

# Rapid Construction of Tetralin, Chromane, and Indane Motifs via Cyclative C–H/C–H Coupling: Four-Step Total Synthesis of (±)-Russujaponol F

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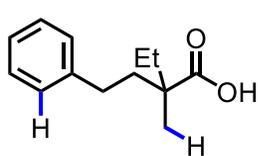
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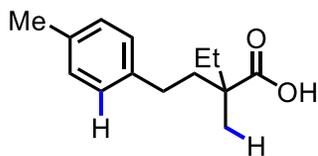
## General Information

$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ ,  $\text{LiOAc}$ ,  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ , and sodium percarbonate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot 1.5\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich.  $\text{Pd}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_4(\text{BF}_4)_2$  was purchased from Strem. 1-Fluoro-2,4,6-trimethylpyridinium tetrafluoroborate was purchased from TCI. HFIP was purchased from Oakwood. Other reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on 0.25 mm silica gel 60-F254. Visualization was carried out with short-wave UV light or  $\text{KMnO}_4$  and heat as developing agents.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-600 instrument. Chemical shifts were quoted in parts per million (ppm) referenced to 0.00 ppm for TMS. The following abbreviations (or combinations thereof) were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. Coupling constants,  $J$ , were reported in Hertz unit (Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-600 was fully decoupled by broad band proton decoupling. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm referenced to the center line of a triplet at 77.16 ppm of  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Column chromatography was performed using E. Merck silica (60, particle size 0.043–0.063 mm), and preparative thin layer chromatography (pTLC) was performed on Merck silica plates (60F-254). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Agilent Mass spectrometer using ESI-TOF (electrospray ionization-time of flight).

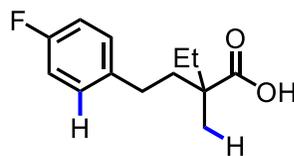
## Preparation of aliphatic acids



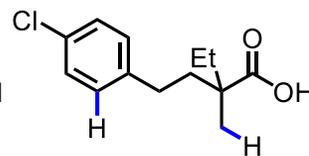
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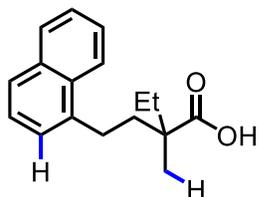
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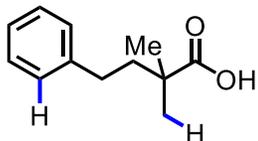
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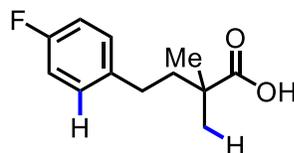
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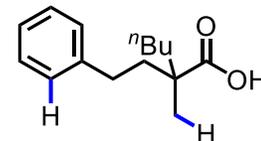
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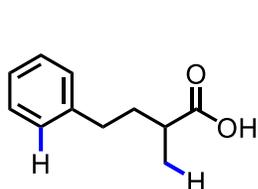
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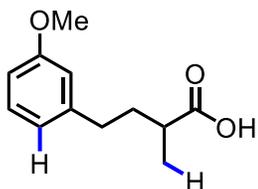
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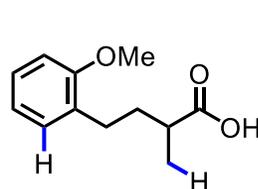
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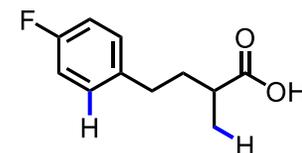
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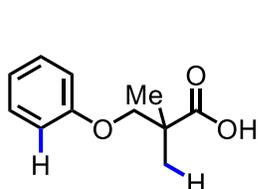
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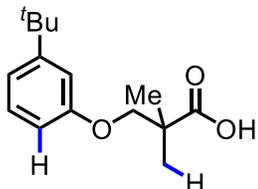
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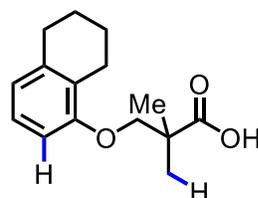
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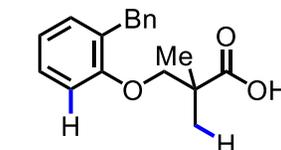
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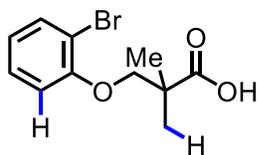
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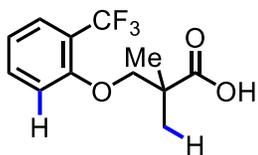
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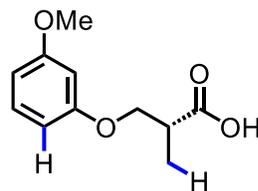
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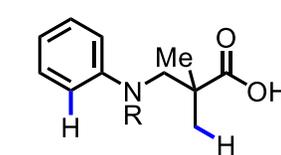
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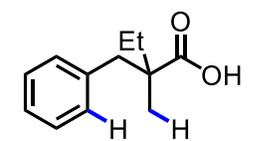
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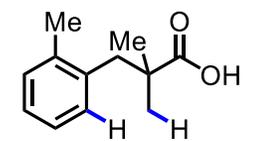
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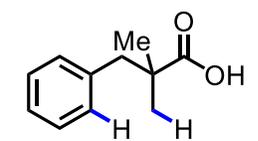
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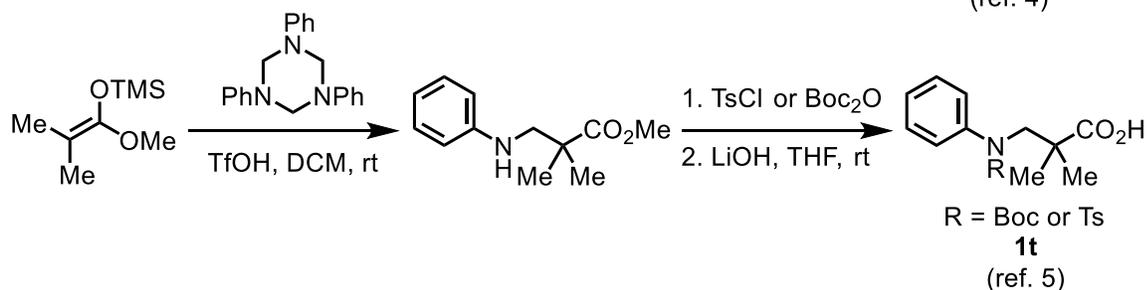
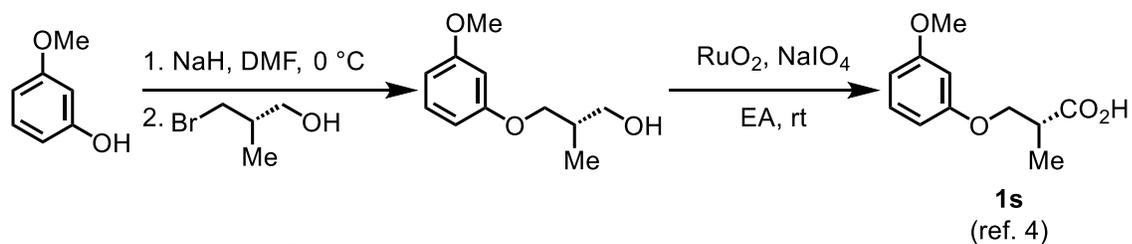
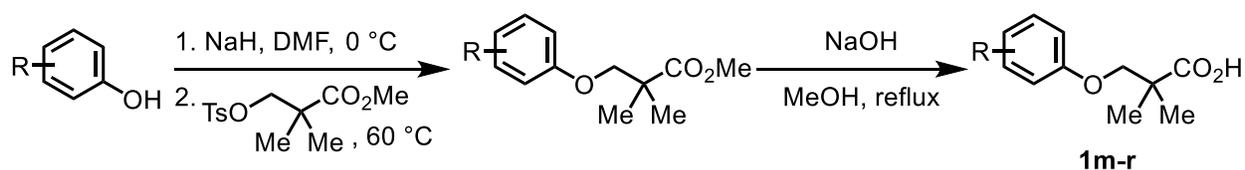
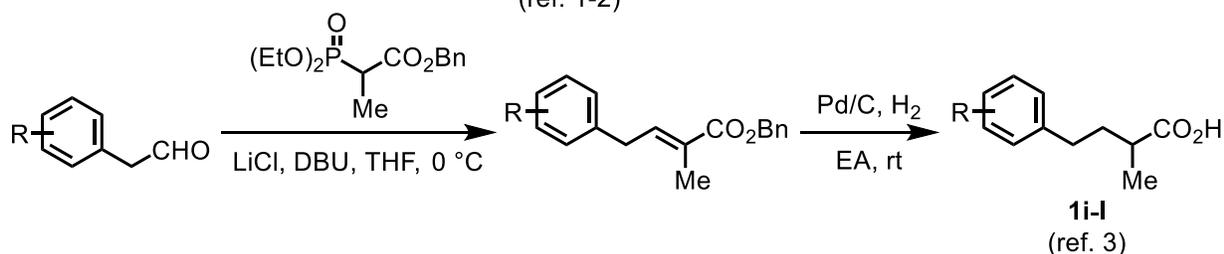
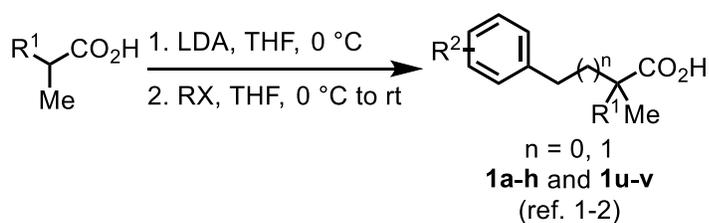
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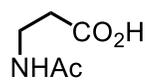


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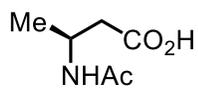


Aliphatic carboxylic acids were synthesized following literature procedures<sup>1-5</sup> (**1a-1v**) or obtained from the commercial source (**1w**).

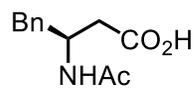
## Preparation of mono-*N*-protected $\beta$ -amino acid ligand



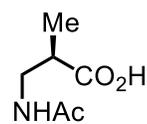
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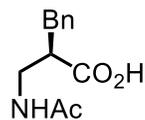
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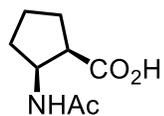
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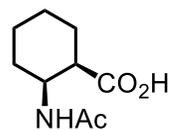
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**L8**



**(±)-L9**



**(±)-L10**

**L4–L10** were commercially available (**L4**) or synthesized following literature procedures<sup>6–9</sup> (**L5–L10**).

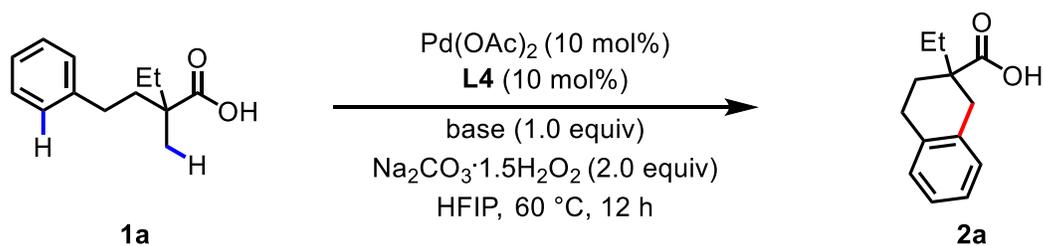
**Table S1. Oxidant investigation for the cyclative C–H/C–H coupling reaction<sup>a,b</sup>**

$\text{Pd(OAc)}_2$  (10 mol%)  
 $\text{L4}$  (10 mol%)  
 NaOAc (1.0 equiv)  
 oxidant (2.0 equiv)  
 HFIP, 60 °C, 12 h

entry	oxidant	yield (%)	entry	oxidant	yield (%)
1	w/o	0	10	CMHP	22
2	AcOO <sup>t</sup> Bu	38	11	TBHP (70% in water)	50
3	BzOO <sup>t</sup> Bu	0	12	TBHP (ca. 5.5 M in decane)	53
4	BzOOBz	0	13	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	5
5	Lauroyl peroxide	0	14	Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	0
6	<sup>t</sup> BuOO <sup>t</sup> Bu	0	15	Oxone	0
7	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> in water	0	16	Selectfluor	32
8	UHP	0	17	NFSI	0
9	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> ·1.5H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	56	18	FTMP	0

<sup>a</sup>Conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), **L4** (10 mol%), NaOAc (1.0 equiv), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>·1.5H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (2.0 equiv), HFIP (1.0 mL), 60 °C, 12 h. <sup>b</sup>The yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as the internal standard.

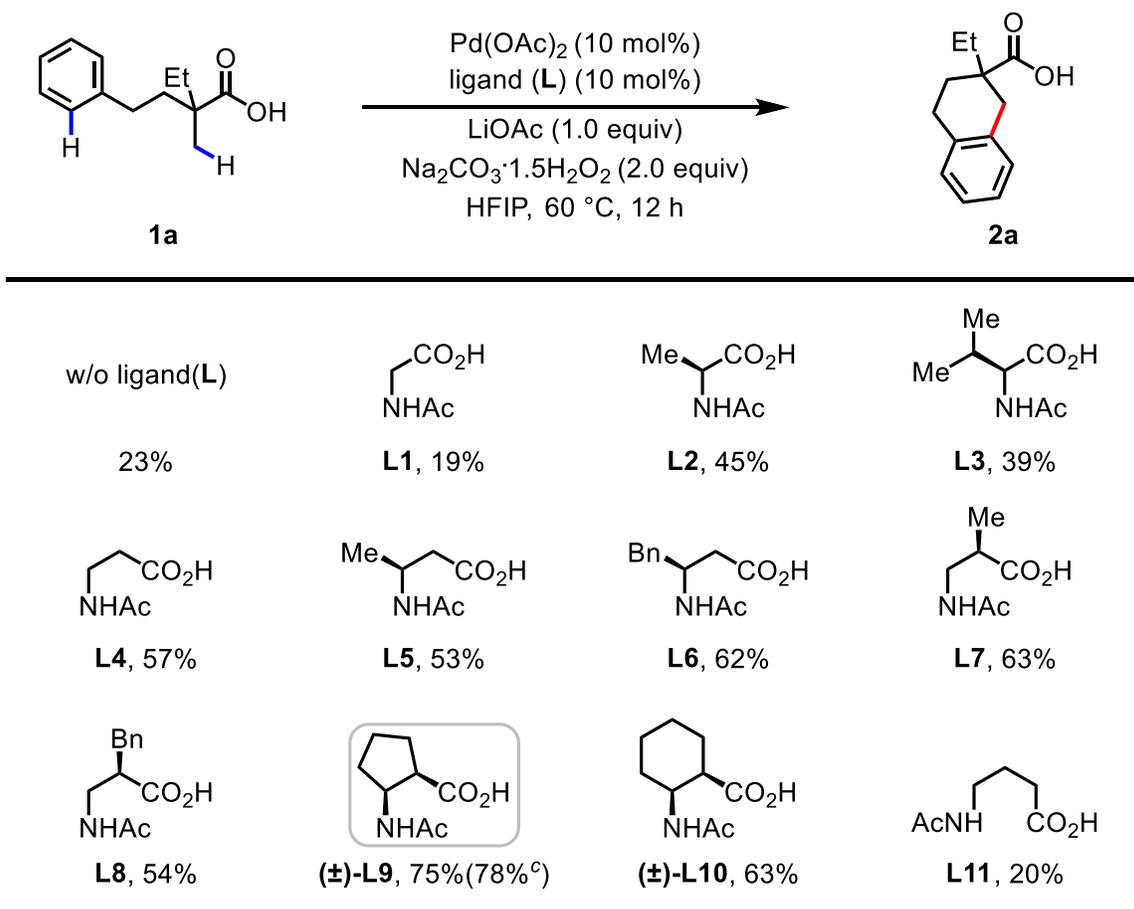
**Table S2. Base screening for the cyclative C–H/C–H coupling reaction<sup>a,b</sup>**



entry	base	yield (%)	entry	base	yield (%)
1	w/o	50	6	$\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$	49
2	$\text{NaHCO}_3$	45	7	$\text{NaOAc}$	56
3	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	44	8	$\text{LiOAc}$	57
4	$\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4$	36	9	$\text{KOAc}$	50
5	$\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$	45	10	$\text{CsOAc}$	41

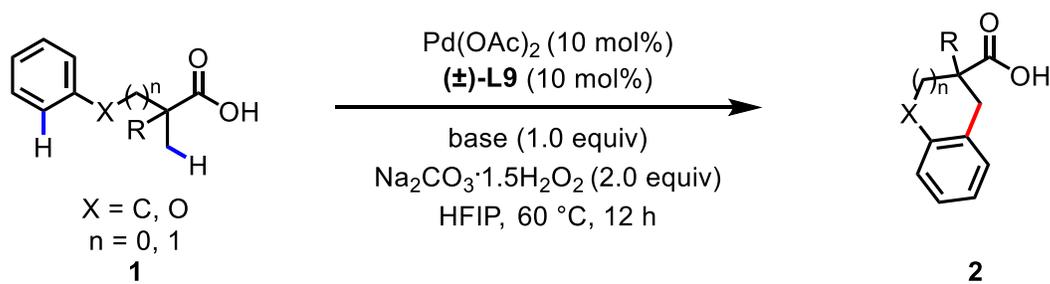
<sup>a</sup>Conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol),  $\text{Pd(OAc)}_2$  (10 mol%), **L4** (10 mol%), base (1.0 equiv),  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot 1.5\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (2.0 equiv), HFIP (1.0 mL), 60 °C, 12 h. <sup>b</sup>The yields were determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of the crude product using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$  as the internal standard. The conversions were determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of the remaining **1a**.

**Table S3. Ligand investigation for the cyclative C–H/C–H coupling reaction<sup>a,b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup>Conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), ligand (**L**) (10 mol%), LiOAc (1.0 equiv), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>·1.5H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (2.0 equiv), HFIP (1.0 mL), 60 °C, 12 h. <sup>b</sup>The yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as the internal standard. <sup>c</sup>Isolated yield.

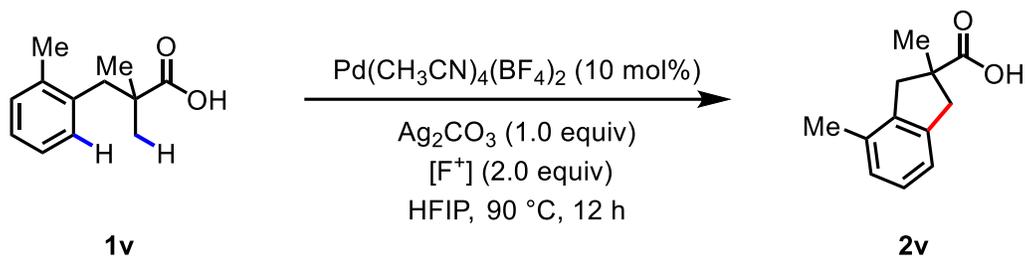
**Table S4. Comparison between LiOAc and NaOAc under the standard conditions<sup>a,b</sup>**



entry	<b>1</b>	yield using LiOAc (%)	yield using NaOAc (%)
1	<b>1a</b>	78	61
2	<b>1d</b>	58	45
3	<b>1i</b>	63	45
4	<b>1n</b>	80	77
5	<b>1u</b>	53	44

<sup>a</sup>Conditions: **1** (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), (±)-**L9** (10 mol%), base (1.0 equiv), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>·1.5H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (2.0 equiv), HFIP (1.0 mL), 60 °C, 12 h. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yields.

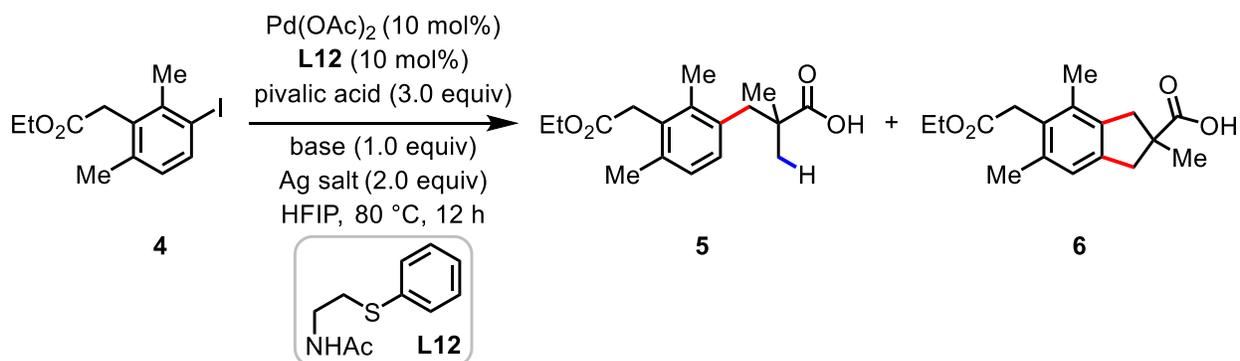
**Table S5. Conditions investigation for the cyclative C–H/C–H coupling reaction<sup>a,b</sup>**



entry	variation from standard conditions B	yield (%)
1	none	55 (61 <sup>c</sup> )
2	w/o $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$	0
3	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ instead of $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$	0
4	$\text{LiOAc}$ instead of $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$	0
5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ instead of $\text{Pd}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_4(\text{BF}_4)_2$	23
6	w/ ( $\pm$ )- <b>L9</b> (10 mol%)	34
7	standard conditions A	23

<sup>a</sup>Conditions: **1v** (0.1 mmol),  $\text{Pd}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_4(\text{BF}_4)_2$  (10 mol%),  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  (1.0 equiv),  $[\text{F}^+] = 1$ -fluoro-2,4,6-trimethylpyridinium tetrafluoroborate (2.0 equiv), HFIP (1.0 mL), 90 °C, 12 h. <sup>b</sup>The yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$  as the internal standard. <sup>c</sup>Isolated yield.

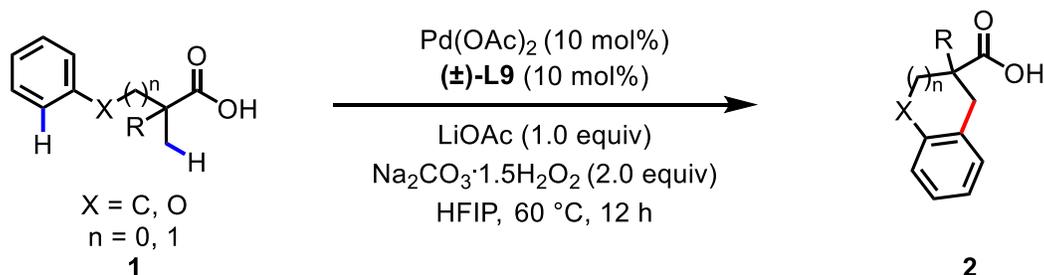
**Table S6. Base and Ag salt investigation for arylation<sup>a,b</sup>**



entry	base	Ag salt	<b>5 + 6</b> yield (%)
1	Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	52 + 4
2	Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	Ag <sub>2</sub> O	52 + 3
3	Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	AgOAc	44 + 0
4	NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	41 + 5
5	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	50 + 5
6	Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	47 + 4
7	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	46 + 2
8	NaOAc	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	65 + 5
9	LiOAc	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	64 + 8
10	KOAc	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	46 + 10
11	CsOAc	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	61(62 <sup>c</sup> ) + 12(12 <sup>c</sup> )
12	CsOAc	w/o	0
13	w/o	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	0

<sup>a</sup>Conditions: **4** (0.1 mmol), pivalic acid (3.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), **L12** (10 mol%), base (1.0 equiv), Ag salt (2.0 equiv), HFIP (1.0 mL), 80 °C, 12 h. <sup>b</sup>The yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as the internal standard. <sup>c</sup>Isolated yields.

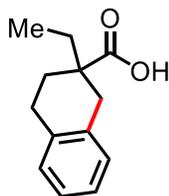
## General procedure for the cyclative C–H/C–H coupling reaction



**General Procedure A:** In the culture tube,  $\text{Pd(OAc)}_2$  (10 mol%, 2.2 mg), ligand  $(\pm)\text{-L9}$  (10 mol%, 1.7 mg), LiOAc (1.0 equiv, 6.6 mg),  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot 1.5\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (2.0 equiv, 31.4 mg), and **1** (0.1 mmol) in order were weighed in air and placed with a magnetic stir bar. Then HFIP (1.0 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 3 min, and then heated to 60 °C for 12 h (600 rpm). After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was treated with  $\text{HCO}_2\text{H}$  (0.1 mL) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by pTLC (hexane/EA with 1% AcOH) to afford the product **2**.

**General Procedure B:** In the culture tube,  $\text{Pd}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_4(\text{BF}_4)_2$  (10 mol%, 4.4 mg),  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  (1.0 equiv, 27.4 mg), 1-fluoro-2,4,6-trimethylpyridinium tetrafluoroborate (2.0 equiv, 45.4 mg), and **1** (0.1 mmol) in order were weighed in air and placed with a magnetic stir bar. Then HFIP (1.0 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 3 min, and then heated to 90 °C for 12 h (600 rpm). After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was treated with  $\text{HCO}_2\text{H}$  (0.1 mL), diluted with DCM, filtered through a Celite plug, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by pTLC (hexane/EA with 1% AcOH) to afford the product **2**.

### Substrate scope of the cyclative C–H/C–H coupling reaction



#### 2-Ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid (2a)

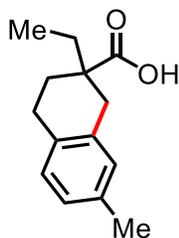
Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 16.0 mg, 78% yield).

Following **General Procedure A** on 2.0 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (282.0 mg, 69% yield).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.14 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 3.22 (d,  $J = 16.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.92 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.83 – 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.67 (d,  $J = 16.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.85 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.79 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 0.94 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  182.5, 135.5, 134.9, 129.3, 128.8, 126.0, 125.9, 46.0, 36.6, 31.1, 30.1, 26.3, 8.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 203.1078; found: 203.1072.



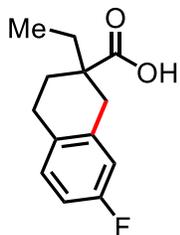
#### 2-Ethyl-7-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid (2b)

Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 16.5 mg, 76% yield).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.00 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.93 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 3.17 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.87 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.78 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.63 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.18 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.59 (m, 1H), 0.93 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (major and minor rotamers)  $\delta$  182.8, 135.6, 135.6, 135.5, 134.8, 132.6, 132.0, 130.1, 129.6, 129.4, 128.9, 127.1, 127.0, 46.3, 46.2, 36.8, 36.5, 31.3, 31.3, 30.5, 30.3, 26.4, 26.1, 21.3, 9.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 217.1234; found: 217.1232.



### 2-Ethyl-7-fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid (2c)

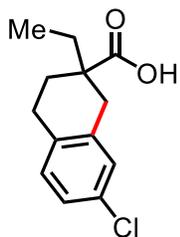
Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 13.0 mg, 59% yield).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.06 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.84 – 6.73 (m, 2H), 3.24 – 3.12 (m, 1H), 2.90 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.68 – 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.20 – 2.11 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 0.98 – 0.90 (m, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (major rotamer)  $\delta$  182.2, 161.2 (d,  $J = 243.4$  Hz), 136.9 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 130.9 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 115.0 (d,  $J = 20.4$  Hz), 113.1 (d,  $J = 21.3$  Hz), 45.8, 36.6, 31.3, 30.3, 25.7, 8.9.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (minor rotamer)  $\delta$  182.3, 161.2 (d,  $J = 243.4$  Hz), 137.4 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 130.5 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 130.4 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 115.4 (d,  $J = 20.8$  Hz), 115.2 (d,  $J = 21.0$  Hz), 46.1, 36.0, 31.2, 29.8, 26.5, 8.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{FO}_2^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 221.0983; found: 221.0990.



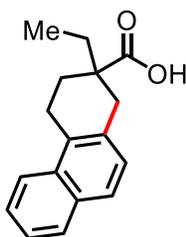
### 7-Chloro-2-ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid (2d)

Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 13.8 mg, 58% yield).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.11 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 3.25 – 3.13 (m, 1H), 2.91 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.71 – 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.21 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 0.94 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (major and minor rotamers)  $\delta$  182.0, 182.0, 137.3, 136.8, 133.9, 133.4, 131.4, 131.4, 130.6, 130.1, 129.0, 128.6, 126.1, 126.1, 46.0, 45.8, 36.4, 36.1, 31.3, 31.3, 30.1, 29.9, 26.3, 25.8, 8.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $C_{13}H_{14}ClO_2^-$  [M-H]<sup>-</sup>: 237.0688; found: 237.0684.



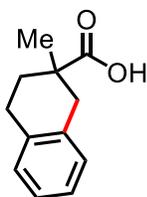
### 2-Ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrophenanthrene-2-carboxylic acid (2e)

Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 11.5 mg, 45% yield, *ortho/peri* = 10/1).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (*ortho*-product) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 3.25 – 3.13 (m, 2H), 2.84 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 2.39 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (*ortho*-product) δ 182.5, 132.3, 132.2, 132.1, 130.1, 128.6, 128.2, 126.3, 126.1, 125.0, 123.0, 45.7, 37.5, 30.9, 29.8, 23.2, 9.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $C_{17}H_{17}O_2^-$  [M-H]<sup>-</sup>: 253.1234; found: 253.1230.



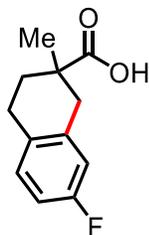
### 2-Methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid (2f)

Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 12.5 mg, 66% yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.17 – 7.02 (m, 4H), 3.24 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.95 – 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.87 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.67 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.85 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.32 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 182.7, 135.1, 134.7, 129.4, 128.9, 126.0, 126.0, 41.6, 38.5, 31.8, 26.2, 24.4.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{13}O_2^-$  [M-H]<sup>-</sup>: 189.0921; found: 189.0919.



### 7-Fluoro-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid (2g)

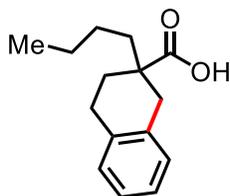
Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 11.0 mg, 53% yield).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.06 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.84 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 3.26 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.93 – 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.67 – 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.22 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.31 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (major rotamer)  $\delta$  183.1, 161.2 (d,  $J = 243.6$  Hz), 136.7 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz), 130.5 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 115.4 (d,  $J = 20.8$  Hz), 113.2 (d,  $J = 21.1$  Hz), 41.5, 38.5, 31.9, 25.6, 24.5.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (minor rotamer)  $\delta$  183.2, 161.2 (d,  $J = 243.6$  Hz), 137.0 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 130.6 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 115.0 (d,  $J = 20.5$  Hz), 113.1 (d,  $J = 21.3$  Hz), 41.7, 37.8, 31.5, 26.5, 24.5.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{FO}_2^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 207.0827; found: 207.0825.



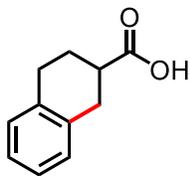
### 2-Butyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid (2h)

Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 16.5 mg, 71% yield).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.13 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 3.22 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.91 – 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.82 – 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.69 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.63 – 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.23 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  181.4, 135.3, 134.7, 129.1, 128.6, 125.7, 125.7, 45.3, 37.9, 37.0, 30.2, 26.5, 26.1, 23.0, 13.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 231.1391; found: 231.1390.



### 1,2,3,4-Tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid (2i)

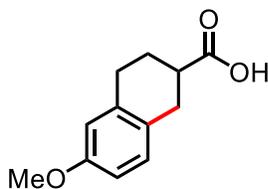
Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 11.0 mg, 63% yield).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.18 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 3.10 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.95 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.84 – 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.29 – 2.22 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 1.85 (m, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  181.7, 135.7, 134.7, 129.2, 129.0, 126.2, 126.0, 39.9, 31.5, 28.5, 25.8.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 175.0765; found: 175.0757.

The NMR data matches the reported data<sup>11</sup>.



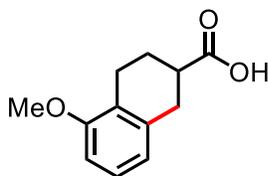
### 6-Methoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid (2j)

Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 10.2 mg, 50% yield).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.02 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.04 – 2.91 (m, 2H), 2.91 – 2.81 (m, 2H), 2.81 – 2.73 (m, 1H), 2.27 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.93 – 1.82 (m, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  181.2, 157.9, 136.8, 130.1, 126.8, 113.6, 112.4, 55.4, 40.1, 30.7, 28.8, 25.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 205.0870; found: 205.0869.



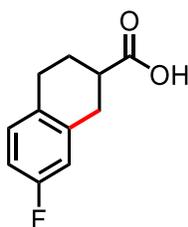
### 5-Methoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid (2k)

Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 7.3 mg, 35% yield).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.10 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.18 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 2.93 – 2.80 (m, 2H), 2.79 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.25 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.78 (m, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  179.1, 157.5, 137.1, 126.4, 123.7, 121.1, 107.2, 55.4, 39.4, 28.7, 25.6, 25.4.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 205.0870; found: 205.0869.



### 7-Fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid (2l)

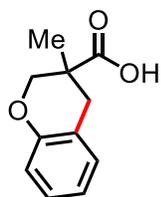
Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 10.1 mg, 52% yield).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.12 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.90 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 3.09 – 2.93 (m, 2H), 2.93 – 2.75 (m, 3H), 2.29 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.96 – 1.84 (m, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (major rotamer)  $\delta$  180.7, 161.2 (d,  $J = 243.7$  Hz), 136.6 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz), 131.2 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 130.3 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 115.3 (d,  $J = 20.6$  Hz), 113.3 (d,  $J = 21.4$  Hz), 39.5, 31.4, 27.8, 25.8.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (minor rotamer)  $\delta$  180.8, 161.3 (d,  $J = 244.2$  Hz), 137.6 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz), 130.5 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 115.1 (d,  $J = 20.7$  Hz), 113.2 (d,  $J = 21.1$  Hz), 39.7, 30.8, 28.6, 25.4.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{FO}_2^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 193.0670; found: 193.0666.



### 3-Methylchromane-3-carboxylic acid (2m)

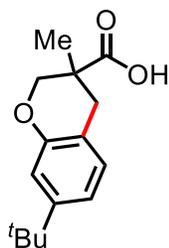
Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 13.0 mg, 68% yield).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.15 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd,  $J = 10.8, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.95 (d,  $J = 10.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.70 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  180.7, 153.5, 130.0, 127.7, 121.1, 120.1, 116.8, 71.0, 40.8, 34.5, 21.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_3^-$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ : 191.0714; found: 191.0713.

The NMR data matches the reported data<sup>12</sup>.



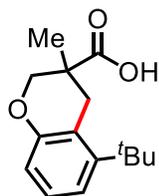
### 7-(*tert*-Butyl)-3-methylchromane-3-carboxylic acid (**2n**)

Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 20.0 mg, 80% yield, **2n/2n'** = 3/1).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.99 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd,  $J = 10.8, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dd,  $J = 10.8, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d,  $J = 16.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.66 (d,  $J = 16.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 9H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  180.8, 153.0, 151.2, 129.4, 118.4, 117.0, 113.7, 71.0, 40.9, 34.6, 34.1, 31.4, 21.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3^-$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ : 247.1340; found: 247.1339.

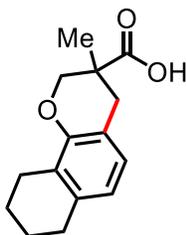


### 5-(*tert*-Butyl)-3-methylchromane-3-carboxylic acid (**2n'**)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.05 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.35 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  180.9, 154.0, 149.4, 127.1, 119.0, 118.9, 115.6, 70.4, 40.8, 36.2, 34.9, 31.2, 21.5.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $C_{15}H_{19}O_3^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 247.1340; found: 247.1337.



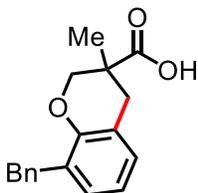
### 3-Methyl-3,4,7,8,9,10-hexahydro-2H-benzo[h]chromene-3-carboxylic acid (2o)

Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 21.0 mg, 85% yield).

$^1H$  NMR (600 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  6.81 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d,  $J = 10.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d,  $J = 10.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d,  $J = 16.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.70 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.65 (d,  $J = 16.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.64 – 2.58 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.69 (m, 4H), 1.33 (s, 3H).

$^{13}C$  NMR (150 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  181.2, 151.1, 136.7, 126.5, 125.4, 121.6, 116.2, 70.9, 40.7, 34.5, 29.6, 23.1, 23.0, 22.9, 21.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $C_{15}H_{17}O_3^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 245.1183; found: 245.1183.



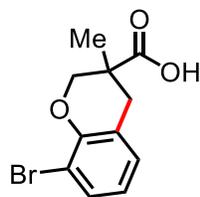
### 8-Benzyl-3-methylchromane-3-carboxylic acid (2p)

Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 20.0 mg, 70% yield).

$^1H$  NMR (600 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.27 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d,  $J = 10.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.03 – 3.88 (m, 3H), 3.28 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.71 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 3H).

$^{13}C$  NMR (150 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  180.5, 151.2, 141.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 125.9, 120.7, 119.9, 71.0, 40.7, 35.7, 34.7, 21.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{17}O_3^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 281.1183; found: 281.1184.



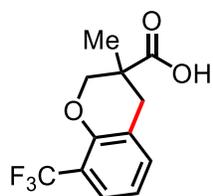
### 8-Bromo-3-methylchromane-3-carboxylic acid (2q)

Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 8.5 mg, 31% yield).

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.36 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d,  $J = 10.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d,  $J = 10.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.72 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.36 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  179.8, 150.1, 131.5, 129.2, 121.9, 110.9, 71.7, 40.7, 34.6, 21.0 (1 carbon signal was not assigned due to overlaps).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrO}_3^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 268.9819; found: 268.9820.



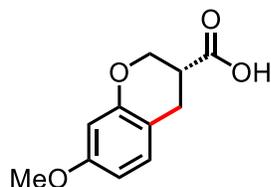
### 3-Methyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)chromane-3-carboxylic acid (2r)

Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 4.5 mg, 17% yield).

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d,  $J = 10.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d,  $J = 10.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.31 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  179.5, 151.6, 133.8, 125.4 (q,  $J = 5.4$  Hz), 123.7 (q,  $J = 272.3$  Hz), 121.6, 120.2, 118.2 (q,  $J = 30.9$  Hz), 71.2, 40.3, 34.3, 21.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 259.0588; found: 259.0587.



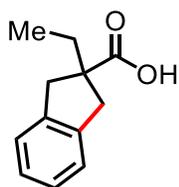
### (R)-7-Methoxychromane-3-carboxylic acid (2s)

Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 15.0 mg, 72% yield).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.98 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.40 (m, 1H), 4.21 – 4.14 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.10 – 3.04 (m, 1H), 3.03 – 2.96 (m, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.8, 159.4, 154.8, 130.3, 112.1, 108.1, 101.7, 66.3, 55.5, 38.4, 26.8.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_4^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 207.0663; found: 207.0660.



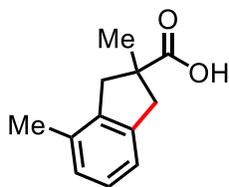
### 2-Ethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylic acid (2u)

Following **General Procedure A** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 10.0 mg, 53% yield).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.21 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 3.48 (d,  $J = 16.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.92 (d,  $J = 16.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.83 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  182.3, 141.4, 126.7, 124.6, 54.7, 41.8, 31.5, 10.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 189.0921; found: 189.0918.



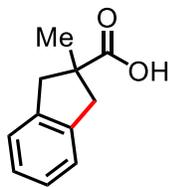
### 2,4-Dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylic acid (2v)

Following **General Procedure B** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 11.5 mg, 61% yield).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.08 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.86 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.80 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  184.2, 141.0, 140.0, 134.2, 127.6, 127.0, 122.1, 49.0, 44.2, 42.8, 25.4, 19.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 189.0921; found: 189.0915.



**2-Methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylic acid (2w)**

Following **General Procedure B** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 8.0 mg, 48% yield).

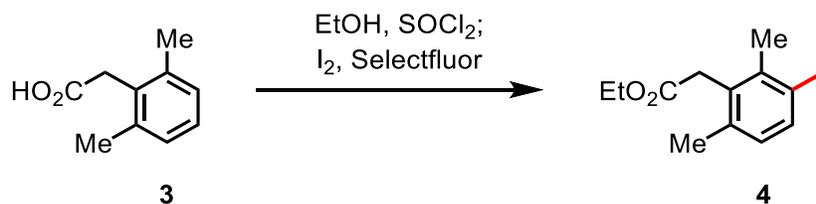
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.23 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 3.52 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.85 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.41 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  182.5, 141.2, 126.8, 124.8, 49.5, 44.0, 25.0.

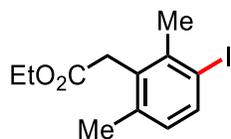
HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 175.0765; found: 175.0762.

The NMR data matches the reported data<sup>13</sup>.

### Total synthesis of (±)-russujaponol F



To the EtOH (5.0 mL) solution of **3** (1.0 mmol, 164 mg) was added  $\text{SOCl}_2$  (2.0 equiv, 0.15 mL) at 0 °C and then the mixture was stirred under reflux overnight. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the corresponding ethyl ester. Following literature procedure<sup>10</sup> with slight modification, to the  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution (10.0 mL) of the ethyl ester was added  $\text{I}_2$  (0.5 equiv, 127 mg) and Selectfluor (0.5 equiv, 177 mg) and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 3 h. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with EA, washed with saturated  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ , and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography to afford the iodination product **4** (250 mg, 79% yield).

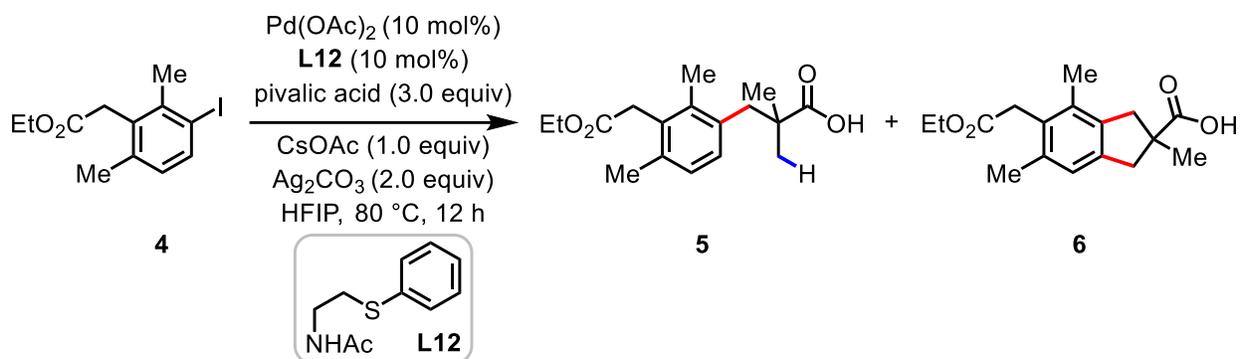


#### Ethyl 2-(3-iodo-2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetate (**4**)

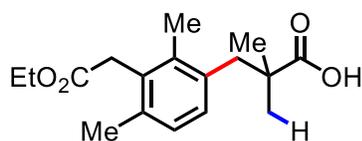
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.65 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.0, 139.9, 138.1, 137.8, 133.0, 129.8, 99.7, 61.1, 37.1, 26.0, 20.5, 14.3.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{IO}_2^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 319.0189; found: 319.0196.



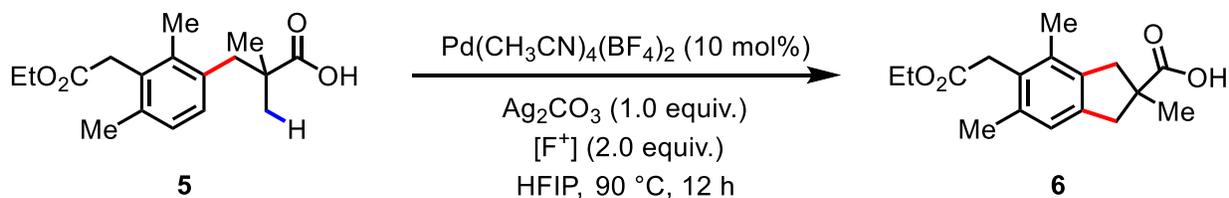
In the culture tube,  $\text{Pd(OAc)}_2$  (10 mol%, 2.2 mg), ligand **L12** (10 mol%, 2.0 mg),  $\text{CsOAc}$  (1.0 equiv, 19.2 mg),  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  (2.0 equiv, 55.1 mg), pivalic acid (3.0 equiv, 30.6 mg) and **4** (0.1 mmol, 31.8 mg) in order were weighed in air and placed with a magnetic stir bar. Then HFIP (1.0 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 3 min, and then heated to 80 °C for 12 h (600 rpm). After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was treated with  $\text{HCO}_2\text{H}$  (0.1 mL), diluted with DCM, filtered through a Celite plug, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by pTLC (hexane/EA) to afford the arylation product **5** (18.0 mg, 62% yield) and the product **6** (3.5 mg, 12% yield).



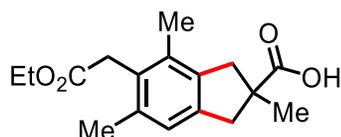
### 3-(3-(2-Ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2,4-dimethylphenyl)-2,2-dimethylpropanoic acid (**5**)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.99 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 2.99 (s, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H), 1.19 (s, 6H).  
 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  183.1, 171.6, 136.5, 135.7, 134.0, 132.5, 130.1, 127.5, 60.9, 44.1, 42.3, 36.2, 27.3, 24.7, 20.7, 17.0, 14.4.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4^-$  [M-H] $^-$ : 291.1602; found: 291.1605.



In the culture tube,  $\text{Pd}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_4(\text{BF}_4)_2$  (10 mol%, 2.2 mg),  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  (1.0 equiv, 13.8 mg), 1-fluoro-2,4,6-trimethylpyridinium tetrafluoroborate (2.0 equiv, 22.7 mg), and **5** (0.05 mmol, 14.6 mg) in order were weighed in air and placed with a magnetic stir bar. Then HFIP (0.5 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 3 min, and then heated to 90 °C for 12 h (600 rpm). After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was treated with  $\text{HCO}_2\text{H}$  (0.05 mL), diluted with DCM, filtered through a Celite plug, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by pTLC (hexane/EA) to afford the product **6** (6.0 mg, 41% yield).

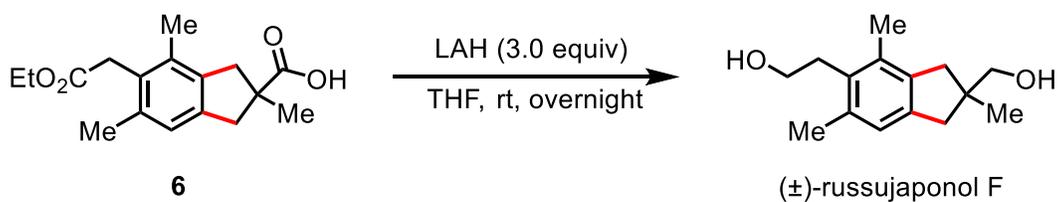


**5-(2-Ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2,4,6-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylic acid (6)**

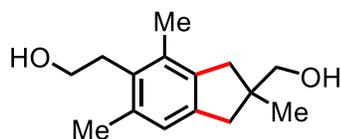
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.90 (s, 1H), 4.14 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 2H), 3.49 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.44 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.81 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.80 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  181.9, 171.7, 139.7, 138.3, 136.0, 133.3, 130.0, 124.1, 60.9, 48.8, 44.2, 43.5, 35.4, 25.5, 20.8, 16.5, 14.4.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4^-$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ : 289.1445; found: 289.1447.



In the culture tube, to the THF (1.0 mL) solution of **6** (0.02 mmol, 6.0 mg) was added LAH (3.0 equiv, 1.0 M in THF, 0.06 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to rt and stirred at rt overnight. The mixture was diluted with ether, washed with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by pTLC (hexane/EA) to afford the (±)-russujaponol F (4.5 mg, 96% yield). The NMR data matches the reported data<sup>14,15</sup>.



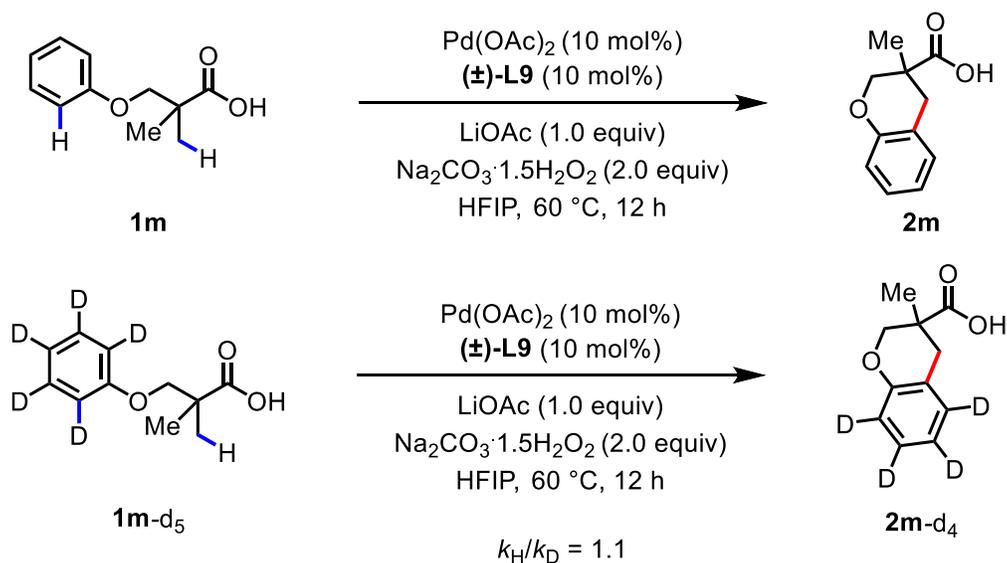
**(±)-Russujaponol F**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.87 (s, 1H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (s, 2H), 2.95 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), δ 2.88 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.3, 139.8, 135.4, 133.2, 132.3, 124.4, 71.1, 62.1, 44.3, 43.1, 42.4, 32.9, 24.6, 20.6, 16.3.

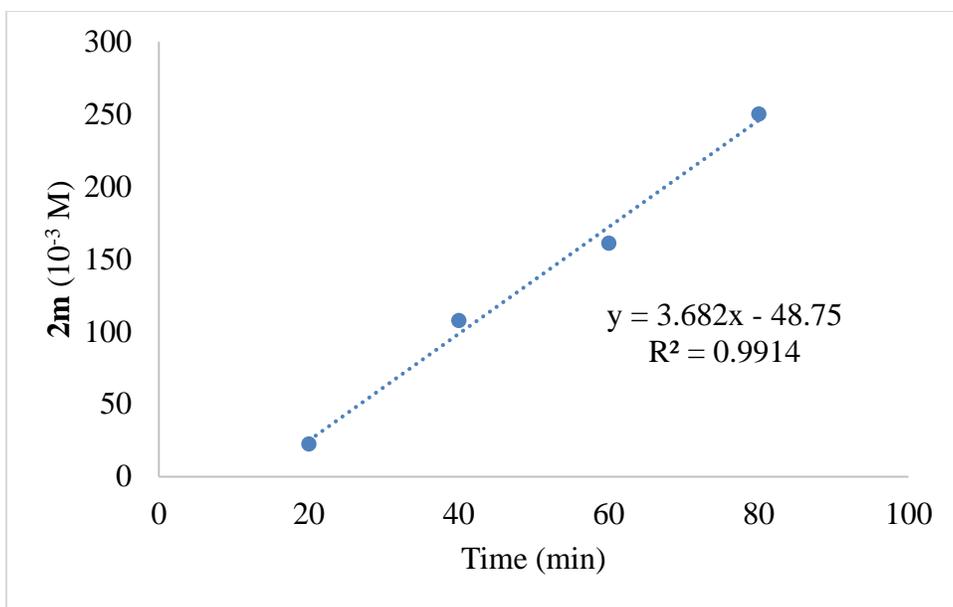
HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> [M-H]<sup>-</sup>: 233.1547; found: 233.1544.

## KIE experiments

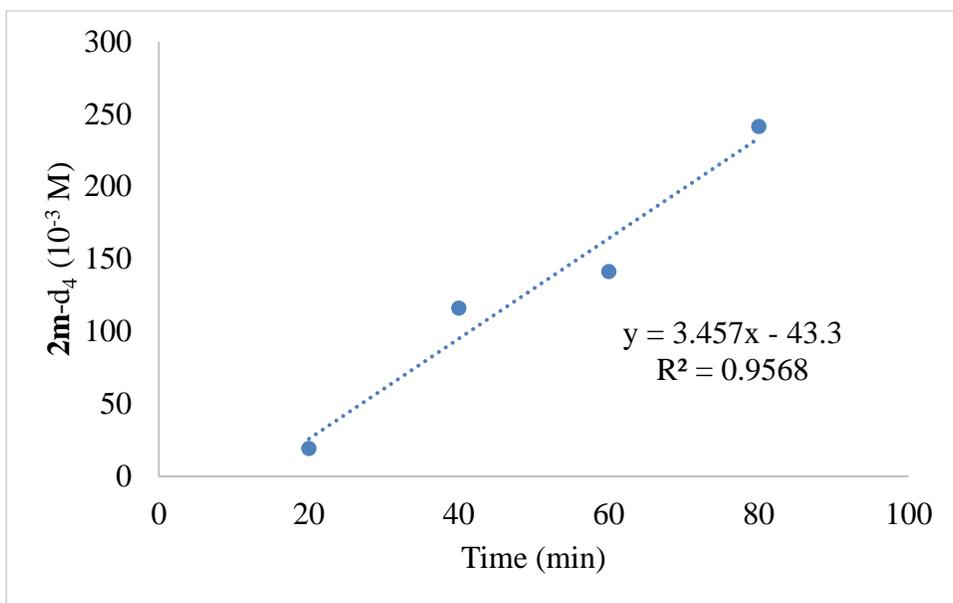


Following **General Procedure A** on 0.05 mmol scale. After being heated to 60 °C for the appropriate time, the mixture was diluted with DCM, treated with HCO<sub>2</sub>H (0.1 mL), and concentrated *in vacuo*. The yield was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as the internal standard. The obtained yields were plotted as concentration vs. time (Figure S1 and S2). Representative initial data are shown below:

entry	t(min)	<b>2m</b> (10 <sup>-3</sup> M)	<b>2m-d<sub>4</sub></b> (10 <sup>-3</sup> M)
1	0	0.0	0.0
2	20	22.5	19.3
3	40	107.7	116.2
4	60	161.0	141.3
5	80	250.2	241.4



**Figure S1.** Representative initial data of **2m**

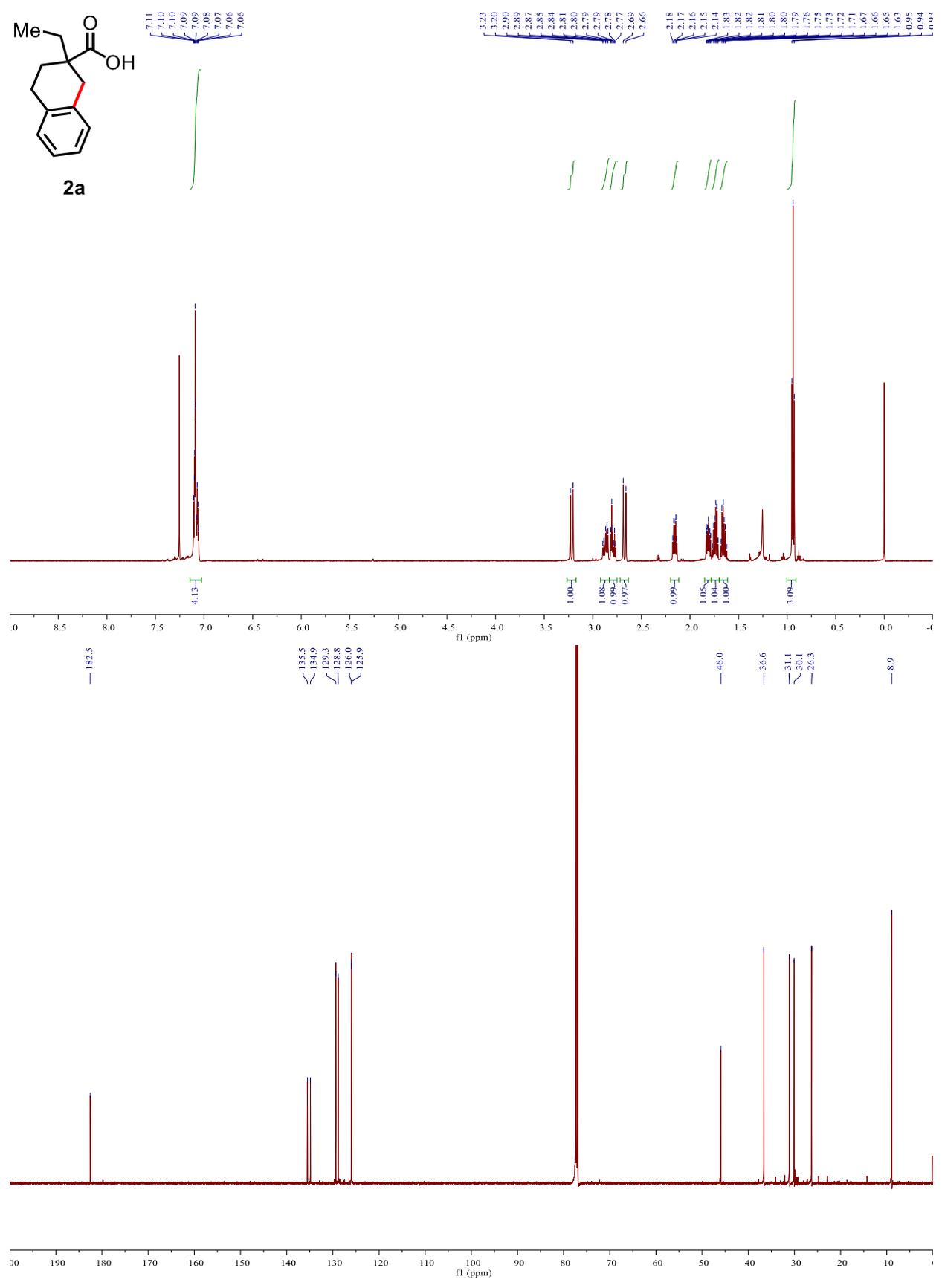
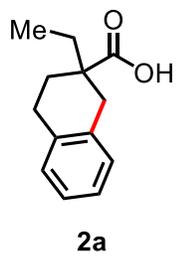


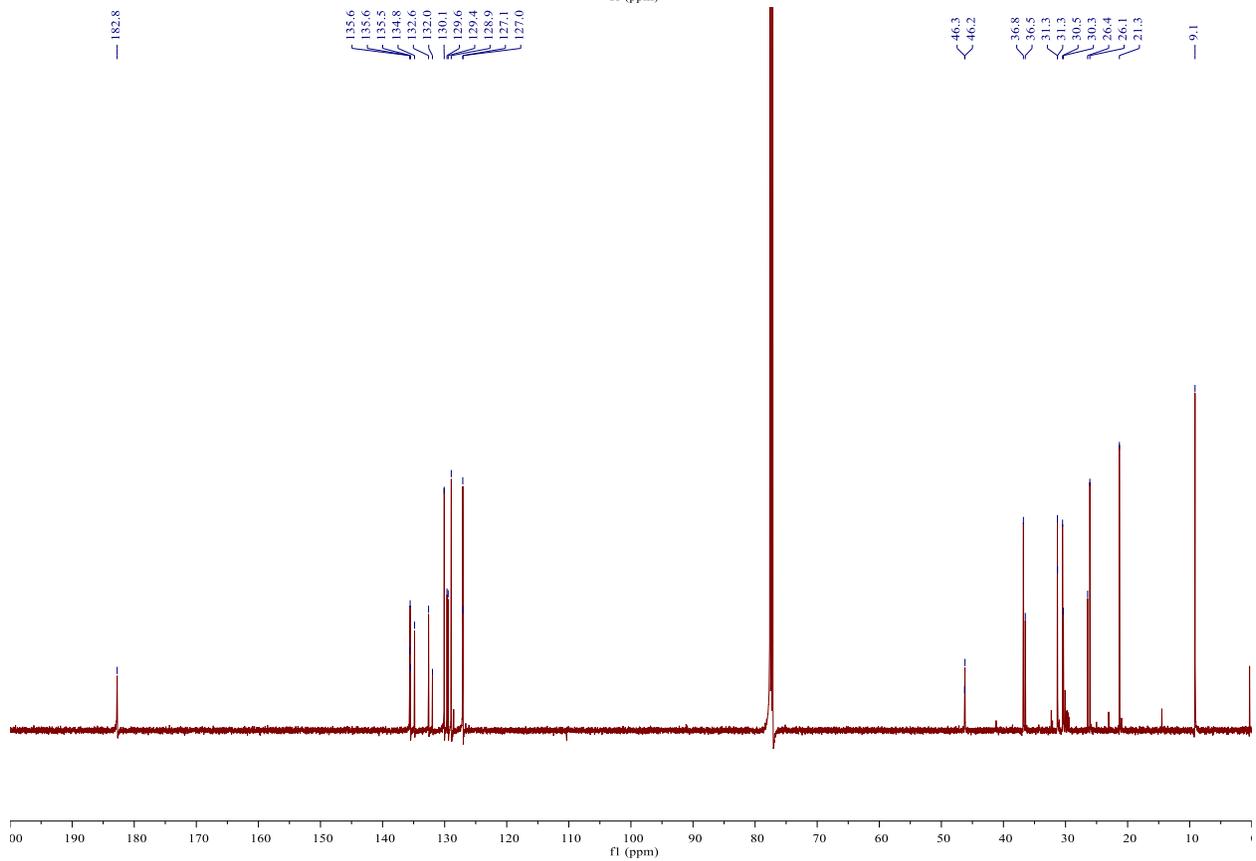
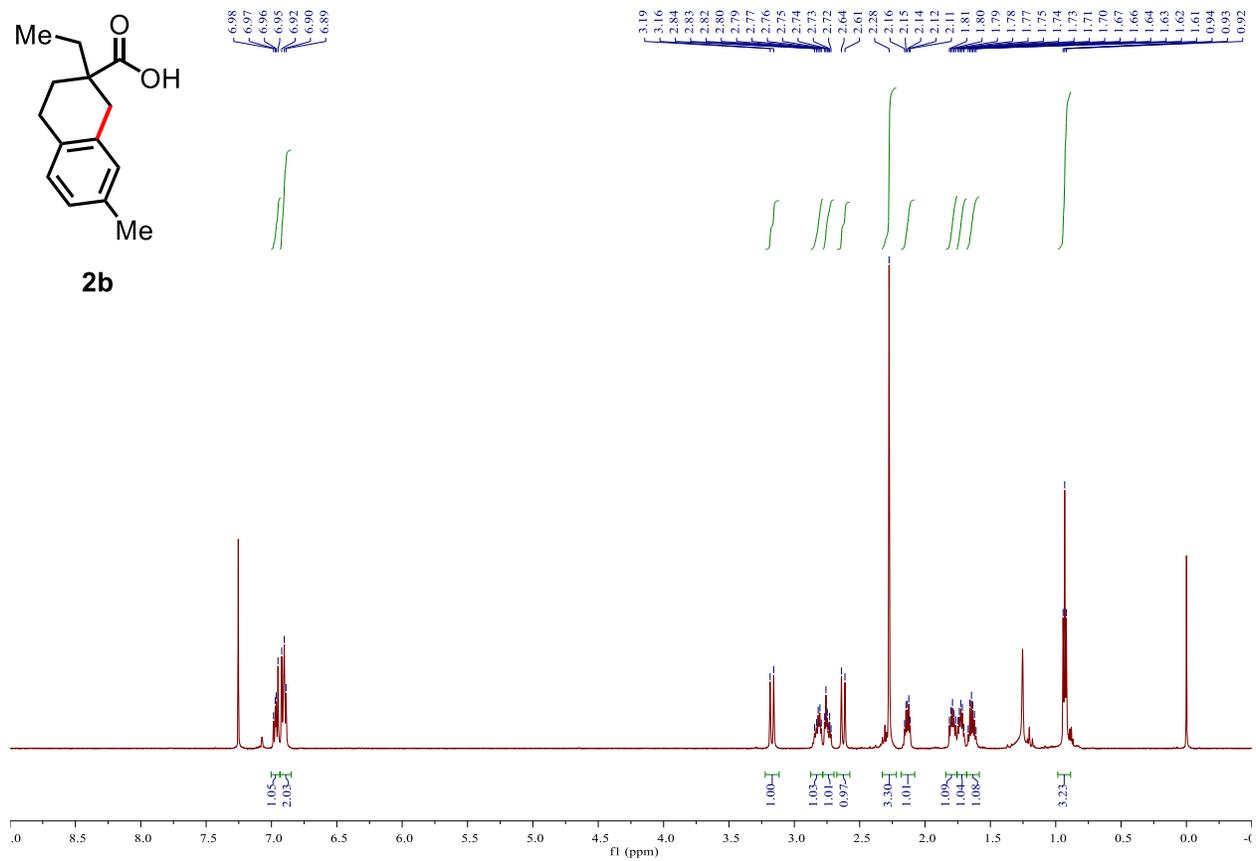
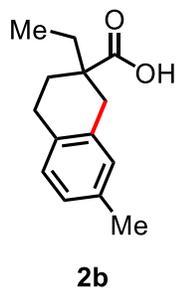
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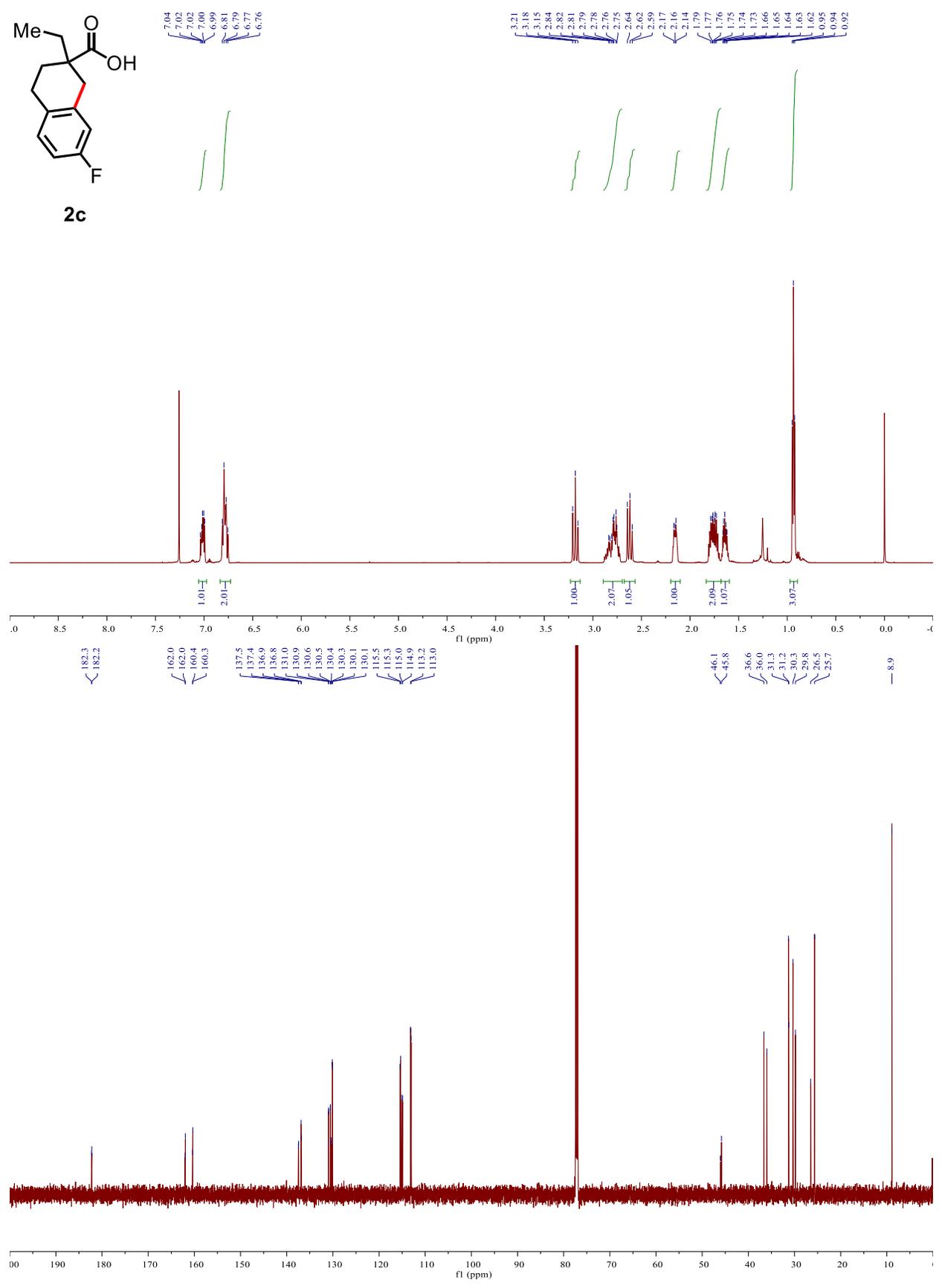
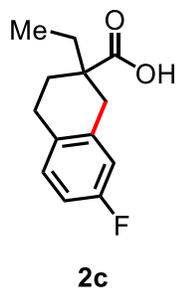
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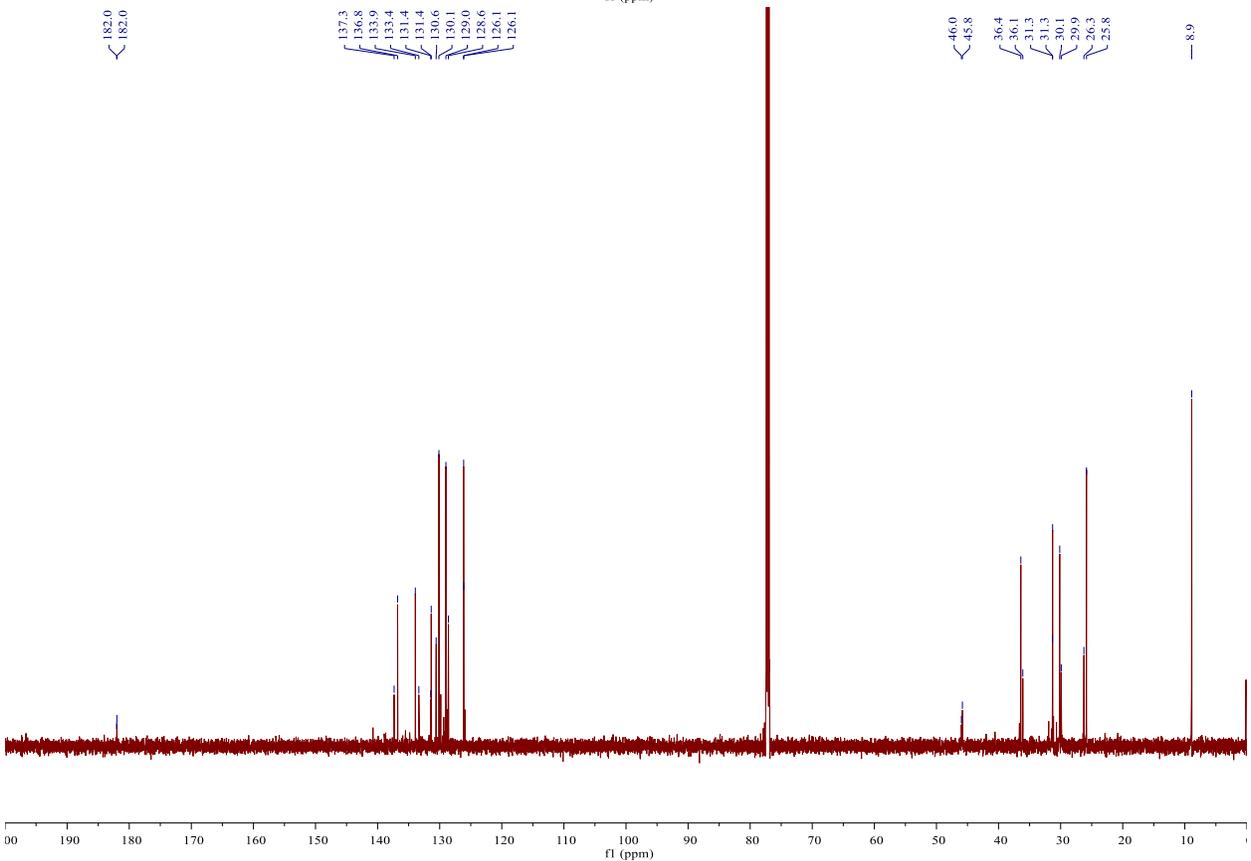
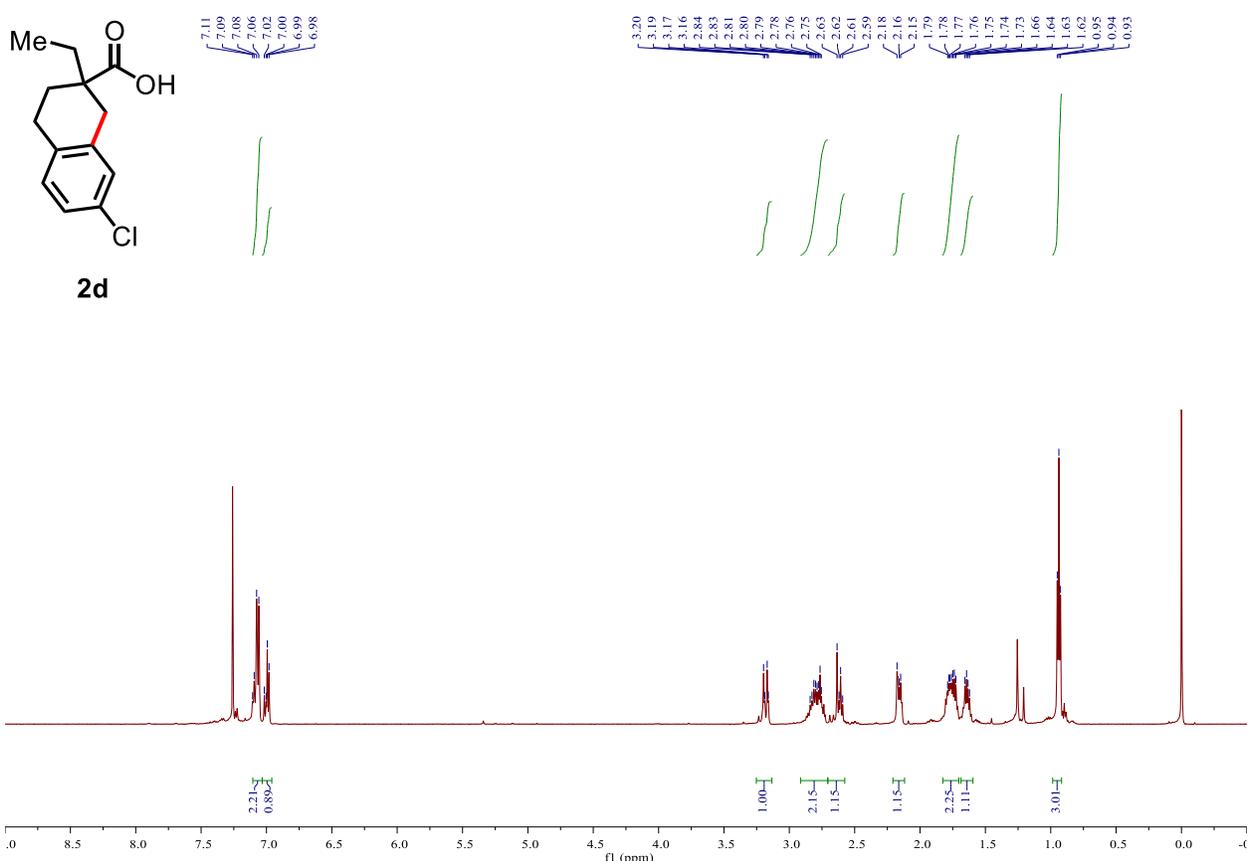
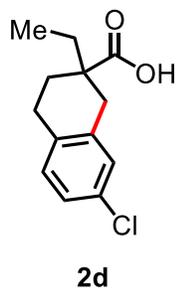
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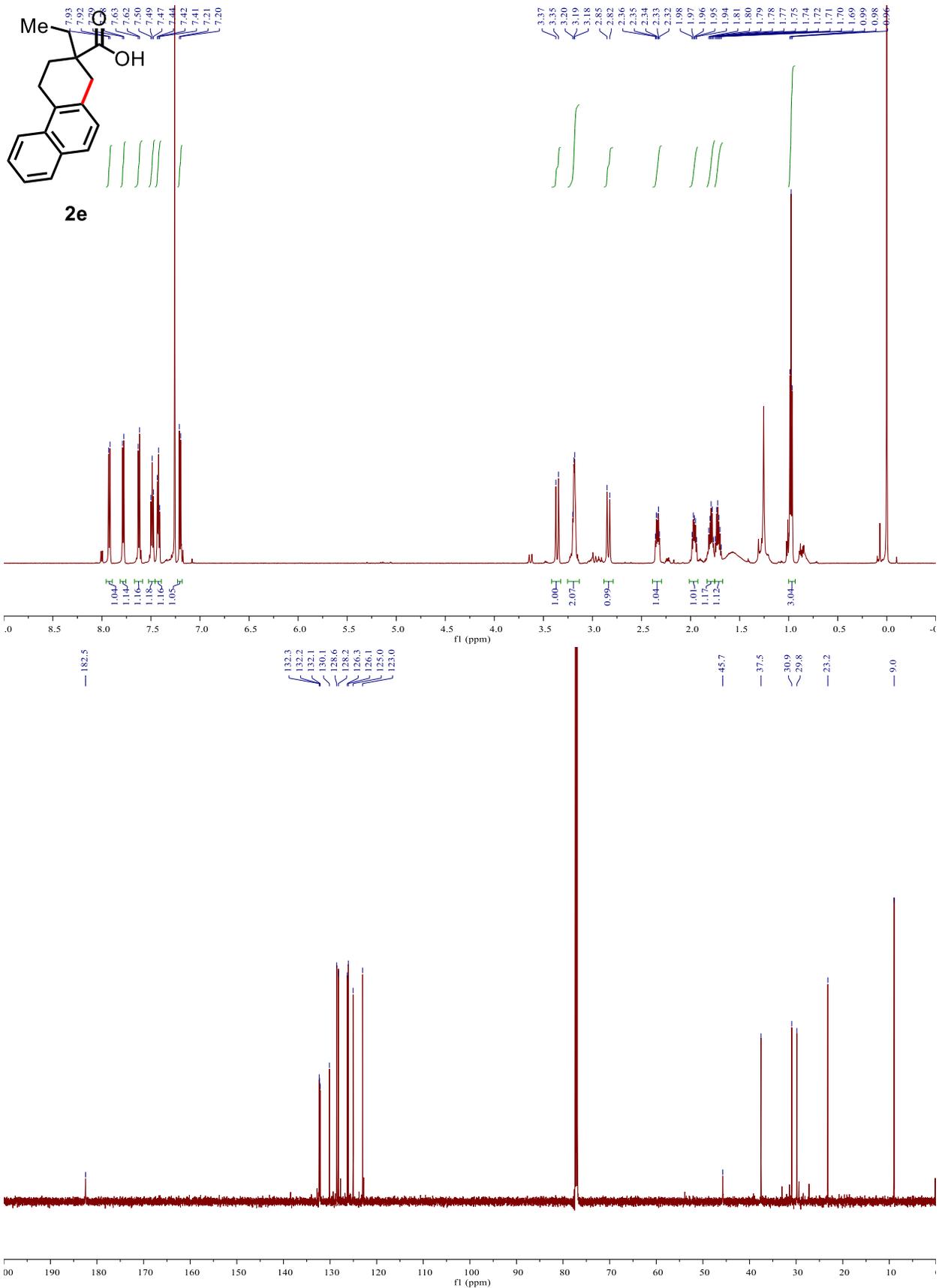
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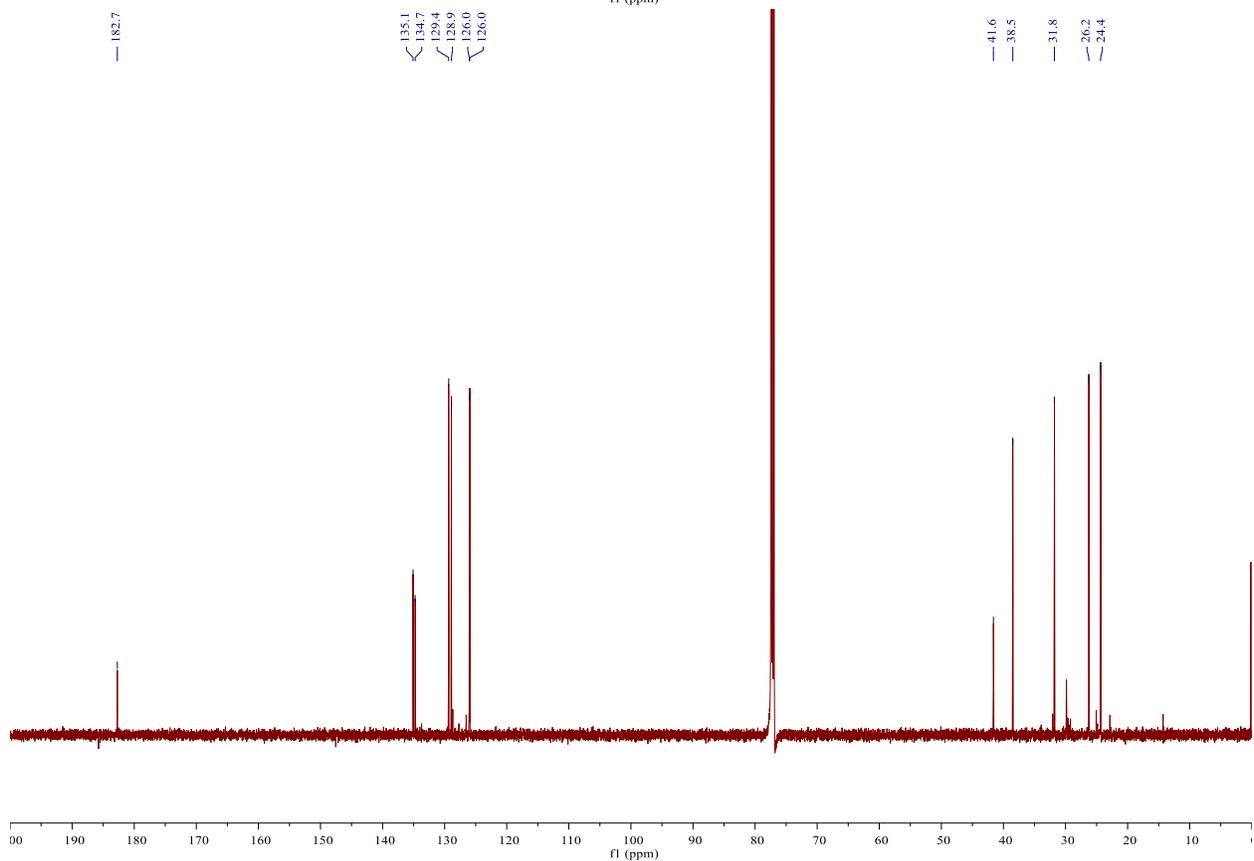
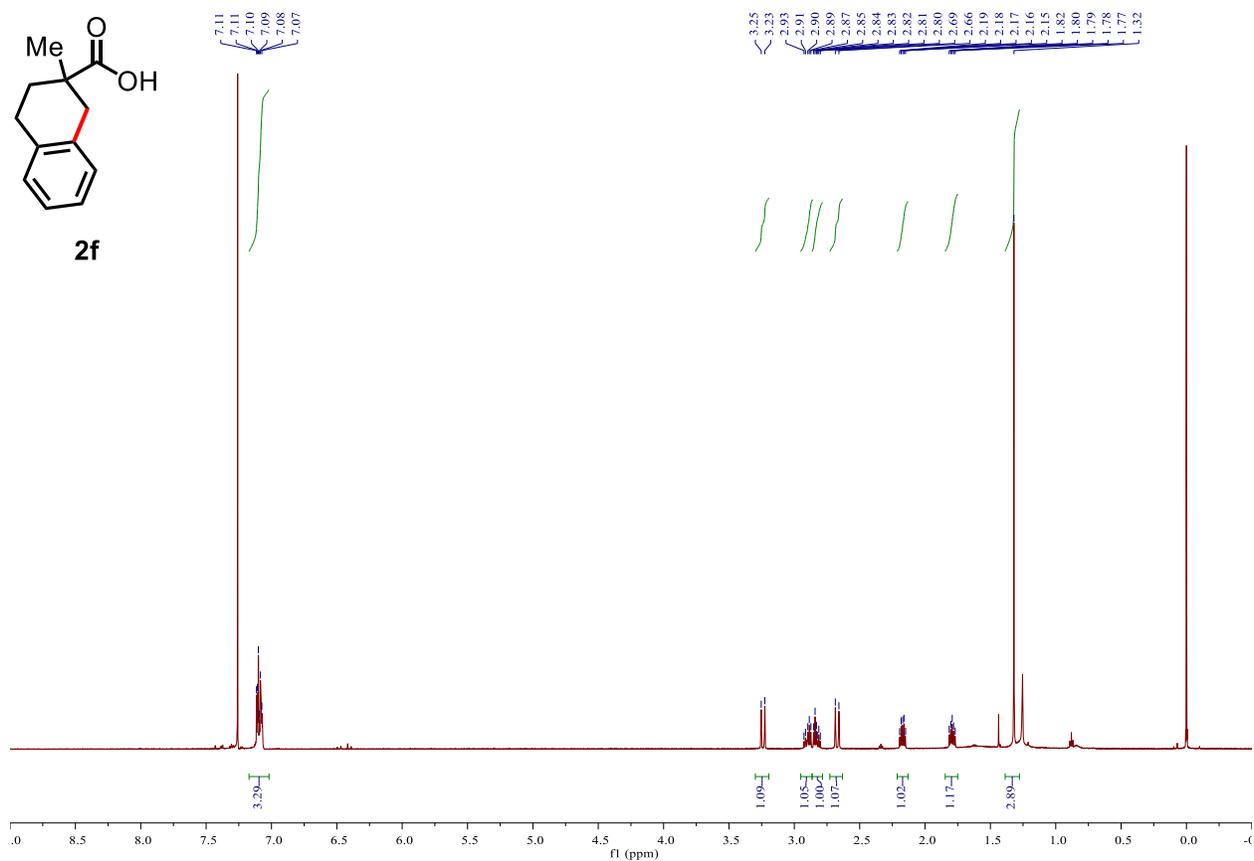
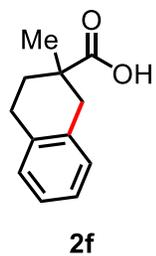


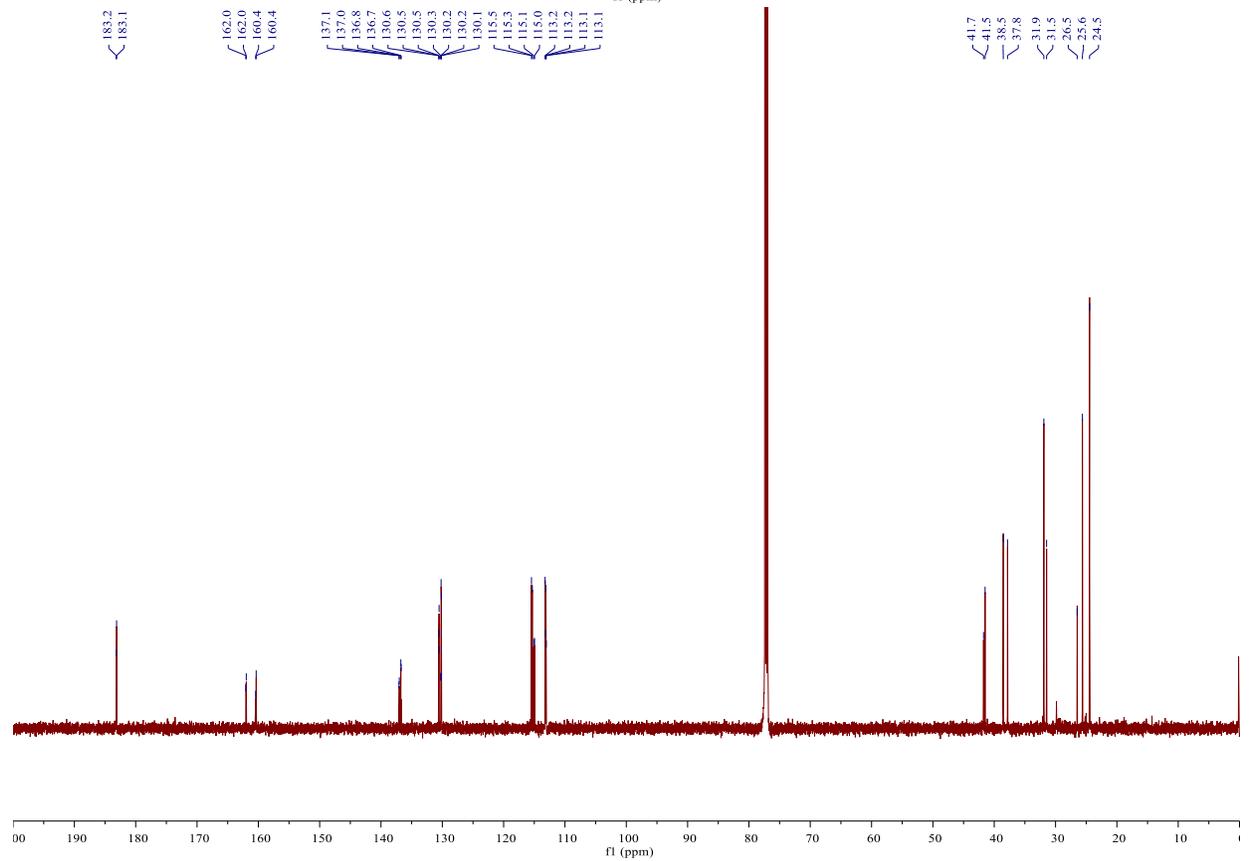
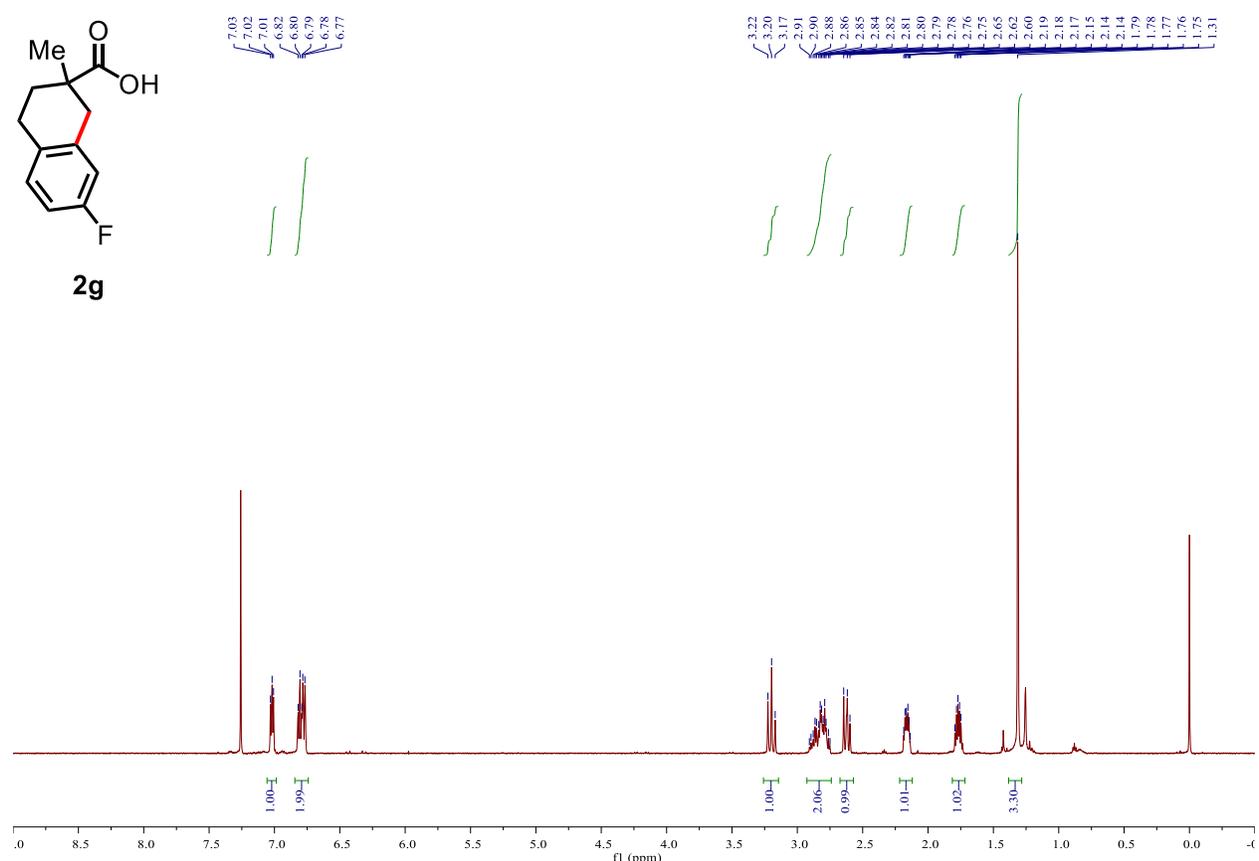
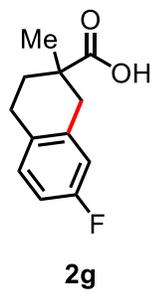


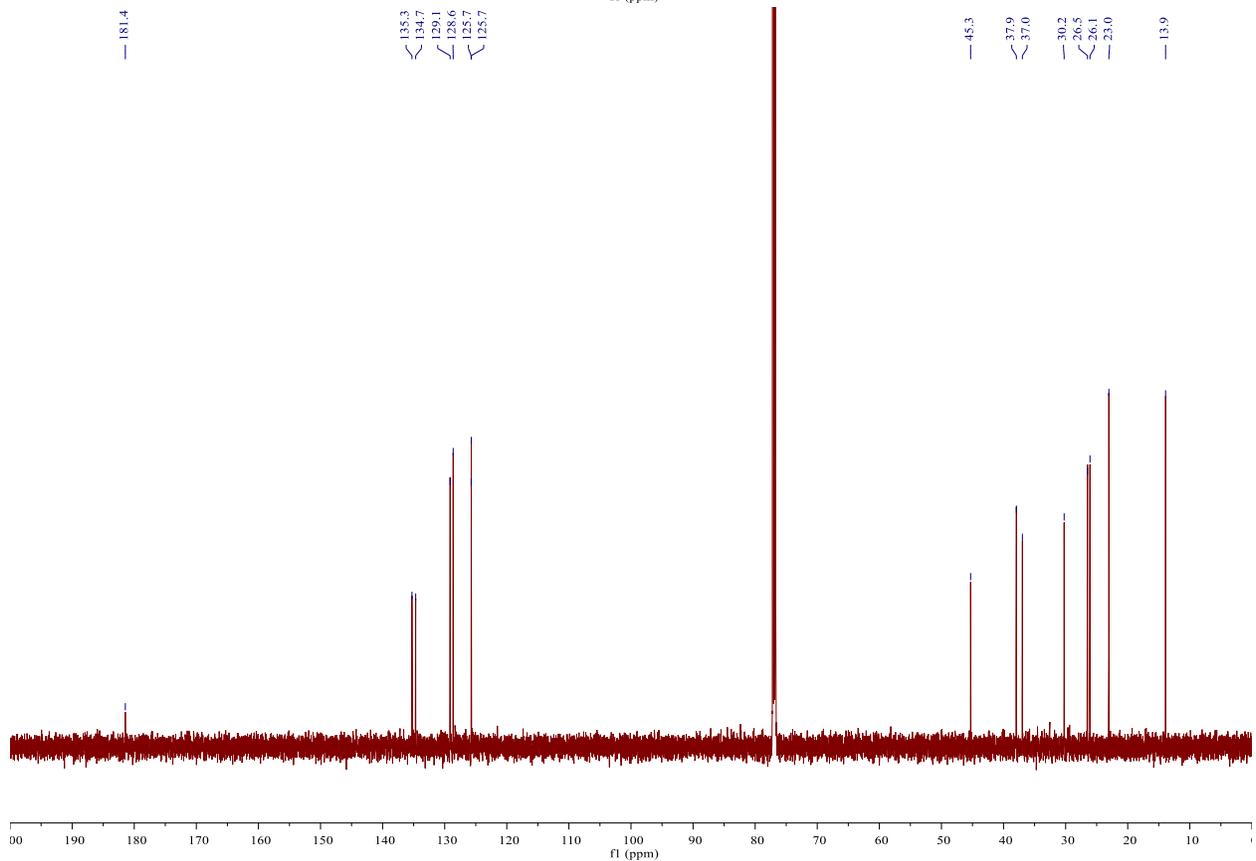
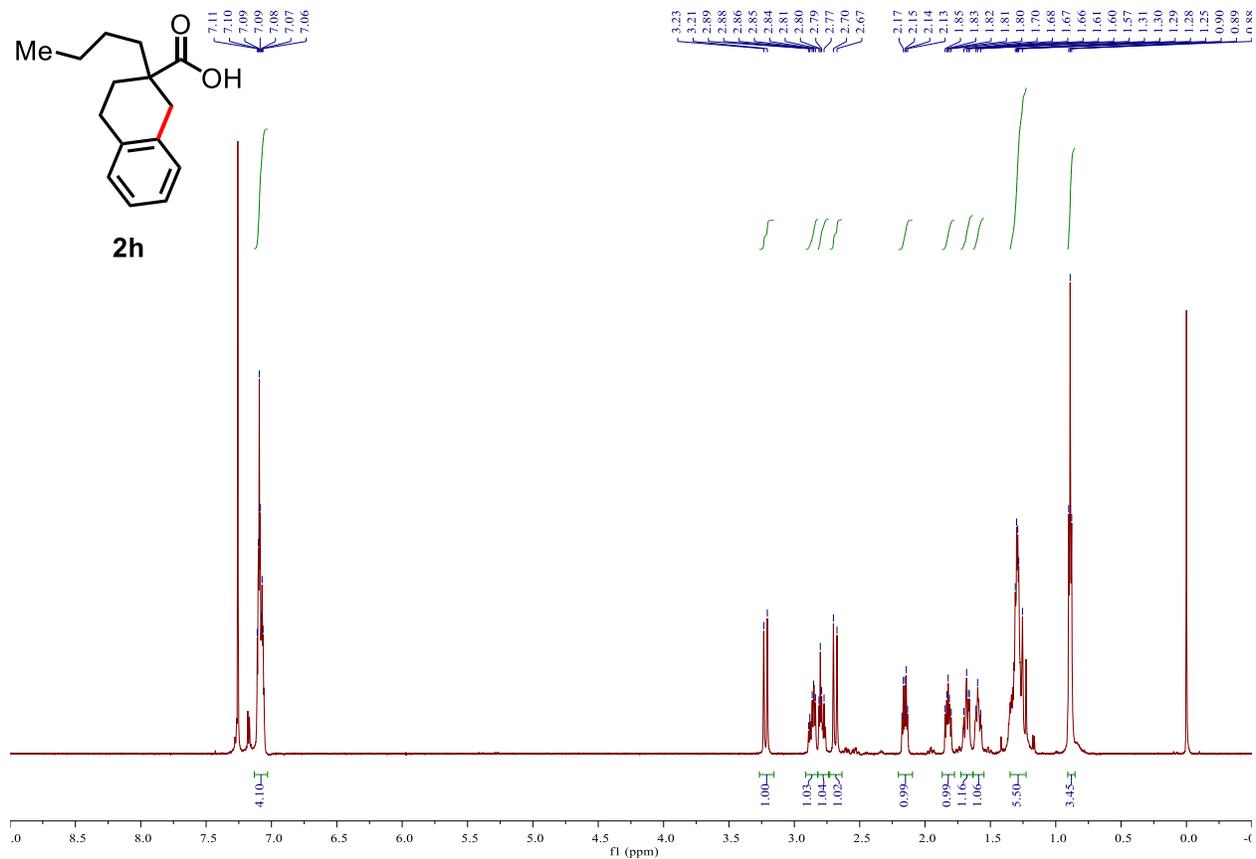
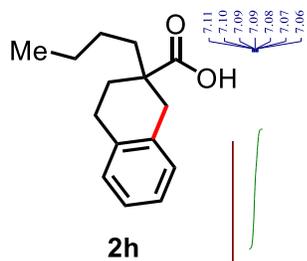


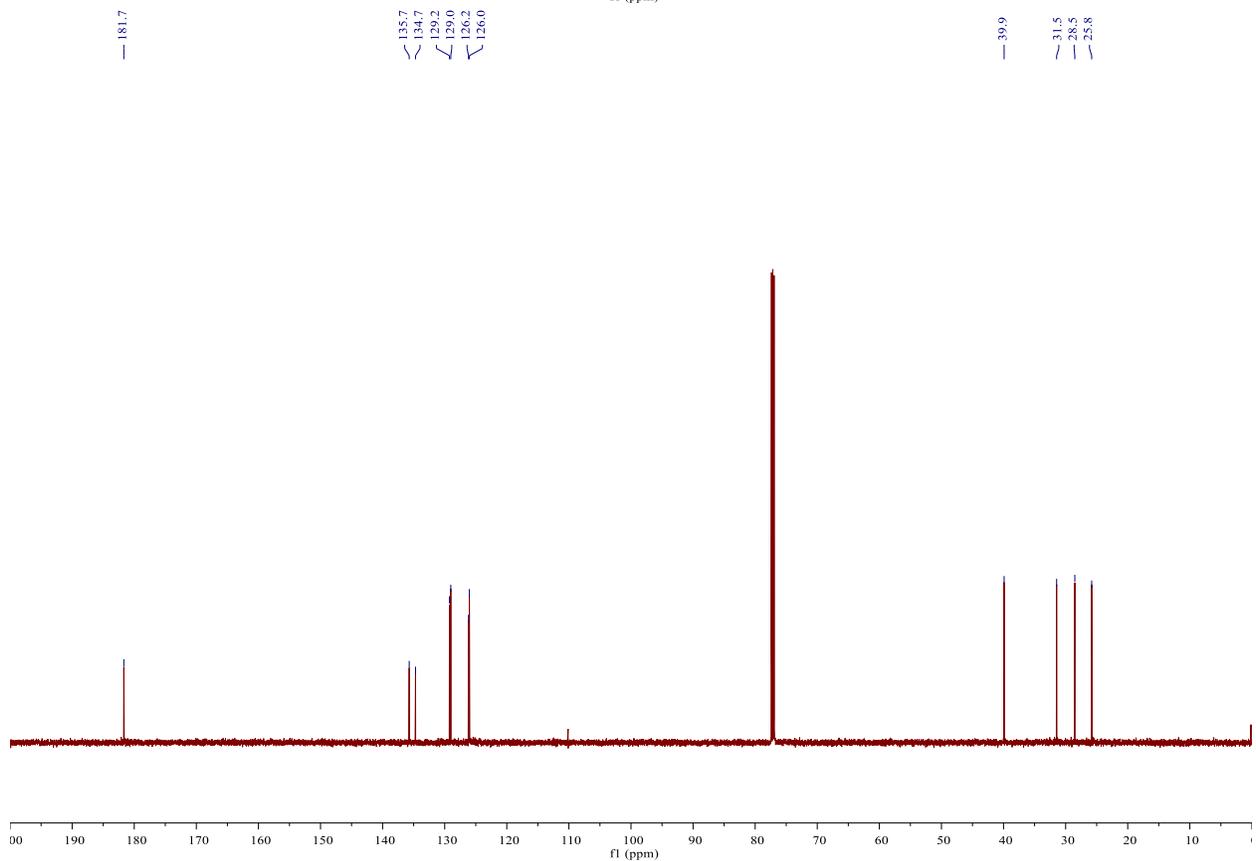
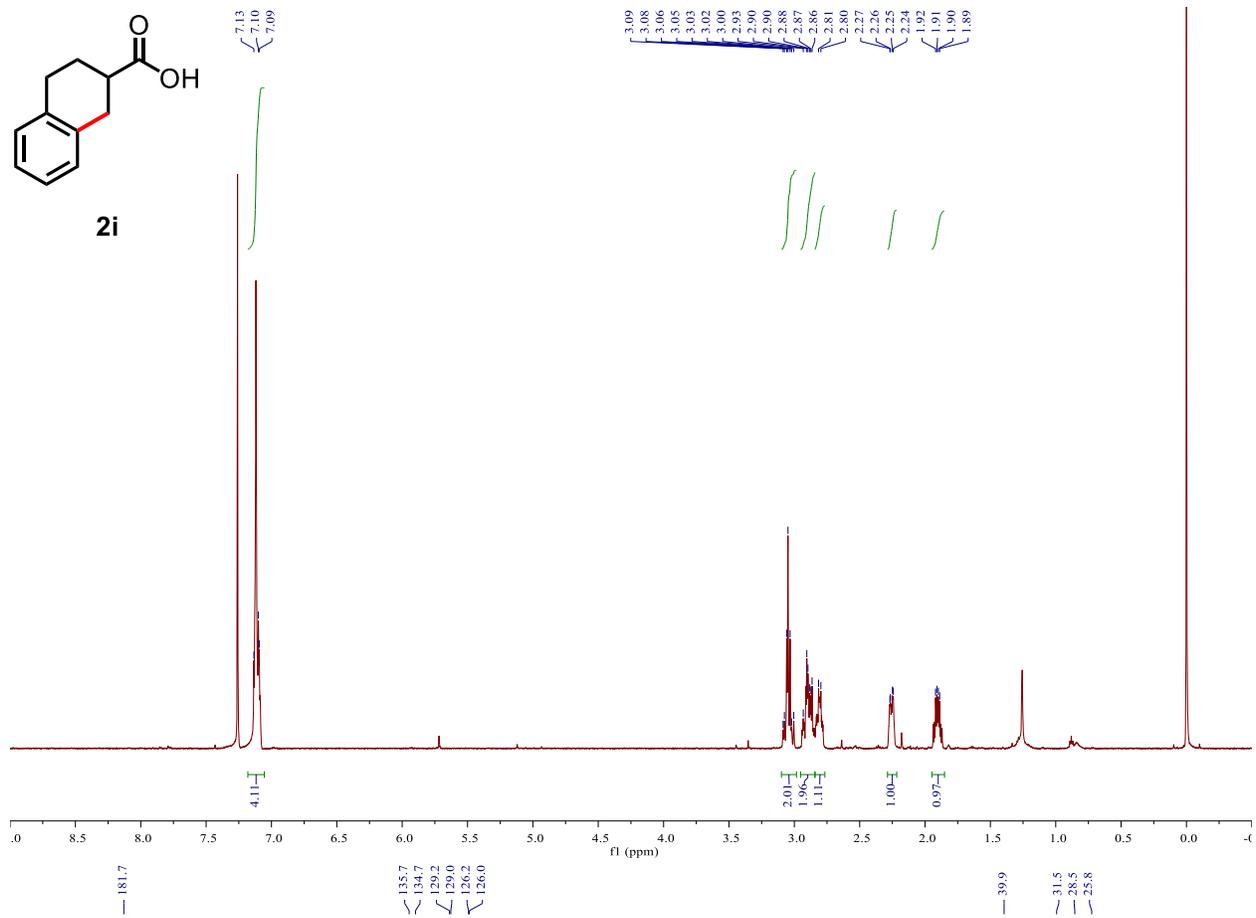
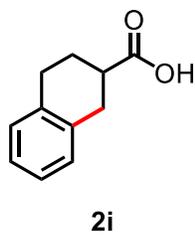


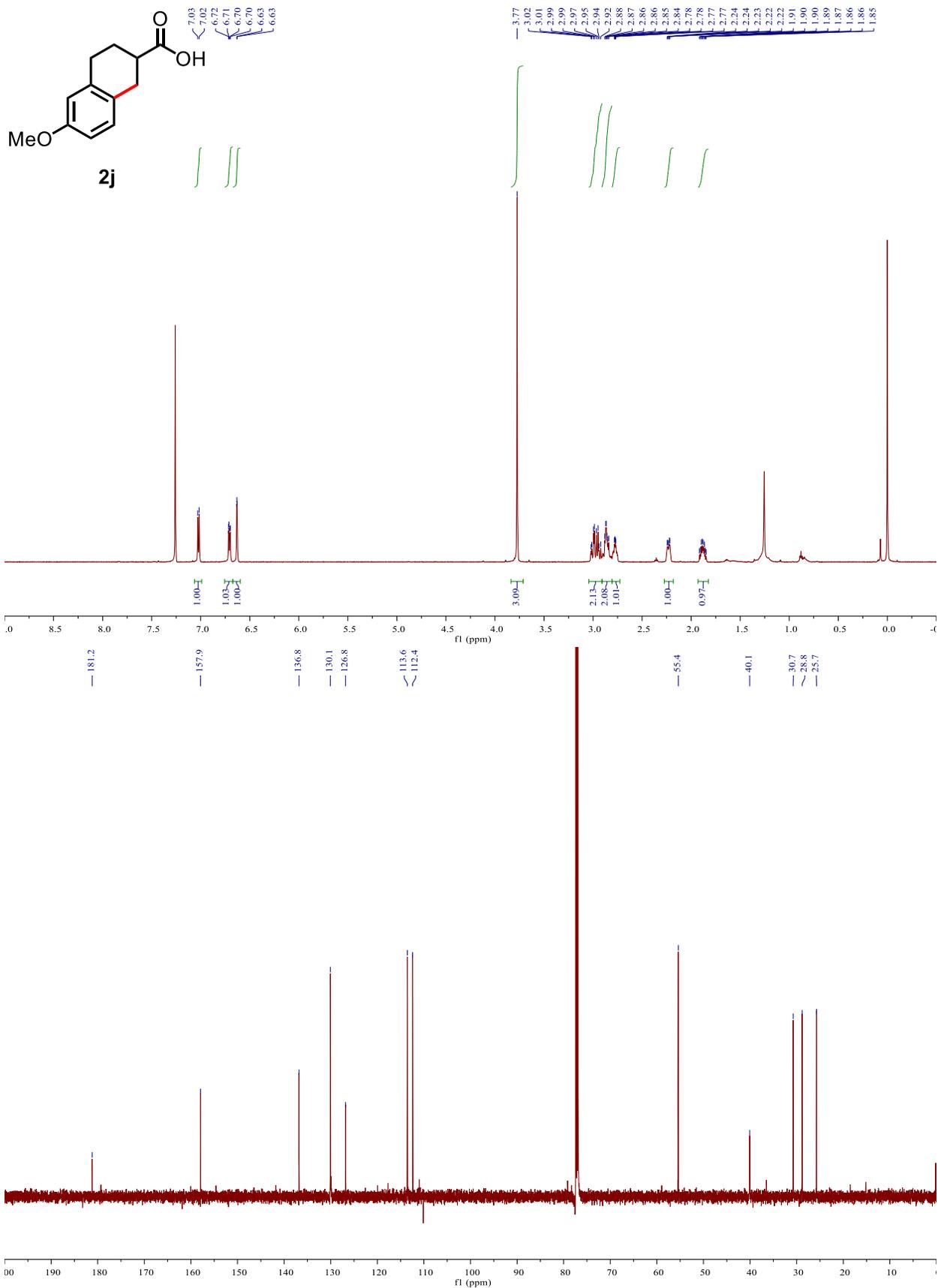


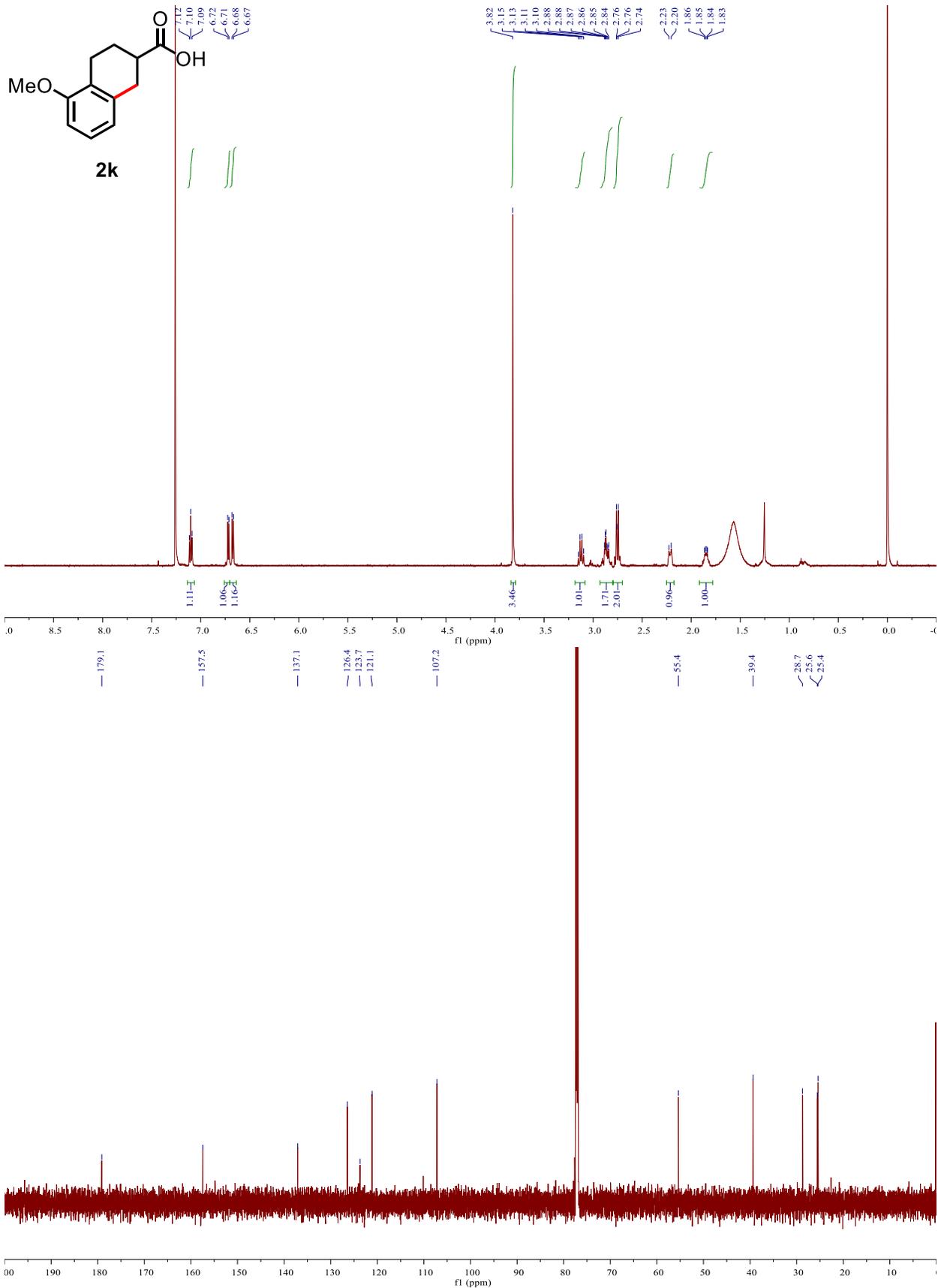


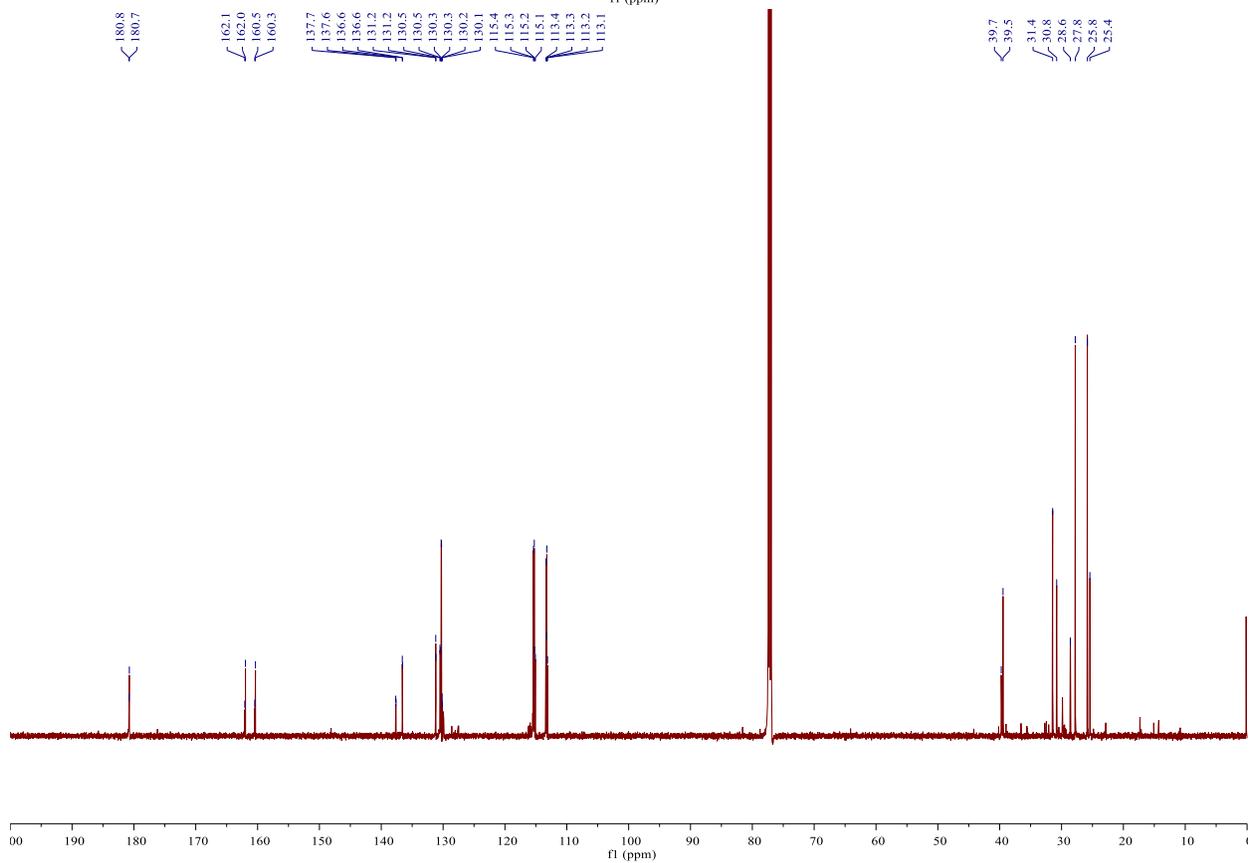
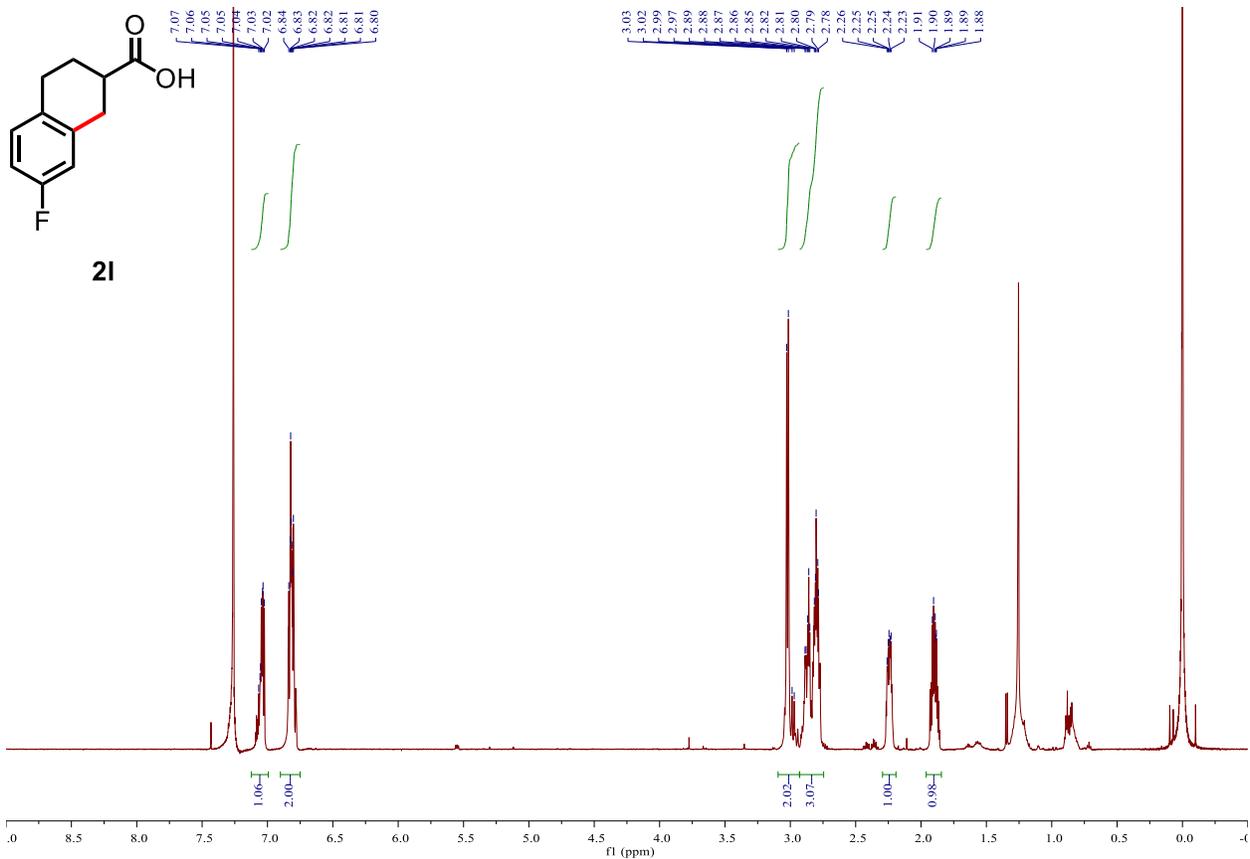


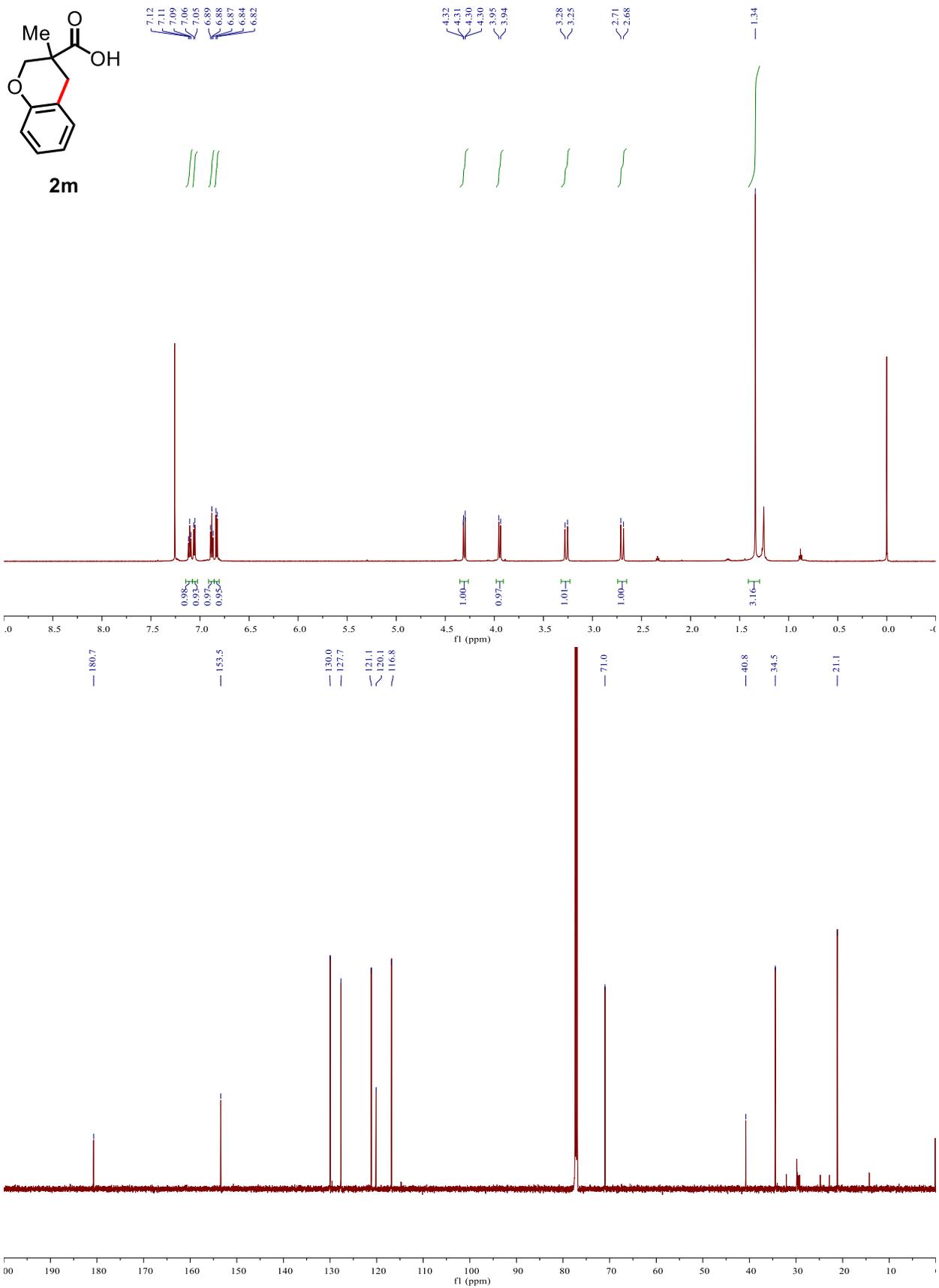


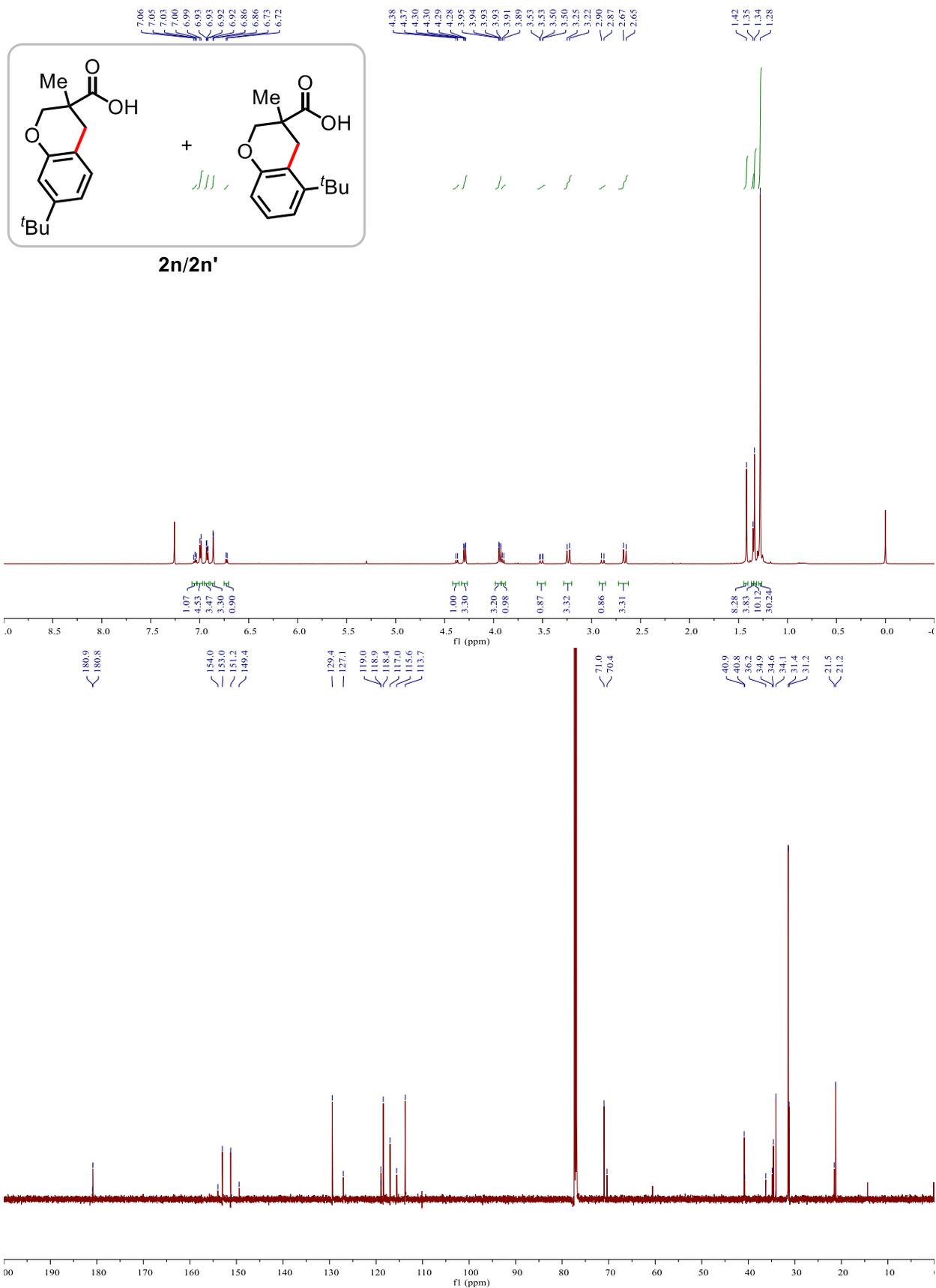


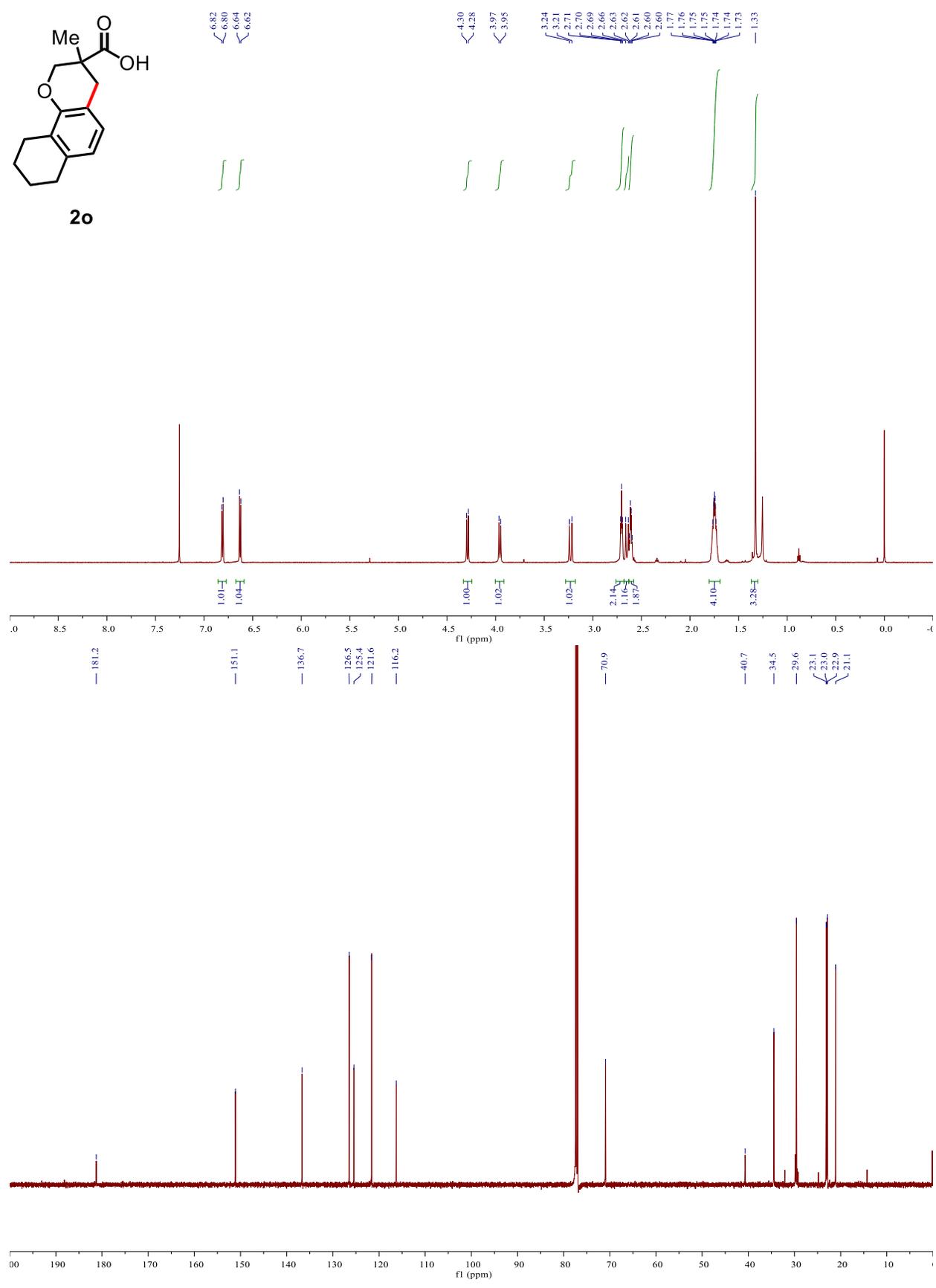
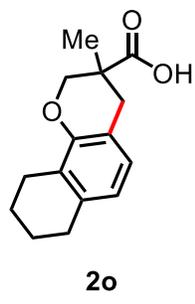


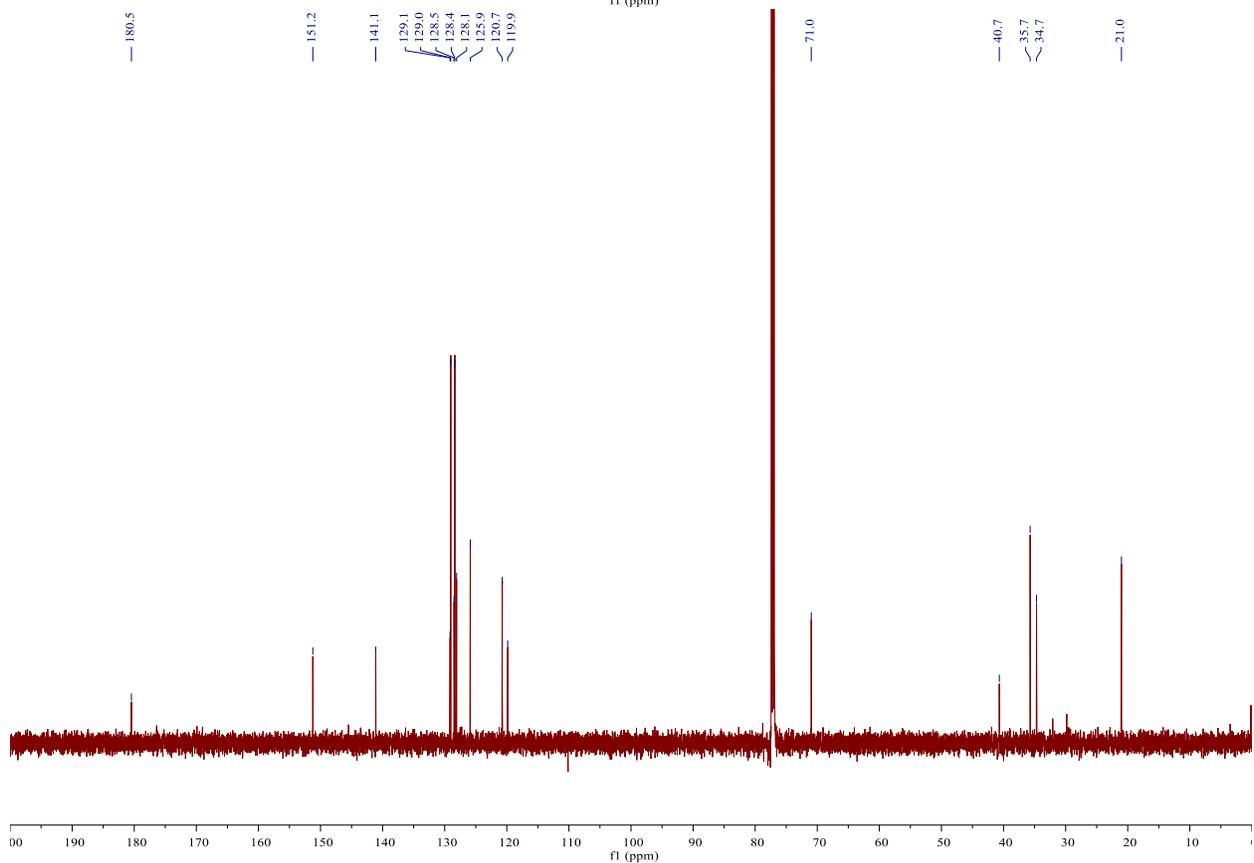
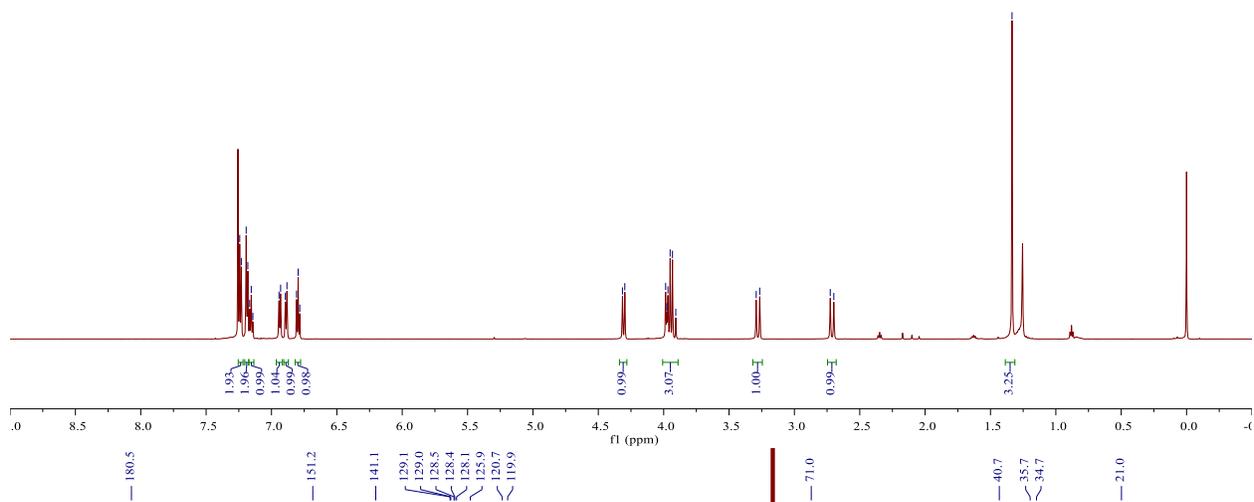
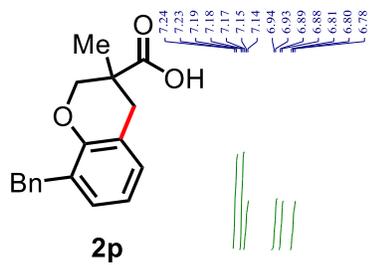


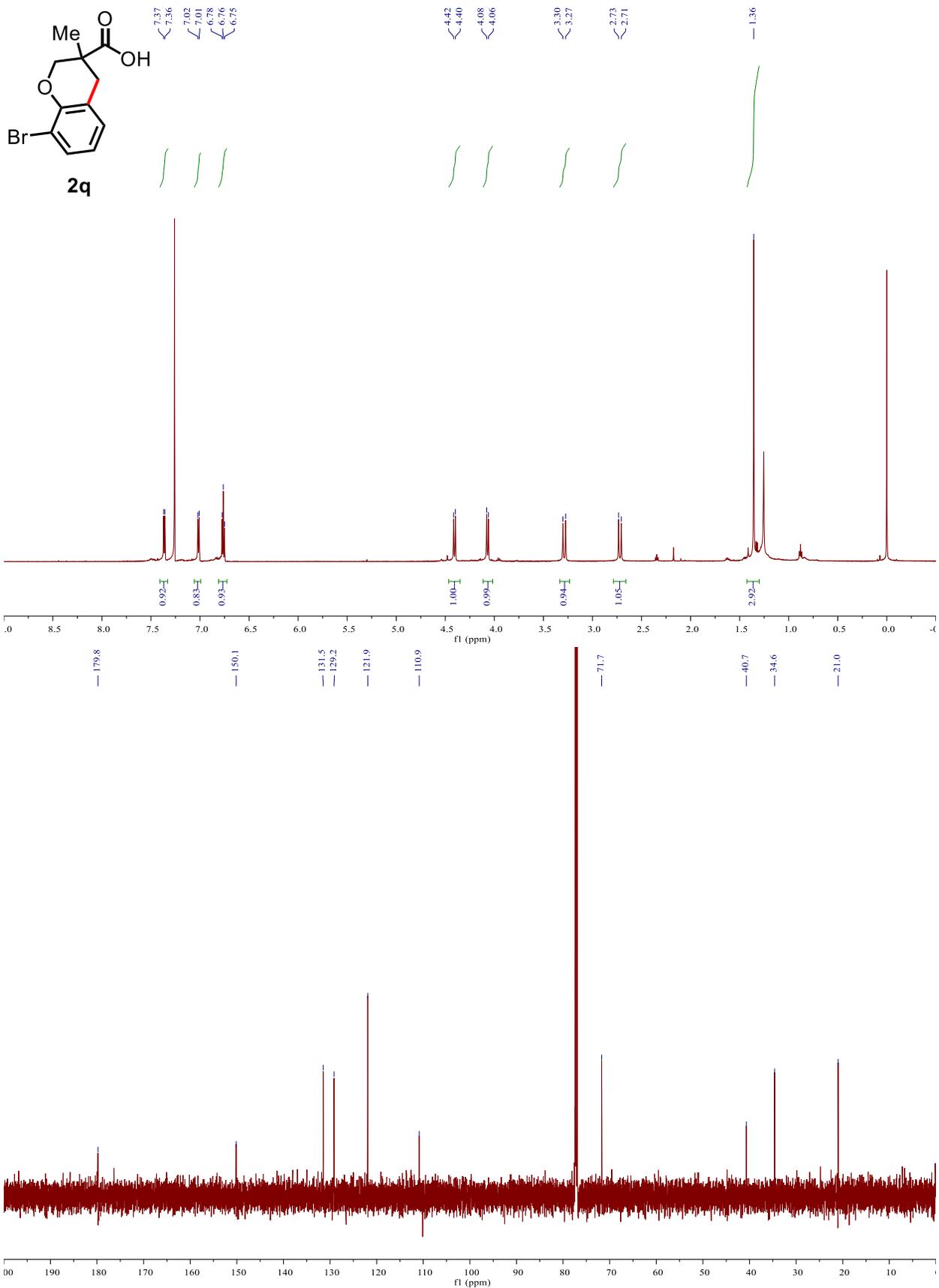


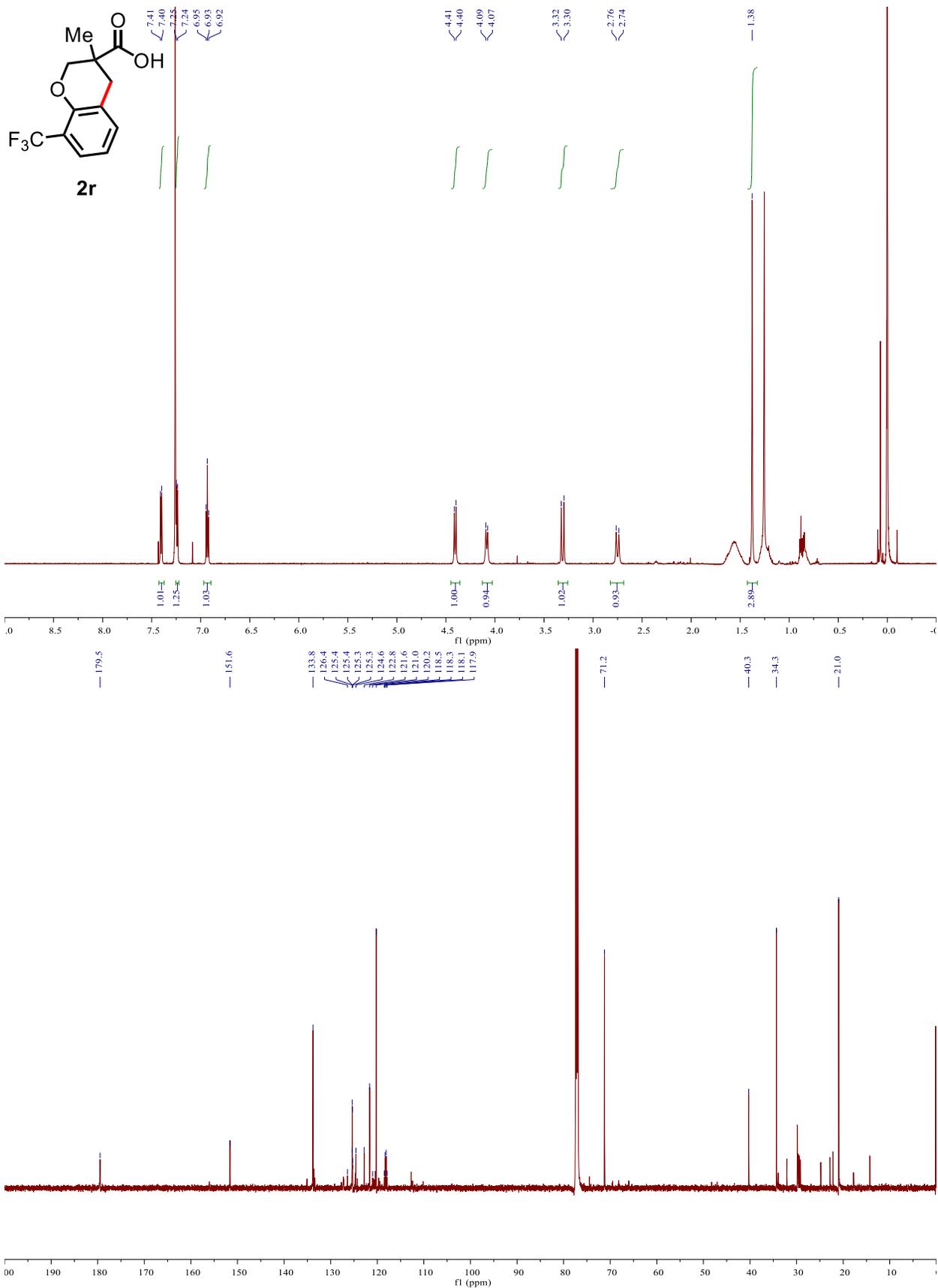


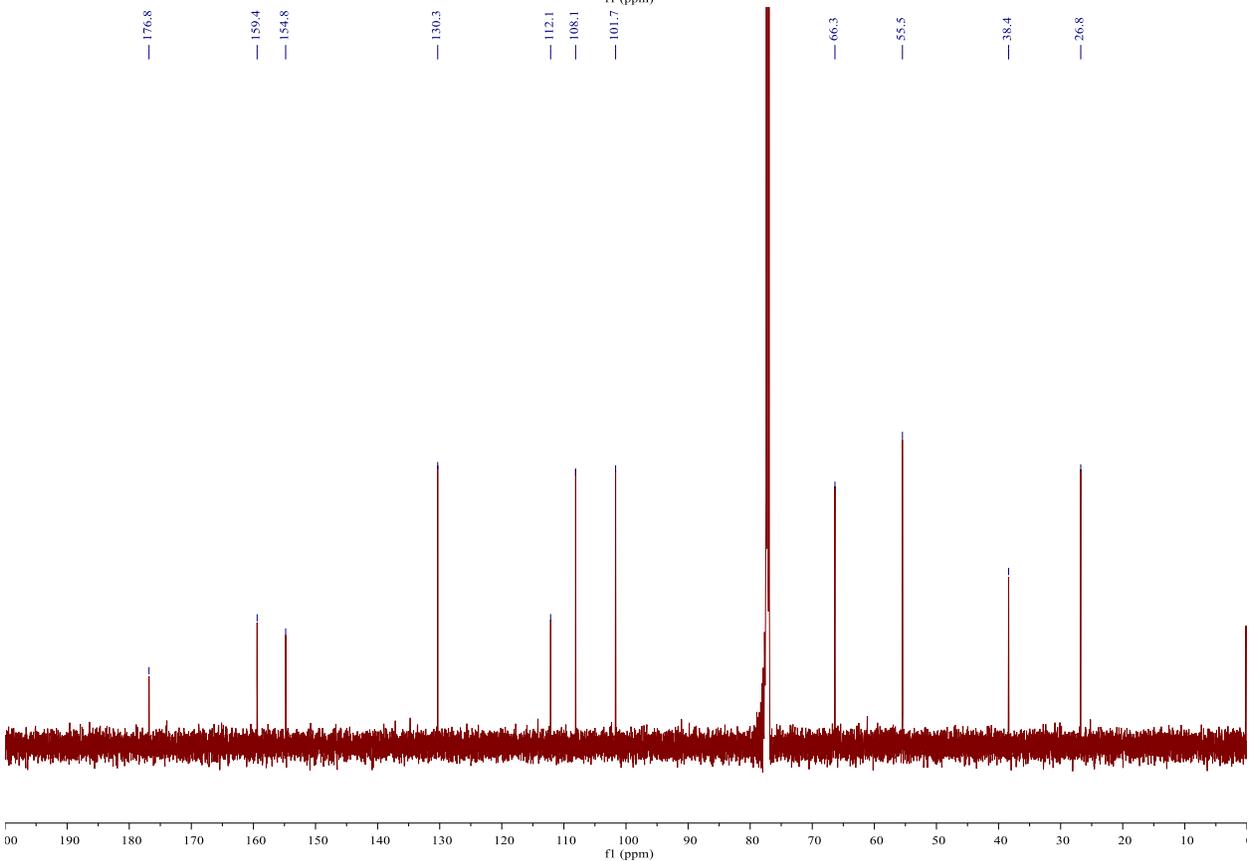
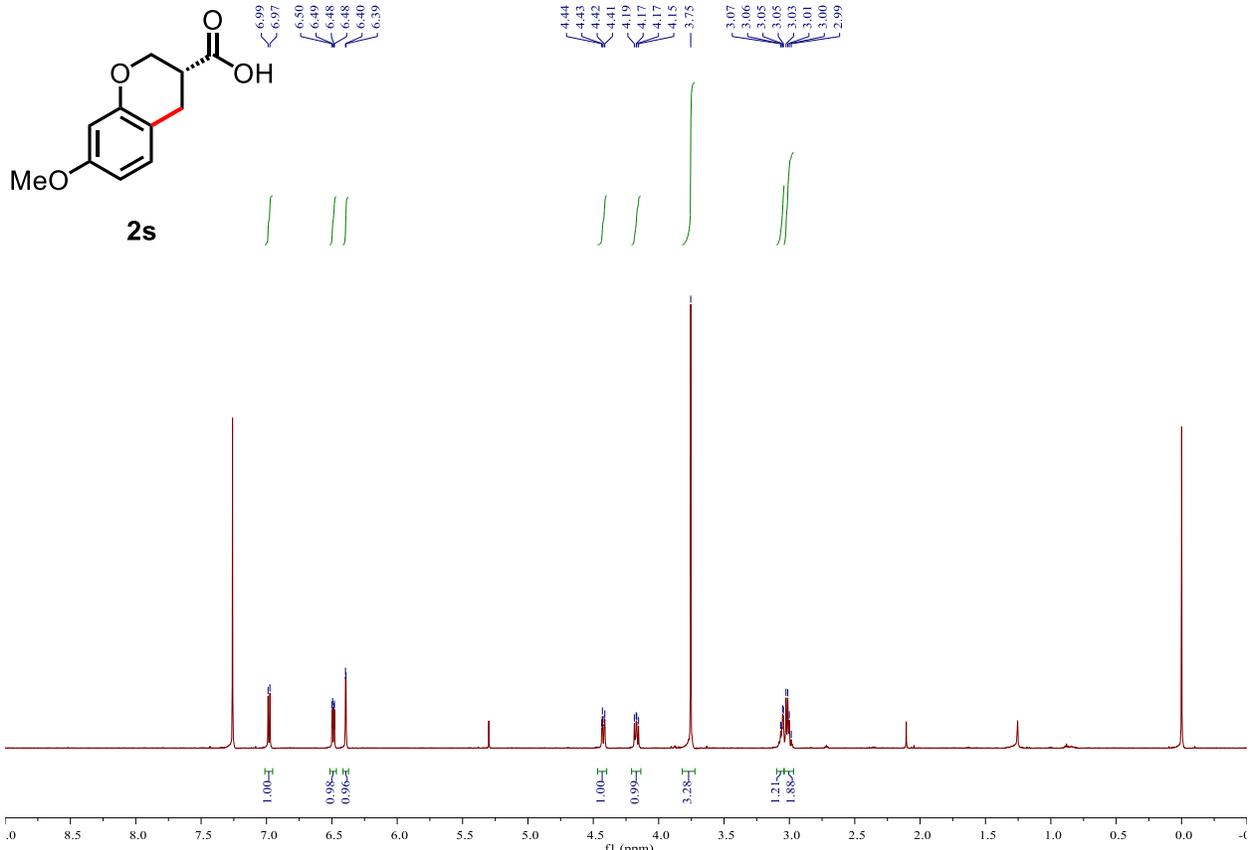
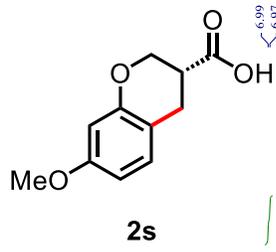


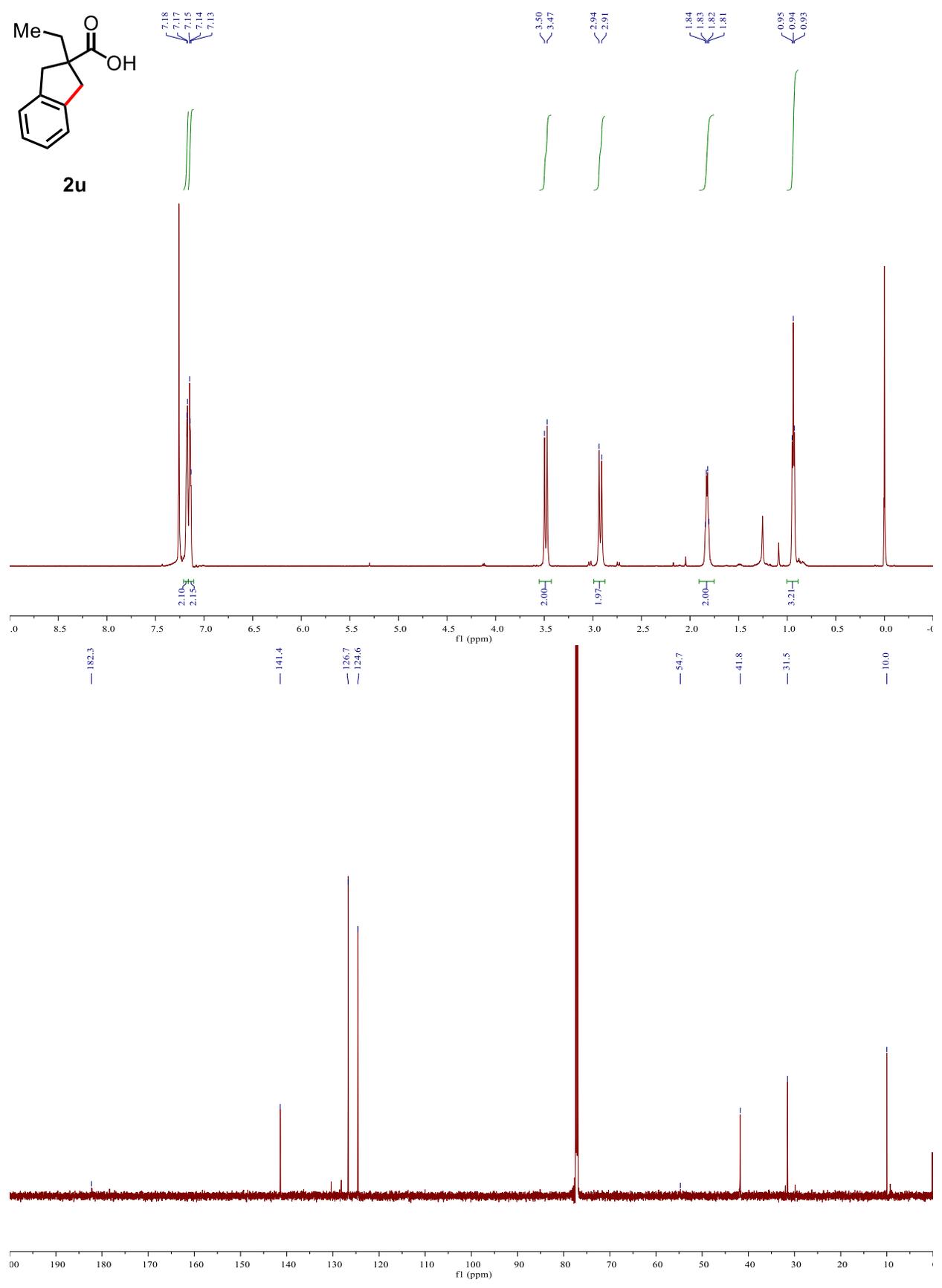
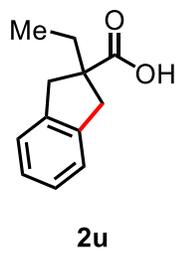


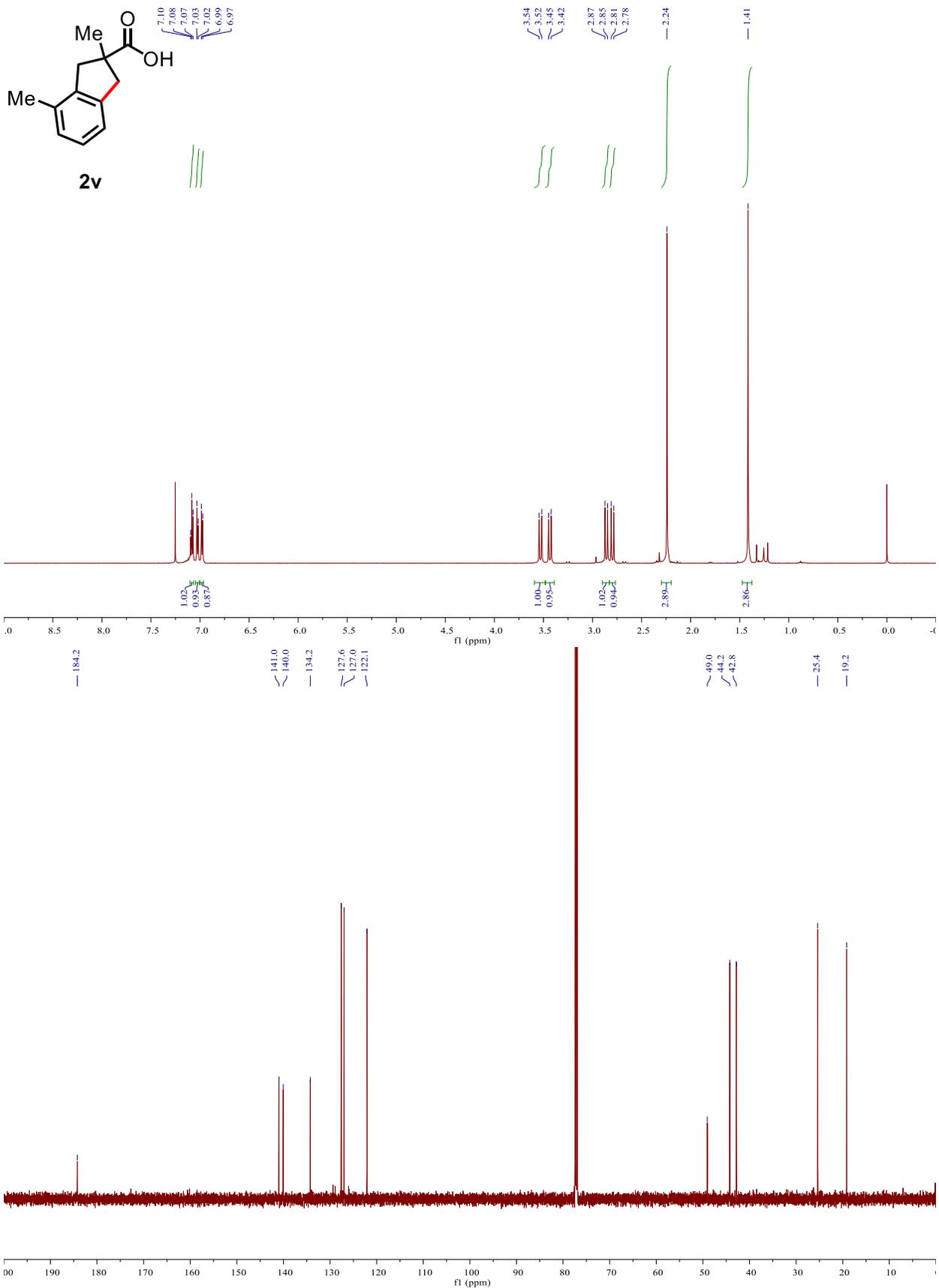


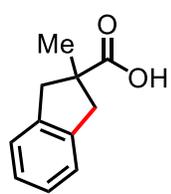












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