

## **Supporting Information**

for

### **Synthesis of novel 5-alkyl/aryl/heteroaryl substituted diethyl 2*H*-pyrrole-4,4(3*H*)-dicarboxylates by aziridine ring expansion of 2-[(aziridin-1-yl)-1-alkyl/aryl/heteroaryl-methylene]malonic acid diethyl esters**

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## 1. General information

All the required acid chlorides were freshly distilled prior to use. Aziridine was synthesized from ethanolamine and purified by fractional distillation. Laboratory grade (LR grade) solvents and reagents were used in the reactions. Reactions were monitored by TLC, using Merck aluminium-backed plates precoated with silica (0.25 mm, 60, F254). The plates were visualized under UV light and developed using a solution of basic KMnO<sub>4</sub>. Chromatographic purification of products was carried out by gravity column chromatography on silica gel (60–120 mesh), purchased from SRL. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin–Elmer 1650 Fourier transform spectrometer. NMR spectra were measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, (all with TMS as internal standard) on Varian Gemini 200 MHz FT and 400 MHz FT magnetic resonance spectrometers. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants ( $J$ ) in Hz. The following abbreviations were used for multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet. MS spectra were recorded on an HP-5989A quadrupole mass spectrometer.

The synthesis of diethyl acyl malonates **18** was carried by the method of Rathke and Cowan [1] and the physical and spectral data were compared with the literature values [1,2]. Compound **18h** [3] and **18j** [4] have been previously reported, however, since no spectral characterization was given, the spectral data were recorded and results reported below. Compound **18f**, **18g**, and **18i** were novel and were characterized by MS and NMR and IR spectroscopy.

The chlorination of diethyl 2-acylmalonates **18** was carried out by the method of Hormi [5] and the physical and spectral data of 2-(1-alkyl/aryl/heteroaryl-1-chloromethylene)malonates **19** were compared with the literature reports [6-8].

Compounds **19f**, **19g**, and **19i** were novel and were characterized by MS, NMR and IR spectroscopy. Compound **19b** and **19c** have been previously reported [9], however, since no spectral characterization was given, the spectral data were recorded and results reported below.

The synthesis of *N*-vinylaziridines **20** was carried out on a maximum of 24 mmol and minimum of 15 mmol scale whereas their rearrangement to pyrroline derivatives **21** was carried out on a maximum of 21 mmol and a minimum of 10 mmol scale.

Compound **23** was reported as perchlorate salt [10], but we isolated **23** in the form of a free base. Compound **24**, although reported in literature [11], was not completely characterized. We have carried out characterization of **24** by NMR and MS and HRMS and the spectral results of **24** were found to be similar to its methyl ester analogue [12].

The synthesis of ethyl 3-chloro-2-cyano-3-phenylacrylate (**27**) was carried out by a known procedure via the acylation of ethyl cyanoacetate with benzoyl chloride and subsequent chlorination of ethyl 2-benzoylcynoacetate with phosphorus oxychloride [13]. The synthesis of 2-butylaziridine **30** was carried by the general procedure reported in a patent [14] from ( $\pm$ ) norleucinol instead of (*S*)-(+)-leucinol.

## 2. General procedures

### 2.1. General procedure for preparation of *N*-vinylaziridines **20a–20j**

The chloro alkenyl malonate derivative (16.1 mmol) and THF (40.0 mL) were placed in a round bottom flask and cooled to 0–10 °C. Aziridine (48.2 mmol) was added slowly over 15 minutes through a syringe to the above mixture. The reaction mixture was then raised to room temperature and stirred for 8–13 h. After disappearance of the starting chloro compound (TLC), the reaction was quenched with water (80 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted twice with 80 mL dichloromethane. The combined extracts were washed twice with 80 mL 10% sodium chloride solution. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum to afford the *N*-vinylaziridines. The products were sufficiently pure for the subsequent reactions; however, the crude products were purified by chromatography on silica gel (60–120 mesh) using a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (90:10) as eluent, and the spectral data recorded for the column purified products, which were used for the next step (for yields see Table 1).

### 2.2. General procedure for the ring expansion of *N*-vinylaziridines to synthesize pyrrolines **21a–21j**

Anhydrous sodium iodide (4.5 g, 30 mmol) was added to a solution of the *N*-vinylaziridine derivative (15 mmol) in acetone (40.0 mL) under a nitrogen atmosphere and the reaction mixture stirred for 12–24 h at room temperature. After disappearance of the *N*-vinylaziridine (TLC), the reaction mixture was diluted with water (80 mL) and extracted three times with 80 mL DCM. The combined DCM layers were washed twice with 80 mL of 10% sodium chloride solution, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum to afford the crude pyrroline derivatives which were purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60–120 mesh) with a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (95:5) as eluent to afford the pure pyrrolines **21**.

### **3. Spectral data of novel diethyl acyl malonates**

#### **3.1. Diethyl 2-(3-chlorobenzoyl)malonate (18f)**

M.F.: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClO<sub>5</sub>, Mol. Wt: 298.72

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3651, 3070, 2984, 1754, 1734, 1698, 1571, 1424, 1369, 1301, 1249, 1151, 1095, 1031, 797, 744, 682, 616; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 13.4 and 5.21 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.769–7.762 (m, 1H), 7.57–7.55 (m, 1H), 4.29–4.0 (m, 4H), 1.25 and 1.05 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz) δ: 187 and 173, 164.39, 136.9, 134.3, 133.3, 130.11, 128.49, 126.48, 125.7 and 61.39, 62.52 and 61.84, 14.06 and 13.88; MS (ESI): *m/z* = 299.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

#### **3.2. Diethyl 2-(4-fluorobenzoyl)malonate (18g)**

M.F.: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FO<sub>5</sub>, Mol. Wt: 282.26

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3070, 2990, 2876, 1751, 1733, 1691, 1594, 1508, 1478, 1447, 1413, 1371, 1296, 1230, 1185, 1160, 1034, 1006, 907, 852, 817, 635, 580; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 7.96–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.16 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 13.4 & 5.22 (s, 1H), 4.28 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz) δ: 187.3, 168.7, 164.6 & 163.5, 131.7, 131.3 & 131.1, 116.3 & 115.8, 62.48 & 61.88, 61.7 & 61.3, 13.9, MS (ESI): *m/z* = 283.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

#### **3.3. Diethyl 2-(3-methoxybenzoyl)malonate (18i)**

M.F.: C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, Mol. Wt: 294.30

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3077, 2983, 2839, 1754, 1736, 1693, 1598, 1583, 1487, 1450, 1431, 1369, 1293, 1234, 1178, 1095, 1037, 868, 789, 686; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 13.4 and 5.26 (s, 1H), 7.47–7.0 (m, 4H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, 6H, 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ: 171.6, 166.6, 159.5, 130.6, 129.4, 122.5, 120.3, 114.4, 61.4, 55.3, 41.6, 13.9 MS (ESI): *m/z* = 295.2 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

## **4. Spectral data of known diethyl 2-acylmalonates for which no spectral characterization was reported before in literature**

### **4.1. Diethyl 2-(4-nitrobenzoyl)malonate (18h)**

M.F.: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>, Mol. Wt: 309.27

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3112, 2985, 2874, 1754, 1732, 1701, 1649, 1605, 1588, 1529, 1466, 1370, 1348, 1297, 1252, 1147, 1084, 1036, 855, 767, 687; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 13.4 and 5.5 (s,s, 1H), 8.34 and 8.27 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, and d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.08 and 7.75 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, and d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.39–4.07 (m, 4H), 1.08–1.38 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz) δ: 187.6 and 164.1, 172.2 and 170.5, 166.5 and 165.2, 150.6 and 149.0, 139.8 and 139.8, 129.5 and 128.7, 124.0 and 123.4, 101.9 and 41.6, 62.7 and 62.1, 61.5 and 61.4, 14.0 and 13.9, MS (ESI): m/z = 310.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

### **4.2. Diethyl 2-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)malonate (18j)**

M.F.: C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S, Mol. Wt: 270.30

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3460, 3106, 2985, 1735, 1670, 1519, 1446, 1413, 1305, 1245, 1179, 1035, 854, 736, 616; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 13.26 and 5.14 (s, s, 1H), 7.69–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.14 (dd, J=3.8 Hz, J= 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.18–4.32 (m, 4H), 1.24–1.32 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz) δ: 181.1, 164.2, 142.2, 135.3, 133.1, 128.3, 62.46 and 62.40, 13.8; MS (ESI): m/z = 271.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

## **5. Spectral data of novel diethyl 2-chloromethylenemalonates**

### **5.1. Diethyl 2-(chloro(3-chlorophenyl)methylene)malonate (19f)**

M.F.: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, Mol Wt: 316.03

IR (neat): 3454; 3067, 2983, 1732, 1621, 1567, 1472, 1446, 1390, 1367, 1249, 1208, 1079, 1019, 935, 864, 788, 717, 690; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.42–7.29 (m, 4H ArH), 4.35 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.6, 3H), 1.07 (t, J = 8.0Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 163.0, 162.3, 145.3, 138.3, 134.1, 130.2, 129.4, 128.1, 127.8, 126.2, 62.1, 14.0; MS (ESI): m/z = 339.0 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>.

### **5.2. Diethyl 2-(chloro(4-fluorophenyl)methylene)malonate (19g)**

M.F.: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClFO<sub>4</sub>, Mol. Wt: 300.71.

IR (neat): 3452; 3109, 2985, 1732, 1601, 1507, 1368, 1301, 1253, 1227, 1160, 1079, 1015, 908, 841. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.45–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.10–7.05 (m, 2H), 4.35 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 166.1, 163.1, 162.5 & 161.1, 146.1, 132.8 & 130.4, 127.2, 115.5, & 115.11, 61.9 & 61.7, 13.9 & 13.6; MS (ESI): m/z = 301.0 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

### **5.3. Diethyl 2-(chloro(3-methoxyphenyl)methylene)malonate (19i)**

M.F.: C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClO<sub>5</sub>, Mol. Wt: 312.75

IR (neat): 3453, 3071, 2983, 1732, 1597, 1485, 1465, 1390, 1368, 1290, 1228, 1174, 1164, 1078, 1039, 1023, 949, 921, 865, 788, 761, 695; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.30–7.27 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01–6.93 (m, 2H), 4.35 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.8 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 163.2, 162.8, 159.2, 146.9, 138.0, 129.2, 127.1, 120.3, 116.2, 113.3, 61.9, 61.7, 55.3, 14.0, 13.6; MS (ESI): m/z = 335.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>.

## **6. Spectral data of known 2-chloromethylenemalonic acid diethyl ester derivatives for which no spectral characterization was reported in literature**

### **6.1. Diethyl 2-(1-chloropropylidene)malonate (19b)**

M.F.: C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub>, Mol. Wt: 234.68

IR (neat): 2982, 2940, 1727, 1626, 1461, 1389, 1367, 1286, 1258, 1230, 1044, 1062, 905, 866, 755, 667; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 4.32 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H) 1.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 164.1, 162.0, 155.7, 125.8, 61.6 and 61.5, 30.4, 13.9, 12.0; MS (ESI): m/z = 235.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

### **6.2. Diethyl 2-(1-chlorobutylidene)malonate (19c)**

M.F.: C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub>, Mol. Wt: 248.70

IR (neat): 3441, 2967, 2875, 1735, 1625, 1465, 1388, 1367, 1274, 1245, 1223, 1141, 1086, 1055, 1022, 921, 865, 759, 665; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 4.30 (q, J = 7.0 Hz,

2H), 4.22 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.88–2.92 (m, 2H), 1.69–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.27–1.34 (m, 6H), 0.98 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (50 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 164.2, 162.1, 154.3, 126.6, 61.6, 38.4, 21.0, 13.9; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  = 271.1 [M + Na] $^+$ .

## 7. Spectral data of 2-(aziridin-1-yl-1-alkyl/aryl/heteroaryl methylene)malonates (20a–20j)

### 7.1. 2-(1-Aziridin-1-yl-ethylidene)malonic acid diethyl ester (20a)

M.F.:  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4$ , Mol. Wt: 227.26

IR (neat): 2981, 1704, 1646, 1591, 1446, 1381, 1225, 1182, 1142, 1061, 973, 868, 773;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 4.27 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (q,  $J$  = 7.06 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 4H), 1.26 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 165.9, 165.3, 109.9, 60.6, 60.3, 28.8, 20.0, 14.1; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  = 228.1 [M + H] $^+$ .

### 7.2. 2-(1-Aziridin-1-yl-propylidene)malonic acid diethyl ester (20b)

M.F.:  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4$ , Mol. Wt: 241.28

IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3405, 2981, 2939, 1707, 1587, 1464, 1383, 1367, 1260, 1221, 1179, 1142, 1095, 1065, 1034, 941, 814, 676;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 4.26 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (q,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (dd,  $J$  = 6.0, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (s, 4H), 1.2–1.4 (m, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 169.7, 165.9, 109.1, 60.6, 60.4, 28.3, 26.8, 14.2, 14.1, 12.9; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  = 242.2 [M + H] $^+$ .

### 7.3. 2-(1-Aziridin-1-yl-butylidene)malonic acid diethyl ester (20c)

M.F.:  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4$ , Mol. Wt: 255.31

IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3070, 2978, 2874, 1705, 1586, 1464, 1378, 1241, 1218, 1178, 1141, 1096, 1063, 1039, 985, 868, 811, 756, 667;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 4.28 (q,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (q,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.58–2.54 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 4H), 1.69–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.30 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.989 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 168.4, 166.0, 165.8, 109.6, 60.5, 60.4, 35.2, 28.5, 21.9, 14.17, 14.11, 14.0; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  = 256.2 [M + H] $^+$ , 278.2 [M + Na] $^+$ .

#### **7.4. 2-(1-Aziridin-1-yl-2,2-dimethylpropylidene)malonic acid diethyl ester (20d)**

M.F.: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>, Mol. Wt: 269.34

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3069, 2979, 2874, 1712, 1557, 1471, 1399, 1365, 1260, 1224, 1198, 1145, 1095, 1059, 957, 869, 818, 772, 692; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 4.21 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 2.18 (s, 4H), 1.34(s, 9H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz) δ: 173.8, 166.6, 111.1, 60.6, 38.5, 30.6, 29.7, 13.9; MS (ESI): *m/z* = 270 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 292.2 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>.

#### **7.5. 2-(Aziridin-1-yl-phenylmethylene)malonic acid diethyl ester (20e)**

M.F.: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>, Mol. Wt: 289.34

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3061, 2981, 2902, 1708, 1570, 1489, 1469, 1444, 1369, 1280, 1240, 1205, 1143, 1089, 1053, 939, 920, 860, 759, 700, 624; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 7.41–7.32 (m, 5H), 4.32–4.26 (m, 2H), 3.95–3.90 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 4H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) 0.94 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ: 165.9, 165.7, 164.13, 137.3, 128.8, 127.9, 127.2, 110.7, 60.6 and 60.58, 31.1, 14.1, 13.5 MS (ESI): *m/z* = 290.2 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 312.2 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>.

#### **7.6. 2-[Aziridin-1-yl-(3-chlorophenyl)methylene]malonic acid diethyl ester (20f)**

M.F.: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>, Mol. Wt: 323.77

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3423, 3067, 2981, 1715, 1602, 1581, 1473, 1413, 1370, 1284, 1240, 1207, 1145, 1091, 1055, 891, 864, 804, 784; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 7.36–7.21 (m, 4H, ArH), 4.29 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 4H), 1.32 (t, J = 3.8 Hz, 3H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz) δ: 165.5, 164.1, 163.5, 138.9, 134.0, 129.4, 129.0, 127.5, 125.6, 116.1, 111.3, 60.8, 31.0, 30.1, 14.2, 13.68; MS (ESI): *m/z* = 346.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>.

#### **7.7. 2-[Aziridin-1-yl-(4-fluorophenyl)methylene]malonic acid diethyl ester (20g)**

M.F.: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FNO<sub>4</sub>, Mol. Wt: 307.32

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3073, 2938, 2874, 1715, 1605, 1579, 1507, 1474, 1370, 1277, 1207, 1145, 1089, 1054, 934, 864, 841, 789; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 7.36–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.06–7.03 (m, 2H), 4.30 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 4H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz) δ: 165.8, 165.4 & 164.3, 160.4, 133.3, 129.5 & 129.4, 115.4 & 114.9, 111.1, 60.8, 31.1, 14.2, 13.7; MS (ESI): *m/z* = 308.2 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

### **7.8. 2-[Aziridin-1-yl-(4-nitrophenyl)methylene]malonic acid diethyl ester (20h)**

M.F.: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, Mol. Wt: 334.32

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3077, 2983, 2873, 1714, 1604, 1581, 1523, 1347, 1279, 1241, 1208, 1145, 1090, 1055, 857, 745, 700; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 8.26 (dt, J= 2.0 Hz, J= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (dt, J= 2.0 Hz, J= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (q, J = 7.0Hz, 2H), 3.99 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.03 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz) δ: 164.8, 164.4, 162.4, 147.9, 143.5, 128.7, 123.4, 111.8, 61.2, 61.0, 30.6, 29.7, 14.2, 13.8, MS (ESI): m/z = 335.1 [M + 1]<sup>+</sup>, 357.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>.

### **7.9. 2-[Aziridin-1-yl-(3-methoxyphenyl)methylene]malonic acid diethyl ester (20i)**

M.F.: C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>, Mol. Wt: 319.35

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3072, 2981, 2938, 2837, 1714, 1574, 1465, 1370, 1290, 1177, 1143, 1093, 1053, 869, 787, 692; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 7.28–7.24 (m, 1H), 6.92–6.89 (m, 3H), 4.30 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ: 166.0, 165.4, 164.0, 159.2, 138.6, 129.1, 119.6, 114.88, 112.5, 110.8, 60.7, 60.6, 60.1, 55.2, 31.3, 14.1, 13.6; MS (ESI): m/z = 320.2 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

### **7.10. 2-[(Aziridin-1-yl)-(thiophen-2-yl)methylene]malonic acid diethyl ester (20j)**

M.F.: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S, Mol. Wt: 295.35

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3637, 3103, 2981, 2610, 1710, 1574, 1370, 1278, 1221, 1144, 1052, 859, 713; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 7.42 (dd, J = 1.2, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, J = 1.0, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 3.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, J = 7.2 Hz 2H), 4.07 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 4H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz) δ: 166.3, 163.4, 158.3, 137.8, 128.3, 127.9, 126.4, 111.3, 61.1, 60.6, 32.4, 14.1, 13.7; MS (ESI): m/z = 296.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 318.1 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>.

## **8. Spectral data of diethyl 5-alkyl/aryl/heteroaryl substituted 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrrole-4,4-dicarboxylates (21a–21j)**

### **8.1. Diethyl 3,4-dihydro-5-methyl-2*H*-pyrrole-4,4-dicarboxylate (21a)**

M.F.: C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>, Mol. Wt: 227.26

IR (neat): 2982, 2936, 2874, 1731, 1651, 1595, 1446, 1367, 1263, 1178, 1093, 1060, 1023, 973, 927, 861, 796; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 4.25 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 3.87–3.83 (m, 2H), 2.56 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz) δ: 168.4, 168.0, 71.3, 61.9, 58.8, 33.7, 18.0, 13.9; MS (ESI): *m/z* = 228 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 246 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS calculated for [C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup>: 228.36, found 228.1231.

### **8.2. Diethyl 3,4-dihydro-5-ethyl-2*H*-pyrrole-4,4-dicarboxylate (21b)**

M.F.: C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>, Mol. Wt: 241.28

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3407, 2981, 2940, 1731, 1646, 1678, 1463, 1447, 1367, 1267, 1179, 1098, 991, 861, 666; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 4.22 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 3.88 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.57–2.48 (m, 4H), 1.28 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz) δ: 172.3, 168.6, 71.4, 61.9, 58.8, 33.9, 24.7, 13.9, 10.7; MS (ESI): *m/z* = 242 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS calculated for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup>: 242.1392, found 242.1388.

### **8.3. Diethyl 3,4-dihydro-5-propyl-2*H*-pyrrole-4,4-dicarboxylate (21c)**

M.F.: C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>, Mol. Wt: 255.31

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3393, 3303, 3079, 2966, 2875, 1731, 1648, 1545, 1445, 1370, 1218, 1179, 1157, 1096, 1026, 861, 756, 666; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 4.24 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 3.91–3.86 (m, 2H), 2.54 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.48–2.43 (m, 2H), 1.71 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ: 171.1, 168.6, 71.5, 61.7, 58.9, 35.1, 33.6, 33.3, 28.4, 19.6, 13.9, 13.8, 13.7, MS (ESI): *m/z* = 256 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS calculated for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup>: 256.1549, found 256.1551.

### **8.4. Diethyl 3,4-dihydro-5-*tert*-butyl-2*H*-pyrrole-4,4-dicarboxylate (21d)**

M.F.: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>, Mol. Wt: 269.34

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3445.84, 2981.42, 2871.32, 1731.88, 1622.02, 1481.34, 1463.83, 1393.26, 1365.44, 1304.88, 1260.48, 1177.68, 1084.71, 1025.92, 999.27, 963.15, 864.89 and 772.29. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 4.24 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 3.85 (t, J = 6.6

Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz), 1.30 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.25 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 178.5, 169.3, 70.0, 61.7, 58.1, 37.9, 37.7, 29.6, 13.8; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  = 270 [M + H] $^+$ ; HRMS calculated for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4 + \text{H}]^+$ : 270.1705, found 270.1703.

### 8.5. Diethyl 3,4-dihydro-5-phenyl-2*H*-pyrrole-4,4-dicarboxylate (21e)

M.F.:  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4$ , Mol. Wt: 289.33

IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3419, 2981, 1732, 1446, 1261, 1178, 1085, 1018, 759, 694;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.87–7.85 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.32 (m, 3H), 4.23–4.15 (m, 4H), 4.10 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz), 2.77 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.16 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 169.0, 167.9, 133.1, 130.1, 128.6, 127.8, 70.0, 62.0, 59.1, 37.0, 13.7; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  = 290 [M + H] $^+$ ; HRMS calculated for  $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4 + \text{H}]^+$ : 290.1392, found 290.1396.

### 8.6. Diethyl 5-(3-chlorophenyl)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrrole-4,4-dicarboxylate (21f)

Mol. Wt:  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO}_4$ , Mol. Wt: 323.77

IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3325, 3066, 2981, 1730, 1645, 1541, 1473, 1369, 1265, 1178, 1024, 858, 806, 752, 682;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.9 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 1.8), 7.75 (dt,  $J$  = 1.6,  $J$  = 7.6, 1H), 7.38–7.36 (m, 1H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 4.22 (m, 4H), 4.1 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 168.7, 166.8, 146.3, 134.9, 133.9, 130.1, 129.0, 128.8, 126.8, 166.1, 70.1, 62.2, 59.1, 36.9, 30.1, 21.4, 13.8; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  = 324/326 [M + H] $^+$ ; HRMS calculated for  $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO}_4 + \text{H}]^+$ : 324.1003, found 324.0992.

### 8.7. Diethyl 3,4-dihydro-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-2*H*-pyrrole-4,4-dicarboxylate (21g)

M.F.:  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNO}_4$ , Mol. Wt: 307.32

IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3450, 3073, 2983, 2869, 1732, 1602, 1590, 1510, 1446, 1390, 1367, 1261, 1179, 1085, 1014, 846, 813, 758, 590;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.07–7.01 (m, Hz, 2H), 4.24–4.17 (m, 4H), 4.09 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 169.3, 167.1 & 166.3, 162.1, 130.3 & 130.2, 129.2 & 129.1, 115.6 & 115.2, 61.7, 50.0, 38.0, 28.0, 13.9; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  = 308 [M + H] $^+$ ; HRMS calculated for  $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNO}_4 + \text{H}]^+$ : 308.1298, found 308.1305.

### **8.8. Diethyl 3,4-dihydro-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-2*H*-pyrrole-4,4-dicarboxylate (21h)**

M.F.: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, Mol. Wt: 334.32

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3437, 3075, 2983, 2866, 1753, 1597, 1517, 1342, 1318, 1262, 1176, 1081, 1024, 854, 742, 690; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 8.22 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.25–4.21 (m, 6H), 2.80 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz) δ: 168.6, 166.3, 148.62, 139.1, 129.7, 123.0, 70.2, 62.4, 59.6, 36.8, 13.9; MS (ESI): *m/z* = 335 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS calculated for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup> 335.1243, found 335.1251.

### **8.9. Diethyl 3,4-dihydro-5-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2*H*-pyrrole-4,4-dicarboxylate (21i)**

M.F.: C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>, Mol. Wt: 319.35

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3448, 3076, 2981, 2939, 2837, 1729, 1600, 1579, 1488, 1464, 1366, 1320, 1262, 1178, 1085, 1020, 863, 789, 693; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, J = 2.2 Hz, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.29–4.23 (m, 4H), 4.10 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.77 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ: 169.3, 167.2, 159.6, 135.6, 129.4, 118.5, 117.7, 112.0, 61.6, 55.3, 50.0, 38.0, 28.1, 13.9; MS (ESI): *m/z* = 320 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS calculated for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup> 320.1498, found 320.1491.

### **8.10. Diethyl 3,4-dihydro-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-2*H*-pyrrole-4,4-dicarboxylate (21j)**

M.F.: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S, Mol. Wt: 295.35

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3453, 3105, 2982, 1731, 1601, 1429, 1316, 1262, 1180, 1085, 1005, 848, 754; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.45 (dd, , J = 1.0 Hz, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, J = 1.0 Hz, J = 3.8 Hz 1H), 7.01 (dd, J = 3.6 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.28–4.16 (m, 4H), 4.19 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 168.6, 162.2, 137.4, 130.2, 129.1, 127.2, 70.4, 62.1, 59.2, 36.5, 13.8; MS (ESI): *m/z* = 296 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS calculated for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S + H]<sup>+</sup> 296.0957, found 296.0963.

## 9. Spectral data of 23, 24, 28, 29, 31 and 32

### 9.1. 5-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrrole (23)

M.F.: C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N, Mol. Wt: 145.09

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3390, 3057, 2960, 2860, 1616, 1573, 1494, 1446, 1340, 1311, 1178, 1076, 1047, 1026, 988, 966, 921; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 7.85–7.82 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.36 (m, 3H), 4.07–4.03 (m, 2H), 2.96–2.91 (m, 2H), 2.06–1.98 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ: 173.1, 134.5, 130.1, 128.2, 127.4, 61.3, 34.8, 22.5; MS (ESI): *m/z* = 146.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS calculated for [C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N + H]<sup>+</sup>: 146.0970, found 146.0972.

### 9.2. Ethyl 5-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrrole-4-carboxylate (24)

M.F.: C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>, Mol. Wt: 217.26

IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2980, 1730, 1617, 1446, 1368, 1327, 1254, 1219, 1157, 1044; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 7.87–7.85 (dd, *J* = 1.8 Hz, *J* = 2H), 7.42–7.38 (m, 3H), 4.20–4.06 (m, 5H), 2.38–2.32 (m, 2H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 7.0); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ: 171.9, 169.1, 133.1, 130.3, 128.2, 127.6, 60.85, 60.81, 53.3, 29.47, 29.42, 29.1, 29.05, 13.8, 13.7; MS (ESI): *m/z* = 218.2 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS calculated for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup>: 218.1181, found 218.1180.

### 9.3. Ethyl 3-(aziridin-1-yl)-2-cyano-3-phenylacrylate (28)

M.F.: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, Mol. Wt: 242.27

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3019, 2401, 2215, 1712, 1581, 1538, 1488, 1473, 1403, 1283, 1249, 1216, 1174, 1135, 1108, 1062, 1038, 1018, 850; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 7.56–7.2 (m, 5H), 4.29 and 4.09 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz and q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.48 and 2.44 (s, s, 4H), 1.37 and 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz and t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ: 176.8 and 176.0, 162.68, 136.1 and 135.8, 130.67 and 130.0, 128.6 and 128.1, 127.4 and 127.1, 117.88 and 117.24, 87.8, 87.6, 61.0 and 60.9, 32.7 and 30.0, 14.2 and 13.9; MS (ESI): *m/z* = 243.1 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

### 9.4. Ethyl 4-cyano-5-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrrole-4-carboxylate (29)

M.F.: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, Mol. Wt: 242.27

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2983, 2937, 2869, 2244, 2210, 1742, 1667, 1626, 1577, 1496, 1368, 1320, 1252, 1195, 1097, 1073, 1008, 854, 779, 693; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.42 (m, 3H), 4.35–4.22 (m, 4H), 2.82–2.78 (m, 2H), 1.25–1.21

(m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 166.6, 163.4, 131.3, 129.0, 128.6, 127.8, 116.9, 63.4, 60.4, 56.3, 37.9, 13.6; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  = 243.2 [ $\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ; HRMS calculated for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H}]^+$ : 243.1134, found 243.1133.

### 9.5. 2-Butylaziridine (30)

IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2922, 2851, 1595, 1464, 1219, 772;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.94–1.91 (m, 1H), 1.75 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz), 1.48–1.32 (m, 7H), 0.91 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 34.0, 30.3, 29.6, 25.0, 22.4, 13.9; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  = 100.1 [ $\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ , 199.1 [ $2\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ .

### 9.6. Diethyl 2-[(2-butylaziridin-1-yl)phenylmethylen]malonate (31)

M.F.:  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_4$ , Mol. Wt: 345.43

IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3020, 2961, 2933, 2400, 1709, 1605, 1584, 1570, 1491, 1445, 1412, 1369, 1337, 1276, 1215, 1155, 1080, 1026, 928, 851;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.36–7.29 (m, 5H), 4.33–4.24 (m, 2H), 3.88–3.94 (m, 2H), 2.28–2.27 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.20–2.15 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.57 (m, 2H), 1.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.19–1.08 (m, 4H), 0.93 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.79 (t,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 166.0, 166.9, 164.5, 137.5, 128.7, 127.9, 127.5, 110.2, 60.6 and 60.5, 41.6, 37.8, 32.0, 28.3, 22.2, 14.2, 13.8, 13.6; MS (ESI):  $m/z$  = 346.2 [ $\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ .

### 9.7. Diethyl 2-butyl-3,4-dihydro-5-phenyl-2*H*-pyrrole-4,4-dicarboxylate (32)

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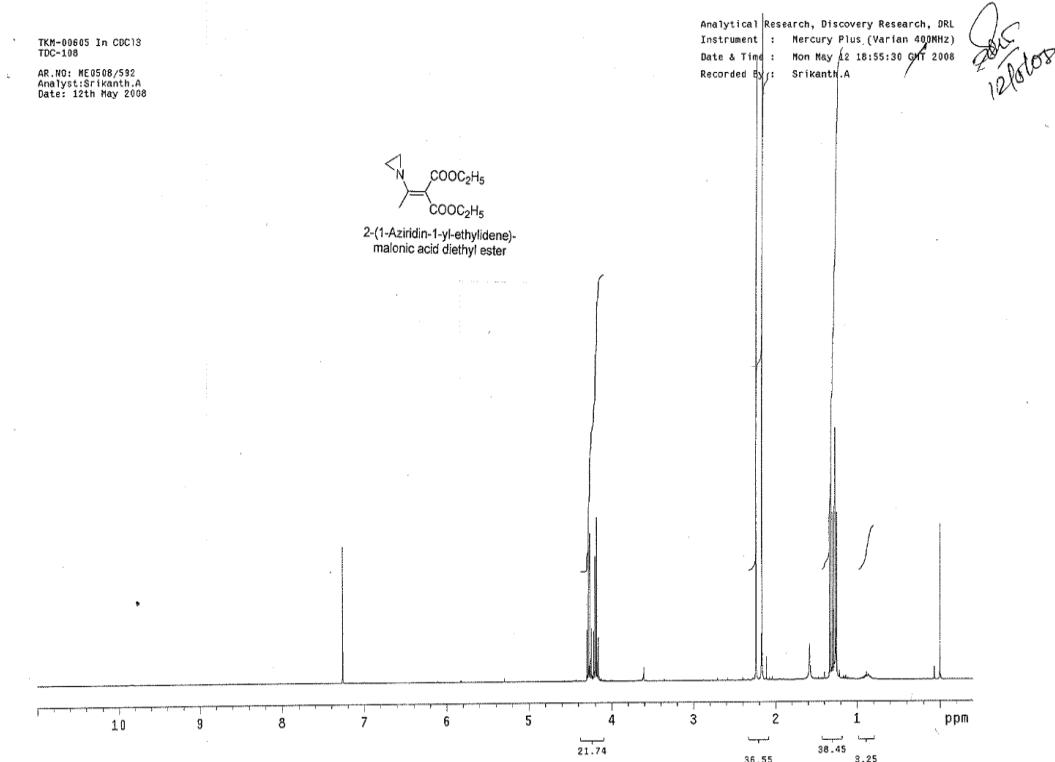
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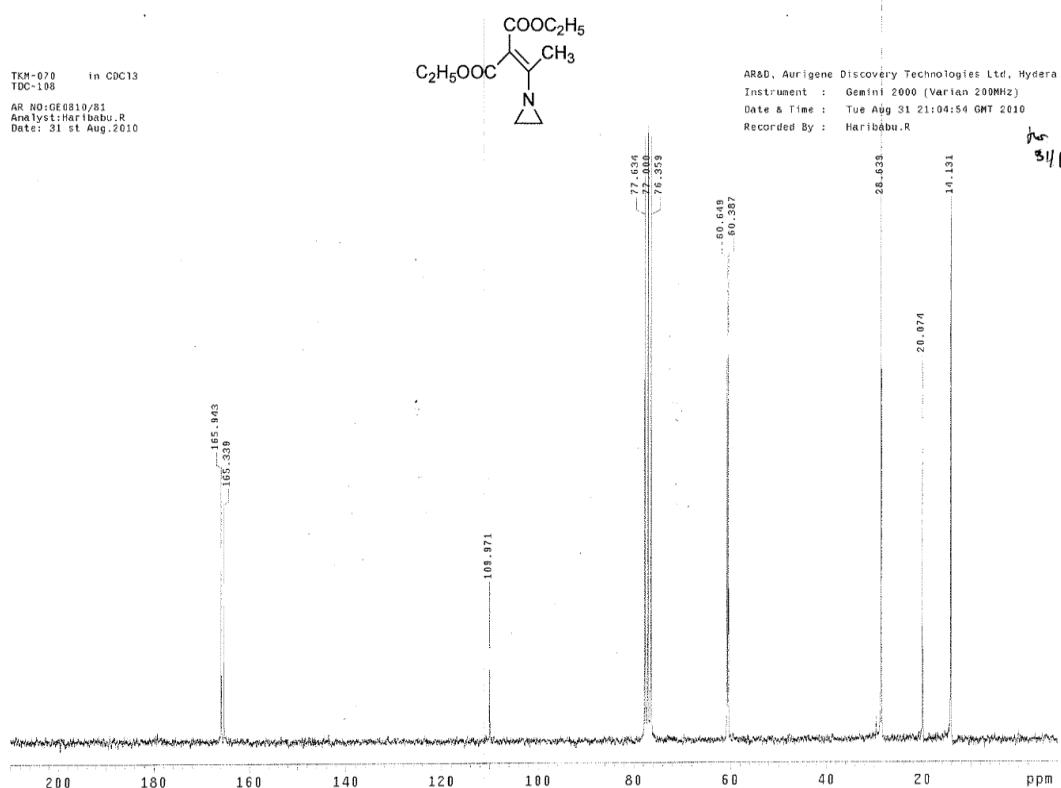
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**12. Spectra of 2-[(aziridin-1-yl)-1-alkyl/aryl/heteroaryl-methylene]malonic acid diethyl esters (*N*-vinyl aziridines) - 20a, 20c, 20d, 20f–20h**

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 20a**



**<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 20a**



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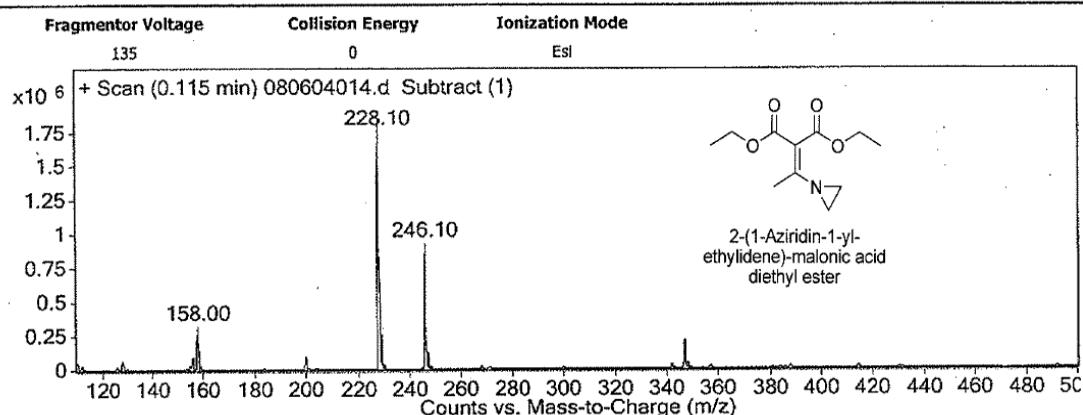
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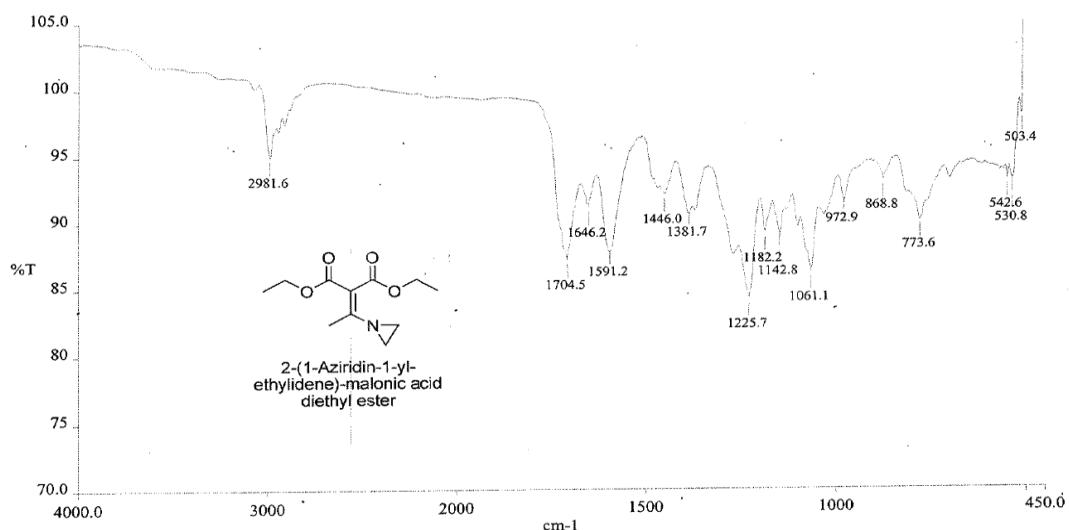
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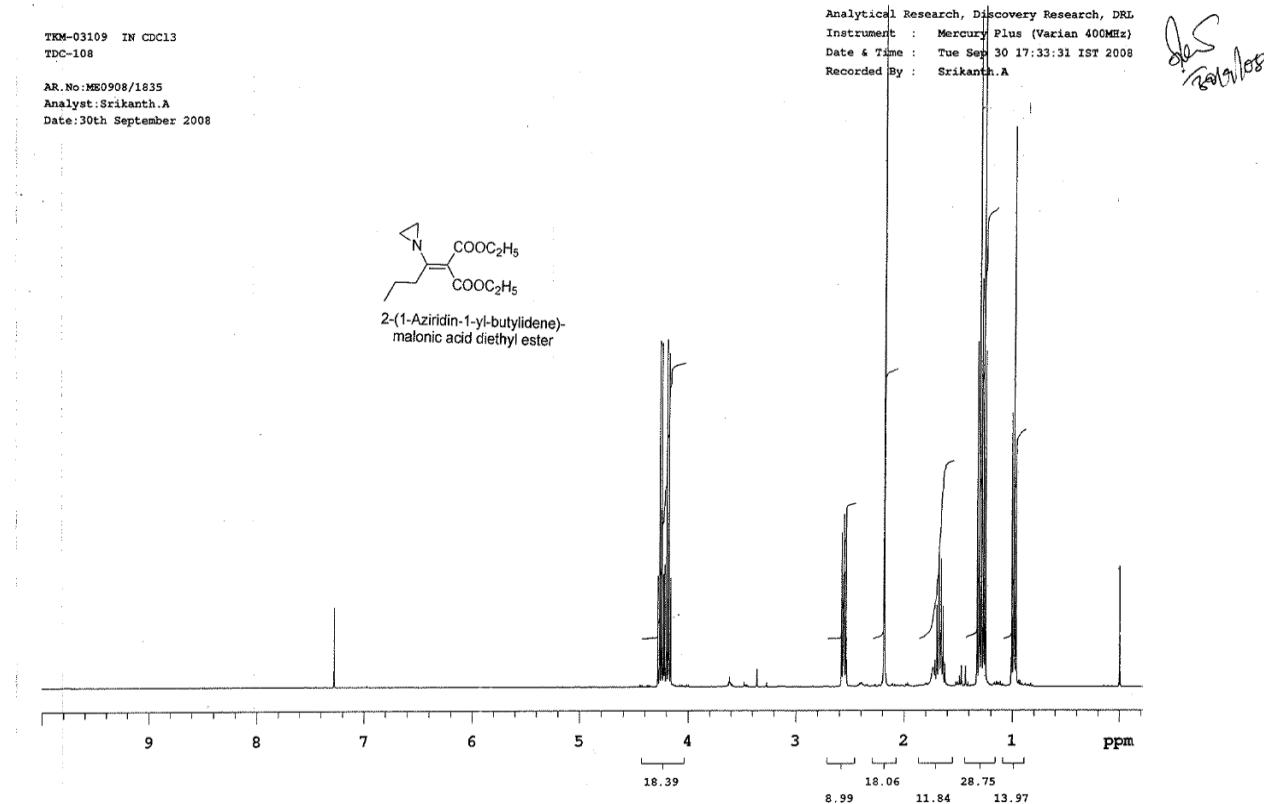


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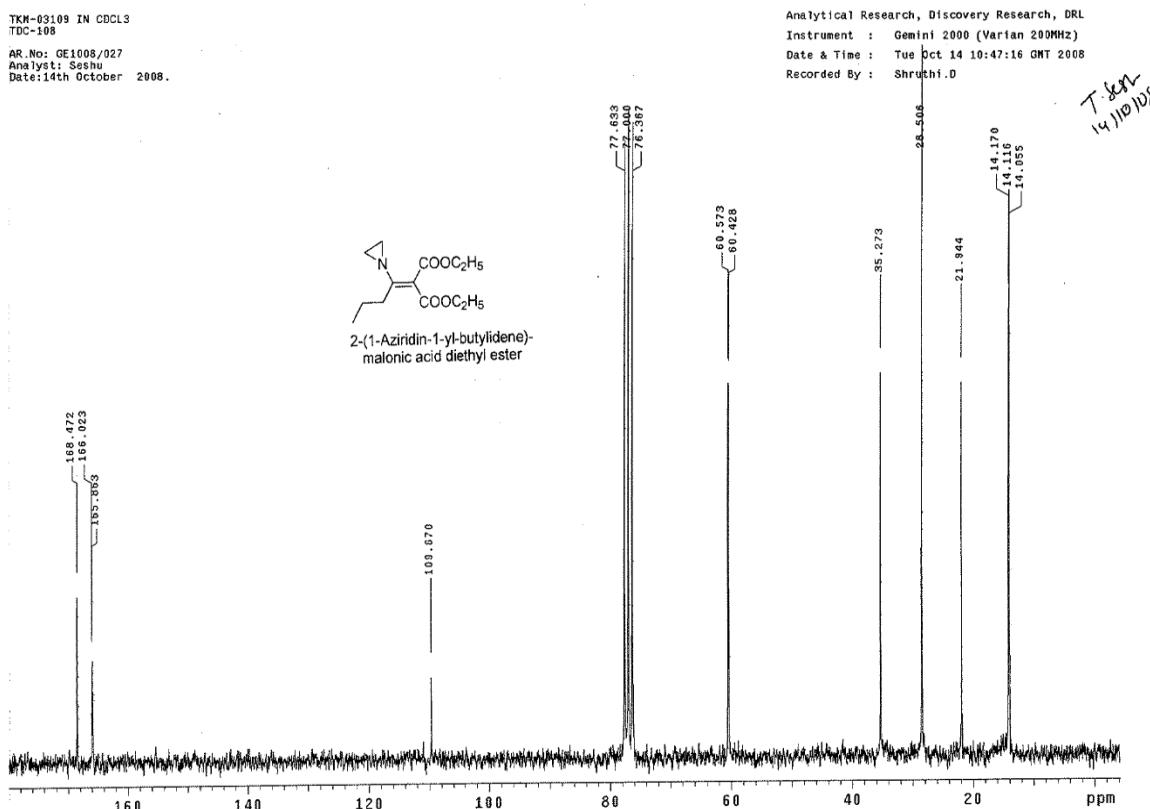
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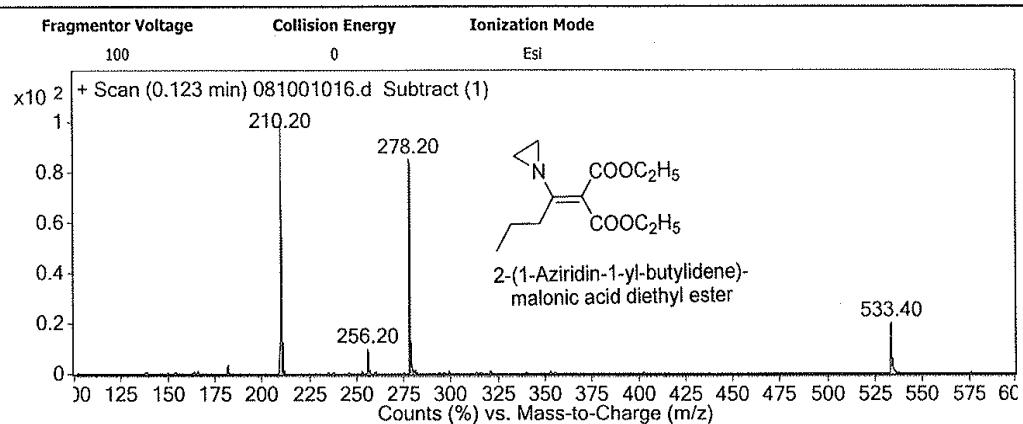
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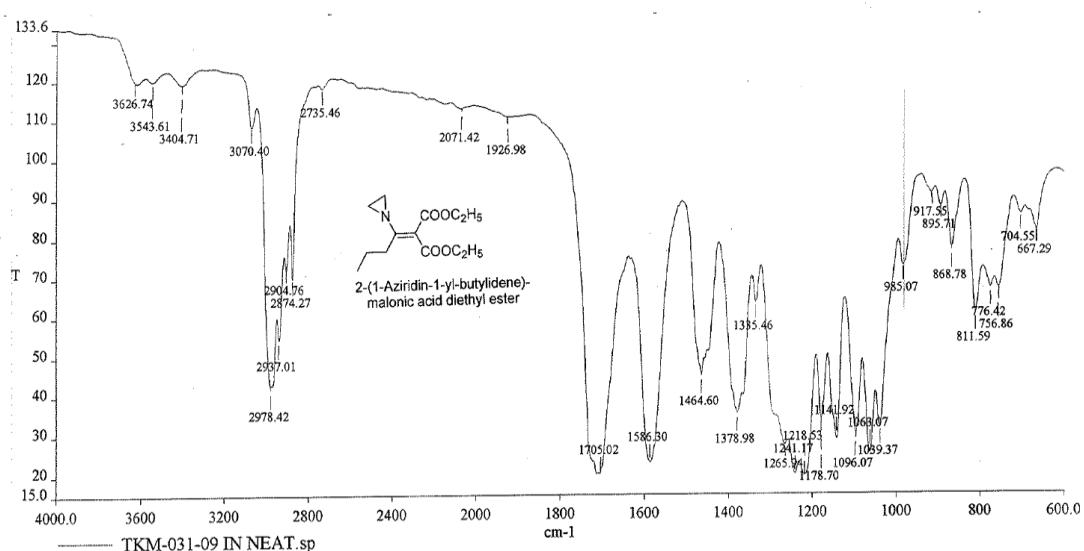
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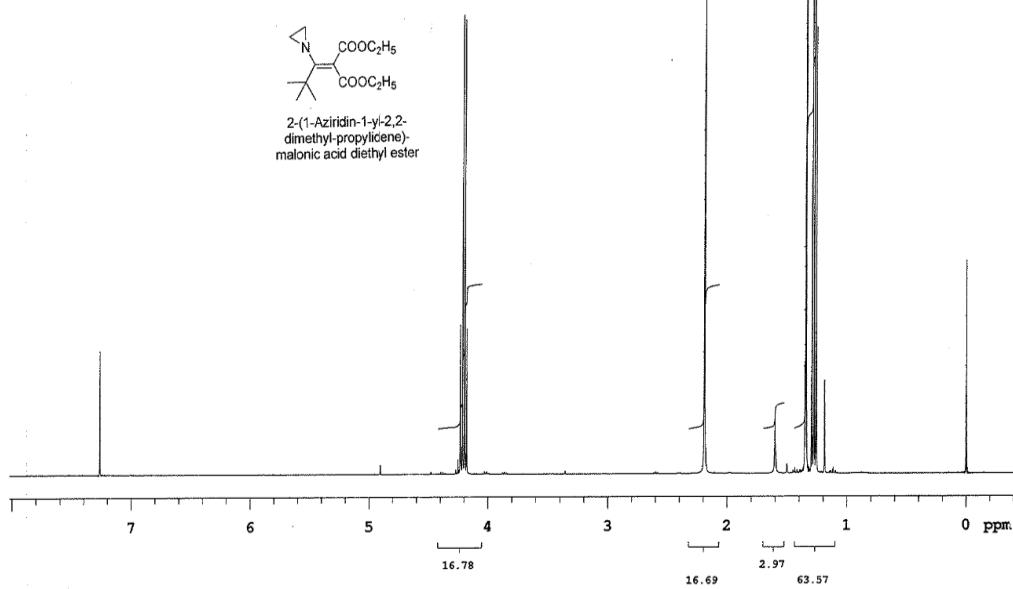
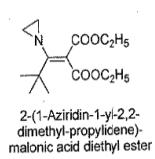
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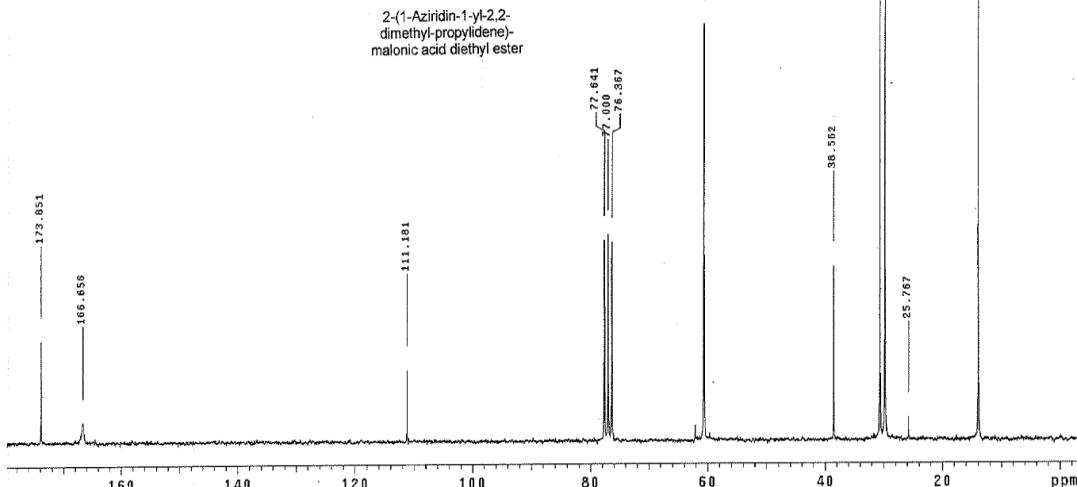
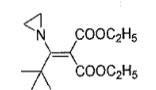
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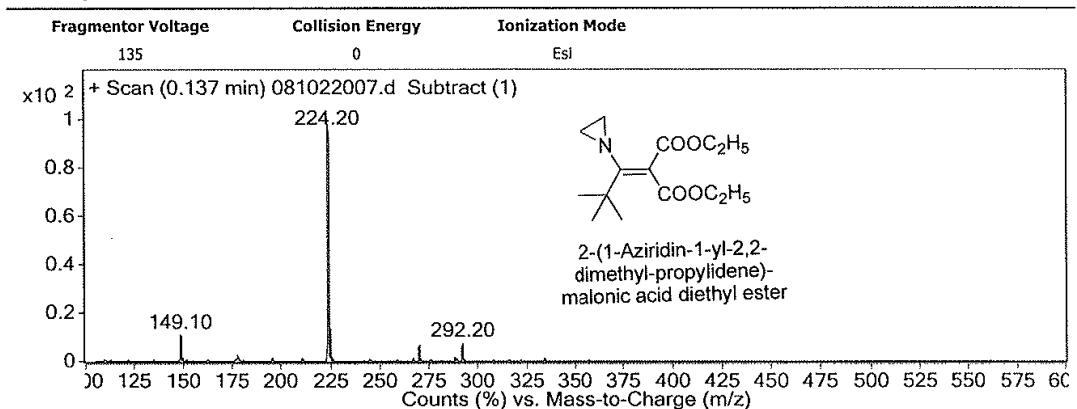
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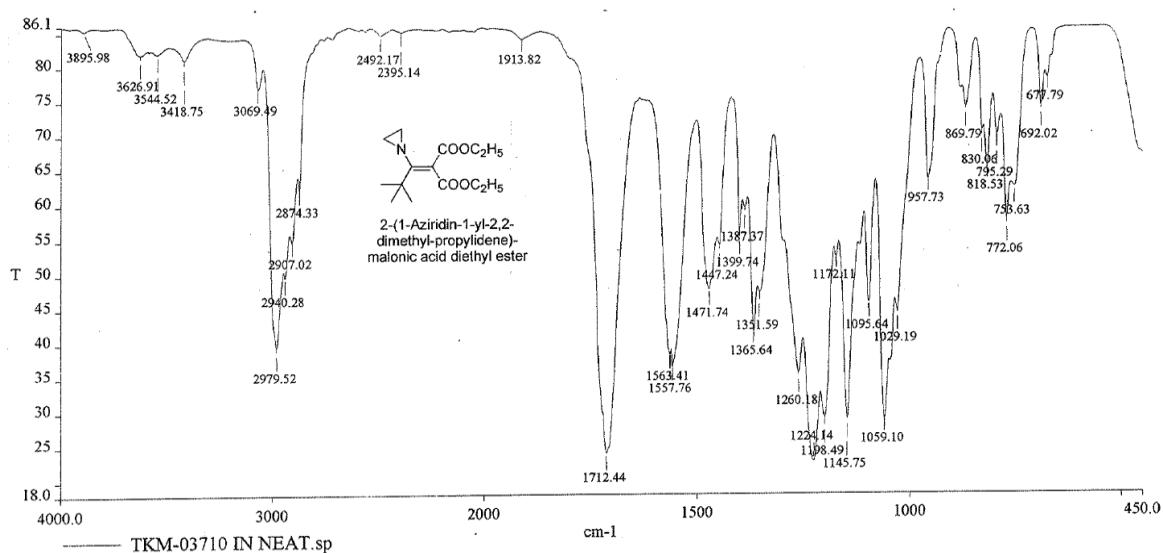
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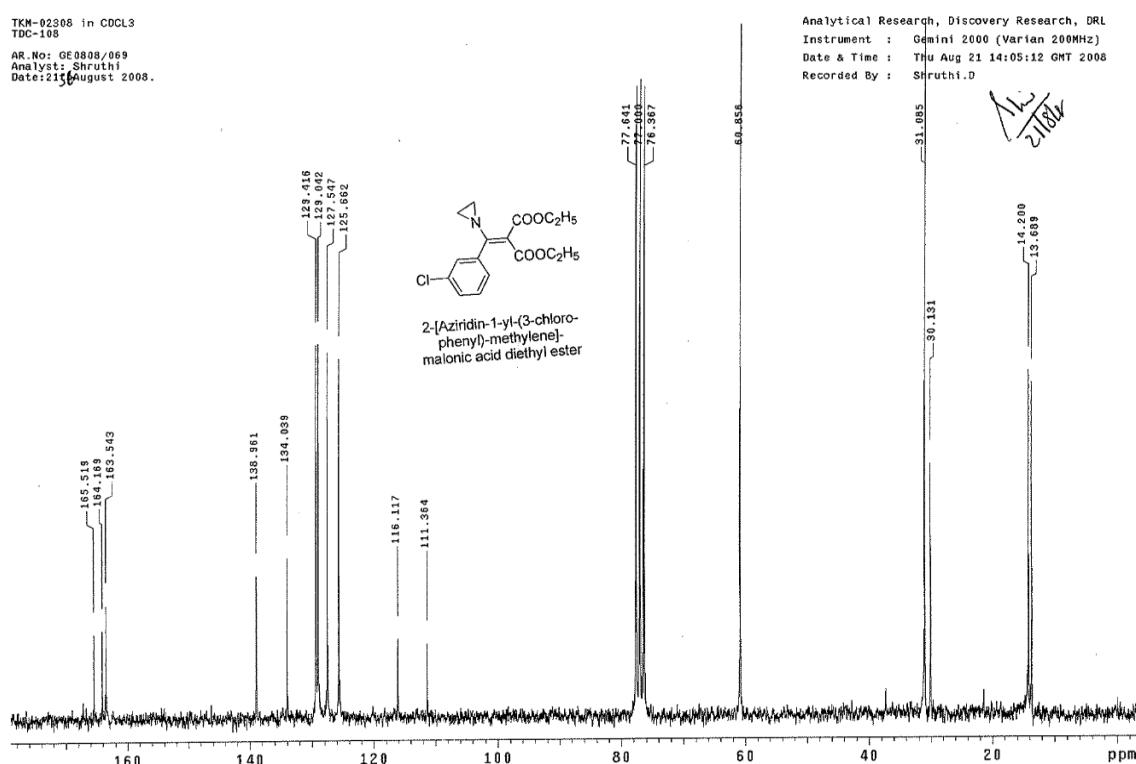
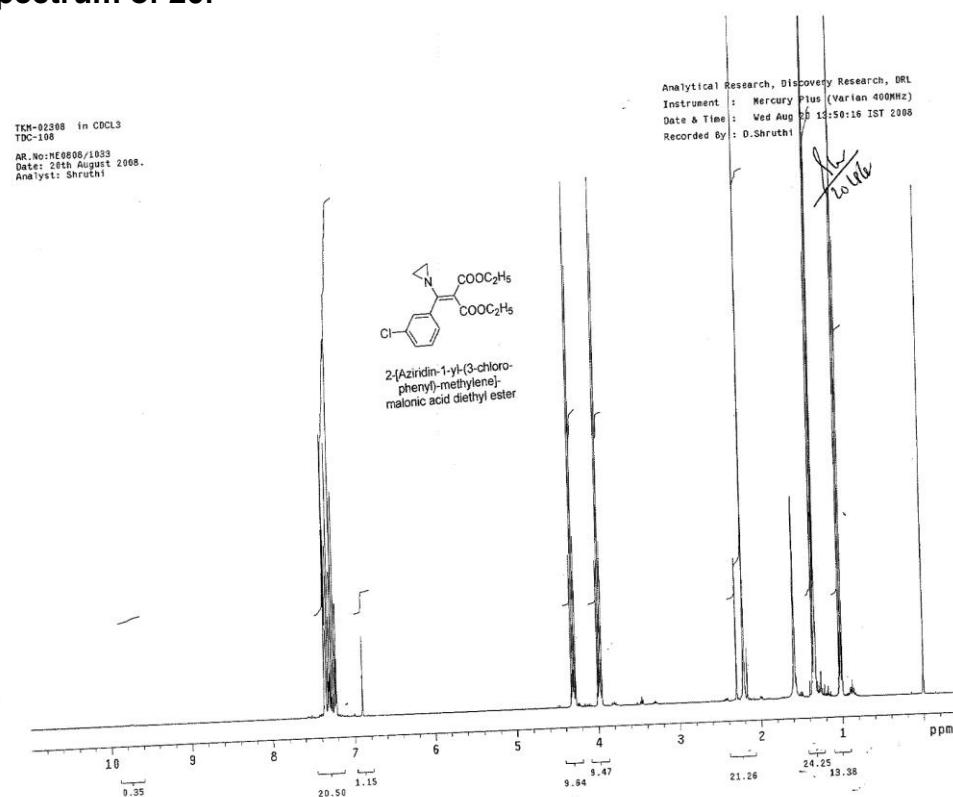
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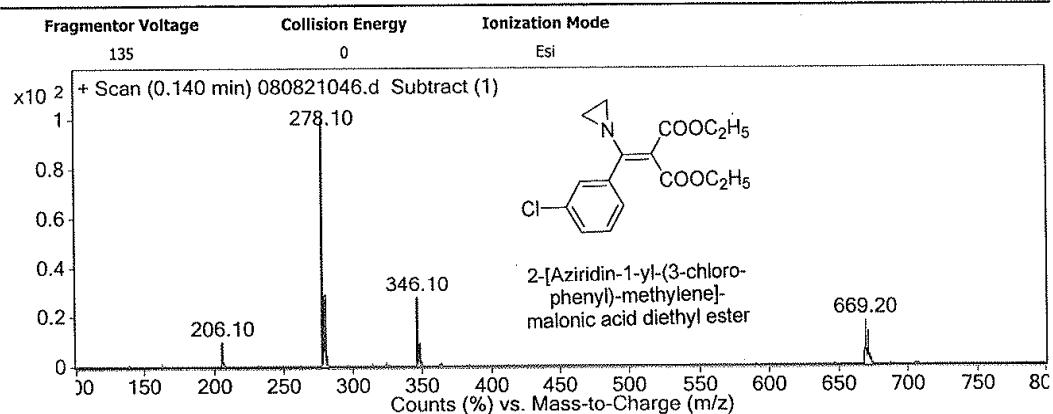
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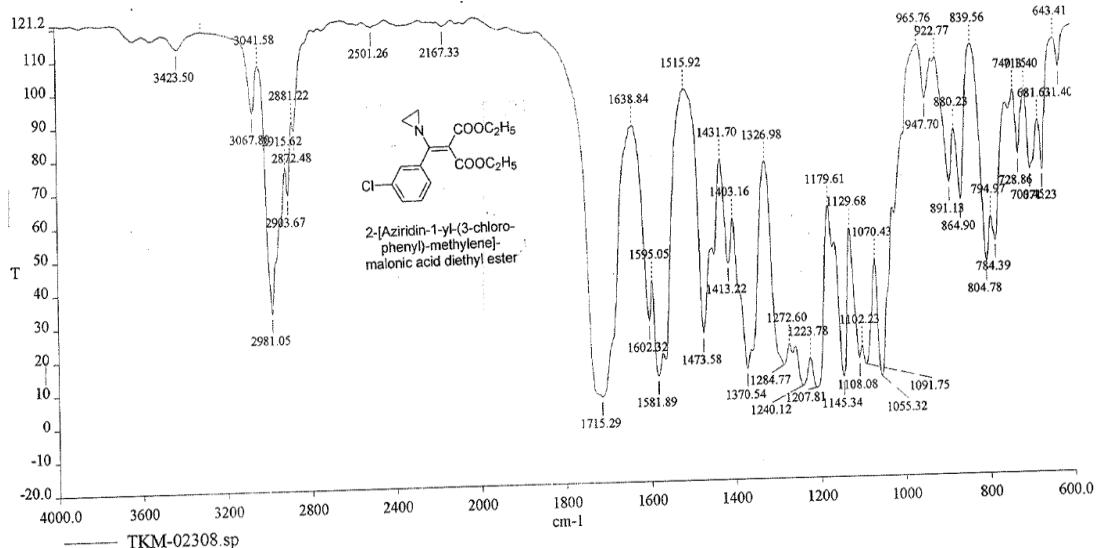
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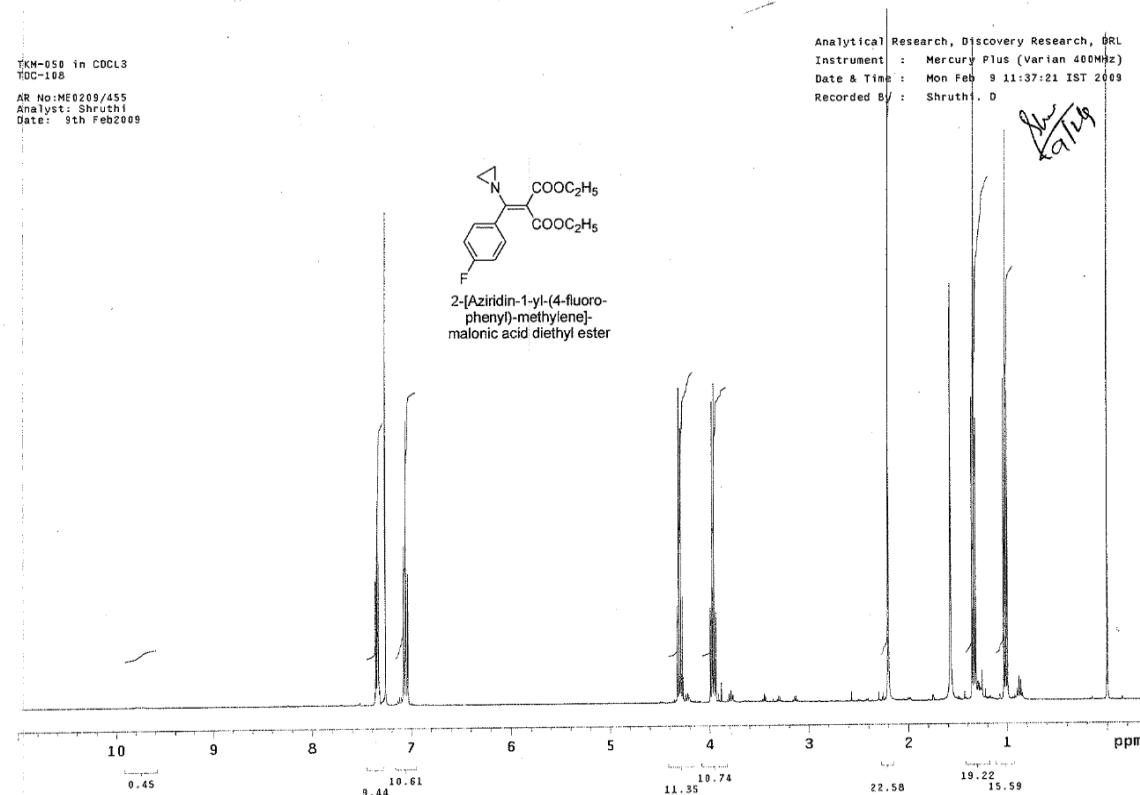
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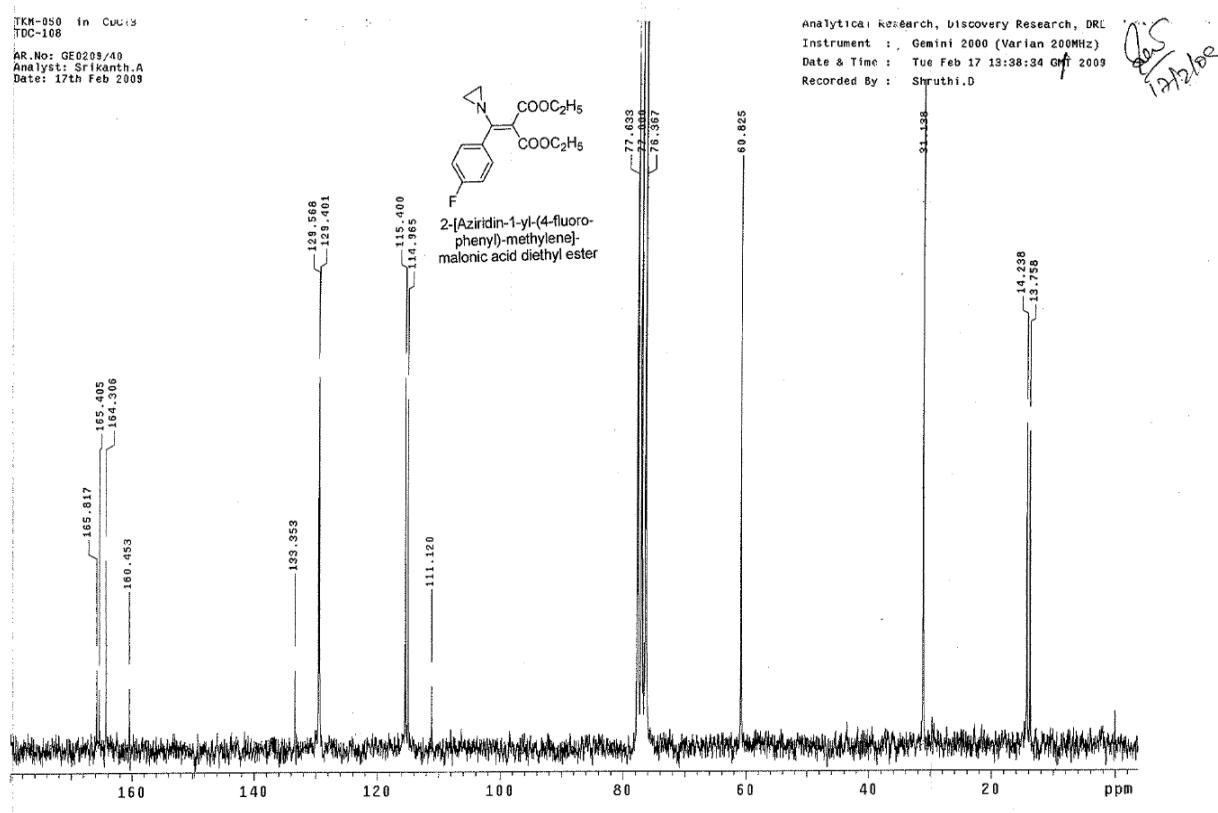
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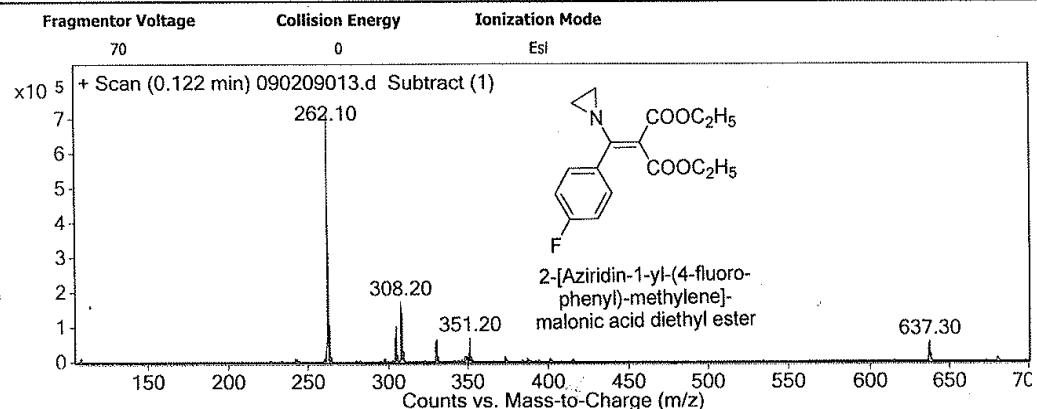
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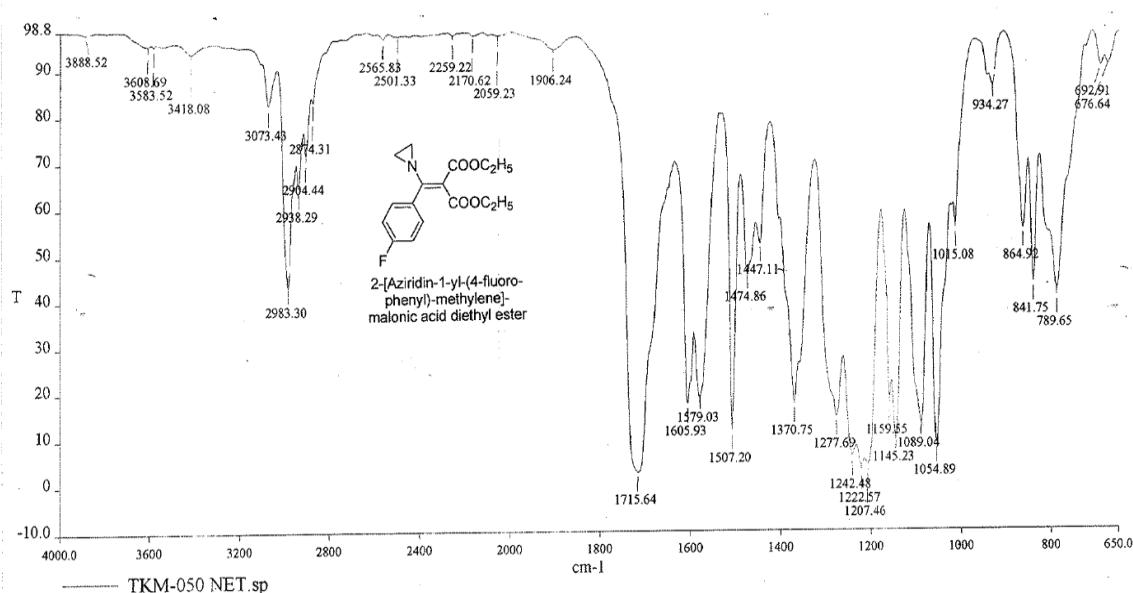
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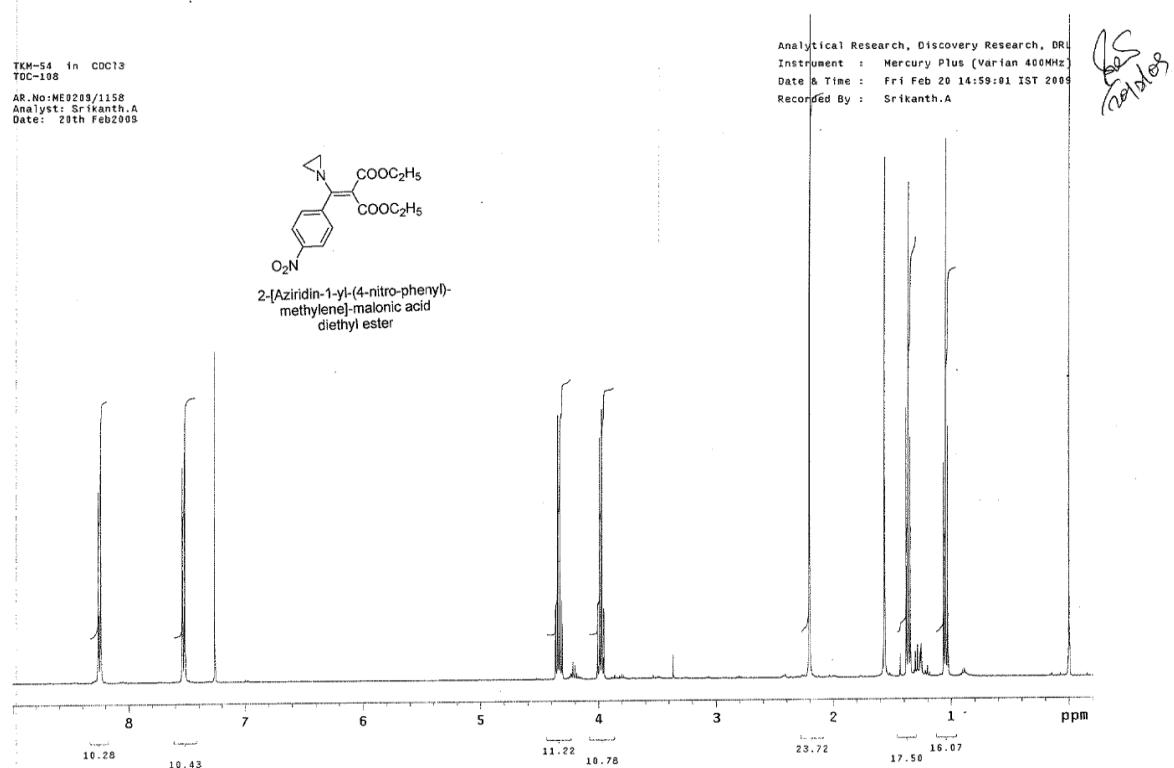
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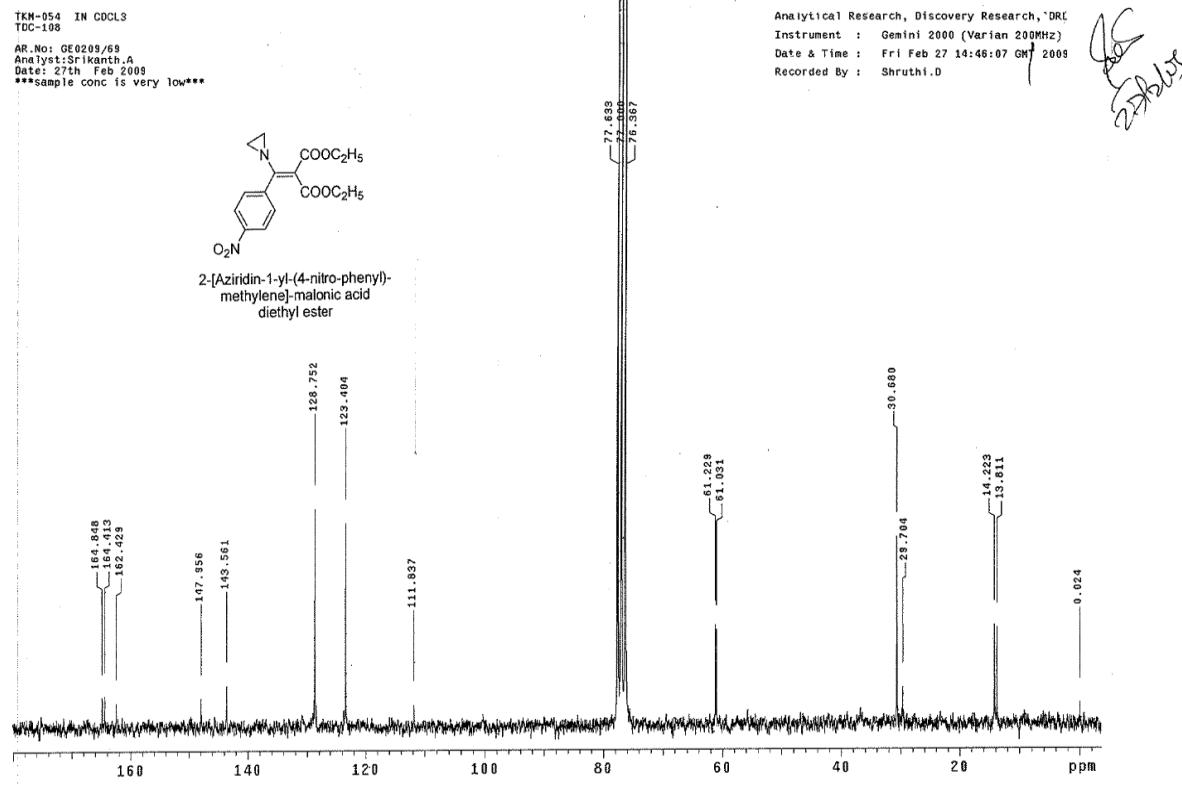


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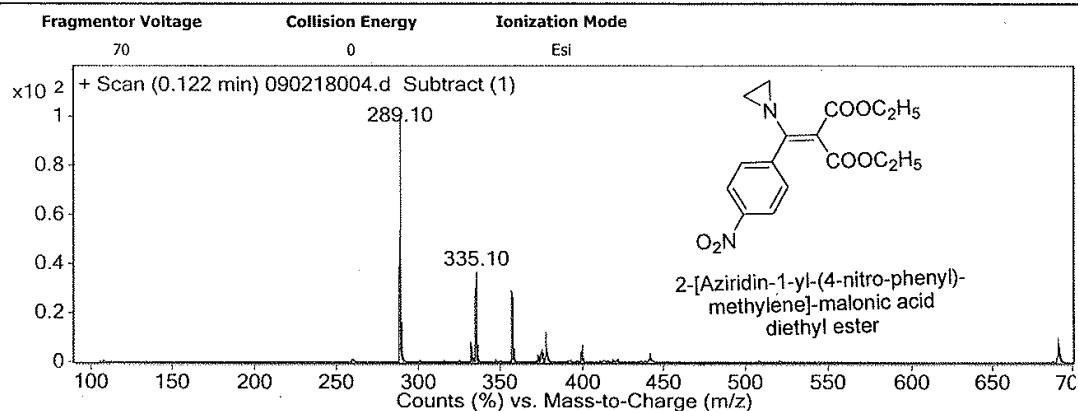
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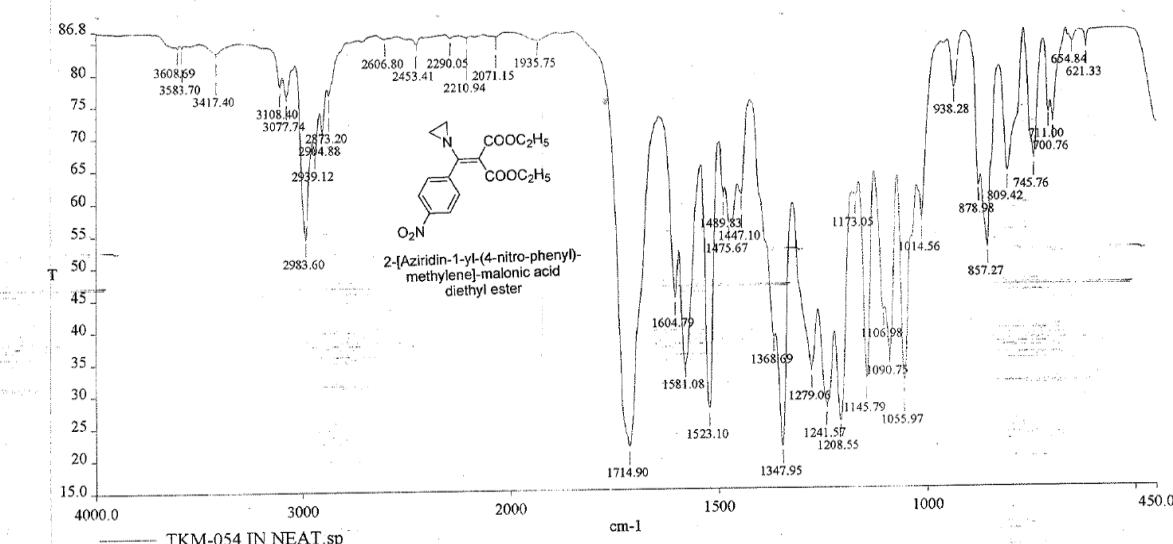
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