

Supporting Information

for

Preparation of mono-substituted malonic acid half oxyesters (SMAHOs)

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Experimental procedures, compound characterization data, and NMR spectra for all compounds

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1. General information

All commercially available reagents, including solvents (ethyl acetate = EA, petroleum ether = PE, cyclohexane = Cy, diethyl ether, dichloromethane, N,N-dimethylformamide = DMF, ethanol, methanol, and tetrahydrofuran = THF), were used as received. Room temperature means 18–25 °C. Melting points (mp) are uncorrected and were measured on a Büchi B-545 apparatus. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on TLC silica gel plates (0.25 mm) precoated with a fluorescent indicator (Merck 60F254). Visualization was effected using ultraviolet light (λ = 254 nm) and/or a aqueous solution of KMnO₄. Flash chromatography (FC) was performed on 40–63 µm silica gel with mixtures of solvents. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained at the ICOA of the Université of Orléans by electrospray ionization using a Q-TOF analyzer. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance II 400 MHz spectrometer. ¹H NMR chemical shifts were referenced to the residual solvent signal; ¹³C NMR chemical shifts were referenced to the deuterated solvent signal. Multiplicity was defined by DEPT 135 analysis. Data are presented as follows: chemical shift δ (ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, hept = heptuplet, m = multiplet, br = broad), coupling constant J (Hz), integration.

2. Preparation of substituted malonates 3

General procedure 1 (GP1) - alkylation: A RBF equipped with a stirring bar was charged with NaH 60% (1.0 equiv) and purged with argon. DMF (V mL) was added and the RBF was cooled to 0 °C (ice/water bath). Malonate 1 (1.1 equiv) was added dropwise with a syringe and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. The alkyl halide 2 (1.0 equiv) was then added dropwise with a syringe. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. Then, the resulting mixture was poured in sat aq NH₄Cl (3 V) and the resulting solution was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 2 V). The combined organic layers were washed with water (10 V) and brine (5 V), dried (Na₂SO₄), and evaporated. Purification by FC afforded the expected product 3.

Compound $3aa:^1$ Following GP1 performed with dimethyl malonate (1a, 1.0 mL, 8.8 mmol, 1.1 equiv), sodium hydride (0.32 g, 8.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and iodomethane (2a, 0.2 mL, 8.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (8 mL, c = 1 M) for 2 h, the desired product 3aa was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 50 mL, PE/EA 95:5 (250 mL), 90:10 (250 mL)] as a colorless oil (0.591 g, 50%).

 R_f (PE/EA: 90/10, UV+KMnO₄): 0.27

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 3.71 (s, 6H), 3.44 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.6 (2 C), 52.6 (2 CH₃), 45.9 (CH), 13.7 (CH₃).

Compound **3ba**: Following *GP1* performed with diethyl malonate (**1b**, 6.7 mL, 44.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv), sodium hydride (1.92 g, 48.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and iodomethane (**2a**, 2.5 mL, 40.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (40 mL, c = 1 M) for 16 h, the desired product **3ba** was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 100 mL, PE/EA98:2 (1000 mL)] as a colorless oil (5.302 g, 76%).

 R_f (PE/EA: 90/10, UV+KMnO₄): 0.45

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.14 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 3.36 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H).

 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.2 (2 C), δ 1.3 (2 CH₂), 46.2 (CH), 14.1 (2 CH₃), 13.6 (CH₃).

Compound 3ab: Following *GP1* performed with dimethyl malonate (1a, 0.60 mL, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv), sodium hydride (0.20 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and ethyl bromide (2b, 0.37 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (10 mL, c = 0.5 M), the desired product 3ab was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 50 mL, Cy/EA 95:5 (250 mL), 90:10 (250 mL)] as a colorless oil (318 mg, 40%).

 R_f (Cy/EA: 90/10, UV+KMnO₄): 0.22

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.72 (s, 6H), 3.28 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (quint, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.0 (2 C), 53.3 (CH), 52.5 (2 CH₃), 22.4 (CH₂), 12.0 (CH₃).

Compound 3ac:⁴ Following *GP1* performed with dimethyl malonate (1a, 0.63 mL, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv), sodium hydride (0.20 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and 1-iodobutane (2c, 0.57 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (10 mL, c = 0.5 M), the desired product 3ac was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 50 mL, Cy/EA 95:5 (250 mL), 90:10 (250 mL)] as a colorless oil (710 mg, 75%).

 R_f (Cy/EA: 90/10, UV+KMnO₄): 0.31

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.71 (s, 6H), 3.33 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.46–1.19 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.1 (2 C), 52.5 (2 CH₃), 51.8 (CH), 29.6 (CH₂), 28.7 (CH₂), 22.4 (CH₂), 13.9 (CH₃).

¹ Spectral analysis matches with a commercially available sample.

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Compound **3bd**:⁵ Following *GP1* performed with diethyl malonate (**1b**, 0.84 mL, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv), sodium hydride (0.20 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and 1-iodooctane (**2d**, 0.90 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (10 mL, c = 0.5 M), the desired product **3bd** was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 50 mL, Cy/EA 95:5 (250 mL), 90:10 (250 mL)] as a colorless oil (1.329 g, 93%).

 R_f (PE/EA: 90/10, UV+KMnO₄): 0.63

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 4.16 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 3.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.89–1.80 (m, 2H), 1.31–1.18 (m, 18H), 0.84 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.7 (2 C), 61.3 (2 CH₂), 52.2 (CH), 31.9 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 28.8 (CH₂), 27.4 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 14.2 (3 CH₃).

Compound **3be**:⁶ Following *GP1* performed with diethyl malonate (**1b**, 0.84 mL, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv), sodium hydride (0.20 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and 2-iodopropane (**2e**, 0.50 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (10 mL, c = 0.5 M), the desired product **3be** was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 50 mL, Cy/EA 95:5 (250 mL), 90:10 (250 mL)] as a colorless oil (524 mg, 52%).

 R_f (Cy/EA: 90/10, UV+KMnO₄): 0.37

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 4.15 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 3.06 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.41–2.28 (m, 1H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H), 0.96 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.9 (2 C), 61.2 (2 CH₂), 59.2 (CH), 28.8 (CH), 20.4 (2 CH₃), 14.2 (2 CH₃).

Compound **3bf**:⁷ Following *GP1* performed with diethyl malonate (**1b**, 0.84 mL, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv), sodium hydride (0.20 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and allyl bromide (**2f**, 0.43 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (10 mL, c = 0.5 M), the desired product **3bf** was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 50 mL, Cy/EA 95:5 (250 mL), 90:10 (250 mL)] as a colorless oil (807 mg, 81%).

 R_f (Cy/EA: 90/10, UV+KMnO₄): 0.29

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.76 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.3, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 3.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.0 (2 C), 134.2 (CH), 117.6 (CH₂), 61.5 (2 CH₂), 51.8 (CH), 32.9 (CH₂), 14.2 (2 CH₃).

Compound **3bg**:⁸ Following *GP1* performed with diethyl malonate (**1b**, 0.84 mL, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv), sodium hydride (0.20 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and propargyl bromide (**2g**, 0.74 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (10 mL, c = 0.5 M), the desired product **3bg** was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 50 mL, Cy/EA 95:5 (250 mL), 90:10 (250 mL)] as a colorless oil (572 mg, 58%).

 R_f (Cy/EA: 90/10, UV+KMnO₄): 0.34

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 4.20 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 3.53 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.78–2.71 (m, 2H), 2.02–1.97 (m, 1H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.9 (2 C), 80.0 (C), 70.5 (CH), 61.8 (2 CH₂), 51.2 (CH), 18.5 (CH₂), 14.1 (2 CH₃).

Compound **3bh**: Following *GP1* performed with diethyl malonate (**1b**, 0.84 mL, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv), sodium hydride (0.20 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and benzyl bromide (**2h**, 0.59 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (10 mL, c = 0.5 M), the desired product **3bh** was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 50 mL, Cy/EA 95:5 (250 mL), 90:10 (250 mL)] as a colorless oil (959 mg, 76%).

 R_f (Cy/EA: 90/10, UV+KMnO₄): 0.25

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.33–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.21 (m, 3H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 3.67 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.0 (2 C), 138.0 (C), 128.9 (2 CH), 128.6 (2 CH), 126.8 (CH), 61.5 (2 CH₂), 54.0 (CH), 34.8 (CH₂), 14.1 (2 CH₃).

Compound **3bi**: ¹⁰ Following *GP1* performed with diethyl malonate (**1b**, 0.46 mL, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydride (0.12 g, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and 2-(bromomethyl)thiophene (**2i**, 0.53 g, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (3 mL, c = 1 M) for 16 h, the desired product **3bi** was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 50 mL, Cy/EA 95:5 (500 mL)] as a yellow oil (229 mg, 30%).

 R_f (Cy/EA: 80/20, UV+KMnO₄): 0.53

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.25–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.03–7.00 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 3.63 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.0 (2 C), 138.2 (C), 128.3 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 122.1 (CH), 61.6 (CH₂), 53.3 (CH₃), 29.3 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃).

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Compound 3bj: Following *GP1* performed with diethyl malonate (1b, 0.84 mL, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv), sodium hydride (0.20 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and 1-bromo-3-chloropropane (2j, 0.49 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (10 mL, c = 0.5 M) for 16 h, the desired product 3bj was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 50 mL, Cy/EA 95:5 (250 mL), 90:10 (250 mL)] as a colorless oil (1.077 g, 91%).

 R_f (PE/EA: 90/10, UV+KMnO₄): 0.48

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.17 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 3.51 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.84–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.1 (2 C), 61.5 (2 CH₂), 51.3 (CH), 44.2 (CH₂), 30.2 (CH₂), 26.2 (CH₂), 14.1 (2 CH₃).

Compound 3ak:¹¹ Following *GP1* performed with dimethyl malonate (1a, 0.56 mL, 4.9 mmol, 1.1 equiv), sodium hydride (0.18 g, 4.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and *tert*-butyl (2-bromoethyl)carbamate (2k, 1.00 g, 4.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (10 mL, c = 0.5 M) for 16 h, the desired product 3ak was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 50 mL, Cy/EA 90:10 (250 mL), 80:20 (250 mL)] as a colorless oil (507 mg, 41%).

 R_f (Cy/EA: 80/20, UV+KMnO₄): 0.11

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.68 (br s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 6H), 3.42 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.19 - 3.13 (m, 2H), 2.07 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.7 (2 C), 155.9 (C), 79.4 (C), 52.7 (2 CH₃), 49.2 (CH), 38.5 (CH₂), 29.1 (CH₂), 28.4 (3 CH₃).

Compound **3bl**: Following *GP1* performed with diethyl malonate (**1b**, 1.5 mL, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydride (0.40 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and 2-bromoethyl 4-methylbenzoate (**2l**, 2.431 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (10 mL, c = 1 M) at 80 °C for 16 h, the desired product **3bl** was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 100 mL, PE/EA 98:2 (500 mL), 95:5 (250 mL), 90:10 (250 mL), 80/20 (250 mL)] as a colorless oil (1.425 g, 44%).

 R_f (PE/EA: 90/10, UV+KMnO₄): 0.34

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₂NaO₆: 345.1308. Found: 345.1309.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.88 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 3.55 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.52–2.29 (m, 5H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.0 (2 C), 166.4 (C), 143.8 (C), 129.7 (2 CH), 129.1 (2 CH), 127.3 (C), 62.3 (CH₂), 61.7 (2 CH₂), 49.2 (CH), 28.0 (CH₂), 21.7 (CH₃), 14.1 (2 CH₃).

Compound **3bm**: Following *GP1* performed with diethyl malonate (**1b**, 1.67 mL, 11.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv), sodium hydride (0.40 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and (2-bromoethoxy)(tert-butyl)dimethylsilane (**2m**, 2.392 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (10 mL, c = 1 M) for 16 h, the desired product **3bm** was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 50 mL, PE/EA 98:2 (250 mL), 95:5 (250 mL)] as a colorless oil (1.655 g, 51%).

 R_f (PE/EA: 90/10, UV+KMnO₄): 0.41

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₅H₃₀NaO₅Si: 341.1754. Found: 341.1750.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 4.25–4.10 (m, 4H), 3.63 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.56 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 6H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.01 (s, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.7 (2 C), 61.4 (2 CH₂), 60.4 (CH₂), 48.6 (CH), 31.8 (CH₂), 26.0 (3 CH₃), 18.4 (C), 14.2 (2 CH₃). [2 CH₃ not detected]

Compound **3bn**: Following GPI performed with diethyl malonate (**1b**, 3.4 mL, 22.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv), sodium hydride (0.98 g, 24.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and bromoacetonitrile (**2n**, 1.4 mL, 20.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (40 mL), the desired product **3bn** was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 100 mL, PE/EA 80:20 (500 mL), 70:30 (500 mL)] as a colorless oil (990 mg, 24%).

 R_f (PE/EA: 80/20, UV+KMnO₄): 0.15

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₉H₁₄NO₄: 200.0917. Found: 200.0916.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.29–4.20 (m, 4H), 3.68 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.5 (2 C), 116.9 (C), 62.7 (2 CH₂), 48.1 (CH), 17.0 (CH₂), 14.0 (2 CH₃).

Compound **3ao**: Following *GP1* performed with dimethyl malonate (**1a**, 0.47 mL, 4.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv), sodium hydride (0.15 g, 3.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and 2-(iodomethyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (**2o**, 1.00 g, 3.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMF (5 mL, c = 1 M), the desired product **3ao** was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 50 mL, PE/EA 80:20 (250 mL), 60:40 (250 mL)] as a colorless oil (714 mg, 70%).

 R_f (PE/EA: 80/20, UV+KMnO₄): 0.20

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₂H₂₂BO₆: 273.1503. Found: 273.1506.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.67 (s, 6H), 3.55 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (s, 12H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.0 (2 C), 83.6 (2 C), 52.5 (2 CH₂), 47.4 (CH), 24.7 (4 CH₃), 11.7 (br CH₂).

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Compound **3ap**: Following GPI performed with dimethyl malonate (**1a**, 0.9 mL, 7.9 mmol, 1.1 equiv), sodium hydride (0.29 g, 7.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (chloromethyl)trimethylsilane (**2p**, 1.0 mL, 7.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sodium iodide (3.2 g, 21.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in THF (15 mL, c = 0.5 M) at reflux for 24 h, the desired product **3ap** was obtained after purification by FC [V(SiO₂) = 50 mL, Cy/EA 95:5 (250 mL), 90:10 (250 mL)] as a colorless oil (333 mg, 21%).

 R_f (PE/EA: 90/10, UV+KMnO₄): 0.48

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. for C₉H₁₈NaO₄Si: 241.0866. Found: 241.0866.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.71 (s, 6H), 3.38 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 0.00 (s, 9H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.2 (2 C), 52.7 (2 CH₃), 47.6 (CH), 16.3 (CH₂), -1.54 (3 CH₃).

3. Preparation of substituted malonic acids 9

General procedure 2 (GP2) - saponification: A RBF equipped with a stirring bar was charged with malonate 3 (1.0 equiv) and MeOH (c = 2 M). After addition of a 6 M aqueous solution of NaOH (5.0 equiv), the reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1 h. The resulting mixture was then acidified to pH 1 with 1 M aq HCl, and extracted twice with EA (20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated to afford the expected product 9.

Compound 9a: Following GP2 performed with 3aa (0.40 mL, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NaOH (0.60 g, 15.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in MeOH (2.5 mL, c = 2 M), the desired product 9a was obtained as an off-white solid (314 mg, 89%).

mp: 136–138 °C (lit.: 131–134°C)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): δ 10.42 (br s, 2H), 3.47 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): δ 171.8 (2 C), 46.1 (CH), 14.0 (CH₃).

Compound 9c: Following GP2 performed with 3ac (565 mg, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NaOH (0.60 g, 15.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in MeOH (2.5 mL, c = 2 M), the desired product 9c was obtained as a white solid (439 mg, 91%).

mp: 101–103 °C (lit.: 102–103°C)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃): δ 12.62 (br s, 2H), 3.17 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.36–1.14 (m, 4H), 0.84 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃): δ 171.1 (2 C), 51.7 (CH), 29.2 (CH₂), 28.3 (CH₂), 22.1 (CH₂), 13.9 (CH₃).

Compound 9d: ¹³ Following GP2 performed with 3bd (817 mg, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NaOH (0.60 g, 15.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in MeOH (2.5 mL, c = 2 M), the desired product 9d was obtained as a white solid (647 mg, quantitative).

mp: 110–113 °C (lit.: 113–114°C)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃): δ 12.64 (br s, 2H), 3.17 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.28–1.19 (m, 12H), 0.85 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃): δ 171.0 (2 C), 51.7 (CH), 31.3 (CH₂), 28.9 (CH₂), 28.8 (CH₂), 28.7 (CH₂), 28.5 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 22.2 (CH₂), 14.0 (CH₃).

Compound $\mathbf{9f}$: ¹⁴ Following *GP2* performed with $\mathbf{3bf}$ (100 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NaOH (0.10 g, 2.5 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in MeOH (0.4 mL, c = 2 M), the desired product $\mathbf{9f}$ was obtained as a white solid (61 mg, 85%).

mp: 101-104 °C (lit.: 102–105°C)

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃COCD₃):** δ 9.90 (br s, 2H), 5.91–5.75 (m, 1H), 5.12 (dd, J = 17.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): δ 170.5 (2 C), 135.7 (CH), 117.4 (CH₂), 51.8 (CH), 33.6 (CH₂).

Compound 9h: Following GP2 performed with 3bh (222 mg, 0.89 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NaOH (0.18 g, 5.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in MeOH (0.8 mL, c = 2 M), the desired product 9h was obtained as an off-white solid (151 mg, 87%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): δ 9.78 (br s, 2H), 7.34–7.24 (m, 4H), 7.24–7.17 (m, 1H), 3.73 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): δ 170.4 (2 C), 139.5 (C), 129.7 (2 CH), 129.2 (2 CH), 127.3 (CH), 54.0 (CH), 35.4 (CH₂).

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4. Preparation of substituted meldrum acid derivatives 7

Compound **7h**:¹⁶ A flame-dried 100 mL RBF equipped with a stirring bar was charged with meldrum acid (**5**, 1.44 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), closed with a septum, and purged with argon. After the addition of benzaldehyde (**6h**, 1.00 mL, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with a syringe, and abs. EtOH (20 mL, c = 0.5 M) by quick removal of the septum, the mixture was stirred (by heating with a heat gun, if necessary) until complete solubilization of the solid. Then, piperidine (99 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 10 mol %) and acetic acid (57 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 10 mol %) were added through the septum with syringes, and the reaction was stirred at rt for 30 min. NaBH(OAc)₃ (4.24 g, 20.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added in 4 equal portions, one after the other on a 30 min interval by temporary removal of the septum and the reaction was stirred for 60 min at rt. Then, the resulting mixture was quenched with a sat. aq. NH₄Cl (50 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. Purification by recrystallization (MeOH/H₂O) afforded the expected product **7h** as an off-white solid (1.321 g, 56%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39–7.22 (m, 5H), 3.79 (t, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.4 (2 C), 137.4 (C), 129.9 (2 CH), 128.8 (2 CH), 127.3 (CH), 105.4 (C), 48.3 (CH), 32.3 (CH₂), 28.6 (CH₃), 27.4 (CH₃).

General procedure 3 (GP3) - preparation of meldrum acid derivatives: A RBF equipped with a stirring bar was charged with the malonic acid derivative 9 (1.0 equiv) and Ac₂O (5–8 M), and cooled to 0 °C (ice/water bath). After the addition of 2–3 drops of concentrated H₂SO₄, acetone (1.1 equiv) was added dropwise to the stirred mixture with a pressure-equalizing dropping funnel. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 6 h. Then, the resulting mixture was placed in the refrigerator for 2 h, and the resulting solid was collected by filtration on a fritted funnel and rinsed with cold water (2 times) and Et₂O (3 times). Traces of water were removed by addition of toluene (10 mL) and evaporation (3 times) to afford the desired product 7.

Compound 7a:¹⁷ Following *GP3* performed with methylmalonic acid 9a (2.95 g, 25.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and acetone (2.0 mL, 27.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in Ac₂O (3.2 mL, c = 8.0 M), the desired product 7a was obtained as a white solid (3.354 g, 84%). mp: 114–116 °C (lit.: 113–114 °C)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.61 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.54 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.2 (2 C), 105.0 (C), 41.4 (CH), 28.6 (CH₃), 26.5 (CH₃), 10.8 (CH₃).

Compound **7s**: ¹⁸ Following *GP3* performed with phenylmalonic acid **9s** (4.50 g, 25.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and acetone (2.0 mL, 27.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in Ac_2O (5.0 mL, c = 5.0 M), the desired product **7s** was obtained as a pale yellow solid (4.690 g, 84%). **mp:** 135–138 °C (lit.: 135–137°C)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.50–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.37–7.24 (m, 2H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 1.88 (s, 3H), 1.78 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.9 (2 C), 130.7 (C), 129.3 (2 CH), 129.2 (2 CH), 128.9 (CH), 105.9 (C), 52.9 (CH), 28.6 (CH₃), 27.5 (CH₃).

5. Preparation of SMAHOs 4

General procedure 4 (GP4) - monosaponification: In a manner similar to 19 , a RBF equipped with a stirring bar was charged with the malonate derivative 3 (1.0 equiv) and the solvent (c = 0.5 M, V mL). A 5 M aqueous solution of KOH (1.0 equiv) was added with a syringe and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h. Then, the mixture was concentrated, diluted with water (V mL), and the resulting aqueous layer was washed with Et₂O (3*V/4 mL), acidified to pH 1 by the addition of 1 M aq HCl, saturated with NaCl, and extracted with EA (3*V/4 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated to afford the expected product 4.

Compound **4aa**:²⁰ Following *GP4* performed with **3aa** (6.70 mL, 50.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (3.37 g, 60.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in MeOH (100 mL), the desired product **4aa** was obtained as a colorless oil (6.011 g, 91%). *Characterization date are in agreement with those reported in* ¹⁹.

Compound **4ba**:²⁰ Following *GP4* performed with **3ba** (3.00 g, 17.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (0.96 g, 17.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in EtOH (34 mL), the desired product **4ba** was obtained as a colorless oil (1.818 g, 72%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.15 (br s, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.9 (C), 170.1 (C), 61.9 (CH₂), 46.1 (CH), 14.0 (CH₃), 13.6 (CH₃).

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Compound **4ab**:²¹ Following *GP4* performed with **3ab** (1.28 g, 8.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (0.54 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in MeOH (15 mL), the desired product **4ab** was obtained as a colorless oil (1.052 g, 90%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.62 (br s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.32 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (quint, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.98 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.4 (C), 169.8 (C), 53.2 (CH), 52.8 (CH₃), 22.4 (CH₂), 11.9 (CH₃).

Compound **4ac**:²² Following *GP4* performed with **3ac** (1.02 g, 6.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (0.43 g, 7.7 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in MeOH (11 mL), the desired product **4ac** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.871 g, 78%).

Characterization date are in agreement with those reported in 19.

Compound **4bd**:²³ Following *GP4* performed with **3bd** (5.50 g, 20.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (1.13 g, 20.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in EtOH (40 mL), the desired product **4bd** was obtained as a colorless oil (3.560 g, 72%).

Characterization date are in agreement with those reported in 19.

Compound **4be**: Following *GP4* performed with **3be** (2.70 g, 13.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (0.75 g, 13.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in EtOH (27 mL), the desired product **4be** was obtained as a colorless oil (1.716 g, 74%).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): m/z [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. for C₈H₁₄NaO₄: 197.0784. Found: 197.0783.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 10.76 (br s, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.15 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (m, 1H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.6 (C), 169.1 (C), 61.7 (CH₂), 58.7 (CH), 29.1 (CH), 20.4 (CH₃), 20.3 (CH₃), 14.1 (CH₃).

Compound **4bf**: Following *GP4* performed with **3bf** (0.98 g, 4.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (0.27 g, 4.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in EtOH (10 mL), the desired product **4bf** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.603 g, 71%).

Characterization date are in agreement with those reported in 19.

Compound **4bg**:²⁴ Following *GP4* performed with **3bg** (1.70 g, 8.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (0.48 g, 8.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in EtOH (18 mL), the desired product **4bg** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.963 g, 65%).

Characterization date are in agreement with those reported in 19.

Compound **4bh**: Following *GP4* performed with **3bh** (1.07 g, 4.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (0.24 g, 4.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in EtOH (10 mL), the desired product **4bh** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.657 g, 69%).

Characterization date are in agreement with those reported in 19.

Compound **4bi**:²⁵ Following *GP4* performed with **3bi** (0.19 g, 0.73 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (49 mg, 0.88 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in EtOH (2 mL), the desired product **4bi** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.118 g, 71%).

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 9.03 (br s, 1H), 7.40–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.1 (C), 168.8 (C), 137.7 (C), 128.1 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 122.2 (CH), 62.0 (CH₂), 53.0 (CH), 29.2 (CH₂), 14.0 (CH₃).

Compound **4bj**: Following *GP4* performed with **3bj** (1.62 g, 6.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (0.38 g, 6.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in EtOH (14 mL), the desired product **4bj** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.890 g, 62%).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): m/z [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. for C₈H₁₃NaO₄: 231.0394. Found: 231.0391.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.05 (br s, 1H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.11–2.02 (m, 2H), 1.89–1.79 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.8 (C), 169.0 (C), 62.0 (CH₂), 51.1 (CH), 44.2 (CH₂), 30.1 (CH₂), 26.2 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃).

Compound **4ak**: Following *GP4* performed with **3ak** (0.50 g, 1.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (0.10 g, 1.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeOH (5 mL), the desired product **4ak** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.366 g, 76%).

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HRMS (**ESI**⁺): [M+K]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₉KNO₆: 300.0843. Found: 300.0843.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃COCD₃): δ 6.09 (br s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.48 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.10–2.06 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H). [CO₂H not detected]

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CD₃COCD₃,): δ 170.5 (C), 170.4 (C), 156.7 (C), 78.6 (C), 52.4 (CH₃), 49.5 (CH₁), 38.9 (CH₂), 30.5 (CH₂), 28.5 (3 CH₃).

Compound **4bl**: Following *GP4* performed with **3bl** (1.40 g, 4.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (0.30 g, 5.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in EtOH (9 mL), the desired product **4bl** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.825 g, 63%).

Characterization date are in agreement with those reported in 19.

Compound **4bm**: Following *GP4* performed with **3bm** (0.98 g, 3.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (0.21 g, 3.7 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in EtOH (6 mL), the desired product **4bm** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.633 g, 70%).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₃H₂₆NaO₅Si: 313.1442. Found: 313.1444.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.30 (br s, 1H), 4.20 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.75–3.61 (m, 2H), 3.61 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (q, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.02 (s, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.1 (C), 169.5 (C), 61.8 (CH₂), 60.4 (CH₂), 48.6 (CH), 31.7 (CH₂), 26.0 (3 CH₃), 18.4 (C), 14.1 (CH₃). [2 <u>C</u>H₃ not detected]

Compound **4bn**: Following *GP4* performed with **3bn** (0.94 g, 4.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (0.26 g, 4.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in EtOH (20 mL), the desired product **4bn** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.528 g, 65%).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. for C₇H₉NNaO₄: 194.0424. Found: 194.0428.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.31 (br s, 1H), 4.30 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.8 (C), 166.5 (C), 116.8 (C), 63.2 (CH₂), 47.9 (CH), 17.0 (CH₂), 14.0 (CH₃).

Compound **4ao**: Following *GP4* performed with **3ao** (0.41 g, 1.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (0.10 g, 1.8 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in MeOH (3 mL), the desired product **4ao** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.300 g, 77%).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd. for $C_{11}H_{19}BNaO_6$: 281.1167. Found: 281.1165.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.62 (br s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.61 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (s, 12H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.5 (C), 170.9 (C), 83.9 (2 C), 52.7 (CH₃), 47.4 (CH), 24.7 (4 CH₃), 11.5 (CH₂).

Compound **4ap**: Following *GP4* performed with **3ap** (92 mg, 0.57 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (39 mg, 0.69 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in MeOH (2 mL), the desired product **4ap** was obtained as a colorless oil (73 mg, 62%).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. for C₈H₁₆NaO₄Si: 227.0710. Found: 227.0713.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.16 (br s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.40 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 0.01 (s, 9H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.7 (C), 170.8 (C), 52.8 (CH₃), 47.6 (CH), 16.2 (CH₂), -1.54 (3 CH₃).

Compound **4aq**: Following *GP4* performed with dimethyl chloromalonate **3aq** (2.5 mL, 20.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (1.12 g, 20.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeOH (40 mL), the desired product **4aq** was obtained as a colorless oil (2.160 g, 70%).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): m/z [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. for C₄H₅NaO₄: 174.9768. Found: 174.9768.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.17 (br s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.6 (C), 164.9 (C), 54.9 (CH), 54.3 (CH₃).

Compound **4br**: Following *GP4* performed with diethyl bromomalonate **3br** (1.7 mL, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydroxide (0.56 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in EtOH (20 mL), the desired product **4br** was obtained as a colorless oil (1.001 g, 47%).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): m/z [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. for C₅H₇BrNaO₄: 232.9419. Found: 232.9418.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.66 (br s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.34 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.8 (C), 164.7 (C), 63.9 (CH₂), 41.4 (CH), 13.9 (CH₃).

General procedure 5 (GP5) - monoesterification: A 50 mL RBF equipped with a stirring bar was charged with the methyl malonic acid (9a, 0.50 g, 4.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), DMAP (26 mg, 0.21 mmol, 5 mol %), CH₃CN (10 mL), and the requisite alcohol 8 (1.1 equiv) and cooled at -15 °C (ice/salt bath). A solution of DCC (0.87 g, 4.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH₃CN (10 mL) was added dropwise to the stirred mixture with a pressure-equalizing dropping funnel. The reaction was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 14 h. Then, the reaction mixture was filtered through a fritted funnel (rinsed with CH₂Cl₂), and the filtrate was evaporated. To the resulting crude oil were added 30 mL of sat aq NaHCO₃. The resulting solution was washed with Et₂O (2 × 10 mL), acidified to pH 1 with 1 M aq HCl, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated to afford the expected product 4.

Compound **4ca**: Following *GP5* performed with isopropanol (**8c**, 0.35 mL, 4.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv), the desired product **4ca** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.341 g, 51%).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. for C₇H₁₂NaO₄: 183.0627. Found: 183.0633.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.80 (br s, 1H), 5.03 (hept, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.9 (C), 169.7 (C), 69.5 (CH), 46.2 (CH), 21.6 (CH₃), 21.5 (CH₃), 13.5 (CH₃).

Compound **4da**: Following *GP5* performed with benzyl alcohol (**8d**, 0.48 mL, 4.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv), the desired product **4da** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.462 g, 53%).

Characterization date are in agreement with those reported in 19.

Compound **4fa**: Following *GP5* performed with allyl alcohol (**8f**, 0.31 mL, 4.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv), the desired product **4fa** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.345 g, 52%).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. for C₇H₁₀NaO₄: 181.0471. Found: 181.0477.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 11.01 (br s, 1H), 5.89 (ddt, J = 16.2, 10.6, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dt, J = 16.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.27–5.18 (m, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.1 (C), 169.6 (C), 131.5 (CH), 118.8 (CH₂), 66.3 (CH₂), 46.04 (CH), 13.6 (CH₃).

Compound **4ga**:²⁶ Following *GP5* performed with *tert*-butanol **8g** (0.44 mL, 4.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv), the desired product **4ga** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.271 g, 37%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.90 (br s, 1H), 3.37 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.38 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.5 (C), 169.3 (C), 82.4 (C), 47.0 (CH), 27.9 (3 CH₃), 13.7 (CH₃).

Compound **4ha**: Following *GP5* performed with 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (**8h**, 0.33 mL, 4.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv), the desired product **4ha** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.285 g, 34%).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. for C₆H₇F₃NaO₄: 223.0188. Found: 223.0189.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.51 (br s, 1H), 4.59–4.49 (m, 2H), 3.62 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.4 (C), 168.3 (C), 122.7 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 277.3$ Hz, CF₃), 61.2 (q, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 37.0$ Hz, CH₂), 45.7 (CH), 13.5 (CH₃).

¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –73.8 (s, 3 F).

Compound **4ea**:²⁷ Following *GP5* performed with (–)-menthol (**8e**, 722 mg, 4.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv), the desired product **4ea** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.297 g, 28%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): (2 diastereomers) δ 9.94 (br s, 2H), 4.76–4.66 (m, 2H), 3.51–3.40 (m, 2H), 2.06–1.95 (m, 2H), 1.92–1.79 (m, 2H), 1.72–1.62 (m, 4H), 1.53–1.35 (m, 10H), 1.12–0.92 (m, 4H), 0.93–0.82 (m, 14H), 0.78–0.68 (m, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): (2 diastereomers) δ 176.2 (C), 176.1 (C), 169.7 (C), 169.6 (C), 76.0 (CH), 76.0 (CH), 47.0 (CH), 47.0 (CH), 46.3 (CH), 46.3 (CH), 40.6 (CH₂), 40.4 (CH₂), 34.3 (2 CH₂), 31.5 (2 CH), 26.3 (CH), 26.1 (CH), 23.4 (CH₂), 23.4 (CH₂), 22.1 (2 CH₃), 20.8 (2 CH₃), 16.3 (CH₃), 16.1 (CH₃), 13.8 (CH₃), 13.7 (CH₃).

Compound **4ia**: Following *GP5* performed with phenol (**8i**, 440 mg, 4.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv), the desired product **4ia** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.136 g, 17%).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd. for $C_{10}H_{10}NaO_4$: 217.0471. Found: 217.0471.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.92 (br s, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.1 (C), 168.4 (C), 150.5 (C), 129.6 (2 CH), 126.3 (CH), 121.4 (2 CH), 46.2 (CH), 13.6 (CH₃).

Compound **4ja**: Following *GP5* performed with (+)-citronellol (**8j**, 0.85 mL, 4.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv), the desired product **4ja** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (0.625 g, 58%).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): $[M+H]^+$ Calcd. for $C_{14}H_{25}O_4$: 257.1747. Found: 257.1750.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.20 (br s, 1H), 5.07 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (br s, 2H), 3.47 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.00–1.92 (m, 2H), 1.71–1.66 (m, 1H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.56–1.40 (m, 2H), 1.44 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.37–1.14 (m, 2H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.9 (C), 170.1 (C), 131.5 (C), 124.6 (CH), 66.4 (CH₂), 46.1 (CH), 37.0 (CH₂), 35.3 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH), 25.8 (CH₃), 25.5 (CH₂), 19.4 (CH₃), 17.8 (CH₃), 13.7 (CH₃).

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Compound **4ka**: Following *GP5* performed with (*S*)-ethyl lactate (**8k**, 0.58 mL, 4.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv), the desired product **4ka** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.298 g, 32%).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₉H₁₅O₆: 219.0863. Found: 219.0864.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** (2 diastereomers) δ 7.51 (br s, 2H), 5.12 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 3.62–3.51 (m, 2H), 1.50 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.47 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 6H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): (2 diastereomers) δ 174.9 (C), 174.6 (C), 170.6 (C), 170.5 (C), 169.6 (C), 169.4 (C), 69.7 (CH), 69.7 (CH), 61.7 (CH₂), 61.7 (CH₂), 46.0 (CH), 45.7 (CH), 16.8 (2 CH₃), 14.1 (CH₃), 14.1 (CH₃), 13.7 (CH₃), 13.6 (CH₃).

General procedure 6 (GP6) - opening of meldrum acid derivatives: In a manner similar to 19 , a RBF equipped with a stirring bar was charged with the substituted meldrum acid 7 (1.0 equiv), the alcohol 8 (1.0 equiv), and toluene (c = 0.25 M). The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 4 h (or at 80 °C for 24 h). Then, the mixture was diluted with Et₂O (20 mL), and the resulting organic layer was extracted with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (2 times). The combined aqueous layers were cooled to 0 °C (ice/water bath) and acidified to pH 1 with 1 M aq HCl, saturated with NaCl, and extracted with Et₂O (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated to afford the expected product 4.

Compound **4ch**: Following *GP6* performed with **7h** (0.50 g, 2.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and propan-2-ol (**8c**, 0.19 mL, 2.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in toluene at 80 °C for 24 h, the desired product **4ch** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (0.462 g, 93%).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): m/z [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₆NaO₄: 259.0940. Found: 259.0938.

¹**H NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃): δ 10.61 (br s, 1H), 7.35–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 3H), 5.05 (hept, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.8 (C), 168.3 (C), 137.5 (C), 128.9 (2 CH), 128.7 (2 CH), 127.0 (CH), 69.7 (CH), 53.8 (CH), 34.7 (CH₂), 21.6 (2 CH₃).

Compound **4dh**: Following *GP6* performed with **7h** (0.50 g, 2.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and benzyl alcohol (**8d**, 0.22 mL, 2.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in refluxing toluene for 4 h, the desired product **4dh** was obtained as a pale yellow oil contaminated by ca. 13% of the decarboxylated product (0.392 g, 57%).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): m/z [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆NaO₄: 307.0940. Found: 307.0941.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.71 (br s, 1H), 7.41–7.21 (m, 10H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 3.84 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.6 (C), 168.6 (C), 137.3 (C), 135.1 (C), 128.9 (2 CH), 128.7 (2 CH), 128.7 (2 CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.3 (2 CH), 127.0 (CH), 67.5 (CH₂), 53.7 (CH), 34. 8 (CH₂).

Compound **4da**: Following *GP6* performed with **7a** (0.32 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and benzyl alcohol (**8d**, 0.21 mL, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in refluxing toluene for 8 h, the desired product **4da** was obtained as a pale yellow oil (0.357 g, 85%).

Compound **4ea**: Following *GP6* performed with **7a** (0.32 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (–)-menthol (**8e**, 0.312 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in refluxing toluene for 5 h, the desired product **4ea** was obtained as a colorless oil (0.375 g, 58%).

Compound **4bs**:²⁸ Following *GP6* performed with **7s** (0.440 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in a refluxing mixture of toluene and EtOH 1:1 for 8 h, the desired product **4bs** was obtained as white solid (0.272 g, 65%).

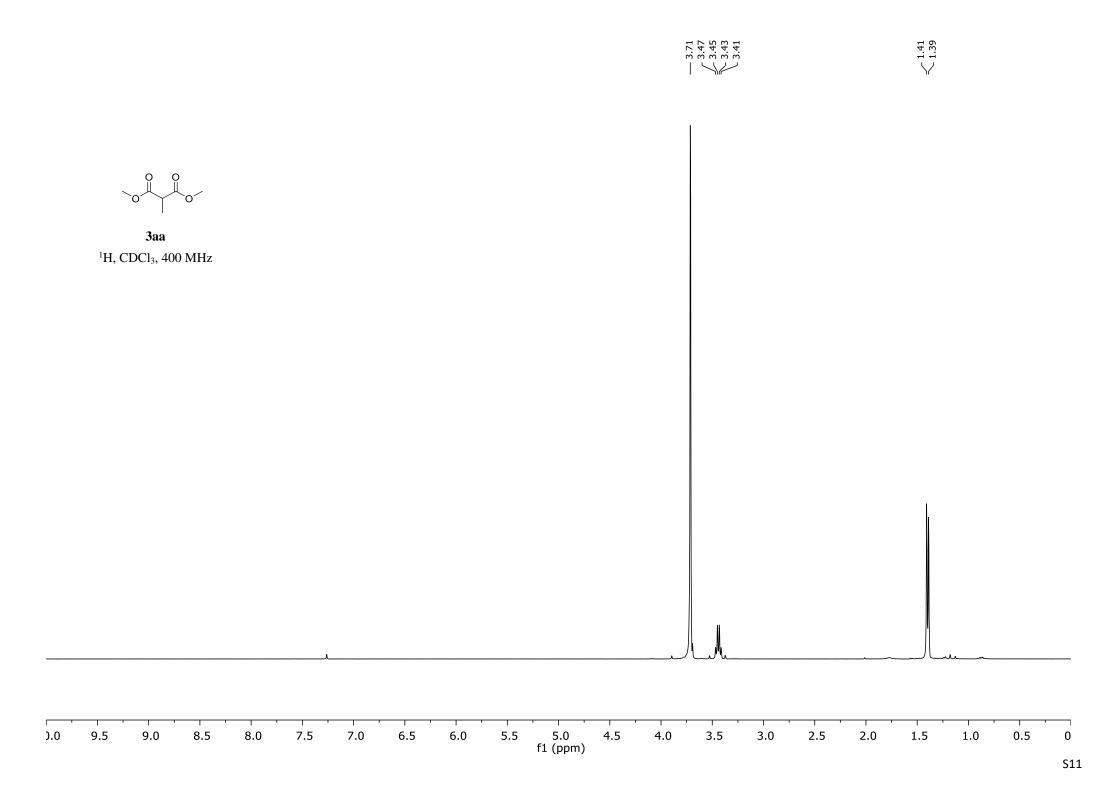
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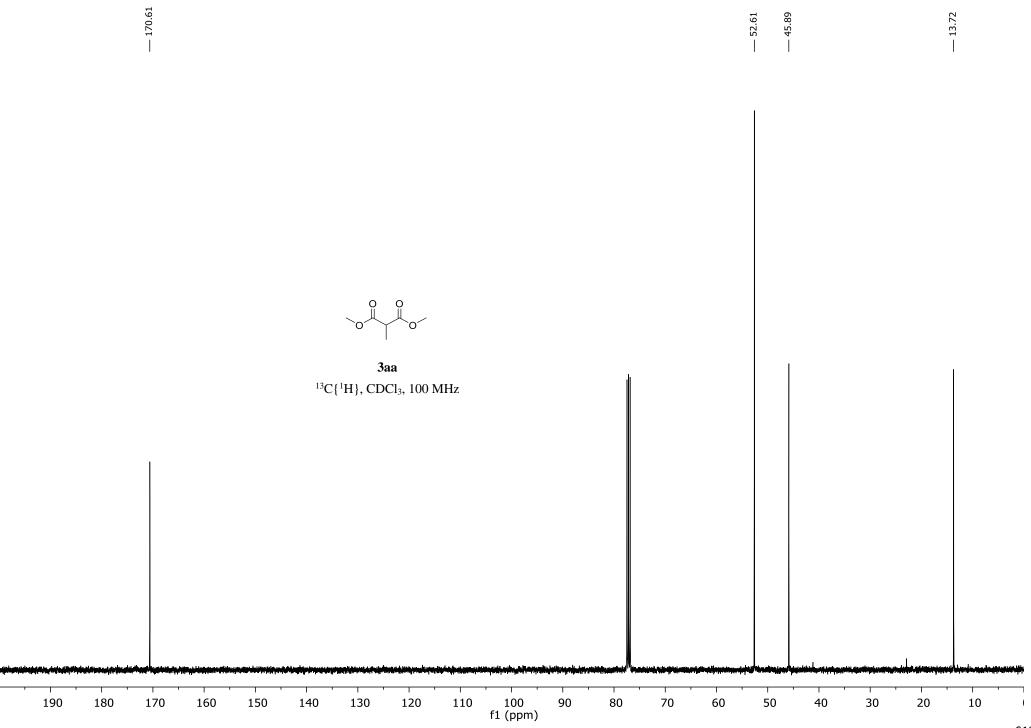
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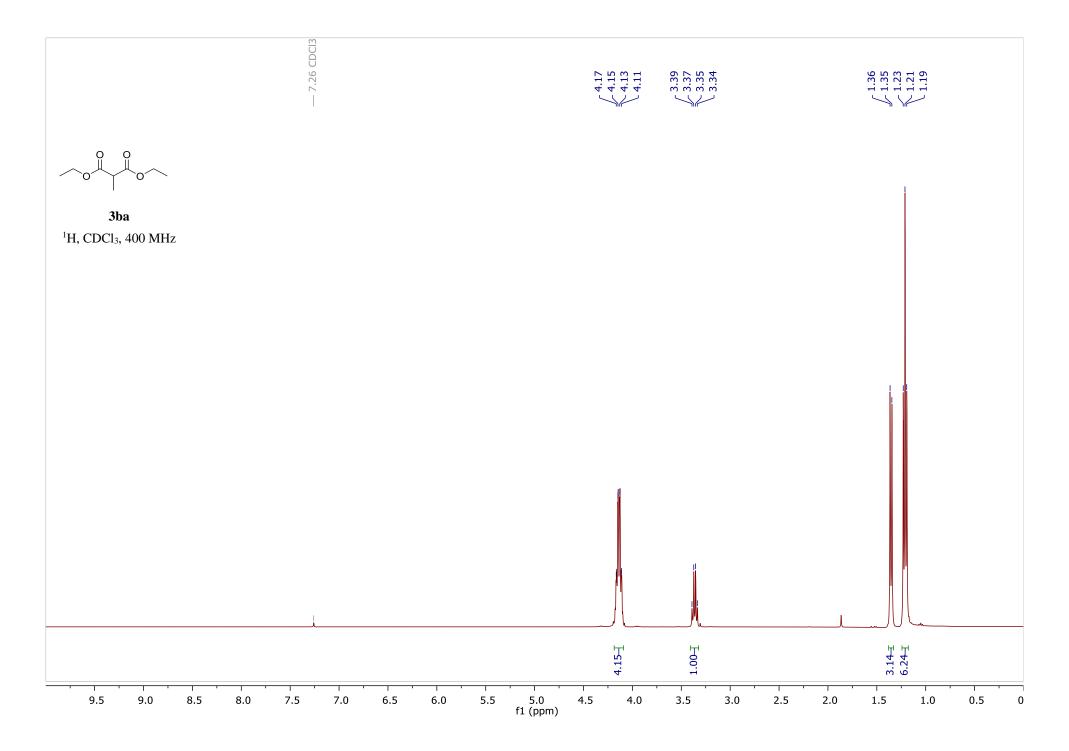
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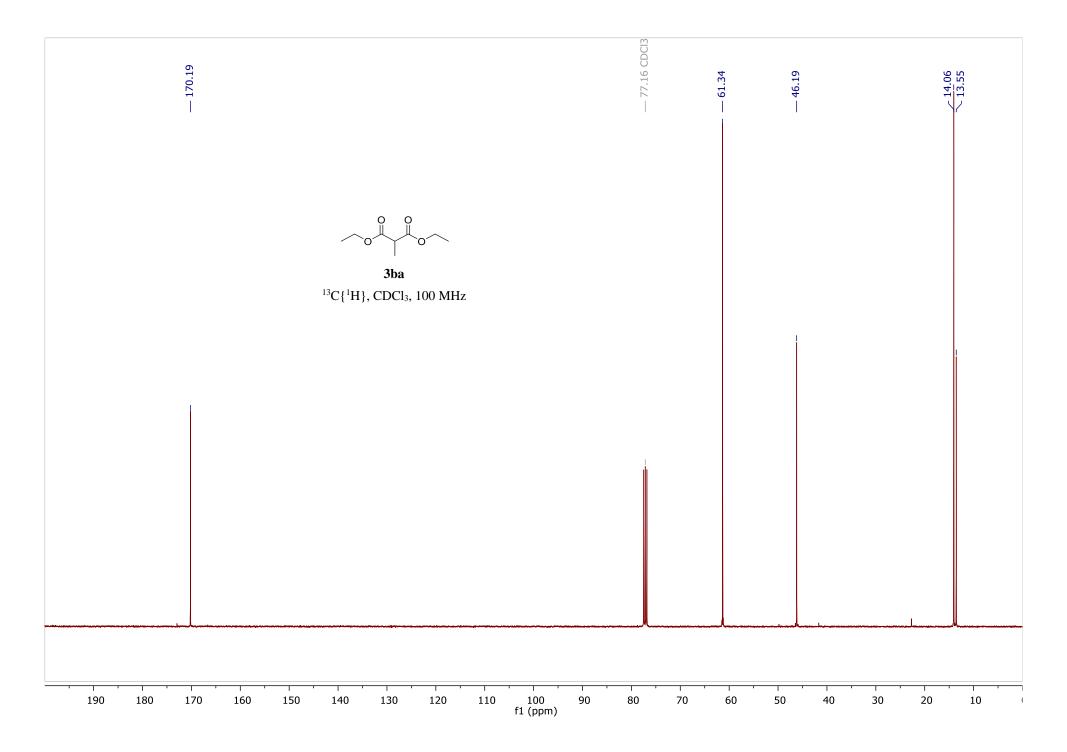
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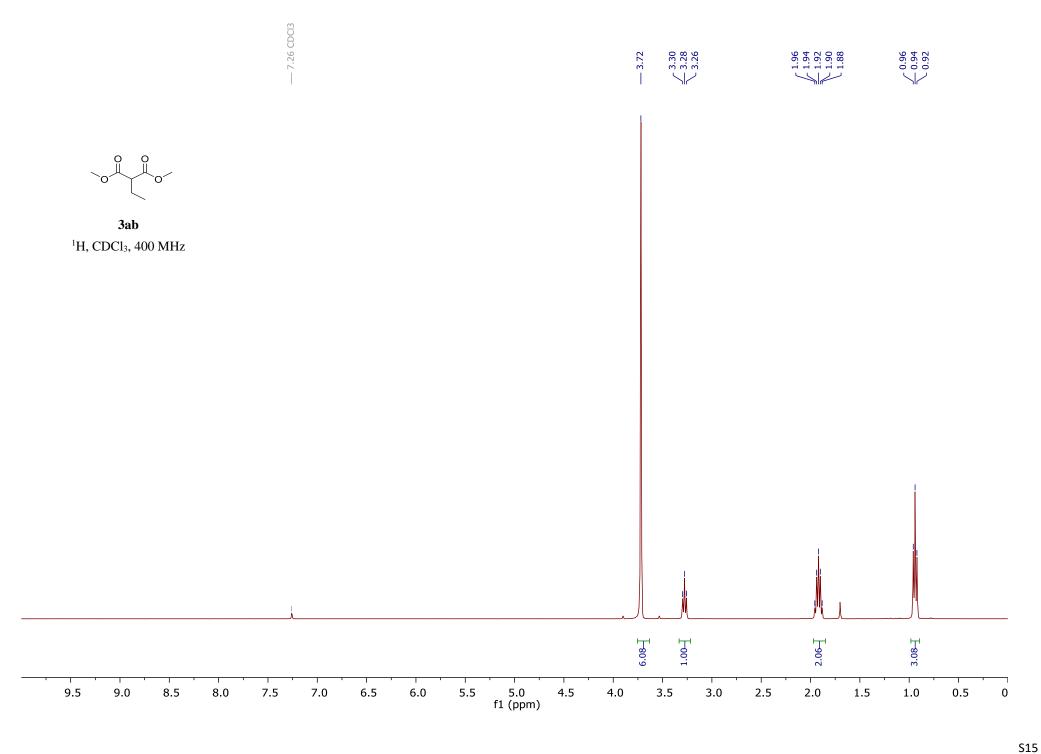
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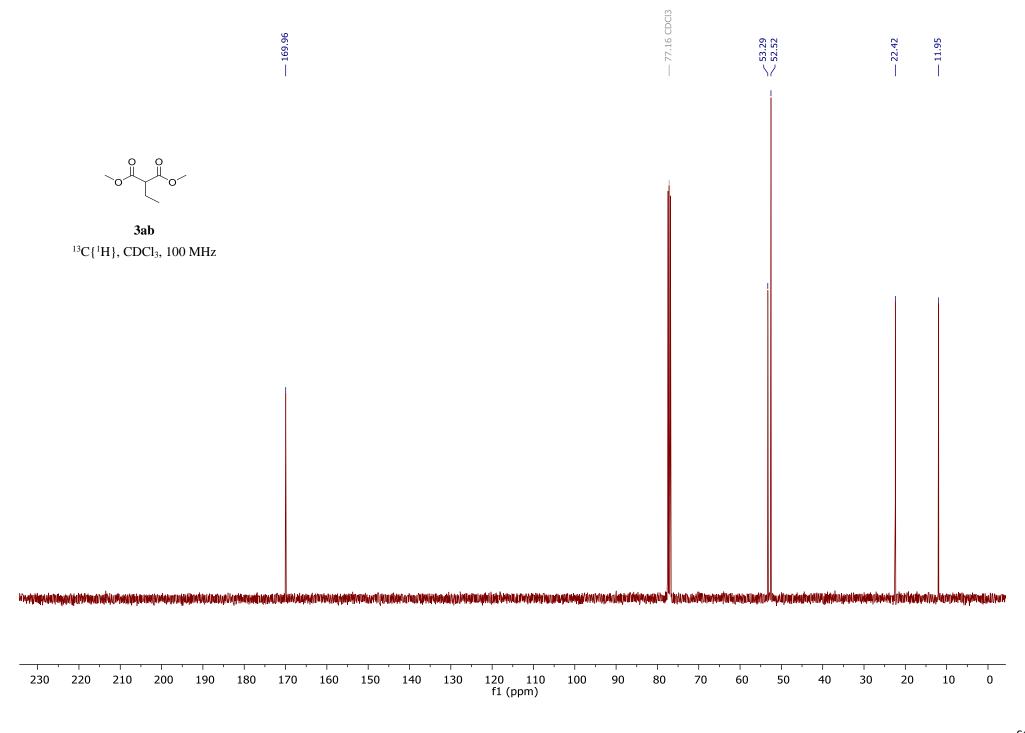


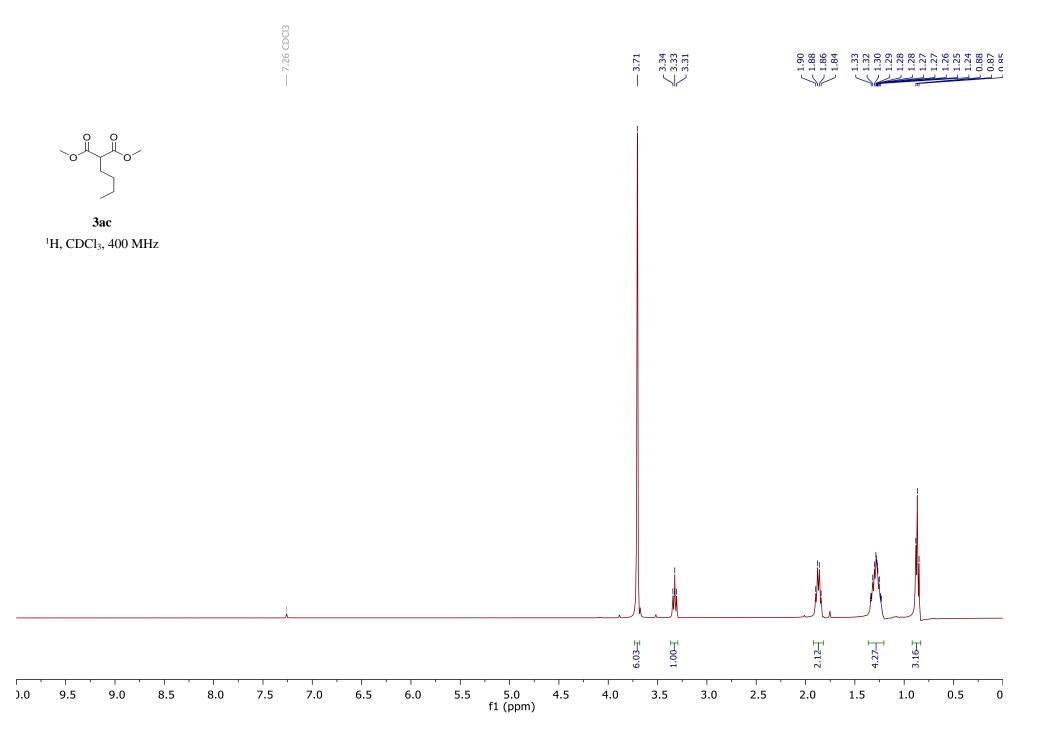


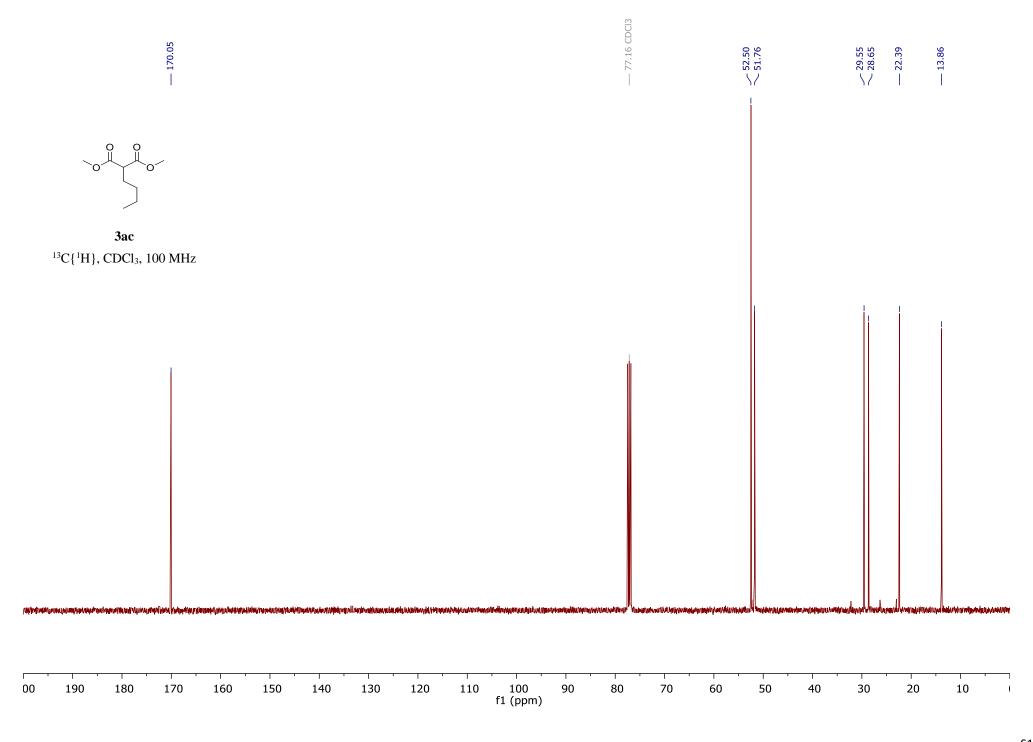


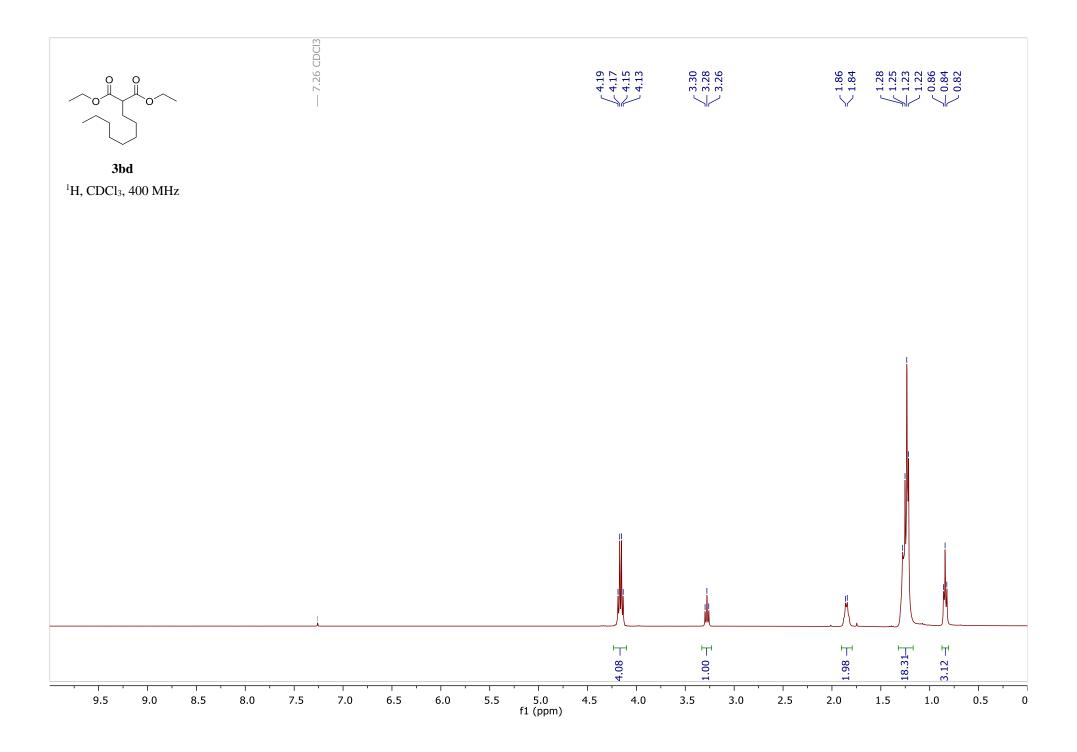


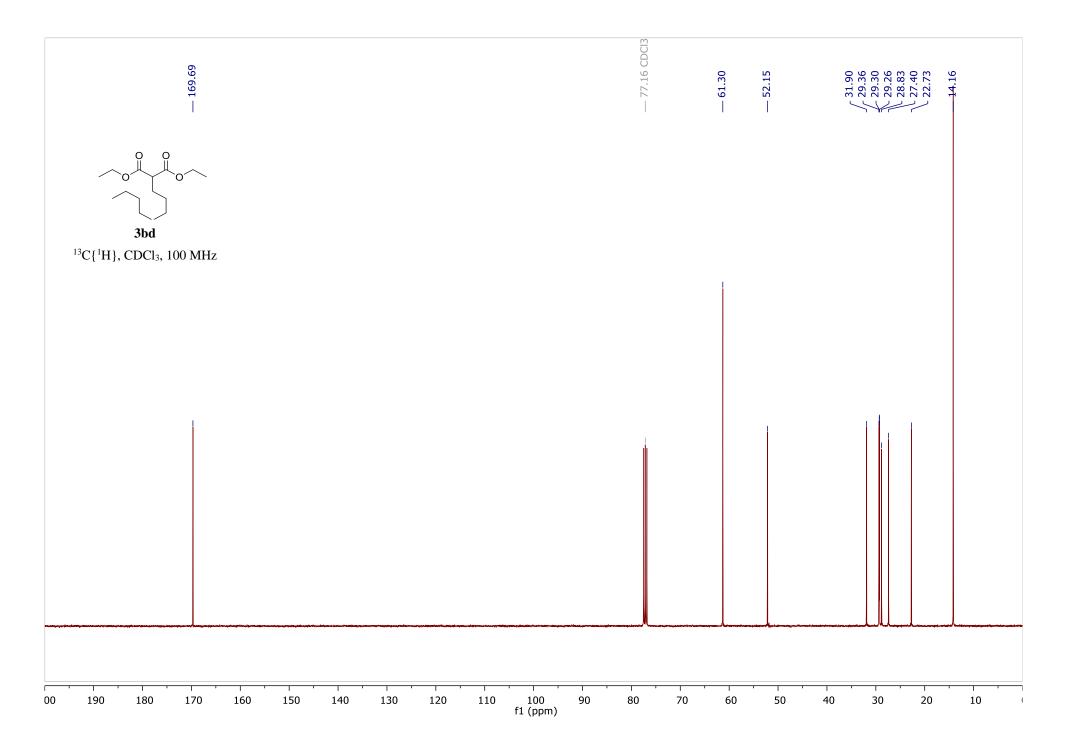


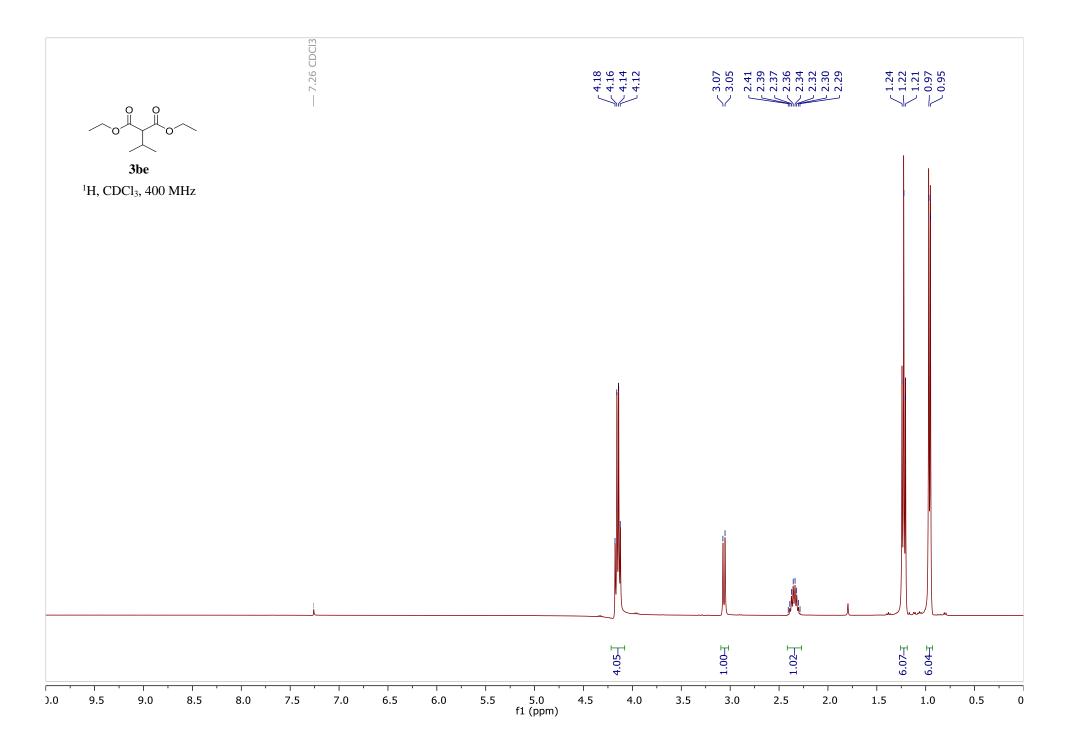


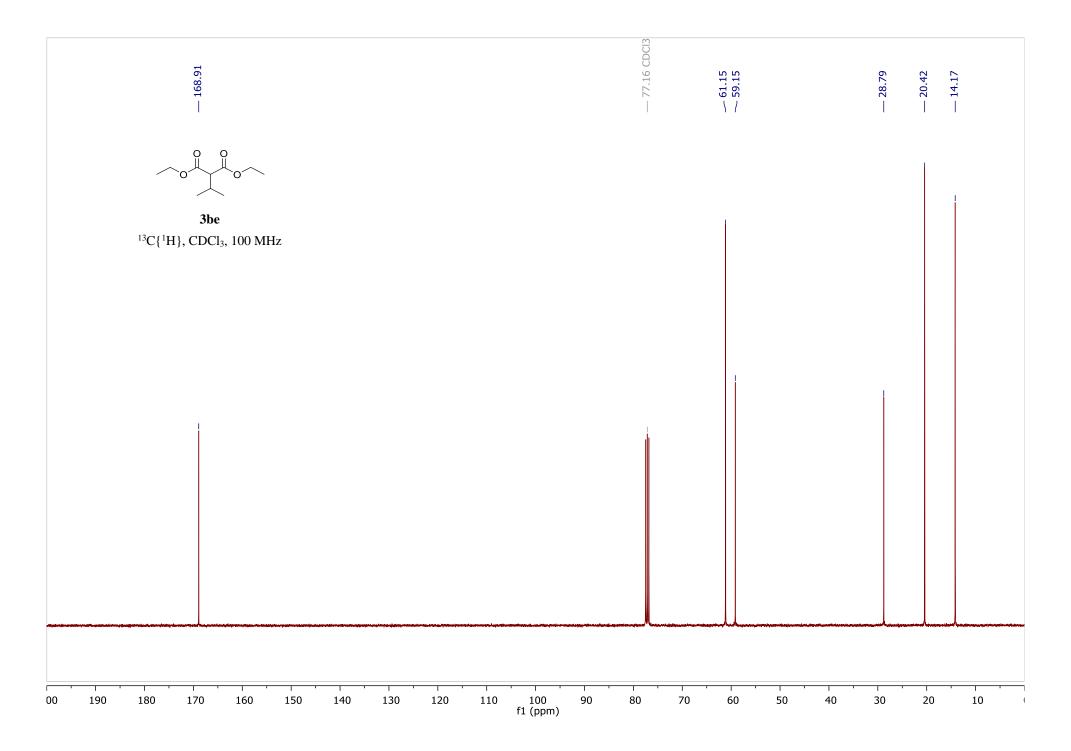


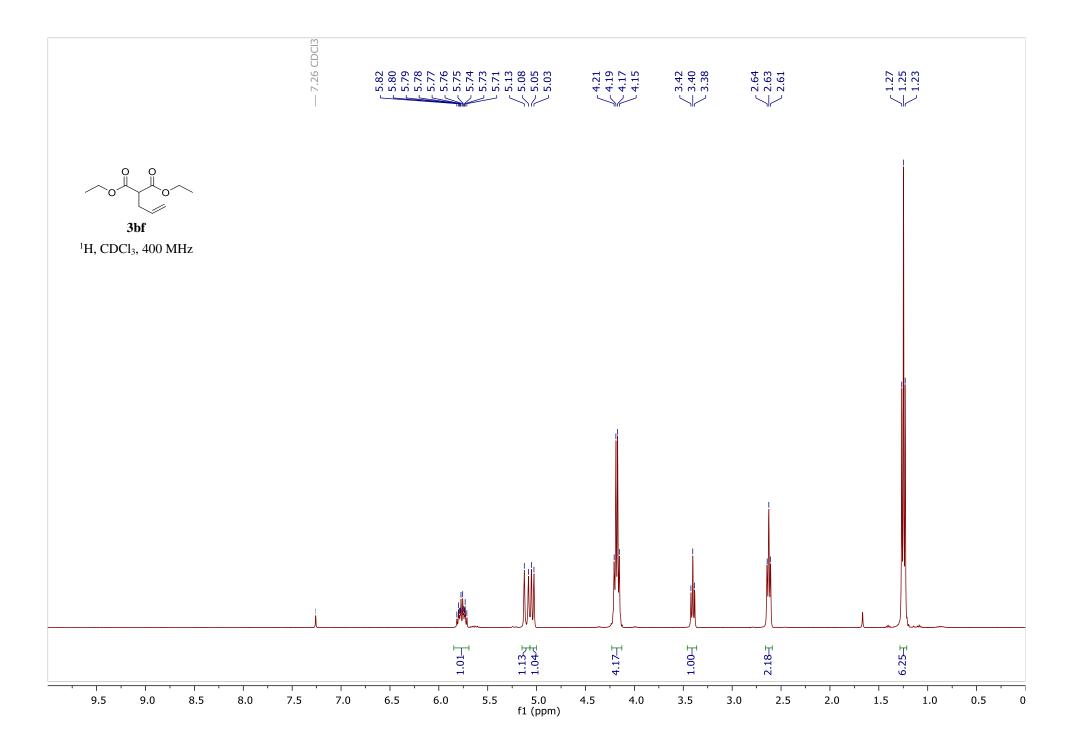


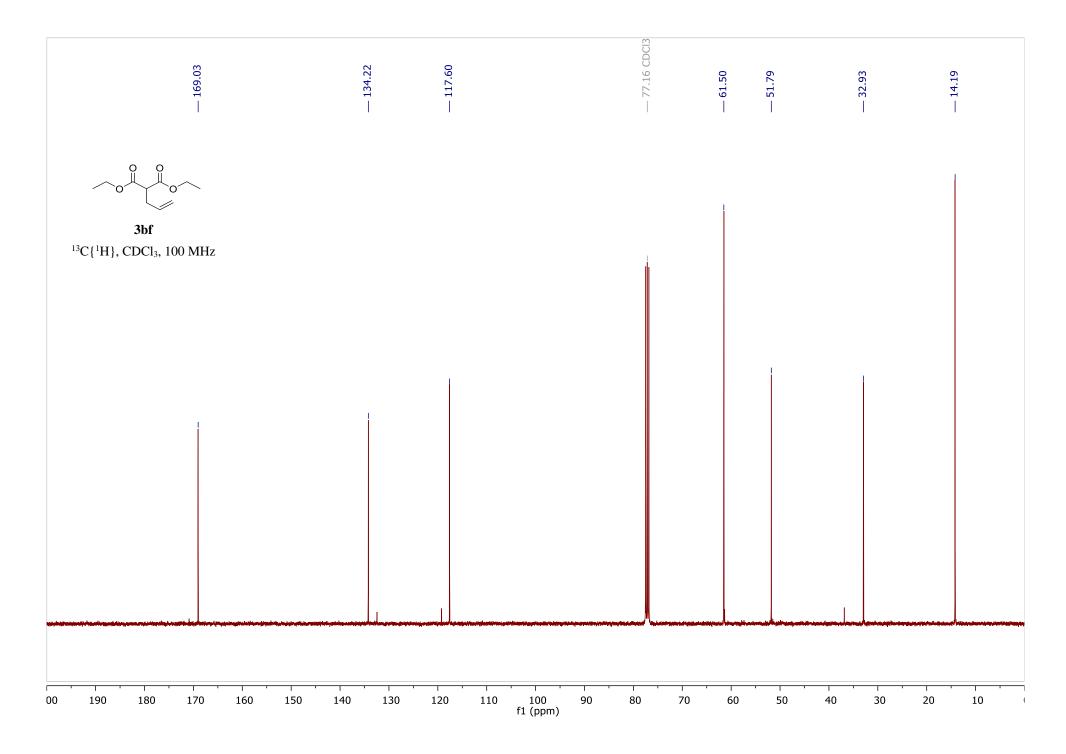


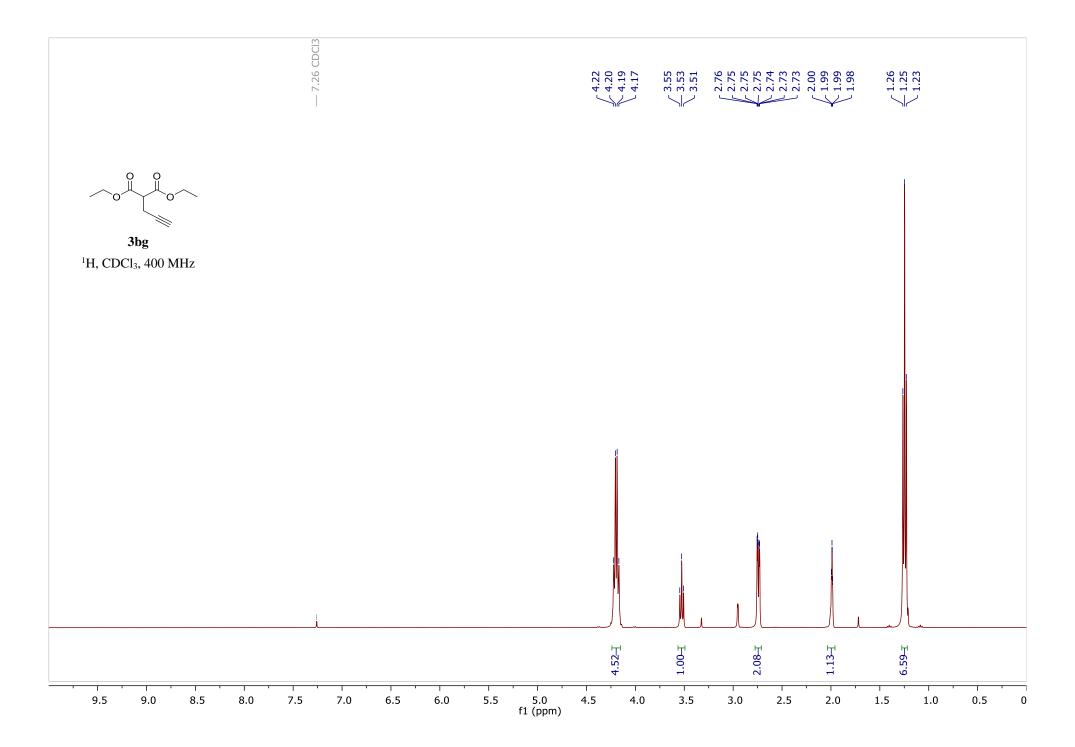


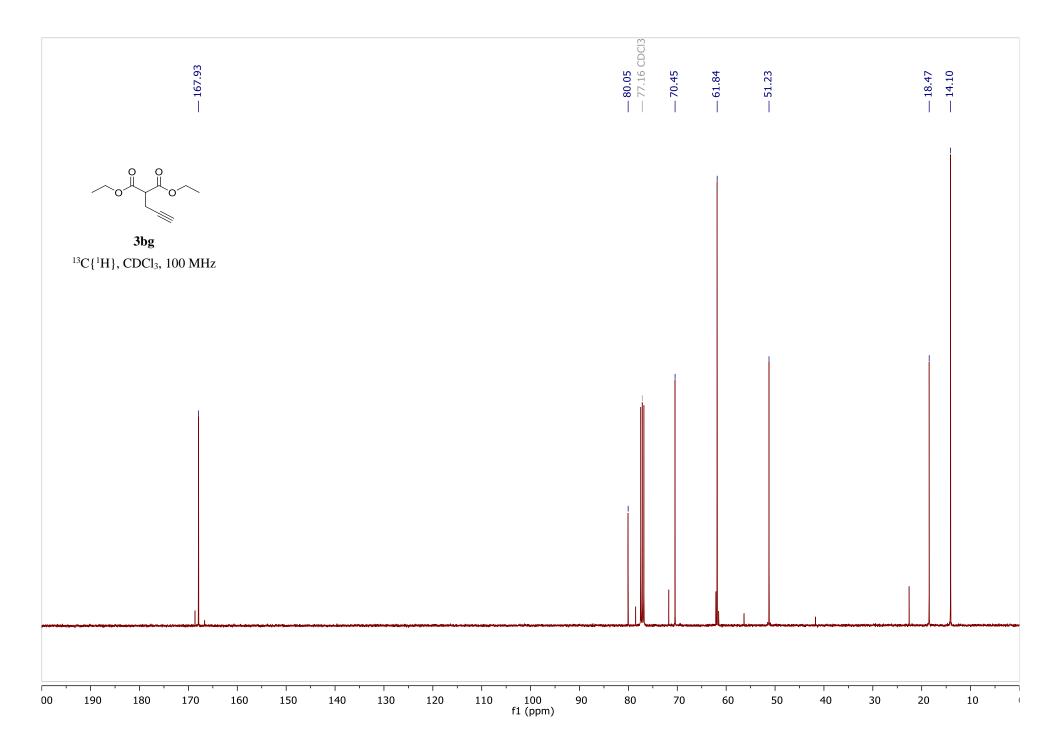


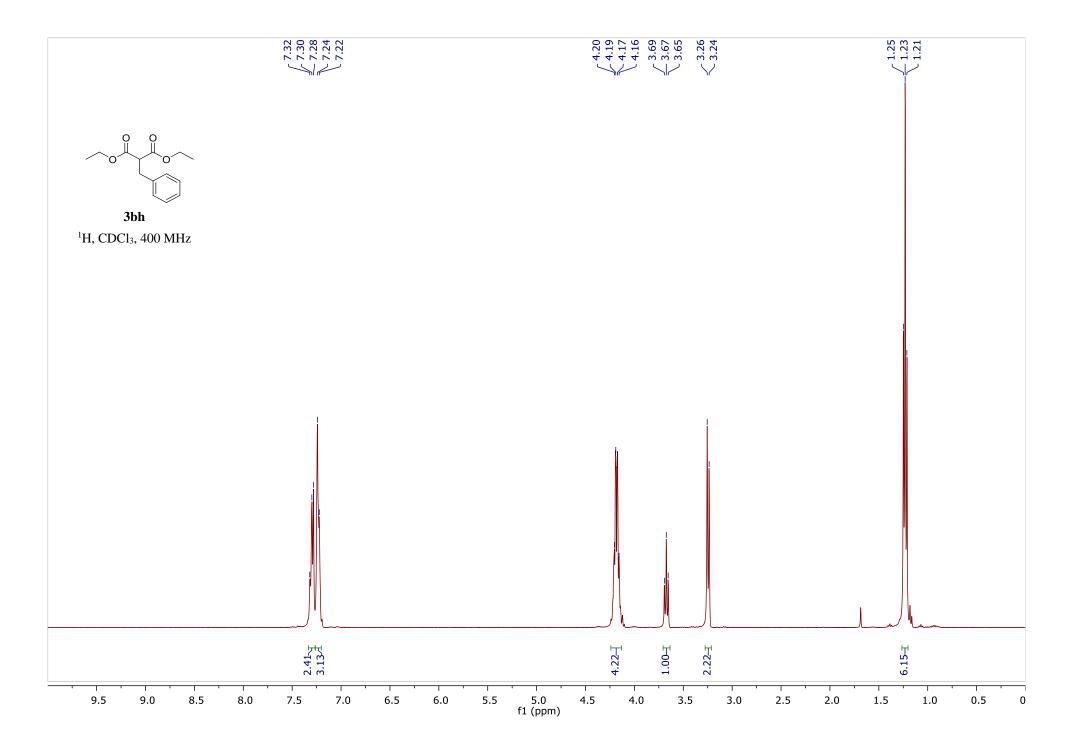


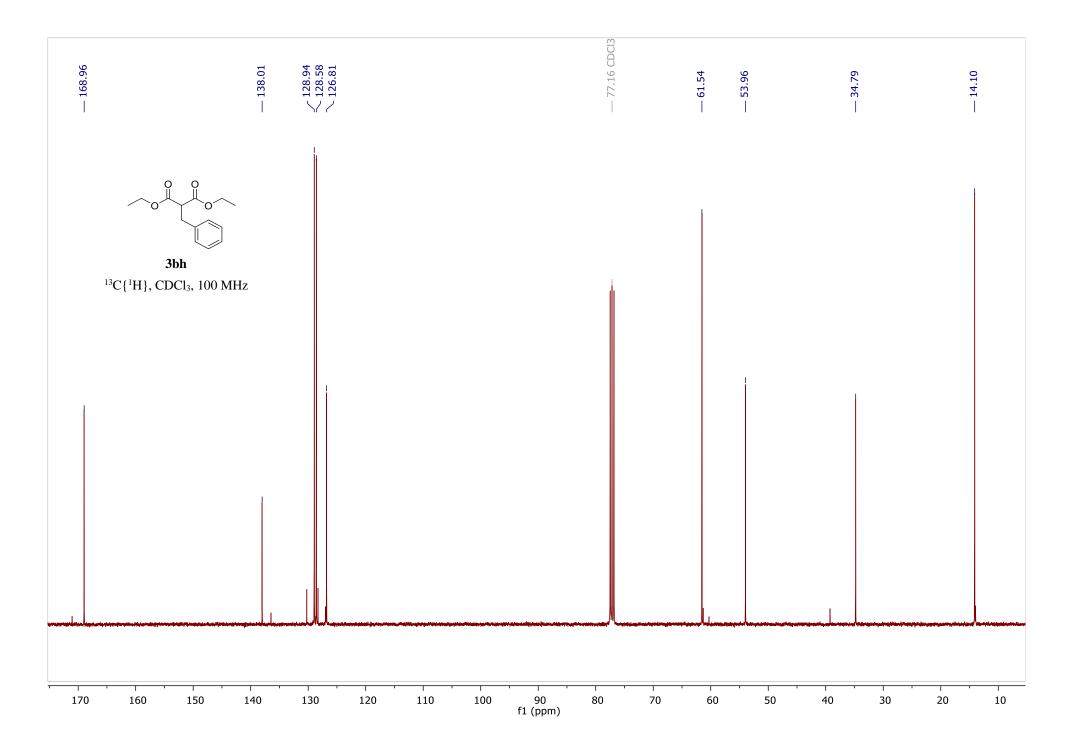


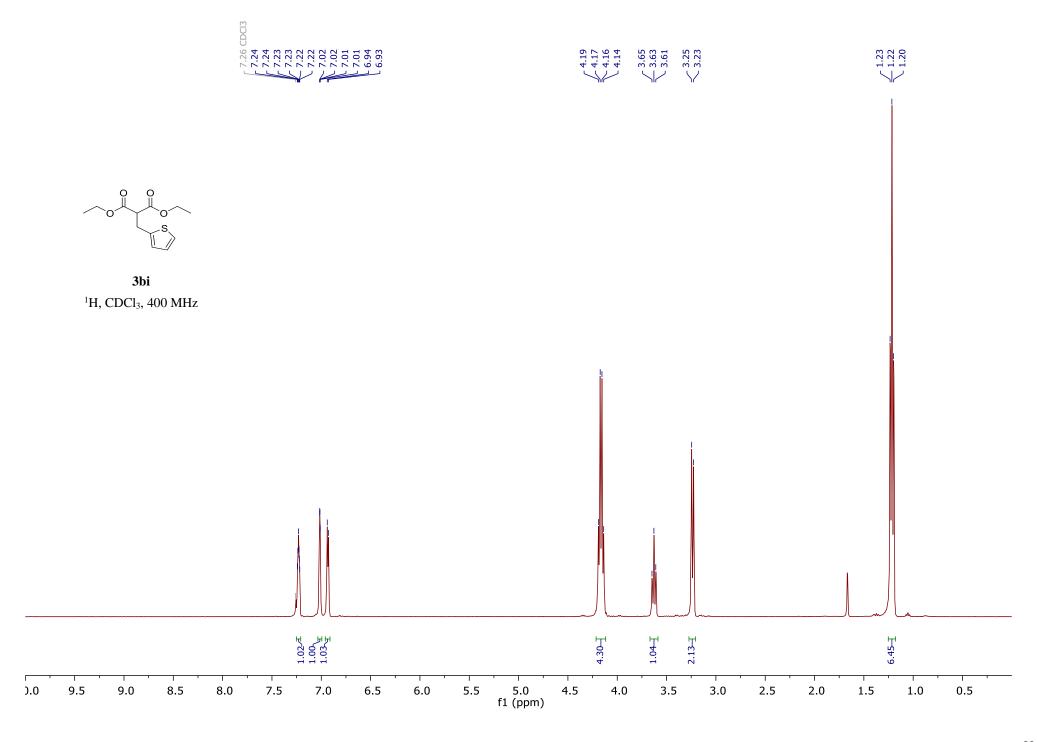


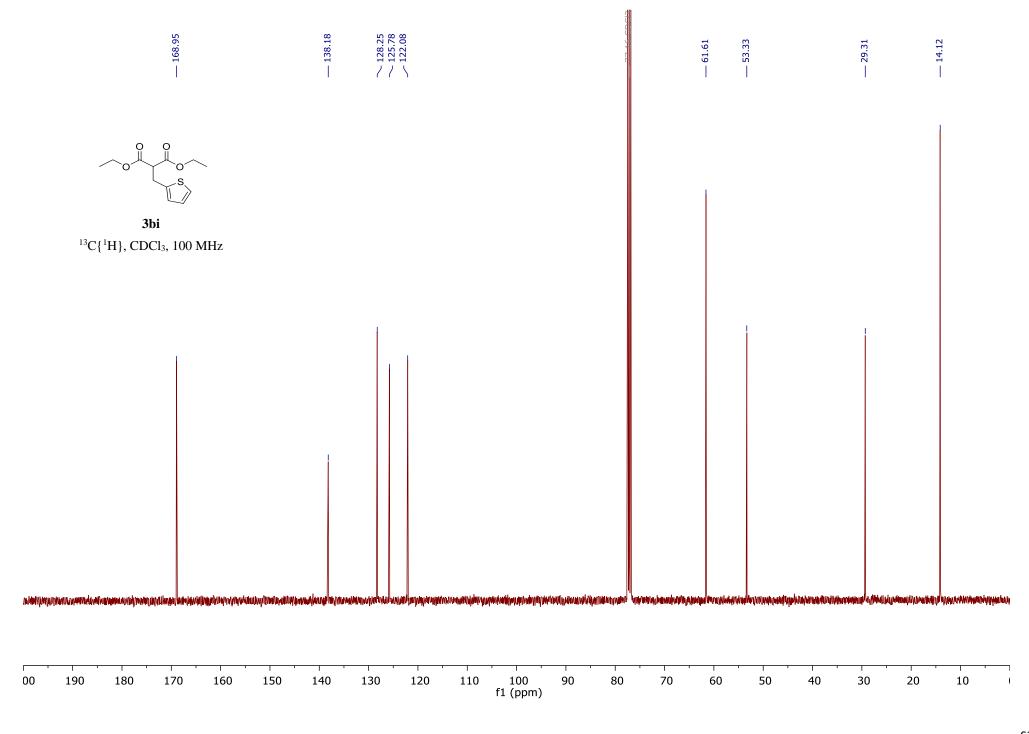


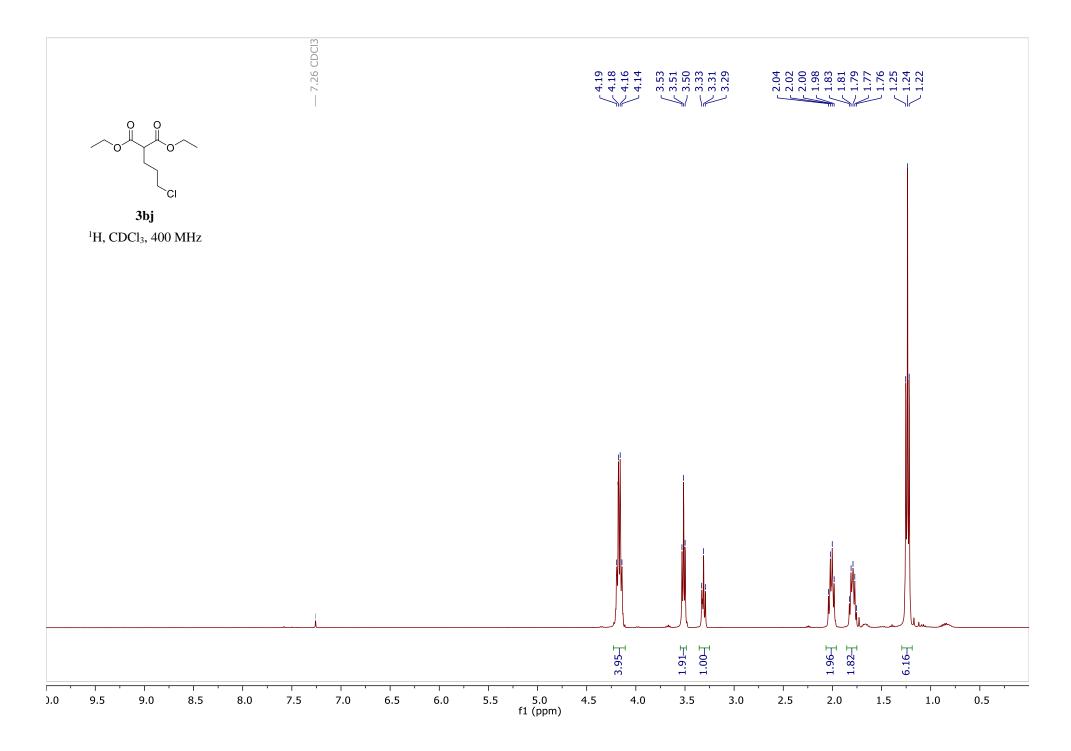


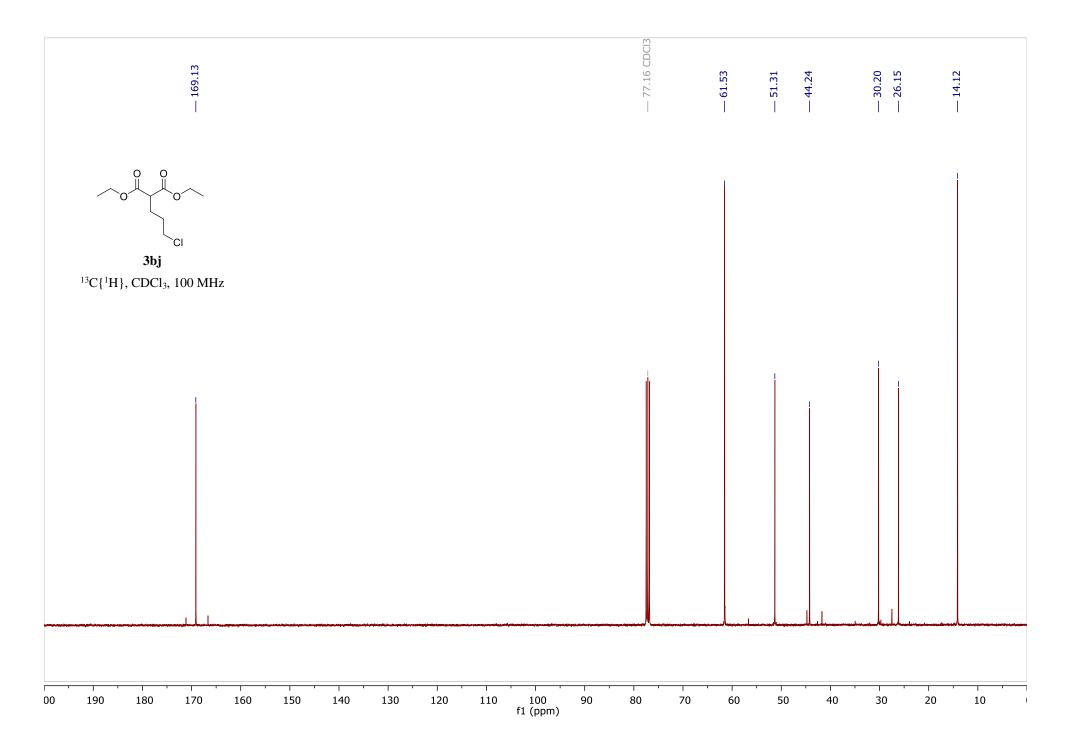


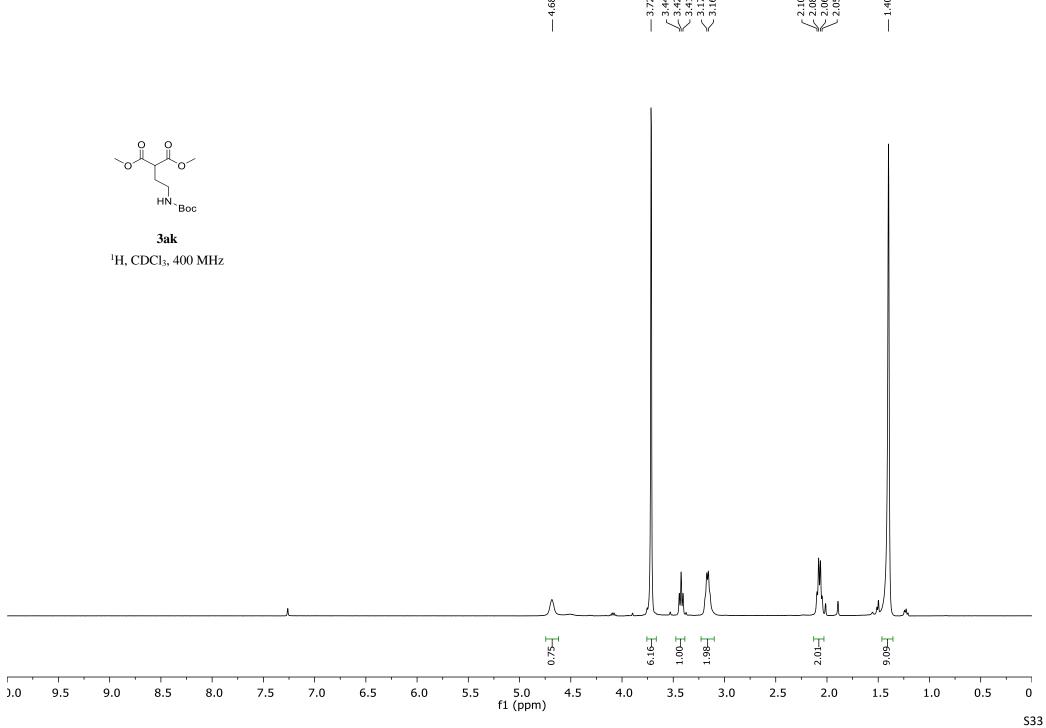


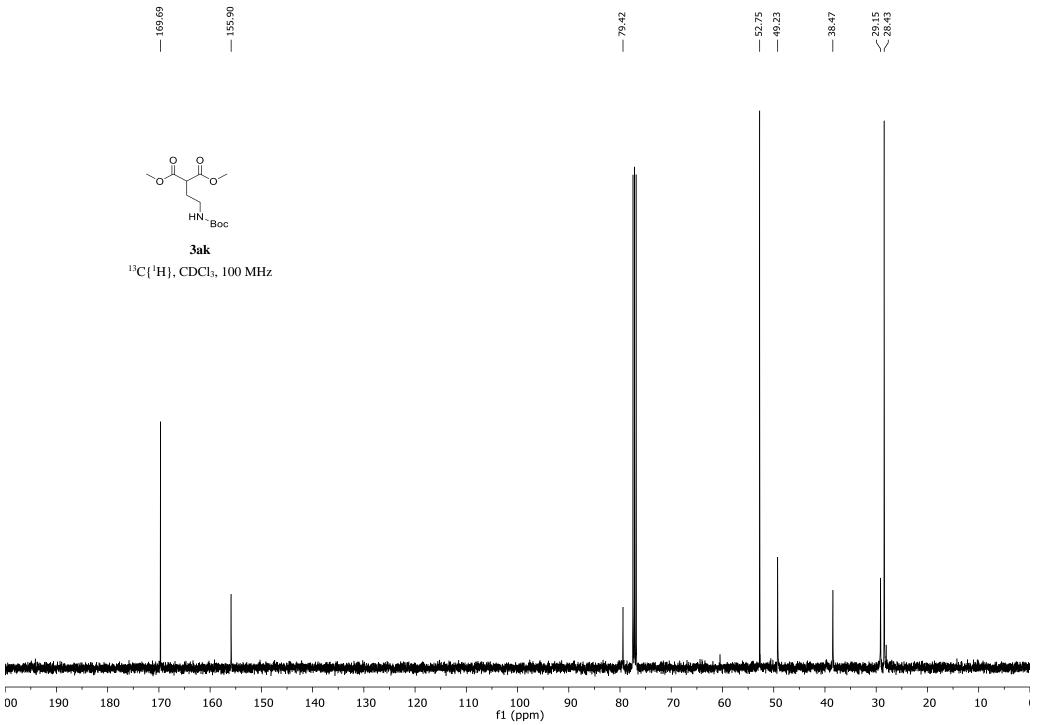


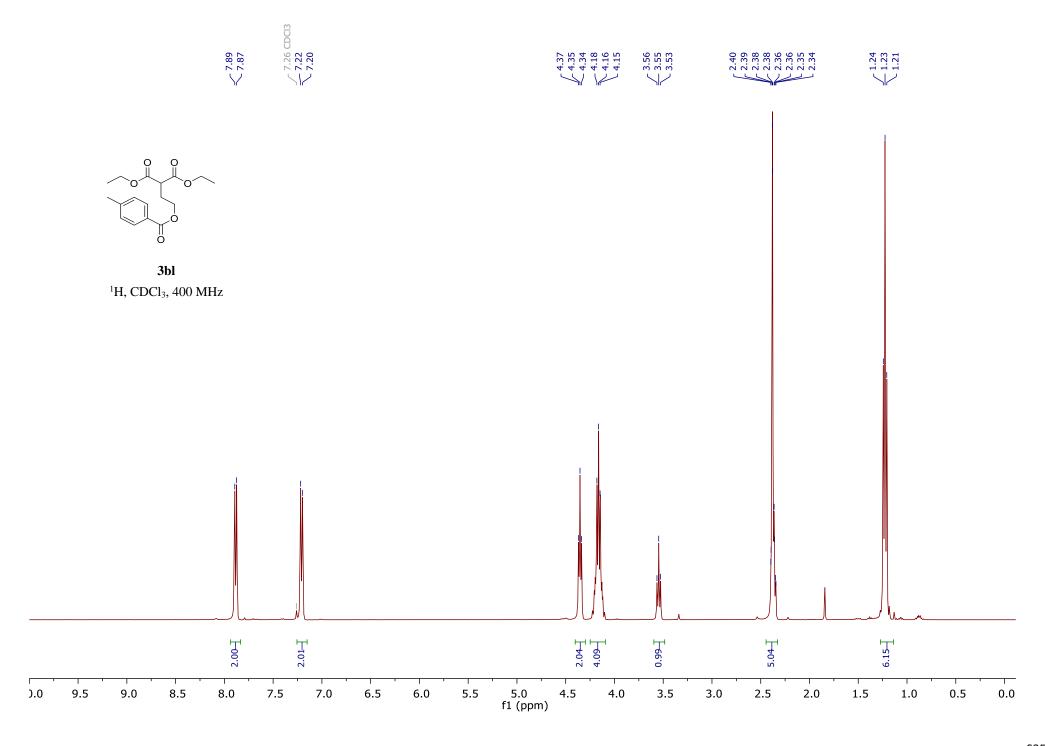


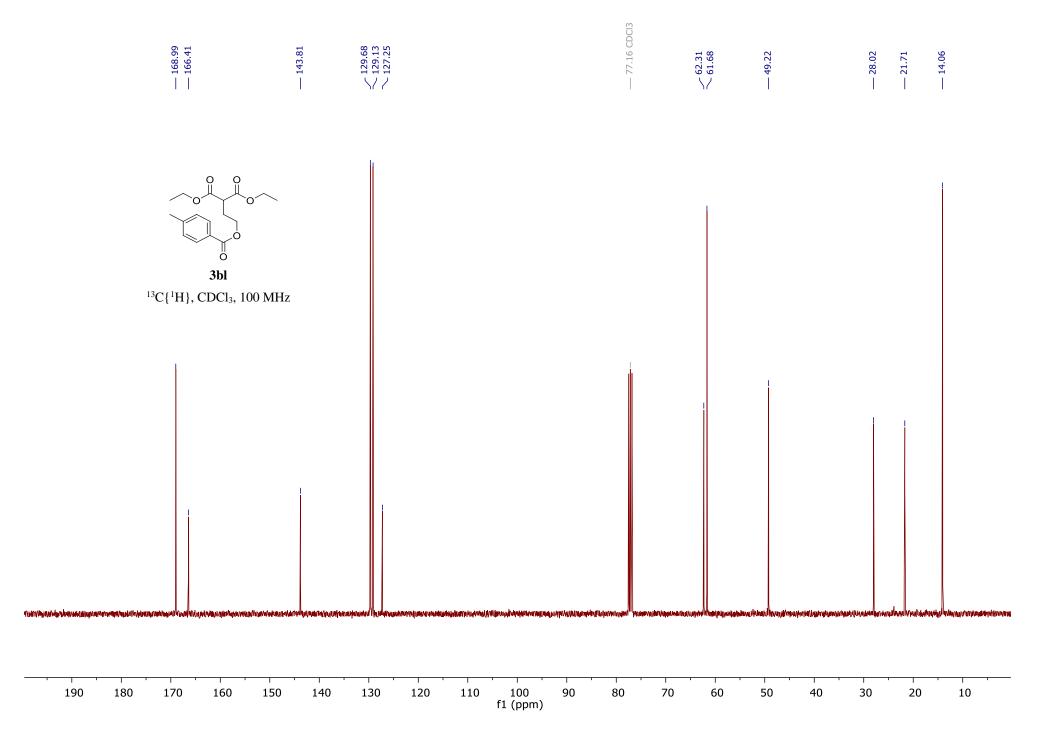


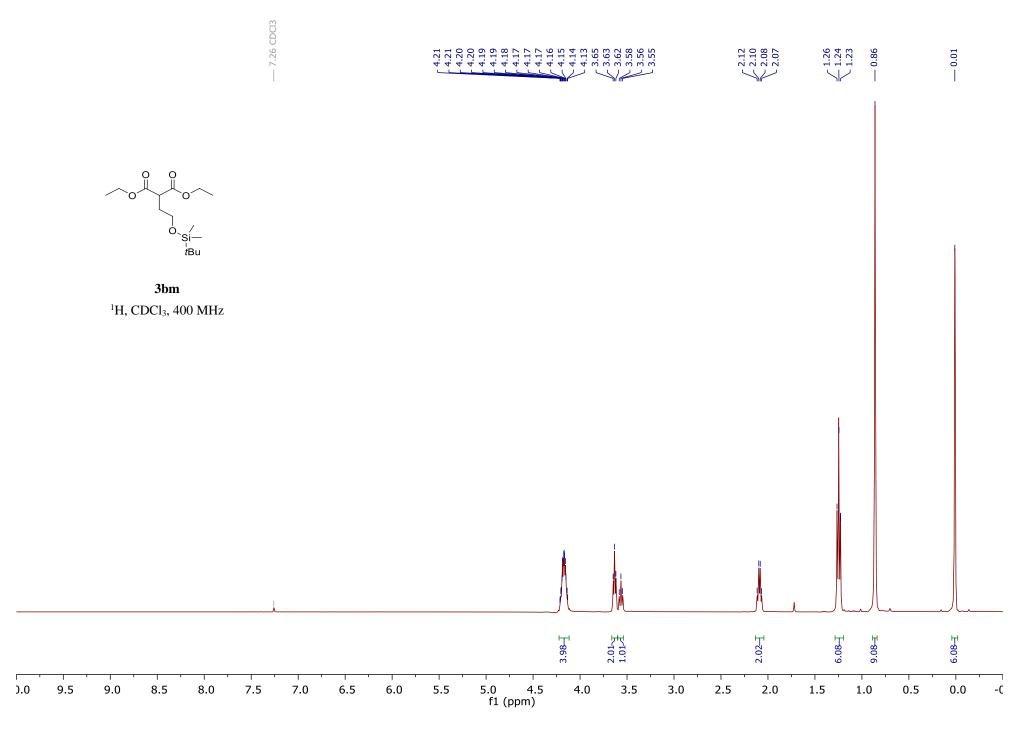


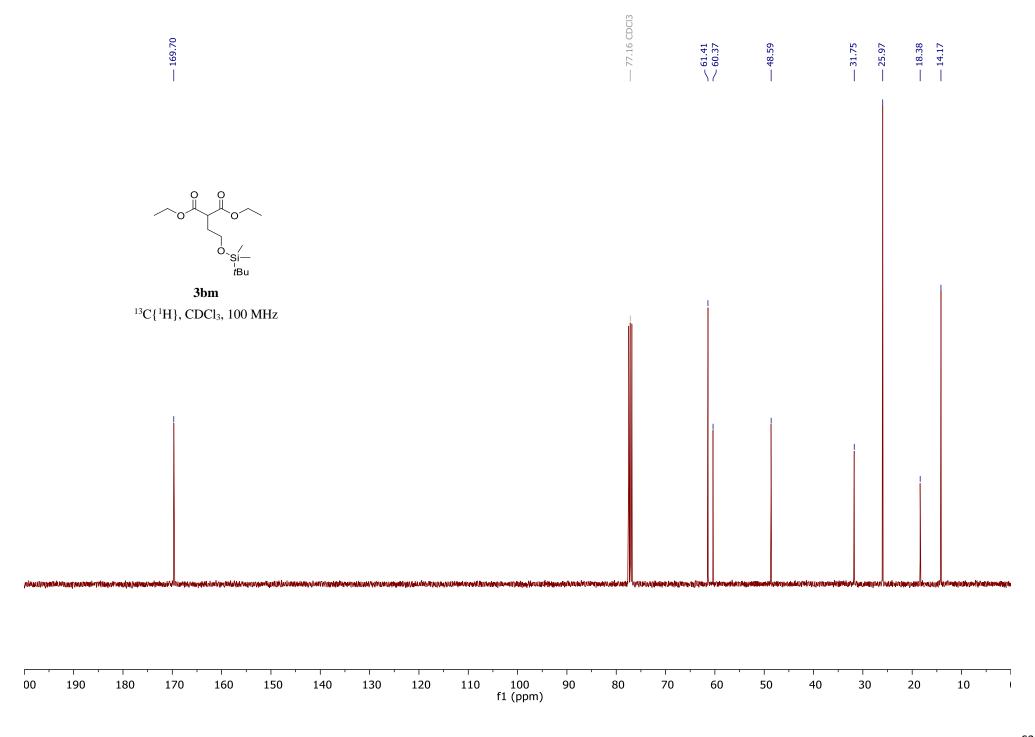


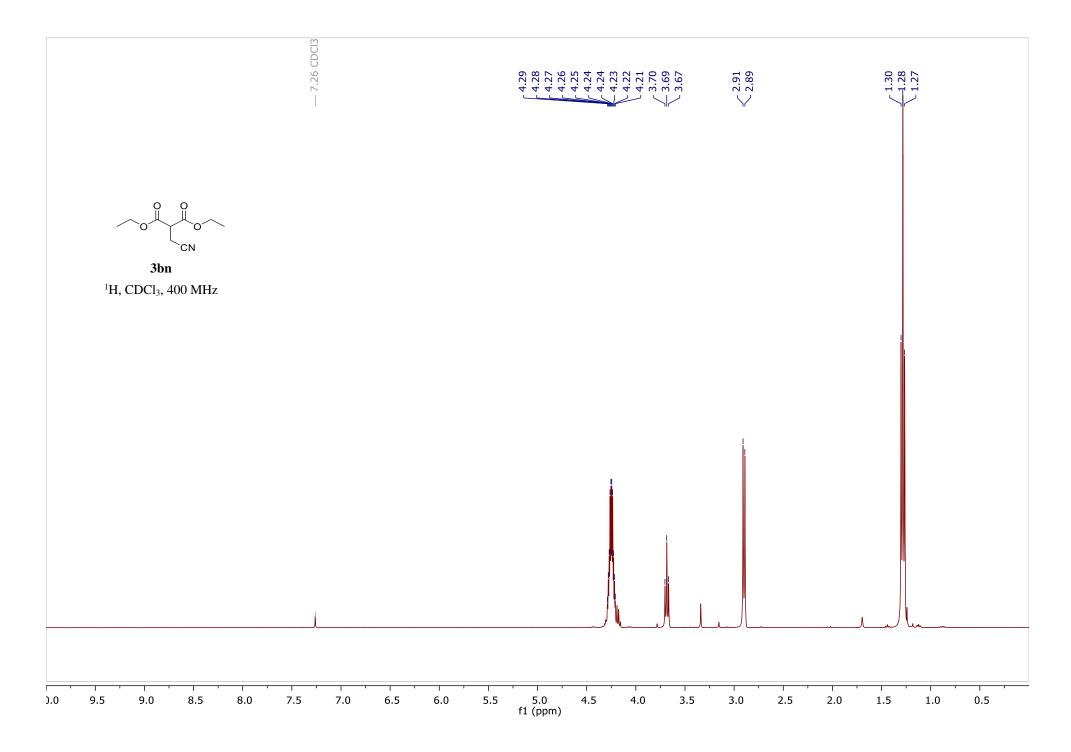


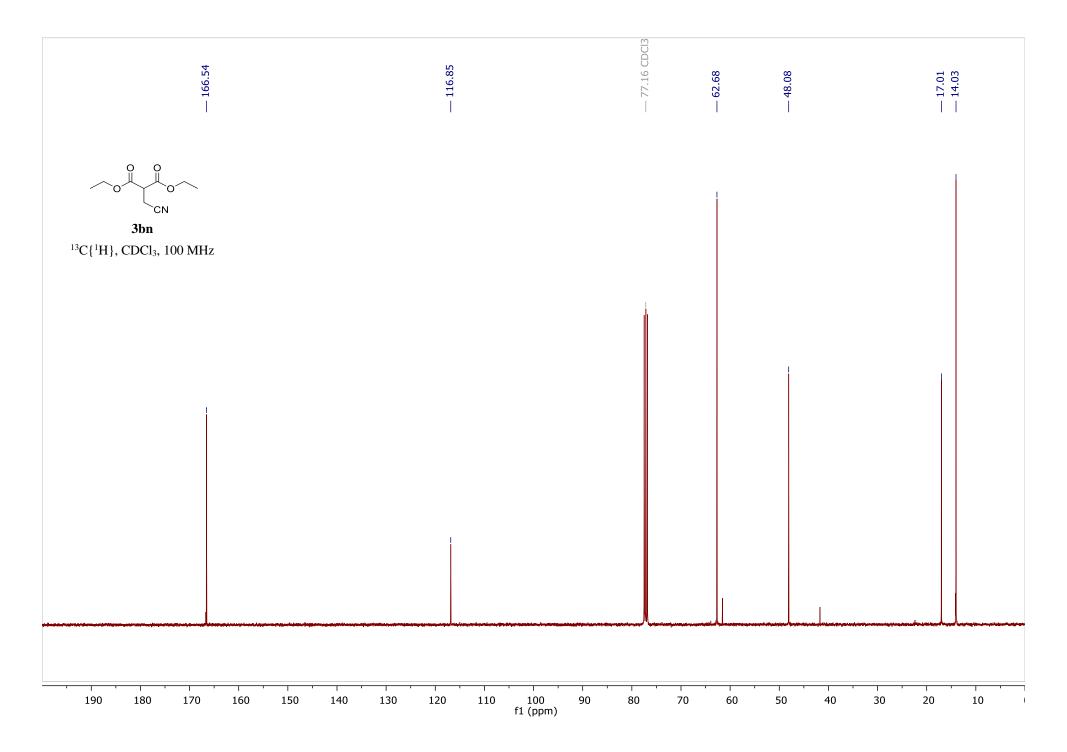


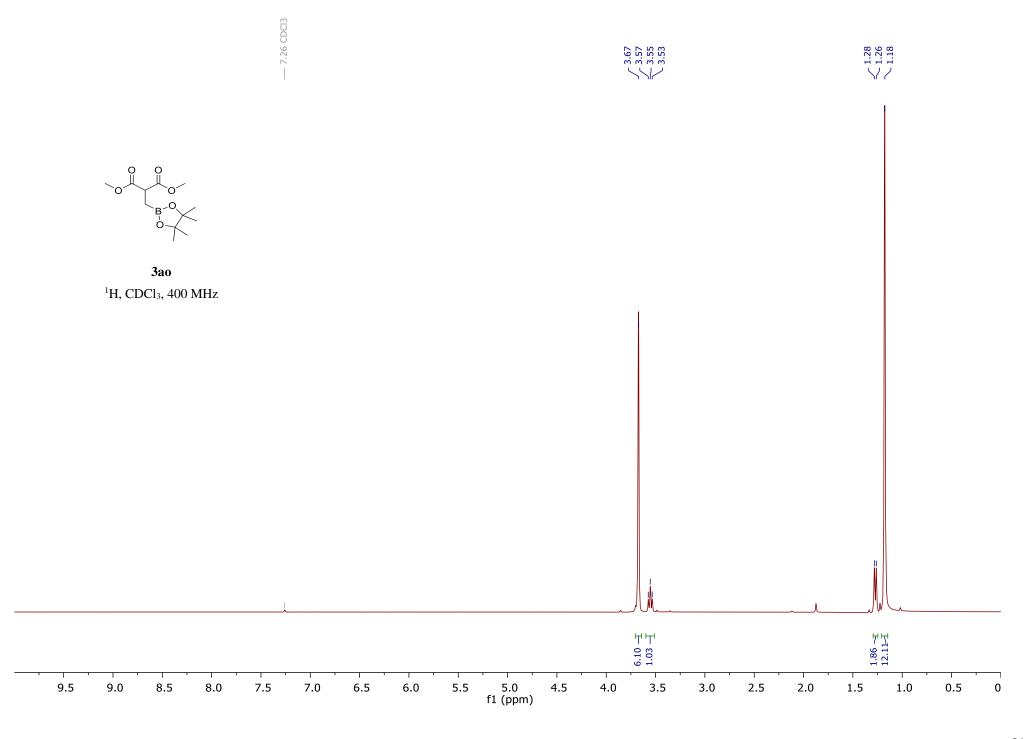


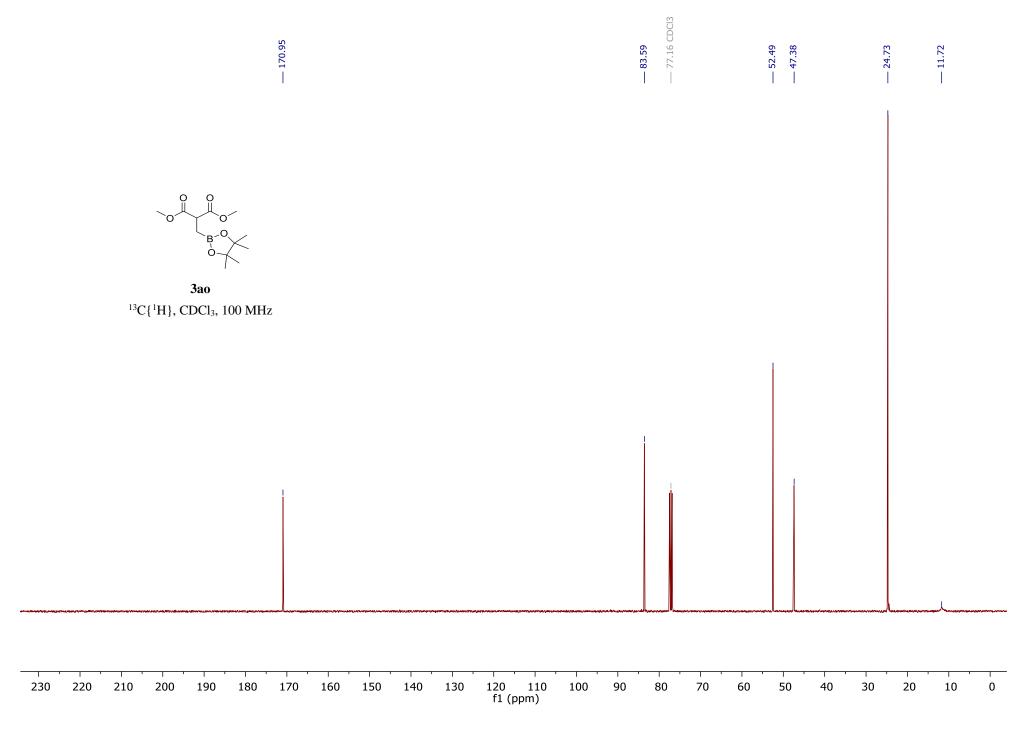


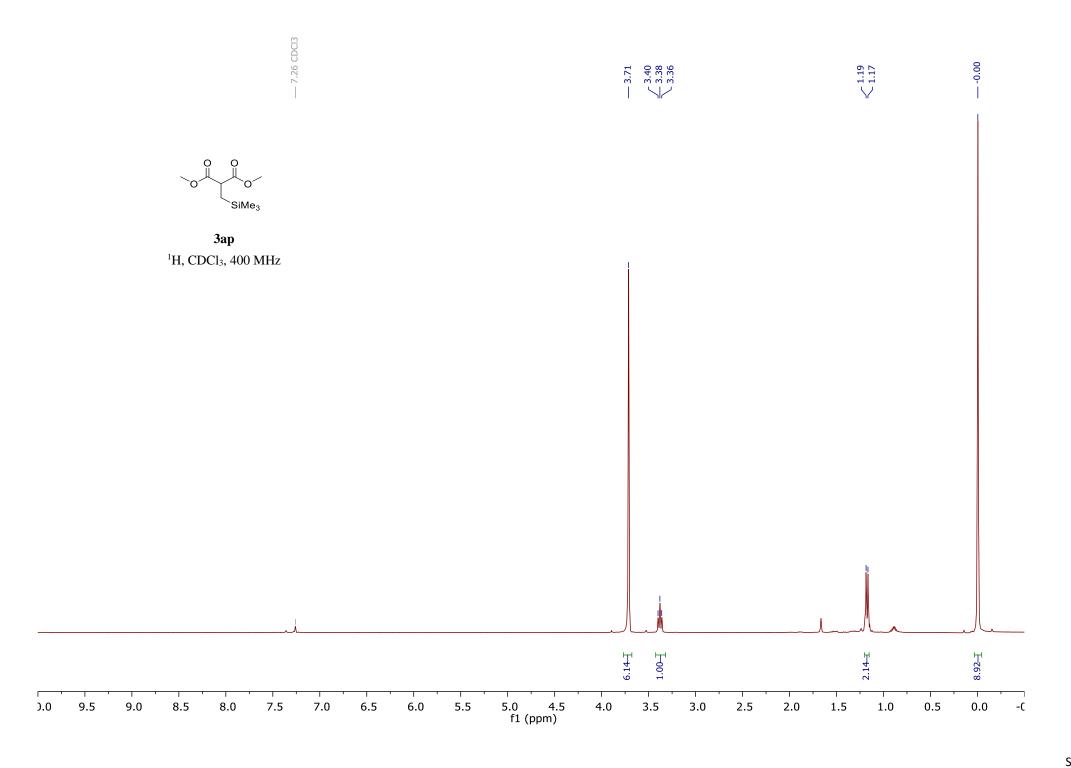


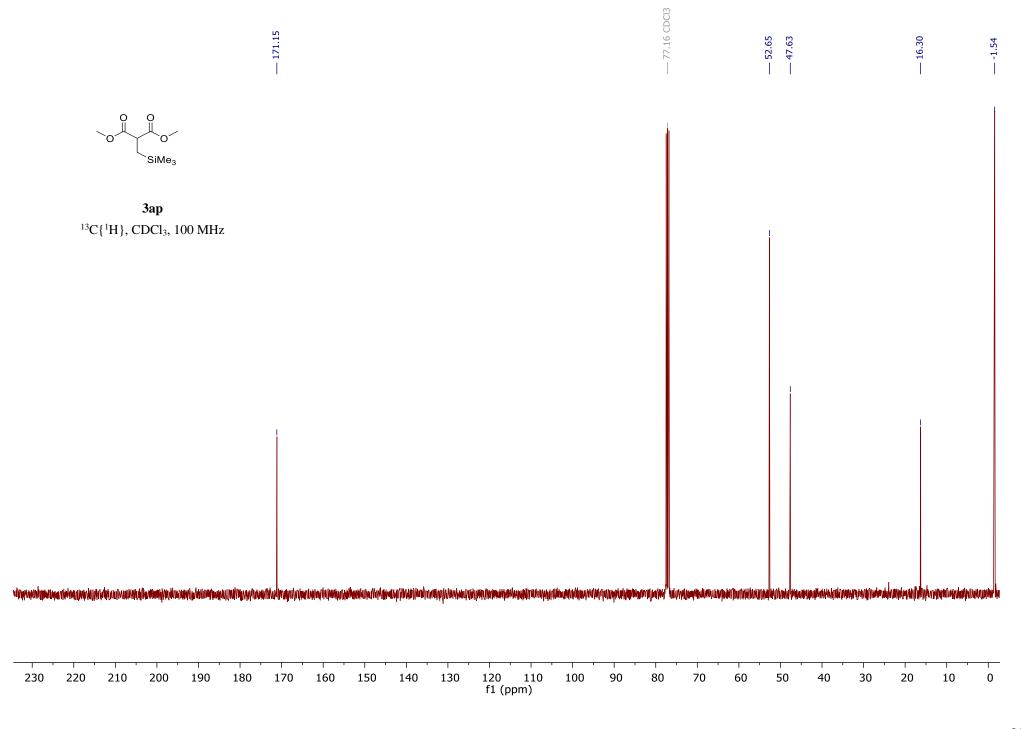


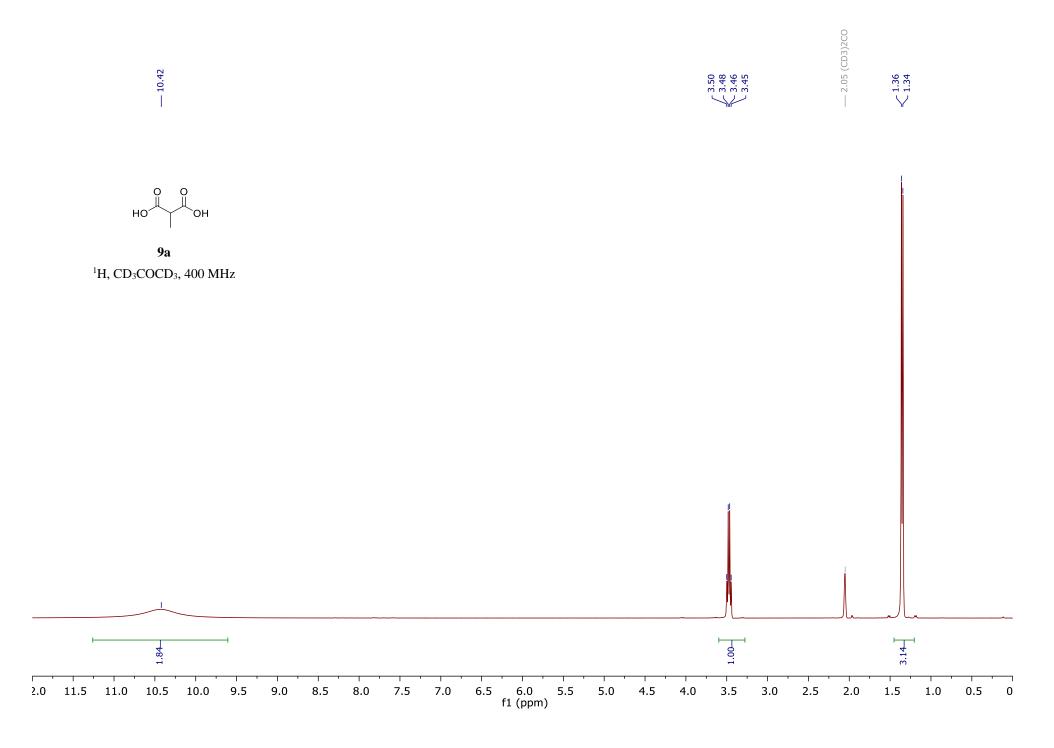


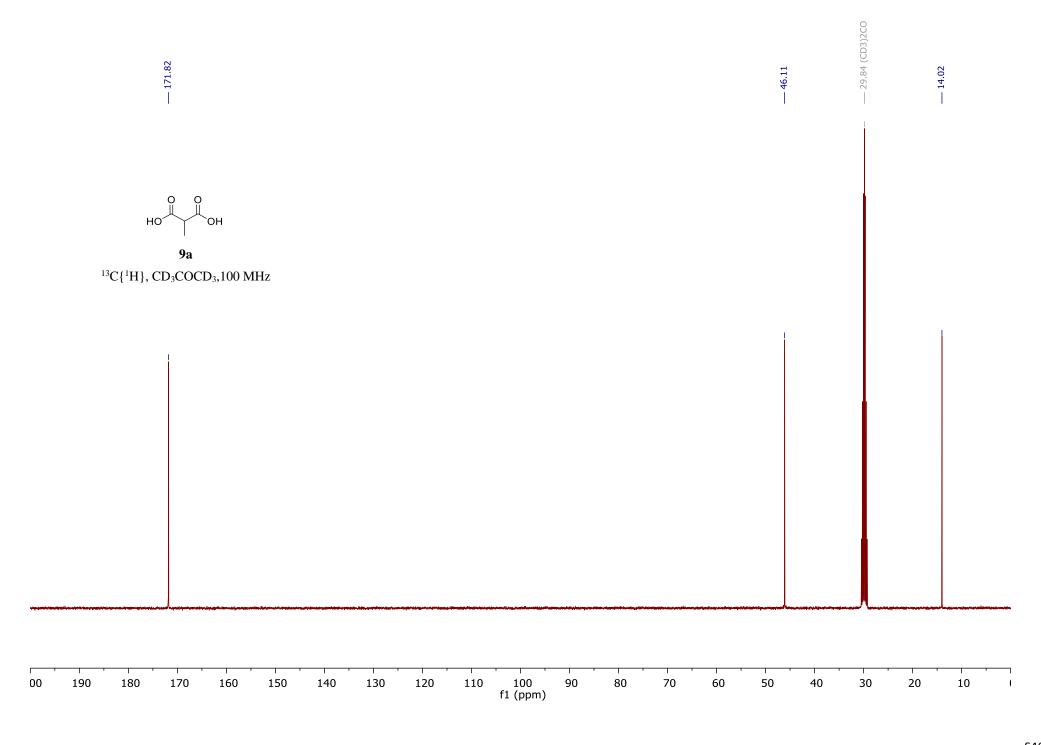


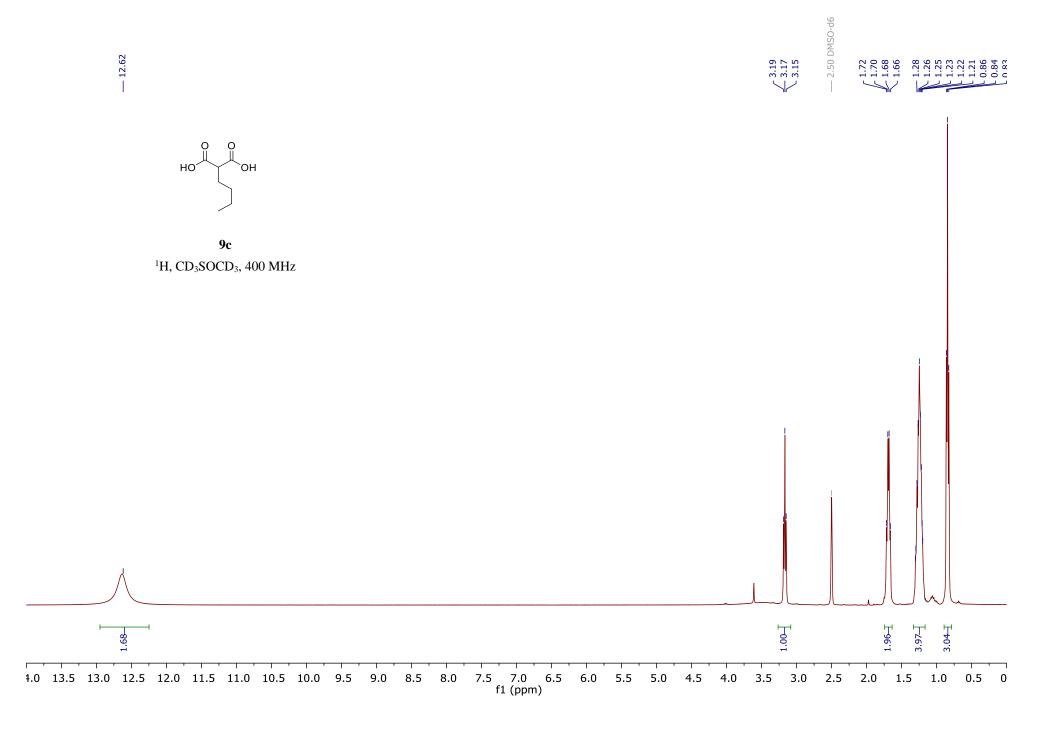


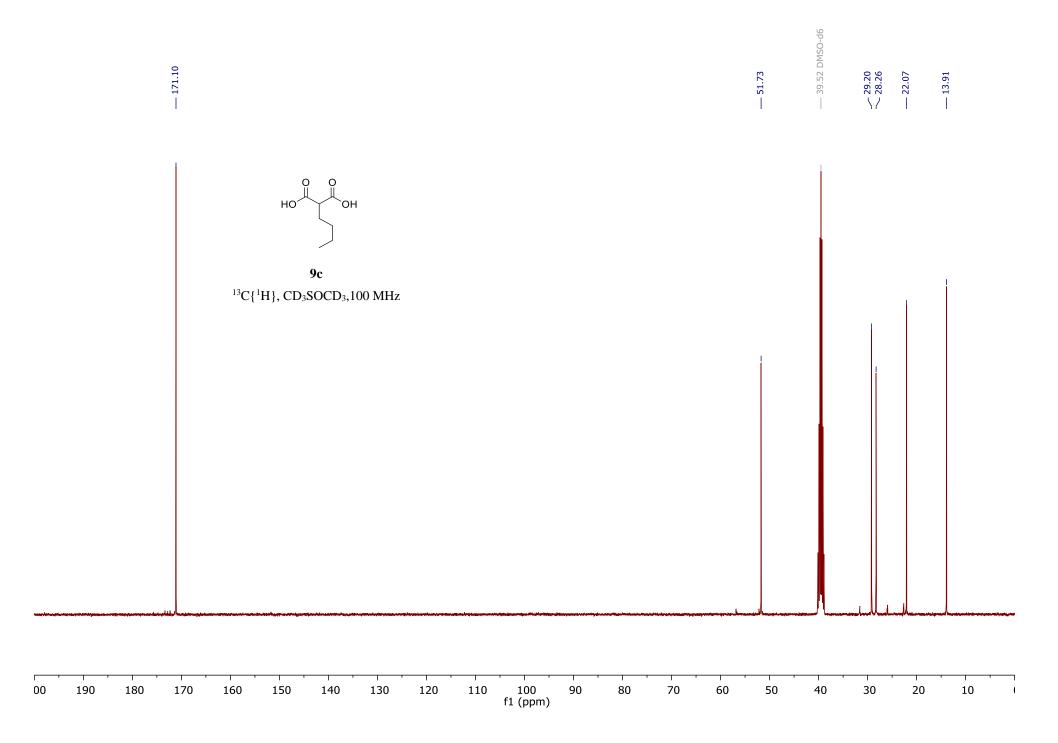


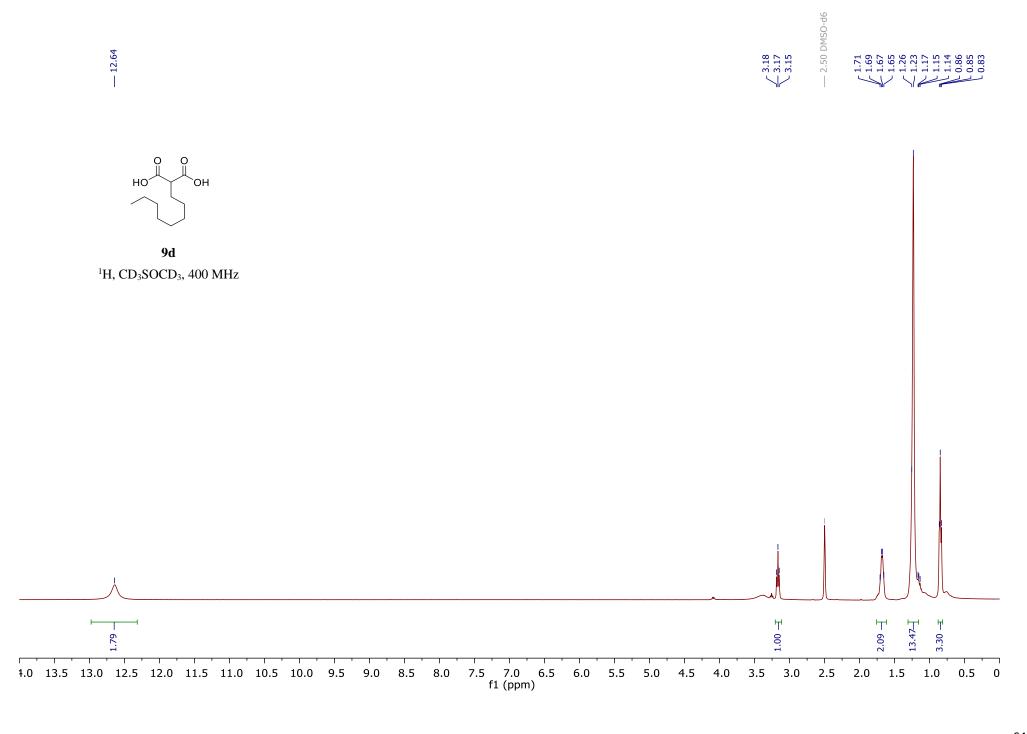


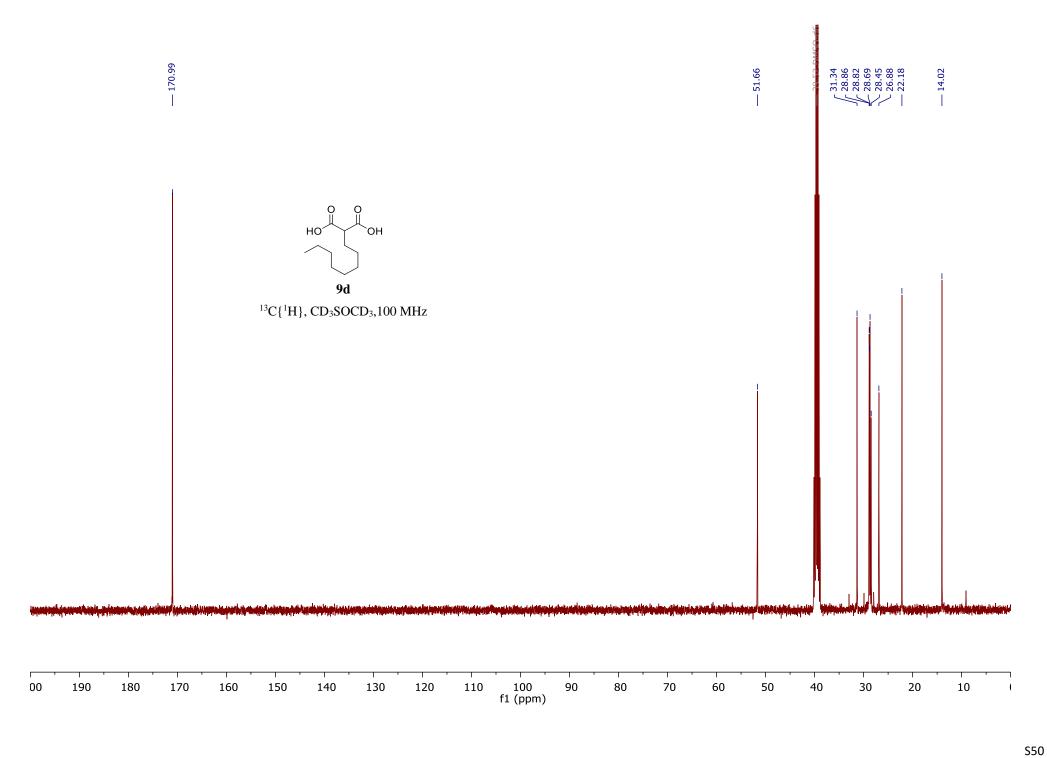


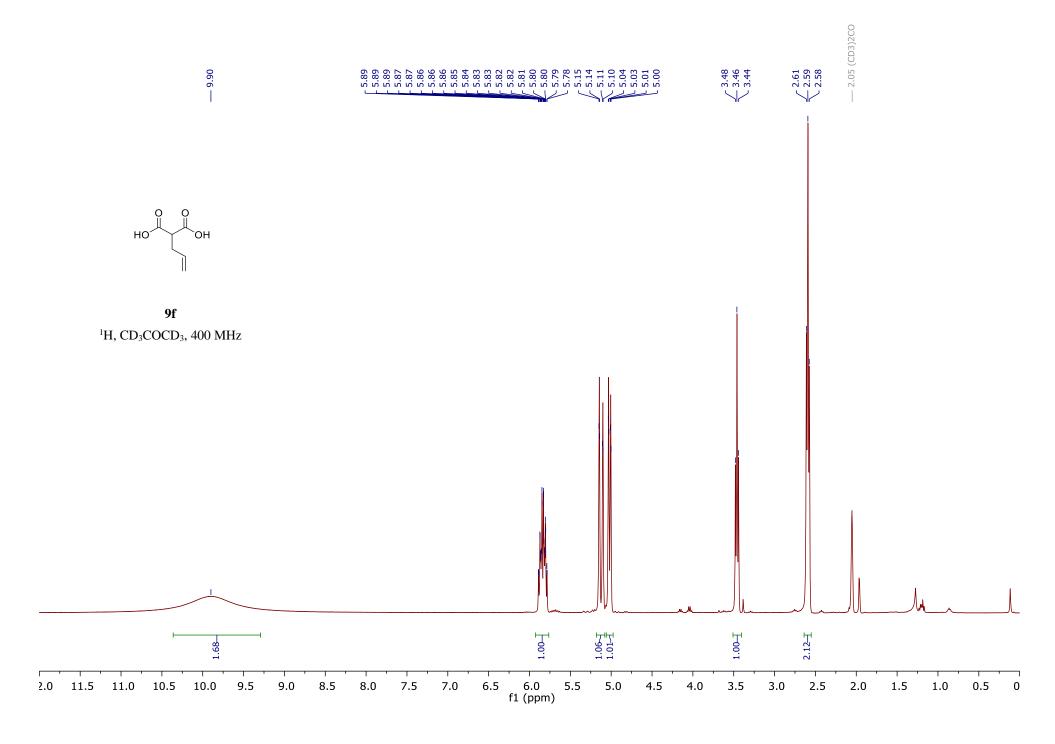


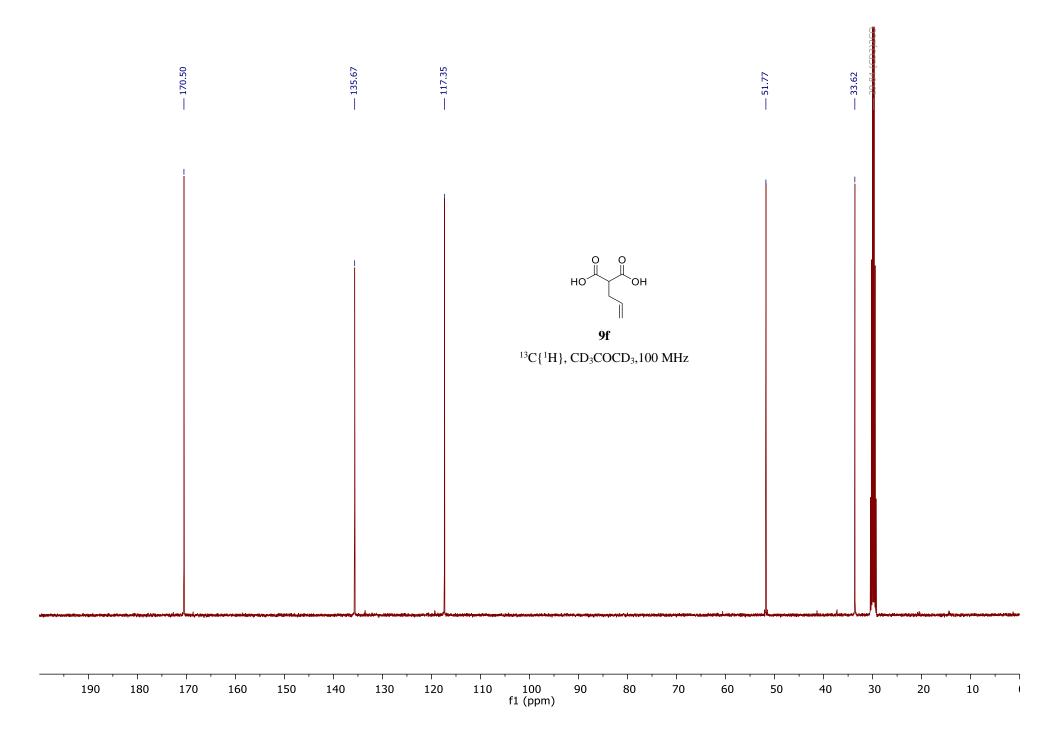


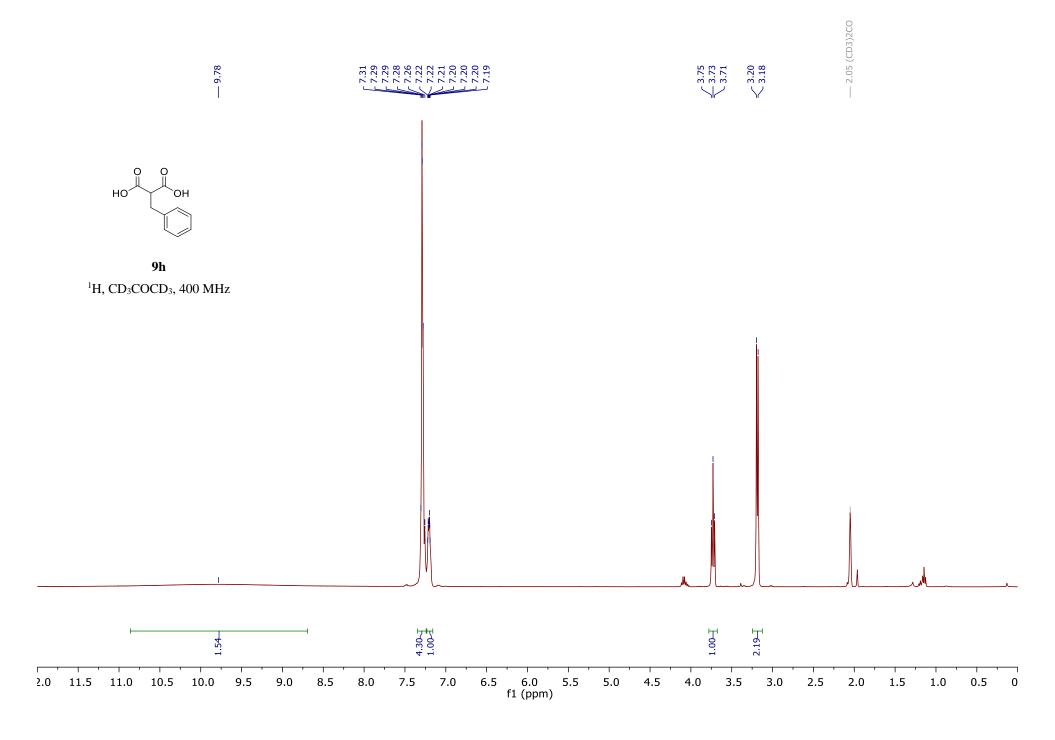


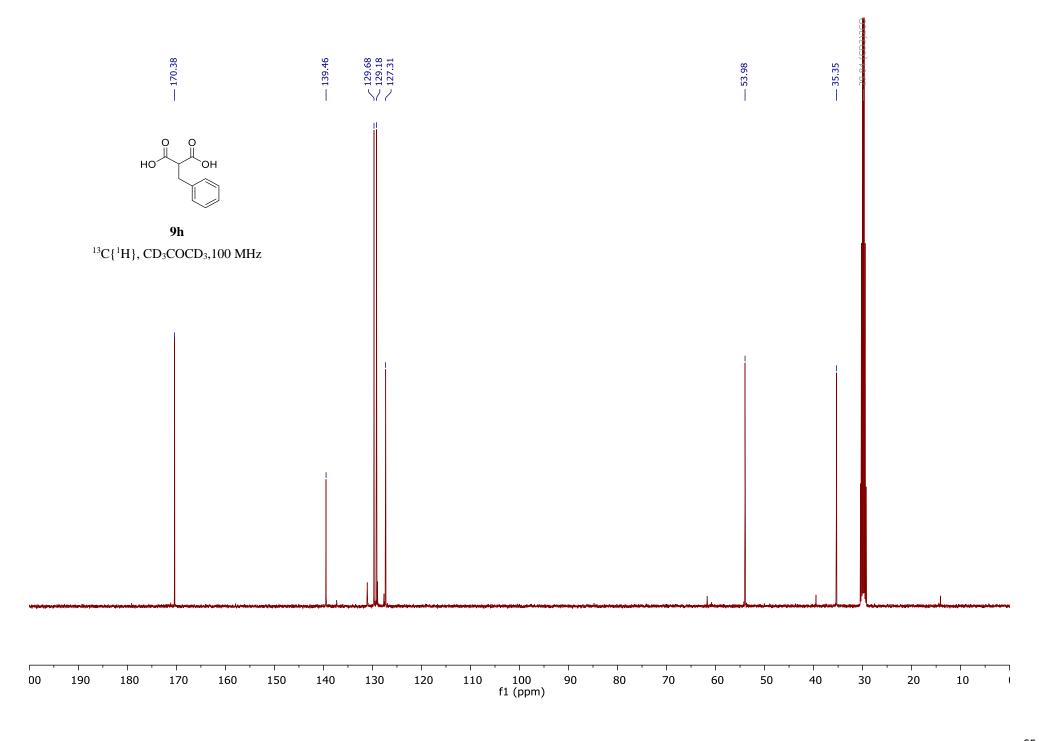


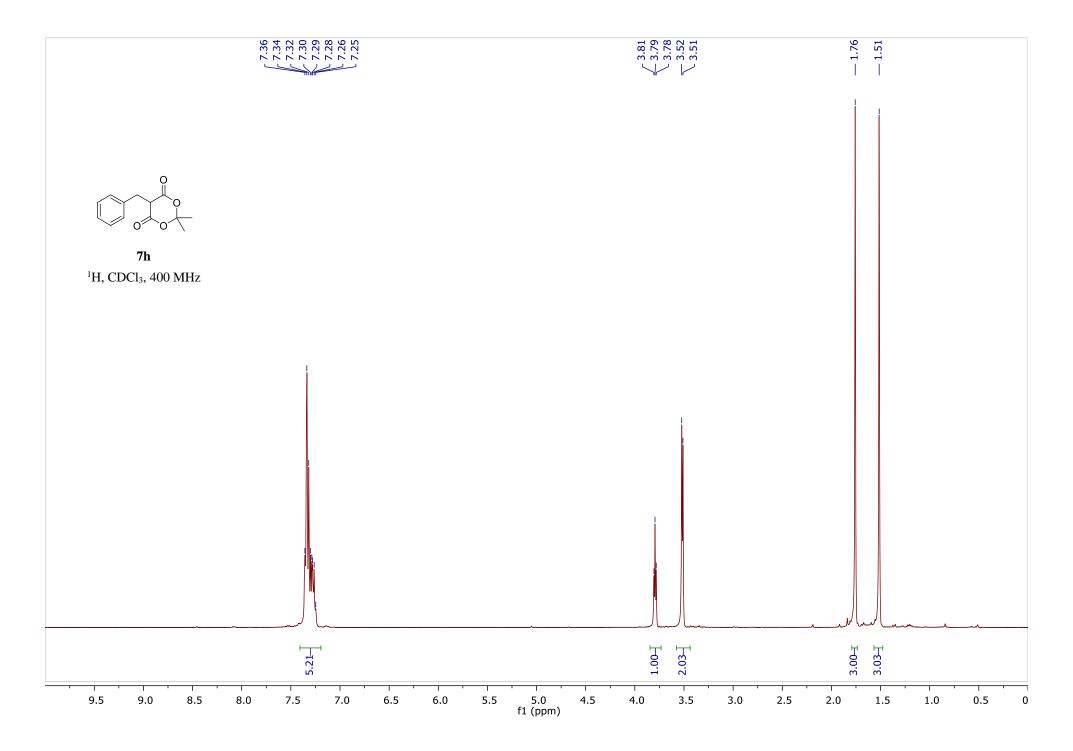


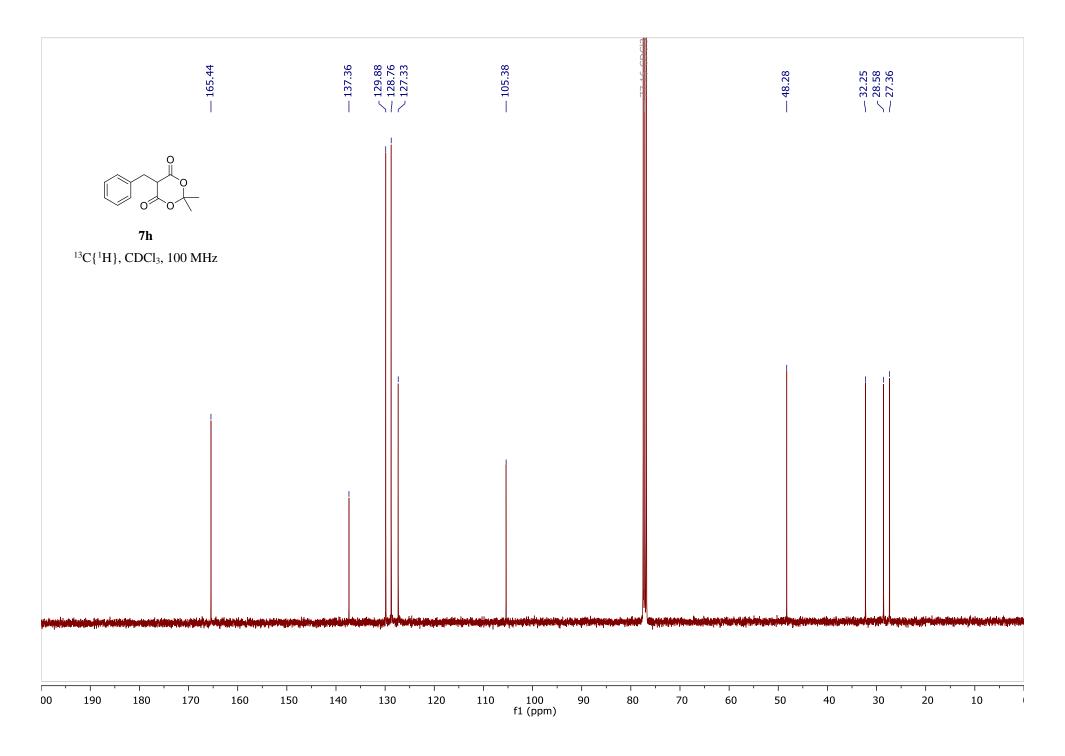


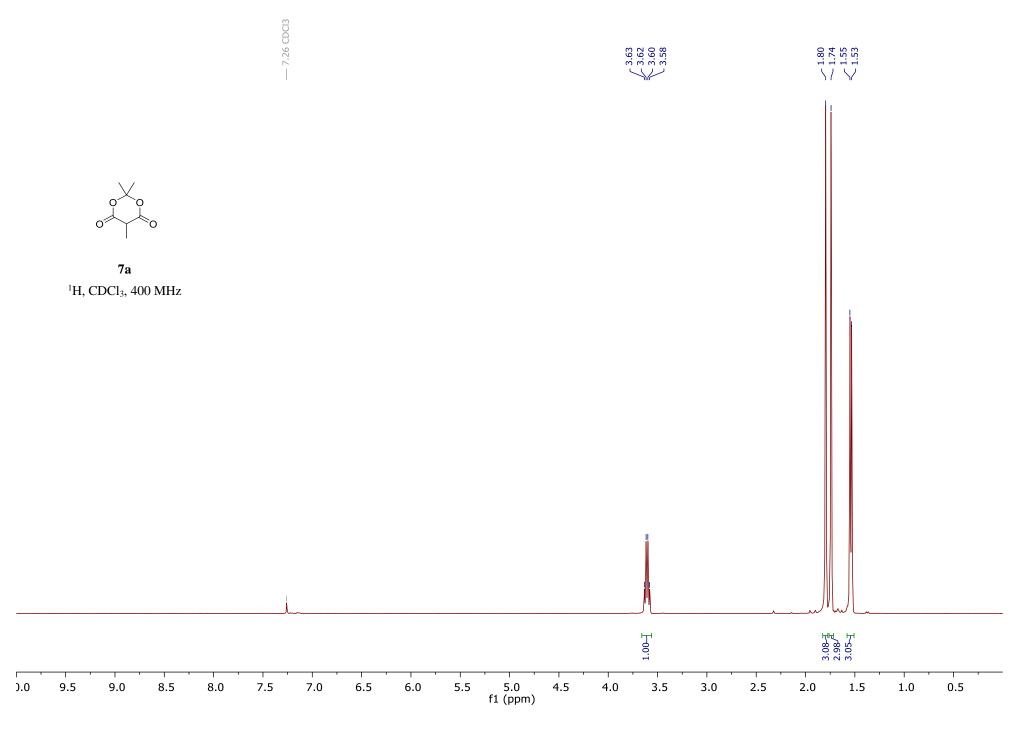


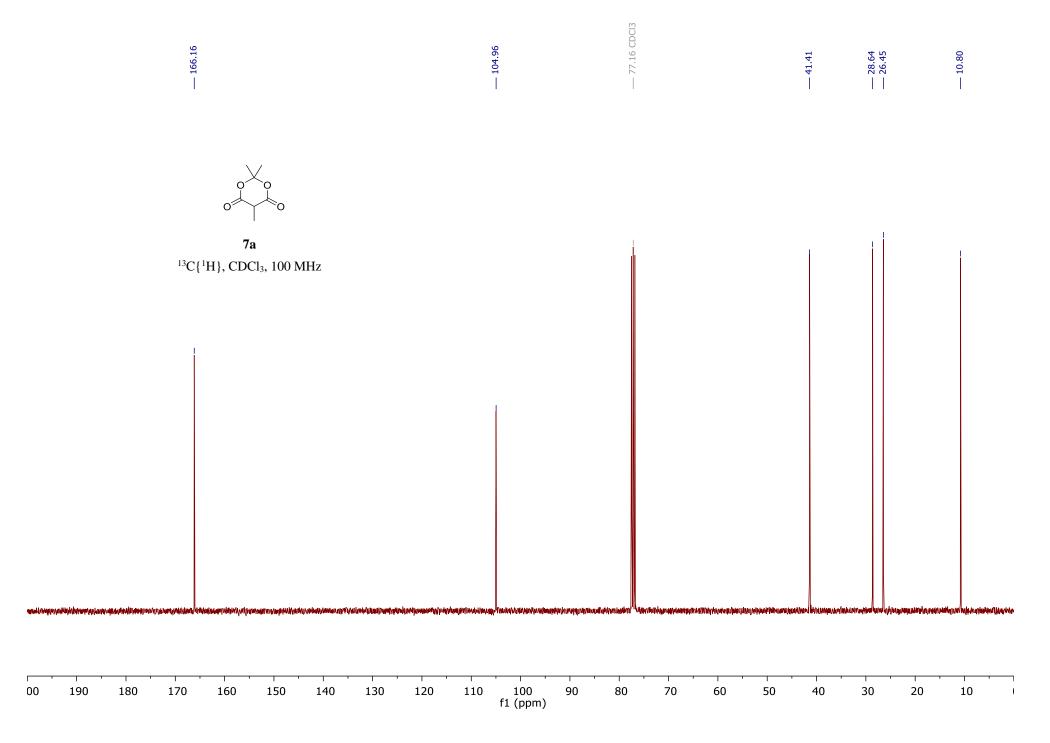


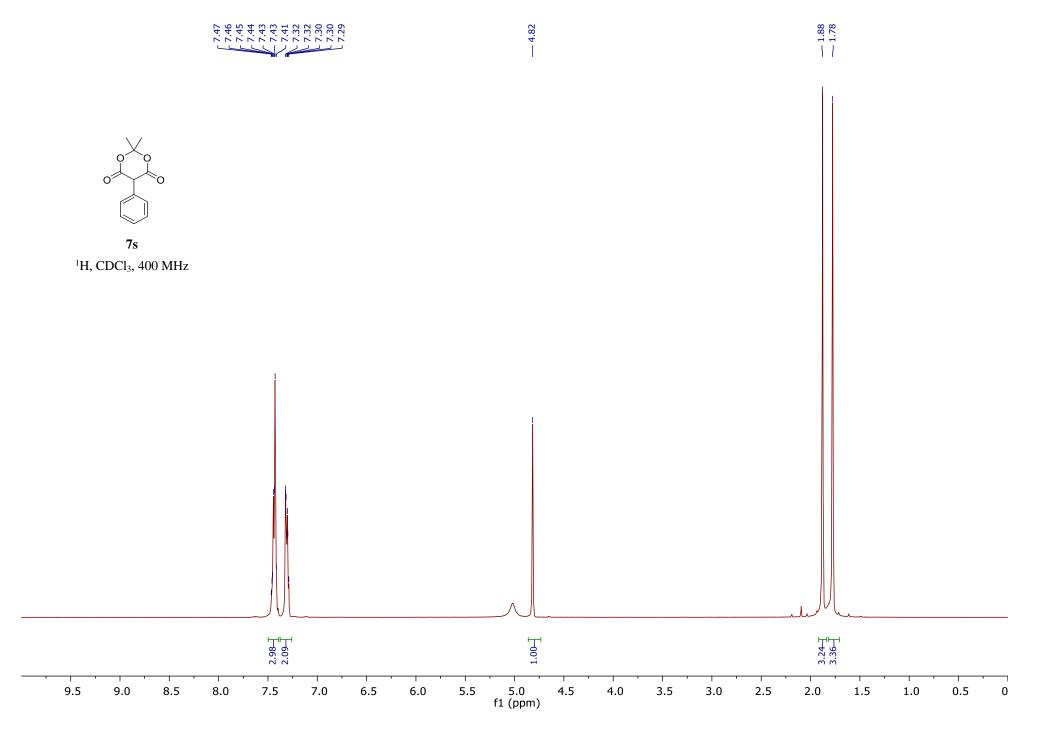


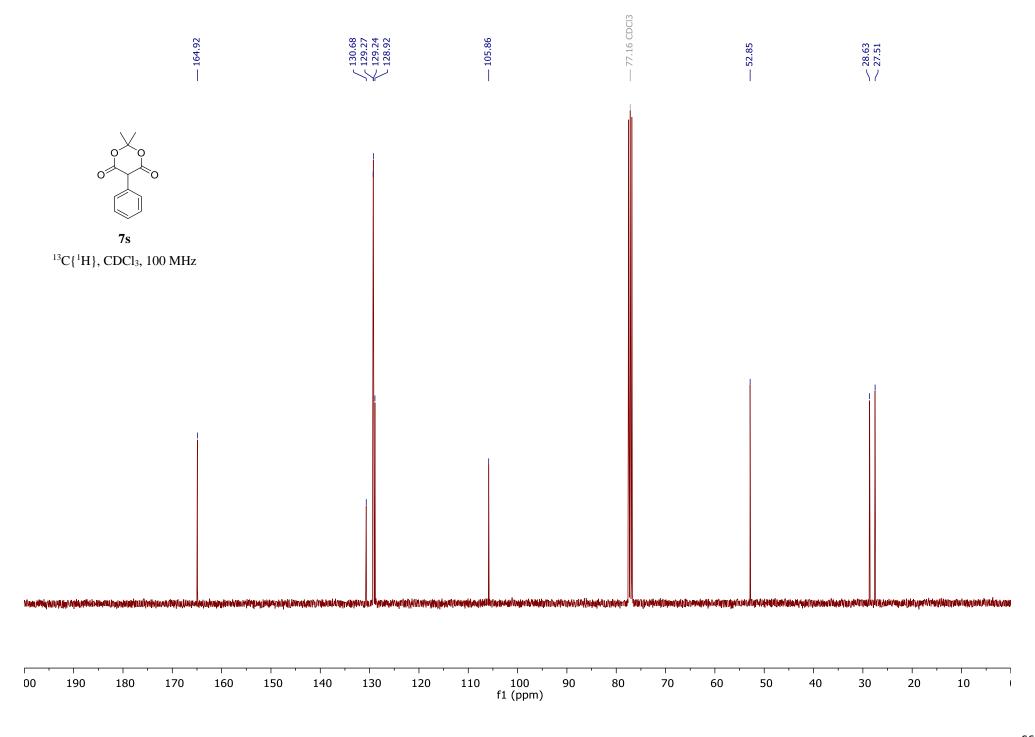


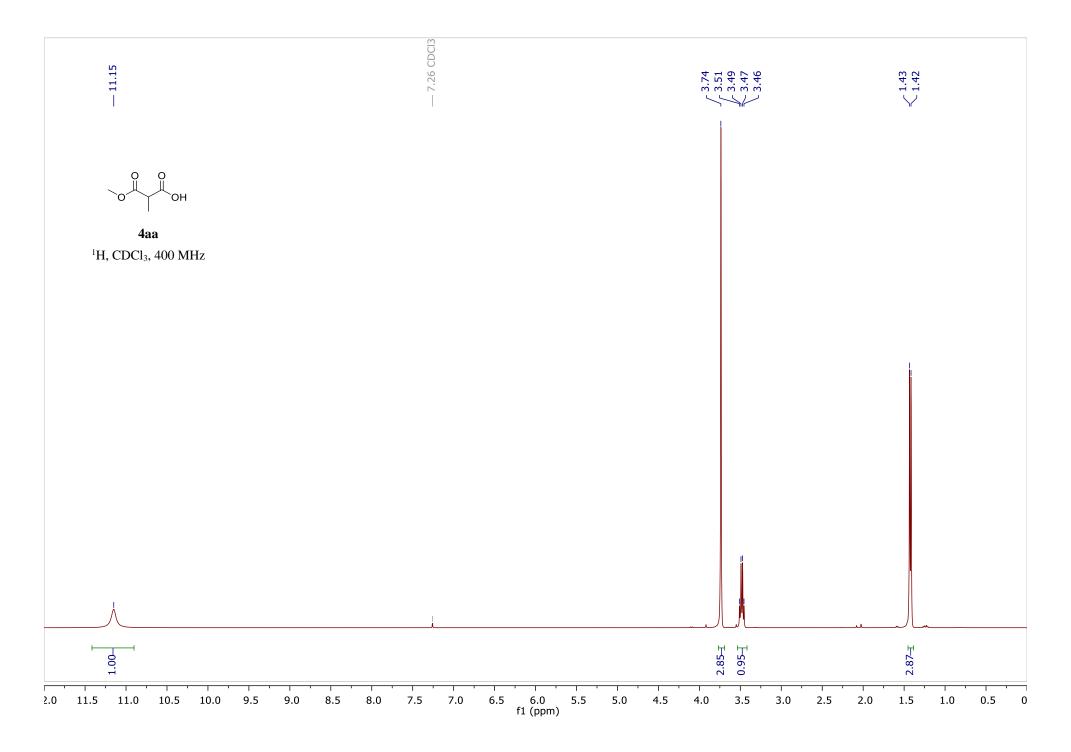


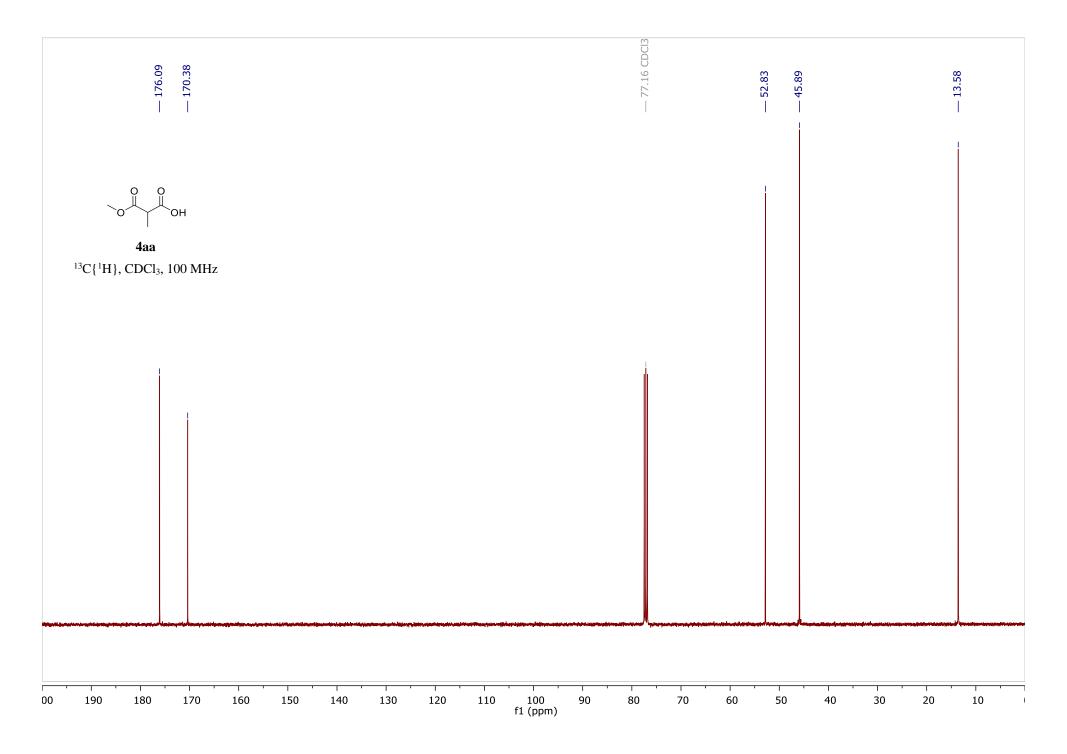


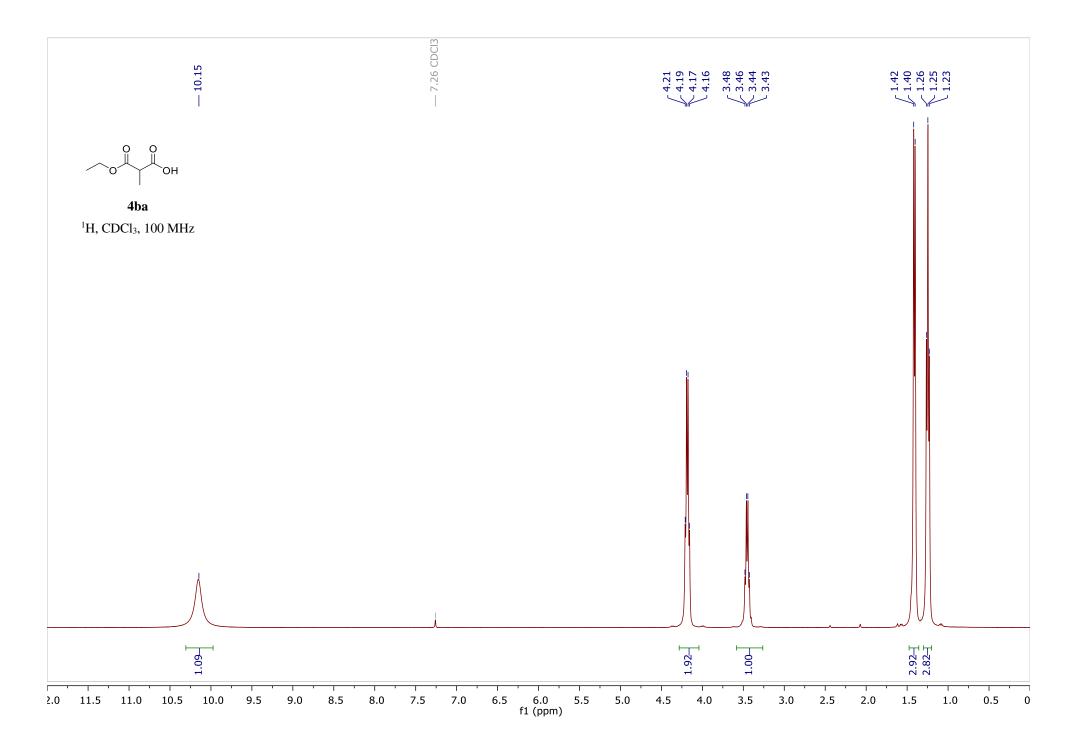


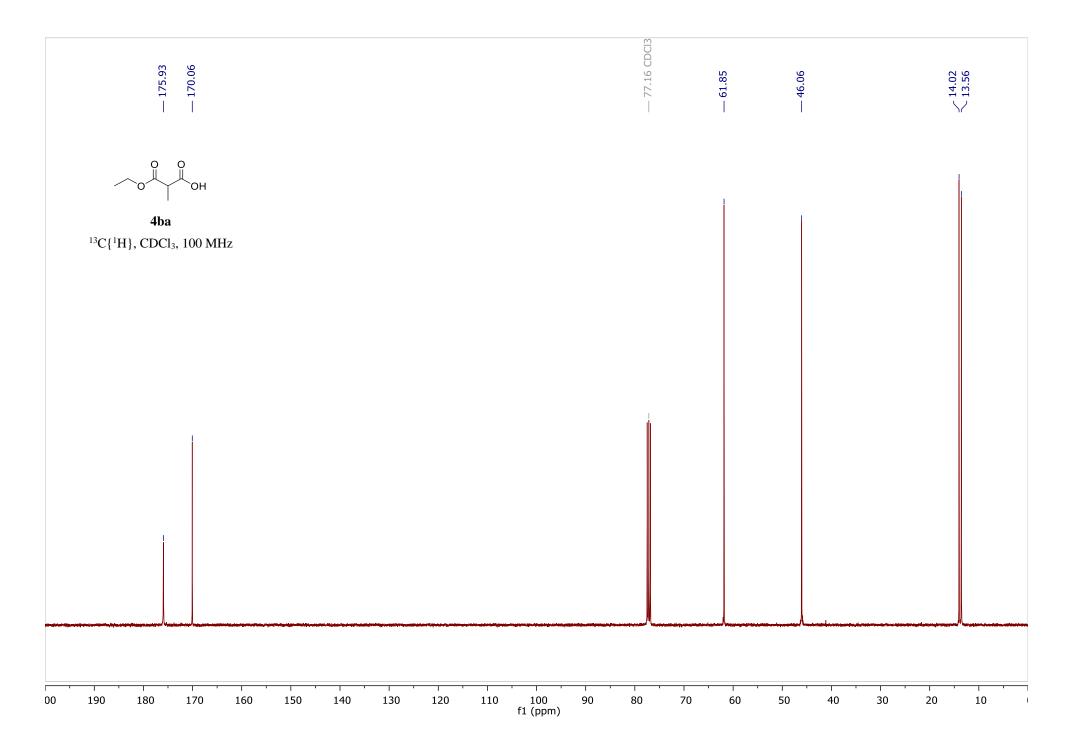


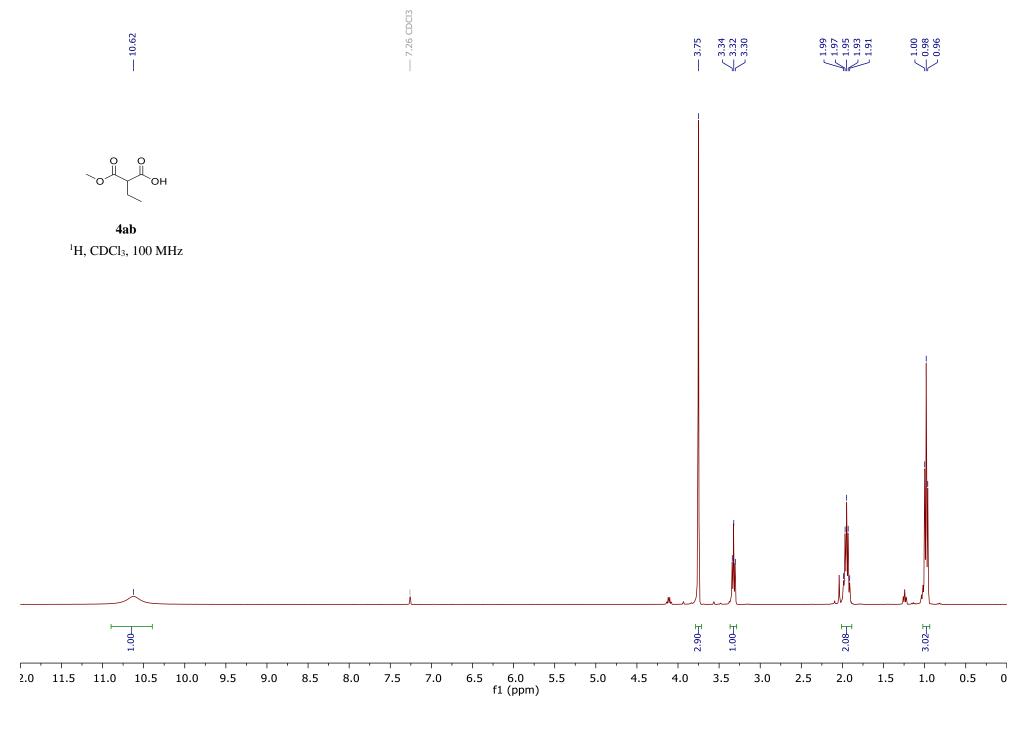


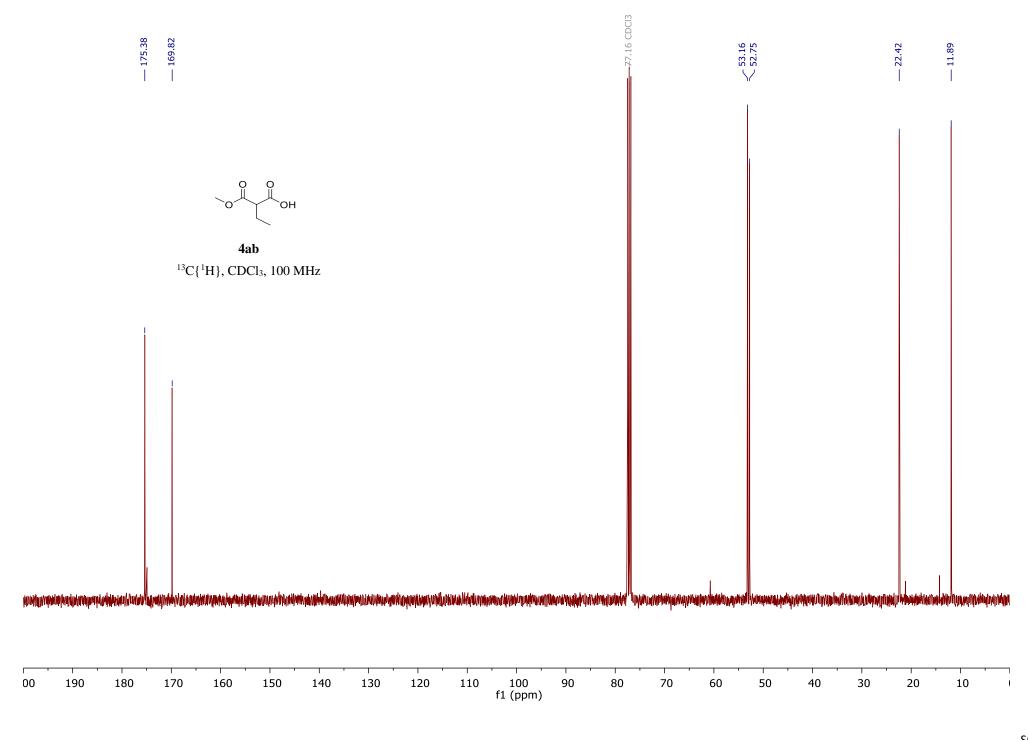


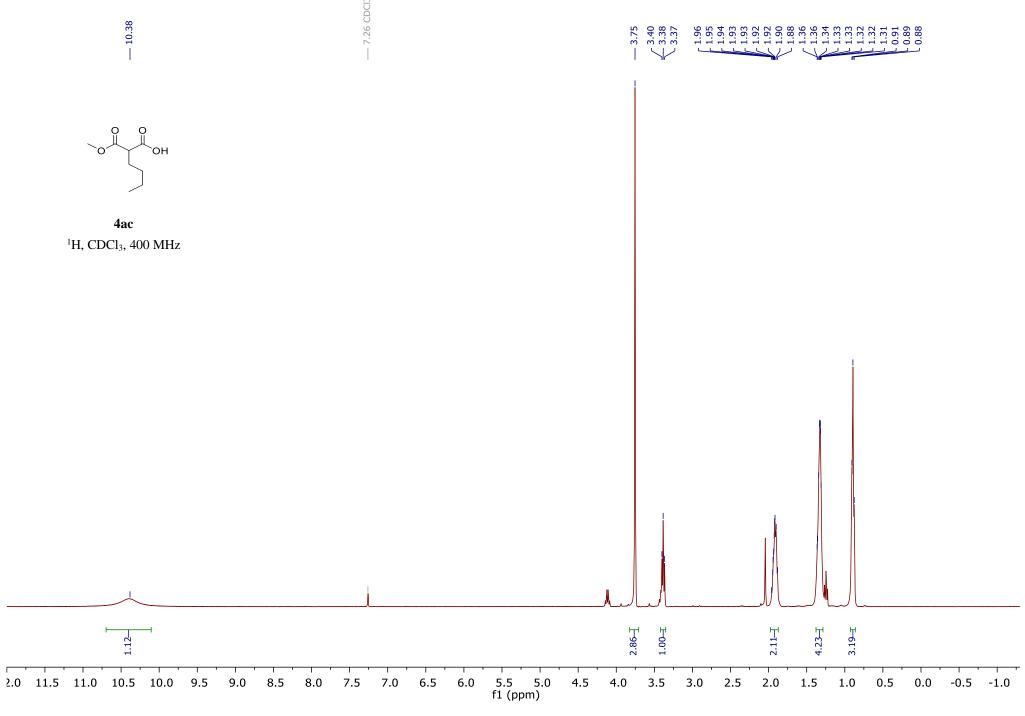


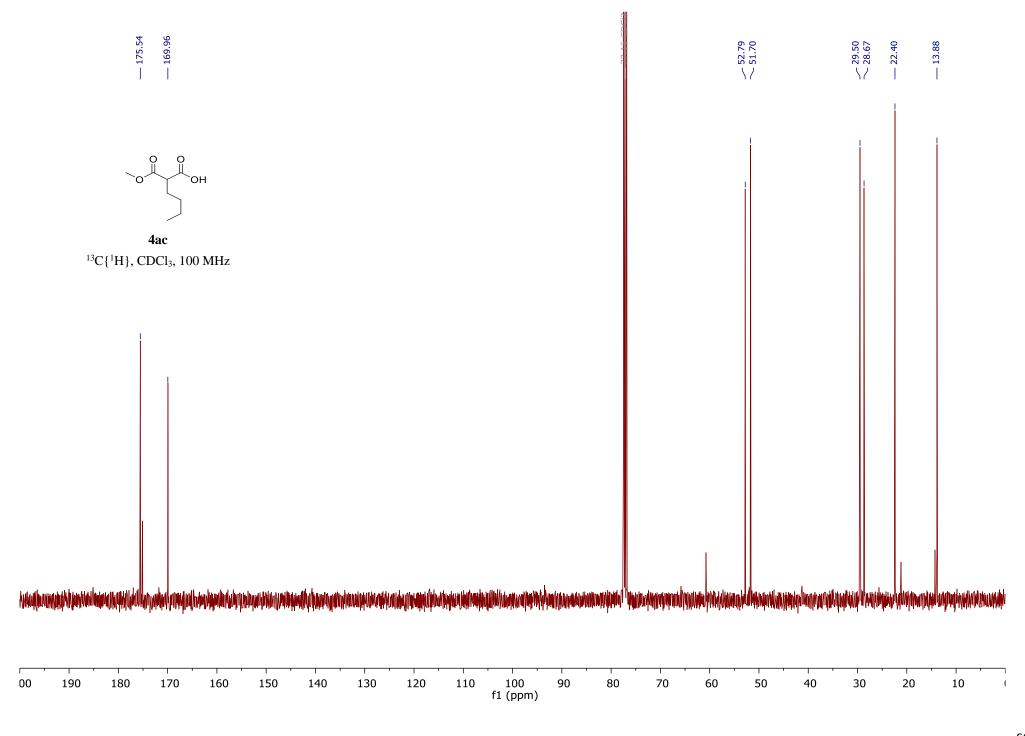


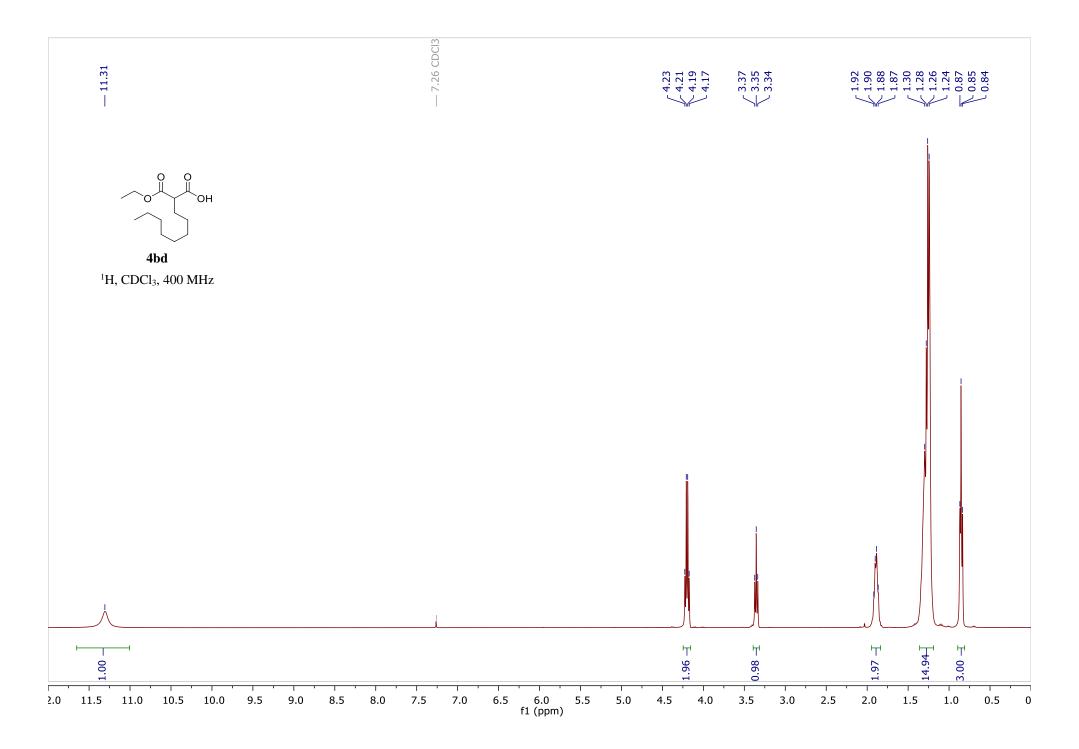


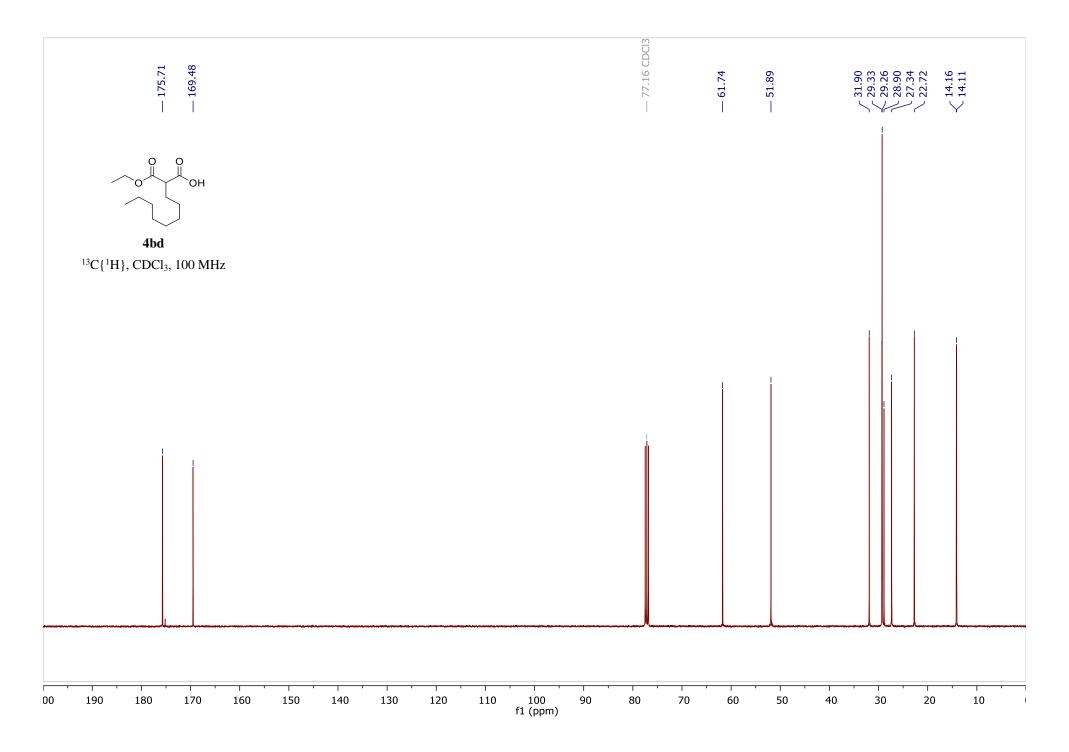


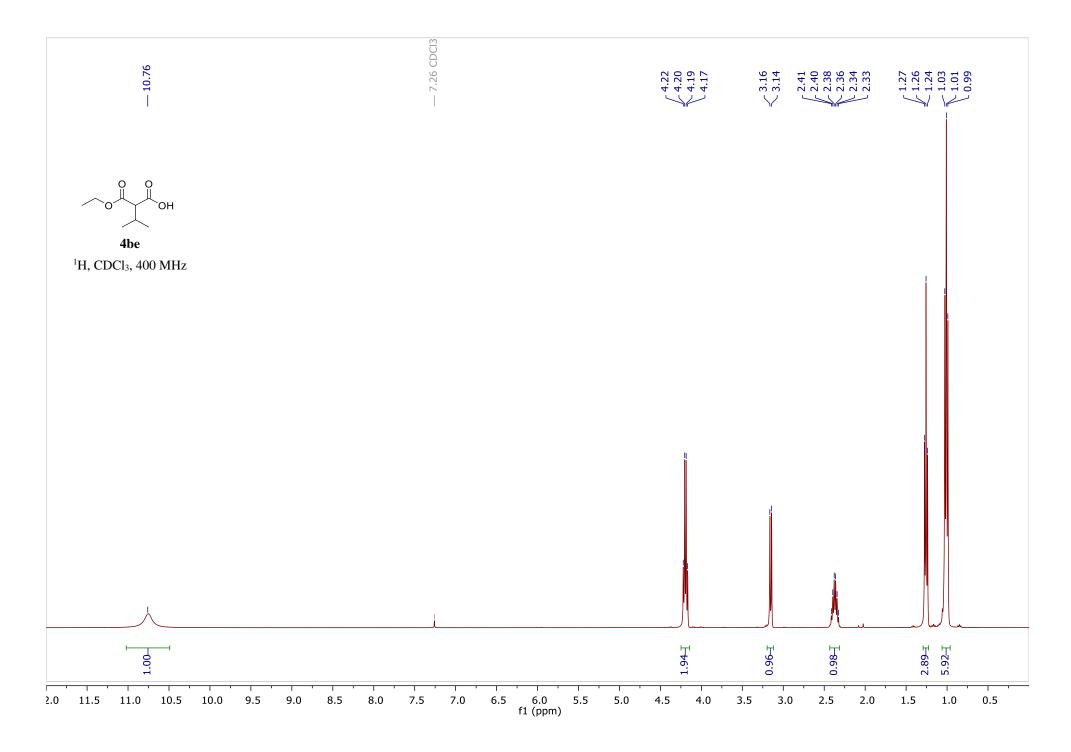


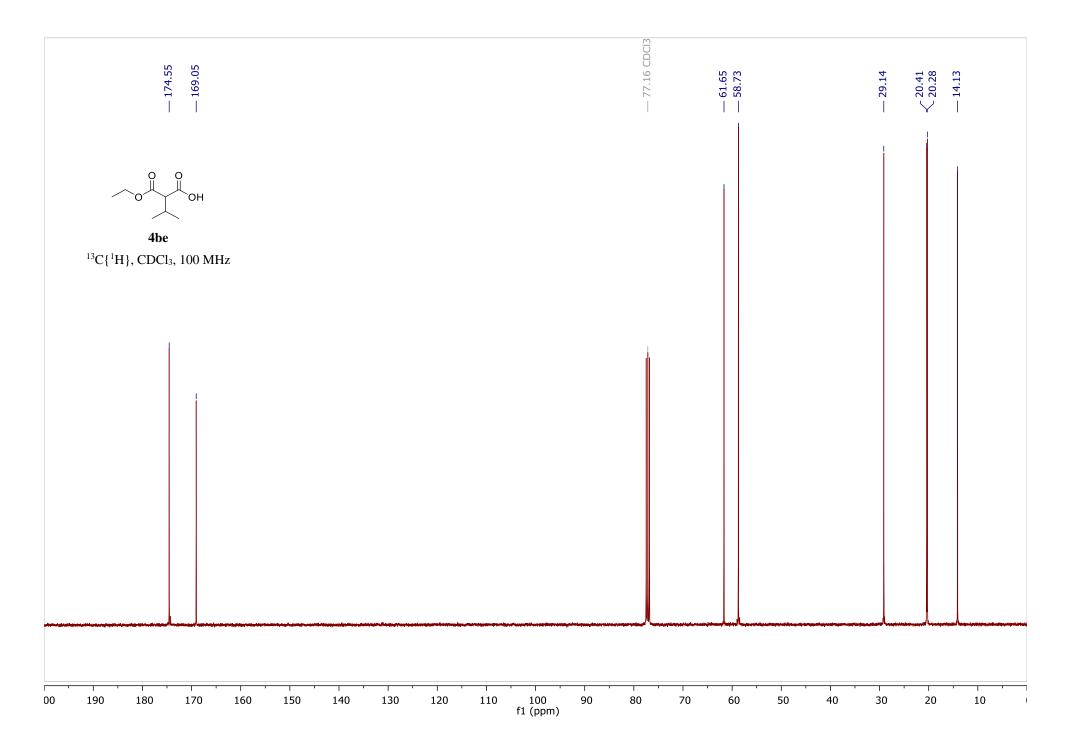


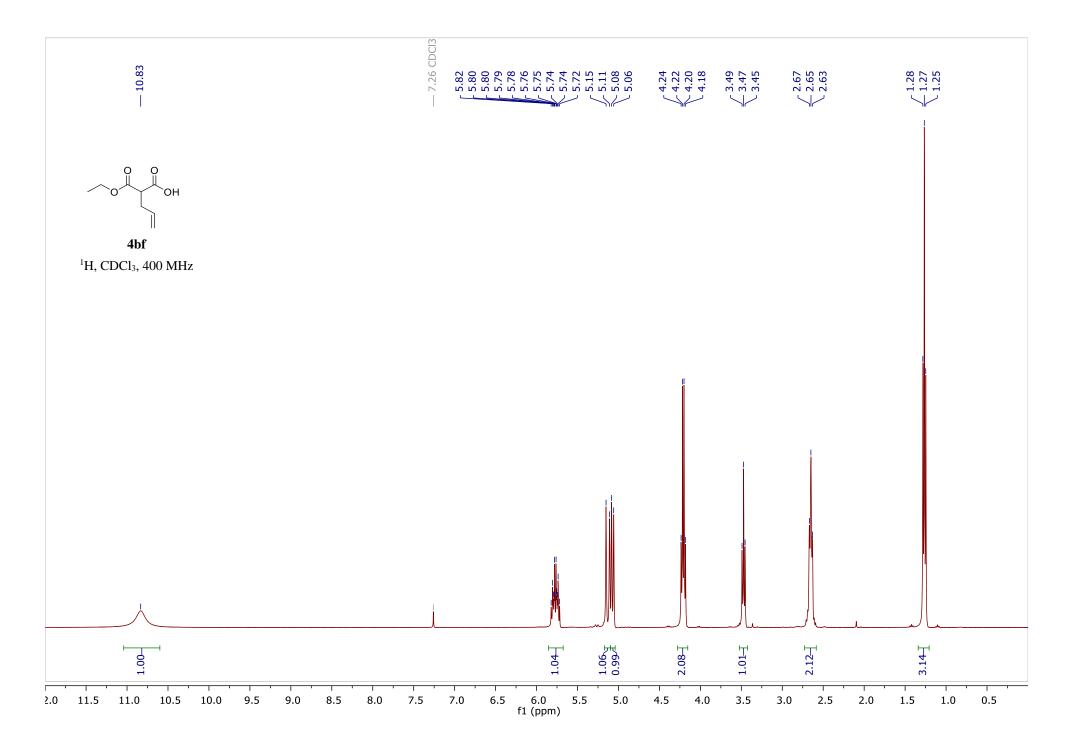


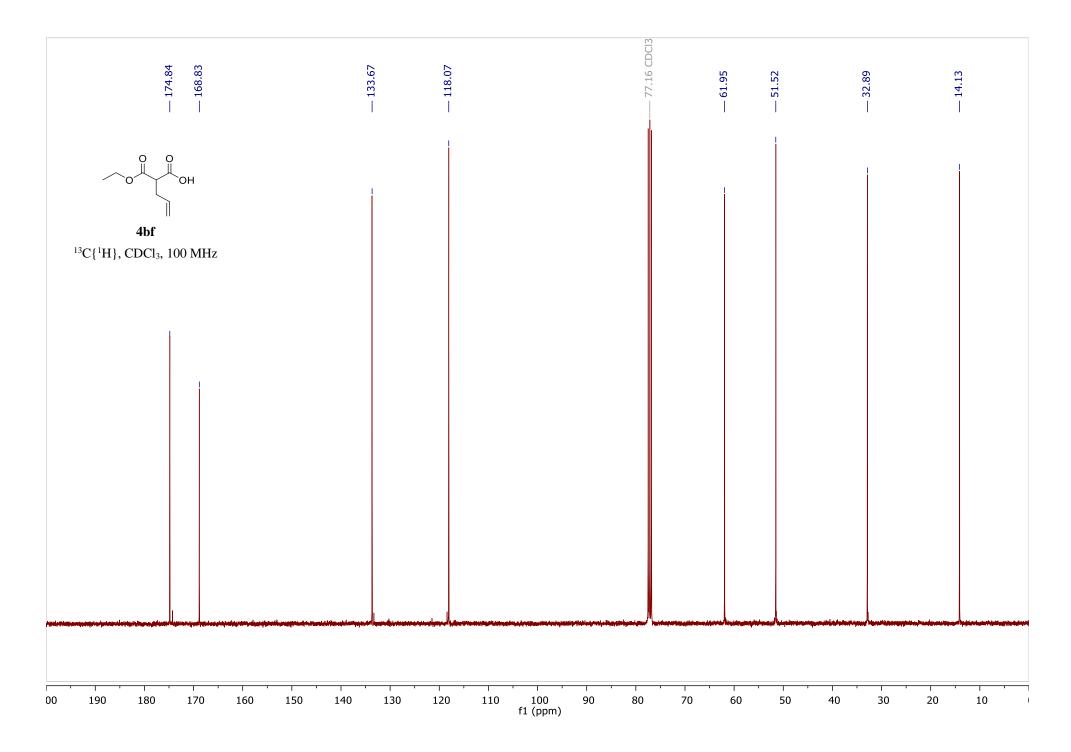


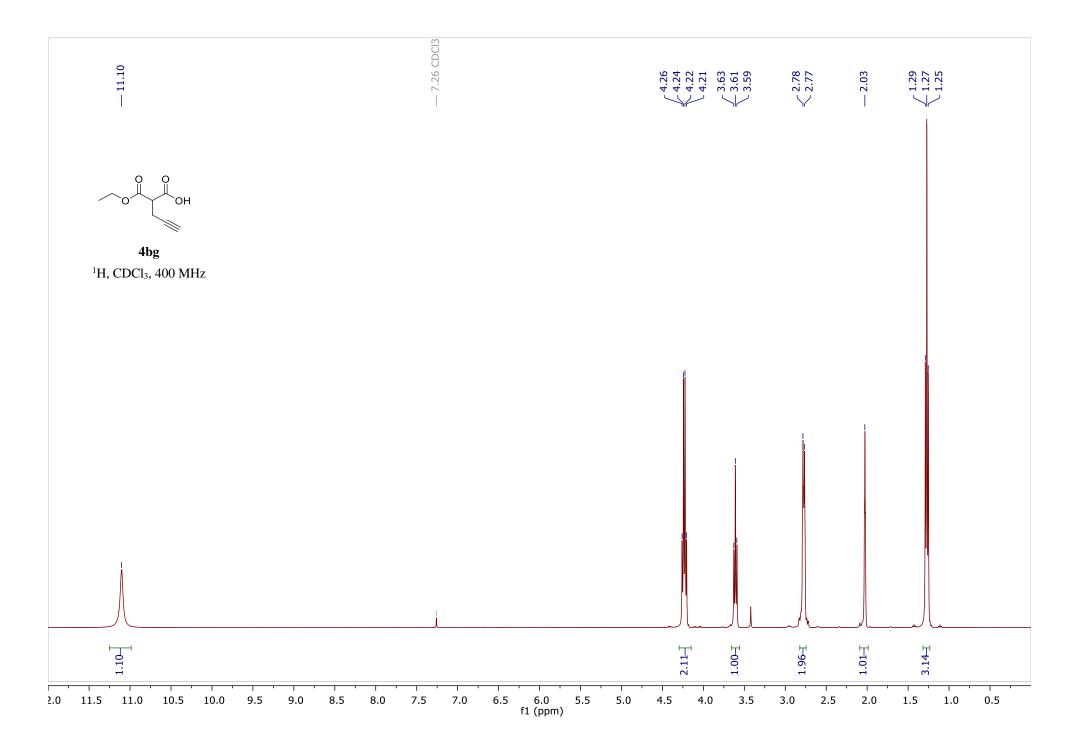


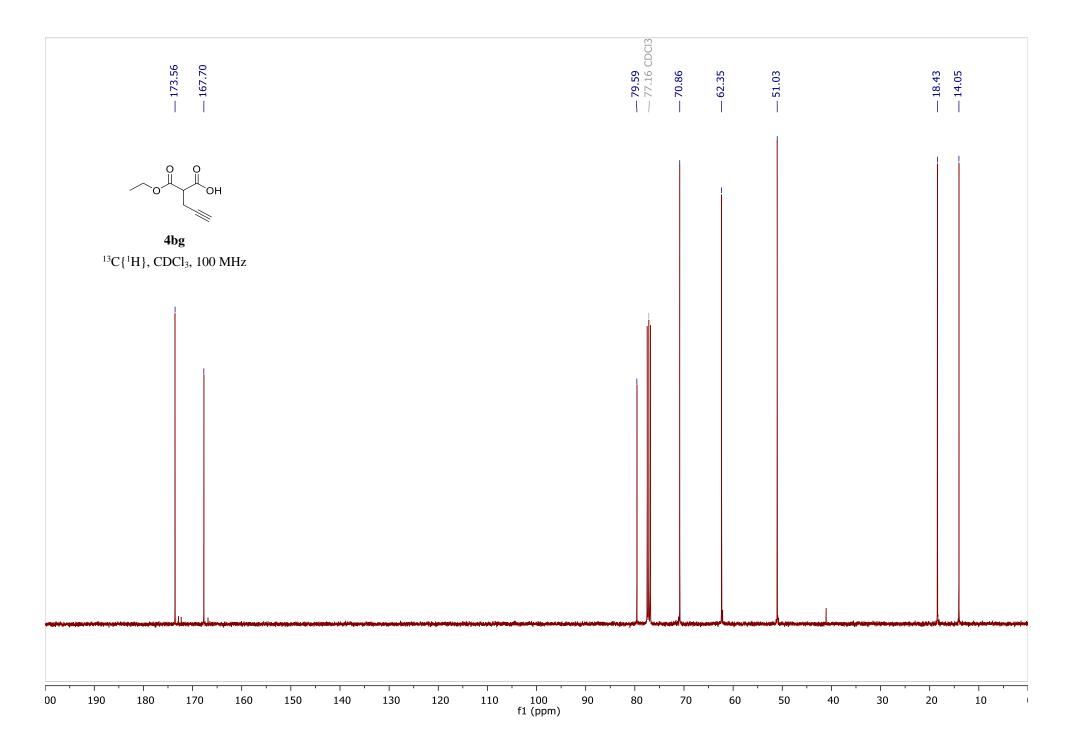


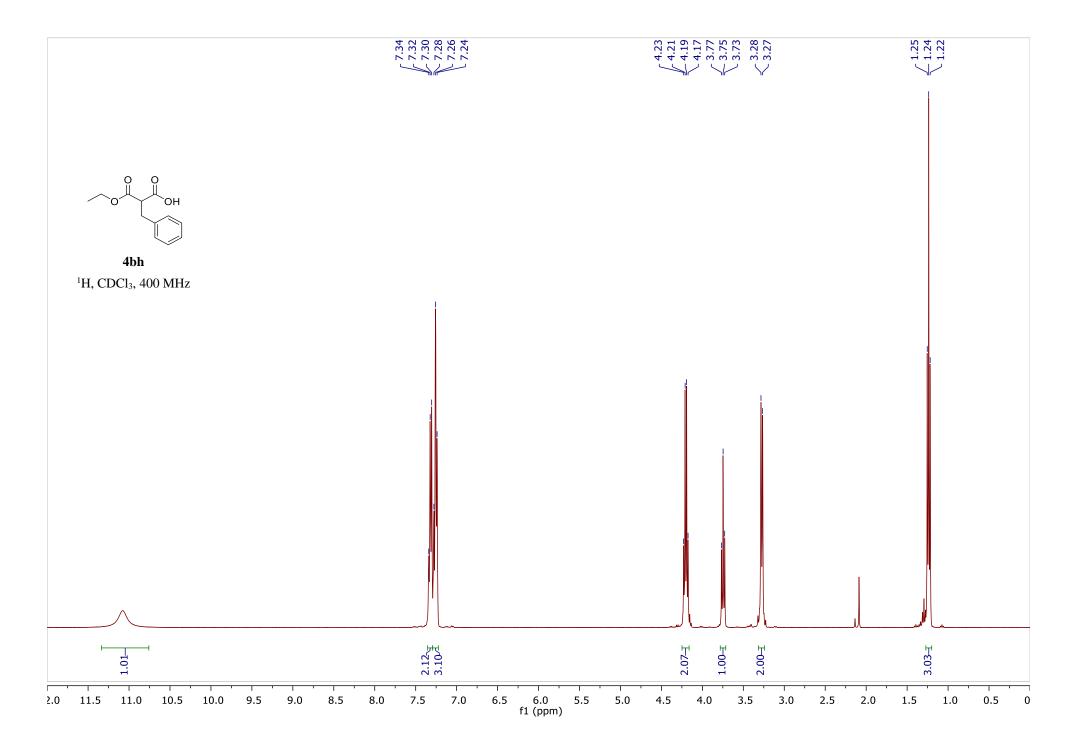


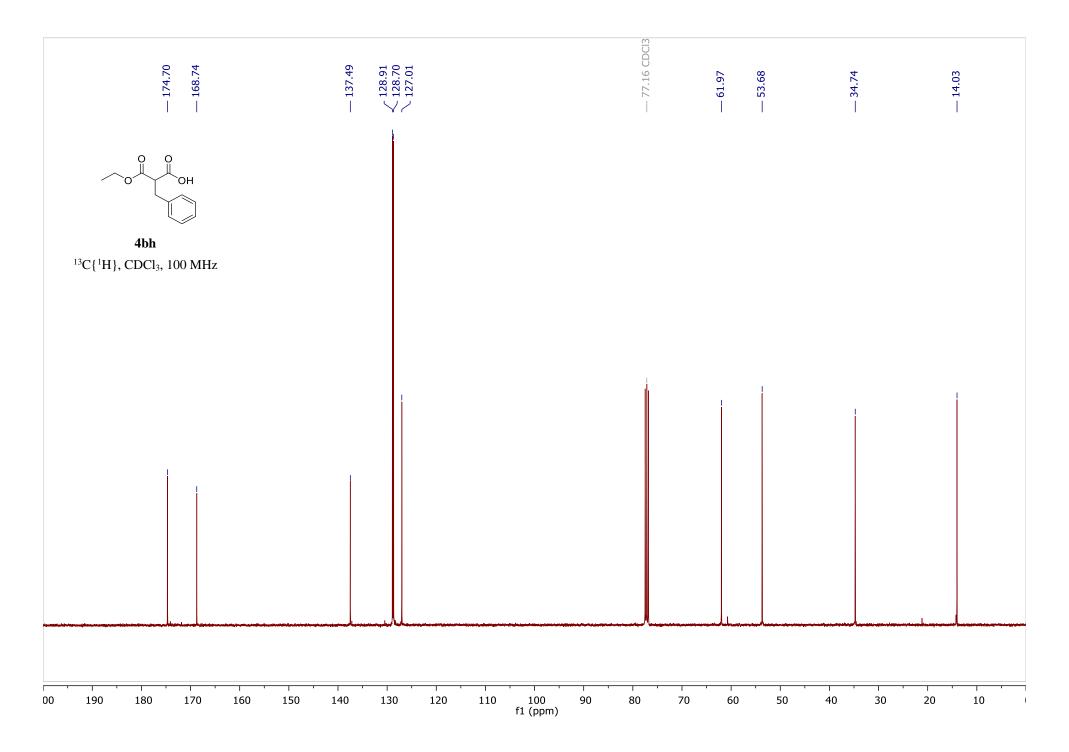


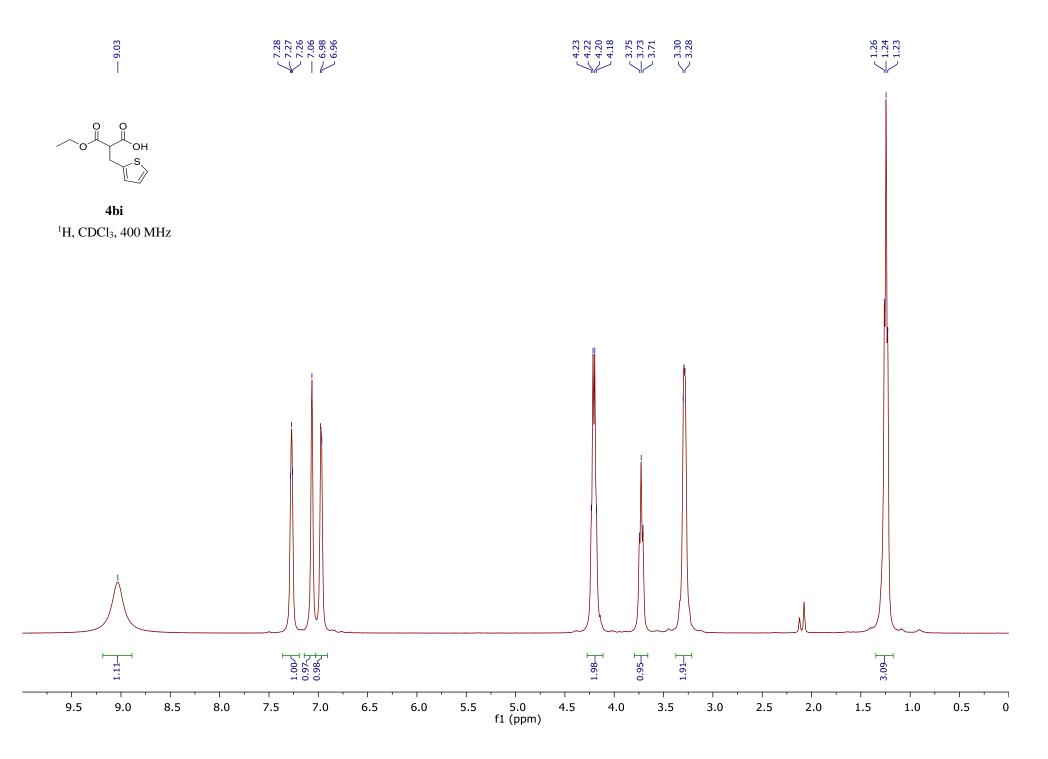


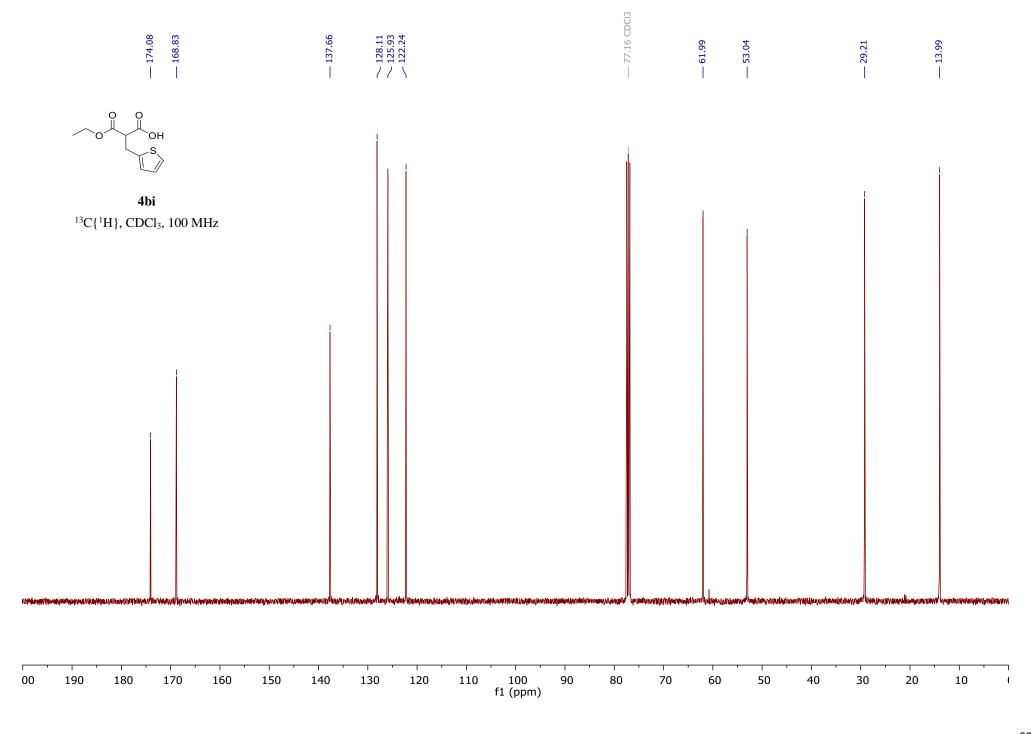


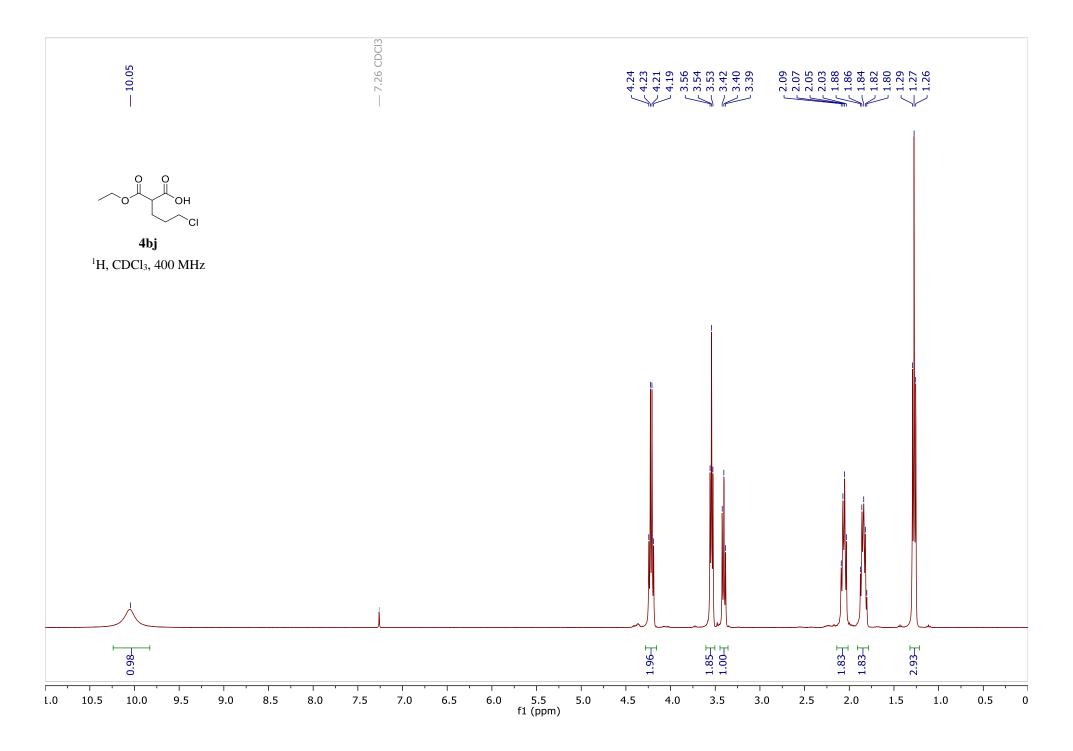


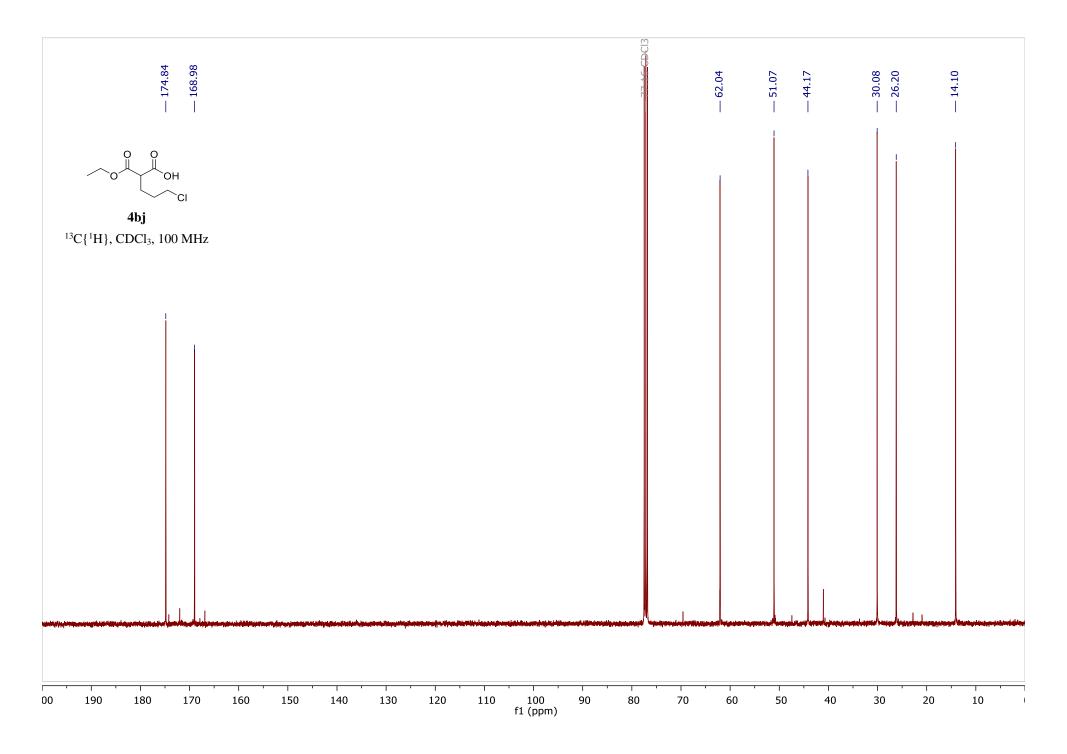


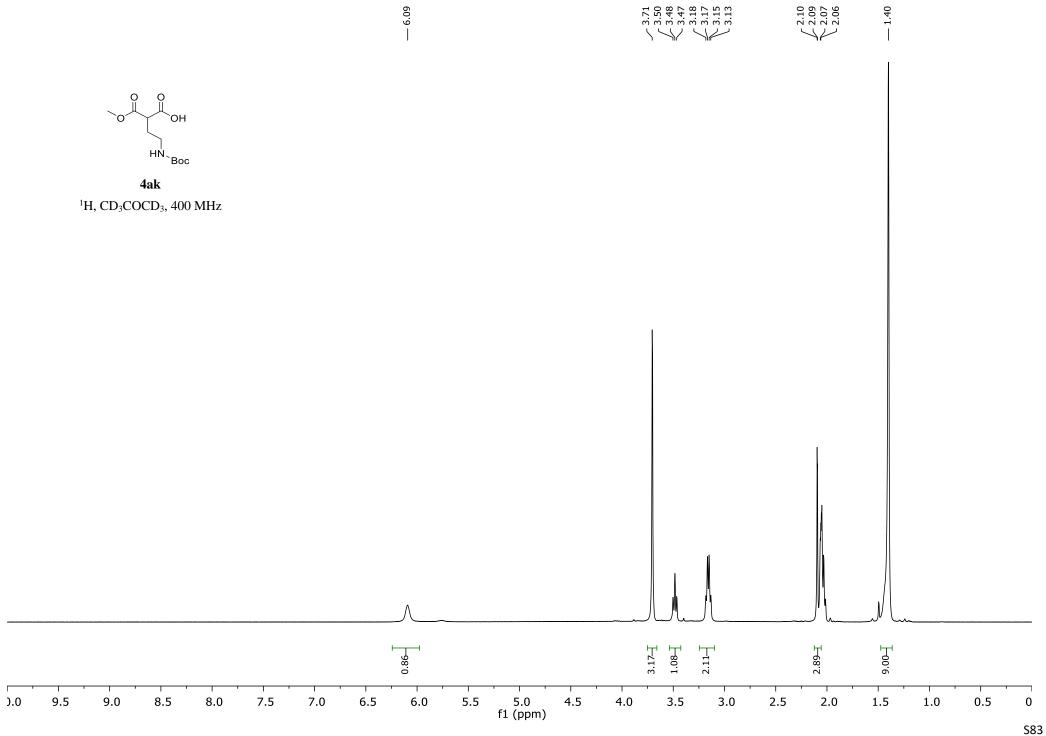


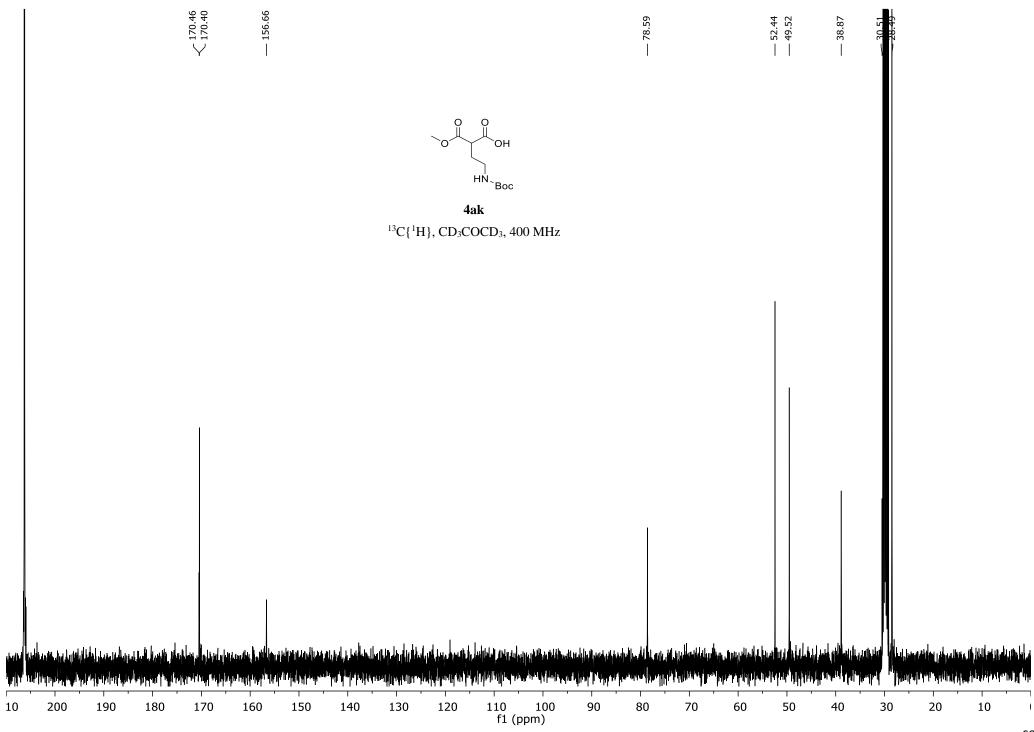


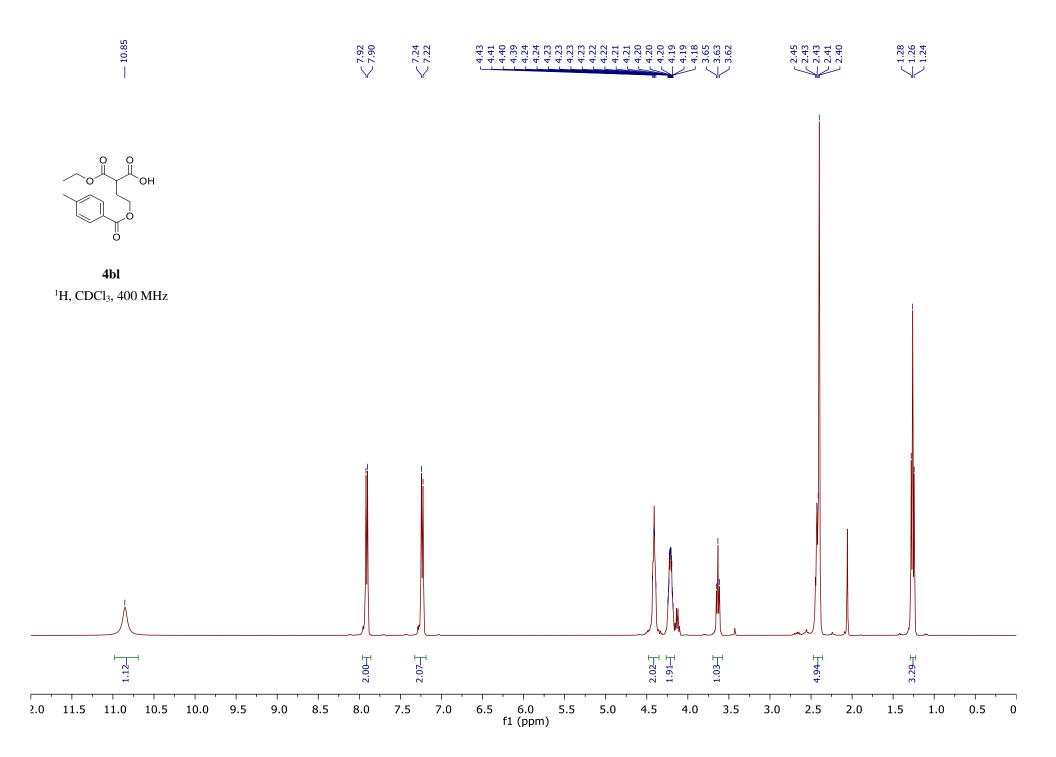


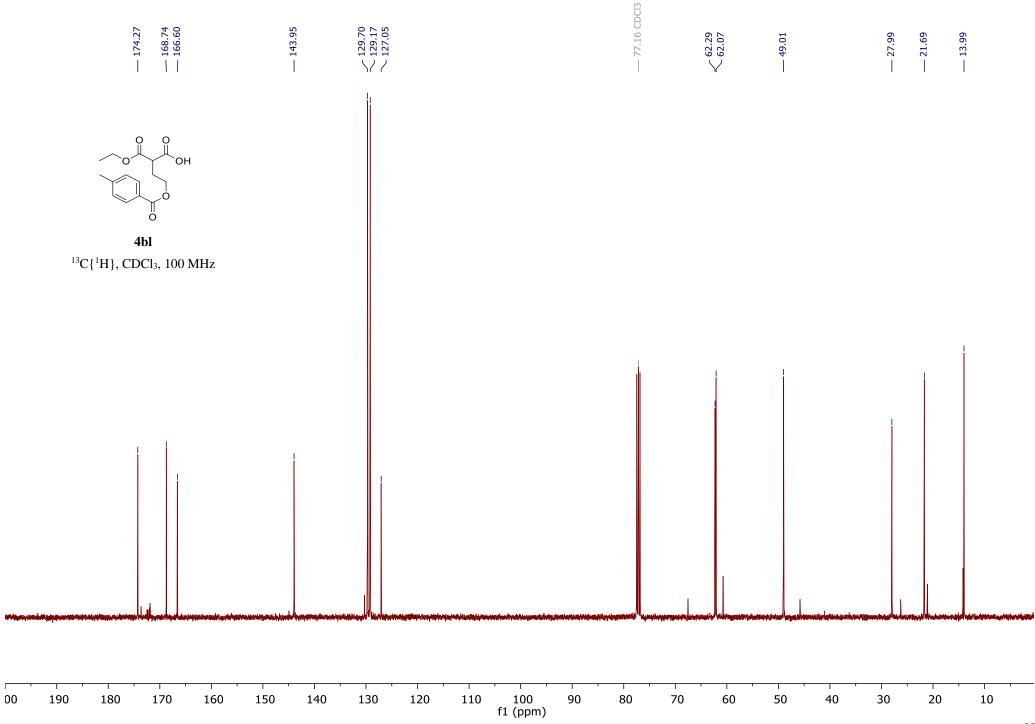


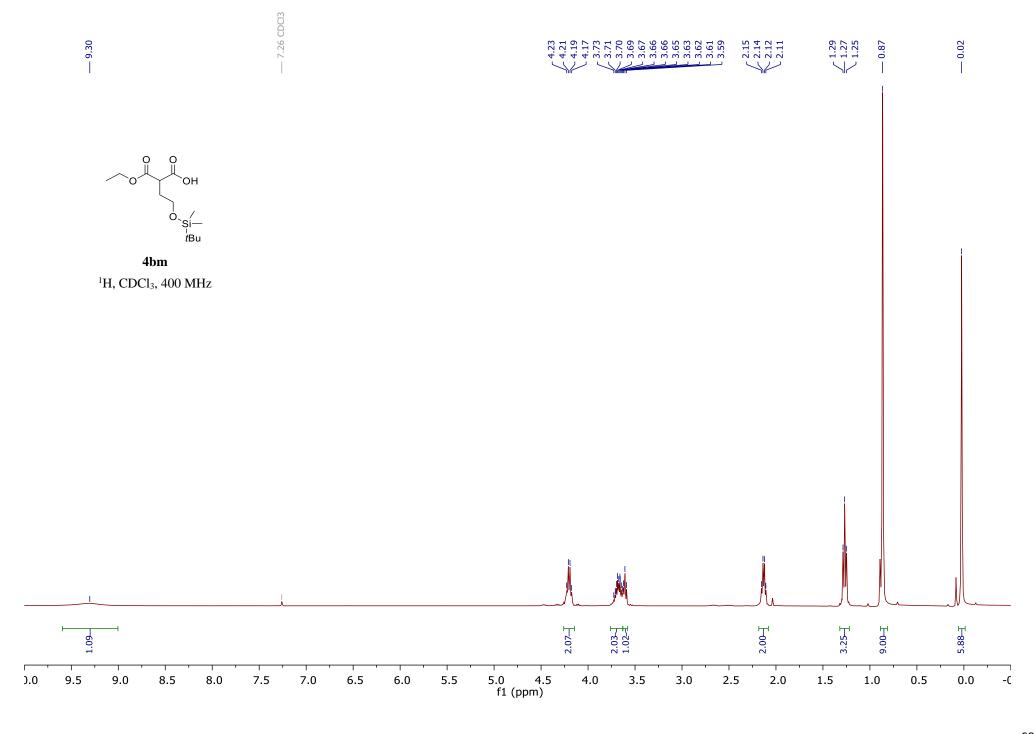


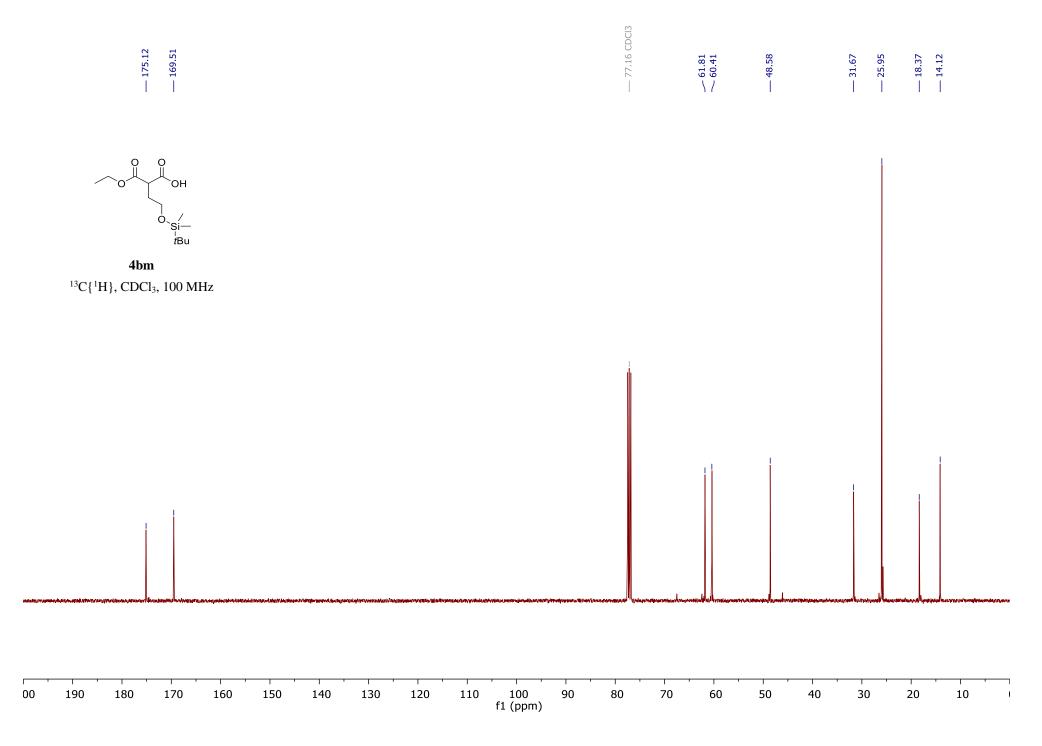


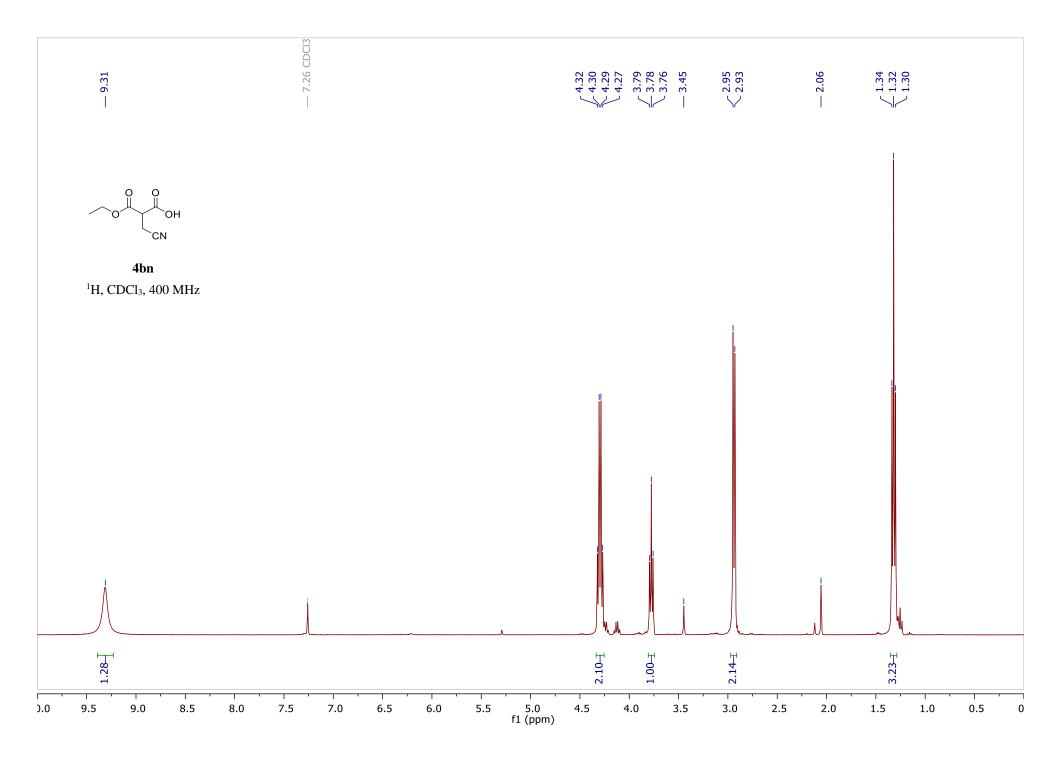


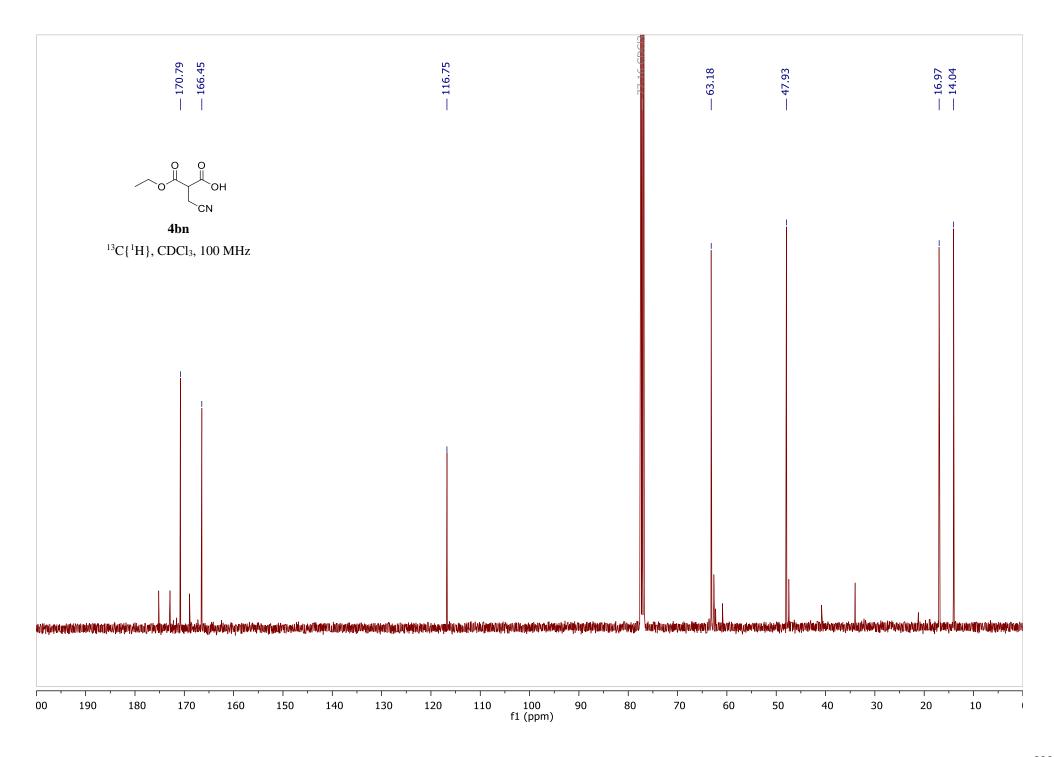


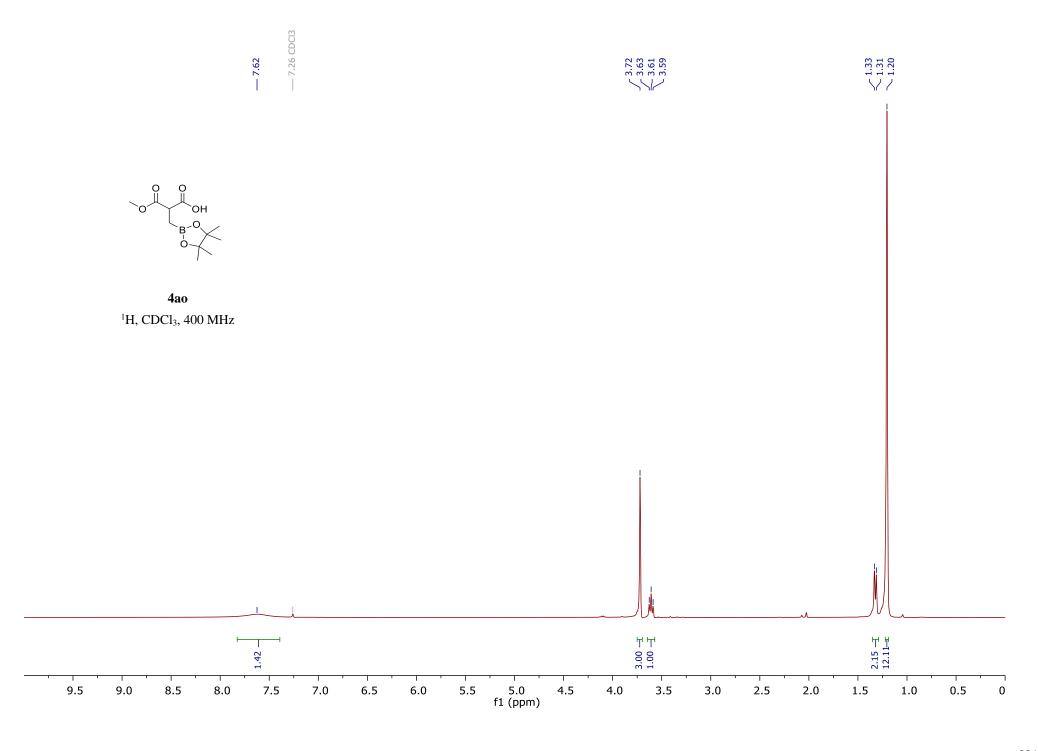


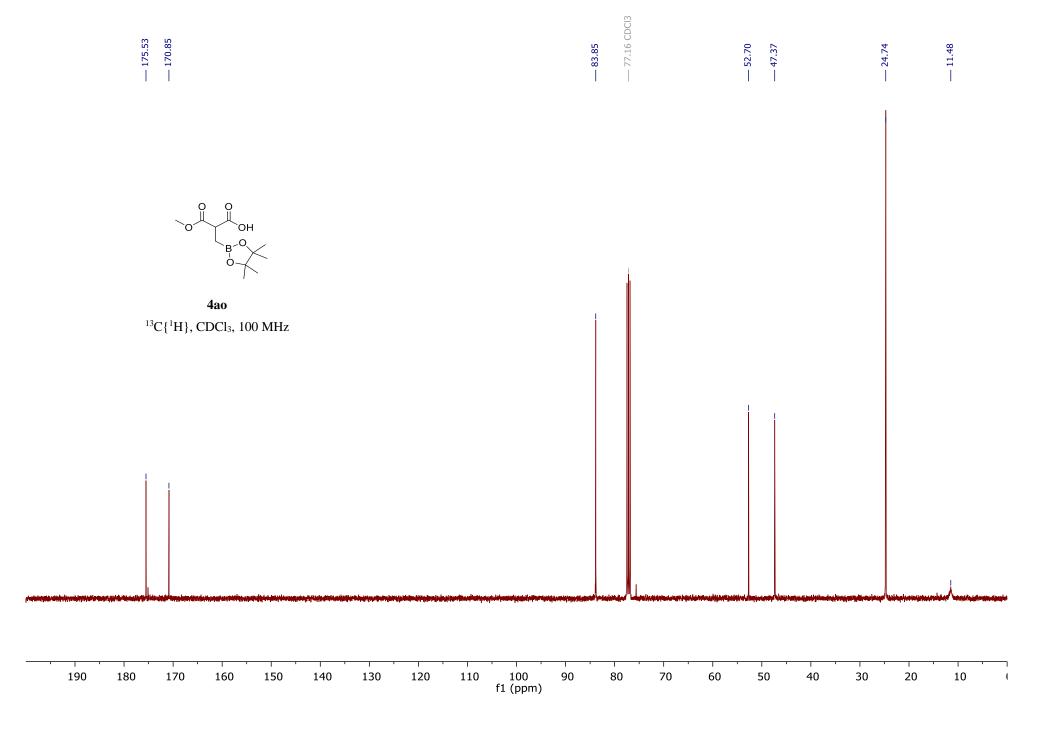


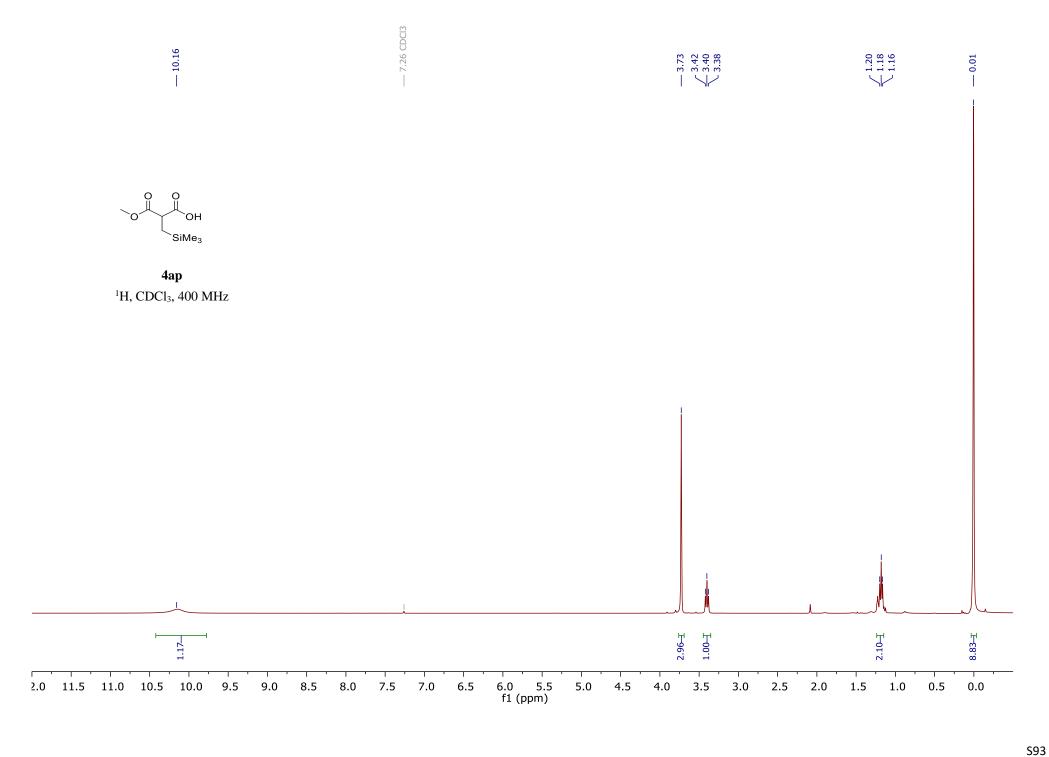


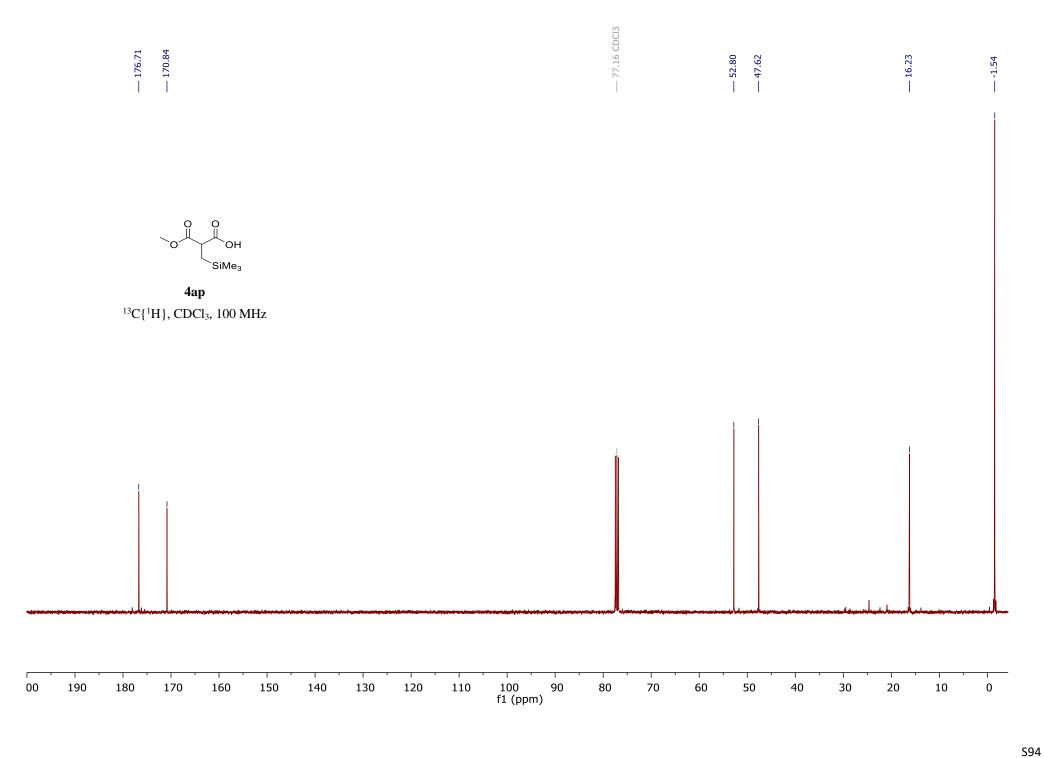


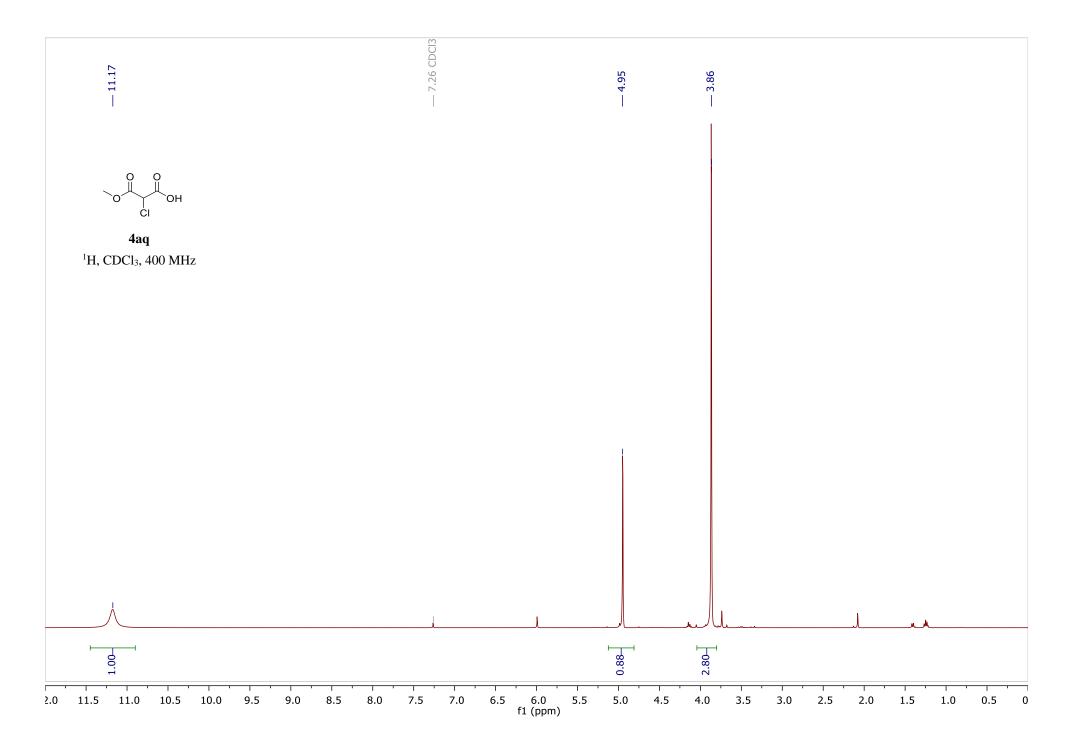


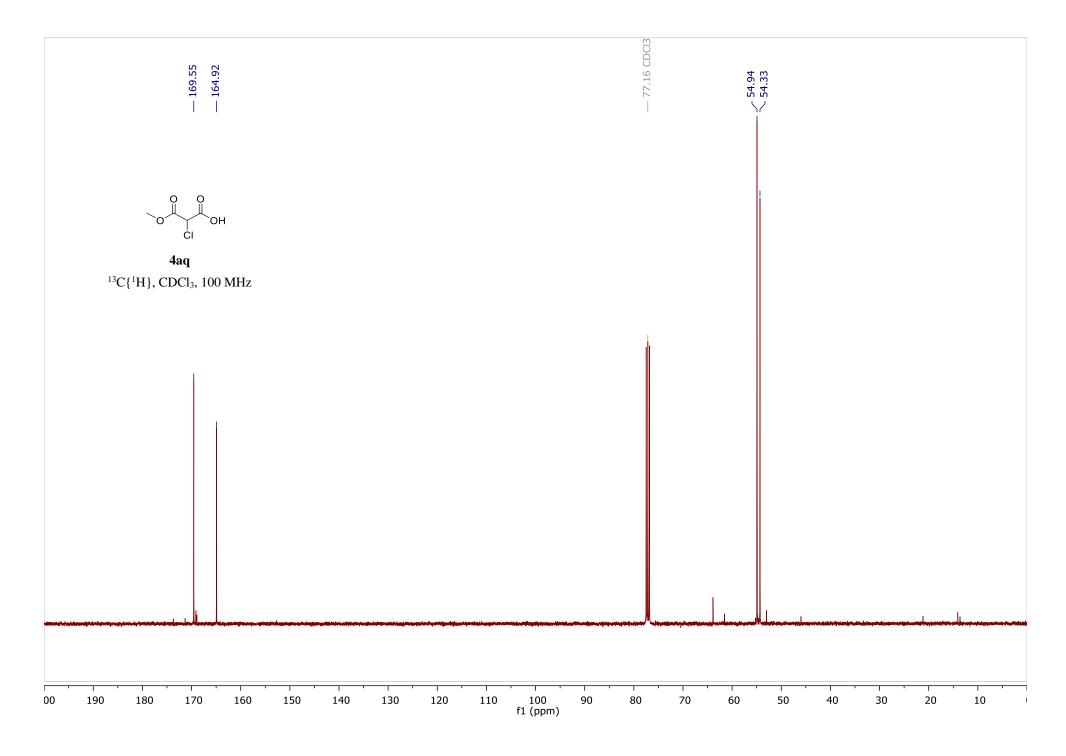


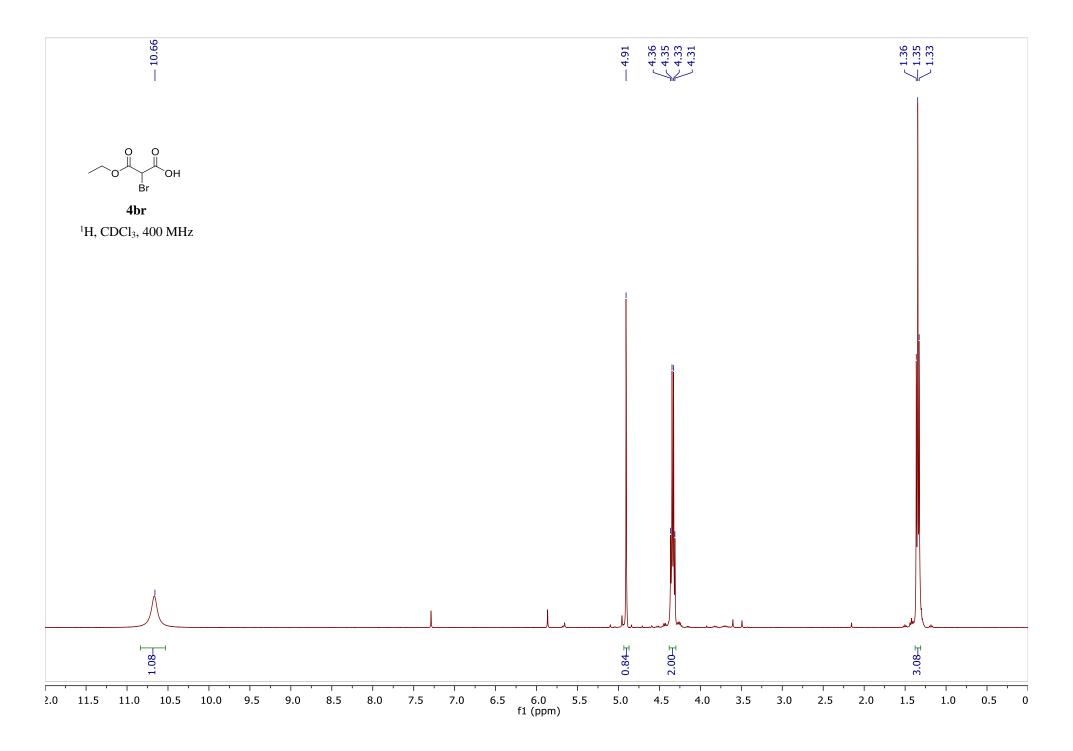


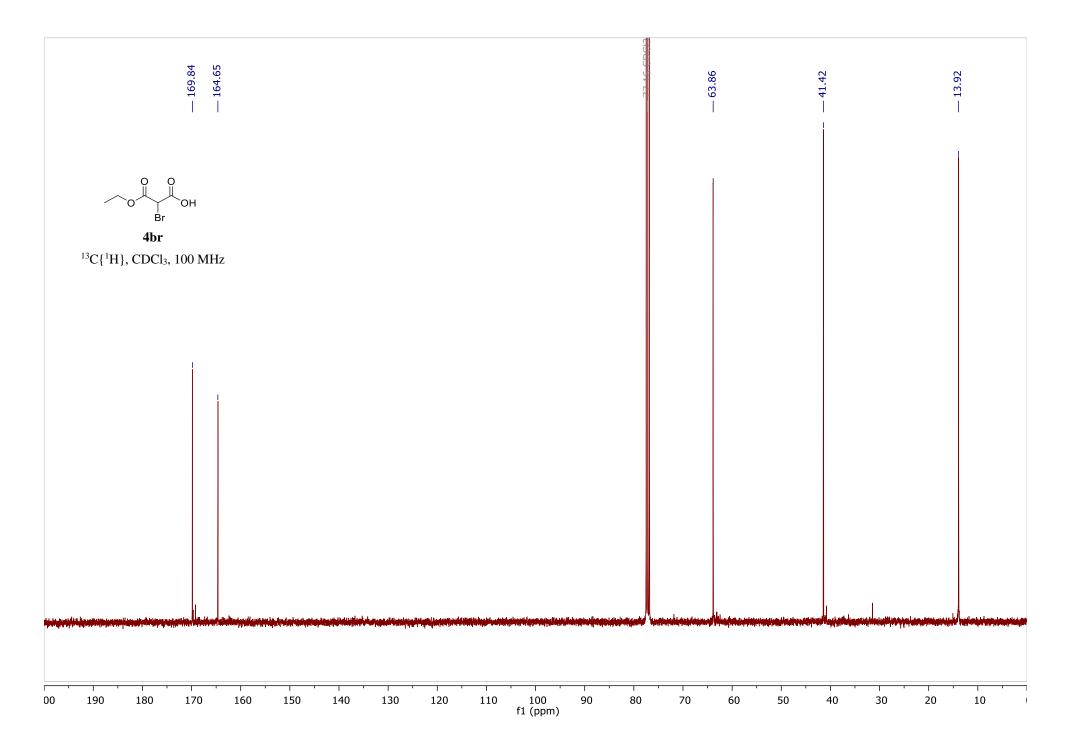


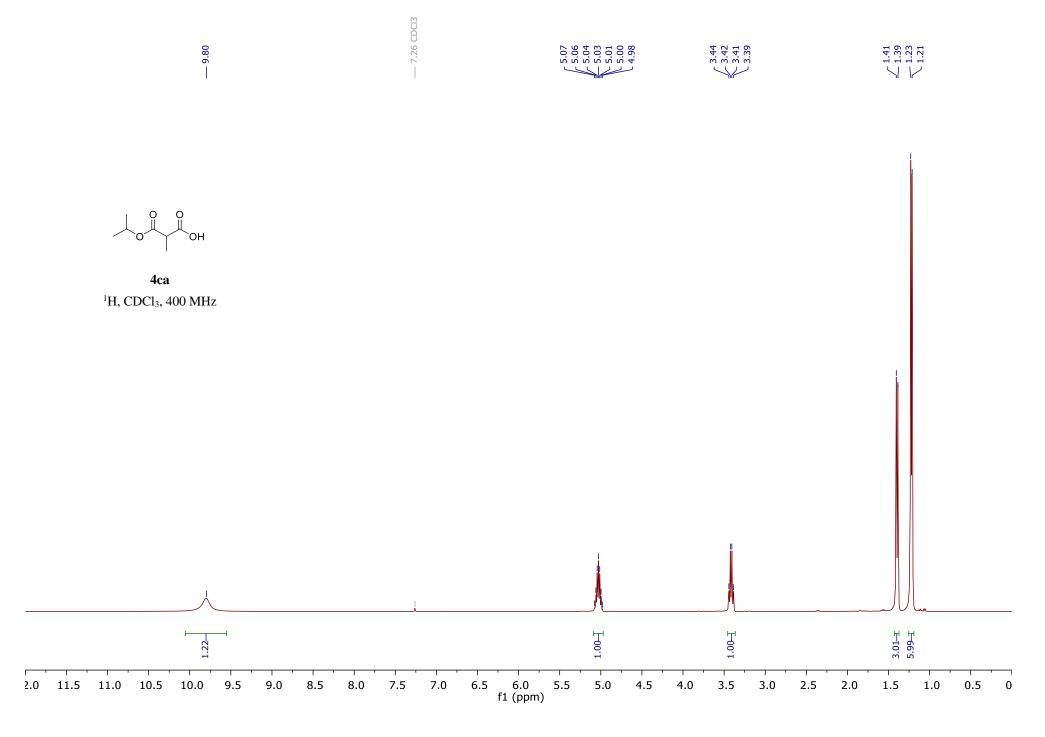


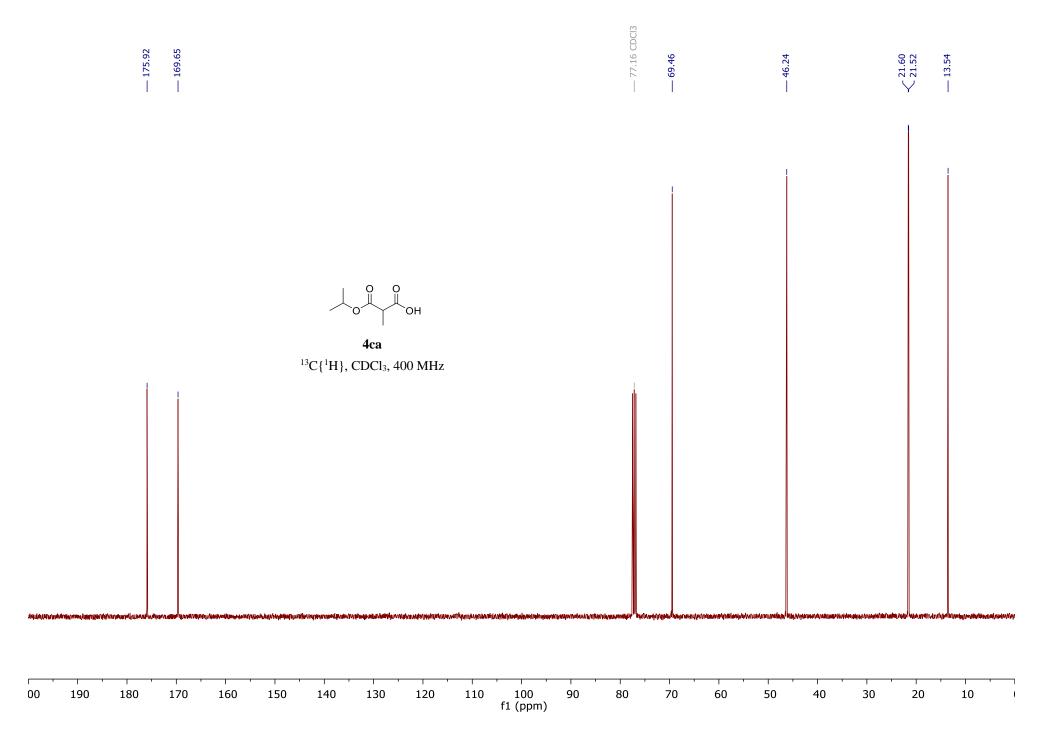


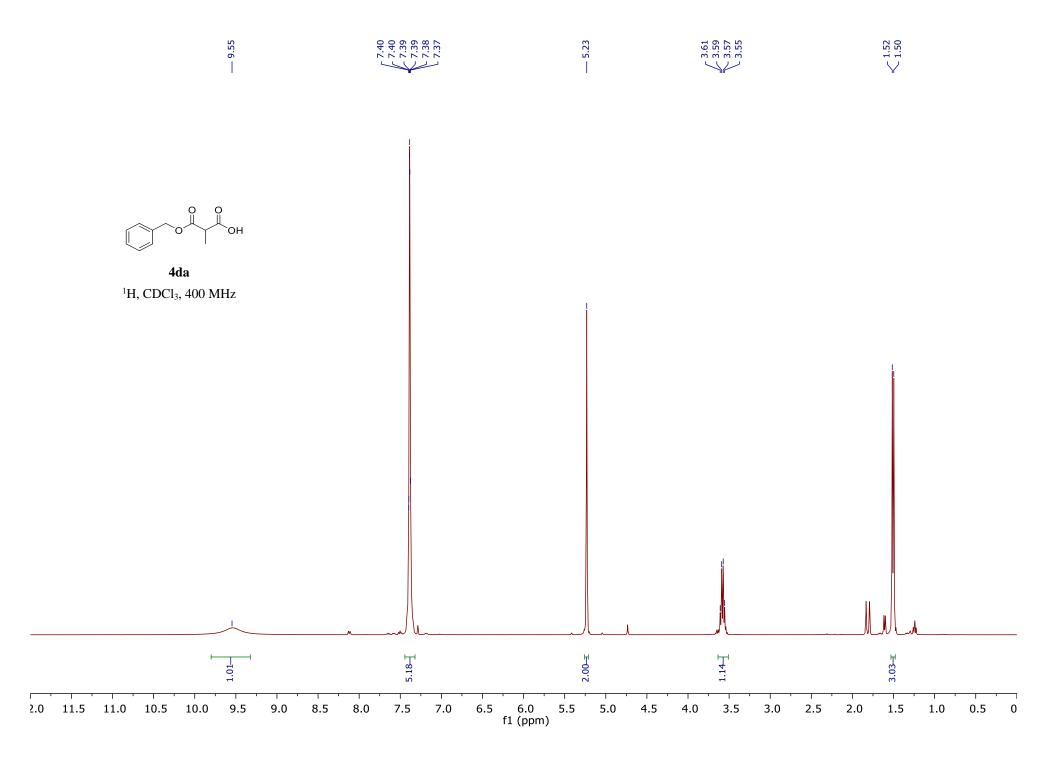


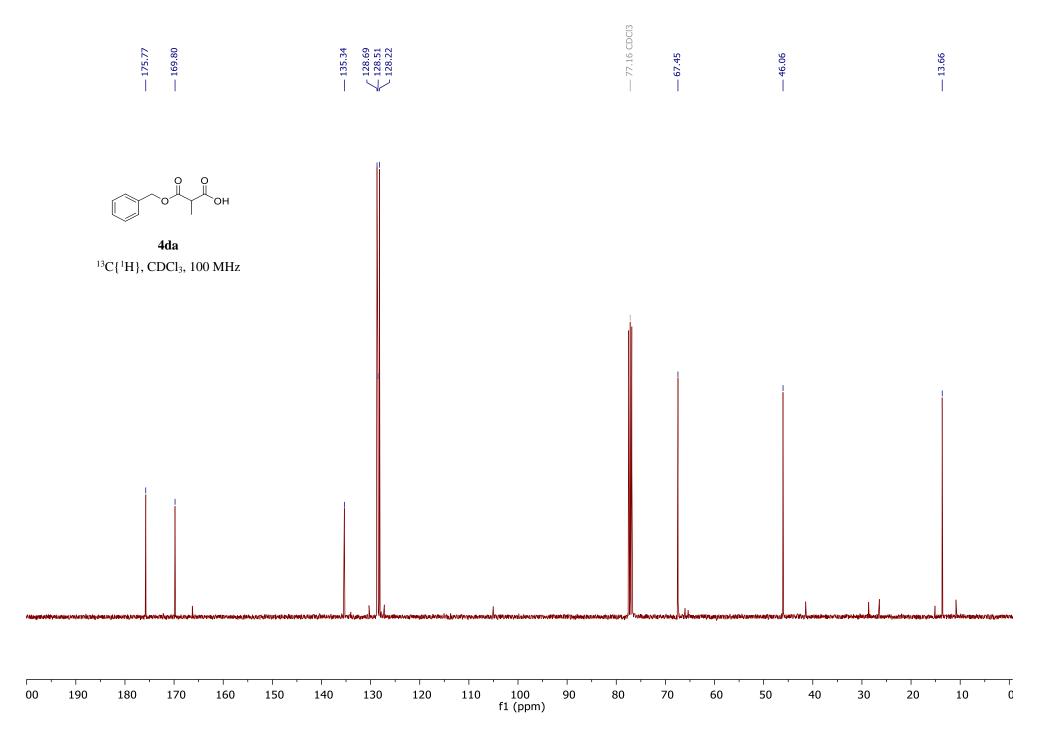


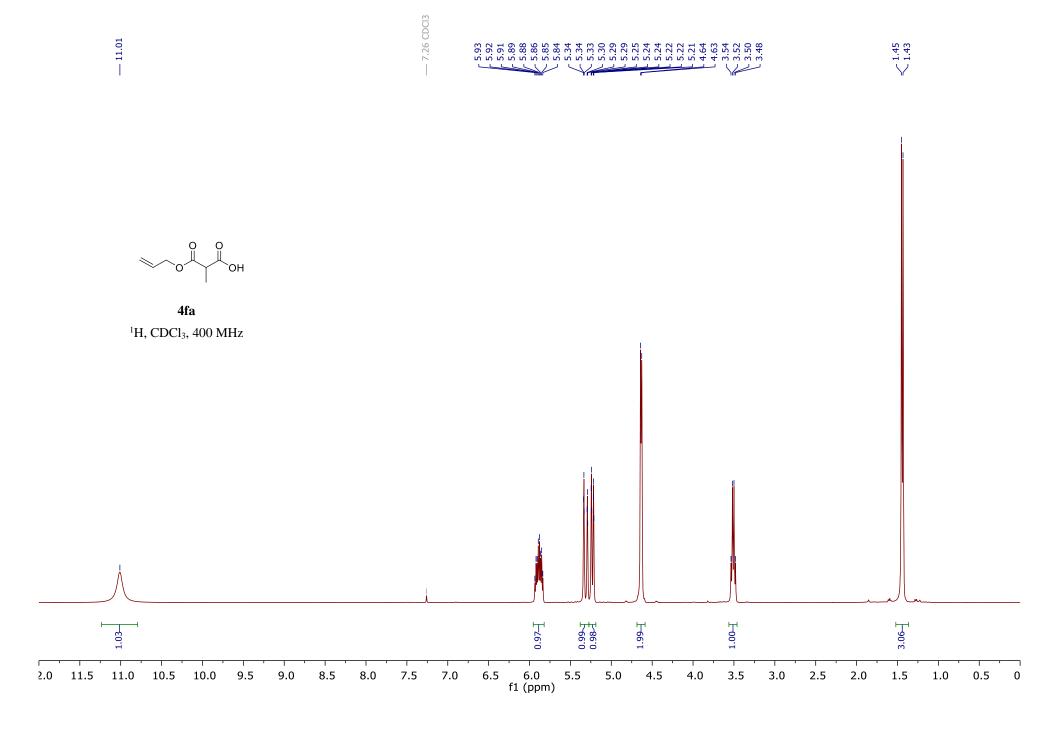


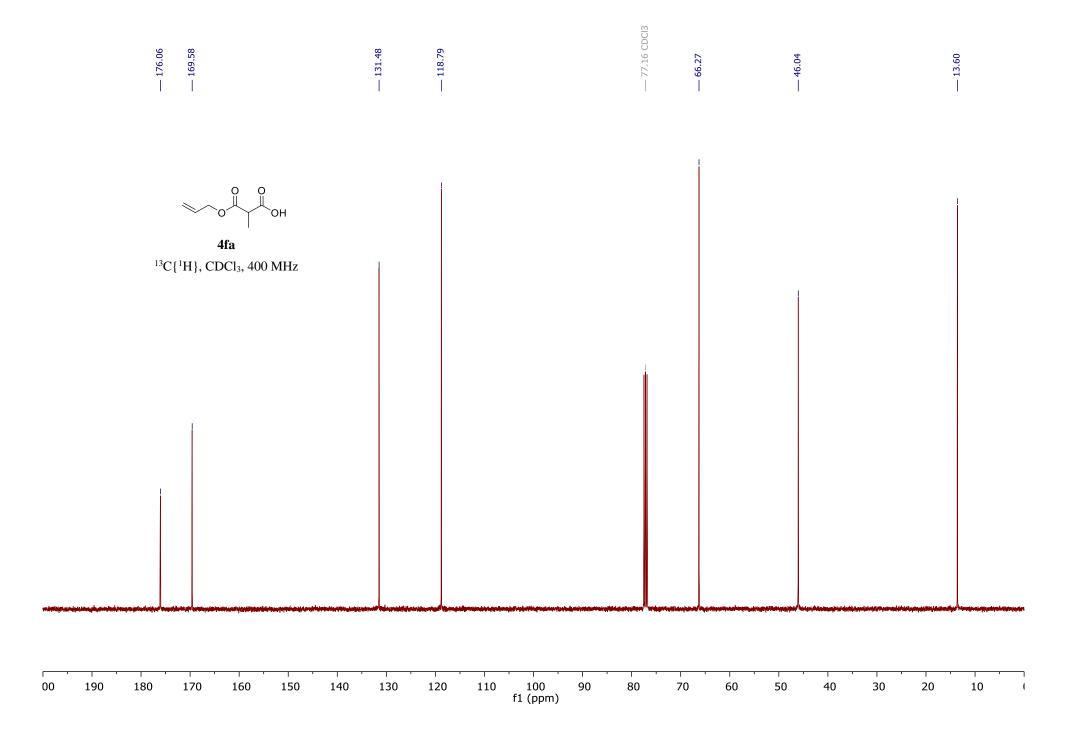


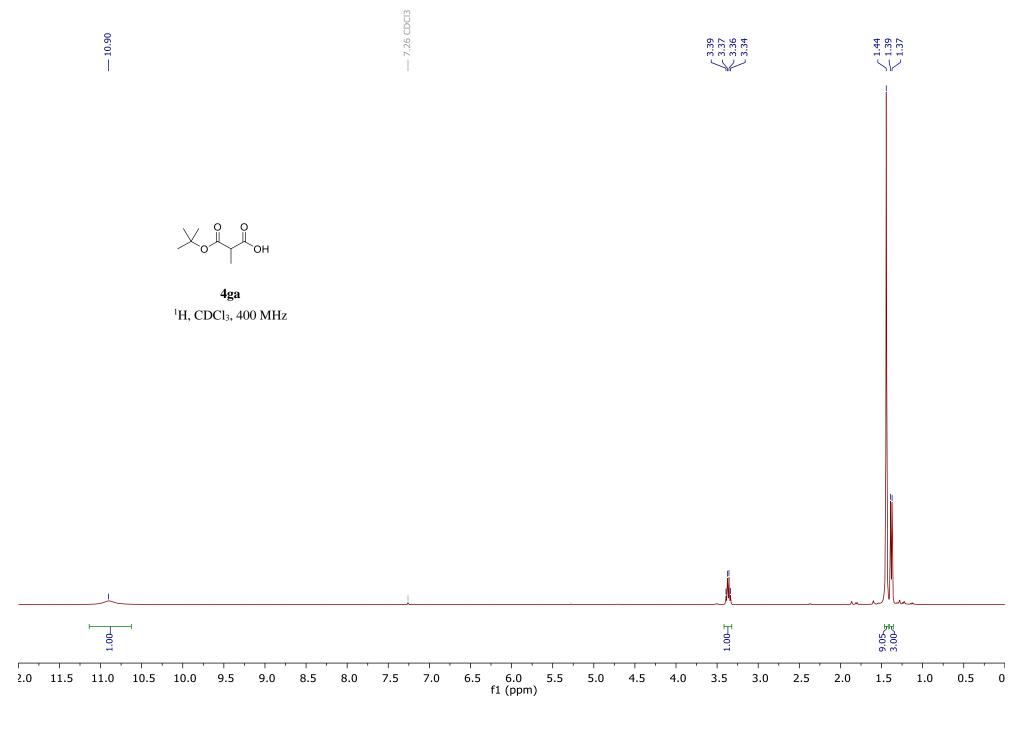


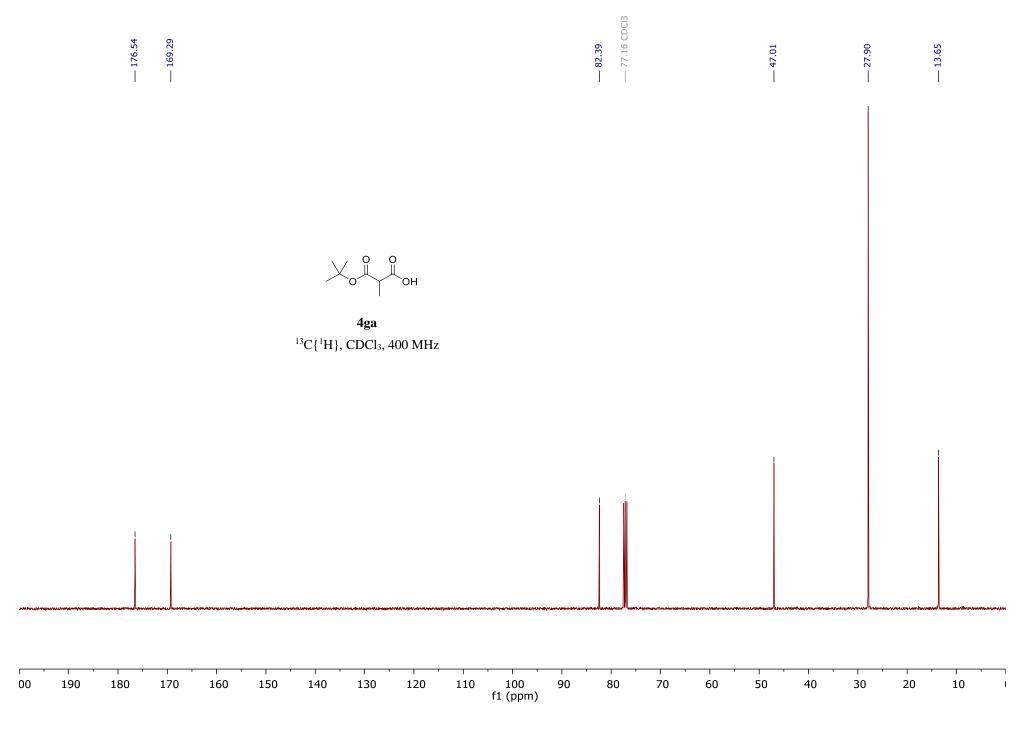


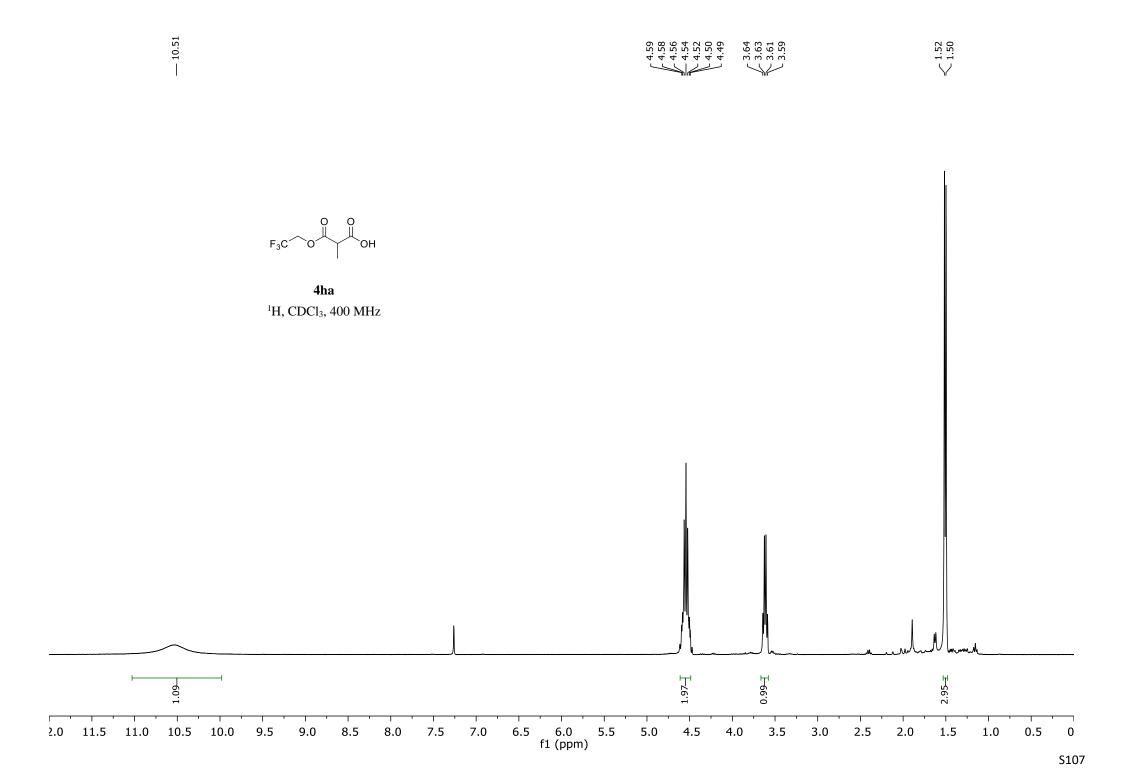


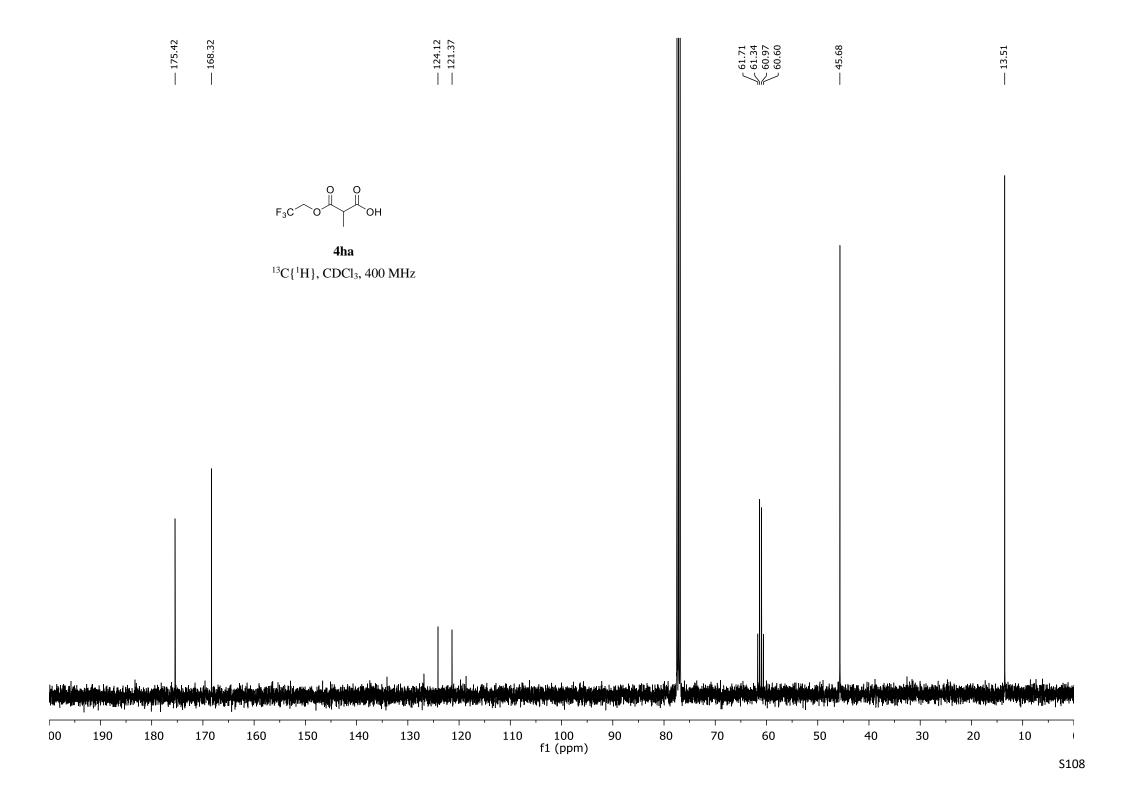




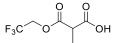












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