

Electronic Supplementary Information

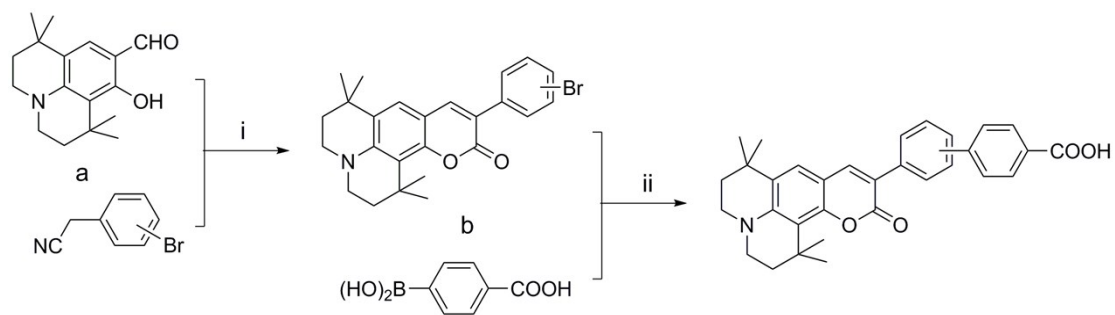
Twisted coumarin dyes for dye-sensitized solar cells with high photovoltage: Adjustment of optical, electrochemical, and photovoltaic properties by molecular structure

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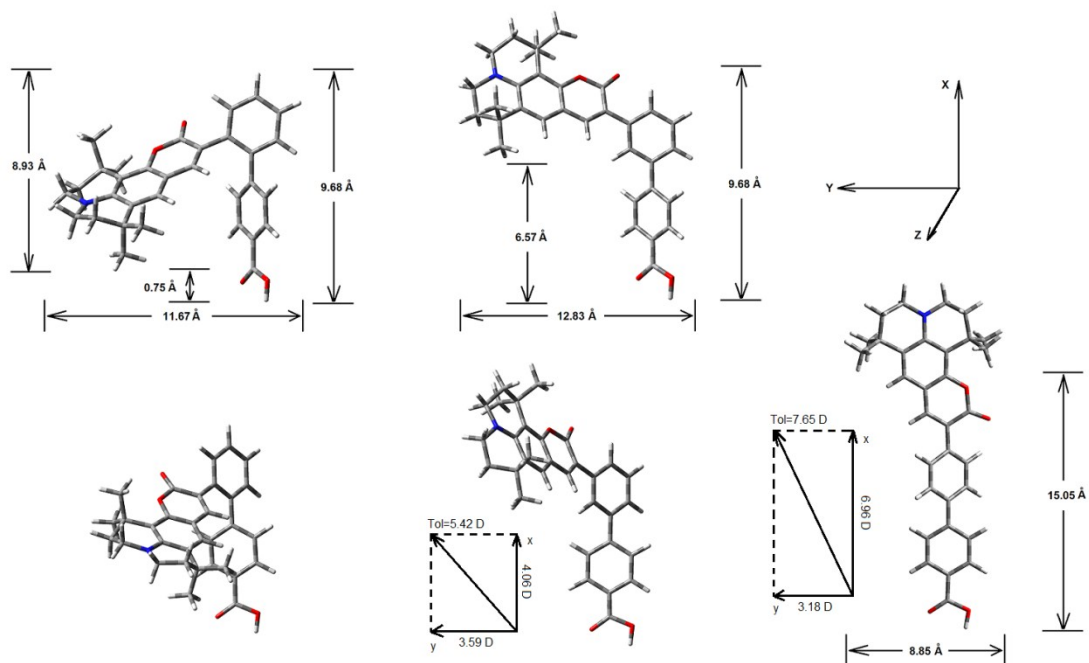


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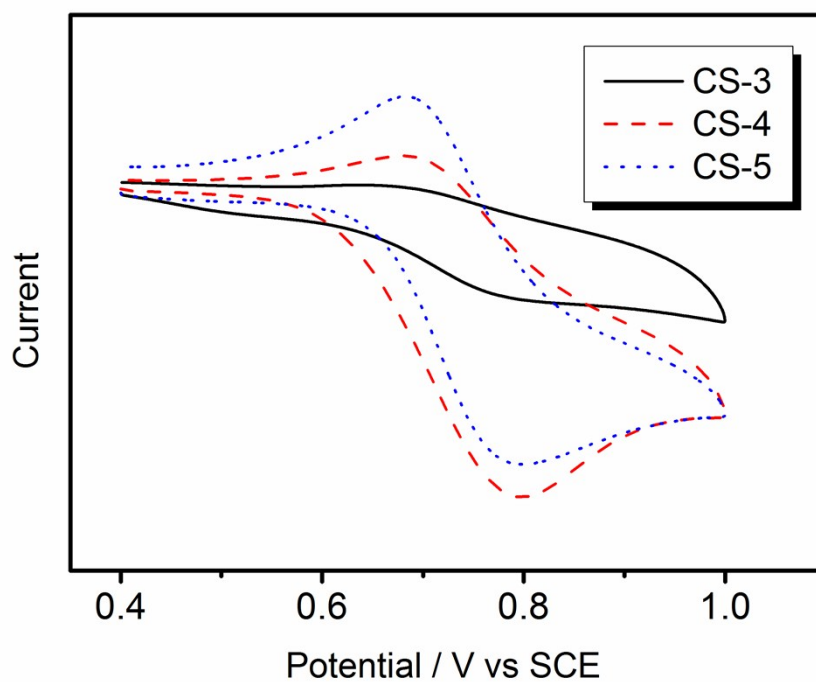


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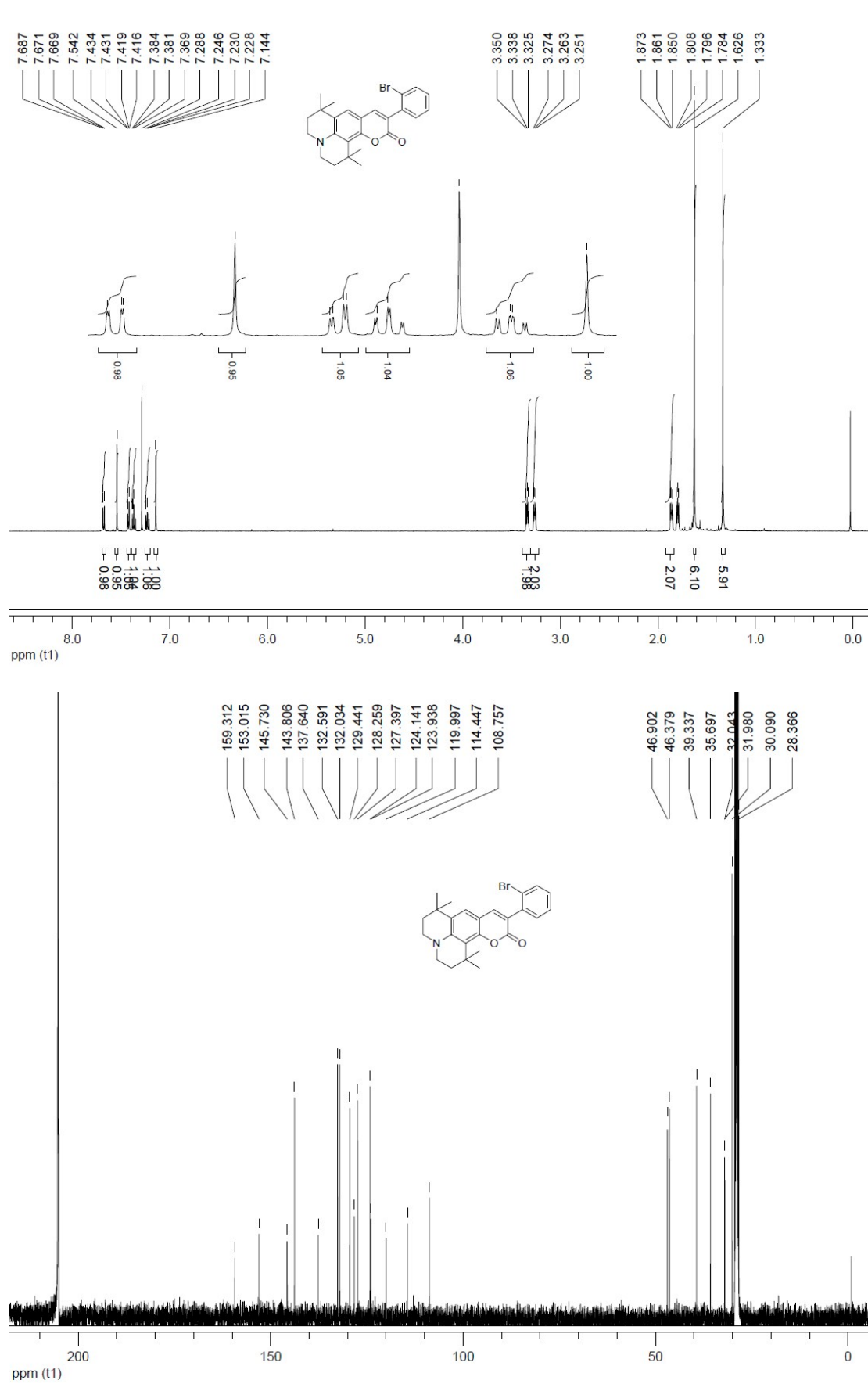


Fig. S3 ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of intermediate **b-3**.

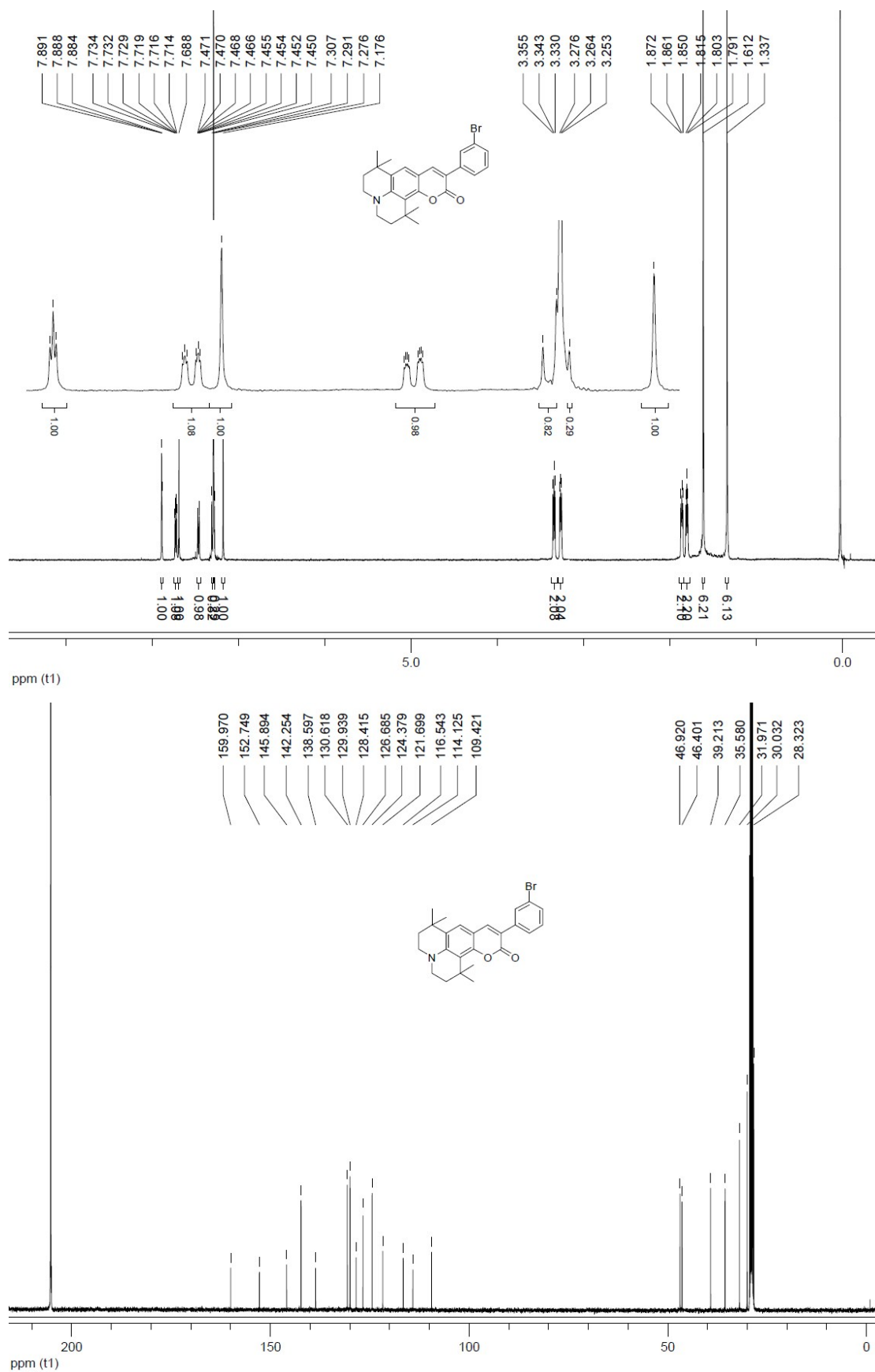


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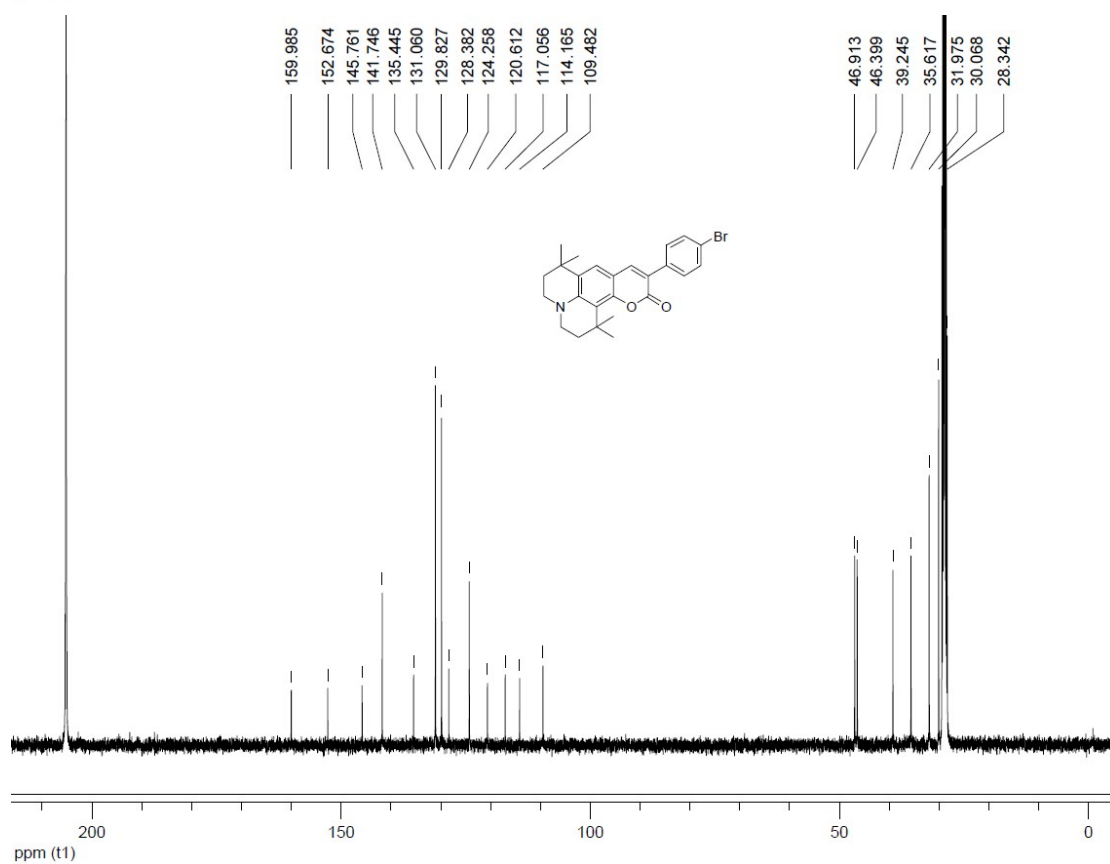
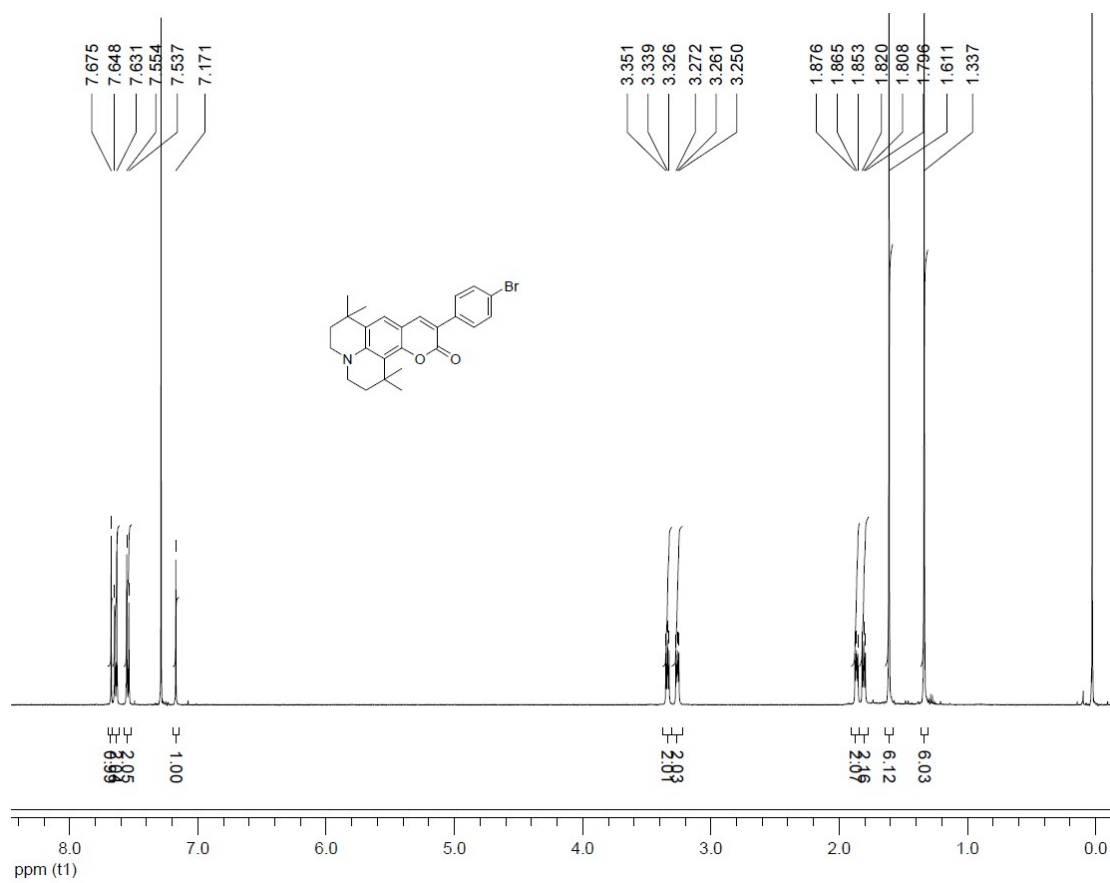


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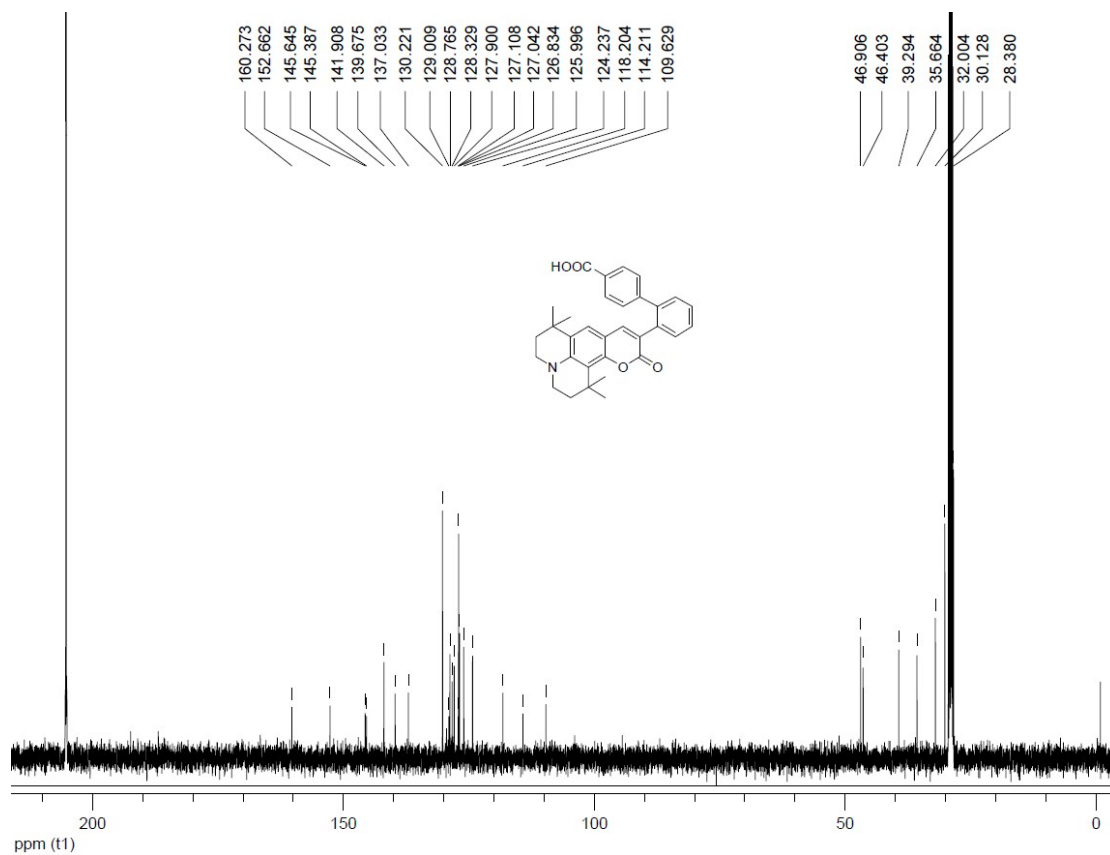
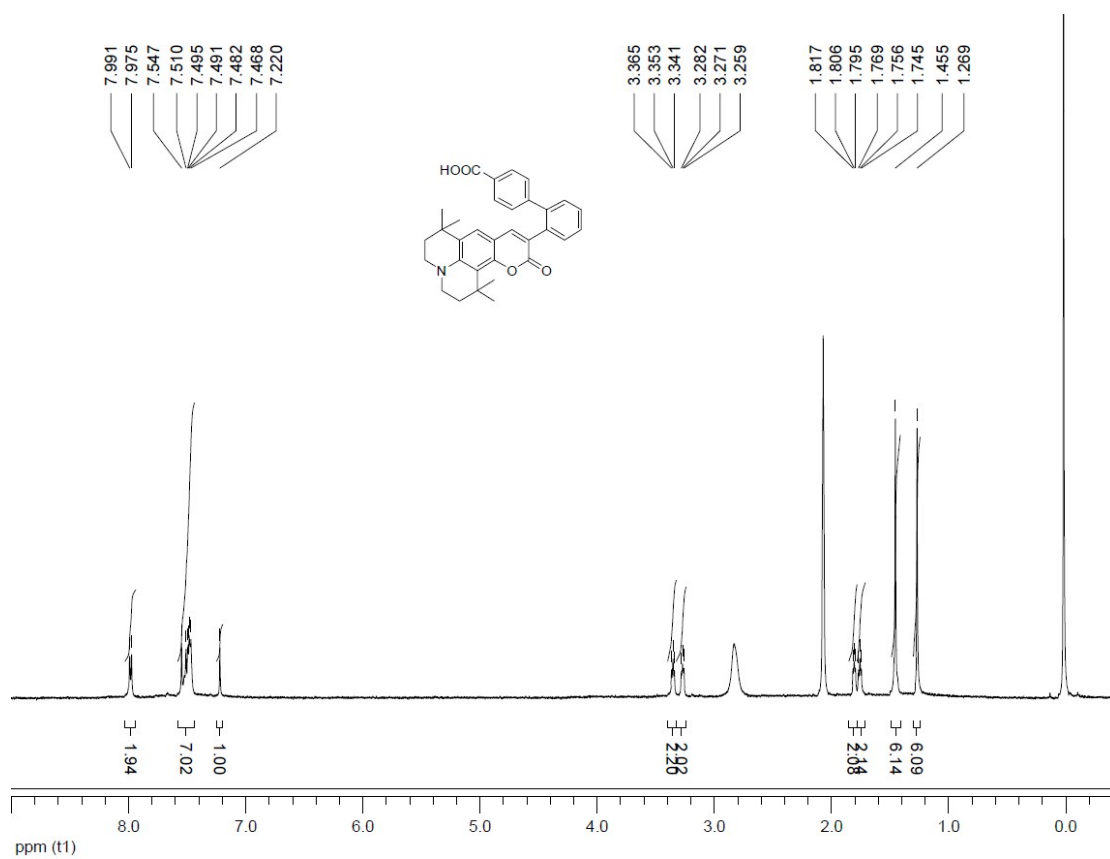


Fig. S6 ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of intermediate CS-3.

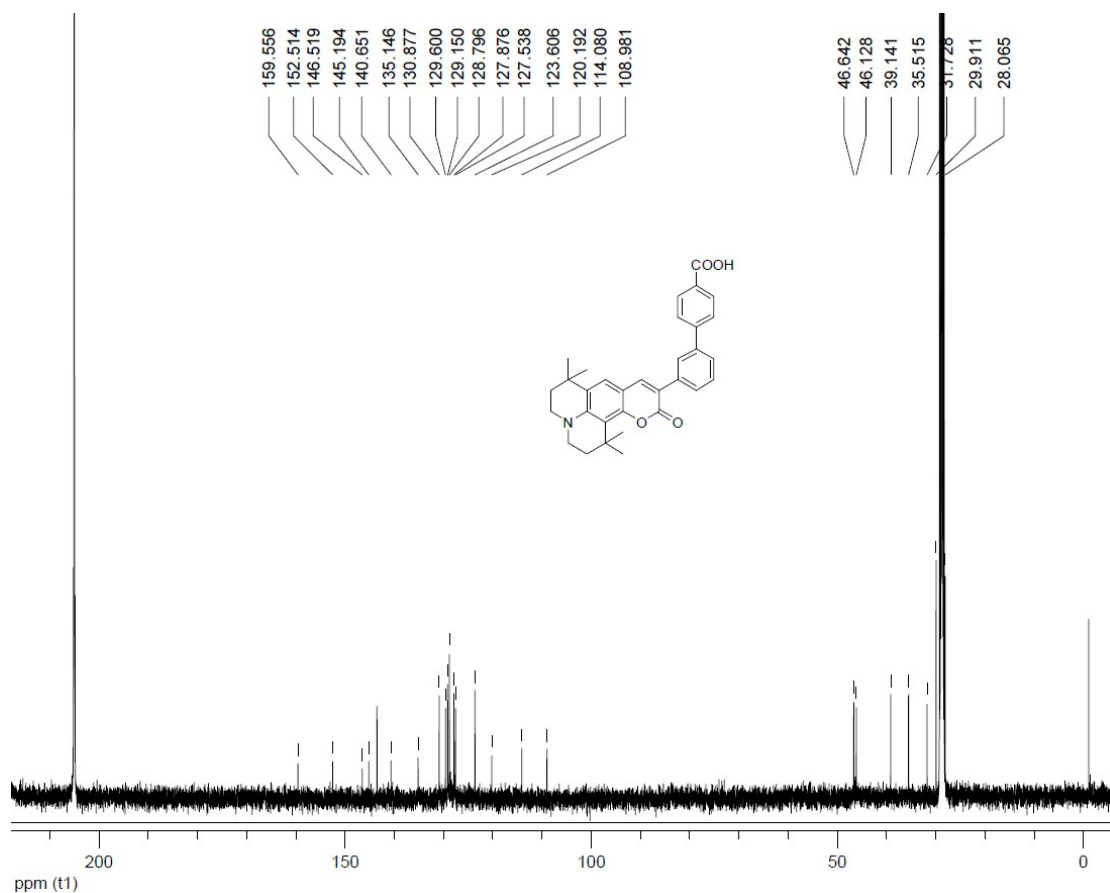
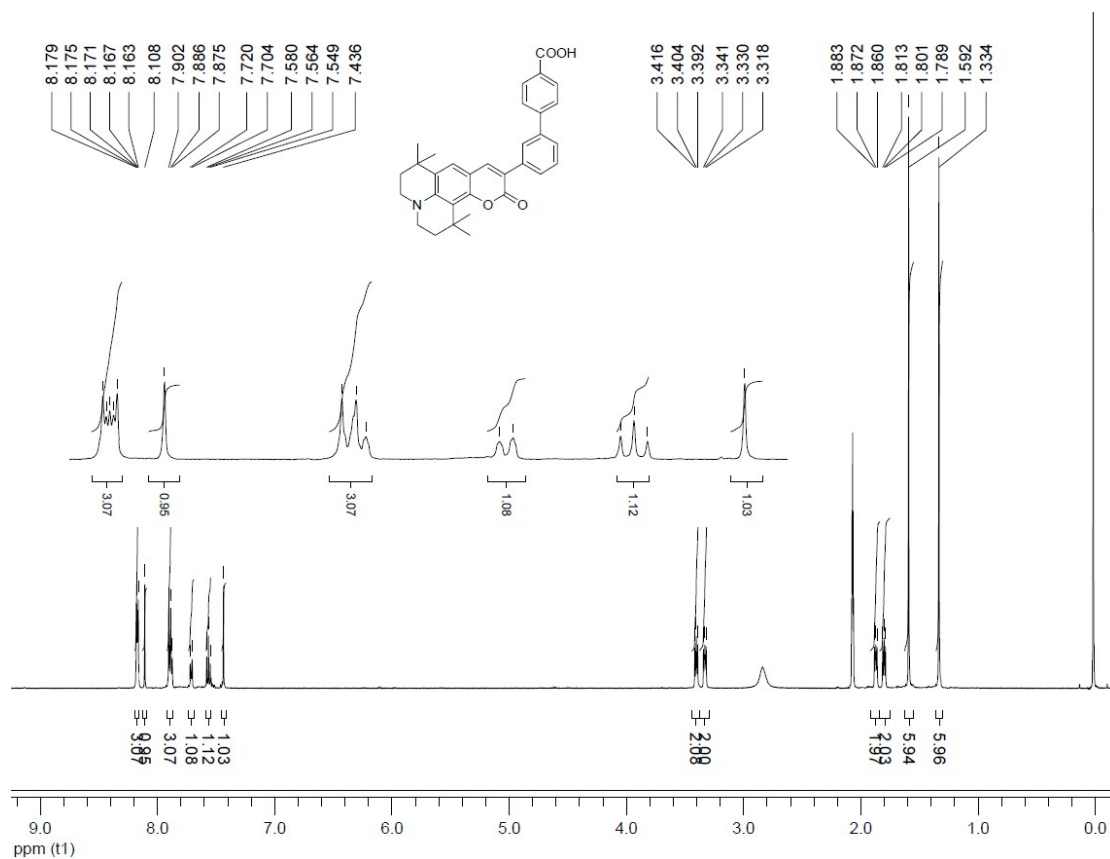


Fig. S7 ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of intermediate CS-4.

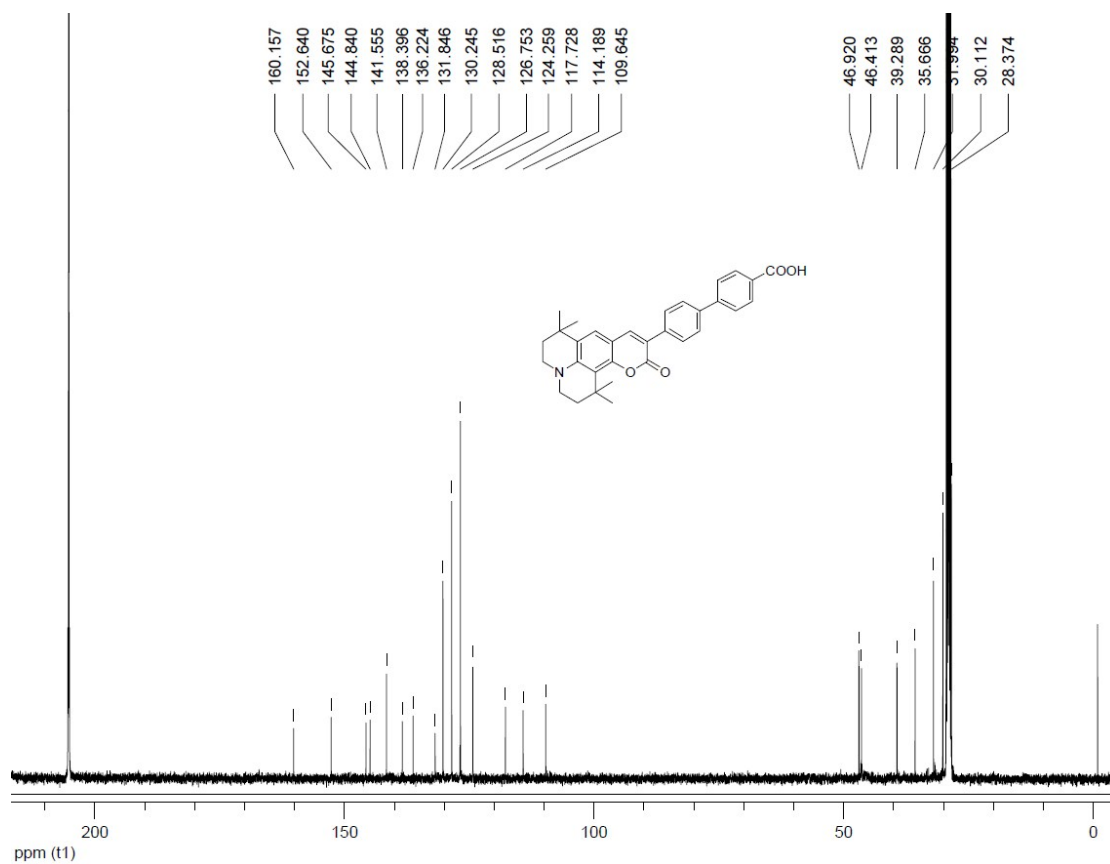
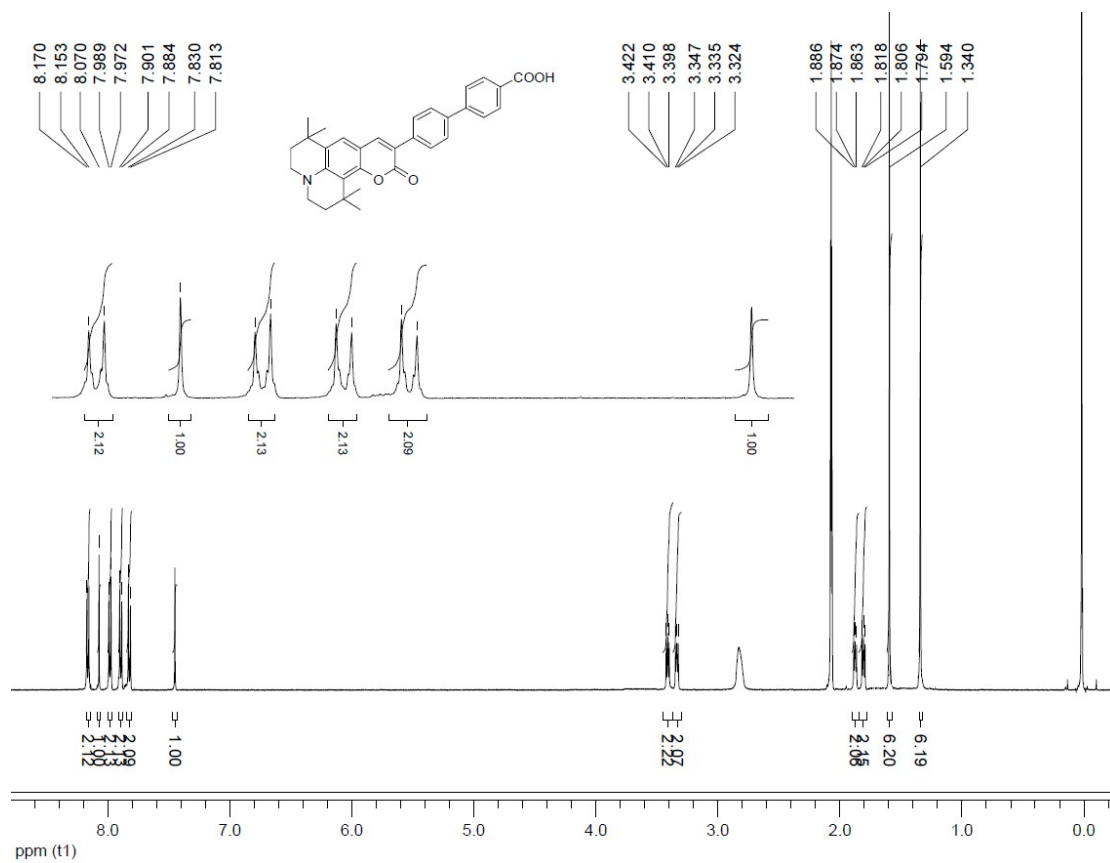


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