

Supporting Information

Controllable Mono/Di- Alkenylation of Aryl Alkyl Thioether Tuned by Oxidants via Pd-catalysis

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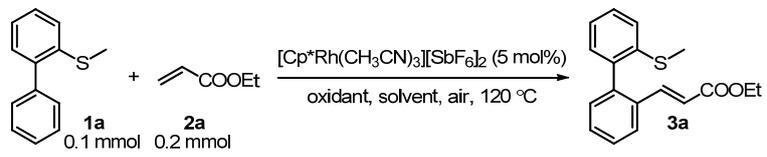
General:

$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ was purchased from SINOCOMPOUND Co.,Ltd.. AgOTFA was purchased from Strem. NaOTFA was purchased from TCI. The sulfide derivatives^[1] (**1**) except **1a** were prepared according to literature methods. Other reagents were commercially available and were used directly without further purification unless otherwise specified. All the solvents were directly used unless otherwise specified. NMR data were collected on Bruker 400 M or Bruker 500 M nuclear resonance spectrometers in the solvents indicated unless otherwise specified. Chemical shifts are reported in units (ppm) by assigning TMS resonance in the ^1H spectrum as 0.00 ppm and the central peak of CDCl_3 resonance in the ^{13}C spectrum as 77.0 ppm. The data of ^1H NMR was reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet and br = broad), coupling constant (J values) in Hz and integration. Column chromatography was performed on 200-300 mesh silica gels with the indicated solvent systems. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on pre-coated, glass-backed silica gel plates. Visualization of the developed chromatogram was performed by UV absorbance (254 nm). HRMS (ESI) were performed on Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance Mass Spectrometer by Analytical Instrumentation Center, Peking University.

Conditions Screening Tables:

Initial screening of the Rh-catalysts, oxidants and solvents were listed below. At that initial stage, the reactions were detected by TLC and GC-MS.

Table S1. Initial screening of the catalysts and oxidants

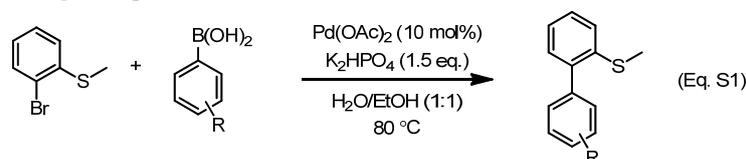


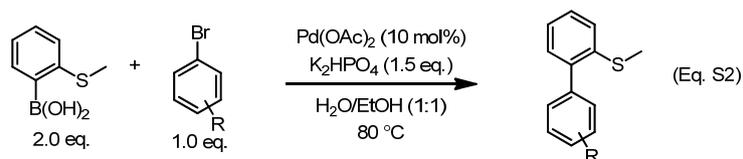
Entry	Catalyst	Oxidant	Solvent	Results
1	no change	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$	MeOH	No
2	no change	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$	<i>t</i> -AmylOH	< 10%
3	no change	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$	DCE	No
4	no change	AgOAc	DCE	No
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5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$	DCE	< 10%
6	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	AgOAc	DCE	> 80% conversion (GC-MS)

Synthesis Procedures:

1. The general procedure for synthesis of the sulfide substrates (**1**)

The procedure for the synthesis of the sulfides was followed the literature.^[1] Most of the substrates were synthesized according to Eq. S1, and some substrates like **1b** and **1c** were synthesized according to Eq. S2.





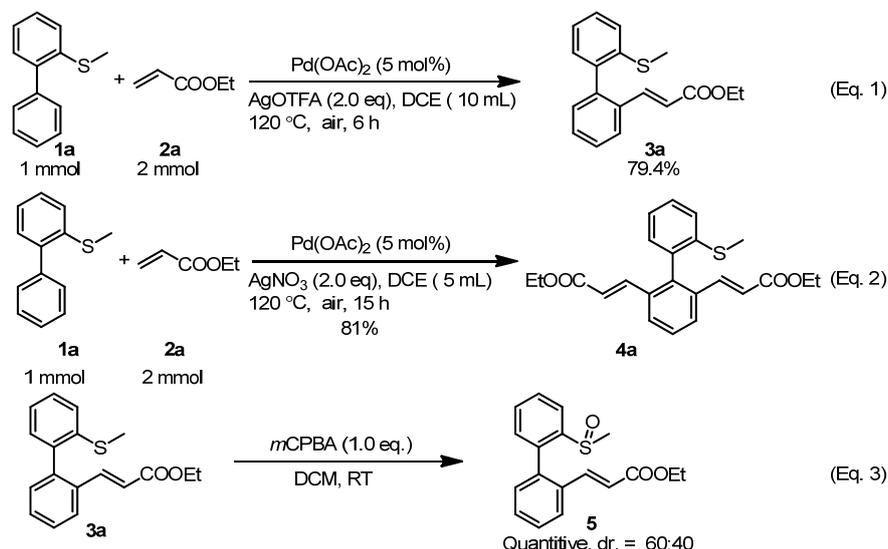
2. The general procedure for the mono-alkenylation: the synthesis of compound **3** (Table 2):

To a 50 mL Wattecs Schlenk tube, the catalyst Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgOTFA (88.0 mg, 0.4 mmol), substrate **1** (0.2 mmol) were added in sequence to the tube under air atmosphere. After the addition of substituted alkenes **2** (0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq.) by microinjector, DCE (2.0 mL, 0.1 M) was injected, the reaction mixture was sealed and subjected to stirring at 120 °C in a Wattecs Parallel Reactor for 6 h. After cooling to rt., the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1 to 10:1) to afford compound **3** as white solid or colorless oil.

3. The general procedure for the di-alkenylation: synthesis of compound **4** (Table 3)

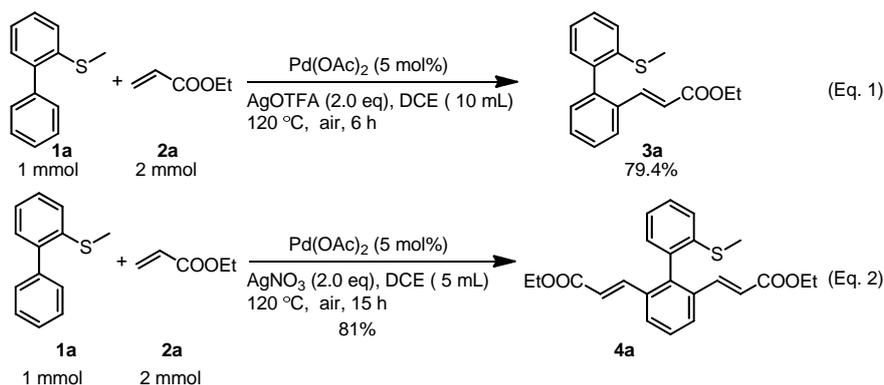
To a 50 mL Wattecs Schlenk tube, the catalyst Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgNO₃ (68.0 mg, 0.4 mmol), substrate **1** (0.2 mmol) were added in sequence to the tube under air atmosphere. After the addition of substituted alkenes **2** (0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq.) by microinjector, DCE (2.0 mL, 0.1 M) was injected, the reaction mixture was sealed and subjected to stirring at 120 °C in a Wattecs Parallel Reactor for 6 h. After cooling to rt., the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1 to 10:1) to afford compound **4** as white solid.

4. The procedure for the large scale reaction and product transformation: (Scheme 2)



Scheme 2. Large scale reaction and transformation of the product to synthesize ligand.

4.1 The procedure for the large scale reaction: (Eq. 1 and Eq. 2)

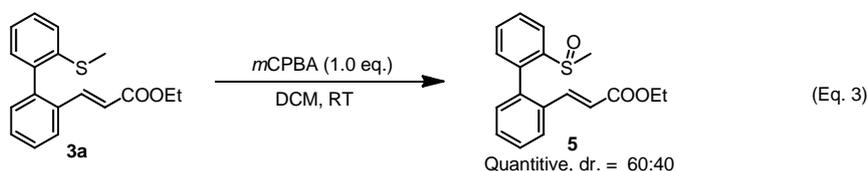


For Eq. 1: To a 50 mL round bottom Schlenk flask, the catalyst Pd(OAc)₂ (11.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), AgOTFA (440.0 mg, 2.0 mmol), substrate **1a** (200.0 mg, 1.0 mmol) were added in sequence to the tube under air atmosphere. After the addition of ethyl acrylate **2a** (200.2 mg, 217 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 eq.) by microinjector, DCE (10.0 mL, 0.1 M) was injected, the reaction mixture was sealed and subjected to stirring at 120 °C in a Wattecs Parallel Reactor for 6 h. After cooling to rt., the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1 to 10:1) to afford compound **3a** as white solid in 79% yield (236.8 mg).

For Eq. 2: To a 50 mL Wattecs Schlenk tube, the catalyst Pd(OAc)₂ (11.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), AgNO₃ (340.0 mg, 2.0 mmol), substrate **1a** (200.0 mg, 1.0 mmol) were added in sequence to the tube under air atmosphere. After the addition of ethyl acrylate **2a** (200.2 mg, 217 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 eq.) by microinjector, DCE (5.0 mL, 0.2 M) was injected, the reaction mixture was sealed and subjected to stirring at 120 °C in a Wattecs Parallel Reactor for 15 h for good conversion and di-functionalization selectivity. After cooling to rt., the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/EtOAc (10:1) to afford compound **4a** as white solid in 81% yield (322.2 mg).

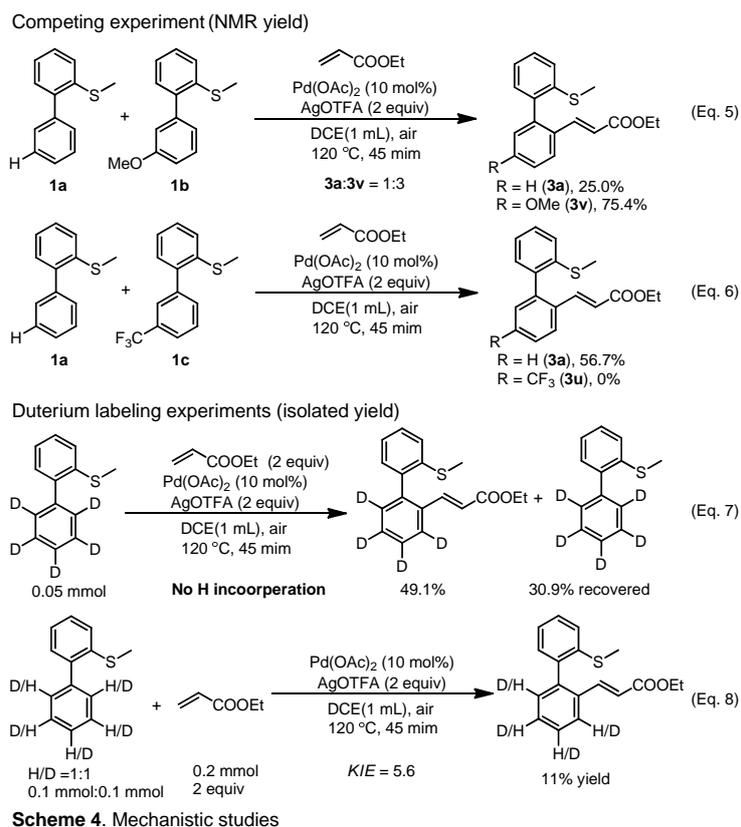
4.2 The procedure for the product transformation to synthesize sulfoxide-olefin ligand: (Eq. 3)

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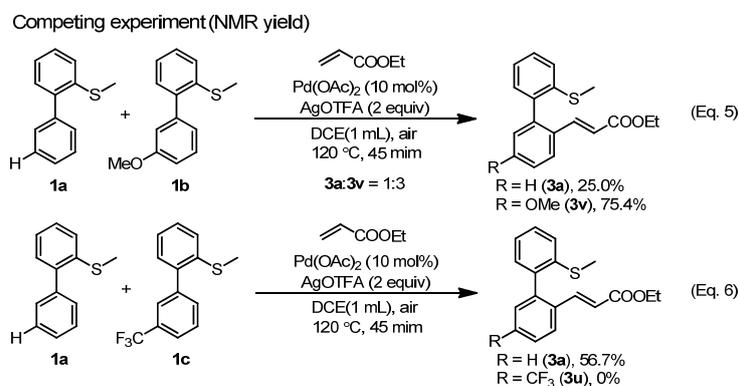


In a 50 mL reaction tube, thioether **3a** (0.1 mmol, 29.8 mg) was dissolved in 3 mL DCM. Then *m*-CPBA solution (in 3 mL DCM, 0.1 mmol, 20.4 mg) was injected into the system at room temperature. The reaction was monitored by TLC for the full conversion. Then the solvent was removed under vacuum and the product was purified by column chromatography (PE/EA = 1:1) in quantitative yield as a white solid.

5. The procedure for the mechanistic study: (Scheme 4)



5.1 The procedure for the competing experiment. (Eq 5 and Eq 6)

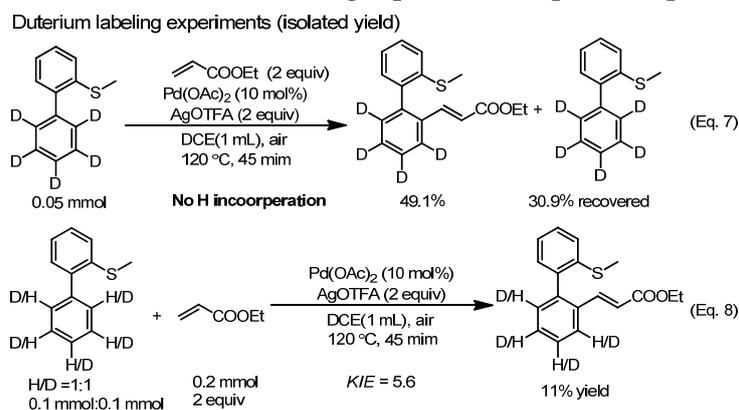


The competing experiments were conducted according to the standard procedure with two different electron characteristic phenol derivatives in the same reaction system. Take the mixture of **1a** and **1b** for example: To a 50 mL Wattecs Schlenk tube, the catalyst $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgOTFA (44.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), substrate **1a** (0.1 mmol), substrate **1b** (0.1 mmol) were added in sequence to the tube under air atmosphere. After the addition of ethyl acrylate **2a** (0.20 mmol) by microinjector, DCE (1.0 mL) was injected, the reaction mixture was sealed and subjected to stirring at 120 °C in a Wattecs Parallel Reactor for 45 min. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the yield and ratio of the products (**3**) were determined by crude NMR with CH_2Br_2 as internal standard.

The characteristic peaks in the crude NMR of the mixture of **3a** and **3v**: ^1H NMR(400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 4.916$ (s, 2.00H, CH_2 of CH_2Br_2), 6.24 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 0.87H, alkenyl CH of **3v**), 6.35 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 0.29H, alkenyl CH of **3a**).

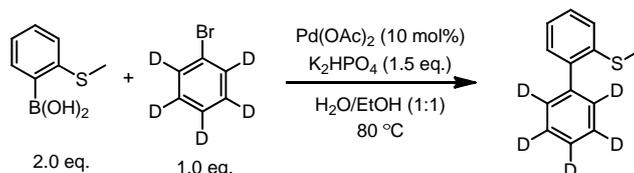
The characteristic peaks in the crude NMR of the mixture of **3a** and **3u**: ^1H NMR(400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 4.924$ (s, 2.00H, CH_2 of CH_2Br_2), 6.39 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 0.64H, alkenyl CH of **3a**).

5.2 The procedure for the deuterium labeling experiment. (Eq 7 and Eq 8)



5.2.1 The synthesis of deuterium starting materials

The deuterium labeled substrate **d5-1a** was synthesized according to Eq. S1.



5.2.2 The procedure for the H/D exchange experiment (Eq 7)

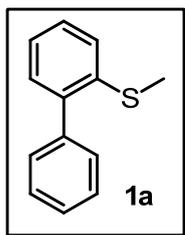
The procedure was following the standard fashion with **d5-1a** as the substrate except that the reaction time was reduced to 45 min. After the reaction, the starting material was recovered and the ^1H NMR detection showed that no deuterium exchange was present.

5.2.3 The procedure for the KIE experiment (Eq 8)

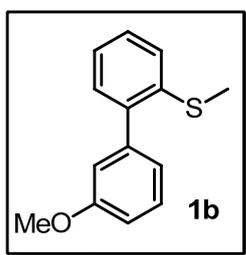
The reaction was conducted in the presence of **1a** and **d5-1a**, according to the standard procedure except that the reaction time was reduced to 45 min, in order to make sure a proper conversion. To a 50 mL Wattecs Schlenk tube, the catalyst $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgOTFA (44.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), substrate **1a** (0.1 mmol), substrate **d5-1a** (0.1 mmol) were added in sequence to the tube under air atmosphere. After the addition of ethyl acrylate **2a** (0.20 mmol) by microinjector, DCE (1.0 mL) was injected, the reaction mixture was sealed and subjected to stirring at 120°C in a Wattecs Parallel Reactor for 45 min. After the reaction, the product was isolated and characterized by ^1H NMR. The ^1H NMR of the product was: ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.93$ -7.91 (m, 0.85H), 7.49-7.37 (m, 4.65H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1.85 H), 7.11 (dd, $J = 7.6$, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.11 (q, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). H% = 85%, KIE = 5.6.

Characterization data

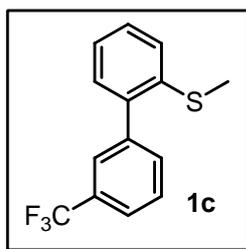
1.Characterization of some sulfide substrates 1



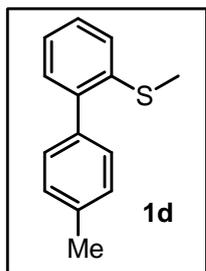
1a. White solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.43\text{-}7.32$ (m, 6H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 141.0, 140.6, 137.1, 130.0, 129.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 125.4, 124.8, 16.0$.



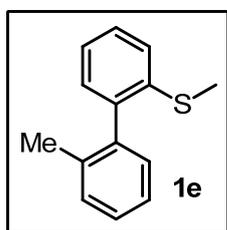
1b. White solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.34$ (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (br, 1H), 6.92 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 159.3, 141.8, 140.7, 137.1, 129.8, 129.1, 128.0, 125.1, 124.6, 121.7, 114.8, 113.2, 55.2, 16.0$. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{OS}$: 231.08381, found: 231.08364.



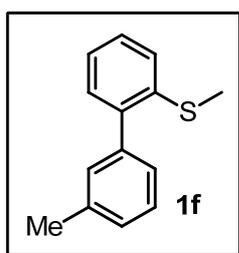
1c. Colorless oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.69$ (s, 1H), 7.64-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 141.2, 139.4, 137.1, 132.8, 130.6$ (q, $J = 32.6$ Hz), 129.969, 128.552, 128.500, 126.2 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 125.611, 124.962, 124.2 (q, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 124.2 (q, $J = 272.8$ Hz), 15.9. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{S}$: 269.06063, found: 269.06143.



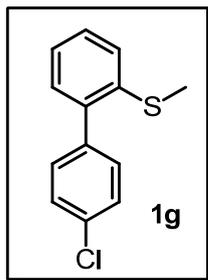
1d. White solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.34\text{--}7.18$ (m, 8H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 140.9, 137.6, 137.2, 137.1, 129.9, 129.1, 128.8, 127.7, 125.2, 124.7, 21.2, 16.0$. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{S}$: 215.08890, found: 215.08892.



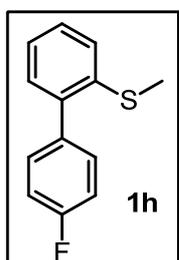
1e. White solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.35$ (dt, $J = 7.2, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.19 (dt, $J = 7.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, $J = 7.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 140.3, 140.0, 137.8, 136.4, 129.9, 129.6, 129.5, 127.8, 125.6, 124.4, 19.7, 15.3$. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{S}$: 215.08890, found: 215.08876.



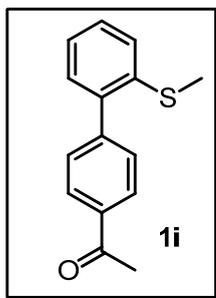
1f. Colorless oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.33\text{--}7.18$ (m, 8H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 141.0, 140.4, 137.7, 137.1, 130.0, 129.9, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 126.3, 125.1, 124.6, 21.4, 15.9$. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{S}$: 215.08890, found: 215.08878.



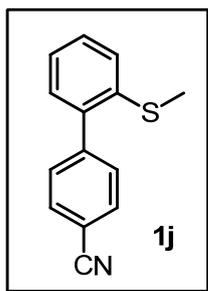
1g. White solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.41\text{-}7.33$ (m, 5H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 139.7, 138.9, 137.1, 133.5, 130.7, 129.9, 128.3, 128.2, 125.5, 124.9, 16.0$. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z: $[\text{M}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClS}$: 234.02645, found: 234.02715.



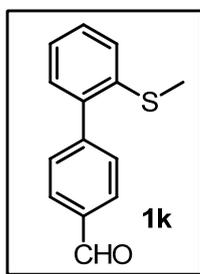
1h. White solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.39\text{-}7.32$ (m, 3H), 7.28 (br, 1H), 7.20-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 162.2$ (d, $J = 247.0$ Hz), 139.9, 137.2, 136.4 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz) 131.0 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 130.0, 128.1, 125.3, 124.8, 115.0 (d, $J = 21.3$ Hz), 15.9. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z: $[\text{M}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{FS}$: 218.05600, found: 218.05622.



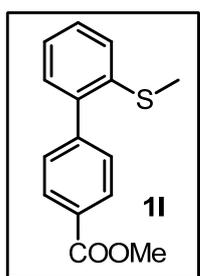
1i. Light yellow solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.0$ (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 197.6, 145.4, 139.8, 136.9, 136.050, 1.725, 129.6, 128.5, 128.1, 125.6, 124.9, 26.6, 16.0$. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{OS}$: 243.08381, found: 243.08439.



1j. White solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.71$ (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 145.2, 139.0, 136.8, 131.8, 130.1, 129.7, 128.8, 125.8, 125.0, 118.8, 111.2, 15.9$. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{NS}$: 226.06850, found: 226.06846.

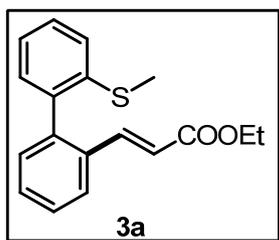


1k. Light yellow solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 10.07$ (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 191.8, 146.9, 139.7, 136.9, 135.4, 130.1, 129.8, 129.5, 128.7, 125.8, 125.0, 16.1$. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{OS}$: 229.06816, found: 229.06825.

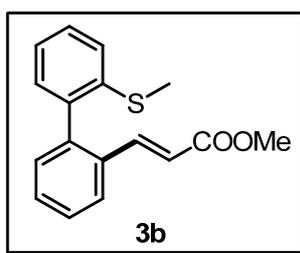


1l. White solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.09$ (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.74-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.20 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 166.8, 145.2, 139.9, 136.9, 129.8, 129.4, 129.4, 129.1, 128.4, 125.7, 124.9, 52.0, 16.0$. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 259.07873, found: 259.07919.

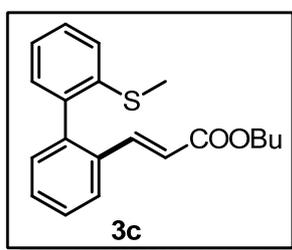
2. Characterization of mono-alkenylation product 3



(E)-ethyl 3-(2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acrylate. According to the general procedure, **3a** was obtained as a white solid in 81% yield (48.0 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.74-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.18 (dt, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 166.8, 142.8, 141.2, 138.3, 137.9, 133.1, 130.8, 130.2, 129.6, 128.5, 128.1, 126.1, 125.0, 124.6, 118.9, 60.2, 15.6, 14.1. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 299.11003, found: 299.11064.

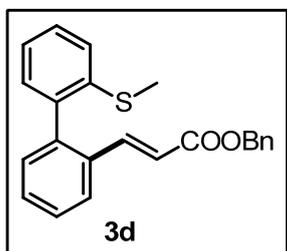


(E)-methyl 3-(2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acrylate. According to the general procedure, **3b** was obtained as a white solid in 78% yield (44.0 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.73-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 167.3, 143.1, 141.3, 138.4, 138.0, 133.1, 130.9, 130.2, 129.8, 128.6, 128.3, 126.3, 125.1, 124.7, 118.6, 51.5, 15.7. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 285.09438, found: 285.09514.

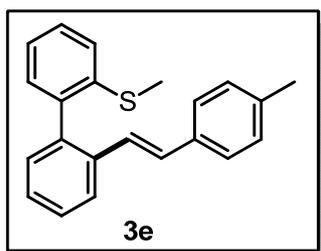


(E)-butyl 3-(2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acrylate. According to the general procedure, **3c** was obtained as a white solid in 73% yield (48.2 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.75-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19 (dt, J = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.62-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.26 (m,

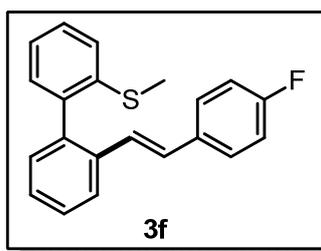
2H), 0.90 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 166.9, 142.7, 141.2, 138.2, 137.9, 133.0, 130.7, 130.2, 129.7, 128.5, 128.2, 126.0, 124.9, 124.5, 118.8, 64.1, 30.6, 19.1, 15.6, 13.7$. HRMS (ESI): m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 327.14133, found: 327.14158.



(E)-benzyl 3-(2-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acrylate. According to the general procedure, **3d** was obtained as a white solid in 82% yield (59.3 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.74\text{-}7.72$ (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.25 (m, 10H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 166.5, 143.4, 141.3, 138.1, 137.9, 136.1, 132.9, 130.7, 130.2, 129.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 126.0, 124.8, 124.5, 118.4, 65.9, 15.5$. HRMS (ESI): m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 361.12568, found: 361.12597.

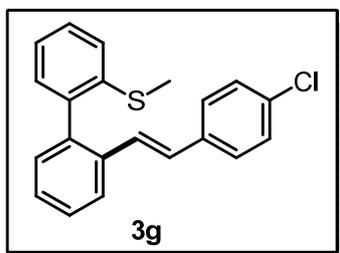


(E)-methyl(2'-(4-methylstyryl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)sulfane. According to the general procedure, **3e** was obtained as a White solid in 41% yield (25.7 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.79$ (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.14 (m, 5H), 7.07-6.99 (m, 3H), 6.75 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 139.5, 139.3, 138.2, 137.3, 136.0, 134.9, 130.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.1, 127.1, 126.5, 125.9, 124.9, 124.9, 124.5, 21.2, 15.7$. HRMS (ESI): m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{S}$: 317.13585, found: 317.13604.

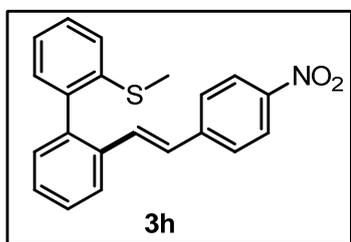


(E)-(2'-(4-fluorostyryl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)(methyl)sulfane. According to the general procedure, **3f** was obtained as a White solid in 49% yield (31.3 mg) by column chromatography

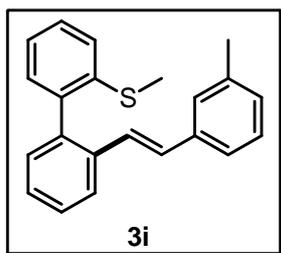
(Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 2 0: 1 to 10:1). **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.77 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dq, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.14 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.92 (m, 3H), 6.71 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 162.2 (d, J = 247.5 Hz), 139.4 (d, J = 16.3 Hz), 138.12, 135.6, 133.8, 130.5, 130.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.1, 128.0, 128.0, 127.3, 126.6, 124.8 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 124.5, 115.5, 115.3, 15.6. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₁H₁₈FS: 321.11078, found: 321.11058.



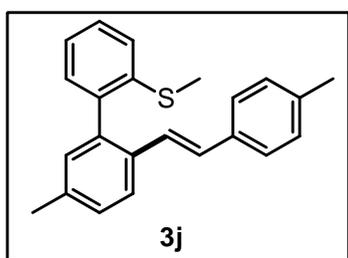
(E)-(2'-(4-chlorostyryl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)methyl sulfane. According to the general procedure, **3g** was obtained as a White solid in 42% yield (28.3 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.70 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dq, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 6H), 7.07 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 139.6, 139.2, 138.2, 136.1, 135.5, 133.0, 130.5, 130.4, 128.7, 128.2, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 127.5, 125.0, 124.8, 124.5, 15.6. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₁H₁₈ClS: 337.08123, found: 337.08105.



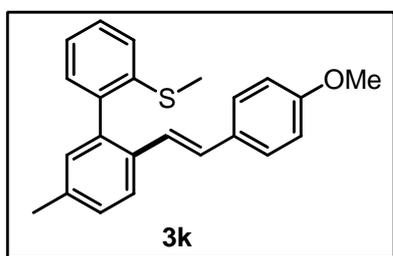
(E)-methyl(2'-(4-nitrostyryl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)sulfane. According to the general procedure, **3h** was obtained as a White solid in 71% yield (49.4 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 8.10 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.32-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.14 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 146.6, 144.1, 140.2, 138.7, 138.2, 134.7, 131.5, 130.6, 130.3, 128.4, 128.3, 126.9, 126.8, 125.2, 124.8, 124.5, 123.9, 15.6. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₁H₁₈NO₂S: 348.10528, found: 348.10551.



(E)-methyl(2'-(3-methylstyryl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)sulfane. According to the general procedure, **3i** was obtained as a White solid in 50% yield (31.3 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.09 (m, 6H), 7.02-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 139.4, 138.1, 138.0, 137.6, 135.9, 130.4, 129.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 127.2, 126.7, 125.0, 124.9, 124.5, 123.5, 21.3, 15.7. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{S}$: 317.13585, found: 317.13607.

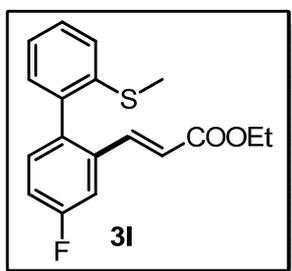


(E)-methyl(5'-methyl-2'-(4-methylstyryl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)sulfane. (In 0.1 mmol scale) According to the general procedure, **3j** was obtained as a White solid in 65% yield (21.3 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.69 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.12 (m, 5H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 6.95 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 139.4, 139.2, 138.1, 137.0, 136.9, 135.0, 133.1, 130.9, 130.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.3, 128.0, 126.4, 125.8, 124.7, 124.5, 124.3, 21.2, 15.6. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{S}$: 331.15150, found: 331.15160.

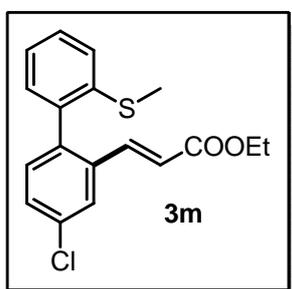


(E)-(2'-(4-methoxystyryl)-5'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)(methyl)sulfane. (In 0.1 mmol scale) According to the general procedure, **3k** was obtained as a White solid in 54% yield (18.6 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.13 (m, 5H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.762 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 159.0, 139.5,

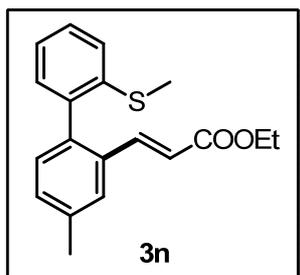
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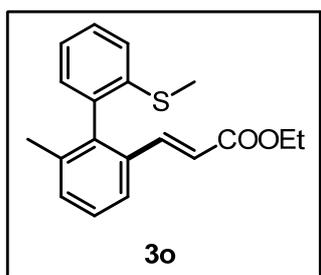
(E)-ethyl 3-(4-fluoro-2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acrylate. (In 0.1 mmol scale) According to the general procedure, **3l** was obtained as a White solid in 64% yield (20.1 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.43-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.13 (dt, J = 8.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 166.5, 162.4 (d, J = 245.6 Hz), 141.7, 137.6 (d, J = 97.7 Hz), 135.1 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 132.5 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 130.4, 128.8, 124.9, 124.6, 120.060, 116.9, 116.7, 112.6, 112.4, 60.4, 15.6, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₁₈FO₂S: 317.10061, found: 317.10096.



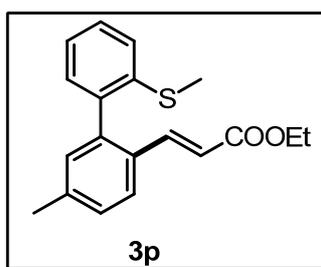
(E)-ethyl 3-(4-chloro-2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acrylate. (In 0.1 mmol scale) According to the general procedure, **3m** was obtained as a White solid in 79% yield (26.4 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.70 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 166.5, 141.4, 139.5, 137.9, 137.1, 134.9, 134.2, 132.2, 130.2, 129.6, 128.8, 126.1, 125.2, 124.7, 120.2, 60.4, 15.6, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₁₈ClO₂S: 333.07105, found: 333.07173.



(E)-ethyl 3-(4-methyl-2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acrylate. (In 0.1 mmol scale) According to the general procedure, **3n** was obtained as a White solid in 82% yield (25.6 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.56 (br, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dt, J = 7.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.07 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 166.9, 142.9, 138.5, 138.2, 138.0, 137.9, 132.8, 130.7, 130.6, 130.3, 128.4, 126.7, 124.8, 124.5, 118.6, 60.2, 21.3, 15.6, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calculated for C₁₉H₂₁O₂S: 313.12568, found: 313.12633.

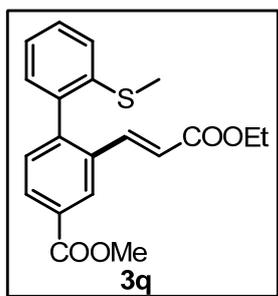


(E)-ethyl 3-(6-methyl-2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acrylate. (in 0.1 mmol scale) According to the general procedure, **3o** was obtained as a White solid in 86% yield (26.7 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.60-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.38 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21 (dt, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 166.9, 143.2, 140.6, 137.9, 137.6, 136.8, 133.4, 131.5, 129.6, 128.4, 128.0, 124.7, 124.3, 123.6, 118.8, 60.2, 20.1, 15.1, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calculated for C₁₉H₂₁O₂S: 313.12568, found: 313.12624.

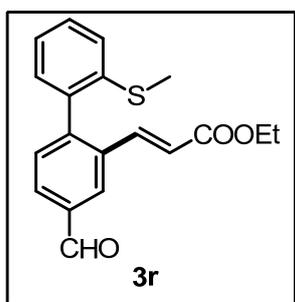


(E)-ethyl 3-(5-methyl-2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acrylate. (in 0.1 mmol scale)

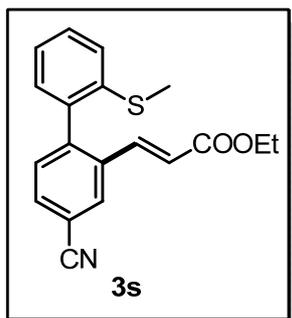
According to the general procedure, **3p** was obtained as a White solid in 86% yield (26.8 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 7.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.08 (br, 2H), 6.31 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 167.1, 142.8, 141.3, 140.1, 138.4, 137.9, 131.3, 130.3, 130.1, 129.1, 128.4, 126.1, 124.8, 124.5, 117.8, 60.2, 21.4, 15.6, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calculated for C₁₉H₂₁O₂S: 313.12568, found: 313.12614.



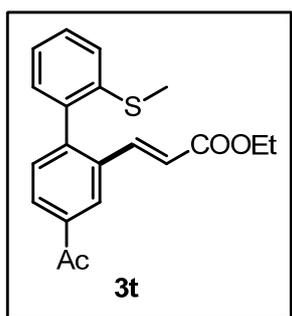
(E)-methyl 2-(3-ethoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate. (IN 0.1 mmol scale) According to the general procedure, **3q** was obtained as a White solid in 55% yield (19.6 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 8.43 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dt, J = 7.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 166.6, 166.4, 145.5, 141.8, 137.6, 137.5, 133.5, 131.1, 130.3, 130.0, 129.9, 129.0, 127.5, 125.4, 124.8, 120.2, 60.4, 52.3, 15.7, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calculated for C₂₀H₂₁O₄S: 357.11551, found: 357.11629.



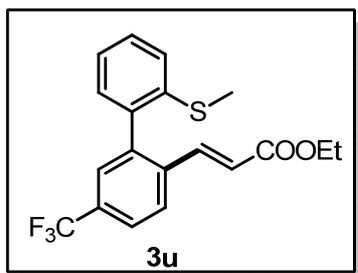
(E)-ethyl 3-(4-formyl-2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acrylate. (In 0.1 mmol scale) According to the general procedure, **3r** was obtained as a White solid in 75% yield (24.5 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 10.09 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dt, J = 7.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 191.4, 166.4, 146.9, 141.3, 137.5, 137.2, 136.0, 134.3, 131.8, 130.0, 129.7, 129.1, 127.6, 125.4, 124.9, 120.7, 60.5, 15.7, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calculated for C₁₉H₁₉O₃S: 327.10494, found: 327.10548.



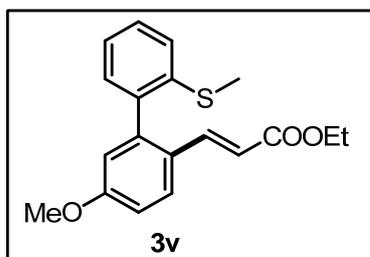
(E)-ethyl 3-(4-cyano-2-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acrylate. (In 0.1 mmol scale) According to the general procedure, **3s** was obtained as a White solid in 85% yield (27.6 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 8.00 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 166.1, 145.4, 140.4, 137.5, 136.5, 134.7, 132.3, 131.9, 130.0, 129.7, 129.3, 125.5, 124.9, 121.4, 118.2, 112.4, 60.6, 15.7, 14.1. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₁₈NO₂S: 324.10528, found: 324.10560.



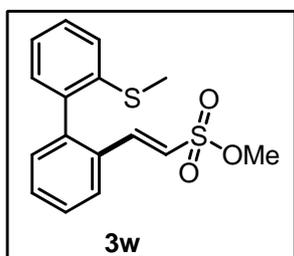
(E)-ethyl 3-(4-acetyl-2-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acrylate. (In 0.1 mmol scale) According to the general procedure, **3t** was obtained as a White solid in 56% yield (18.9 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 8.34 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dt, J = 7.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 197.2, 166.5, 145.6, 141.8, 137.5, 137.4, 136.8, 133.7, 131.3, 129.8, 129.1, 129.0, 126.2, 125.4, 124.8, 120.3, 60.5, 26.6, 15.7, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₀H₂₁O₃S: 341.12059, found: 341.12085.



(E)-ethyl 3-(2'-(methylthio)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acrylate. (In 0.1 mmol scale) According to the general procedure, **3u** was obtained as a White solid in 40% yield (14.5 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 166.4, 141.5, 141.3, 137.9, 136.9, 136.7, 131.3 (q, J = 32.9 Hz), 130.1, 129.1, 127.9 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 126.6, 125.2, 124.9 (q, J = 3.3 Hz), 124.8, 122.3 (q, J = 272.9 Hz), 121.2, 60.6, 15.7, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₁₇F₃NaO₂S: 389.07936, found: 389.07933.

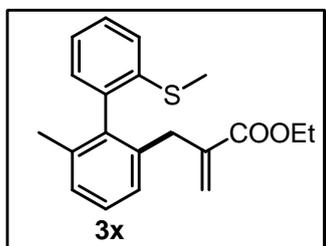


(E)-ethyl 3-(5-methoxy-2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acrylate (3v). **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.70 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.20 (J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 167.2, 160.6, 143.0, 142.4, 138.2, 137.9, 130.1, 128.6, 127.7, 125.7, 125.0, 124.6, 116.4, 115.4, 114.6, 60.1, 55.4, 15.6, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₂₀NaO₃S: 351.10254, found: 351.10286.



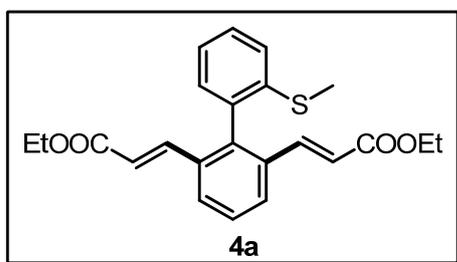
(E)-methyl 2-(2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)ethenesulfonate. (In 0.1 mmol scale) According to the general procedure, **3w** was obtained as a White solid in 58% yield (18.4 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). **¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J

=15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dt, $J = 8.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 372 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 143.9, 141.5, 137.9, 137.6, 131.1, 131.0, 130.9, 130.0, 129.0, 128.5, 127.0, 125.1, 124.9, 121.1, 56.0, 15.5$. HRMS (ESI): m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$: 321.06136, found: 321.06193.

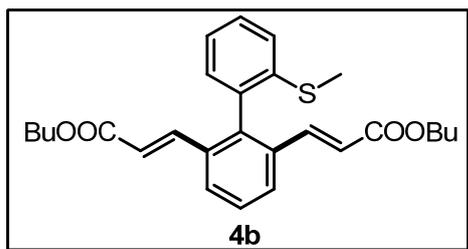


(S)-ethyl 2-((6-methyl-2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)methyl)acrylate. According to the general procedure, **3x** was obtained as a oil in 30% yield (9.8 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1 to 10:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.33$ (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.17 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.10 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.38 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 167.0, 139.9, 139.5, 138.1, 138.0, 137.3, 136.9, 129.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.1, 126.4, 124.4, 123.9, 60.5, 35.4, 20.2, 14.9, 14.1$. HRMS (ESI): m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 327.14133, found: 327.14177.

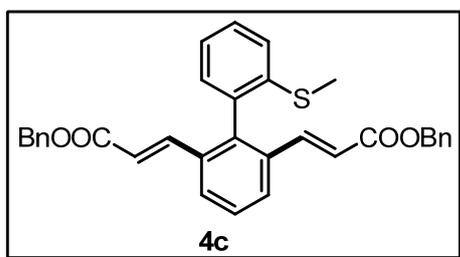
3. Characterization of di-alkenylation product 4



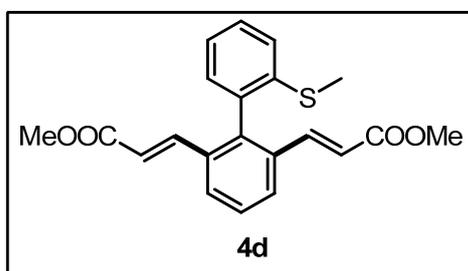
(2E,2'E)-diethyl 3,3'-(2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2,6-diyl)diacrylate. According to the general procedure, **4a** was obtained as a White solid in 80% yield (63.1 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.74$ (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.00 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 166.5, 142.3, 141.2, 138.2, 134.9, 134.4, 130.3, 129.1, 128.4, 127.5, 124.8, 124.8, 119.8, 60.2, 15.3, 14.1$. HRMS (ESI): m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 397.14681, found: 397.14749.



(2E,2'E)-dibutyl 3,3'-(2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2,6-diyl)diacrylate. According to the general procedure, **4b** was obtained as a White solid in 86% yield (78.0 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.14 (m, 4H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.50-1.45 (m, 4H), 1.26-1.21 (m, 4H), 0.81 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 166.5, 142.2, 141.2, 138.2, 134.9, 134.3, 130.3, 129.0, 128.4, 127.4, 124.7, 119.7, 64.1, 30.5, 19.0, 15.3, 13.6. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 453.20941, found: 453.20958.



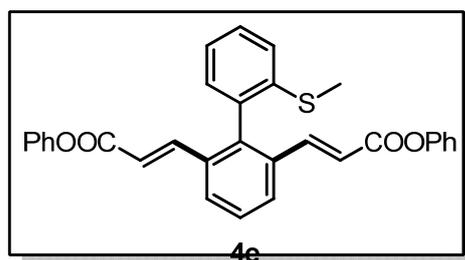
(2E,2'E)-dibenzyl 3,3'-(2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2,6-diyl)diacrylate. According to the general procedure, **4c** was obtained as a White solid in 82% yield (84.9 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1 to 5:1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.21 (m, 13H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (s, 4H), 2.27 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 166.1, 142.8, 141.4, 138.3, 135.9, 134.7, 134.2, 130.3, 129.0, 128.4, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 124.7, 124.6, 119.3, 65.9, 15.2. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 521.17811, found: 521.17763.



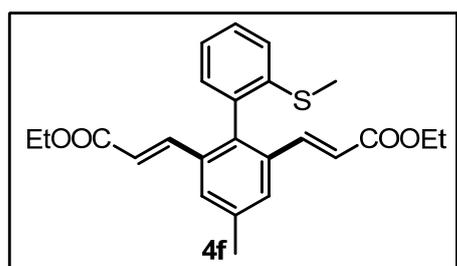
(2E,2'E)-dimethyl 3,3'-(2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2,6-diyl)diacrylate. According to the general procedure, **4d** was obtained as a White solid in 56% yield (41.2 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.74 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.00 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 6H), 2.34 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 166.9,

142.5, 141.2, 138.3, 134.9, 134.5, 130.3, 129.2, 128.5, 127.7, 125.0, 124.9, 119.5, 51.5, 15.4.

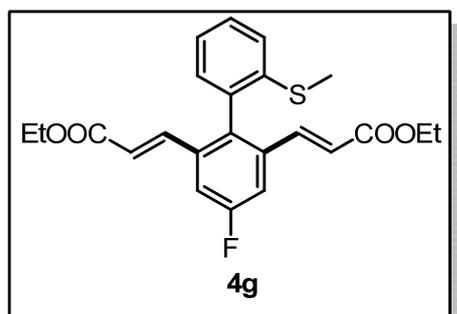
HRMS (ESI): m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₁H₂₁O₄S: 369.11551, found: 369.11601.



(2E,2'E)-diphenyl 3,3'-(2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2,6-diyl)diacrylate. According to the general procedure, **4e** was obtained as a White solid in 86% yield (84.5 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1). **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.17 (m, 13H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.54 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 164.9, 150.7, 144.2, 141.8, 138.2, 134.4, 134.2, 130.3, 129.4, 129.2, 128.6, 128.2, 125.6, 124.9, 124.8, 121.5, 118.9, 15.3. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₃₁H₂₅O₄S: 493.14681, found: 493.14801.

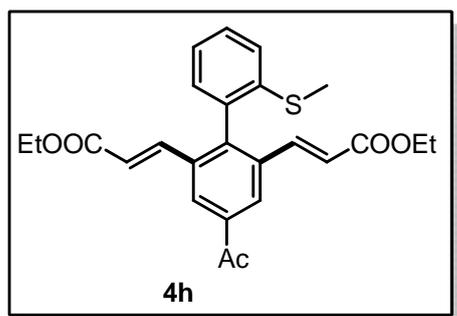


(2E,2'E)-diethyl 3,3'-(4-methyl-2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2,6-diyl)diacrylate. (0.1 mmol scale) According to the general procedure, **4f** was obtained as a White solid in 87% yield (35.7 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1). **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.58 (s, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.19 (m, 4H), 6.98 (d J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 166.6, 142.5, 138.7, 138.4, 138.1, 134.9, 134.2, 130.6, 129.0, 128.4, 124.8, 119.5, 60.3, 21.3, 15.4, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₄H₂₇O₄S: 411.16246, found: 411.16325.



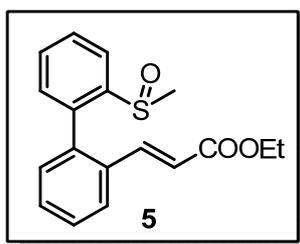
(2E,2'E)-diethyl 3,3'-(4-fluoro-2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2,6-diyl)diacrylate. (In 0.1

mmol scale) According to the general procedure, **4g** was obtained as a White solid in 89% yield (36.9 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.44-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.97 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 166.2, 162.3 (d, J = 245.7 Hz), 141.2 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 138.6, 137.3 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 136.6 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 134.0, 130.6, 129.4, 124.9, 124.8, 120.9, 114.1 (d, J = 22.3 Hz), 60.5, 15.3, 14.1. **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{FO}_4\text{S}$: 415.13738, found: 415.13735.

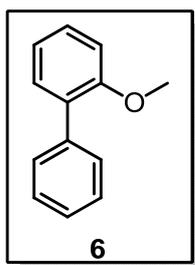


(2E,2'E)-diethyl 3,3'-(4-acetyl-2'-(methylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2,6-diyl)diacrylate. (In 0.1 mmol scale) According to the general procedure, **4h** was obtained as a White solid in 68% yield (29.9 mg) by column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.30 (s, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.24 (m, 4H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H) 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 196.8, 166.3, 145.2, 141.5, 137.8, 136.9, 135.2, 134.3, 129.9, 129.6, 127.0, 125.3, 125.1, 121.1, 60.5, 26.6, 15.5, 14.1. **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_5\text{S}$: 439.15737, found: 439.15869.

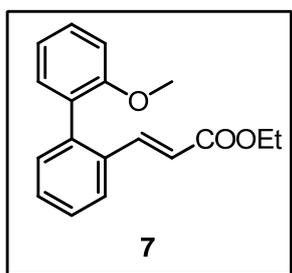
4. Characterization of transformation product 5 and ether directing groups



(E)-ethyl 3-(2'-(methylsulfinyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acrylate (**5**). Colorless oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.17-8.12 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.14 (m, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 0.59H), 6.32 (d, J = 16.0 HZ, 0.40H), 4.18-4.14 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 1.16H), 2.38 (s, 1.75H), 1.28-1.24 (m, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 166.4, 166.2, 144.7, 144.4, 141.6, 141.2, 138.0, 137.9, 136.8, 133.3, 132.9, 131.2, 131.0, 130.8, 130.6, 130.2, 129.9, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 126.9, 126.7, 123.9, 123.3, 120.7, 2, 60.6, 60.5, 42.4, 41.4, 14.2, 14.1. **HRMS (ESI)**: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 315.10494, found: 315.10505.

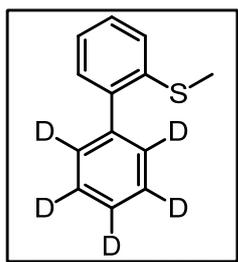


2-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (6). Colorless oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.53$ (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.05-6.97 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 156.5, 138.5, 130.9, 130.7, 129.5, 128.6, 128.0, 126.9, 120.8, 111.2, 55.5$.



(E)-ethyl 3-(2'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)acrylate (7). White solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.68$ (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 167.3, 158.2, 144.1, 137.7, 131.2, 130.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.1, 127.3, 127.2, 116.1, 111.3, 60.3, 55.7, 14.3$. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3$: 283.13287, found: 283.13340.

5. Characterization of mechanism study



D5-1a. White solid.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.35$ -7.29 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CD_3COCD_3): $\delta = 7.23$ -7.21 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H).

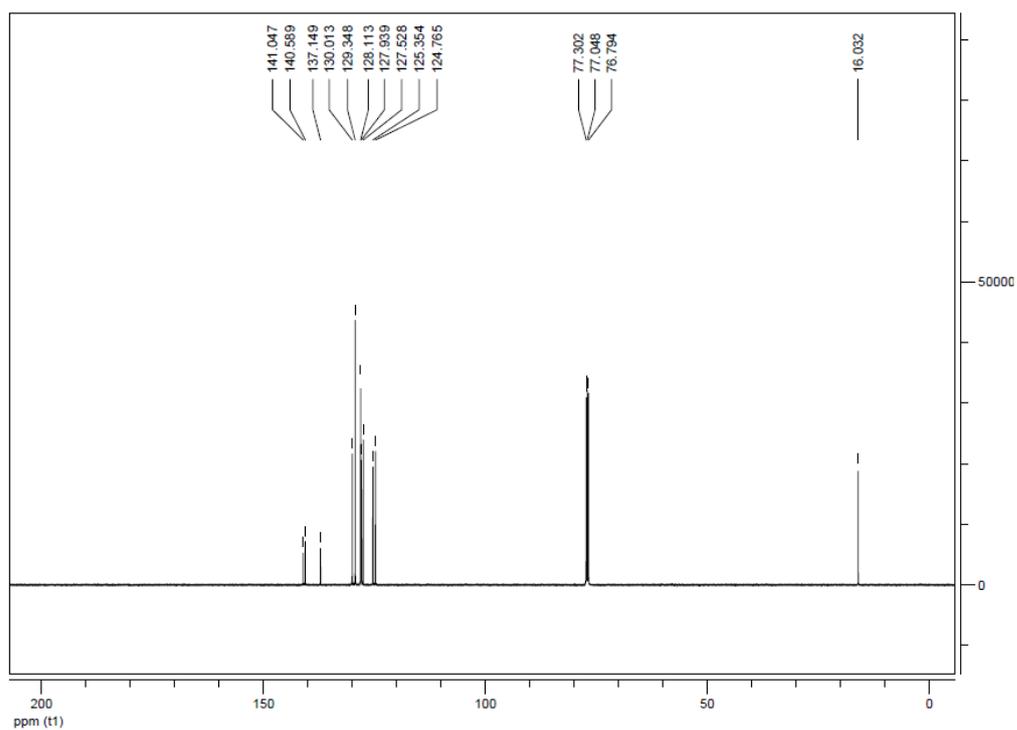
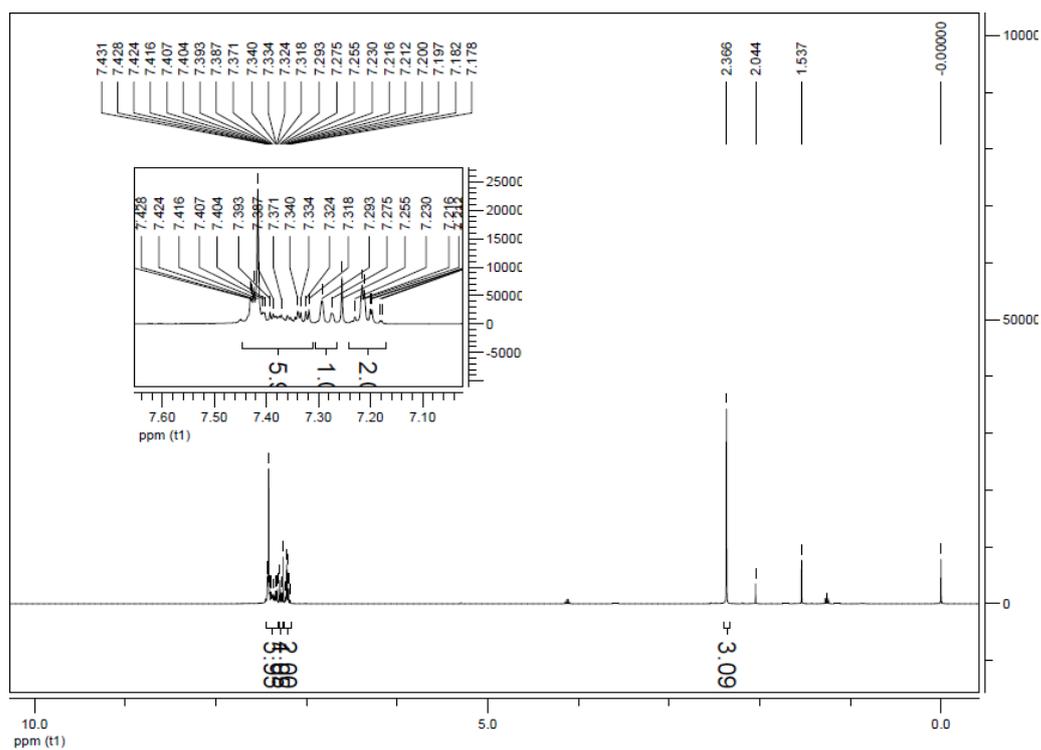
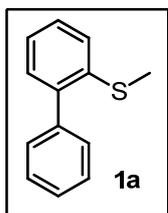
$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 141.0, 140.4, 137.2, 130.0, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.1, 127.9, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 127.0, 126.9, 125.3, 124.8, 16.0$.

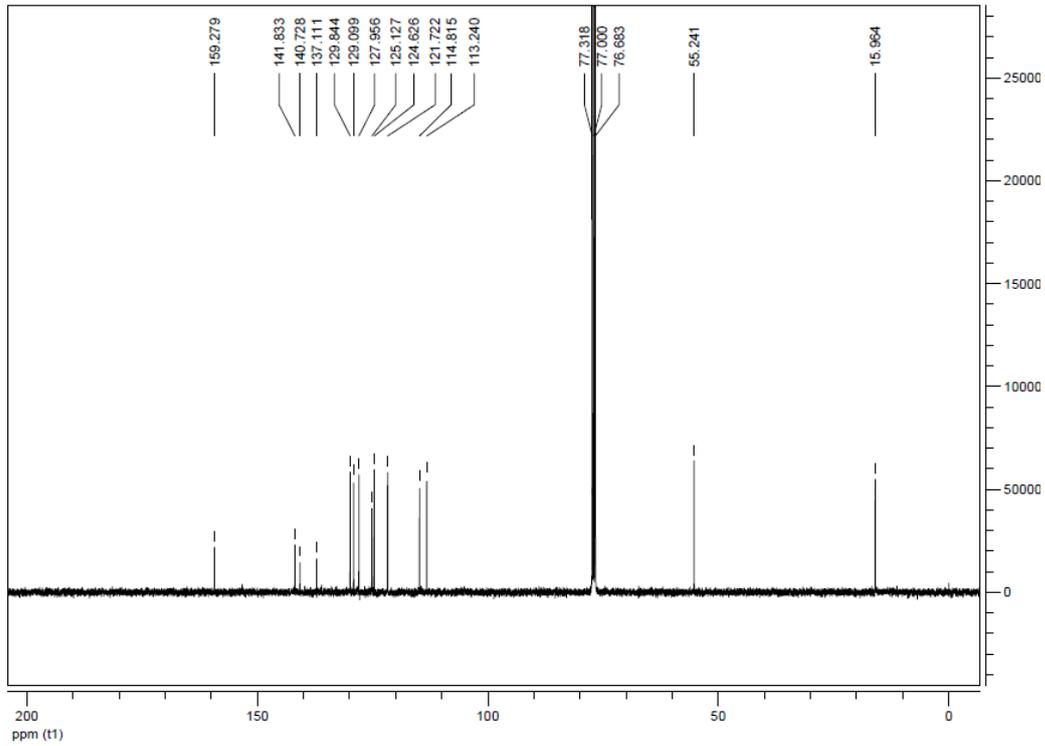
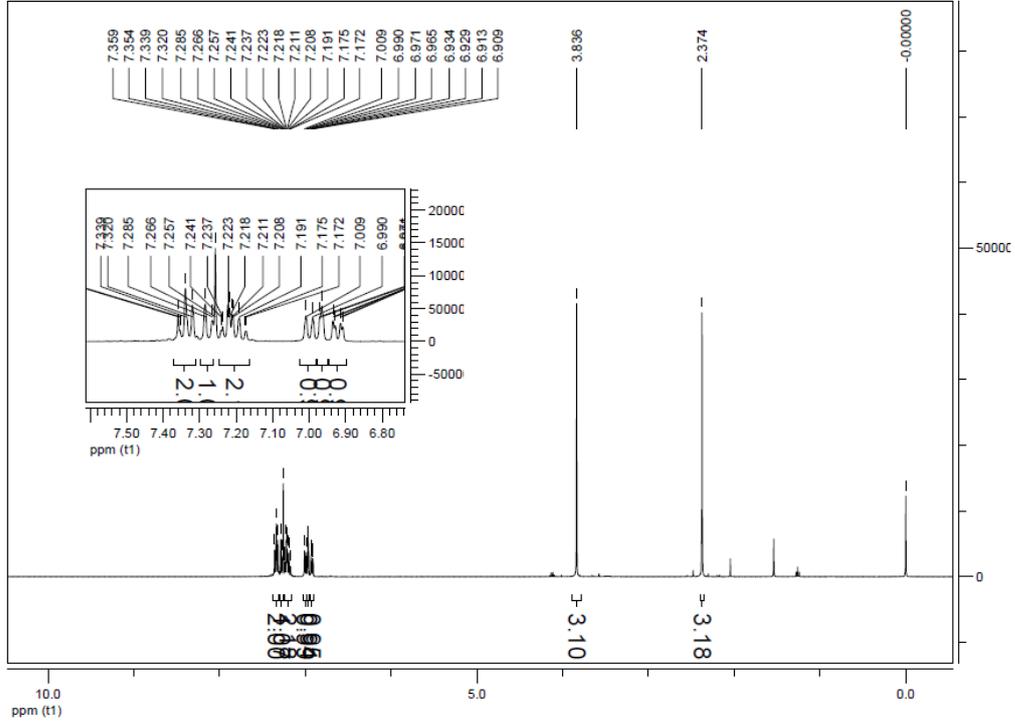
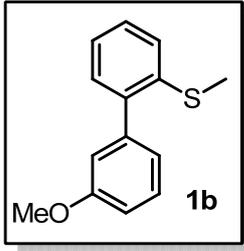
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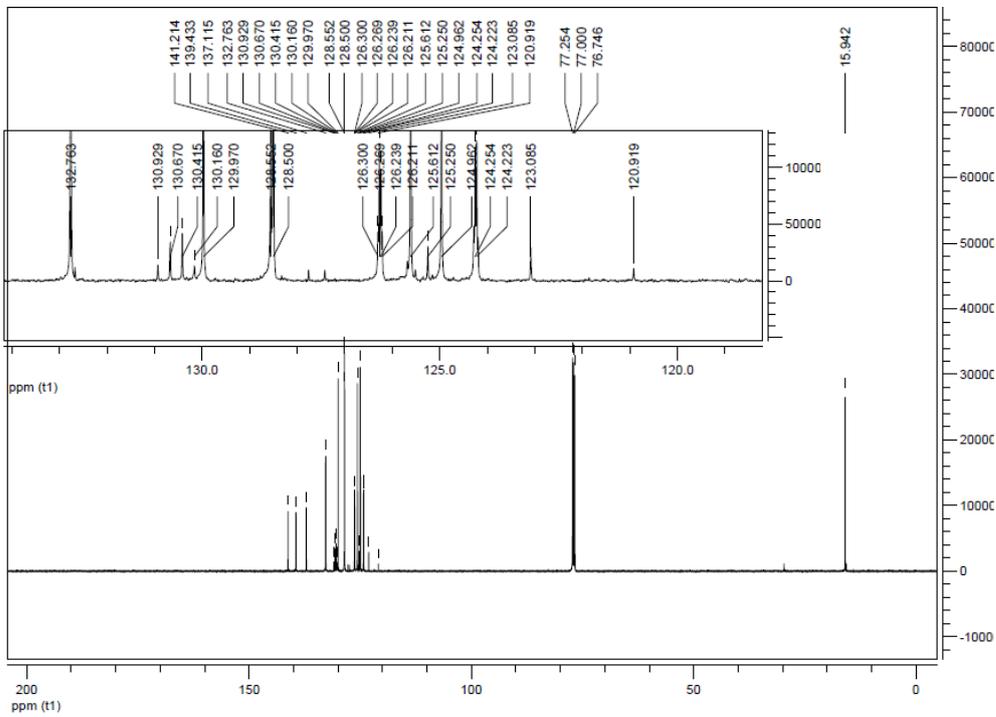
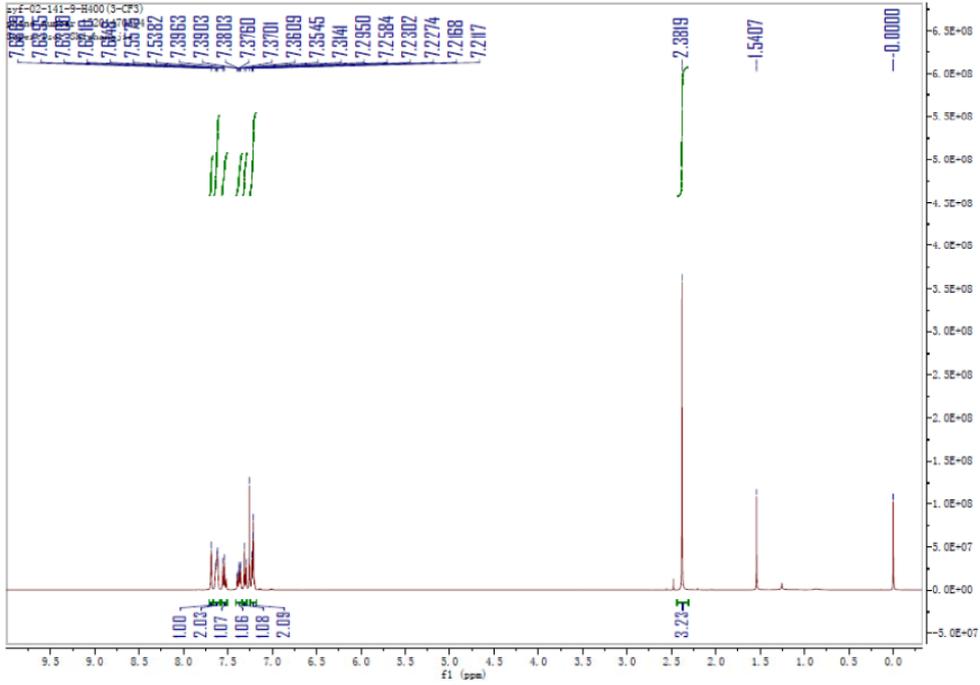
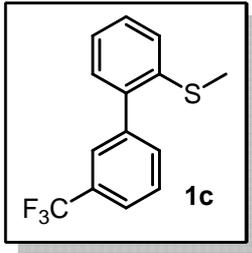
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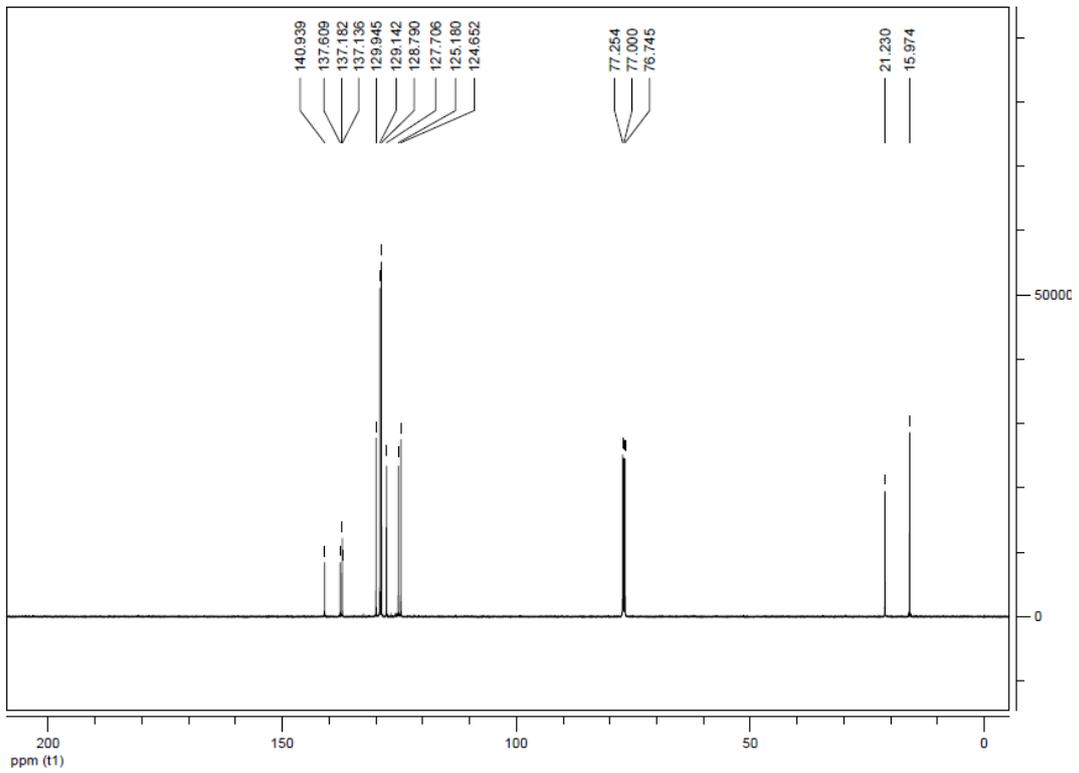
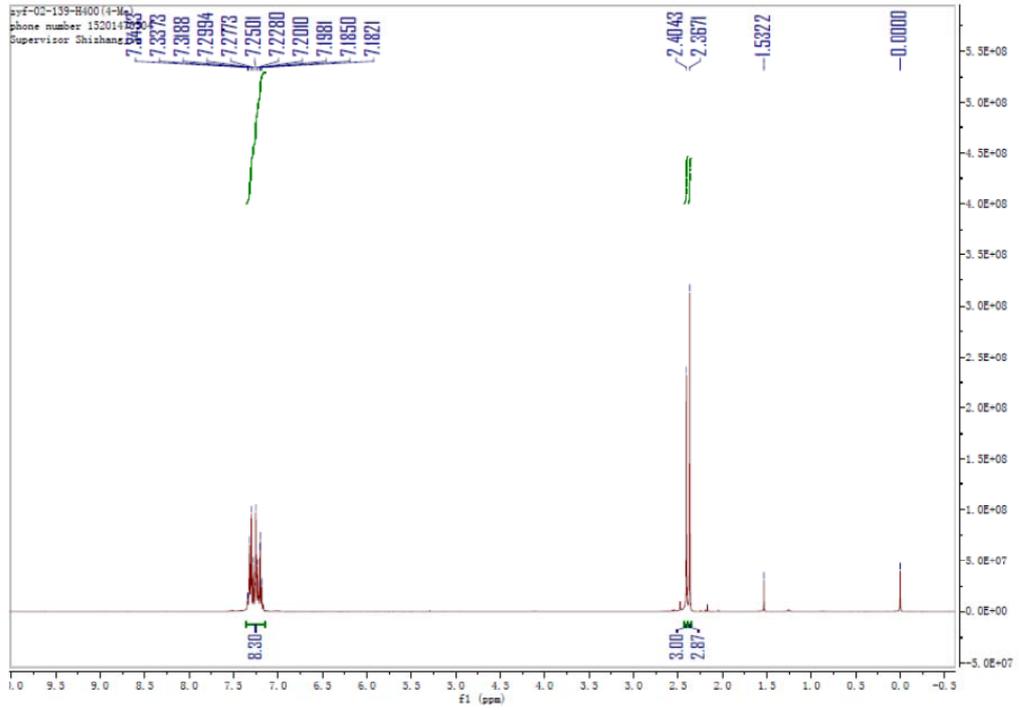
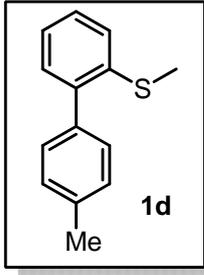
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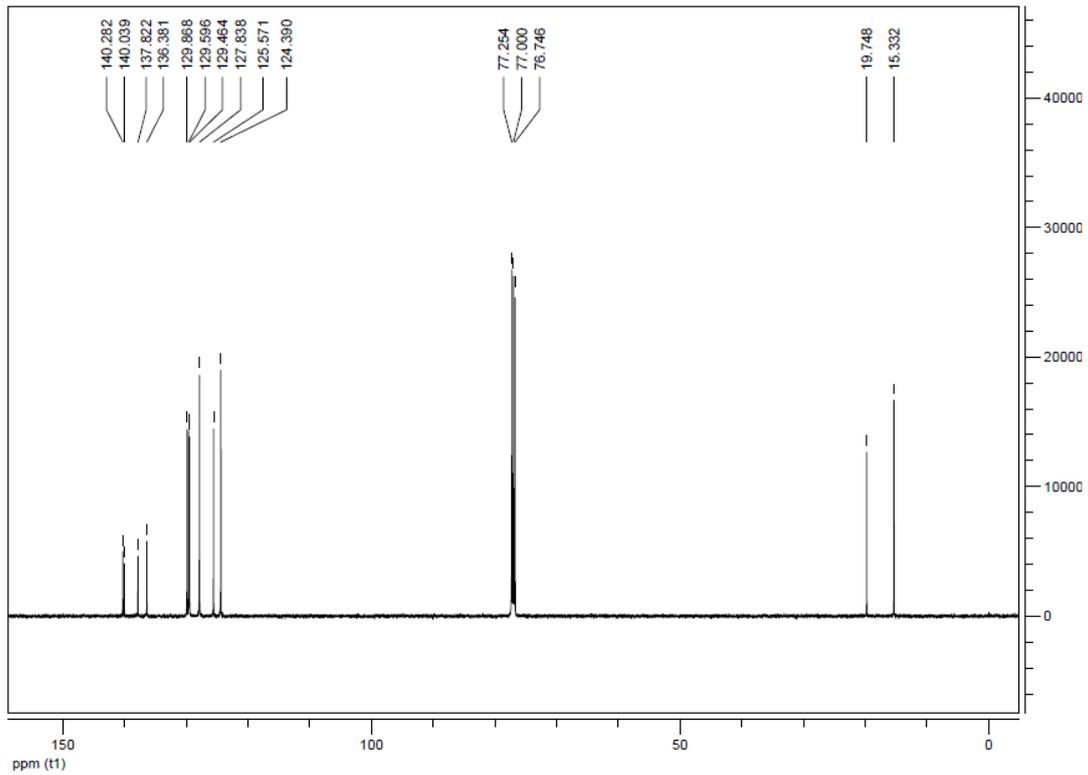
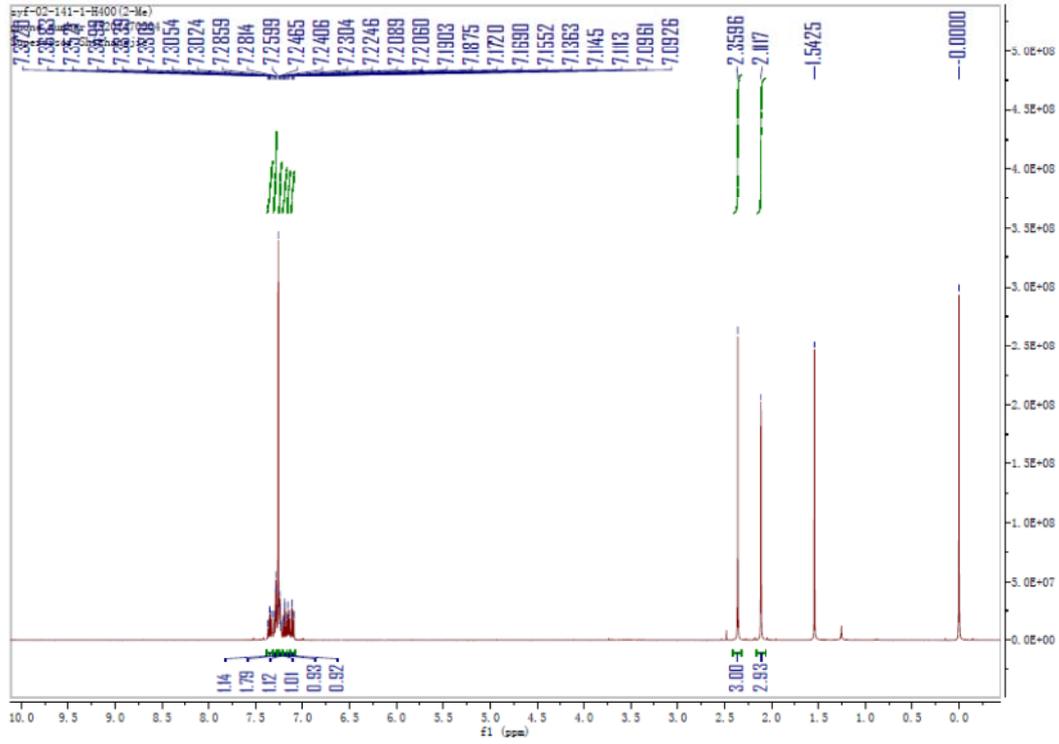
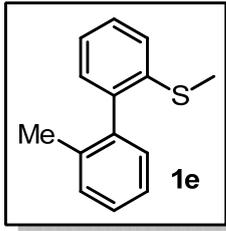
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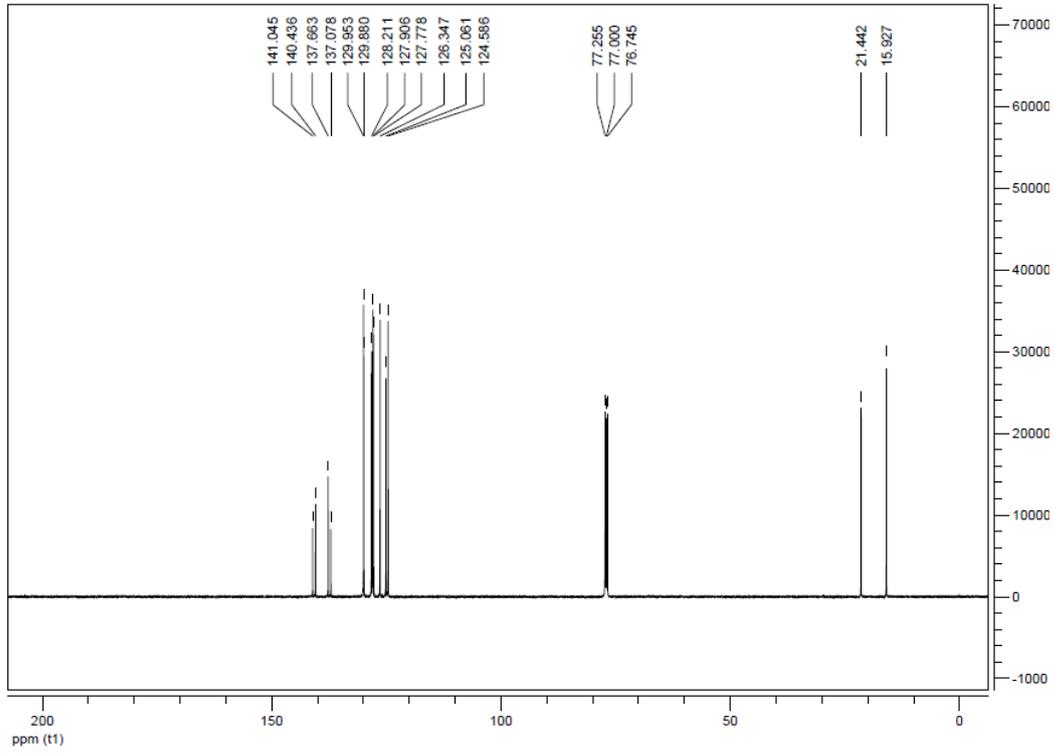
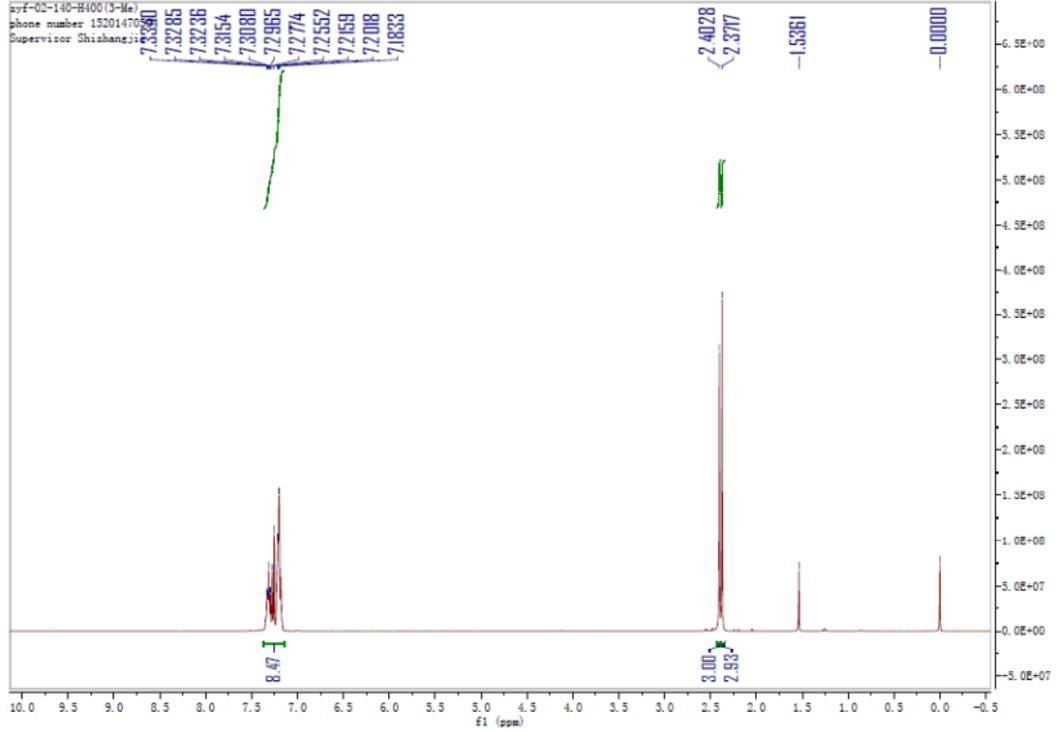
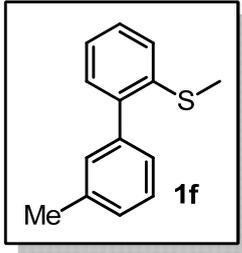


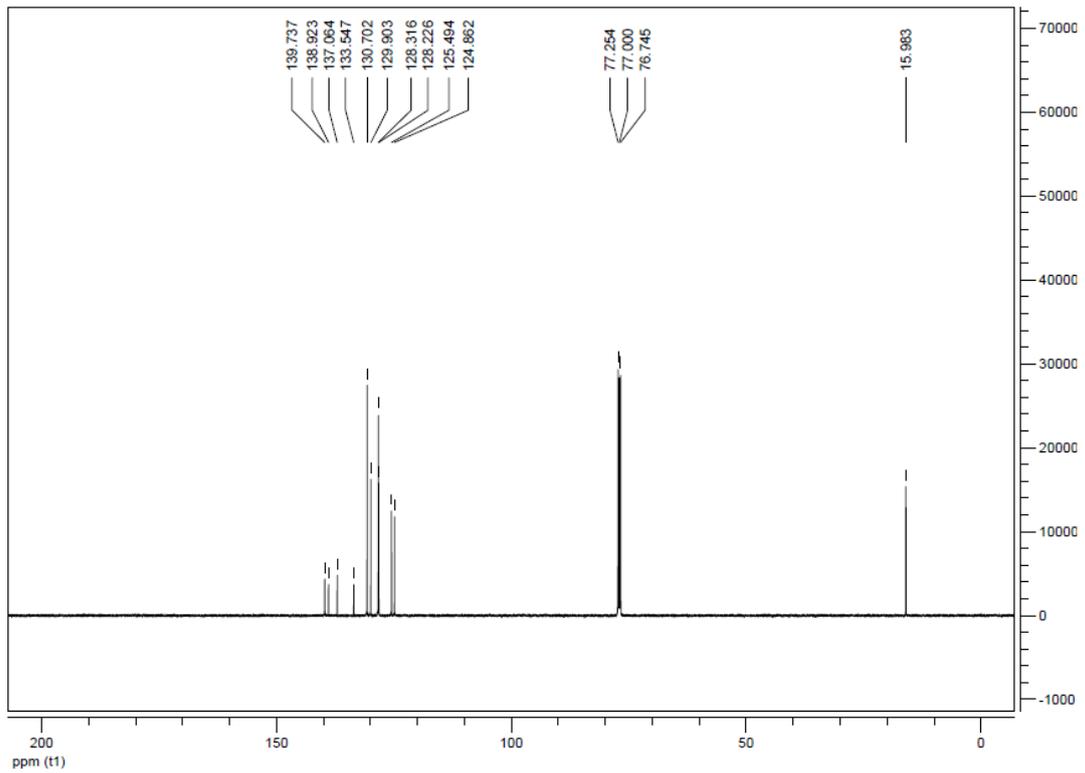
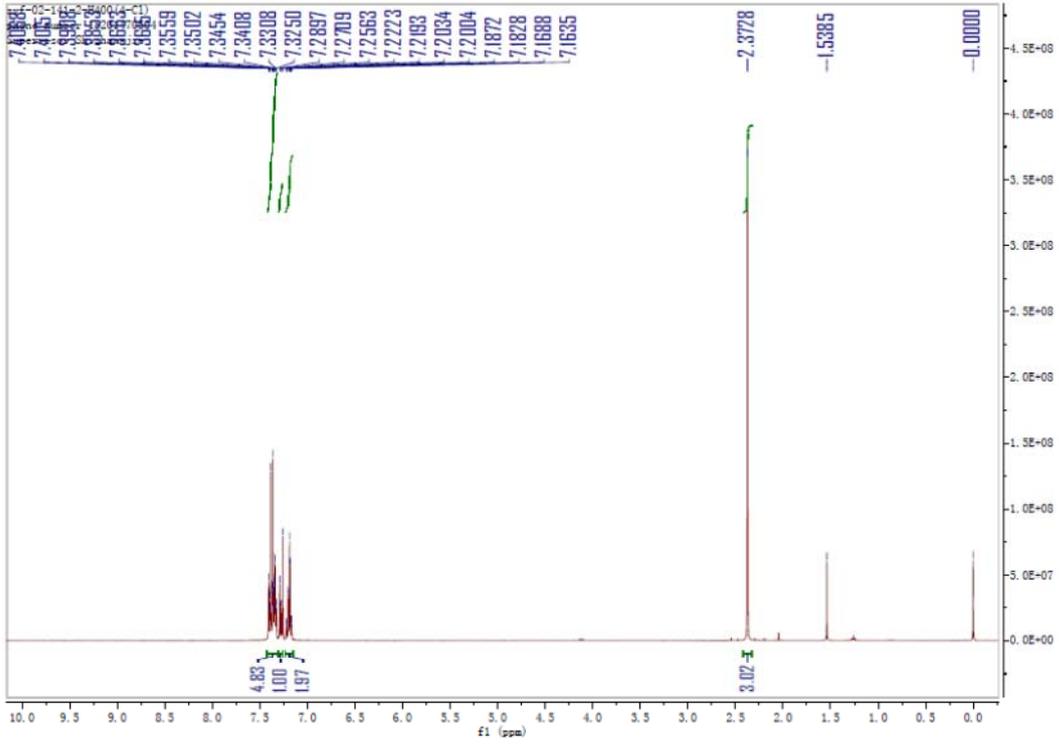
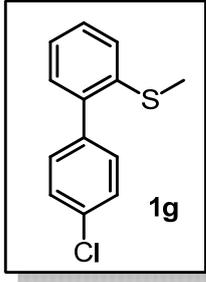


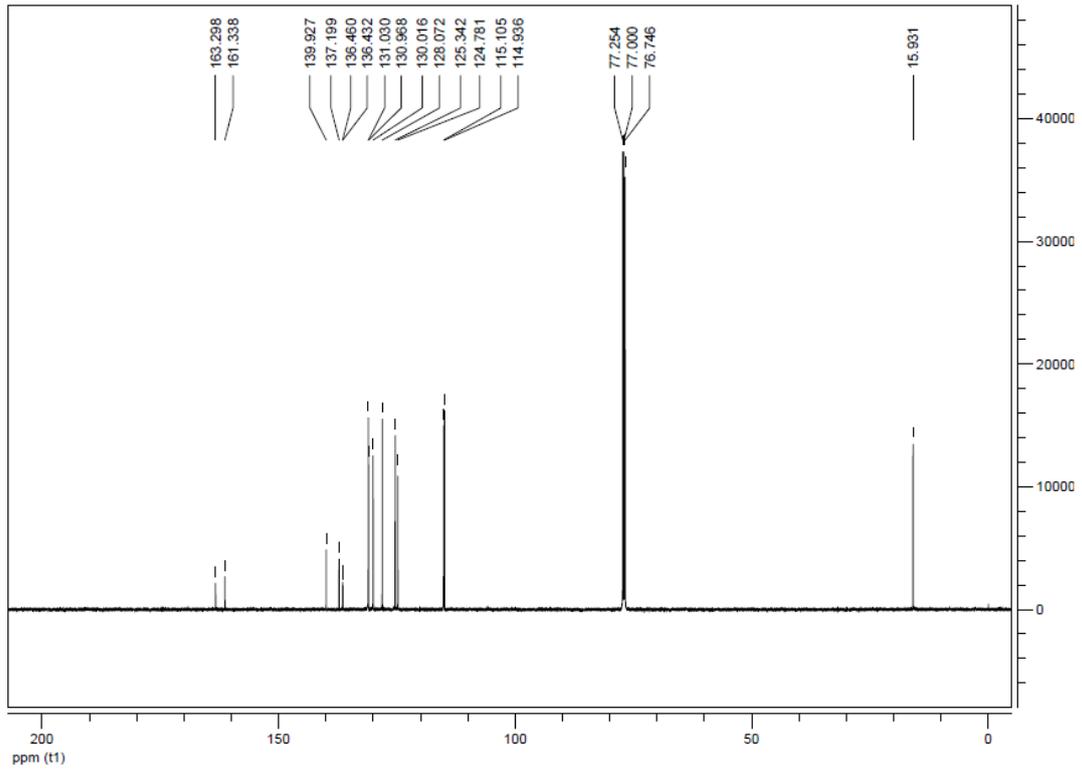
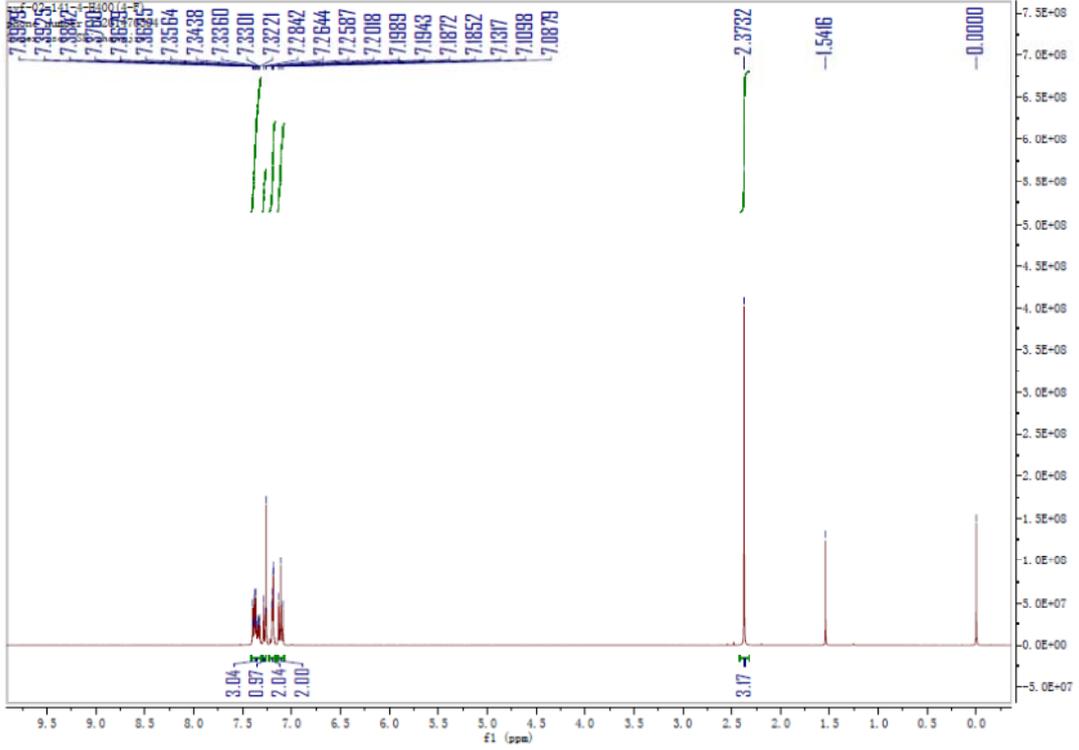
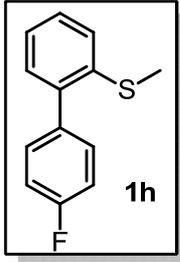


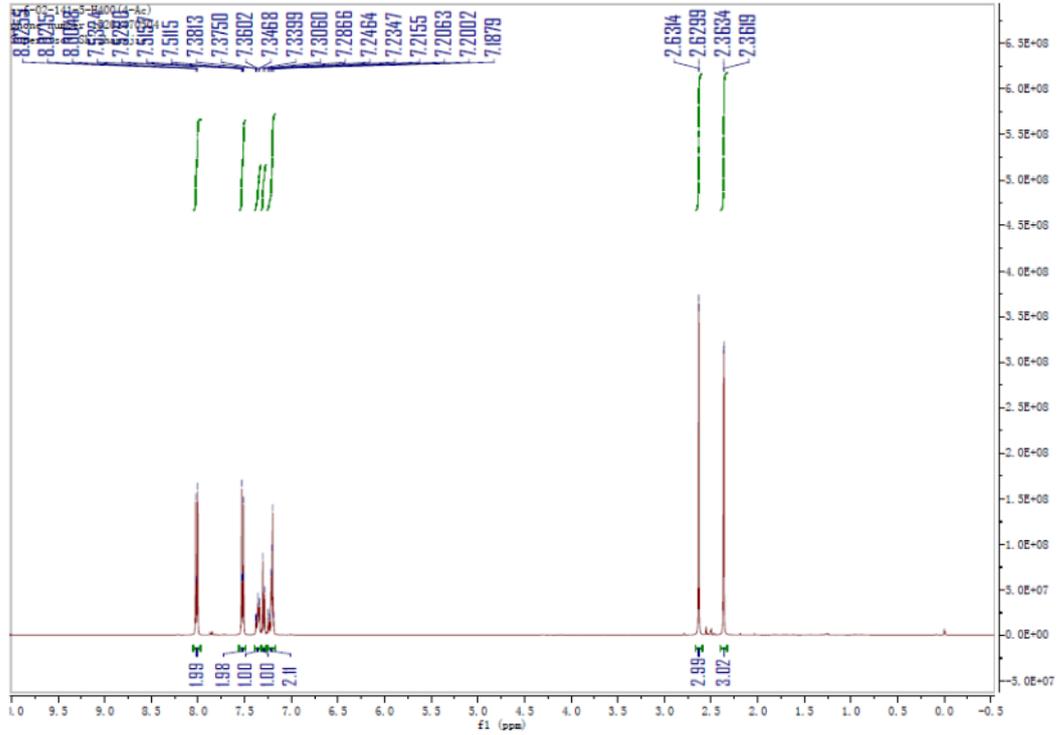
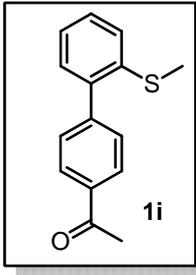


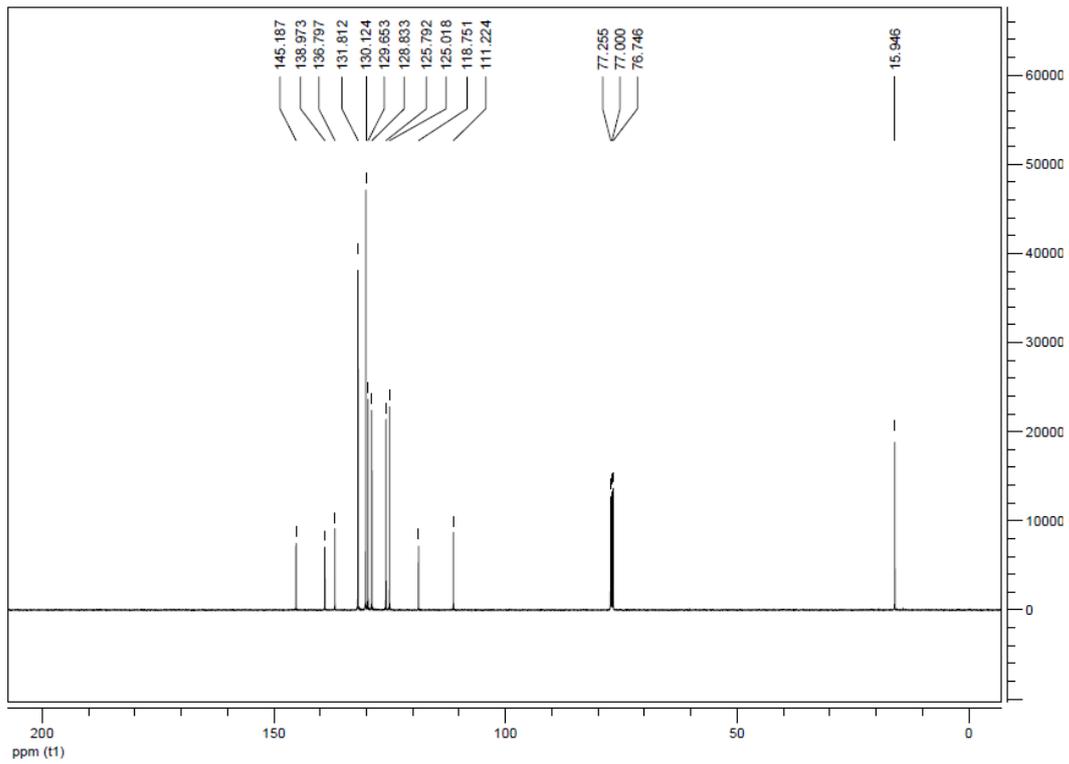
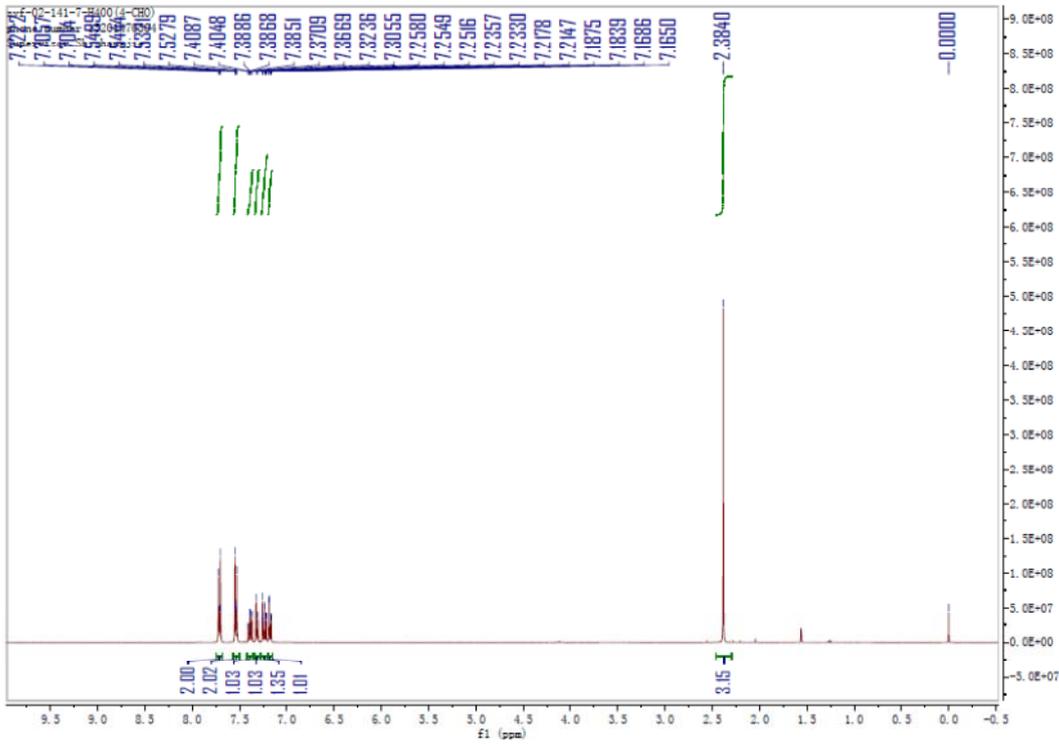
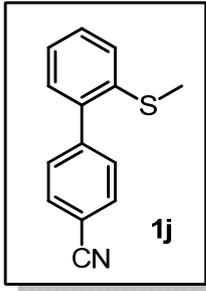


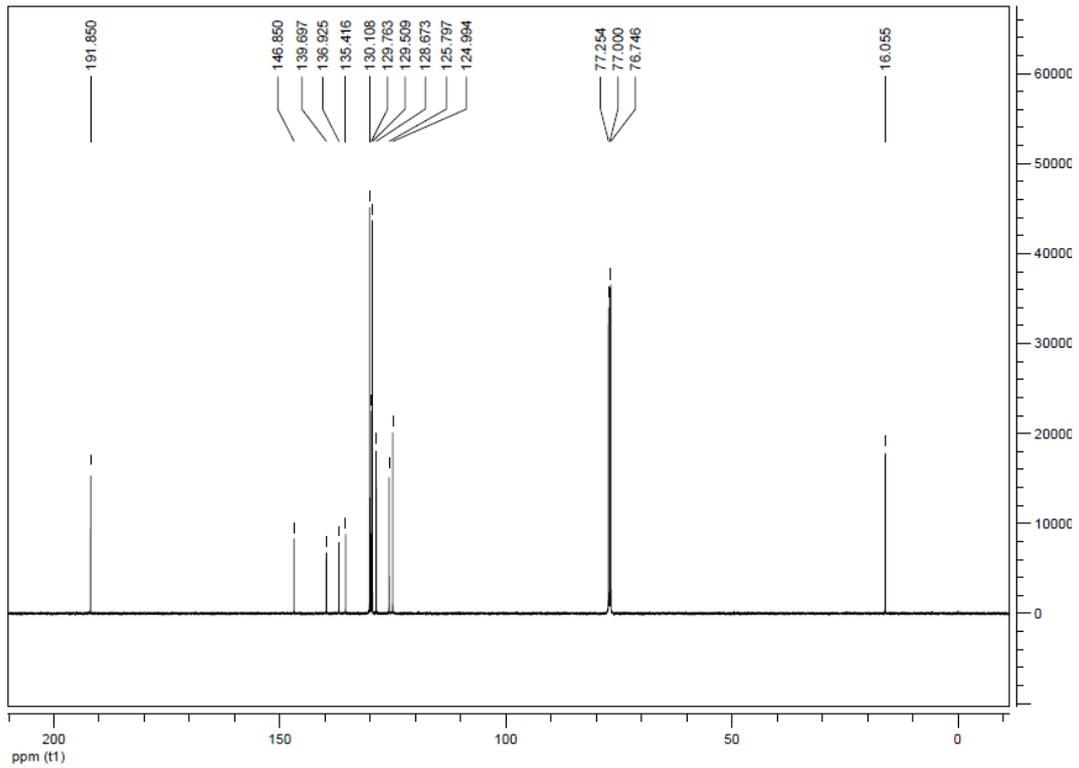
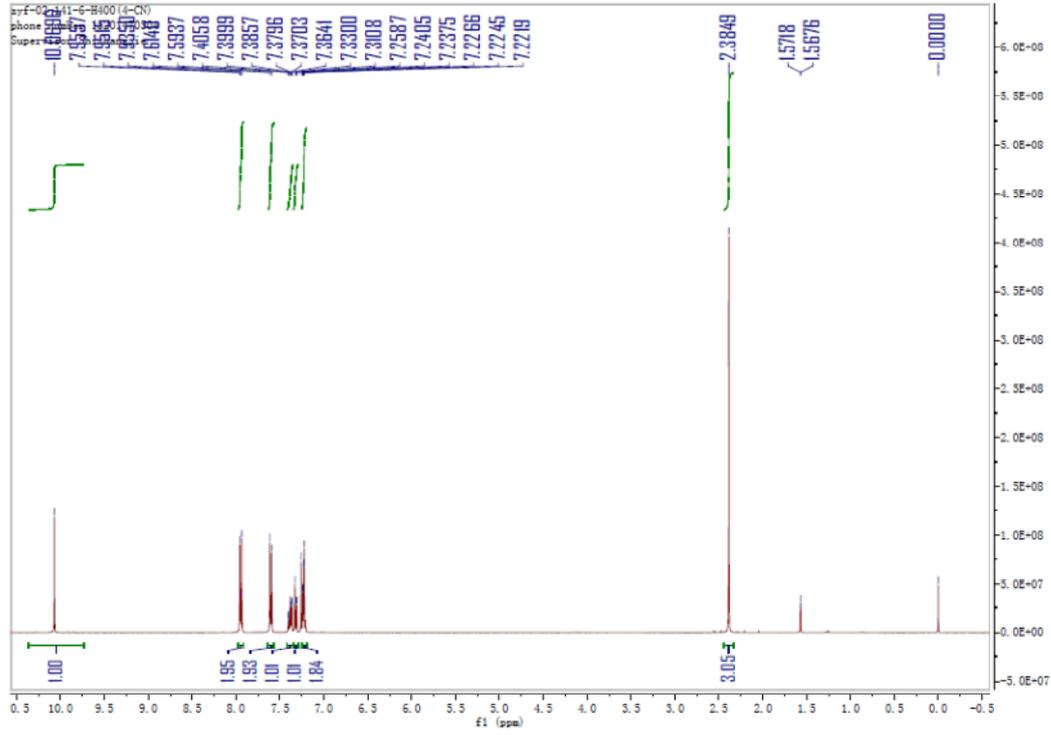
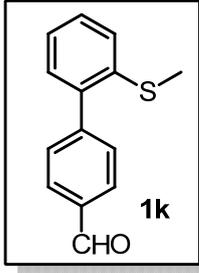


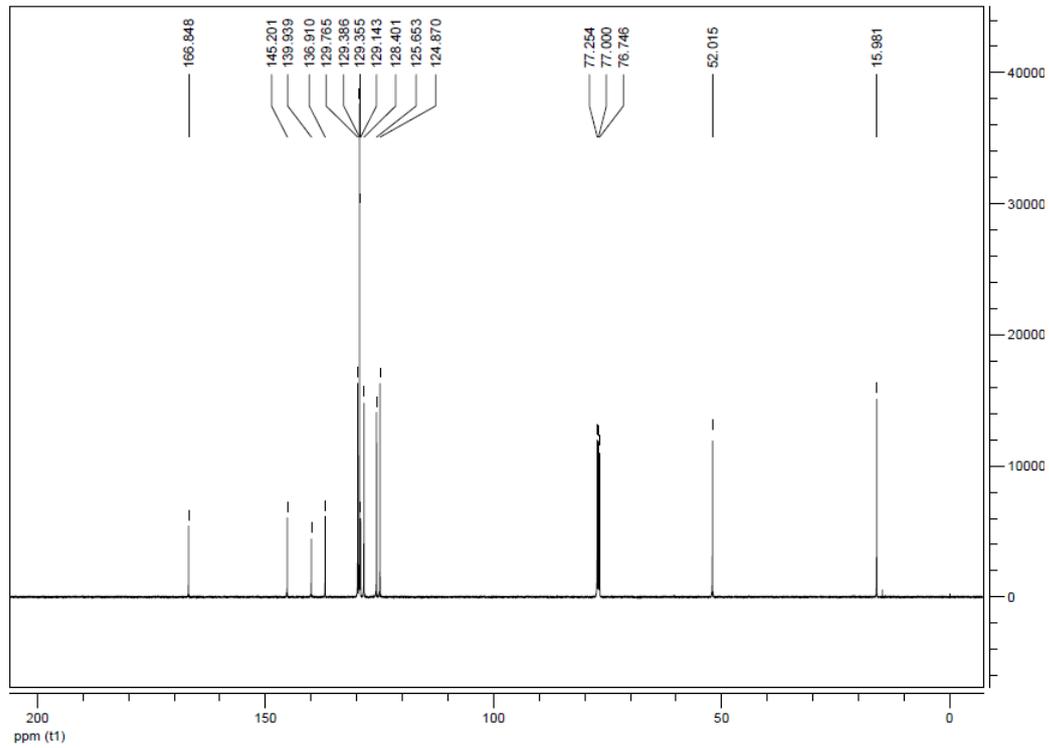
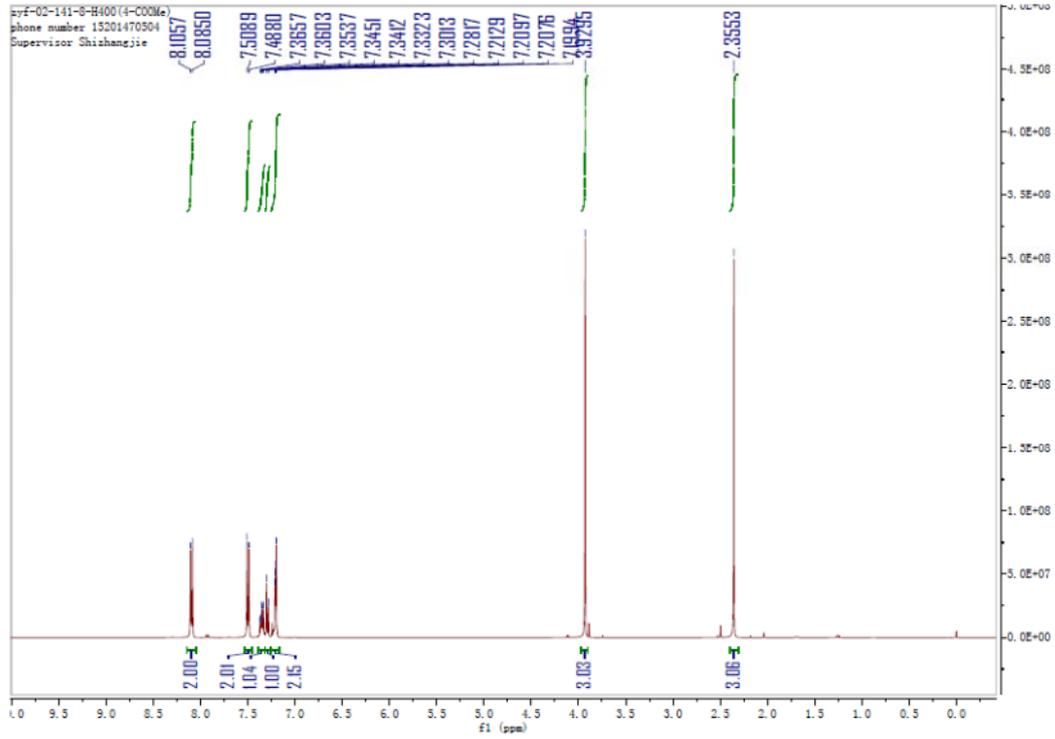
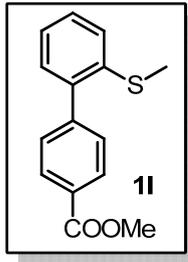




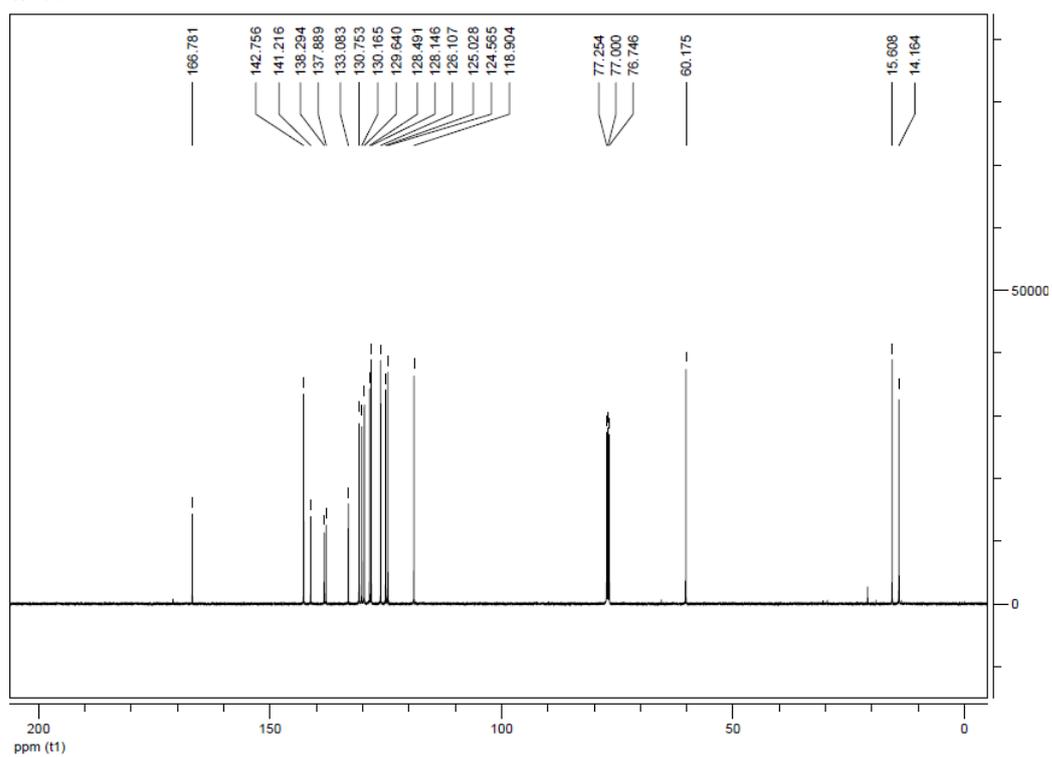
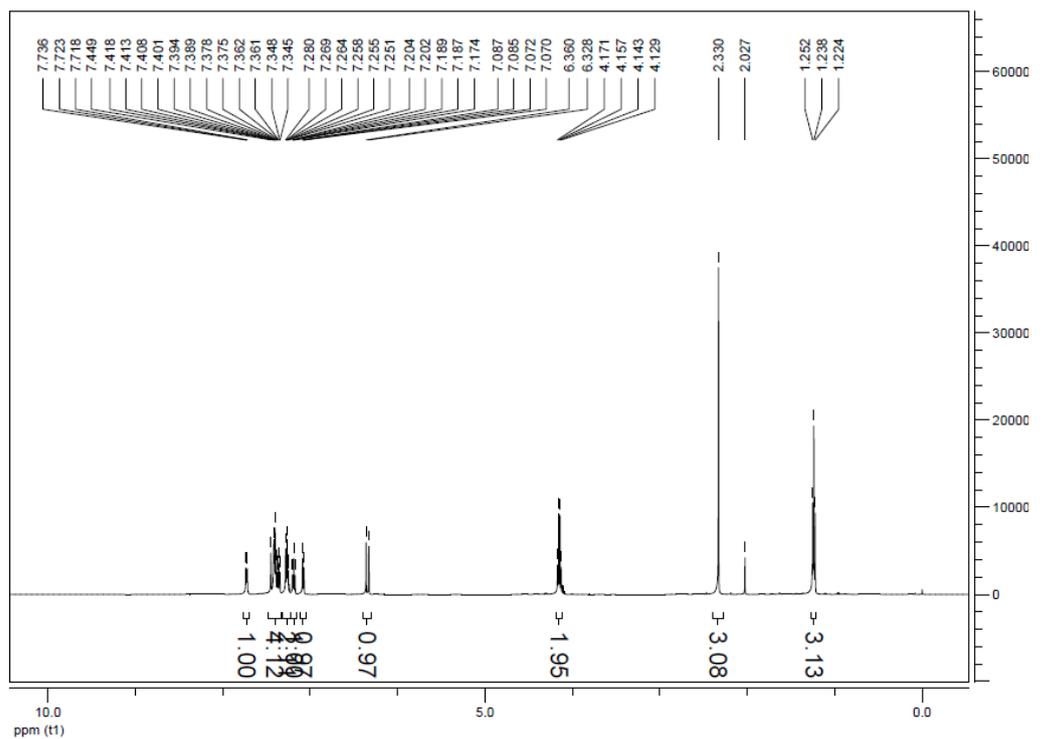
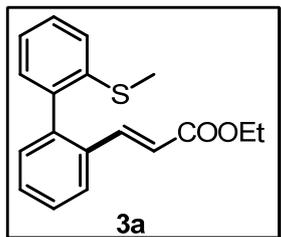


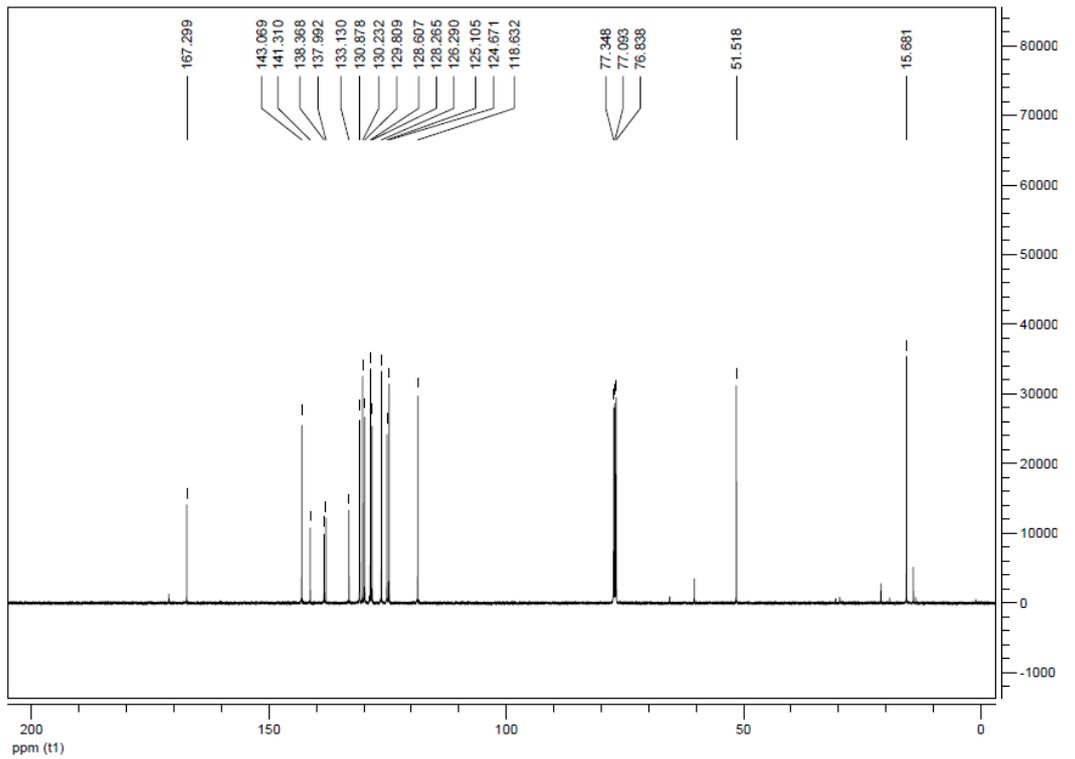
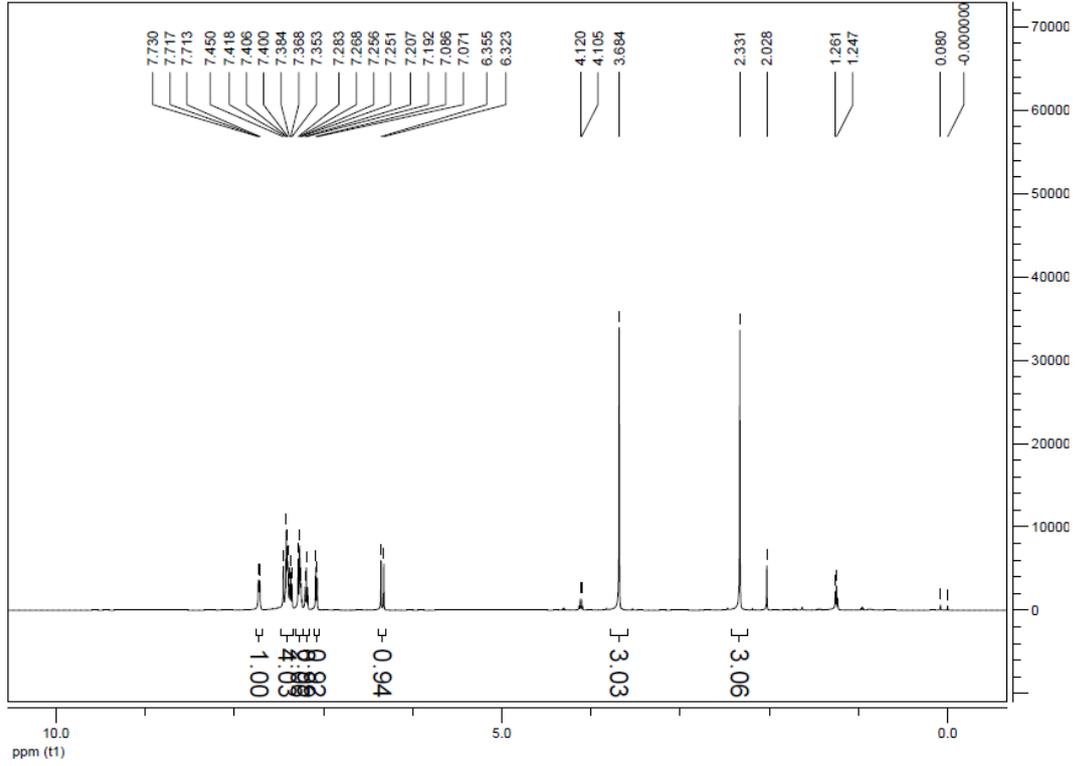
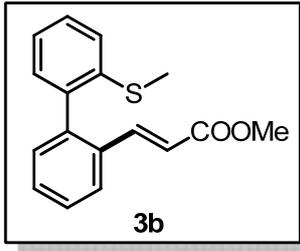


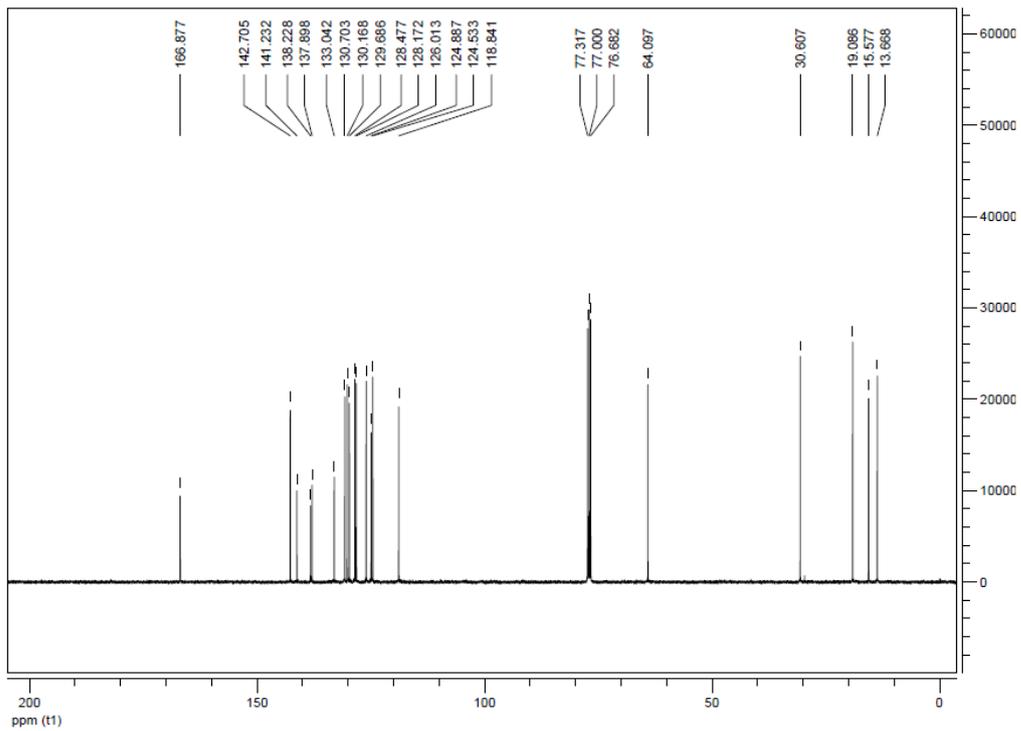
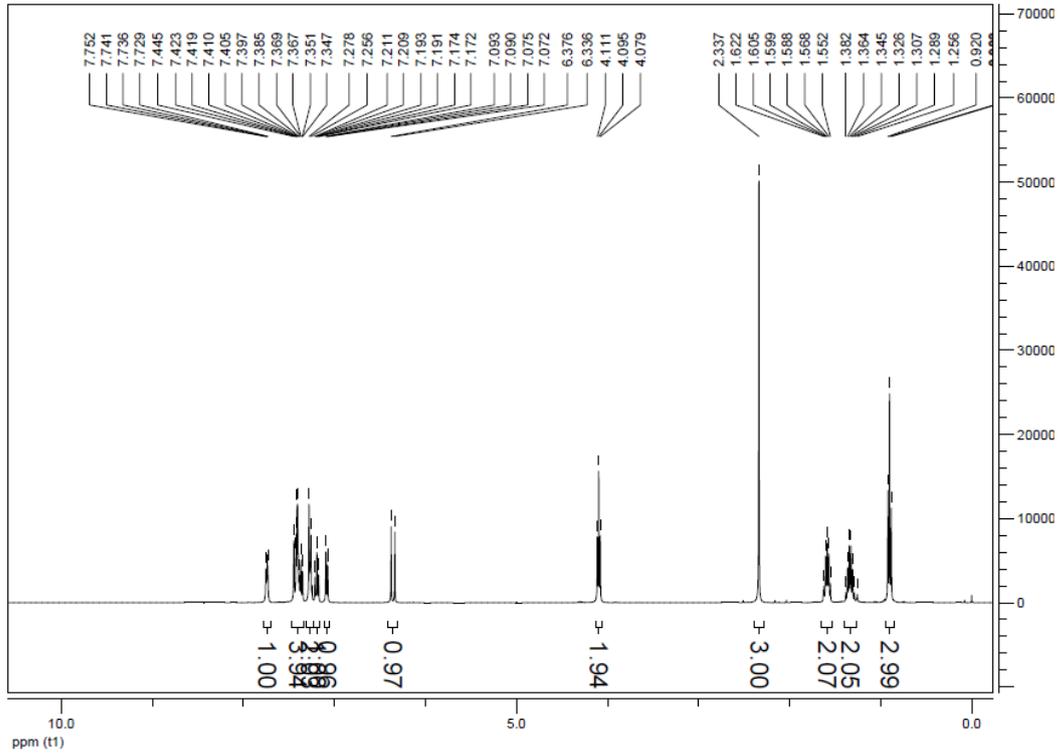
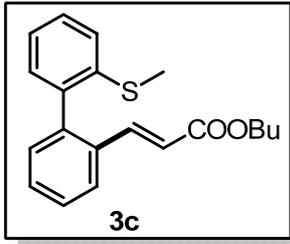


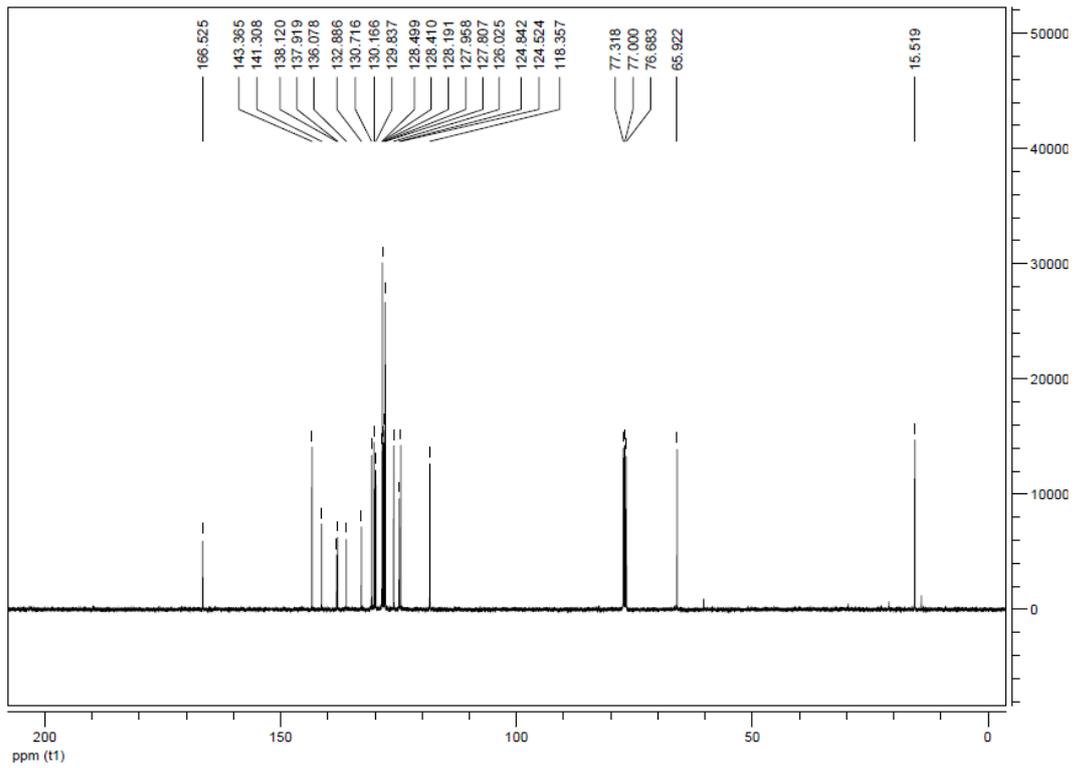
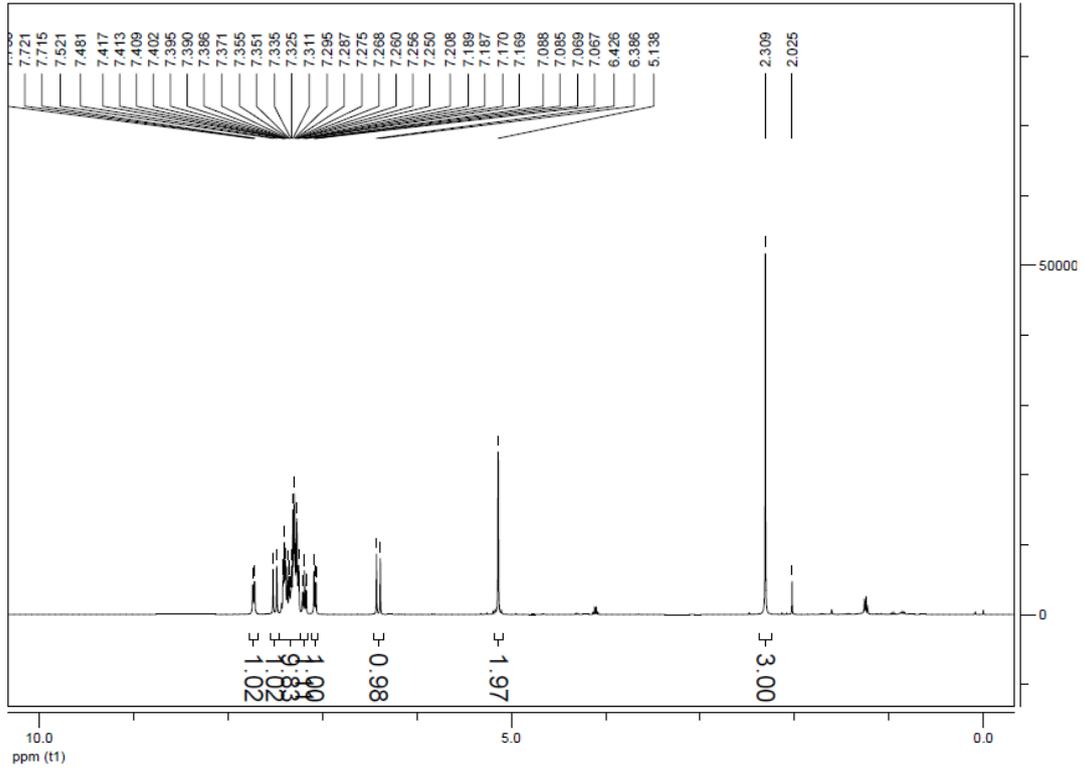
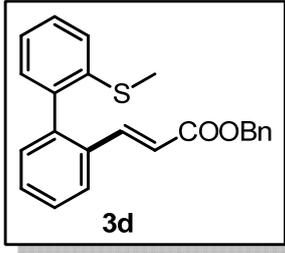


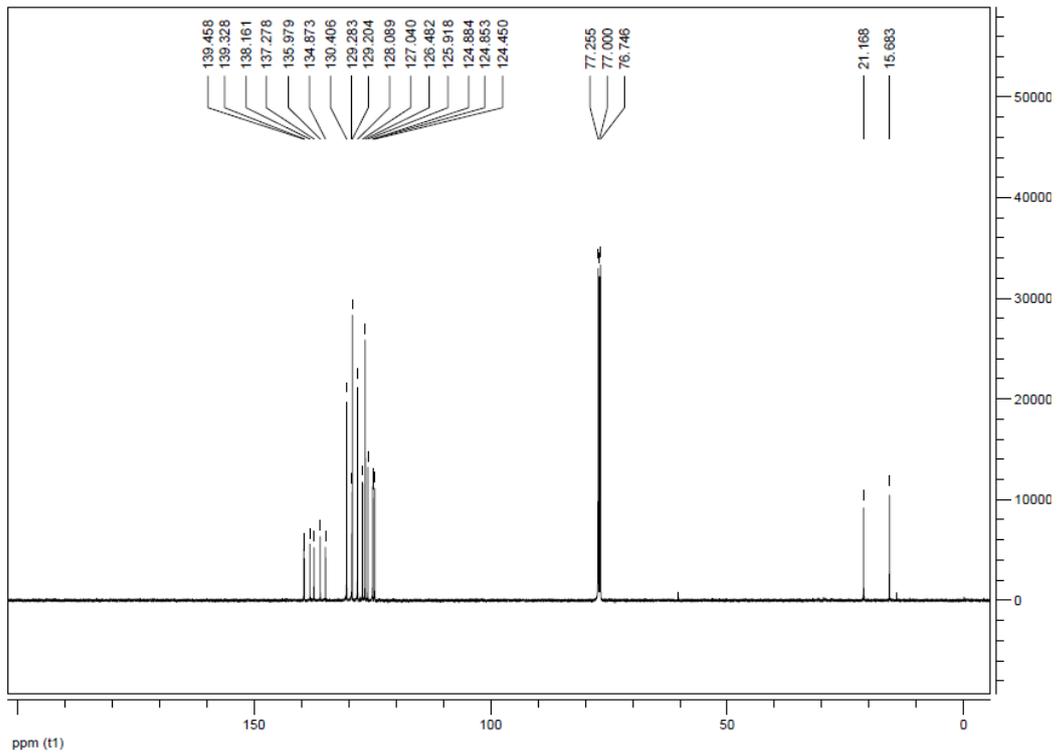
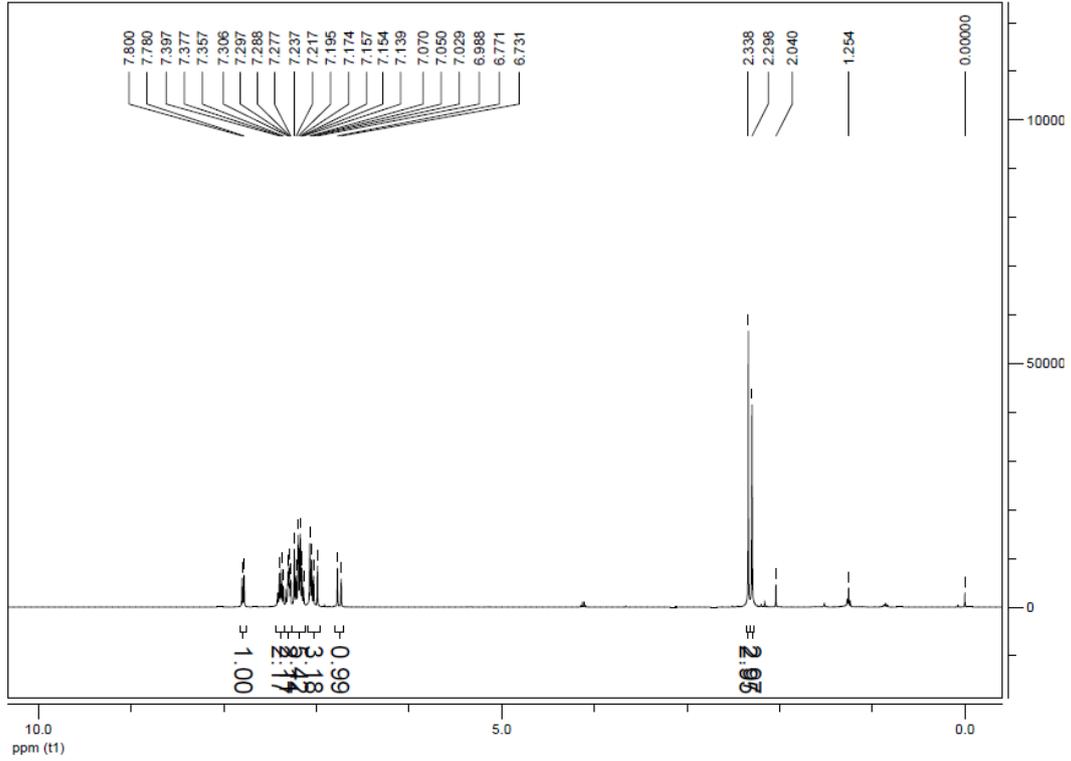
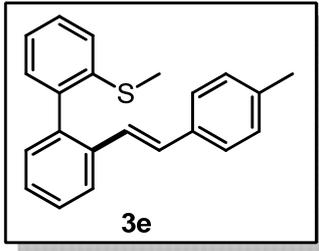
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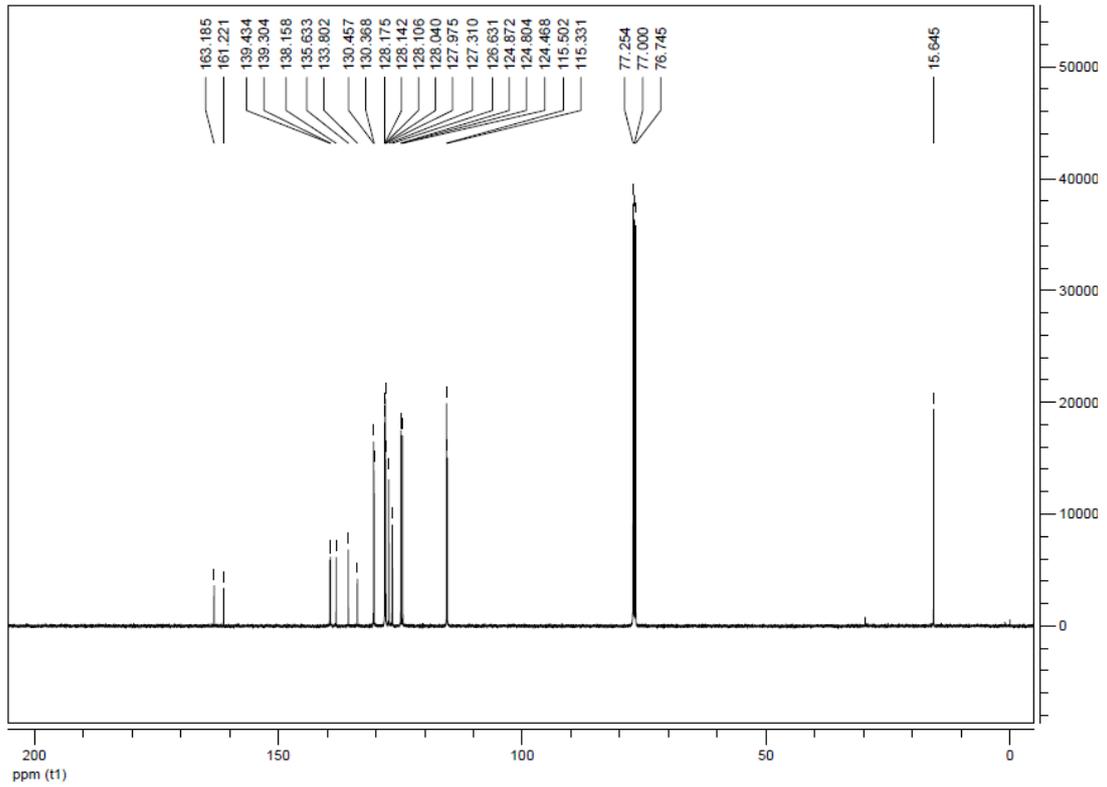
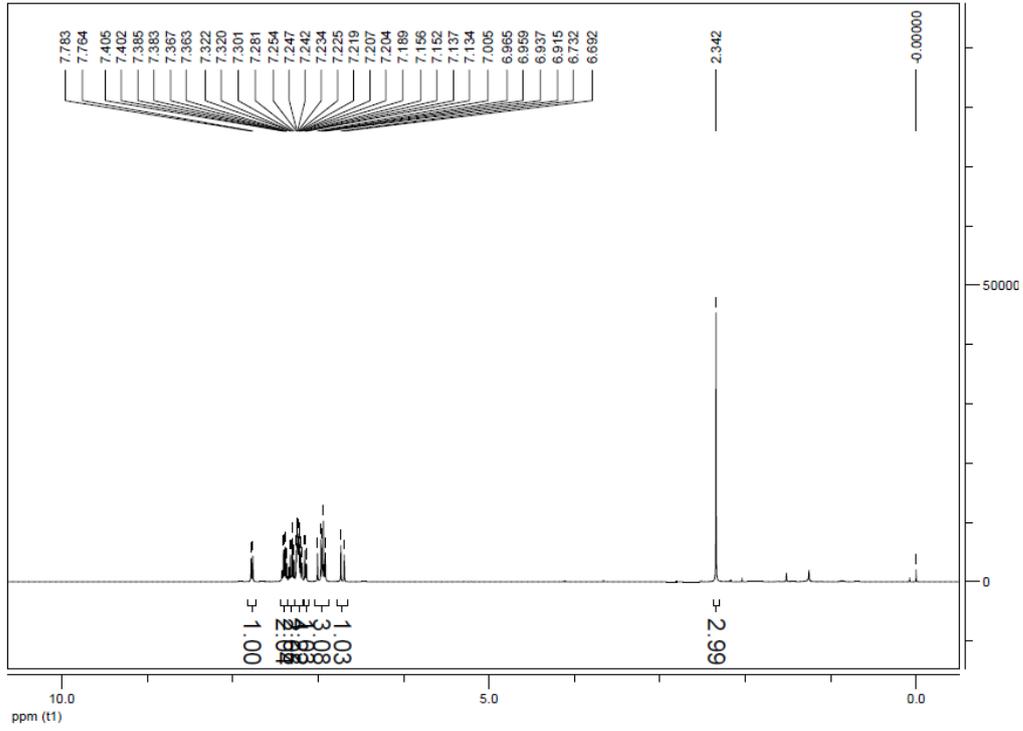
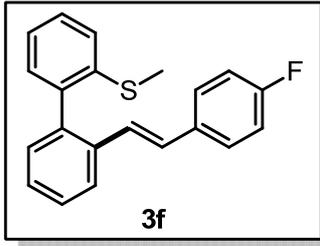


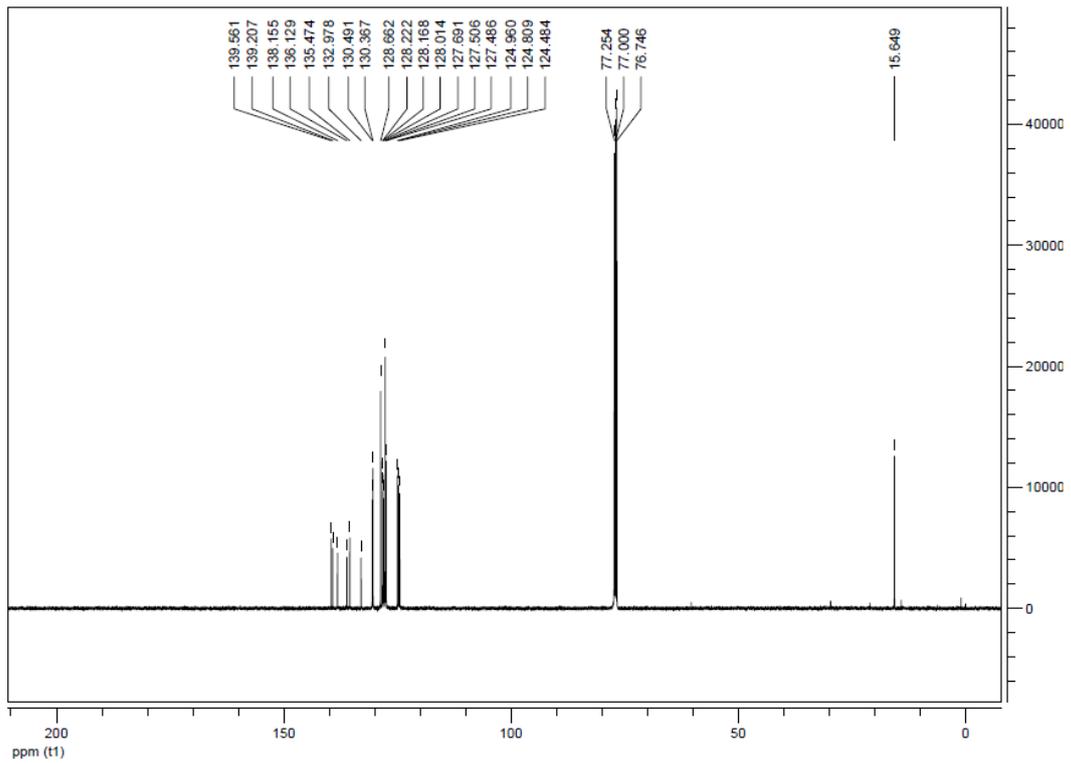
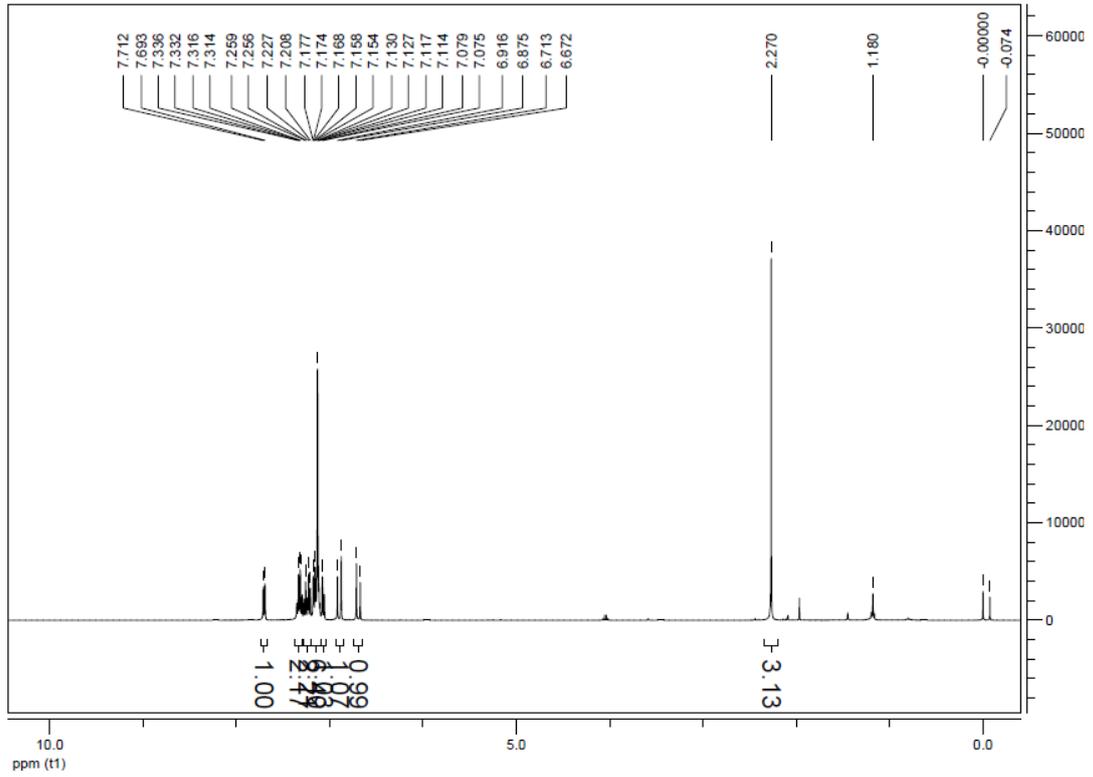
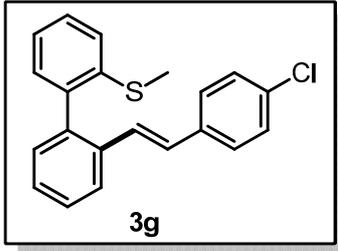


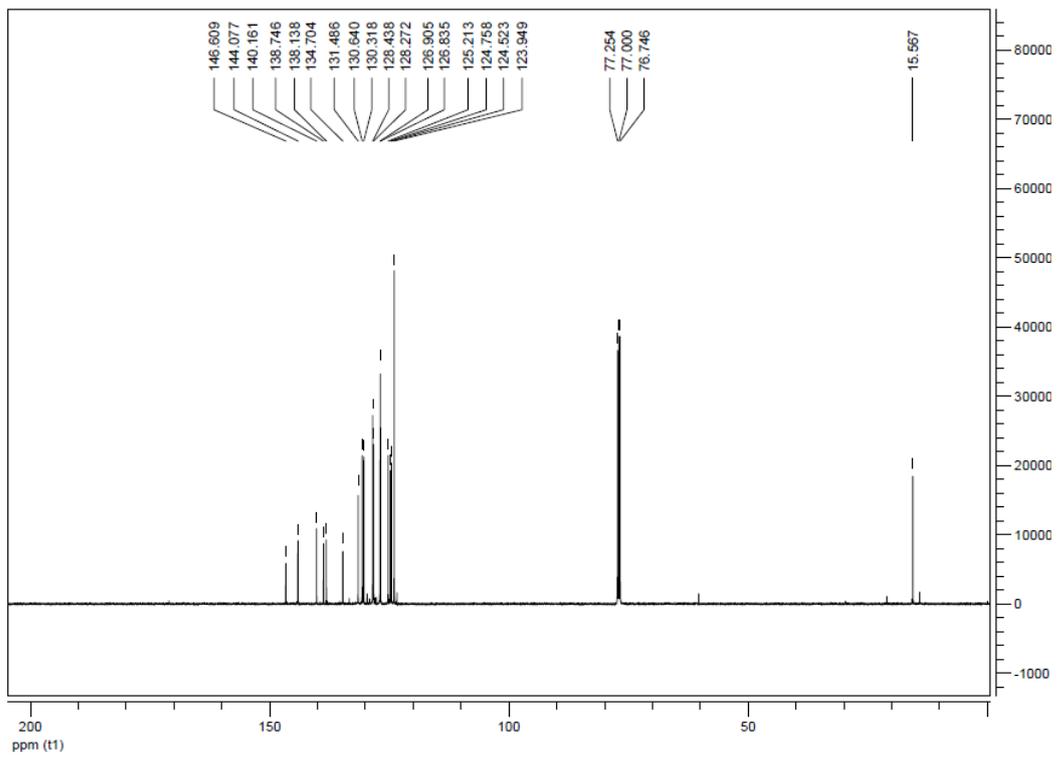
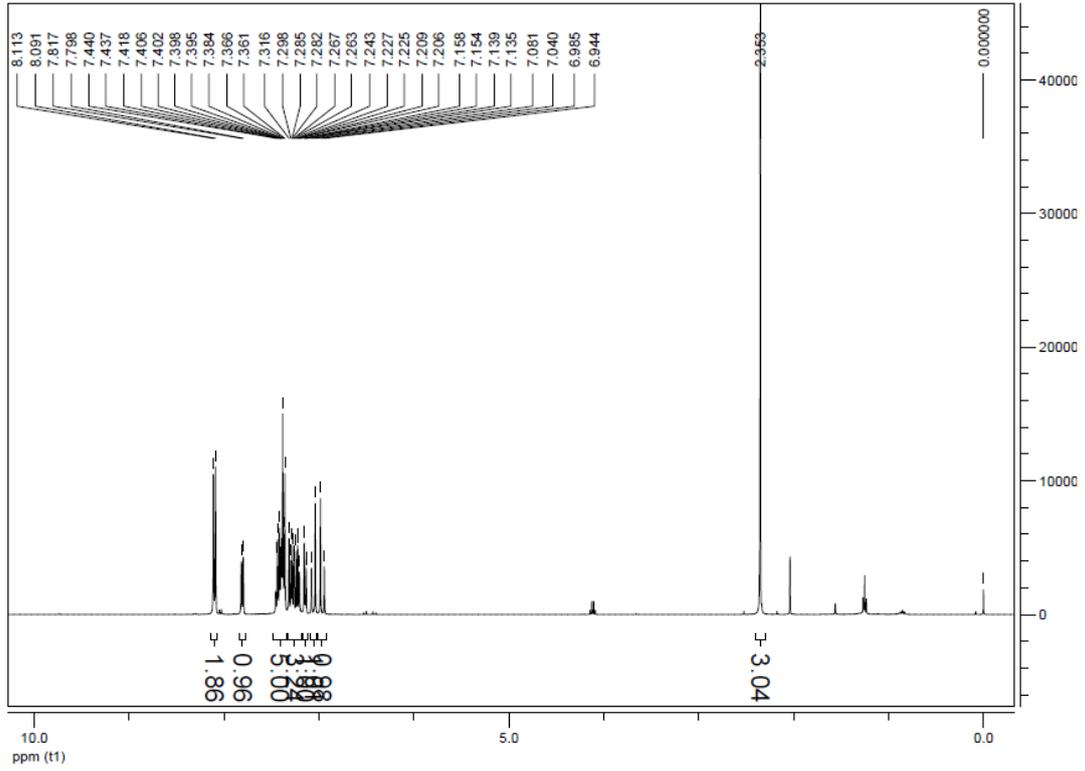
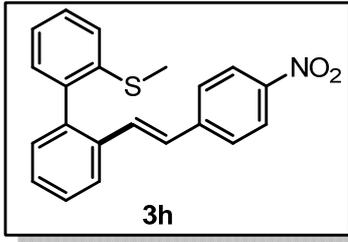


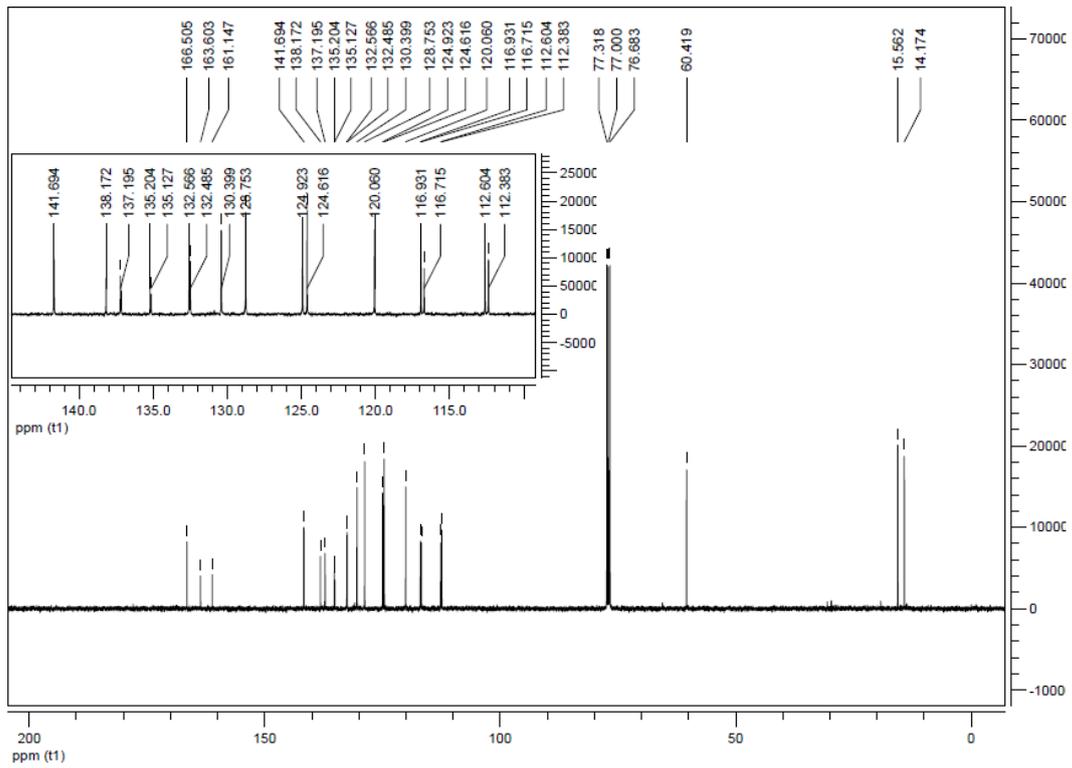
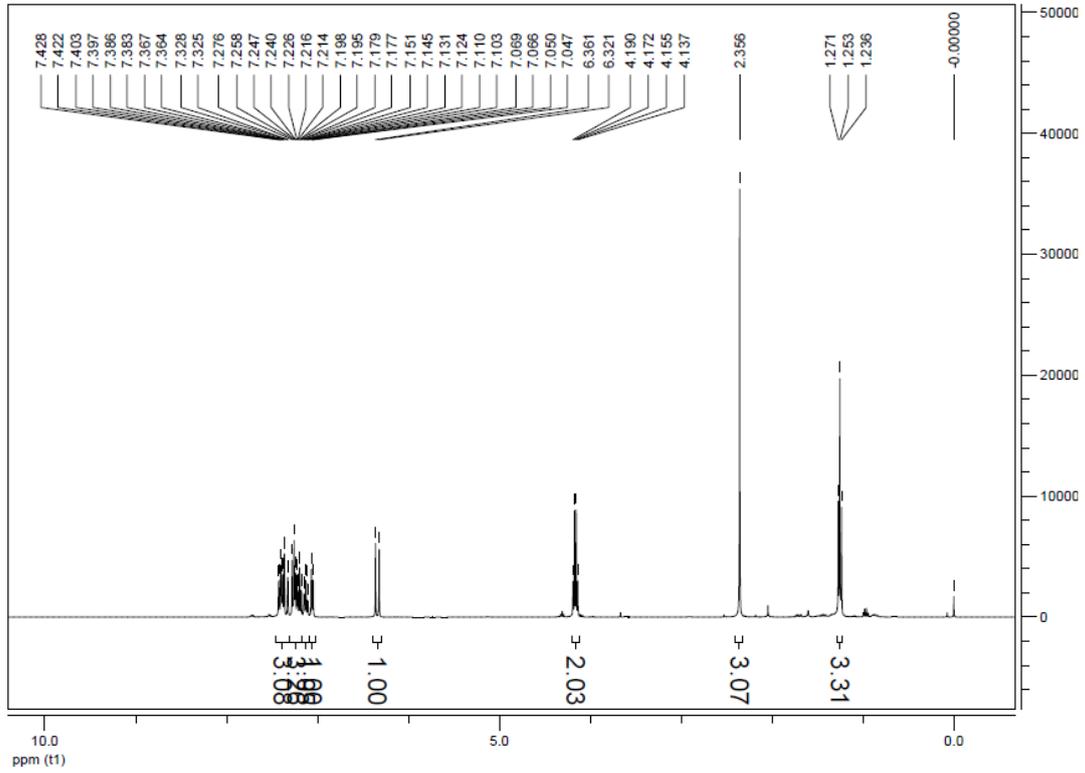
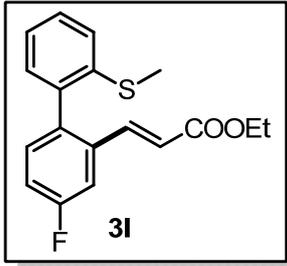


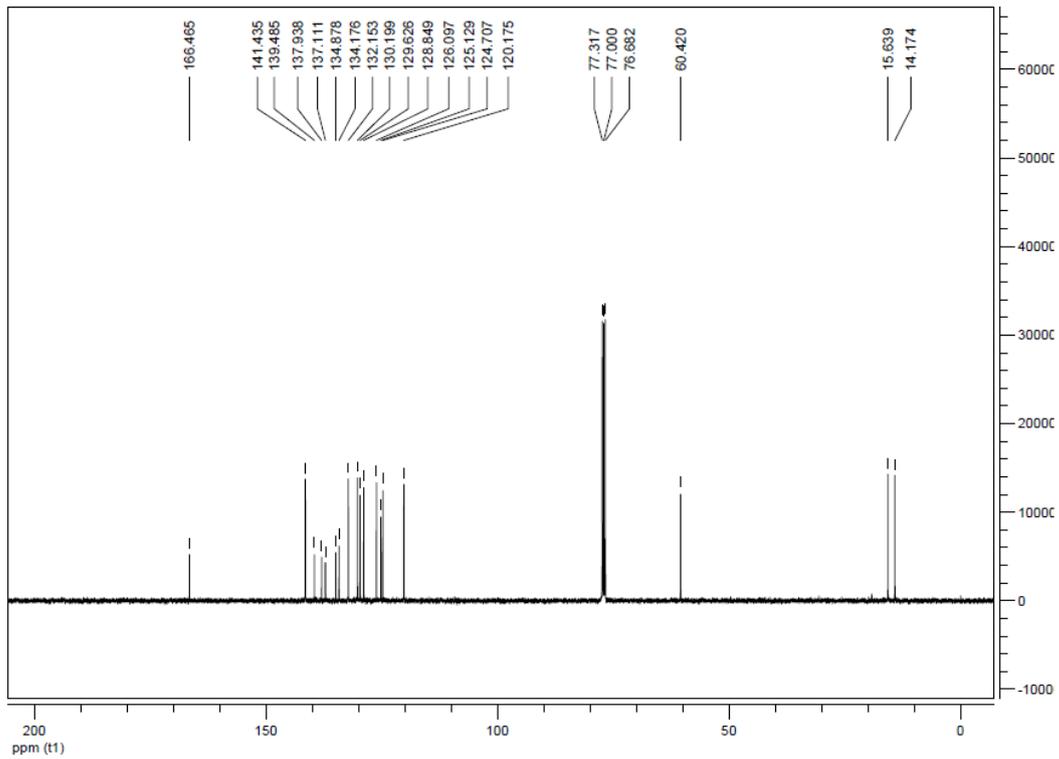
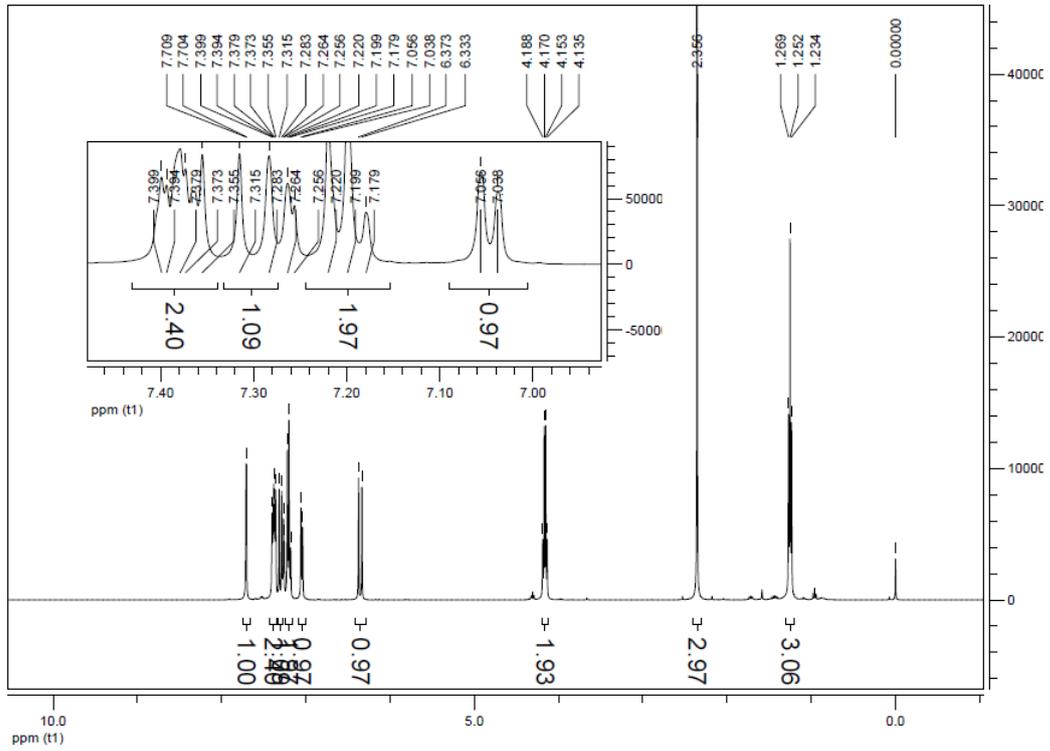
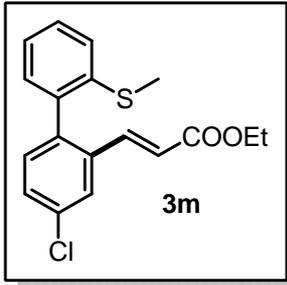


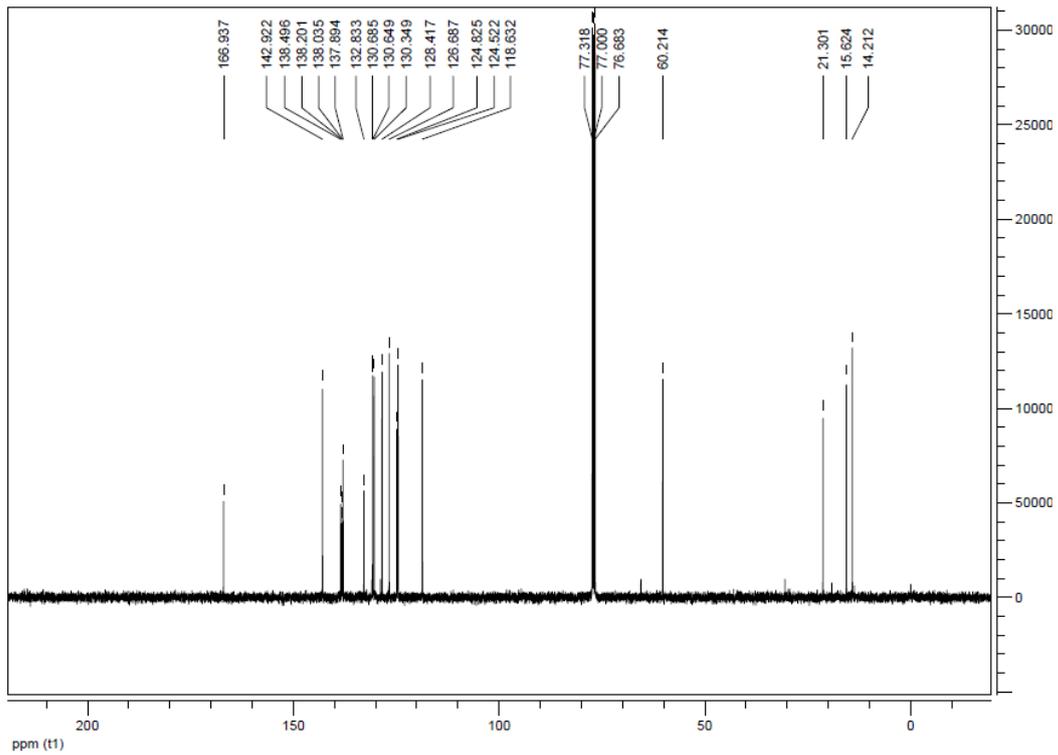
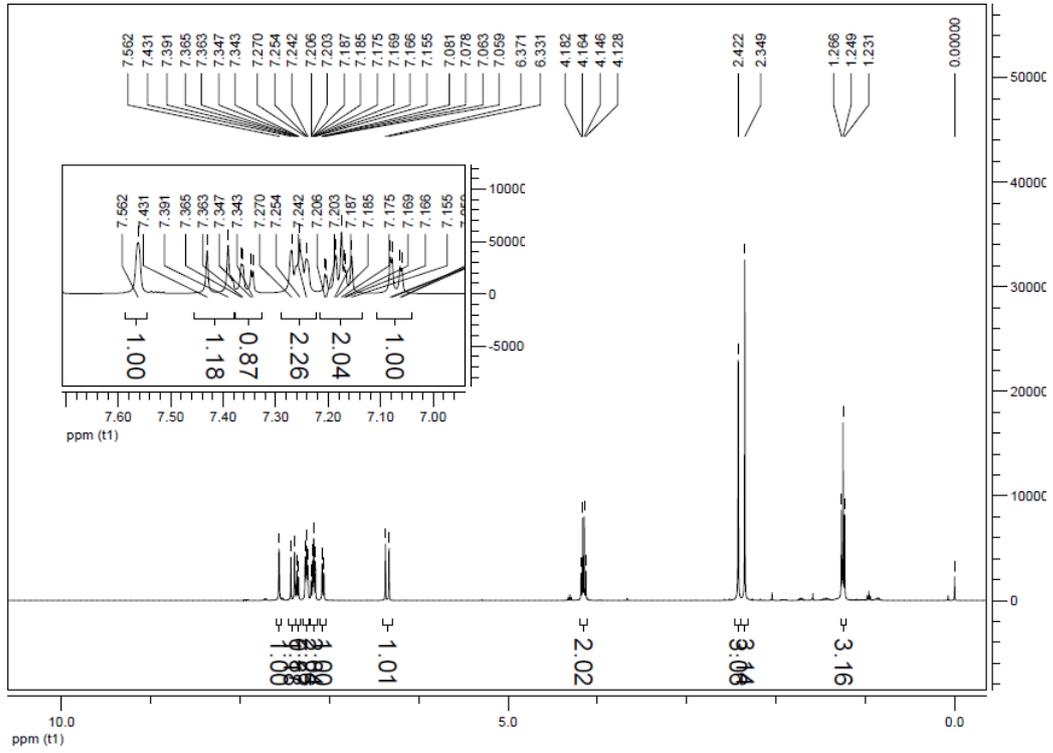
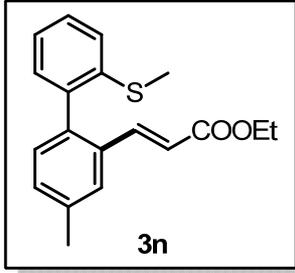


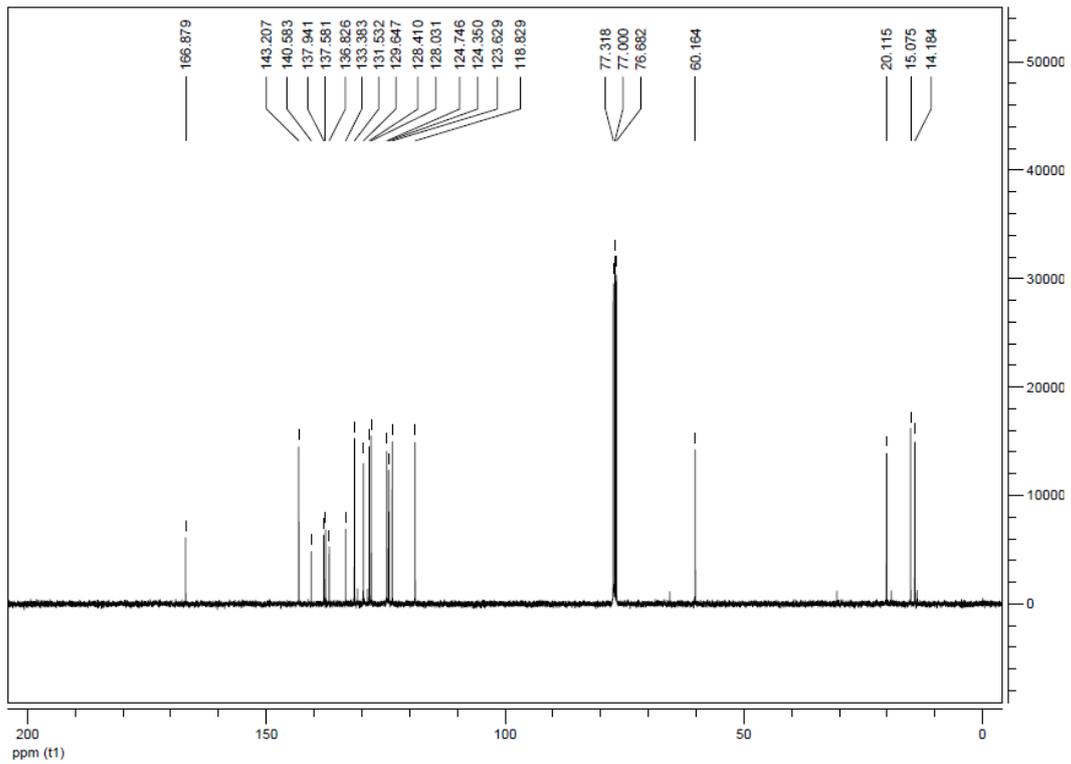
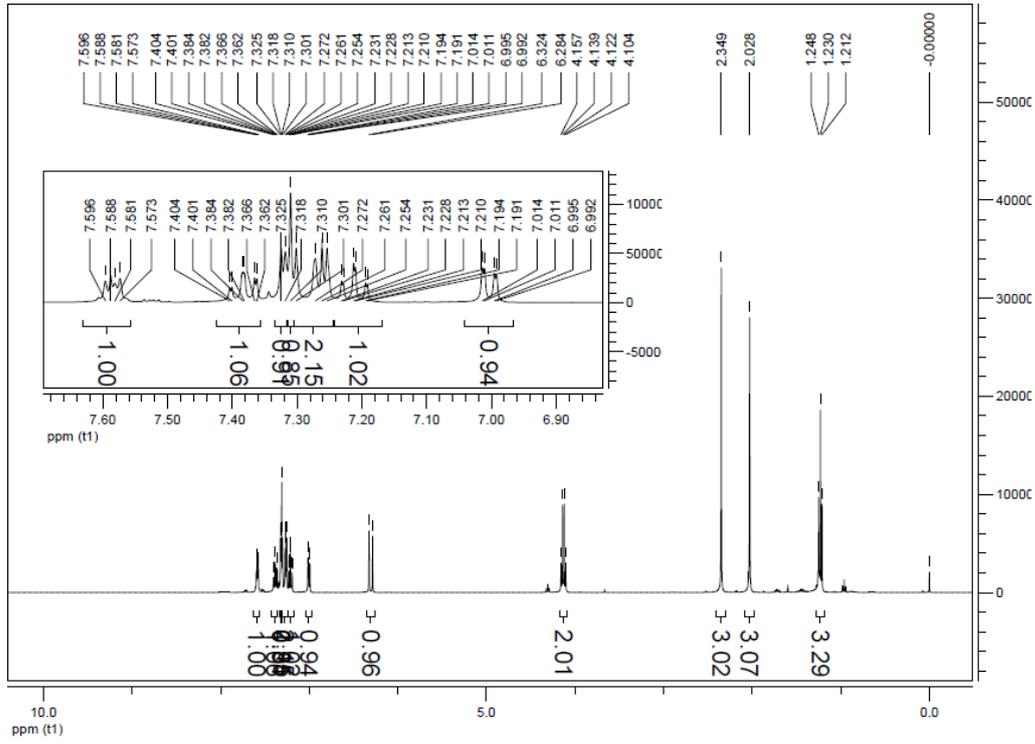
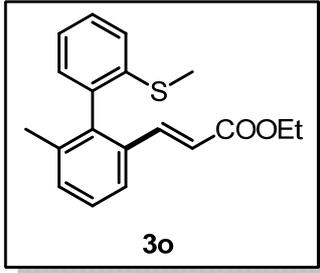


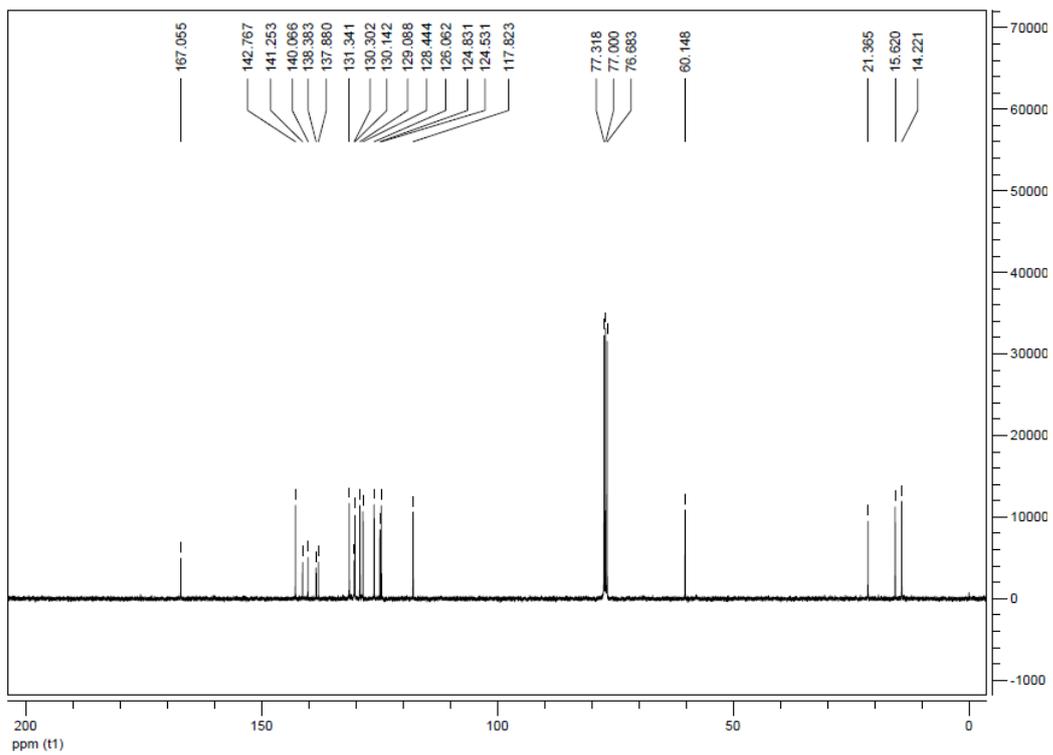
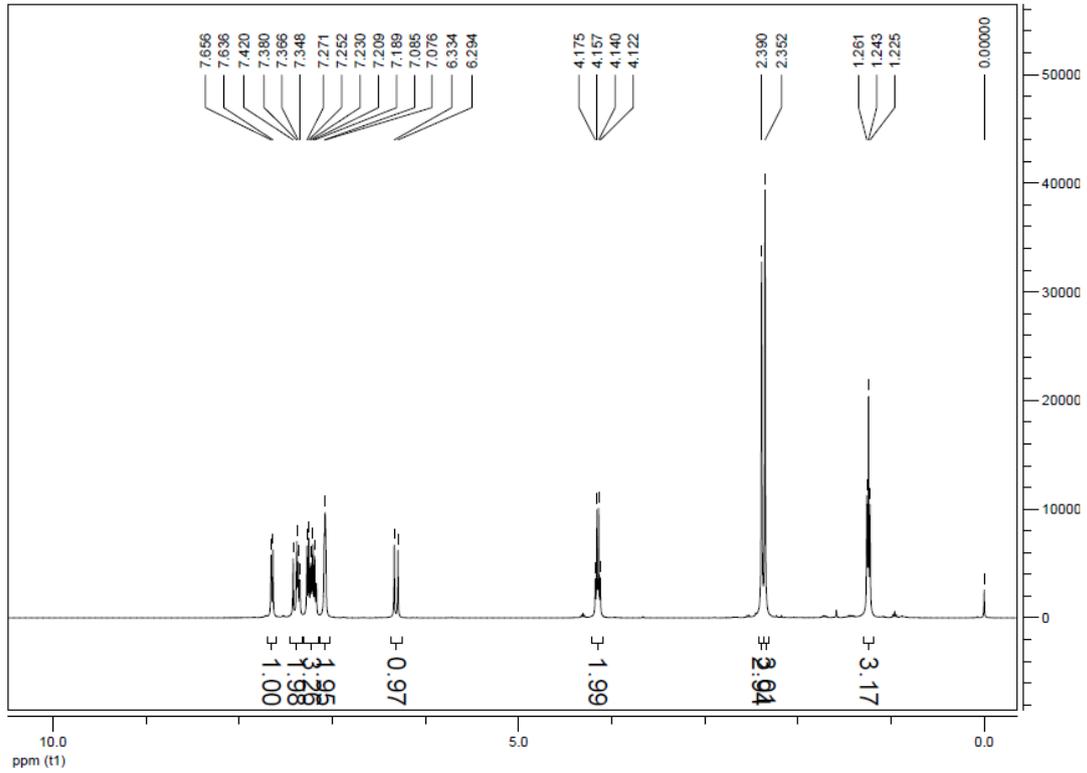
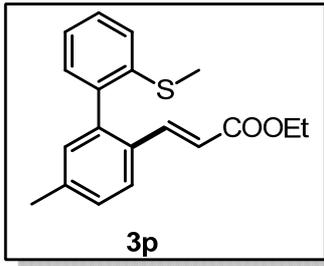


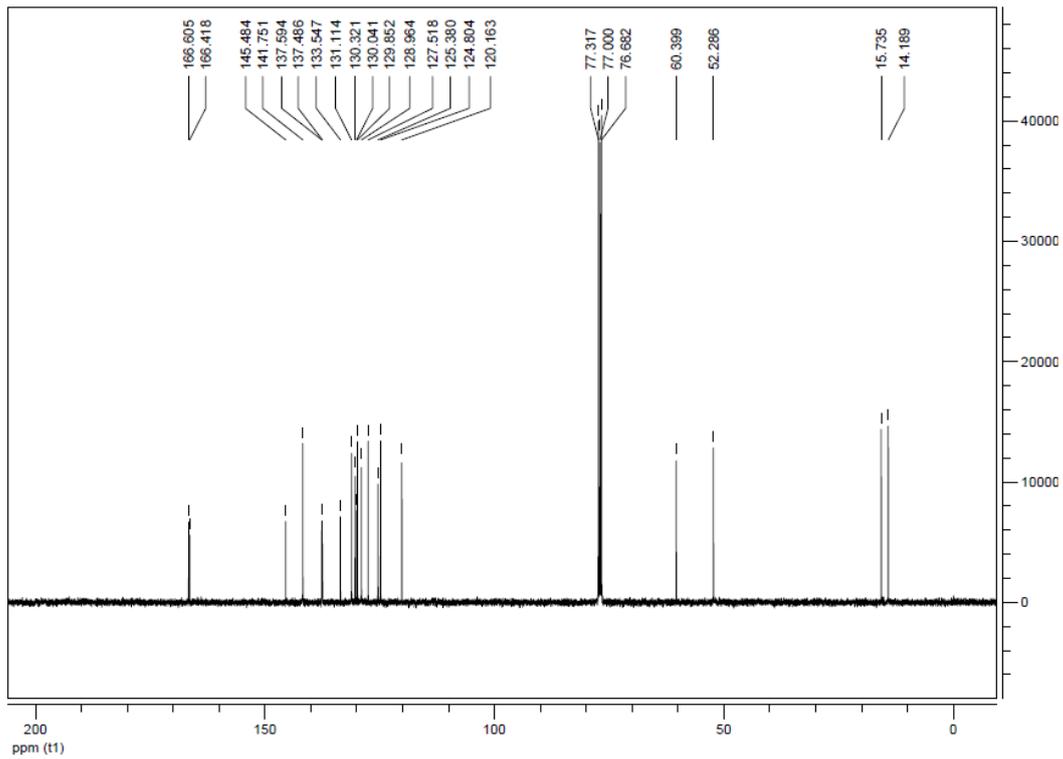
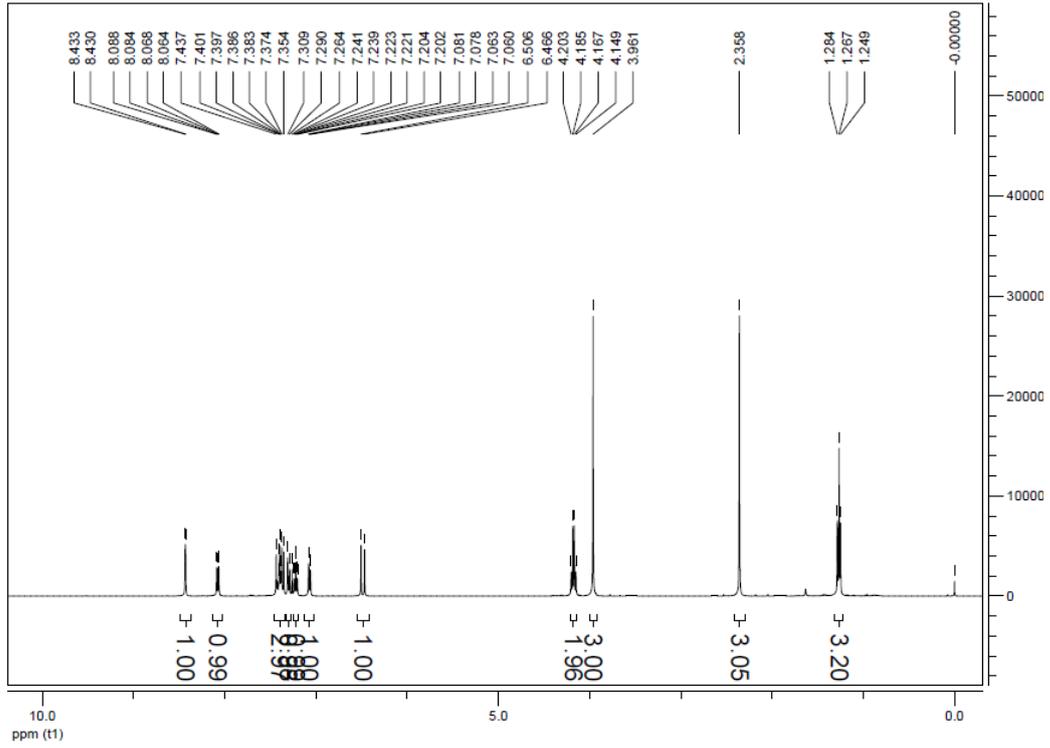
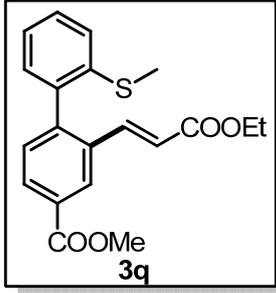


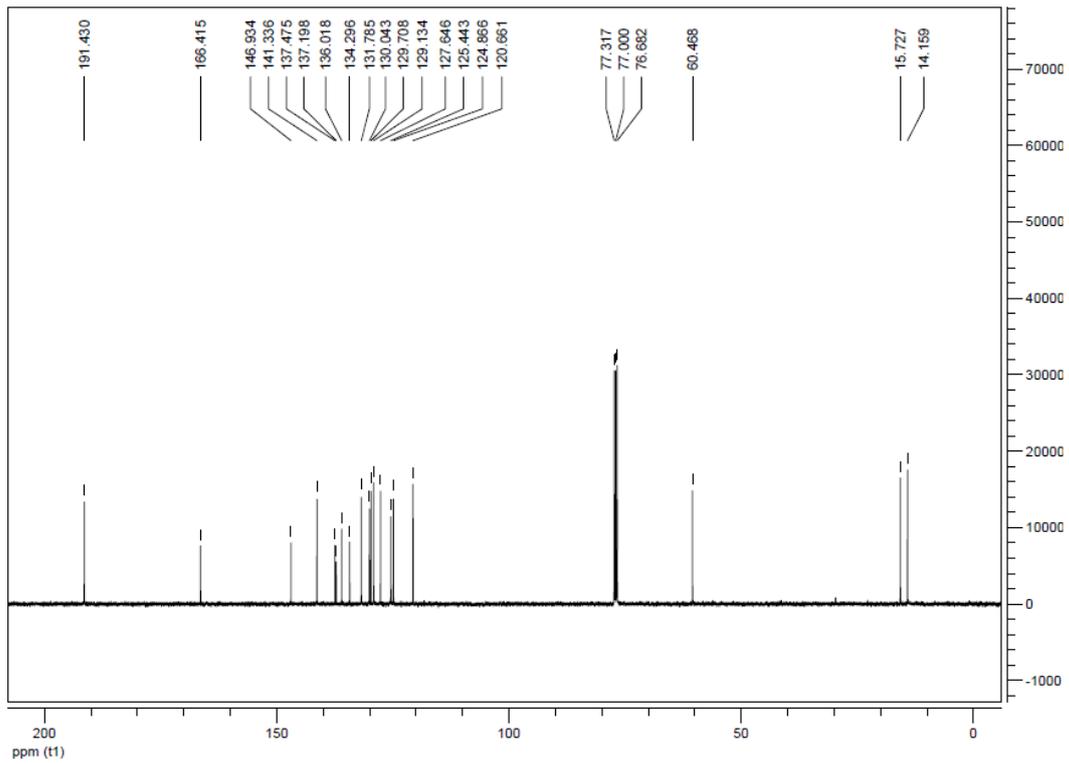
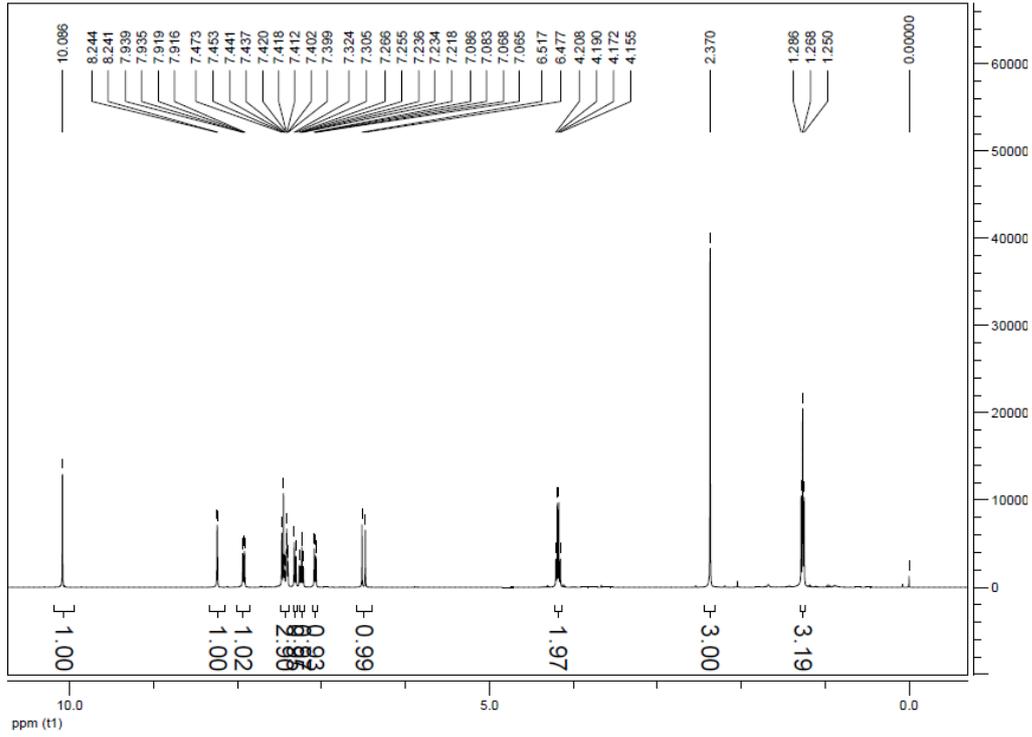
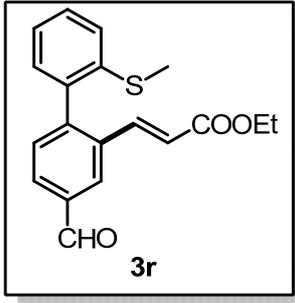


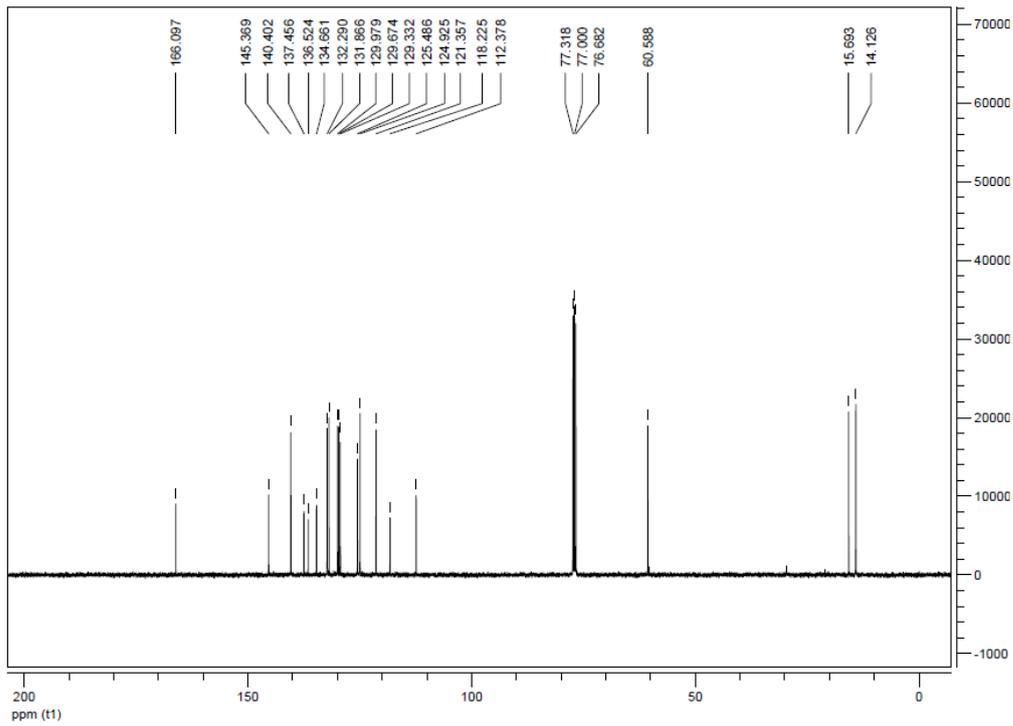
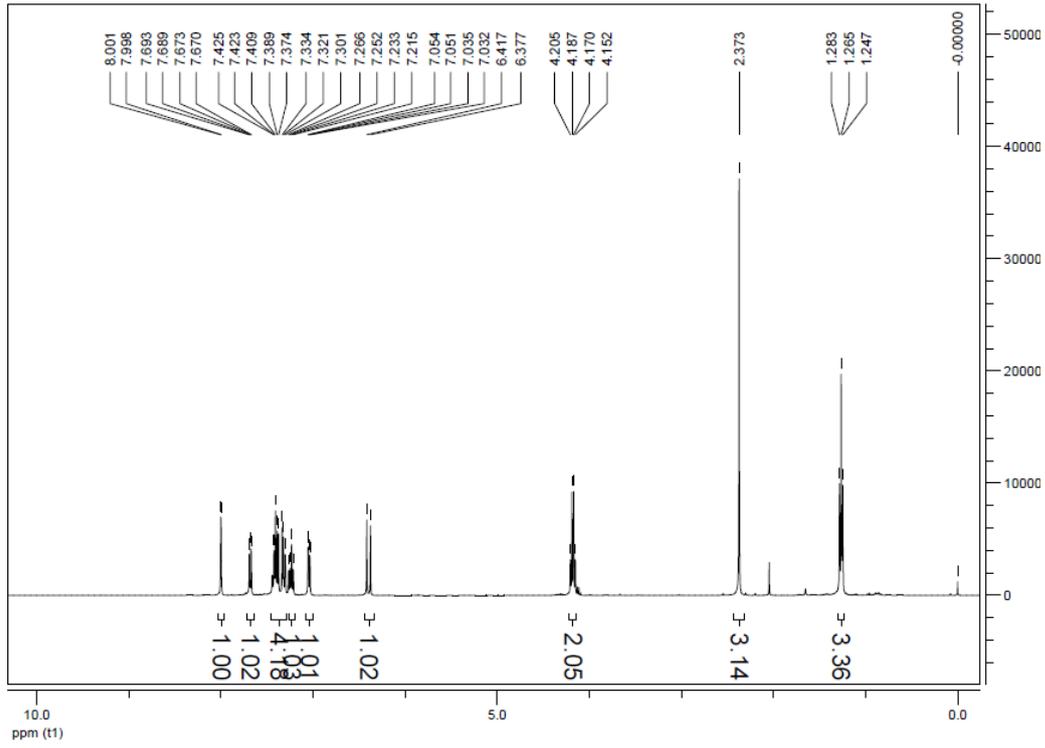
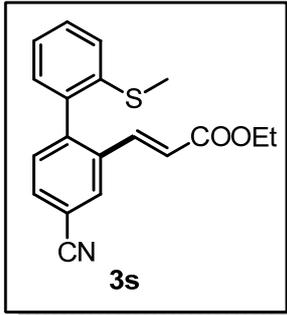


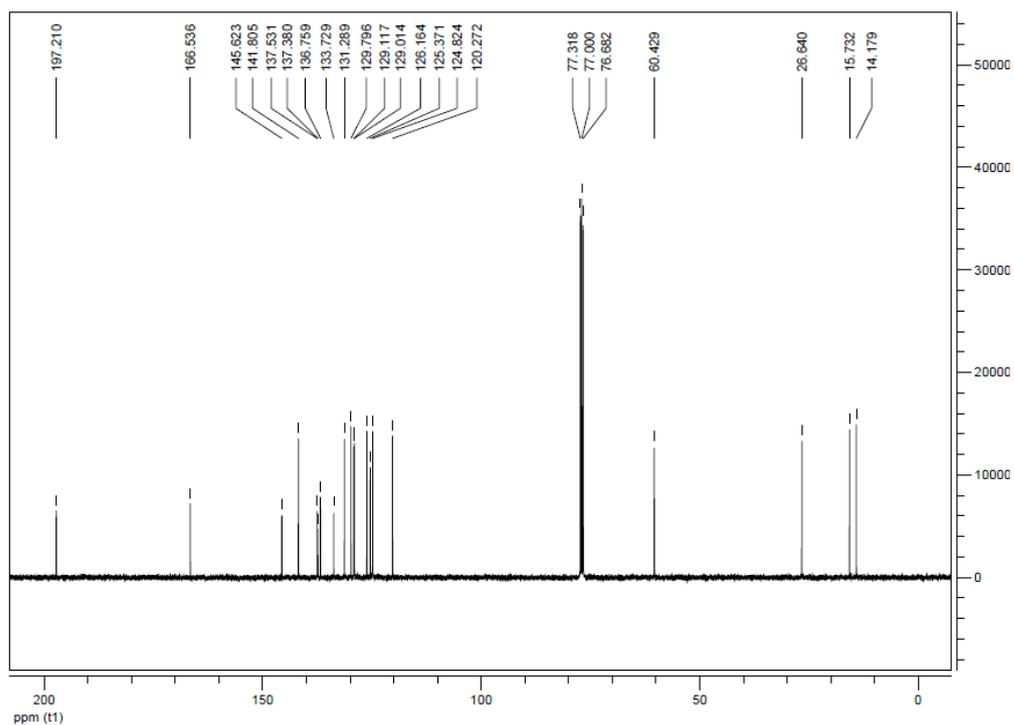
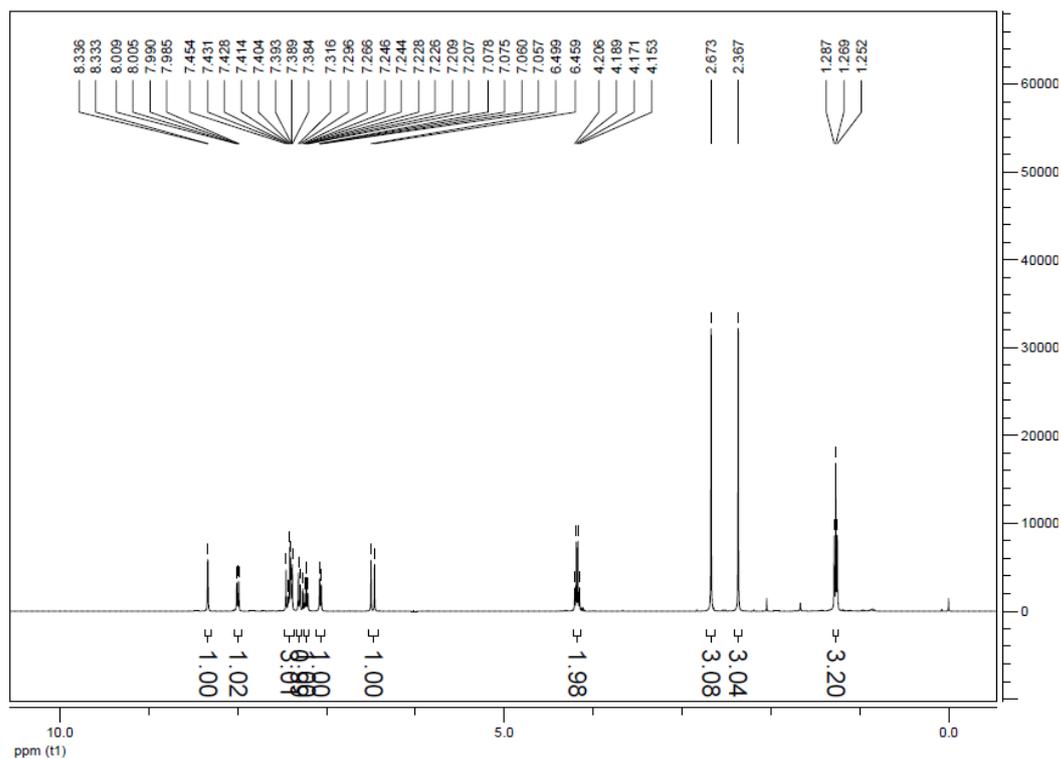
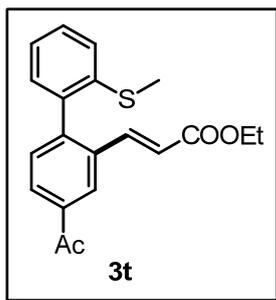


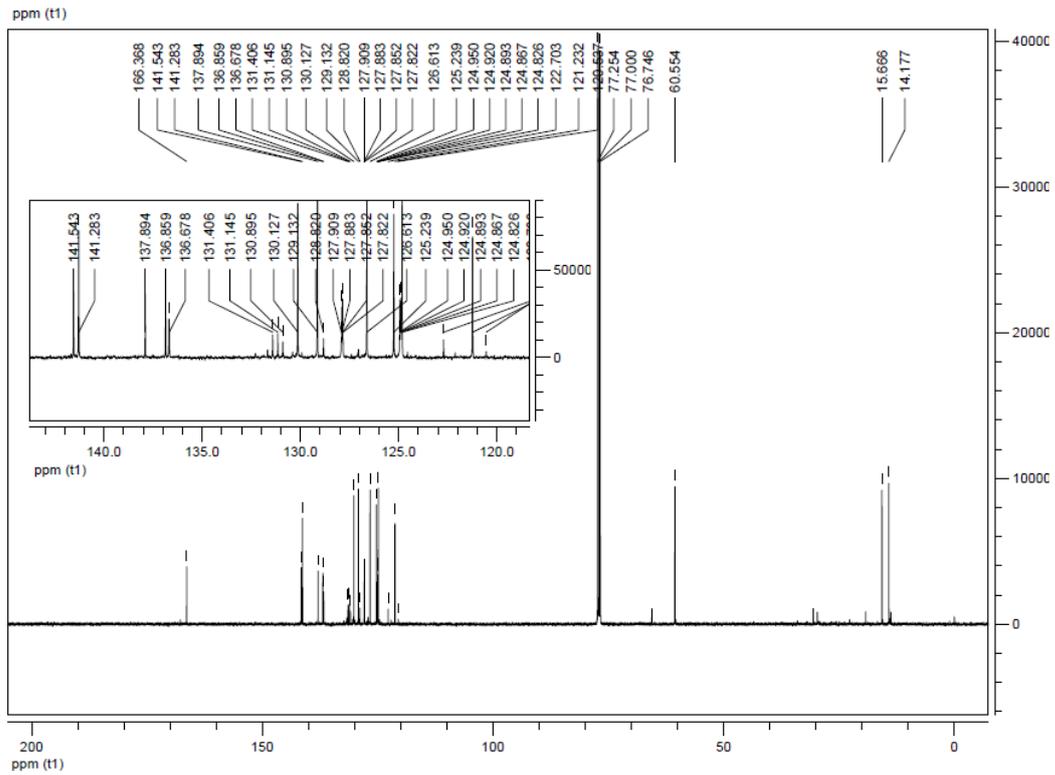
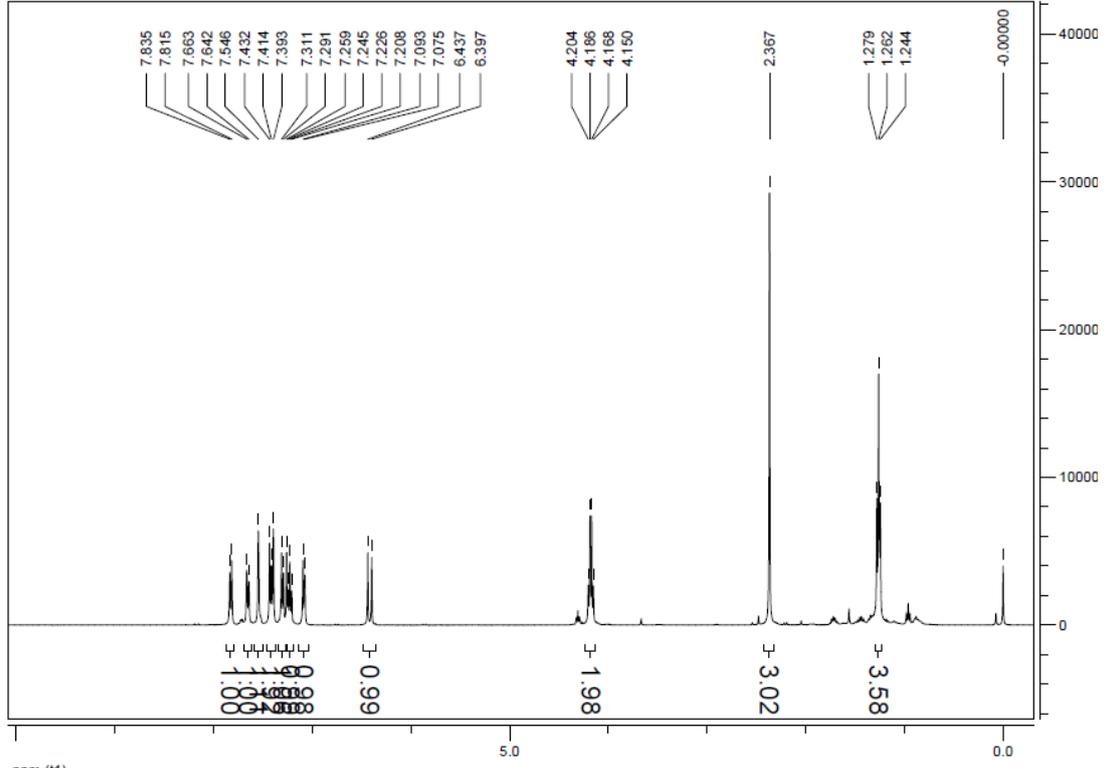
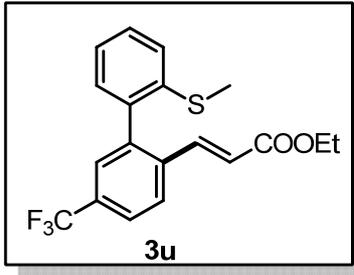


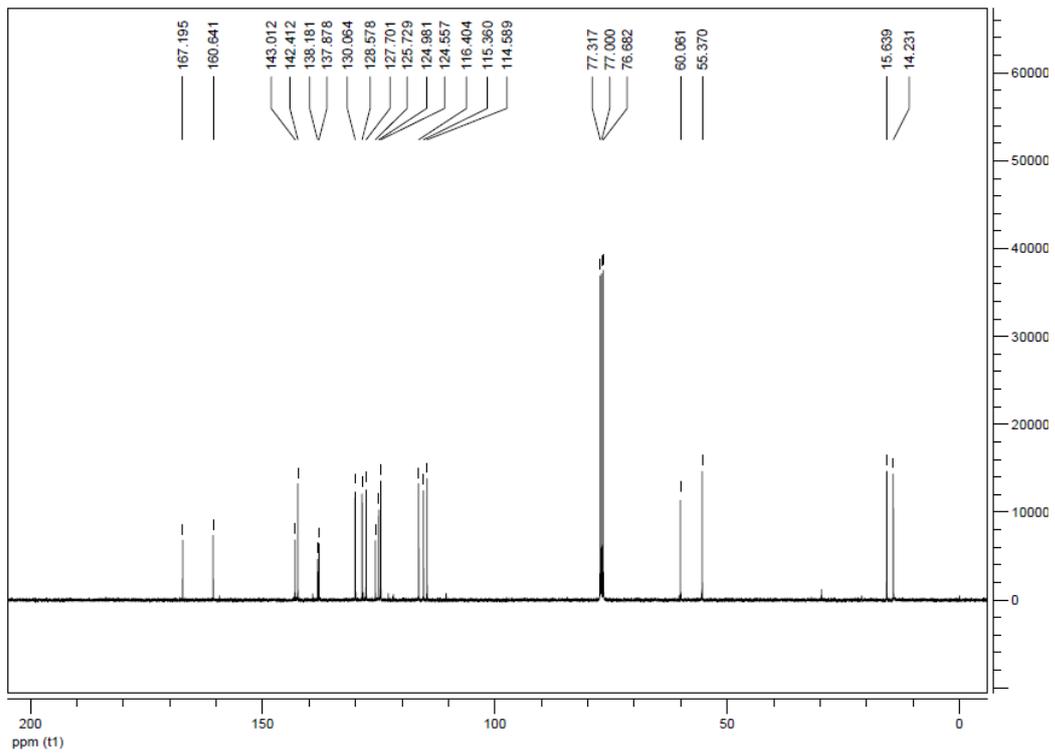
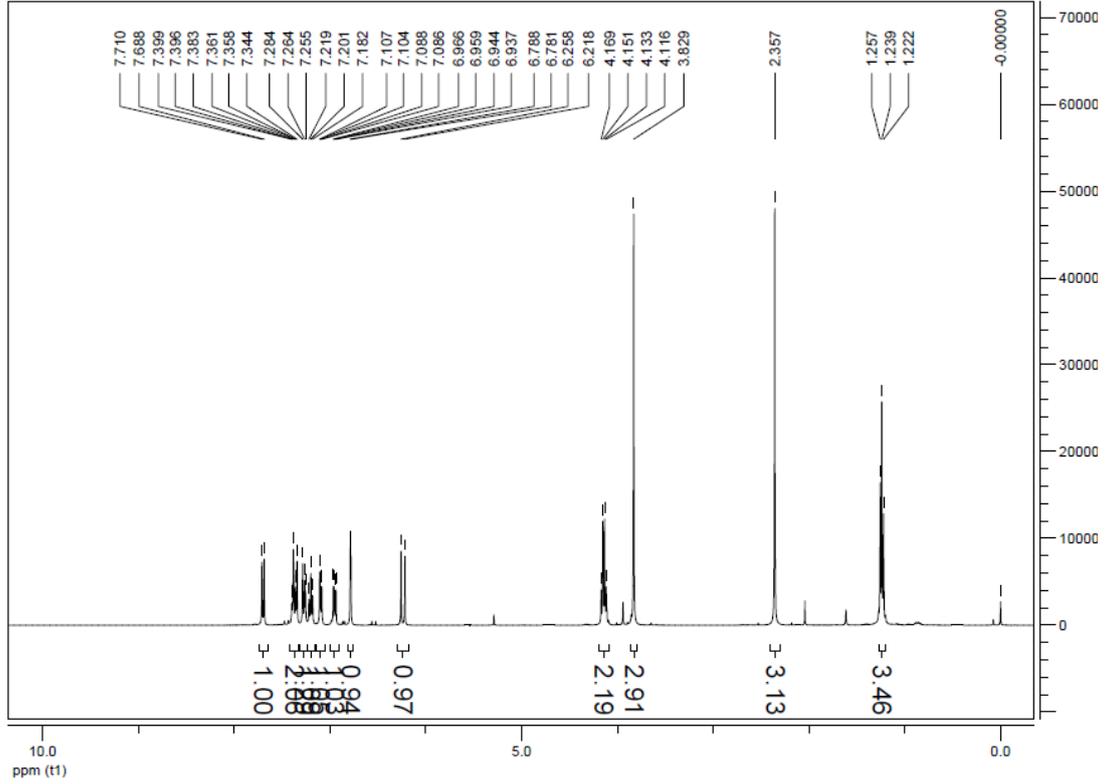
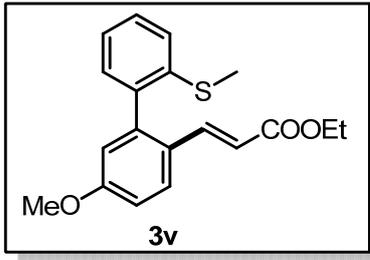


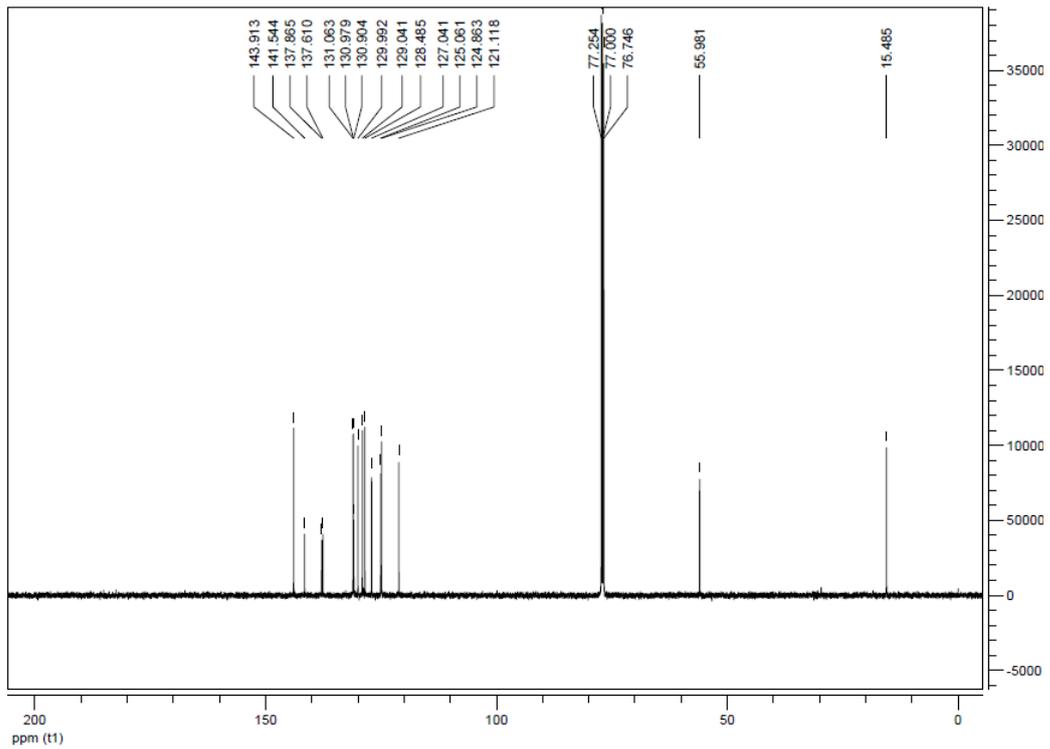
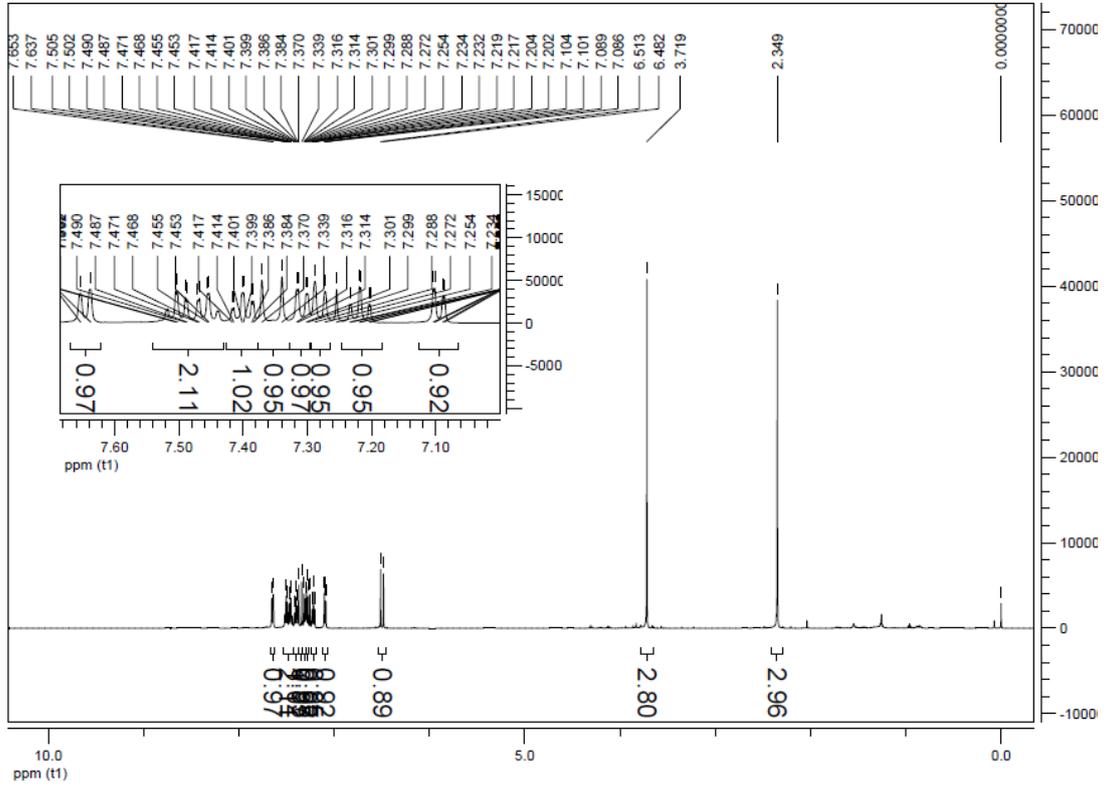
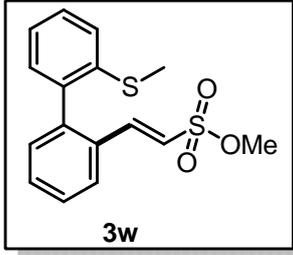


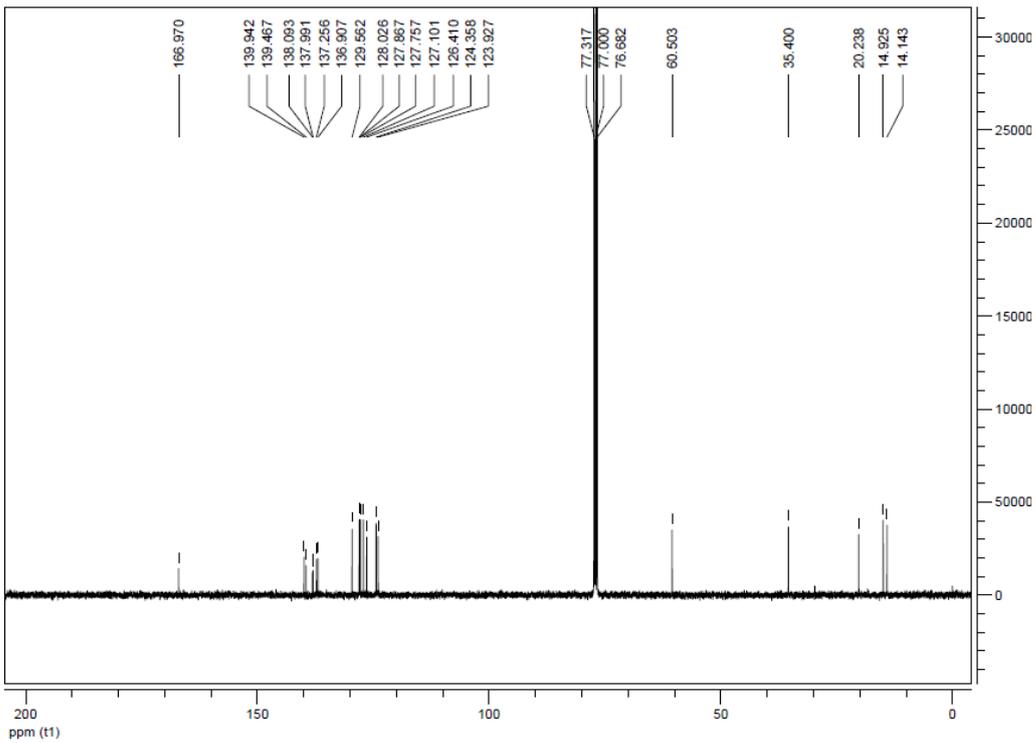
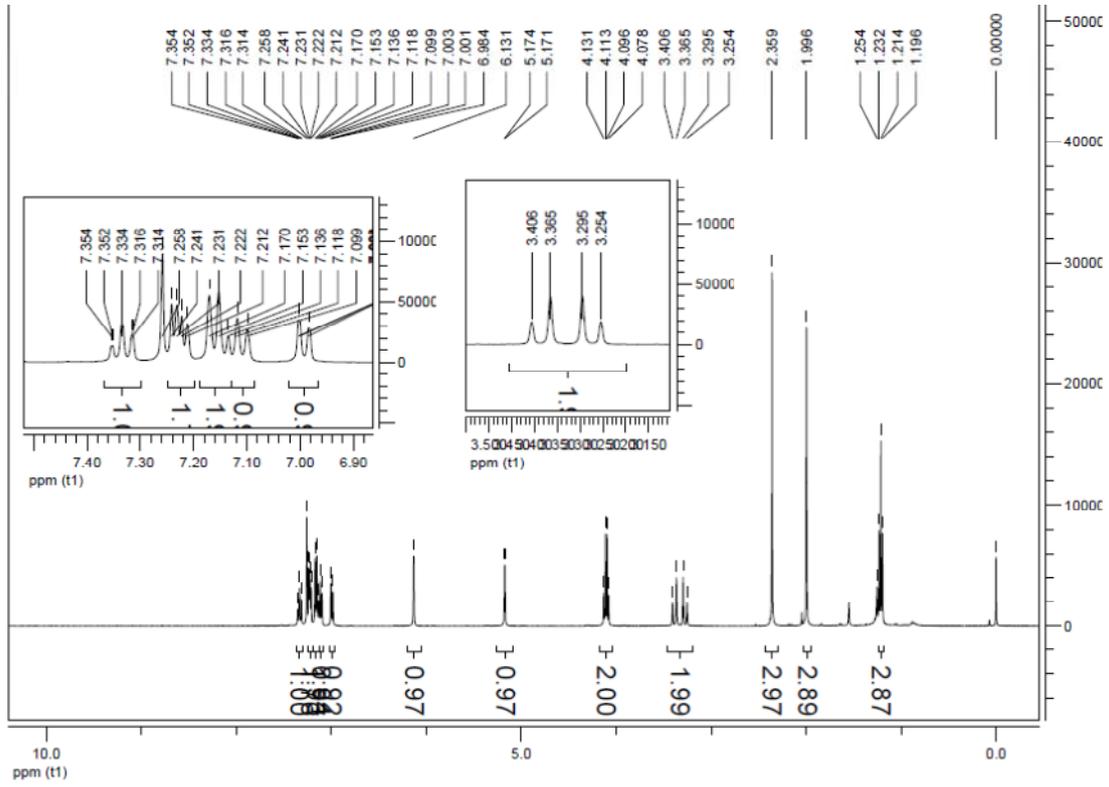
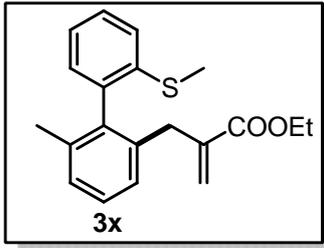




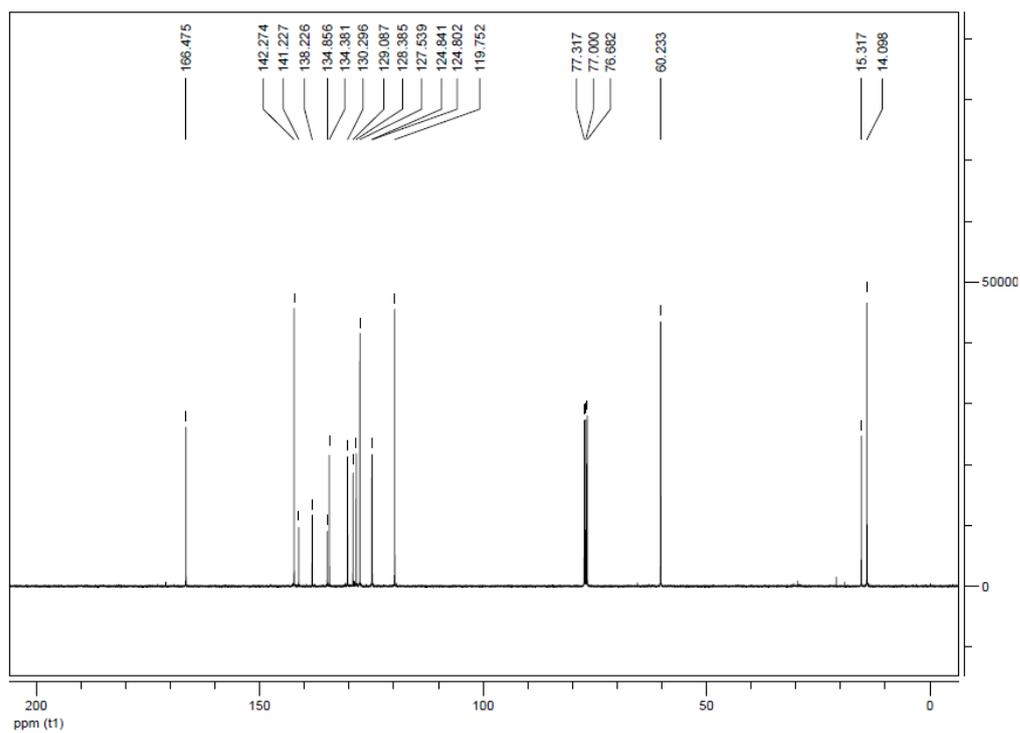
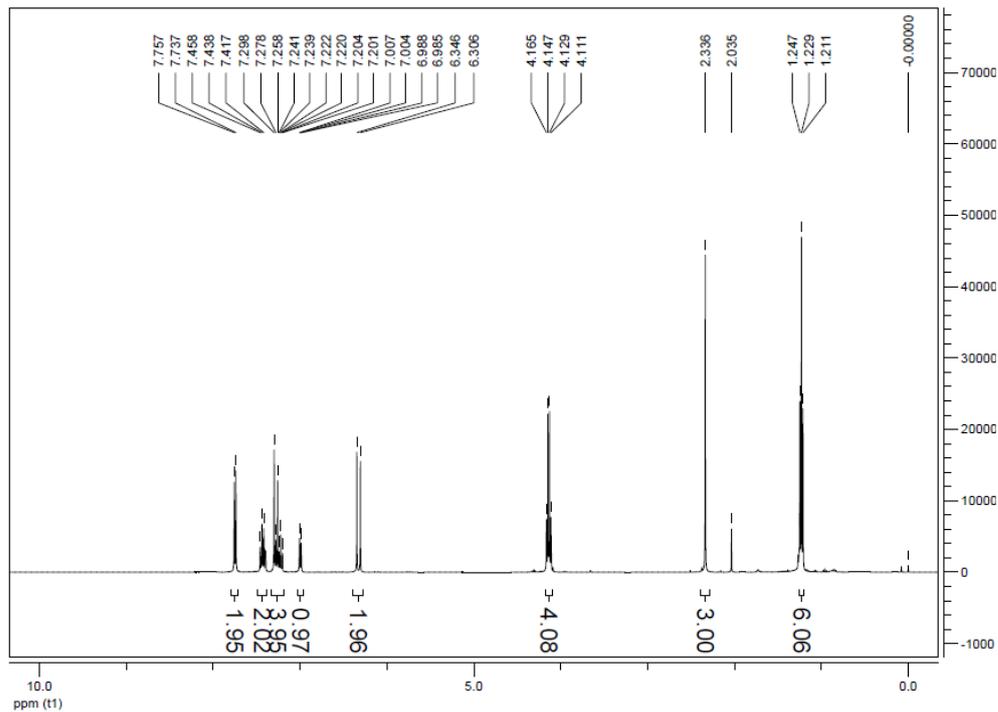
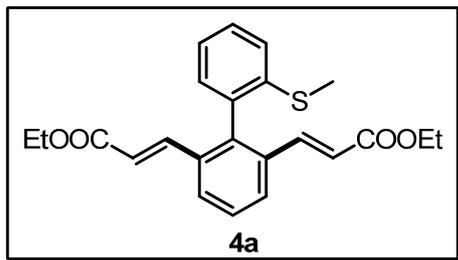


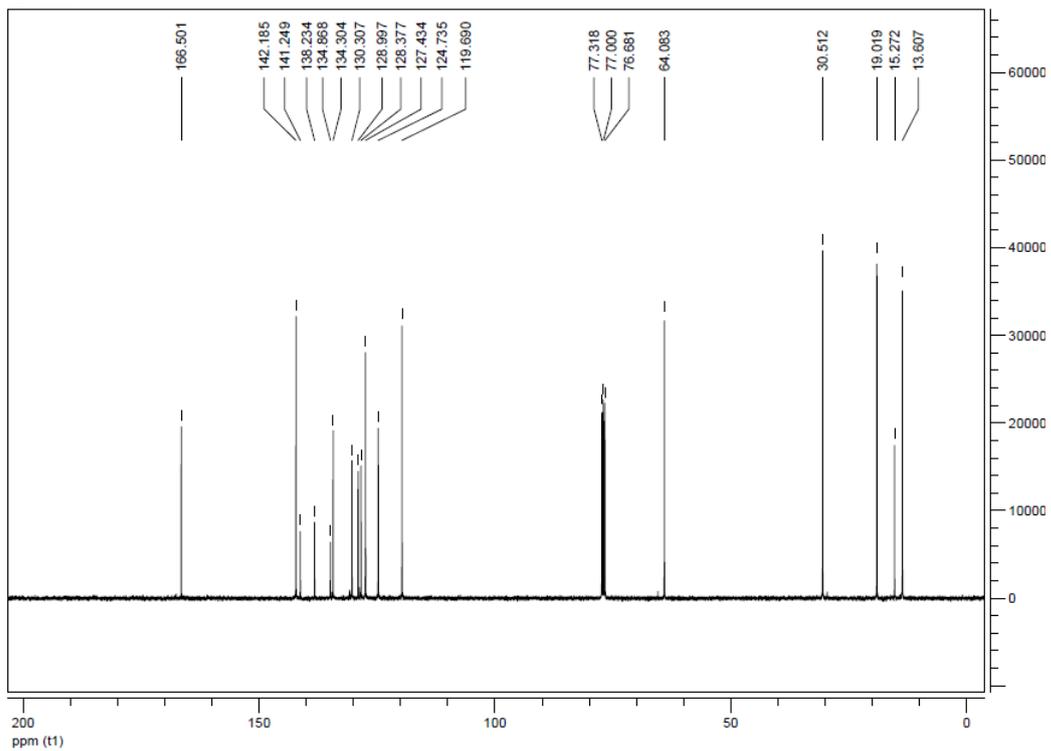
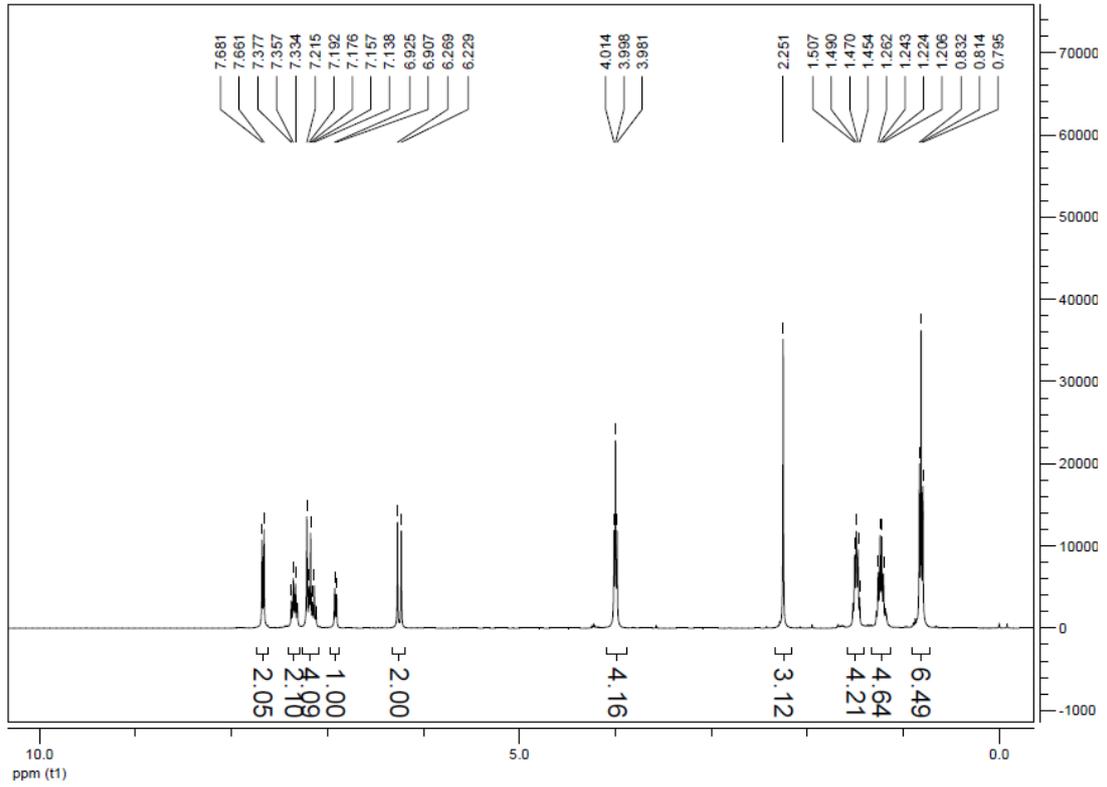
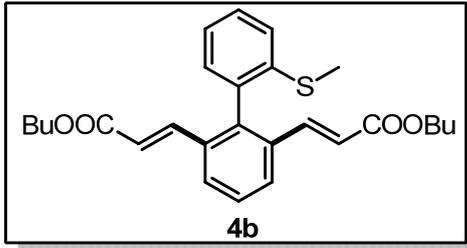


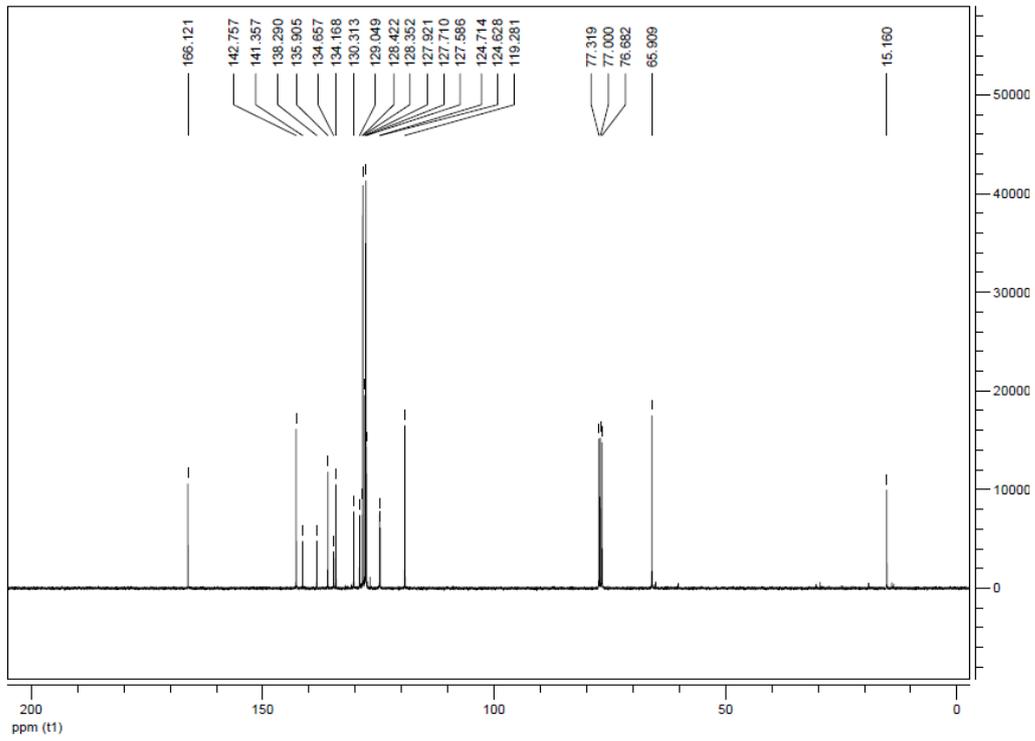
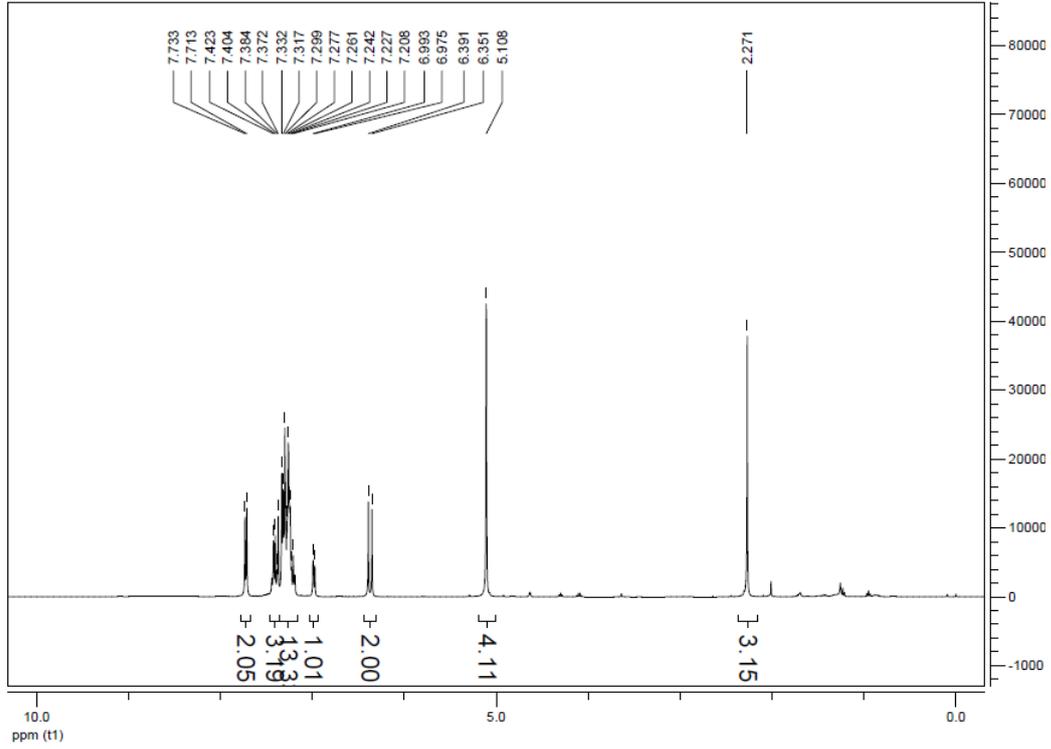
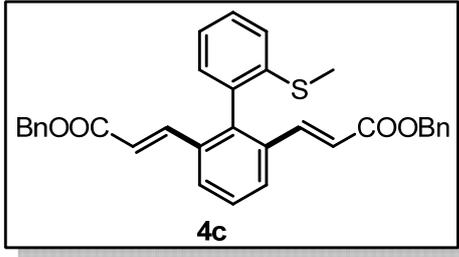


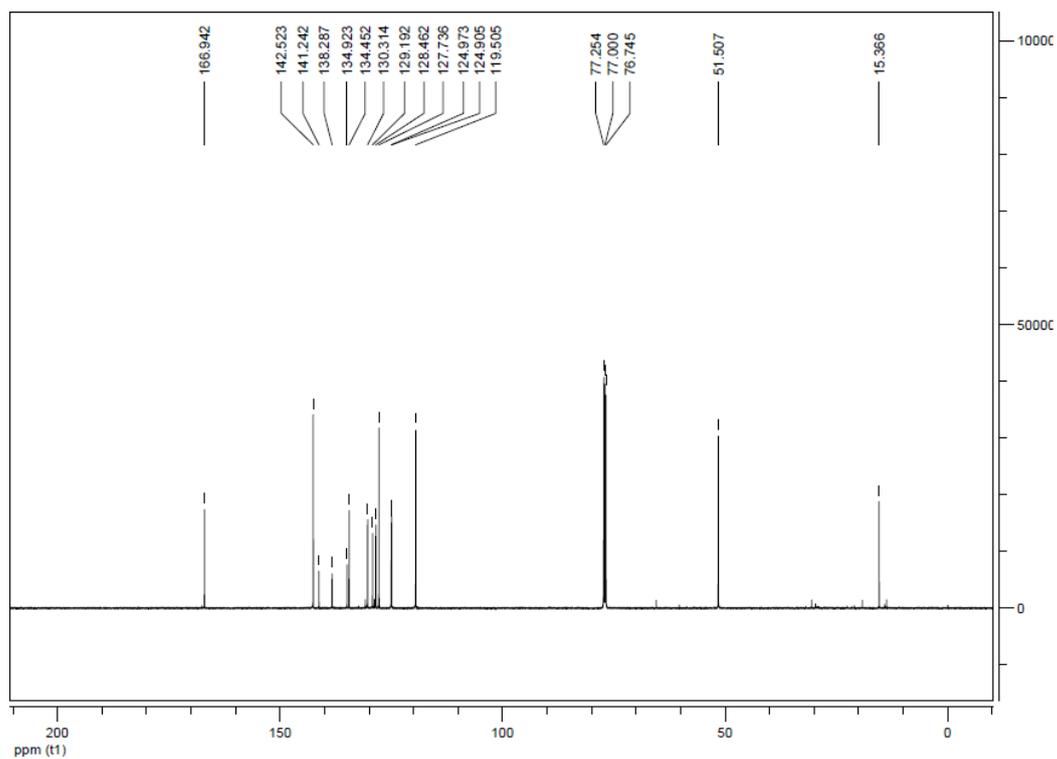
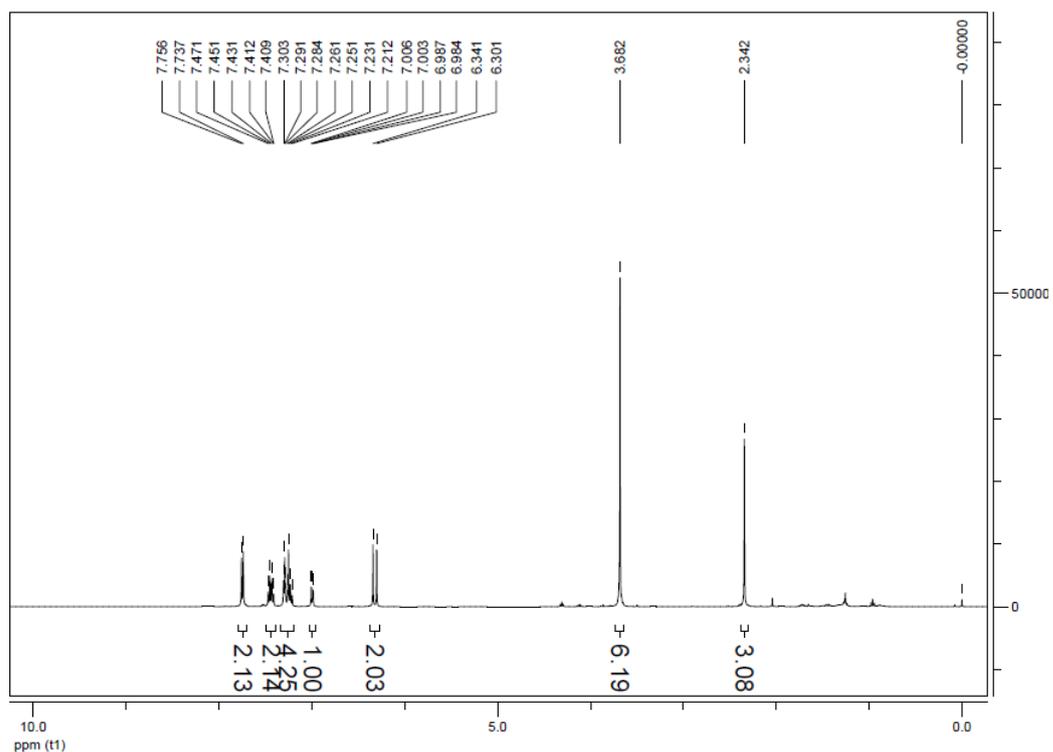
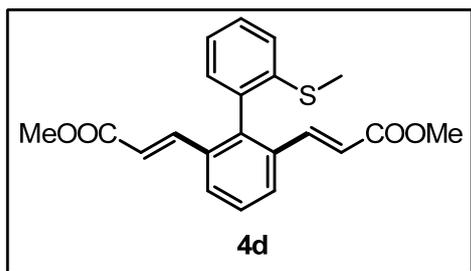


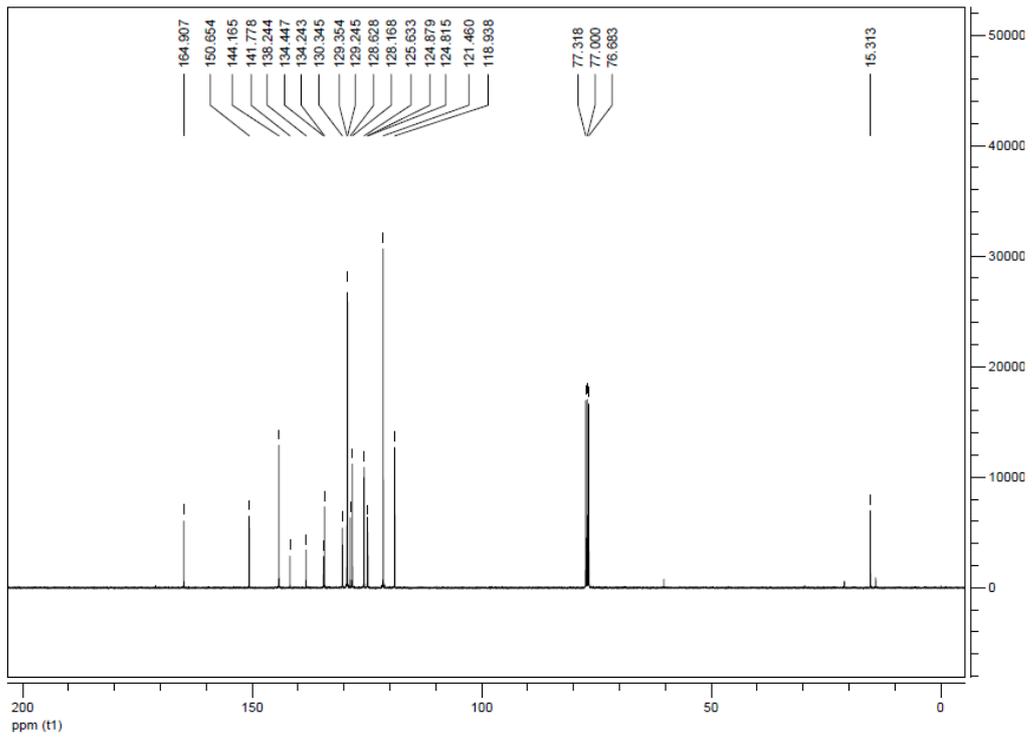
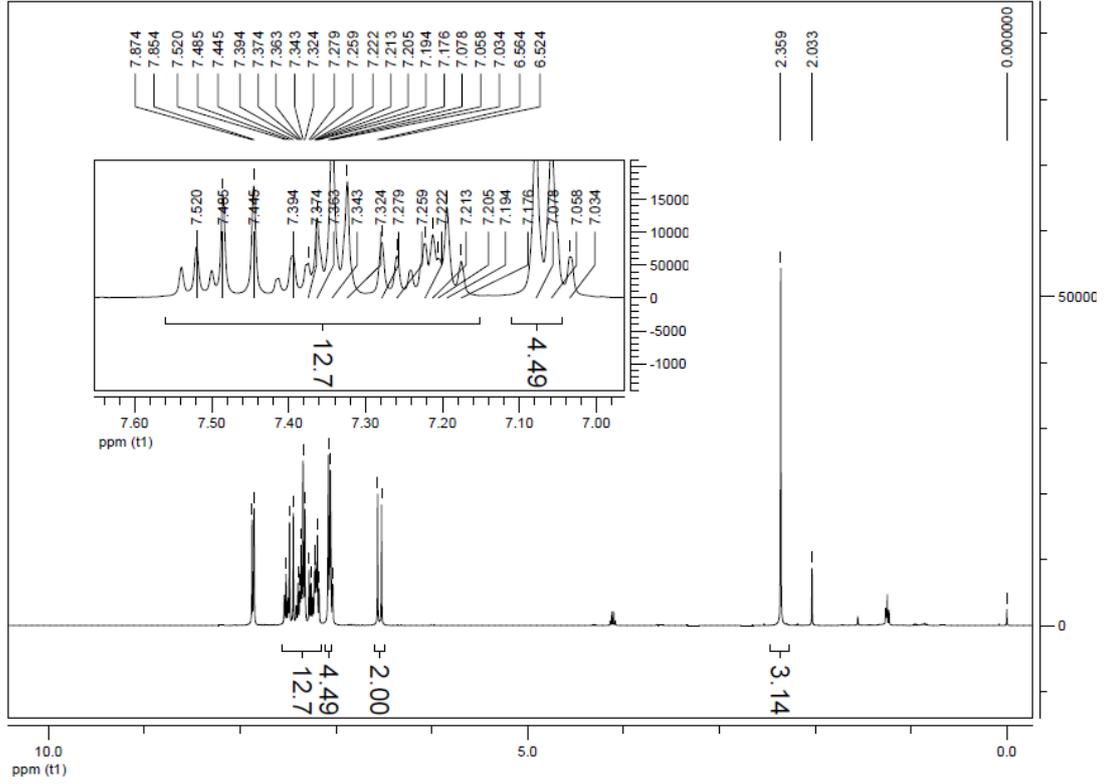
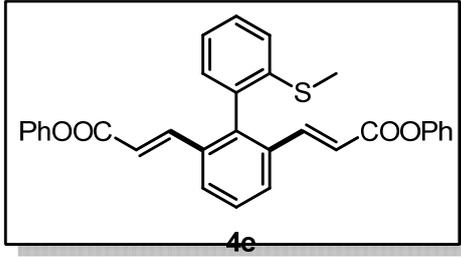
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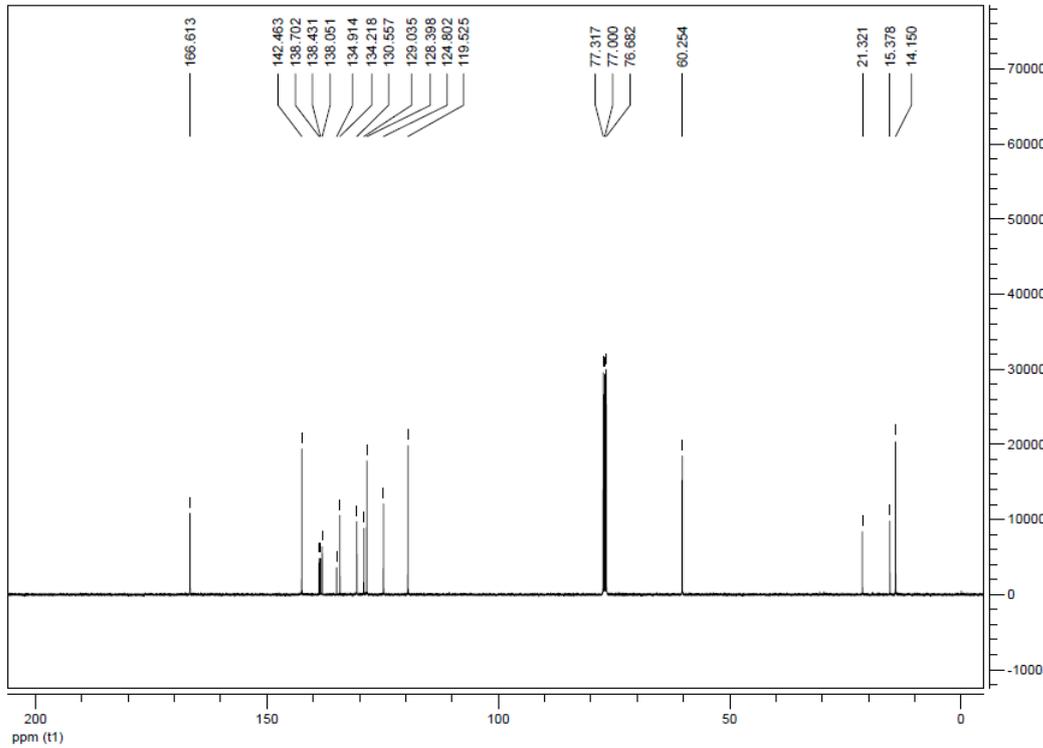
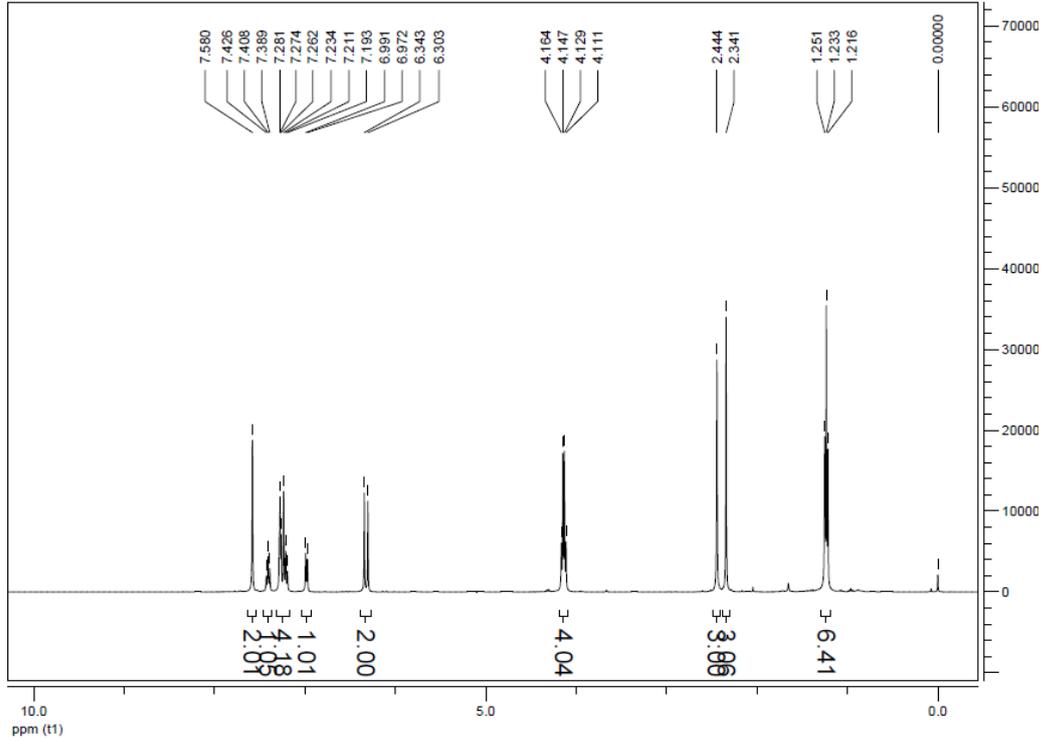
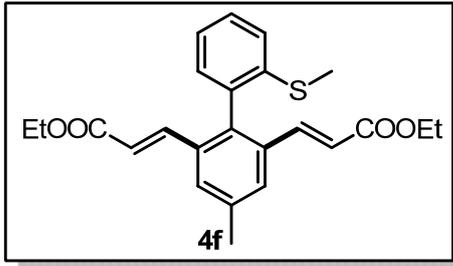


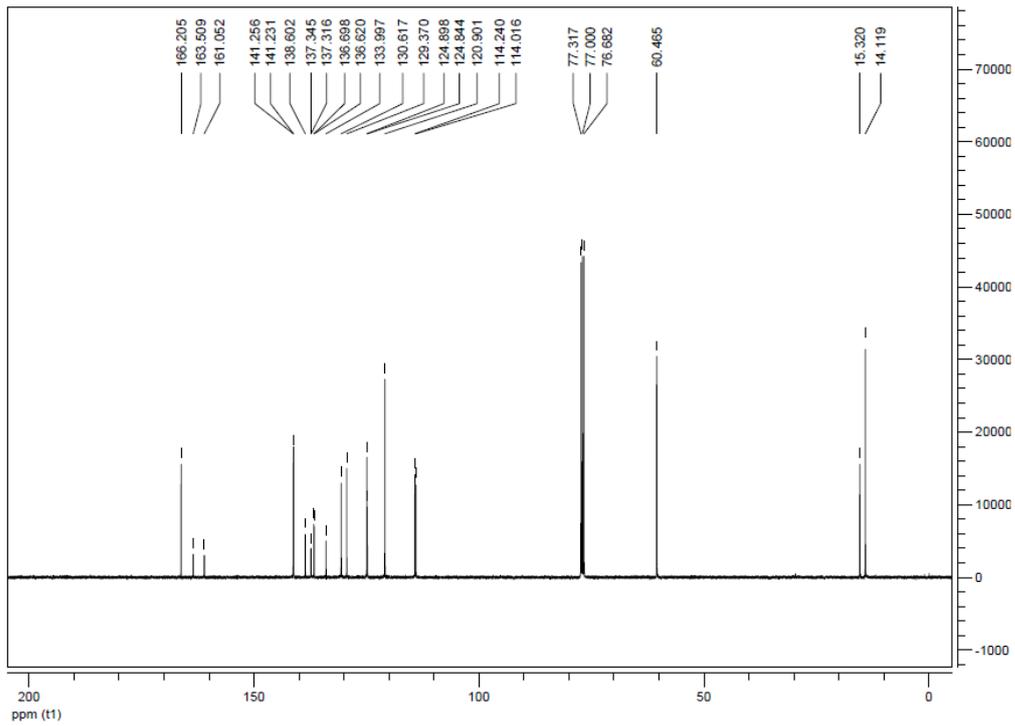
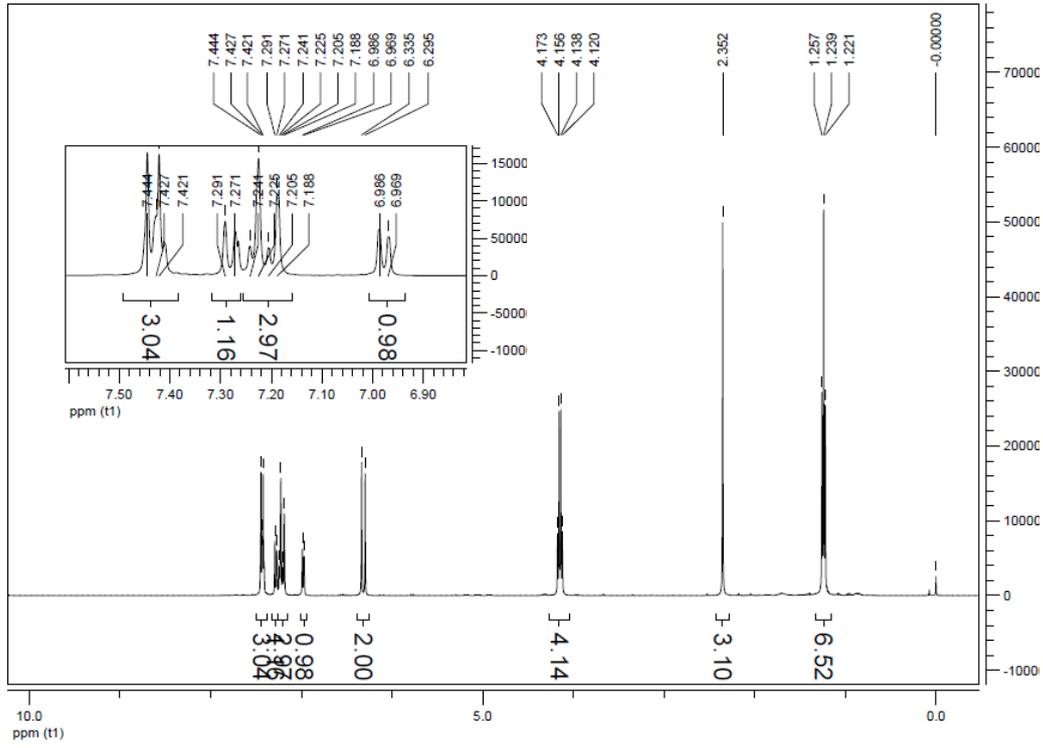
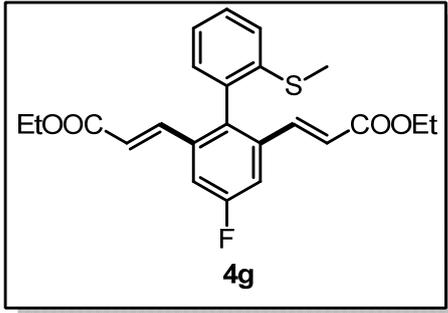


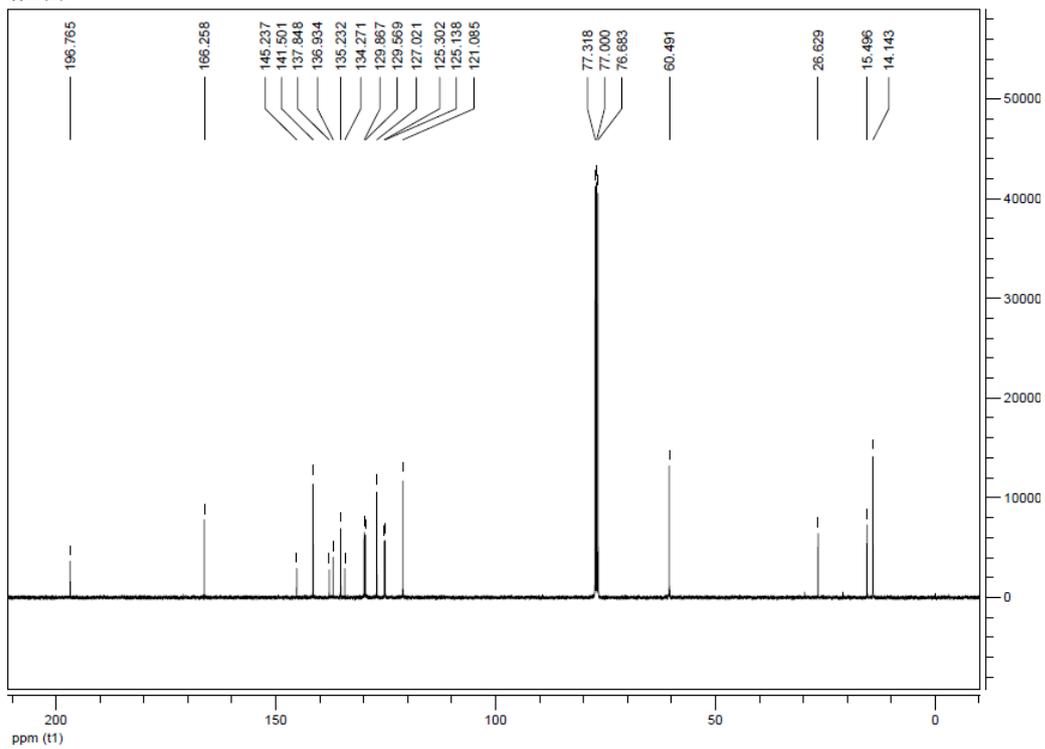
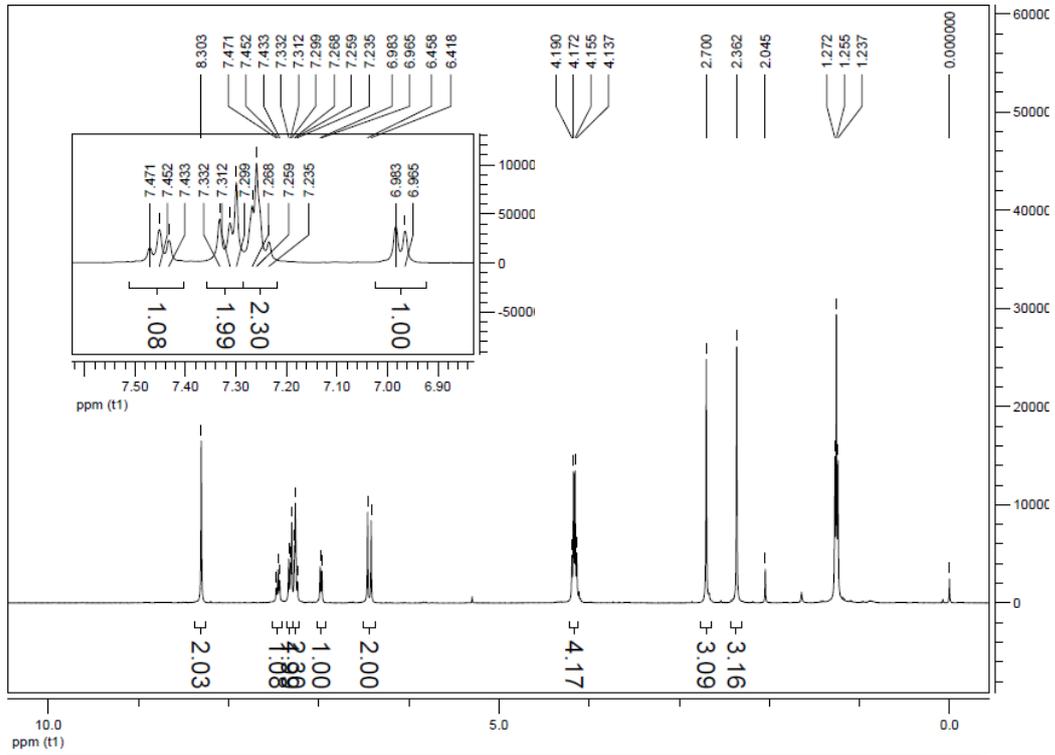
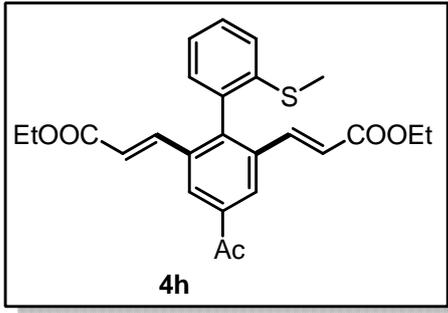




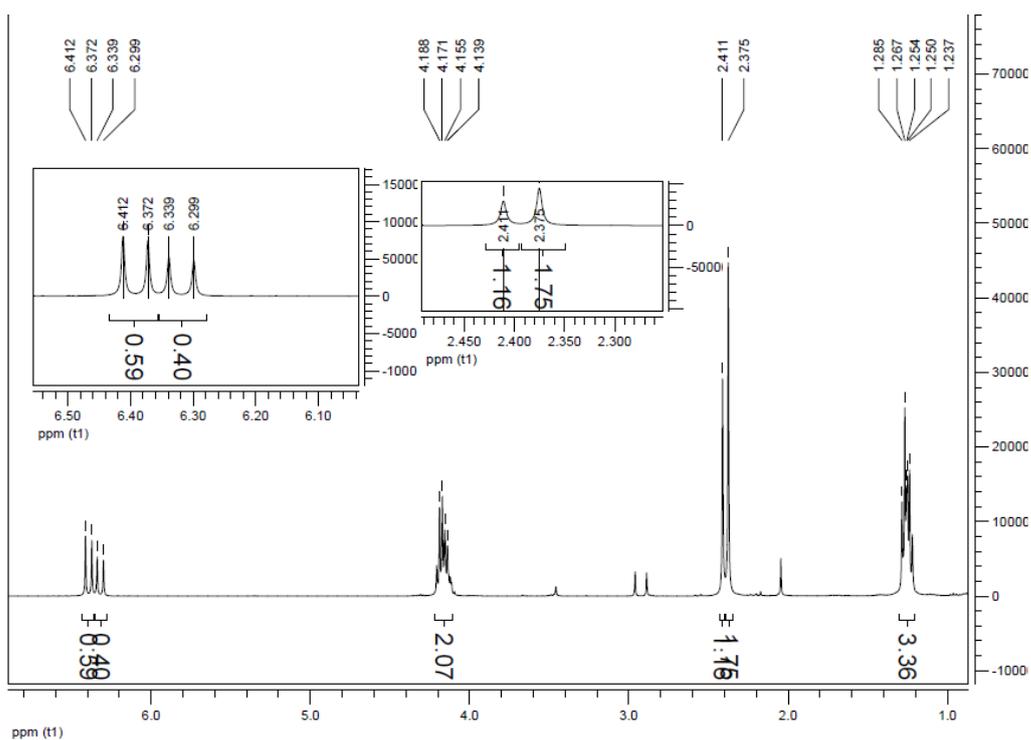
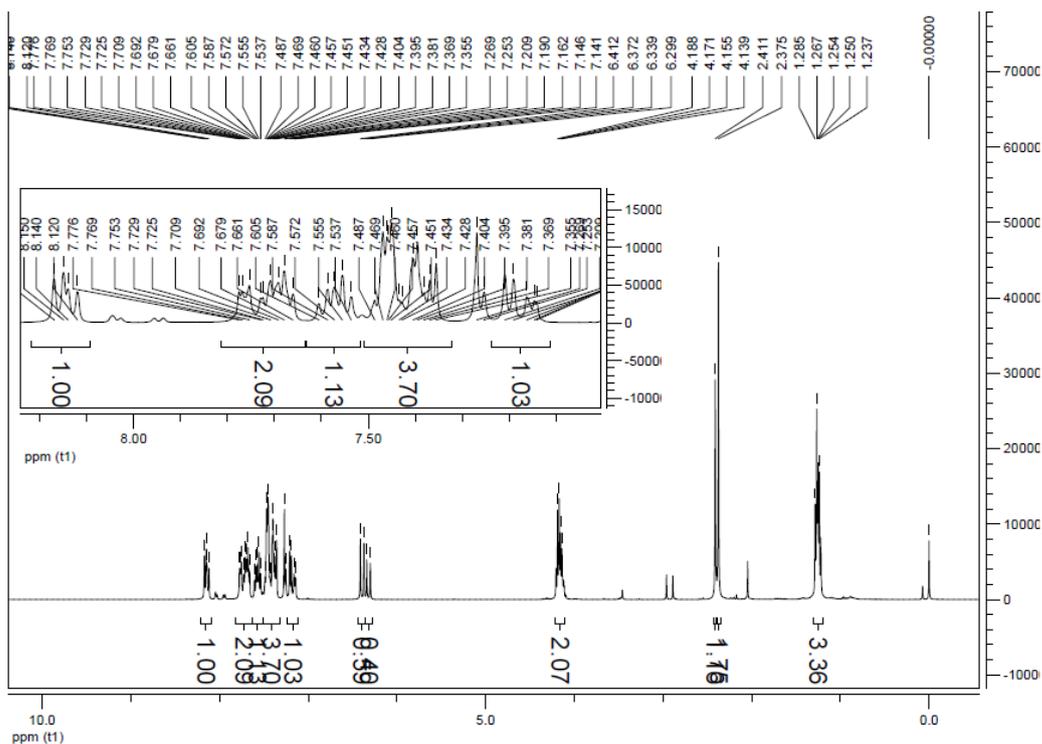
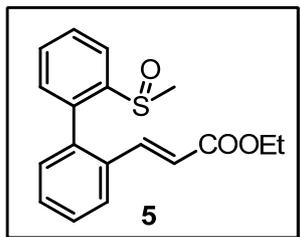


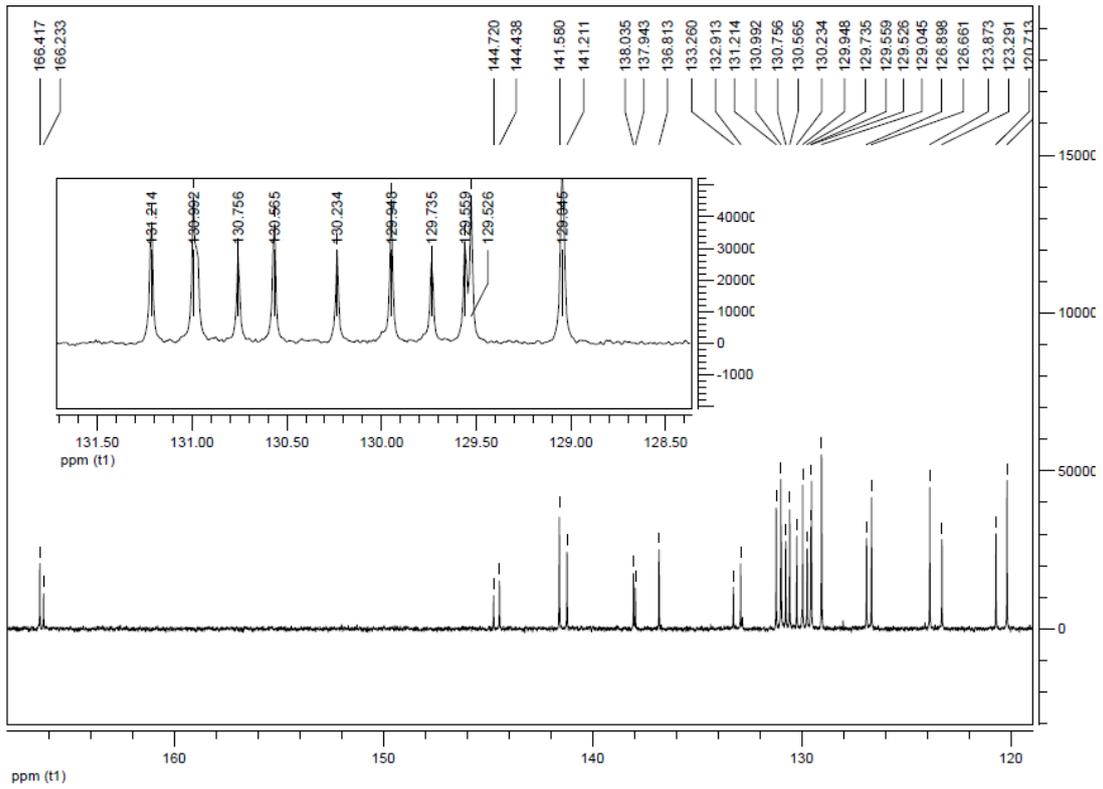
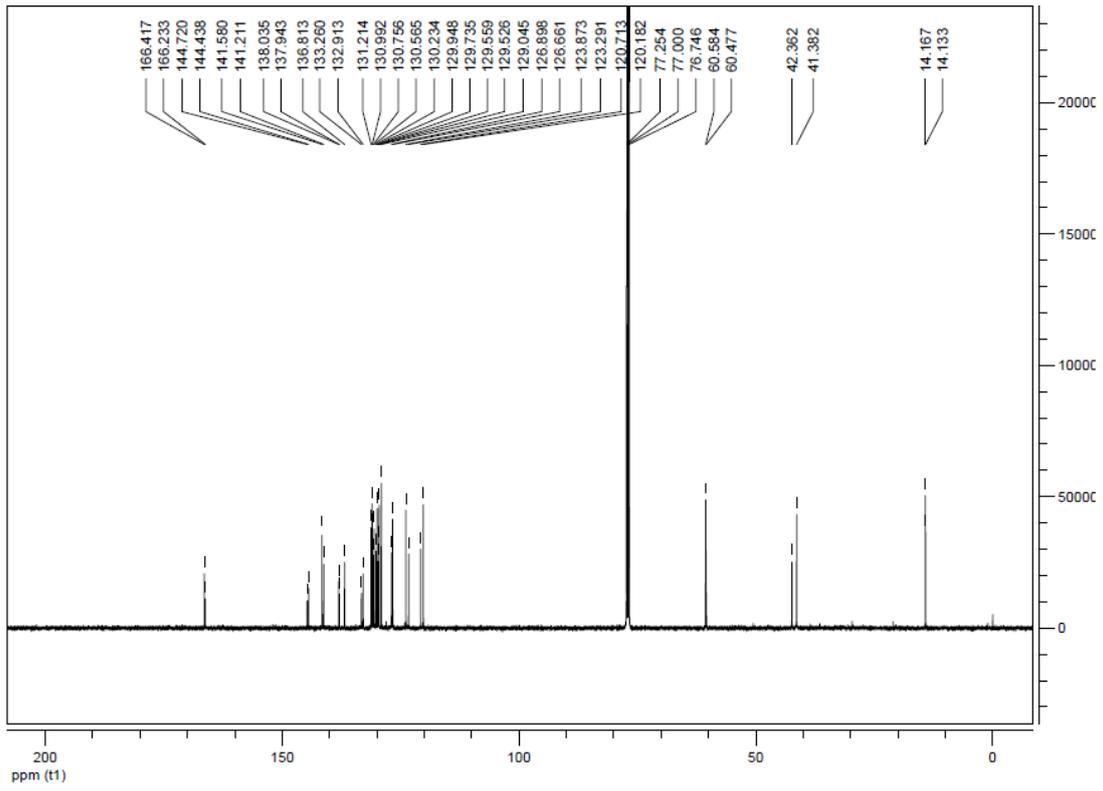


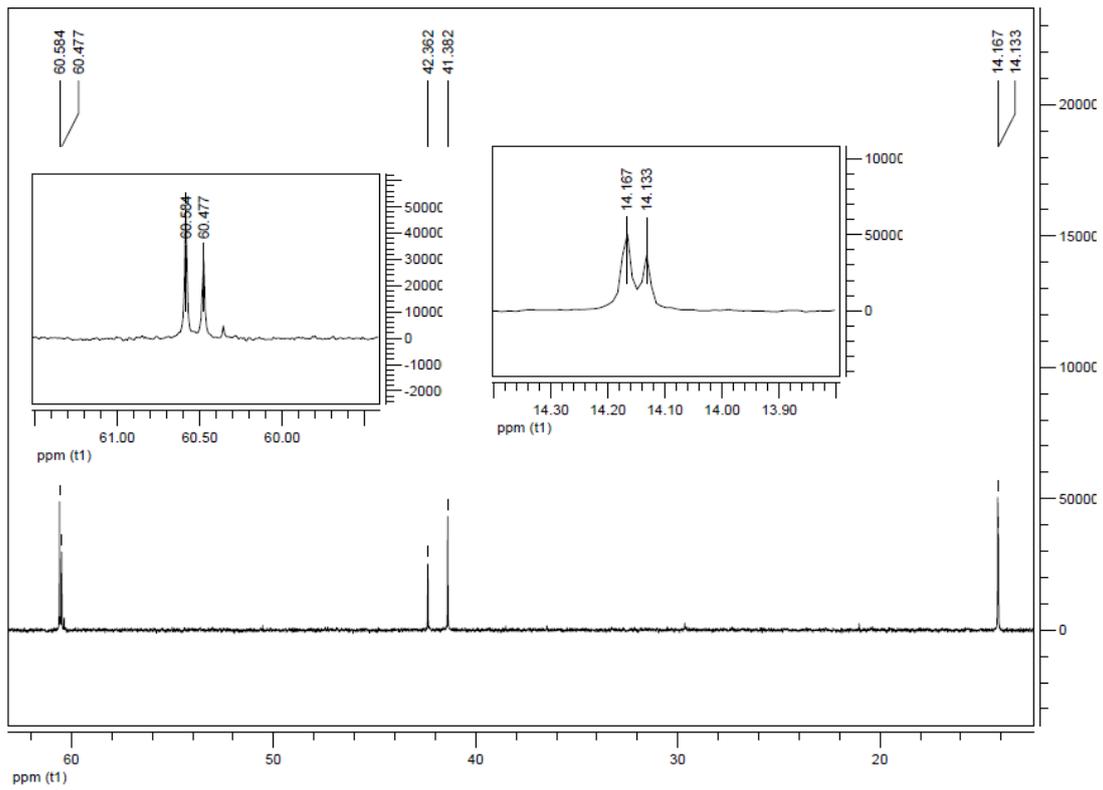


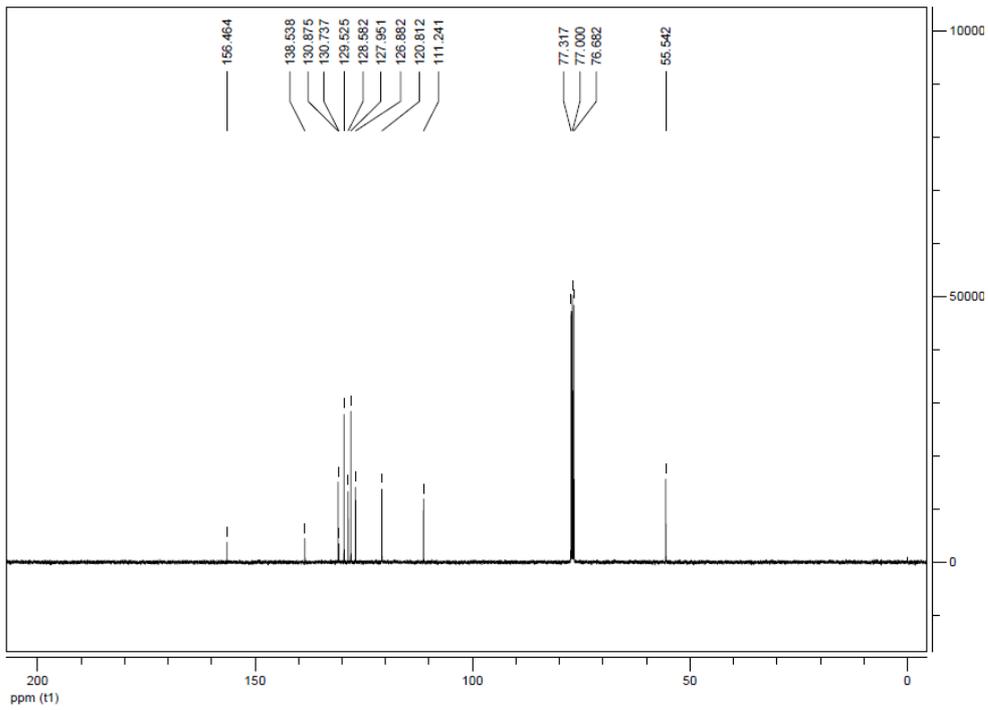
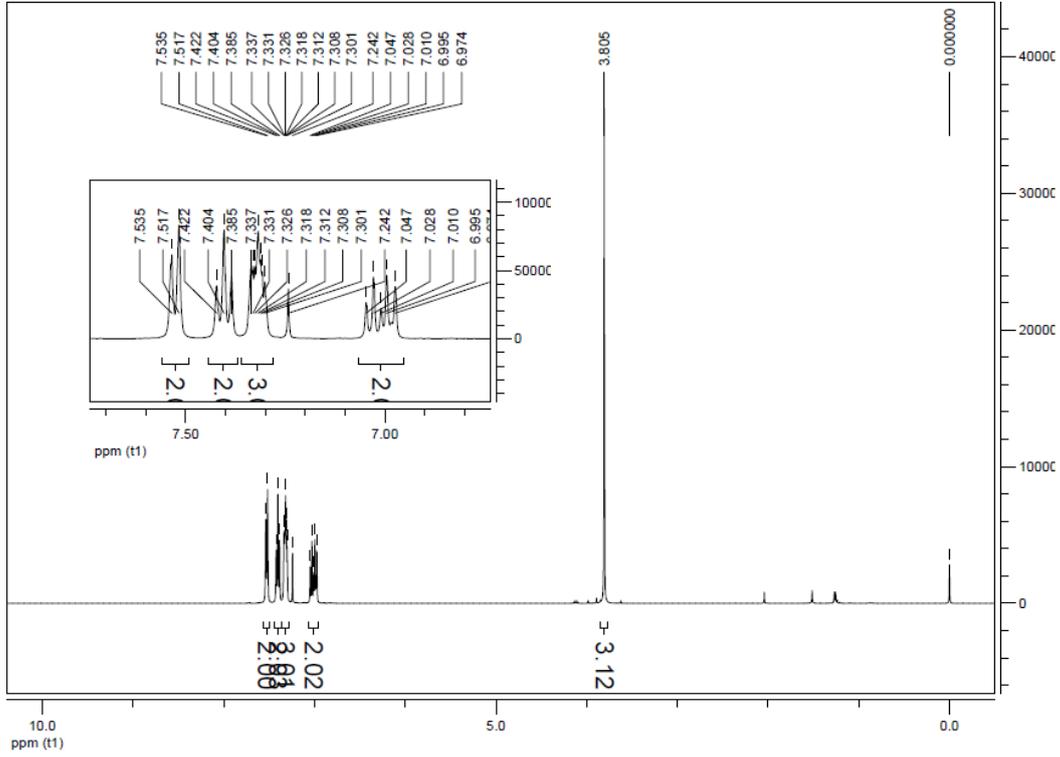
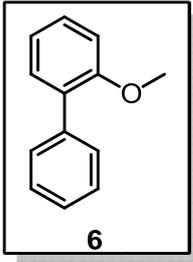


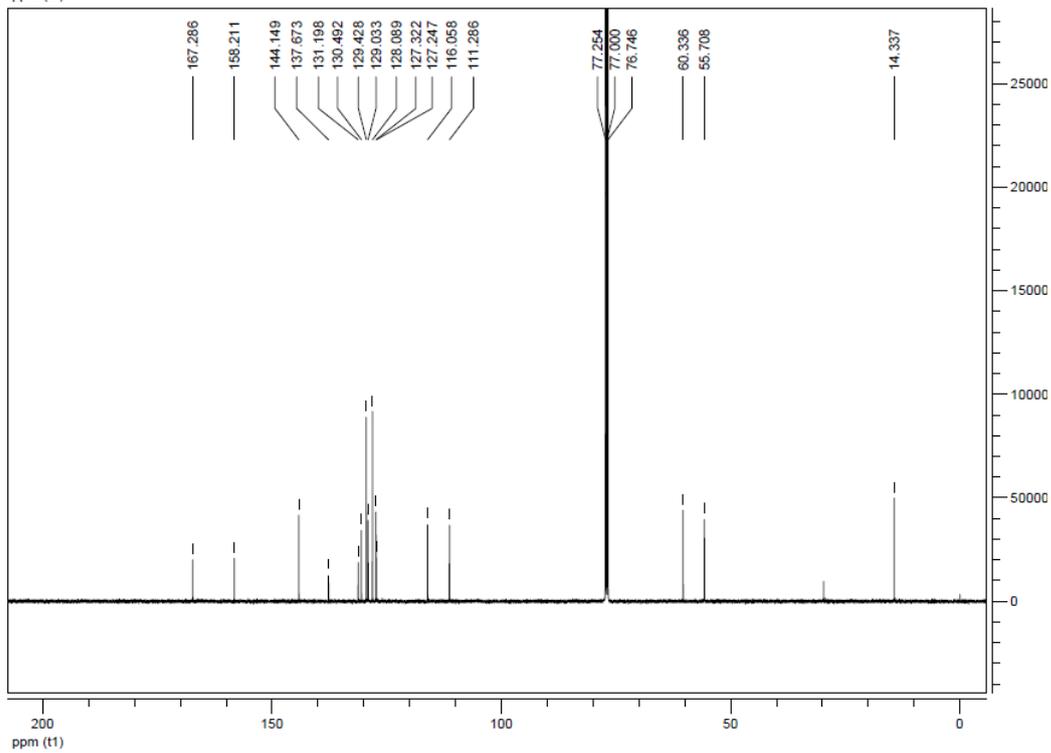
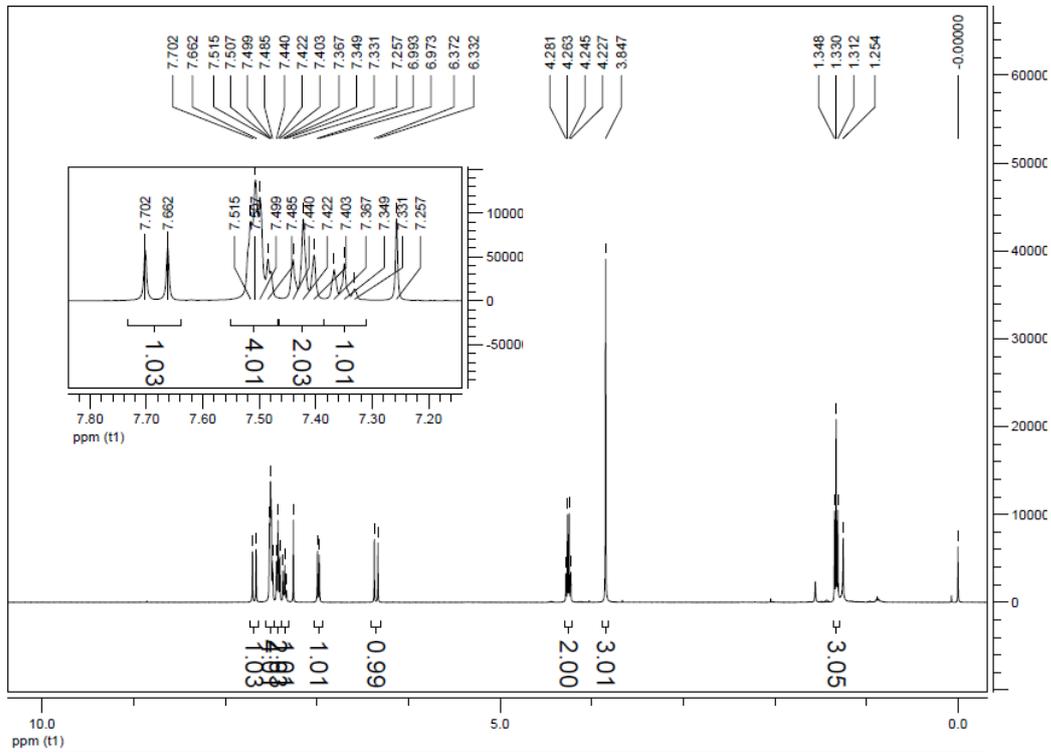
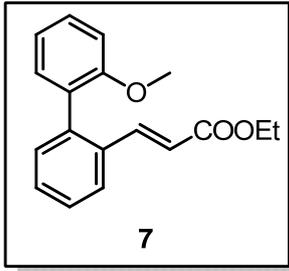
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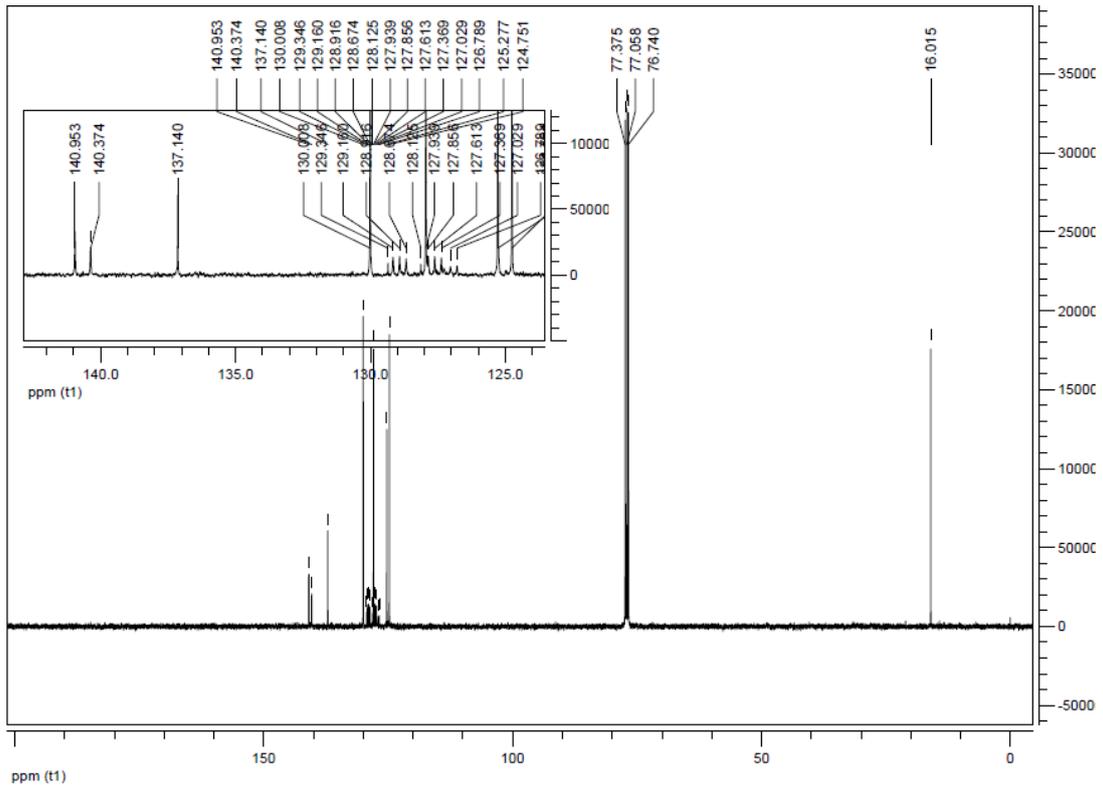
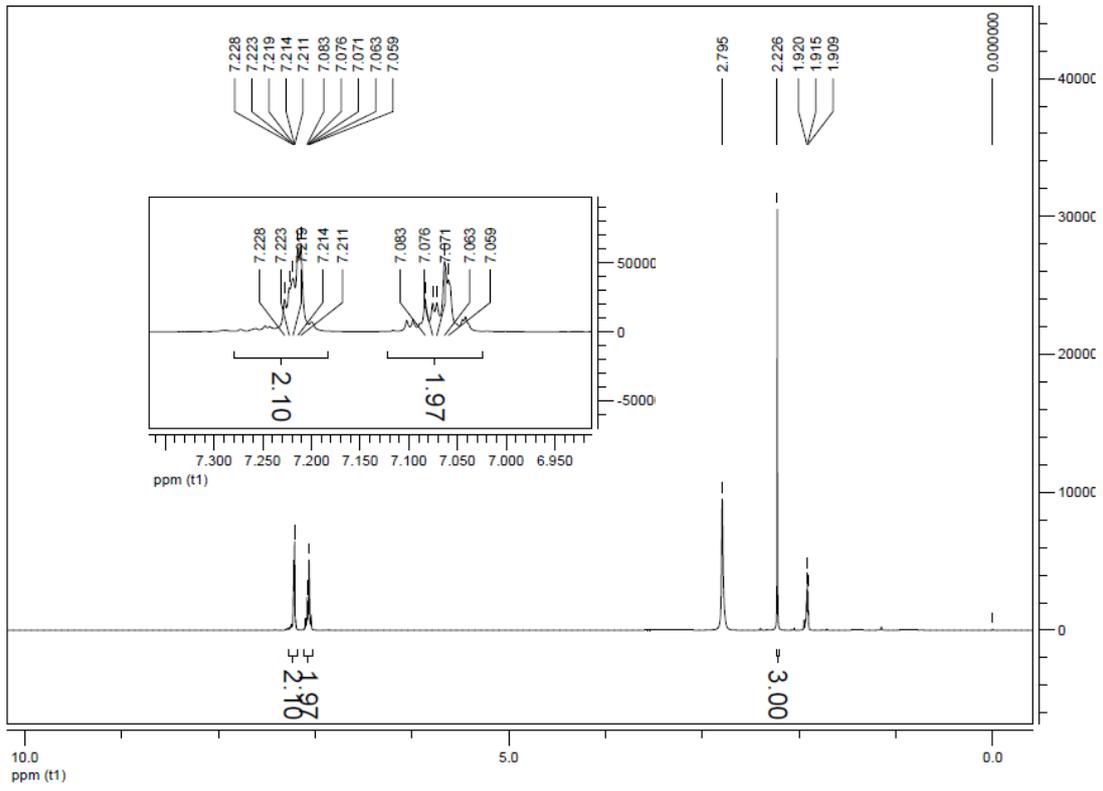


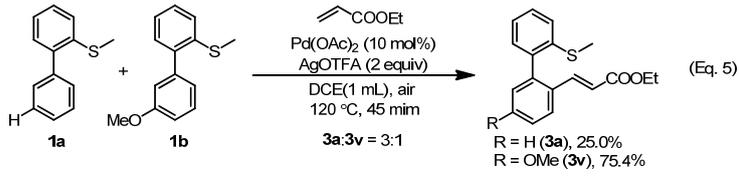




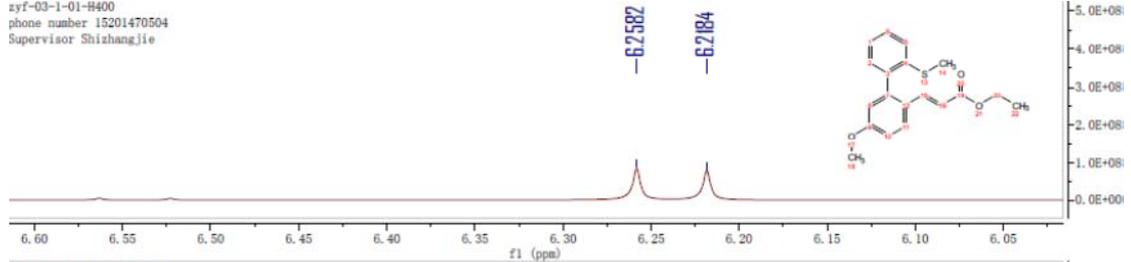




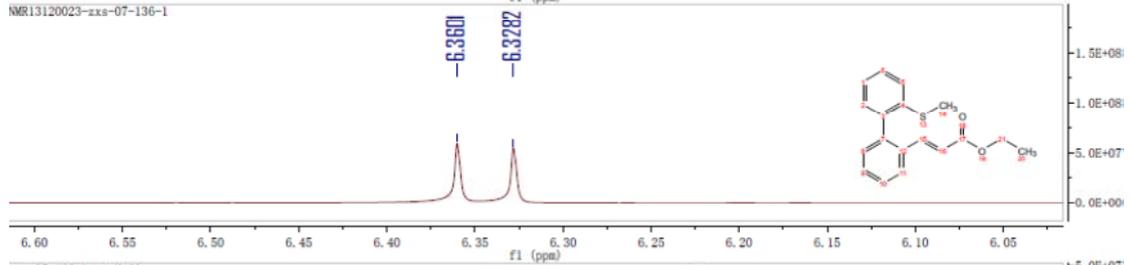




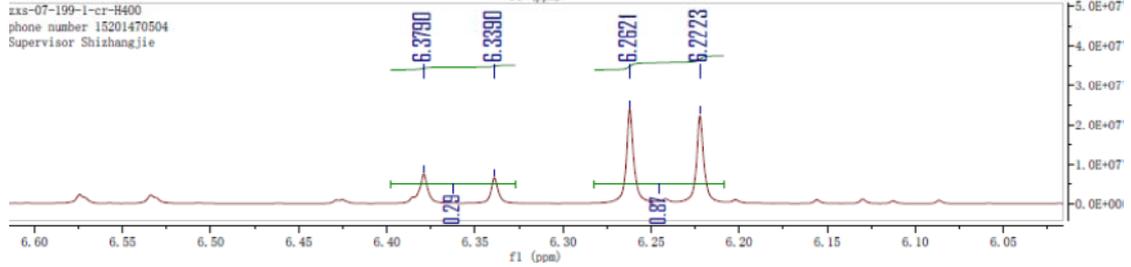
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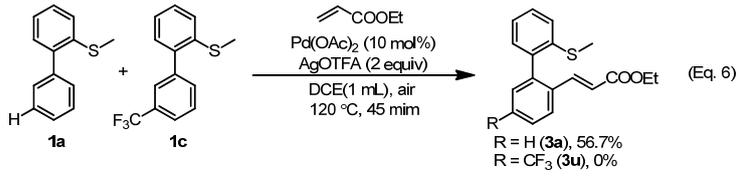


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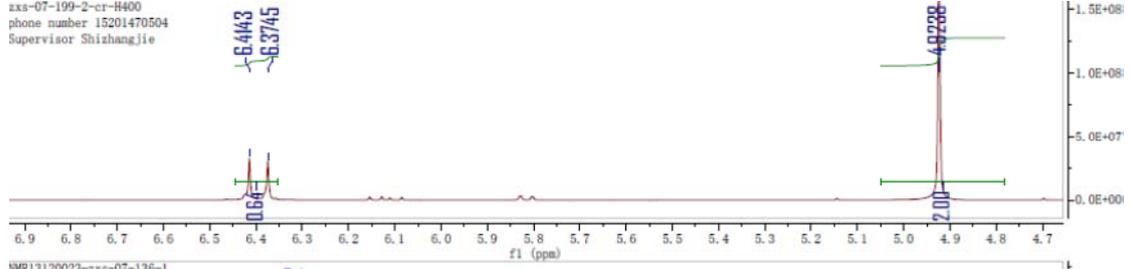


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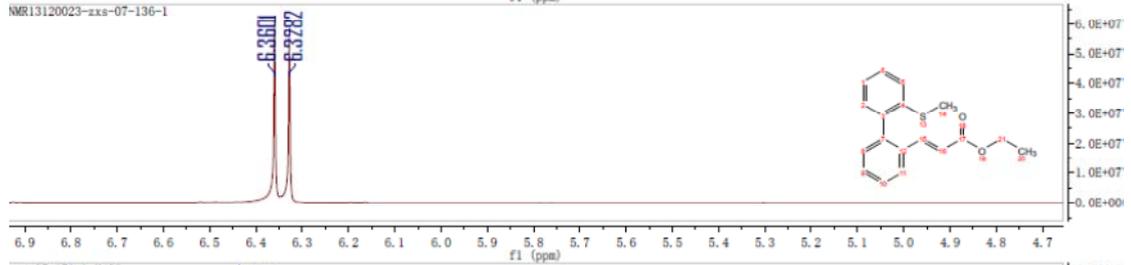




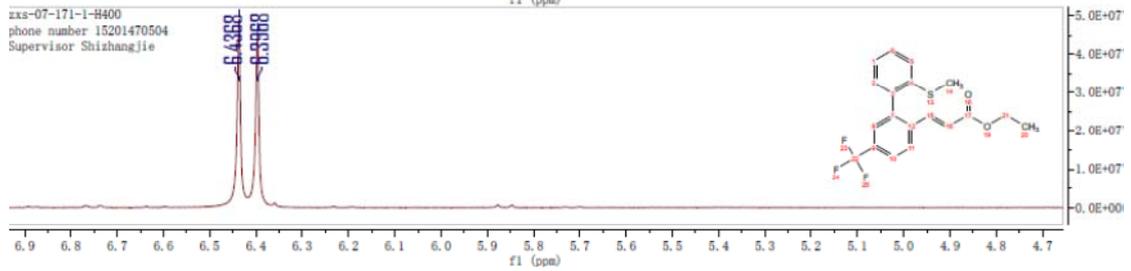
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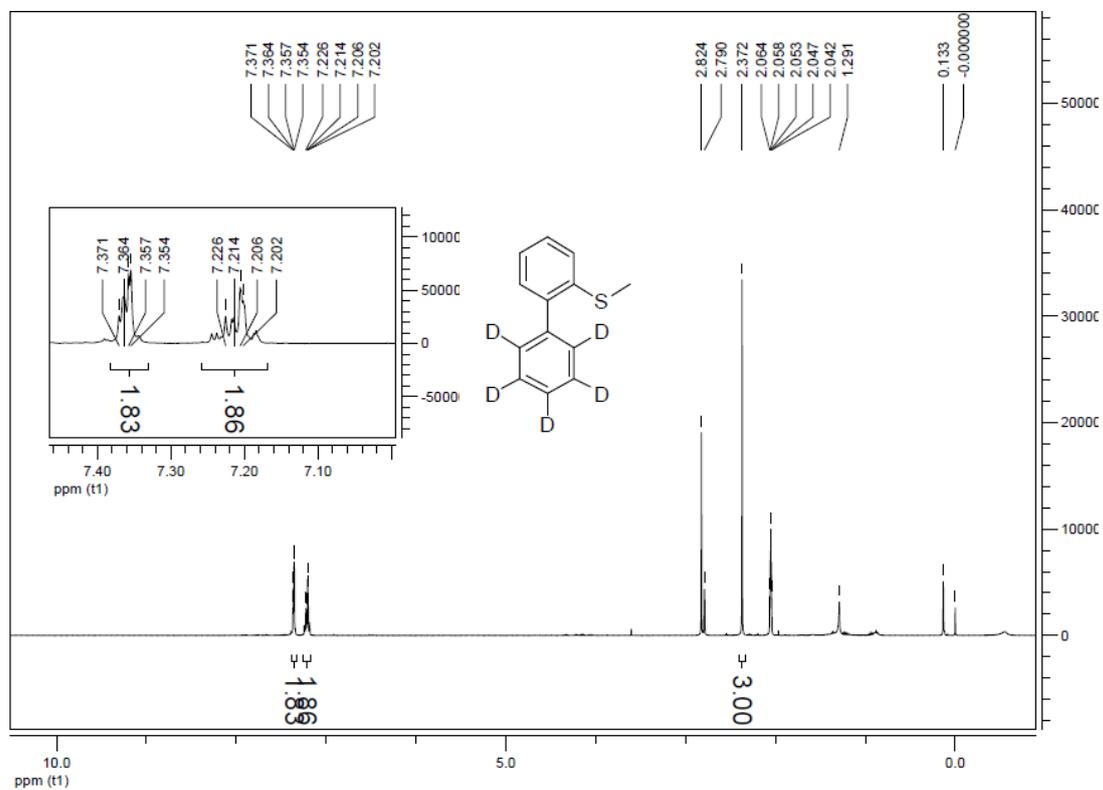
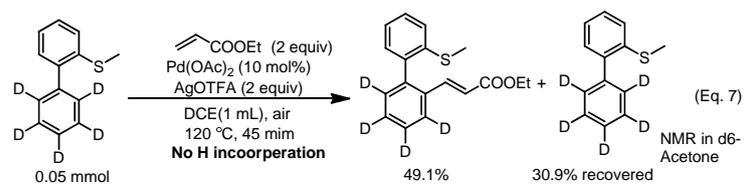


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Duterium labeling experiments (isolated yield)

