

Base Mediated Benzannulation of α -Cyano Crotonates with Ynones: Facile Synthesis of Benzonitriles and Fluorenes

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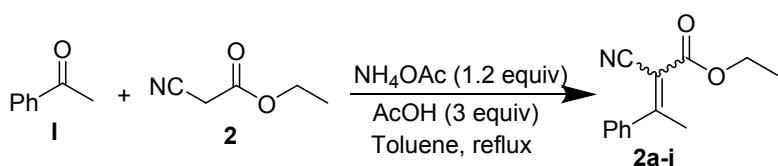
I. General Information and methods.

All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and used without purification. NMR spectra were recorded with a 300, 400 or 500 MHz spectrometer for ¹H NMR, 100 or 125 MHz for ¹³C NMR spectroscopy. Chemical shifts are reported relative to the residual signals of tetramethylsilane in CDCl₃ or deuterated solvent CDCl₃ for ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy. Multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), doublet of triplets (dt), triplet (t), quartet (q), multiplet (m). HRMS were recorded by using QToF mass spectrometer. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (100–200 mesh) as the stationary phase. All reactions were monitored by using TLC.

Ynones **1** were prepared following literature procedures.¹ Starting materials **2a-j** were prepared from literature procedures.³

II. General Procedure A for the preparation of starting materials:

Starting materials **2a-j** were prepared from literature procedures.³

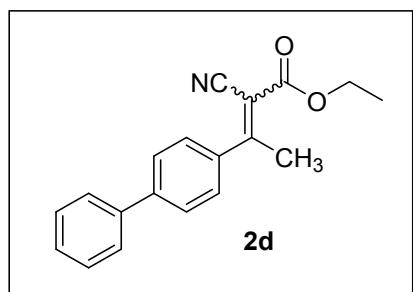


To a mixture of acetophenone **I** (1 g, 8.33 mmol, 1 equiv), ethyl cyano acetate **2** (1.13 g, 10 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and ammonium acetate (770 mg, 10 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene (10 mL) was added acetic acid (1.43 mL, 25 mmol, 3 equiv) under N₂ atmosphere. The reaction contents were refluxed for 6-10 hours. Upon completion, reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude material was purified on silica gel using 1-15% EtOAc/hexane.

Methyl 2-cyano-3-(4-cyanophenyl)but-2-enoate (2c): 911 mg of **2c** was obtained from 1g

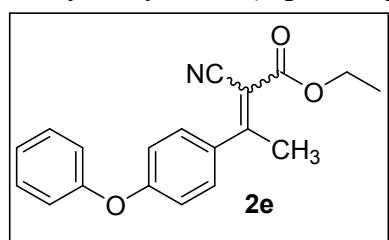
(6.9 mmol) of **Ic** following general procedure A. Yield 55%; brownish oil; R_f = 0.4 (SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.73 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 4.36 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 1H), 1.41 – 1.37 (t, 2H), 1.18 (t, J = 9.0, 5.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 167.9, 161.6, 144.5, 143.6, 132.6, 132.2, 128.6, 128.3, 127.8, 126.8, 126.38, 118.1, 117.9, 115.3, 114.8, 114.0, 113.0, 107.6, 106.9, 63.0, 62.5, 24.8, 22.9, 14.1, 13.8; HRMS (QToF) calcd for C₁₄H₁₃N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 241.0977 found 241.0956.

Ethyl 3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-cyanobut-2-enoate (2d): 742 mg of **2d** was obtained from



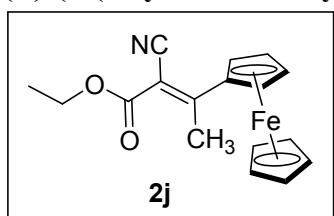
1g (5.1 mmol) of **Id** following general procedure A. Yield 50%; colourless solid; $R_f = 0.5$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 2:98); **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.61 (ddd, $J = 6.0, 3.7, 1.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 4.35 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 1H), 1.39 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.15 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.8, 169.3, 162.3, 161.4, 143.3, 142.4, 139.9, 139.8, 138.8, 137.6, 128.8, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 127.0, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 116.3, 115.6, 105.8, 104.7, 62.0, 61.9, 26.7, 23.1, 14.0, 13.7; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 292.1338 found 292.1328.

Methyl 2-cyano-3-(4-phenoxyphenyl)but-2-enoate (2e): 652 mg of **2e** was obtained from



1g (4.7 mmol) of **Ie** following general procedure A. Yield 45%; brownish oil; $R_f = 0.5$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 8:92); **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 6.95 (m, 6H), 4.33 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 1H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.19 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.6, 168.9, 162.5, 161.7, 159.9, 159.2, 155.6, 134.2, 132.8, 130.0, 129.4, 128.5, 124.4, 120.1, 119.9, 117.7, 117.6, 116.6, 115.9, 105.4, 104.2, 62.0, 61.9, 26.75, 23.2, 14.1, 13.8; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 308.1287 found 308.1278.

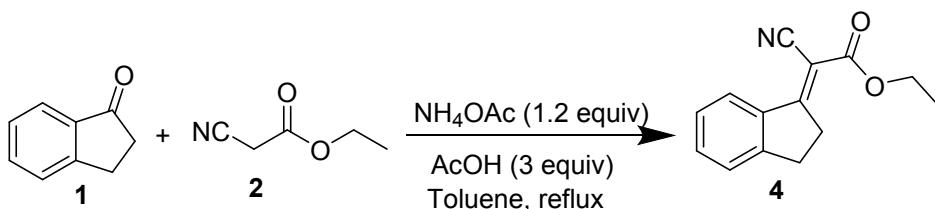
(E)-(2-(3-cyano-4-ethoxy-4-oxobut-2-en-2-yl)cyclopenta-2,4-dien-1-yl)(cyclopenta-2,4-



dien-1-yl)iron (2j): 850 mg was obtained from 1g (4.4 mmol) of **1j** following general procedure A. Yield 60%; pink solid; $R_f = 0.45$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 2:98); **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.04 (dd, $J = 4.1, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.63 (dd, $J = 4.8, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.32 – 4.25 (q, 2H), 4.24(s, 4H), 2.68(s, 6H), 1.39 – 1.33 (t, 3H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.3, 163.3, 118.5, 98.0, 81.3, 72.6, 70.7, 70.5, 61.5, 21.8, 14.2; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2\text{Fe}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 324.0687 found 324.0677.

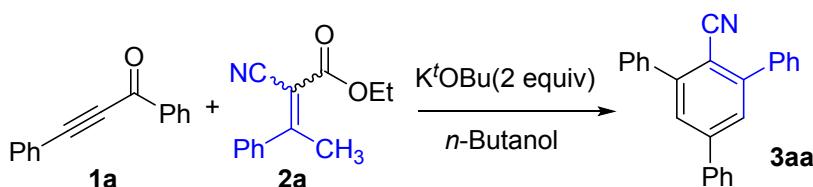
Ethyl (E)-2-cyano-2-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-ylidene)acetate(4) was prepared following literature procedures.³

To a mixture of indanone **1** (1g, 7.6 mmol, 1 equiv), ethyl cyano acetate **2** (0.97 ml, 9.1 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and ammonium acetate (702 mg, 9.1 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in toluene (10 mL) was added acetic acid (1.3 mL, 23 mmol, 3 equiv) under N_2 atmosphere. The reaction contents were refluxed for 6-10hours. Upon completion, reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude material was purified on silica gel using 3% EtOAc/hexane to get **4** as sticky white solid (850 mg).



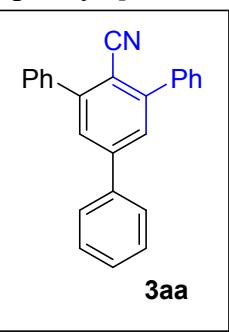
III. General procedure and characteristic data of final compounds

(A). General procedure B for the synthesis of final compounds (3) taking Synthesis of 3aa as an Example.

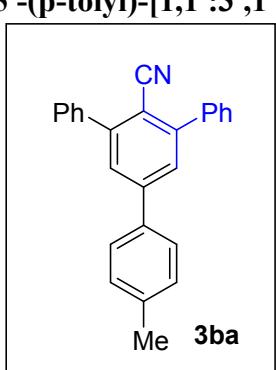


To a 15 mL Schlenk tube was added ynone **1a** (103 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), α -cyano crotonates **2a** (129 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) and K^tOBu (112 mg, 1 mmol, 2 equiv) in 1-butanol (3 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under open air until the complete conversion of starting material (60-90 min). The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, washed with hexane (2 times) and the remaining solid was dissolved in 20% EtOAc/Hexane and filtered through a small silica bed. Filtrate was concentrated to get the desired solids in purified form. In case of **3ea**, **3i-3la**, **3sa**, **3ua** and **3aj**, the reaction contents were concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude material was purified on silica gel using EtOAc/hexane to get the desired product.

5'-phenyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3aa)²: 149 mg was obtained from **1a** (103 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure B. Yield 90%; greyish white solid; mp 163–166 °C; R_f = 0.53 (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.70 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.66 (q, J = 2.3 Hz, 3H), 7.64 (q, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 7H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 147.3, 145.1, 139.0, 138.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.5, 127.3, 118.0, 109.0; IR (KBr) ν 3049, 2431, 2223, 1962, 1595, 1498, 891, 768, 702 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $C_{25}H_{18}N$ [M+H]⁺ 332.1439 found 332.1440.

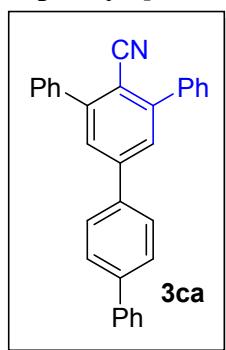


5'-(p-tolyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3ba)²: 152 mg was obtained from **1b** (110 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure B. Yield 88%; pale yellow solid; mp 132–135 °C; R_f = 0.55 (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.69 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 4H), 7.66 (s, 2H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.54 (s, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H);

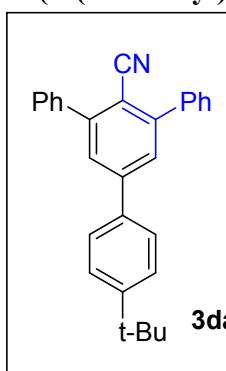


¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.2, 144.9, 138.8, 138.7, 136.0, 129.8, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 127.2, 127.1, 118.1, 108.6, 21.1; **IR** (KBr) ν 3033, 2917, 2309, 2222, 2130, 1596, 769, 703 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for C₂₆H₂₀N [M+H]⁺ 346.1596 found 346.1597.

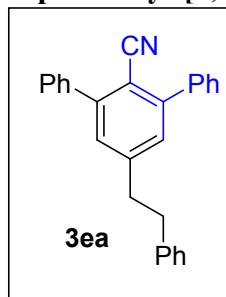
5'-phenyl-[1,1':3',1"-4",1'"-quaterphenyl]-6'-carbonitrile (3ca): 165 mg was obtained from **1c** (141 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 81%; colourless solid; mp 193–195 °C; R_f = 0.45(SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (s, 2H), 7.65 (s, 3H), 7.57 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.52 (s, 2H), 7.51 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 3H), 7.47 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.4, 144.5, 141.6, 140.1, 138.6, 137.7, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.7, 127.6, 127.3, 127.0, 118.0, 109.0; **IR** (KBr) ν 2928, 2308, 2223, 1597, 1505, 770, 703 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for C₃₁H₂₂N [M+H]⁺ 408.1752 found 408.1760.



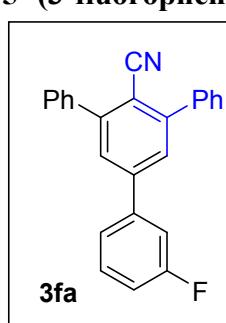
5'-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3da): 159 mg was obtained from **1d** (131 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 82%; brownish solid; mp 135–138 °C; R_f = 0.55 (SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (s, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 3H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (s, 3H), 7.51 (s, 3H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.0, 147.2, 144.9, 138.7, 136.0, 129.0, 128.6, 128.6, 127.2, 127.0, 126.0, 118.1, 108.6, 34.6, 31.2; **IR** (KBr) ν 2966, 2307, 2223, 1595, 1510, 1381, 771, 703 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for C₂₉H₂₆N [M+H]⁺ 388.2065 found 388.2072.



5'-phenethyl-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3ea): 129 mg was obtained from **1e** (155 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 72%; colourless gum; R_f = 0.6 (SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.51 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.49 (q, J = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.32 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.24 (s, 2H), 7.18 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 3.09 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 3.02 – 2.97 (m, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.8, 146.5, 140.6, 138.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 126.2, 118.1, 107.9, 37.9, 37.3; **IR** (neat) ν 2926, 2300, 2221, 1597, 1502, 1291, 770, 704 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for C₂₇H₂₂N [M+H]⁺ 360.1752 found 360.1745

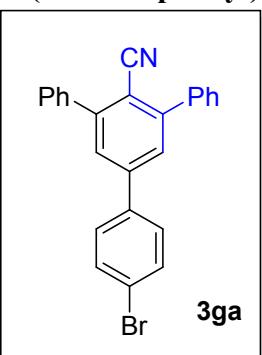


5'-(3-fluorophenyl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3fa): 136 mg was obtained from **1f** (224 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 78%; brownish solid; mp 195–198 °C; R_f = 0.55 (SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 4H), 7.63 (s, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 7.46 (s, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (ddd, J = 11.4, 7.1, 4.5 Hz,



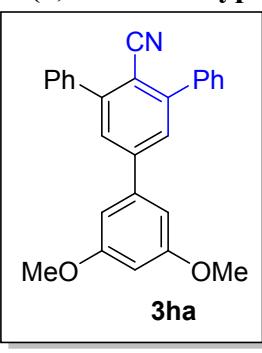
1H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.5, 143.8, 141.3, 141.2, 130.7, 130.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 127.5, 123.0, 117.9, 115.7, 115.5, 114.4, 114.2, 109.6; **IR** (KBr) ν 3108, 3051, 2301, 2222, 1593, 1499, 771, 700 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for C₂₅H₁₇NF [M+H]⁺ 350.1345 found 350.1346.

5'-(4-bromophenyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3ga): 157 mg was obtained from **1g** (142 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**.



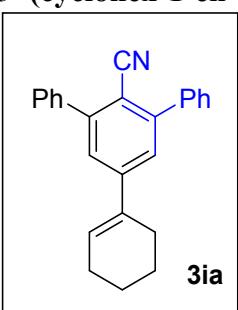
Yield 77%; puffy white solid; mp 167–170 °C; R_f = 0.55 (SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 2:98); **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (s, 4H), 7.62 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 4H), 7.55 (s, 2H), 7.53 (s, 3H), 7.50 (s, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.5, 143.8, 138.4, 137.9, 132.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 127.2, 123.2, 117.8, 109.4; **IR** (KBr) ν 3047, 2308, 2222, 1597, 1497, 769, 706 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF) calcd for C₂₅H₁₇NBr [M+H]⁺ 410.0544 found 410.0546.

5'-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3ha): 162 mg was obtained from **1h** (133 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**.



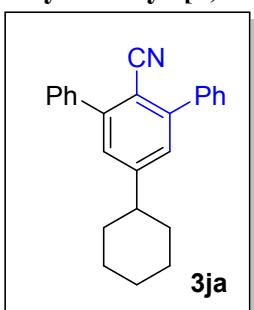
Yield 83%; pale white solid; mp 213–216 °C; R_f = 0.5 (SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 9:91); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (s, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (s, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.50 (s, 2H), 7.48 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.3, 147.2, 145.0, 141.1, 138.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.5, 117.9, 109.2, 105.6, 100.5, 55.5; **IR** (KBr) ν 3009, 2304, 2223, 1598, 1499, 771, 702 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for C₂₇H₂₂NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 392.1651 found 392.1648.

5'-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3ia): 117 mg was obtained from **1i** (105 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**.



Yield 70%; colourless gel; R_f = 0.55 (SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 4H), 7.60 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (q, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 6.38 – 6.34 (m, 1H), 2.46 (dt, J = 8.5, 4.2, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 2.29 – 2.23 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.66 (m, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.7, 146.4, 139.0, 135.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 125.3, 118.2, 107.9, 27.1, 26.0, 22.7, 21.8; **IR** (neat) ν 2991, 2304, 2226, 1598, 1495, 771, 703 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for C₂₅H₂₂N [M+H]⁺ 336.1752 found 336.1753.

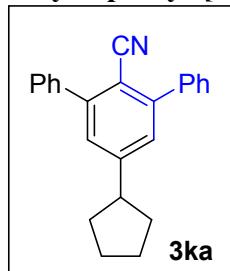
5'-cyclohexyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3ja): 111 mg was obtained from **1j** (106 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**.



Yield 66%; colourless liquid; R_f = 0.6 (SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.51 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44

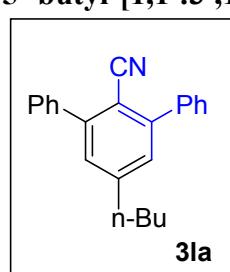
(dt, $J = 2.7, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 2H), 2.65 (tt, $J = 11.6, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.96 (d, $J = 11.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.88 (d, $J = 12.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.82 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.52 (dd, $J = 12.5, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.45 (dd, $J = 14.6, 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.39 (dt, $J = 12.6, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.28 (tt, $J = 10.7, 3.3$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.0, 146.9, 139.0, 129.0, 128.5, 127.6, 118.3, 107.7, 44.8, 34.0, 26.6, 25.9; IR (neat) ν 2995, 2224, 1595, 1498, 771, 704 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}$ [M+H] $^+$ 338.1909 found 338.1917.

5'-cyclopentyl-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3ka): 94 mg was obtained from **1k**



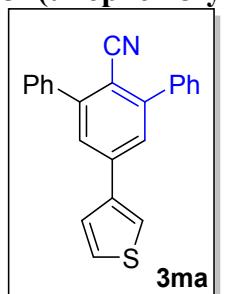
(99 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 58%; colourless liquid; $R_f = 0.6$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.54 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50 (s, 2H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.34 (s, 2H), 3.18 – 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.20 – 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.85 (dd, $J = 8.0, 5.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.80 – 1.63 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.8, 146.7, 138.9, 129.0, 128.5, 127.8, 118.2, 107.6, 46.0, 34.5, 25.5; IR (neat) ν 2958, 2226, 1595, 1498, 771, 703 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}$ [M+H] $^+$ 324.1752 found 324.1756.

5'-butyl-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3la): 81 mg was obtained from **1l** (93 mg,



0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 52%; colorless liquid; $R_f = 0.6$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (q, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dt, $J = 2.6, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (s, 2H), 2.80 – 2.74 (m, 2H), 1.72 (dq, $J = 12.8, 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.44 (dt, $J = 14.6, 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 0.99 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.9, 146.7, 138.8, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 118.2, 107.5, 35.7, 33.0, 22.3, 13.8; IR (neat) ν 2950, 2224, 1597, 1500, 771, 704 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}$ [M+H] $^+$ 312.1752 found 312.1757.

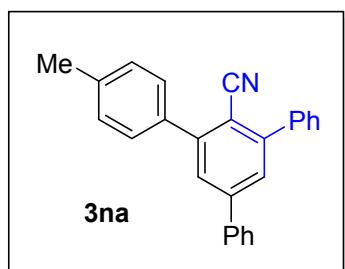
5'-(thiophen-3-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3ma): 133 mg was obtained from



1m (106 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 79%; amorphous powder; mp 152–155 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 2:98); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (s, 2H), 7.65 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 5H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.49 (dd, $J = 6.4, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.4, 140.2, 139.4, 138.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 127.1, 126.6, 126.0, 122.8, 118.0, 108.6; IR (KBr) ν 3109, 2965, 2303, 2224, 1597, 1505, 773, 704 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{NS}$ [M+H] $^+$

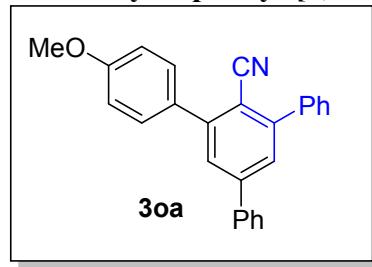
338.1003 found 338.1003.

4-methyl-5'-phenyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3na): 143 mg was obtained



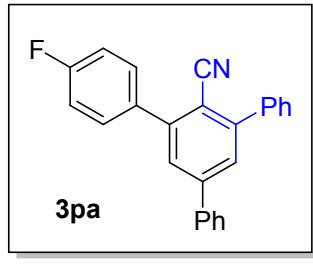
from **1n** (110 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 83%; greyish white solid; mp 145–148 °C; $R_f = 0.53$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 – 7.65 (m, 4H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 7H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 8.3, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.4, 147.3, 145.0, 139.1, 138.7, 135.8, 129.3, 129.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 127.4, 127.3, 118.2, 108.9, 21.2; IR (KBr) ν 2962, 2917, 2223, 1517, 769, 703 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{N} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 346.1596 found 346.1598.

4-methoxy-5'-phenyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3oa): 153 mg was obtained



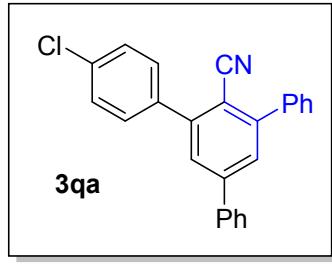
from **1o** (118 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 85%; white solid; mp 179–181 °C; $R_f = 0.45$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 3:97); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 – 7.65 (m, 5H), 7.64 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.0, 147.3, 147.0, 145.0, 139.1, 138.7, 132.9, 131.9, 131.0, 130.5, 130.2, 129.0, 129.0, 128.6, 128.6, 127.3, 127.3, 127.1, 118.3, 114.1, 113.8, 108.8, 55.3; IR (KBr) ν 3048, 2217, 1603, 1512, 768, 701 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 362.1545 found 362.1547.

4-fluoro-5'-phenyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3pa): 138 mg was obtained



from **1p** (112 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 79%; pale brown solid; mp 195–198 °C; $R_f = 0.50$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 6H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.22 (ddd, $J = 10.6, 5.9, 2.5$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.8, 147.4, 146.3, 145.2, 138.9, 138.5, 134.7, 130.9, 130.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 117.9, 115.8, 115.6, 109.0; IR (KBr) ν 2925, 2299, 2227, 1510, 770, 705 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{17}\text{NF} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 350.1345 found 350.1335.

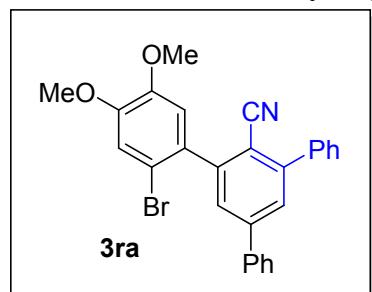
4-chloro-5'-phenyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3qa): 141 mg was obtained



from **1q** (120 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 77%; pale yellowish solid; mp 205–210 °C; $R_f = 0.55$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 3H), 7.63 (d, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 7H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.5, 146.1, 145.3, 138.9, 138.5, 137.1, 135.1, 130.4, 129.2,

129.0, 128.9, 128.9, 128.7, 127.8, 127.3, 117.9, 108.9; **IR** (KBr) ν 2893, 2316, 2218, 1592, 1496, 769, 698 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF) calcd for C₂₅H₁₇NCl [M+H]⁺ 366.1050 found 366.1053.

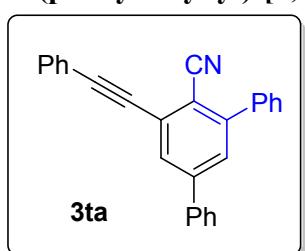
2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxy-5'-phenyl-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3ra): 157 mg



was obtained from **1t** (172 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**; Yield 67%; white solid; mp 189–193 °C; R_f = 0.53 (SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 7:93); **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 7.64 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 12.7, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 148.3, 146.7, 146.4, 144.8, 138.9, 138.4, 131.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 127.8, 127.4, 117.5, 115.7, 113.6, 113.3, 110.6, 56.2, 56.2; **IR** (KBr) ν 2961, 2307, 2223, 1511, 1460, 767, 699 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for C₂₇H₂₁NO₂Br [M+H]⁺ 470.0756 found 470.0761.

2-bromo-5'-(4-ethynylphenyl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3sa): 136 mg was obtained from **1s** (154 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 63%; pale yellow solid; mp 167–170 °C; R_f = 0.55 (SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 8:92); **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (dd, J = 7.0, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dt, J = 8.1, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 1H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.7, 146.5, 143.7, 139.3, 139.0, 138.2, 133.1, 132.8, 131.0, 130.3, 128.9, 128.9, 128.7, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.2, 122.9, 122.6, 117.1, 110.7, 83.0, 78.7; **IR** (KBr) ν 3025, 2995, 2316, 2223, 2159, 1595, 1389, 767, 703 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for C₂₇H₁₇NBr [M+H]⁺ 434.0544 found 434.0541.

5'-(phenylethynyl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-4'-carbonitrile (3ta): 140 mg was obtained from



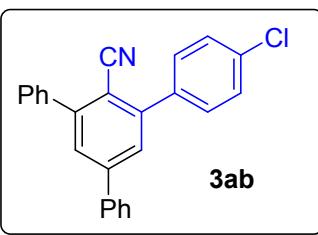
1r (115 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 79%; off white solid; mp 118–121 °C; R_f = 0.53 (SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.64 (m, 6H), 7.63 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 3H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.6, 145.0, 138.5, 138.0, 132.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.2, 122.1, 117.2, 112.5, 95.8, 86.2; **IR** (KBr) ν 3050, 2962, 2223, 1595, 1494, 766, 701 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for C₂₇H₁₈N [M+H]⁺ 356.1439 found 356.1429.

5'-(3-iodo-1H-indol-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-4'-carbonitrile (3ua): 176 mg was obtained from **1u** (186 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 71%; yellow solid; mp 182–185 °C; $R_f = 0.55$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 10:90); **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.29 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.54 (dd, $J = 5.2, 1.3$ Hz, 5H), 7.52 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.2, 144.8, 141.1, 139.7, 139.6, 136.8, 135.8, 134.0, 133.5, 129.8, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 127.7, 127.3, 126.2, 123.0, 121.9, 118.6, 113.4, 57.4; **IR** (KBr) ν 3670, 2962, 2367, 2223, 1650, 1509, 766, 701 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{I}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 497.0515 found 497.0516.

5'-(furan-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-4'-carbonitrile (3va): 112 mg was obtained from **1v** (98 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 70%; grey solid; mp 105–110 °C; $R_f = 0.55$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 2:98); **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.62 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dt, $J = 1.7, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, $J = 2.2, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, $J = 2.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 2.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, $J = 3.6, 1.8$ Hz, 1H); **13C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.9, 147.8, 145.3, 143.3, 139.0, 138.6, 134.8, 129.0, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.3, 127.2, 123.5, 118.4, 112.3, 111.2, 104.6; **IR** (KBr) ν 3012, 2998, 2304, 2223, 1542, 1265, 767, 703 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 322.1232 found 322.1234.

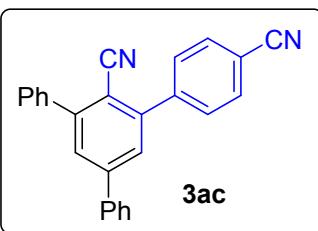
5'-(thiophen-2-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-4'-carbonitrile (3wa): 123 mg was obtained from **1w** (106 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 73%; greyish white solid; mp 149–152 °C; $R_f = 0.55$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 2:98); **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.50 (dd, $J = 3.9, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (ddd, $J = 7.1, 6.4, 2.2$ Hz, 3H), 7.19 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.7$ Hz, 1H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.9, 145.3, 139.6, 139.3, 138.8, 138.5, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 118.1, 108.1; **IR** (KBr) ν 3013, 2959, 2302, 2228, 1542, 766, 710 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{NS}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 338.1003 found 338.1010.

4-chloro-5'-phenyl-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3ab): 142 mg was obtained from **1a** (106 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2b** following general procedure **B**. Yield 78%; puffy white solid; mp 205–208 °C; $R_f = 0.55$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ



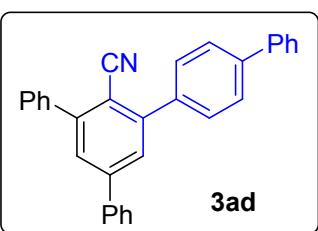
7.71 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.64 (m, 3H), 7.64 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.54 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, $J = 4.0, 1.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.49 (dd, $J = 4.8, 2.7$ Hz, 3H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.5, 146.0, 145.3, 138.8, 138.4, 137.0, 135.0, 130.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127., 127.3, 117.8, 108.9; IR (KBr) ν 2962, 2306, 2221, 1597, 1495, 768, 701 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}$ [M+H] $^+$ 366.1050 found 366.1043.

5'-phenyl-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2',4-dicarbonitrile (3ac): 139 mg was obtained from **1a**



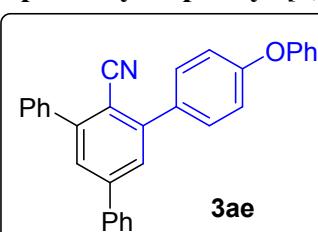
(106 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2c** following general procedure **B**. Yield 78%; colourless solid; mp 228–232 °C; $R_f = 0.53$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.78 – 7.75 (m, 3H), 7.67 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (q, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.7, 145.6, 145.2, 143.1, 138.5, 138.1, 132.4, 129.8, 129.2, 129.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.3, 127.2, 118.4, 117.5, 112.6, 108.7; IR (KBr) ν 3022, 2359, 2223, 1595, 1251, 740, 670 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 357.1392 found 357.1386.

5'-phenyl-[1,1':3',1":4",1"-quaterphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3ad): 163 mg was obtained from **1a**



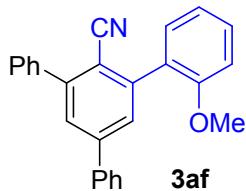
(106 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2d** following general procedure **B**. Yield 80%; colourless solid; mp 193–196 °C; $R_f = 0.55$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 5H), 7.72 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.69 (s, 2H), 7.67 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.51 (t, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 3H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.4, 146.95, 145.1, 141.6, 140.4, 139.0, 138.7, 137.5, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.3, 127.1, 118.1, 108.8; IR (KBr) ν 3037, 2221, 1696, 1595, 1222, 765, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}$ [M+H] $^+$ 408.1752 found 408.1747.

4-phenoxy-5'-phenyl-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3ae): 171 mg was obtained from **1a**



(106 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2e** following general procedure **B**. Yield 81%; greyish white solid; mp 150–153 °C; $R_f = 0.55$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 2:98); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (s, 3H), 7.68 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.12 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.1, 156.4, 147.4, 146.7, 145.1, 139.0, 138.6, 133.2, 130.5, 129.8, 129.0, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.4, 127.3, 127.3, 123.8, 119.6, 118.3, 118.1, 108.8; IR (KBr) ν 3029, 2223, 1593, 1495, 1223, 840, 758 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}$ [M+H] $^+$ 424.1701 found 424.1701.

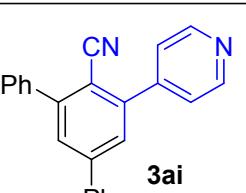
2-methoxy-5'-phenyl-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3af)²: 143 mg was obtained from **1a** (106 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2f** following general procedure **B**. Yield 79%; brownish white solid; mp 178–181 °C; R_f = 0.45 (SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 3:97); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (s, 3H), 7.66 (s, 3H), 7.53 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 3H), 7.44 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.3 Hz, 3H), 7.37 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.6, 146.4, 144.8, 144.3, 139.2, 138.8, 130.9, 130.3, 129.0, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 120.7, 117.9, 111.3, 110.9, 55.6; IR (KBr) ν 3017, 2924, 2225, 1598, 1496, 1253, 763, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (QToF) calcd for C₂₆H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺ 362.1545 found 362.1541.



3,4-dimethoxy-5'-phenyl-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (3ag): 152 mg was obtained from **1a** (106 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2g** following general procedure **B**. Yield 78%; white solid; mp 208–211 °C; R_f = 0.45 (SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 6:94); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (s, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 3H), 7.24 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.5, 148.8, 147.4, 147.1, 145.0, 139.1, 138.7, 131.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.3, 127.2, 121.6, 118.3, 112.3, 111.2, 108.9, 56.0, 55.9; IR (KBr) ν 3016, 2312, 2222, 1596, 1516, 1259, 766, 703 cm⁻¹; HRMS (QToF) calcd for C₂₇H₂₂NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 392.1651 found 392.1649.

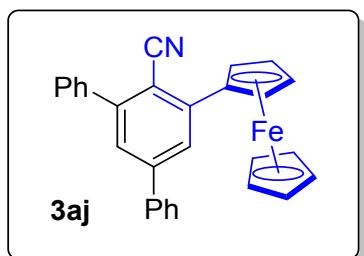
5'-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-4'-carbonitrile (3ah)²: 139 mg was obtained from **1a** (106 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2h** following general procedure **B**. Yield 74%; greyish white solid; mp 188–191 °C; R_f = 0.45 (SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (ddd, J = 7.3, 5.4, 1.5 Hz, 5H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 7.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.96 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.05 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.1, 147.8, 147.3, 147.0, 145.0, 139.0, 138.6, 132.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.4, 127.3, 123.0, 118.1, 109.5, 108.9, 108.5, 101.4; IR (KBr) ν 2966, 2920, 2223, 1599, 1498, 767, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (QToF) calcd for C₂₆H₁₈NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 376.1338 found 376.1336.

5'-(pyridin-4-yl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-4'-carbonitrile (3ai): 125 mg was obtained from **1a** (106 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2i** following general procedure **B**. Yield 75%; pale yellow solid; mp 193–196 °C; R_f = 0.53 (SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 2:98); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.78 (dd, J =



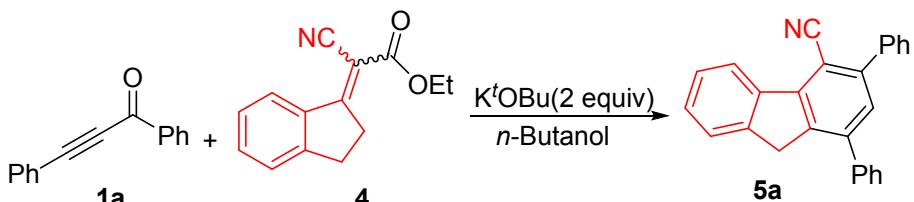
4.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.58 (dd, J = 4.4, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.47 (ddd, J = 8.9, 5.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.2, 147.7, 146.2, 145.6, 144.3, 138.5, 138.1, 129.2, 129.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.7, 127.3, 127.1, 123.6, 117.4, 108.6; IR (KBr) ν 3031, 2219, 1594, 1550, 764, 699 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 333.1392 found 333.1396.

(2-(4'-cyano-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-5'-yl)cyclopenta-2,4-dien-1-yl)(cyclopenta-2,4-dien-1-yl)iron (3aj):



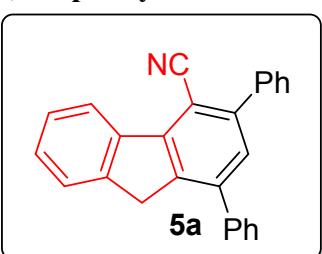
167 mg was obtained from **1a** (106 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2j** following general procedure **B**. Yield 76%; pink solid; mp 140–145 °C; R_f = 0.55 (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 3:97); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 5.02 – 5.00 (m, 1H), 4.48 – 4.46 (m, 1H), 4.23 (s, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.7, 145.2, 144.4, 139.3, 138.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 127.2, 126.9, 126.4, 118.9, 107.5, 82.8, 70.0, 69.7, 69.1; IR (KBr) ν 3040, 2923, 2220, 1596, 1554, 840, 768, 701 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{22}\text{NFe}$ [M+H] $^+$ 440.1102 found 440.1087.

(B). General procedure C for the synthesis of final compounds (5) taking Synthesis of **4a as an Example.**



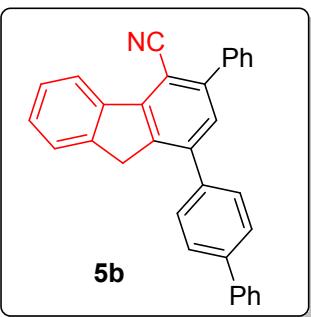
To a 15 mL Schlenk tube was added ynone **1a** (103 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), ethyl (E)-2-cyano-2-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-ylidene)acetate **4** (136 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv), $\text{KO}^\prime\text{Bu}$ (112 mg, 1 mmol, 2 equiv) in 1-butanol (3 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under open air until the complete conversion of starting material (30–60 min). The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, washed with hexane (2 times) and the remaining solid was dissolved in 20% EtOAc/Hexane and filtered through a small silica bed. Filtrate was concentrated to get the desired solids in purified form **5a**.

1,3-diphenyl-9H-fluorene-4-carbonitrile (5a): 146 mg was obtained from **4** (136 mg, 0.6 mmol) and **1a** following general procedure **B**. Yield 71%; colourless solid; mp 165–168 °C; R_f = 0.55 (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.67 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.48 (m,



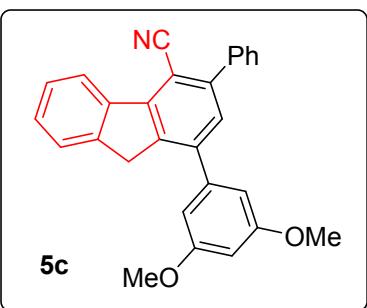
5H), 7.48 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.6, 144.6, 144.2, 142.9, 140.9, 139.4, 139.0, 138.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 124.7, 122.8, 118.1, 102.2, 36.3; IR (KBr) ν 3031, 2925, 2221, 2158, 1509, 1387, 769, 704 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 344.1439 found 344.1432

1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-phenyl-9H-fluorene-4-carbonitrile (5b): 176 mg was obtained



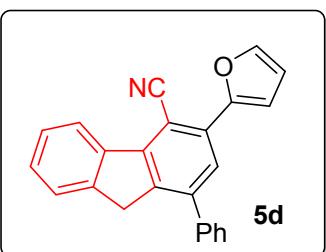
from **4** (136 mg, 0.6 mmol) and **1c** following general procedure **B**. Yield 70%; grey solid; mp 199–203 °C; R_f = 0.55 (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.68 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (ddd, J = 6.2, 4.4, 3.0 Hz, 6H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.48 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.0 Hz, 4H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 4.07 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.7, 144.2, 142.5, 141.2, 140.9, 140.3, 139.0, 138.4, 138.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 127.4, 127.1, 124.8, 122.8, 118.1, 102.2, 36.4; IR (KBr) ν 3043, 2917, 2220, 1581, 1486, 840, 742, 702 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 420.1752 found 420.1747.

1-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-9H-fluorene-4-carbonitrile (5c): 177 mg was obtained



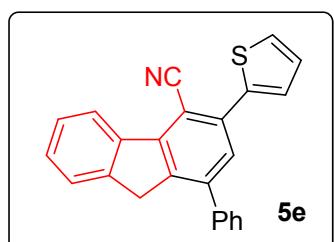
from **4** (136 mg, 0.6 mmol) and **1h** following general procedure **B**. Yield 73%; white solid; mp 213–215 °C; R_f = 0.45 (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 6:94); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.66 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dt, J = 3.4, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 6.69 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.9, 145.5, 144.6, 144.2, 142.8, 141.3, 140.9, 139.0, 138.4, 129.1, 128.6, 128.6, 128.4, 127.3, 124.7, 122.7, 118.1, 106.7, 102.3, 99.9, 55.4, 36.3; IR (KBr) ν 3055, 2308, 2222, 1590, 1493, 1303, 751 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 404.1651 found 404.1646.

3-(furan-2-yl)-1-phenyl-9H-fluorene-4-carbonitrile (5d): 124 mg was obtained from **4**



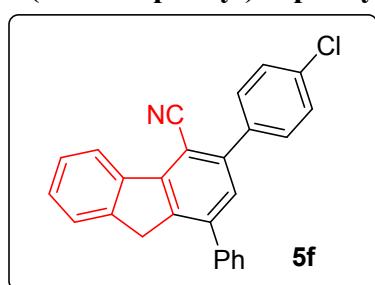
(136 mg, 0.6 mmol) and **1v** following general procedure **B**. Yield 62%; brownish white solid; mp 203–206 °C; R_f = 0.53 (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 2:98); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.69 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.58 (ddd, J = 6.5, 3.7, 1.4 Hz, 3H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 6.60 (dd, J = 3.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.2, 144.7, 144.2, 143.2, 143.0, 140.8, 139.40, 138.9, 133.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.3, 124.9, 124.7, 122.8, 118.5, 112.2, 110.4, 98.1, 36.3; IR (KBr) ν 2923, 1540, 1471, 1378, 756, 636 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 334.1232 found 334.1224.

1-phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-9H-fluorene-4-carbonitrile (5e): 126 mg was obtained from **4** (136 mg, 0.6 mmol) and **1w** following general procedure **B**.



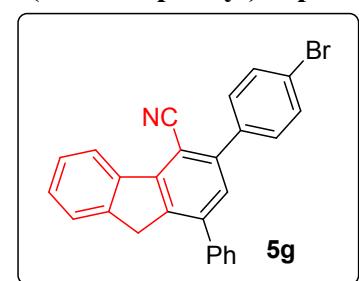
Yield 60%; greyish white solid; mp 216–219 °C; $R_f = 0.55$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 2:98); **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.68 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, $J = 3.6, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.55 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.20 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 2H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.0, 144.3, 143.1, 141.3, 139.6, 139.1, 138.8, 137.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.4, 127.0, 124.8, 122.9, 118.2, 101.3, 36.3; **IR** (KBr) ν 3045, 2899, 2222, 1581, 1500, 769, 707 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{16}\text{NS} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 350.1003 found 350.0996.

3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenyl-9H-fluorene-4-carbonitrile (5f): 156 mg was obtained from **4**



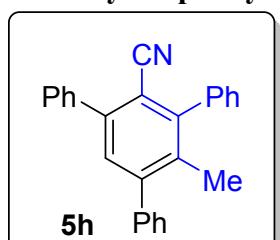
(136 mg, 0.6 mmol) and **1q** following general procedure **B**. Yield 69%; greyish white solid; mp 223–226 °C; $R_f = 0.53$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 2:98); **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.65 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.55 (m, 5H), 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.50 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 (ddd, $J = 12.4, 6.1, 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 4.00 (s, 2H); **13C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.8, 144.3, 143.1, 141.4, 139.2, 138.9, 136.9, 134.9, 130.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 127.5, 124.8, 122.8, 118.0, 102.1, 36.3; **IR** (KBr) ν 2960, 2222, 1572, 1516, 1382, 762, 672 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 378.1050 found 378.1044.

3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-phenyl-9H-fluorene-4-carbonitrile (5g): 164 mg was obtained from



4 (136 mg, 0.6 mmol) following general procedure **B**. Yield 65%; brownish white solid; mp 195–198 °C; $R_f = 0.55$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 2:98); **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.64 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.53 (dt, $J = 11.8, 3.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 2H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.8, 144.3, 143.1, 141.4, 139.2, 138.9, 137.3, 131.9, 130.7, 128.8, 128.8, 128.4, 127.5, 124.8, 123.1, 122.8, 118.0, 102.0, 36.3; **IR** (KBr) ν 3050, 2311, 2215, 1582, 1485, 747, 698 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 422.0544 found 422.0540.

4'-methyl-5'-phenyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-carbonitrile (5h): 122 mg was obtained from

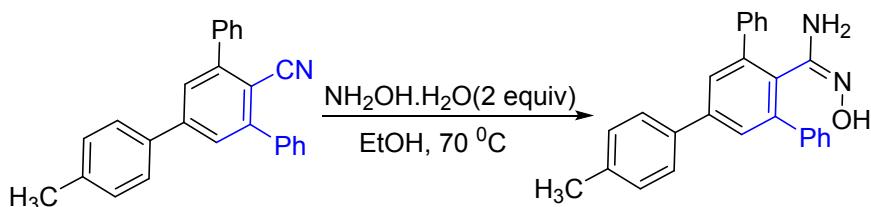


1a (106 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2j** following general procedure **A**. Yield 71%; white solid; mp 168–171 °C; $R_f = 0.55$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 1:99); **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 6H), 7.42 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (ddd, $J = 6.5, 4.0, 1.7$ Hz, 5H), 2.04 (s, 3H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.4, 146.8, 143.1, 140.7, 138.8, 138.42,

133.9, 130.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 117.9, 110.9, 18.6; **IR** (KBr) ν 3049, 2431, 2223, 1962, 1595, 1498, 891, 768, 702 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{N} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 346.1596 found 346.1592.

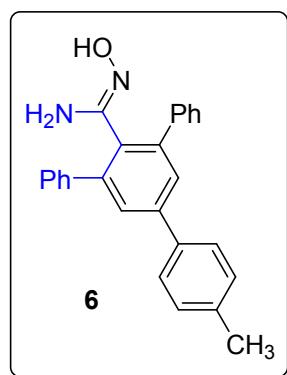
IV. General Procedure and Characteristic data of derivatives:

(A). General procedure D for the synthesis of derivative (6):



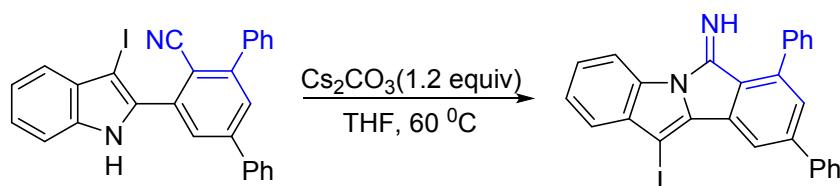
Benzonitrile **3ba** (0.41 mmol) and 50% hydroxylamine in water (0.3 mL) were added to ethanol at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 3 to 4 hours until the complete consumption of starting materials (monitored by TLC). The mixture was concentrated to give the crude product, which was further purified by column chromatography to afford compound **6** as a colourless solid.

(Z)-N'-hydroxy-5'-(p-tolyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-carboximidamide (6): 110 mg was



obtained from **3ba** (140 mg, 0.6 mmol) following general procedure **D**. Yield 72%; colourless solid; $R_f = 0.55$ (SiO_2 , $\text{EtOAc}:\text{Hexane}$, 35:65); **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.68 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.45 (s, 2H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.32 (dd, $J = 9.3, 7.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.1, 140.8, 140.2, 139.8, 139.8, 139.6, 137.8, 136.7, 136.1, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 127.2, 12.16, 20.9; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2 [\text{M}-\text{OH}]^+$ 361.1705 found 361.1700.

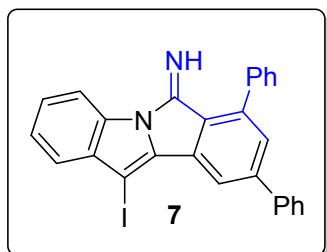
(B). General procedure E for the synthesis of derivative (7):



To a round bottomed flask, nitrile **3ua** (0.30 mmol) and caesium carbonate (0.6 mmol) were added in THF and the reaction mixture was stirred at reflux at 60 °C for 4-6 hours until the complete consumption of starting materials (monitored by TLC). The mixture was

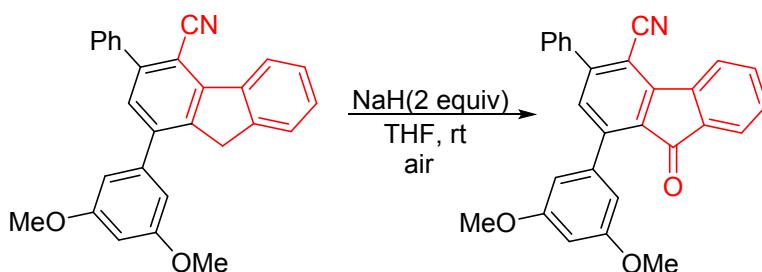
concentrated to give the crude product, which was further purified by column chromatography to afford compound 7.

11-iodo-7,9-diphenyl-6H-isoindolo[2,1-a]indol-6-imine (7): 126 mg was obtained from **3ua**



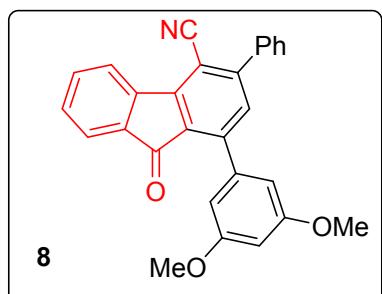
(150 mg, 0.30 mmol) following general procedure E. Yield 85%; yellow solid; $R_f = 0.55$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 15:85); **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.27 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.76 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (ddd, $J = 20.7, 9.2, 4.7$ Hz, 6H), 7.49 (dt, $J = 7.2, 3.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 146.8, 144.4, 138.1, 137.9, 136.9, 136.4, 130.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.4, 127.7, 123.8, 121.0, 120.9, 117.7, 112.3, 110.1, 61.7; **IR** (KBr) ν 3454, 2258, 1664, 1032, 770 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{I}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 497.0515 found 497.0513.

(C). General procedure F for the synthesis of derivative (8):



To a round bottomed flask, nitrile **4c** (0.44 mmol) and sodium hydride (0.88 mmol) were added to THF, the reaction mixture was stirred under open air at room temperature until the complete consumption of nitrile (monitored by TLC). The mixture was concentrated to give the crude product, which was further purified by column chromatography to afford compound **8** as a yellow solid.

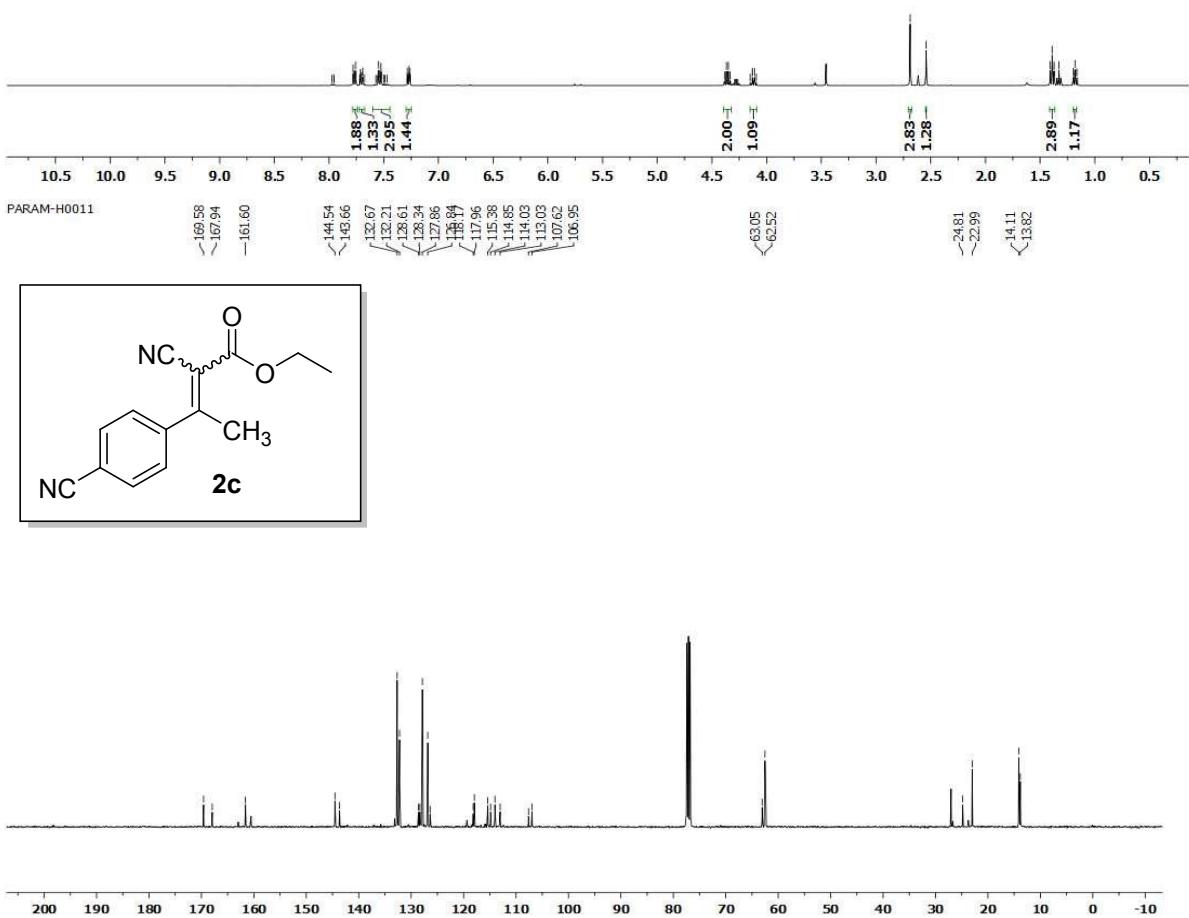
1-(3-hydroxy-5-methoxyphenyl)-9-oxo-3-phenyl-9H-fluorene-4-carbonitrile (8): 142 mg

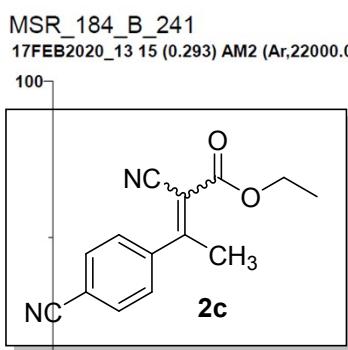


was obtained from **4c** (177 mg, 0.44 mmol) following general procedure F. Yield 80%; yellow solid; mp 189–193 °C; $R_f = 0.55$ (SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 10:90); **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.46 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.45 (td, $J = 7.5, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.57 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 6H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.0, 160.4, 150.4, 149.0, 145.4, 140.6, 137.8, 137.1, 135.2, 134.3, 132.7, 130.8, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 124.4, 122.7, 117.0, 107.2, 103.4, 101.1, 55.4; **IR** (KBr) ν 3055, 2308, 2222, 1590, 1493, 751 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (QToF) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 418.1443 found 418.1436.

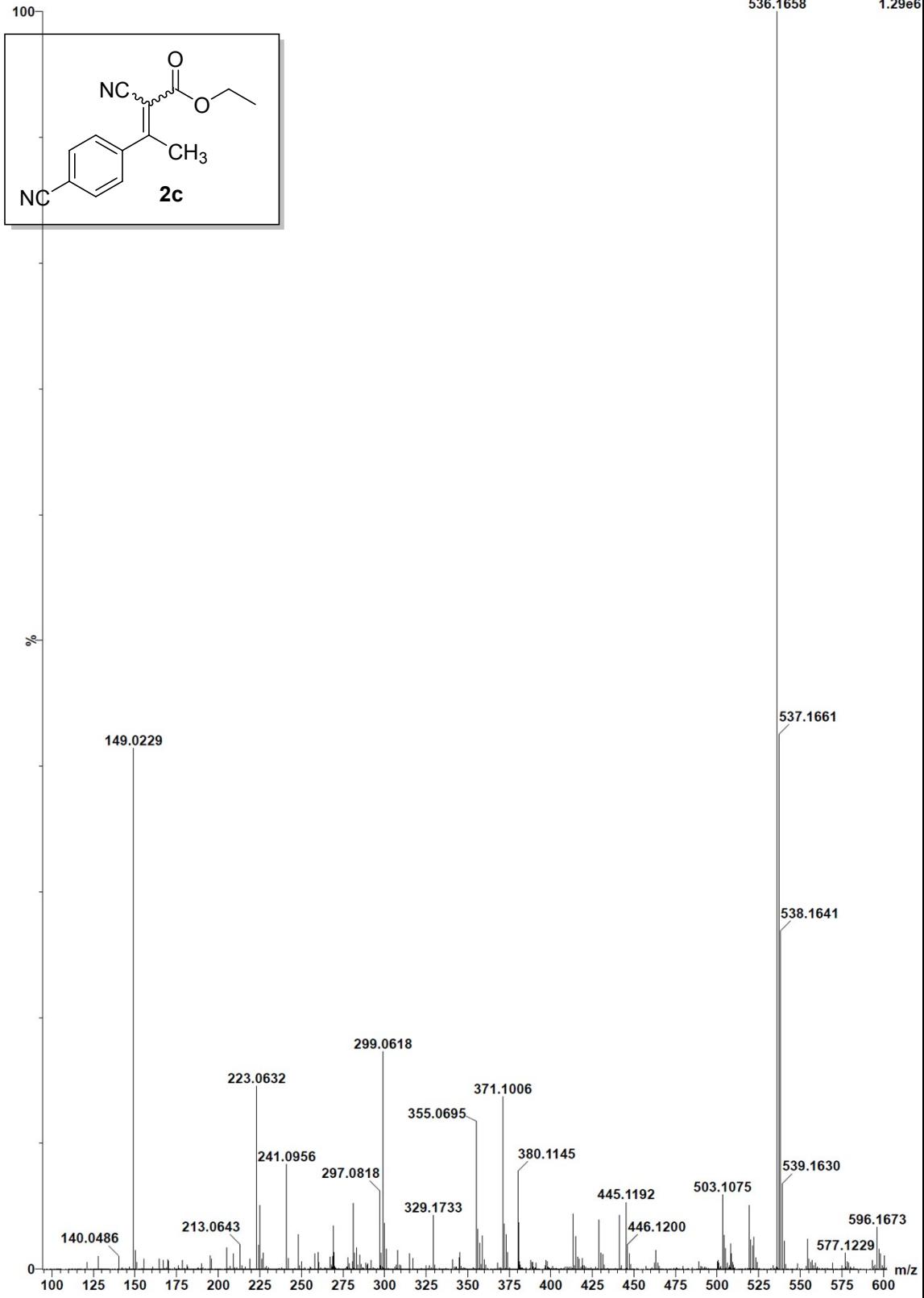
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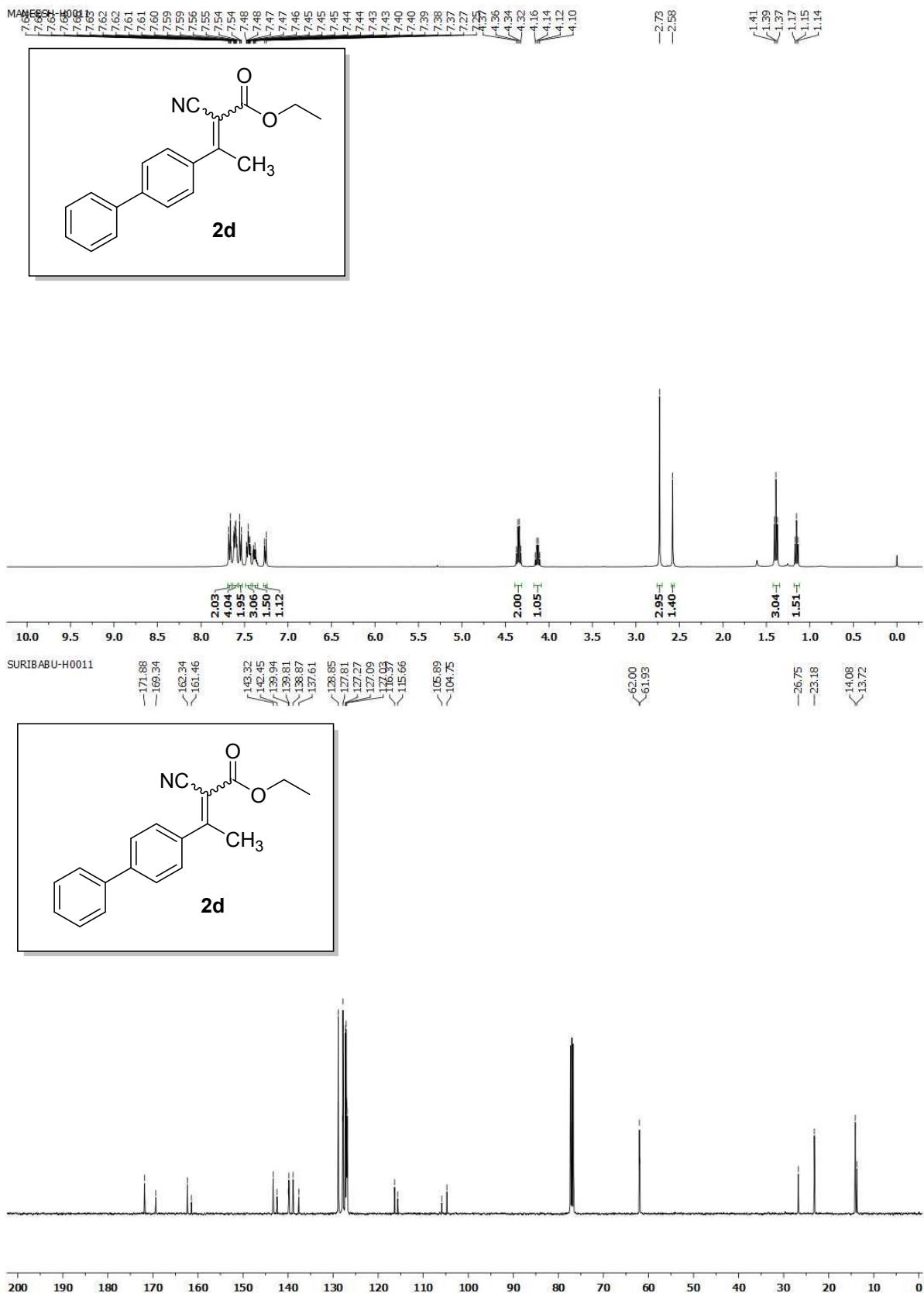
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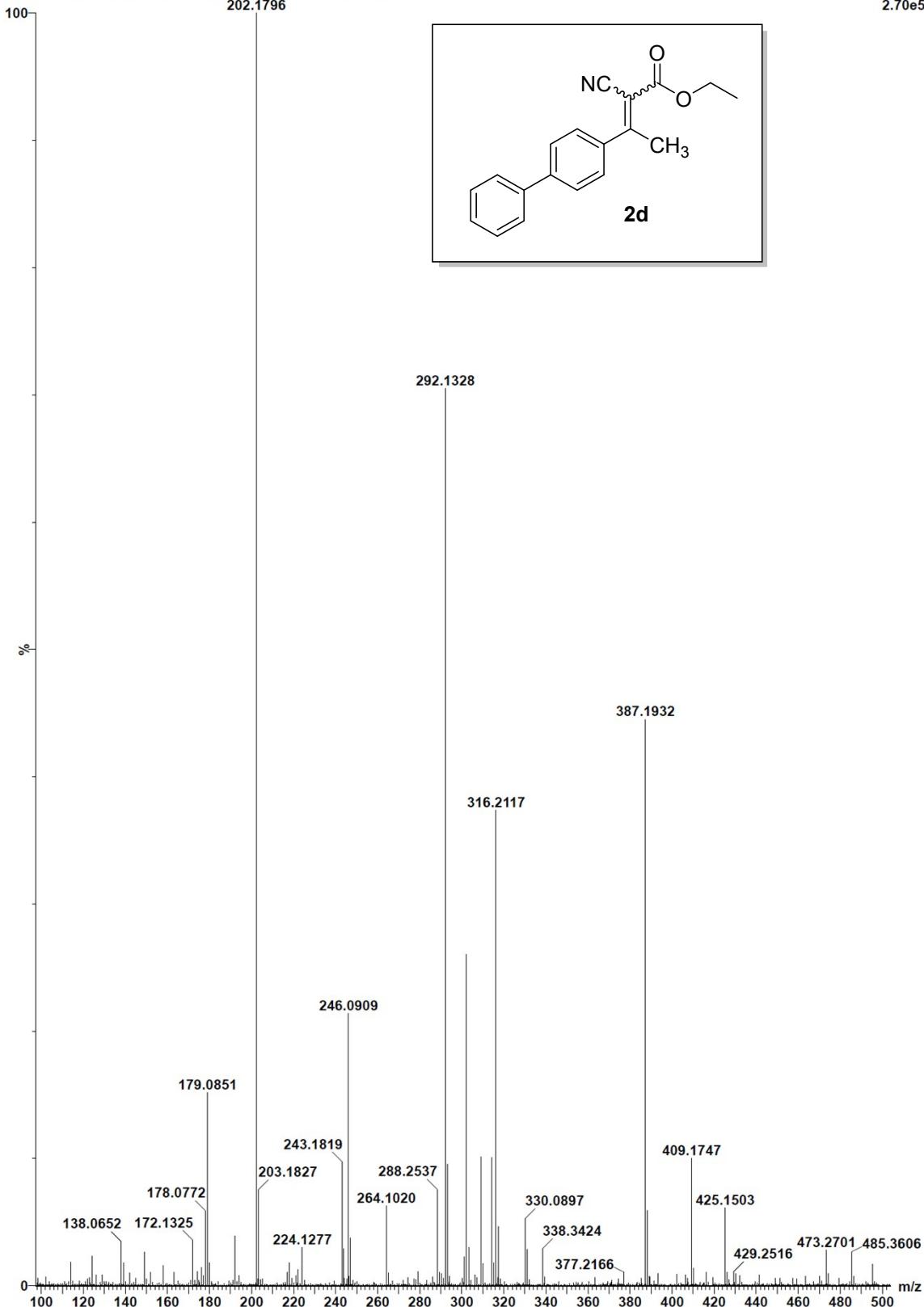
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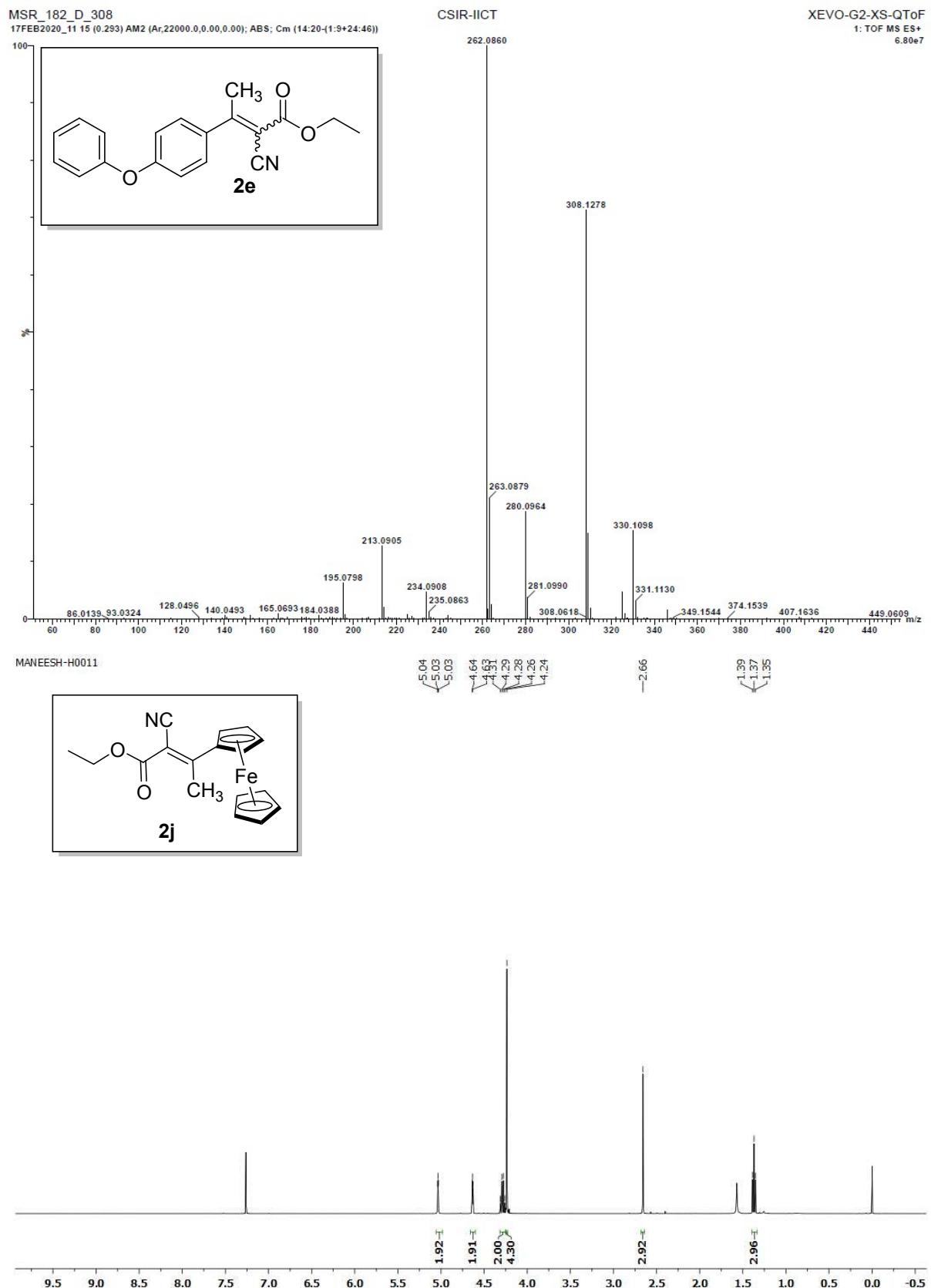
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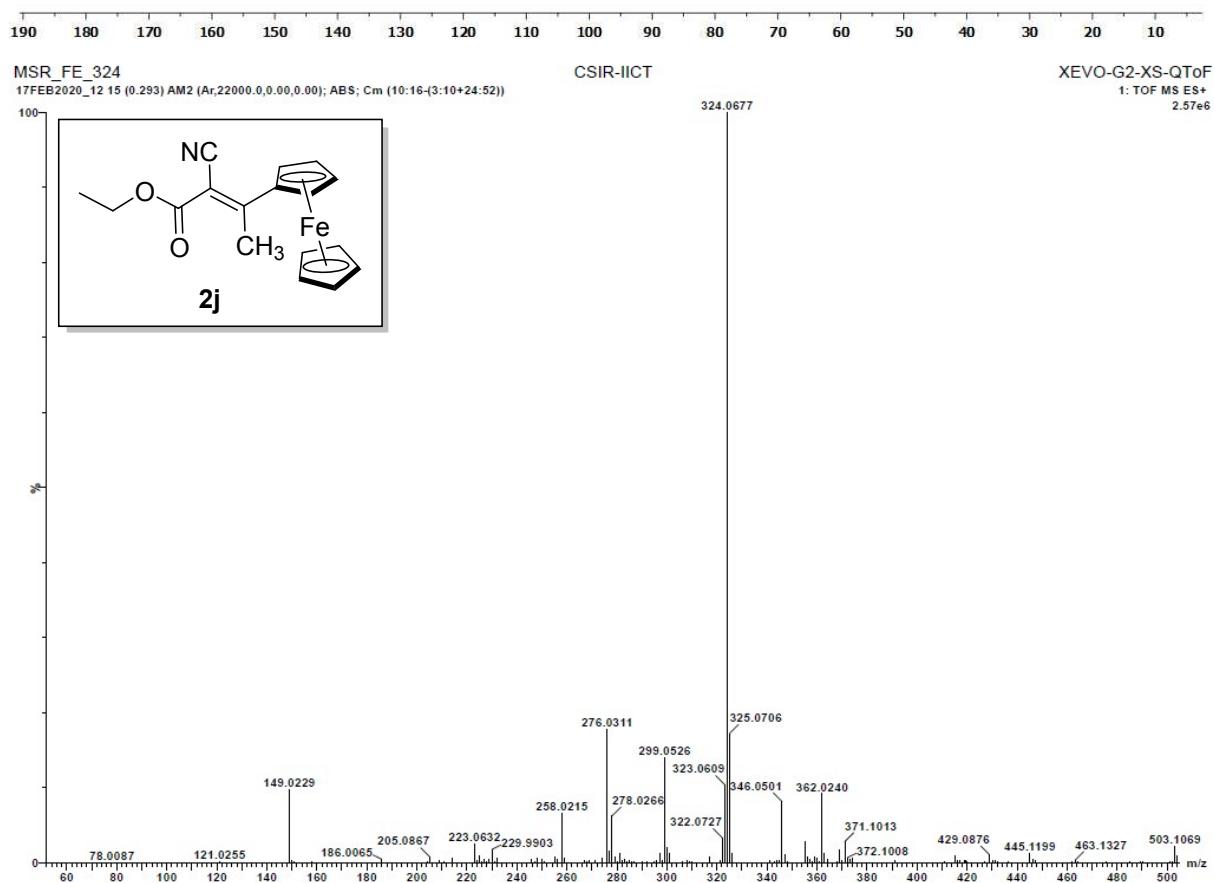
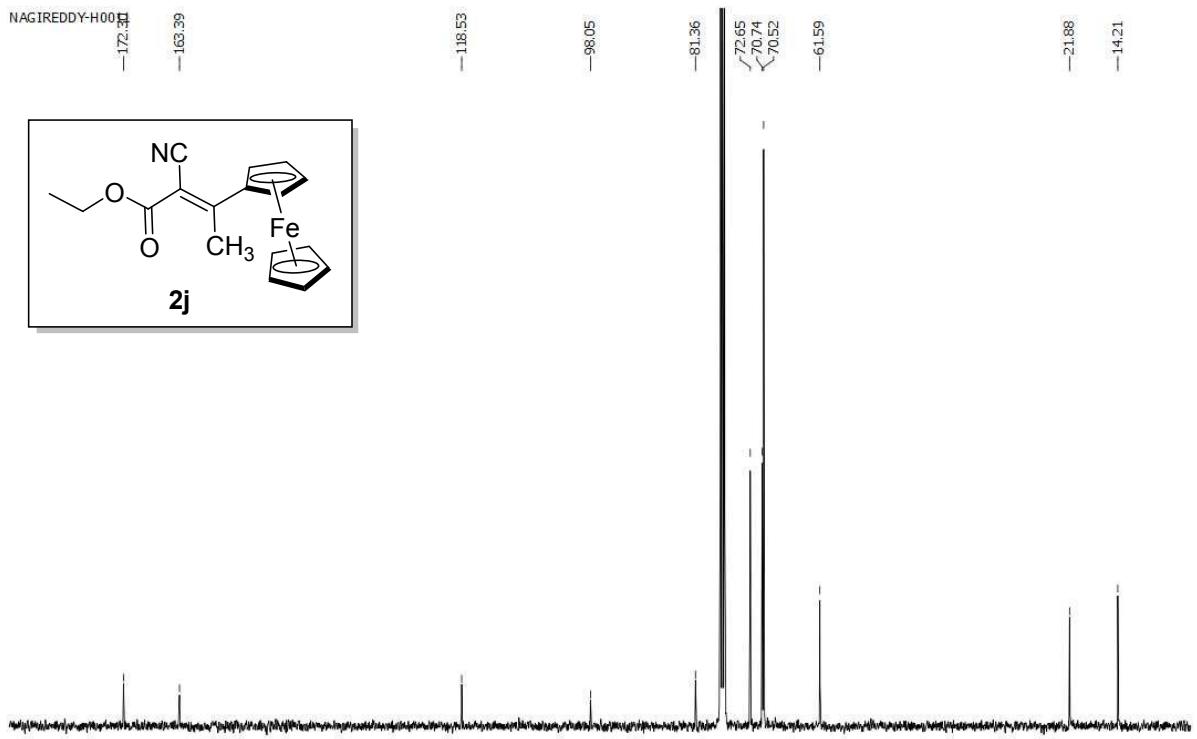
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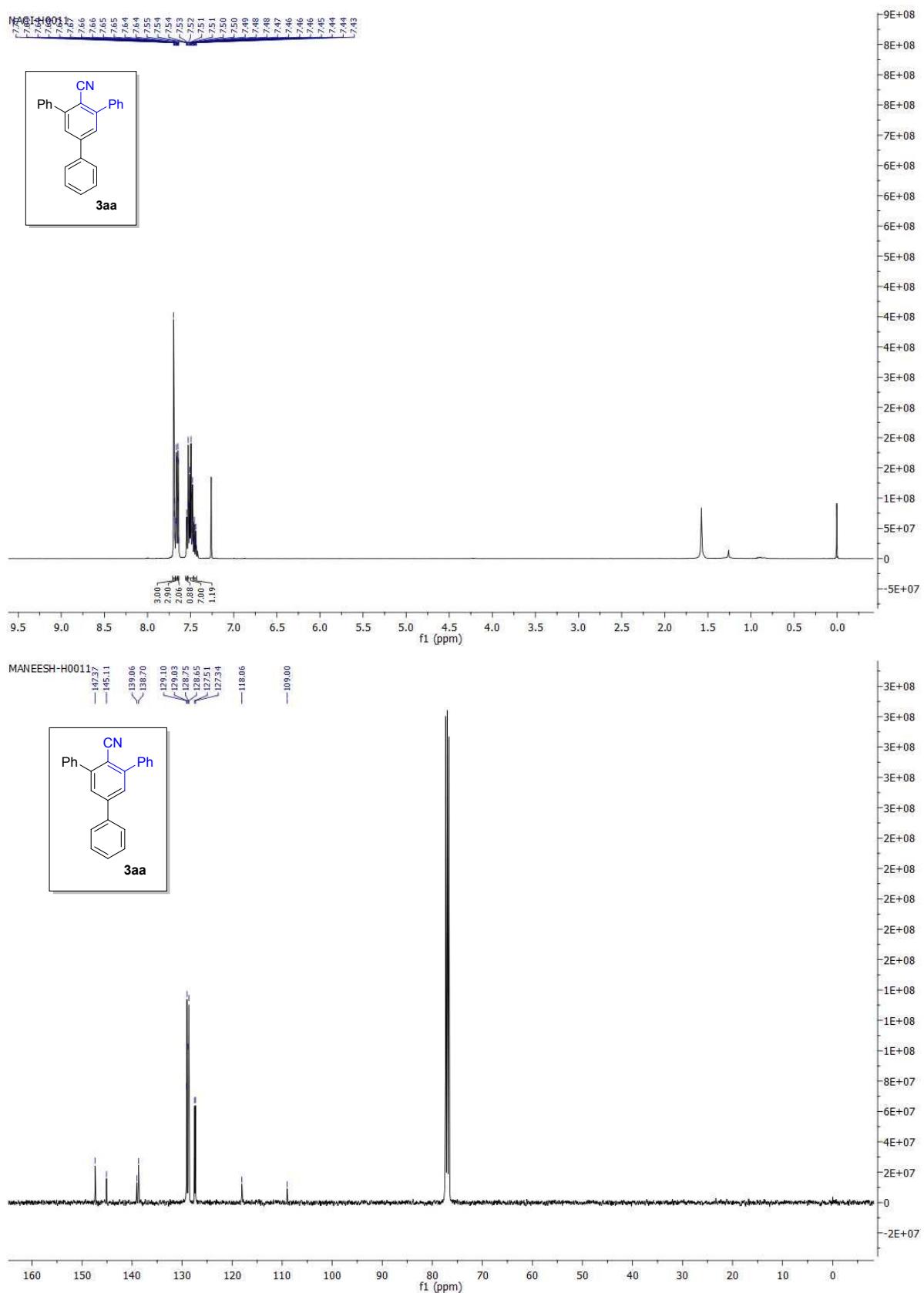
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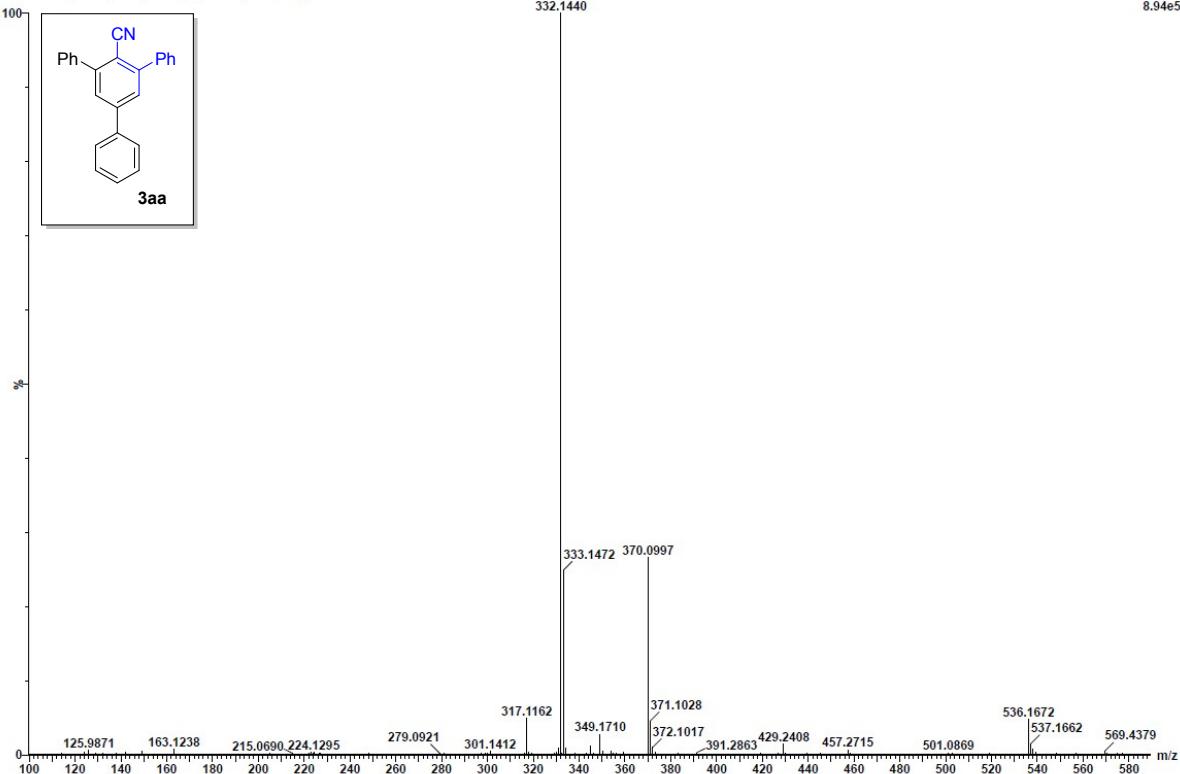


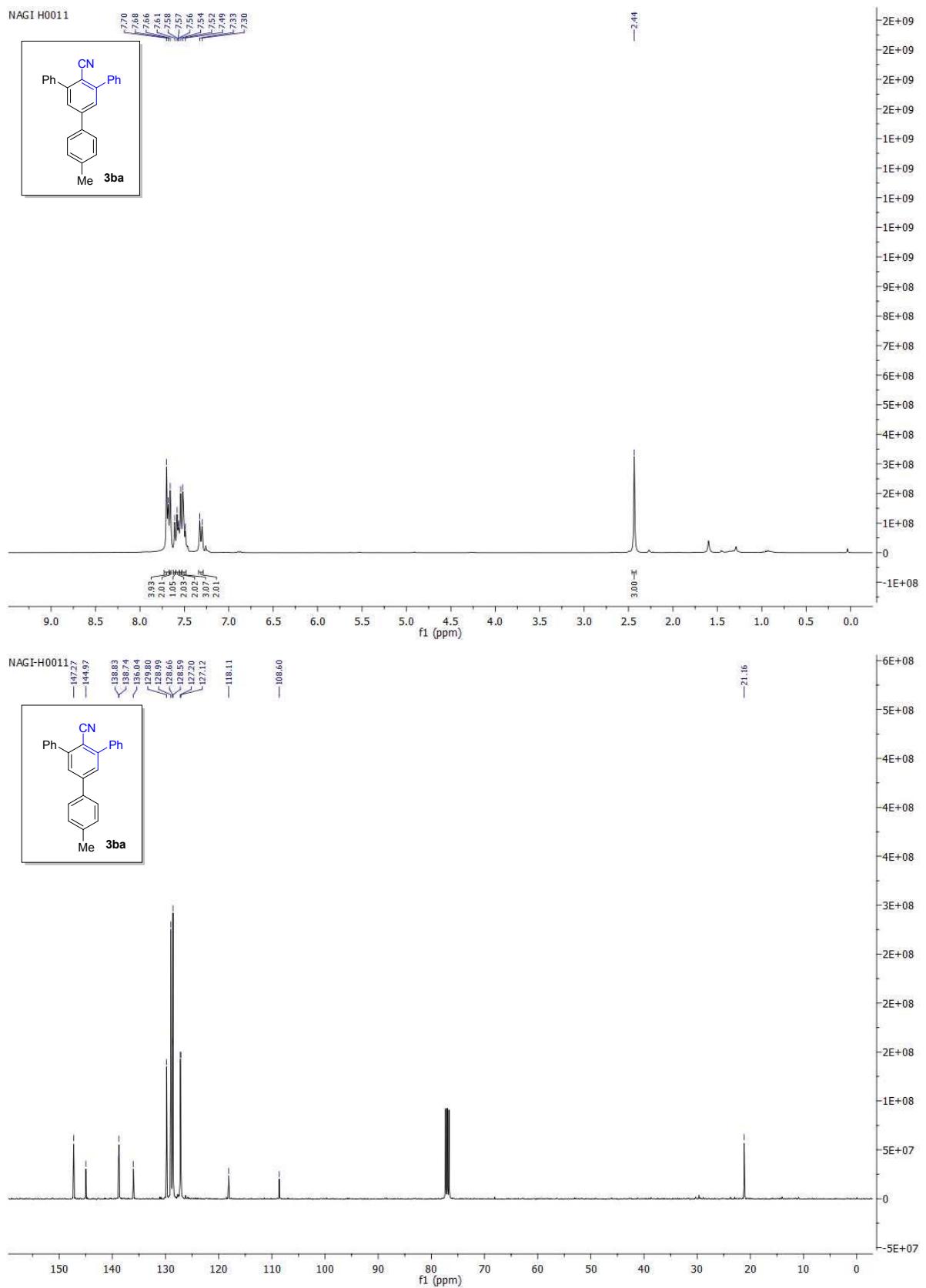


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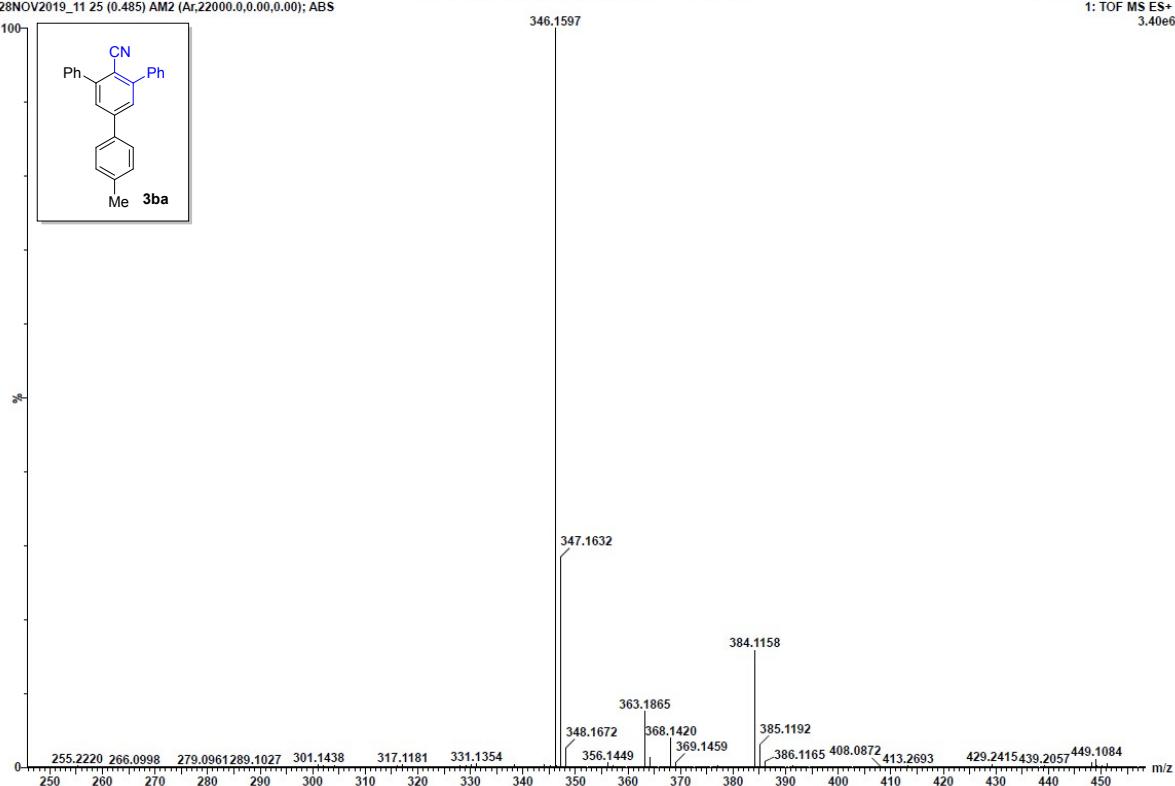


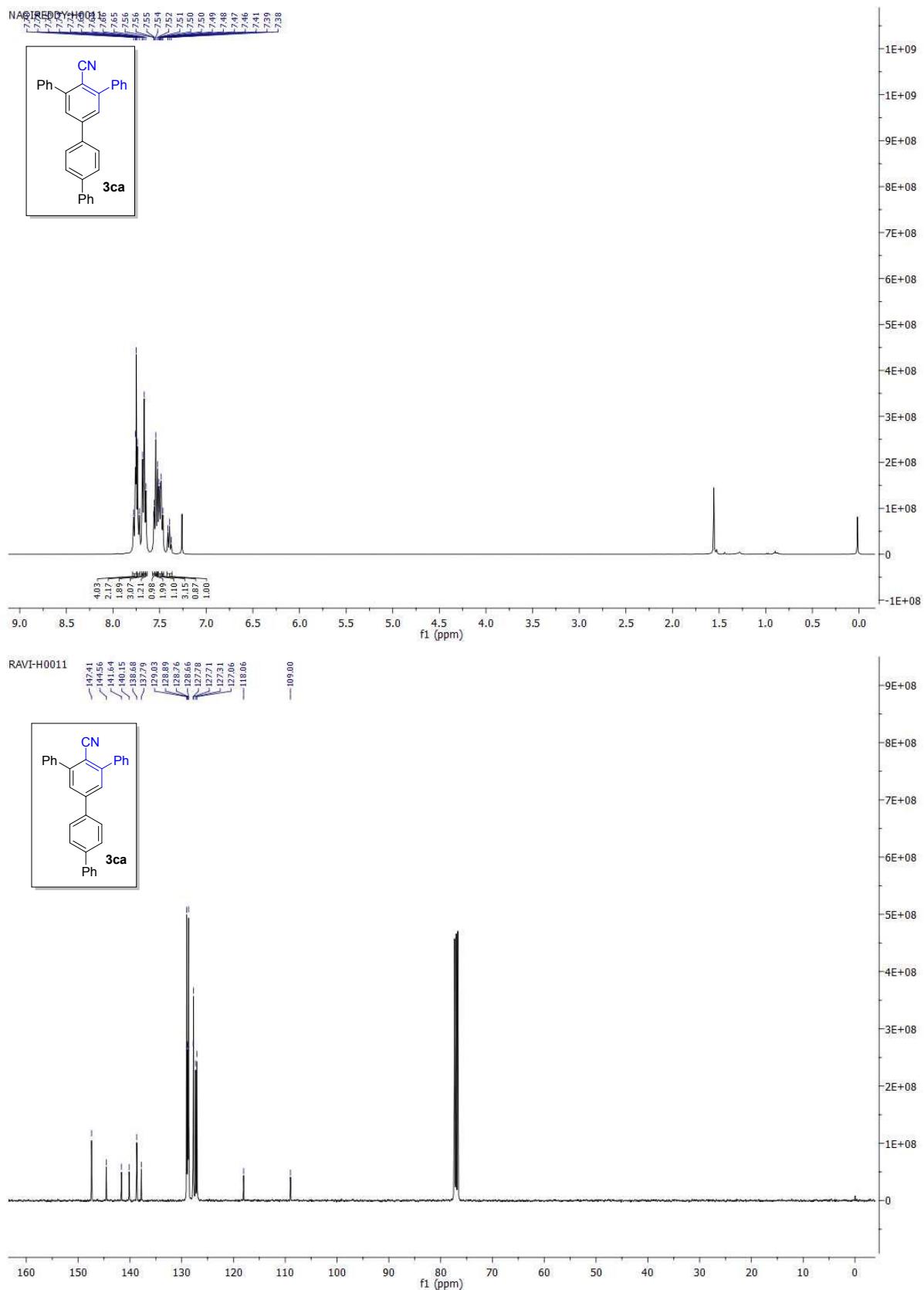


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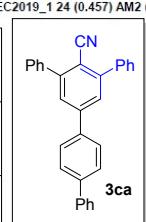
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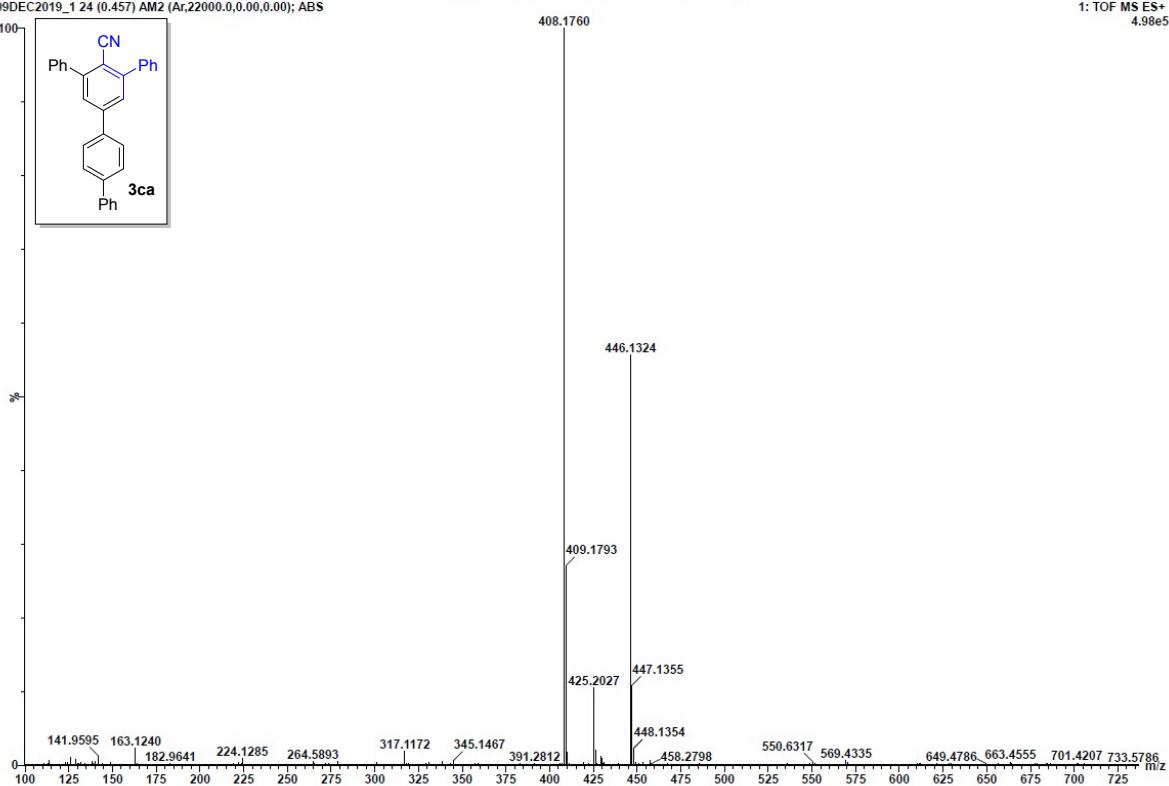


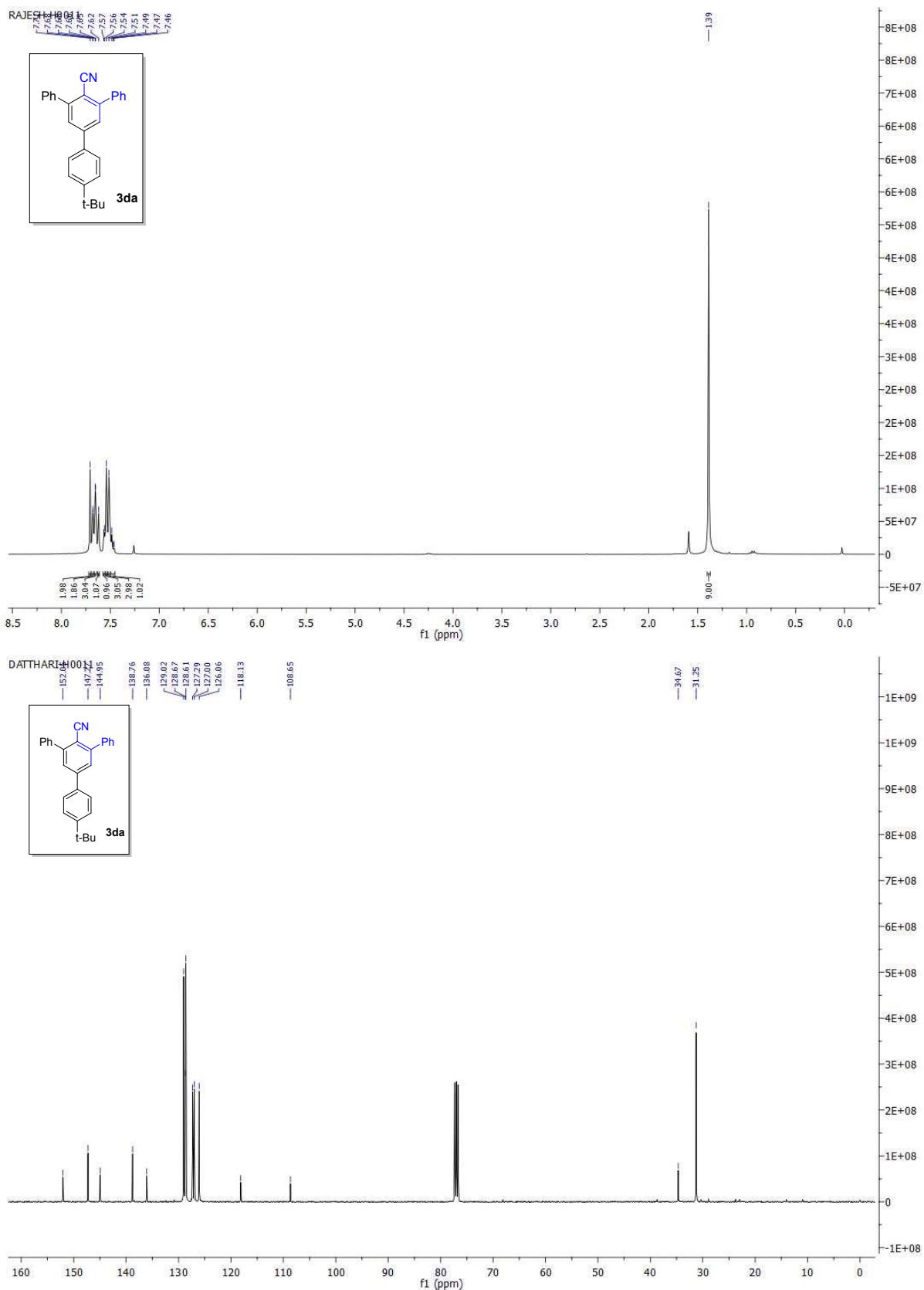
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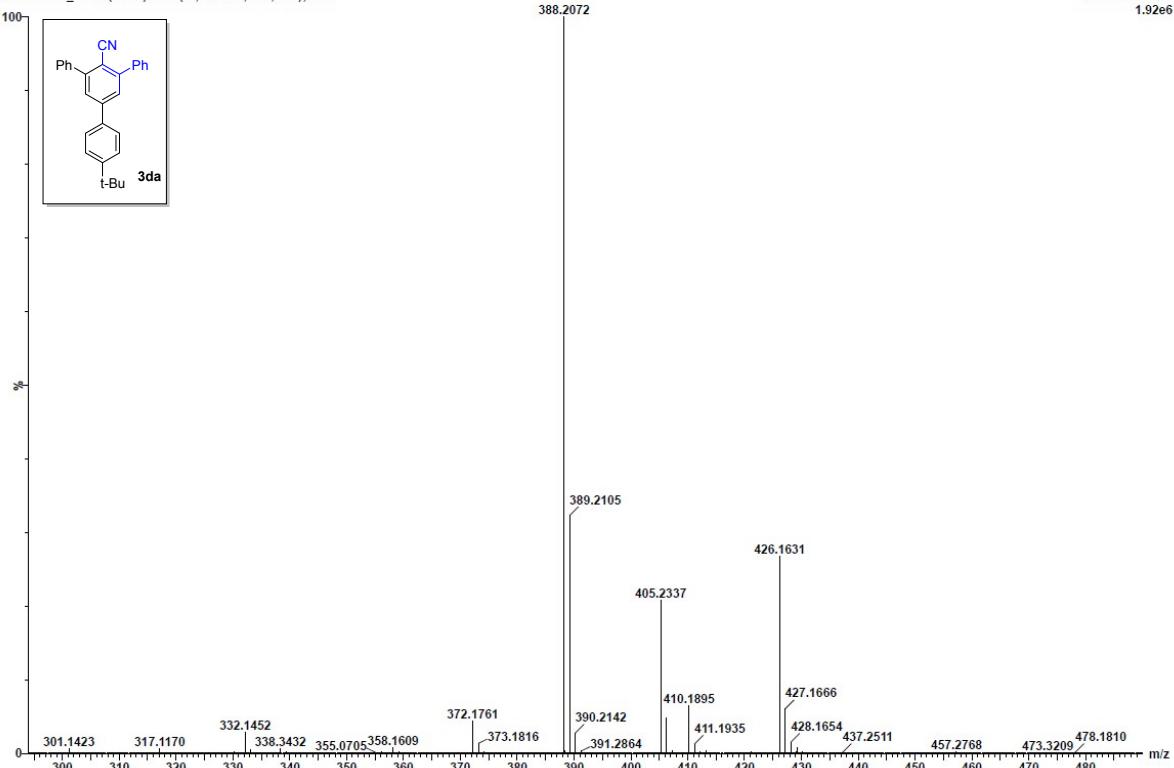


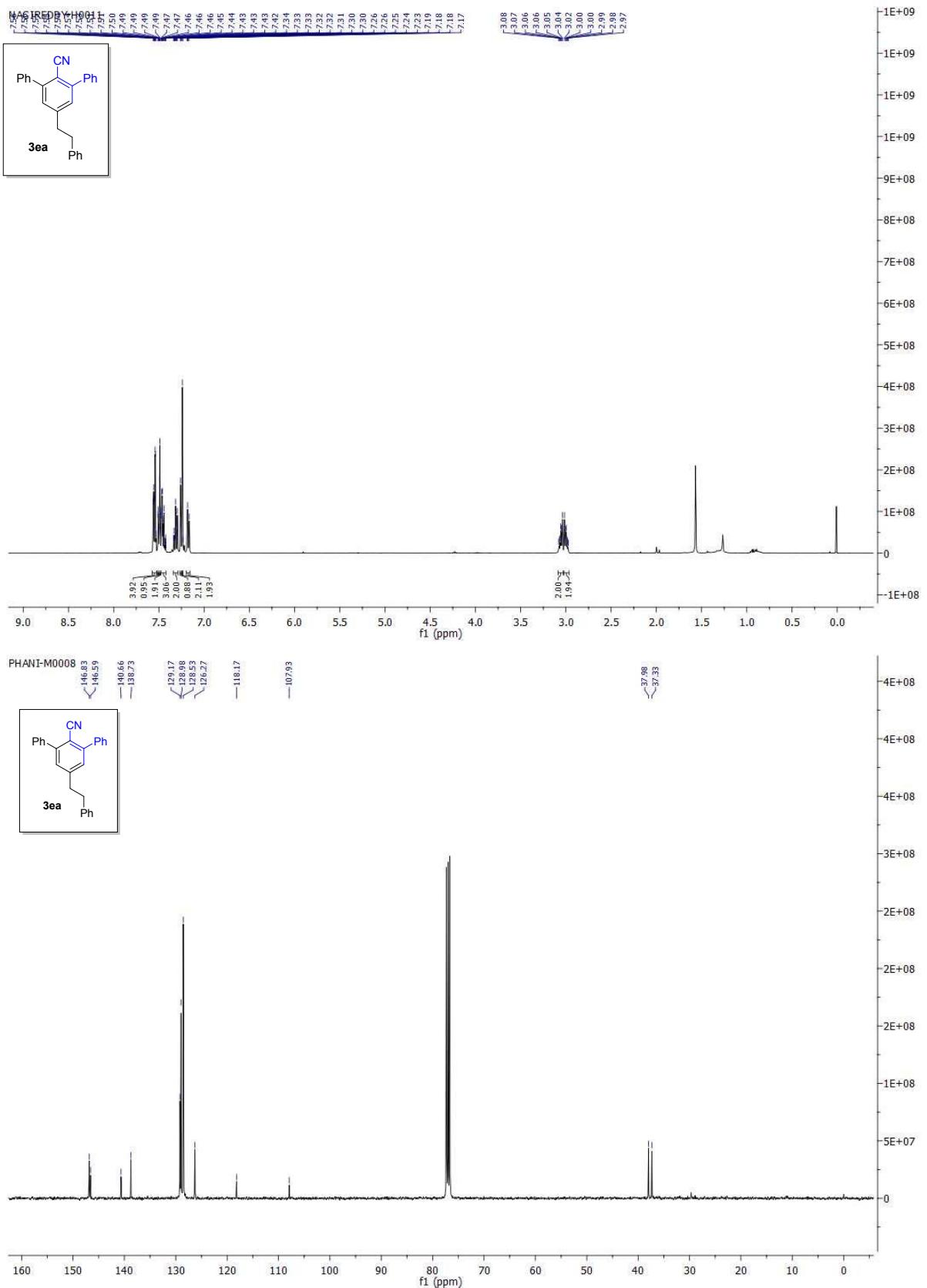


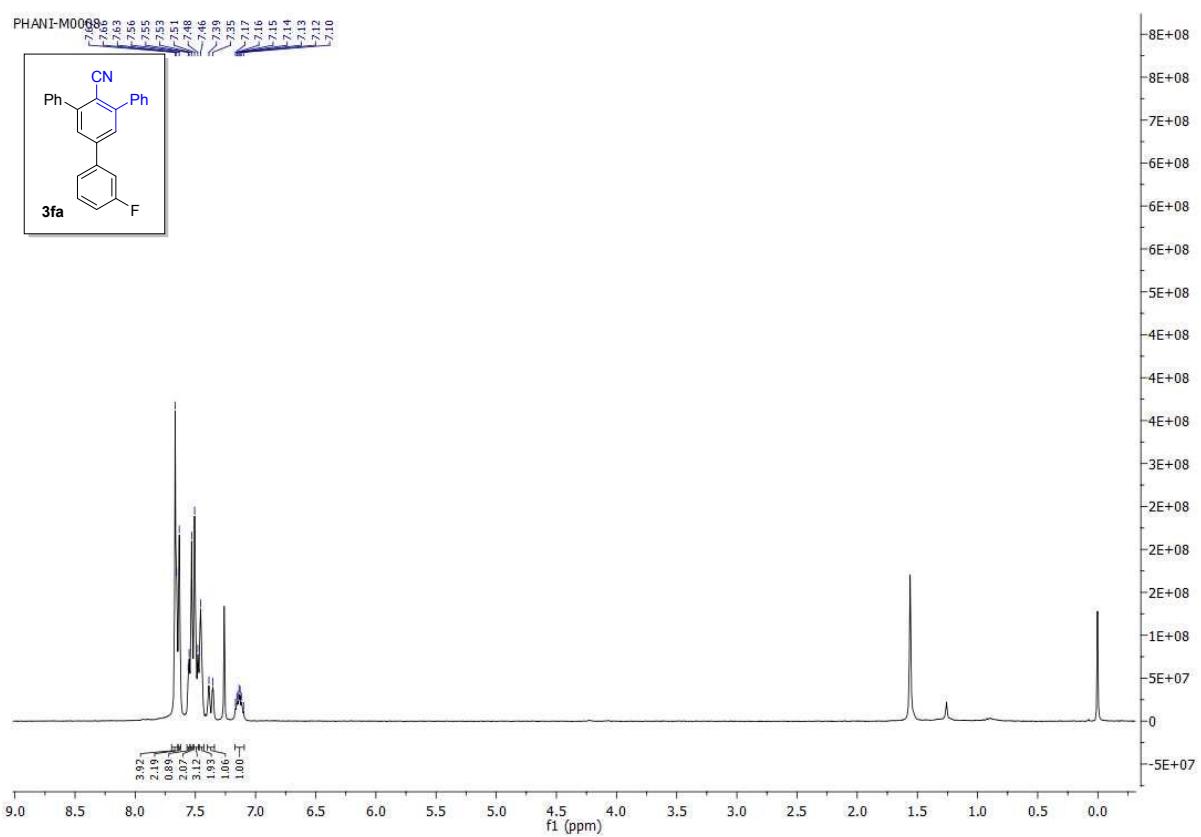
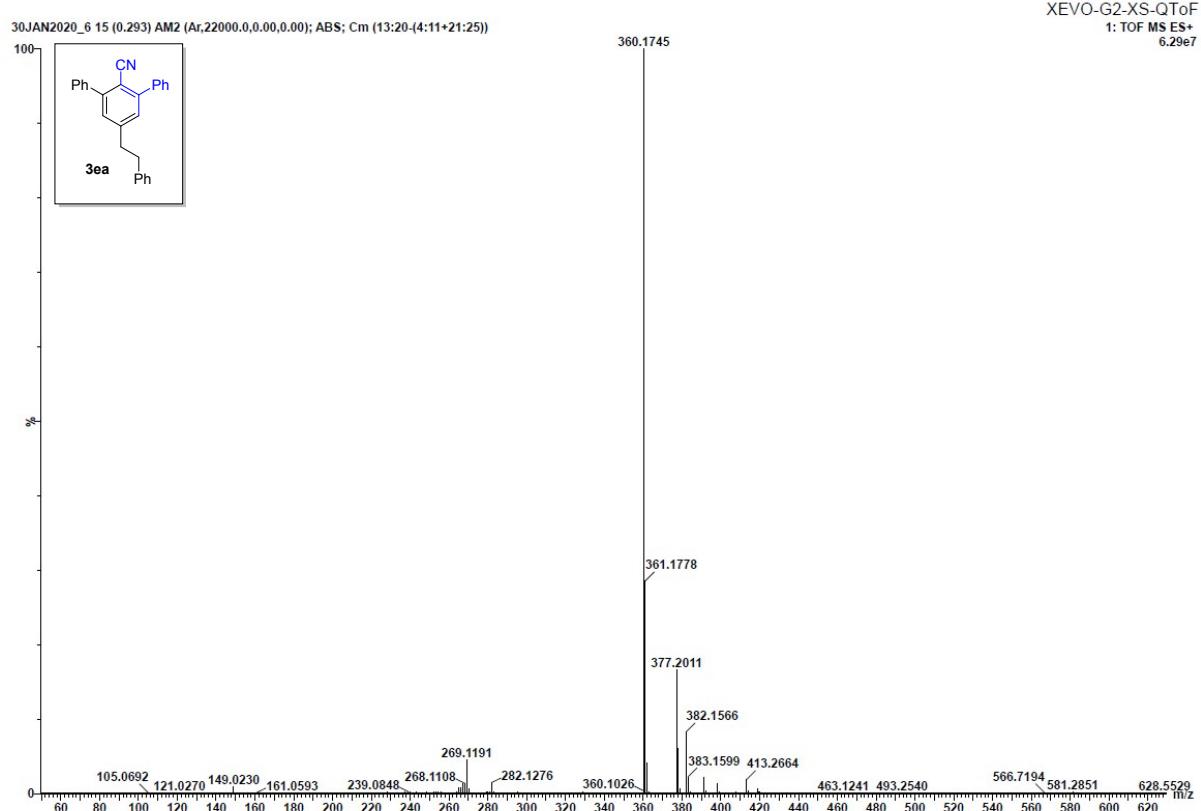
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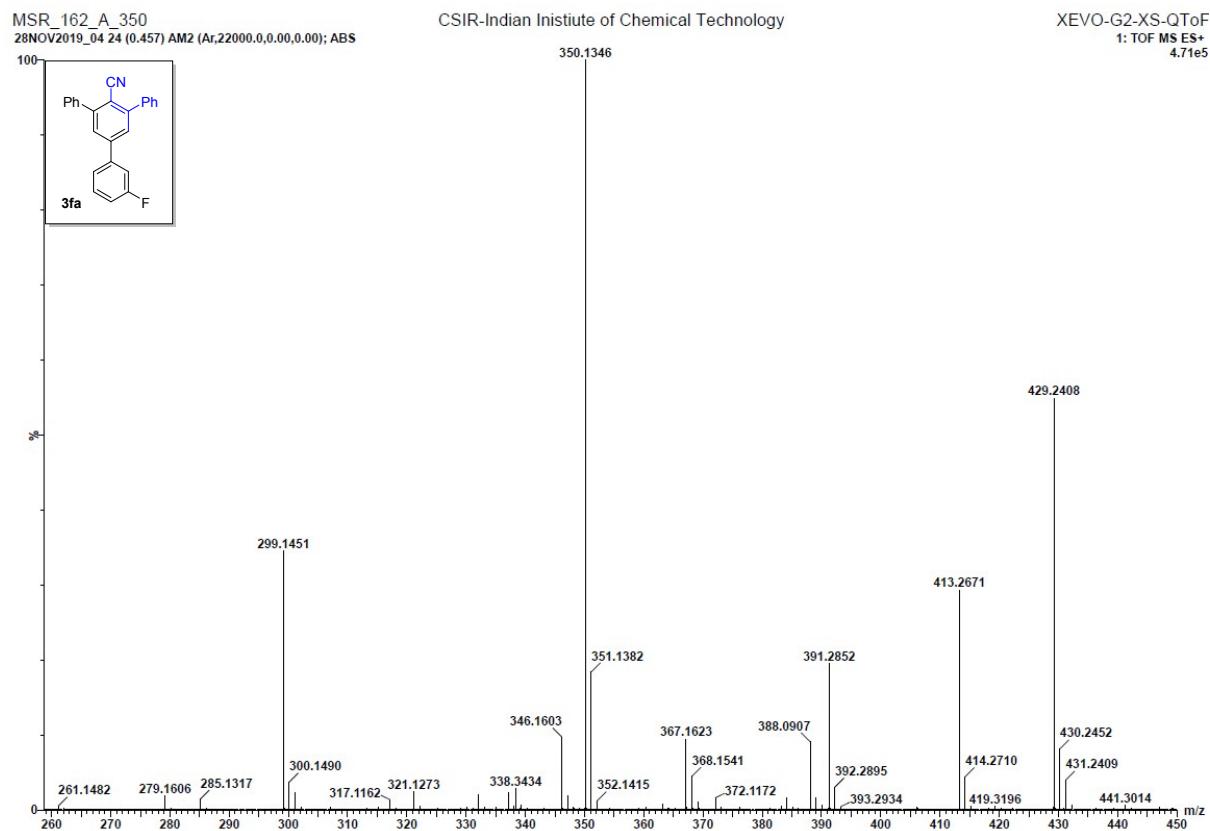
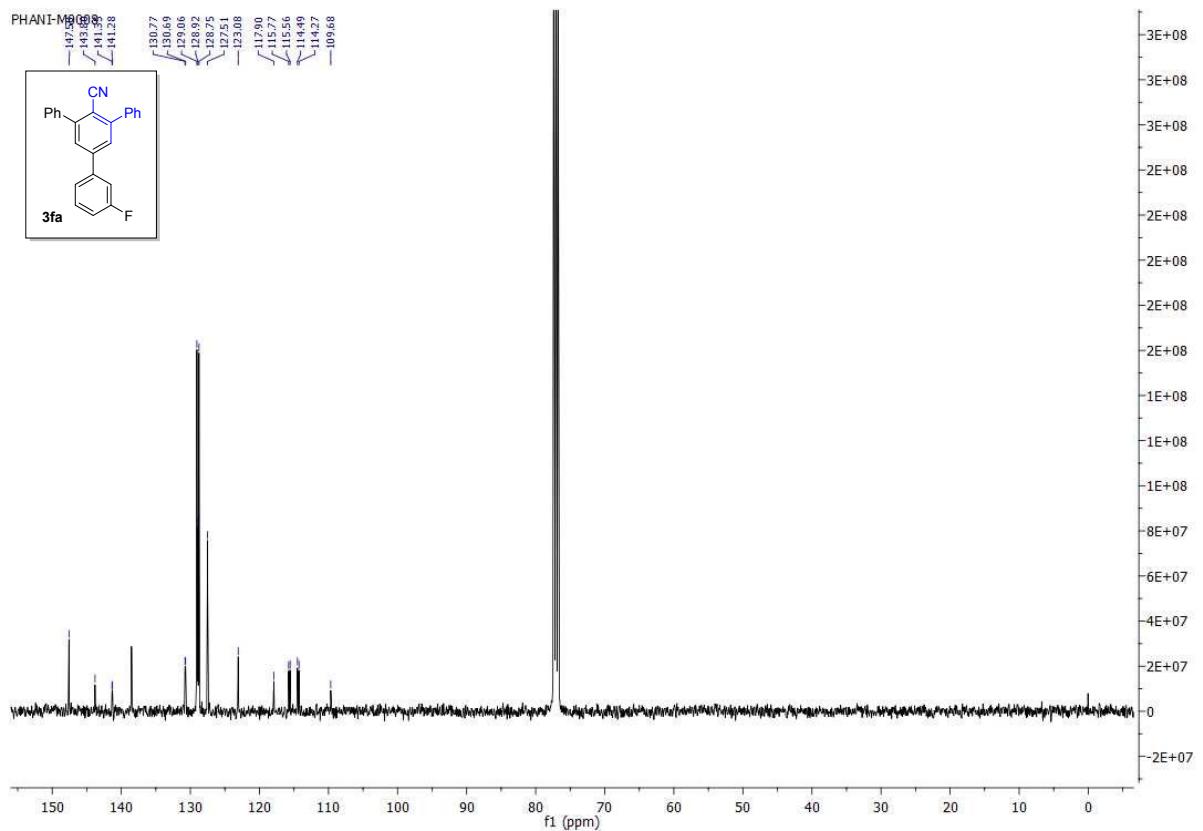
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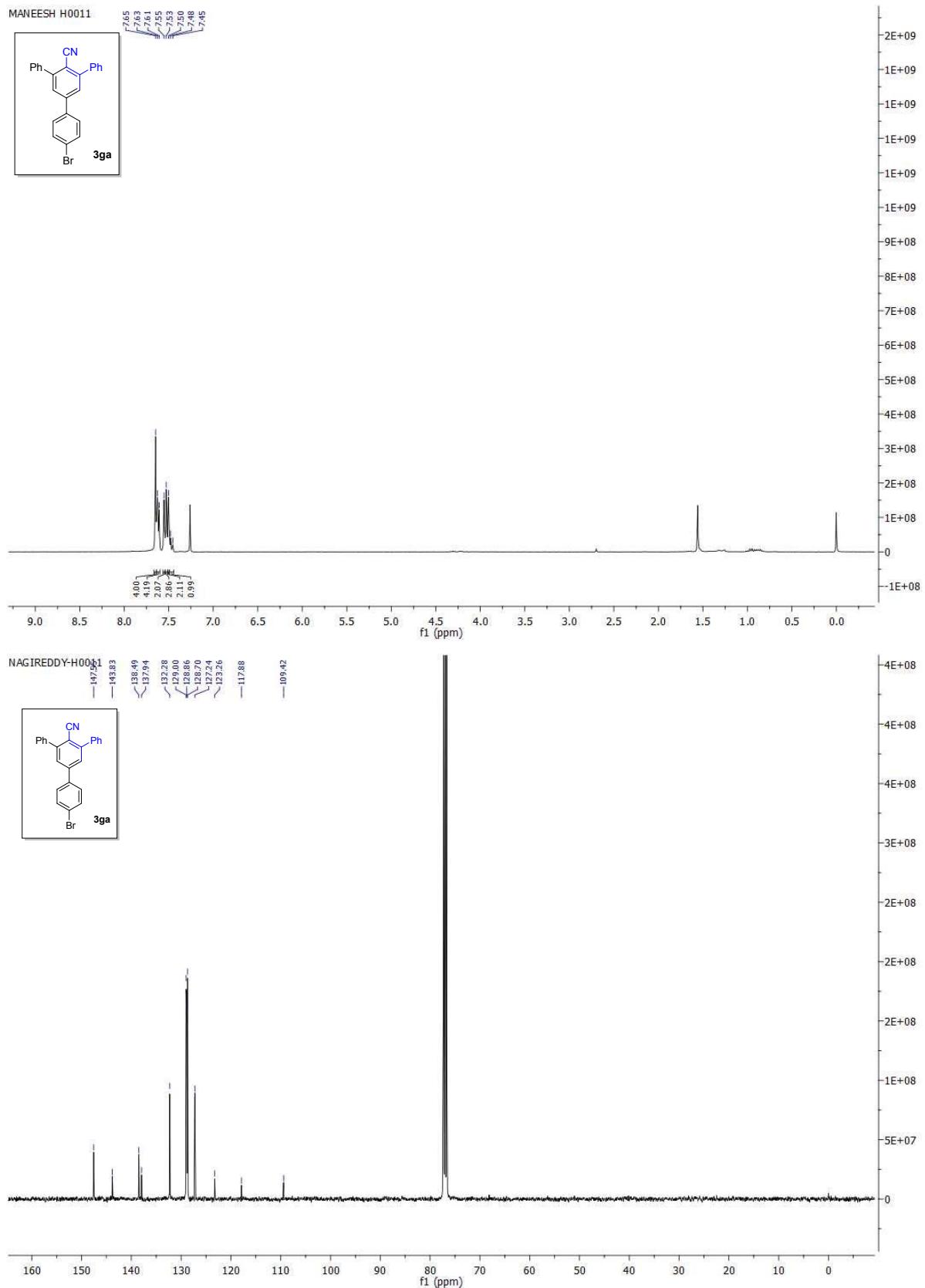
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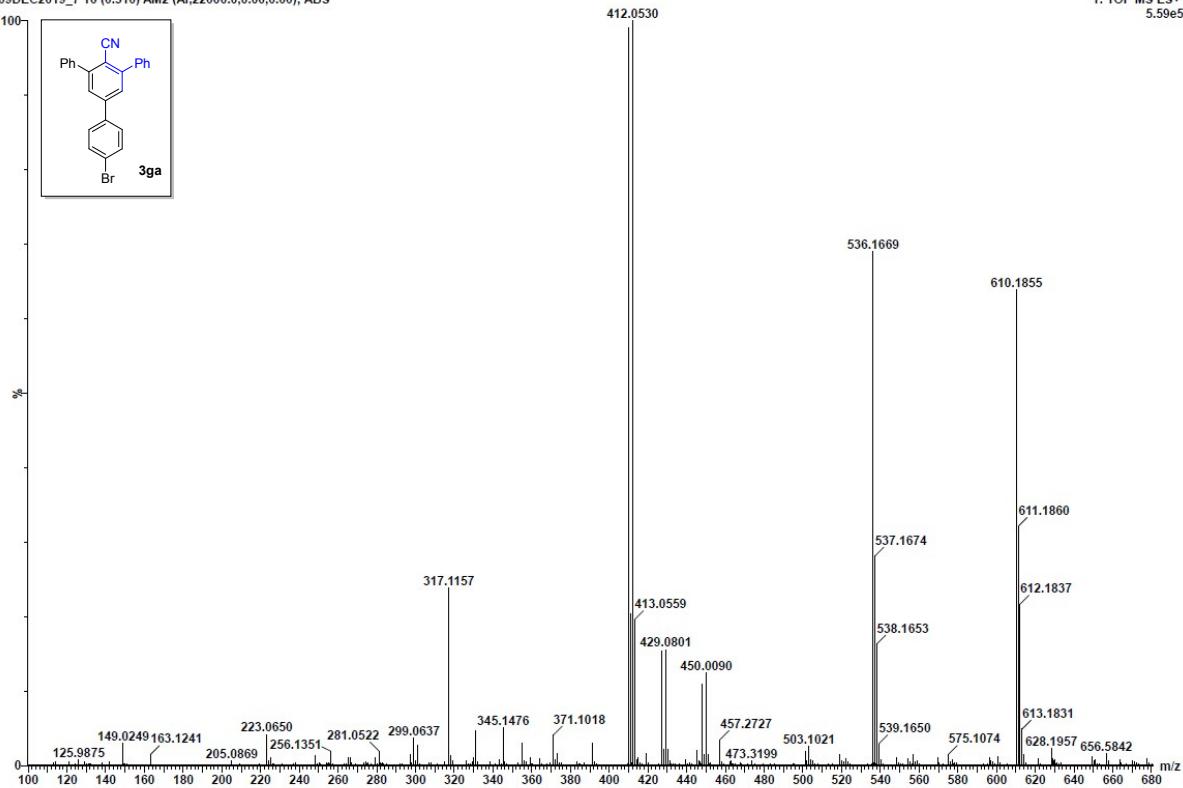


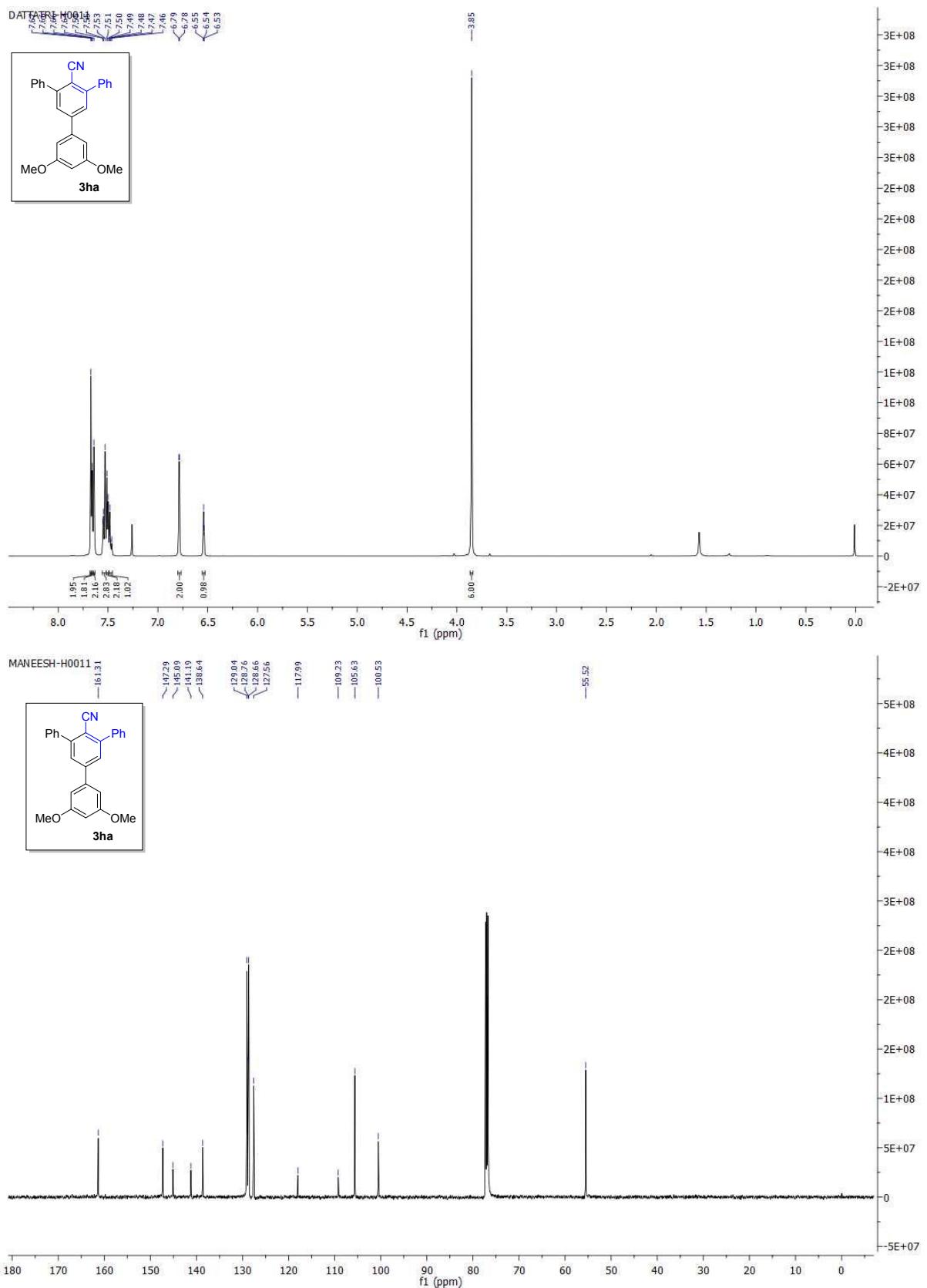


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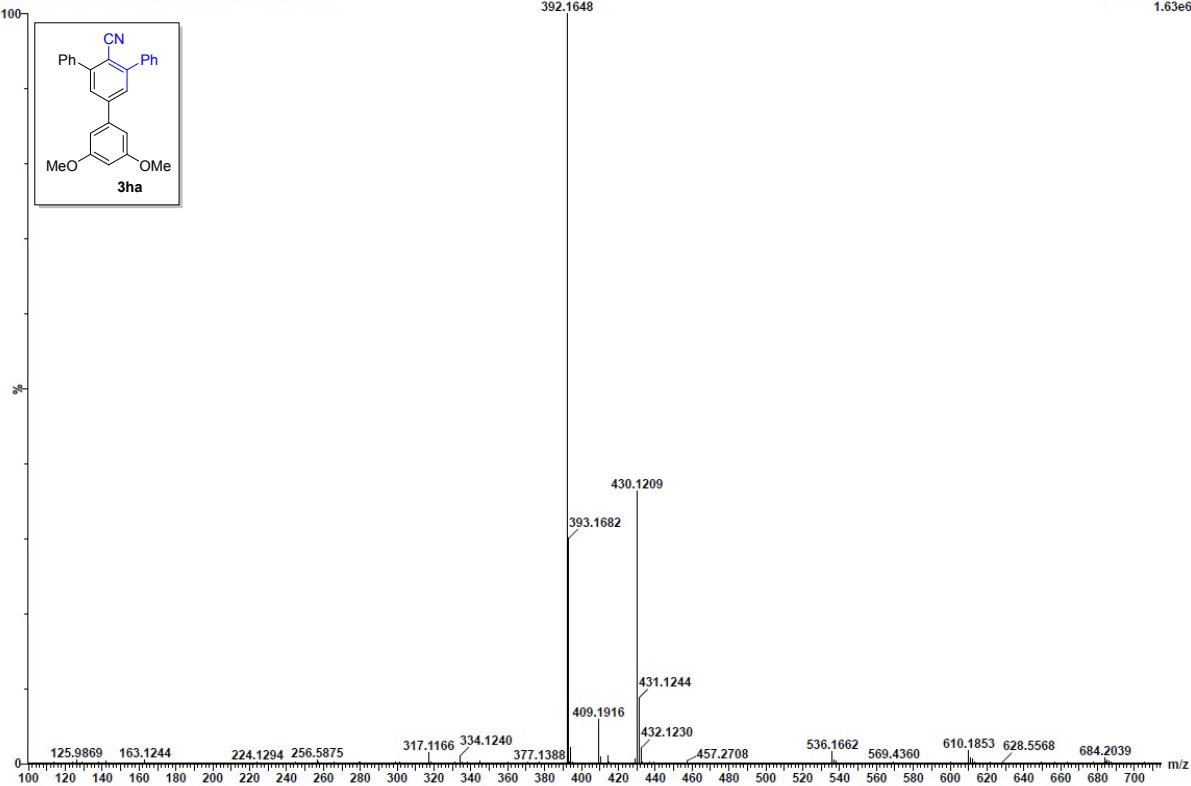




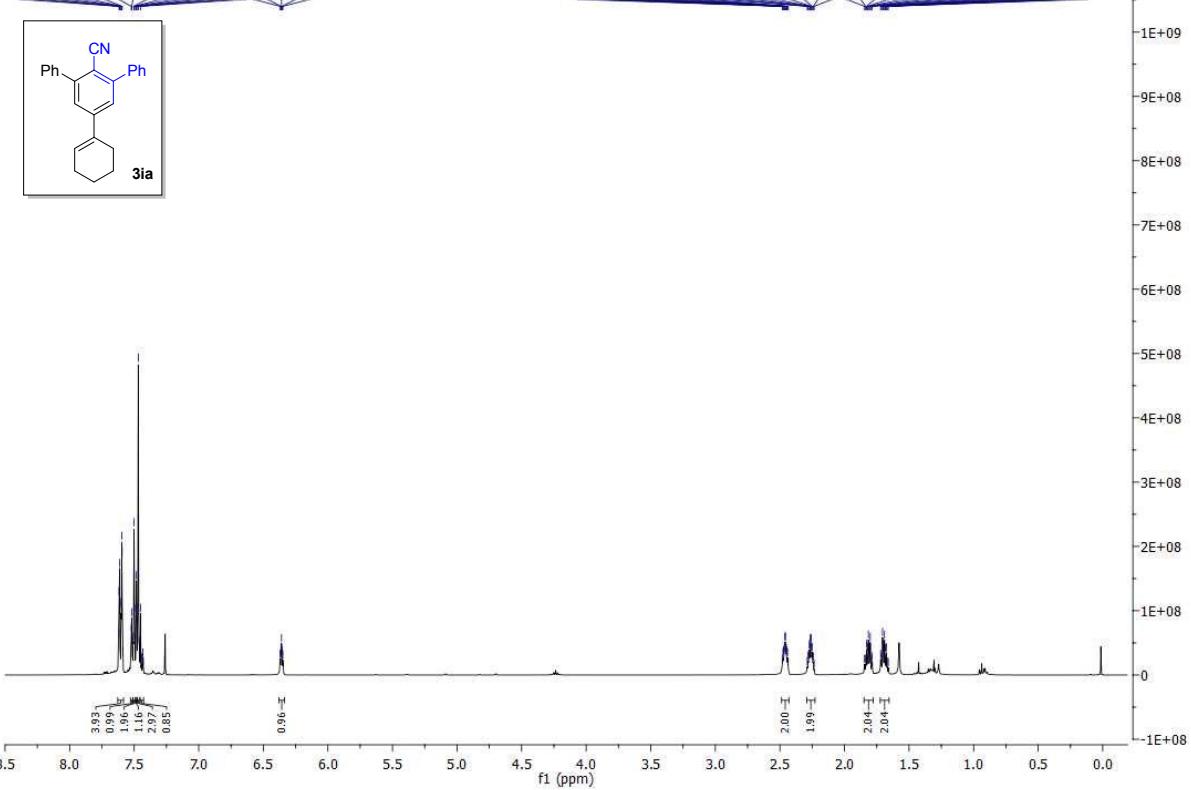
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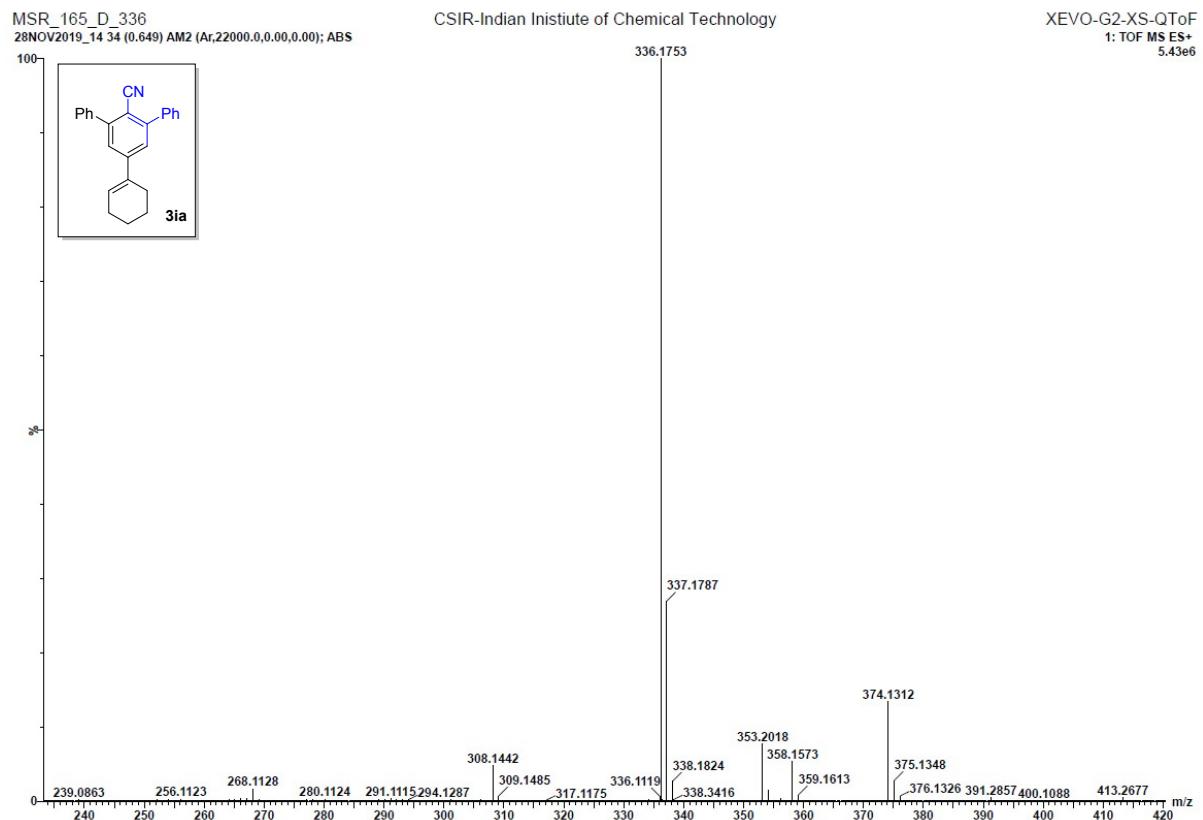
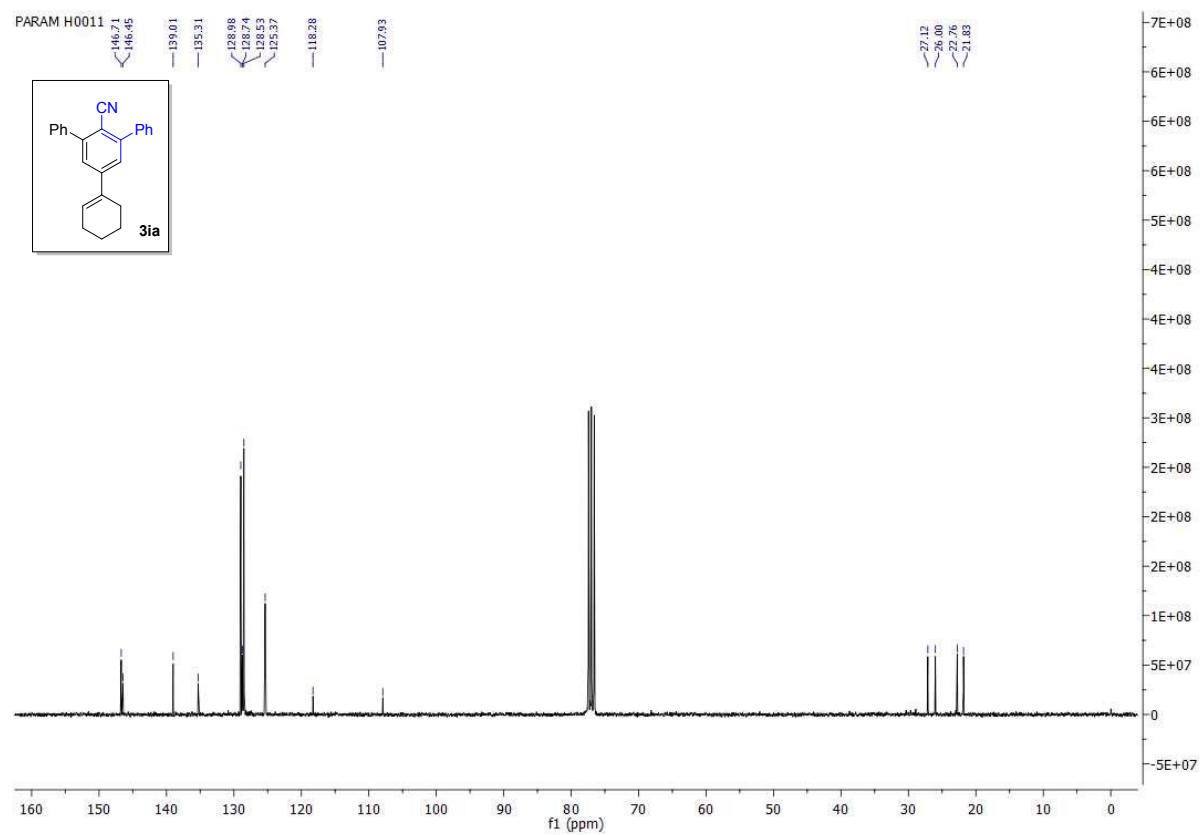
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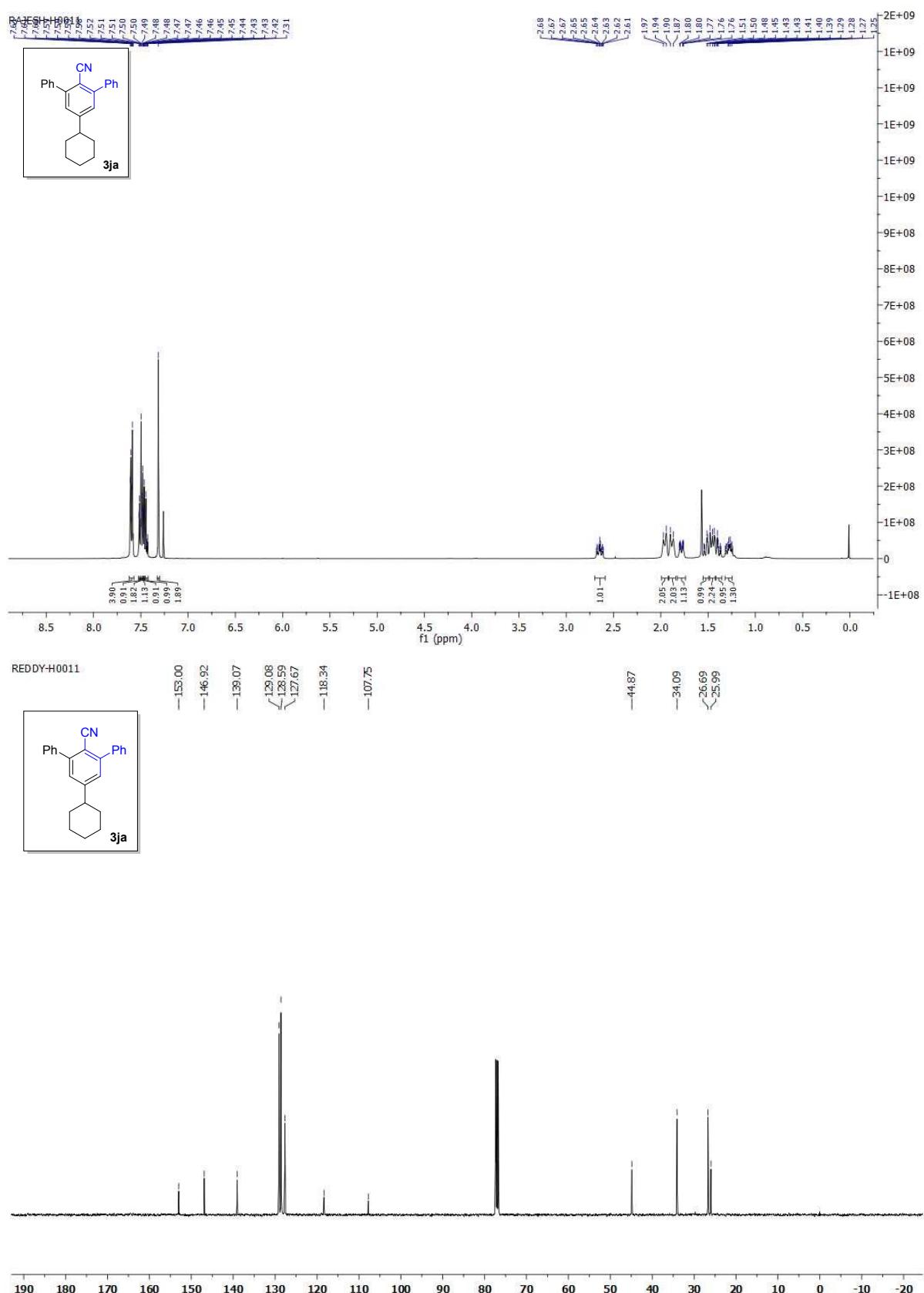


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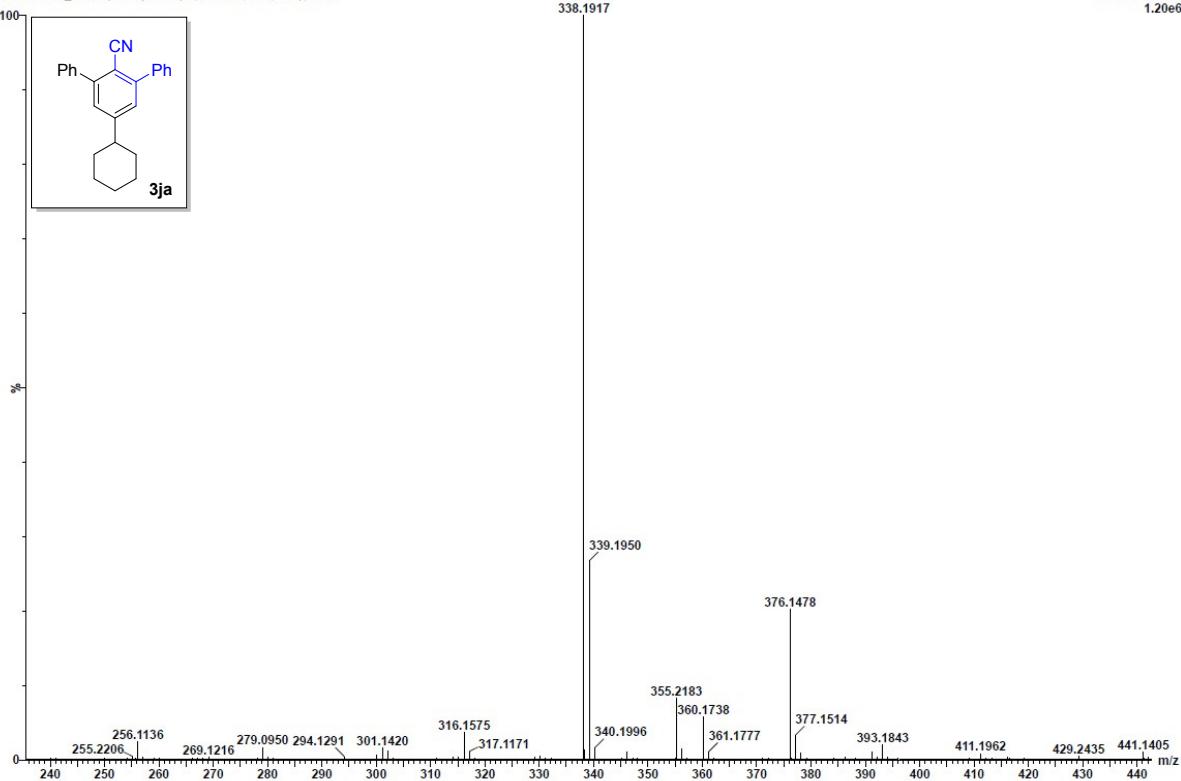


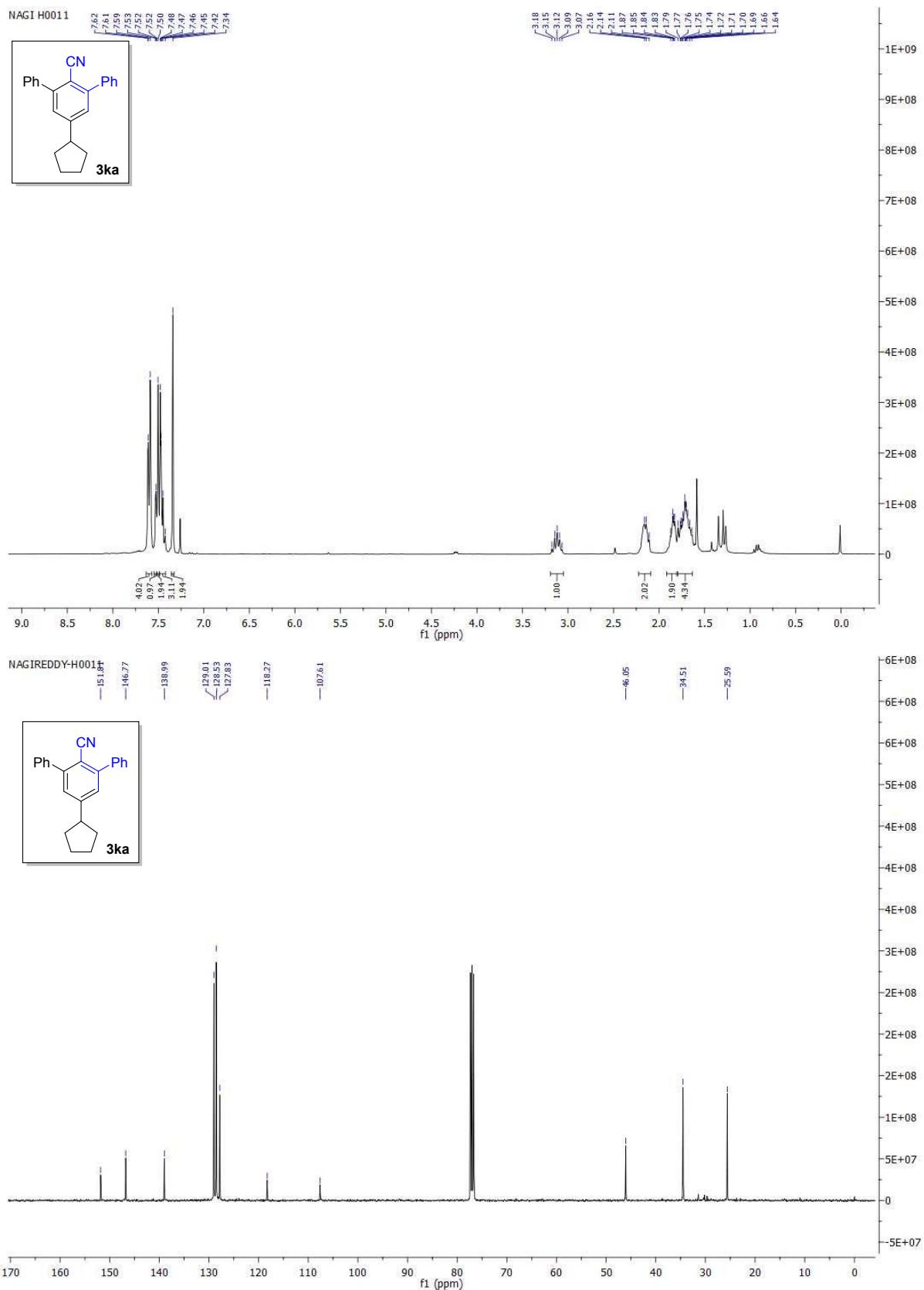


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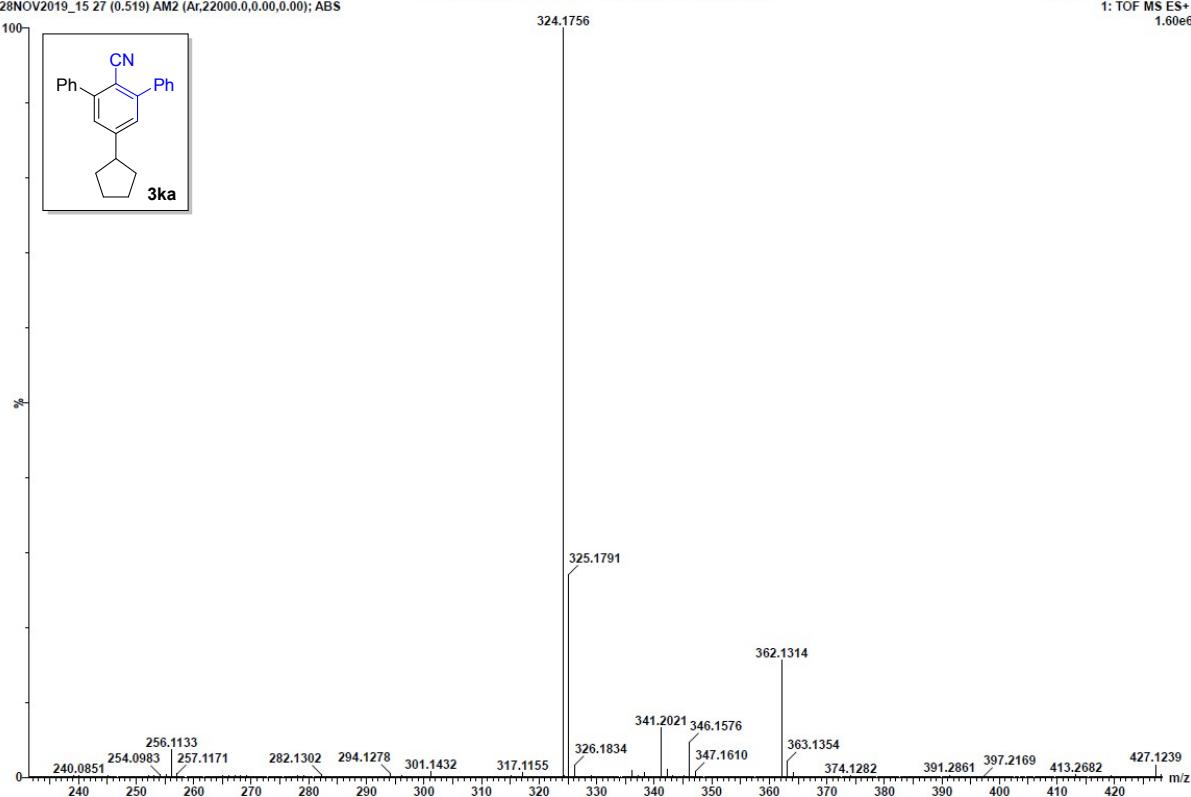


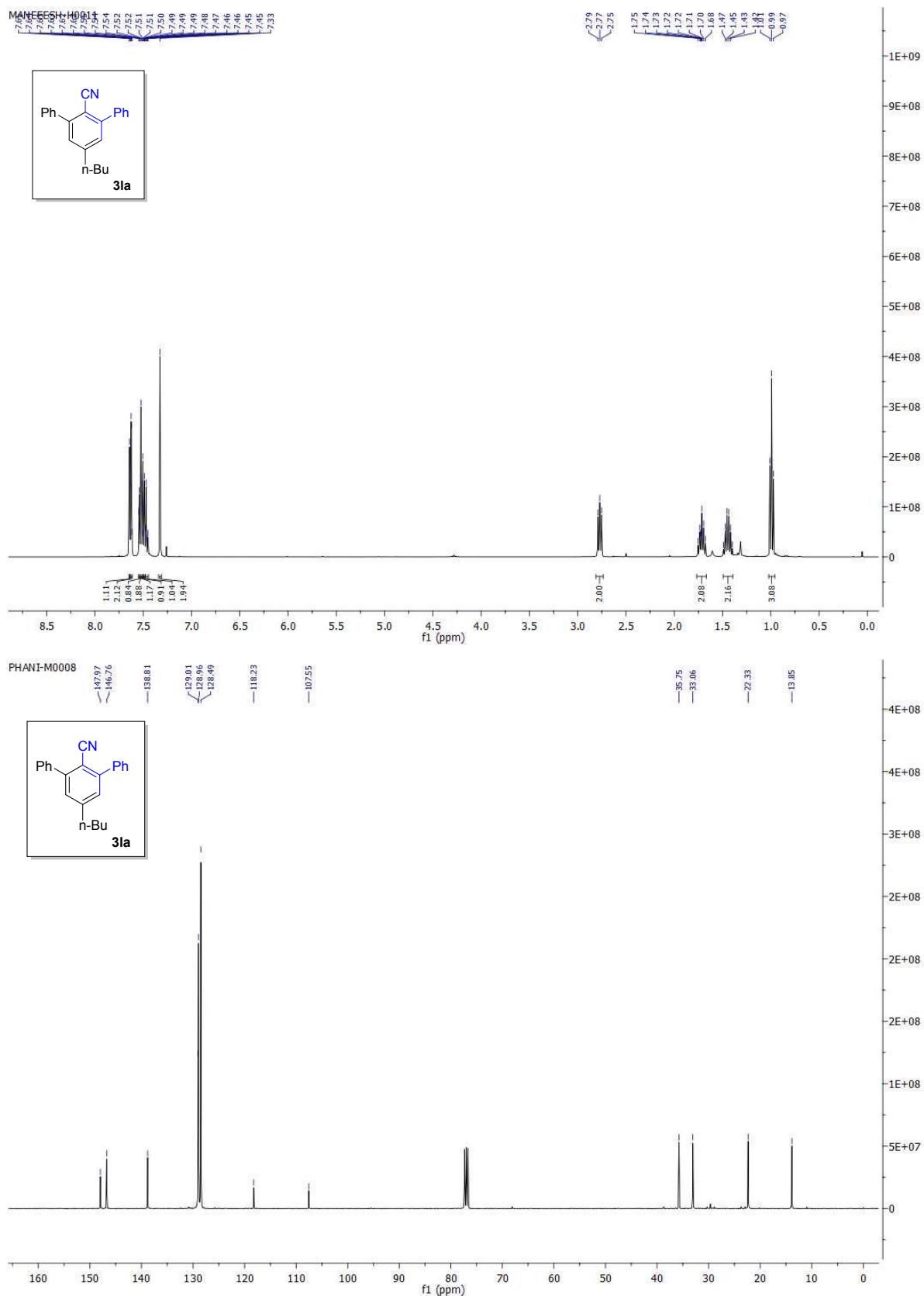


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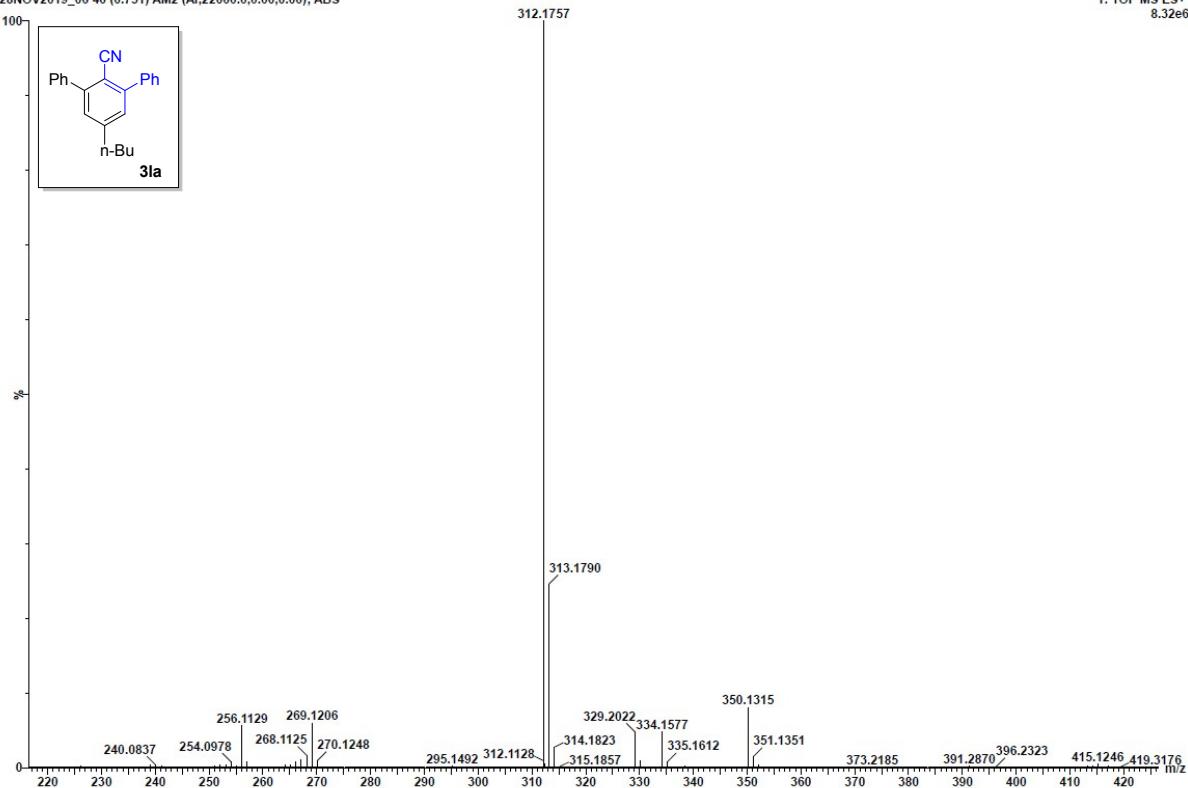


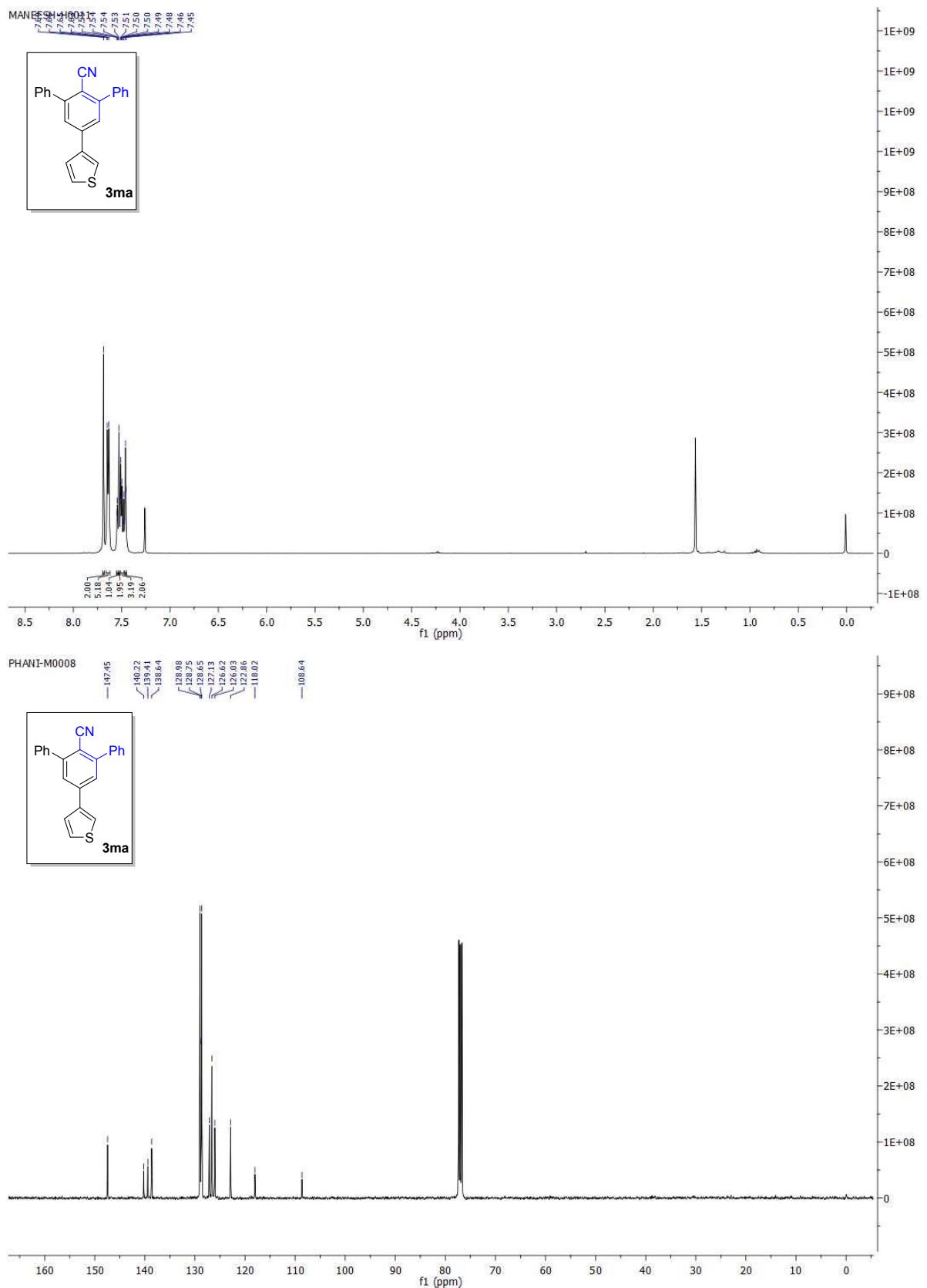


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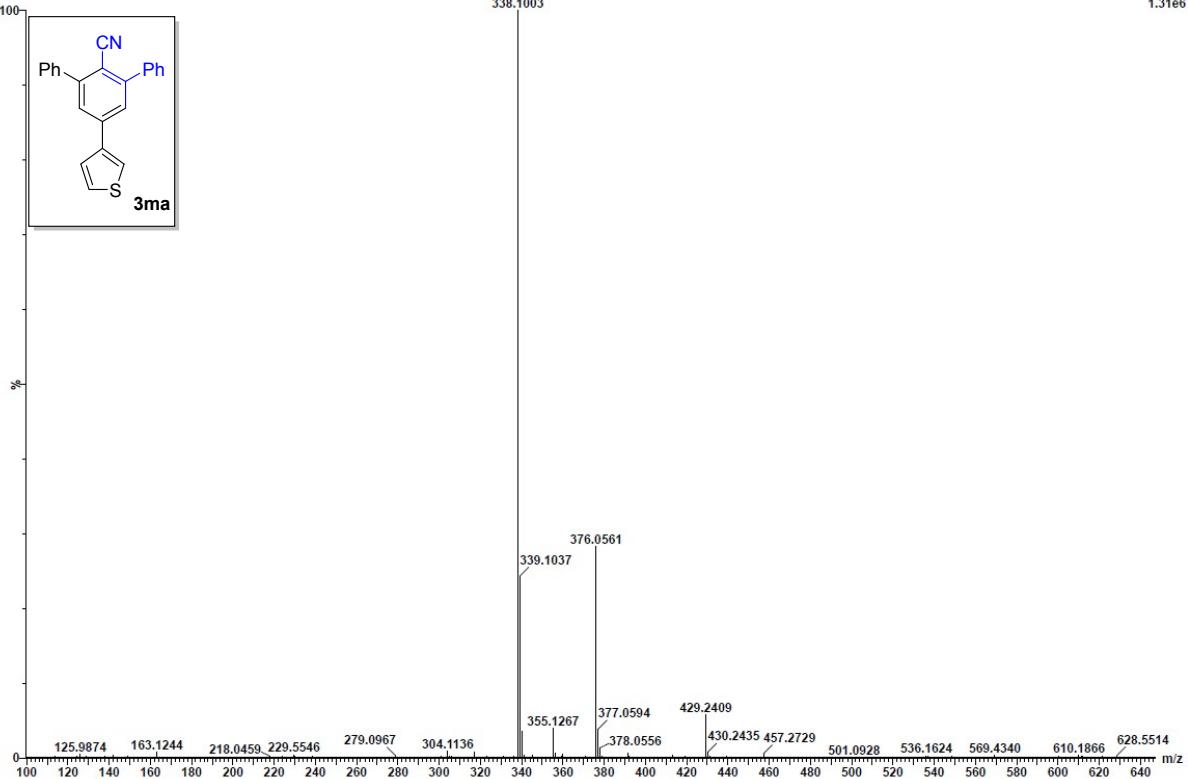


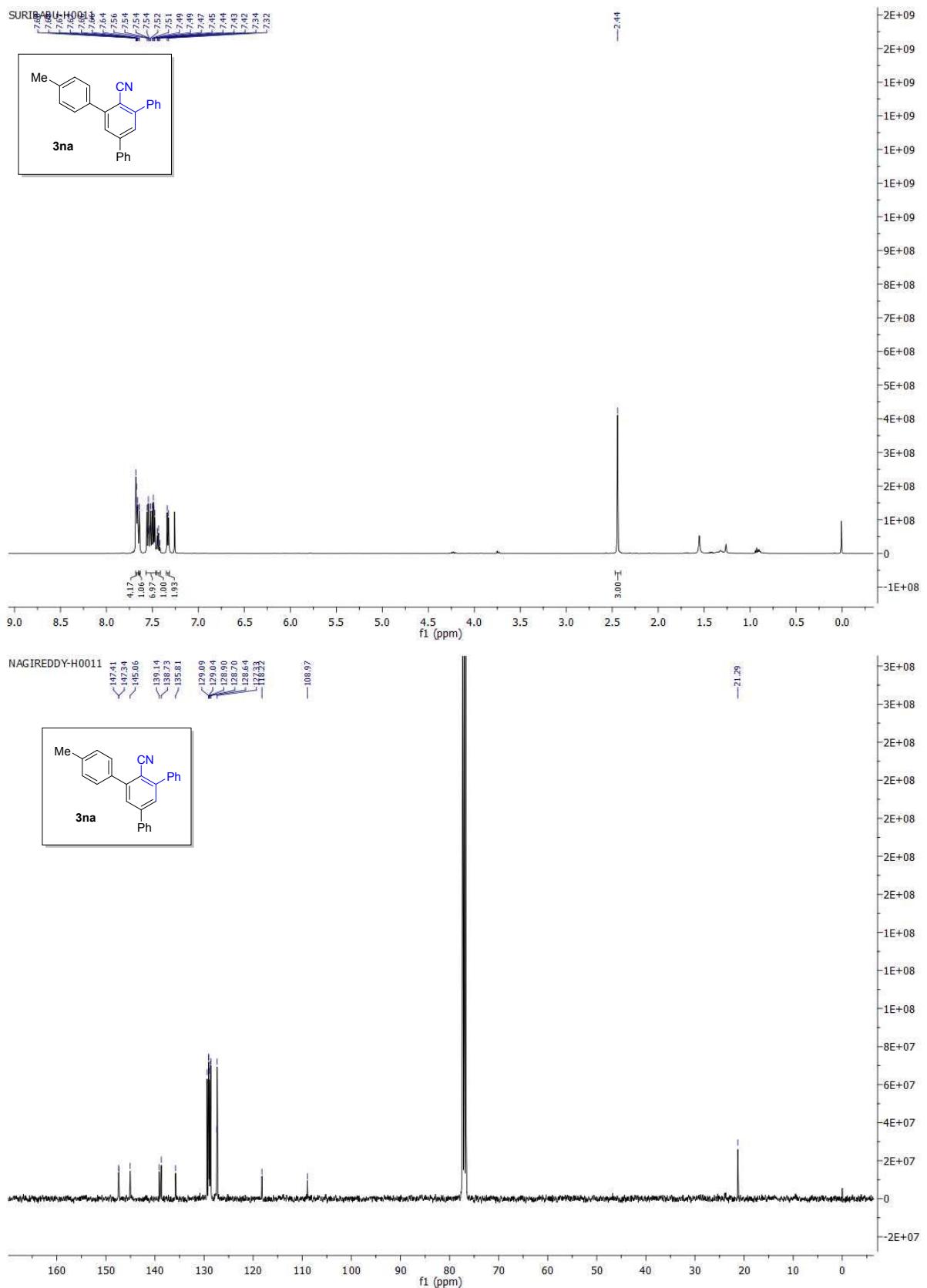


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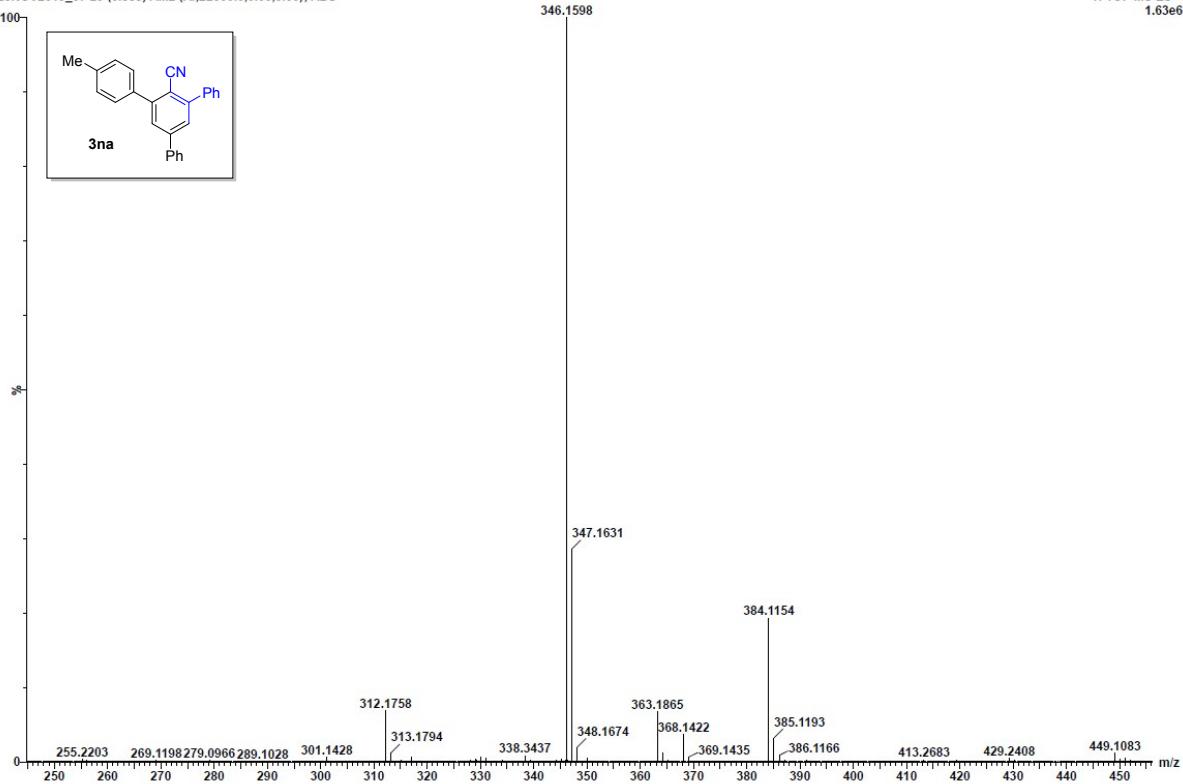


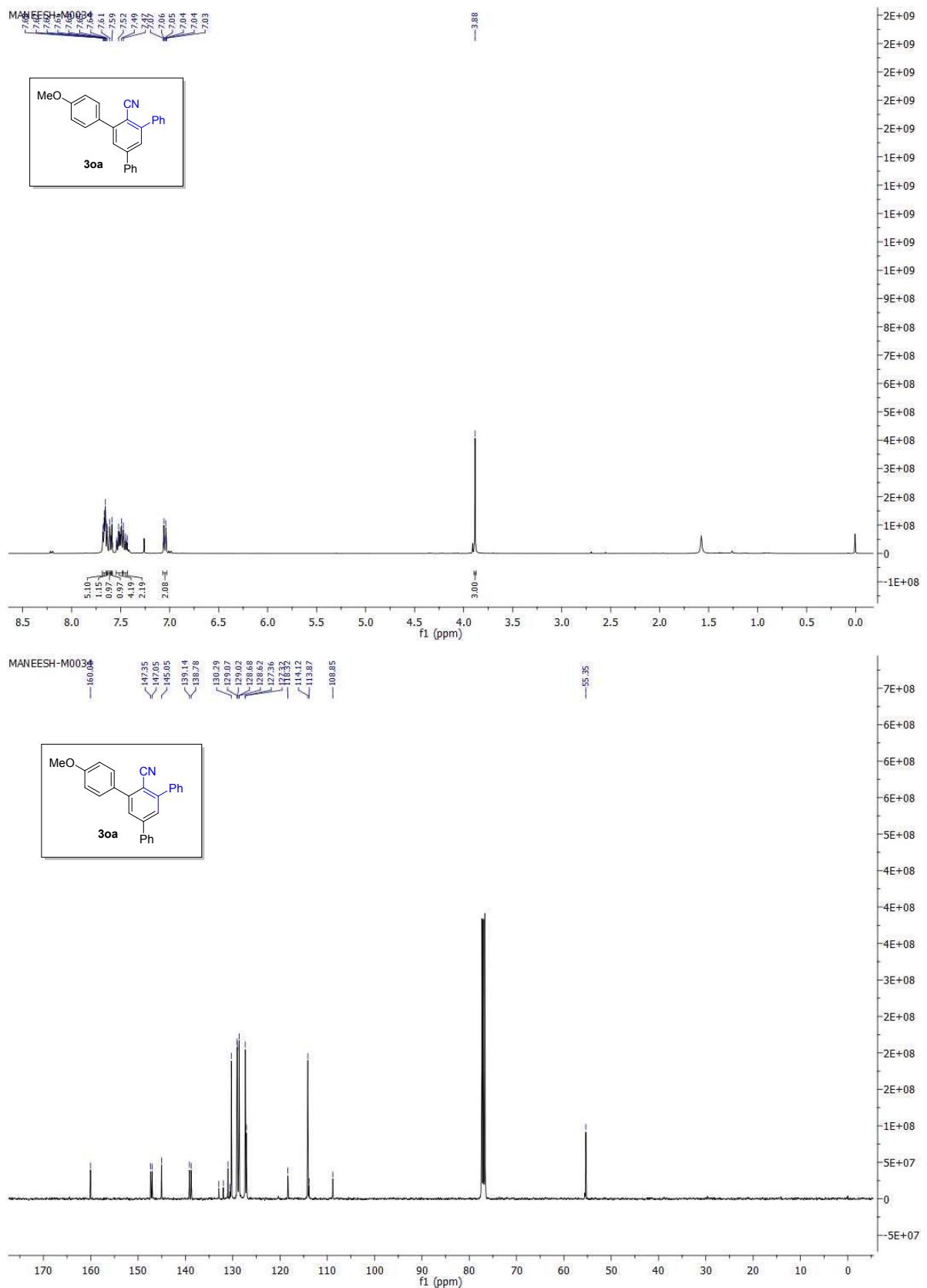


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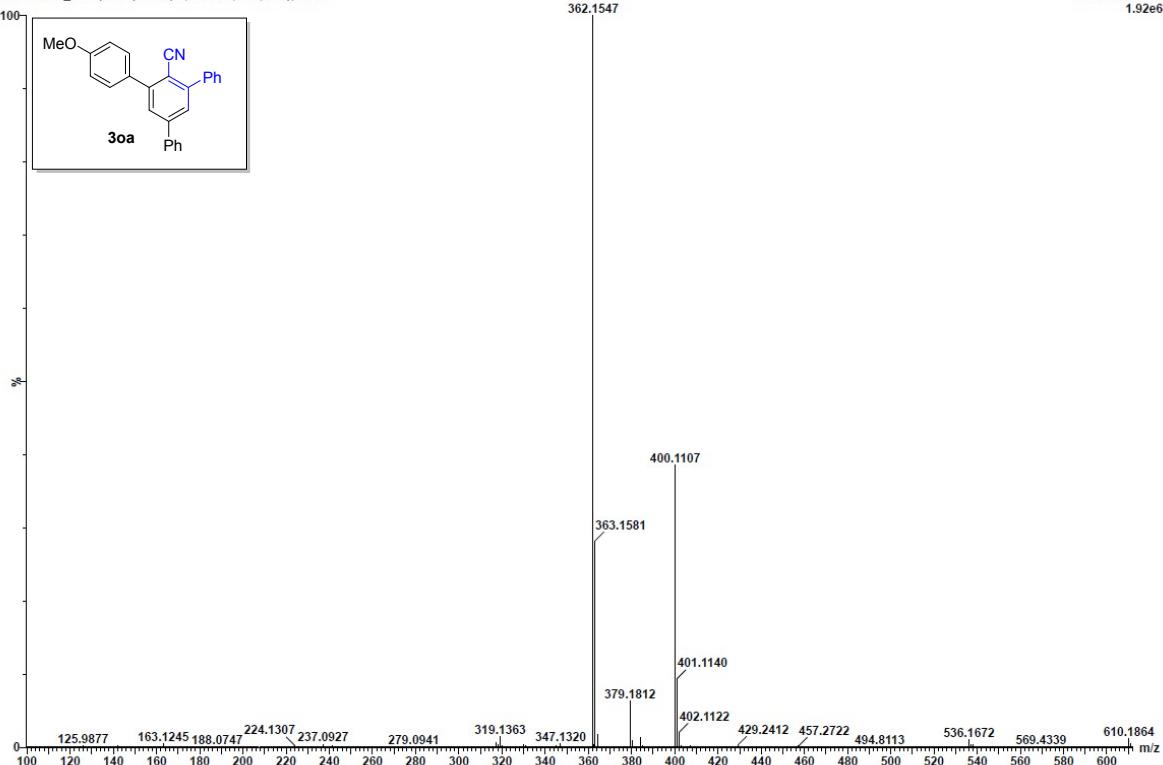


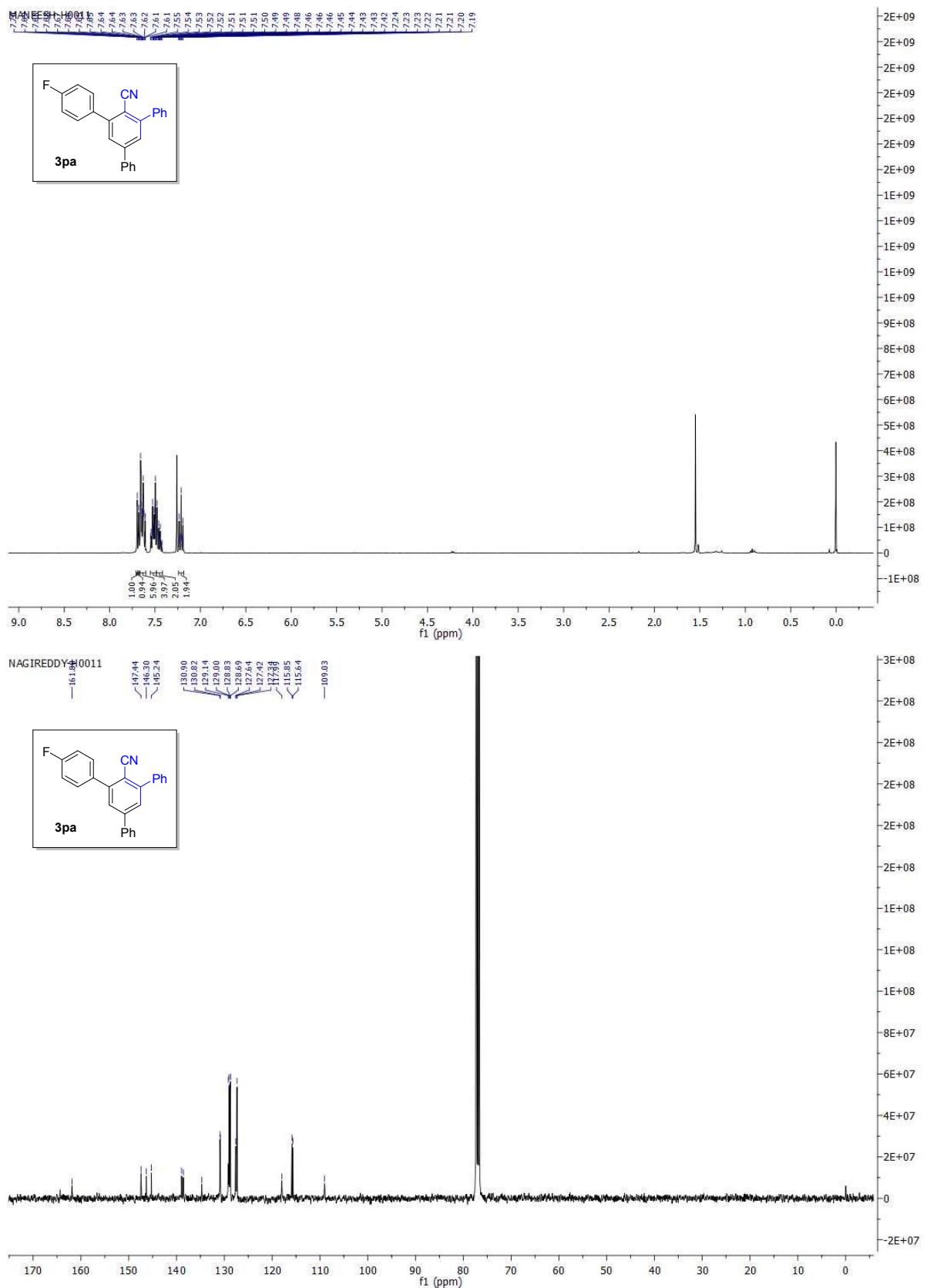


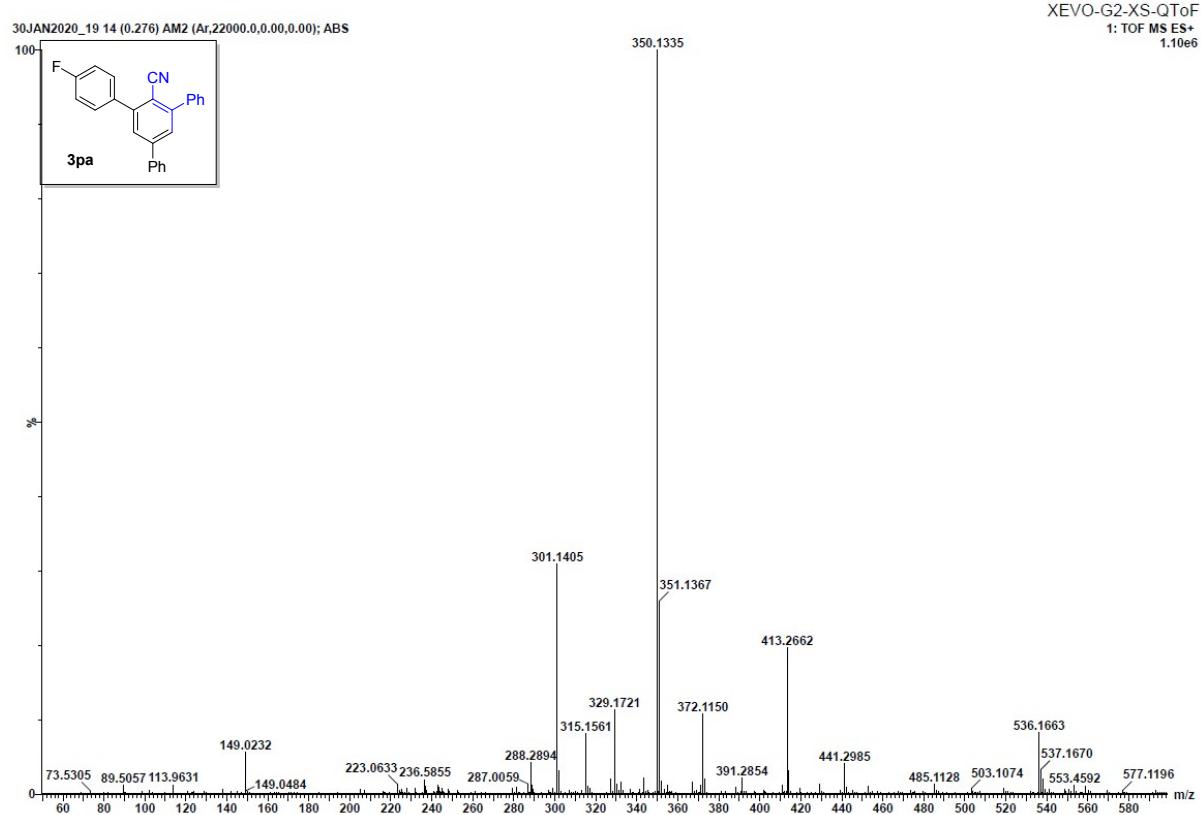
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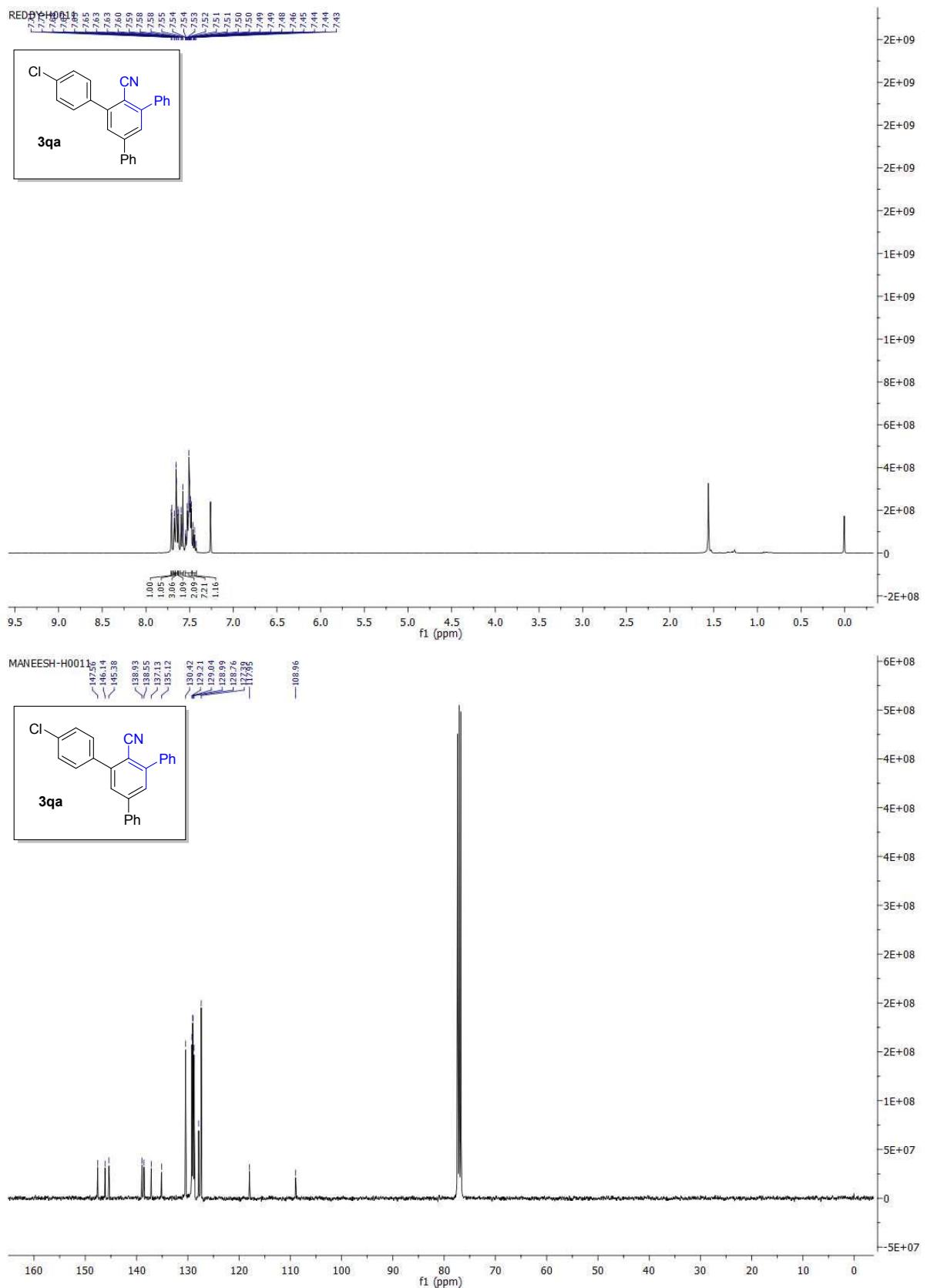
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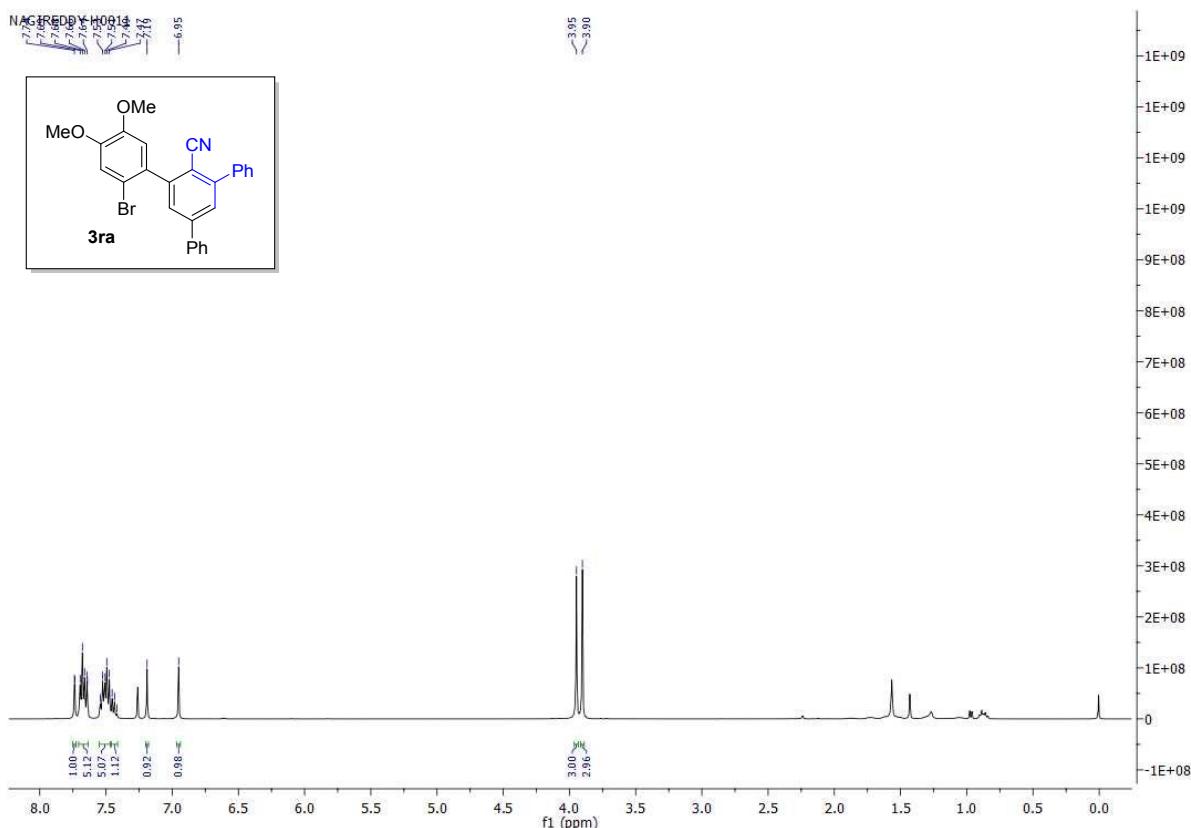
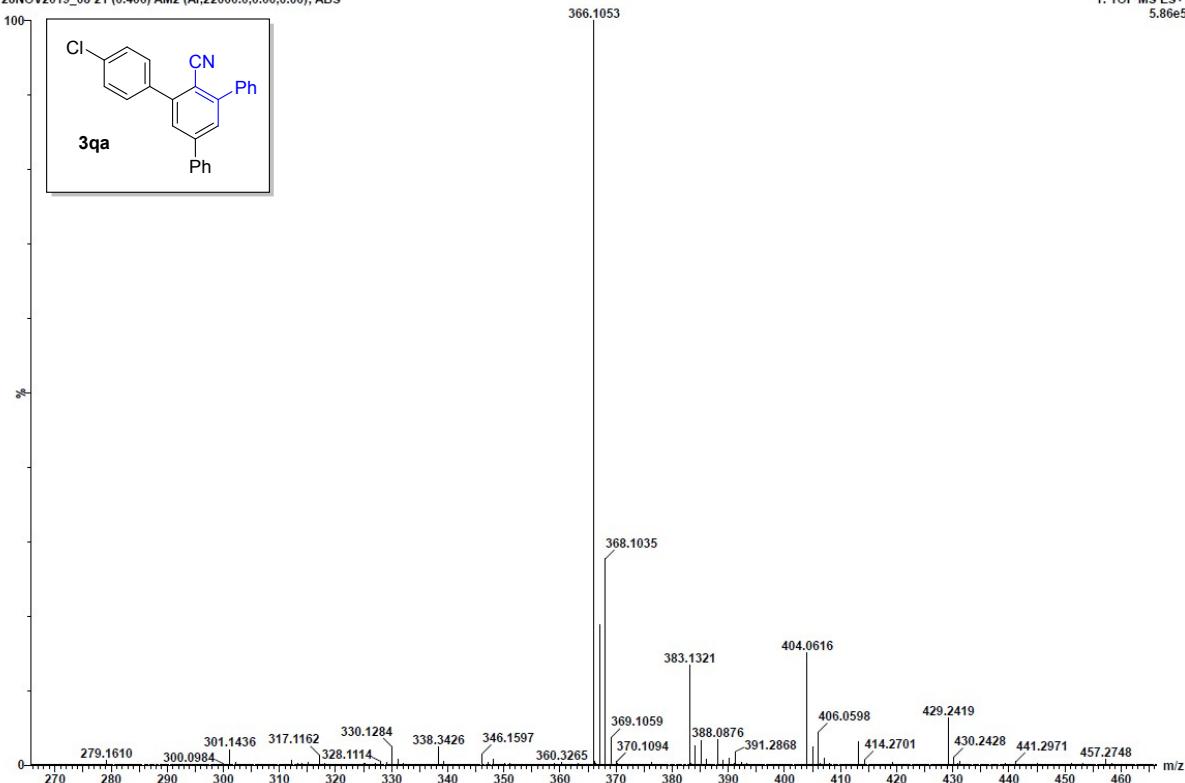


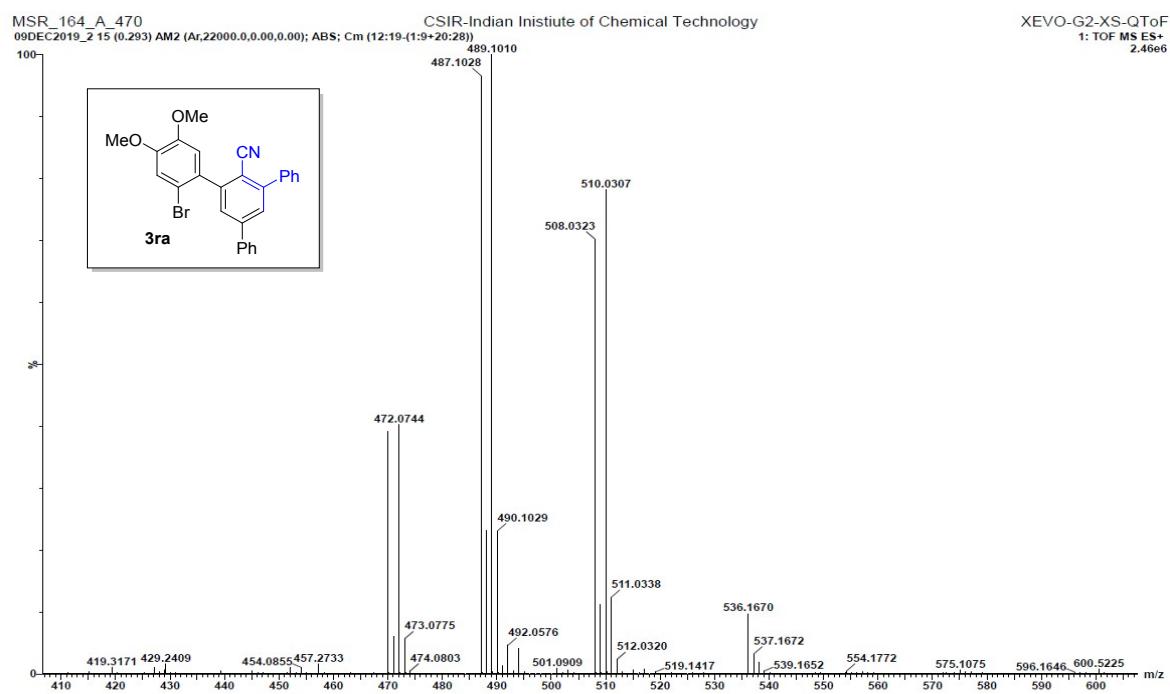
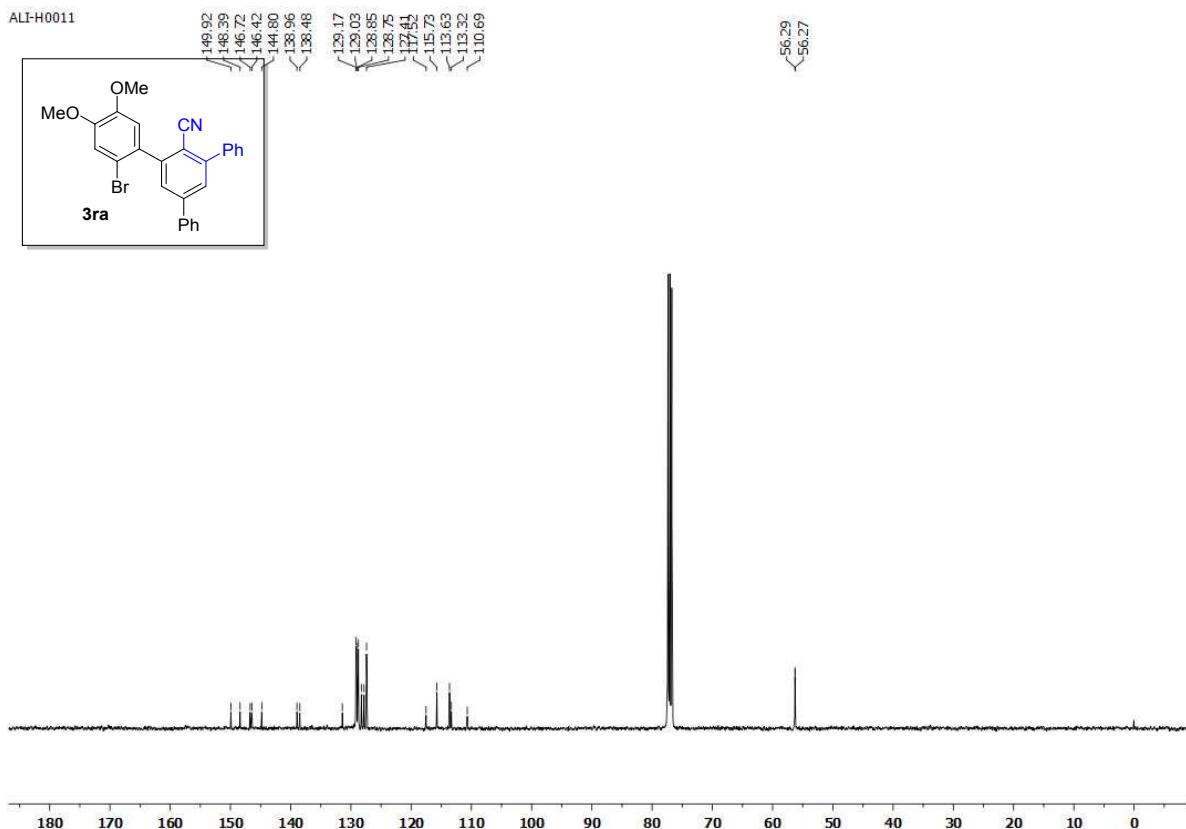


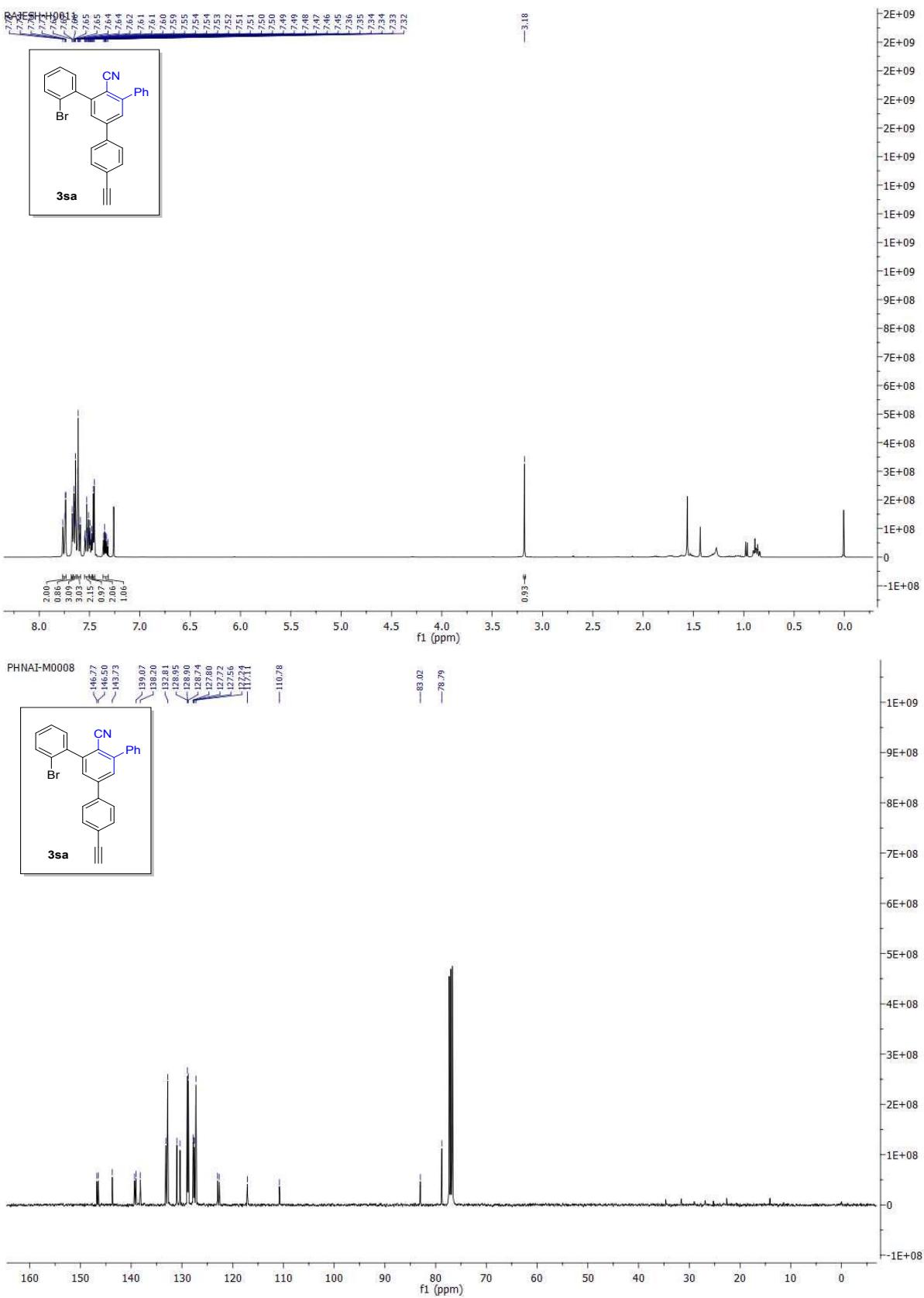
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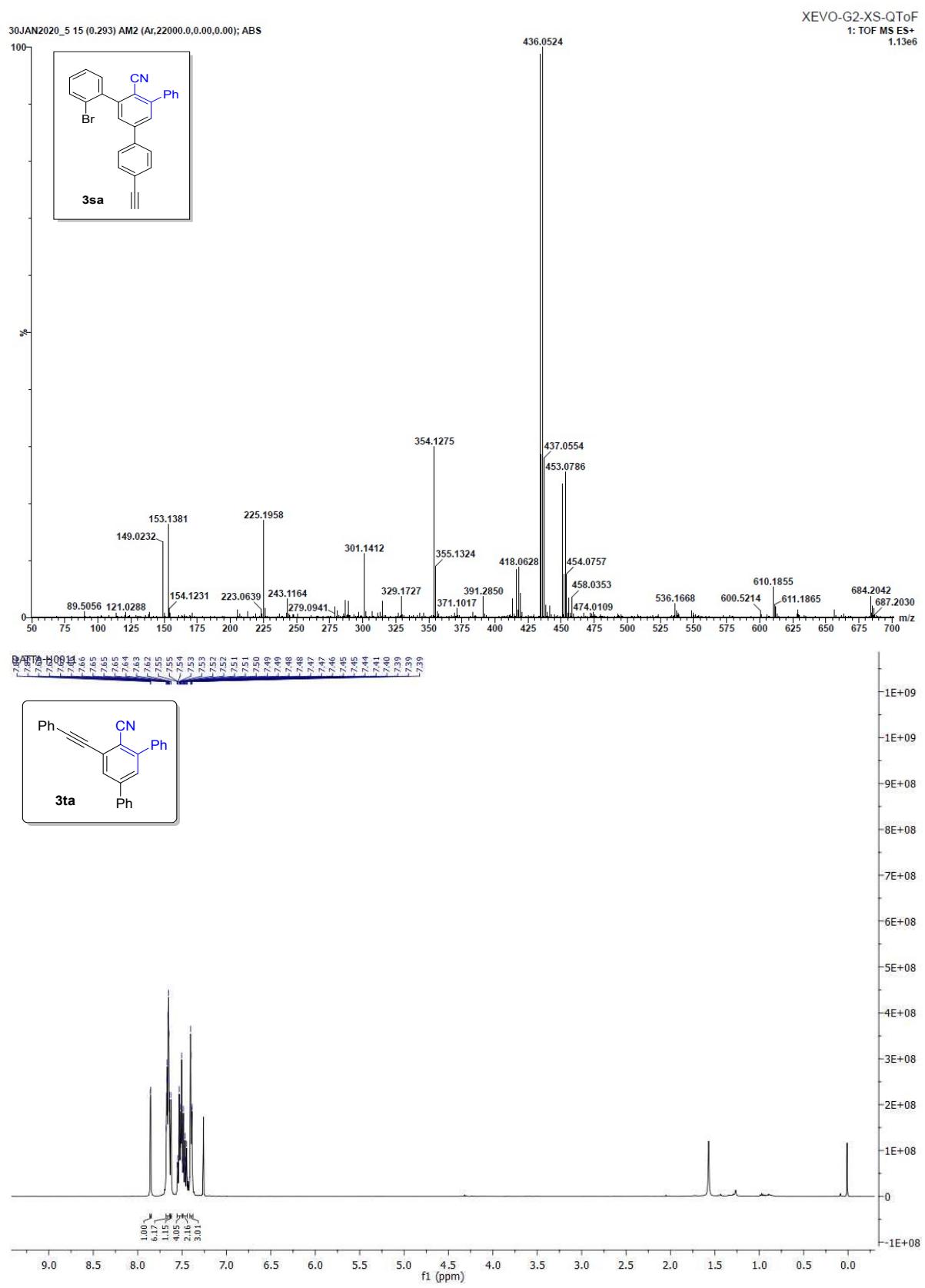
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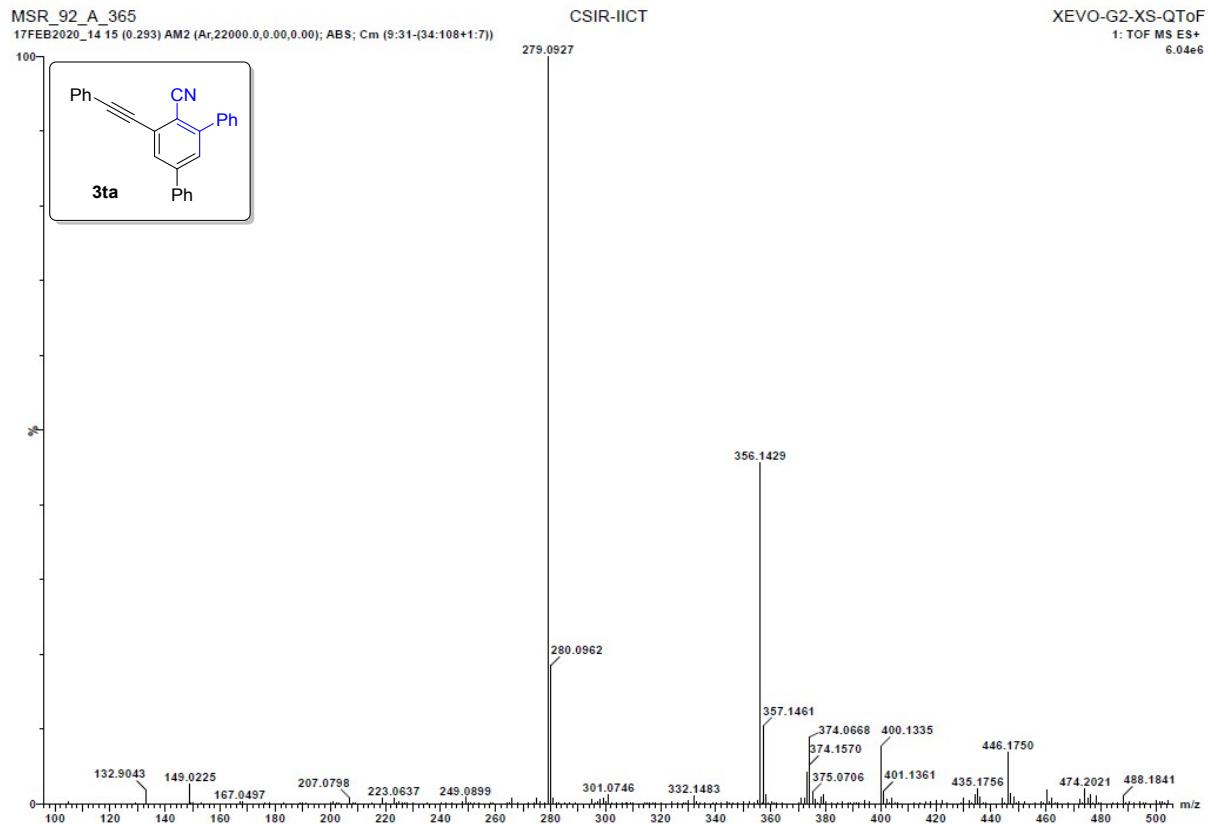
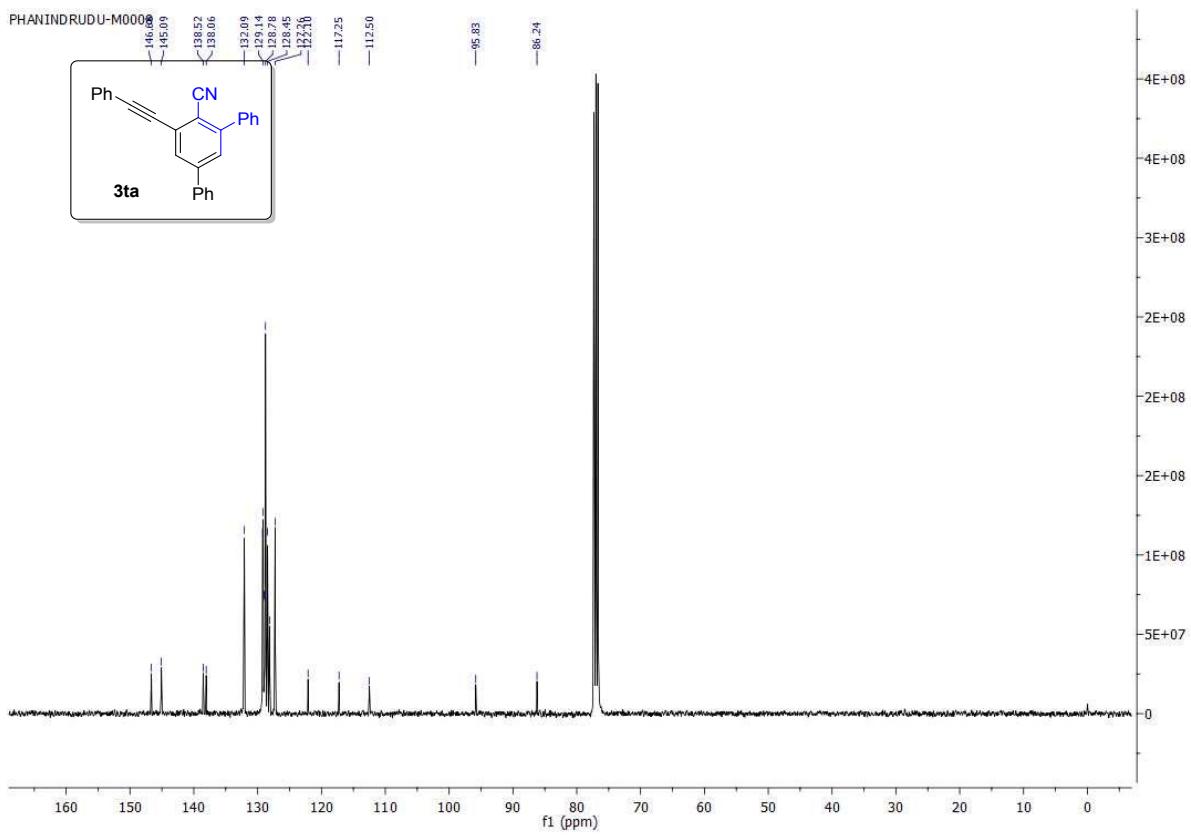
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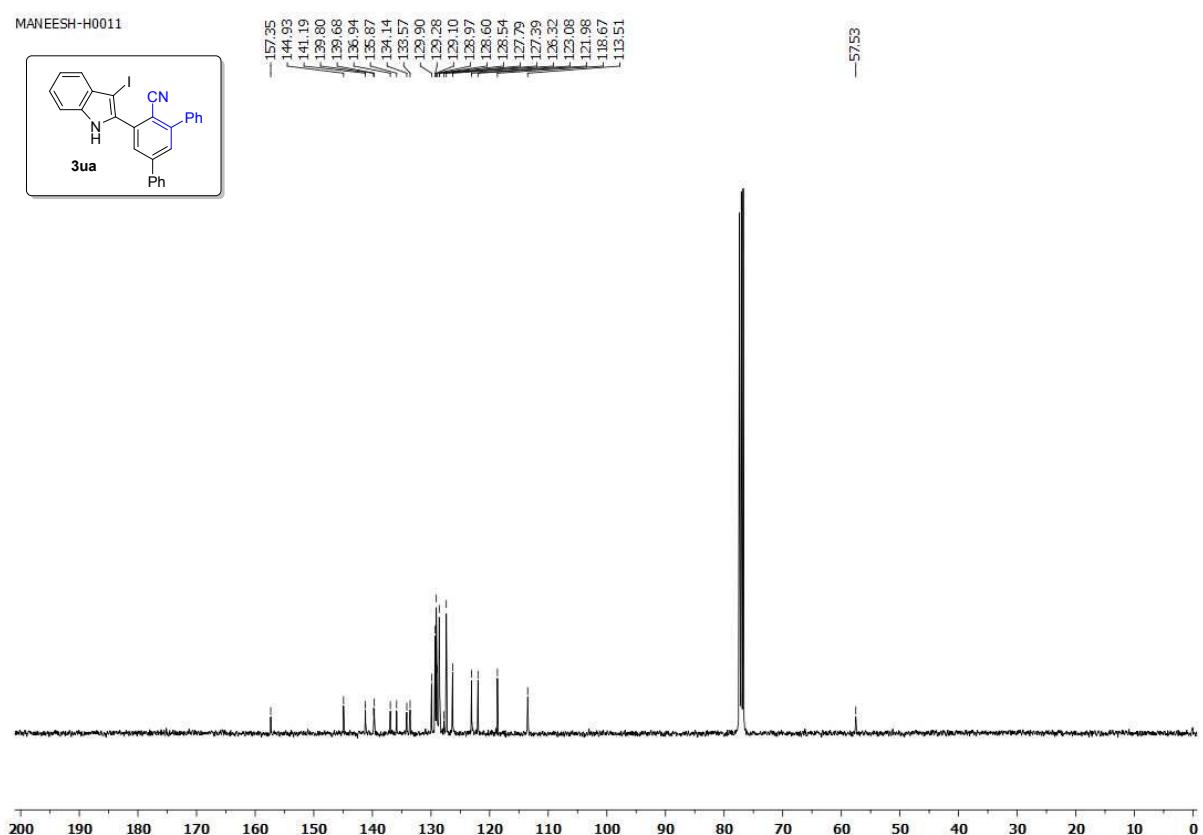
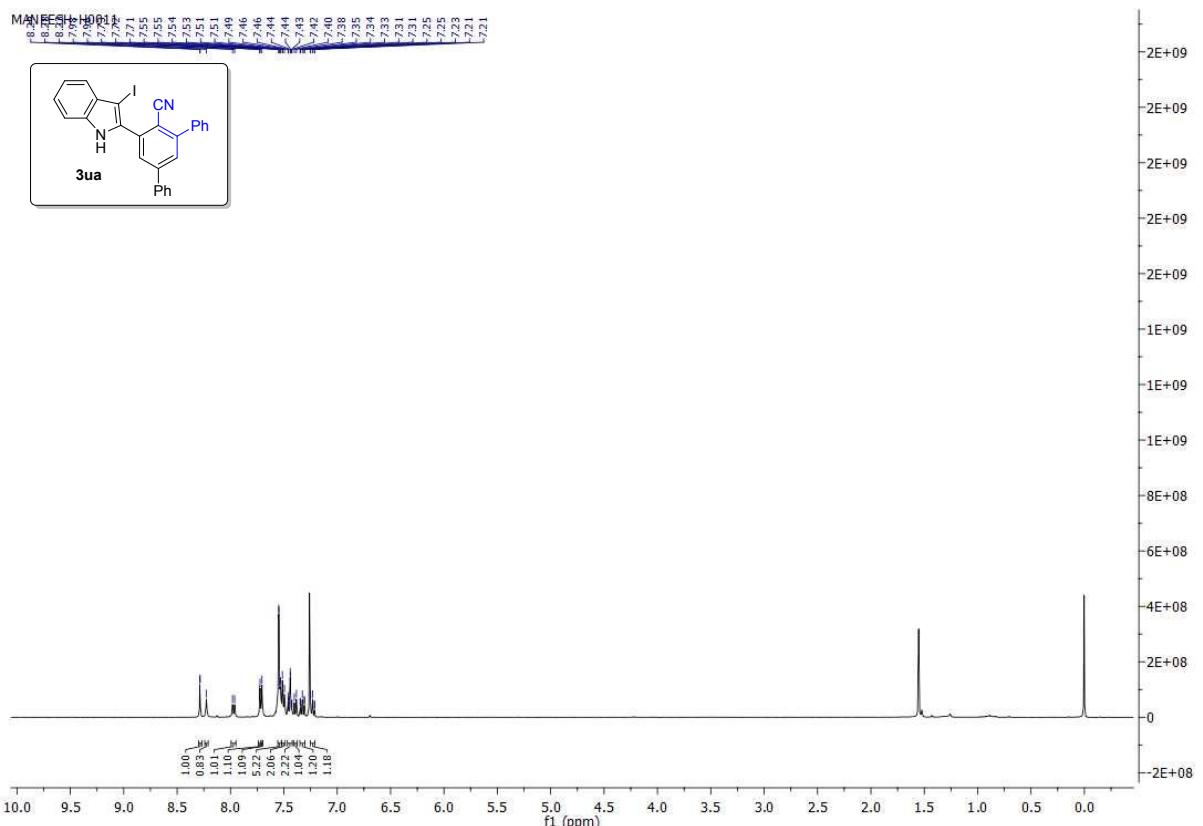








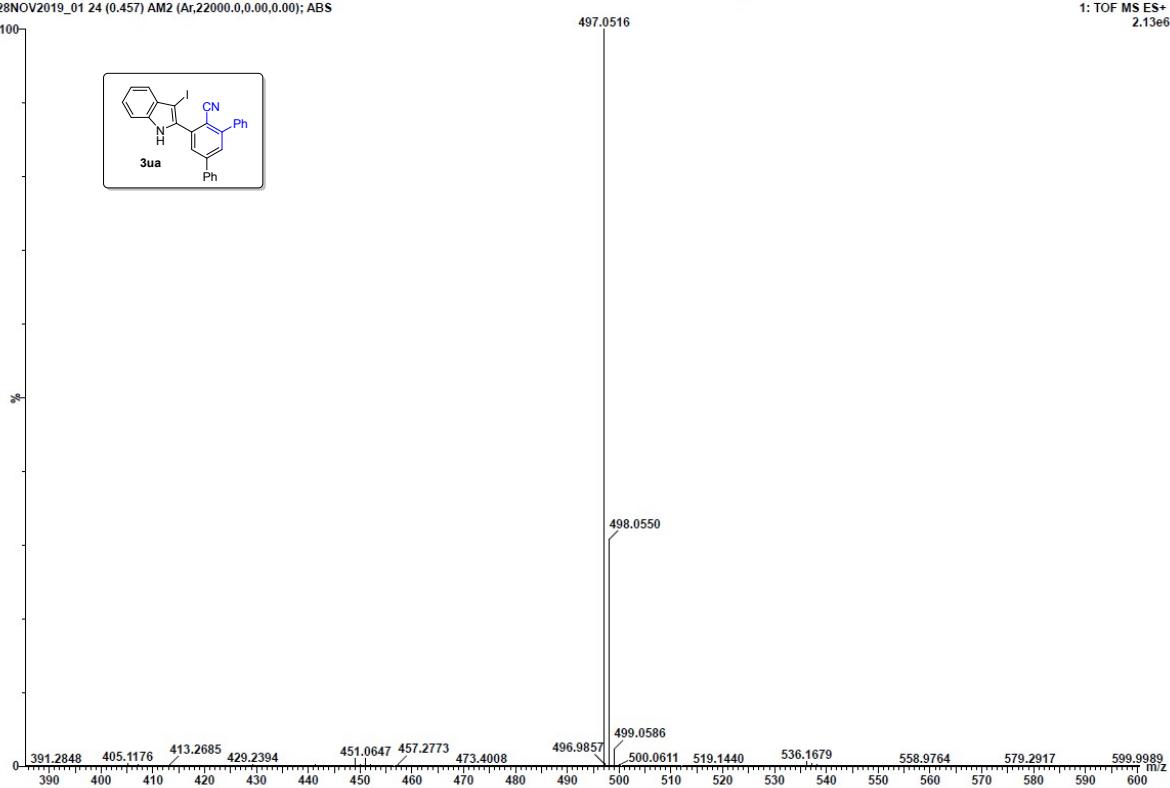




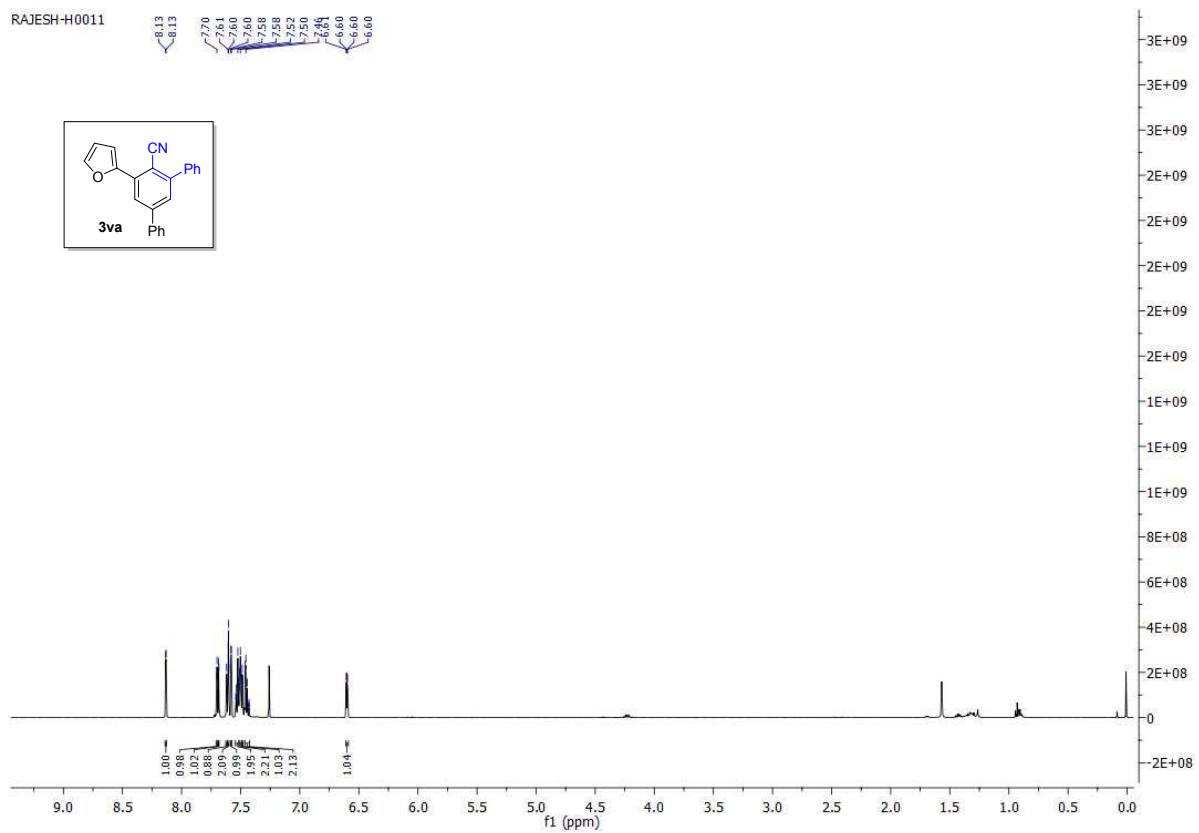
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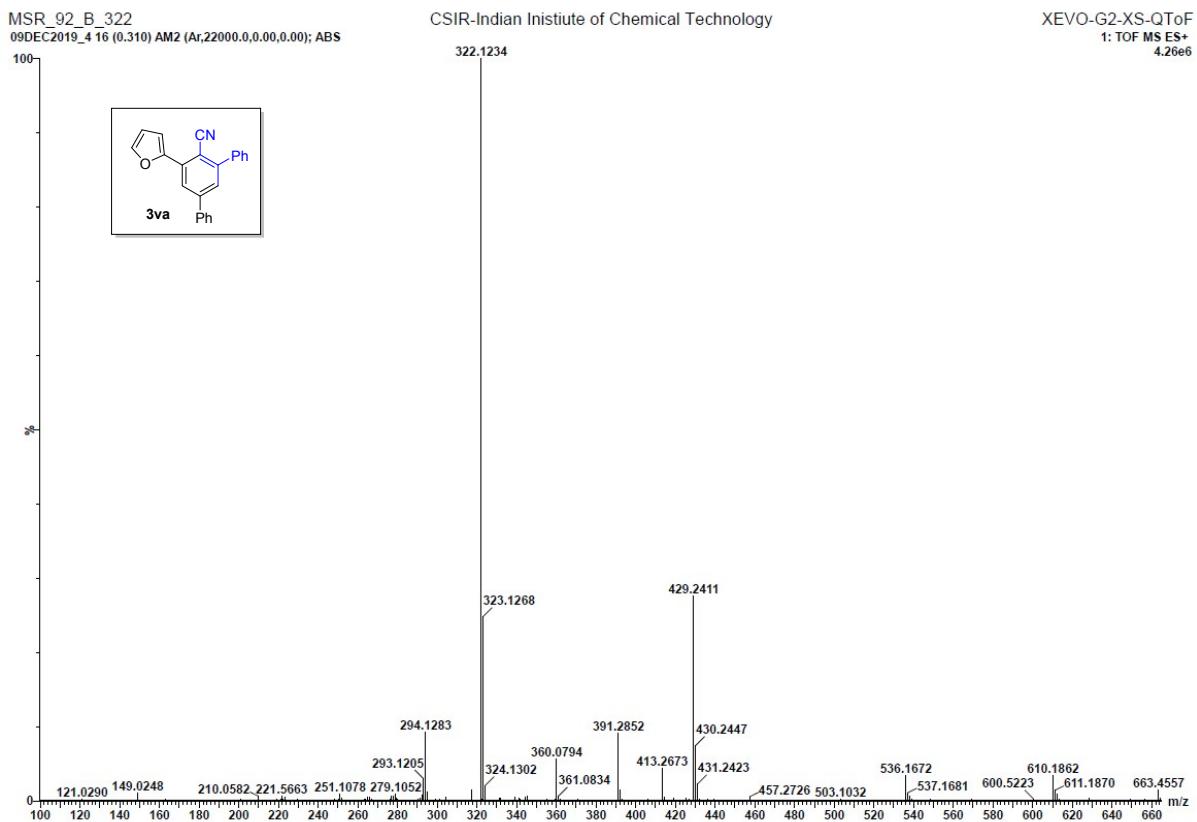
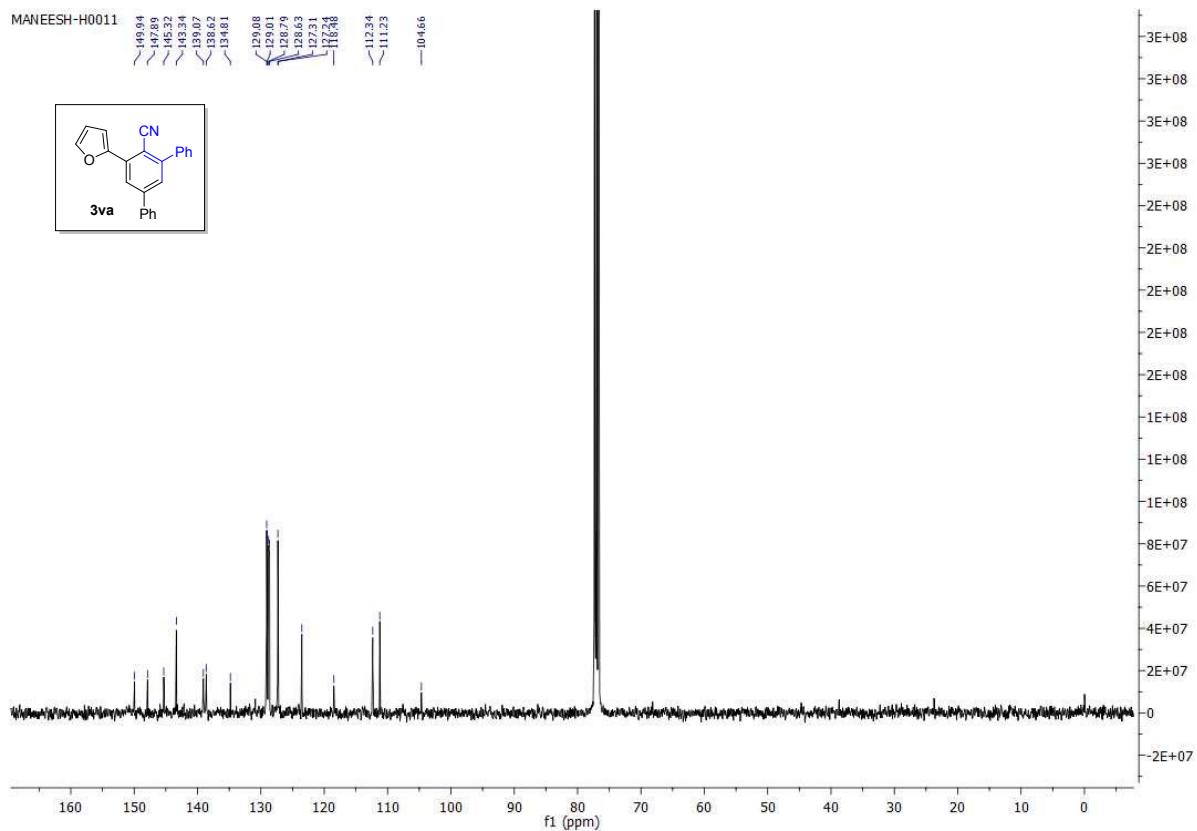
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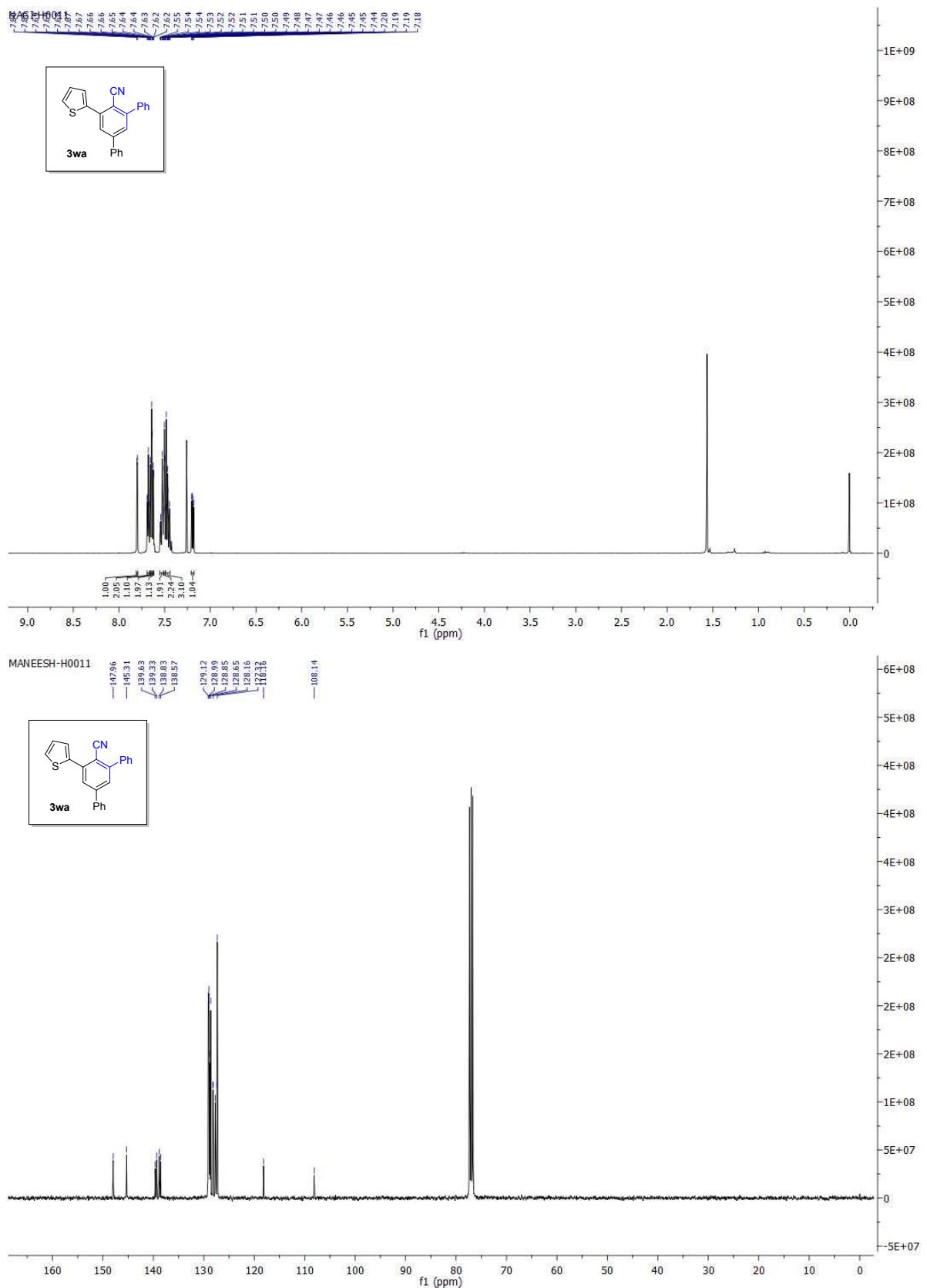
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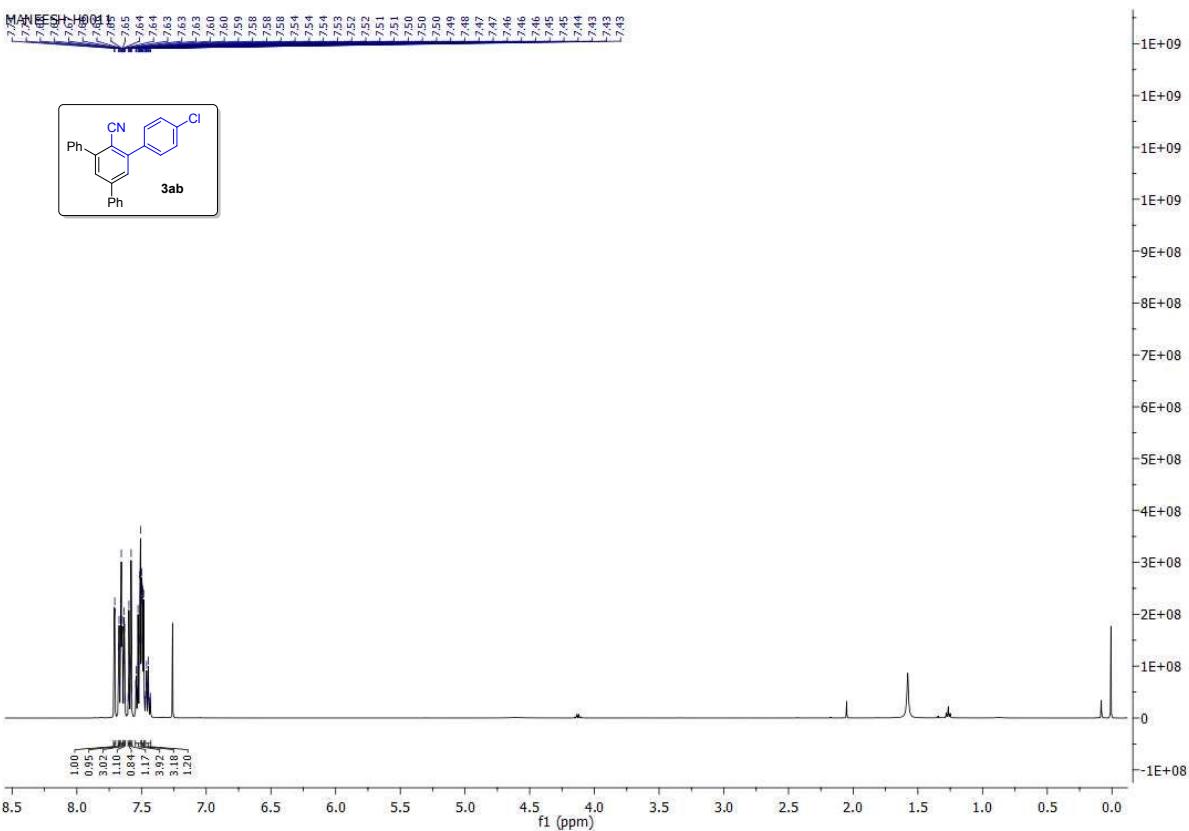
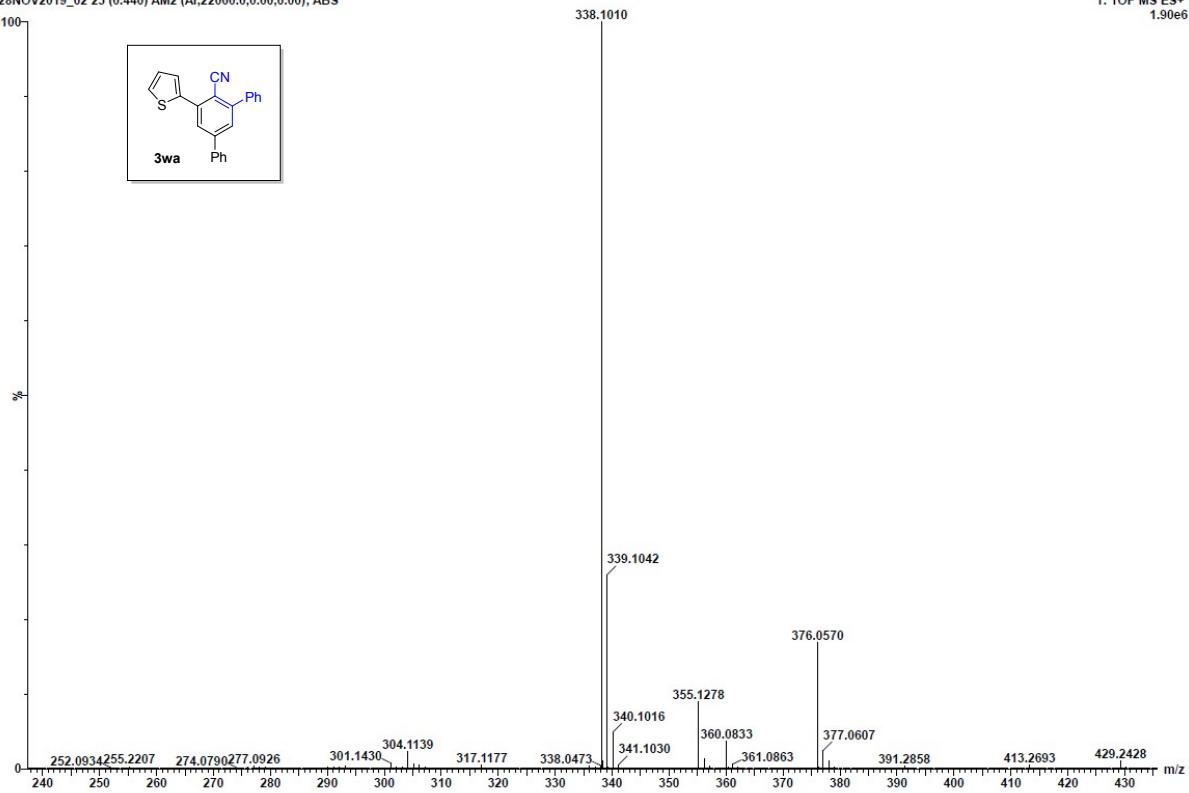


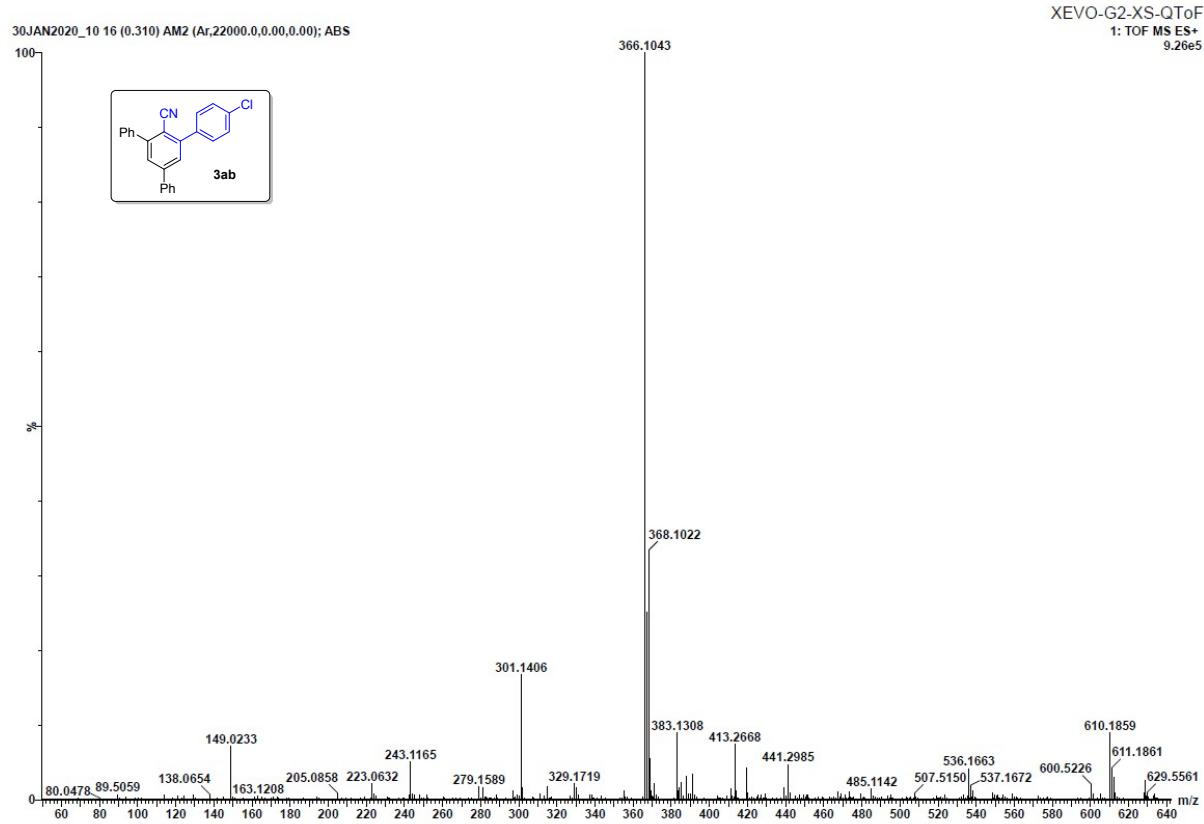
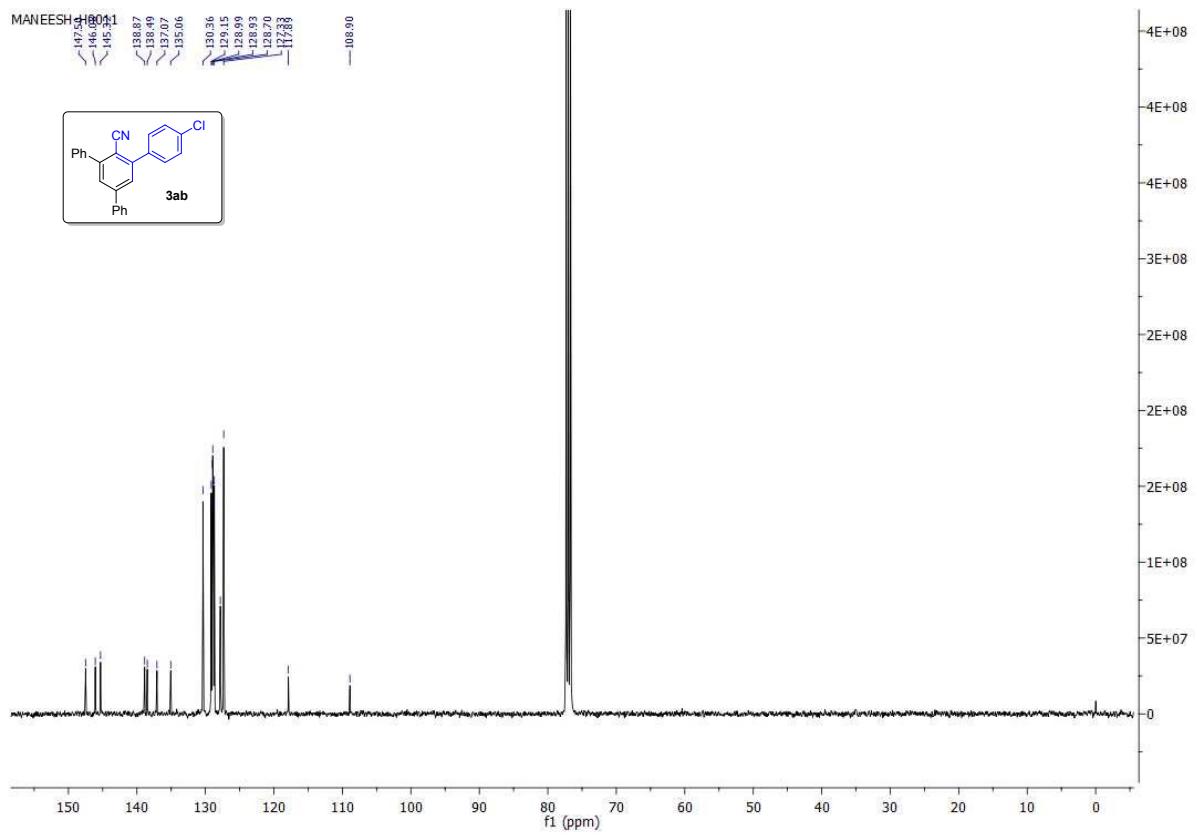


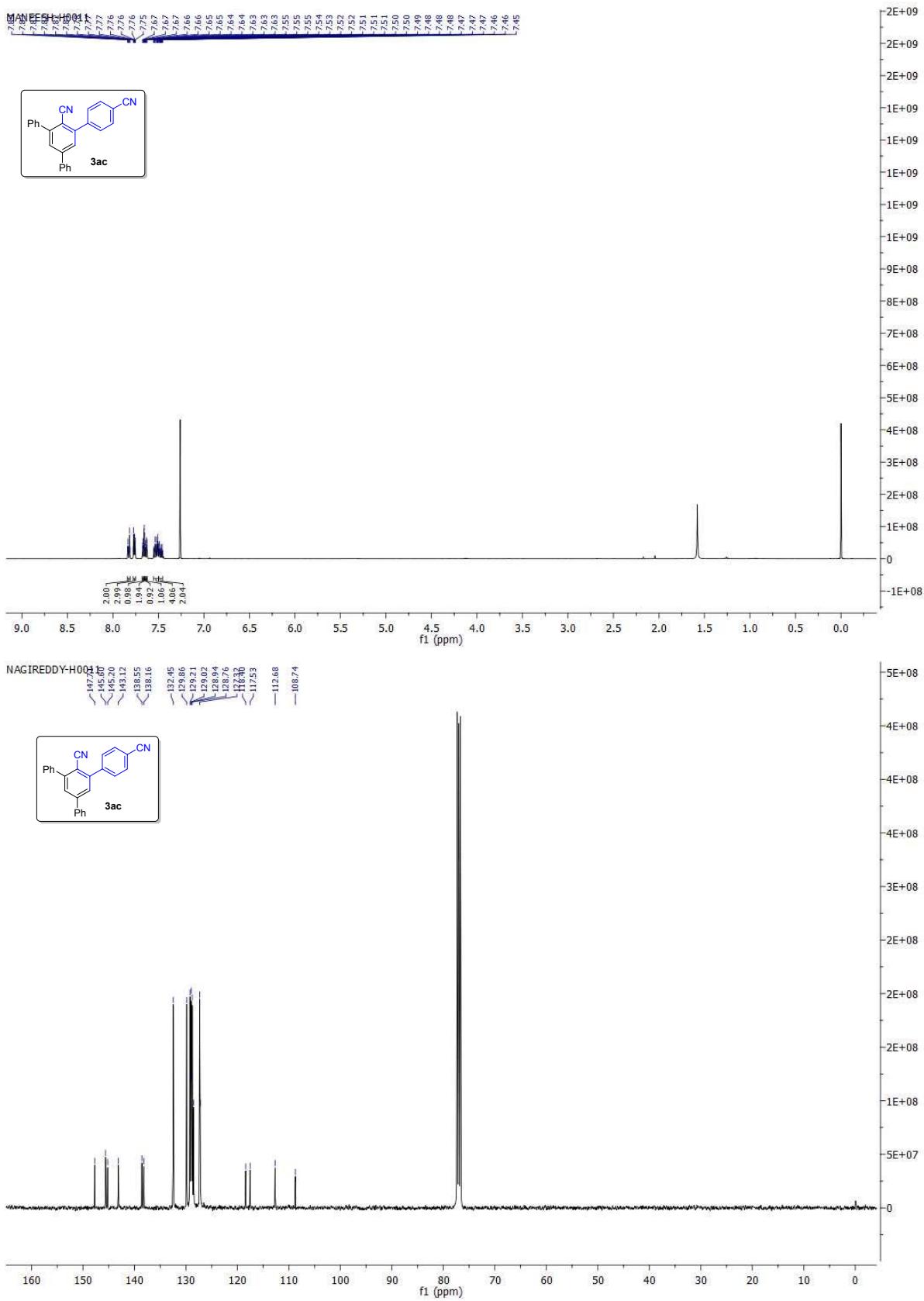
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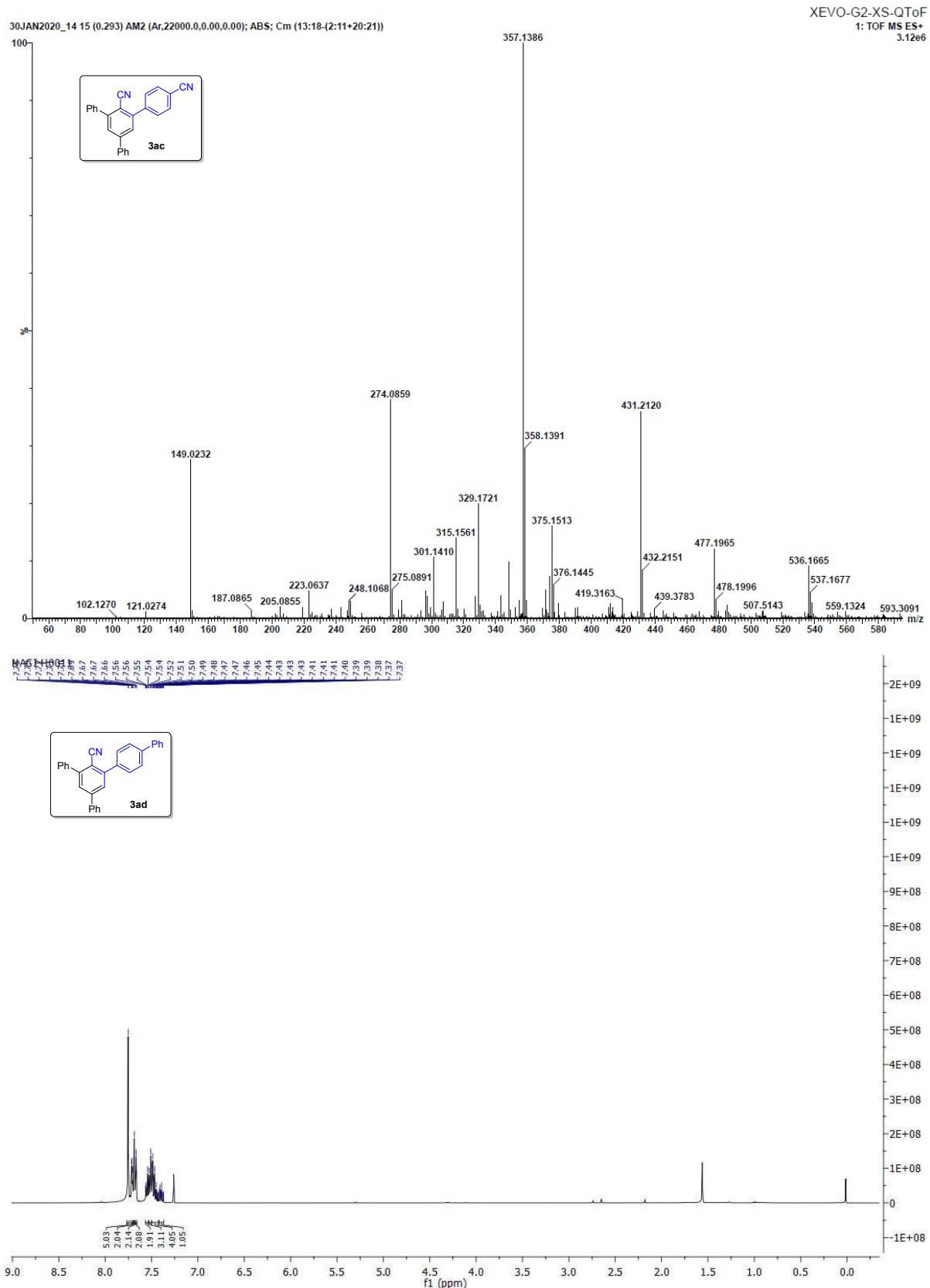
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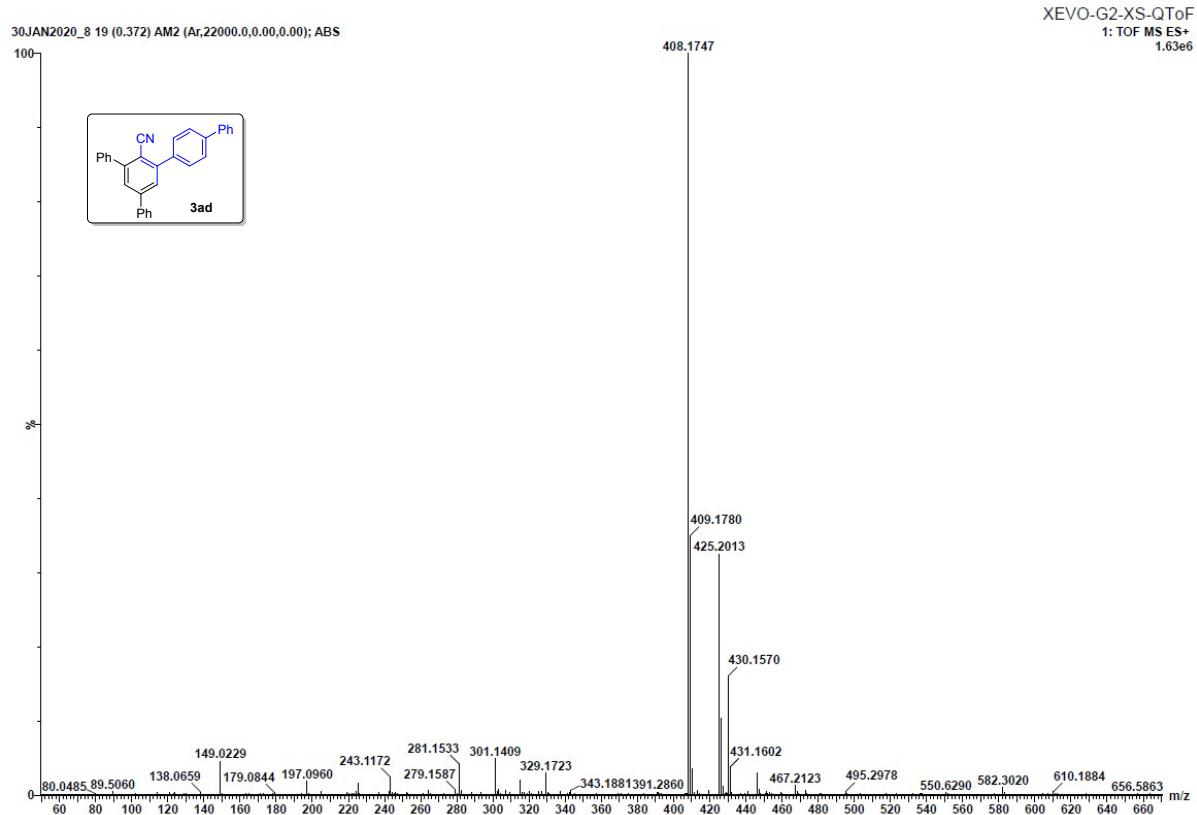
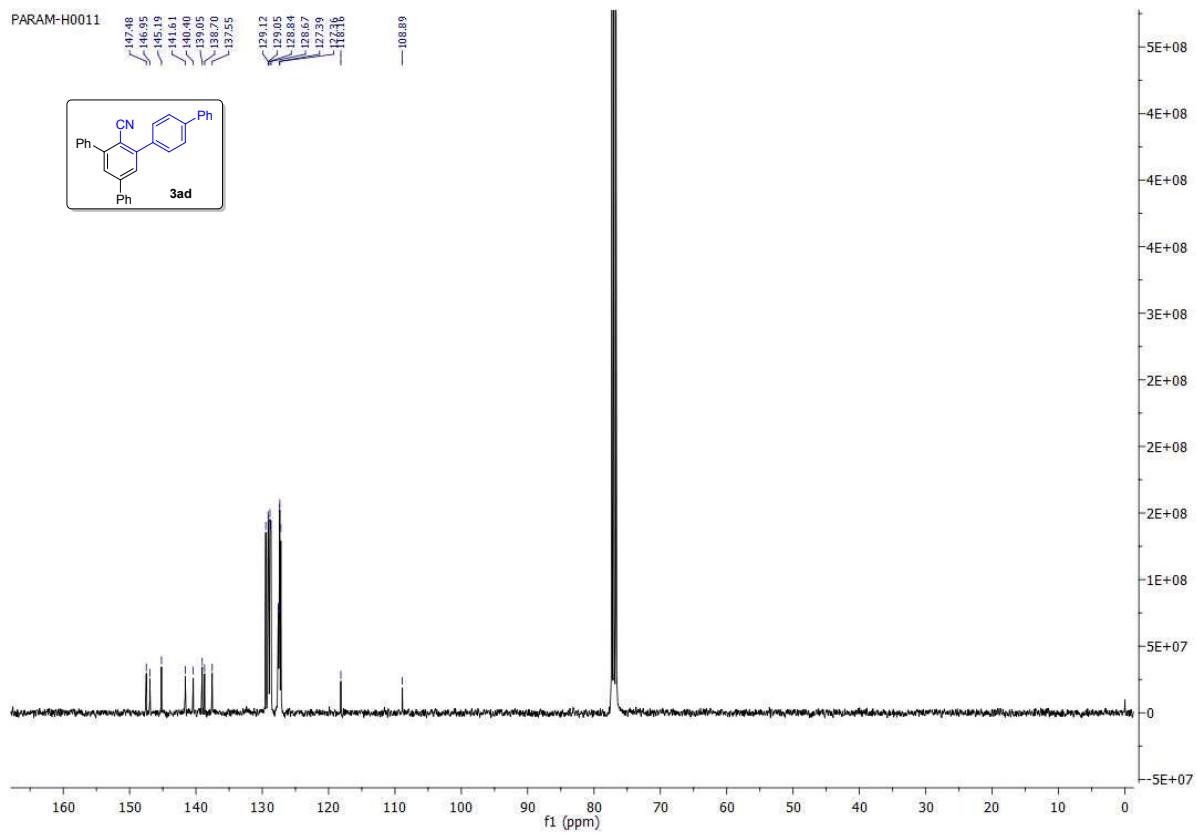
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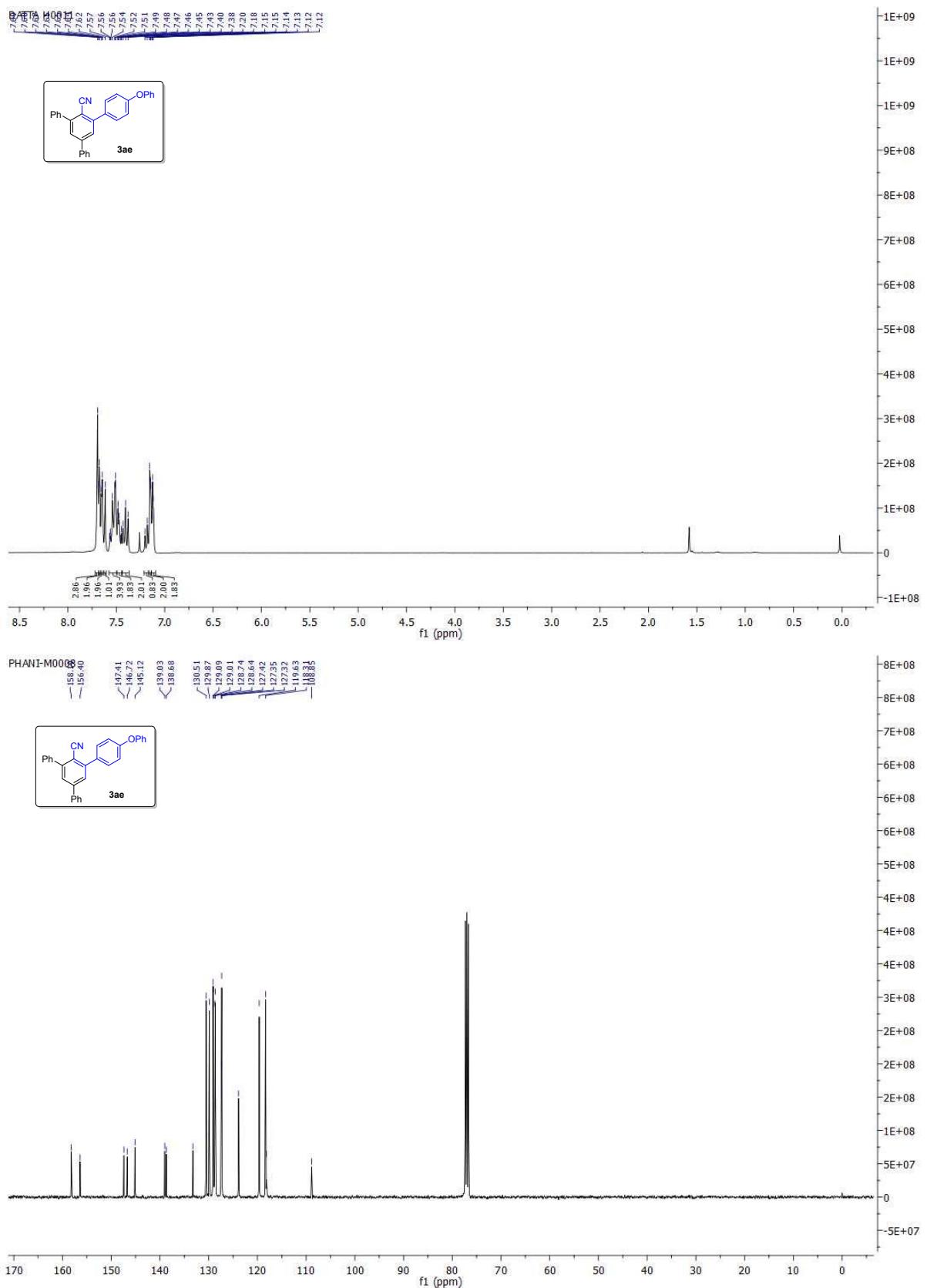








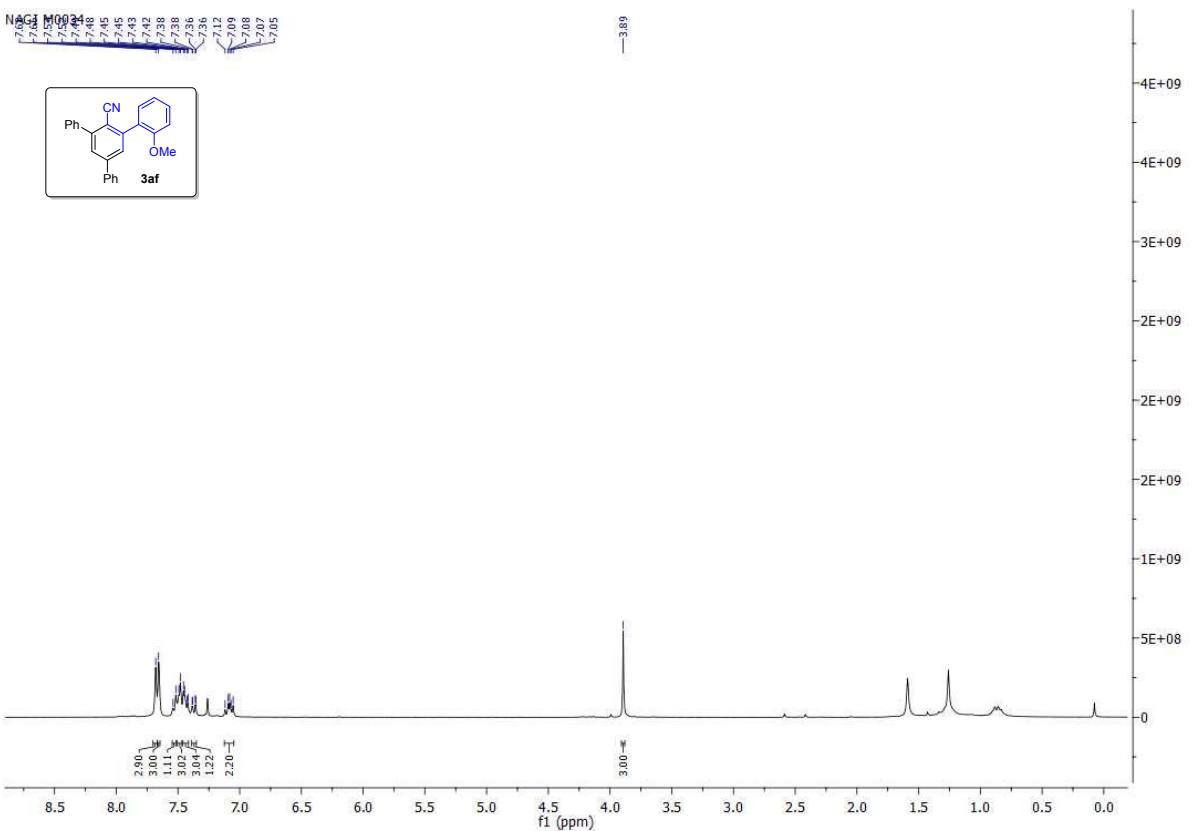
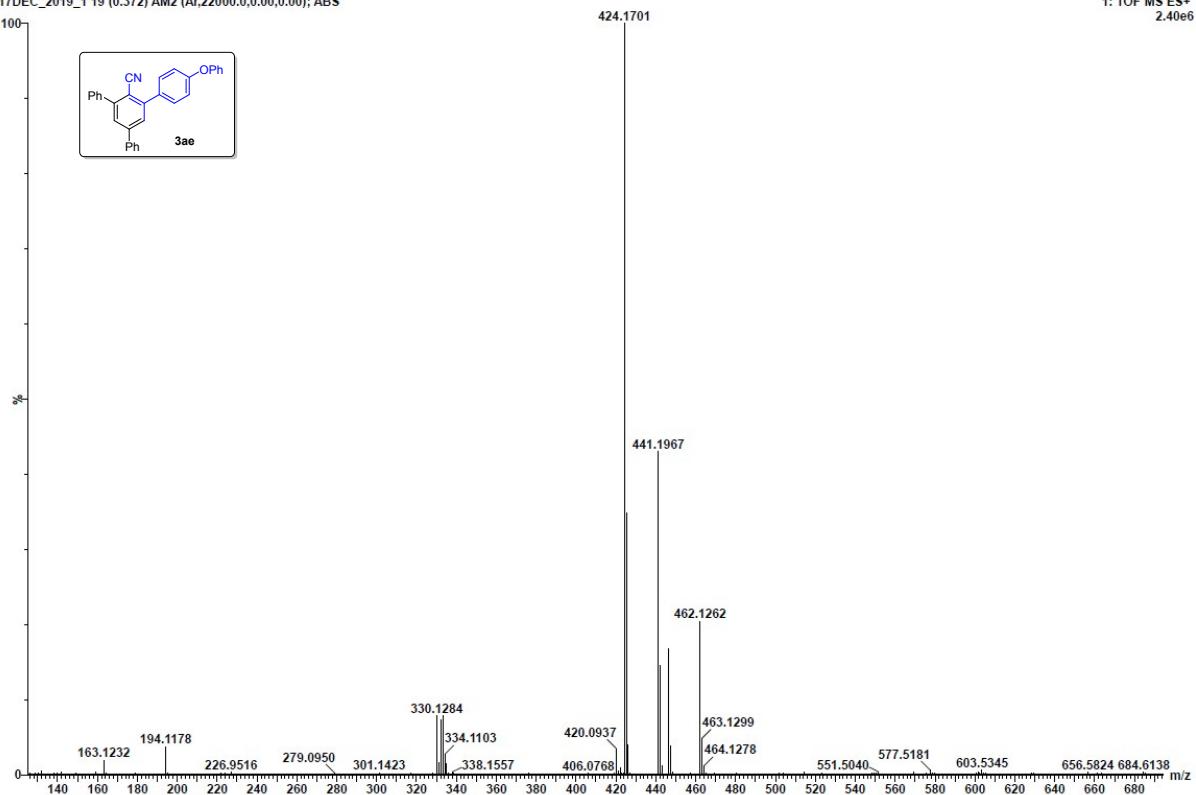


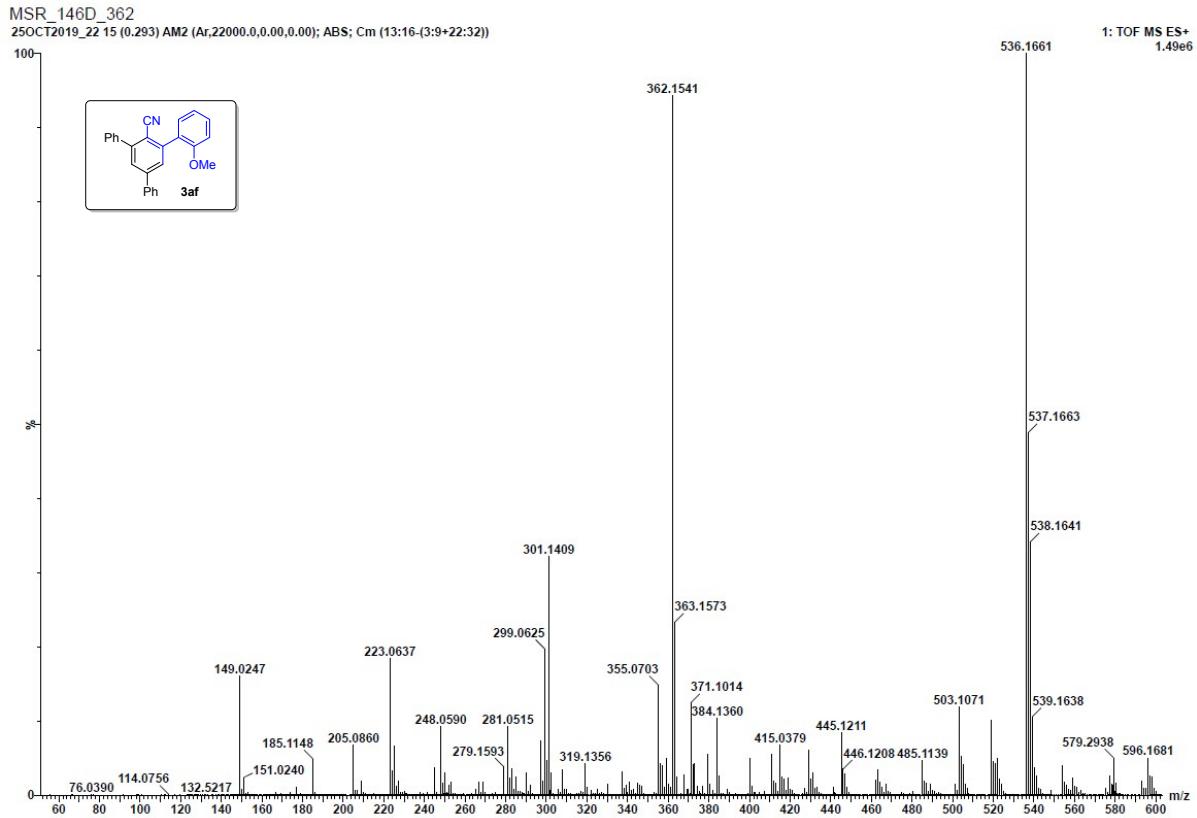
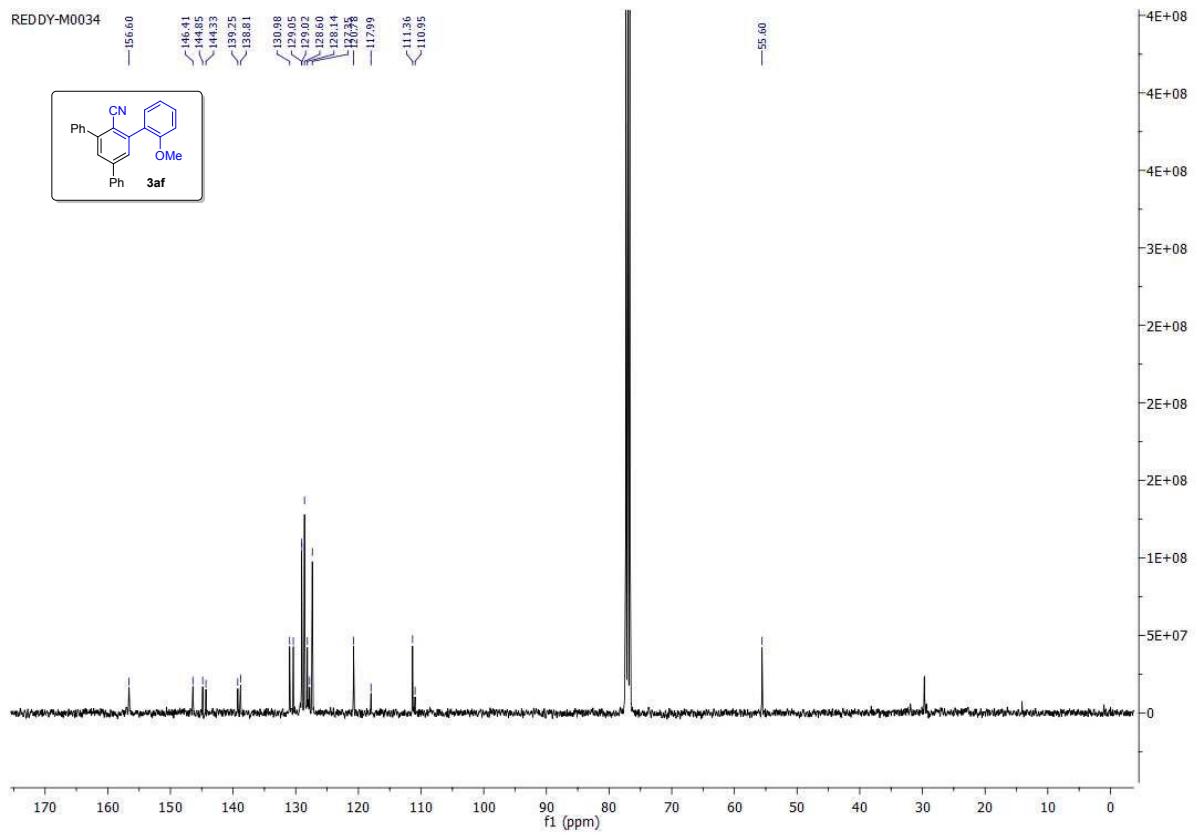


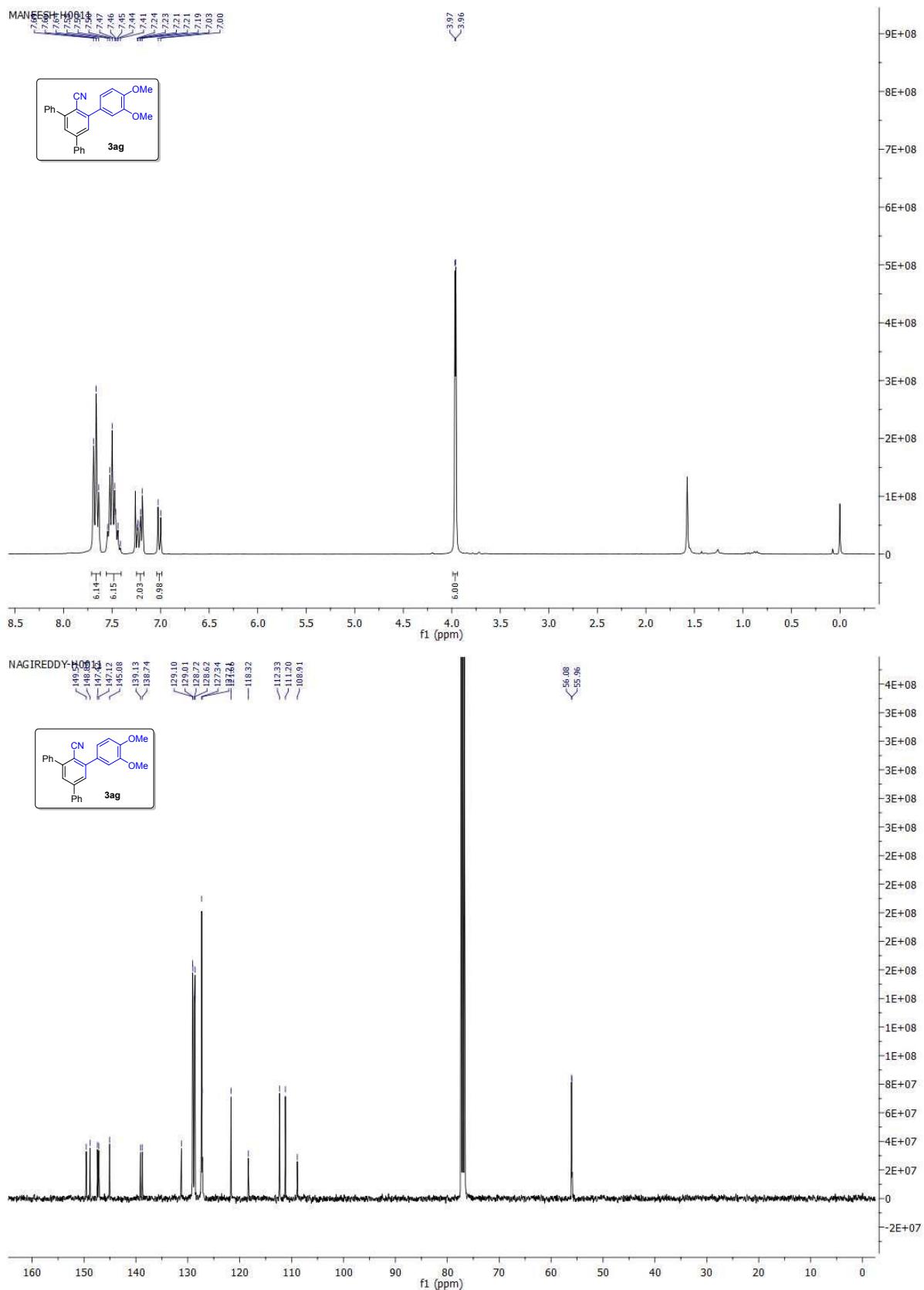
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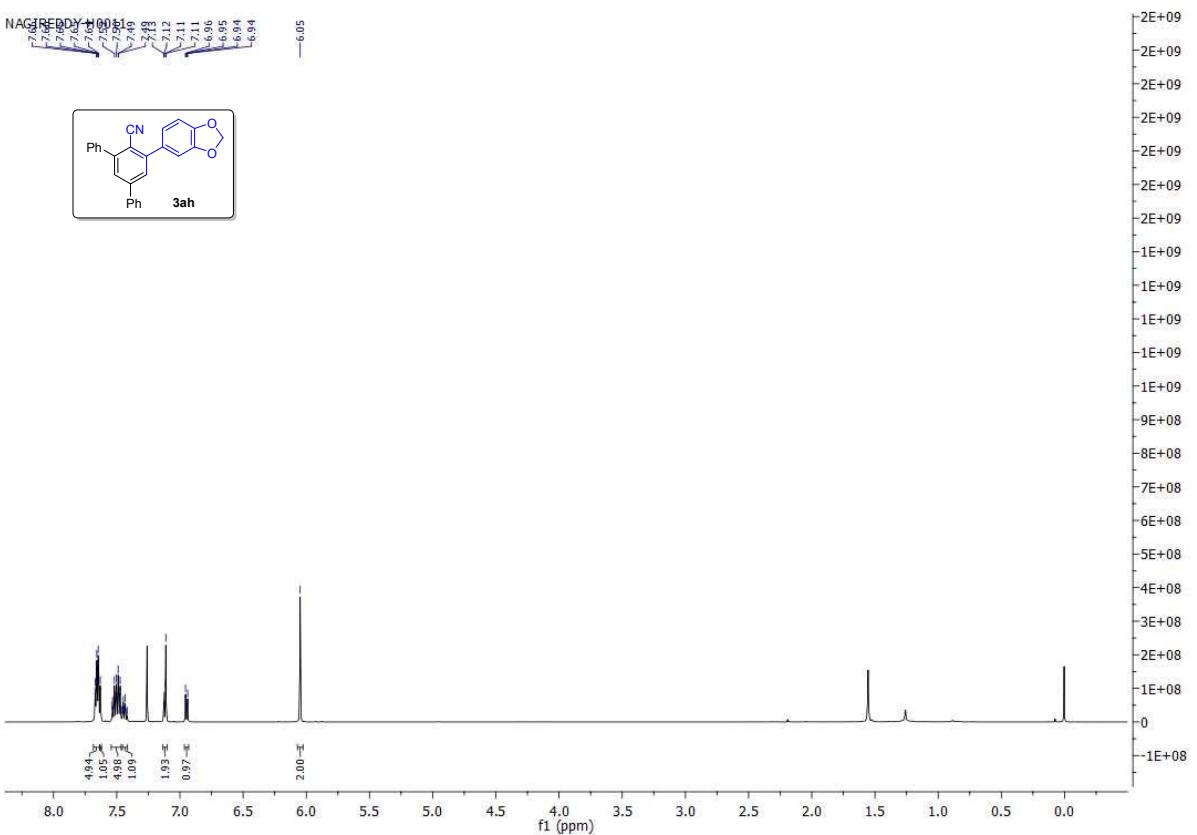
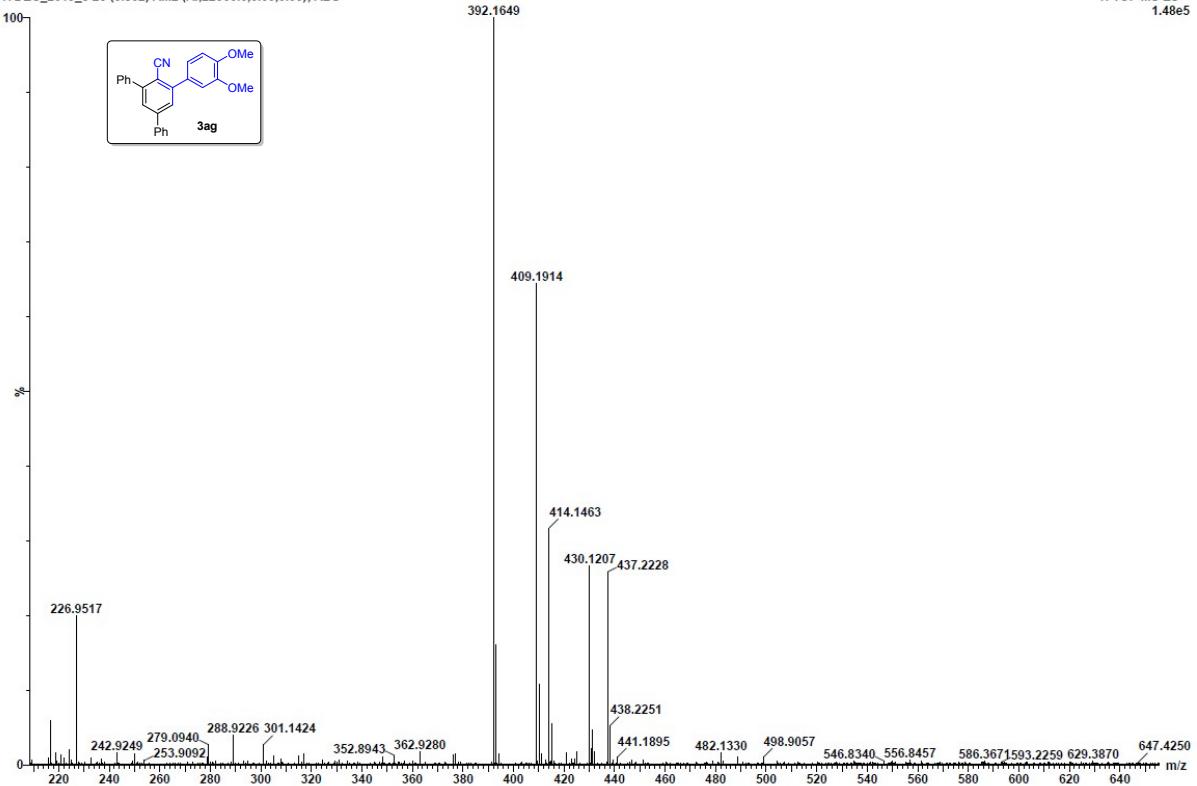


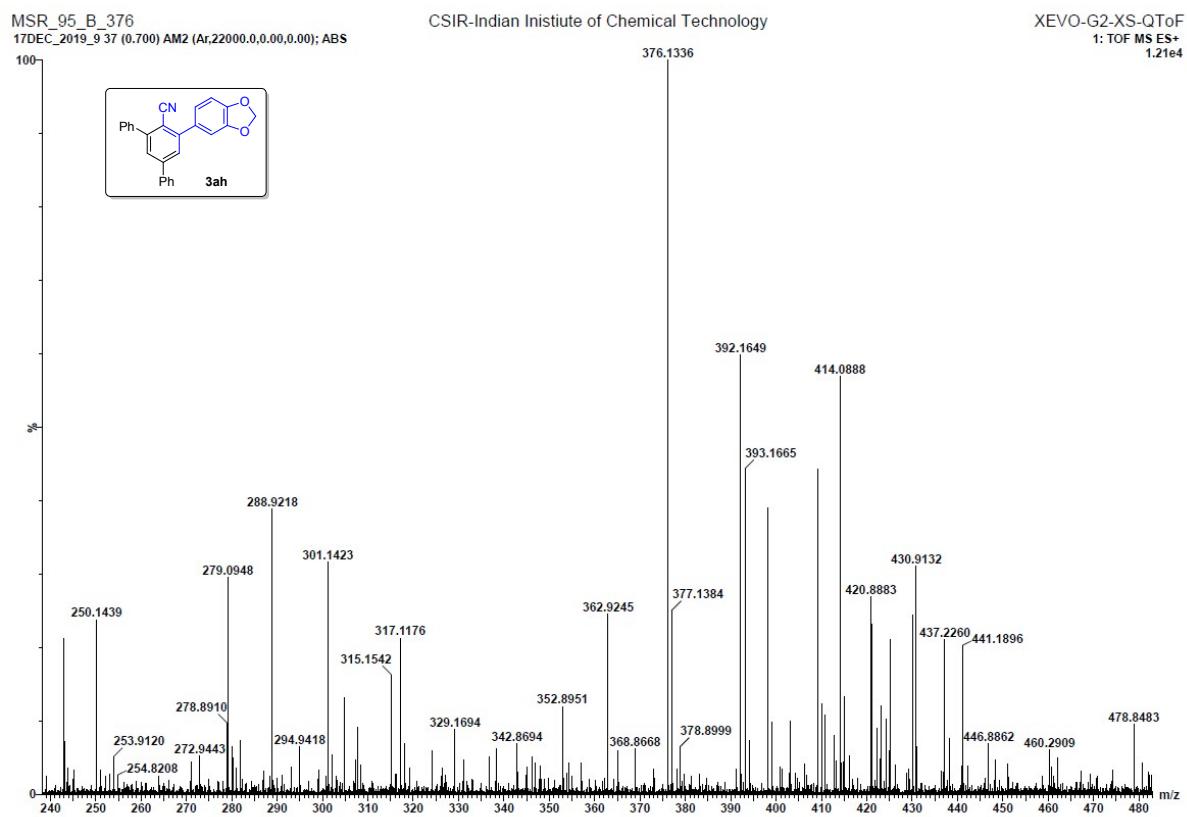
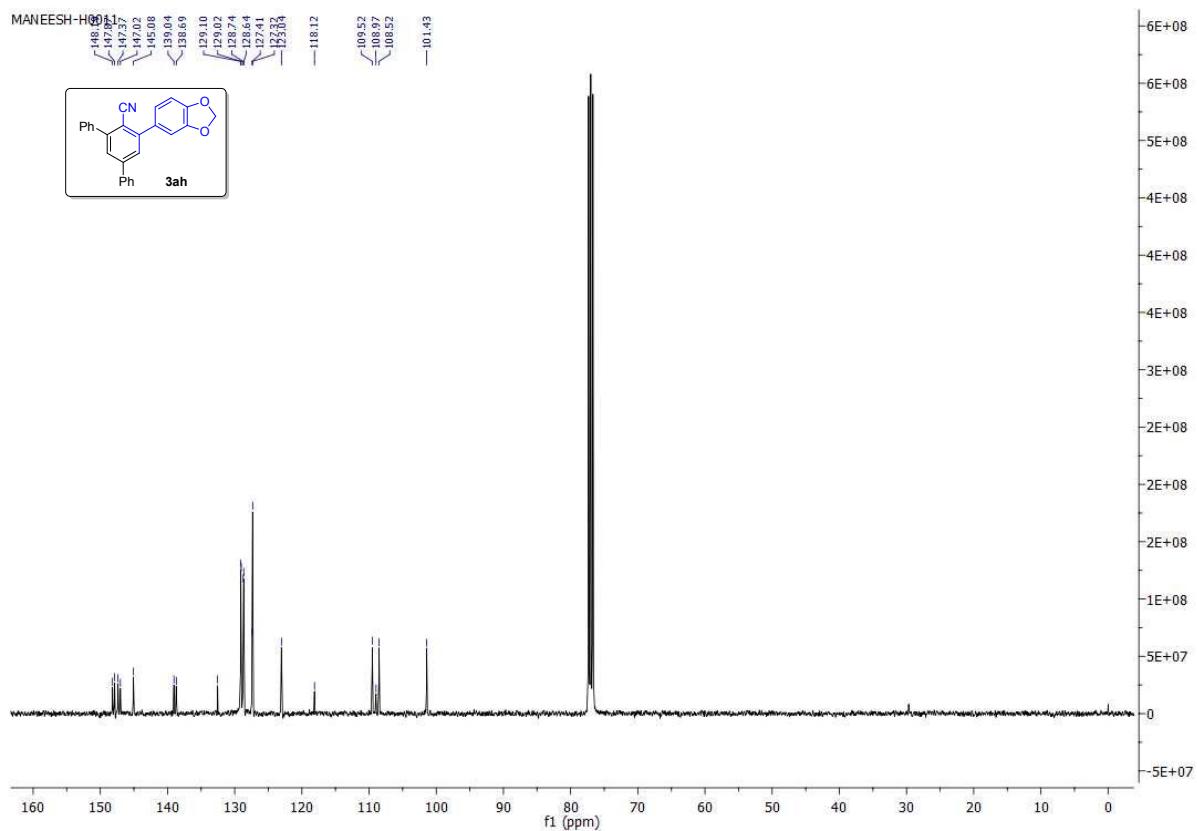


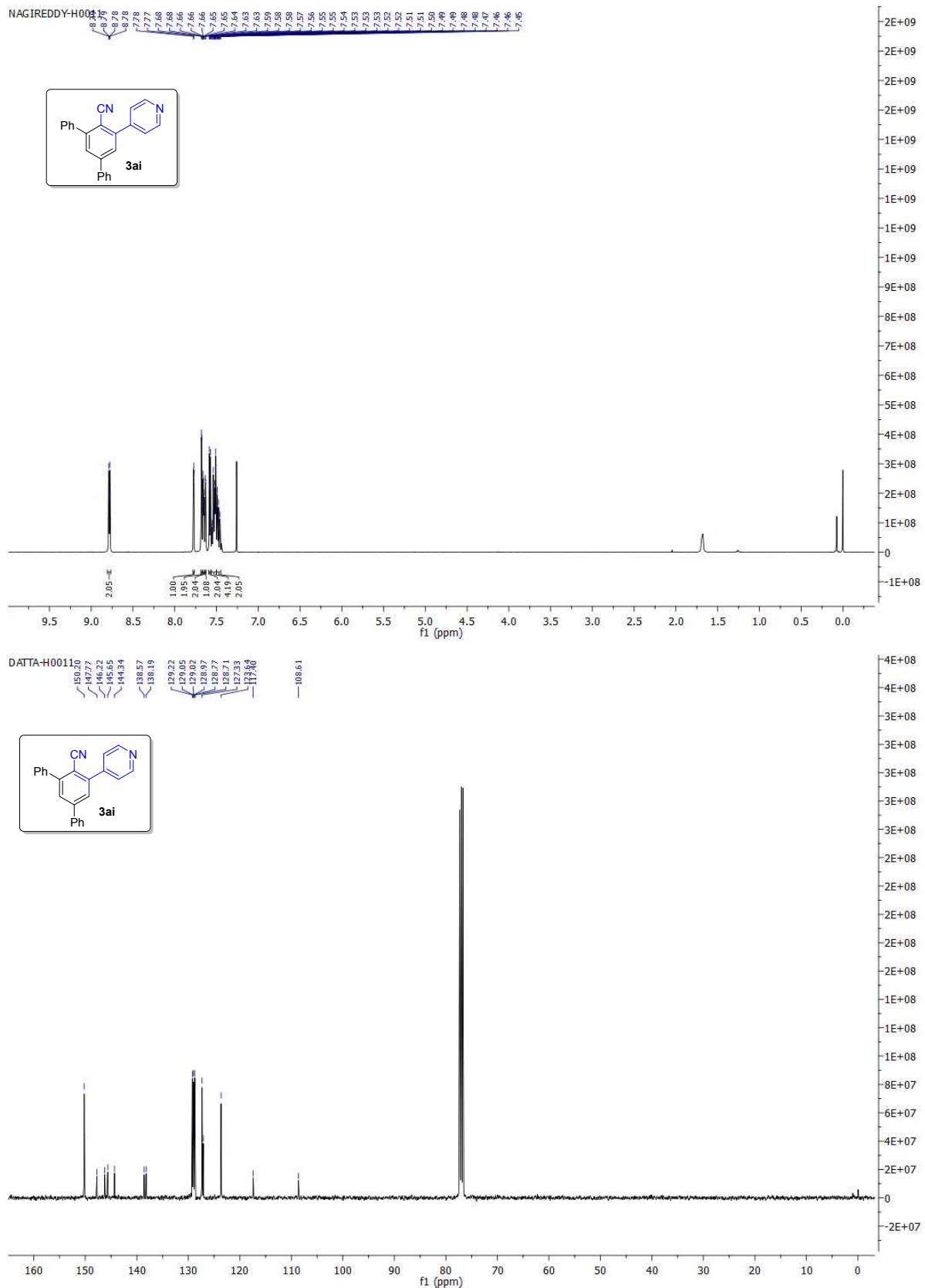
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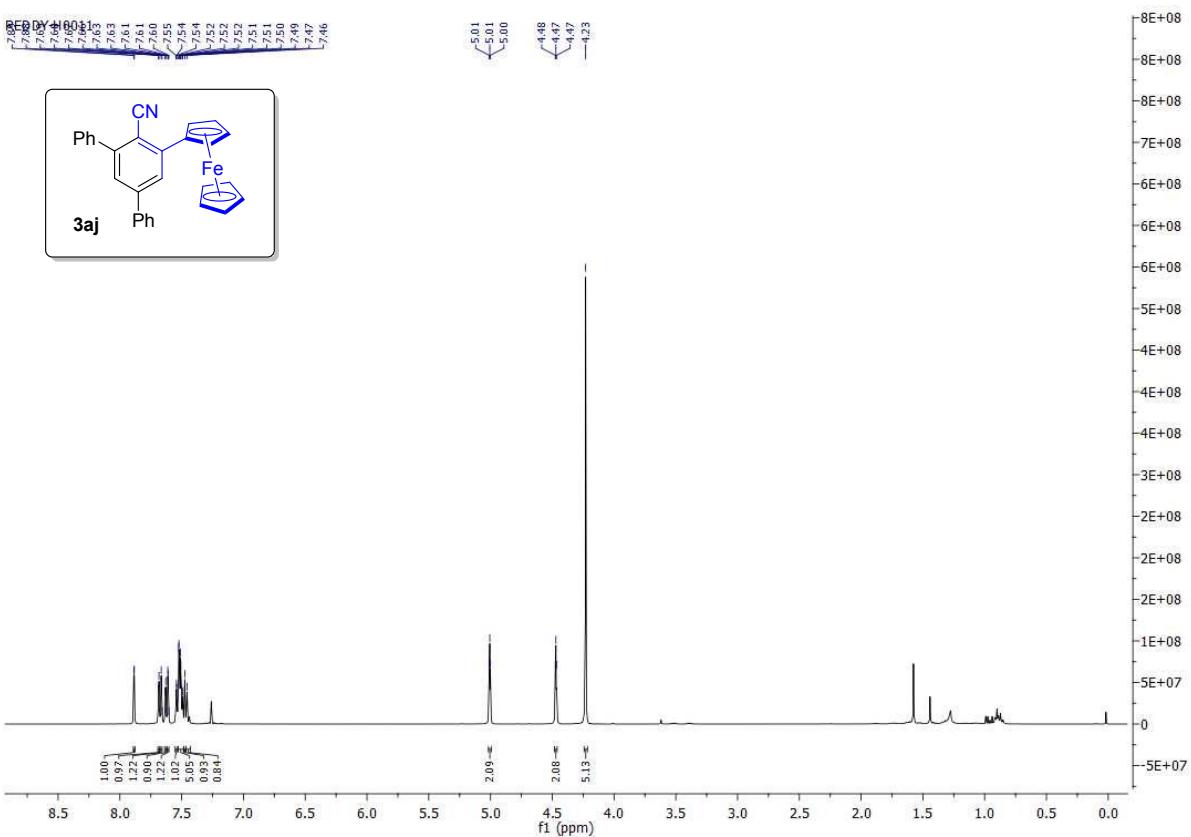
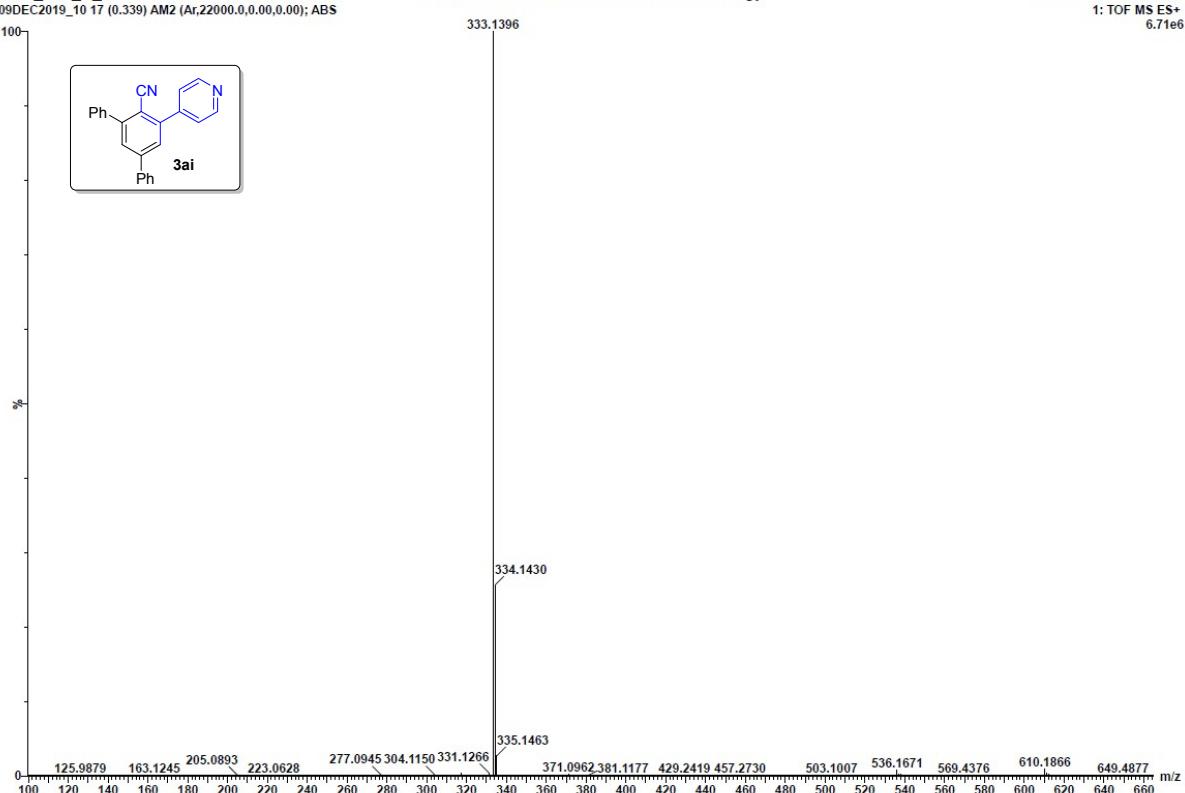


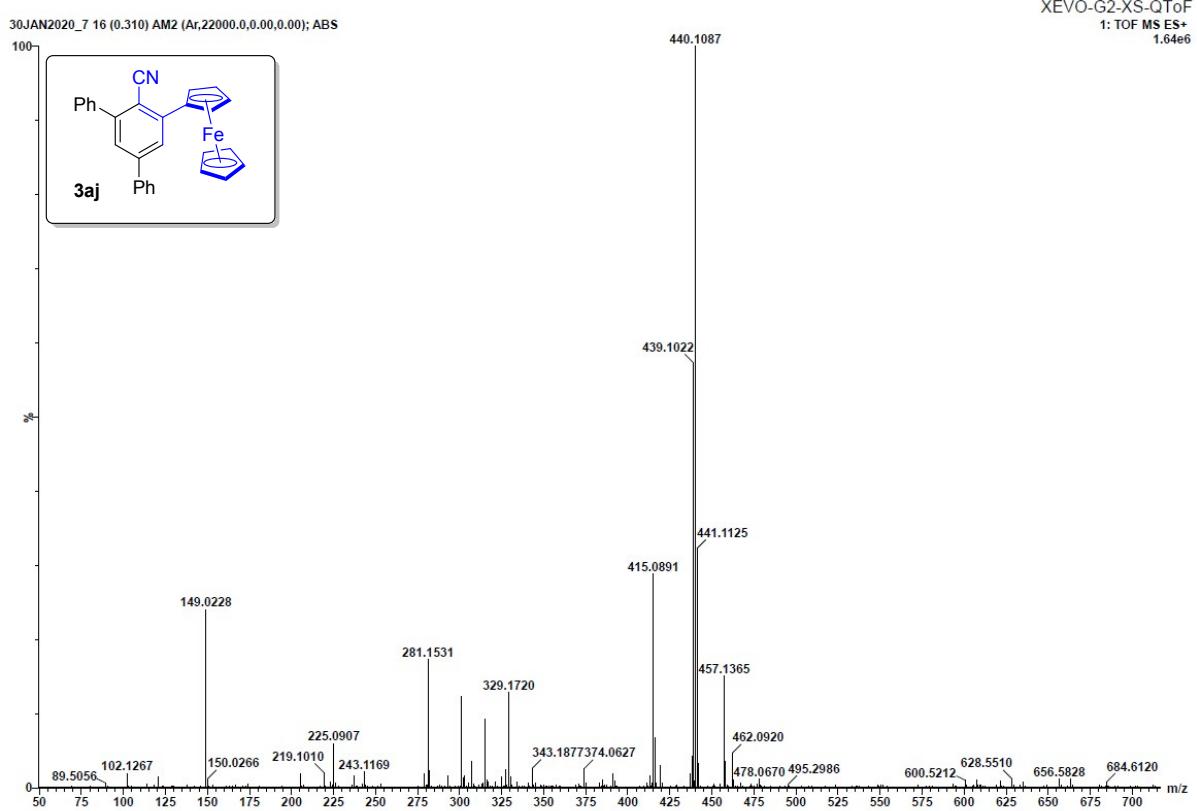
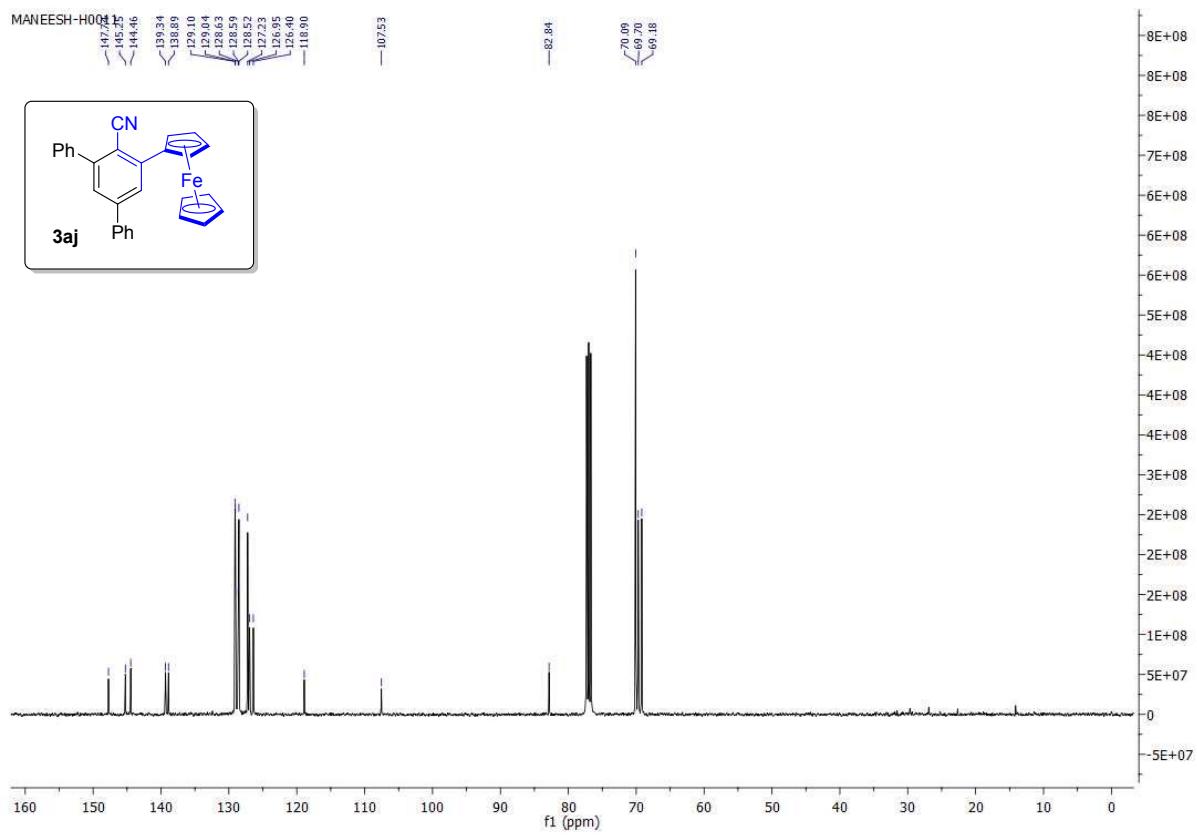


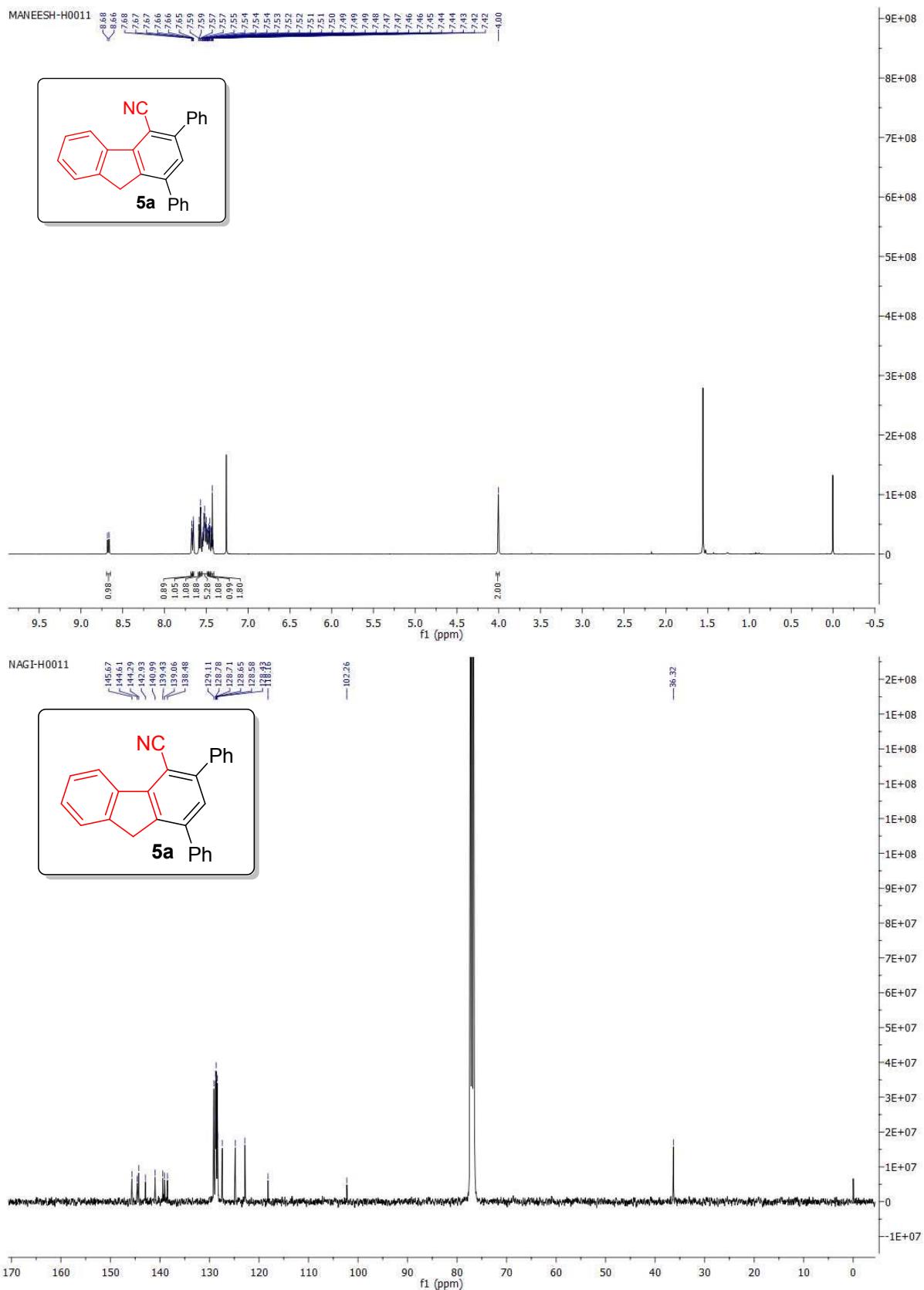
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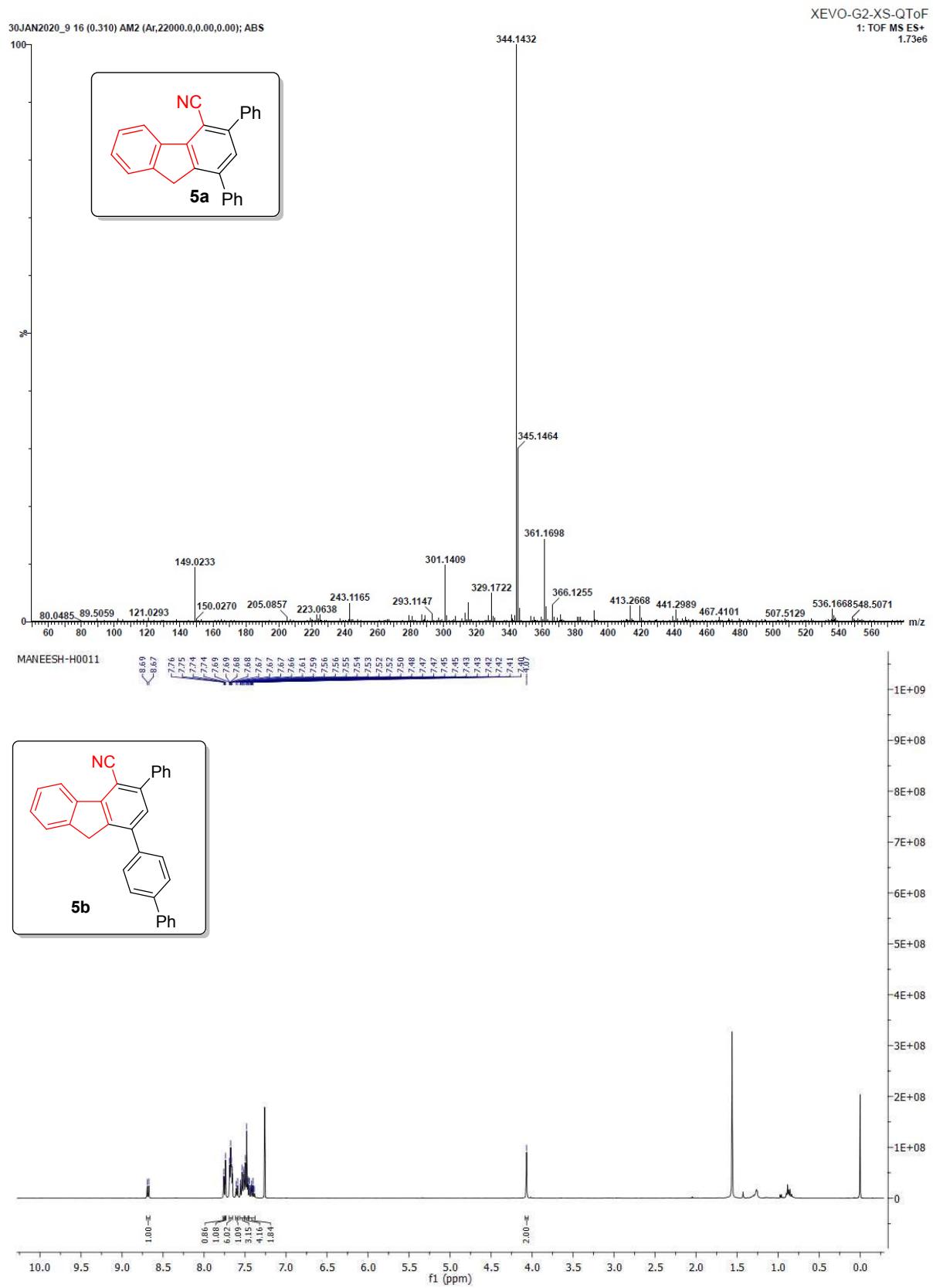
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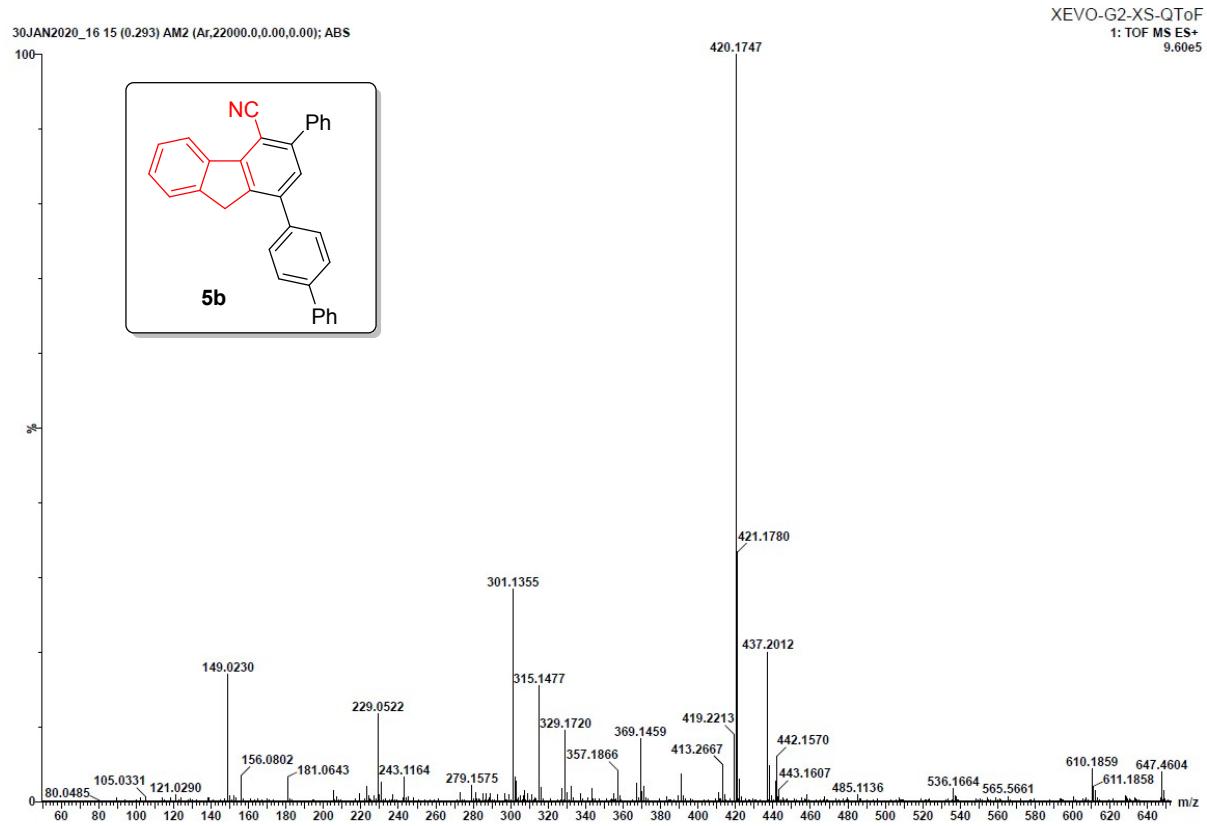
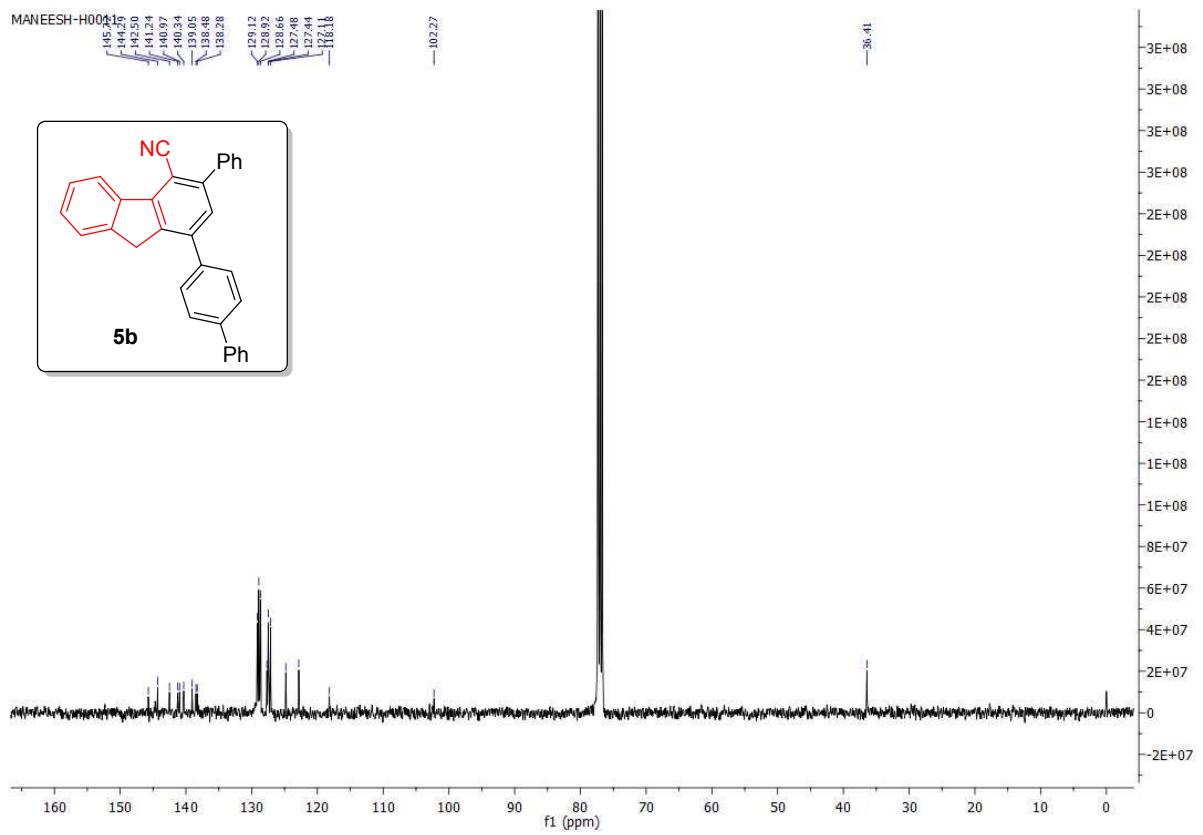
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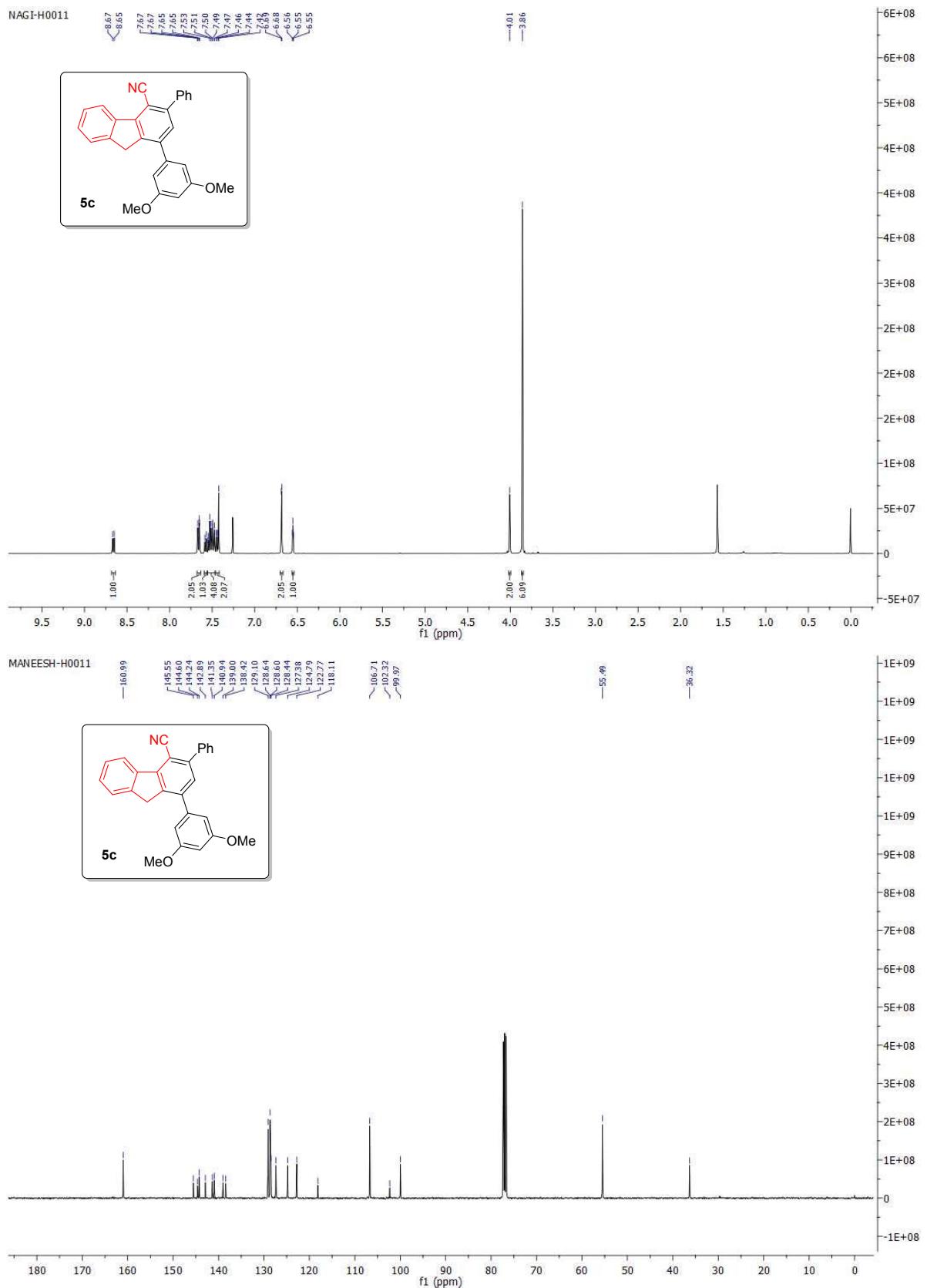






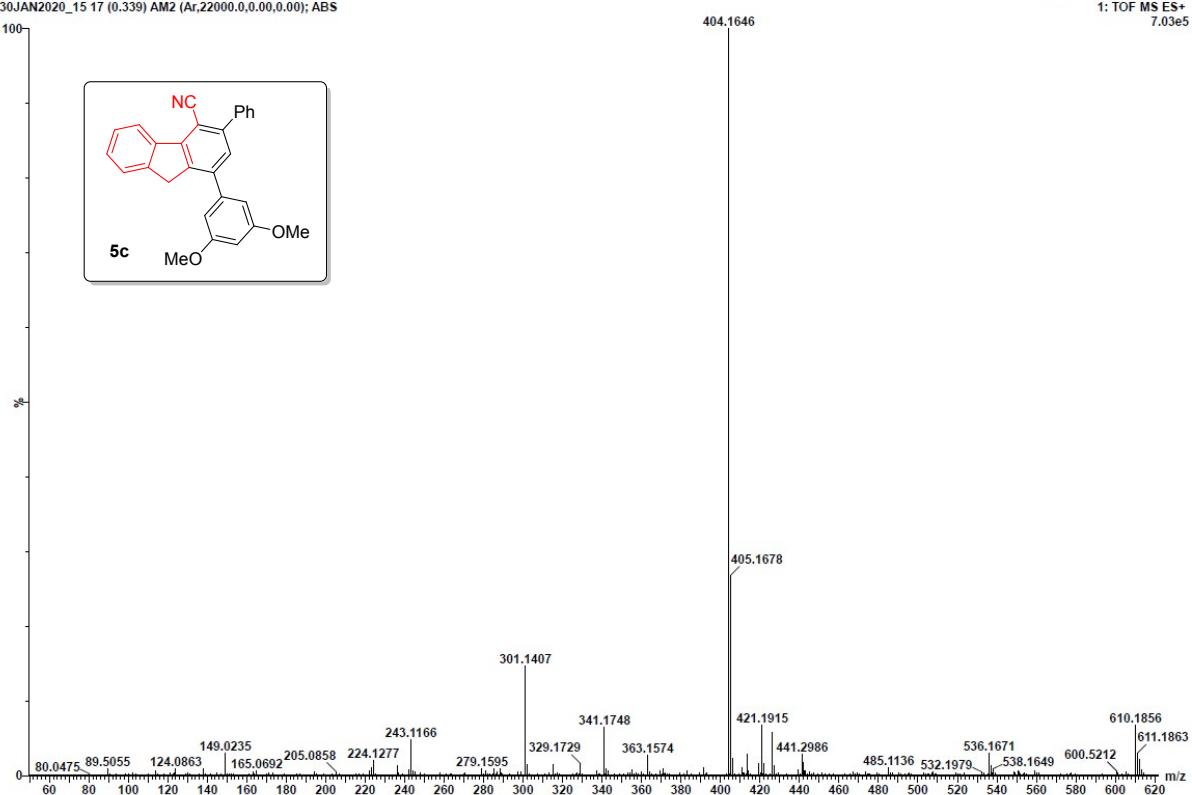




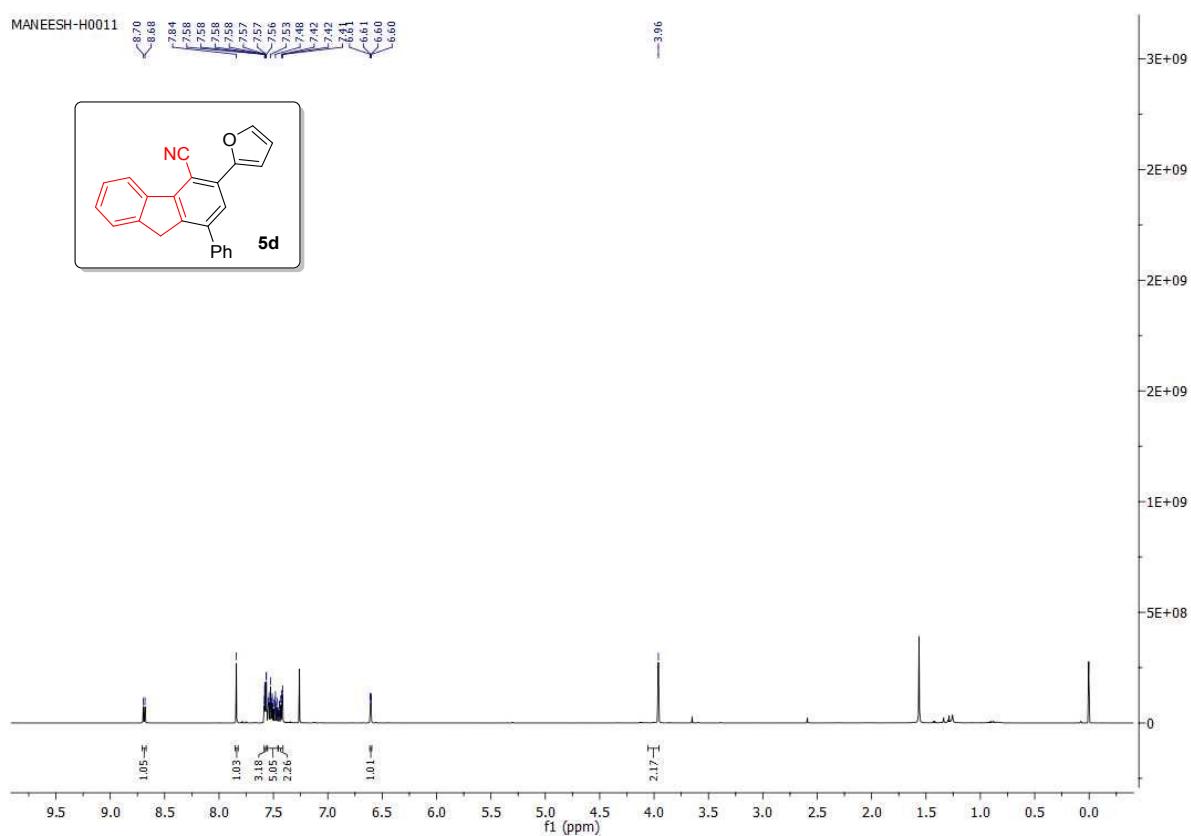


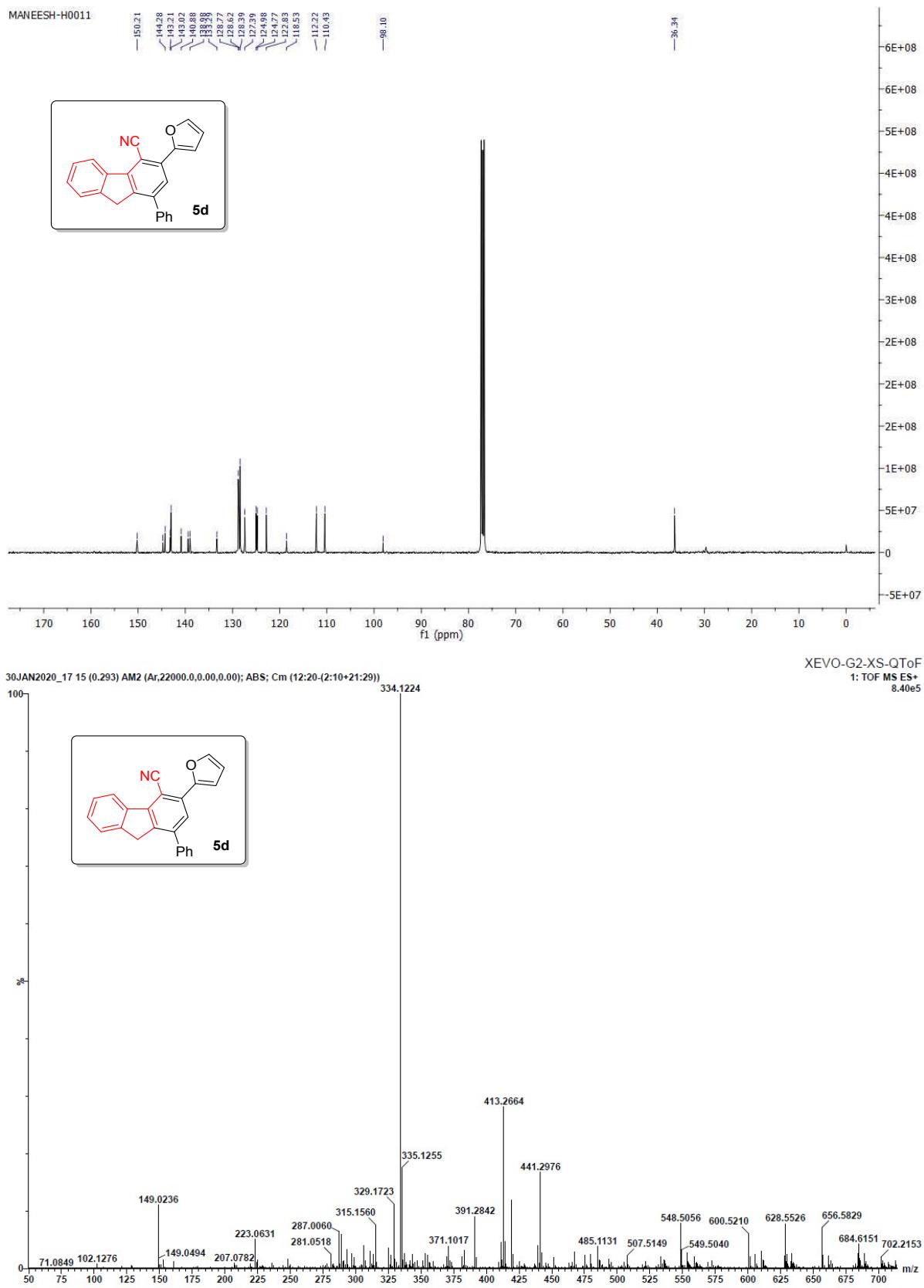
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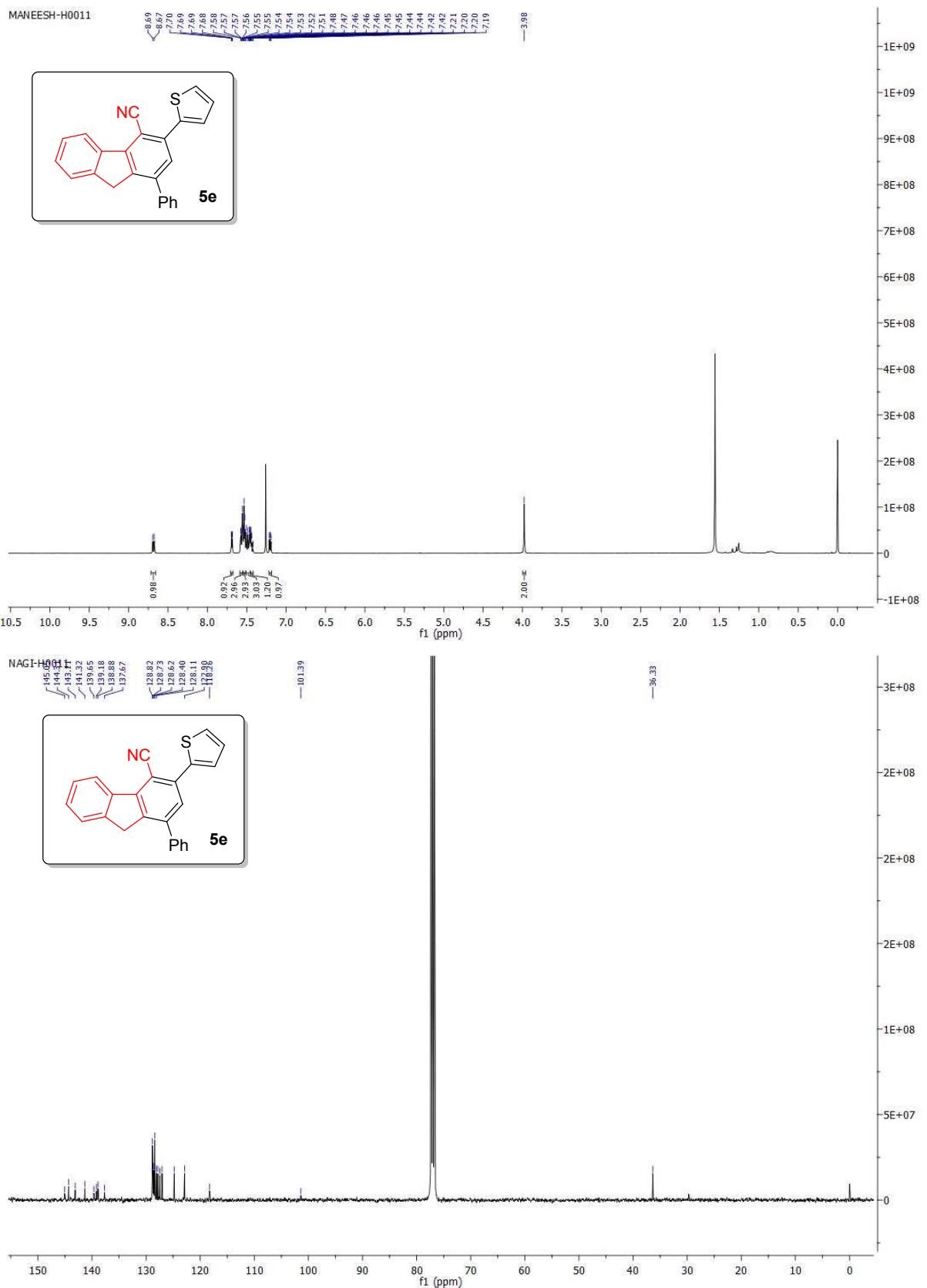
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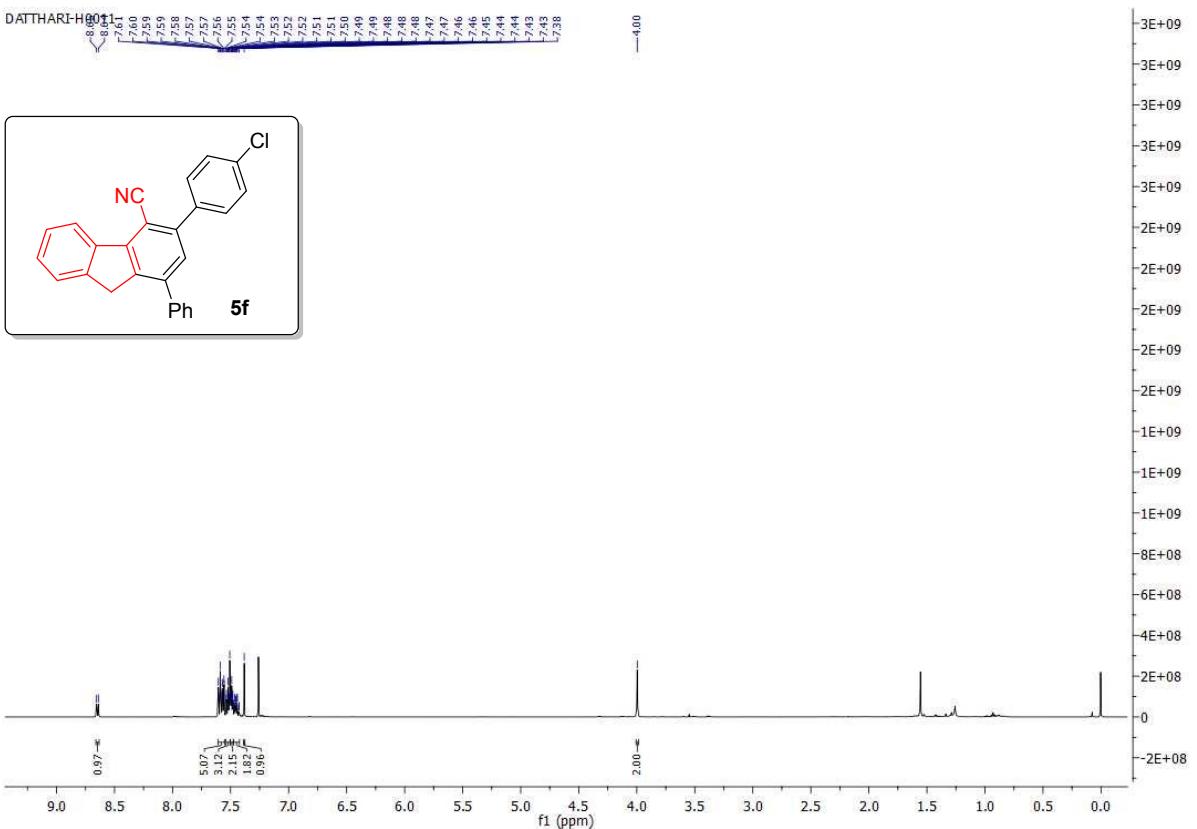
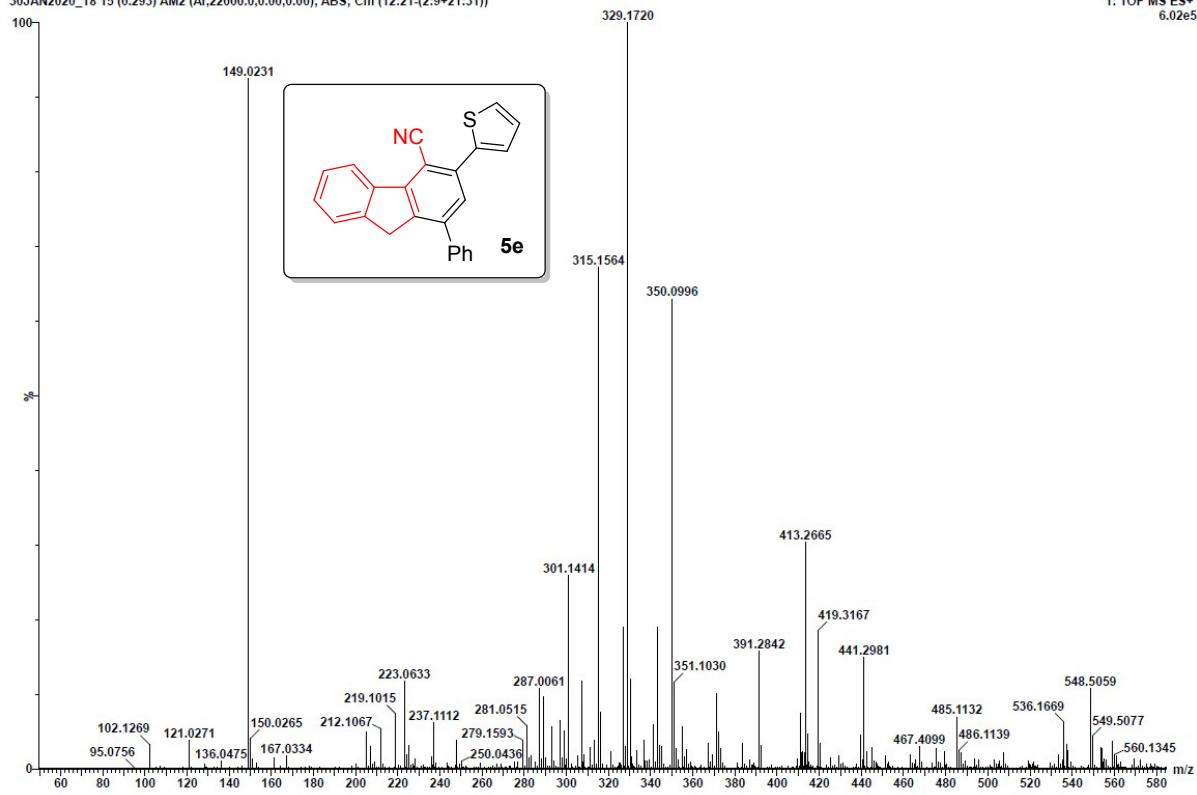


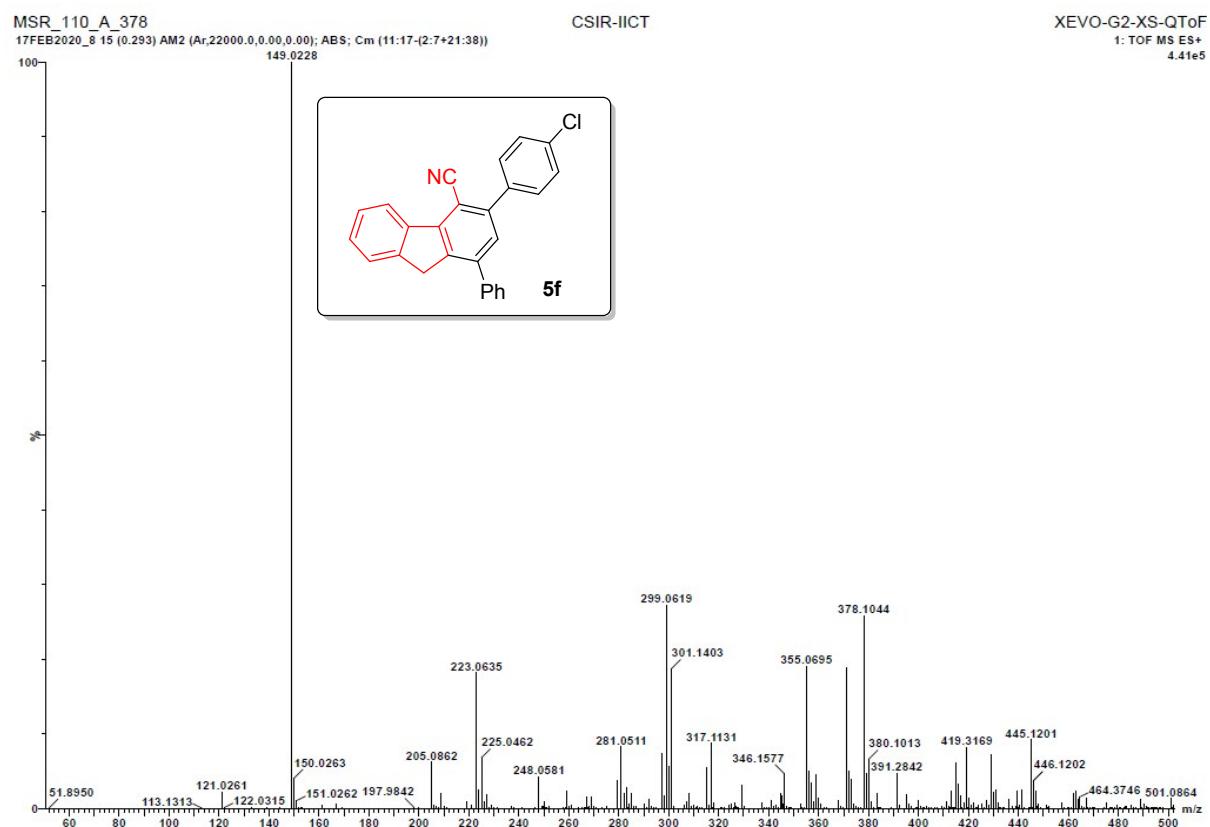
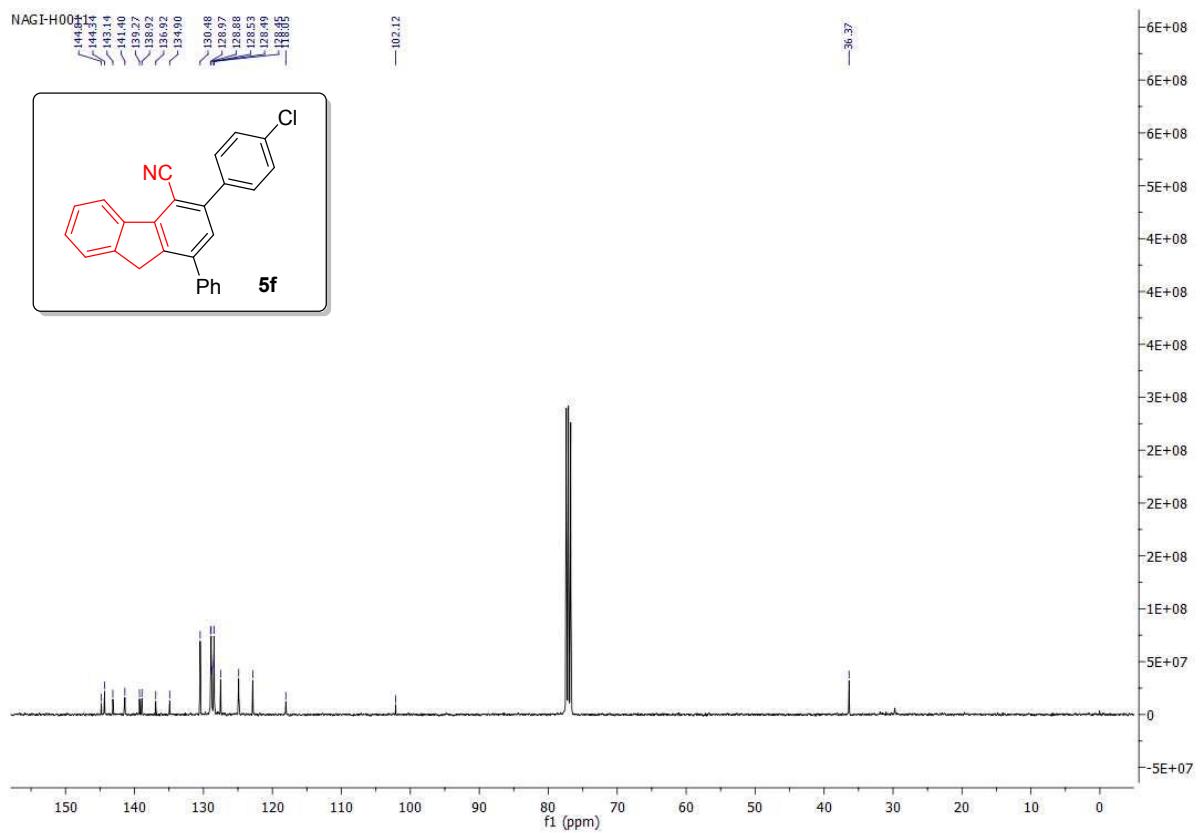


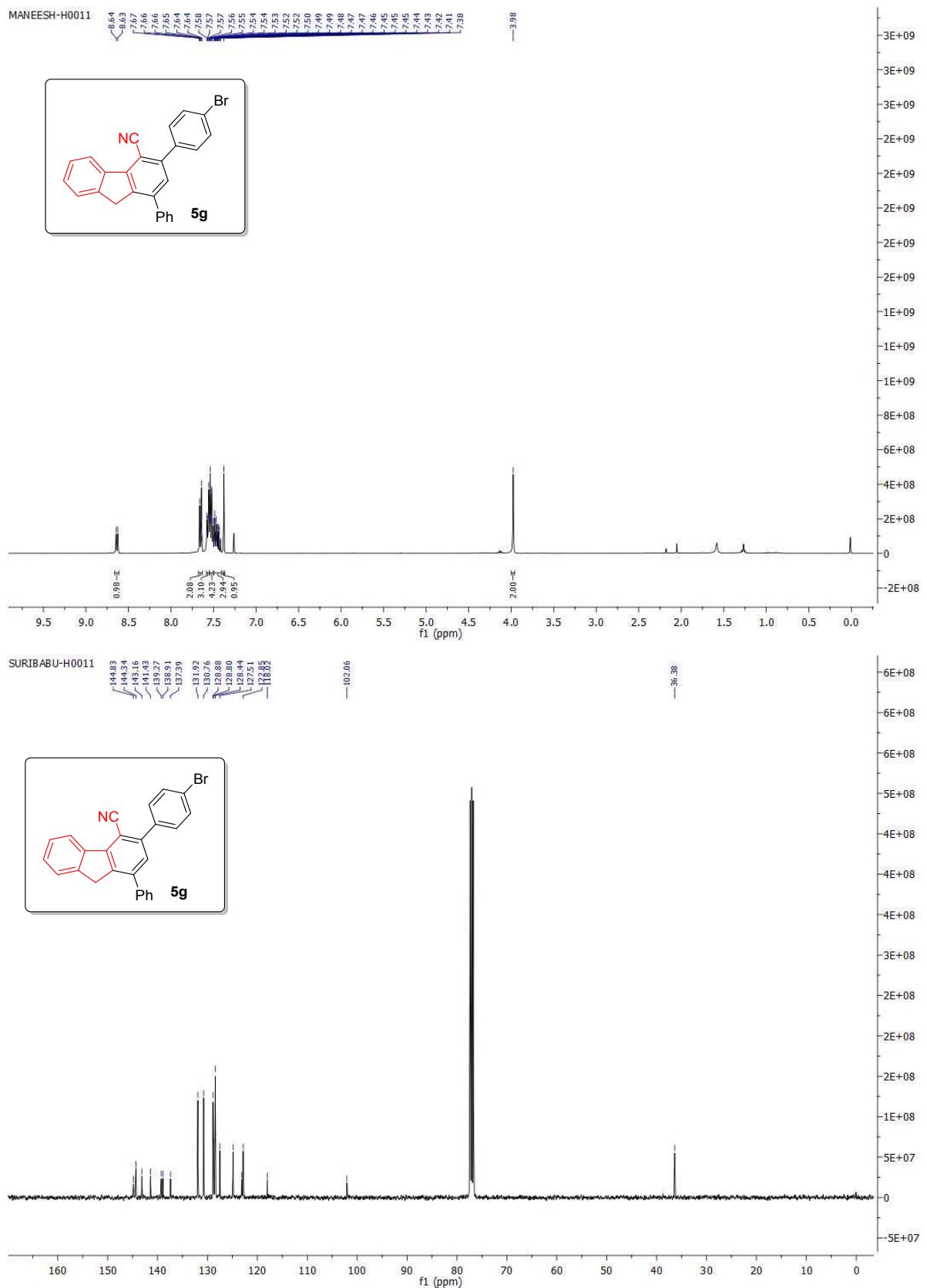


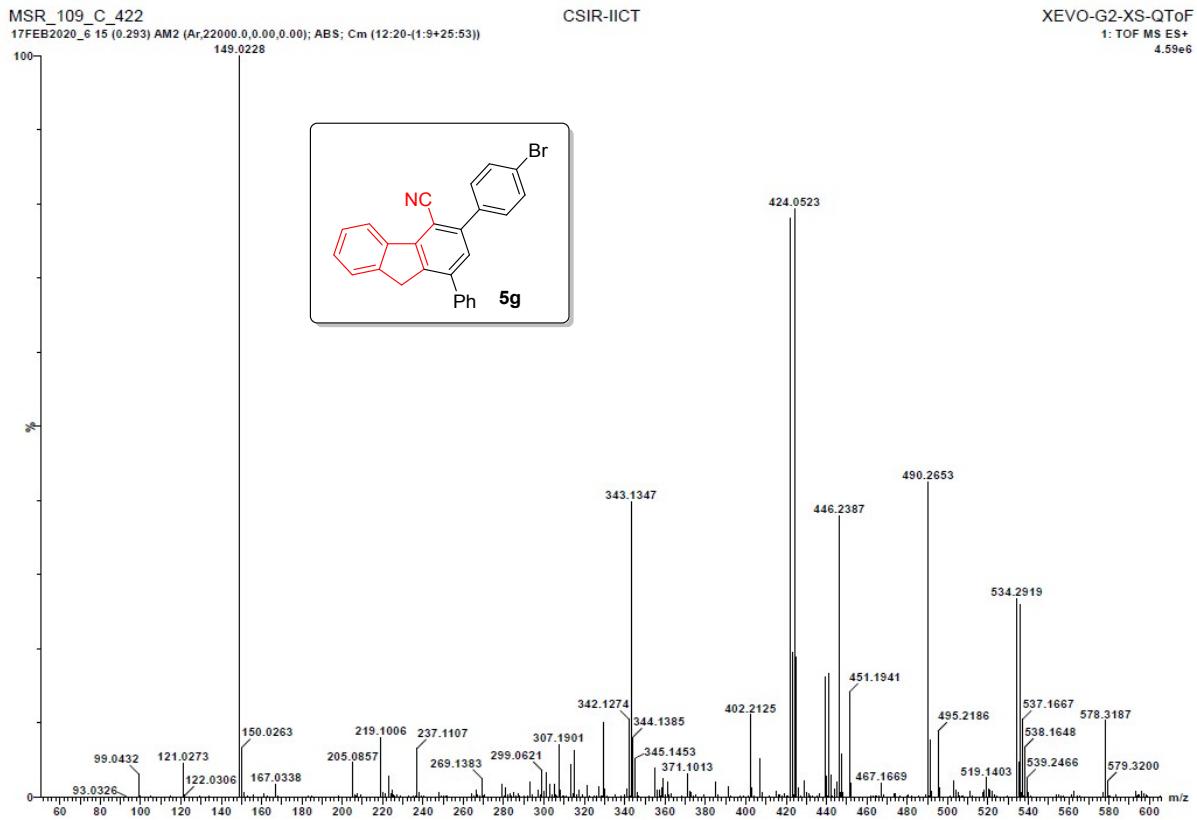
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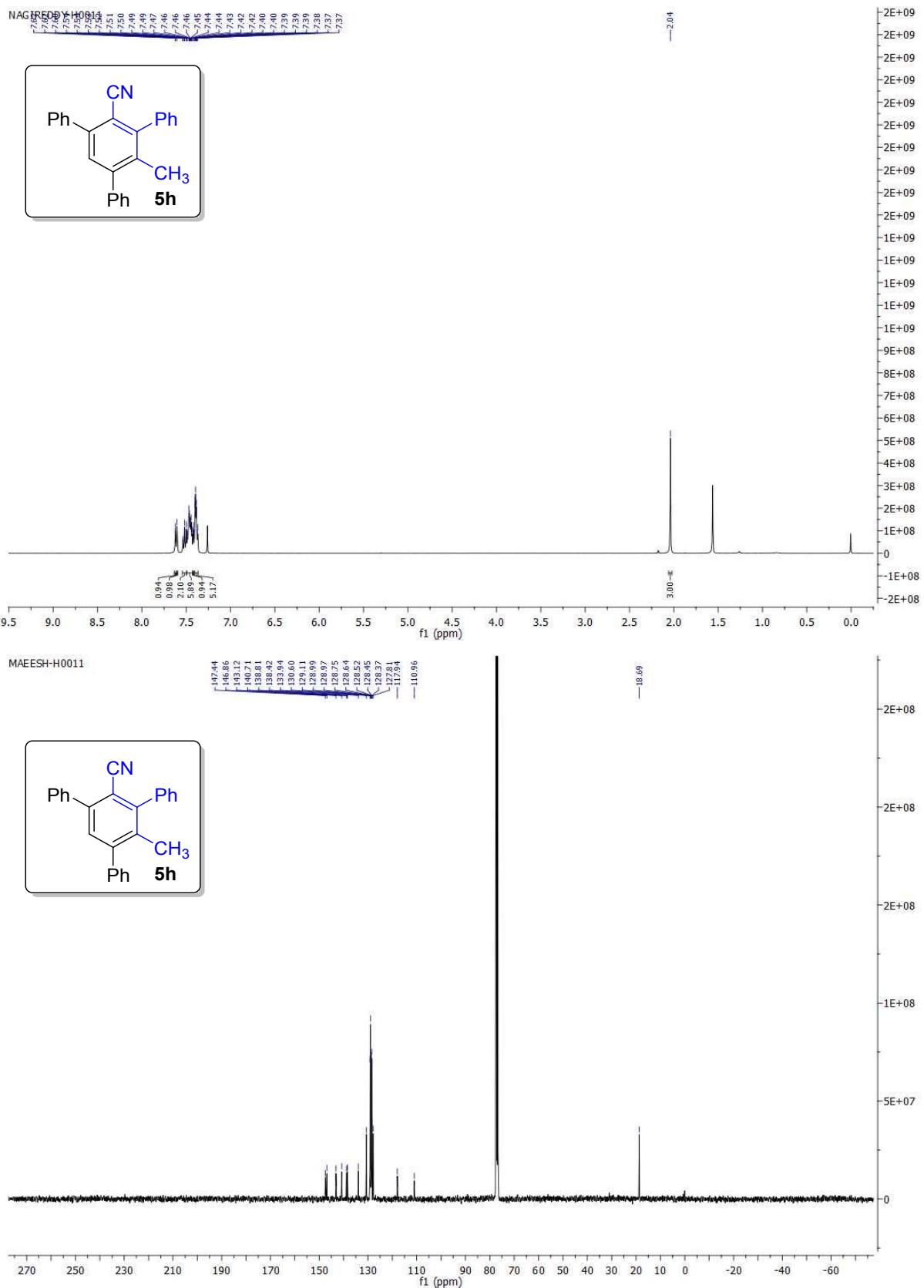
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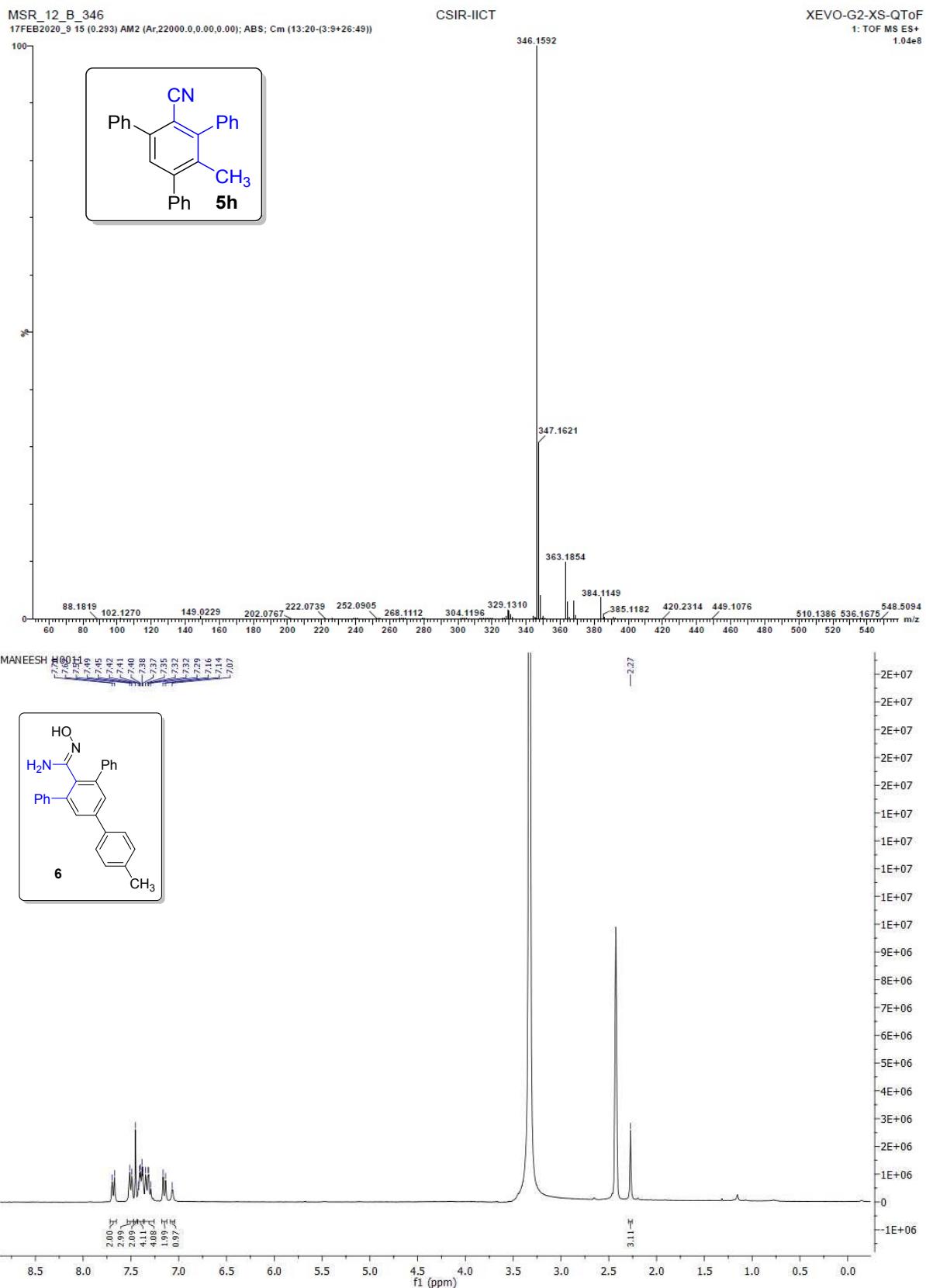


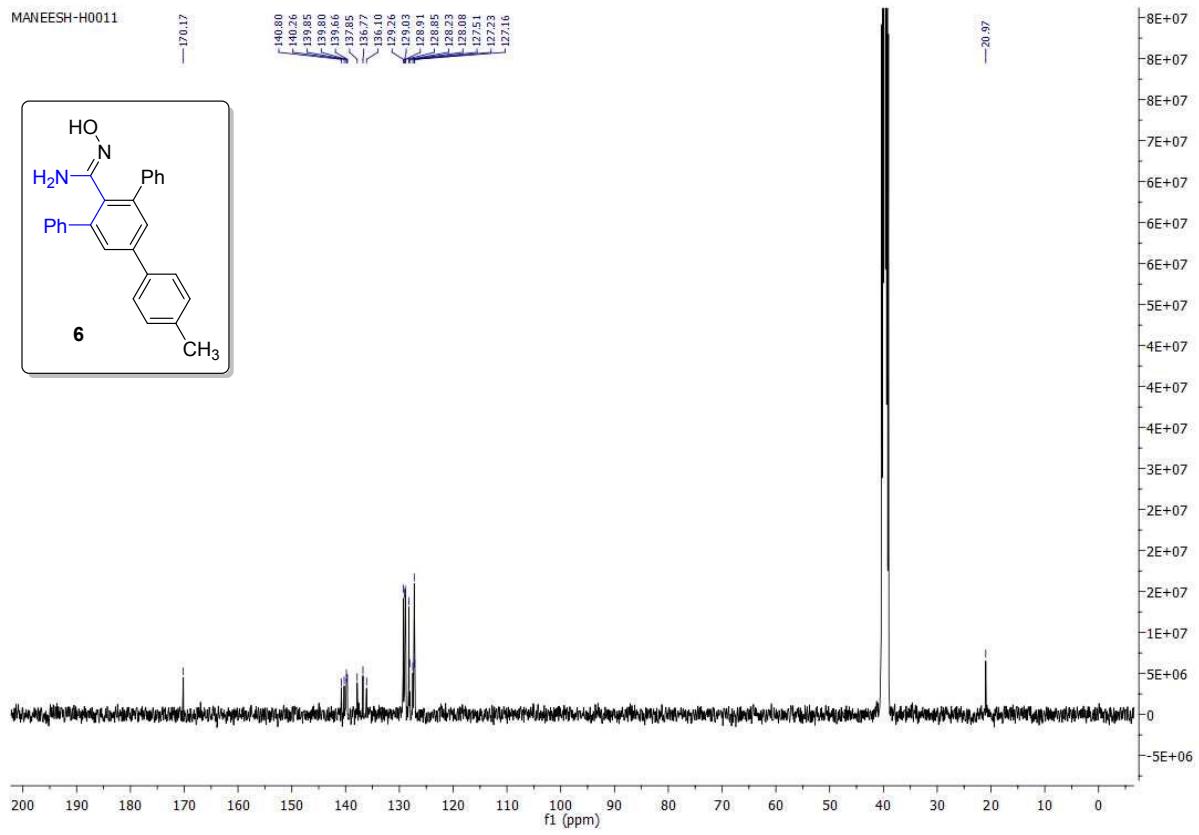








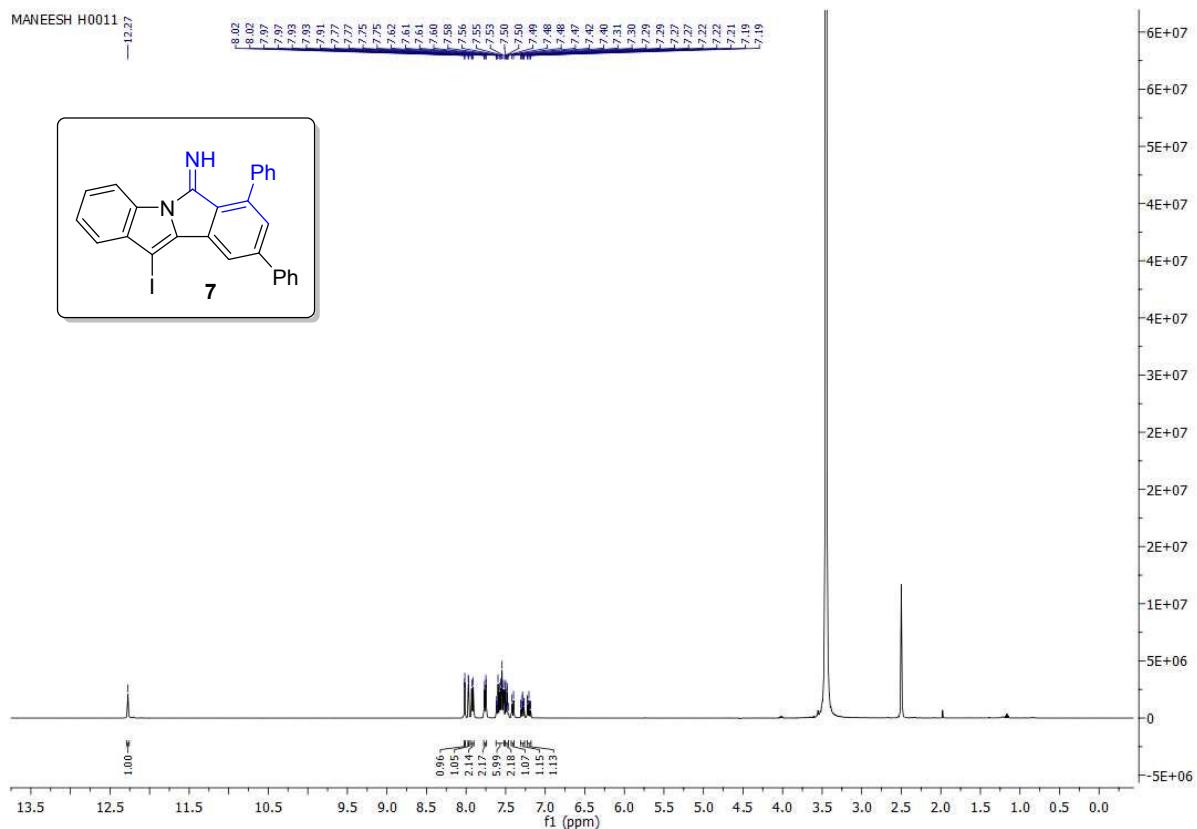
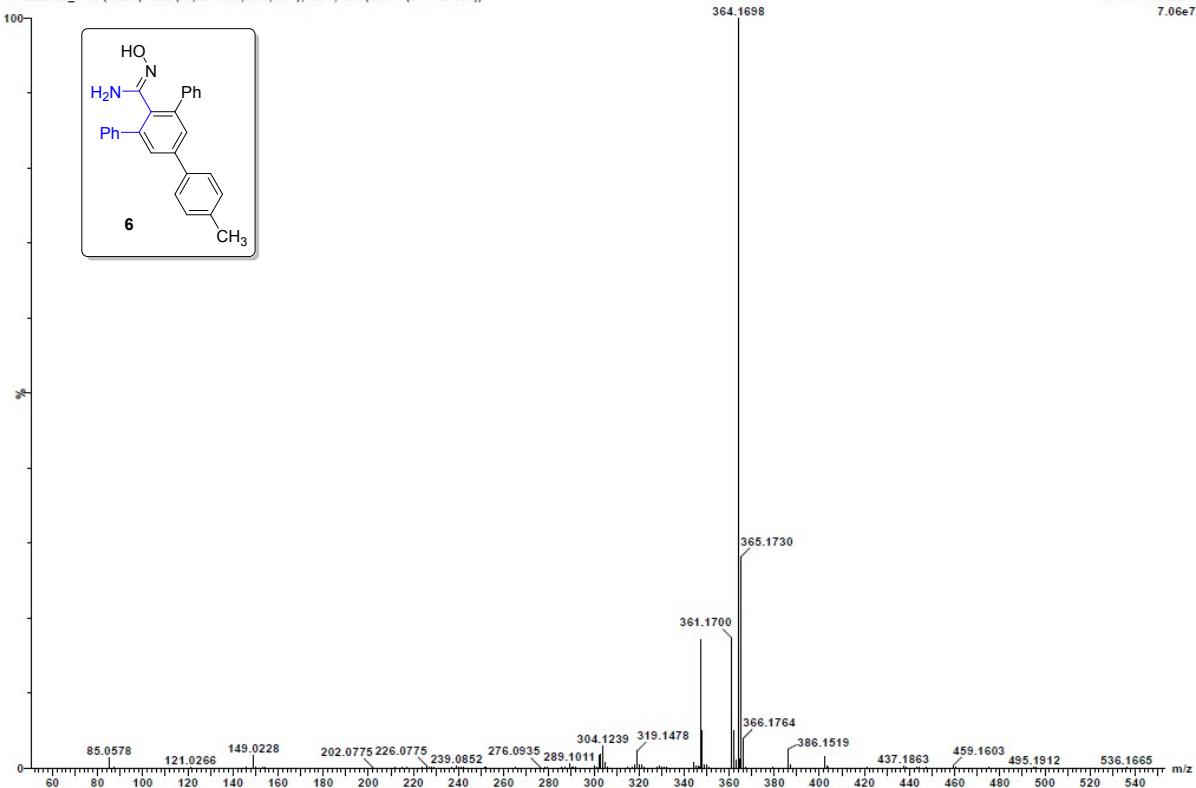


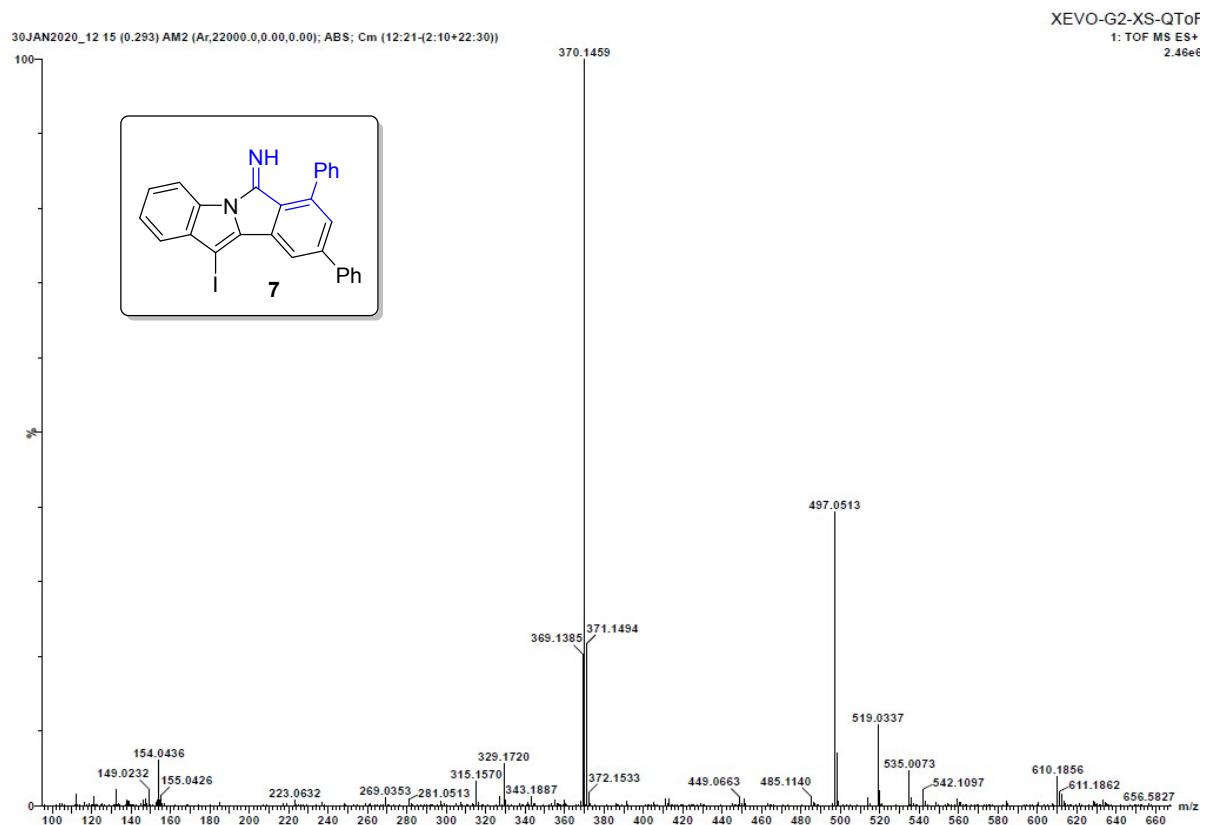
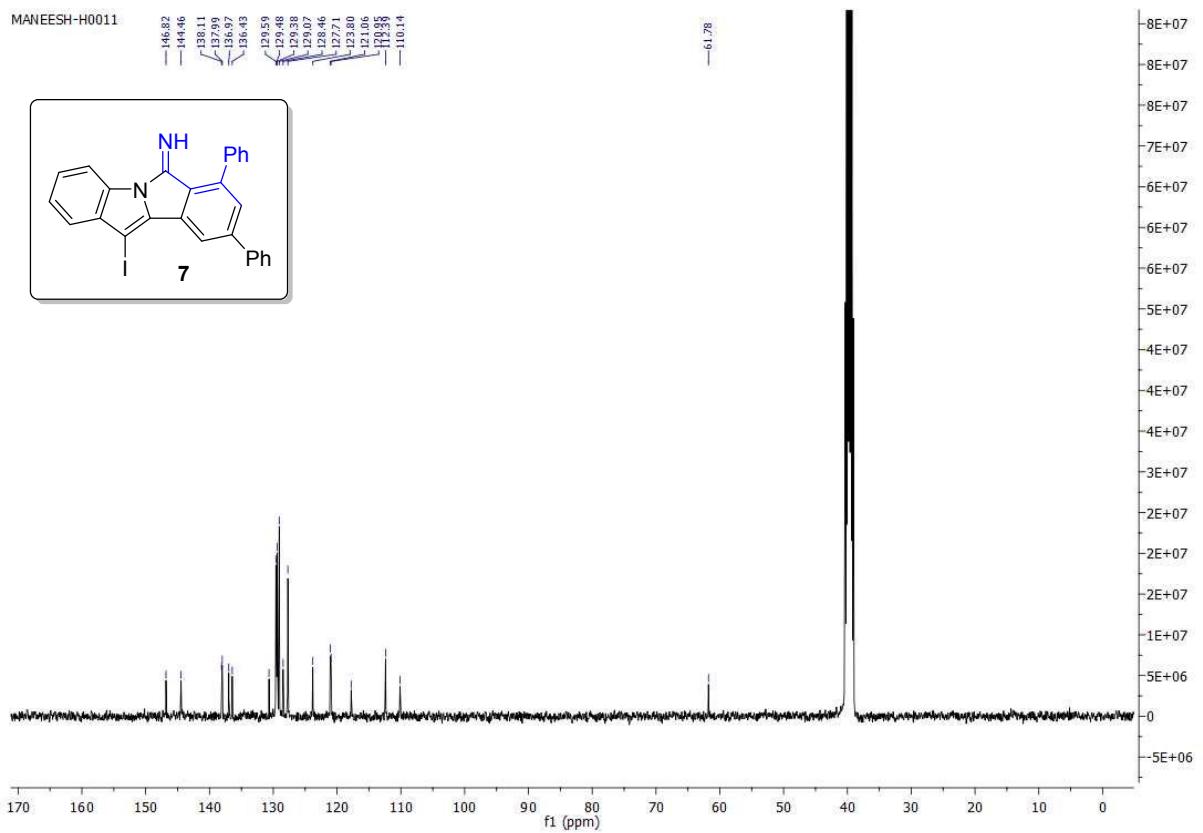


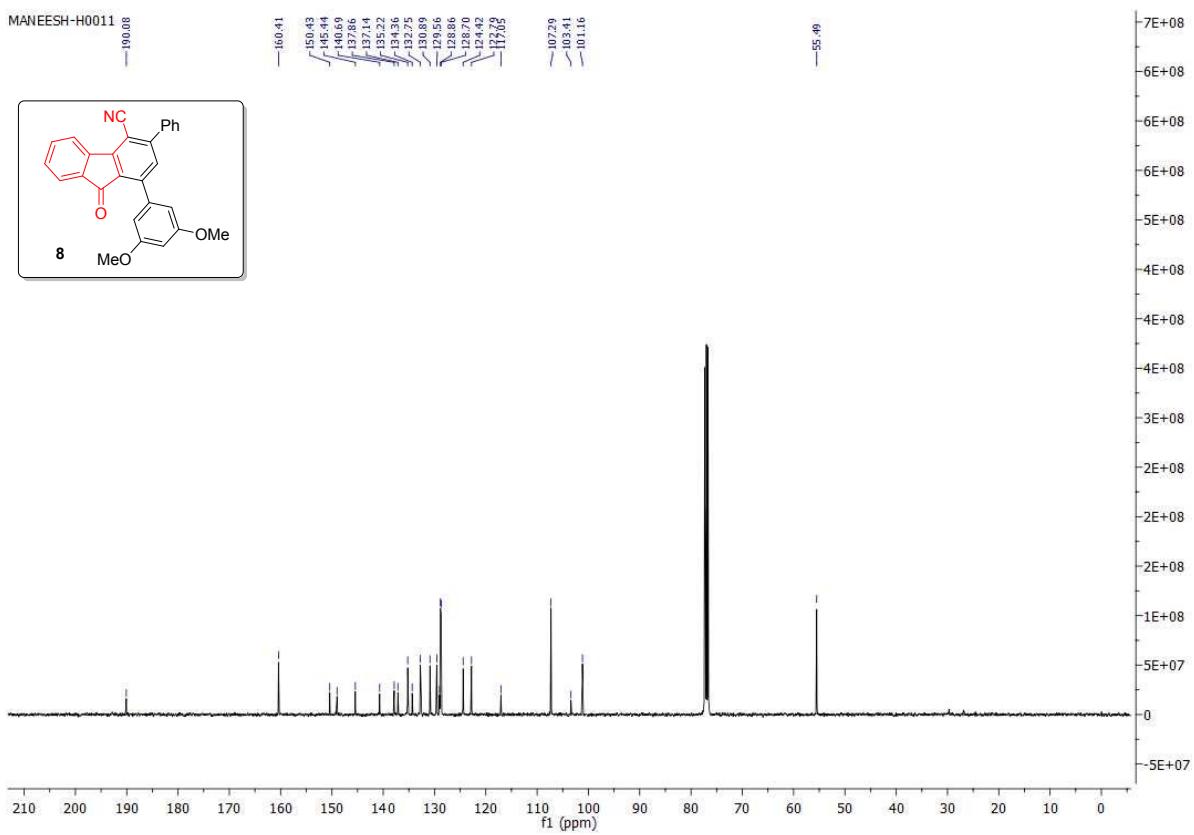
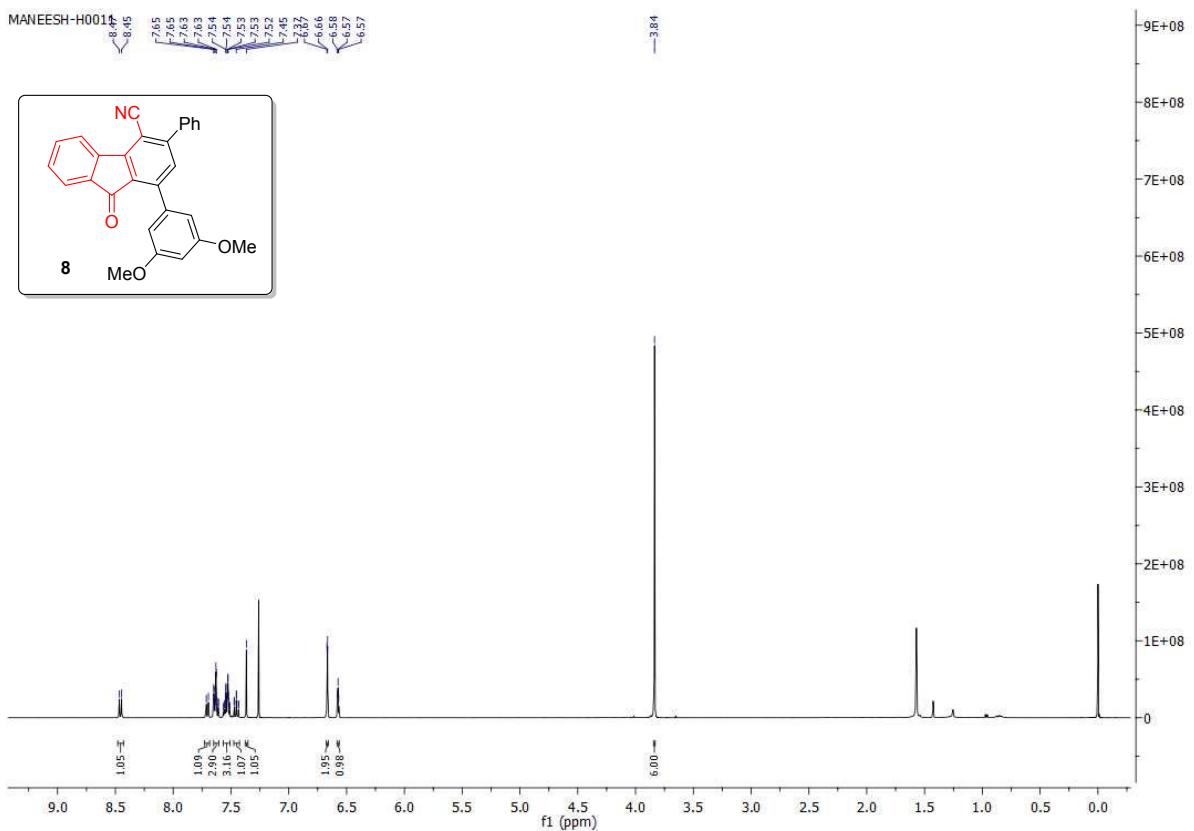
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1: TOF MS ES+
7.06e7







MSR_105_D_418
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