

# Supporting Information

## Synthesis of 1,1-Diborionate Esters by Cobalt-Catalyzed Sequential Hydroboration of Terminal Alkynes

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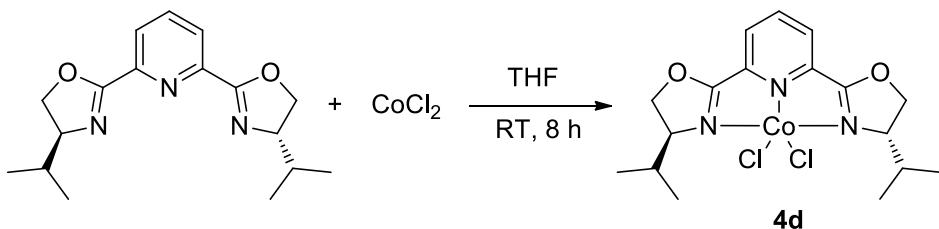
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## 1. General information

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All manipulations were carried out using standard Schlenk, high-vacuum and glovebox techniques. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), dioxane and toluene were distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl prior to use. The following compounds were prepared according to the related literature procedures:  $[(S)-iPr\text{-IPO}]FeBr_2$  (**(S)-4a**).<sup>1</sup>  $[(S)-iPr\text{-IPO}]CoCl_2$  (**(S)-4b**).<sup>2</sup>  $(^{iPr}\text{PDI})CoCl_2$  (**4c**).<sup>3</sup>

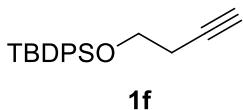
NMR spectra were recorded on Agilent 400 MHz or Varian Mercury 400 MHz.  $^1H$  NMR chemical shifts were referenced to residual protio solvent peaks or tetramethylsilane signal (0 ppm), and  $^{13}C$  NMR chemical shifts were referenced to the solvent resonance. Data for  $^1H$  NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, quint = quintuplet, sext = sextuplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, coupling constant (s) in Hz, integration). Data for  $^{13}C$  NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm). Elemental analyses and high resolution mass spectrometer (HR-MS) were carried out by the Analytical Laboratory of Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry (CAS).

## 2. Synthesize [(S)-iPr-Pybox]CoCl<sub>2</sub> ((S)-4d)

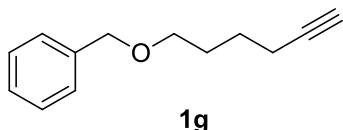


**Preparation of [(S)-iPr-Pybox]CoCl<sub>2</sub> ((S)-4d).** To a solution of (S)-<sup>i</sup>PrPybox (60 mg, 0.199 mmol) in approximately 15 mL of THF, 26 mg (0.199 mmol) of CoCl<sub>2</sub> were added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 8 hours. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the resulting solid was washed with diethyl ether, collected by filtration and dried under vacuum to yield 71 mg (85%) of a blue solid identified as (S)-4d. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 71.82, 11.17, 2.98, -11.26, -11.64, -17.92, -21.00, -40.89, -41.71. Anal. Calcd. (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>CoN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>): C, 47.35; H, 5.38; N, 9.74. Found: C, 46.96; H, 5.58; N, 9.58.

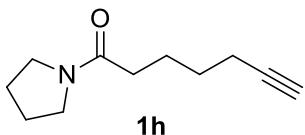
## 3. Procedure for prepare of terminal alkynes



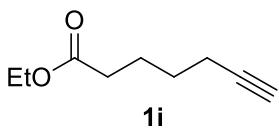
**(but-3-yn-1-yloxy)(tert-butyl)diphenylsilane (1f).** Compound 1f was prepared according to the literature.<sup>4</sup> The product was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 100/1) as colorless oil (96%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.73 – 7.63 (m, 4H), 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 6H), 3.78 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (td, *J* = 7.0, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.07 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 135.7, 133.6, 129.8, 127.8, 81.5, 69.6, 62.4, 26.9, 22.7, 19.3. These spectroscopic data correspond to reported data.<sup>4</sup>



**((hex-5-yn-1-yloxy)methyl)benzene (**1g**).** Compound **1g** was prepared according to the literature.<sup>5</sup> The product was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 100/1) as colorless oil (94%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 3.48 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (td, *J* = 7.0, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 1.94 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.77 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.58 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.6, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 84.4, 72.9, 69.8, 68.5, 28.8, 25.3, 18.3. These spectroscopic data correspond to reported data.<sup>5</sup>



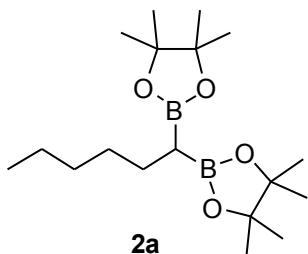
**1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)hept-6-yn-1-one (**1h**).** A solution of pyrrolidine (2.54 g, 35.67 mol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C to a solution of hept-6-ynoyl chloride (1.71 g, 11.9 mmol) in 20 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for 1.5 hours. Then 2 M HCl (15 mL) was slowly added at that temperature. The resulting mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×20 mL). Combined organic phase was washed with saturated aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and evaporation of the solvent, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography with EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:2) to give the title compound **1h** (1.68 g, 79%) as colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.44 – 3.35 (m, 4H), 2.25 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (td, *J* = 7.1, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 1.96 – 1.88 (m, 3H), 1.85 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.51 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.3, 84.3, 68.5, 46.7, 45.7, 34.2, 28.3, 26.2, 24.5, 24.0, 18.3. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): Calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 180.1383, found 180.1384.



**ethyl hept-6-ynoate (**1i**).** Compound **1i** was prepared according to the literature.<sup>6</sup> The product was purified with silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 30/1) as colorless oil

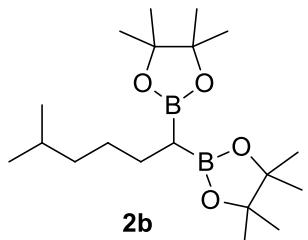
(80%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.10 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.29 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.18 (td,  $J = 7.0, 2.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.93 (t,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.78 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.22 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.5, 84.0, 68.7, 60.4, 33.8, 27.9, 24.1, 18.2, 14.3. These spectroscopic data correspond to reported data.<sup>6</sup>

#### 4. Procedure for Dihydroboration of Terminal Alkynes



**Representative procedure for dihydroboration with cobalt complex.**

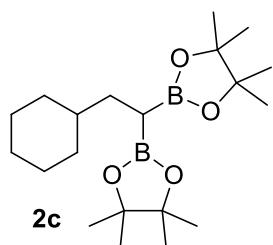
**2,2'-(hexane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (2a).** In a nitrogen filled glovebox, to a solution of cobalt complex (*S*-4a (0.015 mmol, 7.8 mg) in 2 mL of THF, a solution (1.0 M in THF) of NaBH<sub>3</sub>Et<sub>3</sub> (30  $\mu$ L, 0.03 mmol) was slowly added at 25 °C. After stirring for 1 min, HBpin (128 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2 equiv), 1-hexyne 1a (41.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) were sequentially added. The reaction mixture stirred for 12 h at 25 °C and then was quenched by exposing the solution to air. The resulting solution was concentrated in vacuum and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexane) to give the product 2a as colorless oil (156 mg, 92%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.56 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.32 – 1.23 (m, 6H), 1.22 (s, 12H), 1.21 (s, 12H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.70 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  82.9, 32.3, 31.9, 25.7, 24.9, 24.6, 22.6, 14.1. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc)  $\delta$  34.2. These spectroscopic data correspond to reported data.<sup>7</sup>



**2,2'-(5-methylhexane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (2b).**

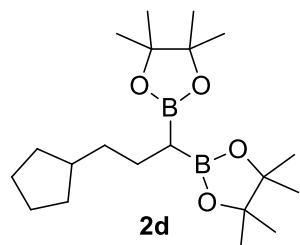
Colorless oil (168 mg, 95%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.53 – 1.46 (m, 3H), 1.30 – 1.23 (m, 2H), 1.21 (s, 12H), 1.20 (s, 12H), 1.16 – 1.09 (m, 2H), 0.82 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 0.71 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  82.9, 39.1, 30.4, 27.8,

26.0, 25.0, 24.6, 22.7.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc)  $\delta$  34.3. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{35}\text{B}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_3$ ] 335.2794, found 335.2796.



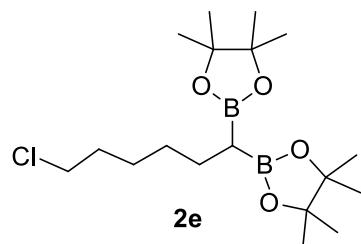
**2,2'-(2-cyclohexylethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane)**

**(2c).** Colorless oil (159 mg, 87%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.73 – 1.53 (m, 5H), 1.43 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.21 (s, 12H), 1.20 (s, 12H), 1.14 – 0.98 (m, 4H), 0.84 – 0.71 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  82.9, 39.9, 33.2, 33.0, 26.8, 26.6, 24.9, 24.7.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc)  $\delta$  34.5. These spectroscopic data correspond to reported data.<sup>8</sup>



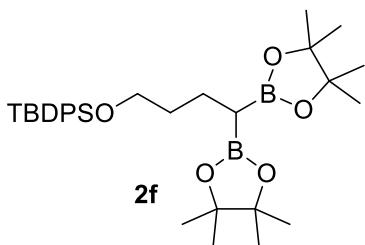
**2,2'-(3-cyclopentylpropane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane)**

**(2d).** Colorless oil (152 mg, 83%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.77 – 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.29 – 1.23 (m, 1H), 1.22 (s, 1H), 1.21 (s, 1H), 1.10 – 0.99 (m, 1H), 0.68 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  82.9, 40.2, 39.5, 32.8, 25.3, 25.0, 24.9, 24.6.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc)  $\delta$  34.0. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{35}\text{B}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_3$ ] 347.2794, found 347.2786.

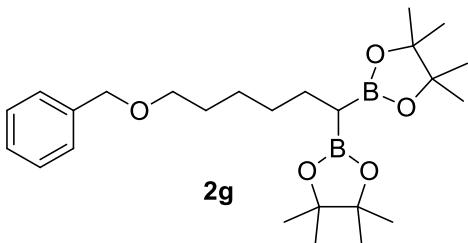


**2,2'-(6-chlorohexane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (2e).**

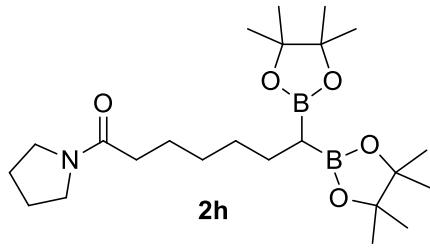
Colorless oil (156 mg, 84%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.50 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.78 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.53 (dd,  $J = 15.5, 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.44 – 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 1.21 (s, 6H), 1.20 (s, 8H), 0.70 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  83.1, 45.2, 32.5, 31.7, 26.9, 25.5, 25.0, 24.6.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (192 MHz,  $\text{EtOAc}$ )  $\delta$  34.2. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{32}\text{B}_2\text{O}_4\text{Cl} [\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_3]$  355.2248, found 355.2242.



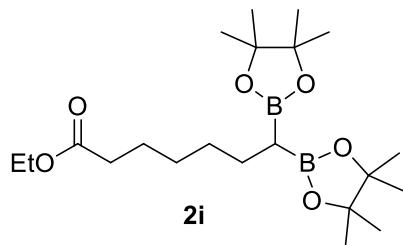
**(4,4-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)butoxy)(tert-butyl)diphenylsilane (2f).** Colorless oil (251 mg, 89%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.70 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 3.66 (t,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 0.73 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  135.6, 134.4, 129.5, 127.6, 83.0, 64.2, 35.5, 27.0, 24.9, 24.6, 21.9, 19.3.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (192 MHz,  $\text{EtOAc}$ )  $\delta$  34.2. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{47}\text{B}_2\text{O}_5\text{Si} [\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_3]$  547.3452, found 547.3449.



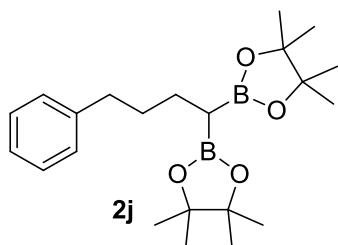
**2,2'-(6-(benzyloxy)hexane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (2g).** Colorless oil (189 mg, 85%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 4.48 (s, 1H), 3.44 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 0.71 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.9, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 83.0, 73.0, 70.7, 32.5, 29.8, 26.3, 25.8, 25.00, 24.6.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (192 MHz,  $\text{EtOAc}$ )  $\delta$  34.2. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{39}\text{B}_2\text{O}_5 [\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_3]$  427.3056, found 427.3058.



**1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)-7,7-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)heptan-1-one (2h).** Colorless oil (191 mg, 89%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.38 (dt,  $J = 18.5, 6.8$  Hz, 4H), 2.18 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.94 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.28 – 1.24 (m, 4H), 1.18 (s, 12H), 1.17 (s, 12H), 0.66 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.0, 82.9, 46.7, 45.6, 34.9, 32.4, 29.6, 26.2, 25.6, 25.0, 24.9, 24.6, 24.5.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc)  $\delta$  34.2. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{43}\text{NB}_2\text{O}_4$  [M] $^+$  433.3400, found 433.3389.

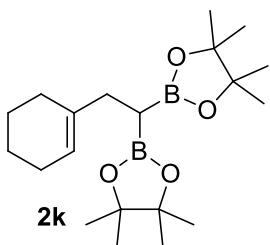


**ethyl 7,7-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)heptanoate (2i).** Light yellow oil (160 mg, 78%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.08 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.24 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz 2H), 1.62 – 1.47 (m, 4H), 1.30 – 1.24 (m, 4H), 1.22 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H, COOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, the “CH<sub>3</sub>” signals were partially overlapped by the intensive signal of four Me groups), 1.20 (s, 12H), 1.19 (s, 12H), 0.68 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  174.0, 83.0, 60.2, 34.5, 32.2, 29.2, 25.6, 25.0, 24.9, 24.6, 14.4.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc)  $\delta$  34.3. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{37}\text{B}_2\text{O}_6$  [M $^+ - \text{CH}_3$ ] 393.2849, found 393.2844.

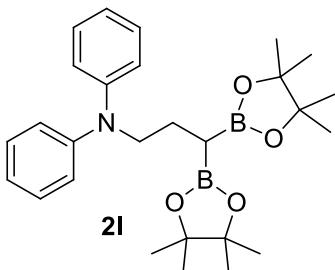


**2,2'-(4-phenylbutane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (2j).**

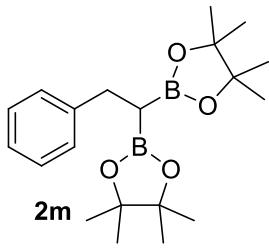
Colorless oil (185 mg, 96%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 2.59 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.66 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 4H), 1.22 (s, 6H), 0.77 (t,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.1, 128.5, 128.3, 125.5, 83.1, 36.2, 34.5, 25.7, 25.0, 24.6.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc)  $\delta$  34.2. These spectroscopic data correspond to reported data.<sup>7</sup>



**2,2'-(2-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (2k).** Colorless oil (99 mg, 55%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.40 – 5.35 (m, 1H), 2.15 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.95 – 1.85 (m, 4H), 1.60 – 1.44 (m, 4H), 1.19 (s, 12H), 1.18 (s, 12H), 0.96 (t,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.6, 119.6, 83.0, 33.4, 28.6, 25.3, 24.9, 24.6, 23.2, 22.8.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc)  $\delta$  34.2. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{36}\text{B}_2\text{O}_4$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 360.2872, found 360.2870.

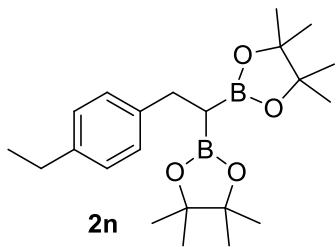


**N-(3,3-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)propyl)-N-phenylaniline (2l).** White solid (108 mg, 46%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.13 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 6.96 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 3.65 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.98 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.24 (s, 12H), 1.23 (s, 12H), 0.68 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  148.1, 129.2, 120.9, 120.8, 83.3, 54.8, 25.01, 24.7, 23.3.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc)  $\delta$  34.2. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{39}\text{NB}_2\text{O}_4$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 461.3138, found 461.3136.



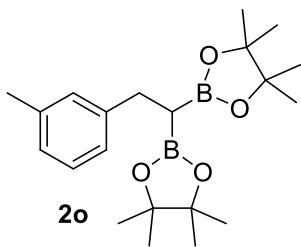
**2,2'-(2-phenylethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (2m).**

Colorless oil (155 mg, 87%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 2.89 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.19 (s, 12H), 1.18 (s, 13H,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$  and  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}$ , the “CH” signals were overlapped by the intensive signal of four Me groups).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  144.5, 128.4, 128.0, 125.4, 83.2, 31.4, 24.9, 24.6.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc)  $\delta$  34.0. These spectroscopic data correspond to reported data.<sup>9</sup>



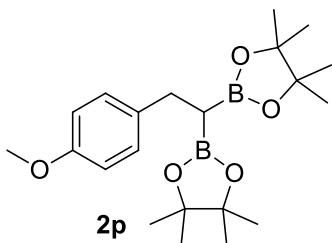
**2,2'-(2-(4-ethylphenyl)ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane e) (2n).**

Light yellow oil (182 mg, 94%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.15 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.85 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 2.58 (q,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.19 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 3H,  $\text{PhCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ , the “ $\text{CH}_3$ ” signals were partially overlapped by the intensive signal of four Me groups), 1.18 (s, 12H), 1.17 (s, 12H), 1.15 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{PhCH}_2\text{CHB}_2$ , the “CH” signals were partially overlapped by the intensive signal of four Me groups).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.7, 141.2, 128.3, 127.5, 83.1, 31.0, 28.5, 24.9, 24.6, 15.9.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc)  $\delta$  34.4. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{36}\text{B}_2\text{O}_4$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 384.2872, found 384.2868.



**2,2'-(2-(m-tolyl)ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (2o).**

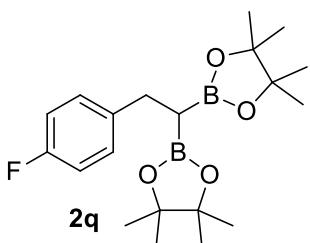
Colorless oil (155 mg, 87%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.13 – 7.00 (m, 3H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 12H), 1.18 (s, 12H), 1.13 (t,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  144.5, 137.4, 129.3, 128.0, 126.1, 125.4, 83.2, 31.3, 24.9, 24.6, 21.5.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc)  $\delta$  34.3. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{34}\text{B}_2\text{O}_4$  [M] $^+$  370.2716, found 370.2711.



**2,2'-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (2p).**

Colorless oil (170 mg, 88%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.13 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.80 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.16 (s, 12H), 1.15 (s, 12H), 1.11 (t,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.4, 136.7, 129.2, 113.3, 83.1, 55.2, 30.4, 24.8, 24.5.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc)  $\delta$  34.3.

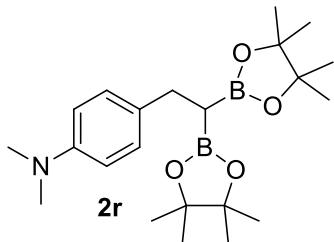
These spectroscopic data correspond to reported data.<sup>9</sup>



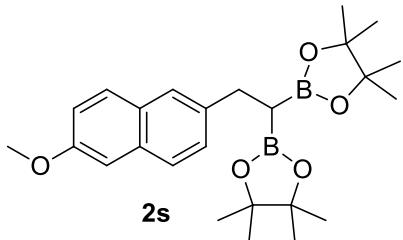
**2,2'-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (2q).**

White solid (147 mg, 78%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.89 (t,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.83 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.17 (s, 12H), 1.16 (s, 12H), 1.12 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H, Ph $\text{CH}_2\text{CHB}_2$ , the “CH” signals were partially overlapped by the intensive signal of four Me groups).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.3 (s), 159.9 (s), 140.2 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 129.7 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 114.7 (d,  $J = 20.9$  Hz), 83.3 (s), 30.6 (s), 24.9 (s), 24.6 (s).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -118.67.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (192

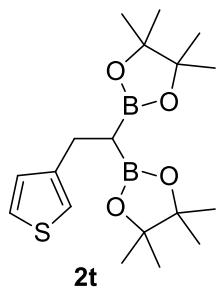
MHz, EtOAc)  $\delta$  34.9. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $C_{20}H_{31}FB_2O_4$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 374.2465, found 374.2469.



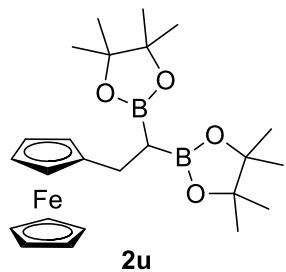
**4-(2,2-bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)ethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline (2r).** Yellow solid (175 mg, 87%).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.12 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (s, 6H), 2.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (s, 12H), 1.18 (s, 12H), 1.12 (t,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.9, 133.3, 128.9, 113.2, 83.1, 41.3, 30.4, 24.9, 24.6.  $^{11}B$  NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc)  $\delta$  34.1. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $C_{22}H_{37}NB_2O_4$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 399.2981, found 399.2987.



**2,2'-(2-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (2s).** White solid (173 mg, 79%).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.02 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (s, 25H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>CH, the “CH” signals were overlapped by the intensive signal of four Me groups).  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.9, 139.9, 132.9, 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 126.5, 126.0, 118.4, 105.7, 83.2, 55.3, 31.4, 24.9, 24.6.  $^{11}B$  NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc)  $\delta$  34.2. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $C_{25}H_{36}B_2O_5$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 436.2822, found 399.2987.

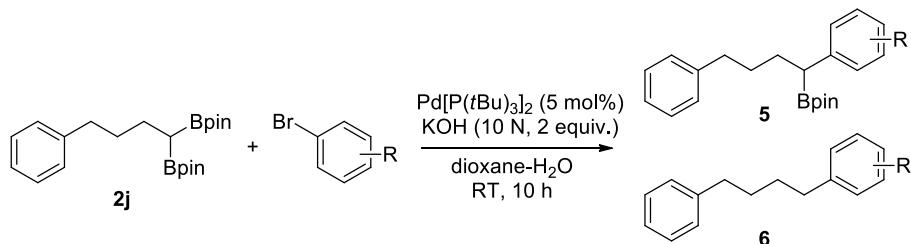


**2,2'-(2-(thiophen-3-yl)ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (2t).** White solid (132 mg, 72%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.97 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 2.88 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (s, 12H), 1.17 (s, 13H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>CH, the “CH” signals were overlapped by the intensive signal of four Me groups). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.2, 128.6, 124.8, 119.8, 83.2, 26.1, 24.9, 24.6. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc) δ 34.2. HRMS-EI (*m/z*): Calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>30</sub>B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 362.2124, found 362.2129.

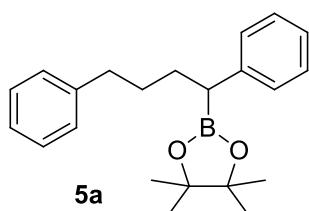


**2,2'-(2-ferrocenylethane-1,1-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (2u).** Brown solid (168 mg, 72%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.10 – 4.06 (m, 7H), 3.97 – 3.95 (m, 2H), 2.59 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (s, 24H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl<sub>3</sub>) δ 91.8, 83.2, 68.5, 68.4, 66.9, 25.6, 24.9, 24.8. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc) δ 34.0. HRMS-EI (*m/z*): Calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>36</sub>B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Fe [M]<sup>+</sup> 462.2268, found 462.2260.

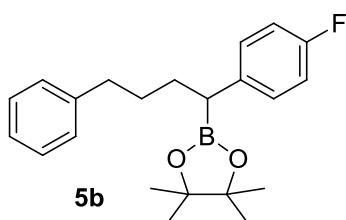
## 5. General procedure for coupling reactions of 1,1-diboronate **2j** with aryl bromides



To a solution of 1,1-diborylalkane **2j** (0.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv), aryl bormide (0.2 mmol), and  $\text{Pd}[\text{P}(t\text{Bu})_3]_2$  (5 mol %) in dioxane 1 mL was added 10 N KOH aq. (0.4 mmol, 40  $\mu\text{L}$ ) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 h and filtered through a pad of silica gel with ether. Concentration gave the residue which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (1% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to gave the product **5** or the protodeborylation product **6**.

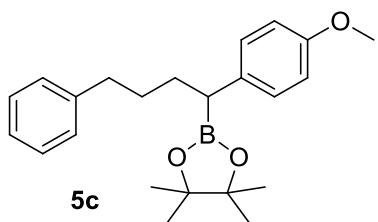


**2-(1,4-diphenylbutyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (5a).** Colorless oil (152 mg, 90%, his case was carried out in 0.5 mmol scale). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.26 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 2.67 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (dt,  $J$  = 14.6, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.77 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.60 (dt,  $J$  = 11.3, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (s, 6H), 1.18 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.3, 142.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 125.7, 125.3, 83.4, 36.1, 32.4, 31.2, 24.8, 24.7. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{29}\text{BO}_2$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 335.2297, found 335.2291.



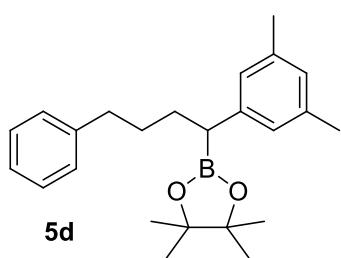
**2-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-phenylbutyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane**

**(5b).** Colorless oil (61 mg, 86%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 6.99 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 2.71 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.33 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.96 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.78 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.22 (s, 6H), 1.21 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.2, 159.8, 142.7, 138.8 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 129.7 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 128.4 (d,  $J = 11.3$  Hz), 125.7, 115.2, 114.9, 83.5, 36.0, 32.5, 31.1, 24.8, 24.7.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -118.73 (m). HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{BO}_2\text{F} [\text{M}]^+$  353.2203, found 353.2207.



**2-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenylbutyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane**

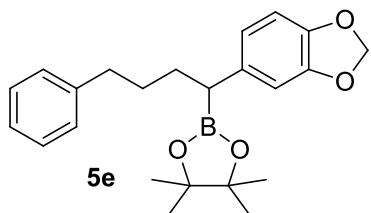
**(5c).** Colorless oil (67 mg, 91%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.27 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 6.84 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.71 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.30 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 1.95 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.71 (dt,  $J = 12.6, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.66 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 6H), 1.20 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.4, 142.8, 135.3, 129.3, 128.5, 128.3, 125.6, 113.8, 83.4, 55.3, 36.1, 32.7, 31.2, 24.8, 24.7. These spectroscopic data correspond to reported data.<sup>7</sup>



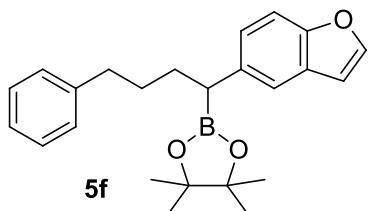
**2-(1-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-4-phenylbutyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane**

**e (5d).** Colorless oil (65 mg, 89%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 6.86 – 6.72 (m, 3H), 2.69 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 2.29 – 2.21 (m, 7H,  $\text{Ph}(CH_3)_2$  and  $\text{PhCHB}-$ , the “CH” signals were overlapped by the intensive signal of two Me groups of the phenyl ring), 1.92 – 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.55 (m, 3H), 1.20

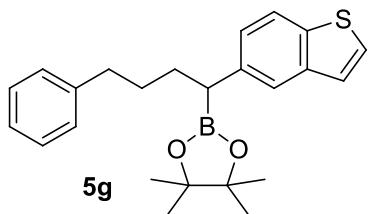
(s, 6H), 1.18 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.1, 142.9, 137.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.0, 126.3, 125.6, 83.3, 36.1, 32.6, 31.3, 24.7, 21.5. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{33}\text{BO}_2$  [M] $^+$  363.2610, found 363.2614.



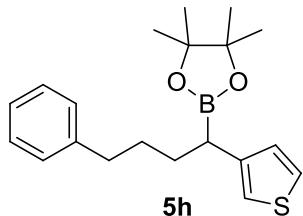
**2-(1-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4-phenylbutyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (5e).** Colorless oil (65 mg, 86%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.27 – 7.11 (m, 5H), 6.75 – 6.60 (m, 3H), 5.89 (s, 2H), 2.70 – 2.48 (m, 2H), 2.24 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 1.92 – 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.51 (m, 3H), 1.20 (s, 6H), 1.19 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  147.6, 145.2, 142.8, 137.1, 128.5, 128.3, 125.7, 121.3, 108.9, 108.2, 100.7, 83.4, 36.1, 32.7, 31.1, 24.8, 24.7. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{29}\text{BO}_4$  [M] $^+$  379.2195, found 375.2191.



**2-(1-(benzofuran-5-yl)-4-phenylbutyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (5f).** Colorless oil (67 mg, 89%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.58 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 6.71 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.72 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.45 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.97 (dt,  $J = 13.9, 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 1.83 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 6H), 1.20 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.4, 144.9, 142.8, 137.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.6, 125.7, 125.0, 120.5, 111.0, 106.6, 83.4, 36.1, 32.9, 31.2, 24.8, 24.7. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{29}\text{BO}_3$  [M] $^+$  375.2246, found 375.2243.

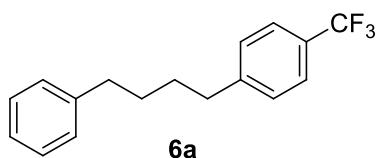


**2-(1-(benzo[b]thiophen-5-yl)-4-phenylbutyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (5g).** White solid (158 mg, 86%; this case was carried out in 0.47 mmol scale).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.77 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.16 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 3H), 2.72 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.47 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.99 (dt,  $J = 14.2, 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 1.80 (dt,  $J = 15.4, 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.70 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.22 (d,  $J = 5.3$  Hz, 6H), 1.20 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.7, 140.1, 139.4, 136.9, 128.5, 128.3, 126.2, 125.7, 125.5, 123.9, 123.1, 122.3, 83.4, 36.1, 32.7, 31.2, 24.8, 24.7. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{29}\text{BO}_2\text{S}$  [M] $^+$  391.2018, found 391.2015.

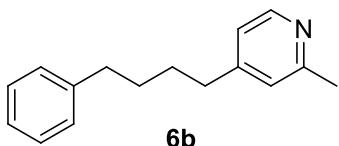


**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(4-phenyl-1-(thiophen-3-yl)butyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (5h).** Colorless oil (38 mg, 56%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.20 (dd,  $J = 4.9, 2.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.95 (dd,  $J = 4.9, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 2.65 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.48 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 1.91 – 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.65 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.21 (s, 6H), 1.20 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.0, 142.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 125.7, 124.9, 119.5, 83.5, 36.0, 32.1, 31.2, 24.8, 24.7. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{BO}_2\text{S}$  [M] $^+$  341.1861, found 341.1858.

The protodeborylation product **6a** and **6b**

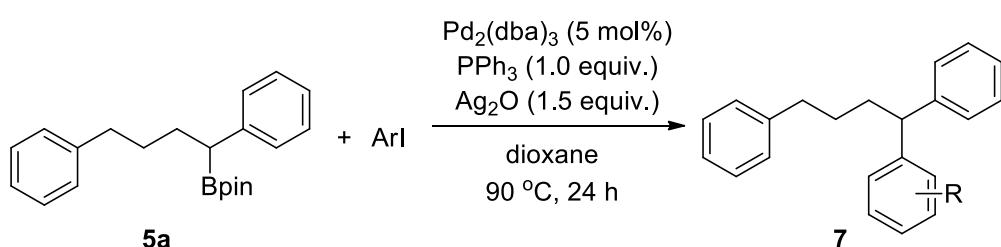


**1-(4-phenylbutyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**6a**).** Colorless oil (45 mg, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.70 – 1.62 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.7 (s), 142.4 (s), 128.8 (s), 128.5 (s), 128.4 (s), 125.9 (s), 125.3 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 35.9 (s), 35.8 (s), 31.1 (s), 30.9 (s). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.3. HRMS-EI (*m/z*): Calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 278.1282, found 278.1279.

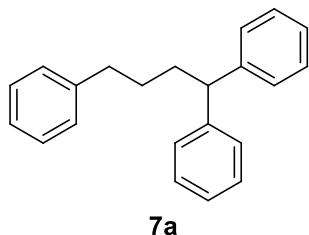


**2-methyl-4-(4-phenylbutyl)pyridine (**6b**).** Pale yellow oil (40 mg, 89%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.68 – 1.62 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.2, 151.7, 148.9, 142.3, 128.5, 128.4, 125.8, 123.5, 121.1, 35.8, 35.1, 31.0, 29.9, 24.4. HRMS-EI (*m/z*): Calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N [M]<sup>+</sup> 225.1517, found 225.1517.

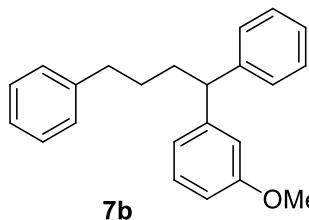
## 6. General procedure for subsequential coupling reactions of **5a** with aryl iodides



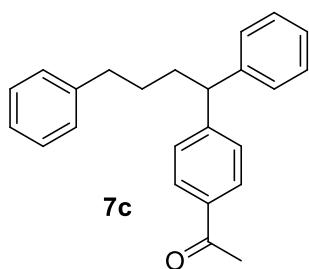
To a solution of **5a** (0.2 mmol), aryl iodide (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in dioxane 1 mL was added sequentially Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), and Ag<sub>2</sub>O (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 24 h and filtered through a pad of silica gel with ether. Concentration gave the residue which was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the product **7**.



**butane-1,1,4-triyltribenzene (7a).** Colorless oil (42 mg, 74%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30 – 7.08 (m, 15H), 3.90 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.63 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.14 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.55 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  145.2, 142.4, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 126.2, 125.8, 51.4, 35.9, 35.3, 29.9. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}$  [M] $^+$  286.1722, found 286.1274.



**(1-(3-methoxyphenyl)butane-1,4-diyl)dibenzene (7b).** Pale yellow oil (47 mg, 75%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28 – 7.08 (m, 11H), 6.84 – 6.66 (m, 3H), 3.87 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.63 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.11 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.54 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.7, 146.8, 145.0, 142.4, 129.4, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 126.2, 125.8, 120.4, 114.1, 111.0, 55.2, 51.4, 35.9, 35.3, 29.9. HRMS-EI ( $m/z$ ): Calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}$  [M] $^+$  316.1827, found 316.1825.



**1-(4-(1,4-diphenylbutyl)phenyl)ethanone (7c).** Pale yellow oil (32 mg, 49%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.86 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.09 (m, 12H), 3.96 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.64 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.16 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.53 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.9, 150.8, 144.1, 142.2, 135.3, 128.8,

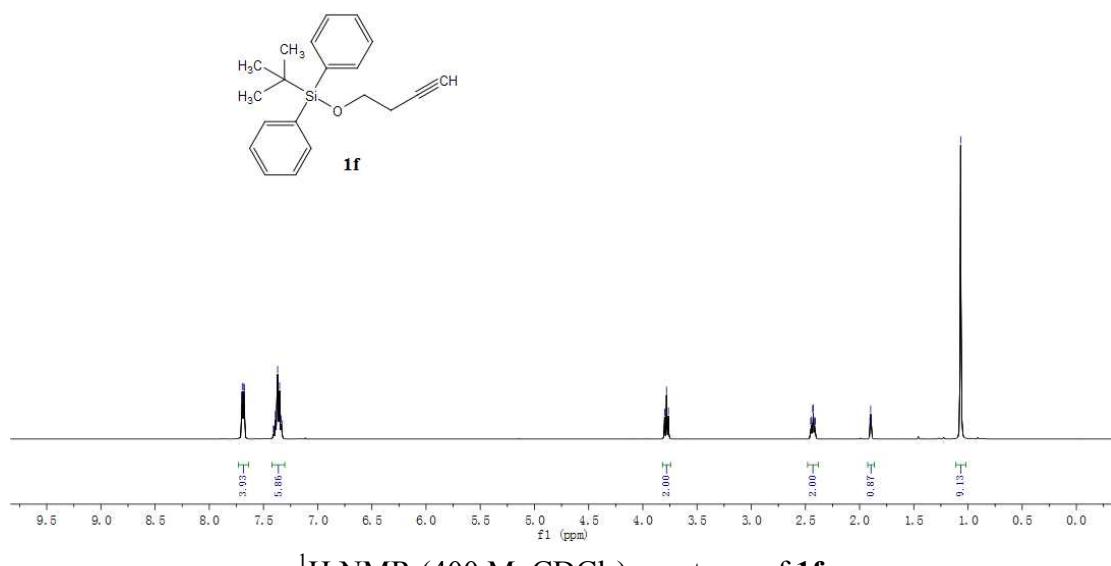
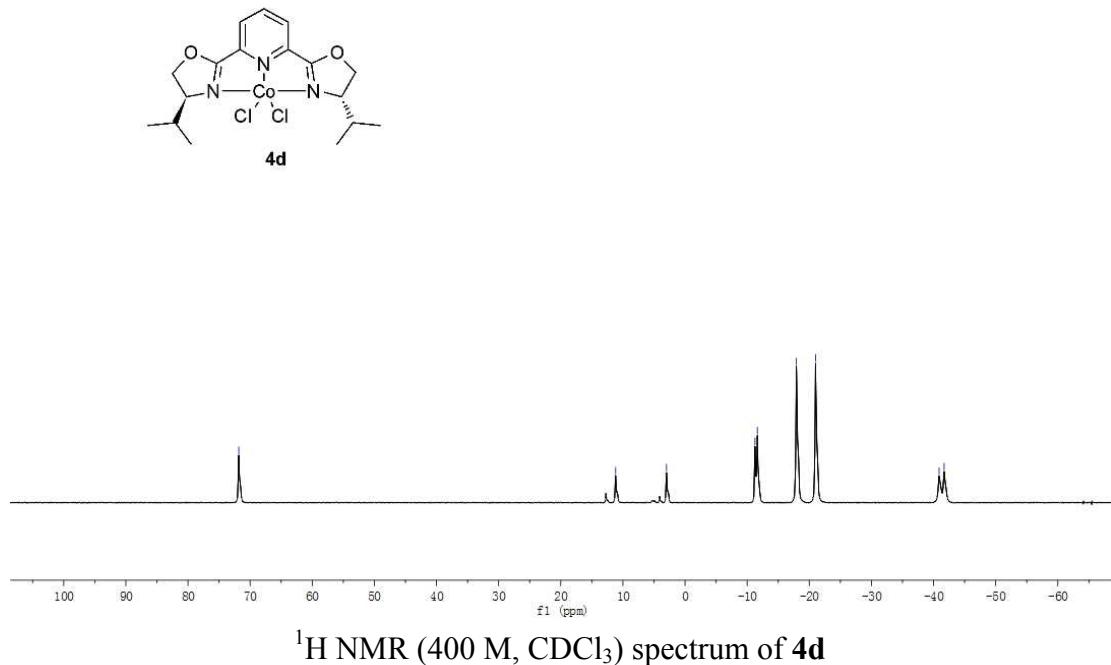
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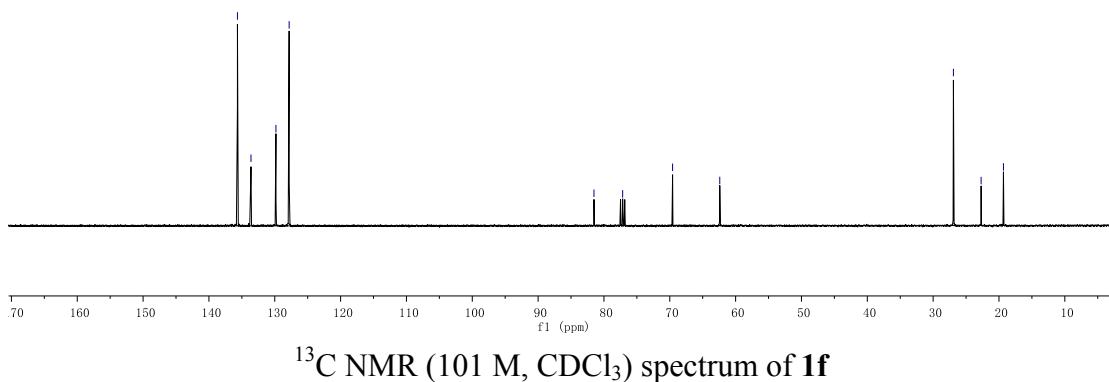
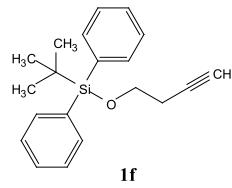
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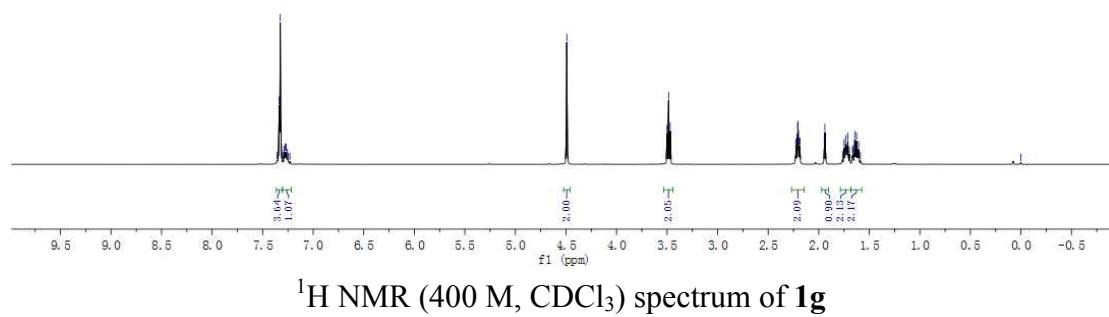
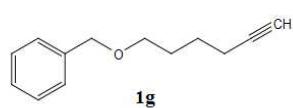
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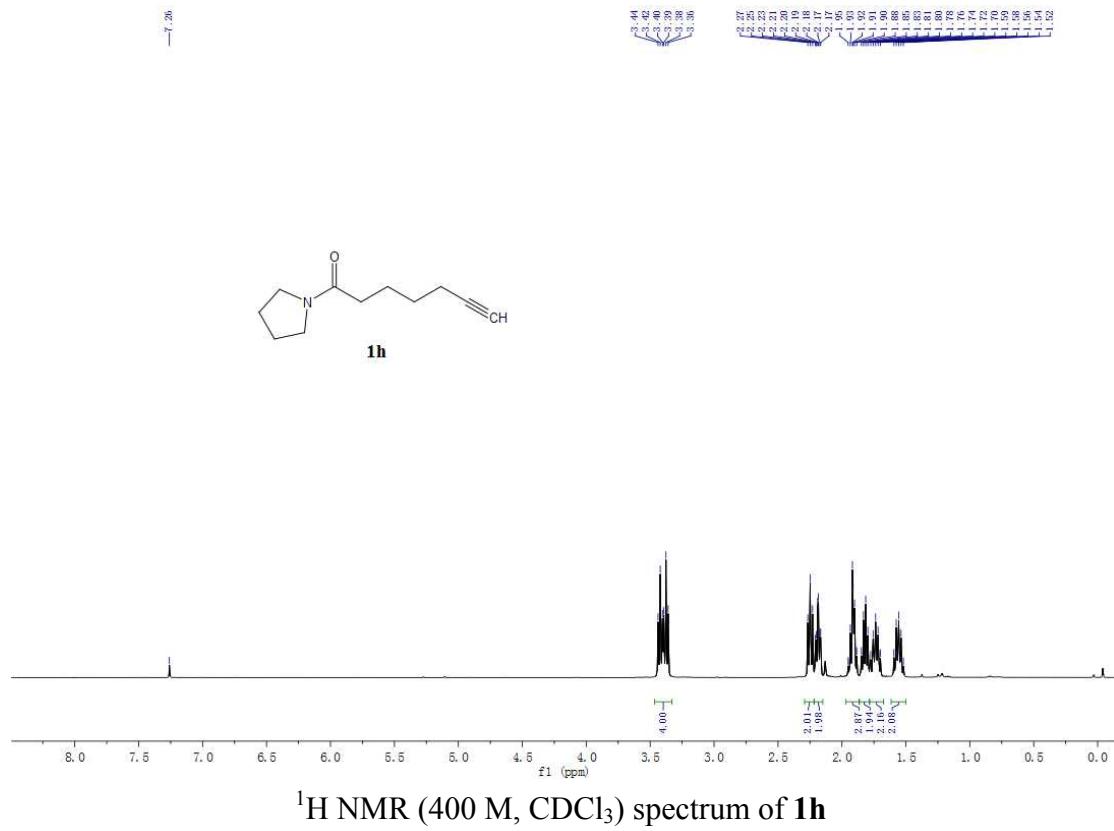
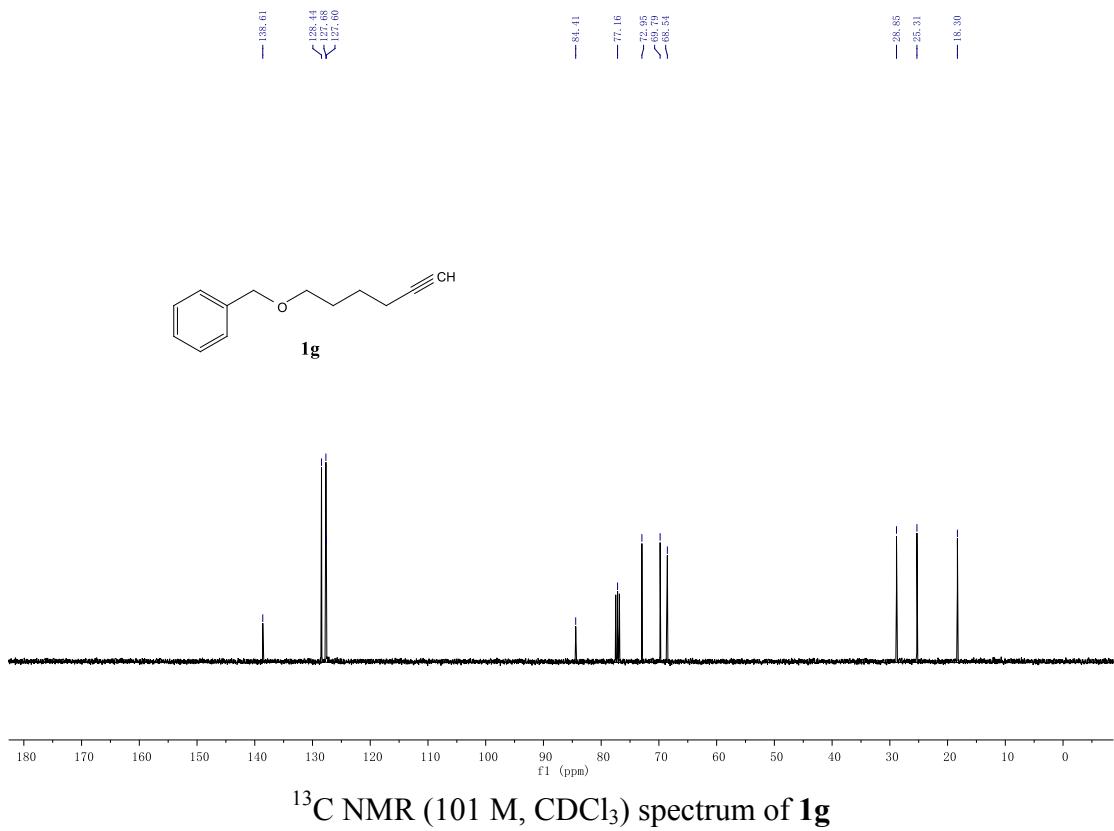


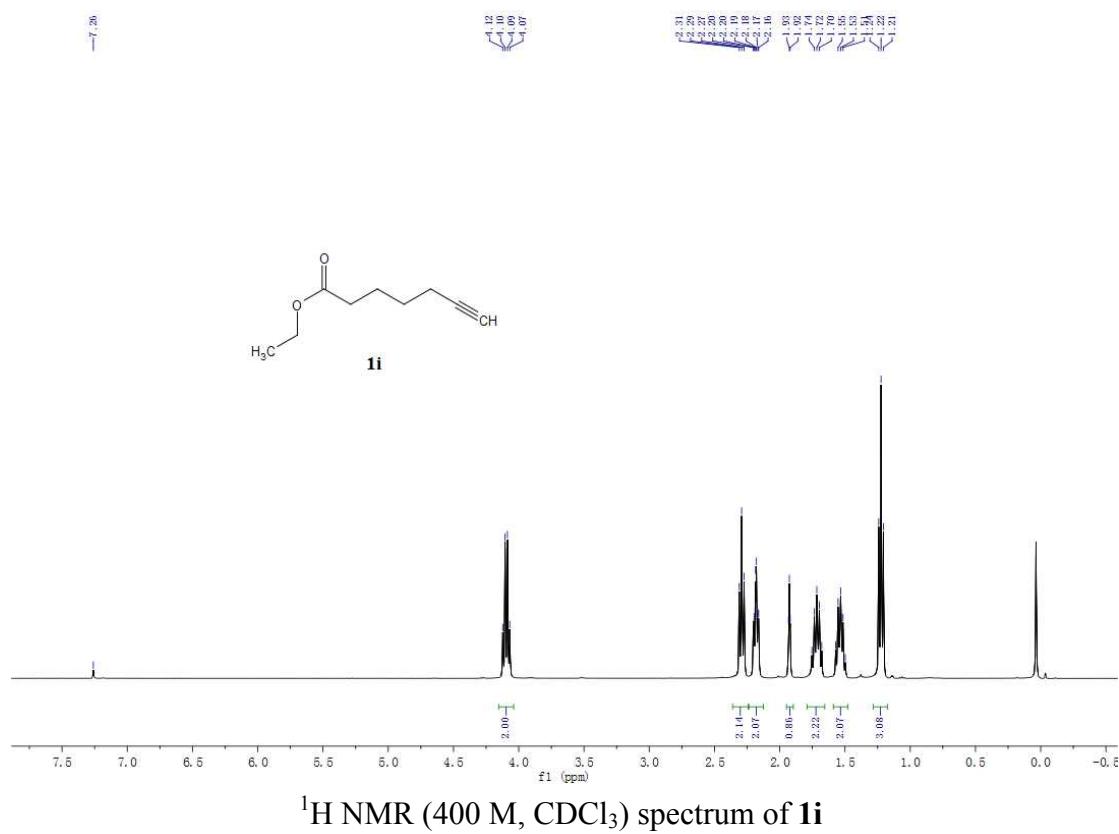
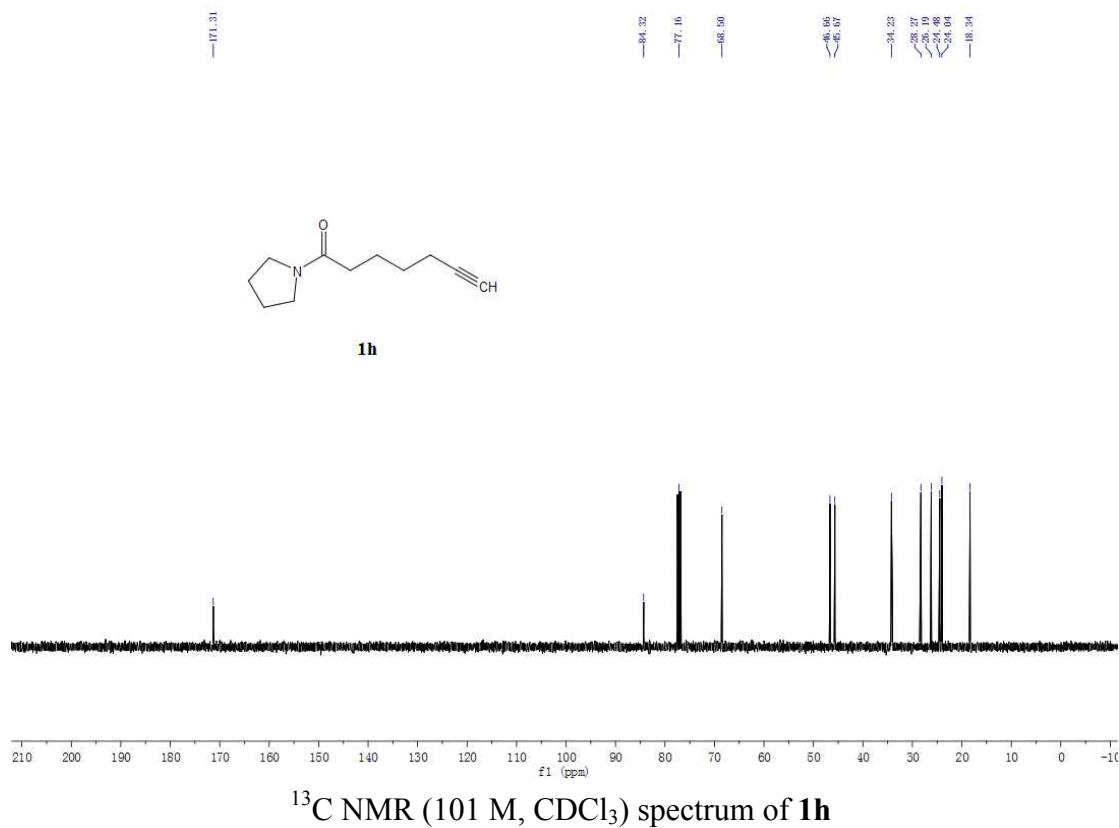
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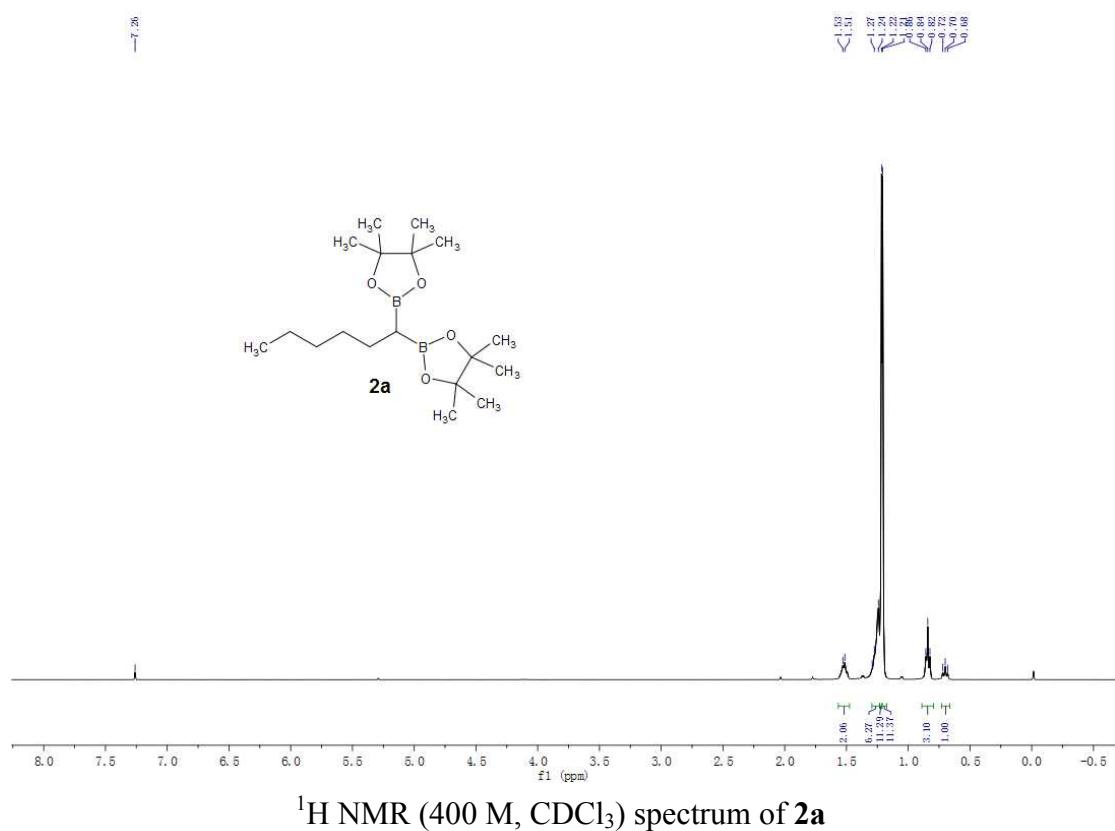
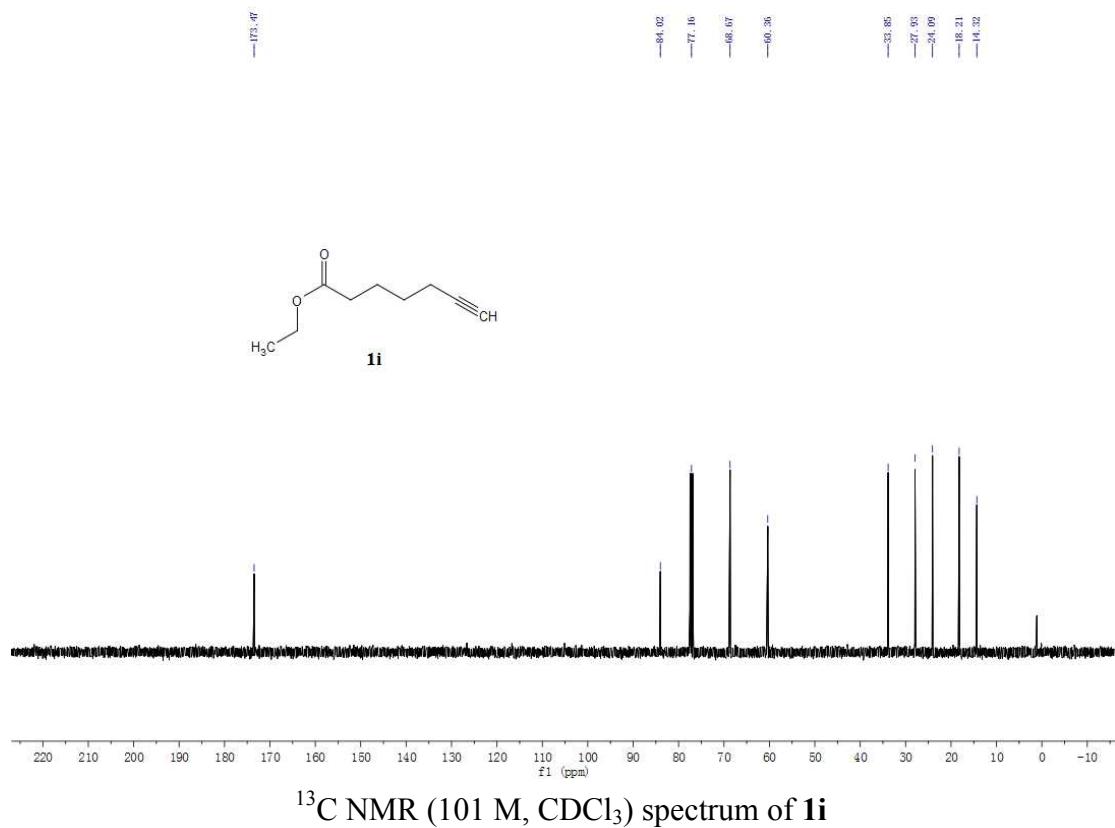


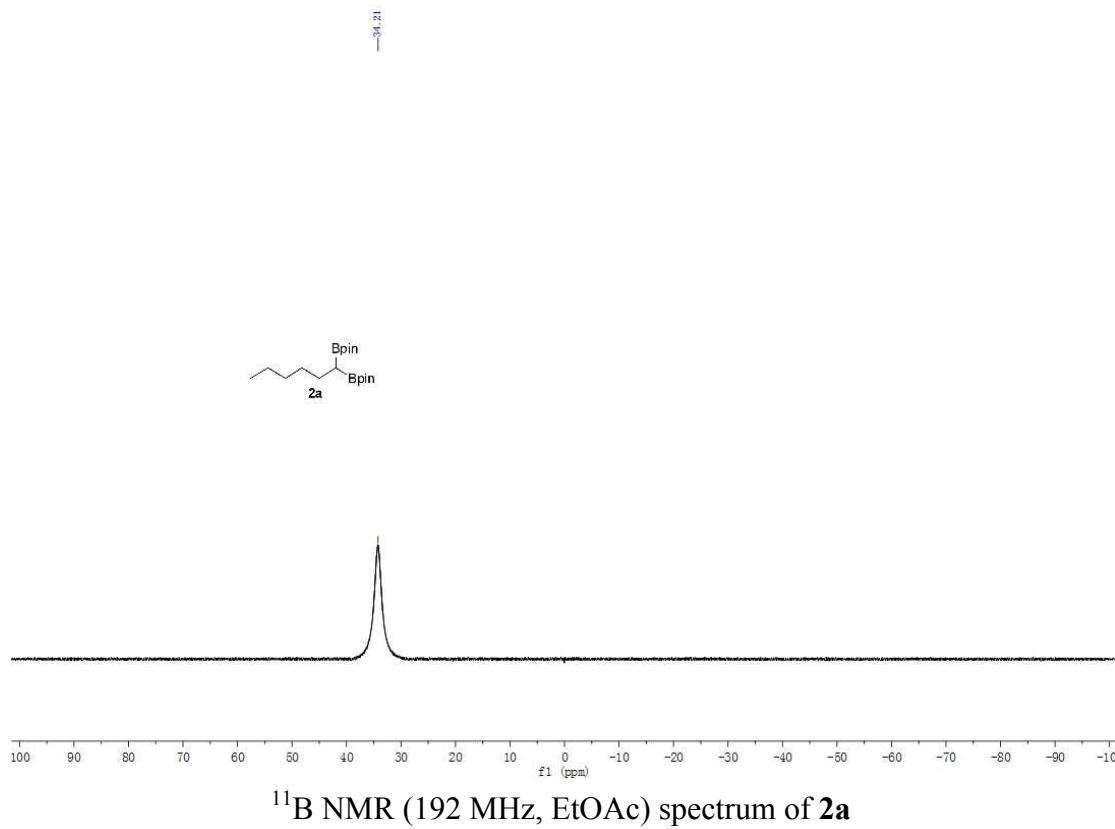
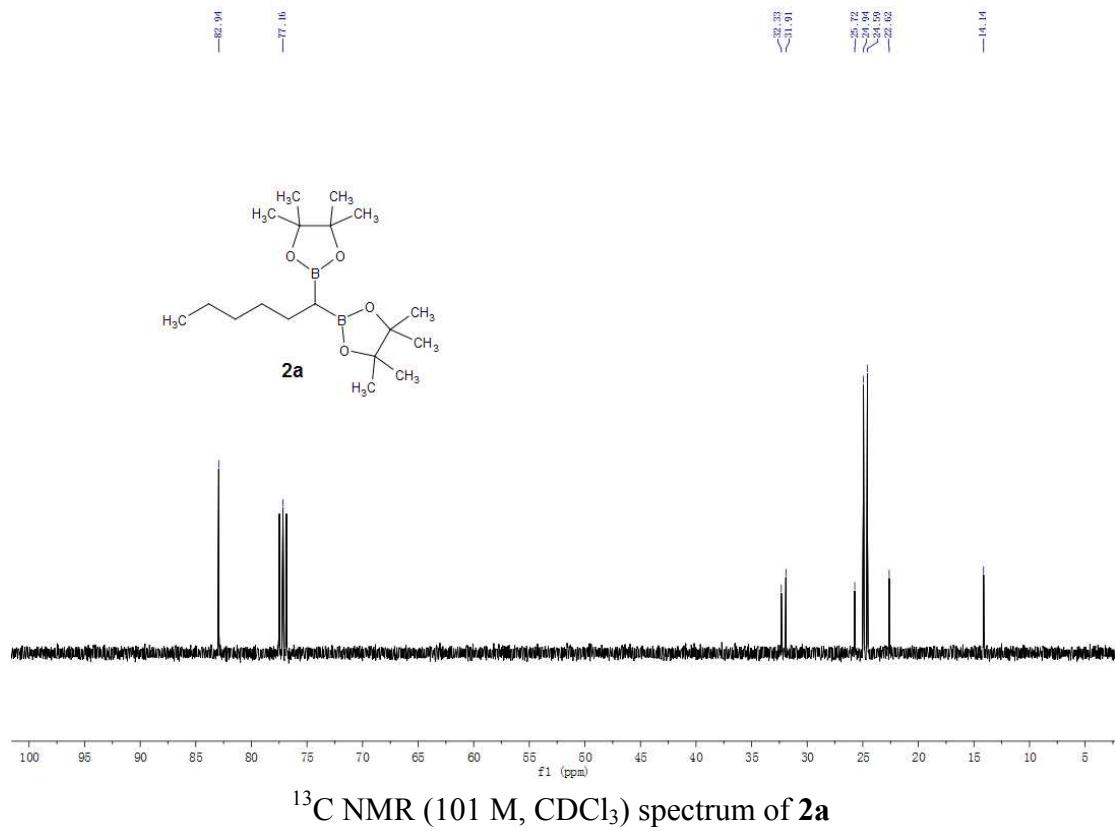
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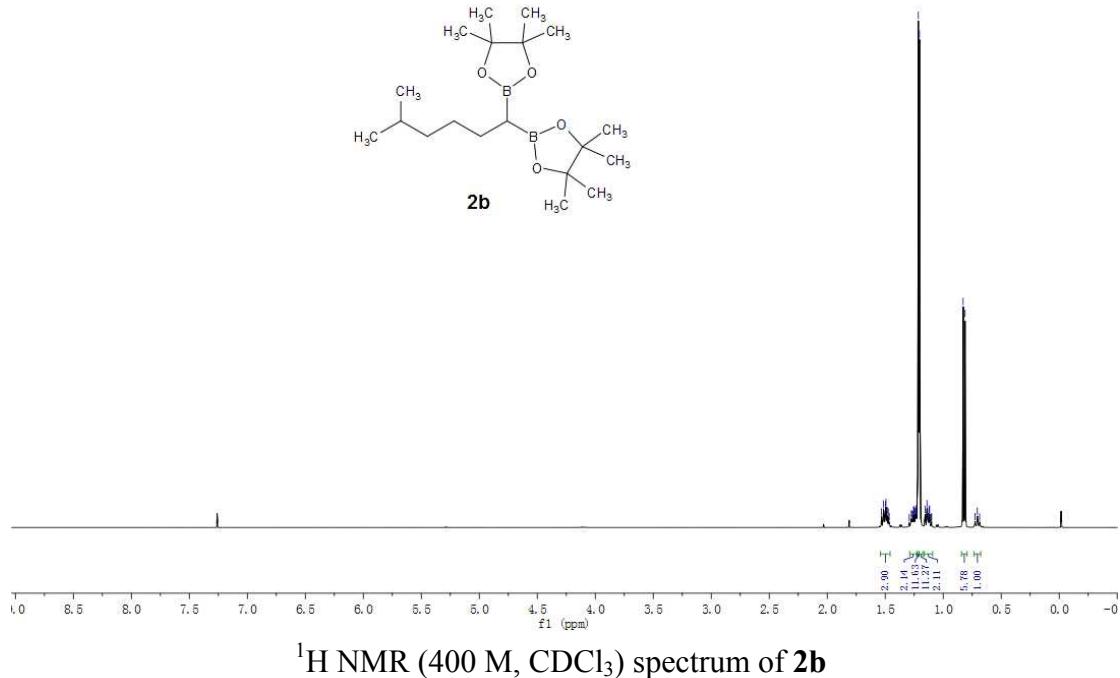




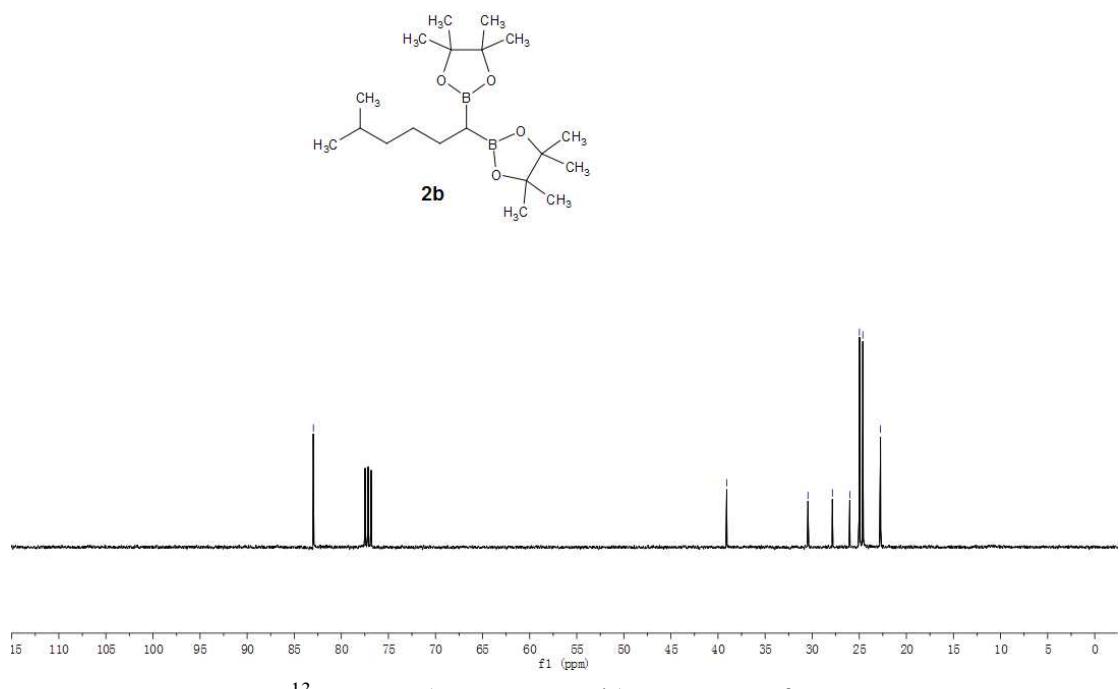






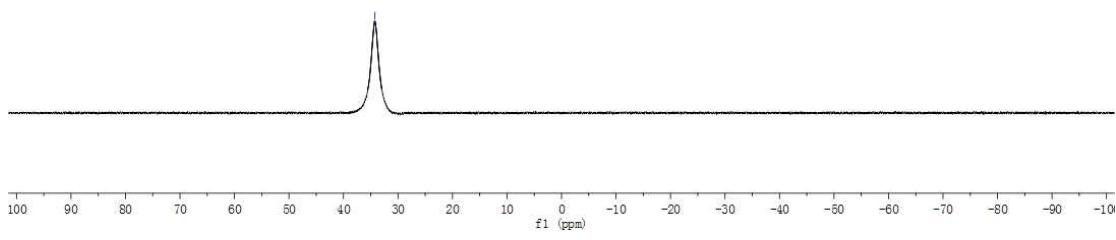
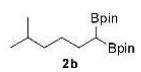


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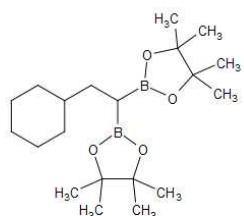


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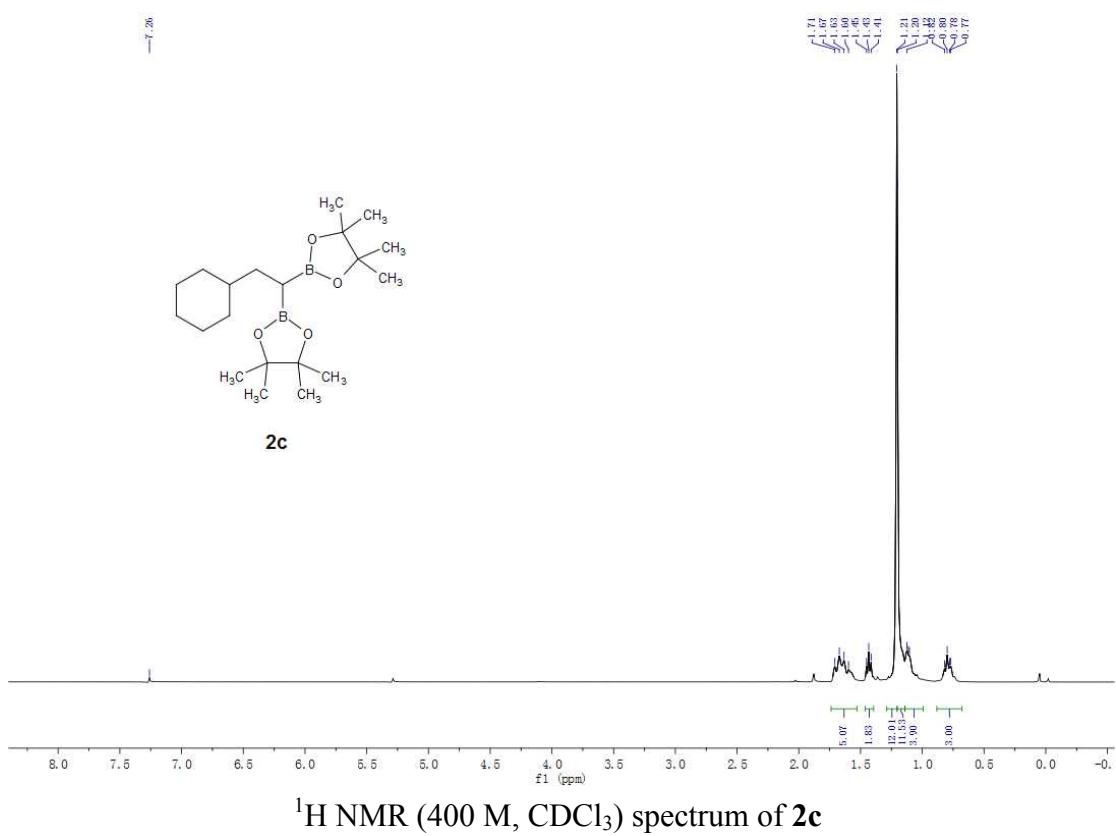
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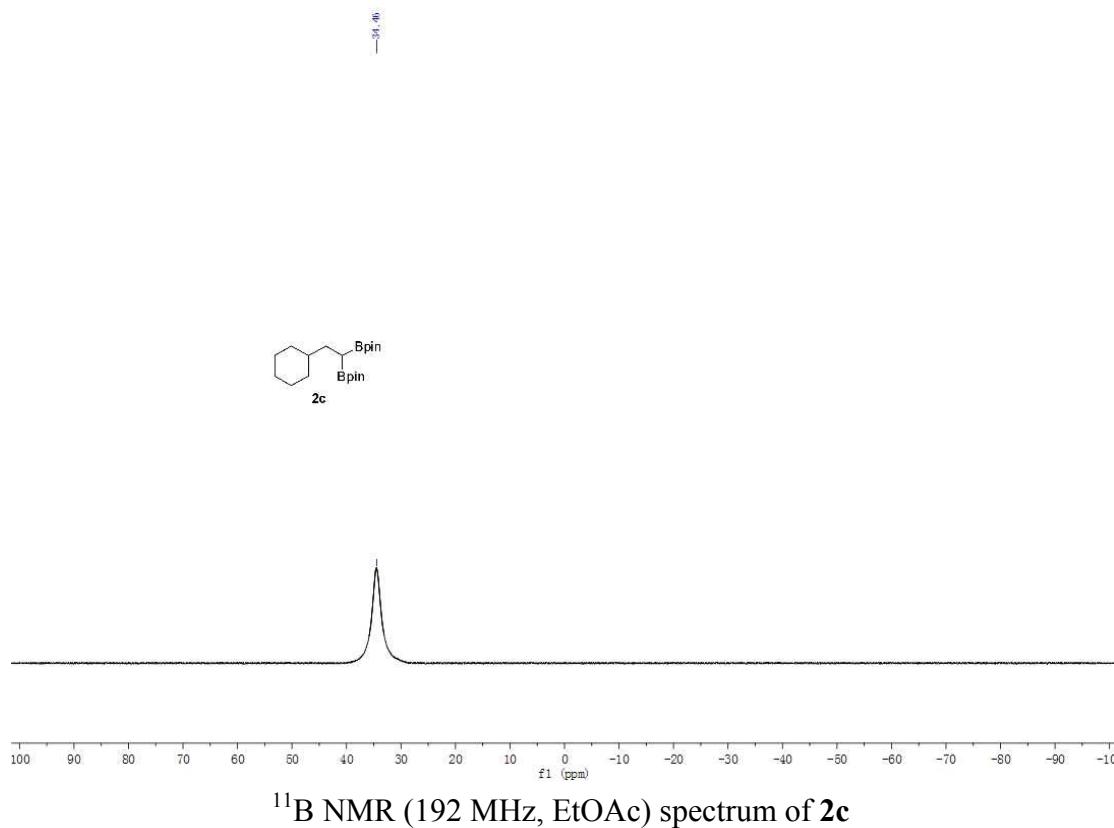
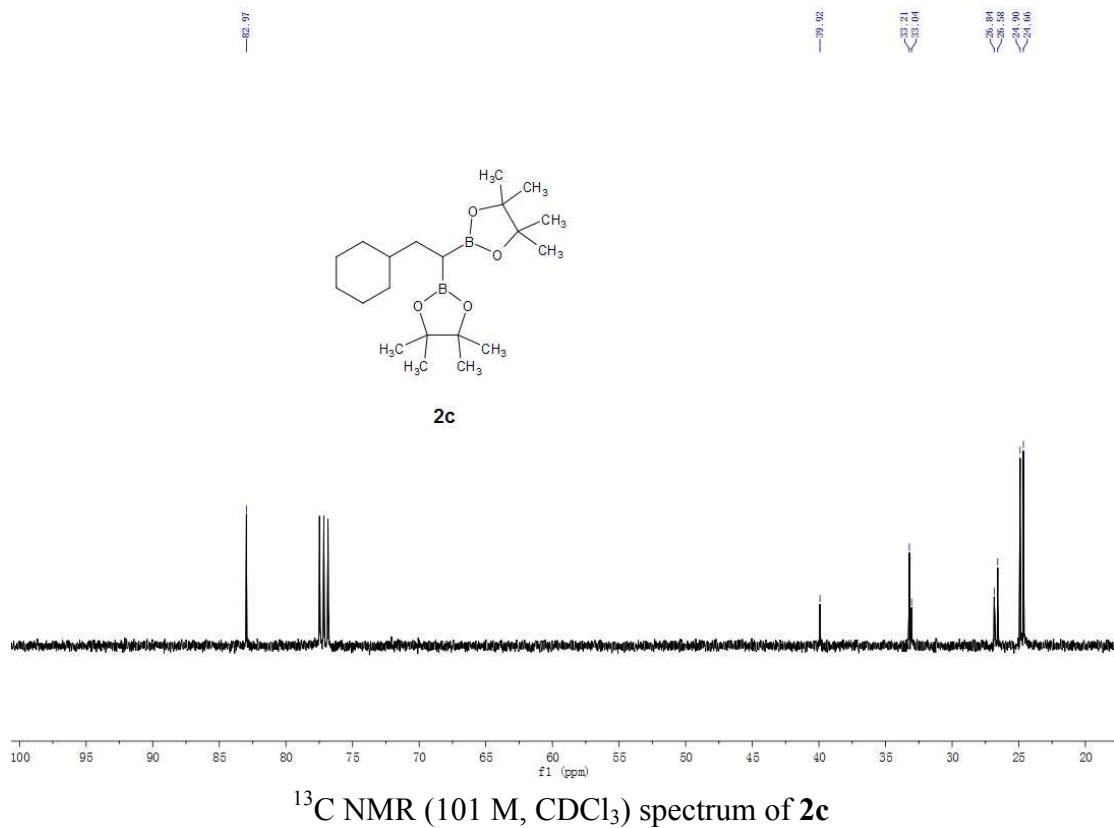


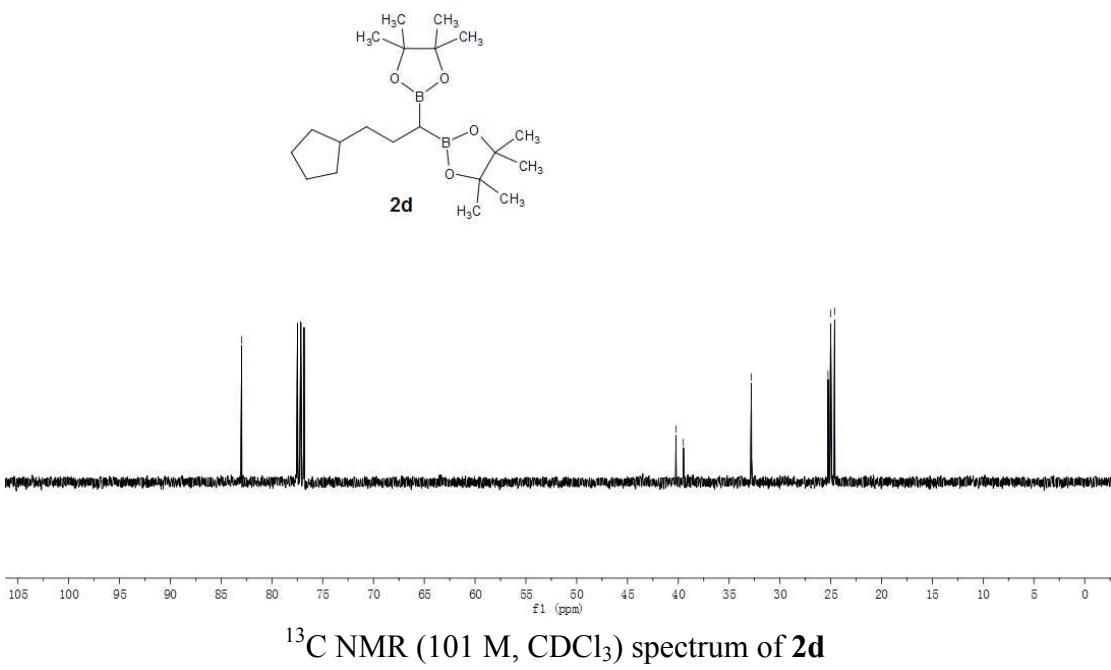
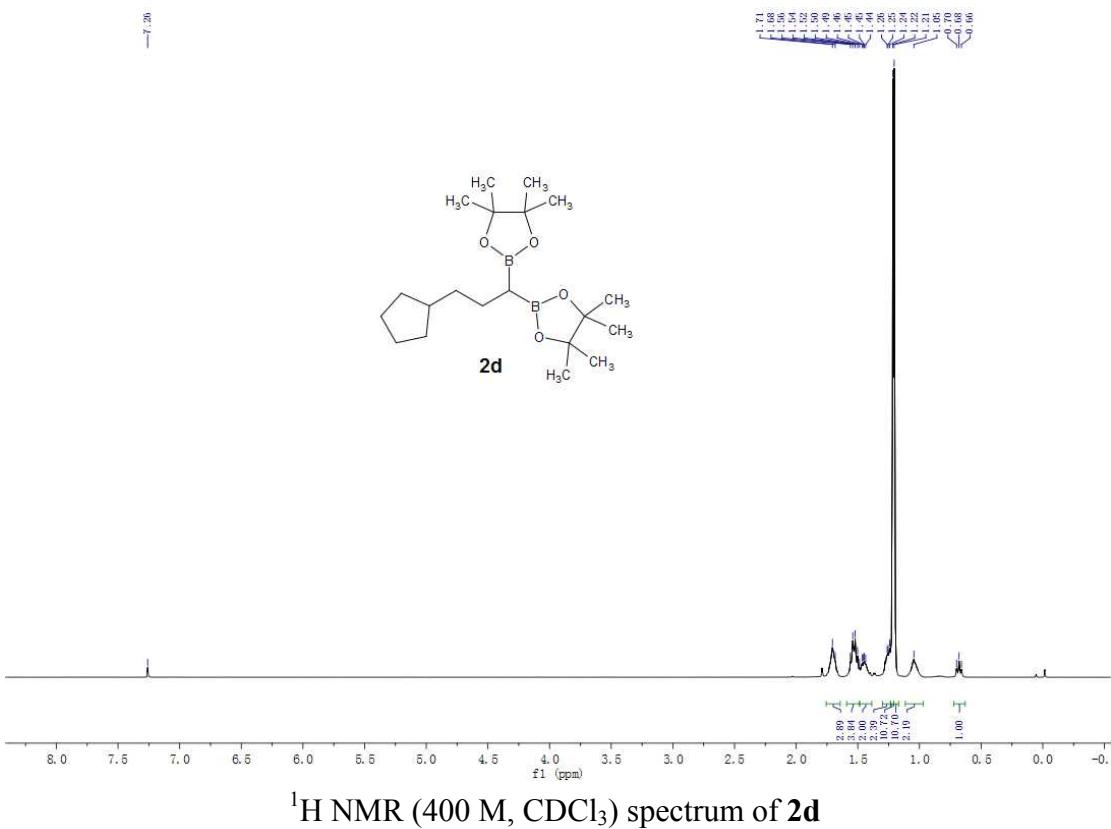
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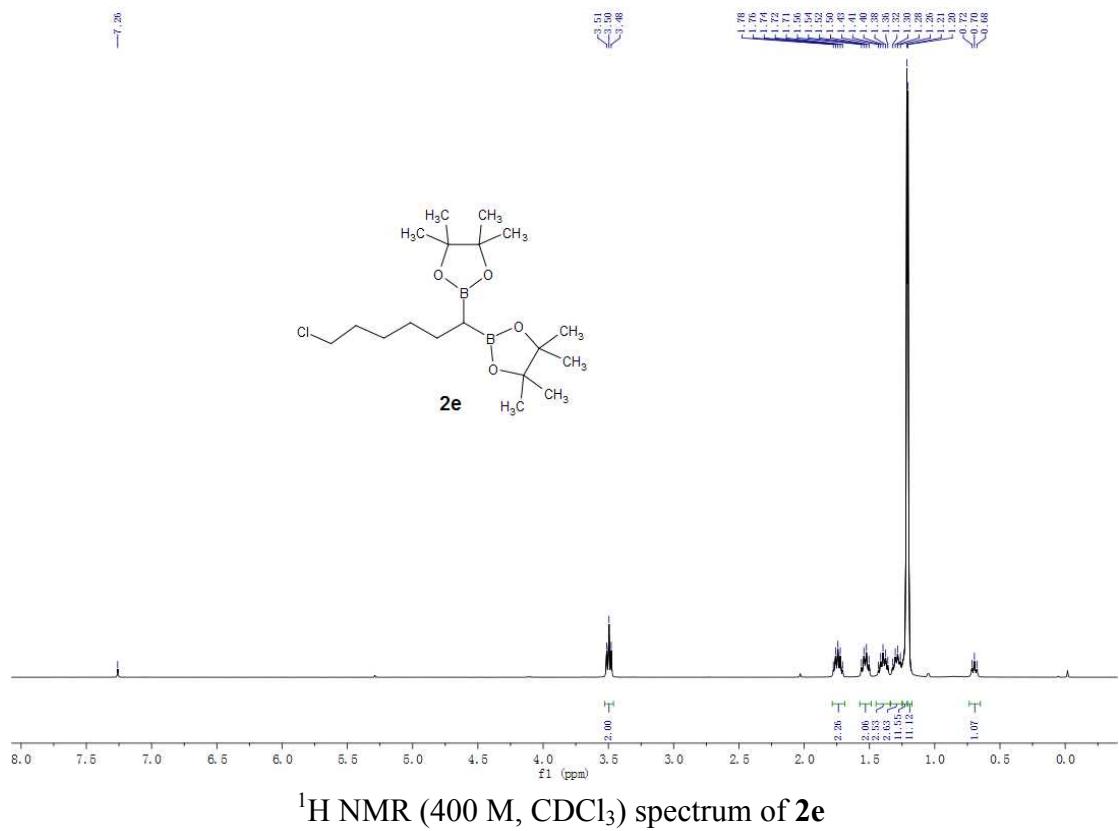
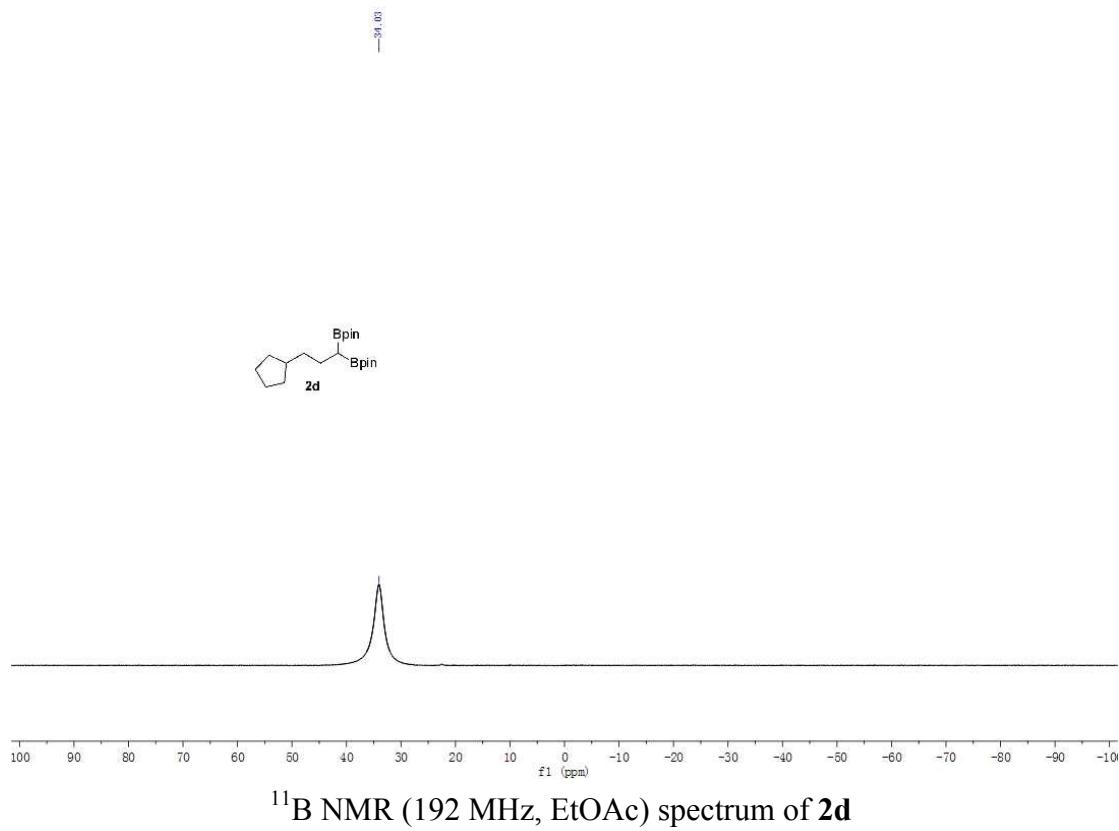


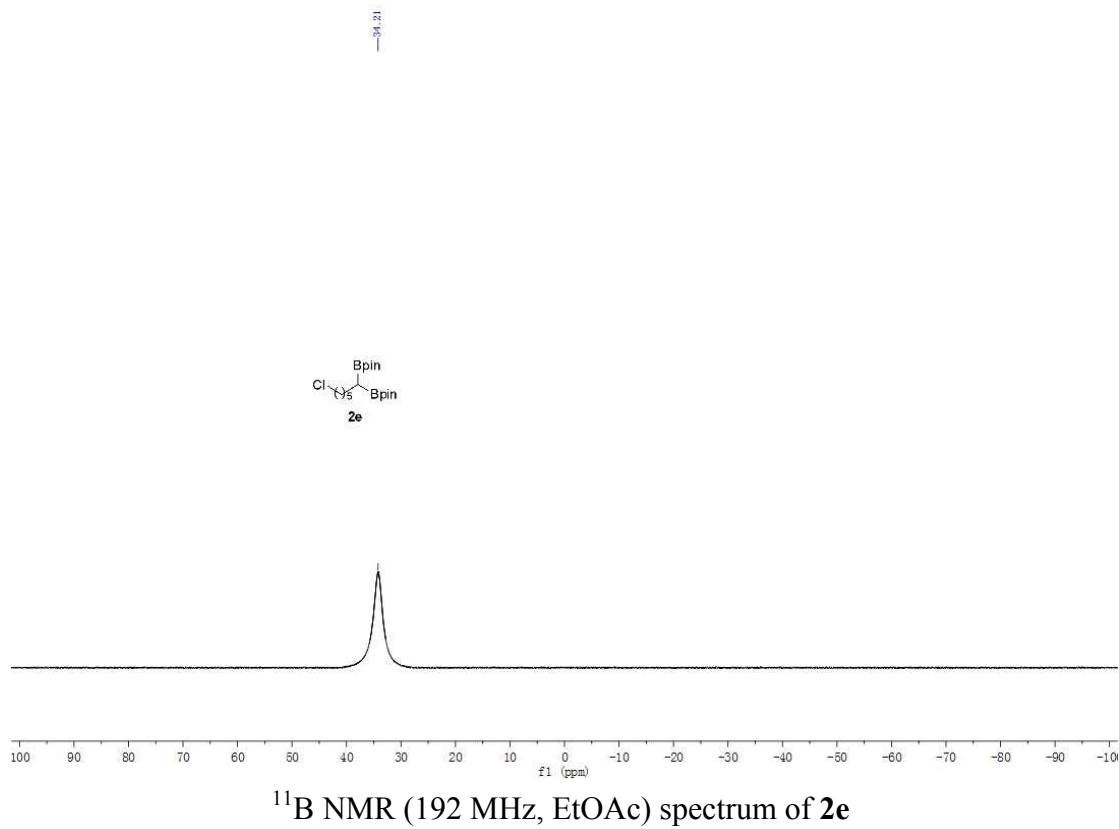
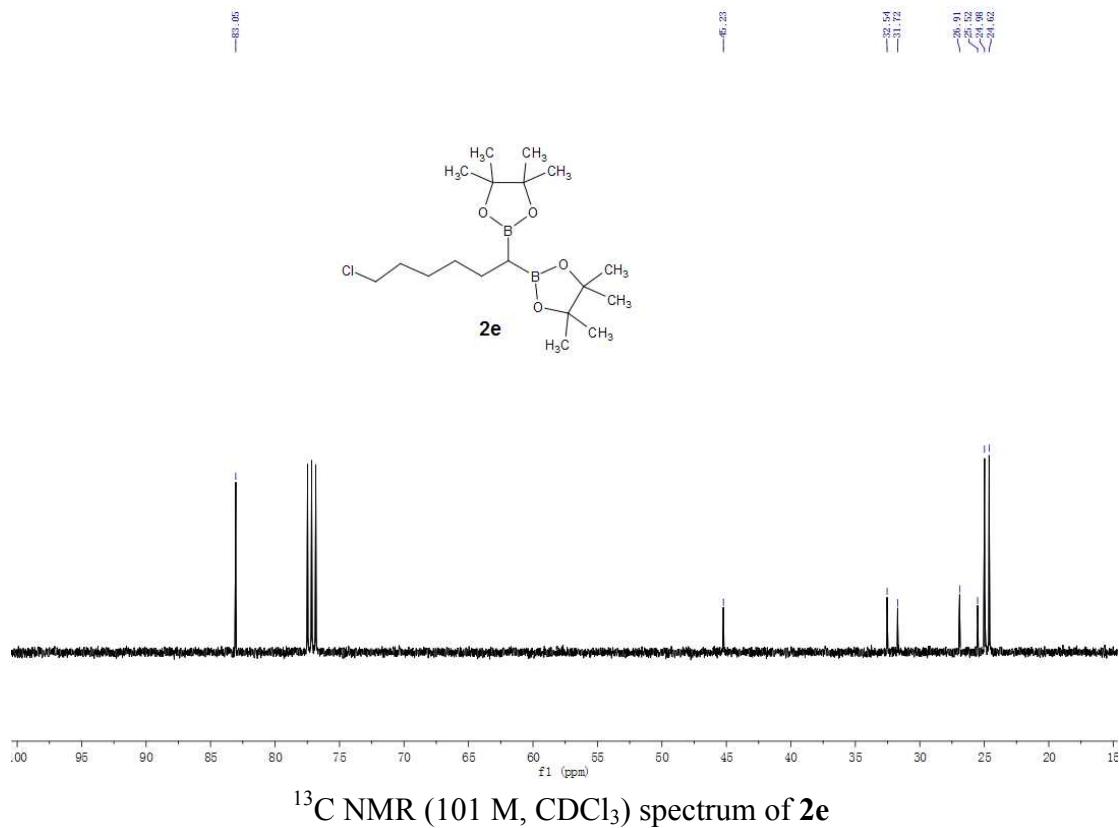
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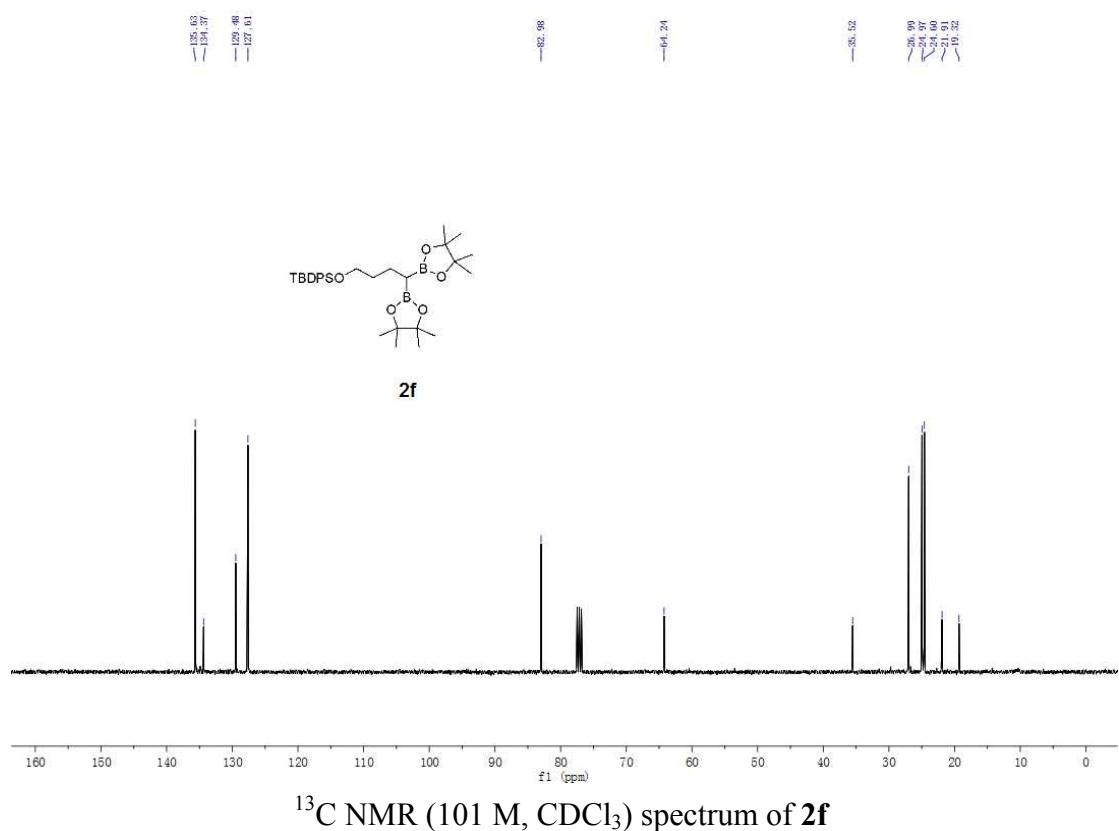
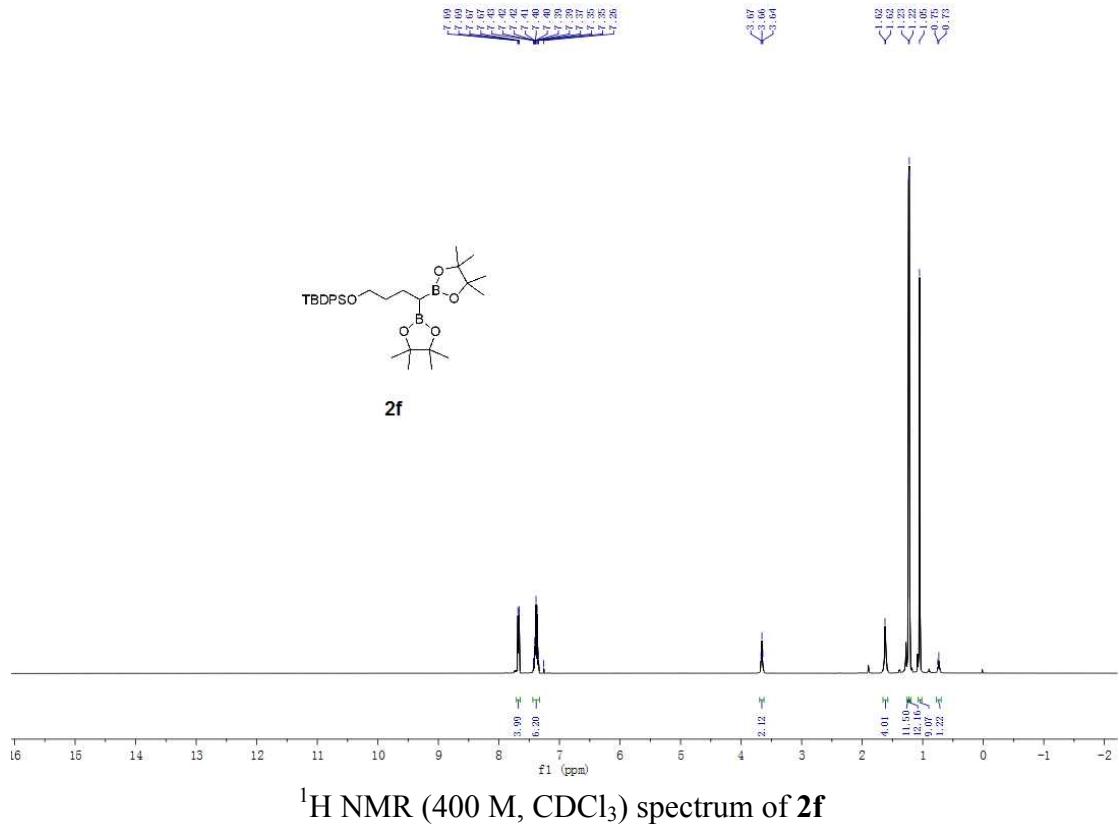


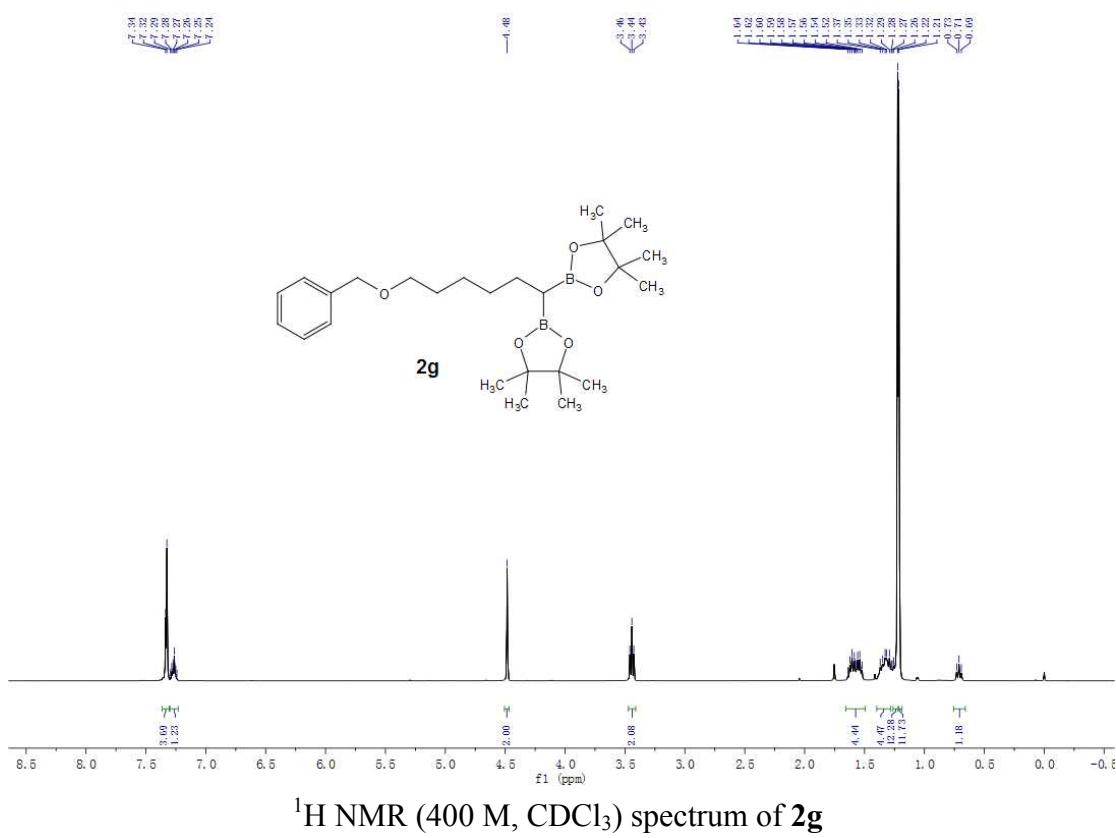
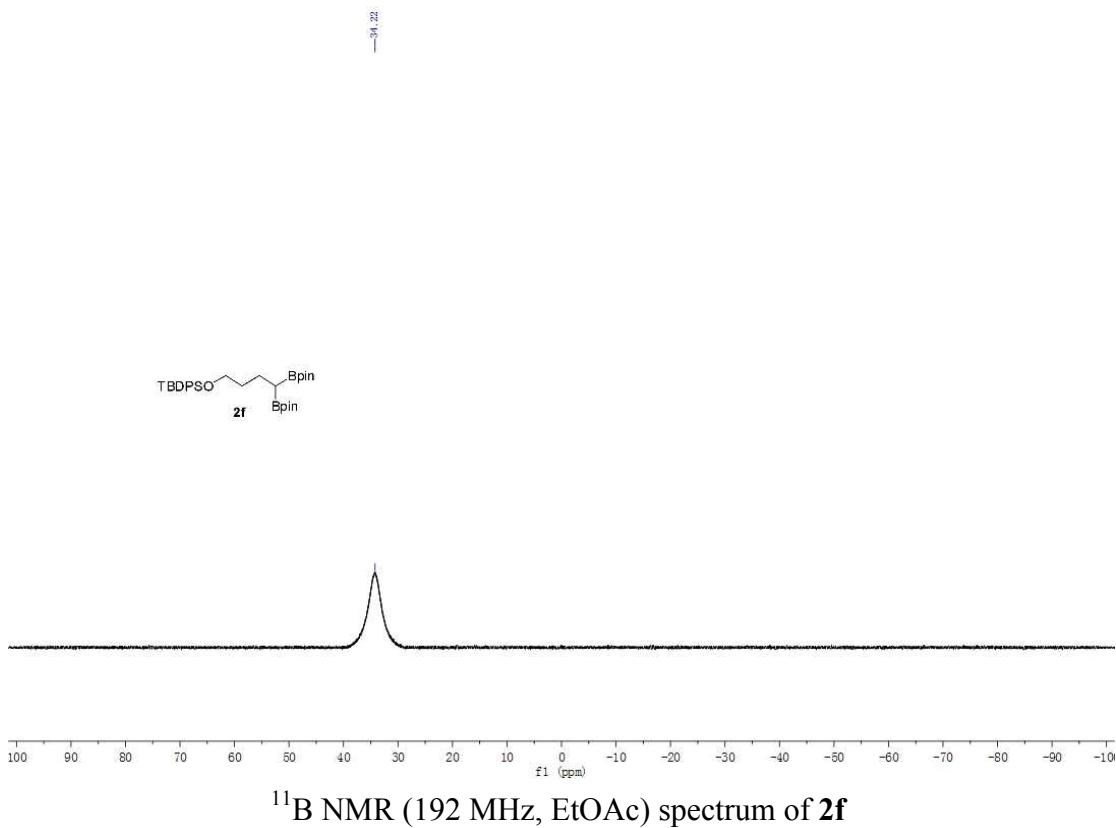


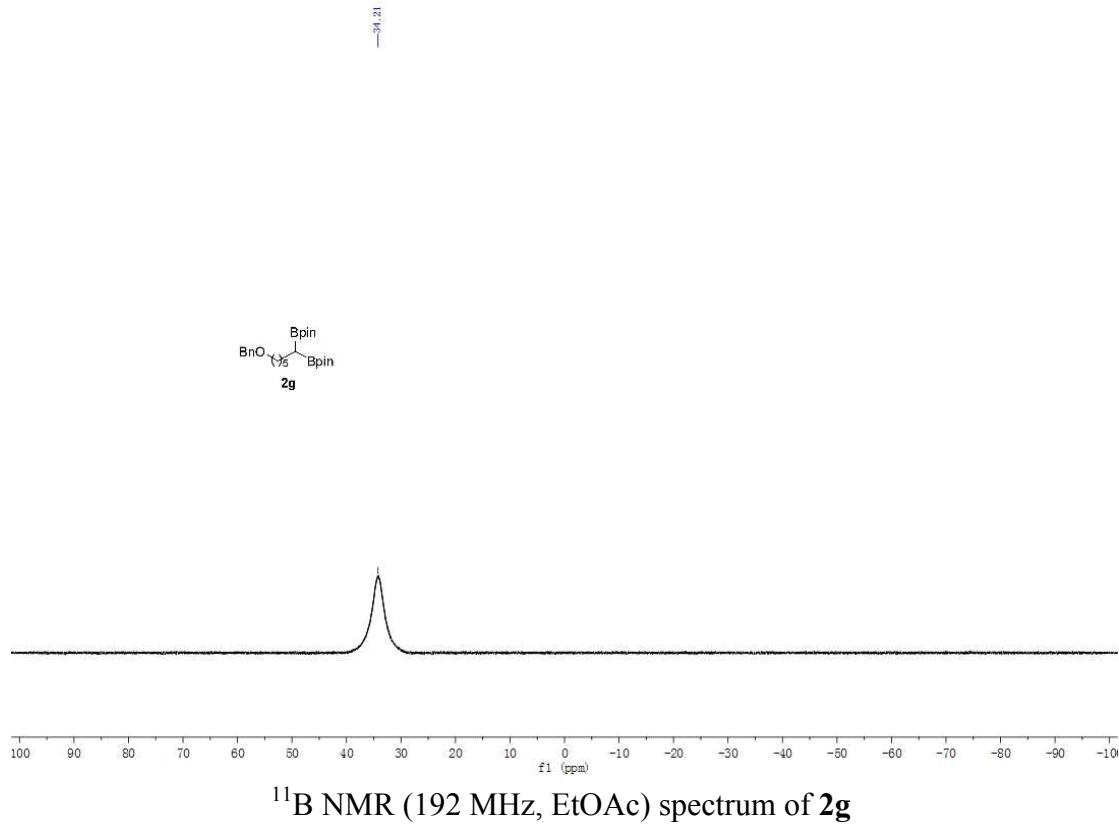
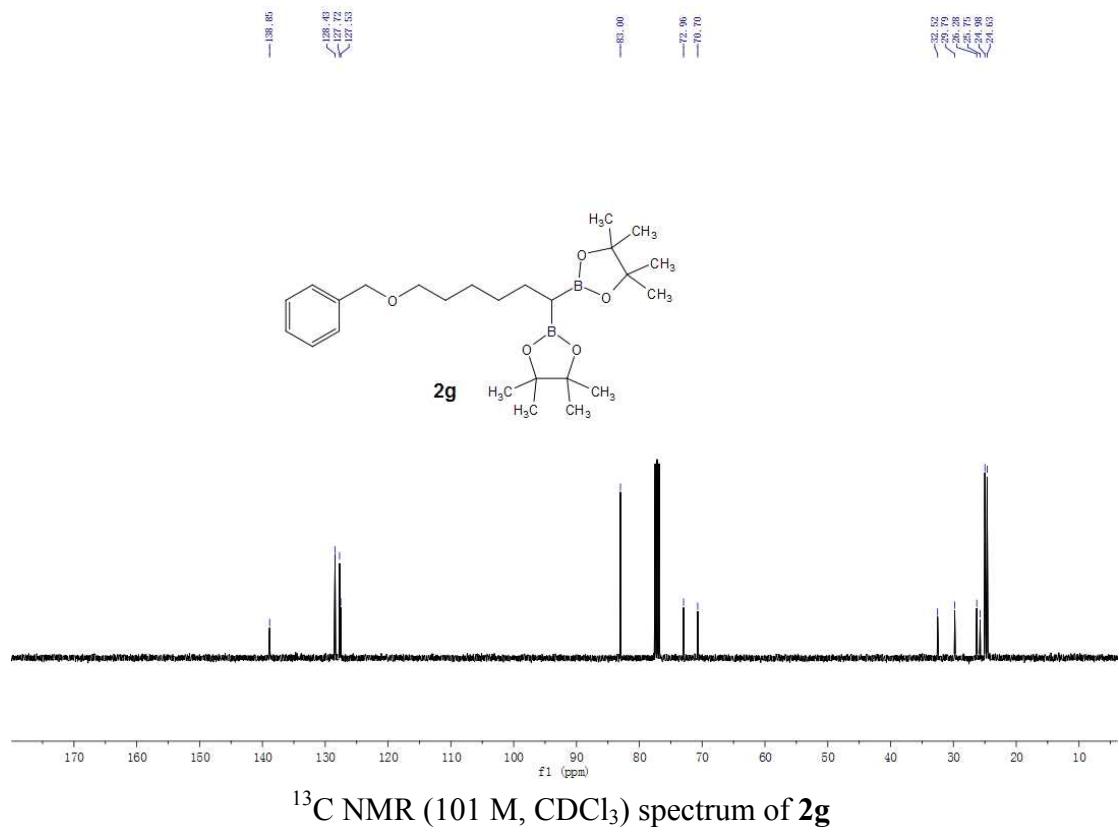


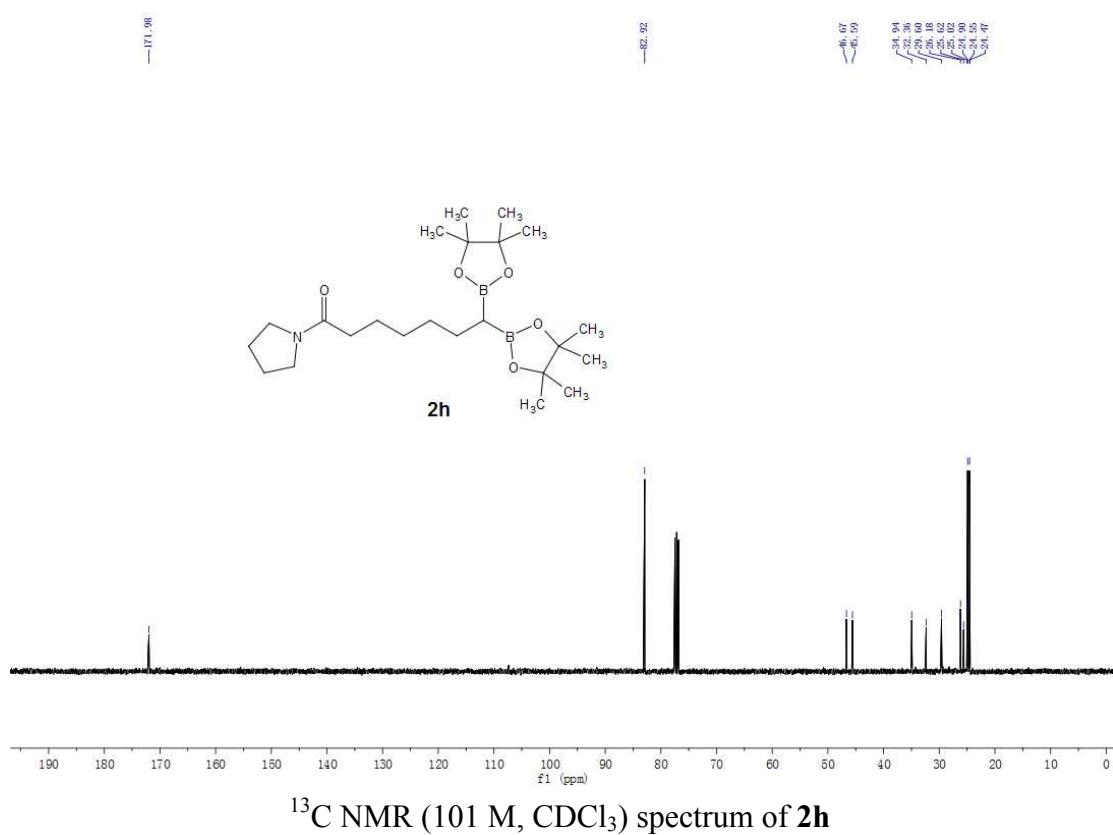
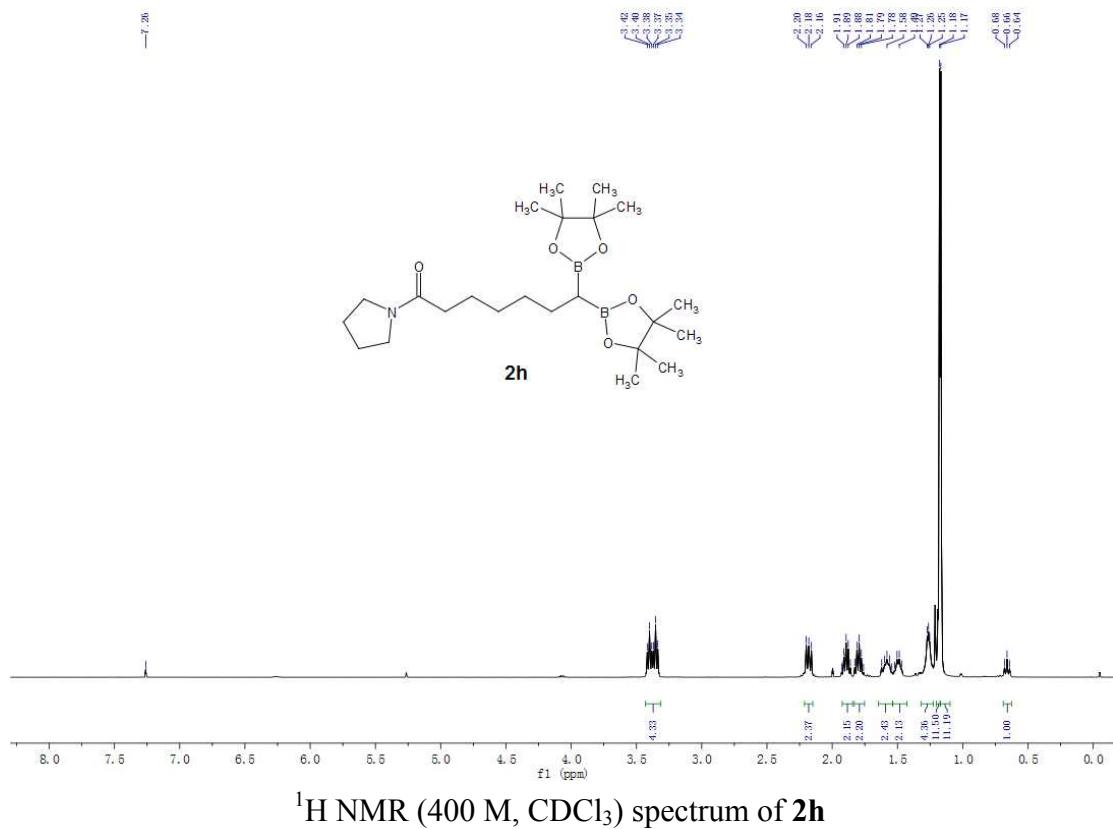


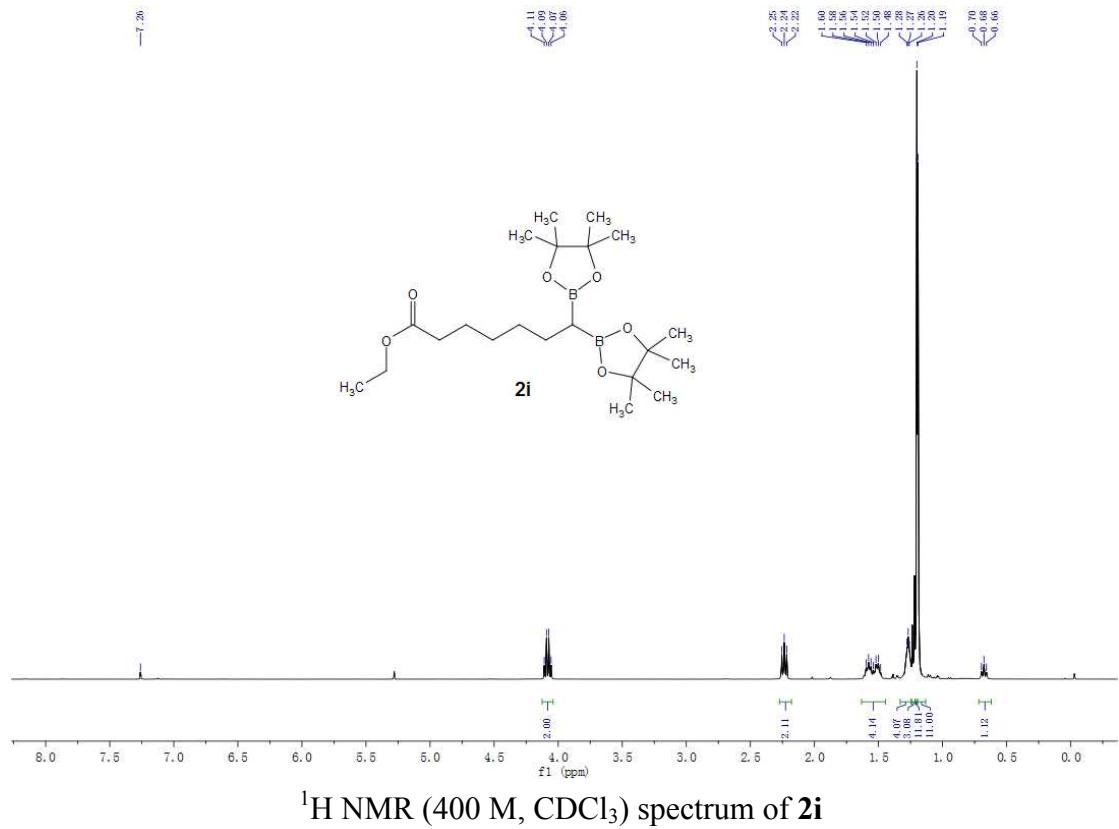
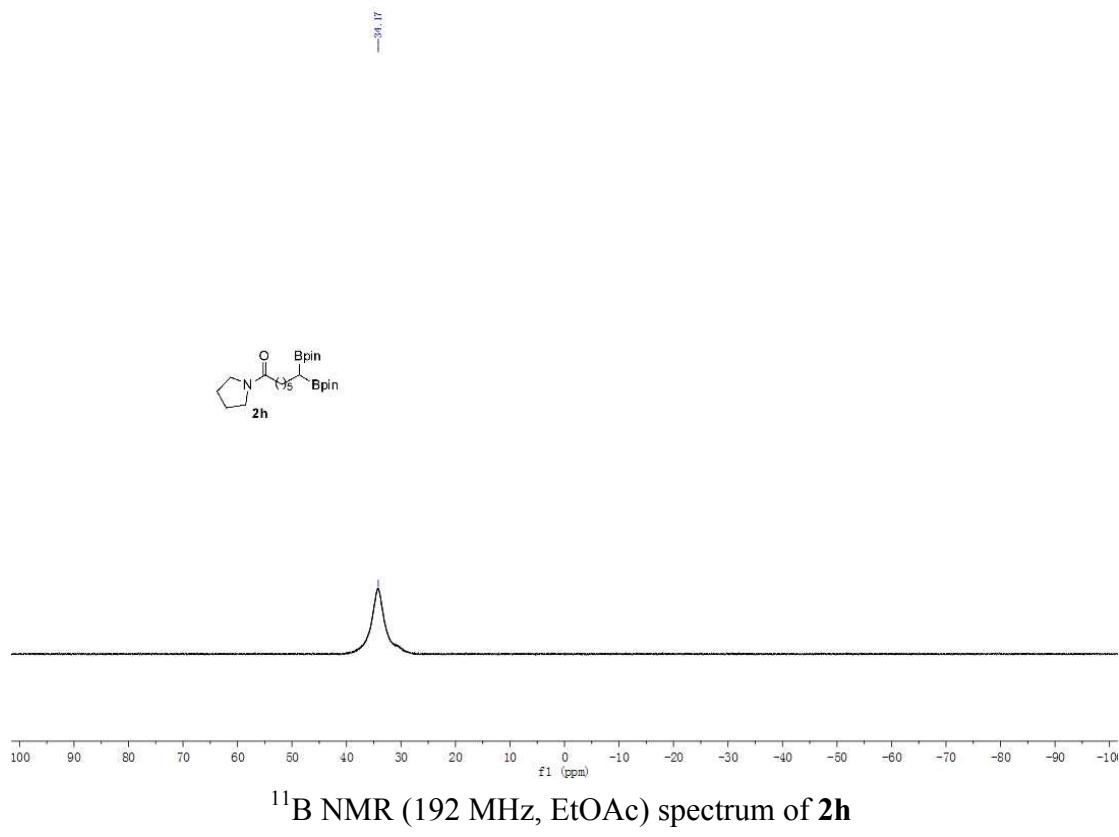


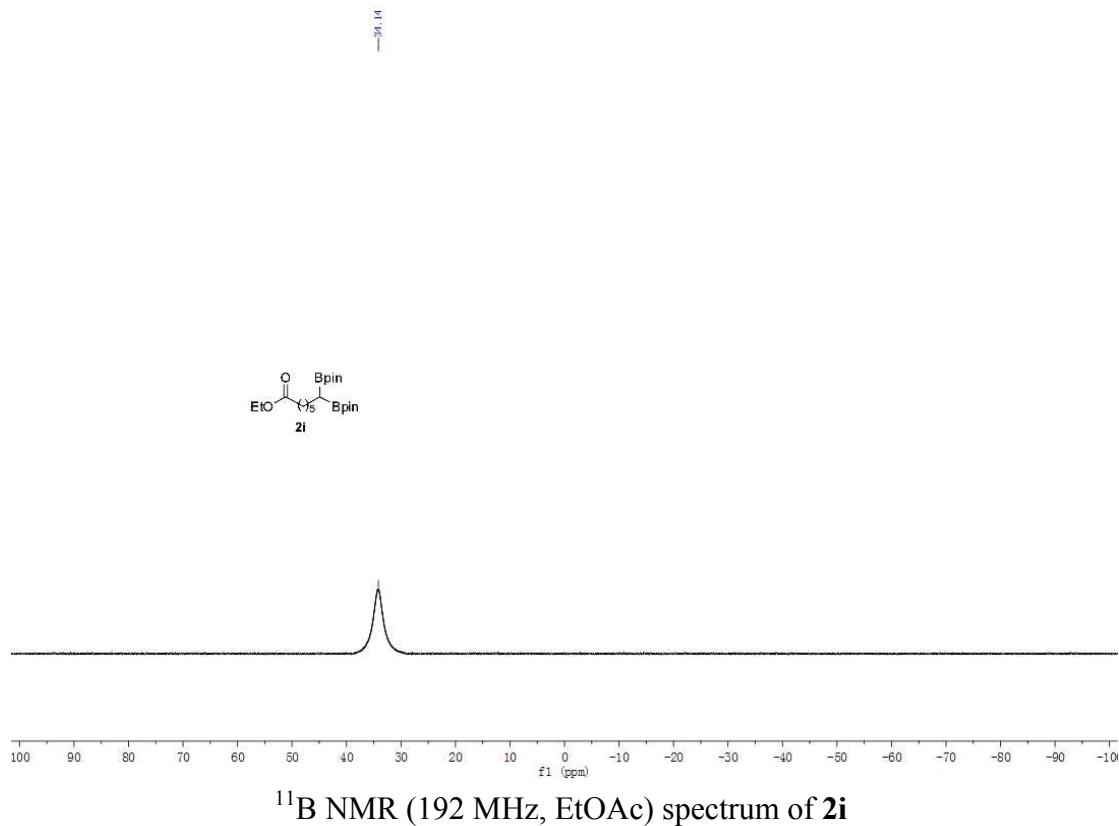
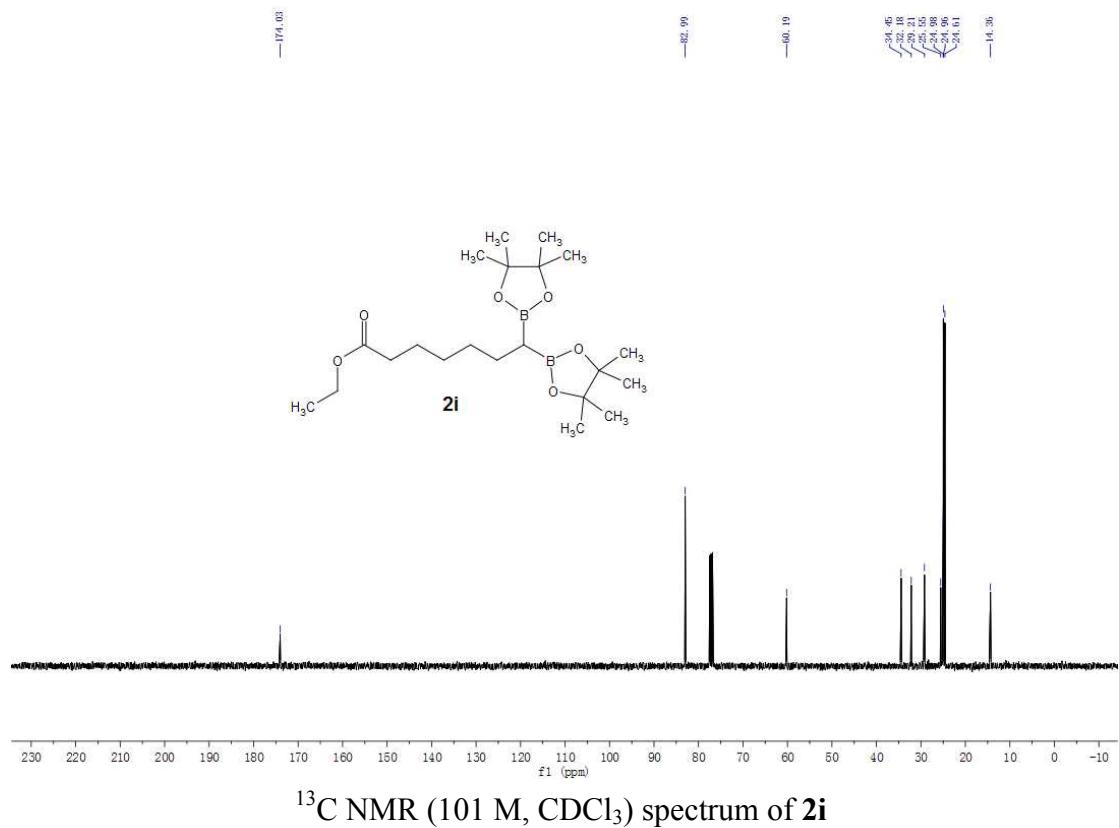


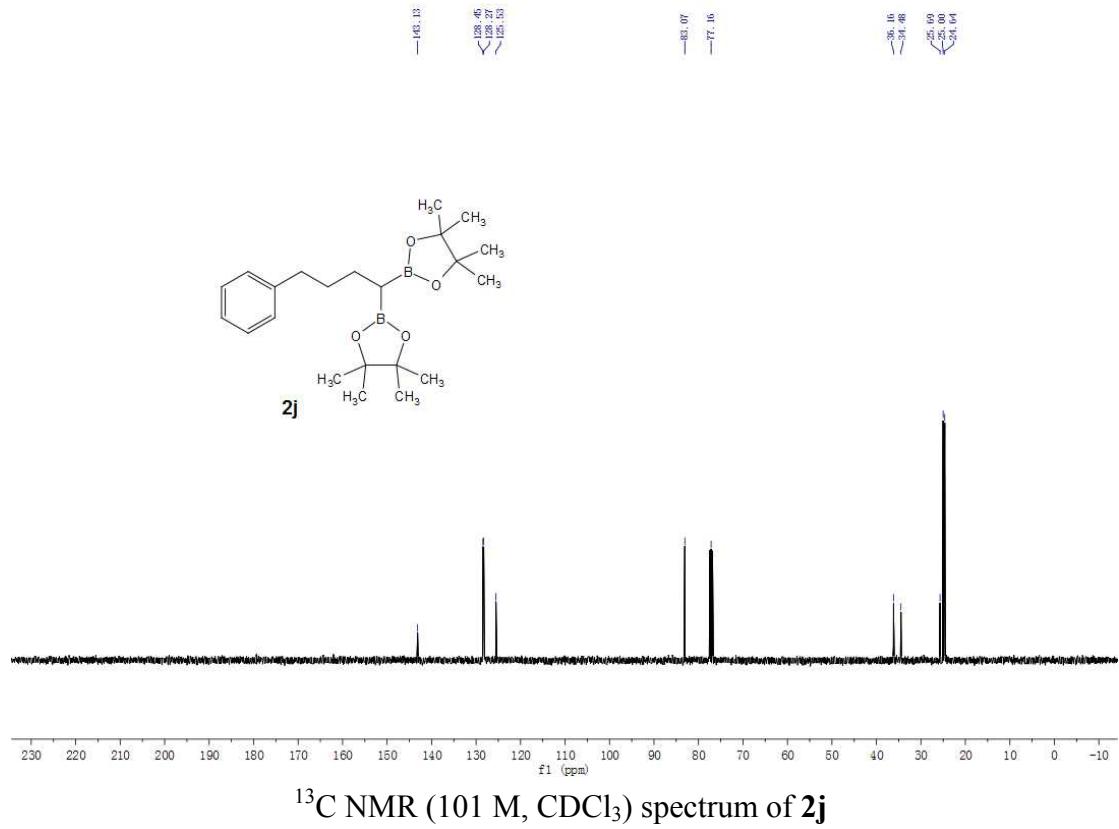
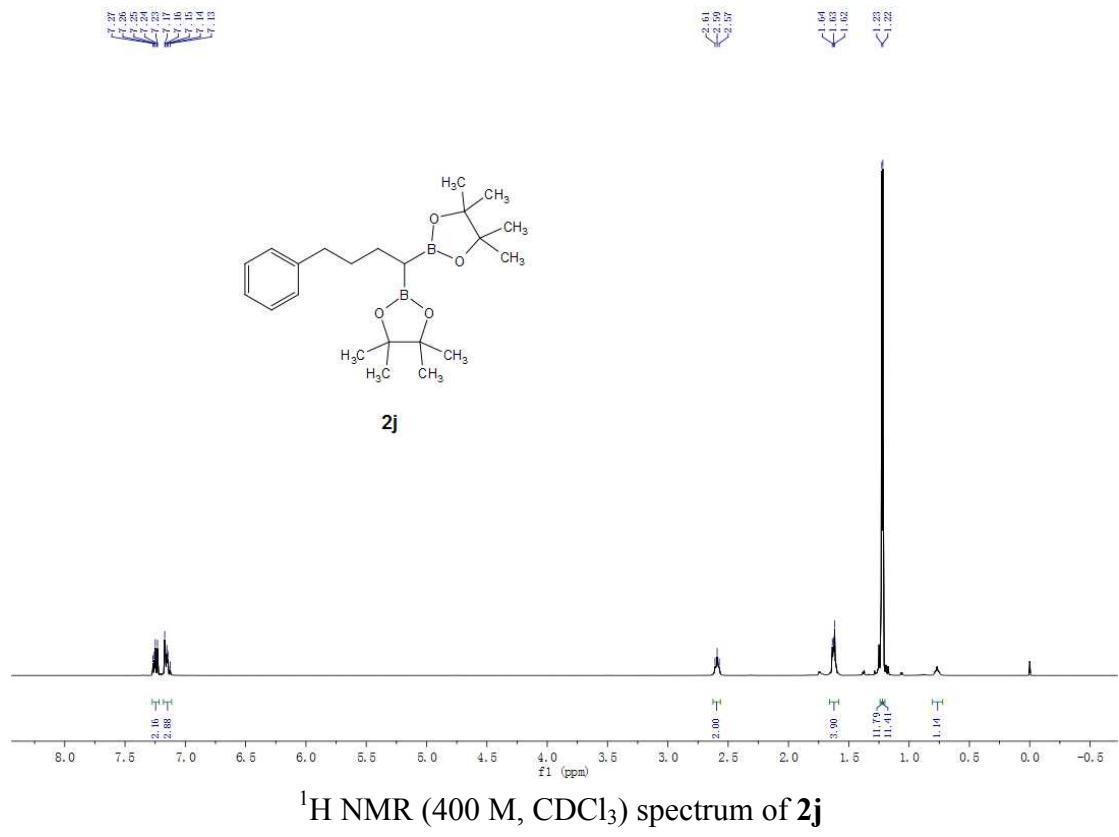


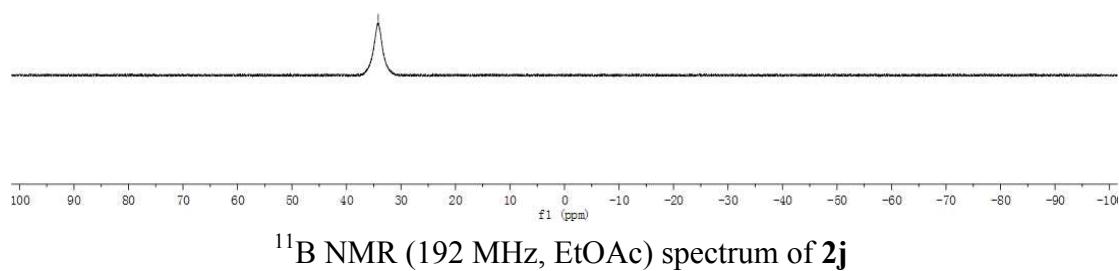




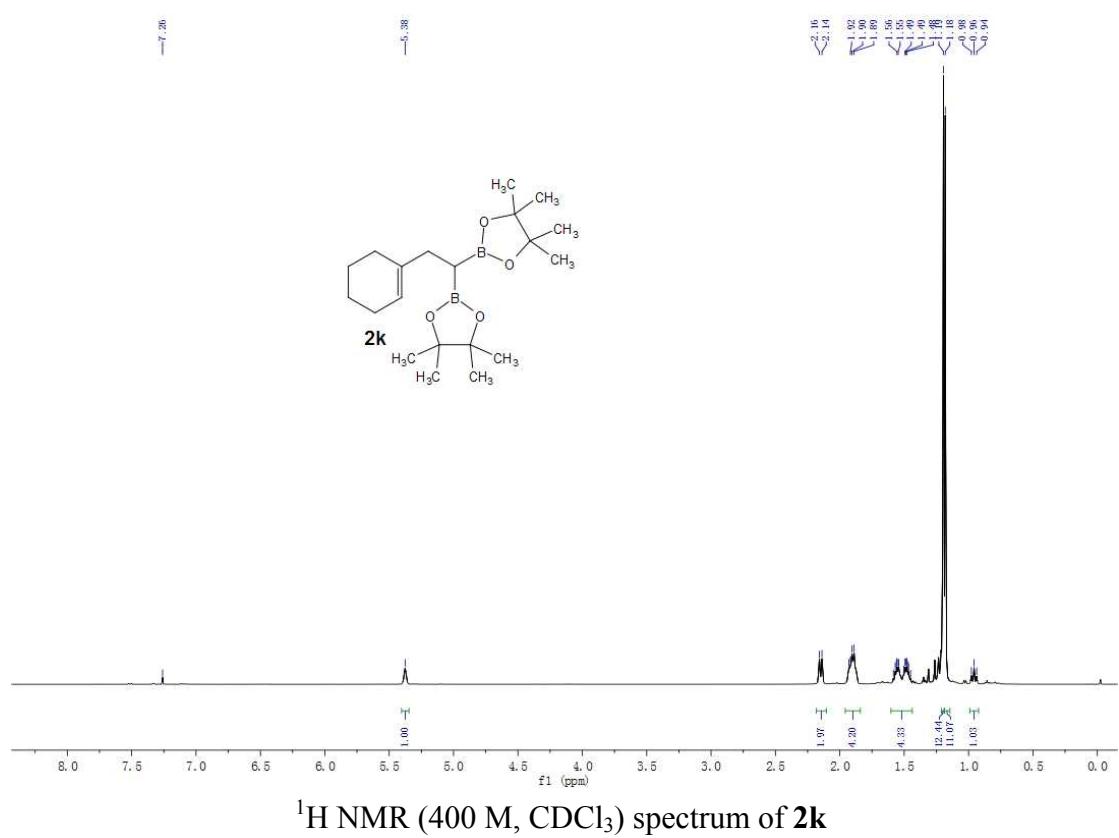
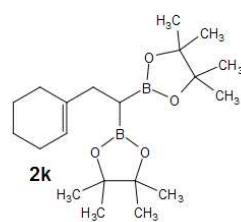


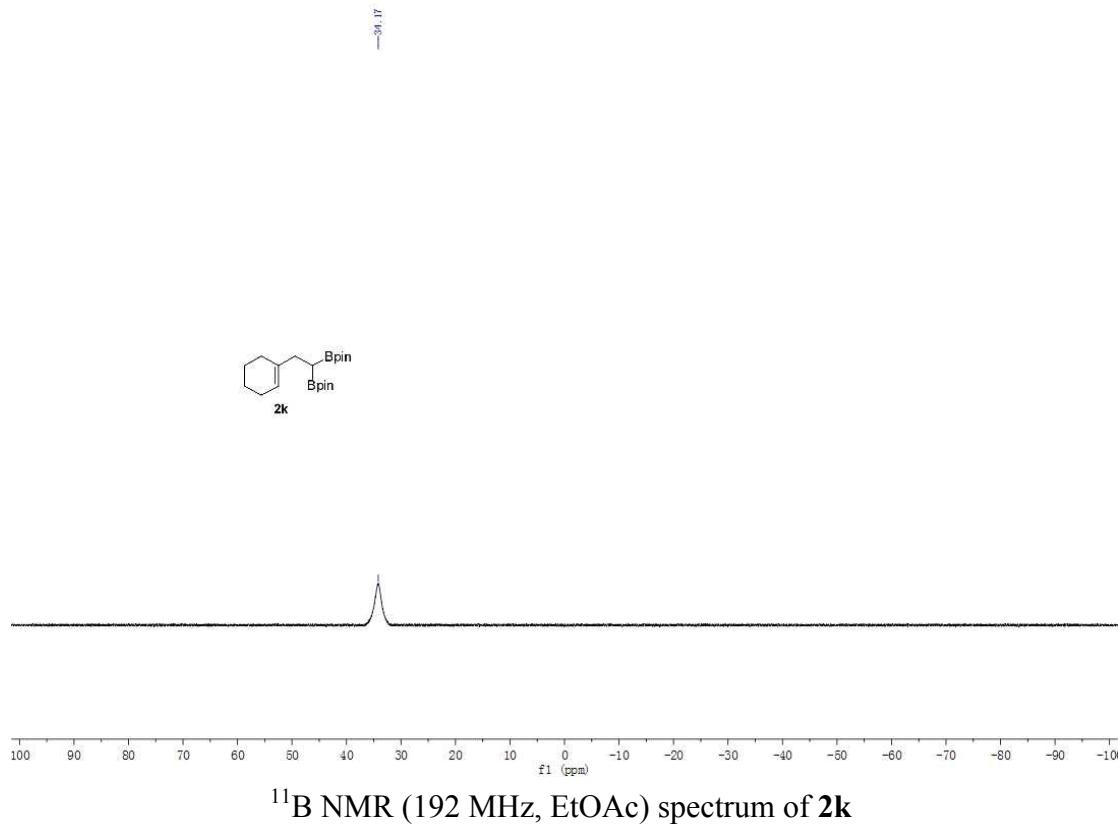
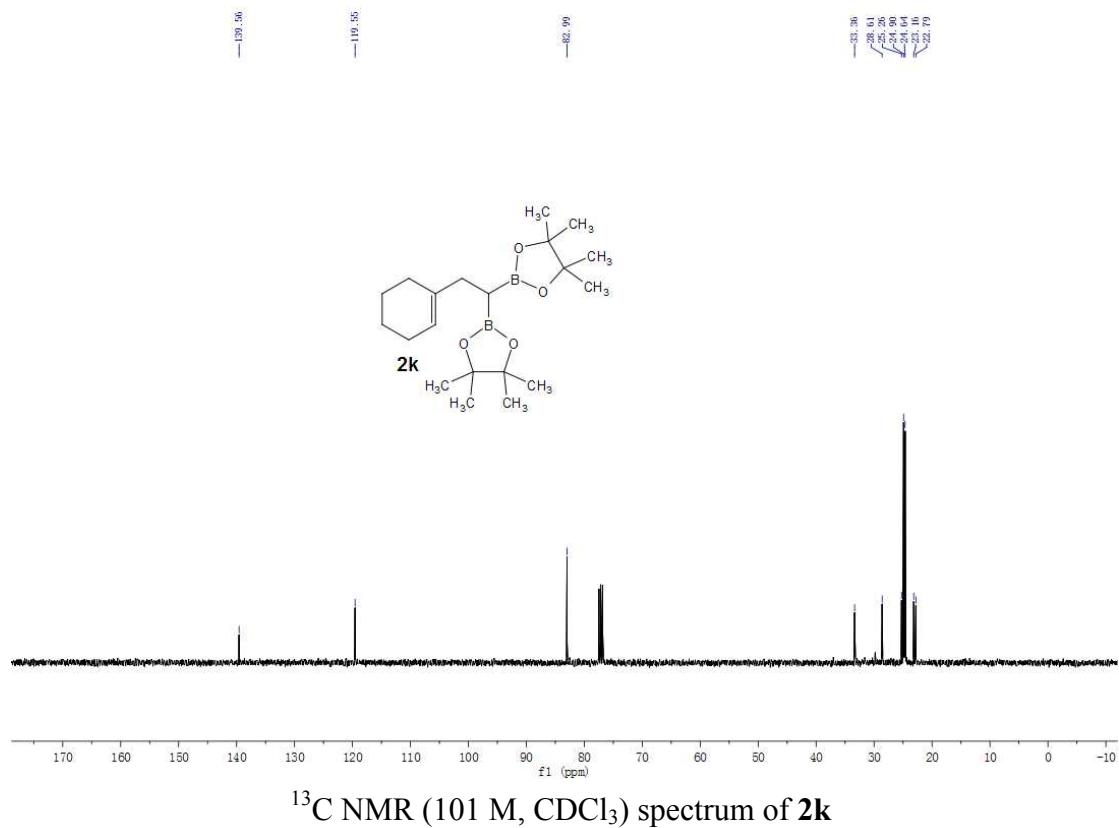


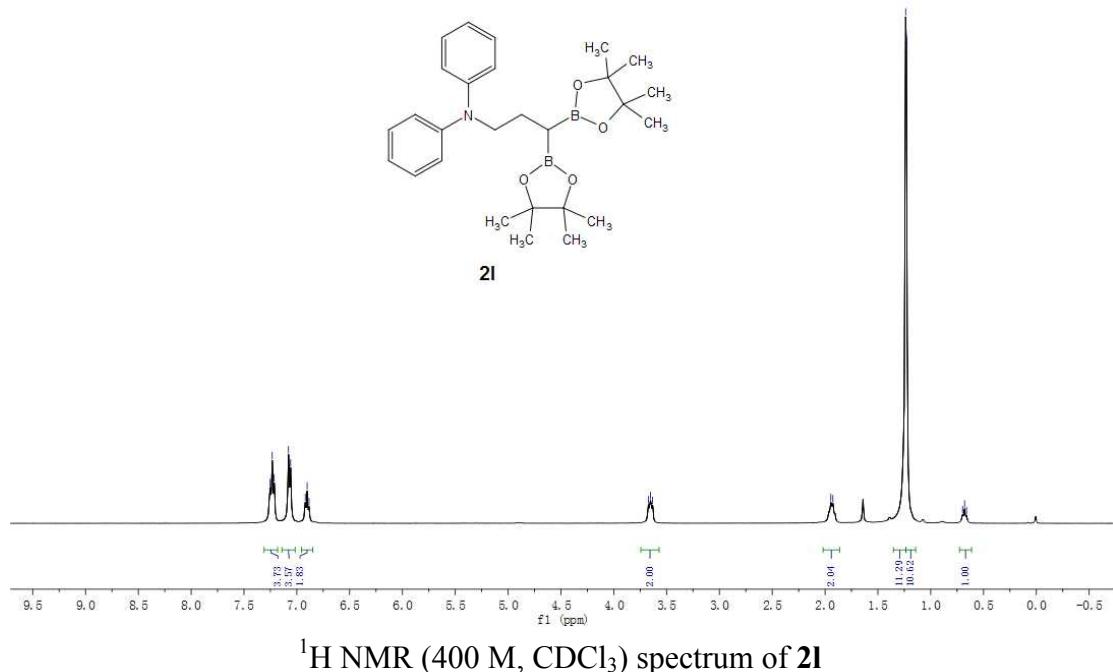




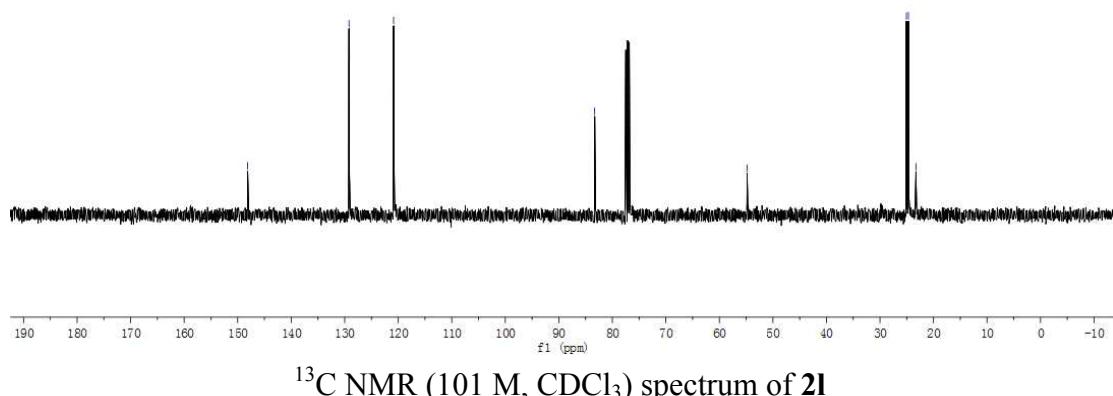
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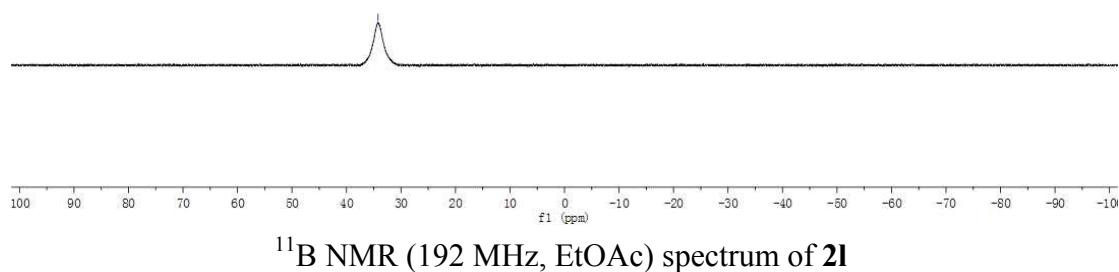
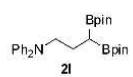




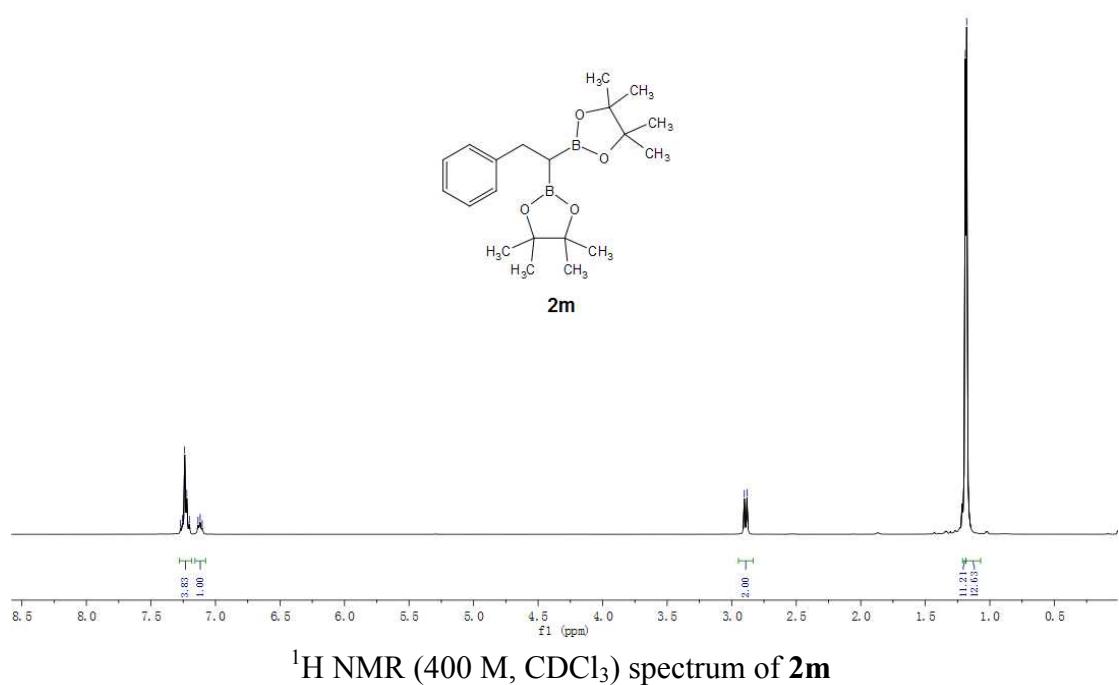
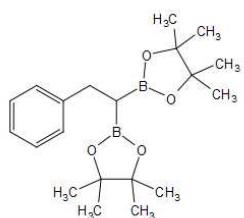


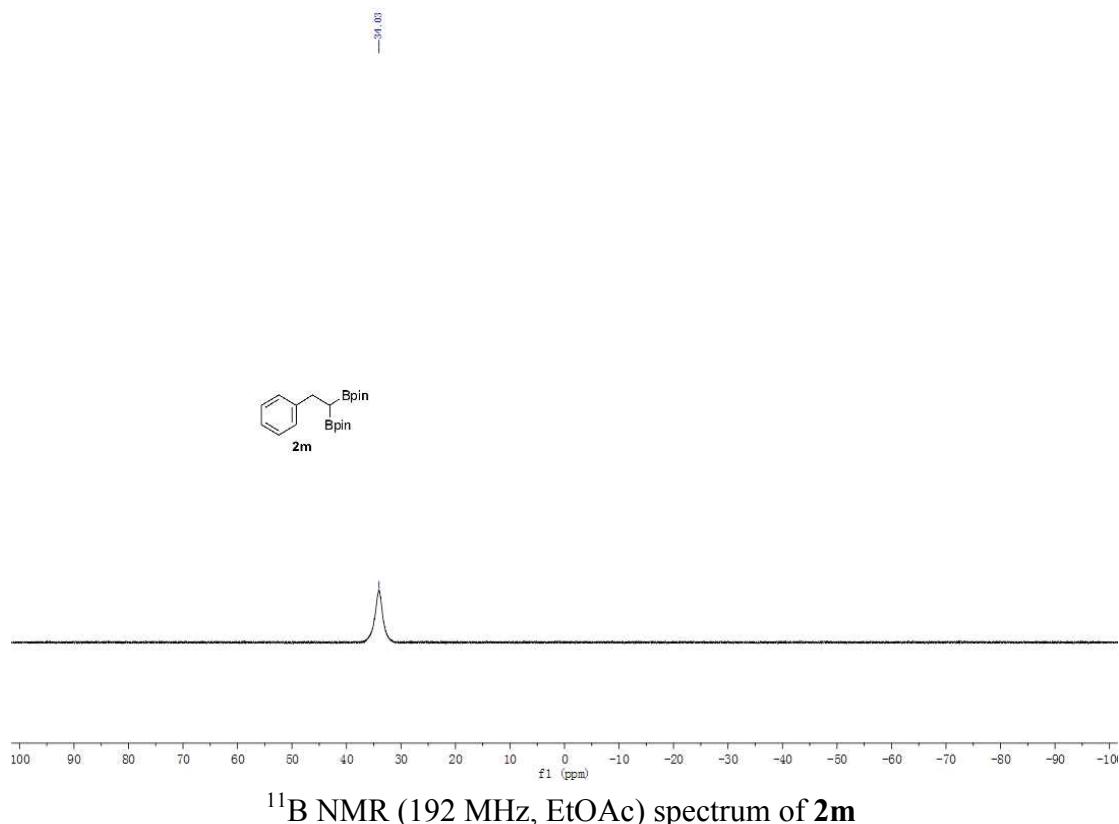
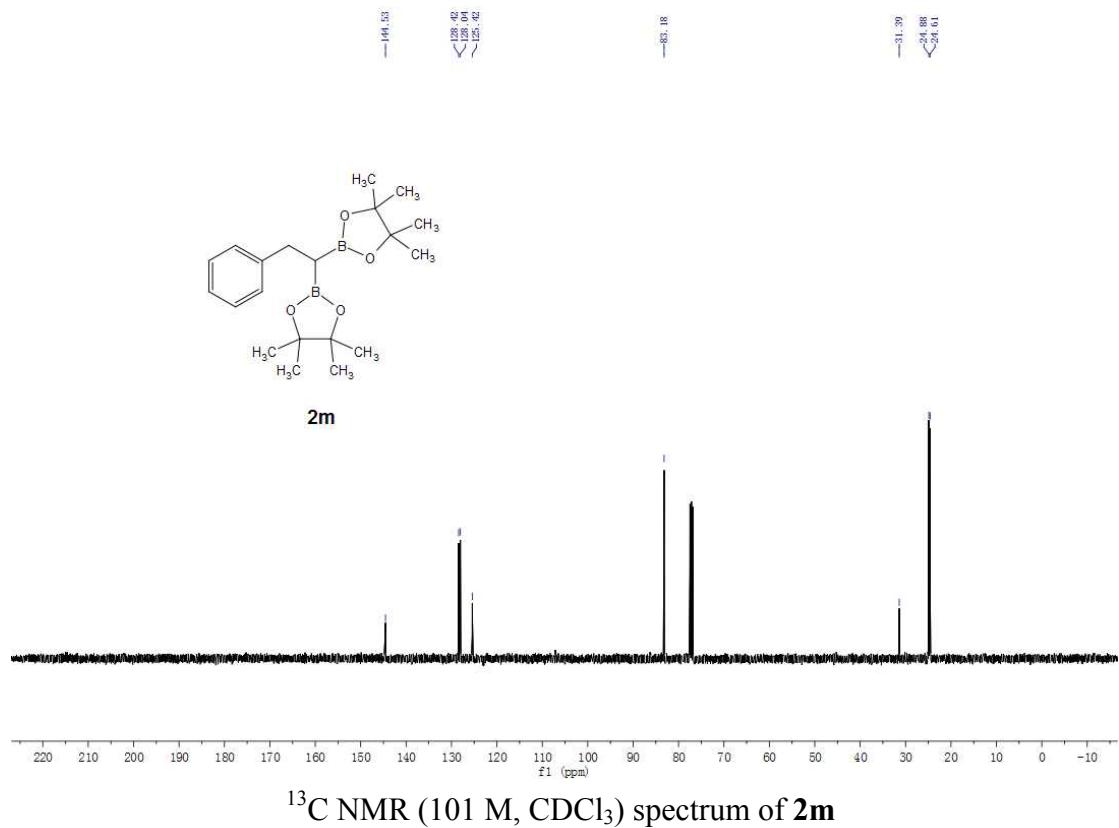
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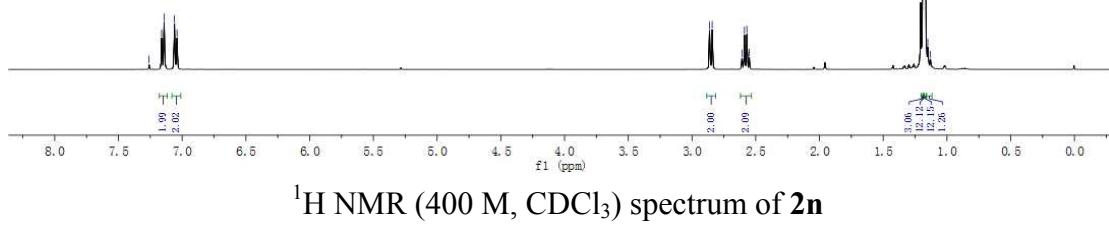
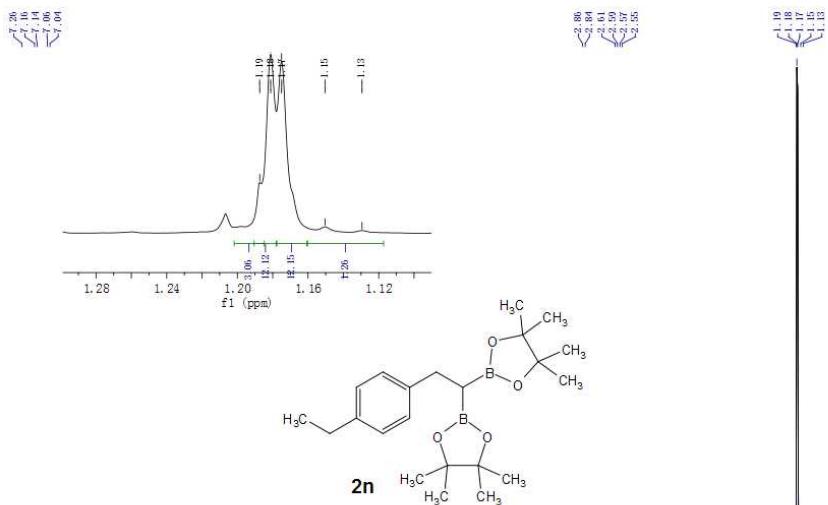




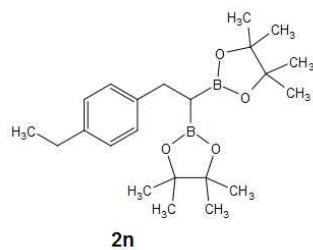
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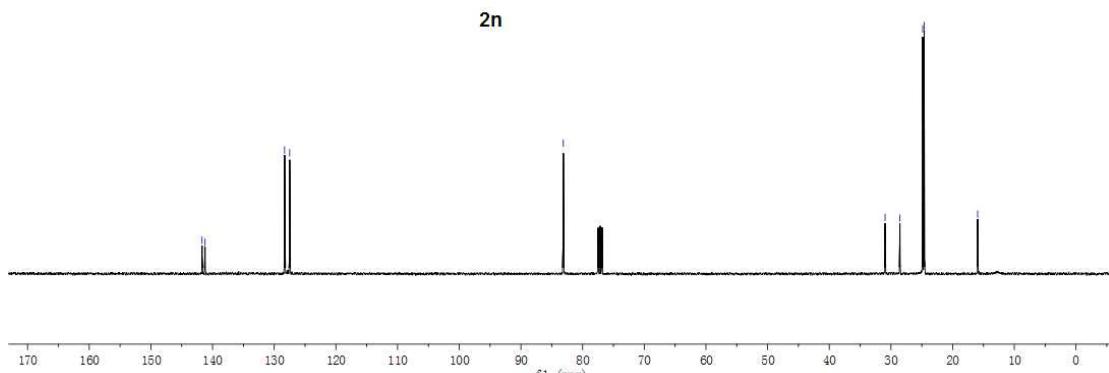




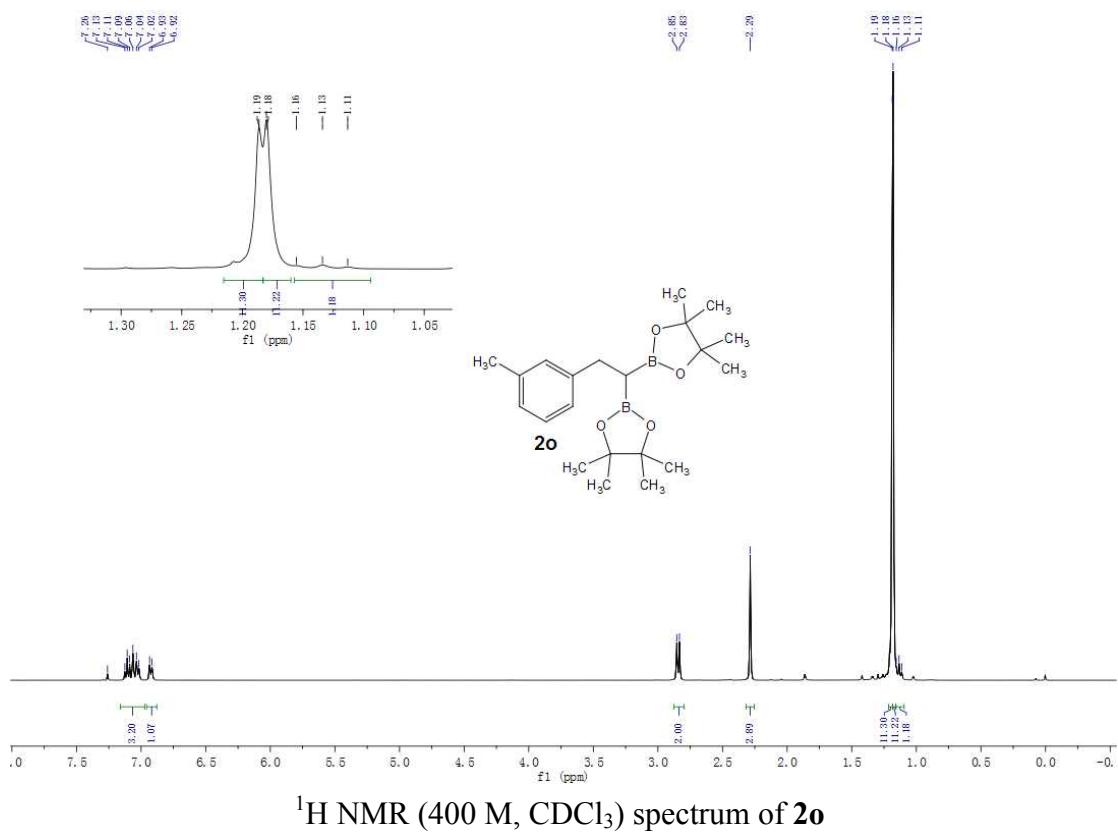
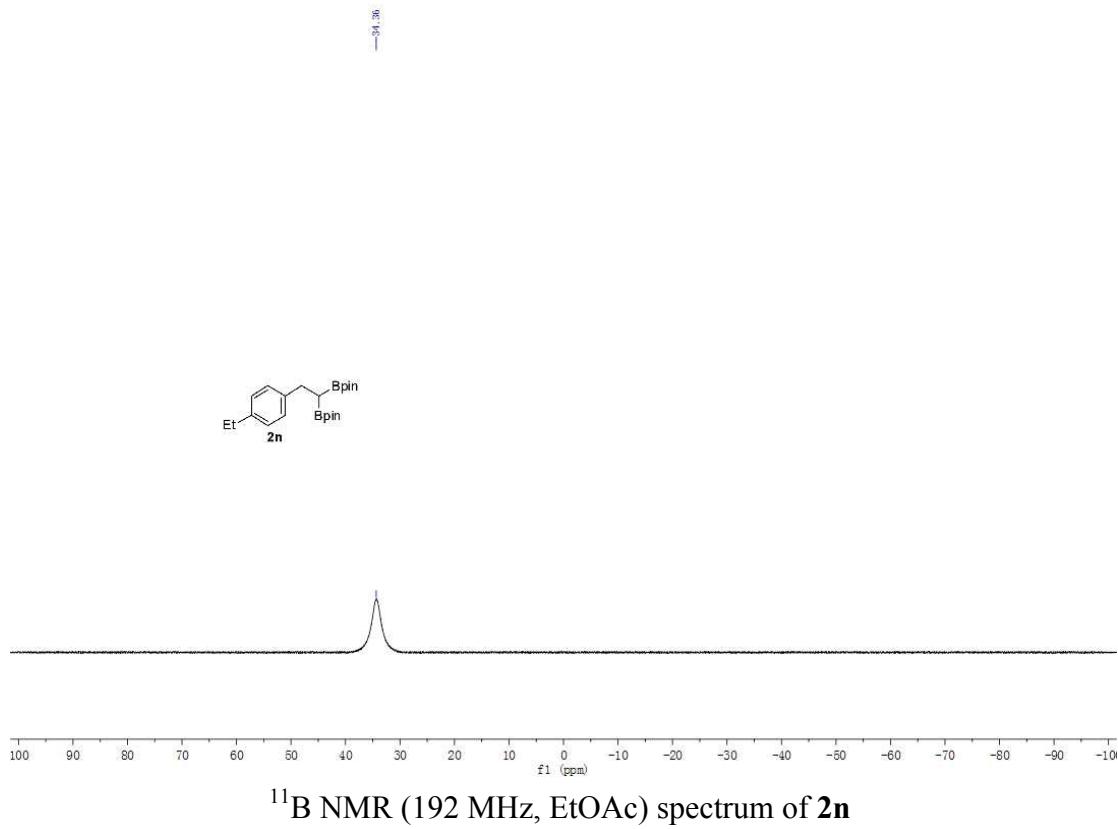
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 M,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **2n**

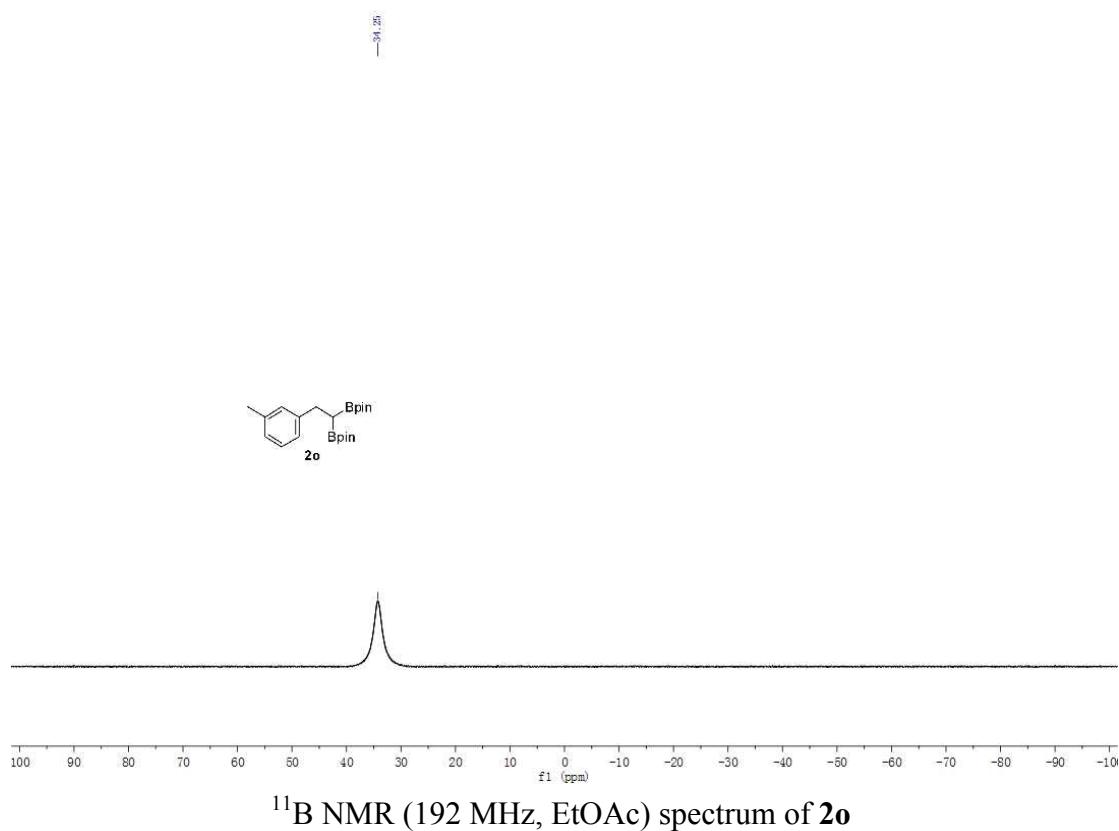
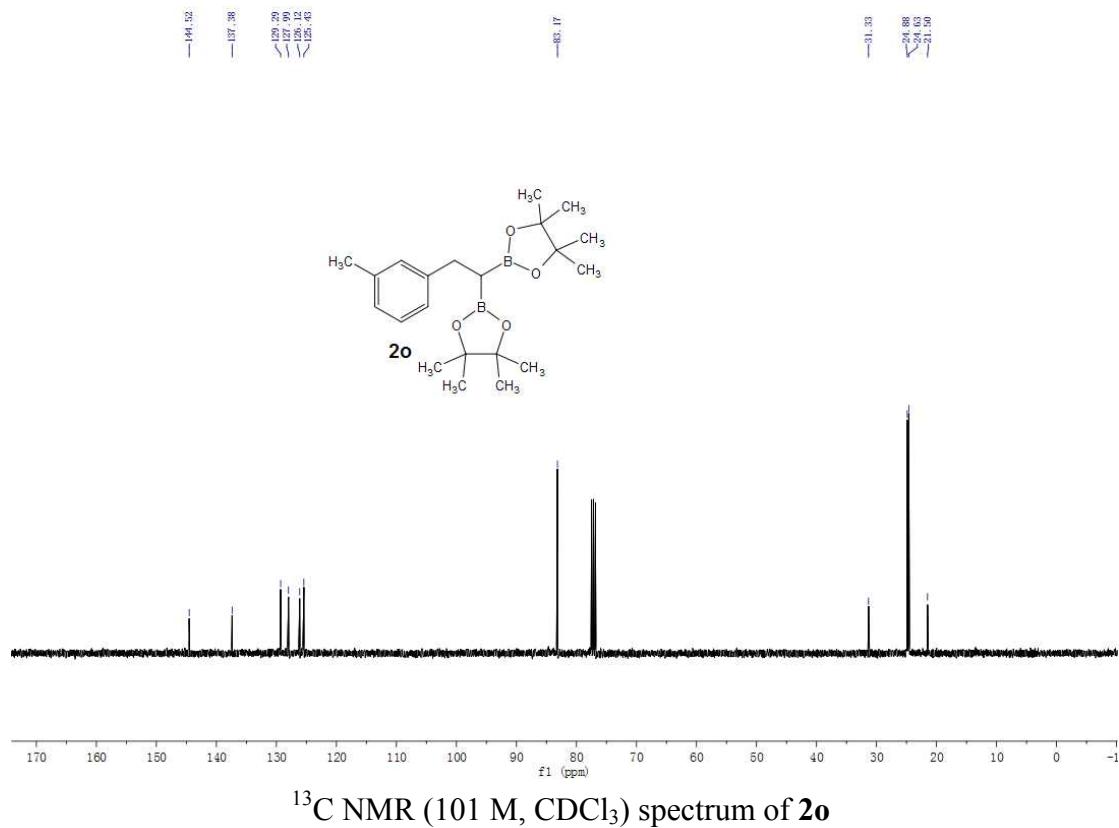


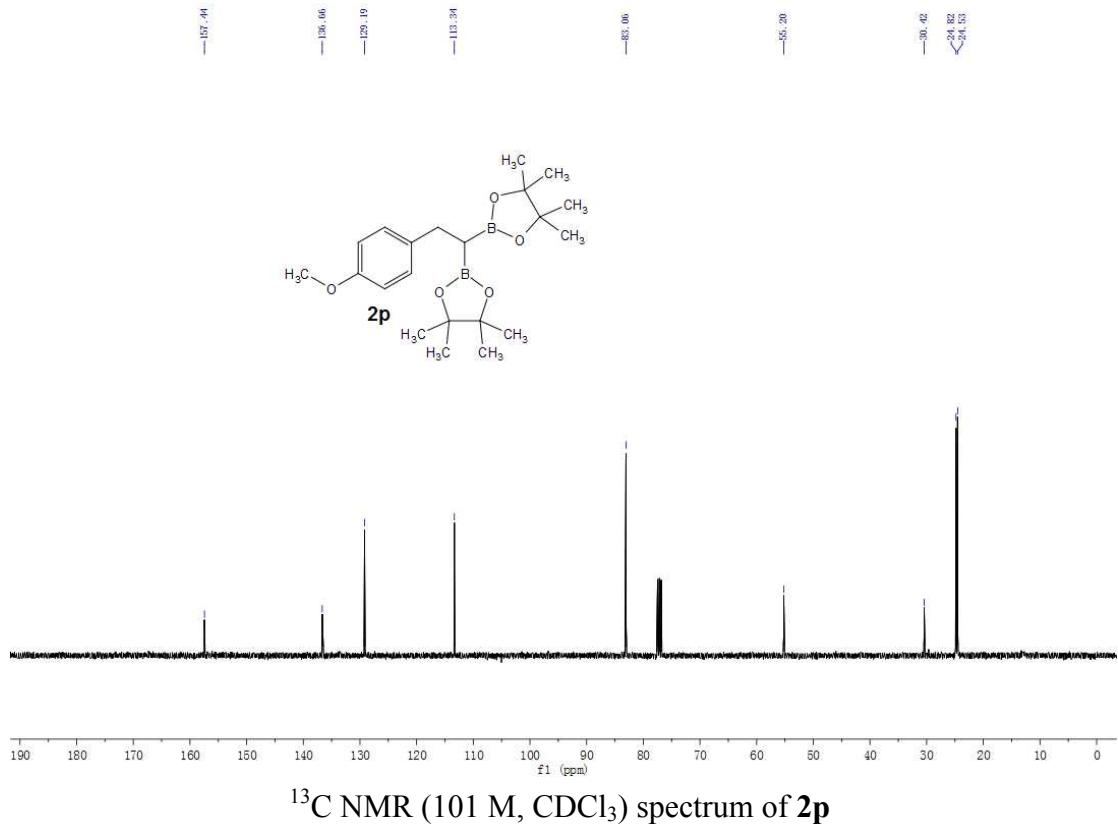
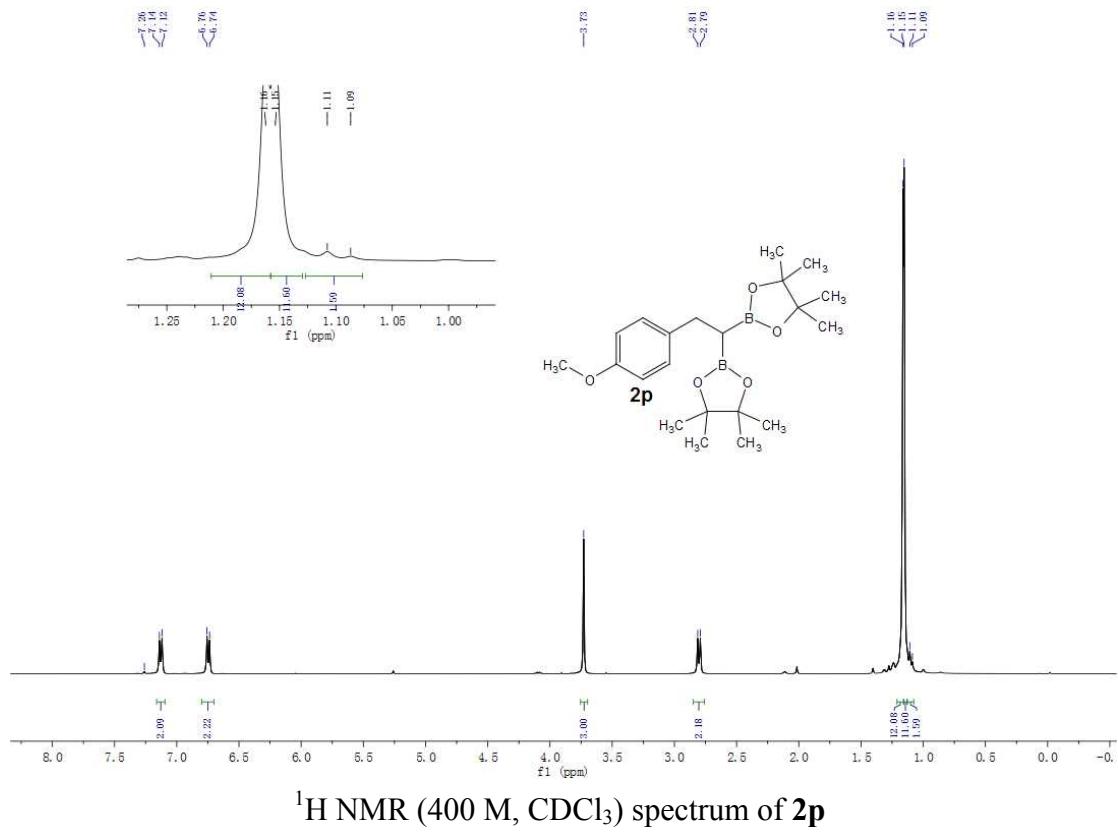
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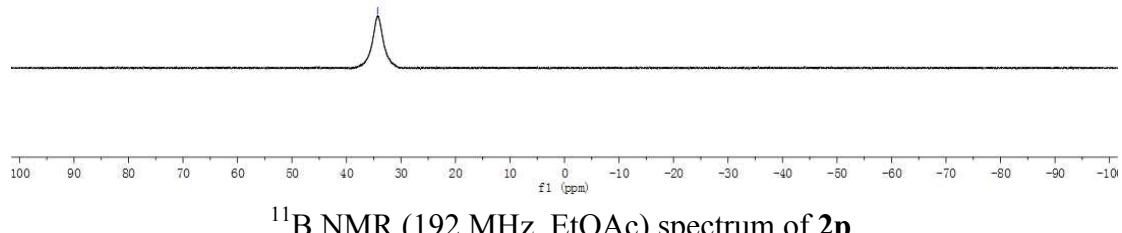
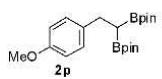
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 M,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **2n**







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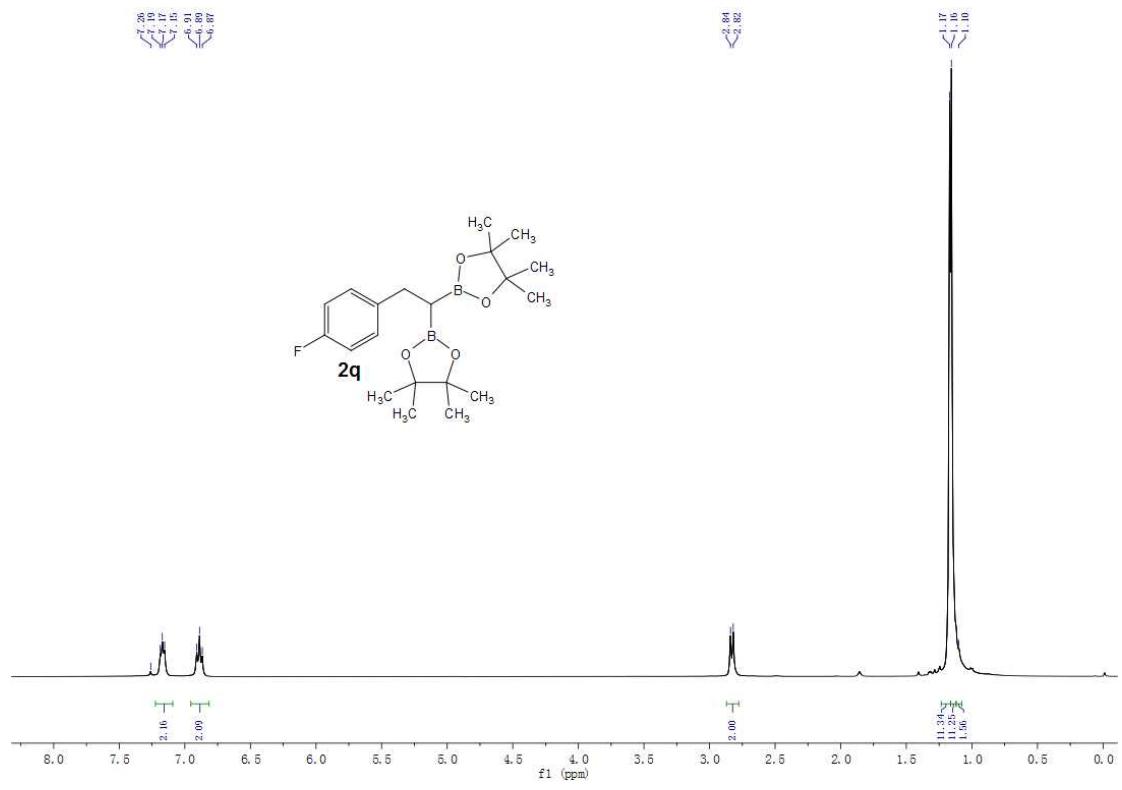
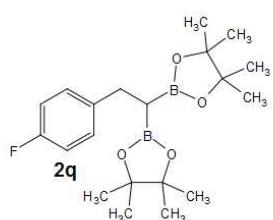


<sup>11</sup>B NMR (192 MHz, EtOAc) spectrum of **2p**

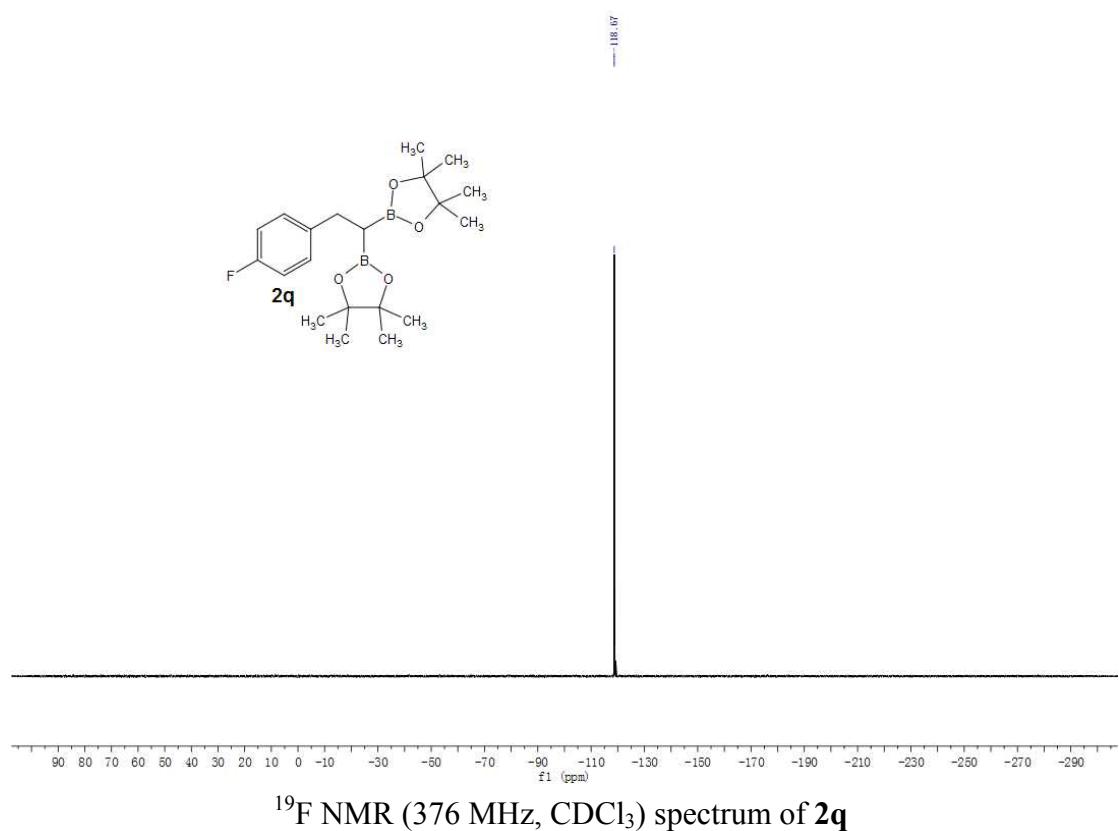
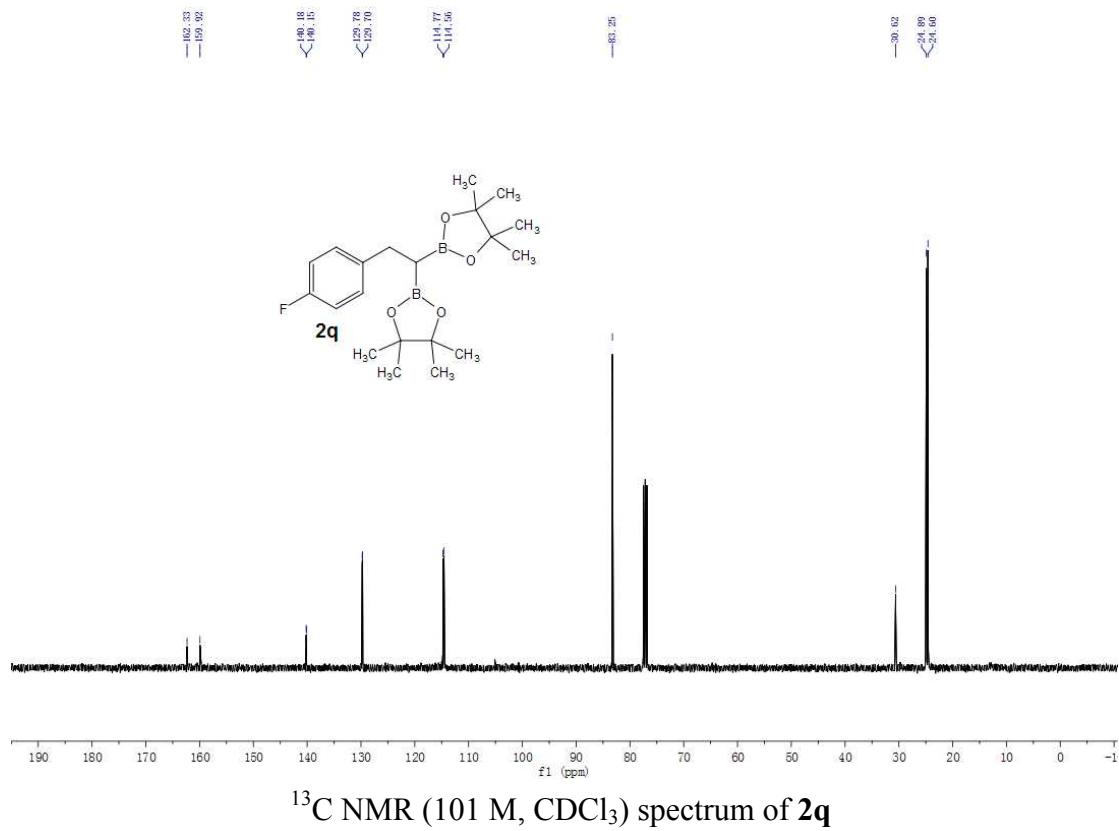
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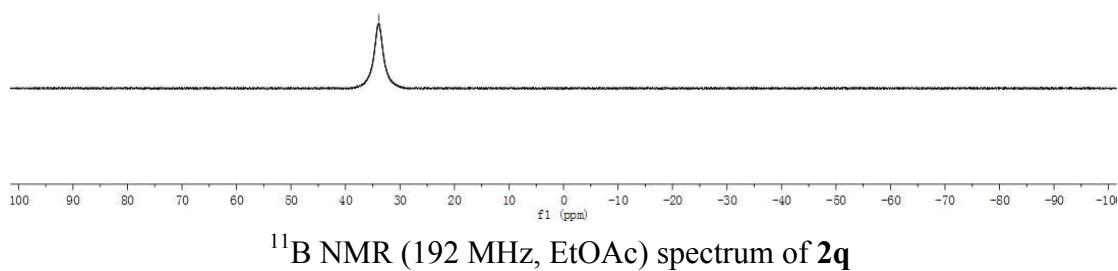
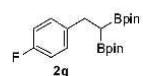
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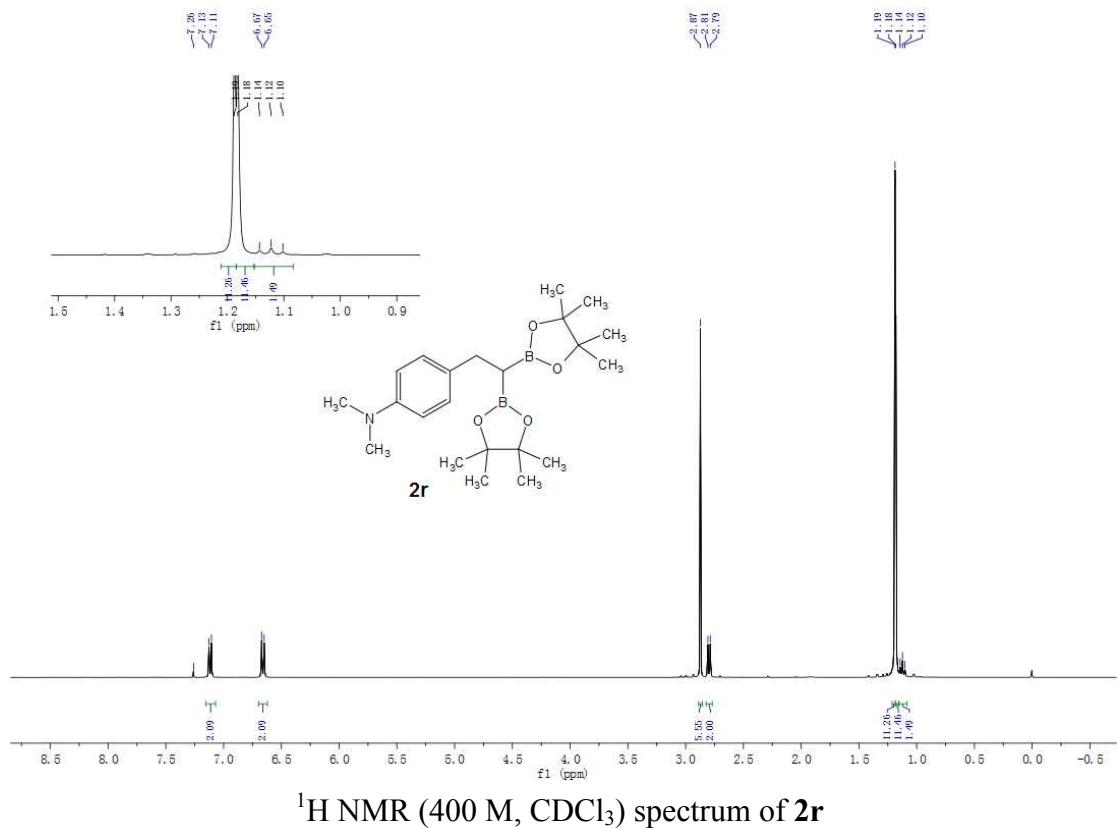
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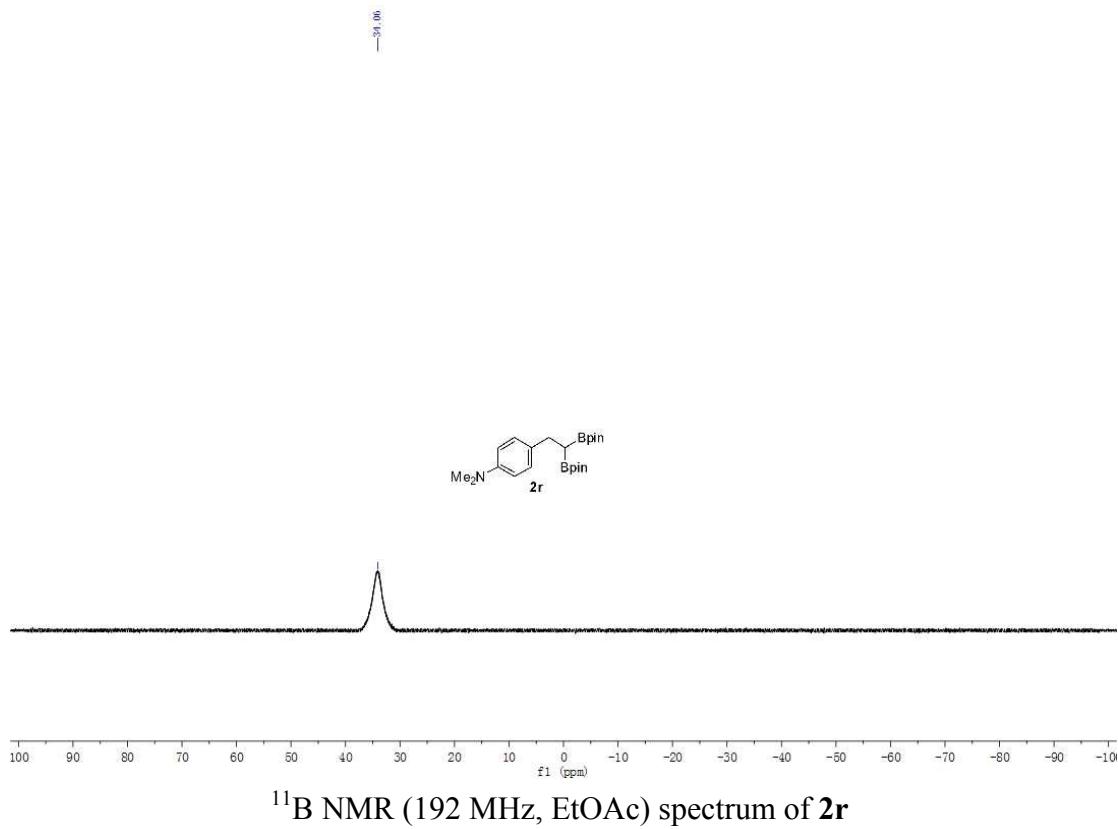
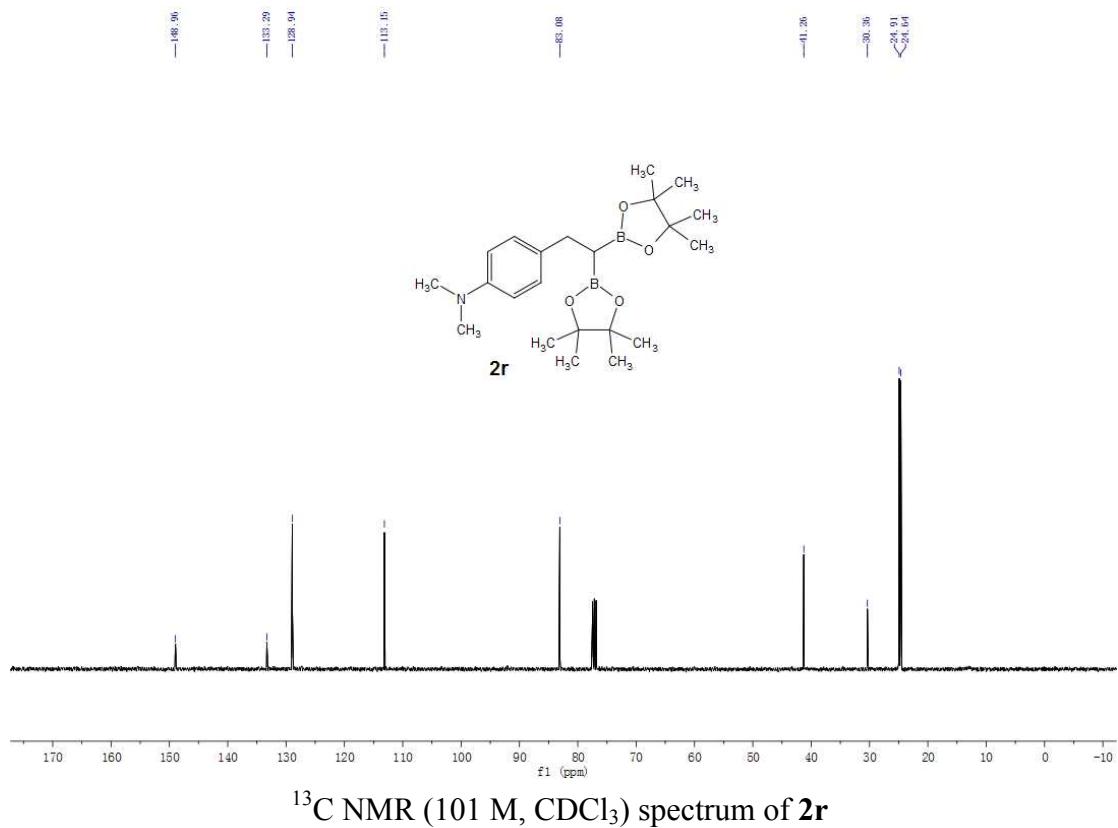


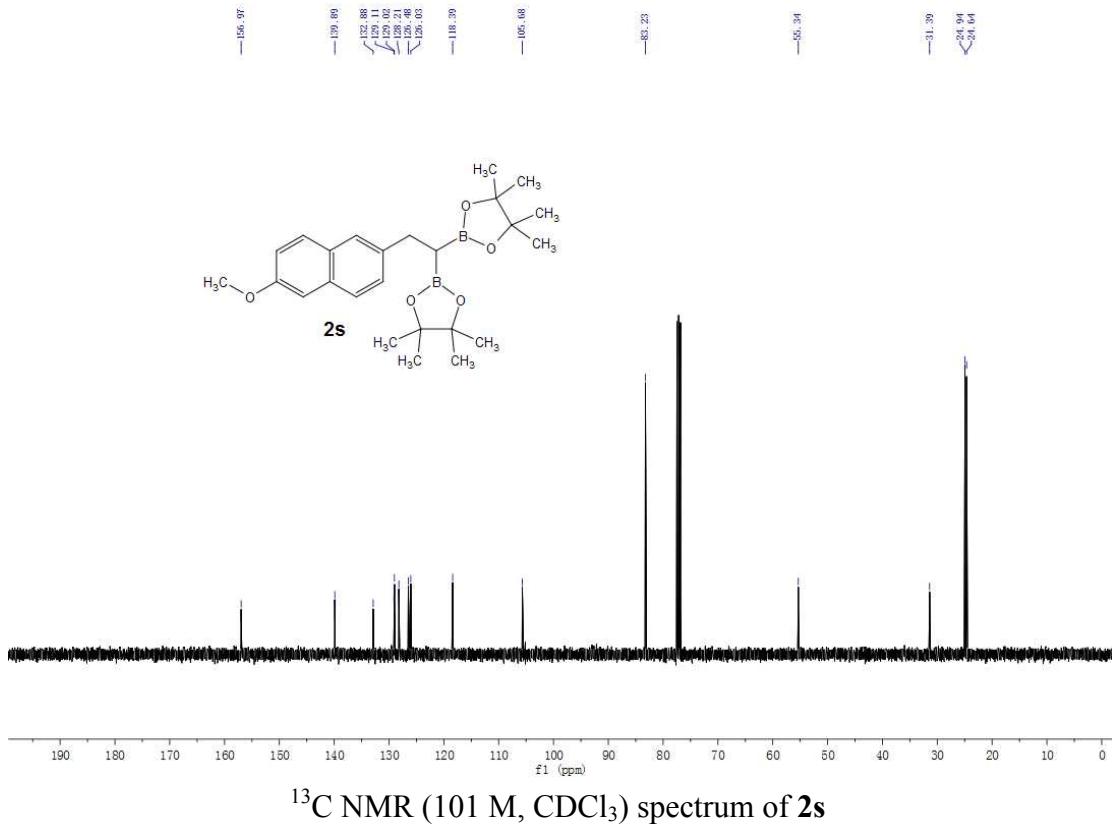
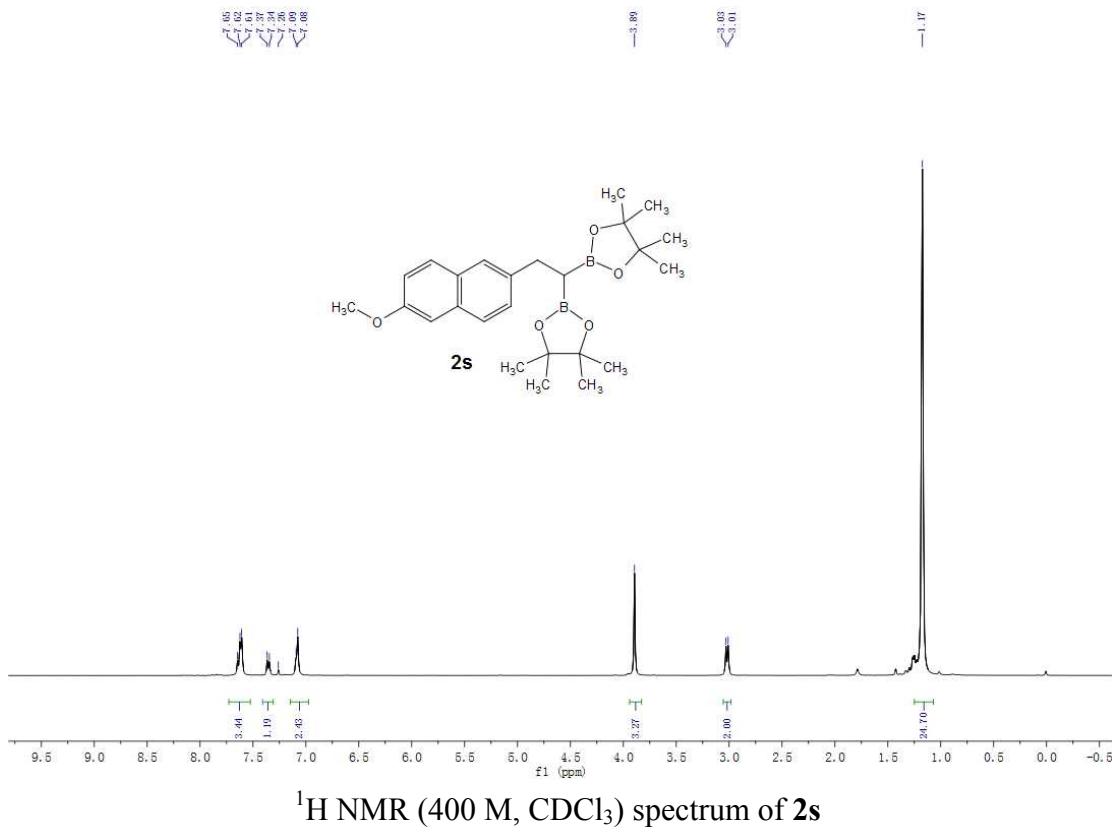
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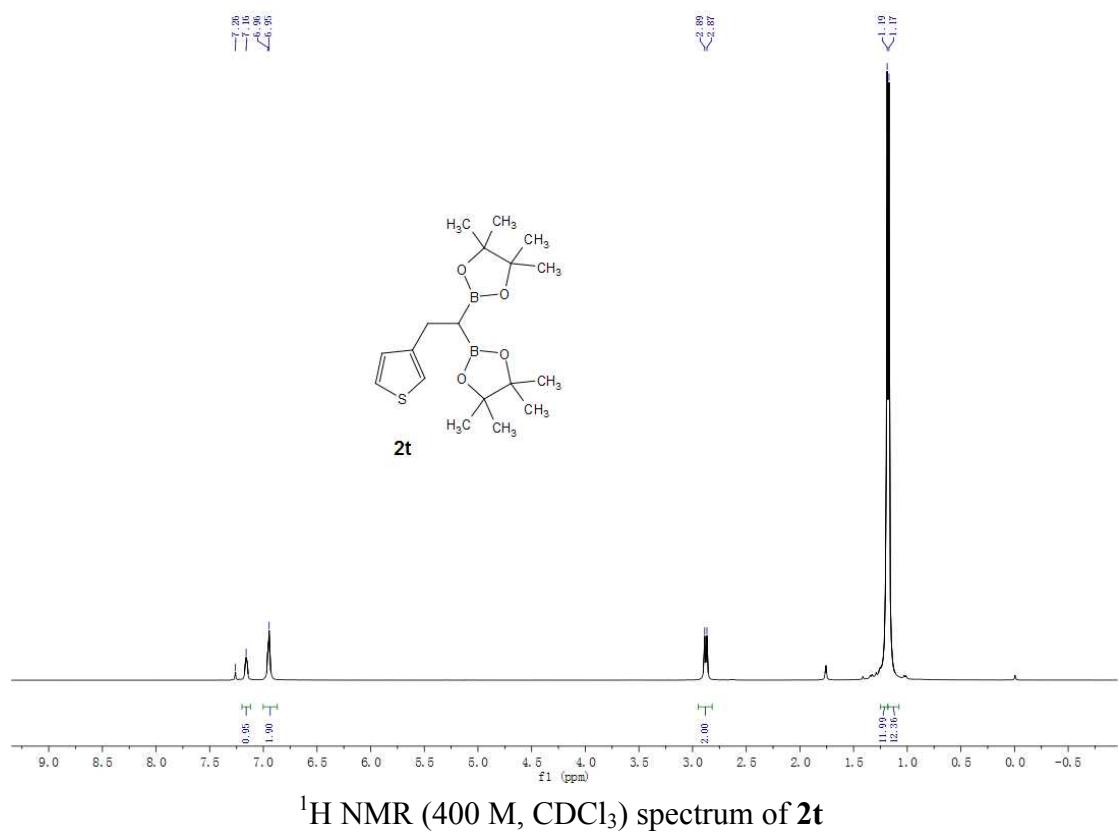
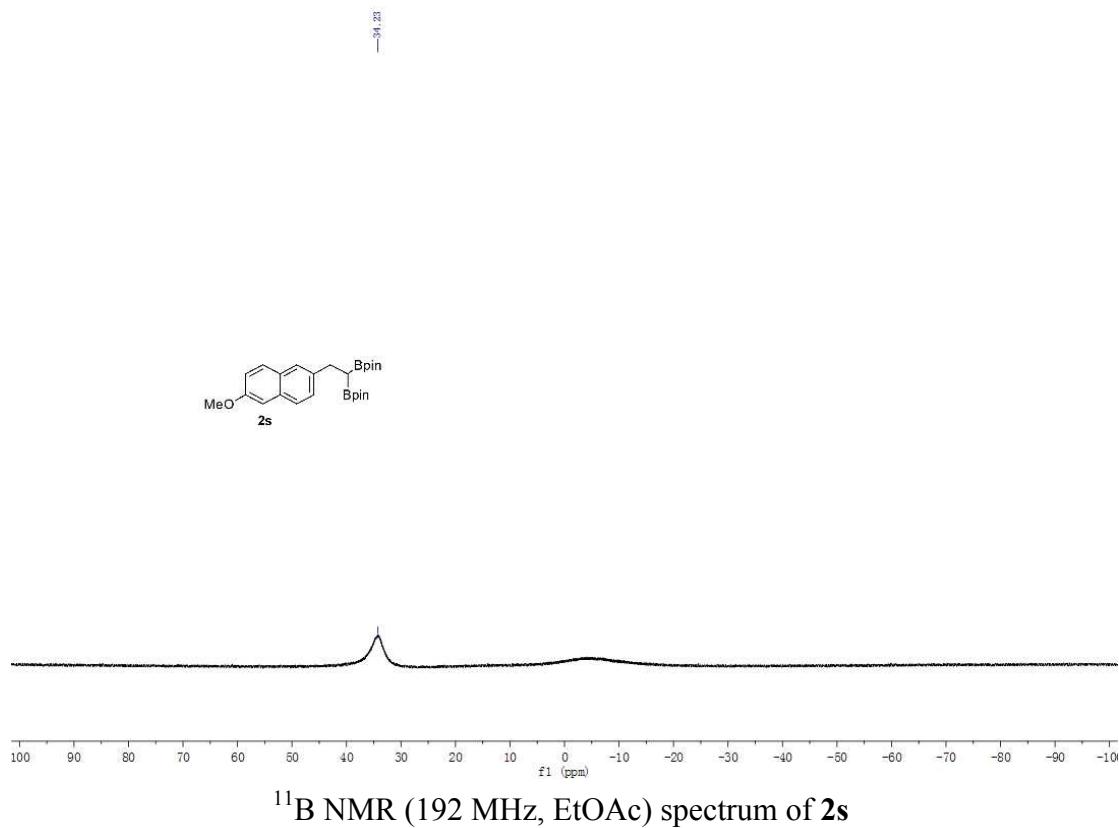


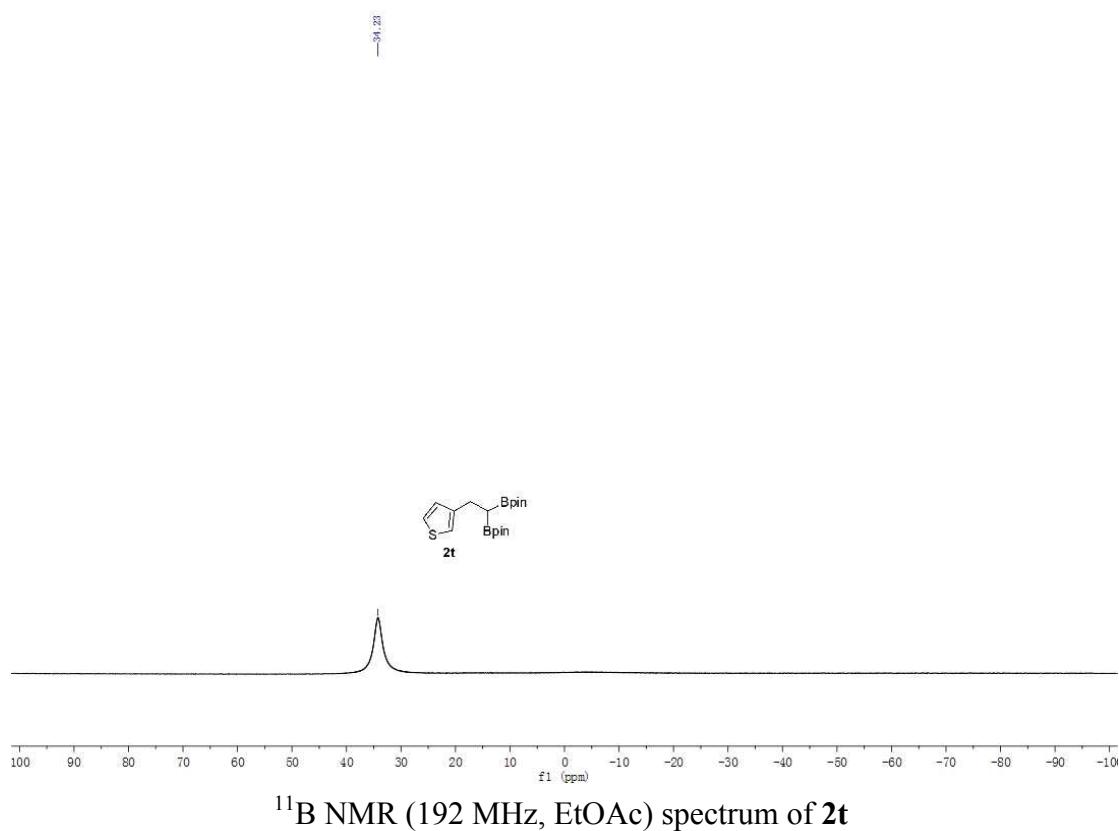
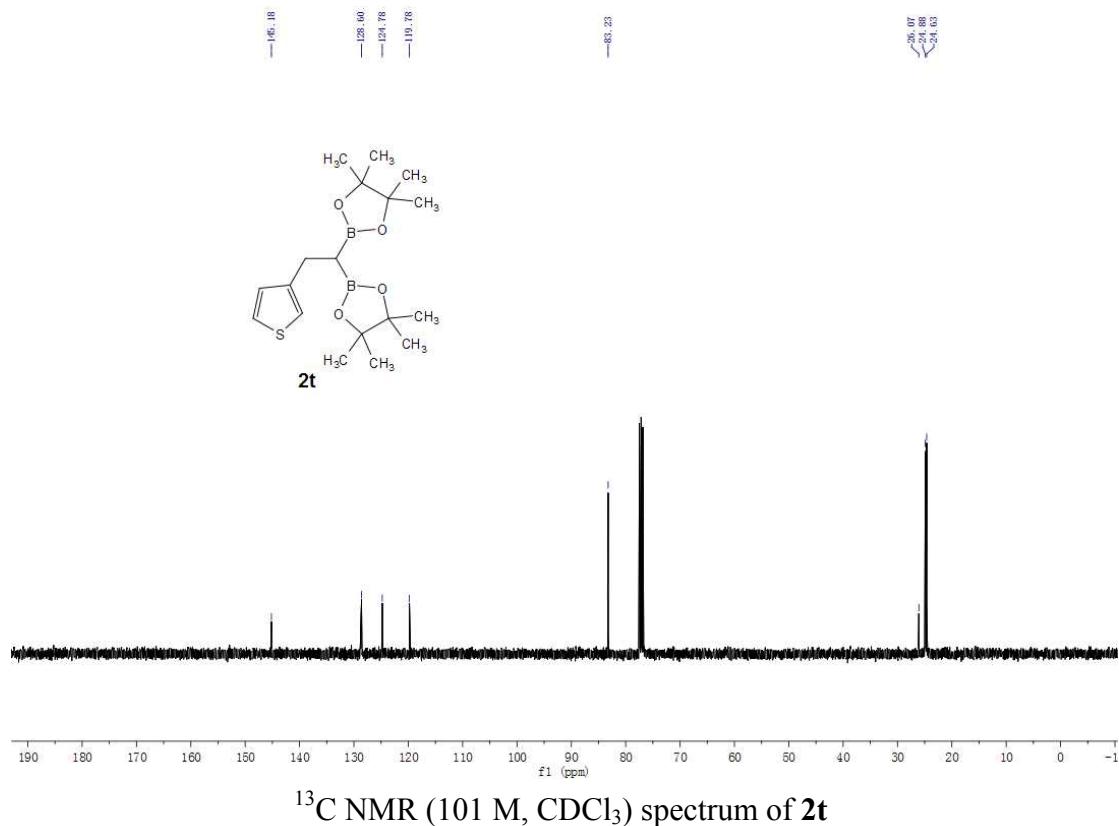
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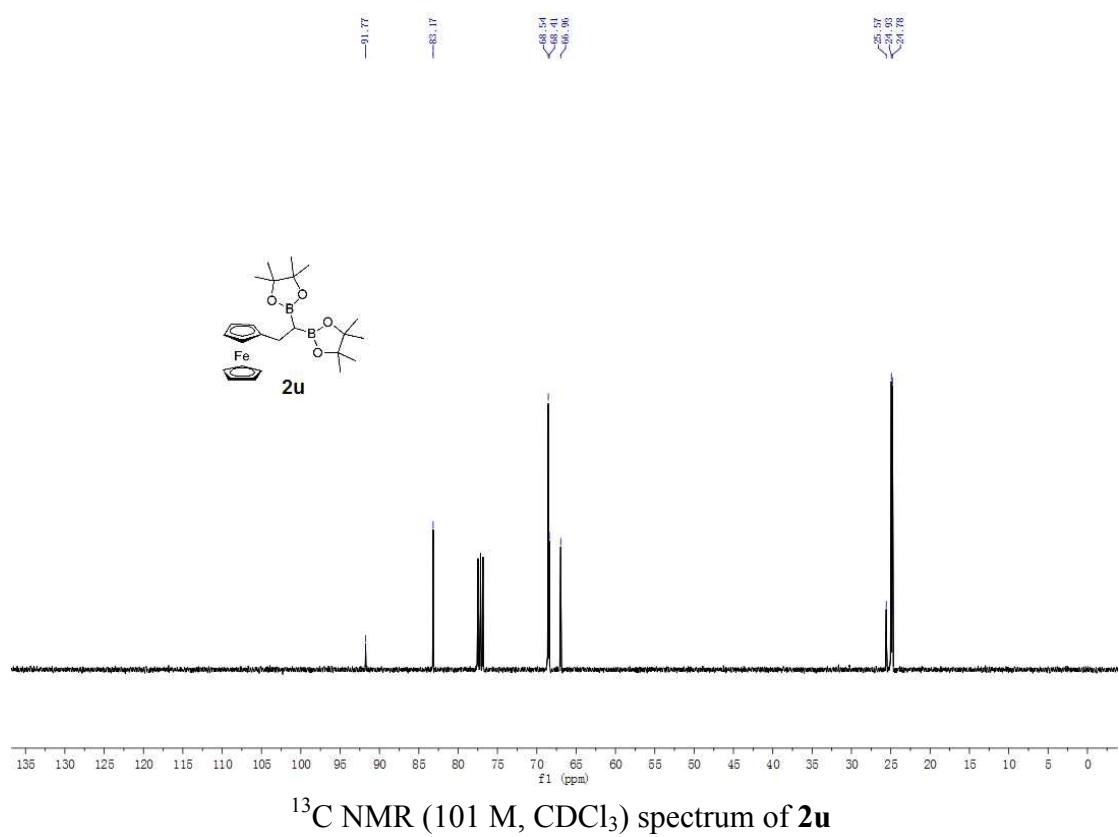
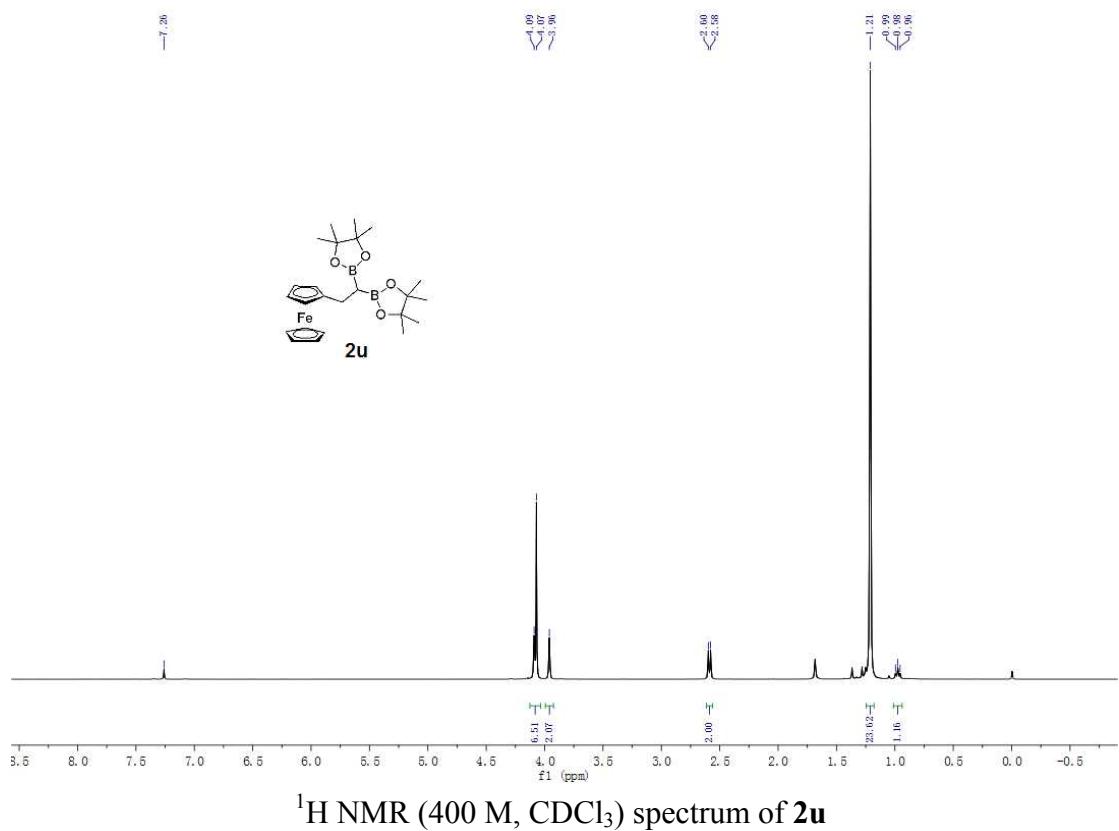


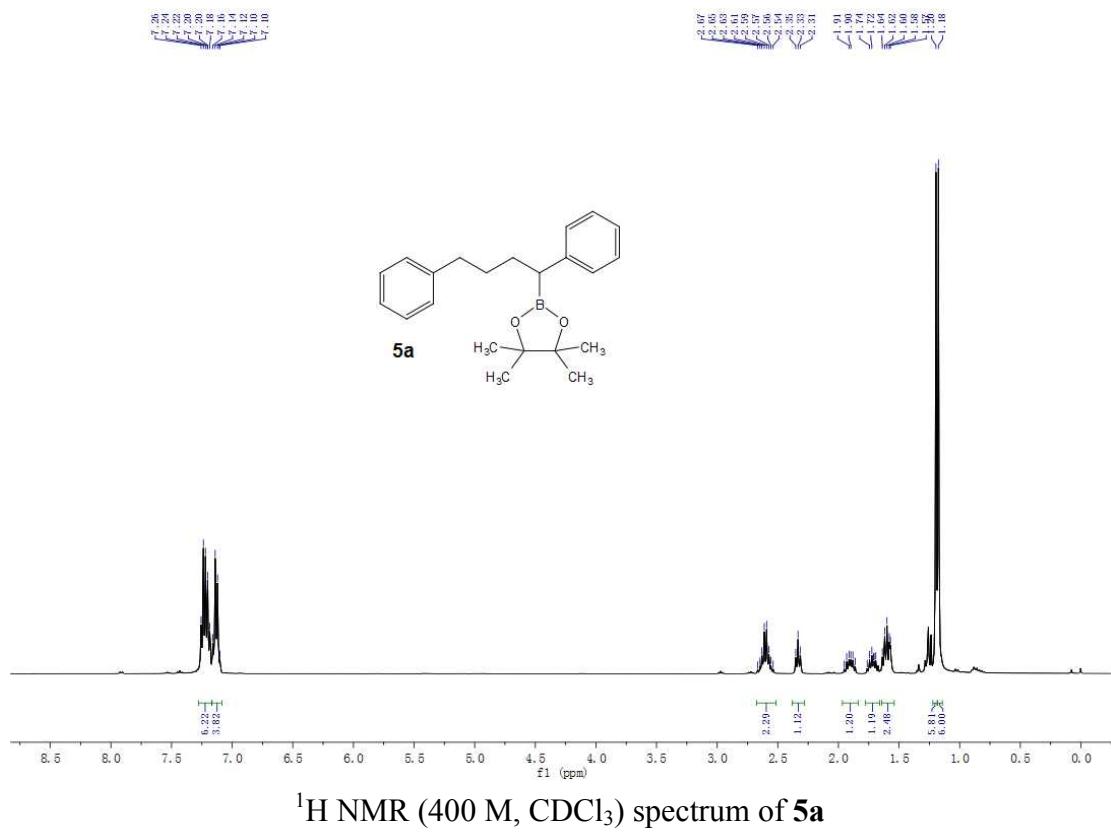
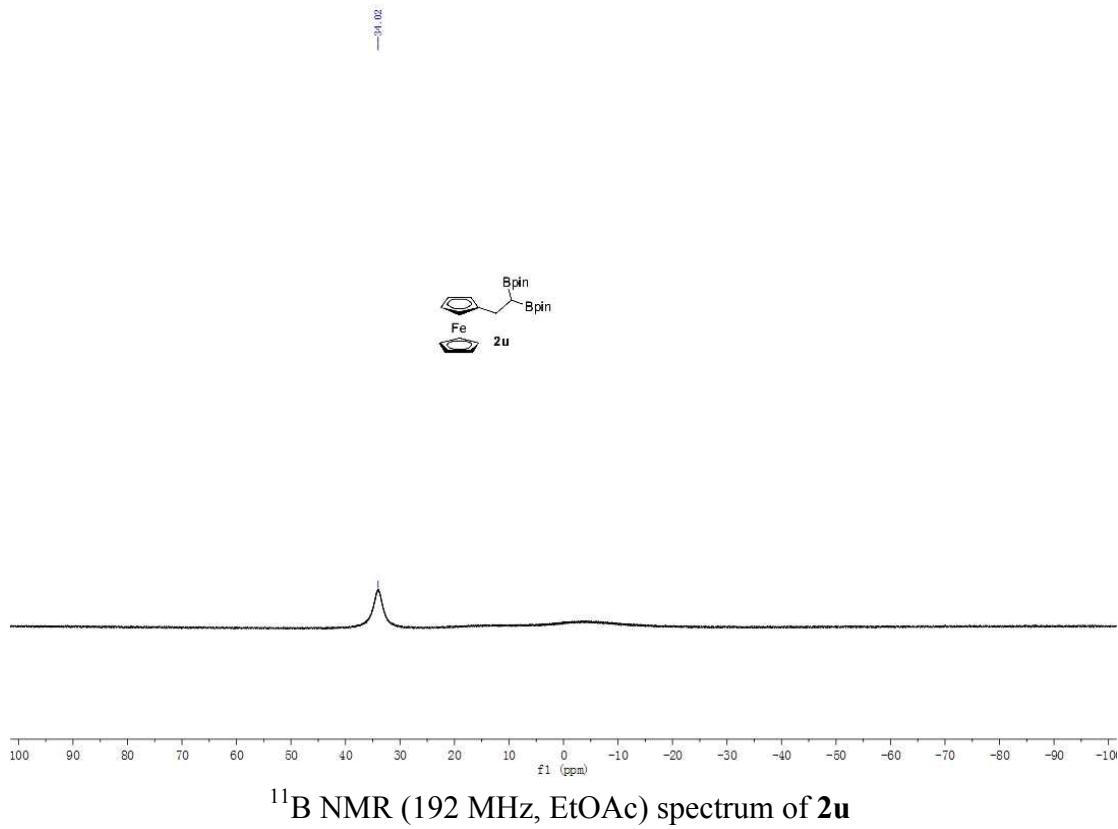


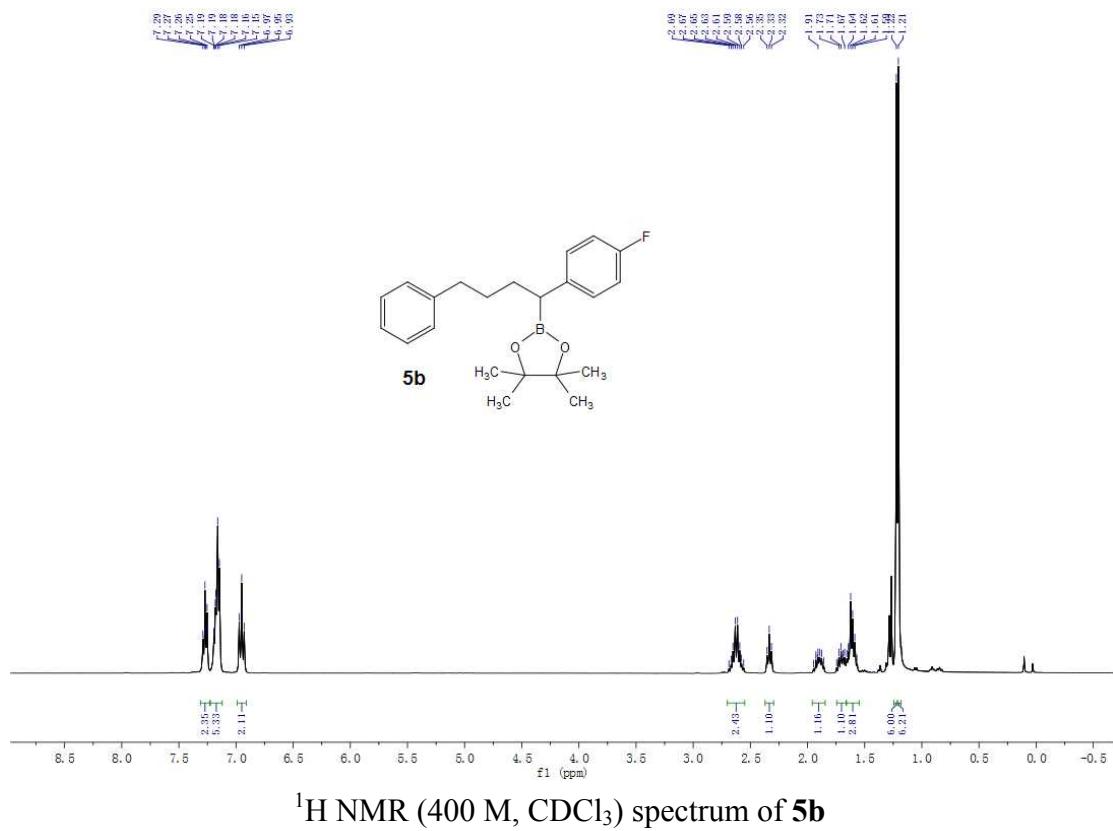
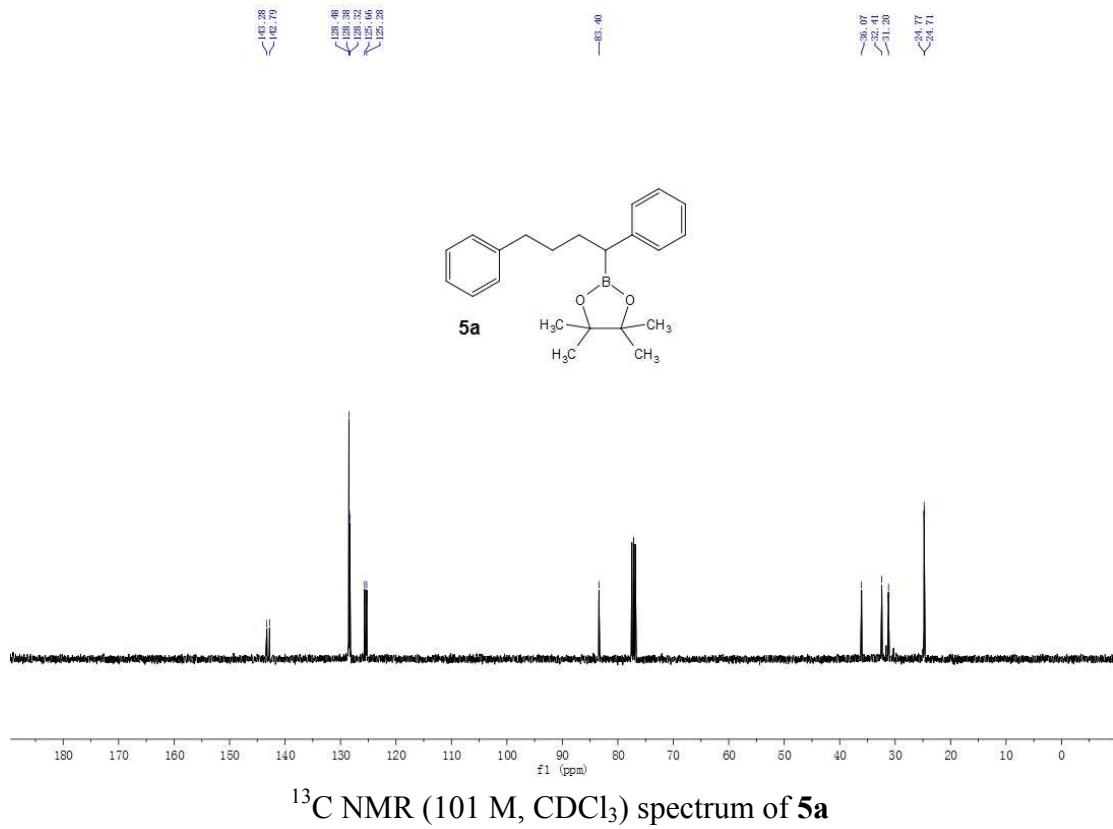


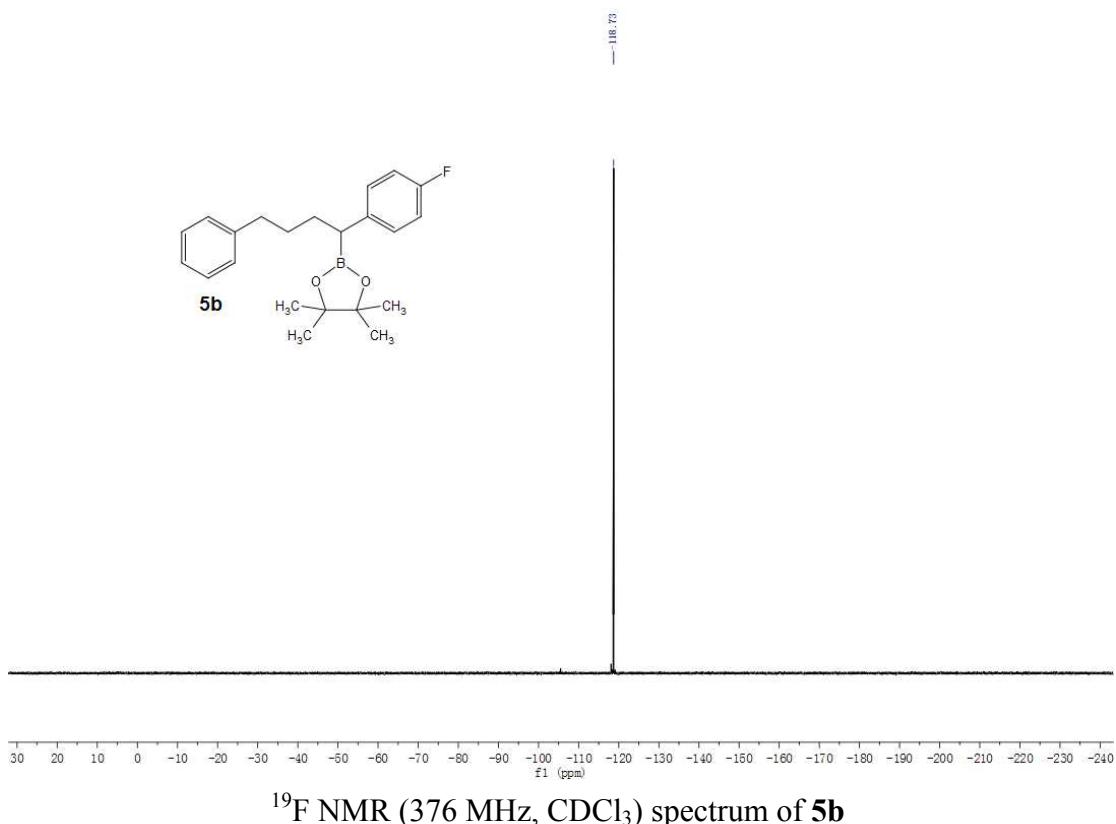
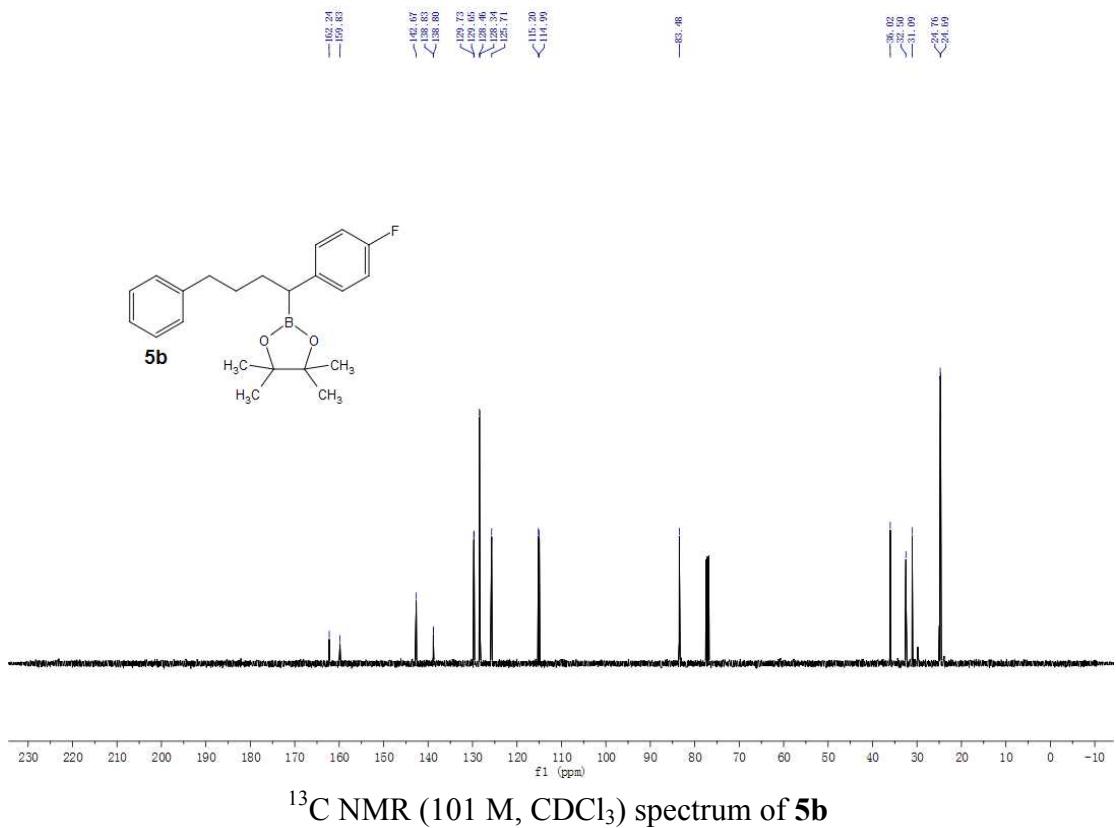


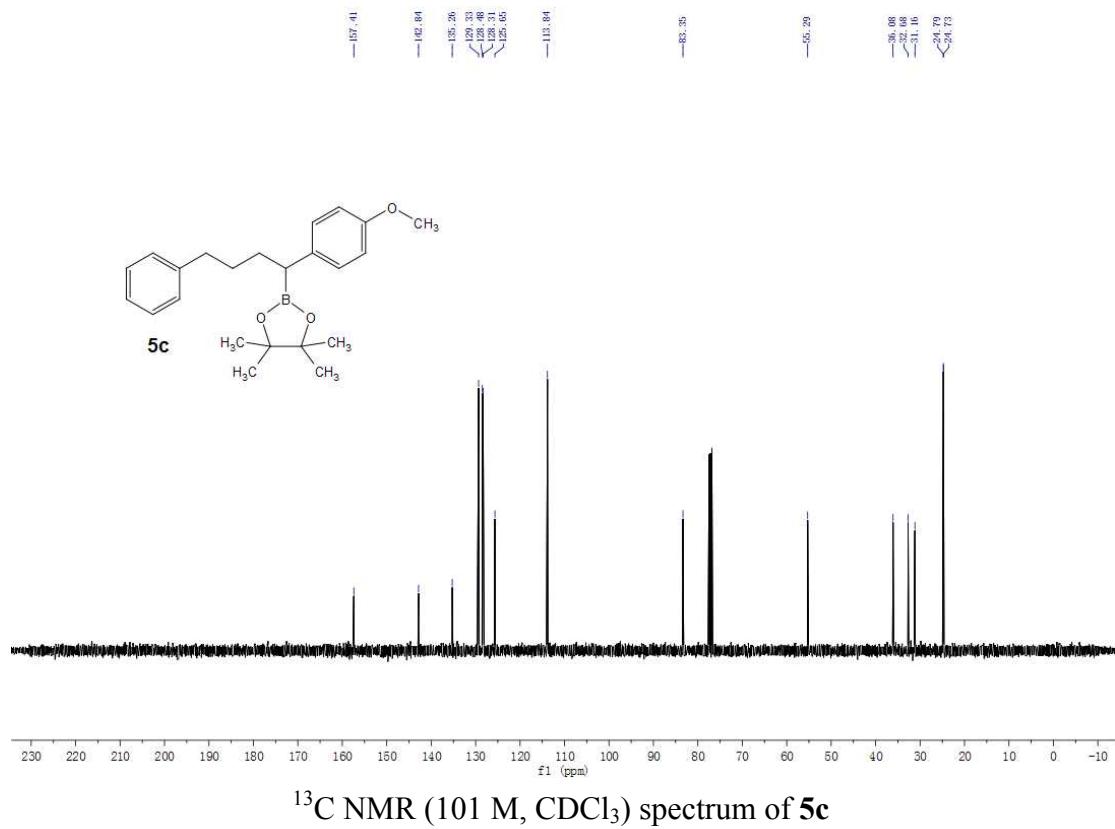
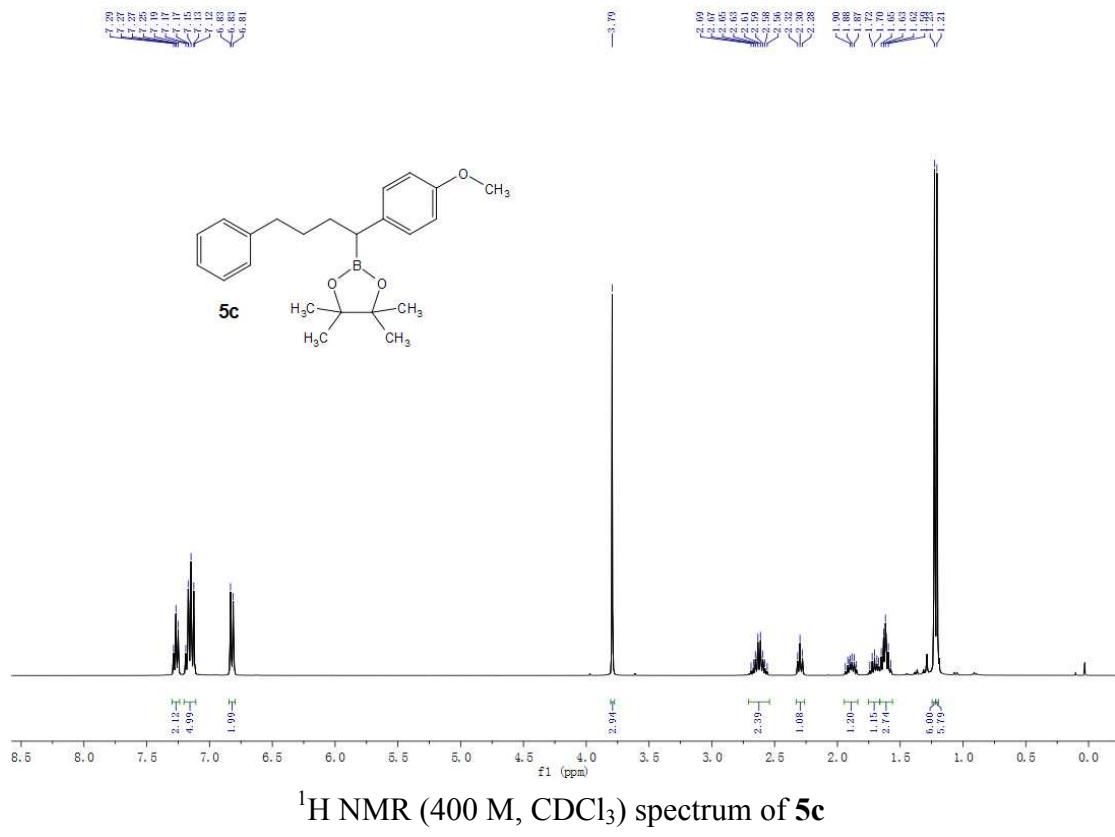










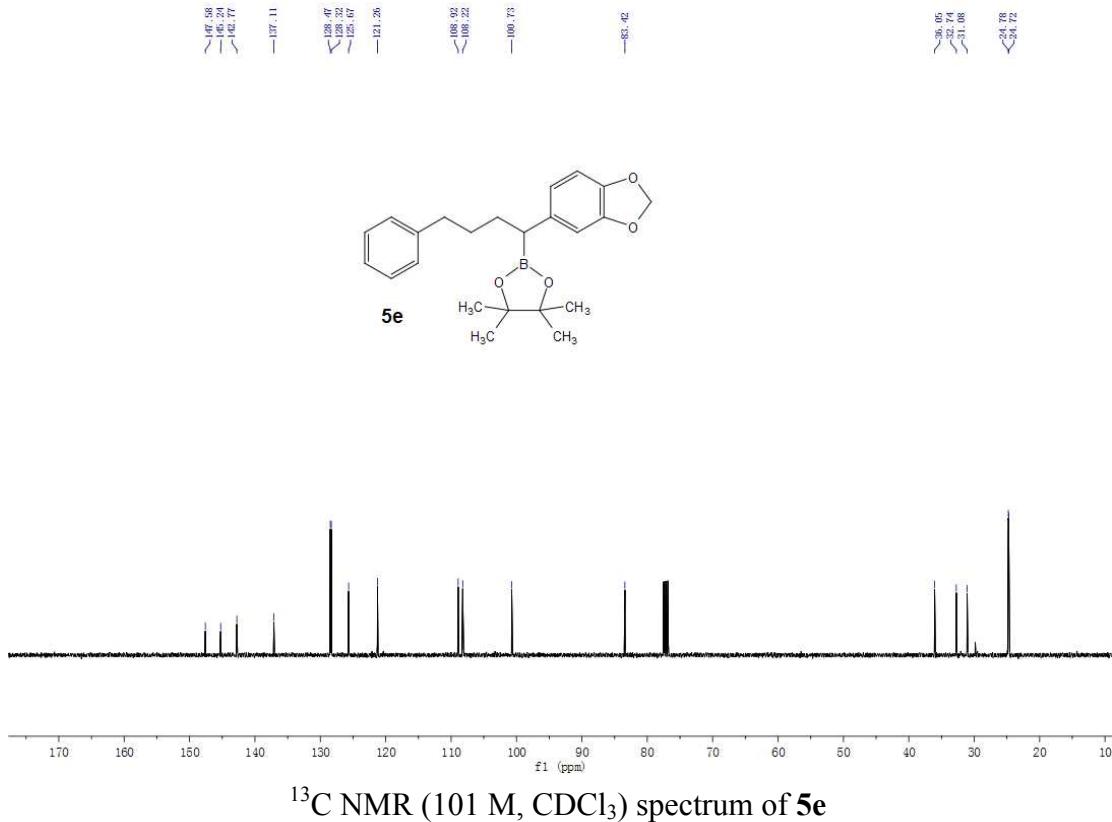
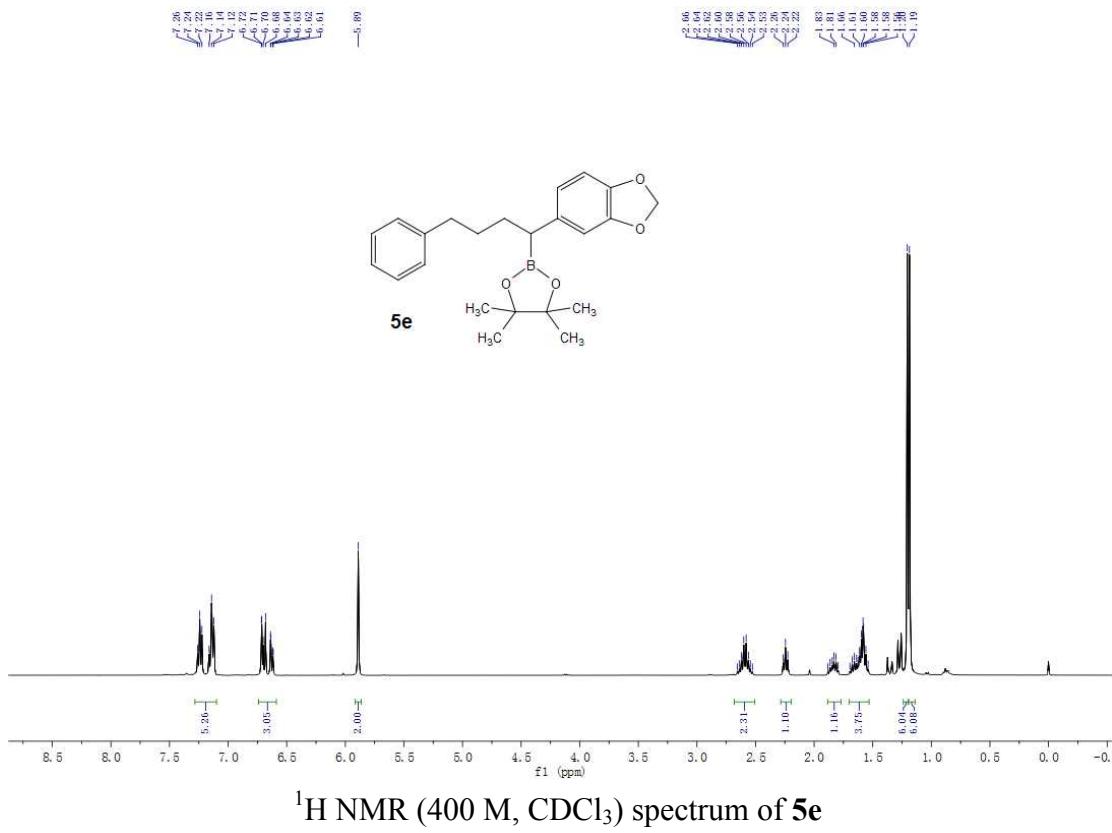


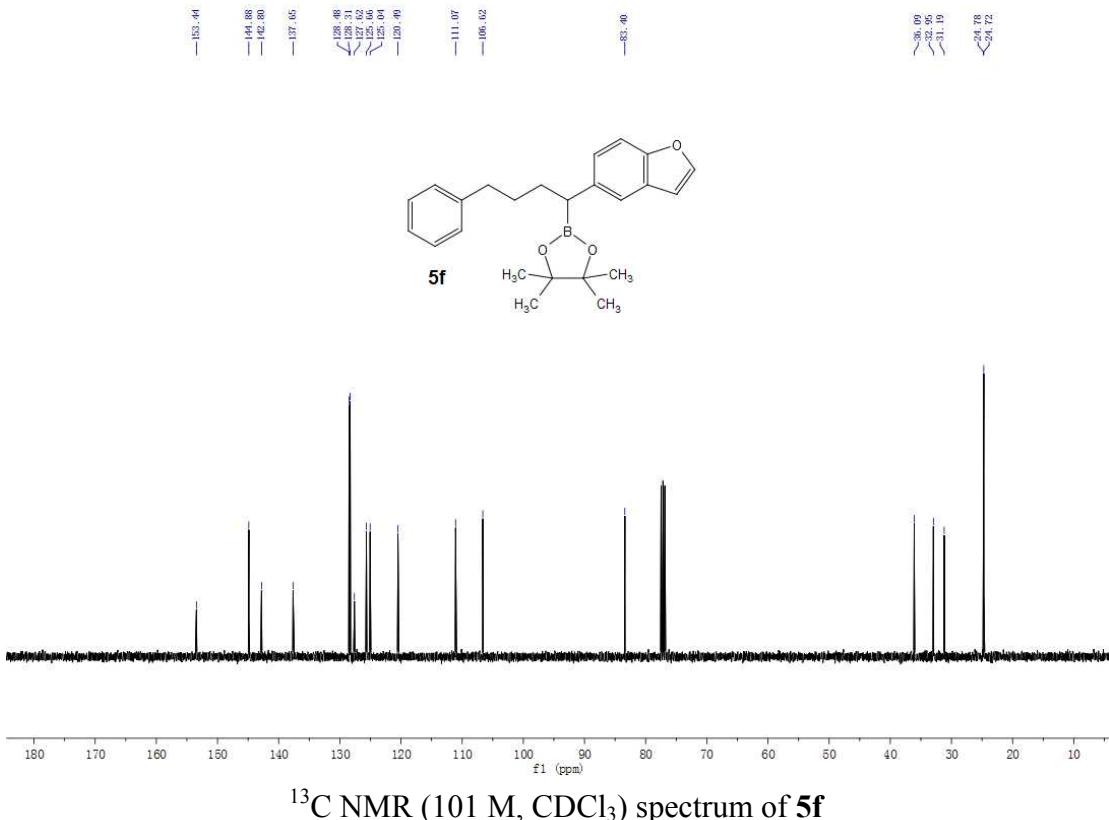
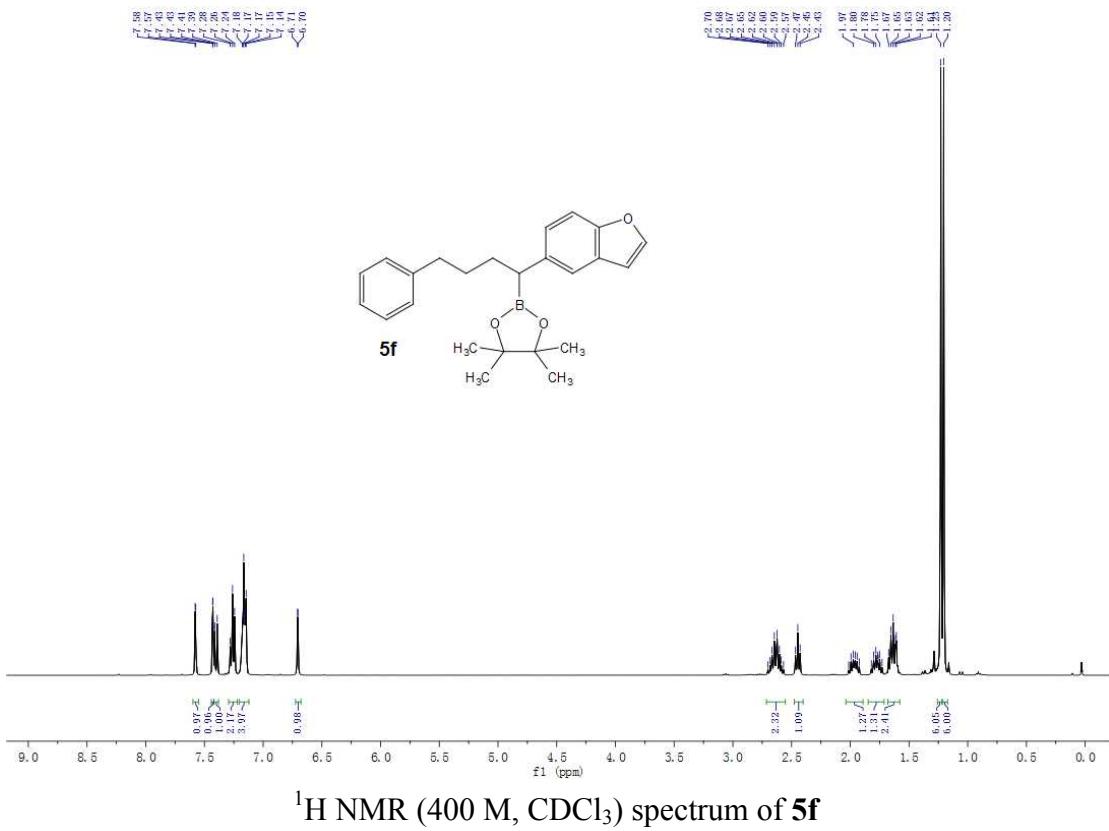


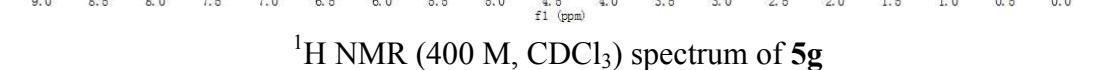
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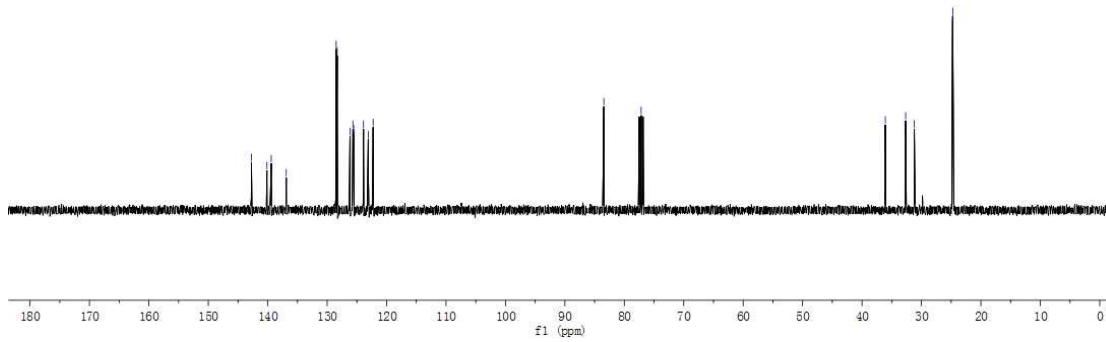
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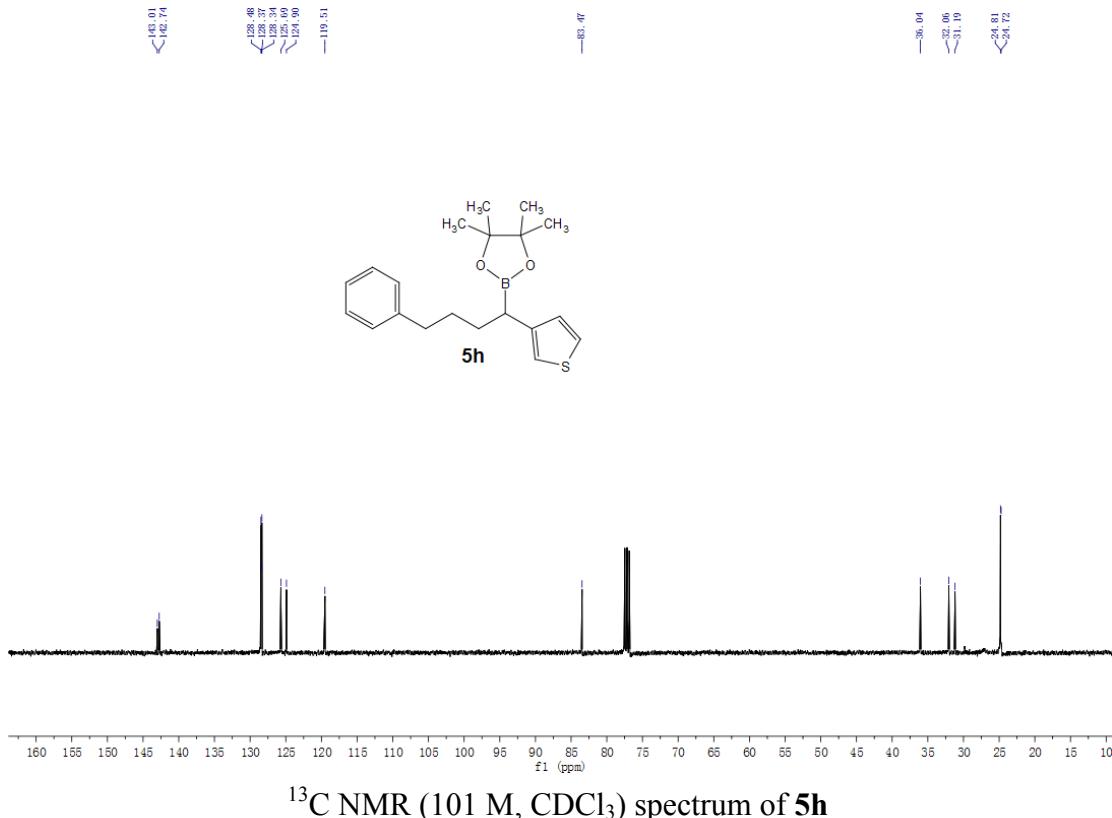
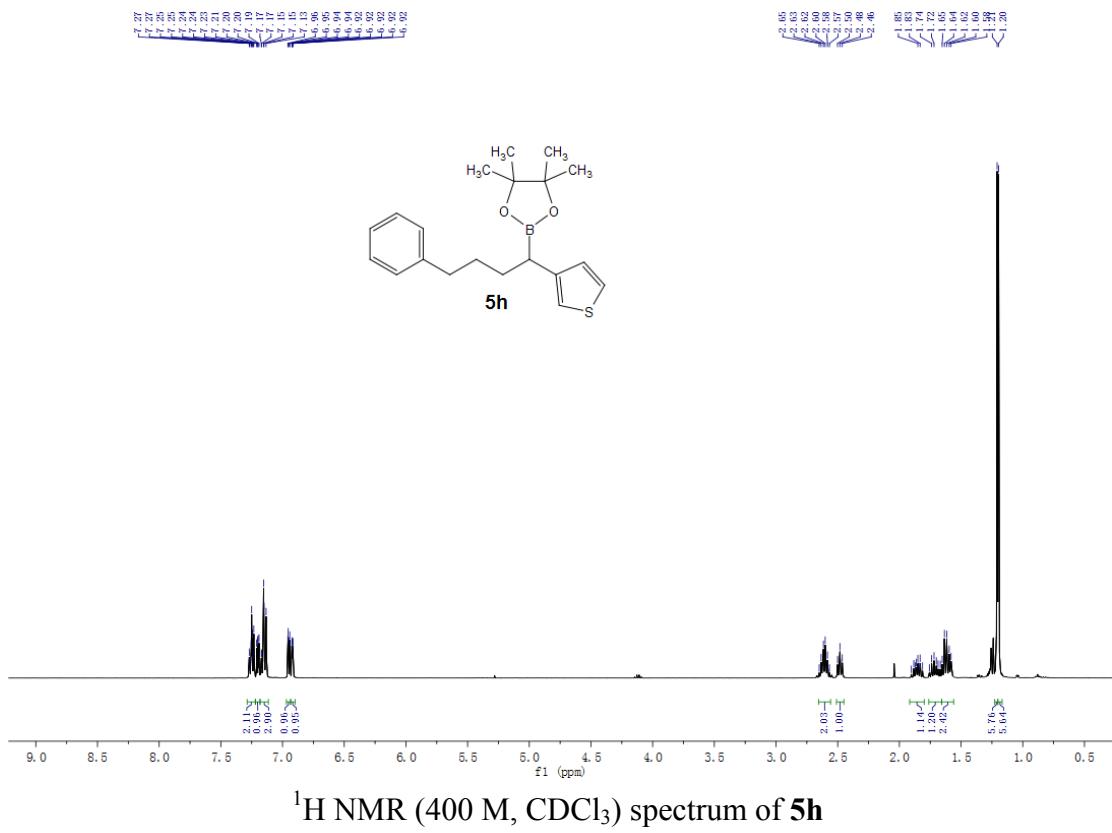


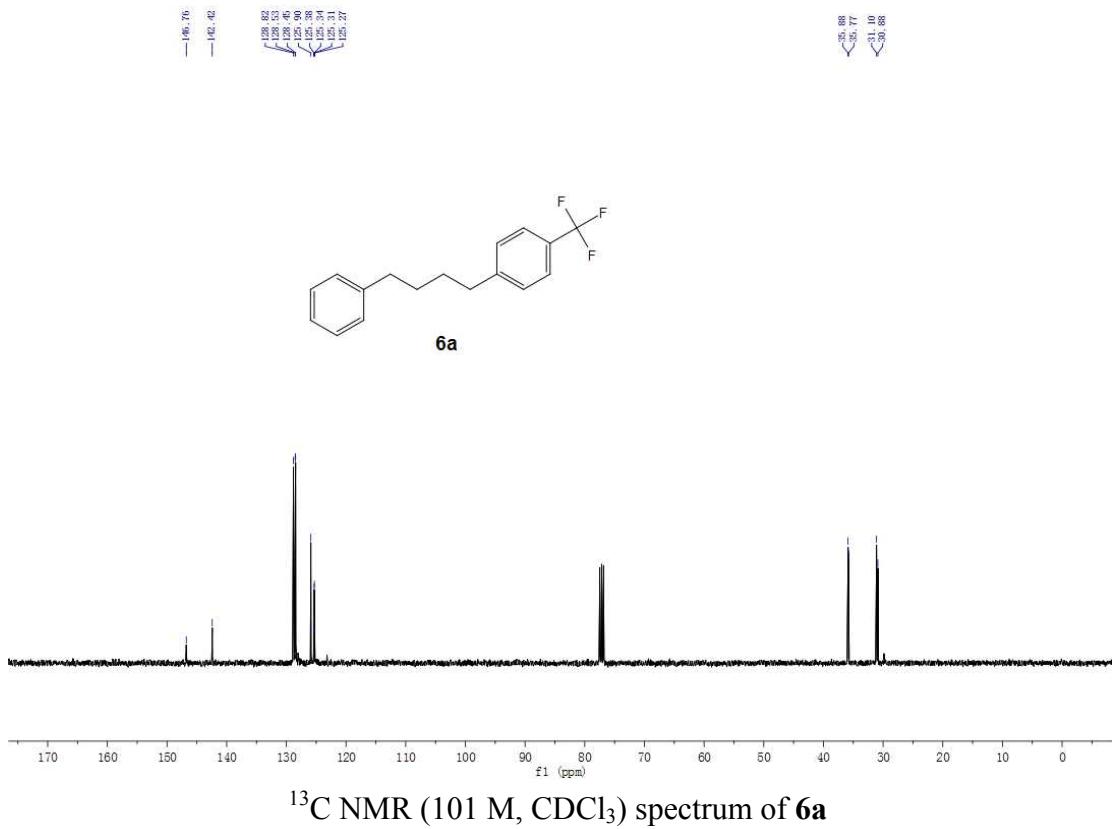
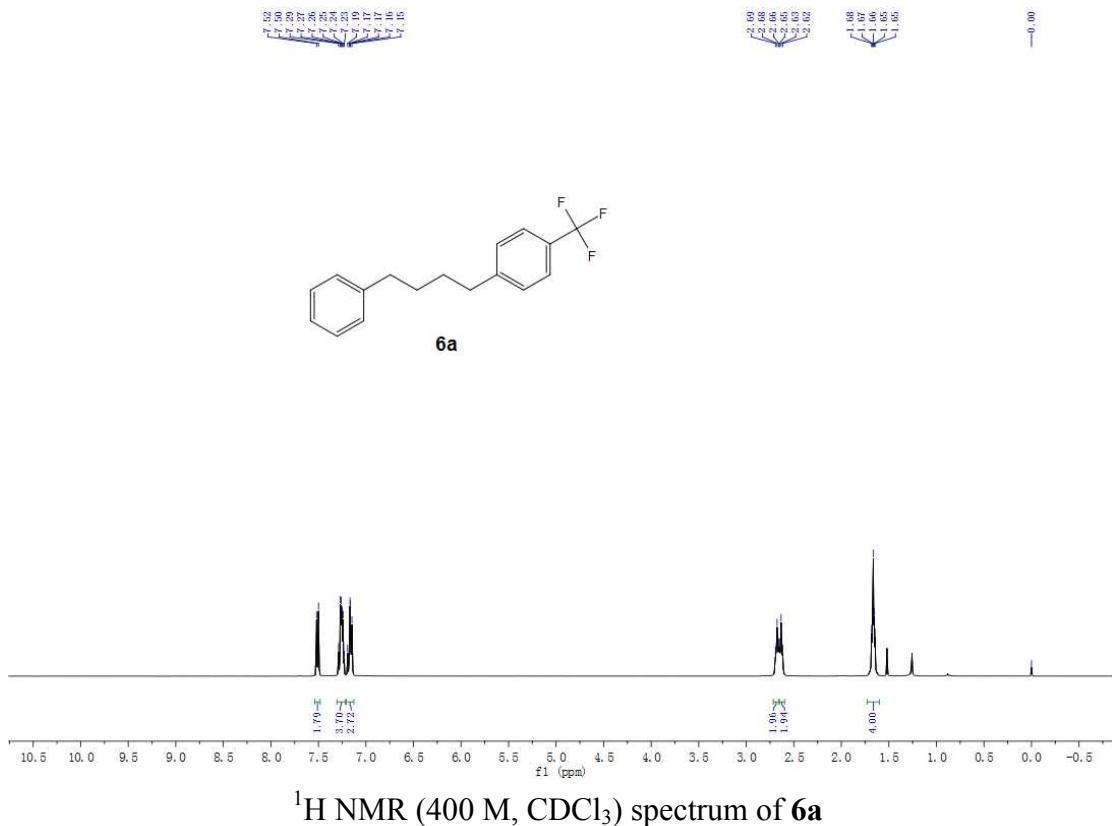


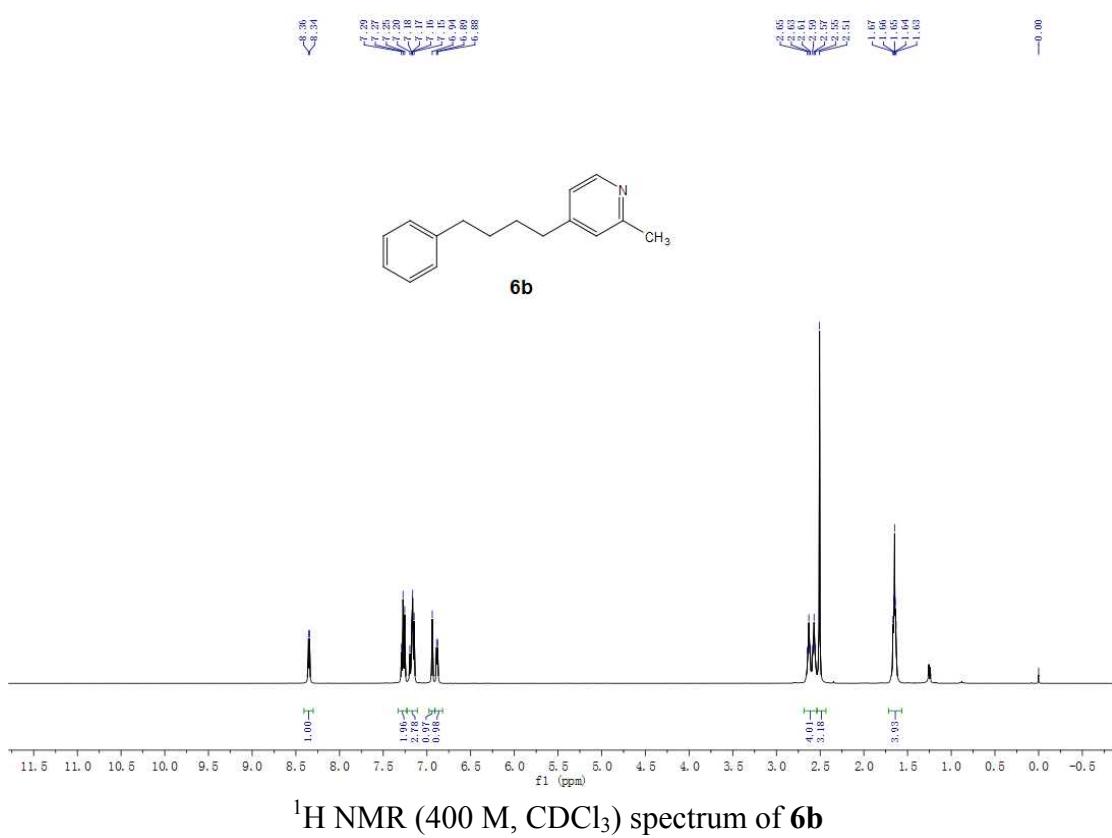
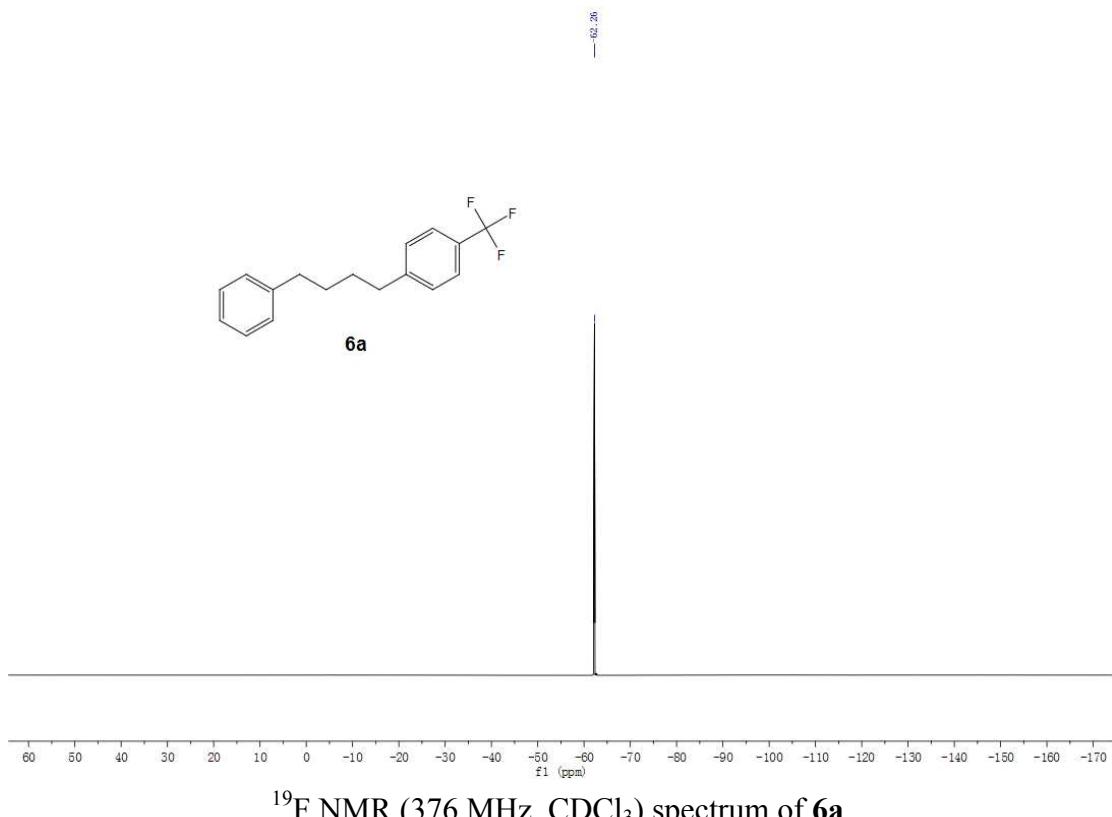


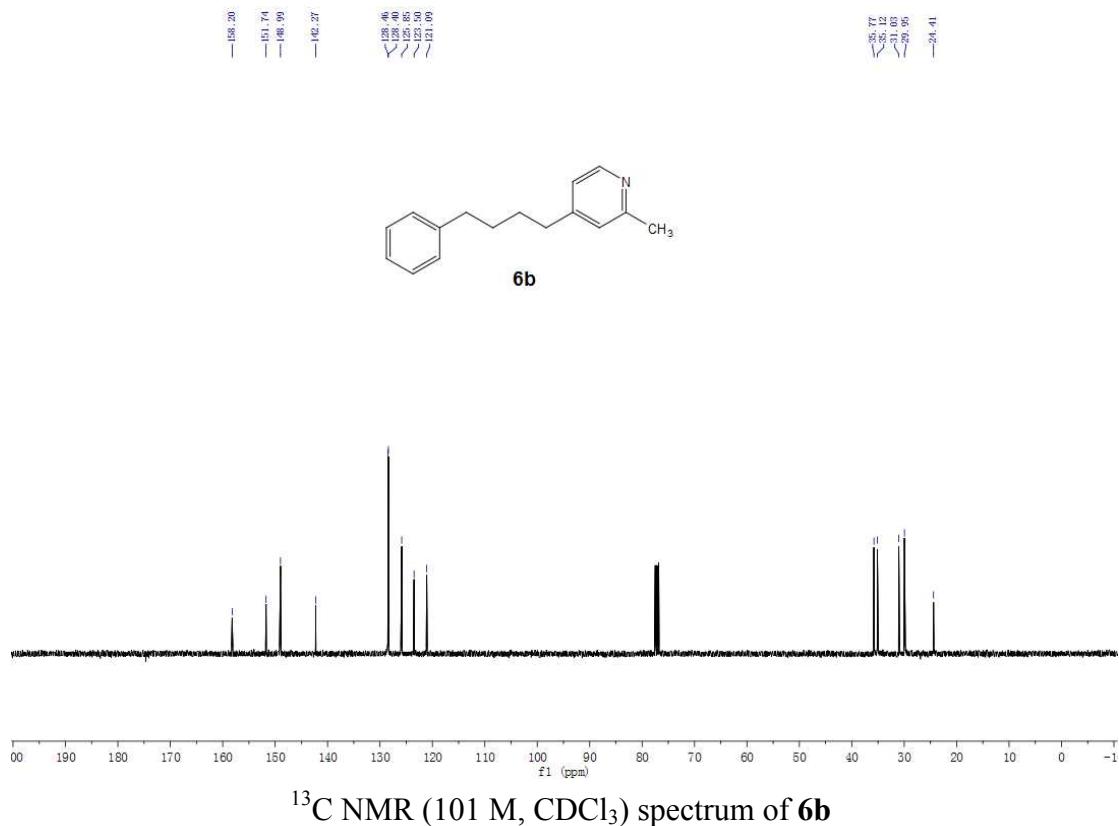
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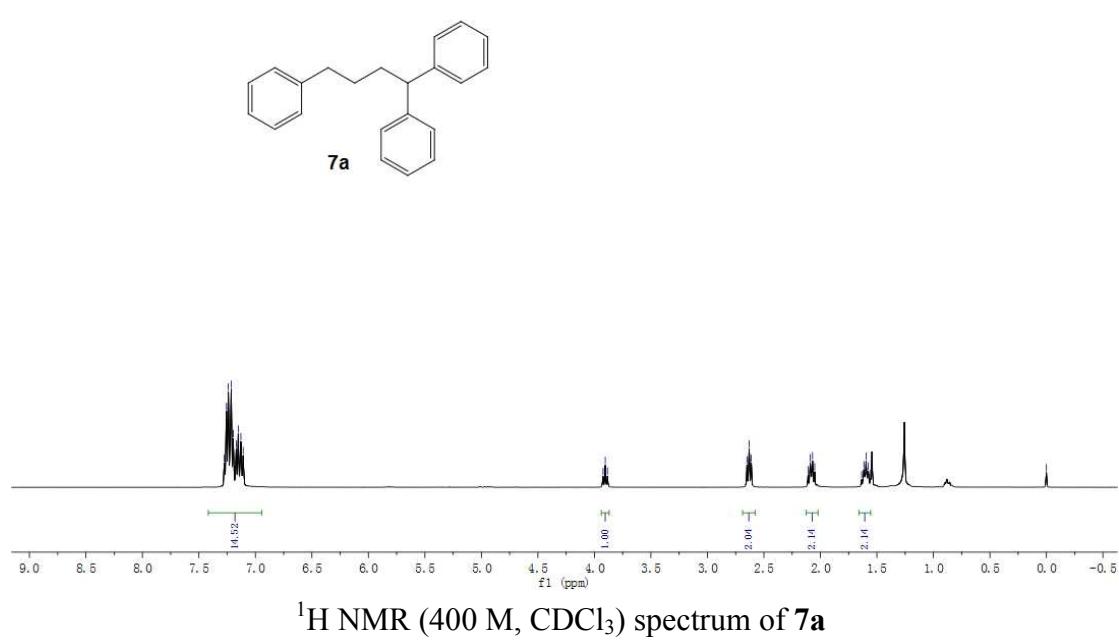


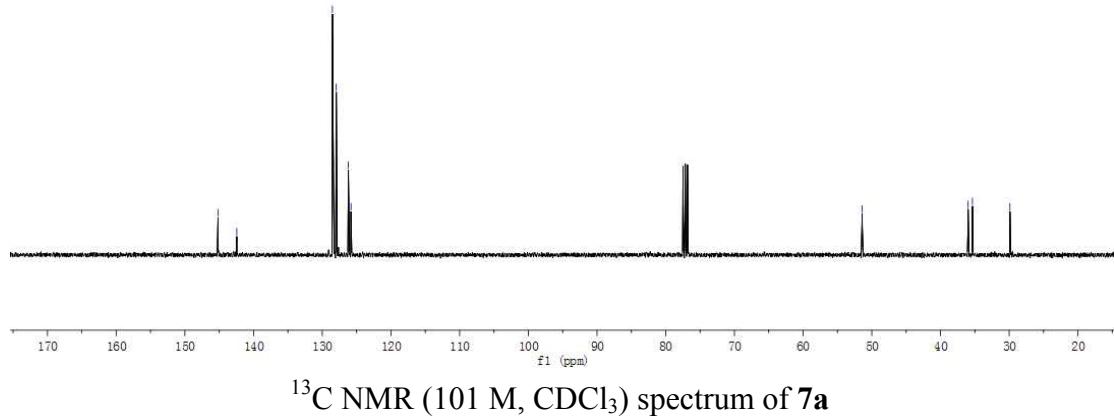




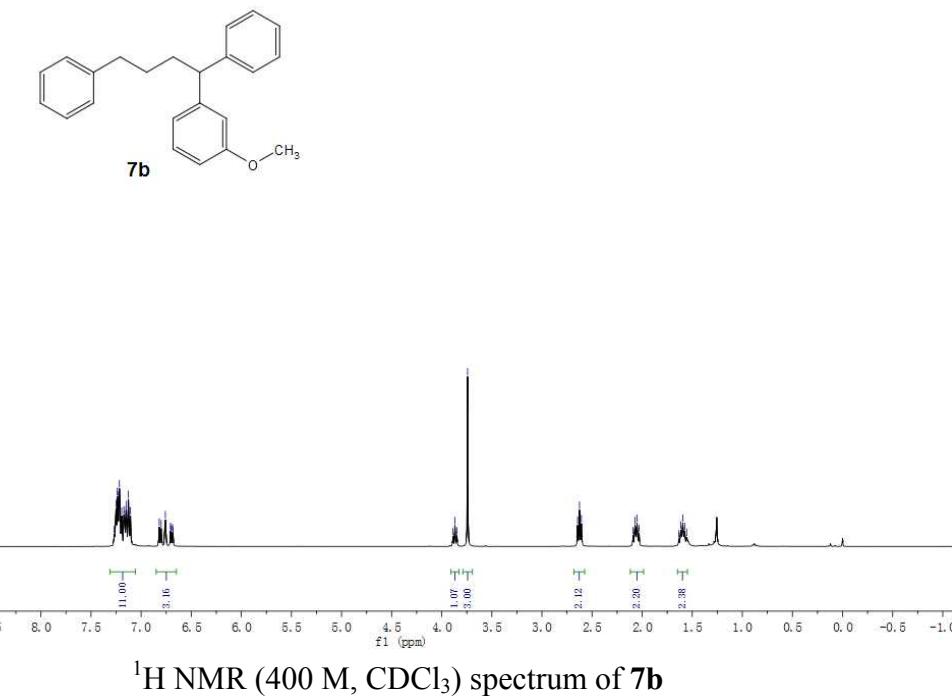


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$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 M,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **7a**



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 M,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **7b**

