

## Supporting Information

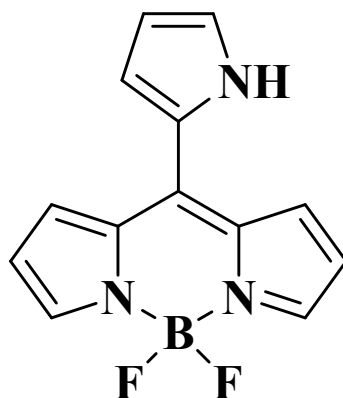
### Synthesis, Structure, Spectral, Electrochemical and Fluoride Sensing Properties of *meso*-Pyrrolyl Boron Dipyrromethene

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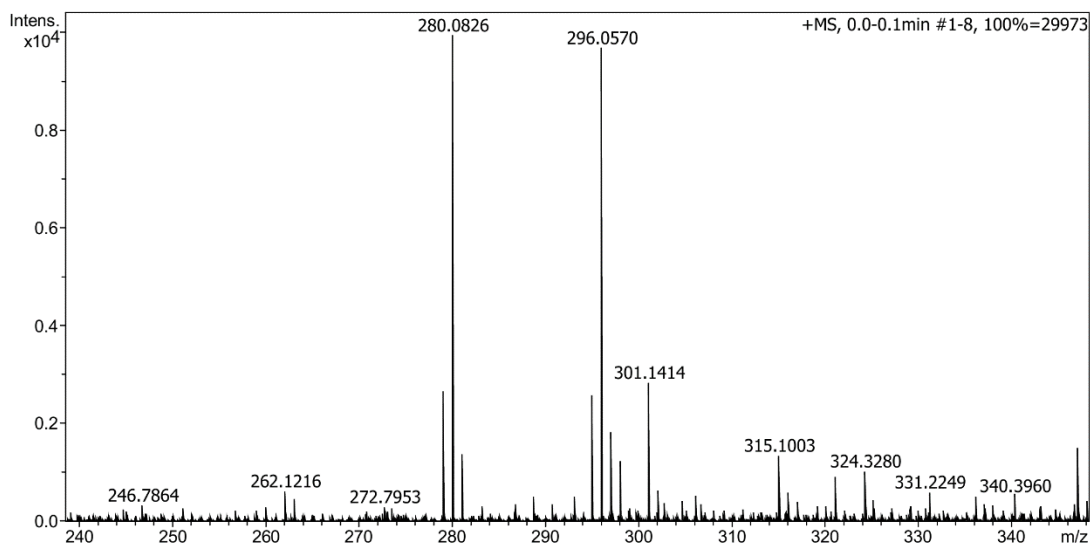
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**Figure S1: HRMS spectrum of compound 5**

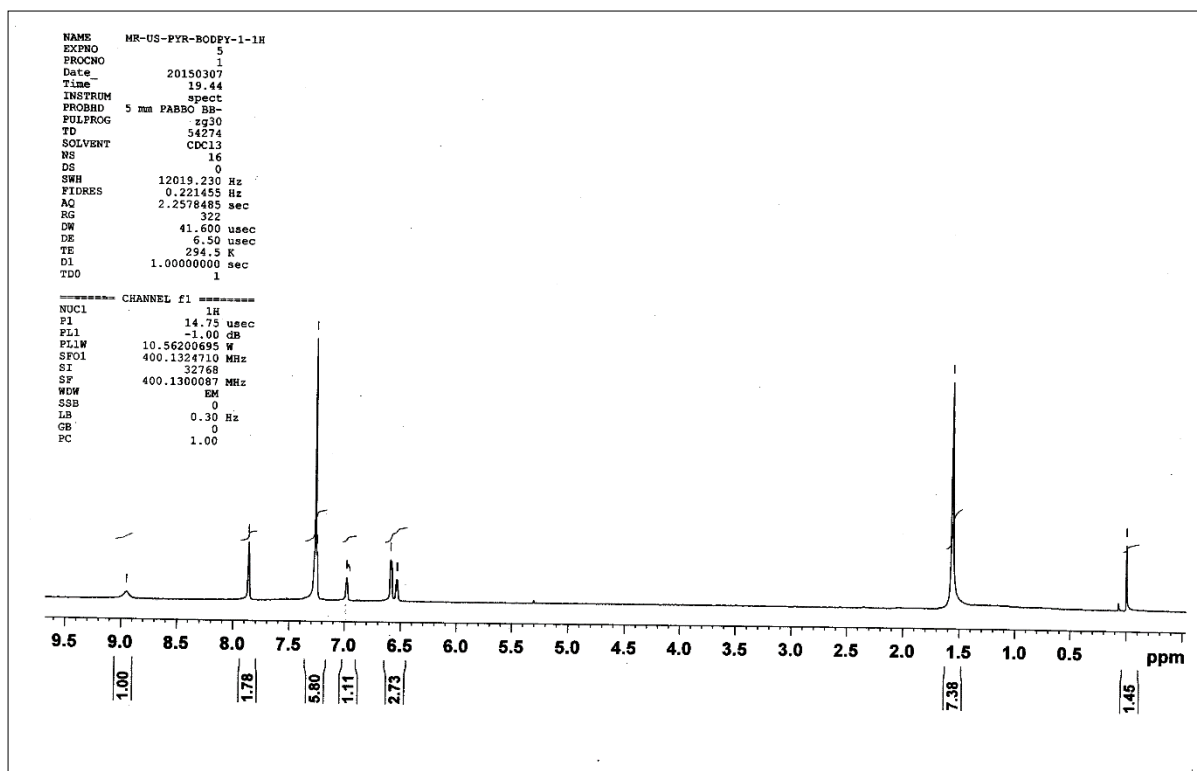
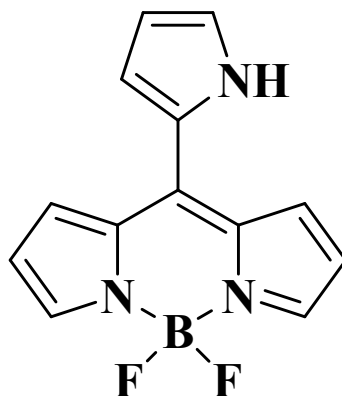
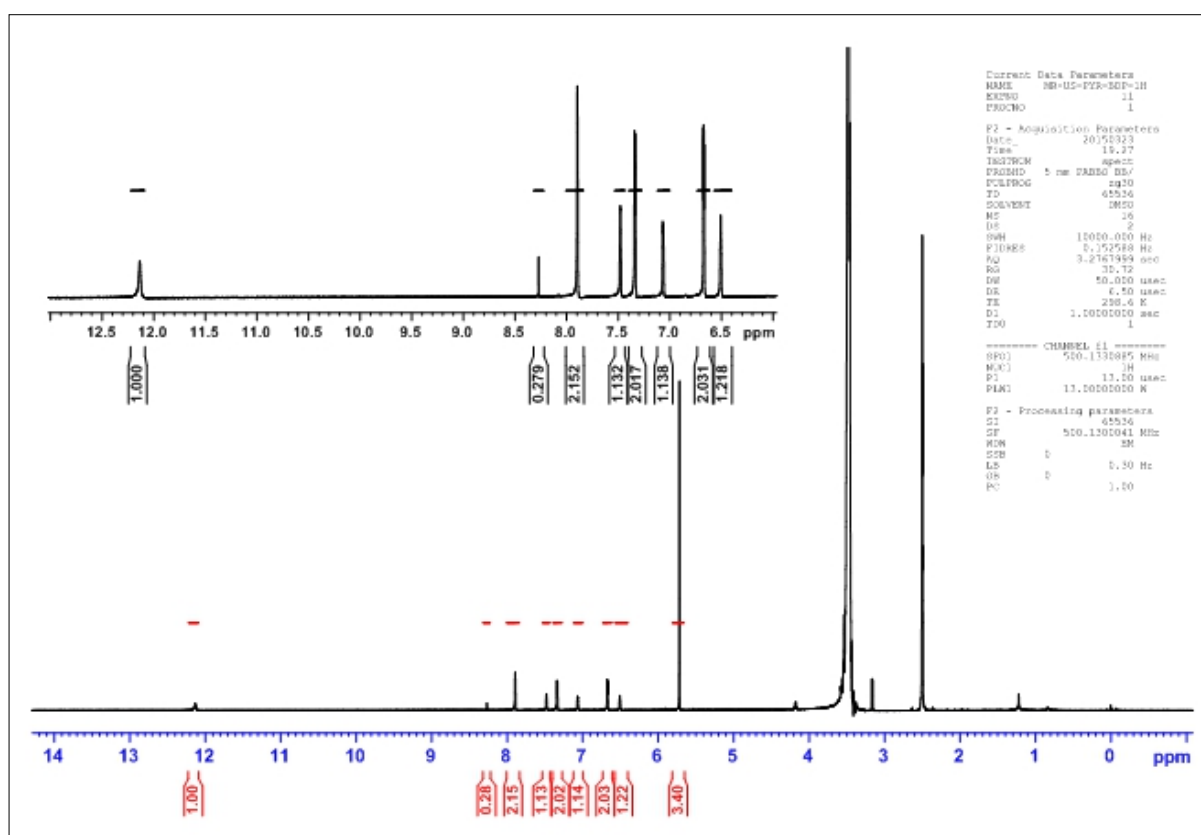
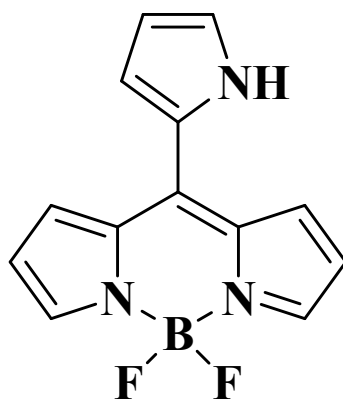


Figure S2:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **5** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S3:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **5** recorded in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ . Inset shows the expansion.

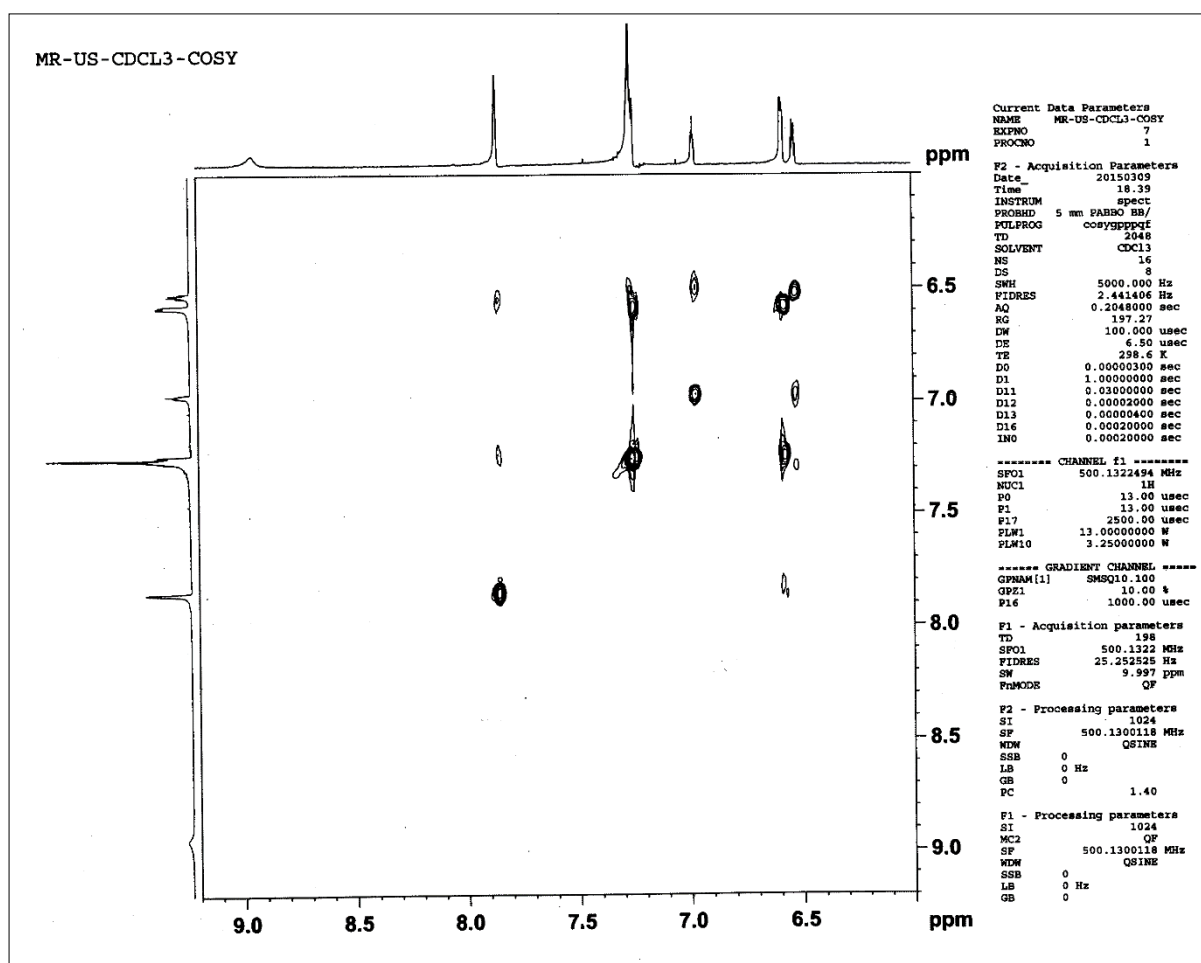
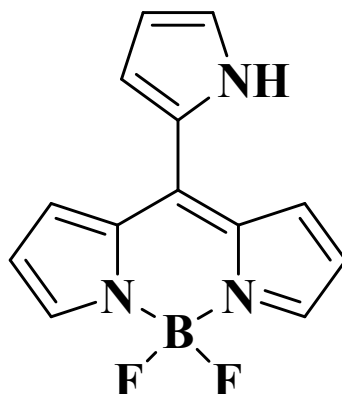
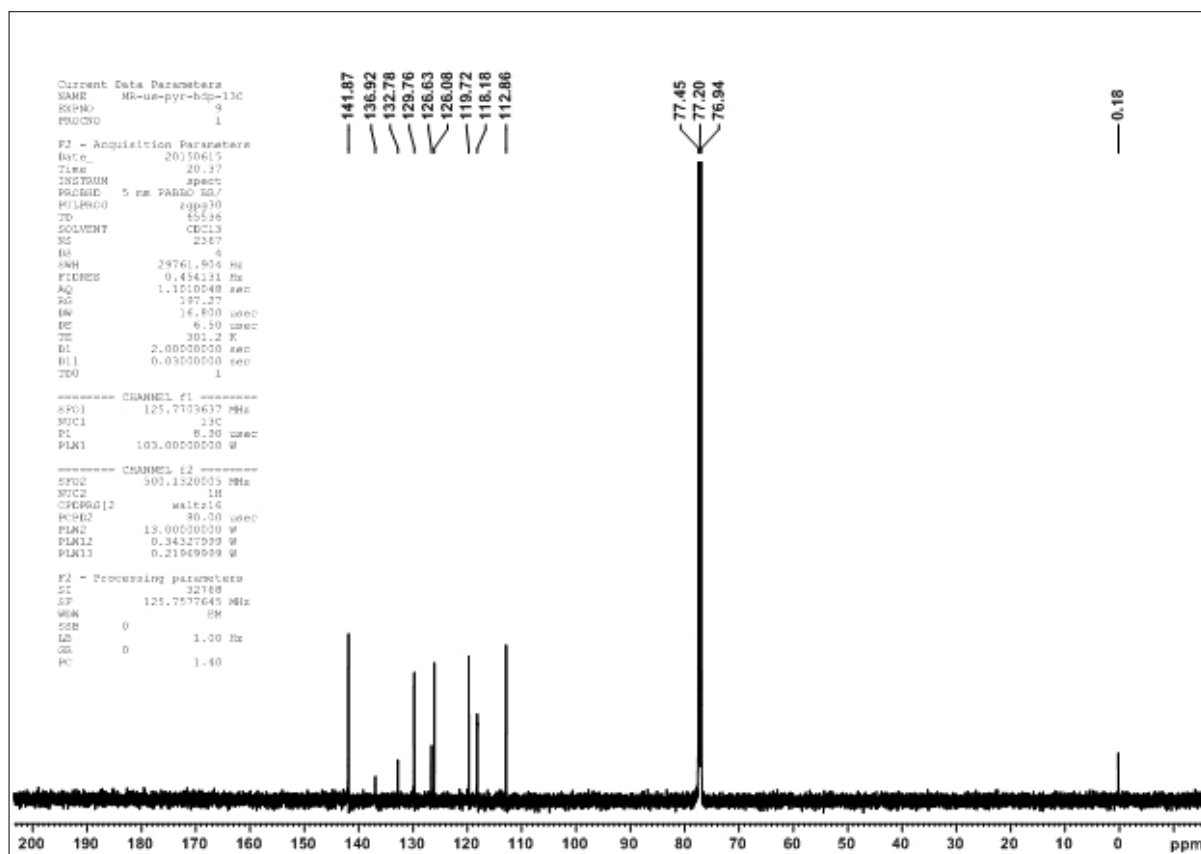
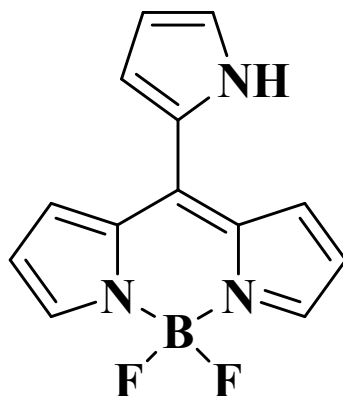
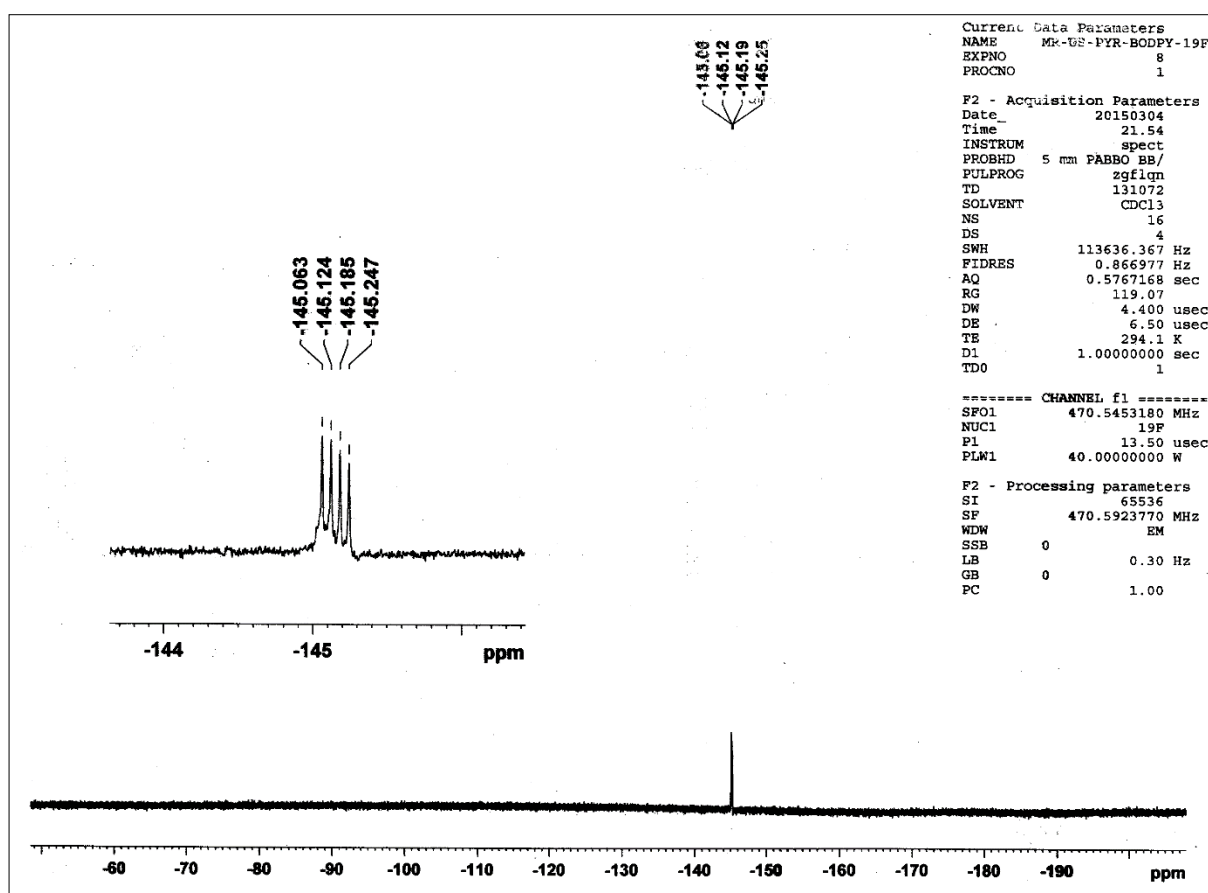
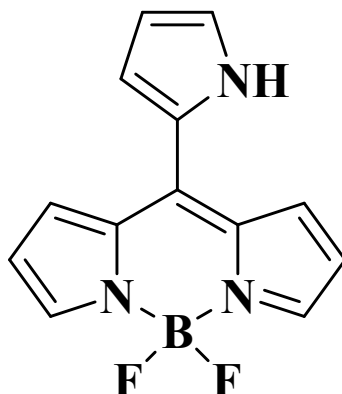


Figure S4: <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY NMR spectrum of compound **5** recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S5:**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **5** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S6:**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of compound **5** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Inset shows the expansion.



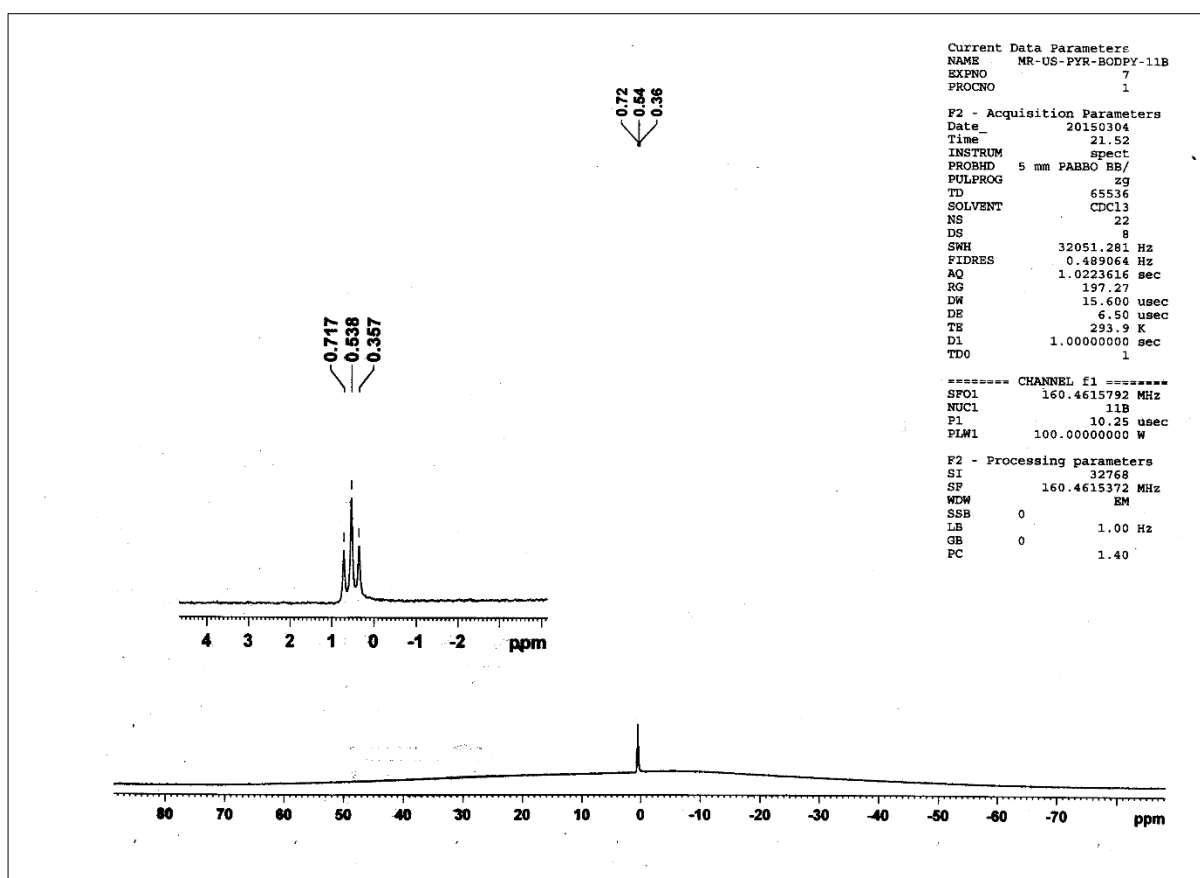
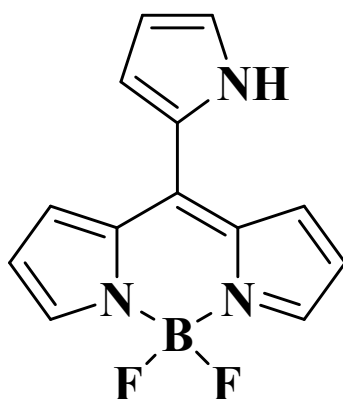
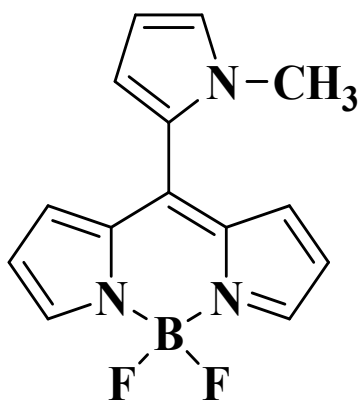


Figure S7:  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of compound **5** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Inset shows the expansion.



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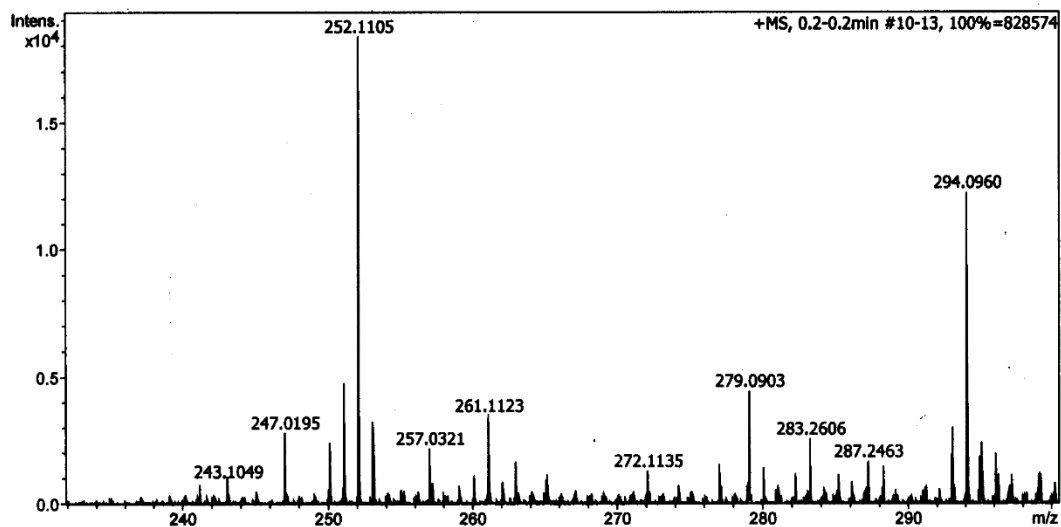
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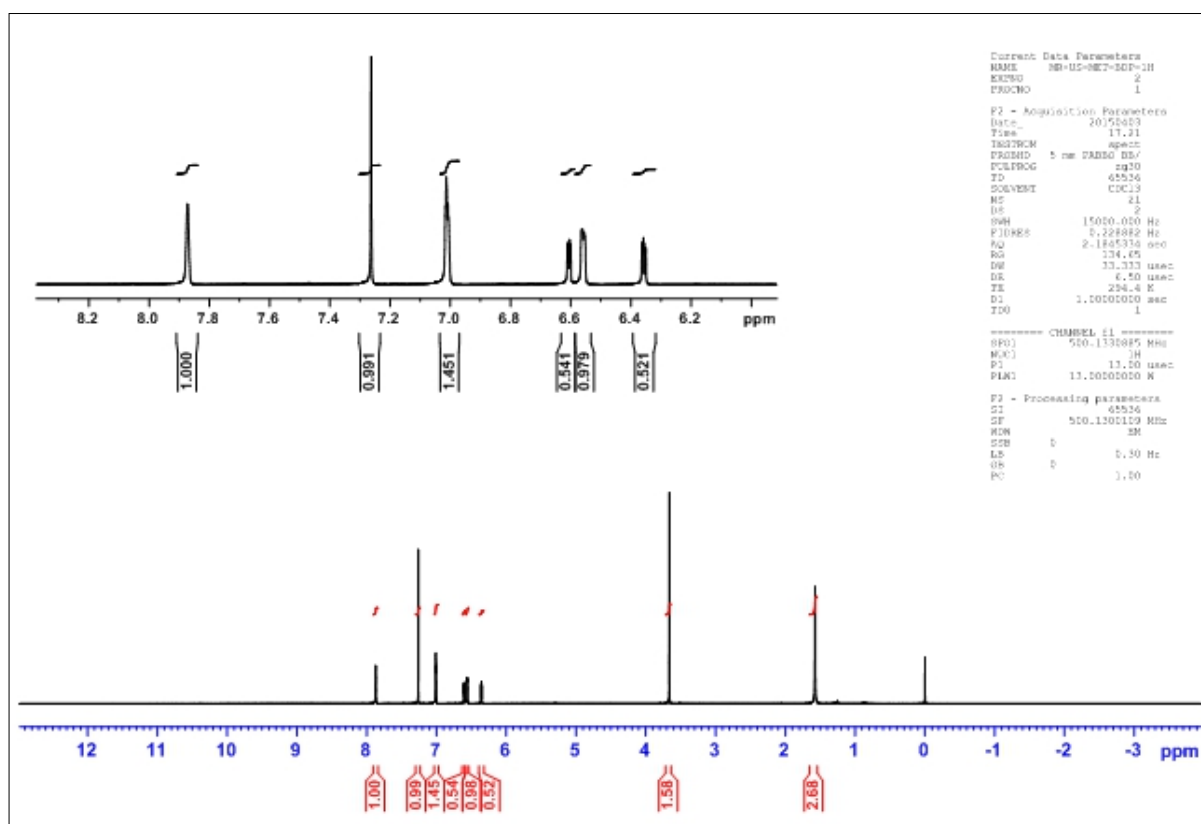
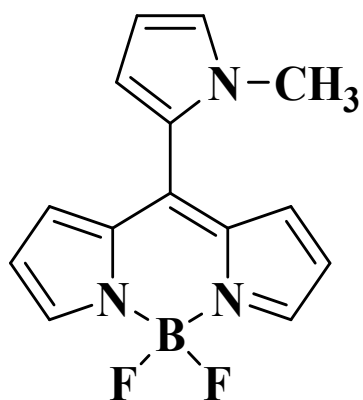
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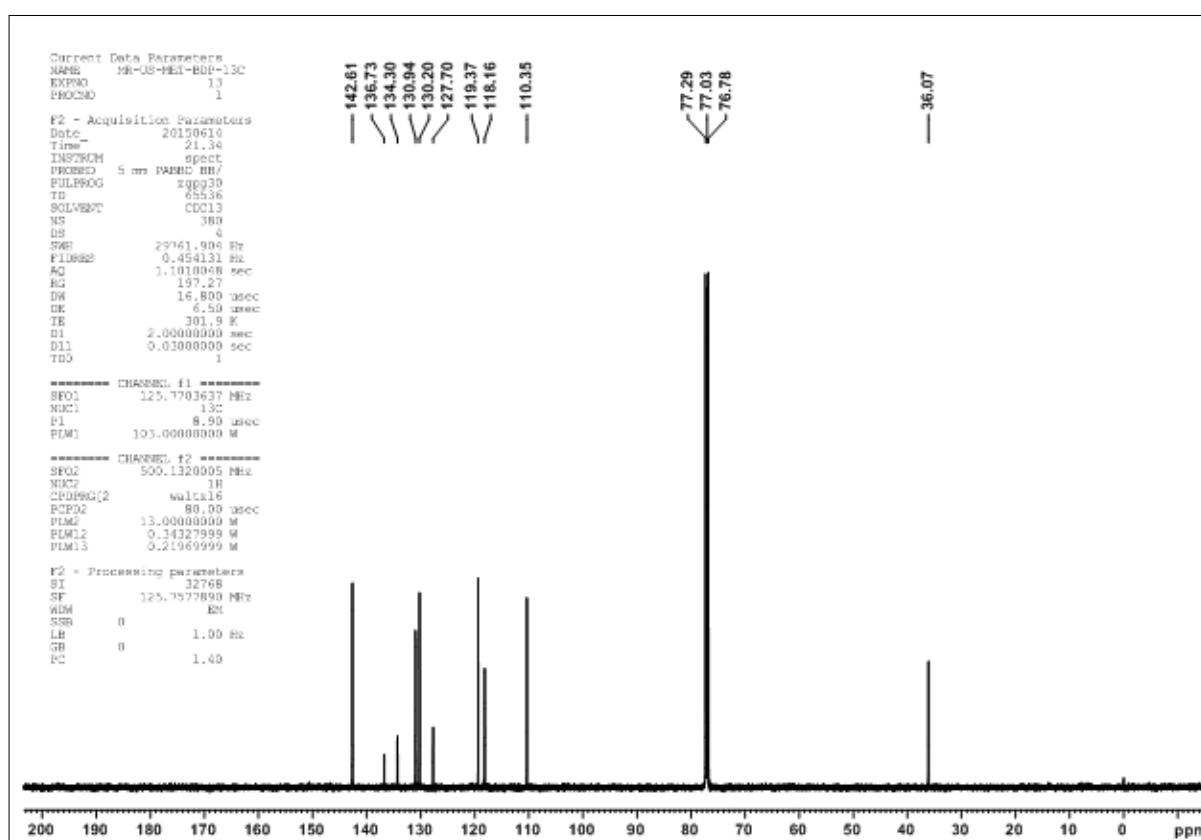
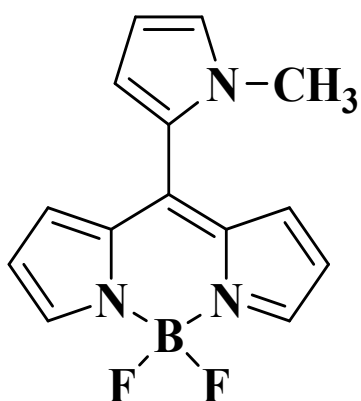


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Figure S8: HRMS spectrum of compound 6



**Figure S9:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **6** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Inset shows the expansion.



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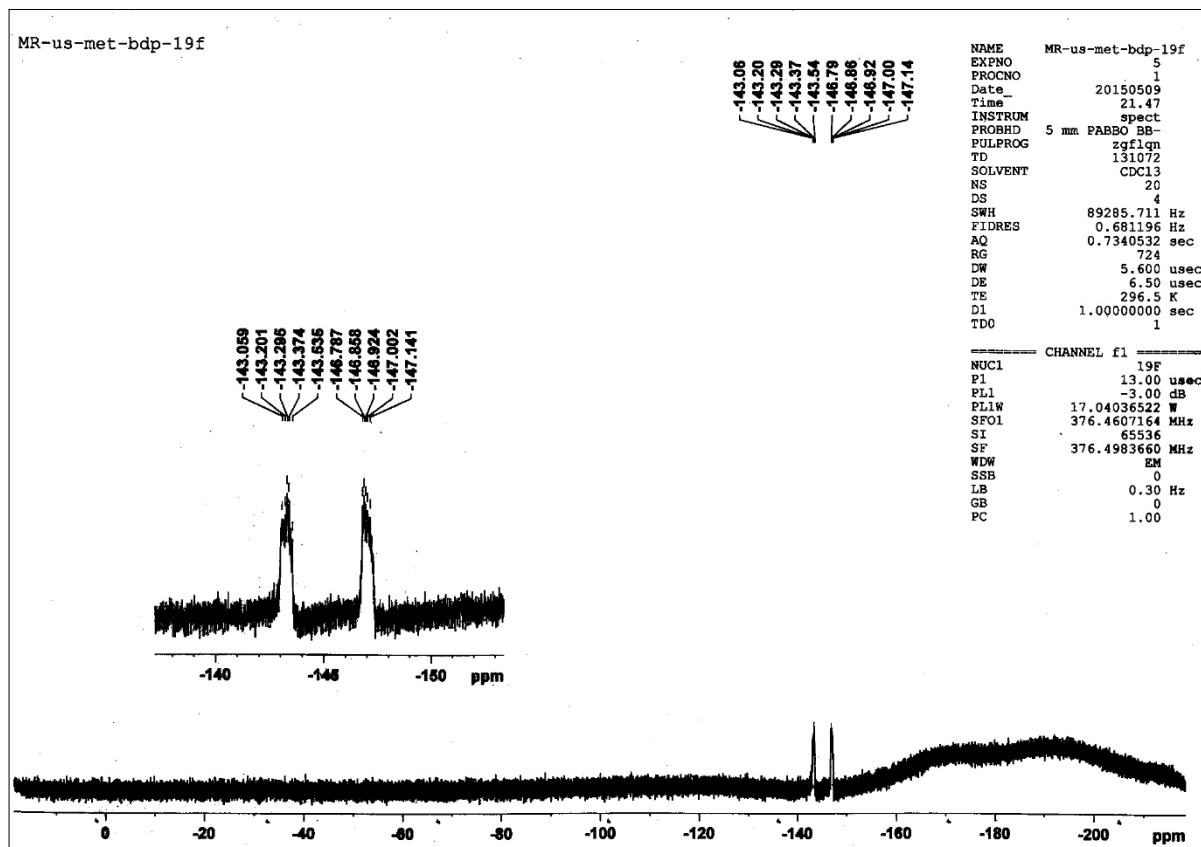
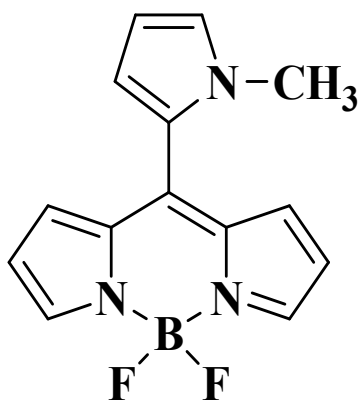
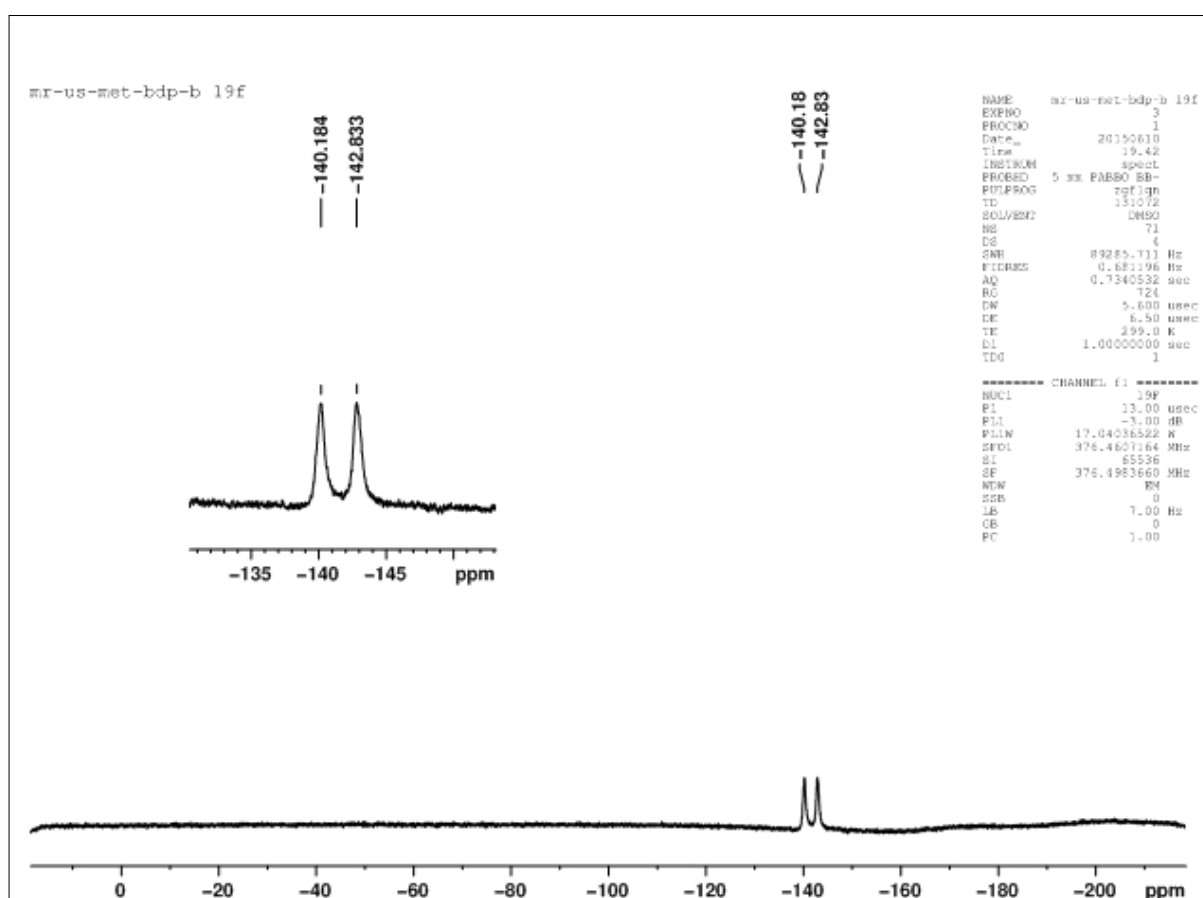
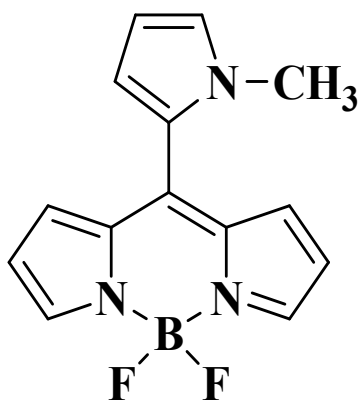
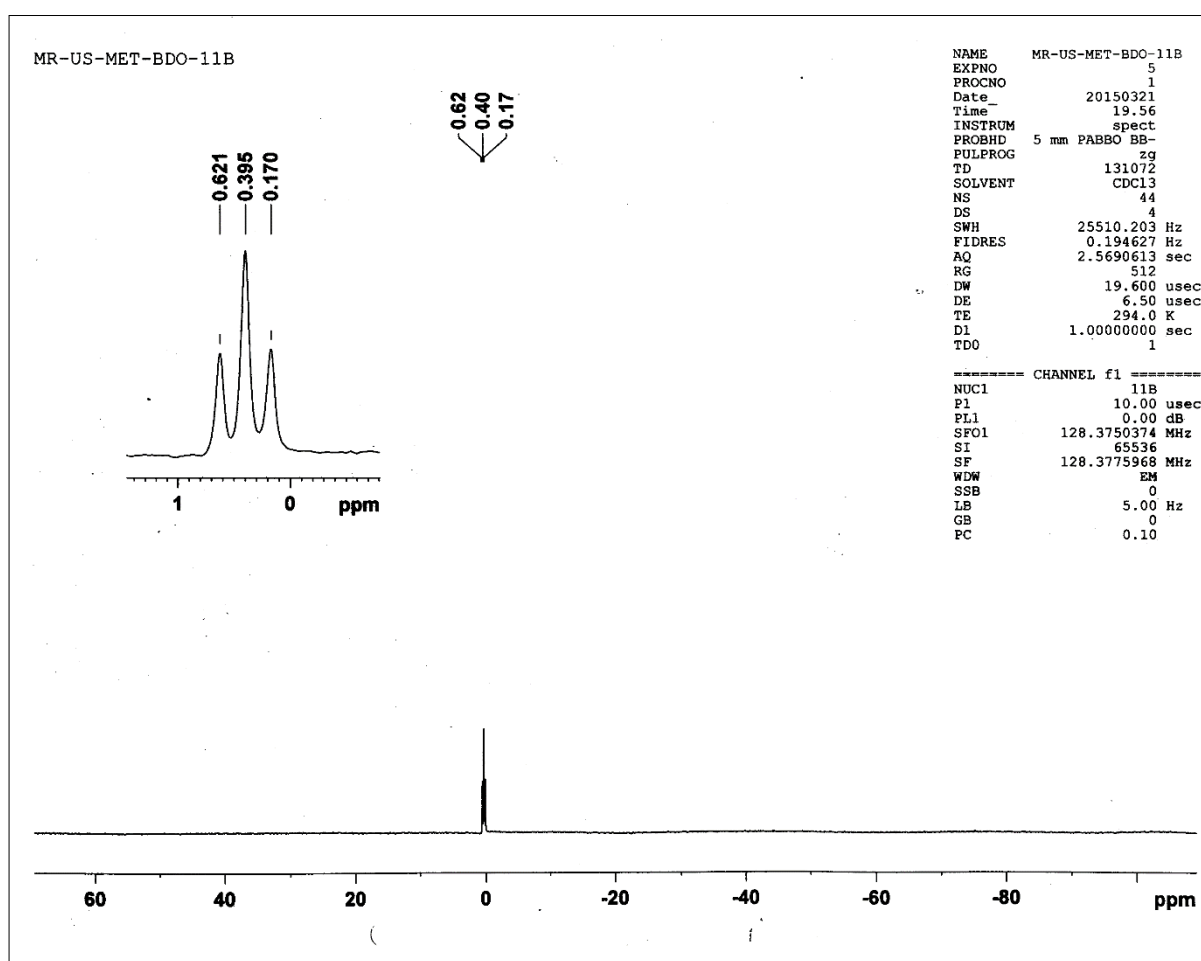
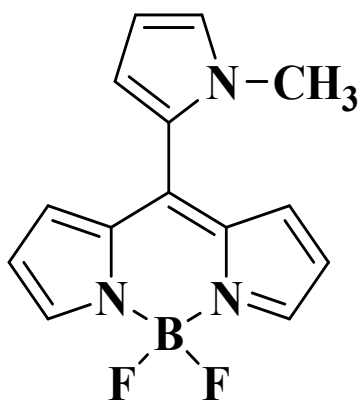


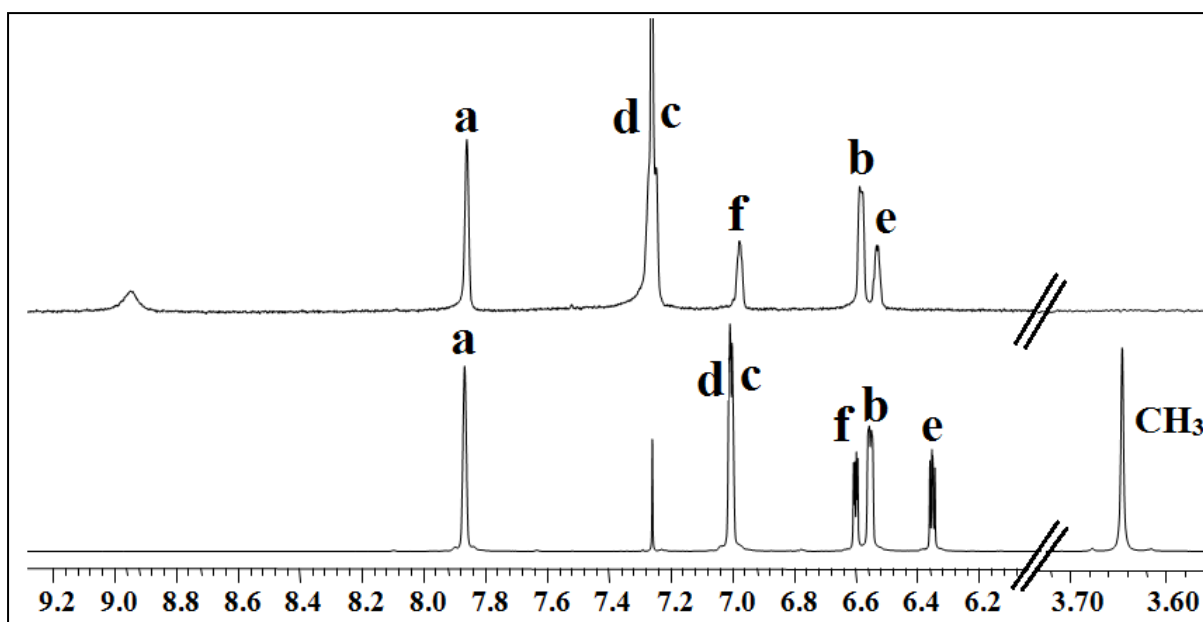
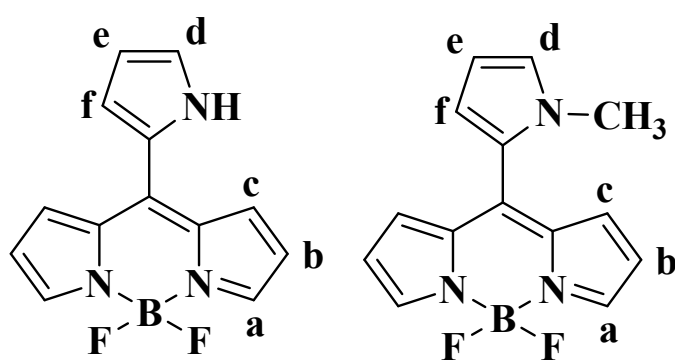
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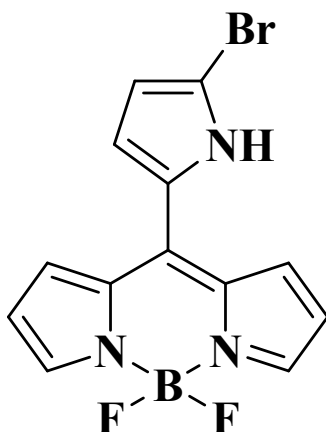


**Figure S13:**  $^{19}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of compound **6** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Inset shows the expansion.



**Figure S14:** Comparison of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **5** and **6** recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.





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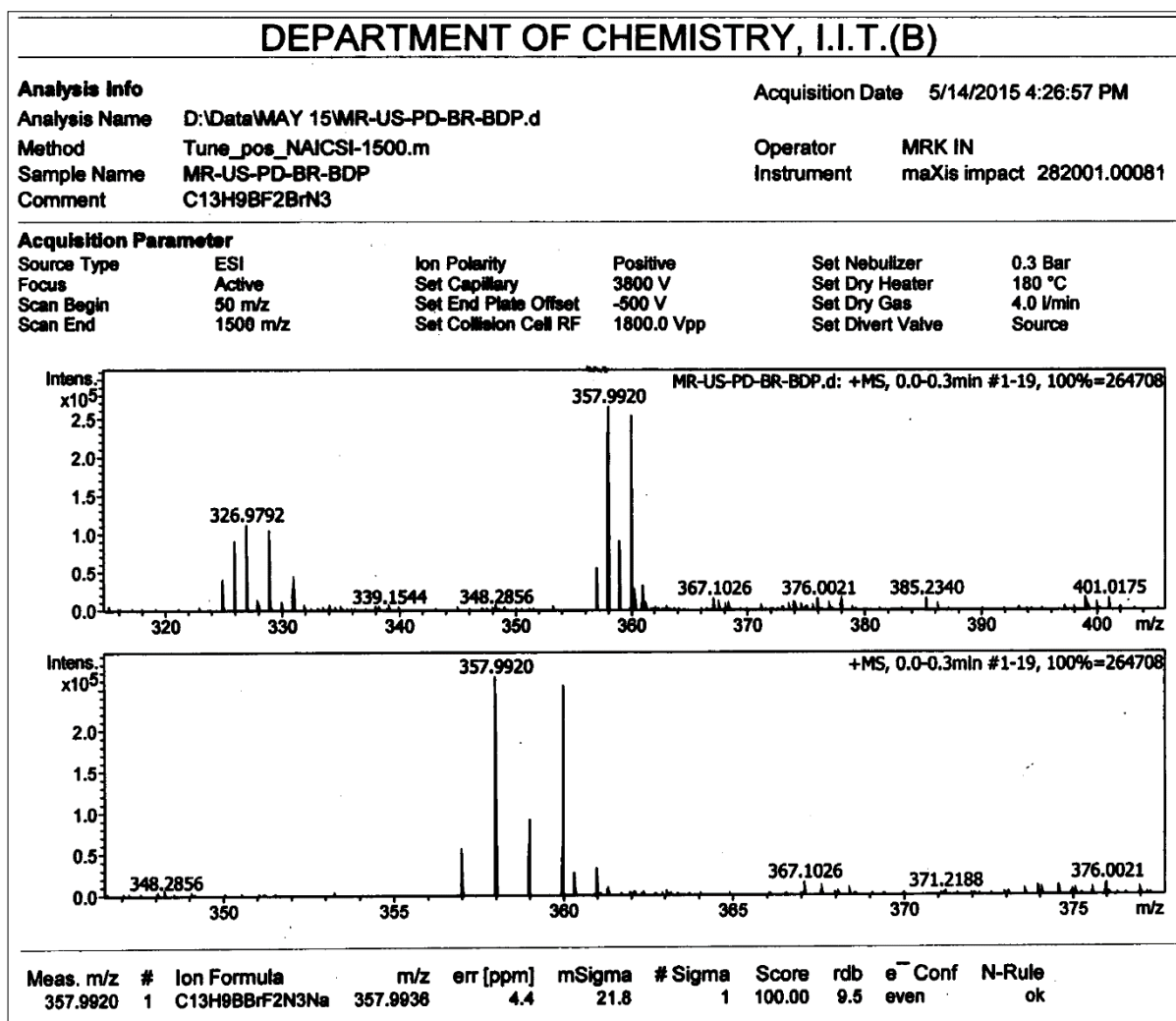
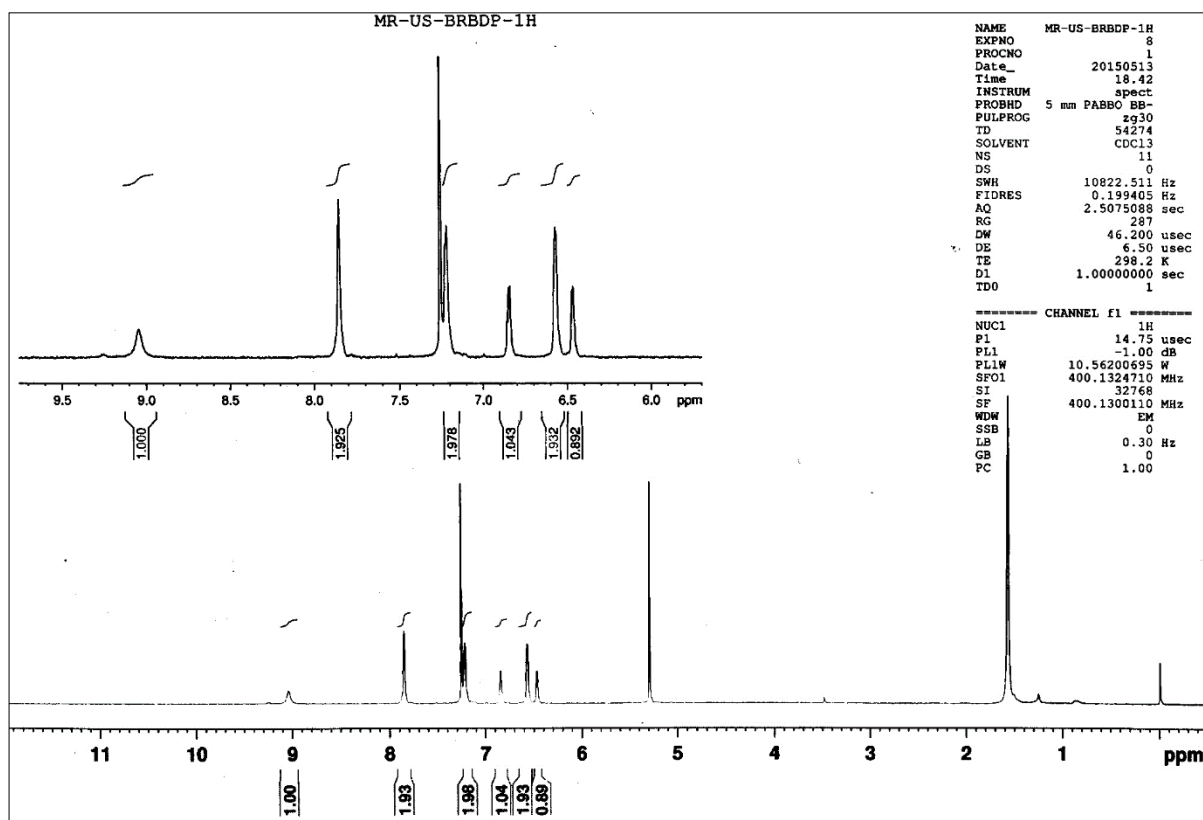
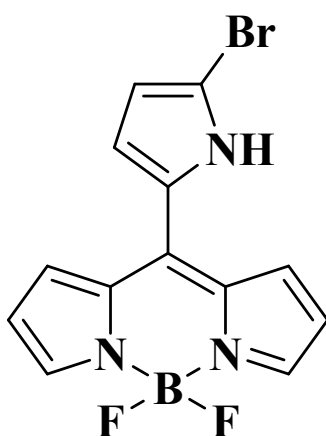
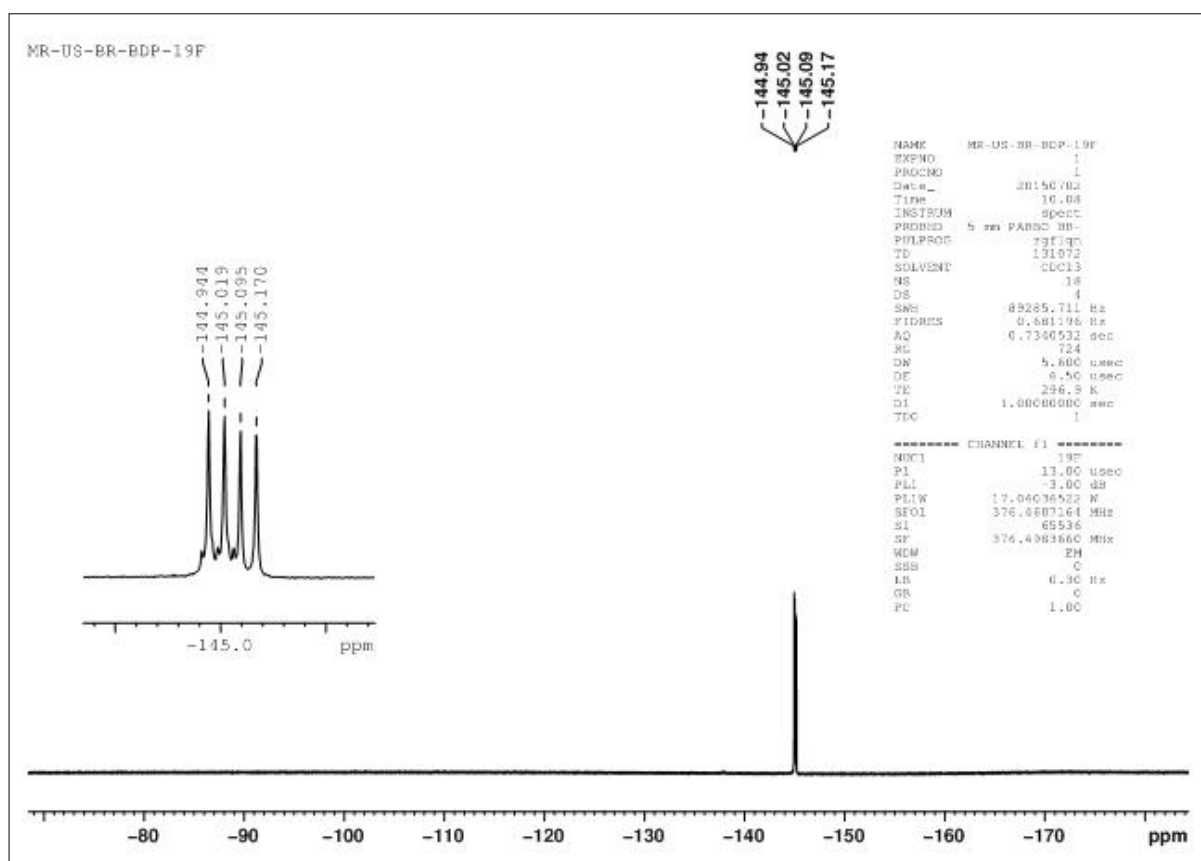
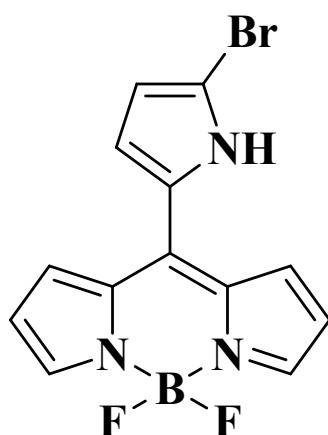


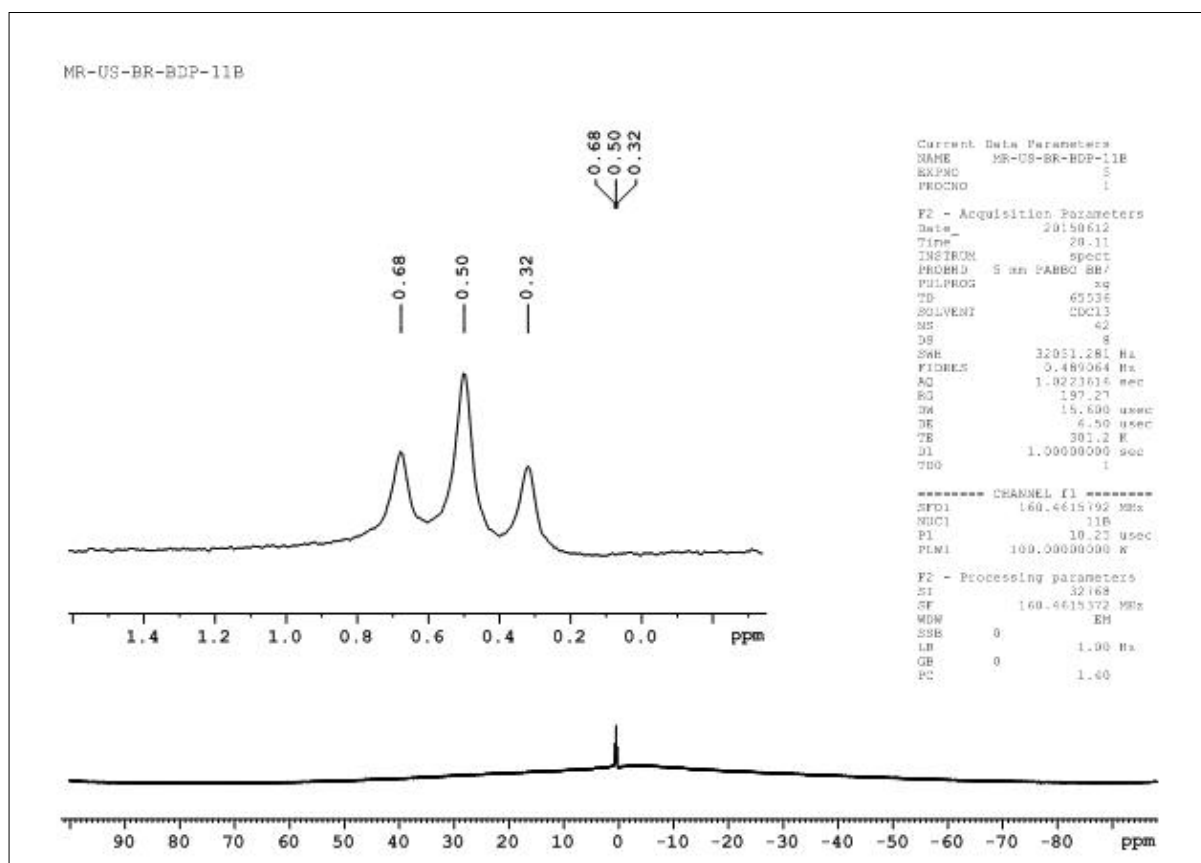
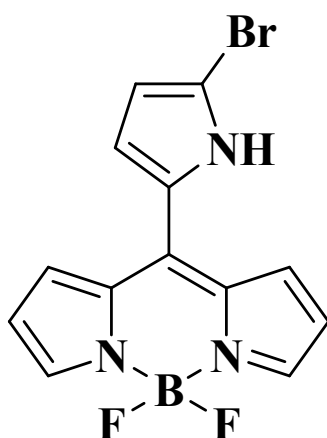
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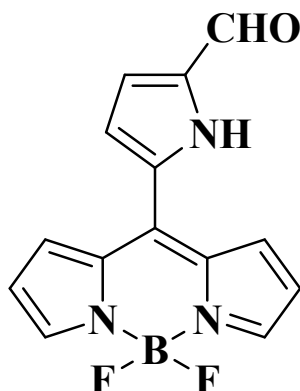
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**Figure S17:**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of compound **7** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Inset shows the expansion



**Figure S18:**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of compound **7** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



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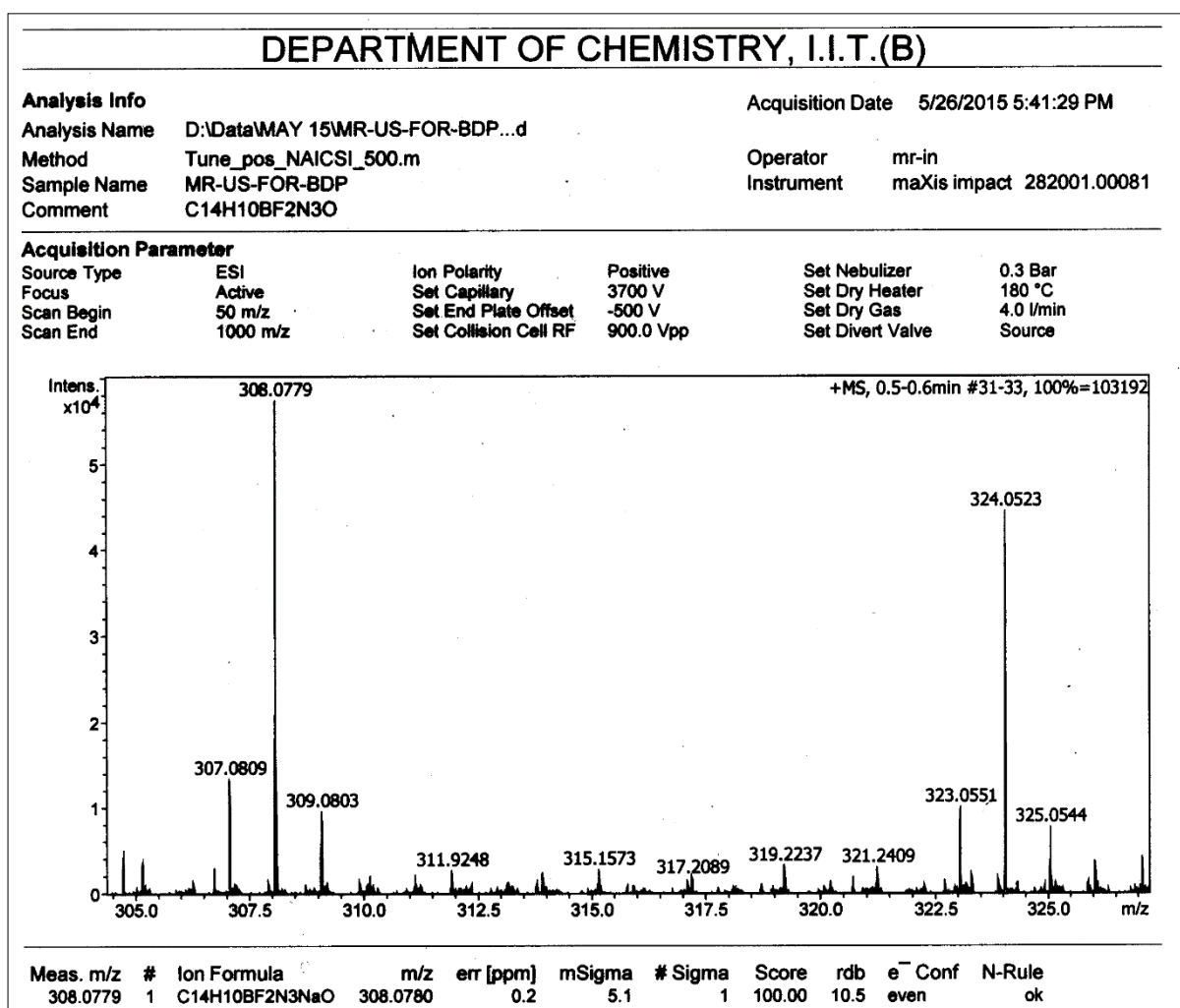
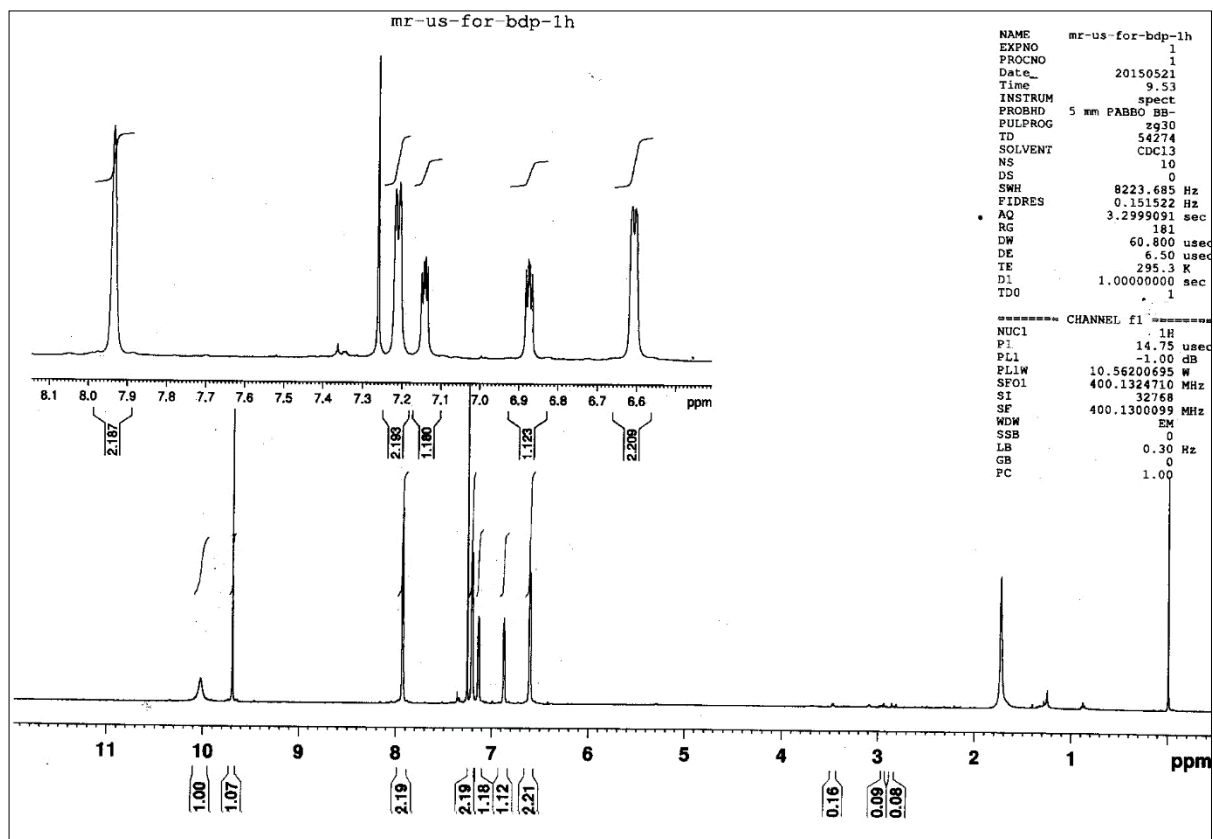
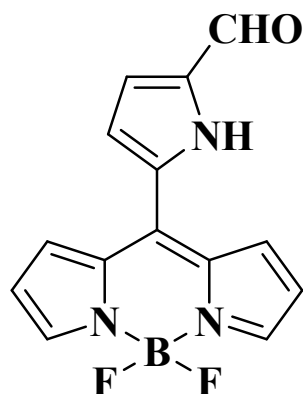
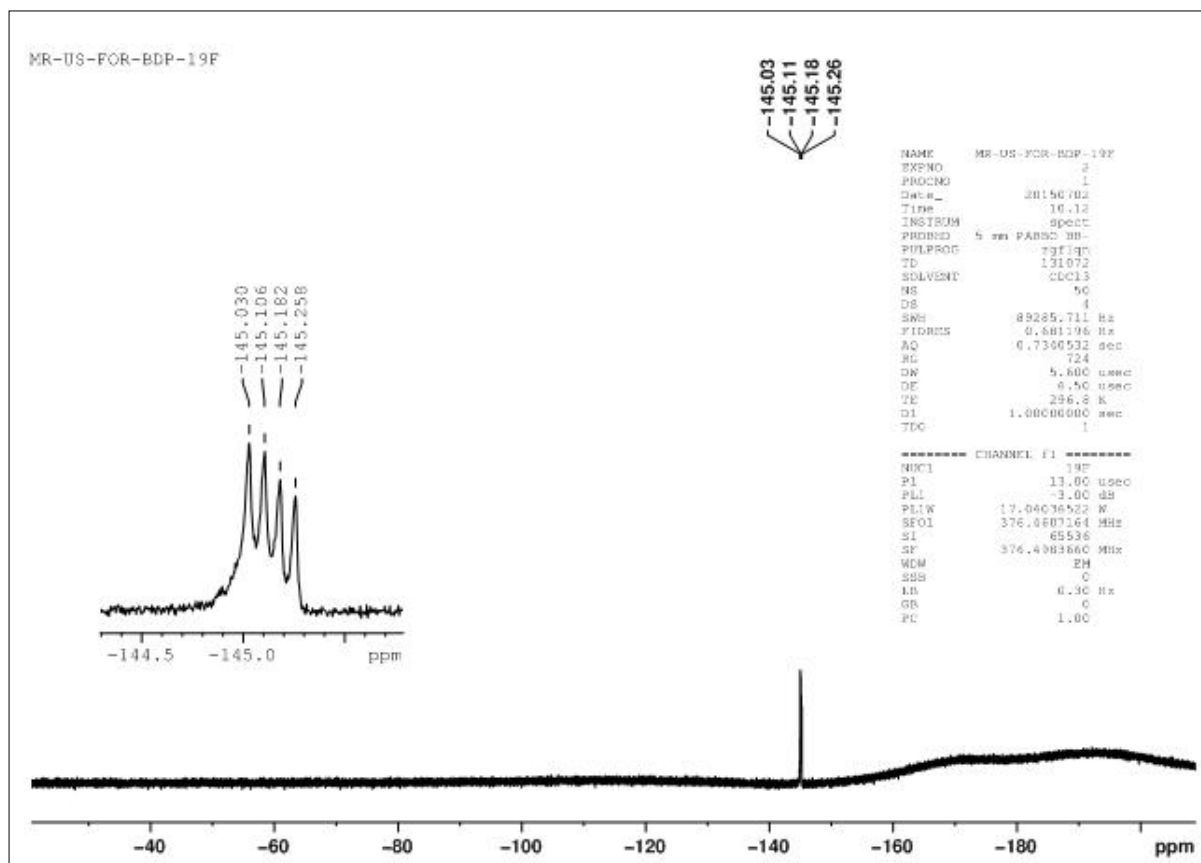
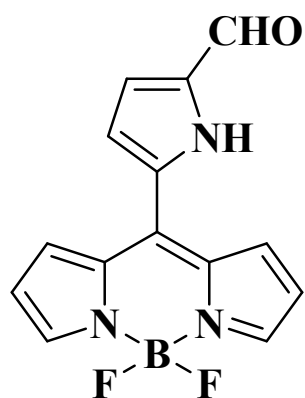


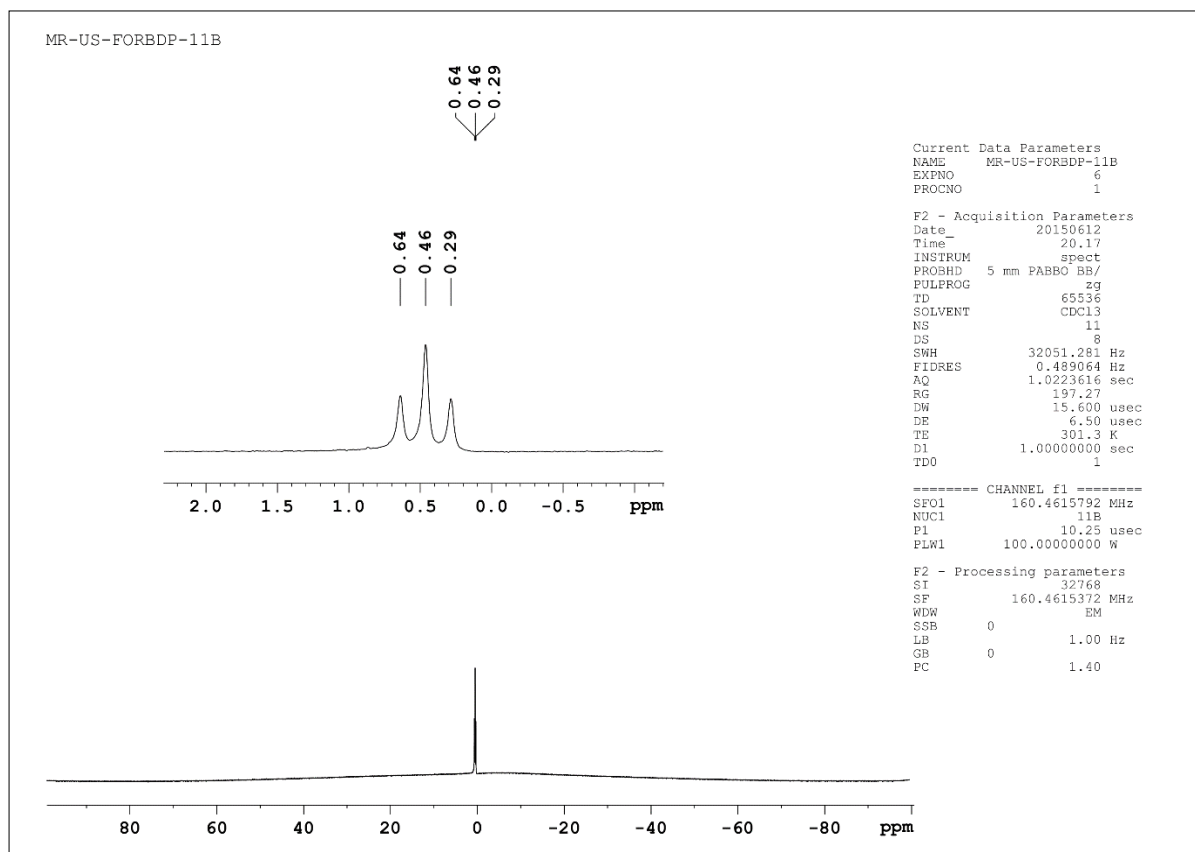
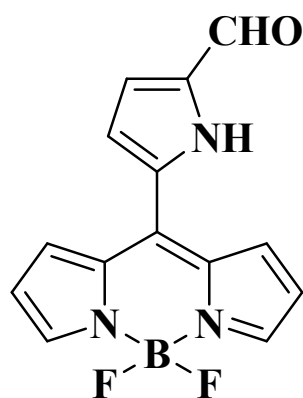
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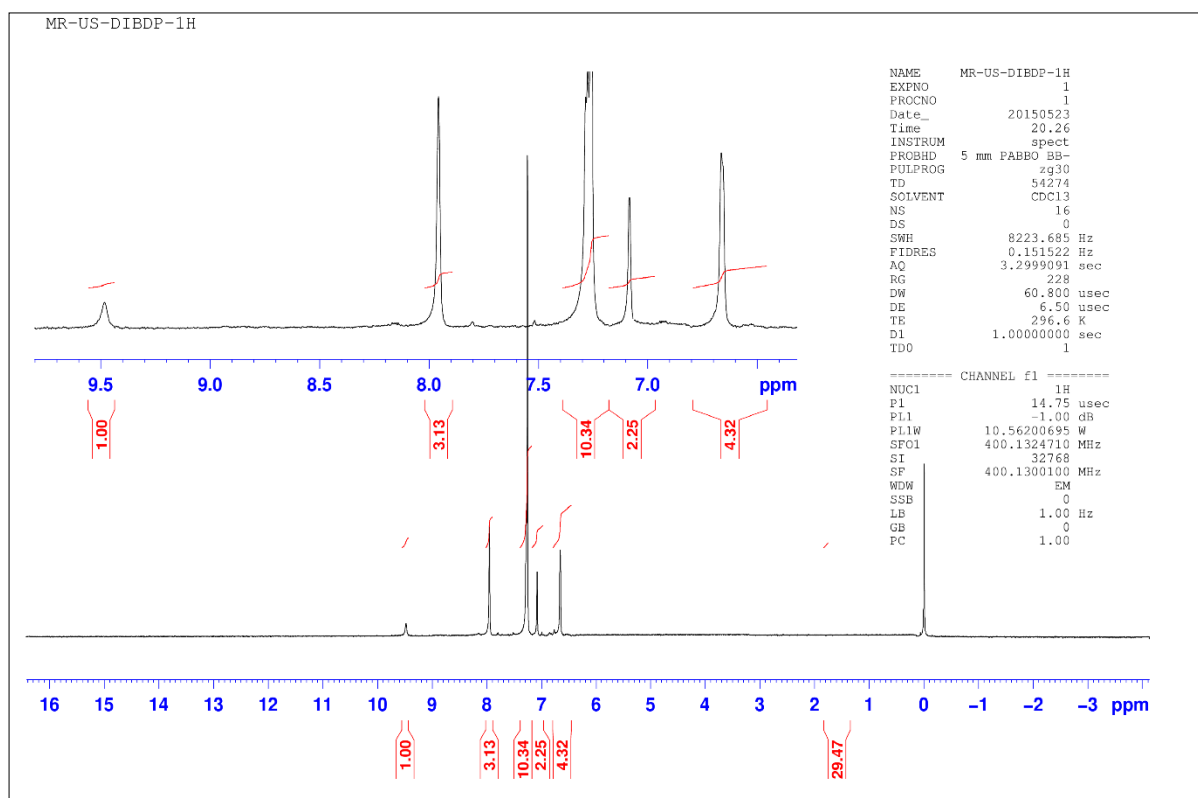
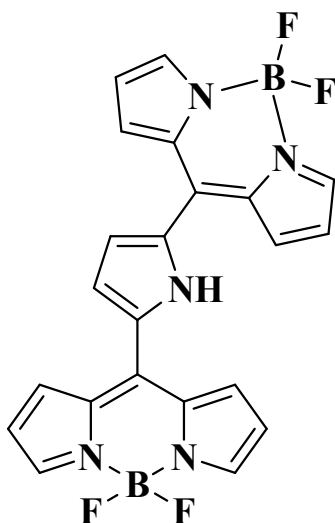


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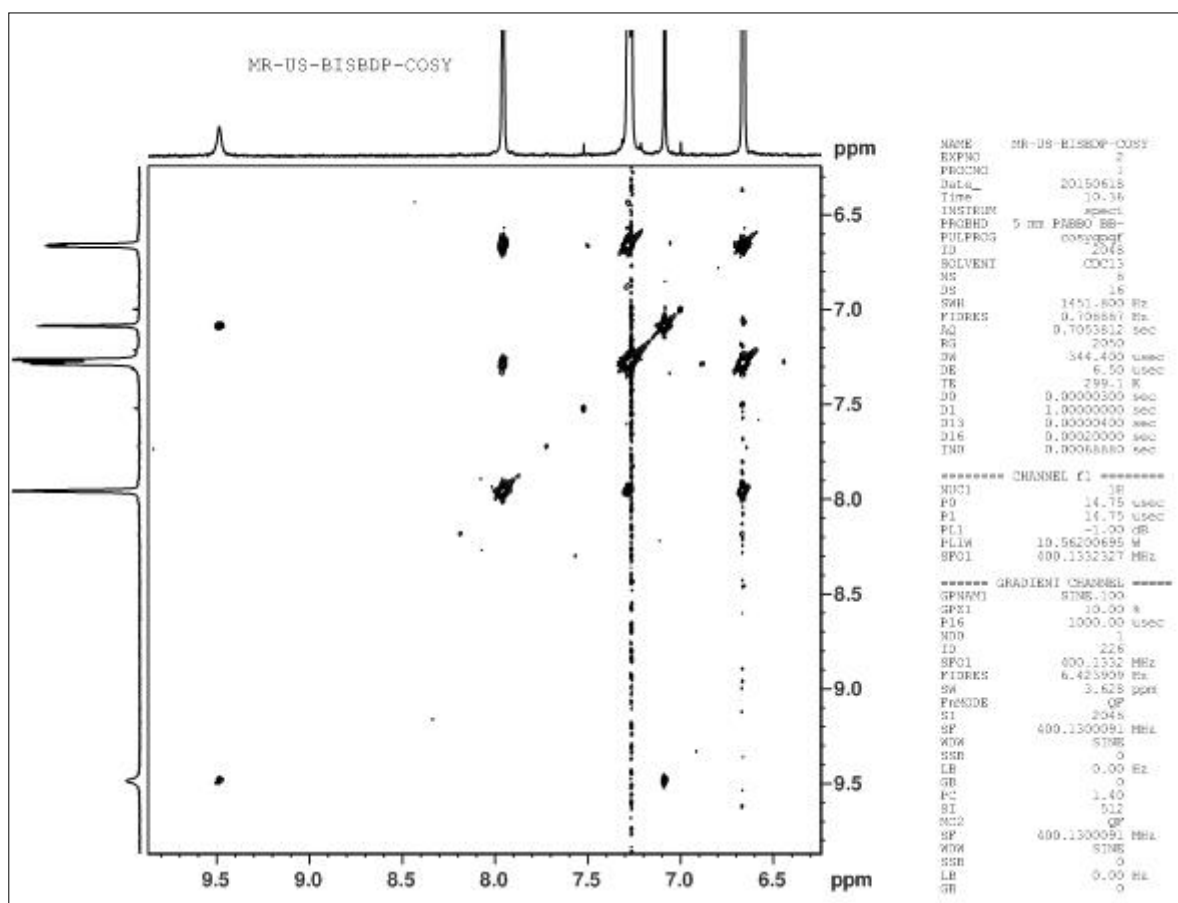
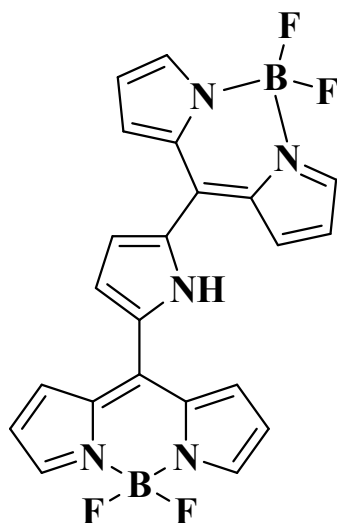


**Figure S22:**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of compound **8** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Inset shows the Expansion.





**Figure S23:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **9** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Inset shows the Expansion.



**Figure S24:**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum of compound **9** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

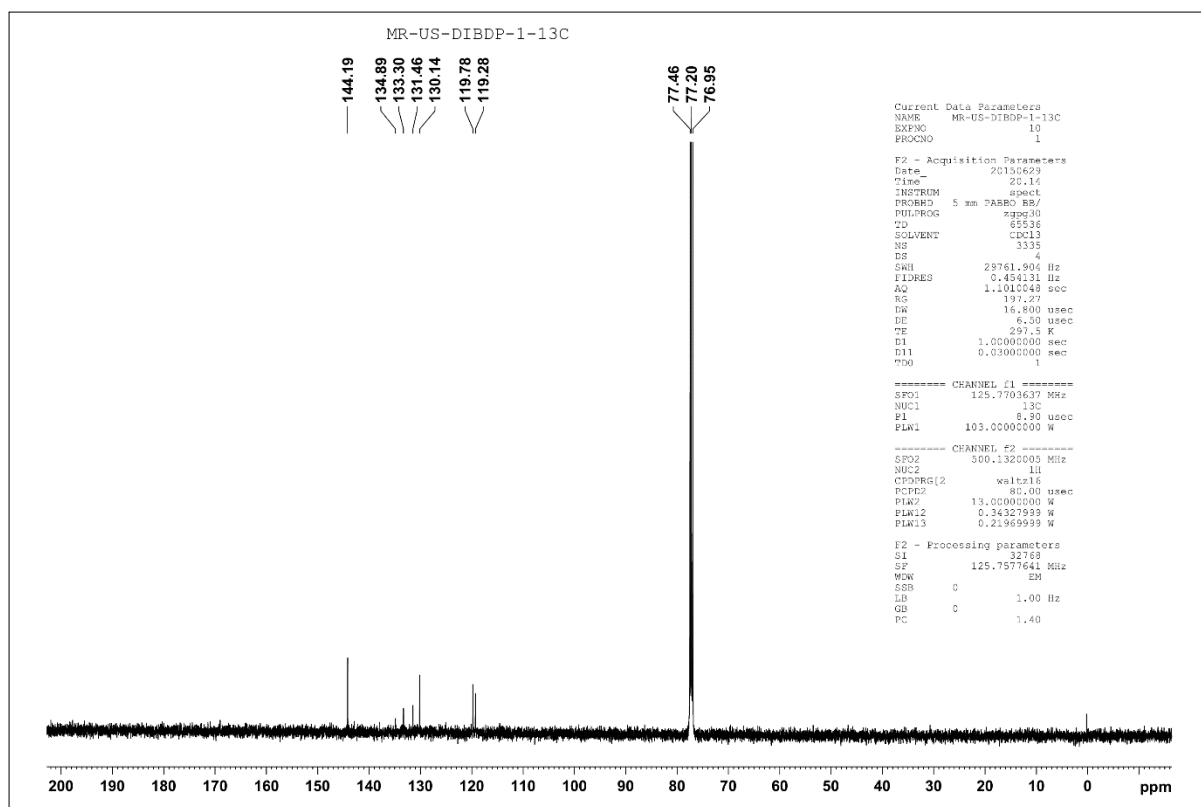
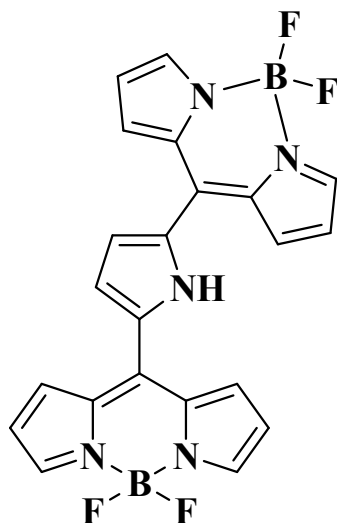
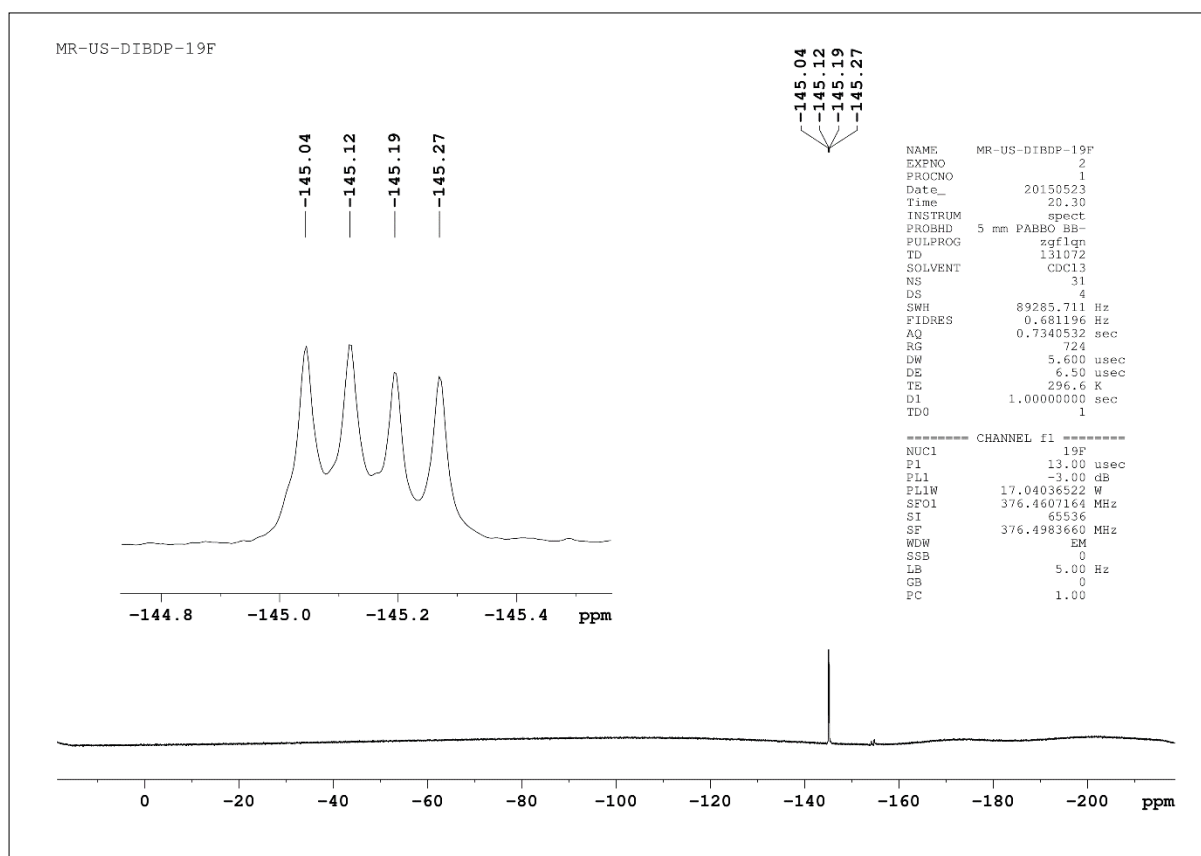
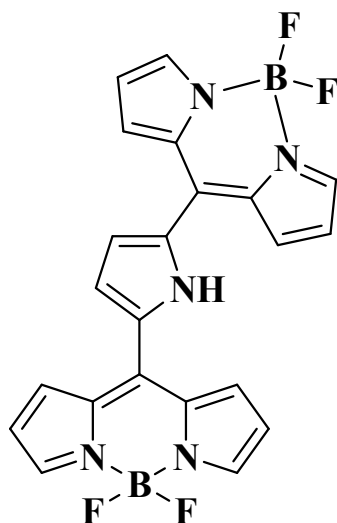
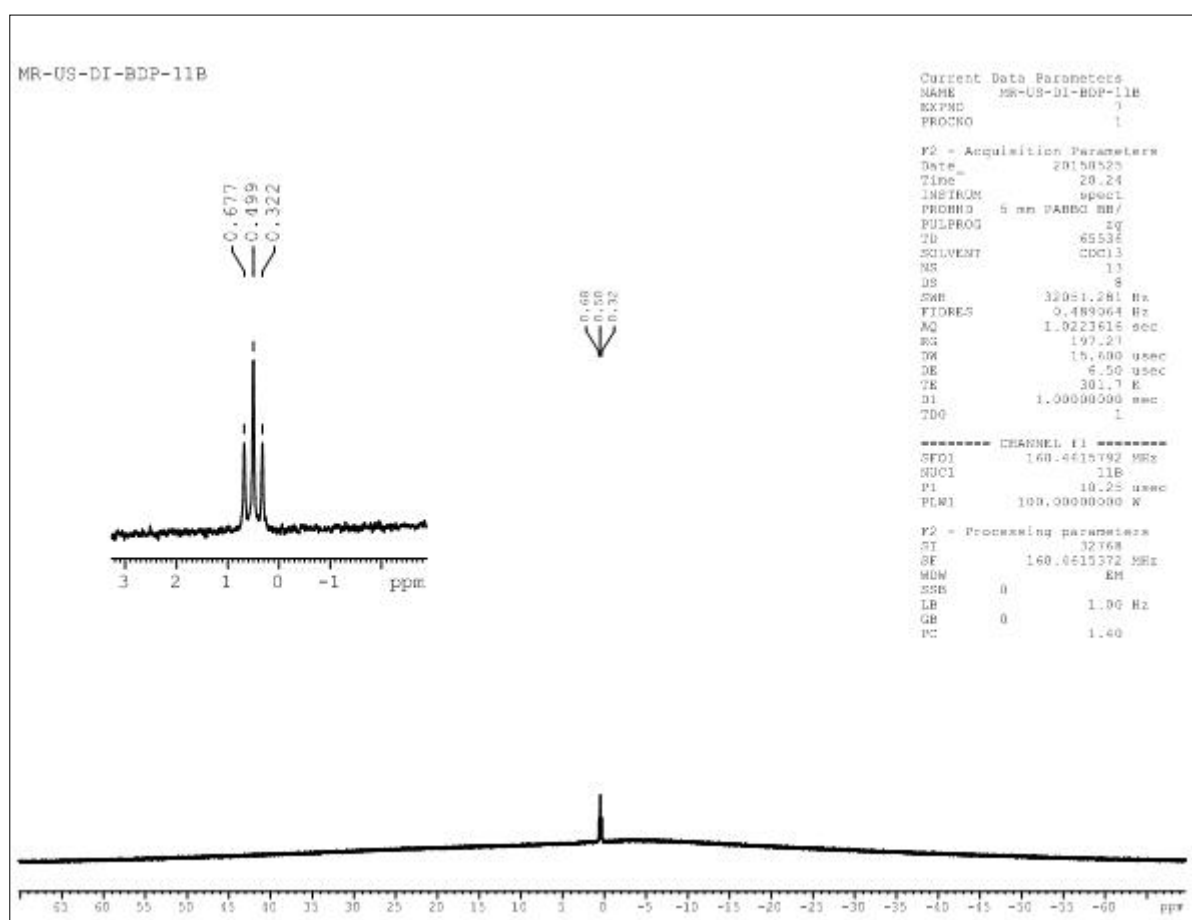
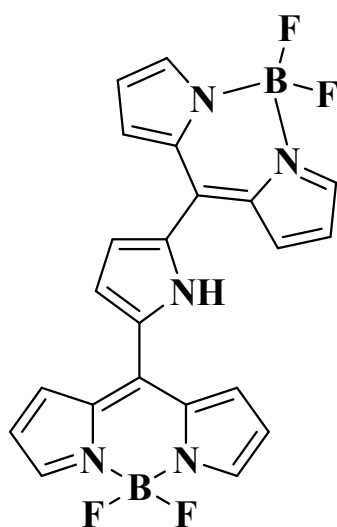


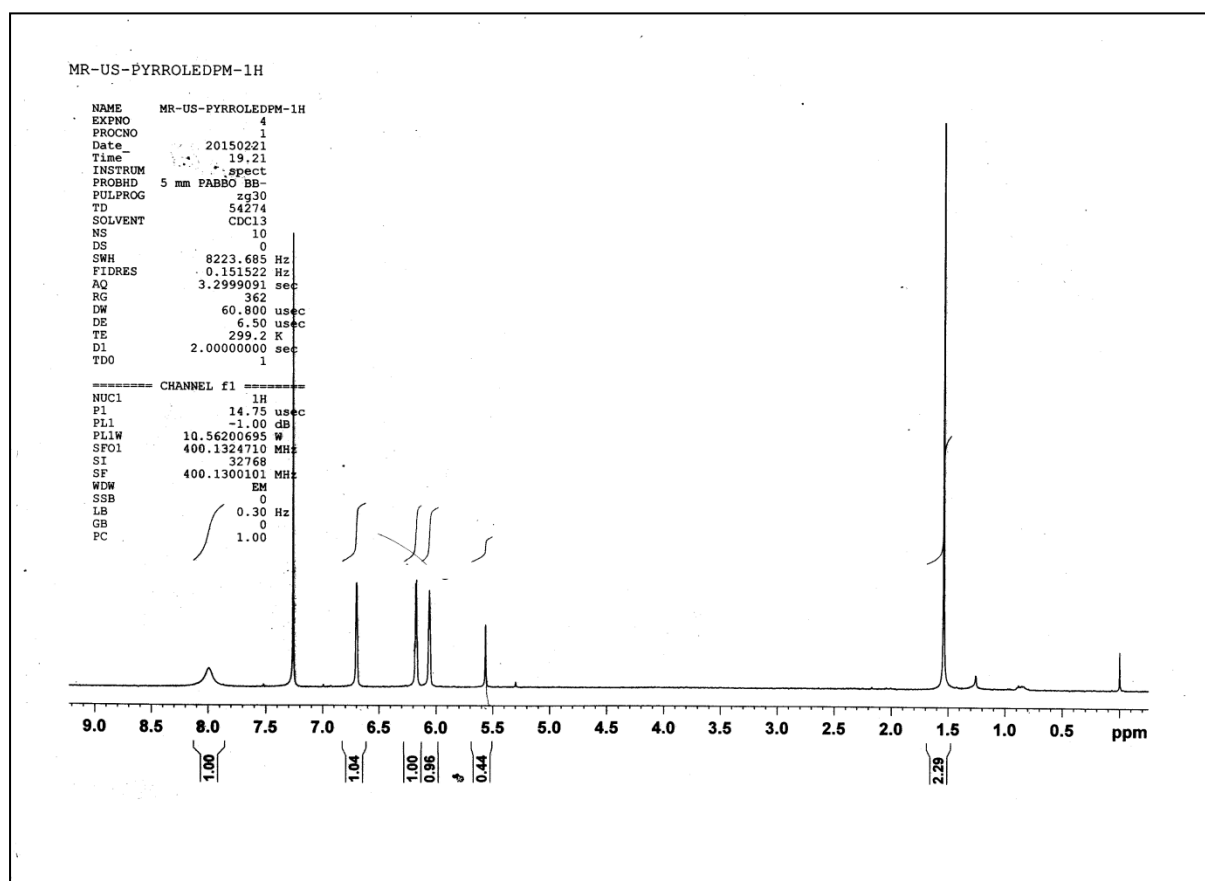
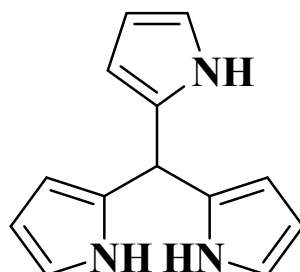
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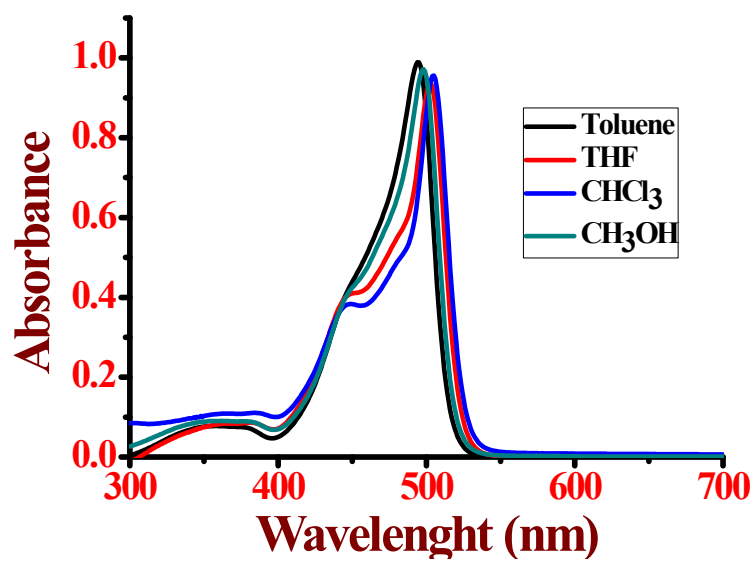
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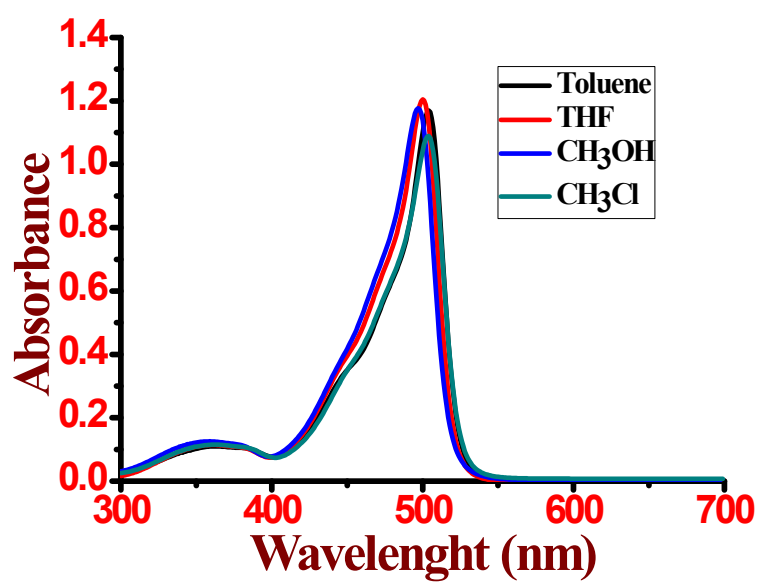
**Figure S27:**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of compound **9** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Inset shows the Expansion.



**Figure S28:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **11** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

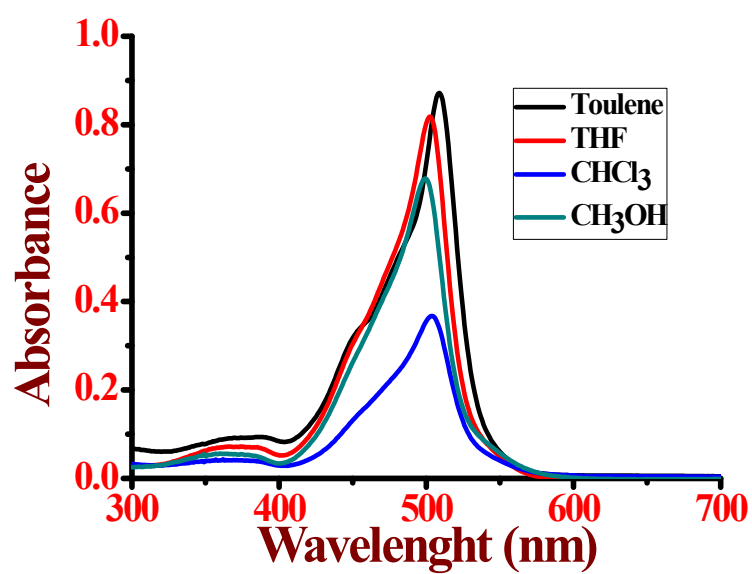


**Figure S29:** Comparison of absorption spectra of compound **5** ( $2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ) recorded in different solvents.

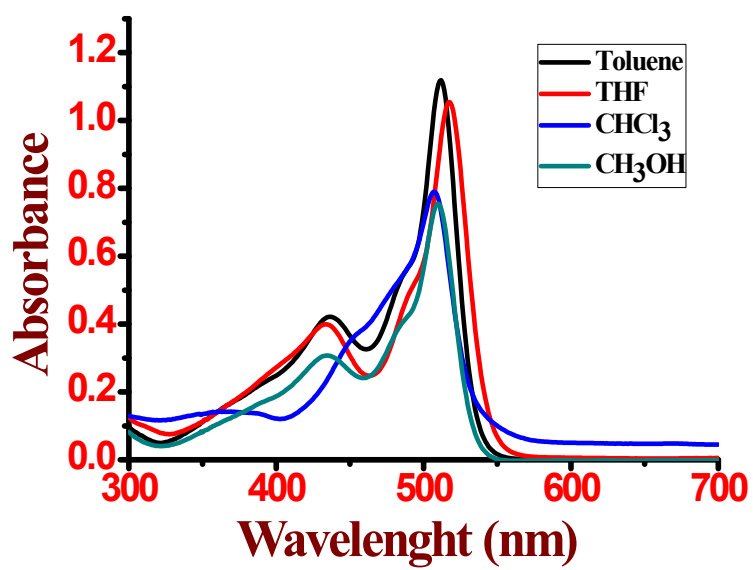


**Figure S30:** Comparison of absorption spectra of compound **6** ( $2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ) recorded in different solvents.

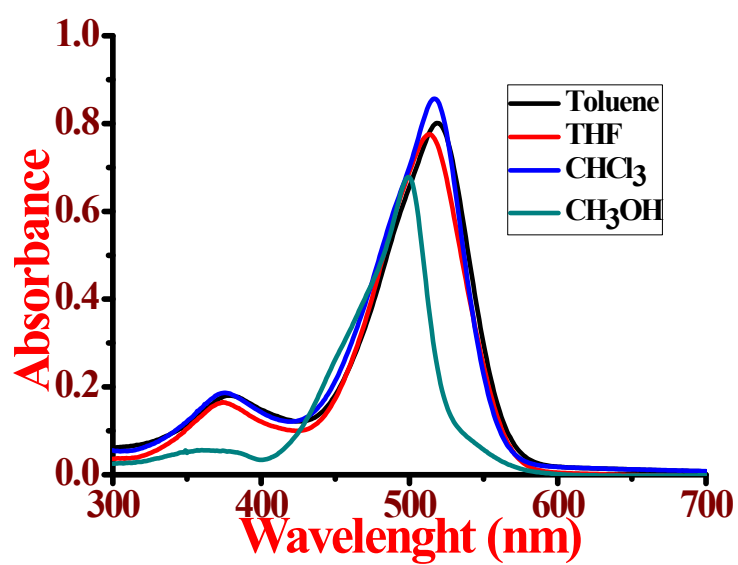




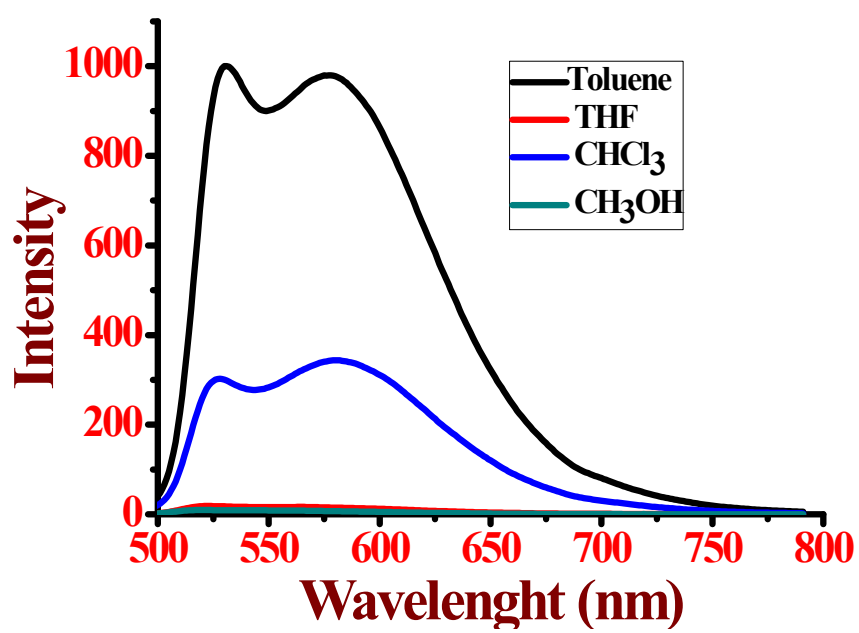
**Figure S31:** Comparison of absorption spectra of compound **7** ( $2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ) recorded in different solvents.



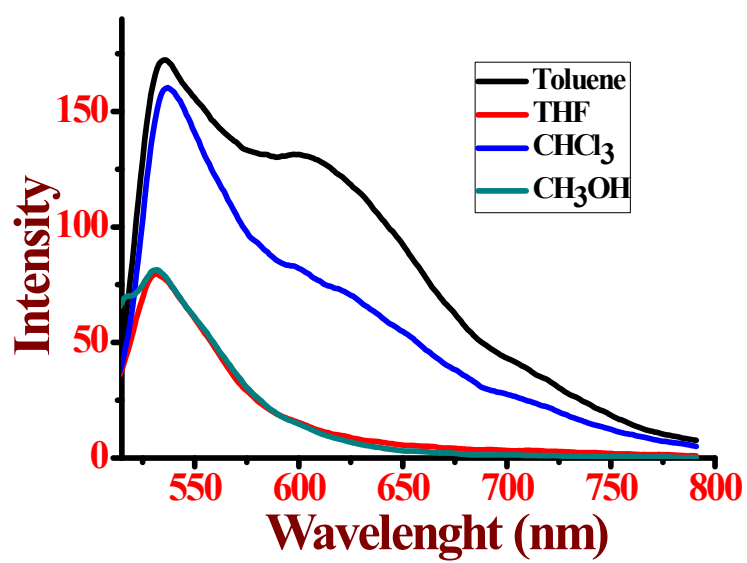
**Figure S32:** Comparison of absorption spectra of compound **8** ( $2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) recorded in different solvents.



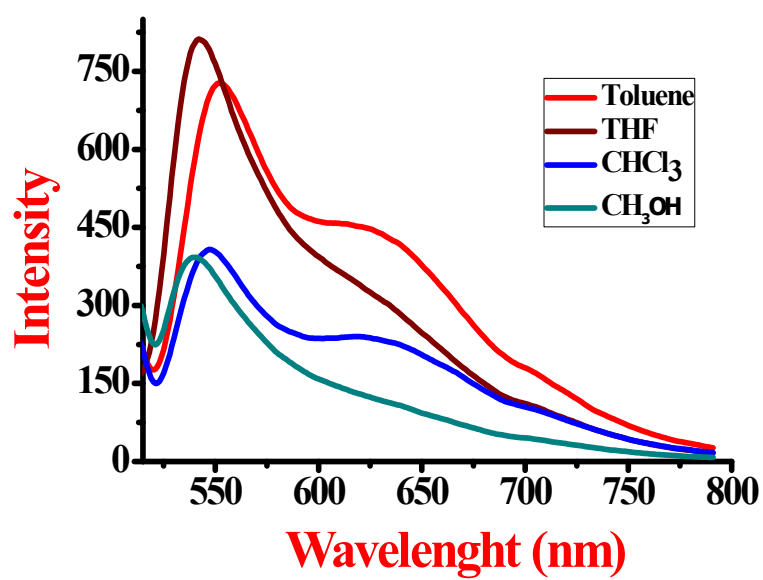
**Figure S33:** Comparison of absorption spectra of compound **9** ( $2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ) recorded in different solvents.



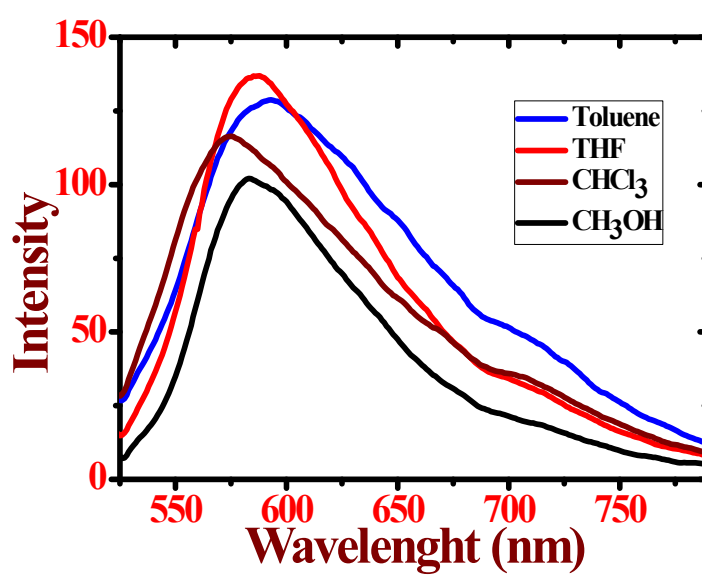
**Figure S34:** Comparison of emission spectrum of compound **5** ( $2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ) recorded in different solvents



**Figure S35:** Comparison of emission spectrum of compound **6** ( $2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ) recorded in different solvents



**Figure S36:** Comparison of emission spectrum of compound **8** ( $2 \times 10^{-5} \text{M}$ ) recorded in different solvents



**Figure S37:** Comparison of emission spectrum of compound **9** ( $2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ) recorded in different solvents

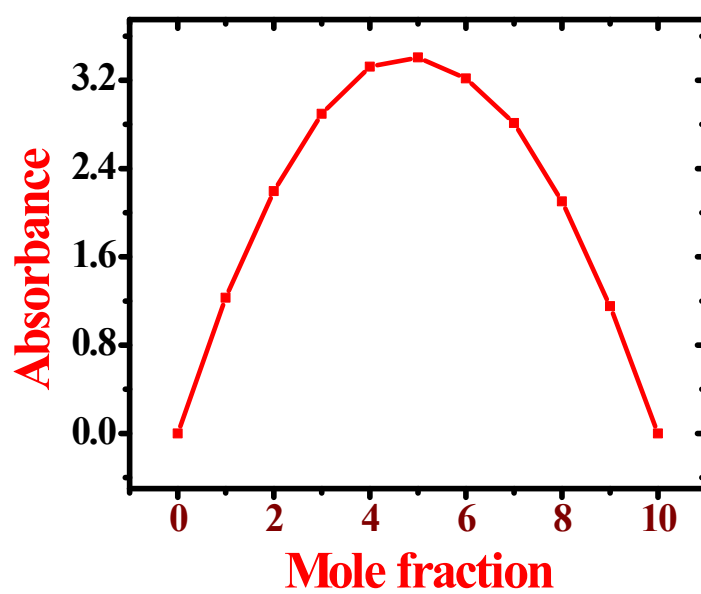
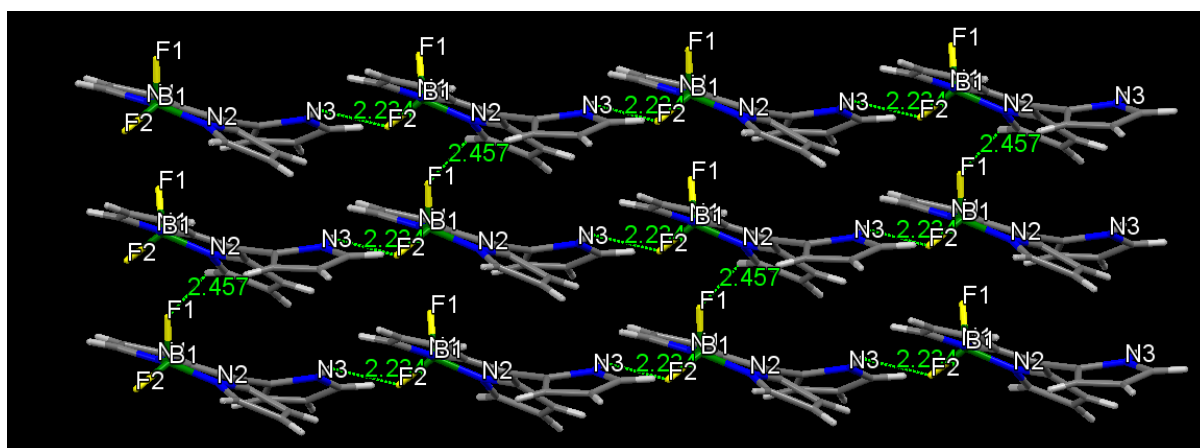
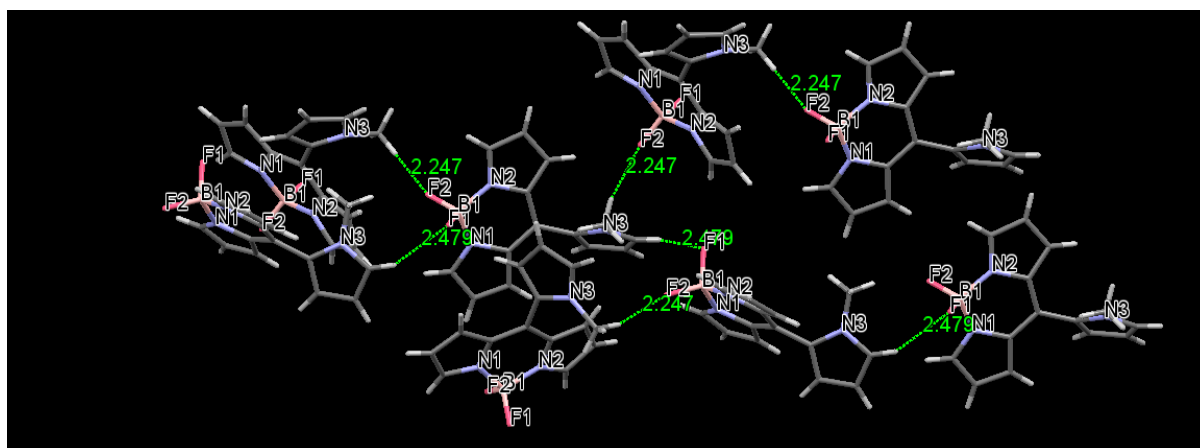


Figure S38. Job's plots of compound 5

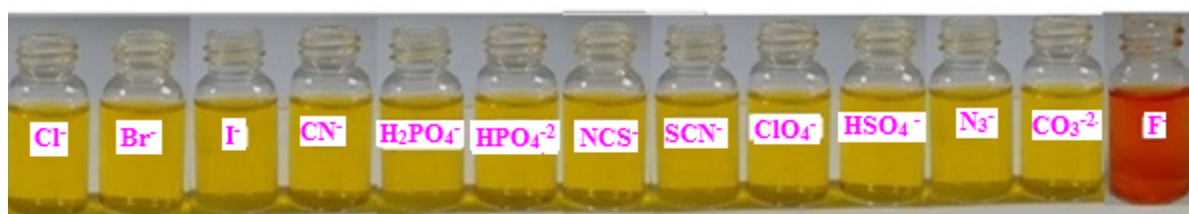




**Figure 39.** Supramolecular assembly through a weak intermolecular hydrogen bonding network in BODIPY **5**.



**Figure 40.** Supramolecular assembly through intermolecular-hydrogen bonding network (between Methyl-H and F (2.247 Å) which is attached to boron in Compound 6.



**Figure 41.** Optical response of BODIPY 5 after addition of different anions

## Experimental section

**General:** THF and n-hexane was dried over sodium benzophenone ketyl,  $\text{BF}_3$ ,  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (DDQ) and TFA were used as obtained. All other chemicals used for the synthesis were reagent grade unless otherwise specified. Column chromatography was performed on silica (60-120 mesh) or alumina. All the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra ( $\delta$  in ppm) were recorded using Bruker 400 and 500 MHz instruments.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker operating at 100.6 and 125.7 MHz. TMS was used as an internal reference for  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  ( $\delta$  77.0 signal) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . For UV-vis, the stock solution of compound **5** ( $2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) was prepared by using spectroscopic grade toluene.

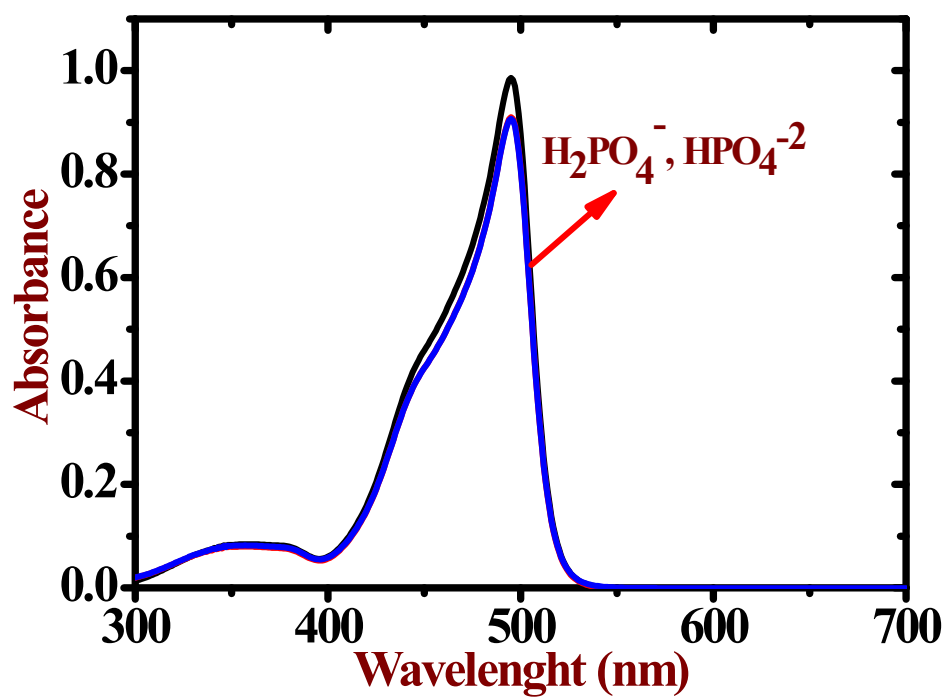
Their corresponding UV-vis was recorded at 298 K. In  $^1\text{H}$  NMR titration, the spectra were measured on 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. A solution of **5** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  was prepared ( $2 \times 10^{-5}$  M), and a 0.4 mL portion of this solution was transferred to a 5-mm NMR tube. A small aliquot of  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NF}$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  was added in an incremental fashion, and their corresponding spectra were recorded.

### **X-ray crystal structure analysis:**

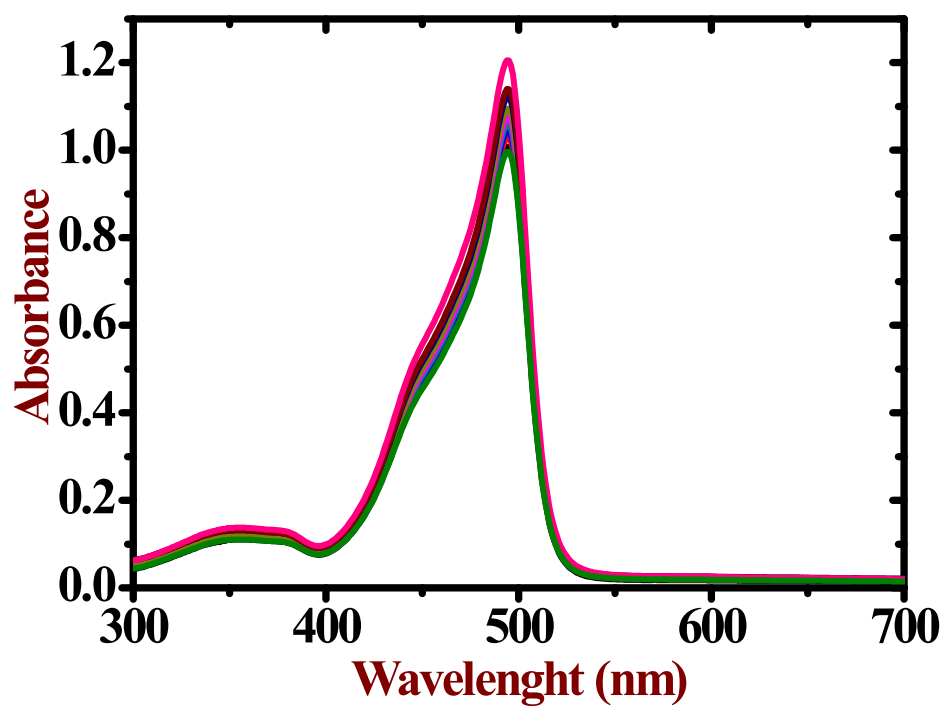
Single-crystal X-ray structure analysis was performed on a Rigaku Saturn 724 diffractometer that was equipped with a low-temperature attachment. Data were collected at 100 K using graphite-monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda_\alpha = 0.71073$  Å) with the  $\omega$ -scan technique. The data were reduced by using CrystalClear-SM Expert 2.1 b24 software. The structures were solved by direct methods and refined by least-squares against  $F^2$  utilizing the software packages SHELXL-97,<sup>33</sup> SIR-92,<sup>34</sup> and WINGX.<sup>35</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically.

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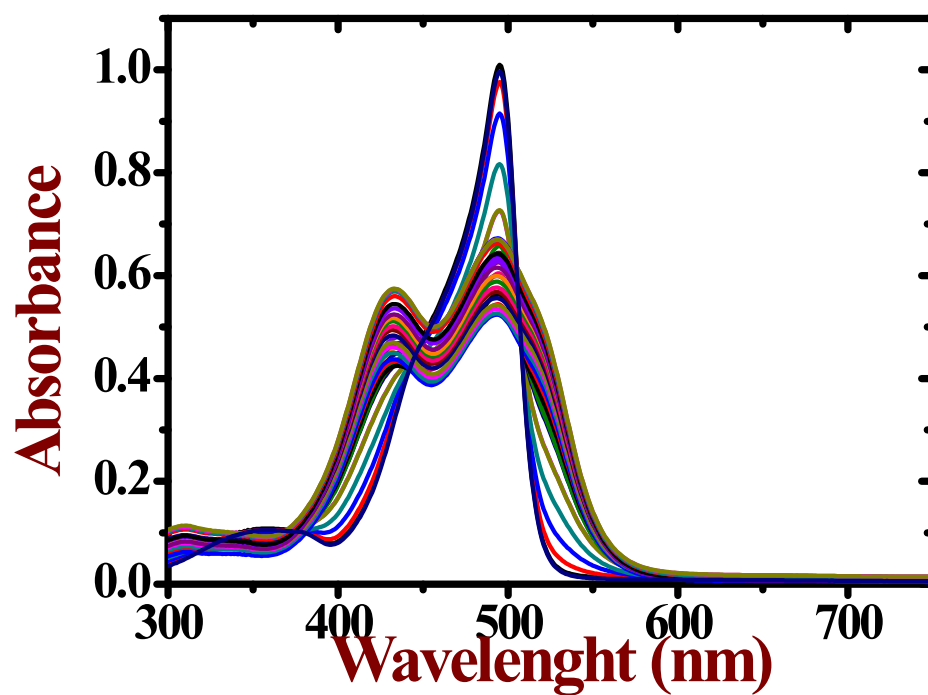
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**Figure 42.** Absorption spectra of compound **5** ( $2 \times 10^{-5}\text{M}$ ) and after addition of  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$   $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$  recorded in Toluene

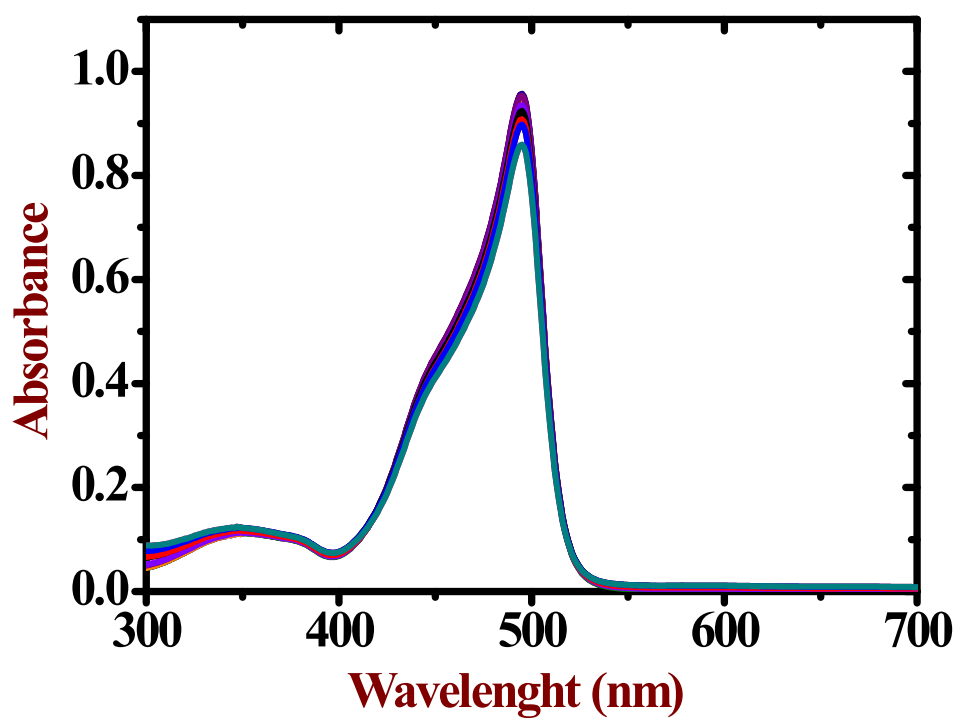


**Figure 43.** Absorption spectral change of compound **5** ( $2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) and after addition of different equivalents of F<sup>-</sup> (0-50 equiv.) recorded in CH<sub>3</sub>OH.



**Figure 44.** Absorption spectral changes of BODIPY **5** ( $2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon addition of increasing equivalents of F<sup>-</sup> ions (0–15 equiv) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.





**Figure 45.** Absorption spectral changes of BODIPY **5** ( $2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon addition of increasing equivalents of F<sup>-</sup> ions (0–50 equiv) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O (9:1).