



SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL TO
**Synthetic studies of lignanes: Attempted synthesis of arctigenin
and enterolactone**

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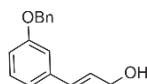
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GENERAL EXPERIMENTAL

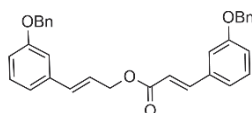
All chromatographic separations¹ were performed on Silica gel 60 (0.063–0.2 mm), Merck. Standard techniques were used for the purification of reagents and solvents.² NMR spectra were recorded on Varian/Agilent 400 (¹H NMR at 400 MHz, ¹³C NMR at 100 MHz) and on Bruker Avance III 500 (¹H NMR at 500 MHz, ¹³C NMR at 125 MHz), in deuterated chloroform, if not otherwise stated. Chemical shifts are expressed in ppm (δ) using tetramethylsilane as internal standard, coupling constants (*J*) are in Hz. IR spectra were recorded on Thermo Scientific Nicolet Summit FT-IR instrument, and are expressed in cm^{−1}. Mass spectra were obtained on Orbitrap Exploris 240 spectrometer. Blue light irradiation was performed using KessilPR160L 440 nm lamp (www.kessil.com).

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(E)-3-(3-(benzyloxy)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol (**12**)

Ethyl chloroformate (0.54 mL, 5.64 mmol, 1 Eq) was added dropwise to a cold ($-7\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$) solution of *(E)*-3-(3-(benzyloxy)phenyl)acrylic acid³ (1.43 g, 5.64 mmol, 1 Eq) and triethylamine (1.57 mL, 11.27 mmol, 2 Eq) in dry THF (15 mL), under an argon atmosphere. After stirring for 30 minutes, reaction mixture was filtered and washed with additional THF (3 mL). NaBH_4 (0.64 g, 16.9 mmol, 3 Eq) was then added to the reaction mixture as one portion at $10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and MeOH (8.4 mL) was added dropwise. The suspension was stirred at $10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 1 hour before quenched with water and extracted with DCM. The organic extract was dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 and concentrated on rotovap. The residue was purified by dry-flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 1:1), to afford 1.22 g (89%) of compound **12**, as a colorless oil. Spectroscopic data in accordance with the literature.⁴

(E)-3-(3-(benzyloxy)phenyl)allyl *(E)*-3-(3-(benzyloxy)phenyl)acrylate (**7b**)

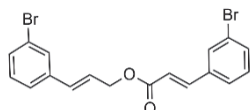
(E)-3-(3-(benzyloxy)phenyl)acrylic acid³ (129.7 mg, 0.52 mmol, 1 Eq), compound **12** (147.0 mg, 0.61 mmol, 1.2 Eq), DCC (126.0 mg, 0.61, 1.2 Eq) and DMAP (12.0 mg, 0.01, 0.2 Eq) were suspended in DCM (5.4 mL) and stirred for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and purified by dry-flash chromatography (benzene/ethyl acetate = 99:1), to afford 243.0 g (100%) of pure **7b**, as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, $J=16.0$, 1H), 7.49–7.24 (m, 12H), 7.18–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.08–7.00 (m, 3H), 6.92 (ddd, $J=8.2, 2.6, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.73–6.66 (m, 1H), 6.48 (dd, $J=16.0, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dt, $J=15.9, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, $J=3.6$ Hz, 4H), 4.89 (dd, $J=6.4, 1.3$ Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 159.2, 159.1, 145.1, 137.8, 137.0, 136.7, 135.9, 134.2, 130.1, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 123.7, 121.2, 119.7, 118.3, 117.2, 114.7, 114.1, 113.0, 70.2, 70.1, 65.2.

IR (ATR): ν = 3064, 3033, 2934, 2873, 1713, 1638, 1597, 1580, 1490, 1445, 1381, 1309, 1293, 1260, 1162, 1110, 1081, 1027, 979, 910 cm^{-1} .

$R_f=0.8$ (PhH/EtOAc=95:5).

(E)-3-(3-bromophenyl)allyl *(E)*-3-(3-bromophenyl)acrylate (**7c**)

(E)-3-(3-bromophenyl)acrylic acid⁵ (100.0 mg, 0.44 mmol, 1 Eq), *(E)*-3-(3-bromophenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol⁶ (112.5 mg, 0.53 mmol, 1.2 Eq), DCC (109.0 mg, 0.53, 1.2 Eq) and DMAP (11.0 mg, 0.09, 0.2 Eq) were dissolved in DCM (4.6 mL) and was stirred for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and purified by dry-flash

chromatography (benzene/ethyl acetate = 99:1), to afford 168.0 g (90.4%) of pure **7c**, as a colorless oil.

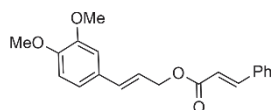
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.57–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 6.63 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 3H), 6.47 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 4H), 6.35 (dt, J = 15.9, 6.2 Hz, 4H), 4.87 (dd, J = 6.3, 1.4 Hz, 7H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.2, 143.6, 138.4, 136.5, 133.3, 132.6, 131.0, 130.9, 130.5, 130.2, 129.6, 126.8, 125.4, 124.9, 123.2, 122.9, 119.3, 119.3, 65.0.

IR (ATR): ν = 3060, 2925, 2854, 1714, 1639, 1591, 1473, 1424, 1374, 1312, 1268, 1198, 1166, 1111, 1089, 1072, 995 cm⁻¹.

R_f = 0.9 (PhH/EtOAc = 95:5).

(*E*)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)allyl cinnamate (**7e**)



Cinnamic acid (32.0 mg, 0.21 mmol, 1 Eq), (*E*)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol (50.0 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.2 Eq), DCC (53.0 mg, 0.26, 1.2 Eq) and DMAP (5.0 mg, 0.04, 0.2 Eq) were dissolved in DCM (2.5 mL) and was stirred for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and purified by dry-flash chromatography (benzene/ethyl acetate = 9:1), to afford 31.6 g (45%) of pure **7e**, as colorless oil.

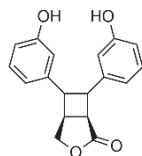
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 6.99 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.83 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.68 – 6.62 (m, 1H), 6.48 (dd, J = 16.0, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dt, J = 15.8, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.4 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 149.3, 149.1, 145.1, 134.4, 134.4, 130.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.1, 121.3, 120.1, 118.0, 111.1, 108.9, 65.4, 55.9, 55.9.

IR (ATR): ν = 3060, 3001, 2936, 2836, 1712, 1637, 1602, 1582, 1515, 1464, 1451, 1419, 1376, 1328, 1310, 1202, 1165, 1141, 1073, 1027, 970 cm⁻¹.

R_f = 0.6 (PhH/EtOAc = 9:1).

6,7-bis(3-hydroxyphenyl)-3-oxabicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-2-one (**13**)



To a solution of **6b** (30.7 mg, 0.064 mmol, 1 Eq) in EtOAc (1.2 mL) was added Pd(OH)₂ on carbon (12 mg, 0.013 mmol, 0.2 Eq) and stirred overnight under H₂ atmosphere (1 bar). After reaction was completed, reaction mixture was filtered through pad of Celite and purified by dry-flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 1:1), to afford 13.2 g (70%) of **13** as a mixture of isomers in a ratio 2.7:1, as a colorless oil.

Major isomer: **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.95 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.53 – 6.48 (m, 2H), 6.47 – 6.42 (m, 2H), 6.42 – 6.39 (m, 1H), 4.58 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 9.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.95 (dd, J = 9.5, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (ddd, J = 7.9, 3.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.4, 158.1, 158.0, 141.9, 141.5, 130.0, 129.8, 120.4, 120.2, 116.1, 115.8, 114.4, 114.2, 74.7, 42.3, 39.9.

IR (ATR): ν = 3370, 2968, 2927, 2854, 1740, 1588, 1493, 1454, 1376, 1313, 1257, 1228, 1172, 1086, 1047 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4$: 319.0941, found: 319.0940.

R_f =0.5 (PE /EtOAc=6:4).

Experimental setup for photocatalyzed [2+2] cycloaddition

Borosilicate culture tube (8 mL, round bottom, screw cap finish 13-415; height 100 mm, diameter 13 mm) was used as the reaction vessel. The distance between reaction vessel and light source was 3 cm. The lamp was cooled using Sunon 92x92x25 12VDC (1.68 W) fan. With this experimental setup, temperature reaches 55 °C, as measured using thermometer placed next to the reaction vessel.



Figure S2 Blue LED setup

6,7-Diphenyl-3-oxabicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-2-one (6a)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42–7.27, 7.22–7.01, 7.00–6.95, 6.88–6.84 (4 x m, 10H major and 10H minor), 4.56 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.48–4.37 (m, 1H major and 1H minor), 4.27 (dd, J = 10.2, 4.9 Hz, 1H minor), 4.20–4.07 (m, 2H major and 2H minor), 3.71 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H major), 3.60–3.50 (m, 1H minor), 3.47–3.41 (m, 1H major), 3.35–3.28 (m, 1H minor). Major and minor: **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.5, 178.4, 141.7, 138.7, 138.5, 138.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.7, 126.6, 126.4, 48.2, 47.7, 46.7, 45.9, 42.6, 40.6, 39.0, 35.4.

Cis-(3R,4R)-dihydro-3,4-bis(phenylmethyl)-2(3H)-furanone (5a)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.19 (m, 8H), 7.05–7.01 (m, 2H), 4.07–3.98 (m, 2H), 3.35 (dd, J = 15.0, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (ddd, J = 11.4, 7.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, J = 13.6, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, J = 14.9, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.73–2.63 (m, 1H), 2.44–2.34 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.1, 138.7, 138.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 126.9, 126.8, 69.5, 45.4, 40.0, 33.0, 31.0.

Trans-(3R,4R)-dihydro-3,4-bis(phenylmethyl)-2(3H)-furanone (4a)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34–7.14 (m, 8H), 7.02–6.97 (m, 2H), 4.11–4.05 (m, 1H), 3.89–3.83 (m, 1H), 3.12–3.06 (m, 1H), 2.96 (dd, J = 14.0, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.70–2.57 (m, 2H), 2.56–2.46 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.6, 138.1, 137.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.0, 126.9, 77.5, 77.4, 77.2, 76.8, 71.3, 46.6, 46.4, 41.4, 41.3, 38.6, 35.2, 35.1.

6,7-Bis(3-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-3-oxabicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-2-one (6b)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46–7.28, 7.11–7.02, 6.98–6.86, 6.80–6.68, 6.64–6.59, 6.51–6.46 (6 x m, 18H major and 18H minor), 5.06, 4.90, 4.89, 4.86 (4 x bs, 4H major and 4H minor), 4.51 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H major), 4.40 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H major), 4.48–4.32 (m, 1H minor), 4.25 (dd, J = 10.3, 5.0 Hz, 1H minor), 4.17–4.02 (m, 2H major and 2H minor), 3.60 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.52–3.44 (m, 1H minor), 3.39 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H minor). Major and minor: **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.4, 178.2, 159.3, 159.2, 158.8, 158.7, 143.3, 140.4, 140.2, 139.9, 137.0, 130.1, 130.0, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 120.7, 120.5, 119.6, 119.0, 115.0, 114.6, 114.1, 113.3, 113.2, 72.7, 70.1, 70.1, 69.1, 48.1, 47.6, 46.7, 45.7, 42.5, 40.6, 39.2, 35.3. **IR** (ATR): ν = 3372, 3063, 3032, 2907, 2871, 1765, 1602, 1583, 1491, 1452, 1378, 1316, 1293, 1263, 1162, 1081, 1045, 1027, 915 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI-Orbitrap) m/z : [M+K]⁺ calcd. for C₃₂H₂₈O₄K: 515.1619, found: 515.1622. R_f = 0.5 (PE/EtOAc = 6:4).

6,7-Bis(3-bromophenyl)-3-oxabicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-2-one (6c)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46–7.39, 7.31–7.28, 7.26–7.19, 7.18–7.14, 7.13–7.09, 7.05–6.95, 6.89–6.84, 6.77–6.72 (8 x m, 8H major and 8H minor), 4.56 (dd, J = 9.8, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.45–4.37 (m, 1H major and 1H minor), 4.22 (dd, J = 10.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H minor), 4.15–4.03 (m, 2H major and 2H minor), 3.73–3.63 (m, 1H major), 3.54 (m, 1H minor), 3.40 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H major), 3.29 (dd, J = 7.9, 6.5 Hz, 1H minor). Major and minor: **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.7, 143.5, 140.4, 140.0, 130.9, 130.8, 130.7, 130.1, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.3, 126.7, 126.4, 125.2, 122.6, 122.5, 72.6, 68.9, 47.7, 47.3, 46.1, 45.4, 42.4, 40.3, 38.7, 35.3. **IR** (ATR): ν = 3373, 3061, 2967, 2906, 1764, 1594, 1566, 1476, 1428, 1372, 1332, 1251, 1165, 1094, 1047, 997 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI-Orbitrap) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄Br₂O₂: 420.9433, found: 420.9433. R_f = 0.4 (PE/EtOAc = 7:3).

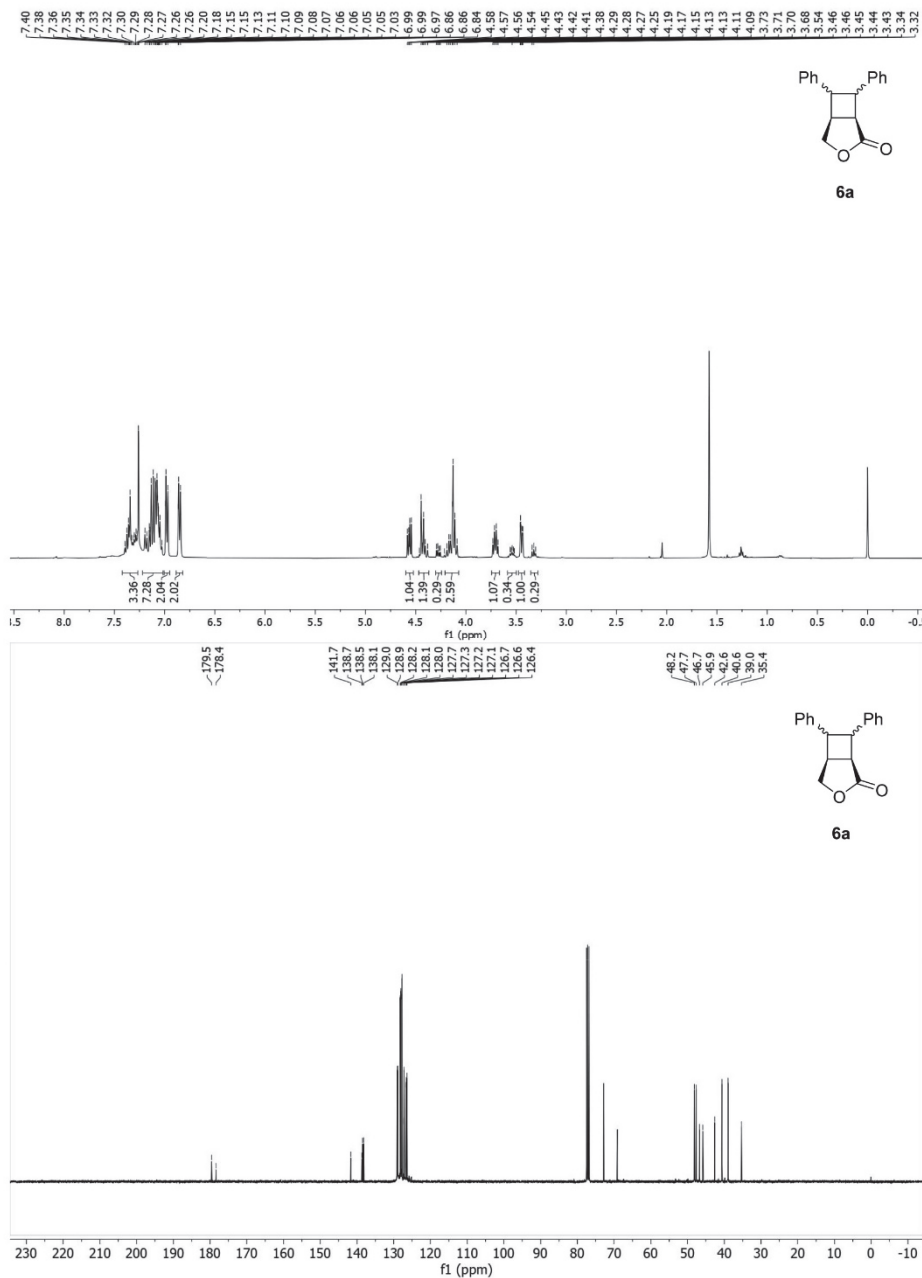
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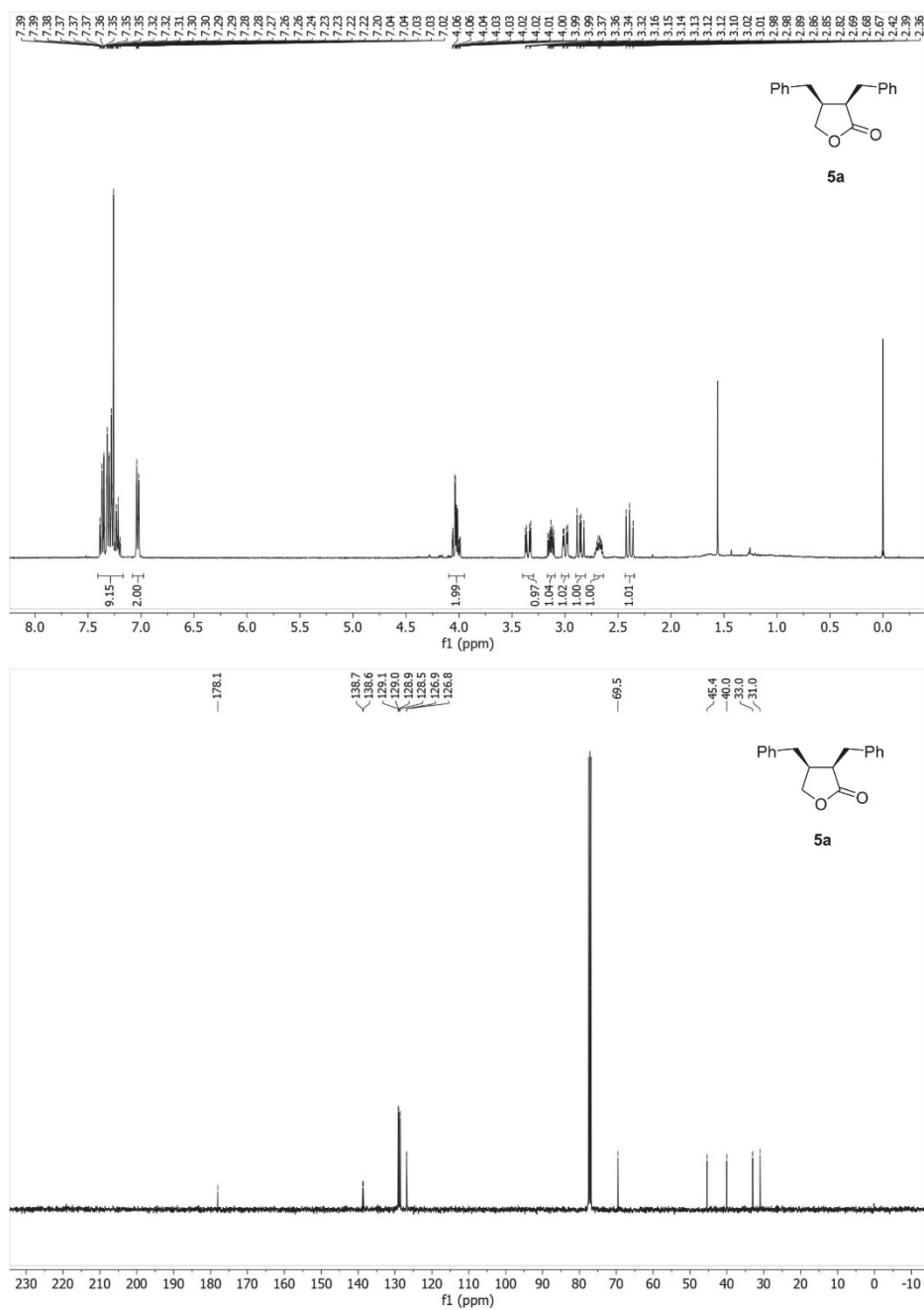
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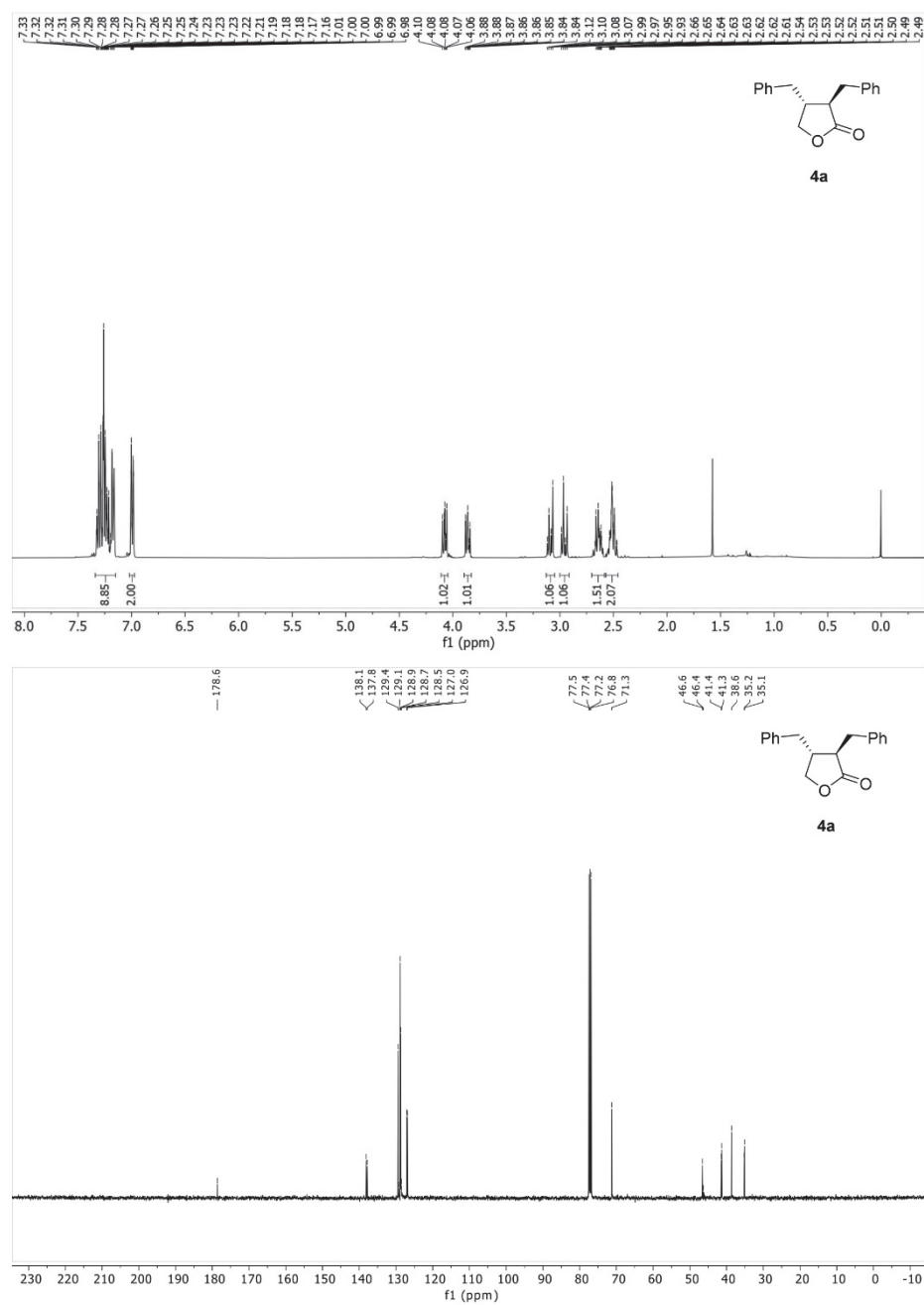
(2-Oxo-3-oxabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane-6,7-diyl)bis(3,1-phenylene) diacetate (6o)

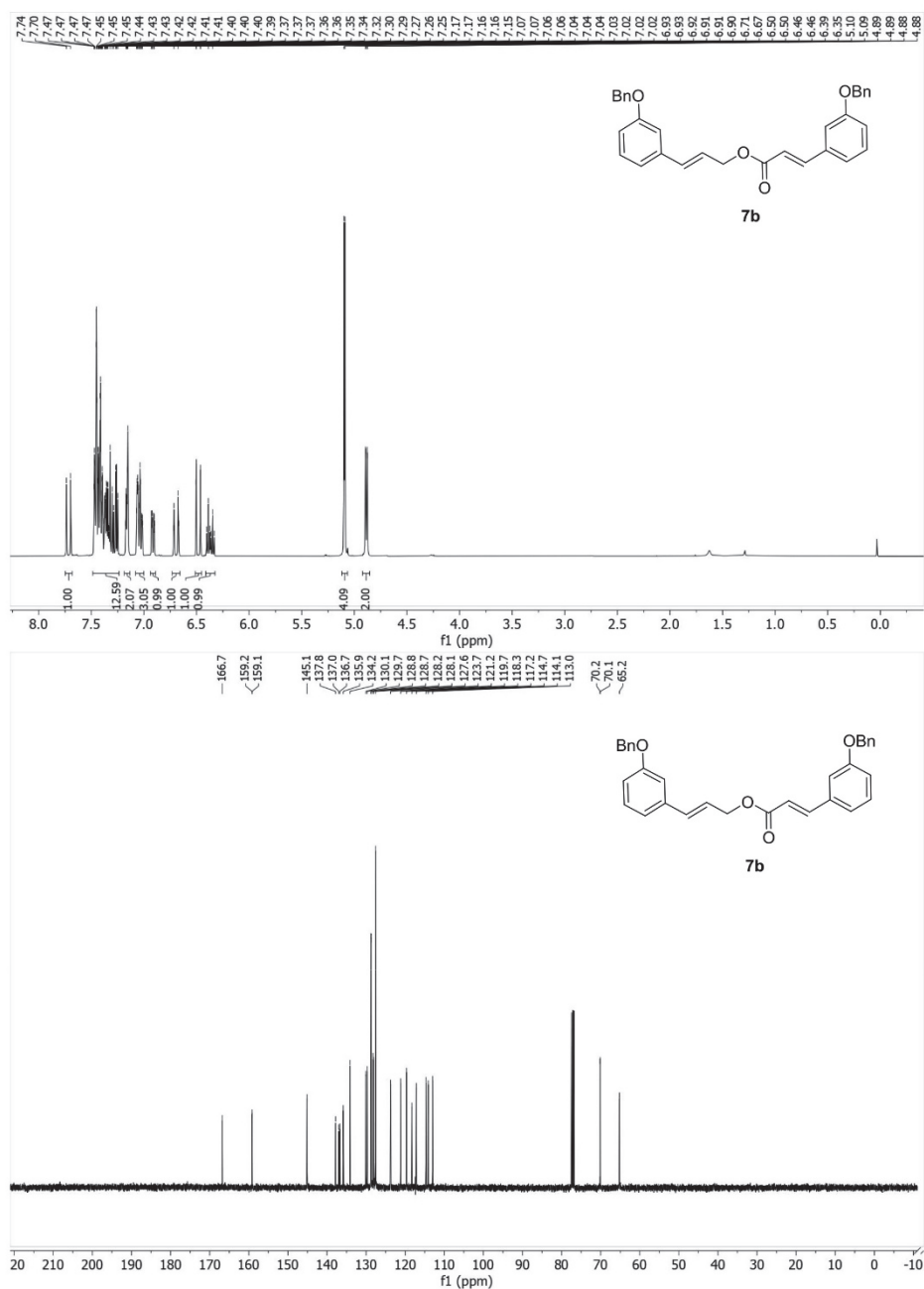
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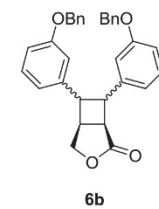
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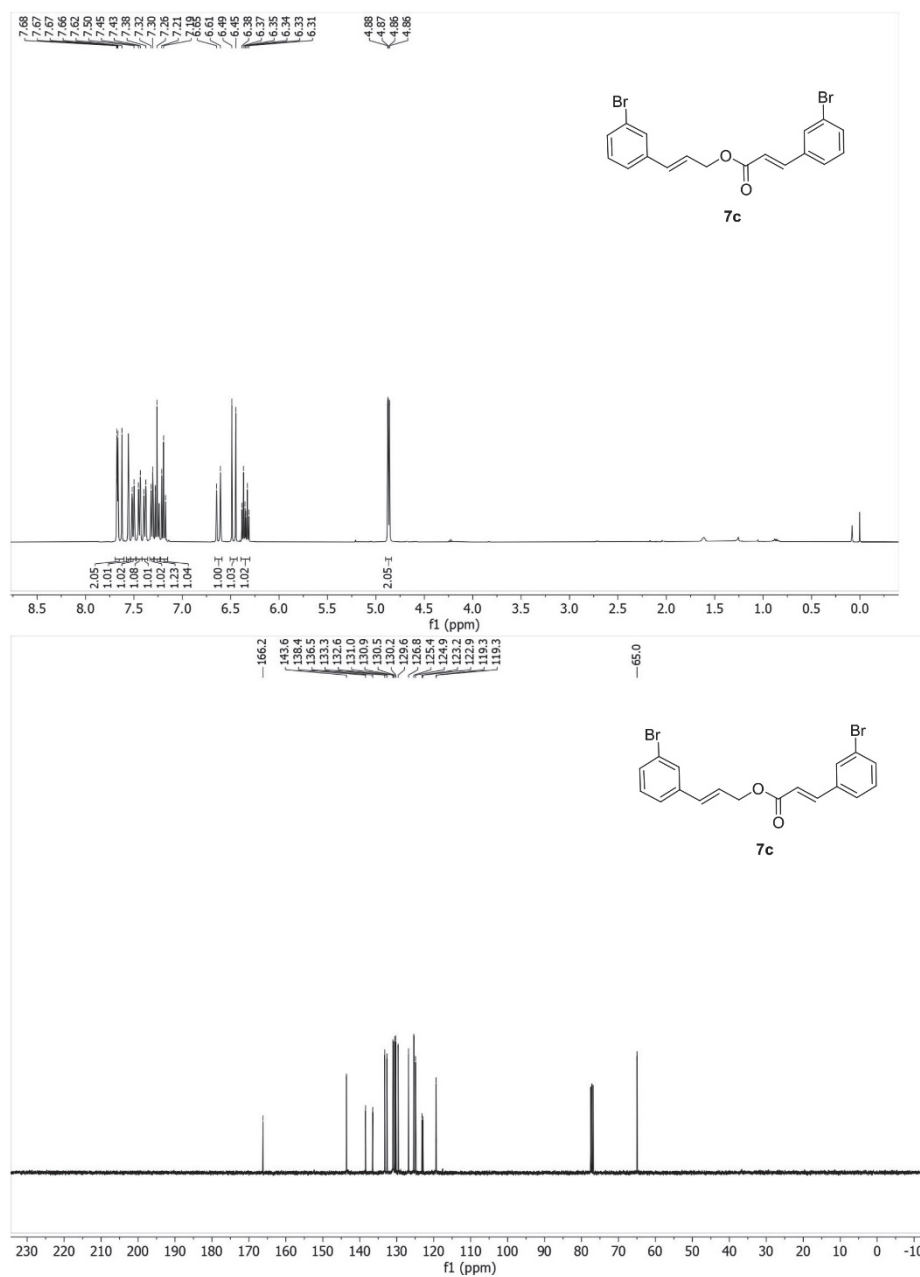


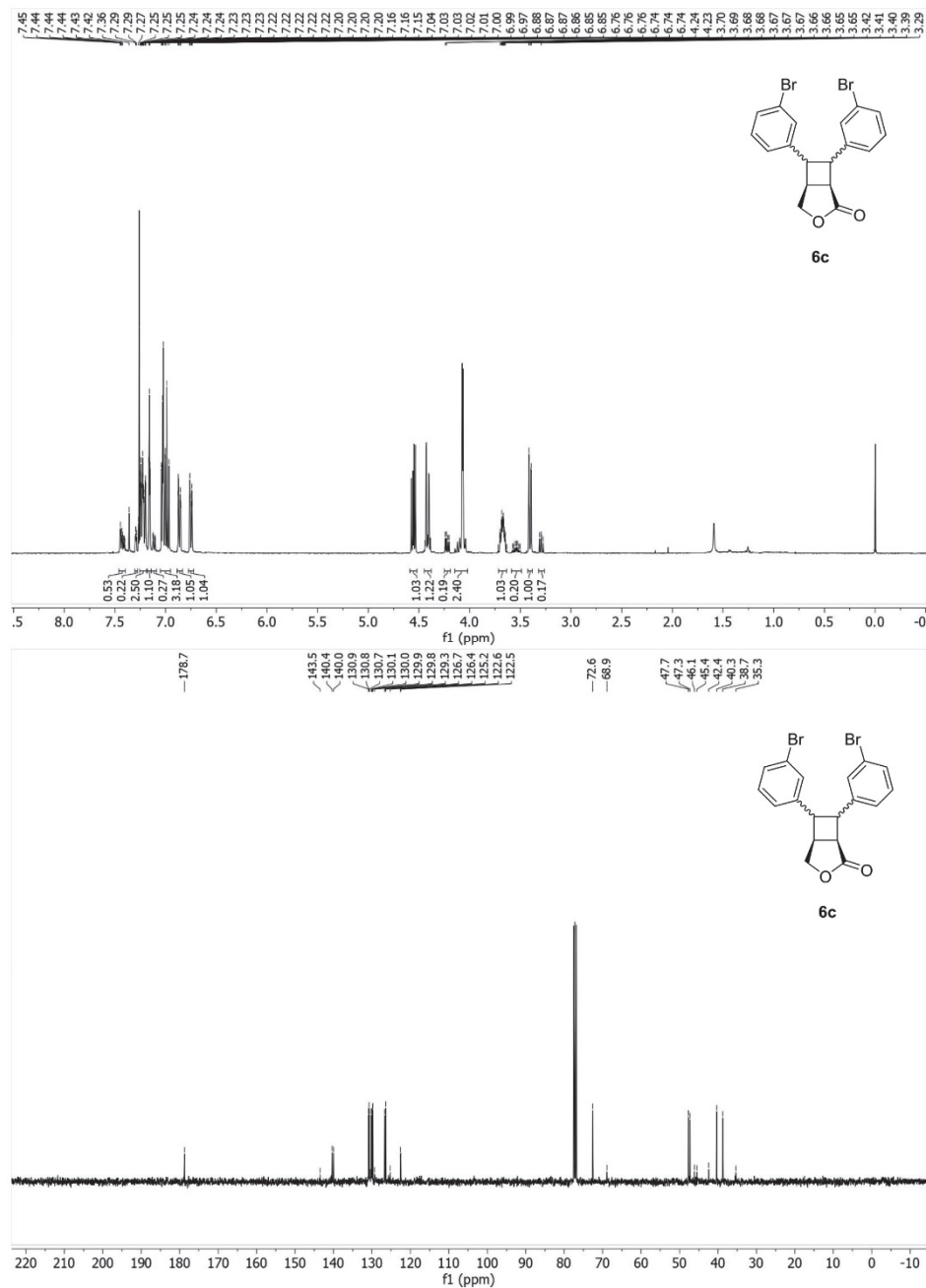


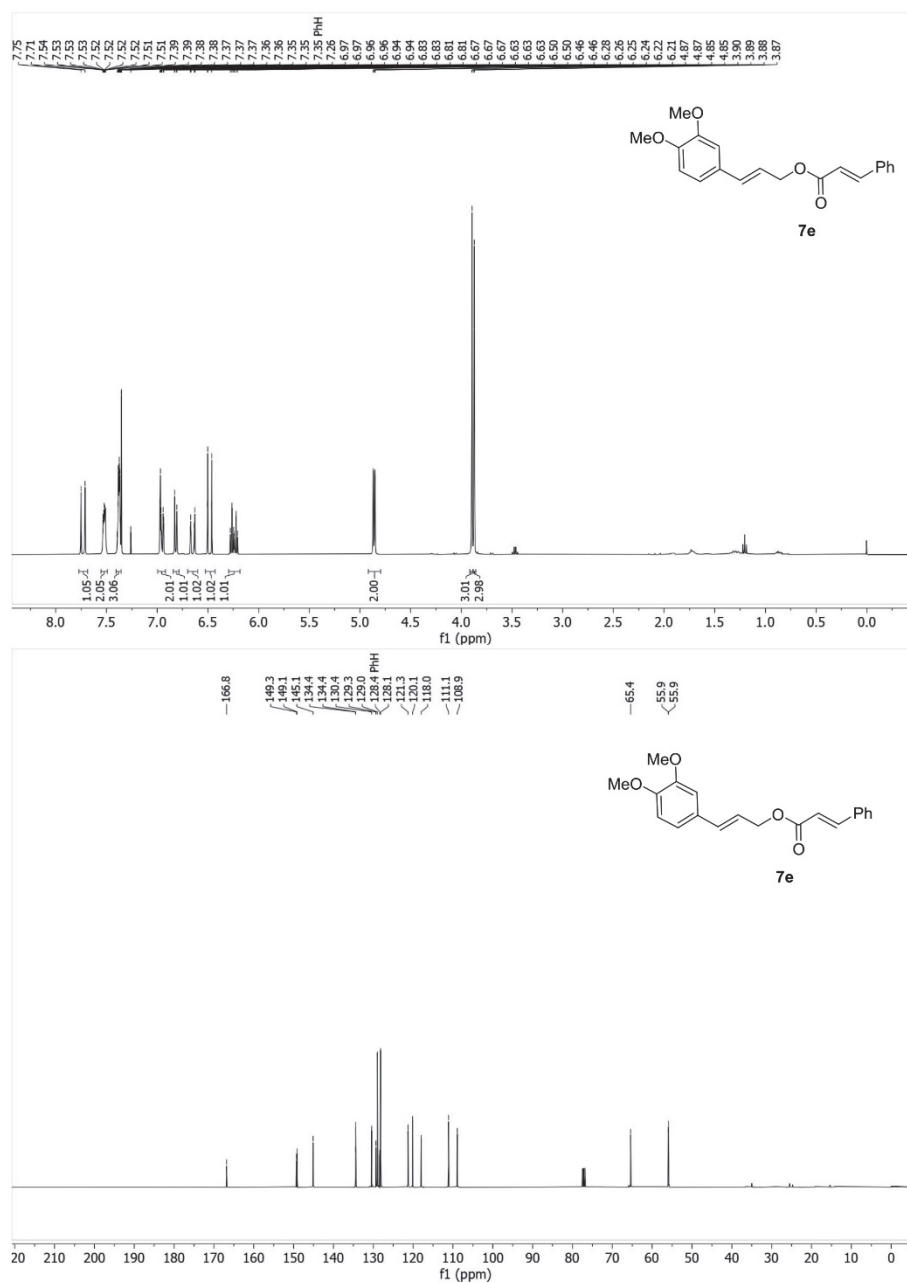


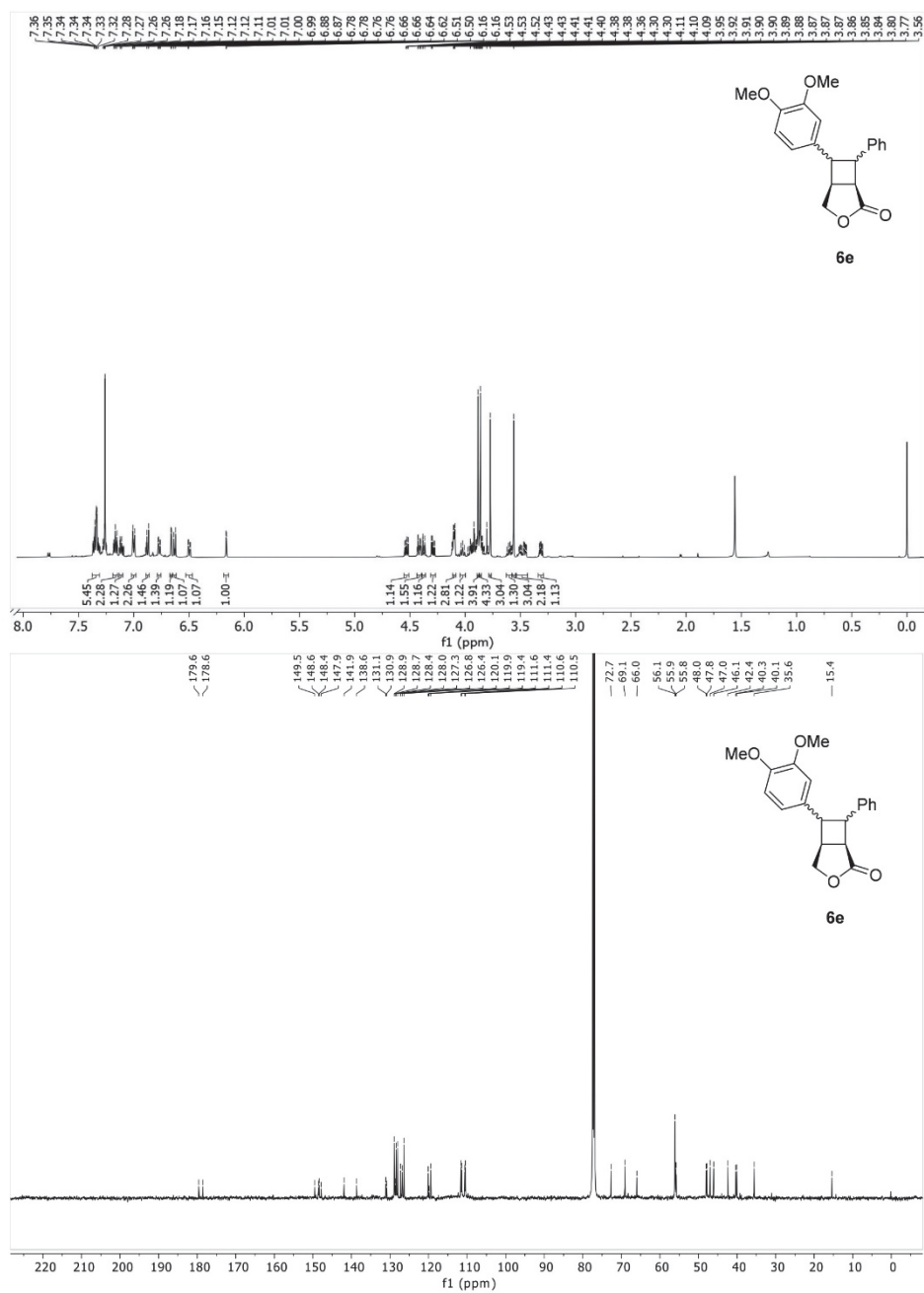


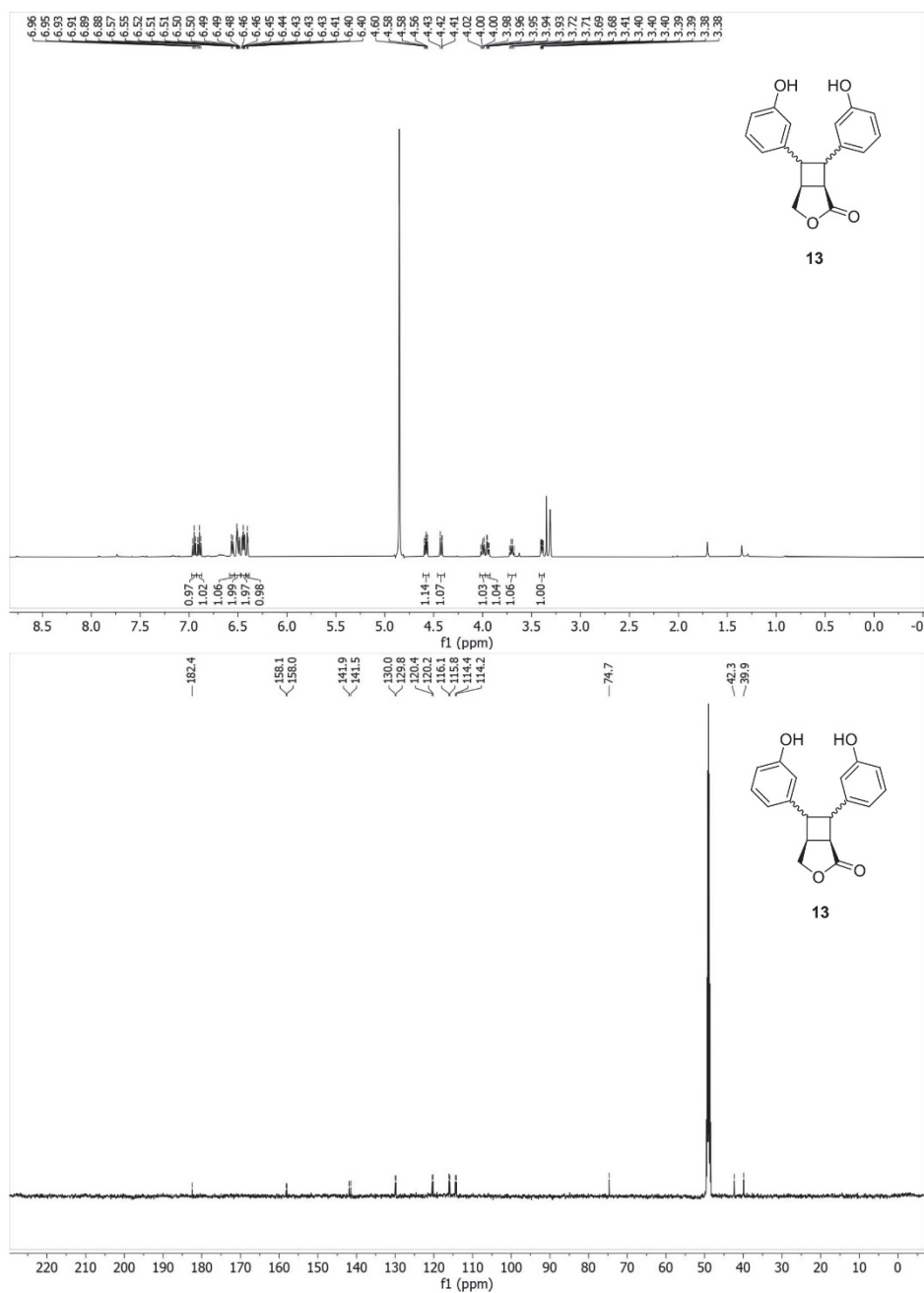


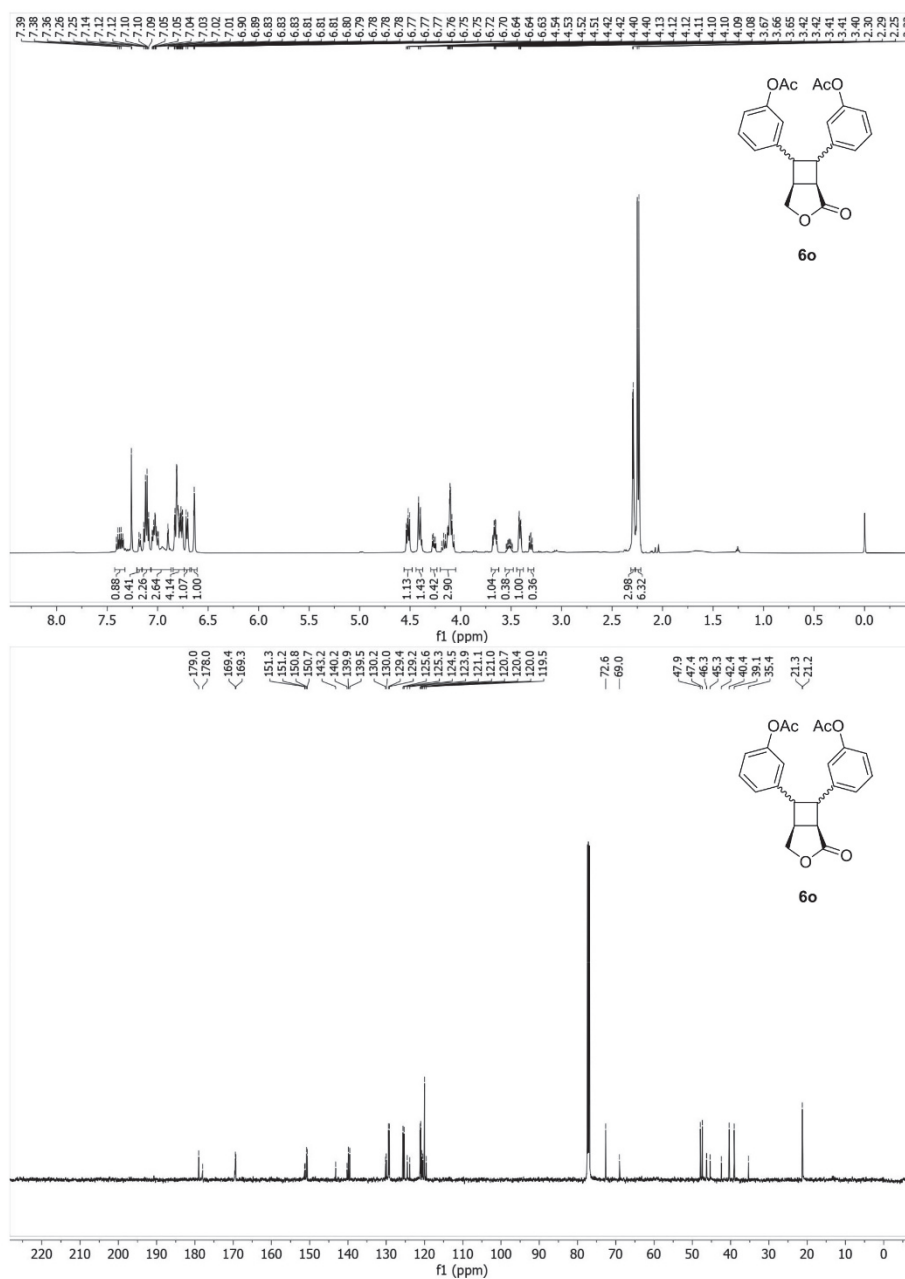












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