

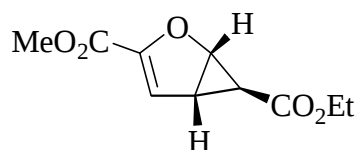
Enantioselective Synthesis of (–)-Roccellaric Acid

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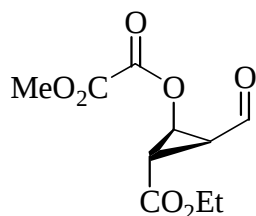
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General Remarks: Reactions with moisture-sensitive chemicals were performed under nitrogen in a flame-dried reactionflask. Solvents were dried by standard methods. Chromatography: Macherey-Nagel silica gel (0.03 – 0.06 mm). Uncorrected melting point: Büchi SMP 20. IR: Mattson Genesis Series FT-IR, Perkin Elmer 298, Bruker IFS 66, $\tilde{\nu}$ in cm^{-1} . ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR: Bruker ARX 400, AC 250 F, δ in ppm, J in Hz. MS: Finnigan MAT 95, Varian MAT 311A. Elemental analysis: Heraeus CHN-Rapid. XRD: Stoe Imaging Plate System, Siemens Stoe AED2.



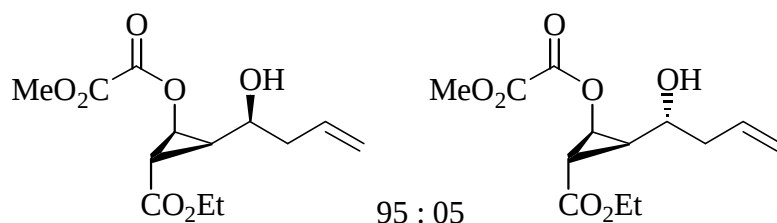
6-Ethyl 3-methyl (1S,5S,6S)-(-)-2-Oxa-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-3-ene-3,6-dicarboxylate (10): To a mixture of **1** (12.9 mL, 120 mmol, 3 eq.), $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (297 mg, 0.82 mmol, 2.0 mol%) and (–)-**14** (303 mg, 1.02 mmol, 2.5 mol%) phenylhydrazine (89 mg, 0.82 mmol, 2.0 mol%) was added under nitrogen at 0 °C. After 30 min, a solution of ethyl diazoacetate (4.685 g, 41.1 mmol, 1 eq.) in abs. CH_2Cl_2 (70 mL) was added via syringe-pump over 12 h in 4 equal amounts. After each addition CH_2Cl_2 was expelled by passing nitrogen through the flask. Excess of **1** was evaporated under high vacuum at room temp. and the residue was purified by chromatography (hexanes/ethylacetate, 10:1, silica gel) to provide 5.494 g **10** as a colorless

oil. Enantiopure product **10** could be obtained by recrystallization from *n*-pentane (4.622 g, 53%). $R_f(\text{SiO}_2, \text{PE/EE } 10:1) = 0.04$.– Mp. 42 °C.– $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -272$ ($c = 1.0$, CH_2Cl_2).– ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.16$ (dd, $J = 2.7, 1.1$ Hz, 1 H, 6-H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3 H, CH_3), 2.87 (ddd, $J = 5.3, 2.9, 2.7$ Hz, 1 H, 5-H), 3.78 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 4.12 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2 H, CH_2), 4.97 (dd, $J = 5.3, 1.1$ Hz, 1 H, 1-H), 6.39 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 1 H, 4-H).– ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 14.2$ (+, CH_3), 21.5 (+, C-6), 31.9 (+, C-5), 52.1 (+, OCH_3), 61.0 (–, CH_2), 67.5 (+, C-1), 116.0 (+, C-4), 149.3 (C_{quat} , C-3), 159.5 (C_{quat} , CO), 171.7 (C_{quat} , CO).– IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3118, 2956, 1720, 1617, 1428, 1380, 1297, 1166, 1124, 1041, 954, 831, 725 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.– MS (70 eV, EI): m/z (%) = 212.1 [M^+] (9.8), 153.0 [$\text{M}^+ - \text{CO}_2\text{Me}$] (11.5), 139.0 [$\text{M}^+ - \text{CO}_2\text{Et}$] (100), 124.9 (24.4), 98.9 (28.6), 96.9 (31.7), 78.9 (11.3), 59.0 (13.5), 52.1 (11.5).– $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_5$ (212.2): calc. C 56.60, H 5.70; found C 56.51, H 5.73.



(1S,2S,3S)-(-)-2-Formyl-3-(methoxycarbonyl)cyclopropyl methyl oxalate (11): A solution of (–)-**10** (2.50 g, 11.78 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (125 mL) was cooled to -78 °C and treated with ozone until the mixture turned blue. Excess ozone was expelled by passing oxygen through the solution, followed by addition of dimethyl sulfide (4.3 mL, 58.91 mmol, 5 eq.). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temp. and stirring was continued for 24 h. Saturated NaHCO_3 (1 x 10 mL) was added and layers were separated. The organic layer was washed with water (2 x 10 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 and evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from Et_2O at -27 °C to yield (–)-**11** (2.70 g, 94%) as a colorless solid. Mp. 52 °C.– $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -37.7$ ($c = 1.0$, CH_2Cl_2).– ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.28$ (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3 H, CH_2CH_3), 2.79 (ddd, $J = 7.3, 6.0, 4.0$ Hz, 1 H, 2-H), 2.90 (dd, $J = 6.0, 3.6$ Hz, 1 H, 3-H), 3.91 (s, 3 H, CO_2CH_3), 4.19 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2 H, CH_2CH_3), 4.83 (dd, $J = 7.3, 3.6$ Hz, 1 H, 1-H), 9.45 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1 H, CHO).– ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 14.1$ (+, CH_3), 26.4 (+, C-3), 34.9 (+, C-2), 54.0 (+, CO_2CH_3), 58.9 (+, C-1), 62.0 (–, $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 156.6 (C_{quat} , CO), 156.9 (C_{quat} , CO), 168.1 (C_{quat} , $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 192.7 (+, CHO).– IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3066, 3015, 2963, 2892, 1785, 1751, 1735, 1706, 1445, 1345, 1313, 1210, 1167, 1086, 1011, 963, 867, 790, 715, 613, 495 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.– MS (DCI, NH_3): m/z (%) =

262.0 $[M + NH_4^+]$ (100), 176.0 (20), 160.0 (55), 120.9 (15). – $C_{10}H_{12}O_7$ (244.2): calc. C 49.19, H 4.95; found C 49.22, H 4.99.



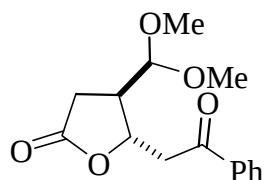
(1*S*,1'*S*/*R*,2*S*,3*S*)-Oxalic acid 2-ethoxycarbonyl-3-(1'-hydroxybut-3-enyl)-cyclopropyl ester methyl ester (12): 1H NMR (250 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 1.25 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3 H, CH_3), 1.81 – 1.92 (m, 1 H, 2-H), 2.15 (dd, J = 6.2, 2.7 Hz, 1 H, 3-H), 2.31 – 2.51 (m, 4 H), 3.70 (ddd, J = 7.3, 7.3, 5.4 Hz, 1 H, 1'-H), 3.88 (s, 3 H, CO_2CH_3), 4.13 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 H, $CO_2CH_2CH_3$), 4.72 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.8 Hz, 1 H, 1-H), 5.14 – 5.22 (m, 2 H, 4'-H), 5.76 – 5.93 (m, 1 H, 3'-H), characteristic signals of the diastereomer: δ = 4.14 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 H, $CO_2CH_2CH_3$), 4.67 (dd, J = 6.9, 3.0 Hz, 1 H, 1-H). – ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 14.1 (+, CH_3), 24.7 (+, C-3), 31.3 (+, C-2), 41.7 (–, C-2'), 53.8 (+, CO_2CH_3), 58.8 (+, C-1), 61.3 (–, $CO_2CH_2CH_3$), 67.8 (+, C-1'), 118.8 (–, C-4'), 133.4 (+, C-3'), 157.2 (C_{quat} , CO), 157.2 (C_{quat} , CO), 170.6 (C_{quat} , CO_2CH_3), characteristic signals of the diastereomer: δ = 25.1 (+, C-3), 41.3 (–, C-2'), 53.6 (+, CO_2CH_3), 58.6 (+, C-1), 61.2 (–, $CO_2CH_2CH_3$), 68.6 (+, C-1'), 118.6 (–, C-4'), 133.5 (+, C-3').

General procedure for the transformation 6 of into 2:

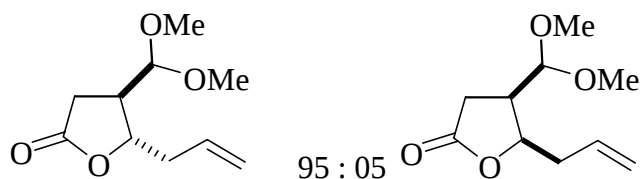
A round-bottomed flask, equipped with the Dean–Stark trap was charged with cyclopropane (1 mmol, 1 eq.), alcohol (2.5 eq.), Sn–catalyst (5 mol%) and benzene. The mixture was gently refluxed for several hours (TLC). The crude mixture was evaporated and purified by chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/hexanes 1:1) to yield the protected aldehyde.

General procedure for the transformation of 6 into 3:

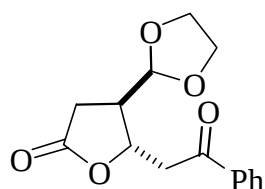
The cyclopropane (1 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in methanol (10 ml) at 0 °C and treated dropwise with a solution of $Ba(OH)_2 \cdot 8 H_2O$ (0.5 mmol, 1 eq.) in methanol. CH_2Cl_2 (10 ml) and H_2O (10 ml) were added and layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (10 x 10 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous $MgSO_4$, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/hexanes 1:1) yielded the unprotected aldehyde.



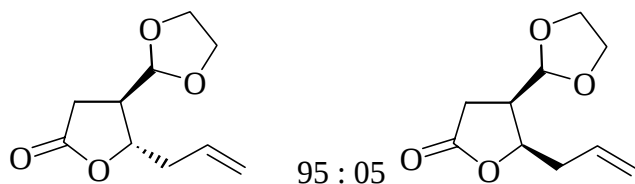
4-Dimethoxymethyl-5-(2'-oxo-2'-phenyl-ethyl)-dihydro-furan-2-one: $R_f(\text{SiO}_2, \text{PE/EE } 1:1) = 0.25$.— $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 2.54 - 2.62$ (m, 1 H), 2.66 – 2.75 (m, 2 H), 3.40 (s, 6 H), 3.42 (dd, $J = 8.6, 6.1$ Hz, 2 H, 1'-H), 4.42 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1 H), 4.98 (dd, $J = 11.4, 5.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.46 – 7.50 (m, 2 H), 7.57 – 7.61 (m, 1 H), 7.93 – 7.96 (m, 2 H).— $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 30.1$ (–, C-3), 43.2 (+, C-4), 43.3 (–, C-1'), 54.3 (+, CH_3), 55.7 (+, CH_3), 77.1 (+, C-5), 105.6 (+, CH), 128.1, 128.7, 133.6, 136.4 (C-Ar), 175.7 (C_{quat} , CO), 196.3 (C-2').— IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2960, 2886, 2345, 1777, 1683, 1362, 1188, 1073, 921 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.— MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 278.1 [M^+] (5), 151.1 (15), 107.1 (70), 73.1 (100).— $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_5$ (226.2): calc. C 58.40, H 6.24; found C 58.61, H 6.87.



5-Allyl-4-dimethoxymethyl-dihydro-furan-2-one: $R_f(\text{SiO}_2, \text{PE/EE } 1:1) = 0.37$.— $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, C_6D_6): $\delta = 2.04 - 2.13$ (m, 2 H), 2.20 – 2.27 (m, 3 H), 2.89 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 2.95 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 3.72 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1 H), 4.22 (dt, $J = 6.6, 5.0$ Hz, 1 H), 4.97 – 5.04 (m, 2 H), 5.64 – 5.74 (m, 1 H).— $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100.6 MHz, C_6D_6): $\delta = 30.3$ (–, C-3), 39.5 (–, C-1'), 42.0 (+, C-4), 53.4 (+, CH_3), 54.6 (+, CH_3), 79.8 (+, C-5), 105.4 (+, CH), 118.5 (–, =CH), 133.1 (+, =CH), 174.8 (C_{quat} , CO), characteristic signals of the diastereomer: $\delta = 35.1$ (–, C-3), 40.6 (–, C-1'), 52.6 (+, CH_3), 53.5 (+, CH_3), 103.0 (+, CH), 117.7 (–, =CH), 134.3 (+, =CH).— IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 3079, 2940, 2836, 1777, 1683, 1643, 1438, 1420, 1362, 1188, 1126, 1073, 991, 919, 826 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.— MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 199.1 [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$] (0.17), 159.0 (20.1), 126.9 (49.1), 98.9 (37.0), 74.9 (78.6), 71.0 (100), 47.1 (10.7), 41.1 (19.5); MS (DCI, NH_3): 218.1 [$\text{M} + \text{NH}_4^+$] (100).— $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4$ (200.2): calc. C 59.98, H 8.05; found C 60.03, H 8.02.

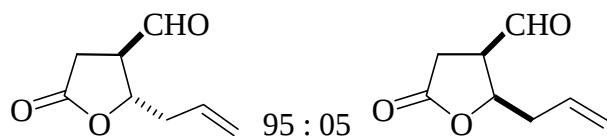


4-[1,3]Dioxolan-2-yl-5-(2'-oxo-2'-phenyl-ethyl)-dihydro-furan-2-one: $R_f(\text{SiO}_2, \text{PE/EE } 1:1) = 0.21$.– Mp. 95 – 96 °C. – ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 2.57 - 2.80$ (m, 3 H, 3-H, 4-H), 3.37 (dd, $J = 17.4, 5.7$ Hz, 1 H, 1'-H), 3.49 (dd, $J = 17.4, 6.1$ Hz, 1 H, 1'-H), 3.83 – 4.03 (m, 4 H, $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$), 5.01 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1 H, CH), 5.08 (dd, $J = 11.2, 5.6$ Hz, 1 H, 5-H), 7.41 – 7.51 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.55 – 7.63 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.88 – 7.99 (m, 2 H, Ar-H). – ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 29.5$ (–, C-3), 43.3 (+, C-4), 43.4 (–, C-1'), 65.3, 65.4 (–, $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$), 76.3 (+, C-5), 103.4 (+, CH), 128.0, 128.7, 133.6, 136.4 (C-Ar), 175.6 (C_{quat} , CO), 196.2 (C-2'). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 2961, 2882, 2360, 2342, 1769, 1685, 1387, 1196, 1013, 939 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. – MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 276.1 [M^+] (5), 149.1 (15), 105.1 (70), 73.1 (100). – $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5$ (276.3): calc. C 65.21, H 5.84; found C 65.02, H 5.84.

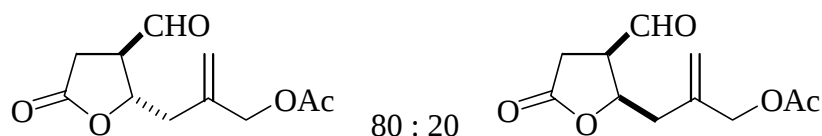


(4R,5S/R)-(-)-5-Allyl-4-[1,3]dioxolan-2-yl-dihydro-furan-2-one (13): $R_f(\text{SiO}_2, \text{PE/EE } 1:1) = 0.34$. – $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -18.2$ ($c = 1.0, \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$). – ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 2.39 - 2.67$ (m, 5 H, 1'-H, 3-H, 4-H), 3.83 – 4.01 (m, 4 H, $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$), 4.51 (m, 1 H, CH), 4.86 (m, 1 H, 5-H), 5.11 – 5.21 (m, 2 H, 3'-H), 5.79 (ddt, $J = 16.7, 10.6, 6.9$ Hz, 1 H, 2'-H), characteristic signals of the diastereomer: $\delta = 4.06 - 4.18$ (m, 4 H, $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$), 4.60 (ddd, $J = 8.3, 6.7, 5.8$ Hz, 1 H, 5-H), 4.98 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1 H, CH), 5.85 (ddt, $J = 7.2, 10.2, 6.7$ Hz, 1 H, 2'-H). – ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 29.6$ (–, C-3), 39.2 (–, C-1'), 42.5 (+, C-4), 65.4, 65.5 (–, $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$), 79.7 (+, C-5), 103.5 (+, CH), 119.3 (–, C-3'), 132.0 (+, C-2'), 175.9 (C_{quat} , CO), characteristic signals of the diastereomer: $\delta = 29.26$ (–, CH_2), 34.9 (–, C-1'), 41.4 (+, C-4), 65.1, 65.6 (–, $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$), 80.3 (+, C-5), 101.8 (+, CH), 118.3 (–, C-3'), 133.2 (+, C-2'). – IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 3078, 2953, 2890, 2760, 1782, 1642, 1420, 1356, 1187, 1131, 1025, 994, 945, 922 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. – MS (DCI, NH_3): m/z (%) = 250.3 [$\text{MH}^+ + 3 \text{NH}_3$] (10), 233.2 [$\text{MH}^+ + 2 \text{NH}_3$]

(5), 216.2 $[M + NH_4^+]$ (100).— $C_{10}H_{14}O_4$ (198.2): calc. C 60.59, H 7.12; found C 60.76, H 7.12.

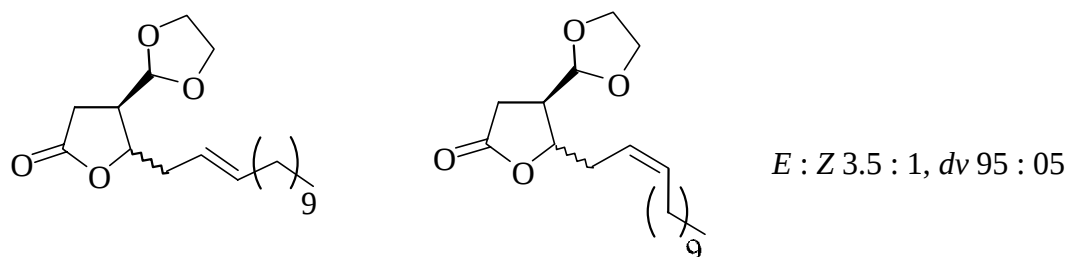


2-Allyl-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-carbaldehyde: $R_f(SiO_2, PE/EE\ 1:1) = 0.17$.— 1H NMR (250 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 2.35 - 2.59$ (m, 2 H, 1'-H), 2.71 (dd, $J = 18.2, 9.9$ Hz, 1 H, 3-H), 2.89 (dd, $J = 18.2, 7.5$ Hz, 1 H, 3-H), 3.19 (dddd, $J = 10.0, 7.3, 6.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1 H, 4-H), 4.74 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.2$ Hz, 1 H, 5-H), 5.10 – 5.27 (m, 2 H, 3'-H), 5.75 (dddd, $J = 17.3, 10.0, 7.0, 3.5$ Hz, 1 H, 2'-H), 9.69 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1 H, CHO), characteristic signals of the diastereomer: $\delta = 3.00$ (dd, $J = 17.7, 5.8$ Hz, 1 H, 3-H), 9.82 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1 H, CHO).— ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 28.8$ (–, C-3), 39.2 (–, C-1'), 51.2 (+, C-4), 78.0 (+, C-5), 120.4 (–, C-3'), 130.9 (+, C-2'), 174.2 (C_{quat} , CO), 197.4 (C_{quat} , CO), characteristic signals of the diastereomer: $\delta = 30.2$ (–, C-3), 39.3 (–, C-1'), 49.5 (+, C-4), 79.6 (+, C-5), 119.9 (–, C-3'), 131.4 (+, C-2'), 174.5 (C_{quat} , CO), 198.2 (C_{quat} , CO).— IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 3080, 2980, 2939, 2841, 1774, 1727, 1642, 1419, 1359, 1193, 1111, 1000, 924\ cm^{-1}$.— MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 154.2 (5) $[M^+]$, 113.1 (100) $[M - C_3H_5]$, 85.1 (95), 57.1 (95).— $C_8H_{10}O_3$ (154.2): calc. C 62.33, H 6.54; found C 62.82, H 6.89.



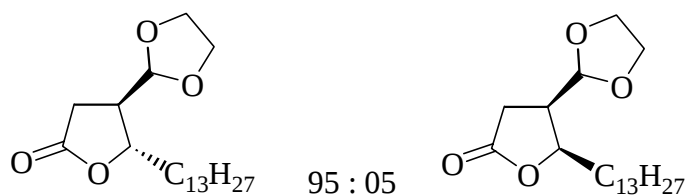
Acetic acid 2-(3'-formyl-5'-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-2'-ylmethyl)-allyl ester: $R_f(SiO_2, PE/EE\ 1:1) = 0.07$.— 1H NMR (250 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 2.08$ (s, CH_3 , 3 H), 2.47 (dd, $J = 14.7, 6.0$ Hz, 1 H, 1'-H), 2.61 (dd, $J = 14.7, 7.0$ Hz, 1 H, 1'-H), 2.76 (dd, $J = 18.0, 10.0$ Hz, 1 H, 4'-H), 2.90 (dd, $J = 17.9, 7.7$ Hz, 1 H, 4'-H), 3.21 (dddd, $J = 9.9, 7.7, 6.4, 1.3$ Hz, 1 H, 3'-H), 4.54 (s, 2 H, CH_2OAc), 4.87 (dd, $J = 13.0, 6.4$ Hz, 1 H, 2'-H), 5.13 (m, 1 H, $C=CH$), 5.25 (bs, 1 H, $C=CH$), 9.71 (bs, 1 H, CHO), characteristic signals of the diastereomer: $\delta = 5.03$ (dd, $J = 14.3, 7.5$ Hz, 1 H, 2'-H).— ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 20.8$ (+, CH_3), 28.9 (–, C-4'), 39.0 (–, CH_2), 51.7 (+, C-3'), 66.6 (–, CH_2OAc), 77.2 (+, C-2'), 117.7 (–, $C=CH_2$), 138.3 (C_{quat} , C-2'), 170.5 (C_{quat} , CO), 173.7 (C_{quat} , C-5'), 197.2 (+, CHO), characteristic signals of

the diastereomer: δ = 66.5 (–, CH₂OAc), 78.4 (+, C–2'), 197.9 (+, CO).– IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3090, 2938, 1777, 1736, 1655, 1436, 1373, 1233, 1029, 920 cm^{–1}.– MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 226.2 [M⁺] (5), 113.1 (40), 85.1 (50), 57.1 (40), 43.1 (1000).– C₁₁H₁₄O₅ (226.2): calc. C 58.40, H 6.24; found C 58.61, H 6.87.

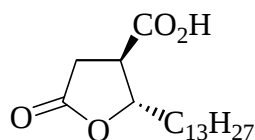


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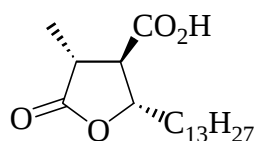
$R_f(\text{SiO}_2, \text{PE/EE } 1:1) = 0.50$.– $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -13.4$ ($c = 0.85$, CH₂Cl₂).– ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.86 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3 H, CH₃), 1.23 (bs, 16 H, CH₂), 1.99 (ddt, $J = 7.0, 7.0, 0.4$ Hz, 2 H, 4'–H), 2.27 – 2.60 (m, 5 H, 1'–H, 3–H, 4–H), 3.81 – 4.03 (m, 4 H, OCH₂CH₂O), 4.43 – 4.57 (m, 1 H, CH), 4.86 (dt, $J = 2.3, 1.3$ Hz, 1 H, 5–H), 5.37 (dtt, $J = 15.2, 6.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1 H, =CH–), 5.58 (dtt, $J = 15.2, 6.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1 H, =CH–), characteristic signals of the diastereomer: δ = 4.99 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1 H, CH).– Major diastereomer: ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 14.1 (+, CH₃), 22.7 (–, CH₂), 29.16 (–, CH₂), 29.26 (–, CH₂), 29.32 (–, CH₂), 29.47 (–, CH₂), 29.51 (–, CH₂), 29.60 (–, C–3, CH₂), 31.9 (–, CH₂), 32.62 (–, CH₂), 38.0 (–, CH₂), 42.2 (+, C–4), 65.3, 65.4 (–, OCH₂CH₂O), 80.22 (+, C–5), 103.6 (+, CH), 122.9 (+, =CH–), 135.8 (+, =CH–), 176.1 (C_{quat}, CO), characteristic signals of the diastereomer: δ = 29.15 (–, CH₂), 29.23 (–, CH₂), 29.9 (–, C–3), 33.7 (–, CH₂), 34.9 (–, C–1'), 41.4 (+, C–4), 65.1, 65.6 (–, OCH₂CH₂O), 80.94 (+, C–5), 101.9 (+, CH), 124.1 (+, =CH–), 134.7 (+, =CH–), characteristic signals of the diastereomer: δ = 27.5 (–, CH₂), 29.30 (–, CH₂), 29.43 (–, CH₂), 29.62 (–, CH₂), 32.60 (–, CH₂), 42.5 (+, C–4), 80.24 (+, C–5), 122.2 (+, =CH–), 134.4 (+, =CH–), 175.9 (C_{quat}, CO), characteristic signals of the diastereomer: δ = 80.76 (+, C–5), 123.1 (+, =CH–).– IR (Film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2924, 2853, 1781, 1465, 1421, 1354, 1181, 1133, 1031, 974, 945, 920 cm^{–1}.– MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 338.0 [M⁺] (1), 210.0 (3), 154.9 (9), 98.9 (4), 82.9 (3), 72.9 (100), 55.0 (6), 45.0 (7), 43.0 (6).– C₂₀H₃₄O₄ (338.5): calc. C 70.97, H 10.12; found C 70.70, H 10.02.



(4R,5S/R)-(-)-4-[1,3]Dioxolan-2-yl-5-tridecyl-dihydro-furan-2-one: $R_f(\text{SiO}_2, \text{PE/EE } 2:1) = 0.30$.– Mp. $46\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.– $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -26.5$ ($c = 1.0$, CH_2Cl_2).– ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.86$ (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3 H, CH_3), 1.25 (bs, 22 H, CH_2), 1.61 – 1.72 (m, 2 H, CH_2), 2.42 – 2.69 (m, 3 H, 3–H, 4–H), 3.87 – 4.03 (m, 4 H, $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$), 4.46 (dt, $J = 7.3, 5.0$ Hz, 1 H, CH), 4.88 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1 H, 2–H), characteristic signals of the diastereomer: $\delta = 4.98$ (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1 H, CH).– ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 14.1$ (+, CH_3), 22.7 (–, CH_2), 25.6 (–, CH_2), 29.25 (–, CH_2), 29.33 (–, CH_2), 29.43 (–, CH_2), 29.51 (–, CH_2), 29.63 (–, C–3, CH_2), 29.66 (–, CH_2), 31.9 (–, CH_2), 35.6 (–, CH_2), 43.6 (+, C–4), 65.36, 65.41 (–, $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$), 81.0 (+, C–5), 103.6 (+, CH), 176.1 (C_{quat} , CO), characteristic signals of the diastereomer: $\delta = 26.3$ (–, CH_2), 29.35 (–, CH_2), 29.46 (–, CH_2), 29.52 (–, CH_2), 29.61 (–, CH_2), 29.9 (–, C–3), 31.9 (–, CH_2), 41.6 (+, C–4), 65.1, 65.6 (–, $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$), 81.4 (+, C–5), 102.1 (+, CH). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 2919, 2849, 1764, 1466, 1427, 1214, 1153, 1063, 982, 941, 721\text{ cm}^{-1}$.– MS (DCI, NH_3): m/z (%) = 358.5 [$\text{M} + \text{NH}_4^+$] (100), 344.5 [M^+] (2), 136.2 (6).– $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_4$ (340.5): calc. C 70.55, H 10.66, found C 70.37, H 10.60.

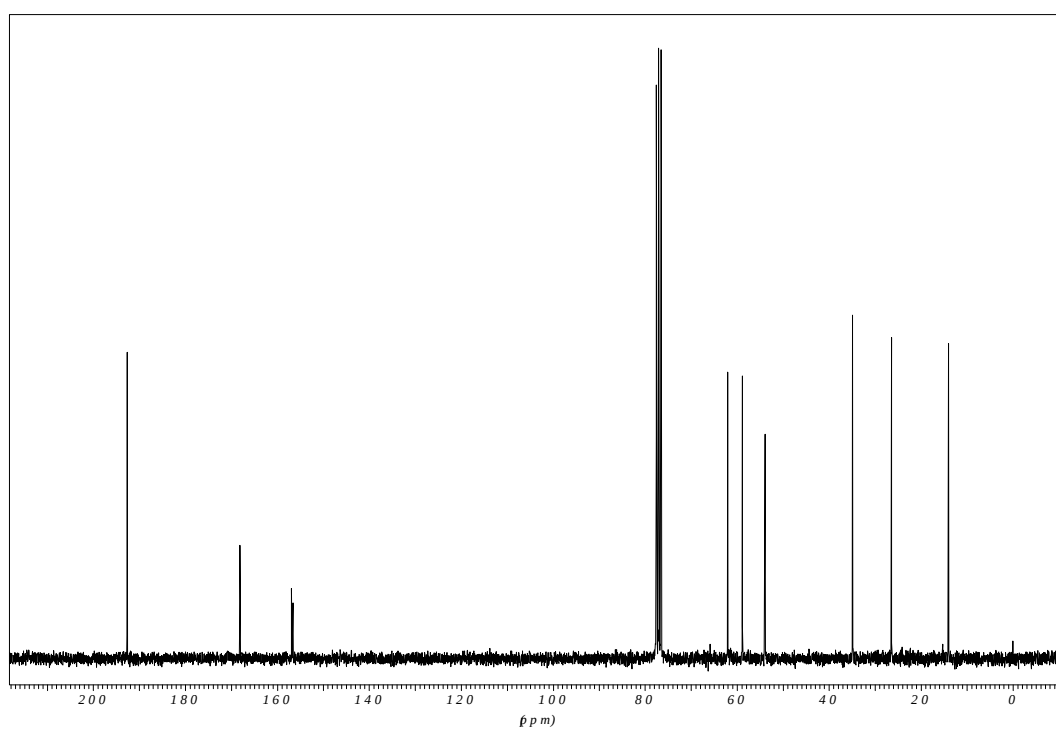
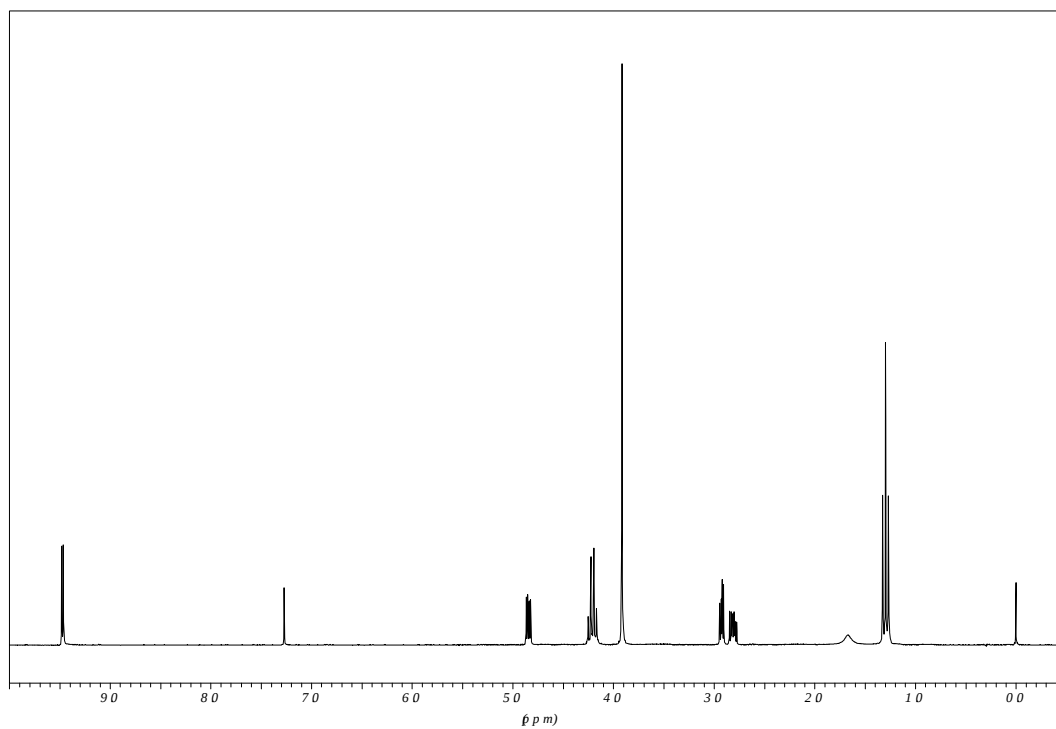
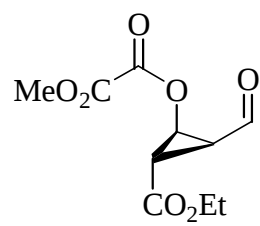


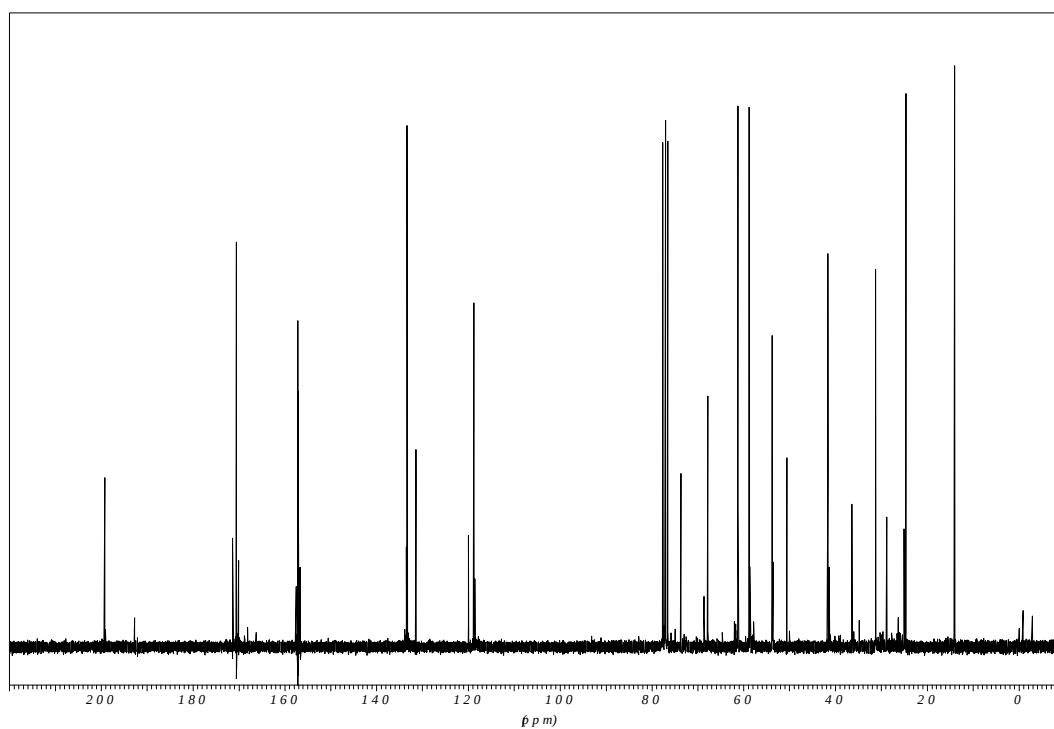
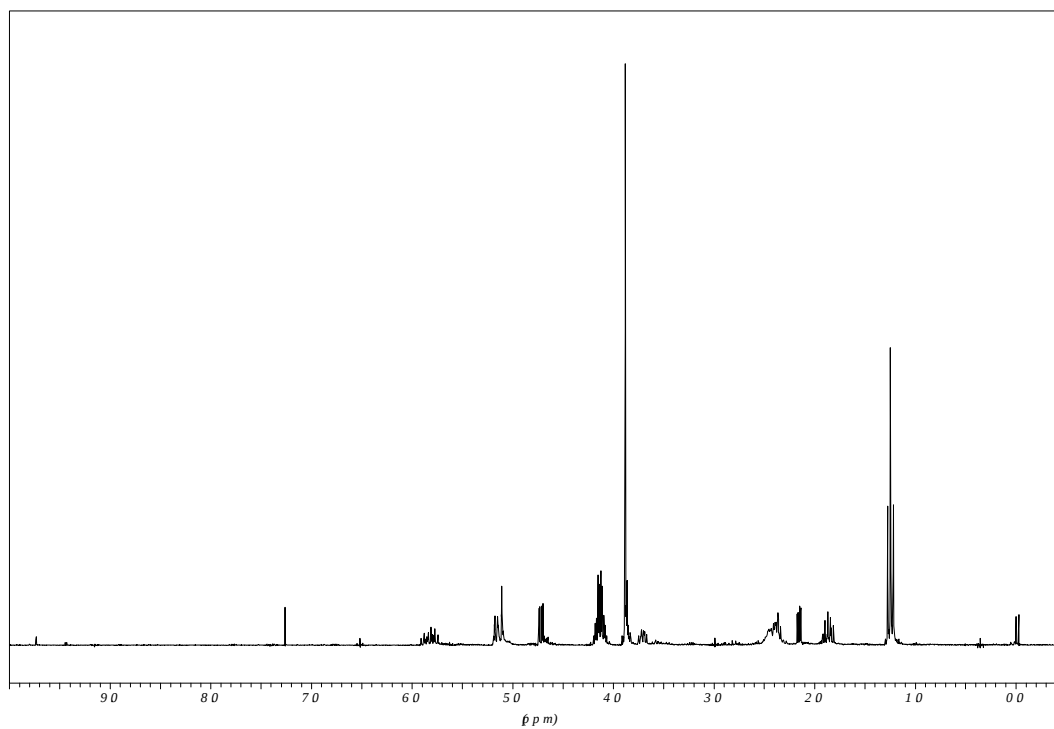
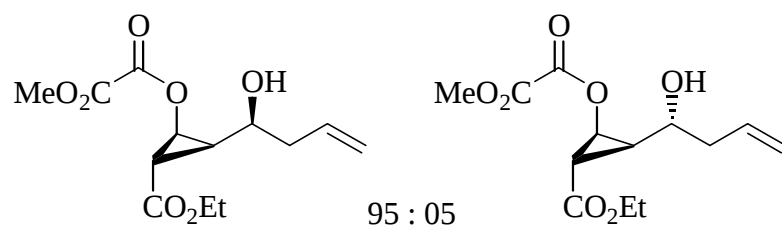
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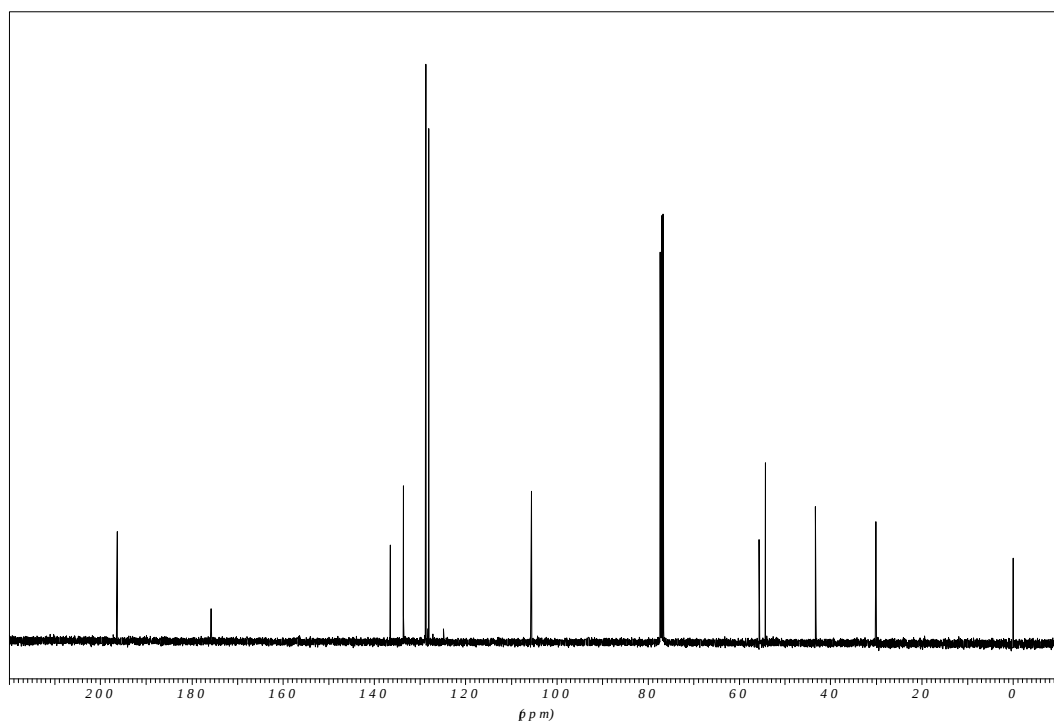
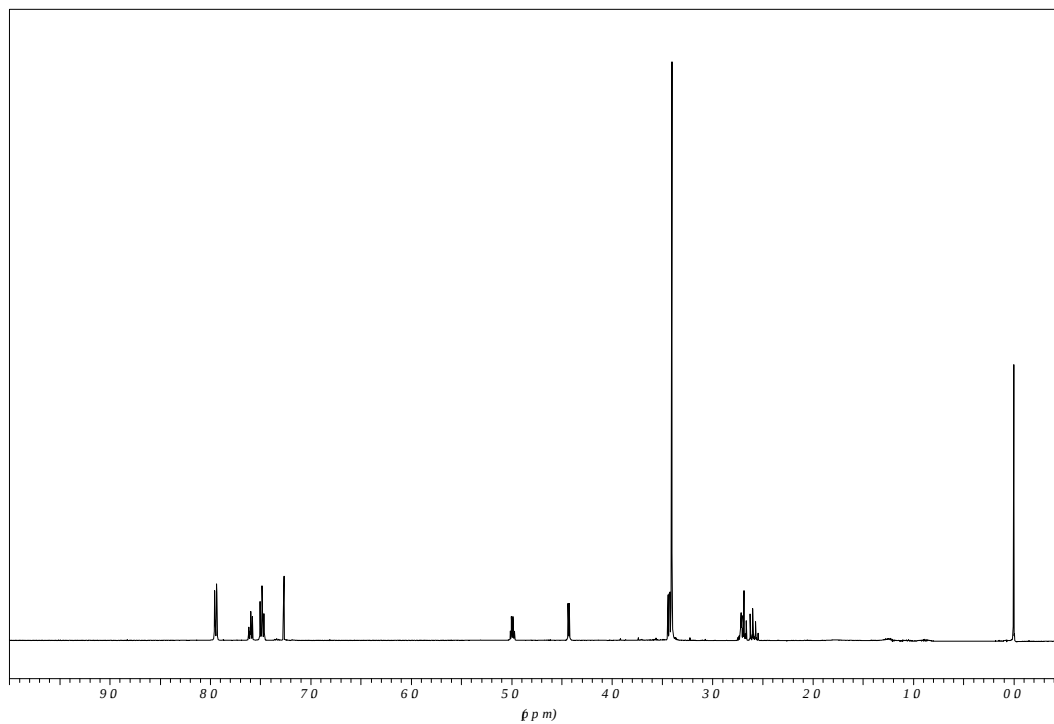
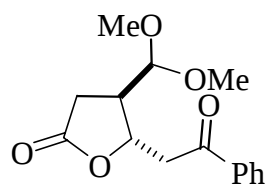


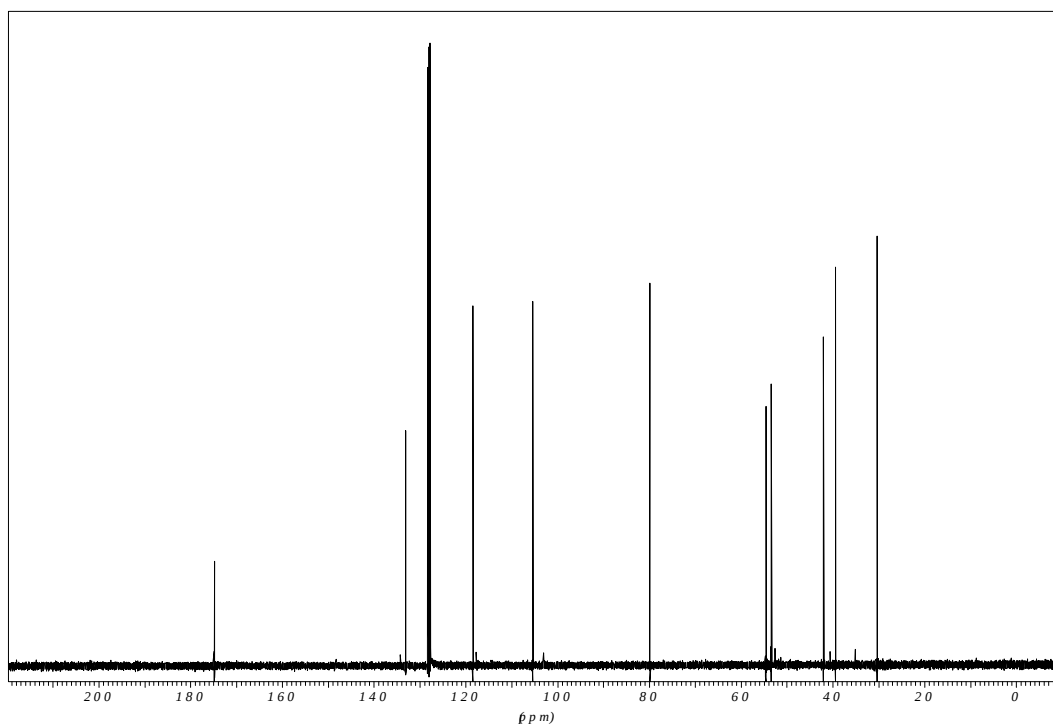
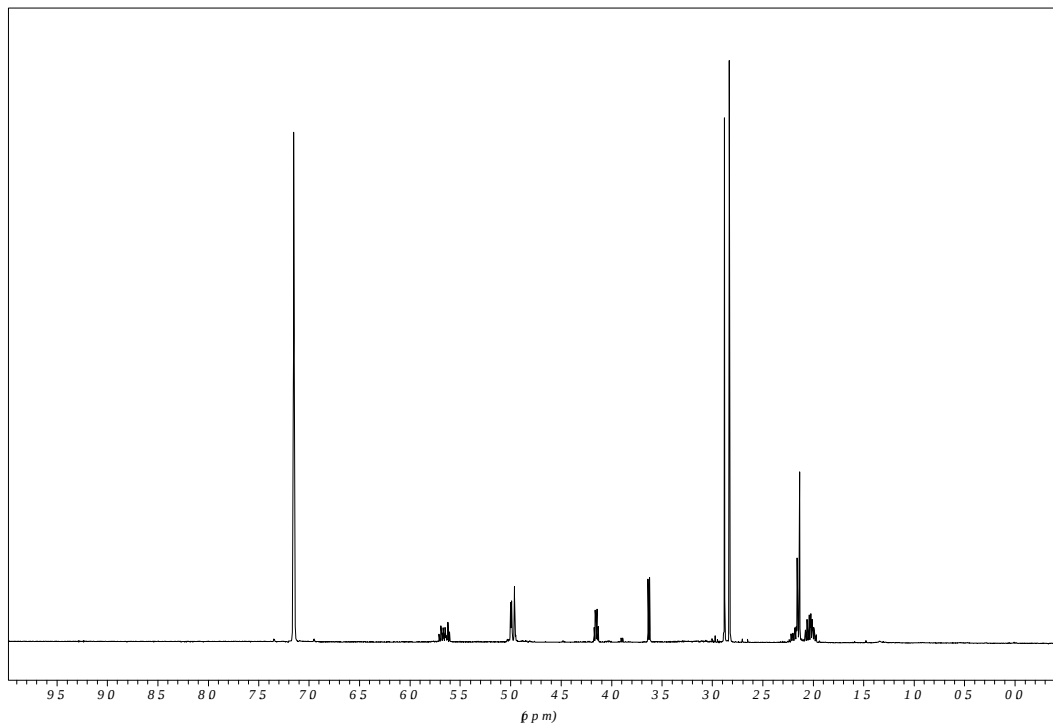
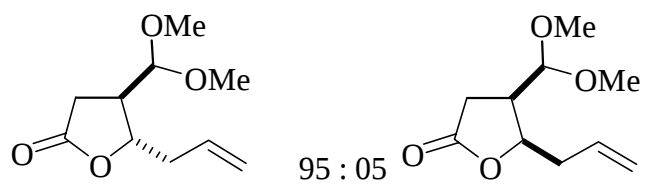
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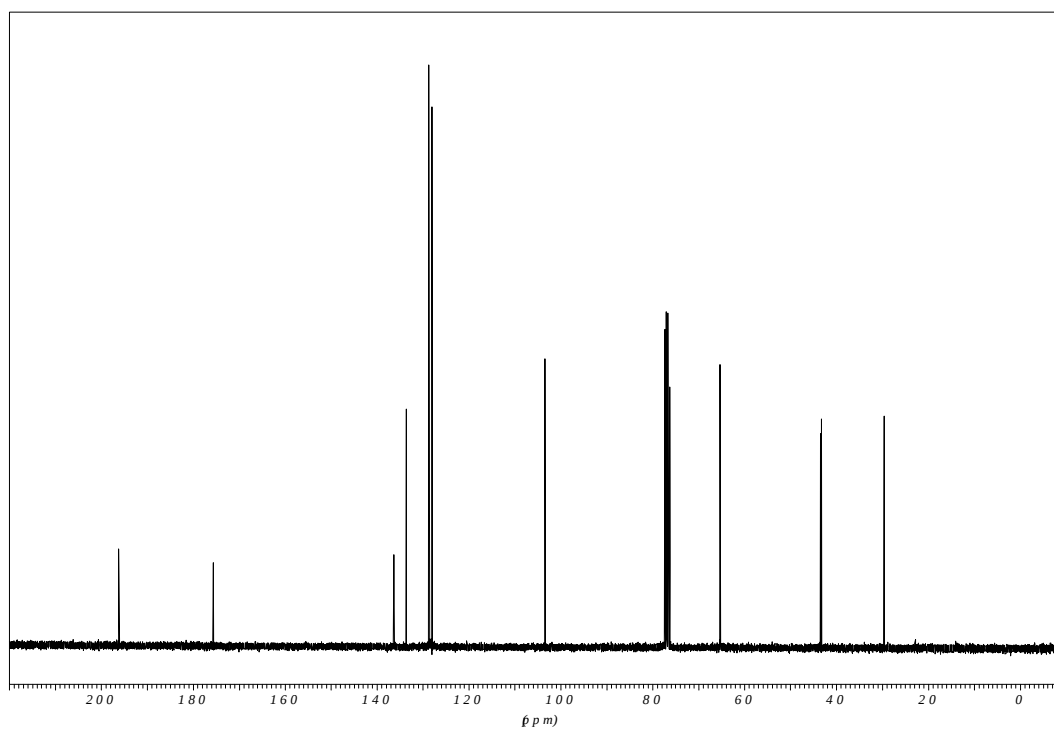
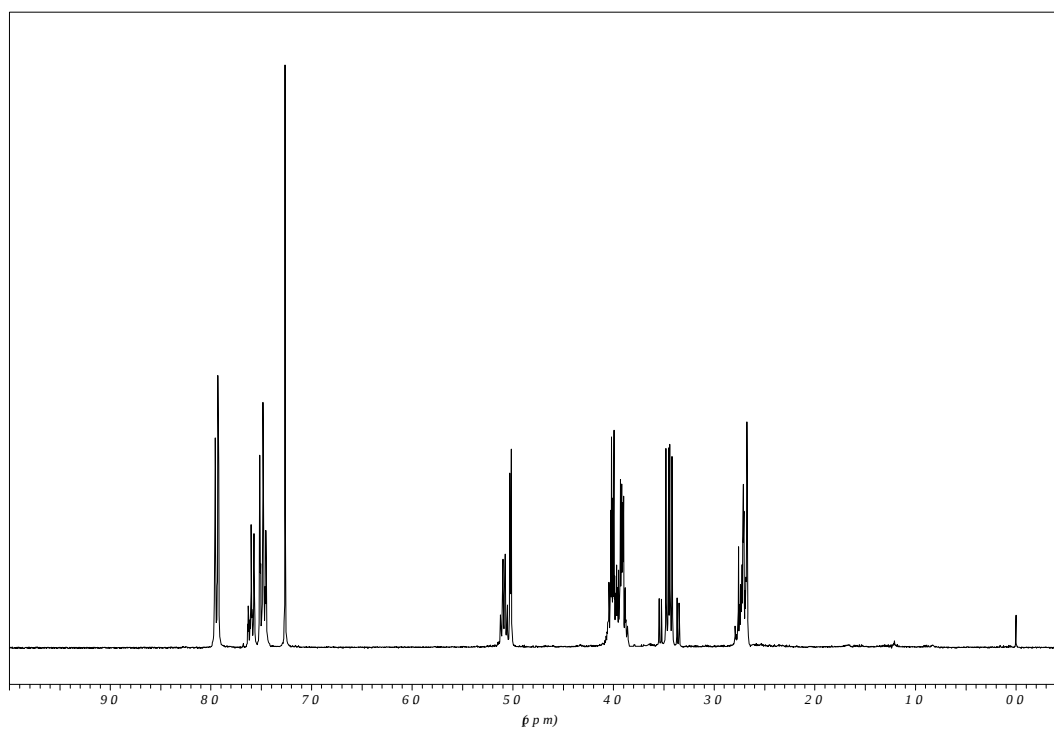
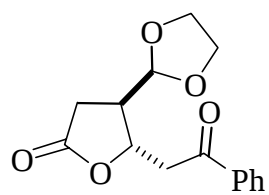
Roccellaric acid (17): $R_f(\text{SiO}_2, \text{CHCl}_3/\text{EE}/\text{HOAc } 90:8:2) = 0.25$.– Mp. 110 °C, lit.:^[6b] 108 °C.– $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -26$ ($c = 0.5$, CHCl_3), lit.:^[6b] -26 ($c = 1.93$, CHCl_3).– ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.88$ (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3 H, CH_3), 1.18 – 1.47 (m, 21 H, CH_2), 1.37 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3 H, CH_3), 1.48 – 1.59 (m, 1 H, 1'–H), 1.65 – 1.77 (m, 1 H, 1'–H), 1.78 – 1.88 (m, 1 H, 1'–H), 2.70 (dd, $J = 11.4, 9.1$ Hz, 1 H, 3–H), 2.99 (dq, $J = 11.4, 7.1$ Hz, 1 H, 4–H), 4.48 (ddd, $J = 9.1, 8.7, 4.1$ Hz, 1 H, 2–H).– ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 14.1$ (+, CH_3), 14.5 (+, CH_3), 22.7 (–, CH_2), 25.3 (–, CH_2), 29.22 (–, CH_2), 29.34 (–, CH_2), 29.38 (–, CH_2), 29.50 (–, CH_2), 29.60 (–, CH_2), 29.64 (–, CH_2), 29.67 (–, CH_2), 31.91 (–, CH_2), 34.92 (–, CH_2), 39.8 (+, C–3), 53.8 (+, C–4), 79.3 (+, C–2), 175.3 (C_{quat} , CO), 176.5 (C_{quat} , CO).

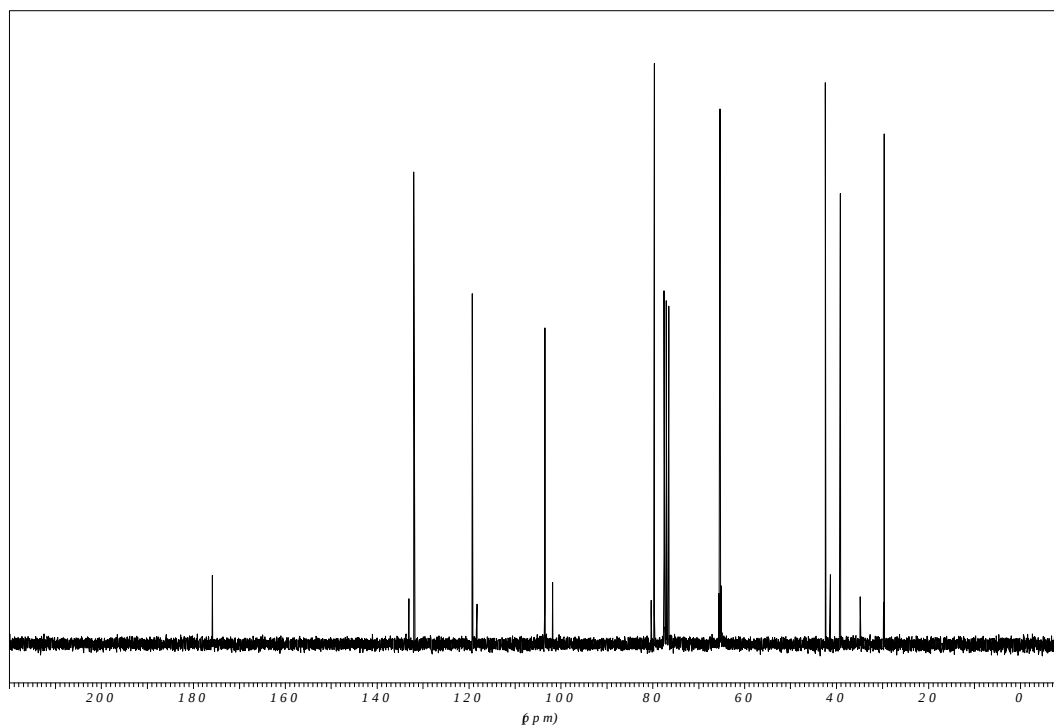
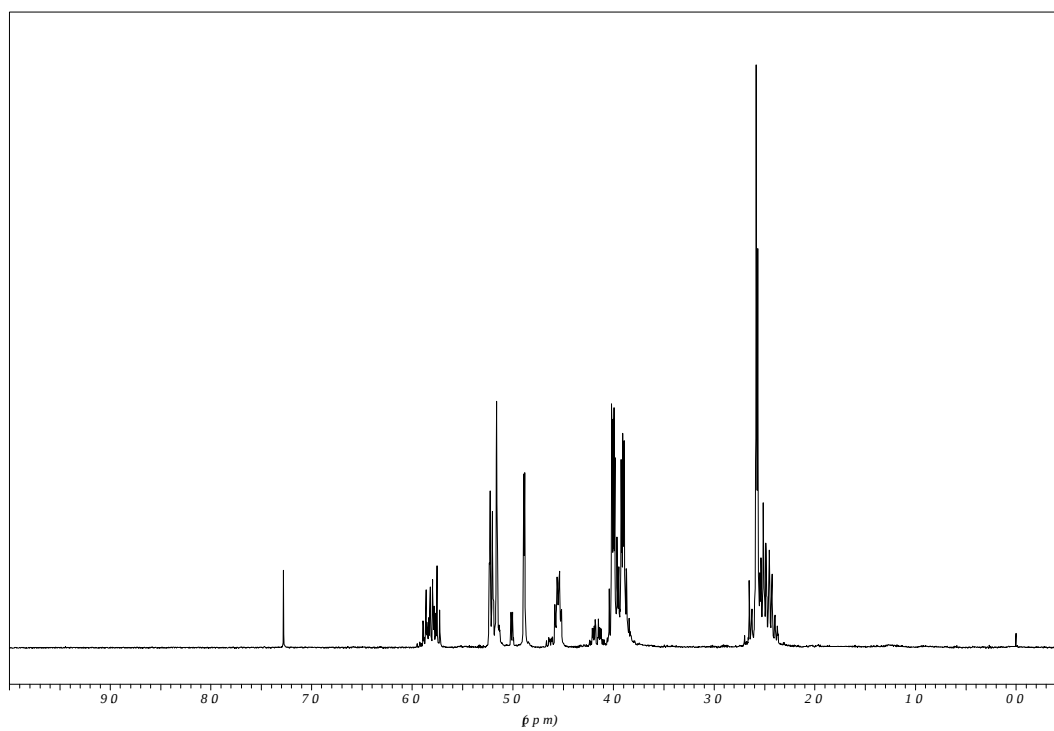
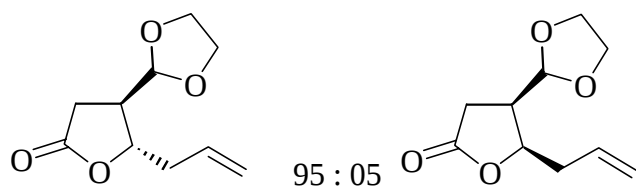


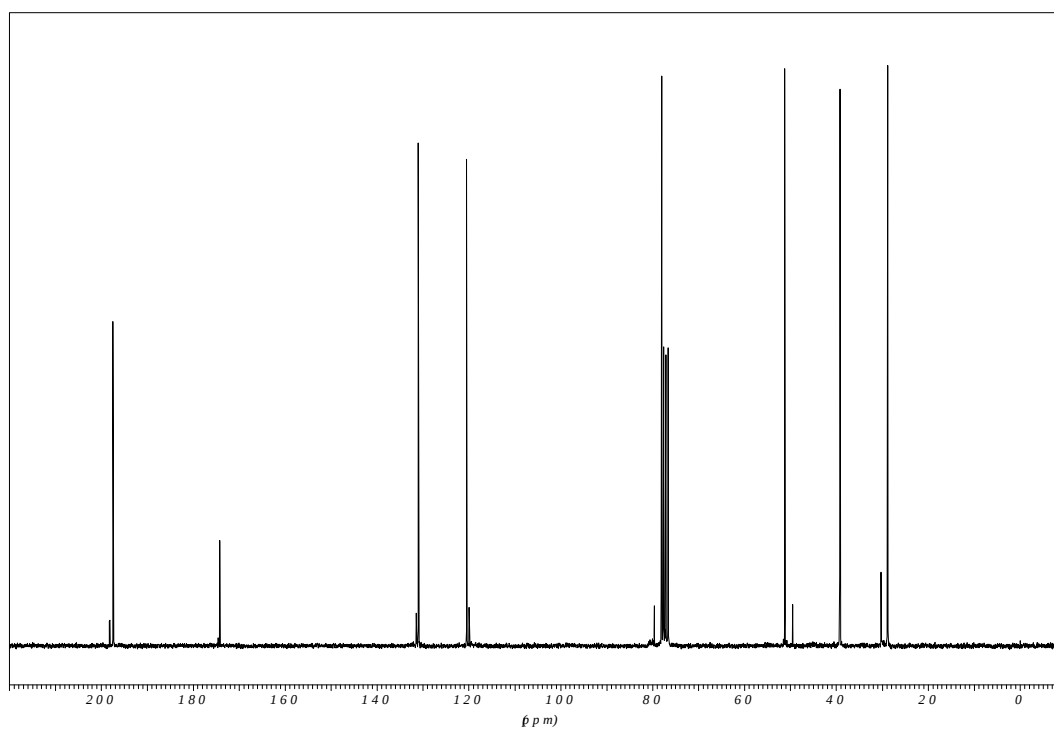
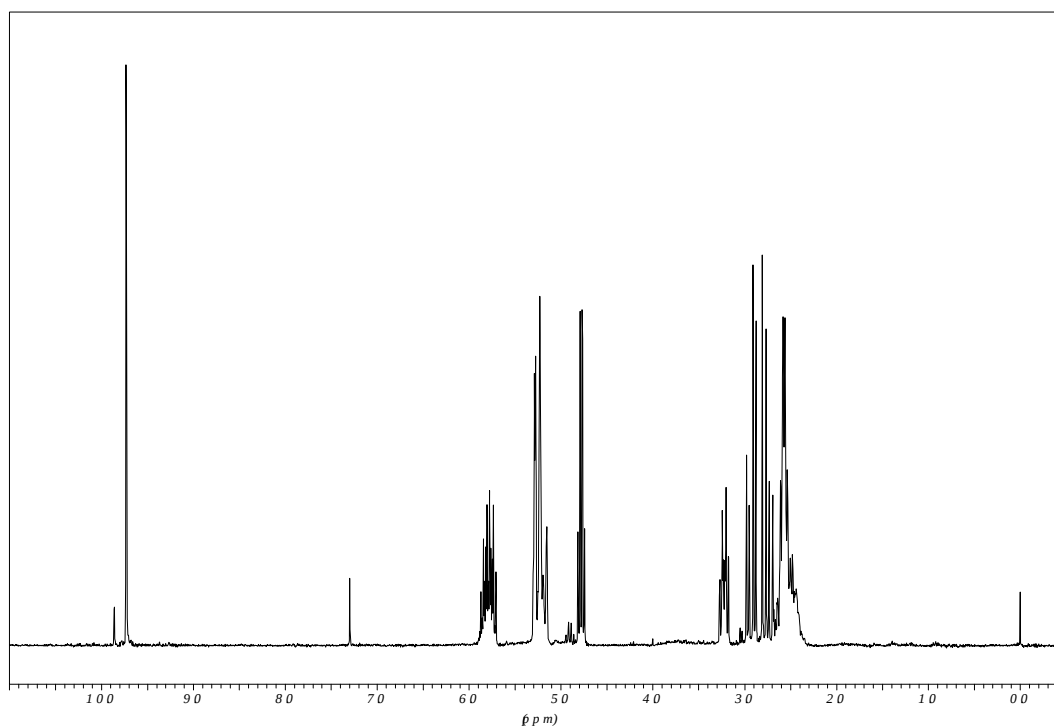
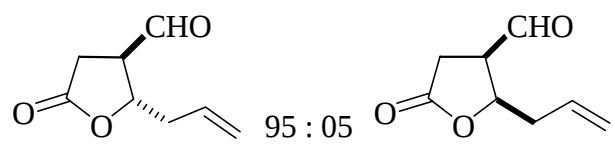


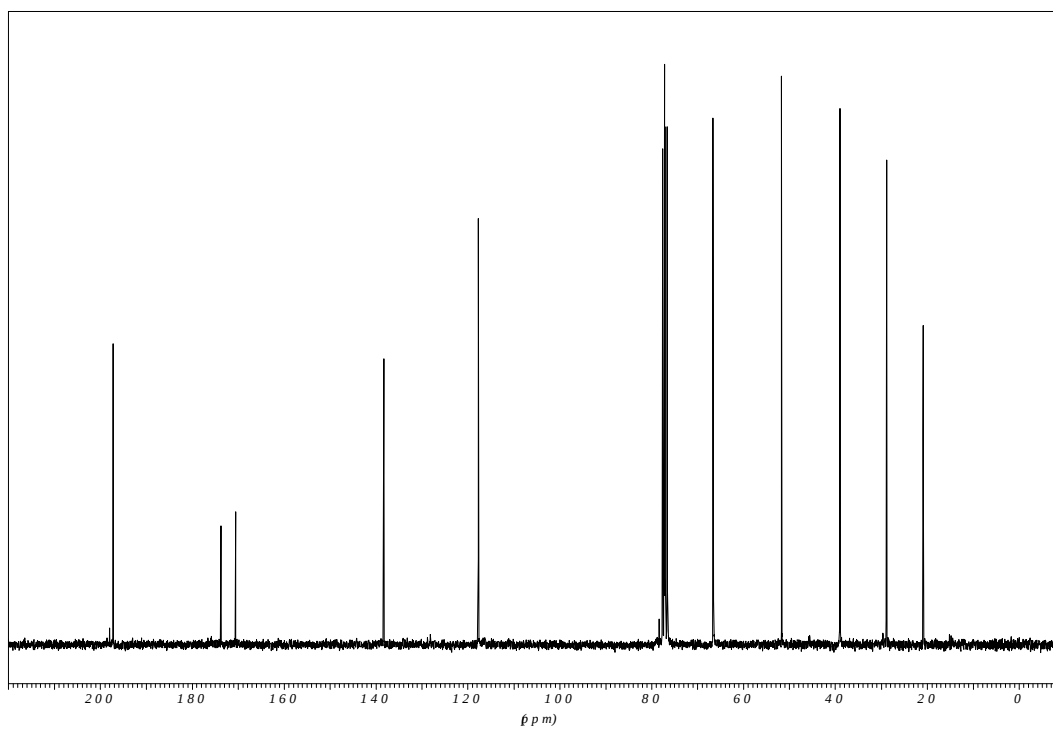
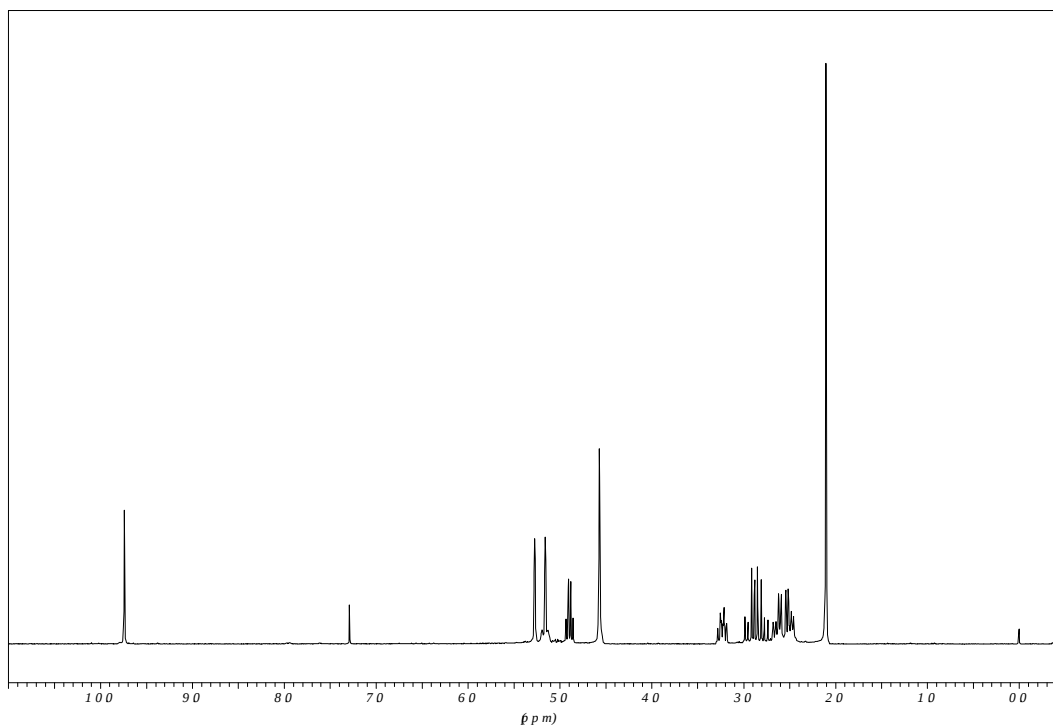
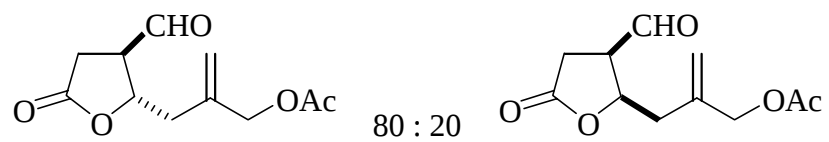


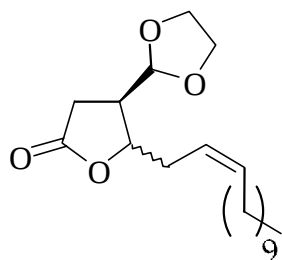
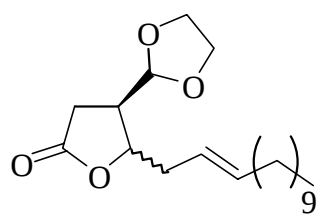




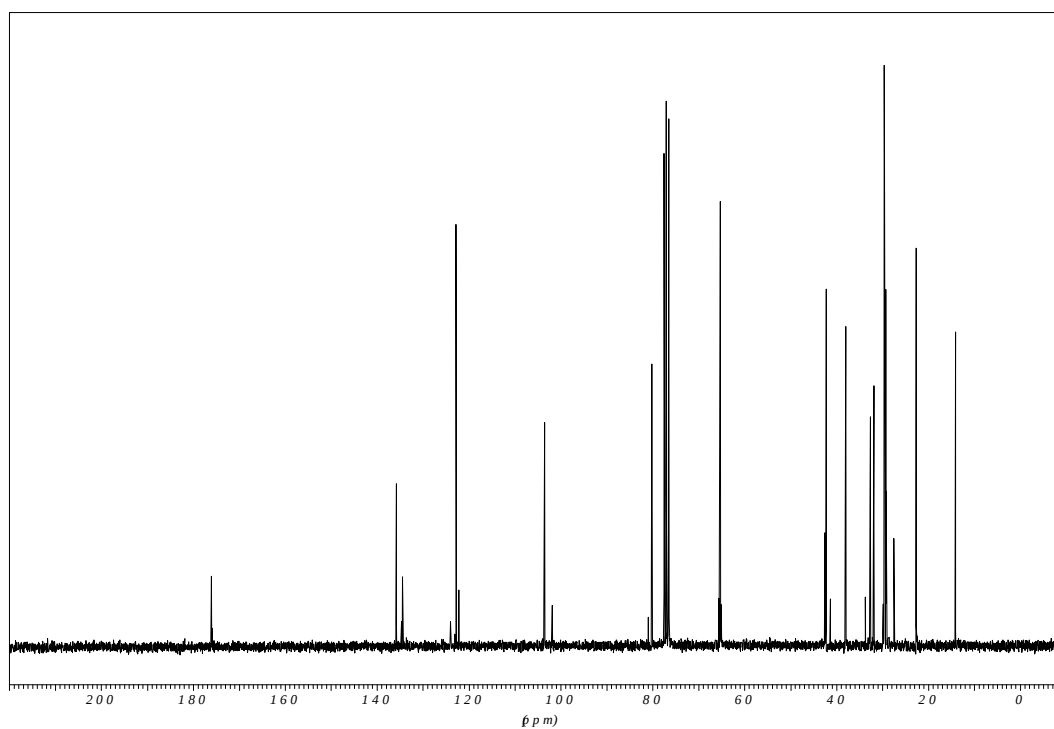
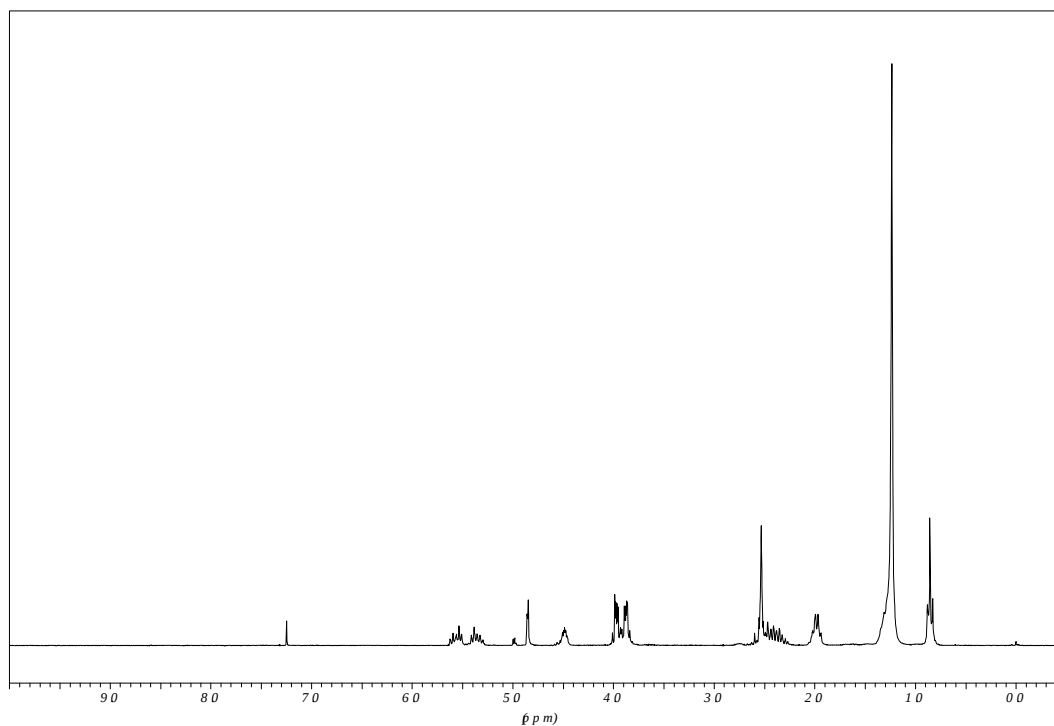


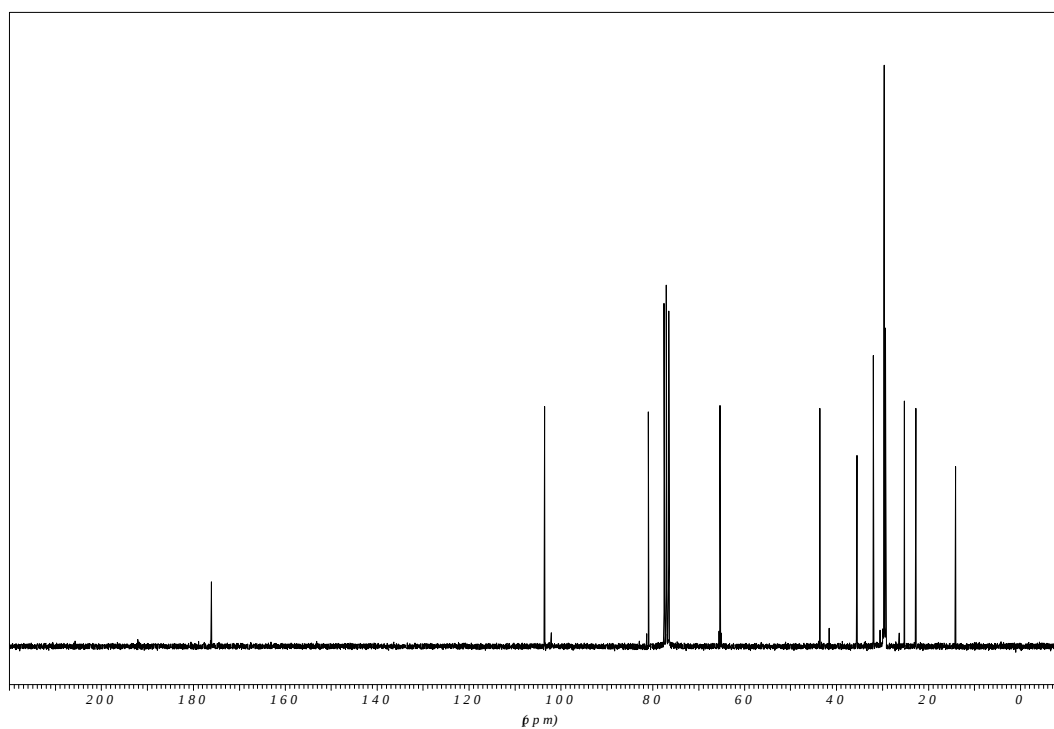
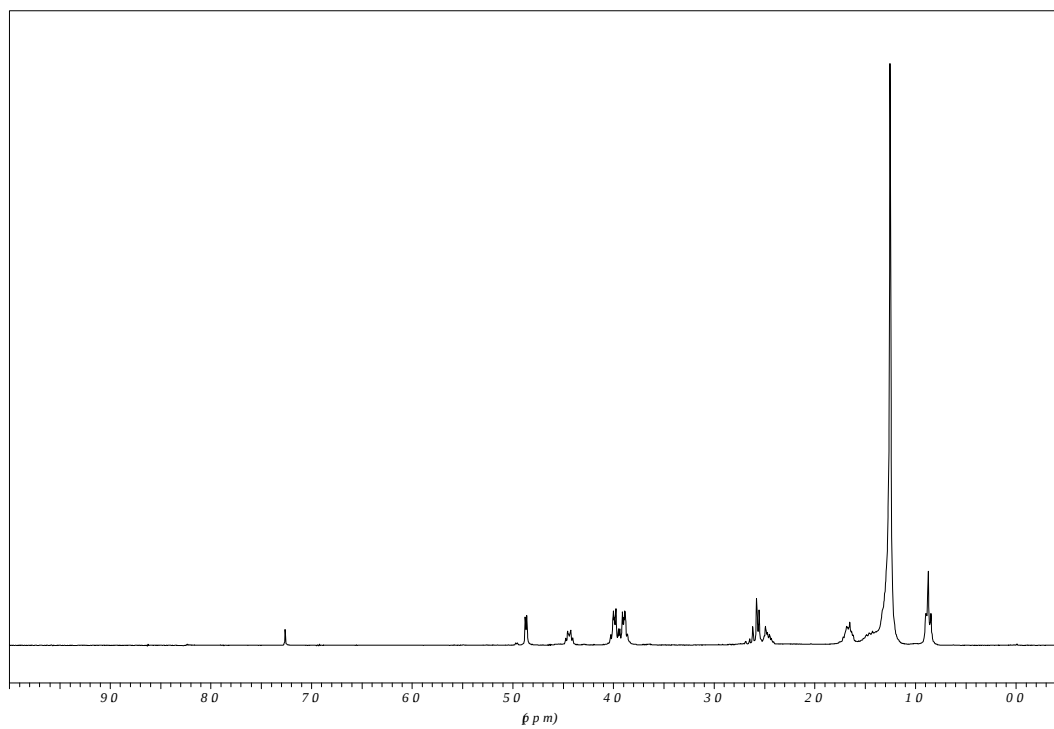


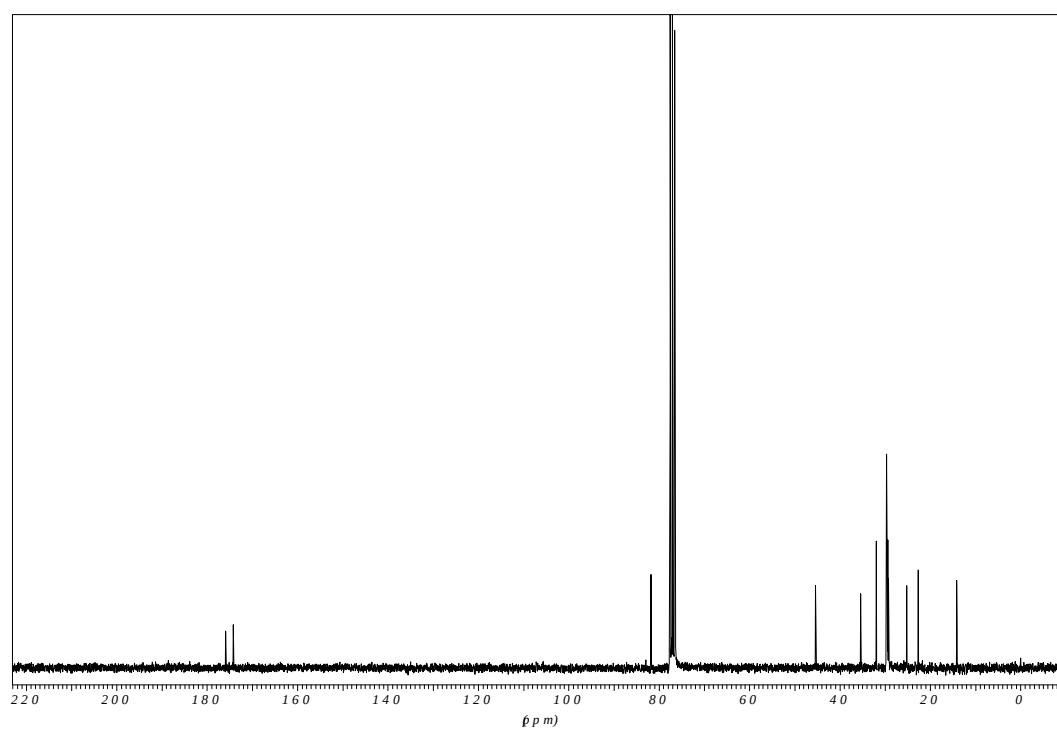
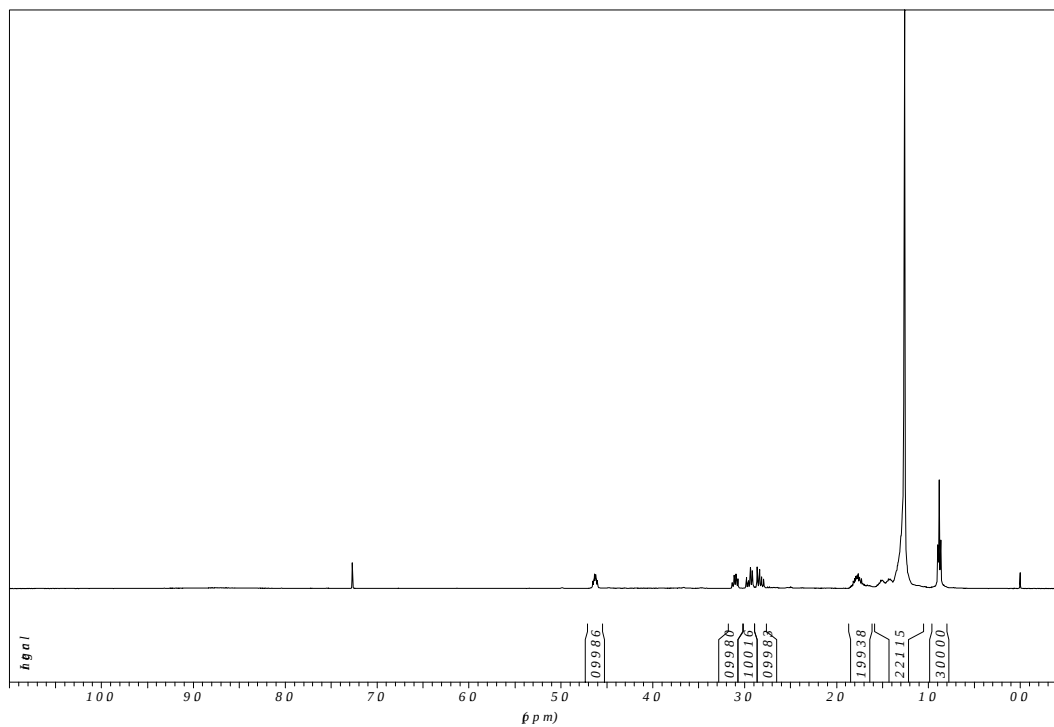
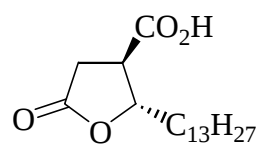


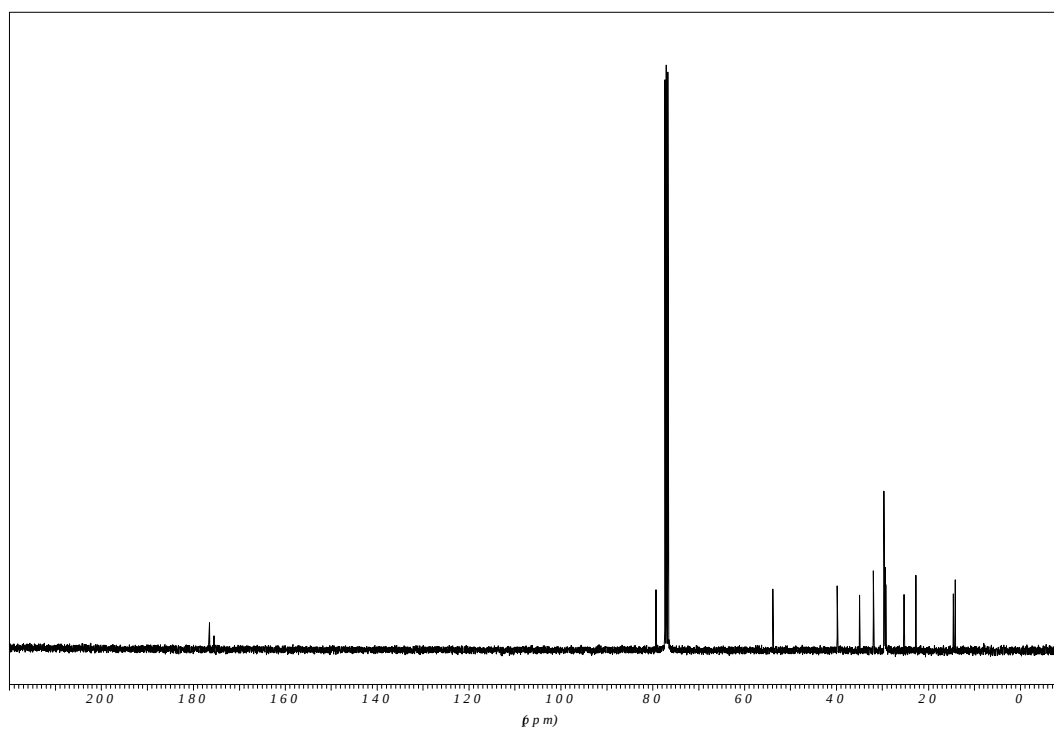
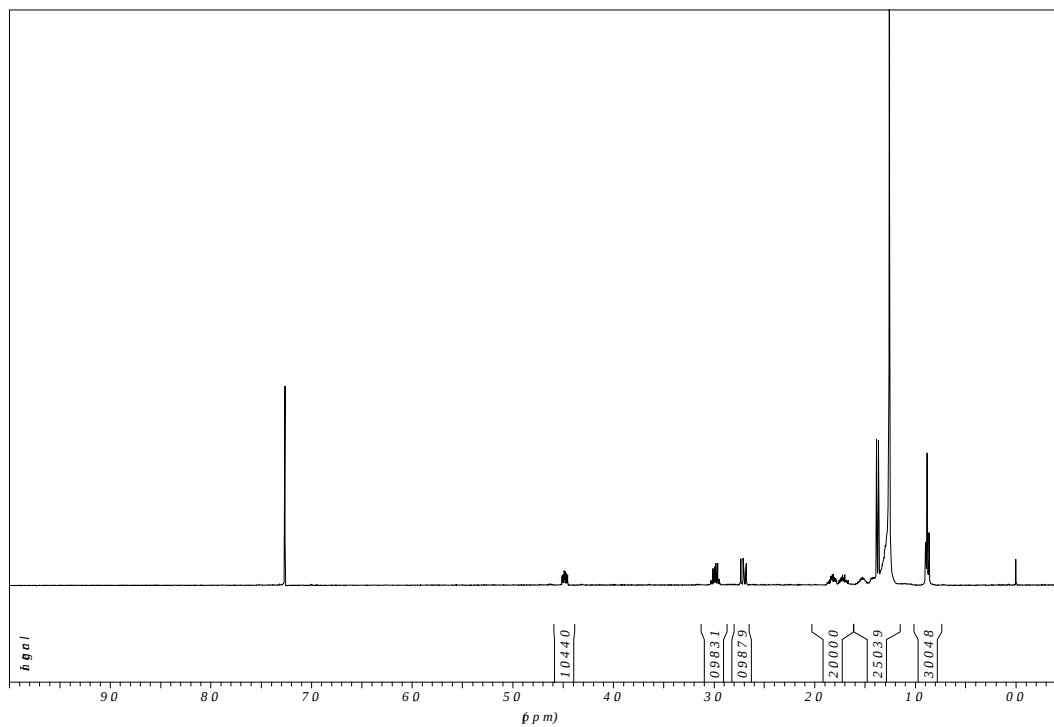
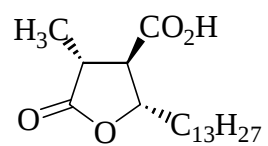


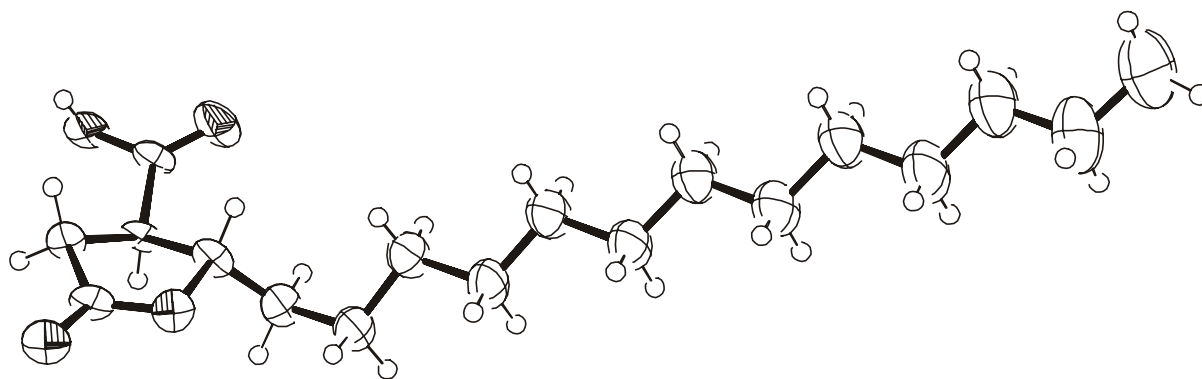
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Figure 1. ORTEP-Plot of (–)-**16**.Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for (–)-**16**.

Crystal Data	
Empirical formula	$C_{18}H_{32}O_4$
Formula weight	312.44
Crystal size	0.60 x 0.40 x 0.04 mm
Crystal description	platelike
Crystal colour	translucent, clear
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	P 1
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 5.3320(10) \text{ \AA}$ $\alpha = 87.67(4)^\circ$ $b = 5.3460(10) \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 86.76(4)^\circ$ $c = 33.137(14) \text{ \AA}$ $\gamma = 83.23(3)^\circ$
Volume	$935.9(5) \text{ \AA}^3$
Z, Calculated density	2, 1.109 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.610 mm^{-1}
F(000)	344
Measurement device type	Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer
Measuremnet method	\Q-scan
Temperature	293(1) K
Wavelength	$1.54180 \text{ \AA}$
Monochromator	graphite
Theta range for data collection	4.01 to 64.77°
Index ranges	$-6 \leq h \leq 4$, $-6 \leq k \leq 4$, $-38 \leq l \leq 38$

Reflections collected / unique	3397 / 3397 [R(int) = 0.0000]
Reflections greater $I > 2\sigma(I)$	2989
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2
Hydrogen treatment	constr
Data / restraints / parameters	3397 / 3 / 398
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.101
Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0772$, $\omega R_2 = 0.2029$
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0842$, $\omega R_2 = 0.2136$
Absolute structure parameter	0.4(4)
Extinction coefficient	0.023(4)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.529 and -0.575 e. $\text{\AA}^{-3}$
