

Supporting Information

Synthesis of polycyclic allenotes using cesium carbonate as catalyst

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General remarks:

All reactions were performed in flamed glassware under an Ar atmosphere. Commercial reagents were distilled prior to use; CH₂Cl₂, THF and Et₂O were purified using a Dry Solvent Station GT S100 and toluene was distilled from Na.

Commercially available *n*-butyllithium was indicated to be 1.6 M solution in hexanes and dosed before use. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on at 300 and 500 MHz using the solvent residual peak as internal standard¹. Splitting patterns were reported as s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet.

HRMS data were recorded on a microTOF spectrometer equipped with an orthogonal electrospray (ESI) interface.

Thin layer chromatography was performed using TLC Silica gel 60 F254 glass plates. Merck Geduran ® 40-63 µm silica gel was used for column chromatography.

Infrared spectra are reported in frequency of absorption.

Melting points were recorded with a SMP3 Stuart Scientific microscope in open capillary tubes and are uncorrected.

Keto-alkynes **1a-I** were prepared following literature procedure.²

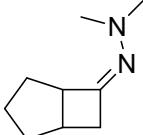
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Experimental procedure and characterization data for Dimethylhydrazone

In a solution of bicyclo[3.2.0]heptanone (3.63 g, 30.4 mmol, 1 equiv) in benzene (75 mL) was added *N,N*-dimethylhydrazine (2.8 mL, 45.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and 5 drops of trifluoroacetic acid. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux in a Dean-Stark for 16 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt, diluted with Et₂O (150 mL) and H₂O was added (20 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3×30 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with a satd aq soln of NaCl (20 mL), dried (anhydrous Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuum (15 mbar, 25 °C). The pure product (3.91 g, 25.7 mmol, 84%) was obtained by distillation under reduced pressure (76 °C, 10 mbar).

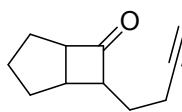
2-(bicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-6-ylidene)-1,1-dimethylhydrazine


colorless oil, 84%

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) : δ = 3.42-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.05 (ddd, 1H, *J*=17.3, 9.0, 1.8 Hz), 2.67-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.56 (s, 6H), 2.38 (dt, 1H, *J*=17.7, 3.8 Hz), 1.47-1.95 (m, 6H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) : 162.5, 52.5, 46.9, 39.4, 33.0, 32.1, 32.0, 24.6 ppm. **IR** (neat) : ν = 2817 (NCH₃), 2774 (NCH₃), 1664 (C=N) cm⁻¹.
Anal. : calc.: %C 71.00; %H : 10.59 ; found: volatile.

Experimental procedure and characterization data for Keto-Alkyne **1k**

2-(Bicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-6-ylidene)-1,1-dimethylhydrazine (1.46 g, 9.62 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in dry THF (30 mL) and cooled to -5 °C, then the *n*-BuLi solution (conc = 1.55 M, 7.8 mL, 1.5 equiv) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h at -5 °C and the 4-iodobutyne (2.16 g, 12.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added. After 1 h, the mixture was warmed and stirred at rt for 6 h and hydrolyzed with an aq soln of 10% HCl (15 mL) and stirred overnight. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (5×30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed successively with a satd aq soln of NaHCO₃ (30 mL), a satd aq soln of Na₂S₂O₃ (30 mL), and a satd aq soln of NaCl (30 mL), dried (anhydrous Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuum (15 mbar, 25 °C). The crude product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc 100/0 to 84/16) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.92 g, 5.68 mmol, 59%).


1k
colorless oil, 59%

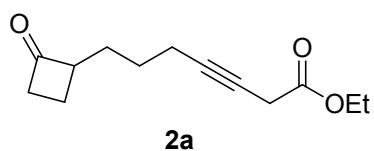
7-(but-3-yn-1-yl)bicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-6-one **1k**
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 3.43-3.47 (m, 1H), 2.72-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.52 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.7, 6.9 Hz), 2.27 (td, 2H, *J* = 7.1, 2.6 Hz), 1.96-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.93 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 1.82-1.90 (m, 3H), 1.67-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.65 (m, 2H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ = 216.7, 83.5, 69.3, 62.8, 62.1, 36.5, 33.1, 29.6, 28.5, 25.5, 16.6

ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3289, 2942, 2861, 1764 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc: 185.0931; found: 185.0927. **R_f**: 0.81 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).

Experimental procedure and characterization data for 3-Alkynoates

General procedure for the synthesis of 3-Alkynoates:

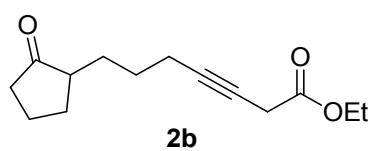
Alkynyl ketone (1 equiv) was dissolved in dry MeCN (conc = 0.25 mmol.mL⁻¹). Ethyl diazoacetate (1.1 equiv) and CuI (10 mol %) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 4 h and concentrated in vacuum (15 mbar, 25 °C). The crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford the title compound (petroleum ether/EtOAc 100/0 to 80/20).



Colorless oil, 99%

Ethyl 7-(2-oxocyclobutyl)hept-3-ynoate **2a**

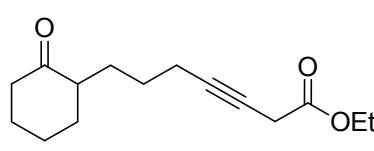
¹H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 4.15$ (q, 2H, $J = 7.0 \text{ Hz}$), 3.24-3.30 (m, 1H), 3.20 (t, 2H, $J = 2.4 \text{ Hz}$), 3.0 (dddd, 1H, $J = 17.8, 10.6, 7.3, 3.2 \text{ Hz}$), 2.89 (dddd, 1H, $J = 17.7, 9.7, 5.2, 2.8 \text{ Hz}$), 2.10-2.20 (m, 3H), 1.72-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.51-1.67 (m, 4H), 1.24 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1 \text{ Hz}$) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 212.2, 169.2, 83.3, 72.4, 61.7, 60.3, 44.8, 28.9, 26.4, 26.3, 18.9 (\text{C}_\text{g}), 17.2, 14.4 \text{ ppm}$. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 2934, 2861, 1774, 1738, 1177 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc: 245.1154; found: 245.1162. **R_f**: 0.50 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).



colorless oil, 93%

Ethyl 7-(2-oxocyclopentyl)hept-3-ynoate **2b**

¹H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 4.17$ (q, 2H, $J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$), 3.23 (t, 2H, $J = 2.5 \text{ Hz}$), 2.29 (dd, 1H, $J = 17.9, 9.1 \text{ Hz}$), 2.18-2.24 (m, 3H), 2.10 (dd, 1H, $J = 18.8, 9.8 \text{ Hz}$), 1.97-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.59 (m, 3H), 1.29-1.38 (m, 1H), 1.27 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1 \text{ Hz}$) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 221.5, 169.2, 83.5, 72.2, 61.7, 49.1, 38.4, 29.9, 29.3, 27.0, 26.4, 21.0, 19.1, 14.4 \text{ ppm}$. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 2941, 2870, 1732, 1157 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc: 259.1310; found: 259.1299. **R_f**: 0.41 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).

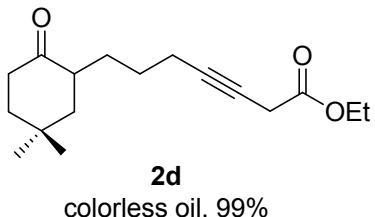


colorless oil, 99%

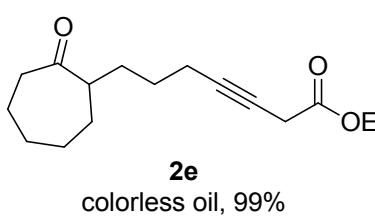
Ethyl 7-(2-oxocyclohexyl)hept-3-ynoate **2c**

¹H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 4.14$ (q, 2H, $J = 7.1 \text{ Hz}$), 3.20 (t, 2H, $J = 2.4 \text{ Hz}$), 2.33-2.37 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.29 (m, 2H), 2.14-2.19 (m, 2H), 2.05-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.97-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.27-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t,

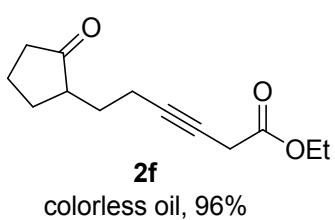
3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz) ppm. **^{13}C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 213.5, 169.2, 83.7, 72.0, 61.7, 50.6, 42.3, 34.2, 29.0, 28.3, 26.6, 26.4, 25.2, 19.2, 14.4$ ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 2932, 2861, 1706, 1177 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc: 273.1467; found: 273.1476. **R_f**: 0.46 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).



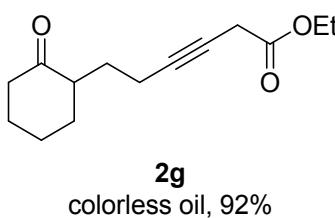
Ethyl 7-(5,5-dimethyl-2-oxocyclohexyl)hept-3-ynoate 2d
 ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 4.18$ (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.23 (t, 2H, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 2.37-2.49 (m, 2H), 2.17-2.25 (m, 3H), 1.75-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.69-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.55-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 1.21-1.24 (m, 1H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 213.8, 169.3, 83.9, 72.0, 61.8, 47.1, 46.0, 40.4, 38.8, 31.8, 31.1, 28.7, 26.6, 26.4, 24.9, 19.3, 14.5$ ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 2926, 2865, 1740, 1709, 1176 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc : 301.1780; found : 301.1769. **R_f**: 0.42 (petroleum ether/EtOAc).



Ethyl 7-(2-oxocycloheptyl)hept-3-ynoate 2e
 ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 4.13$ (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.18 (t, 2H, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 2.44 (tt, 2H, $J = 11.2, 3.5$ Hz), 2.35-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.15 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.65-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.51-1.59 (m, 1H), 1.36-1.49 (m, 3H), 1.25-1.33 (m, 3H), 1.23 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz) ppm. **^{13}C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 216.4, 169.2, 83.5, 72.0, 61.7, 52.0, 42.9, 31.7, 31.6, 29.8, 28.7, 26.6, 26.3, 24.8, 19.1, 14.4$ ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 2927, 2854, 1739, 1698, 1161 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc: 287.1623; found: 287.1628. **R_f**: 0.50 (petroleum ether/EtOAc).

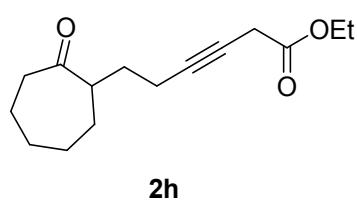


Ethyl 6-(2-oxocyclopentyl)hex-3-ynoate 2f
 ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): 4.16 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.21 (t, 2H, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 2.18-2.37 (m, 5H), 2.10 (ddd, 1H, $J = 18.6, 10.5, 8.1$ Hz), 1.94-2.02 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.39-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz,) ppm. **^{13}C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): 221.3, 169.1, 83.0, 72.6, 61.7, 48.4, 38.4, 29.7, 28.9, 26.4, 21.0, 17.4, 14.4 ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 2960, 2868, 1731, 1157 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc: 245.1154; found: 245.1168. **R_f**: 0.54 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).



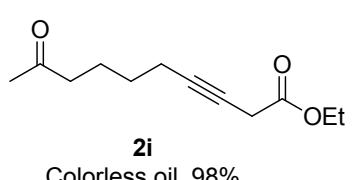
Ethyl 6-(2-oxocyclohexyl)hex-3-ynoate 2g
 ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 4.18$ (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.23 (t, 2H, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 2.50 (m, 1H, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 2.30-2.40 (m, 2H), 2.24-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.11-2.15 (m, 1H), 1.98-2.01 (m, 2H), 1.85-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.63-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz) ppm. **^{13}C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 213.3, 169.3, 83.6, 72.3, 61.8, 49.5, 42.6, 34.3, 28.7, 28.4, 26.5, 25.5,$

16.8, 14.5 ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 2931, 2860, 1740, 1707, 1178 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calc: 259.1310; found: 259.1318. **R_f**: 0.31 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 90/10).



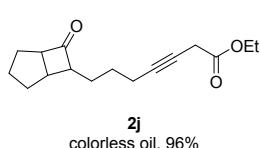
Ethyl 6-(2-oxocycloheptyl)hex-3-ynoate **2h**

¹H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): 4.18 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$), 3.23 (t, 2H, $J = 2.5 \text{ Hz}$), 2.71-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.43-2.51 (m, 2H), 2.20 (tt, 2H, $J = 7.1, 2.5 \text{ Hz}$), 1.80-1.96 (m, 5H), 1.61-1.71 (m, 1H), 1.40-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.26-1.34 (m, 5H) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): 216.1, 169.2, 83.3, 72.6, 61.8, 50.8, 43.4, 31.6, 31.0, 29.4, 29.0, 26.4, 24.4, 17.0, 14.5 ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 2926, 2854, 1740, 1698, 1162 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calc: 273.1467; found: 273.1435. **R_f**: 0.56 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).



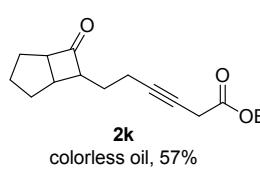
Ethyl 9-oxodec-3-ynoate **2i**

¹H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 4.14$ (q, 2H, $J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$), 3.20 (t, 2H, $J = 2.2 \text{ Hz}$), 2.42 (t, 2H, $J = 7.1 \text{ Hz}$), 2.18 (tt, 2H, $J = 7.1, 2.2 \text{ Hz}$), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.65 (qt, 2H, $J = 7.4 \text{ Hz}$), 1.47 (qt, 2H, $J = 7.4 \text{ Hz}$), 1.24 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 209.1, 169.2, 83.4, 72.2, 61.7, 43.4, 30.1, 28.3, 26.3, 23.2, 18.8, 14.4 \text{ ppm}$. **IR** (ATR): $\nu = 1740, 1713, 1178 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **ESI-HRMS**: [M+Na]⁺ calc : 233.1148; found: 233.1157. **R_f**: 0.24 (PE/AcOEt 90/10).



Ethyl 7-(7-oxobicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-6-yl)hept-3-ynoate **2j**

¹H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): $\delta = 4.18$ (q, 2H, $J = 7.1 \text{ Hz}$), 3.46 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.6, 6.7, 2.5 \text{ Hz}$), 3.23 (t, 2H, $J = 2.5 \text{ Hz}$), 2.48-2.62 (m, 2H), 2.18-2.24 (m, 2H), 2.01 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$), 1.55-1.87 (m, 9H), 1.27 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): $\delta = 217.5, 169.3, 83.4, 72.4, 63.9, 62.1, 61.8, 36.8, 33.3, 29.8, 29.1, 26.5, 26.4, 25.6, 19.0, 14.5 \text{ ppm}$. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 2937, 2861, 1767, 1741, 1171 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calc: 285.1467; found: 285.1447. **R_f**: 0.63 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).



Ethyl 6-(7-oxobicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-6-yl)hex-3-ynoate **2k**

¹H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 4.16$ (q, 2H, $J = 7.1 \text{ Hz}$), 3.46 (ddd, 1H, $J = 9.9, 6.5, 2.9 \text{ Hz}$), 3.21 (t, 2H, $J = 2.4 \text{ Hz}$), 2.73-2.77 (m, 1H), 2.54 (dd, 1H, $J = 11.6, 6.9 \text{ Hz}$), 2.29 (tt, 2H, $J = 7.1, 2.5 \text{ Hz}$), 1.98-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.90 (m, 3H), 1.68-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 217.2, 169.1, 82.8, 72.8, 63.1, 62.1, 61.8, 36.6, 33.2, 29.7, 28.8, 26.4, 25.5, 17.1, 14.4 \text{ ppm}$. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 2940, 2860, 1766, 1740, 1178 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calc: 271.1310; found: 271.1308. **R_f**: 0.31 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 90/10).

Experimental procedure and characterization data for Polycyclic Allenoates

Procedure A: reaction with TBAF

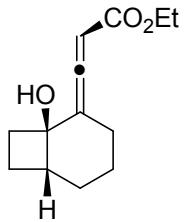
3-Alkynoate (1 equiv) was dissolved in dry THF (conc = 0.1 mmol.mL⁻¹) and TBAF (1 M soln in THF, 1.1 equiv) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 min at 25 °C and diluted with Et₂O (25 mL) and washed with a satd aq soln of NH₄Cl (10 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3×15 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with a satd aq soln of NaCl, dried (anhydrous Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under vacuum (25 °C, 15 mbar). The crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired compound (petroleum ether/EtOAc 100/0 to 78/22).

Procedure B: reaction with Cs₂CO₃

3-Alkynoate (1 equiv) was dissolved in dry THF (conc = 0.1 mmol.mL⁻¹) and Cs₂CO₃ (10 mol %) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight at 25 °C and diluted with Et₂O (25 mL) and washed with a satd aq soln of NH₄Cl (15 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3×15 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with a satd aq soln of NaCl (20 mL), dried (anhydrous Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under vacuum (25 °C, 15 mbar). The crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired compound (petroleum ether/EtOAc 100/0 to 78/22).

Procedure C: "one-pot" reaction

Alkynyl ketone (1 equiv) was dissolved in dry MeCN (conc = 0.2 mmol.mL⁻¹). Ethyl diazoacetate (1.5 equiv) and Cs₂CO₄ (10 mol %) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 min at 25 °C, and the CuI (20% mol) was added. After 5 h of stirring, Cs₃CO₃ (10 mol %) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight, diluted with Et₂O (20 mL) and washed with a satd aq soln of NH₄Cl (15 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3×15 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with a satd aq soln of NaCl (20 mL), dried (anhydrous Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated under vacuum (25 °C, 15 mbar). The crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired compound (petroleum ether/EtOAc 100/0 to 78/22).

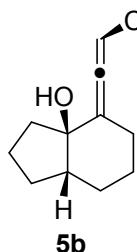


4b
yellowish oil, 28%
relative configuration

Cis, Cis Ethyl 3-(1-hydroxybicyclo[4.2.0]octan-2-ylidene)acrylate **4b**

This compound was synthesized according to method B.

1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): δ = 5.62 (t, 1H, J = 2.2 Hz), 4.17 (q, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.51-2.56 (m, 1H), 2.19-2.23 (m, 1H), 2.08 (sl, 1H), 1.89-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.76 (m, 4H), 1.49-1.69 (m, 3H), 1.33-1.47 (m, 4H), 1.28 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz) ppm **^{13}C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 209.6, 166.8, 111.7, 89.7, 72.2, 61.3, 42.8, 34.4, 26.4, 24.5, 21.7, 16.0, 14.6 ppm. **IR** (neat): ν = 3380, 2927, 2858, 1955, 1697, 1151 cm^{-1} . **HRMS** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc: 245.1154; found: 245.1134. **R_f**: 0.17 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).

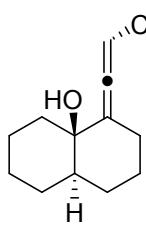


5b
yellowish oil
relative configuration

Cis, Cis Ethyl 3-(3a-hydroxyhexahydro-1H-inden-4(2H)-ylidene)acrylate **5b**

This compound was synthesized according to method B (87%) or method C (65%).

1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ = 5.61 (dd, 1H, J = 2.8, 1.3 Hz), 4.11-4.20 (m, 2H), 2.58 (sl, 1H), 2.41-2.46 (m, 1H), 2.11-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.95-2.00 (m, 3H), 1.60-1.84 (m, 5H), 1.48-1.53 (m, 1H), 1.36-1.41 (m, 1H), 1.25 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz), 1.21-1.23 (m, 1H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 207.8, 167.0, 113.3, 89.6, 79.9, 61.0, 48.9, 36.1, 28.9, 28.7, 28.6, 24.8, 20.8, 14.5 ppm. **IR** (neat): ν = 3391, 2930, 2869, 1957, 1695, 1149 cm^{-1} . **HRMS** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc: 259.1310; found: 259.1329. **R_f**: 0.28 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).

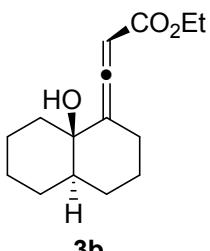


3a
white solid
relative configuration

Trans, Trans - Ethyl 3-(8a-hydroxyoctahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-ylidene)acrylate **3a**

This compound was synthesized according to method A (19%) or method C (5%).

1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ = 5.53 (d, 1H, J = 4.0 Hz), δ_A =4.19 δ_B =4.13 (ABX₃, 2H, J_{AX} =7.0 Hz, J_{BX} =7.0 Hz, J_{AB} =8.5 Hz), 2.48 (tt, 1H, J = 12.8, 4.5 Hz), 2.28 (dt, 1H, J = 13.4, 2.2 Hz), 1.84-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.47-1.72 (m, 9H), 1.37-1.42 (m, 3H), 1.31-1.33 (m, 1H), 1.28 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz) ppm. **^{13}C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 207.5, 166.7, 113.7, 88.9, 71.0, 60.9, 45.9, 37.1, 28.9, 28.4, 27.4, 26.9, 26.2, 21.9, 14.6 ppm. **IR** (neat): ν = 3456, 2929, 2855, 1957, 1697, 1149 cm^{-1} . **HRMS** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc : 273.1467; found : 273.1464. **Pf**: 61.5 – 62.3 °C. **R_f**: 0.60 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).

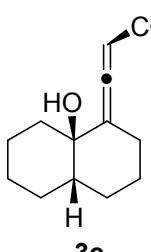


white solid
relative configuration

Trans, Cis - Ethyl 3-(8a-hydroxyoctahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-ylidene)acrylate 3b

This compound was synthesized according to method A (69%), method B (83%) or method C (63%).

1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 5.59$ (d, 1H, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 4.12-4.21 (m, 2H), 2.60 (tt, 1H, $J = 13.4, 4.1$ Hz), 2.21-2.24 (m, 1H), 1.94 (sl, 1H), 1.81-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.72 (m, 3H), 1.39-1.58 (m, 5H), 1.30-1.37 (m, 3H), 1.26 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.21-1.24 (m, 1H) ppm. **13C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 207.2, 166.1, 114.2, 88.9, 70.8, 61.0, 45.8, 37.3, 28.8, 28.3, 27.3, 26.7, 26.4, 21.8, 14.6$ ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3494, 2928, 2854, 1957, 1695, 1212 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc: 273.1467; found: 273.1464. **Pf:** 103.6 – 104.8 °C. **R_f:** 0.53 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).

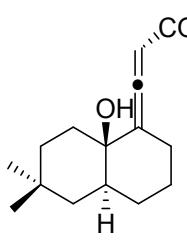


white solid
relative configuration

Cis, Cis - Ethyl 3-(8a-hydroxyoctahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-ylidene)acrylate 3c

This compound was synthesized according to method A (9%), method B (16%) or method C (11%).

1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz, T=333 K): $\delta = 5.63$ (t, 1H, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 4.19 (qd, 2H, $J = 7.1, 0.6$ Hz), 2.52-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.25 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.76 (m, 5H), 1.51-1.60 (m, 3H), 1.33-1.48 (m, 4H), 1.28 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz) ppm. **13C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 200 MHz, T=333K): $\delta = 208.0, 169.9, 113.1, 89.6, 72.8, 61.0, 44.0, 36.3, 36.2, 28.4, 28.3, 28.0, 23.9, 23.7, 14.6$ ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3392, 2929, 2859, 1956, 1697, 1156 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc: 273.1467; found: 273.1483. **Pf:** 89.6 – 91.0°C. **R_f:** 0.37 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).

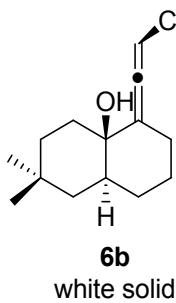


colorless oil
relative configuration

Trans, Trans - Ethyl 3-(8a-hydroxy-6,6-dimethyloctahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-ylidene)acrylate 6a

This compound was synthesized according to method C (5%).

1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 5.52$ (d, 1H, $J = 4.0$ Hz), $\delta_A=4.23$ $\delta_B=4.11$ (ABX₃, 2H, $J_{AX}=7.5$ Hz, $J_{BX}=7.0$ Hz, $J_{AB}=4.0$ Hz), 2.47 (tt, 1H, $J = 13.1, 4.4$ Hz), 2.28 (dt, 1H, $J = 13.1, 2.8$ Hz), 1.84-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.47-1.88 (m, 6H), 1.33-1.35 (m, 3H), 1.27 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.20-1.25 (m, 1H), 1.04 (ddd, 1H, $J = 13.3, 3.6, 2.5$ Hz), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H) ppm. **13C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 207.4, 166.7, 113.4, 88.9, 70.8, 60.9, 41.9, 41.6, 34.5, 33.4, 33.1, 30.9, 28.2, 27.4, 26.8, 24.8, 14.6$ ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3466, 2929, 2857, 1958, 1697, 1148 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc: 301.1780; found: 301.1785. **R_f:** 0.65 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).

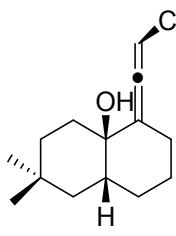


white solid
relative configuration

Trans, Cis - Ethyl 3-(8a-hydroxy-6,6-dimethyloctahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-ylidene)acrylate 6b

This compound was synthesized according to method B (77%) or method C (51%).

1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 5.60$ (d, 1H, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 4.10-4.19 (m, 2H), 2.59 (tt, 1H, $J = 13.4, 3.8$ Hz), 2.29 (sl, 1H), 2.22 (dt, 1H, $J = 13.2, 2.6$ Hz), 1.81-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.36-1.64 (m, 7H), 1.26-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.24 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 1.13-1.17 (m, 1H), 0.98 (dt, 1H, $J = 12.4, 2.0$ Hz), 0.89 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H) ppm. **13C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 207.1, 167.1, 114.0, 88.8, 70.6, 61.0, 41.8, 41.4, 34.5, 33.5, 33.1, 30.9, 28.1, 27.3, 26.7, 25.0, 14.6$ ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3400, 2931, 2856, 1958, 1696, 1154 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc: 301.1780; found: 301.1726. **Pf** : 102.6 – 103.4 °C. **R_f**: 0.60 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).

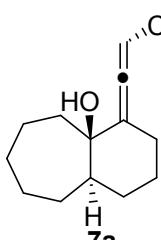


white solid
relative configuration

Cis, Cis - Ethyl 3-(8a-hydroxy-6,6-dimethyloctahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-ylidene)acrylate 6c

This compound was synthesized according to method B (16%) or method C (2%).

1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 5.64$ (d, 1H, $J = 3.9$ Hz), $\delta_A=4.19$ $\delta_B=4.17$ (ABX₃, 2H, $J_{AX}=7.5$ Hz, $J_{BX}=7.0$ Hz, $J_{AB}=3.5$ Hz), 2.58-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.51 (sl, 1H), 2.22 (d, 1H, $J = 13.1$ Hz), 2.14 (tt, 1H, $J = 12.9, 5.1$ Hz), 1.98-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.67-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.40 (t, 1H, $J = 13.7$ Hz), 1.27 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.20-1.24 (m, 3H), 1.04 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.3, 3.0$ Hz), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H) ppm **13C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 208.6, 167.3, 109.1, 88.9, 73.2, 61.2, 41.4, 38.1, 37.6, 35.4, 33.1, 31.0, 27.2, 26.7, 24.9, 20.5, 14.6$ ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3392, 2934, 2864, 1956, 1697, 1160 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc: 301.1780; found: 301.1814. **Pf**: 76.1-78.8°C. **R_f**: 0.38 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).

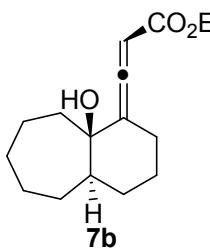


colorless oil
relative configuration

Trans, Trans - Ethyl 3-(9a-hydroxydecahydro-1H-benzo[7]annulen-1-ylidene)acrylate 7a

This compound was synthesized according to method C (12%).

1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 5.53$ (d, 1H, $J = 3.8$ Hz), $\delta_A = 4.19$ $\delta_B=4.15$ (ABX₃, 2H, $J_{AX}=7.0$ Hz, $J_{BX}=7.0$ Hz, $J_{AB}=3.5$ Hz), 2.44 (tt, 1H, $J = 13.0, 4.3$ Hz), 2.23-2.27 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.70 (m, 4H), 1.53-1.57 (m, 1H), 1.44-1.52 (m, 6H), 1.27 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 1.20-1.24 (m, 1H) ppm. **13C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 207.5, 166.8, 114.5, 88.7, 74.0, 60.9, 49.3, 41.3, 30.3, 30.1, 28.6, 27.7, 27.6, 26.9, 21.2, 14.6$ ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3460, 2924, 2856, 1957, 1696, 1149 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calc: 287.1623; found: 287.1589. **R_f**: 0.57 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).

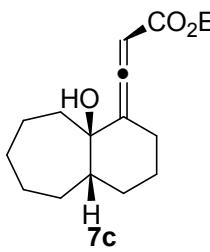


white solid
relative configuration

Trans, Cis - Ethyl 3-(9a-hydroxydecahydro-1H-benzo[7]annulen-1-ylidene)acrylate 7b

This compound was synthesized according to method B (81%) or method C (59%).

1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 5.54$ (d, 1H, $J = 3.6$ Hz), $\delta_A = 4.18$ $\delta_B = 4.11$ (ABX₃, 2H, $J_{AX} = 7.5$ Hz, $J_{BX} = 7.5$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 4.0$ Hz), 2.52 (tt, 1H, $J = 13.5, 4.2$ Hz), 2.36 (sl, 1H), 2.17 (dt, 1H, $J = 13.0, 2.2$ Hz), 1.63-1.80 (m, 7H), 1.48-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.39 (m, 5H), 1.22 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 1.13-1.18 (m, 1H) ppm. **13C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 207.2, 167.1, 115.2, 88.6, 73.4, 61.0, 49.4, 40.9, 30.3, 29.8, 27.9, 27.4, 27.2, 26.8, 20.9, 14.6$ ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3392, 2924, 2857, 1956, 1694, 1152 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calc: 287.1623; found: 287.1589. **Pf** : 88.6 – 89.2 °C. **R_f**: 0.50 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).

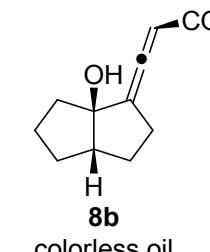


colorless oil
relative configuration

Cis, Cis - Ethyl 3-(9a-hydroxydecahydro-1H-benzo[7]annulen-1-ylidene)acrylate 7c

This compound was synthesized according to method B (12%) or method C (4%).

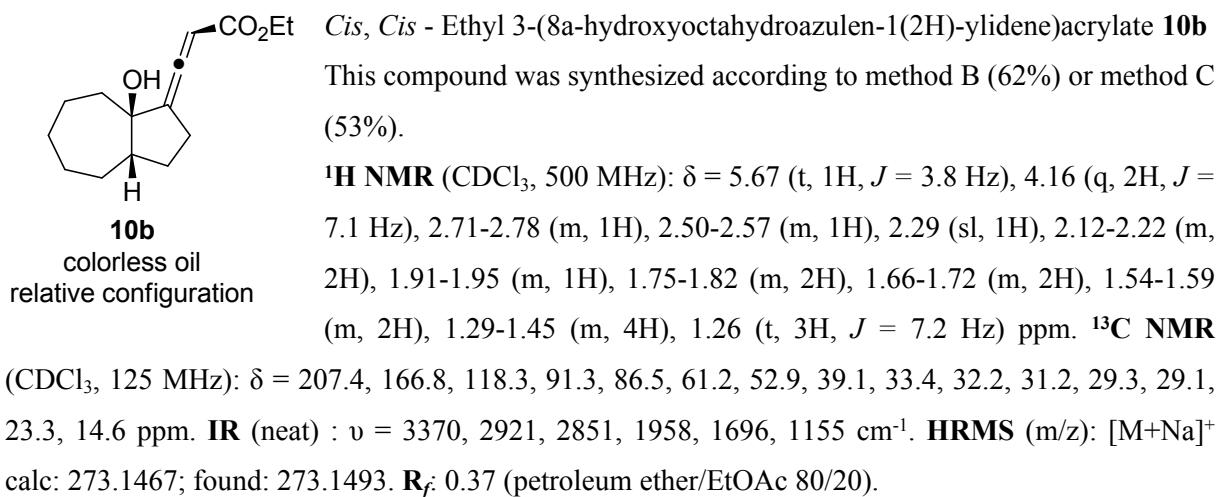
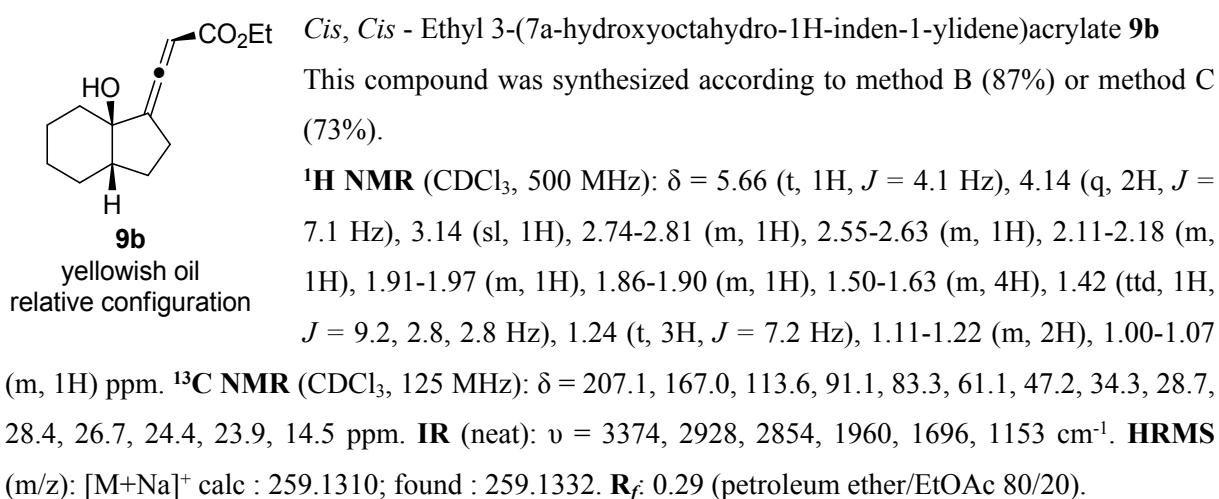
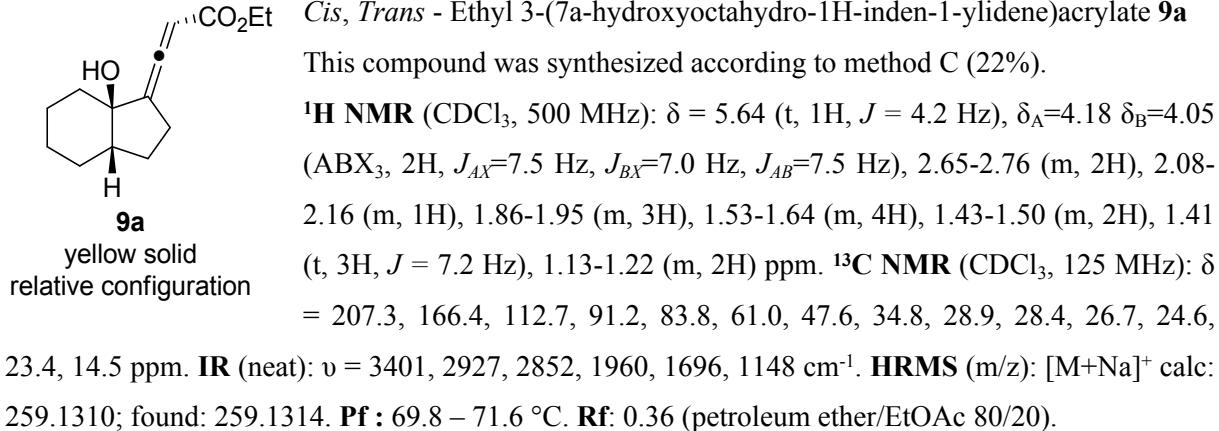
1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 5.64$ (dd, 1H, $J = 2.0, 2.0$ Hz), 4.17 (q, 2H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 2.47-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.25 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.91 (m, 3H), 1.69-1.81 (m, 5H), 1.54-1.62 (m, 3H), 1.31-1.52 (m, 5H), 1.27 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz) ppm. **13C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 208.0, 167.0, 115.0, 89.5, 75.1, 61.1, 46.4, 40.8, 29.9, 29.4, 29.0, 28.5, 26.8, 23.8, 21.3, 14.6$ ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3400, 2923, 2856, 1955, 1696, 1146 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calc: 287.1623; found: 287.1612. **R_f**: 0.38 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).

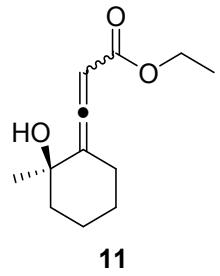


colorless oil
relative configuration

Cis, Cis - Ethyl 3-(6a-hydroxyhexahydropentalen-1(2H)-ylidene)acrylate 8b
This compound was synthesized according to method B (65%) or method C (64%).

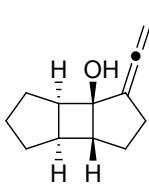
1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 5.67$ (t, 1H, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 4.16 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 2.93 (sl, 1H), 2.71-2.78 (m, 1H), 2.52-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.35-2.41 (m, 1H), 2.07-2.16 (m, 1H), 1.95-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.86-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.57-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.33-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz) ppm. **13C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 206.6, 166.9, 117.2, 92.5, 91.1, 61.3, 52.6, 40.5, 32.0, 31.4, 30.8, 25.5, 14.6$ ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3390, 2951, 2867, 1959, 1695, 1154 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calc : 245.1154; found : 245.1133. **R_f**: 0.26 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).





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yellowish oil, 81%
relative configuration
trans/cis : 1:1

HRMS: [M+Na]⁺ calc : 233.1148; found : 233.1159. **IR (ATR):** ν = 3411, 1960, 1697, 1162 (C-O) cm⁻¹. **R_f:** 0.37 (PE/AcOEt 80/20).

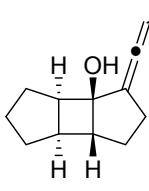


12a
yellowish oil
relative configuration

Cis, Trans - ethyl 3-(6b-hydroxyhexahydrocyclobuta[1,2,3,4]di[5]annulen-1(2H,3bH,6bH)-ylidene)acrylate **12a**

This compound was synthesized according to method C (32%).

1H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 5.67 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.1, 2.0 Hz), 4.11-4.20 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.84 (m, 1H), 2.66-2.72 (m, 2H), 2.46 (sl, 1H), 1.99-2.13 (m, 4H), 1.74-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.68 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.2, 7.0 Hz), 1.59-1.63 (m, 1H), 1.37-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz) ppm. **13C NMR** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ = 204.6, 166.7, 118.8, 91.7, 80.7, 61.2, 52.8, 47.4, 37.3, 33.3, 31.4, 30.2, 27.1, 25.9, 14.6 ppm. **IR (neat):** ν = 3367, 2940, 2852, 1959, 1696, 1161 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (m/z):** [M+Na]⁺ calc : 271.1305; found : 271.1307. **R_f:** 0.59 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).

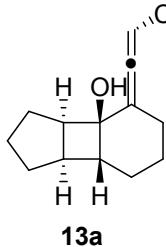


12b
yellowish solid
relative configuration

Cis, Cis - ethyl 3-(6b-hydroxyhexahydrocyclobuta[1,2,3,4]di[5] annulen-1(2H,3bH,6bH)-ylidene)acrylate **12b**

This compound was synthesized according to method C (61%).

1H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 5.76 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.0, 1.8 Hz), δ_A =4.17 δ_B =4.15 (ABX₃, 2H, *J_{AX}*=7.5 Hz, *J_{BX}*=7.0 Hz, *J_{AB}*=5.5 Hz), 2.87-2.95 (m, 1H), 2.77 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.3, 5.5 Hz), 2.67 (dd, 1H, *J* = 15.4, 7.3 Hz), 2.04-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.92-2.02 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.79 (m, 3H), 1.56-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm. **13C NMR** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ = 204.7, 166.8, 117.6, 92.0, 80.9, 61.1, 52.4, 47.9, 37.3, 33.2, 31.5, 30.4, 27.1, 25.9, 14.6 ppm. **IR (neat):** ν = 3413, 2940, 2853, 1961, 1698, 1155 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (m/z):** [M+Na]⁺ calc: 271.1305; found: 271.1311. **Pf:** 59.7 – 61.8°C. **R_f:** 0.52 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).

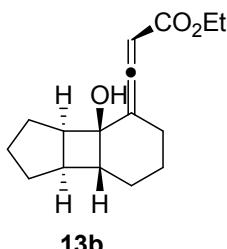


yellowish oil
relative configuration

Cis, Trans - ethyl 3-(3b-hydroxyhexahydro-1H-cyclopenta[3,4]cyclobuta[1,2]benzen-4(2H,3bH,7bH)-ylidene)acrylate 13a

This compound was synthesized according to method C (21%).

1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 5.52$ (dd, 1H, $J = 4.1, 0.6$ Hz), $\delta_{\text{A}}=4.21$ $\delta_{\text{B}}=4.13$ (ABX₃, 2H, $J_{AX}=7.5$ Hz, $J_{BX}=7.0$ Hz, $J_{AB}=7.0$ Hz), 2.72 (tt, 1H, $J = 8.1, 2.1$ Hz), 2.33-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.30 (m, 2H), 192-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.90 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.78 (m, 3H), 1.61-1.68 (m, 3H), 1.47-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz) ppm. **13C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 210.5, 166.4, 112.2, 89.6, 70.3, 61.0, 47.7, 46.3, 37.0, 31.5, 26.8, 26.3, 25.6, 24.7, 21.4, 14.6$ ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3401, 2937, 2851, 1955, 1694, 1146 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calc : 285.1467; found : 285.1447. **R_f**: 0.56 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).



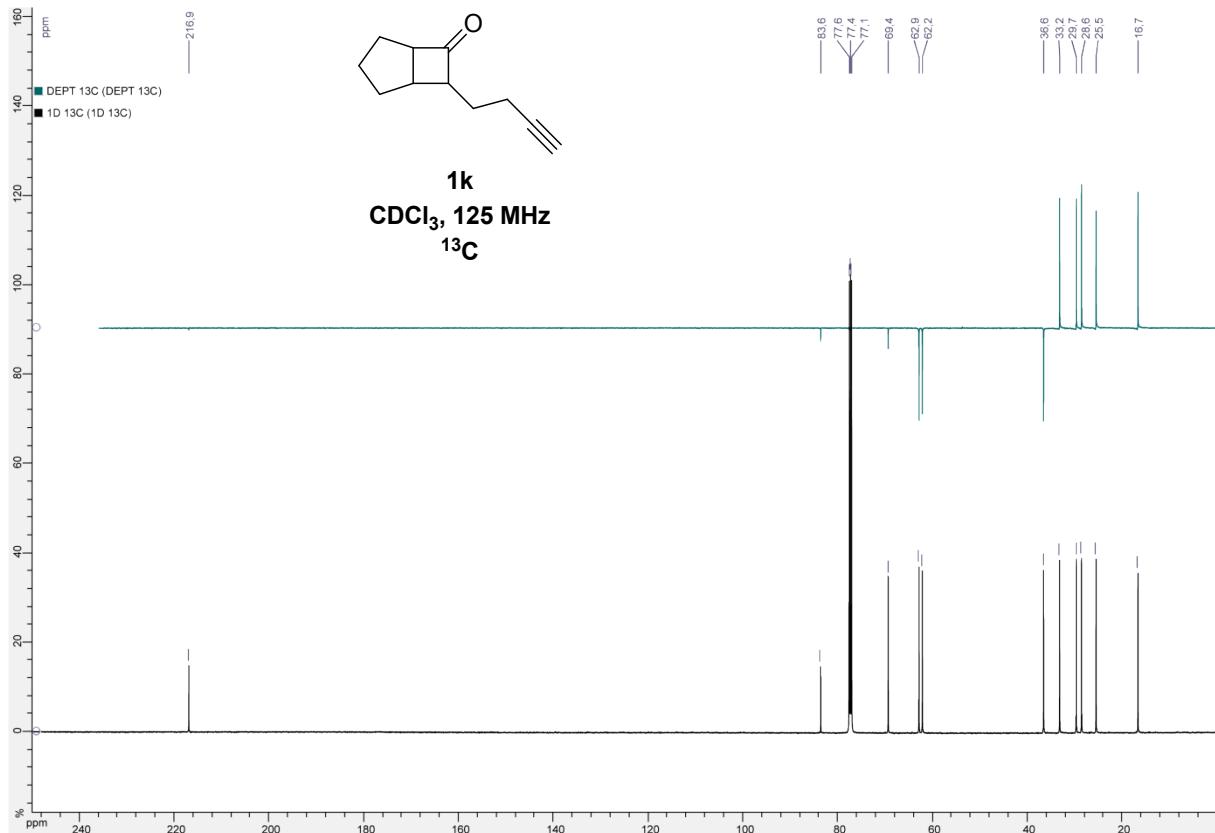
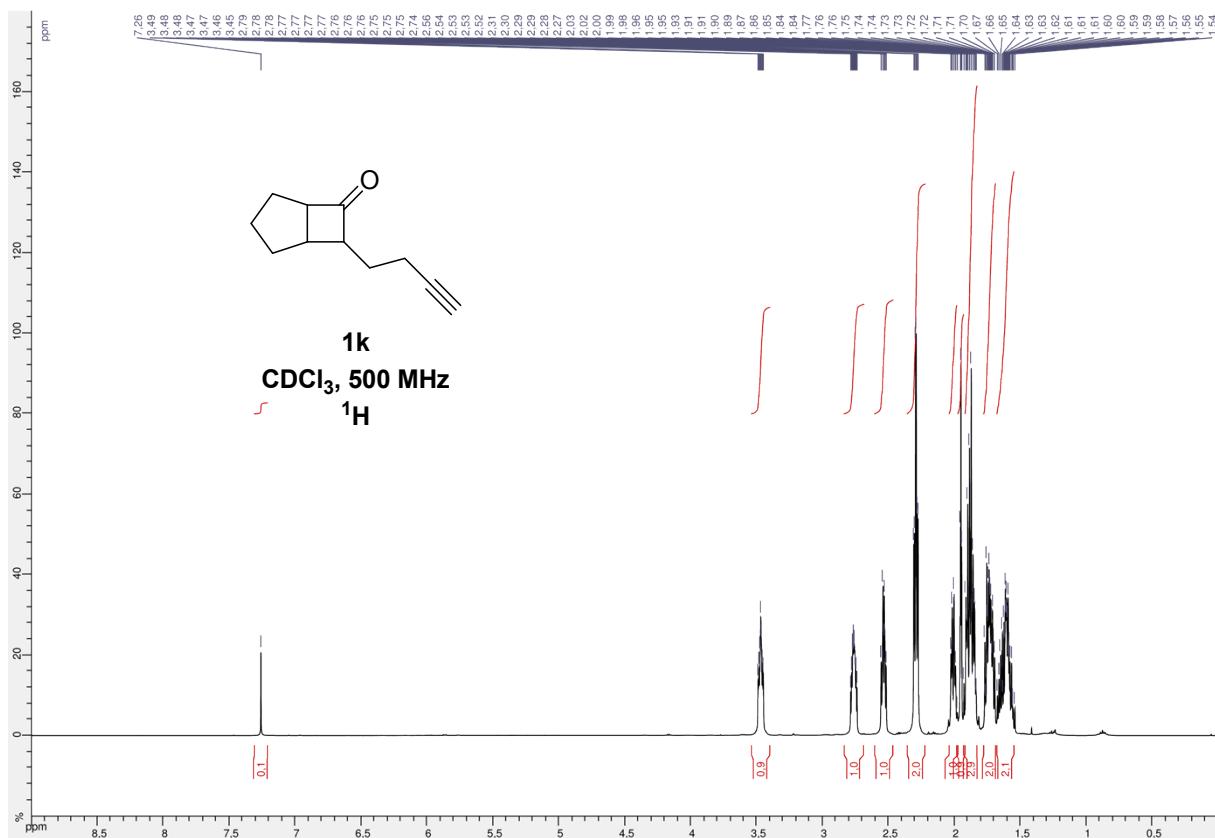
white solid
relative configuration

Cis, Trans - ethyl 3-(3b-hydroxyhexahydro-1H-cyclopenta[3,4]cyclobuta[1,2]benzen-4(2H,3bH,7bH)-ylidene)acrylate 13b

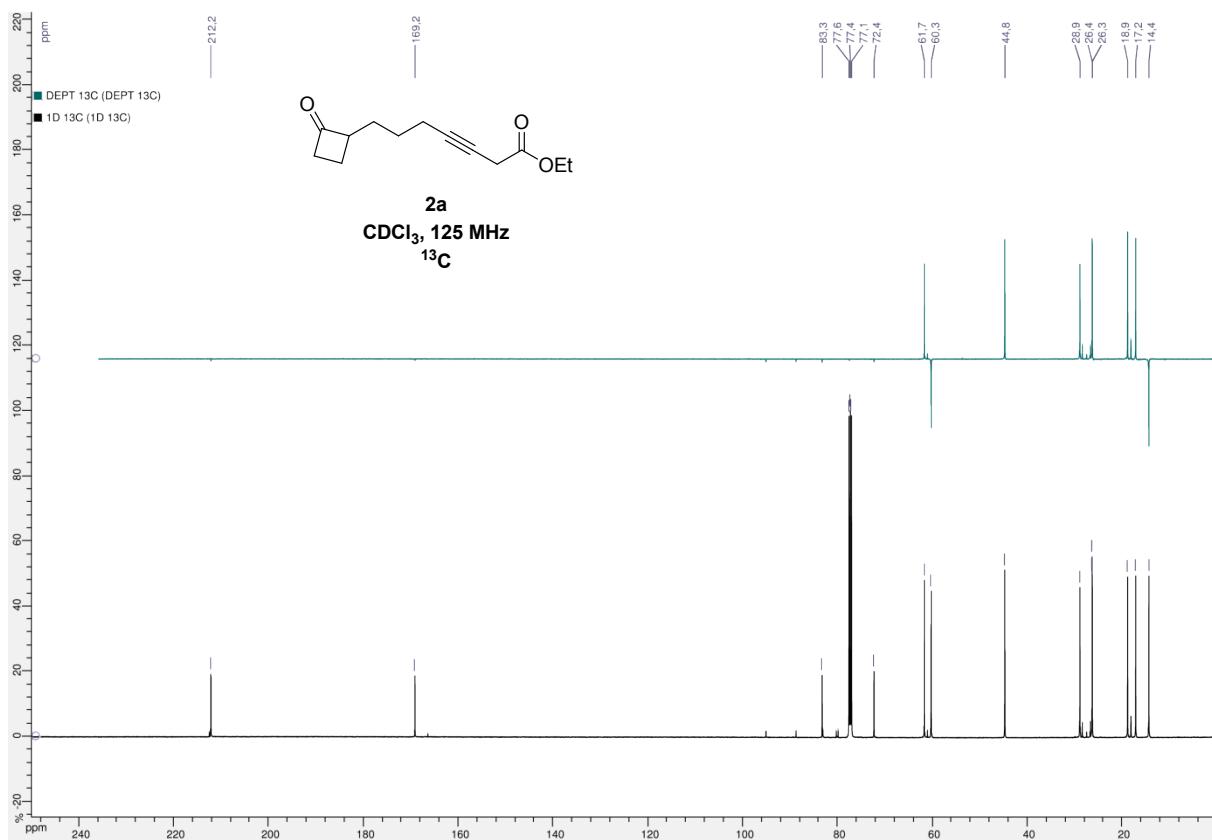
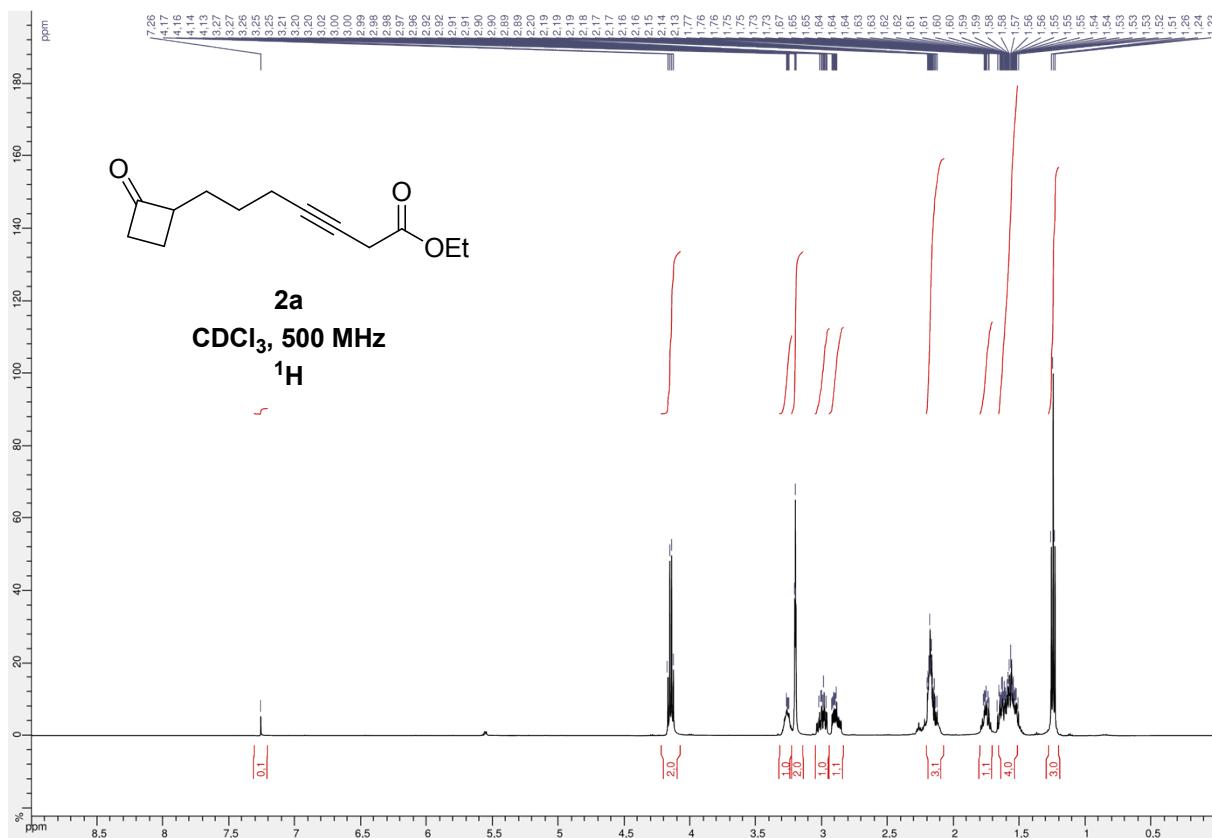
This compound was synthesized according to method B (60%) or method C (44%).

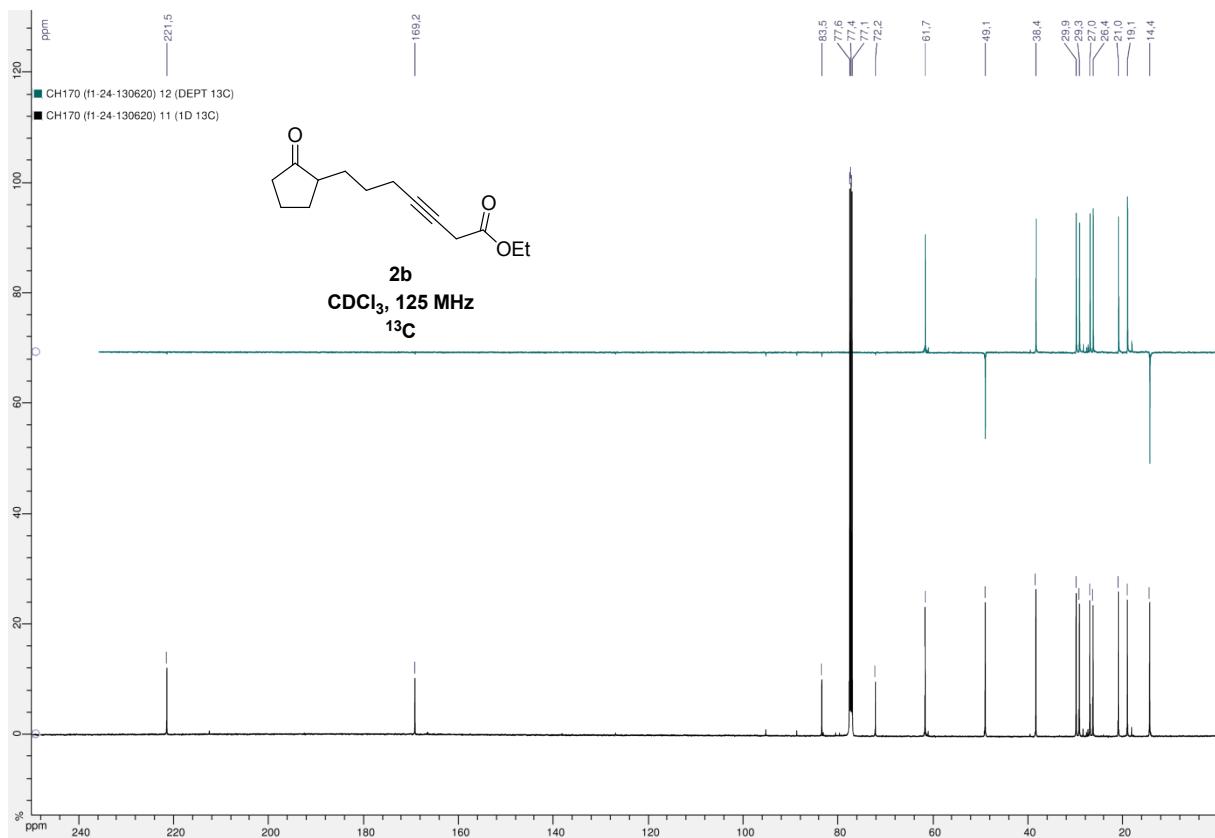
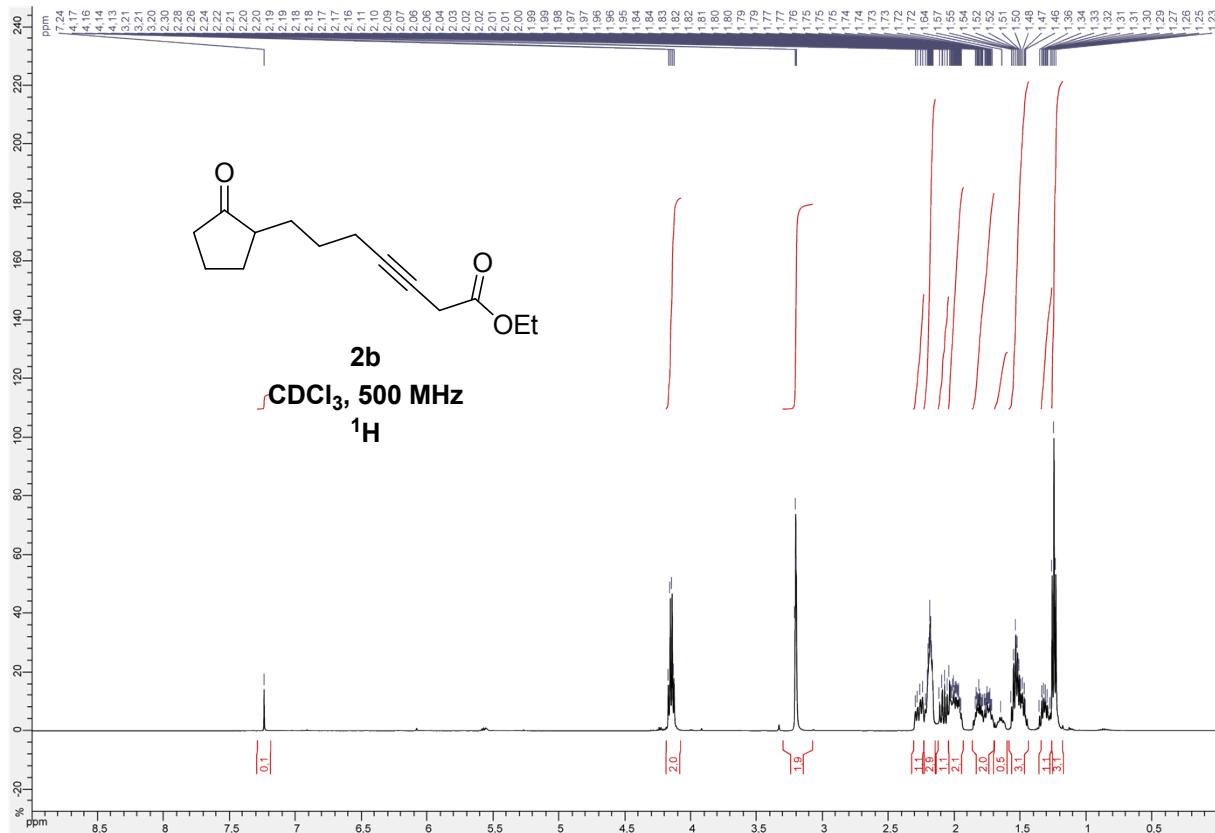
1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 5.67$ (t, 1H, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 4.14 (q, 2H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 2.63 (tt, 1H, $J = 8.3, 1.7$ Hz), 2.33-2.36 (m, 2H), 2.10-2.19 (m, 2H), 1.93-2.00 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.84 (m, 9H), 1.24 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz) ppm. **13C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): $\delta = 210.0, 167.0, 113.5, 90.0, 69.9, 61.2, 48.2, 45.0, 36.5, 31.6, 26.7, 26.2, 25.8, 24.6, 21.0, 14.5$ ppm. **IR** (neat): $\nu = 3378, 2934, 2850, 1953, 1697, 1147 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS** (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calc: 285.1467; found: 285.1456. **Pf:** 49.6 – 53.8 °C. **R_f:** 0.44 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80/20).

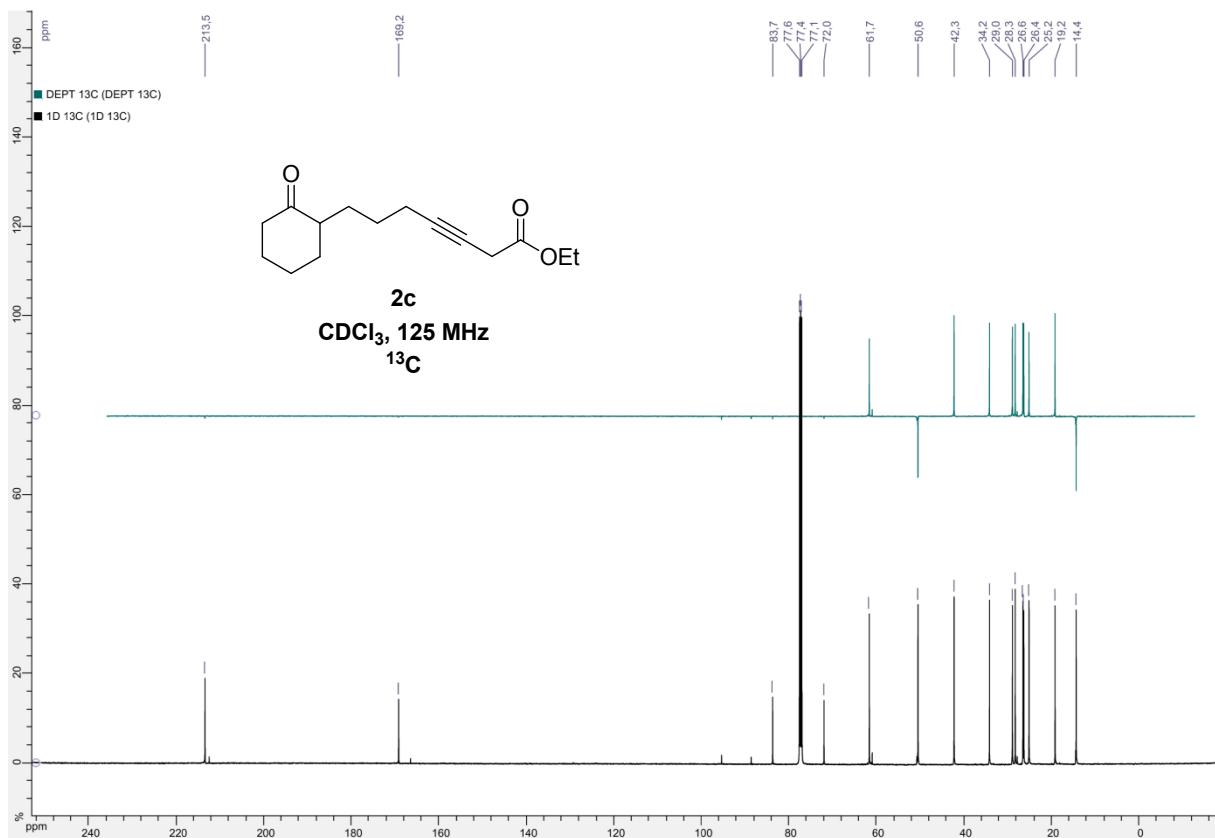
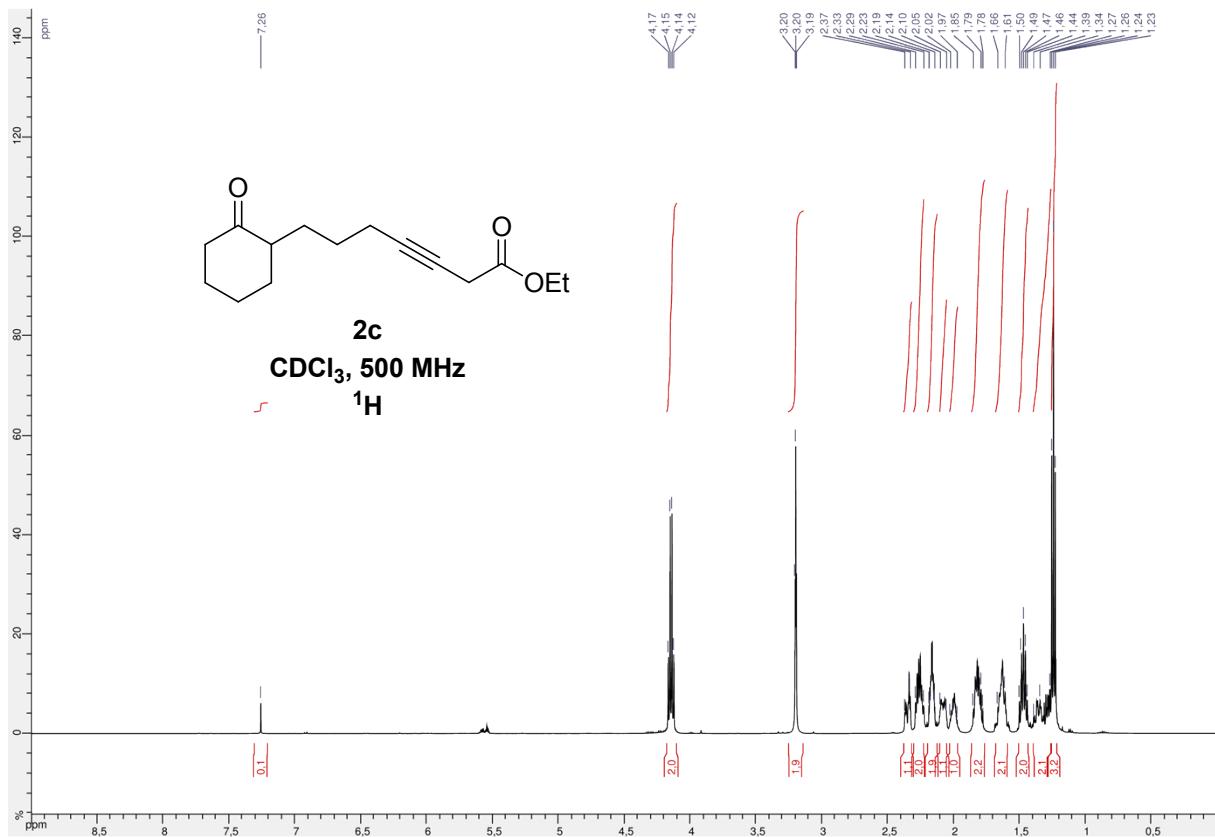
¹H and ¹³C spectra for Keto-Alkyne **1k**

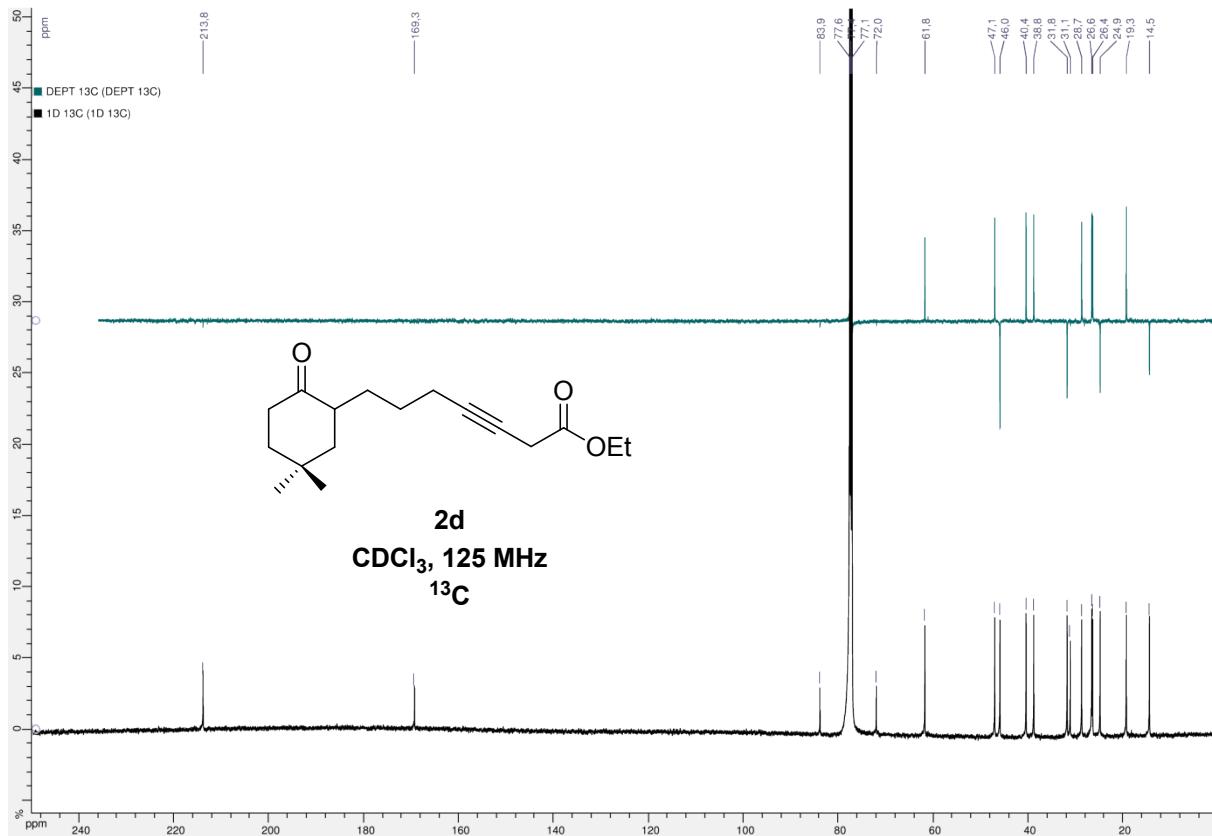
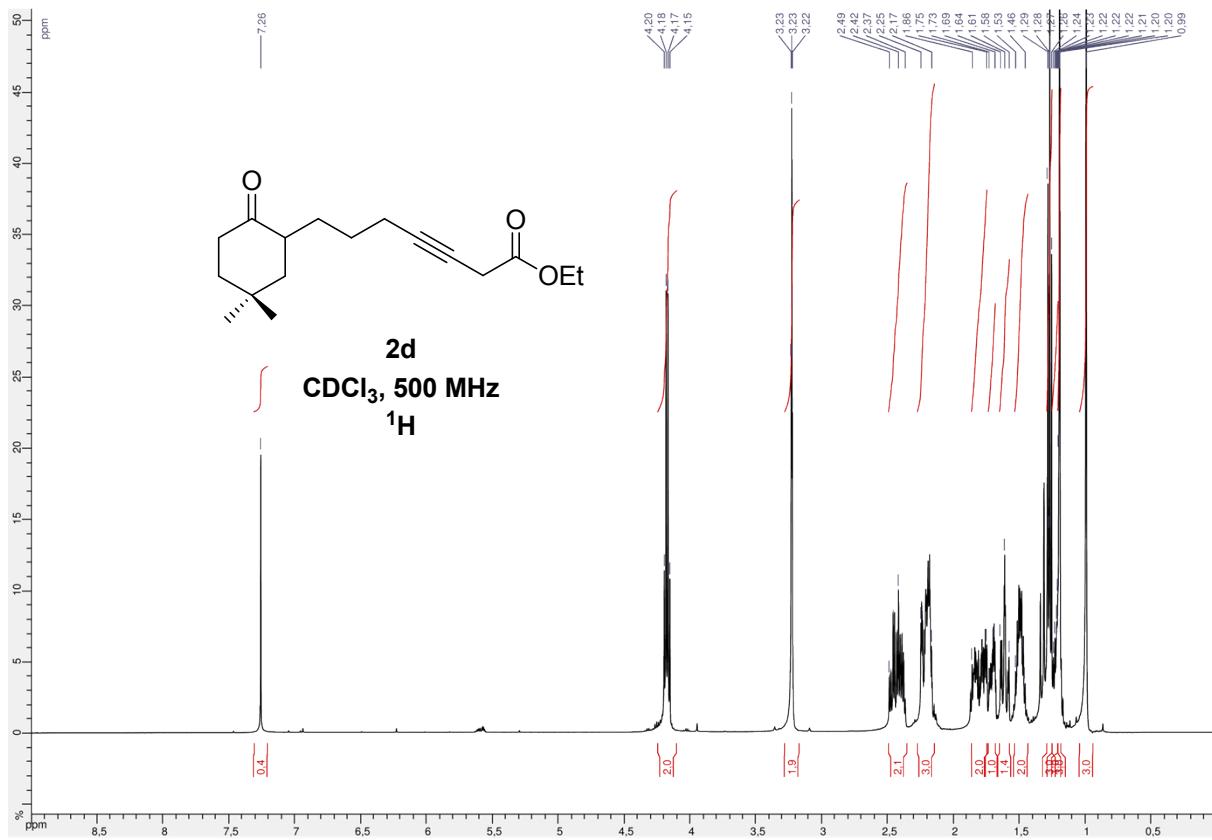


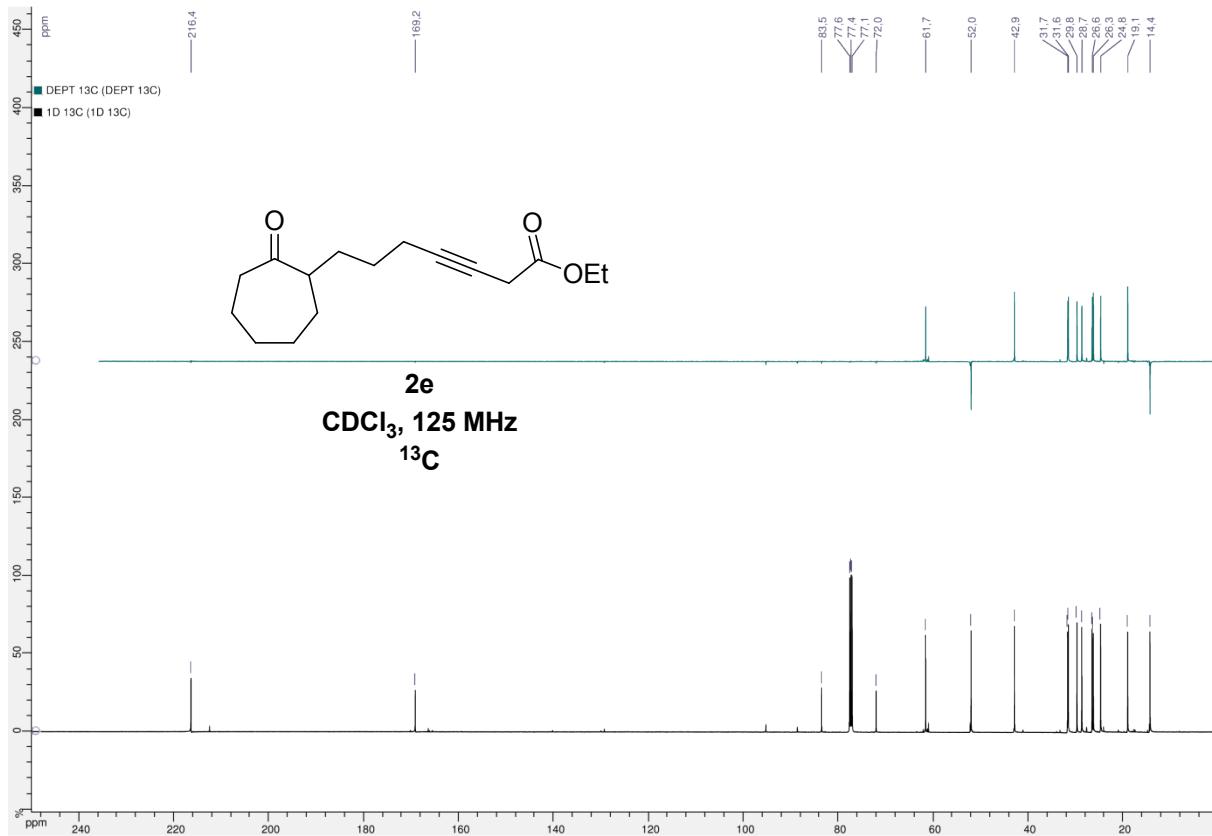
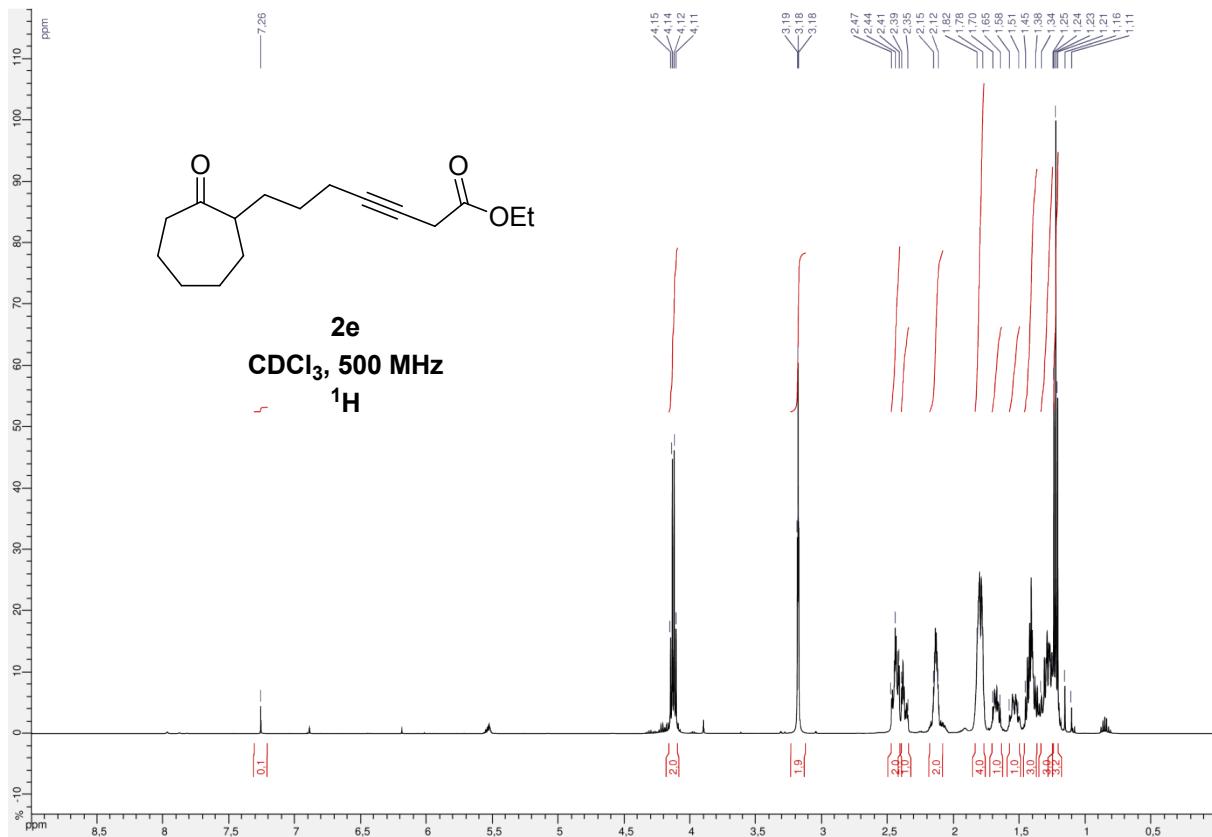
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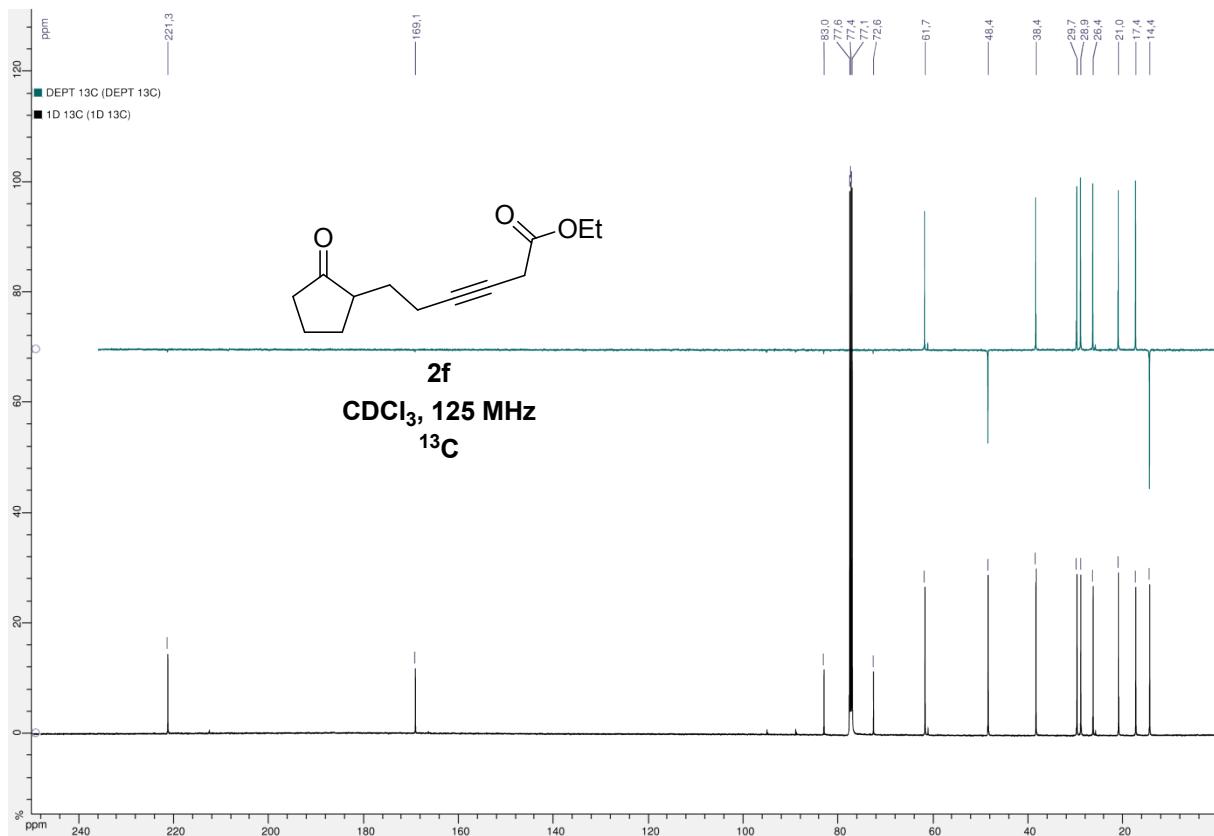
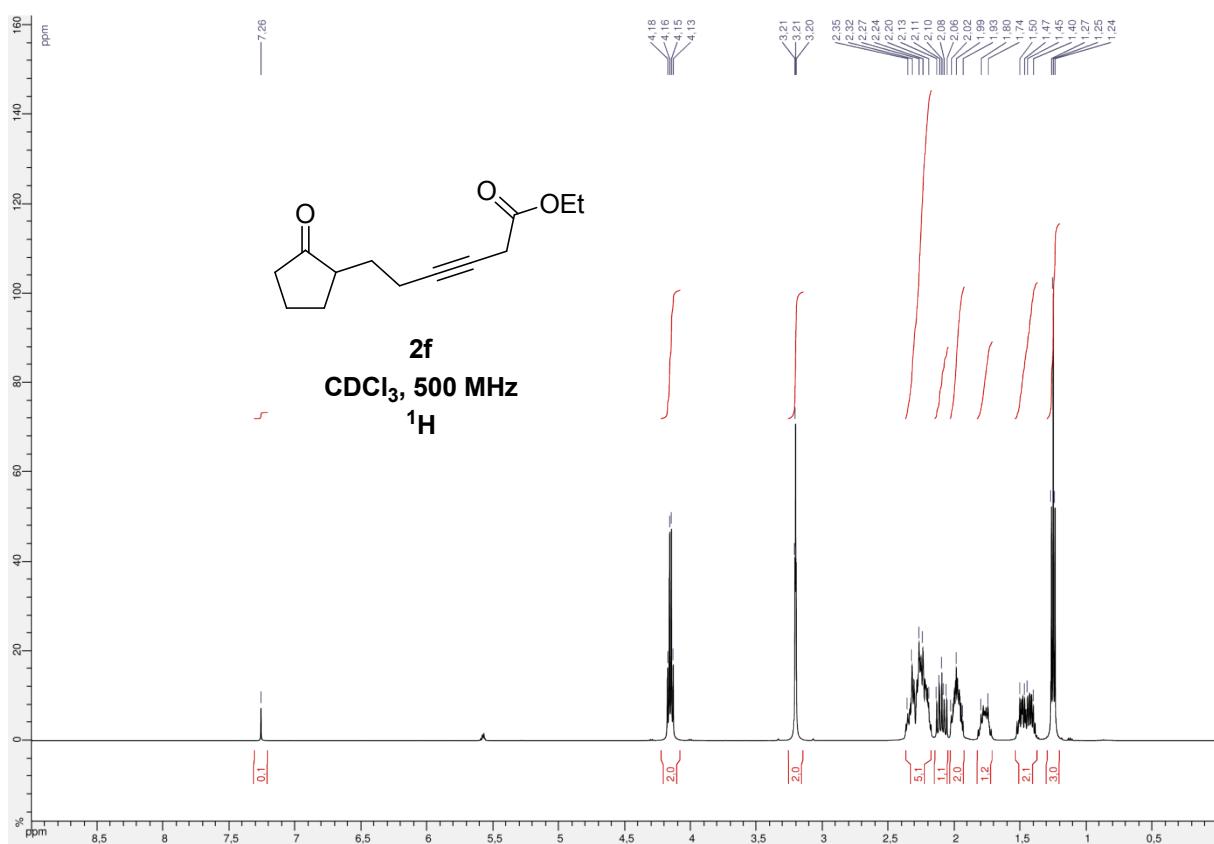


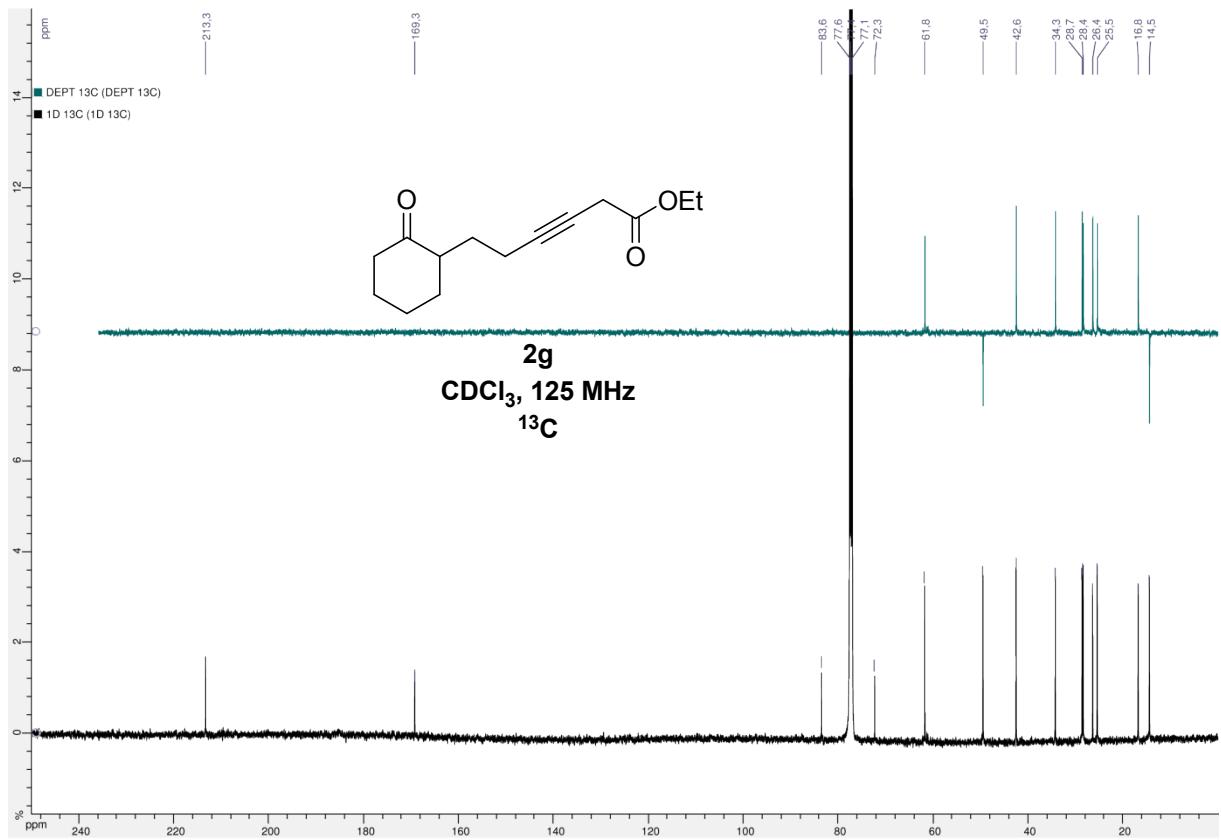
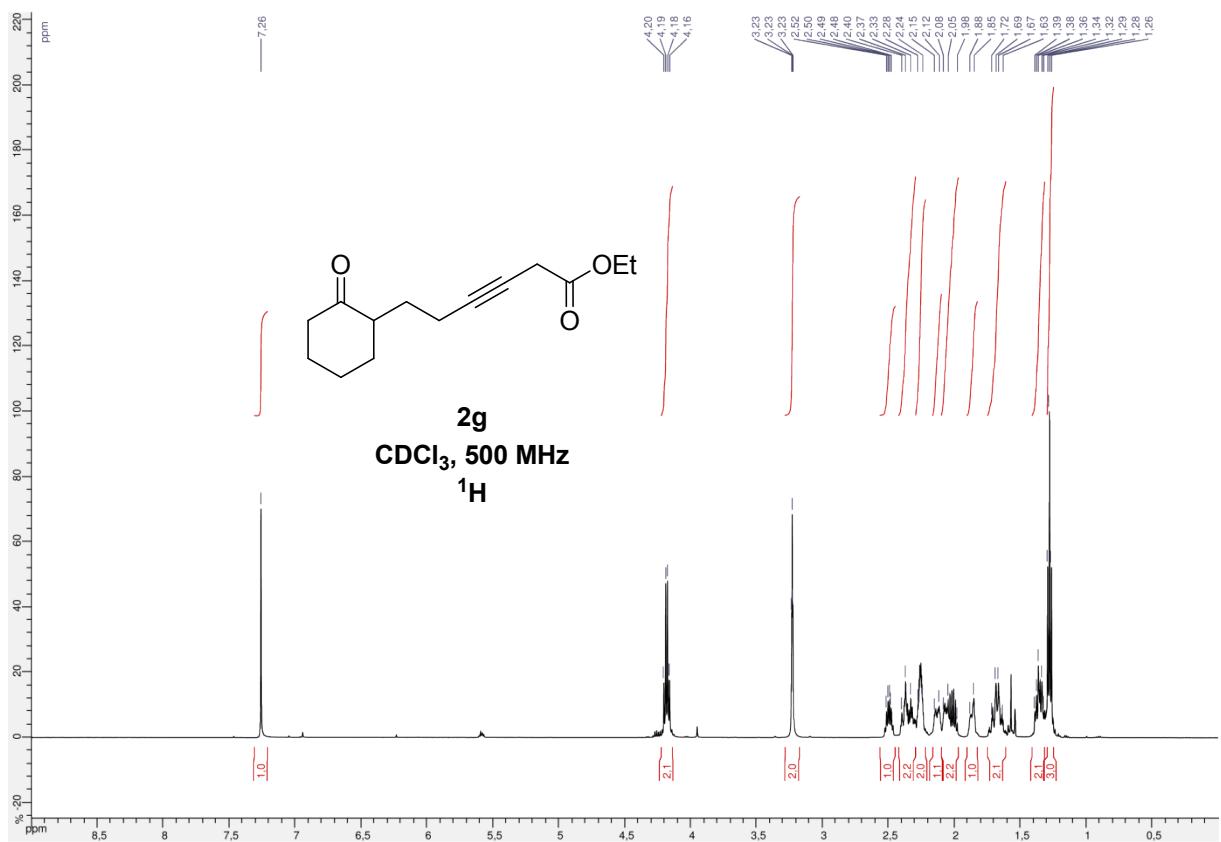


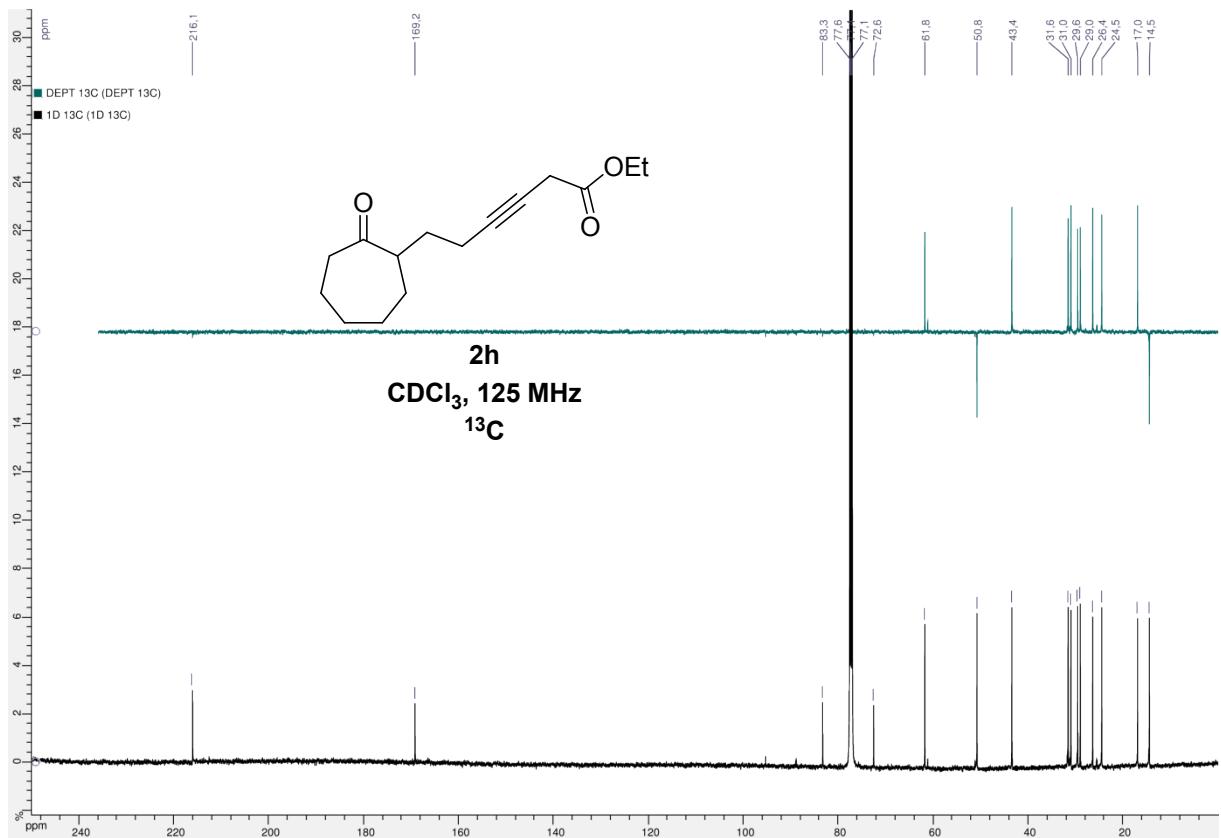
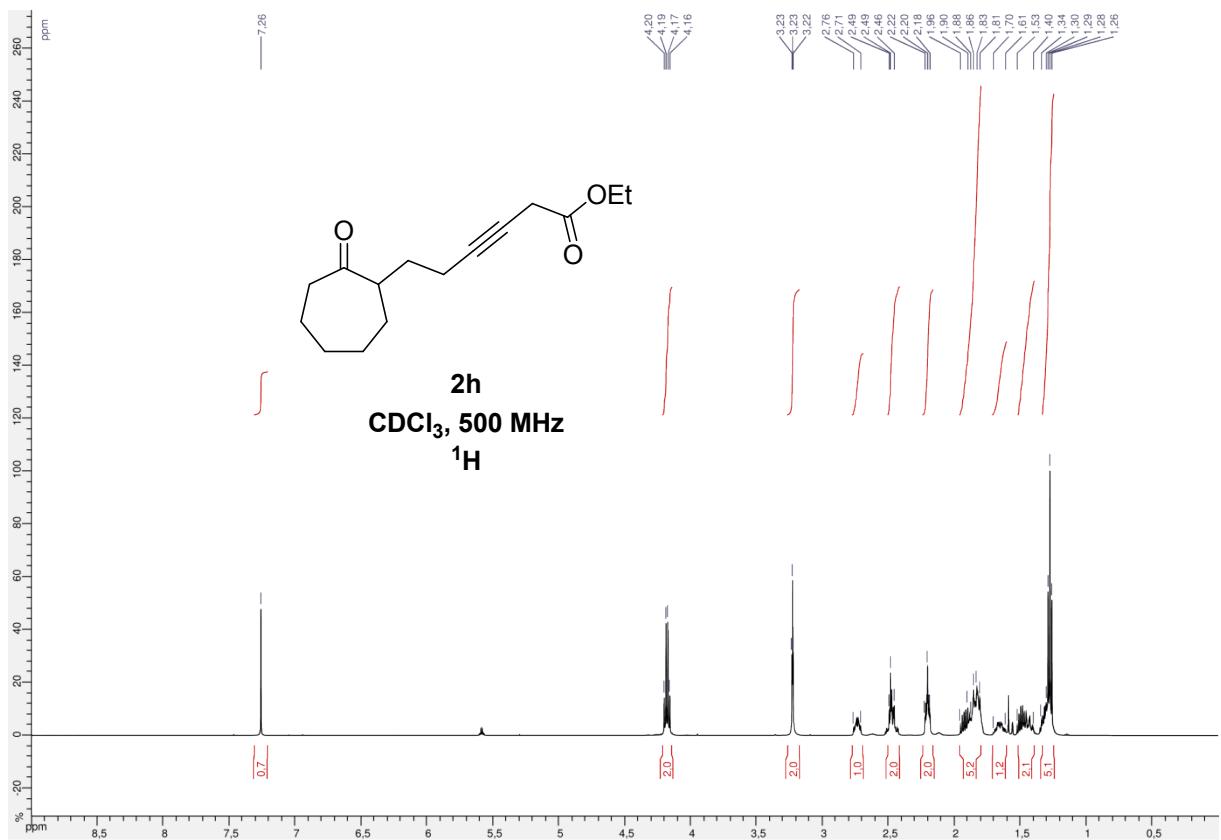


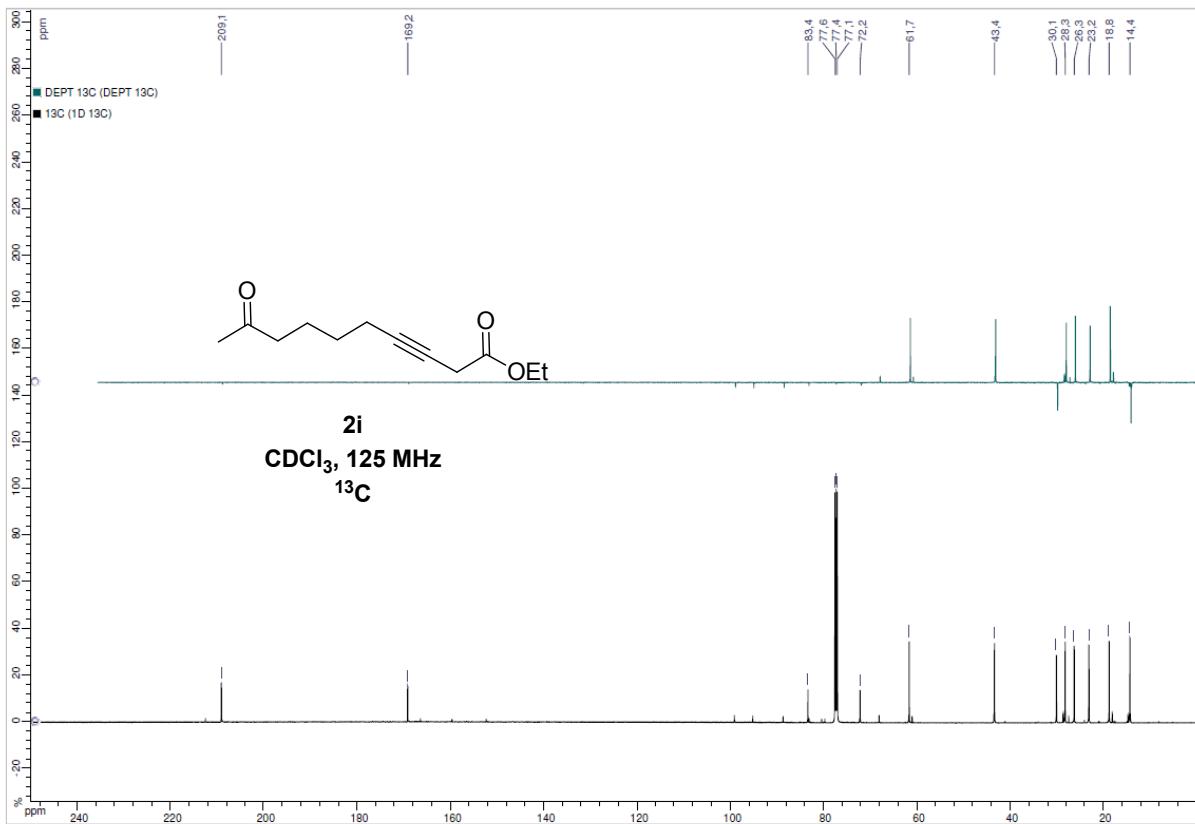
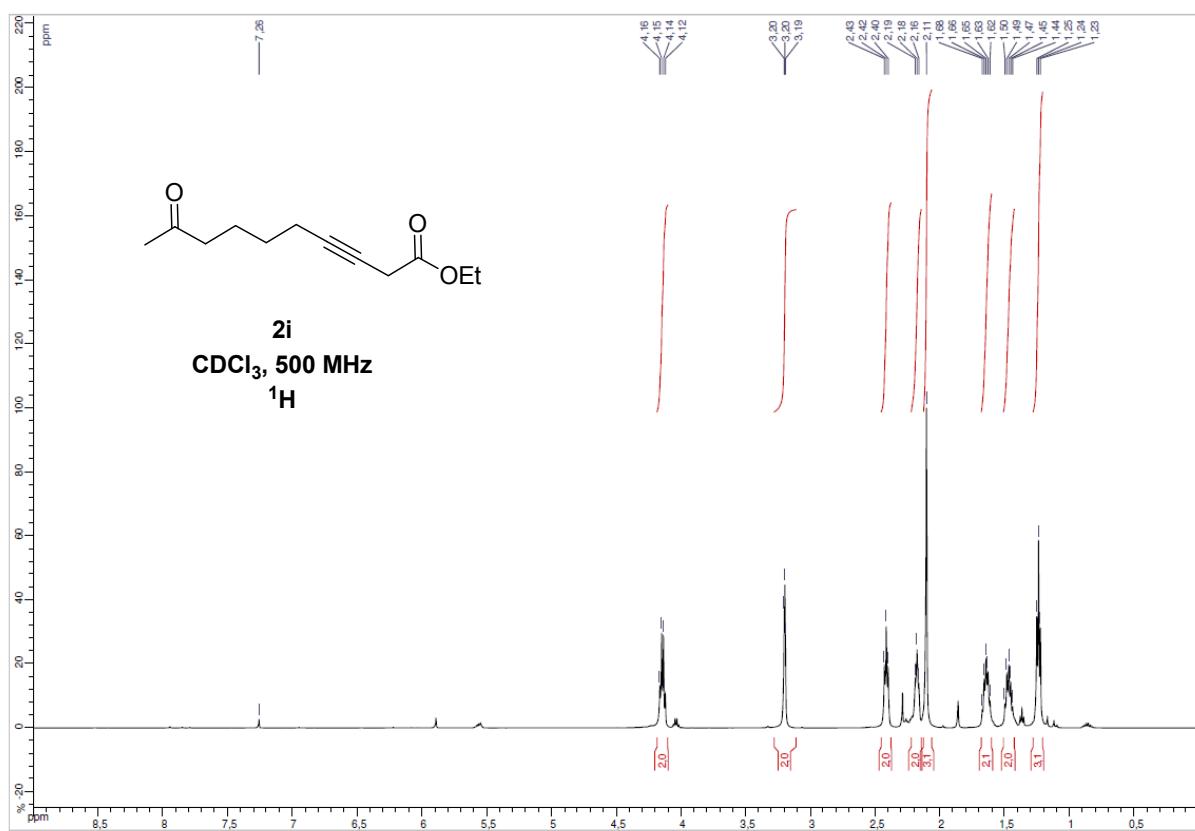


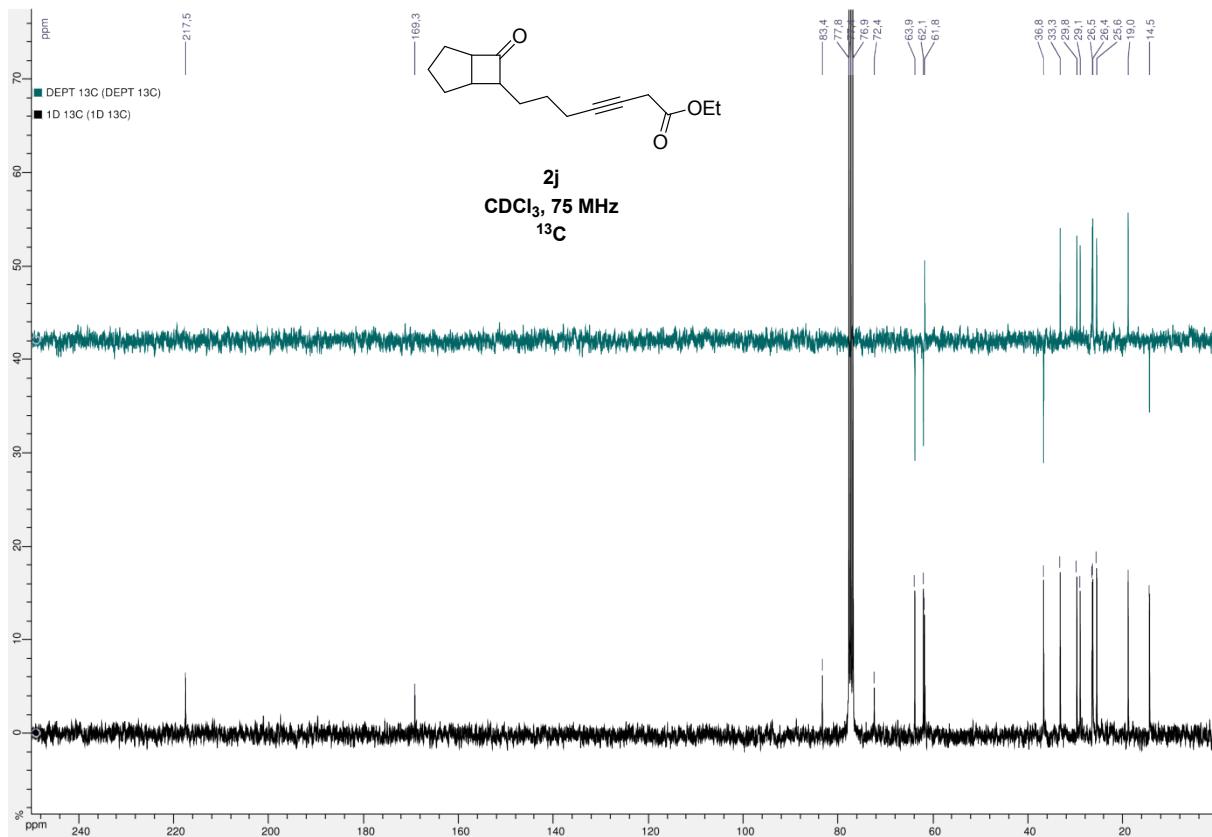
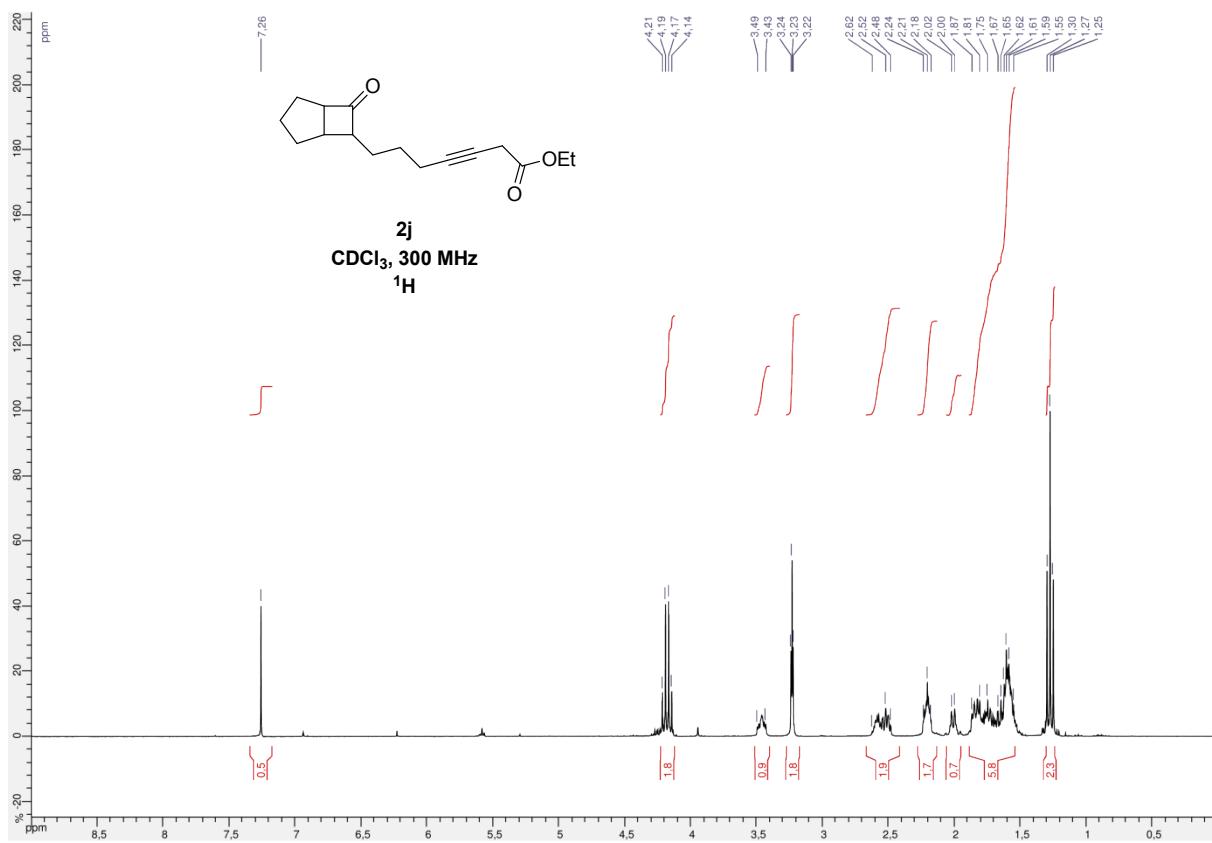


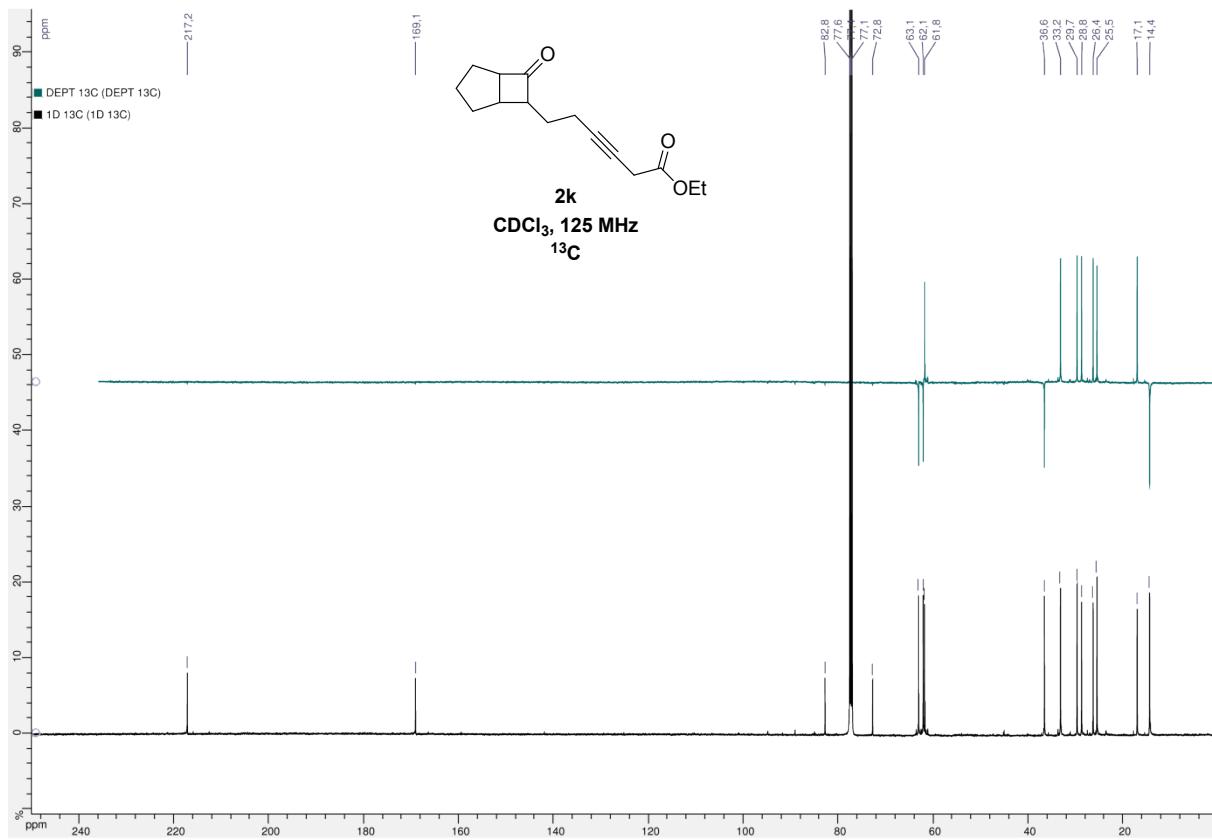
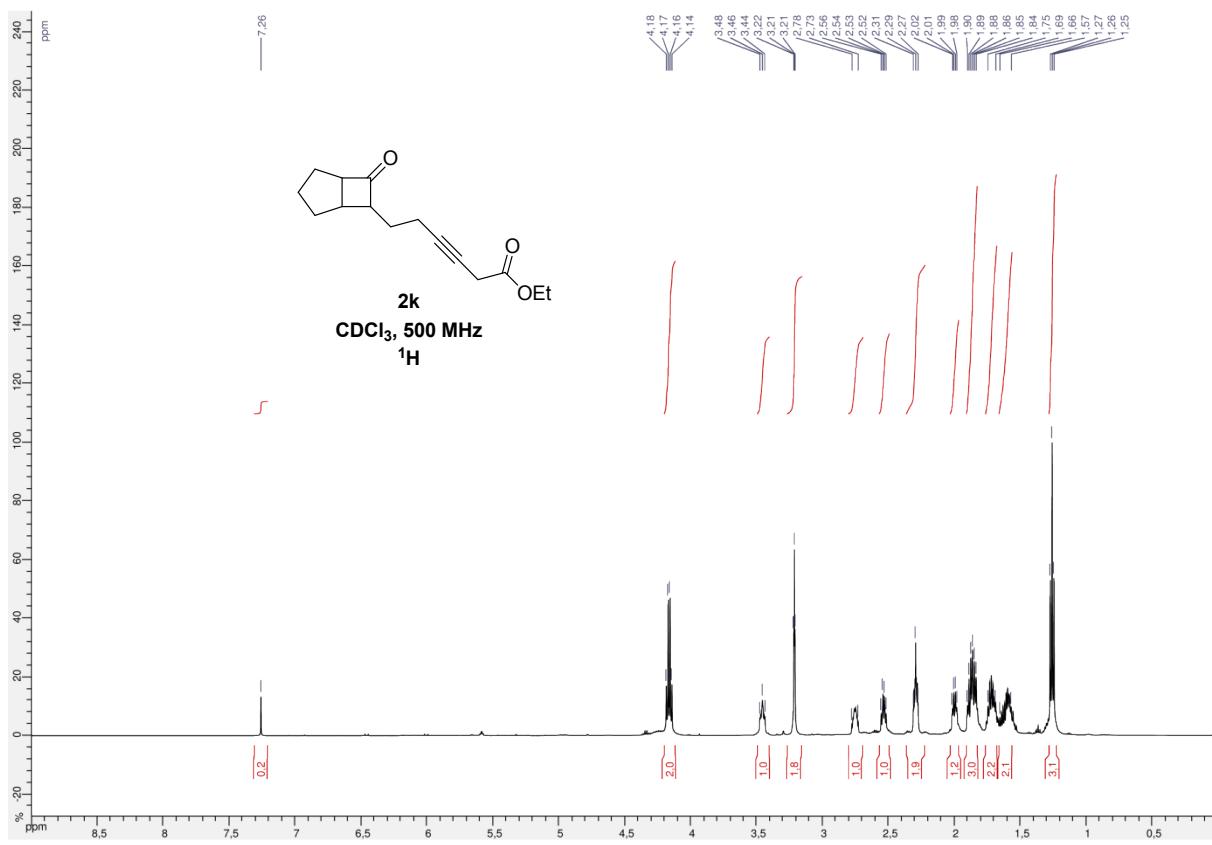












H and ^{13}C spectra for Polycyclic Allenoates 3 to 13

