

Supporting Information

The Ligand and Base-Free Pd-Catalyzed Oxidative Heck Reaction of Arylboronic Acids and Olefins

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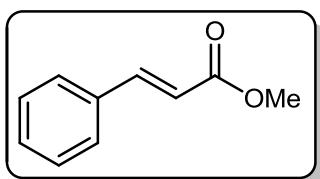
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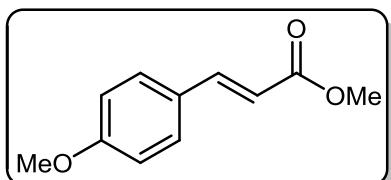
General experimental: All reactions were carried out under an air atmosphere condition unless otherwise stated. Various arylboronic acids and various olefins were purchased from Aldrich, Acros or Alfa. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 200–300 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (100–200 mesh). Chemical shifts of ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR were reported in ppm (δ units) and residual non deuterated solvent was used as internal reference. The following abbreviations were used to designate the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, bs = broad signal, m = multiplet.

General procedure for base-free and ligand-free palladium-catalyzed oxidative Heck-Type coupling reactions of arylboronic acids: A mixture of arylboronic acid (0.5 mmol), olefin (3.0 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2 mol %), DDQ (1 equiv), Ac_2O (5 equiv) and AcOH (3 mL) in a Schlenk tube was stirred under air atmosphere at 90 °C for 27 hours. After the mixture was poured into ether, it was washed with water, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and then filtered and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether or petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to afford the corresponding coupling products.

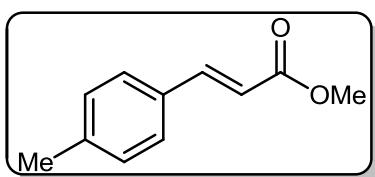
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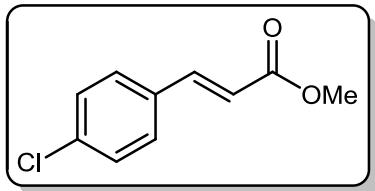
(*E*)-methyl cinnamate (**3a**)¹. White solid; m.p. 36-38 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.45 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 3H), 7.52-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 52.1, 118.0, 128.4, 129.2, 130.6, 134.6, 145.2, 167.8. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₀H₁₀O₂]⁺ requires m/z 162.0681, found 162.0679.



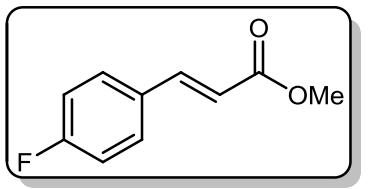
(*E*)-methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylate (**3b**)¹. Yellow solid; m.p. 88-89 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.32 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 51.9, 55.7, 114.6, 115.5, 127.3, 130.0, 144.8, 161.7, 168.0. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₁H₁₂O₃]⁺ requires m/z 192.0786, found 192.0786



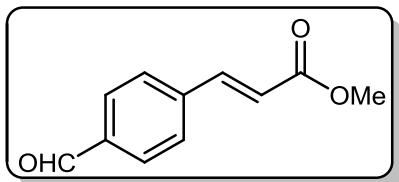
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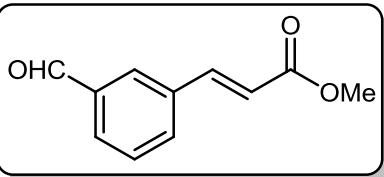
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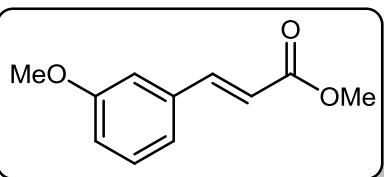
(*E*)-methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)acrylate (**3e**)⁸. Yellow solid; m.p. 46-47 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 3.81 (s, 3H), 6.37 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.53 (m, 2H), 6.66 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 51.9, 116.3 (d, $^2J_{CF}$ = 21.8 Hz), 117.8, 130.1 (d, $^3J_{CF}$ = 8.3 Hz), 130.9, 143.8, 164.1 (d, $^1J_{CF}$ = 250.6 Hz), 167.5. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₀H₉FO₂]⁺ requires m/z 180.0587, found 180.0588.



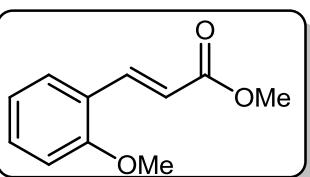
(*E*)-methyl 3-(4-formylphenyl)acrylate (**3f**)². Yellow solid; m.p. 82-84 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.55 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 10.02 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 20.8, 51.8, 89.2, 119.0, 127.3, 128.2, 135.7, 137.2, 143.8, 167.1, 168.7. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₁H₁₀O₃]⁺ requires m/z 190.0630, found 190.0480.



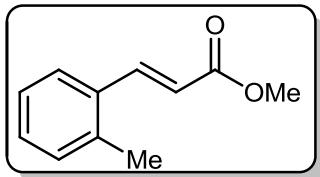
(*E*)-methyl 3-(3-formylphenyl)acrylate (**3g**)³. White solid; m.p. 54–56 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 3.83 (s, 3H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 47.1, 114.9, 124.0, 124.9, 126.3, 128.8, 130.6, 132.1, 138.3, 162.1, 186.9. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₁H₁₀O₃]⁺ requires m/z 190.0630, found 189.0649.



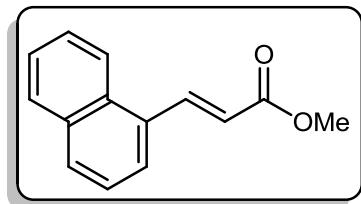
(*E*)-methyl 3-(3-methoxyphenyl)acrylate (**3h**)¹⁰. Light yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 3.79 (s, 6H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 21.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 51.9, 55.4, 113.2, 116.3, 118.3, 120.9, 130.1, 135.9, 145.0, 160.1, 167.5. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₁H₁₂O₃]⁺ requires m/z 192.0786, found 193.0857.



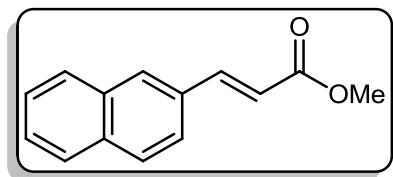
(*E*)-methyl 3-(2-methoxyphenyl)acrylate (**3i**)¹⁰. Yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90–6.99 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 51.6, 55.4, 111.1, 118.2, 120.7, 128.9, 131.5, 140.2, 158.3, 167.9. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₁H₁₂O₃]⁺ requires m/z 192.0786, found 193.0828.



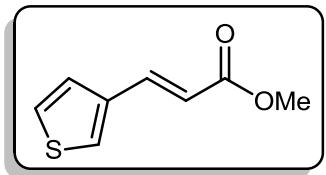
(*E*)-methyl 3-(2-methylphenyl)acrylate (**3j**)¹. Yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 2.43 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 6.36 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.54 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 19.8, 51.7, 118.8, 126.3, 126.4, 130.0, 130.8, 133.3, 137.7, 142.6, 167.5. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₁H₁₂O₂]⁺ requires m/z 176.0837, found 175.0700.



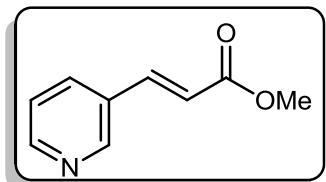
(*E*)-methyl 3-(naphthalen-1-yl)acrylate (**3k**)⁹. Light yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.52 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (m, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86(t, J = 14.8 Hz, 2H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 53.4, 120.0, 125.0, 126.6, 127.1, 127.9, 128.5, 130.4, 132.2, 133.0, 133.3, 135.3, 143.5, 169.0. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₄H₁₂O₂]⁺ requires m/z 212.0837, found 212.0836.



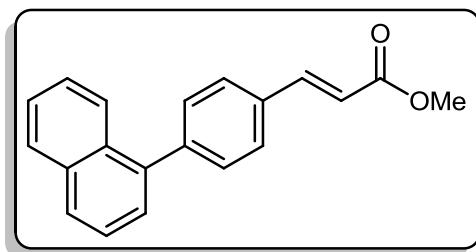
(*E*)-methyl 3-(naphthalen-2-yl)acrylate (**3l**)⁹. White solid; m.p. 82-83 °C; ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 3.83 (s, 3H), 6.55 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.87 (m, 4H), 7.91 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 51.7, 117.9, 123.5, 126.7, 127.2, 127.8, 128.6, 128.7, 130.0, 131.9, 133.3, 134.2, 144.9, 167.5. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₄H₁₂O₂]⁺ requires m/z 212.0837, found 212.0837.



(*E*)-methyl 3-(thiophen-3-yl)acrylate (**3m**)¹¹. White solid; m.p. 48-49 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm): 3.80 (s, 3H, OMe), 6.27 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm): 52.1, 117.7, 125.4, 127.4, 128.6, 137.8, 138.7, 168.1. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₈H₈O₂S]⁺ requires m/z 168.0245, found 168.0243.

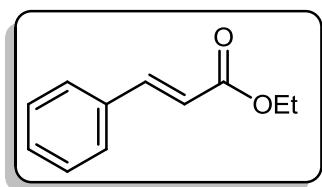


(*E*)-methyl 3-(pyridin-3-yl)acrylate (**3n**)⁴. Yellow solid; m.p. 83-84 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 3.83 (s, 3H), 6.53 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (q, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.62 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 53.6, 121.6, 125.4, 131.7, 135.8, 142.8, 151.4, 152.7, 168.4. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₉H₉NO₂]⁺ requires m/z 163.0633, found 163.0632.

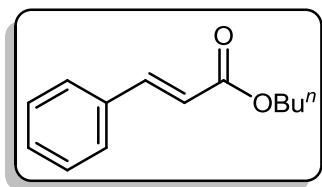


(*E*)-methyl 3-(4-(naphthalen-1-yl)phenyl)acrylate (**3o**)¹². White solid; m.p. 122-123 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.53 (d, J = 16 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.55 (m, 6H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (s, J = 16 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 52.0, 118.1, 125.6, 126.0, 126.2, 126.5, 126.5, 127.2, 128.3, 128.7, 130.9, 131.6, 133.6,

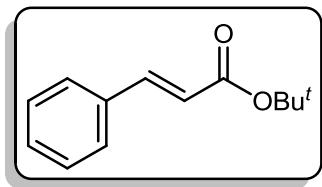
134.1, 139.5, 143.2, 144.8, 167.7. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₂₀H₁₆O₂]⁺ requires m/z 288.1150, found 287.0958.



(*E*)-ethyl cinnamate (**3p**)⁵. Light yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 1.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 3H), 7.52-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 14.6, 60.8, 118.5, 128.4, 129.2, 130.54, 134.7, 144.9, 167.3. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₁H₁₂O₂]⁺ requires m/z 176.0837, found 176.0837.

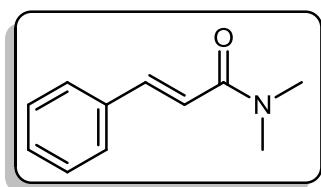


(*E*)-butyl cinnamate (**3q**)⁵. Colourless liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 0.97 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.39-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.73 (m, 2H), 4.21 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 3H), 7.51-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 14.1, 19.5, 31.1, 64.7, 118.6, 128.3, 129.2, 130.5, 134.7, 144.9, 167.4. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₃H₁₆O₂]⁺ requires m/z 204.115, found 204.115.

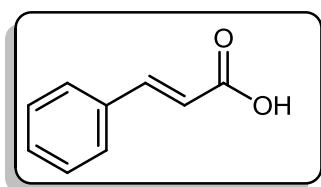


(*E*)-tert-butyl cinnamate (**3r**)⁵. Colourless liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 1.54 (s, 9H), 6.37 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 28.4, 80.7, 120.4, 128.2, 129.0, 130.2, 134.9, 143.8, 166.7. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₃H₁₆O₂]⁺

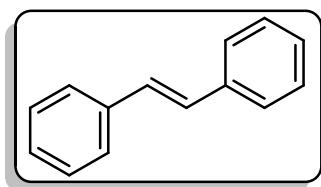
requires m/z 204.115, found 204.115.



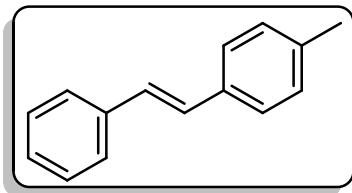
*N,N-dimethylcinnamamide (3s)*⁸. White solid; m.p. 96-97 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) NMR 3.13 (s, 6H), 6.89 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 37.0, 117.4, 128.0, 129.0, 129.9, 135.5, 142.9, 167.0. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₁H₁₃NO]⁺ requires m/z 175.0997, found 175.0996.



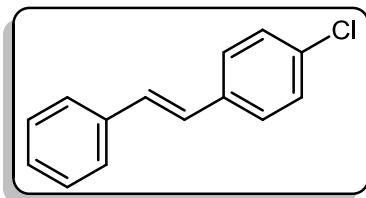
*Cinnamic acid (3t)*⁷. White solid; m.p. 132-133 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 6.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.56 (t, J = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 10.40 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 117.5, 128.6, 129.2, 131.0, 134.2, 147.4, 172.6. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₉H₈O₂]⁺ requires m/z 148.0524, found 148.0526.



*(E)-1,2-diphenylethene (3u)*⁶. White solid; m.p. 123-124 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 7.11 (s, 2H), 7.26 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 126.8, 127.9, 128.9, 137.5. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₄H₁₂]⁺ requires m/z 180.0936, found 180.0939.



(*E*)-1-methyl-4-styrylbenzene (**3v**)⁶. White solid; m.p. 118-119 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 7.07 (s, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 21.5, 126.7, 127.7, 127.9, 128.8, 128.9, 129.6, 134.8, 137.8. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₅H₁₄]⁺ requires m/z 194.1096, found 194.1097.



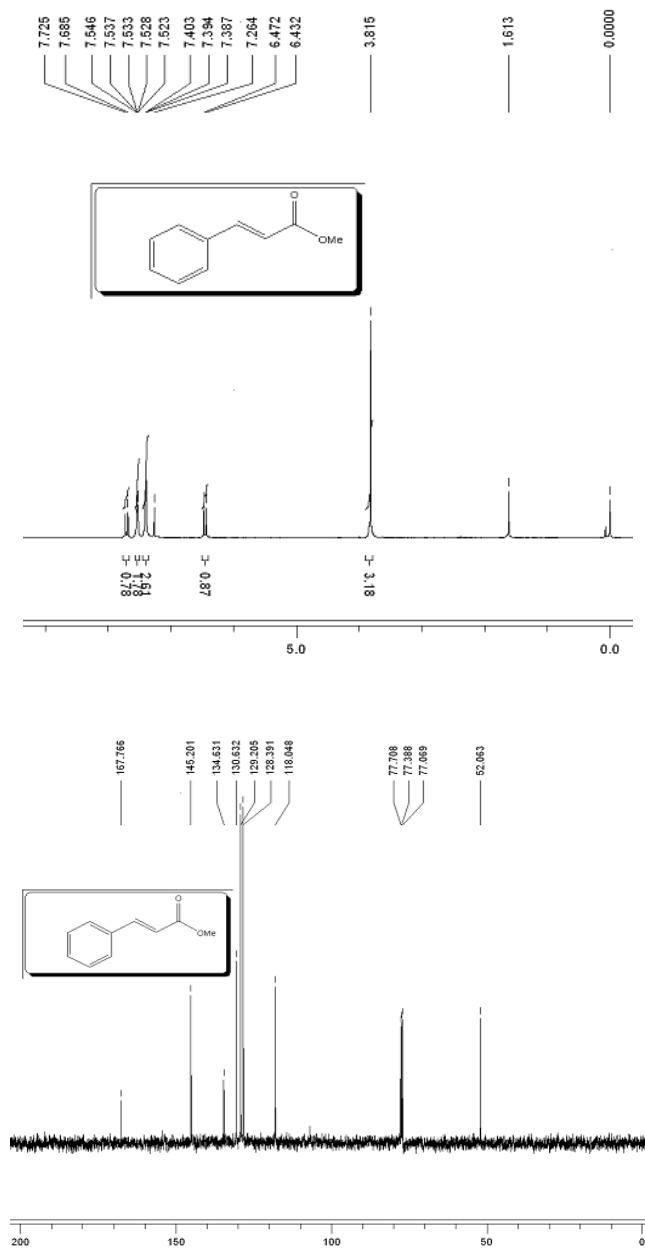
(*E*)-1-chloro-4-styrylbenzene (**3w**)⁶. White solid; m.p. 128-129 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 7.07 (s, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm) 126.8, 127.6, 127.9, 128.1, 129.0, 129.1, 129.5, 133.4, 136.1, 137.2. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for [C₁₄H₁₁Cl]⁺ requires m/z 214.0549, found 214.0551.

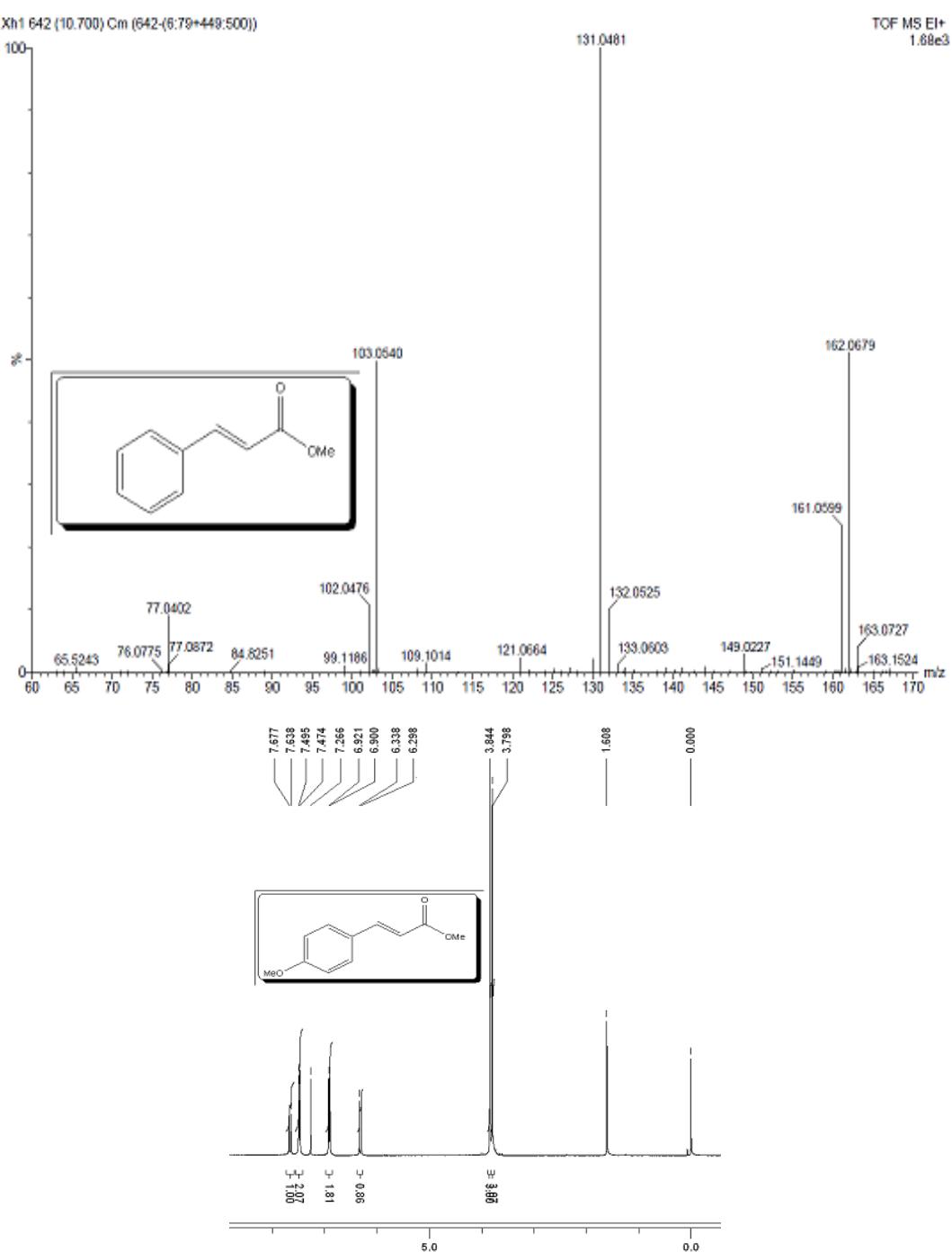
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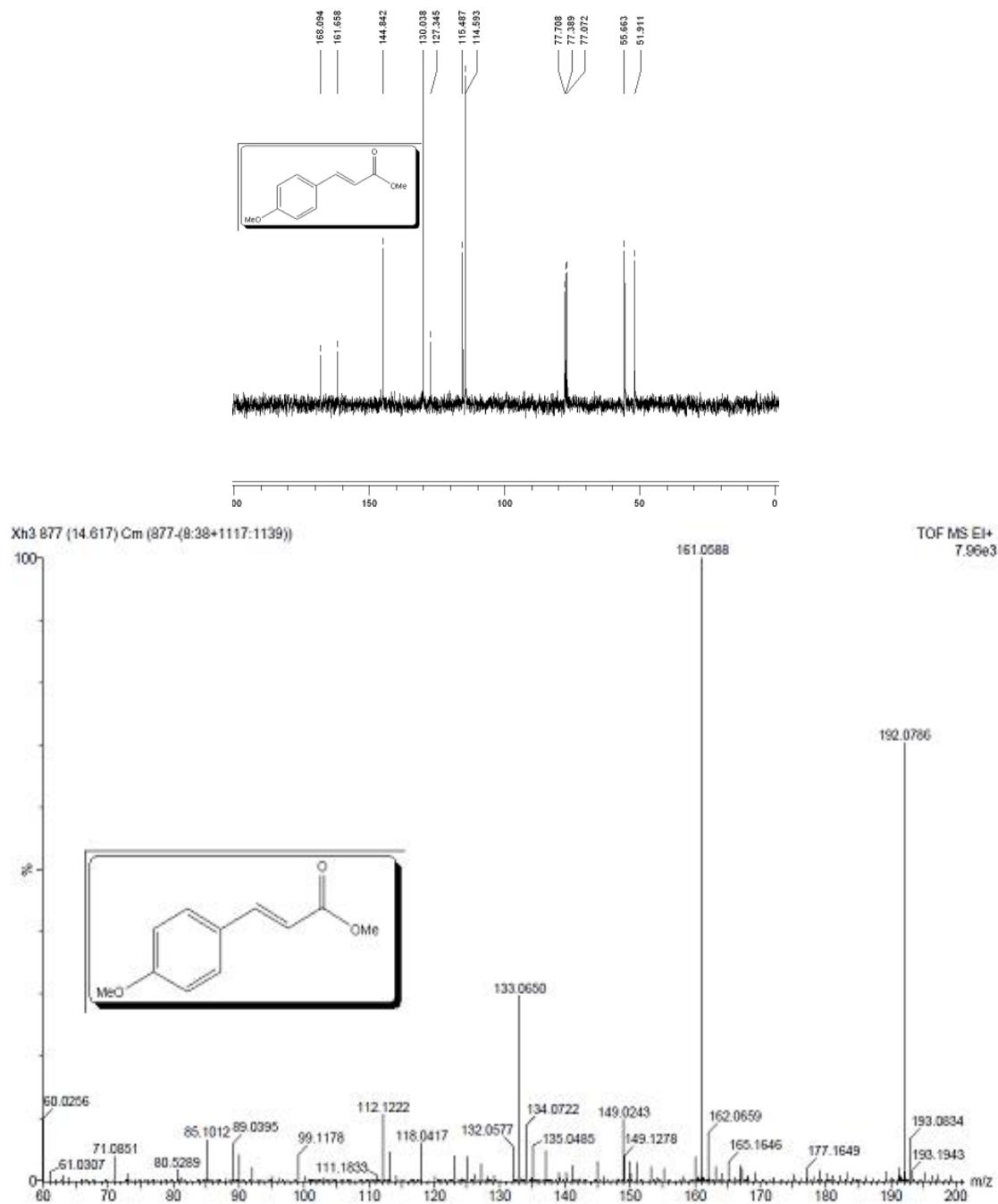
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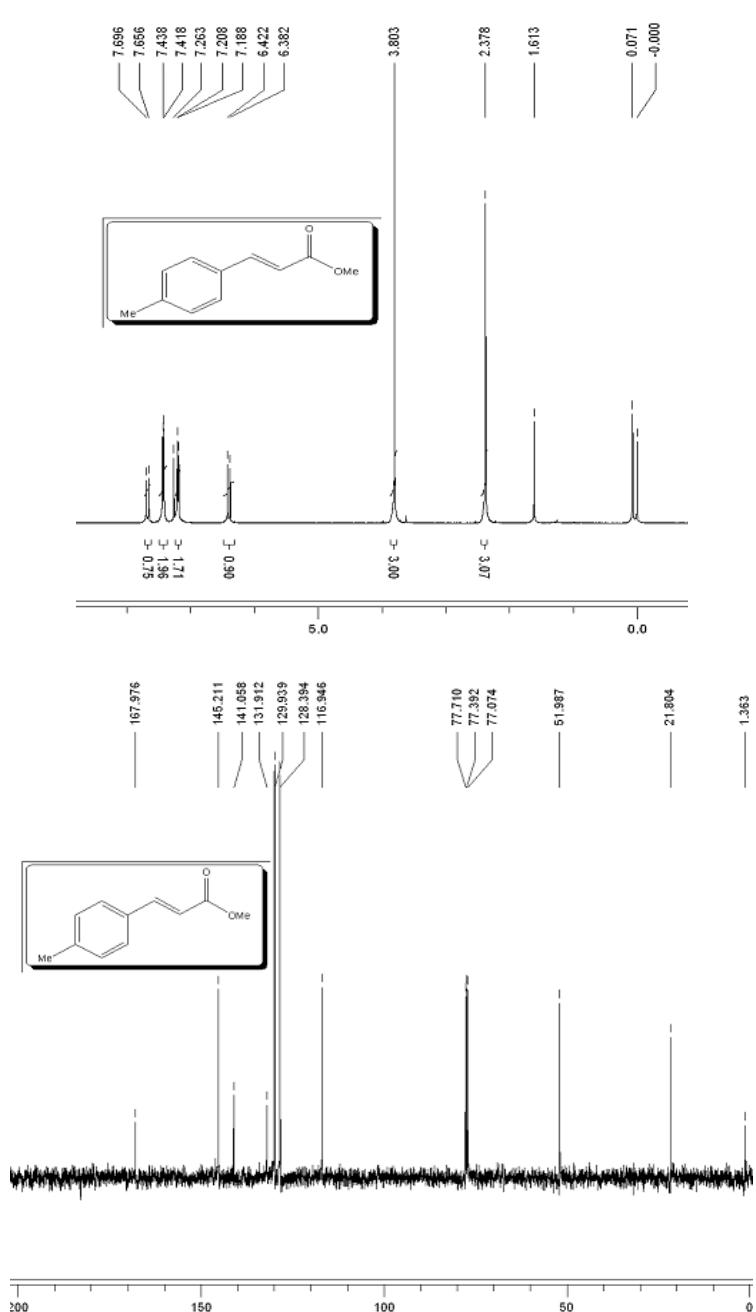
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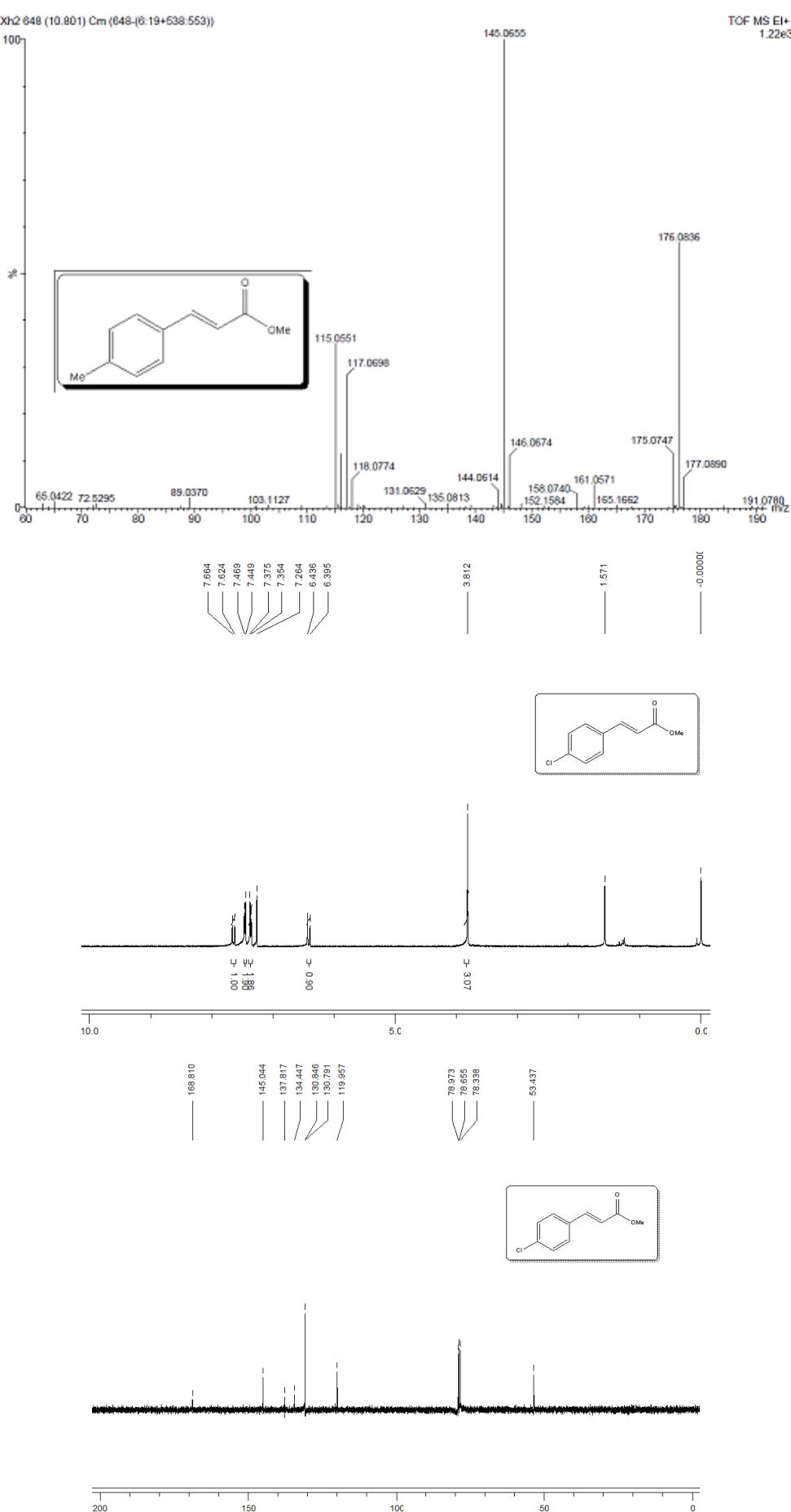
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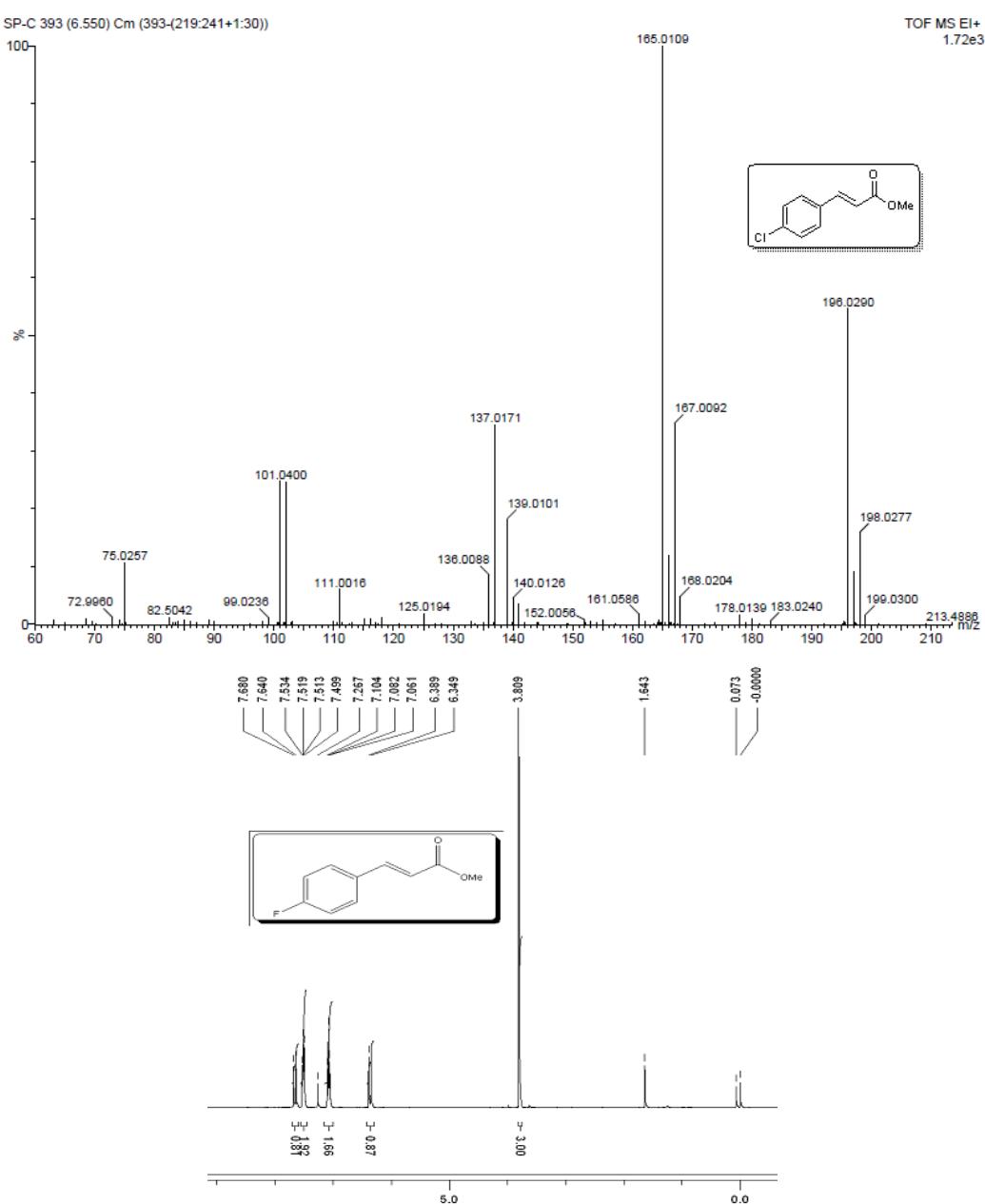


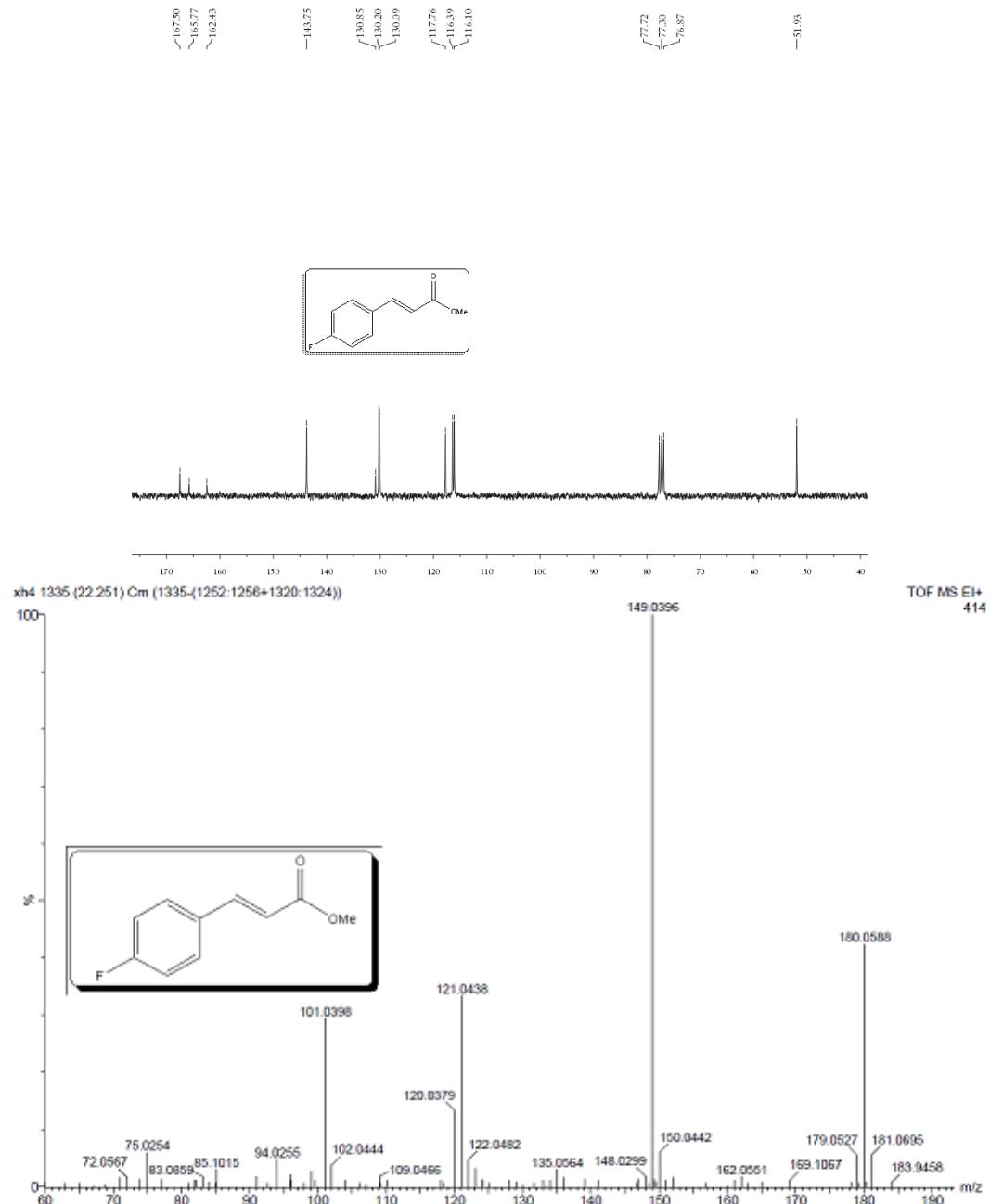


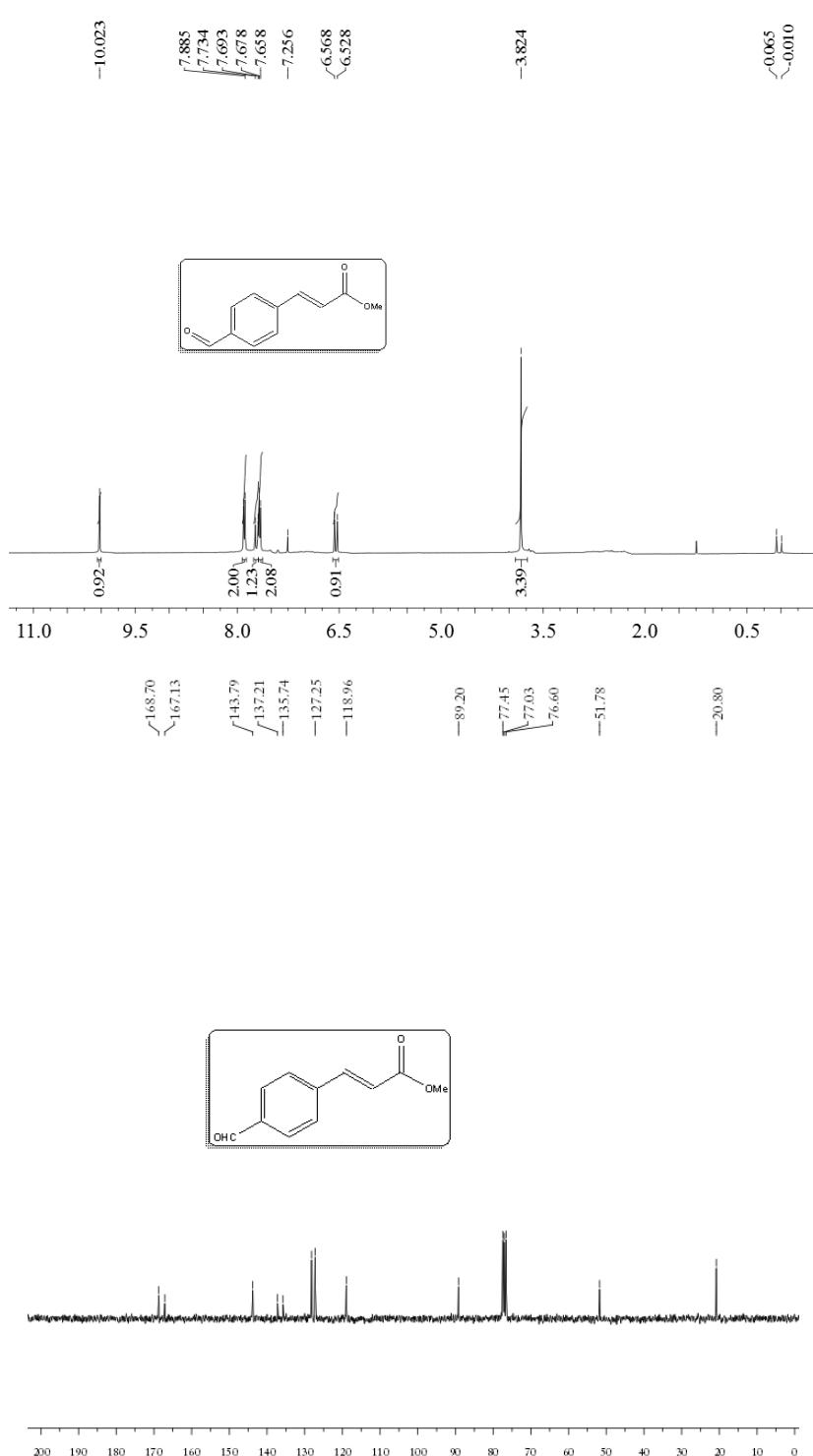


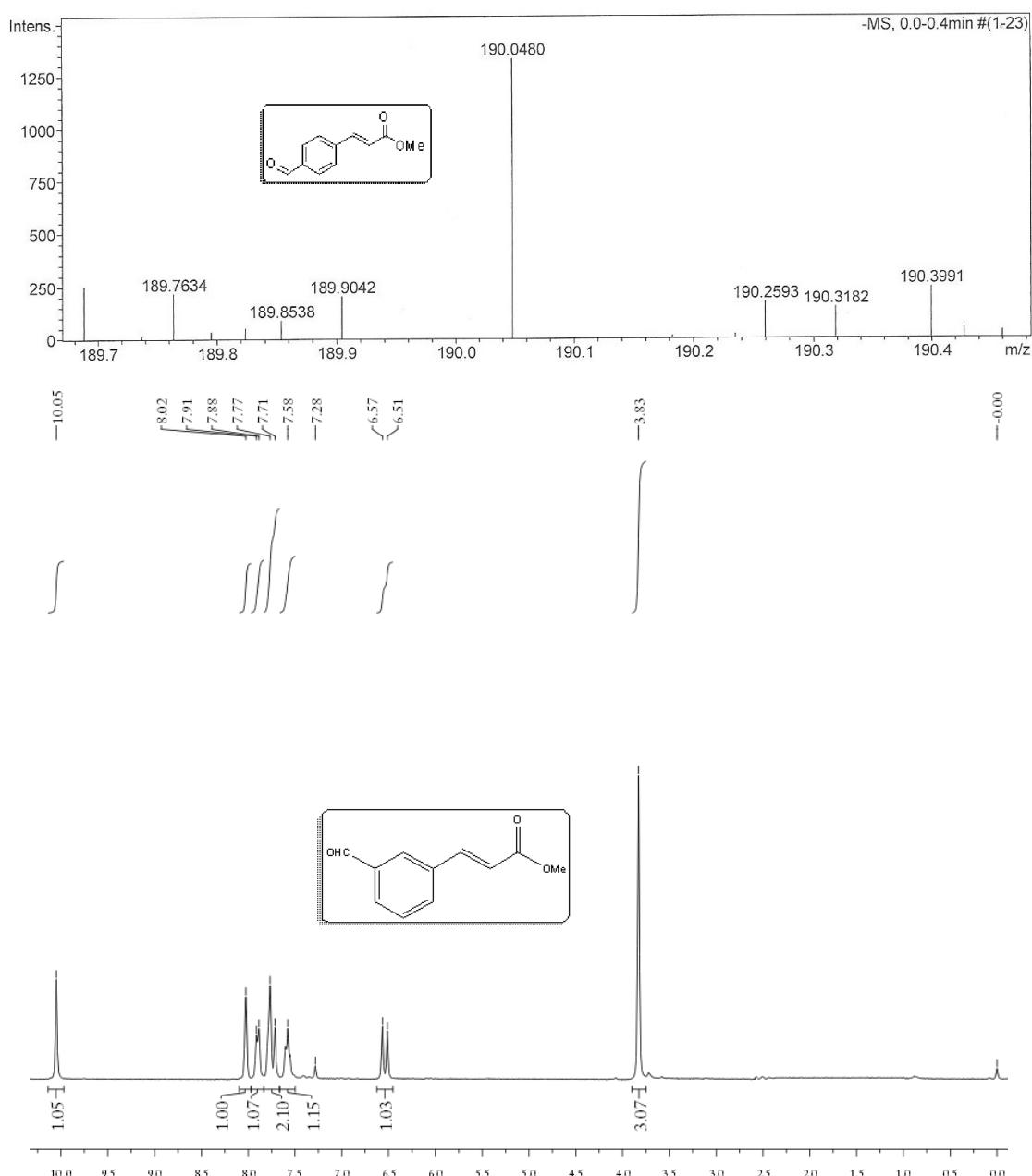


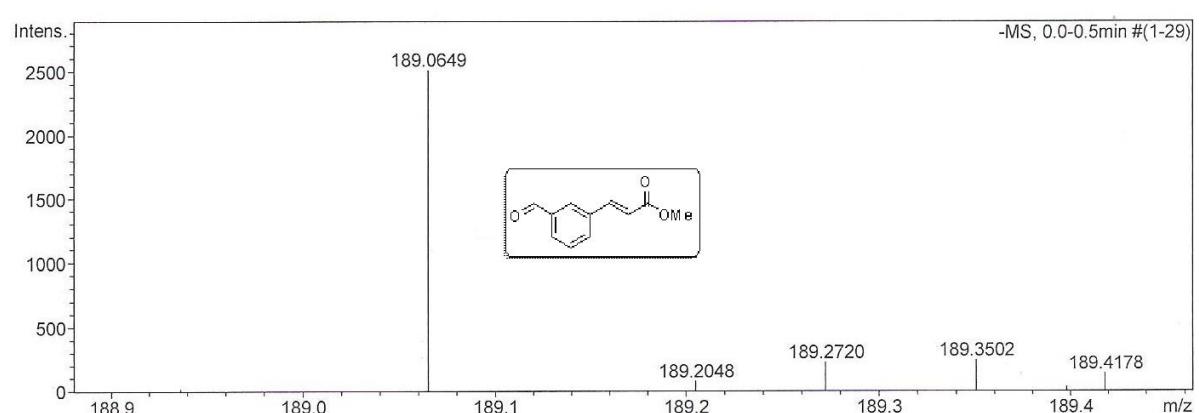
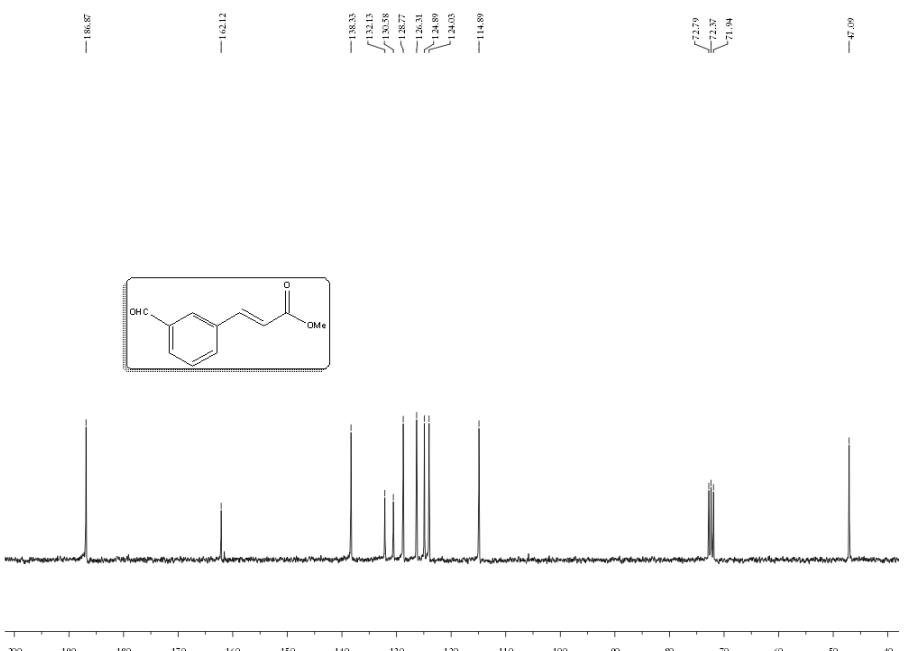


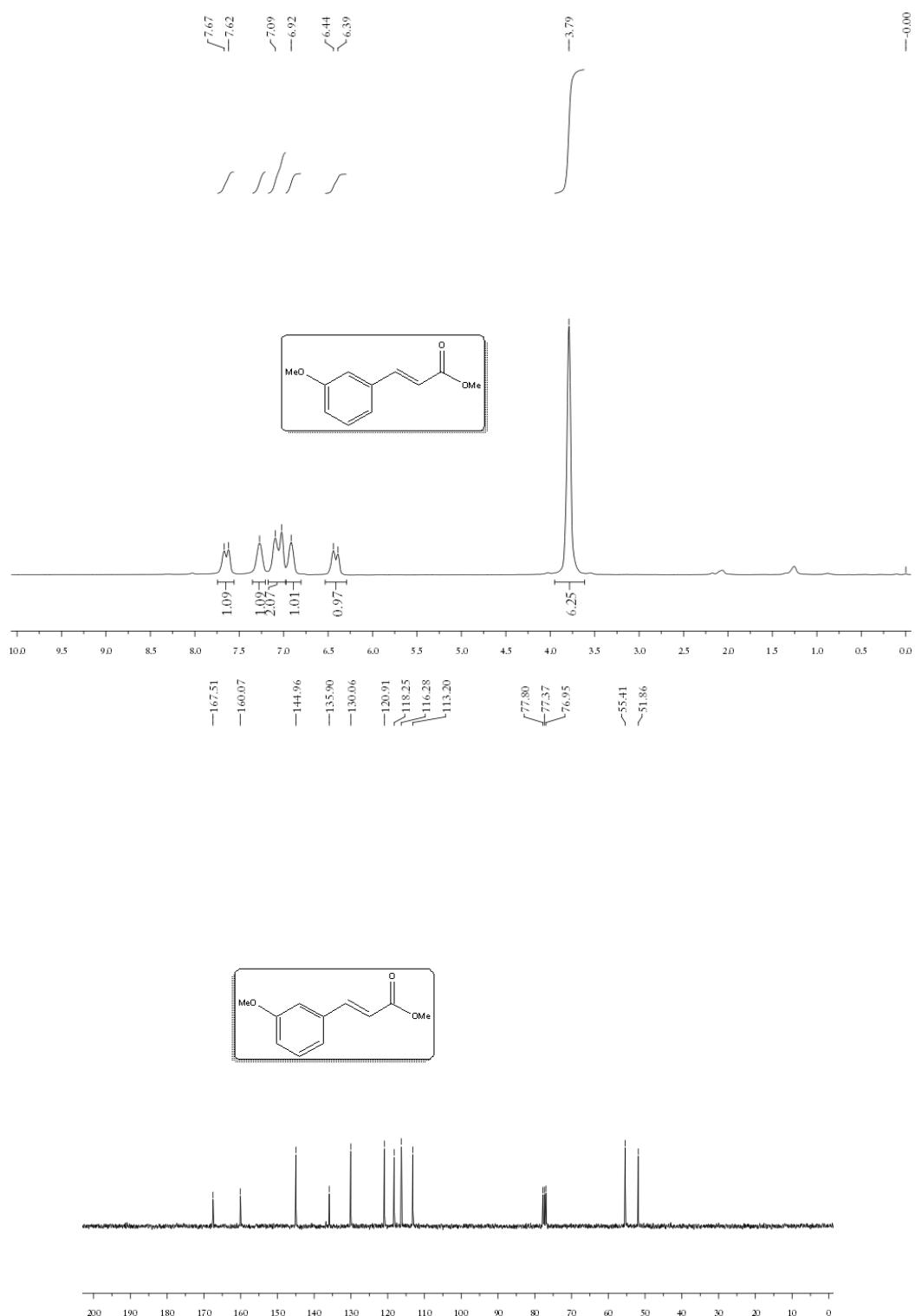


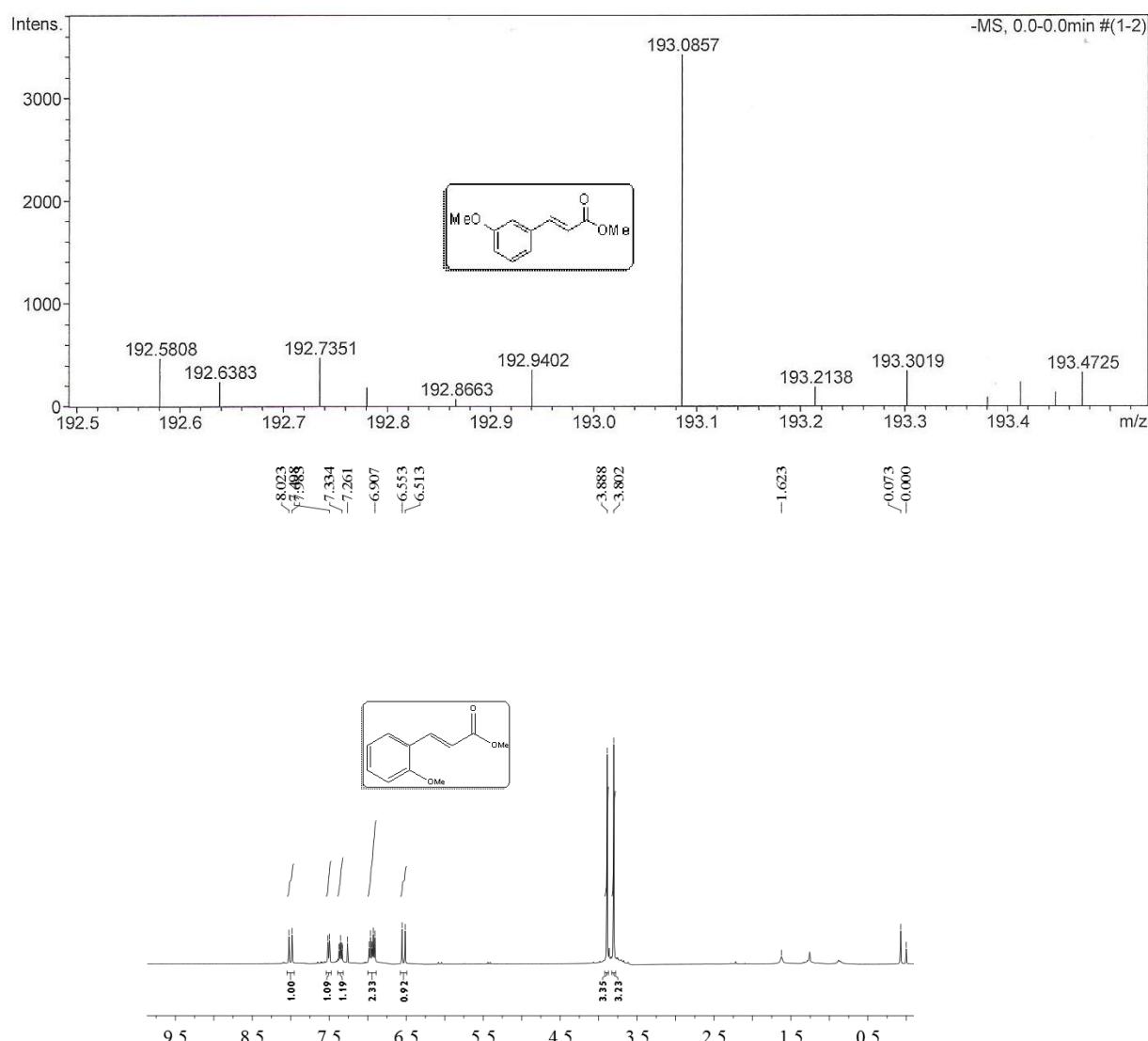


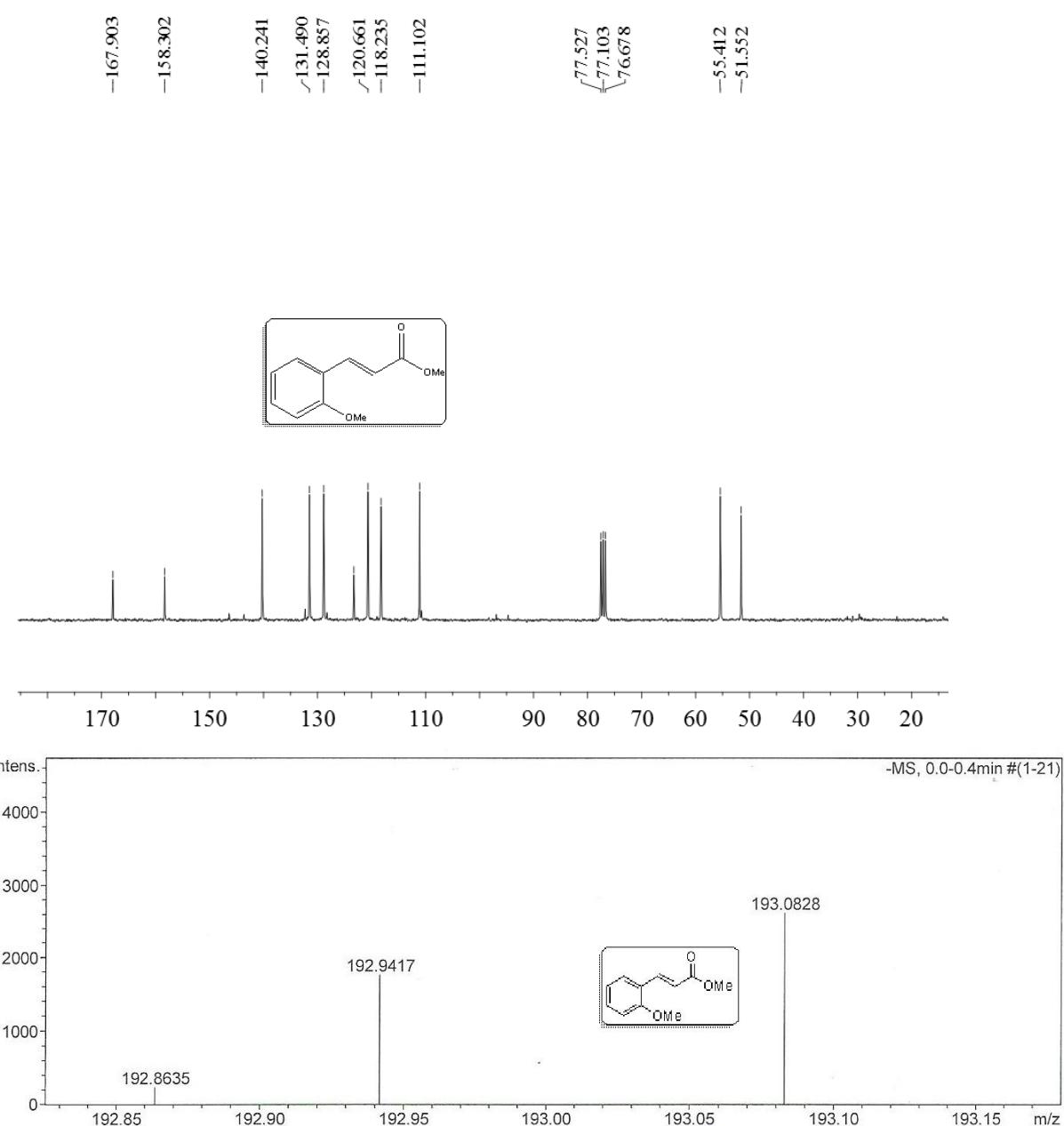


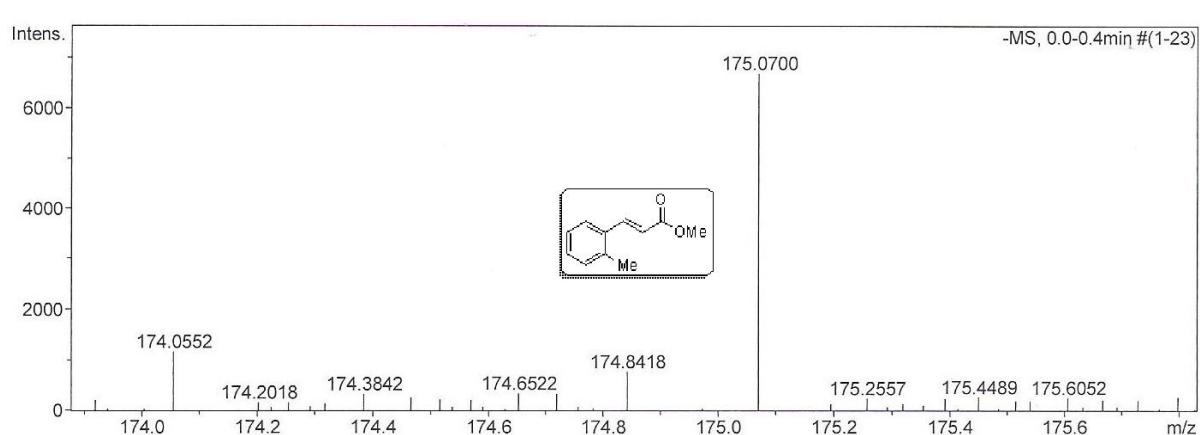
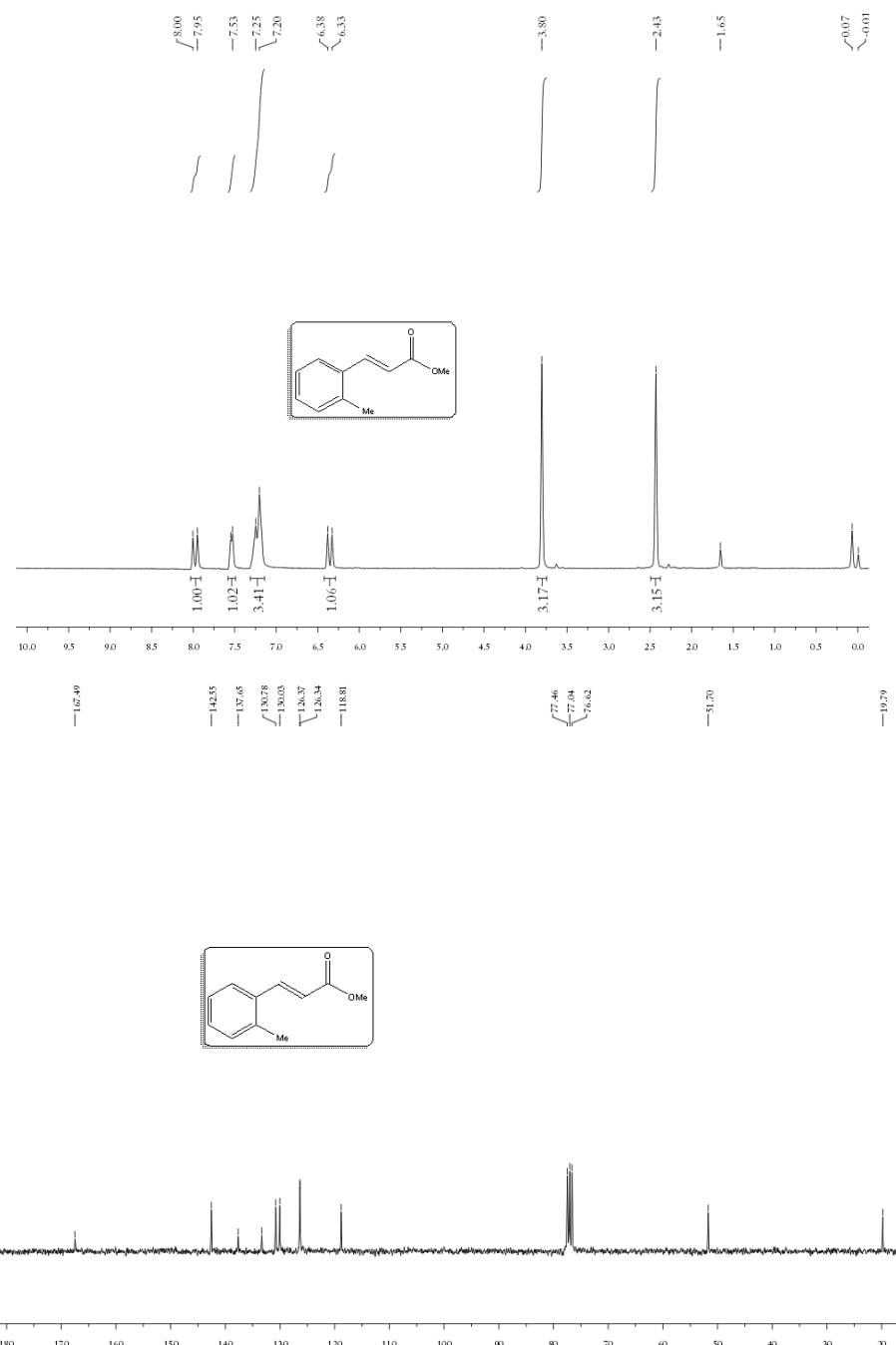


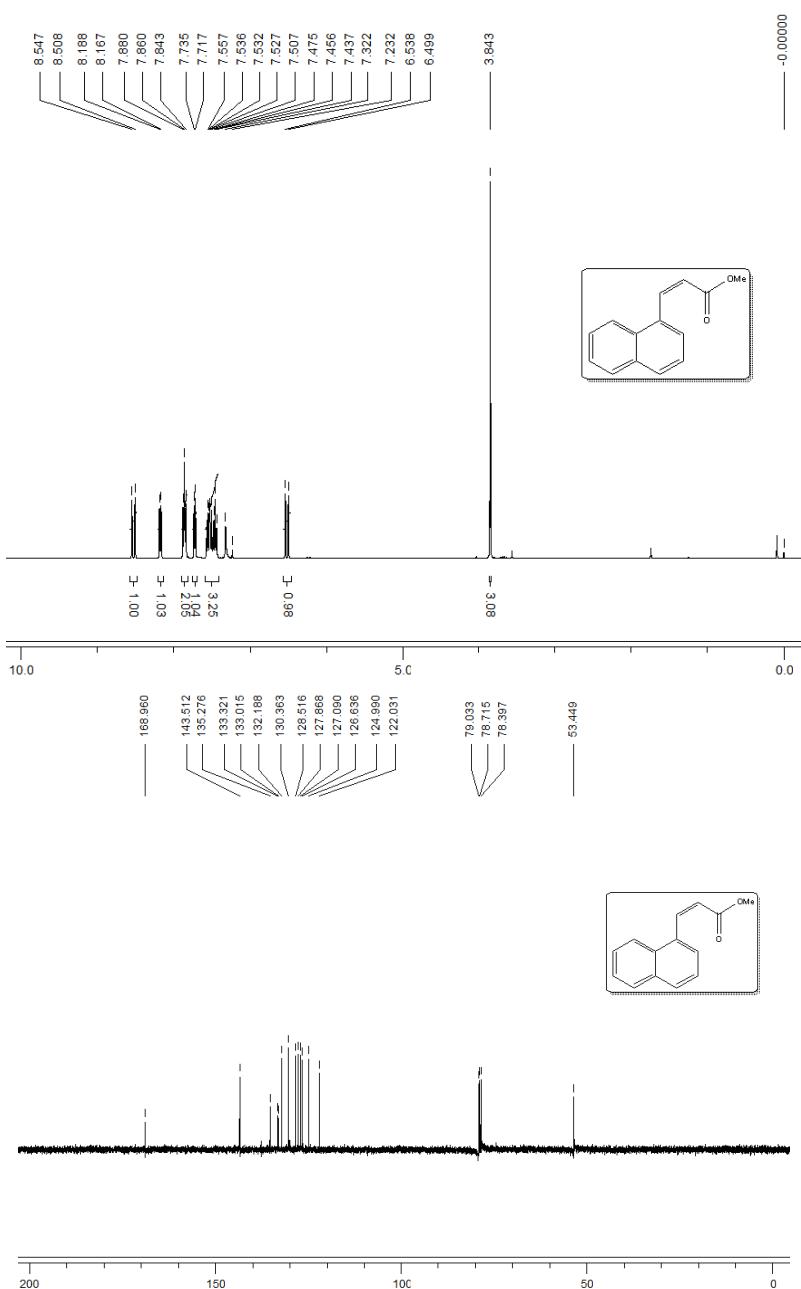


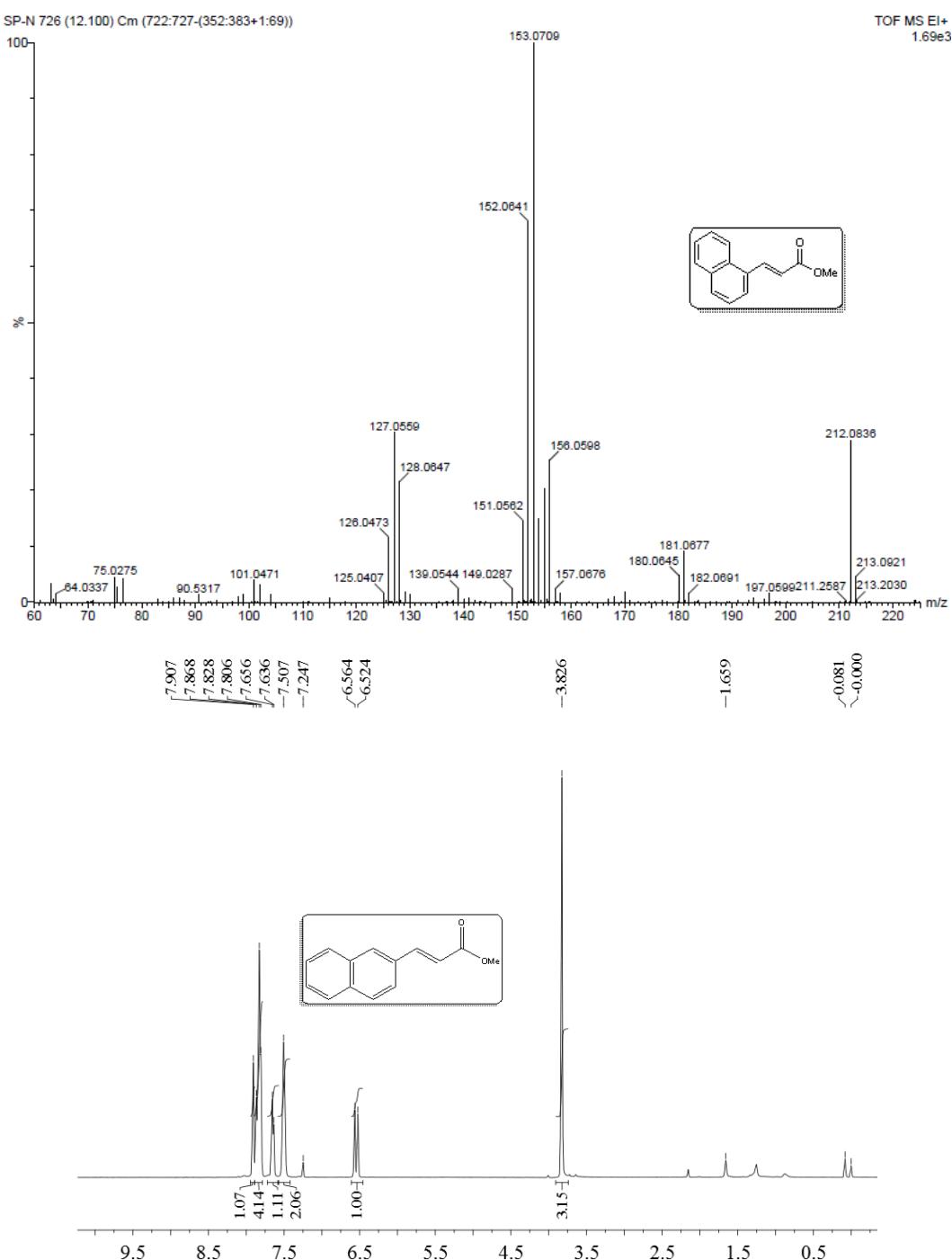


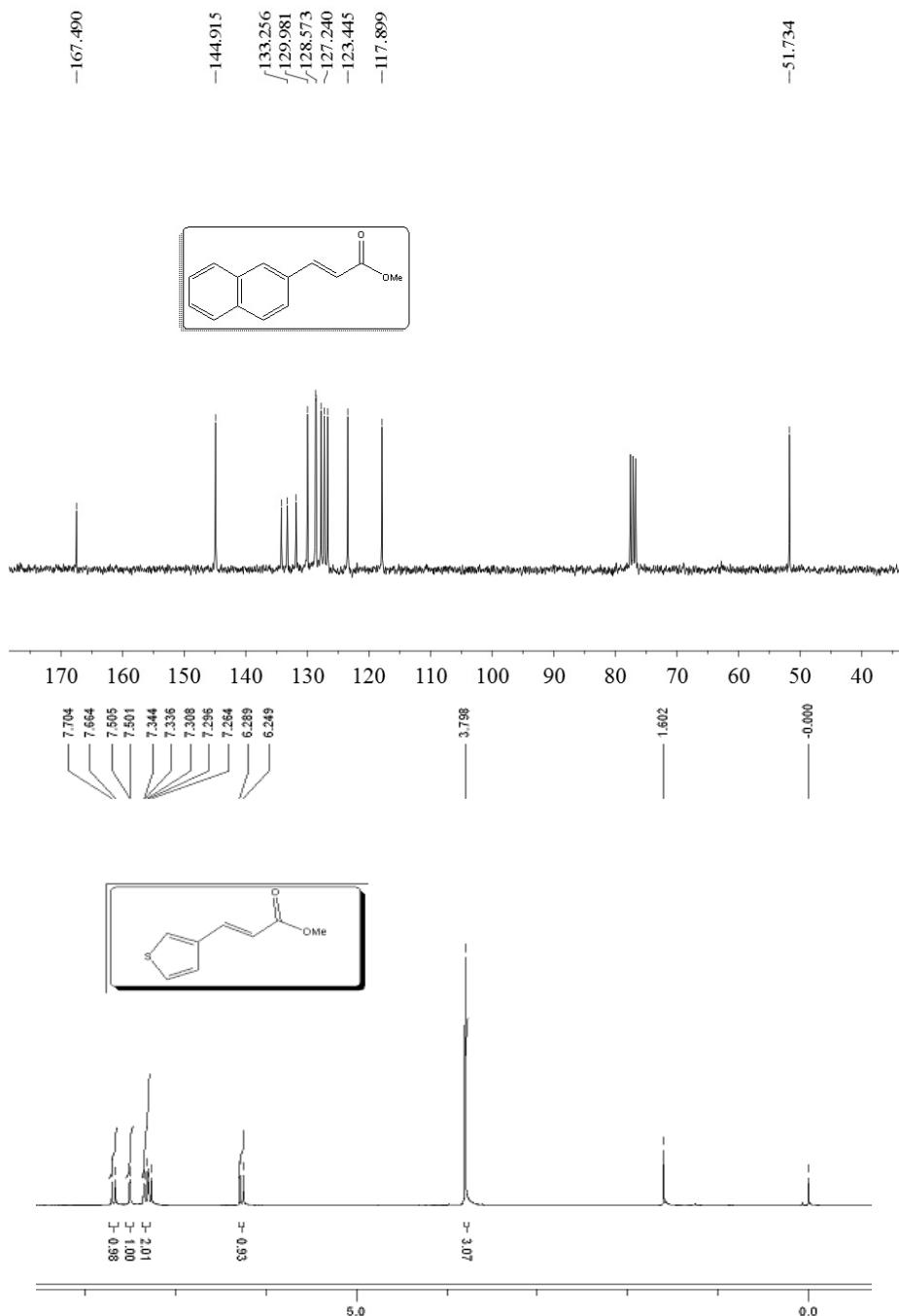


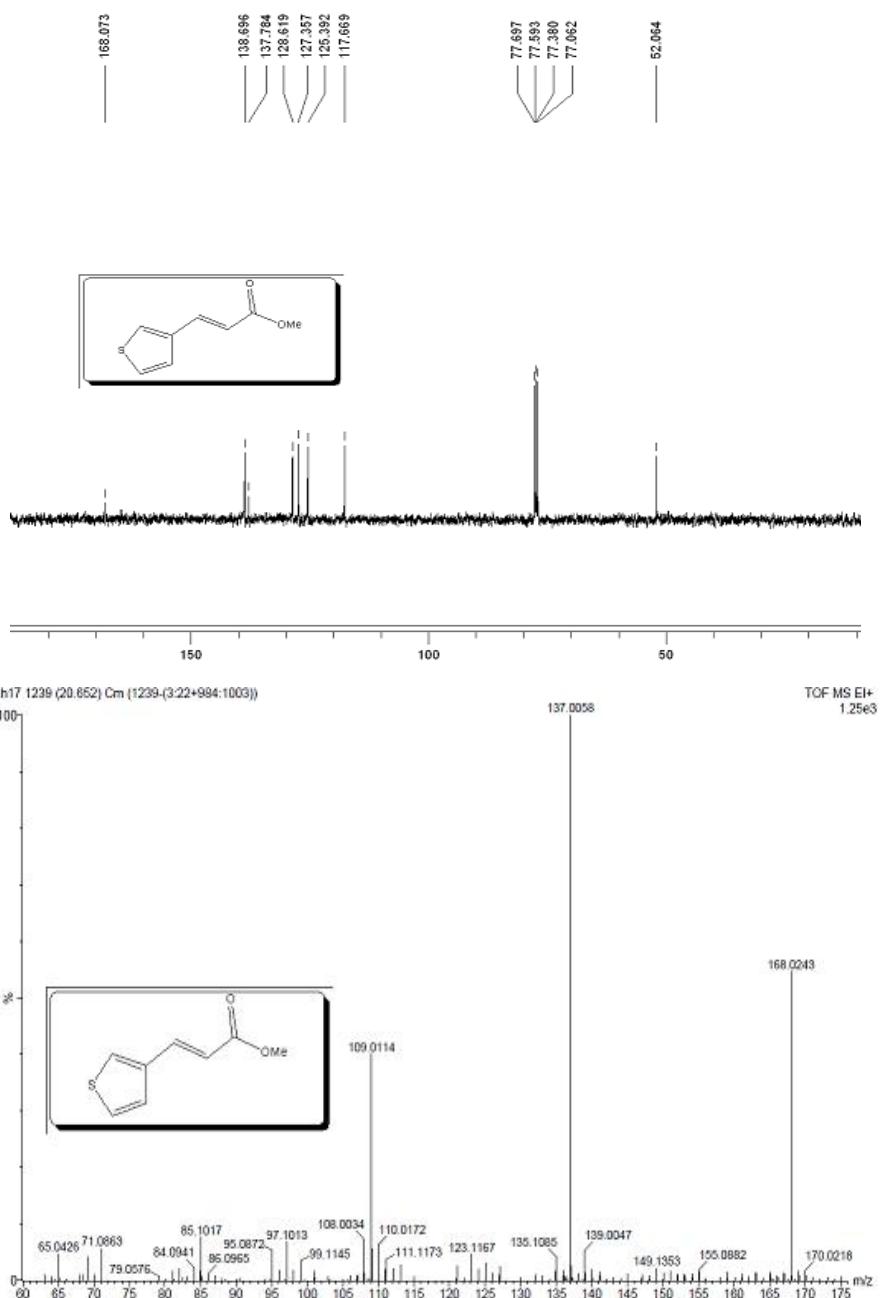


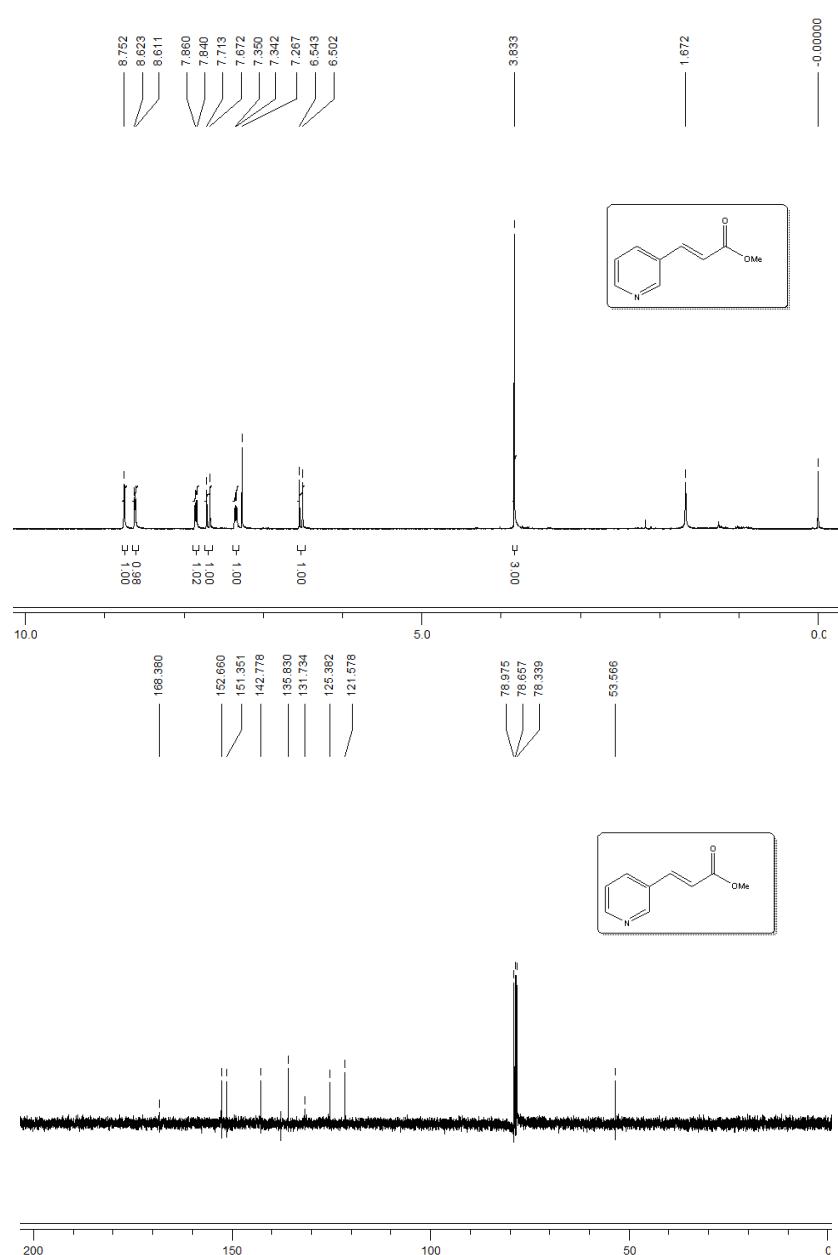


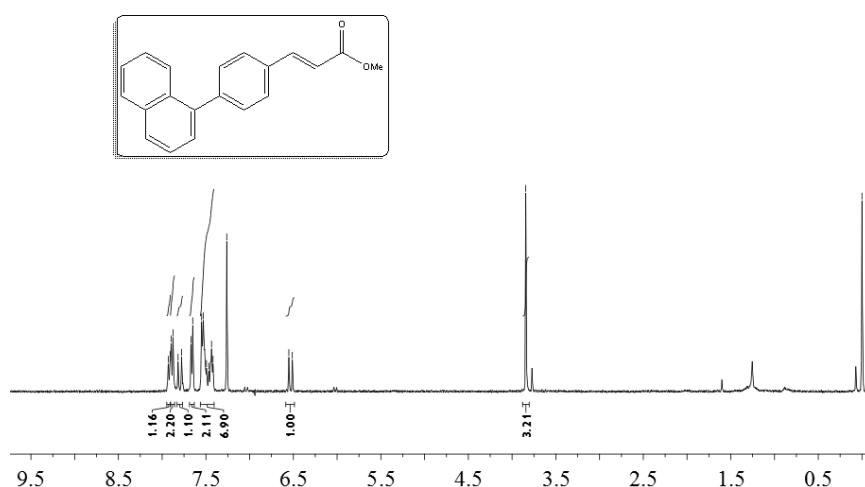
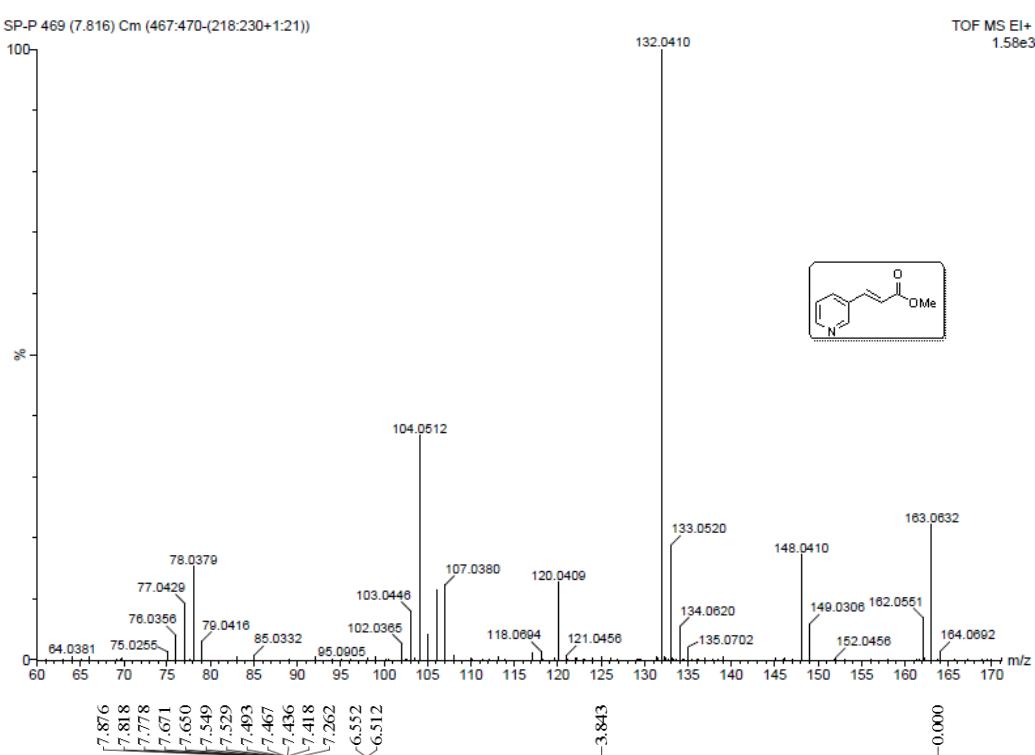


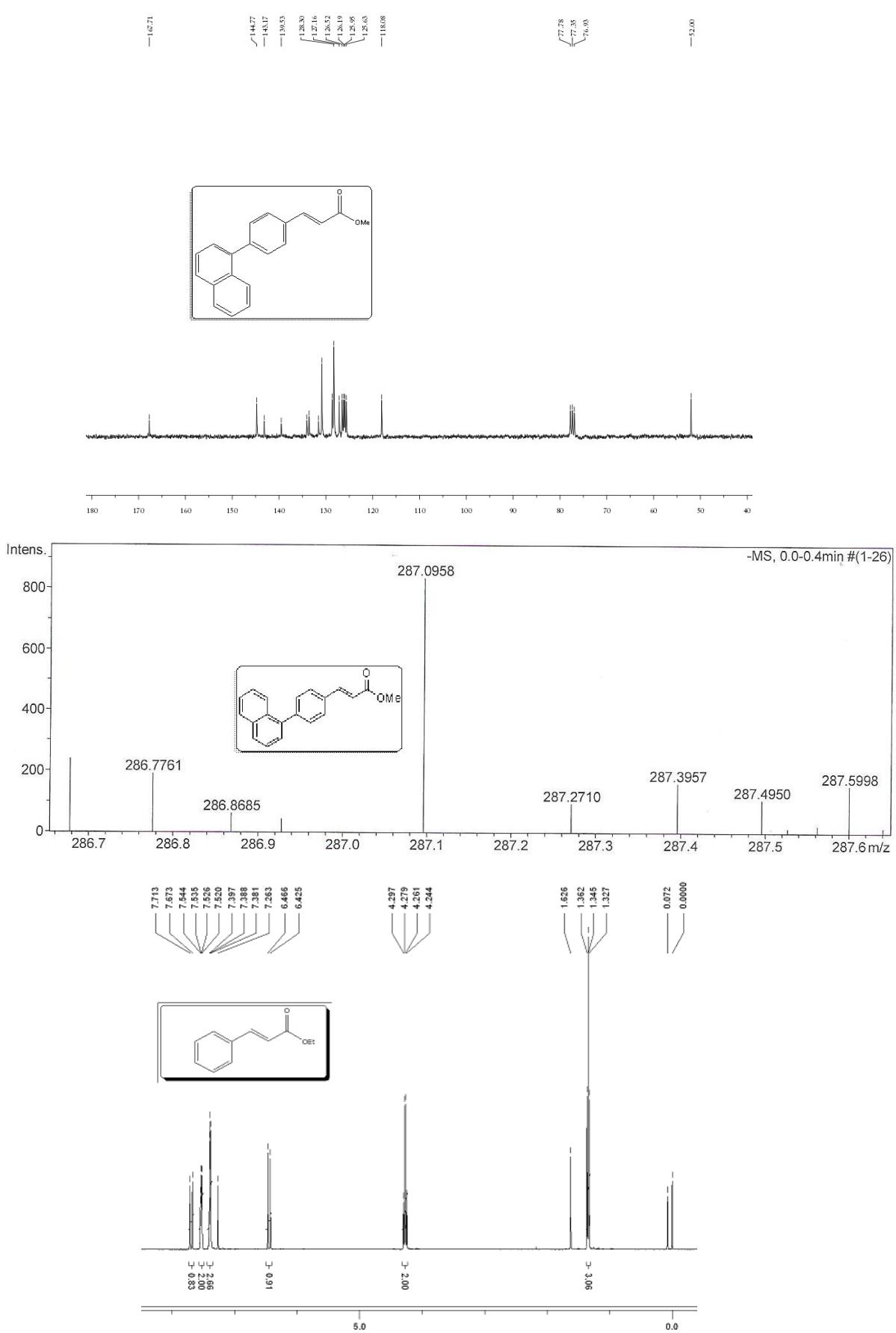


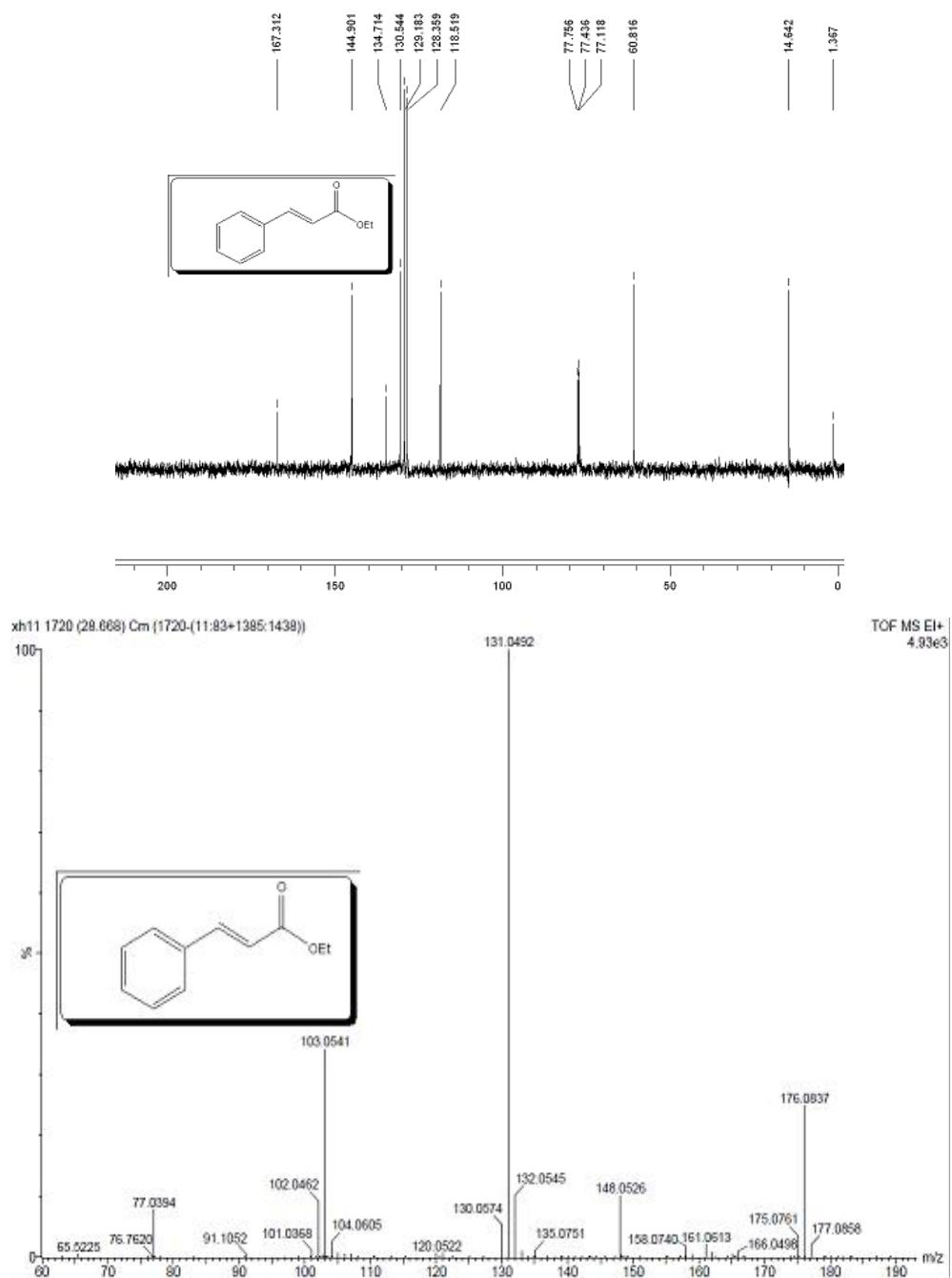


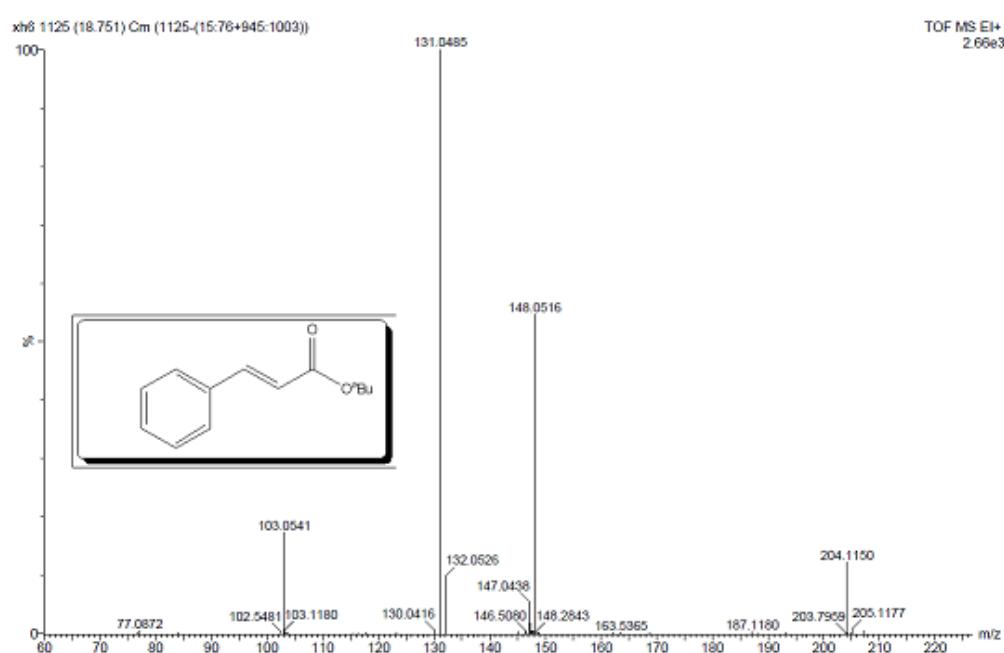
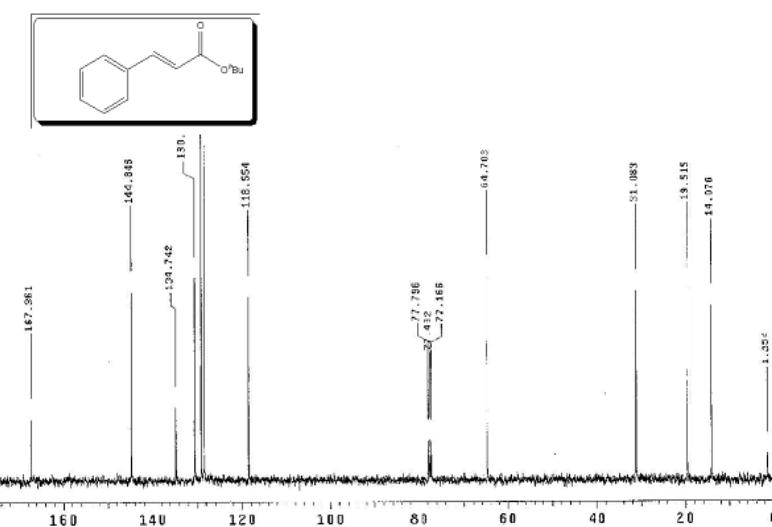
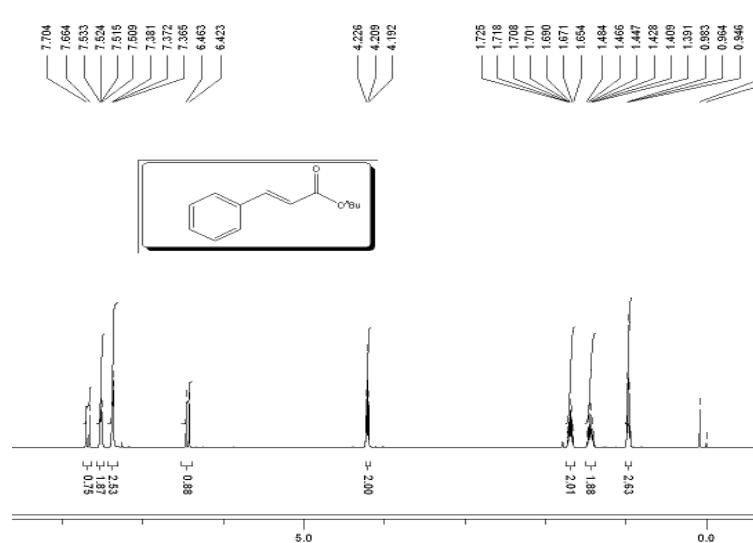


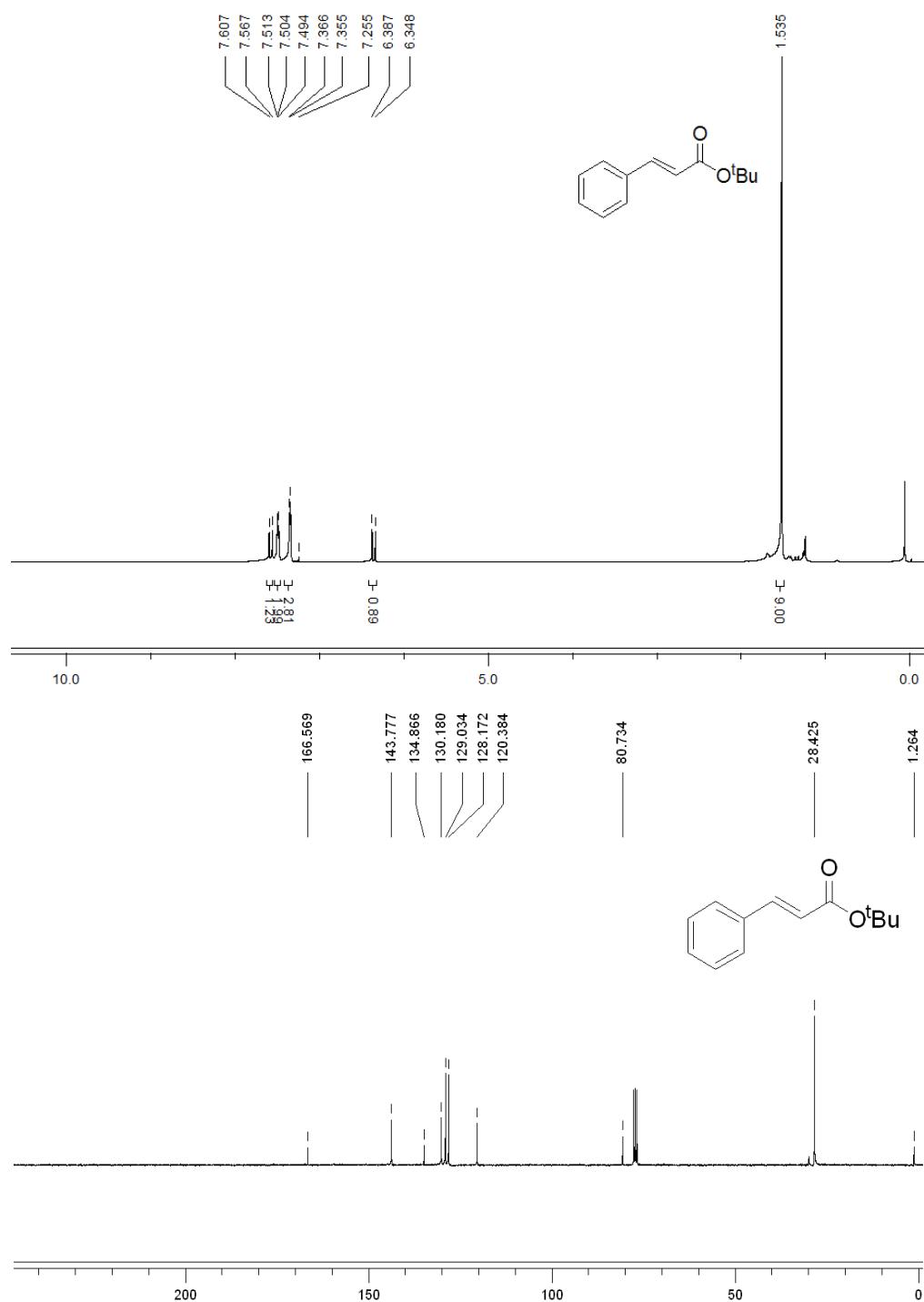


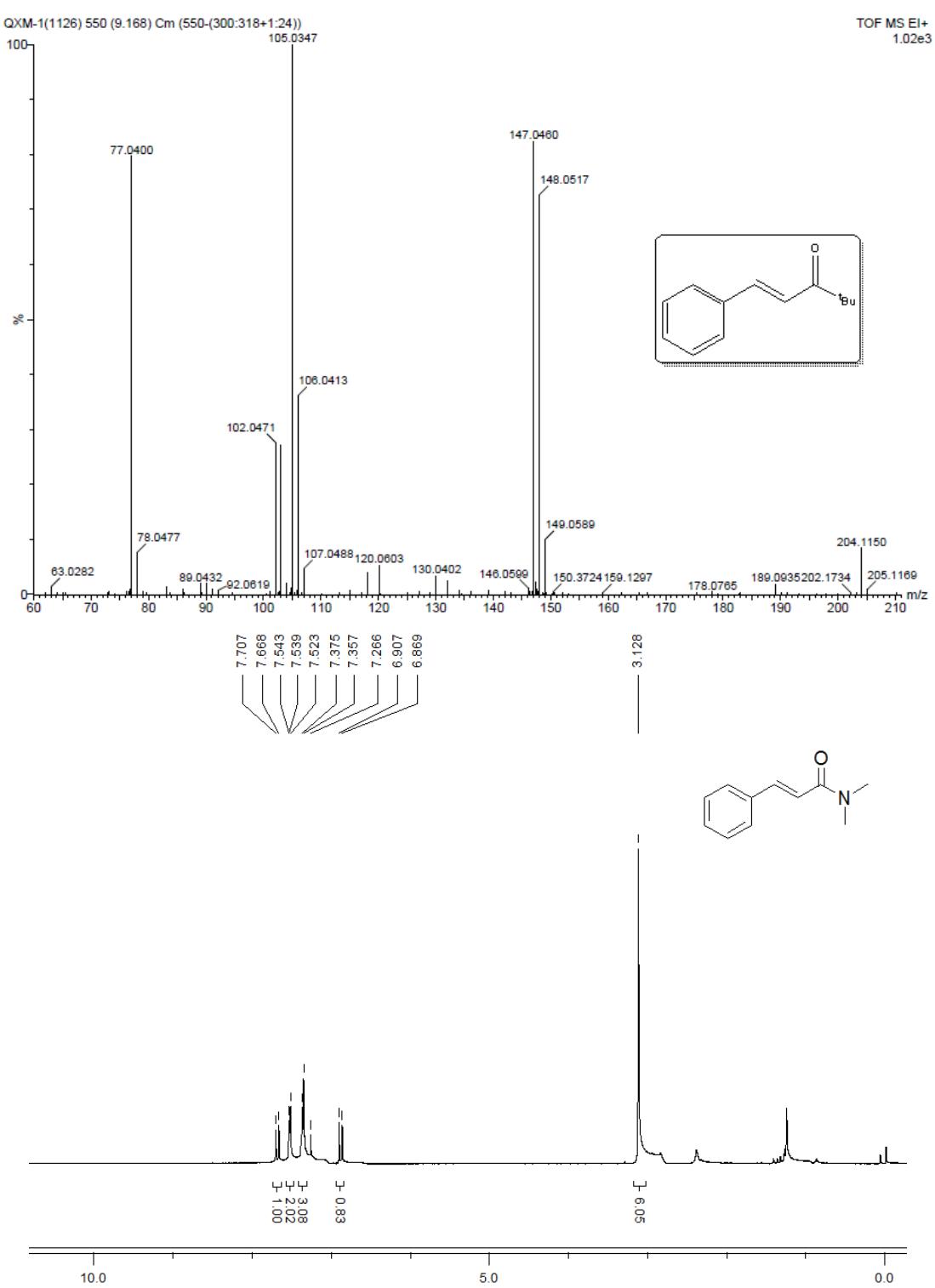


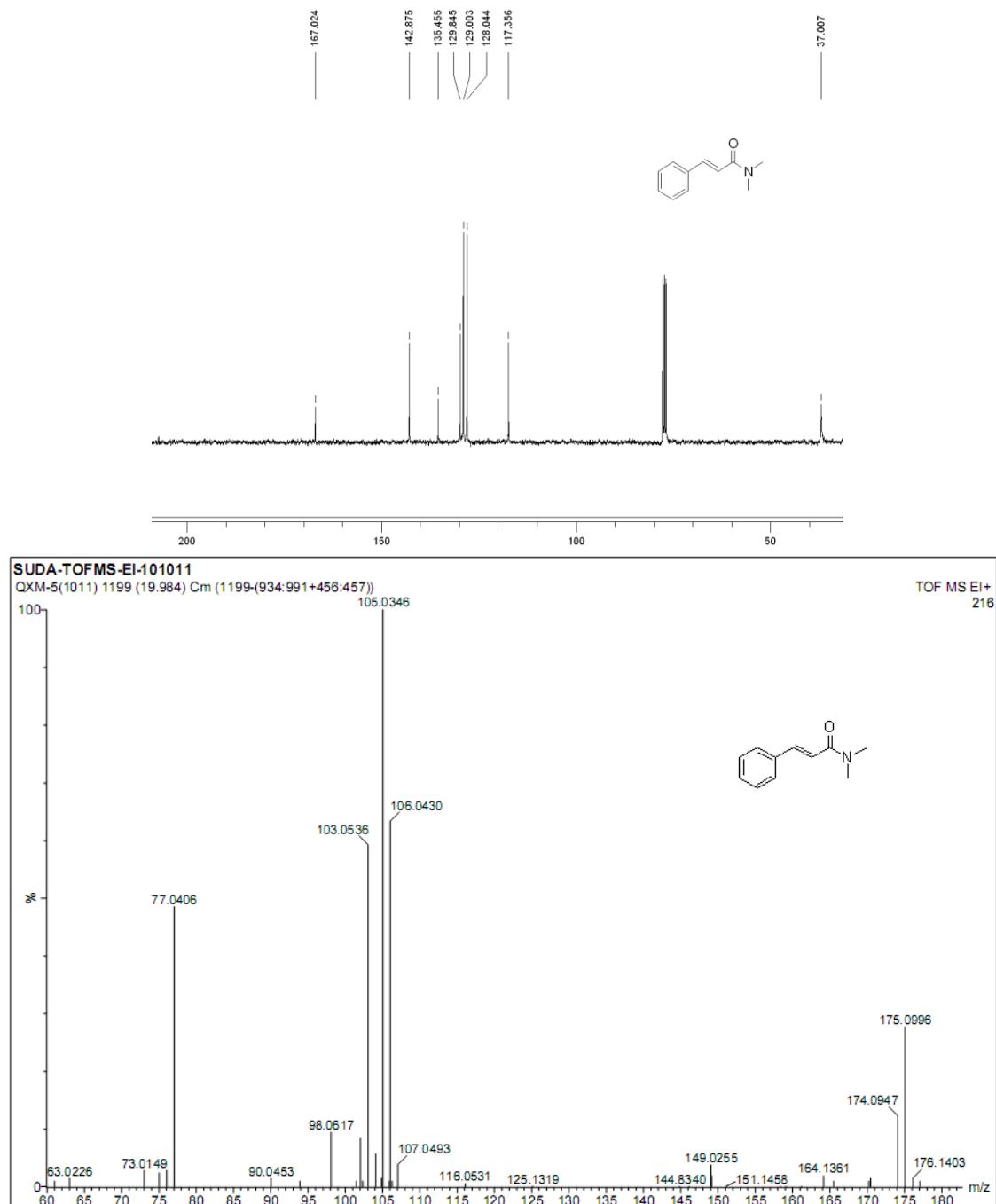


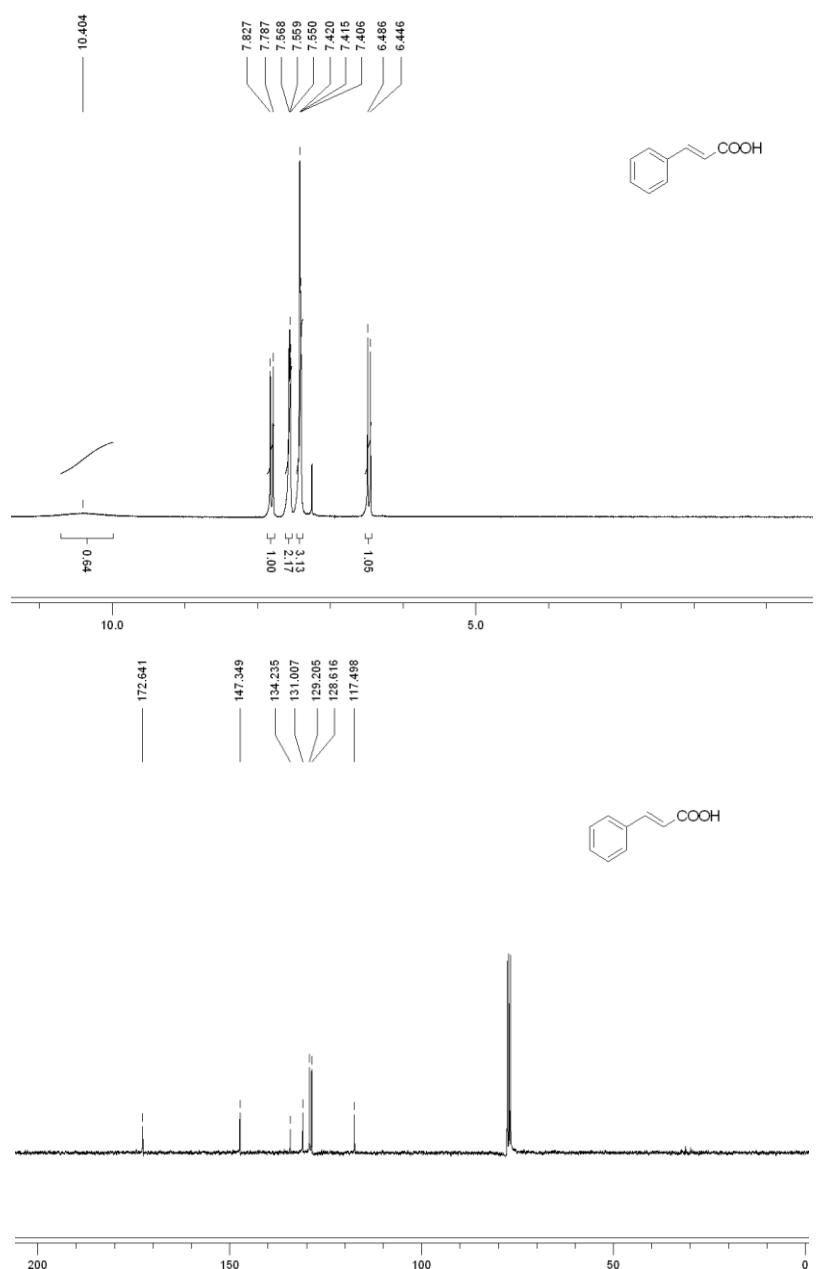


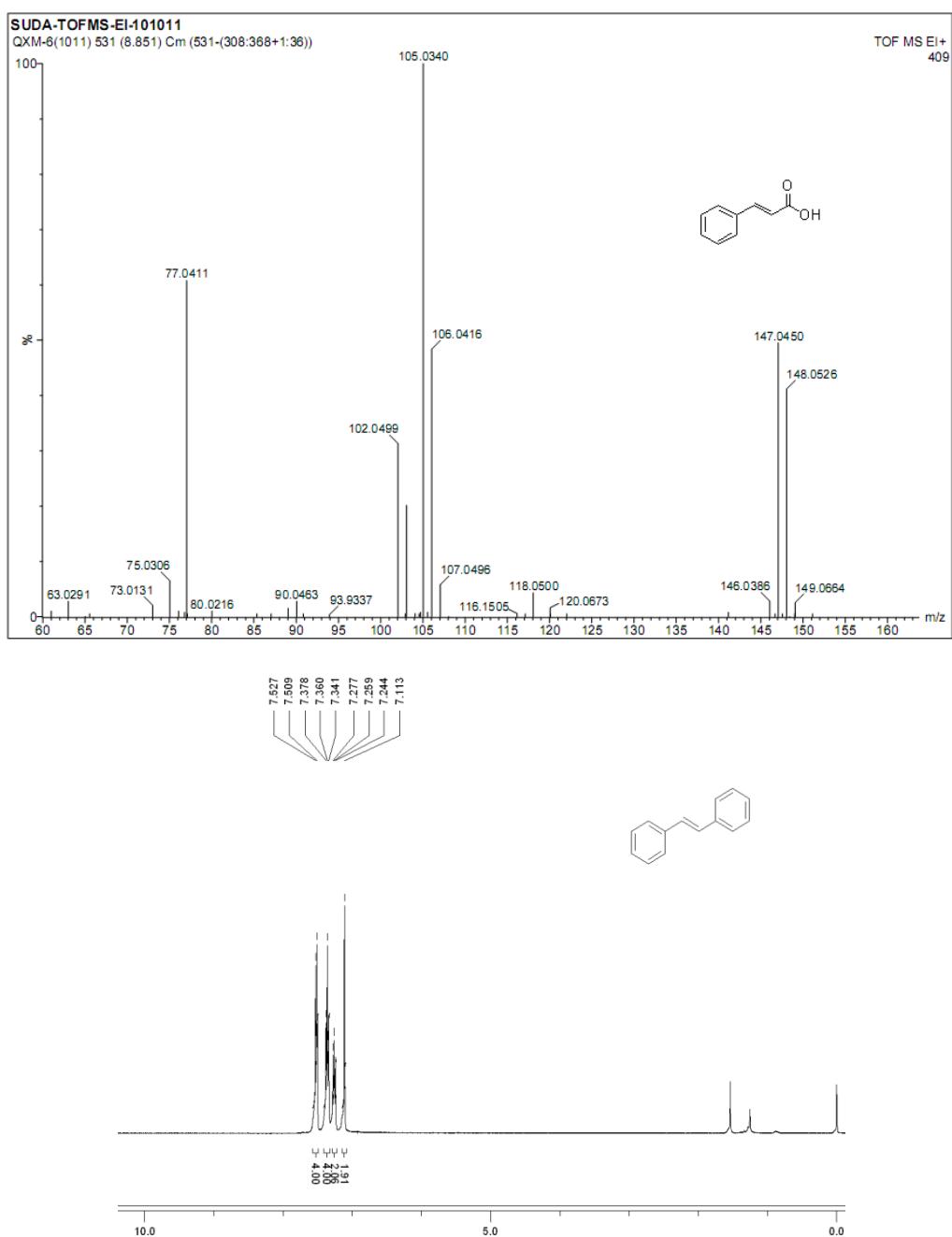


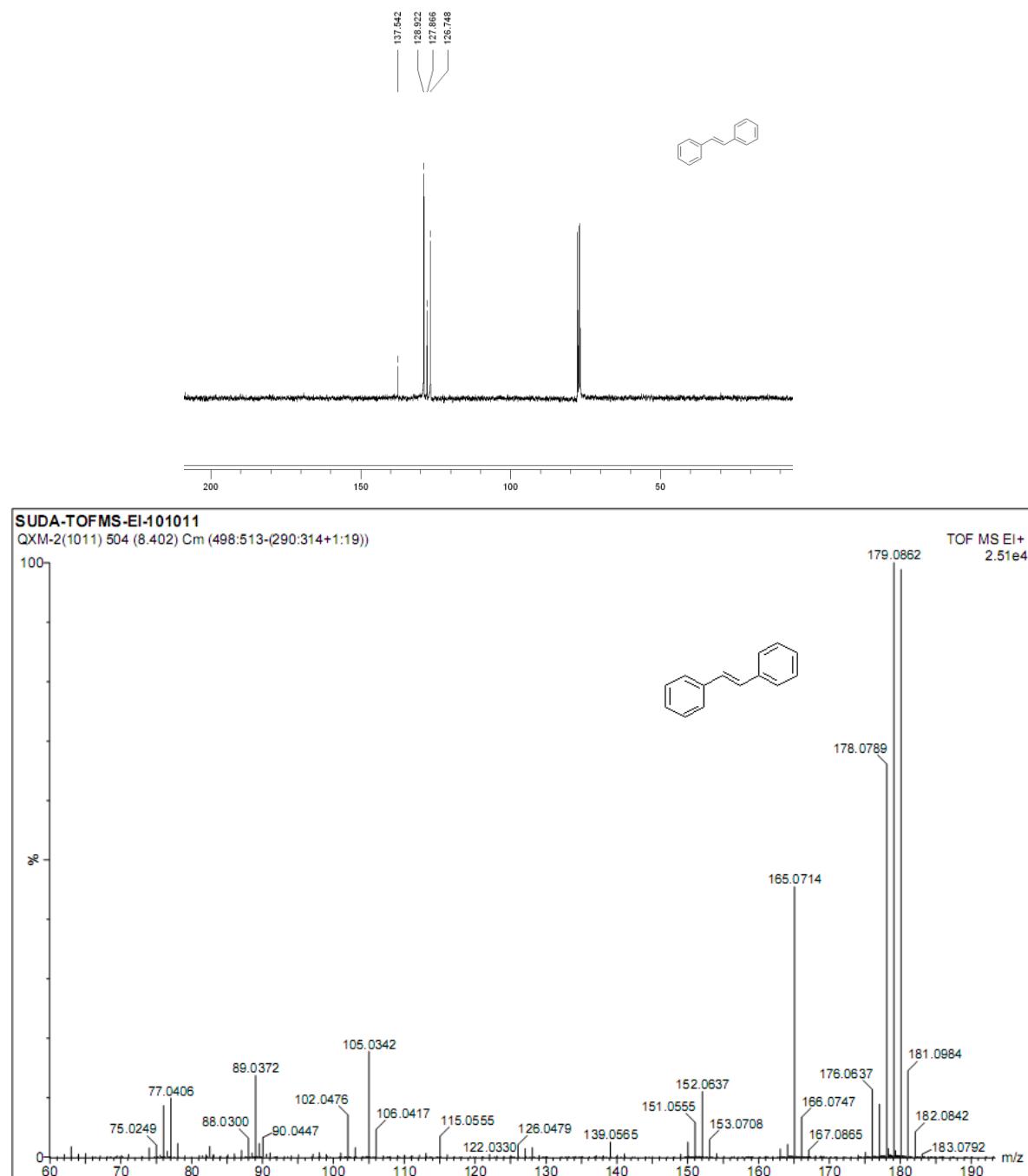


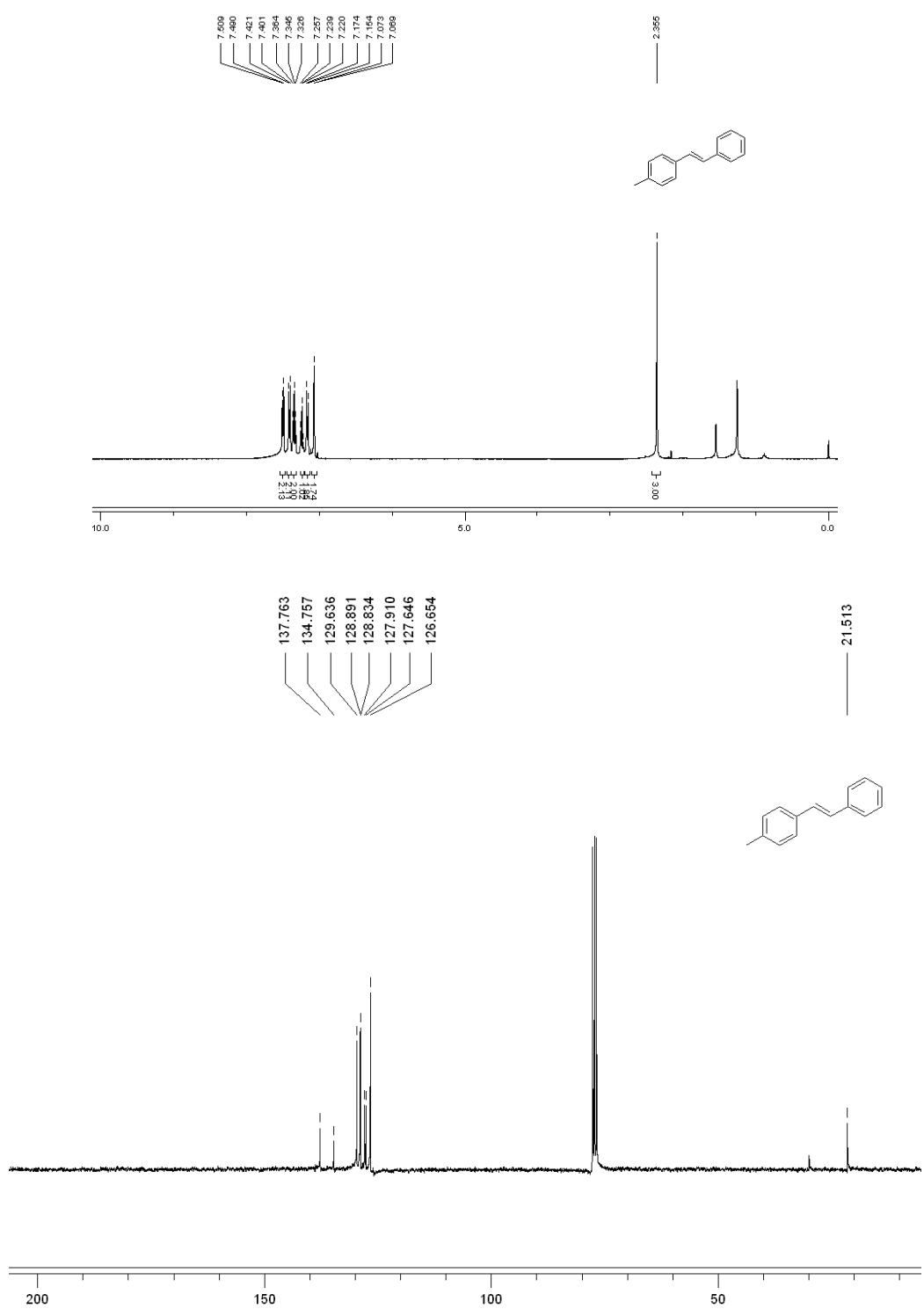


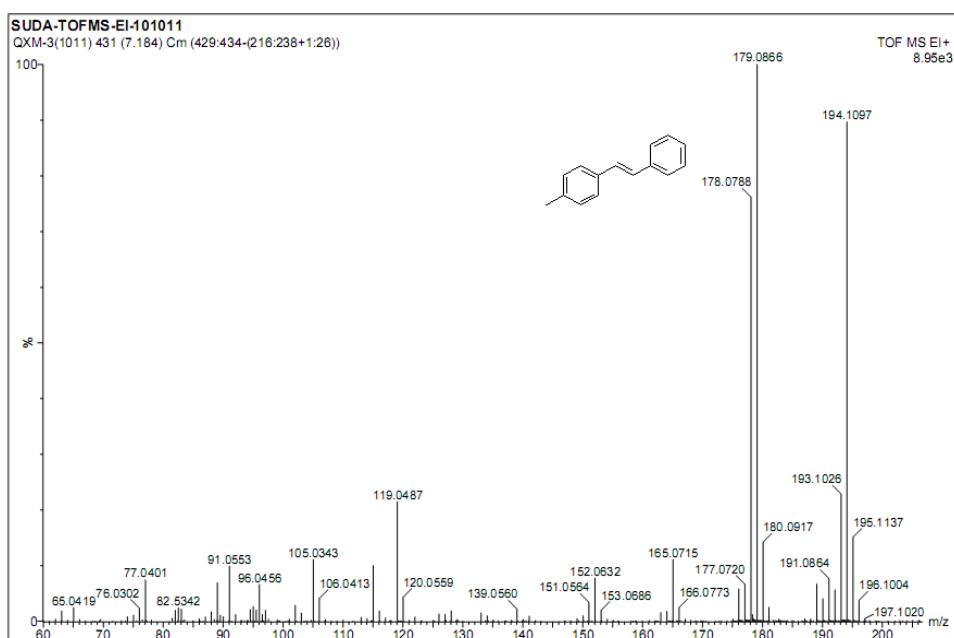












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