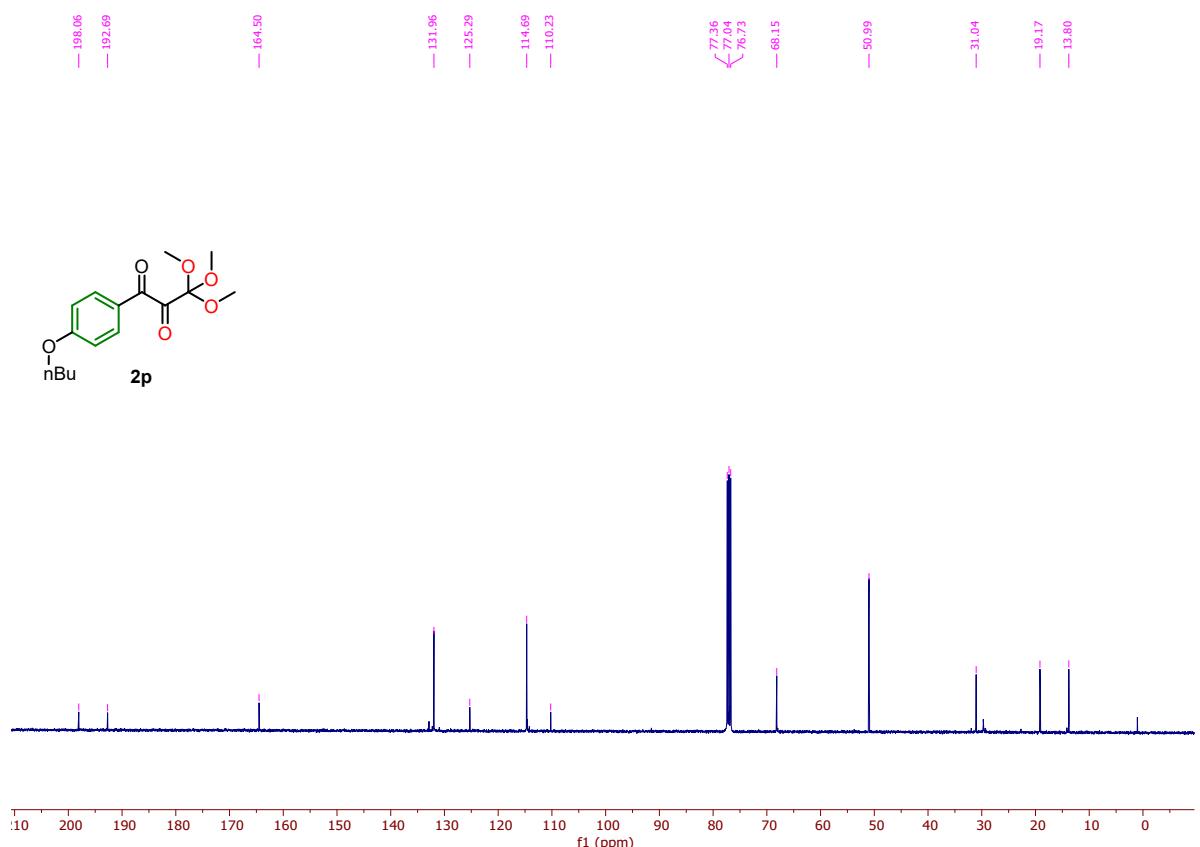
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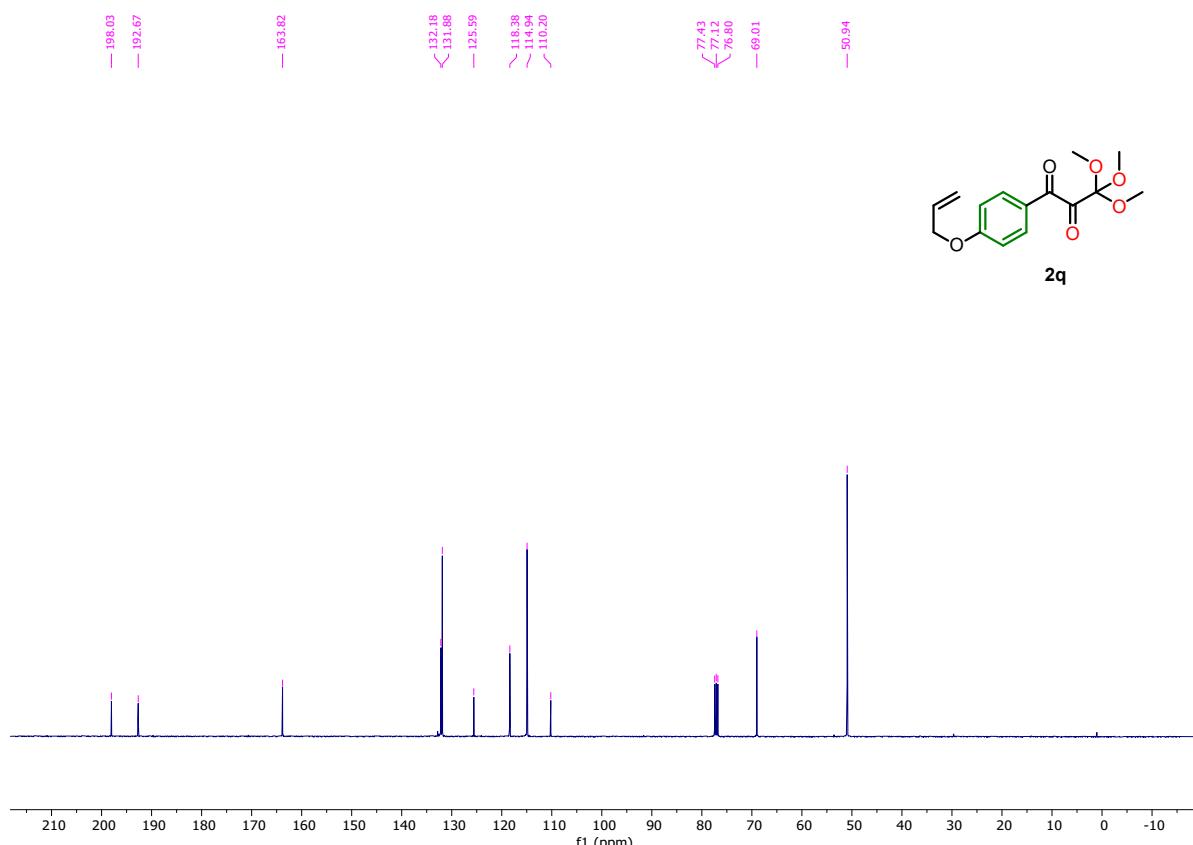
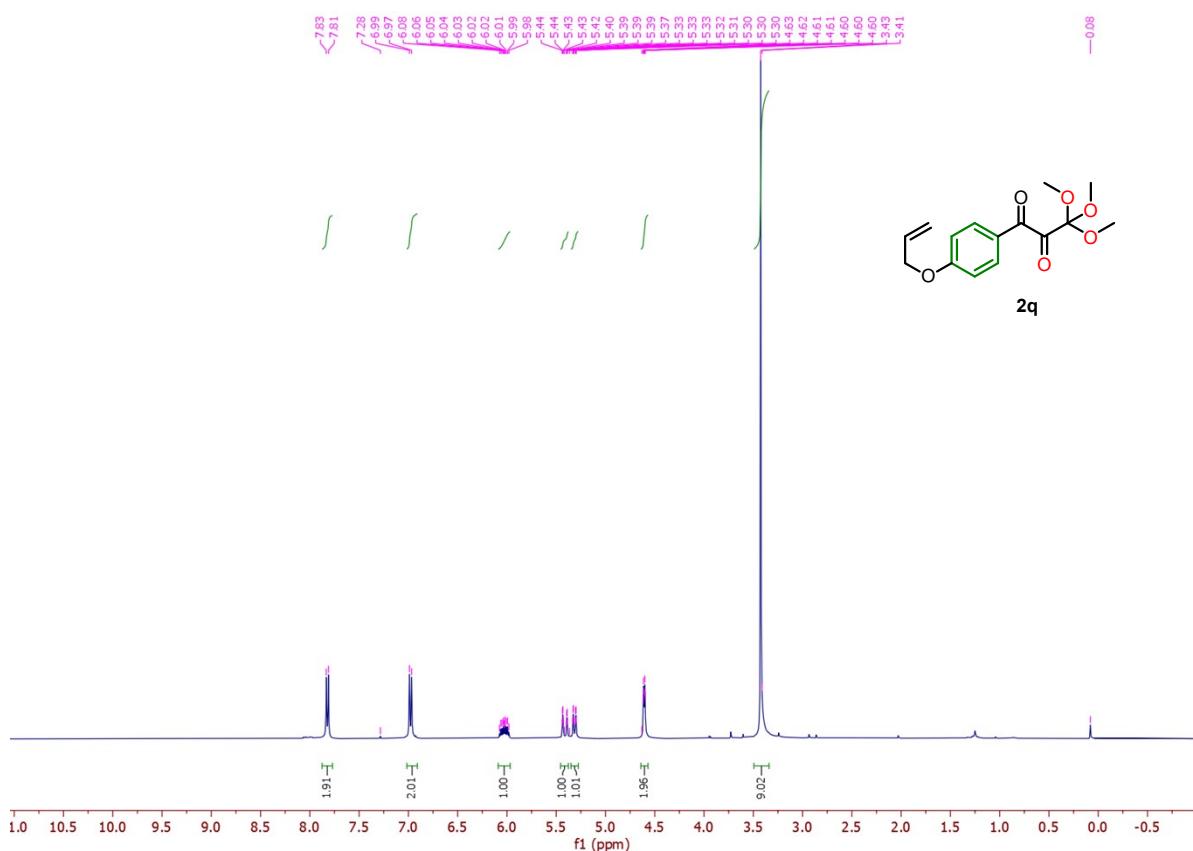
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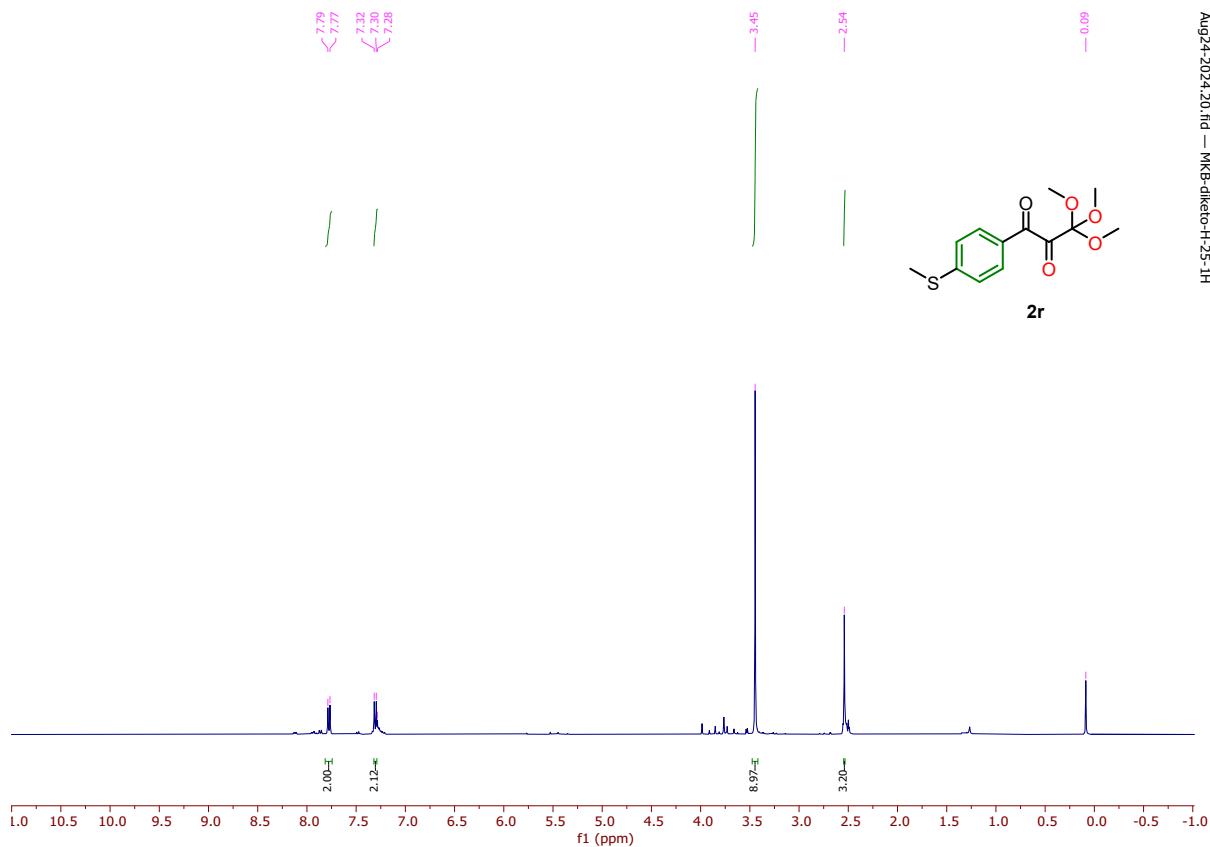
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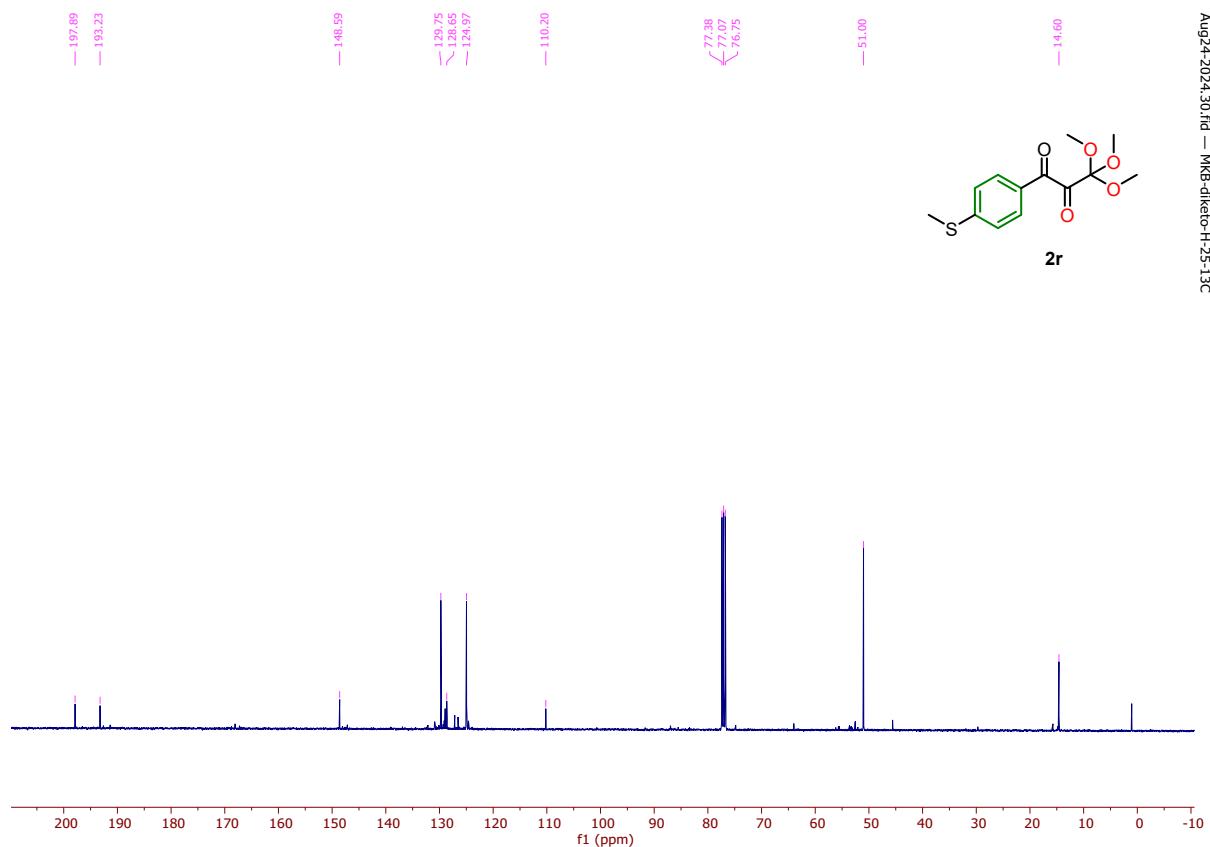
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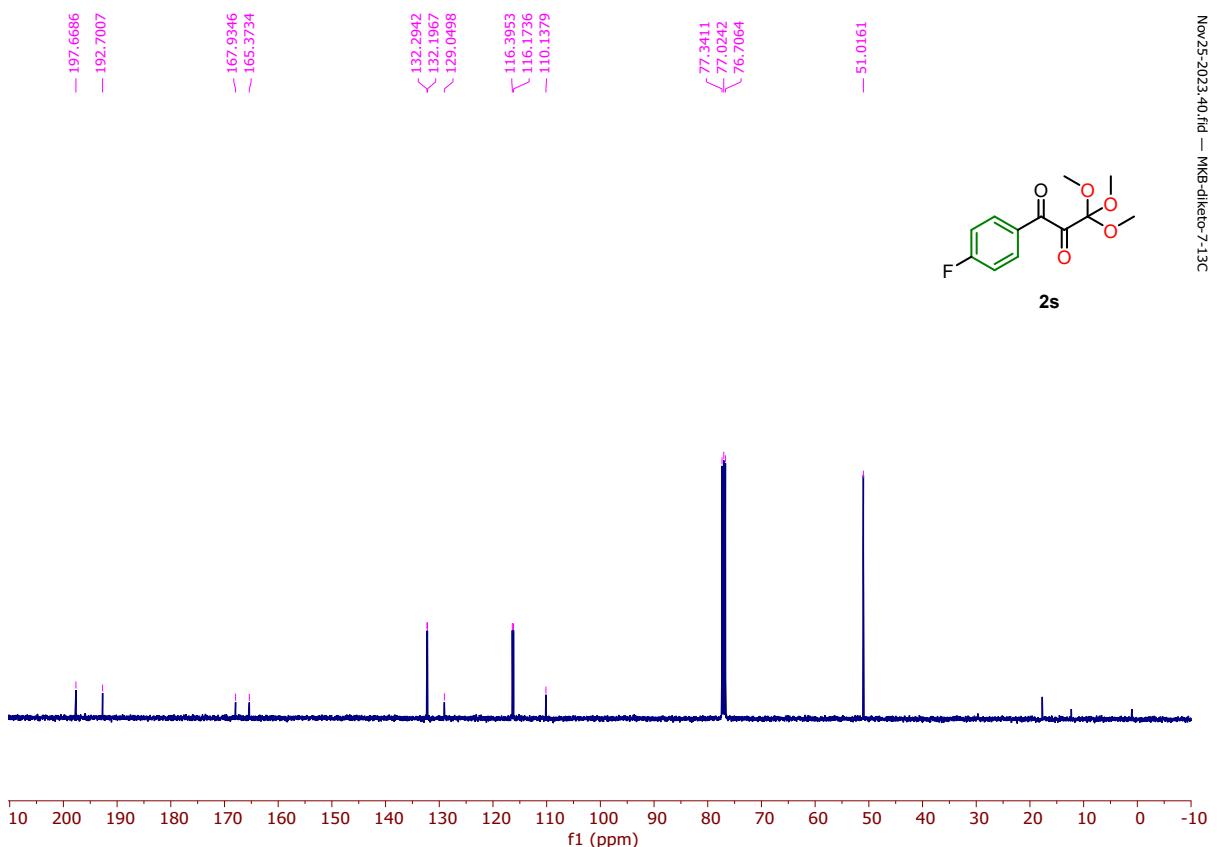
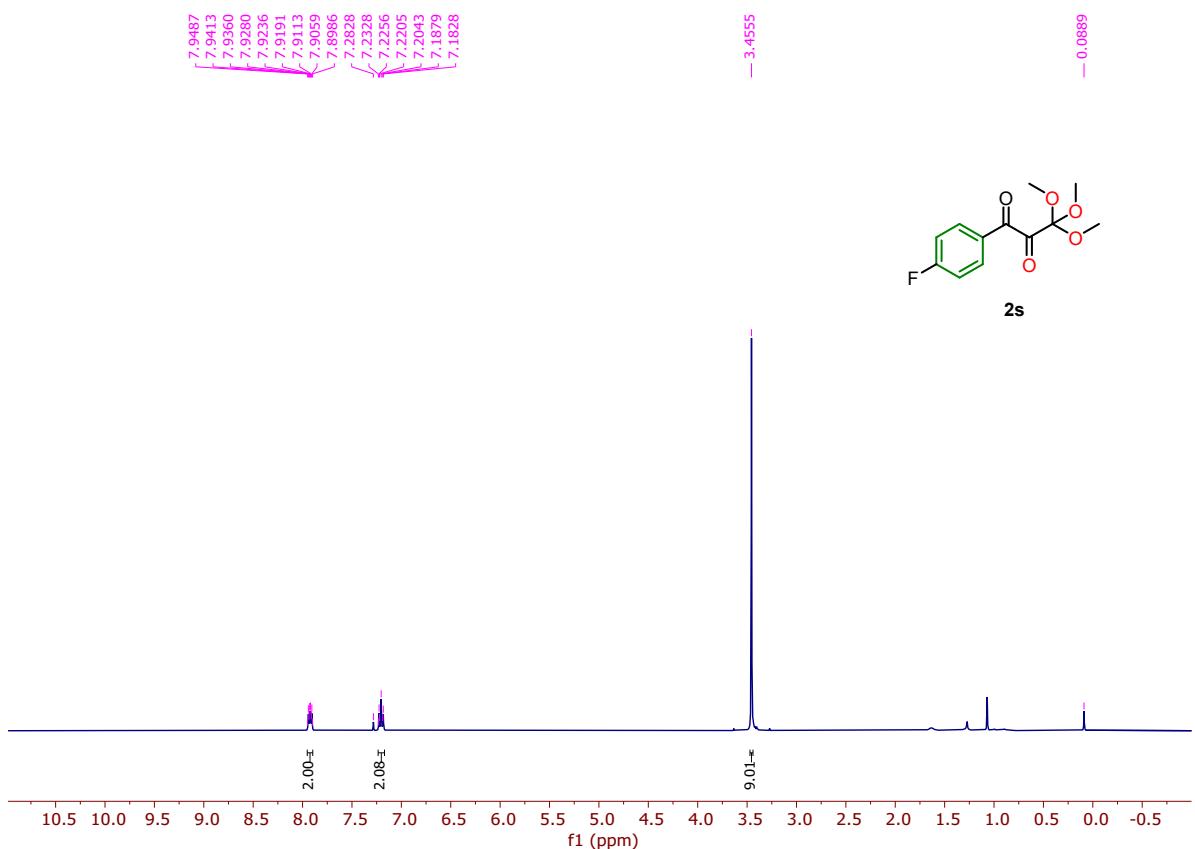


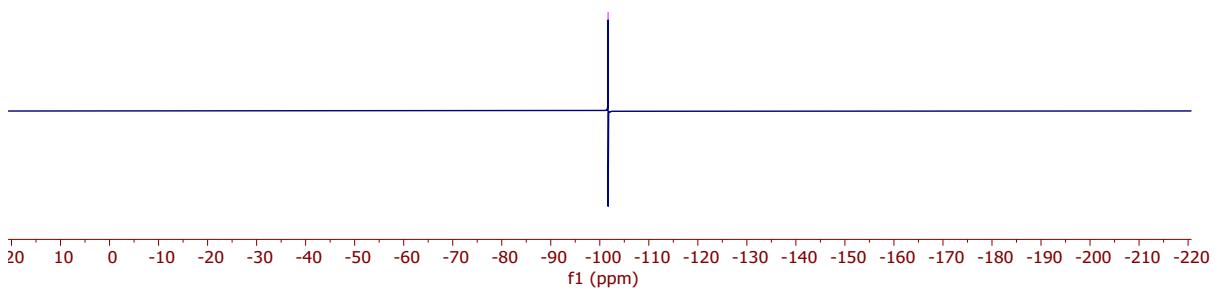
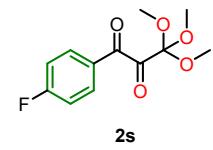
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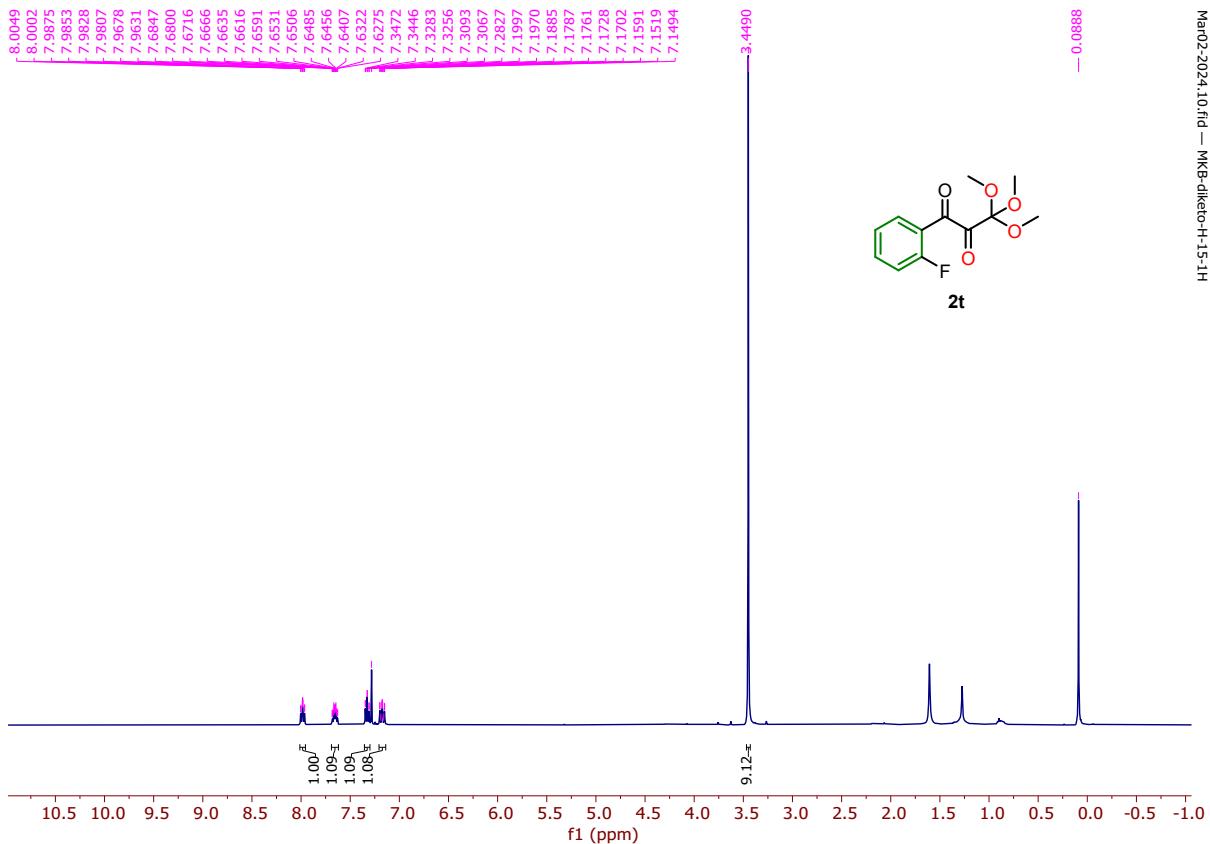
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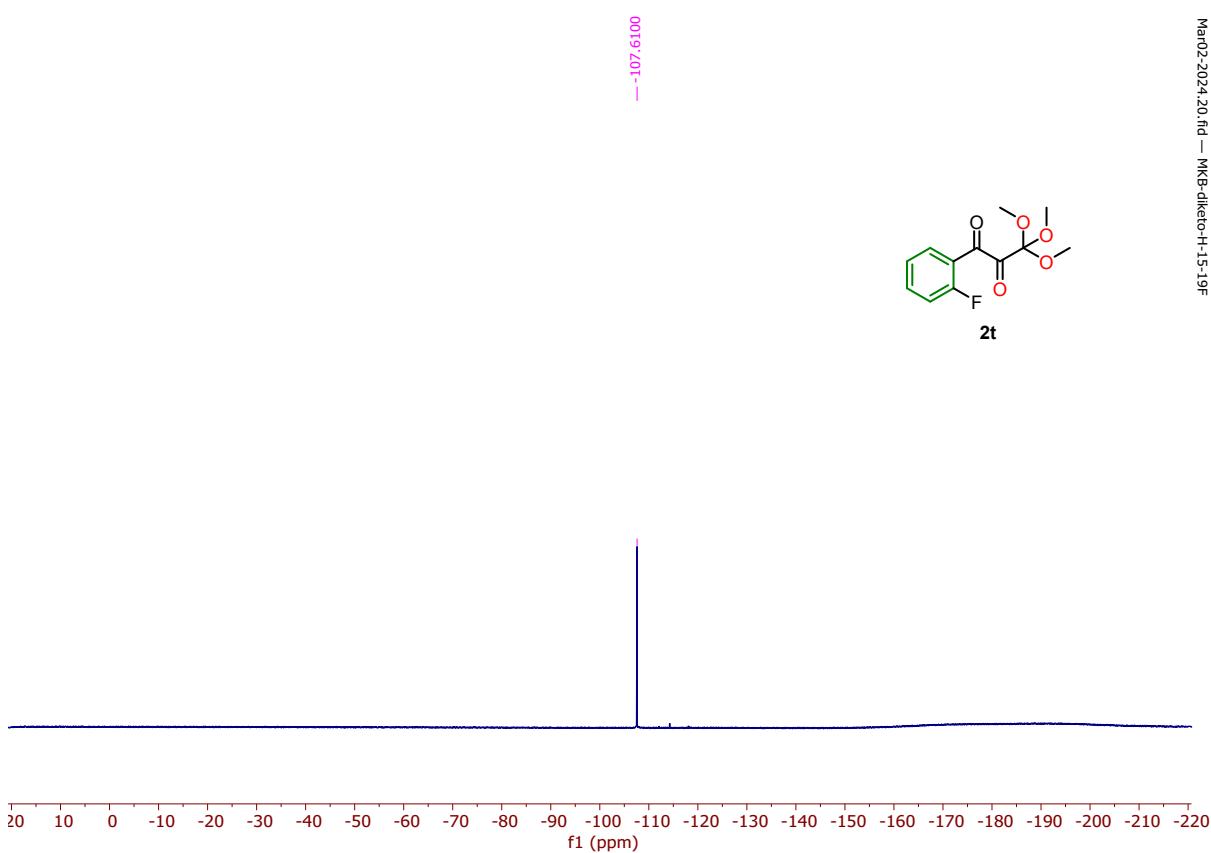
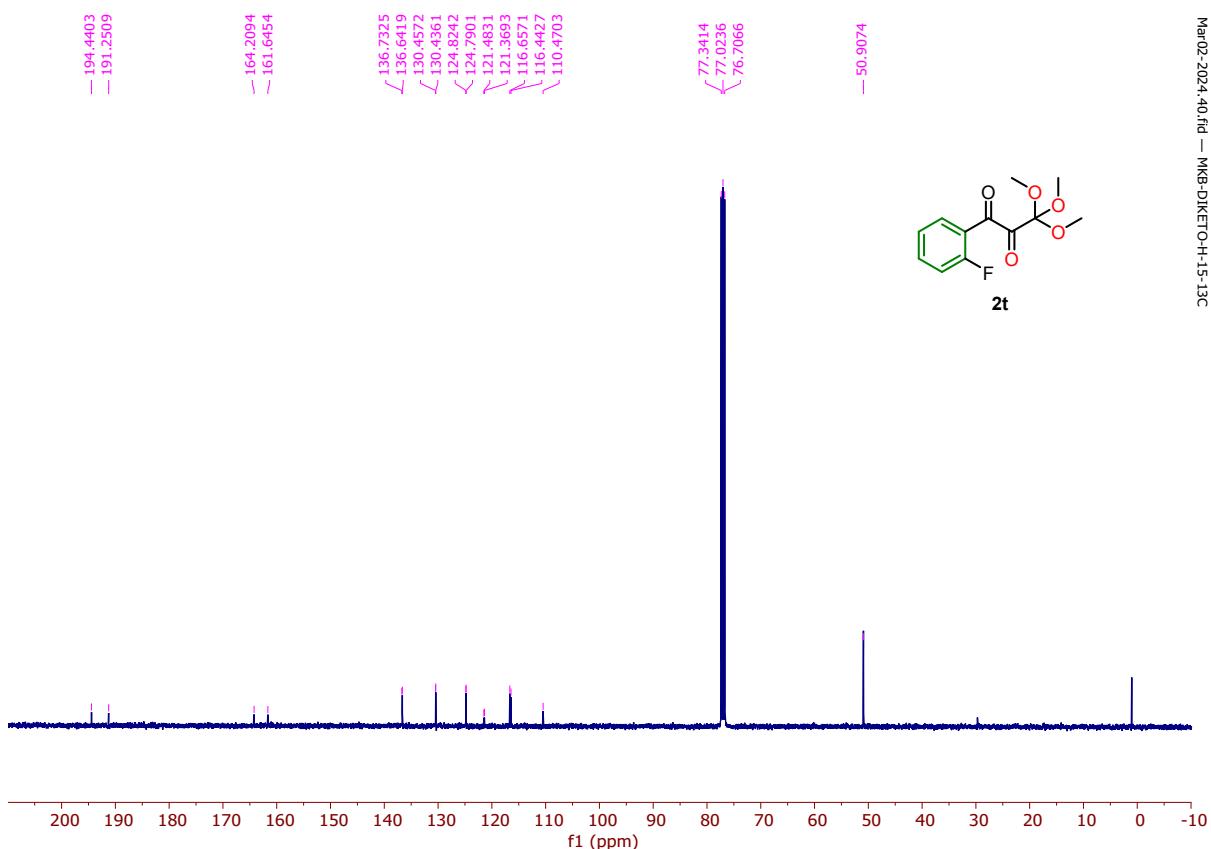
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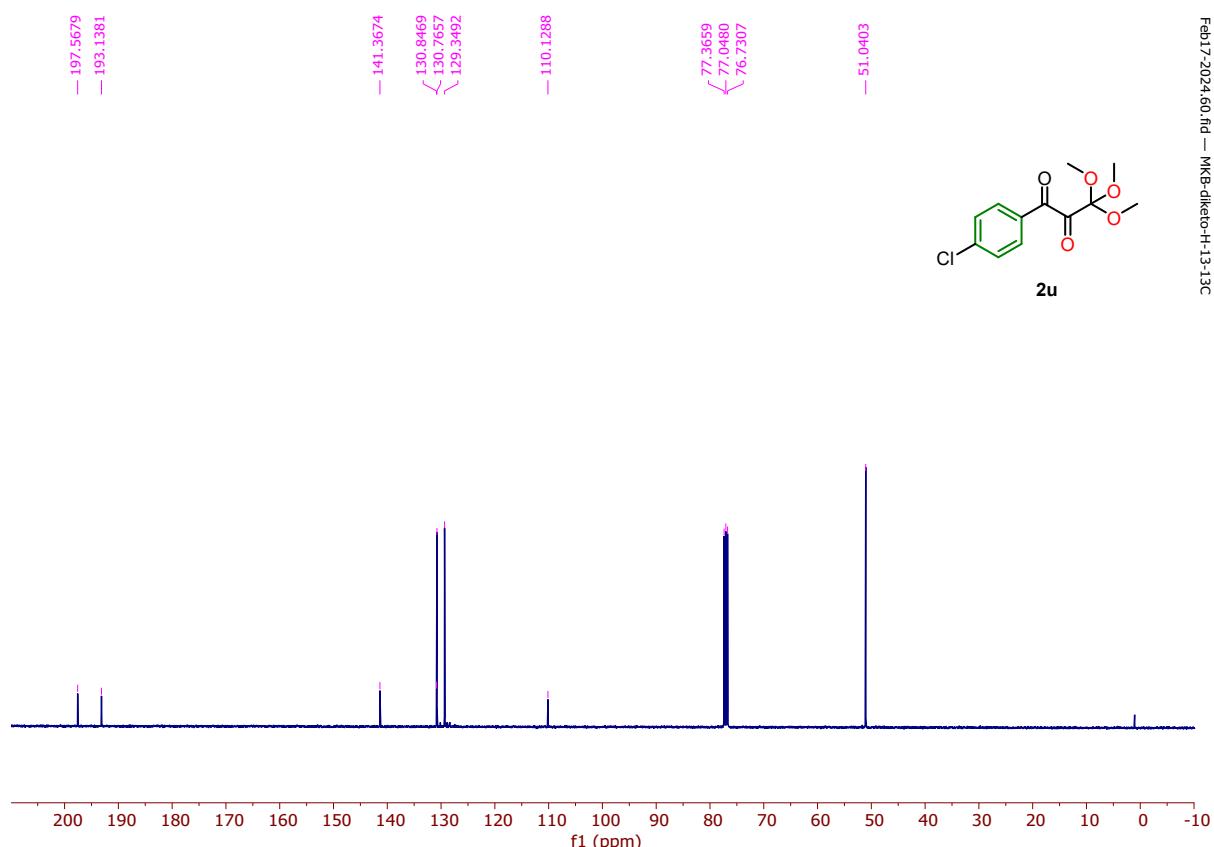
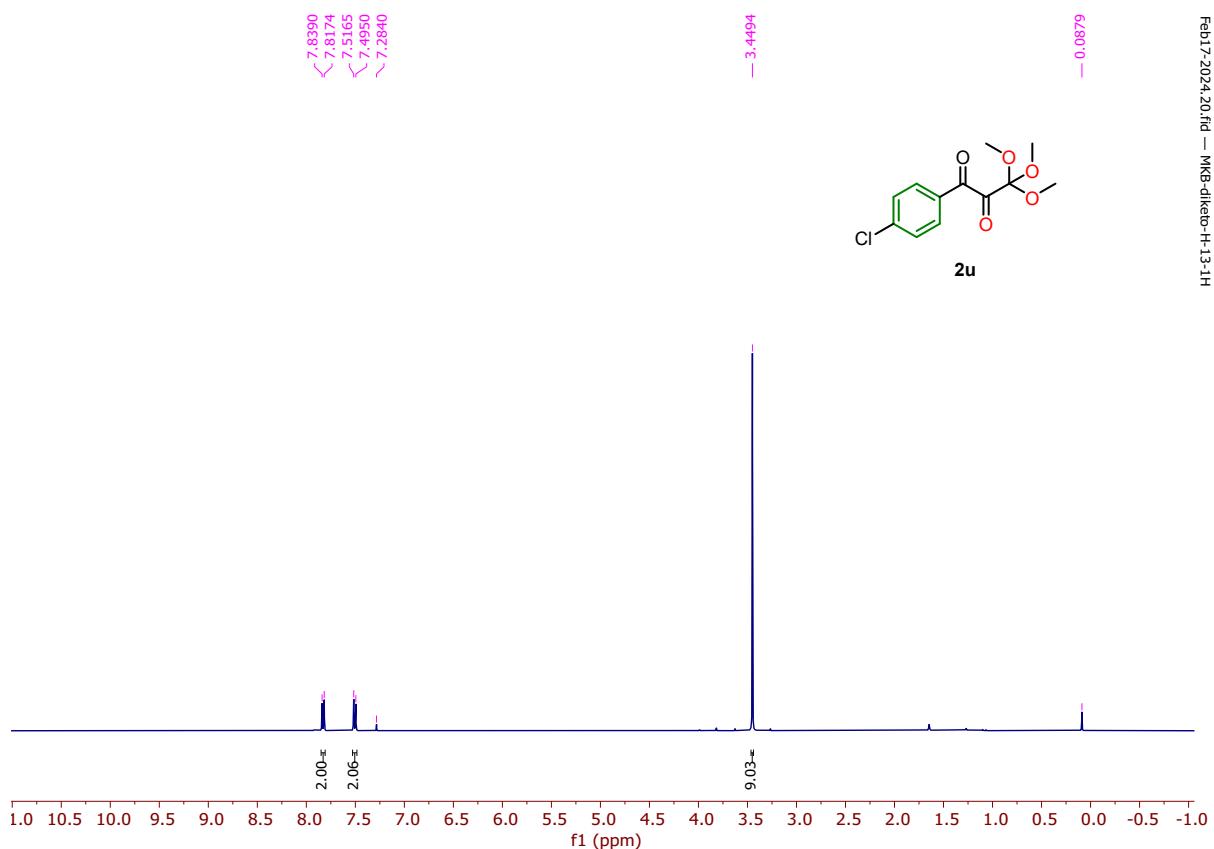


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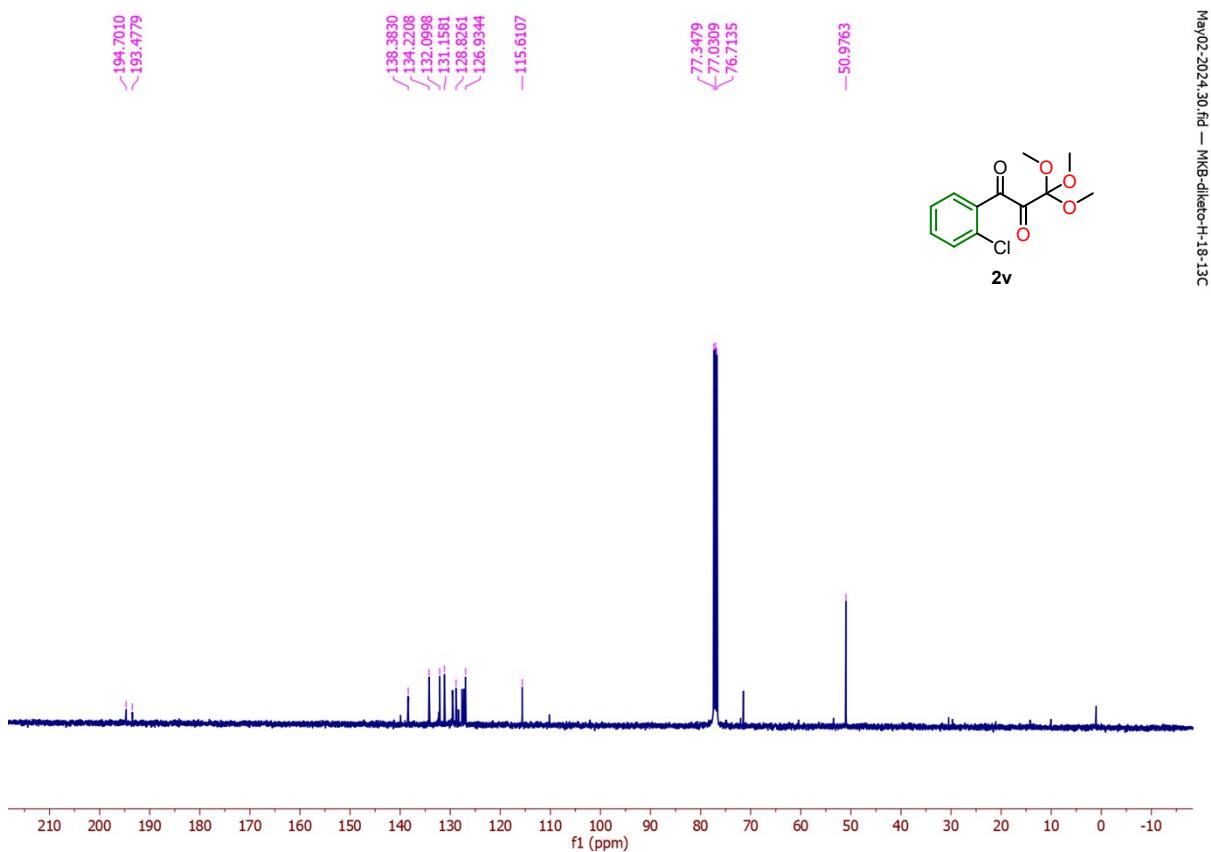
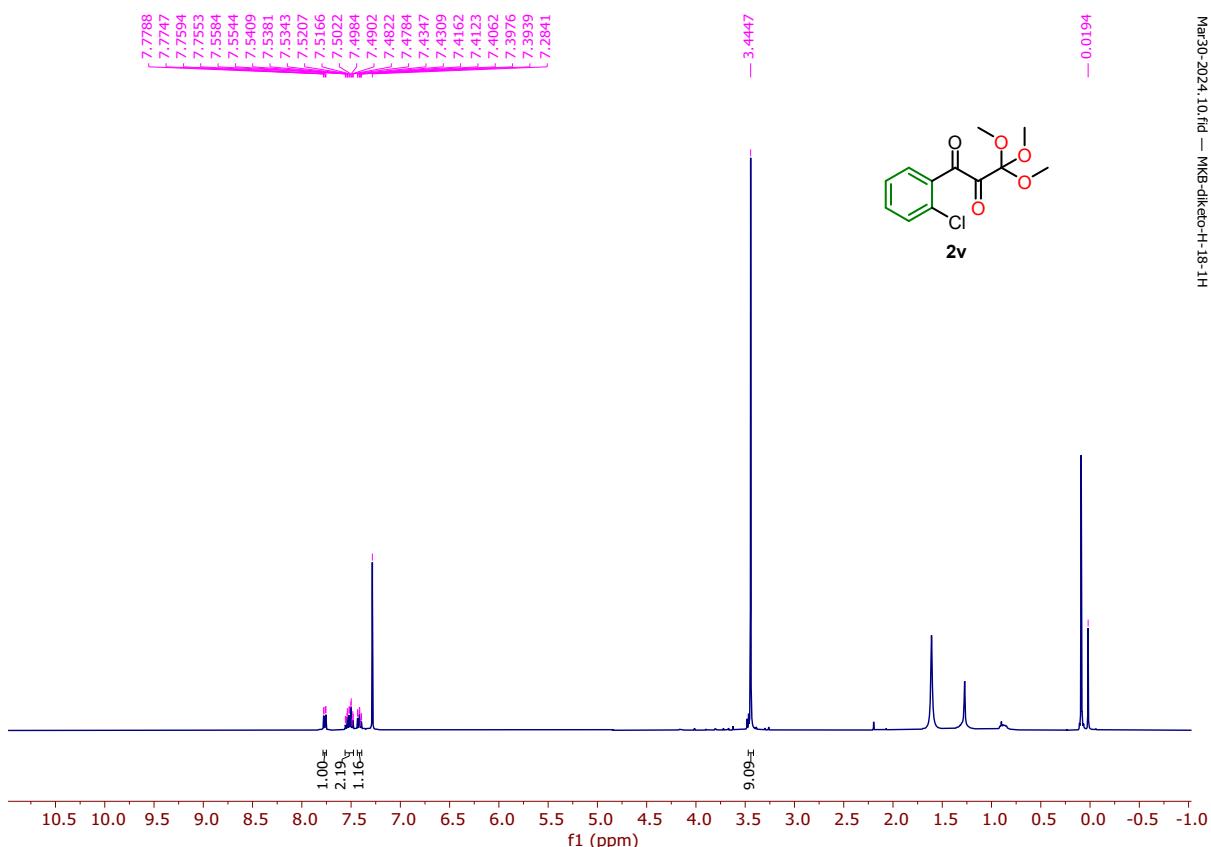




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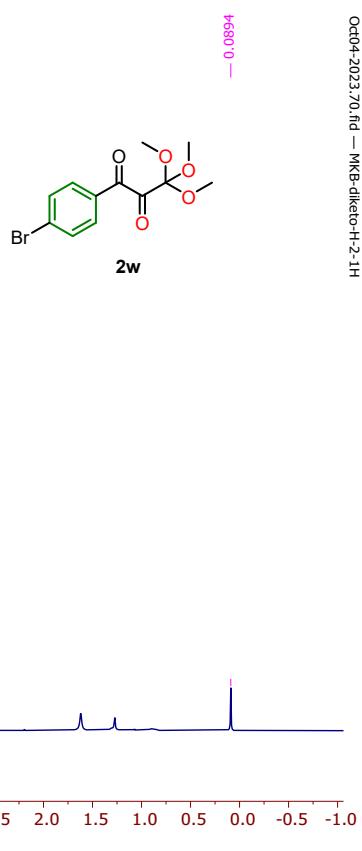


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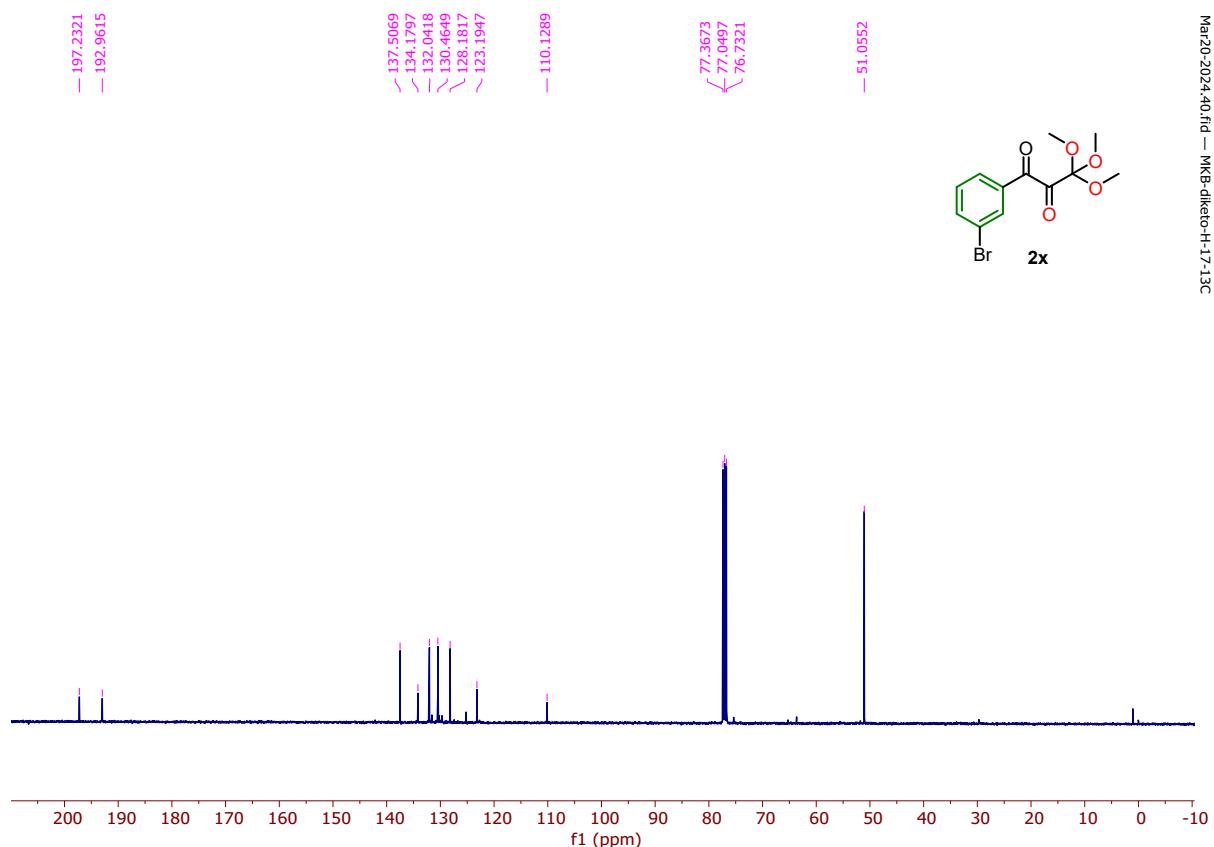
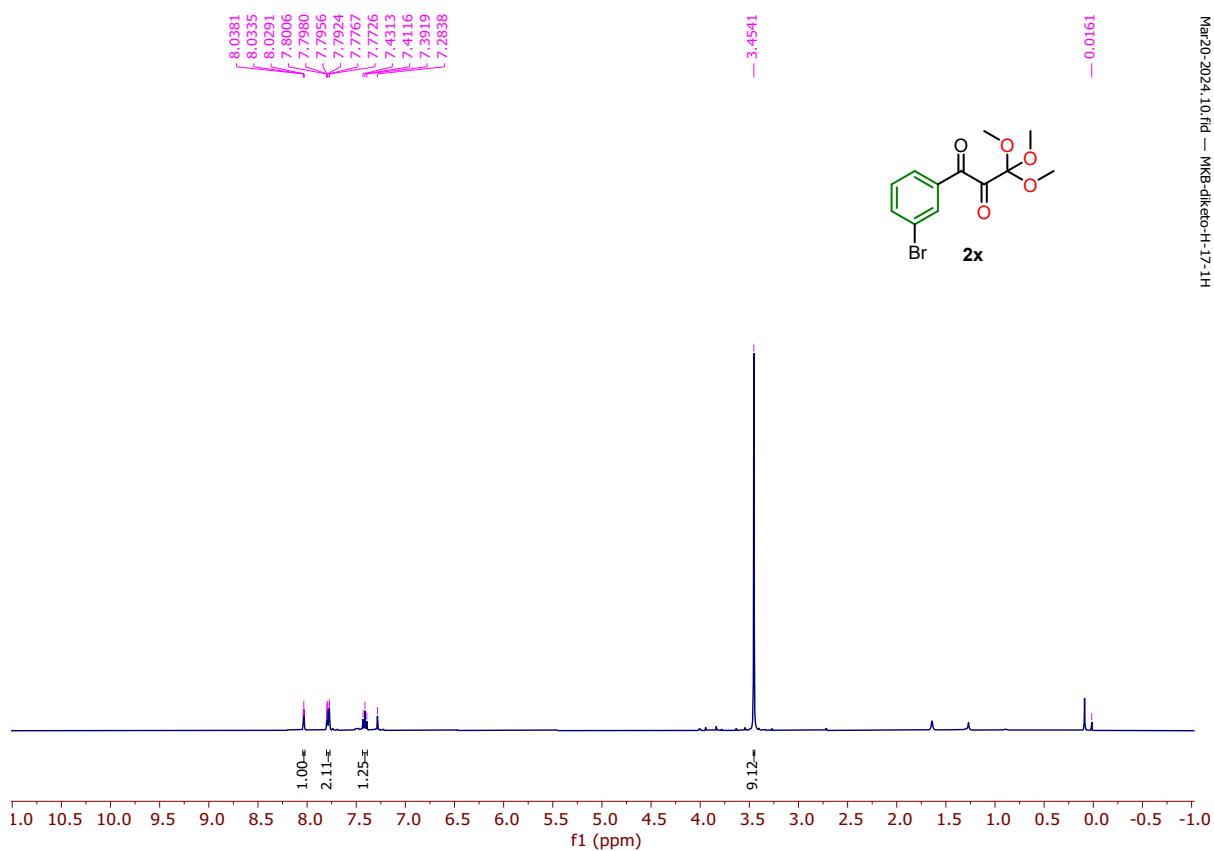
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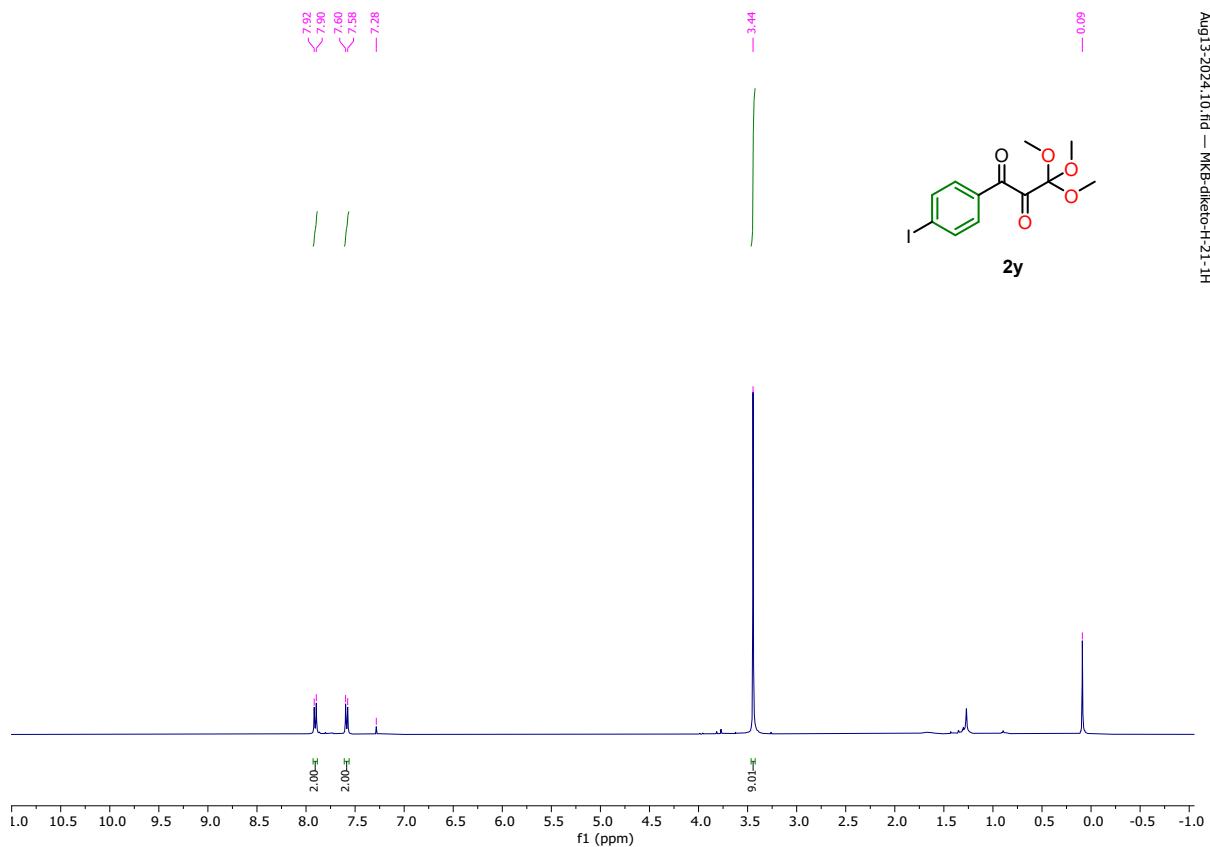
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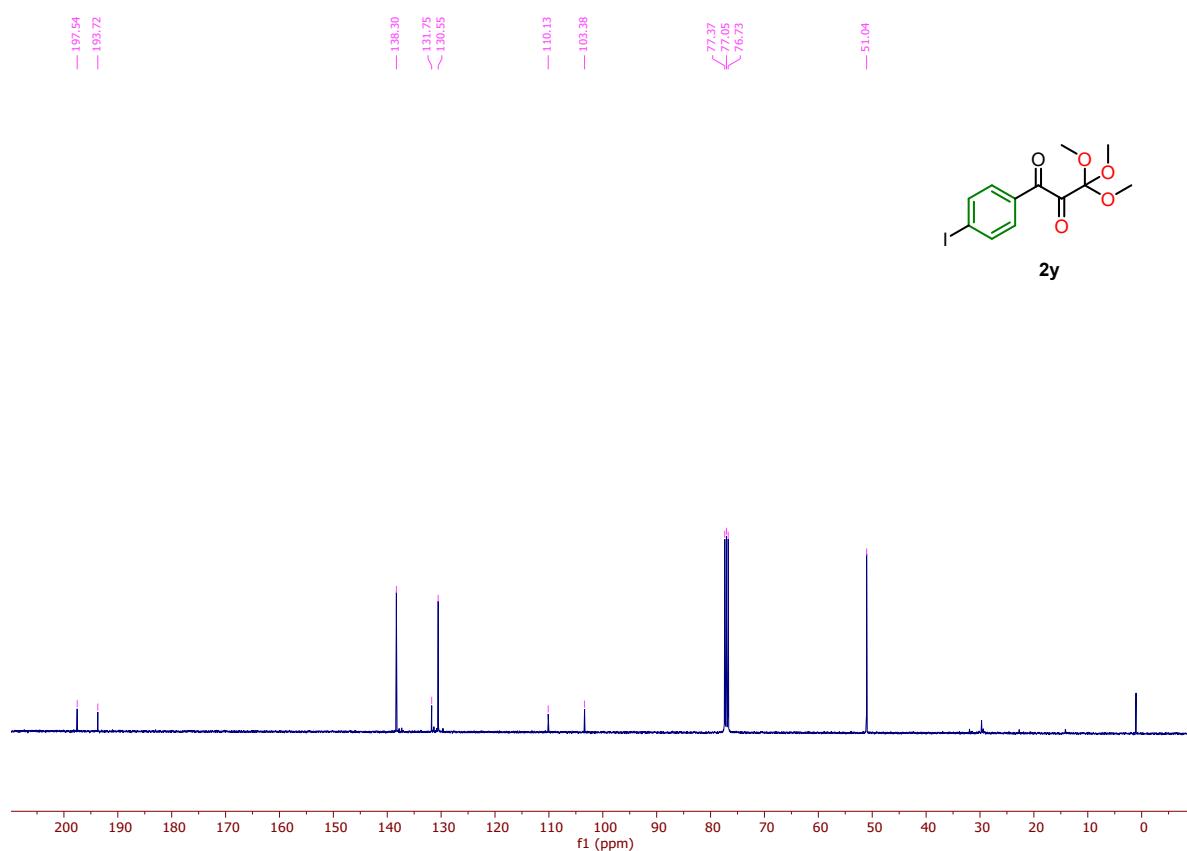
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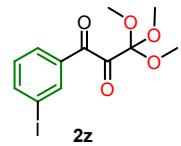
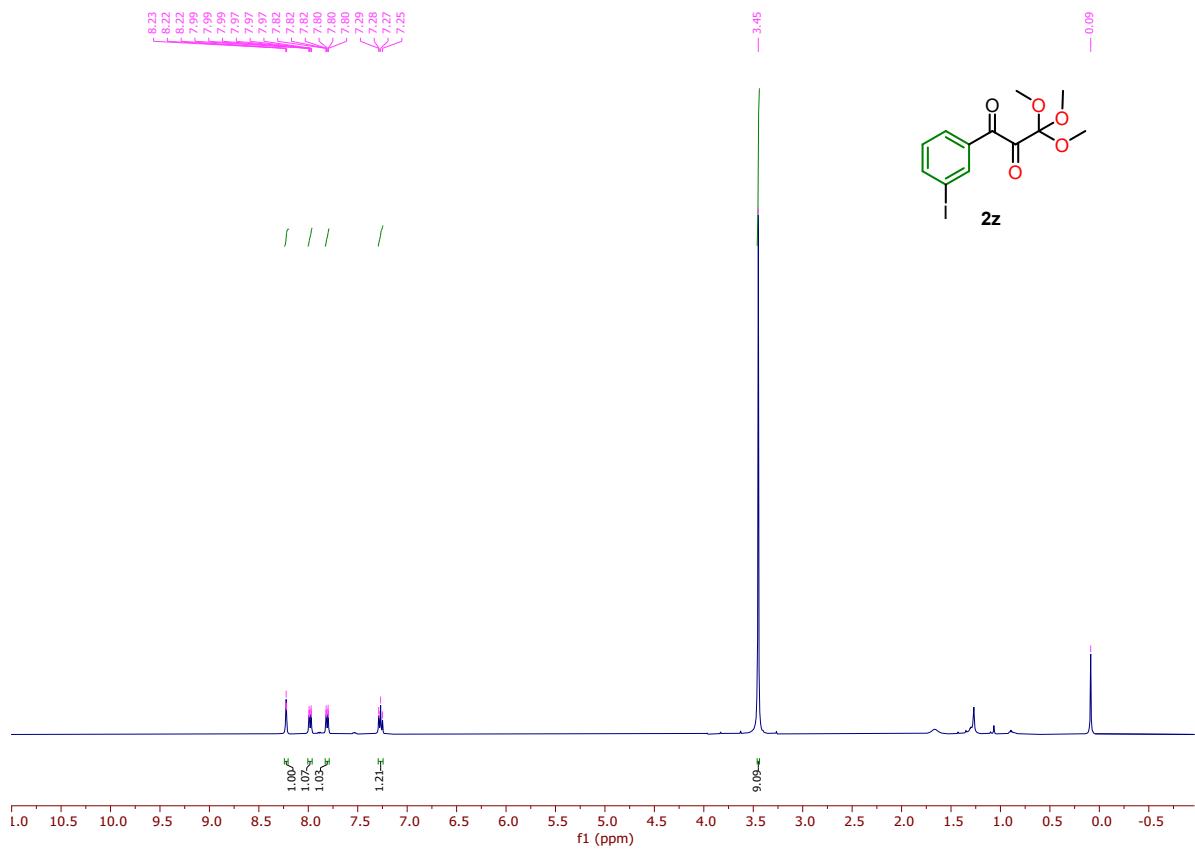
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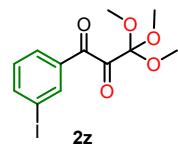
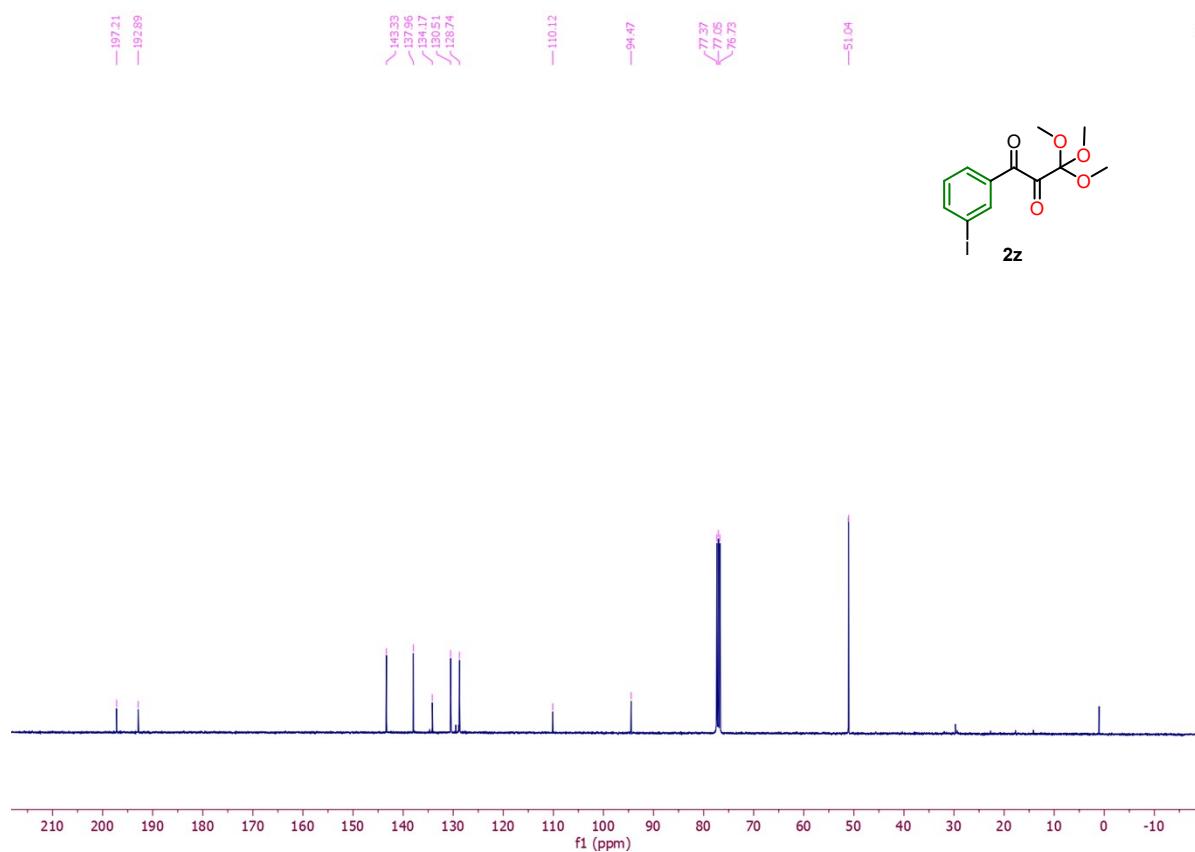
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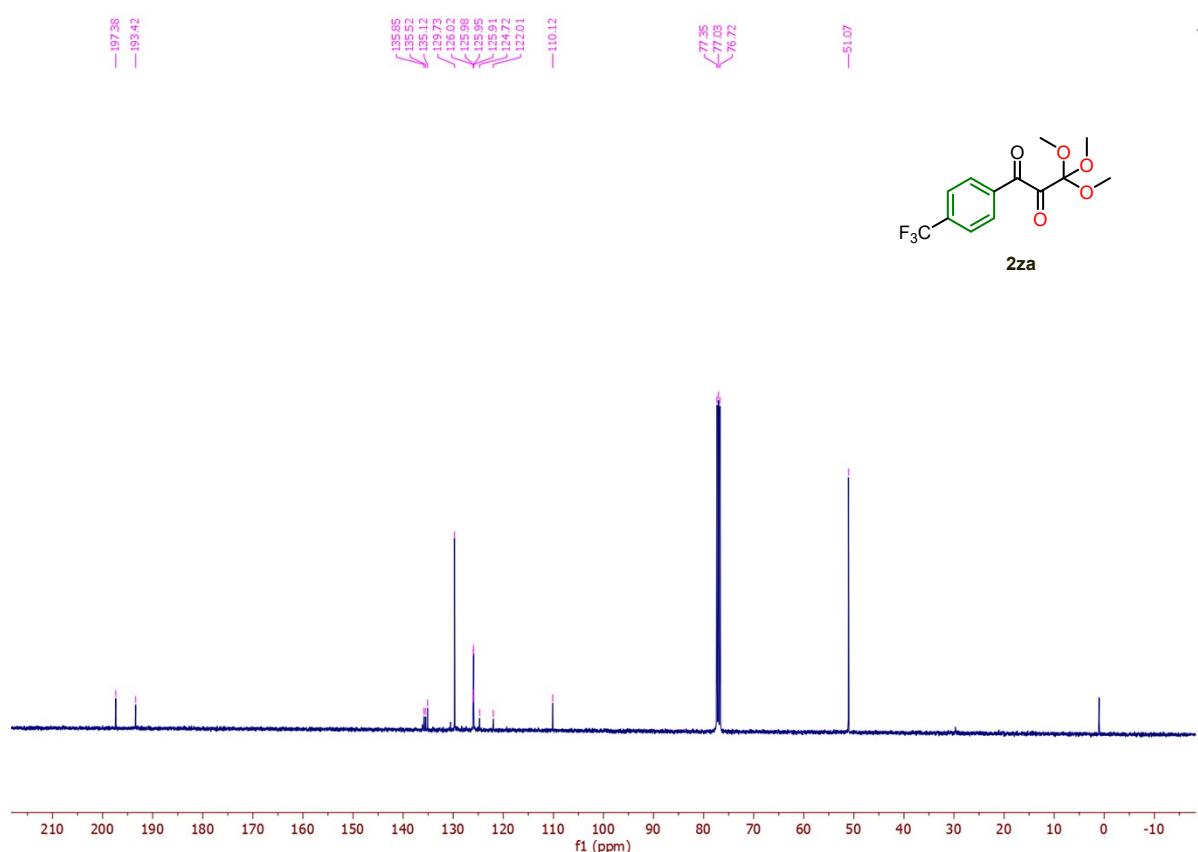
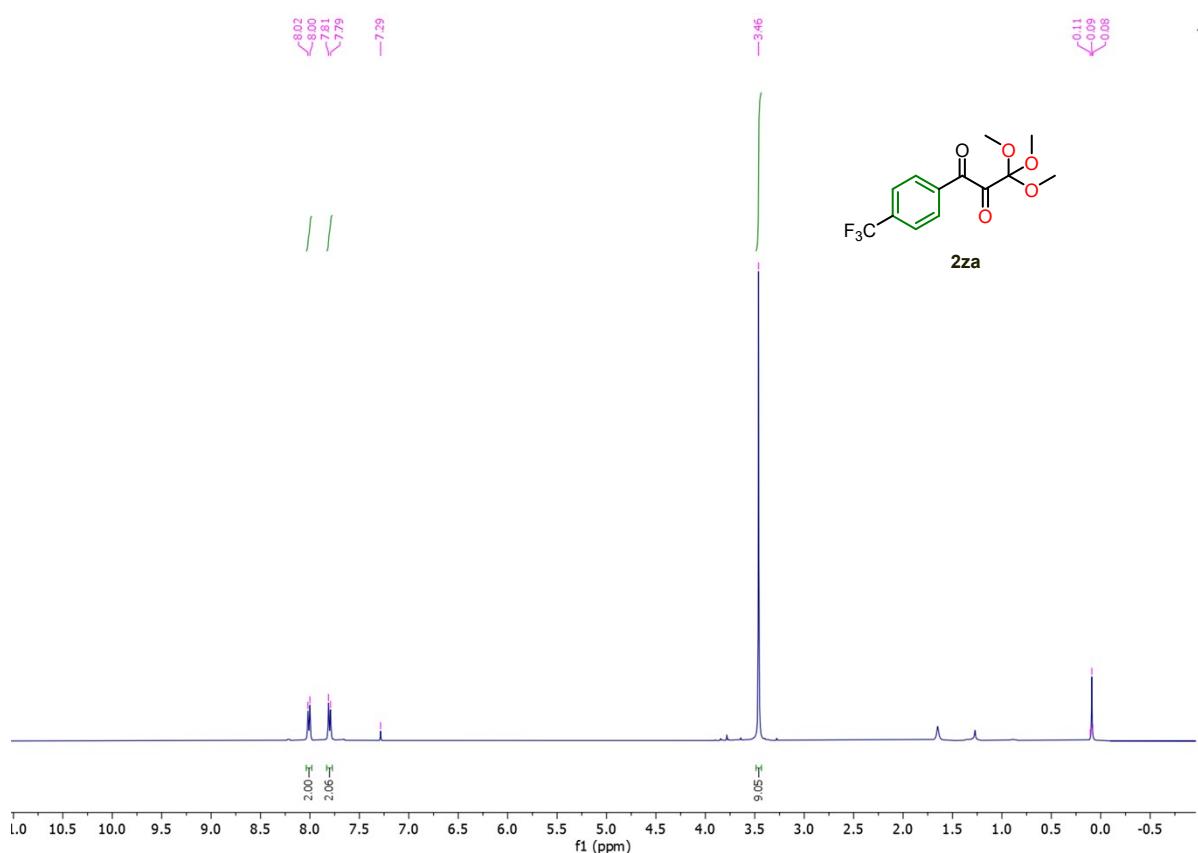


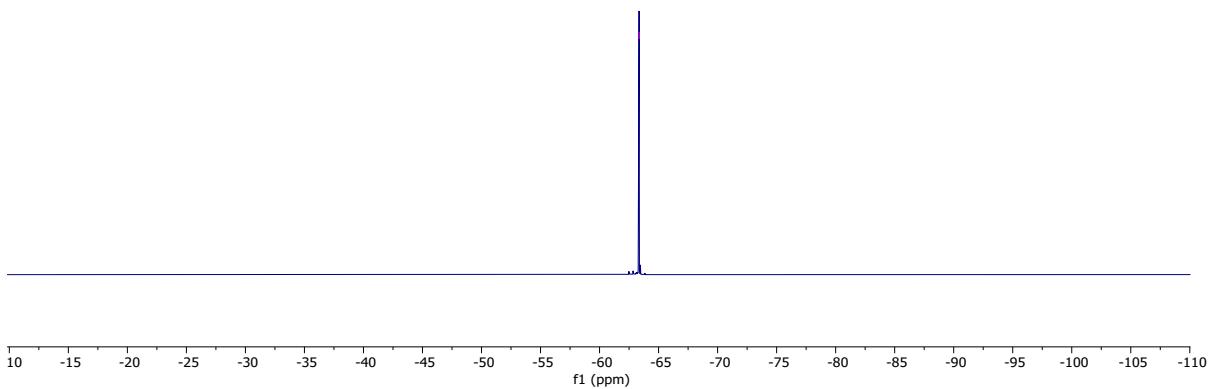
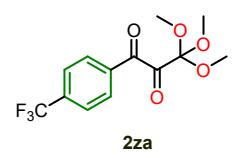
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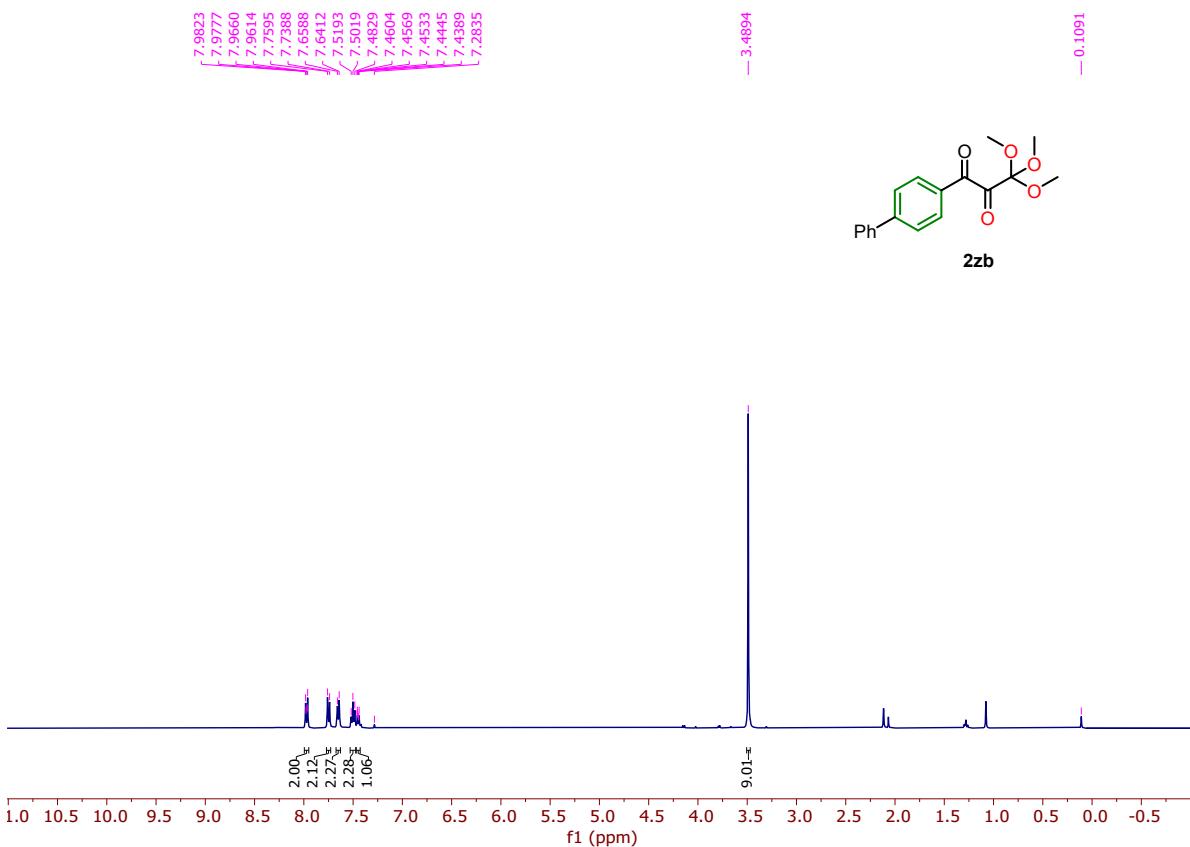
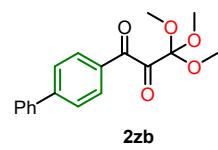
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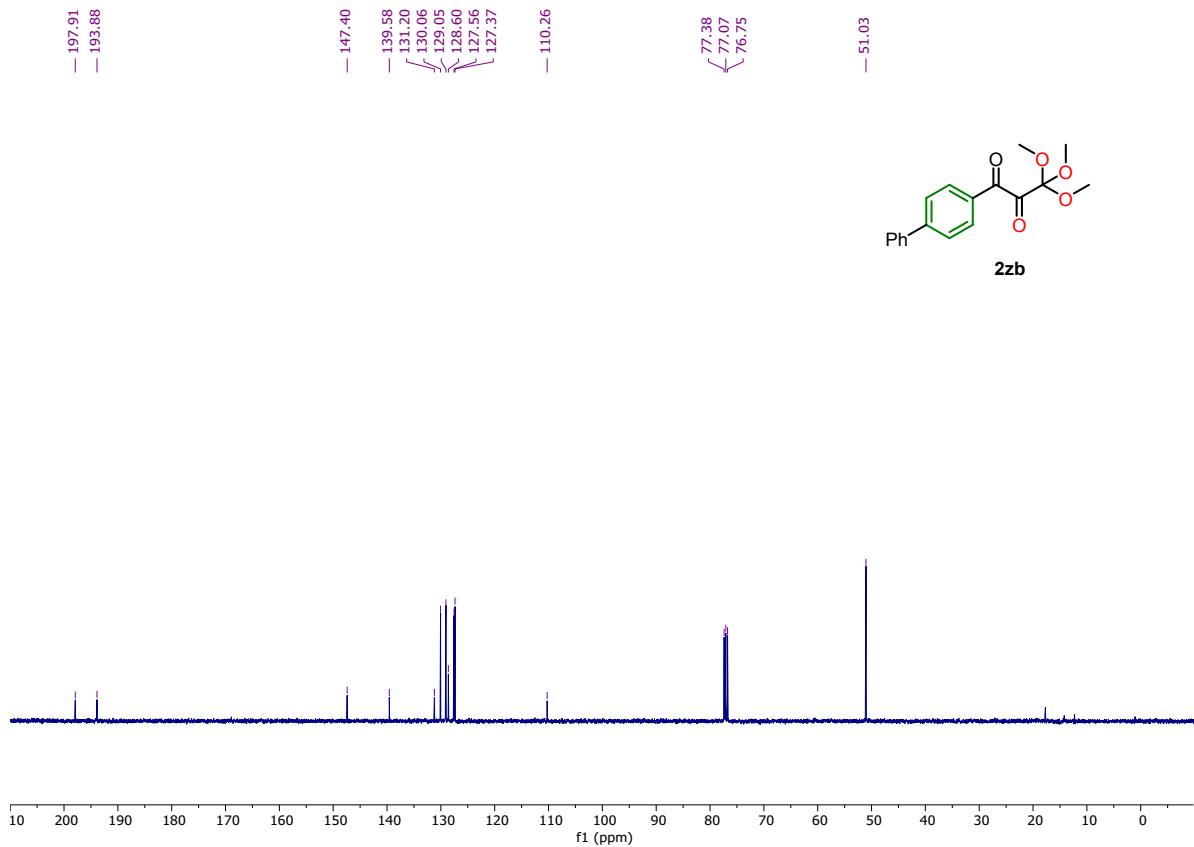
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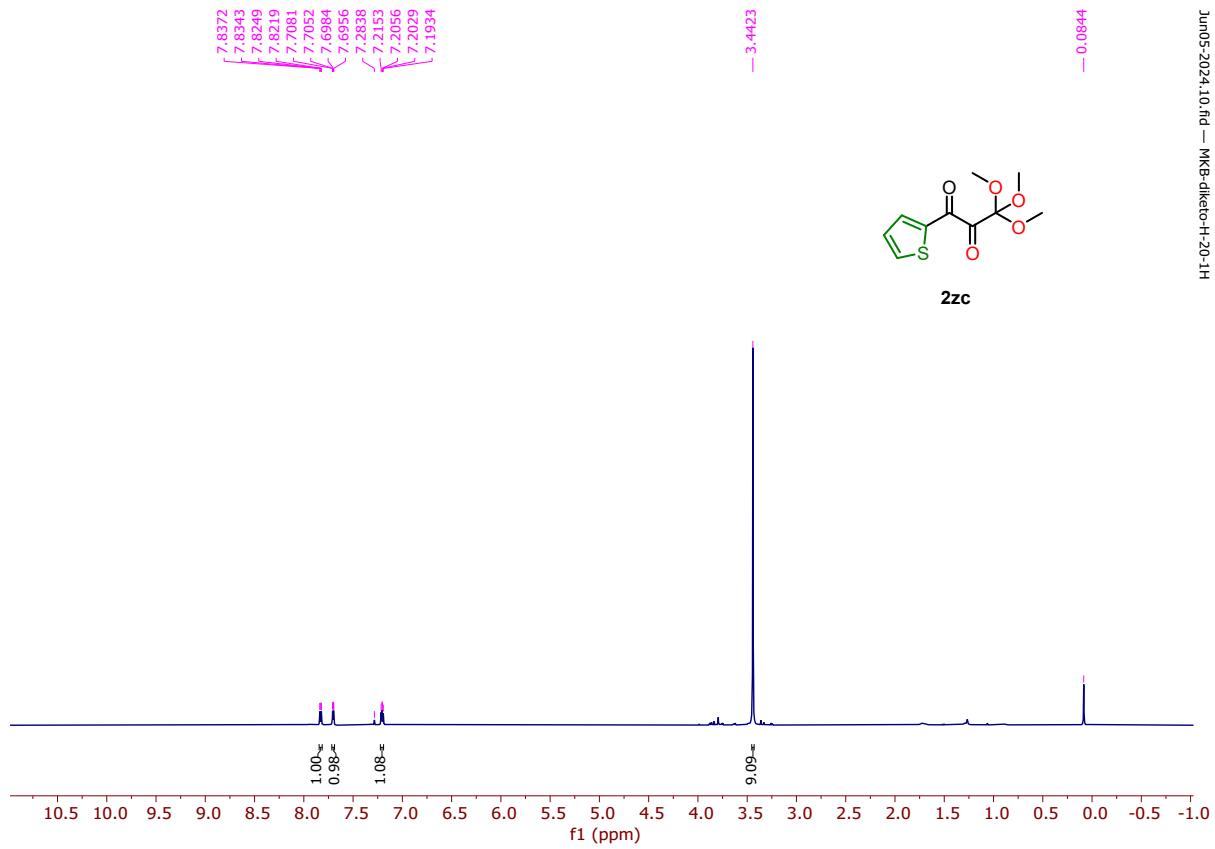


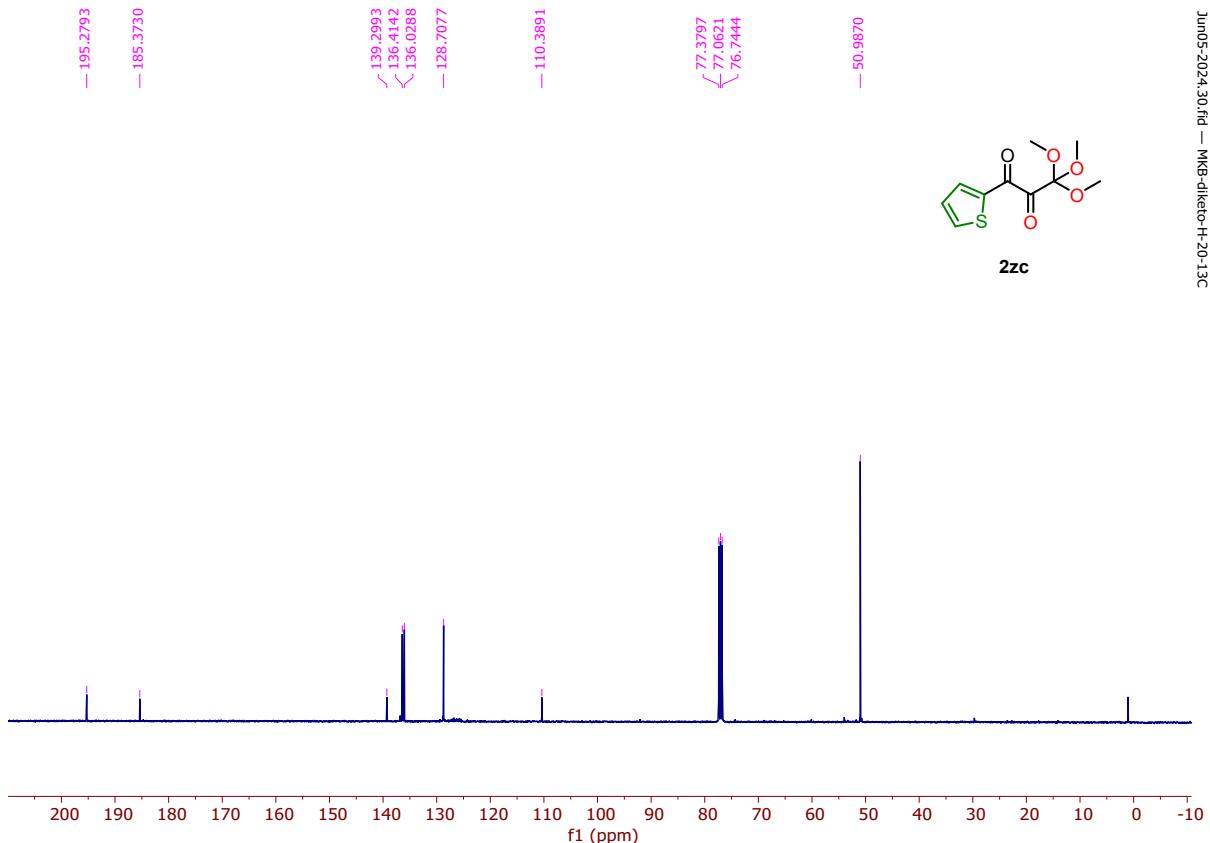
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