

Supporting Information

Mono-carboxylation and Intramolecular Coupling of Butenylated

Arenes via Palladium-Catalyzed C-H Activation Process

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1. General Information

All commercial reagents and solvents were used without further purification. Synthesis of butenylated arenes **1** were undertaken as previously described.¹ The products were purified by column chromatography over silica gel. All ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker spectrometer at 400 MHz. The ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker spectrometer at 376 MHz. The ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker spectrometer at 100 MHz. Chemical shifts (δ value) were reported in ppm down field from internal tetramethylsilane(TMS). IR spectra (Film) were recorded on a Nicolet 6700 spectrophotometer in the range of 400~4000 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) Mass Spectra were recorded on a Waters LCT Premier mass spectrometer with electrospray ionization. HRMS (EI) Mass Spectra were recorded on a Waters GCT Premier mass spectrometer with electron impact.

2. Typical procedures

General procedure for the preparation of allylmagnesium bromide²:

Magnesium turnings (2.12g, 88.25 mmol) and spiked with I₂ (trace) were added to a flame dried three-neck 250 mL round-bottom flask assembled with a constant pressure funnel, which had been previously flame dried and allowed to cool under a stream of nitrogen and then, anhydrous THF (50 mL) was added in using syringe. Freshly distilled THF (50 mL) mixed with allyl bromide (4.73g, 35.3 mmol) in the constant pressure funnel were slowly added to the flask. After several minutes, the reaction mixture turned from yellow to turbid gray. Then, the round-bottom flask was cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath. After dropping was finished, the reaction was stirred for 3 hours at the room temperature.

General procedure for the preparation of butenylated arenes **1a-j**¹ (**1a** as an example):

Benzyl bromide (1.0 equiv) and 20 mL anhydrous THF were added to a flame dried 100 mL round-bottom flask assembled with a constant pressure funnel which had been previously flame dried. Allylmagnesium bromide (2.0 equiv) in the constant pressure funnel were added dropwise. The reaction was stirred for 4h at room temperature and then quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and the combined organics were dried over MgSO₄, filtered through celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (eluent: hexane), affording the desired product as a clear,

colorless oil.

General procedure for the synthesis of 2-tetralyl carboxylate esters (3a as an example):`

A round bottom flask was charged with the corresponding acetic acid (60 mmol, 3.6g) and dissolved with MeCN 4mL. Then, Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol %), Selectfluor (2.8 equiv, 0.99g) and 4-phenyl-1-butene(1 mmol, 0.132g) were subsequently added to the reaction vessel at room temperature. The reaction was stirred overnight at room temperature and then 2mL water was add to the solution.The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3mL×3) and the combined organics were concentrated under reduced pressure, the resulting crude product was purified by conventional flash chromatography (petroleum ether/AcOEt 50/1).

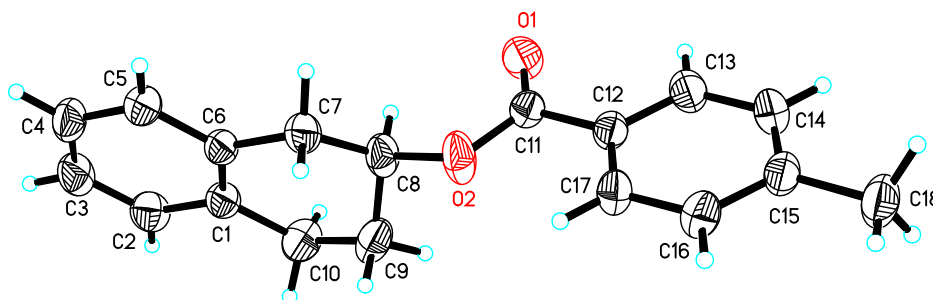
General procedure for screening the optimized conditions

A round bottom flask was charged with a certain amount of acetic acid and dissolved with solvent 4 mL. Then, Pd(OAc)₂, Selectfluor and 4-phenyl-1-butene (1 mmol, 0.132 g) were subsequently added to the reaction vessel and stirred overnight. Entry 1, 2, 5 generate no product which were determined by ¹H NMR. The yields of 3, 4, 7, 8 were determined by ¹H NMR analysis with mesitylene as internal standard. The reactions of entry 6, 9-25 were stirred overnight and then 2 mL water was add to the solution. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL×3) and the combined organics were concentrated under reduced pressure, the resulting crude product was purified by conventional flash chromatography (petroleum ether/AcOEt 50/1).

Entry	2a (equiv)	Selectfluor (equiv)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (mol %)	Solvent	Temp (°C)	Yield (%)
1	70	2.5	10	EA	rt	n.r
2	70	2.5	10	DCM	rt	n.r
3	70	2.5	10	acetone	rt	4.6
4	70	2.5	10	toluene	rt	5.3
5	70	2.5	10	MeOH	rt	n.r
6	70	2.5	10	MeCN	rt	68
7	2	2.5	10	MeCN	rt	1.2
8	10	2.5	10	MeCN	rt	9.5
9	40	2.5	10	MeCN	rt	48
10	60	2.5	10	MeCN	rt	69
11	90	2.5	10	MeCN	rt	51
12	60	2.5	1	MeCN	rt	41
13	60	2.5	5	MeCN	rt	70
14	60	2.5	15	MeCN	rt	66
15	60	2.5	5	MeCN	0	53

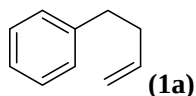
16	60	2.5	5	MeCN	40	40
17	60	2.5	5	MeCN	50	56
18	60	2.5	5	MeCN	60	28
19	60	1.5	5	MeCN	r.t	44
20	60	2.0	5	MeCN	r.t	62
21	60	2.4	5	MeCN	r.t	65
22	60	2.7	5	MeCN	r.t	80
23	60	2.8	5	MeCN	r.t	83
24	60	2.9	5	MeCN	r.t	82
25	60	3.0	5	MeCN	r.t	79

3. X-ray diffraction parameters and data for 3h (cd: 214686)

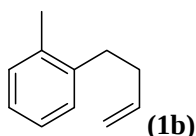


Identification code	cd214686
Empirical formula	C ₁₈ H ₁₈ O ₂
Formula weight	266.32
Temperature	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P 2 ₁ /c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 14.0260(15) Å a = 90°.
	b = 8.7035(9) Å b = 104.008(2)°.
	c = 12.0599(12) Å c = 90°.
Volume	1428.4(3) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.238 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.079 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	568
Crystal size	0.211 x 0.165 x 0.123 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	2.778 to 25.999°.
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 17, -9 ≤ k ≤ 10, -14 ≤ l ≤ 14
Reflections collected	8430
Independent reflections	2807 [R(int) = 0.0302]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.7 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7457 and 0.6495
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	2807 / 0 / 182
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.065
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0500, wR2 = 0.1330
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0777, wR2 = 0.1469
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.145 and -0.141 e.Å ⁻³

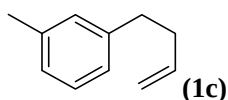
4. Analytical Data for the Products



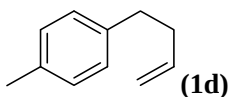
4-Phenyl-1-butene 1a (2.3 g, 97% yield): A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.29-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 3H), 5.89-5.80 (m, 1H), 5.06-4.96 (m, 2H), 2.70 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.40-2.33 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 141.98, 138.21, 128.56, 128.42, 125.94, 115.04, 35.67, 35.52.



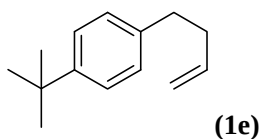
4-(2-Methylphenyl)-1-butene 1b (2.4 g, 94% yield): A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.13-7.07 (m, 4H), 5.91-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.08-4.97 (m, 2H), 2.71-2.64 (m, 2H), 2.34-2.28 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 140.09, 138.33, 135.91, 130.23, 128.86, 126.06, 126.01, 114.91, 24.44, 32.83, 19.38.



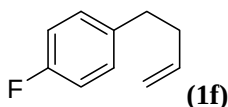
4-(3-Methylphenyl)-1-butene 1c (2.3 g, 92% yield): A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.15-7.13 (m, 1H), 6.99 (s, 3H), 5.89-5.80 (m, 1H), 5.06-4.95 (m, 2H), 2.66-2.63 (m, 2H), 2.35-2.30 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 141.90, 138.27, 137.86, 129.35, 128.30, 126.67, 125.54, 114.91, 35.71, 35.46, 21.50.



4-(4-Methylphenyl)-1-butene 1d (2.3 g, 90% yield): A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.18-7.12 (m, 4H), 5.96-5.87 (m, 1H), 5.13-5.02 (m, 2H), 2.74 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.45-2.39 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 138.91, 138.33, 135.32, 129.11, 128.43, 114.94, 35.79, 35.08, 21.13.

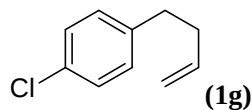


4-(4-tert-Butylphenyl)-1-butene 1e (3.3 g, 94% yield): A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.30 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.90-5.81 (m, 1H), 5.08-4.95 (m, 2H), 2.67 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.39-2.33 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 9 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 148.68, 138.94, 138.43, 128.20, 125.32, 114.91, 35.65, 34.99, 34.48, 31.58.

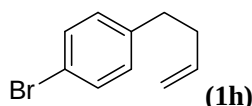


4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-butene 1f (2.5 g, 93% yield): A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.04-6.98 (m, 2H), 5.93-5.85 (m, 1H), 5.12-5.02 (m, 2H), 2.73 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz,

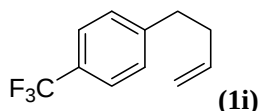
2H), 2.43-2.37 (m, 2H); ^{19}F NMR (367 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -117.71 (s, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 161.41 (d, J = 241.0 Hz), 137.89, 137.54 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 129.87 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 115.24 (d, J = 4.2 Hz), 115.01, 35.75, 34.66.



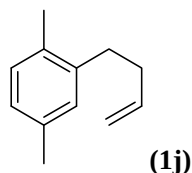
4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-butene 1g (2.5 g, 85% yield): A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.84-5.76 (m, 1H), 5.04-4.95 (m, 2H), 2.65 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.35-2.29 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 140.30, 137.66, 131.61, 129.87, 128.45, 115.35, 35.43, 34.76.



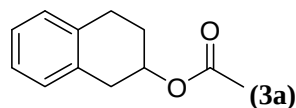
4-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-butene 1h (3.3 g, 88% yield): A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.90-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.11-5.02 (m, 2H), 2.70 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45-2.39 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 140.80, 137.64, 131.40, 130.29, 119.64, 115.39, 35.36, 34.81.



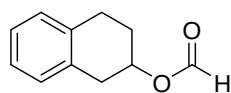
4-(4-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-butene 1i (3.1 g, 87% yield): A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.92-5.81 (m, 1H), 5.11-5.02 (m, 2H), 2.80 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45-2.39 (m, 2H); ^{19}F NMR (367 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -62.84 (s, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 146.09, 137.50, 128.90, 128.38 (q, J = 32.1, 64.2 Hz), 125.36 (q, J = 3.8, 7.6 Hz), 115.59, 35.30, 35.25.



2-(but-3-en-1-yl)-1,4-dimethylbenzene 1j (2.3 g, 82% yield): A colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.19-7.07 (m, 3H), 6.10-6.02 (m, 1H), 5.25-5.13 (m, 2H), 2.82-2.77 (m, 2H), 2.45-2.41 (m, 8H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 139.96, 138.46, 135.32, 132.75, 130.17, 129.70, 126.74, 114.81, 34.59, 32.89, 21.08, 18.91.

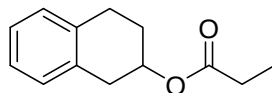


1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl acetate 3a (157.8 mg, 83% yield): A lightyellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.12-7.03 (m, 4H), 5.22-5.16 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 4.8, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.95-2.80 (m, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 2.07-1.86 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 170.69, 135.50, 133.62, 129.31, 128.59, 126.03, 125.92, 69.70, 34.52, 27.76, 26.41, 21.36; IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 3062, 3021, 2960, 2849, 1736, 1604, 1582, 1495, 1453, 1438, 1247, 1109, 1034, 802, 748; HRMS-ESI (m/z) ($M+\text{Na}$) *calcd.* for ($\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_2$): 213.0891, *found* 213.0893.



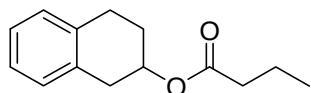
(3b)

1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl formate 3b (149.7 mg, 85% yield): A light yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.13-7.03 (m, 4H), 5.36-5.30 (m, 1H), 3.10 (dd, J = 5.2, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.96-2.81 (m, 3H), 2.09-1.93 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 160.72, 135.28, 133.17, 129.31, 128.65, 126.21, 126.05, 69.60, 34.42, 27.63, 26.14; IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 3062, 3021, 2930, 2848, 1722, 1604, 1582, 1495, 1453, 1438, 1177, 1111, 747; HRMS-EI (m/z) *calcd.* for ($\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{O}_2$): 130.0783, *found* 130.0775.



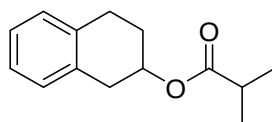
(3c)

1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl propionate 3c (159.2 mg, 78% yield): A light yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.11-7.02 (m, 4H), 5.23-5.16 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 5.2, 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.94-2.79 (m, 3H), 2.30 (q, J = 7.6, 15.2 Hz, 2H), 2.06-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.12 (t, J = 7.6, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 174.04, 135.51, 133.67, 129.27, 128.56, 125.99, 125.89, 69.47, 34.56, 27.82, 26.44, 9.15; IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 3021, 2940, 2850, 1735, 1496, 1458, 1438, 1379, 1188, , 1110, 748; HRMS-EI (m/z) *calcd.* for ($\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$): 204.115, *found* 204.1151.



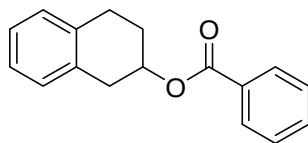
(3d)

1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl butyrate 3d (141.8 mg, 65% yield): A light yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.13-7.03 (m, 4H), 5.25-5.18 (m, 1H), 3.10 (dd, J = 5.2, 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.96-2.77 (m, 3H), 2.27 (t, J = 7.2, 14.8 Hz, 2H), 2.07-1.89 (m, 2H), 1.64 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.6, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 173.38, 135.62, 133.78, 129.36, 128.64, 126.07, 125.97, 69.47, 36.56, 34.66, 27.92, 26.53, 18.59, 13.70; IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 3062, 3020, 2963, 2875, 2848, 1731, 1605, 1582, 1495, 1455, 1437, 1382, 1258, 1108, 1089, 747; HRMS-EI (m/z) *calcd.* for ($\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{-C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$): 130.0783, *found* 130.0775.



(3e)

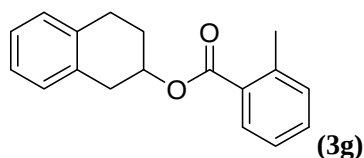
1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl isobutyrate 3e (130.9 mg, 60% yield): A light yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.12-7.03 (m, 4H), 5.22-5.16 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 5.2, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.95-2.81 (m, 3H), 2.57-2.46 (m, 1H), 2.06-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.15 (d, J = 6.8, 3H), 1.14 (d, J = 6.8, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 176.78, 135.58, 133.75, 129.32, 128.60, 126.02, 125.93, 69.33, 34.56, 34.15, 27.83, 26.49, 19.07, 18.98; IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 3062, 3020, 2972, 2875, 2848, 1731, 1495, 1468, 1455, 1387, 1193, 1158, 747; HRMS-ESI (m/z) ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) *calcd.* for ($\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_2$): 241.1204, *found* 241.1207.



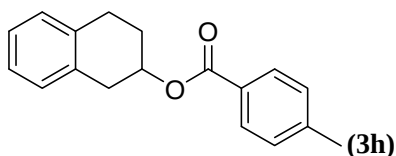
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1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl benzoate 3f (121.0 mg, 48% yield): A light yellow oil; ^1H

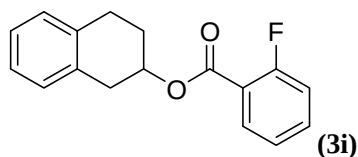
NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.04 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 4H), 5.53-5.46 (m, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 5.2, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.09-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.97-2.89 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.05 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 166.28, 135.70, 133.78, 132.99, 130.73, 129.72, 129.49, 128.77, 128.43, 126.18, 126.10, 70.42, 34.74, 28.04, 26.57; IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 3062, 3022, 2926, 2892, 2845, 1708, 1600, 1582, 1492, 1449, 1272, 1114, 751, 709; HRMS-ESI (m/z) (M+Na) *calcd.* for (C₁₇H₁₆NaO₂): 275.1048, *found* 275.1049.



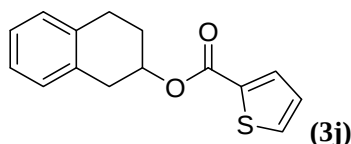
1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 2-methylbenzoate 3g (125.1 mg, 47% yield): A light yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.88-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.08 (m, 4H), 5.49-5.43 (m, 1H), 3.23 (dd, J = 5.2, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.06-2.98 (m, 2H), 2.96-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.22-2.04 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 167.42, 140.11, 135.68, 133.82, 131.99, 131.77, 130.72, 130.18, 129.48, 128.76, 126.18, 126.08, 125.81, 70.28, 34.80, 28.03, 26.62, 21.87; IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 3062, 3021, 2928, 2848, 1716, 1602, 1576, 1493, 1456, 1438, 1380, 1259, 1131, 1082, 787, 740; HRMS-ESI (m/z) (M+Na) *calcd.* for (C₁₈H₁₈NaO₂): 289.1204, *found* 289.1205.



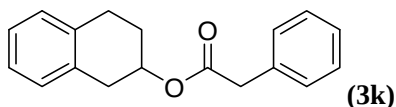
1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 4-methylbenzoate 3h (133.1 mg, 50% yield): A white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 4H), 5.49-5.42 (m, 1H), 3.23 (dd, J = 4.8, 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.07-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.95-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.20-2.04 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 166.40, 143.66, 135.78, 133.90, 129.77, 129.52, 129.16, 128.78, 128.02, 126.16, 126.09, 70.21, 34.79, 28.08, 26.63, 21.80; IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 3063, 3017, 2926, 2852, 1704, 1608, 1574, 1486, 1452, 1370, 1272, 1105, 844, 754, 691; HRMS-ESI (m/z) (M+Na) *calcd.* for (C₁₈H₁₈NaO₂): 289.1204, *found* 289.1204.



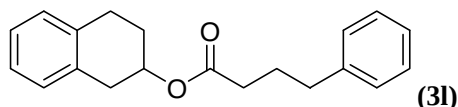
1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 2-fluorobenzoate 3i (124.2 mg, 46% yield): A light yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.08 (m, 4H), 5.51-5.44 (m, 1H), 3.24 (dd, J = 4.8, 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.07-2.99 (m, 2H), 2.96-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.04 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (367 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -112.44 (s, 1F); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 165.14, 162.65 (d, J = 245.5 Hz), 135.59, 133.58, 132.90 (d, J = 7.3 Hz), 130.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 129.49, 128.80, 126.27, 126.16, 125.47 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 120.07 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 116.61 (d, J = 22.8 Hz), 70.97, 34.68, 28.00, 26.54; IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 3077, 3021, 2928, 2850, 1720, 1592, 1486, 1446, 1282, 1204, 1096, 755; HRMS-EI (m/z) *calcd.* for (C₁₇H₁₅FO₂-C₇H₅FO₂): 130.0783, *found* 130.0779.



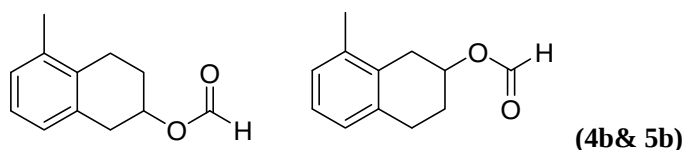
1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl thiophene-2-carboxylate 3j (183.2 mg, 71% yield): A light yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.79 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.07 (m, 5H), 5.47-5.40 (m, 1H), 3.24 (dd, J = 5.2, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.07-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.96-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.04 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 161.99, 135.64, 134.41, 133.67, 133.44, 132.42, 129.46, 128.73, 127.80, 126.19, 126.09, 70.85, 34.71, 28.08, 26.63; IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 3061, 3020, 2859, 2925, 2854, 1699, 1525, 1492, 1423, 1415, 1261, 1093, 750, 729; HRMS-EI (m/z) *calcd.* for ($\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{S}$): 258.0715, *found* 258.0708



1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 2-phenylacetate 3k (218.2 mg, 82% yield): A light yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.31-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.13-7.02 (m, 4H), 5.25-5.18 (m, 1H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 3.09 (dd, J = 4.8, 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.92-2.76 (m, 3H), 2.05-1.88 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 171.35, 135.61, 134.26, 133.67, 129.41, 129.30, 128.69, 128.62, 127.11, 126.14, 126.02, 70.28, 41.75, 34.55, 27.78, 26.41; IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 3062, 3028, 2930, 2847, 1731, 1603, 1583, 1495, 1454, 1436, 1259, 1158, 1049, 747, 709; HRMS-ESI (m/z) ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) *calcd.* for ($\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_2$): 289.1204, *found* 289.1205.

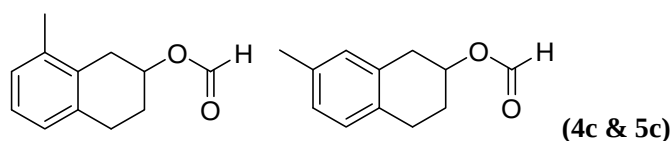


1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 4-phenylbutanoate 3l (120.6 mg, 41% yield): A light yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.25 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.03 (m, 7H), 5.24-5.18 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 4.8, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.94-2.80 (m, 3H), 2.61 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.06-1.89 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 173.15, 141.45, 135.57, 133.68, 129.38, 128.66, 128.54, 128.42, 126.09, 126.00, 125.99, 69.60, 35.16, 34.61, 33.96, 27.85, 26.69, 26.43; IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 3061, 3024, 2935, 2861, 1730, 1603, 1582, 1495, 1454, 1438, 1381, 1248, 1127, 747, 700; HRMS-ESI (m/z) ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) *calcd.* for ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{NaO}_2$): 317.1517, *found* 317.1518.

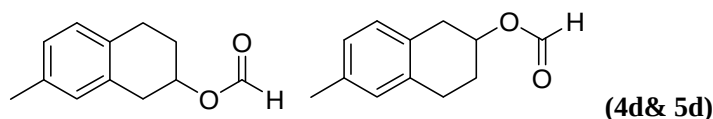


4b & 5b (4b + 5b : 152.0 mg, 80% yield): A light yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : Higher proton peak group for one isomer: 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.14-6.98 (m, 3H), 5.48-5.37 (m, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 5.2, 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.03-2.73 (m, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.20-1.97 (m, 2H); Lower proton peak group for the other isomer: 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.13-6.96 (m, 3H), 5.41-5.35 (m, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 4.4, 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.01-2.72 (m, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.19-1.98 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : Higher ^{13}C peak group for one isomer: 160.95, 136.31, 133.78, 133.04, 127.80, 127.19, 125.91, 69.56, 34.90, 27.65, 23.85, 19.59; Lower ^{13}C peak group for the other isomer: 160.95, 136.78, 135.22, 131.88, 127.58, 126.45, 125.92, 70.20, 32.15, 27.45, 26.68, 19.56; IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 3068, 3021, 2931, 1722, 1589, 1466, 1439, 1378, 1179, 1098, 770; HRMS-ESI (m/z) ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) *calcd.* for

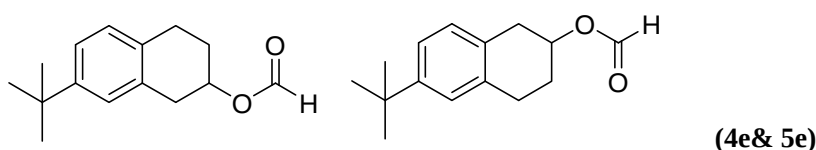
(C₁₂H₁₄NaO₂): 213.0891, *found* 213.0893.



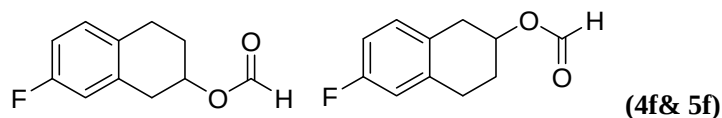
4c or 5c (4c + 5c : 153.9 mg, 81% yield): A light yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : Higher proton peak group for one isomer: 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.15-6.95 (m, 3H), 5.49-5.42 (m, 1H), 3.08 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.04-2.76 (m, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.16-1.99 (m, 2H); Lower proton peak group for the other isomer: 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.15-6.95 (m, 3H), 5.44-5.37 (m, 1H), 3.15 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.04-2.76 (m, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.16-1.99 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : Higher ¹³C peak group for one isomer: 160.76, 136.74, 135.06, 131.88, 127.56, 126.43, 125.89, 70.09, 32.14, 27.45, 26.13, 19.53; Lower ¹³C peak group for the other isomer: 160.76, 135.71, 135.20, 130.06, 129.21, 126.95, 69.82, 34.10, 27.73, 26.13, 20.98; IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 3003, 2927, 2850, 1722, 1616, 1580, 1506, 1439, 1375, 1180, 1122, 808; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*) (*M*+Na) *calcd.* for (C₁₂H₁₄NaO₂): 213.0891, *found* 213.0890.



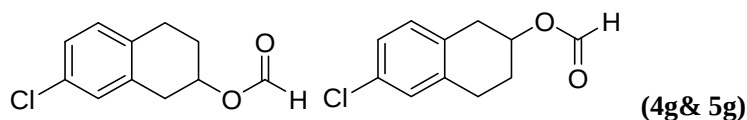
4d or 5d (4d + 5d : 165.3 mg, 87% yield): A light yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : Higher proton peak group for one isomer: 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.05-6.92 (m, 3H), 5.41-5.35 (m, 1H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.00-2.81 (m, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.13-1.97 (m, 2H); Lower proton peak group for the other isomer: 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.05-6.93 (m, 3H), 5.41-5.35 (m, 1H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.00-2.81 (m, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.13-1.97 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : Higher ¹³C peak group for one isomer: 160.83, 135.82, 135.14, 130.12, 129.28, 127.02, 69.90, 34.17, 27.79, 26.18, 21.04; Lower ¹³C peak group for the other isomer: 160.83, 135.62, 133.05, 132.27, 129.90, 128.61, 127.19, 69.85, 34.49, 27.86, 25.81, 21.02; IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 3003, 2927, 2850, 1722, 1616, 1580, 1506, 1439, 1375, 1180, 1122, 808; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*) (*M*+Na) *calcd.* for (C₁₂H₁₄NaO₂): 213.0891, *found* 213.0890.



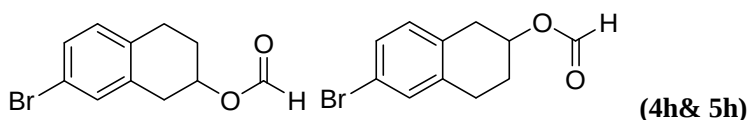
4e or 5e (4e + 5e : 194.9 mg, 84% yield): A light yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : Higher proton peak group for one isomer: 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.19-6.99 (m, 3H), 5.37-5.31 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.99-2.77 (m, 3H), 2.10-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 9H); Lower proton peak group for the other isomer: 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.19-6.99 (m, 3H), 5.37-5.31 (m, 1H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 12 Hz, 1H), 2.99-2.77 (m, 3H), 2.10-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.29 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : Higher ¹³C peak group for one isomer: 160.79, 149.20, 134.77, 130.30, 129.08, 125.47, 123.34, 69.90, 34.79, 34.10, 31.46, 27.86, 26.53; Lower ¹³C peak group for the other isomer: 160.80, 149.03, 132.71, 132.37, 128.43, 126.13, 123.50, 69.90, 34.39, 34.37, 31.46, 27.82, 25.75; IR (Film, cm⁻¹): 3052, 2960, 2868, 1723, 1613, 1575, 1505, 1477, 1393, 1364, 1179, 1138, 838, 817; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*) (*M*+Na) *calcd.* for (C₁₅H₂₀NaO₂): 255.1361, *found* 255.1363.



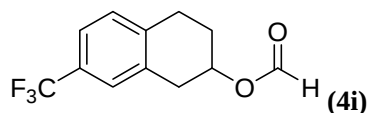
4f or 5f (4f + 5f : 108.6 mg, 56% yield): A light yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : Higher proton peak group for one isomer: 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.08-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.87-6.75 (m, 2H), 5.39-5.32 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, $J = 5.2, 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.99-2.77 (m, 3H), 2.10-1.96 (m, 2H); Lower proton peak group for the other isomer: 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.08-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.87-6.75 (m, 2H), 5.39-5.32 (m, 1H), 3.11 (dd, $J = 5.2, 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.99-2.77 (m, 3H), 2.10-1.96 (m, 2H); ^{19}F NMR (367 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -117.45 (d, $J = 77.8$ Hz, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : Higher ^{13}C peak group for one isomer: 161.34 (d, $J = 242.7$ Hz), 160.76, 137.38 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 130.35 (d, $J = 8$ Hz), 128.73 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 114.96 (d, $J = 20.4$ Hz), 113.32 (d, $J = 21.4$ Hz), 69.46, 33.85, 27.33, 26.26 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz); Lower ^{13}C peak group for the other isomer: 161.23 (d, $J = 242.1$), 160.76, 135.20 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 130.93 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 130.09 (d, $J = 8$ Hz), 115.41 (d, $J = 20.6$ Hz), 113.45 (d, $J = 21.1$ Hz), 69.16, 34.56 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz), 27.65, 25.41; IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 3026, 2933, 2850, 1726, 1616, 1501, 1438, 1261, 1177, 838, 807; HRMS-EI (m/z) *calcd.* for ($\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{FO}_2$): 194.0743, *found* 194.0744.



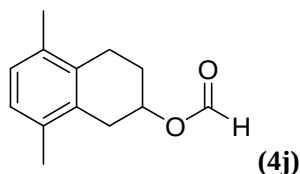
4g or 5g (4g + 5g : 113.4 mg, 54% yield): A light yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : Higher proton peak group for one isomer: 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.09-6.97 (m, 3H), 5.36-5.30 (m, 1H), 3.07 (dd, $J = 4.8, 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.96-2.75 (m, 3H), 2.08-1.94 (m, 2H); Lower proton peak group for the other isomer: 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.09-6.97 (m, 3H), 5.36-5.30 (m, 1H), 3.07 (dd, $J = 4.8, 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.96-2.75 (m, 3H), 2.08-1.94 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : Higher ^{13}C peak group for one isomer: 160.63, 137.17, 133.80, 131.62, 130.58, 128.44, 126.24, 69.14, 33.88, 27.22, 25.89; Lower ^{13}C peak group for the other isomer: 160.63, 135.06, 131.73, 131.51, 129.98, 128.98, 126.38, 68.96, 34.21, 27.37, 25.46; IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 3050, 3020, 2932, 2848, 1722, 1598, 1487, 1460, 1437, 1177, 1121, 808; HRMS-EI (m/z) *calcd.* for ($\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClO}_2$): 210.0448, *found* 210.0447.



4h or 5h (4h + 5h : 127.0 mg, 50% yield): A light yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : Higher proton peak group for one isomer: 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.98-6.91 (m, 1H), 5.37-5.30 (m, 1H), 3.05 (dd, $J = 5.2, 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.97-2.74 (m, 3H), 2.07-1.94 (m, 2H); Lower proton peak group for the other isomer: 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.98-6.91 (m, 1H), 5.37-5.30 (m, 1H), 3.08 (dd, $J = 4.8, 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.97-2.74 (m, 3H), 2.07-1.94 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : Higher ^{13}C peak group for one isomer: 160.65, 137.62, 131.97, 131.43, 130.94, 129.16, 119.84, 69.08, 33.97, 27.23, 25.84; Lower ^{13}C peak group for the other isomer: 160.64, 135.51, 134.35, 132.17, 130.34, 129.31, 119.55, 68.94, 34.16, 27.33, 25.54; IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 3048, 3015, 2931, 2847, 1722, 1592, 1484, 1460, 1436, 1176, 1077, 860, 806; HRMS-EI (m/z) *calcd.* for ($\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrO}_2$): 253.9942, *found* 253.9946, 255.9936.

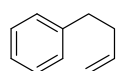


6-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-3-yl formate 4i (90.3 mg, 37% yield): A light yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 4 Hz, 1H), 5.43-5.37 (m, 1H), 3.17 (dd, J = 4.8 Hz, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.06-2.85 (m, 3H), 2.10-2.04 (m, 2H); ^{19}F NMR (367 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -62.39 (s, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 160.70, 139.60, 134.04, 129.33, 128.58 (q, J = 32.0, 64.1 Hz), 126.35 (q, J = 3.8, 7.7 Hz), 123.06 (q, J = 3.7, 7.4 Hz), 68.91, 34.41, 27.26, 25.99; IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 2935, 2851, 1725, 1621, 1586, 1503, 1429, 1332, 1299, 1180, 1122, 1074, 868, 841; HRMS-EI (m/z) *calcd.* for ($\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{O}_2$): 198.0656, *found* 198.0656.

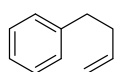
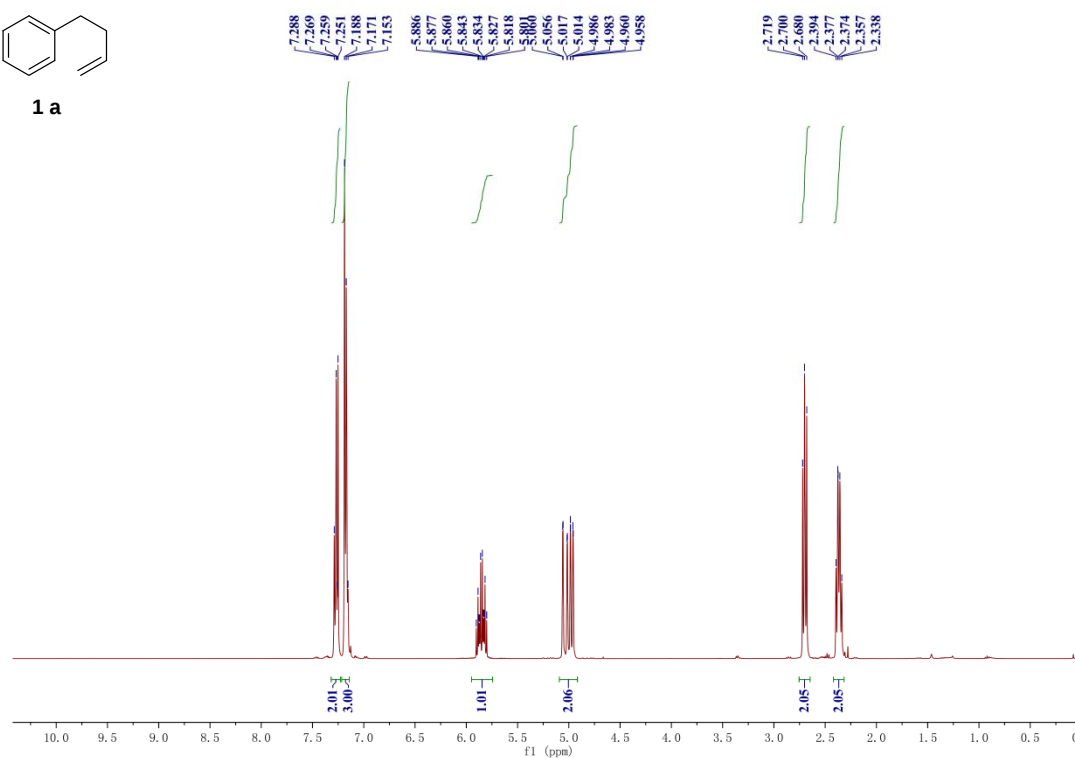


1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-5,8-dimethylnaphthalen-2-yl formate 4j (91.8 mg, 45% yield): A light yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.13 (s, 1H), 6.99 (s, 2H), 5.45-5.38 (m, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 5.2, 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.92-2.71 (m, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.18-2.01 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 160.88, 134.28, 133.74, 131.79, 127.44, 127.39, 69.89, 32.56, 27.34, 24.28, 19.56, 19.53; IR (Film, cm^{-1}): 3066, 3013, 2931, 2867, 1722, 1600, 1502, 1477, 1462, 1379, 1181, 1055, 834, 810; HRMS-ESI (m/z) ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) *calcd.* for ($\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_2$): 227.1048, *found* 227.1046.

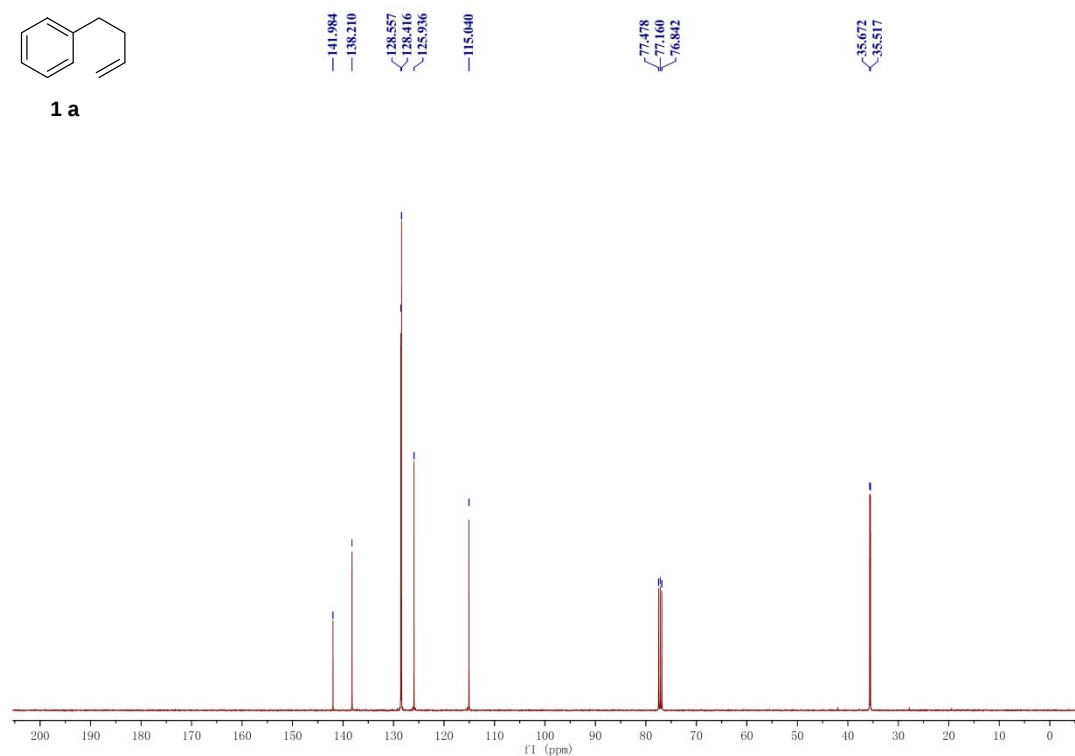
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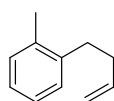


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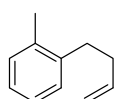
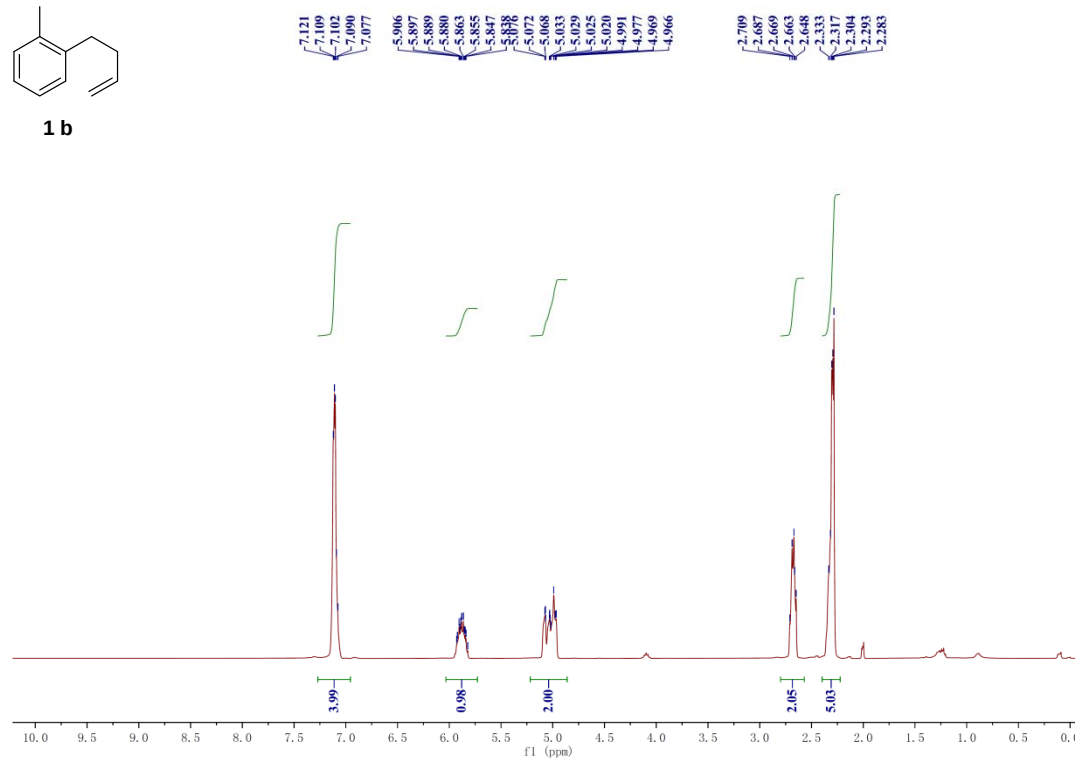


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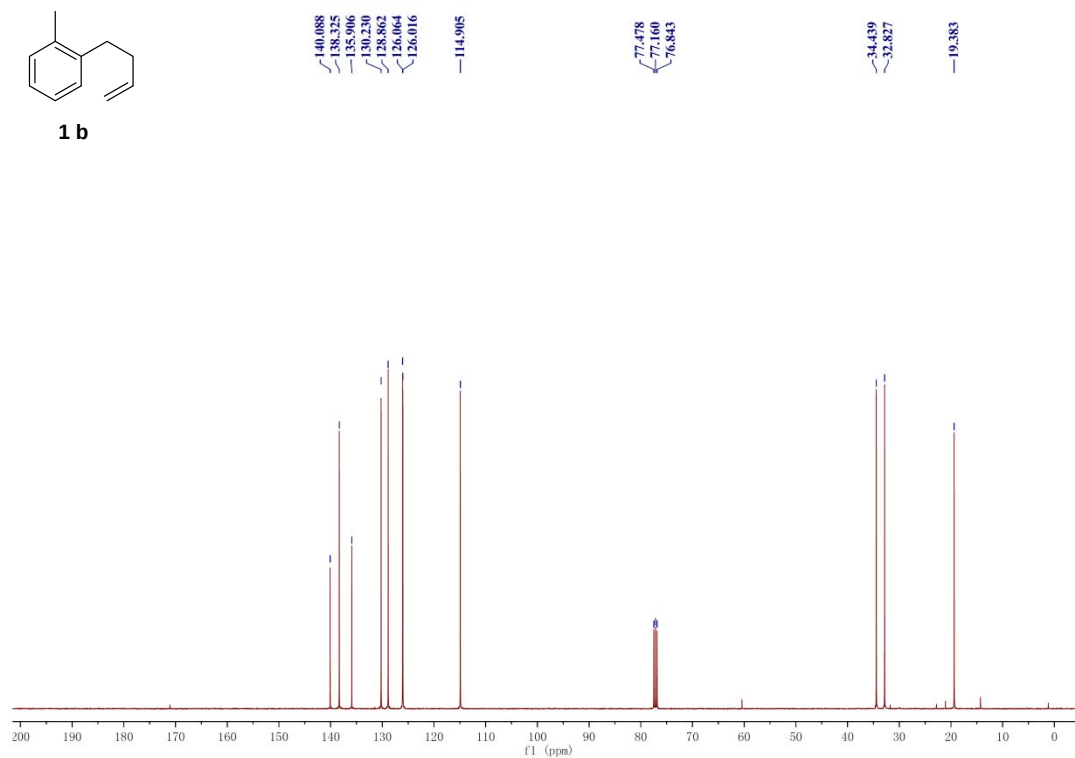
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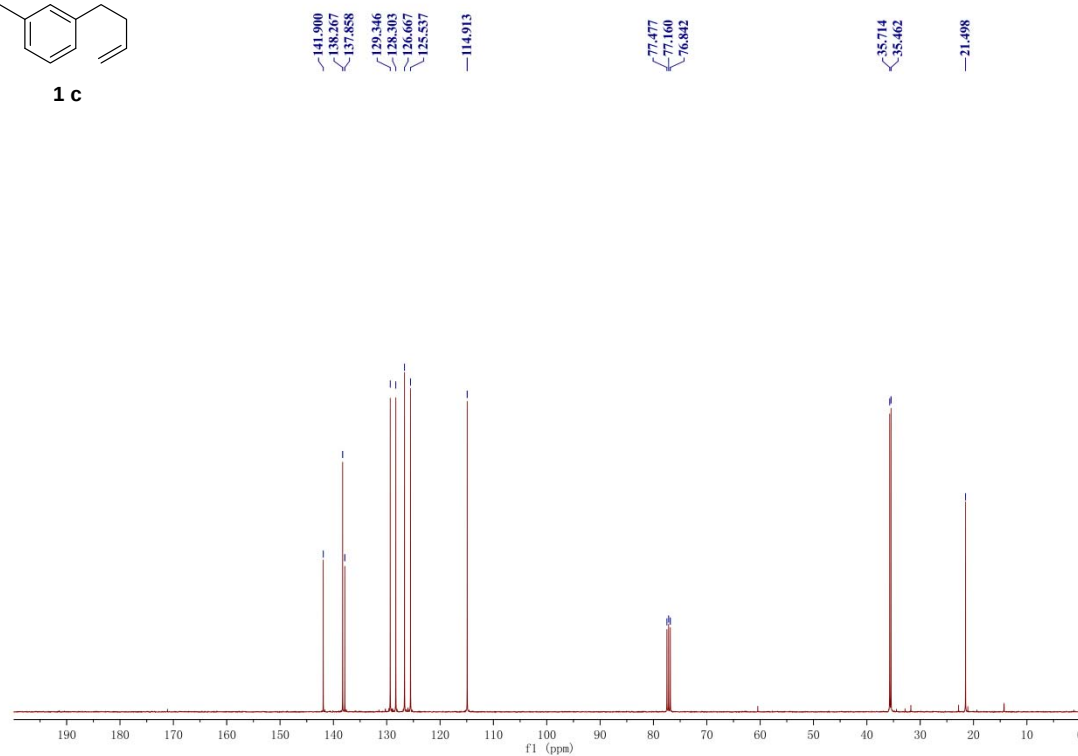
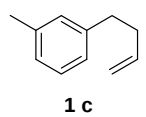
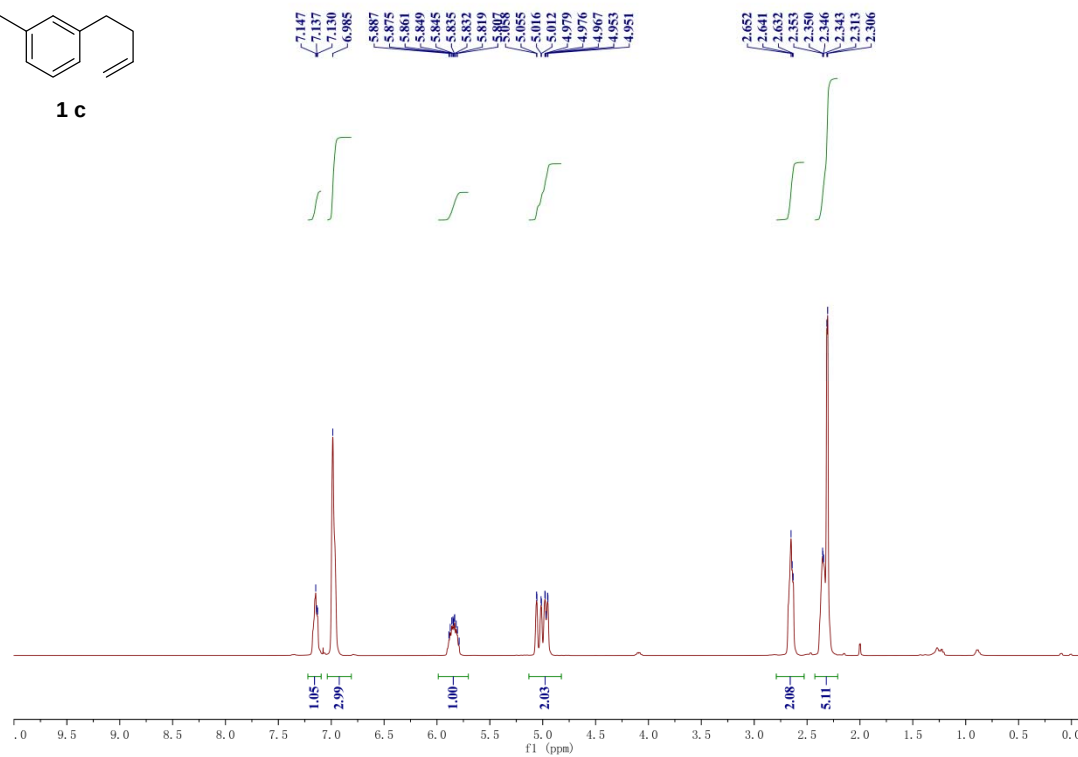
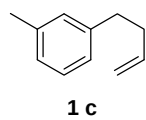


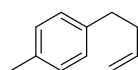
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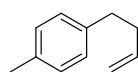
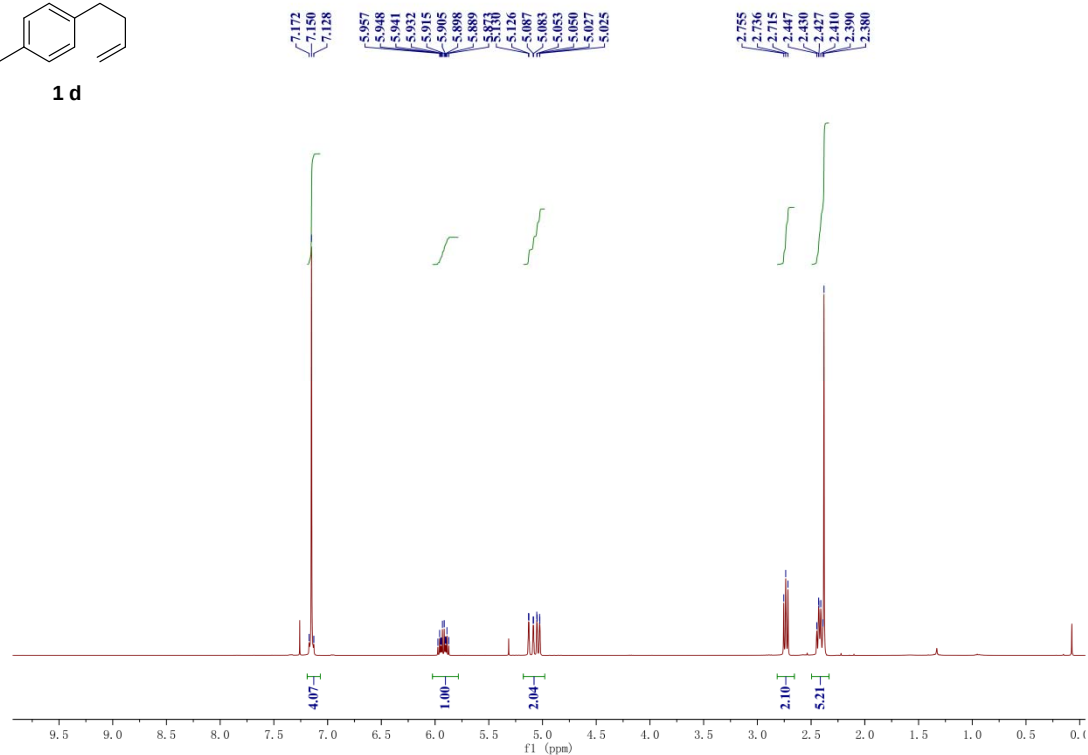
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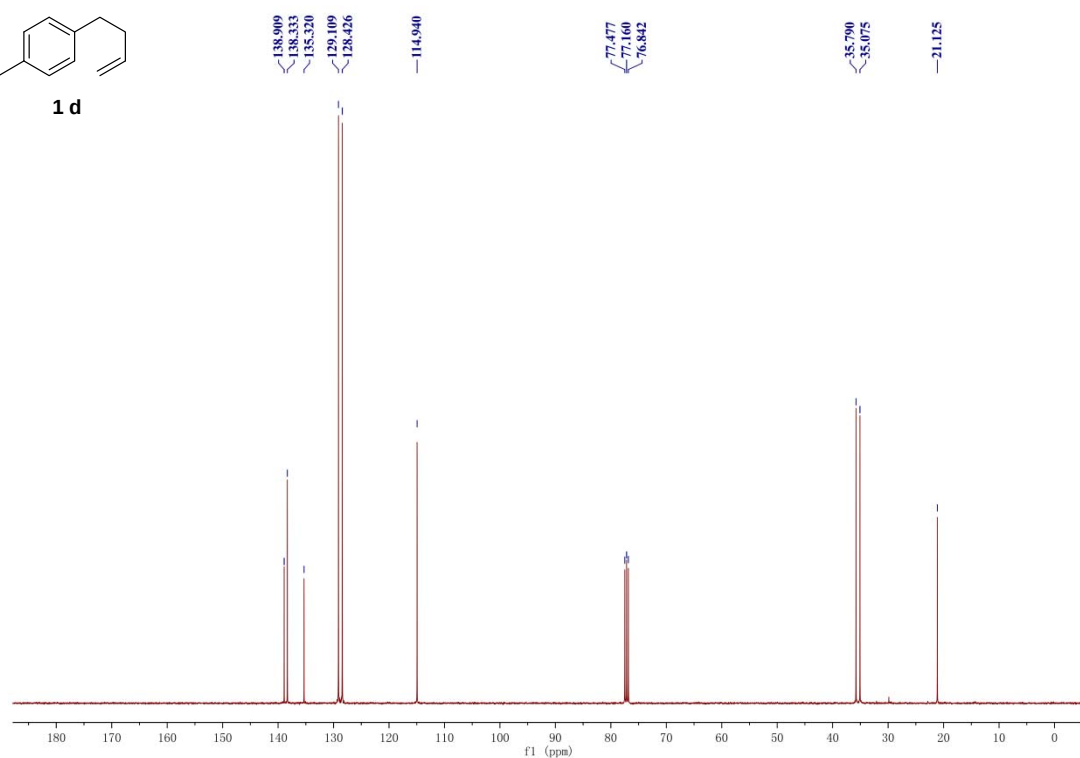




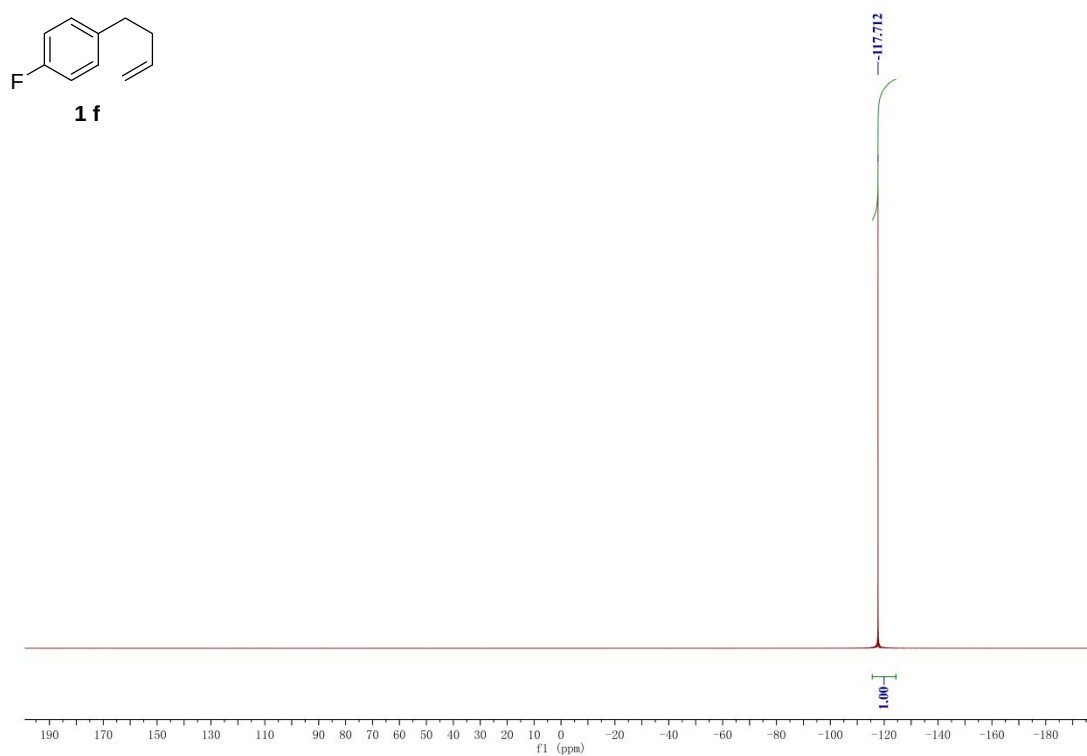
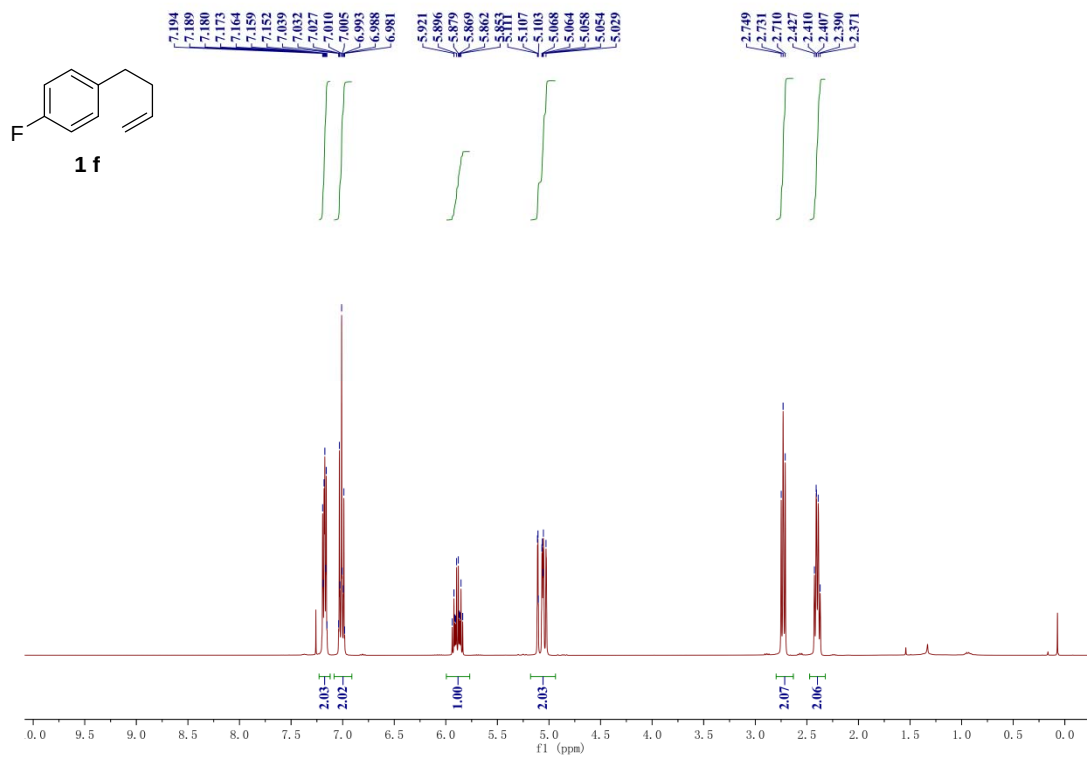
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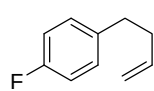


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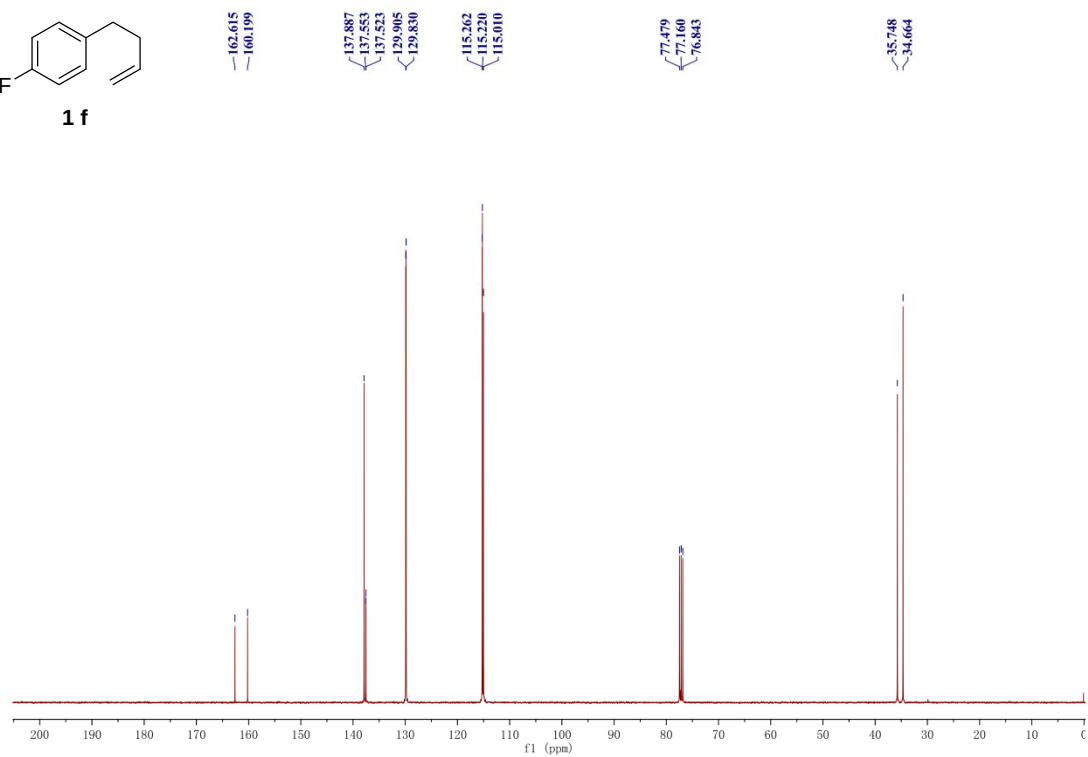


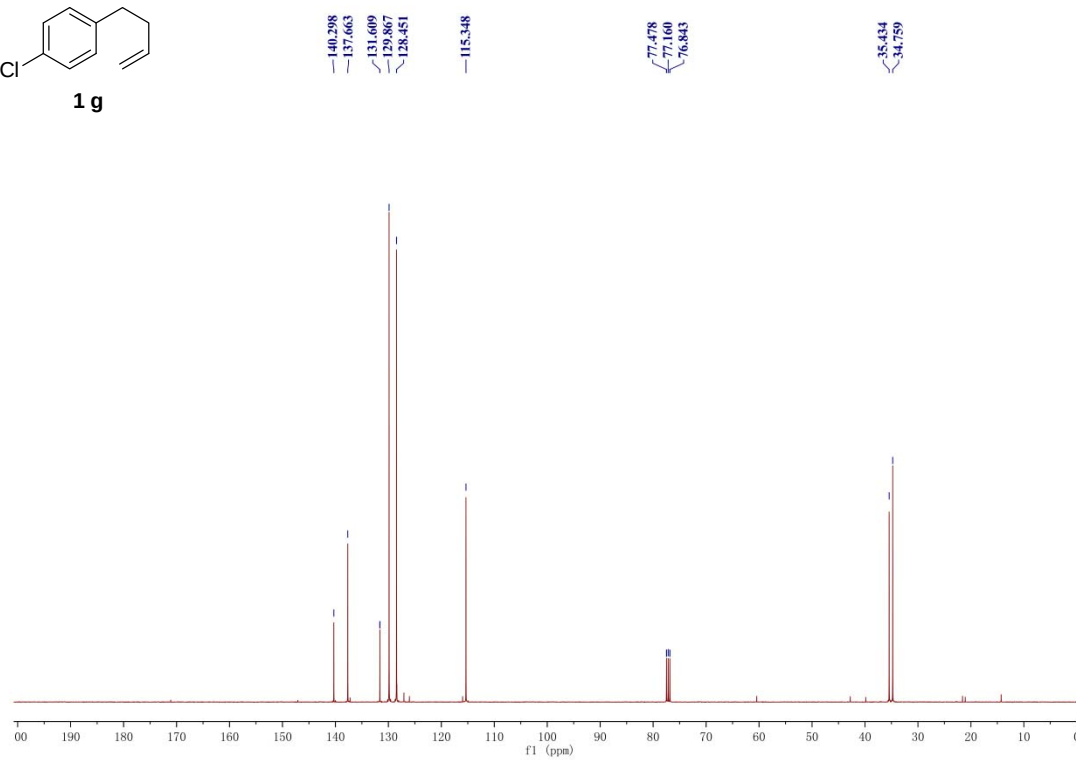
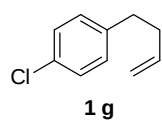
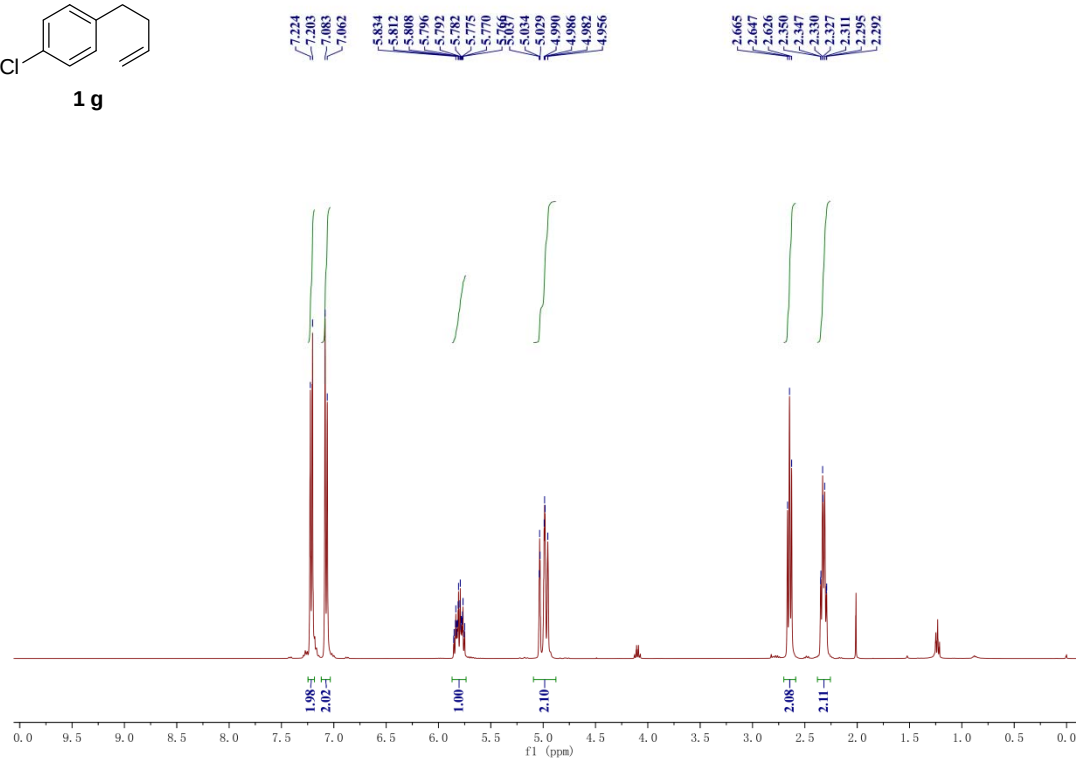
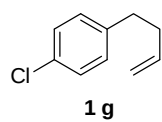


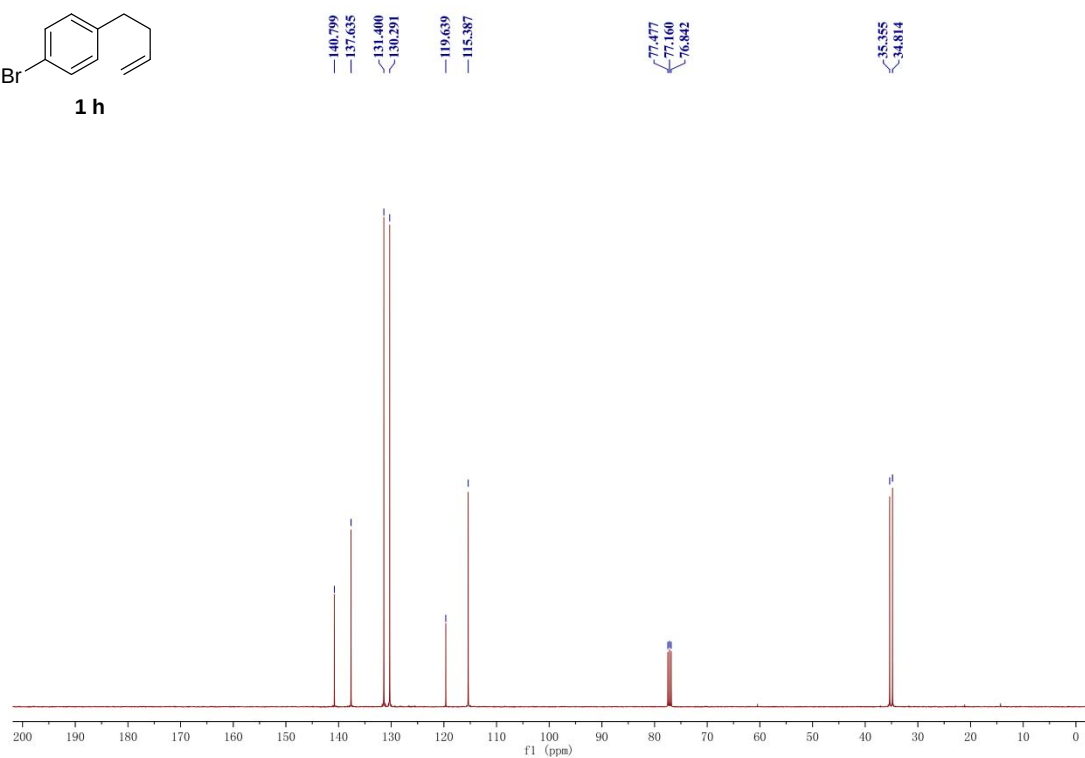
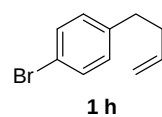
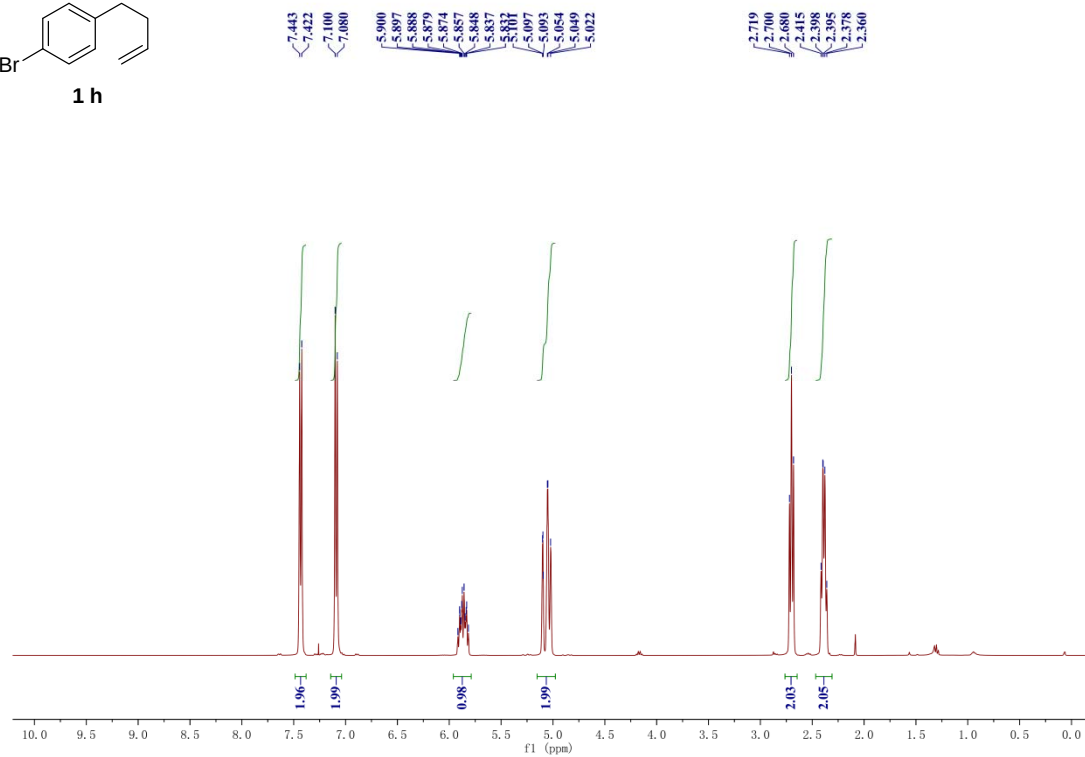
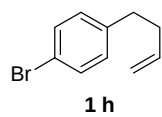


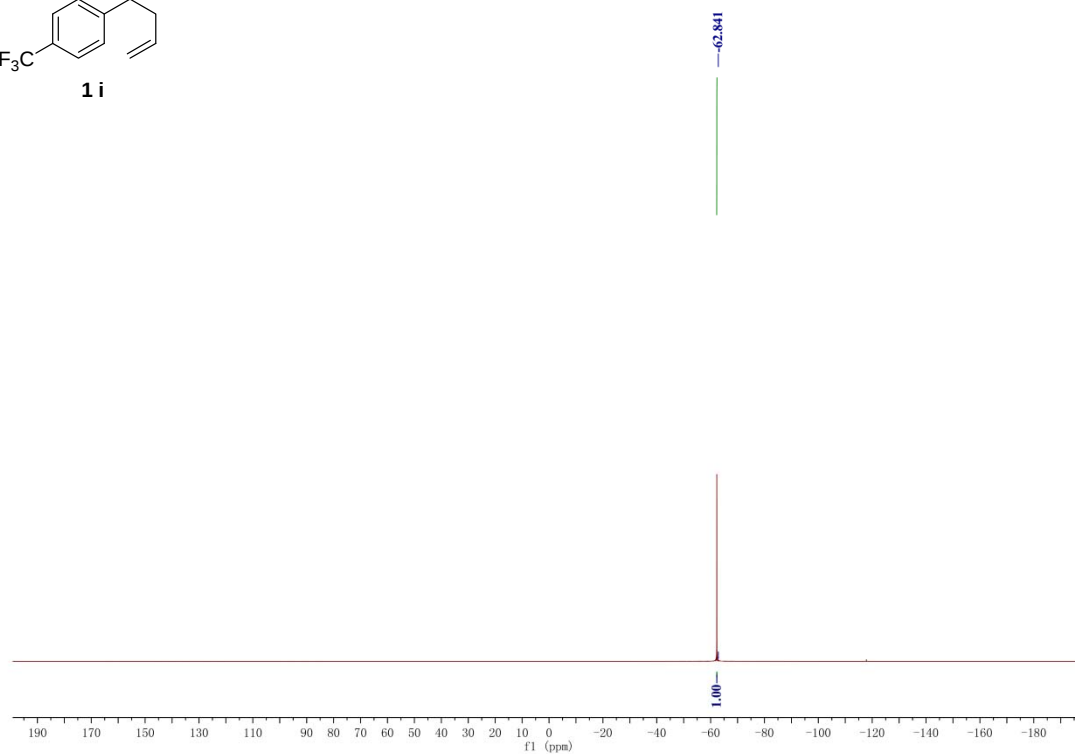
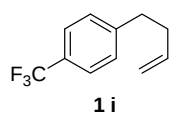
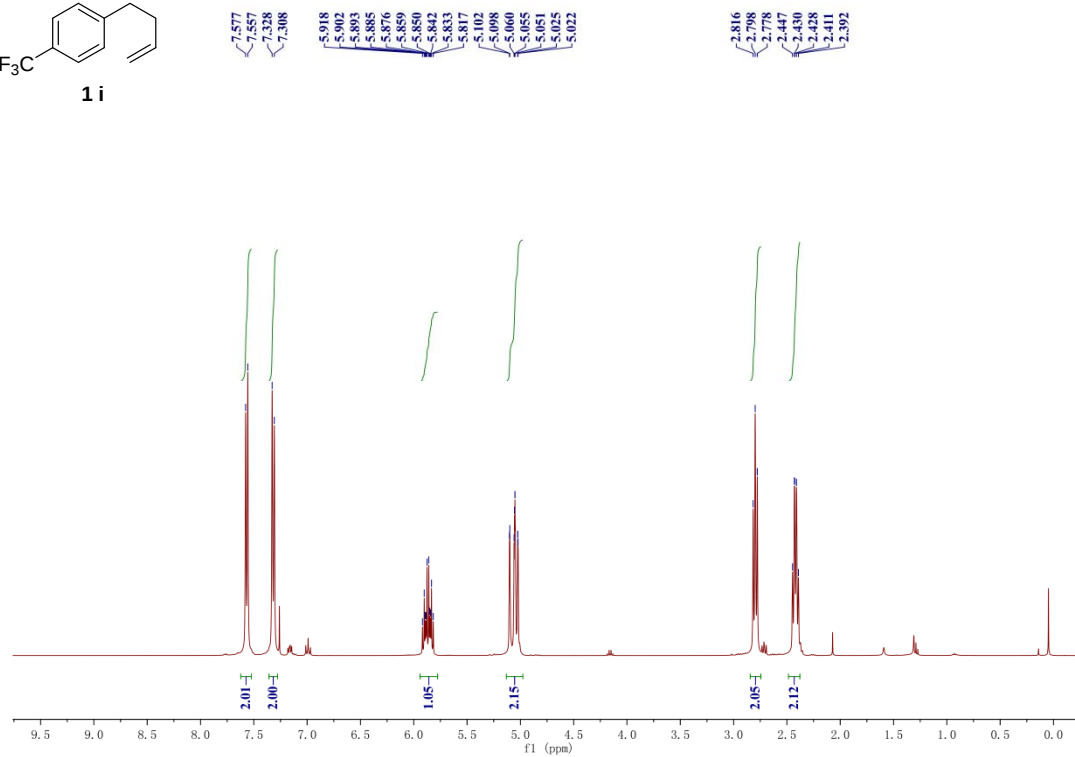
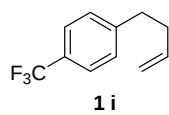


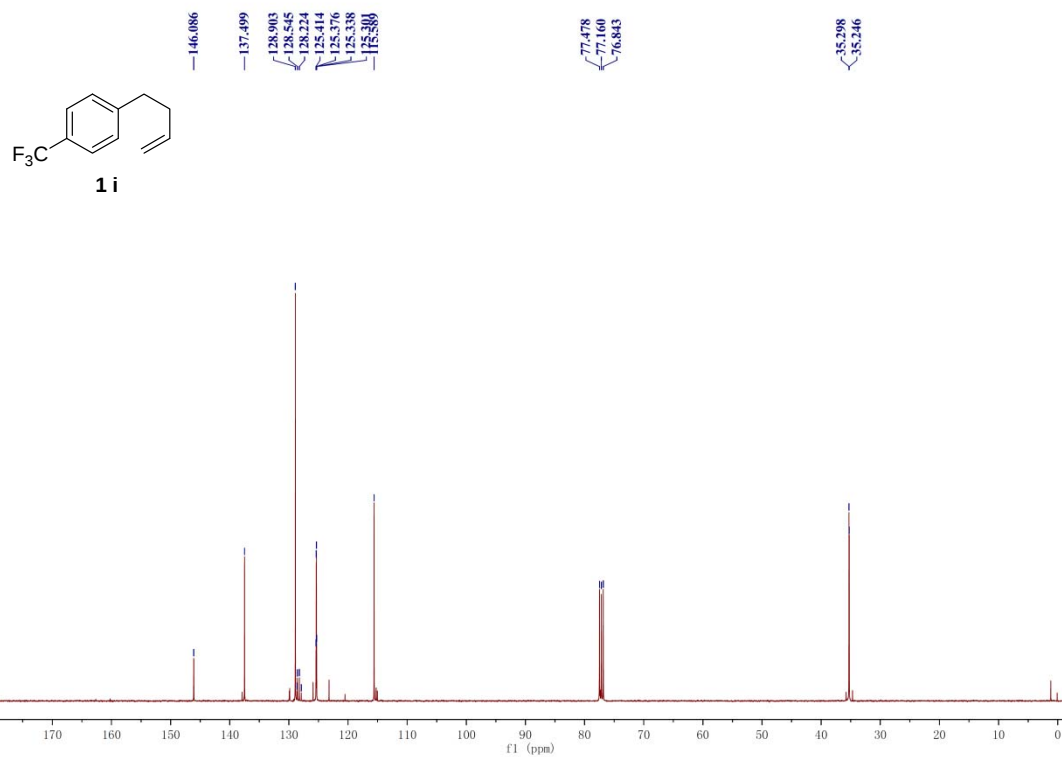
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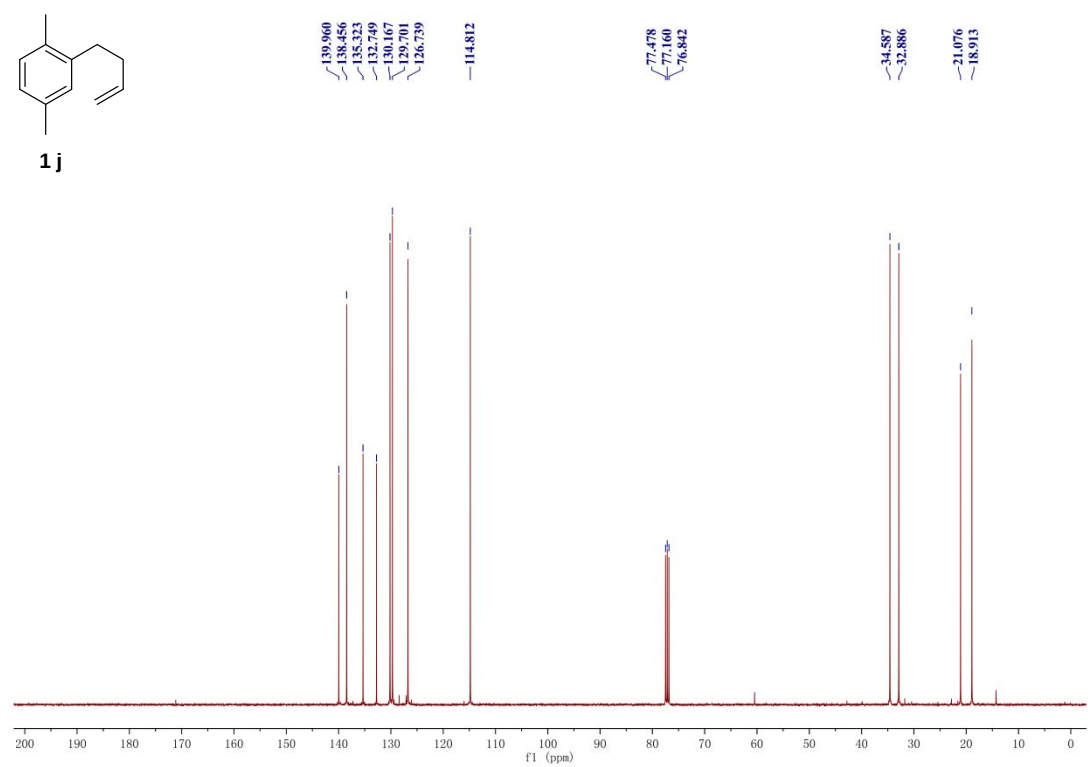
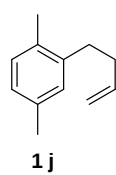
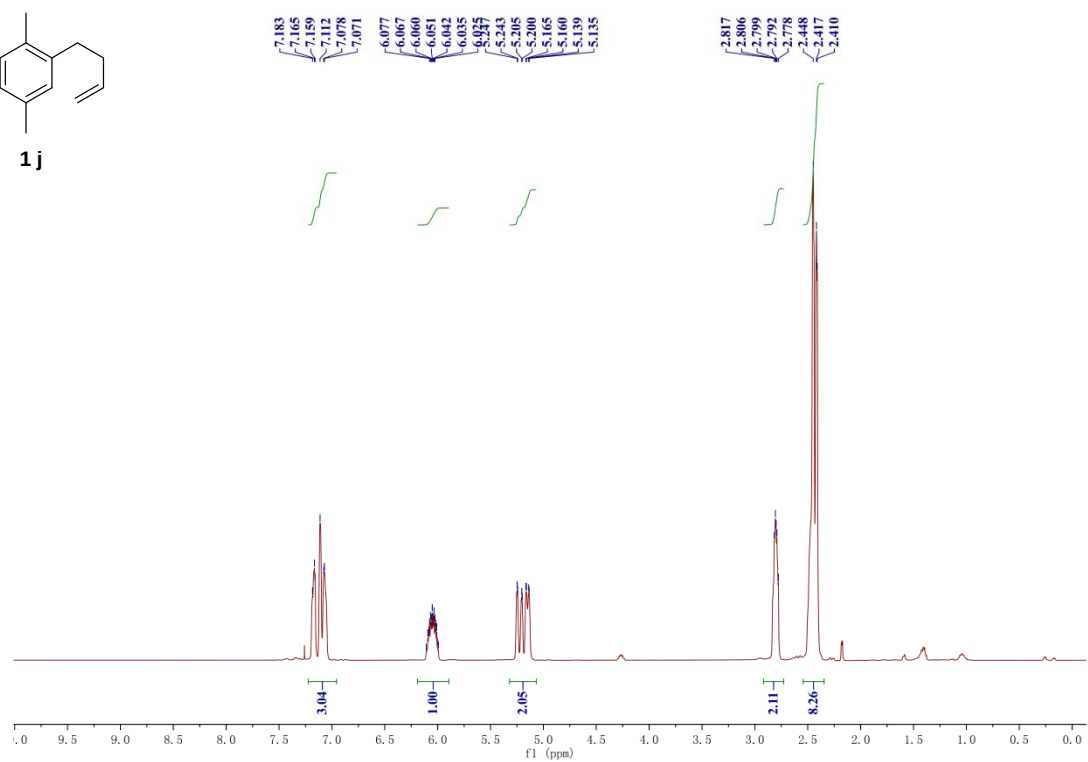
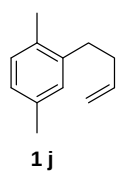


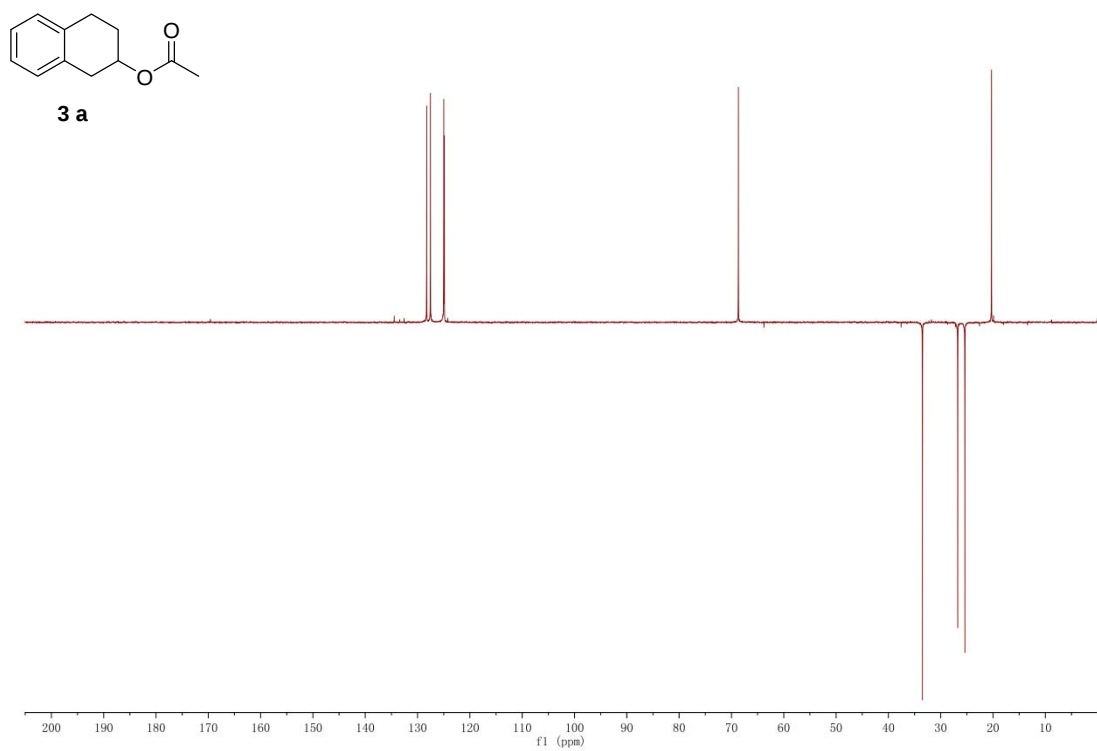
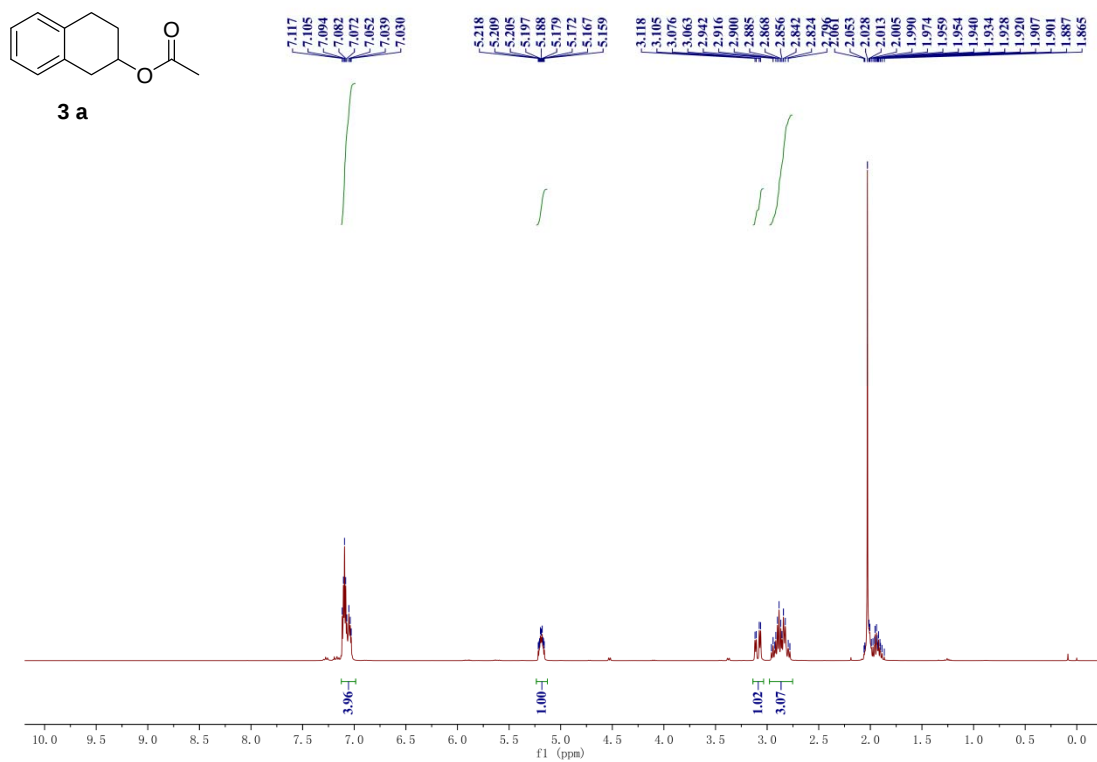


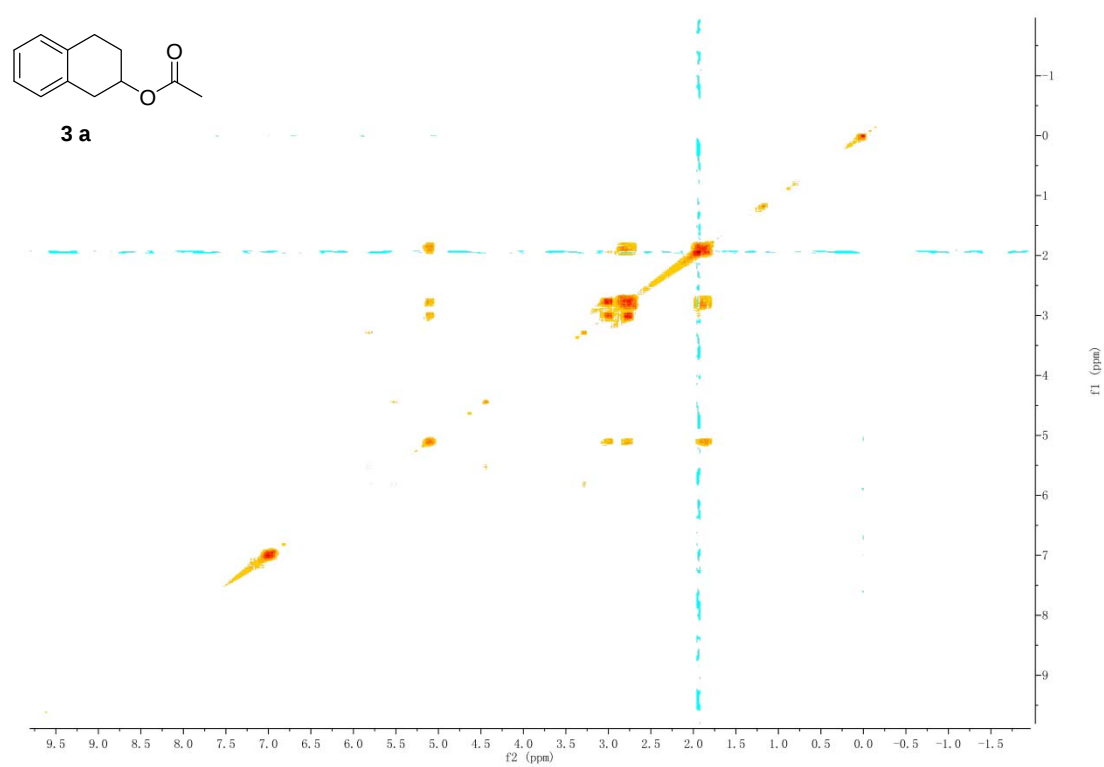
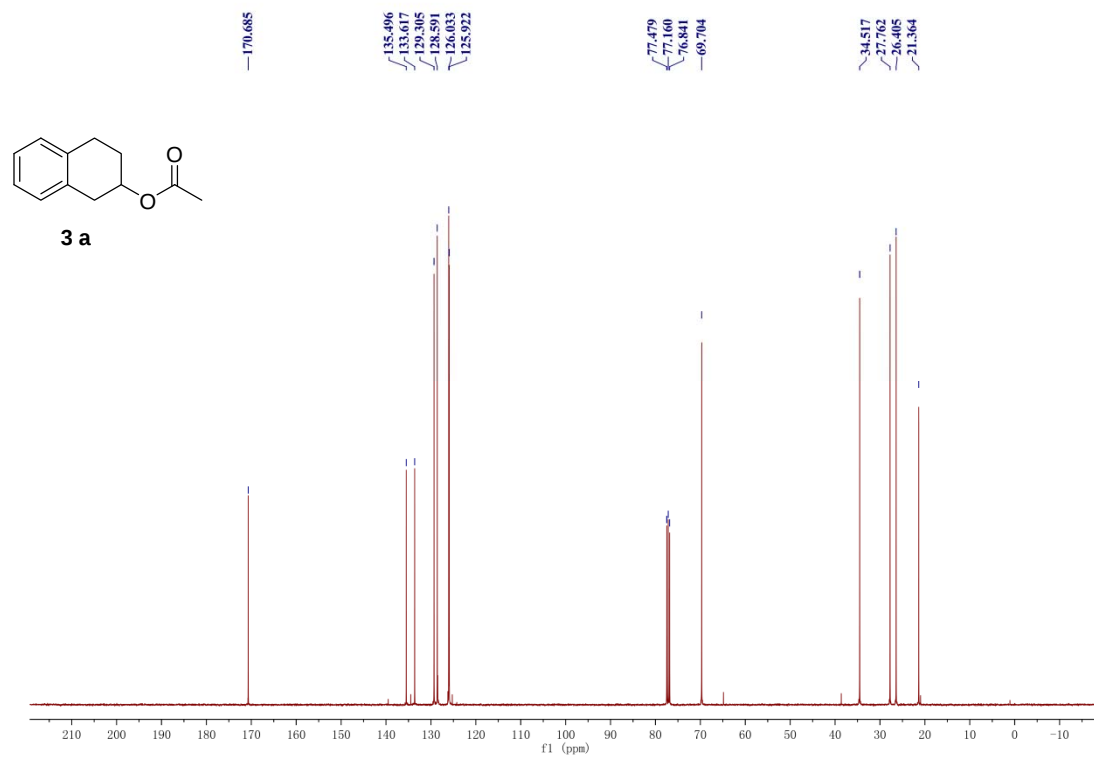


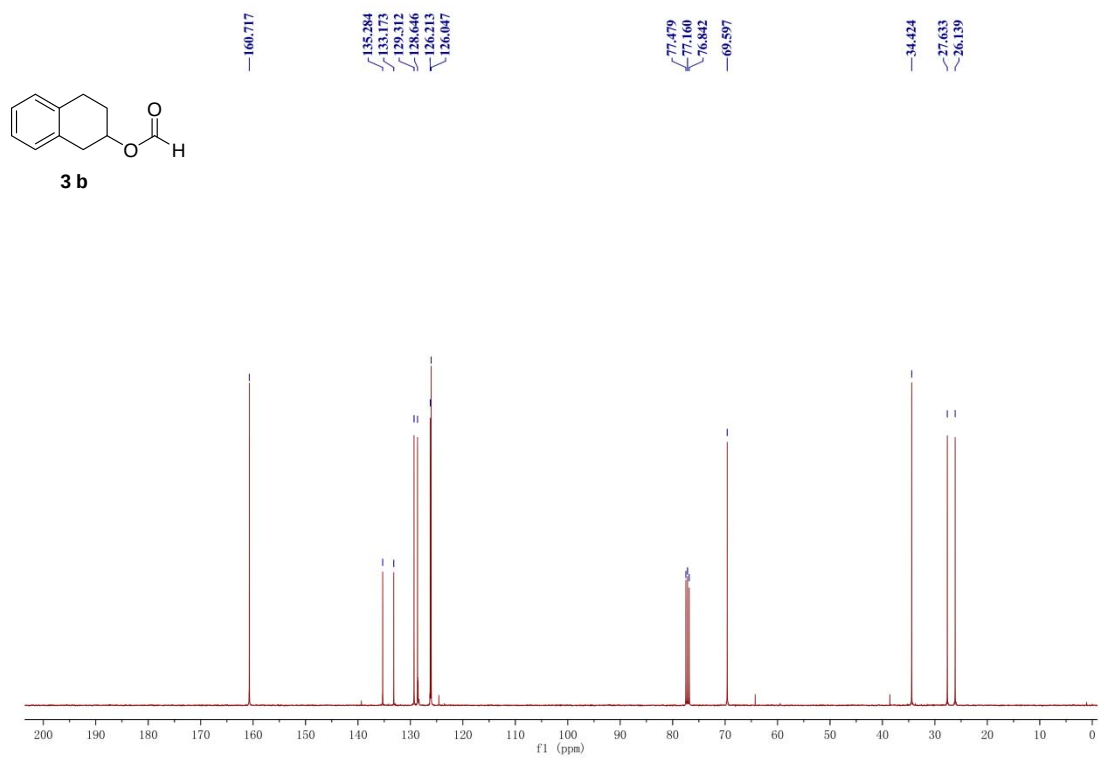
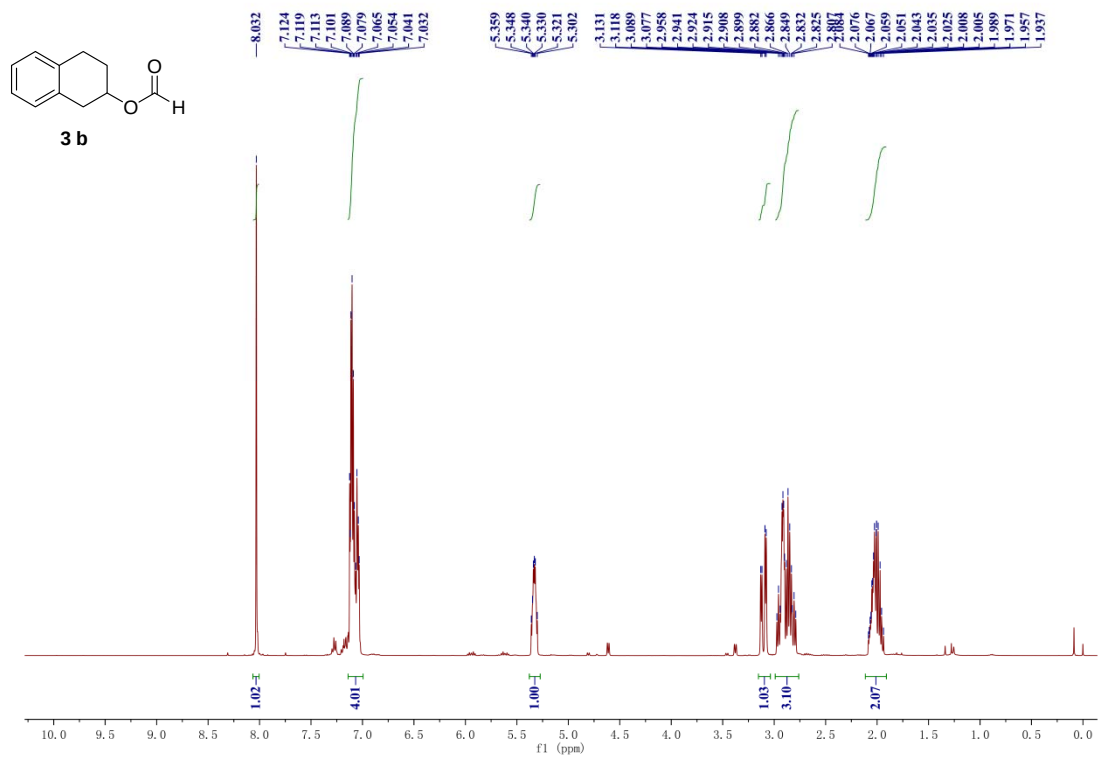


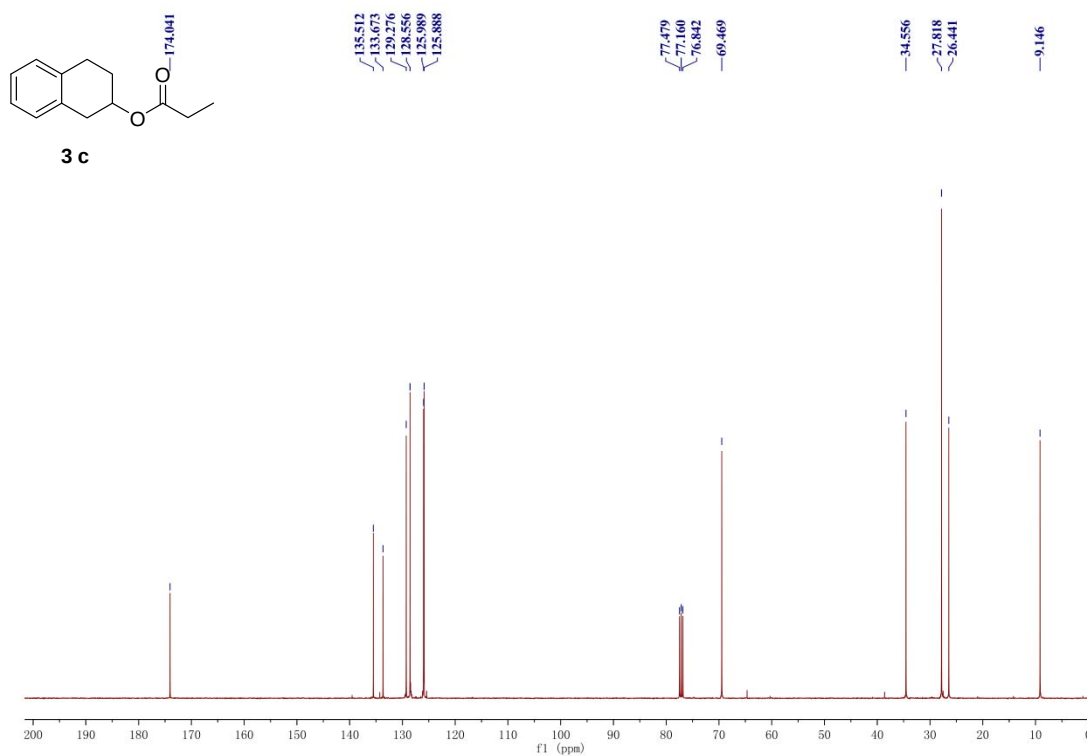
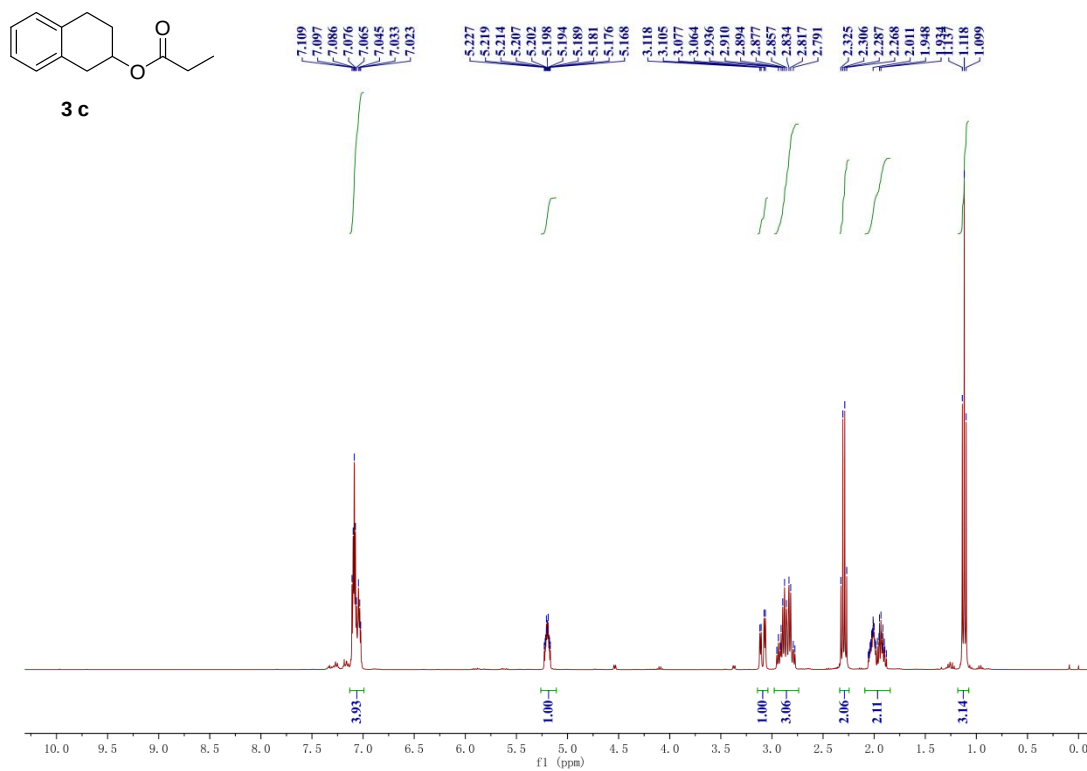


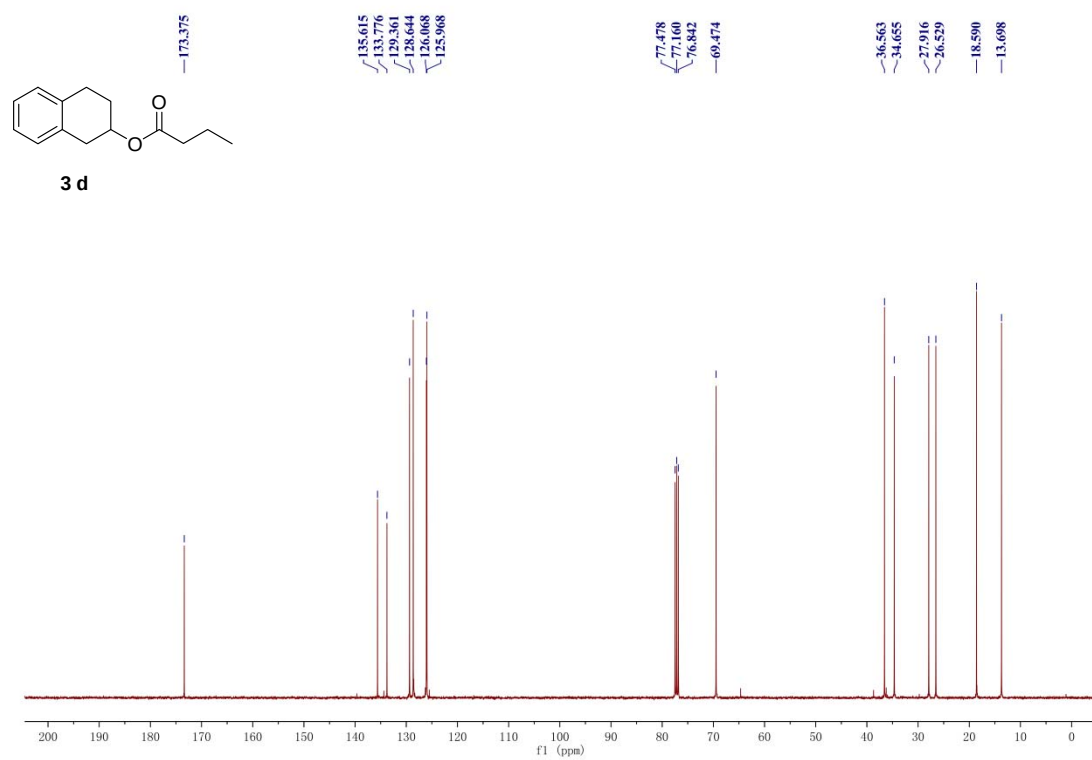
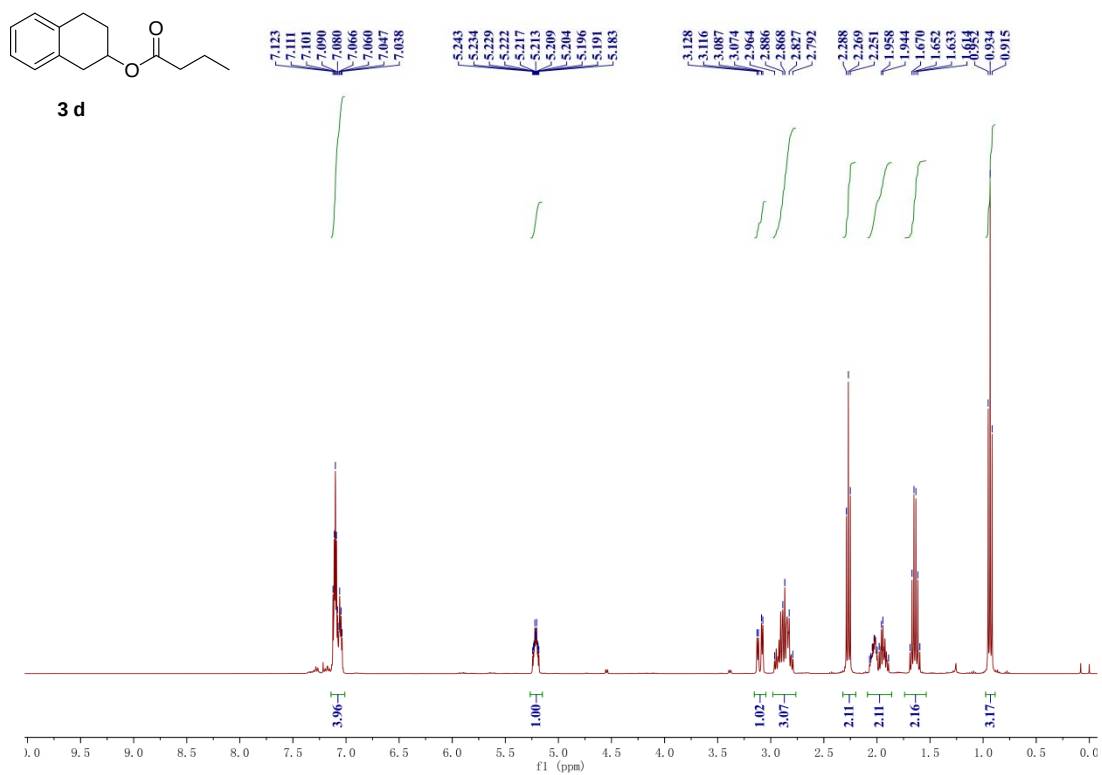


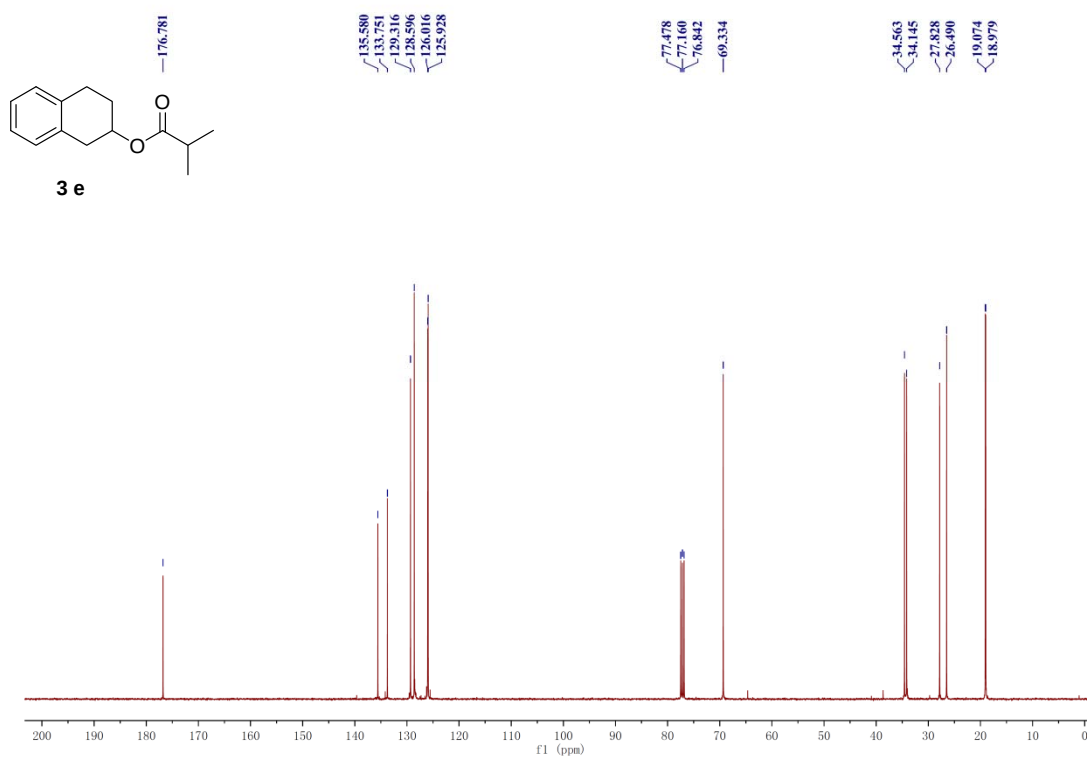
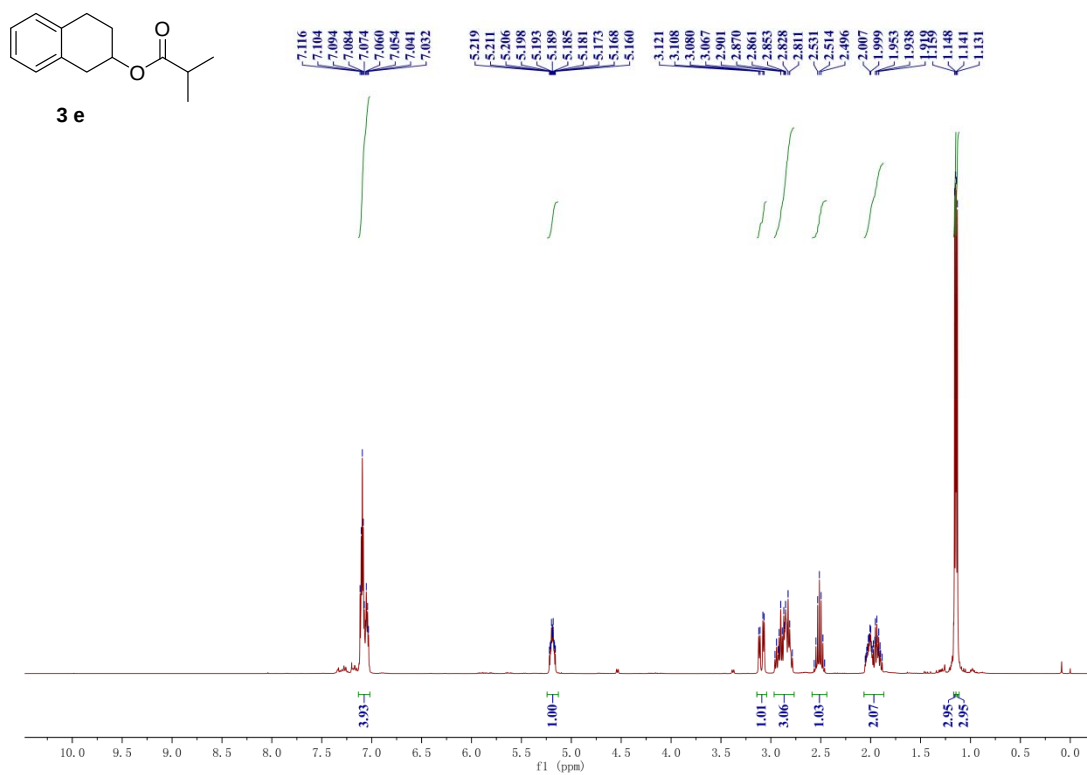


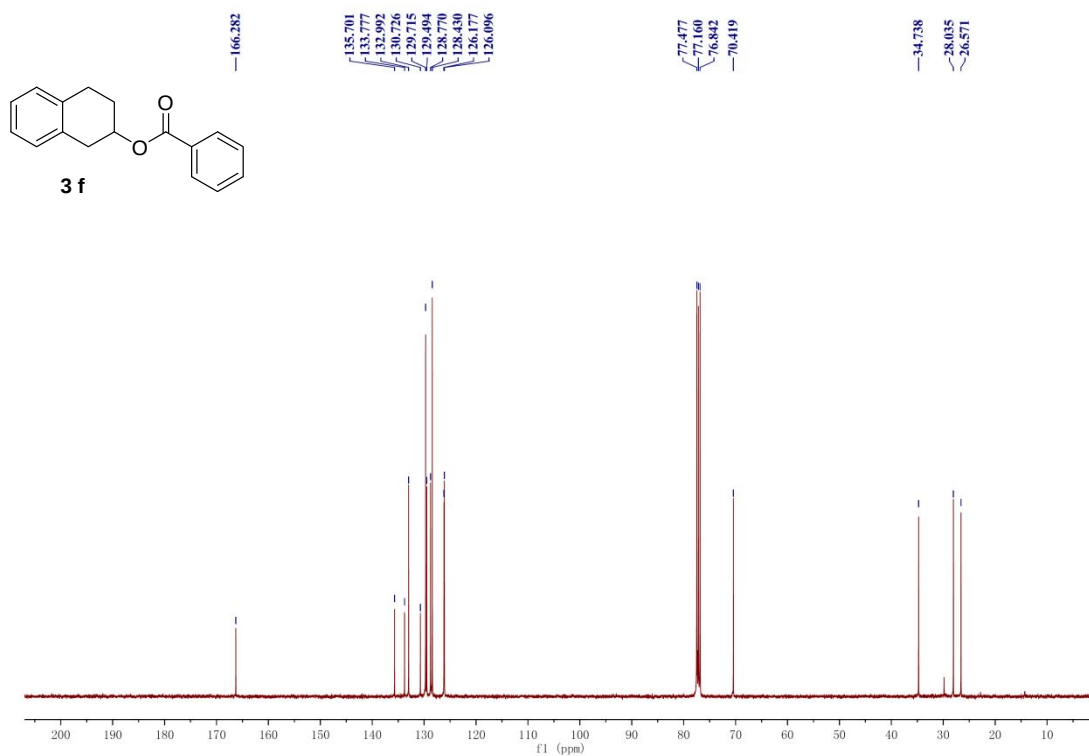
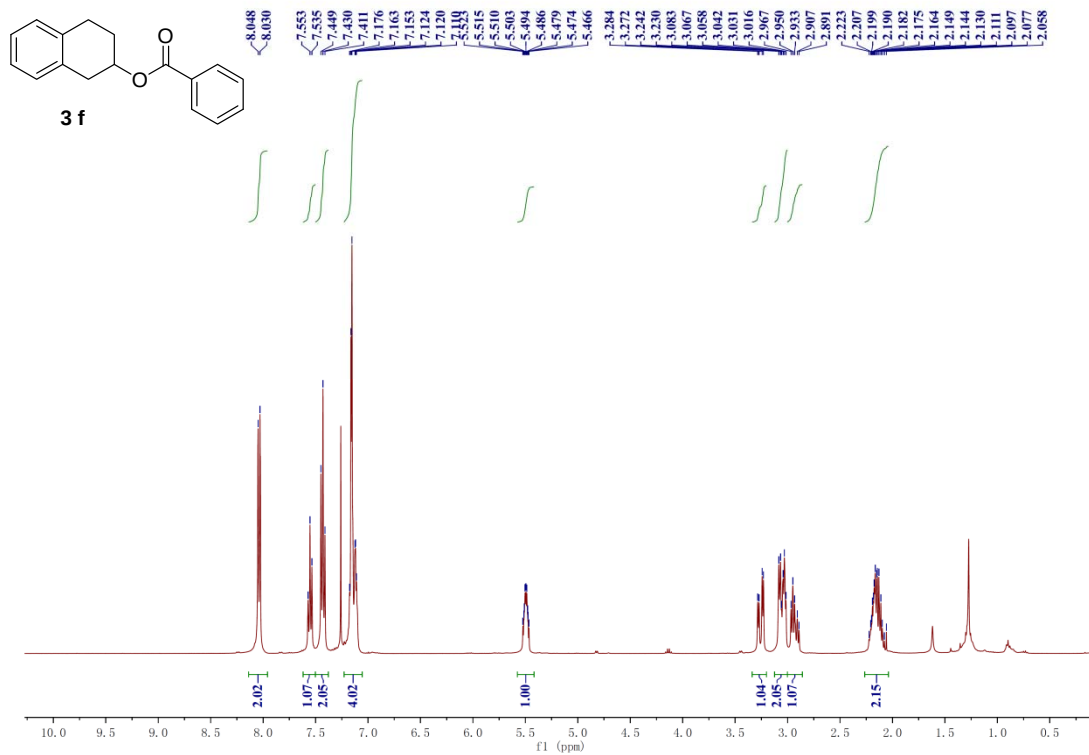


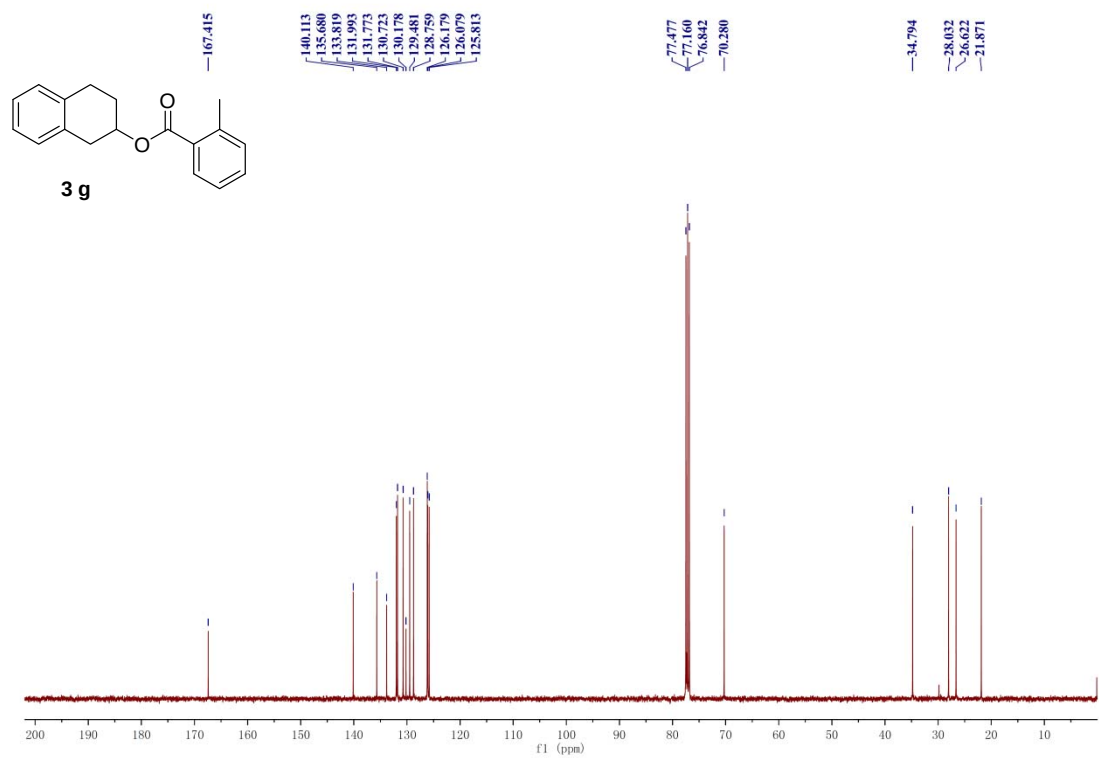
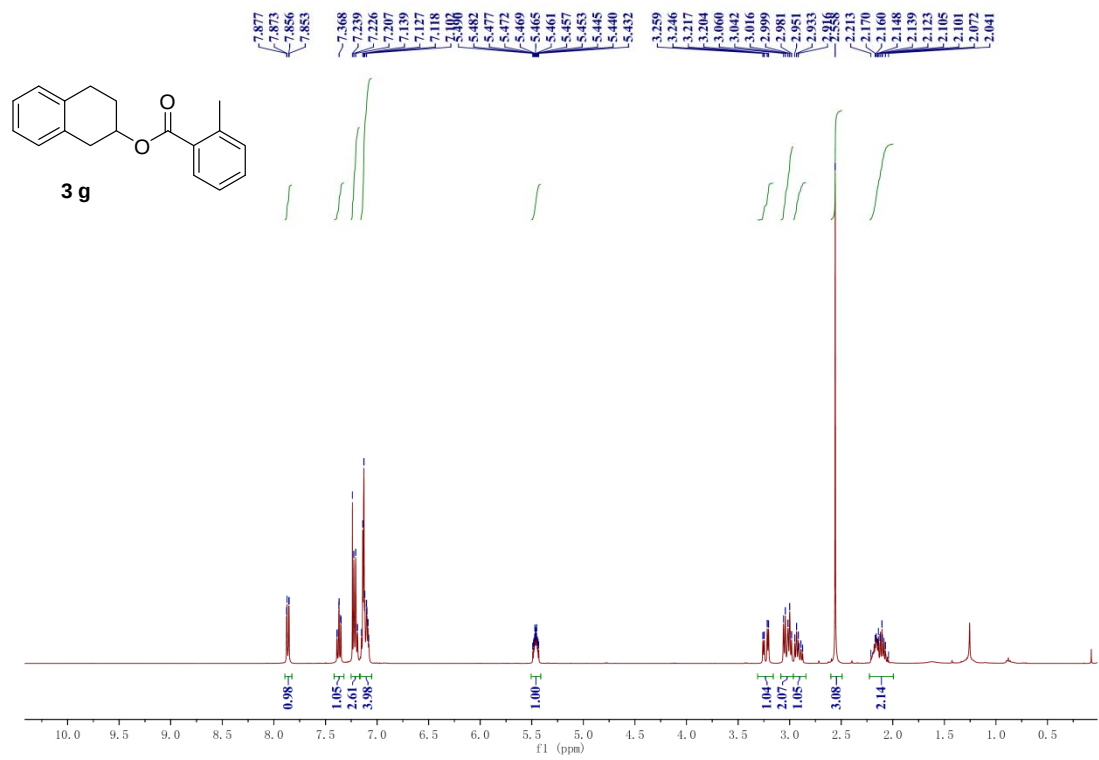


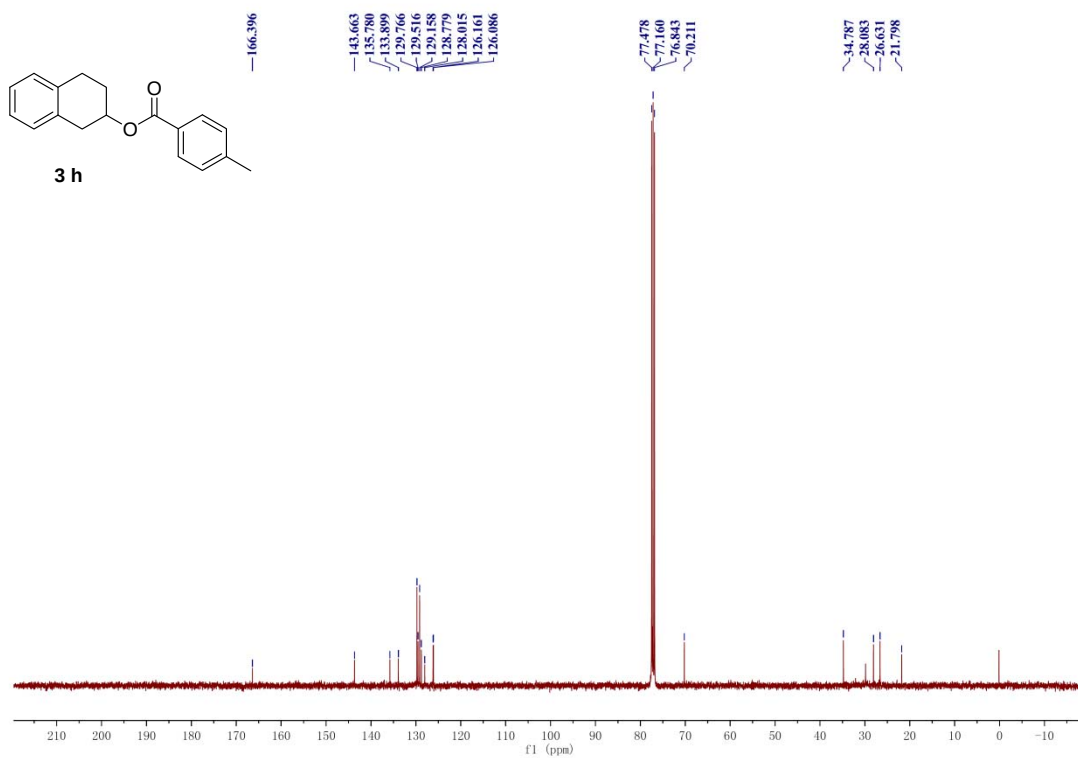
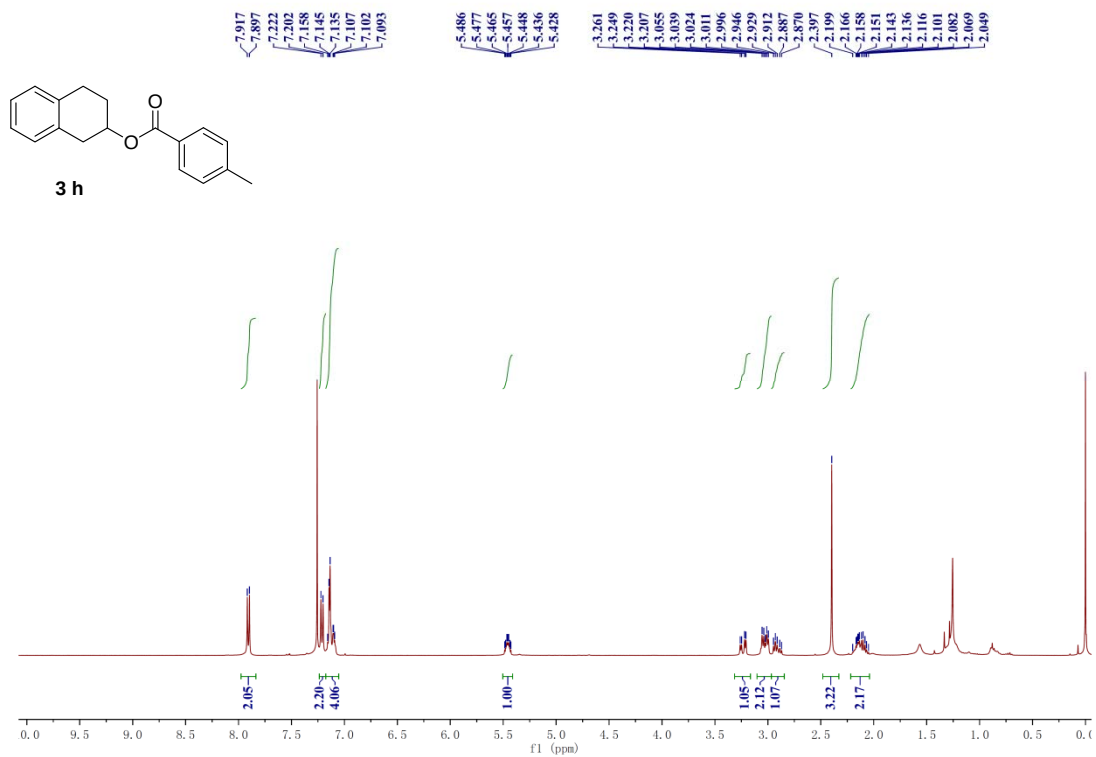


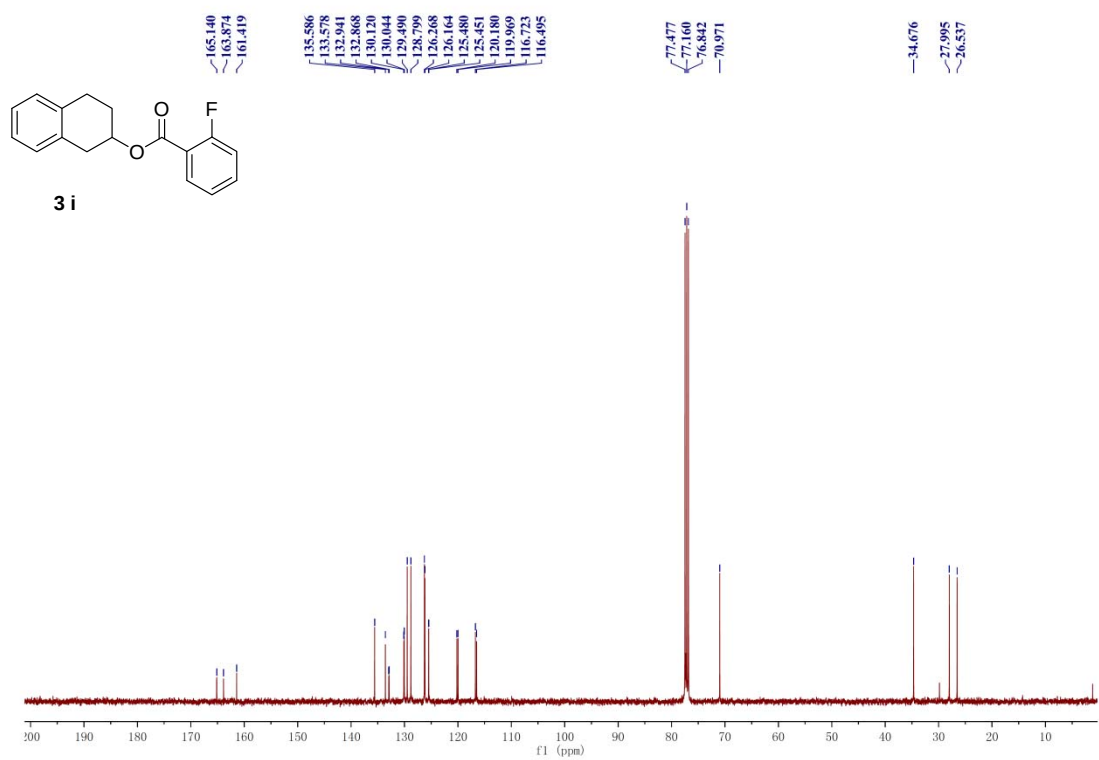
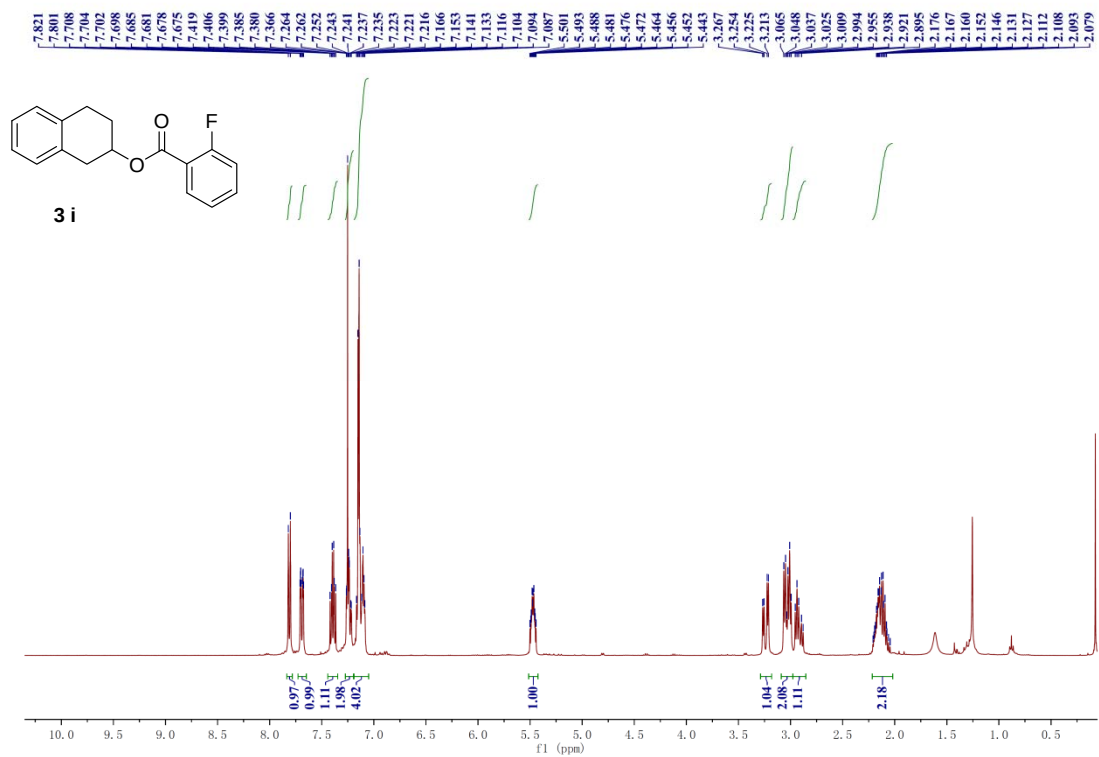


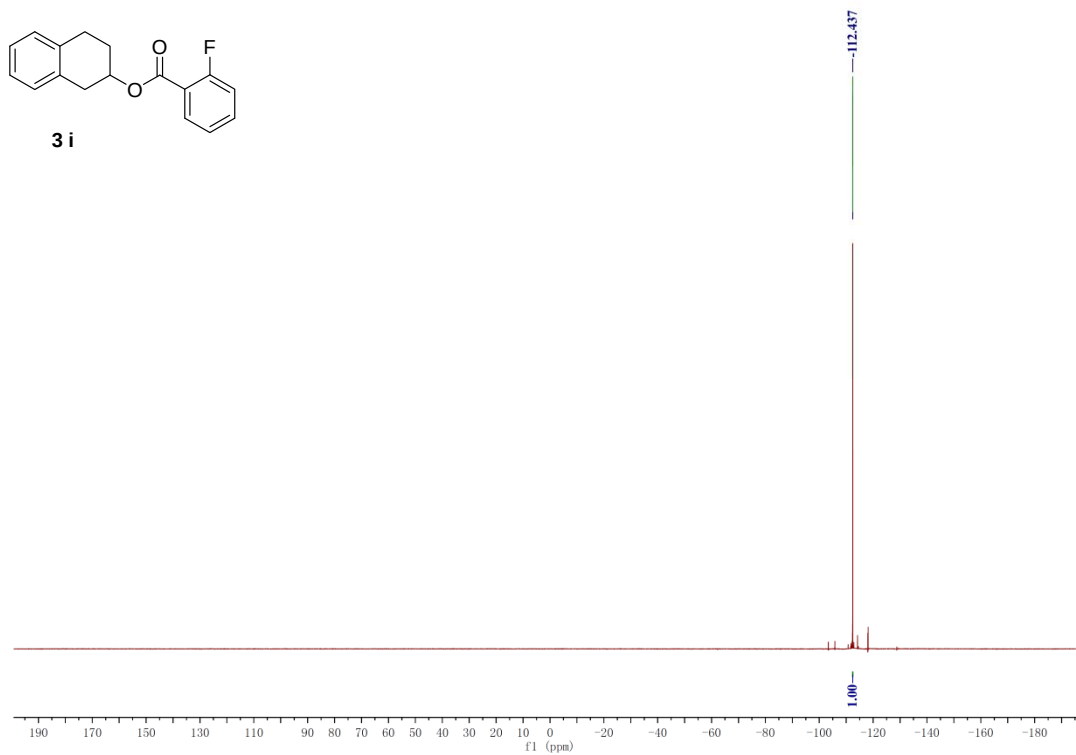


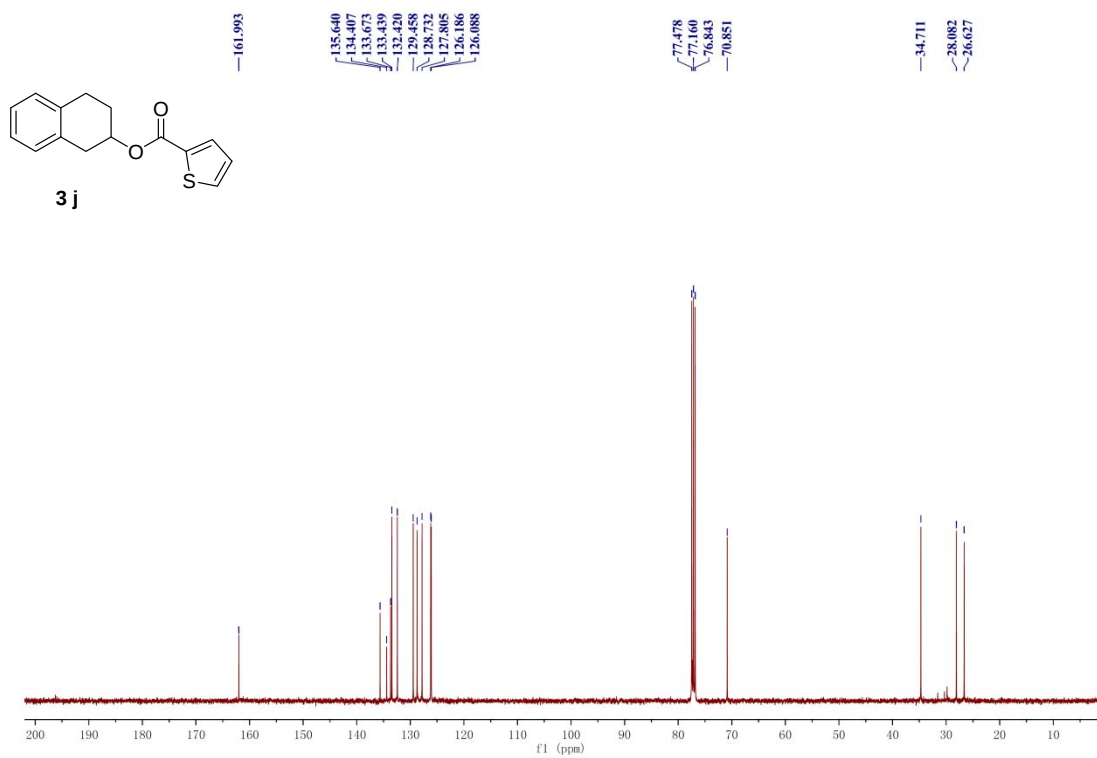
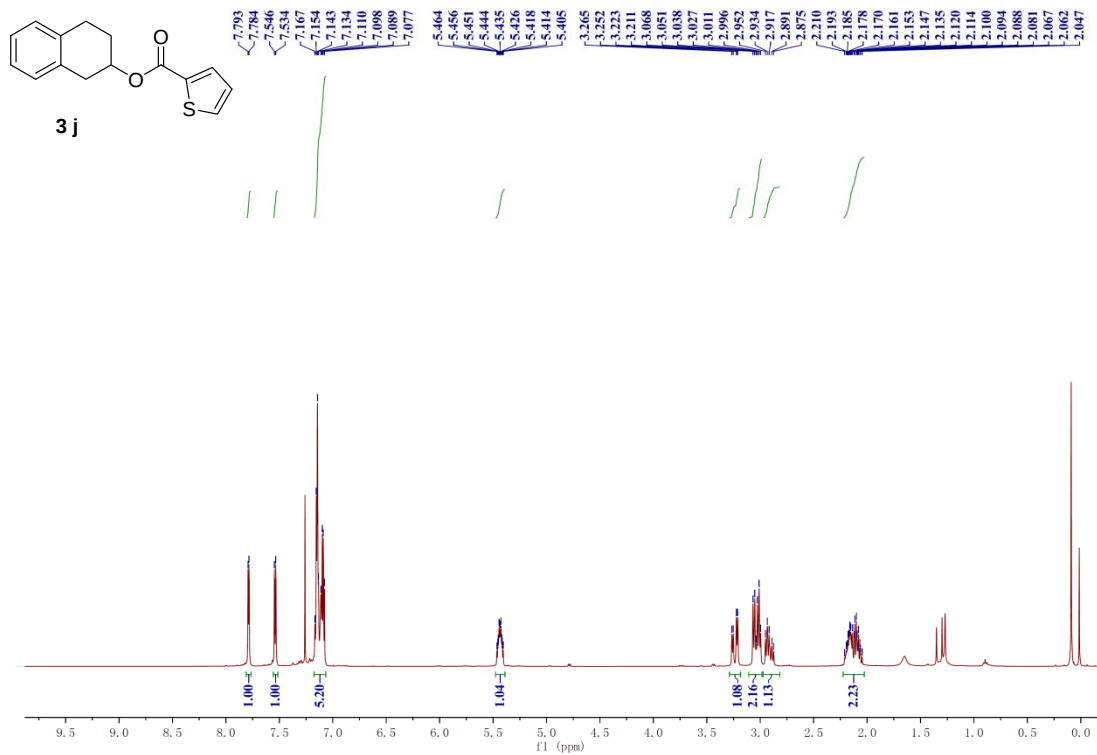


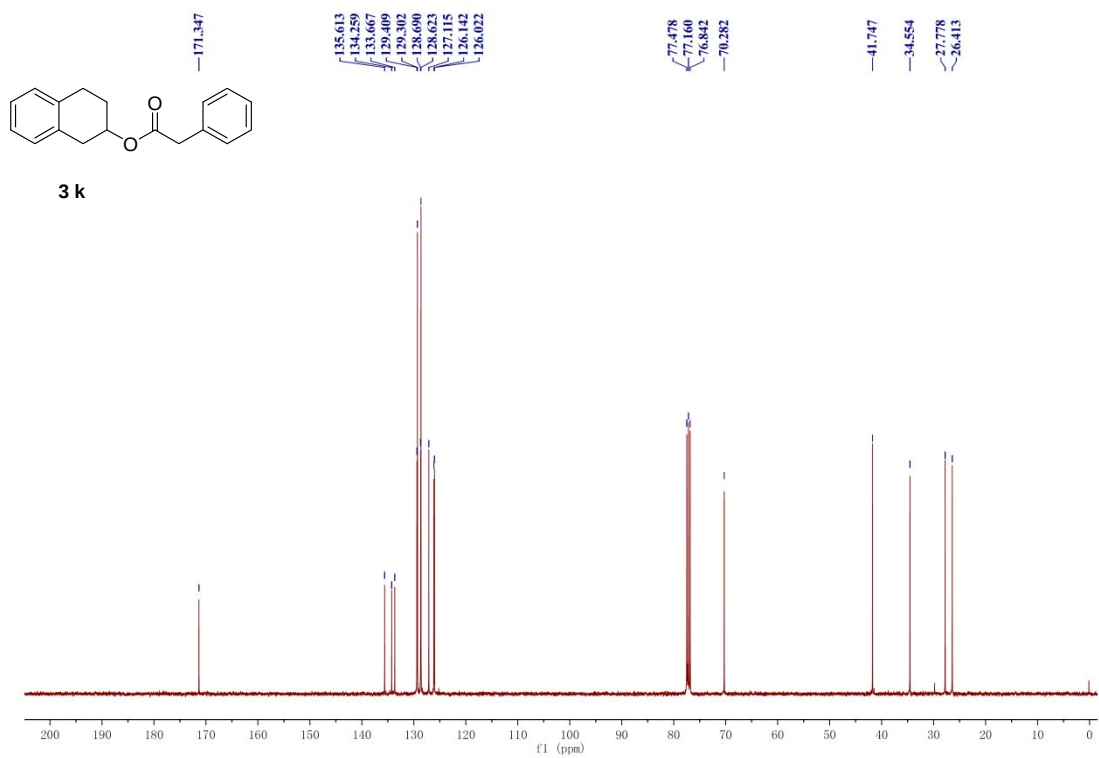
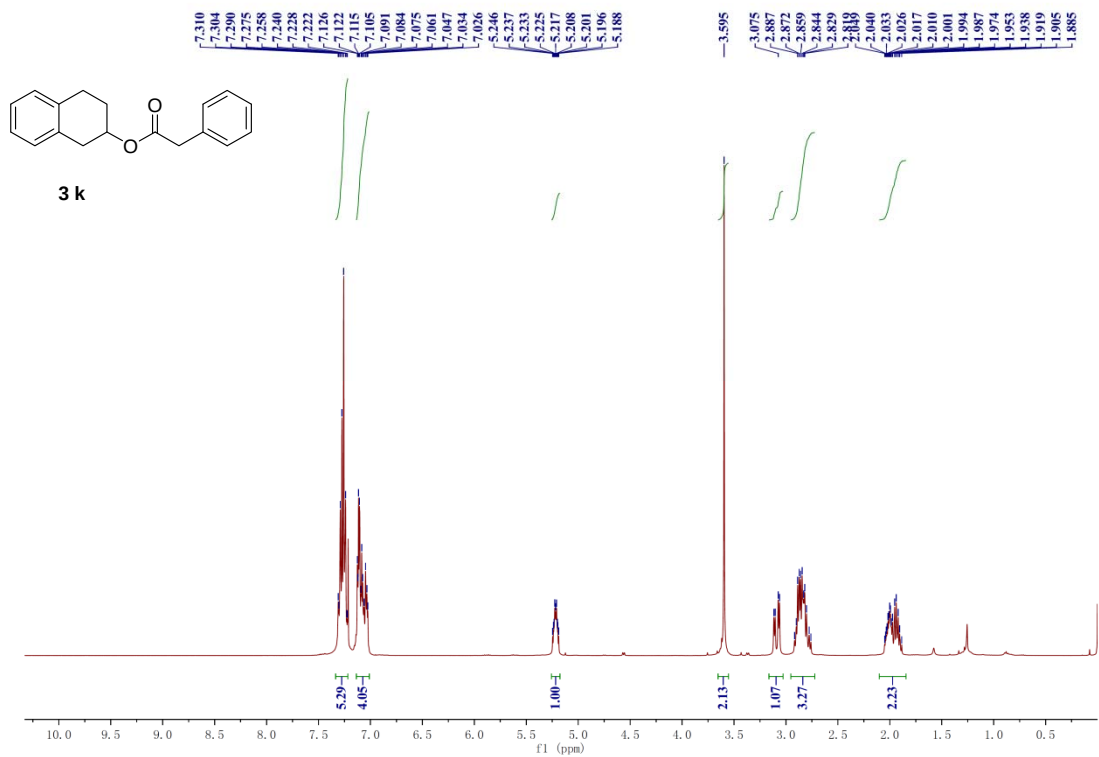


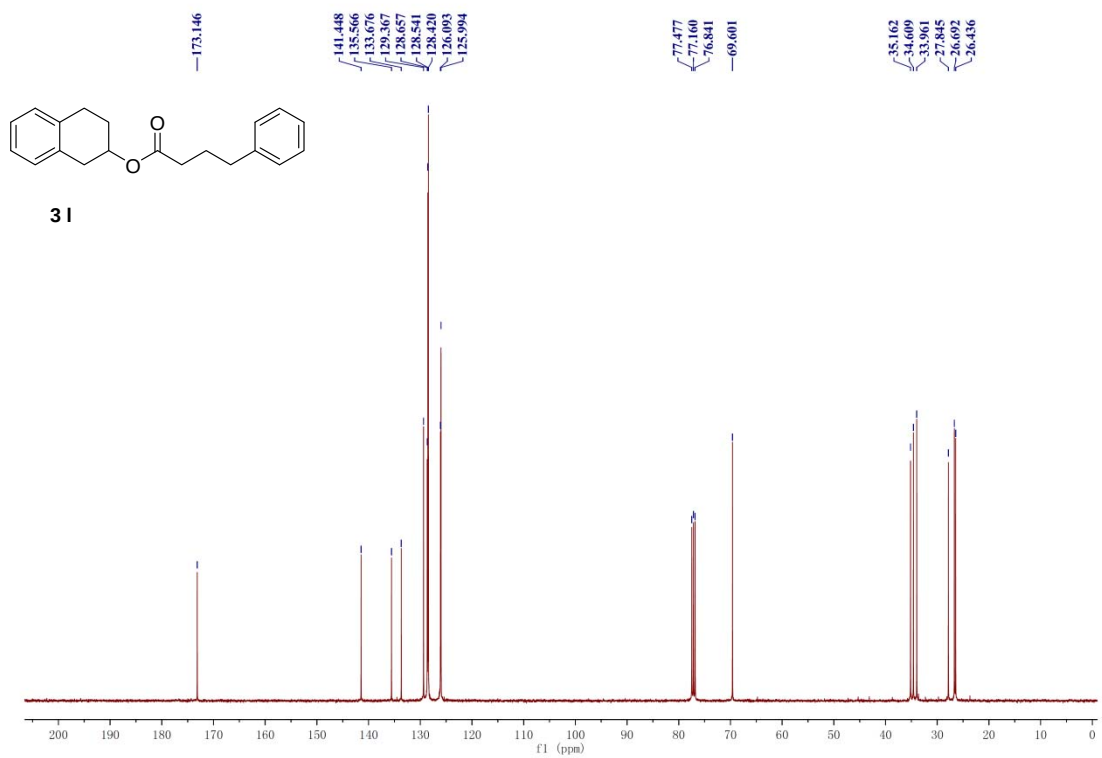
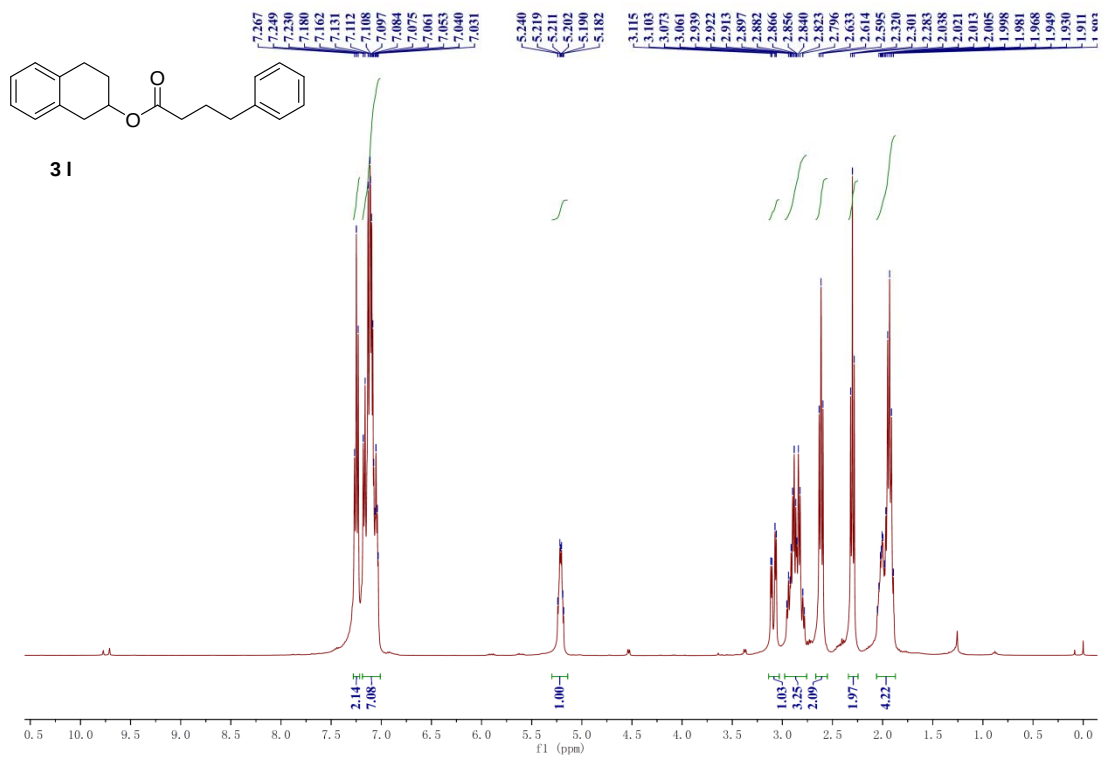


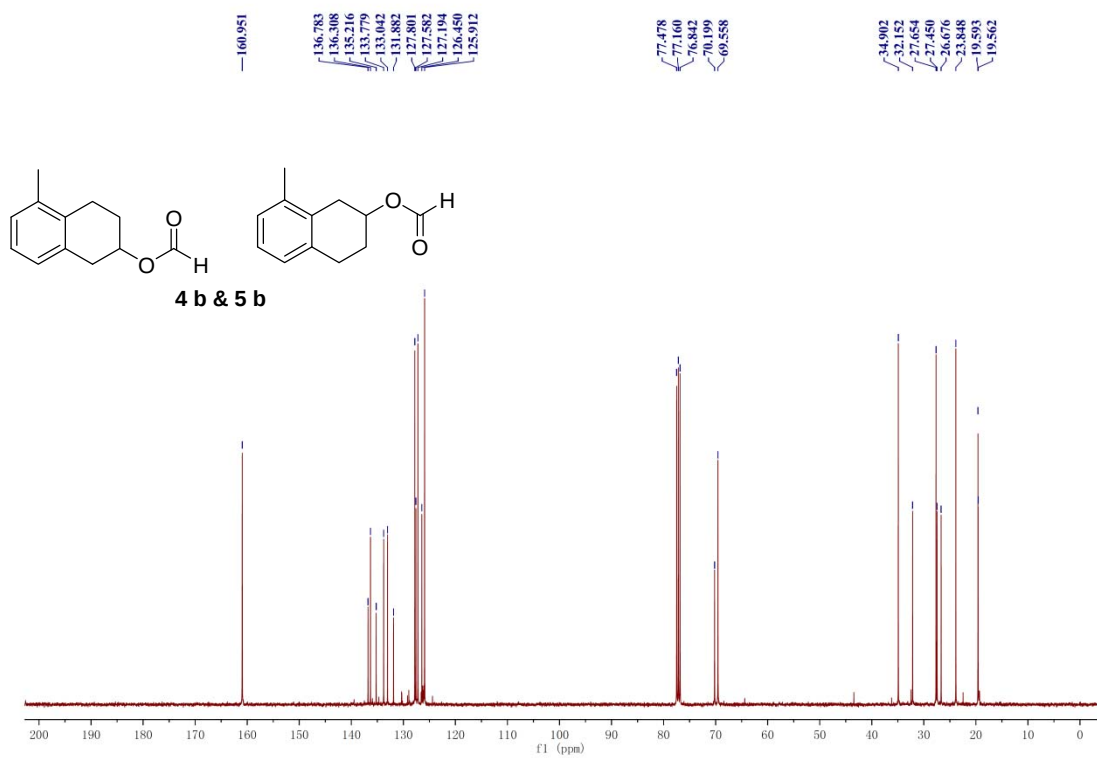
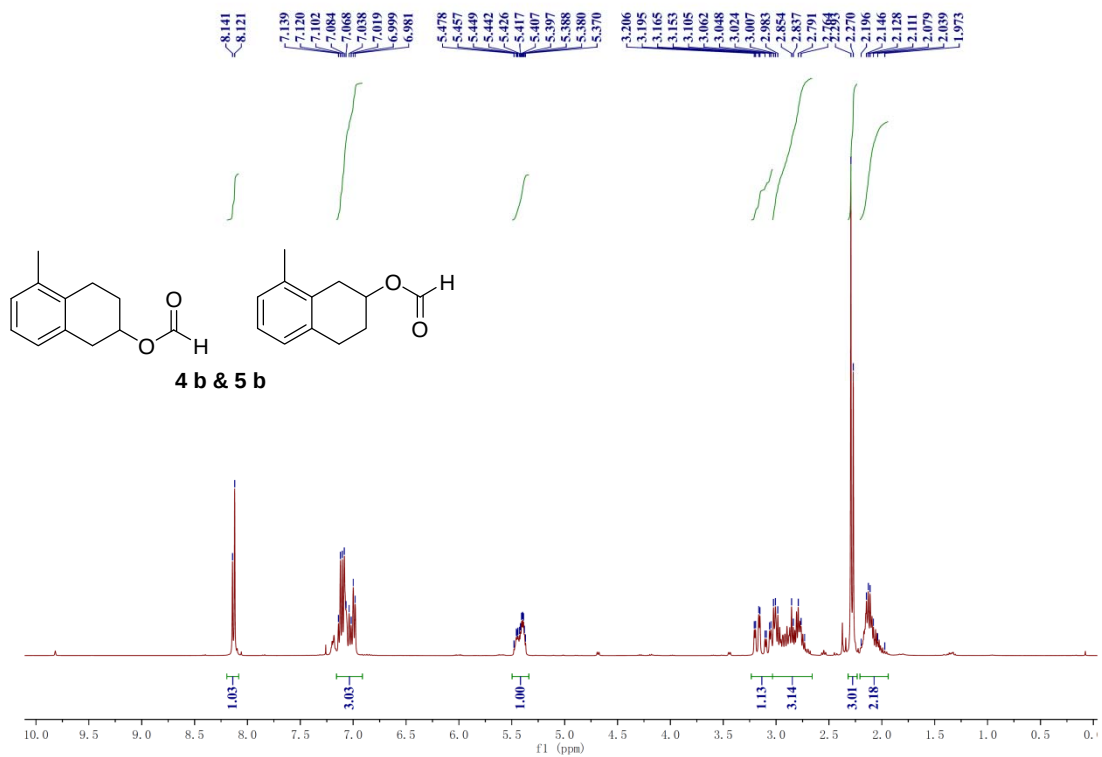


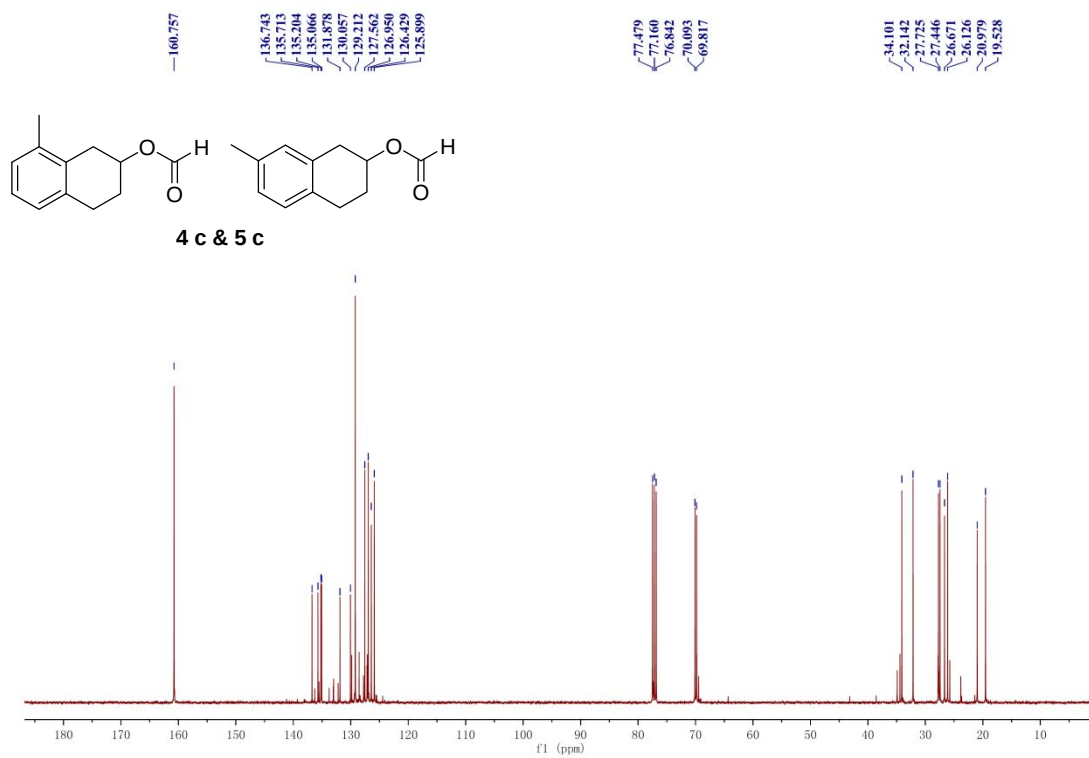
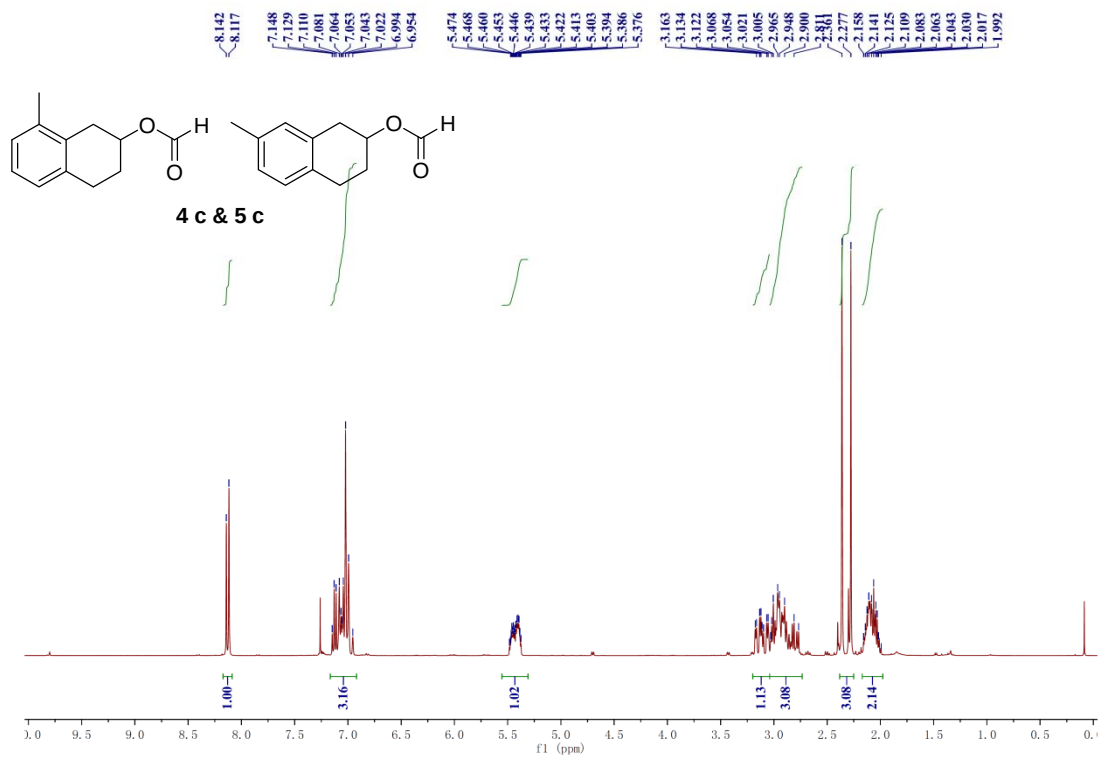


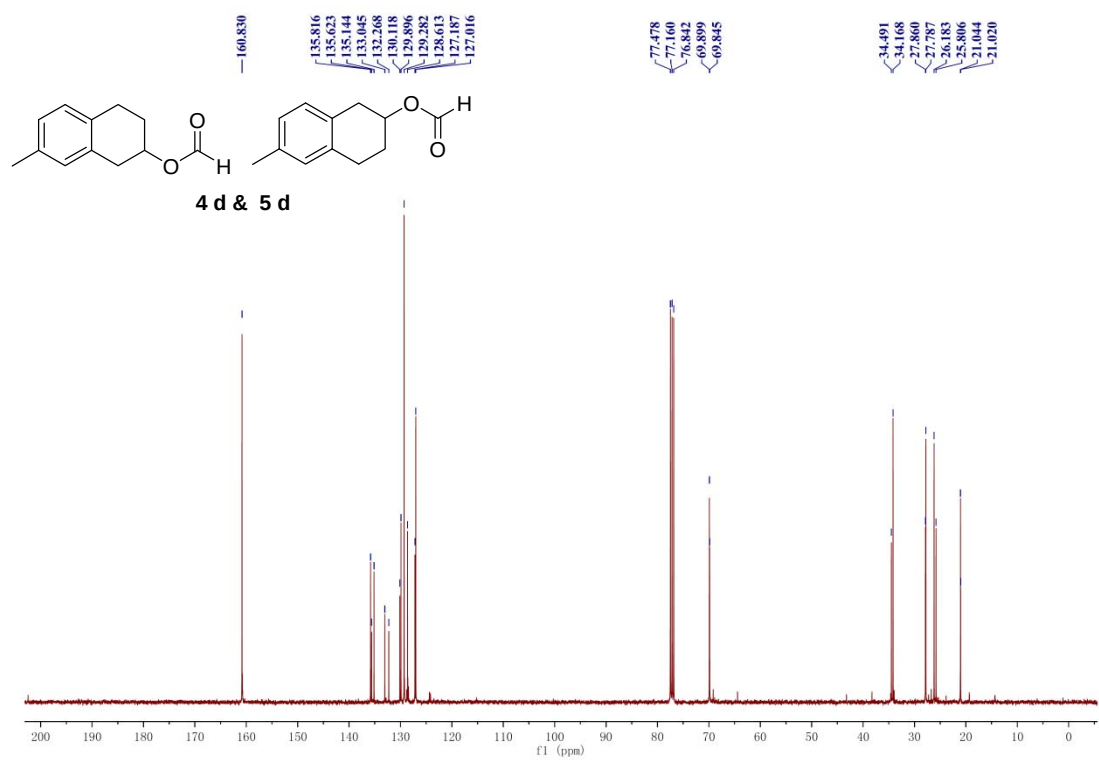
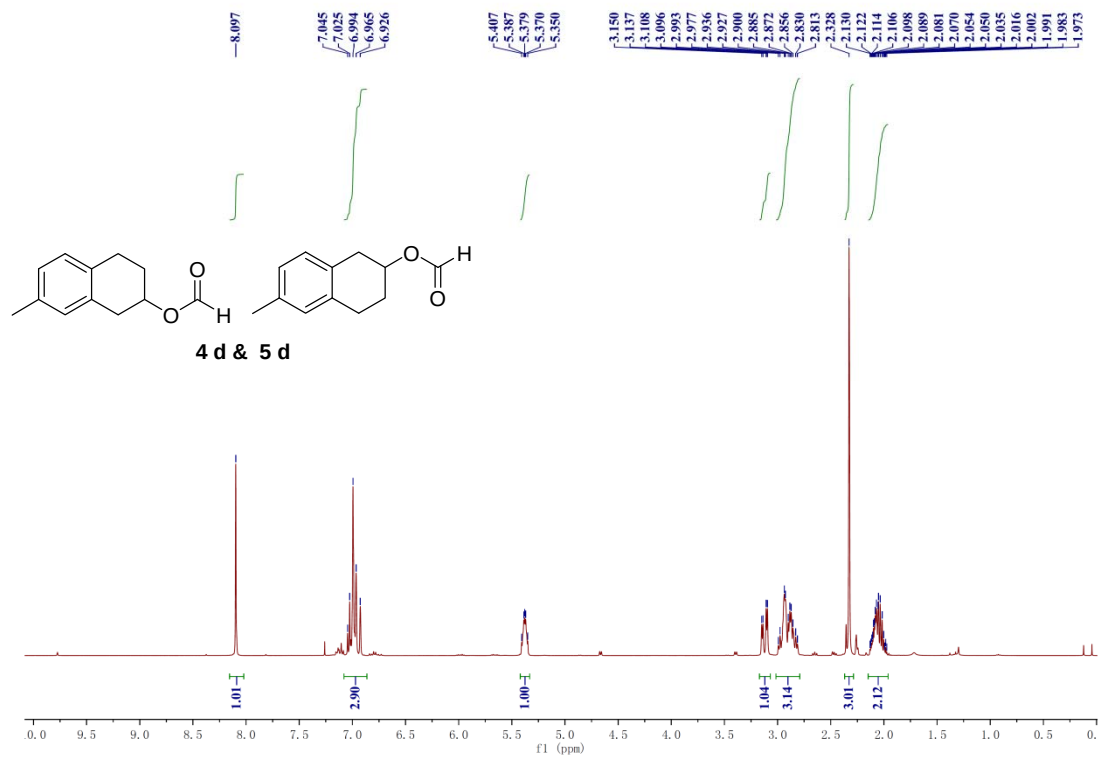


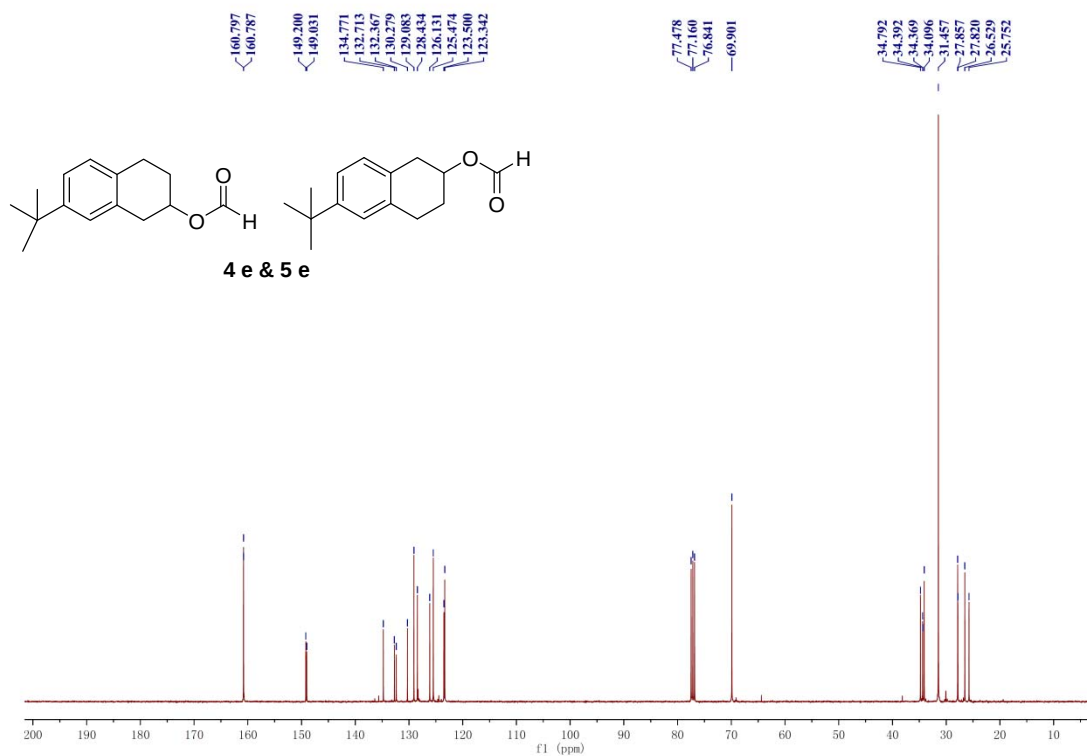
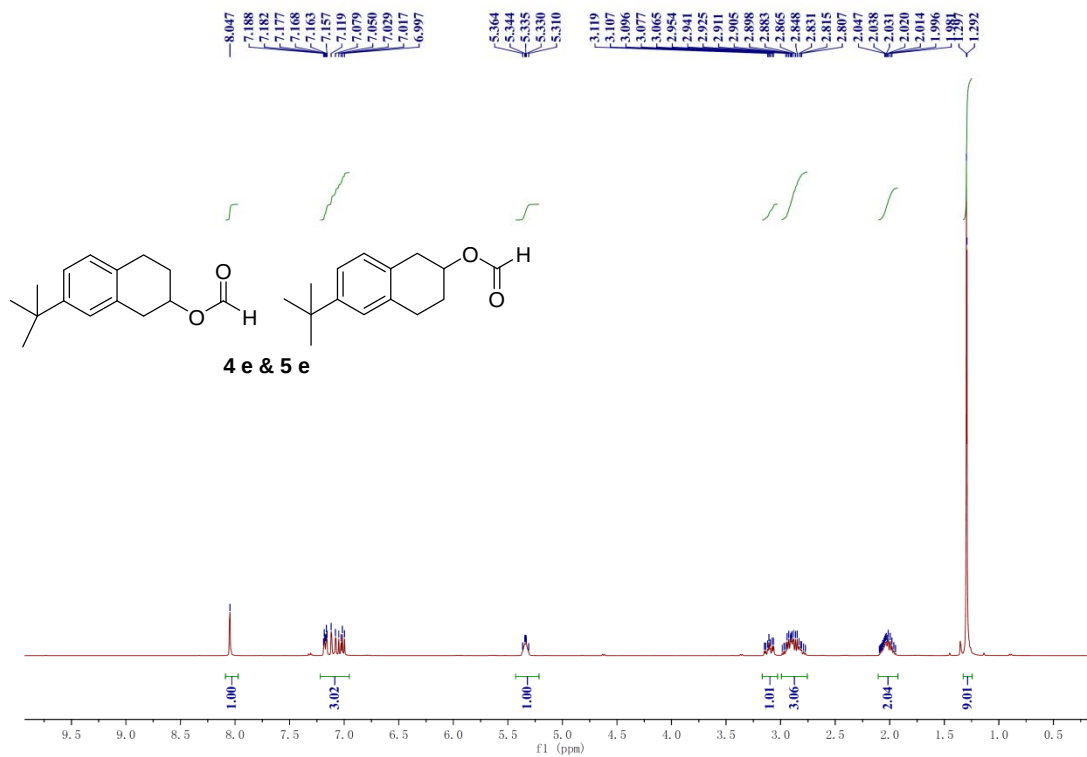


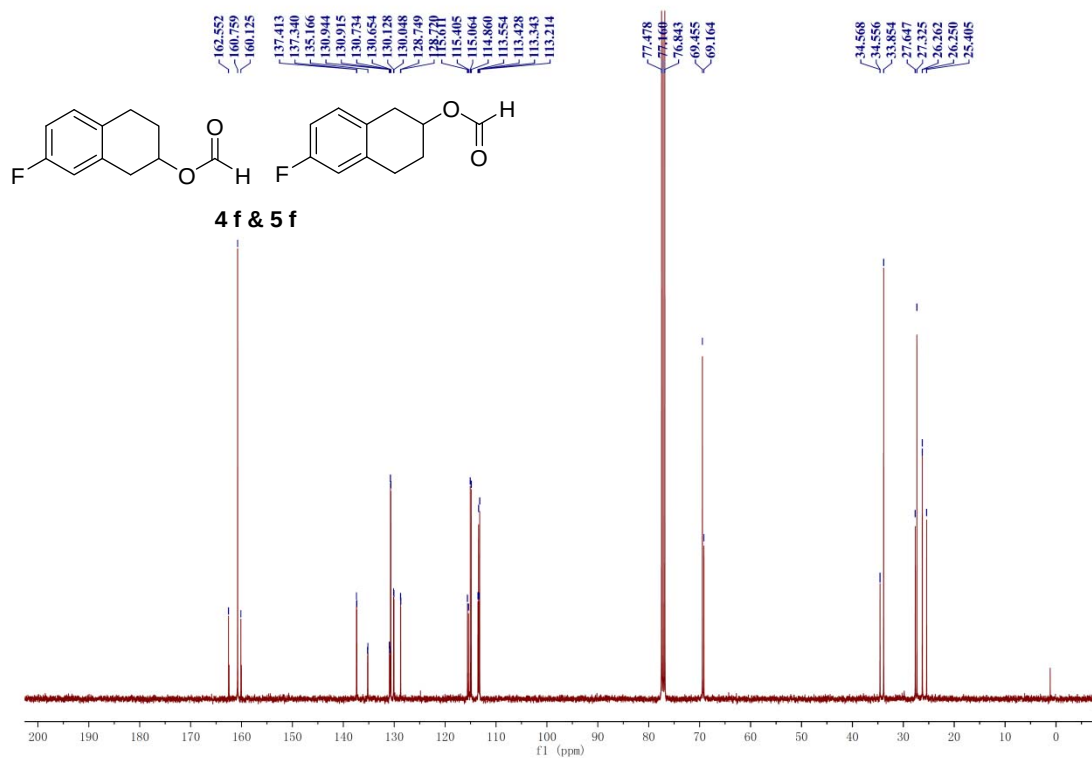
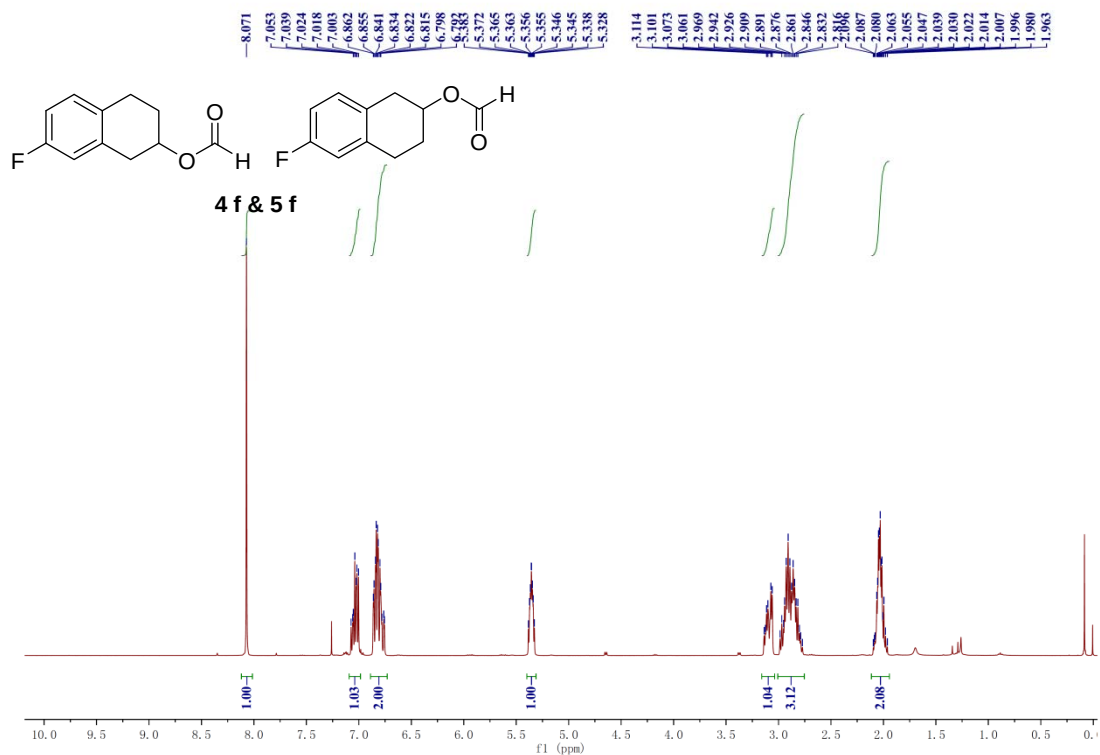


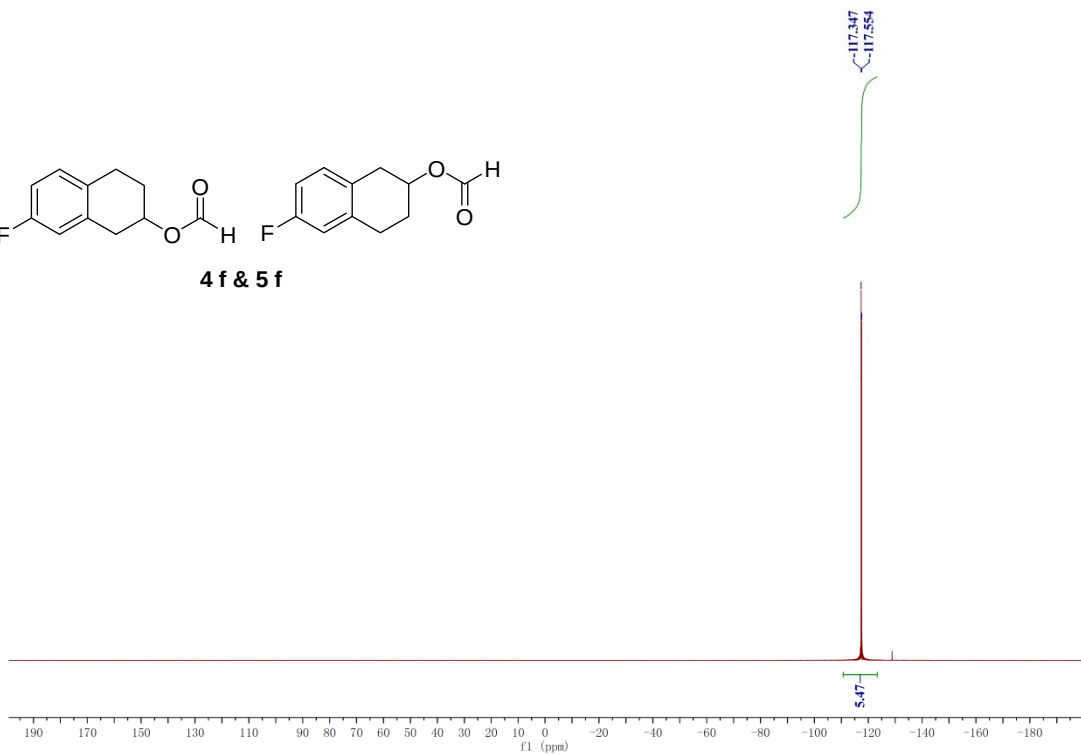


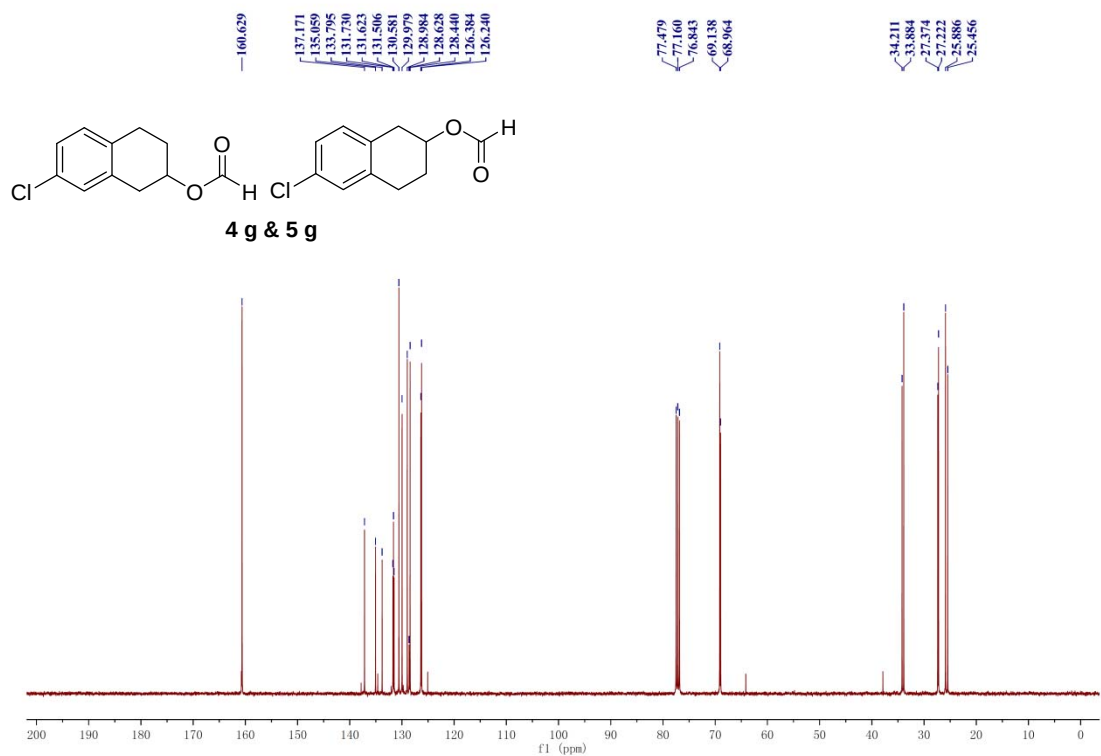
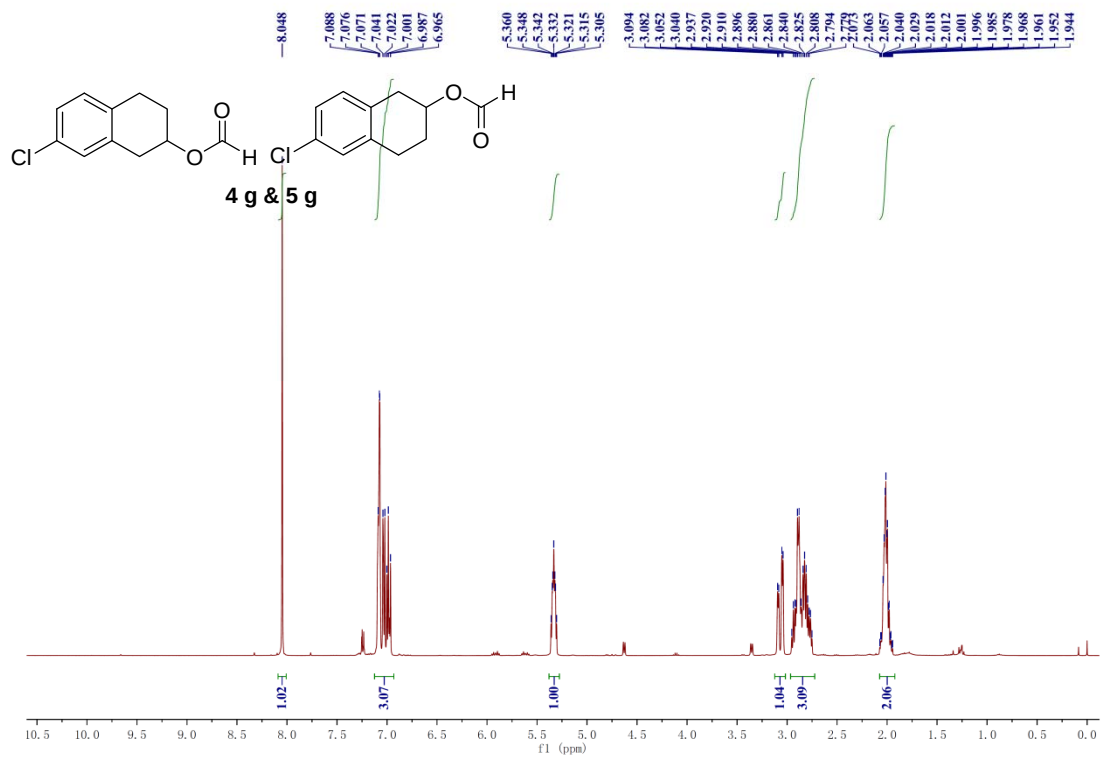


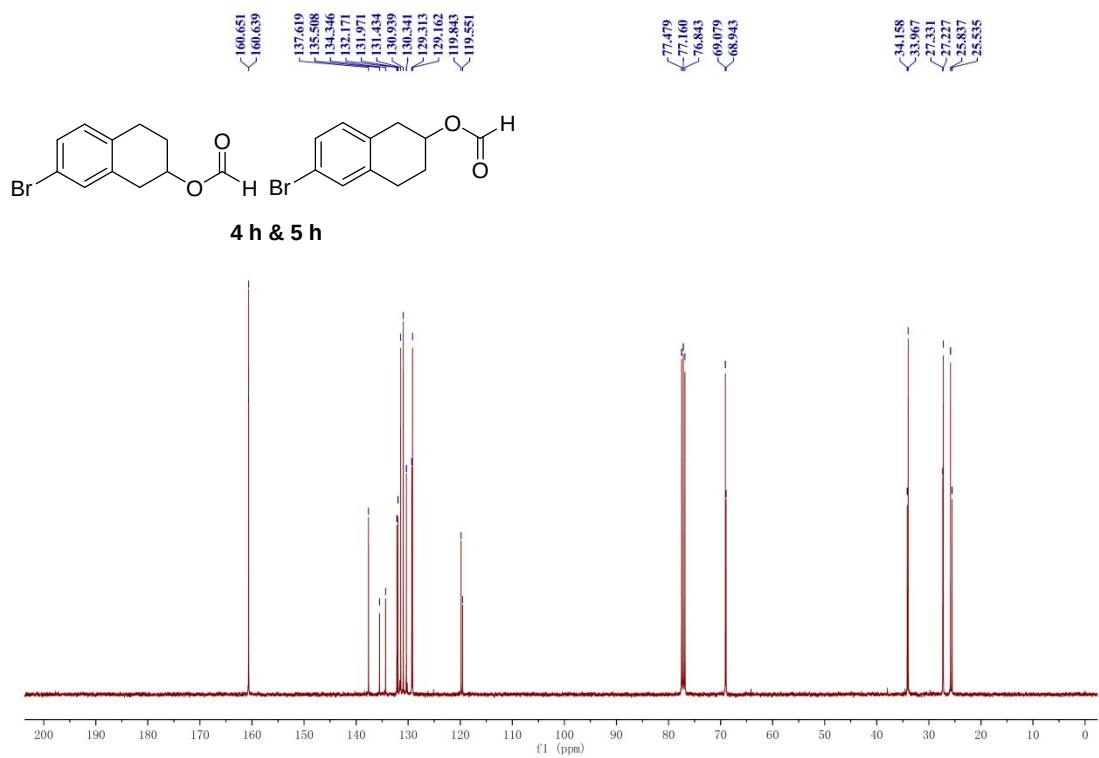
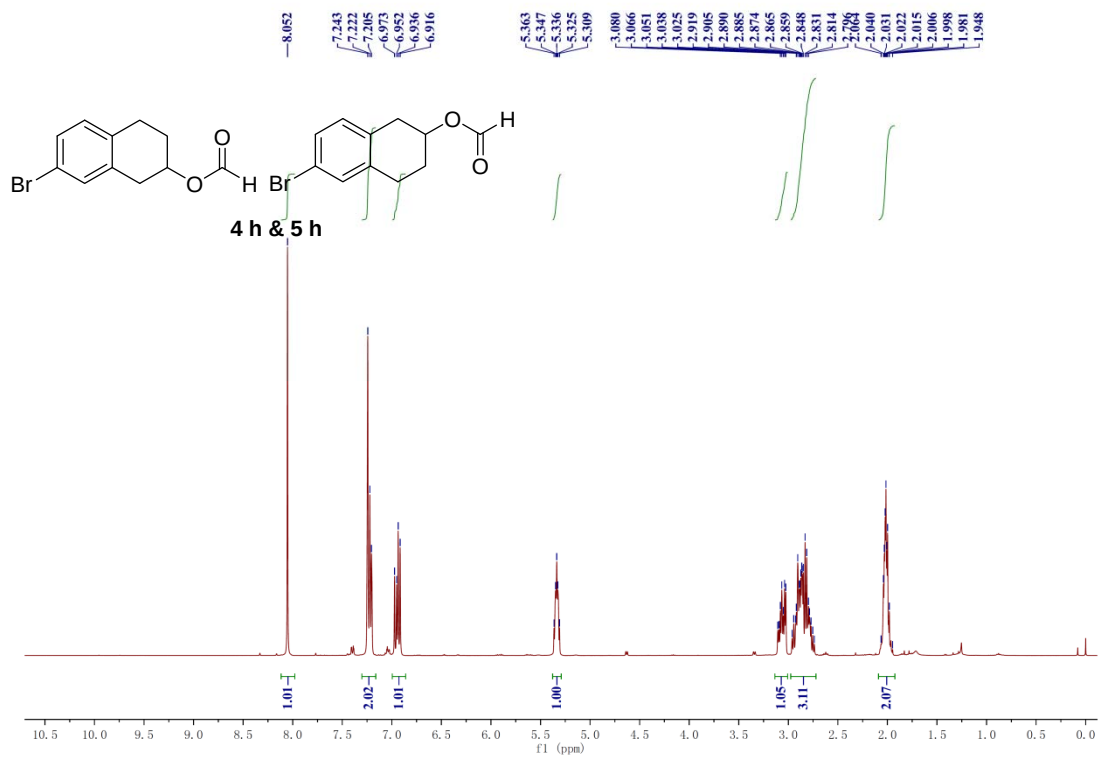


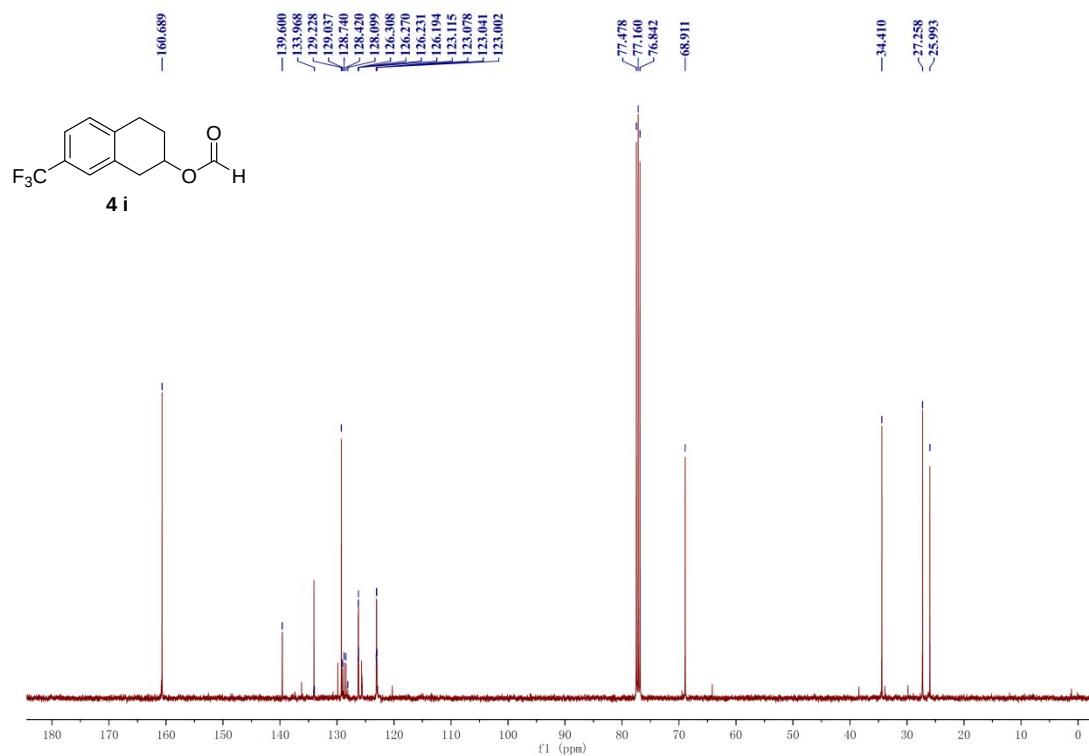
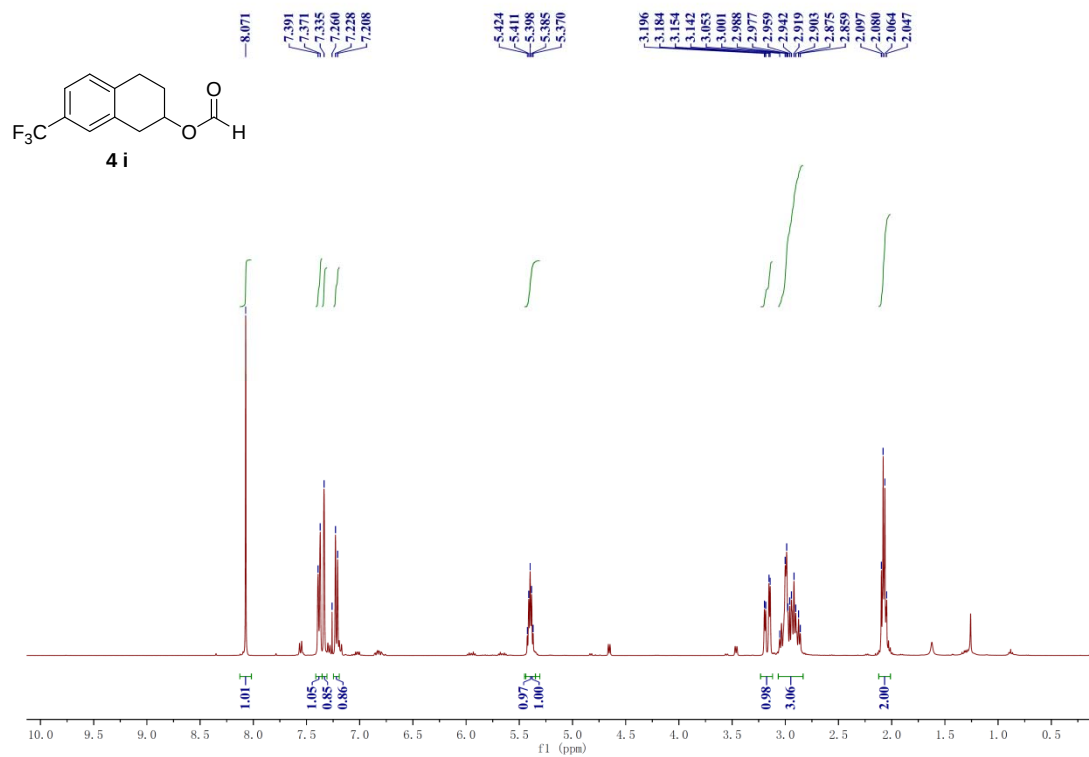


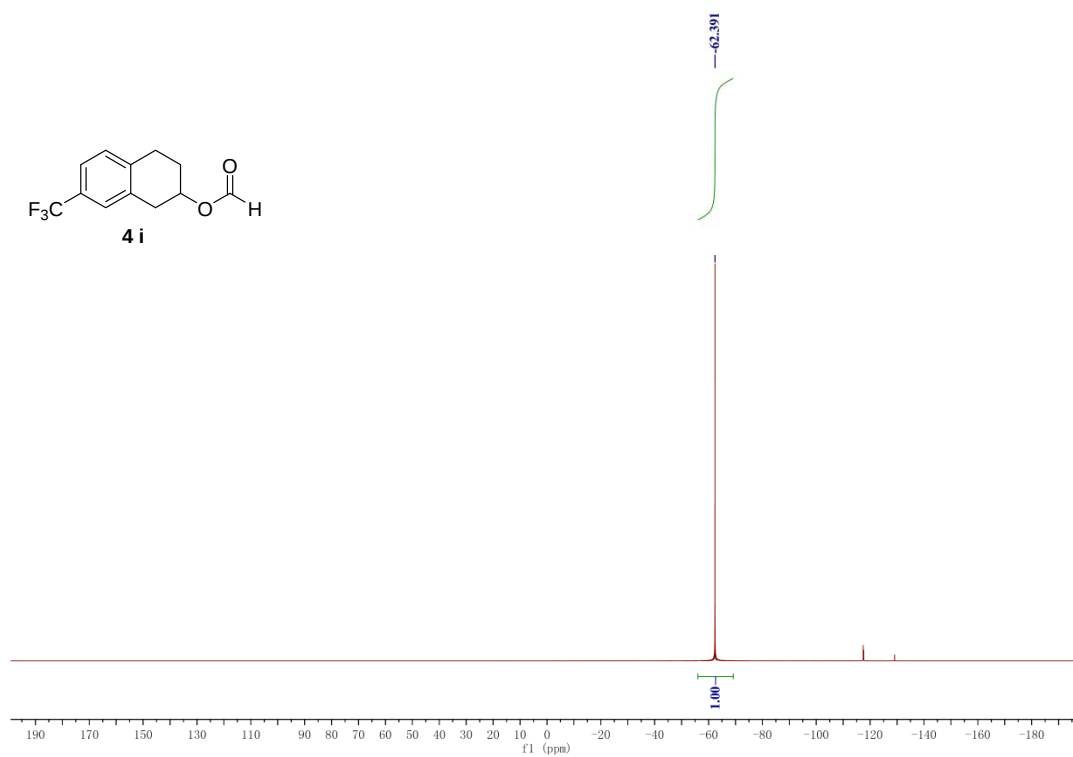


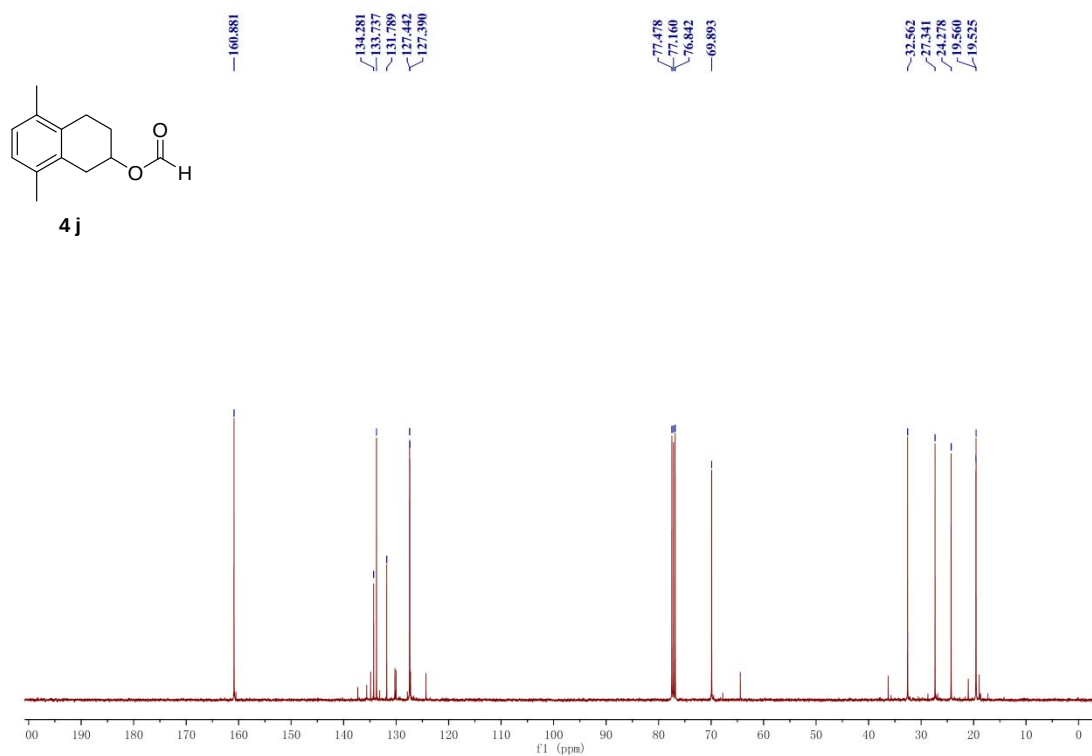
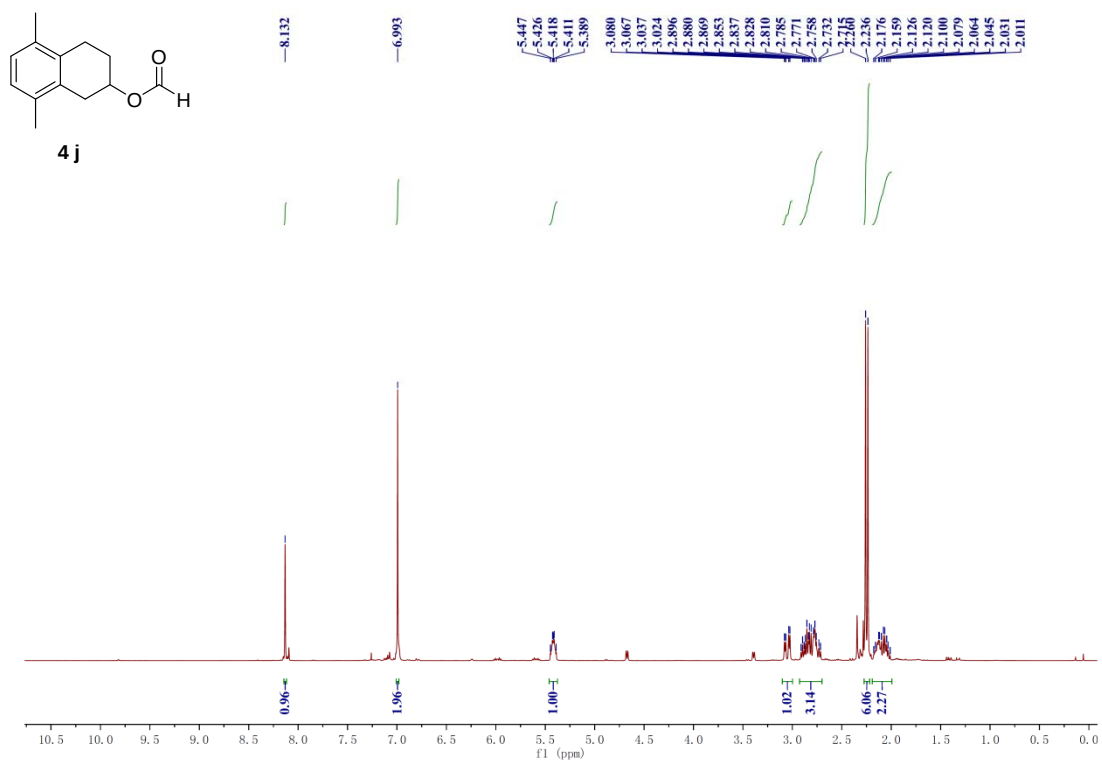












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