

Metal-Free Pinnick-type Oxidative Amidation of Aldehydes

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1. General Experimental

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ACF300 (300MHz) or Bruker DPX300 (300MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm). The residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference. Low resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT LCQ spectrometer in ESI mode. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT 95XL-T spectrometer. Enantiomeric excess values were determined by chiral HPLC analysis on Dionex Ultimate 3000 HPLC units, including a Ultimate 3000 Pump, Ultimate 3000 variable Detectors. Melting points were determined on a BÜCHI B-540 melting point apparatus. Flash chromatography separations were performed on Merck 60 (0.040 - 0.063mm) mesh silica gel. Toluene was distilled from sodium/benzophenone and stored under N_2 atmosphere. MeCN was dried by Molecular Sieve. Other reagents and solvents were commercial grade and were used as supplied without further purification, unless otherwise stated. All experiments were monitored by analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC). Instrumentations: Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (^1H NMR) and carbon NMR (^{13}C NMR) spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 unless otherwise stated.

2. General Procedure

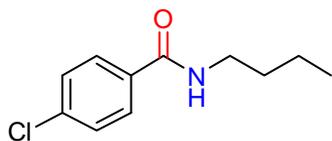
Aldehyde (0.10 mmol, 1 equiv), amine (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and 2,3-dimethylbut-2-ene (0.50 mmol, 5 equiv) were added into toluene (0.5 mL) and allowed to stir for 5 minutes. NaClO_2 (0.3125 mmol, 3.125 equiv) and NaH_2PO_4 (0.35 mmol, 3.5 equiv) were then added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 40 °C for 15 – 26 hours and monitored by TLC. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was diluted with anhydrous diethyl ether (5 mL), followed by adding saturated K_2CO_3 (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with anhydrous diethyl ether (3×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (gradient elution with hexane/ethyl acetate 20/1 to 2/1).

3. Procedure for Gram-Scale Synthesis of Amide 22

Ethyl glyoxylate (ca. 50% soln. in toluene) (1.98 mL, 10.0 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-butylamine (1.48 mL, 15.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and 2,3-dimethylbut-2-ene (5.94 mL, 50.0 mmol, 5 equiv) were added into toluene (50 mL) in a 100 mL round bottom flask and allowed to stir for 5 minutes. NaClO_2 (2.826 g, 31.25 mmol, 3.125 equiv) and NaH_2PO_4 (4.83 g, 35.0 mmol, 3.5 equiv) were then added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 40 °C for 18 hours. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was diluted with anhydrous diethyl ether (50 mL), followed by adding saturated K_2CO_3 (50 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with anhydrous diethyl ether (3×50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (gradient elution with hexane/ethyl acetate 15/1 to 2/1), providing amide **22** (1.52 g, 88%) as a pale yellow oil.

4. Characterization of Products

Amide 1: N-butyl-4-chlorobenzamide



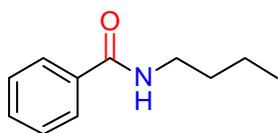
Following the above general procedure with 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (14.1 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-butylamine (14.8 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **1** (20.3 mg, 96%) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 3.43 (dd, $J = 13.3, 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.63 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.35 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 166.47, 137.47, 133.16, 128.72, 128.27, 39.88, 31.64, 20.11, 13.73.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 212.1 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$)

HRMS (ESI) m/z 212.0841 ($[\text{M} + \text{H}^+]$), calc. for $[\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO} + \text{H}^+]$ 212.0837.

Amide 2: N-butylbenzamide



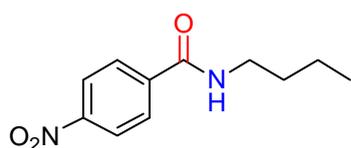
Following the above general procedure with benzaldehyde (10.2 μ L, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-butylamine (14.8 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **2** (14.2 mg, 80%) as a pale yellow oil.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 3.44 (dd, $J = 12.9, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.64 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 167.55, 134.82, 131.26, 128.49, 126.80, 39.78, 31.70, 20.12, 13.74.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 178.1 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$)

HRMS (ESI) m/z 178.1227 ($[\text{M} + \text{H}^+]$), calc. for $[\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO} + \text{H}^+]$ 178.1226.

Amide 3: N-butyl-4-nitrobenzamide



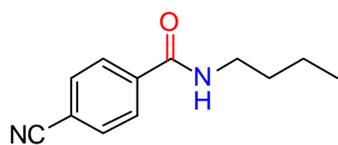
Following the above general procedure with 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (15.1 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-butylamine (14.8 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **3** (20.0 mg, 90%) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.25 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 3.46 (dd, $J = 13.0, 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.66 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 165.49, 149.44, 140.41, 128.04, 123.73, 40.13, 31.52, 20.09, 13.69.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 244.9 ($M + Na^+$)

HRMS (ESI) m/z 245.0905 ($[M + Na^+]$), calc. for $[C_{11}H_{14}N_2O_3 + Na^+]$ 245.0897.

Amide 4: N-butyl-4-cyanobenzamide



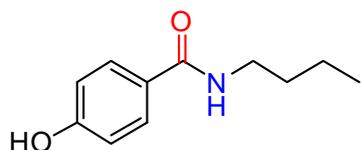
Following the above general procedure with 4-cyanobenzaldehyde (13.1 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-butylamine (14.8 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **4** (19.4 mg, 96%) as a white solid.

1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.86 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 3.44 (dd, $J = 12.9, 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.64 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 165.71, 138.72, 132.34, 127.58, 117.99, 114.82, 40.03, 31.51, 20.07, 13.68.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 203.1 ($M + H^+$)

HRMS (ESI) m/z 203.1181 ($[M + H^+]$), calc. for $[C_{12}H_{14}N_2O + H^+]$ 203.1179.

Amide 5: N-butyl-4-hydroxybenzamide



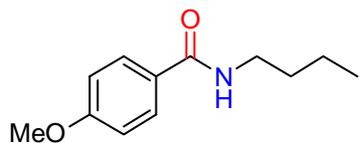
Following the above general procedure with 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (12.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-butylamine (14.8 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in Toluene:EA (4:1) mixture as the solvent, the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **5** (15.6 mg, 81%) as a colourless oil.

1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.61 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 3.44 (dd, $J = 12.8, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.64 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 168.33, 160.06, 128.75, 115.59, 39.97, 31.61, 20.10, 13.73.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 194.1 ($M + H^+$)

HRMS (ESI) m/z 194.1179 ($[M + H^+]$), calc. for $[C_{11}H_{15}NO_2 + H^+]$ 194.1176.

Amide 6: N-butyl-4-methoxybenzamide



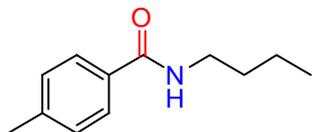
Following the above general procedure with 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (12.2 μ L, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-butylamine (14.8 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **6** (15.5 mg, 75%) as a light brown crystalline solid.

1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.42 (dd, $J = 12.2, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.63 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 167.07, 162.01, 128.59, 127.05, 113.66, 55.34, 39.74, 31.77, 20.13, 13.75.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 208.1 ($M + H^+$)

HRMS (ESI) m/z 208.1338 ($[M + H^+]$), calc. for $[C_{12}H_{17}NO_2 + H^+]$ 208.1332.

Amide 7: N-butyl-4-methylbenzamide



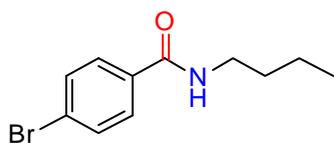
Following the above general procedure with 4-methylbenzaldehyde (11.8 μ L, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-butylamine (14.8 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **7** (16.4 mg, 86%) as a pale brown oil.

1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.65 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 3.43 (dd, $J = 13.1, 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.58 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 167.49, 141.63, 131.92, 129.13, 126.79, 39.72, 31.72, 21.37, 20.12, 13.75.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 192.1 ($M + H^+$)

HRMS (ESI) m/z 192.1387 ($[M + H^+]$), calc. for $[C_{12}H_{17}NO + H^+]$ 192.1383.

Amide 8: 4-bromo-N-butylbenzamide



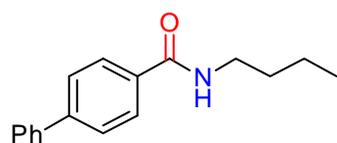
Following the above general procedure with 4-bromobenzaldehyde (18.5 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-butylamine (14.8 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **8** (18.2 mg, 71%) as an off-white solid.

1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.62 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 3.43 (dd, $J = 12.8, 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.63 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 166.55, 133.64, 131.72, 128.46, 125.91, 39.89, 31.65, 20.12, 13.73.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 256.1 ($M + H^+$)

HRMS (ESI) m/z 256.0336 ($[M + H^+]$), calc. for $[C_{11}H_{14}BrNO + H^+]$ 256.0332.

Amide 9: N-butyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxamide



Following the above general procedure with 4-phenylbenzaldehyde (18.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-butylamine (14.8 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **9** (18.2 mg, 72%) as a white solid.

1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.84 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.52 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 3.48 (dd, $J = 12.7, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.67 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 167.25, 144.10, 140.02, 133.45, 128.87, 127.92, 127.35, 127.16, 39.83, 31.74, 20.15, 13.76.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 254.1 ($M + H^+$)

HRMS (ESI) m/z 254.1544 ($[M + H^+]$), calc. for $[C_{17}H_{19}NO + H^+]$ 254.1539.

Amide 10: N-butyl-2-naphthamide



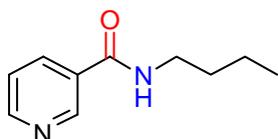
Following the above general procedure with 2-naphthaldehyde (15.6 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-butylamine (14.8 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **10** (18.6 mg, 82%) as an off-white solid.

1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.98 – 7.75 (m, 4H), 7.63 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 3.50 (dd, $J = 12.7, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.69 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 167.60, 134.62, 132.60, 132.02, 128.83, 128.35, 127.68, 127.49, 127.20, 126.65, 123.56, 39.93, 31.75, 20.16, 13.76.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 228.1 ($M + H^+$)

HRMS (ESI) m/z 228.1392 ($[M + H^+]$), calc. for $[C_{15}H_{17}NO + H^+]$ 228.1383.

Amide 11: N-butylnicotinamide



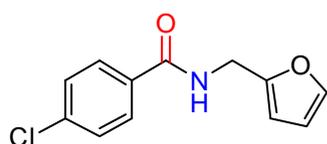
Following the above general procedure with 3-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (9.40 μ L, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-butylamine (14.8 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **11** (14.6 mg, 82%) as a pale yellow oil.

1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.68 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 3.45 (dd, $J = 13.5, 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.65 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 165.22, 151.11, 147.17, 136.01, 130.88, 123.75, 39.95, 31.54, 20.10, 13.69.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 179.2 ($M + H^+$)

HRMS (ESI) m/z 179.1178 ($[M + H^+]$), calc. for $[C_{10}H_{14}N_2O + H^+]$ 179.1179.

Amide 12: 4-chloro-N-(furan-2-ylmethyl)benzamide



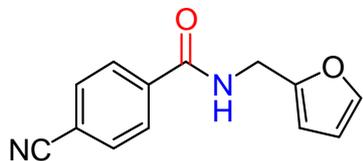
Following the above general procedure with 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (14.1 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and furfurylamine (13.3 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **12** (18.9 mg, 80%) as a pale yellow solid.

1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (m, 3H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.33 (dd, $J = 3.1, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 2H). **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 166.17, 150.90, 142.35, 137.85, 132.48, 128.79, 128.44, 110.52, 107.81, 37.03.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 235.9 ($M + H^+$)

HRMS (ESI) m/z 236.0476 ($[M + H^+]$), calc. for $[C_{12}H_{10}ClNO_2 + H^+]$ 236.0473.

Amide 13: 4-cyano-N-(furan-2-ylmethyl)benzamide



Following the above general procedure with 4-cyanobenzaldehyde (13.1 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv), furfurylamine (13.3 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $NaClO_2$ (45.2 mg, 0.50 mmol, 5 equiv) and NaH_2PO_4 (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol, 4 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **13** (19.9 mg, 88%) as a pale yellow solid.

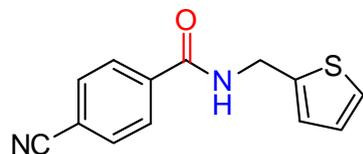
1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.88 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.36 – 6.32 (m, 1H), 6.30 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 165.42, 150.46, 142.48, 138.02, 132.40, 127.75, 117.92, 115.16, 110.57, 108.07, 37.13.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 225.2 ($M - H^+$)

HRMS (ESI) m/z 225.0658 ($[M - H^+]$), calc. for $[C_{13}H_{10}N_2O_2 - H^+]$ 256.0670.

Amide 14: 4-cyano-N-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)benzamide



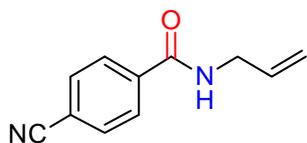
Following the above general procedure with 4-cyanobenzaldehyde (13.1 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv), 2-thiophene methylamine (15.4 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $NaClO_2$ (45.2 mg, 0.50 mmol, 5 equiv) and NaH_2PO_4 (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol, 4 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **14** (18.9 mg, 78%) as an off-white solid.

1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.87 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, $J = 5.0, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.81 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H). **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 165.34, 139.91, 138.00, 132.44, 127.72, 127.06, 126.58, 125.64, 117.91, 115.22, 38.97.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 241.2 ($M - H^+$)

HRMS (ESI) m/z 241.0430 ($[M - H^+]$), calc. for $[C_{13}H_{10}N_2OS - H^+]$ 241.0441.

Amide 15: N-allyl-4-cyanobenzamide



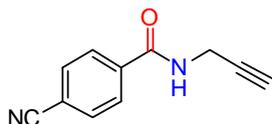
Following the above general procedure with 4-cyanobenzaldehyde (13.1 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and allylamine (11.2 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **15** (15.8 mg, 85%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 5.93 – 5.85 (m, 1H), 5.28 – 5.18 (m, 2H), 4.08 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 165.52, 138.32, 133.46, 132.41, 127.65, 117.94, 117.21, 115.05, 42.62.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 185.2 (M - H⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 185.0718 ([M - H⁺]), calc. for [C₁₁H₁₀N₂O - H⁺] 185.0720.

Amide 16: 4-cyano-N-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzamide



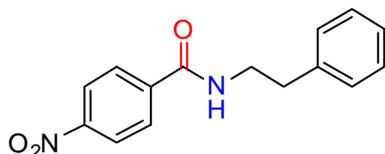
Following the above general procedure with 4-cyanobenzaldehyde (13.1 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv), prop-2-yn-1-amine (10.3 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), NaClO₂ (45.2 mg, 0.50 mmol, 5 equiv) and NaH₂PO₄ (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol, 4 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **16** (16.5 mg, 90%) as a pale yellow solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃OD)** δ 167.91, 139.31, 133.55, 129.26, 119.00, 116.24, 80.38, 72.33, 30.08.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 183.1 (M - H⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 183.0558 ([M - H⁺]), calc. for [C₁₁H₈N₂O - H⁺] 183.0564.

Amide 17: 4-nitro-N-phenethylbenzamide



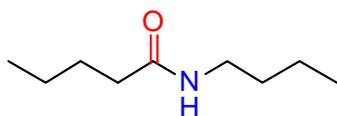
Following the above general procedure with 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (15.1 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv), phenethylamine (18.9 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **17** (22.7 mg, 84%) as an off-white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 3.72 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 165.45, 149.48, 140.16, 138.45, 128.77, 128.71, 127.99, 126.76, 123.75, 41.35, 35.42.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 269.3 (M - H⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 269.0921 ([M - H⁺]), calc. for [C₁₅H₁₄N₂O₃ - H⁺] 269.0932.

Amide 18: N-butylpentanamide



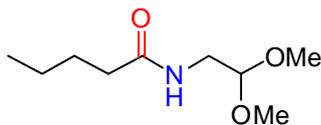
Following the above general procedure with pentanal (10.6 μL, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-butylamine (14.8 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **18** (10.5 mg, 67%) as a pale yellow oil.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.80 (s, 1H), 3.22 (dd, $J = 12.8, 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.18 – 2.13 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.26 (m, 4H), 0.92 – 0.87 (m, 6H). **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 173.33, 39.22, 36.44, 31.63, 27.90, 22.34, 20.00, 13.72, 13.67.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 158.1 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$),

HRMS (ESI) m/z 158.1544 ($[\text{M} + \text{H}^+]$), calc. for $[\text{C}_9\text{H}_{19}\text{NO} + \text{H}^+]$ 158.1539.

Amide 19: N-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)pentanamide



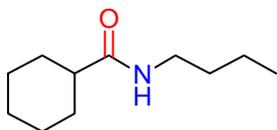
Following the above general procedure with pentanal (10.6 μL , 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2,2-dimethoxyethylamine (16.3 μL , 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **19** (17.6 mg, 93%) as a pale brown solid.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.76 (s, 1H), 4.35 (t, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.45 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 3.39 (s, 1H), 3.37 (s, 6H), 2.21 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.26 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 173.42, 102.65, 54.37, 40.83, 36.33, 27.70, 22.29, 13.70.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 212.0 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$),

HRMS (ESI) m/z 212.1266 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}^+]$), calc. for $[\text{C}_9\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}^+]$ 212.1257.

Amide 20: N-butylcyclohexanecarboxamide



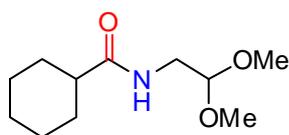
Following the above general procedure with cyclohexanecarboxaldehyde (12.0 μL , 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-butylamine (14.8 μL , 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **20** (13.5 mg, 74%) as an off-white solid.

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.68 (s, 1H), 3.23 (dd, $J = 12.5, 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.12 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.88 – 1.74 (m, 4H), 1.68 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.51 – 1.18 (m, 9H), 0.91 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 176.27, 45.51, 39.10, 31.66, 29.68, 25.71, 20.01, 13.72.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 184.1 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$),

HRMS (ESI) m/z 184.1704 ($[\text{M} + \text{H}^+]$), calc. for $[\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO} + \text{H}^+]$ 184.1696.

Amide 21: N-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide



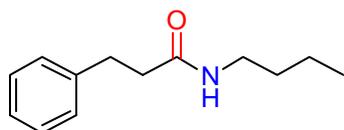
Following the above general procedure with cyclohexanecarboxaldehyde (12.0 μL , 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2,2-dimethoxyethylamine (16.3 μL , 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **21** (19.4 mg, 90%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.70 (s, 1H), 4.34 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.50 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 3.37 (s, 6H), 2.11 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.70 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.46 – 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.32 – 1.14 (m, 4H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 176.28, 102.71, 54.40, 45.38, 40.72, 29.57, 25.65, 25.63.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 216.0 (M + H⁺),

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 216.1590 ([M + H⁺]), calc. for [C₁₁H₂₁NO₃ + H⁺] 216.1594.

Amide 22: N-butyl-3-phenylpropanamide



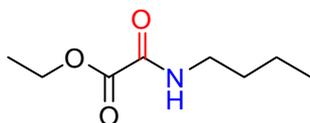
Following the above general procedure with 3-phenylpropanal (13.3 μL, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-butylamine (14.8 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **22** (12.9 mg, 63%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.49 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.18 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 172.43, 140.67, 128.50, 128.34, 126.25, 39.39, 38.32, 31.85, 31.46, 19.93, 13.66.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 206.1 (M + H⁺),

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 206.1547 ([M + H⁺]), calc. for [C₁₃H₁₉NO + H⁺] 206.1539.

Amide 23: Ethyl 2-(butylamino)-2-oxoacetate



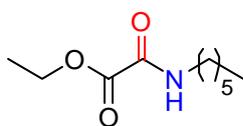
Following the above general procedure with ethyl glyoxylate (ca. 50% soln. in toluene) (19.8 μL, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-butylamine (14.8 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **23** (16.1 mg, 93%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (s, 1H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.49 – 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.28 – 1.23 (m, 5H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.56, 156.39, 62.72, 39.32, 30.82, 19.66, 13.65, 13.32.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 172.1 (M - H⁺),

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 172.0974 ([M - H⁺]), calc. for [C₈H₁₅NO₃ - H⁺] 172.0979.

Amide 24: Ethyl 2-(hexylamino)-2-oxoacetate



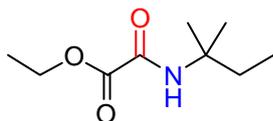
Following the above general procedure with ethyl glyoxylate (ca. 50% soln. in toluene) (19.8 μL, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and n-hexylamine (19.8 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **24** (18.9 mg, 94%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.13 (s, 1H), 4.32 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 1.57 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.22 (m, 9H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.84, 156.48, 63.09, 39.88, 31.31, 29.03, 26.41, 24.78, 22.43, 13.91.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 202.1 (M + H⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 212.1440 ([M + H⁺]), calc. for [C₁₀H₁₉NO₃ + H⁺] 202.1438.

Amide 25: Ethyl 2-oxo-2-(tert-pentylamino)acetate



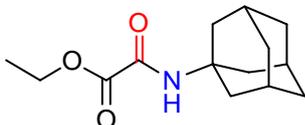
Following the above general procedure with ethyl glyoxylate (ca. 50% soln. in toluene) (19.8 μL, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and tert-pentylamine (17.5 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **25** (12.7 mg, 68%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.75 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.40 – 1.34 (m, 9H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 161.40, 155.44, 63.08, 54.71, 32.54, 25.74, 13.92, 8.24.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 187.9 (M + H⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 188.1274 ([M + H⁺]), calc. for [C₉H₁₇NO₃ + H⁺] 188.1281.

Amide 26: Ethyl 2-((3*s*,5*s*,7*s*)-adamantan-1-ylamino)-2-oxoacetate



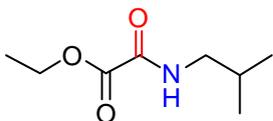
Following the above general procedure with ethyl glyoxylate (ca. 50% soln. in toluene) (19.8 μL, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and 1-adamantylamine (22.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **26** (17.8 mg, 71%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.83 (s, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.09 – 2.01 (m, 9H), 1.69 – 1.67 (m, 6H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 161.45, 155.10, 63.00, 52.45, 40.88, 36.10, 29.24, 13.89.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 252.1 (M + H⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 252.1604 ([M + H⁺]), calc. for [C₁₄H₂₁NO₃ + H⁺] 252.1594.

Amide 27: Ethyl 2-(isobutylamino)-2-oxoacetate



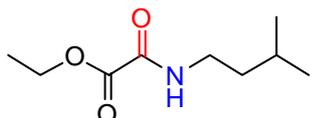
Following the above general procedure with ethyl glyoxylate (ca. 50% soln. in toluene) (19.8 μL, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and isobutylamine (14.8 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **27** (14.2 mg, 82%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16 (s, 1H), 4.34 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.88 – 1.79 (m, 1H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.91, 156.59, 63.15, 47.12, 28.28, 19.97, 13.94.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 196.1 (M + Na⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 196.0942 ([M + Na⁺]), calc. for [C₈H₁₅NO₃ + Na⁺] 196.0944.

Amide 28: Ethyl 2-(isopentylamino)-2-oxoacetate



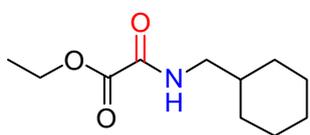
Following the above general procedure with ethyl glyoxylate (ca. 50% soln. in toluene) (19.8 μL, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and isopentylamine (17.4 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **28** (15.6 mg, 85%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08 (s, 1H), 4.33 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.34 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.67 – 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.83, 156.46, 63.11, 38.16, 37.88, 25.69, 22.30, 13.93.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 188.0 (M + H⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 188.1279 ([M + H⁺]), calc. for [C₉H₁₇NO₃ + H⁺] 188.1281.

Amide 29: Ethyl 2-((cyclohexylmethyl)amino)-2-oxoacetate



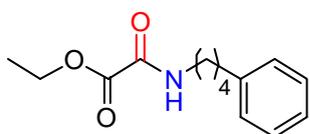
Following the above general procedure with ethyl glyoxylate (ca. 50% soln. in toluene) (19.8 μL, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and cyclohexylmethylamine (19.5 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **29** (16.6 mg, 78%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16 (s, 1H), 4.33 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.74 – 1.63 (m, 5H), 1.57 – 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.26 – 1.16 (m, 3H), 1.00 – 0.89 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.91, 156.57, 63.13, 45.99, 37.59, 30.65, 26.19, 25.64, 13.94.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 212.0 (M - H⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 212.1293 ([M - H⁺]), calc. for [C₁₁H₁₉NO₃ - H⁺] 212.1292.

Amide 30: Ethyl 2-oxo-2-((4-phenylbutyl)amino)acetate



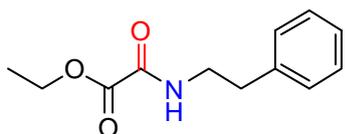
Following the above general procedure with ethyl glyoxylate (ca. 50% soln. in toluene) (19.8 μL, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and 4-phenylbutylamine (23.7 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **30** (23.2 mg, 93%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 4.33 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.66 – 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.76, 156.51, 141.74, 128.32, 125.84, 63.11, 39.67, 35.30, 28.62, 28.44, 13.92.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 250.1 (M + H⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 250.1444 ([M + H⁺]), calc. for [C₁₄H₁₉NO₃ + H⁺] 250.1438.

Amide 31: Ethyl 2-oxo-2-(phenethylamino)acetate



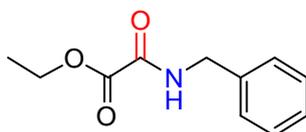
Following the above general procedure with ethyl glyoxylate (ca. 50% soln. in toluene) (19.8 μL, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and phenethylamine (18.9 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **31** (20.1 mg, 91%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 4.32 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.61, 156.50, 138.05, 128.72, 128.63, 126.72, 63.13, 40.95, 35.18, 13.91.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 222.1 (M + H⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 222.1127 ([M + H⁺]), calc. for [C₁₂H₁₅NO₃ + H⁺] 222.1125.

Amide 32: Ethyl 2-(benzylamino)-2-oxoacetate



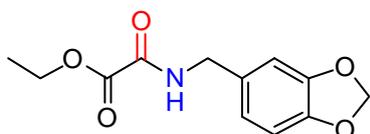
Following the above general procedure with ethyl glyoxylate (ca. 50% soln. in toluene) (19.8 μL, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and benzylamine (16.4 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **32** (19.0 mg, 92%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.57, 156.44, 136.68, 128.78, 127.92, 127.88, 63.21, 43.87, 13.90.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 207.9 (M + H⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 208.0968 ([M + H⁺]), calc. for [C₁₁H₁₃NO₃ + H⁺] 208.0968.

Amide 33: Ethyl 2-((benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ylmethyl)amino)-2-oxoacetate



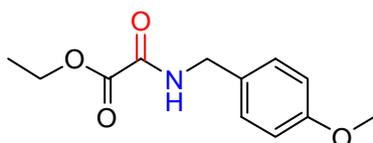
Following the above general procedure with ethyl glyoxylate (ca. 50% soln. in toluene) (19.8 μL, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and piperonylamine (18.7 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **33** (17.8 mg, 71%) as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (s, 1H), 6.78 – 6.75 (m, 3H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.60, 156.36, 148.02, 147.34, 130.49, 121.44, 108.55, 108.39, 101.16, 63.26, 43.76, 13.94.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 251.9 (M + H⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 252.0872 ([M + H⁺]), calc. for [C₁₂H₁₃NO₅ + H⁺] 252.0866.

Amide 34: Ethyl 2-((4-methoxybenzyl)amino)-2-oxoacetate



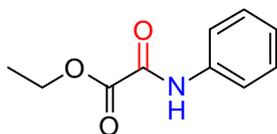
Following the above general procedure with ethyl glyoxylate (ca. 50% soln. in toluene) (19.8 μL, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and 4-methoxybenzylamine (19.6 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **34** (21.3 mg, 90%) as a pale yellow solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.63, 156.33, 129.37, 128.72, 114.17, 113.69, 63.19, 55.26, 43.39, 13.92.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 236.1 (M - H⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 236.0928 ([M - H⁺]), calc. for [C₁₂H₁₅NO₄ - H⁺] 236.0928.

Amide 35: Ethyl 2-oxo-2-(phenylamino)acetate



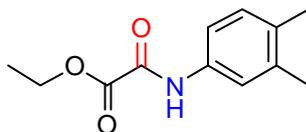
Following the above general procedure with ethyl glyoxylate (ca. 50% soln. in toluene) (19.8 μL, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and aniline (13.7 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **35** (16.0 mg, 83%) as a brown oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.89 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 4.42 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.99, 153.85, 136.30, 129.20, 125.49, 119.79, 63.71, 13.96.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 192.1 (M - H⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 192.0664 ([M - H⁺]), calc. for [C₁₀H₁₁NO₃ - H⁺] 192.0666.

Amide 36: Ethyl 2-((3,4-dimethylphenyl)amino)-2-oxoacetate



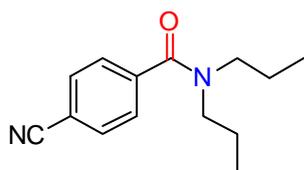
Following the above general procedure with ethyl glyoxylate (ca. 50% soln. in toluene) (19.8 μL, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and 3,4-dimethylaniline (18.2 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **36** (20.3 mg, 92%) as a dark yellow oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.80 (s, 1H), 7.39 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 161.11, 153.68, 137.49, 134.02, 133.98, 130.14, 120.99, 117.27, 63.57, 19.84, 19.23, 13.95.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 222.1 (M + H⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 222.1133 ([M + H⁺]), calc. for [C₁₂H₁₅NO₃ + H⁺] 222.1125.

Amide 37: 4-cyano-N,N-dipropylbenzamide



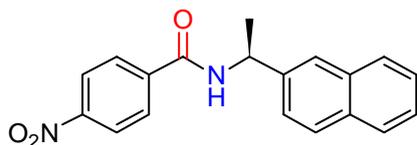
Following the above general procedure with 4-cyanobenzaldehyde (13.1 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and N,N-dipropylamine (20.5 μL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **37** (12.7 mg, 55%) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (s, 1H), 1.68 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.51 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.74 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 169.67, 141.65, 132.34, 127.19, 118.17, 112.91, 50.59, 46.38, 21.87, 20.61, 11.35, 10.97.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 231.1 (M + H⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 231.1499 ([M + H⁺]), calc. for [C₁₄H₁₈N₂O + H⁺] 231.1492.

Amide 38: (S)-N-(1-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl)-4-nitrobenzamide



Following the above general procedure with 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (15.1 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and (S)-(-)-1-(2-naphthyl)ethylamine (25.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **38** (19.8 mg, 62%) as a pale yellow solid.

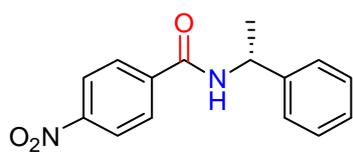
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.91 – 7.80 (m, 6H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 3.2 Hz, 3H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 5.50 – 5.41 (m, 1H), 1.69 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 164.61, 149.52, 140.00, 139.75, 133.30, 132.83, 128.74, 128.13, 127.85, 127.64, 126.43, 126.15, 124.78, 124.56, 123.71, 49.80, 21.37.

LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 343.1 (M + Na⁺)

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 343.1060 ([M + Na⁺]), calc. for [C₁₉H₁₆N₂O₃ + Na⁺] 343.1053.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H (Hex/IPA = 70/30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 23°C), 14.63 min, 65.99 min (major), 98% *ee*.

Amide 39: (R)-4-nitro-N-(1-phenylethyl)benzamide



Following the above general procedure with 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (15.1 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and (R)-(+)-alpha-methylbenzylamine (19.3 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **39** (19.7 mg, 73%) as an off-white solid.

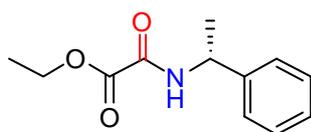
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.23 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 5.36 – 5.26 (m, 1H), 1.62 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 164.57, 149.51, 142.45, 140.10, 128.84, 128.14, 127.73, 126.21, 123.72, 49.73, 21.50.

LRMS (ESI) m/z 292.9 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$)

HRMS (ESI) m/z 293.0911 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}^+]$), calc. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{Na}^+]$ 293.0897.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OD-H (Hex/IPA = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 23°C), 17.66 min, 20.94 min (major), 98% *ee*.

Amide 40: (R)-ethyl 2-oxo-2-((1-phenylethyl)amino)acetate



Following the above general procedure with ethyl glyoxylate (ca. 50% soln. in toluene) (19.8 μ L, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv) and (R)-(+)-alpha-methylbenzylamine (19.3 μ L, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography to provide amide **40** (18.8 mg, 85%) as a colourless oil.

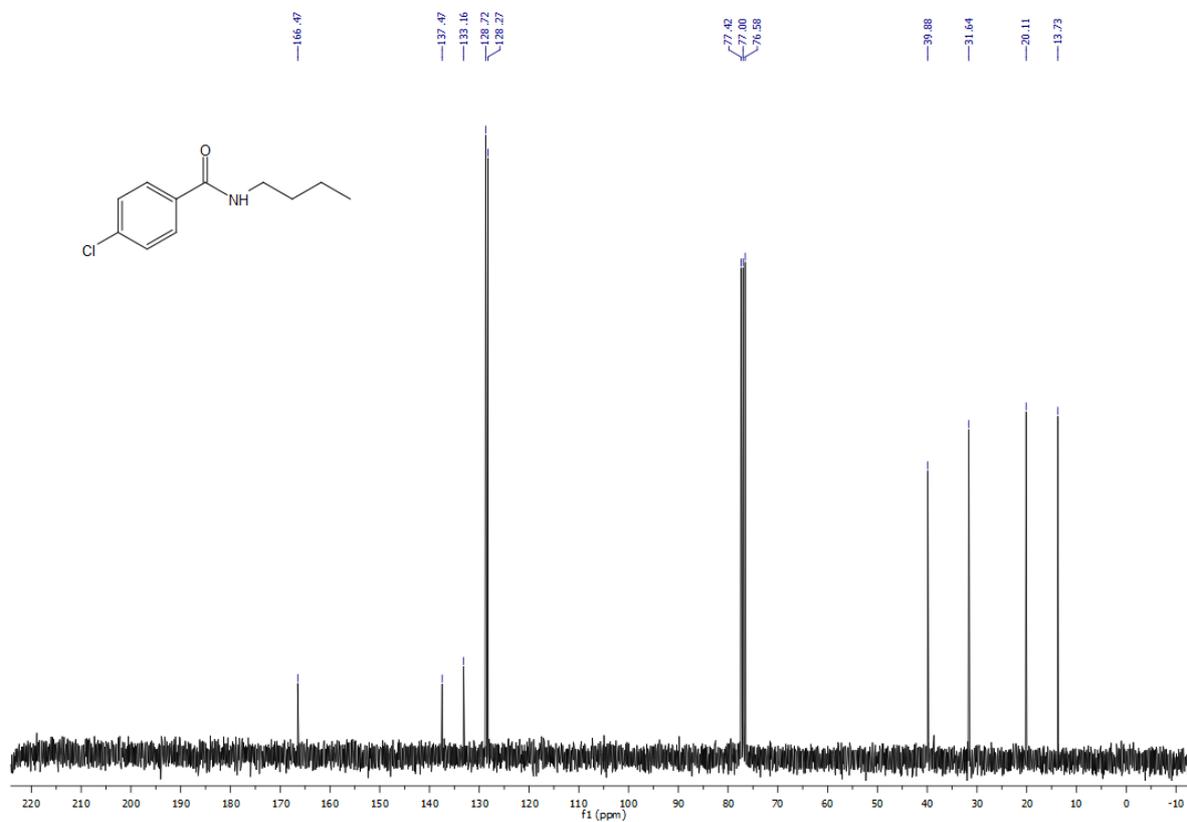
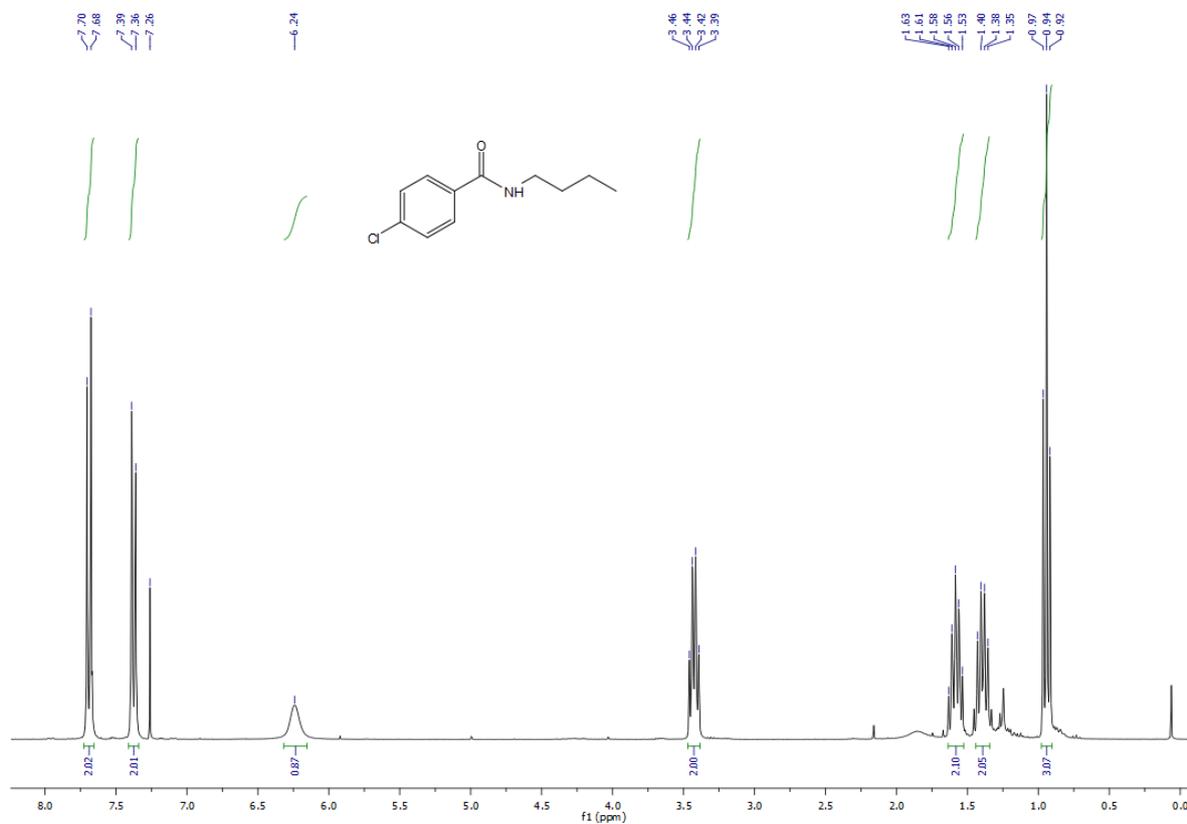
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.19 – 5.09 (m, 1H), 4.33 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.56 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 1.37 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 160.78, 155.57, 141.67, 128.78, 127.78, 126.23, 63.22, 49.40, 21.22, 13.92.

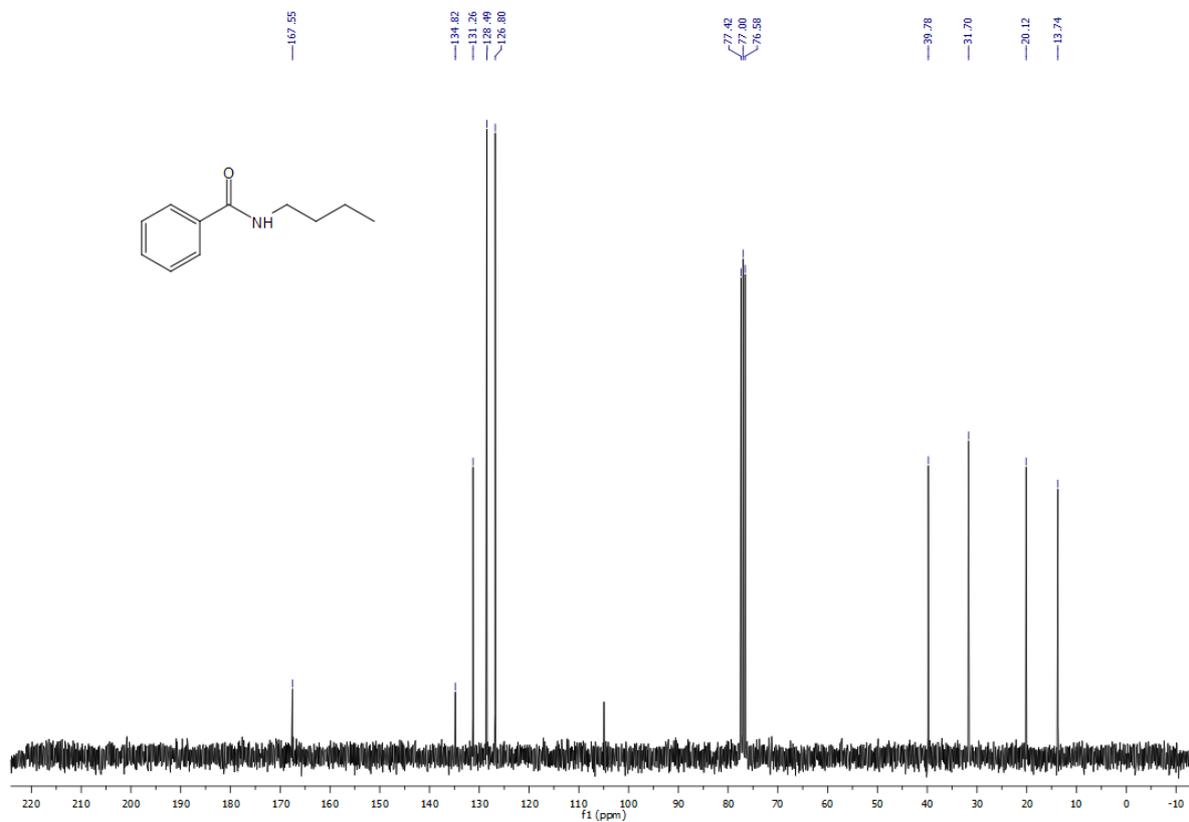
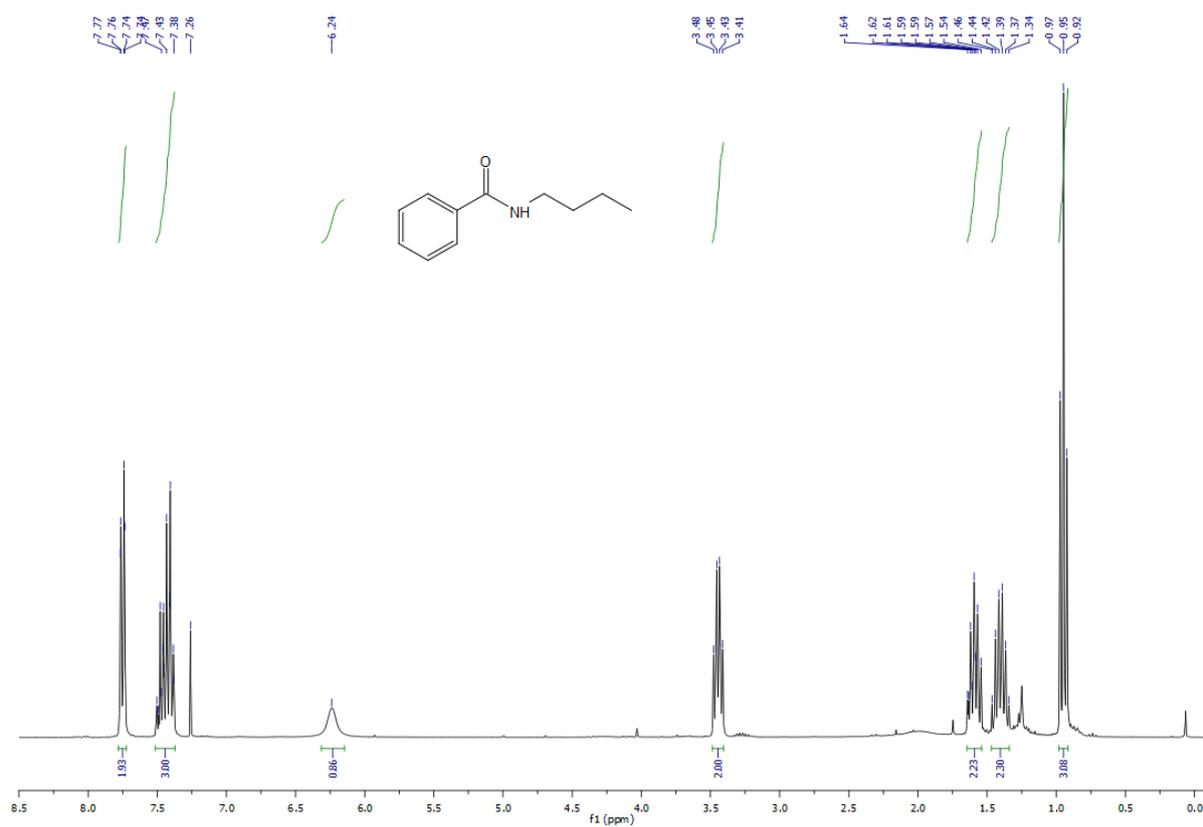
LRMS (ESI) m/z 220.0 ($\text{M} - \text{H}^+$)

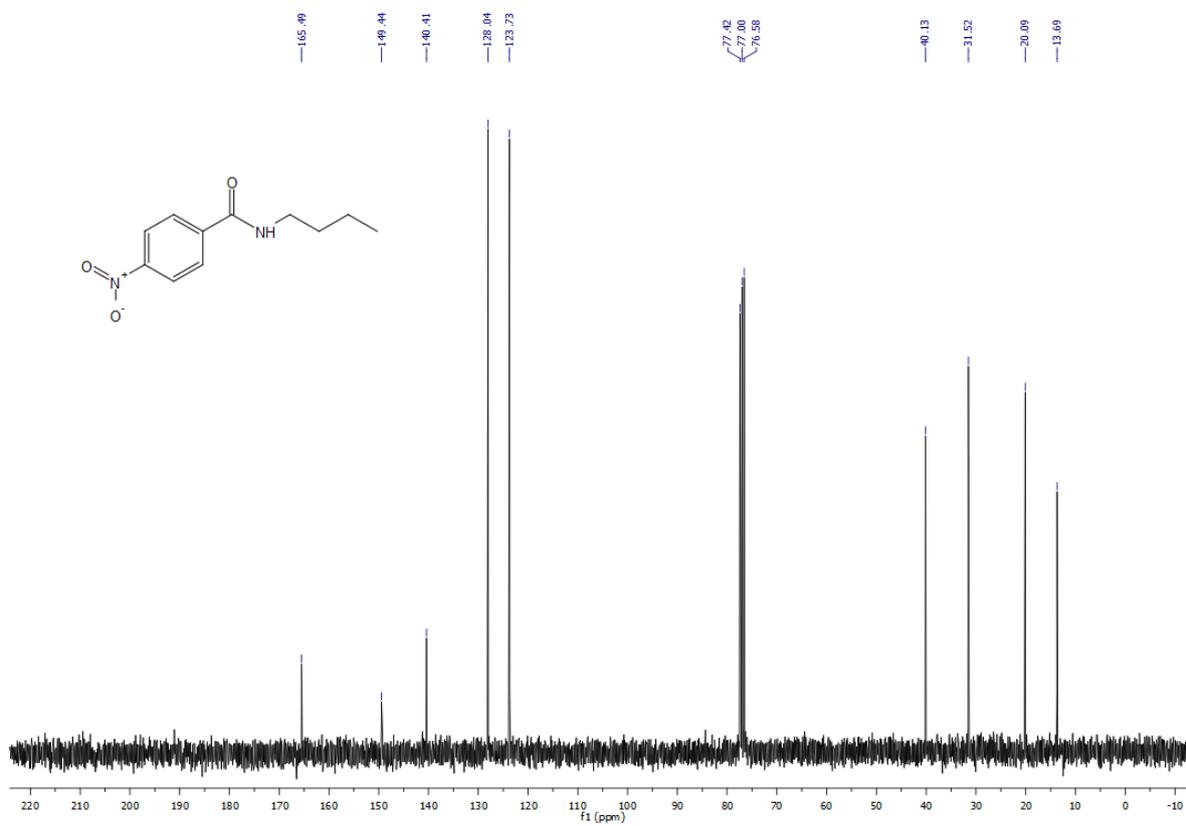
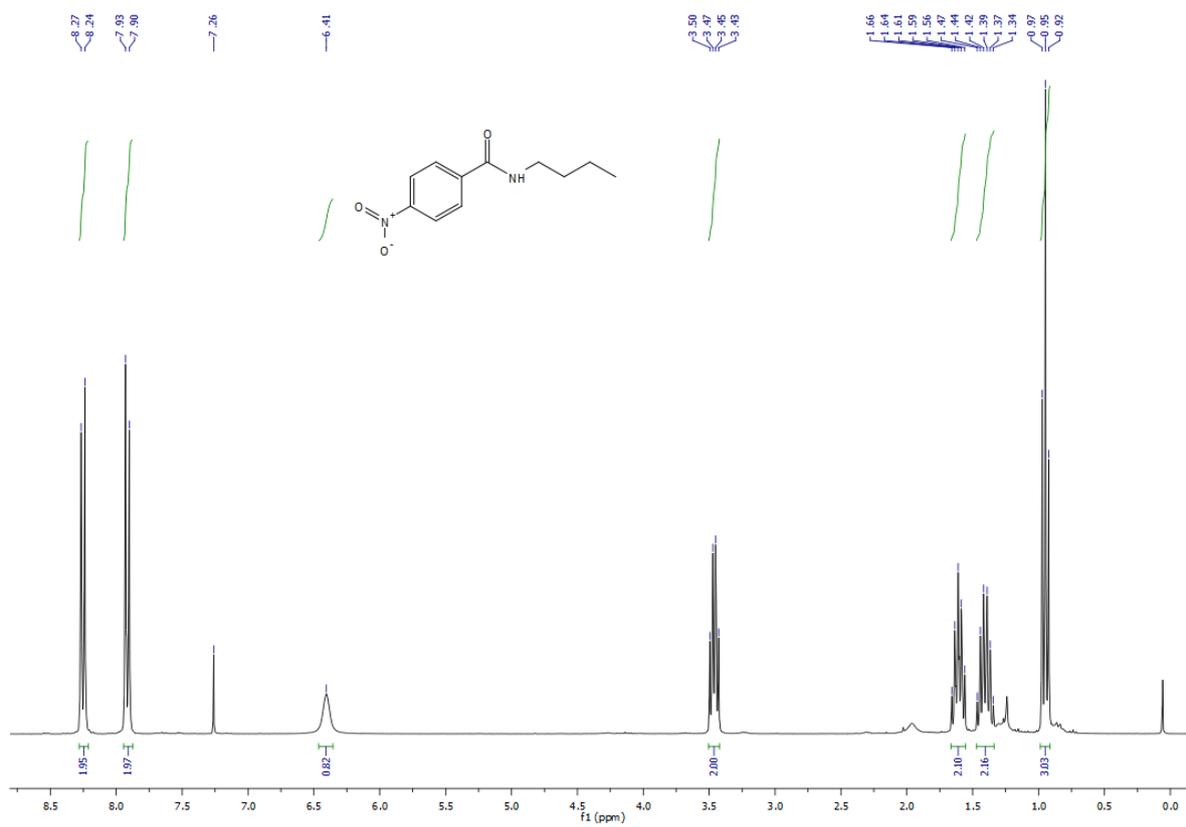
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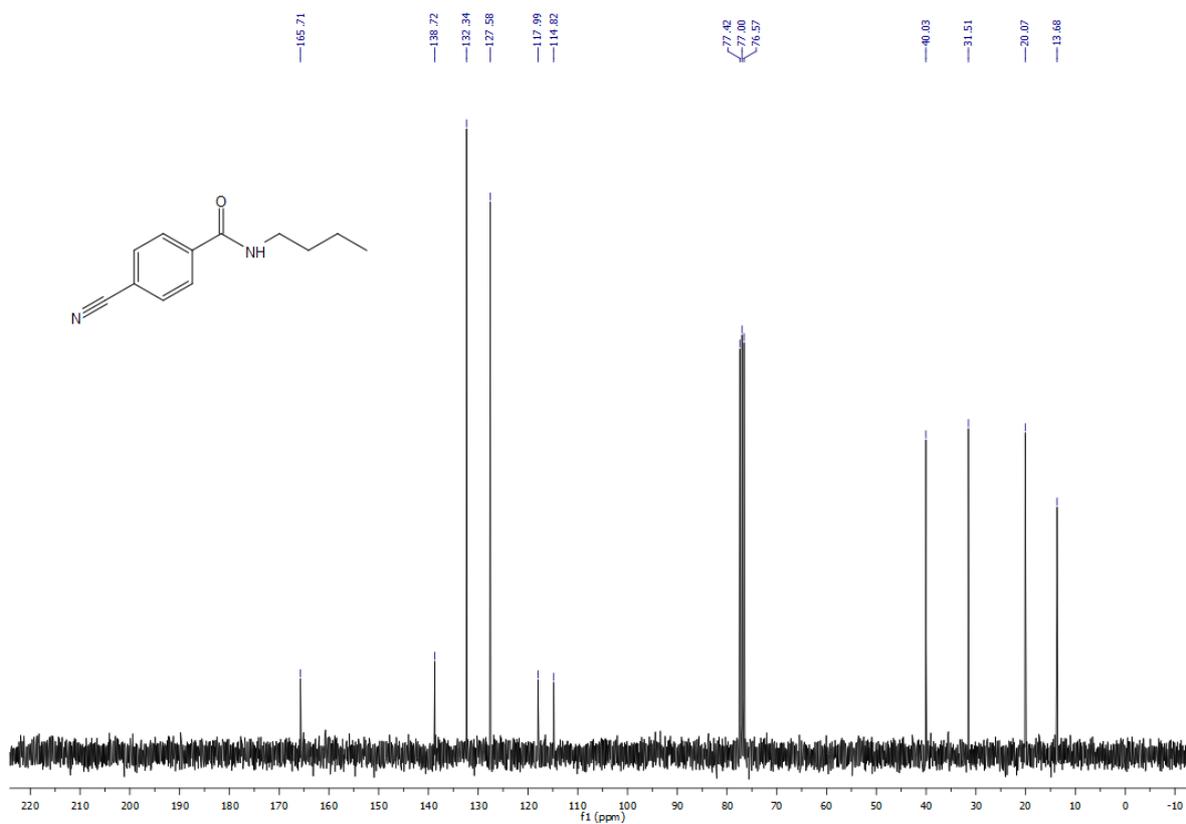
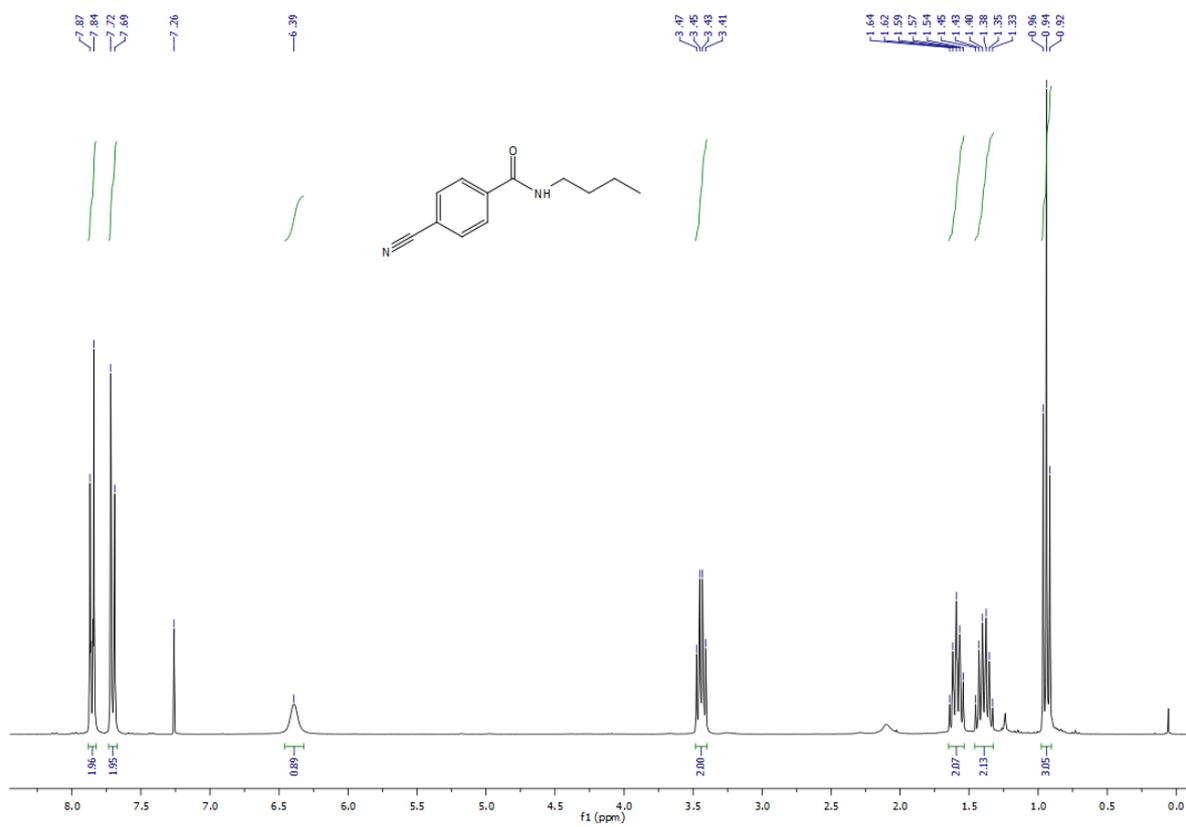
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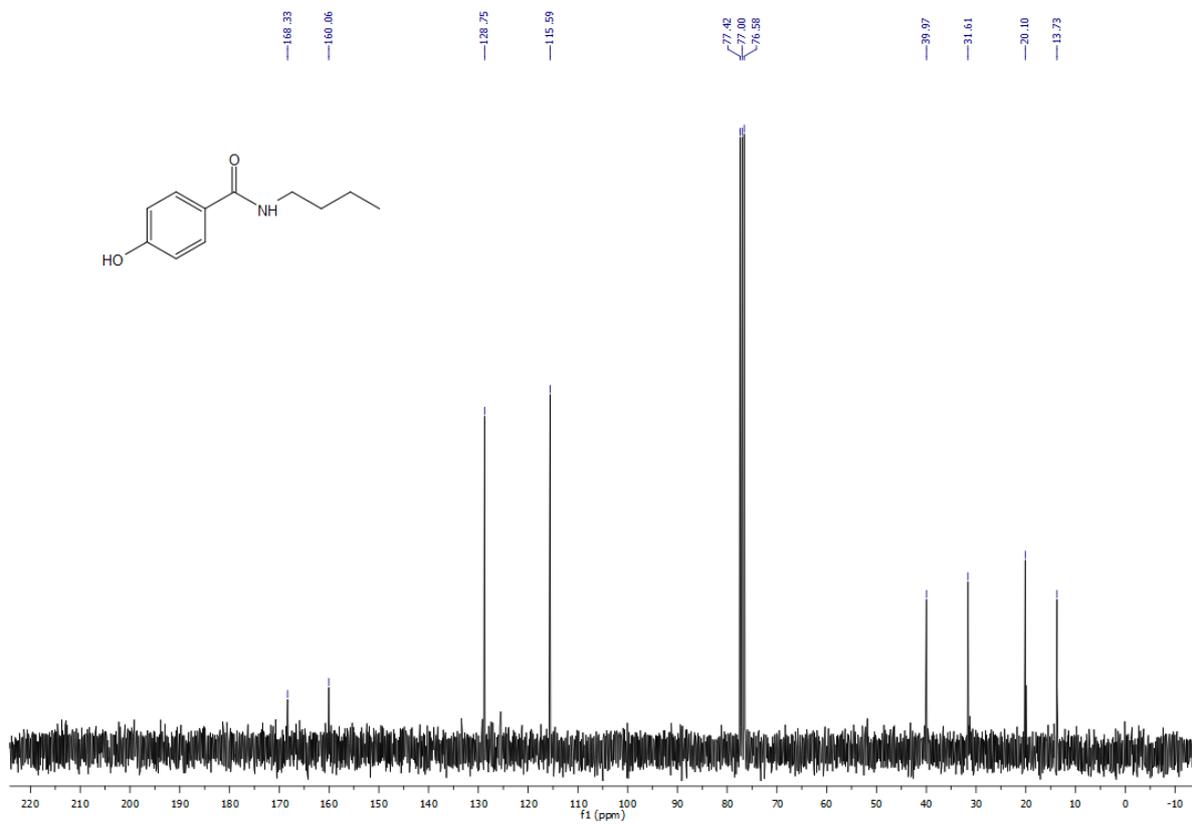
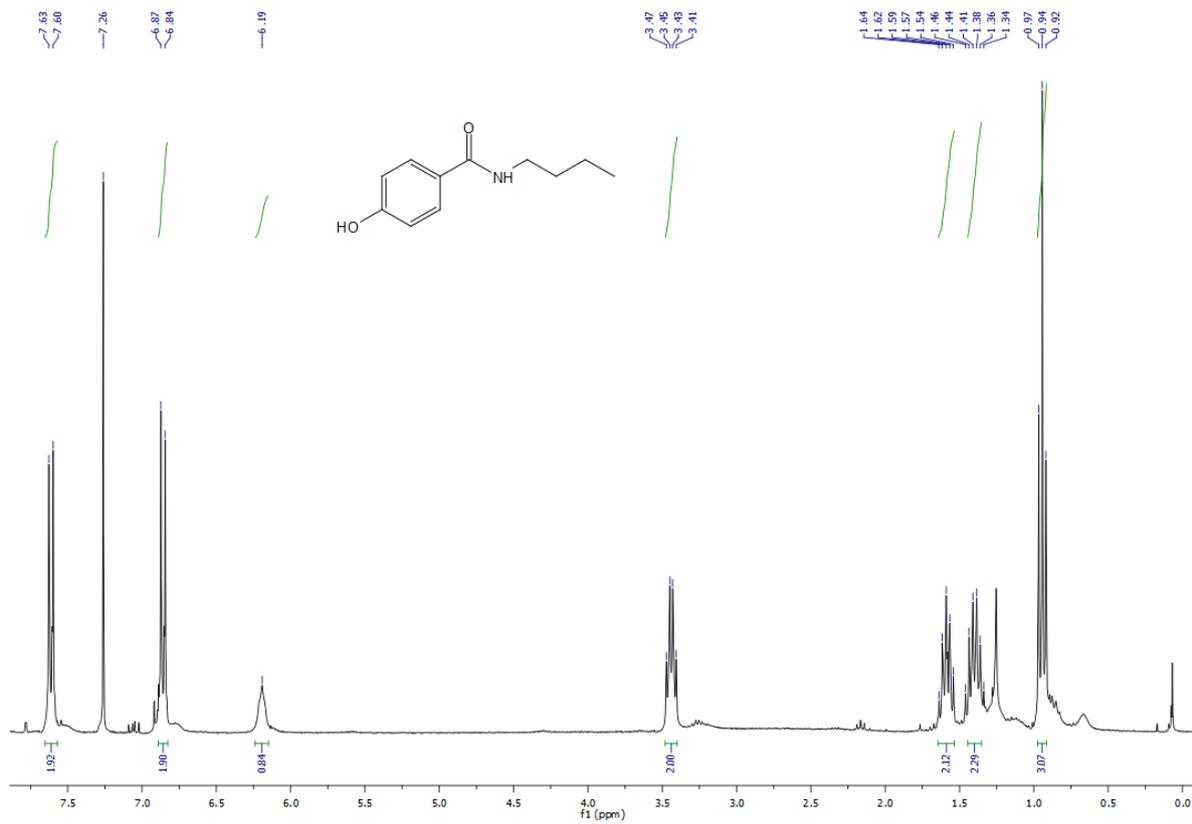
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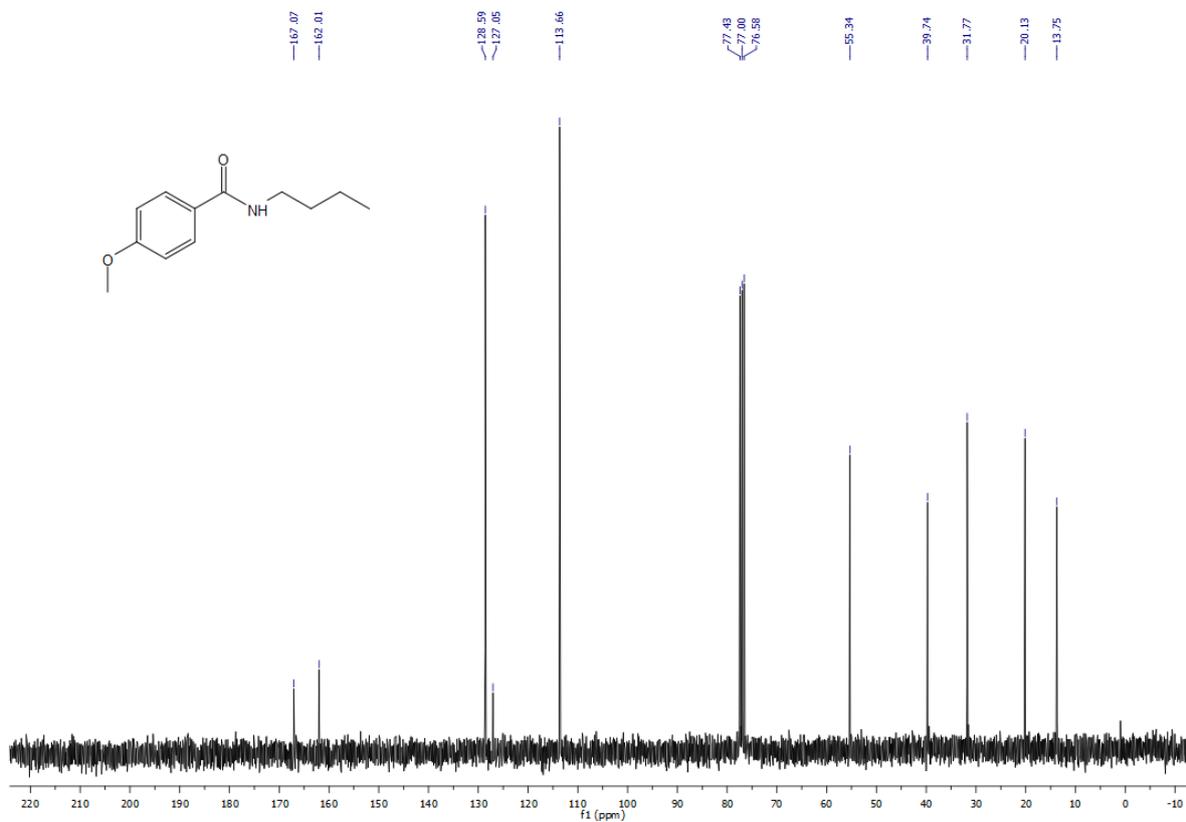
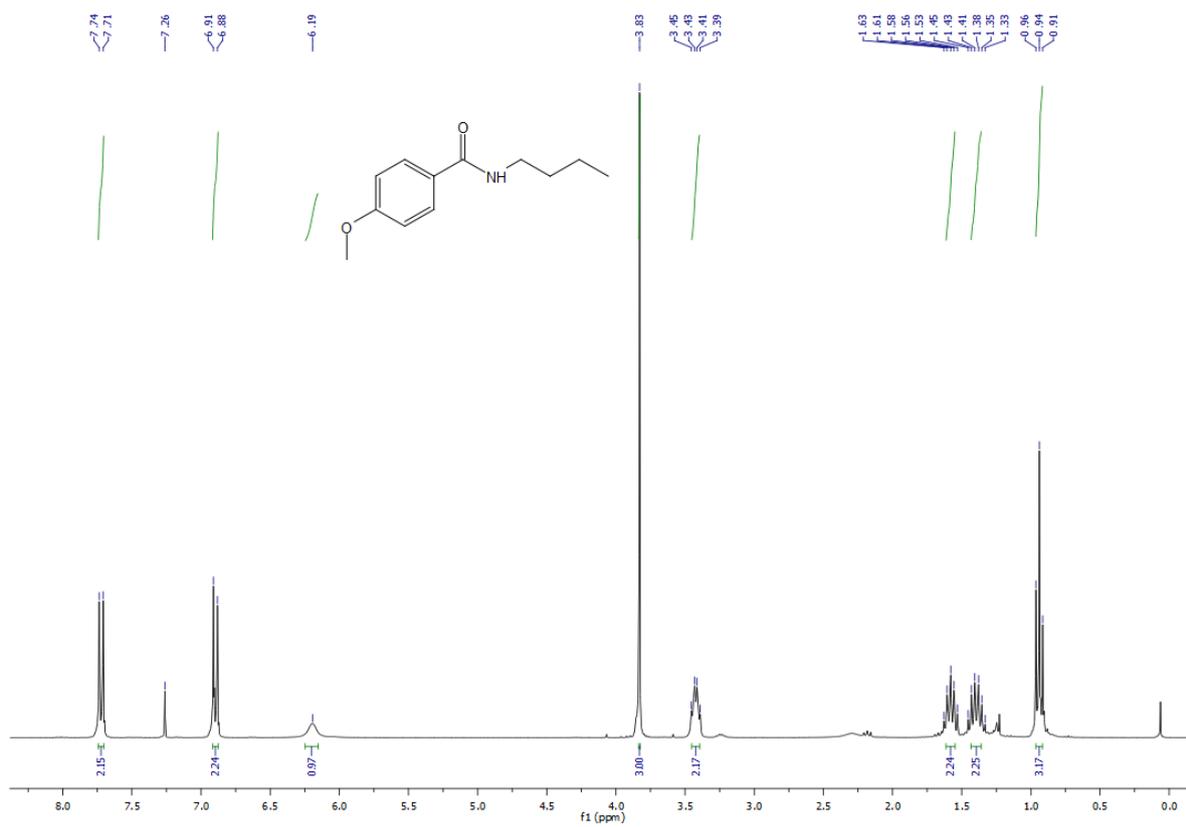


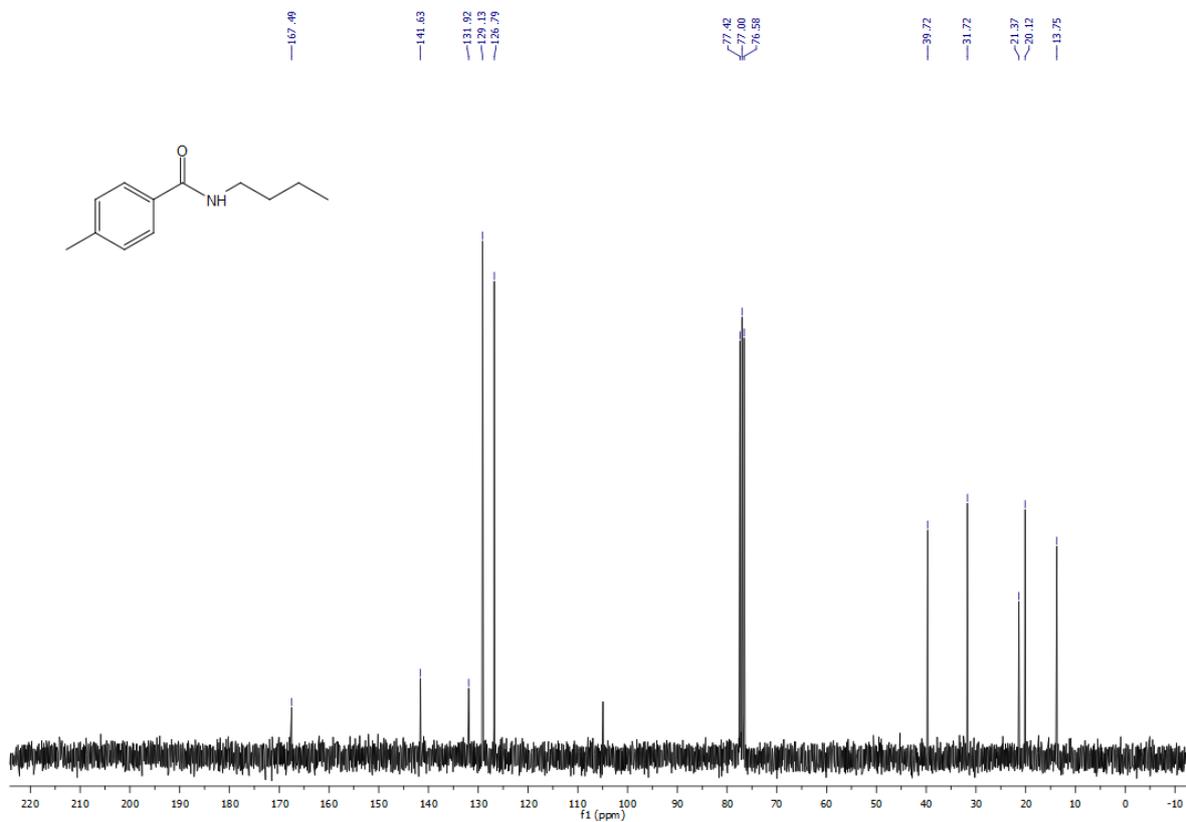
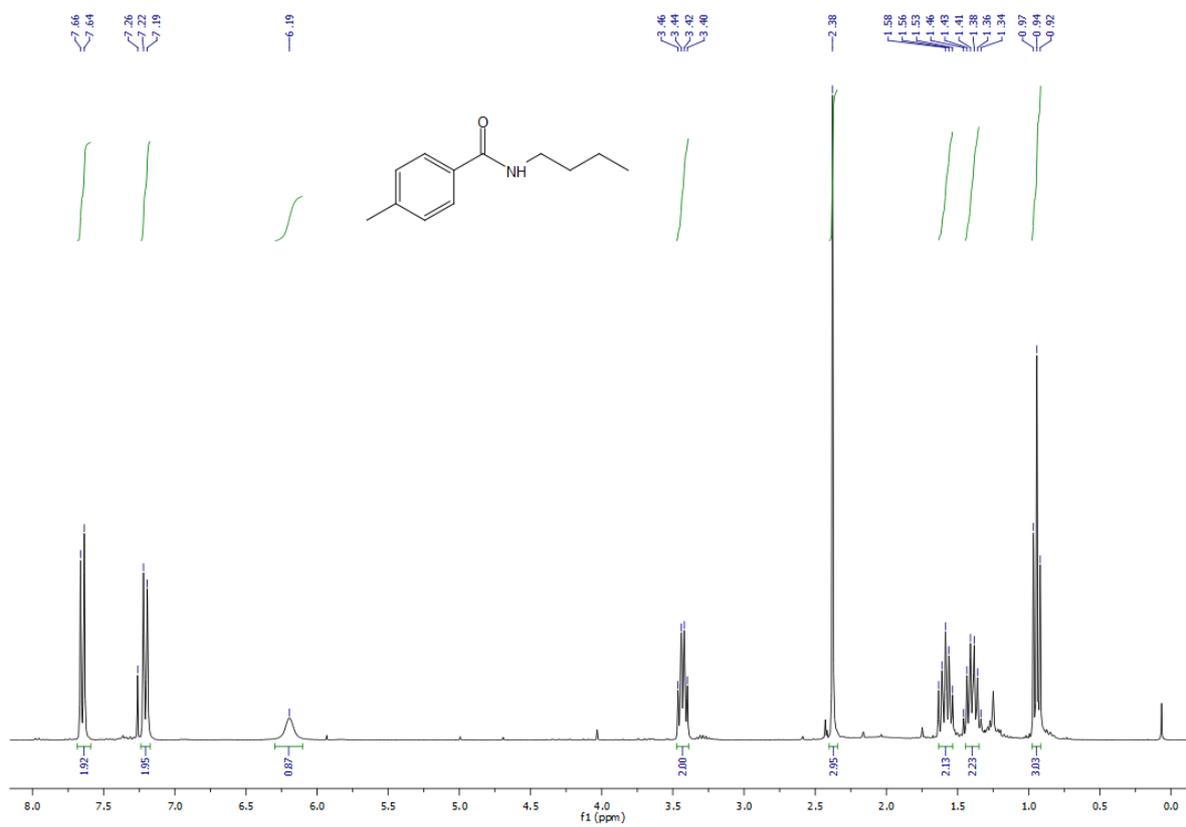


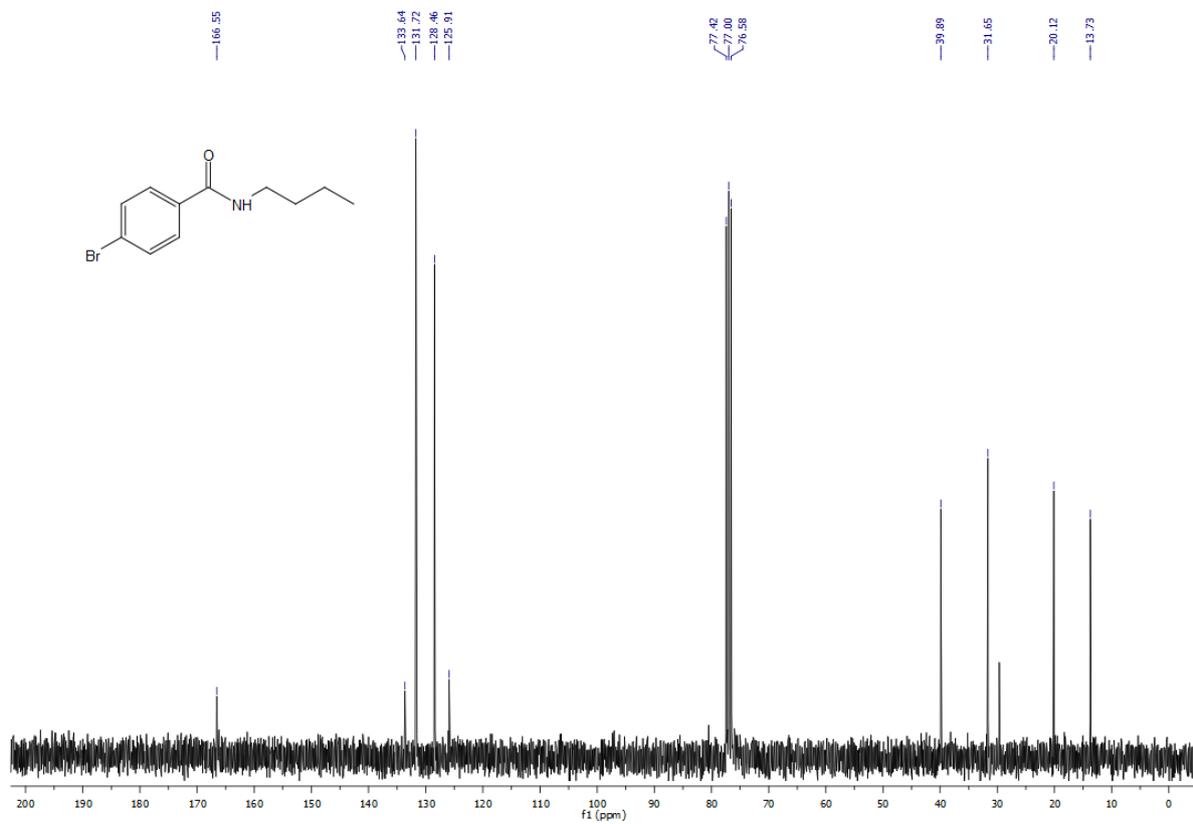
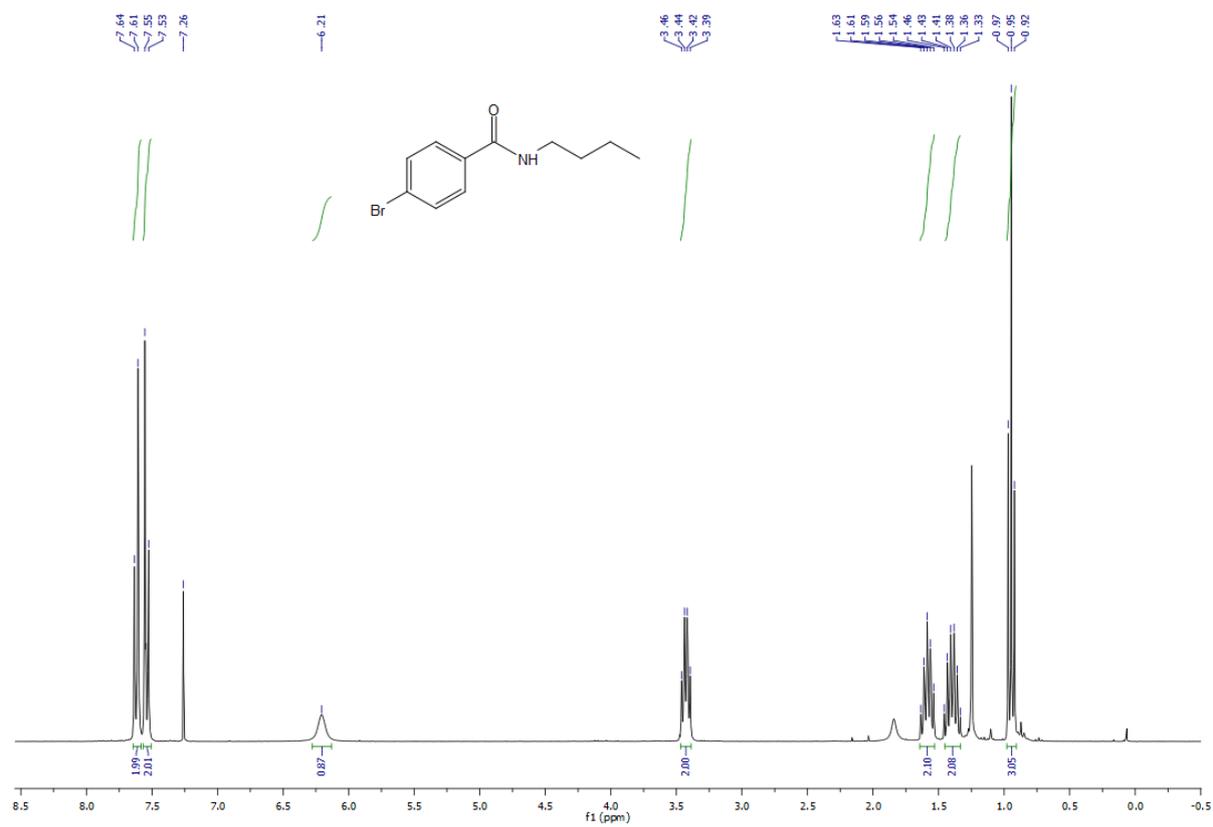


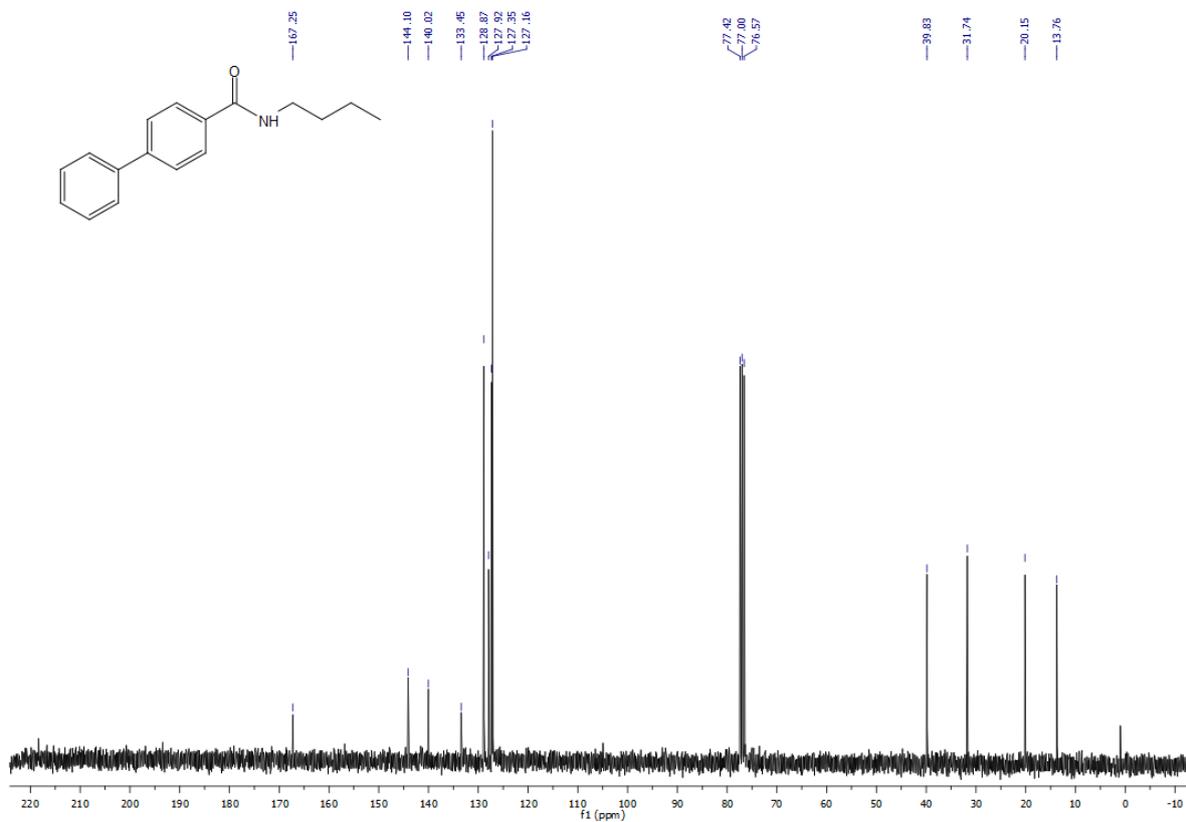
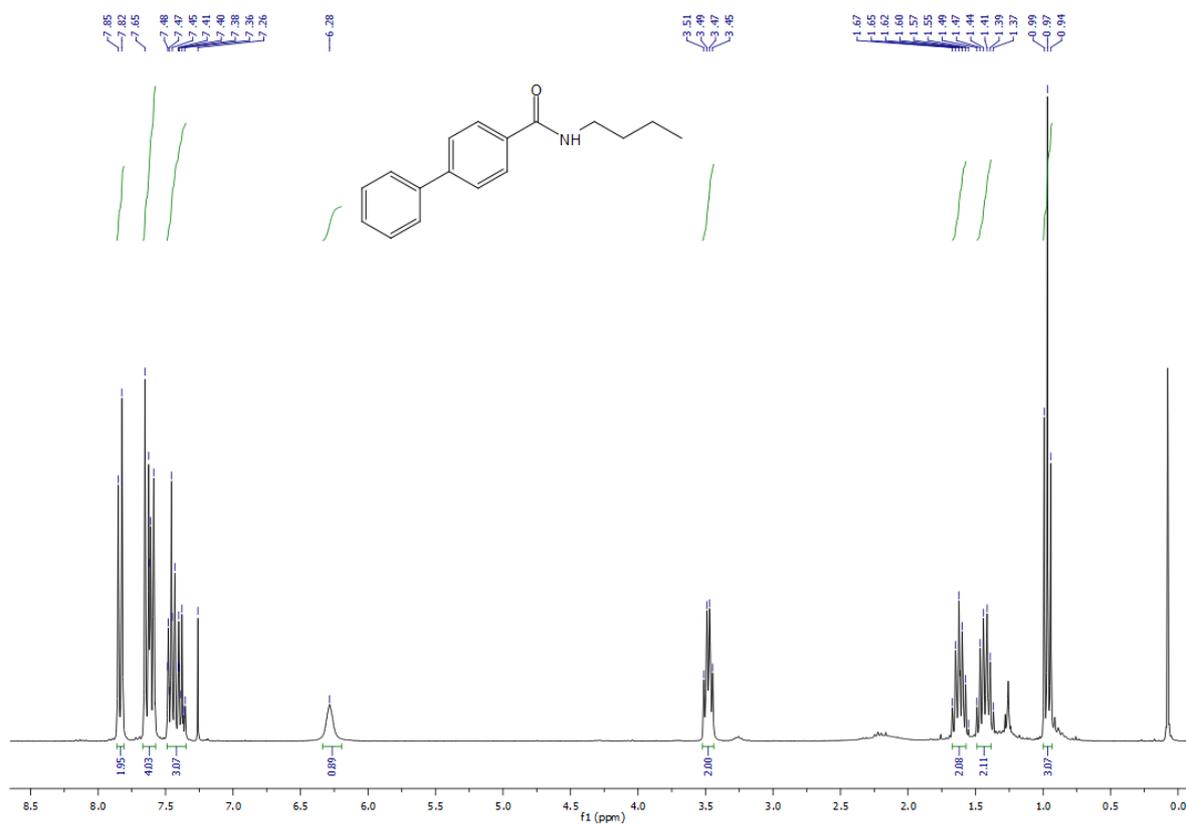


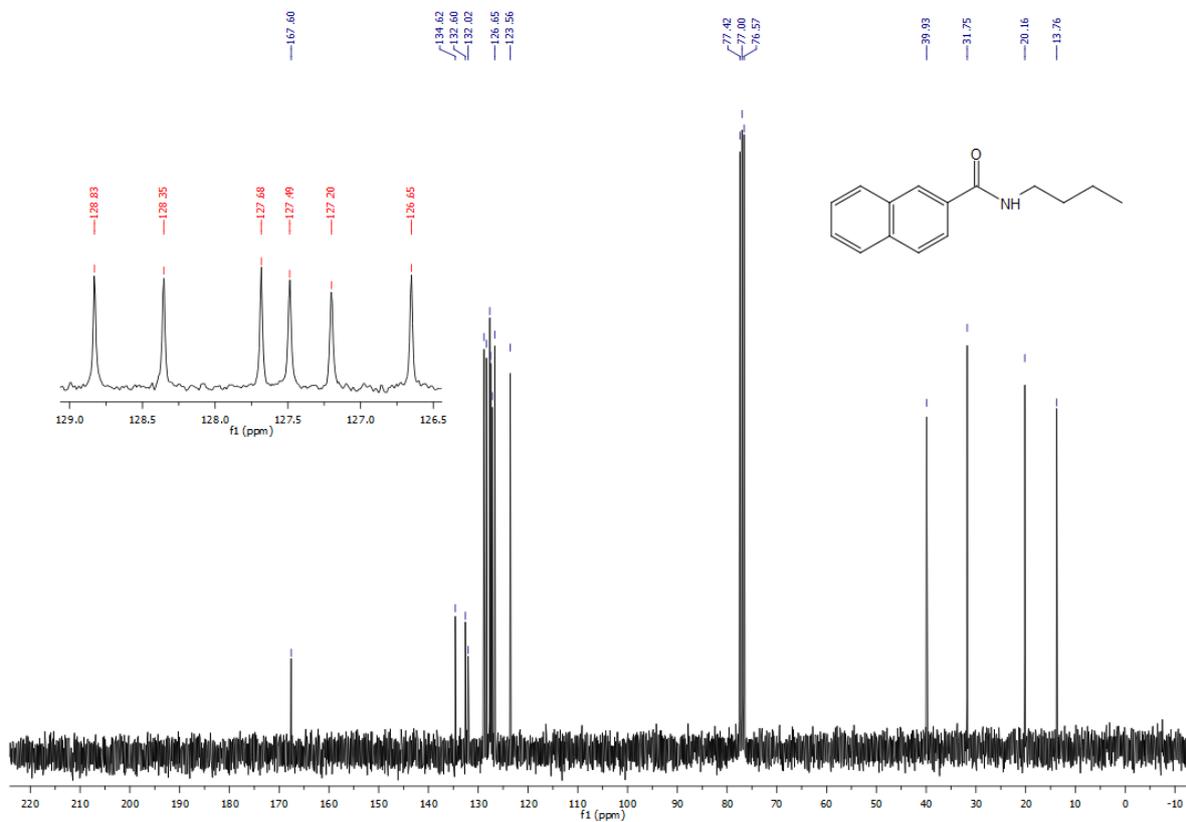
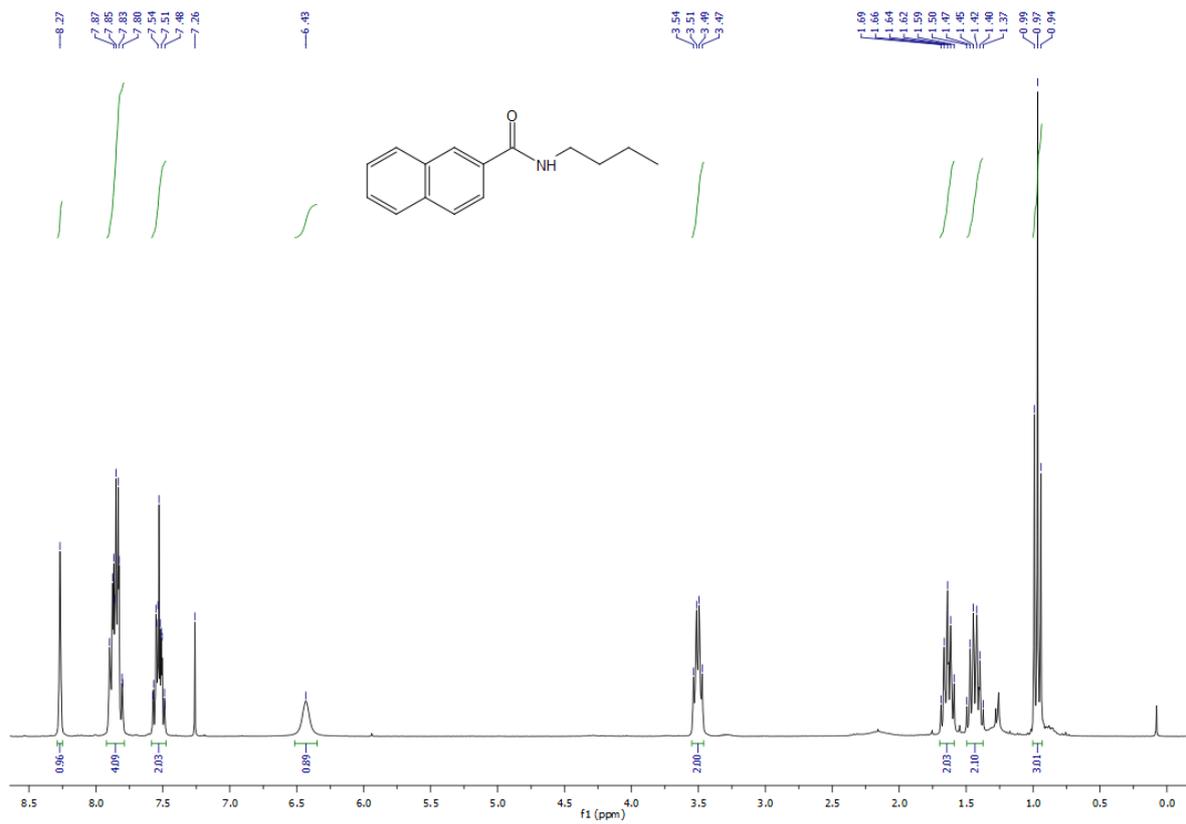


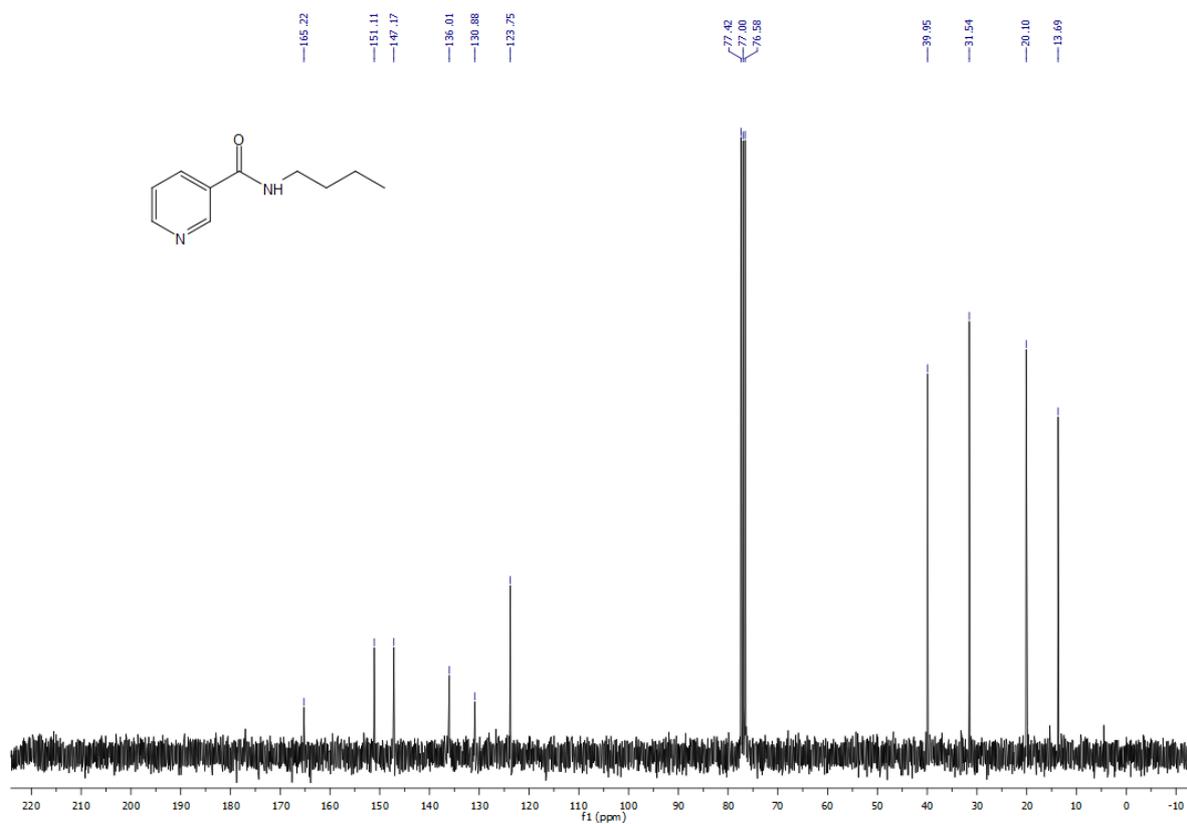
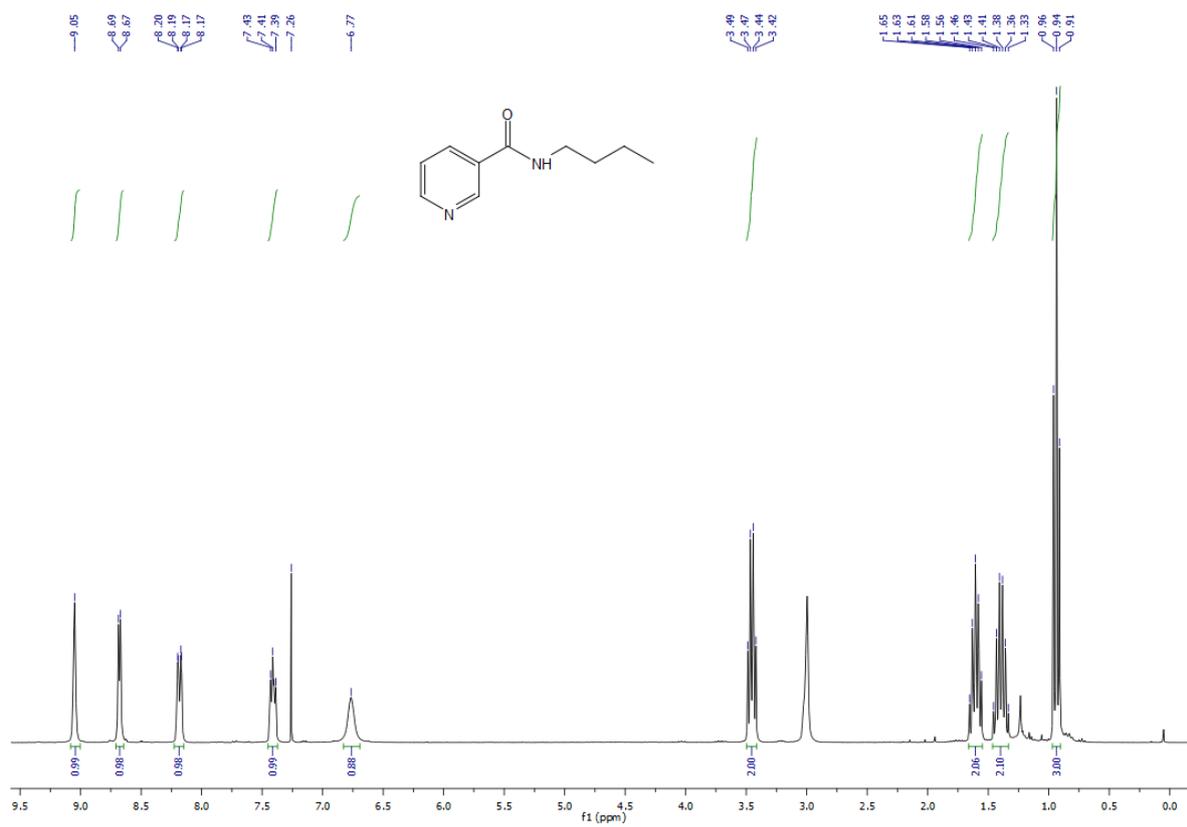


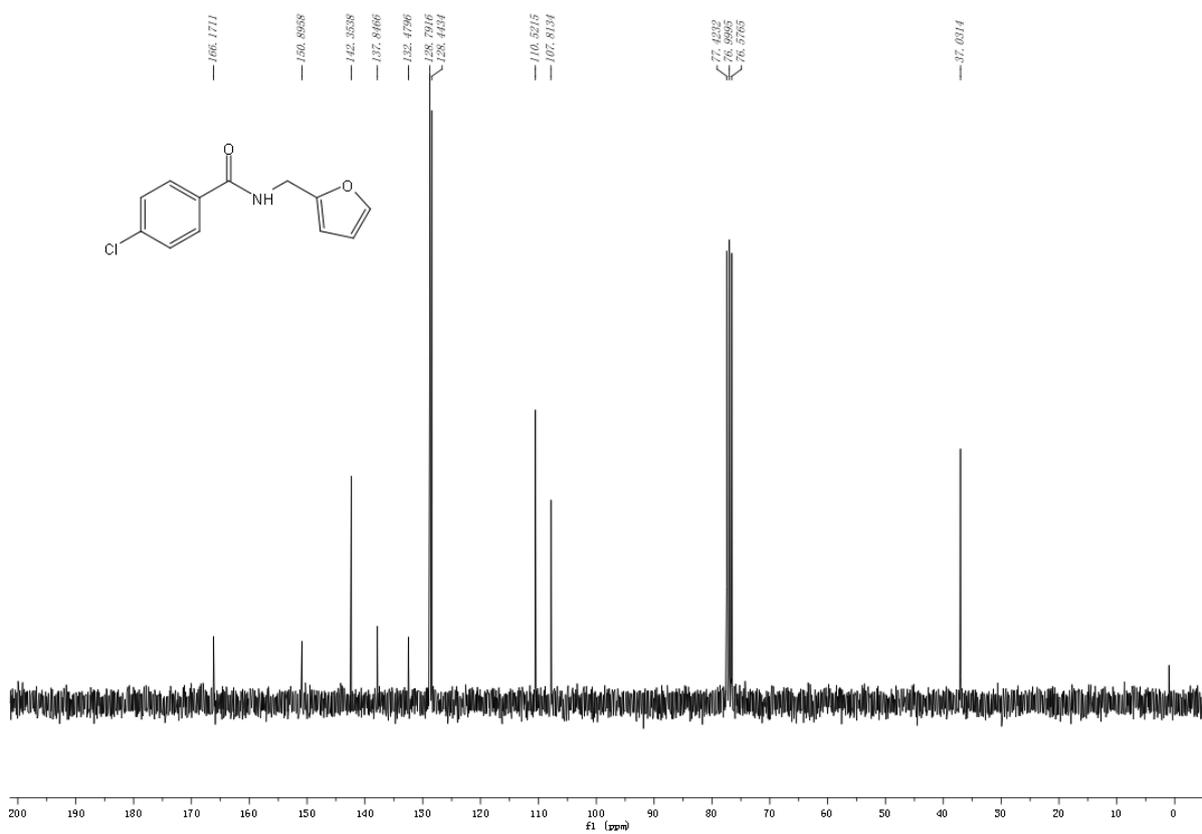
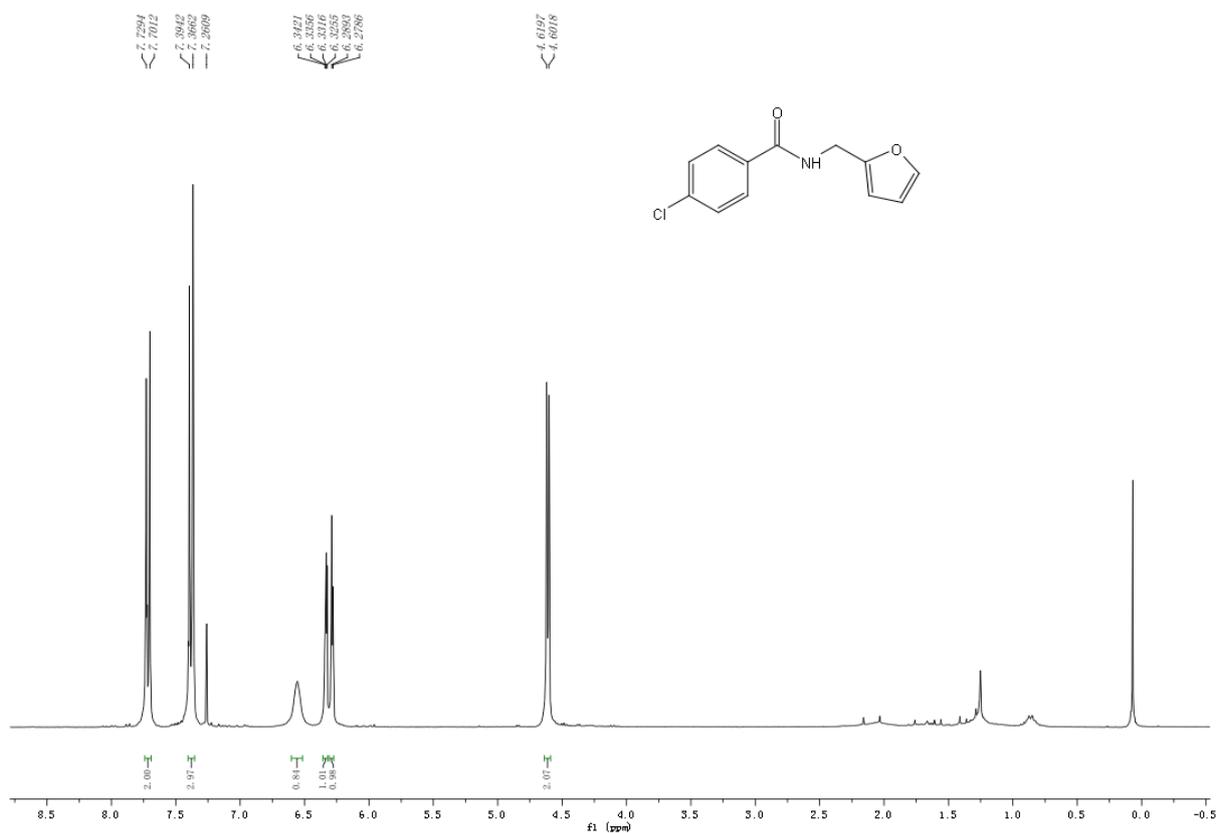


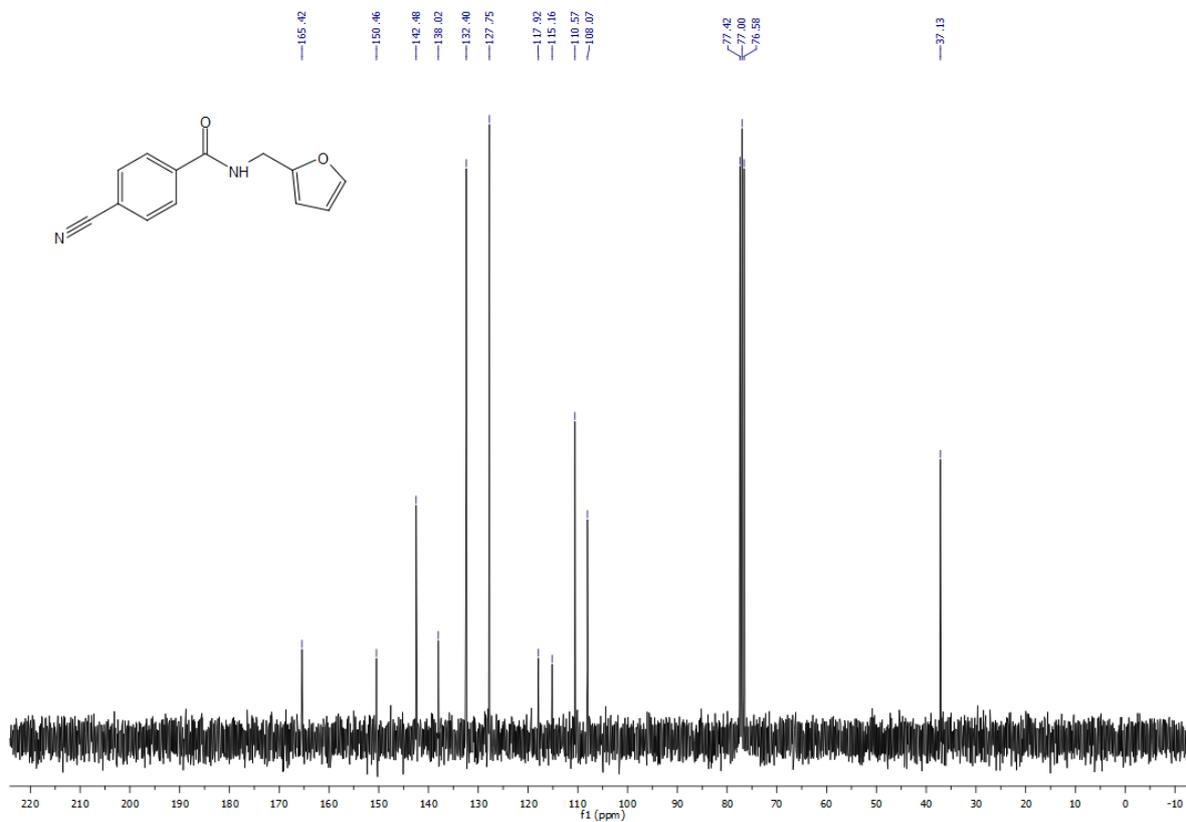
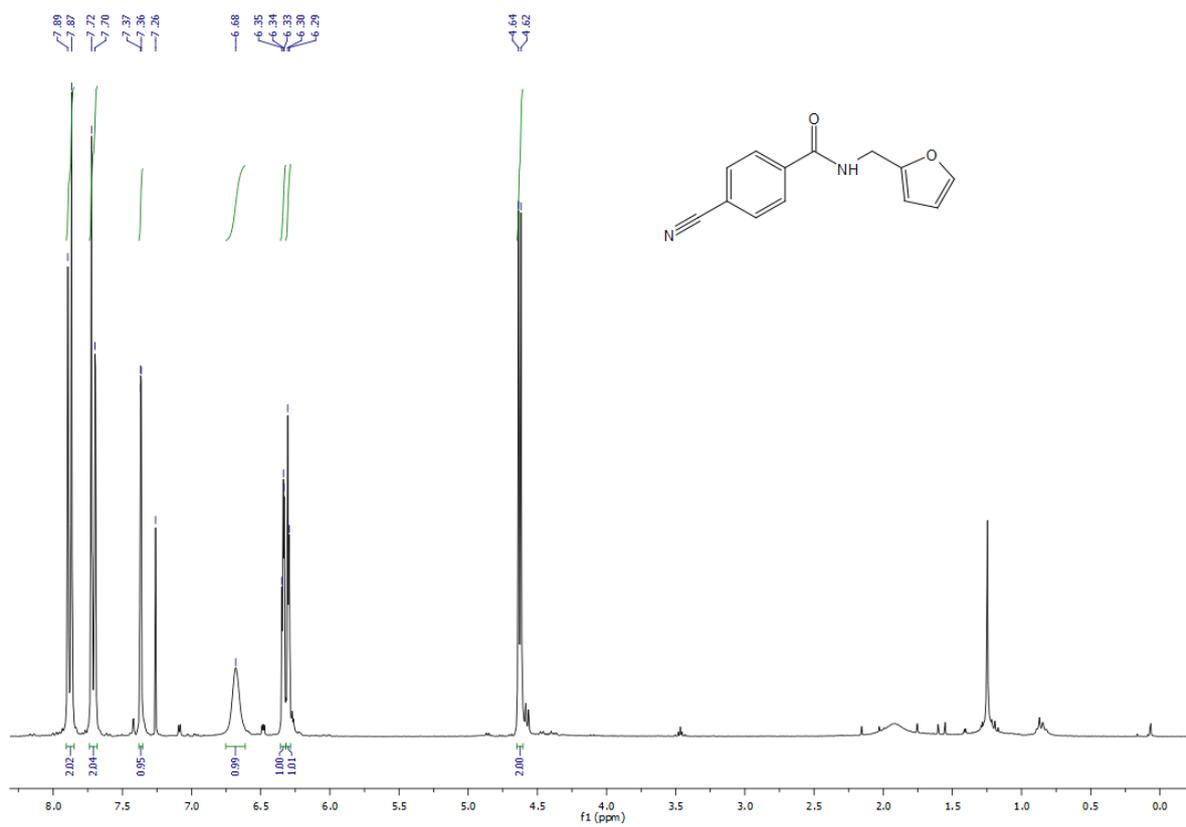


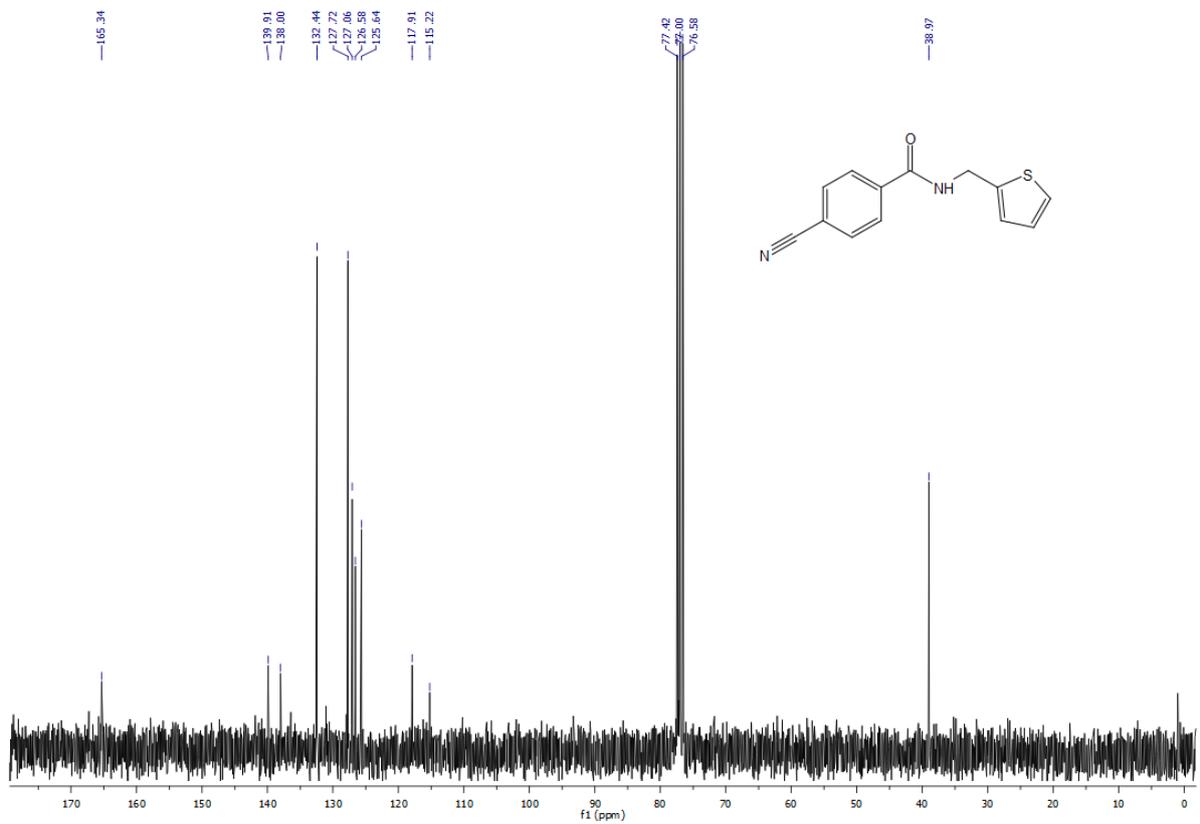
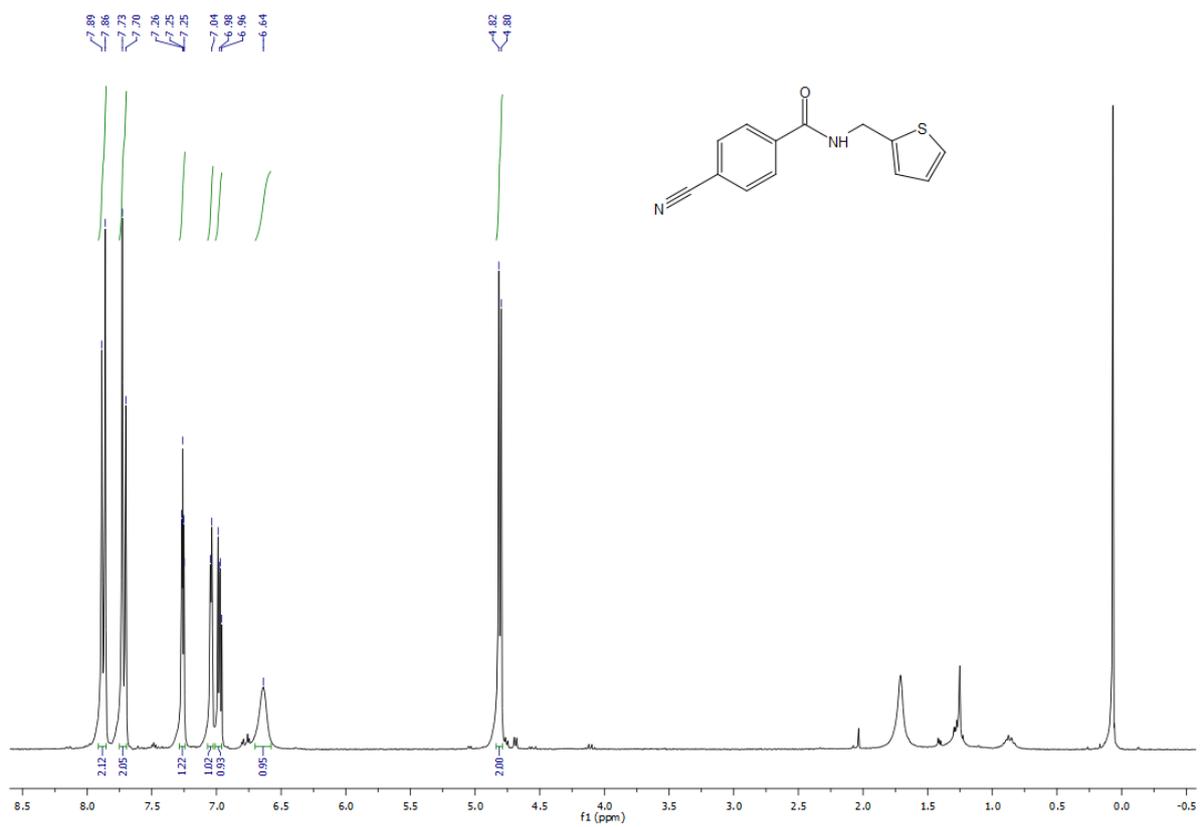


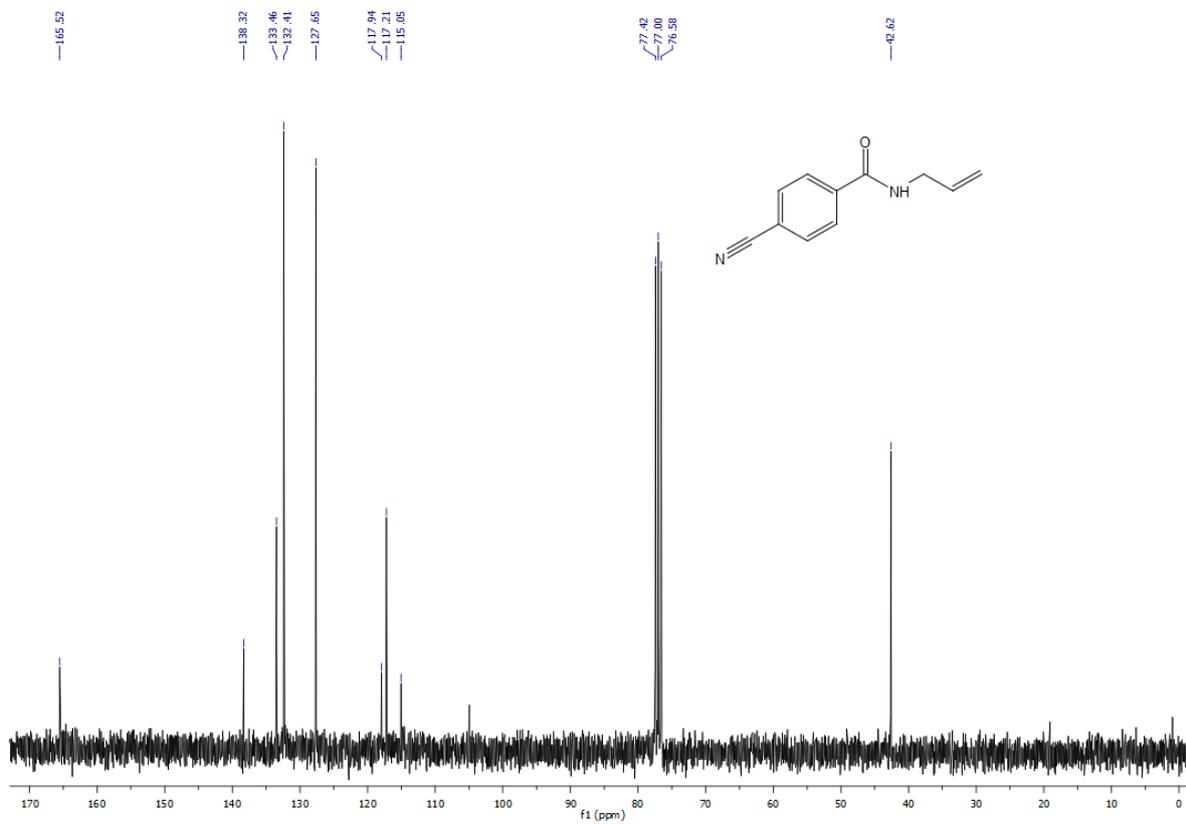
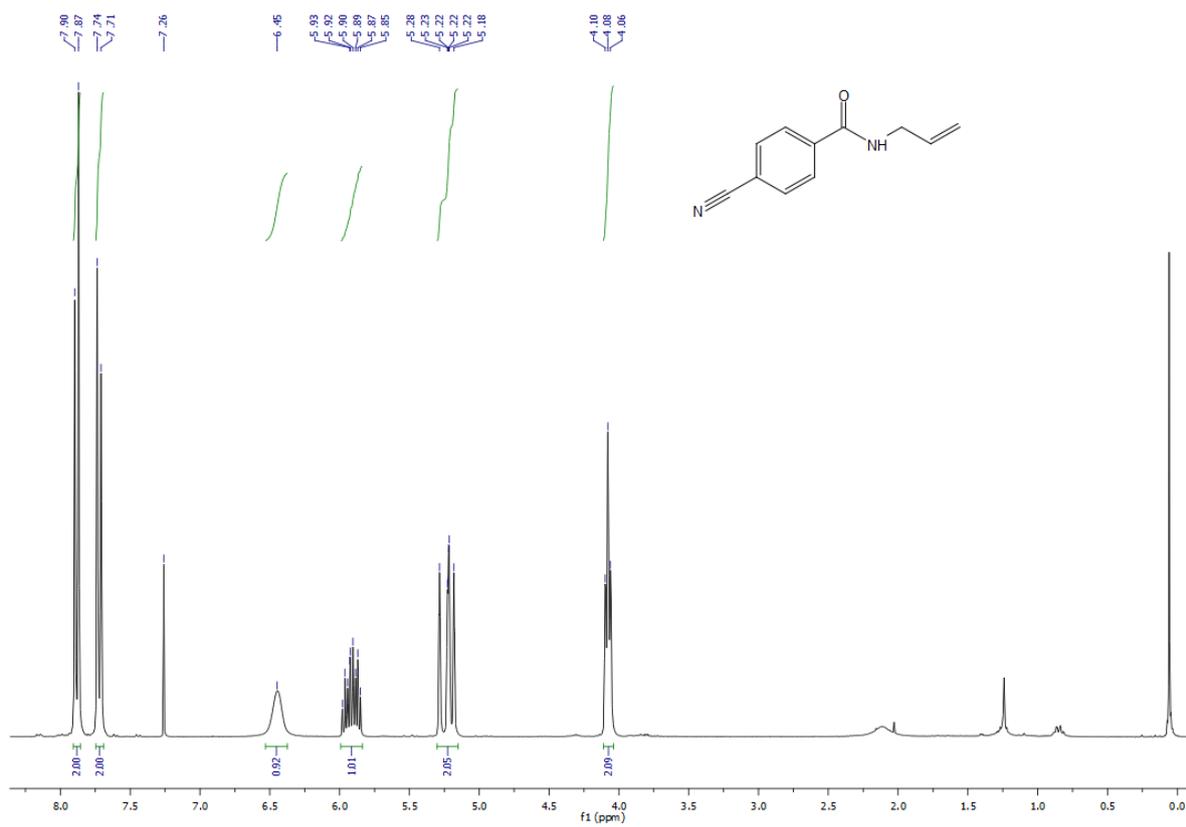


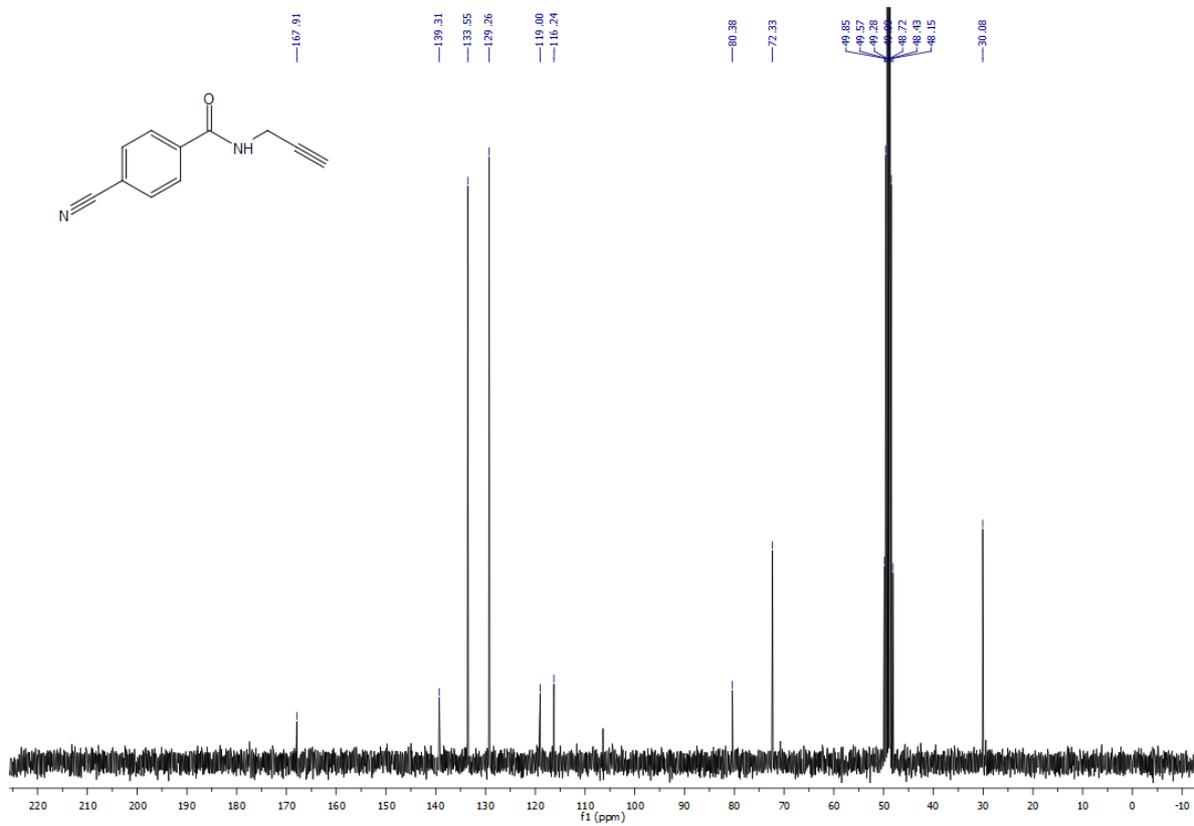


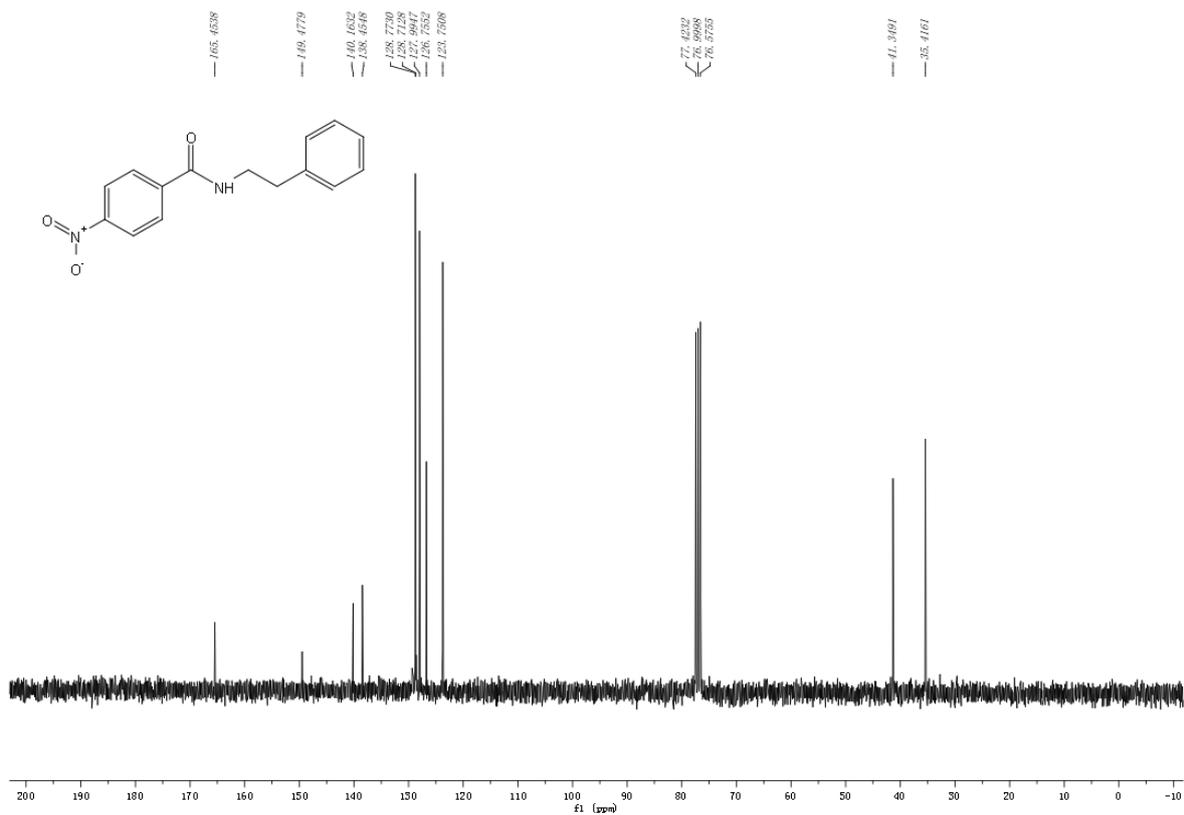


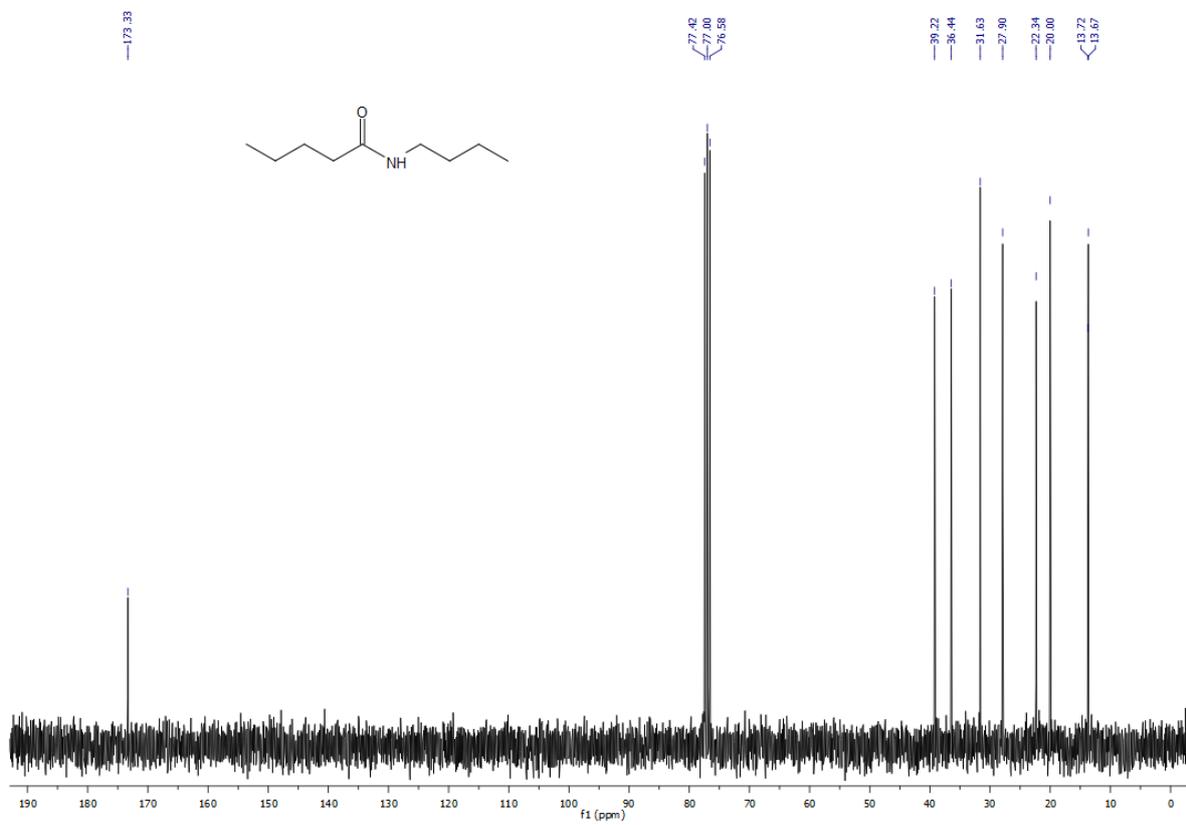
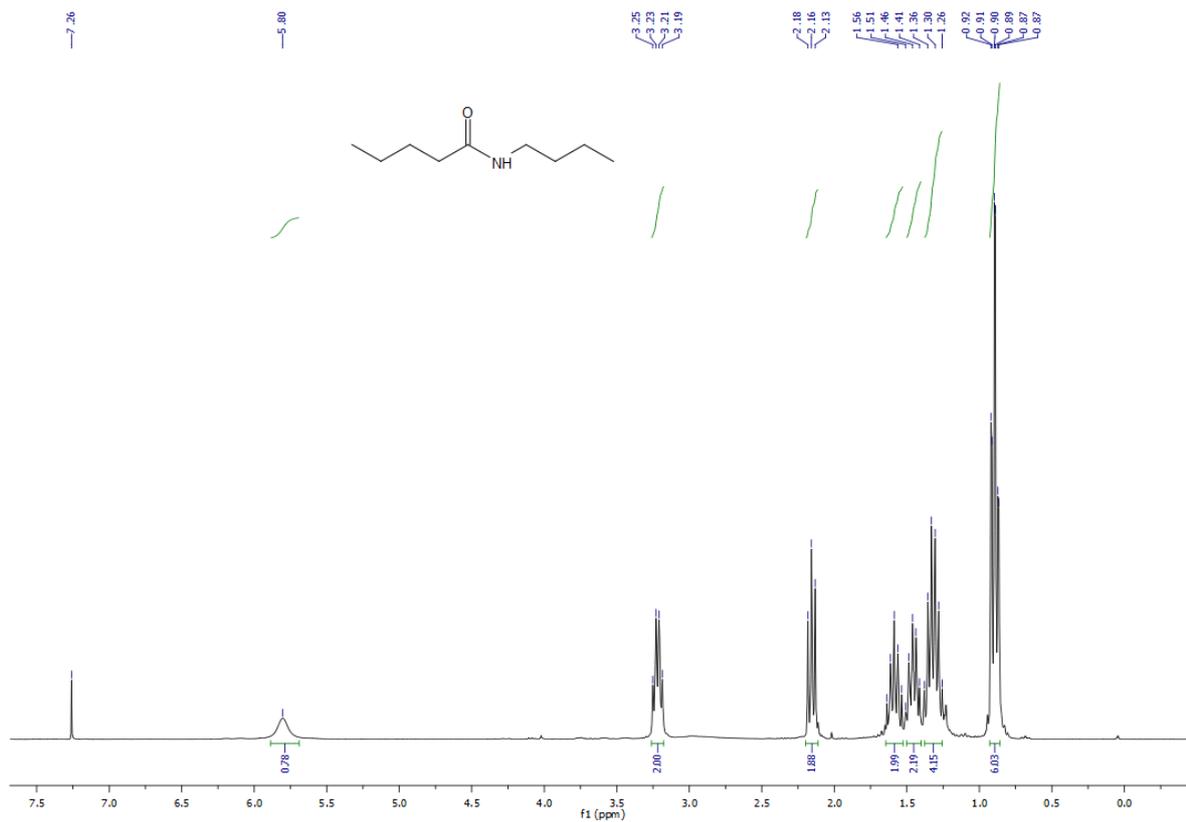


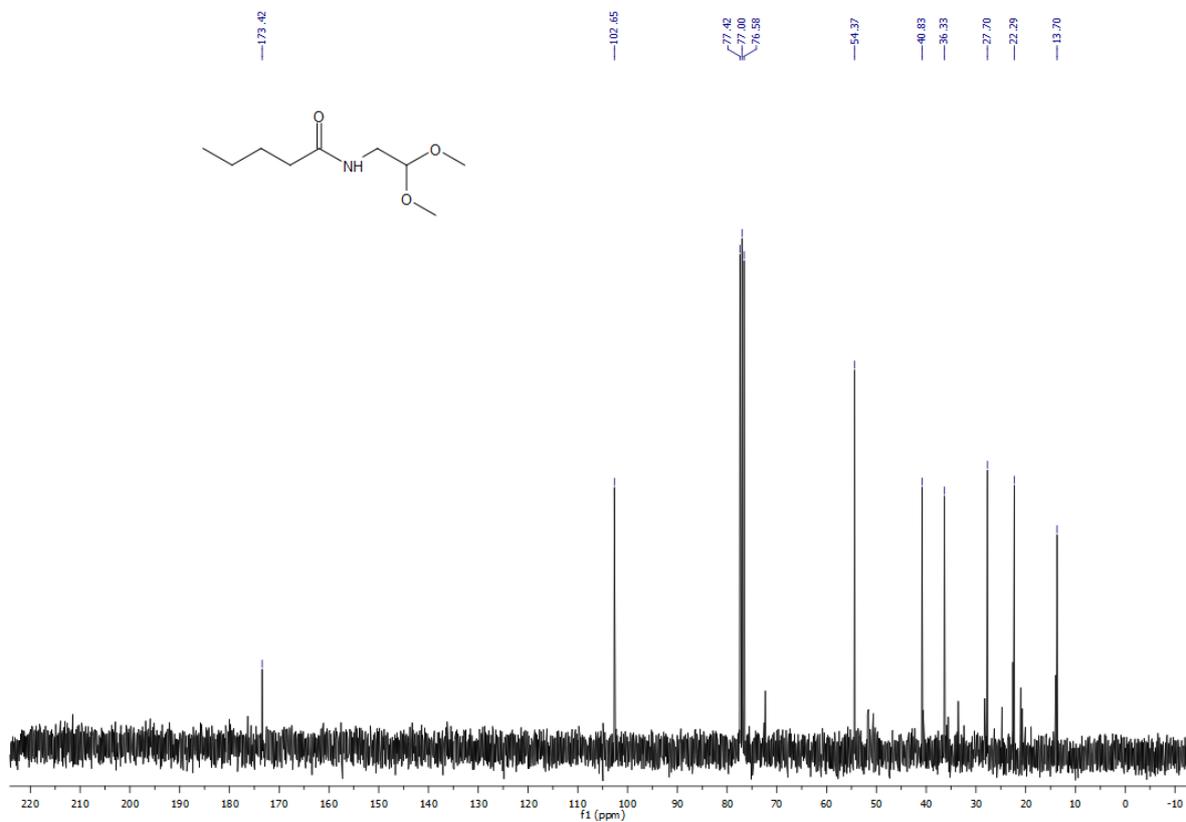
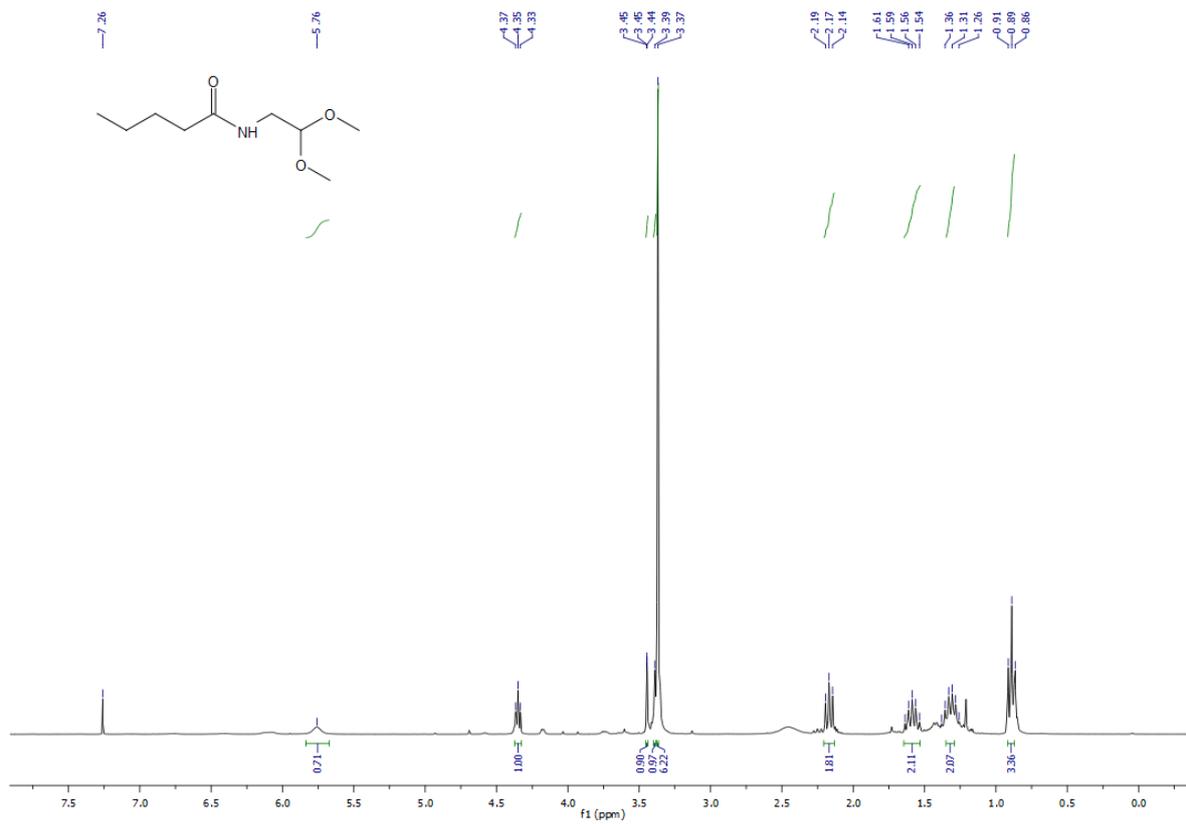


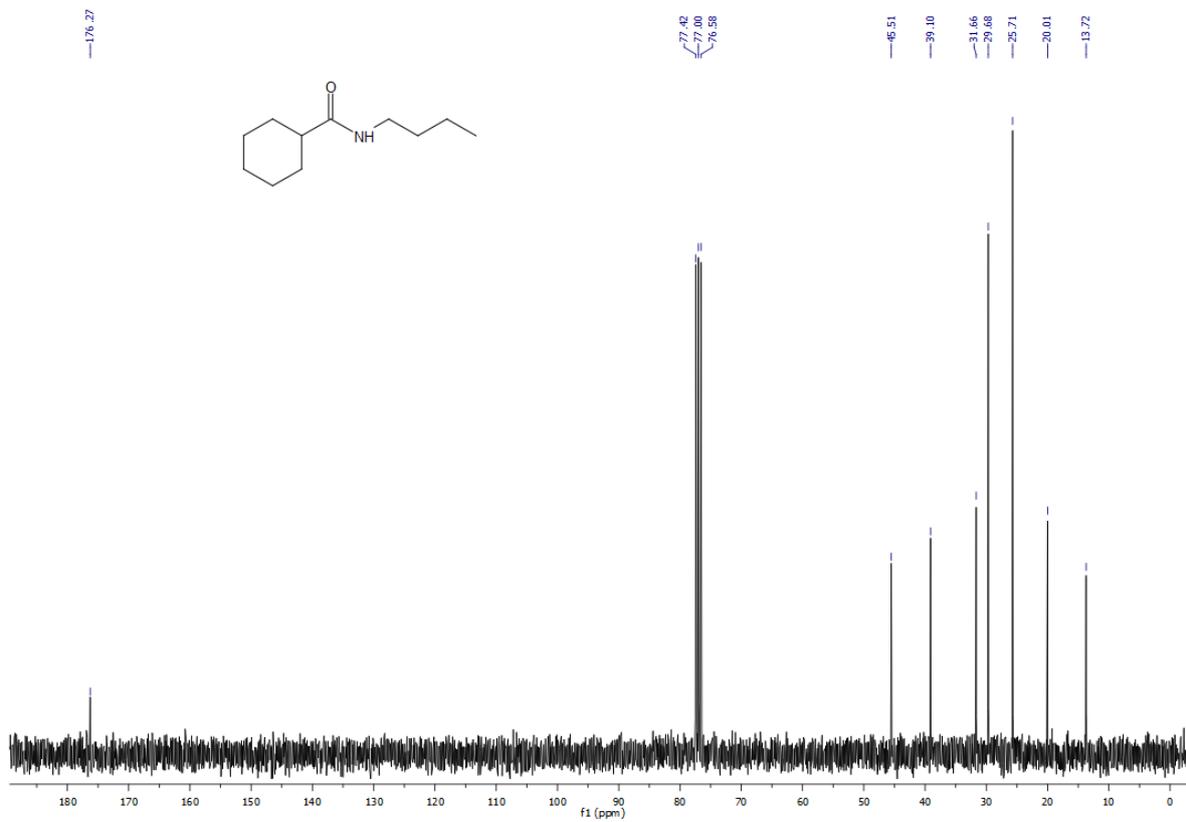
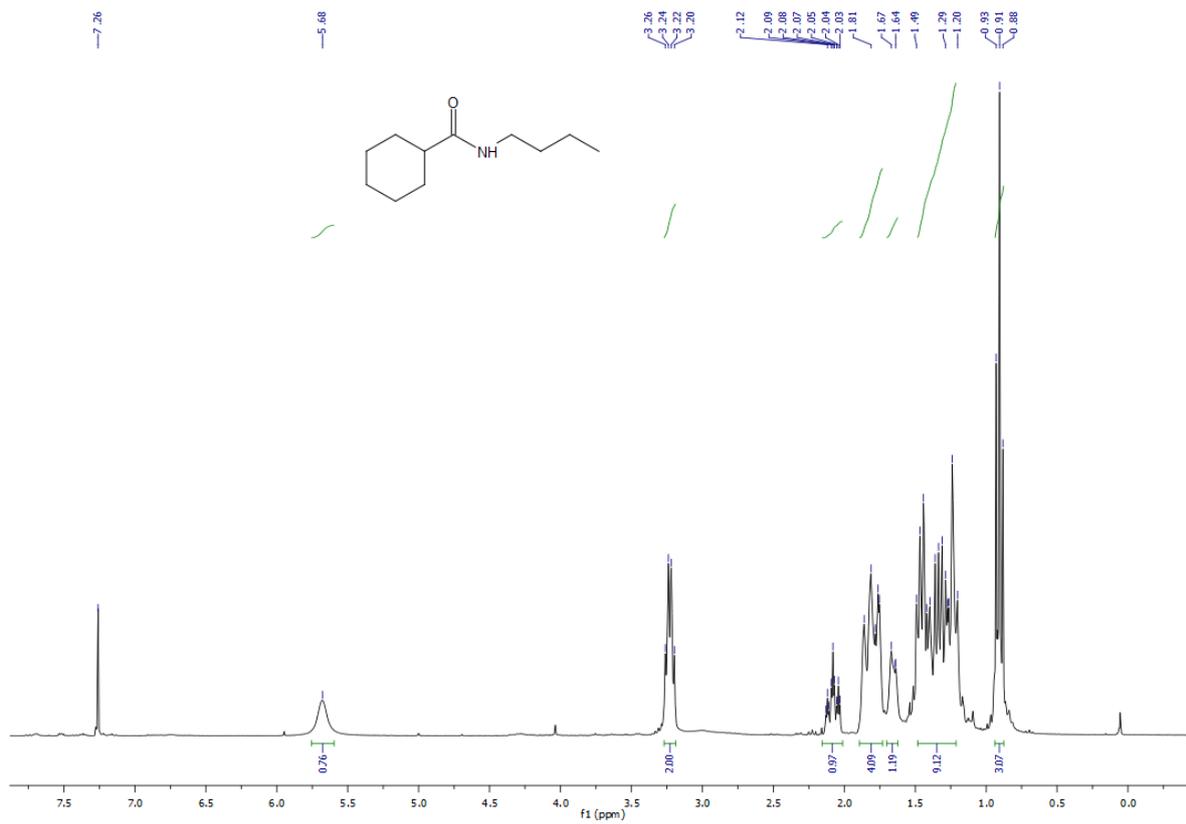


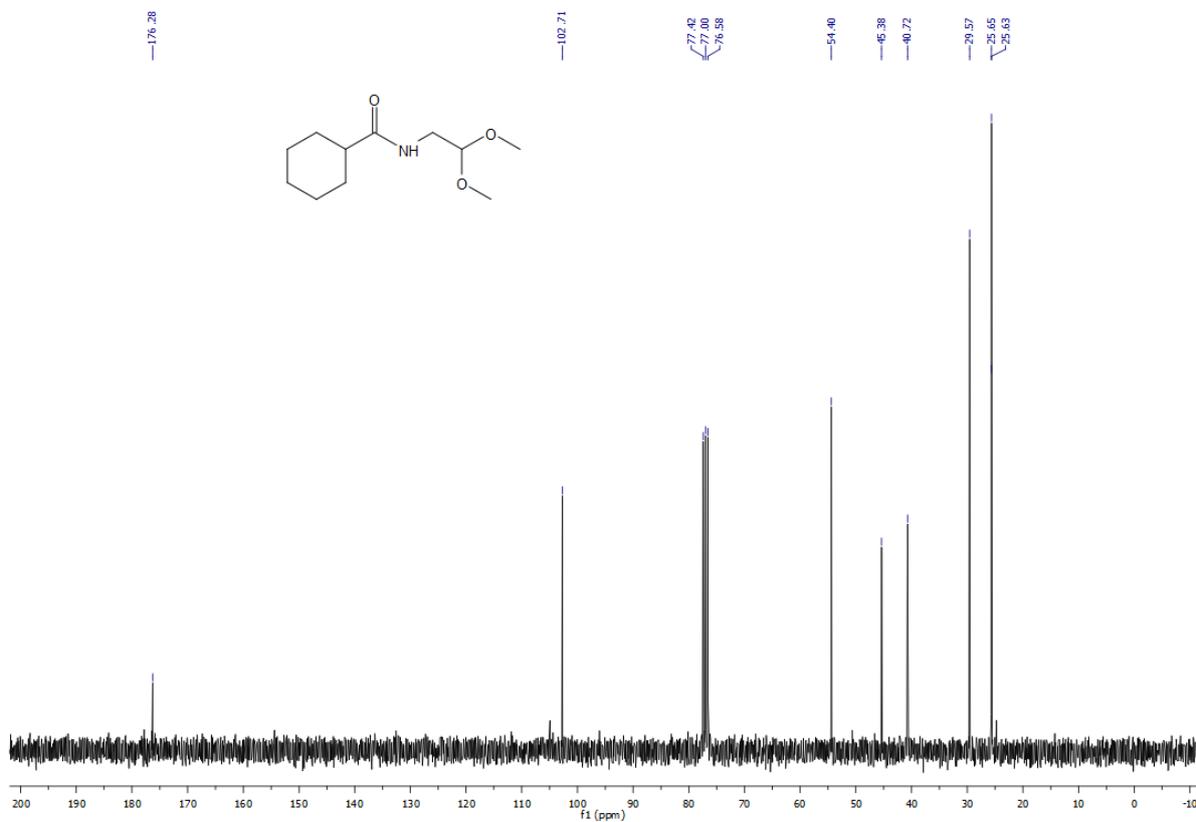
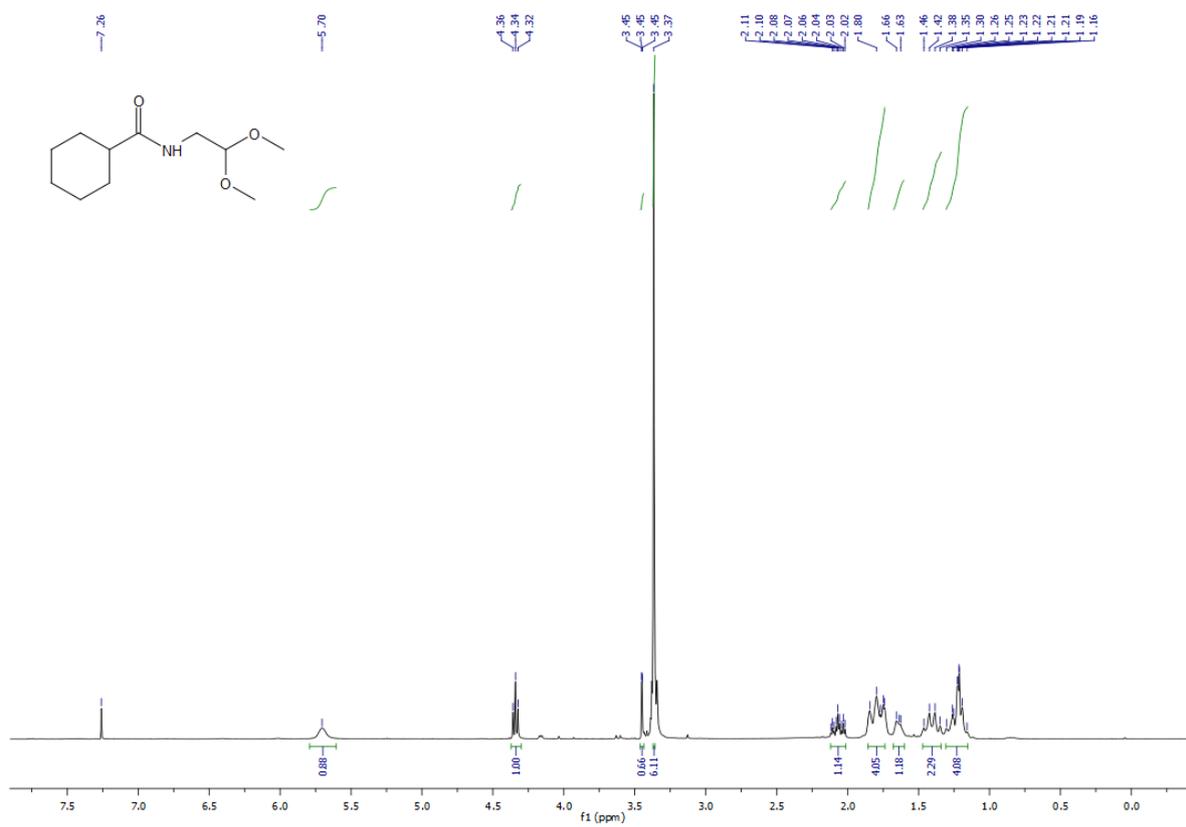


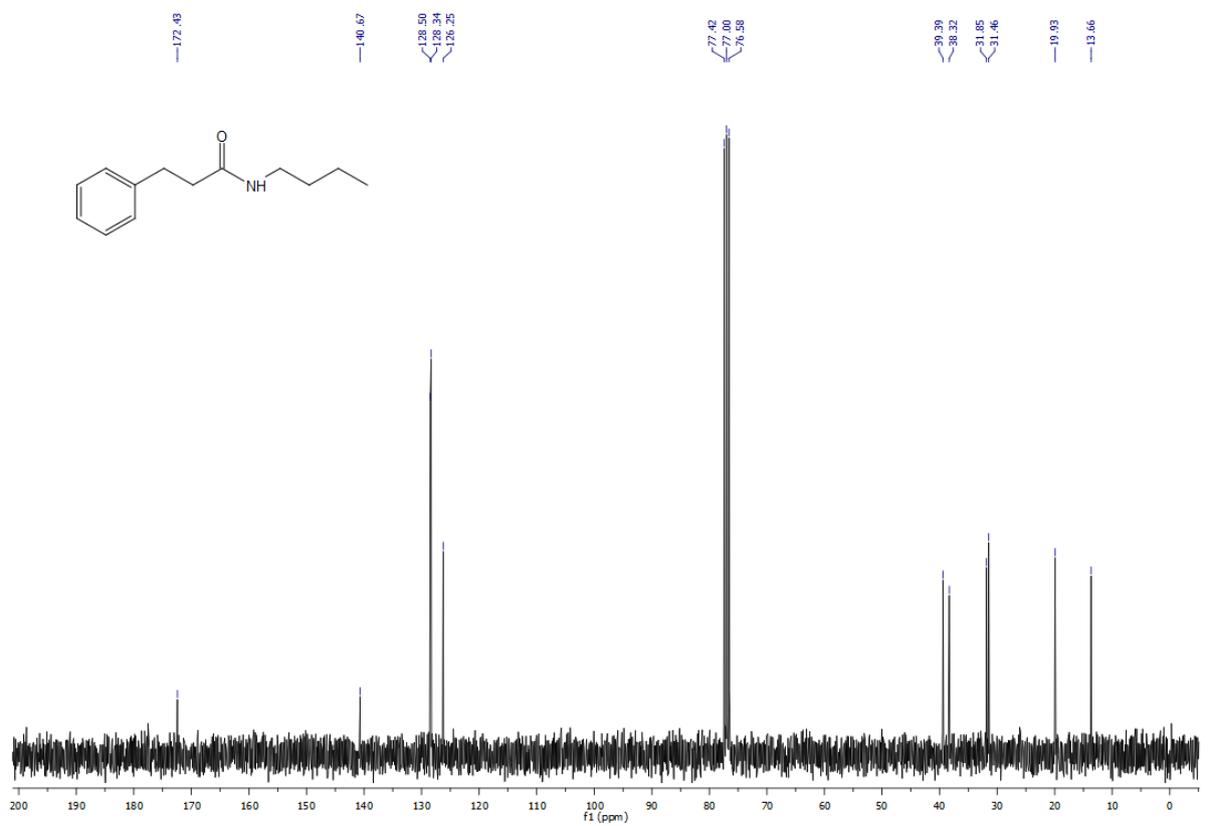
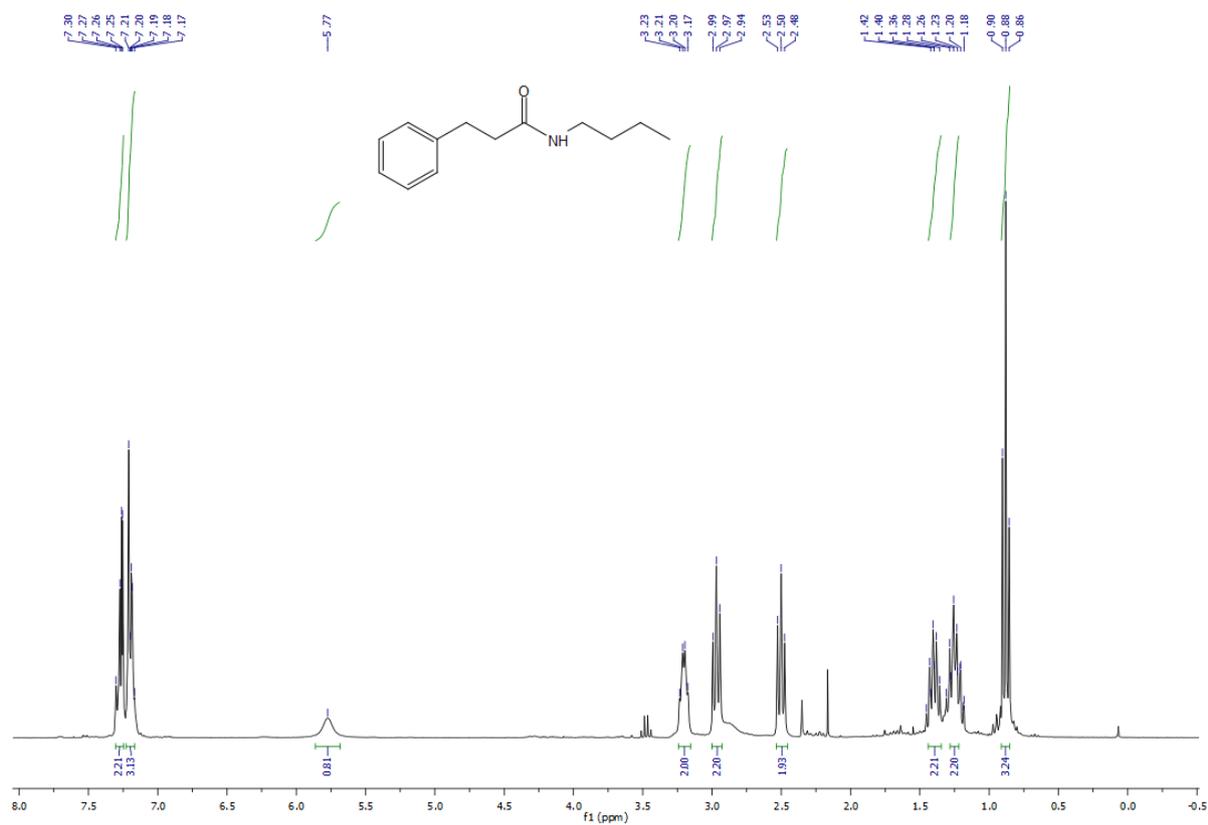


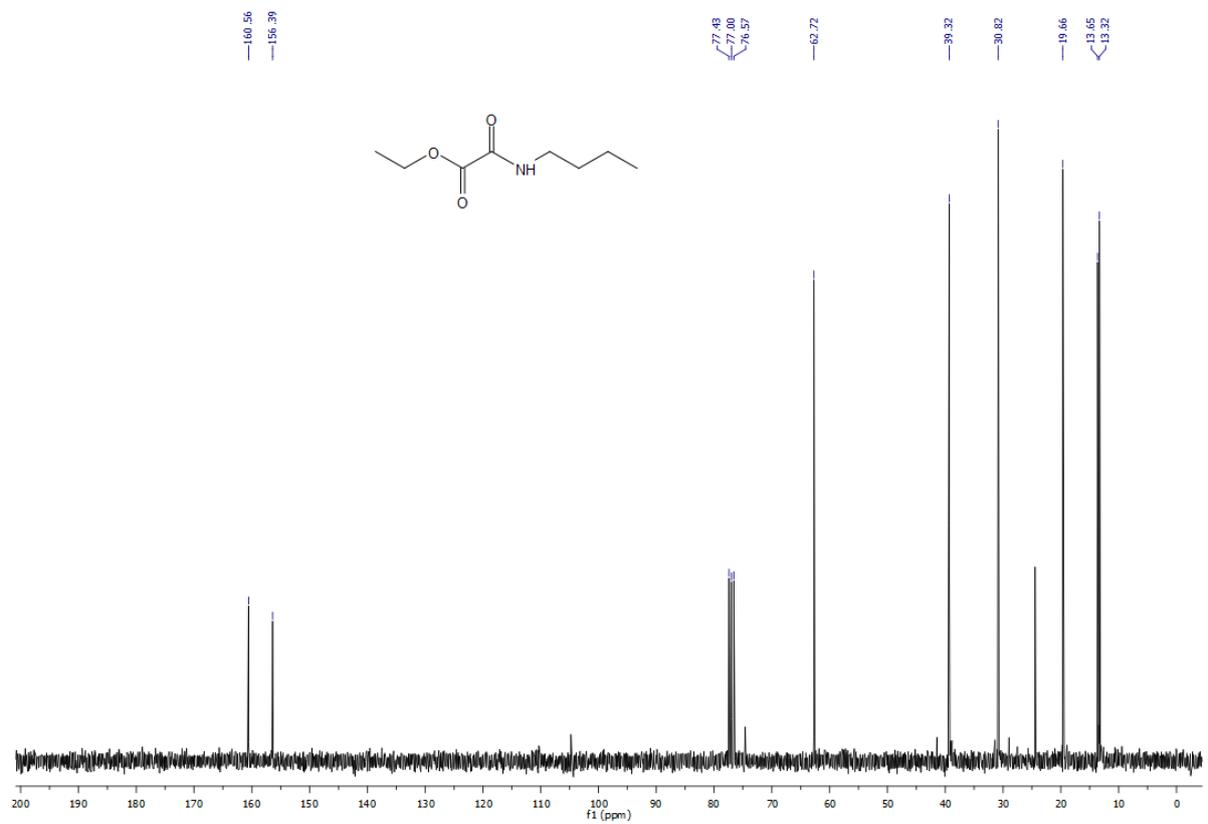
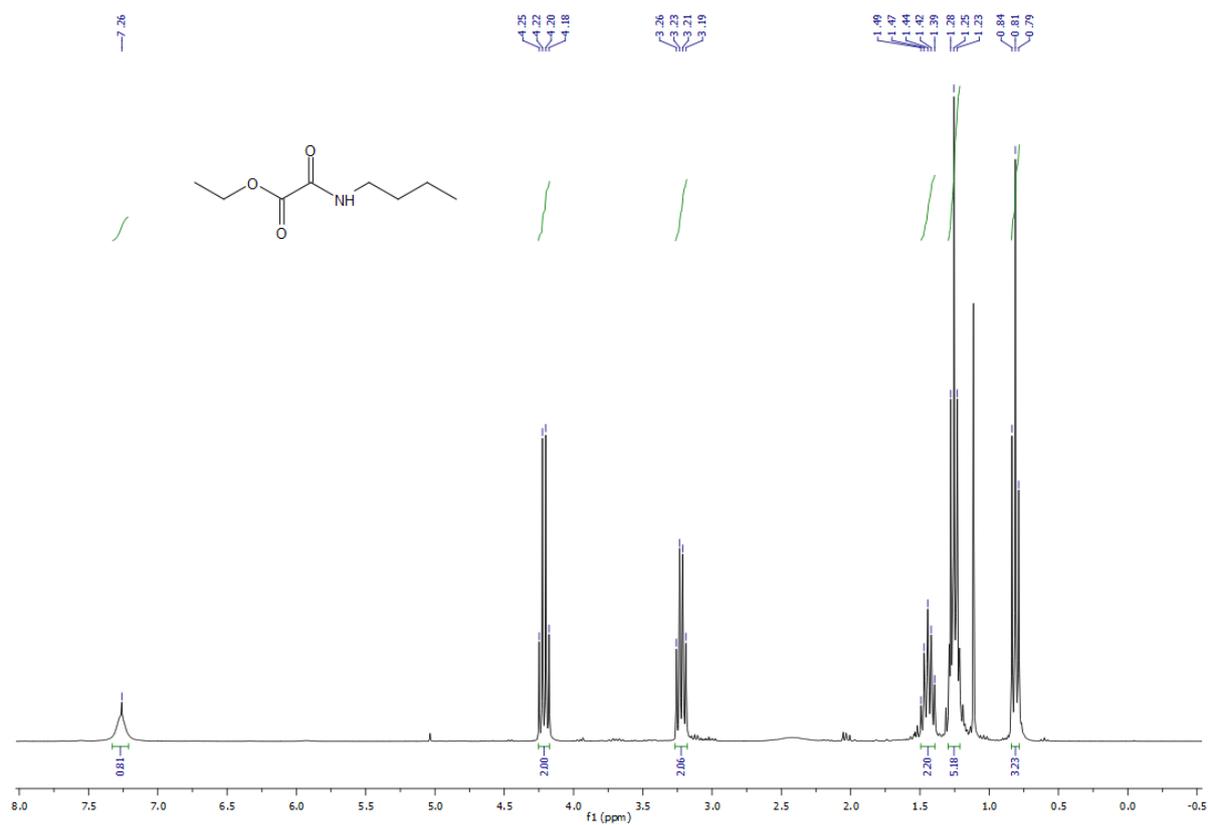


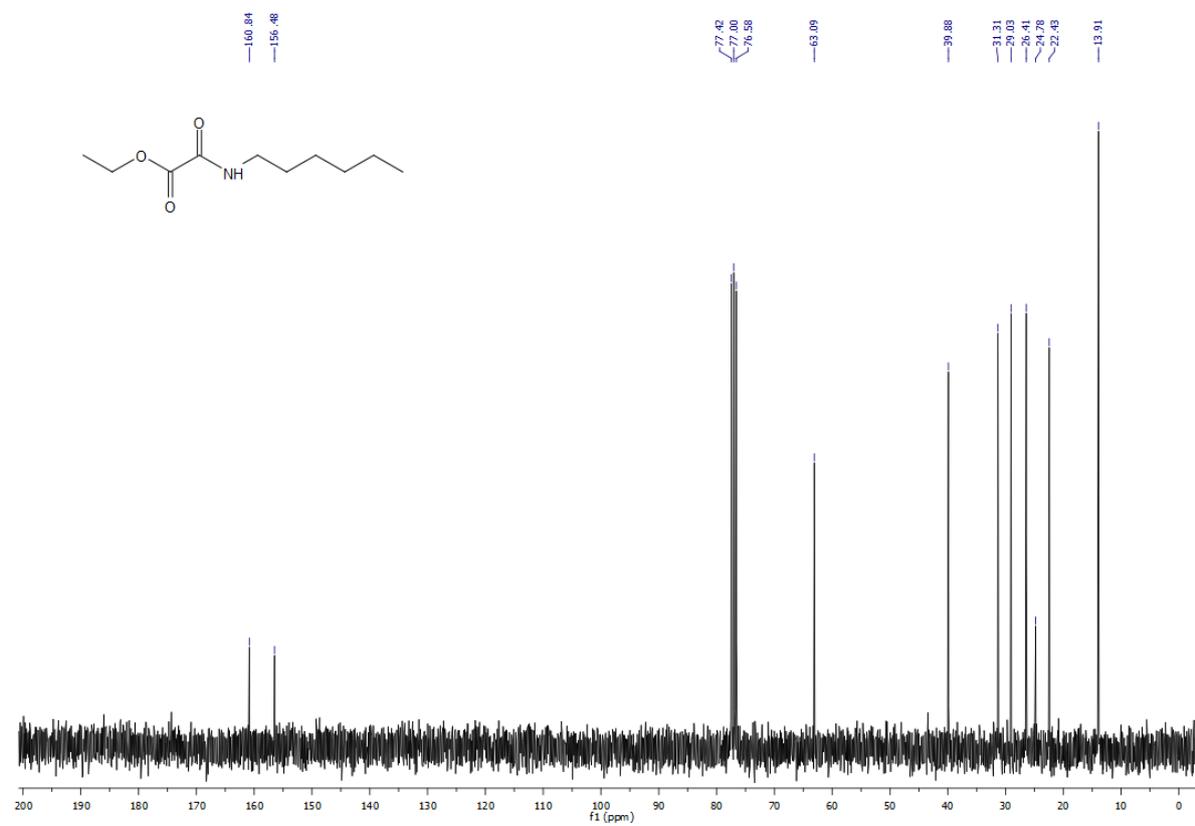
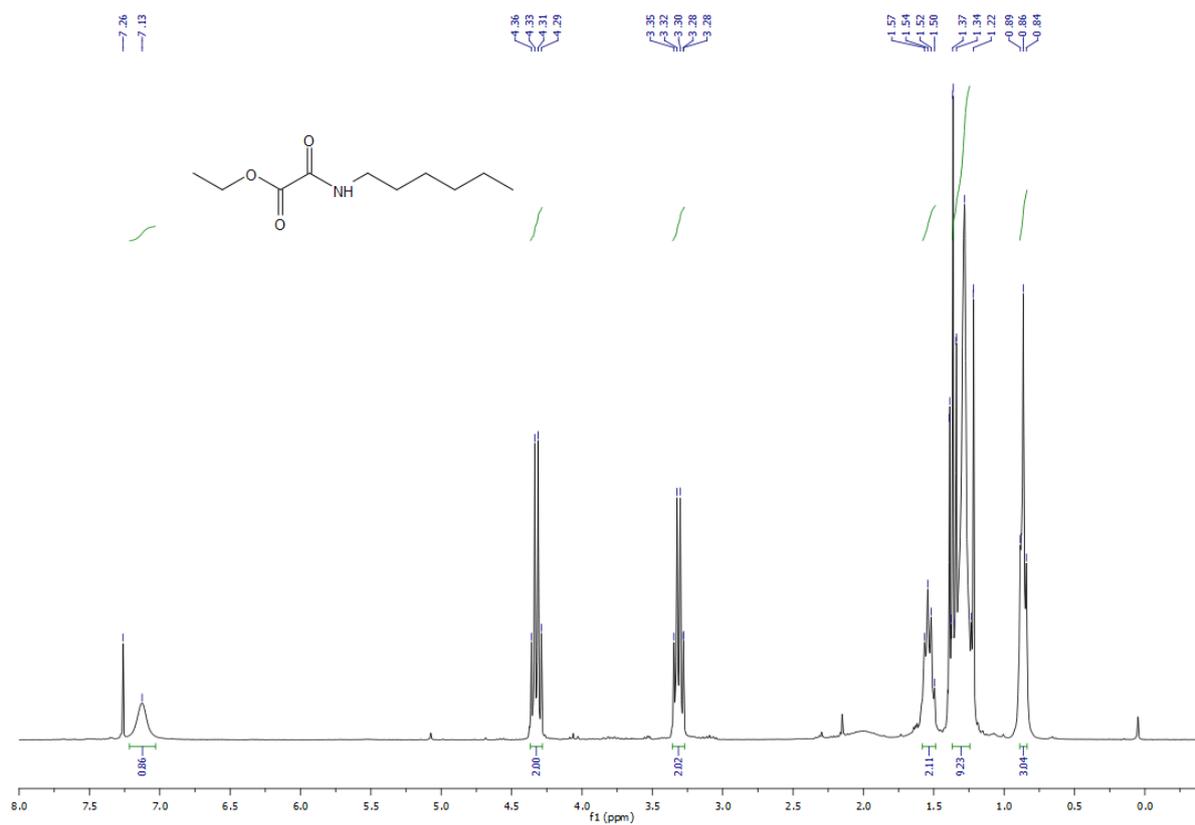


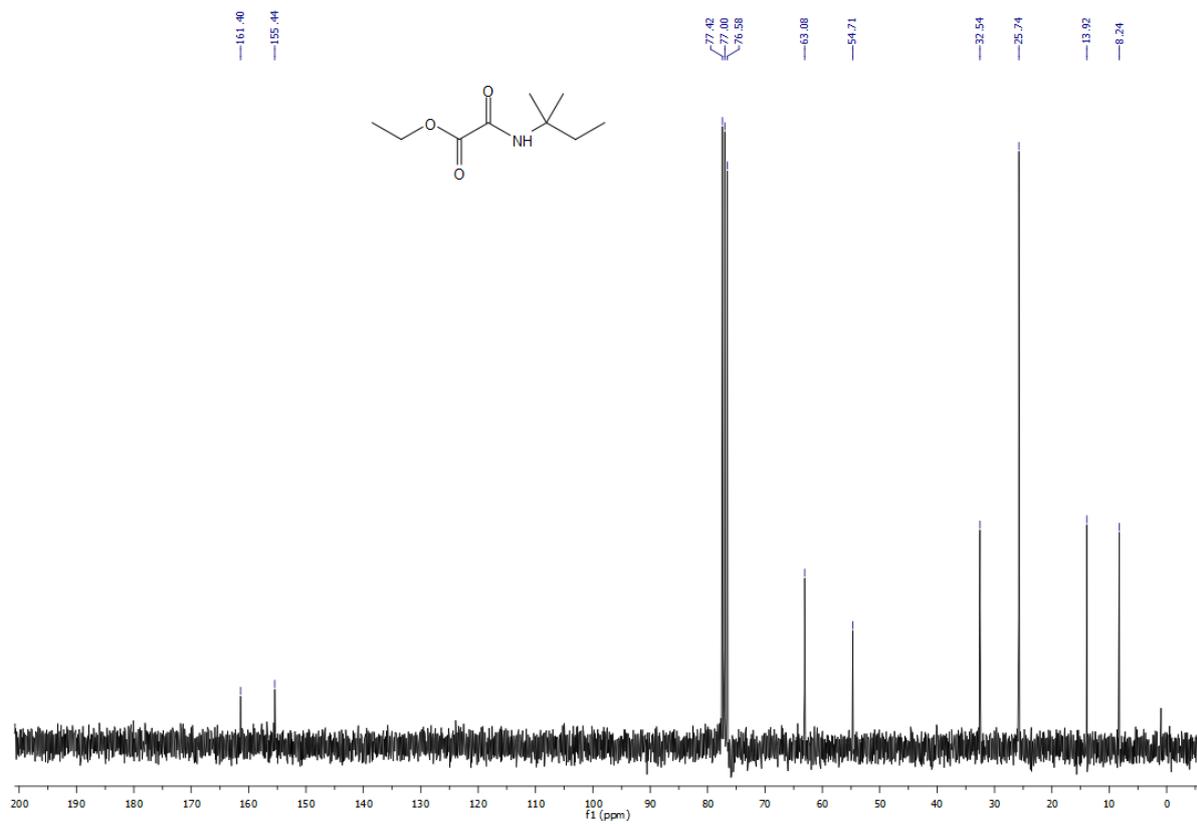
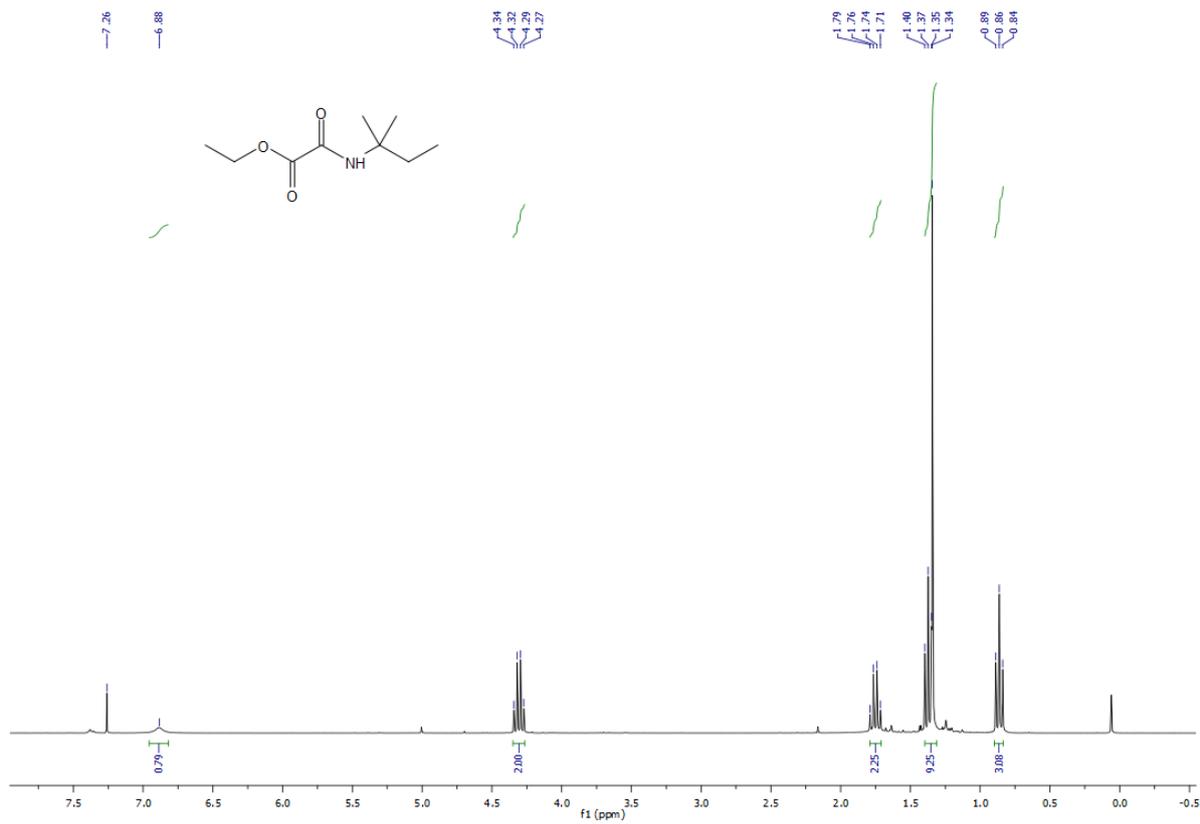


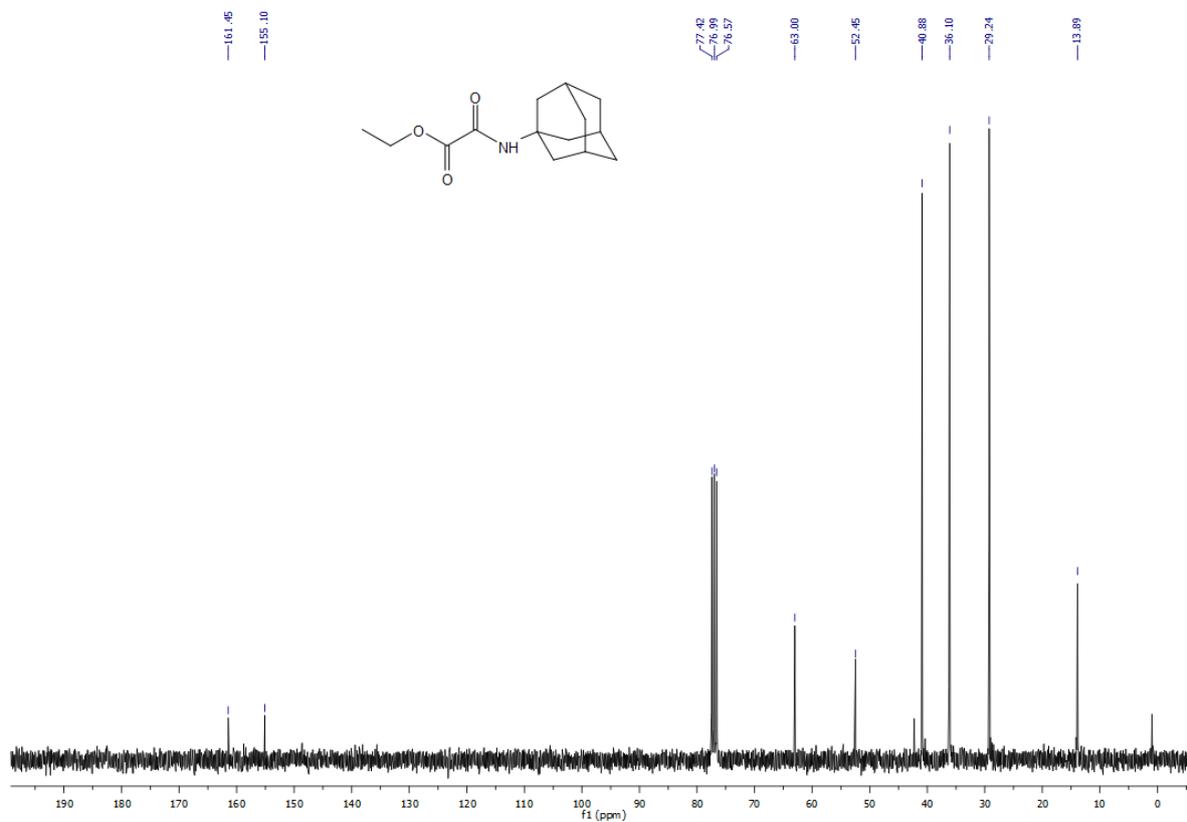
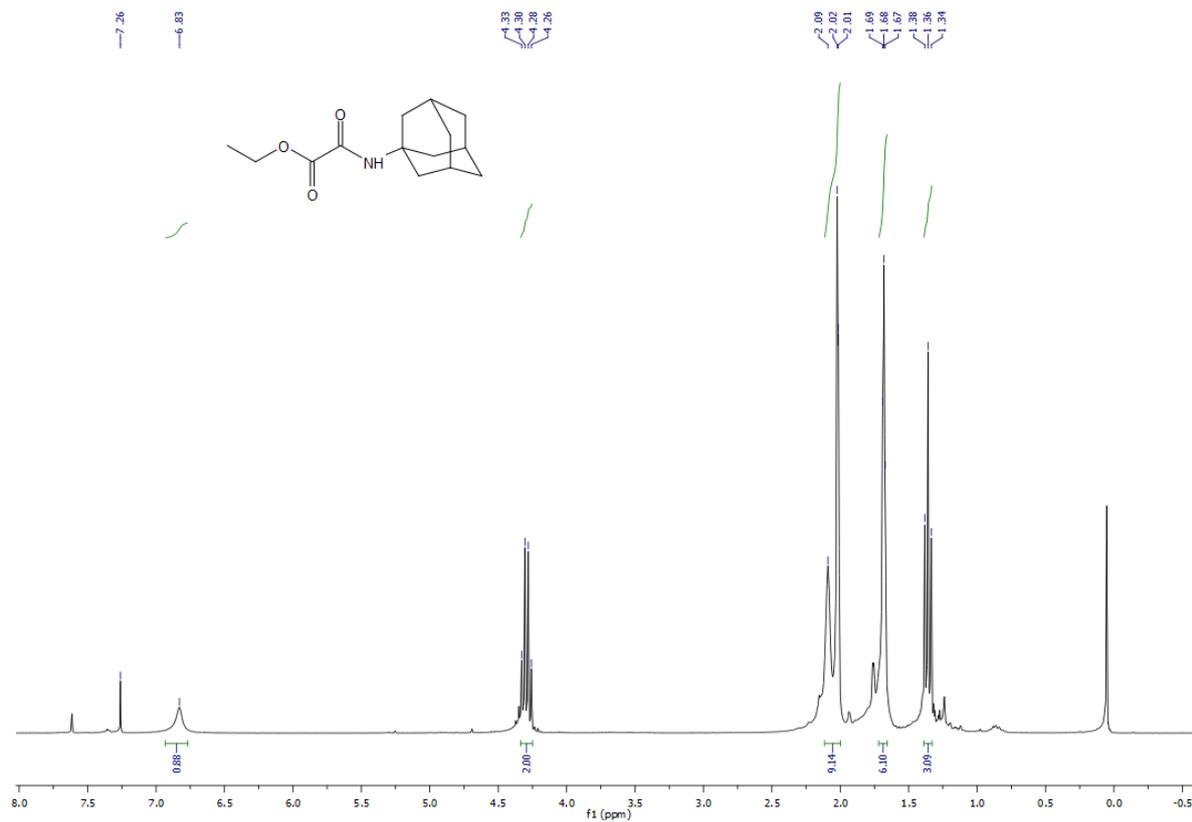


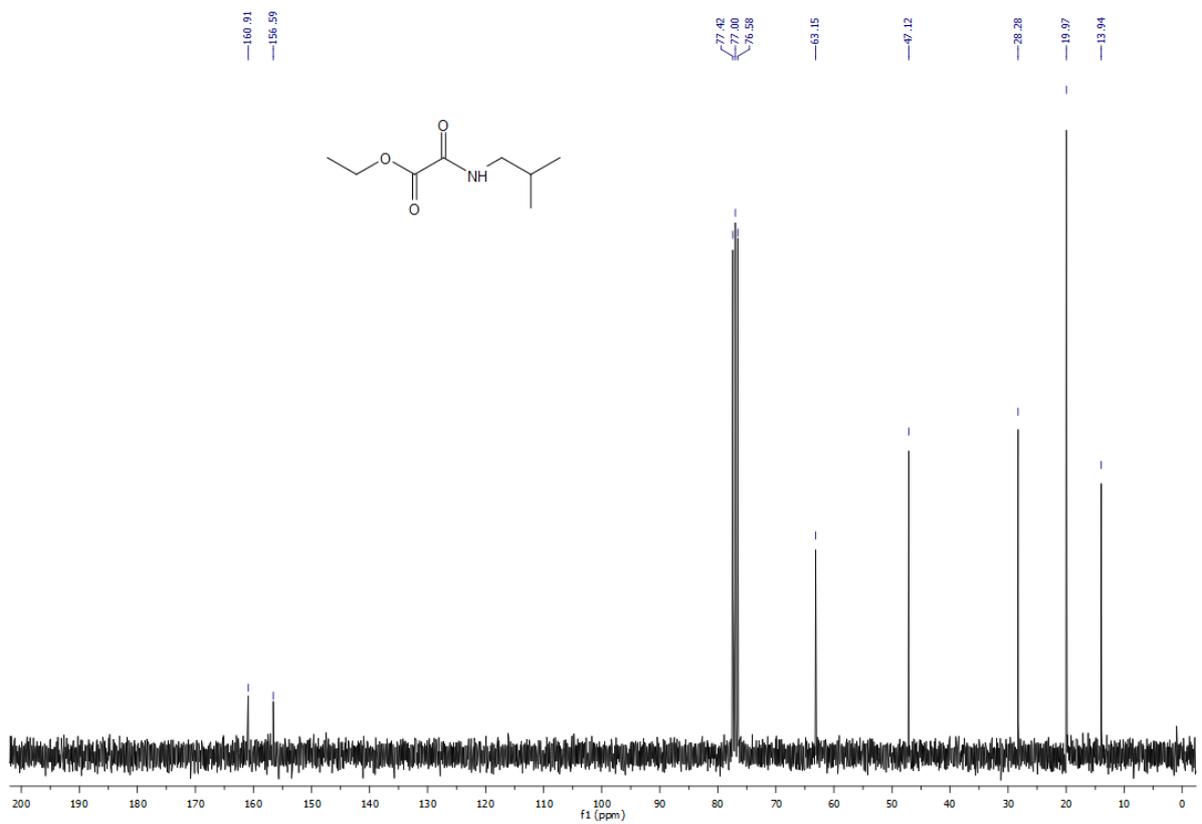
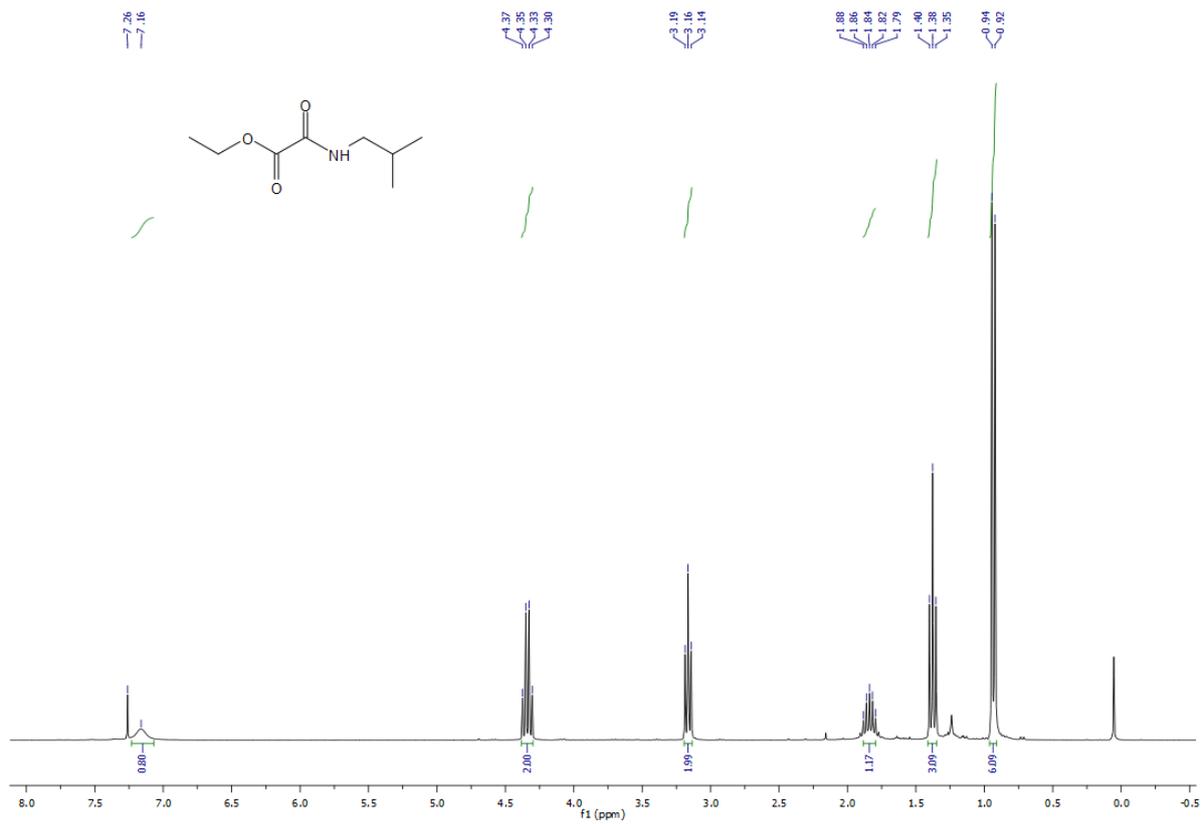


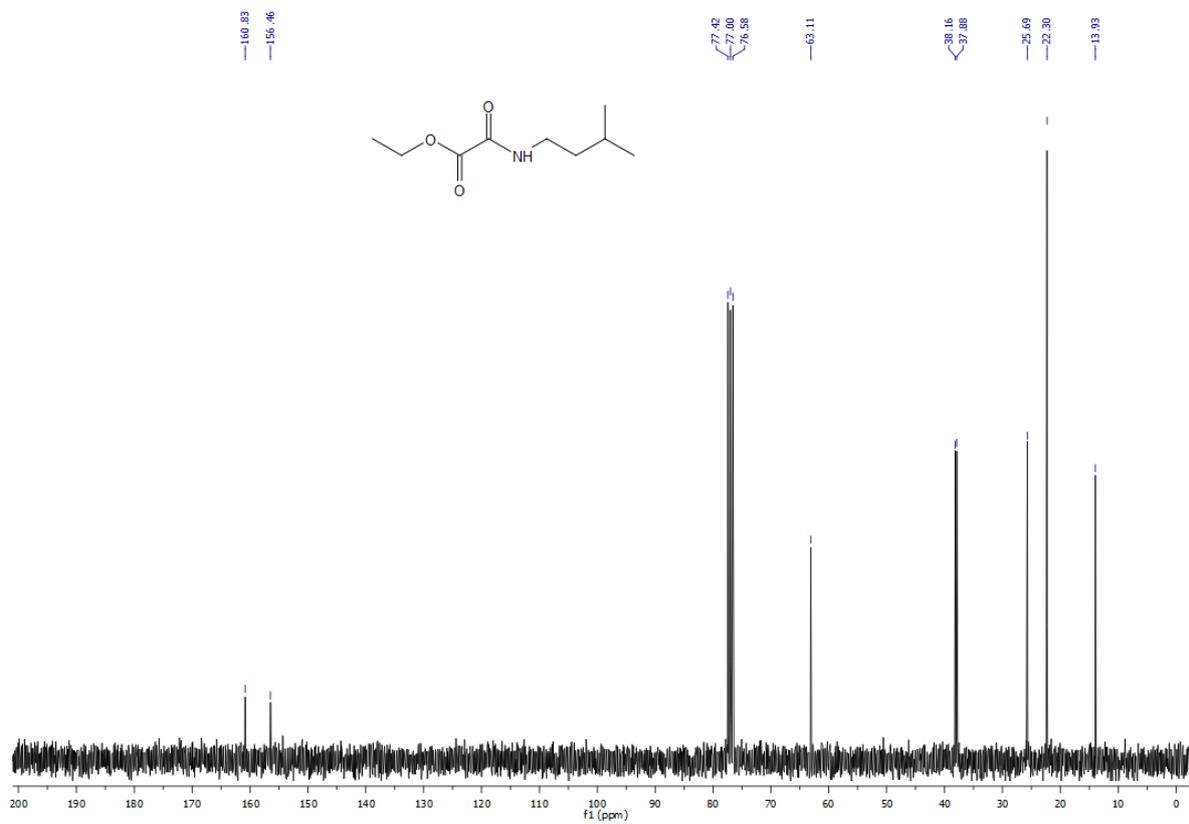
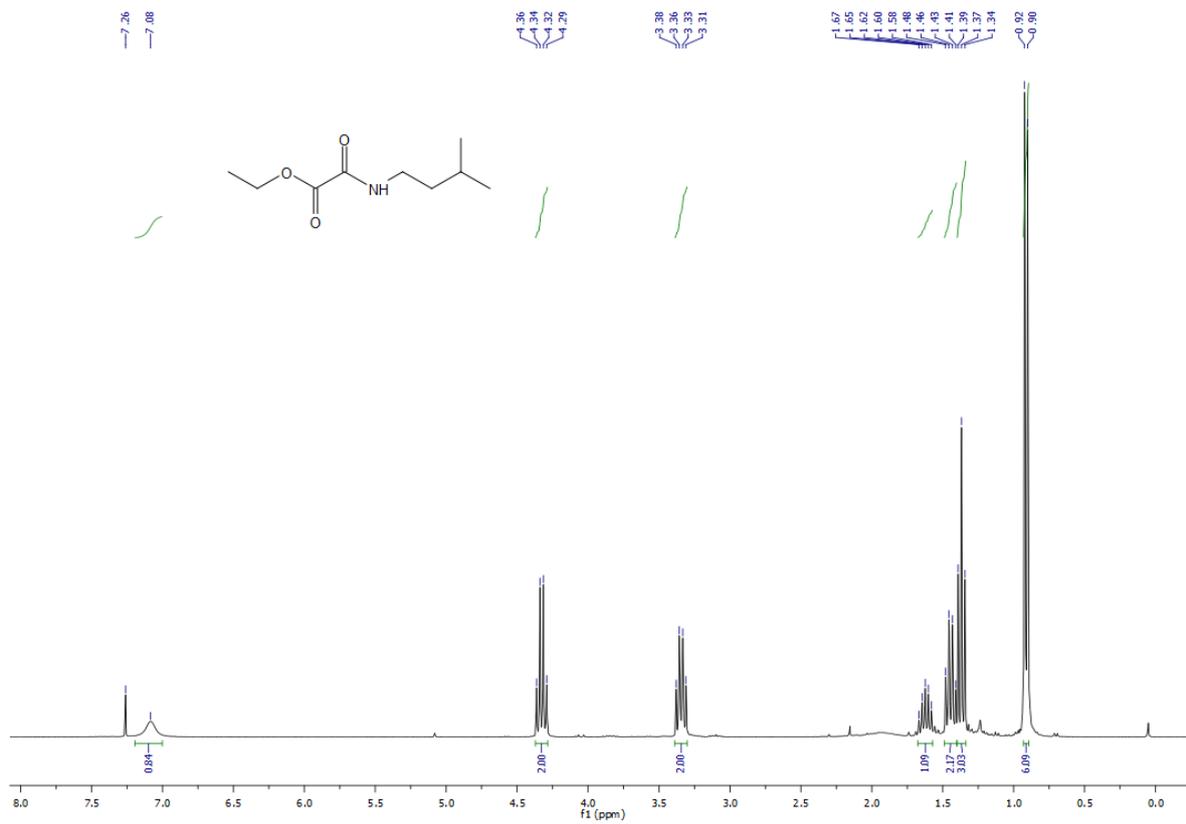


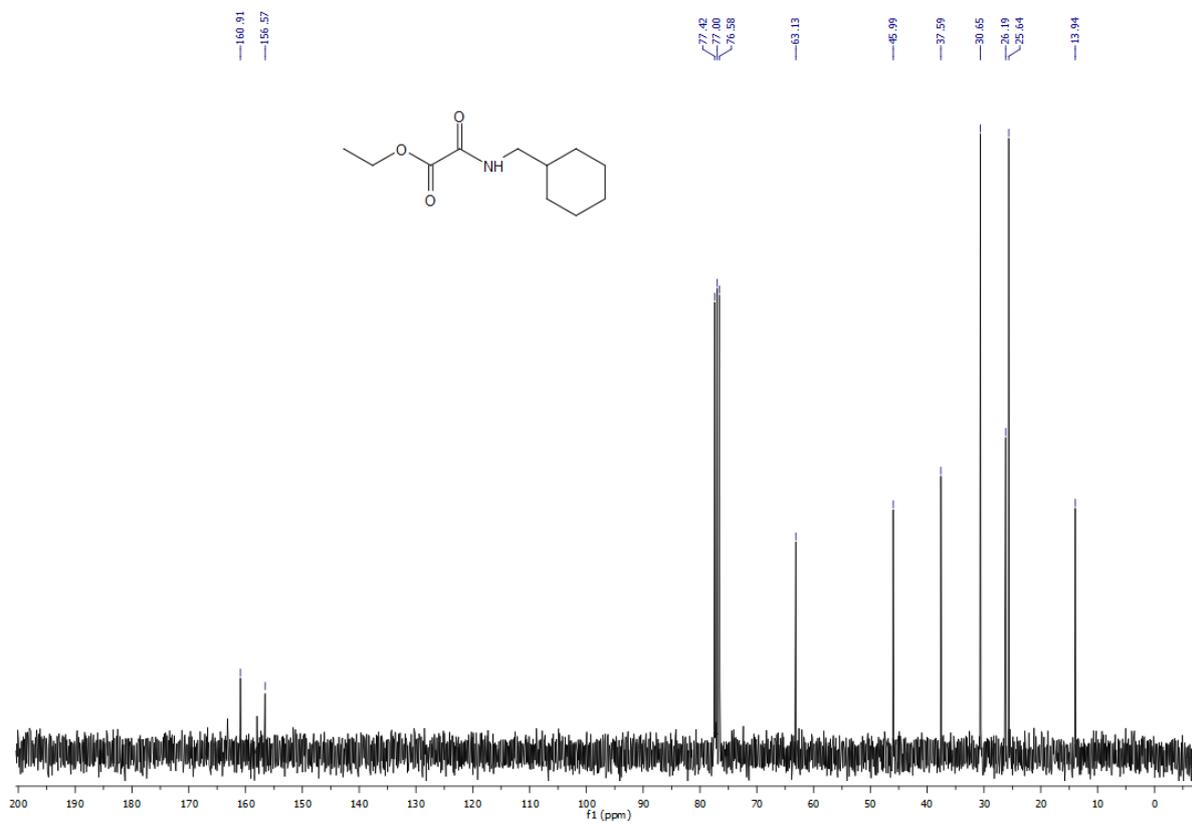
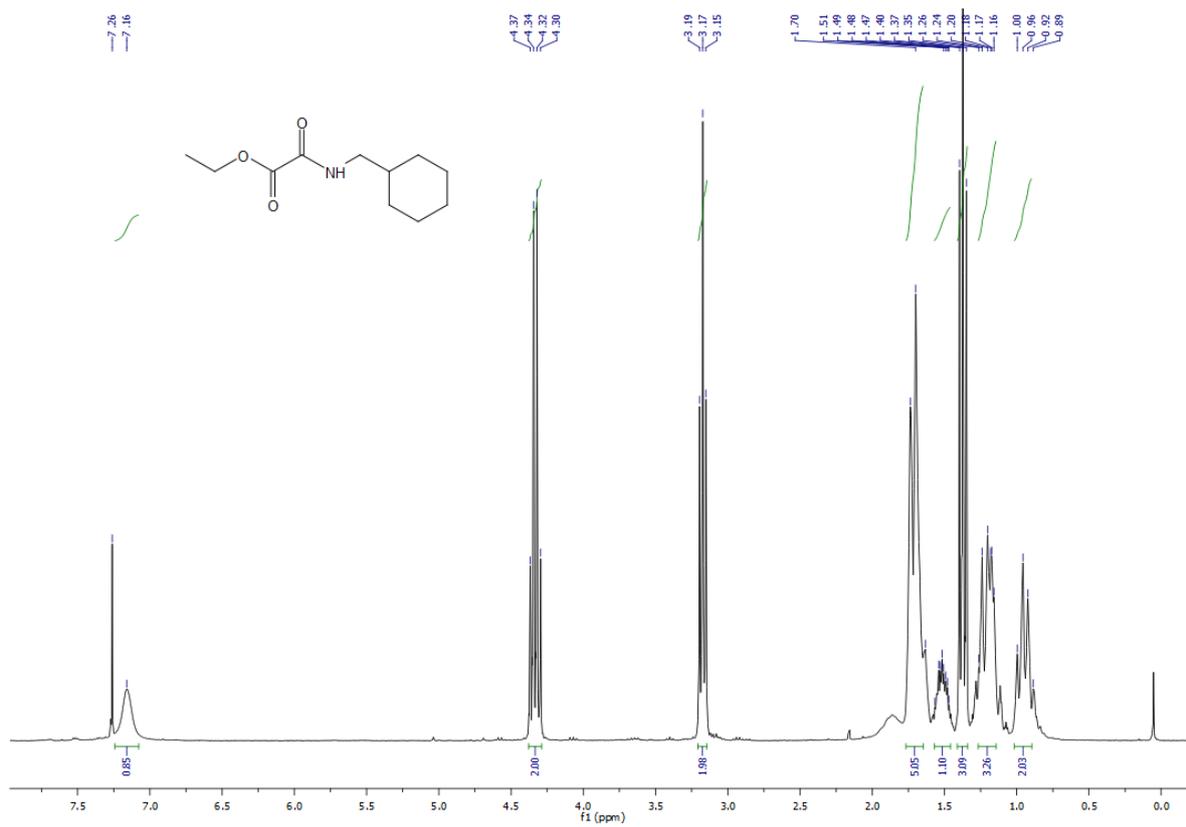


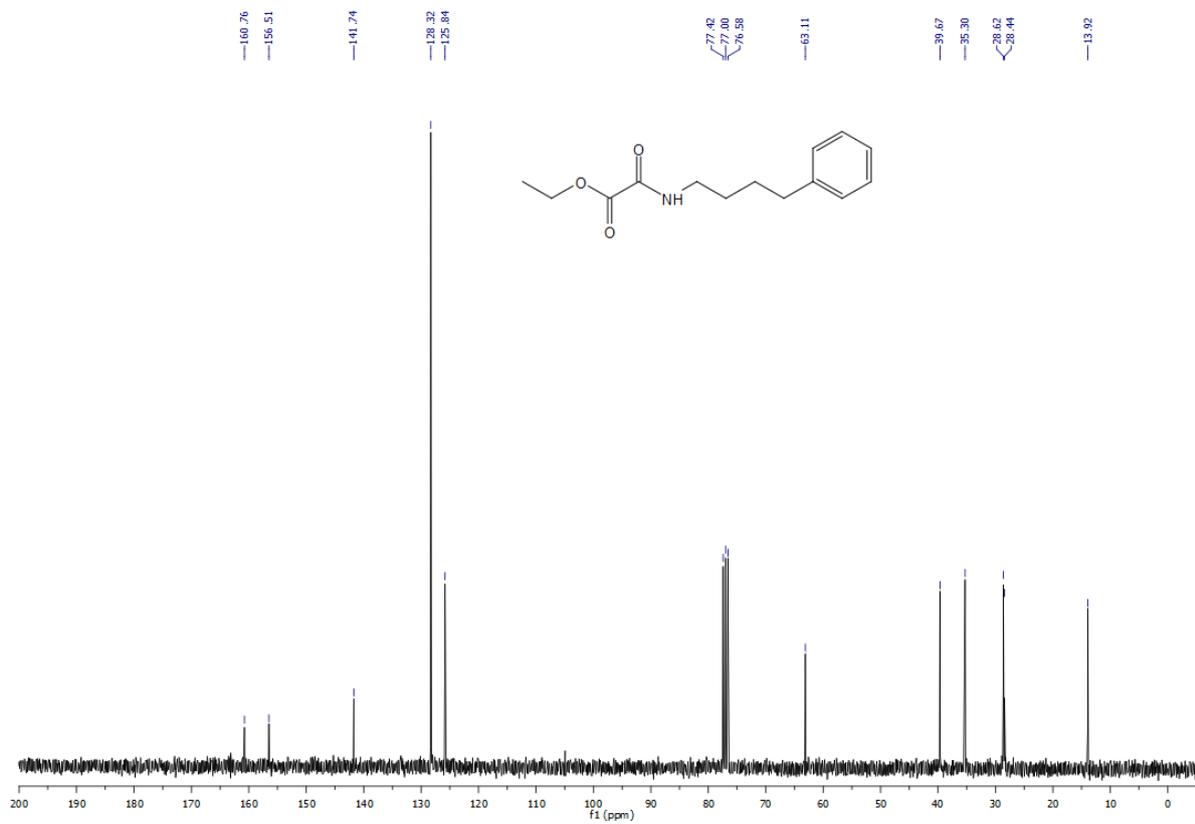
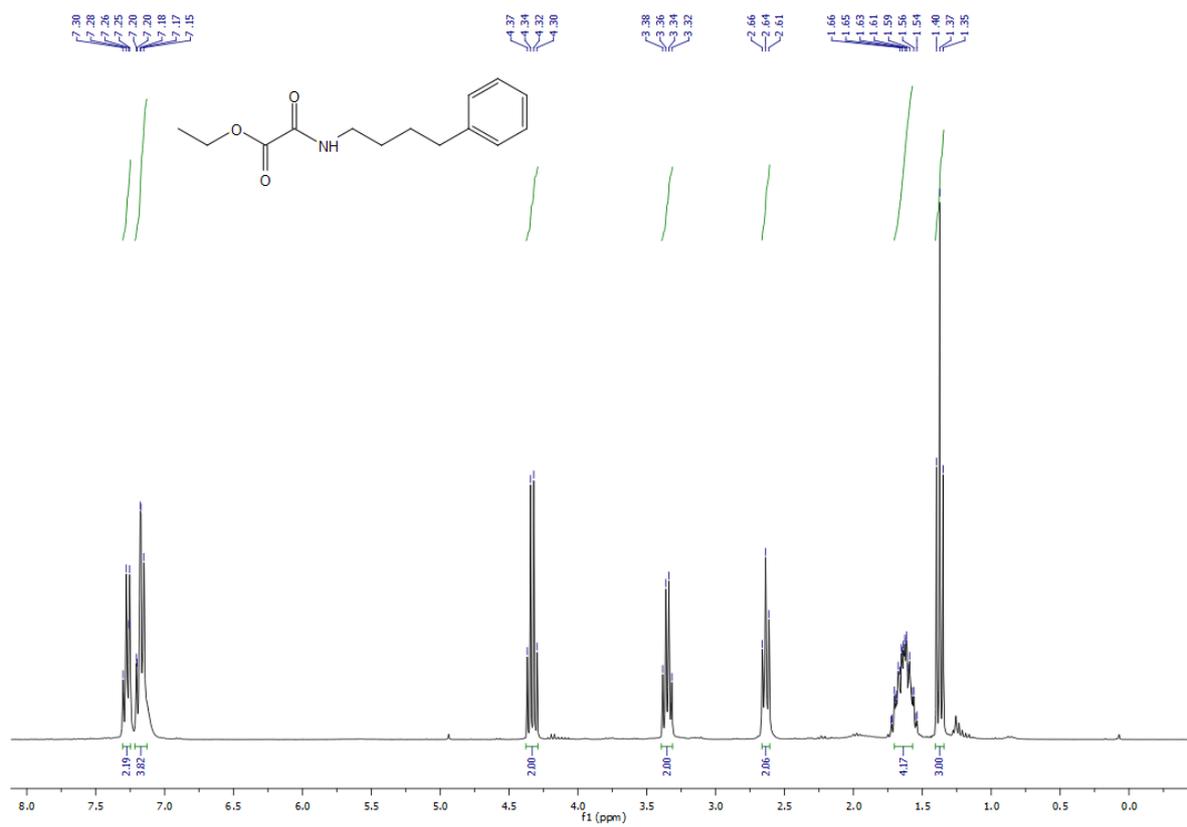


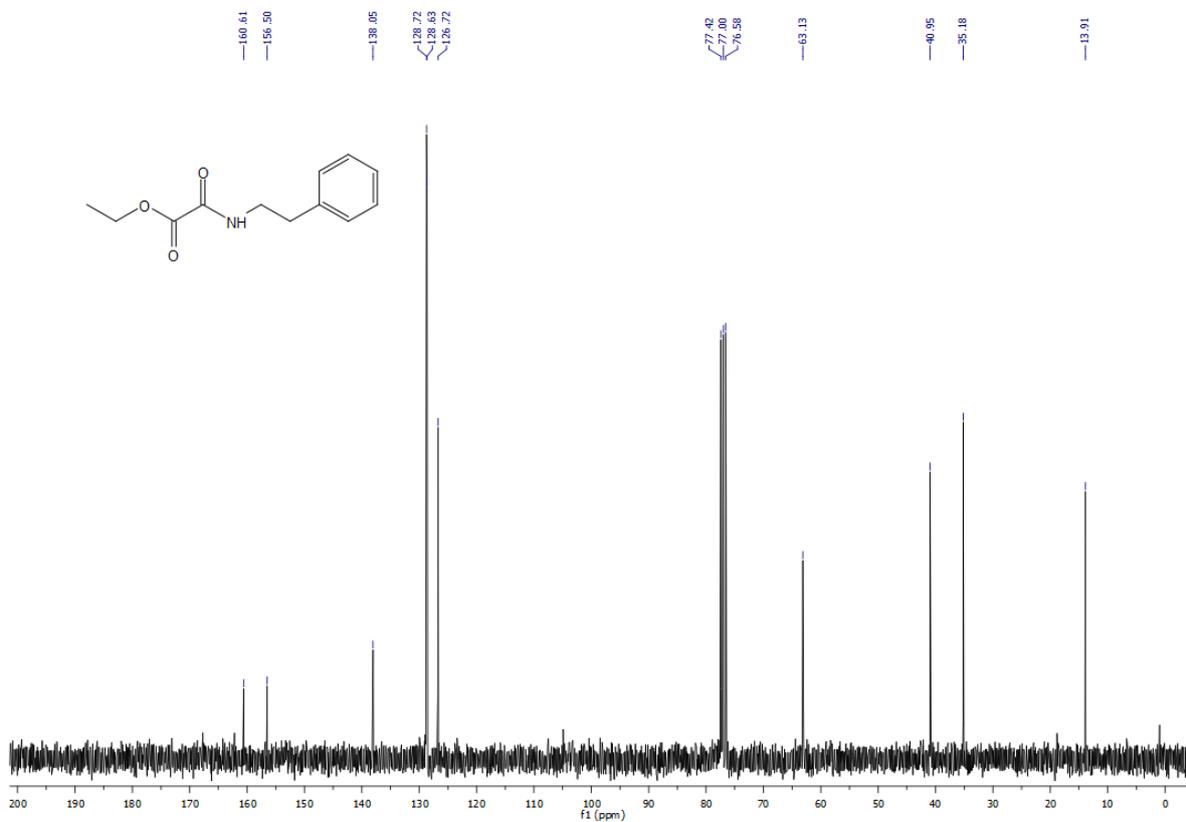
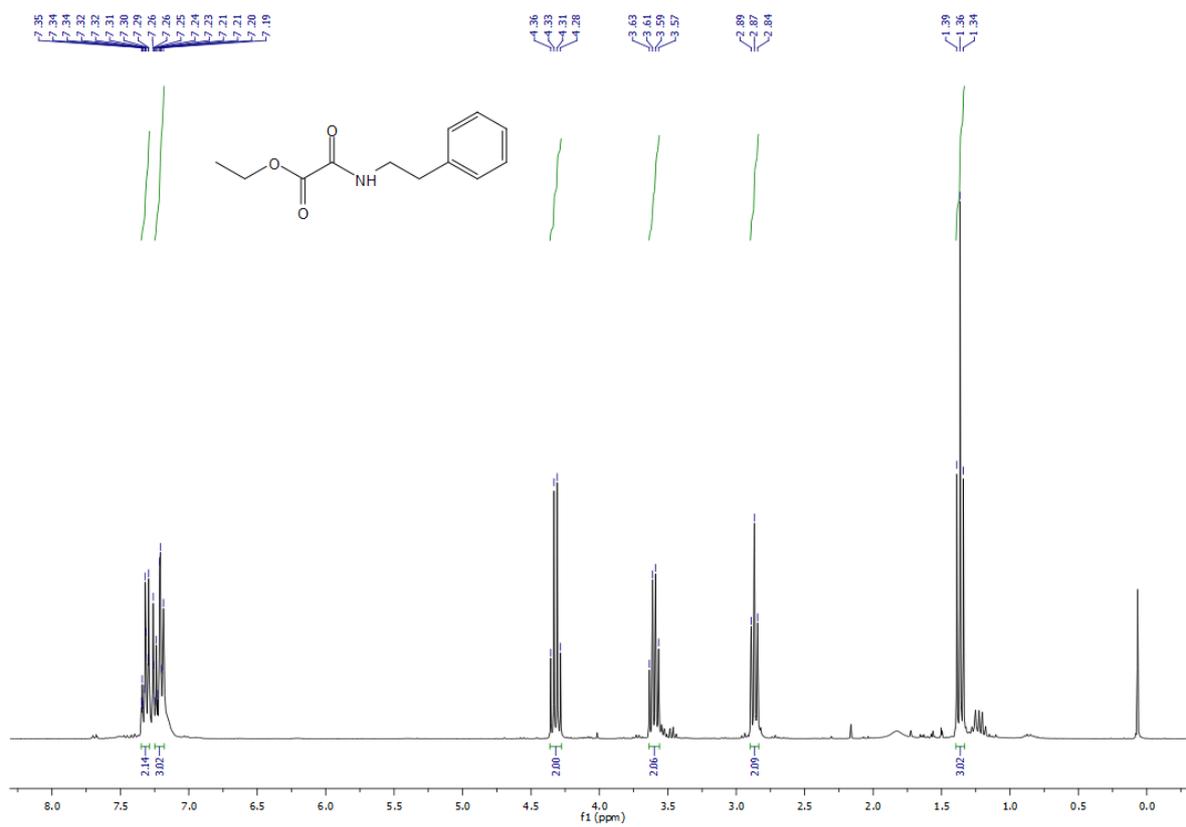


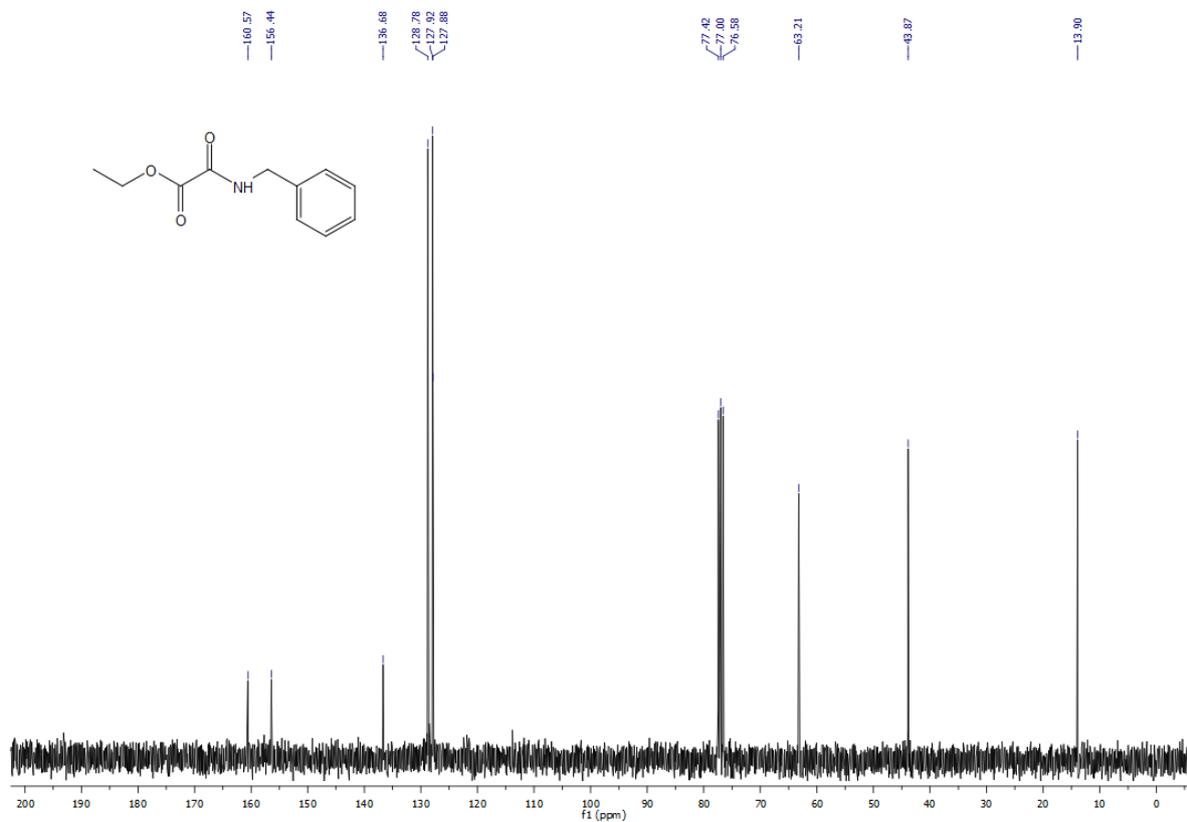
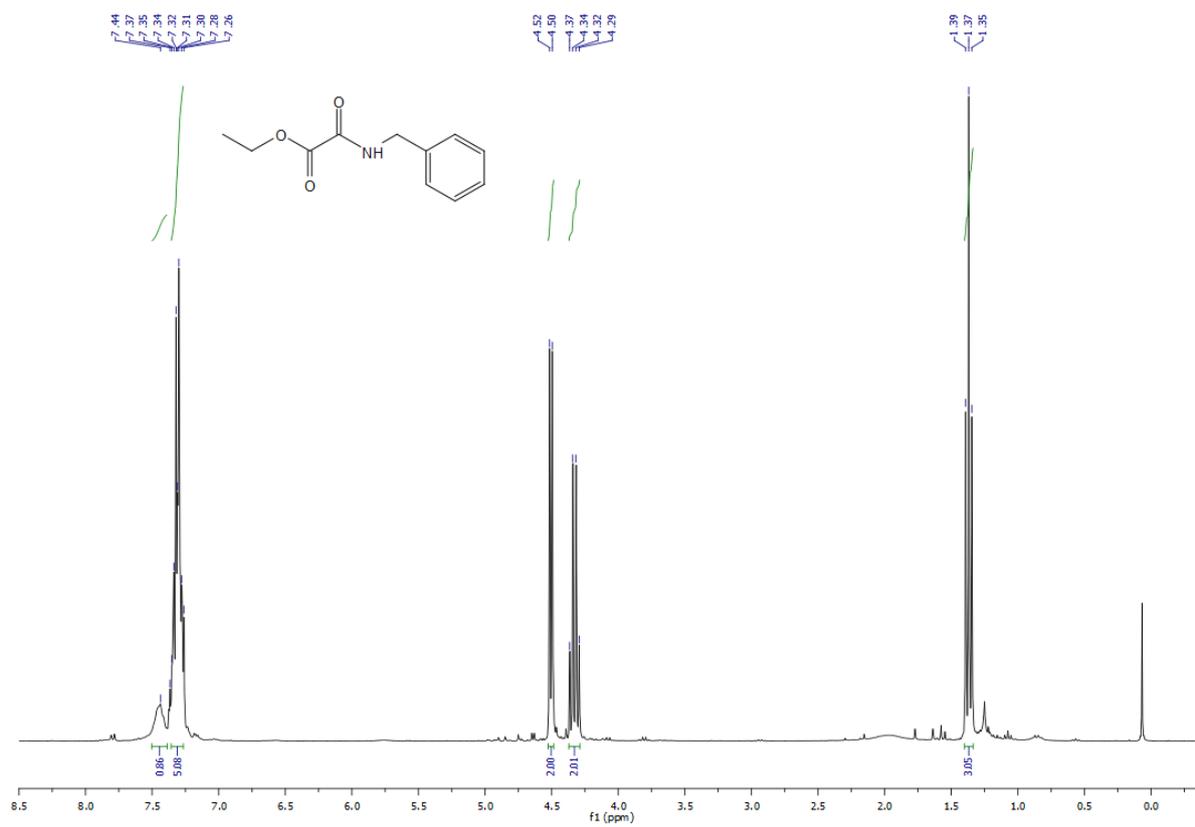


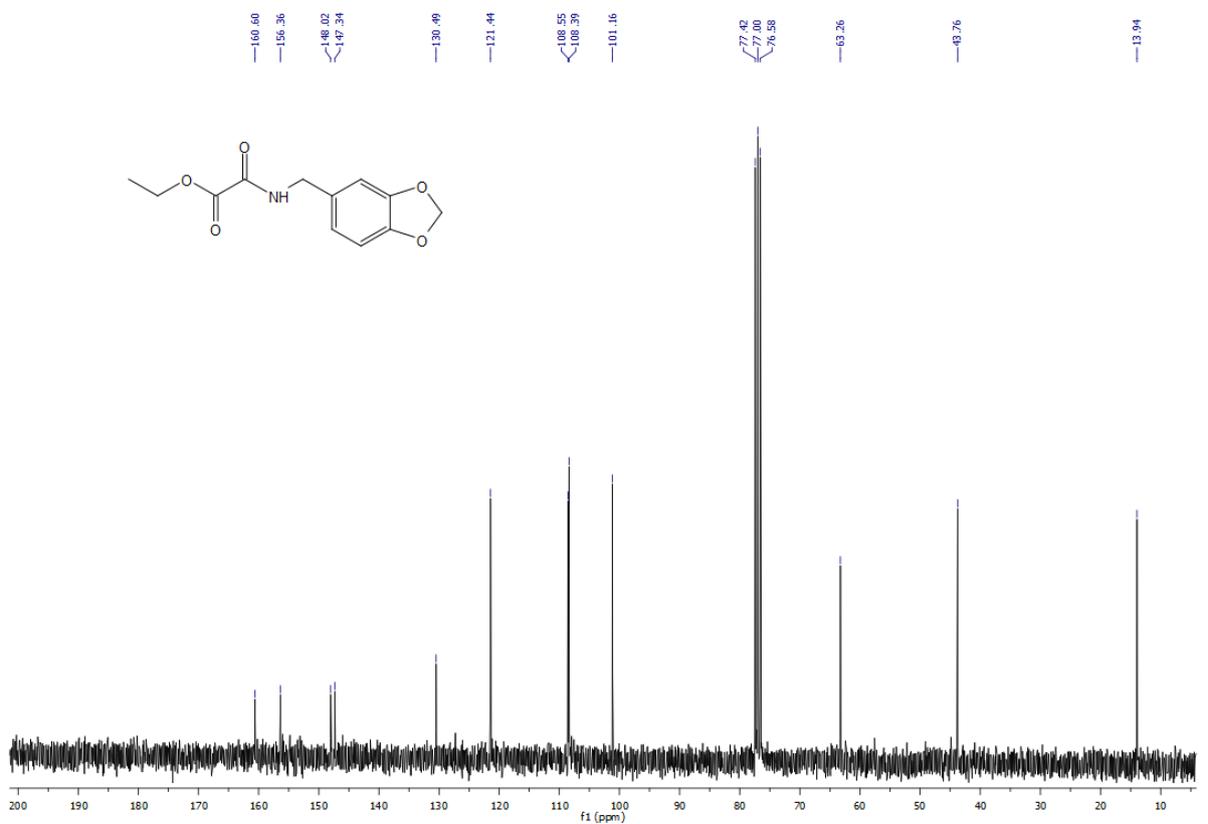
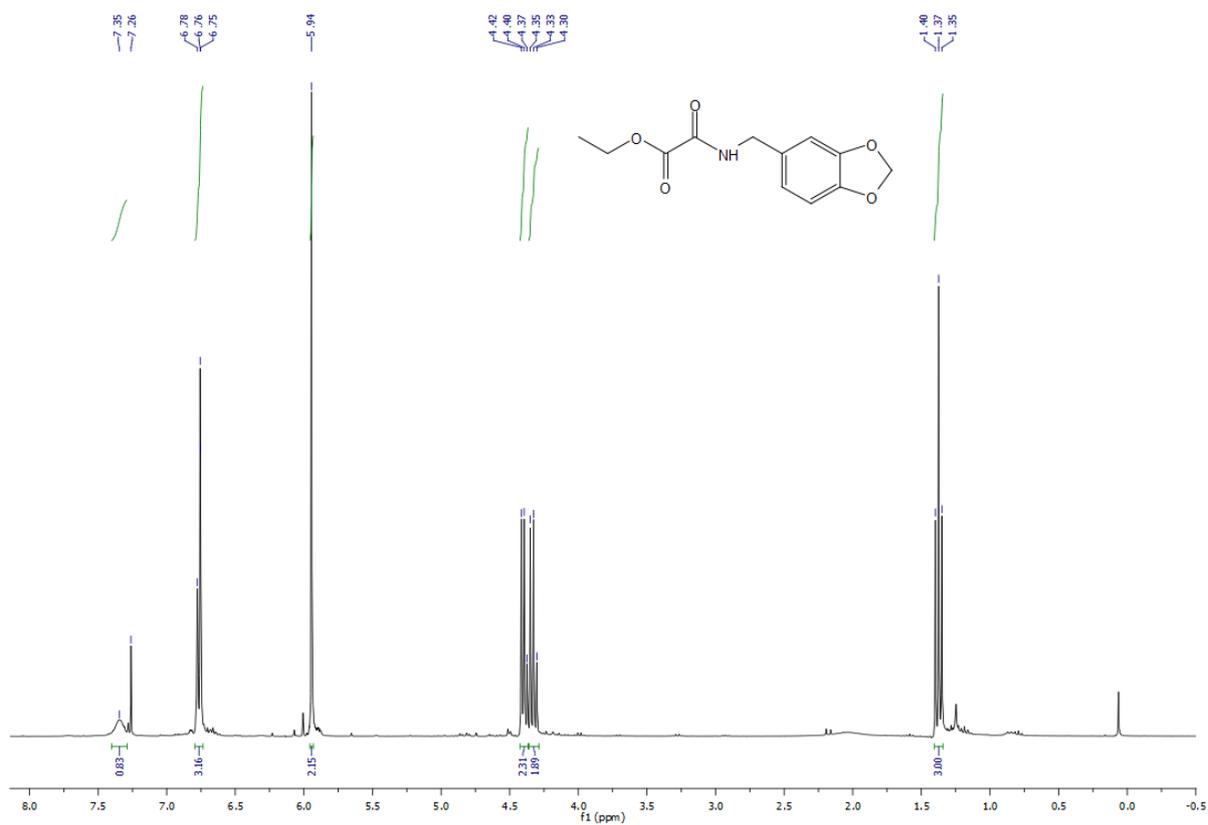


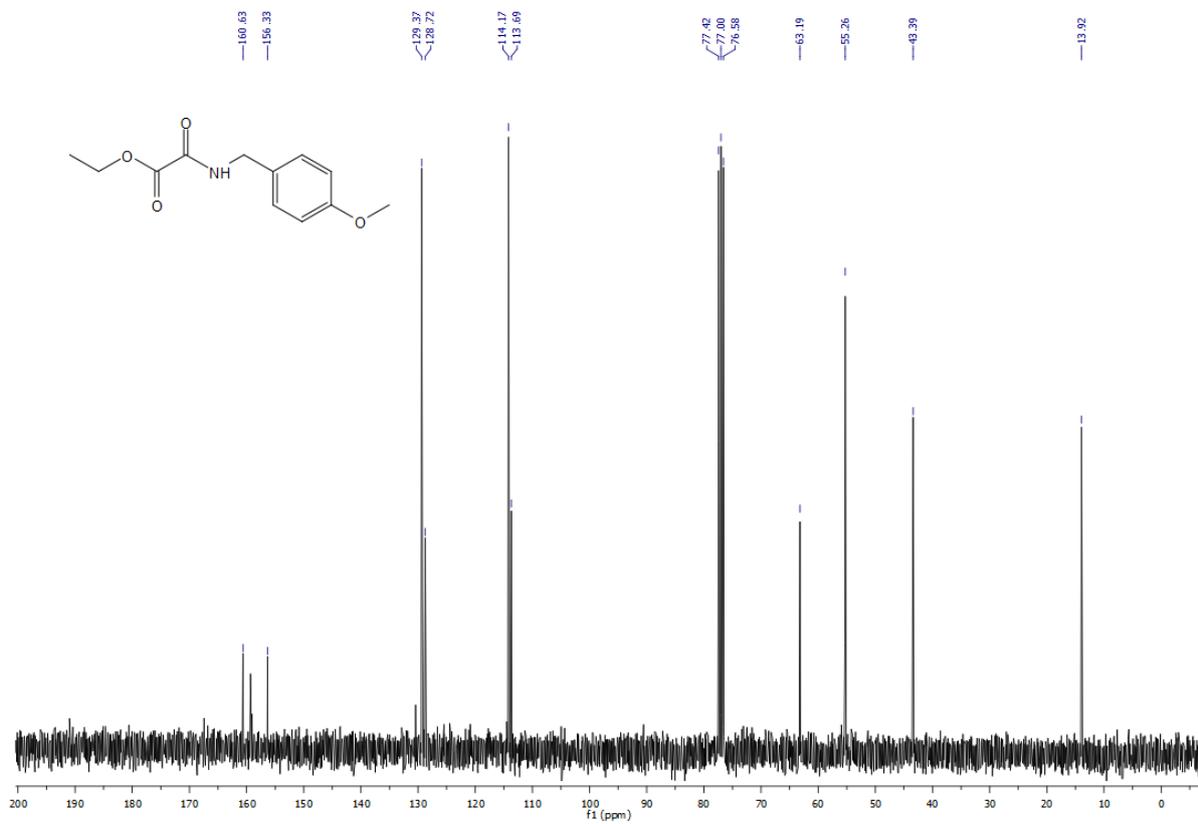


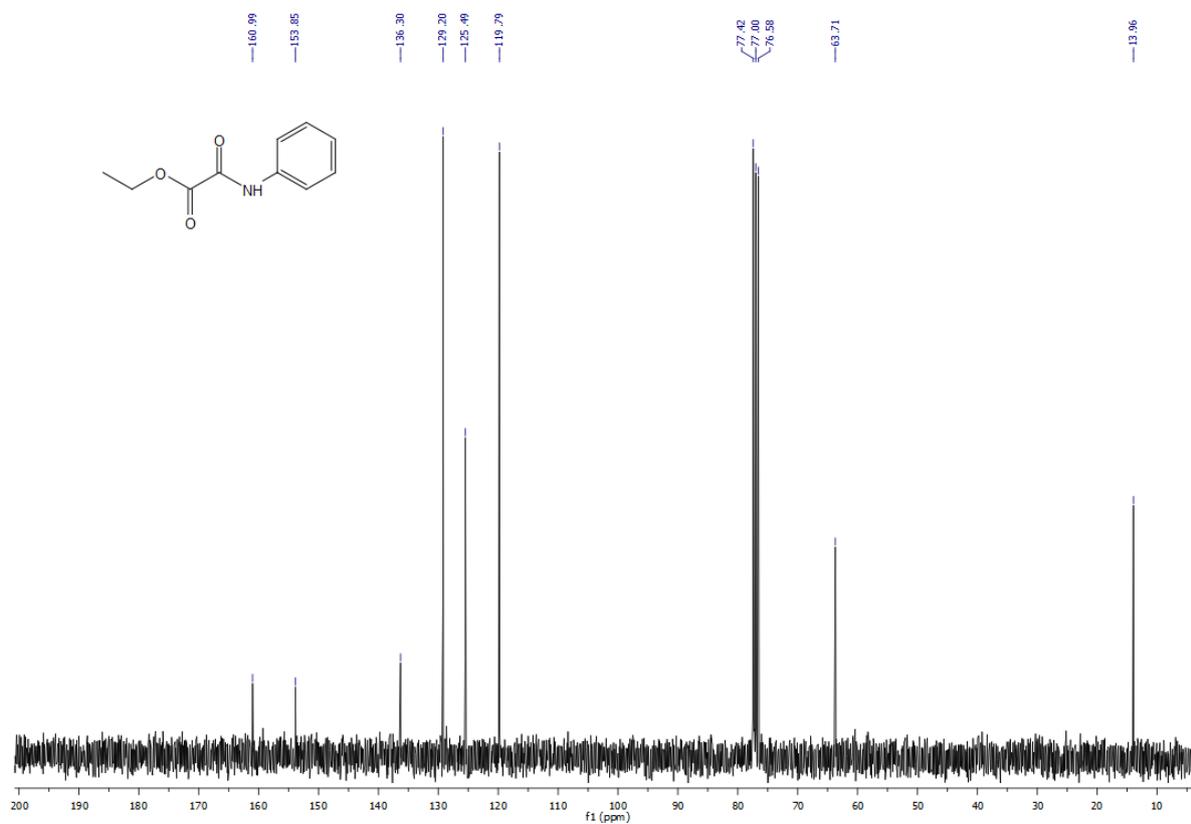
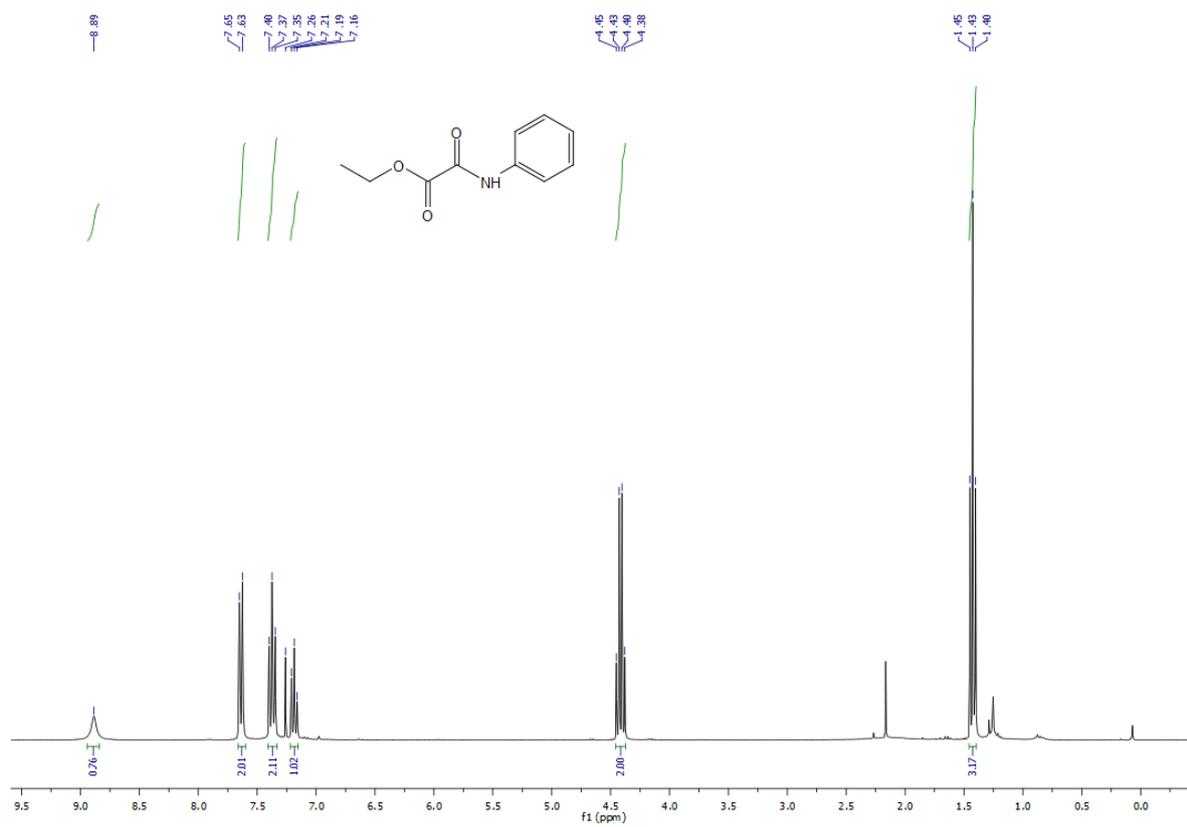


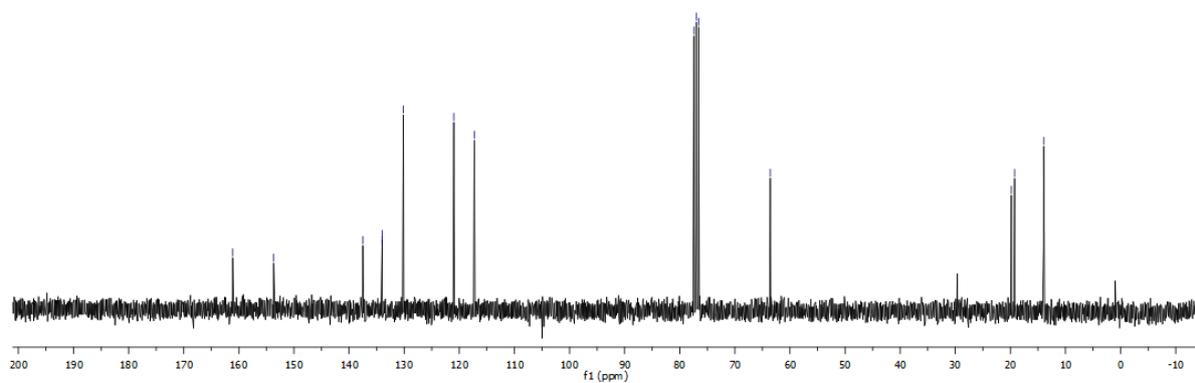
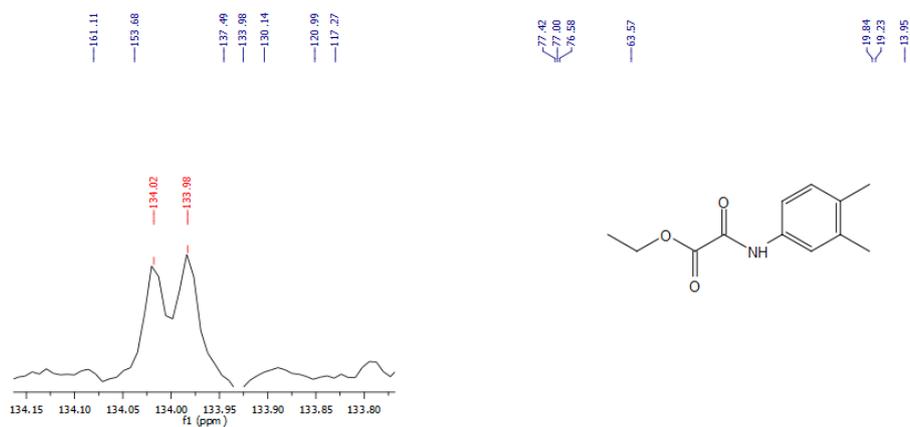
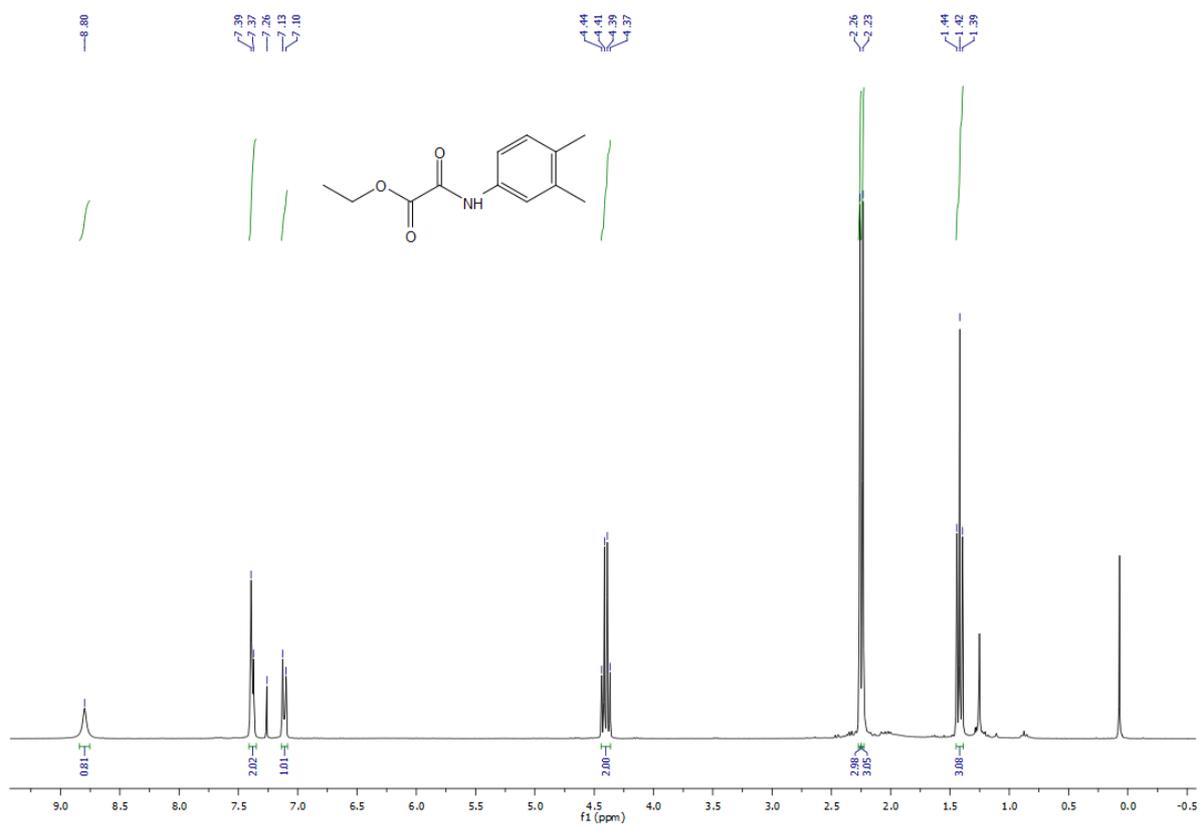


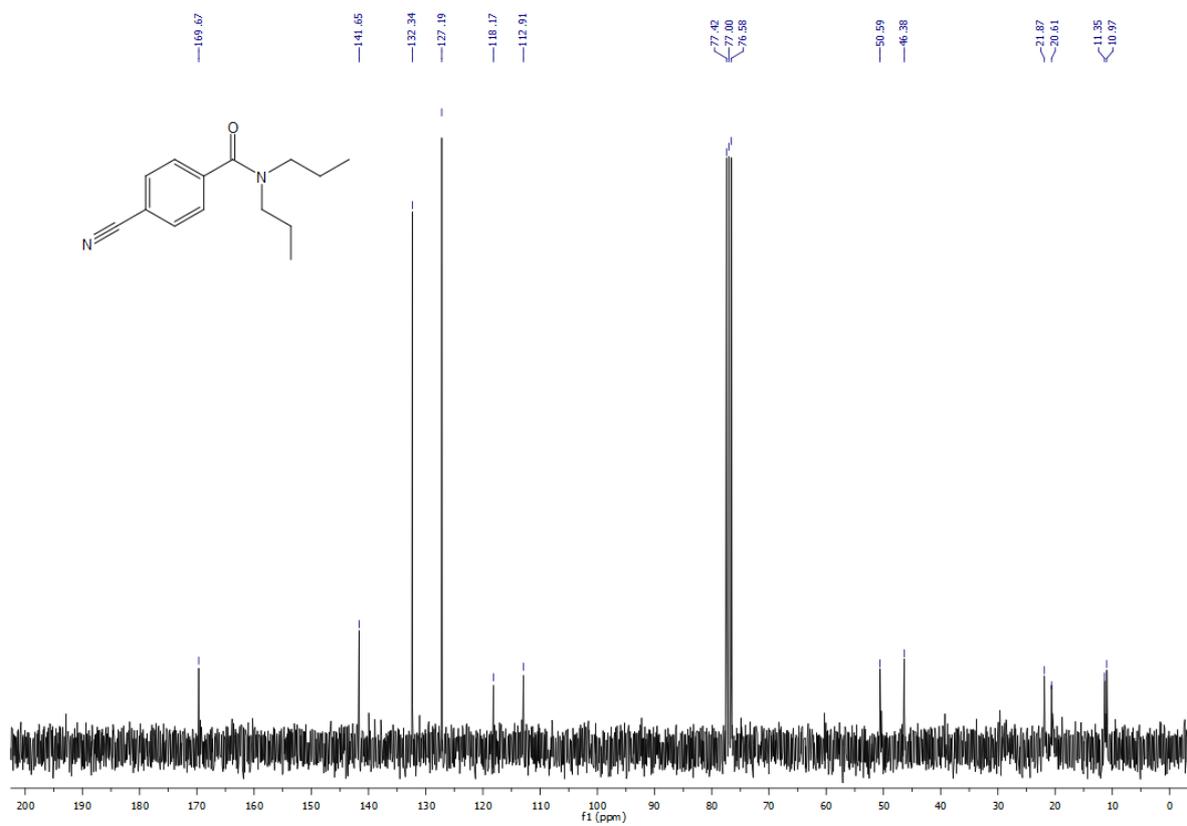
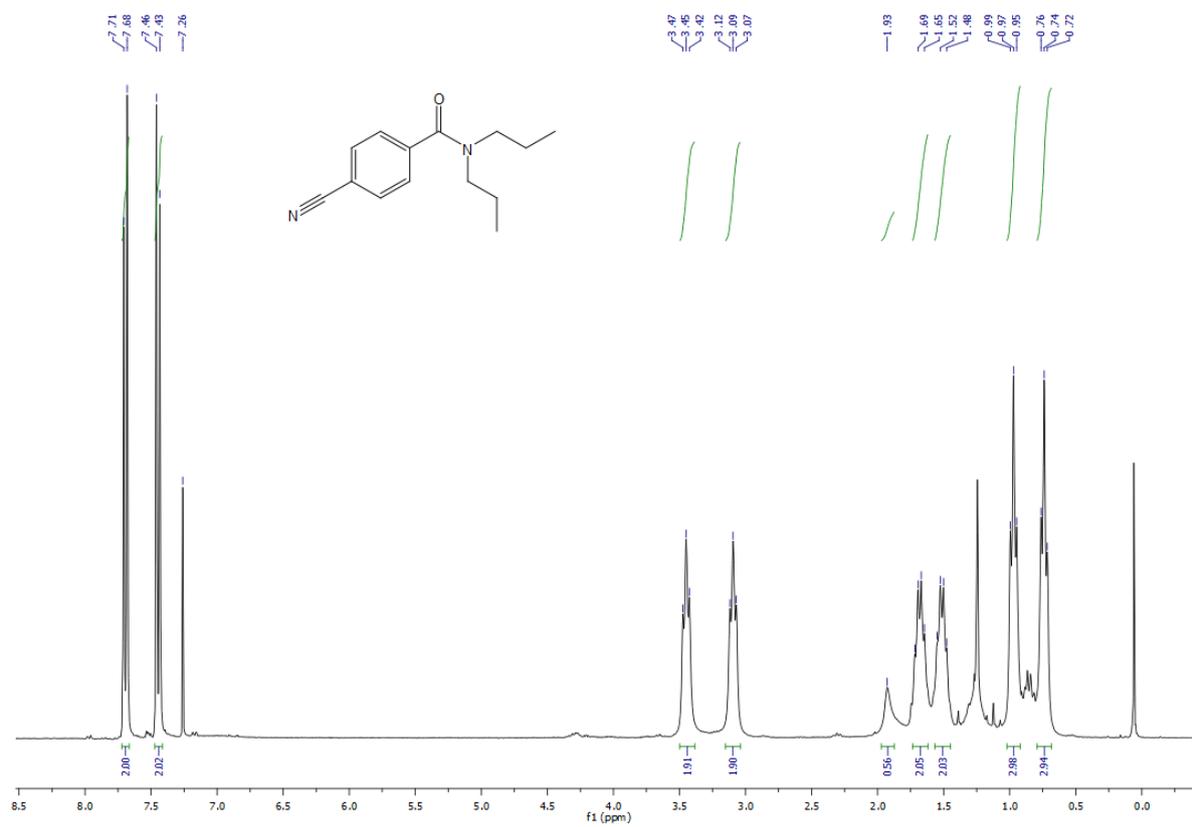


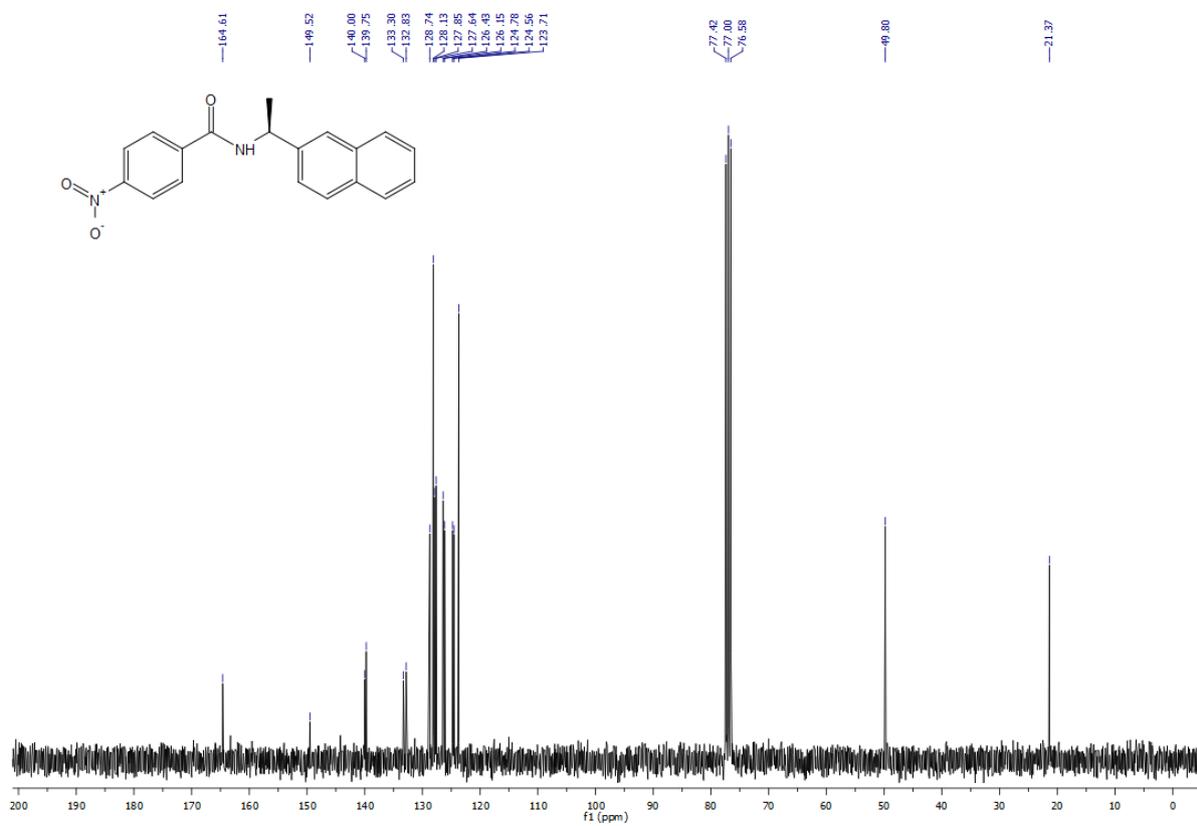
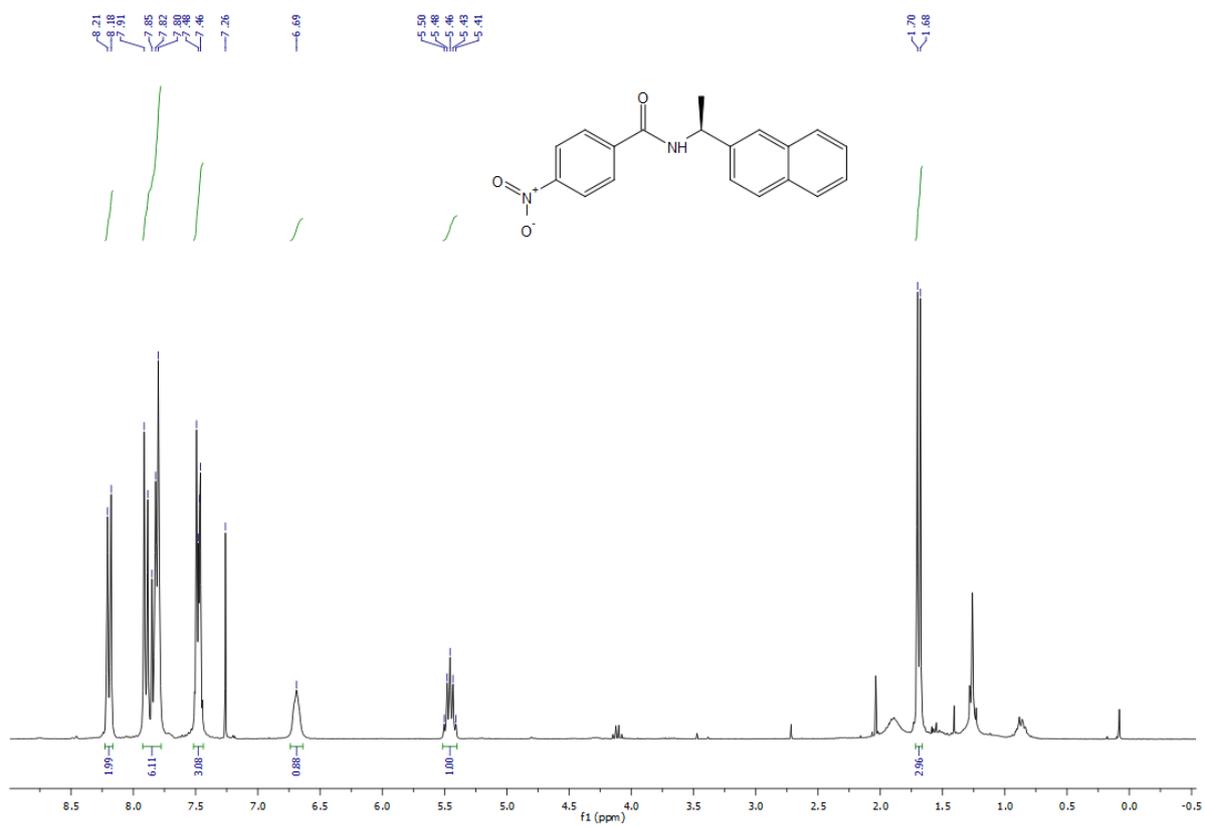


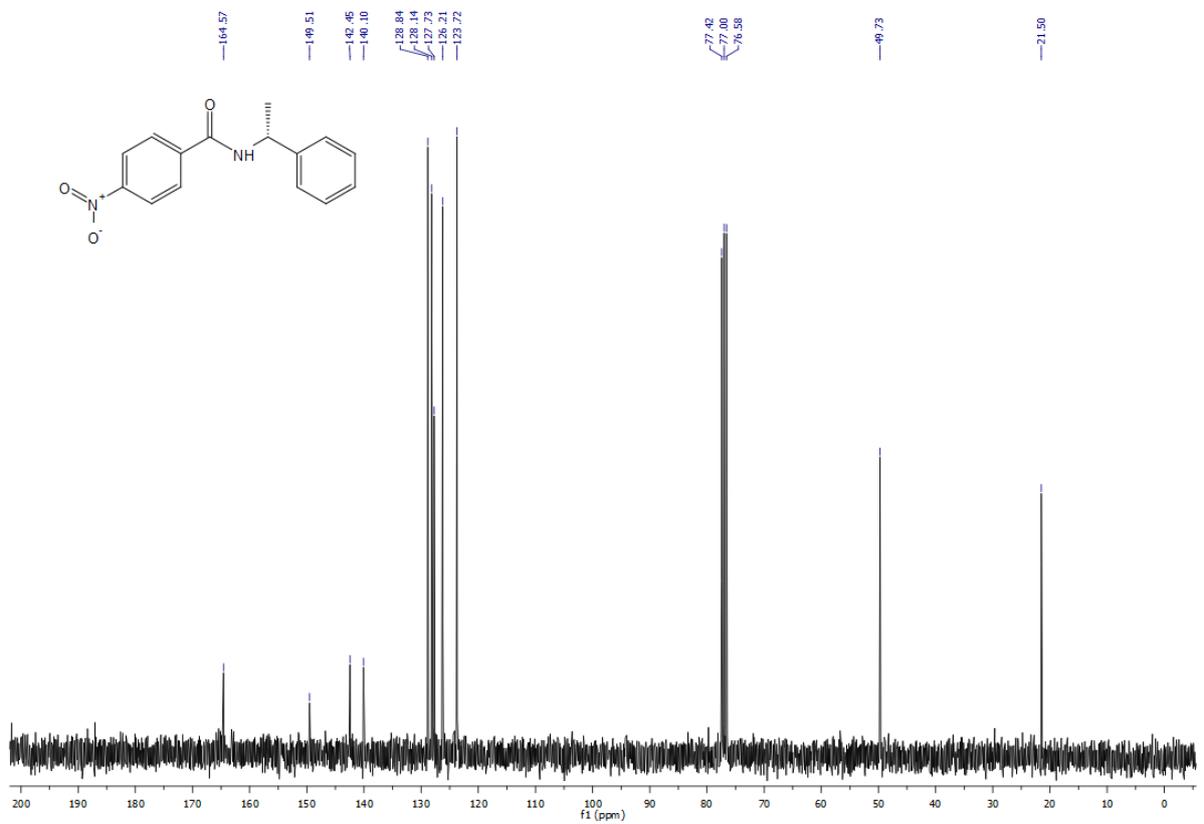
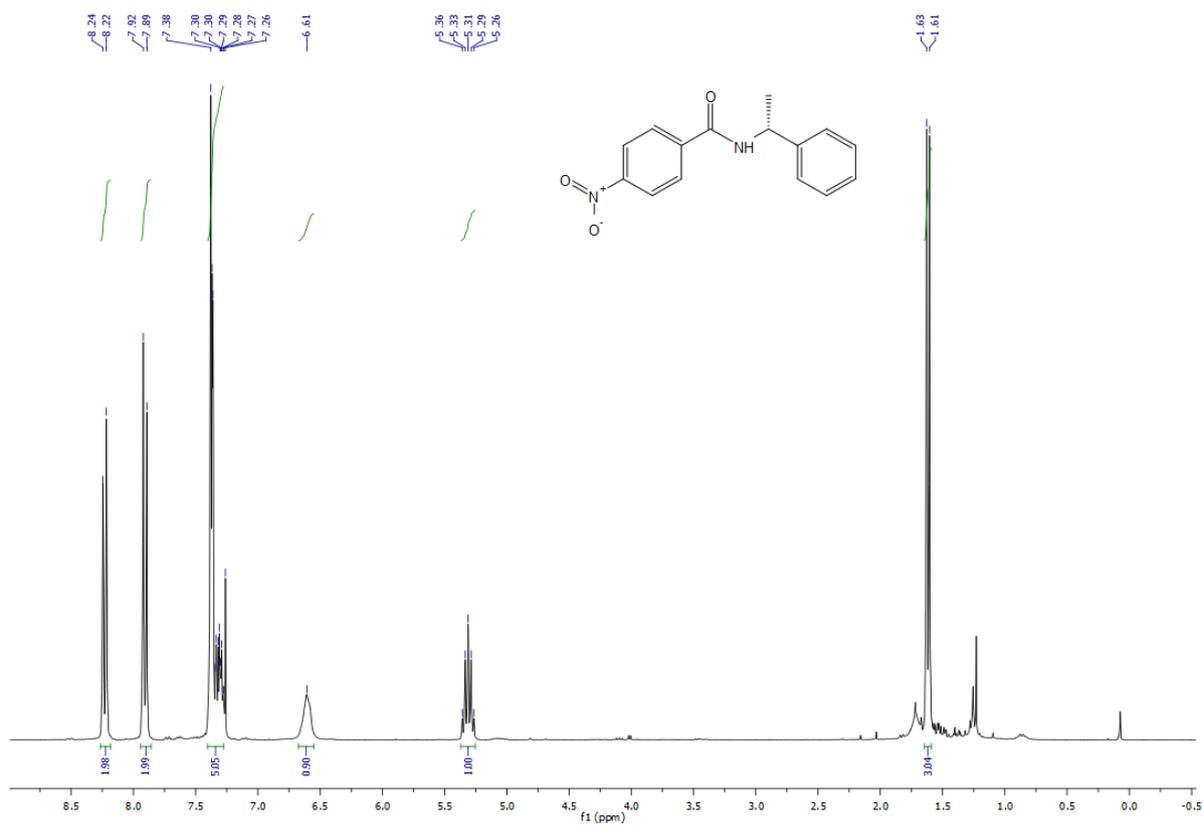


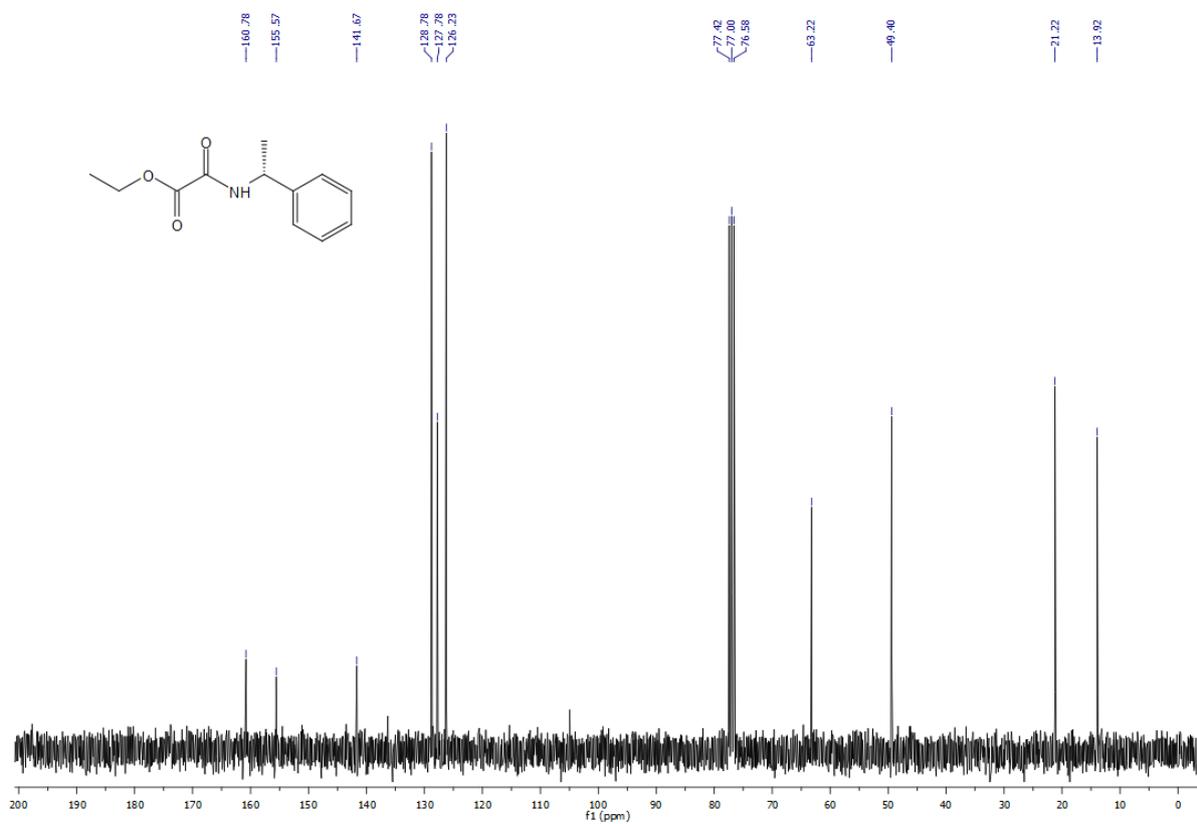
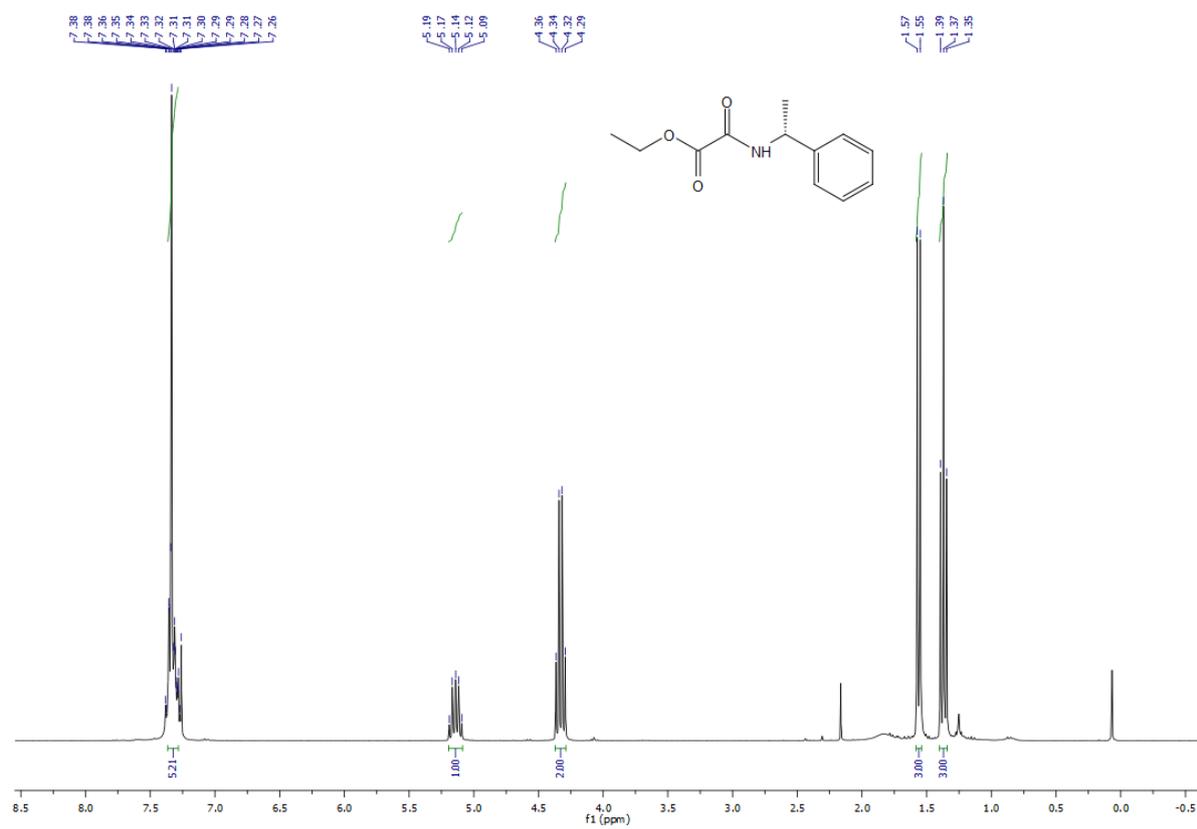






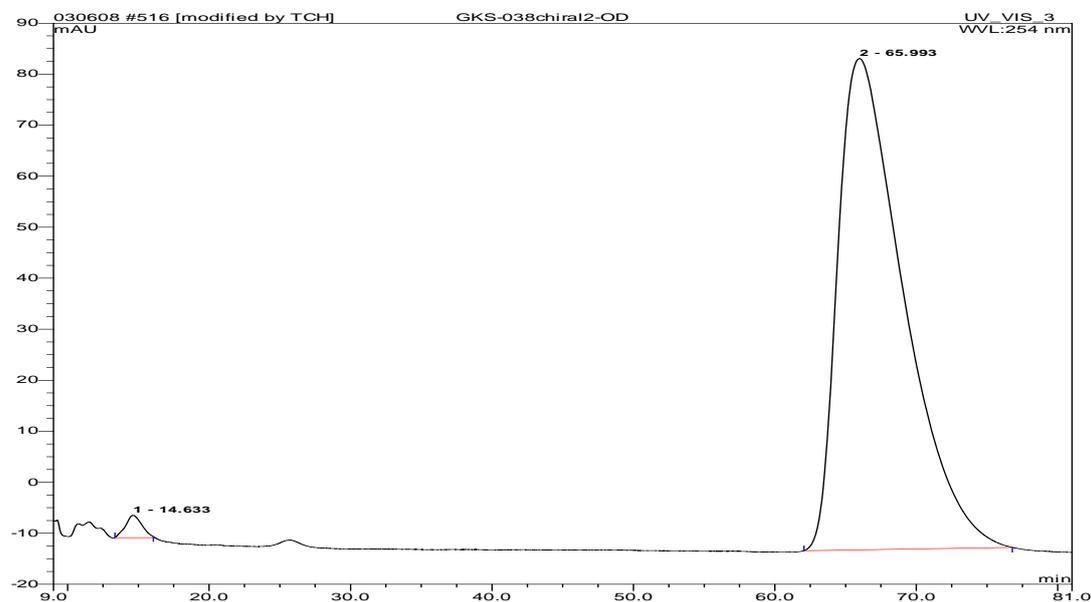
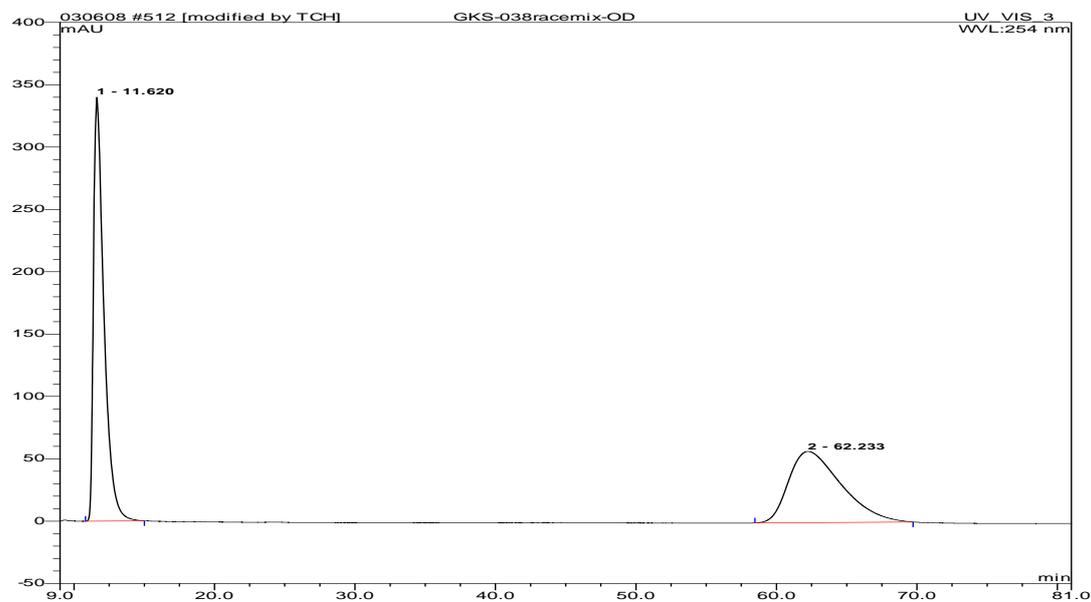
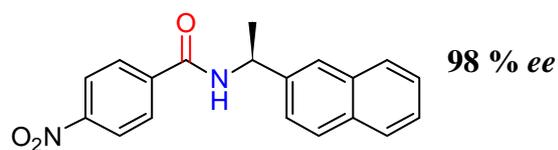






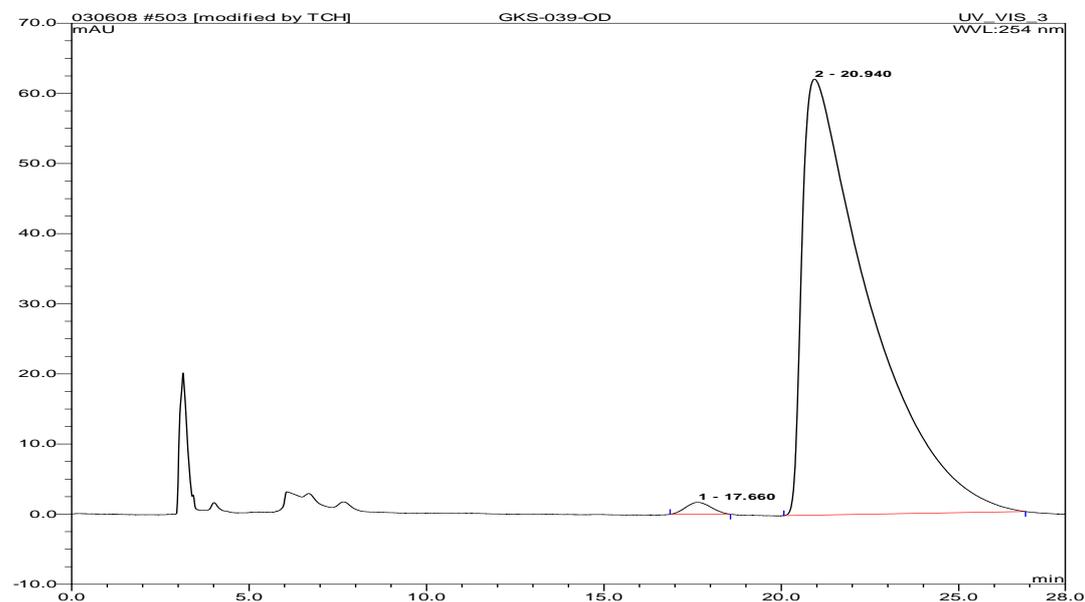
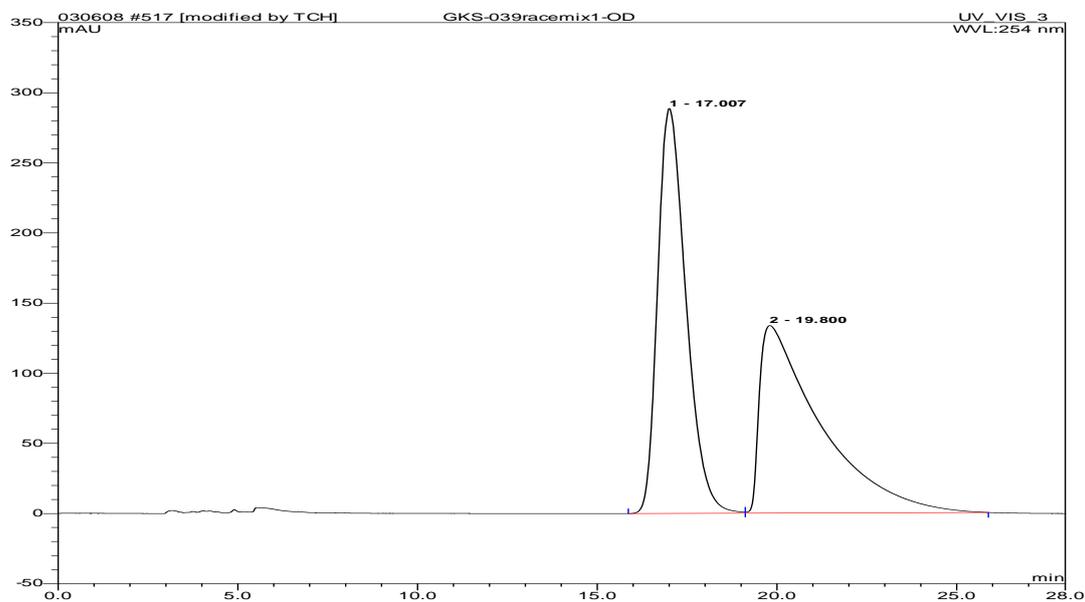
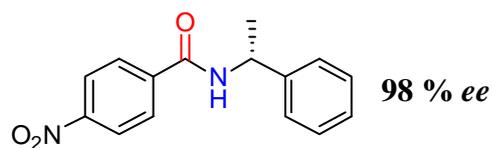
6. Chiral HPLC Chromatograms for Amides 38 - 40

Amide 38: (S)-N-(1-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl)-4-nitrobenzamide



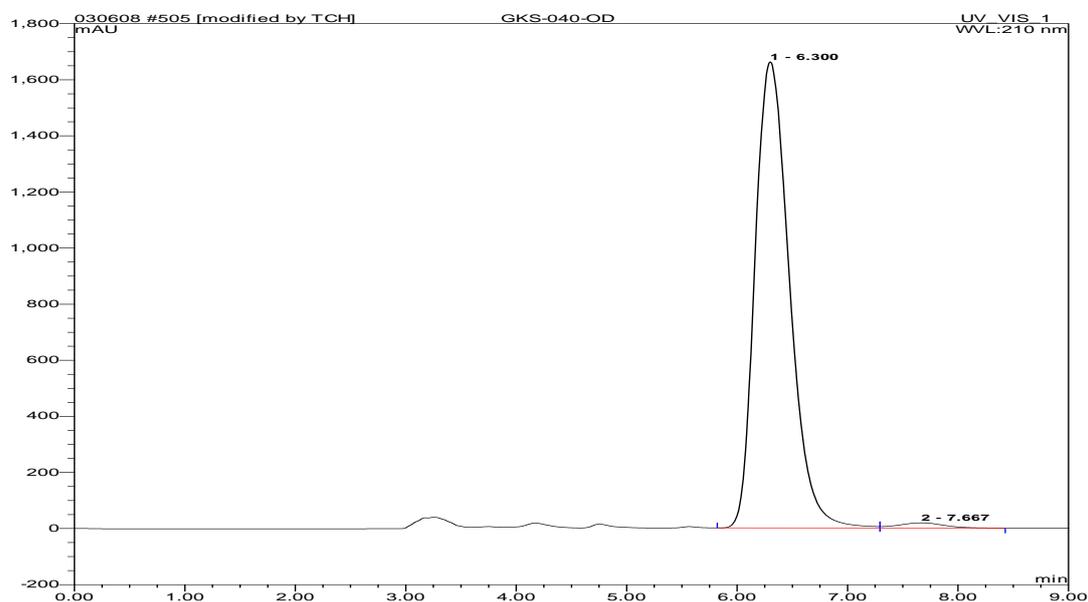
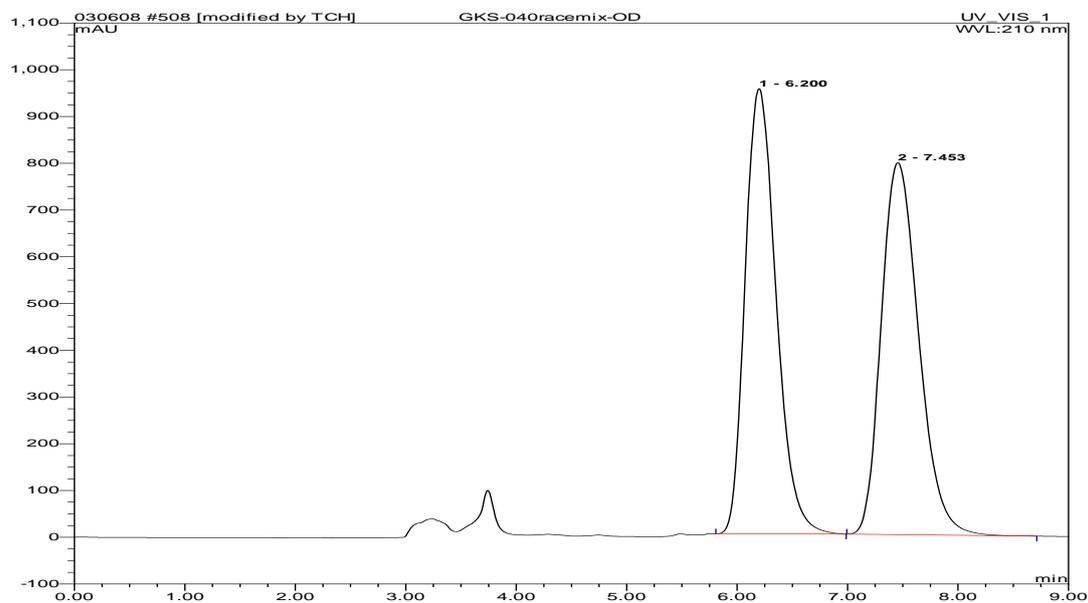
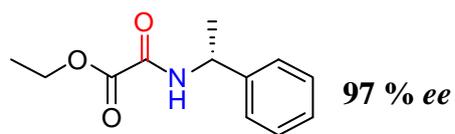
No.	Ret.Time min	Peak Name	Height mAU	Area mAU*min	Rel.Area %
1	14.63	n.a.	4.386	5.897	1.13
2	65.99	n.a.	96.304	516.844	98.87
Total:			100.690	522.741	100.00

Amide **39**: (R)-4-nitro-N-(1-phenylethyl)benzamide



No.	Ret.Time min	Peak Name	Height mAU	Area mAU*min	Rel.Area %
1	17.66	n.a.	1.704	1.411	1.03
2	20.94	n.a.	62.169	136.083	98.97
Total:			63.873	137.493	100.00

Amide **40**: (R)-ethyl 2-oxo-2-((1-phenylethyl)amino)acetate



No.	Ret.Time min	Peak Name	Height mAU	Area mAU*min	Rel.Area %
1	6.30	n.a.	1661.561	600.702	98.59
2	7.67	n.a.	18.418	8.604	1.41
Total:			1679.979	609.306	100.00