

Supplementary Information

Microwave-Assisted Heck Arylations of Non-Activated *N*-Acyl-3-pyrrolines with Arenediazonium Tetrafluoroborates

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All reagents were obtained from commercial sources at the highest available purity and were used as supplied, unless stated otherwise in the experimental procedures. Solvents were purified as described by Armarego and Perrin.¹ ¹H and ¹³C nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) data were recorded with Bruker spectrometers operating at 250, 400, 500 or 600 MHz for ¹H with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift in ppm (δ), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), integration and coupling constant (Hz). High resolution mass spectra were acquired using a tandem Waters Synapt G1 high definition mass spectrometer (HDMS) (Manchester, UK) equipped with an electrospray ionization (ESI) source in positive ion mode, and a Waters Micromass GCT Premier high resolution time-of-flight (TOF) gas chromatography-mass spectrometer (GC-MS) (70 eV electron ionization, 100 μ A trap current). Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained on a Thermo-Nicolet IR-200 spectrometer (Madison, WI, USA) and absorptions are reported in reciprocal centimeters. The microwave-assisted Heck-Matsuda arylations were accomplished using a CEM Discover System (Mathew, NC, USA) in heavy-walled sealed tubes with the temperature monitored by a calibrated infrared control.

Typical experimental procedure for the microwave-assisted Heck-Matsuda arylation of olefin **1**

To a solution of 1.5 eq of olefin **1** (114.22 mg, 0.675 mmol) in CH₃CN:H₂O (1:1) it was added Pd(OAc)₂ (2 mol%). After 5 minutes, 1 eq of arenediazonium salt was added to the reaction mixture and submitted to microwave (MW) irradiation at 60 °C and power of 100 W for 15 min. Upon completion, the mixture was cooled at r.t., diluted with AcOEt, and washed with saturated NaHCO₃ and NaCl solutions. The organic layers were separated, combined,

and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration, the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. To a solution of the crude material in previously dried CH₂Cl₂ was added 1.2 eq of pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC) (174.60 mg, 0.810 mmol). After 4 h under stirring at r.t. the crude material was filtered through a plug of silica gel and washed with AcOEt. This material was evaporated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (AcOEt/Hex, 2:3).

tert-Butyl 4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-oxopyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (**3**) (Table 1, entry 1): m.p. 110-111 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} /cm⁻¹ 2958, 2927, 1784, 1749, 1714, 1520, 1315, 1259, 1153, 1026, 854, 777; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.53 (s, 9H), 2.69 (dd, 1H, J 9.9, 17.2 Hz), 2.88 (dd, 1H, J 8.4, 17.2 Hz), 3.51 (q, 1H), 3.66 (dd, 1H, J 8.6, 10.8 Hz), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.14 (dd, 1H, J 8.1, 11.0 Hz), 6.73-6.86 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.9, 36.1, 40.4, 53.2, 55.9, 83.0, 110.0, 111.5, 118.7, 133.0, 148.4, 149.3, 150.0, 173.1; HRMS (ESI(+)-MS) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₂₃NO₅Na: 344.1474; found: 344.1550.

tert-Butyl 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxopyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (**4**) (Table 1, entry 2): m.p. 98 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} /cm⁻¹ 2979, 2931, 1788, 1749, 1714, 1495, 1367, 1315, 1257, 1153, 1107, 1014, 831, 777; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.54 (s, 9H), 2.67 (dd, 1H, J 9.5, 17.2 Hz), 2.90 (dd, 1H, J 8.4, 17.2 Hz), 3.52 (q, 1H), 3.65 (dd, 1H, J 8.3, 11.0 Hz), 4.15 (dd, 1H, J 7.9, 10.8 Hz), 7.18 (d, 2H, J 8.8 Hz), 7.33 (d, 2H, J 8.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 28.0, 35.9, 40.2, 52.9, 83.3, 128.1, 129.2, 133.3, 139.1, 149.8, 172.6; HRMS (ESI(+)-MS) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₁₈ClNO₃Na: 318.0873; found: 318.0868.

tert-Butyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxopyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (**5**) (Table 1, entry 3): m.p. 92-96 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} /cm⁻¹ 2978, 2933, 1785, 1750, 1714, 1516, 1317, 1252, 1153, 1035, 833, 777; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.52 (s, 9H), 2.65 (dd, 1H, J 9.9, 17.2 Hz), 2.85 (dd, 1H, J 8.4,

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17.2 Hz), 3.46 (q, 1H), 3.63 (dd, 1H, *J* 8.6, 10.9 Hz), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.11 (dd, 1H, *J* 7.9, 10.8 Hz), 6.86 (d, 2H, *J* 8.8 Hz), 7.15 (d, 2H, *J* 8.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.9, 35.7, 40.4, 53.3, 55.2, 82.9, 114.3, 127.7, 132.4, 149.8, 158.8, 173.1; HRMS (ESI(+)-MS) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₂₁NO₄Na: 314.1368; found: 314.1418.

tert-Butyl 4-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxopyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6) (Table 1, entry 4): m.p. 105–106 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 2979, 2931, 1788, 1749, 1714, 1495, 1367, 1315, 1255, 1153, 1107, 1014, 831, 777; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.53 (s, 9H), 2.72 (dd, 1H, *J* 9.4, 17.2 Hz), 2.98 (dd, 1H, *J* 8.1, 17.2 Hz), 3.70 (m, 2H), 4.22 (dd, 1H, *J* 7.6, 10.1 Hz), 7.44 (d, 2H, *J* 8.8 Hz), 8.23 (d, 2H, *J* 8.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.9, 36.1, 39.9, 52.4, 83.5, 124.2, 127.7, 147.3, 148.1, 149.6, 171.8; HRMS (ESI(+)-MS) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₁₈N₂O₅Na: 329.1113; found: 329.1075.

tert-Butyl 4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxopyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (7) (Table 1, entry 5): m.p. 122–123 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 3053, 2978, 1784, 1749, 1712, 1367, 1317, 1151, 856, 748; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.55 (s, 9H), 2.84 (dd, 1H, *J* 9.5, 17.2 Hz), 3.0 (dd, 1H, *J* 8.4, 17.2 Hz), 3.71 (q, 1H), 3.81 (dd, 1H, *J* 8.1, 10.6 Hz), 4.25 (dd, 1H, *J* 8.0, 10.5 Hz), 7.37 (dd, 1H, *J* 1.8, 8.4 Hz), 7.50 (dd, 2H, *J* 2.2, 9.5 Hz), 7.68 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 28.0, 36.5, 40.2, 53.0, 83.1, 124.7, 125.4, 126.1, 126.5, 127.7, 128.9, 132.6, 133.4, 137.9, 149.9, 173.0; EM (70 eV, *m/z*, relative abundance) 311 (26), 238 (6), 211 (25), 154 (100), 57 (70).

Typical experimental procedure for the microwave-assisted Heck-Matsuda arylation of olefin 2

To a solution of 1.0 eq of olefin **2** (50.0 mg, 0.27 mmol) in CH₃OH (1.0 mL) it was added Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%) followed by the addition of 2 eq of the corresponding arenediazonium salt. The reaction mixture under stirring was submitted to MW irradiation at 100 °C and power of 100 W for 12–30 min. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was cooled at r.t., diluted with EtOAc, and washed with saturated NaHCO₃ and NaCl solutions. The organic layers were separated, combined, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration, the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the crude material purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.

Dimethyl 2-methoxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (8) (Table 3, entry 1): IR (KBr) ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 2953, 2899, 2837, 1758, 1710, 1612, 1515, 1444,

1364, 1249, 1199, 1180, 1032, 831; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 2.27–2.54 (m, 2H), 3.45–4.08 (m, 15H, overlap of several signals), 6.86 (d, 2H, *J* 8.4 Hz), 7.21 (d, 2H, *J* 8.7 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 39.67, 40.44, 46.02, 52.73, 52.99, 54.63, 55.29, 92.99, 114.13, 128.13, 131.41, 158.75, 170.07; HRMS (ESI(+)-MS) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₂₁NO₆Na: 346.1267; found: 346.1096. ^aMixture of rotamers and diastereoisomers.

Dimethyl 2-methoxy-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (9) (Table 3, entry 2): IR (KBr) ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 2999, 2954, 2904, 1756, 1711, 1446, 1368, 1247, 1201, 1114, 1083, 1052, 1025, 754; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 2.30–2.42 (m, 2H), 3.40–4.04 (m, 15H, several signals overlapping), 6.86–6.96 (m, 2H), 7.09–7.19 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 34.85, 35.41, 43.41, 43.61, 51.96, 52.70, 52.85, 53.24, 55.20, 92.72, 110.36, 120.49, 126.78, 127.36, 128.06, 155.47, 157.64, 170.31. ^aMixture of rotamers and diastereoisomers.

Dimethyl 2-hydroxy-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (10) (Table 2, entry 10): IR (film) ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 3479, 2955, 2896, 2838, 1750, 1702, 1601, 1495, 1451, 1384, 1244, 1211, 1194, 1105, 1053, 1025, 990, 777, 754; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 2.33–2.57 (m, 2H), 3.42–4.12 (m, 12 H, several signals overlapping), 6.86–6.96 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.28 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 34.91, 35.48, 43.50, 43.72, 52.03, 52.32, 52.77, 52.84, 52.94, 53.31, 55.27, 92.81, 110.43, 120.57, 126.88, 127.88, 127.47, 128.12, 155.55, 157.73, 170.40; HRMS (ESI(+)-MS) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₁₉NO₆Na: 332.1110; found: 332.1104. ^aMixture of rotamers and diastereoisomers.

Dimethyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methoxypyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (11) (Table 3, entry 3): IR (KBr) ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 2955, 1755, 1713, 1606, 1513, 1447, 1367, 1229, 1203, 1125, 1085, 837; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 2.29–2.56 (m, 2H), 3.39–4.08 (m, 12H, several signals overlapping), 6.98–7.04 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.26 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 39.67, 40.44, 45.95, 46.19, 46.30, 52.19, 52.41, 52.81, 52.90, 53.03, 53.09, 54.49, 54.99, 56.70, 92.46, 92.88, 115.46, 115.63, 115.70, 115.87, 128.60, 128.67, 128.79, 135.10, 135.13, 155.40, 160.91, 162.87, 169.91; HRMS (ESI(+)-MS) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₁₈FNO₅: 334.1067; found: 334.1044. ^aMixture of rotamers and diastereoisomers.

Dimethyl 4-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methoxypyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (12) (Table 3, entry 4): IR (KBr) ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 2988, 2953, 2843, 1758, 1713, 1491, 1446, 1368, 1202, 1125, 1078, 1051, 1010, 980, 940, 822; ¹H NMR

(300 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 2.29-2.43 (m, 2H), 3.45-3.98 (m, 12H, several signals overlapping), 7.13 (d, 2H, *J* 8.5 Hz), 7.45 (d, 2H, *J* 8.0 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 39.98, 40.62, 45.74, 45.80, 52.84, 52.93, 53.05, 54.21, 92.85, 121.0, 128.89, 131.80, 138.47, 155.37, 169.85; HRMS (ESI(+)-MS) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₄H₁₅BrNO₄ (M-OMe): 341.0263; found: 341.0165. ^aMixture of rotamers and diastereoisomers.

Dimethyl 4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-methoxypyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (13) (Table 3, entry 5): IR (KBr) ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 3478, 3001, 2955, 1751, 1705, 1453, 1381, 1105, 930, 737; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 2.29-2.42 (m, 2H), 3.39-4.16 (m, 12H, several signals overlapping), 7.08-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.42 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 39.53, 40.32, 40.51, 44.26, 44.84, 46.05, 52.21, 52.69, 53.14, 53.29, 87.60, 88.49, 88.85, 126.46, 126.54, 129.01, 130.49, 131.04, 132.56, 139.50, 139.89, 154.49, 171.88; HRMS (ESI(+)-MS) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₁₇Cl₂NO₅Na: 384.0381; found: 384.0283. ^aMixture of rotamers and diastereoisomers.

Dimethyl 2-methoxy-4-(4-nitrophenyl)pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (14) (Table 3, entry 6): IR (KBr) ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 3505, 3080, 2955, 2849, 1758, 1713, 1601, 1522, 1348, 1084, 738; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 2.25-2.46 (m, 1H), 2.47-2.78 (m, 1H), 3.25-3.83 (m, 12H, several signals overlapping), 7.43 (d, 2H, *J* 8.75 Hz), 8.21 (d, 2H, *J* 8.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 40.92, 45.60, 52.41, 52.88, 52.99, 53.07, 53.82, 92.71, 123.93, 128.09, 147.11, 155.23, 169.55; HRMS (ESI(+)-MS) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₁₅N₂O₅ (M-CO₂Me): 279.0981; found: 279.0956. ^aMixture of rotamers and diastereoisomers.

Dimethyl 2-methoxy-4-(3-nitrophenyl)pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (15) (Table 3, entry 7): IR (KBr) ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 3021, 2955, 1758, 1707, 1531, 1446, 1348, 1348, 1316, 1258, 1202, 1125, 1086, 1051, 1019, 977; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 2.28-2.61 (m, 2H), 3.42-4.19 (m, 12H, several signals overlapping), 7.44 (m, 2H), 8.19 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 40.75, 41.30, 45.62, 46.00, 52.46, 52.92, 53.03, 53.11, 53.95, 92.69, 122.07, 122.37, 122.56, 129.73, 129.79, 133.52, 133.81, 141.66, 148.48, 169.98, 178.01; HRMS (ESI(+)-MS) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₄H₁₅N₂O₆ (M-OMe): 307.0930; found: 307.0933. ^aMixture of rotamers and diastereoisomers.

Dimethyl 2-methoxy-4-(4-((methoxycarbonyl)amino)phenyl)pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarbo-xylate (16) (Table 3, entry 8): IR (KBr) ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 3328, 3055, 2995, 2954, 1755, 1712, 1615, 1600, 1536, 1370, 1229; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 2.35-2.40 (m, 2H), 3.46-4.03 (m, 15H, several signals overlapping), 6.63 (sl, 1H), 7.20 (d, 2H, *J* 7.5 Hz), 7.34 (d, 2H, *J* 7.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)^a δ 39.81, 45.56, 45.84, 46.15, 52.14, 52.35, 52.79, 52.87, 52.99, 54.43, 92.92, 119.01, 127.79, 134.45, 136.87, 153.98, 155.46, 170.01; HRMS (ESI(+)-MS) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₁₉N₂O₅ (M-CO₂Me = 307.1294); found 307.1289. ^aMixture of rotamers and diastereoisomers.

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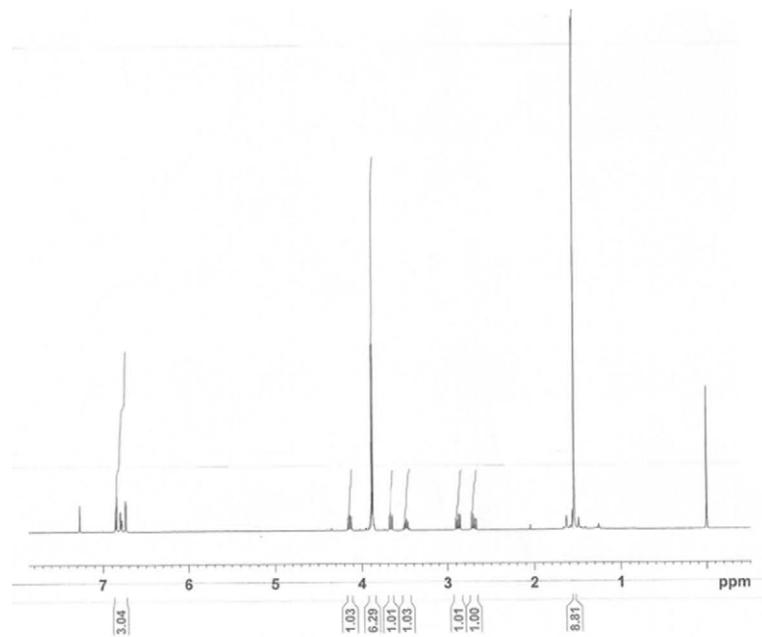


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of compound 3.

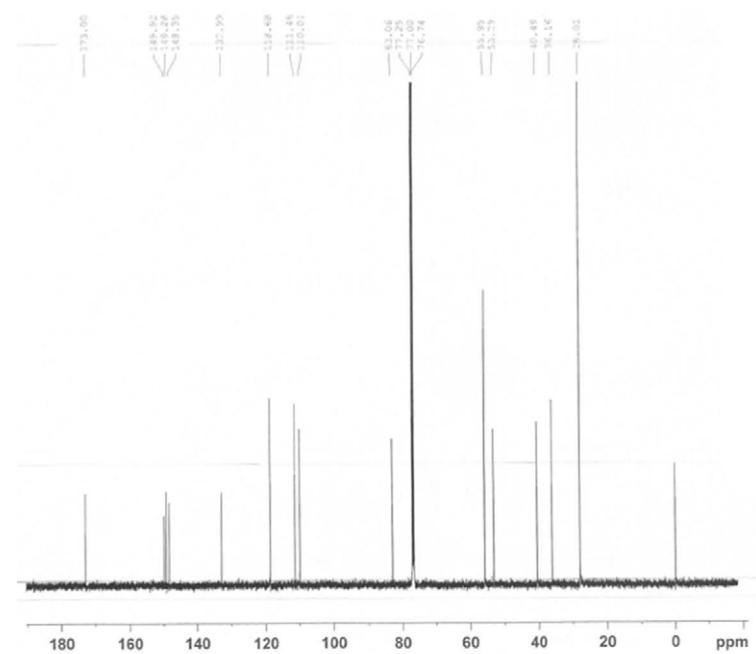


Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl_3) of compound 3.

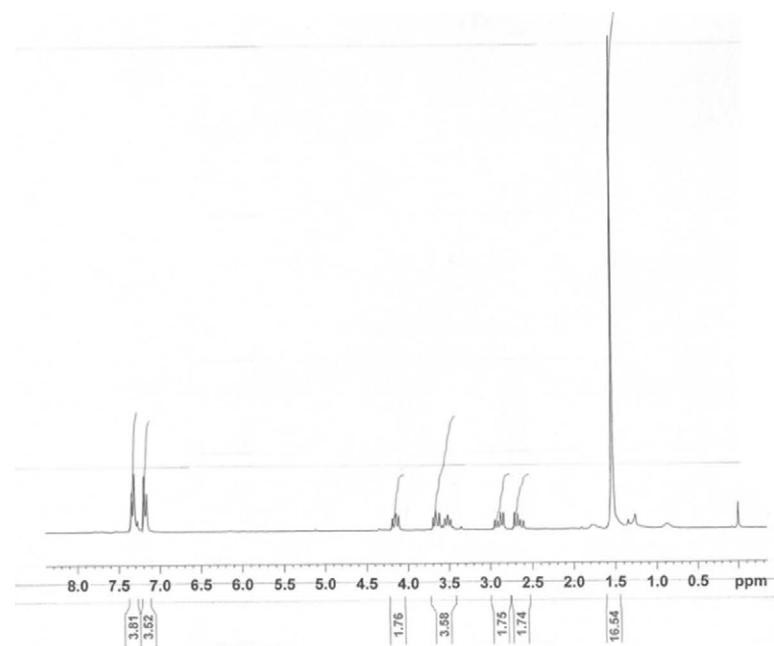


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of compound 4.

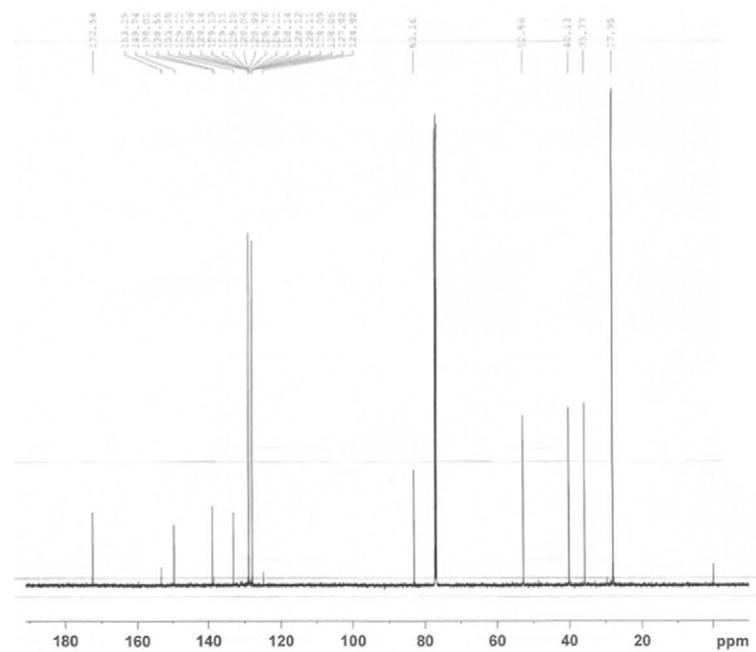


Figure S4. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl_3) of compound 4.

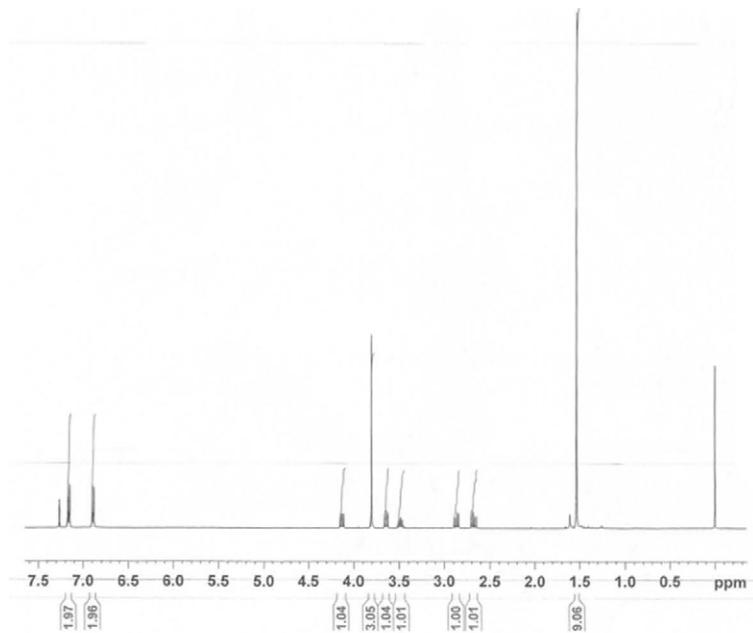


Figure S5. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of compound 5.

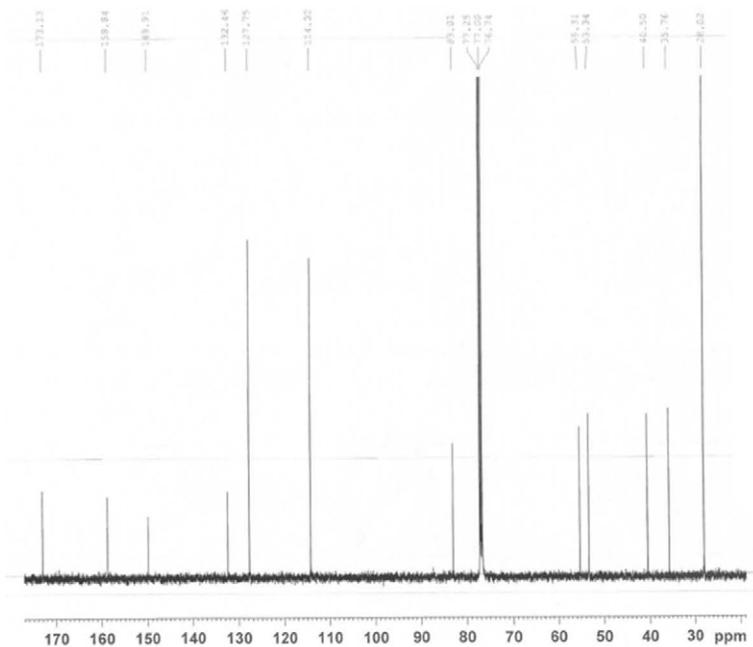


Figure S6. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl_3) of compound 5.

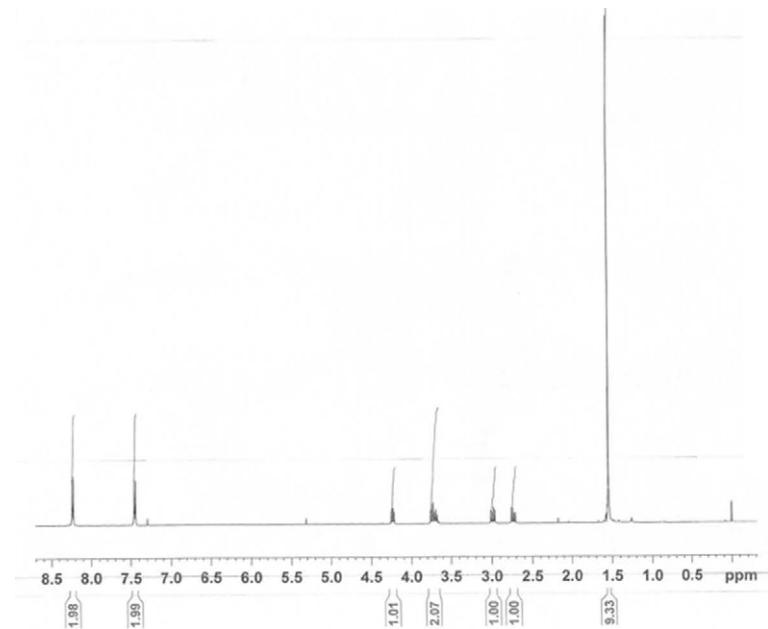


Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **6**.

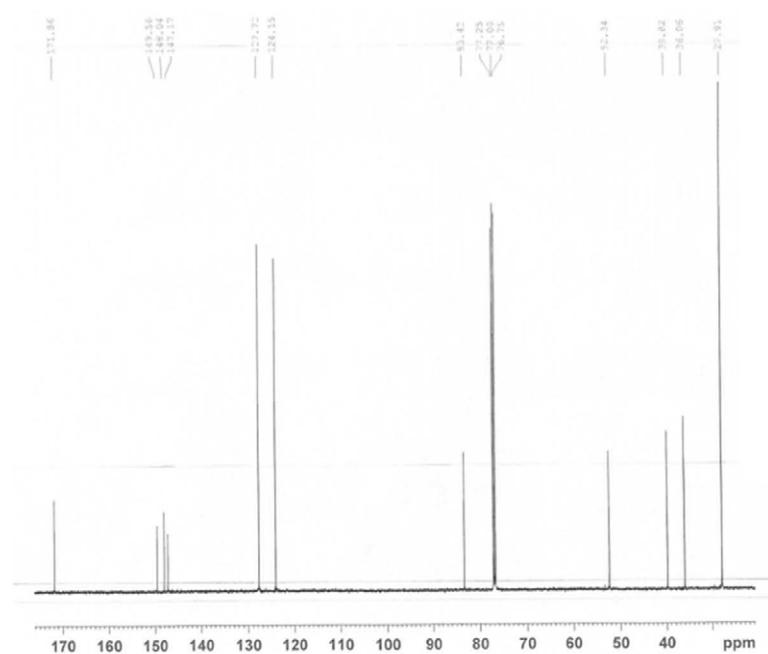


Figure S8. ¹³C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **6**.

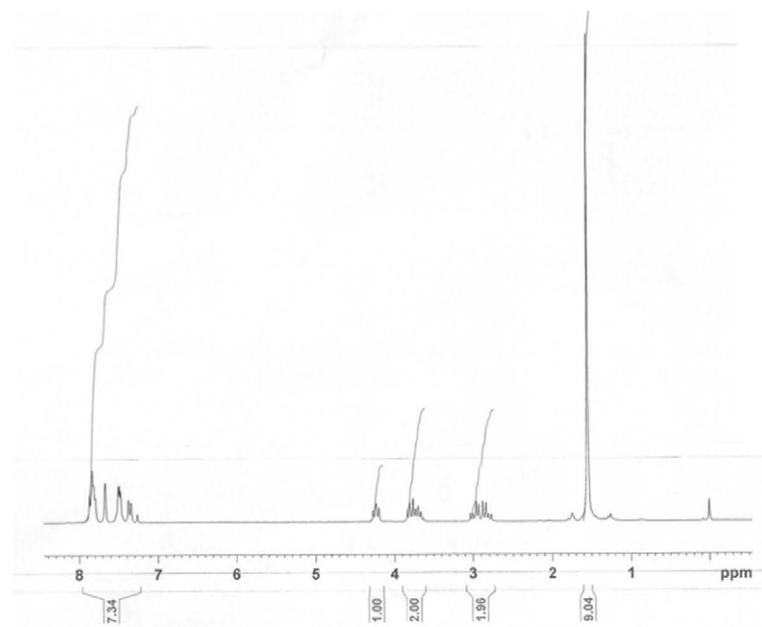


Figure S9. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of compound 7.

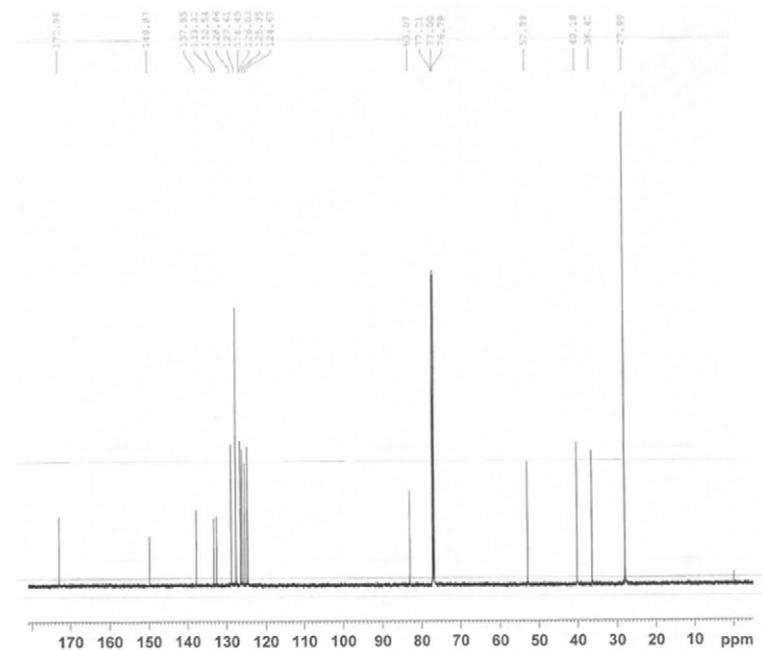


Figure S10. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl_3) of compound 7.

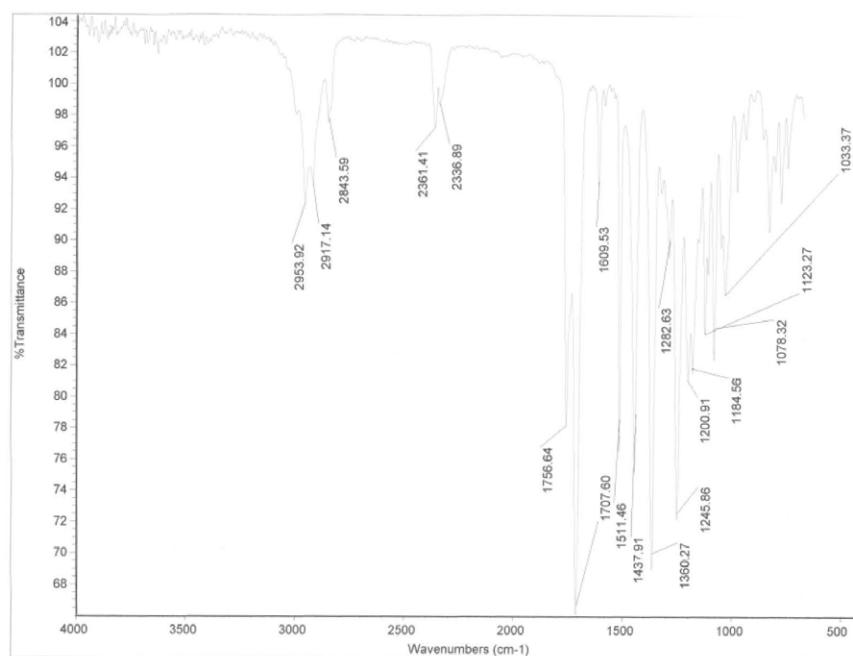


Figure S11. IR spectrum (film) of compound **8**.

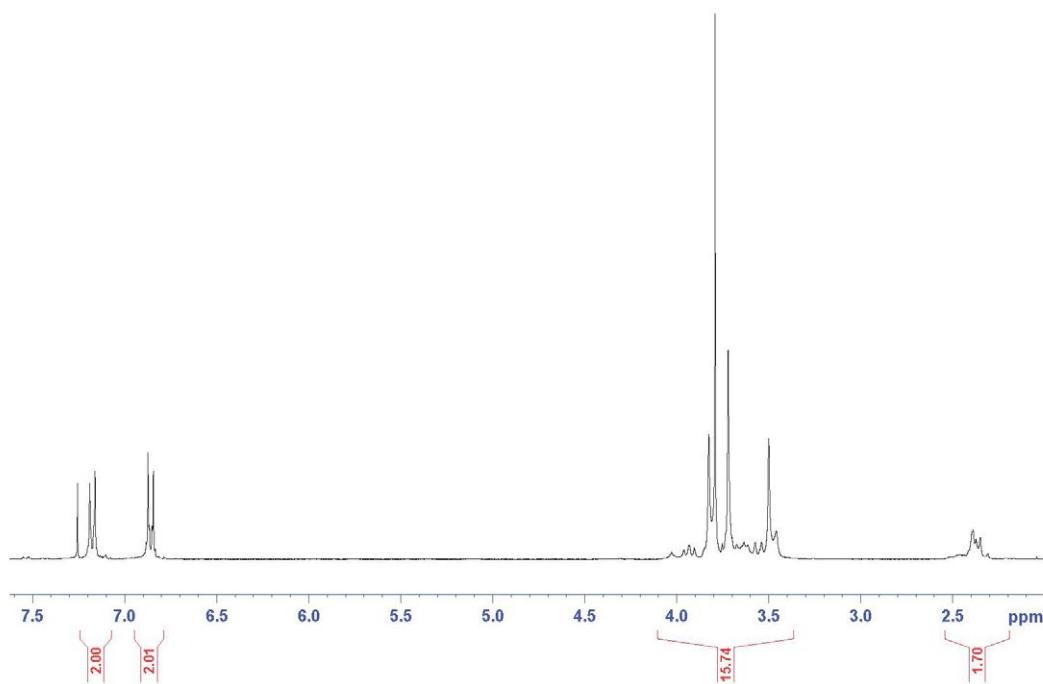


Figure S12. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **8**.

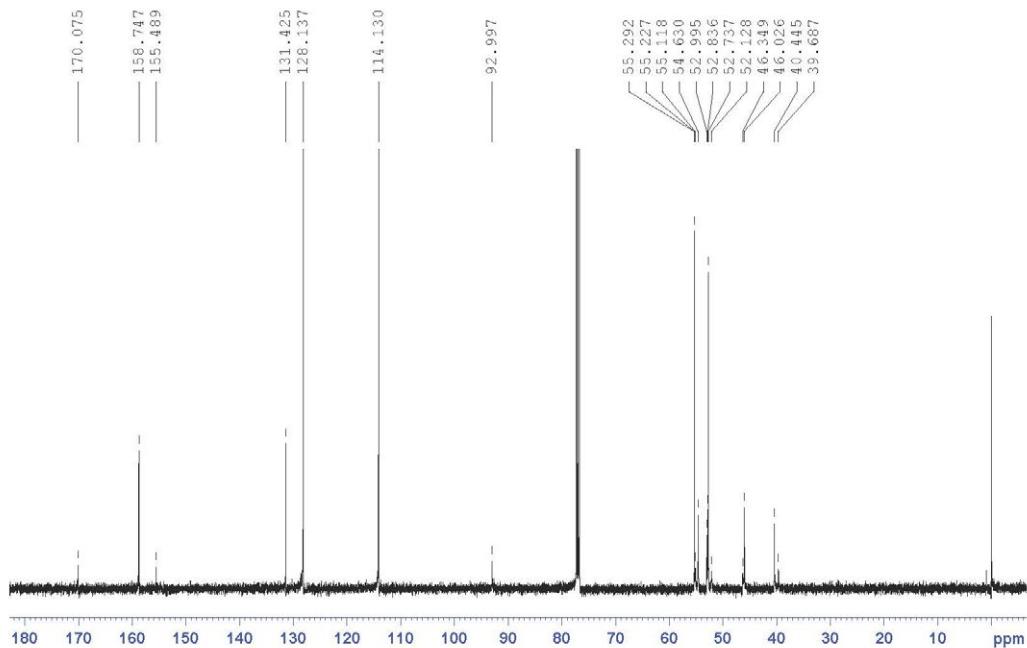


Figure S13. ¹³C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 8.

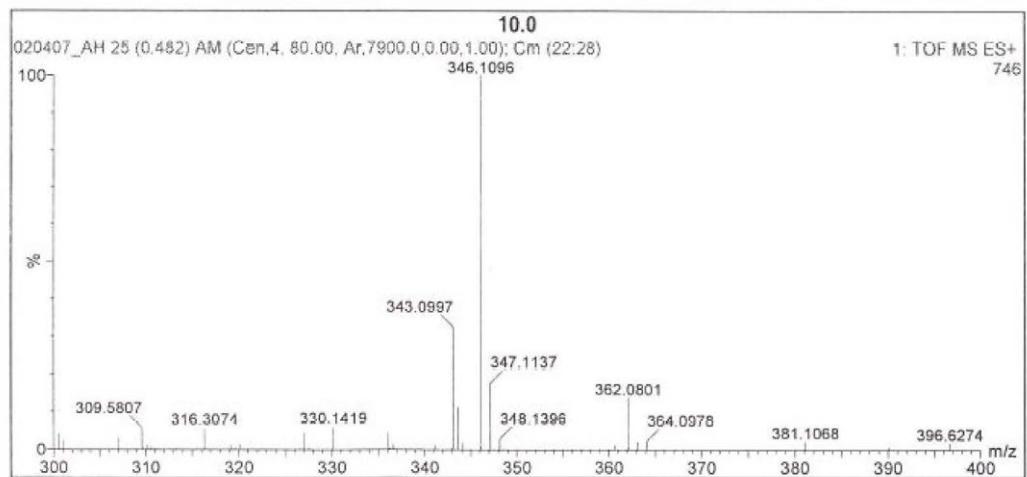


Figure S14. HRMS ESI(+) spectrum of compound 8.

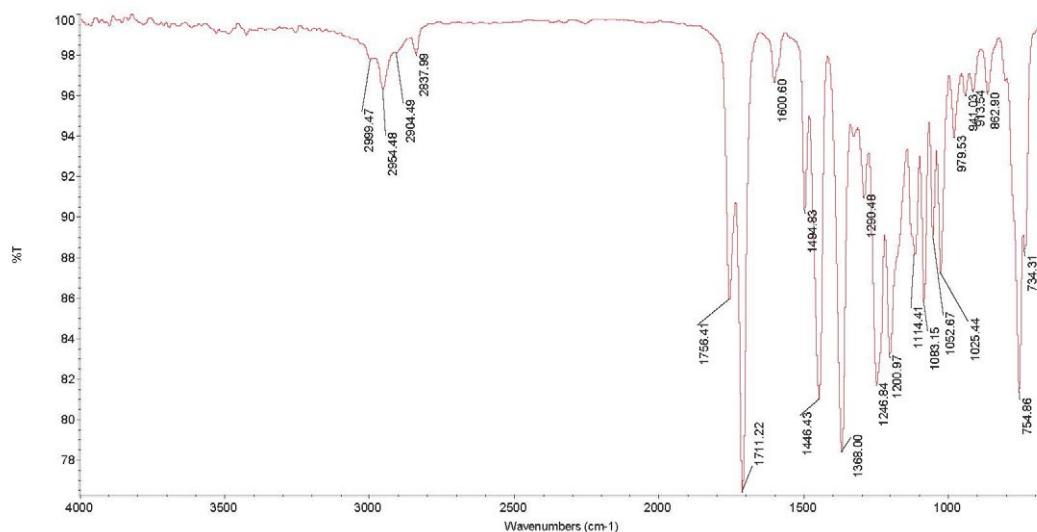


Figure S15. IR spectrum (film) of compound **9**.

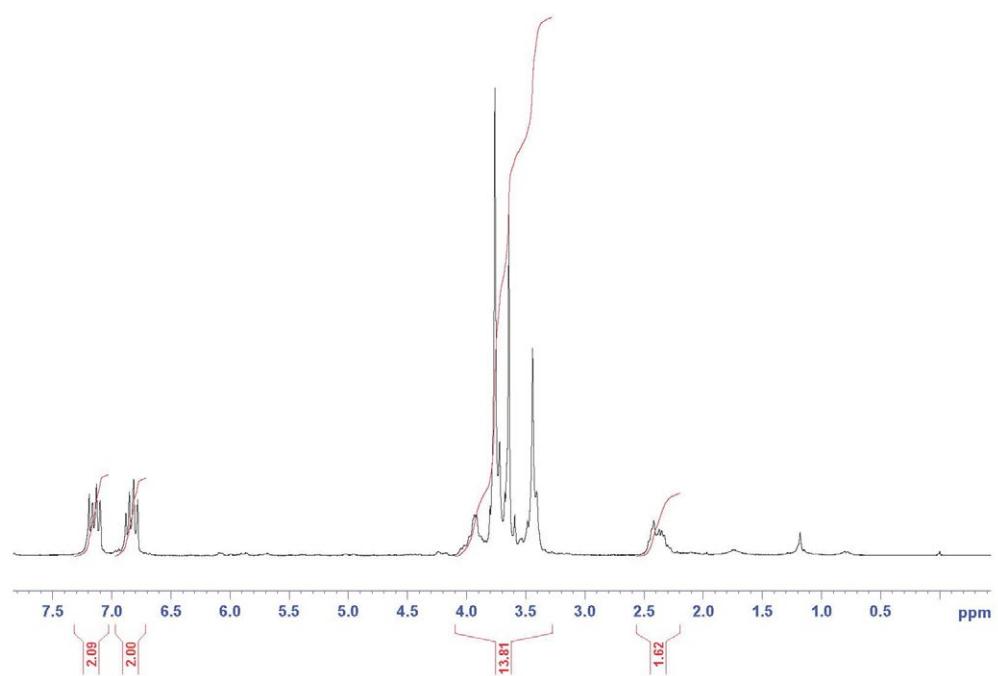


Figure S16. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **9**.

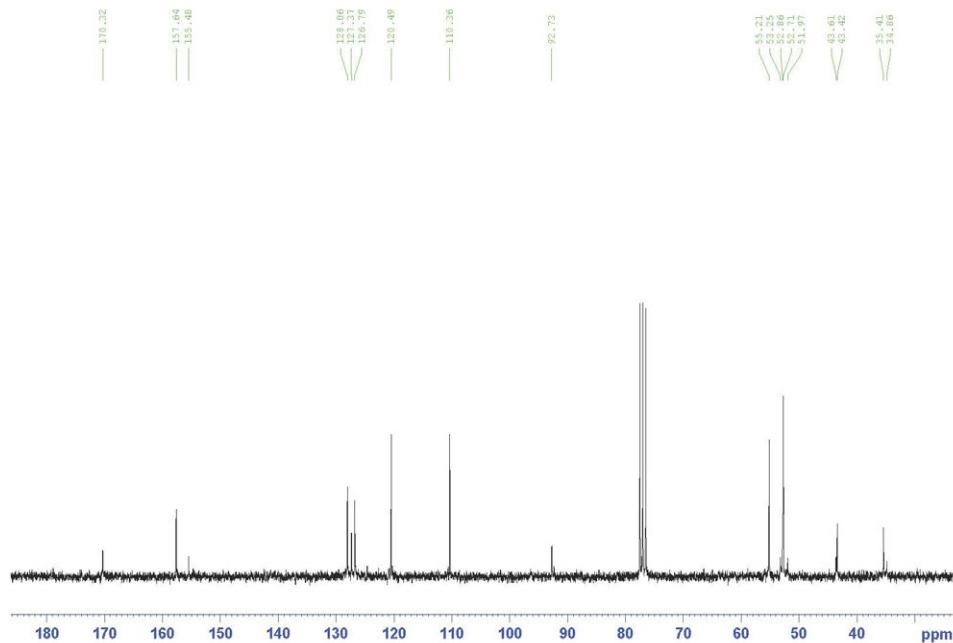


Figure S17. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl_3) of compound 9.

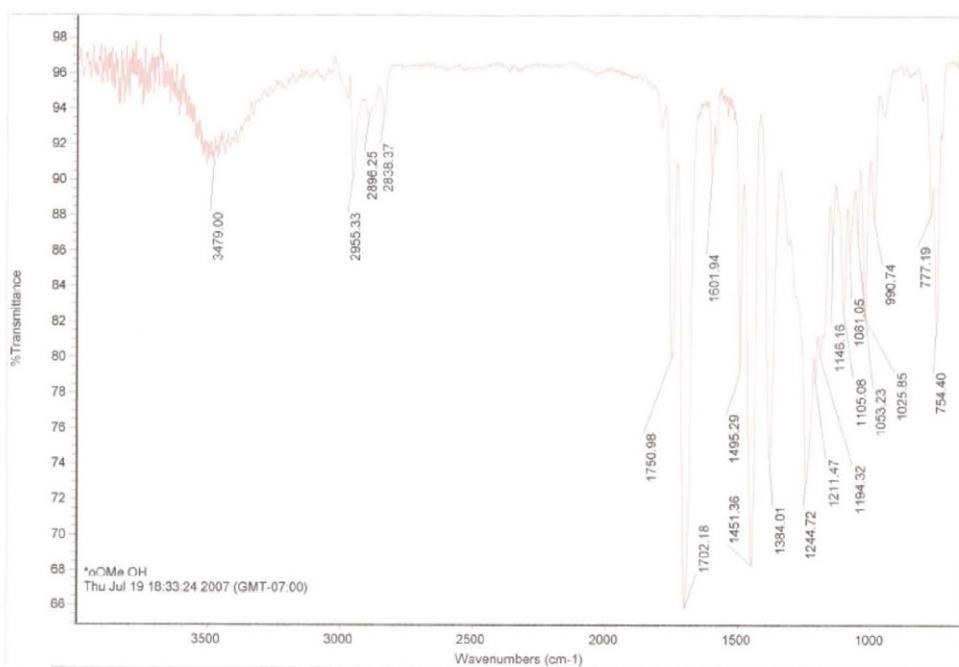


Figure S18. IR spectrum (film) of compound 10.

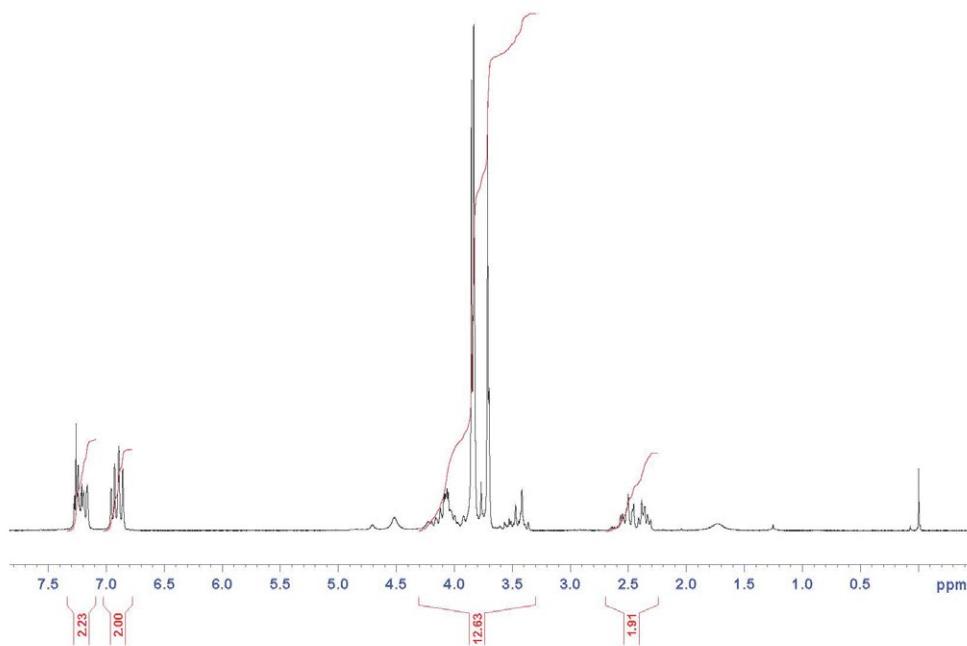


Figure S19. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 10.

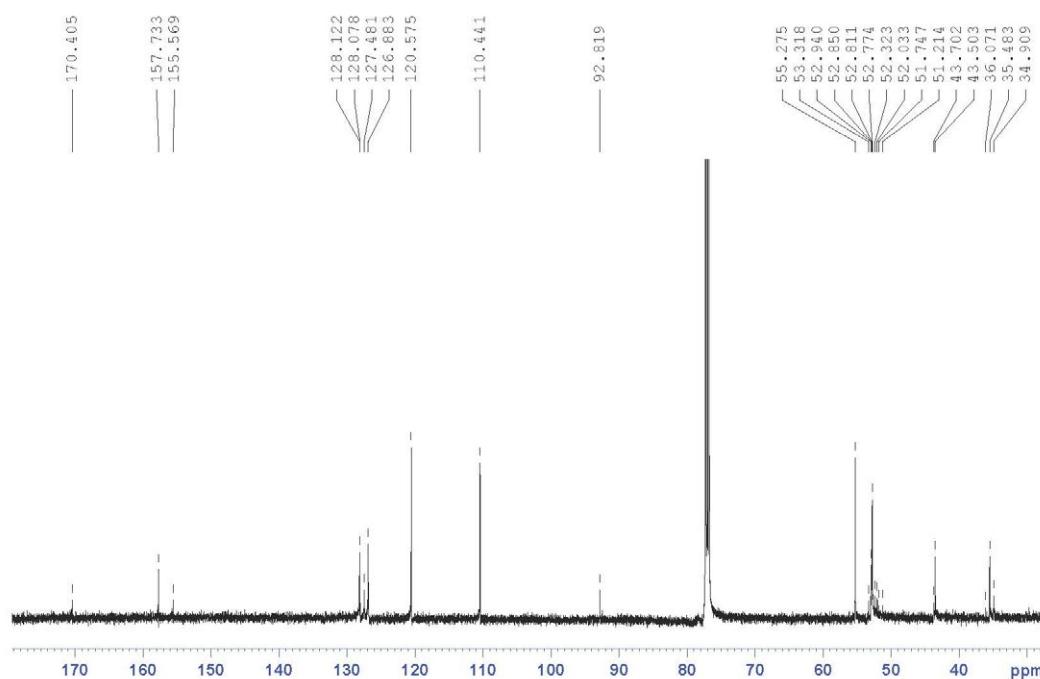


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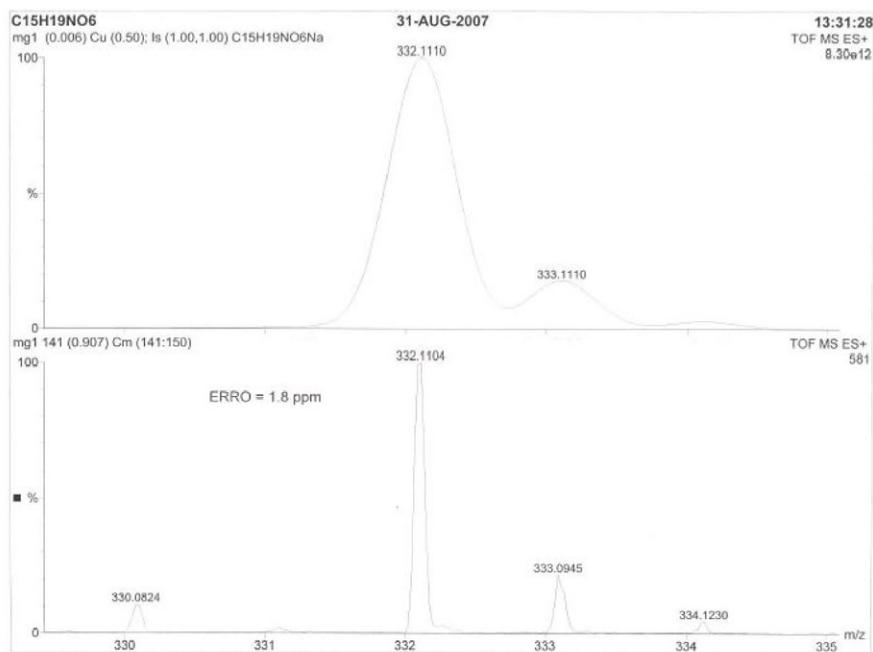


Figure S21. HRMS ESI(+)-MS spectrum of compound **10**.

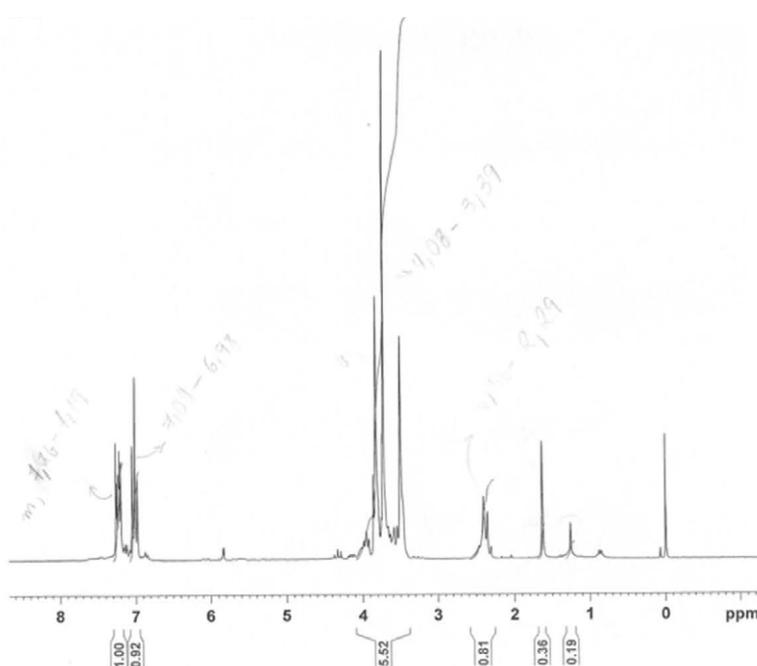


Figure S22. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of compound **11**.

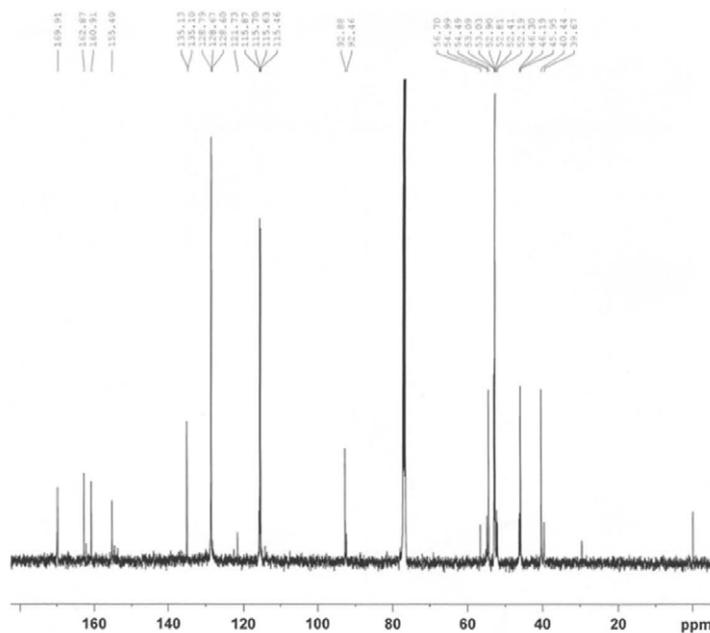


Figure S23. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl_3) of compound 11.

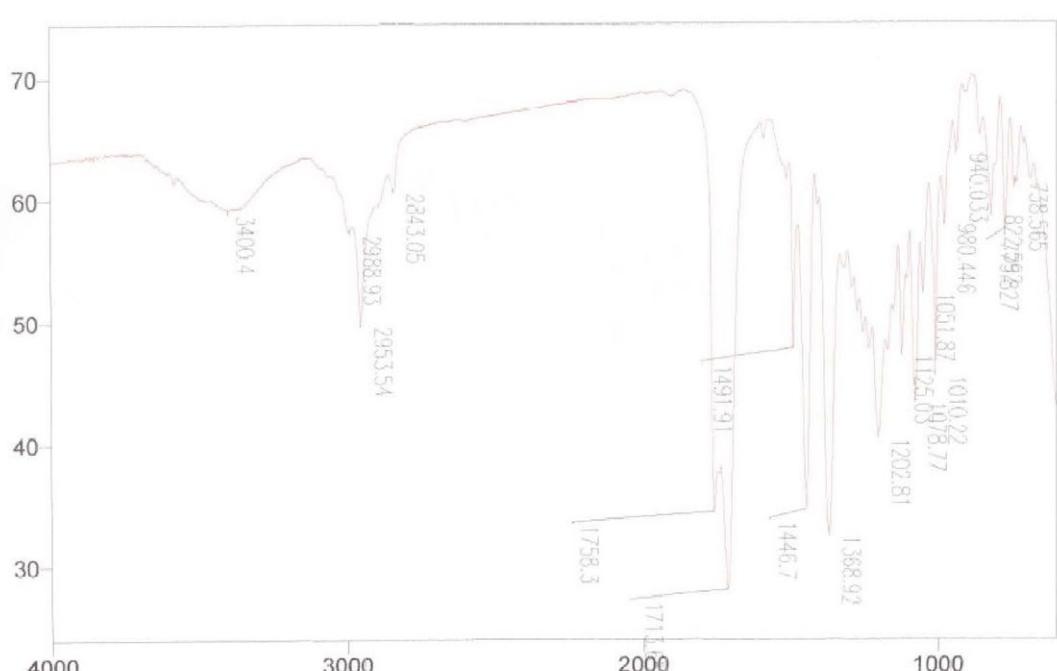


Figure S24. IR spectrum (film) of compound 12.

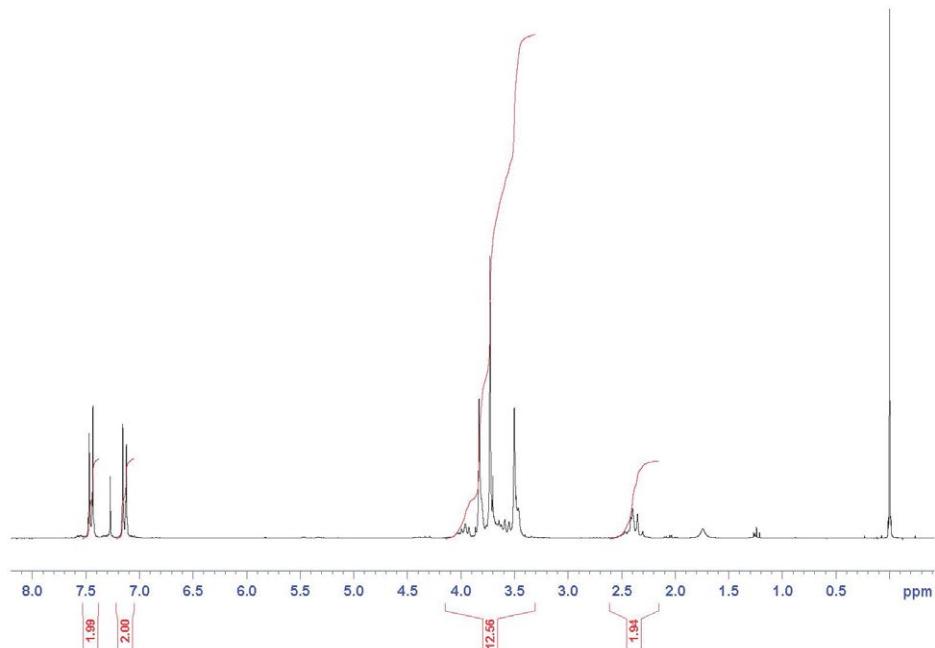


Figure S25. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 12.

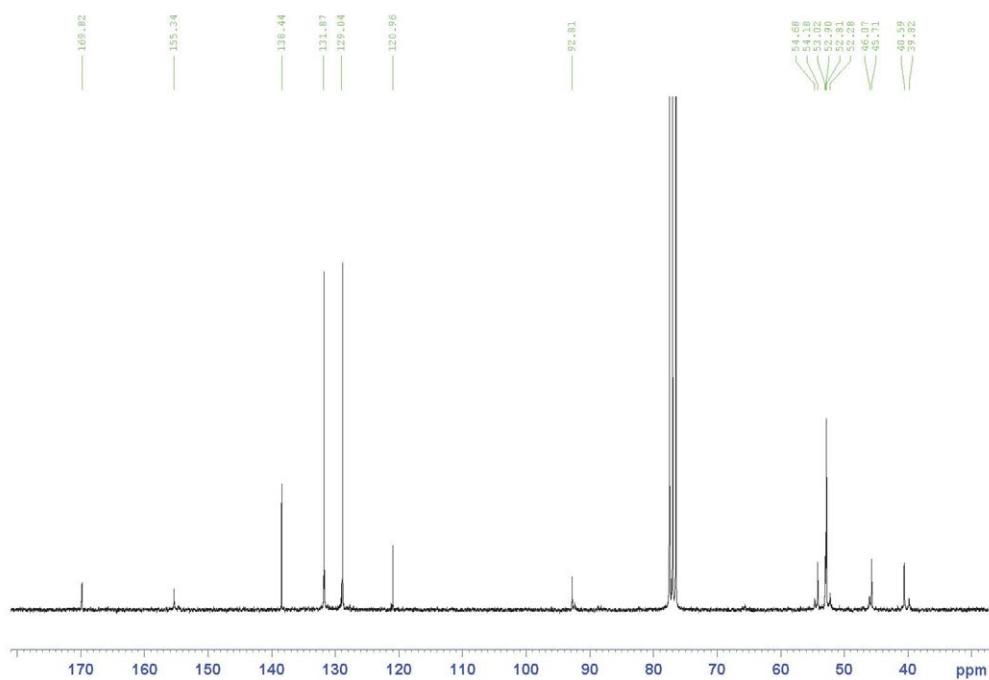
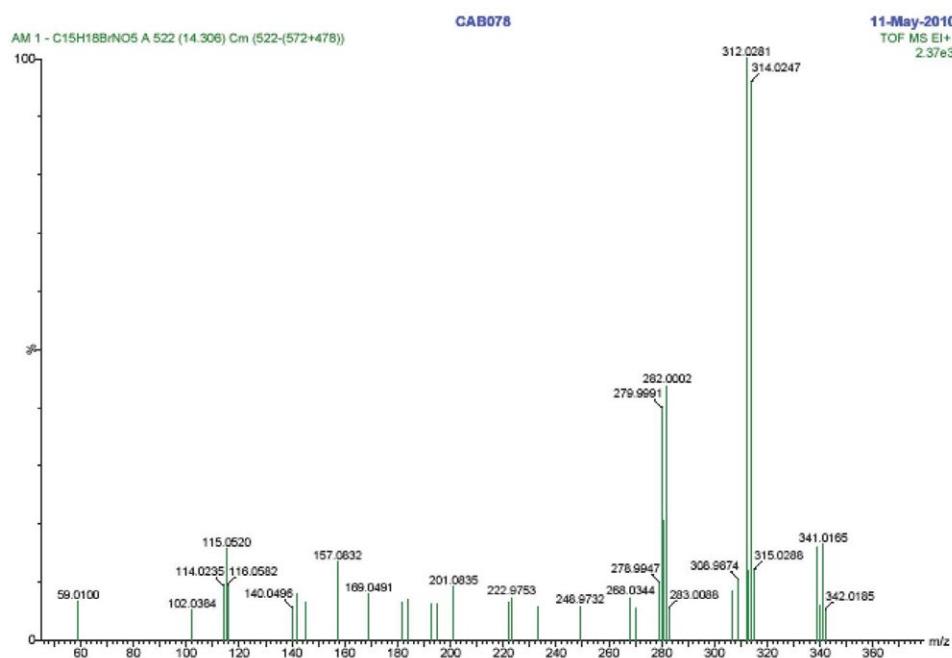
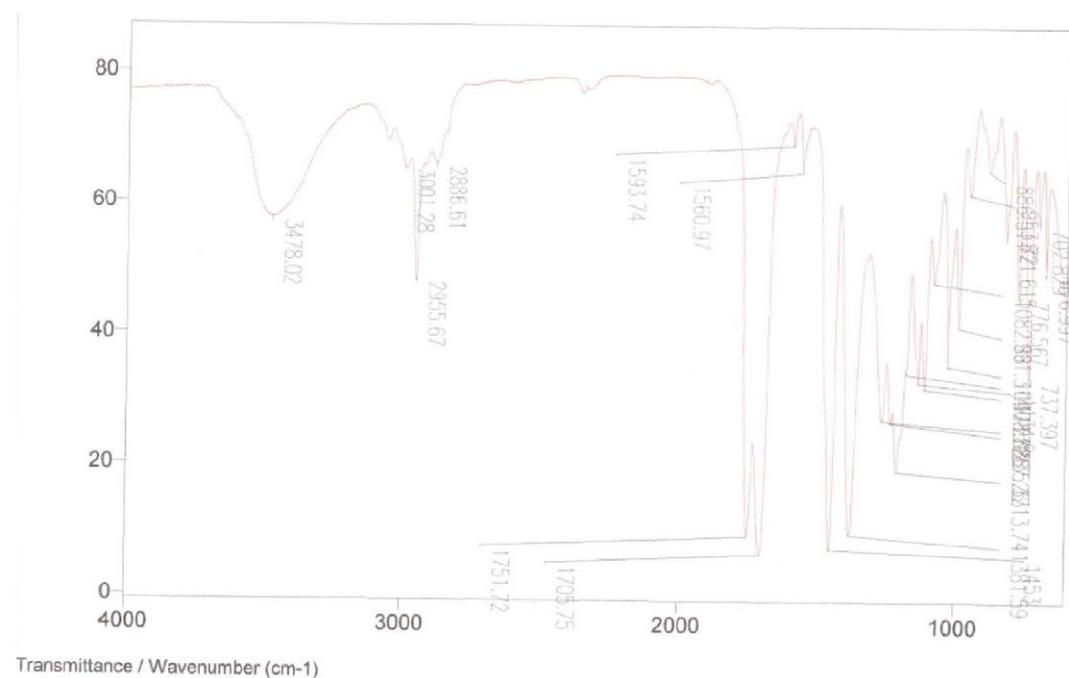


Figure S26. ¹³C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 12.

**Figure S27.** HRMS (EI) spectrum of compound 12.**Figure S28.** IR spectrum (film) of compound 13.

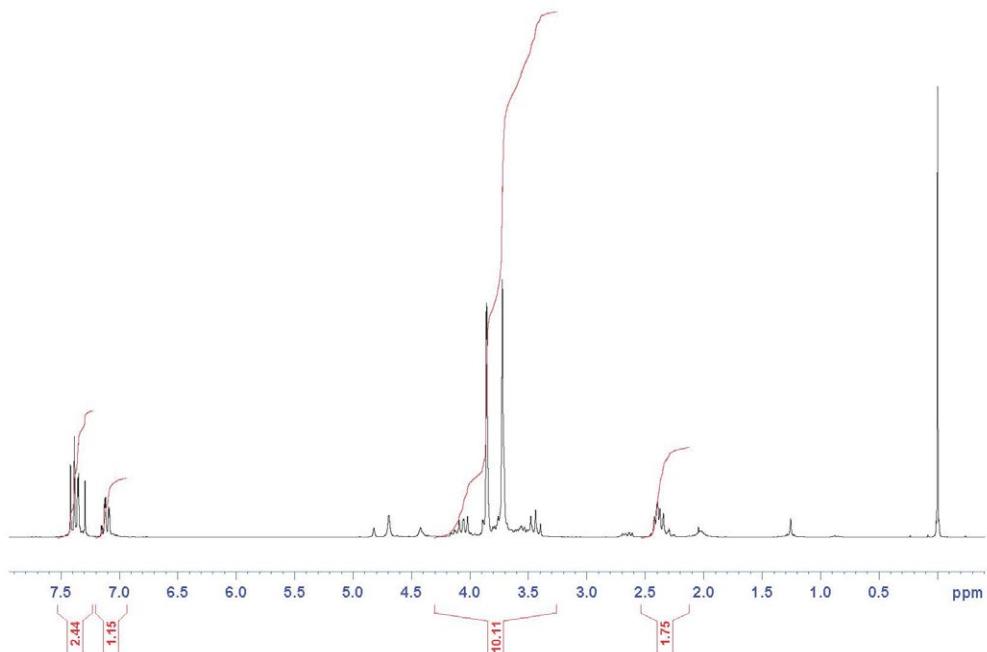


Figure S29. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 13.

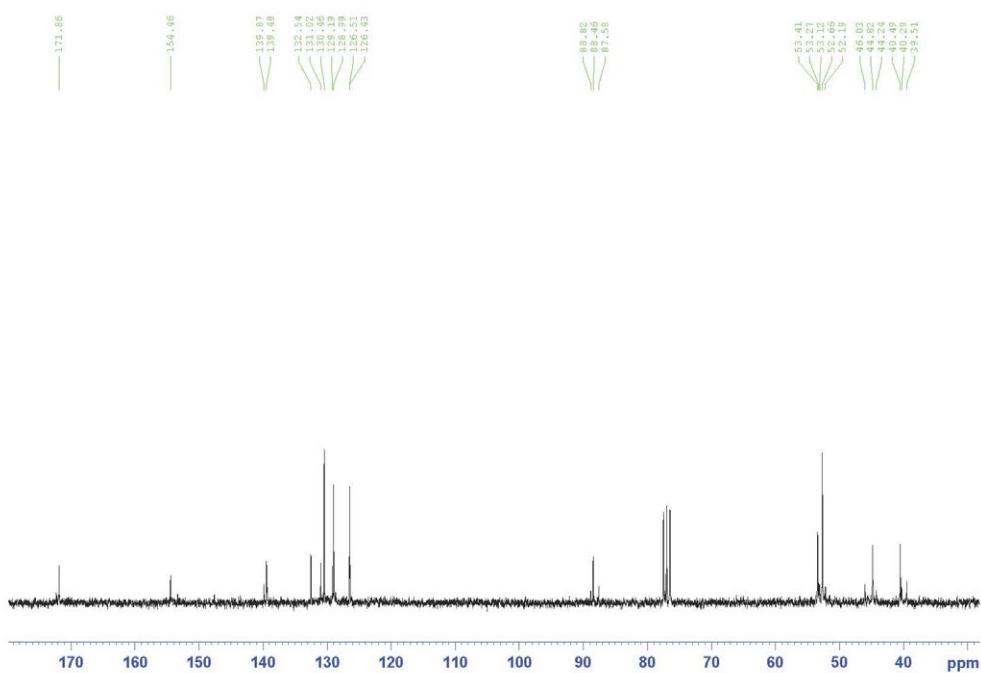
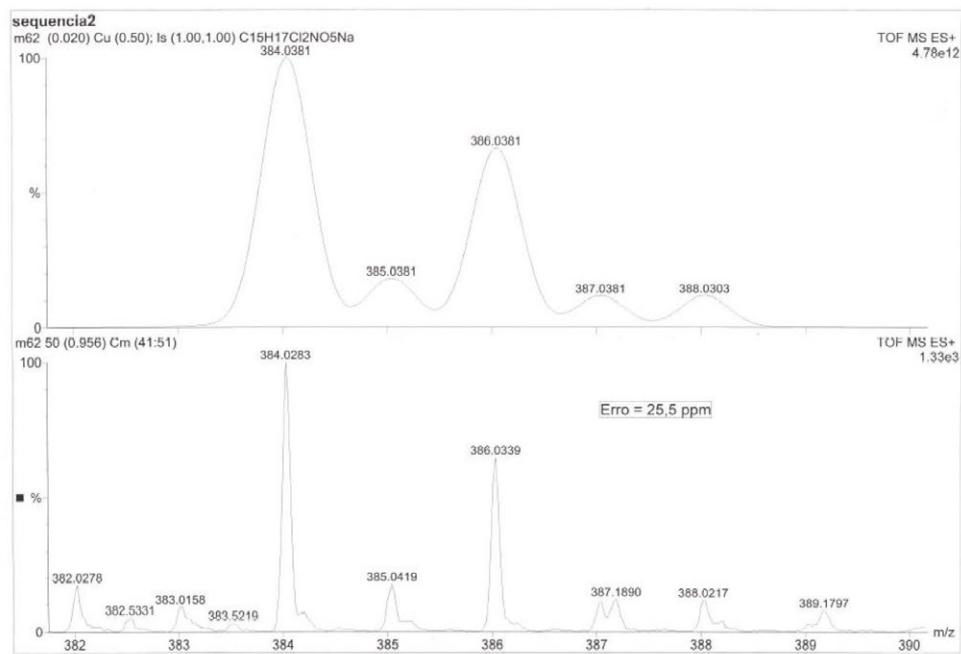
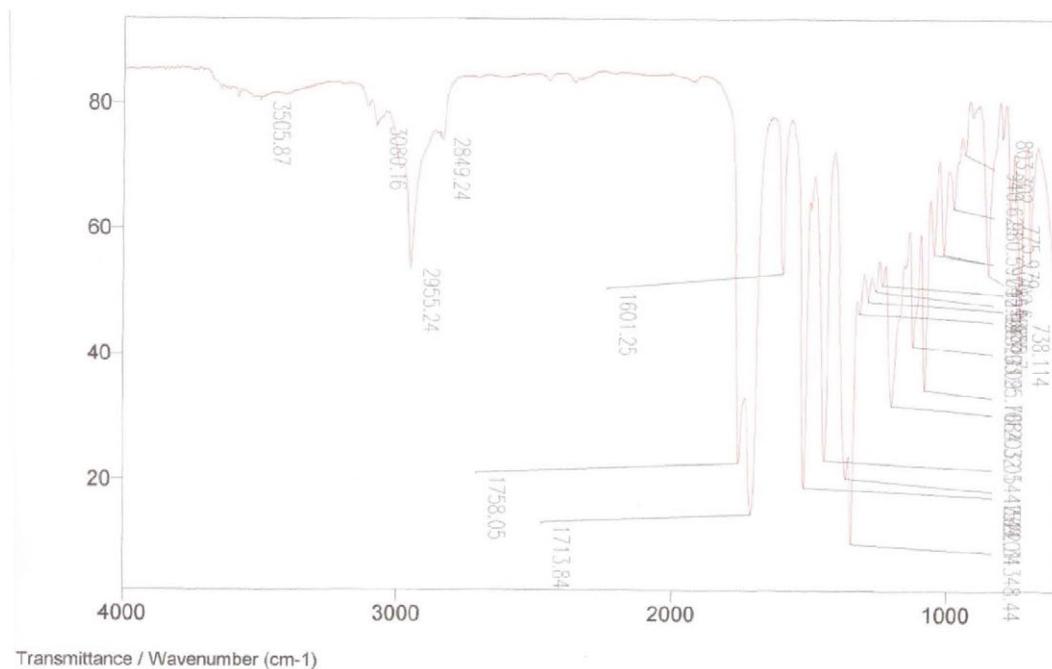


Figure S30. ¹³C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 13.

**Figure S31.** HRMS ESI(+)-MS spectrum of compound **13**.**Figure S32.** IR spectrum (film) of compound **14**.

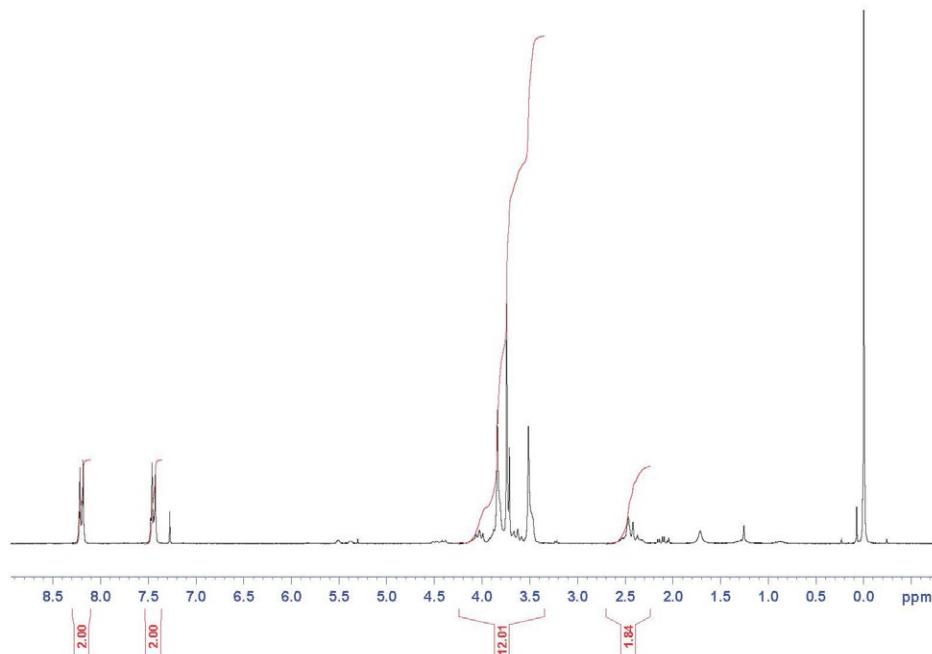


Figure S33. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of compound **14**.

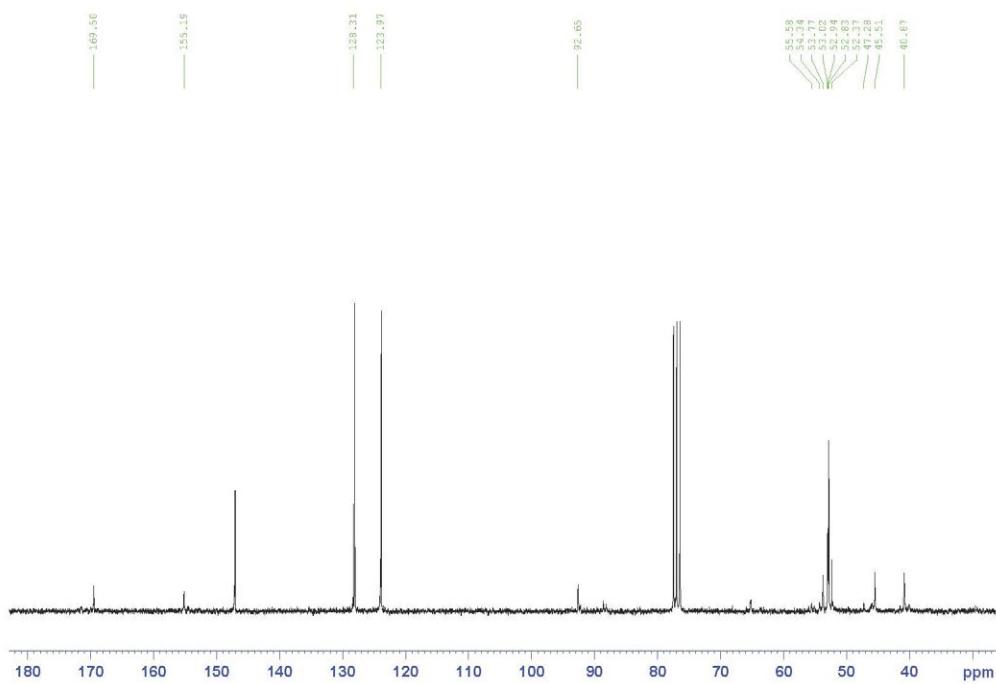


Figure S34. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl_3) of compound **14**.

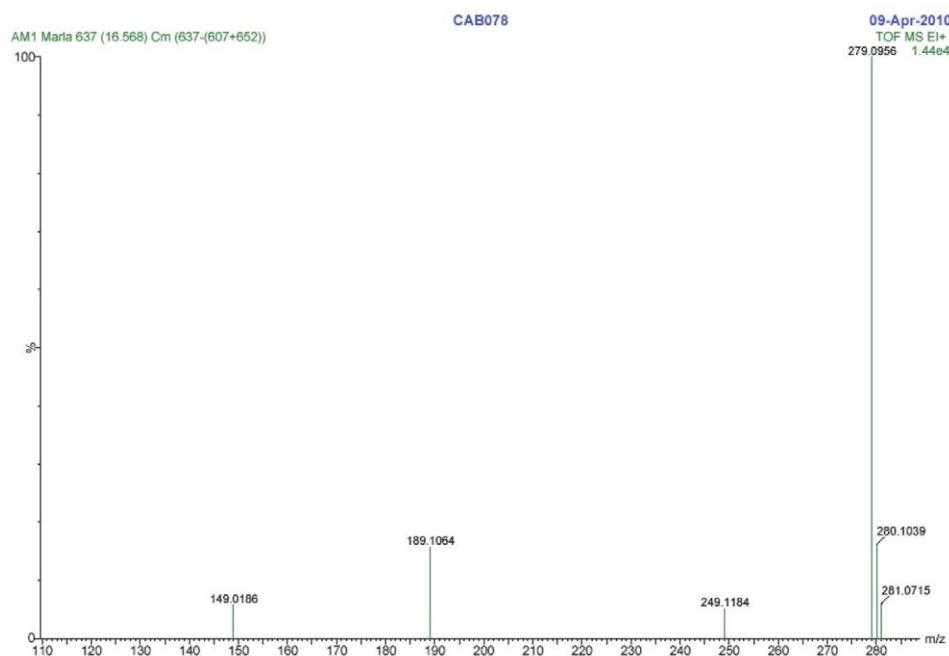


Figure S35. HRMS (EI) spectrum of compound 14.

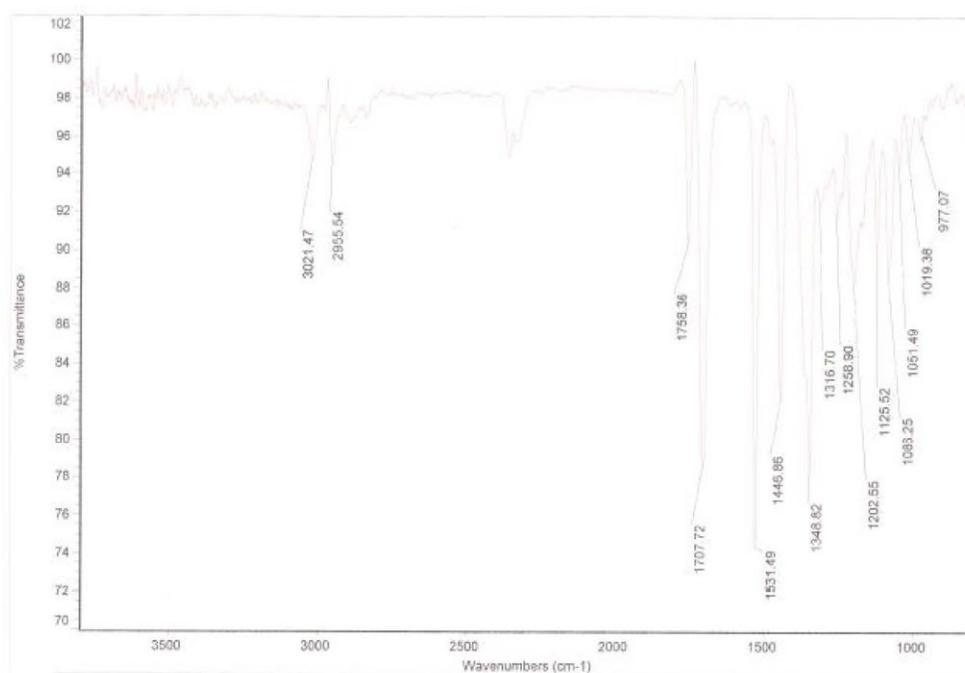


Figure S36. IR spectrum (film) of compound 15.

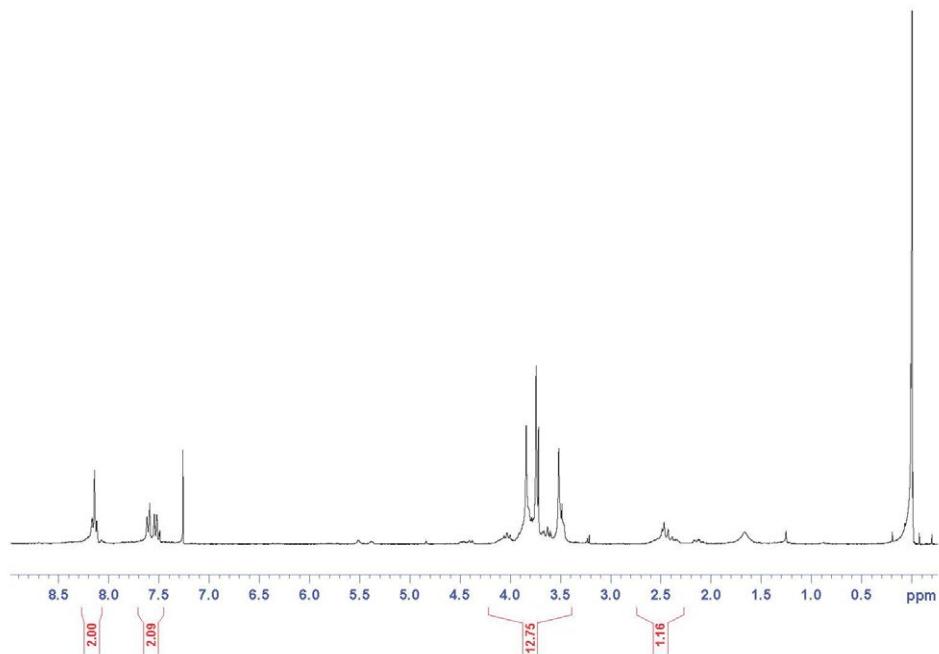


Figure S37. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 15.

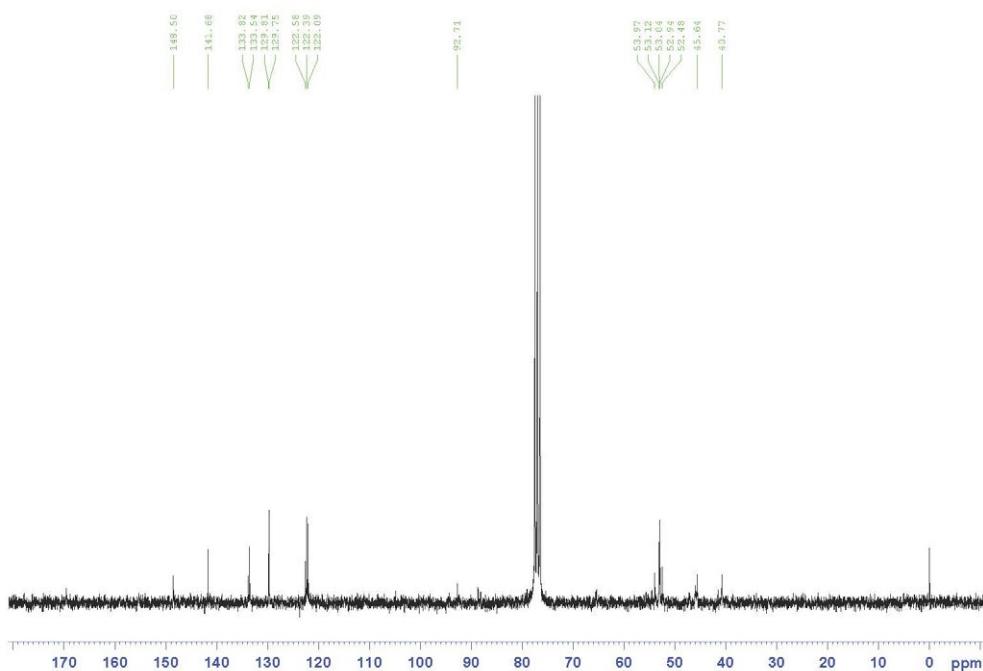


Figure S38. ¹³C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 15.

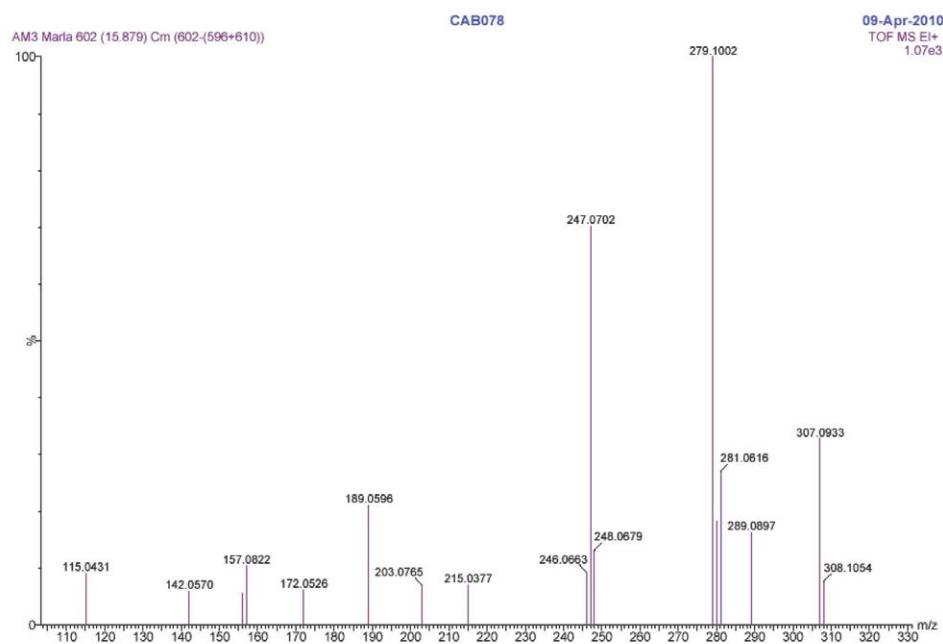


Figure S39. HRMS (EI) spectrum of compound 15.

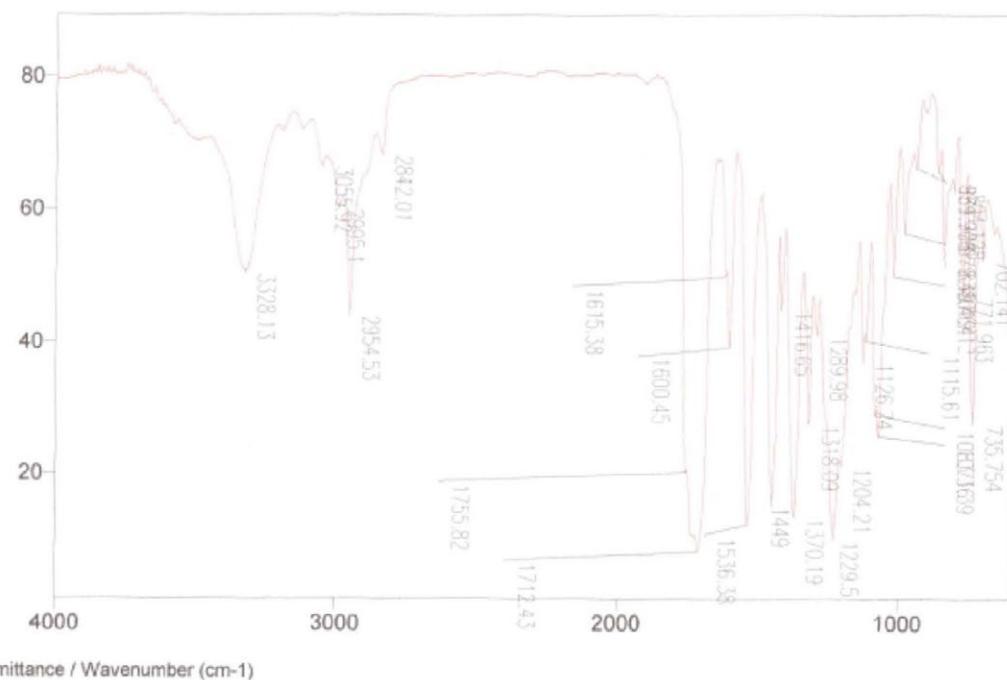


Figure S40. IR spectrum (film) of compound 16.

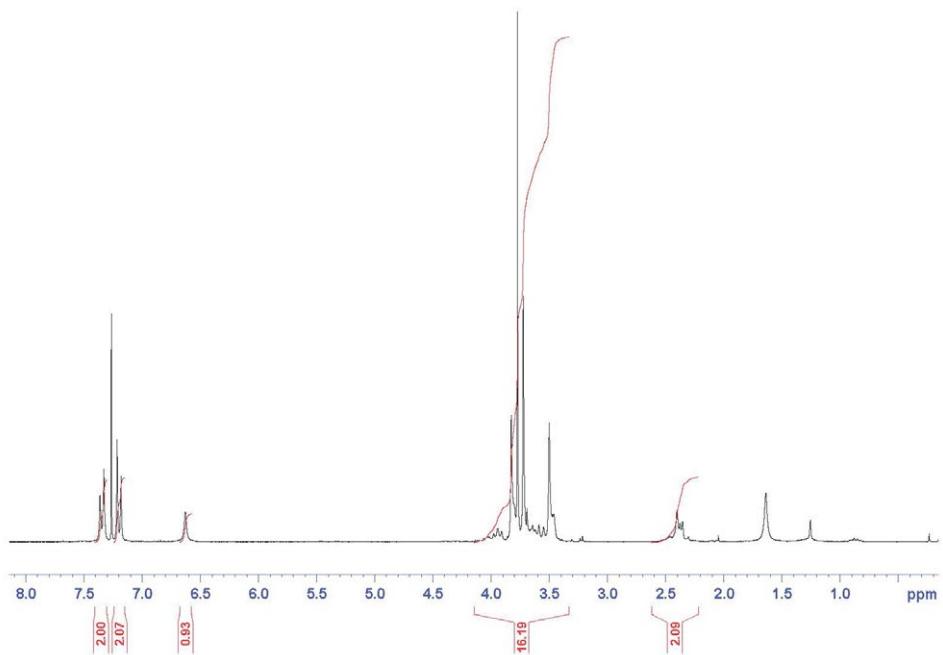


Figure S41. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of compound **16**.

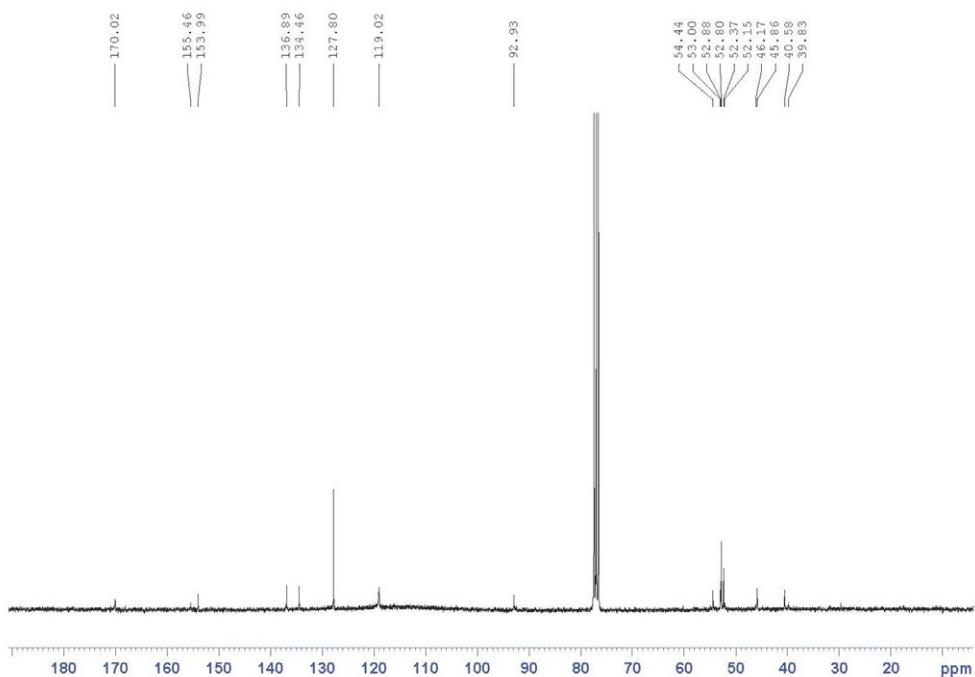


Figure S42. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl_3) of compound **16**.

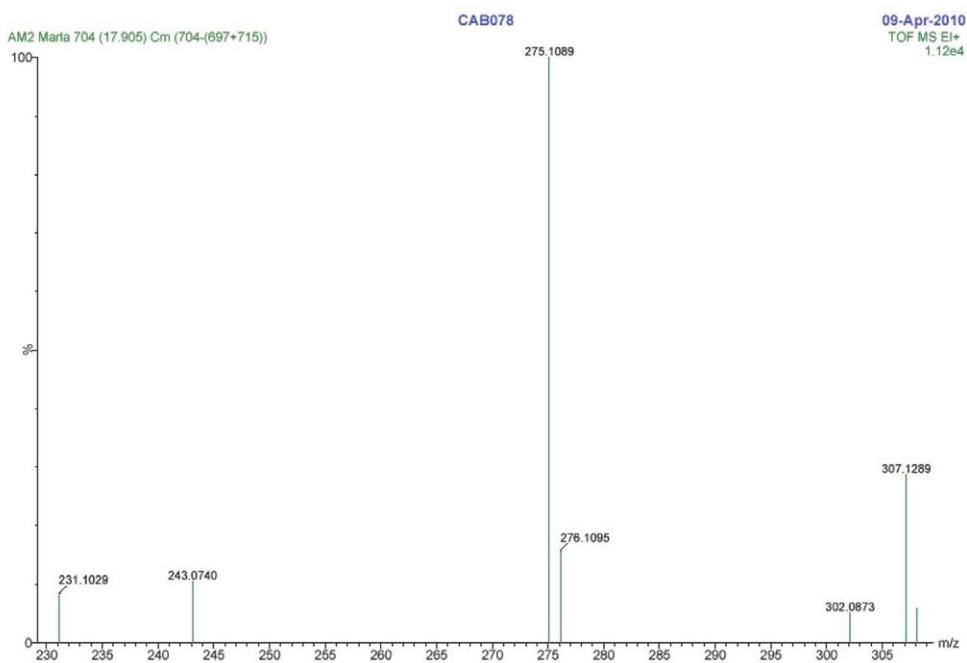


Figure S43. HRMS (EI) spectrum of compound **16**.