

*Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for*

**A Kinetically Blocked 1,14:11,12-Dibenzopentacene: A Persistent Triplet Diradical of Non-Kekulé Polycyclic Benzenoid Hydrocarbons**

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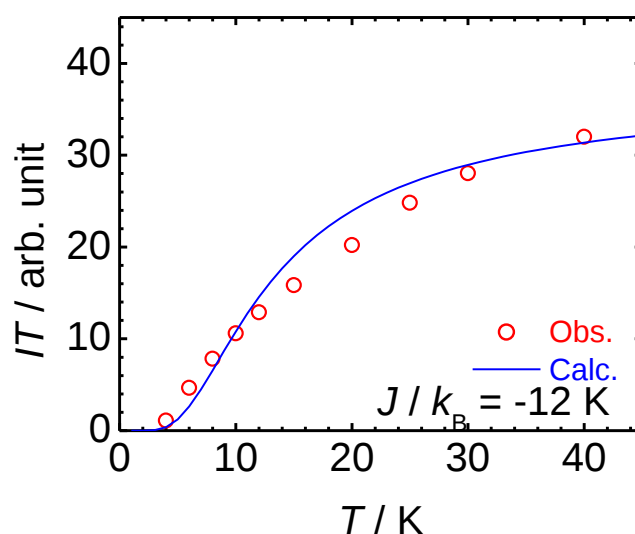
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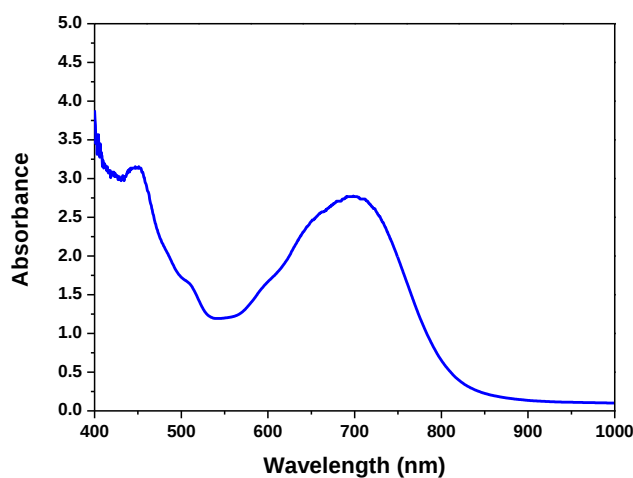
### 1. $IT$ - $T$ curve of the monoradical generated by the oxidation of **9** by *p*-chloranil

The ESR signal intensity  $I$  was estimated by using the pulsed-ESR technique. Fig. S1 shows the temperature dependence of  $IT$  values at 4-40 K, where  $T$  denotes the temperature.  $I$  is proportional to the magnetic susceptibility  $\chi$ . Namely,  $IT$  means  $\chi T$  value. It was found that the  $IT$  value decrease as the temperature is lowered. This behavior indicates an intermolecular antiferromagnetic spin coupling *via* dimerization process at low temperature. The exchange interaction  $J/k_B$  was estimated to be  $-12.0 \pm 0.8$  K based on the singlet-triplet model.



**Fig. S1.** Temperature dependence of  $IT$  value for the oxidation product of **9** with *p*-chloranil in toluene. The blue line denotes the calculated  $IT$  value based on singlet-triplet model using BB equation.

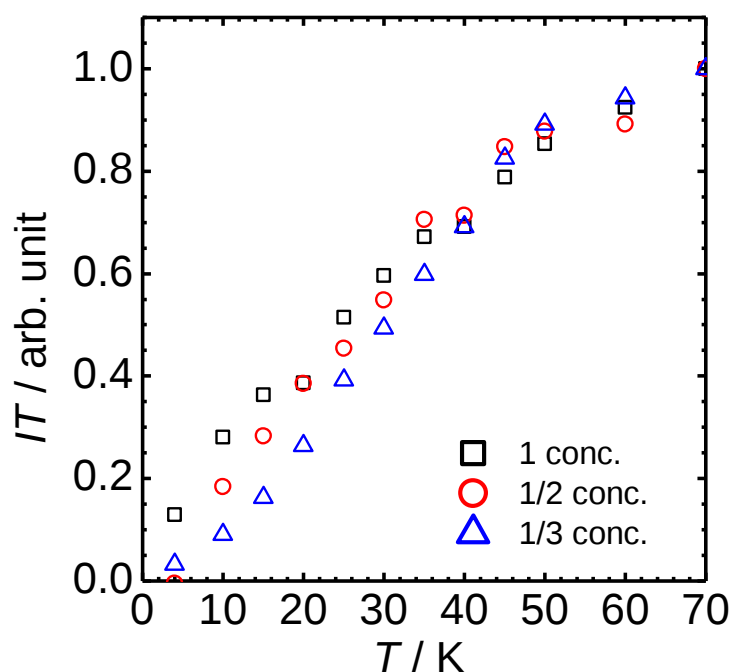
### 2. Absorption spectrum of dianion **9**<sup>2-</sup>



**Fig. S2.** Absorption spectrum of **9**<sup>2-</sup> after treatment of **9** with lithium diisopropylamide (LDA) in 2-methyl tetrahydrofuran (2-Me-THF) at  $-78$  °C for 30 min.

### 3. Concentration dependent $IT$ - $T$ curves for DP-Mes

The concentration dependent ESR measurements were done by a dilution method. The *in situ* generated triplet diradical solution at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  starting from 8 mM of precursor **9** (denoted as “1 conc.”) was carefully diluted by 1/2 (denoted as “1/2 conc.”) and 1/3 (denoted as “1/3 conc.”) by adding chilled anhydrous 2-Me-THF ( $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) in an ESR tube under nitrogen protection. Then the solutions with different concentrations were subjected to VT ESR measurements at low temperature. Upon the dilution, there was no obvious change of the ESR spectrum, indicating that there was no significant decomposition of the triplet diradical during the operation. The temperature dependent  $IT$  values were shown in Fig. S3. The comparison of the absolute signal intensity is difficult, because the measurements error includes amount of sample and signal-to-noise ratio. Therefore, we compared the normalized signal intensity at 70 K on each concentrations.

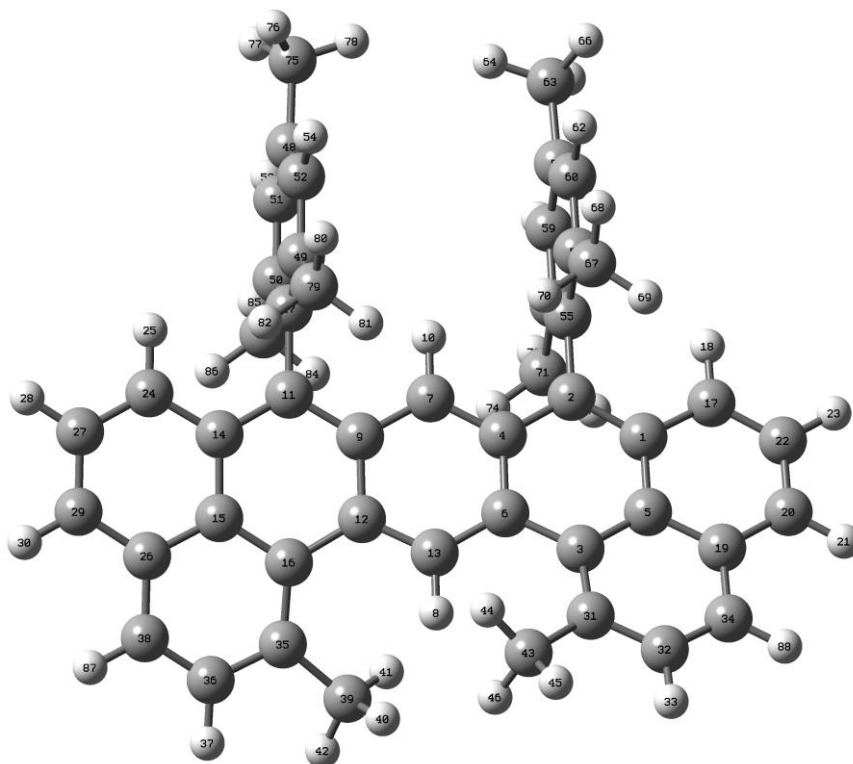


**Fig. S3.** Temperature dependence of observed  $IT$  value for the **DP-Mes** at different concentrations. The *in situ* generated diradicals solution was carefully diluted by 1/2 (1/2 conc.) and 1/3 (1/3 conc.) of the original concentration (1 conc.) in an ESR tube at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

#### 4. DFT calculations details

Density functional theory calculations for **DP-Mes** were employed with Gaussian 09 package,<sup>1</sup> utilizing the UCAM-B3LYP level of theory with Pople basis set 6-31G\* in the gas phase.

##### Triplet diradical:



Mulliken atomic spin densities:

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| 5  | C | 0.176896  |
| 6  | C | 0.322586  |
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| 9  | C | -0.279394 |
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| 11 | C | 0.560395  |
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| 13 | C | -0.250168 |
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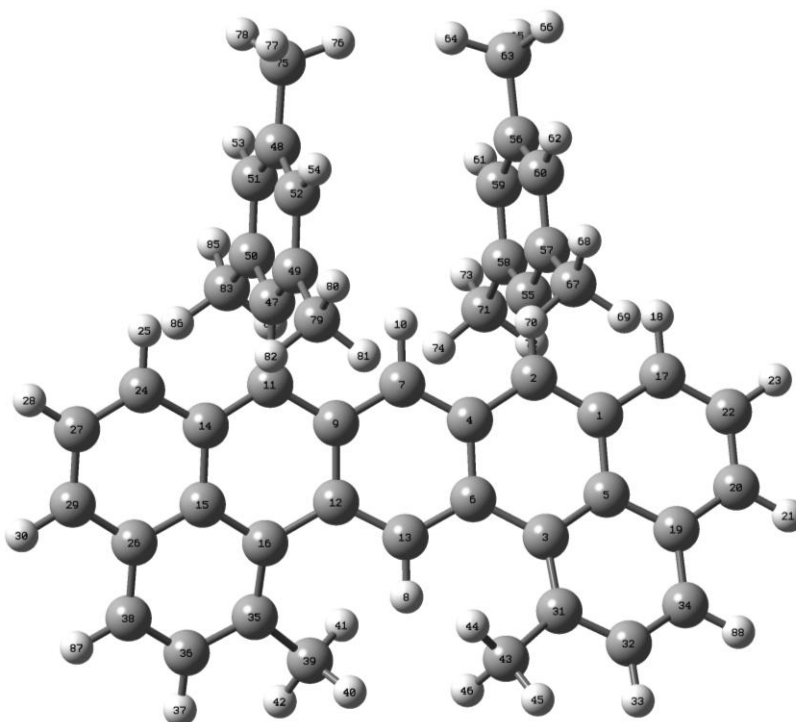
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### Singlet diradical



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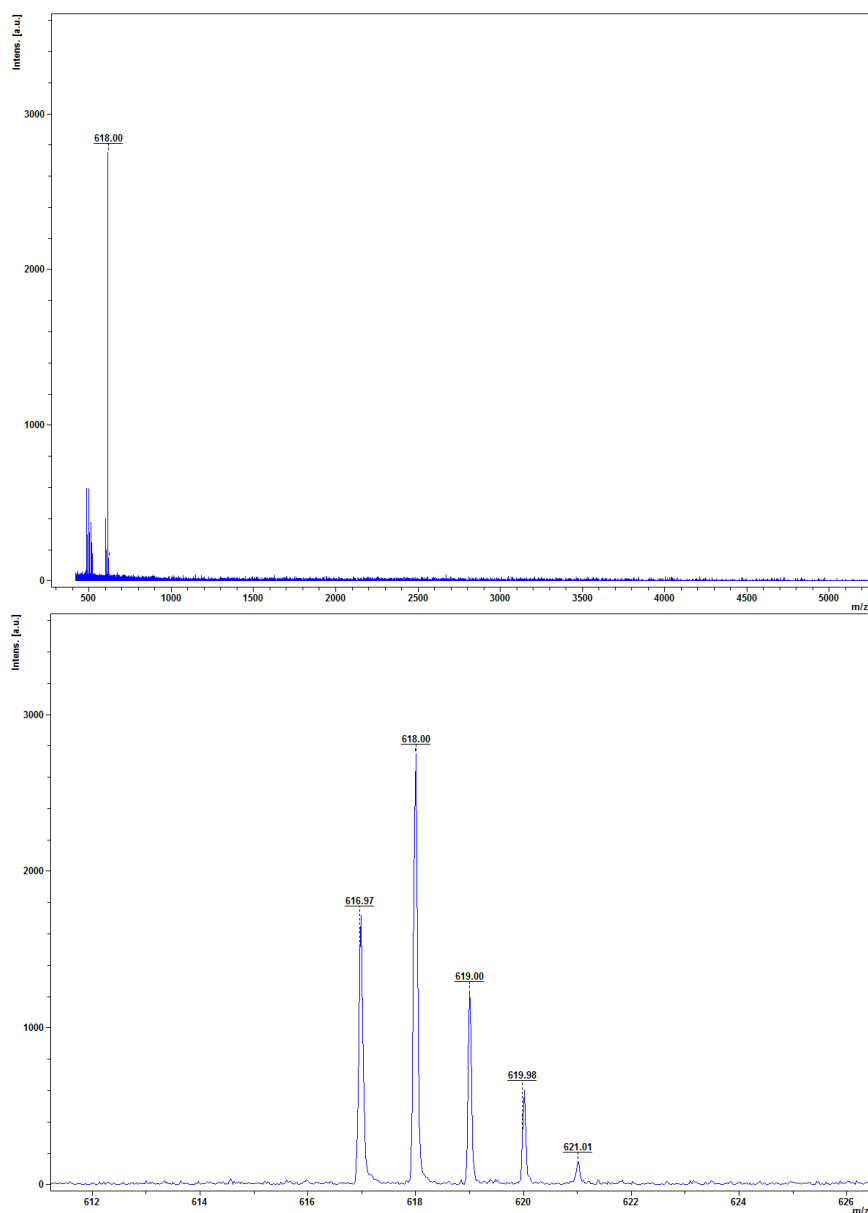
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## 5. Mass spectrum of DP-Mes solution at room temperature



**Fig. S4.** MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of the products when the solution of **DP-Mes** was briefly warmed up to room temperature.

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Chemical structure of 4,4'-bis(2-methyl-1-oxo-2-phenylvinyl)-2,2'-biphenyl is shown in the top right corner.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showing peaks from 0 to 9 ppm. Integration values are shown below the peaks: 1.00, 2.10, 2.05, 8.08, 1.02, 6.39, 6.32. Chemical shift values are listed above the peaks: 8.8819, 8.8775, 8.8277, 7.8189, 7.8093, 7.8017, 7.7885, 7.7730, 7.7450, 7.4131, 7.4084, 7.3962, 7.3852, 7.3733, 7.3675, 7.3612, 7.3583, 7.3479, 7.3403, 7.3315, 7.3253, 7.3229, 7.3096, 7.2990, 7.2883, 7.2863, 7.2603, 7.2356, 7.2170, 7.2065, 3.5443, 3.5384, 3.5176, 3.5134, 2.4177, 2.2879, 2.2537, 2.2414, 1.5313, 1.4340, 1.2681, 0.8878, 0.8625.

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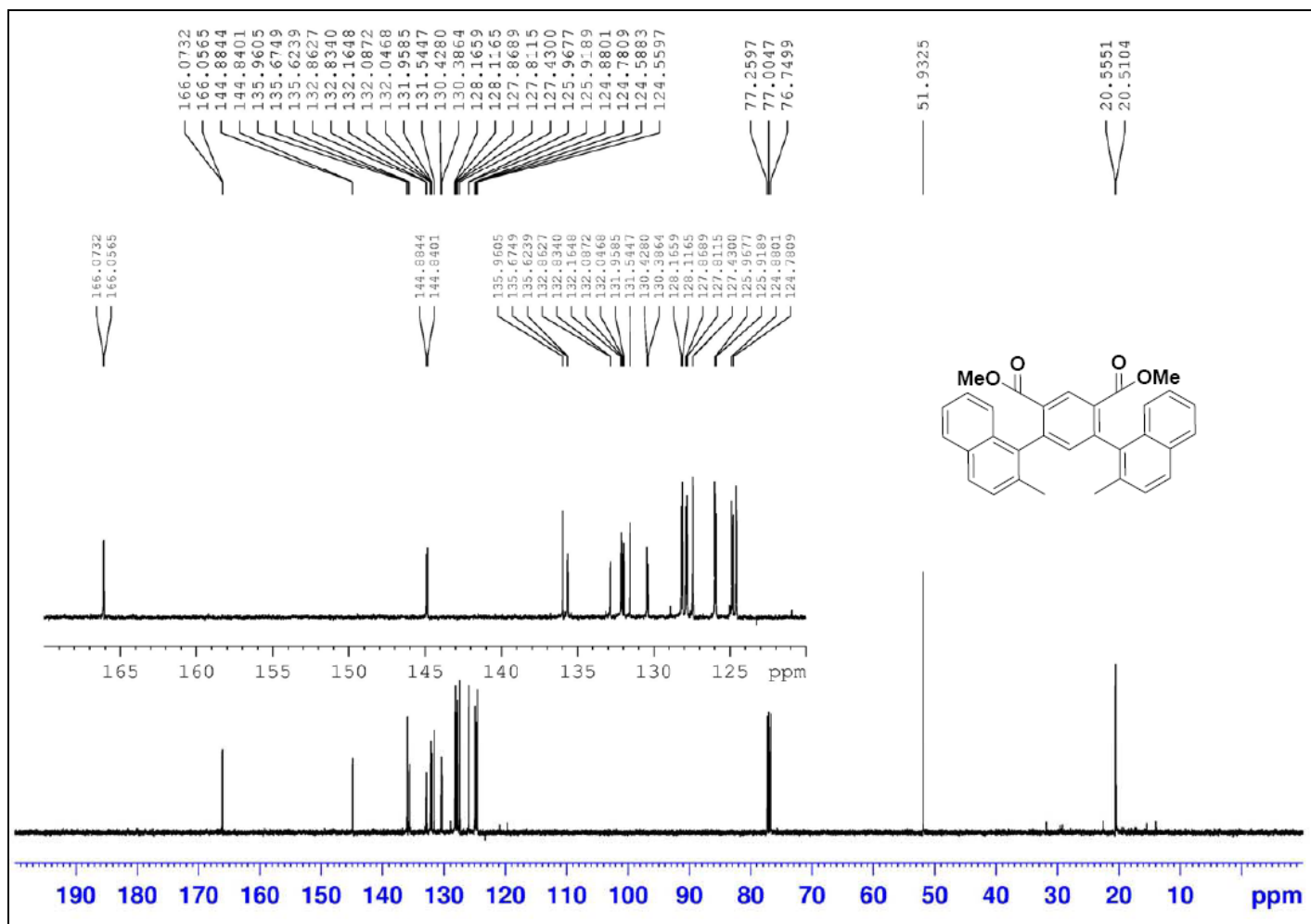


Fig. S6.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of 3 (125MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt)

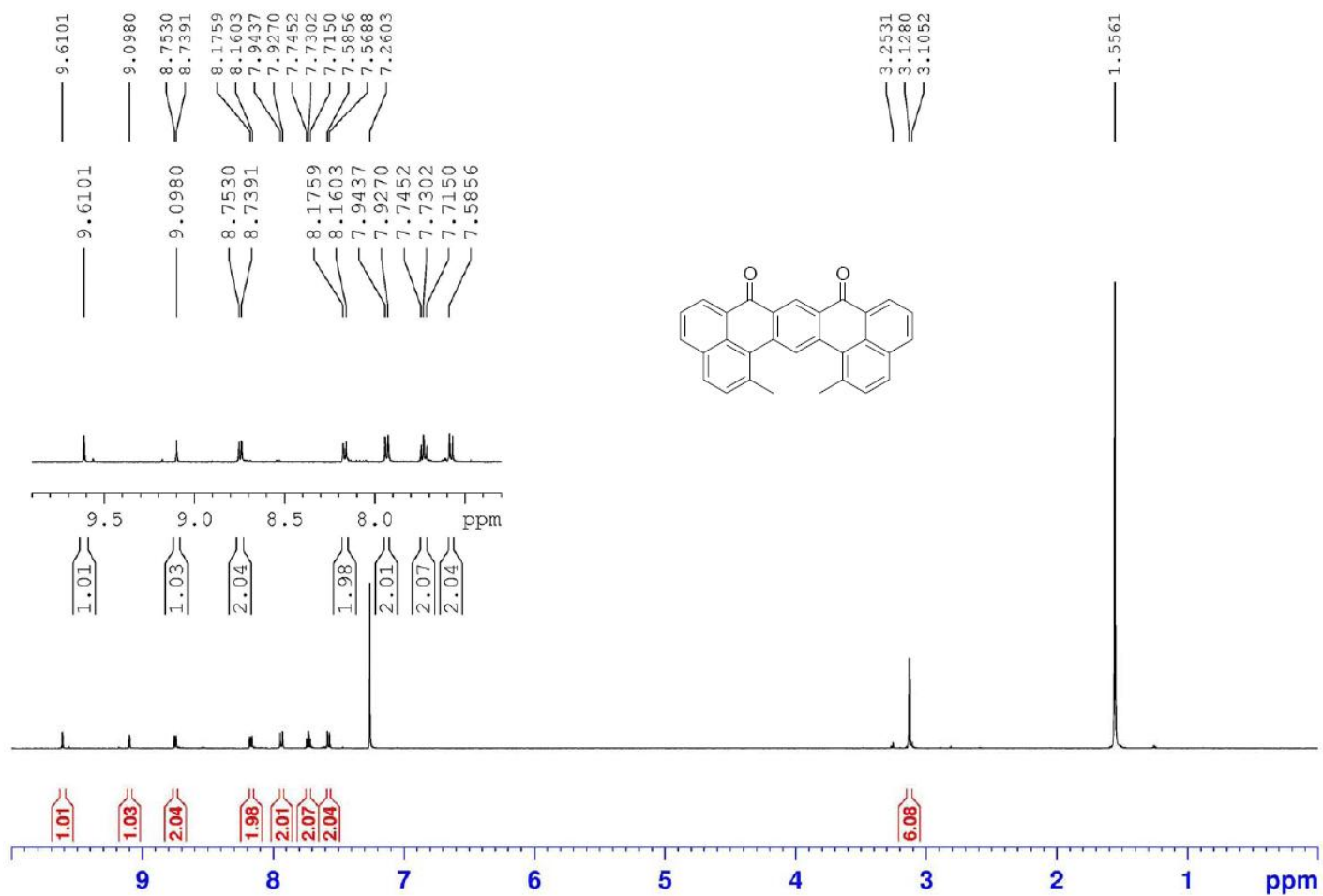
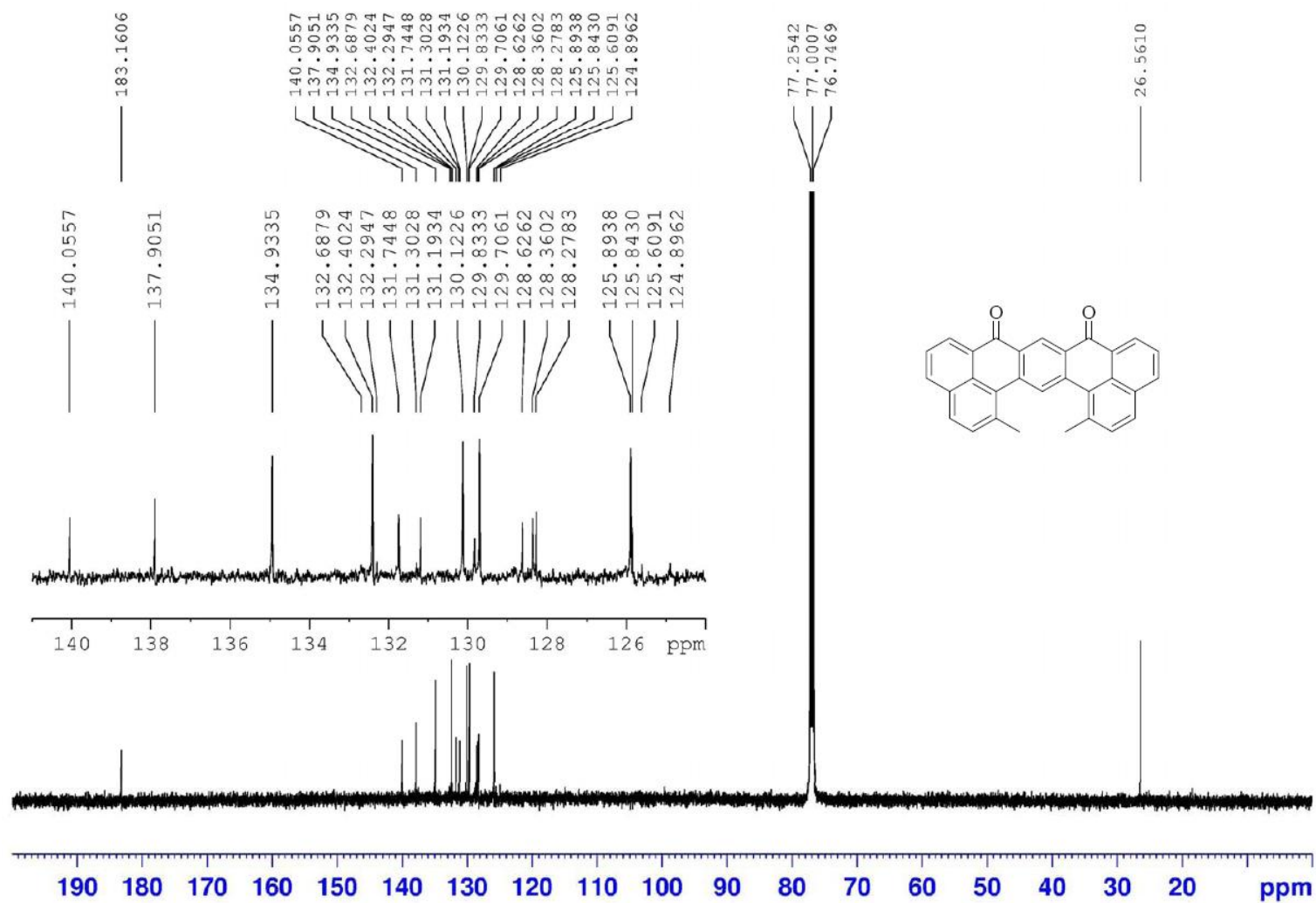
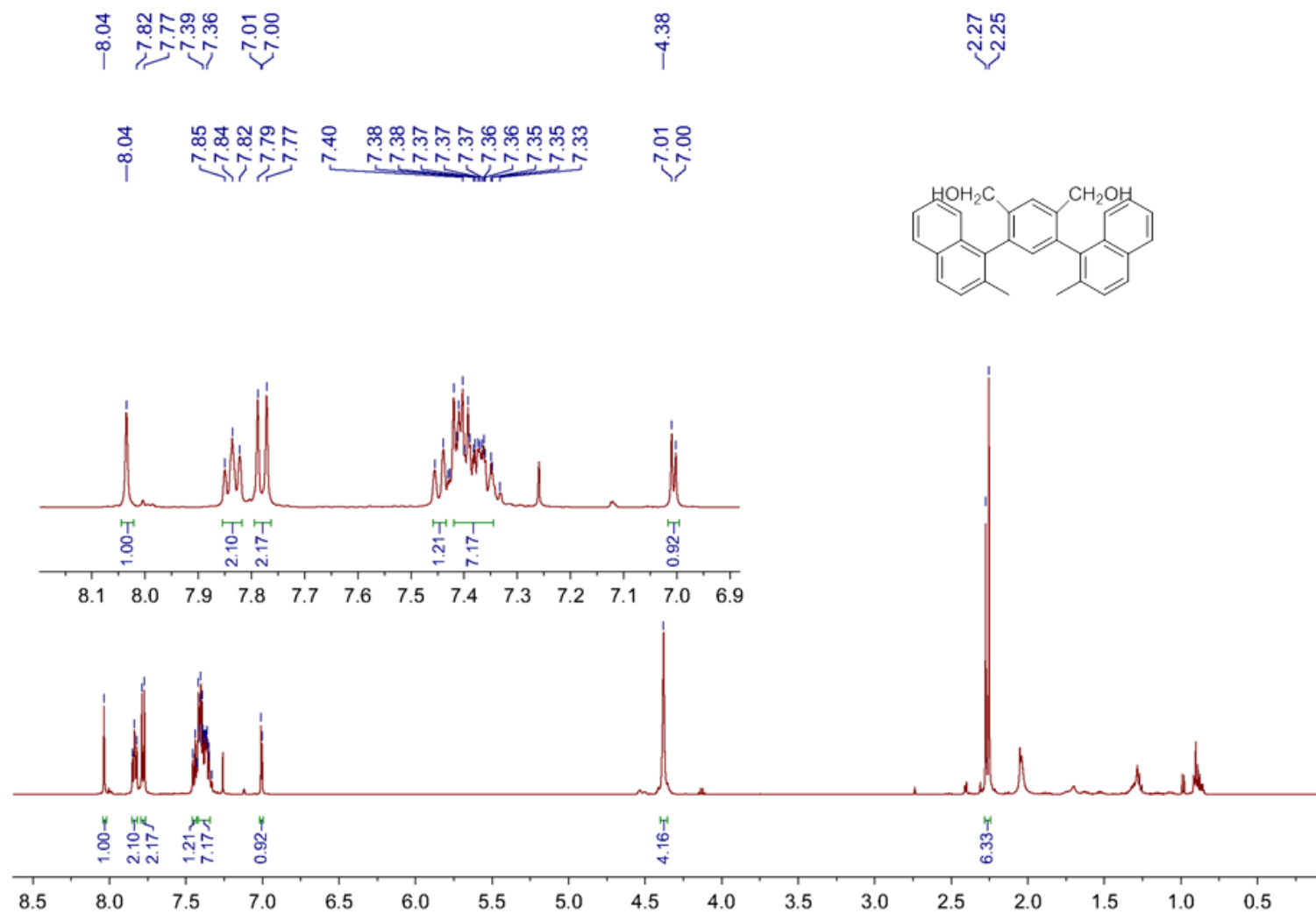


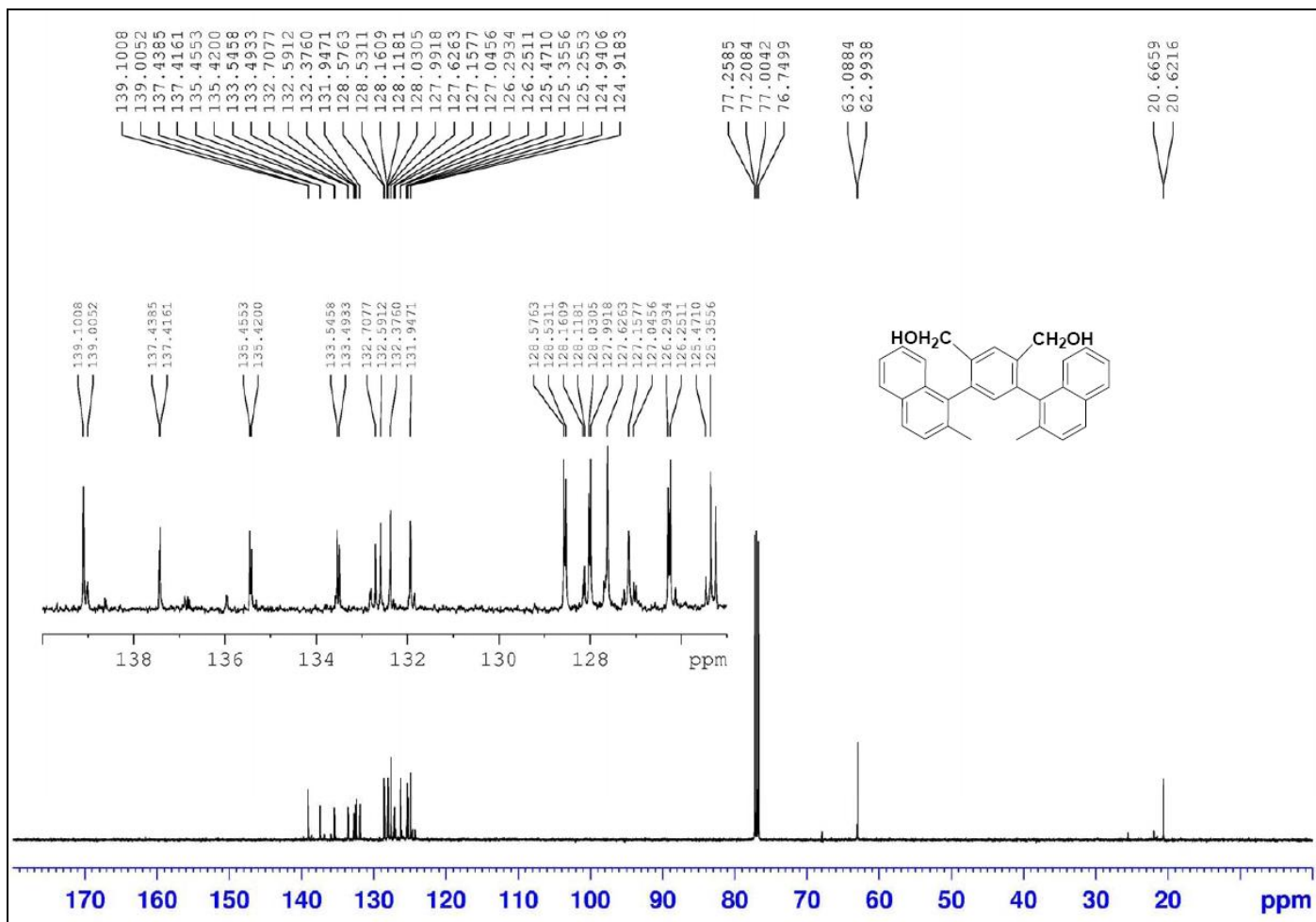
Fig. S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4 (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt)



**Fig. S8.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **4** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt)



**Fig. S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **6** (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt)



**Fig. S10.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **6** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt)

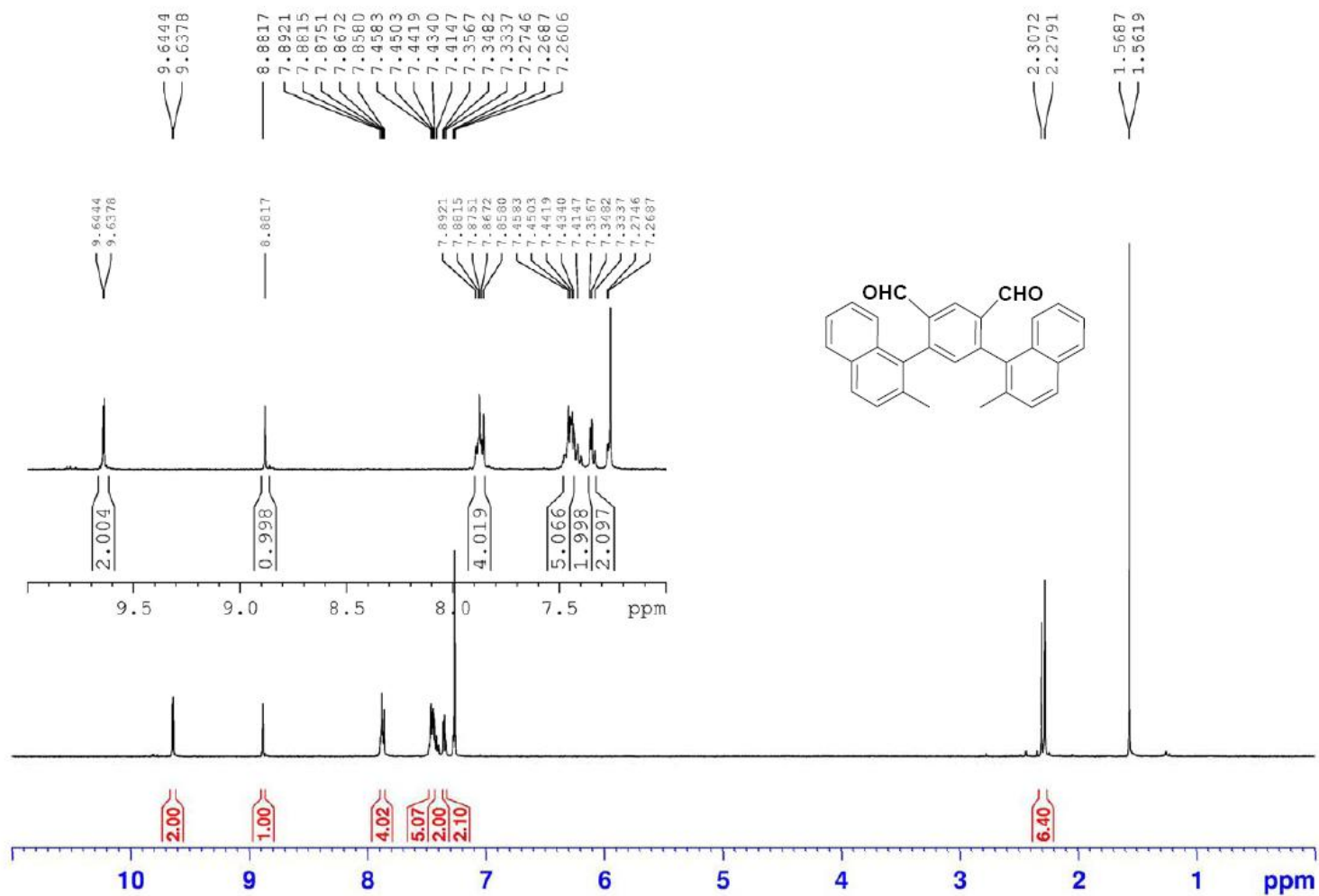
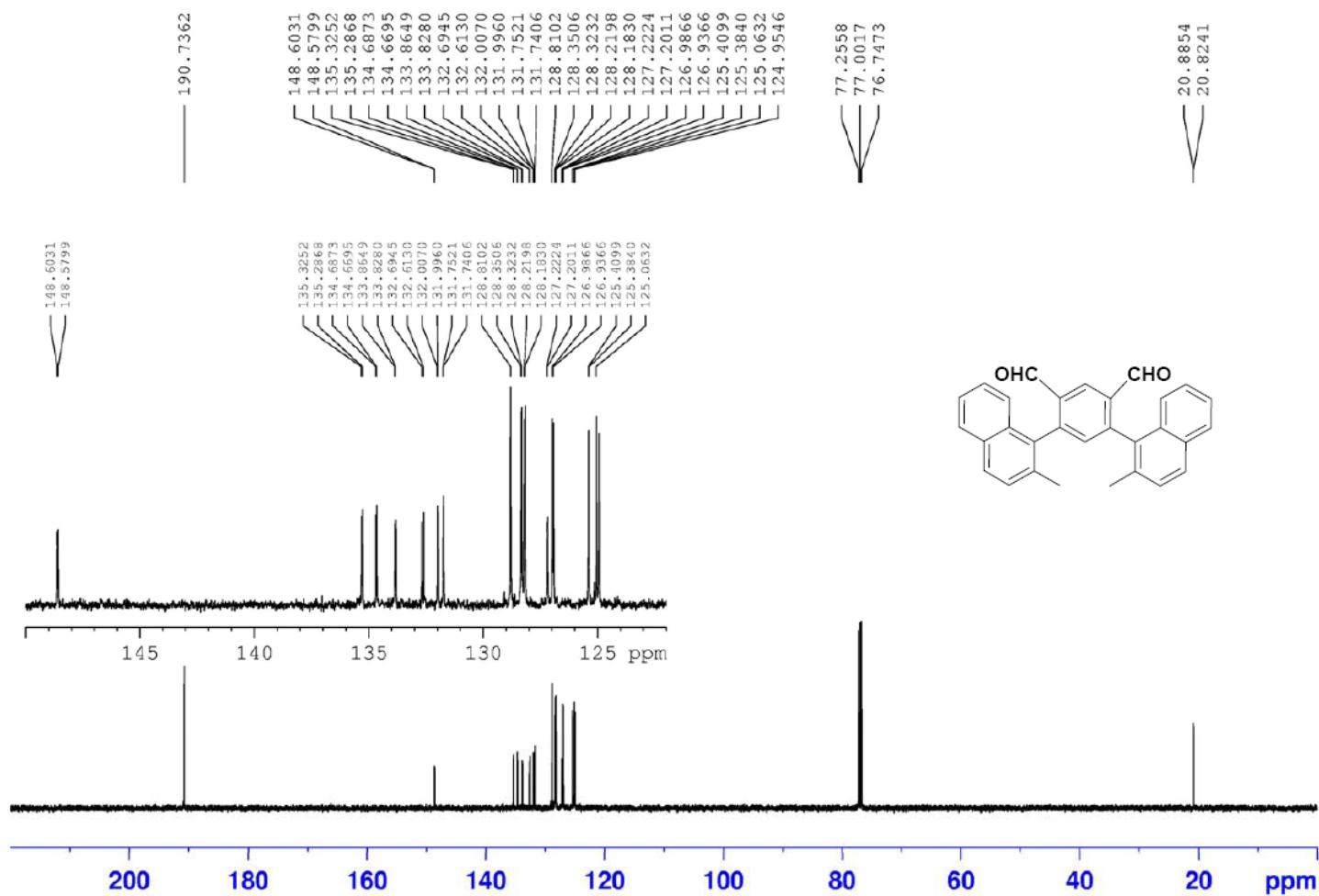


Fig. S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 7 (500MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt)



**Fig. S12.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 7 (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt)

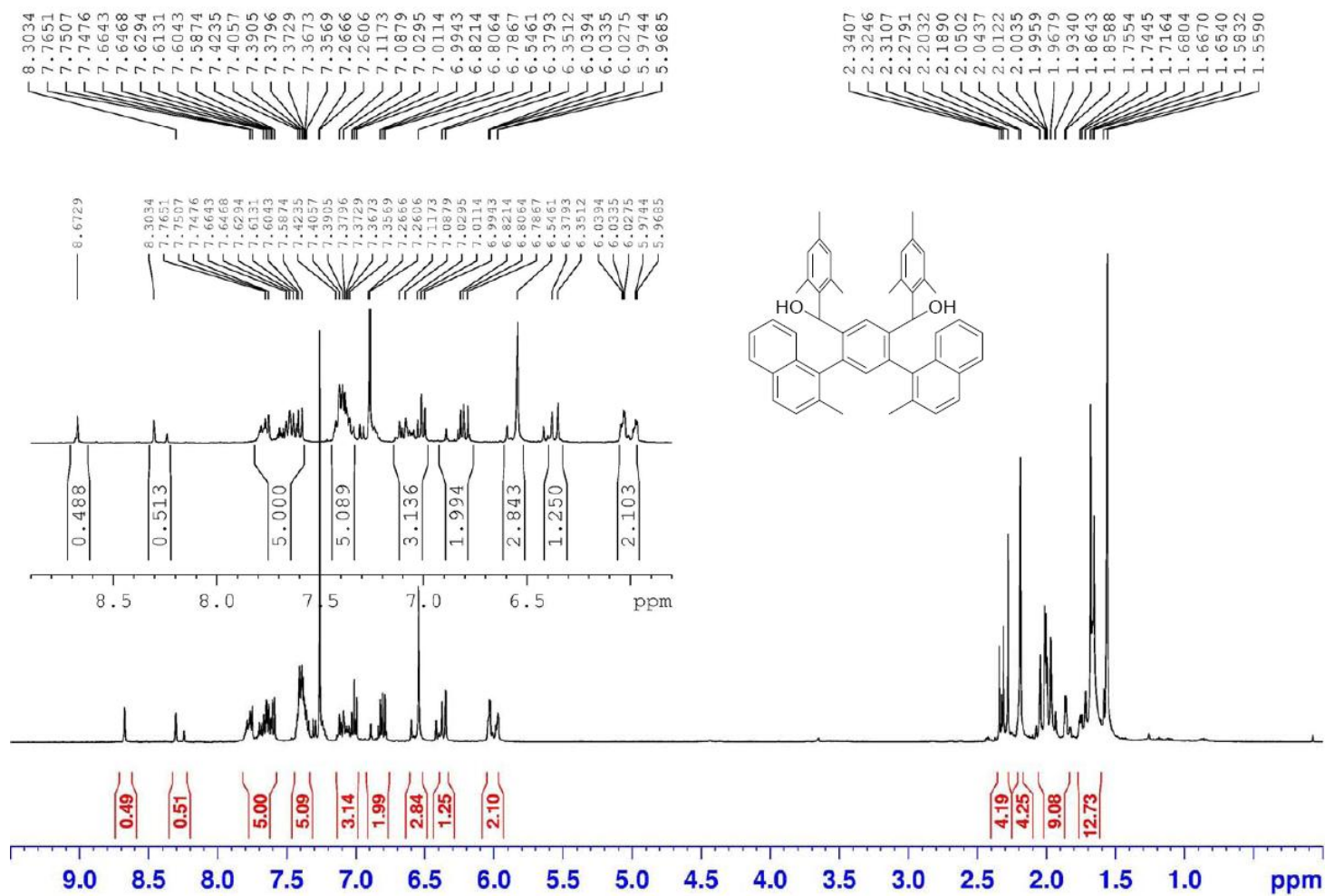
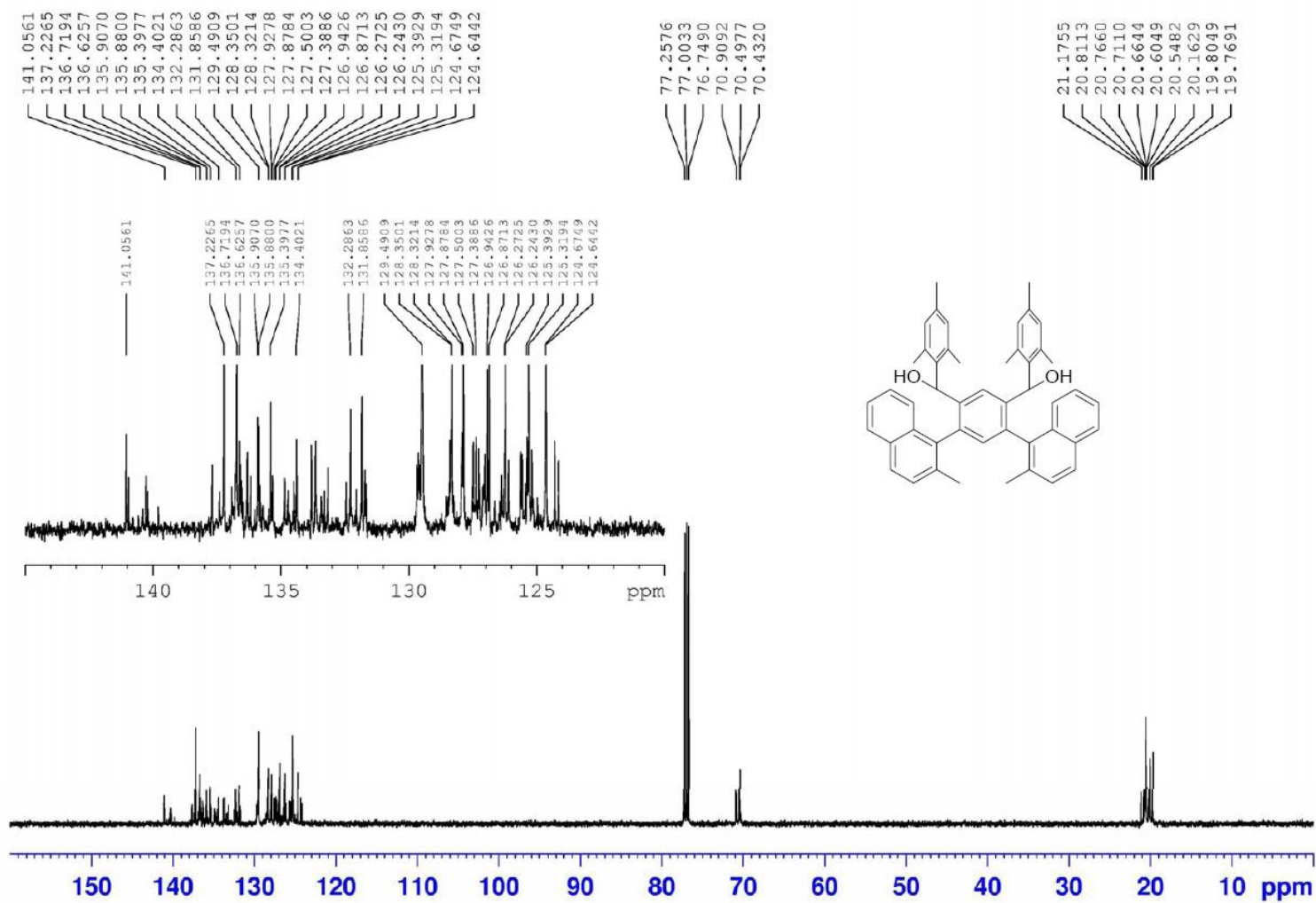


Fig. S13.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **8** (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt)



**Fig. S14.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectrum of **8** (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt)

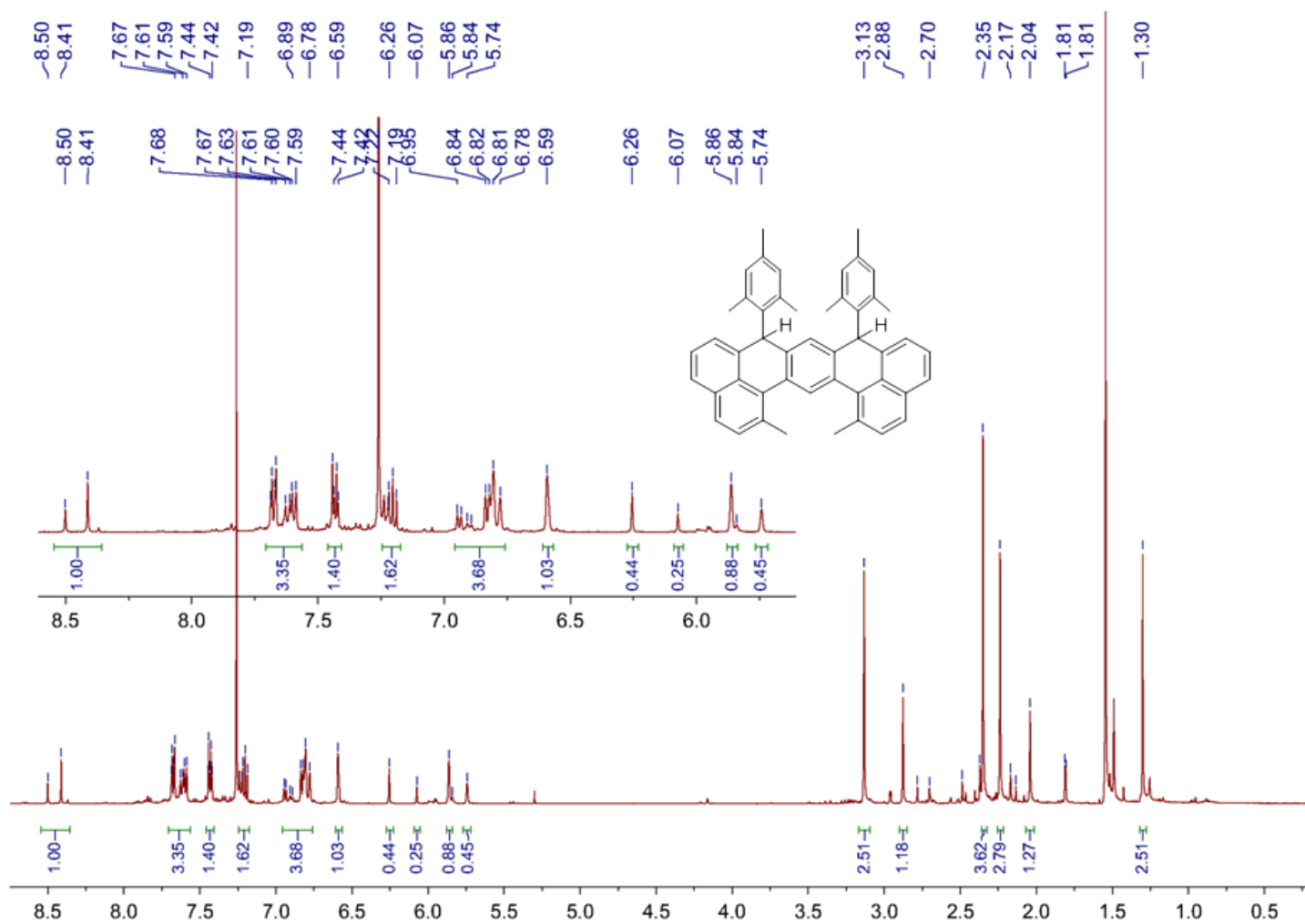
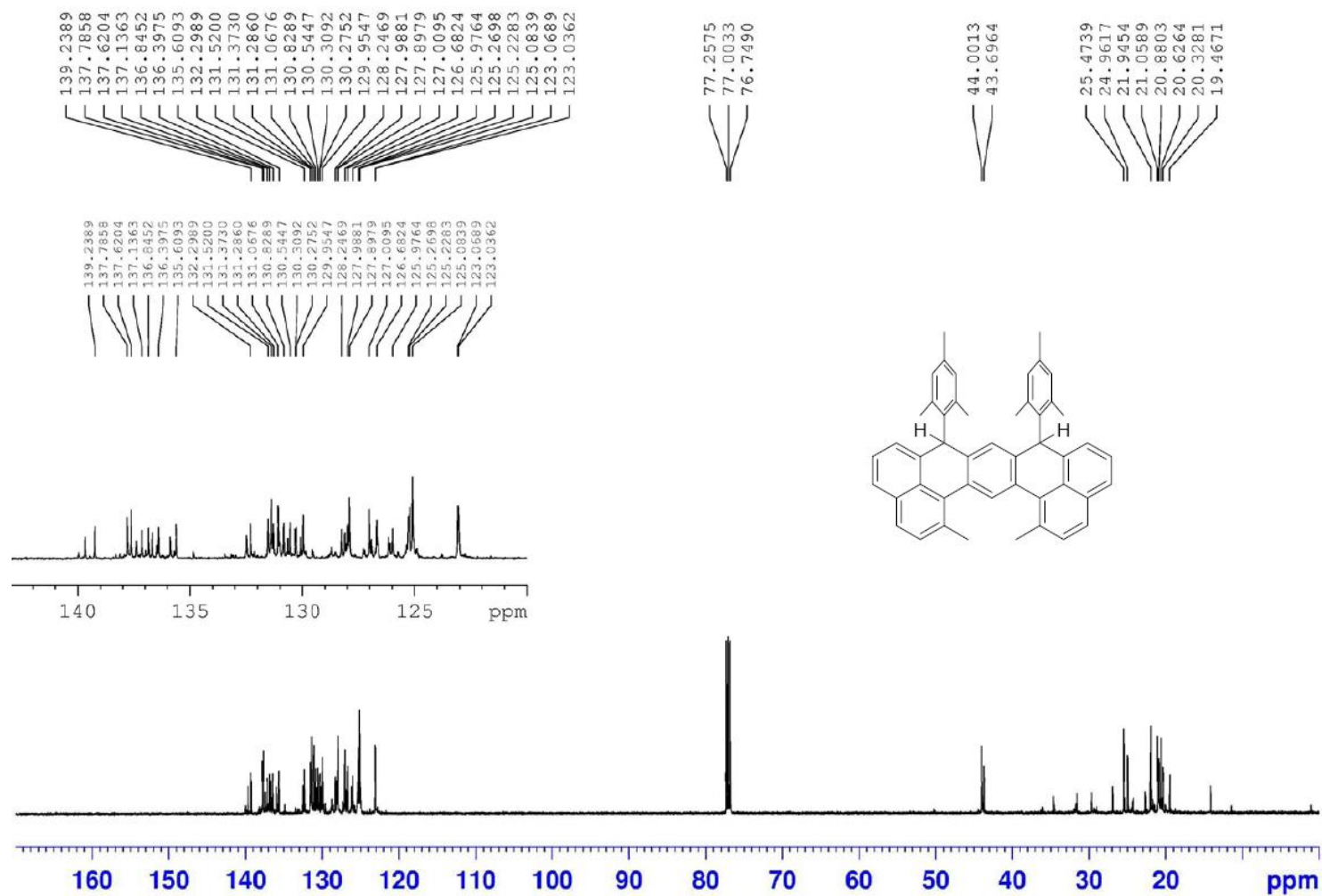
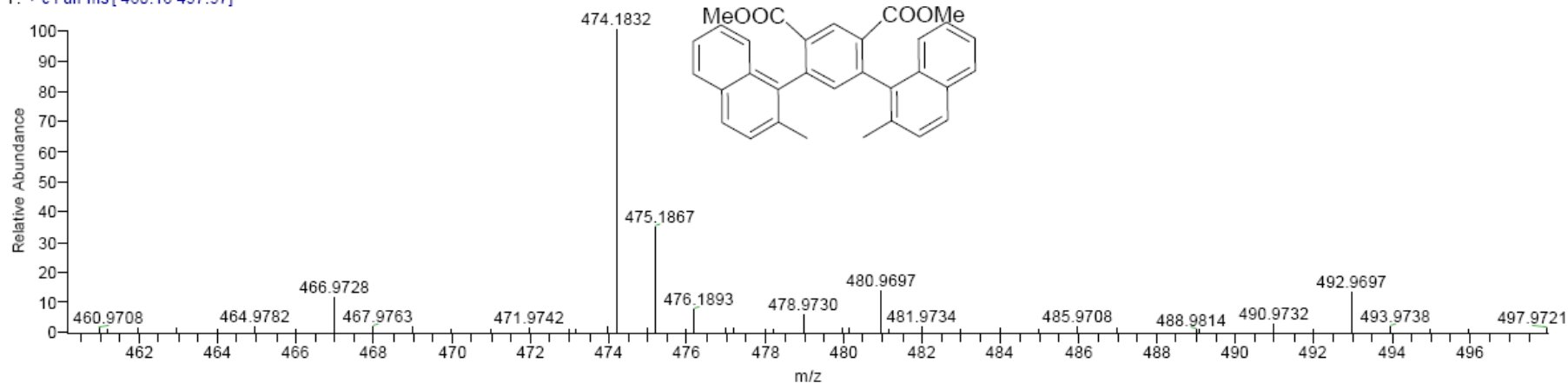


Fig. S15.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9** (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , rt)



**Fig. S16.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **9** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rt)

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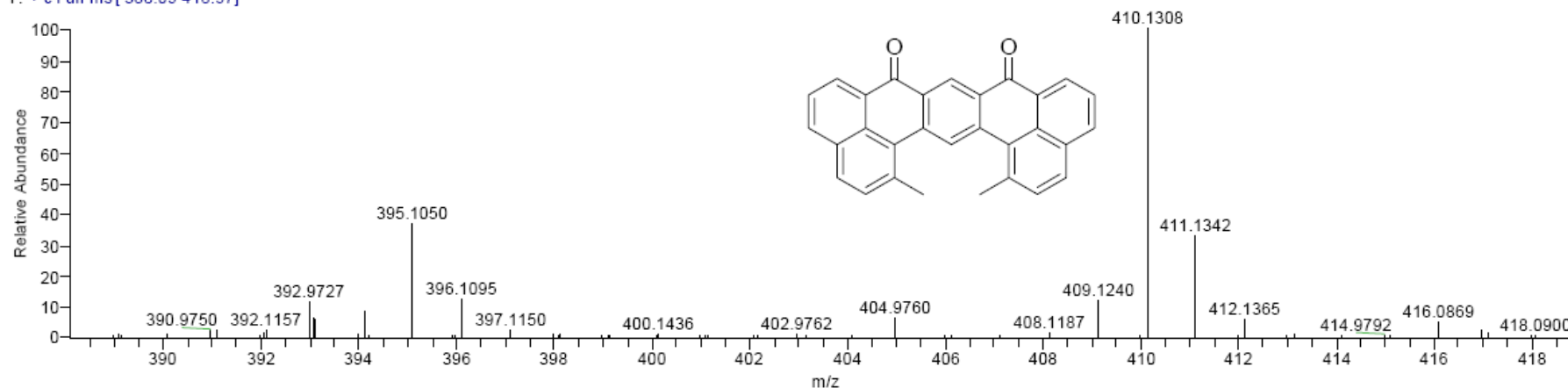
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T: + c Full ms [ 460.16-497.97]  
m/z= 473.99-474.67

| m/z      | Intensity | Relative | Theo.<br>Mass | Delta<br>(ppm) | RDB<br>equiv. | Composition                                    |
|----------|-----------|----------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 474.1832 | 5418415.0 | 100.00   | 474.1831      | 0.12           | 20.0          | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>4</sub> |

**Fig. S17.** HR-MS (EI) of compound 3

0326wu-ly07-c1-av#1 RT: 5.65 AV: 1 NL: 1.81E6

T: + c Full ms [ 388.09-418.97]



0326wu-ly07-c1-av#1 RT: 5.65

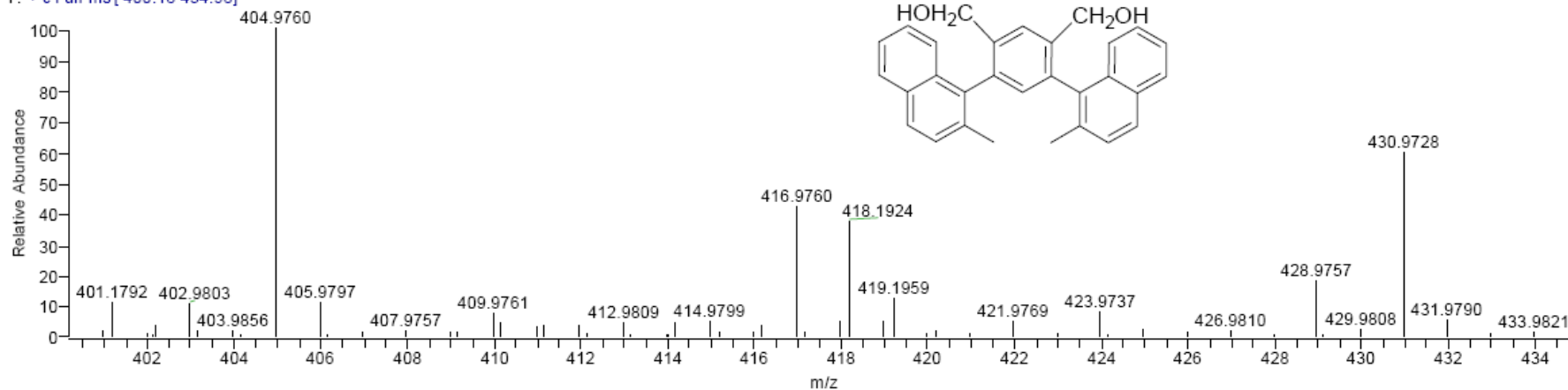
T: + c Full ms [ 388.09-418.97]

m/z= 410.00-410.39

| m/z      | Intensity | Relative | Theo. Mass | Delta (ppm) | RDB equiv. | Composition                                    |
|----------|-----------|----------|------------|-------------|------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 410.1308 | 1812168.0 | 100.00   | 410.1307   | 0.40        | 22.0       | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>2</sub> |

**Fig. S18.** HR-MS (EI) of compound **4**

0131wu-ly02-c1-AV #1 RT: 4.60 AV: 1 NL: 1.53E6  
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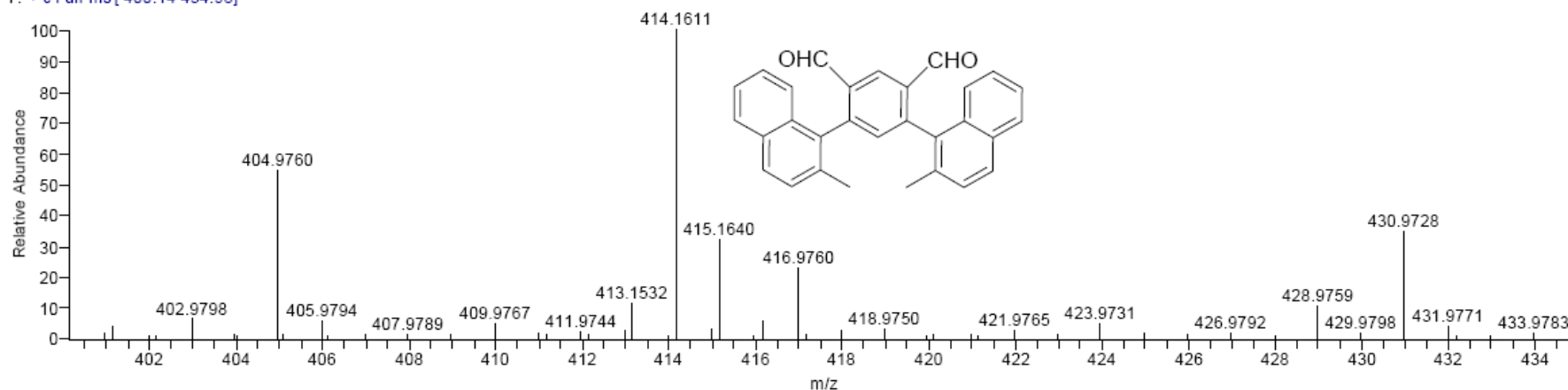


0131wu-ly02-c1-AV#1 RT: 4.60  
T: + c Full ms [ 400.18-434.98]  
m/z= 418.06-418.35

| m/z      | Intensity | Relative | Theo. Mass | Delta (ppm) | RDB equiv. | Composition                                    |
|----------|-----------|----------|------------|-------------|------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 418.1924 | 576821.0  | 100.00   | 418.1933   | -2.07       | 18.0       | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>2</sub> |

**Fig. S19.** HR-MS (EI) of compound **6**

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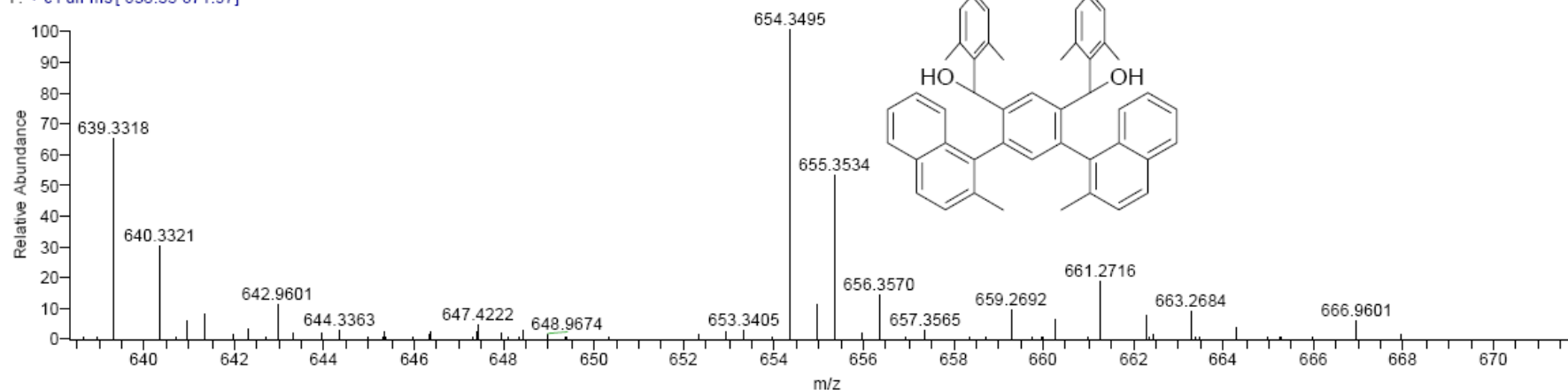


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T: + c Full ms [ 400.14-434.98]  
m/z= 413.97-414.33

| m/z      | Intensity | Relative | Theo. Mass | Delta (ppm) | RDB equiv. | Composition                                    |
|----------|-----------|----------|------------|-------------|------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 414.1611 | 3035843.0 | 100.00   | 414.1620   | -2.19       | 20.0       | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>2</sub> |

Fig. S20. HR-MS (EI) of compound 7

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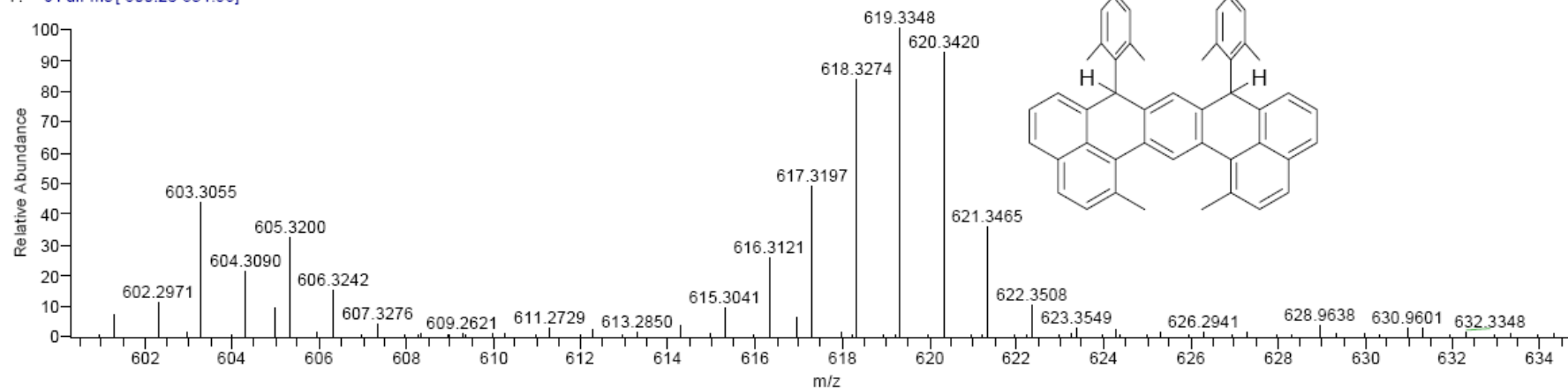
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T: + c Full ms [ 638.35-671.97]

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| m/z      | Intensity | Relative | Theo.<br>Mass | Delta<br>(ppm) | RDB<br>equiv. | Composition                                    |
|----------|-----------|----------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 654.3495 | 1988868.0 | 100.00   | 654.3498      | -0.36          | 26.0          | C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>46</sub> O <sub>2</sub> |

**Fig. S21.** HR-MS (EI) of compound **8**

0131wu-ly04-c1-AV #1 RT: 5.43 AV: 1 NL: 9.36E6  
T: + c Full ms [ 600.28-634.96]



0131wu-ly04-c1-AV#1 RT: 5.43  
T: + c Full ms [ 600.28-634.96]  
m/z = 618.14-618.55

| m/z      | Intensity | Relative | Theo.<br>Mass | Delta<br>(ppm) | RDB<br>equiv. | Composition                     |
|----------|-----------|----------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 618.3274 | 7759725.0 | 100.00   | 618.3287      | -1.99          | 28.0          | C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>42</sub> |

Fig. S22. HR-MS (EI) of compound 9