

Supporting Information

Pd/Cu-Catalyzed Aerobic Oxidative Aromatic C-H Bond Activation/N-Dealkylative Carbonylation towards the Synthesis of Phenanthridinones

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1. General

All reactions were carried out in oven-dried Schlenk tube under a mixed oxygen and carbon monoxide atmosphere with a balloon. Toluene and DMA were dried by molecular sieve. Unless otherwise noted, materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) employed glass 0.25 mm silica gel plates. GC yields were recorded with a SHIMADZU GC-2014 gas chromatograph instrument with a FID detector and biphenyl was added as an internal standard. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data were recorded with Bruker Advanced II (400 MHz) spectrometers with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. All chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm and coupling constants (J) in Hz. All chemical shifts are reported relative to tetramethylsilane and d-solvent peaks (77.00 ppm, chloroform; 39.600 ppm, d^6 -DMSO), respectively. High resolution massspectra (HRMS) were measured with a Waters Micromass GCT instrument and accurate masses were reported for the molecular ion ($[\text{M}]^+$) or $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

2. Preparation of biphenyl-2-amines

General Procedure: The boronic acid (12 mmol) and the appropriate aniline bromide (6 mmol) were dissolved in a mixture of EtOH/water (10 mL: 3.5 mL). K_2CO_3 (18 mmol) and tetrakis (triphenylphosphine) palladium catalyst (2 mol%) were added to the reaction mixture that was stirred at 90 °C for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue obtained was taken up in dichloromethane and extracted (three times). The organic phase was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and dried in vacuo. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel is conducted.

3. Preparation of *N,N*-disubstituted biphenyl-2-amines

Preparation of *N,N*-disubstituted biphenyl-2-amines employed the procedure of Zimmt^[1]. General Procedure: A mixture of fresh biphenyl-2-amines(10.0 mmol), iodoalkane (42.0 mmol), and K_2CO_3 (15.0 mmol) in DMF (13 mL) was refluxed at 65 °C for 25 h. Then we increase the temperature to 120 °C for 3 h. The suspension was filtered, and the resulting solid was washed with CH_2Cl_2 . The filtered solution was extracted with water, and the organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel is conducted.

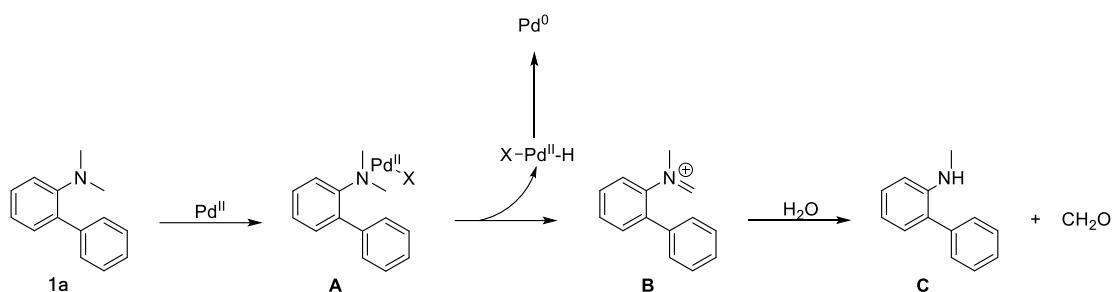
4. Phenanthridinones via Pd/Cu-catalyzed aerobic oxidative aromatic C-H bond activation/N-dealkylative carbonylation

General Procedure: In an oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a stir-bar, PdCl_2 (3.6 mg, 10 mol%), $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (12.0 mg, 30 mol%) were combined. A balloon filled with CO and O₂ (the ratio is 2:1) was connected to the Schlenk tube via the side tube and purged for 3 times. Then DMA (0.2 mL) and toluene(1.0 mL) were added to the tube via a syringe. At last, tertiary biphenyl-2-amines

(0.2 mmol), AcOH (4.8 mg, 40 mol%) was added to the tube. The Schlenk tube was heated at 110 °C for 24 hours and then cooled to room temperature. After the balloon gas was released carefully, the reaction was quenched by water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ three times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated in vacuum. The desired products were obtained in the corresponding yields after purification by flash chromatography on silica gel with hexane, ethyl acetate.

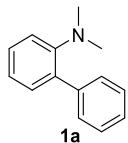
5. Proposed mechanism for Pd-catalyzed C-N bond activation

We have proposed the probable mechanism: firstly: **1a** coordinates to Pd(II) to form intermediate **A**, followed by β-H elimination to access imine cation **B**. The imine cation run hydrolysis to give secondary amine **C**.



6. Analytical Data of Substrates and Products

N,N-dimethylbiphenyl-2-amine

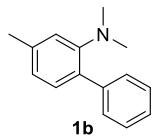


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 2.53 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.2, 141.9, 134.1, 131.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 126.4, 121.4, 117.5, 43.3.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₅N [M]⁺: 197.1204; Found: 197.1205.

N,N, 4-trimethyl-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-2-amine

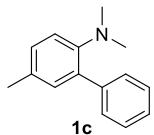


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 6H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.90, 141.86, 137.60, 131.52, 131.22, 128.56, 128.16, 126.17, 122.13, 118.21, 43.24, 21.35.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₇N [M+H]⁺: 212.1434; Found: 212.1434.

N, N, 5-trimethyl-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-2-amine

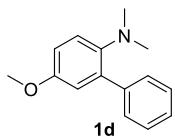


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 6H), 2.30 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.82, 141.81, 134.27, 132.31, 130.82, 128.65, 128.44, 128.16, 126.37, 117.59, 43.51, 20.50.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₇N [M+H]⁺: 212.1434; Found: 212.1434.

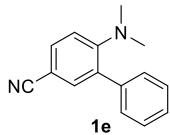
5-methoxy-N, N-dimethyl-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-2-amine



¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.74, 144.80, 141.23, 136.08, 128.66, 128.03, 126.51, 118.89, 117.01, 112.61, 55.16, 43.84.

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6-(dimethylamino)-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile

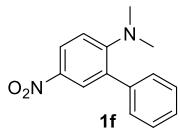


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.39 (m, 6H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.14, 140.34, 135.54, 132.17, 131.86, 128.59, 127.91, 127.15, 119.78, 116.73, 101.92, 42.46.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₄N₂ [M+H]⁺: 223.1230; Found: 223.1229.

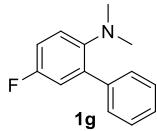
N, N-dimethyl-5-nitro-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-2-amine



¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.79, 140.43, 139.37, 130.38, 128.62, 128.10, 127.95, 127.23, 123.97, 115.38, 42.61.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 243.1128; Found: 243.1128.

5-fluoro-*N*, *N*-dimethyl-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-2-amine



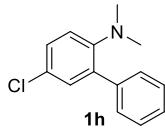
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 3H), 2.47 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.15 (d, *J* = 262.5 Hz), 147.49 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 140.54 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 136.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 128.55, 128.31, 126.95, 118.92 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 117.96 (d, *J* = 24.6 Hz), 113.91 (d, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 43.70.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -123.05

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₄NF [M+H]⁺: 216.1183; Found: 216.1183.

4-chloro-*N*, *N*-dimethyl-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-2-amine

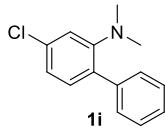


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.77, 140.57, 135.43, 131.22, 128.38, 127.55, 126.94, 126.26, 118.76, 43.23.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₄NCl [M+H]⁺: 232.0888; Found: 232.0887.

5-chloro-*N*, *N*-dimethyl-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-2-amine

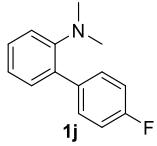


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.16, 140.92, 133.45, 132.60, 132.04, 128.39, 128.36, 126.71, 120.98, 117.71, 43.00.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₄NCl [M+H]⁺: 232.0888; Found: 232.0887.

4'-fluoro-*N*, *N*-dimethylbiphenyl-2-amine



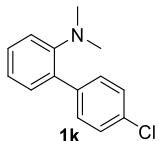
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09-6.99 (m, 4H), 2.52 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 160.5, 151.3, 137.7 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 133.2, 131.5, 130.2 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 128.2, 119.7 (d, *J* = 391.9 Hz), 115.1 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 43.3.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116.3.

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4'-chloro-*N,N*-dimethylbiphenyl-2-amine

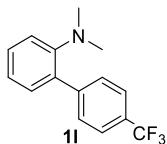


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04-6.99 (m, 2H), 2.53 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.2, 140.3, 132.9, 132.3, 131.4, 129.9, 128.5, 128.4, 121.6, 117.7, 43.4.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₄ClN [M]⁺: 231.0815; Found: 231.0808.

***N,N*-dimethyl-4'-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl-2-amine**



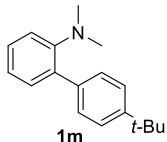
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.01 (m, 2H), 2.53 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.3, 145.6, 132.6, 131.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 125.2 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.4 (q, *J* = 272.7 Hz), 121.7, 117.9, 43.4.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.3.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₄F₃N [M]⁺: 265.1078; Found: 265.1075.

4'-tert-butyl-*N,N*-dimethylbiphenyl-2-amine

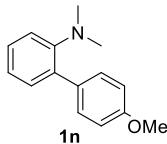


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.4 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.97 (m, 2H), 2.53 (s, 6H), 1.35 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.3, 149.2, 138.9, 134.1, 131.7, 128.1, 127.8, 125.1, 121.4, 117.4, 43.4, 34.5, 31.4.

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4'-methoxy- *N,N*-dimethylbiphenyl-2-amine

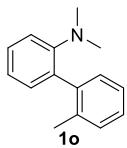


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 151.2, 134.3, 133.8, 131.5, 129.6, 127.6, 121.5, 117.5, 113.6, 55.2, 43.30.

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N,N,2'-trimethylbiphenyl-2-amine

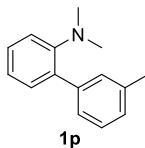


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 6H), 2.15 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.5, 141.7, 136.2, 134.5, 131.7, 130.0, 129.9, 127.9, 126.7, 125.6, 121.0, 117.4, 43.1, 20.0.

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N,N,3'-trimethylbiphenyl-2-amine

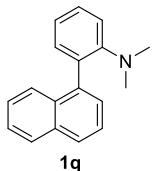


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02-6.97 (m, 2H), 2.54 (s, 6H), 2.38 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.1, 141.9, 137.7, 134.1, 131.7, 129.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.1, 125.7, 121.2, 117.4, 43.3, 21.5.

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N,N-dimethyl-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)aniline

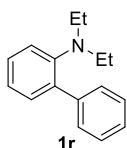


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.0, 139.9, 133.7, 132.8, 132.4, 131.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.1, 127.1, 126.6, 125.6, 125.5, 125.5, 120.7, 117.53, 43.1.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N [M]⁺: 247.1361; Found: 247.1358.

N,N-diethylbiphenyl-2-amine



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.7, 141.8, 136.8, 131.4, 129.0, 128.0, 127.5, 126.3, 122.1, 121.1, 46.0, 11.9.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N [M]⁺: 225.1517; Found: 225.1511

N, N-dibenzyl-[1, 1'-biphenyl]-2-amine



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.6, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.23 (m, 8H), 7.16-7.04 (m, 5H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.97(s, 4H)

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.88, 141.63, 138.04, 136.48, 131.58, 129.19, 128.88, 128.26, 128.00, 127.84, 126.84, 126.69, 122.70, 121.66, 55.71.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₃N [M+H]⁺: 350.1909; Found: 350.1895

5-methylphenanthridin-6(5*H*)-one

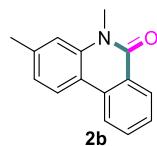


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.26-8.23 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6, 137.9, 133.4, 132.3, 129.5, 128.8, 127.9, 125.5, 123.1, 122.4, 121.5, 119.2, 115.0, 29.9.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₁NO [M]⁺: 209.0841; Found: 209.0847.

3, 5-dimethylphenanthridin-6(5*H*)-one

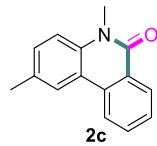


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.5 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.75, 139.84, 137.92, 133.59, 132.27, 128.78, 127.39, 125.07, 123.57, 123.03, 121.32, 116.77, 115.36, 29.89, 21.91.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃NO [M+H]⁺: 224.1070 ; Found: 224.1068

2, 5-dimethylphenanthridin-6(5*H*)-one

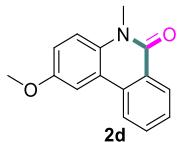


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1 H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H)

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.33, 135.73, 133.31, 132.09, 131.71, 130.38, 128.73, 127.63, 125.49, 123.18, 121.42, 118.90, 114.78, 29.81, 20.88.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃NO [M+H]⁺: 244.1070 ; Found: 244.1069

2-methoxy-5-methylphenanthridin-6(5*H*)-one

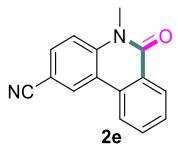


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.02, 154.95, 133.05, 132.22, 132.12, 128.88, 127.96, 125.75, 121.54, 120.04, 116.35, 116.07, 106.92, 77.32, 77.00, 76.68, 55.63, 29.96.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃NO [M+H]⁺: 240.1017; Found: 240.1017

2-cyano-5-methylphenanthridin-6(5*H*)-one

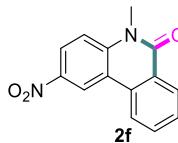


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¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.42, 140.85, 133.16, 132.31, 131.84, 129.30, 129.12, 127.79, 125.67, 121.66, 119.86, 118.76, 115.85, 105.93, 30.25.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₀N₂O [M+H]⁺: 235.0866 ; Found: 235.0865

5-methyl-2-nitrophenanthridin-6(5*H*)-one

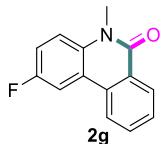


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.16 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (dd, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.49, 142.56, 142.34, 133.29, 132.20, 129.47, 129.16, 125.63, 124.33, 122.03, 119.48, 119.35, 115.55, 30.56.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 255.0764 ; Found: 255.0763

2-fluoro-5-methylphenanthridin-6(5*H*)-one



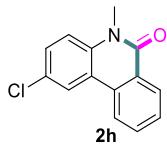
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.16, 159.60, 157.20, 134.39, 132.47, 128.97, 128.59, 125.74, 121.74, 120.60, 120.53, 116.82, 116.59, 116.50, 116.42, 109.28, 109.05, 30.17.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀FNO [M+H]⁺: 228.0819 ; Found: 228.0817

2-chloro-5-methylphenanthridin-6(5*H*)-one

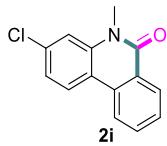


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08-8.08 (m, 2H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.09, 136.35, 132.48, 132.14, 129.19, 128.84, 128.52, 128.02, 125.54, 122.79, 121.53, 120.40, 116.27, 30.00.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀ClNO [M+H]⁺: 244.05121; Found: 244.0524

3-chloro-5-methylphenanthridin-6(5*H*)-one

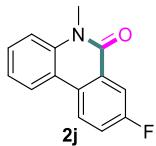


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.11-8.07 (m, 2H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.40, 138.80, 135.27, 132.71, 132.55, 128.90, 128.15, 125.20, 124.30, 122.52, 121.46, 117.68, 114.99, 30.01.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀ClNO [M+H]⁺: 244.0524 ; Found: 244.0524

8-fluoro-5-methylphenanthridin-6(5*H*)-one



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.18-8.15 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2 (d, *J* = 249.5 Hz), 160.60 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 137.4, 129.9 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 129.4, 127.3 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 124.1 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 123.0, 122.7, 120.7 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 118.6, 115.1, 114.2 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 30.1.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -112.2.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀FNO [M]⁺: 227.0746; Found: 227.0747.

8-chloro-5-methylphenanthridin-6(5*H*)-one

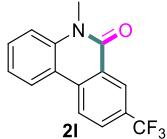


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.4 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.15-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.4, 137.7, 134.0, 132.6, 131.8, 129.8, 128.3, 126.6, 123.3, 123.1, 122.6, 118.4, 115.1, 30.0.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀ClNO [M]⁺: 243.0451; Found: 243.0454.

5-methyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)phenanthridin-6(5H)-one



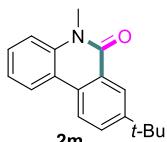
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.81 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7, 138.5, 136.2, 130.8, 129.8 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 128.46 (q, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 126.5 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 125.5, 123.8 (q, *J* = 272.7 Hz), 123.7, 122.8, 122.5, 118.1, 115.3, 30.1.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.5.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₀F₃NO [M]⁺: 227.0714; Found: 227.0712.

8-tert-butyl-5-methylphenanthridin-6(5H)-one



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.58 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.38 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.9, 151.2, 137.7, 131.0, 130.2, 129.0, 125.1, 124.9, 123.0, 122.4, 121.5, 119.3, 114.9, 35.0, 31.2, 29.9.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO [M]⁺: 265.1467; Found: 265.1471.

8-methoxy-5-methylphenanthridin-6(5H)-one



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.3, 159.4, 136.8, 128.3, 126.9, 126.7, 123.3, 122.5, 122.4, 122.1, 119.2, 114.9, 109.0, 55.6, 30.0.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃NO₂ [M]⁺: 239.0946; Found: 239.0942.

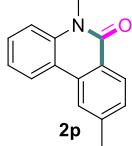
5, 10-dimethylphenanthridin-6(5H)-one



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H),

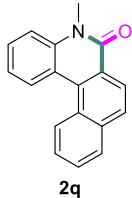
7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.93 (s, 3H).
 ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.9, 138.2, 136.8, 134.3, 132.9, 128.6, 127.8, 127.2, 127.2, 121.5, 120.7, 114.7, 30.3, 26.0.
HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO} [\text{M}]^+$: 223.0997; Found: 223.0996.

5, 9-dimethylphenanthridin-6(5H)-one



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H).
 ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.5, 142.7, 137.9, 133.3, 129.2, 129.2, 128.7, 123.1, 123.0, 122.1, 121.5, 119.0, 114.9, 29.7, 22.0.
HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO} [\text{M}]^+$: 223.0997; Found: 223.0999.

5-methylbenzo[k]phenanthridin-6(5H)-one



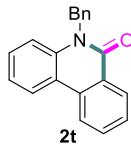
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.82-8.80 (m, 1H), 8.56 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.98-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H).
 ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.7, 138.3, 136.1, 132.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 126.6, 124.4, 123.8, 121.8, 119.4, 114.7, 30.3.
HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO} [\text{M}]^+$: 259.0997; Found: 259.0993.

5-ethylphenanthridin-6(5H)-one



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.55 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.29-8.24 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 4.46 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).
 ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.0, 136.8, 133.5, 132.3, 129.5, 128.7, 127.8, 125.5, 123.4, 122.2, 121.5, 119.4, 114.9, 37.6, 12.7.
HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO} [\text{M}]^+$: 223.0997; Found: 223.0998.

5-benzylphenanthridin-6(5H)-one

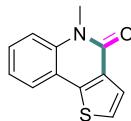


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.86-7.8 (m, 1H), 7.68- 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.25 (m, 8H), 5.71 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.88, 137.29, 136.53, 133.80, 132.68, 129.53, 129.14, 128.77, 128.02, 127.15, 126.47, 125.37, 123.25, 122.54, 121.66, 119.48, 116.00, 46.45.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₂NO [M+H]⁺: 286.1232; Found: 286.1230.

5-methylthieno[3,2-c]quinolin-4(5H)-one

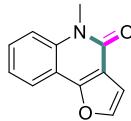


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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.42- 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.54, 154.50, 145.79, 137.97, 130.21, 122.81, 120.84, 116.12, 114.98, 112.33, 108.32, 29.45.

5-methylfuro[3,2-c]quinolin-4(5H)-one

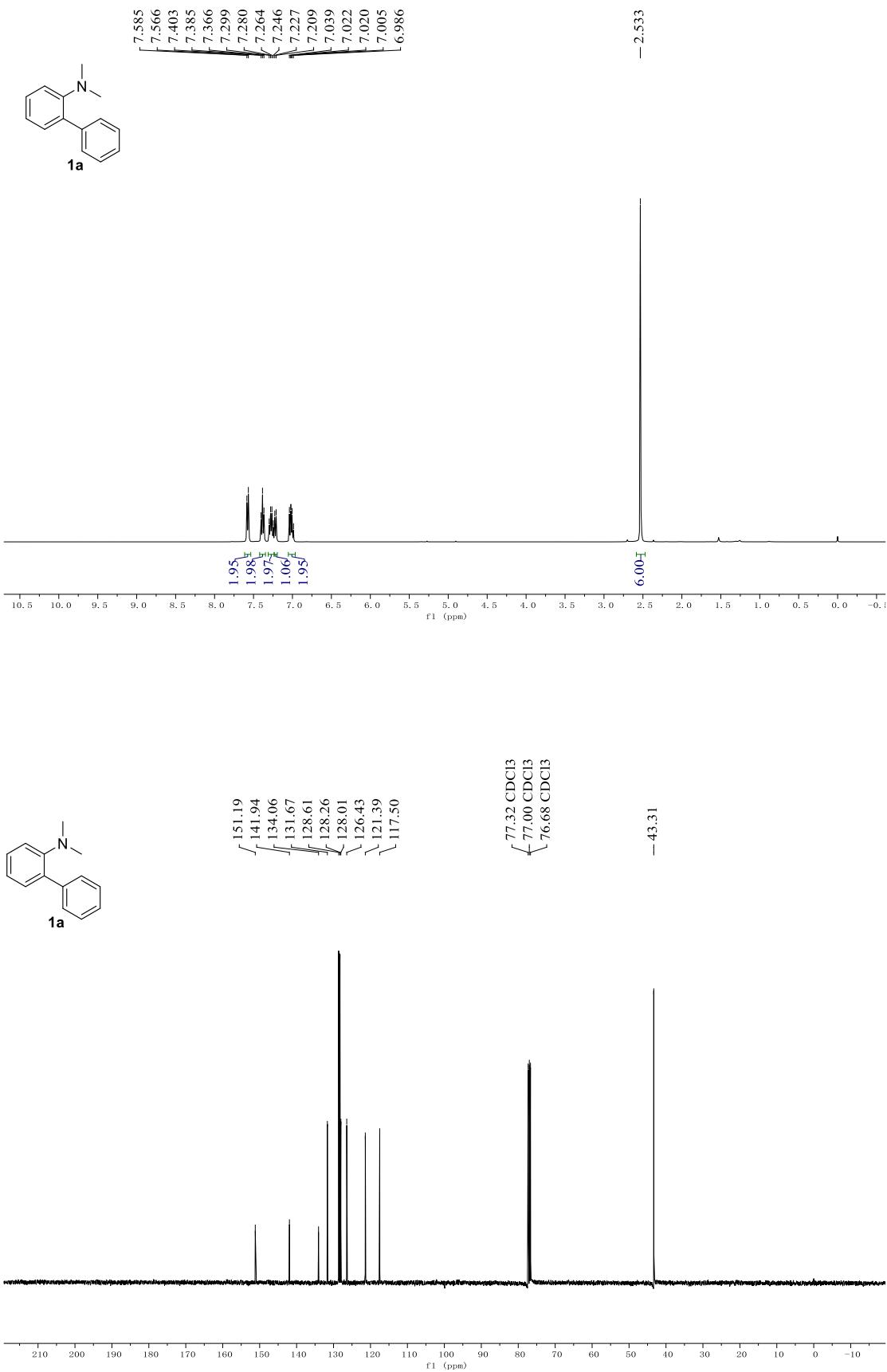


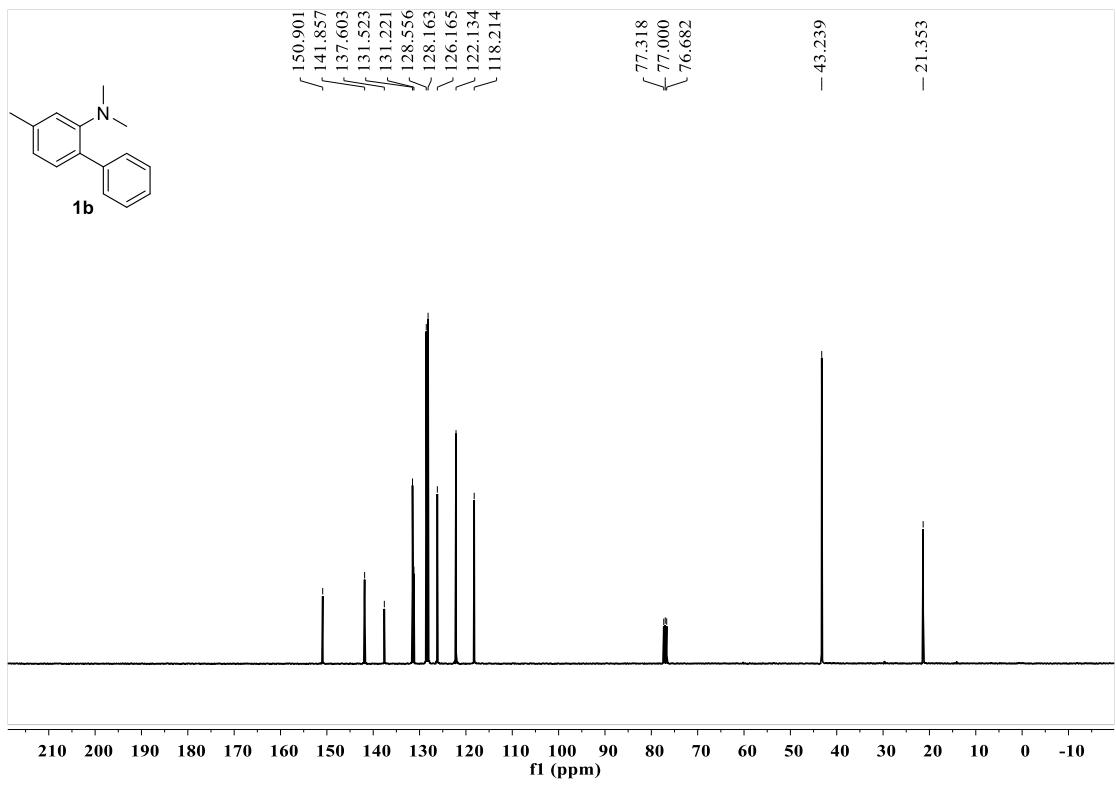
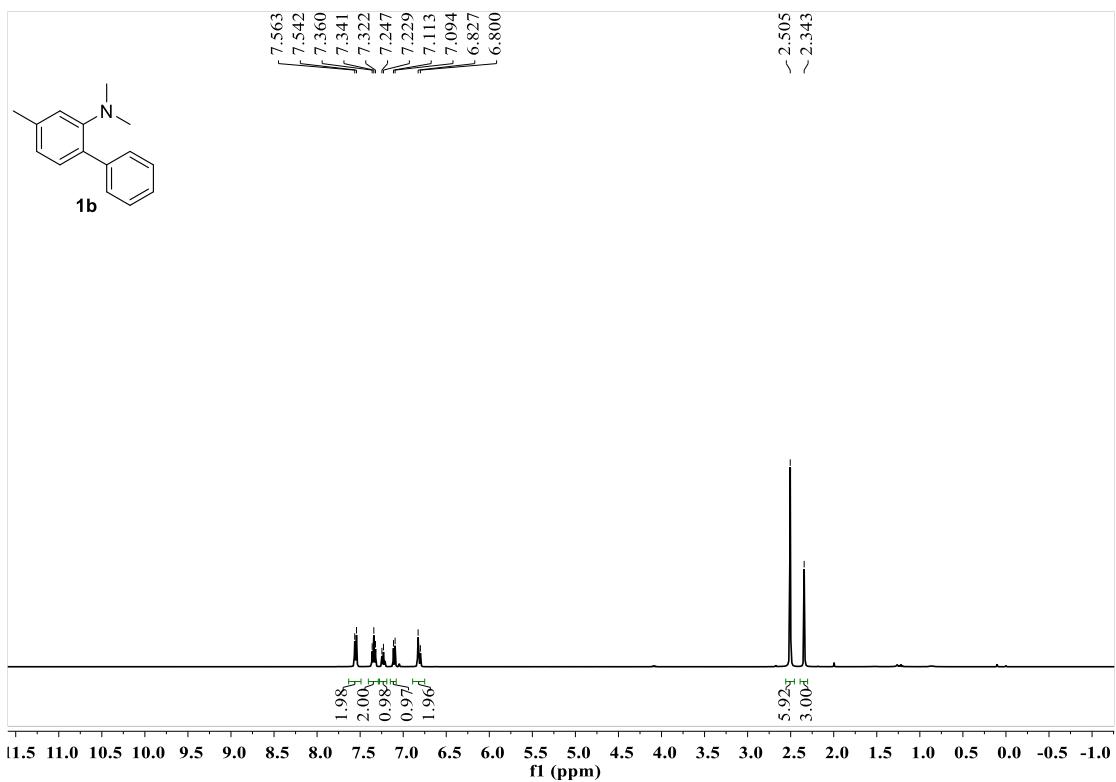
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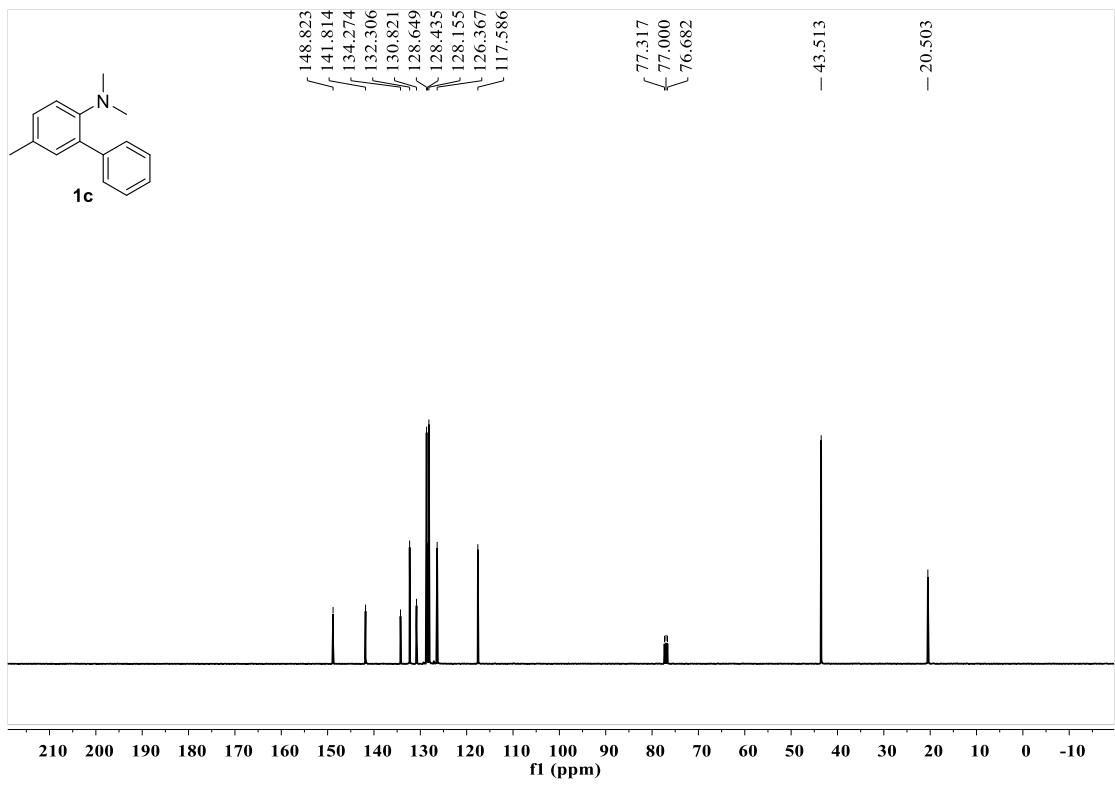
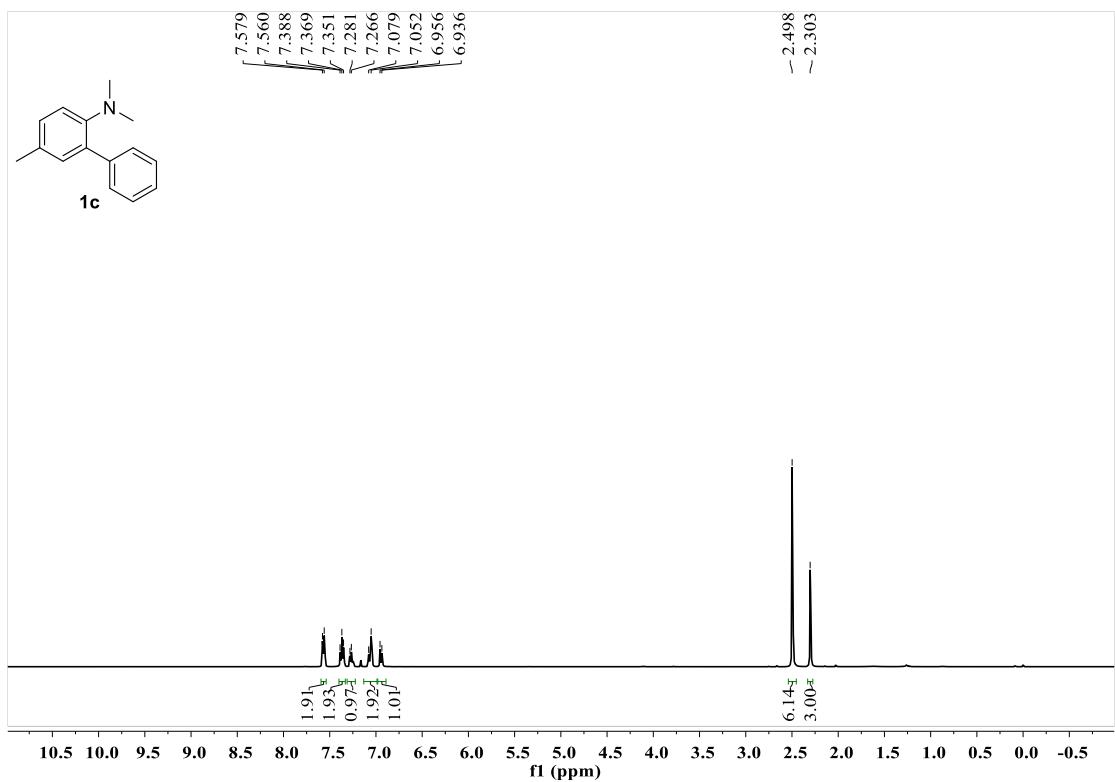
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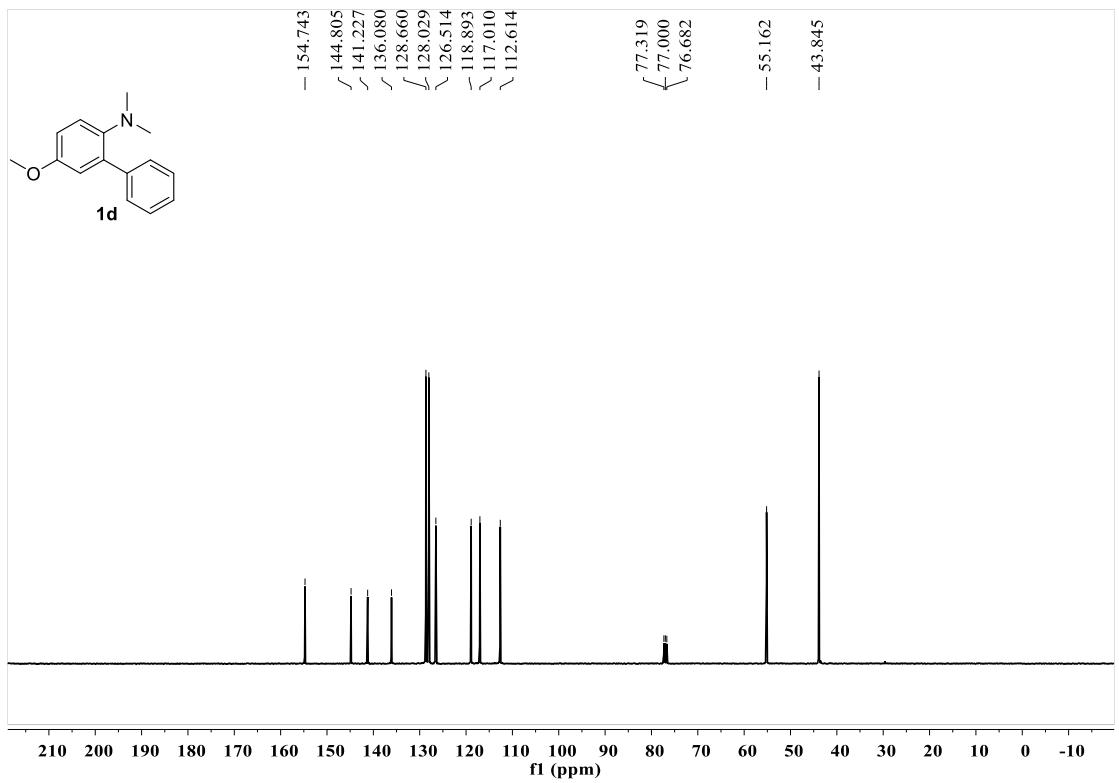
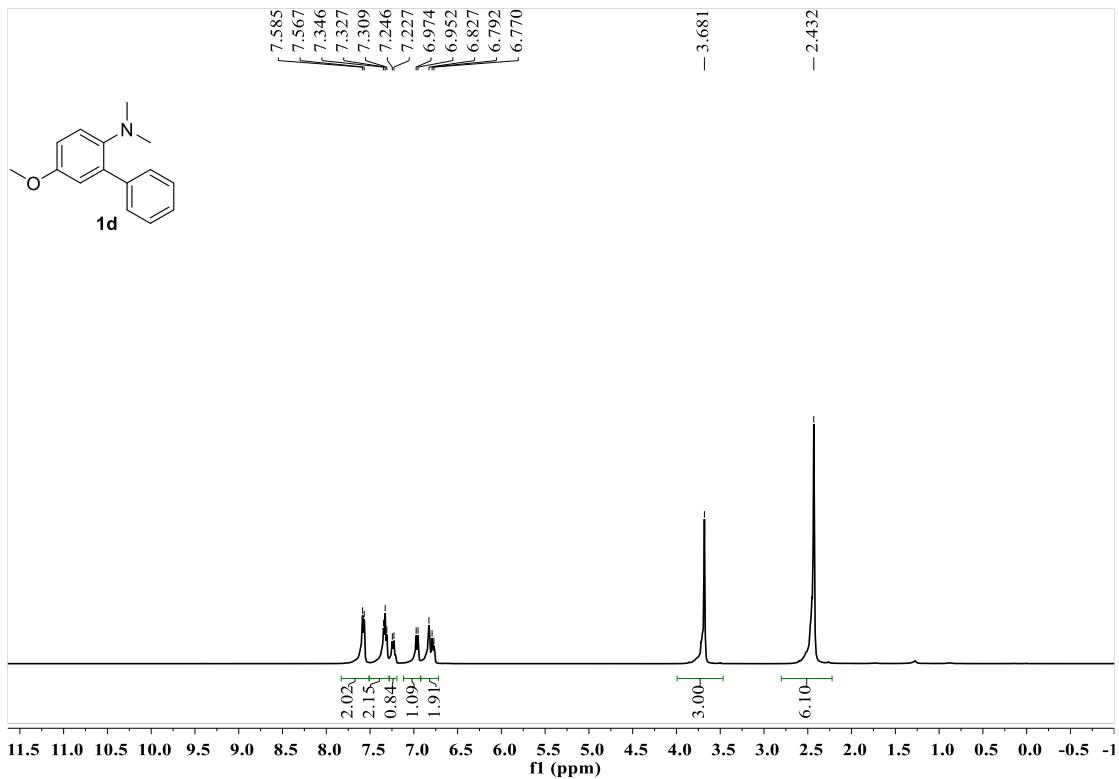
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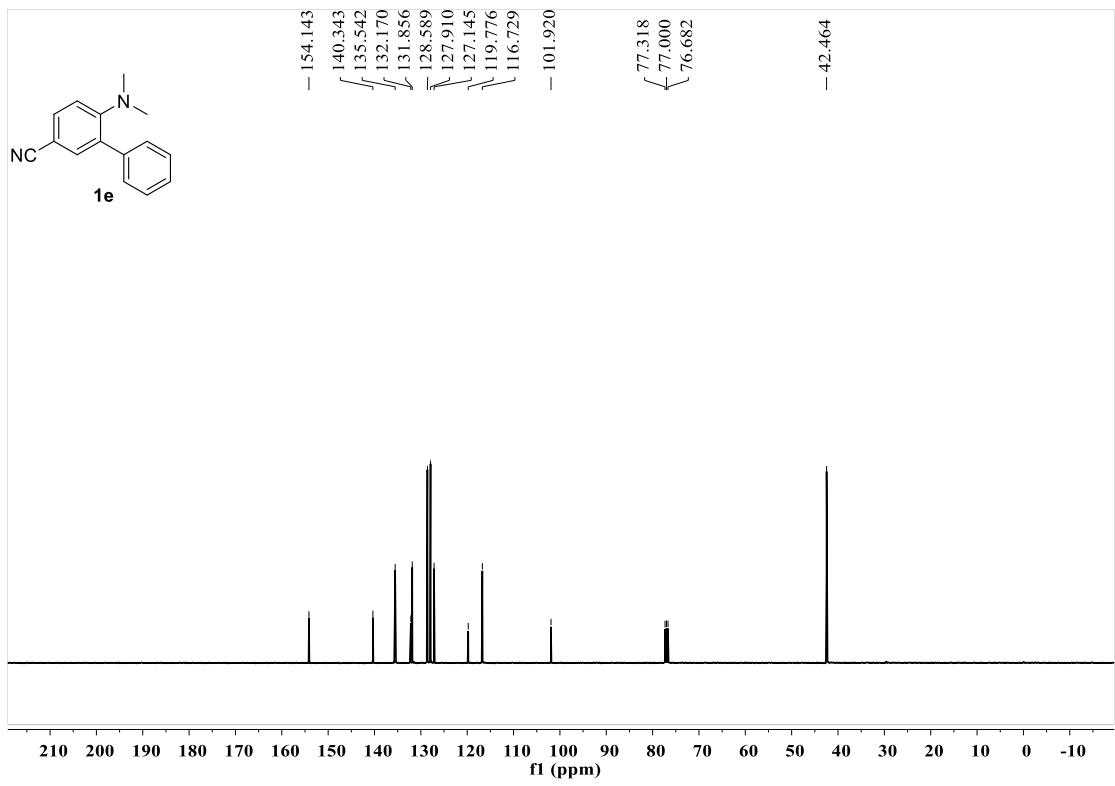
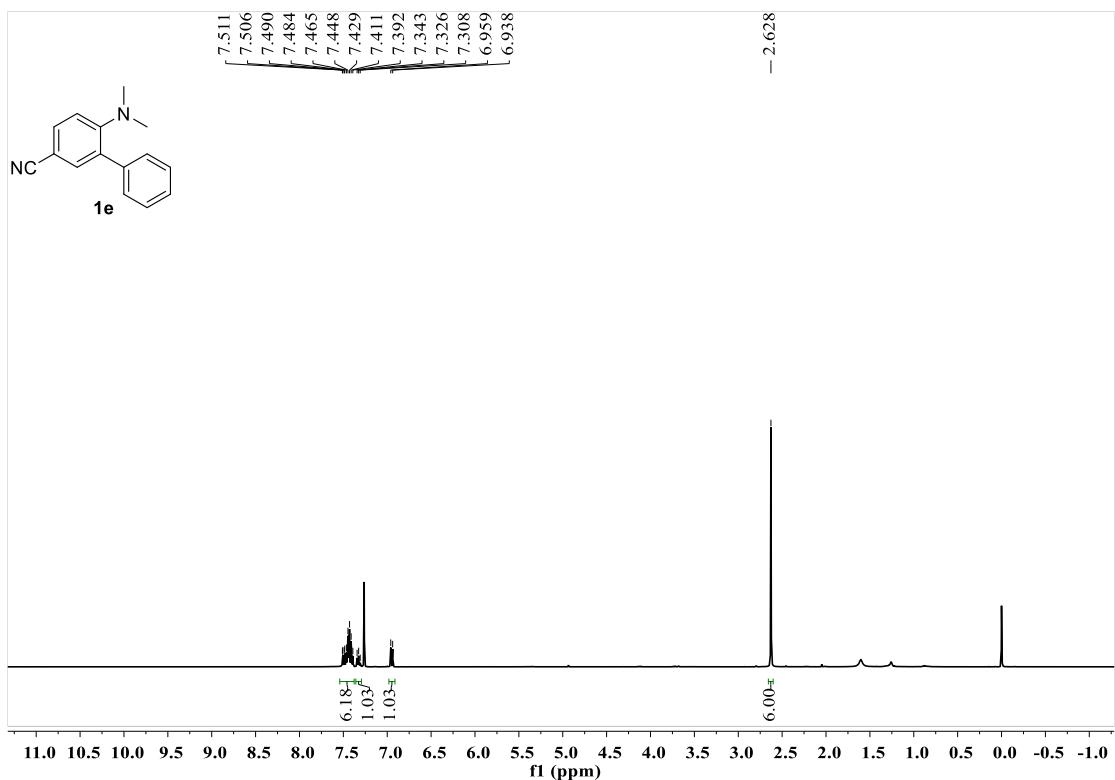
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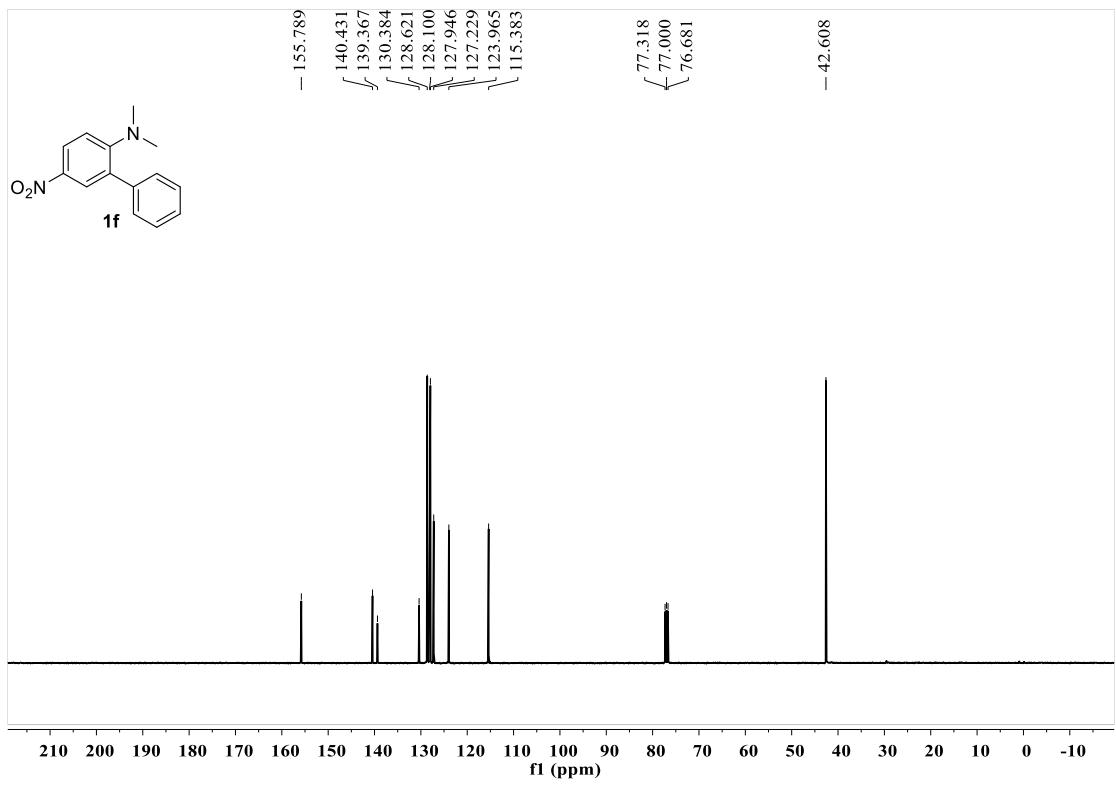
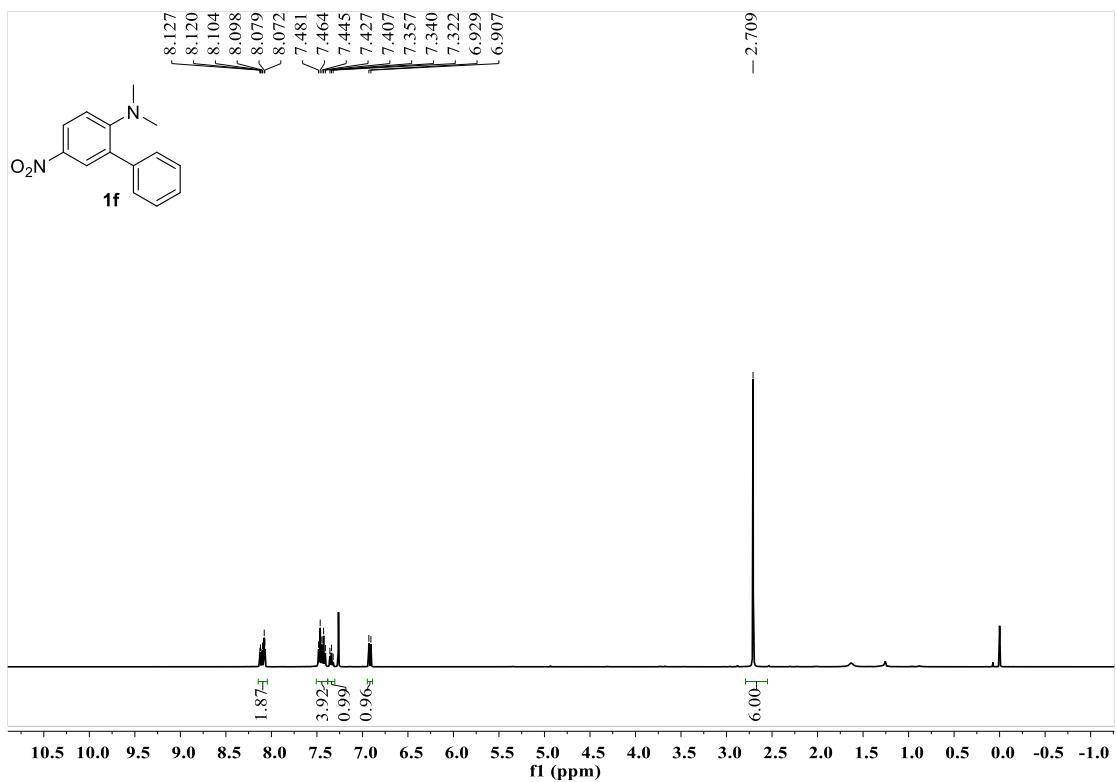


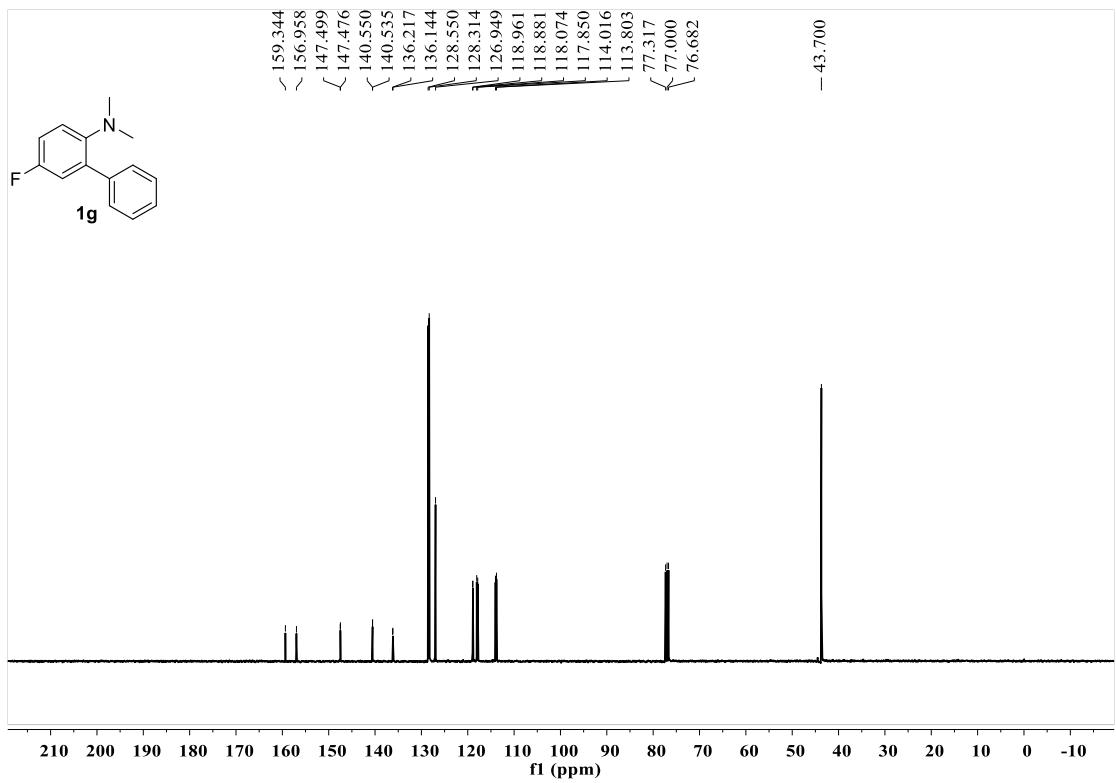
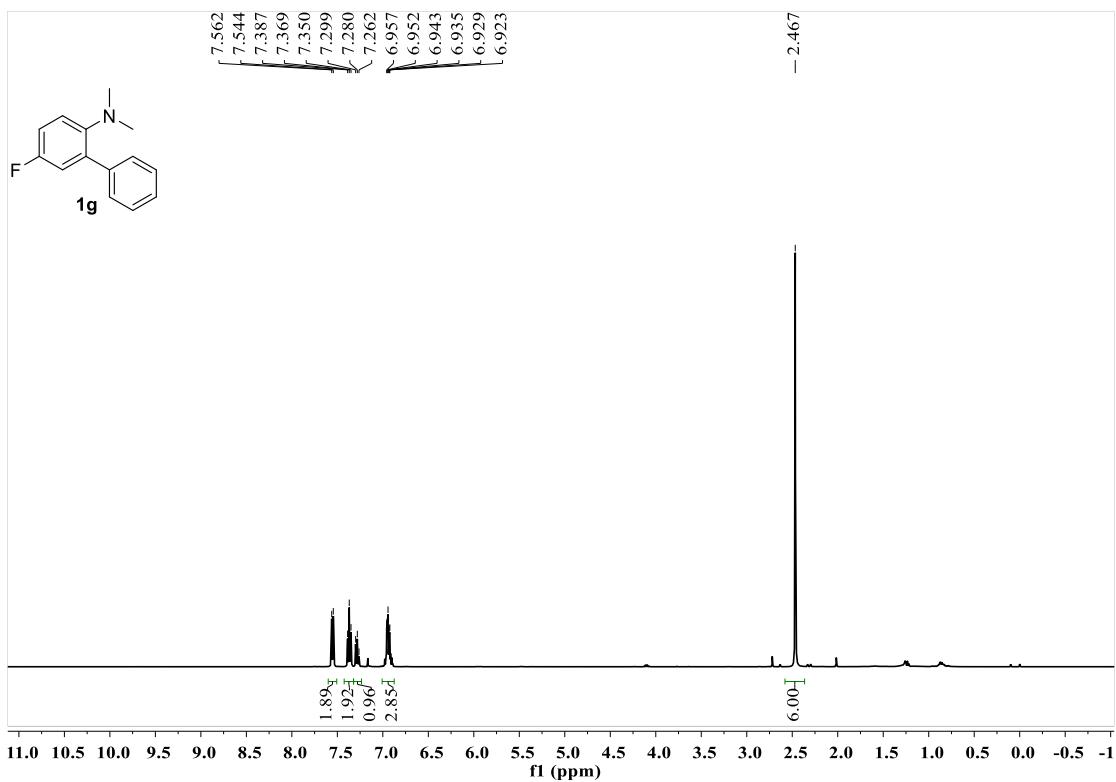


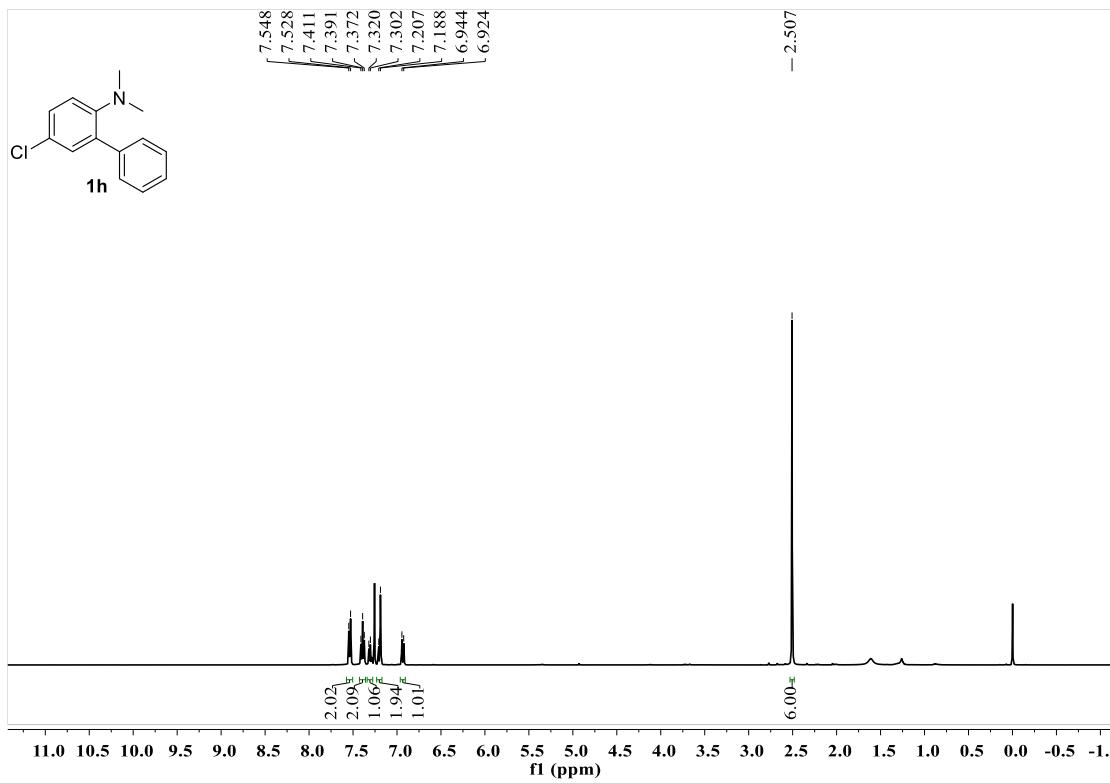
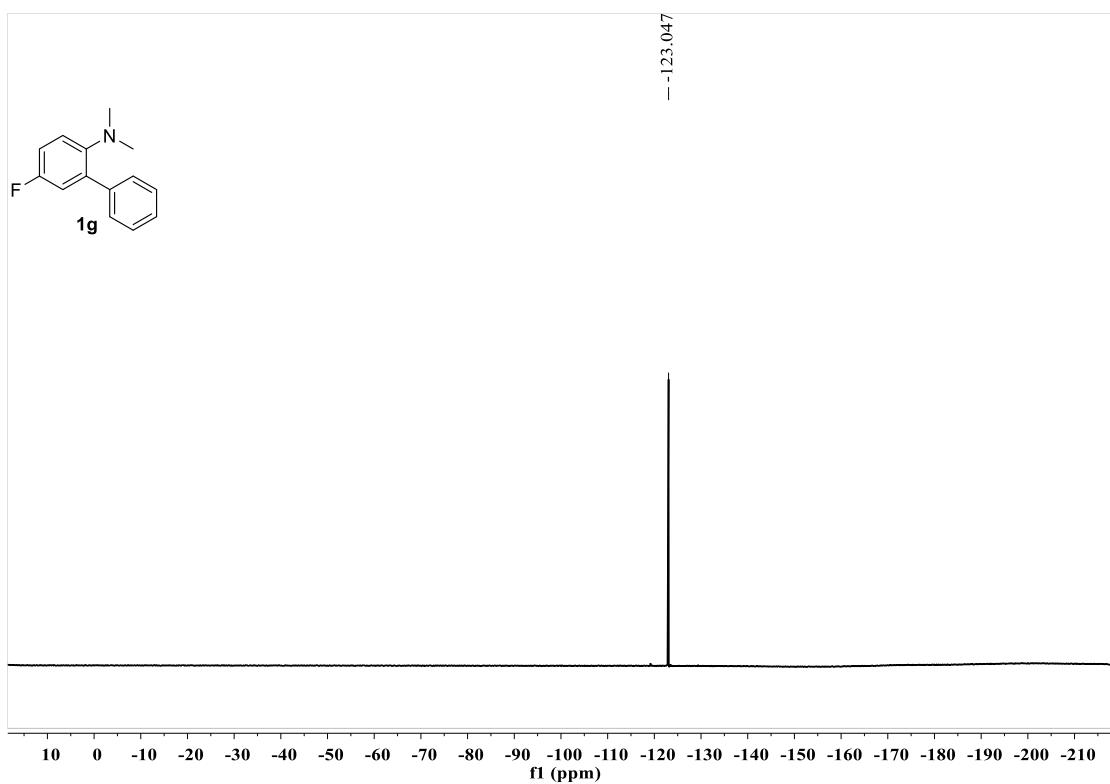


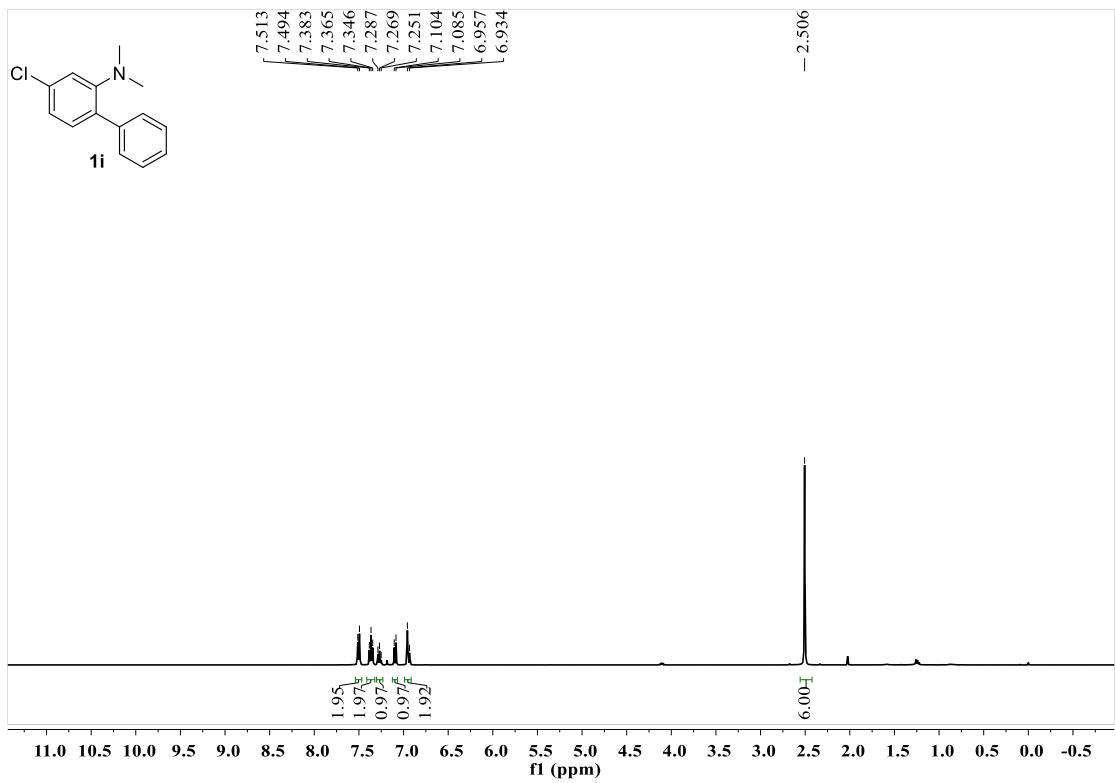
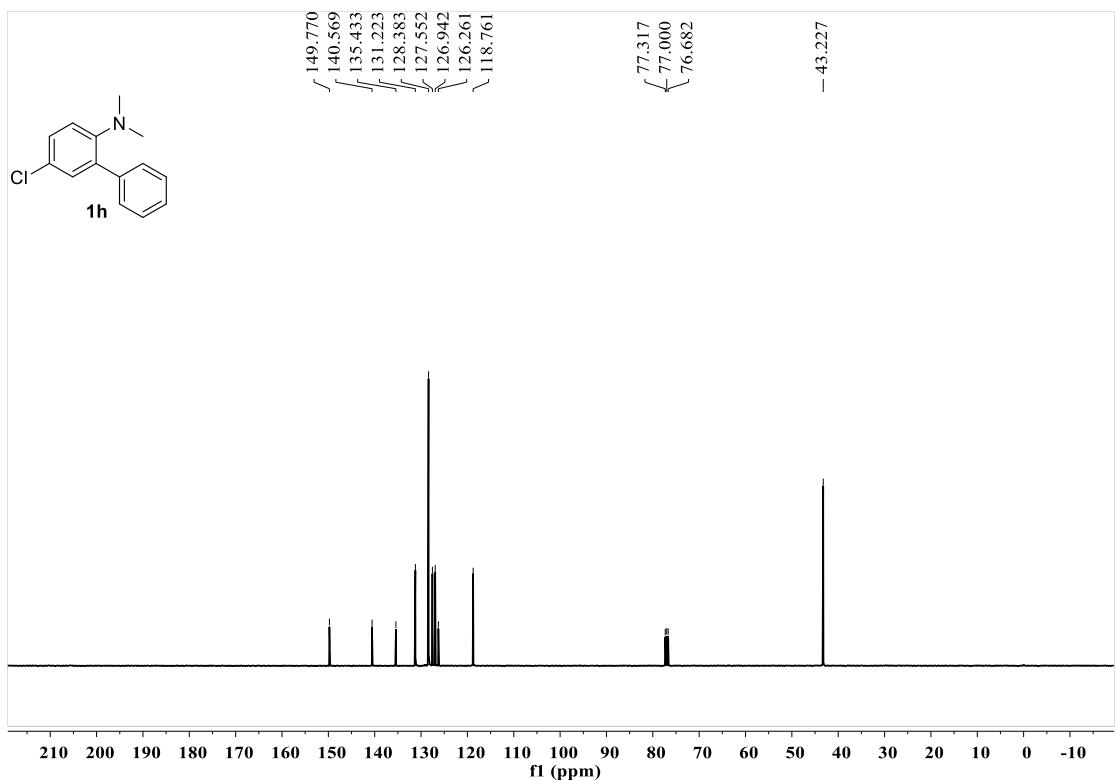


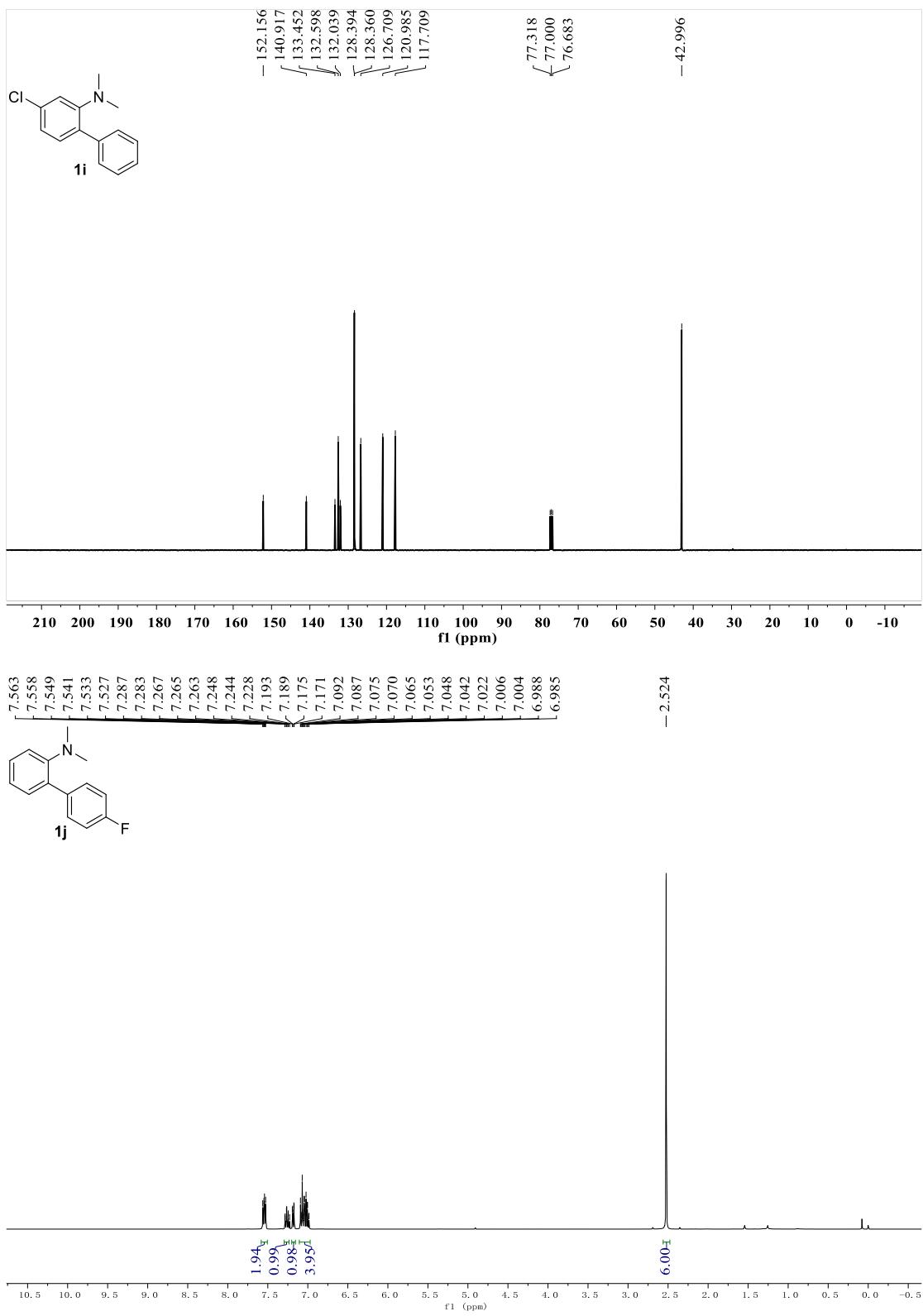


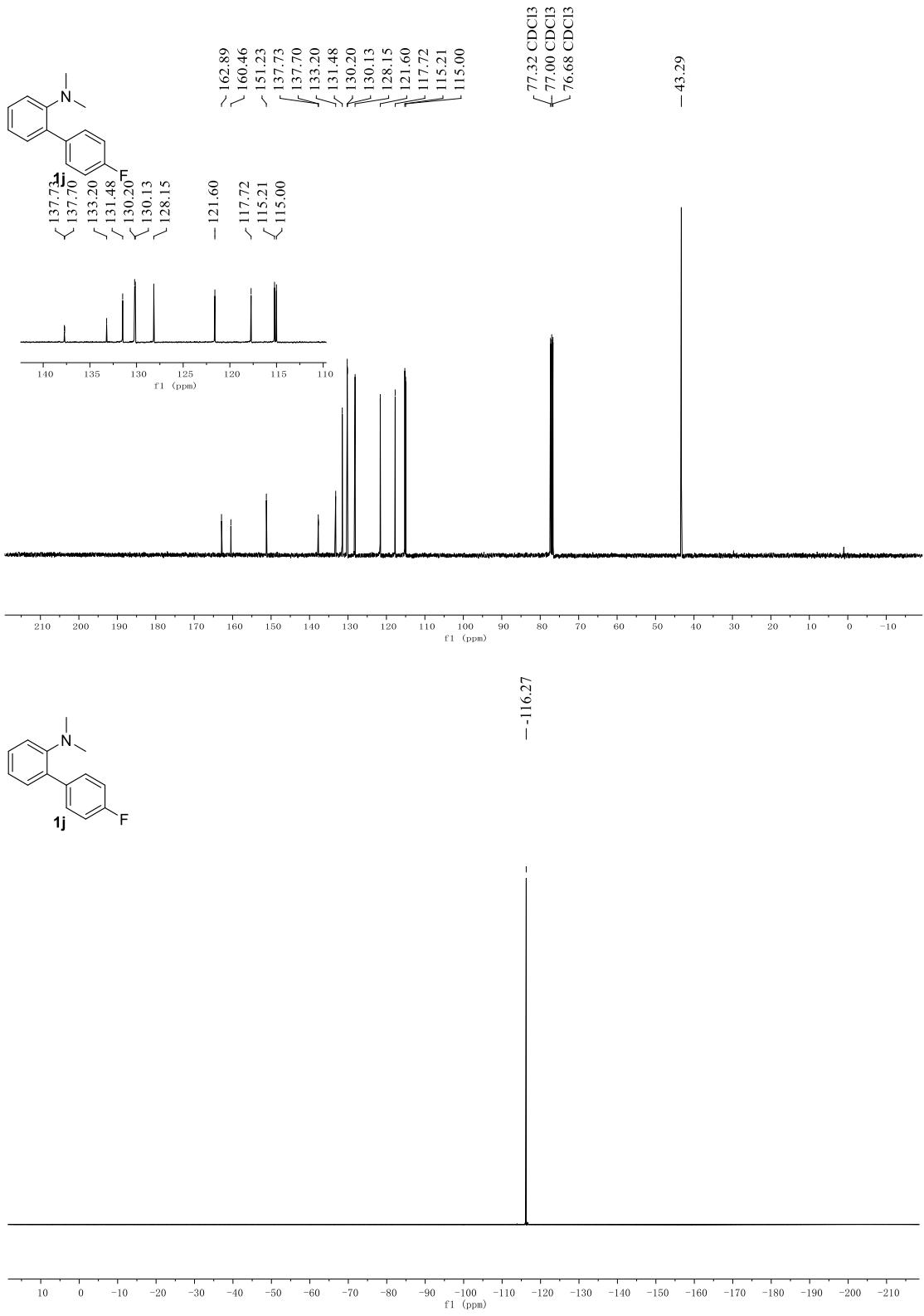


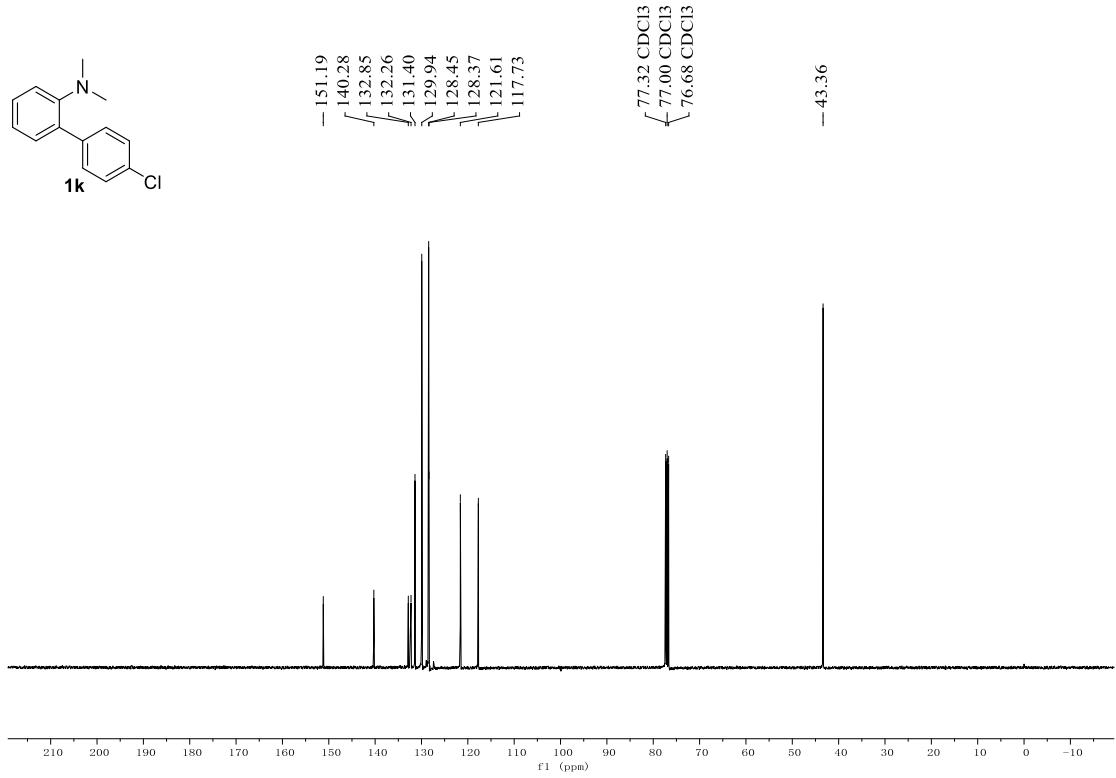
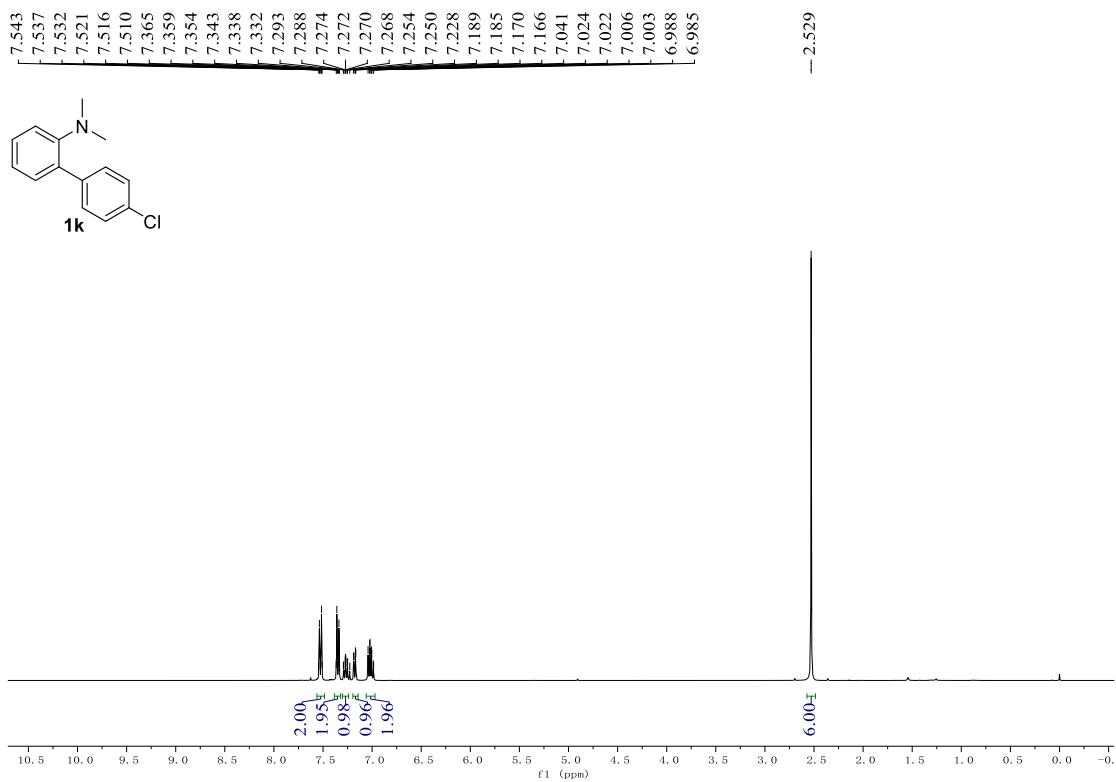


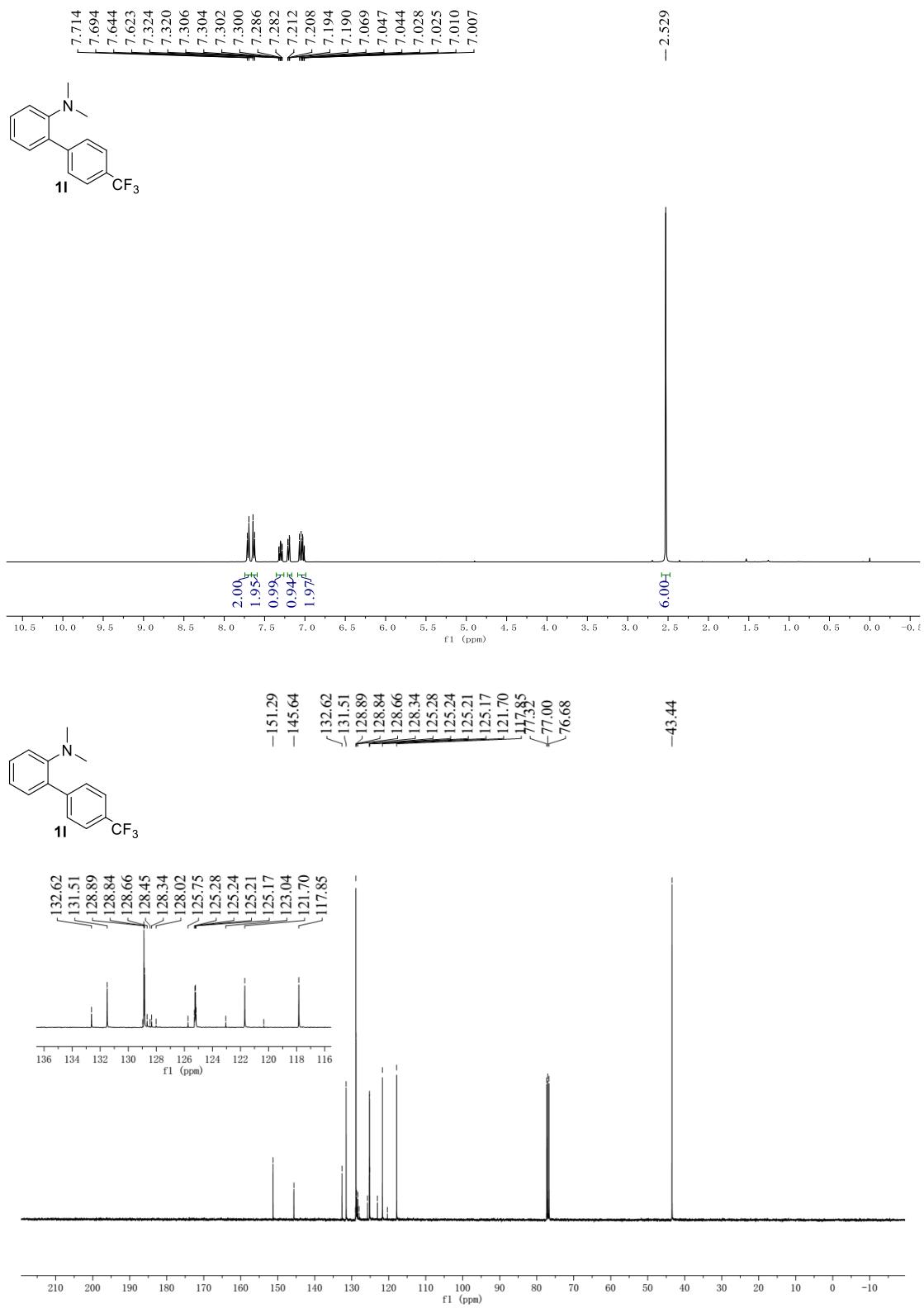




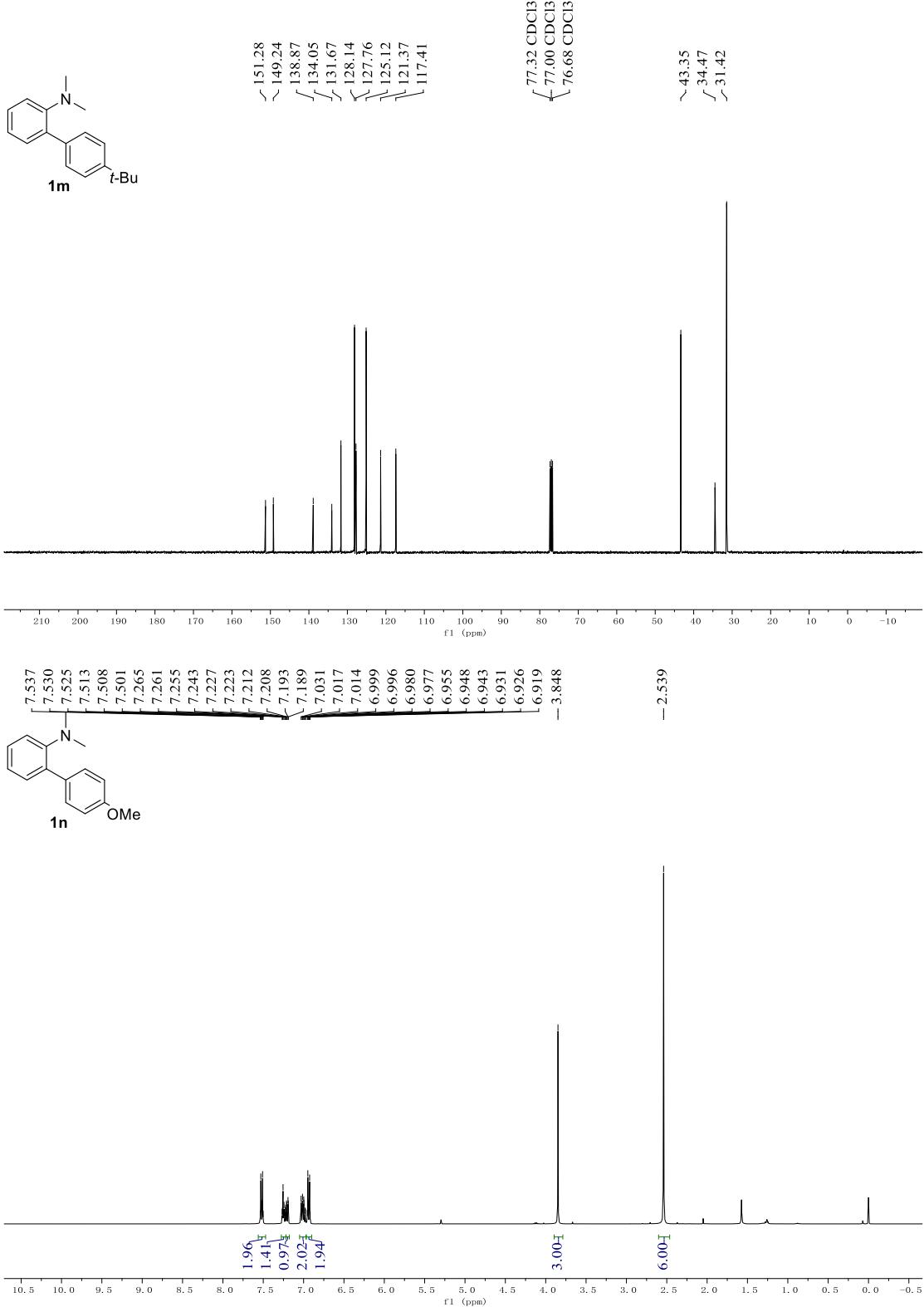


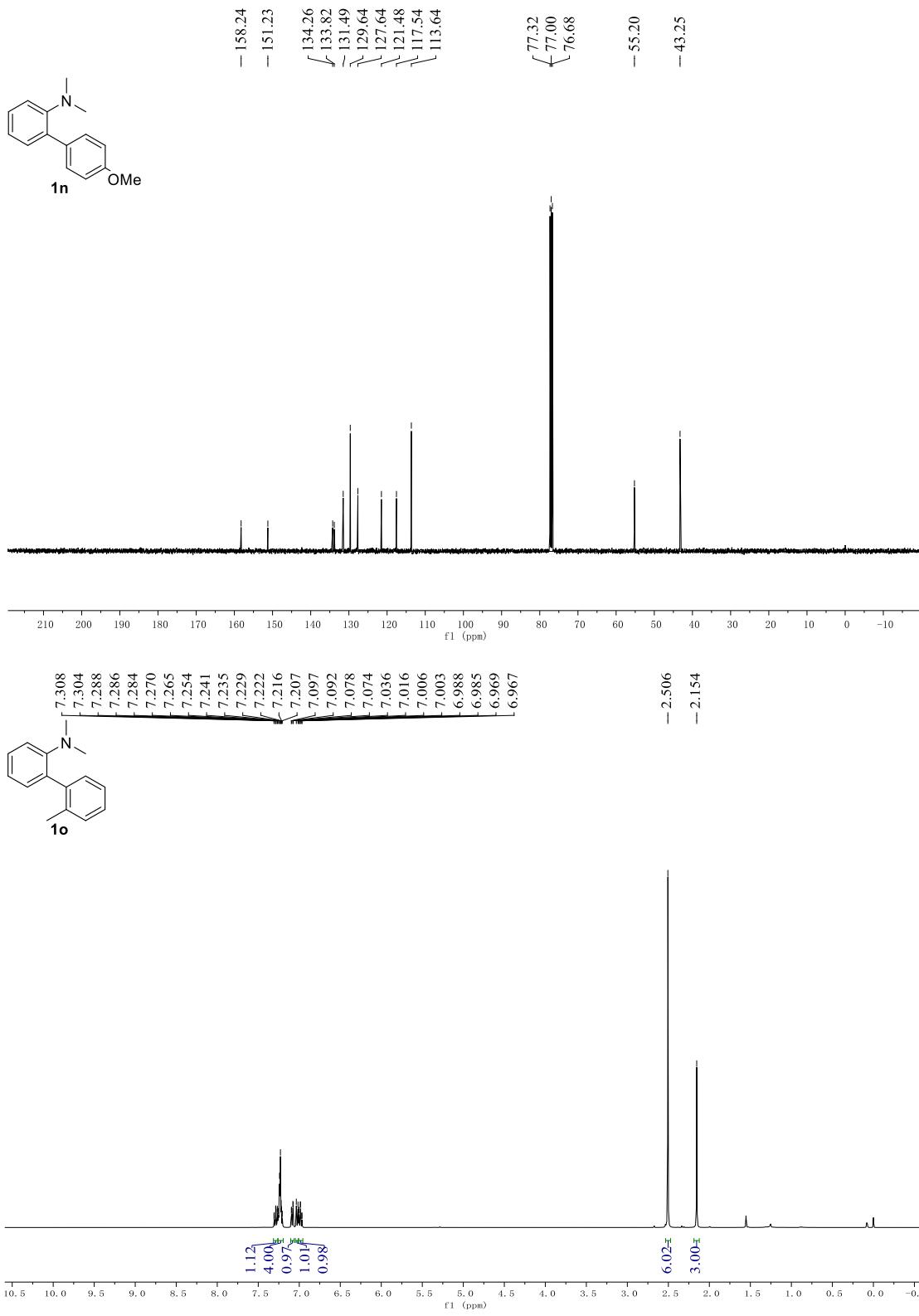


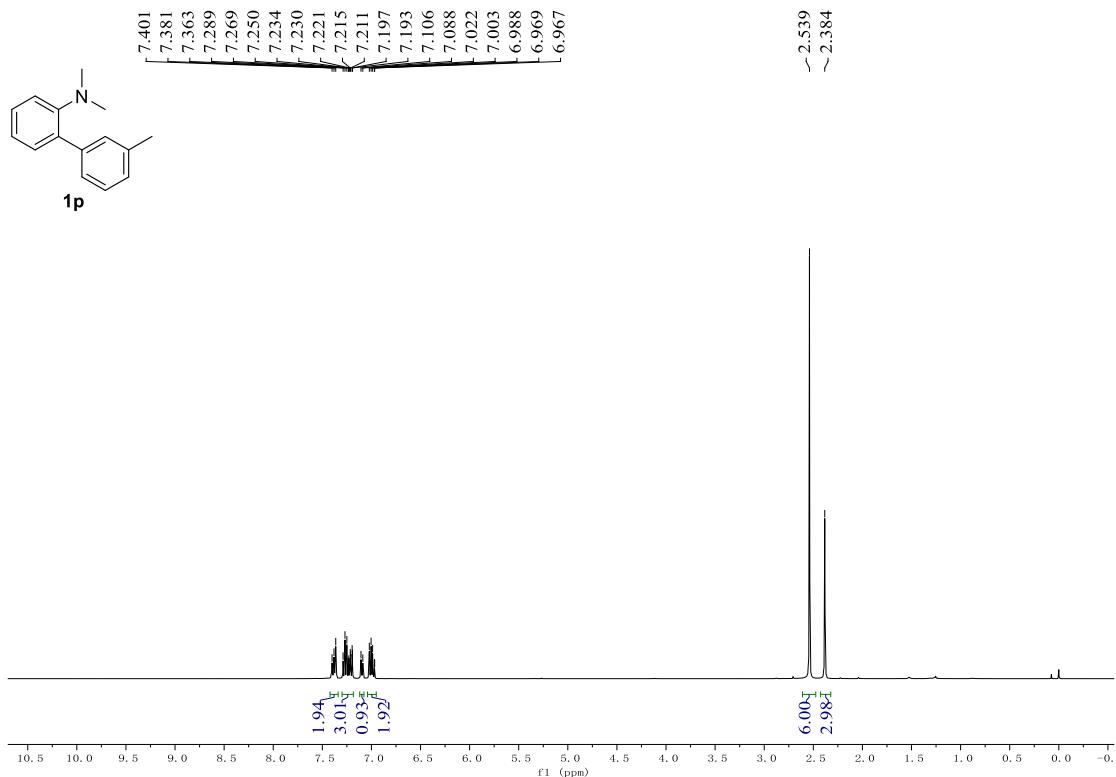
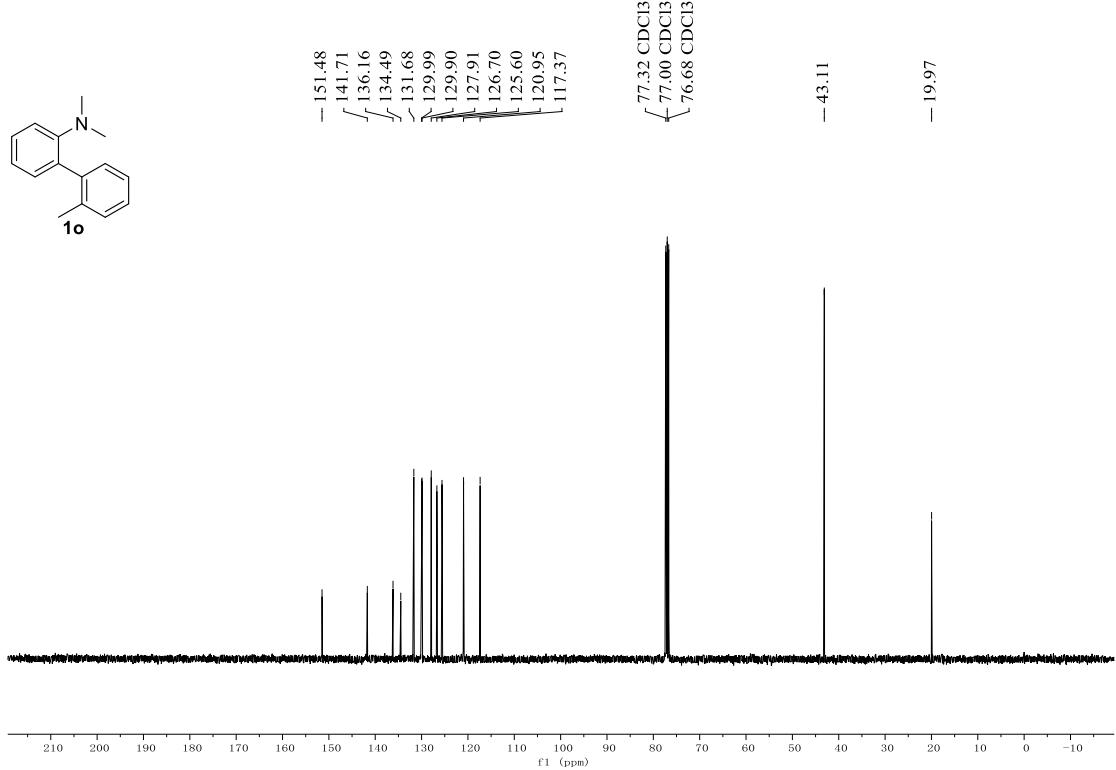


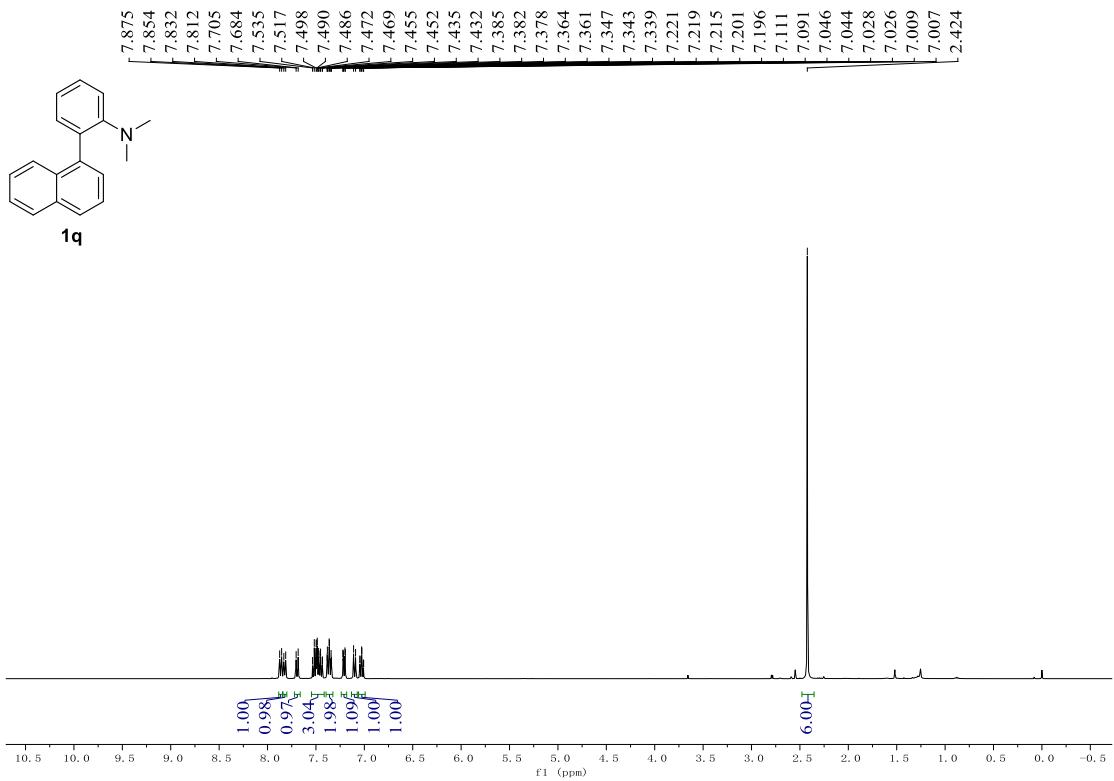
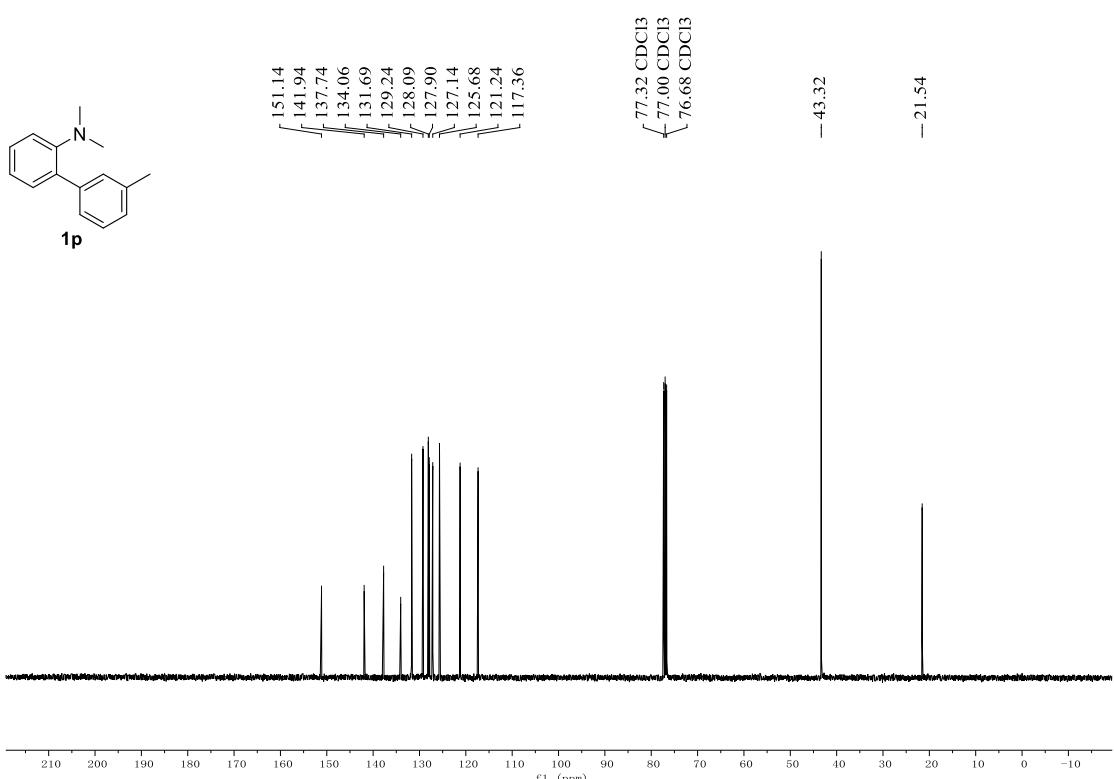


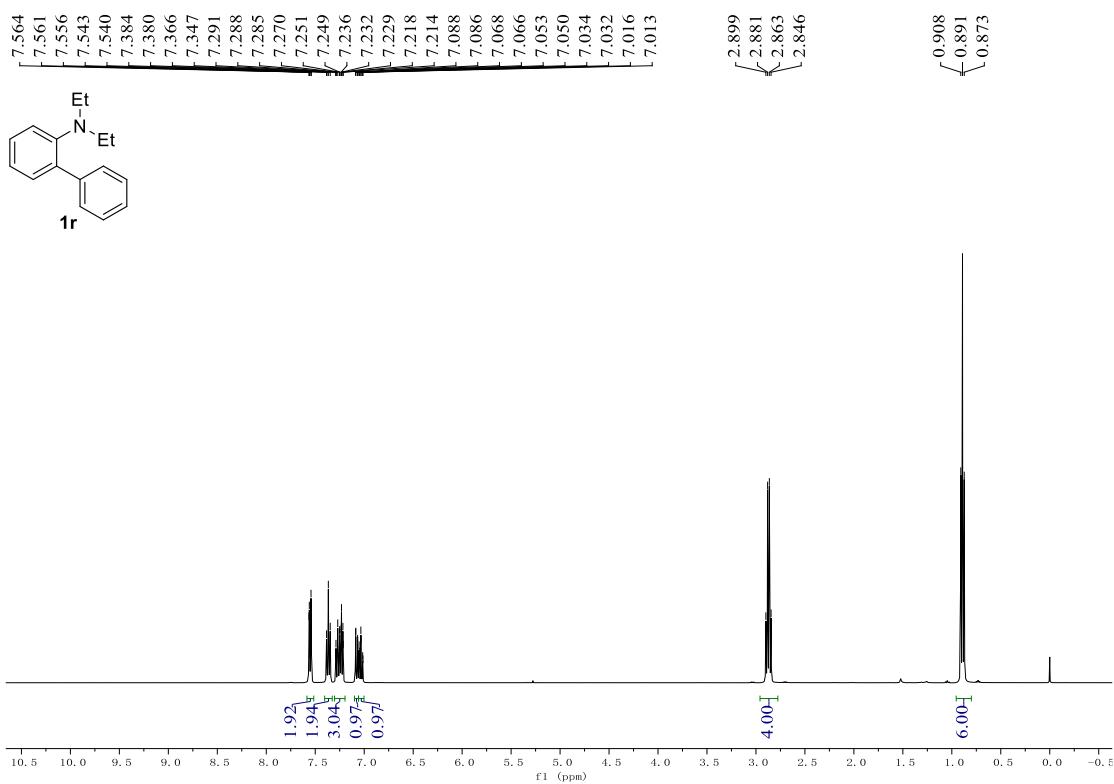
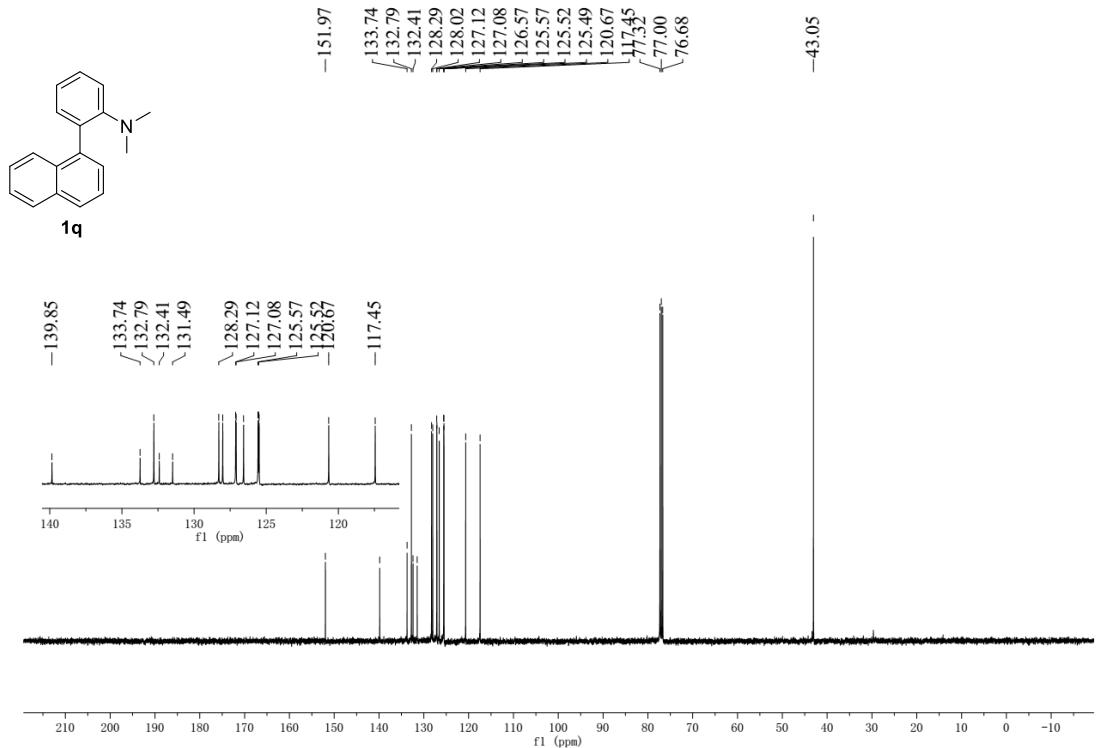


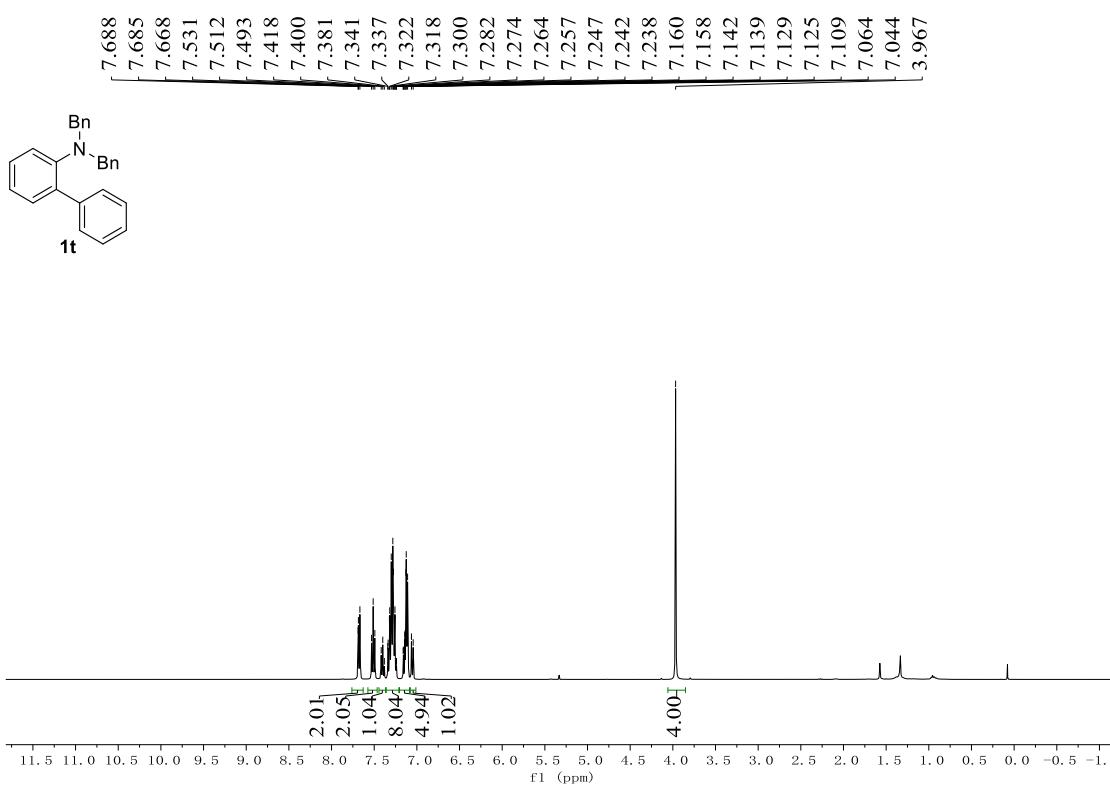
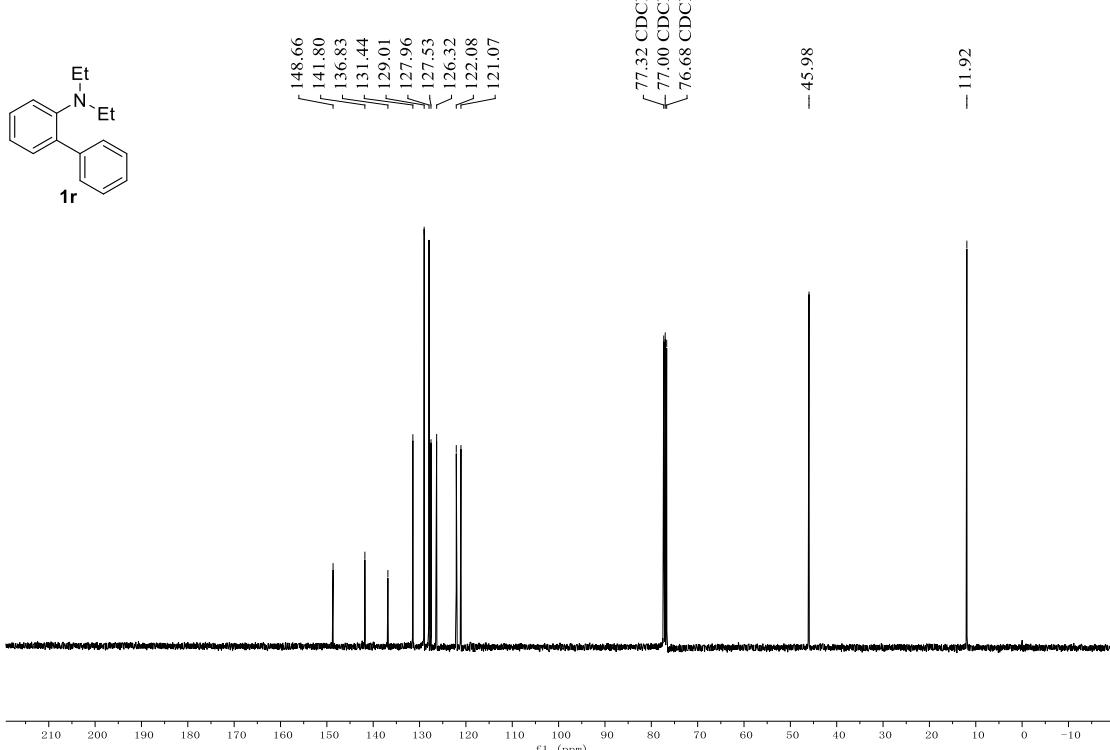


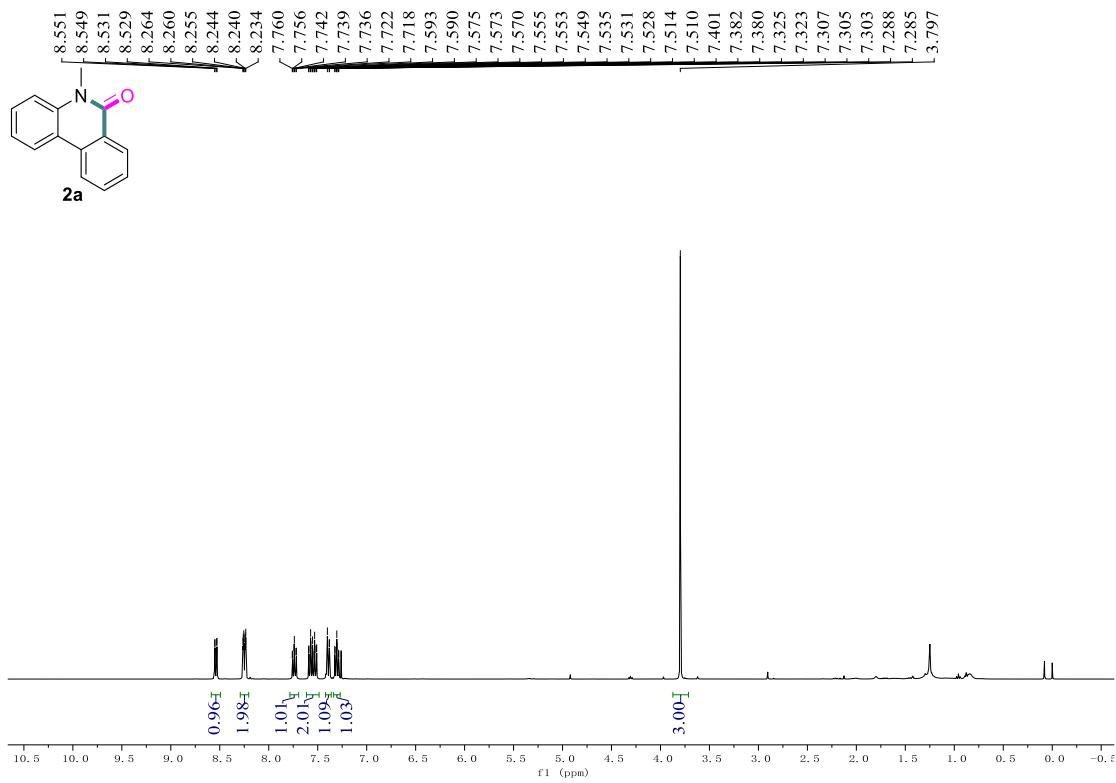
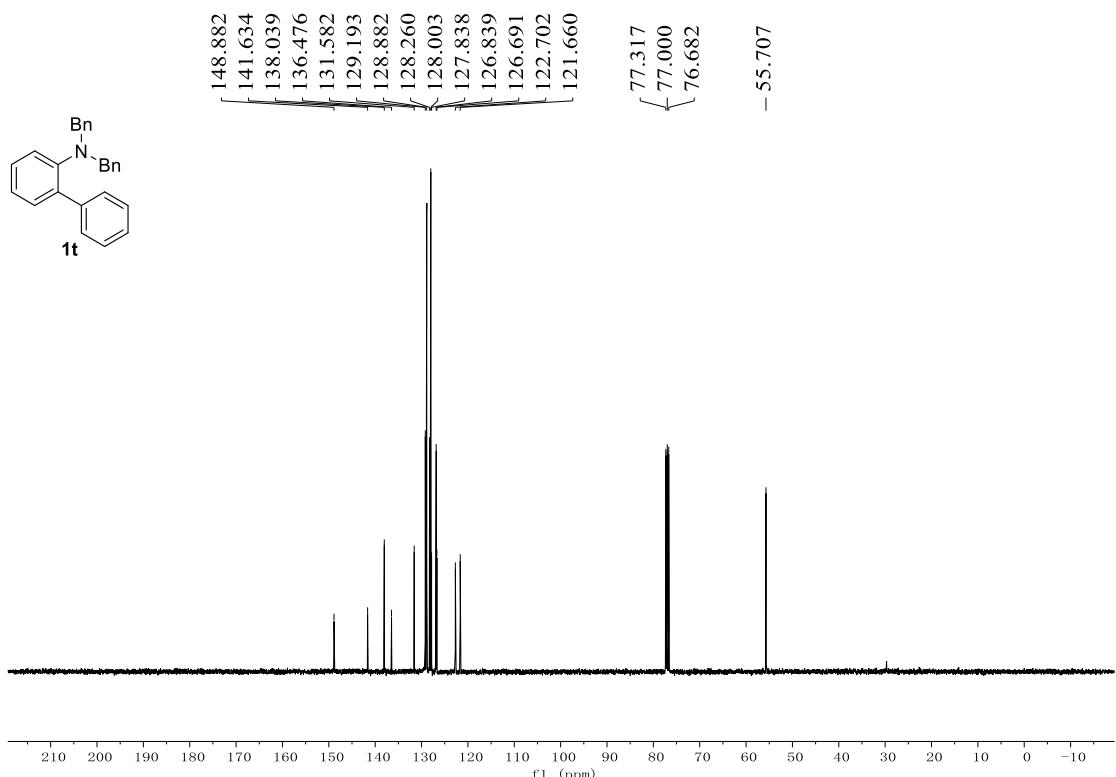


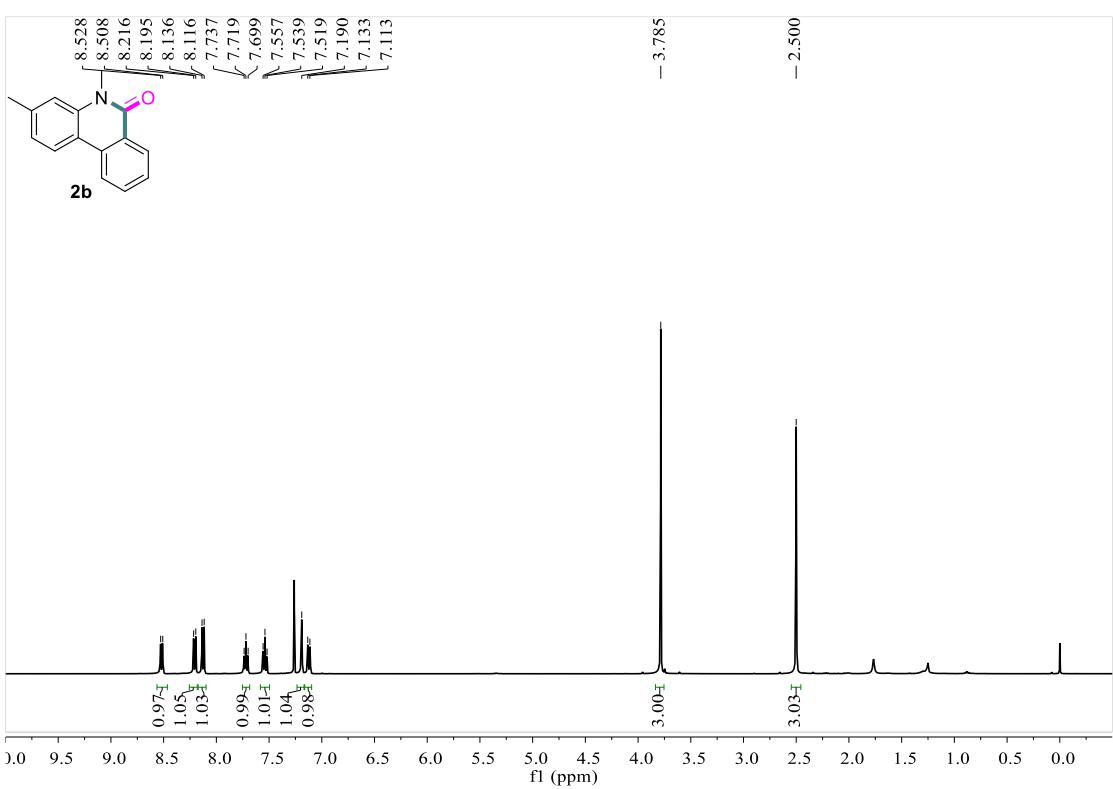
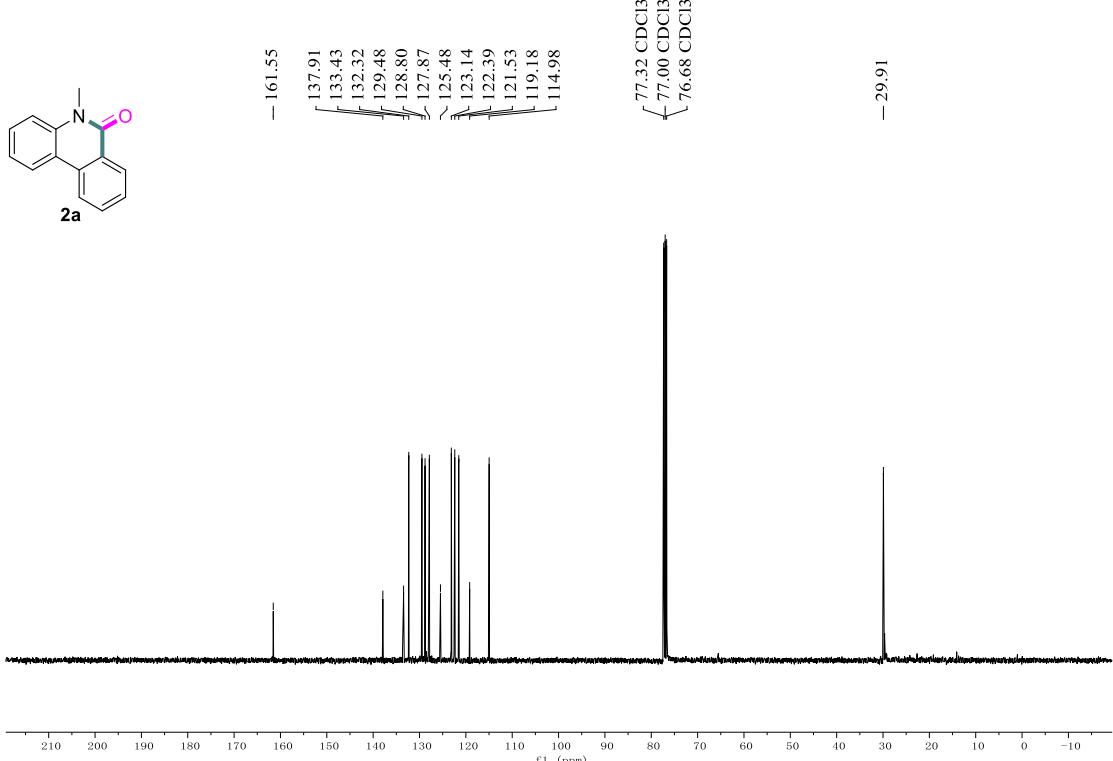


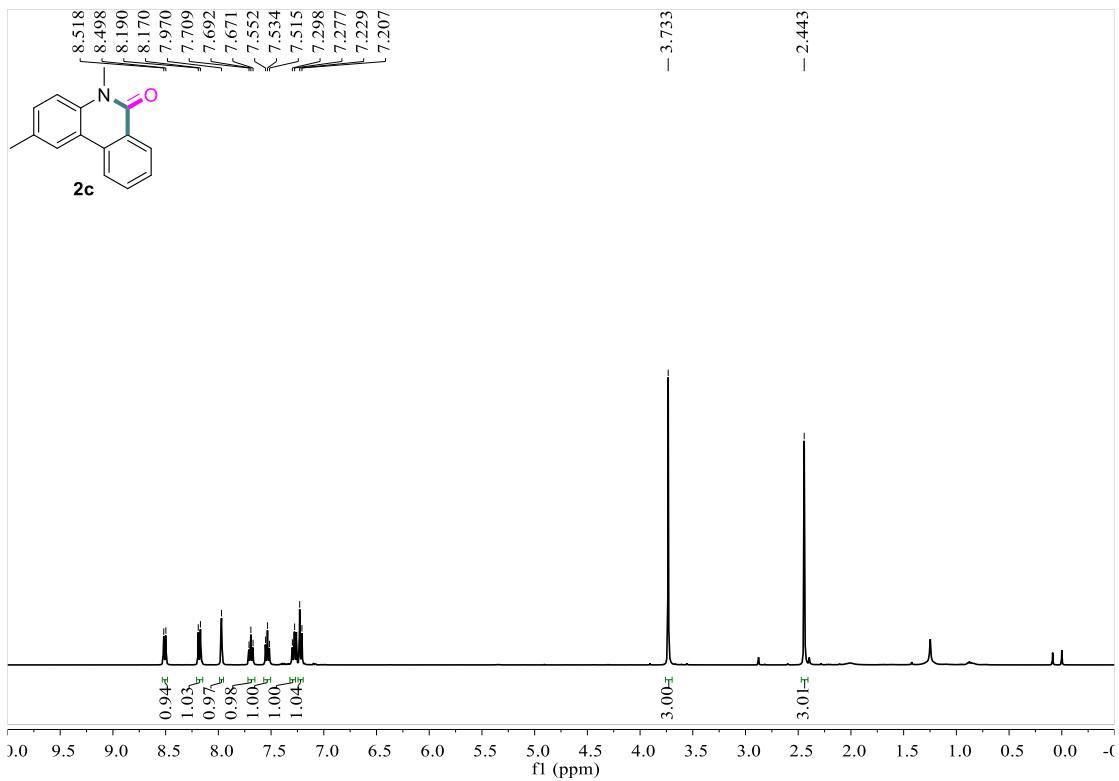
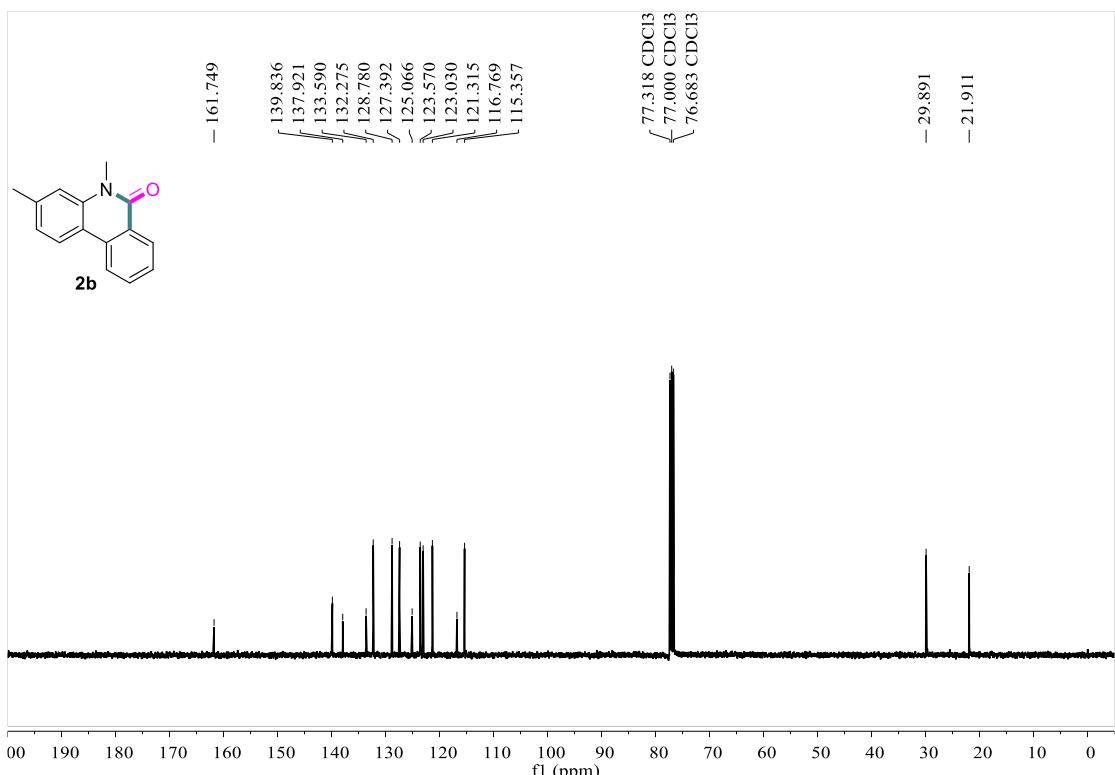


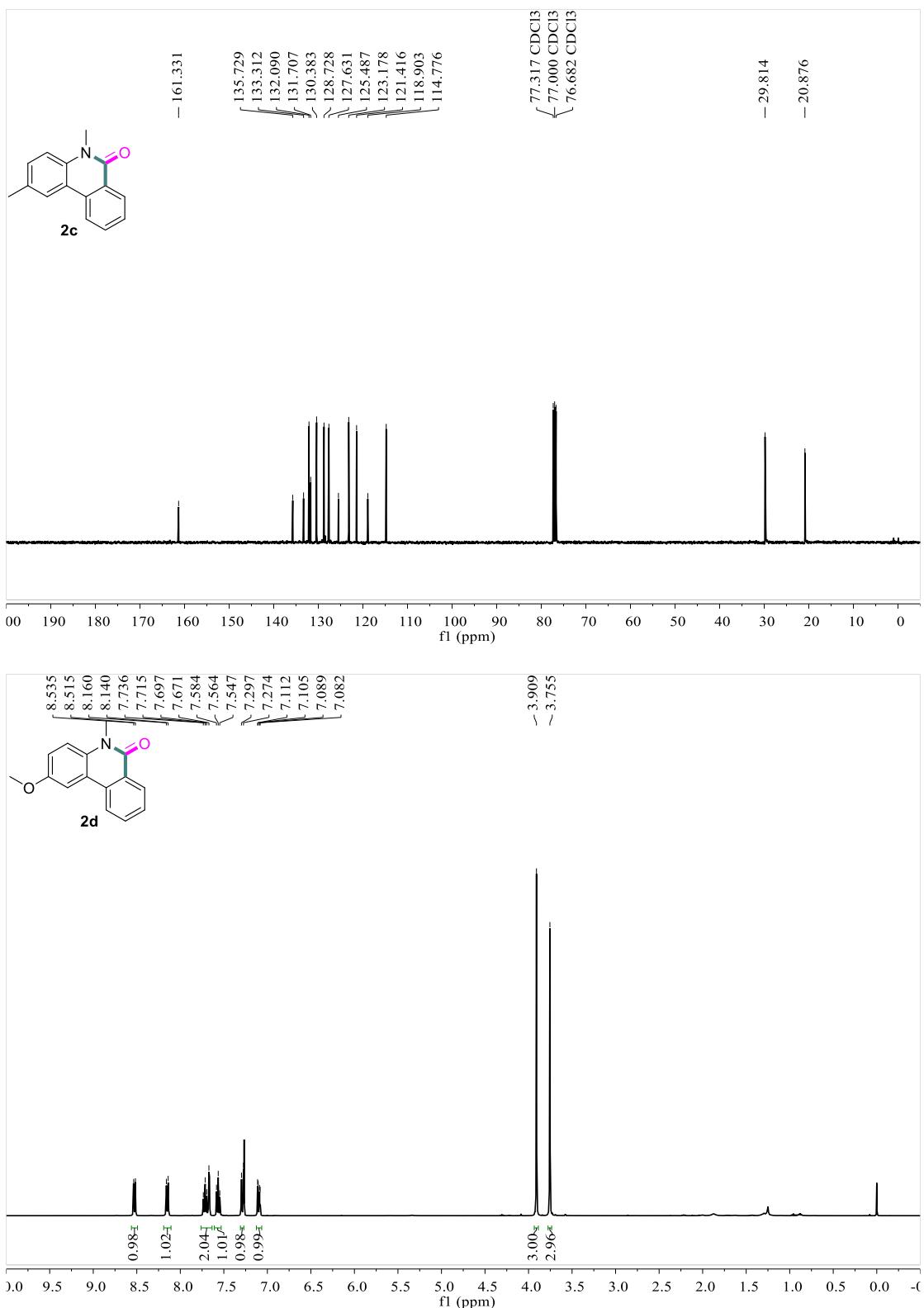


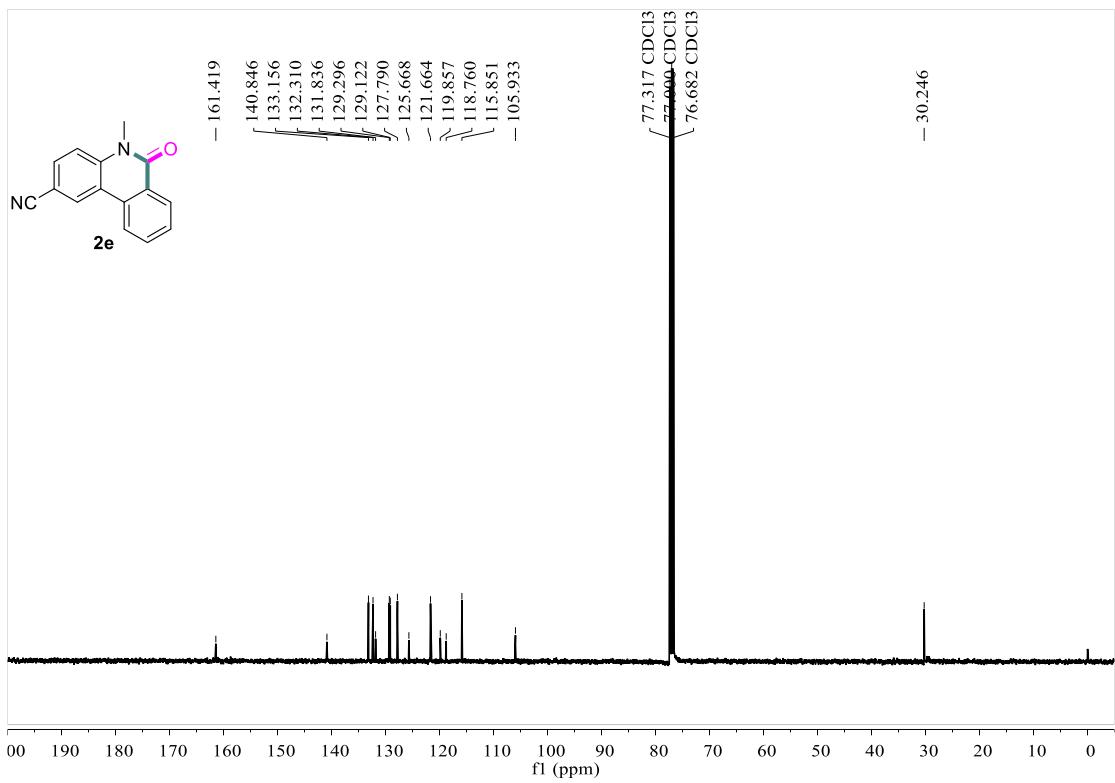
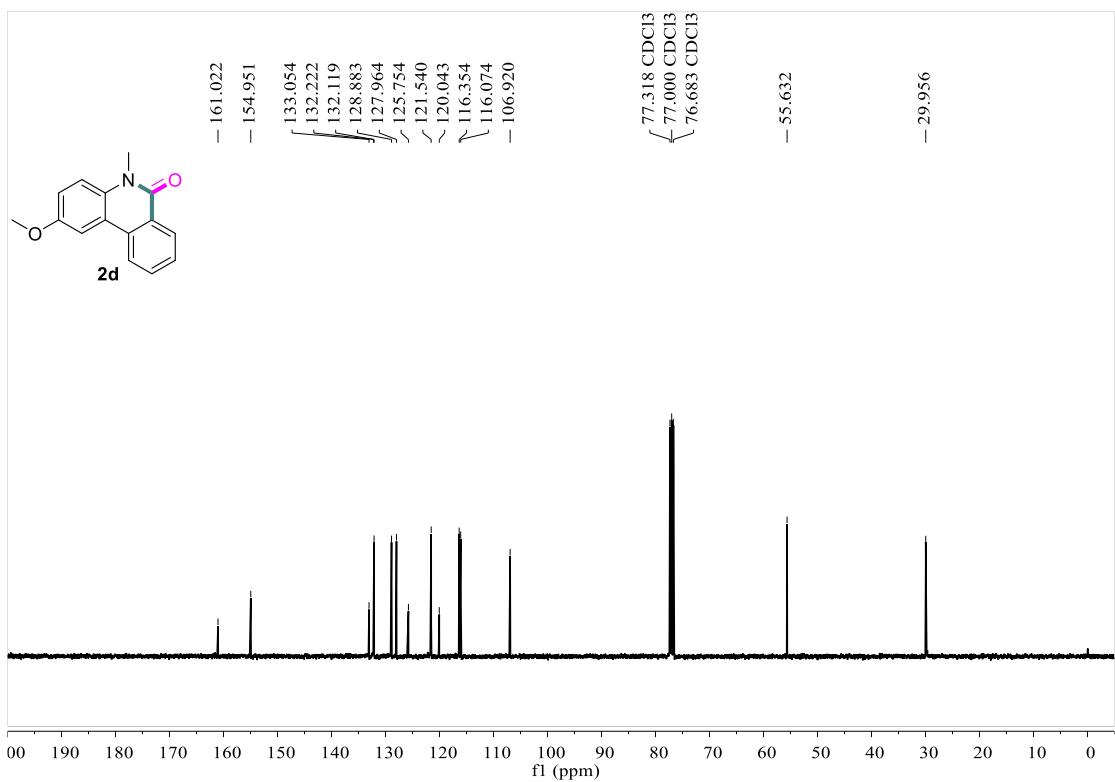


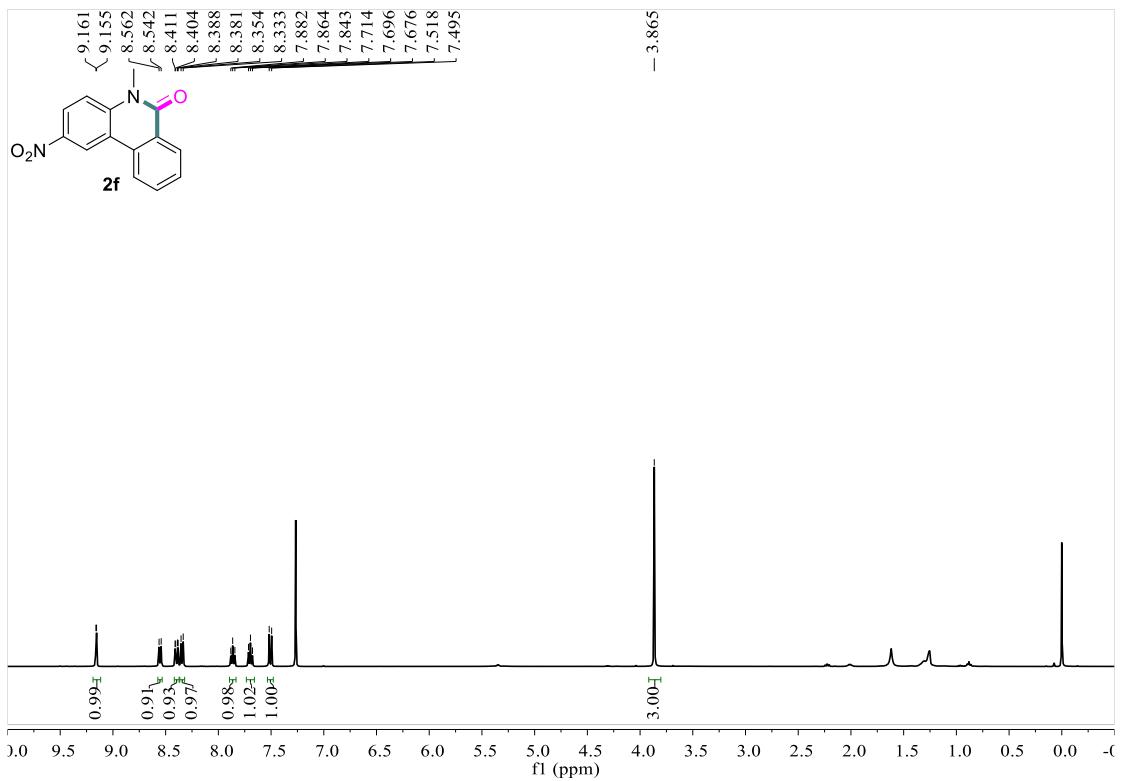
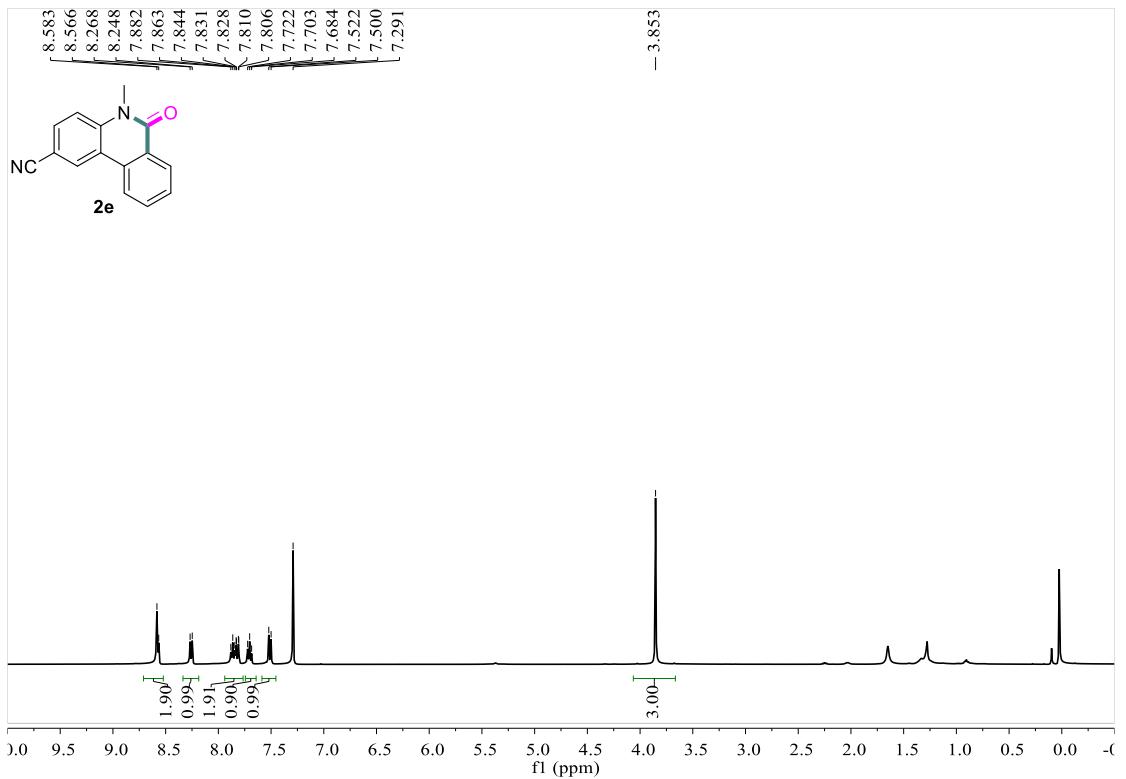


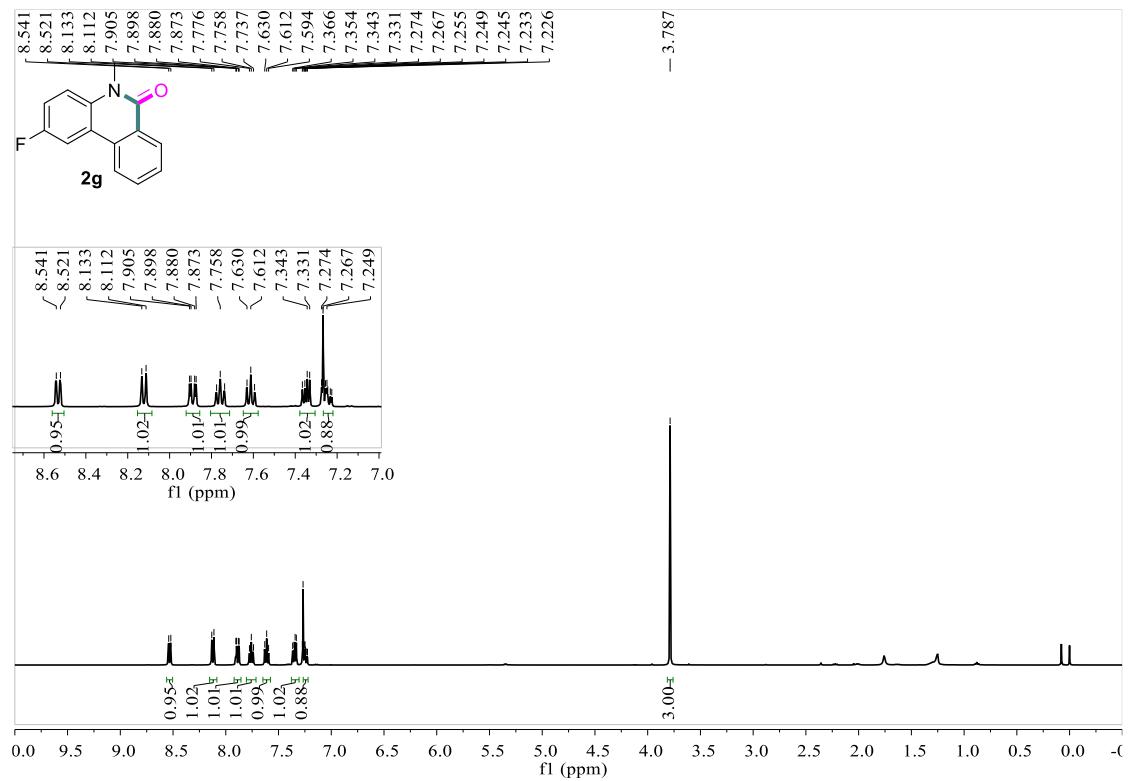
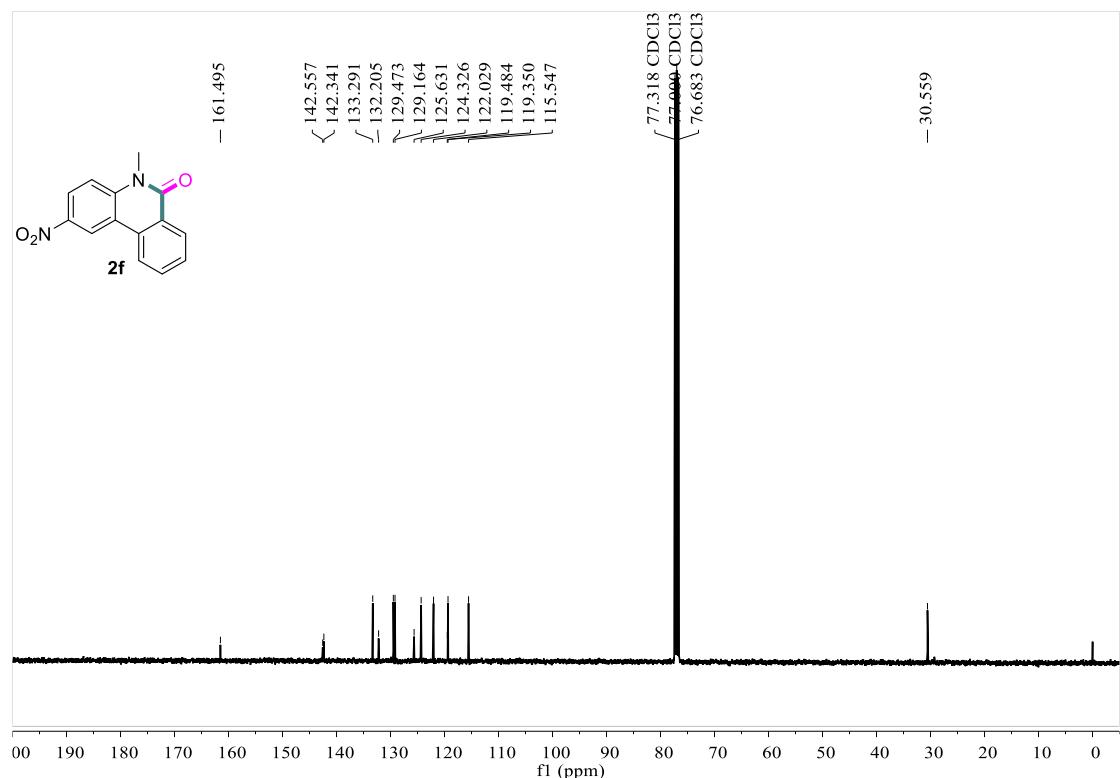


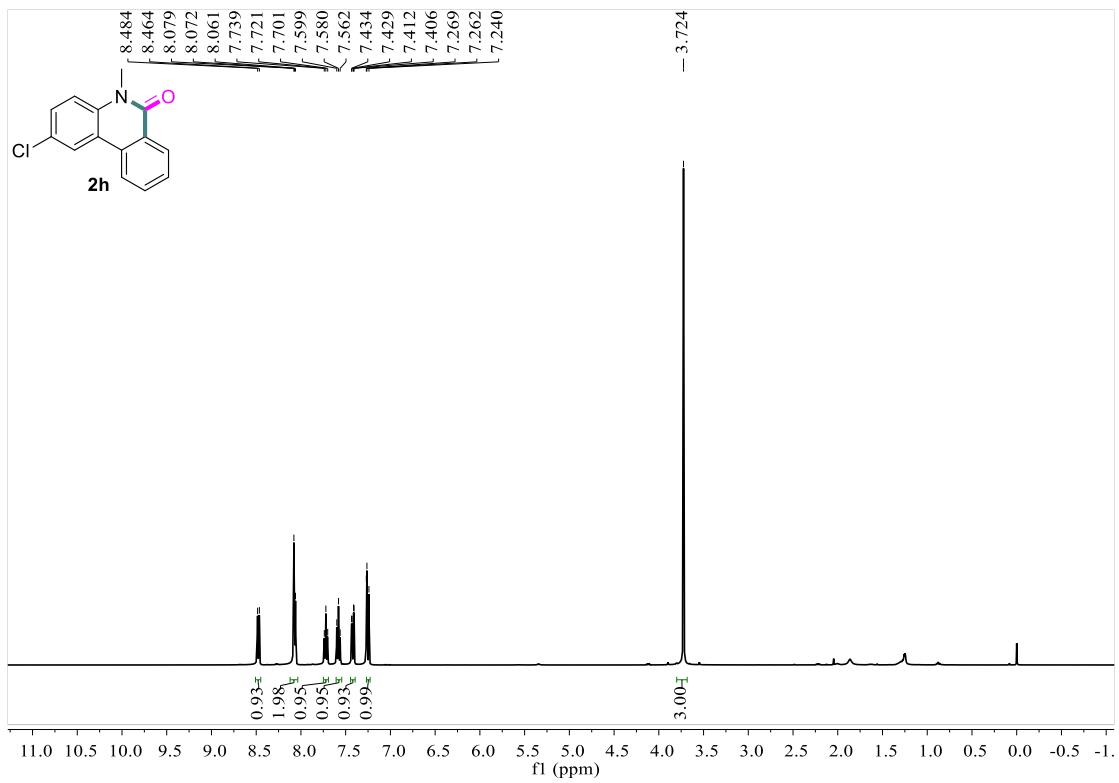
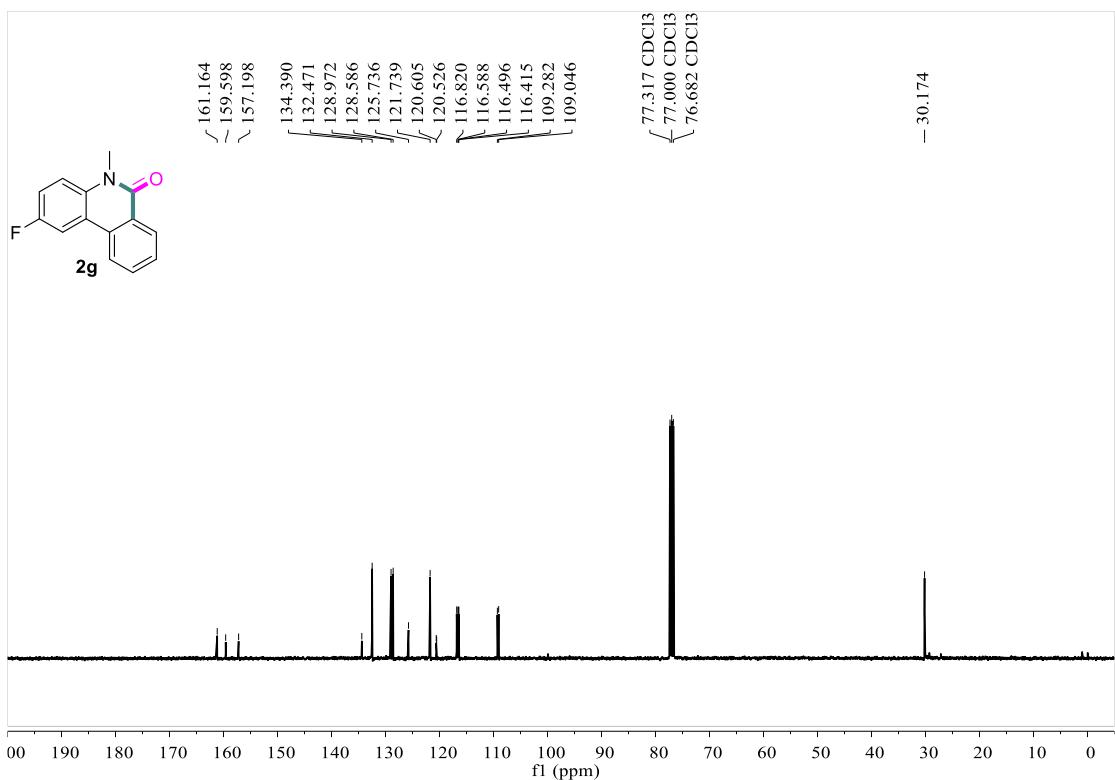


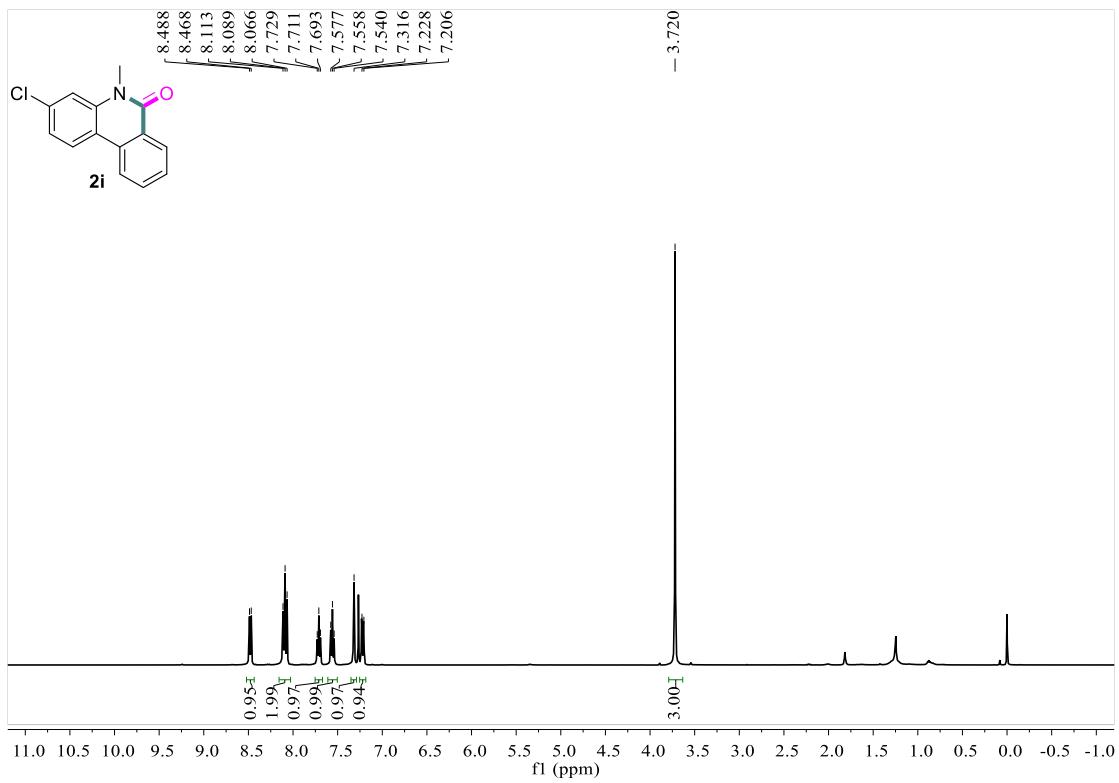
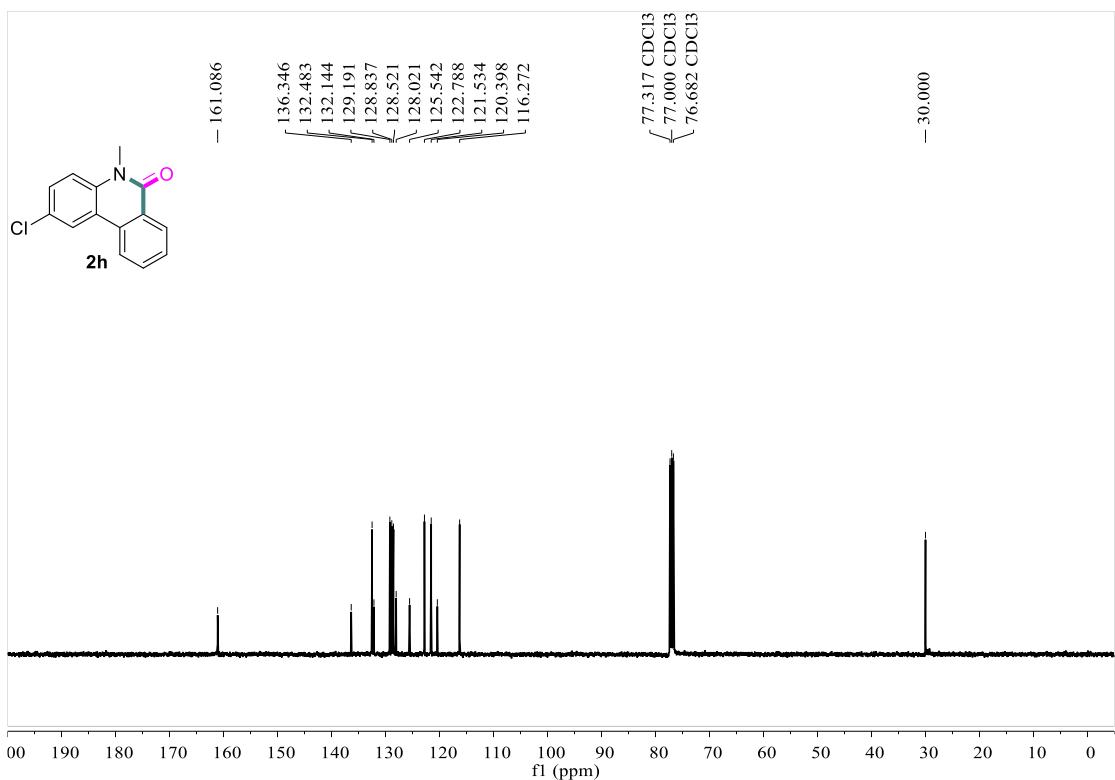


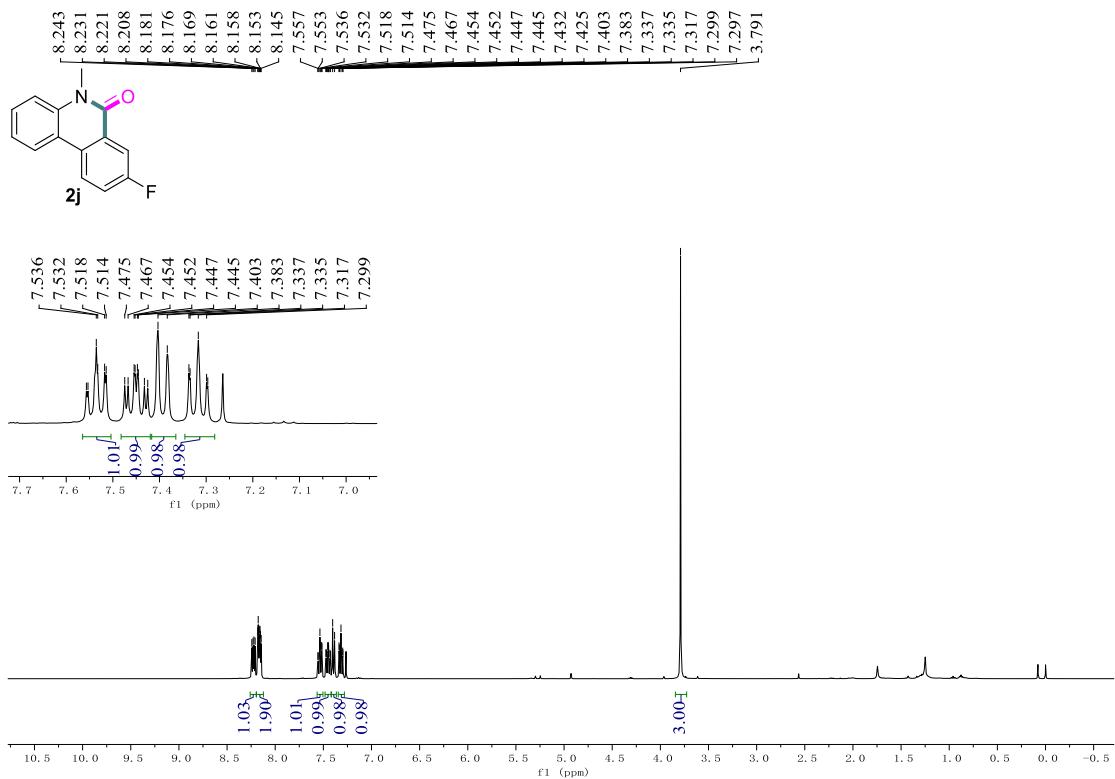
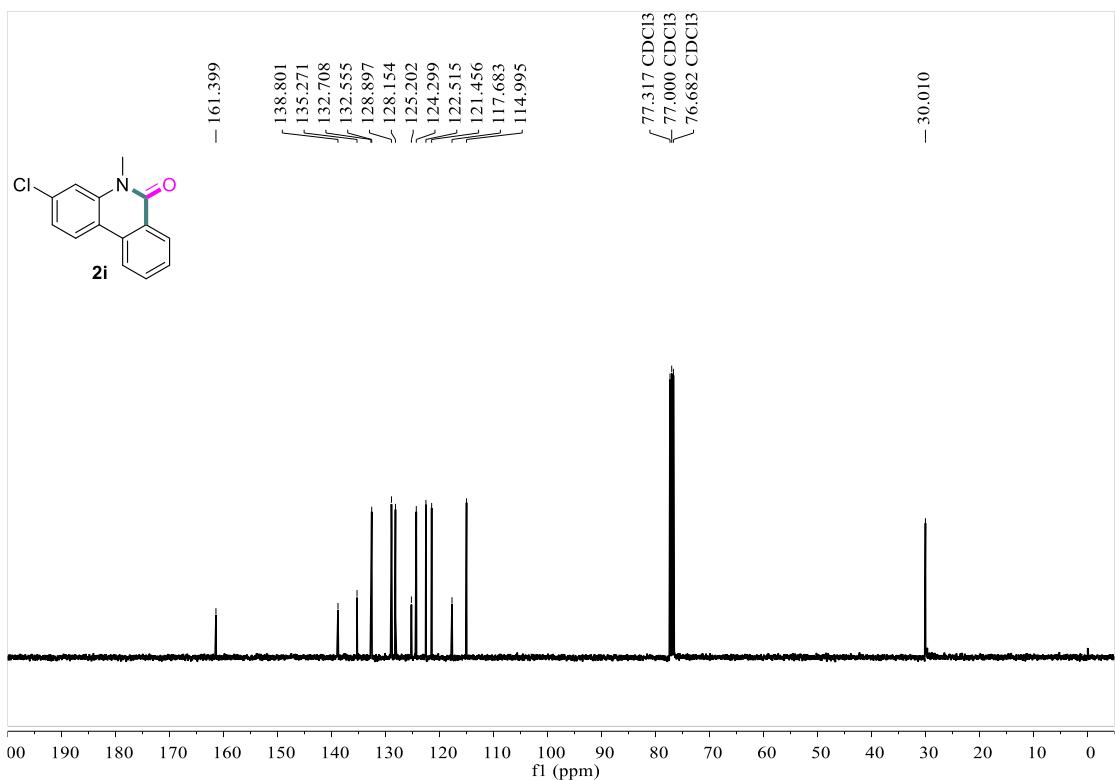


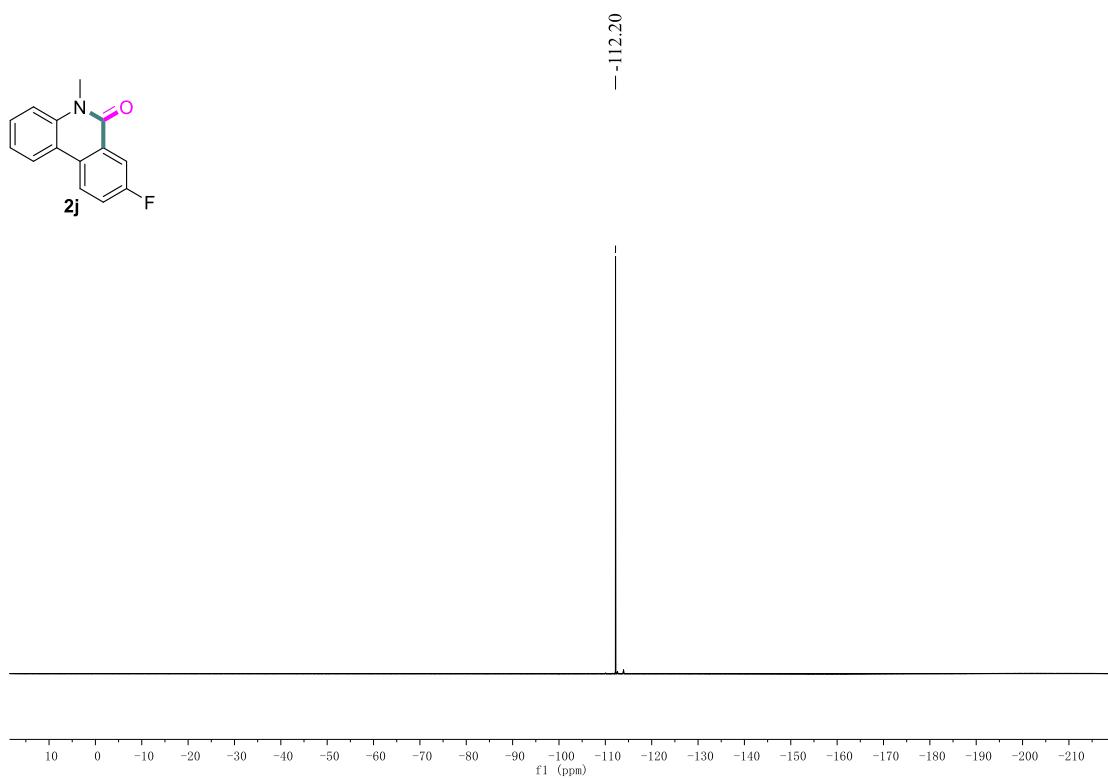
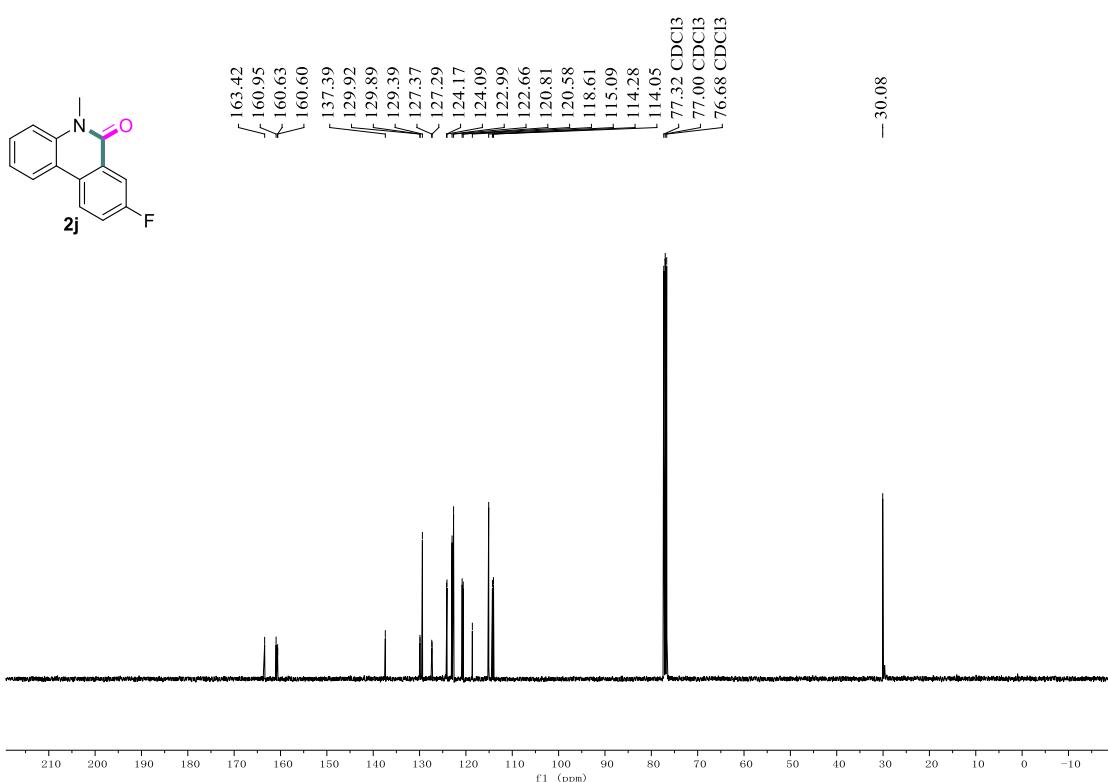


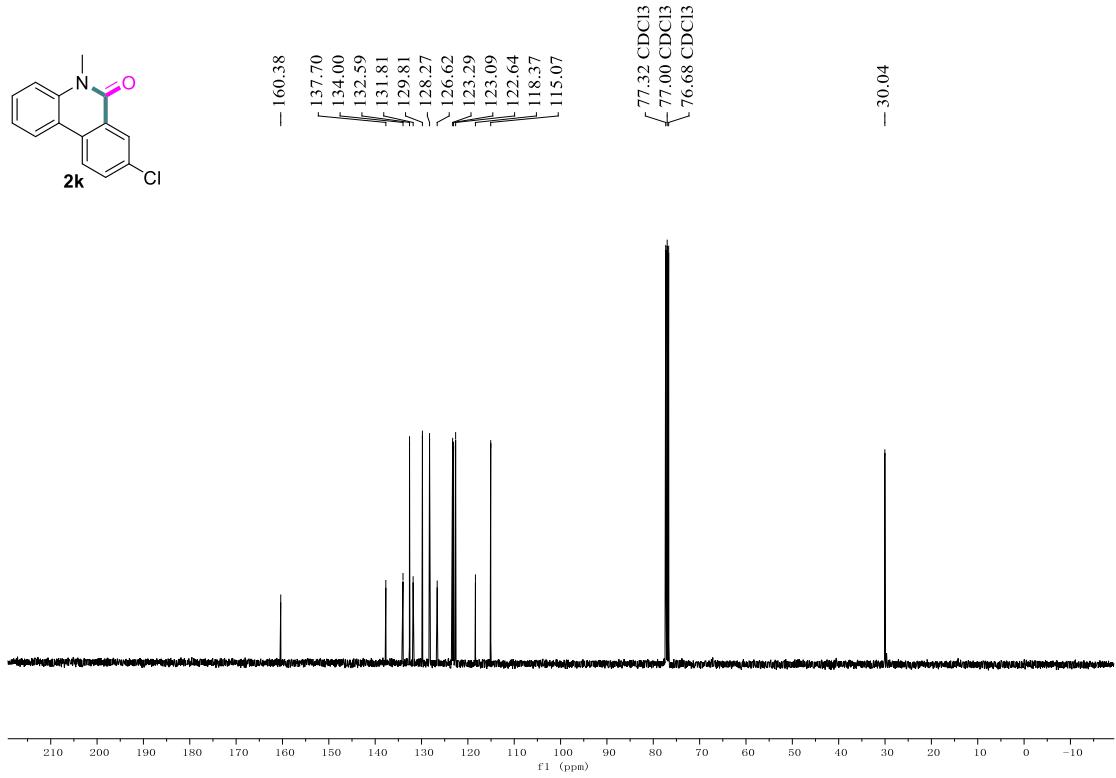
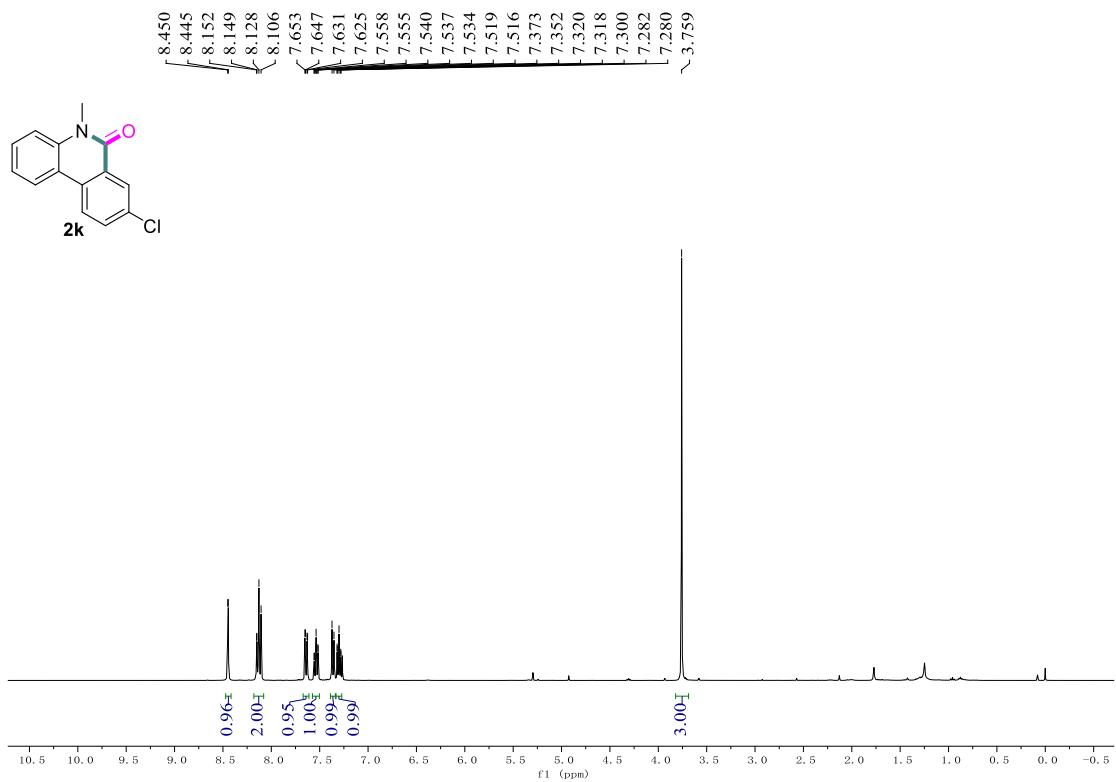


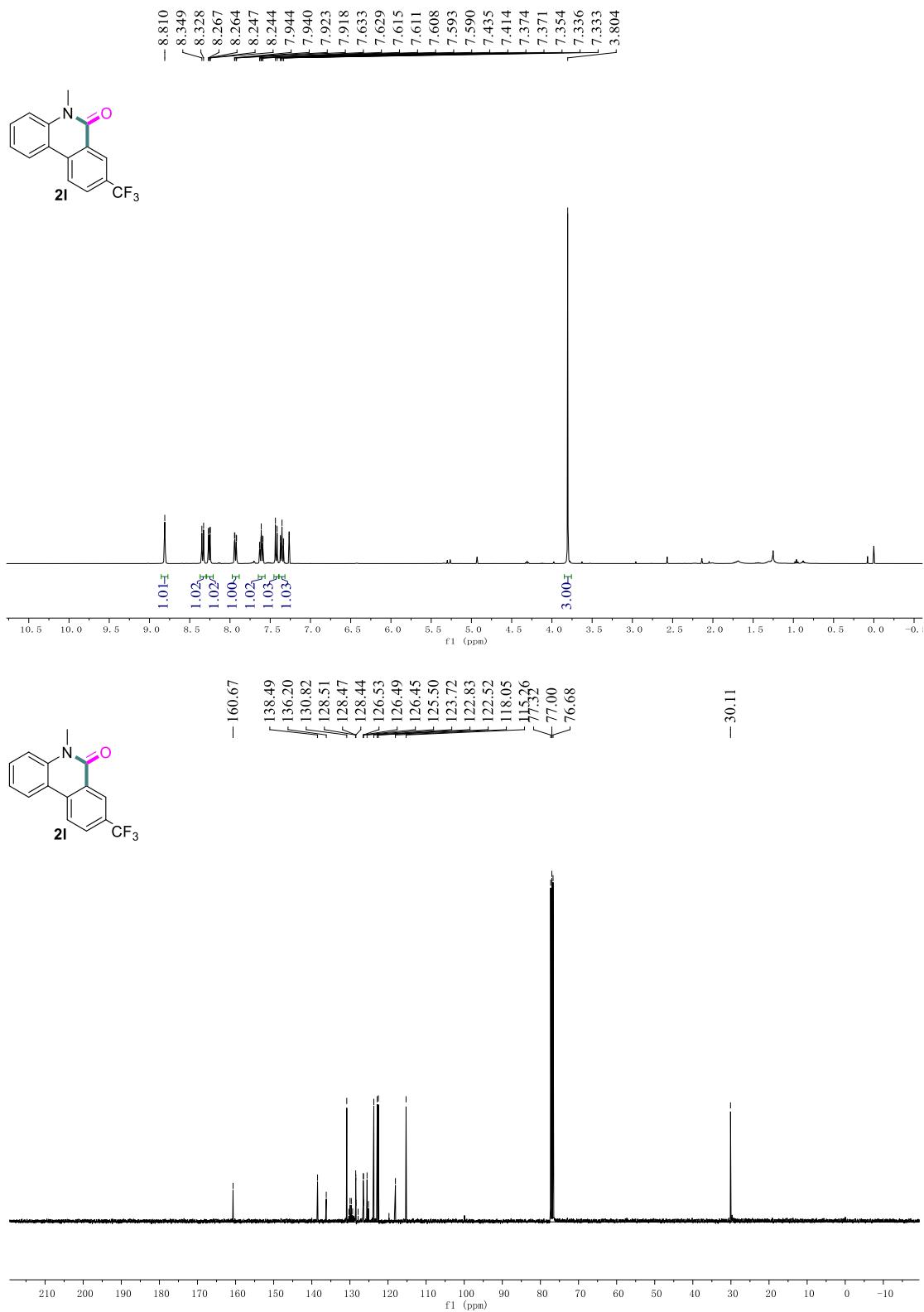


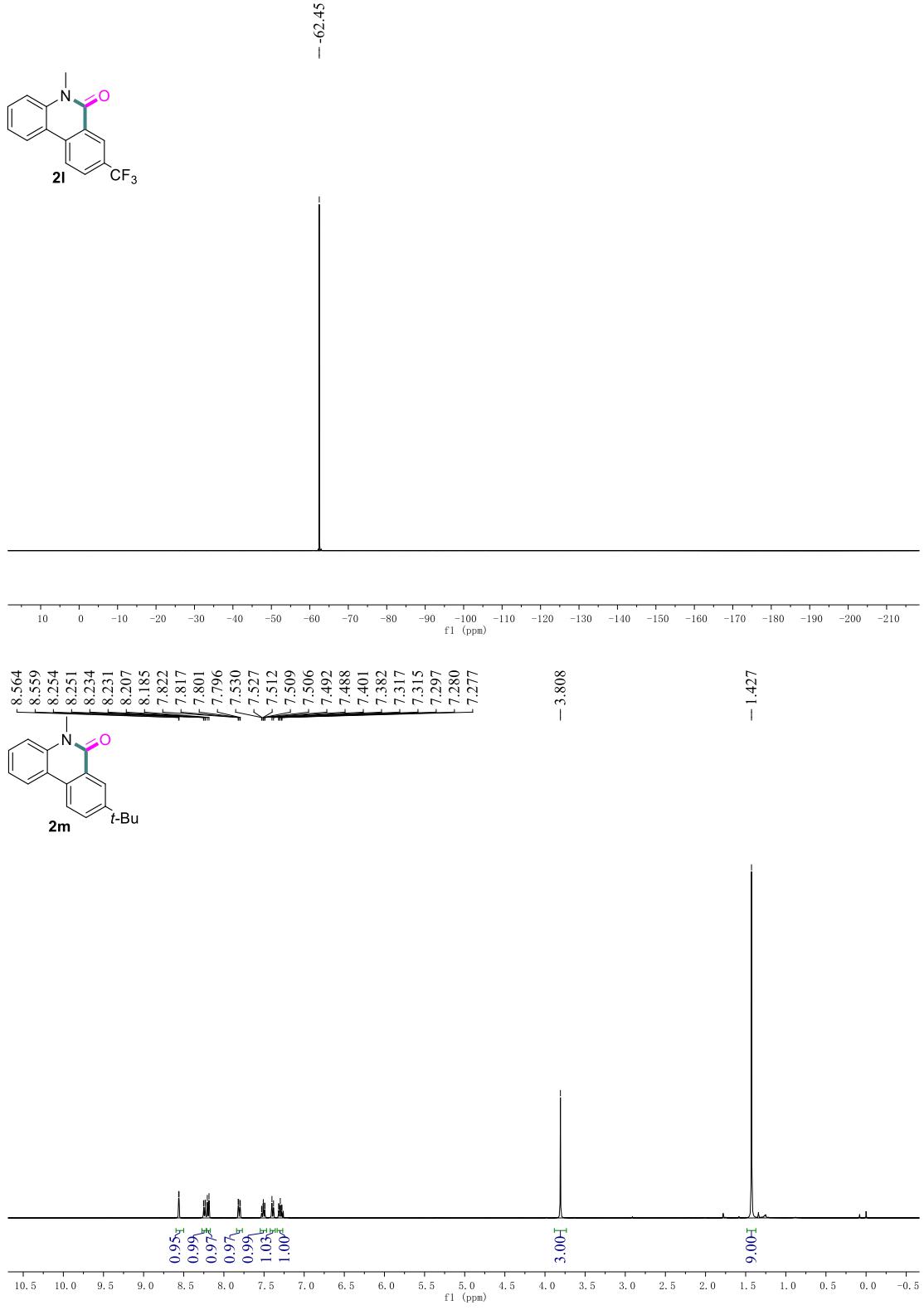


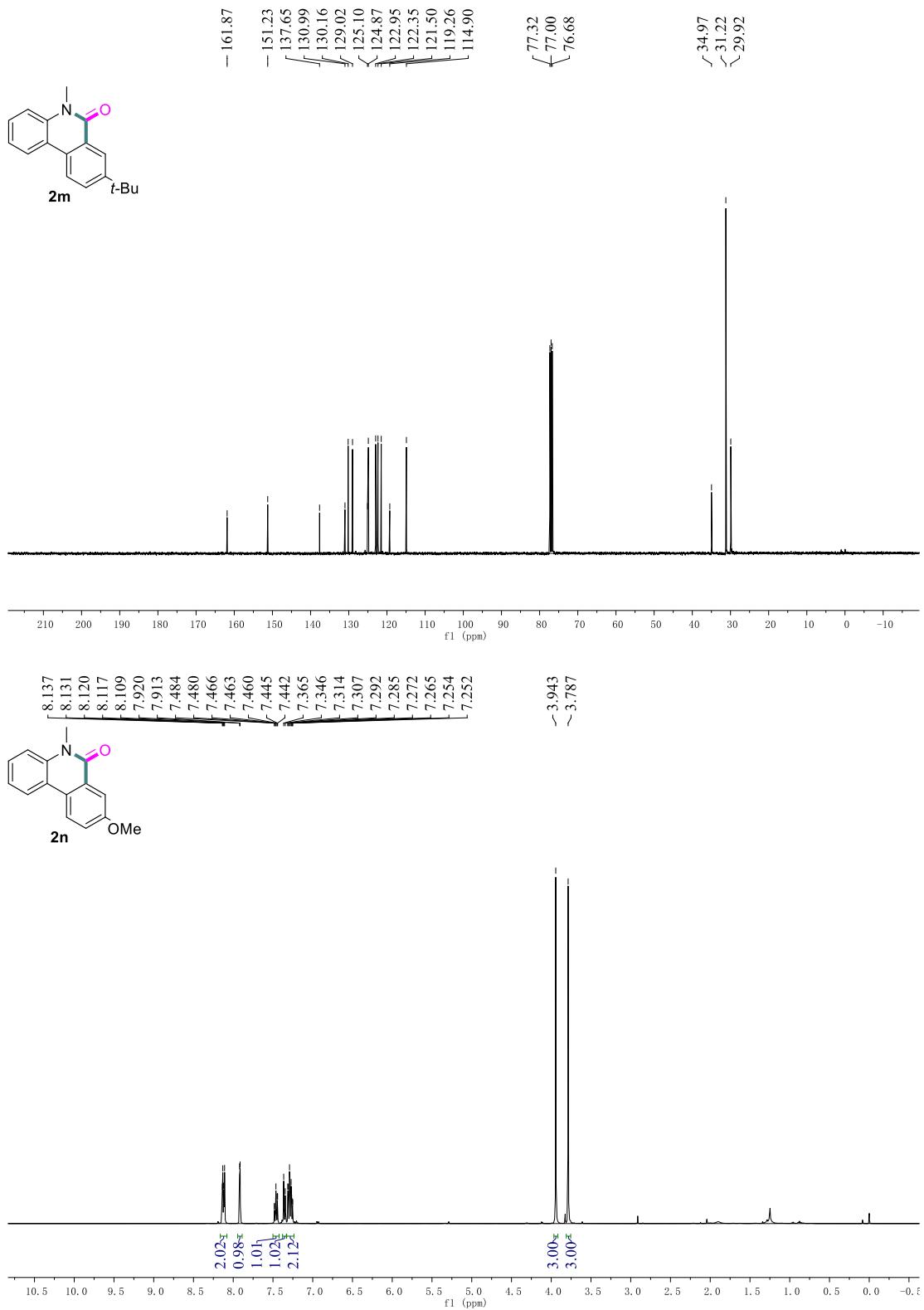


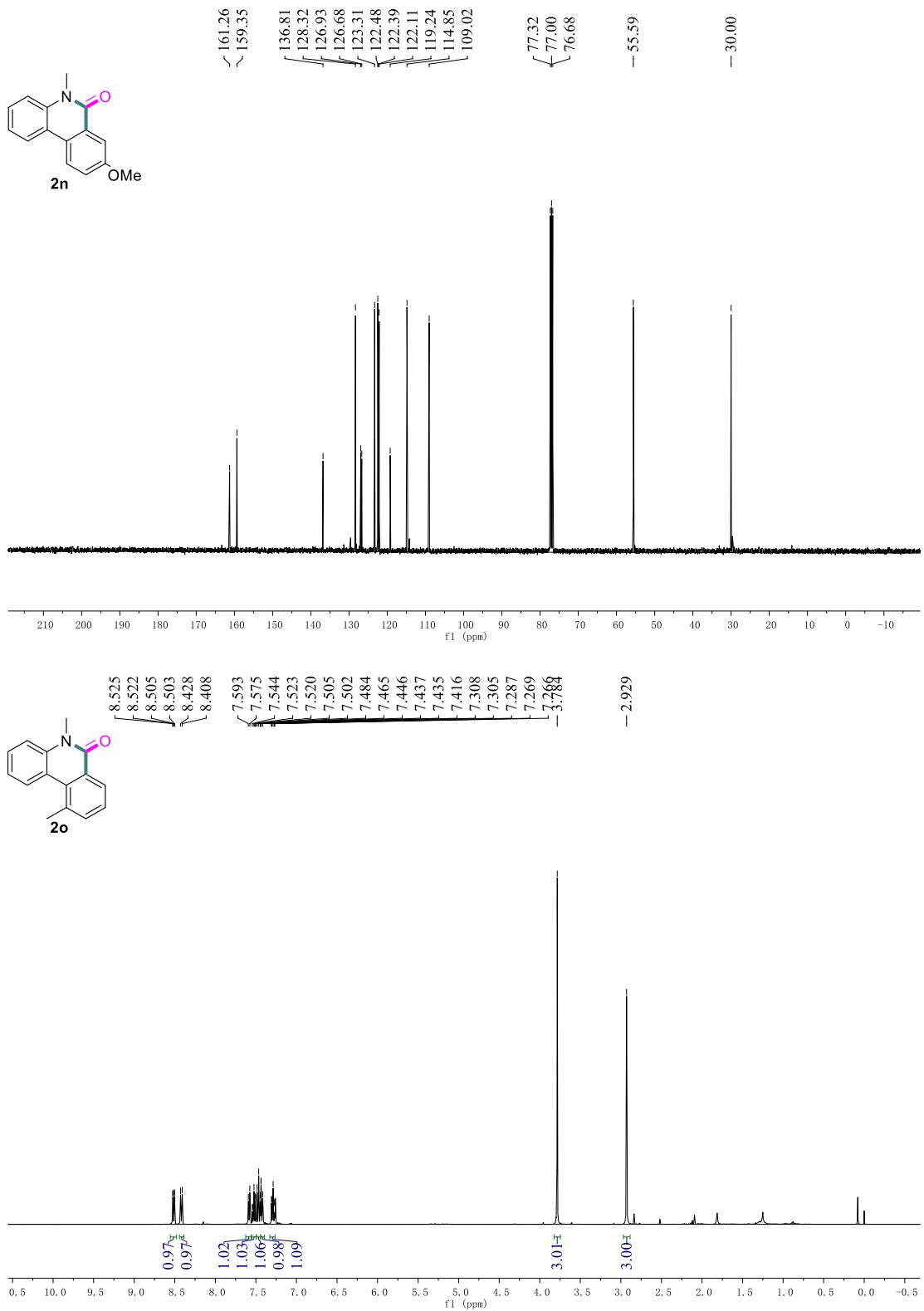


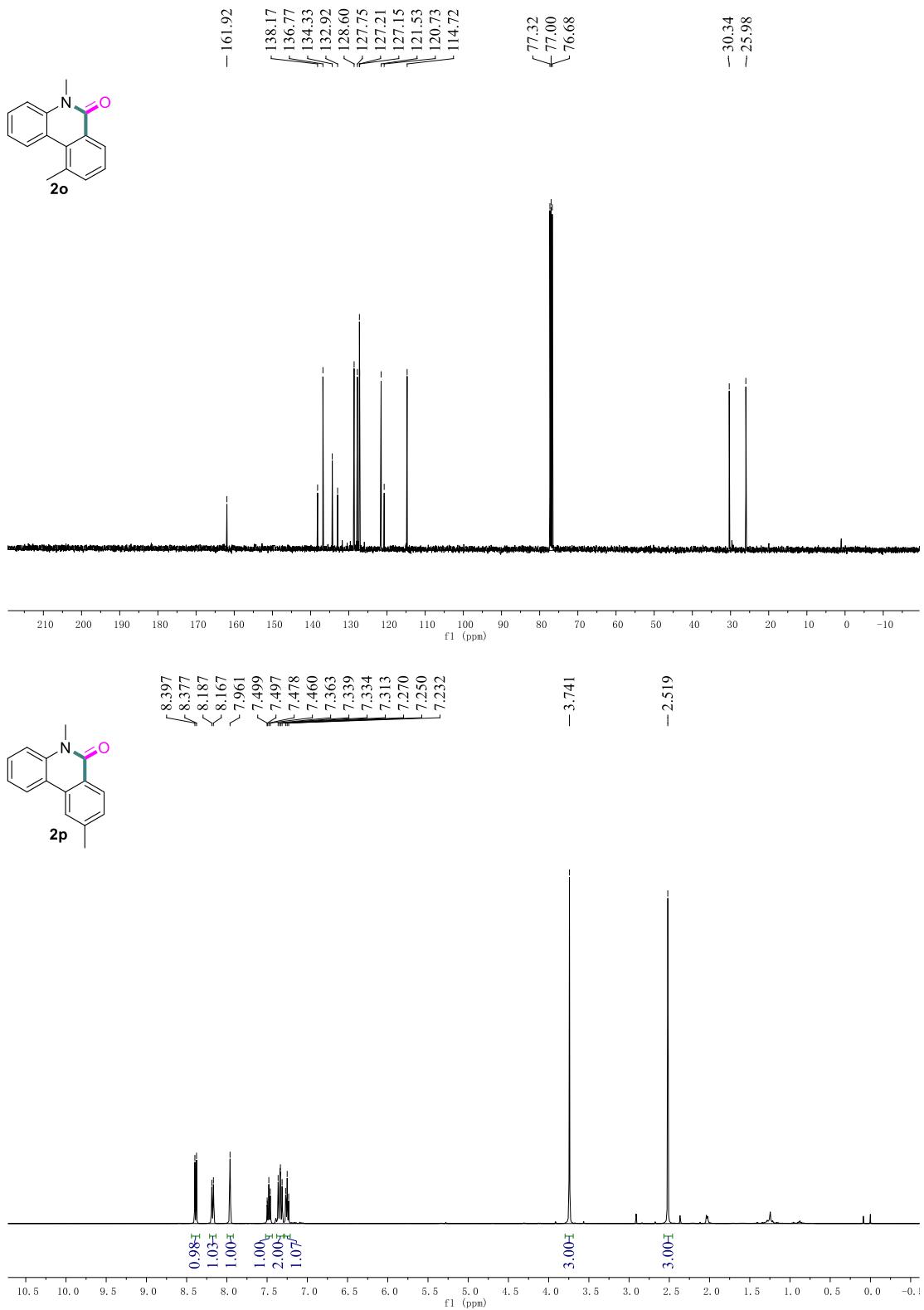


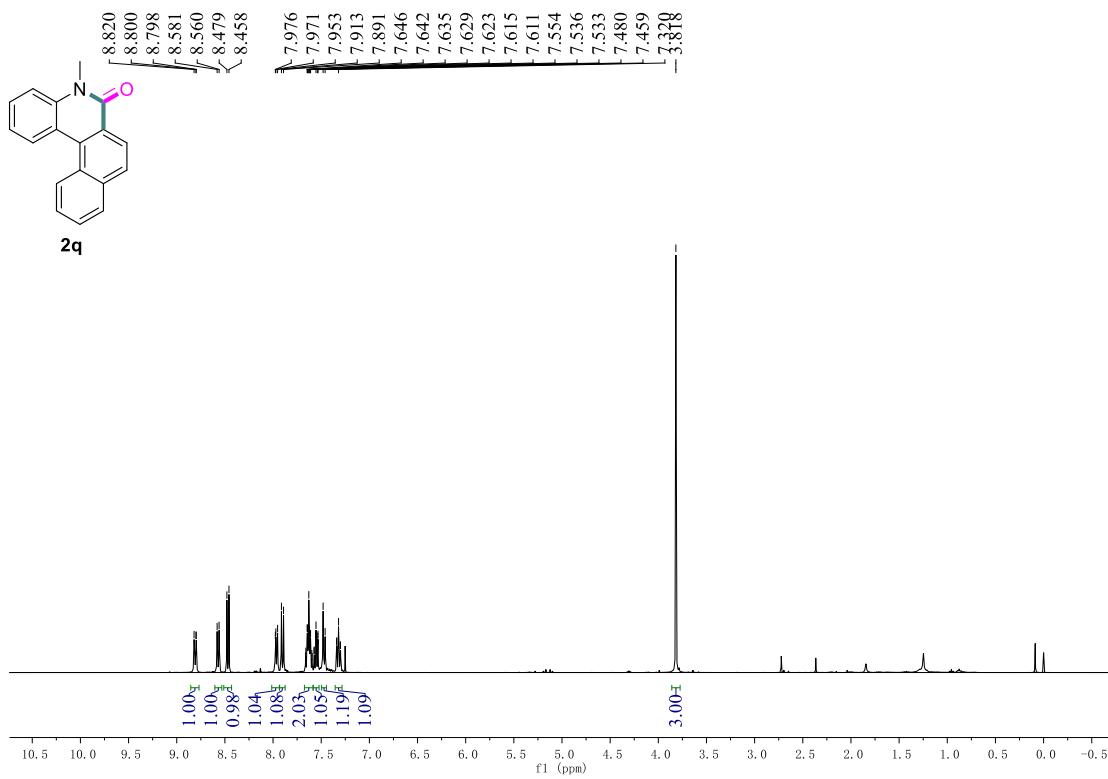
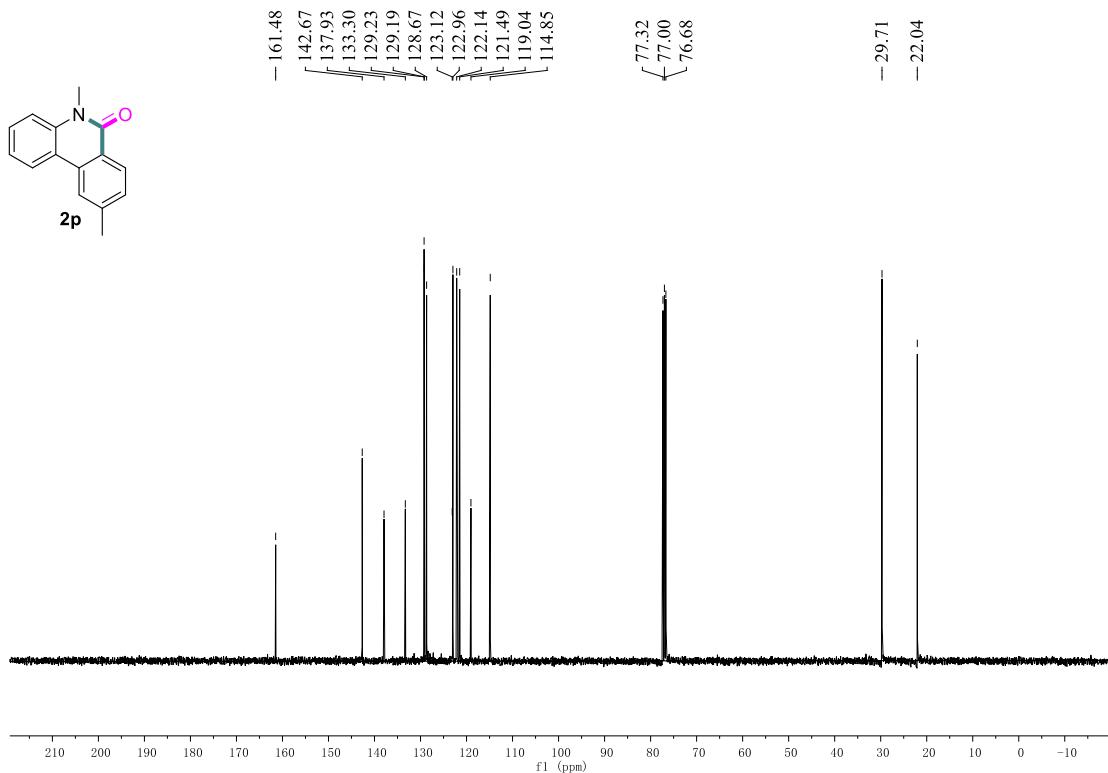


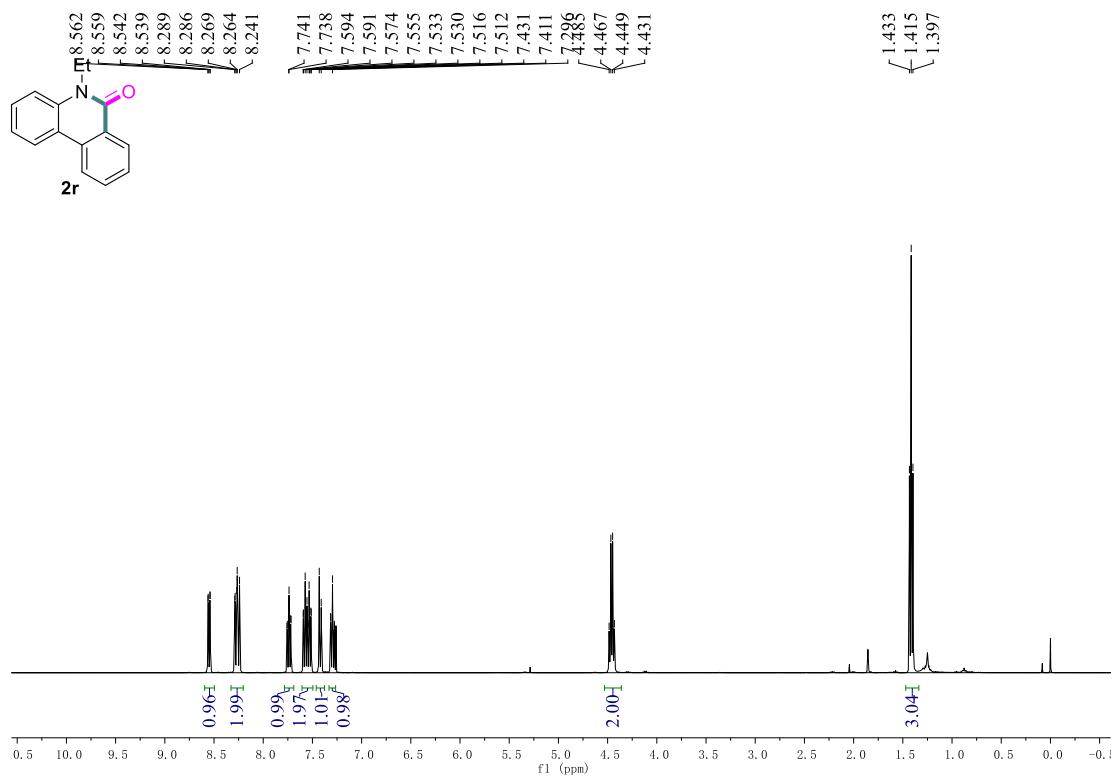
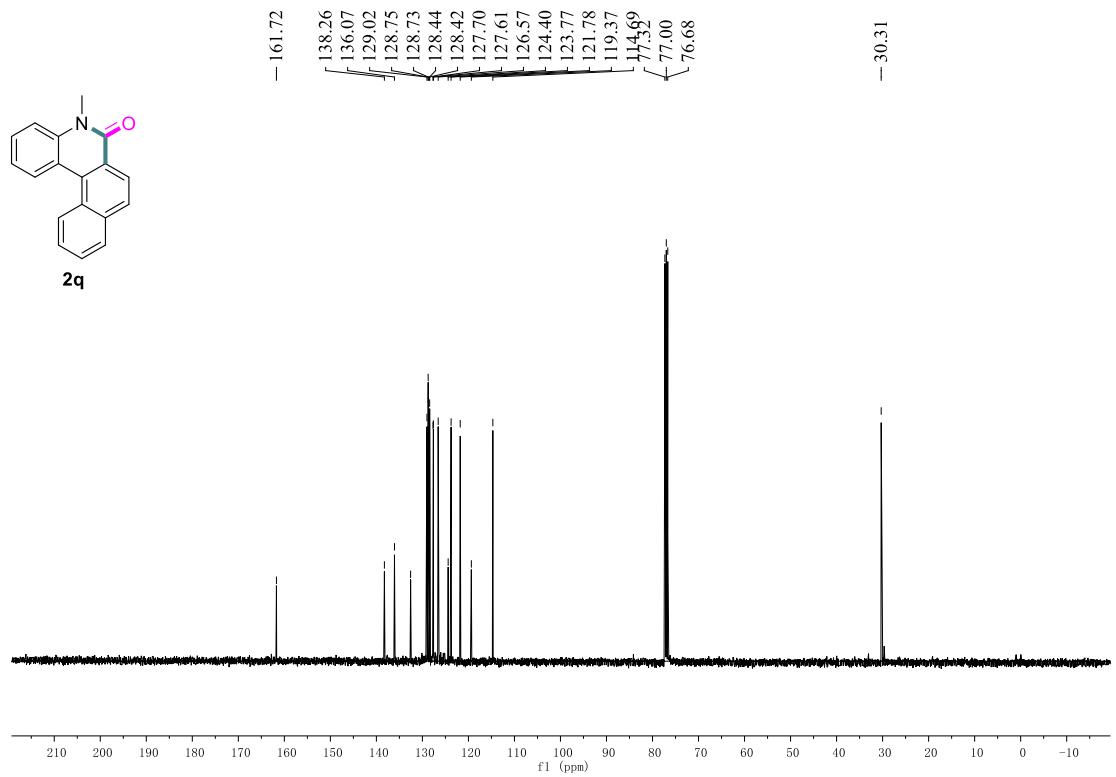


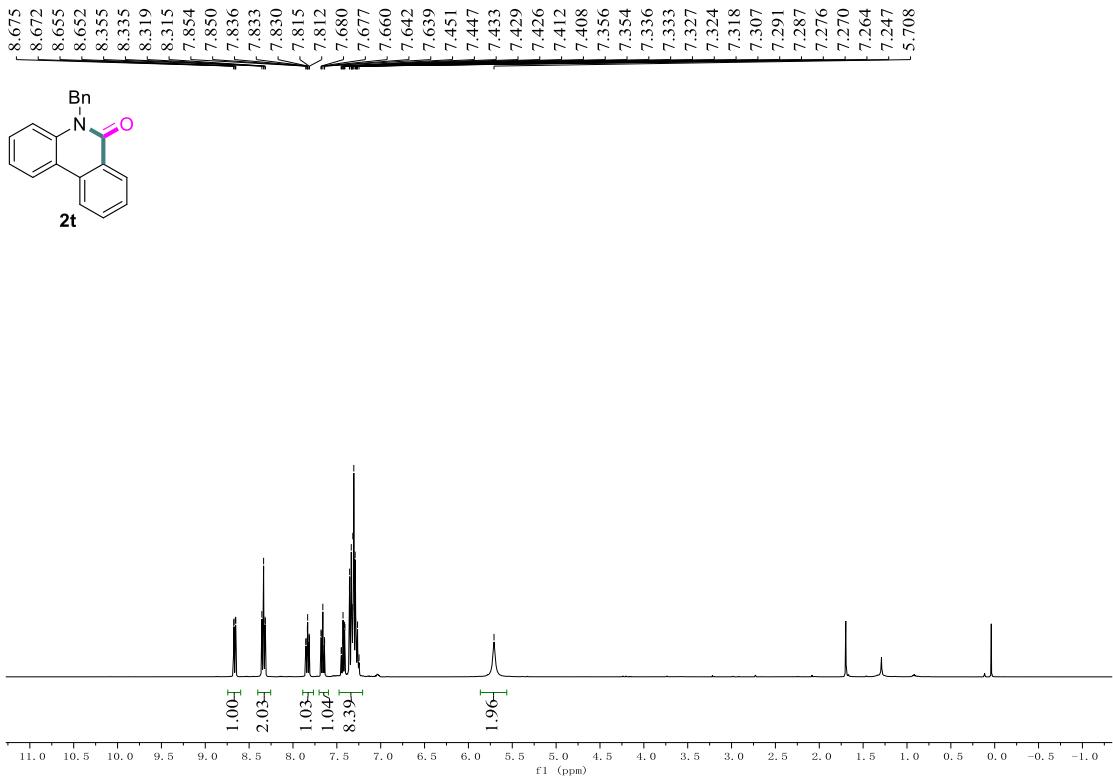
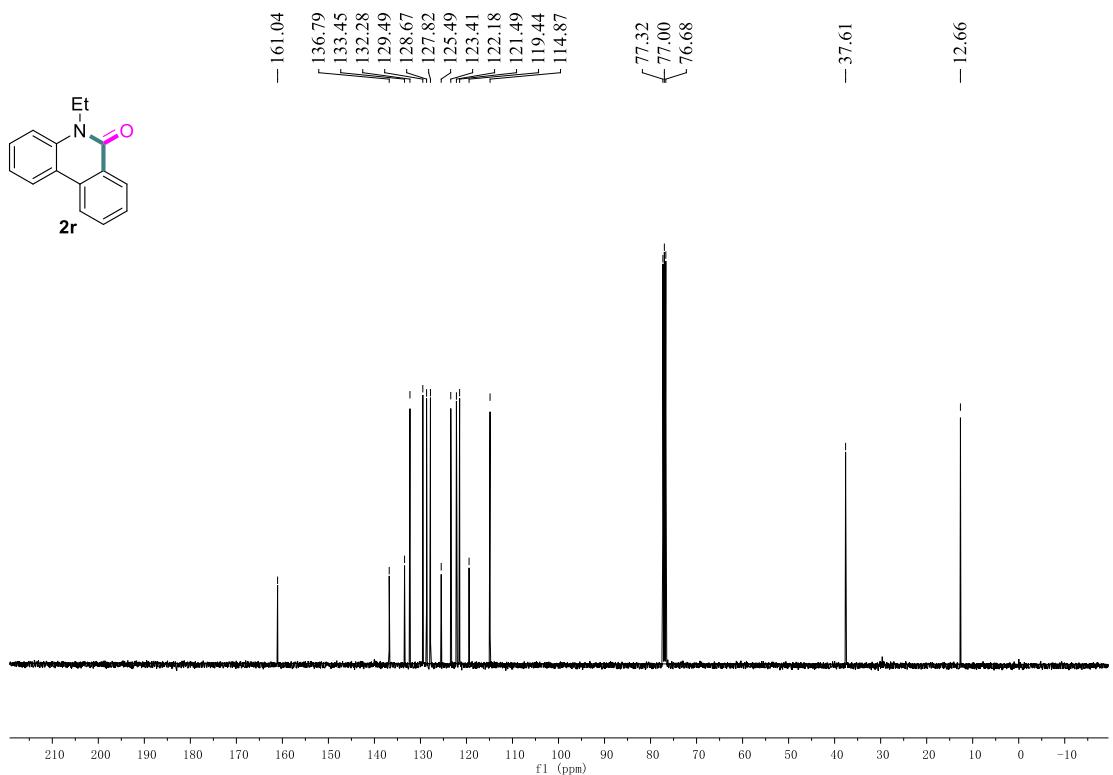


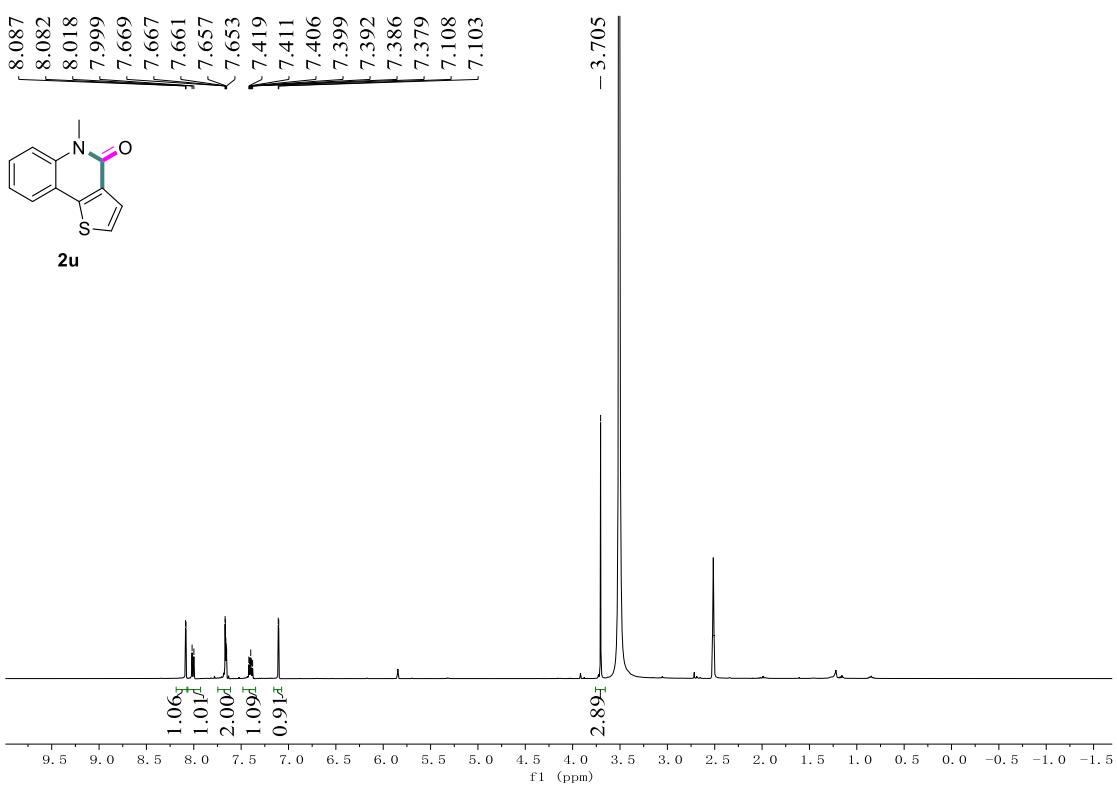
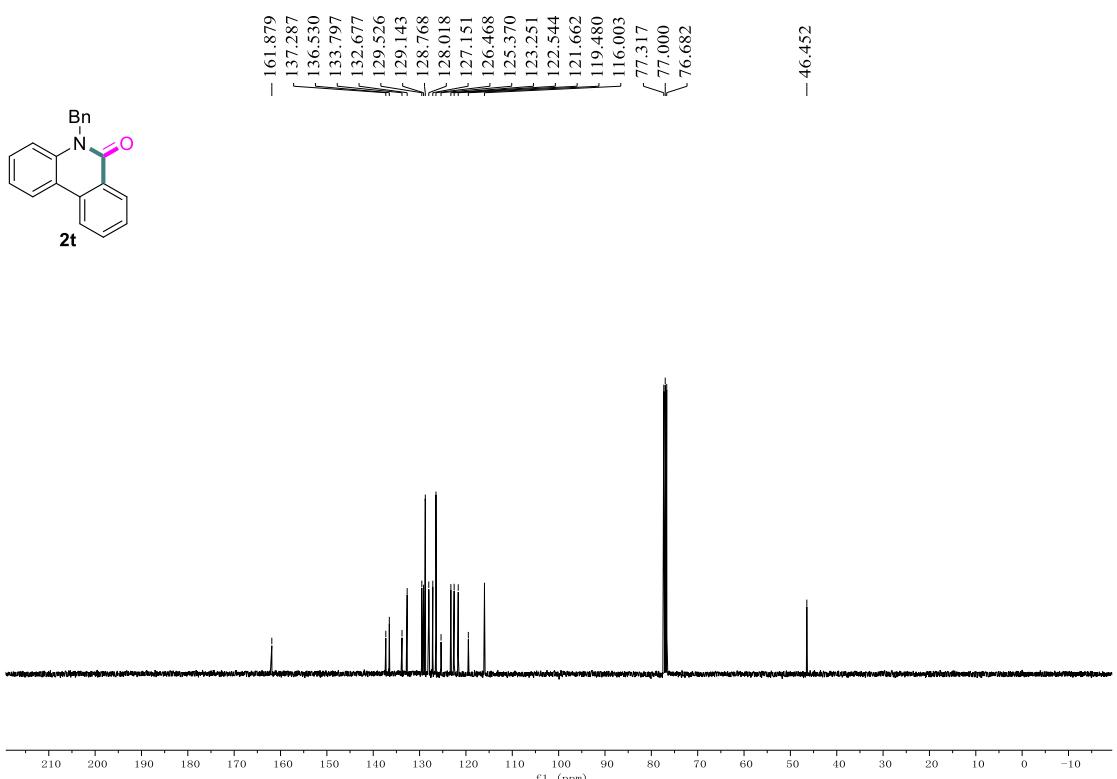


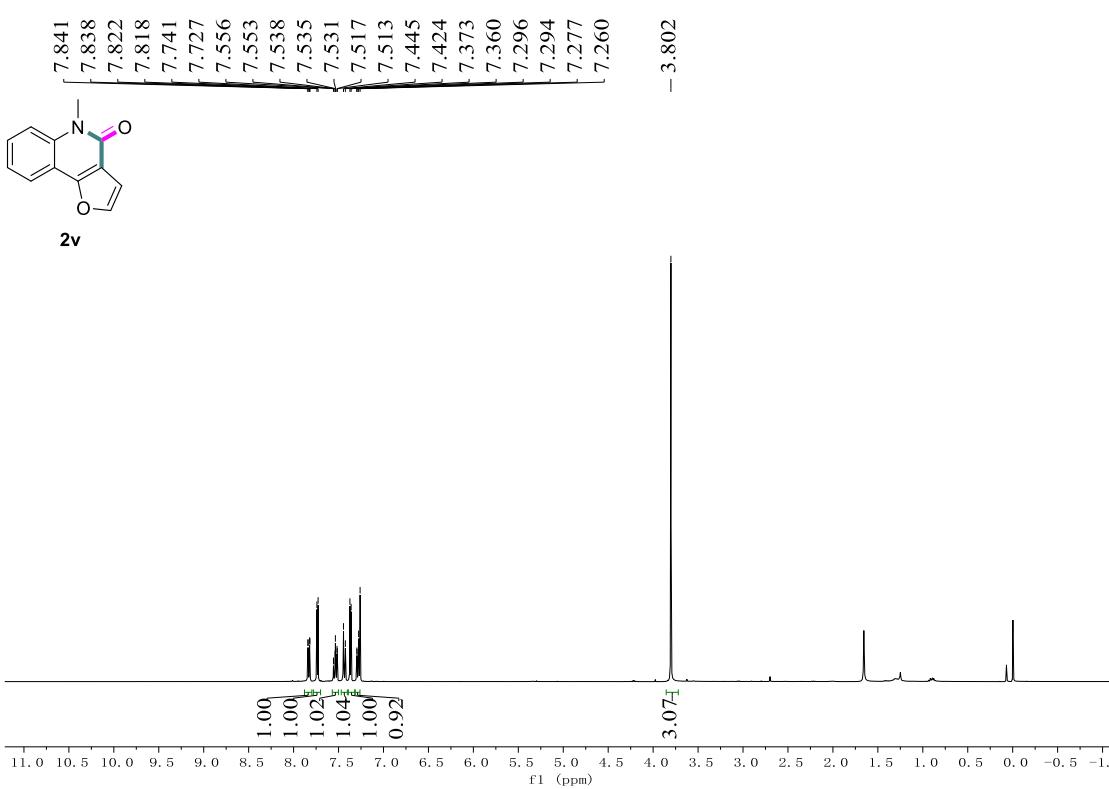
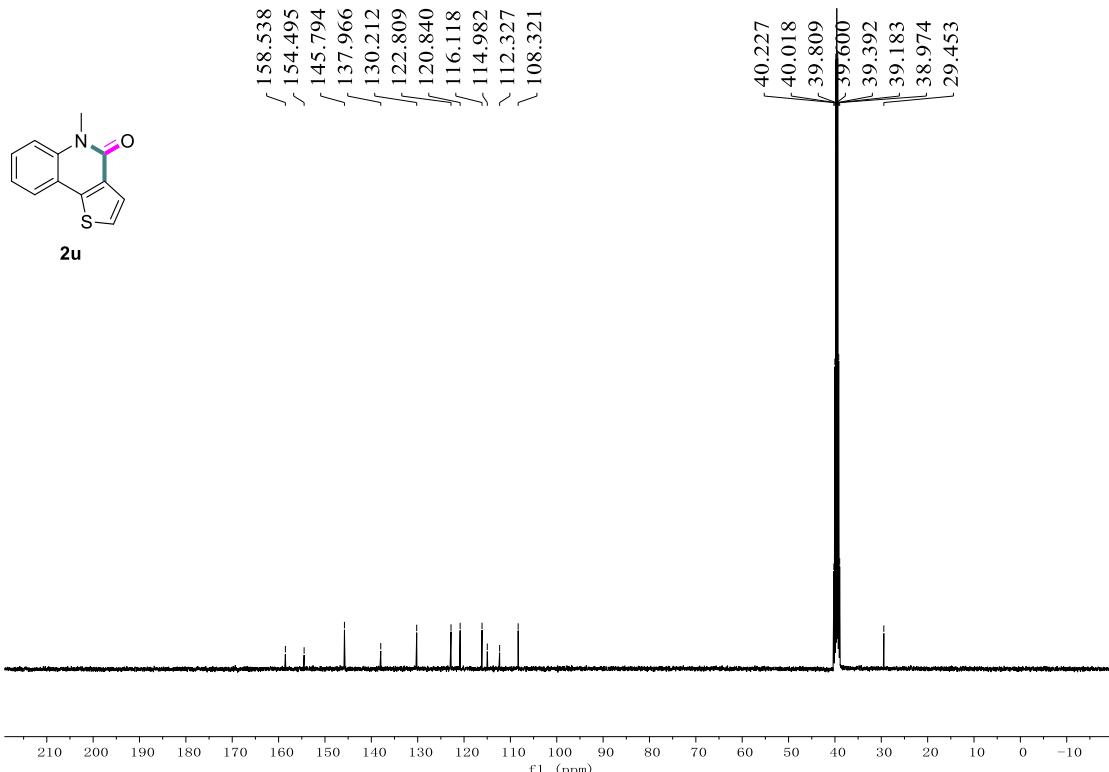


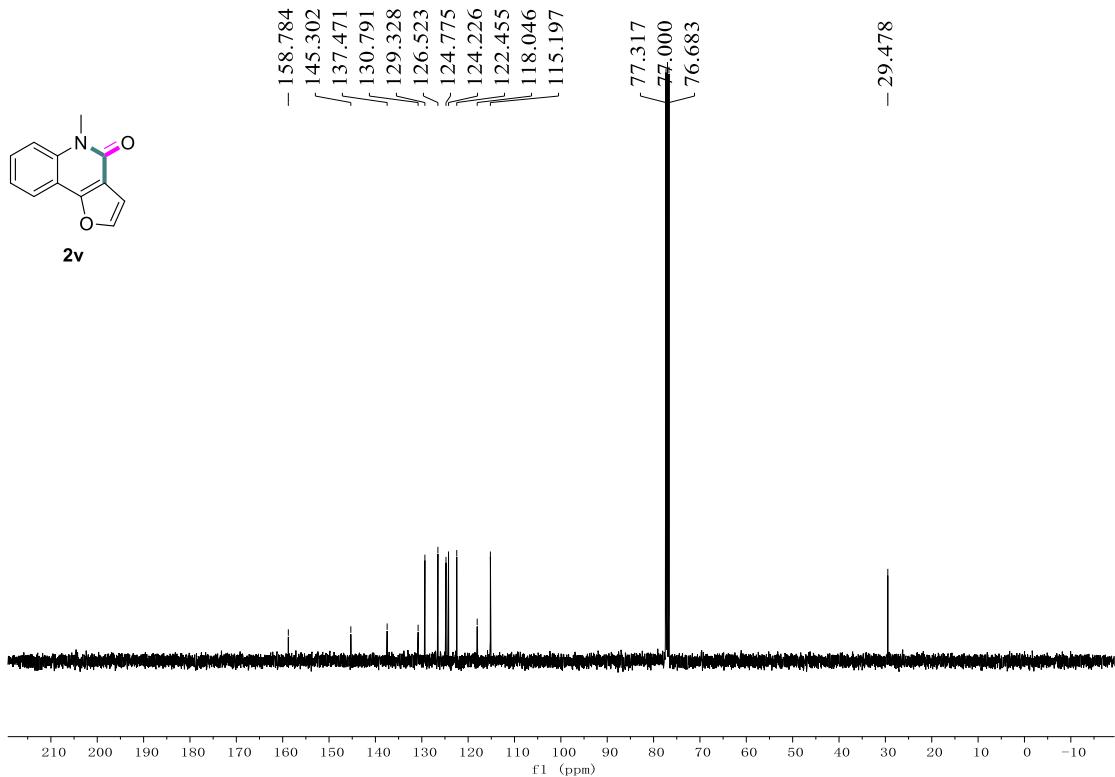












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