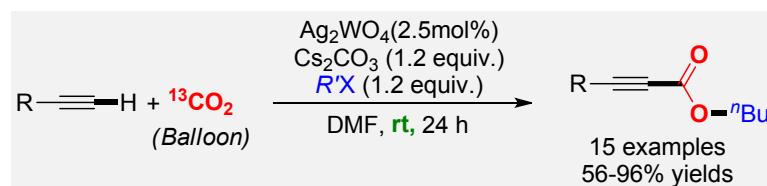


Supporting Information

Silver tungstate: A single-component bifunctional catalyst for carboxylation of terminal alkynes with CO₂ in ambient conditions †

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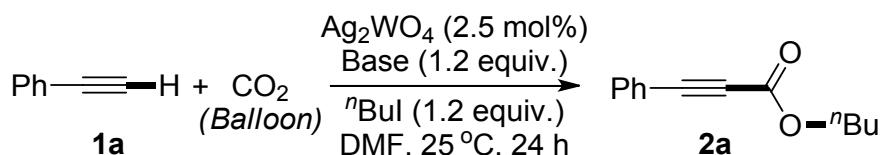
1. General Experimental Section

The starting materials were commercially available and were used without further purification. The products were isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (200-300 mesh) using petroleum ether (60-90 °C) and ethyl acetate. All compounds were characterized by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and mass spectroscopy, which are consistent with those reported in the literature. NMR spectra were determined on Bruker 400 in CDCl₃. ¹H NMR chemical shifts were referenced to residual solvent as determined relative to CDCl₃ (7.26 ppm). The ¹³C NMR chemical shifts were reported in ppm relative to the carbon resonance of CDCl₃ (central peak is 77.0 ppm). ¹H NMR peaks are labeled as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), and multiplet (m). The coupling constants, *J*, are reported in Hertz (Hz). GC-MS data were performed on Shimadzu GCMS-QP2010 SE. GC analyses were performed on a Shimadzu GC-2014 equipped with a capillary column (RTX-17 30 m × 0.25 μm) using a flame ionization detector.

The general procedure for the carboxylation of terminal alkynes in DMF is like this: The terminal alkyne (1.0 mmol), Ag₂WO₄ (0.0116 g, 0.025 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (0.3910 g, 1.2 mmol), "BuI (0.2208 g, 1.2 mmol) and DMF (3 mL) were added in a 10 mL Schlenk flask. The flask was capped and sealed. Then gas exchanging process was conducted with the “freeze-pump-thaw” method. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 24h under an atmosphere of CO₂ (99.999%, balloon). After reaction, added water to the mixture and extracted with acetic ether for 5 times. The combined organic layer was washed with sat. NaCl aq. and dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford a crude product and the residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether-EtOAc).

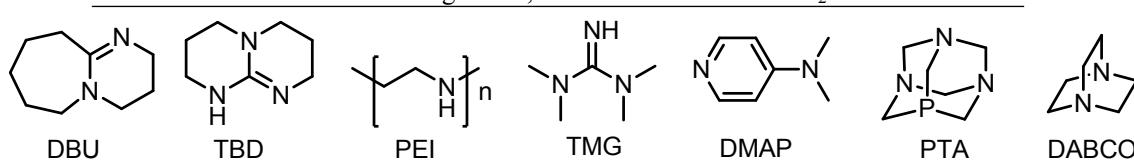
2. Optimization Studies

Table S1. Base effect on carboxylation of phenylacetylene^a



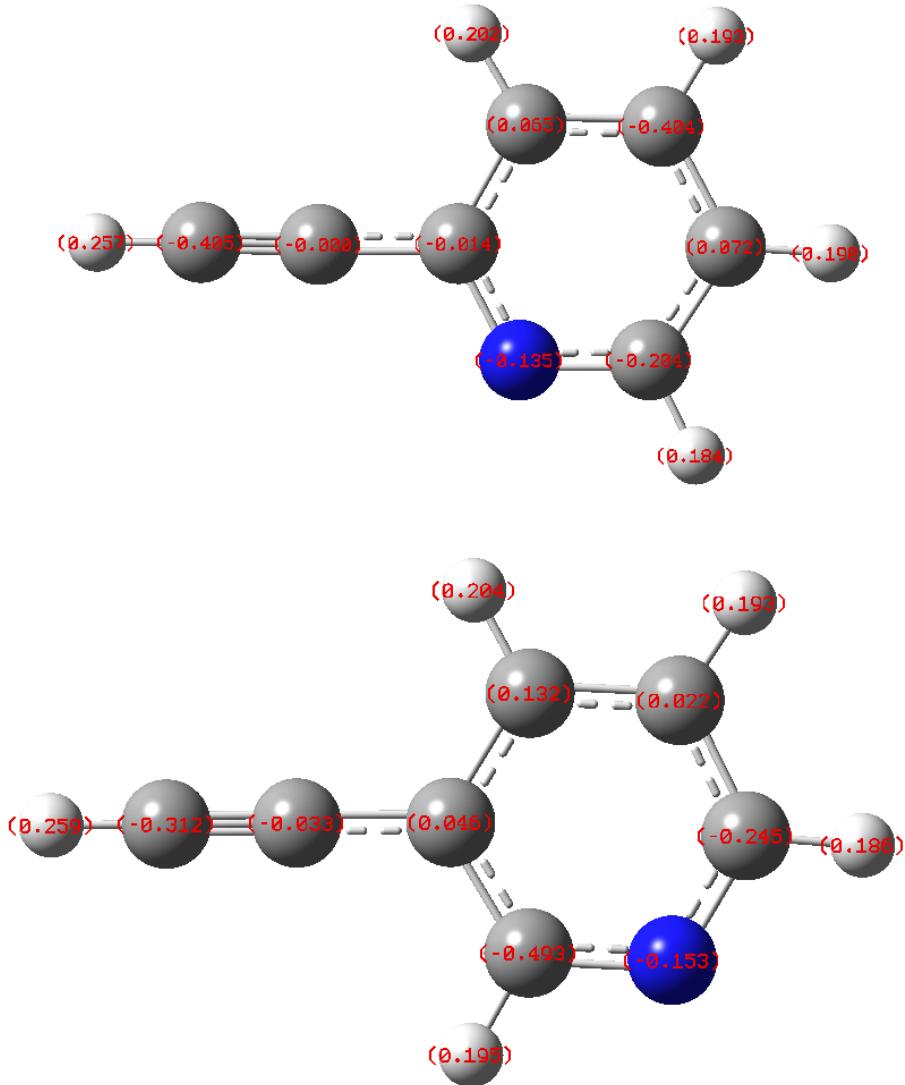
Entry	Base	Yield (%) ^b
1	0	<1
2 ^c	Cs ₂ CO ₃	76
3 ^d	Cs ₂ CO ₃	<1
4	Cs ₂ CO ₃	<1
5	K ₂ CO ₃	5
6	Na ₂ CO ₃	<1
7	NaNH ₂	<1
8	'BuOLi	2
9	'BuOK	<1
10	'BuONa	<1
11	KOH	<1
12	NaOH	<1
13	LiOH	<1
14	CsF	<1
15	KF	<1
16	CsOAc	<1
17	KOAc	<1
18	CsF+K ₂ CO ₃	7
19	TBD	21.2
20	DBU	<1
21	PEI ₆₀₀	<1
22	DMAP	<1
23	TMG	<1
24	Et ₃ N	<1
25	PTA	<1

^aReaction conditions: Phenylacetylene (0.0511 g, 0.5 mmol), Ag₂WO₄ (0.0056 g, 0.0013 mmol), base (0.6 mmol), *n*-BuI (0.1104 g, 0.6 mmol), DMF (3 mL), CO₂ (99.999%, balloon), 25 °C, 12 h. ^bThe yields were determined by GC with biphenyl as internal standard. ^cwithout Ag₂WO₄. ^dAr balloon instead of CO₂ balloon.

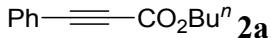


3. DFT Calculations

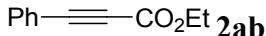
The calculations were carried out by performing DFT by use of the B3LYP functional with the 6-31+G(d) basis set as implemented in Gaussian 09 program package. The negative charge at terminal carbon of 2-ethynylpyridine is -0.405 and that of 3-ethynylpyridine was -0.312



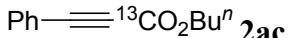
4. NMR and MS Spectral Data of the Products



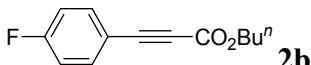
Compound **2a**. Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.58-7.57 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.34 (m, 3H), 4.23 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.73-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.38 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 154.1, 132.9, 130.5, 128.5, 119.6, 86.0, 80.7, 65.9, 30.4, 19.0, 13.6; EI-MS, m/z(%): 129.15 (100), 201.20 (11.72) [M^+].



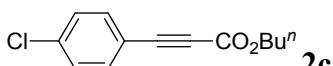
Compound **2ab**. Light yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.48-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 4.23 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.71-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.40 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 154.0, 136.4, 131.0, 127.5, 119.4, 84.9, 80.0, 65.9, 30.4, 19.0, 13.6; EI-MS, m/z(%): 129.15 (100), 173.97 (5) [M^+].



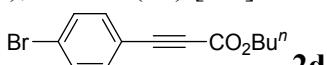
Compound **2ac**. Colorless oil; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , NS=1) δ (ppm): 154.2. HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{12}{^{13}\text{CH}}_{15}\text{O}_2$ for $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated 204.1100, found 204.1102.



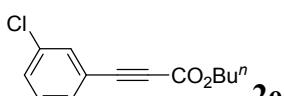
Compound **2b**. Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.57-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 2H), 4.21 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.70-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.36 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 165.0, 162.6, 154.0, 135.2, 116.1, 115.9, 84.9, 80.6, 65.9, 30.4, 19.0, 13.6; EI-MS, m/z(%): 147.20 (100), 220.15 (6) [M^+].



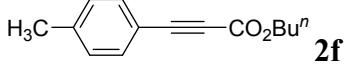
Compound **2c**. Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.49 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.22 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.71-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.37 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 153.9, 136.9, 134.1, 129.0, 118.1, 84.6, 81.5, 66.0, 30.4, 19.0, 13.6; EI-MS, m/z(%): 163.05 (100), 236.10 (10) [M^+].



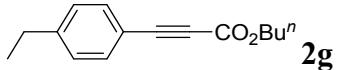
Compound **2d**. Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.50 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.22 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.69-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.39 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 153.9, 134.2, 131.9, 125.3, 118.6, 84.6, 81.6, 66.0, 30.4, 19.0, 13.6; EI-MS, m/z(%): 180.10 (100), 280.20 (14) [M^+].



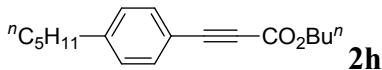
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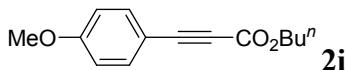
Compound **2f**. Light yellow solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.47 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.23 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.73-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.39 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 154.3, 141.2, 132.9, 129.3, 116.5, 86.5, 80.3, 65.8, 30.4, 21.6, 19.0, 13.6; EI-MS, m/z(%): 116.15 (100), 216.20 (13) [M^+].



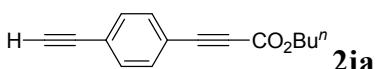
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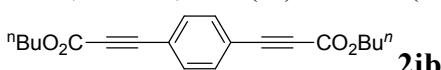
Compound **2h**. Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.49 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.23 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.63-2.59 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.58 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.31 (m, 6H), 0.97-0.87 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 154.3, 146.2, 133.0, 128.6, 116.7, 86.6, 80.3, 65.8, 36.0, 31.4, 30.7, 30.5, 22.4, 19.0, 14.0, 13.6; EI-MS, m/z (%): 172.20 (100), 272.25 (15) [M^+].



Compound **2i**. White solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.53 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.22 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.69 (dt, $J = 14.7, 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.44 (dq, $J = 14.7, 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 161.5, 154.4, 134.9, 114.2, 111.4, 86.8, 80.1, 65.7, 55.5, 30.5, 19.0, 13.6; EI-MS, m/z(%): 132.20 (100), 232.20 (18) [M^+].

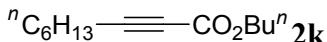


Compound **2ja**. Light yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.53 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.23 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.23 (s, 1H), 1.73-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.37 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 154.0, 132.7, 132.1, 124.4, 120.0, 85.0, 82.6, 82.1, 80.2, 66.0, 30.4, 19.0, 13.6; EI-MS, m/z (%): 126.15 (100), 326.25 (16) [M^+].

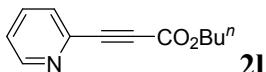


Compound **2jb**. White solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.57 (s, 4H), 4.24 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.73-66 (m, 4H), 1.47-1.38 (m, 8H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 6H);

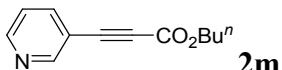
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ(ppm): 153.8, 132.8, 121.79, 84.4, 82.9, 30.4, 19.0, 13.6; EI-MS, m/z (%): 126.10 (100), 226.10 (16) [M⁺].



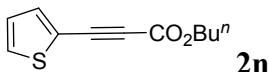
Compound **2k**. Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 4.13 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.65-1.52 (m, 4H), 1.42-1.25 (m, 8H), 0.94-0.85 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 154.0, 89.4, 73.1, 65.5, 31.1, 30.4, 28.5, 27.4, 22.4, 19.0, 18.6, 13.9, 13.6; EI-MS, m/z (%): 155.15 (100), 195.20 (1) [M⁺].



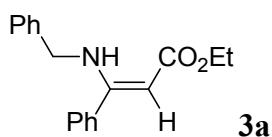
Compound **2l**. Brown oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.63 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 4.23 (t, J = 6.7, 2H), 1.70-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.36 (m, 5H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 153.5, 1510.5, 140.6, 128.5, 124.5, 83.7, 79.2, 66.1, 30.3, 18.9, 13.5; EI-MS, m/z (%): 130.10 (100), 202.10 (2) [M⁺].



Compound **2m**. Brown oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.87 (s, 1H), 8.62 (d, J = 4.0, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 1H), 4.24 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H) 1.68-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.37 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ(ppm): 154.0, 89.4, 73.1, 65.5, 31.1, 30.4, 28.5, 27.4, 22.4, 19.0, 18.6, 13.9, 13.6; EI-MS, m/z (%): 130.15 (100), 202.15 (10) [M⁺].

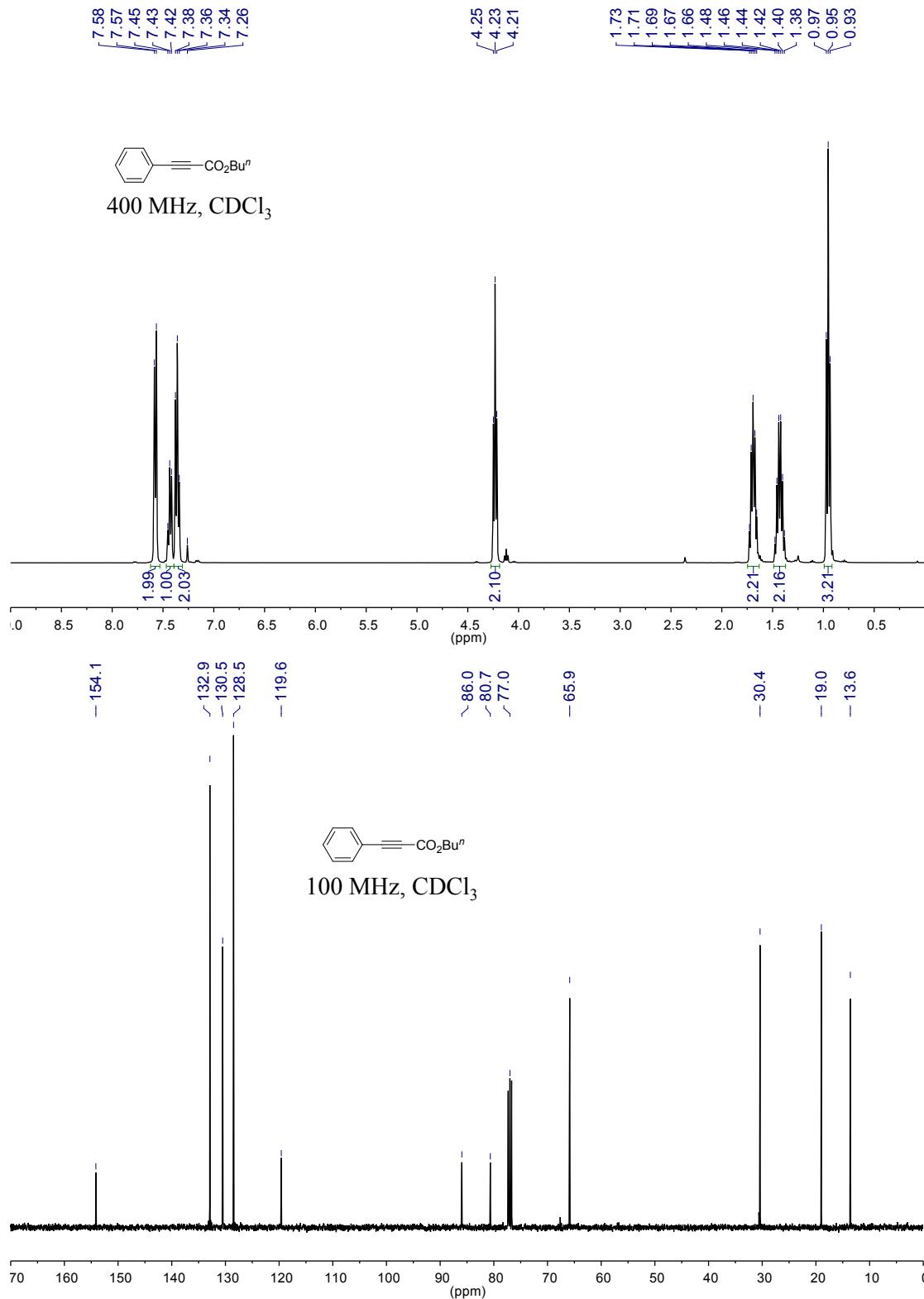


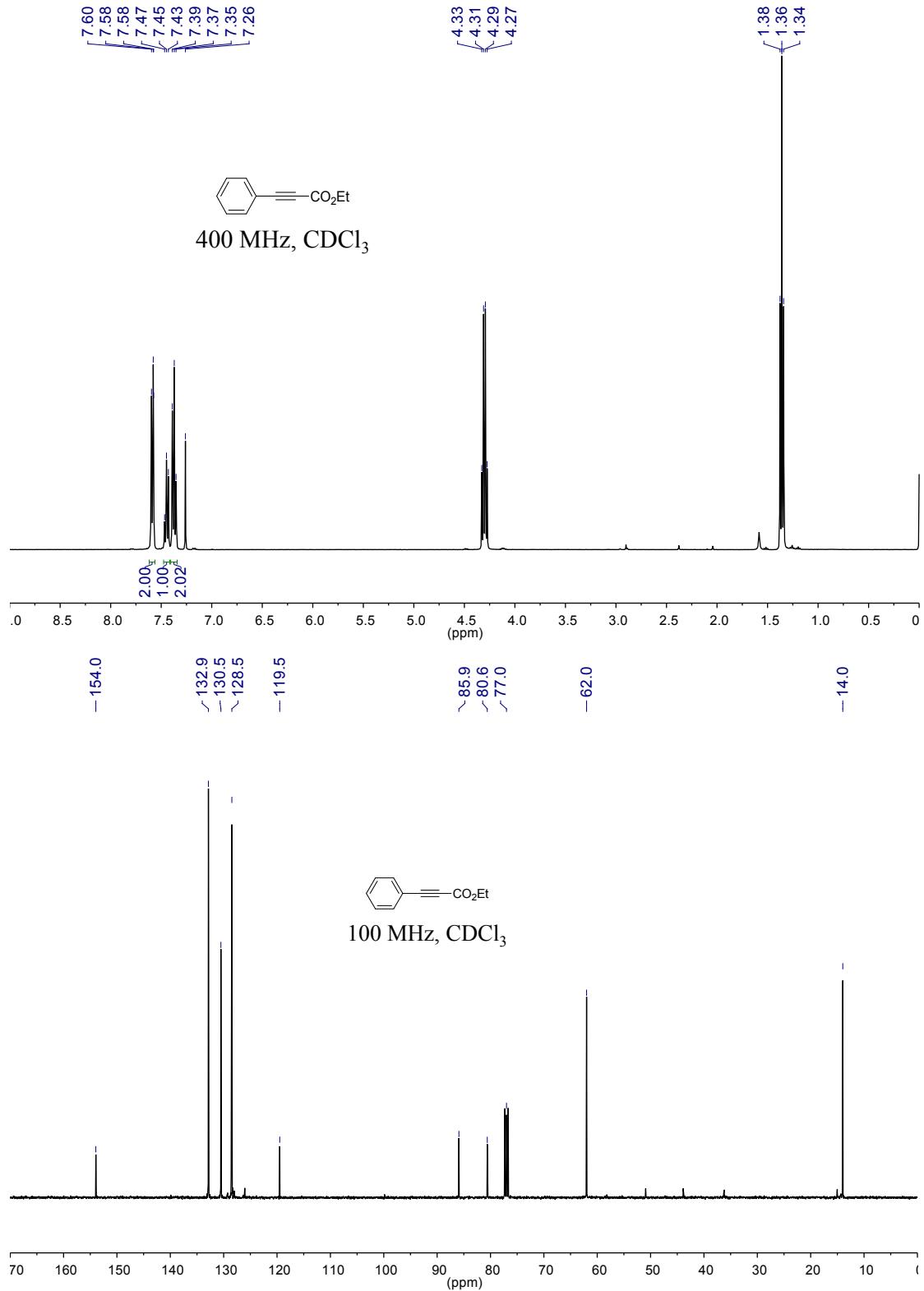
Compound **2n**. Brown oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 1H), 4.22 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.72-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.36 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 154.0, 136.4, 131.0, 127.4, 119.4, 84.9, 80.0, 65.9, 30.4, 19.0, 13.6; EI-MS, m/z(%): 108.10 (100), 208.15 (15) [M⁺].

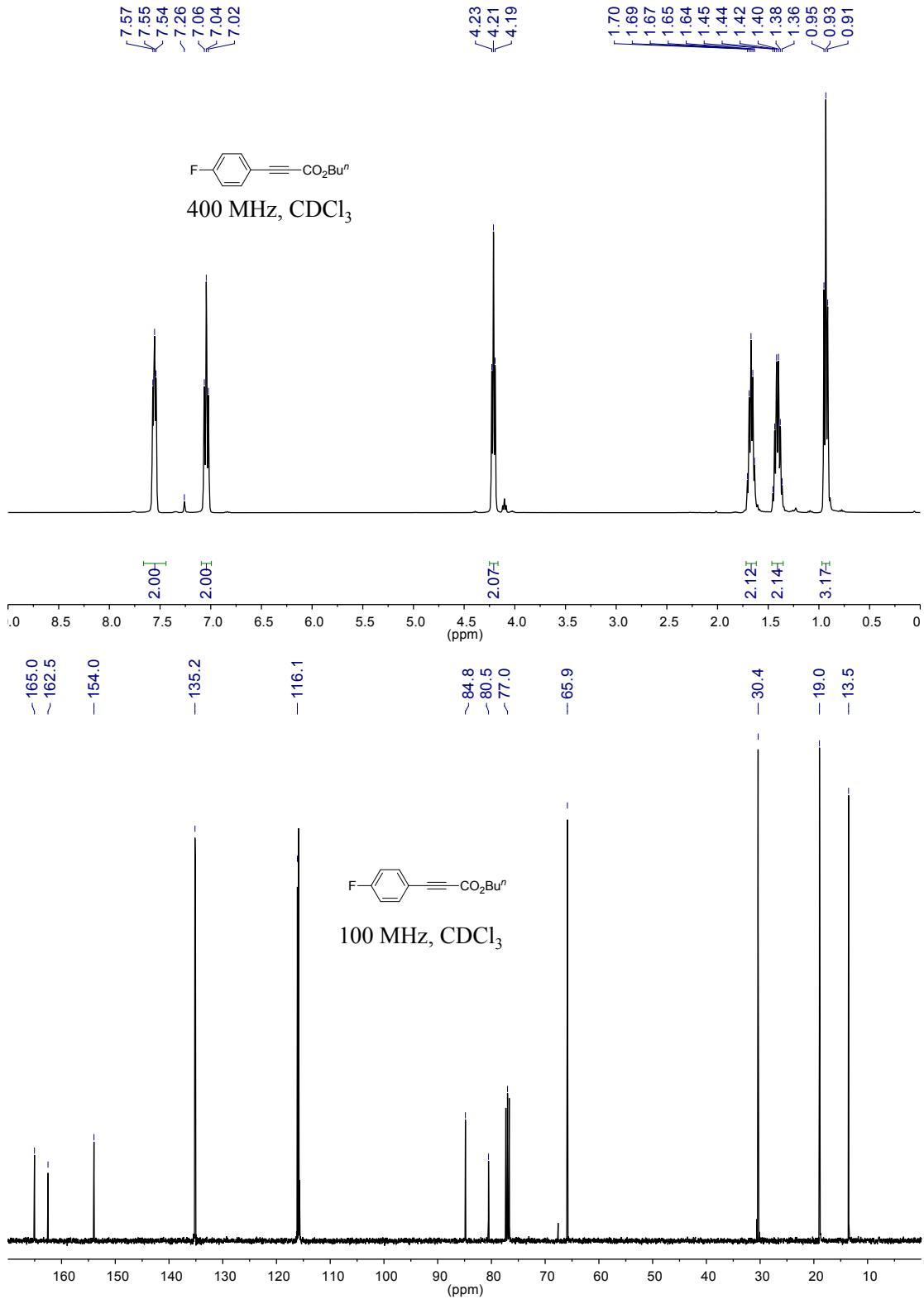


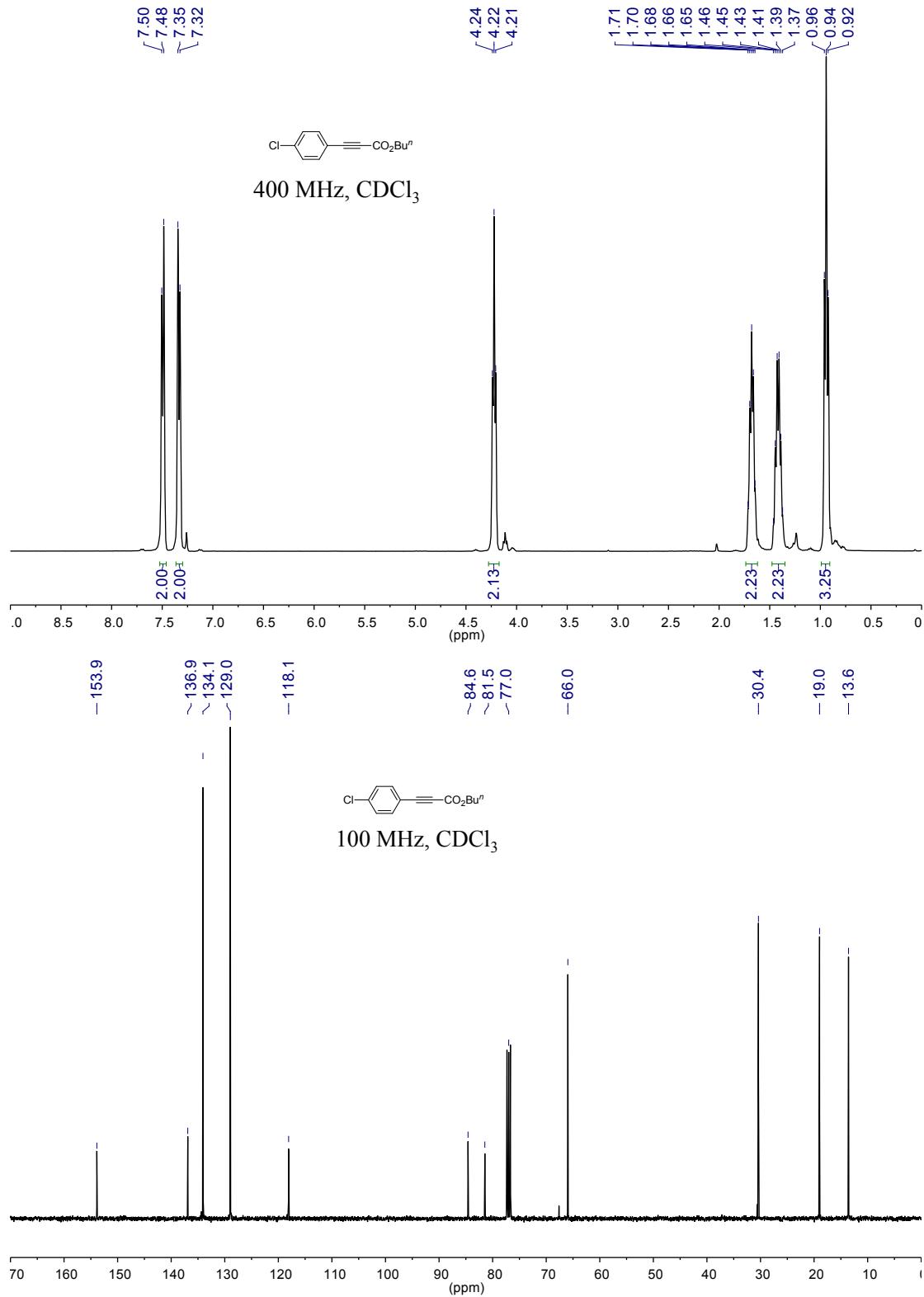
Compound **3a**. Yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.92 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.16 (m, 10H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.27 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) d 170.1, 164.7, 139.1, 135.9, 129.2 128.6, 128.3, 137.8, 127.1, 126.7, 86.2, 58.7, 48.3, 14.5; HRMS (ESI): C₁₈H₂₀NO₂ for [M + H]⁺ calculated 282.1494, found 282.1495.

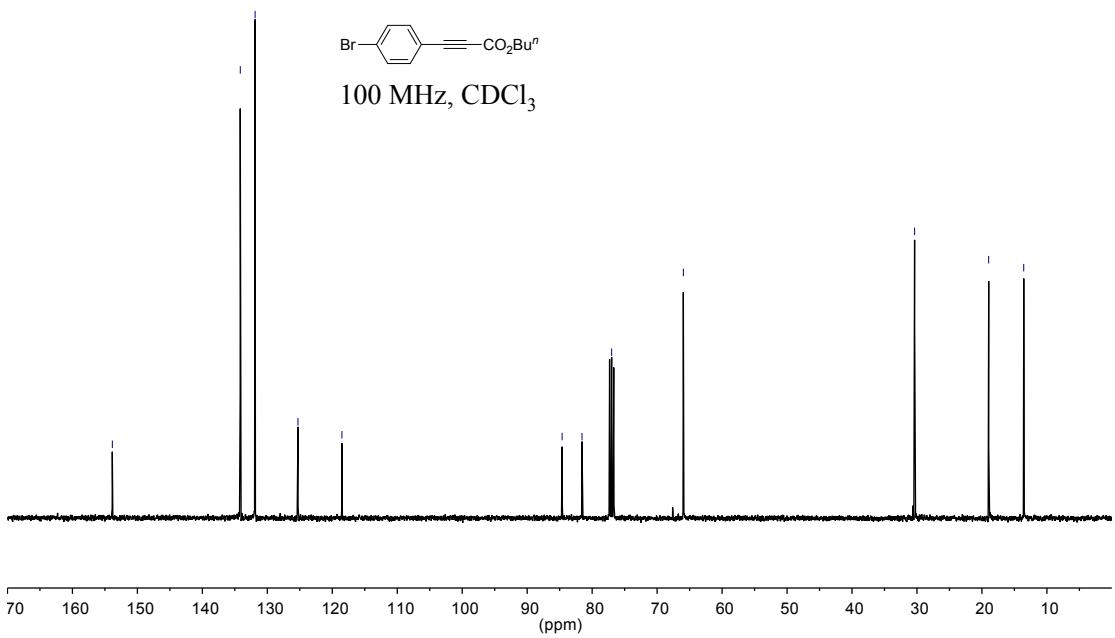
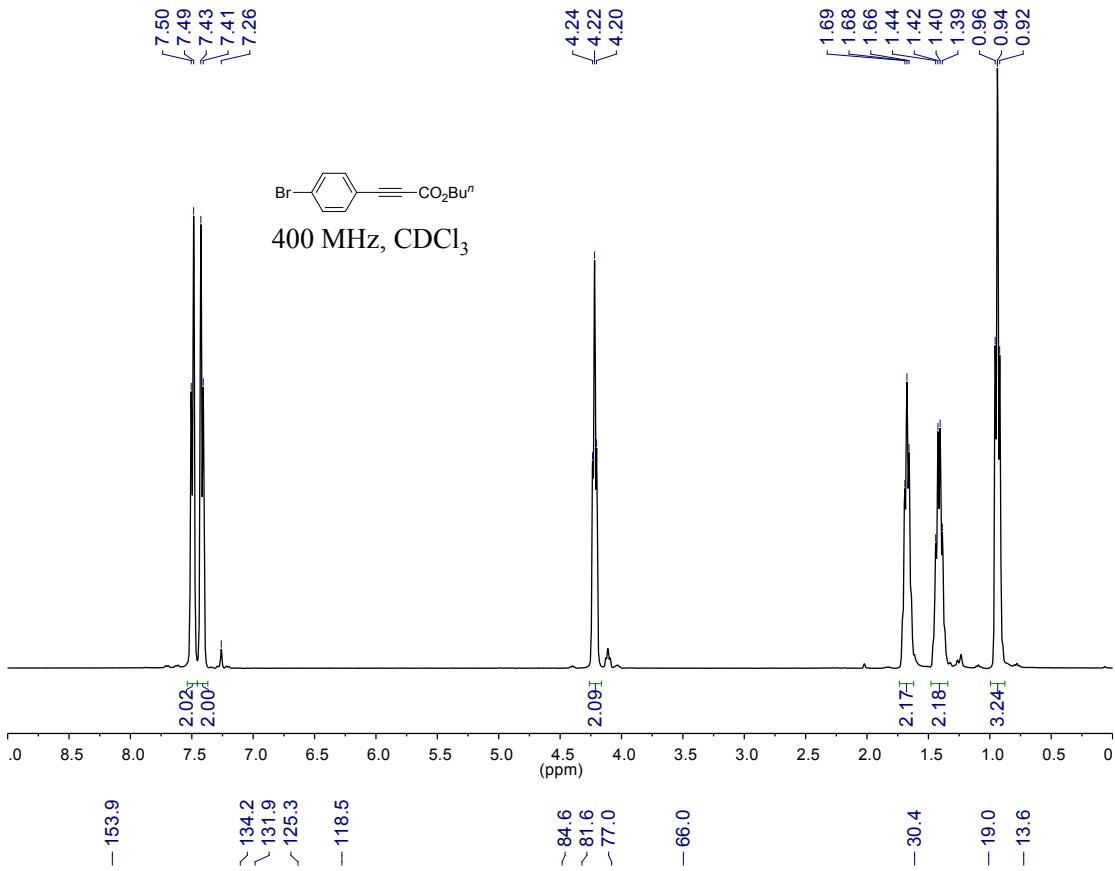
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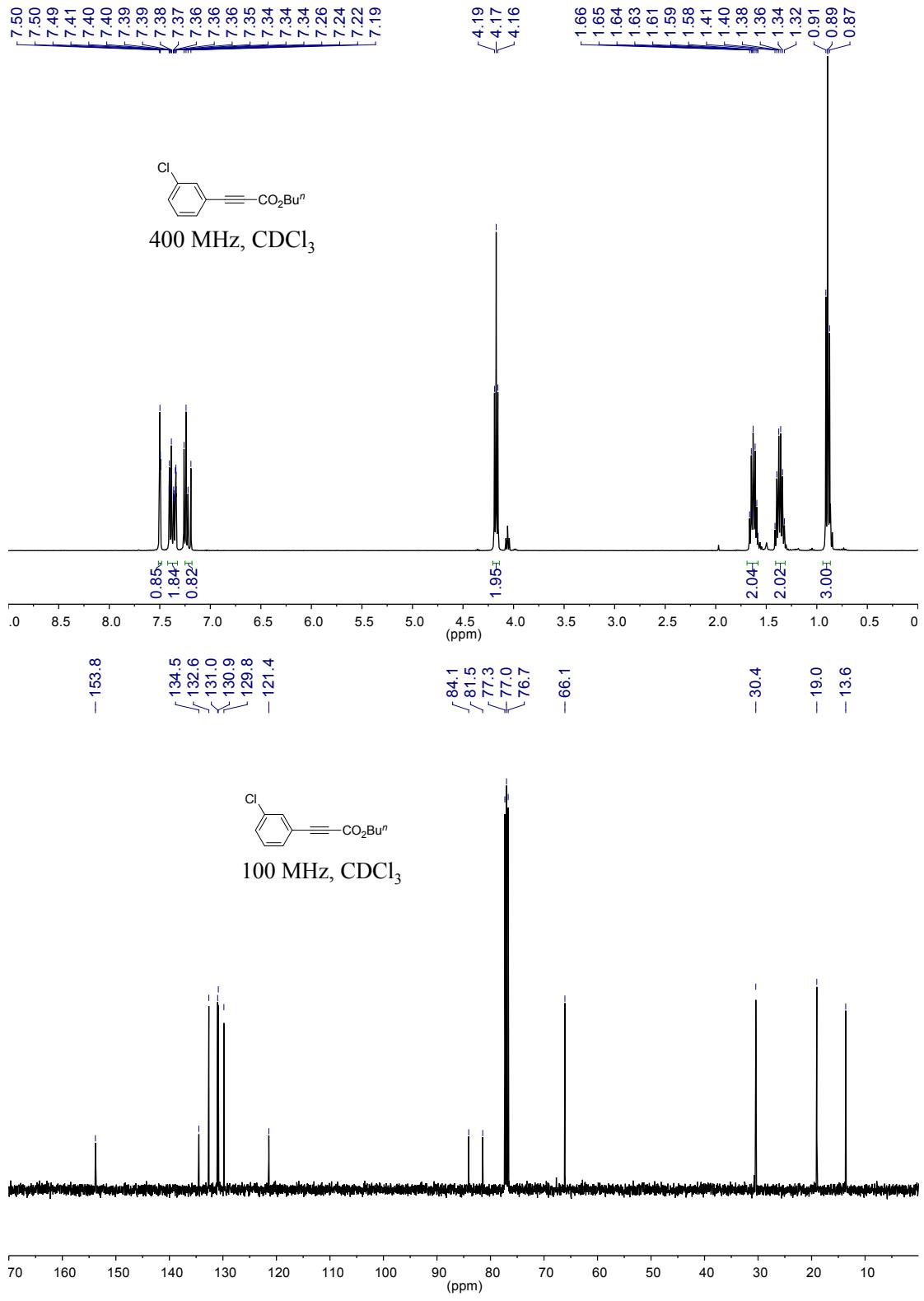


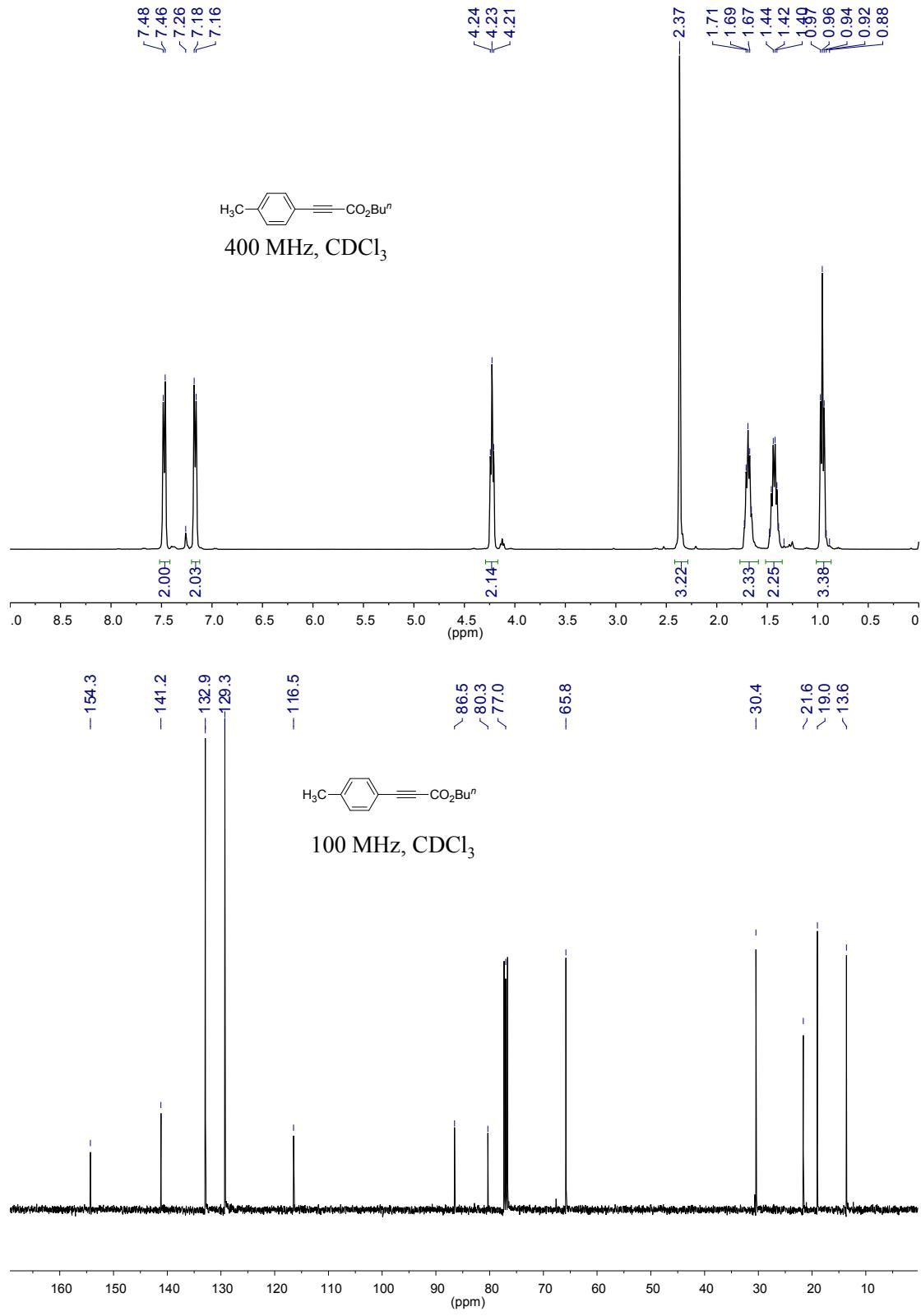


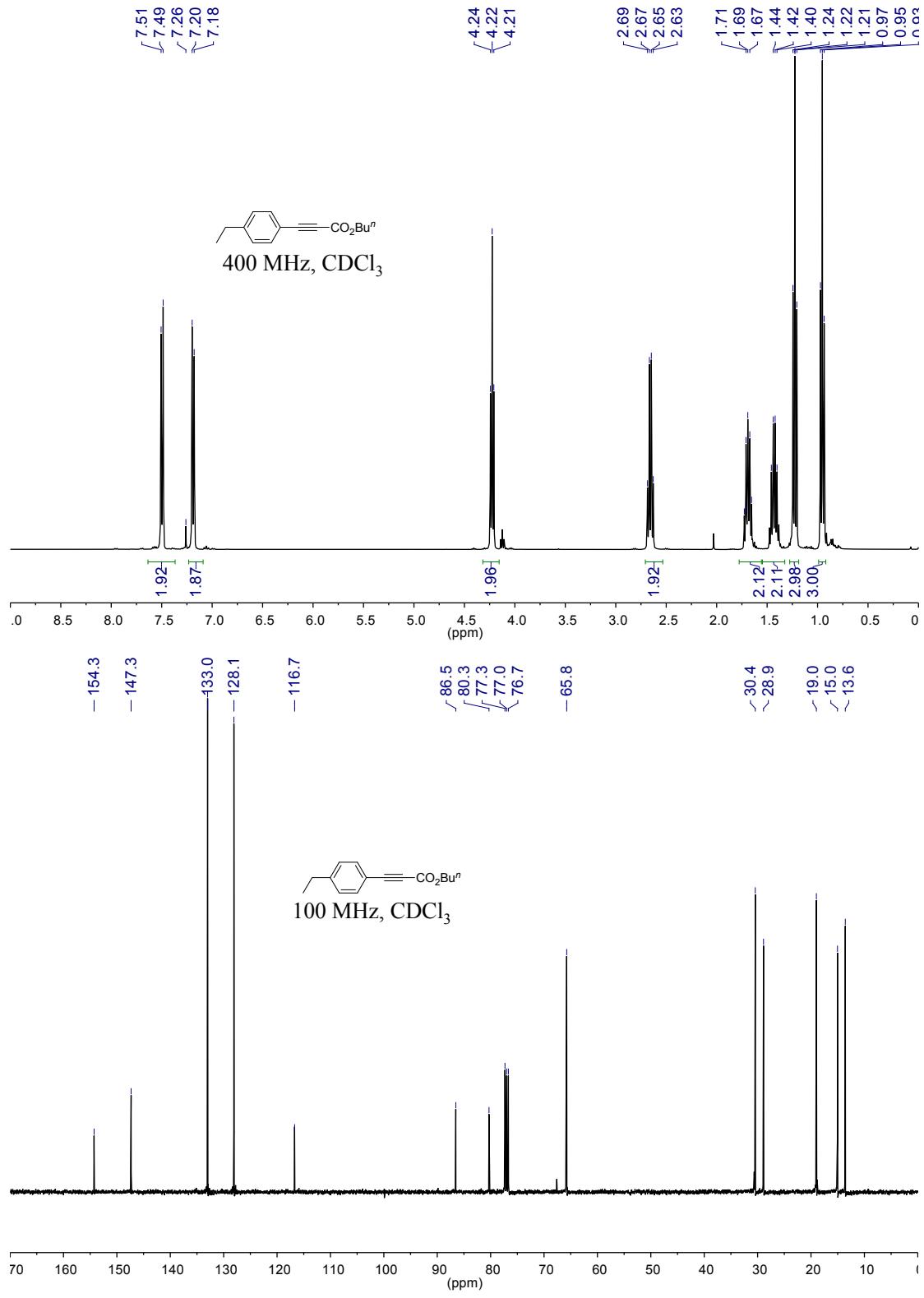


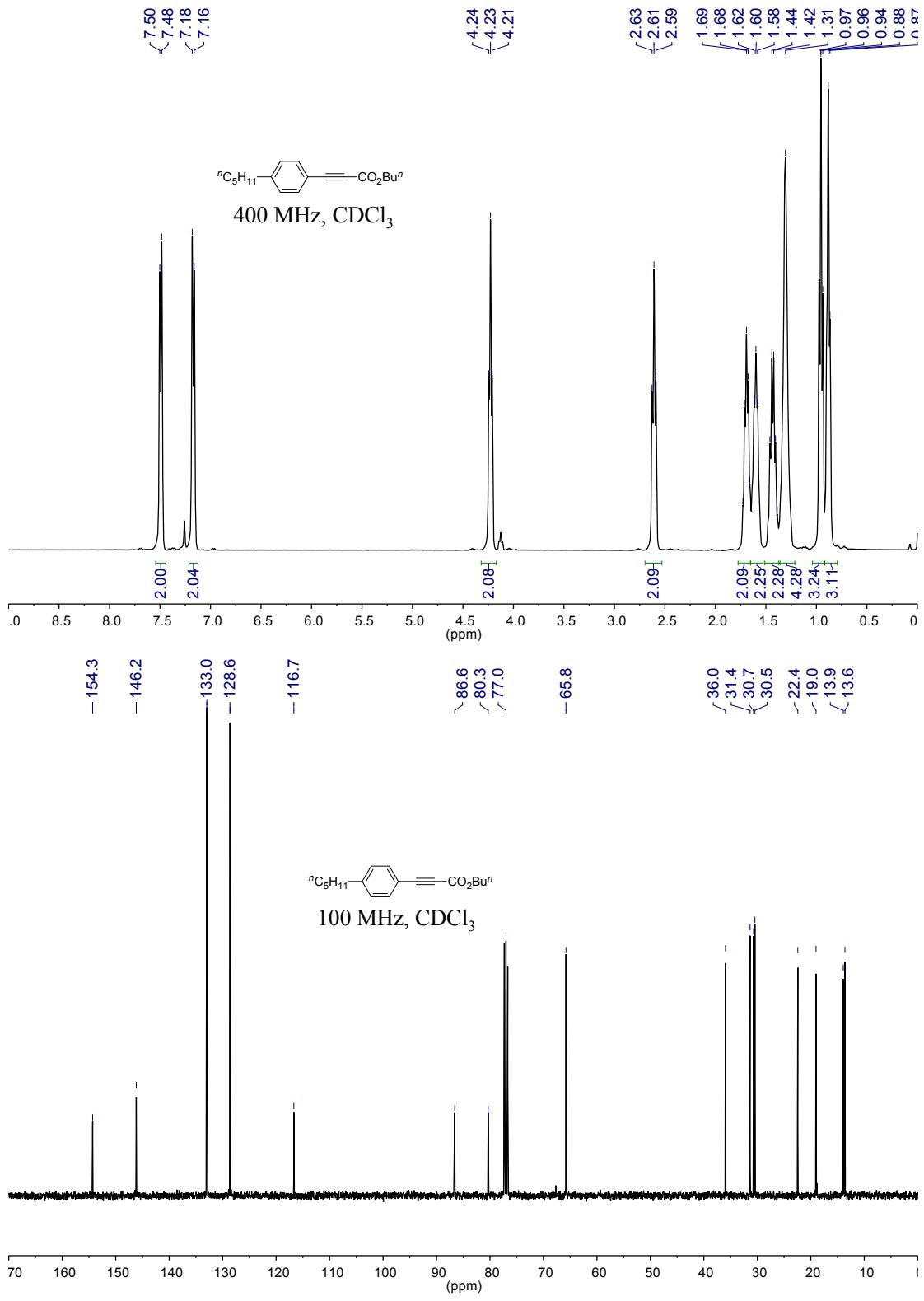


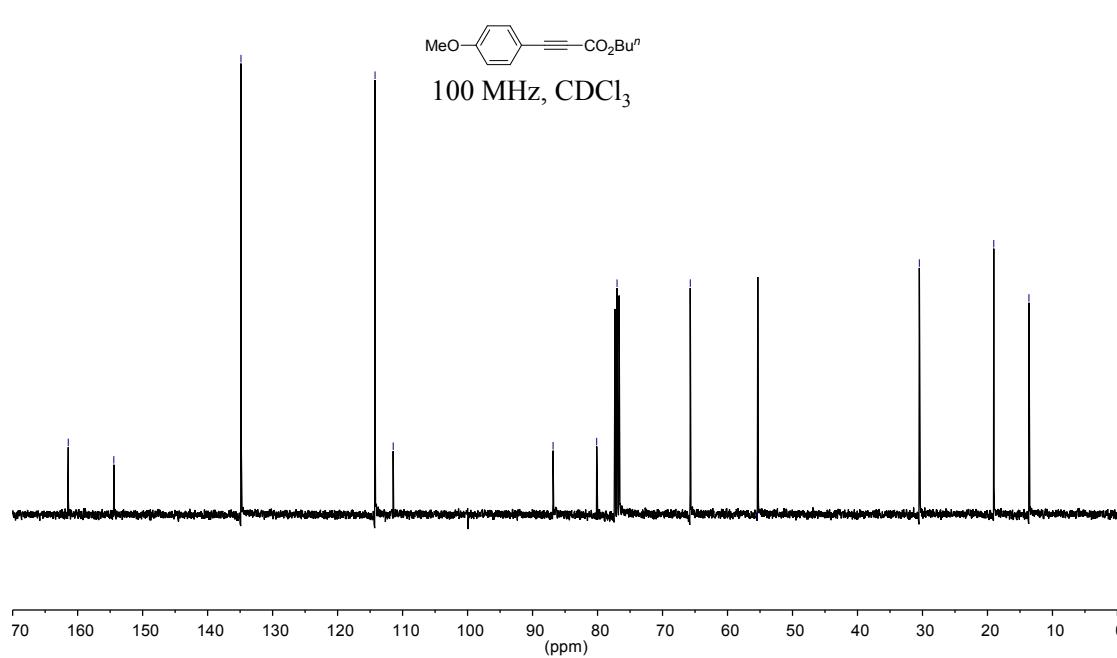
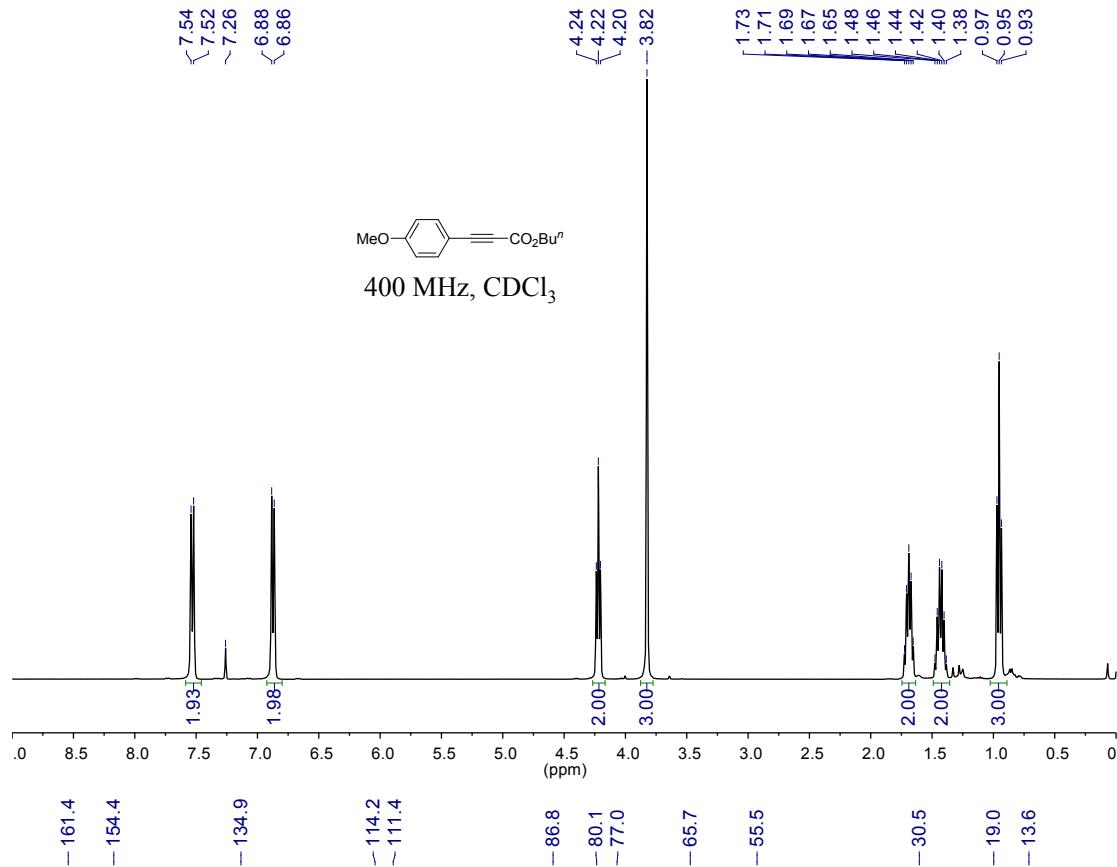


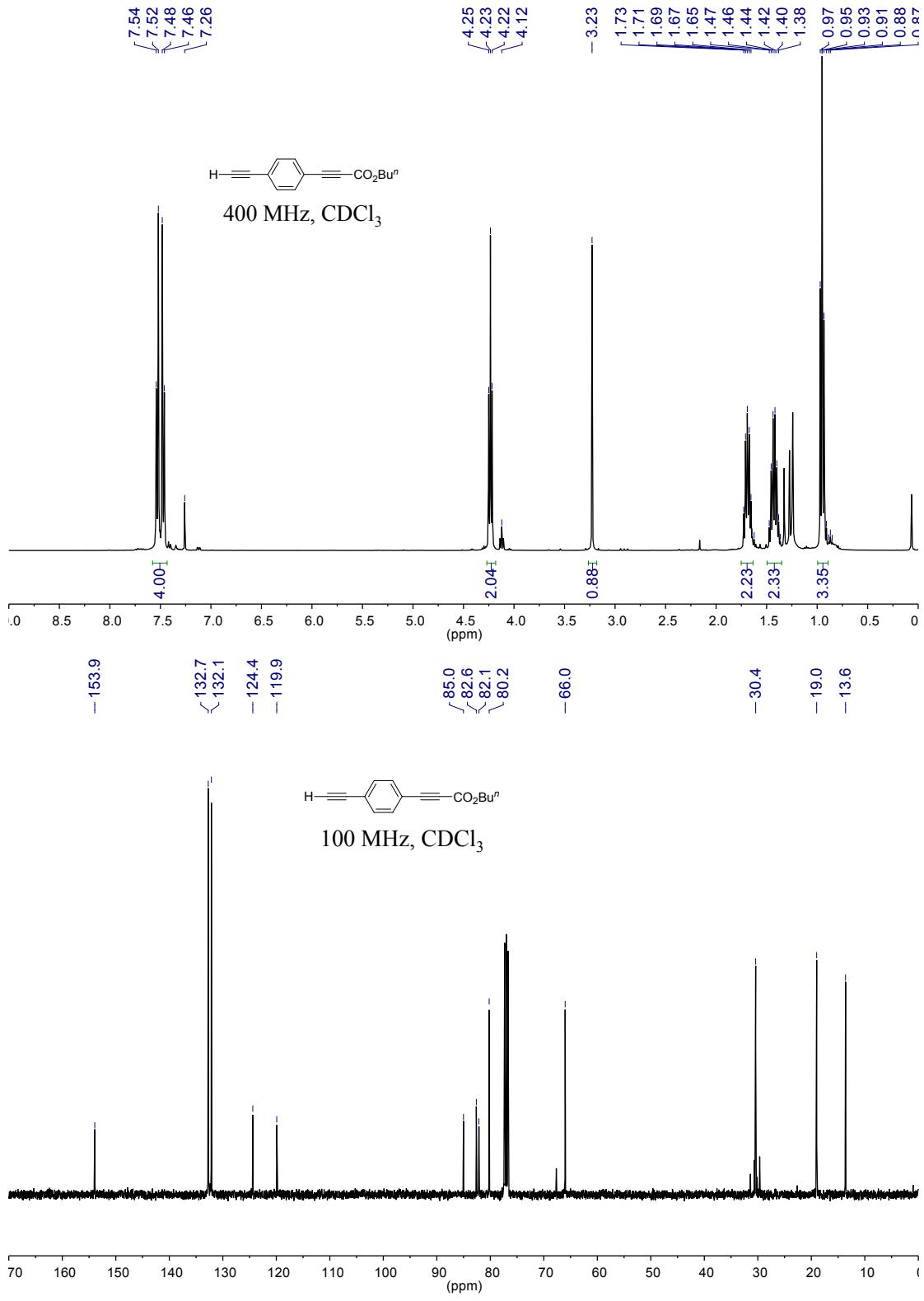


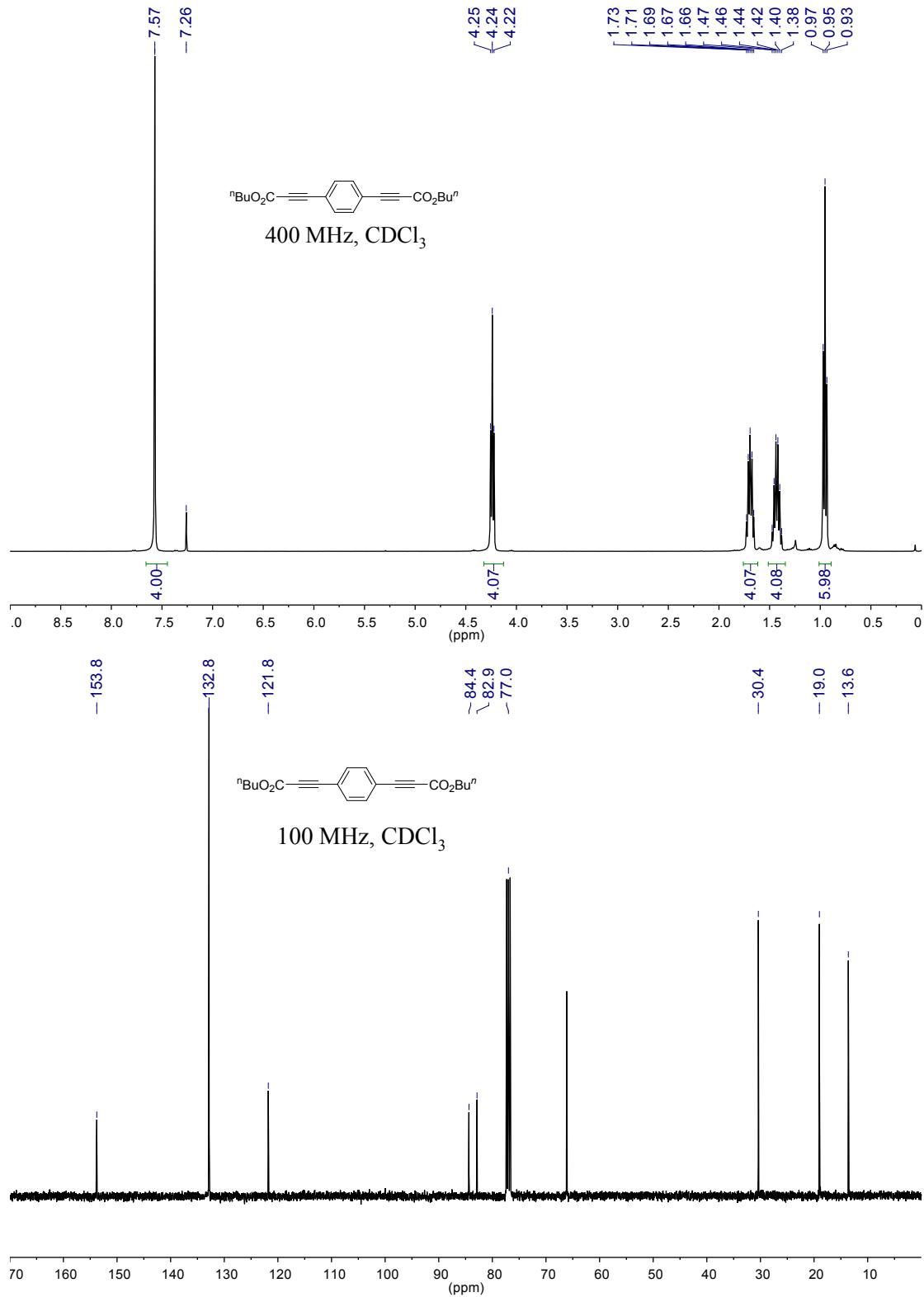


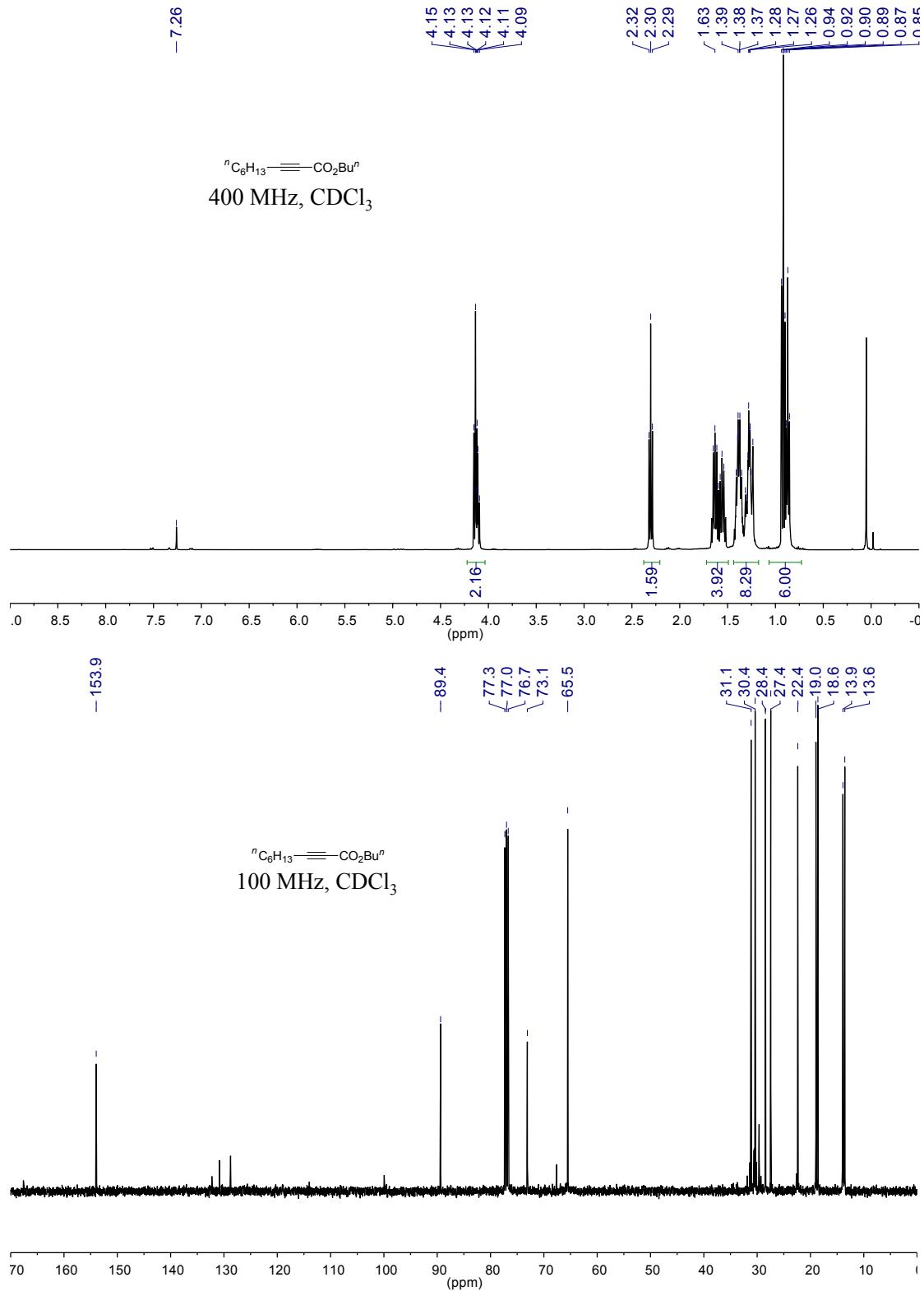


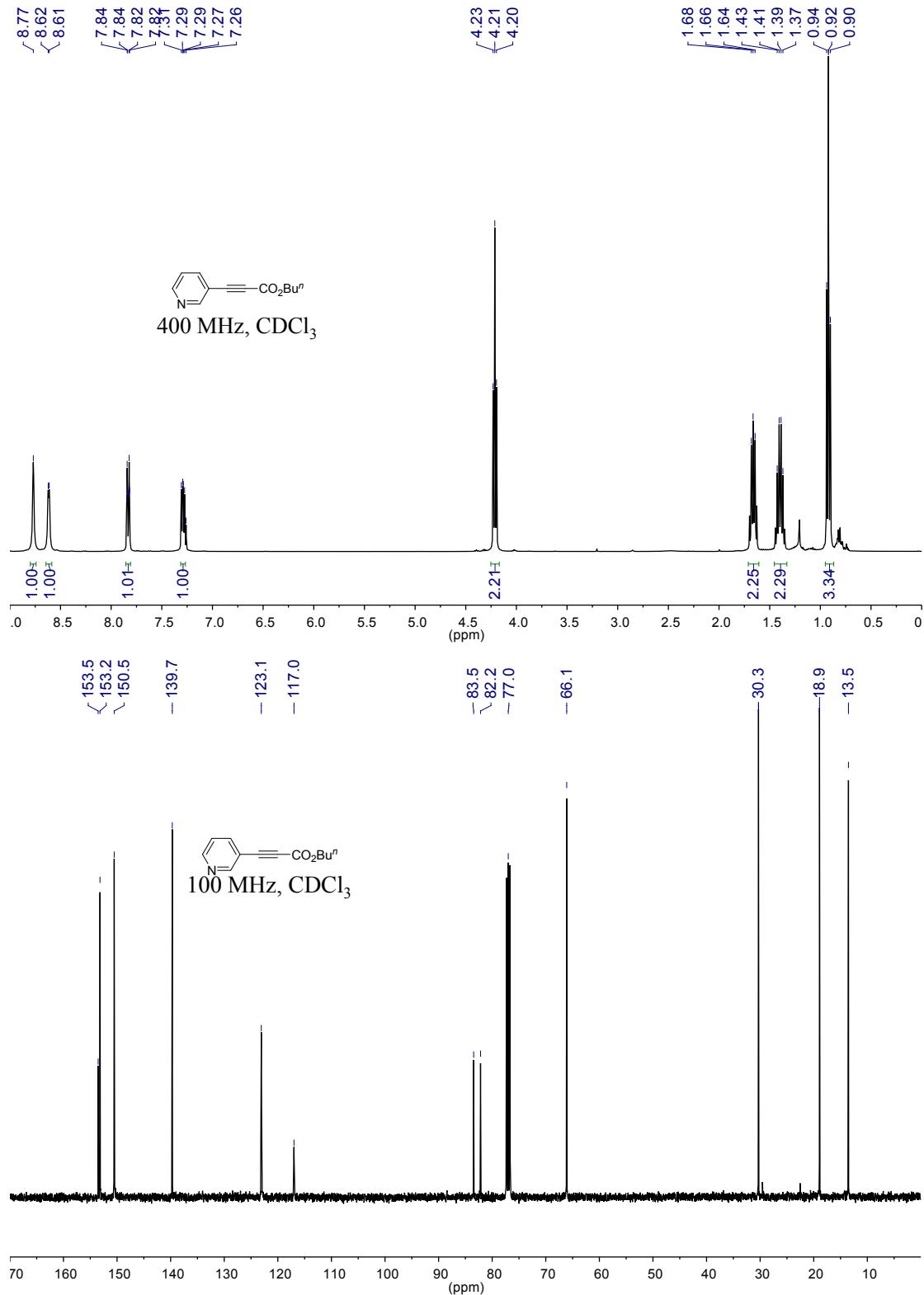


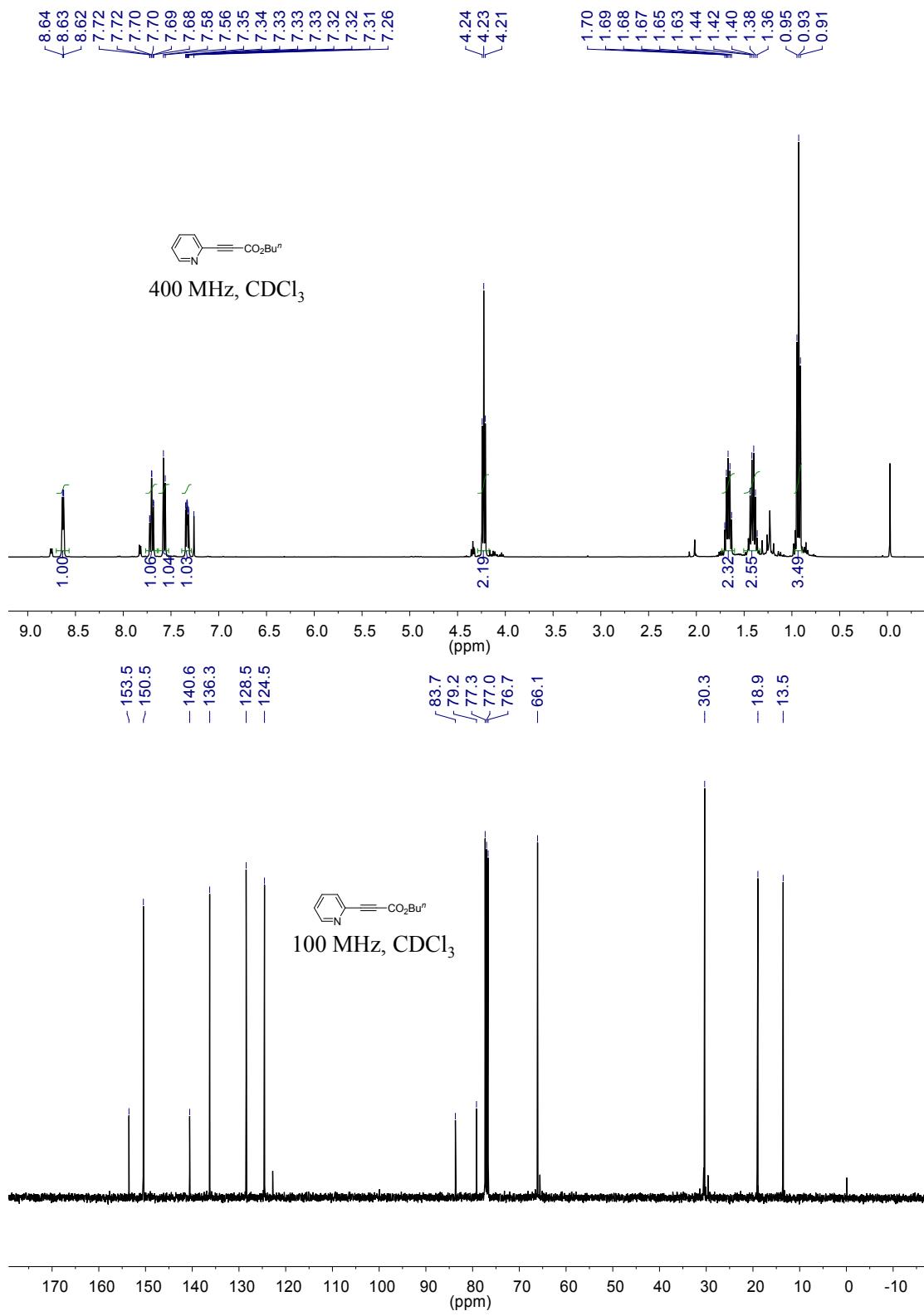


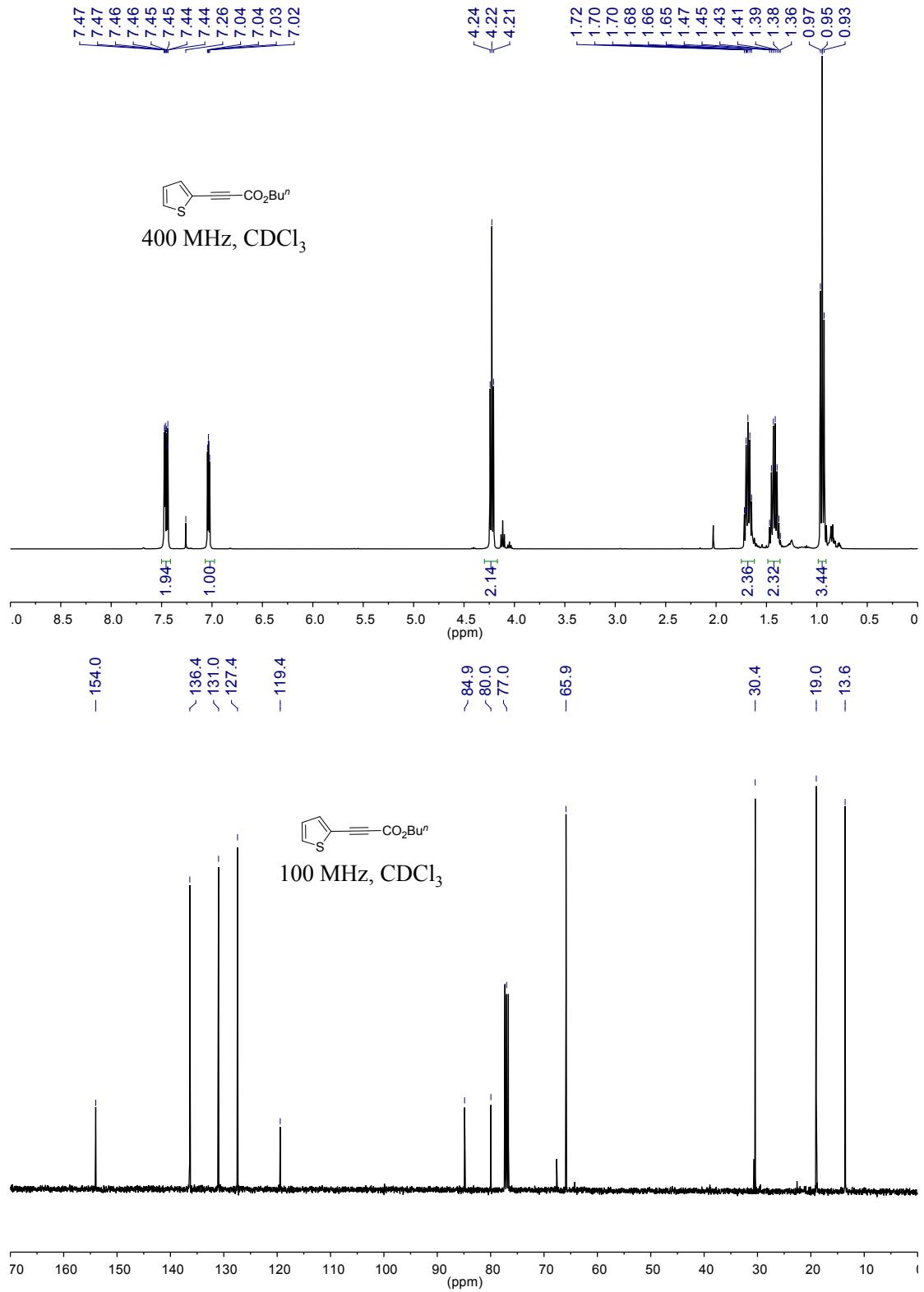


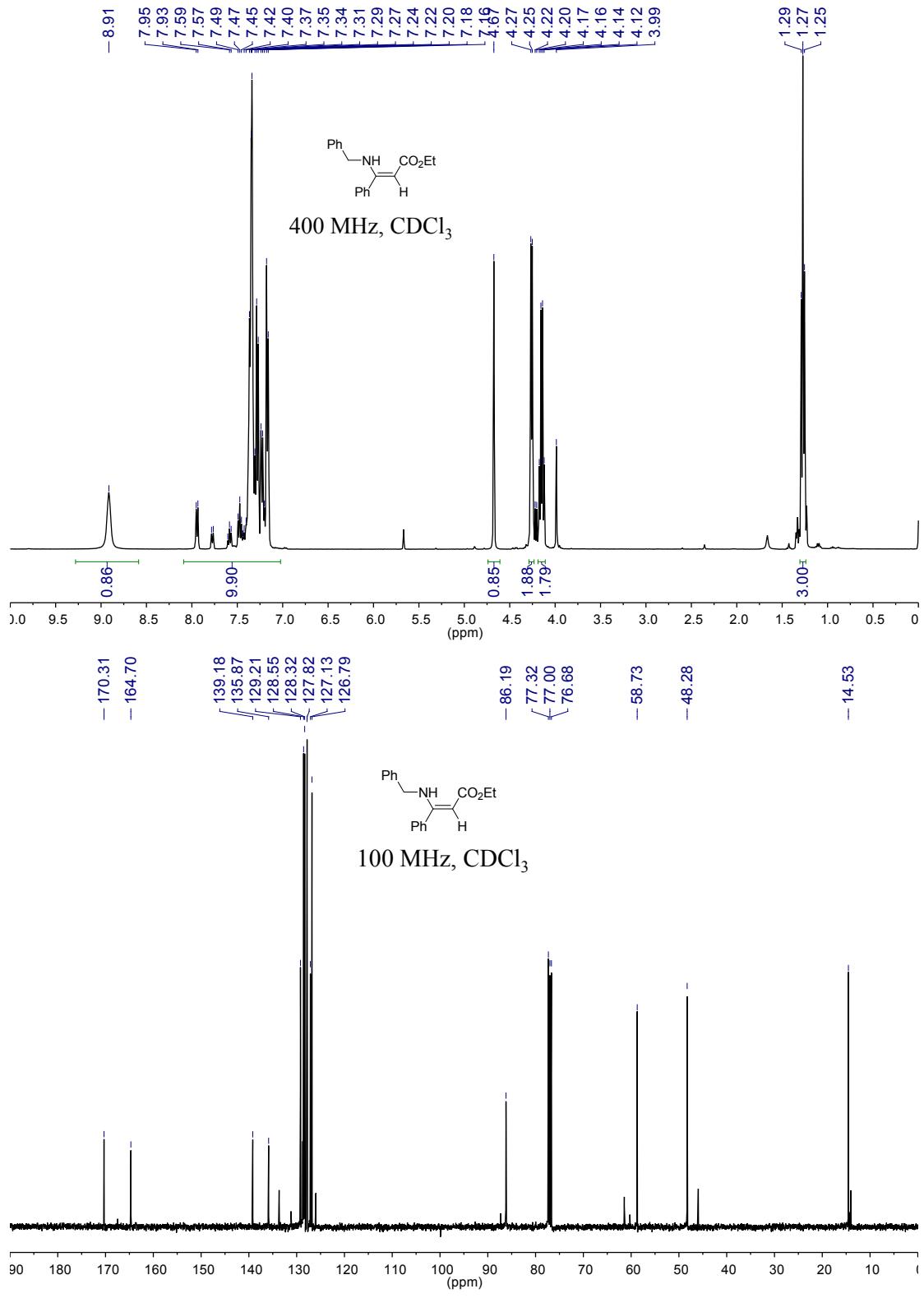












6. GC-MS spectrum of the Products

