

## Supplementary data

# Synthesis of $\beta$ -ketoesters from renewable resources and Meldrum's acid

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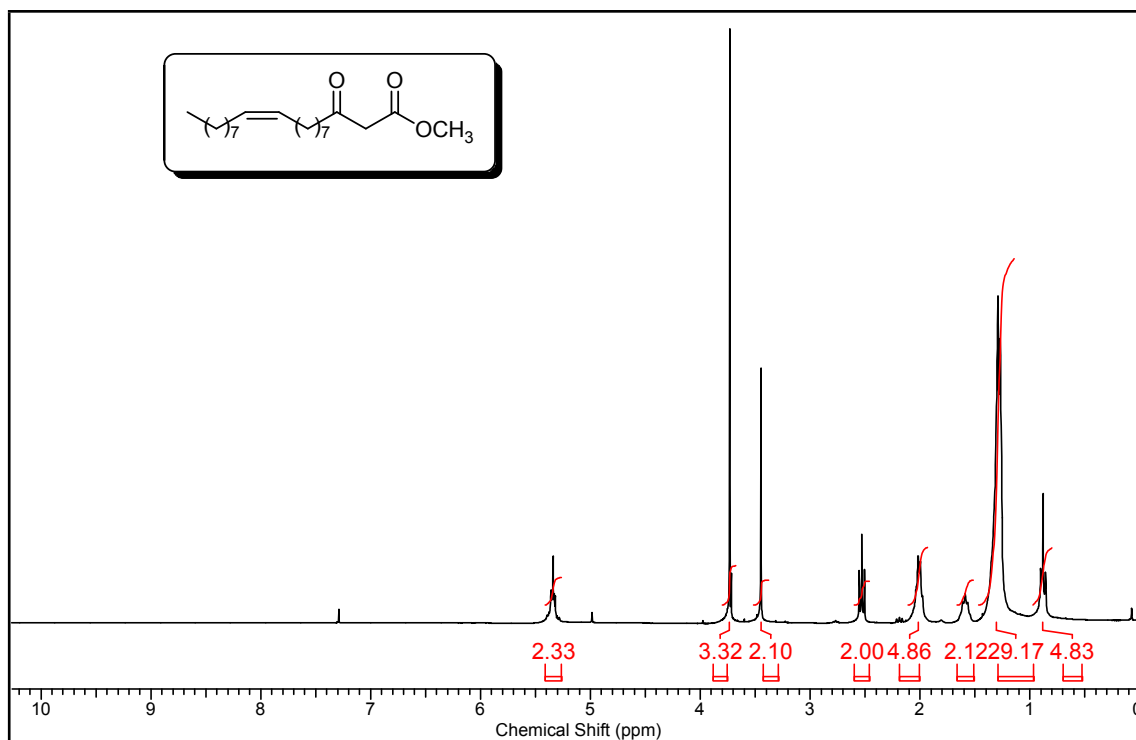
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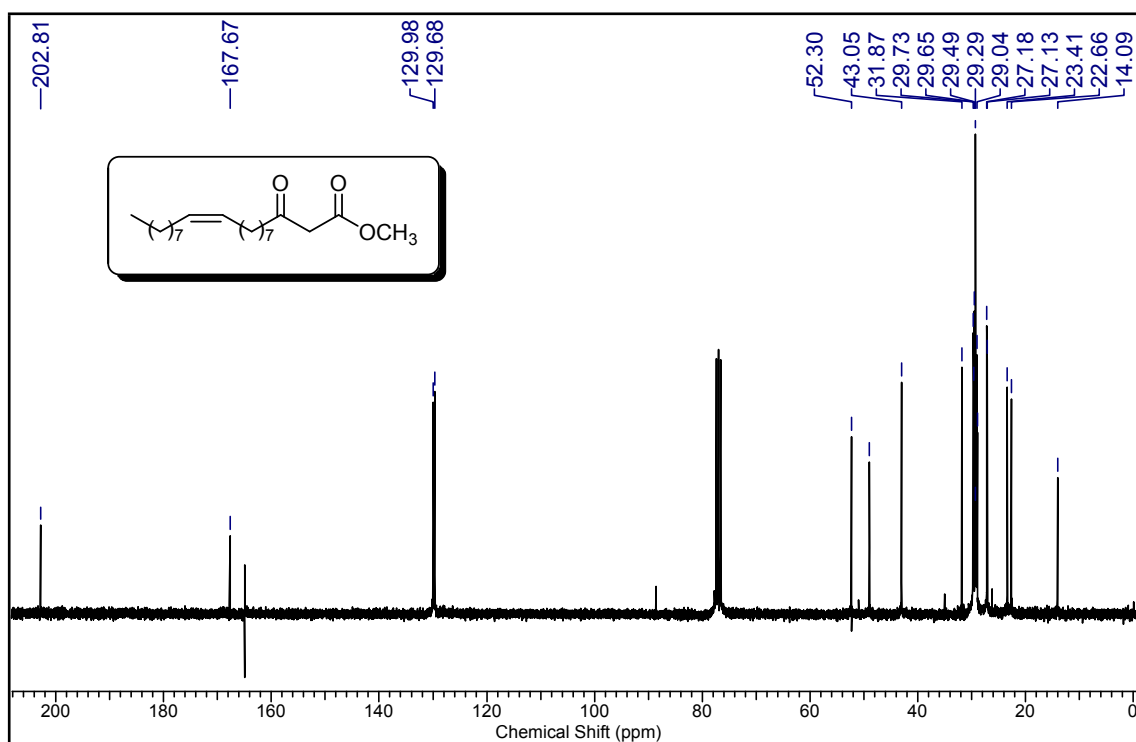
### ~~General Considerations~~ —

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**Chemistry.** All solvents and reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers (Synth, Brazil; and Sigma Aldrich, United States). Column chromatography was performed with Silica Gel 60 A (ACROS Organics 0.035–0.070 mesh). The reactions were monitored using thin-layer chromatography (TLC), performed with plates containing silica gel (Merck 60GF<sub>245</sub>), and the spots were visualized using iodo. Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically homogeneous materials. Infrared spectra were measured using potassium bromide (KBr) pellets or sodium chloride (NaCl) disks on a Shimadzu-IR PRESTIGIE-21 spectrometer. The NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian VNMRS 300 MHz spectrometer (<sup>1</sup>H at 300 MHz and <sup>13</sup>C at 75.5 MHz, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, UFRGS, Brazil) in deuteriochloroform (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) solution. The chemical shift data are reported in units of  $\delta$  (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS), which was used as an internal standard. Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hz and refer to apparent peak multiplicities.



**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) of **4g**.



**Figure S2.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) of **4g**.

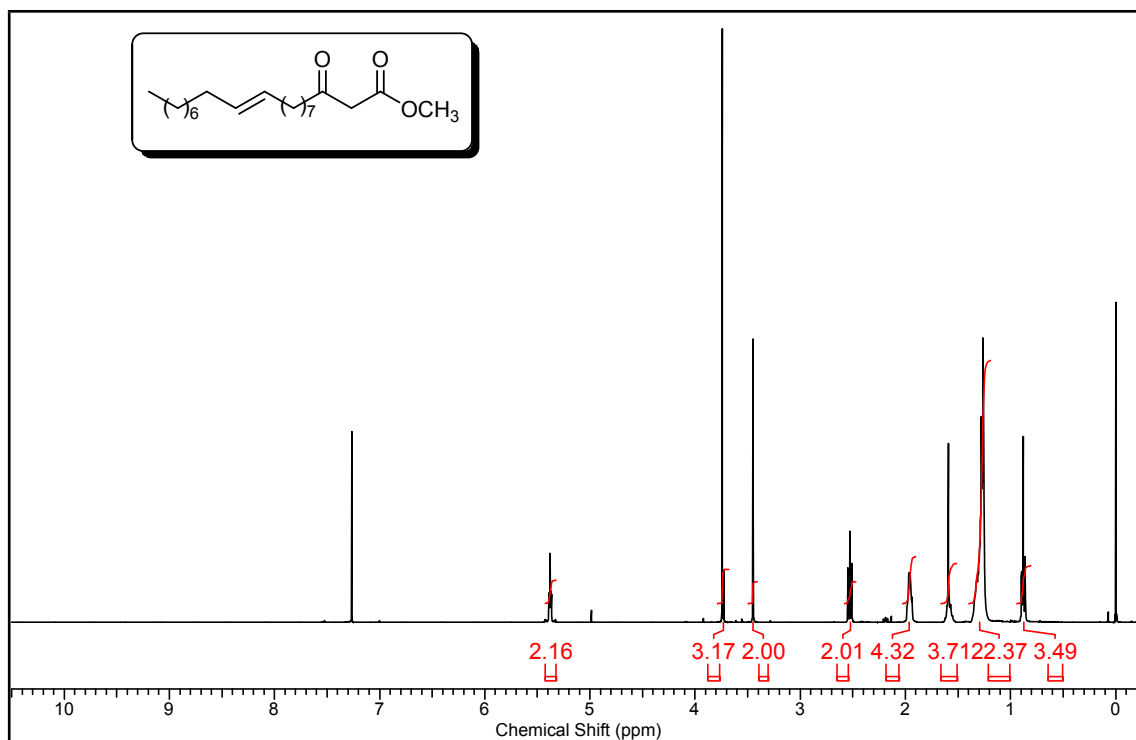


Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) of 4h.

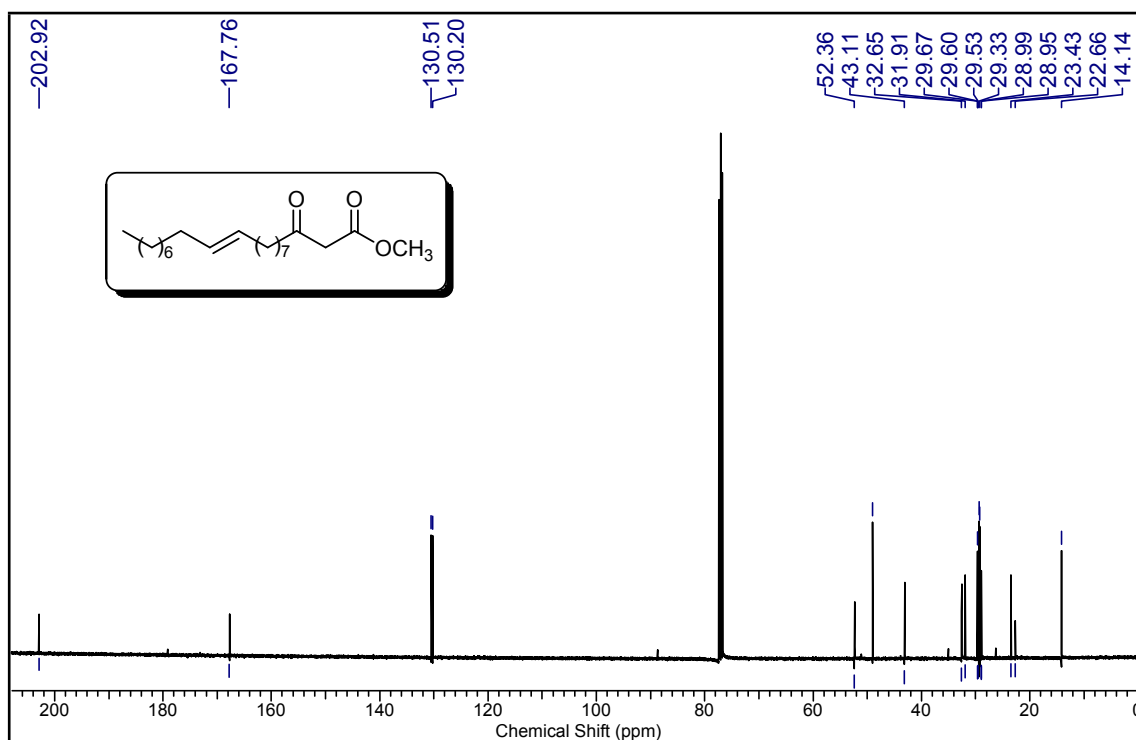


Figure S4. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) of 4h.

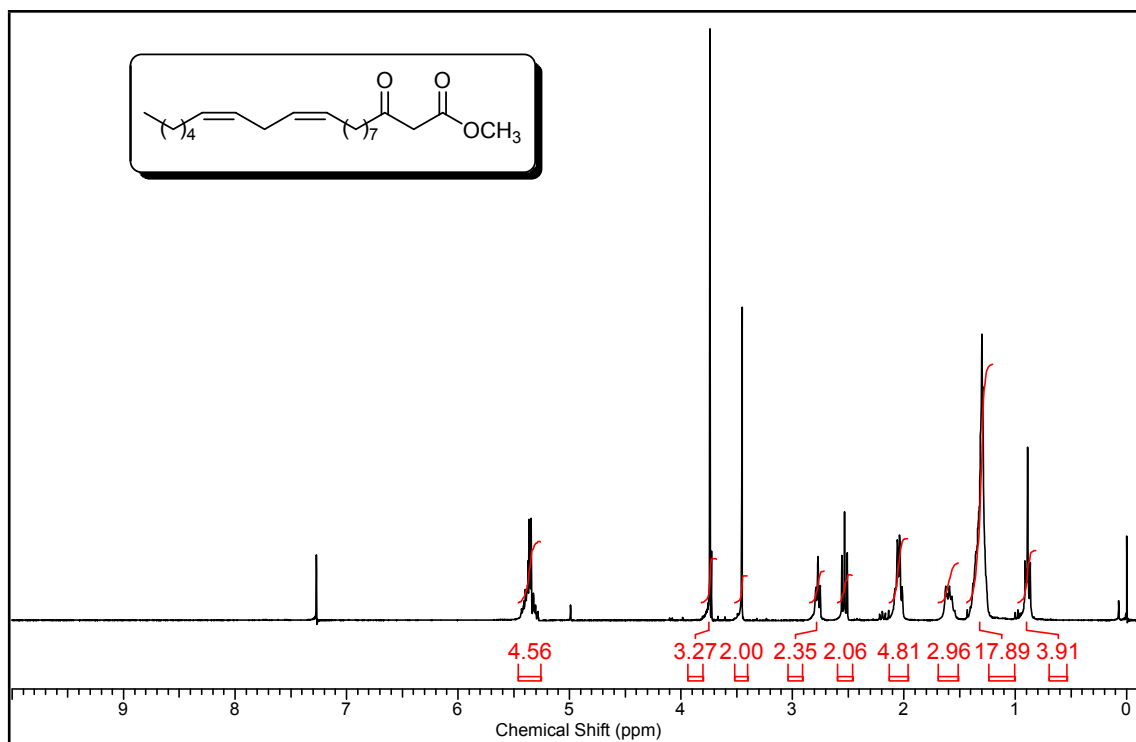


Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) of 4i.

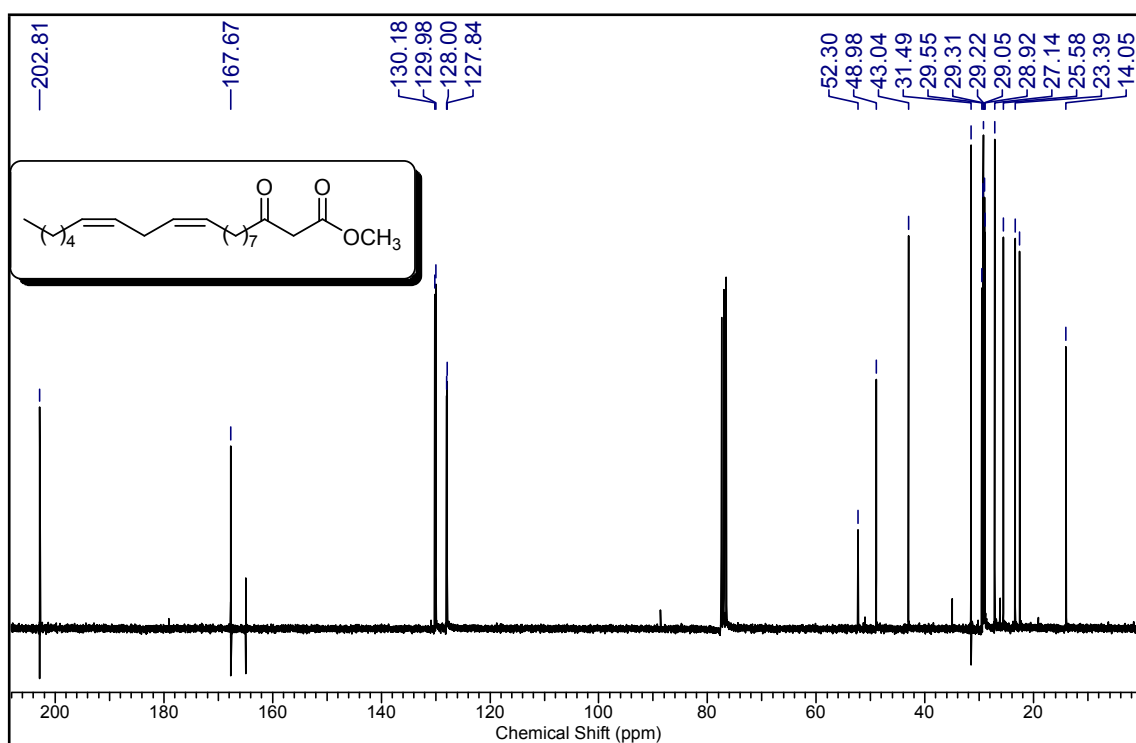


Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) of 4i.

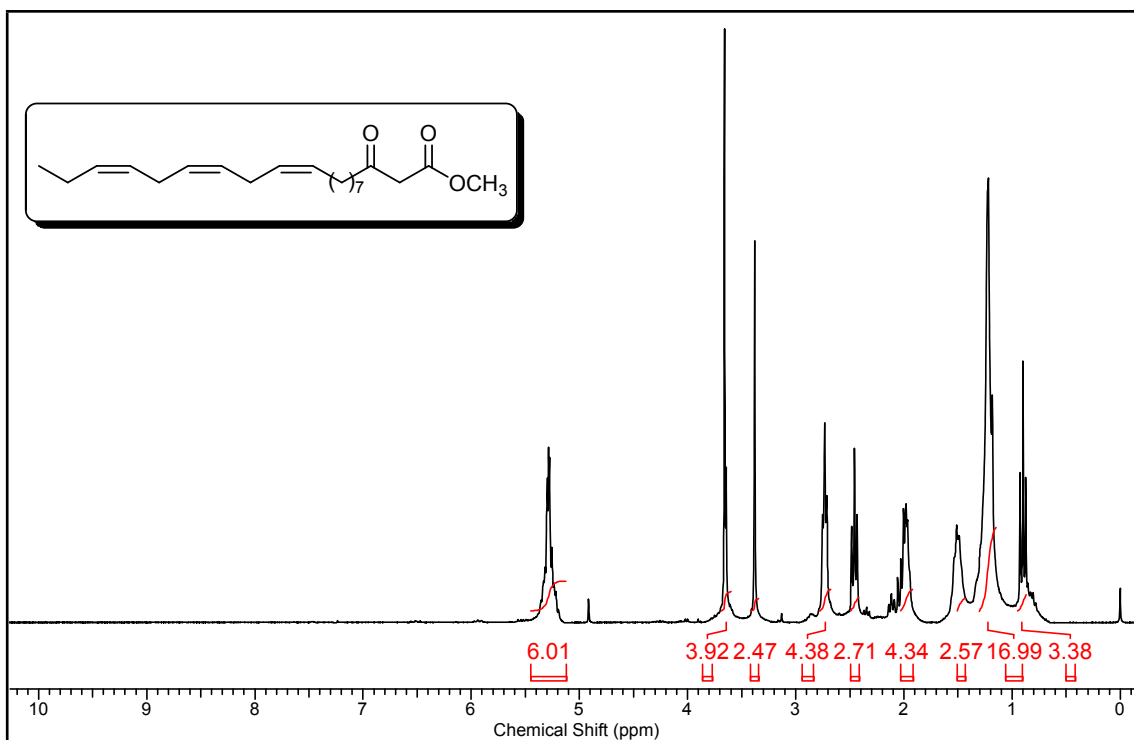


Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) of 4j.

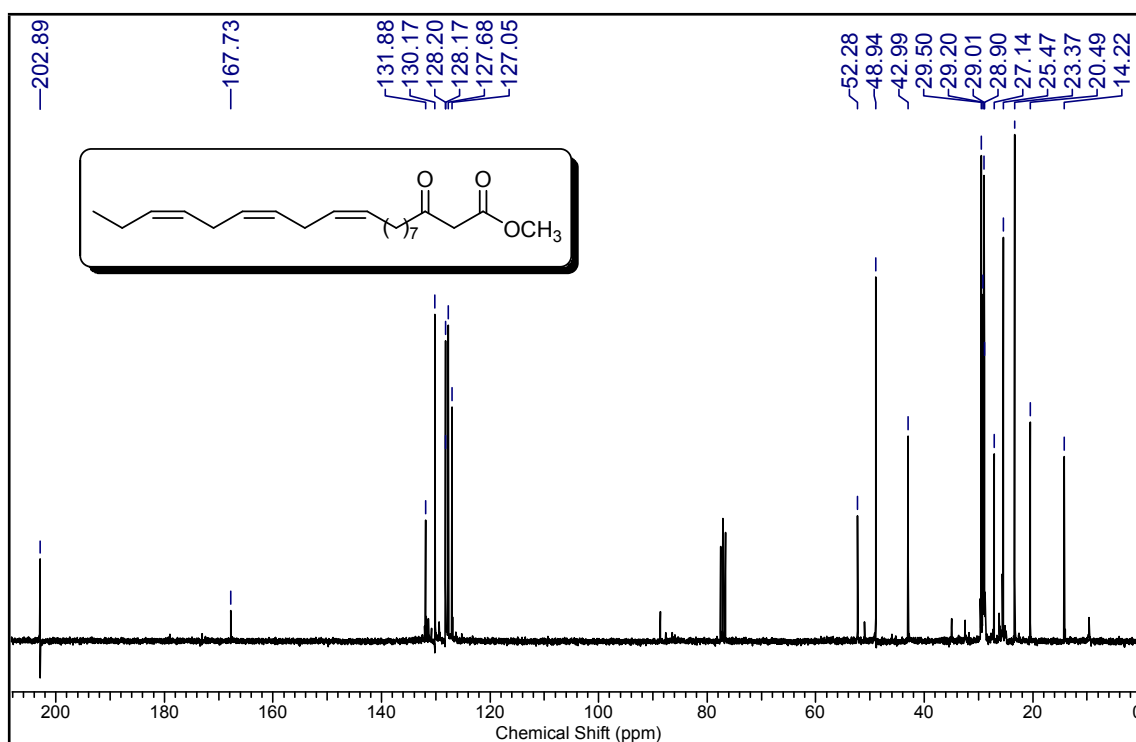
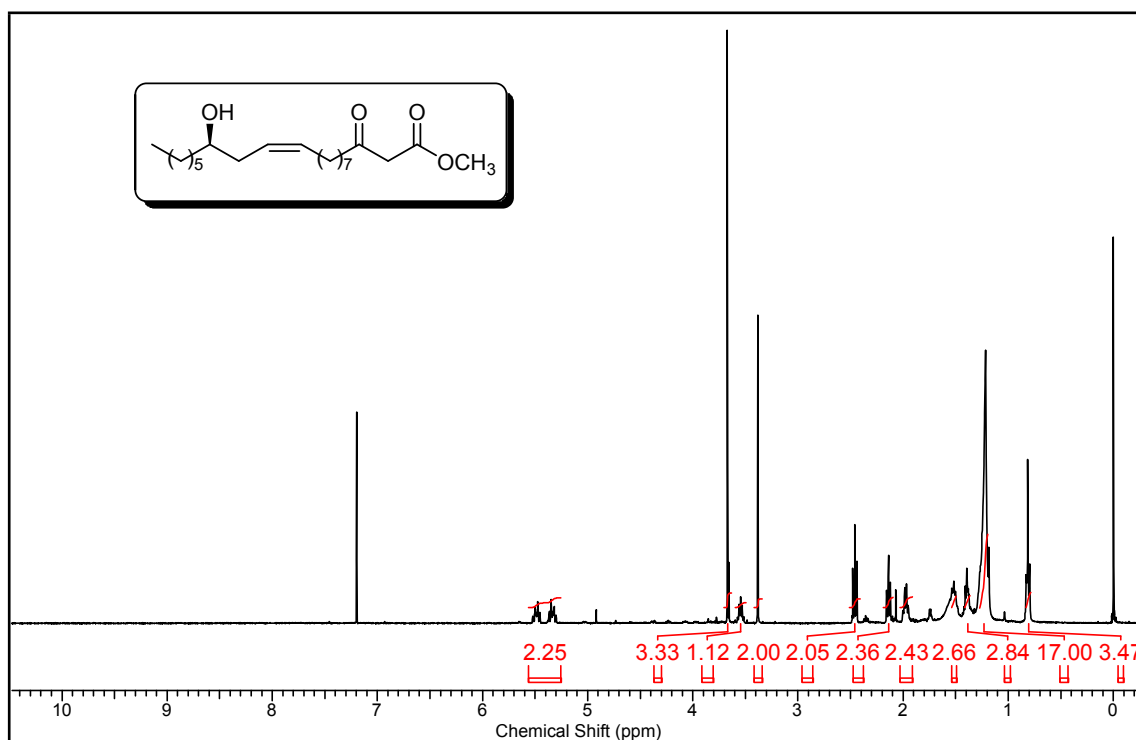
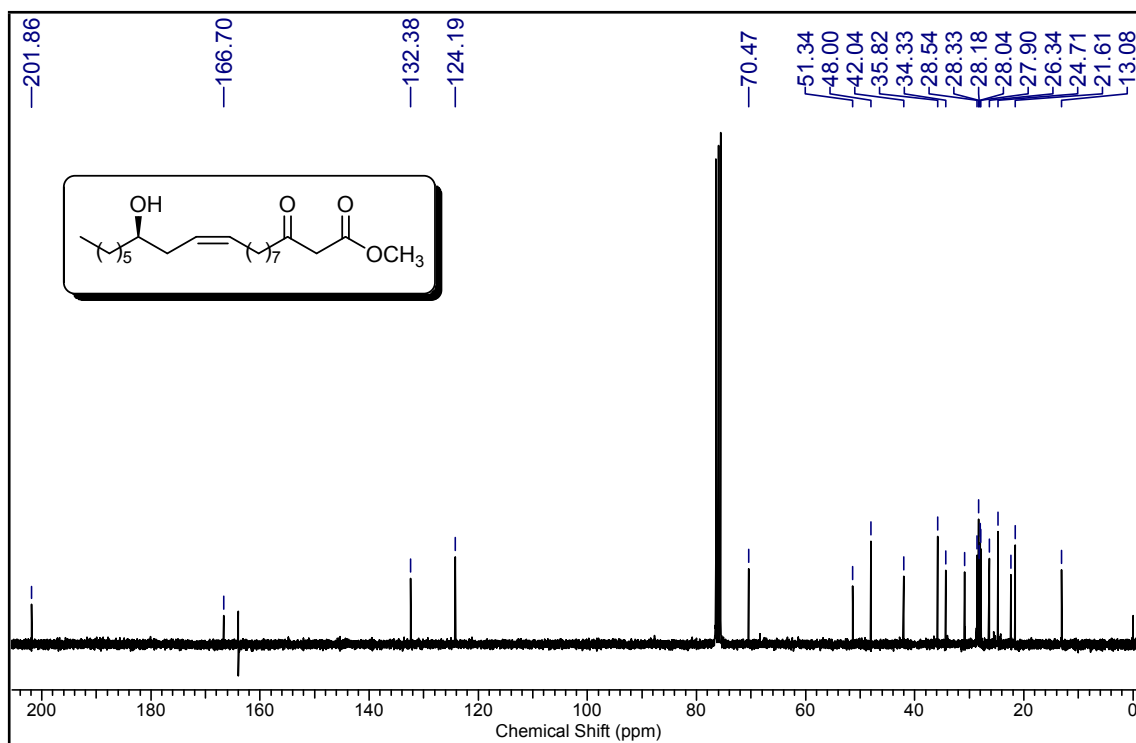


Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) of 4j.



**Figure S9.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) of **4k**.



**Figure S10.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) of **4k**.