

Decarboxylative Allylations of Ester Enolate Equivalents

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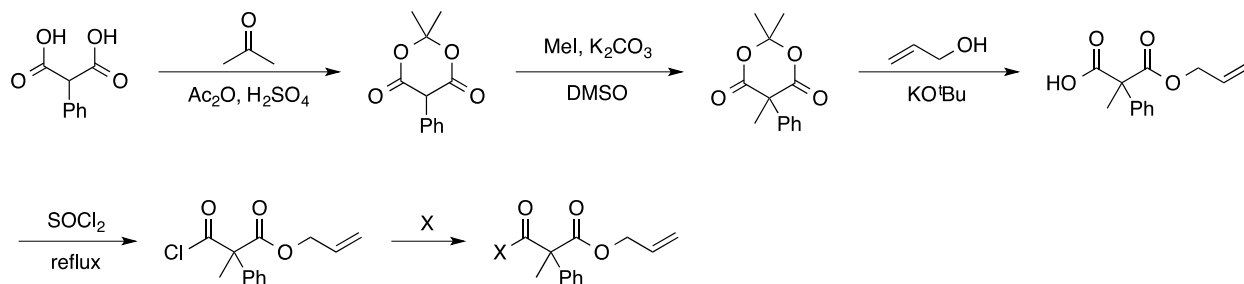
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General experimental:

All reactions were run in flame-dried glassware under Argon atmosphere. Commercially available reagents and anhydrous benzene were used without further treatment. Compound purification was effected by flash chromatography using 230x400 mesh, 60Å porosity, silica obtained from Sorbent Technologies. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker Avance 400 or Bruker Avance 500 DRX spectrometer and were referenced to residual protio solvent signals. Structural assignments were based on ¹H, ¹³C, DEPT-135, COSY, HSQC, and FT-IR spectroscopies. Mass spectrometry was run using ESI techniques.

Procedure for the synthesis of α,α -disubstituted di-ester equivalents:

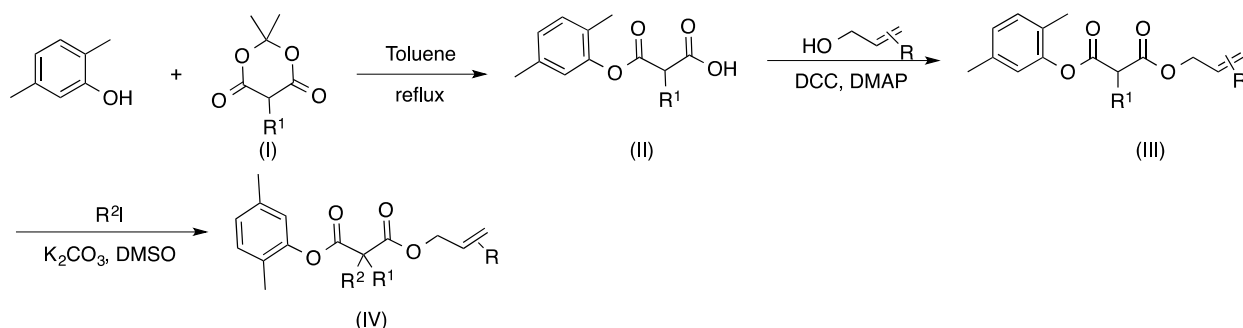


2,2-dimethyl-5-phenyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione (II)¹ and 2,2,5-trimethyl-5-phenyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione (III)² were prepared according to the literature procedures, starting from commercially available 2-phenylmalonic acid (I). Synthesis of 3-(allyloxy)-2-methyl-3-oxo-2-phenylpropanoic acid (IV) was carried out according to the literature procedure³ and characterization data were identical to reported data.³ (IV) converted to the acid chloride (V) in refluxing SOCl_2 and treatment of the acid chloride with suitable amine^{6, 7}, Lithium pyrrolide⁴, phenol⁵ or thio-phenol⁵ provided the required diester compounds.

Synthesis of Lithium Pyrrolide

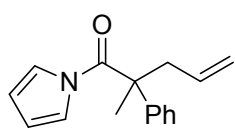
In a flame-dried Schlenk tube under argon, freshly distilled pyrrole (1g, 14.9 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in 25 mL of anhydrous ether was cooled to -20°C and $n\text{-BuLi}$ (9.3 mL, 14.9 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was added in batches of 0.5 mL. The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirring was continued for 4 hours. The white precipitate of lithium pyrrolide was filtered, washed with ether, dried under an inert atmosphere and stored in a glove box. Same procedure was followed to prepare lithium indolide except the indolide was prepared at -78°C . Characterization data were identical to previously reported data in literature.⁴

General procedure for the synthesis of α,α -disubstituted phenolic esters.



A solution of Meldrum's acid (I) in Toluene was refluxed for 2 hours with 2,5-dimethylphenol⁸ to obtain required propanoic acid (II) and used in standard DCC, DMAP coupling⁹ with corresponding allyl alcohol to obtain α mono-substituted di-ester (III). Additional α -alkylation was carried out according to the literature procedure to obtain (IV).¹⁰

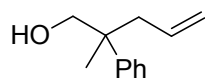
Representative procedure for Palladium catalyzed decarboxylative allylation.



In a flame-dried schlenk flask under argon, $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (40.8 mg, 0.035 mmol, 0.10 eq.) and 9 mL anhydrous benzene (0.04M w.r.t. the ester) was added to allyl 2-methyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)propanoate (100 mg, 0.35 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and stirred for 25 minutes at room temperature. Reaction was concentrated *in-vacuo* and purified *via* flash chromatography using 5% EtOAc and Hexane to obtain colorless oil (81 mg, 97%).

Transformations of Acyl pyrrole

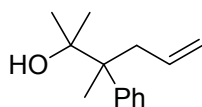
2-methyl-2-phenylpent-4-en-1-ol.



In a flame-dried schlenk flask under argon, NaBH_4 (9.5 mg, 0.25 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was added to a solution of 2-methyl-2-phenyl-1-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)pent-4-en-1-one (acyl pyrrole) (30 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in 1 mL of THF at 0°C. Solution was stirred 4 hours at 0°C and overnight at room temperature. Saturated K_2CO_3 (10 mL) was added and extracted with EtOAc (3x10mL). Dried over anhyd. MgSO_4 and concentrated *in-vacuo* and purified *via* flash chromatography using 5% EtOAc and Hexane to obtain colorless oil (17 mg, 76%).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 5.52 (m, 1H), 4.95 (dddt, J = 24.0, 10.1, 2.0, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (dd, J = 10.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dd, J = 10.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, J = 13.9, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.34 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 1.27 (s, 3H) ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.6, 134.5, 128.5, 126.7, 126.3, 117.6, 71.8, 43.2, 42.9, 21.9 FT-IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν_{max} cm^{-1} 3396, 2920, 1027, 906, 692 Calcd. HRMS for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) – 177.1279, found 177.1333

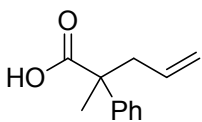
2,3-dimethyl-3-phenylhex-5-en-2-ol.



In a flame-dried schlenk flask under argon, MeLi (1 mL, excess) was added to a solution of 2-methyl-2-phenyl-1-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)pent-4-en-1-one (acyl pyrrole) (50 mg, 0.21 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in 1 mL of THF at 0°C . The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. Quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc (3x10 mL). Dried over anhyd. MgSO_4 and concentrated *in-vacuo* and purified *via* flash chromatography using 5% EtOAc and Hexane to obtain colorless oil (40 mg, 93%).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 (dt, J = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 5.41 (m, 1H), 4.98 (ddd, J = 17.0, 3.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (dd, J = 10.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 14.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (dd, J = 14.3, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H) ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.1, 135.9, 128.9, 127.7, 126.1, 117.1, 74.7, 48.3, 39.7, 25.9, 25.5, 21.2 FT-IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν_{max} cm^{-1} 3366, 3448, 2985, 1637, 1375, 908, 702 Calcd. HRMS for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{OLi}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Li}$) – 211.1674, found 211.0926

2-methyl-2-phenylpent-4-enoic acid.



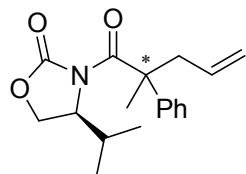
A Flame dried-schlenk flask under argon, was charged with 2-methyl-2-phenyl-1-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)pent-4-en-1-one (acyl pyrrole) (50 mg, 0.21 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (2mL) and H_2O (0.5 mL). The solution was cooled to 0°C and was added H_2O_2 (30% in H_2O , 0.1 mL) followed by $\text{LiOH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (44 mg, 1 mmol, 5.0 eq.) Reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (0.7 M, 1mL) and NaHCO_3 (0.5 N, 2 mL) were added and THF was removed *in-vacuo*. The aqueous layer was acidified with 2M HCl (monitored by pH papers) and extracted with EtOAc (3x10mL). Solvent was removed *in-vacuo* and purified *via* flash chromatography using 5%-15% EtOAc and Hexane to obtain colorless oil (34 mg, 85%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.29

(ddd, $J = 8.4, 4.6, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.64 (ddt, $J = 17.3, 10.1, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.16 – 5.04 (m, 2H), 2.84 (dd, $J = 13.8, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, $J = 13.8, 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 3H) ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.8, 142.4, 133.7, 128.5, 127.1, 126.2, 118.7, 49.7, 43.5, 22.2 FT-IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν_{max} cm^{-1} 3076, 1697, 1446, 1277, 918 Calcd. HRMS for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) 213.0892, found 213.0823

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Spectral Characterization

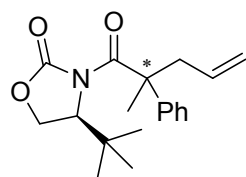
Spectral Characterization of **1a** (4S)-4-isopropyl-3-(2-methyl-2-phenylpent-4-enoyl)oxazolidin-2-one



major, minor

Major isomer - ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.23 (dd, $J = 10.4, 4.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.17 – 7.04 (m, 3H)- Ar-H major and minor are overlapped, 5.56 (m, 1H), 5.07 – 4.93 (m, 2H), 4.49 – 4.41 (m, 1H), 4.13 – 3.99 (m, 2H), 3.25 (dd, $J = 13.7, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, $J = 13.8, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.35 (dq, $J = 13.9, 7.0, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 0.86 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.76 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H) ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.6, 151.4, 143.3, 133.9, 128.1, 126.4, 125.5, 118.6, 62.8, 60.1, 52.9, 43.2, 28.4, 24.4, 18.3, 14.7 Minor- ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ Ar-H are overlapped with major isomer, 5.54 – 5.44 (m, 1H-overlapped with major isomer), 5.07 – 4.97 (m, overlapped with major isomer), 4.12 – 3.99 (m, overlapped with major isomer), 2.93 (dd, $J = 13.8, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, $J = 13.8, 6.4$ Hz, overlapped with major isomer), 1.64 (s, 3H), 0.79 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H - overlapped with major isomer) ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.8, 134.2, 118.4, 63.1, 59.9, 52.9, 44.5, 28.6, 23.1, 18.1, 14.9 FT-IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν_{max} cm^{-1} 3055, 2975, 1689, 1598, 1380, 703 Calcd. HRMS for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) – 324.1576, found 324.1541

Spectral Characterization of **1b** (4S)-4-(tert-butyl)-3-(2-methyl-2-phenylpent-4-enoyl)oxazolidin-2-one

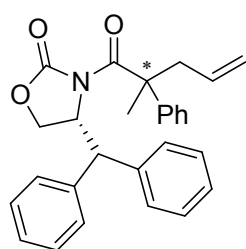


major, minor

Major isomer - ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.15 – 7.06 (m, 2H + minor isomer), 5.73 (m, 1H), 5.12 (ddd, $J = 16.9, 3.1, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 – 5.02 (m, 1H), 4.43 (dd, $J = 7.4, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.10 – 4.01 (m, 2H), 3.71 – 3.55 (m, 1H), 2.67 (ddt, $J = 13.7, 6.2, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H + minor isomer). Minor isomer - ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27 - 7.15 (Ar-H - overlapped with major isomer), 5.51 – 5.42 (m, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 4.93 – 4.90 (m, 1H), 4.52 (dd, $J = 7.4, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 9.3, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd, $J = 13.8, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, $J = 13.8, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 0.89 (tBu – overlapped with major isomer) ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.7(major), 174.8 (minor), 152.6 (major), 152.0 (minor), 144.1 (major), 142.3 (minor), 134.4 (minor), 134.1 (major), 128.6 (minor), 128.3 (major), 128.1 (minor), 127.2 (minor), 126.4 (major), 125.5 (minor), 125.2 (major), 119.0 (major), 118.3 (minor), 64.9 (major), 63.2 (major), 62.1 (minor), 61.4 (minor),

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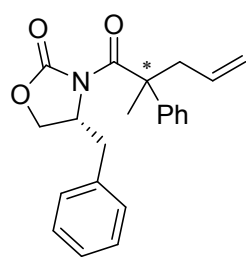
Spectral Characterization of **1c** (4R)-4-benzhydryl-3-(2-methyl-2-phenylpent-4-enoyl)oxazolidin-2-one



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) Ar-H major isomer + minor isomer δ 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 7H), 7.10 (ddd, J = 8.3, 4.4, 2.1 Hz, 3H), 6.93 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.90 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 5.39 (td, J = 7.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (ddd, J = 7.4, 6.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.29 – 5.18 (m, 1H), 4.96 – 4.83 (m, 3H), 4.69 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.20 – 4.10 (m, 3H), 3.03 (dd, J = 13.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, J = 13.7, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, J = 13.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.41 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 2H)

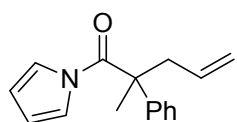
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.7 (major), 175.2 (minor), 151.3 (major), 150.9 (minor), 142.7 (major), 142.1 (minor), 139.9 (major), 139.7 (minor), 138.6 (minor), 138.5 (major), 134.4 (minor), 134.0 (major); Ar-C; major+ minor 129.07 (Ar-C), 129.05 (Ar-C), 129.01 (Ar-C), 128.9 (Ar-C), 128.8 (Ar-C), 128.7 (Ar-C), 128.69 (Ar-C), 128.6 (Ar-C), 128.05 (Ar-C), 128.02 (Ar-C), 127.7 (Ar-C), 127.68 (Ar-C), 127.1 (Ar-C), 126.3 (Ar-C), 126.27 (Ar-C), 125.7 (Ar-C), 125.6 (Ar-C), 118.4 (major), 118.1 (minor), 65.4 (minor), 65.1 (major), 58.7 (major), 57.9 (minor), 52.7 (major), 52.6 (minor), 52.5 (minor), 51.9 (major) FT-IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν_{max} cm⁻¹ 3060, 2977, 1789, 1681, 1600, 1496, 1242, 918, 700 Calcd. HRMS for C₂₈H₂₇NO₃Na (M+Na) – 448.1889, found 448.1931

Spectral Characterization of **1d** (4R)-4-benzyl-3-(2-methyl-2-phenylpent-4-enoyl)oxazolidin-2-one



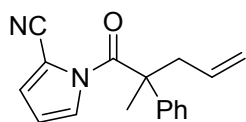
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ Ar-H major isomer + minor isomer 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 5.64 (m, *J* = 16.7, 10.1, 8.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.55 – 5.48 (m, minor isomer), 5.10 – 4.93 (m, 2H + minor isomer), 4.70 – 4.62 (m, 1H + minor isomer), 4.00 – 3.93 (m, 2H + minor isomer), 3.40 – 3.26 (m, 2H + minor isomer), 3.00 – 2.95 (m, minor isomer), 2.68 – 2.55 (m, 1H + minor isomer), 2.50 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 10.8 Hz, 1H, major isomer), 1.65 (s, minor isomer), 1.56 (s, 3H, major isomer). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.8 (minor), 175.5 (major), 150.8 (major), 143.2 (major), 142.6 (minor), 135.8 (major), 135.6 (minor), 134.1 (minor), 133.9 (major), 129.5 (minor), 129.4 (major), 129.0 (major), 128.9 (major), 128.2 (major), 128.2 (minor), 127.3 (minor), 127.28 (major), 126.4 (major), 125.6 (minor), 125.5 (major), 118.8 (major), 118.5 (minor), 65.9 (minor), 65.8 (major), 57.3 (major), 57.0 (minor), 52.8 (minor), 52.7 (major), 44.2 (minor), 42.7 (major), 37.9 (minor), 37.8 (major) FT-IR (CH₂Cl₂) $\nu_{\max}$ cm⁻¹ 3026, 2977, 1789, 1681, 1236, 700 Calcd. HRMS for C₂₂H₂₄NO₃ (M+H) – 350.1756, found 350.1743

Spectral Characterization of **2a** 2-methyl-2-phenyl-1-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)pent-4-en-1-one



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (dt, *J* = 9.7, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.92 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 5.97 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 5.48 (m, 1H), 4.99 – 4.94 (m, 1H), 4.88 (ddd, *J* = 17.0, 3.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H) ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.7, 142.3, 132.1, 128.1, 126.2, 124.8, 119.6, 118.1, 110.8, 51.0, 44.0, 23.6 FT-IR (CH₂Cl₂) $\nu_{\max}$ cm⁻¹ 3020, 1704, 1494, 1465, 1213, 1155, 700, 503 Calcd. HRMS for C₁₆H₁₇NO (M+) – 239.1310, found 239.1245

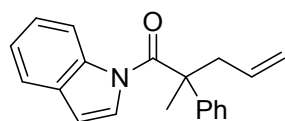
Spectral Characterization of **2b** 1-(2-methyl-2-phenylpent-4-enoyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbonitrile



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (m, 1H), 5.03 – 4.97 (m, 1H), 4.86 (ddd, *J* = 16.9, 3.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.85 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 1.63 (s, 3H) ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.7, 142.1, 132.3,

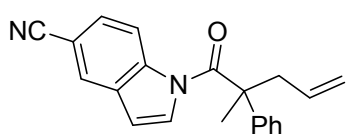
129.5, 127.9, 125.9, 125.6, 125.1, 119.8, 113.4, 112.3, 104.4, 52.7, 44.8, 24.4 FT-IR (CH₂Cl₂) $\nu_{\max}$ cm⁻¹ 3057, 2200, 1725, 1450, 1150, 725 Calcd. HRMS for C₁₇H₁₆N₂ONa (M+Na) – 287.1160, found 287.1161

Spectral Characterization of **2c** 1-(1H-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-2-phenylpent-4-en-1-one



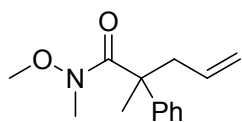
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.21 (dd, J = 6.2, 5.2 Hz, 3H), 7.18 (ddd, J = 8.3, 5.3, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (m, 1H), 4.98 – 4.86 (m, 2H), 2.88 (dd, J = 13.7, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dd, J = 13.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H) ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.7, 143.8, 136.5, 133.3, 129.5, 129.2, 127.3, 126.2, 125.8, 125.0, 123.7, 120.5, 119.1, 117.2, 108.2, 52.8, 45.3, 24.7 FT-IR (CH₂Cl₂) $\nu_{\max}$ cm⁻¹ 3068, 2989, 1704, 1539, 1494, 1379, 1321, 1207, 1145, 931, 767 Calcd. HRMS for C₂₀H₁₉NOLi (M+Li) – 296.1627, found 296.1648

Spectral Characterization of **2d** 1-(2-methyl-2-phenylpent-4-enoyl)-1H-indole-5-carbonitrile



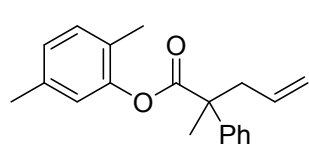
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.58 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dt, J = 9.7, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (m, 1H), 4.98 – 4.92 (m, 1H), 4.87 (ddd, J = 17.0, 2.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (ddd, J = 20.3, 13.7, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (s, 3H) ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9, 143.1, 138.4, 132.8, 129.5, 128.2, 127.6, 125.7, 125.2, 119.6, 119.5, 117.9, 107.7, 107.0, 53.1, 45.0, 24.6 FT-IR (CH₂Cl₂) $\nu_{\max}$ cm⁻¹ 3058, 2875, 2360, 1751, 1639, 1512, 1249, 1116, 916, 698 Calcd. HRMS for C₂₁H₁₈N₂OLi (M+Li) – 321.1579, found 321.1531

Spectral Characterization of **2e** N-methoxy-N,2-dimethyl-2-phenylpent-4-enamide



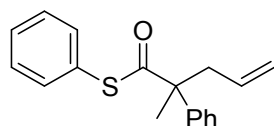
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (tt, J = 3.6, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 5.49 (m, 1H), 5.01 – 4.91 (m, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.90 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.60 – 2.50 (m, 4H), 1.45 (s, 3H) ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.0, 144.8, 134.5, 128.2, 126.2, 125.9, 118.1, 58.9, 49.9, 43.1, 33.3, 22.9 FT-IR (CH₂Cl₂) $\nu_{\max}$ cm⁻¹ 3064, 2935, 1654, 1490, 1379, 999, 698 Calcd. HRMS for C₁₄H₂₀NO₂ (M+H) – 234.1494 found 234.1520

Spectral Characterization of **2f** 2,5-dimethylphenyl 2-methyl-2-phenylpent-4-enoate



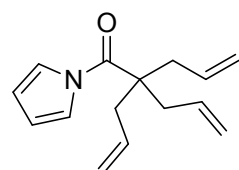
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 6.95 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 5.64 (ddt, $J = 14.5, 10.1, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.14 – 4.98 (m, 2H), 2.91 (dd, $J = 13.8, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd, $J = 13.8, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H) ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.9, 146.9, 140.3, 134.4, 131.5, 128.6, 126.5, 126.3, 124.9, 124.6, 124.4, 123.9, 119.8, 116.6, 47.7, 41.3, 20.0, 18.6, 13.3 FT-IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν_{max} cm^{-1} 3078, 2980, 1735, 1598, 1508, 1492, 1240, 1198, 1128, 925, 700 Calcd. HRMS for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) – 295.1698, found 295.1670

Spectral Characterization of **2g** S-phenyl 2-methyl-2-phenylpent-4-enethioate



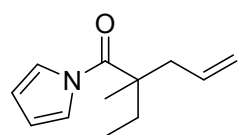
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40 – 7.21 (m, 10H), 5.55 – 5.43 (m, 1H), 5.07 – 4.95 (m, 2H), 2.77 (ddd, $J = 20.7, 13.9, 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.61 (s, 3H) ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 202.5, 141.6, 134.8, 133.4, 129.1, 128.6, 128.3, 127.4, 127.2, 118.8, 57.1, 43.7, 22.7 FT-IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν_{max} cm^{-1} 3058, 2985, 1780, 1697, 1440, 952, 703 Calcd. HRMS for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{OS}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) – 283.1157, found 283.1202

Spectral characterization of **2h** 2,2-diallyl-1-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)pent-4-en-1-one



^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 6.21 – 6.18 (m, 2H), 5.62 (ddt, $J = 17.5, 10.2, 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 5.05 – 4.94 (m, 6H), 2.53 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 6H) ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.2, 132.6, 120.2, 119.4, 112.2, 51.7, 39.2 FT-IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν_{max} cm^{-1} 3072, 2941, 1704, 1637, 1467, 1284, 1255, 1103, 921, 736 Calcd. HRMS for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) – 230.1545, found 230.1539

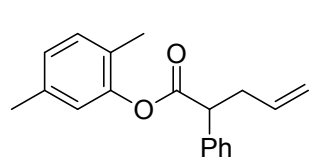
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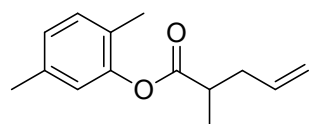
1664, 1517, 1463, 1163, 919, 734 Calcd. HRMS for C₁₂H₁₈NO (M+H) – 192.1388, found 192.1443

Spectral characterization of **3a** 2,5-dimethylphenyl 2-phenylpent-4-enoate



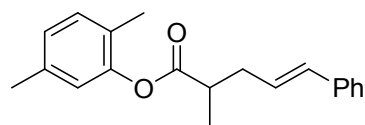
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 5.76 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.15 – 4.97 (m, 2H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dddt, *J* = 14.4, 8.5, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dtt, *J* = 14.5, 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.79 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 147.9, 137.1, 135.7, 134.1, 129.7, 127.7, 127.1, 126.6, 125.8, 125.7, 121.1, 116.3, 50.4, 36.2, 19.8, 14.5; FT-IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν_{max} cm⁻¹ 3070, 2920, 1755, 1508, 1454, 1242, 1134, 1110, 918 Calcd. HRMS for C₁₉H₂₁O₂ (M+H) – 281.1542, found 281.1497

Spectral characterization of **3b** 2,5-dimethylphenyl 2-methylpent-4-enoate



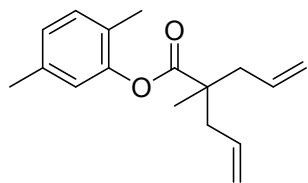
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 5.79 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.13 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 2.73 (h, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.56 – 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.30 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.24 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.4, 149.1, 136.9, 135.3, 130.8, 126.7, 122.3, 117.3, 39.4, 37.8, 20.9, 16.8, 15.9 FT-IR (CH₂Cl₂) ν_{max} cm⁻¹ 3072, 2869, 1753, 1623, 1510, 1244, 1114, 918 Calcd. HRMS for C₁₄H₁₉O₂ (M+H) – 219.1385, found 219.1384

Spectral characterization of **3c** (E)-2,5-dimethylphenyl 2-methyl-5-phenylpent-4-enoate



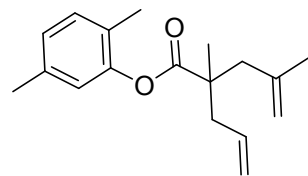
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Spectral characterization of **3d** 2,5-dimethylphenyl 2-allyl-2-methylpent-4-enoate



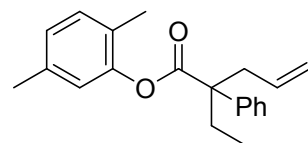
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.12 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 5.90 (ddt, $J = 16.8, 10.4, 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 5.24 – 5.13 (m, 4H), 2.59 (ddd, $J = 13.8, 7.1, 0.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (ddd, $J = 13.8, 7.5, 0.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H) ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.8, 148.3, 135.7, 132.5, 129.8, 125.6, 121.3, 117.6, 44.9, 41.8, 20.6, 19.9, 15.0 FT-IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν_{max} cm^{-1} 3076, 2983, 1751, 1641, 1510, 1242, 1199, 1116, 1000, 919 Calcd. HRMS for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) – 259.1698, found 259.1711.

Spectral characterization of **3e** 2,5-dimethylphenyl 2-allyl-2,4-dimethylpent-4-enoate



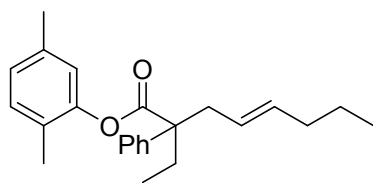
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.01 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 5.86 – 5.74 (m, 1H), 5.15 – 5.04 (m, 2H), 4.87 – 4.82 (m, 1H), 4.73 (d, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, $J = 13.9, 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.29 (ddd, $J = 13.8, 4.0, 3.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H) ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.2, 149.3, 141.9, 136.7, 133.7, 130.9, 126.6, 126.5, 122.2, 118.8, 114.9, 46.5, 45.9, 44.0, 24.4, 21.6, 20.9, 16.1 FT-IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν_{max} cm^{-1} 3072, 2985, 2919, 1750, 1644, 1507, 1454, 1244, 1194, 1115, 897 Calcd. HRMS for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) – 273.1855, found 273.1848.

Spectral characterization of **3f** 2,5-dimethylphenyl 2-ethyl-2-phenylpent-4-enoate



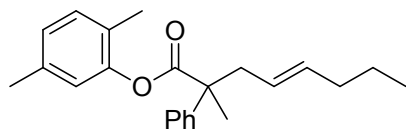
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Spectral characterization of **3g** (E)-2,5-dimethylphenyl 2-ethyl-2-phenyloct-4-enoate

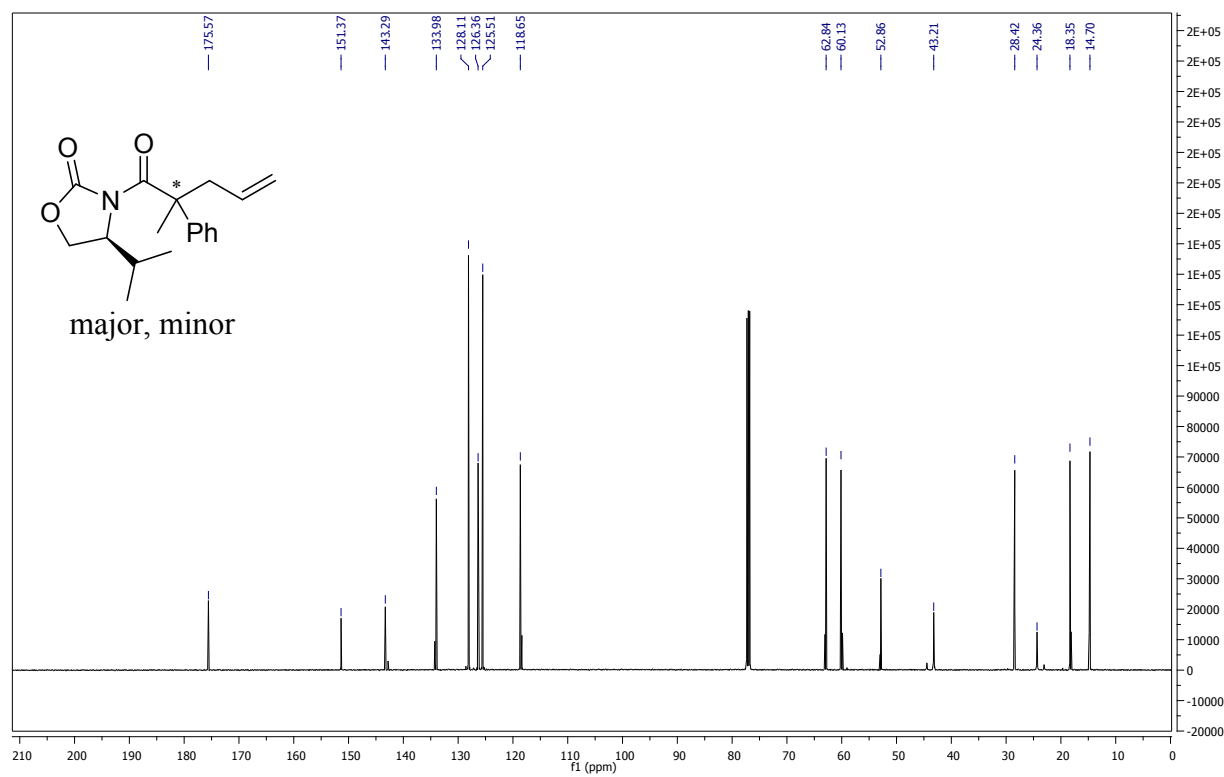
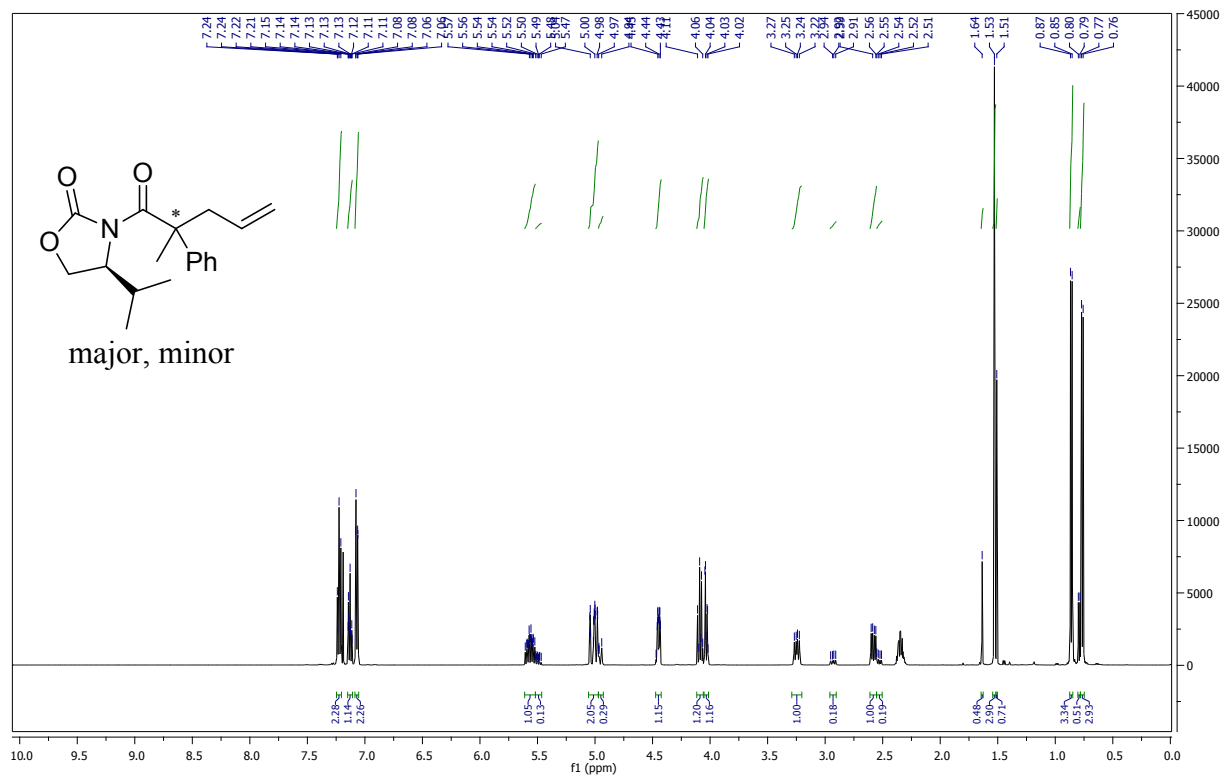


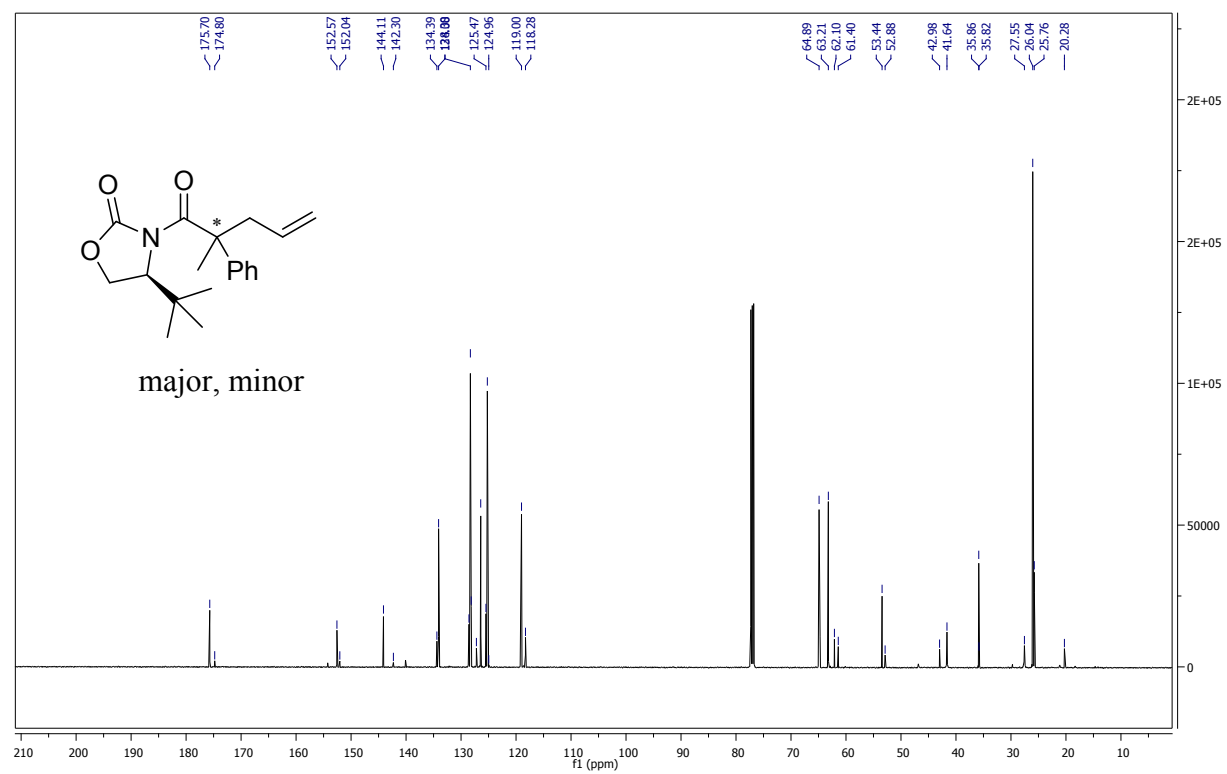
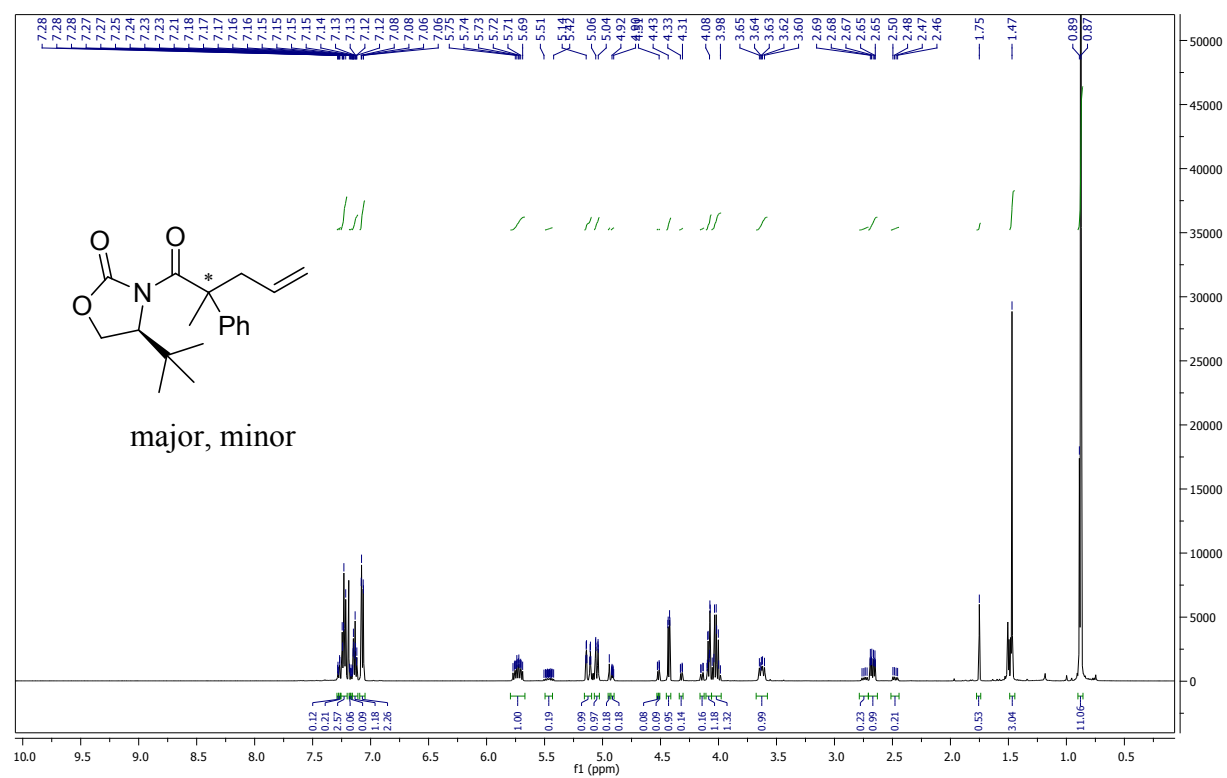
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 5.54 (dt, J = 13.9, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (dt, J = 14.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (dd, J = 14.1, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, J = 14.1, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.30 – 2.23 (m, 4H), 2.18 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.95 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 1.39 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 0.85 (td, J = 7.4, 5.7 Hz, 6H) ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.0, 149.2, 141.8, 136.6, 134.6, 130.8, 128.4, 126.8, 126.5, 124.5, 122.1, 54.2, 36.6, 34.8, 26.5, 22.6, 20.9, 15.6, 13.6, 8.3 FT-IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν_{max} cm^{-1} 3020, 2958, 2927, 2871, 1508, 1750, 1203, 1151, 1108, 804, 698 Calcd. HRMS for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) – 373.2144, found 373.2149.

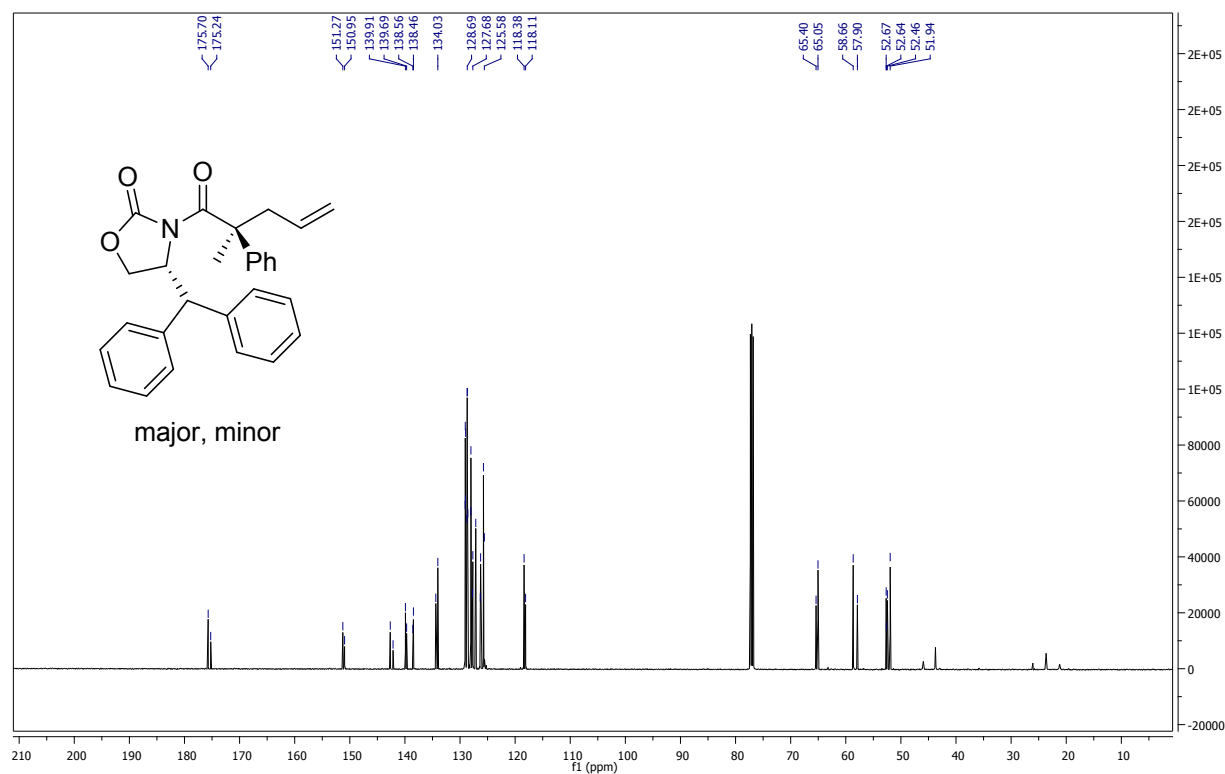
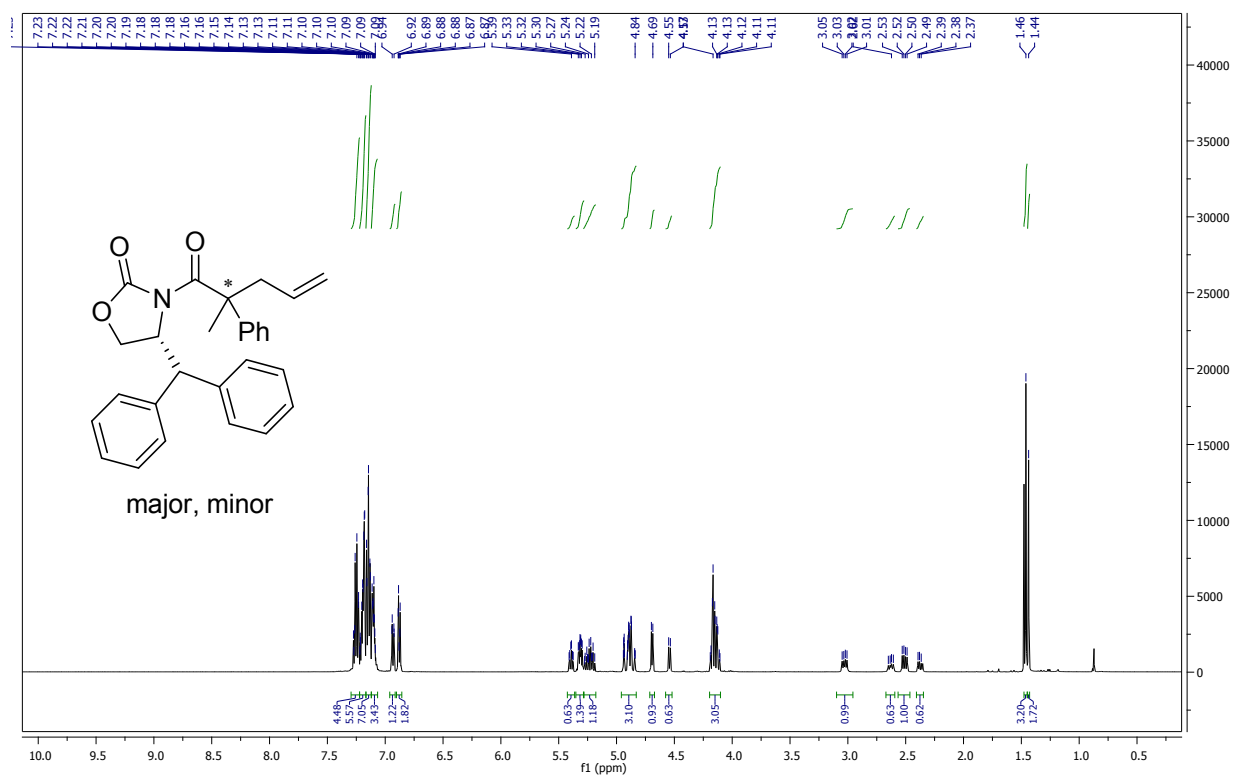
Spectral characterization of **3h** (E)-2,5-dimethylphenyl 2-methyl-2-phenyloct-4-enoate

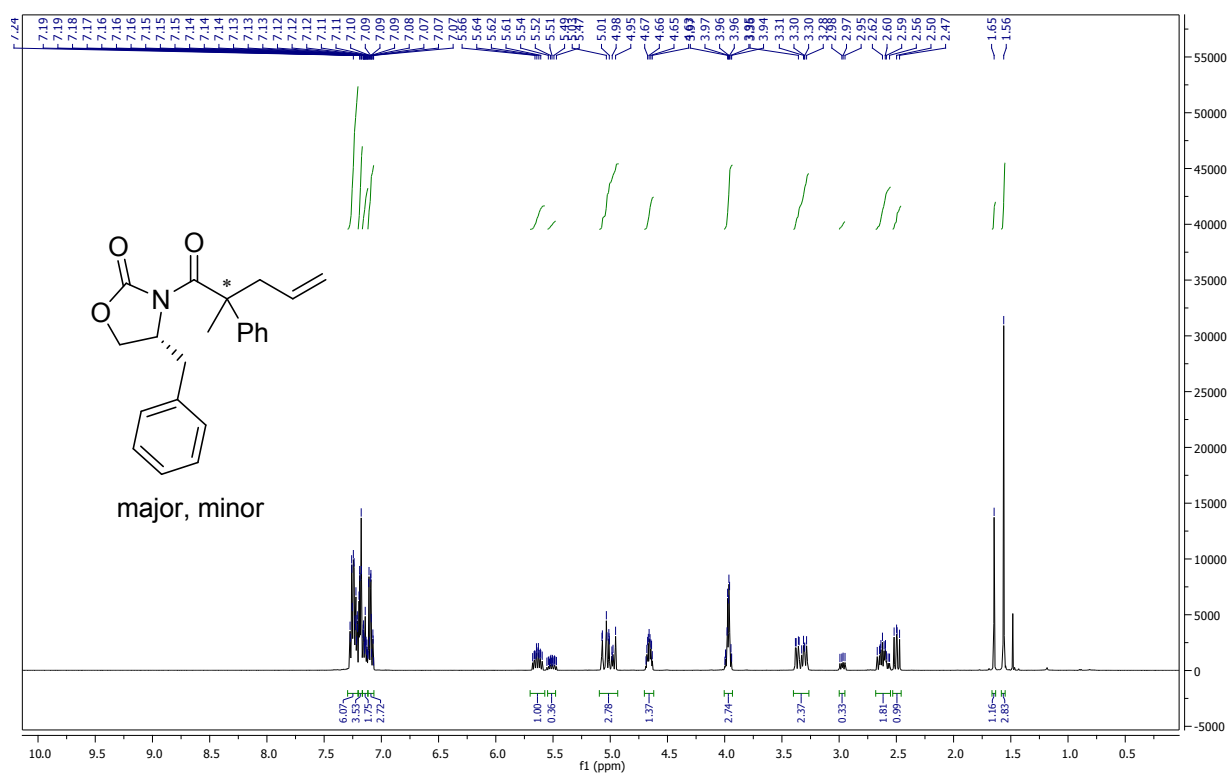
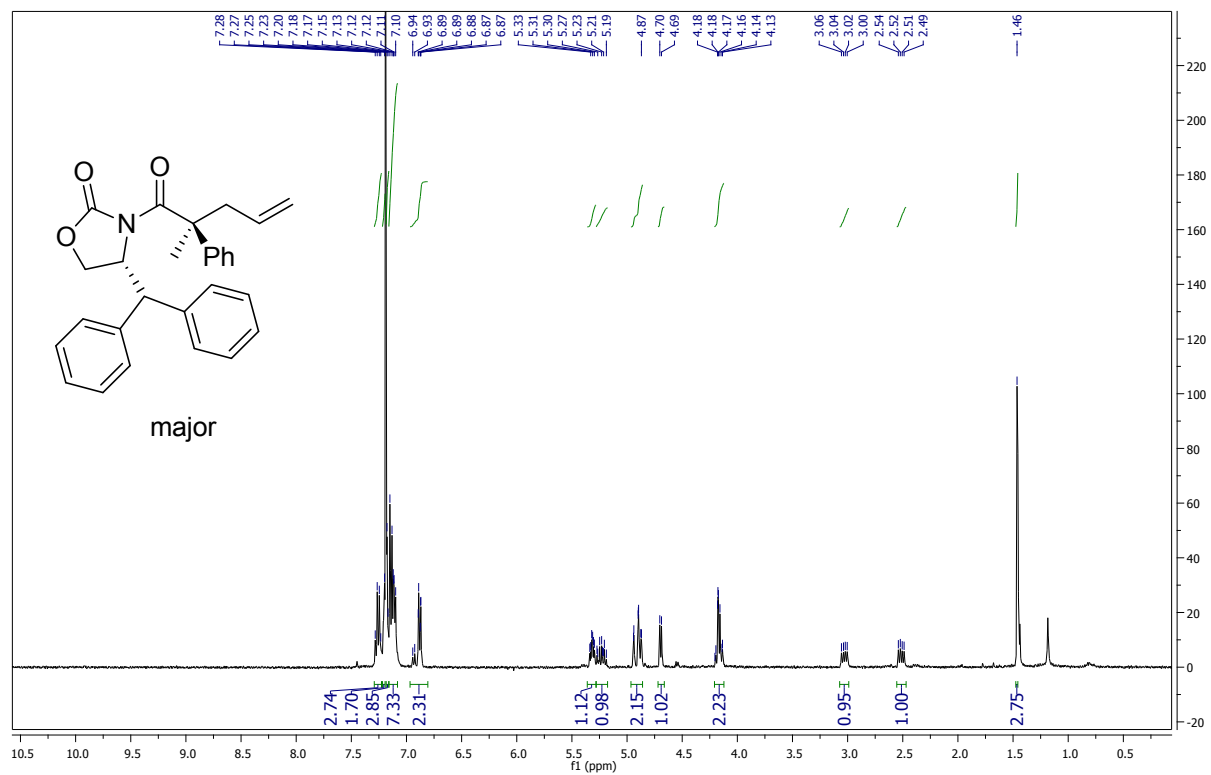


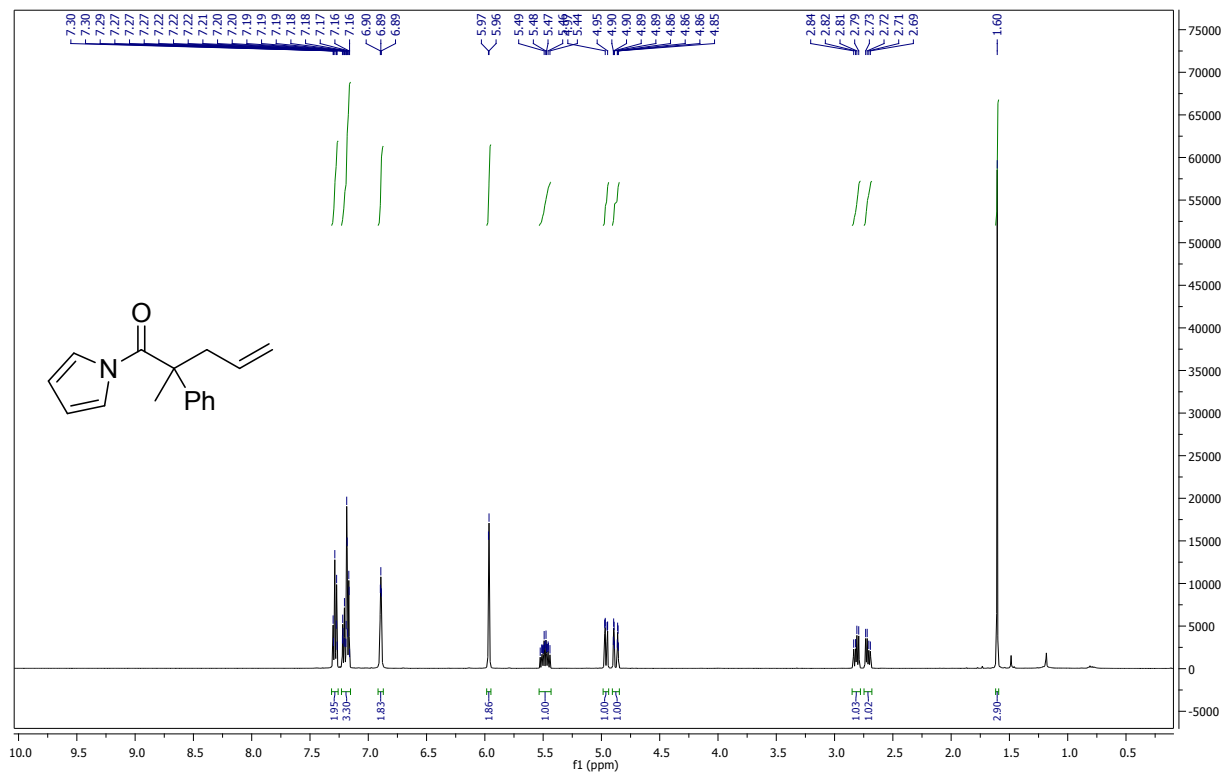
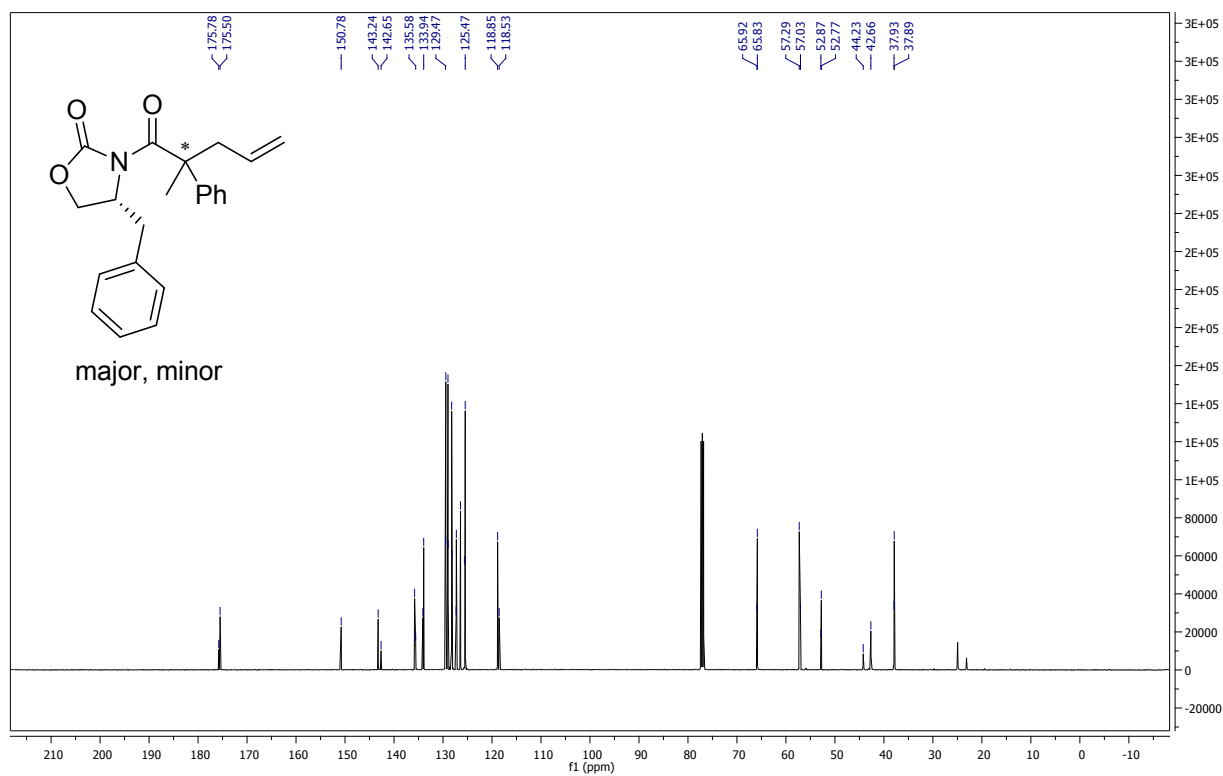
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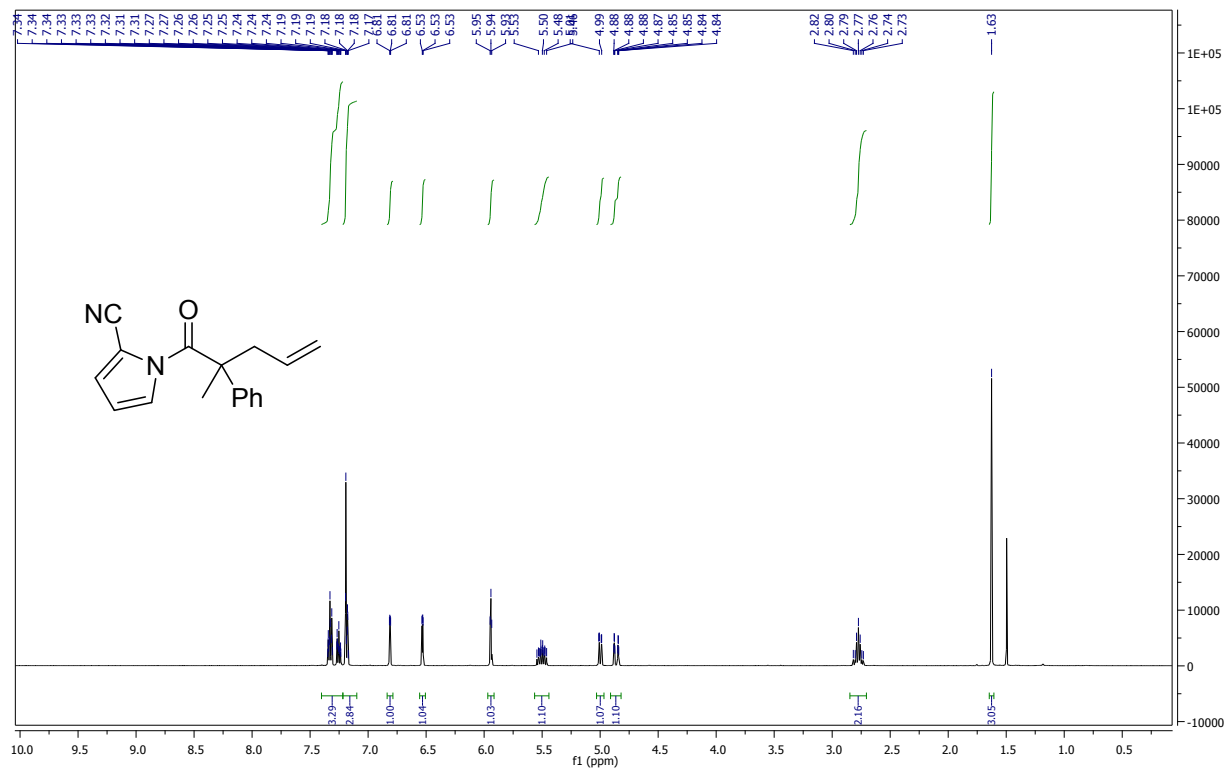
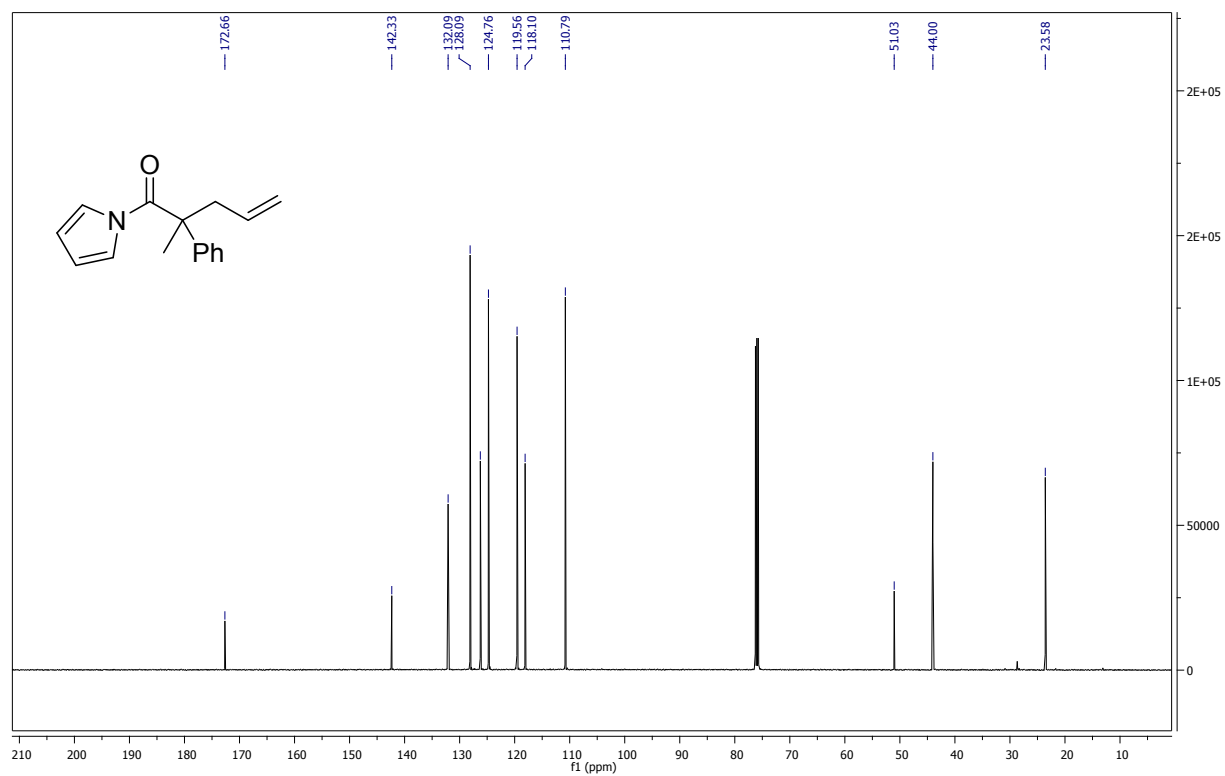


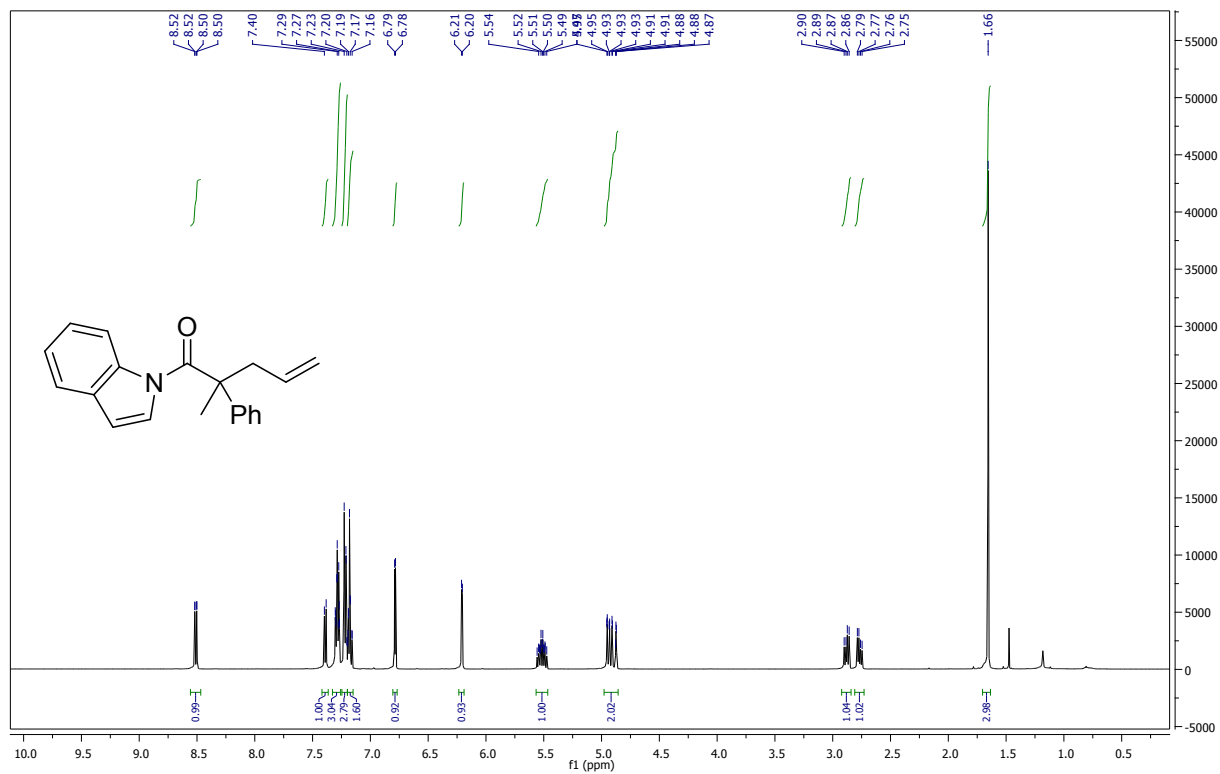
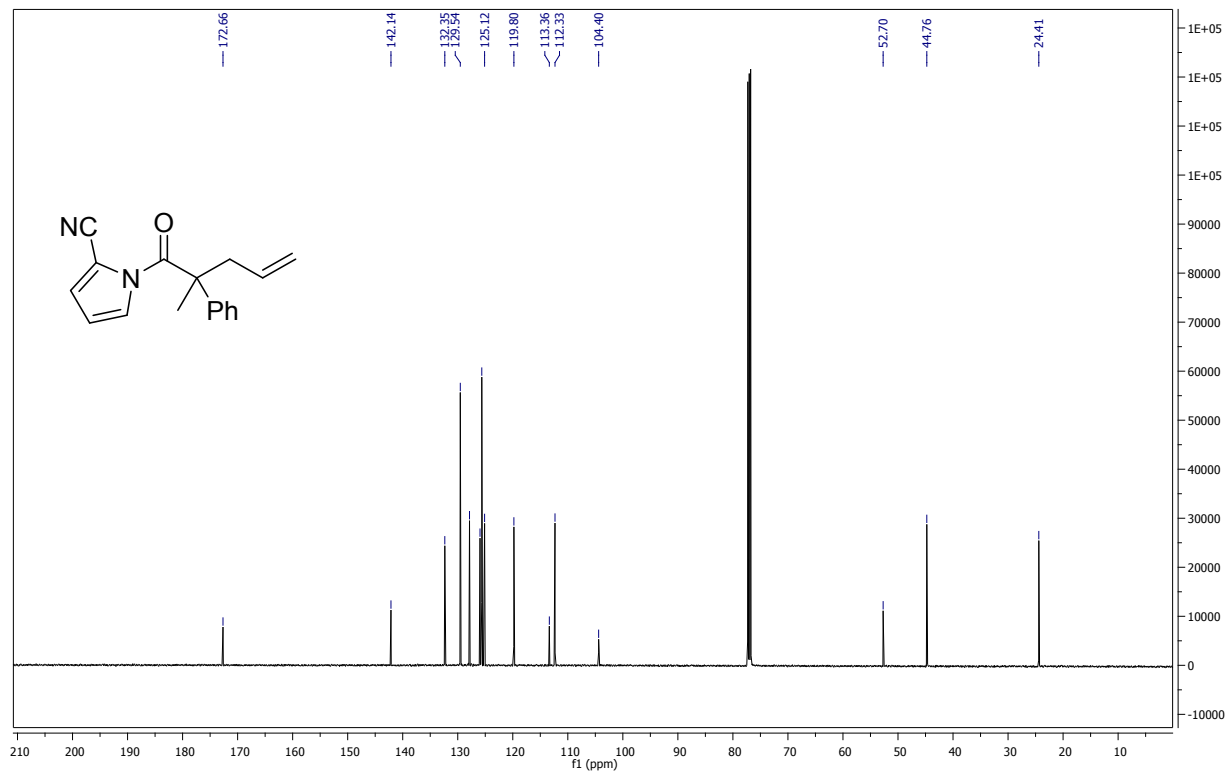


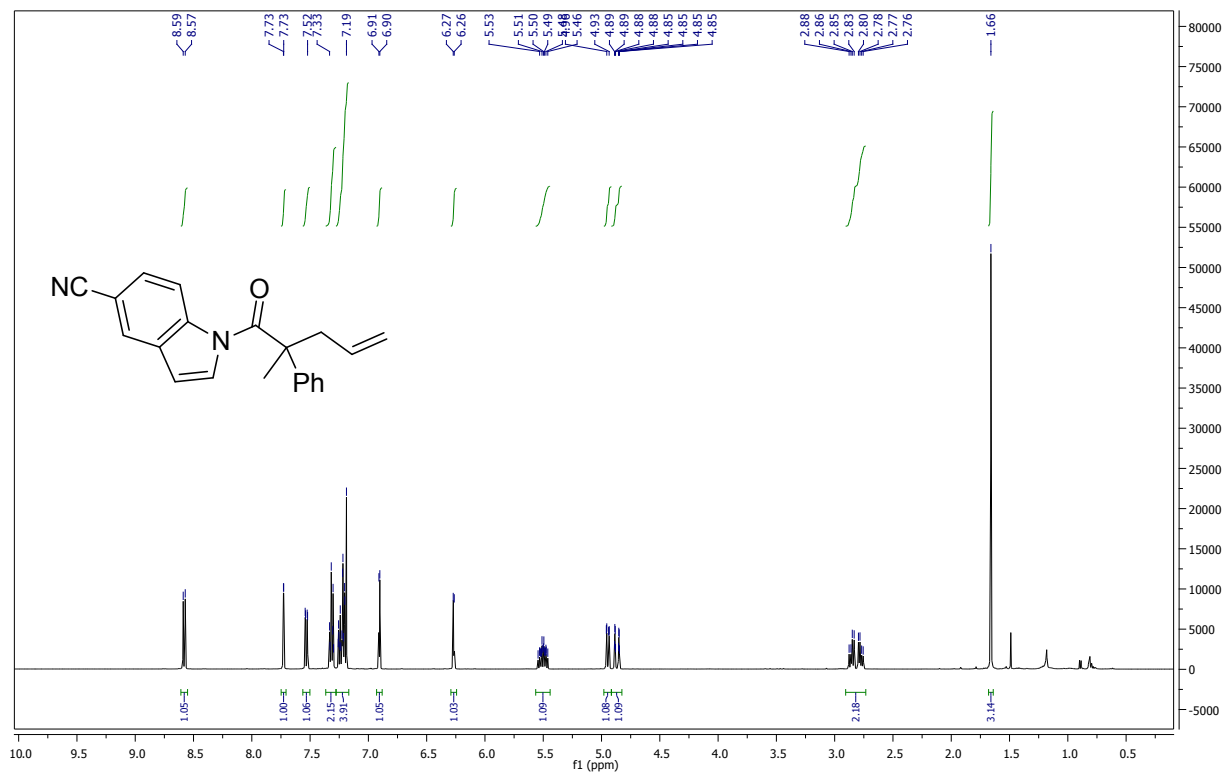
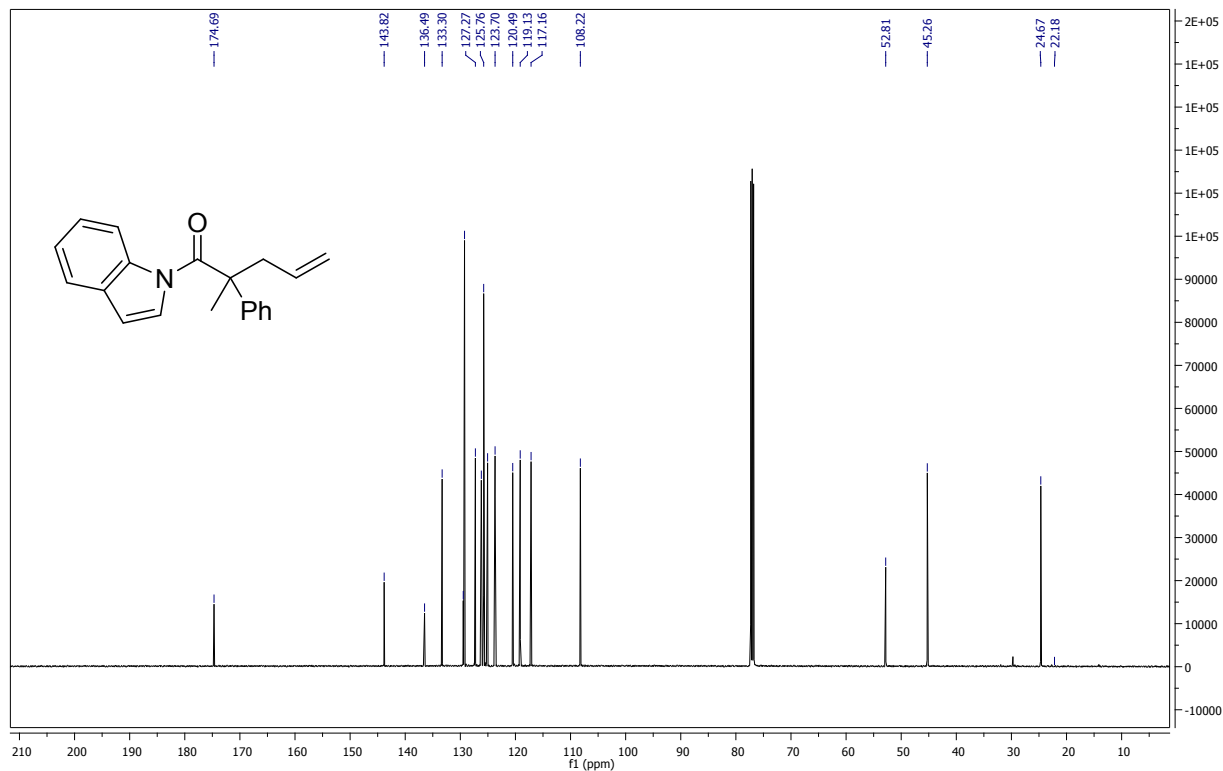


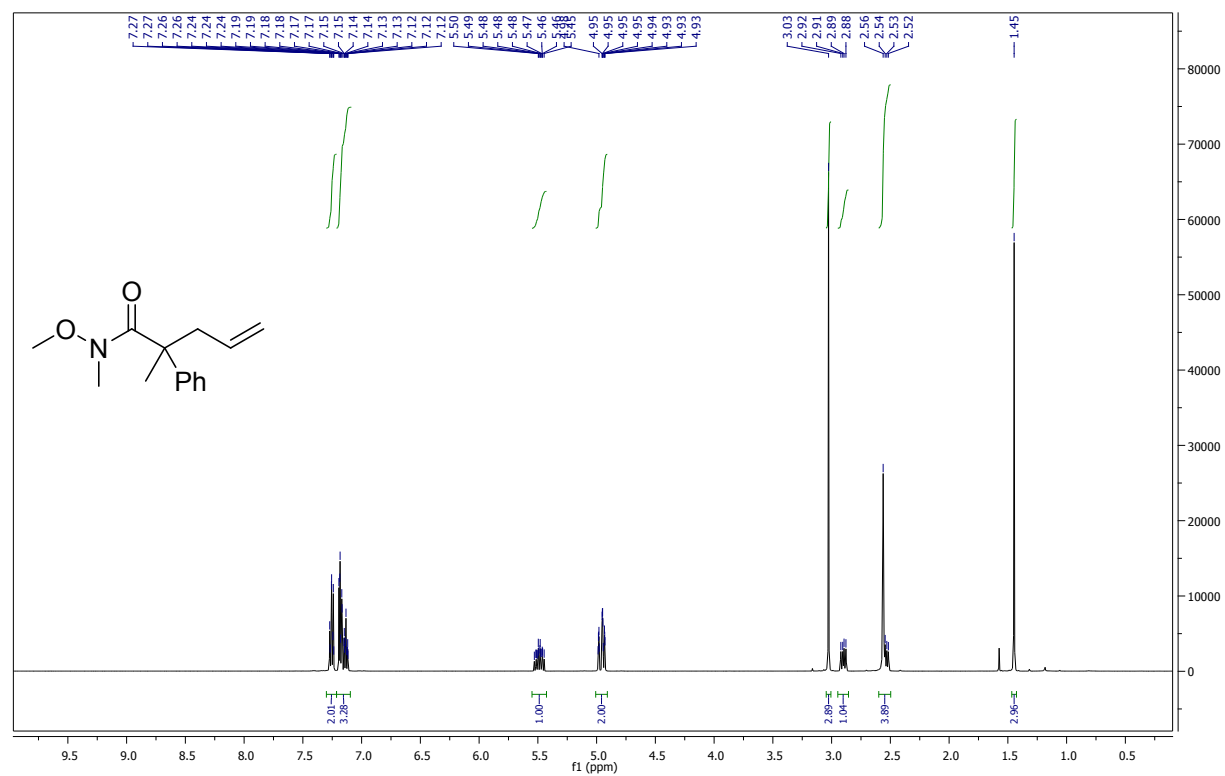
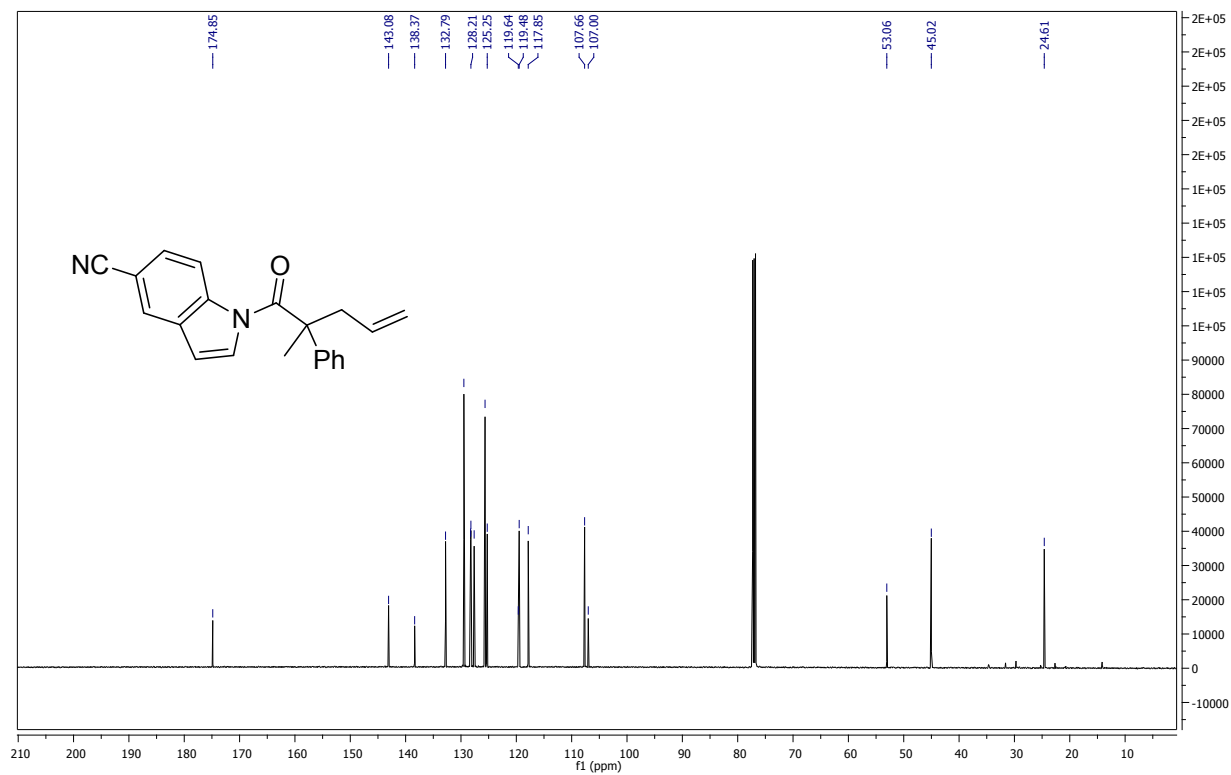


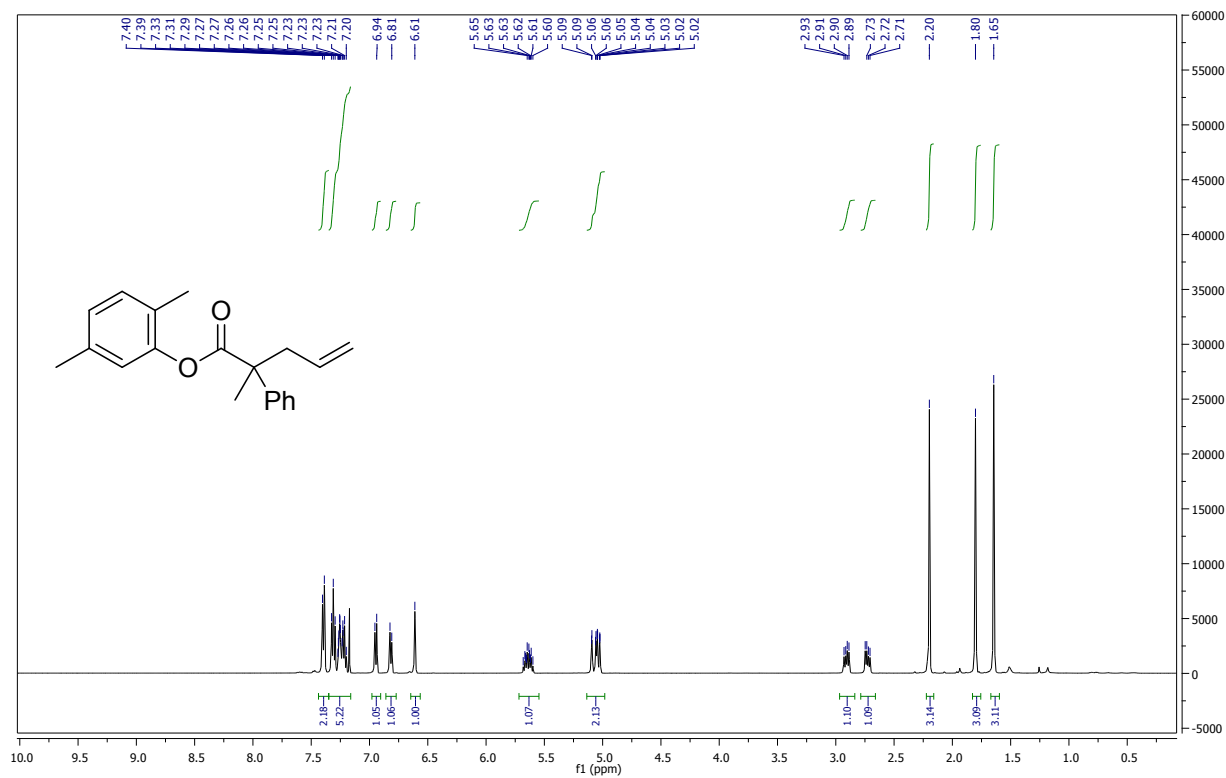
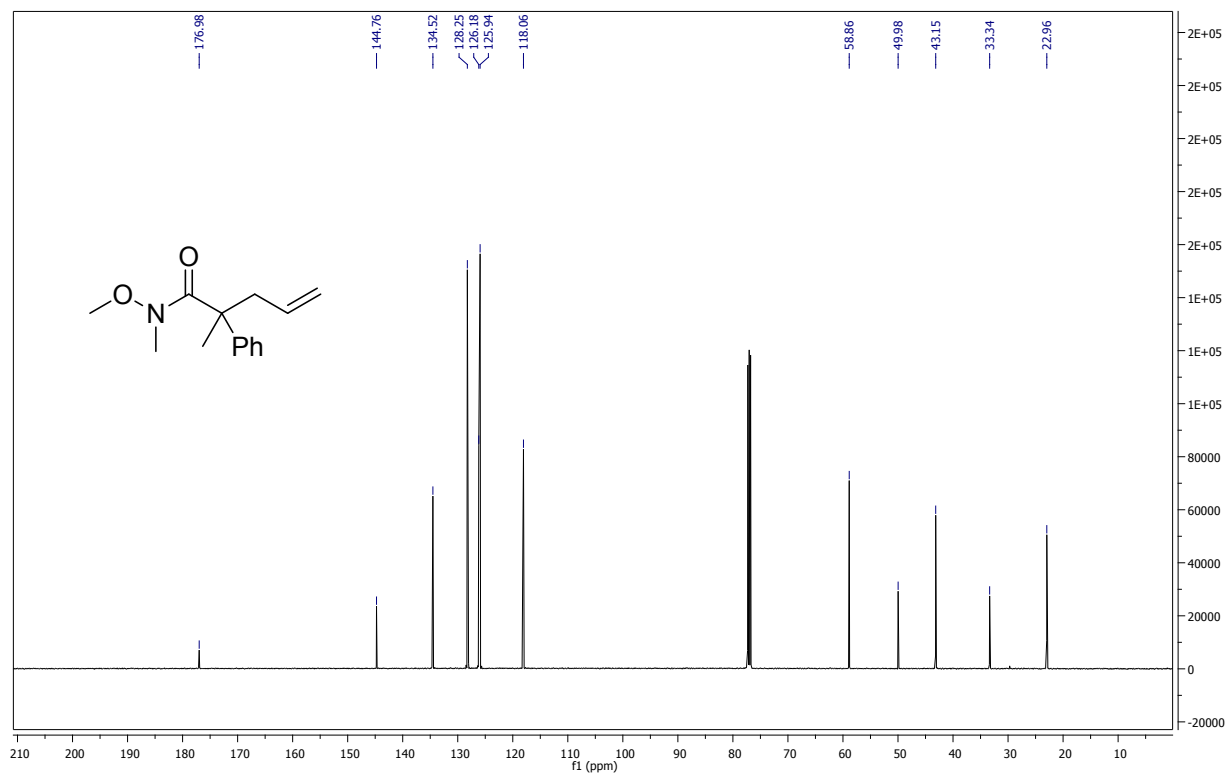


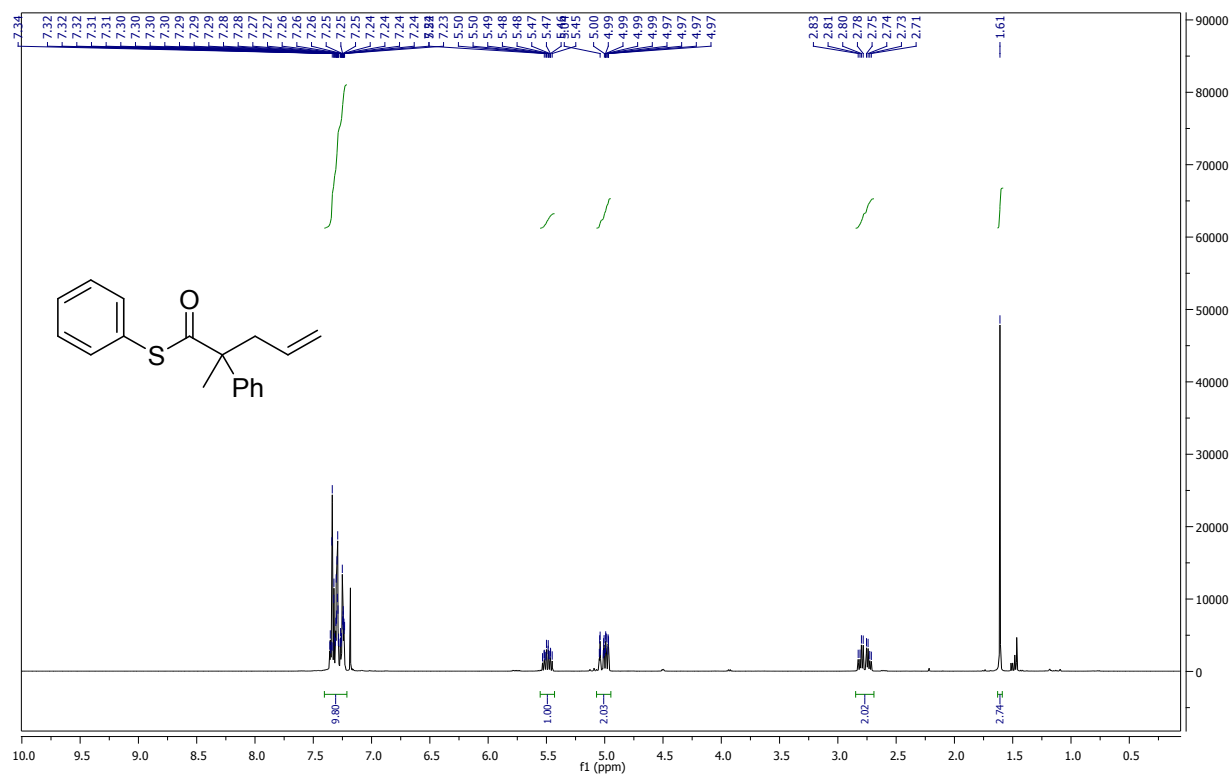
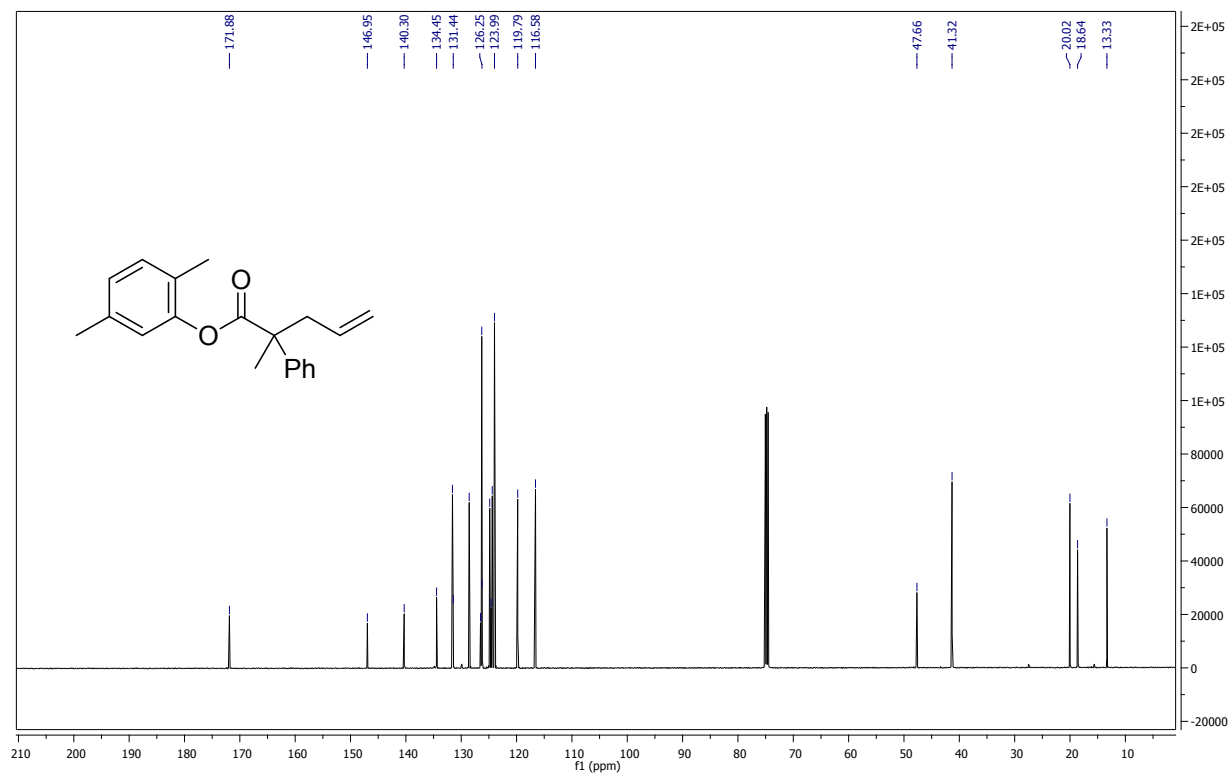


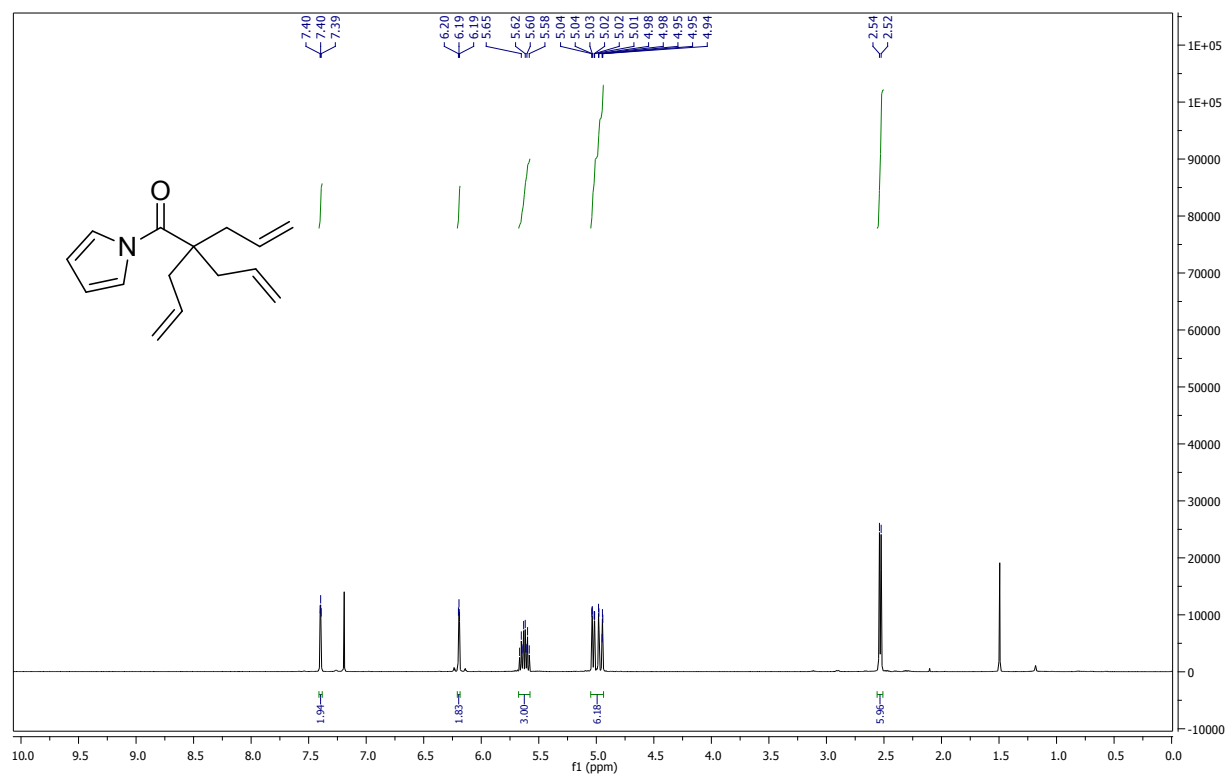
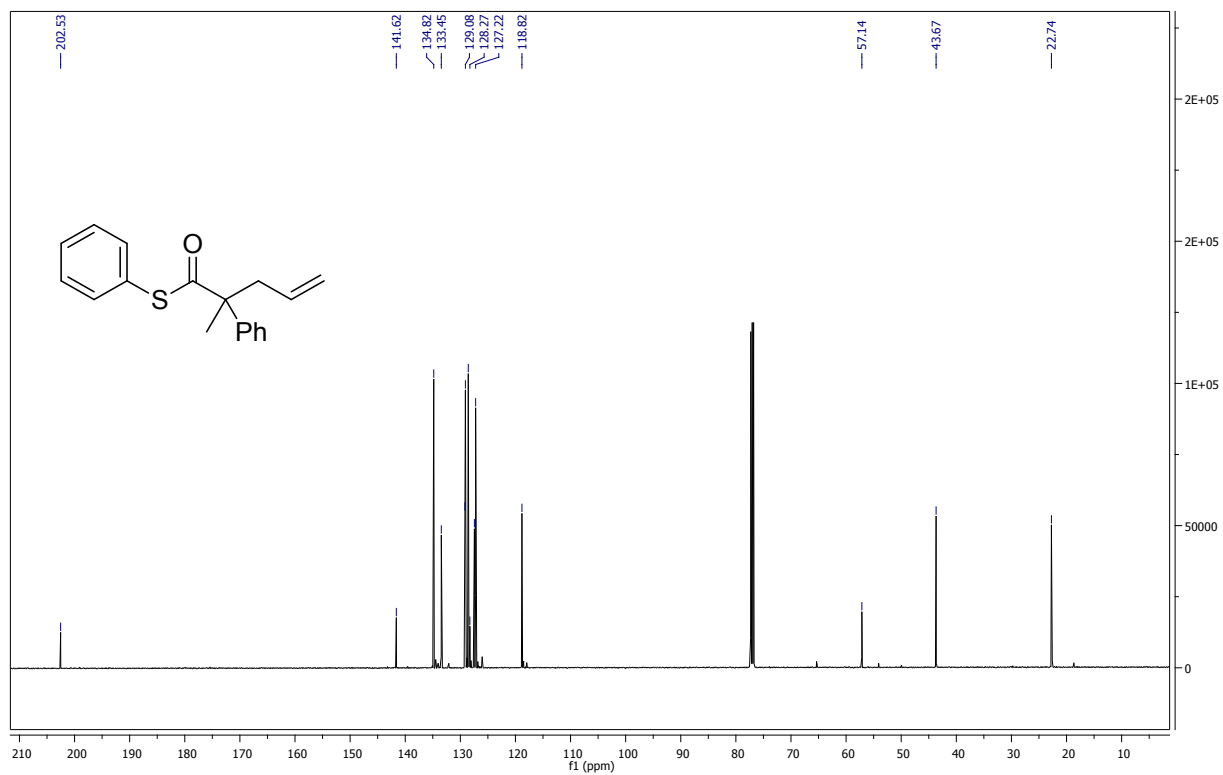


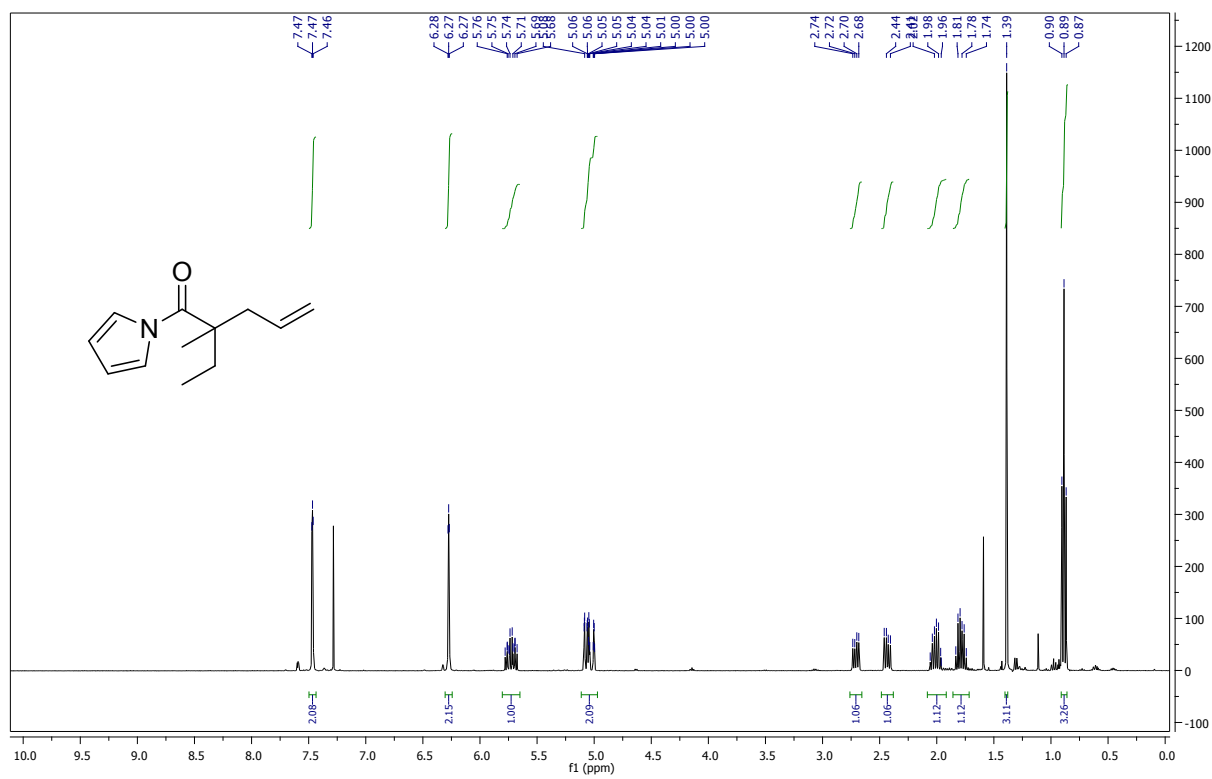
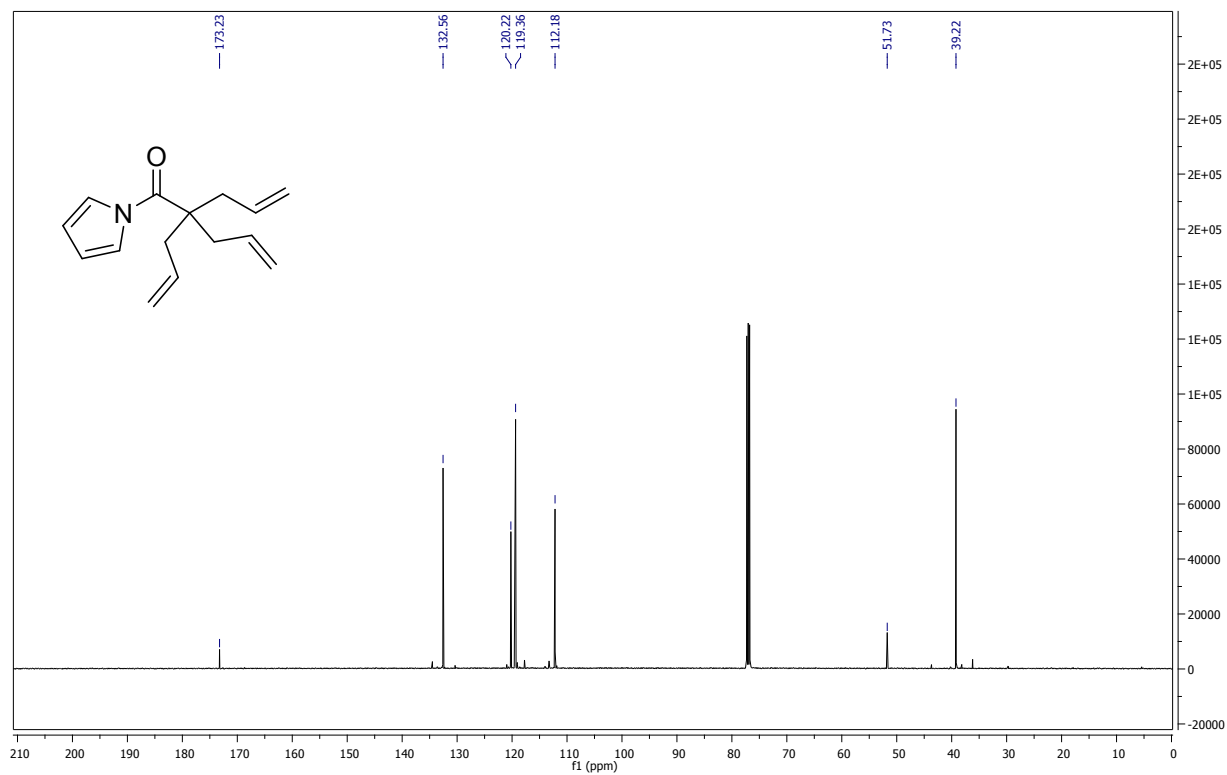


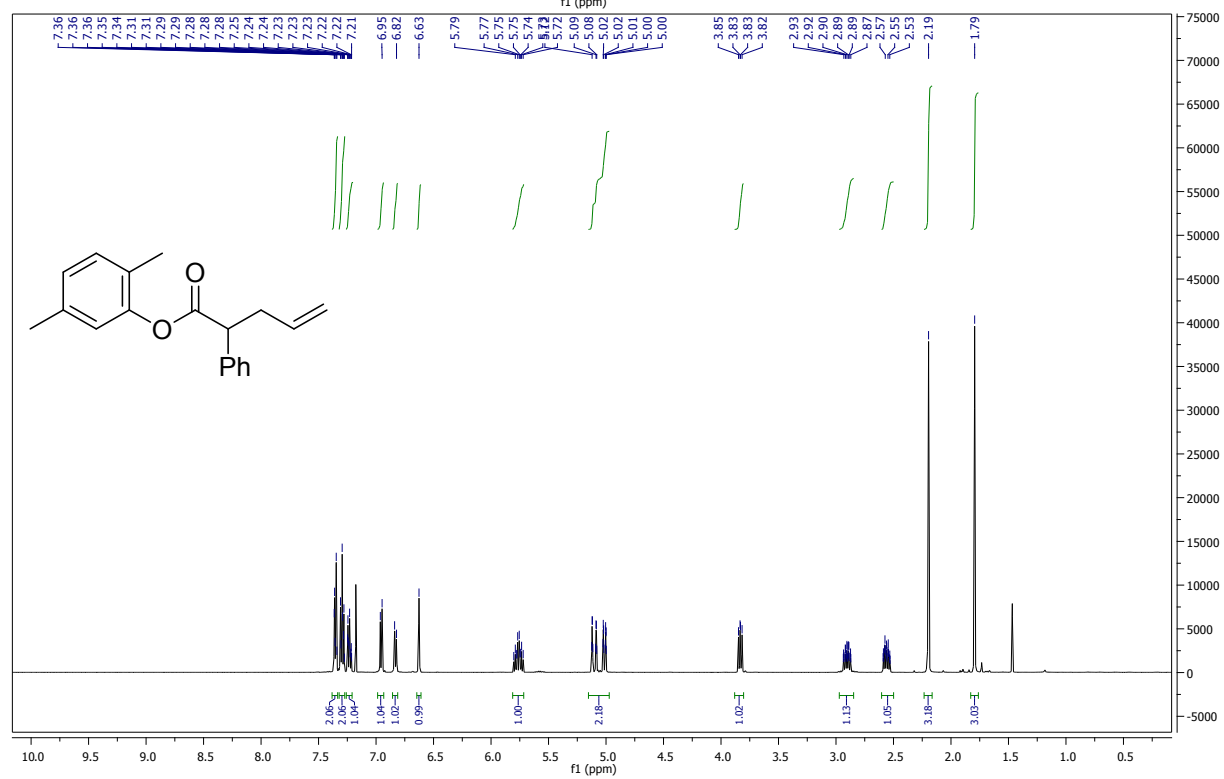
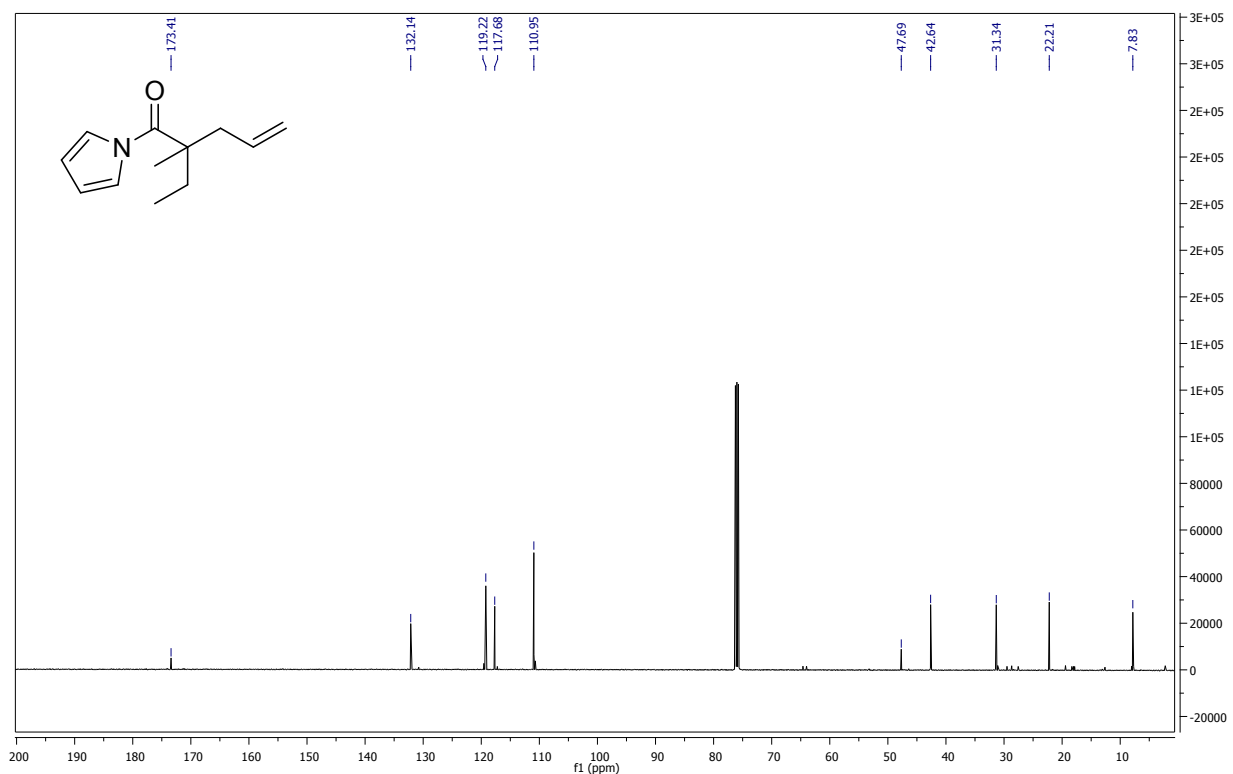


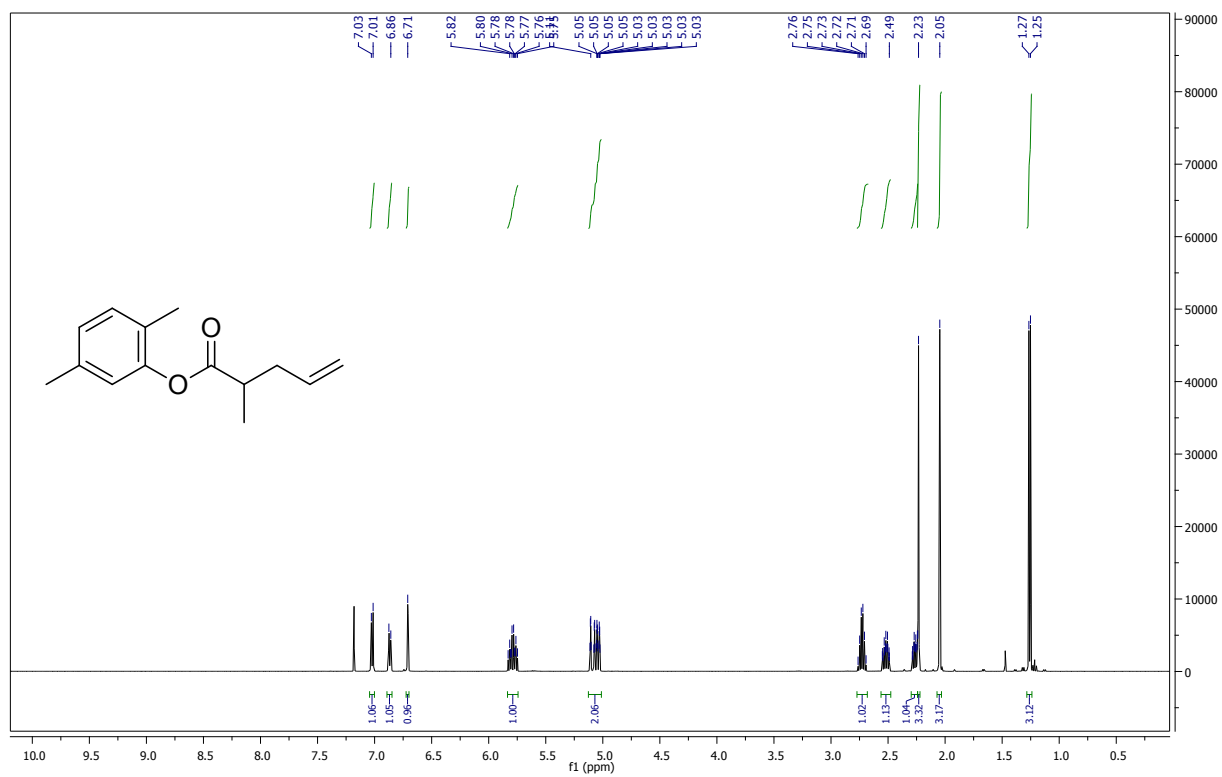
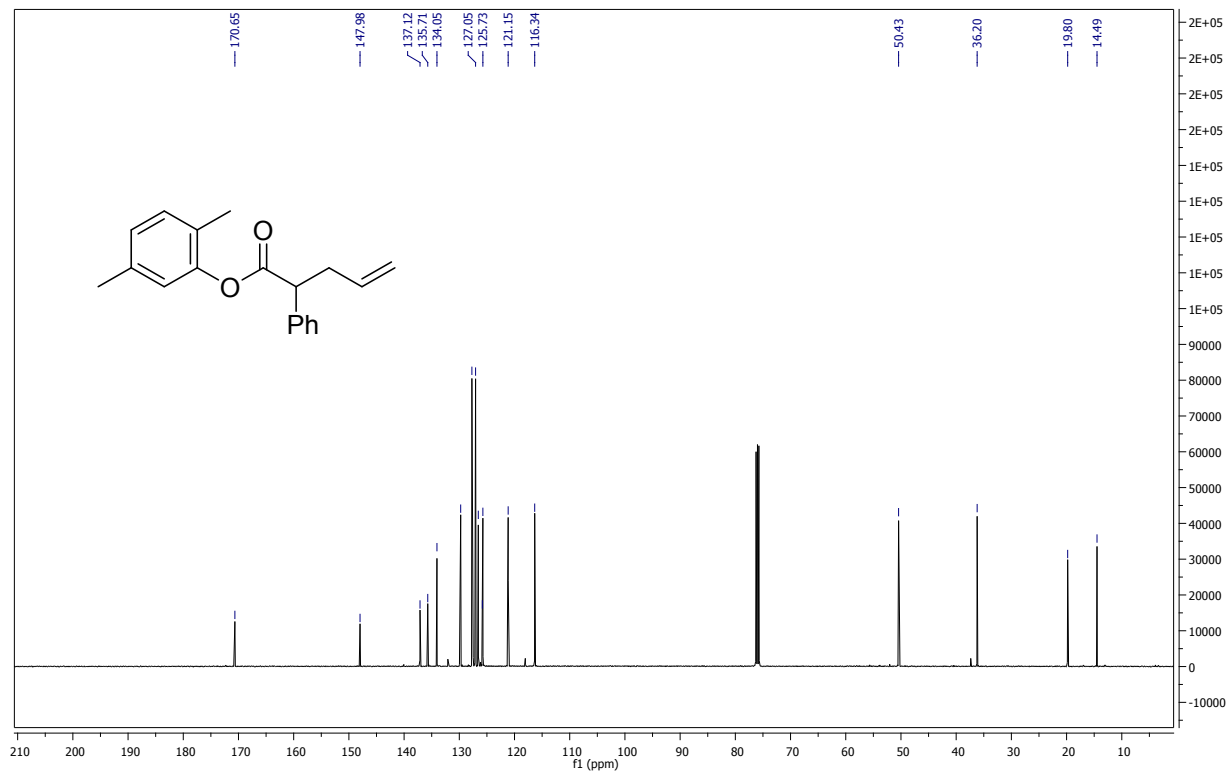


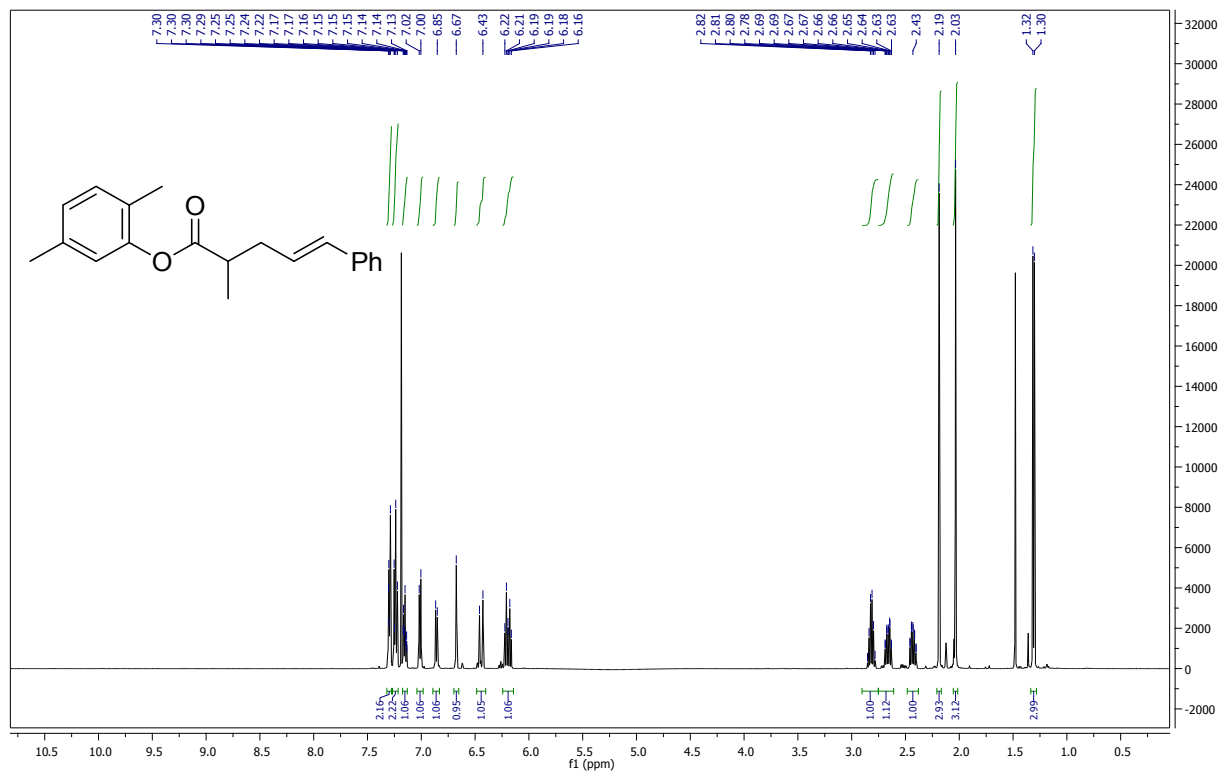
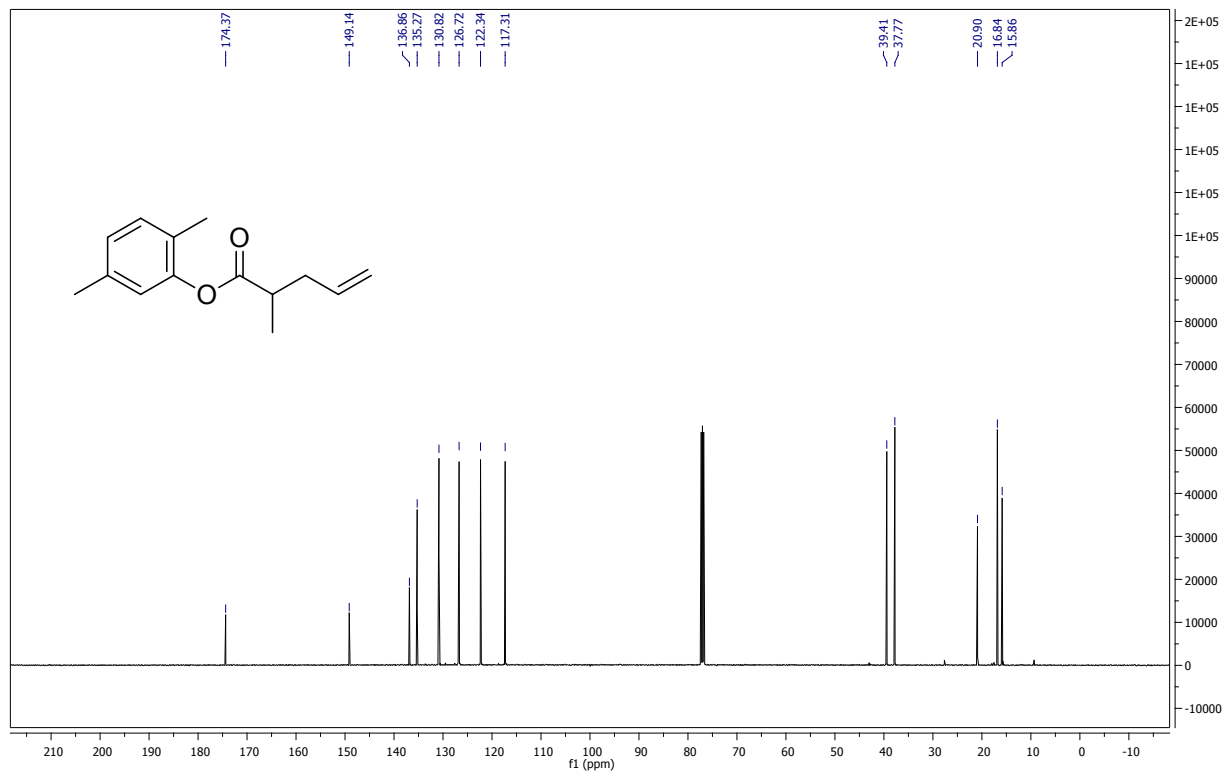


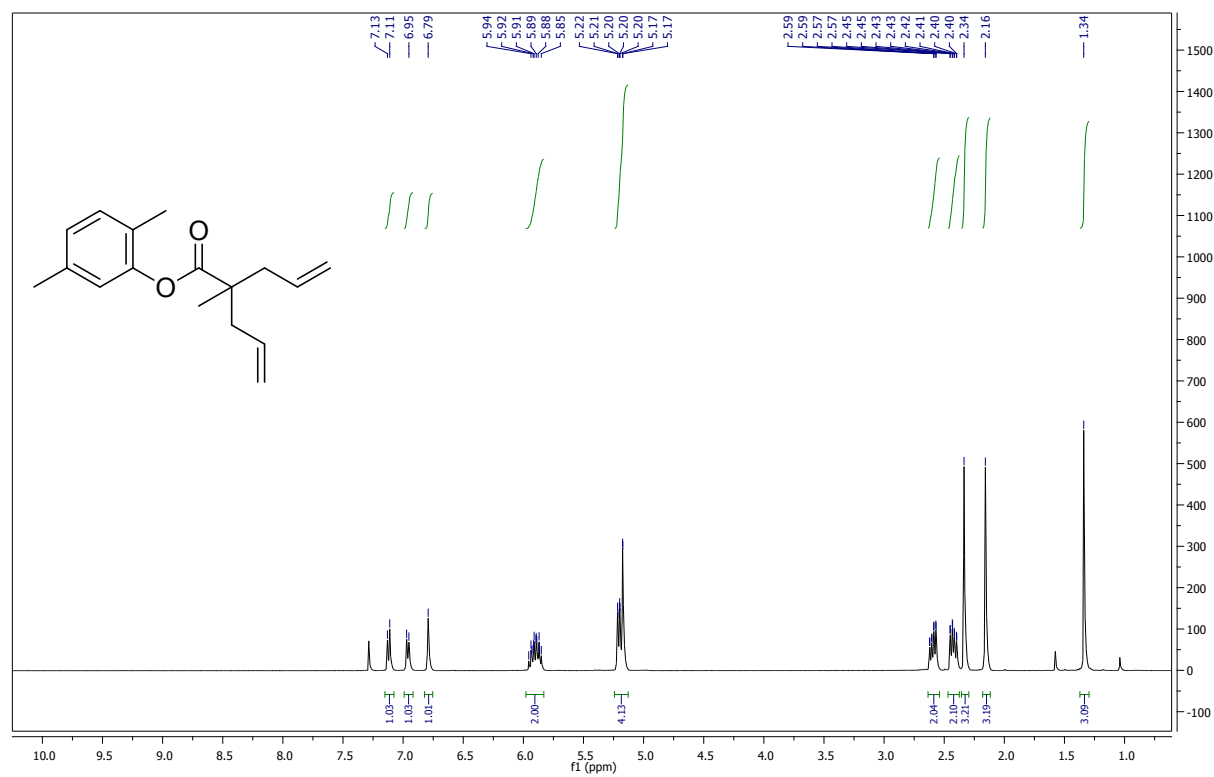
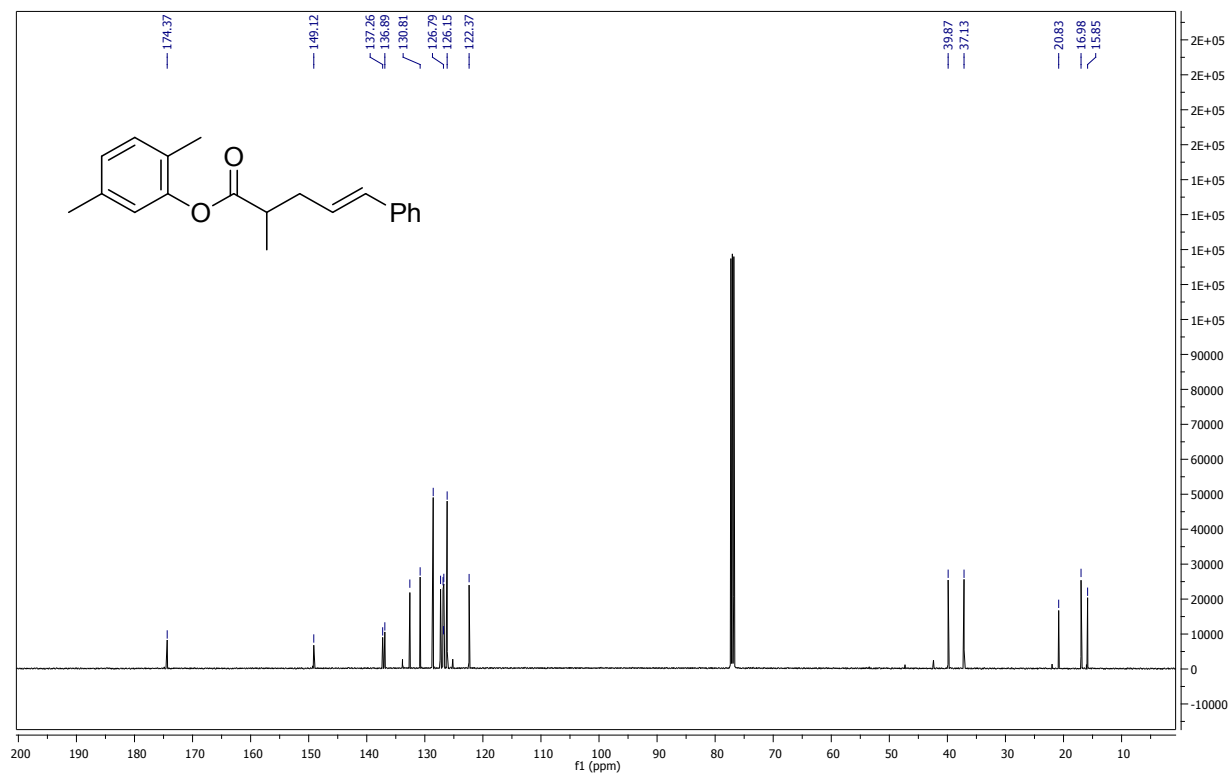


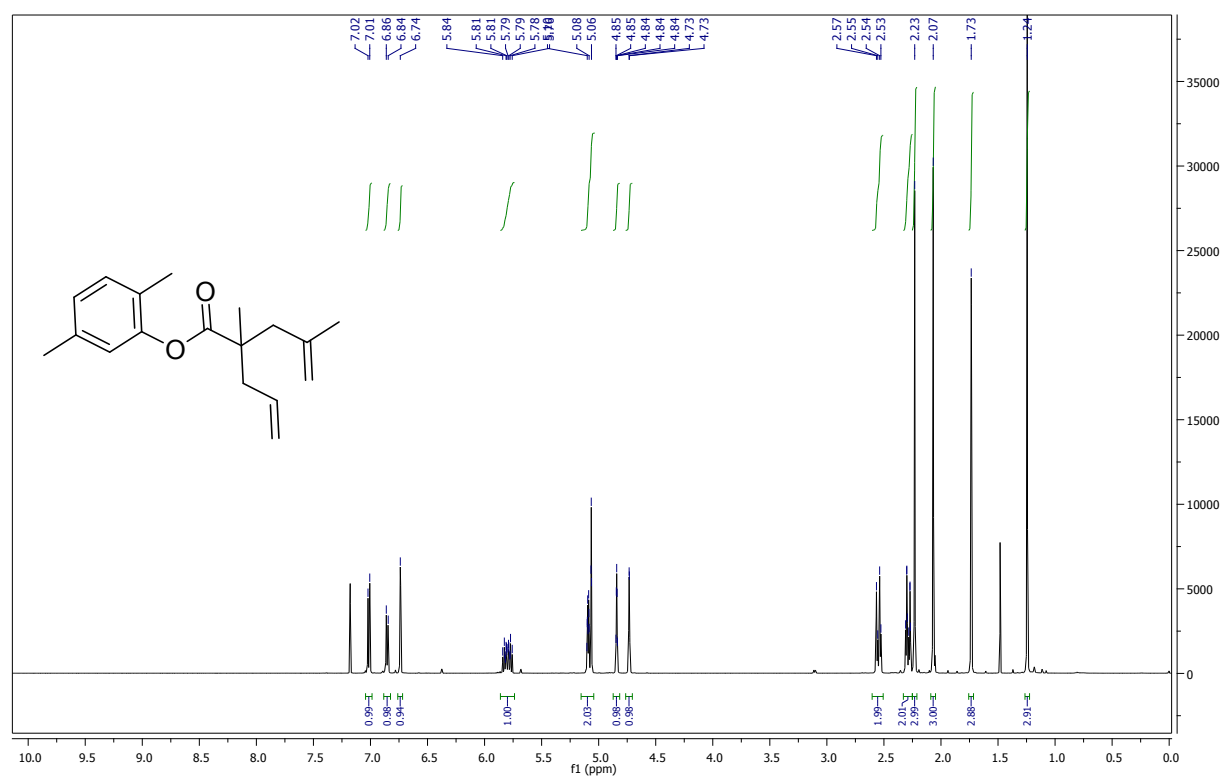
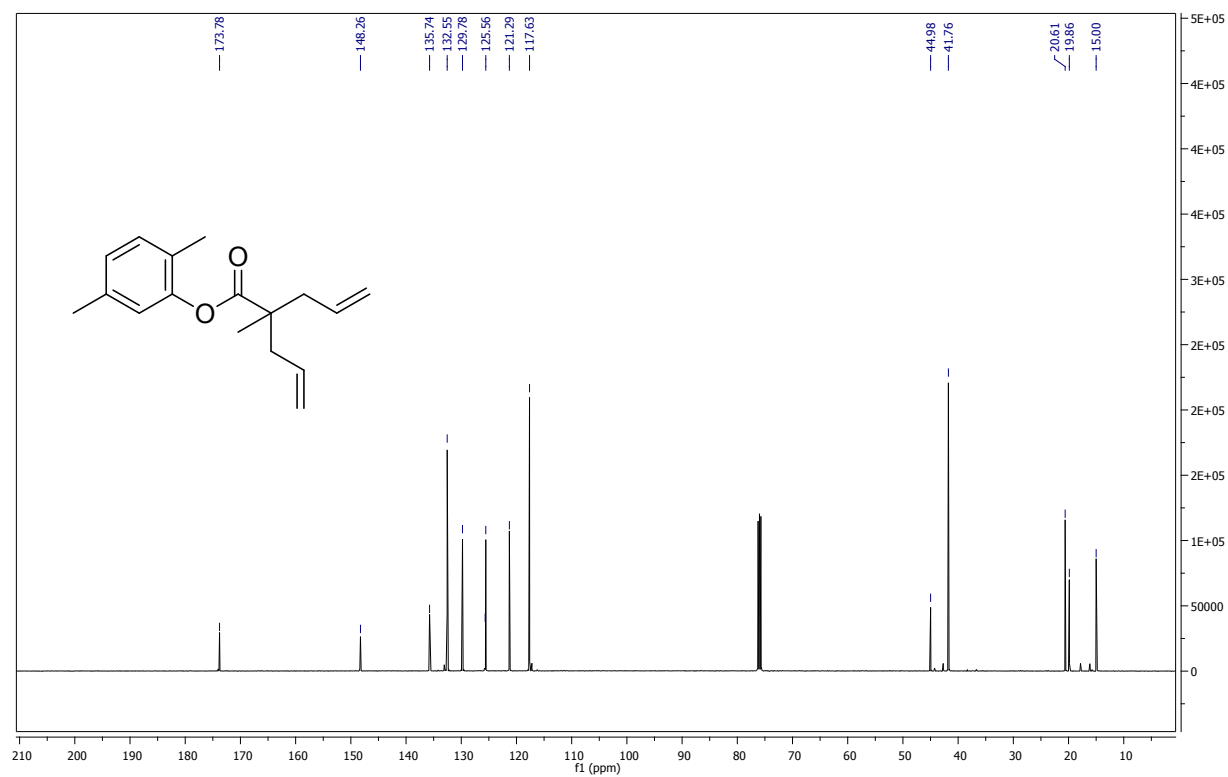


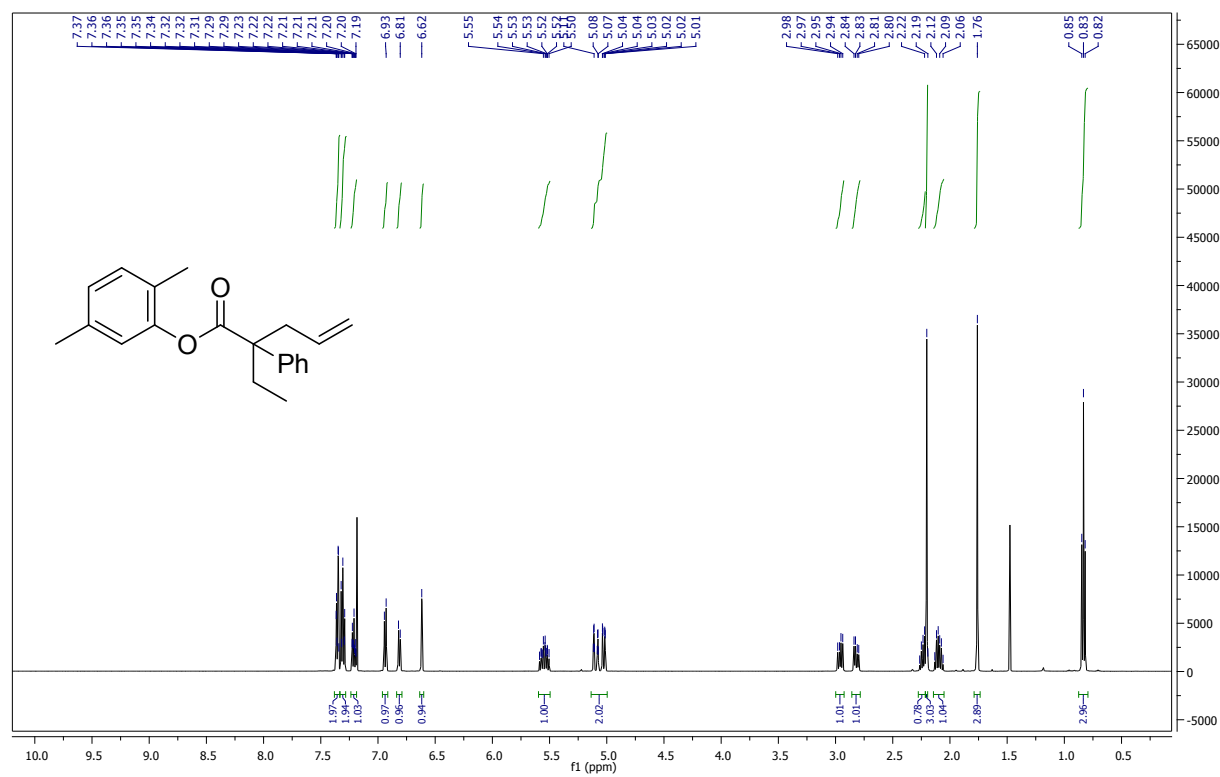
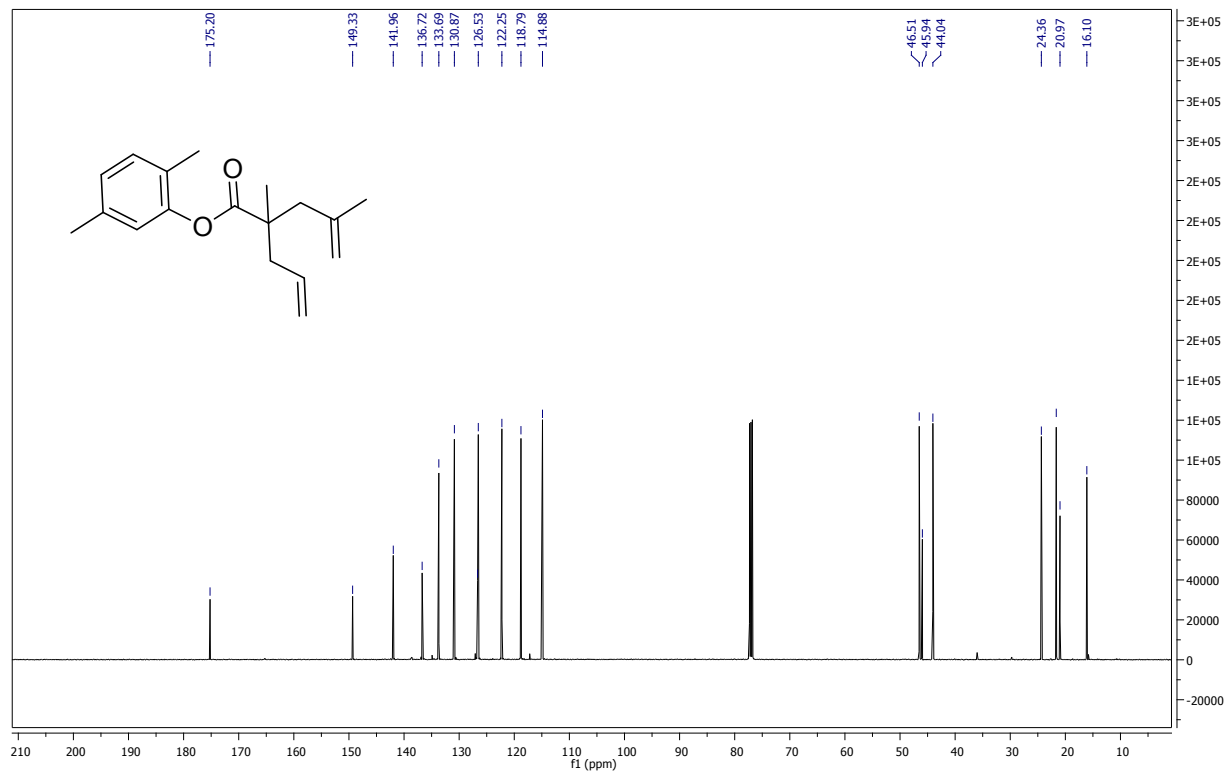


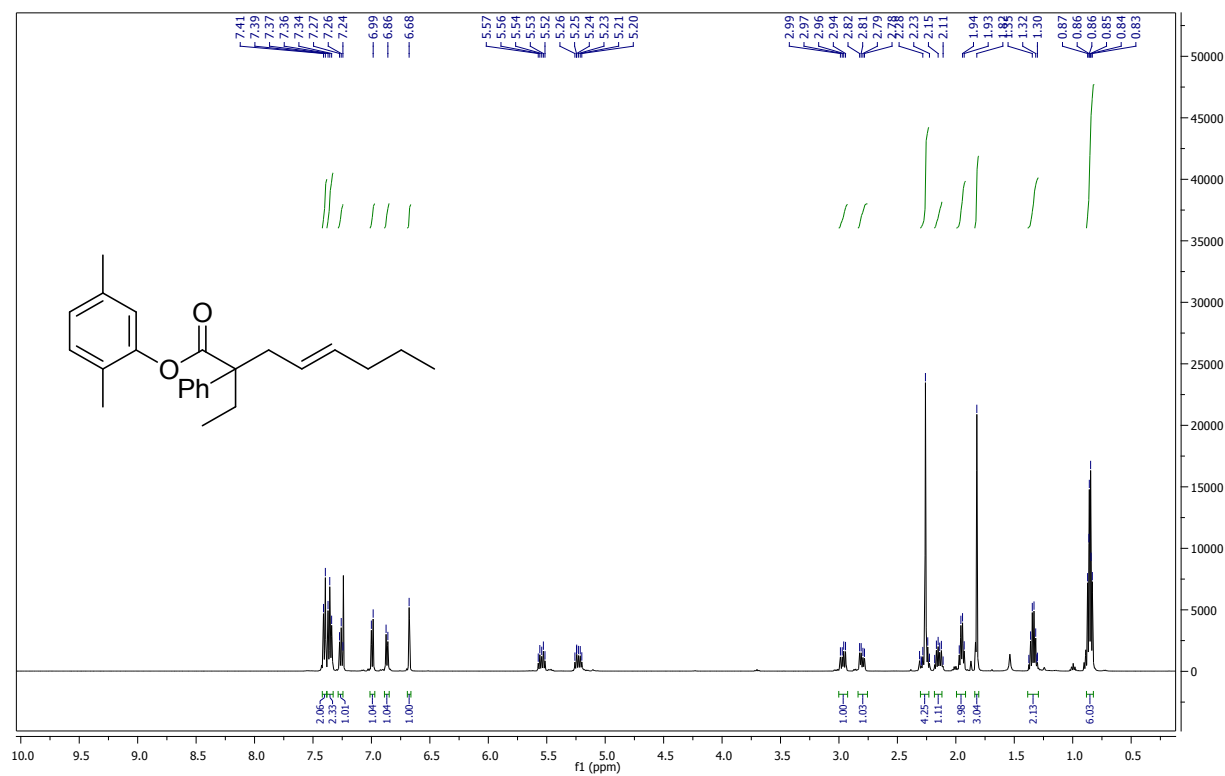
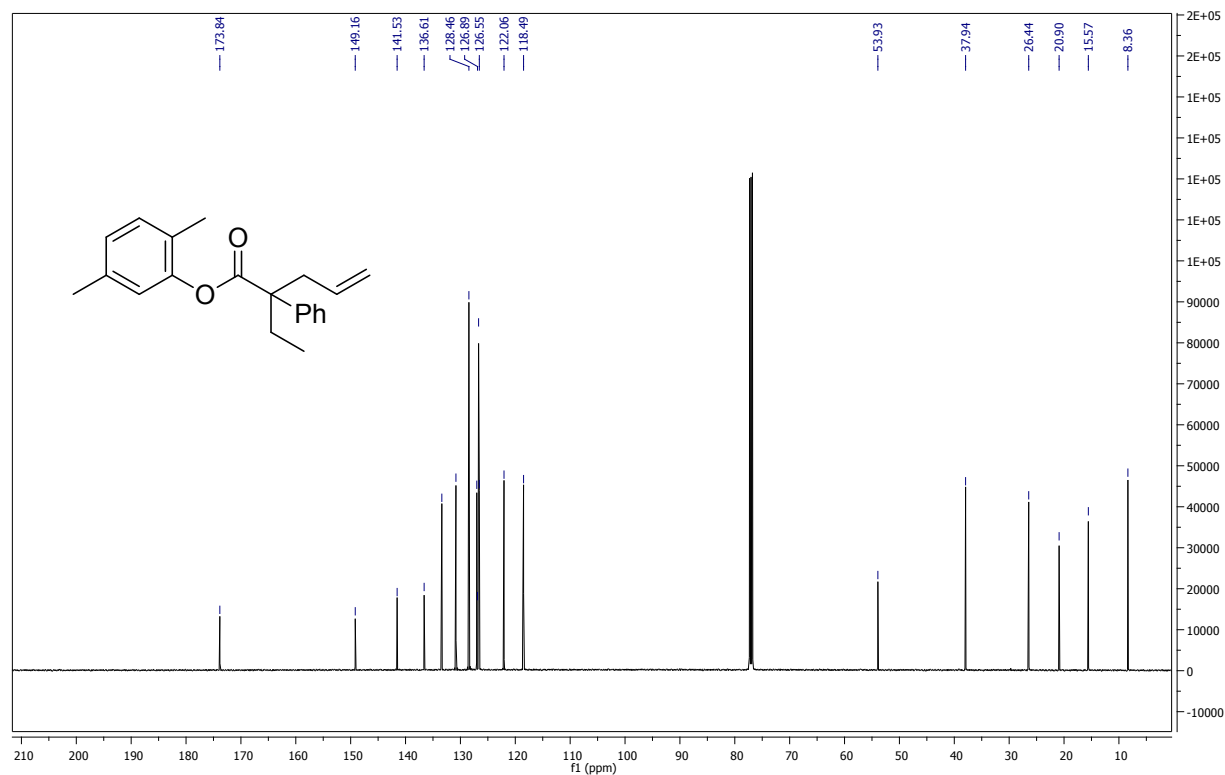


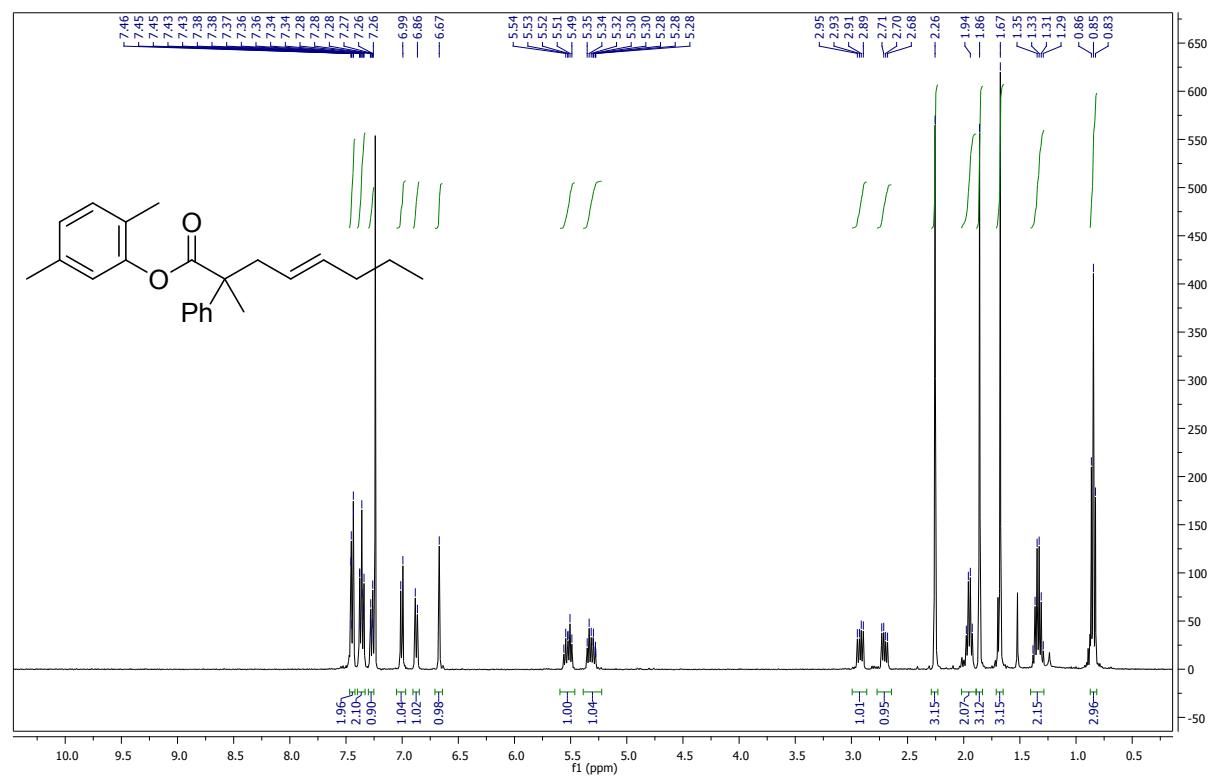
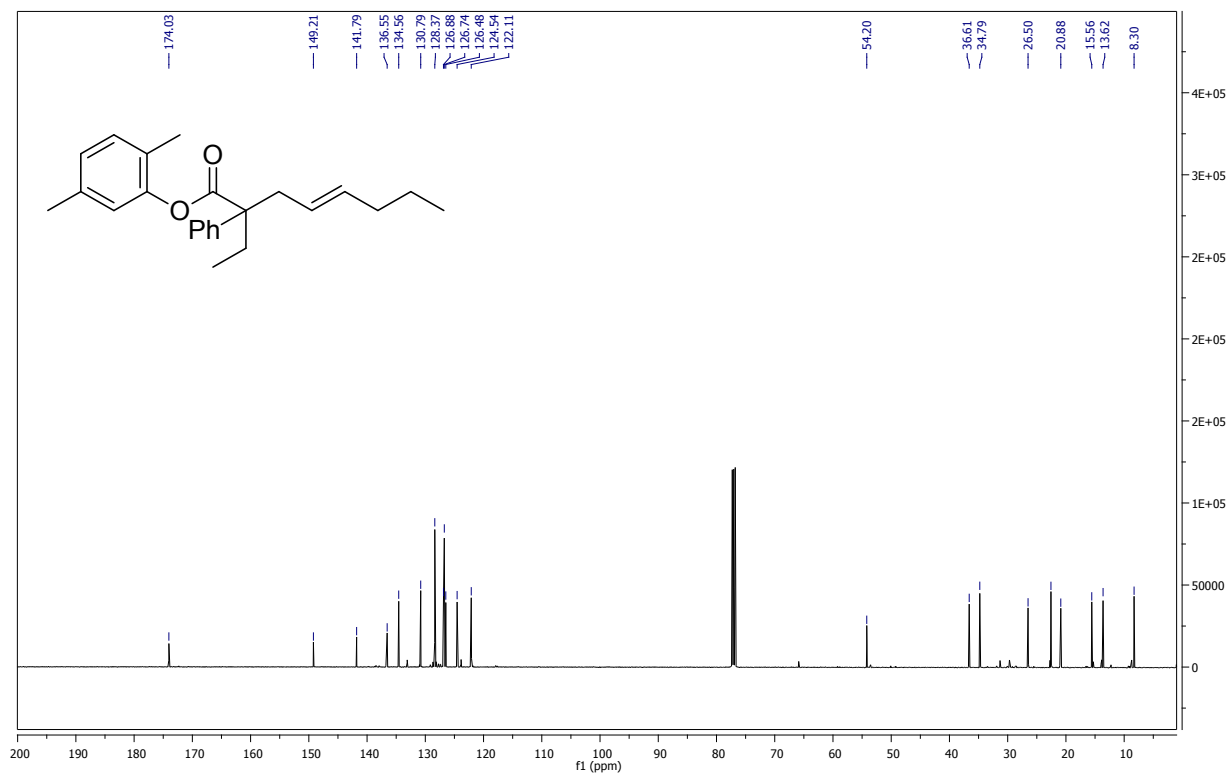


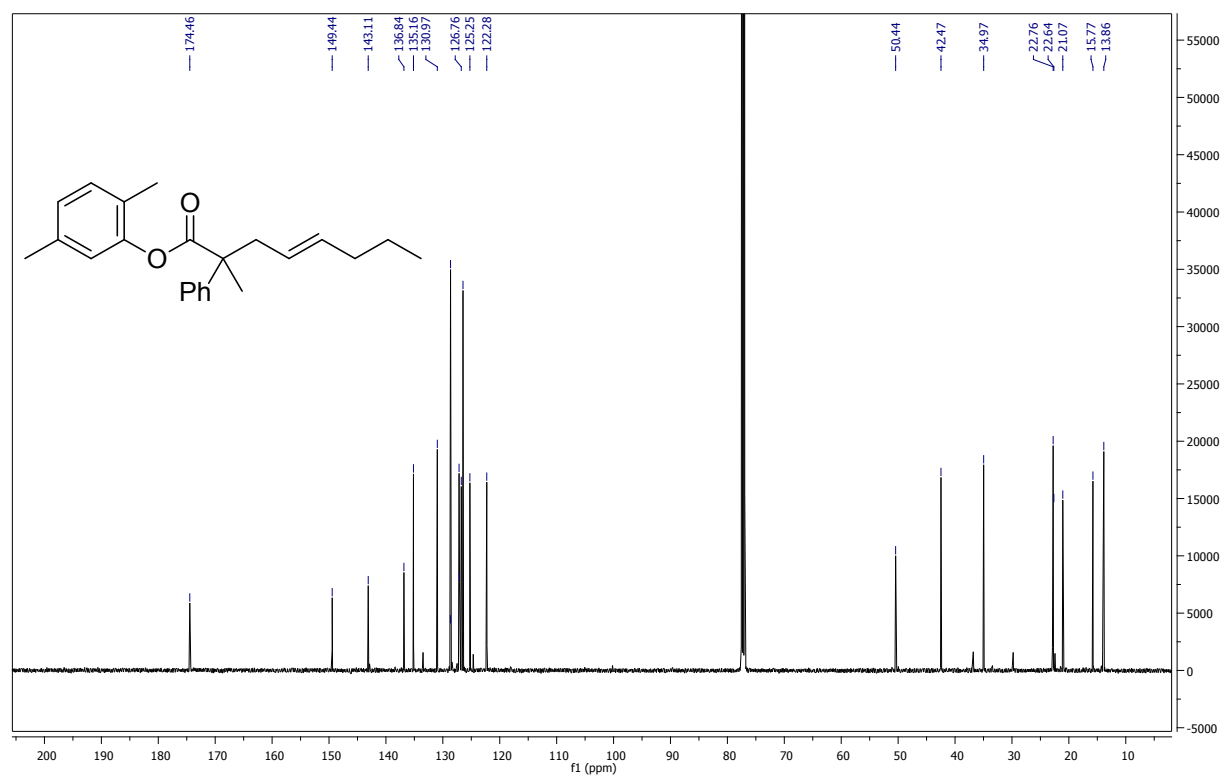






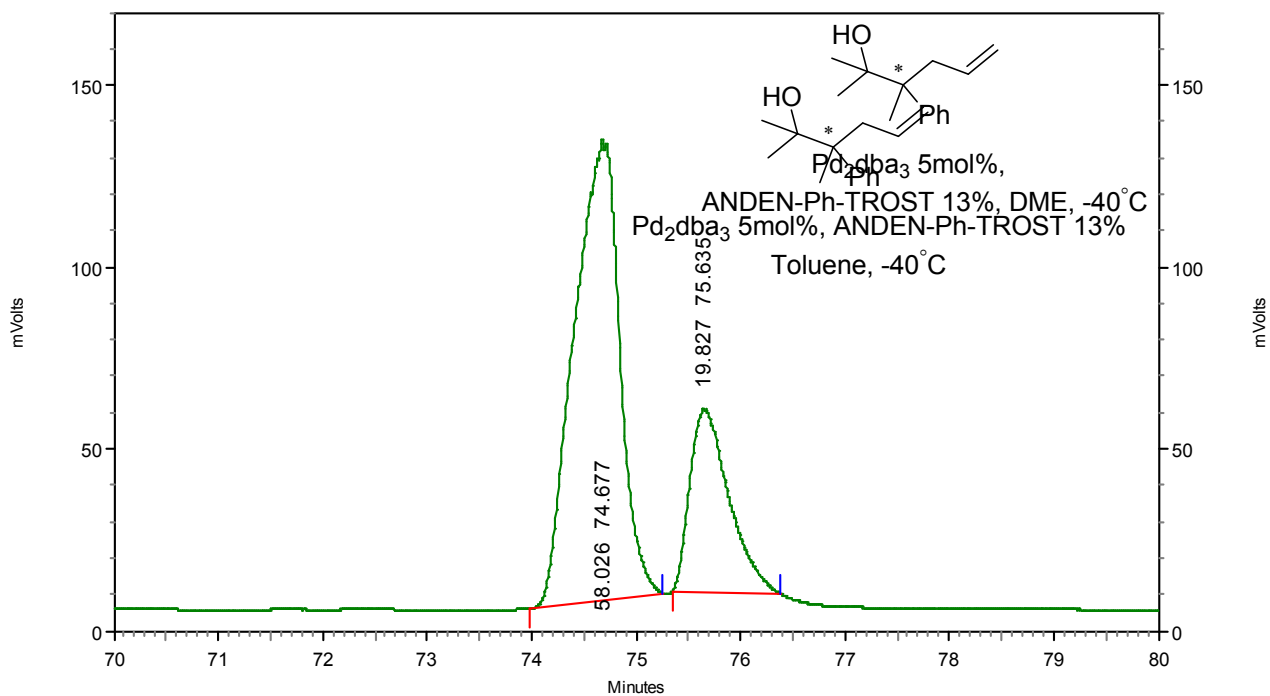
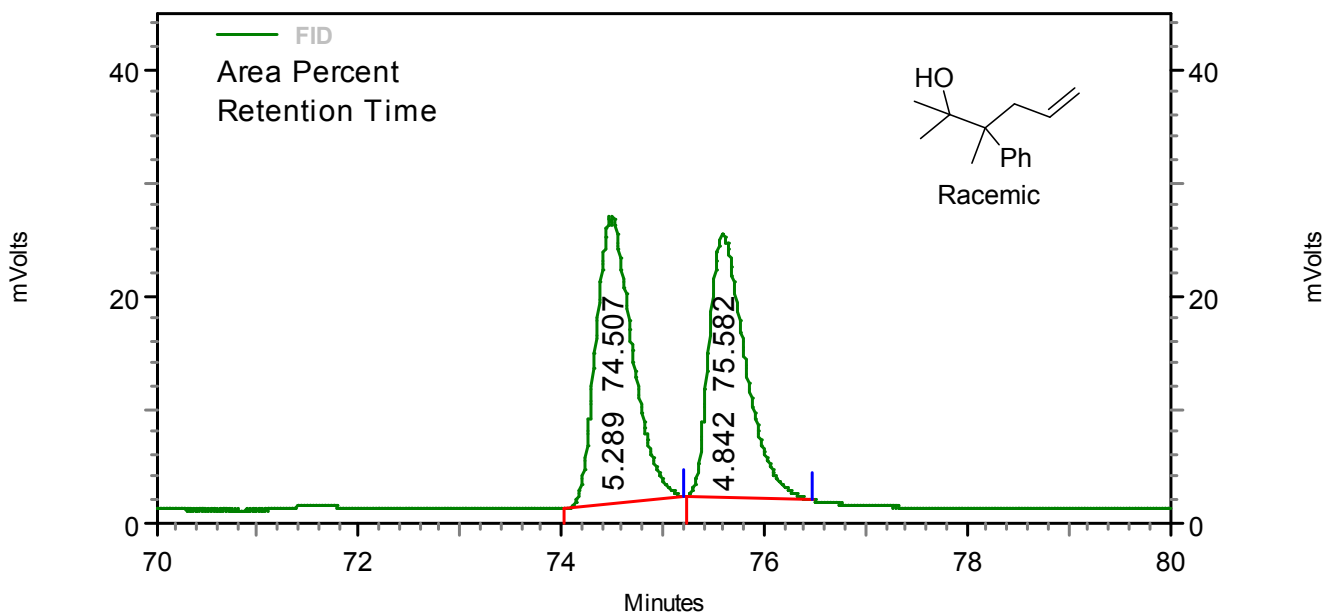


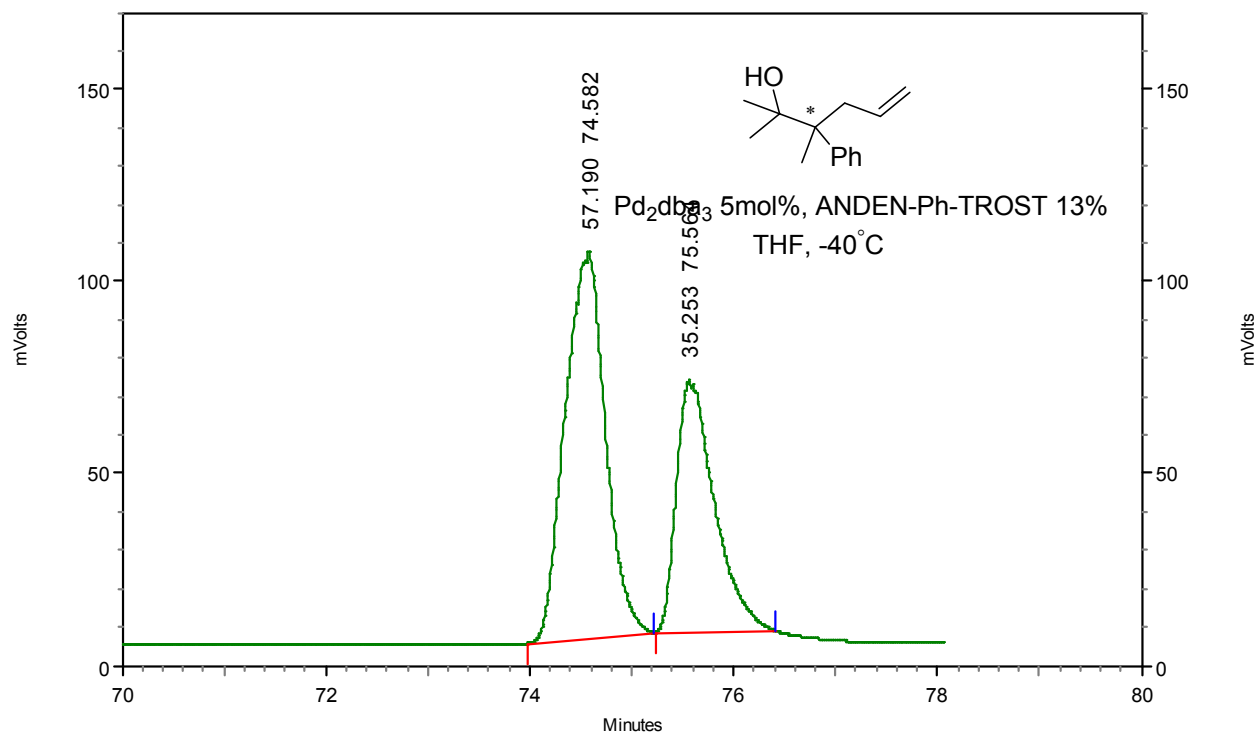
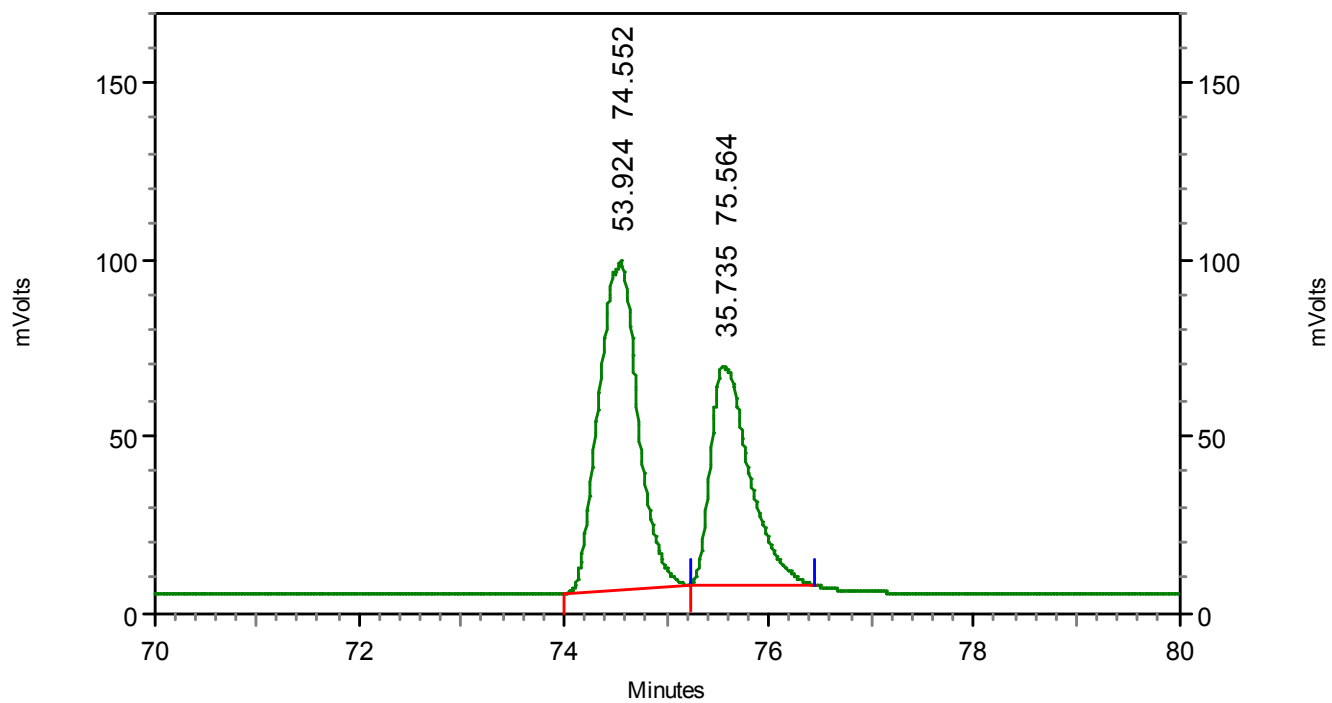


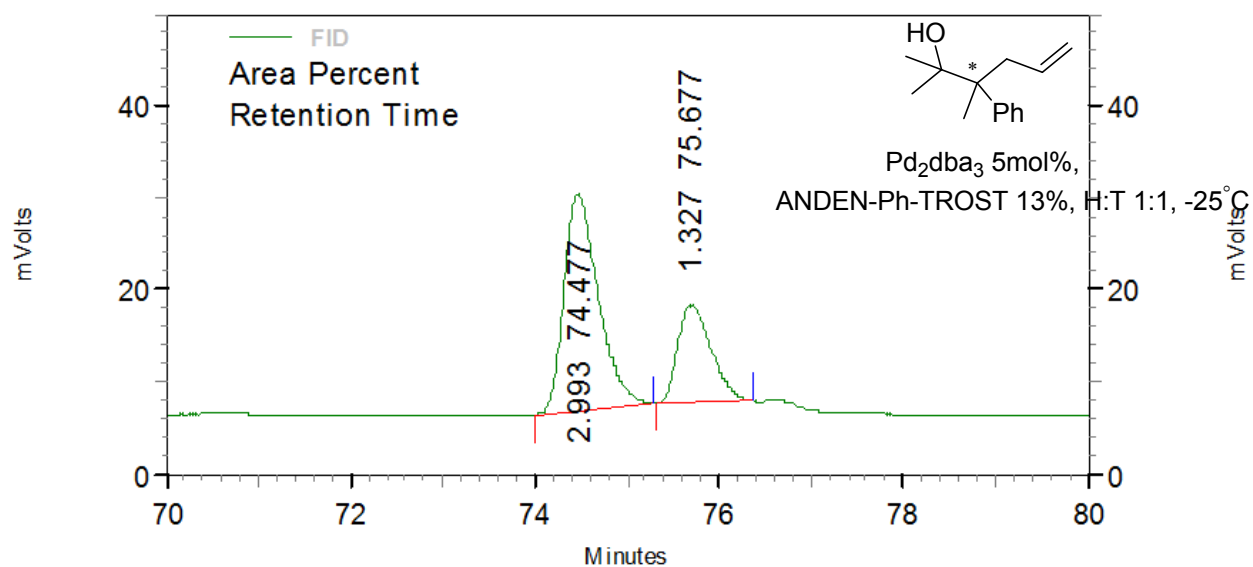


GC data

Chiral GC analysis was done using Astec CHIRALDEX B-DM column, 107-115°C at 0.1°C/min. Prior to analysis Acyl pyrrole substrates were transformed in to tertiary alcohols using MeLi.







Crystal structure

