

First Reusable Ligand-Free Palladium Catalyzed C-P Bond Formation of Aryl Halides With Trialkylphosphites in Neat Water

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1. General considerations:

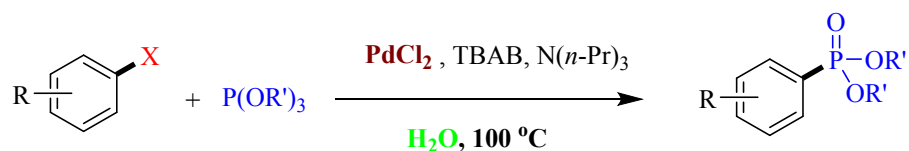
1.1 Reagents:

All the palladium catalysts have purity greater than 97% and arylhalides were reagent grade. All reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

1.2 Analytical methods:

^1H and ^{13}C spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance DPX-250 spectrometer and ^{31}P NMR (on a Bruker UltraShield-400 spectrometer) using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard in pure deuterated solvents. The reaction monitoring was carried out on silica gel analytical sheets or by GC analysis using a 1m length column packed with DC-200 stationary phase. Column chromatography was carried out on column of silica gel.

2 Palladium-catalyzed coupling of aryl halides with $\text{P}(\text{OEt})_3$ and $\text{P}(\text{OPr}^i)_3$:



R: H, NO_2 , CN, OCH_3 , CH_3 , CF_3 , Br, Cl, OH, NH_2 , Ph

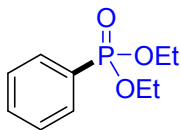
R': Et, *i*-Pr, Ph

X: Cl, Br, I

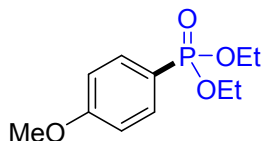
2.1 General Procedure for phosphonation of aryl halides with trialkylphosphites using PdCl_2 as catalyst in neat water:

A mixture of PdCl_2 (0.004 g, 0.022 mmol, 4.4 mol%), aryl halide (0.5 mmol), trialkylphosphite (2.0 mmol), $n\text{-Pr}_3\text{N}$ (1.0 mmol, 0.18 mL), TBAB (0.5 mmol, 0.166 g), in water (1.5 mL) was heated at 100 °C. After completion of the reaction monitored by GC or TLC analysis, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The organic compounds were extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL) from the aqueous layer and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuum. The crude organic mixture was then purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4:1 as eluent to obtain the desired product (Table 1).

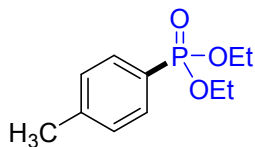
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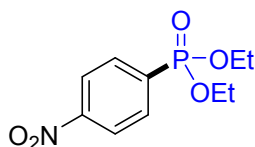
Diethyl-phenyl-phosphonate^{1,2,3,6}: (3a) [CAS No. 1754-49-0] oil, yield: 99%; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃/TMS): δ (ppm) = 1.22 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 3.99-4.10 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.78 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 62.5 MHz) δ 132.35, 131.69, 128.58, 128.34, 62.16, 16.37; ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, 162 MHz) : δ(ppm) 18.35 ; HRMS: *m/z* 241.1



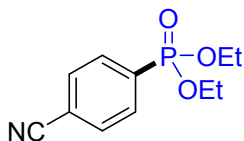
diethyl (4-methoxyphenyl)phosphonate^{1,2,6}: (3b) [CAS No. 3762-33-2] oil yield 90% ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃/TMS): δ (ppm) = 1.18-1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H), 3.7-4.06 (m, 4H), 6.83-6.89 (m 2H), 7.59-7.68(m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 62.5 MHz) δ 159.5, 129.4, 120.6, 113.8, 58.0, 55.0, 16.8; ³¹P NMR(CDCl₃, 162 MHz) δ 18.4; HRMS: *m/z* 244.1



diethyl p-tolylphosphonate^{1,2,3,6} (3c) [CAS No. 3762-25-2] oil yield 83% ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃/TMS): δ (ppm) = 1.18 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 2.27(s), 3.93-4.01 (m, 4H), 7.12-7.16(m, 2H), 7.53-7.61(m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 62.5 MHz) δ 143.4, 137.4, 133.0, 127.4, 64.0, 21.8, 16.4; ³¹P NMR(CDCl₃, 162 MHz) δ 18.8 HRMS: *m/z* 228.1

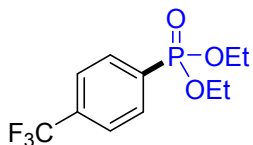


diethyl (4-nitrophenyl)phosphonate¹ (3d) [CAS No. 3762-25-2, 1754-42-3] oil yield 85% ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃/TMS): δ (ppm) = 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 3.77-3.89 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.54 (m, 2H), 8.16-8.20 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 62.5 MHz) δ 149.60, 134.55, 129.26, 123.38, 57.81-58.00 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 16.88-16.80 (d, J = 0.8 Hz); ³¹P NMR(CDCl₃, 162 MHz) δ 14.91; HRMS: *m/z* 259.1

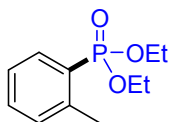


diethyl (4-cyanophenyl)phosphonate^{1,6} (3e) [CAS No. 28255-72-3] oil yield 65% ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃/TMS): δ (ppm) = 1.19-1.25 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 3.80-3.86 (m,

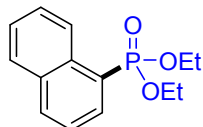
4H), 7.40–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.63 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 62.5 MHz) δ 140.1, 135.4, 131.2, 118.2, 114.5, 66.5, 16.5; ^{31}P NMR(CDCl_3 , 162 MHz) δ 18.5; HRMS: m/z 239.1



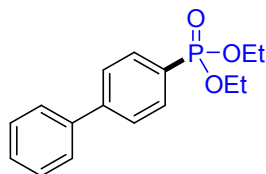
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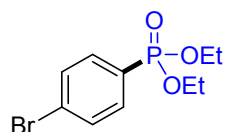
diethyl o-tolylphosphonate⁶ (3g) [CAS No. 62778-16-9] oil yield 67% ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3/TMS): δ (ppm) = 1.19 (t, J = 6.75 Hz, 6H), 2.45 (s), 3.96–4.02 (m, 4H), 7.11–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.77–7.85 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 62.5 MHz) δ 141.7, 133.9, 132.4, 131.2, 131.0, 125.4, 61.9, 19.7, 16.2; ^{31}P NMR(CDCl_3 , 162 MHz) δ 18.0; HRMS: m/z 228.1



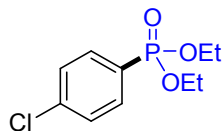
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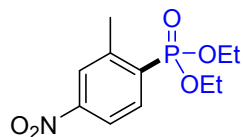
diethyl [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylphosphonate^{2,6} (3i) oil yield 99% ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3/TMS): δ (ppm) = 1.30–1.36 (t, J = 7.1, 6H), 4.08–4.17 (m, 4H), 7.42–7.91 (m, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 62.5 MHz) δ 145.1, 141.1, 132.3, 128.8, 127.2, 118.2, 111.8, 59.1, 16.2; ^{31}P NMR(CDCl_3 , 162 MHz) δ 17.8; HRMS: m/z 290.1



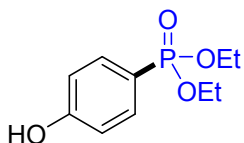
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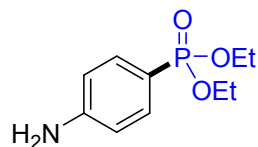
diethyl (4-chlorophenyl)phosphonate^{1,2} (3k) [CAS No. 39225-17-7] oil yield 99% ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃/TMS): δ (ppm) =1.22(t, 6H), 3.95-4.04 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.69 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 62.5 MHz) δ 138.5, 134.5, 129.2, 123.3, 58.0, 16.8; ³¹P NMR(CDCl₃, 162 MHz) δ 18.1; HRMS: *m/z* 248.0



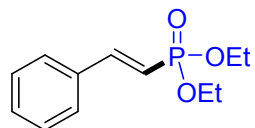
diethyl (2-methyl-4-nitrophenyl)phosphonate (3l) oil yield 85% ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃/TMS): δ (ppm) =1.17-1.20 (t, J=7.0, 6H), 2.45(s, 3H), 3.96-4.02 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 1H); 7.77-7.88 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 62.5 MHz) δ 153.4, 147.8, 135.6, 132.4, 126.6, 120.6, 61.0, 21.5, 16.9; ³¹P NMR(CDCl₃, 162 MHz) δ 17.9; HRMS: *m/z* 273.1



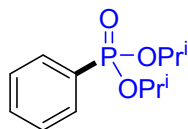
diethyl (4-hydroxyphenyl)phosphonate¹ (3m) [CAS No. 28255-39-2] oil yield 90% ; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃/TMS): δ (ppm) =1.26-1.27 (t, J= 7.0, 6H), 4.01-4.14(m, 4H), 6.92-7.62 (m, 4H); 9.42-9.44(1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 62.5 MHz) δ 158.9, 138.6, 128.1, 127.9, 115.5, 68.6, 16.7; ³¹P NMR(CDCl₃, 162 MHz) δ 18.1; HRMS: *m/z* 230.1



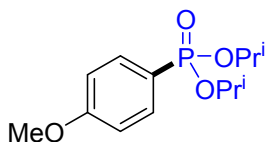
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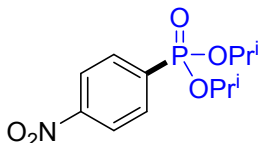
diethyl (E,Z)-styrylphosphonate⁶ (3o) oil yield 90% ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃/TMS): δ (ppm) =1.26-1.33(t, J= 8.9, 6H), 4.02-4.11 (m, 4H), 6.13-6.28 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.46 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 62.5 MHz) δ 148.7, 132.7, 130.2, 129.0 128.5, 127.6, 126.2, 112.1, 61.8, 16.2; ³¹P NMR(CDCl₃, 162 MHz) δ 17.4; HRMS: *m/z* 228.1



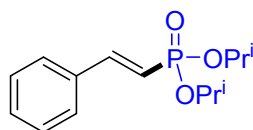
diisopropyl phenylphosphonate^{1,3,4} (3p) [CAS No. 7237-16-3] oil yield 90% ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃/TMS): δ (ppm) = 1.17-1.34(m, 12H), 4.53-4.71 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.73-7.82 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 62.5 MHz) δ 133.6, 124.1, 70.2, 24.0; ³¹P NMR(CDCl₃, 162 MHz) δ 16.0; HRMS: *m/z* 242.1



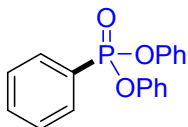
diisopropyl (4-methoxyphenyl)phosphonate² (3q) oil yield 90% ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃/TMS): δ (ppm) = 1.09-1.26 (m, 12H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 4.50-4.58 (m, 2H), 6.81-6.86 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.68 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 62.5 MHz) δ 162.5, 133.6, 122.3, 113.8, 70.4, 55.1, 23.7; ³¹P NMR(CDCl₃, 162 MHz) δ 15.9 HRMS: *m/z* 272.1



diisopropyl (4-nitrophenyl)phosphonate³ (3r) oil yield 90% ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃/TMS): δ (ppm) = 1.20-1.37(m, 12H), 4.54-4.61 (m, 2H), 7.93-8.23 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 62.5 MHz) δ 149.3, 139.4, 133.8, 121.2, 70.3, 25.8; ³¹P NMR(CDCl₃, 162 MHz) δ 16.5; HRMS: *m/z* 287.1



diisopropyl (E,Z)-styrylphosphonate⁴ (3s) oil yield 90% ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃/TMS): δ (ppm) = 1.22-1.30(m, 12H), 4.60-4.68 (m, 2H), 6.11-6.25 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.44(m, 6H), 7.50(s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 62.5 MHz) δ 148.0, 134.7, 130.0, 128.7, 127.6, 116.8, 70.6, 23.0; ³¹P NMR(CDCl₃, 162 MHz) δ 19.5; HRMS: *m/z* 256.1

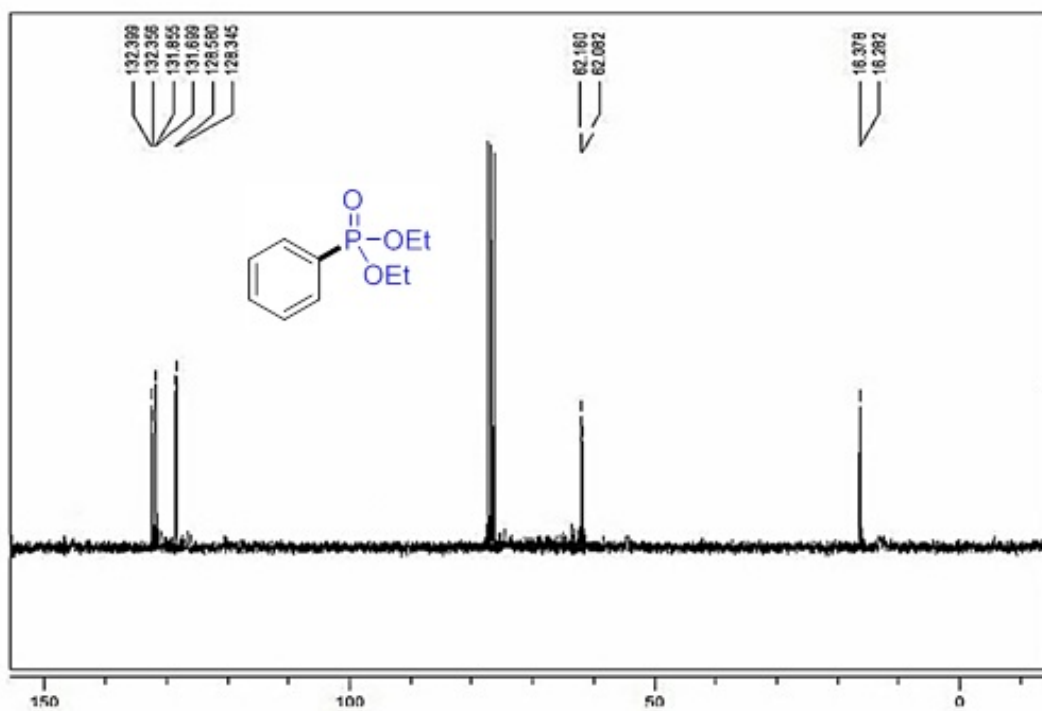
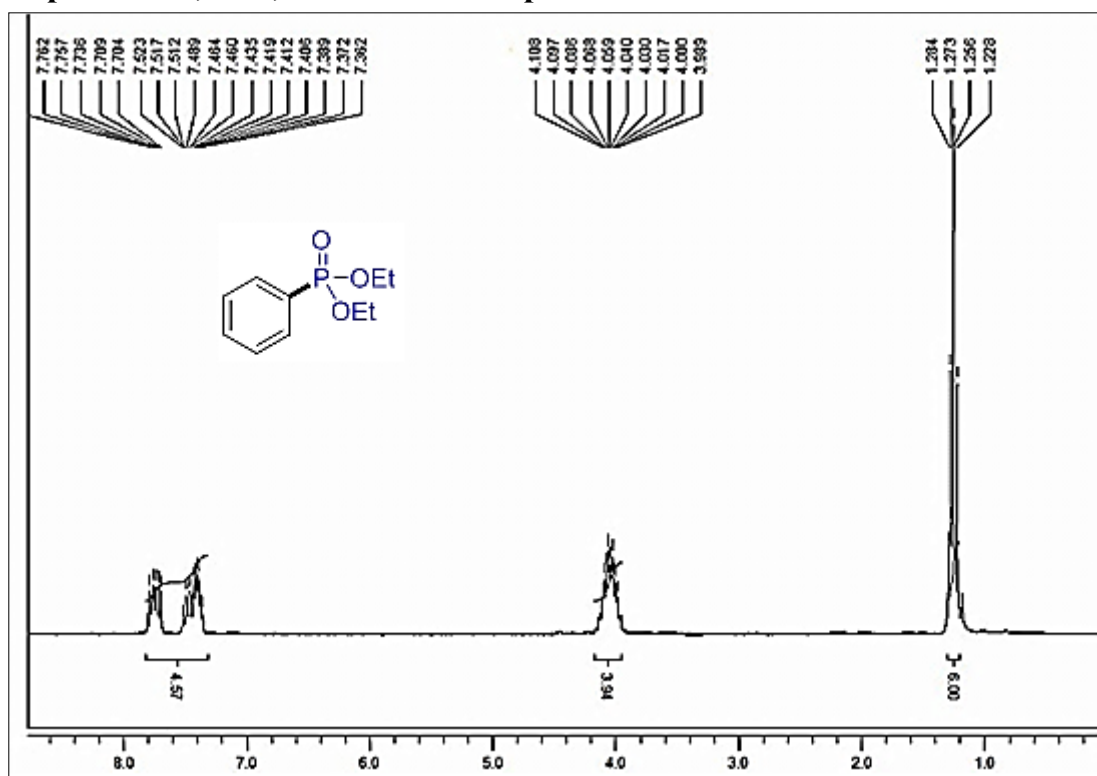


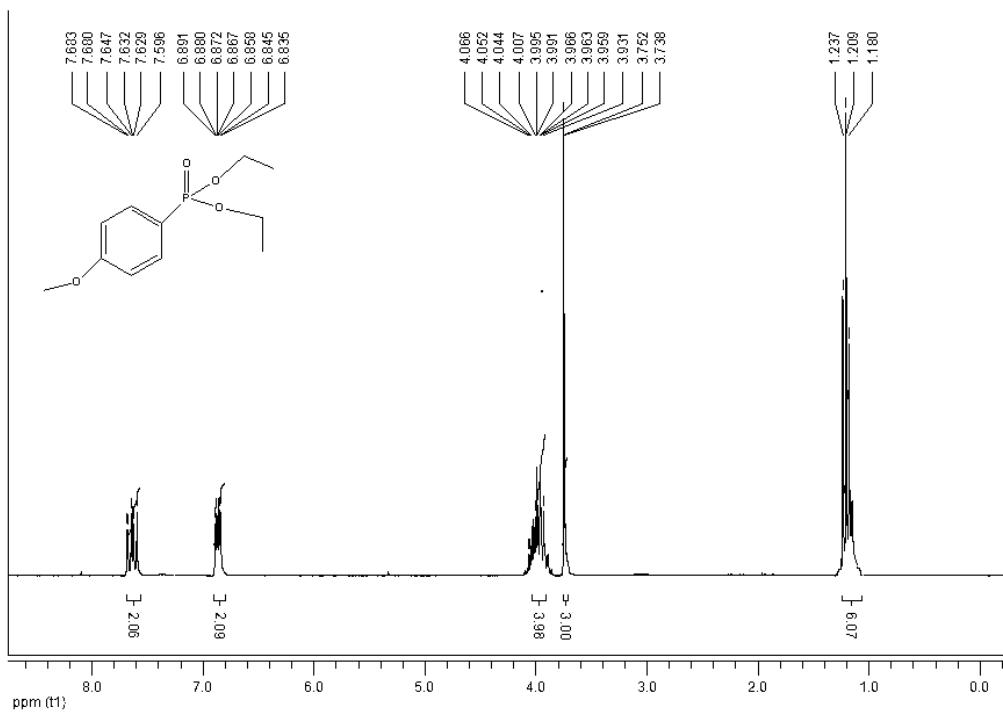
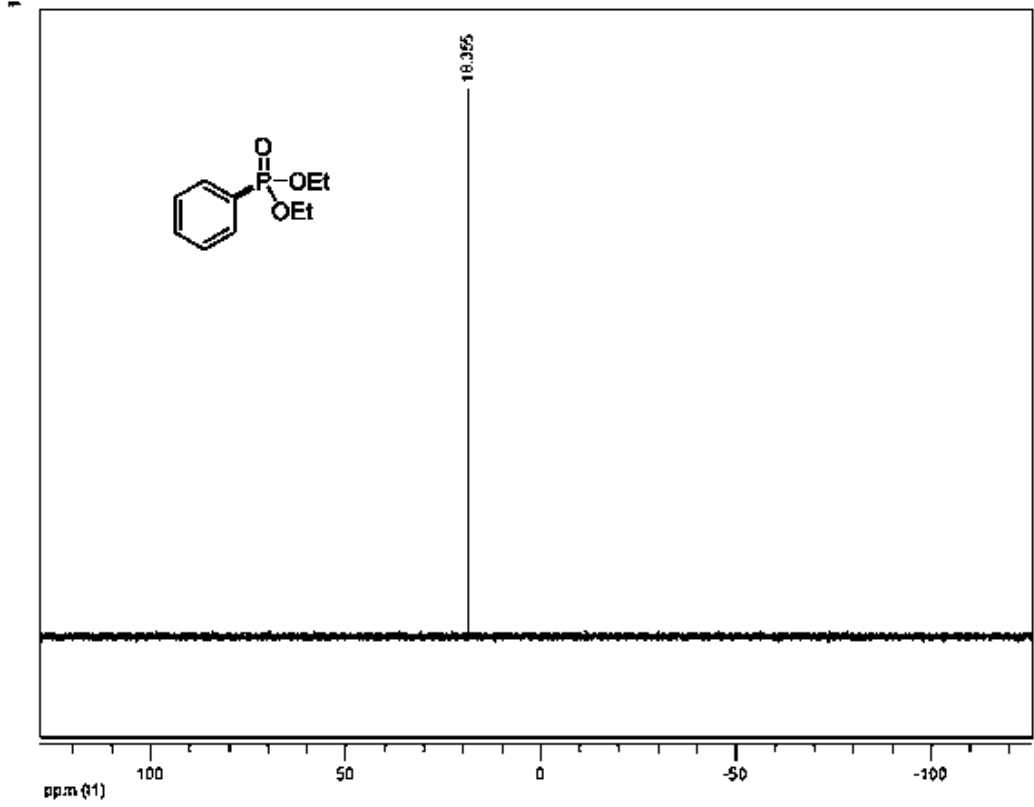
diphenyl phenylphosphonate (3t) [CAS No. 3049-24-9] oil yield 90% ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃/TMS): δ (ppm) = 6.88-6.93(m, 2H), 7.18-7.33 (m, 8H), 7.48-7.63 (m, 6H), 7.99-8.08(m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 62.5 MHz) δ 150.2, 133.6, 132.3, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 125.5, 119.8; ³¹P NMR(CDCl₃, 162 MHz) δ 12.6; HRMS: *m/z* 310.1

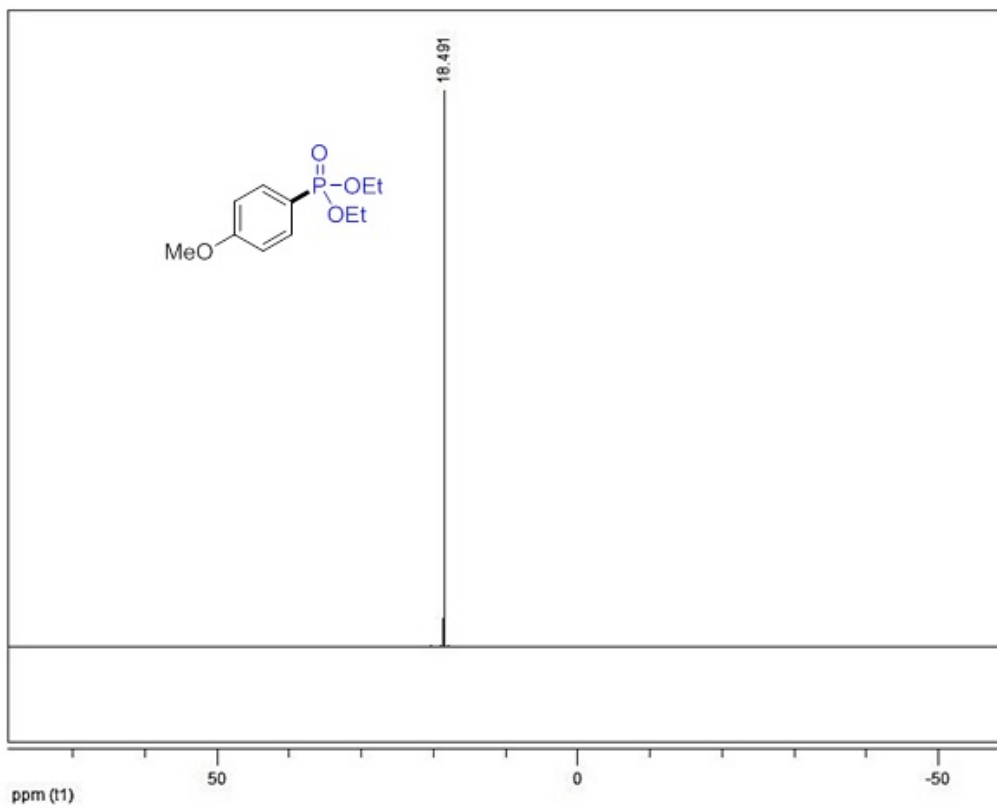
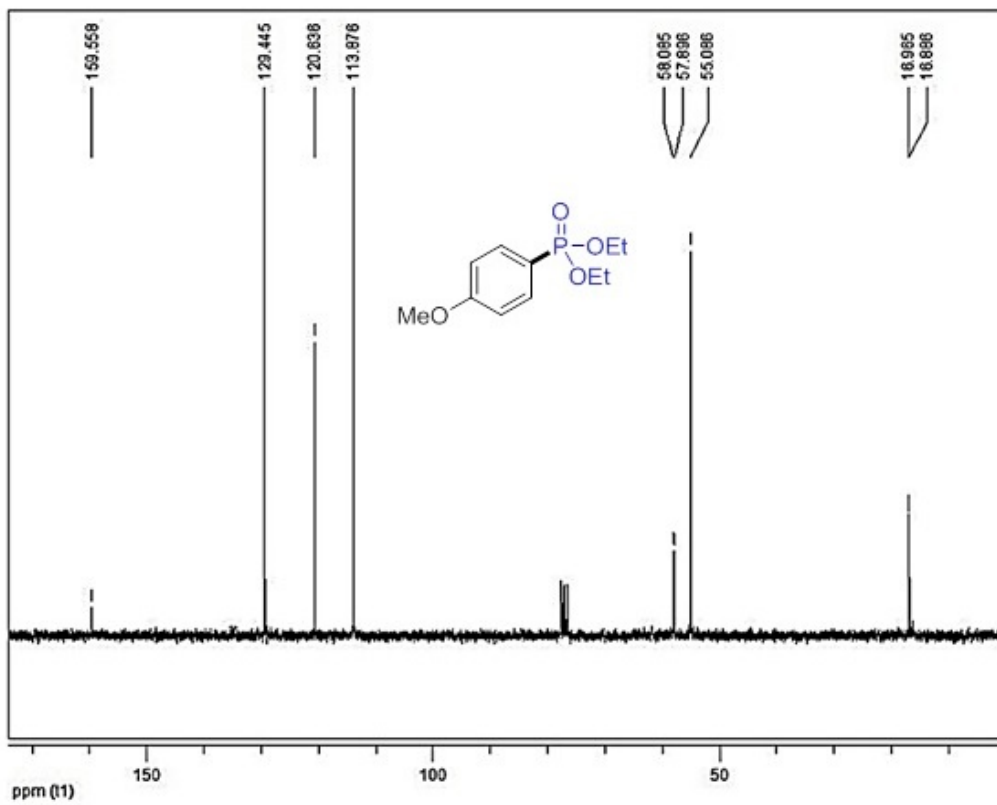
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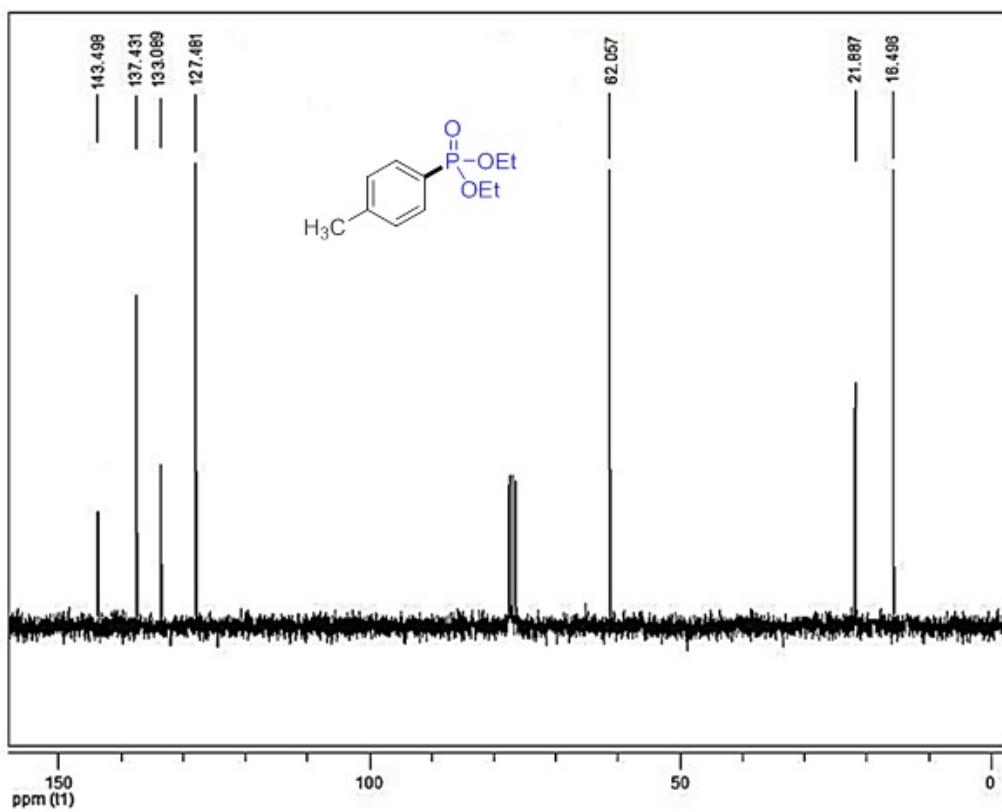
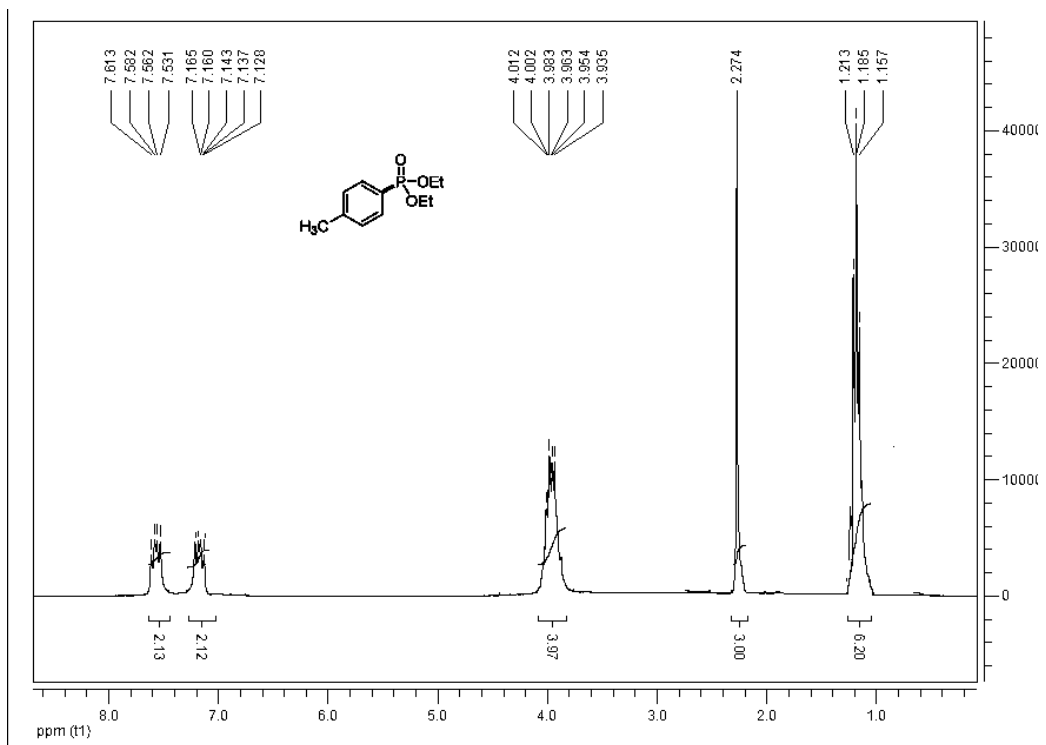
Iodobenzene (0.1 mol, 11.1 mL), PdCl₂ (0.05 g, 0.22 mmol), triethylphosphite (0.4 mol, 67.2 mL), *n*-Pr₃N (0.2 mol, 37.7 mL) and TBAB (0.1 mol, 32.23 g), in water (150 mL) was heated at 100 °C. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and extracted with ethyl acetate from the aqueous layer, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuum. The crude organic mixture was then purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4:1 to obtain the desired product. (Yield 78%)

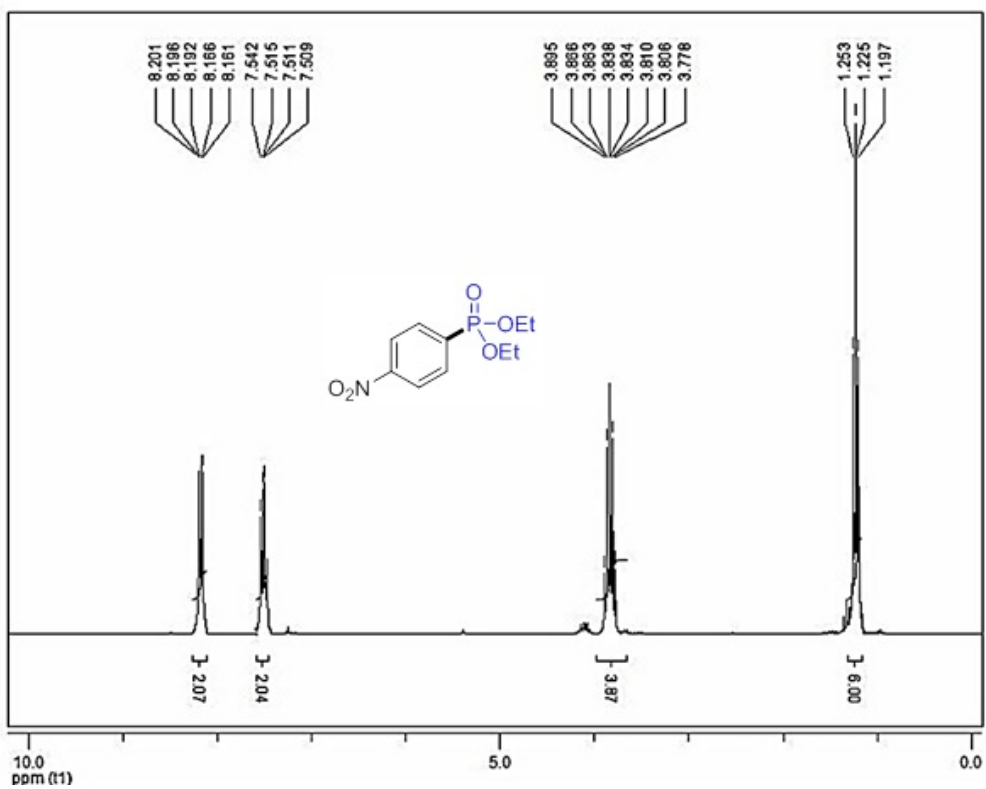
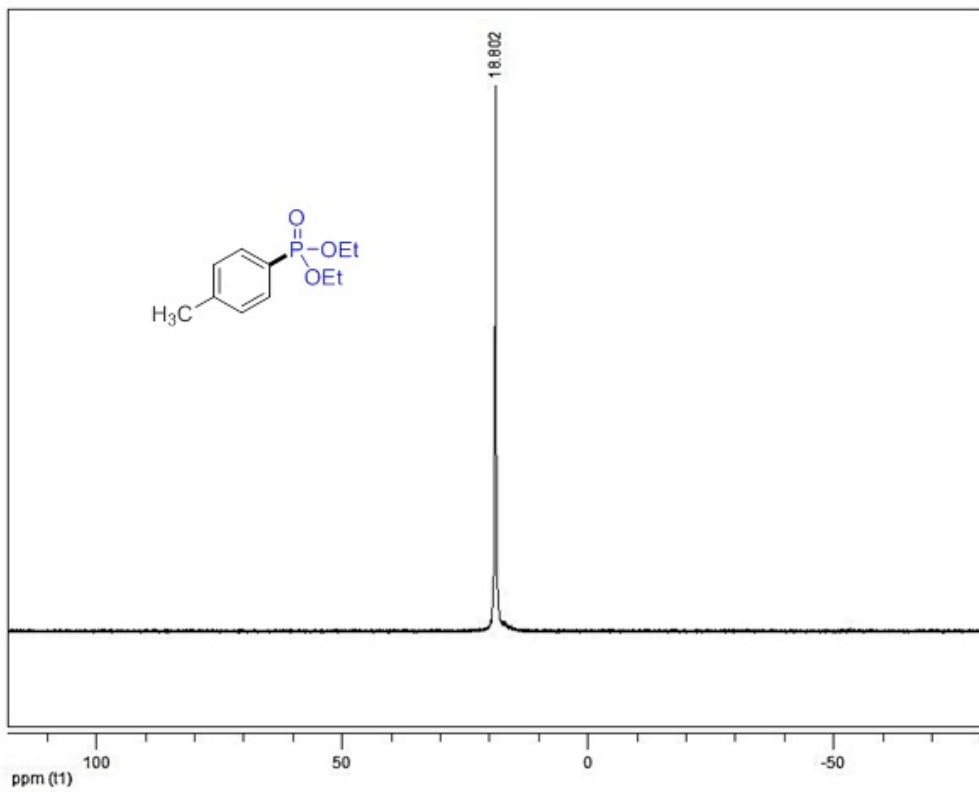
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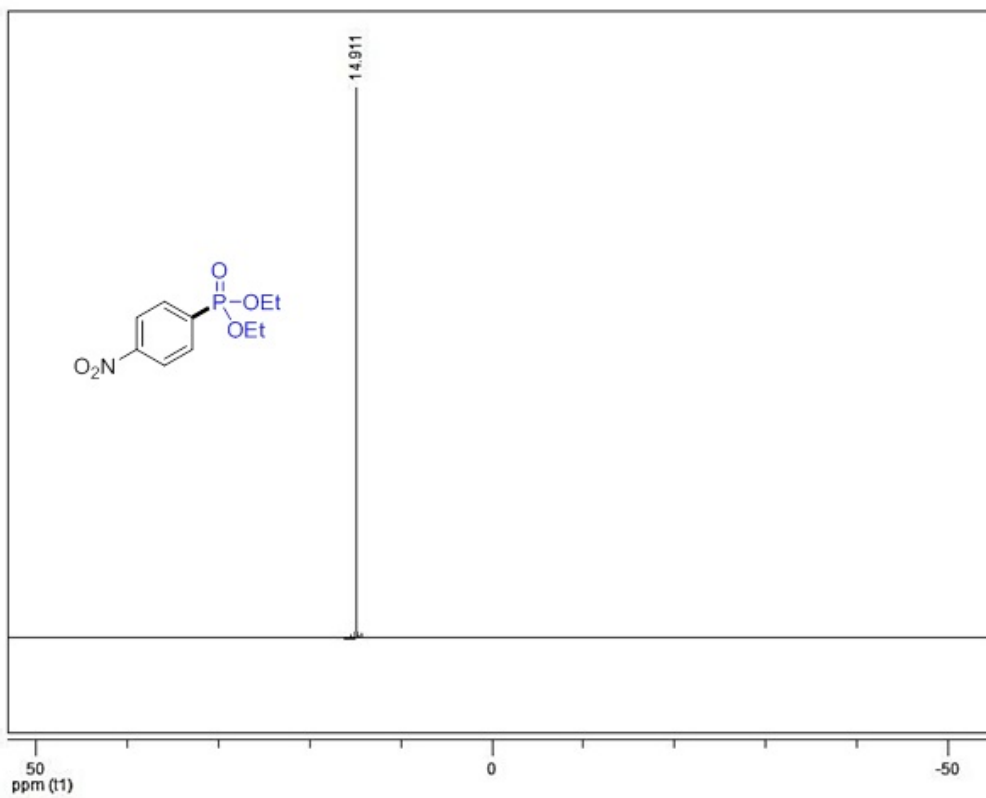
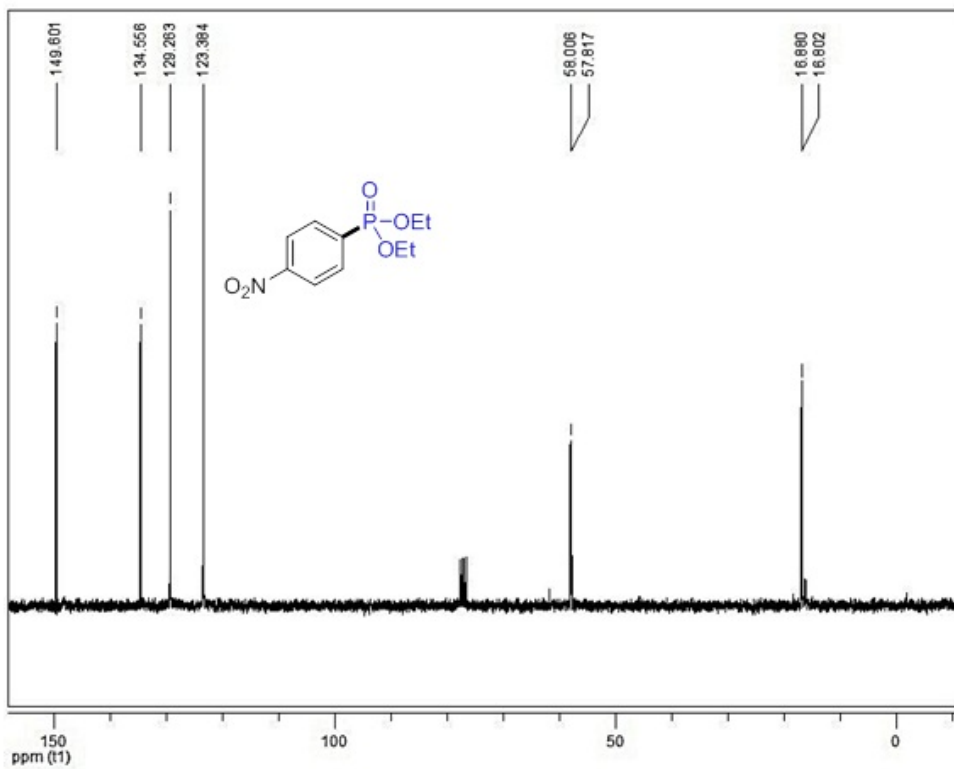


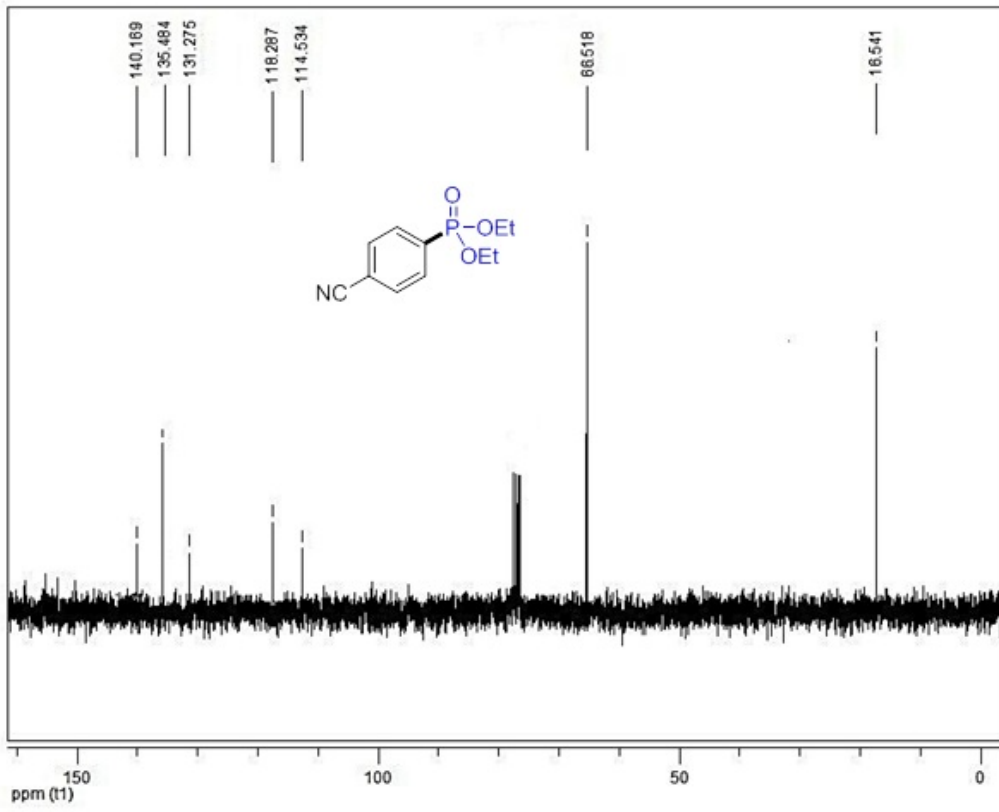
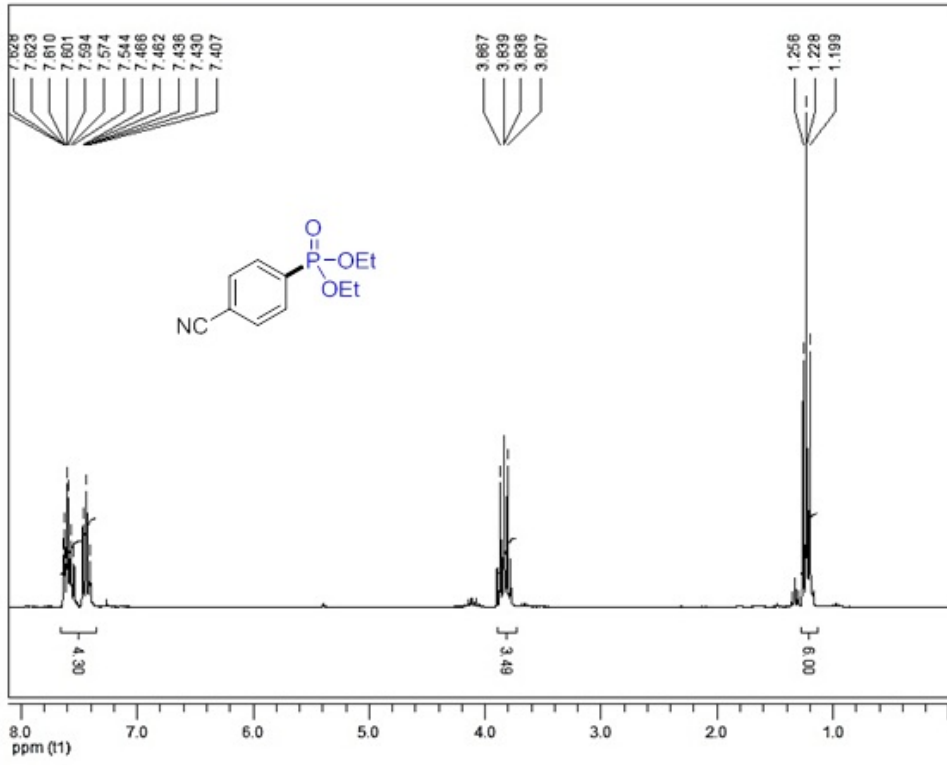


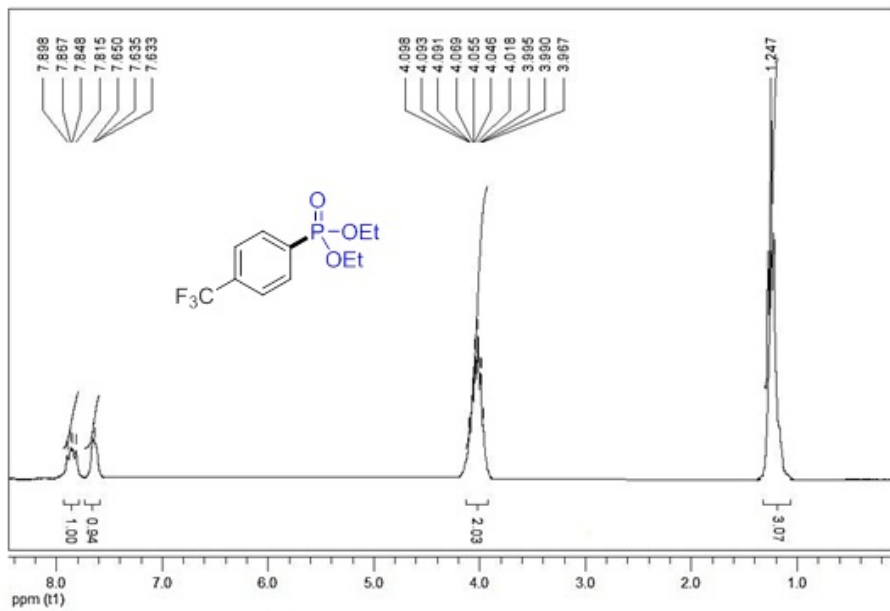
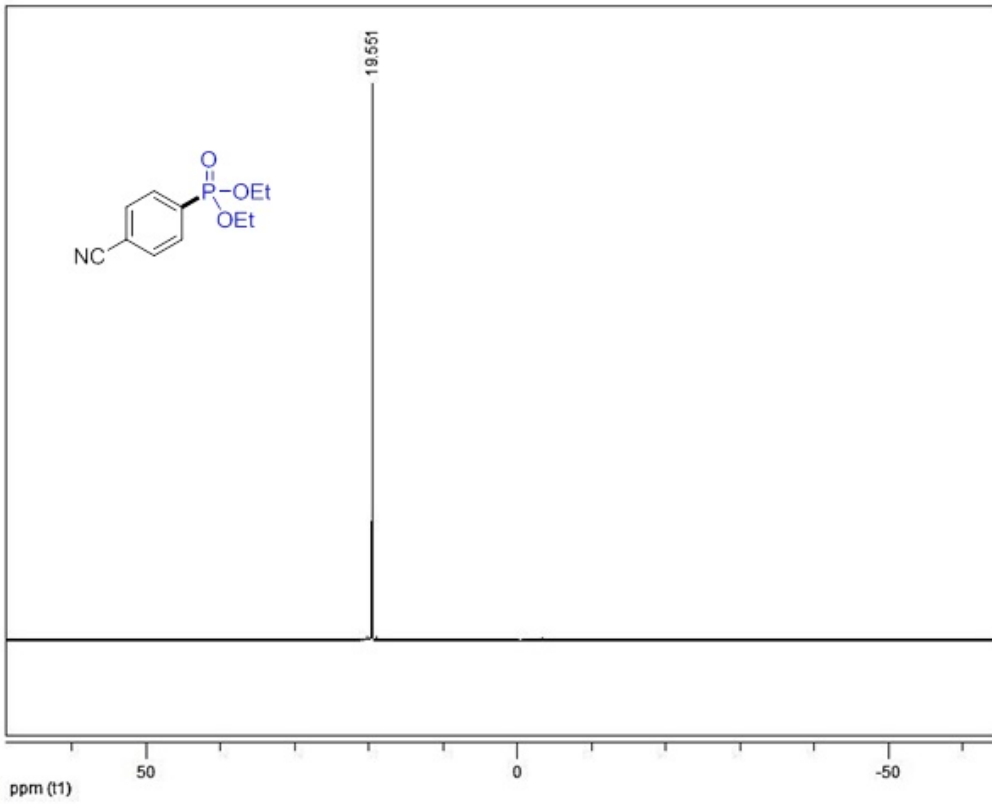


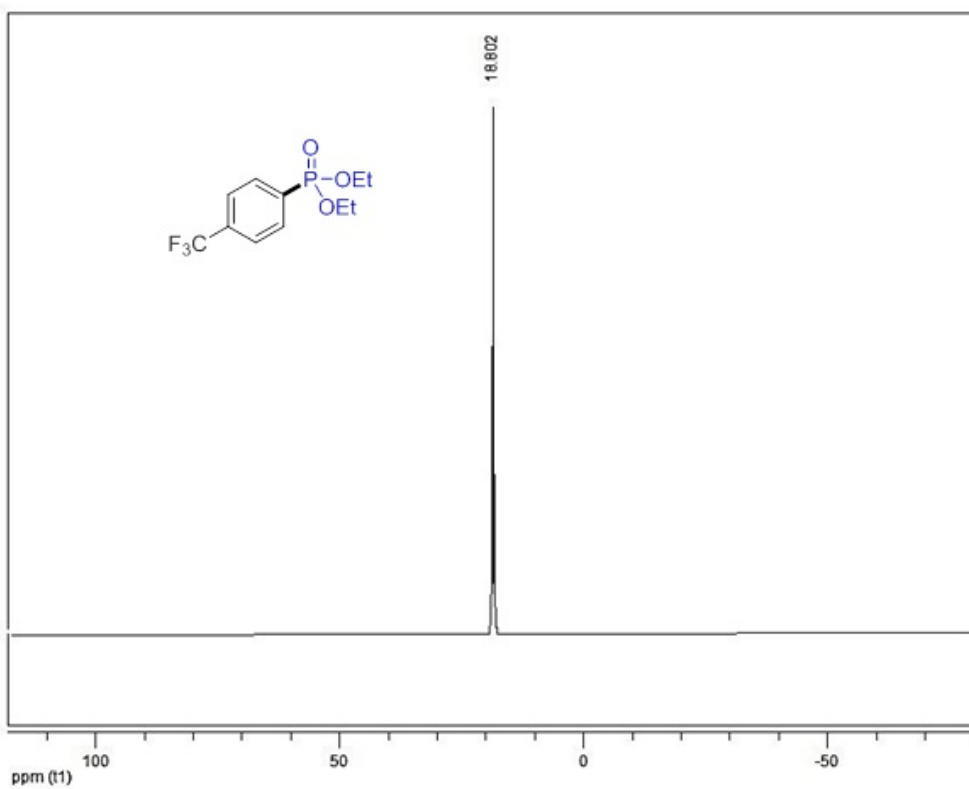
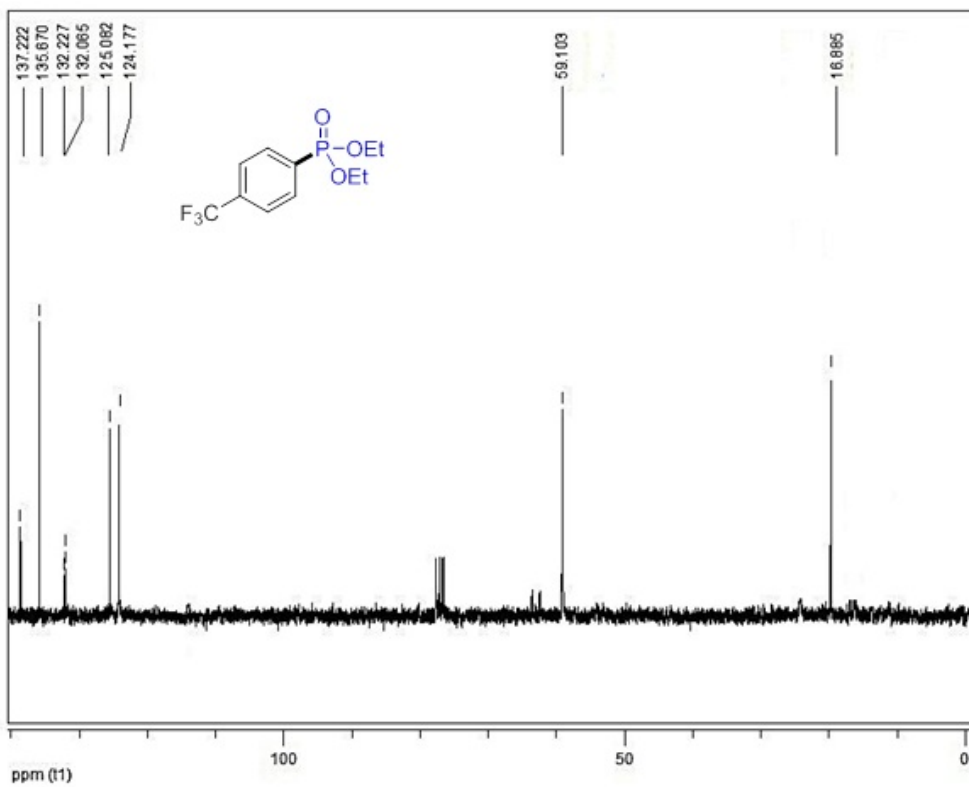


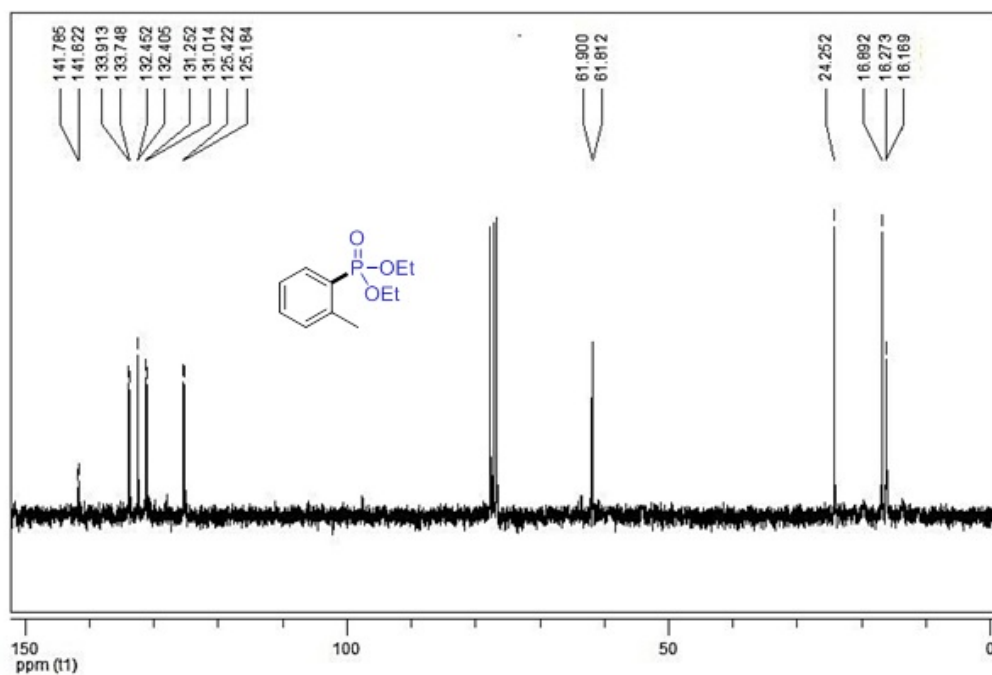
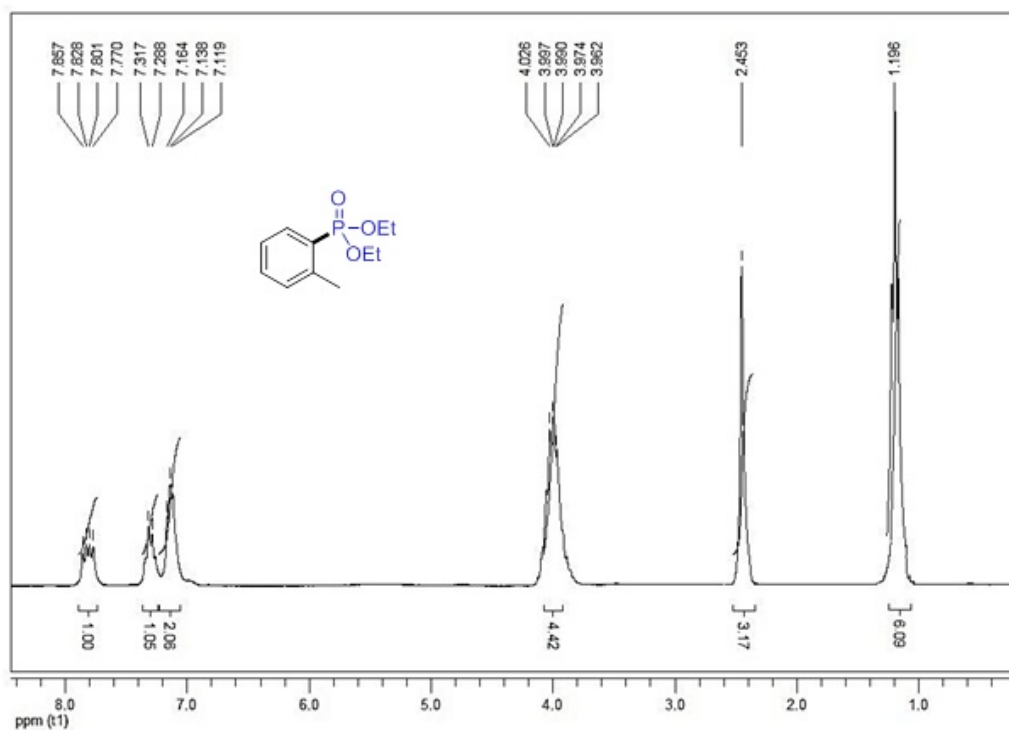


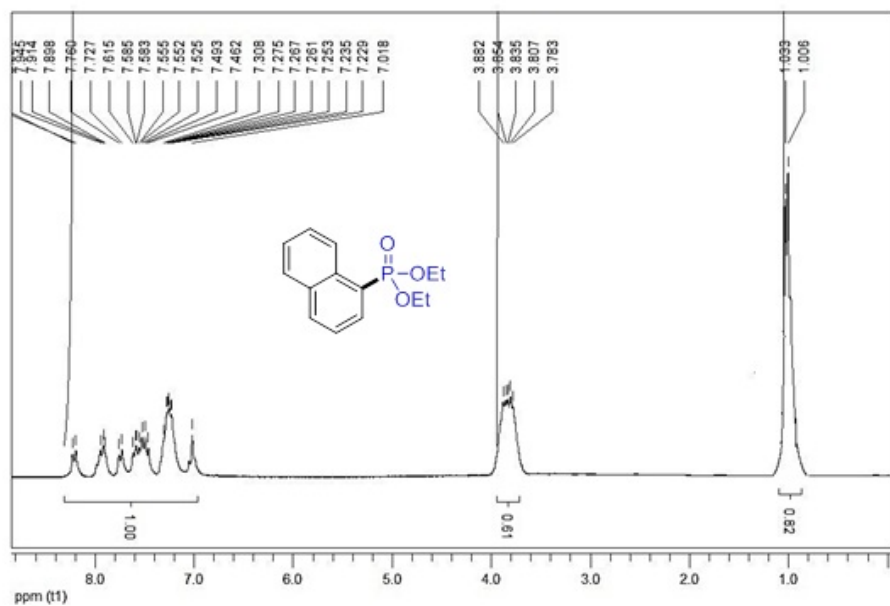
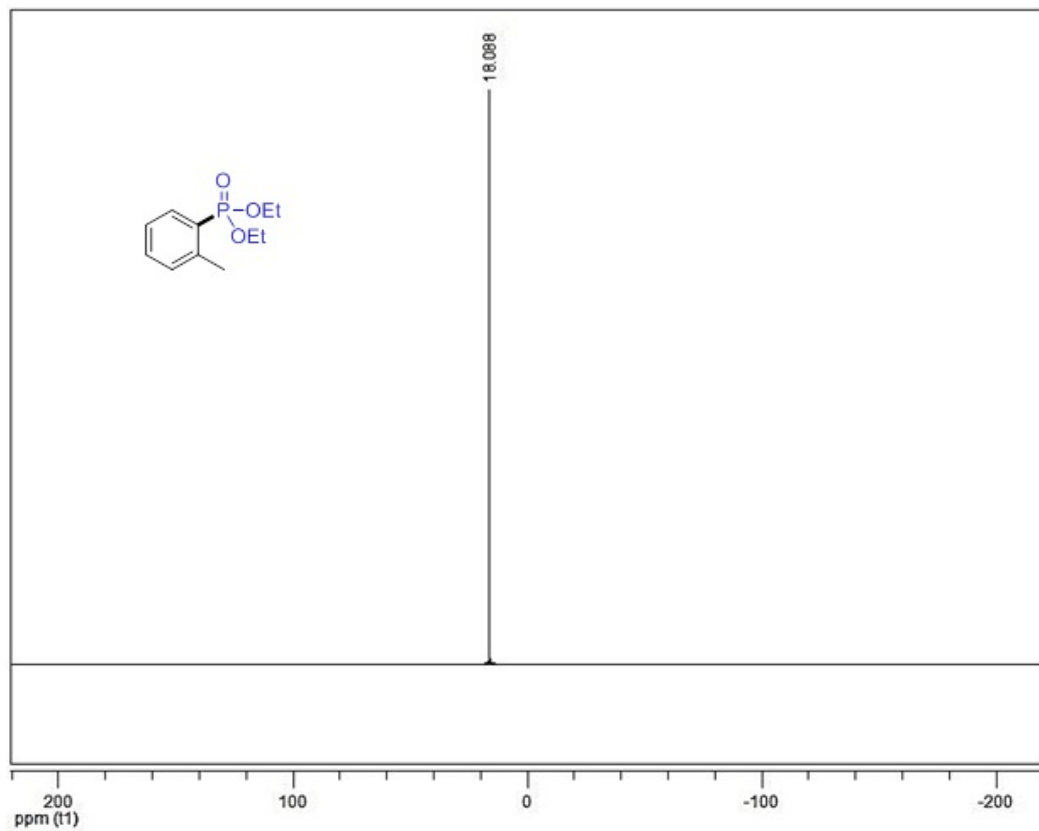


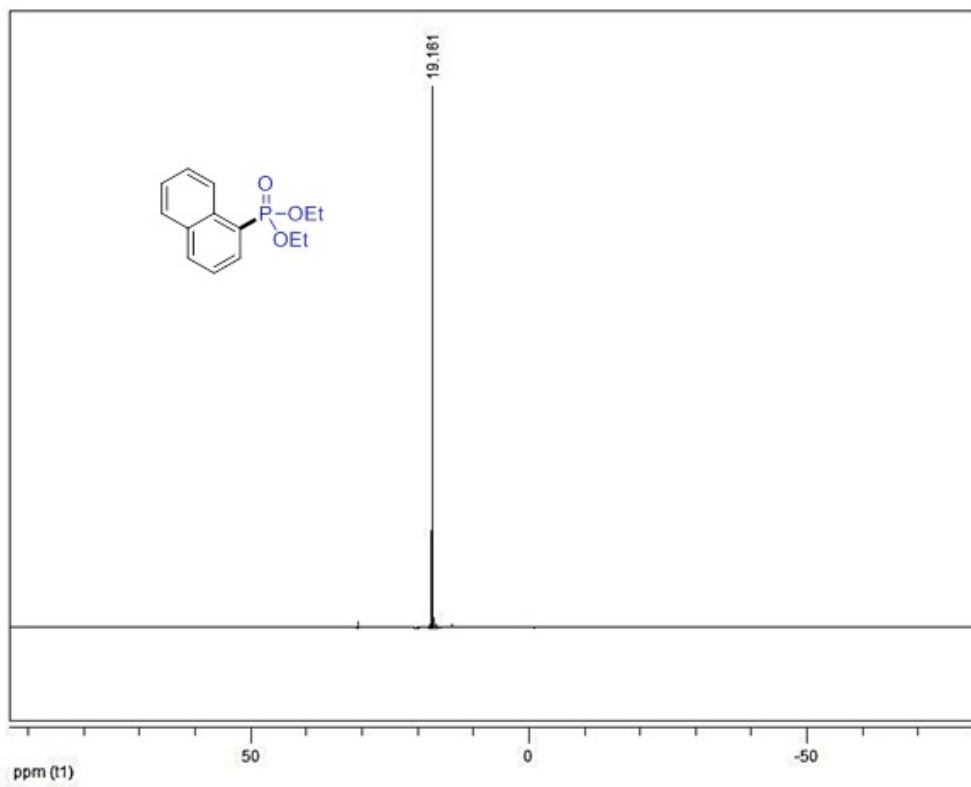
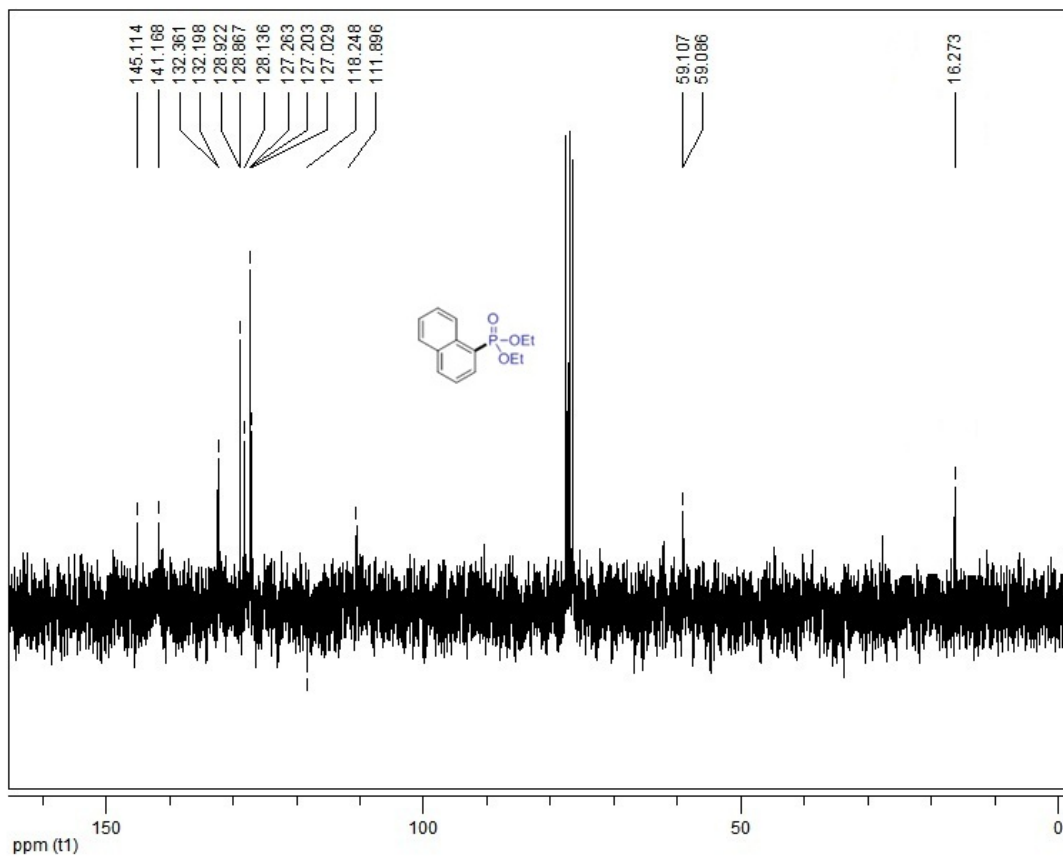


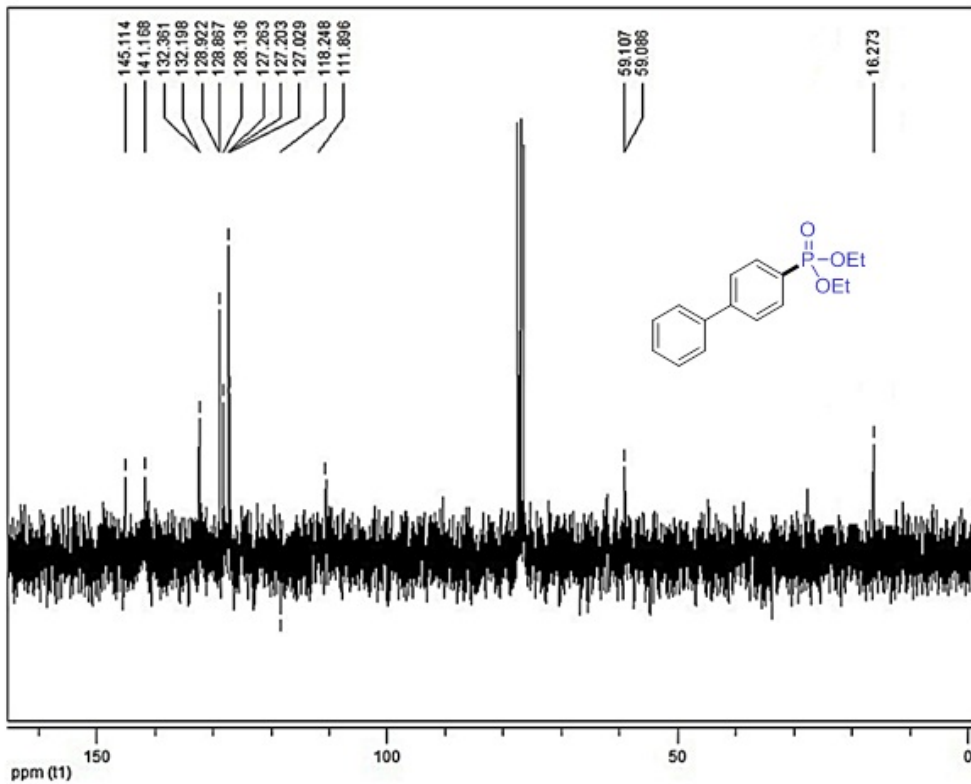
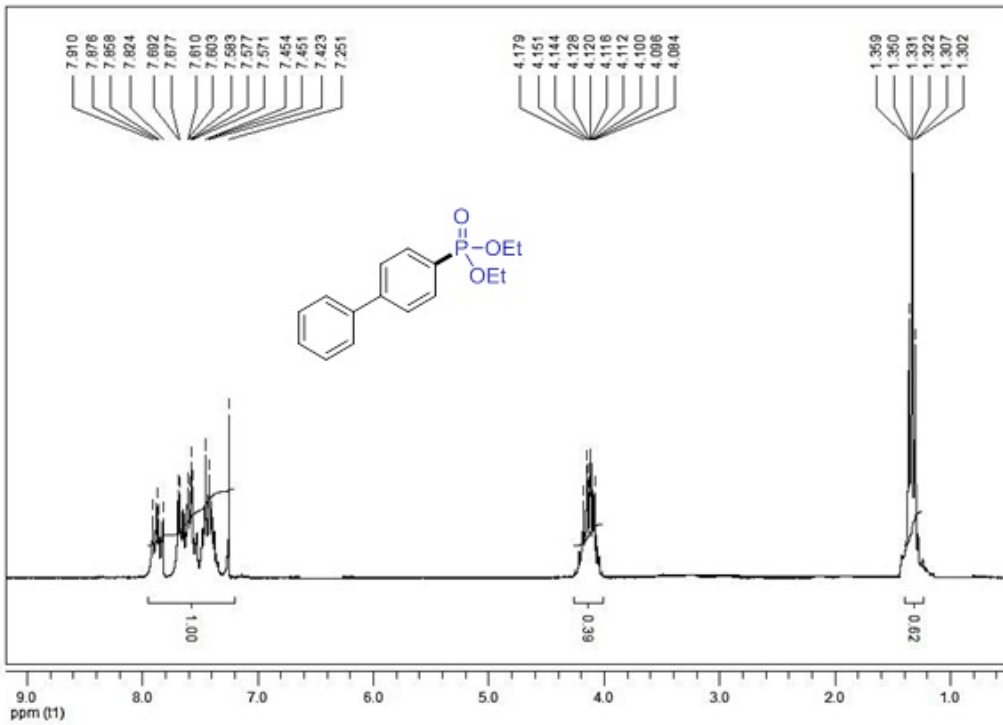


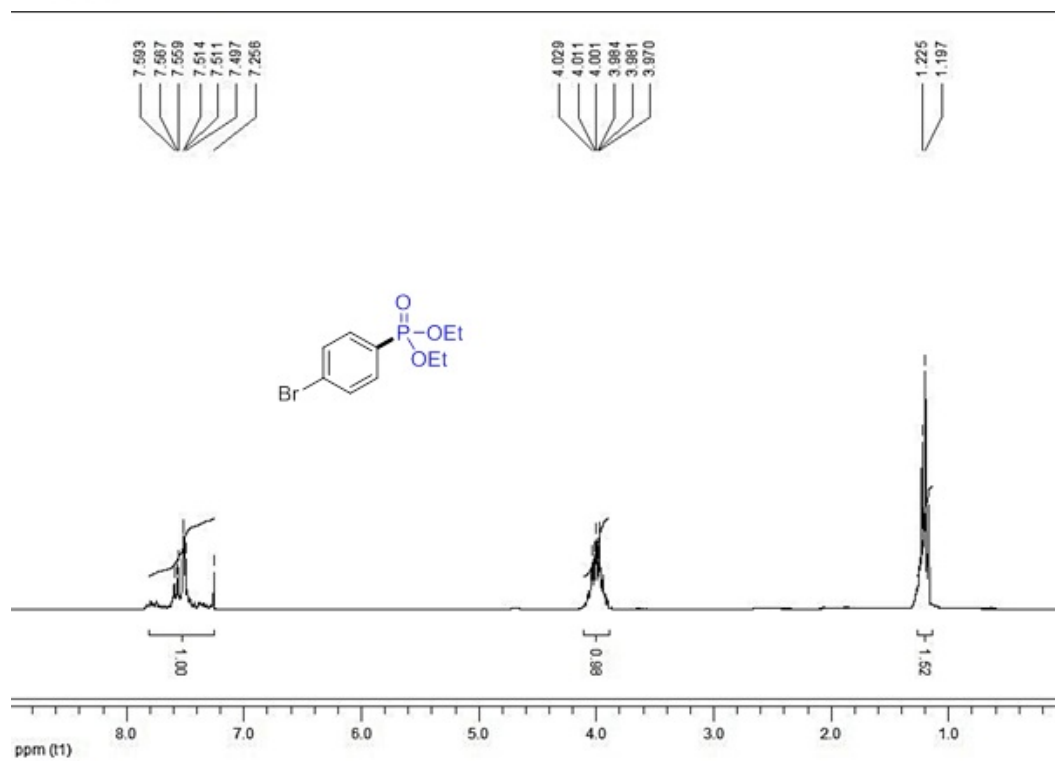
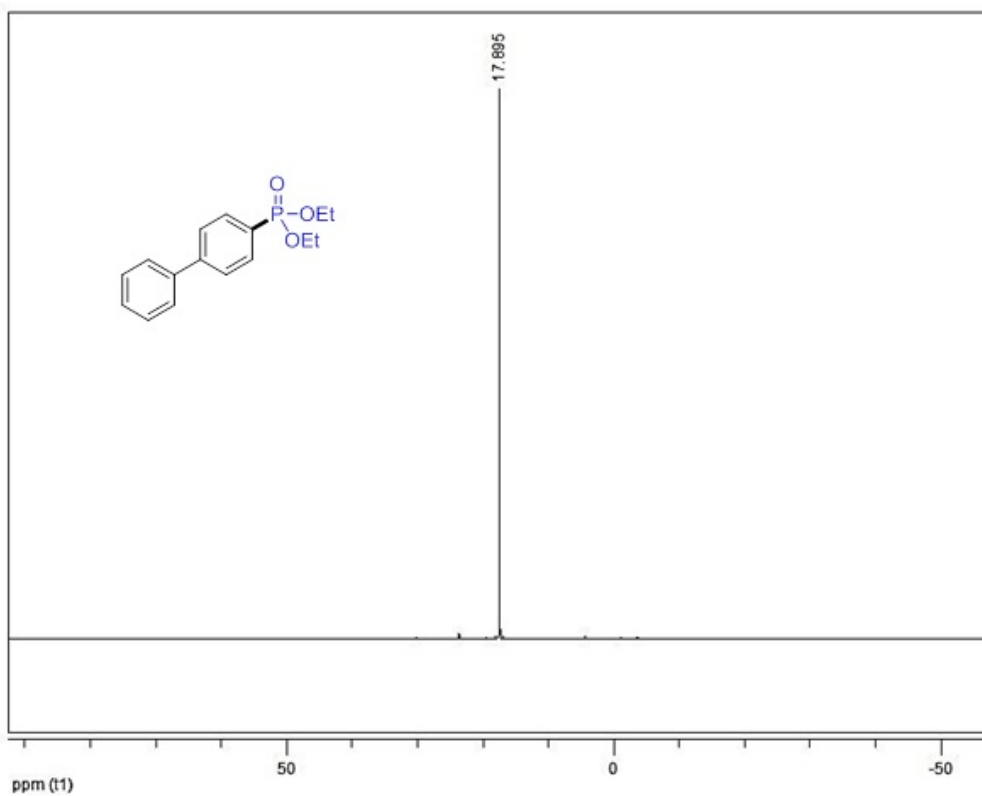


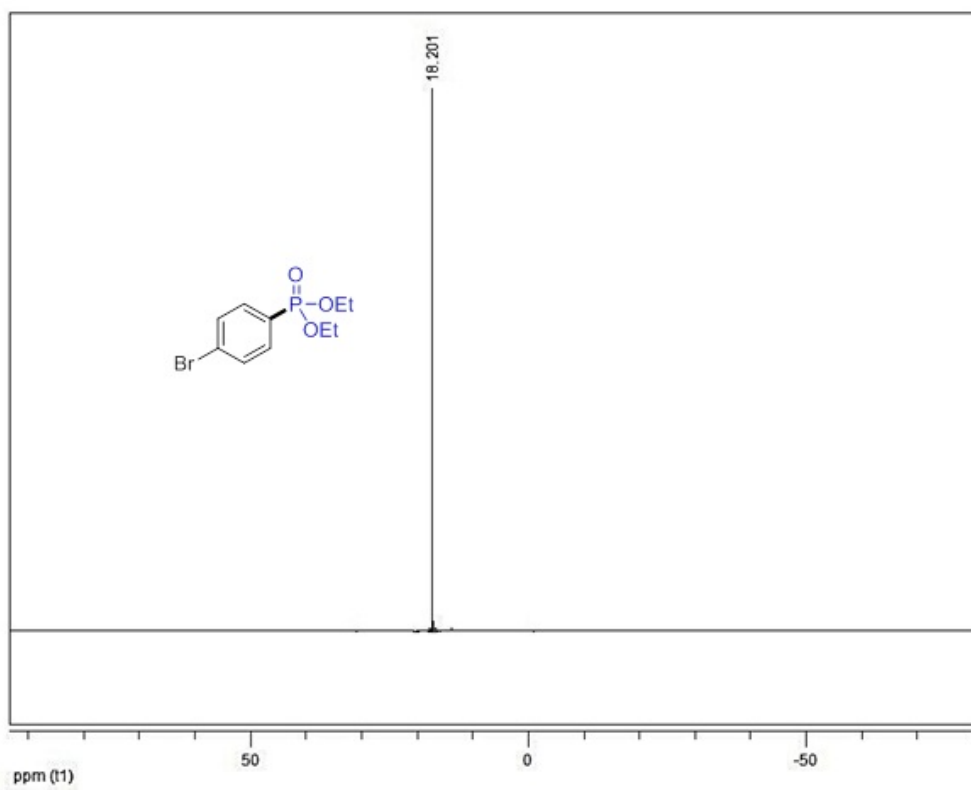
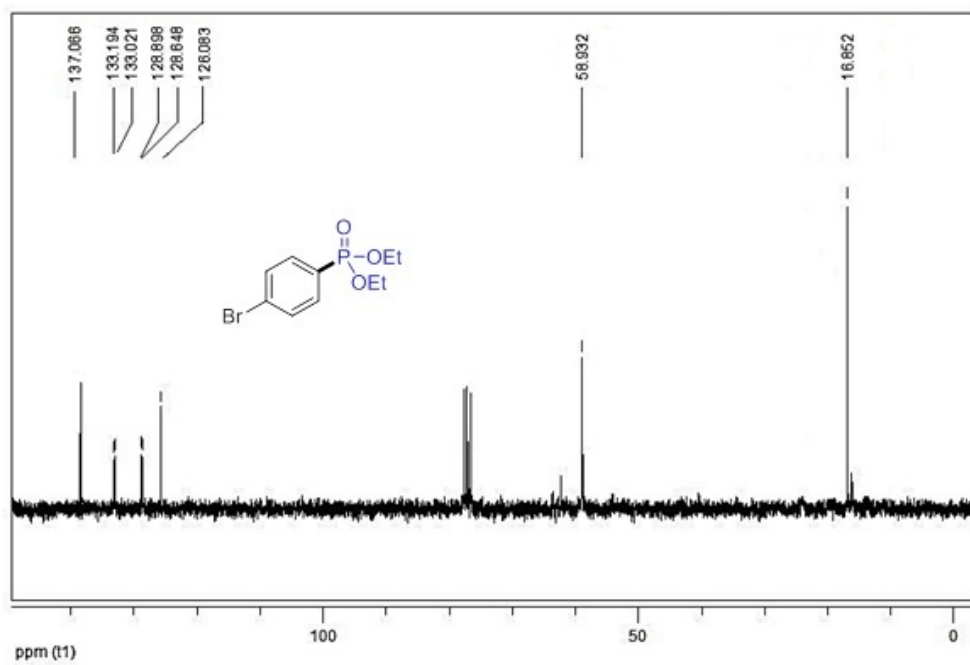


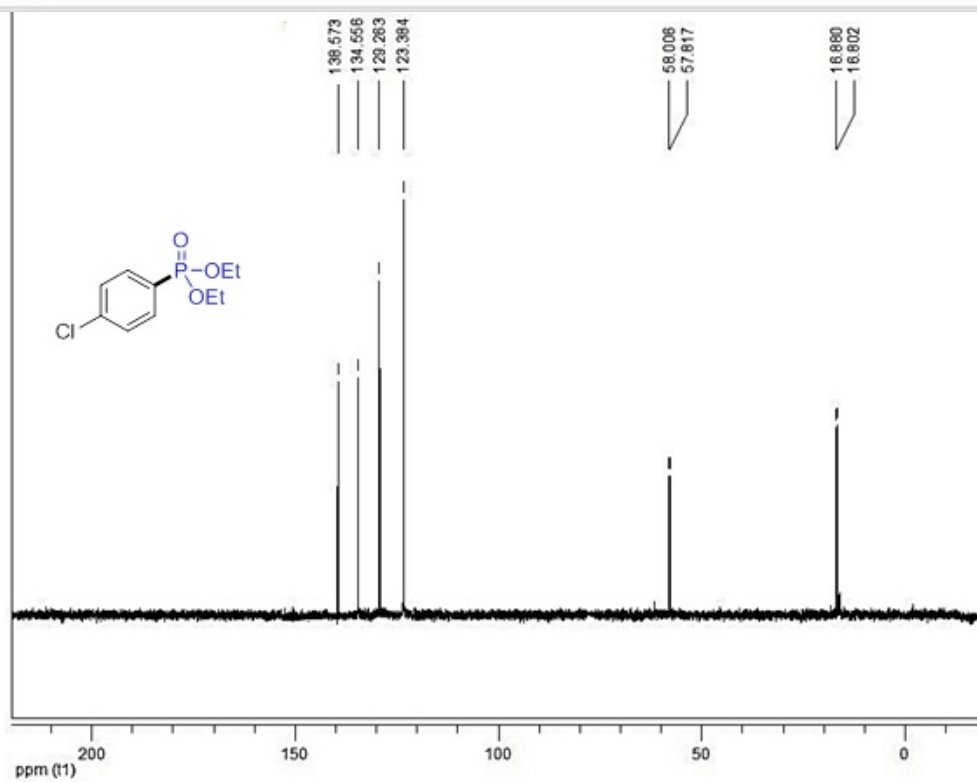
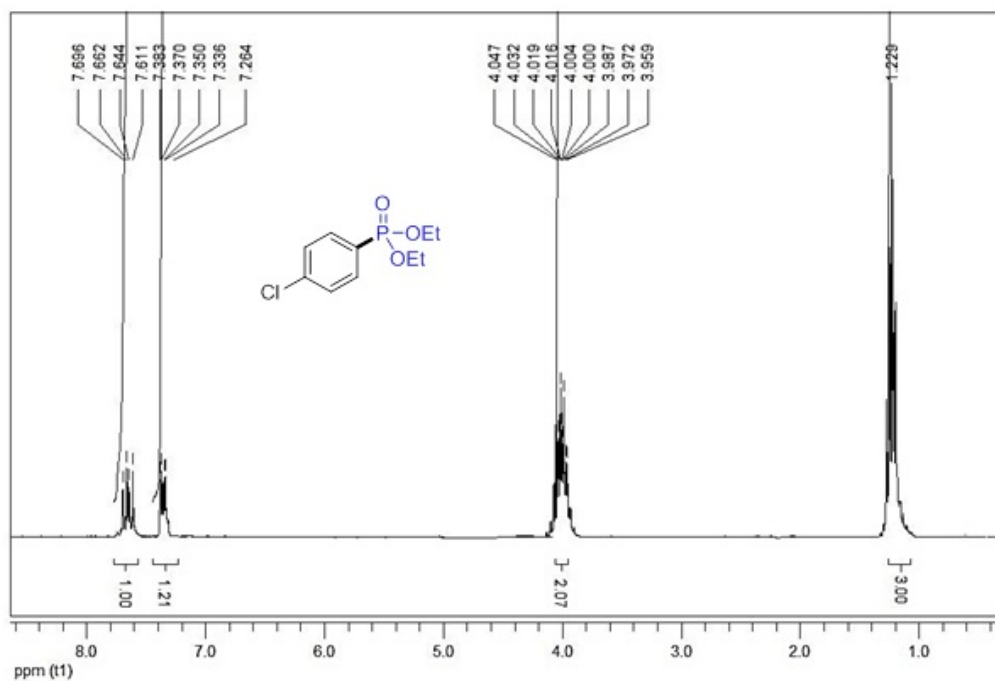


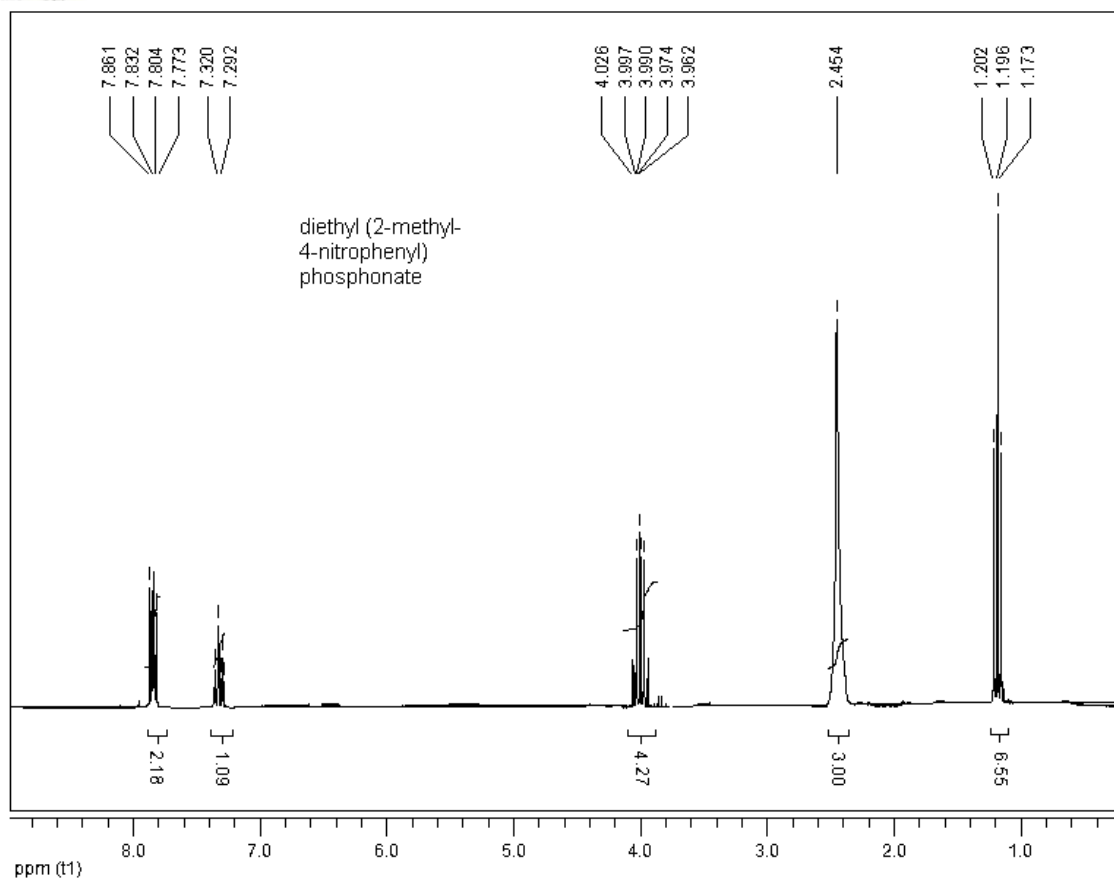
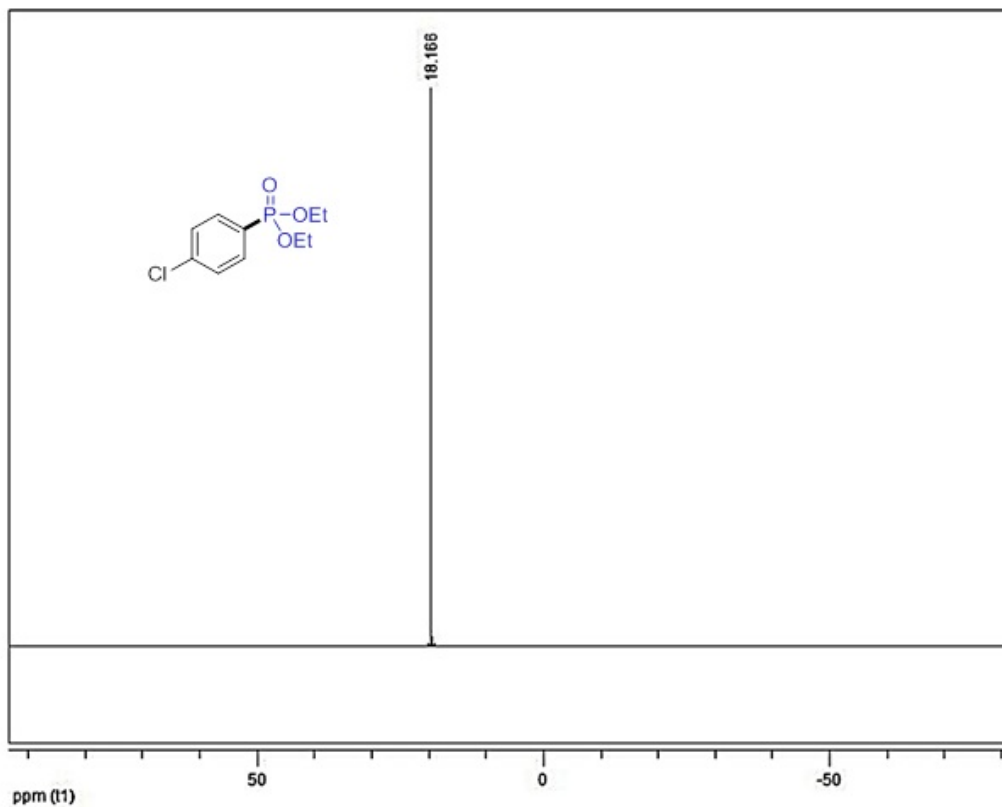


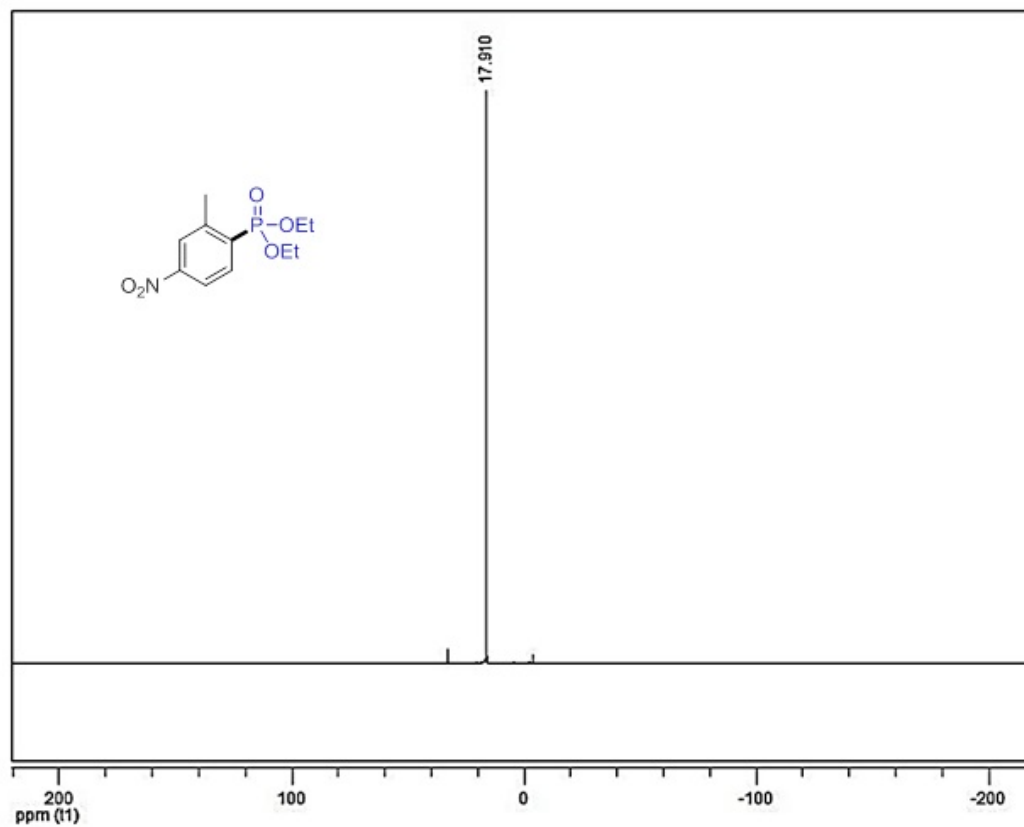
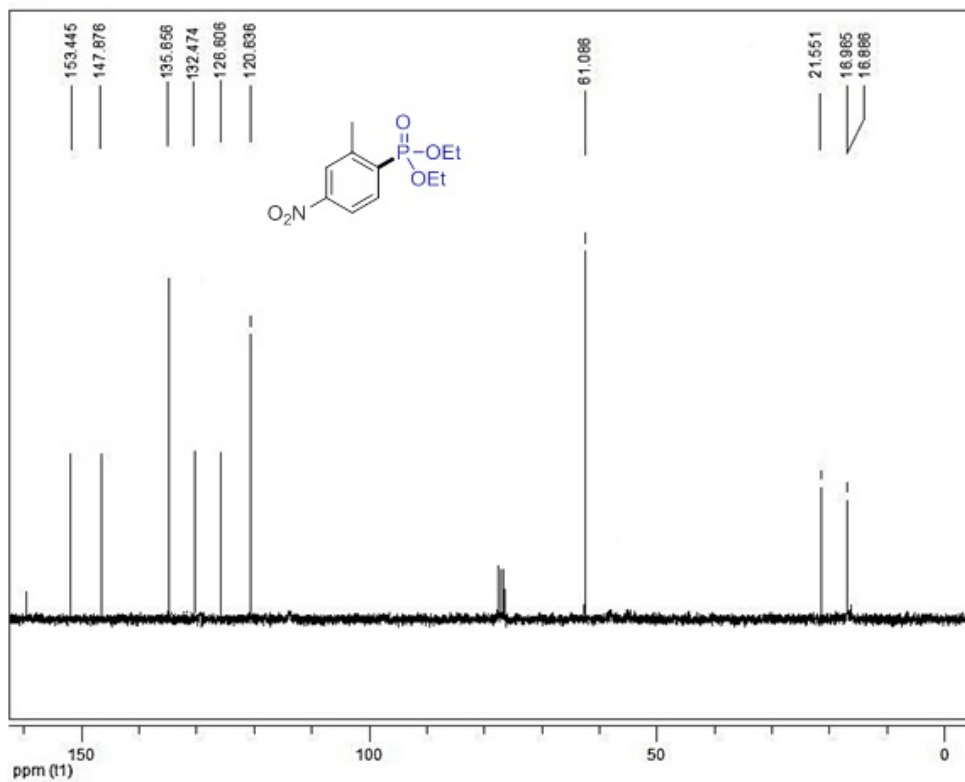


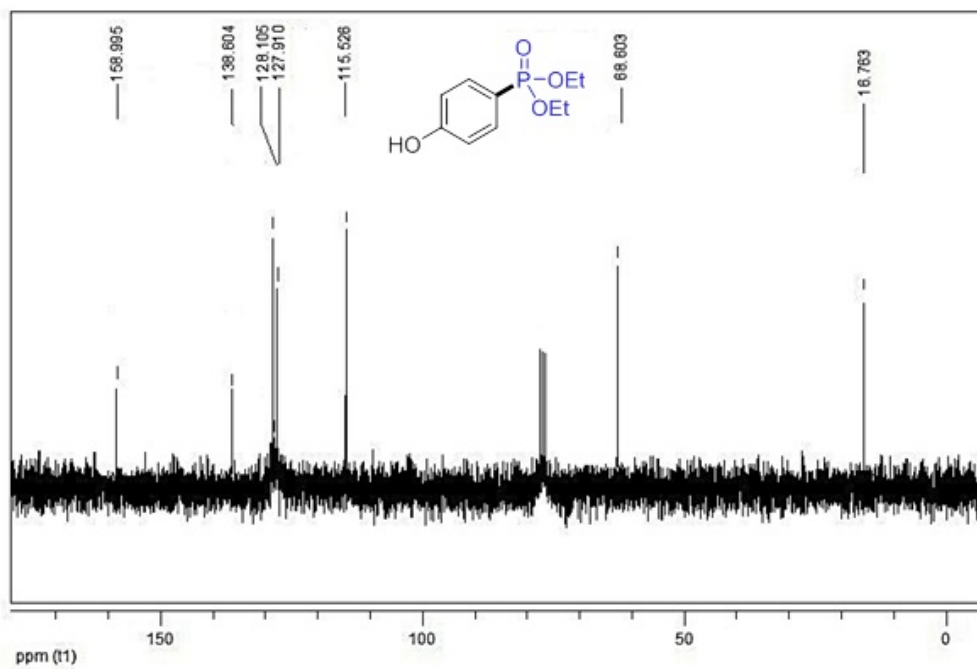
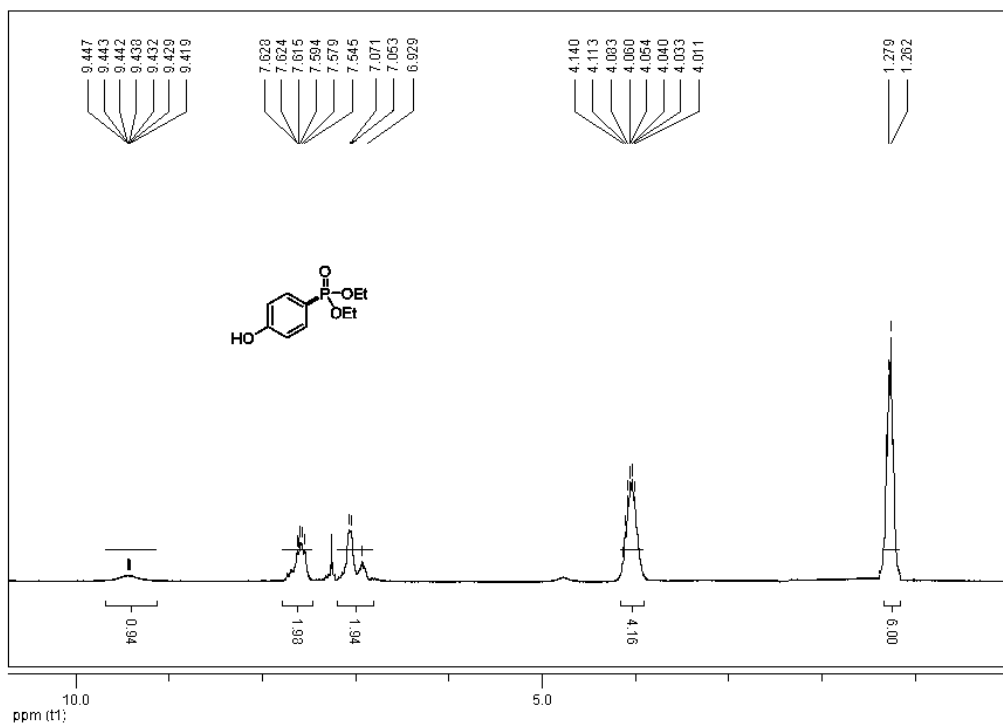


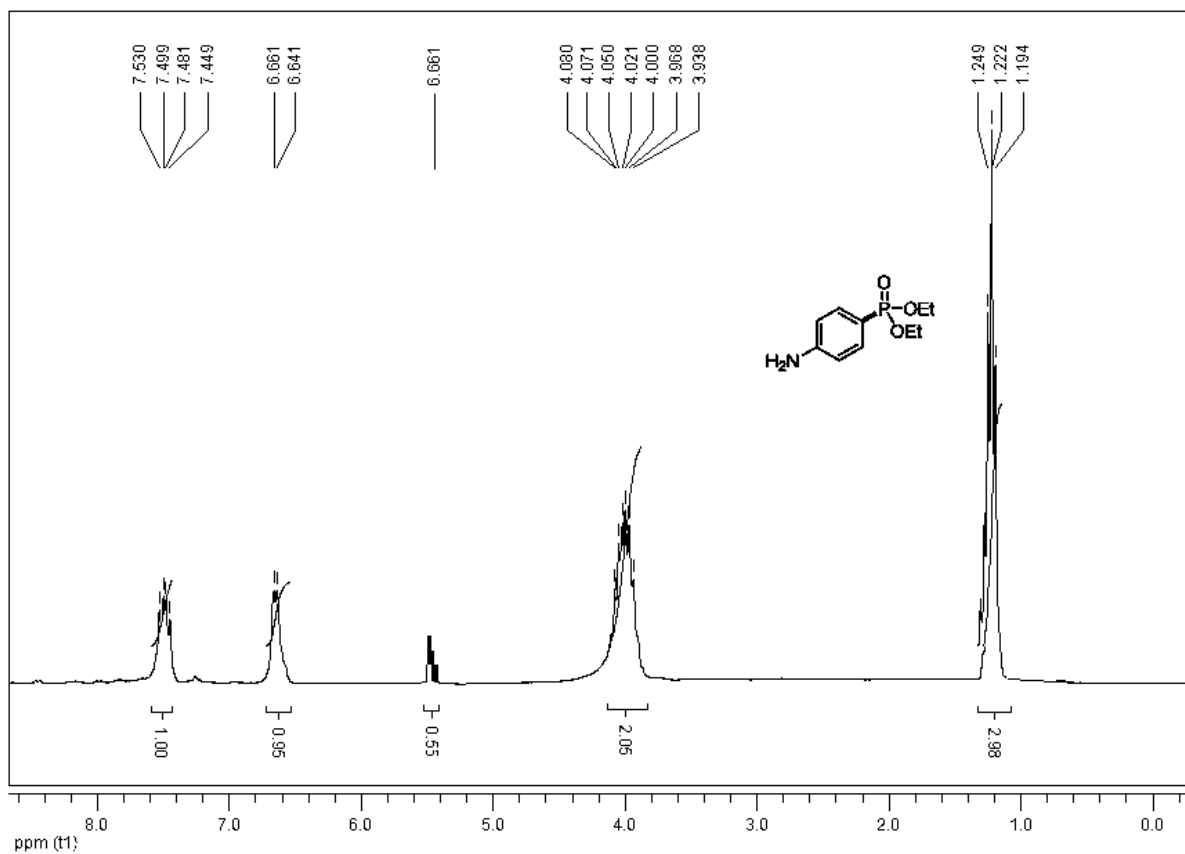
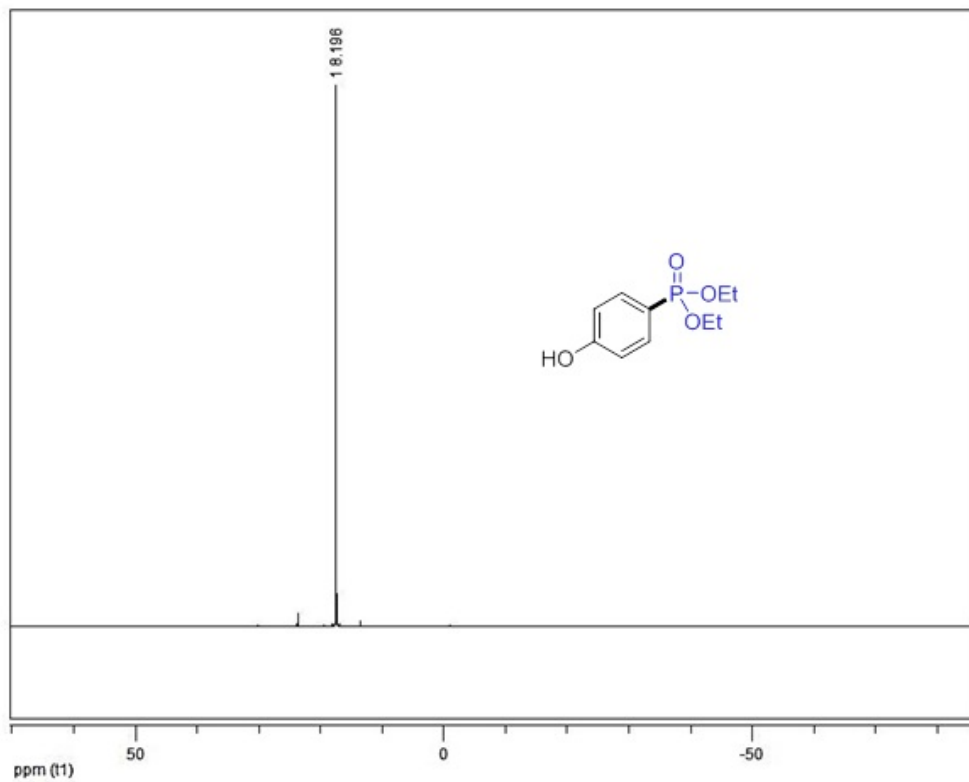


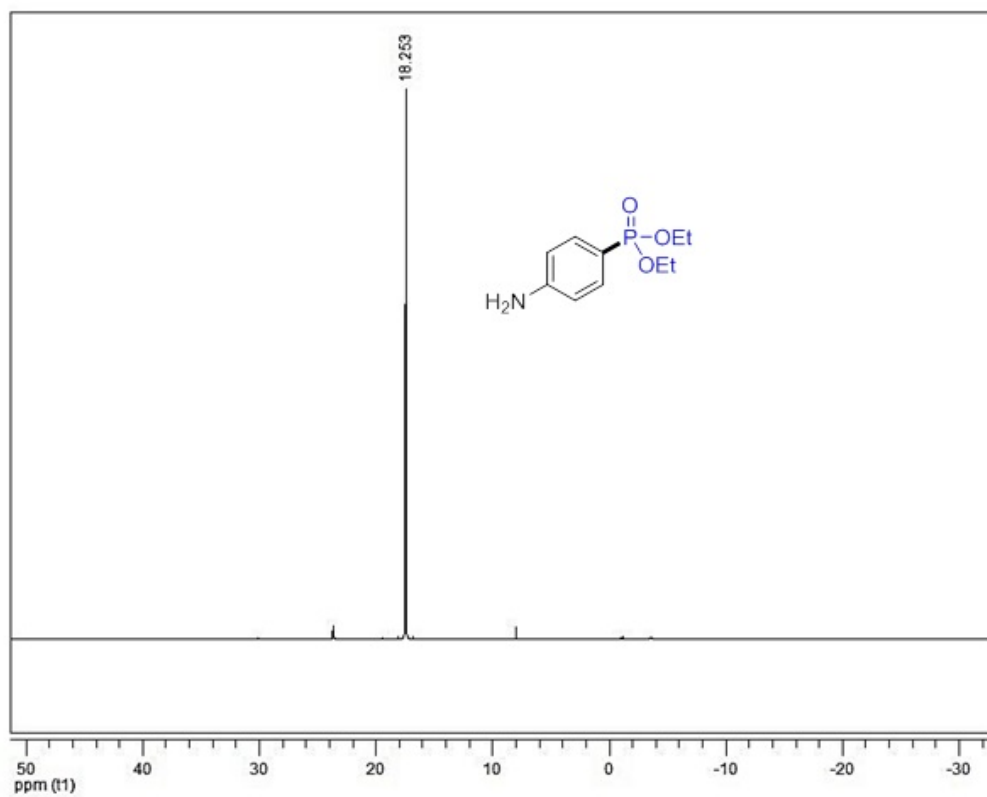
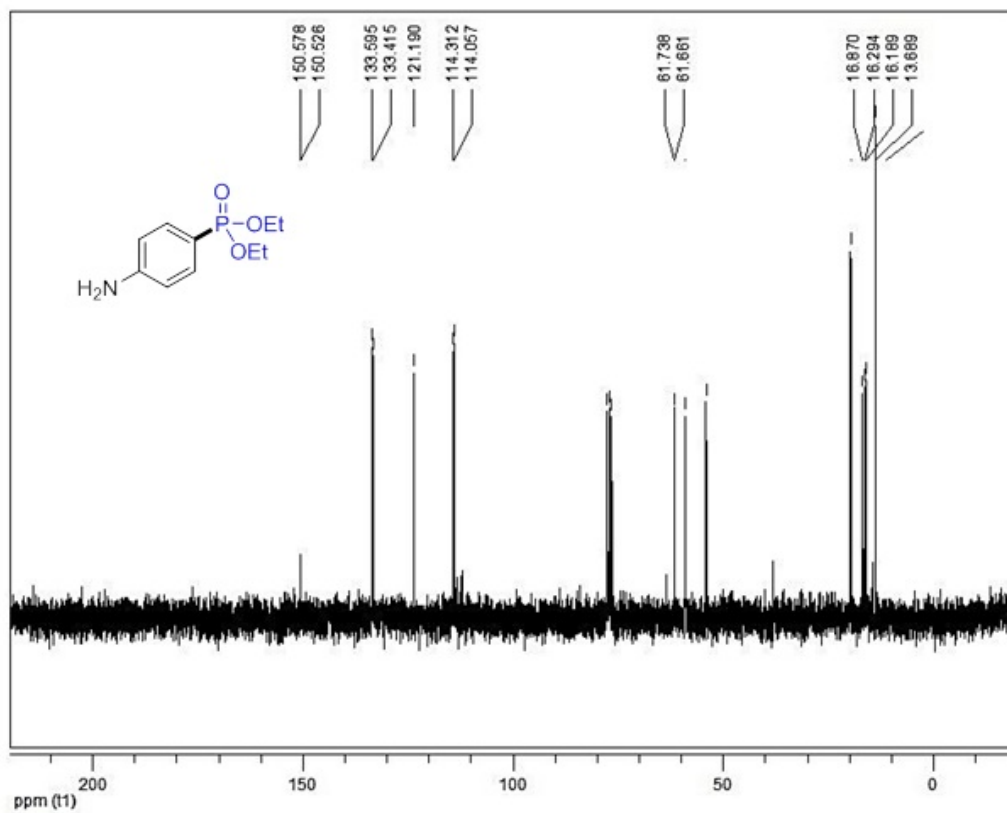


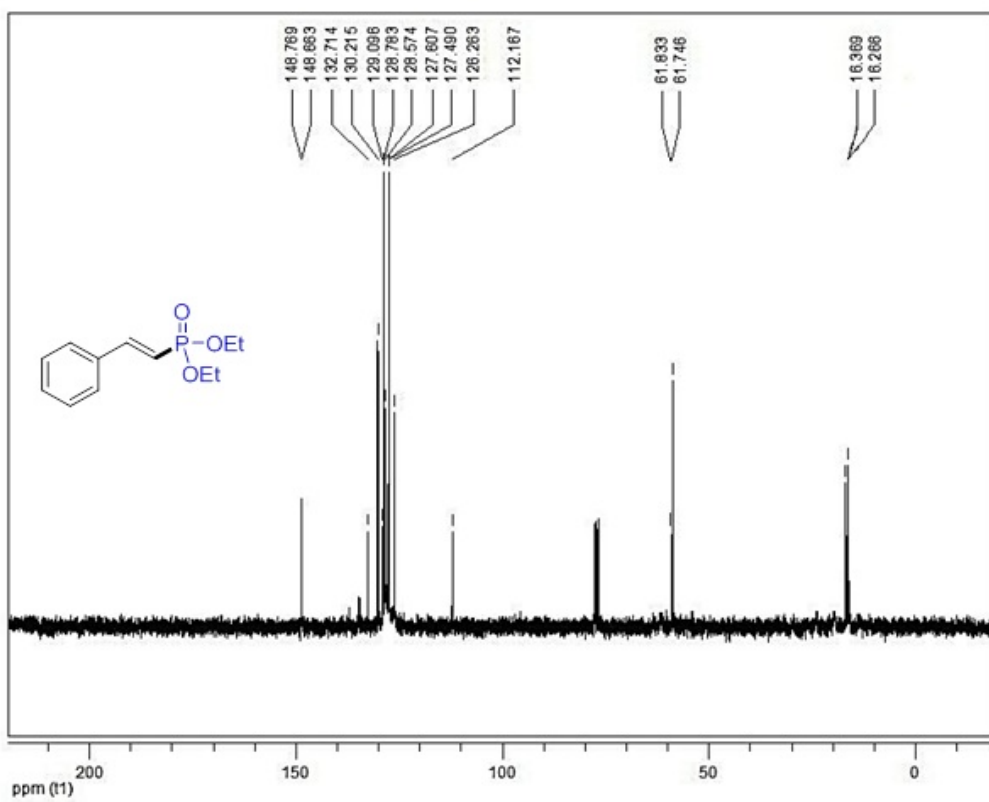
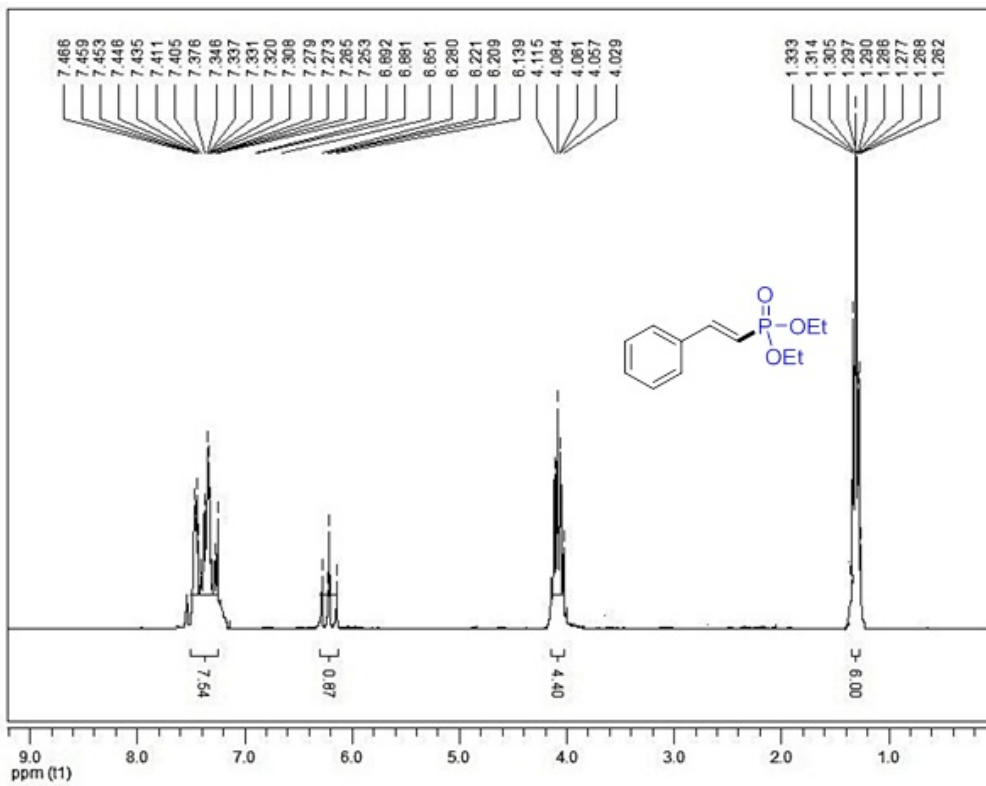


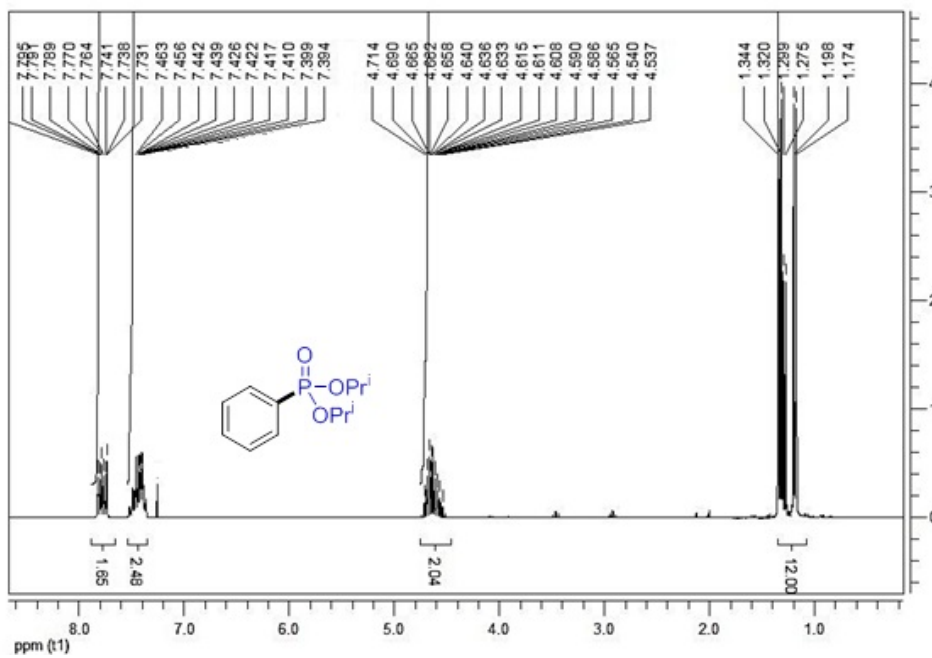
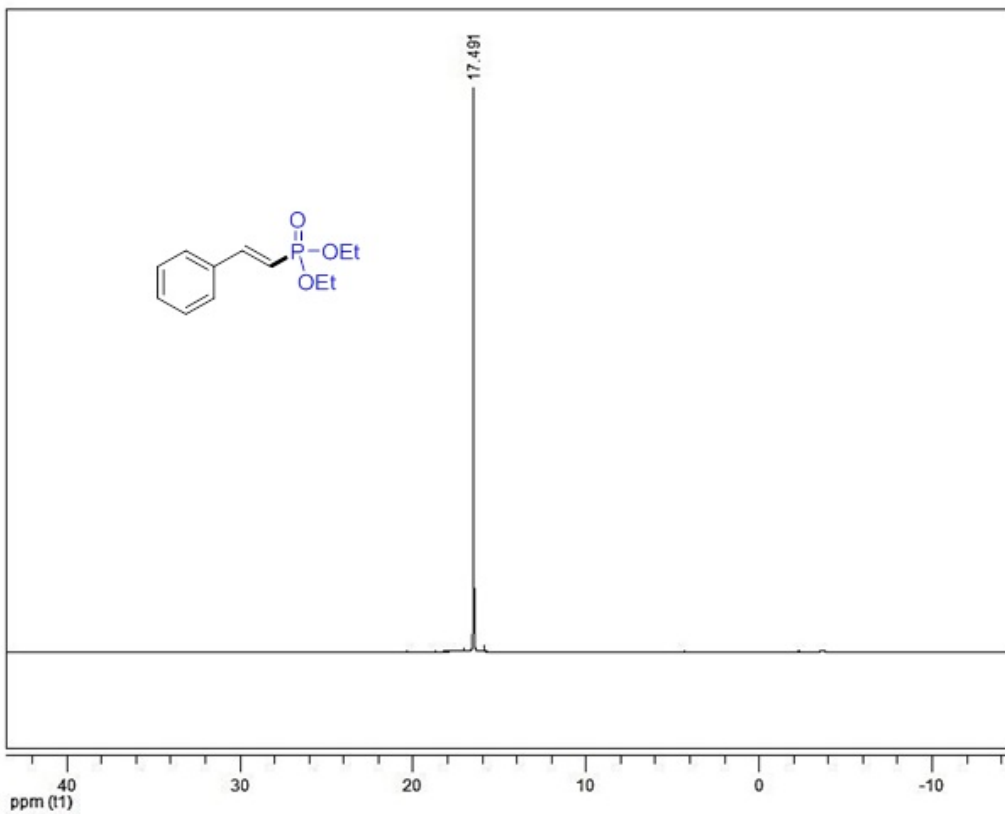


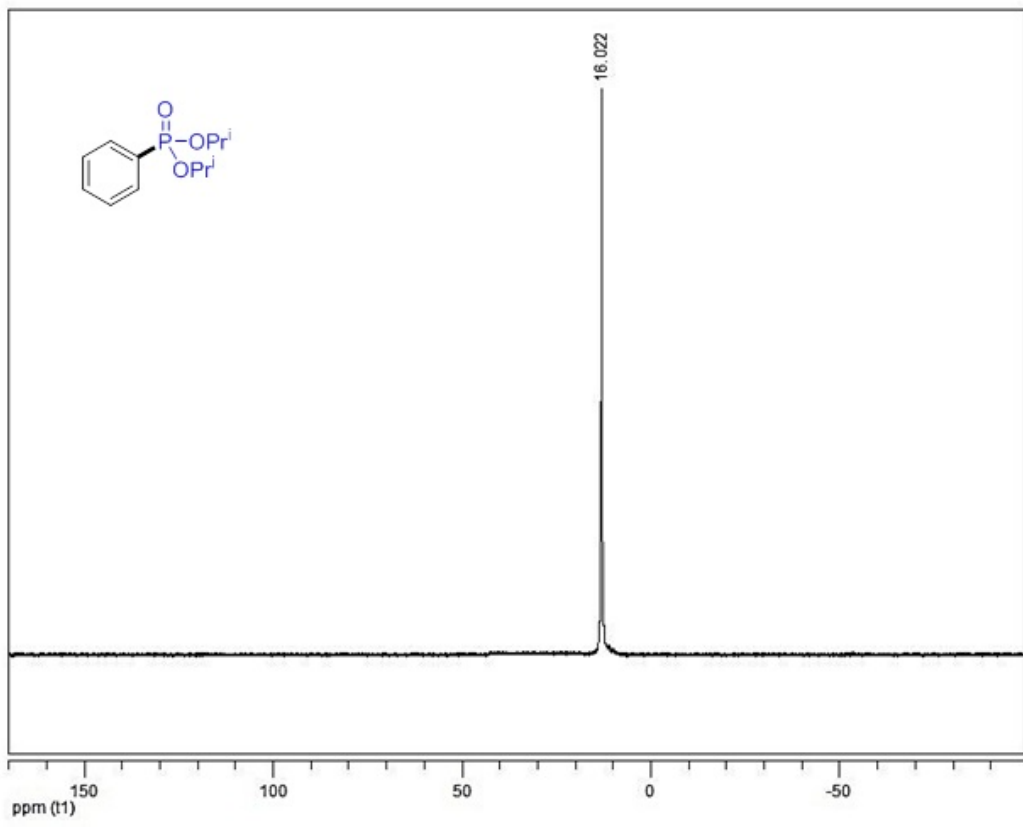
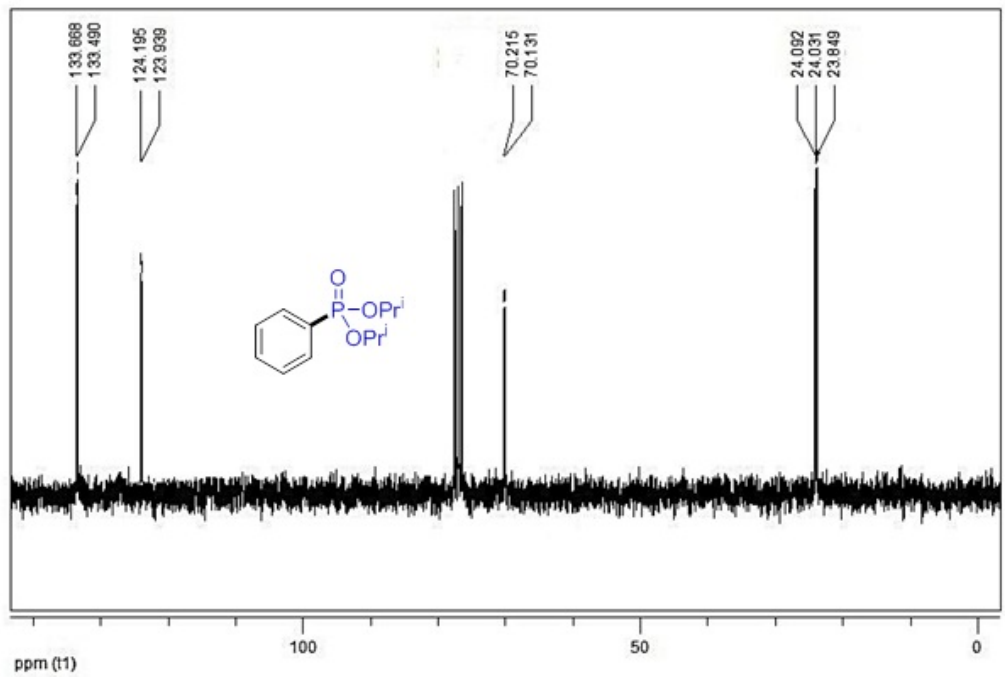


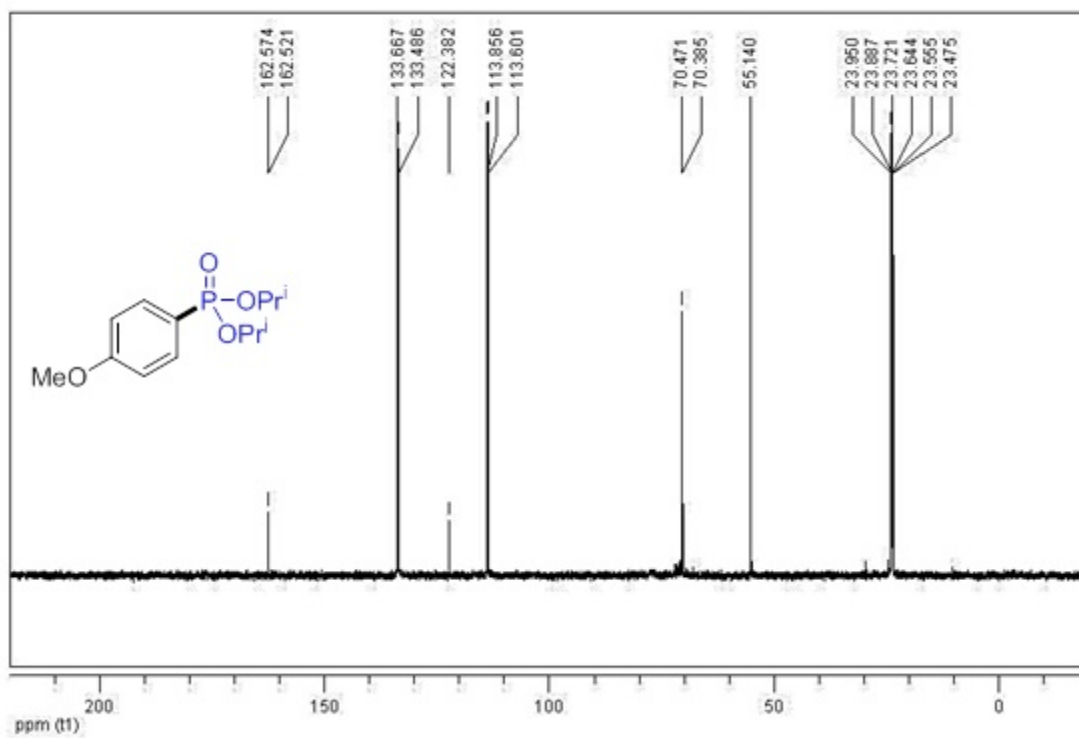
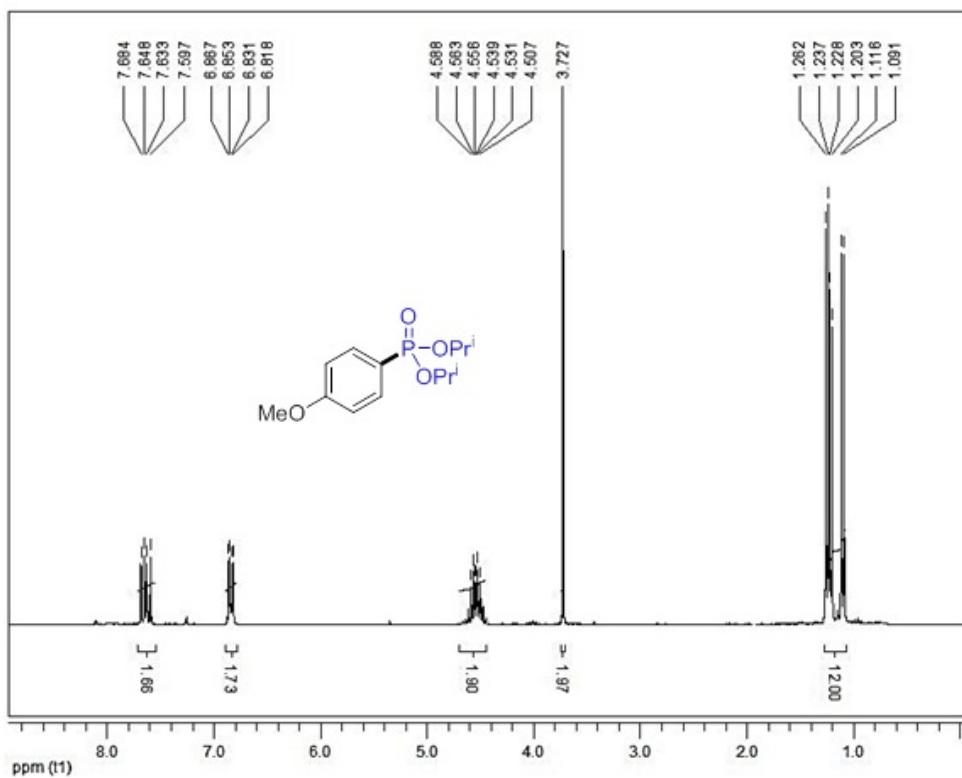


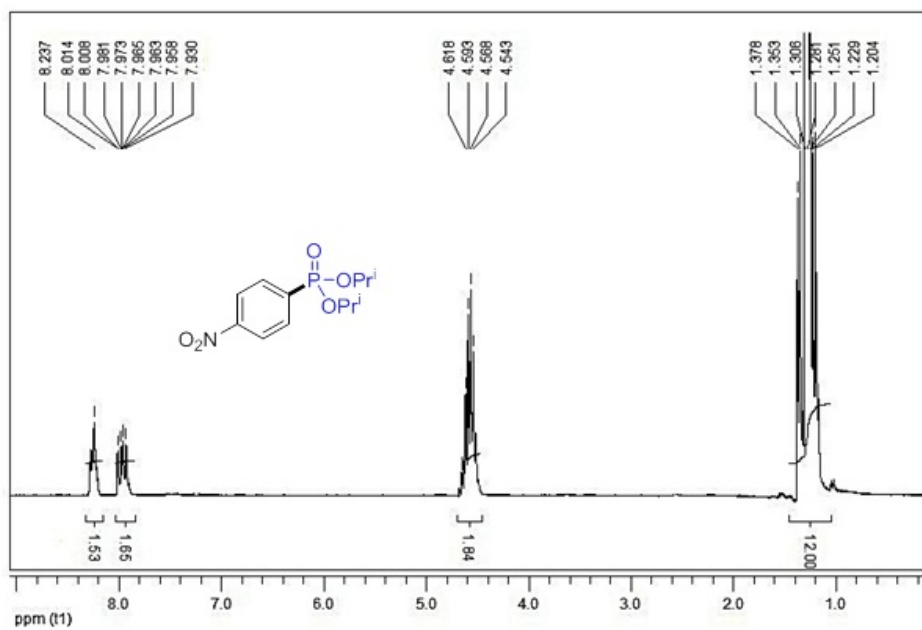
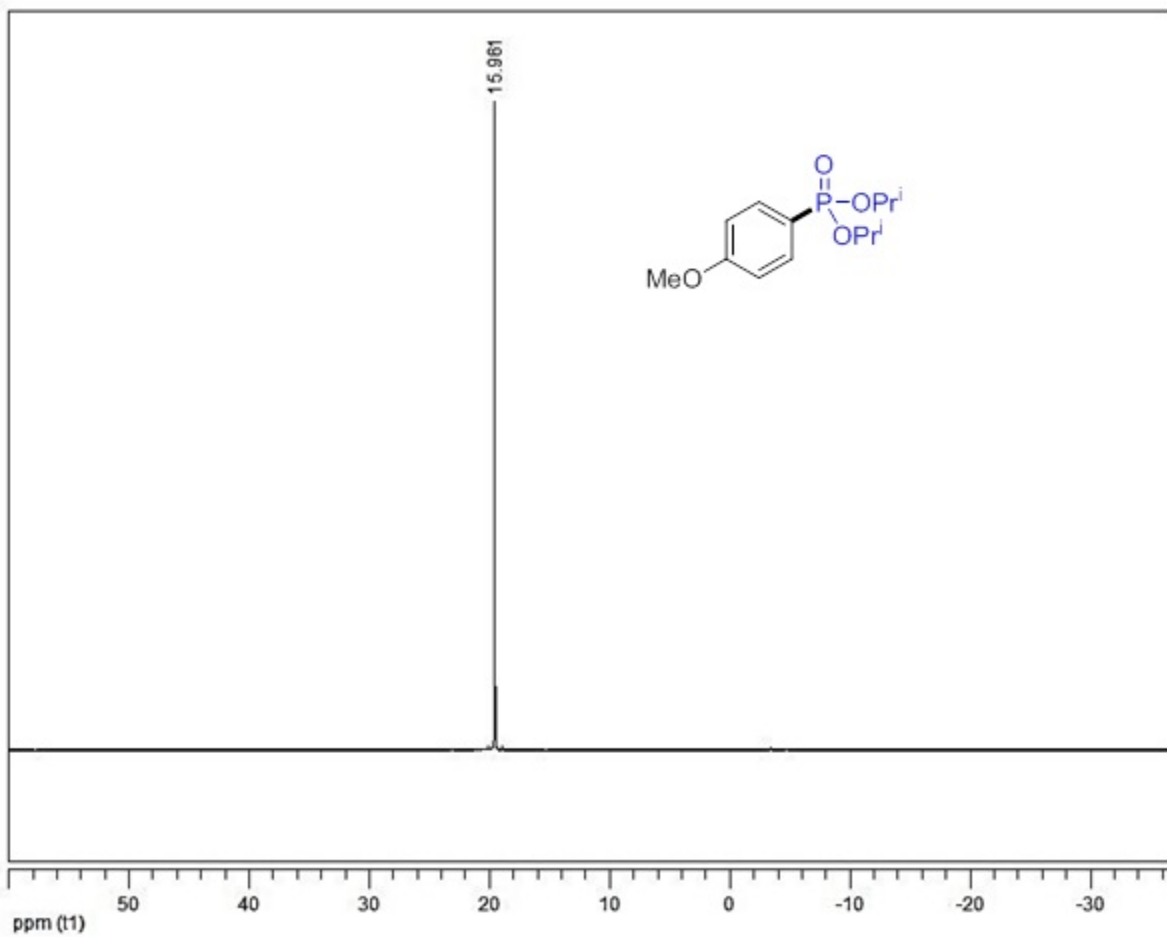


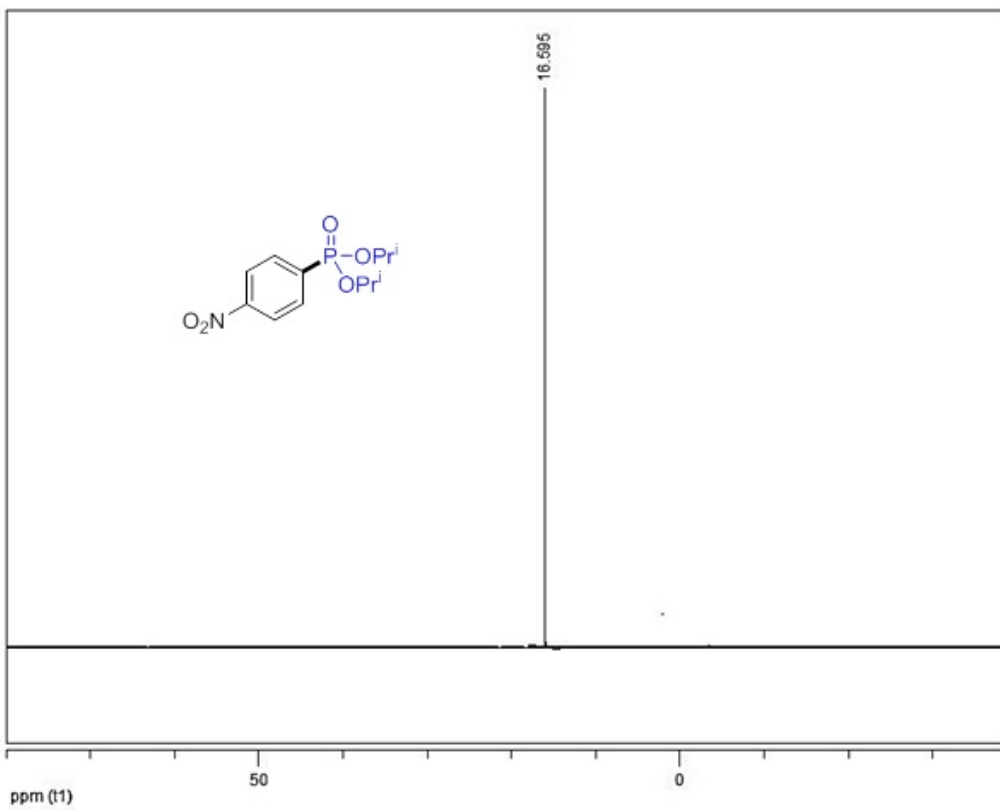
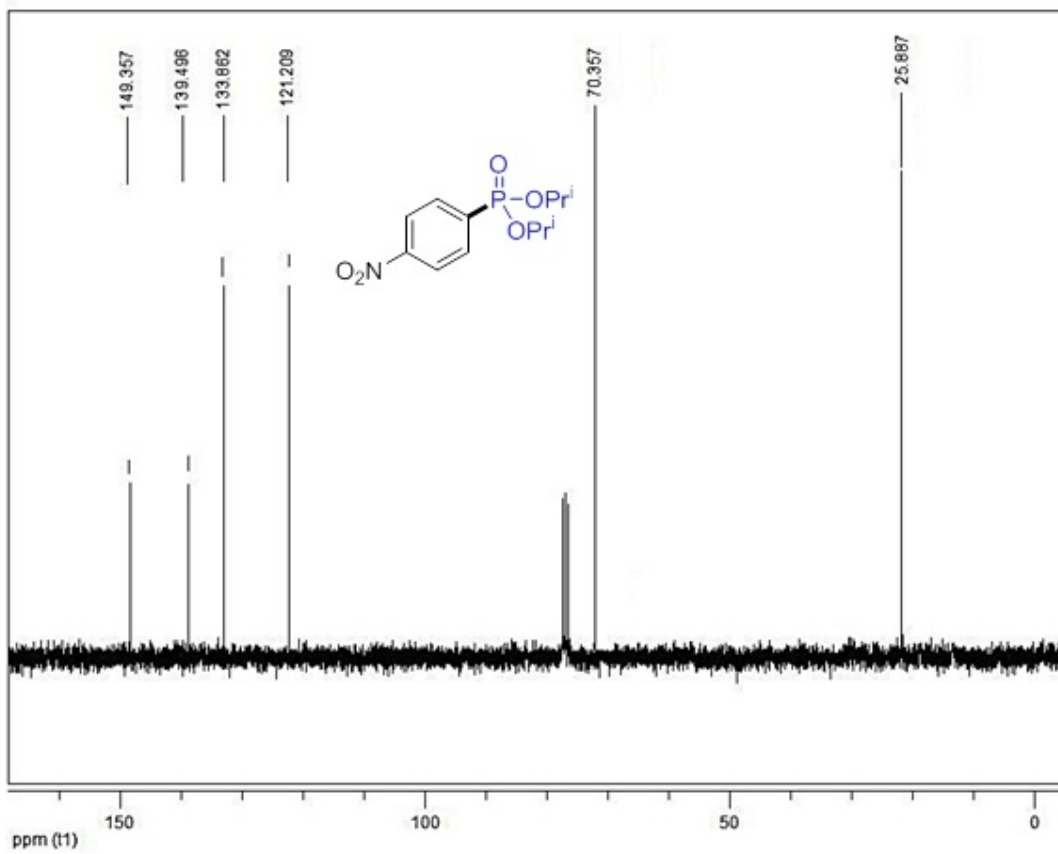


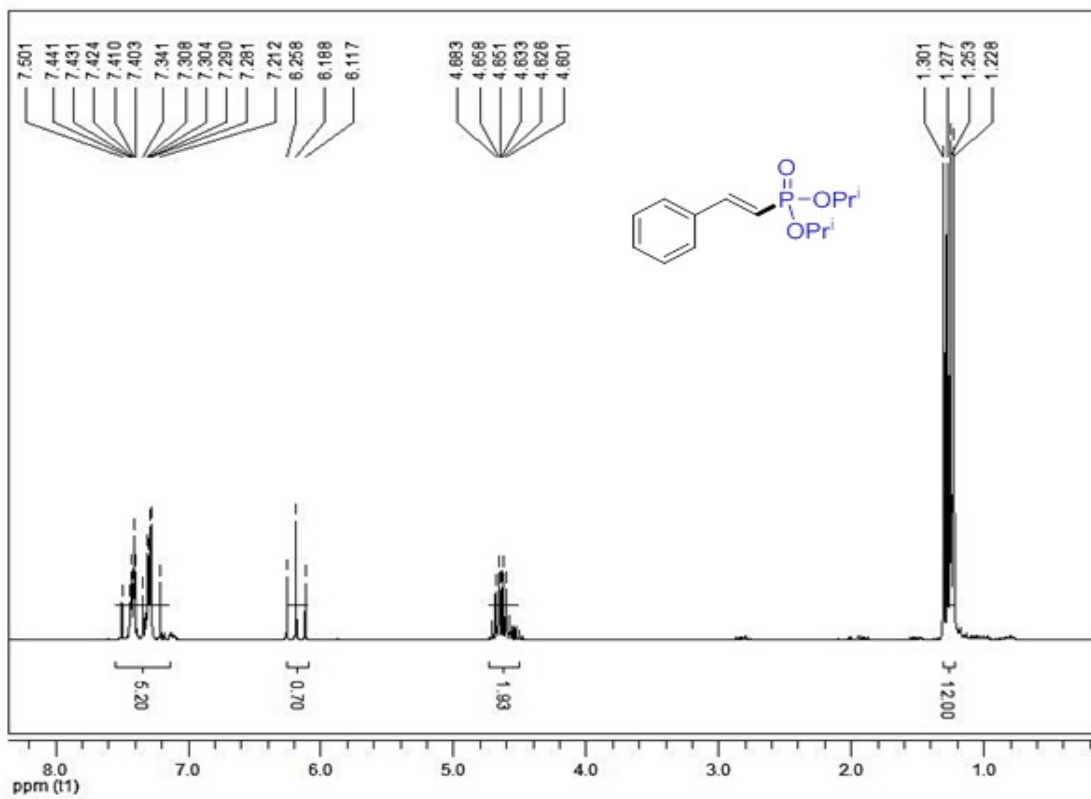
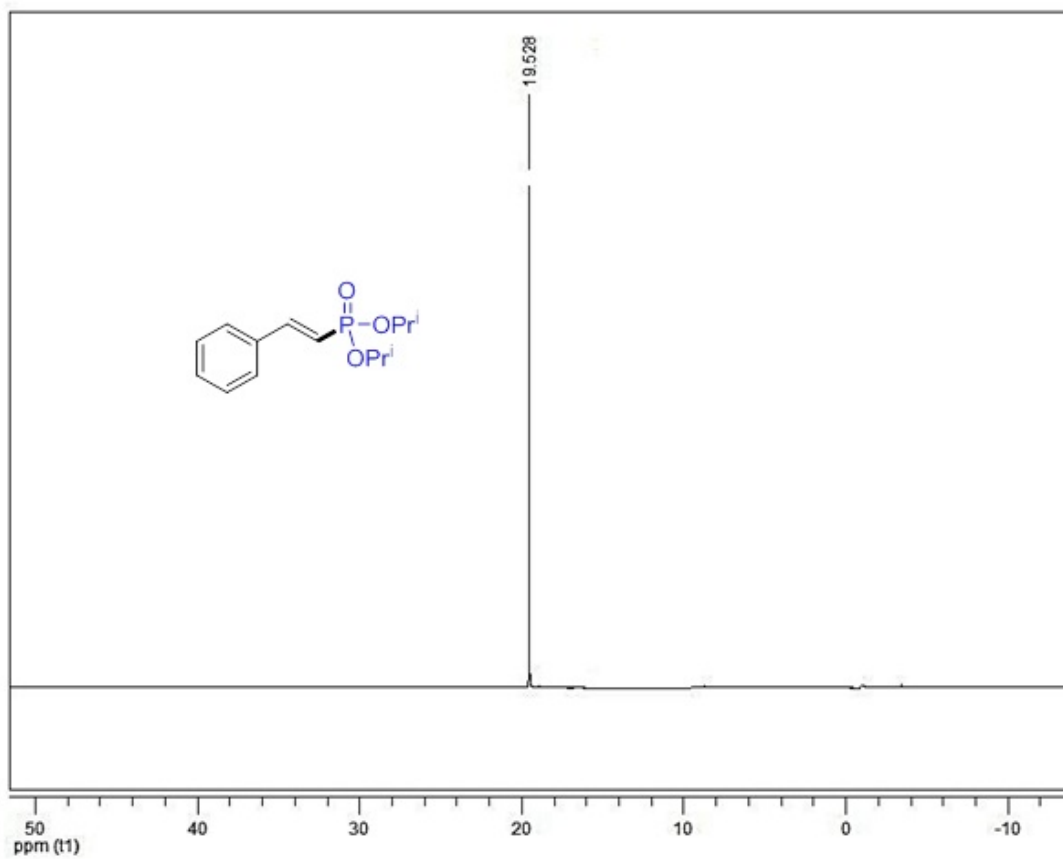


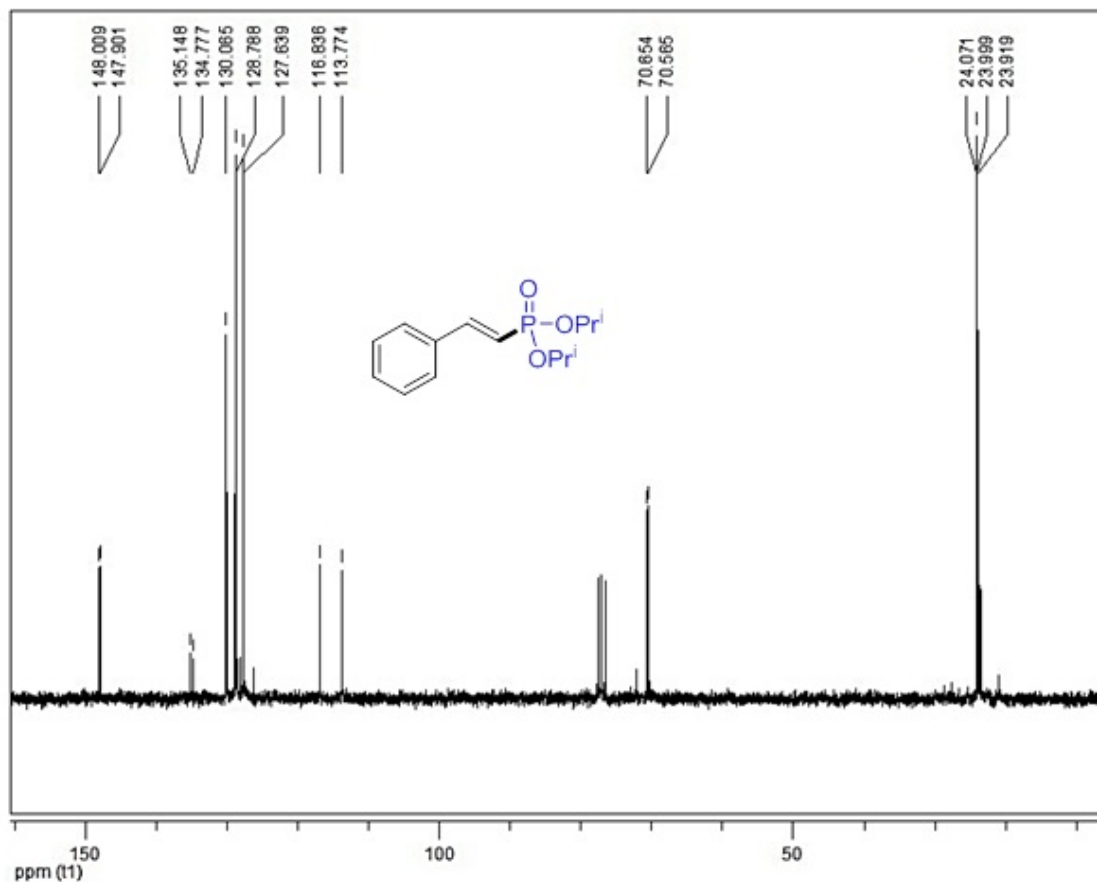












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