

Eosin Y-Catalyzed Photooxidation of Triarylphosphines under Visible Light Irradiation and Aerobic Conditions

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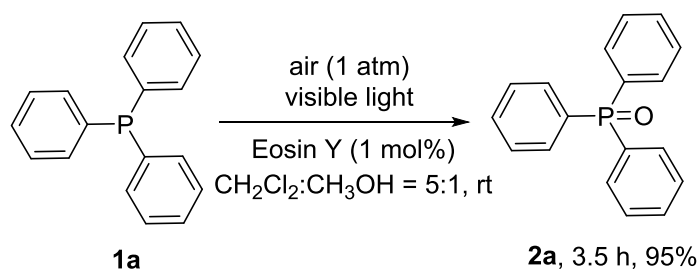
Experimental Section

General information

All reactions were carried out using a 23 W household lamp at a distance of 3-5 cm with the reactor. ^1H (400 MHz), ^{13}C (100 MHz), ^{31}P (162 MHz), ^{19}F (376 MHz) NMR spectra of samples in CDCl_3 were recorded on an AVANCE III 400 spectrometer. Melting points were determined on a SGWX-4 Micro Melting Point Apparatus. Compounds **1a**, **1b**, **1d**, **1e**, **1f**, **1j**, **1k**, and **1o** were commercial available. Compounds **1c**,¹ **1g**,¹ **1h**,¹ **1i**,² **1l**,³ **1m**,⁴ **1n**,⁵ and **1p**⁶ were prepared according to literature procedures. Quantum yield was determined using the phenylglyoxylic acid chemical actinometer system.⁷

Typical Procedure I for the photoreaction

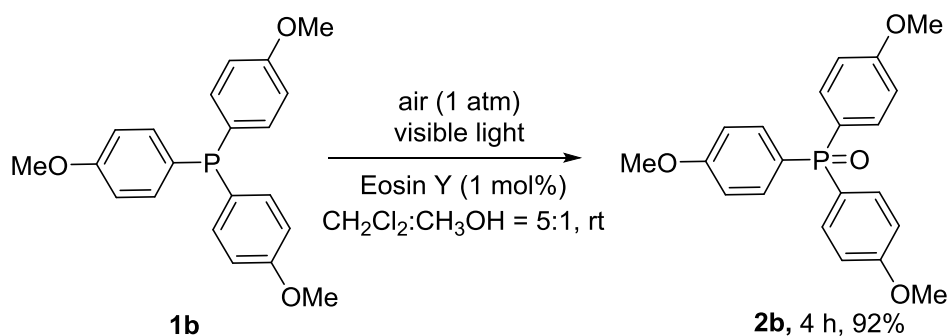
Synthesis of triphenylphosphine oxide (**2a**)⁸



1a (54 mg, 0.21 mmol), Eosin Y (2 mg, 0.0031 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (2.5 mL), and CH_3OH (0.5 mL) were added to a pyrex reaction flash which was equipped with a magnetic stirrer. The mixture was irradiated by a 23 W household lamp at rt under air atmosphere. The photoreaction was completed after 3.5 hours as monitored by TLC (eluent: petroleum ether). The solvent was removed and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1→1/1→EA) to afford **2a** as a solid (52 mg, 95%); mp 157.3-157.8 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71-7.63 (m, 6 H), 7.58-7.51 (m, 3 H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 132.5 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 104.1$ Hz), 132.1 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 9.8$ Hz), 131.9 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 1.9$ Hz), 128.5 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 12.1$ Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 29.8 ppm.

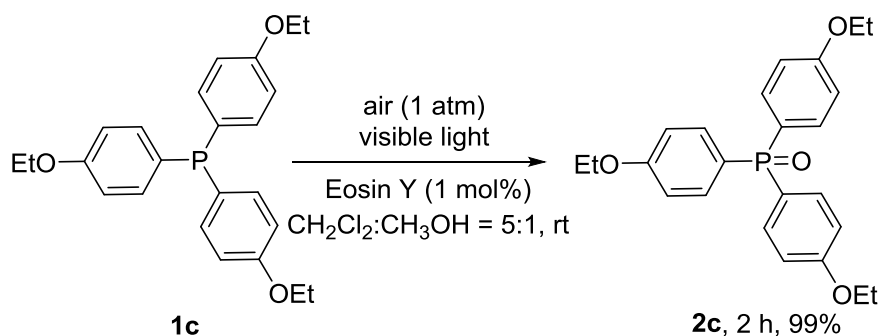
The following compounds were prepared according to Typical Procedure I.

(1) Tris(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide (**2b**)⁹



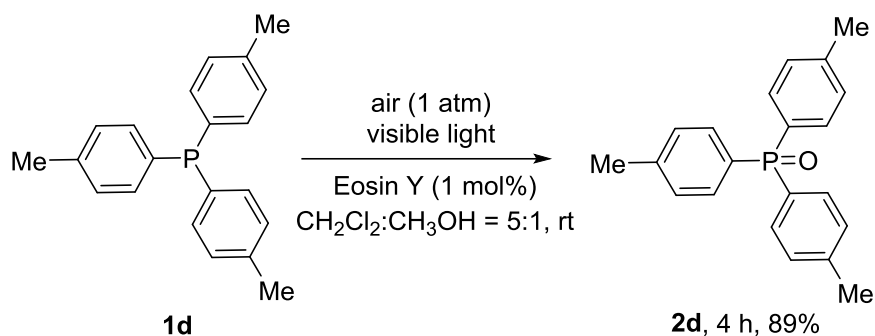
The reaction of **1b** (72 mg, 0.20 mmol), Eosin Y (2 mg, 0.0031 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL), and CH₃OH (0.5 mL) afforded **2b** as a solid (68 mg, 92%); mp 141.7-142.4 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 8.8 Hz, 6 H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.0 Hz, 6 H), 3.84 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2 (d, *J*_{PC} = 2.8 Hz), 133.7 (d, *J*_{PC} = 11.2 Hz), 124.1 (d, *J*_{PC} = 110.7 Hz), 113.9 (d, *J*_{PC} = 13.1 Hz), 55.2; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.0 ppm.

(2) Tris(4-ethoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide (**2c**)¹



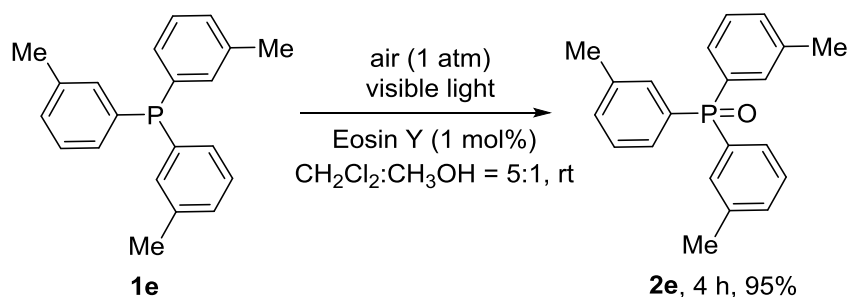
The reaction of **1c** (79 mg, 0.20 mmol), Eosin Y (2 mg, 0.0031 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL), and CH₃OH (0.5 mL) afforded **2c** as a solid (81 mg, 99%); mp 151.2-151.5 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 8.8 Hz, 6 H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 6 H), 4.06 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6 H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6, 133.7 (d, *J*_{PC} = 11.1 Hz), 124.1 (d, *J*_{PC} = 111.0 Hz), 114.3 (d, *J*_{PC} = 13.1 Hz), 63.5, 14.6; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 29.3 ppm.

(3) Tris(4-methylphenyl)phosphine oxide (**2d**)⁹



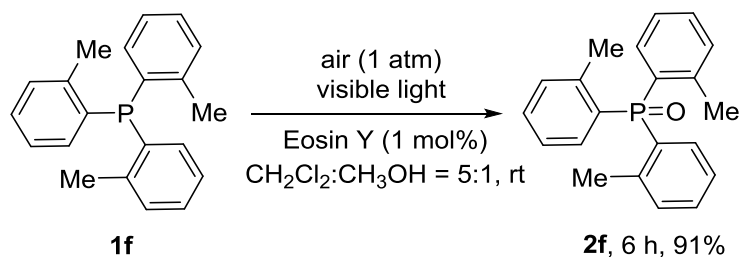
The reaction of **1d** (61 mg, 0.20 mmol), Eosin Y (2 mg, 0.0031 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL), and CH₃OH (0.5 mL) afforded **2d** as a solid (57 mg, 89%); mp 142.4-142.9 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 8.0 Hz, 6 H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6 H), 2.39 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.1, 132.0 (d, *J*_{PC} = 10.2 Hz), 129.6 (d, *J*_{PC} = 107.5 Hz), 129.1 (d, *J*_{PC} = 12.4 Hz), 21.5; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.2 ppm.

(4) Tris(3-methylphenyl)phosphine oxide (**2e**)¹



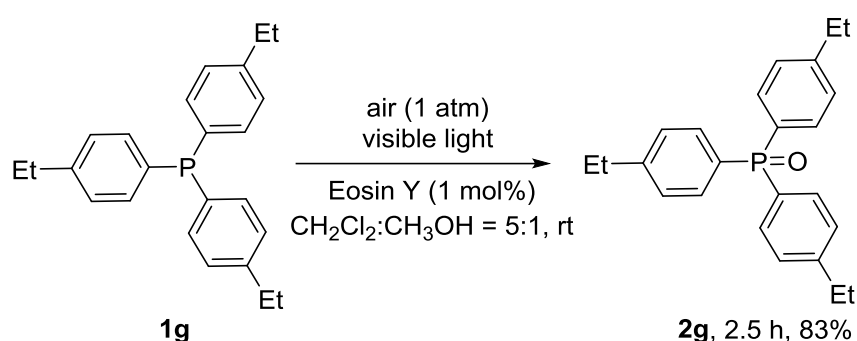
The reaction of **1e** (61 mg, 0.20 mmol), Eosin Y (2 mg, 0.0031 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL), and CH₃OH (0.5 mL) afforded **2e** as a solid (61 mg, 95%); mp 112.3-112.8 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 3 H), 7.40-7.31 (m, 9 H), 2.36 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.3 (d, *J*_{PC} = 11.8 Hz), 132.5, 132.45 (d, *J*_{PC} = 102.8 Hz), 132.37 (d, *J*_{PC} = 9.4 Hz), 129.1 (d, *J*_{PC} = 10.2 Hz), 128.1 (d, *J*_{PC} = 12.8 Hz), 21.3; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.0 ppm.

(5) Tris(2-methylphenyl)phosphine oxide (**2f**)¹⁰



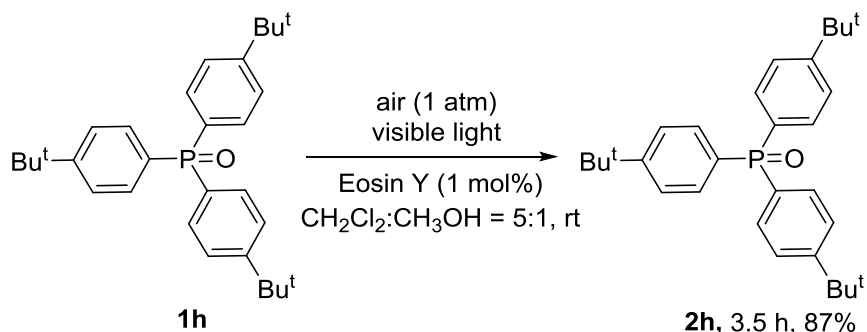
The reaction of **1f** (61 mg, 0.20 mmol), Eosin Y (2 mg, 0.0031 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL), and CH₃OH (0.5 mL) afforded **2f** as a solid (58 mg, 91%); mp 153.6-154.1 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45-7.40 (m, 3 H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 3 H), 7.17-7.07 (m, 6 H), 2.50 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.5 (d, *J*_{PC} = 7.5 Hz), 132.8 (d, *J*_{PC} = 12.6 Hz), 131.9 (d, *J*_{PC} = 10.3 Hz), 131.8 (d, *J*_{PC} = 1.6 Hz), 130.6 (d, *J*_{PC} = 100.7 Hz), 125.4 (d, *J*_{PC} = 12.6 Hz), 21.9 (d, *J*_{PC} = 3.7 Hz); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.0 ppm.

(6) Tris(4-ethylphenyl)phosphine oxide (2g)¹



The reaction of **1g** (71 mg, 0.21 mmol), Eosin Y (2 mg, 0.0031 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL), and CH₃OH (0.5 mL) afforded **2g** as a solid (60 mg, 83%); mp 154.6-155.0 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 8.2 Hz, 6 H), 7.31-7.23 (m, 6 H), 2.68 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 6 H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.3, 132.2 (d, *J*_{PC} = 10.1 Hz), 130.0 (d, *J*_{PC} = 105.7 Hz), 127.9 (d, *J*_{PC} = 12.3 Hz), 28.9, 15.2; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 29.3 ppm.

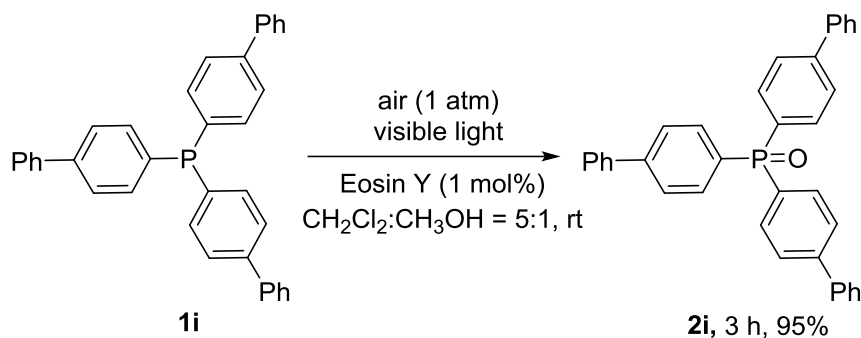
(7) Tris(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (2h)¹



The reaction of **1h** (88 mg, 0.20 mmol), Eosin Y (2 mg, 0.0031 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL), and CH₃OH (0.5 mL) afforded **2h** as a solid (77 mg, 87%); mp 282.5-282.9 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 8.4

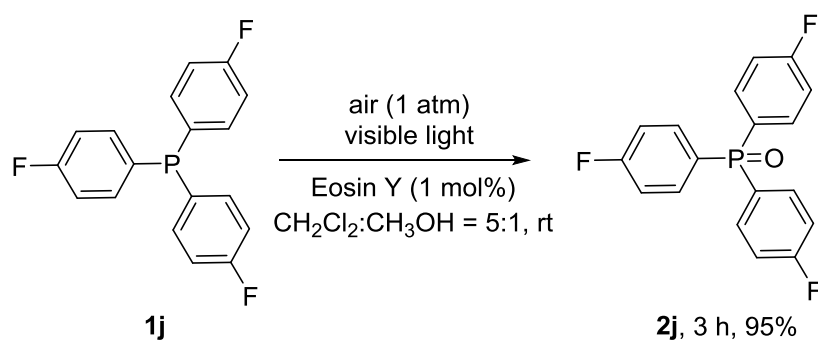
Hz, 6 H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz, 6 H), 1.32 (s, 27 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.1, 131.9 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 10.2$ Hz), 129.7 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 105.9$ Hz), 125.4 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 12.3$ Hz), 35.0, 31.1; ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 31.1 ppm.

(8) Tris(4-phenylphenyl)phosphine oxide (2i)¹¹



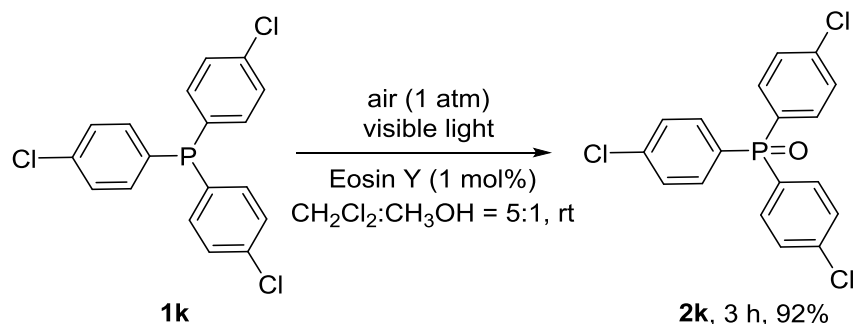
The reaction of **1i** (97 mg, 0.20 mmol), Eosin Y (2 mg, 0.0031 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (2.5 mL), and CH_3OH (0.5 mL) afforded **2i** as a solid (96 mg, 95%); mp 231.4-231.8 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91-7.77 (m, 6 H), 7.76-7.68 (m, 6 H), 7.67-7.57 (m, 6 H), 7.52-7.35 (m, 9 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.8, 139.9, 132.6 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 10.2$ Hz), 131.2 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 105.0$ Hz), 128.9, 128.1, 127.3, 127.2; ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 28.8 ppm.

(9) Tris(4-fluorophenyl)phosphine oxide (2j)¹²



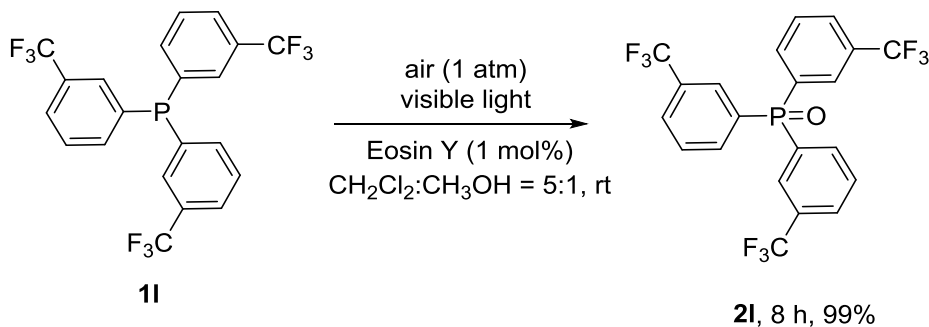
The reaction of **1j** (63 mg, 0.20 mmol), Eosin Y (2 mg, 0.0031 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (2.5 mL), and CH_3OH (0.5 mL) afforded **2j** as a solid (63 mg, 95%); mp 139.5-140.0 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70-7.59 (m, 6 H), 7.22-7.14 (m, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.2 (d, $J_{\text{FC}} = 253.0$ Hz), 134.4 (dd, $J = 11.0, 9.3$ Hz), 128.1 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 107.7$ Hz), 116.1 (dd, $J = 21.3, 13.4$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -105.9; ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 27.3 ppm.

(10) Tris(4-chlorophenyl)phosphine oxide (2k)¹³



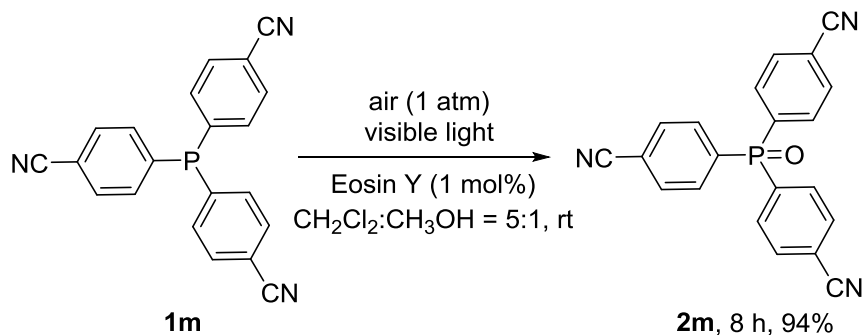
The reaction of **1k** (73 mg, 0.20 mmol), Eosin Y (2 mg, 0.0031 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (2.5 mL), and CH_3OH (0.5 mL) afforded **2k** as a solid (70 mg, 92%); mp 174.3-174.7 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62-7.54 (m, 6 H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.1 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 2.9$ Hz), 133.3 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 10.8$ Hz), 130.2 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 106.0$ Hz), 129.1 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 12.8$ Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 30.5 ppm.

(11) Tris(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (2l)¹⁴



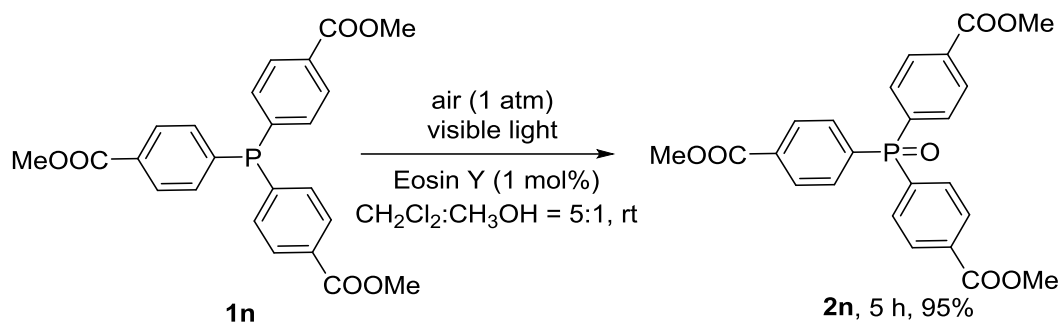
The reaction of **1l** (95 mg, 0.20 mmol), Eosin Y (2 mg, 0.0031 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (2.5 mL), and CH_3OH (0.5 mL) afforded **2l** as a solid (98 mg, 99%); mp 103.4-103.9 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 3 H), 7.92-7.78 (m, 6 H), 7.73-7.65 (m, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.0 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 10.0$ Hz), 132.5 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 104.6$ Hz), 131.7 (dd, $J = 33.3, 12.8$ Hz), 129.6, 129.5, 128.8-128.5 (m), 123.3 (q, $J_{\text{FC}} = 272.9$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.0; ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 27.6 ppm.

(12) Tris(4-cyanophenyl)phosphine oxide (2m)¹⁵



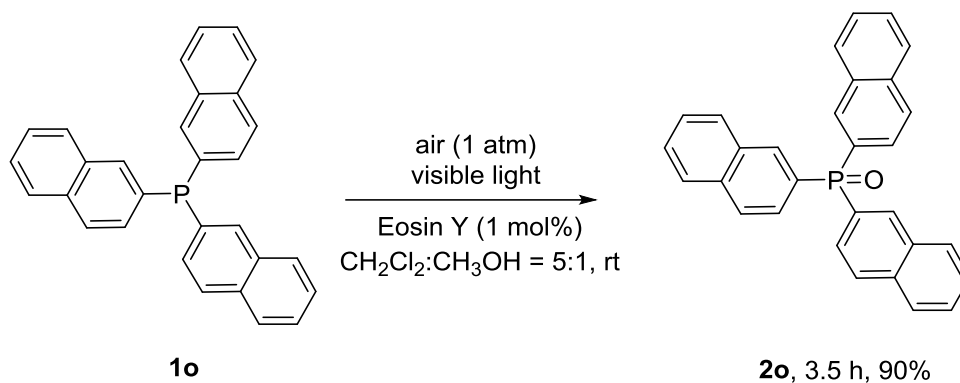
The reaction of **1m** (67 mg, 0.20 mmol), Eosin Y (2 mg, 0.0031 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL), and CH₃OH (0.5 mL) afforded **2m** as a solid (66 mg, 94%); mp 198.3-198.7 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90-7.73 (m, 12 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.4 (d, *J*_{PC} = 101.8 Hz), 132.5 (d, *J*_{PC} = 12.1 Hz), 132.4 (d, *J*_{PC} = 9.9 Hz), 117.3, 116.9; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.8 ppm.

(13) Tris(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)phosphine oxide (2n)¹⁶



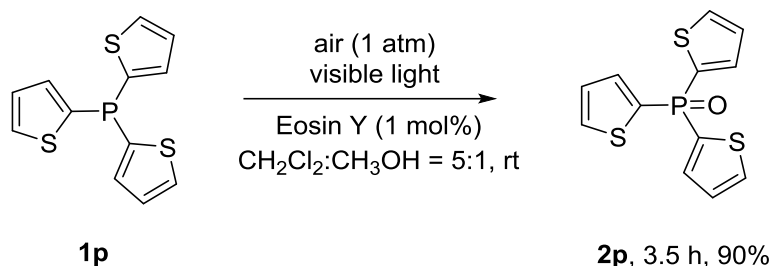
The reaction of **1n** (87 mg, 0.20 mmol), Eosin Y (2 mg, 0.0031 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL), and CH₃OH (0.5 mL) afforded **2n** as a solid (86 mg, 95%); mp 173.6-174.1 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 6 H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 8.4 Hz, 6 H), 3.95 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 136.1 (d, *J*_{PC} = 101.6 Hz), 133.7 (d, *J*_{PC} = 2.8 Hz), 132.0 (d, *J*_{PC} = 10.1 Hz), 129.7 (d, *J*_{PC} = 12.3 Hz), 52.6; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 26.9 ppm.

(14) Tris(naphthalen-2-yl)phosphine oxide (2o)¹



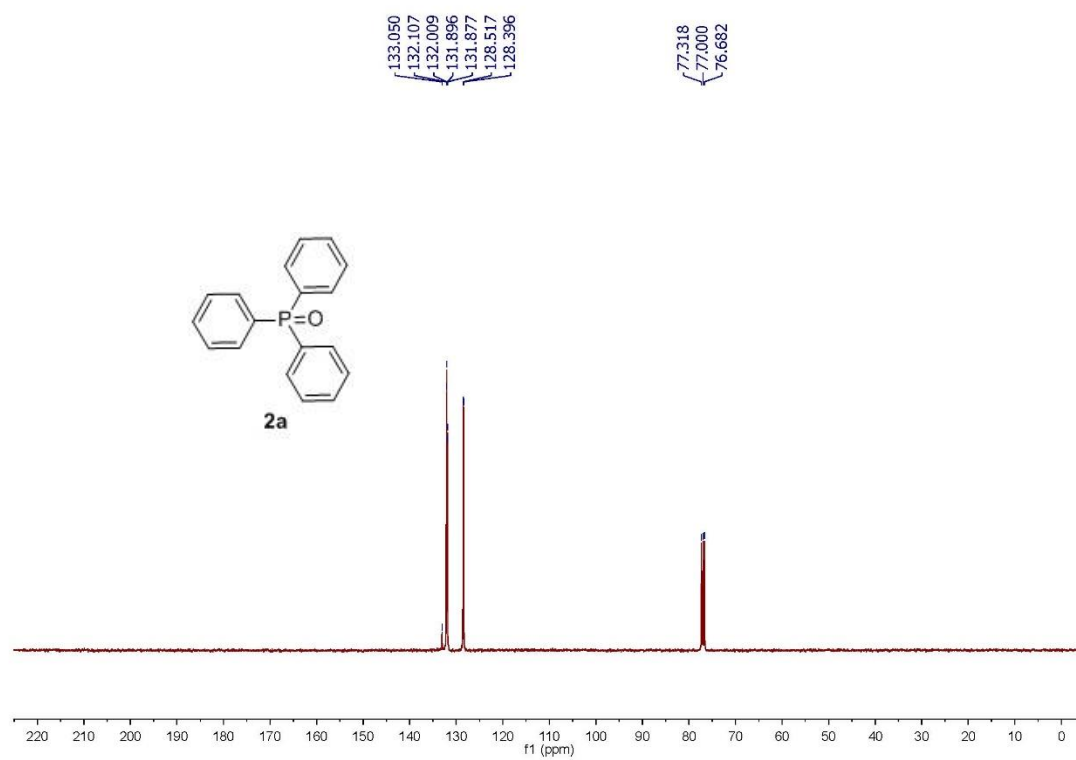
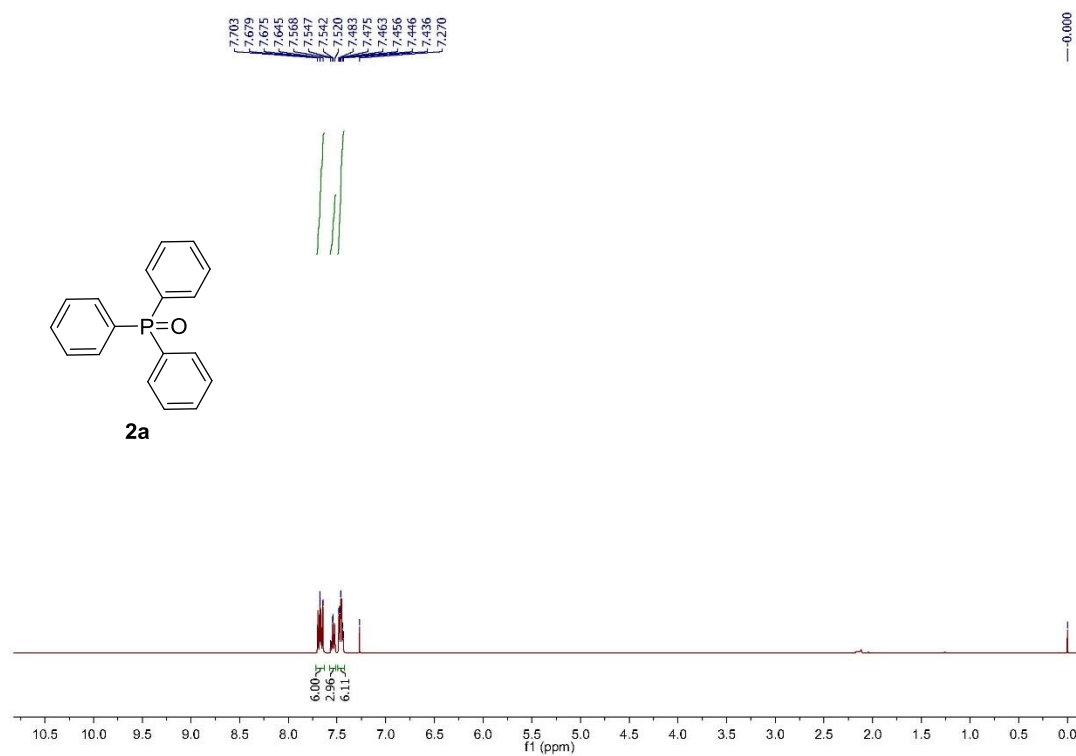
The reaction of **1o** (83 mg, 0.20 mmol), Eosin Y (2 mg, 0.0031 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (2.5 mL), and CH_3OH (0.5 mL) afforded **2o** as a solid (77 mg, 90%); mp 248.3-248.7 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37 (d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, 3 H), 7.96-7.84 (m, 9 H), 7.78-7.71 (m, 3 H), 7.63-7.51 (m, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 134.7, 134.1 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 9.4$ Hz), 132.4 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 13.3$ Hz), 129.6 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 104.1$ Hz), 128.9, 128.4 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 1.2$ Hz), 128.2, 127.8, 126.9, 126.8; ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 29.8 ppm.

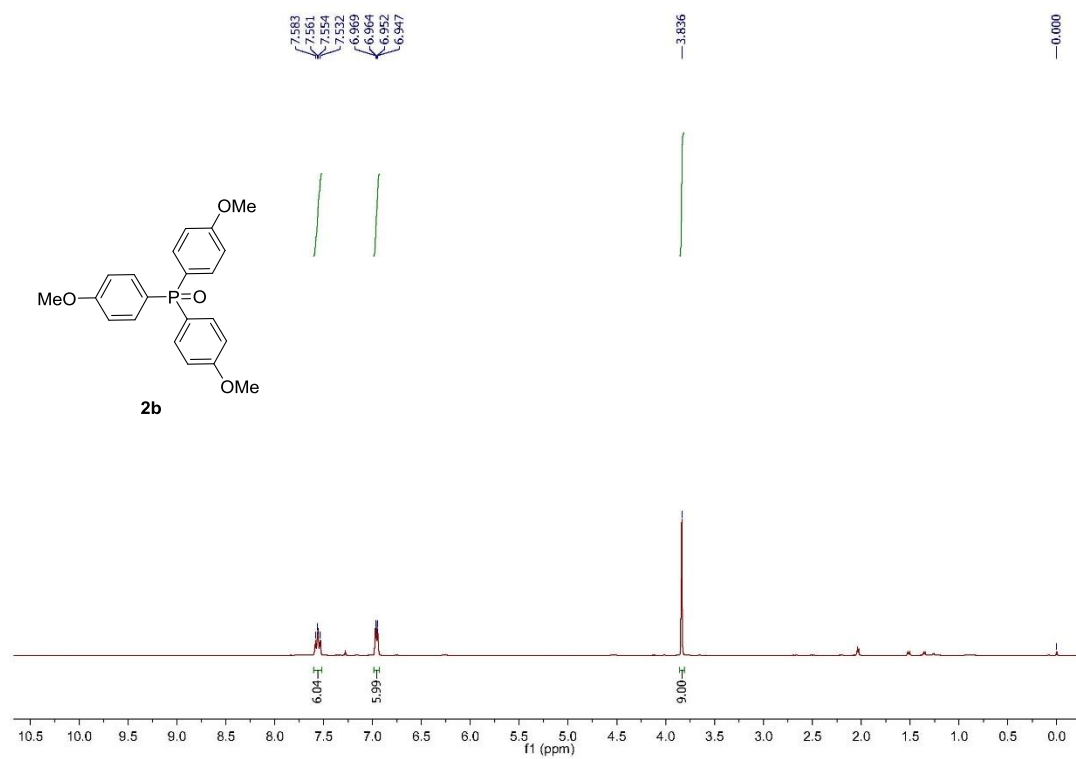
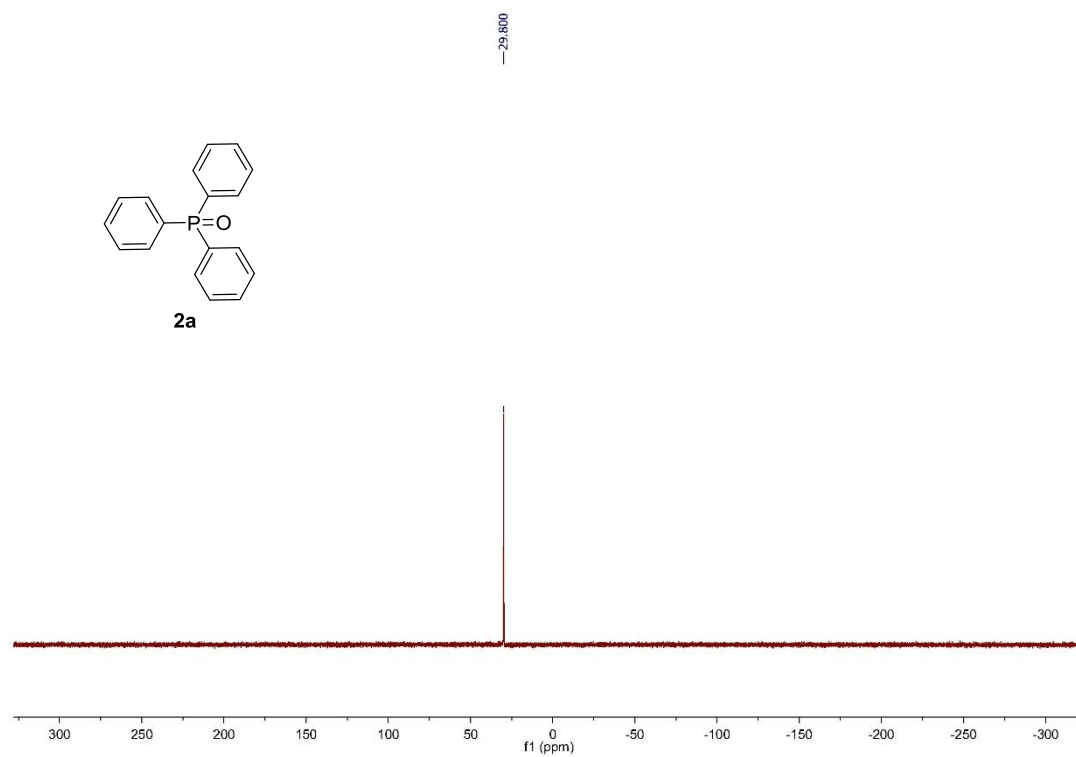
(15) Tris(thiophen-2-yl)phosphine oxide (2p)¹⁷

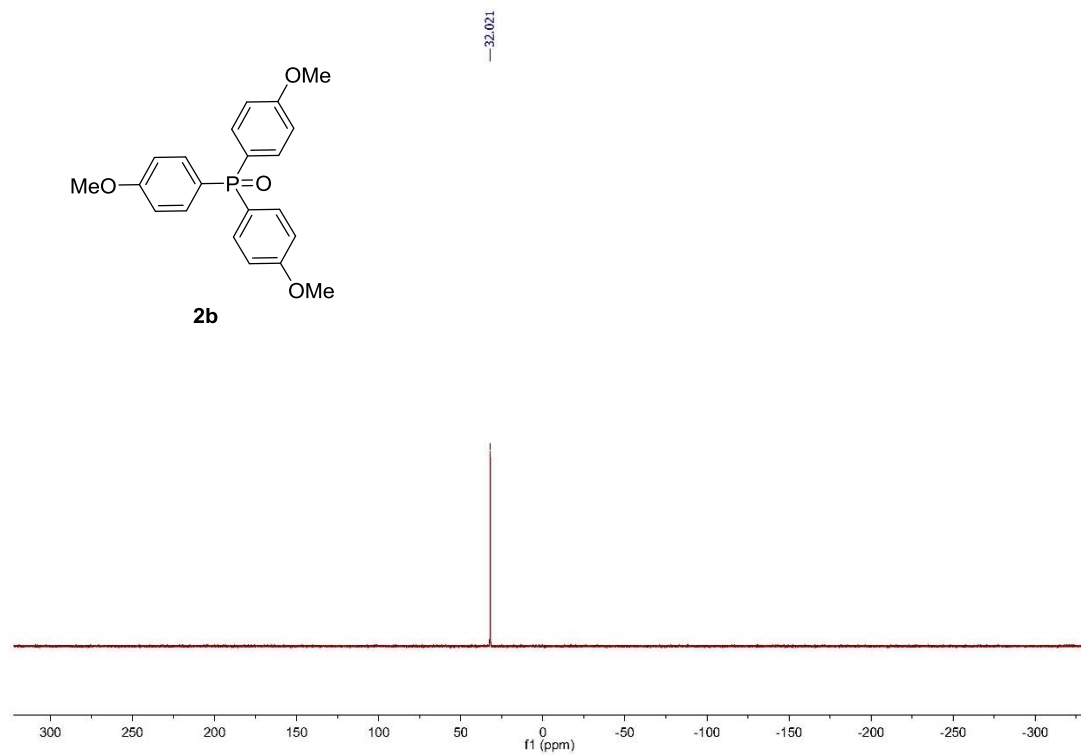
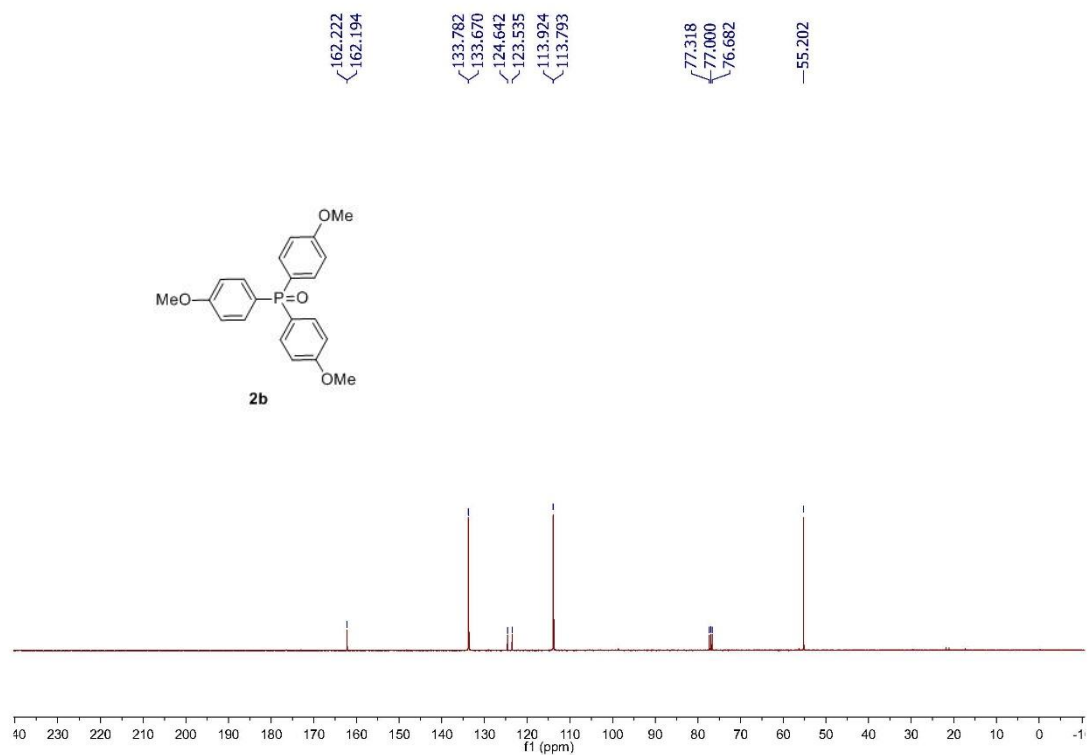


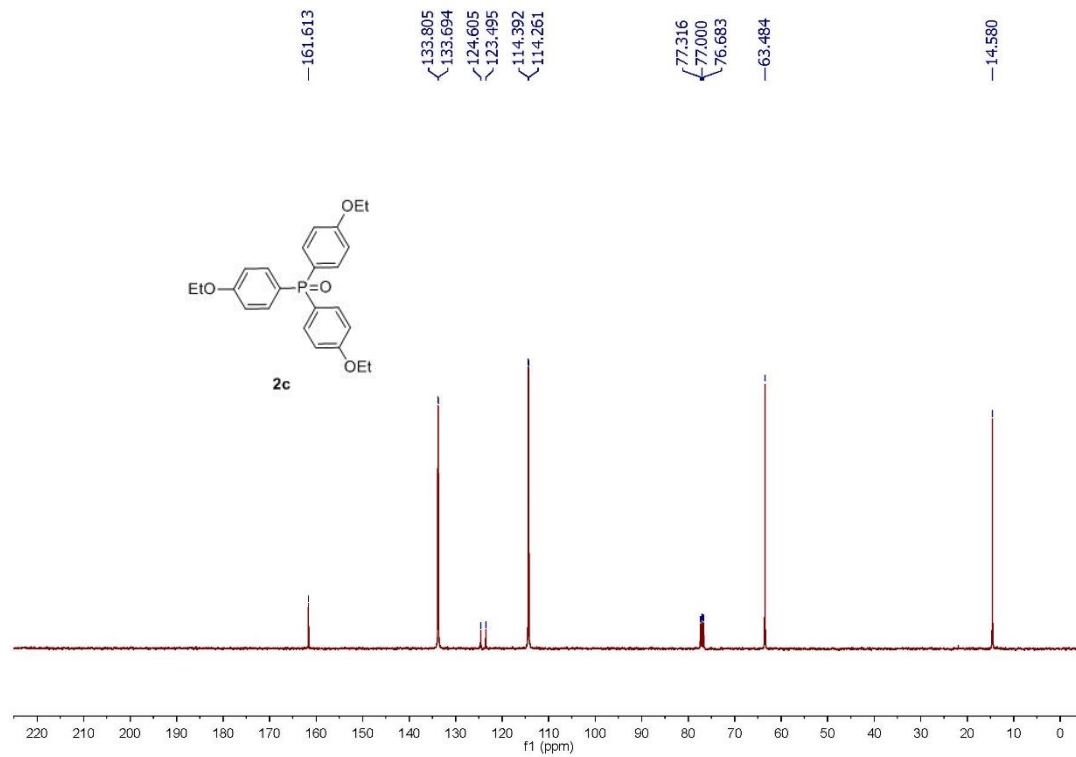
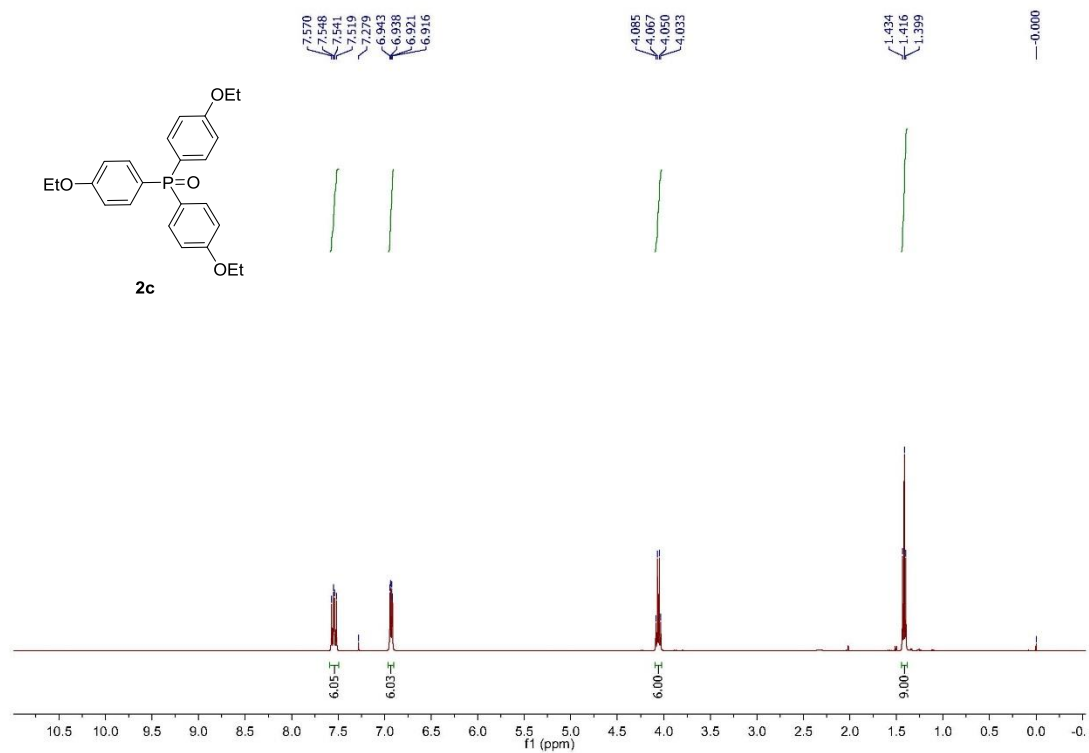
The reaction of **1p** (56 mg, 0.20 mmol), Eosin Y (2 mg, 0.0031 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (2.5 mL), and CH_3OH (0.5 mL) afforded **2p** as a solid (53 mg, 90%); mp 128.4-128.8 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79-7.74 (m, 3 H), 7.63-7.57 (m, 3 H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.7 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 11.3$ Hz), 134.6 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 127.2$ Hz), 134.2 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 5.6$ Hz), 128.2 (d, $J_{\text{PC}} = 15.0$ Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.6 ppm.

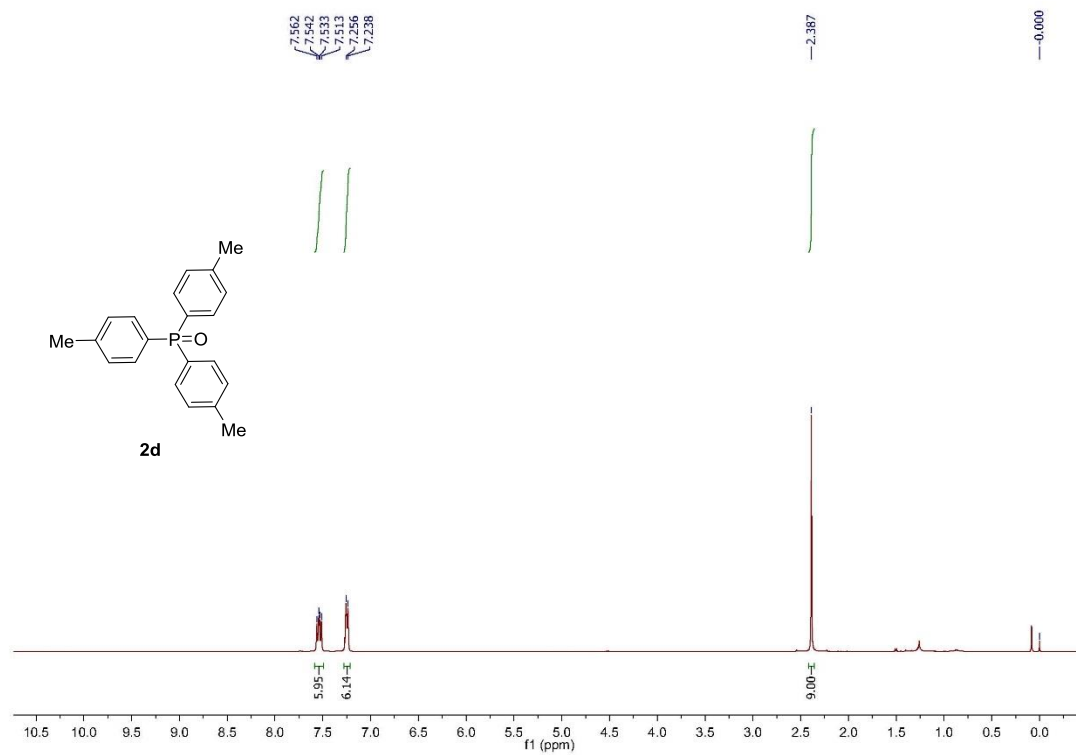
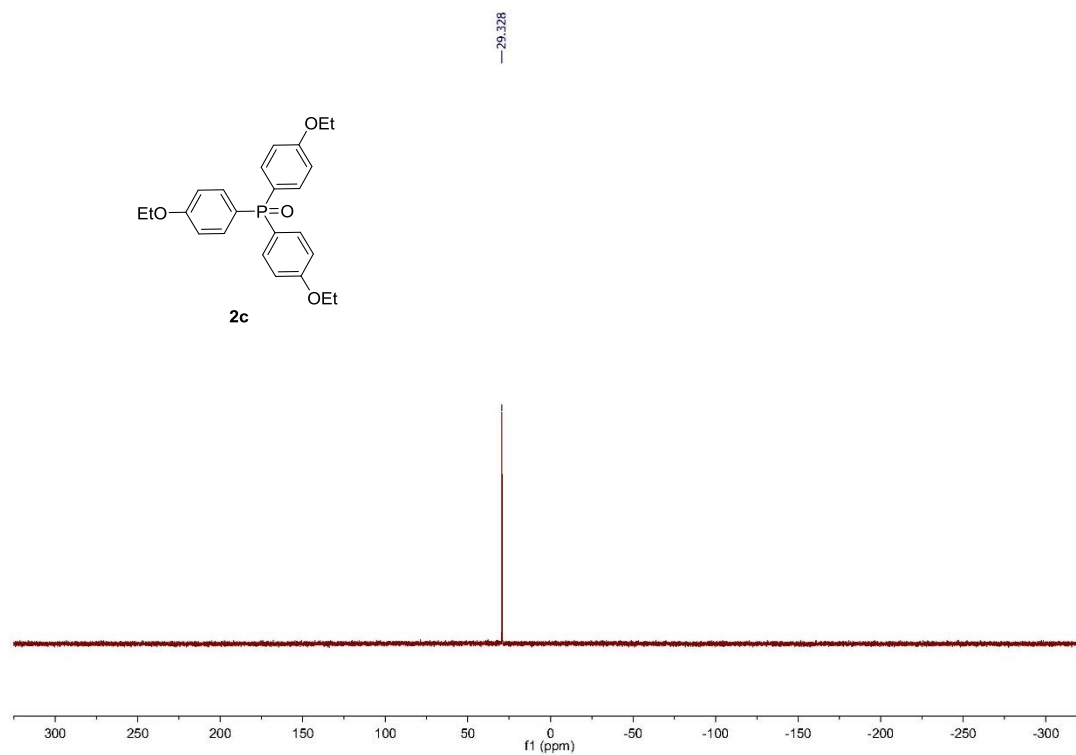
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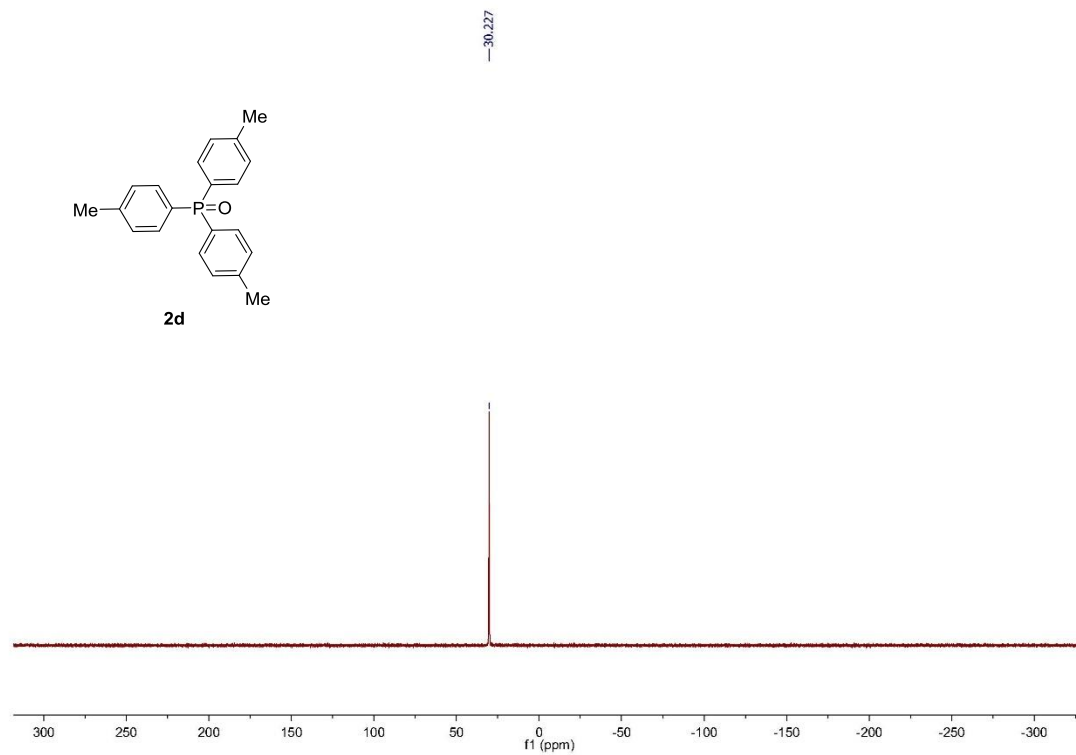
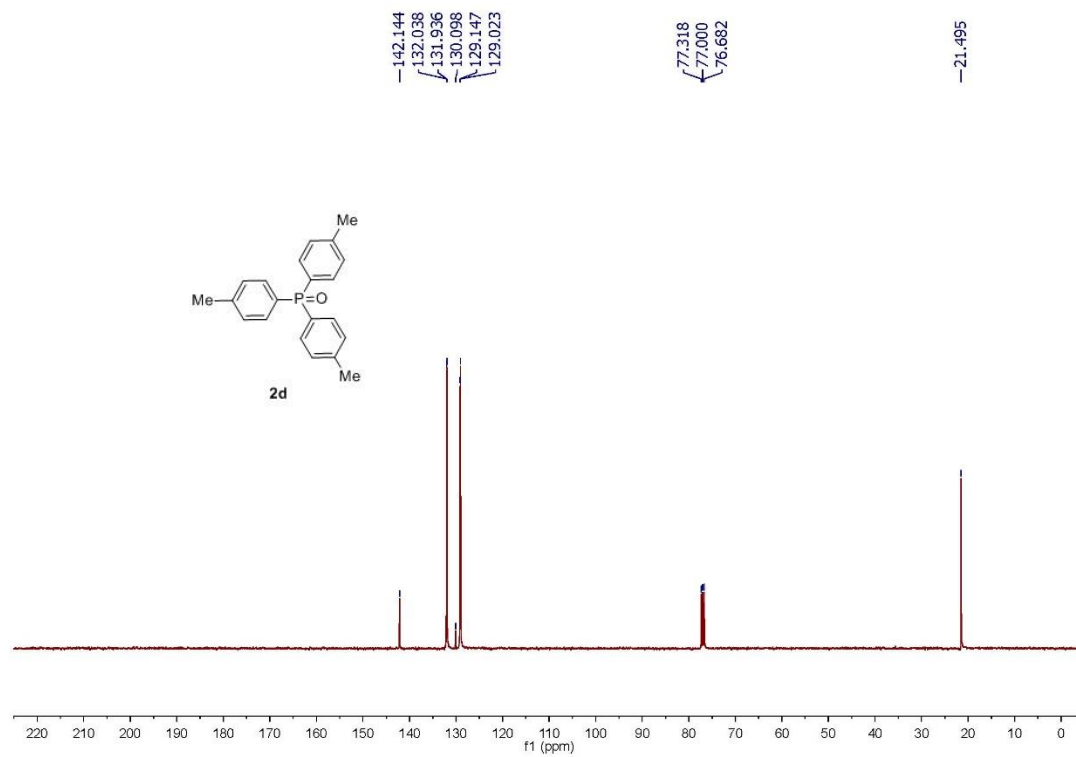


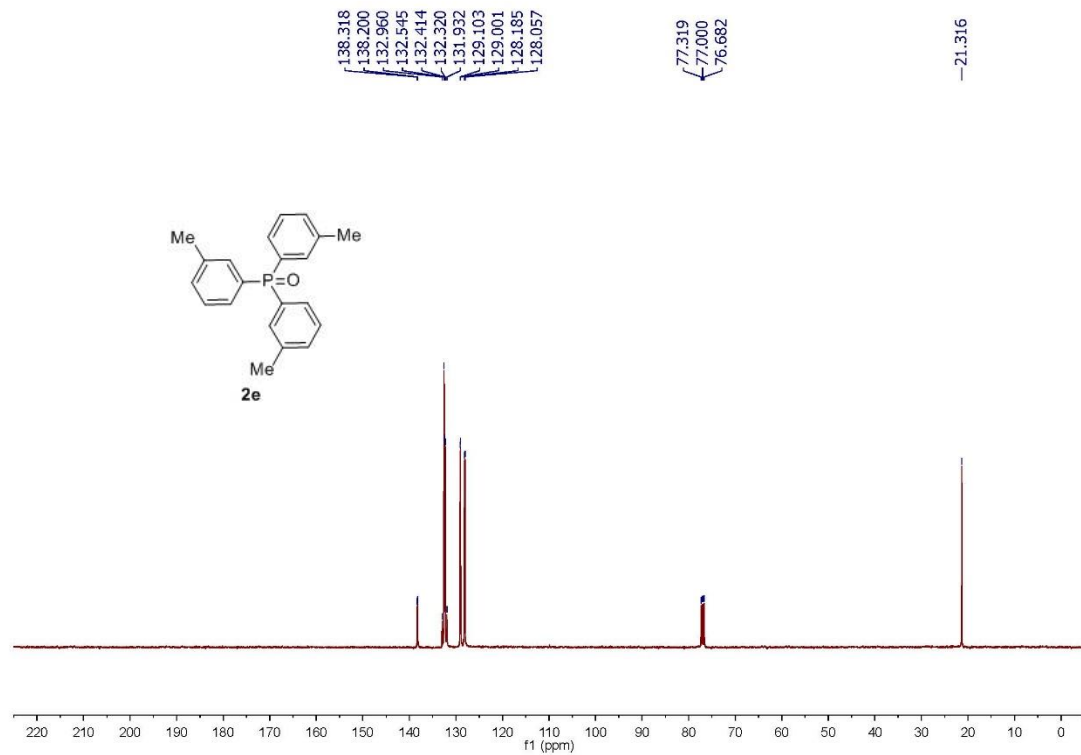
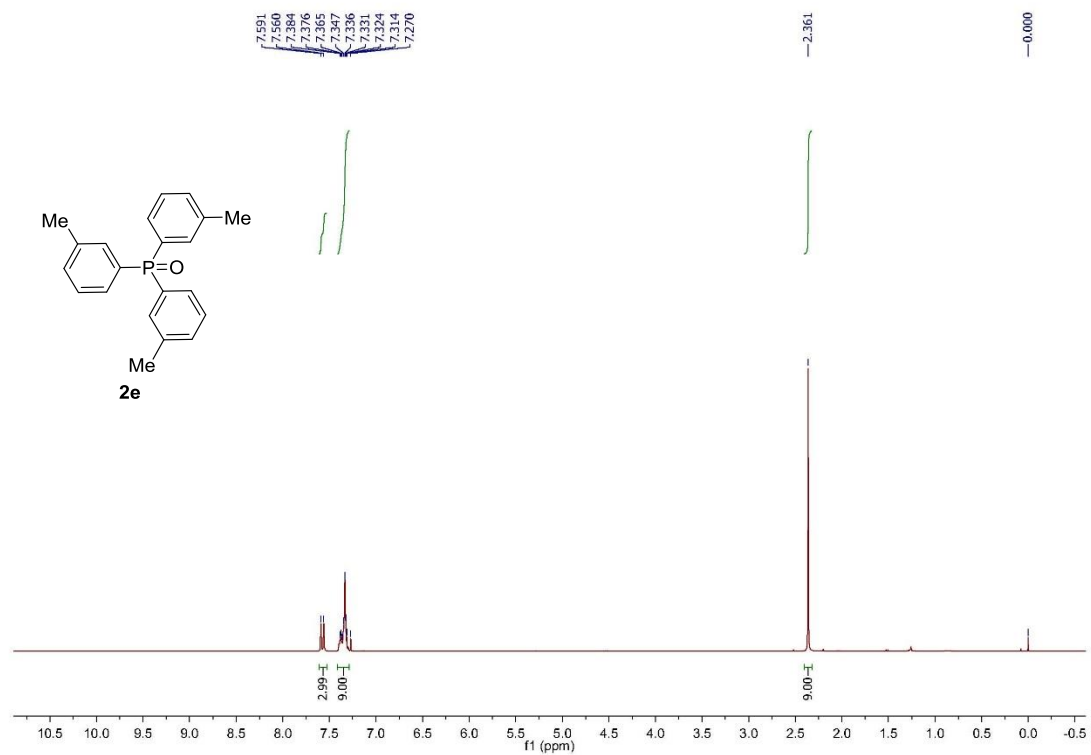


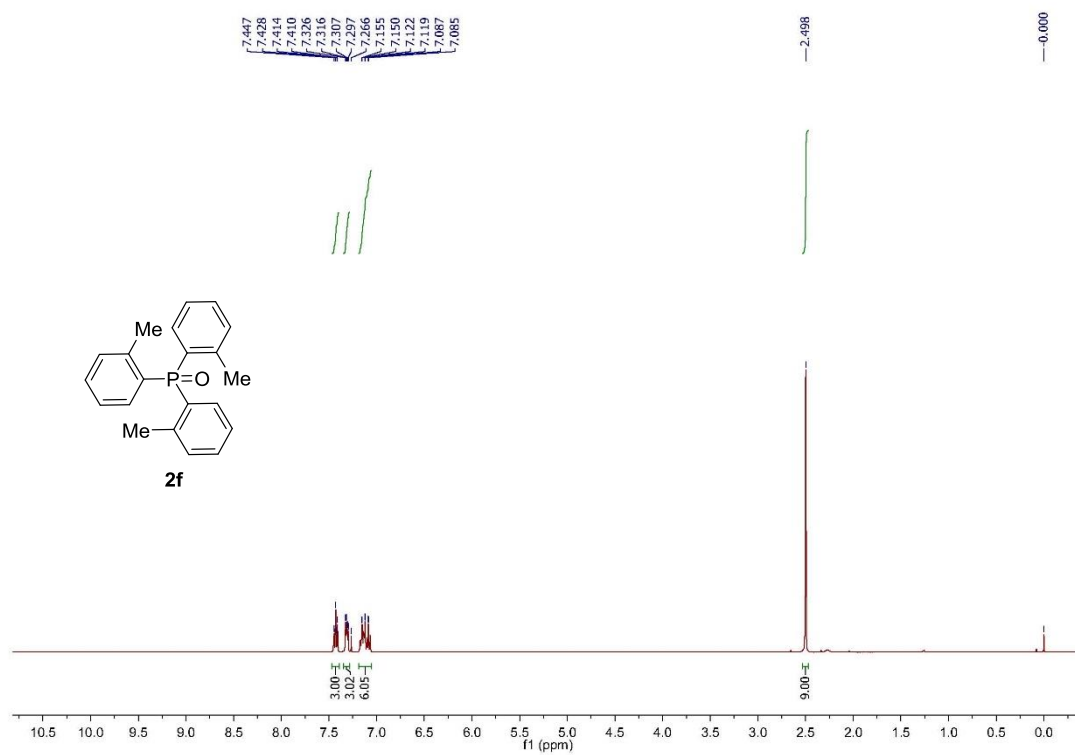
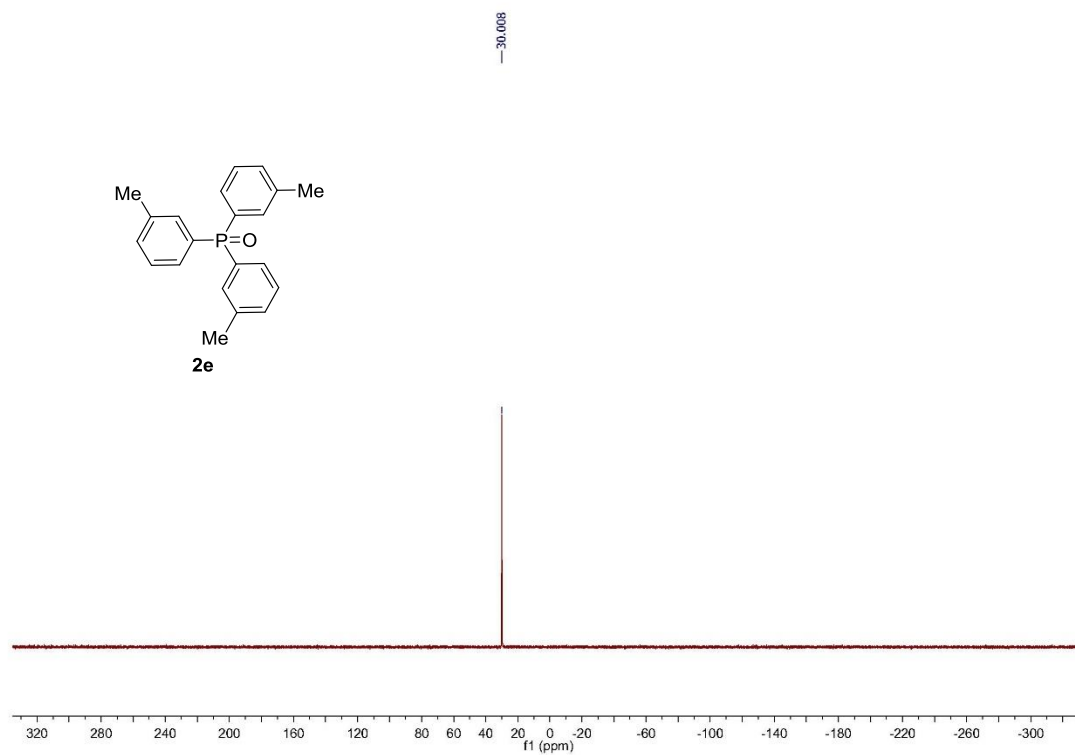


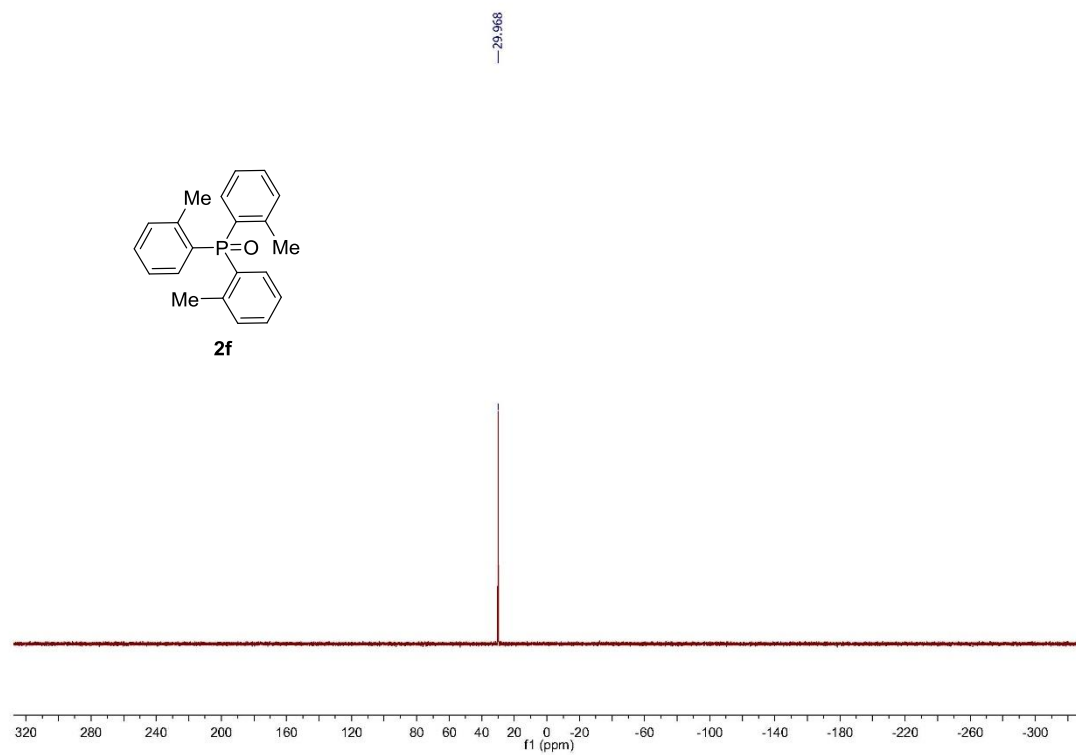
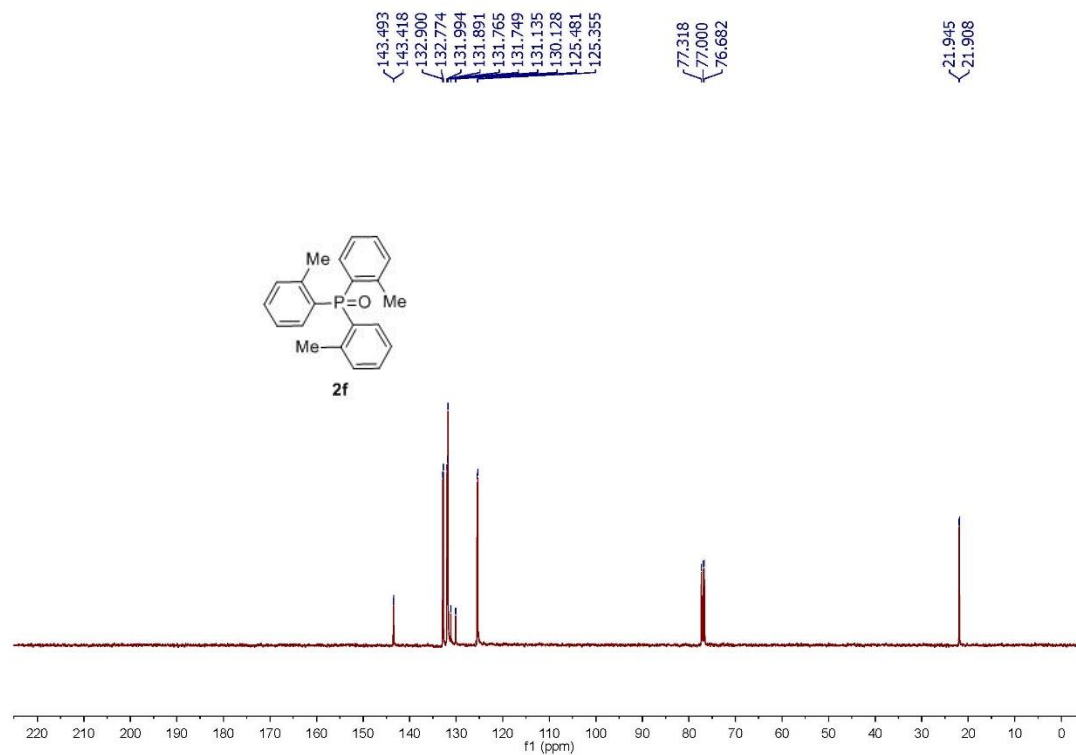


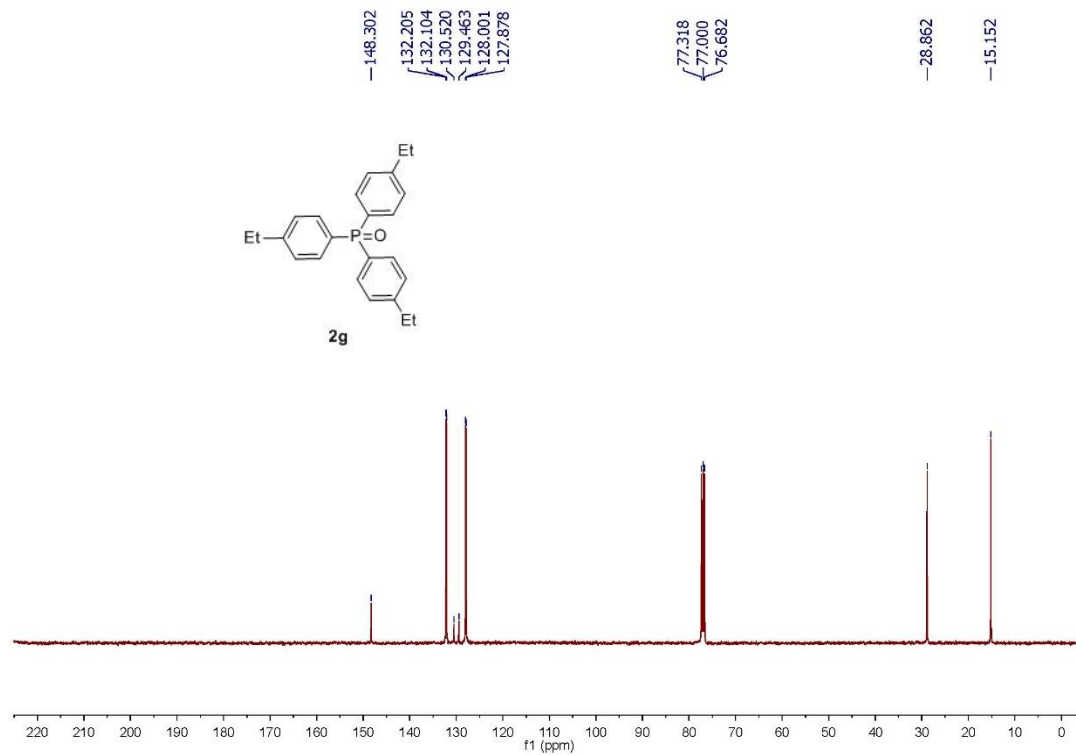
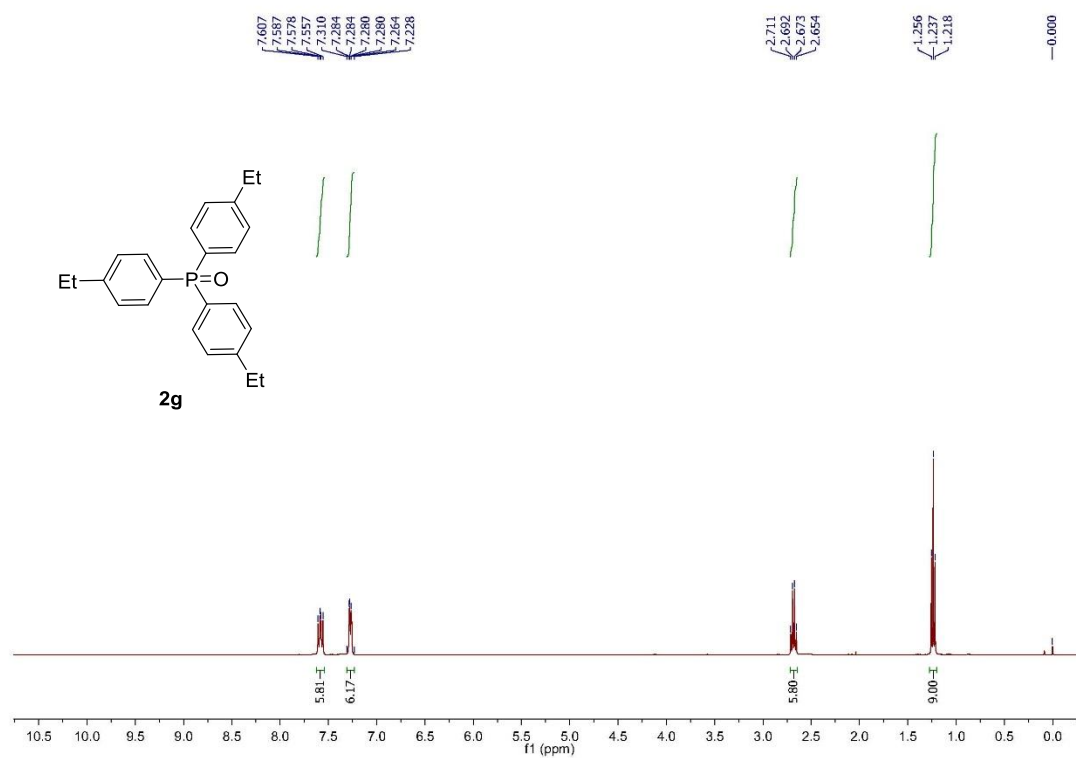


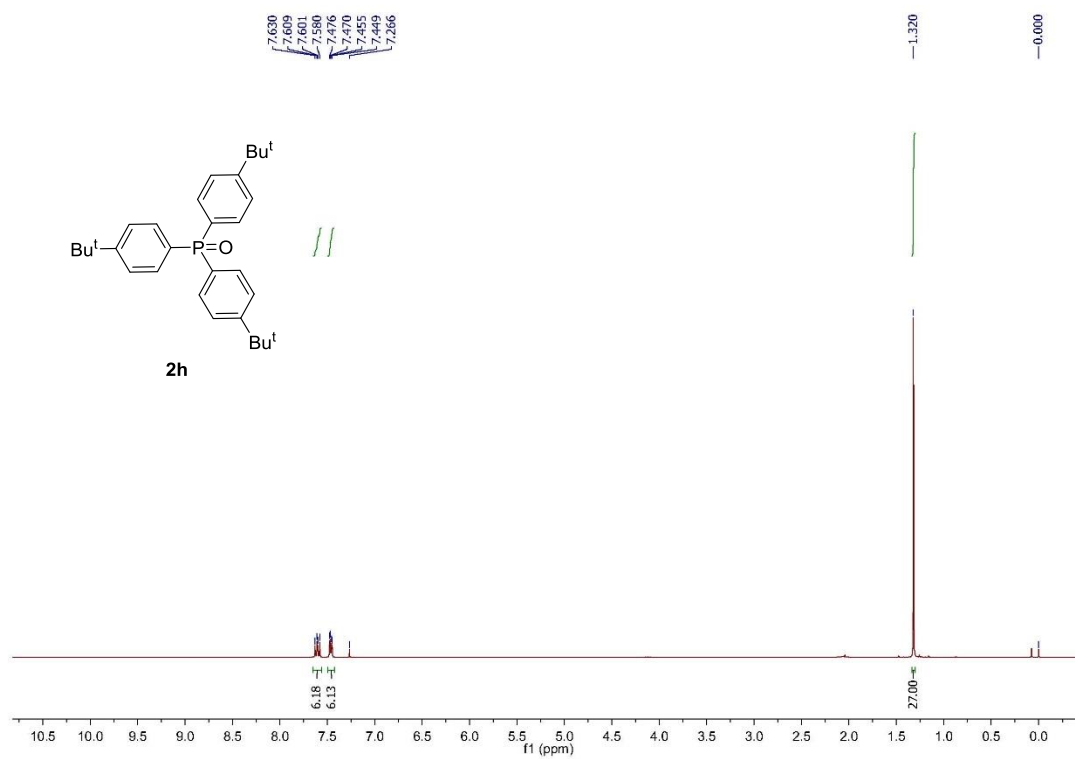
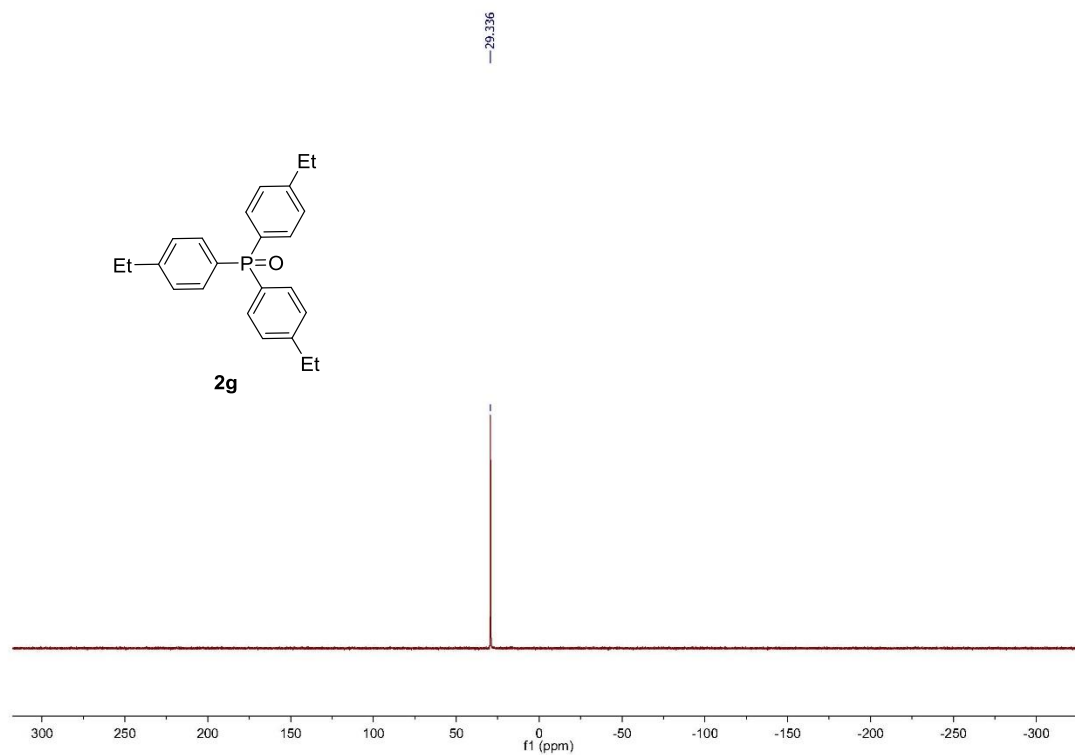


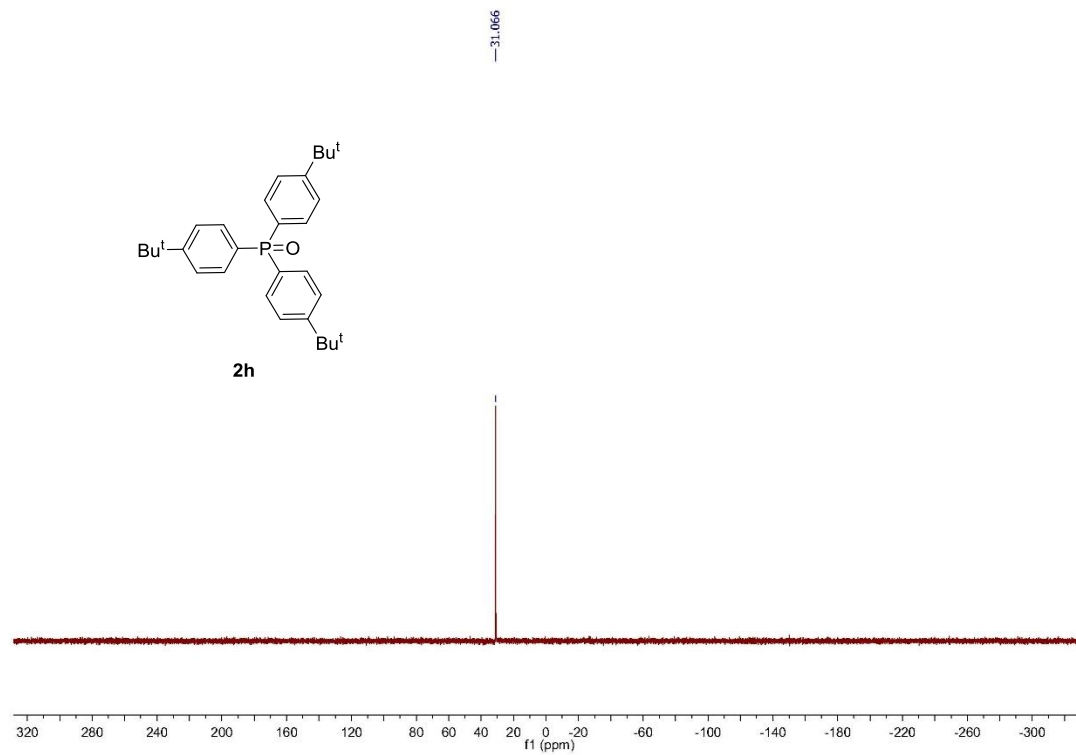
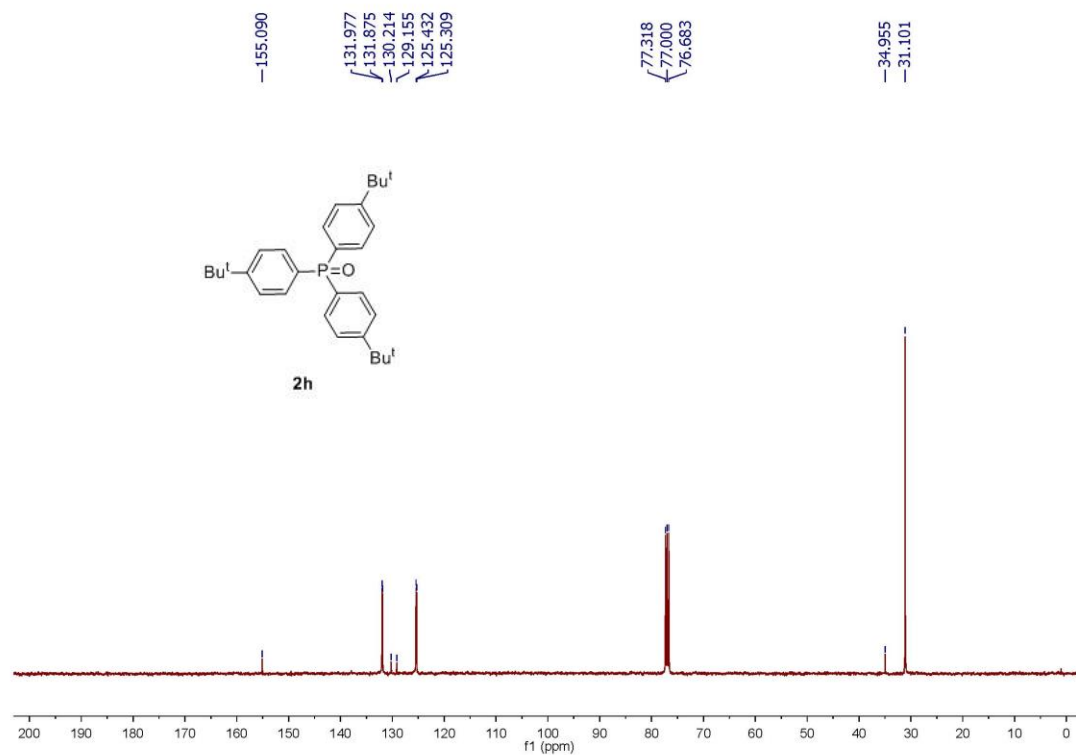


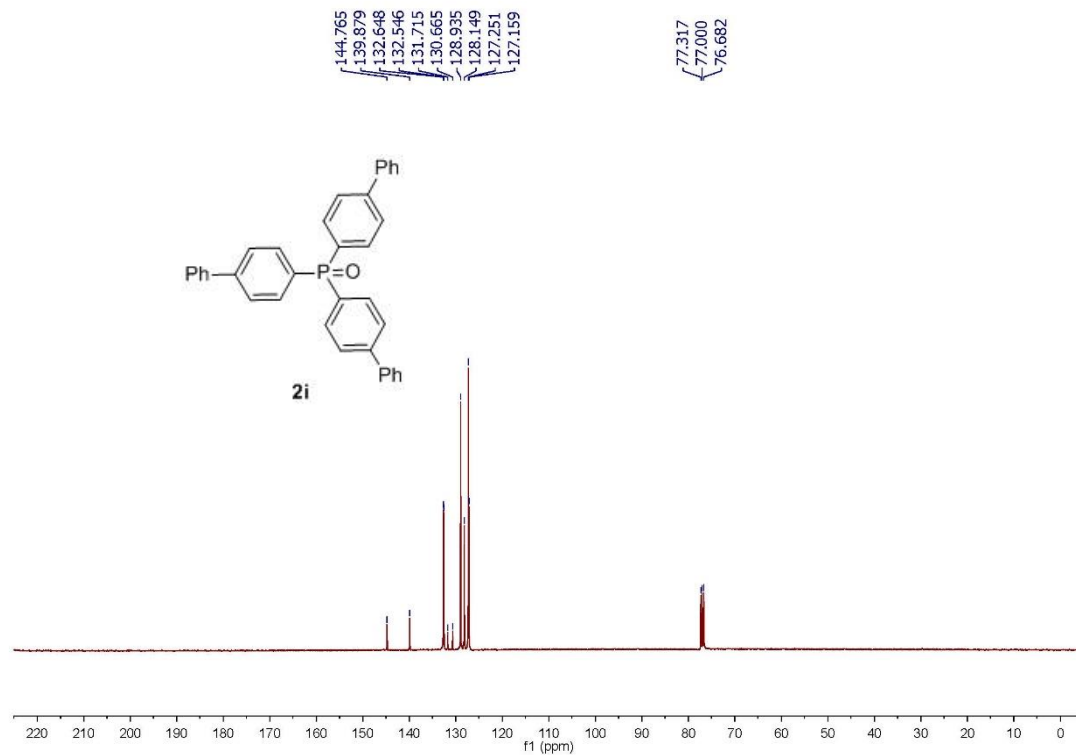
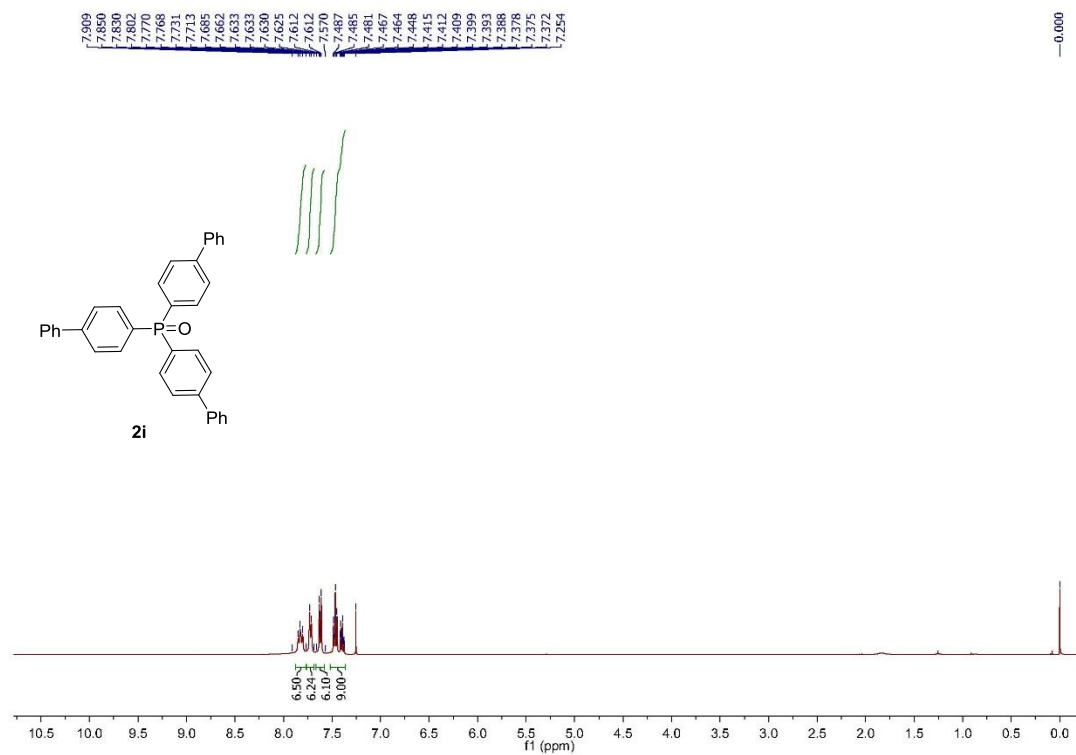


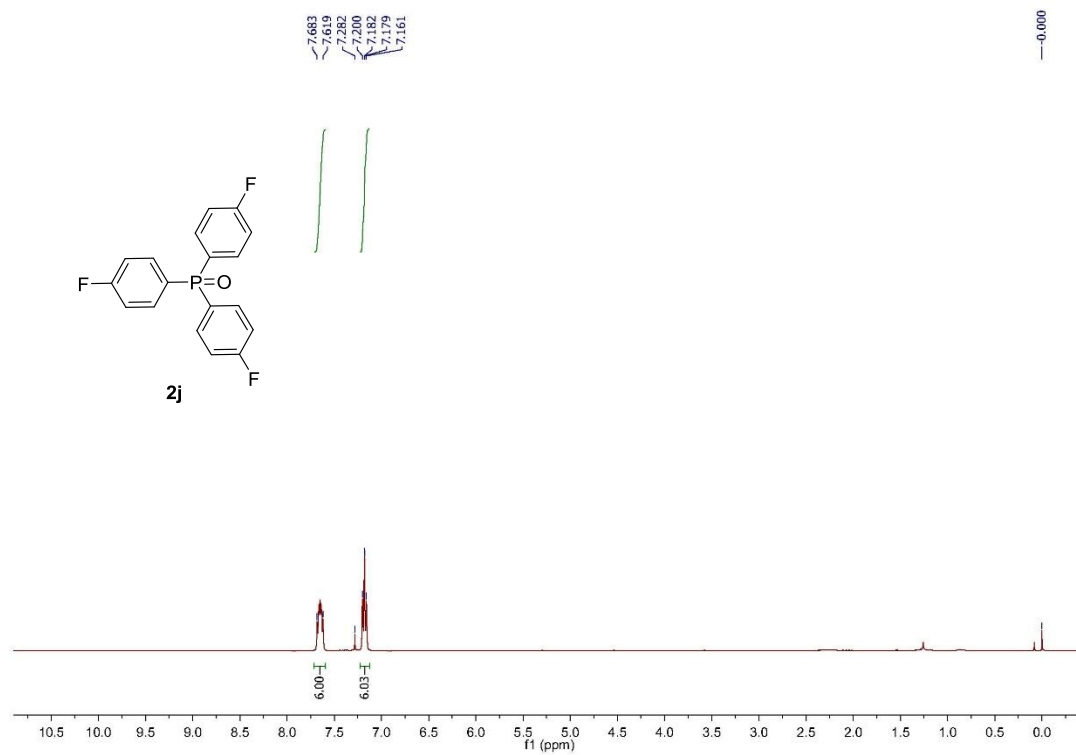
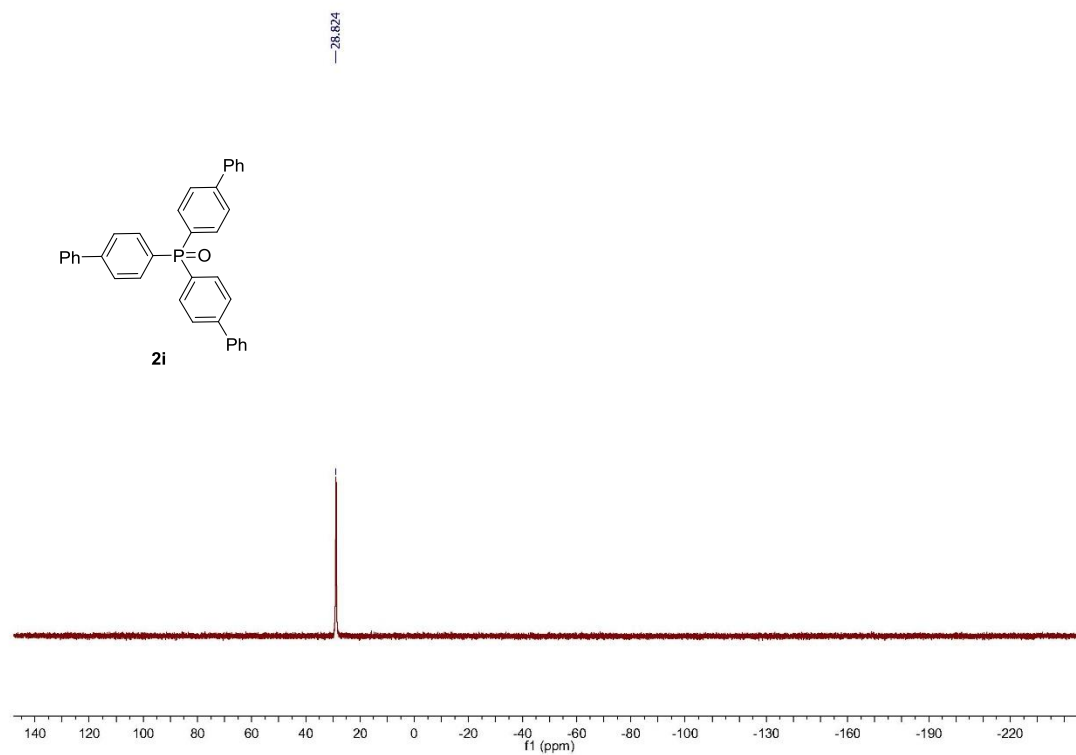


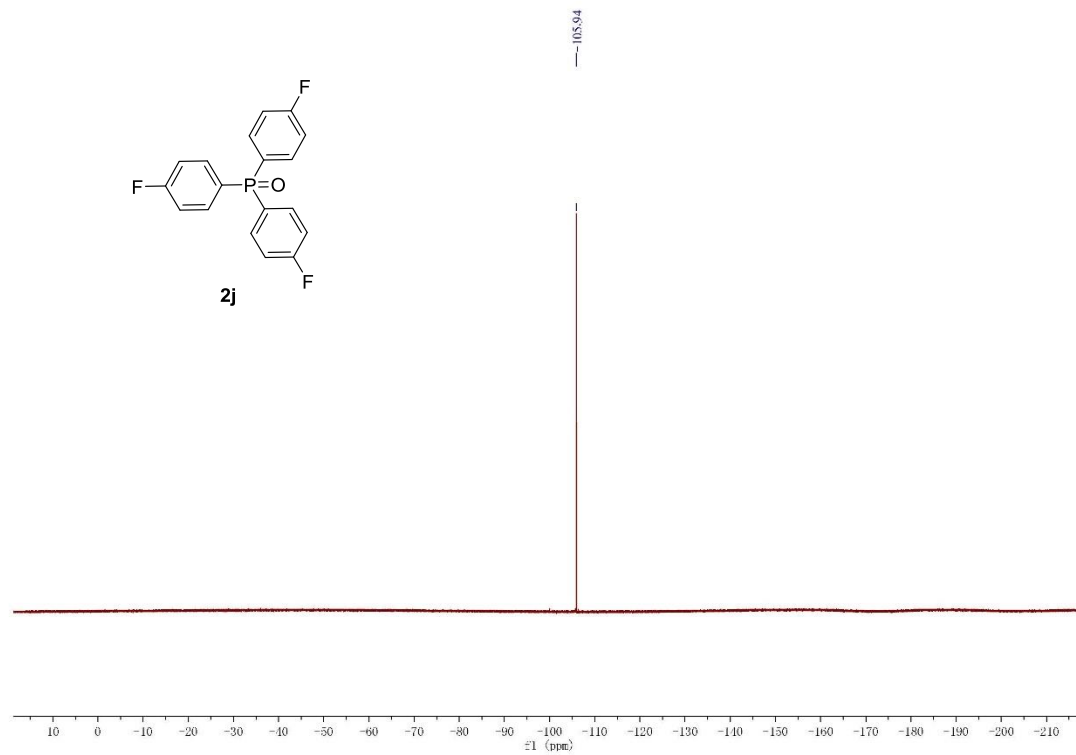
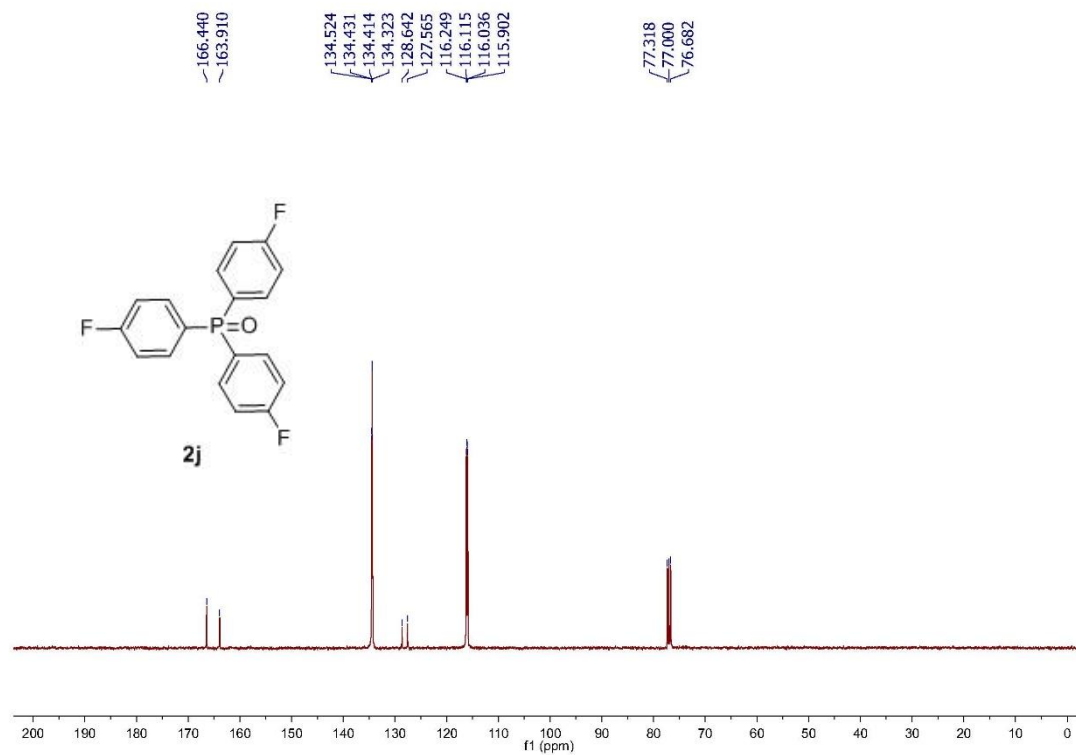


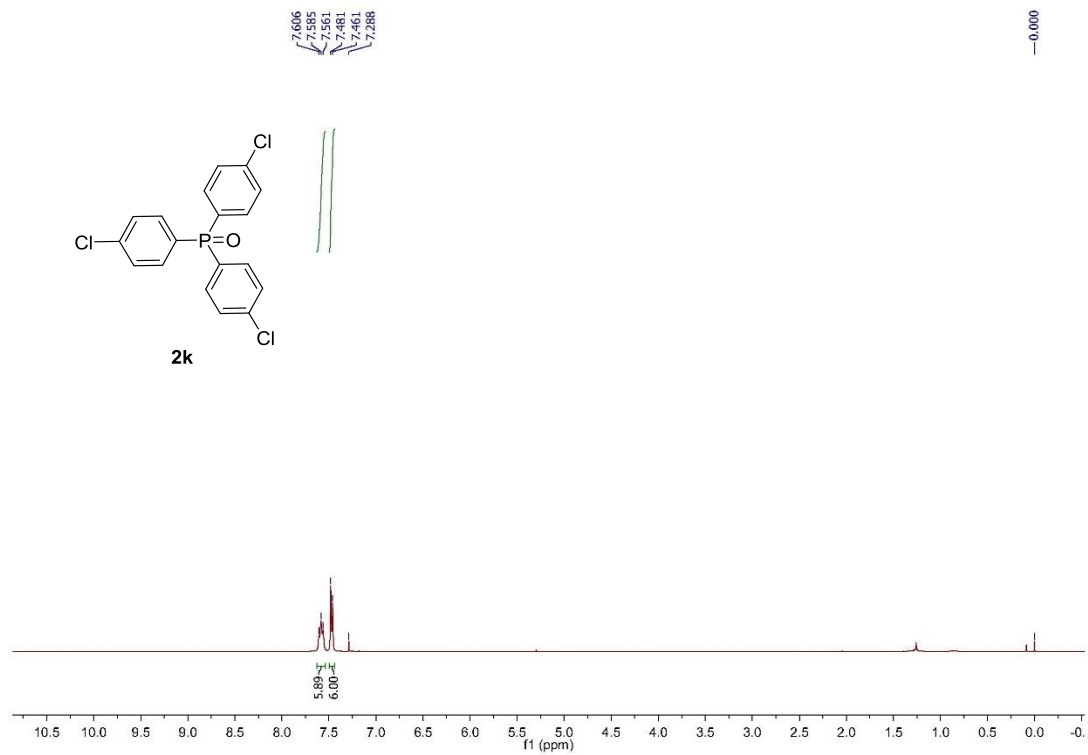
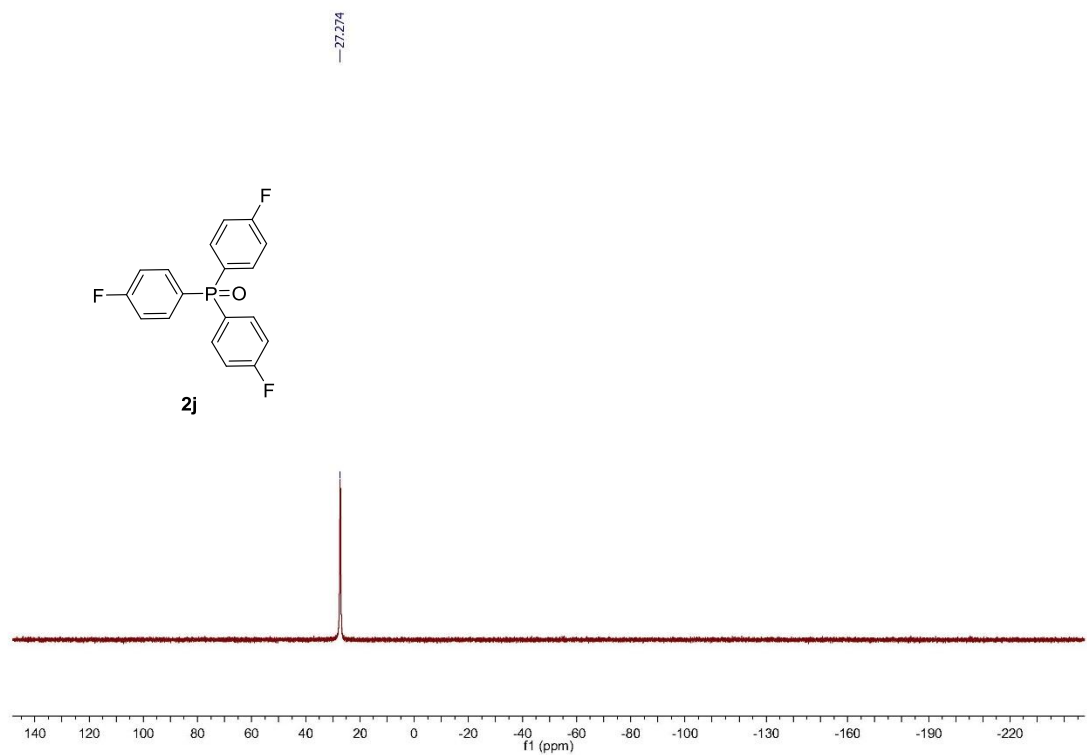


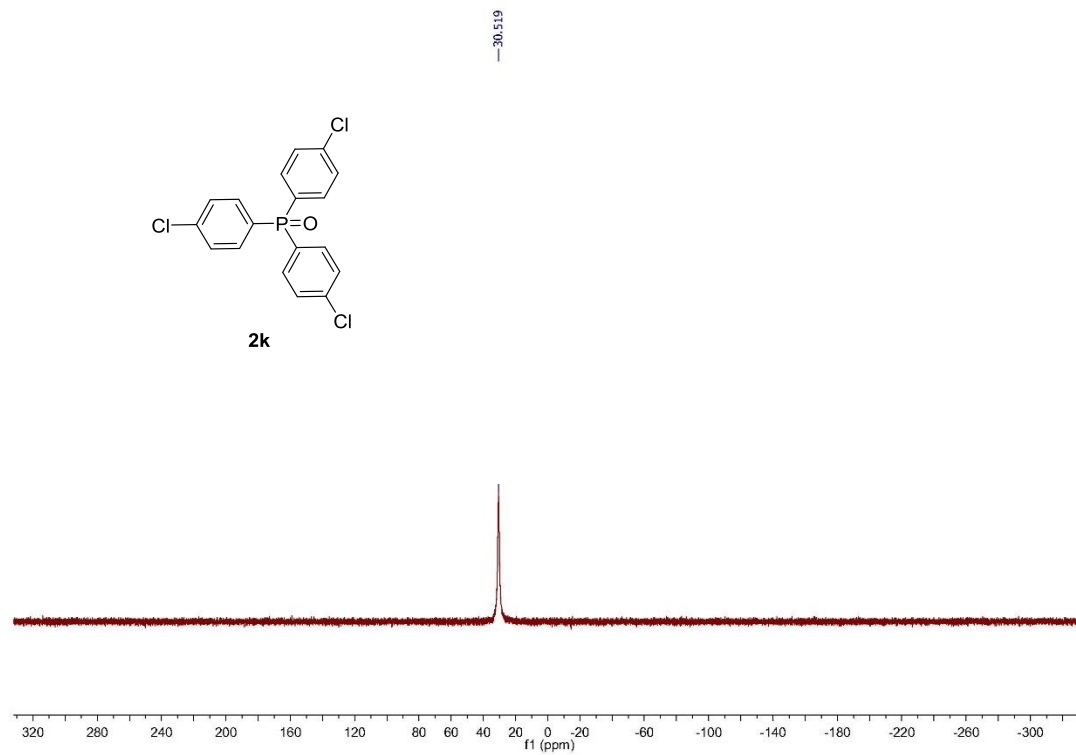
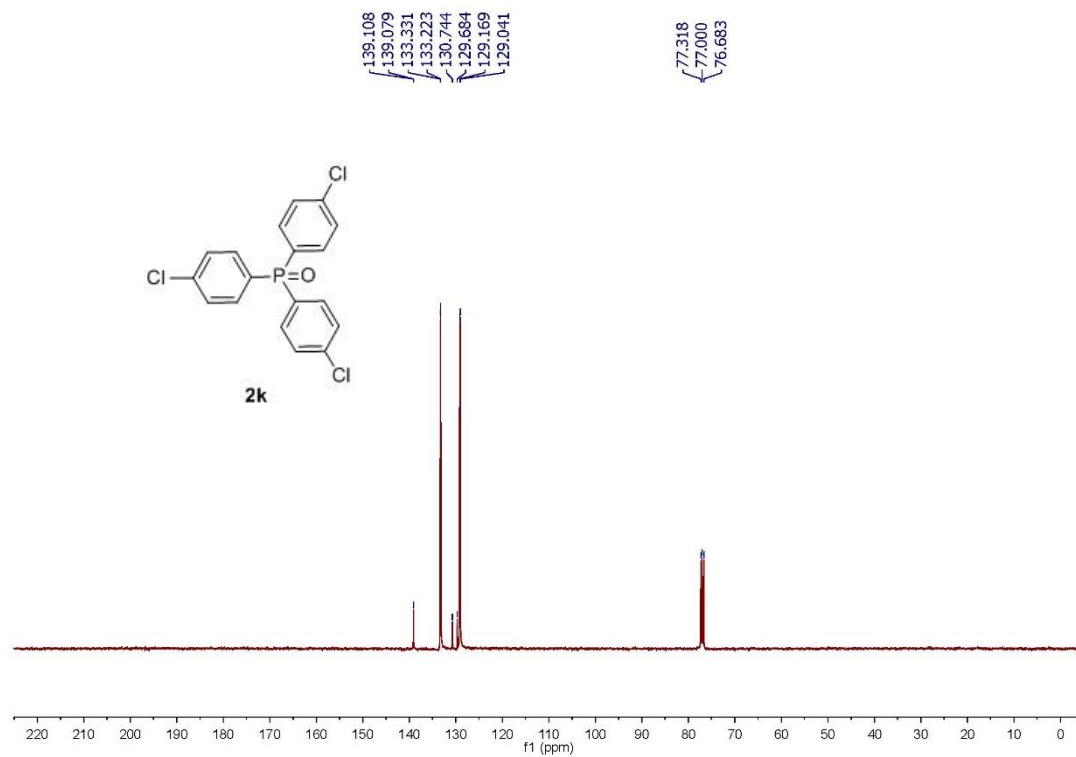


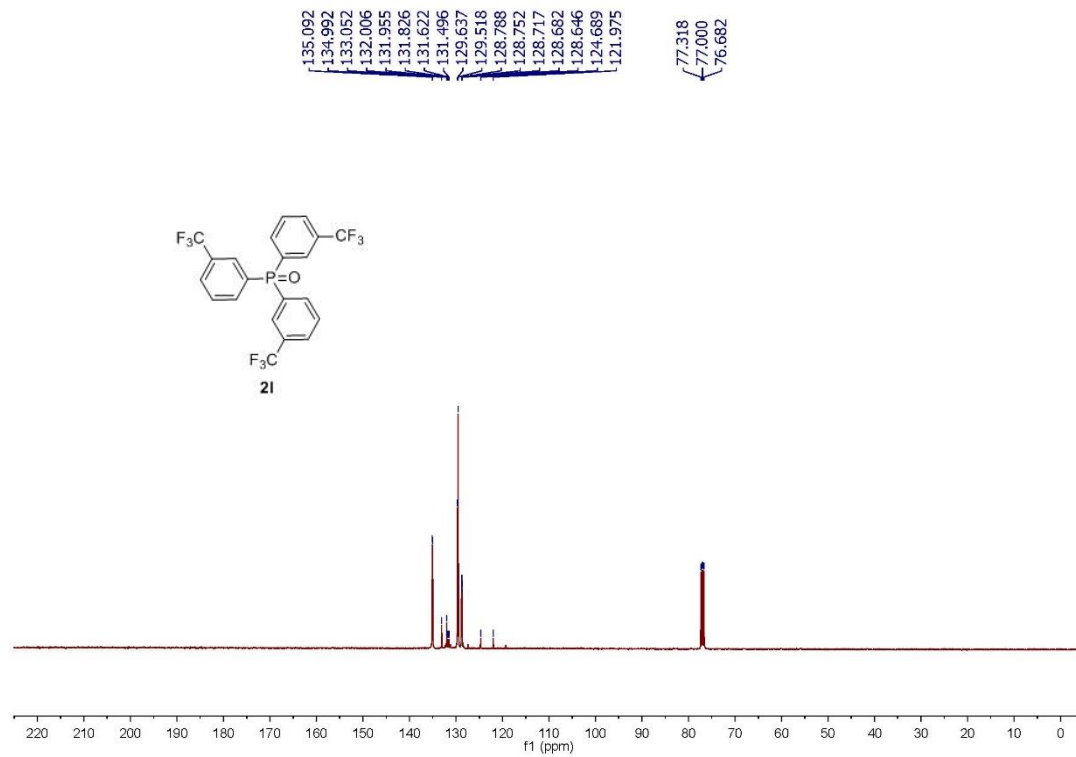
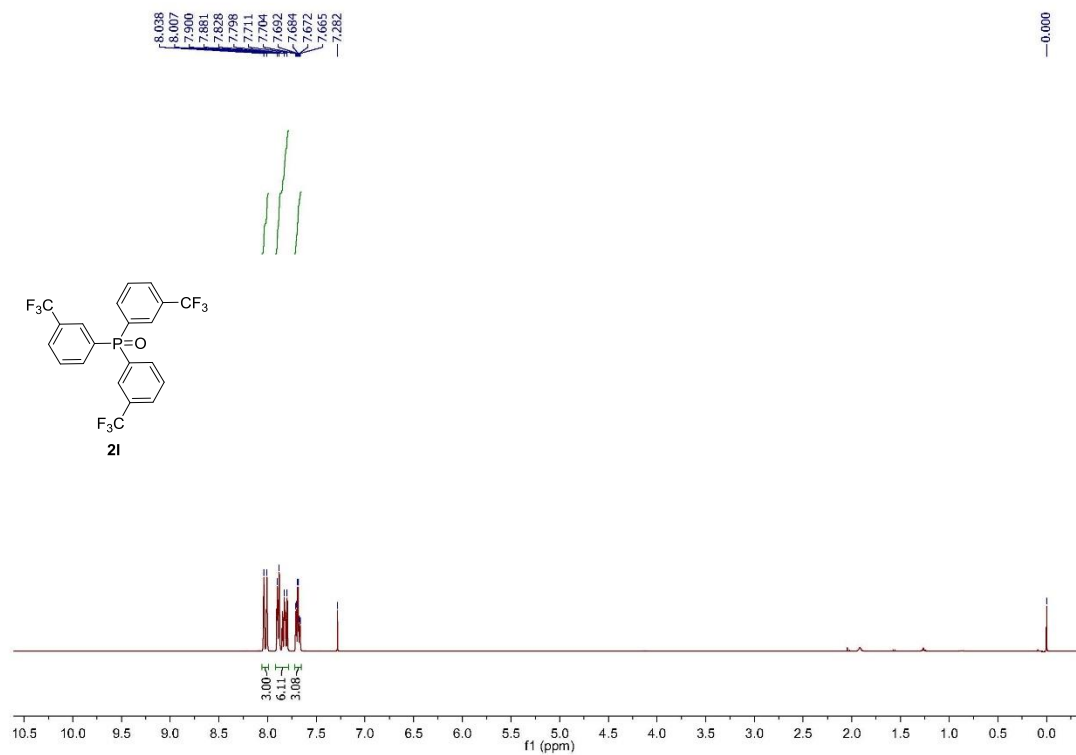


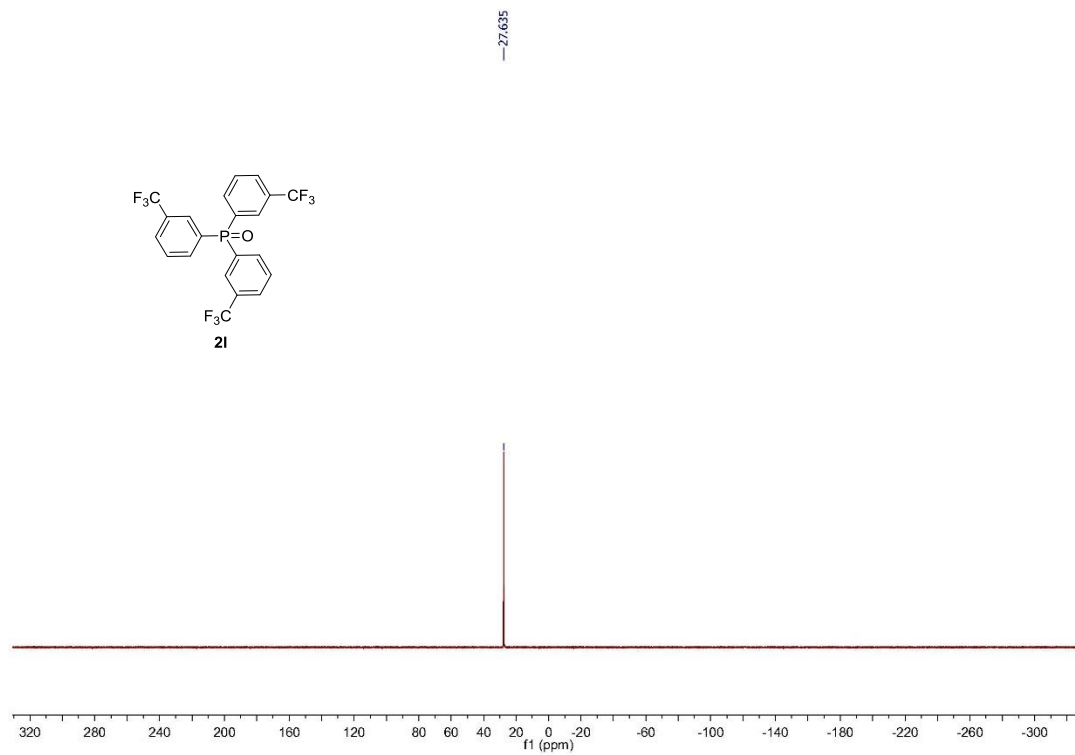
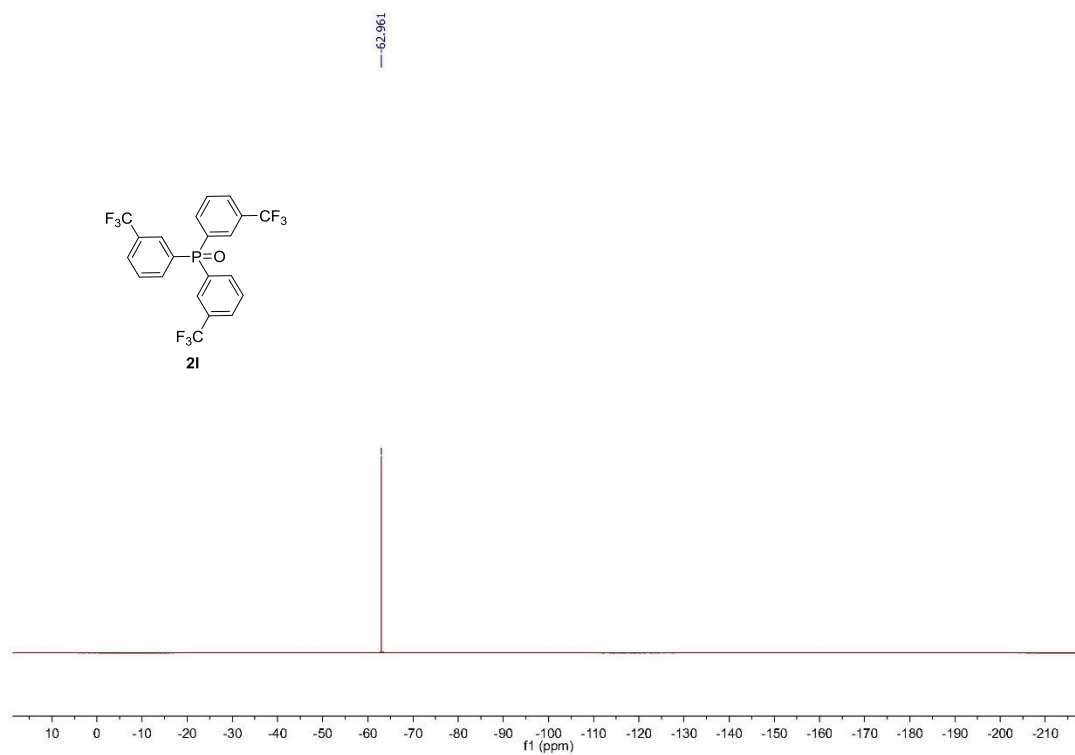


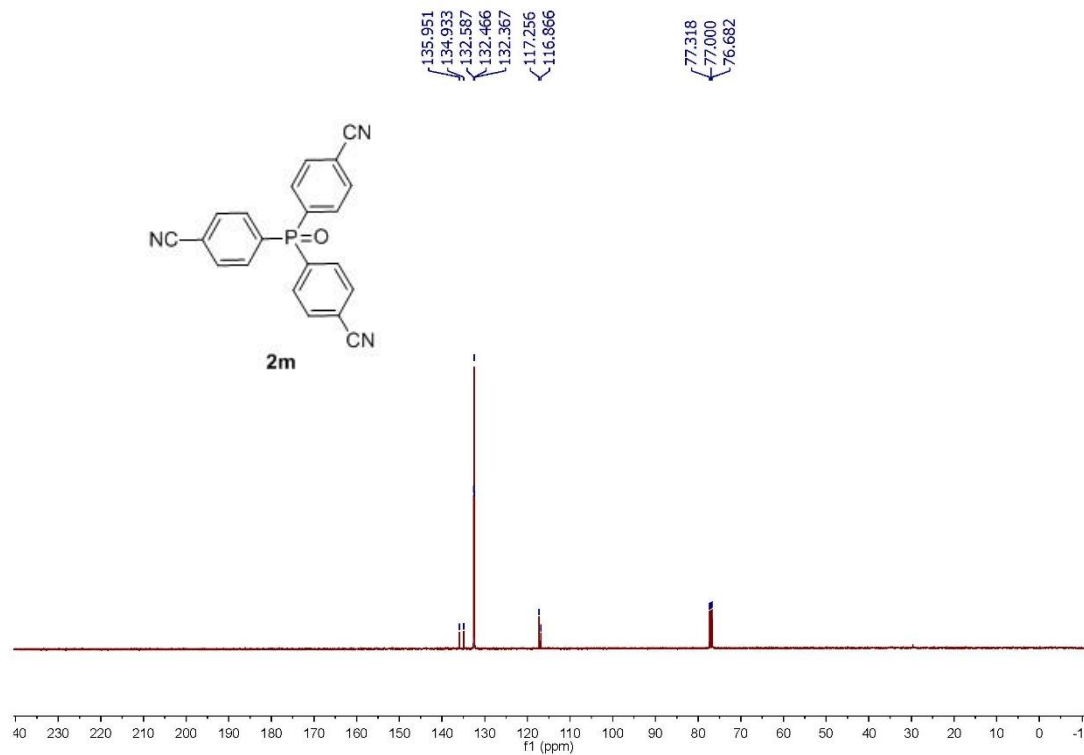
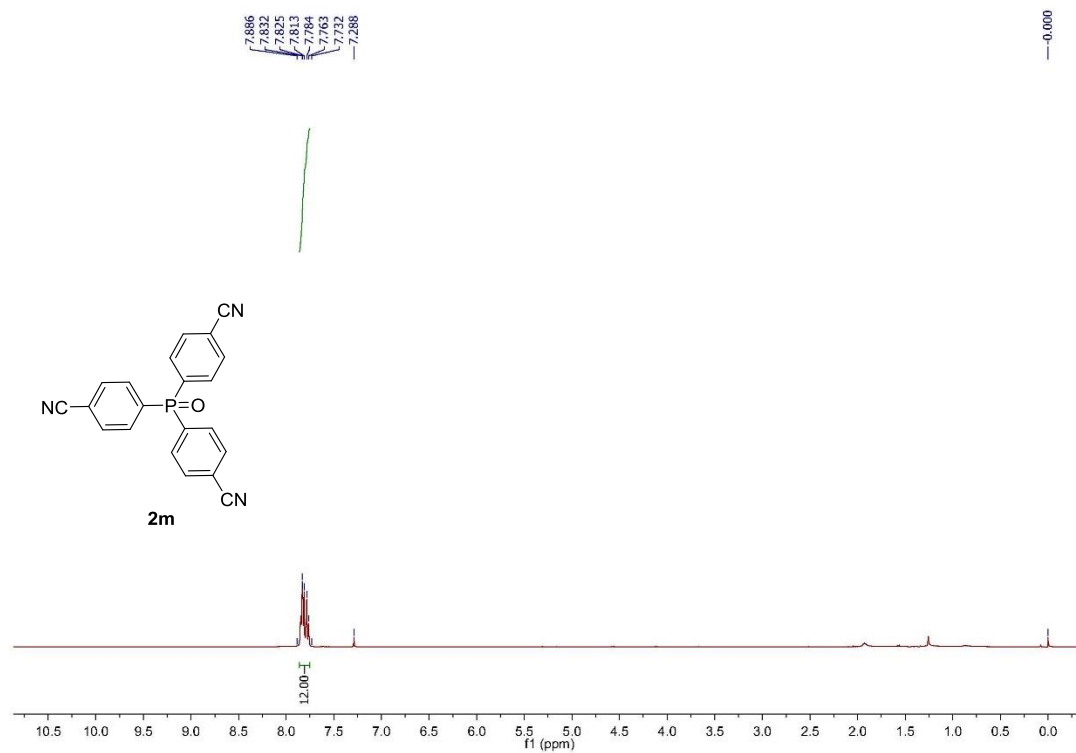


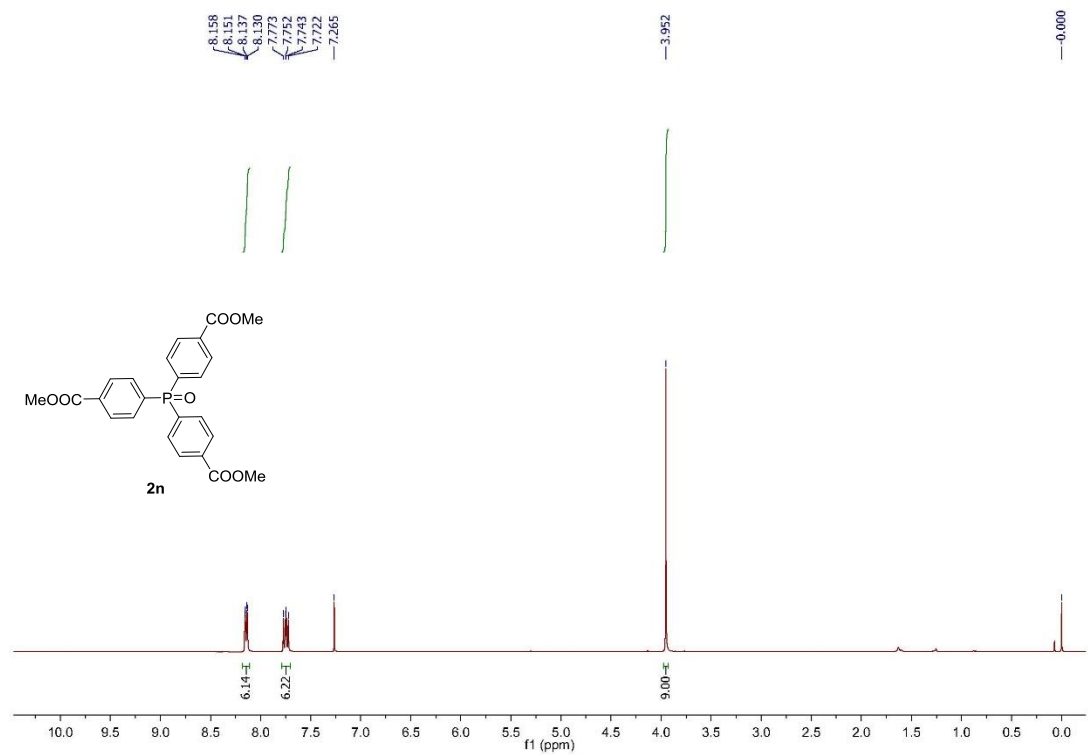
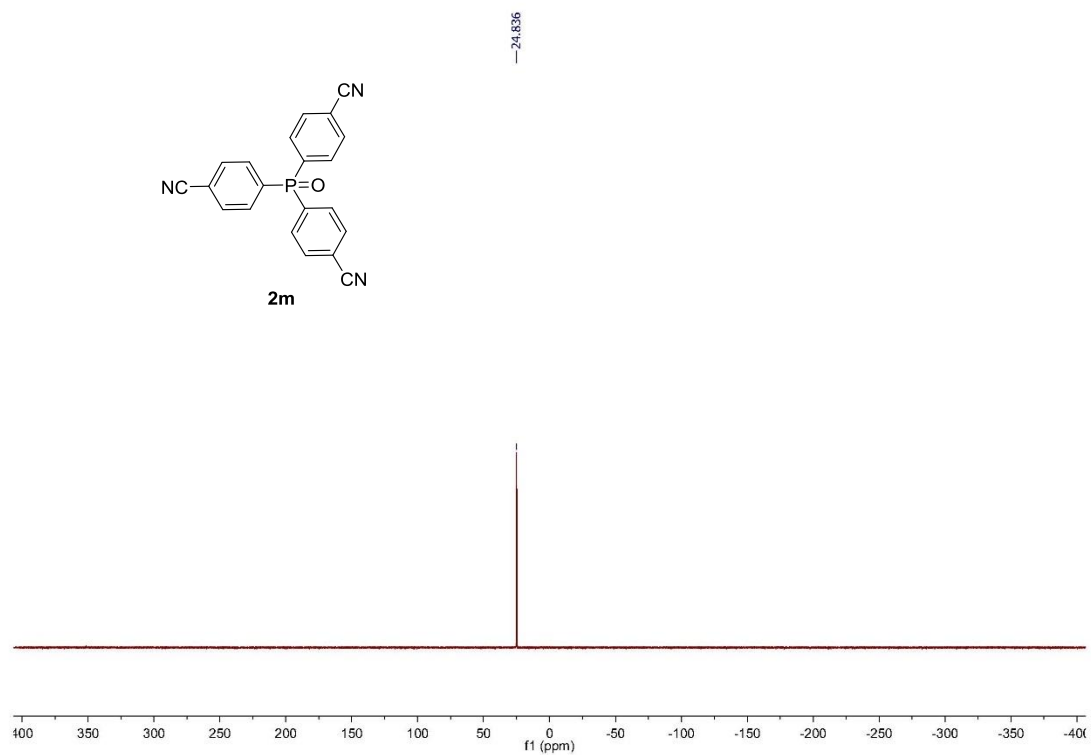


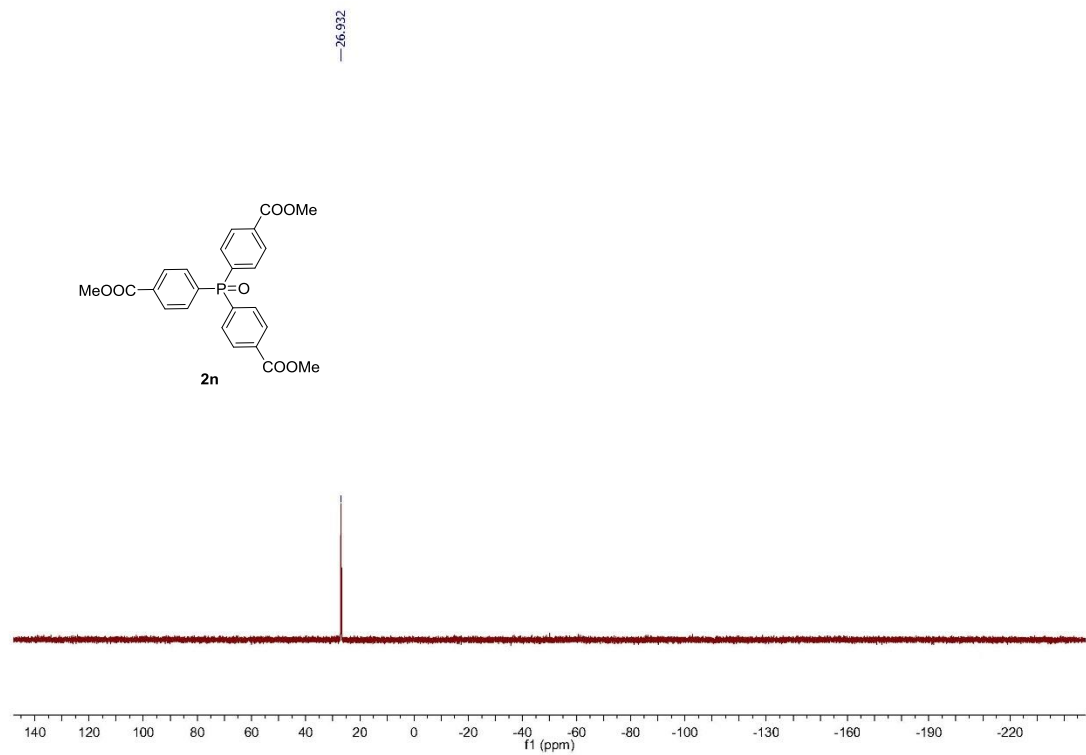
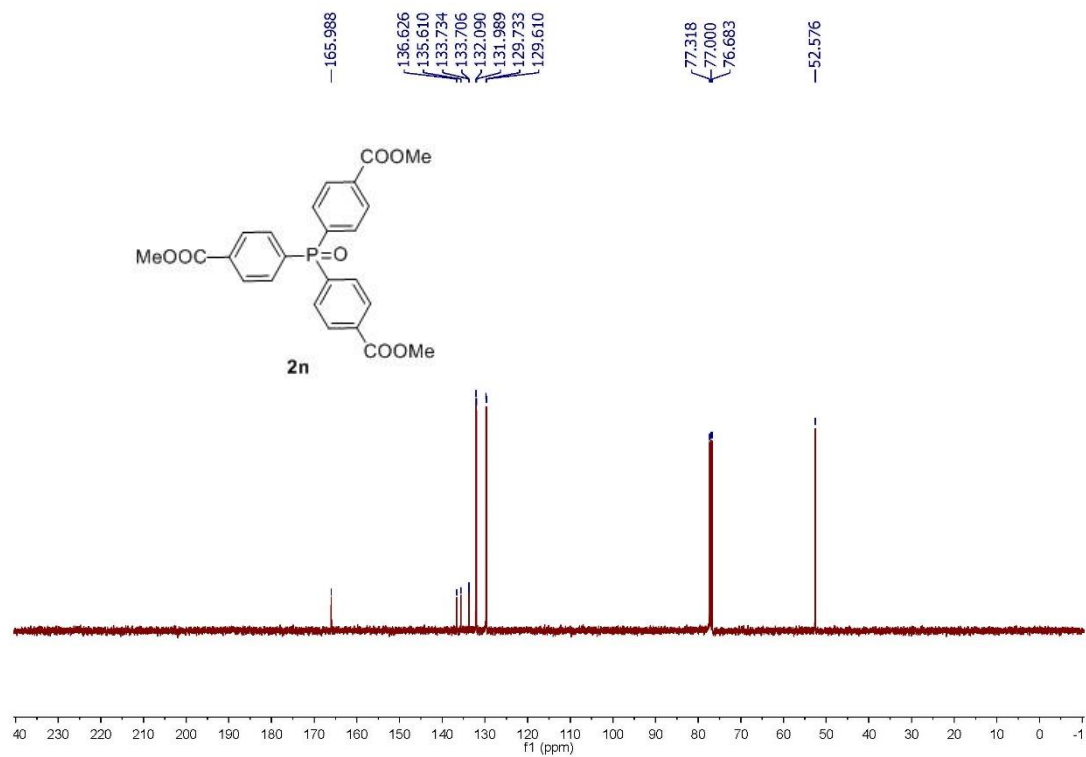


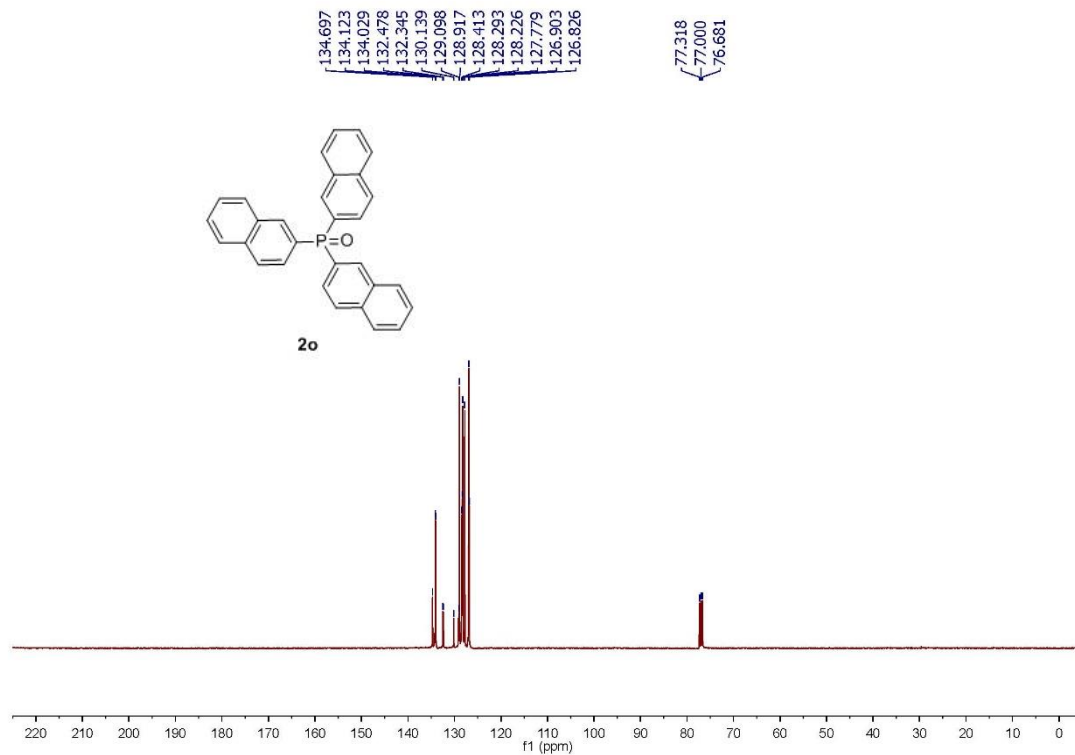
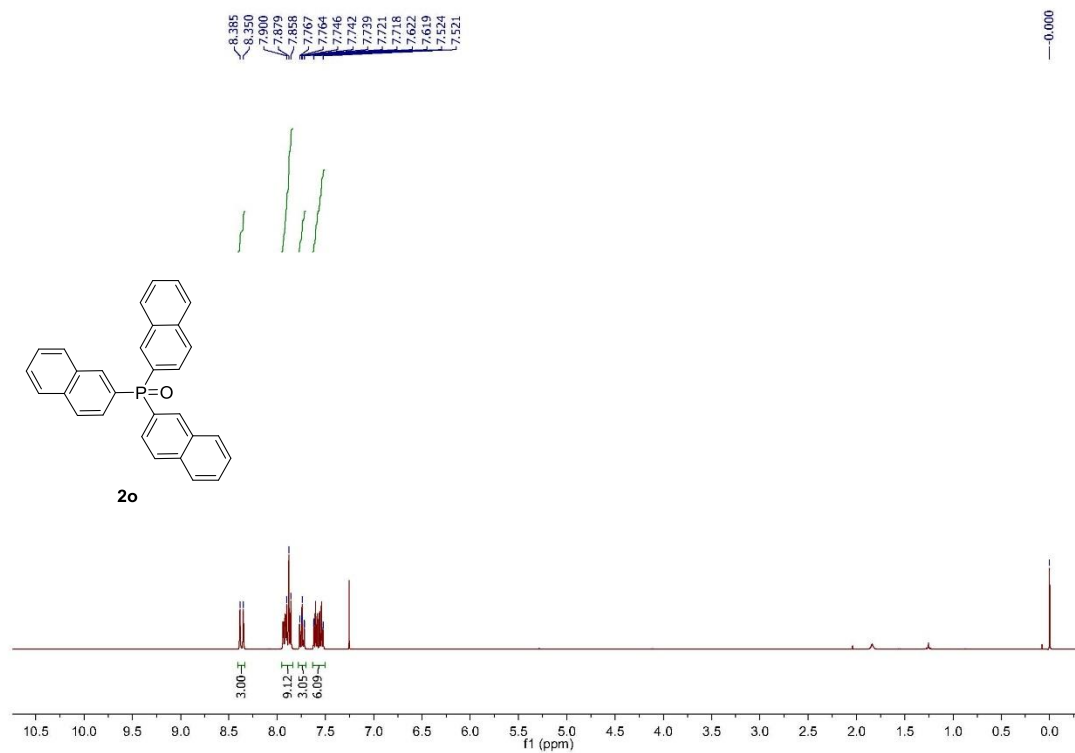


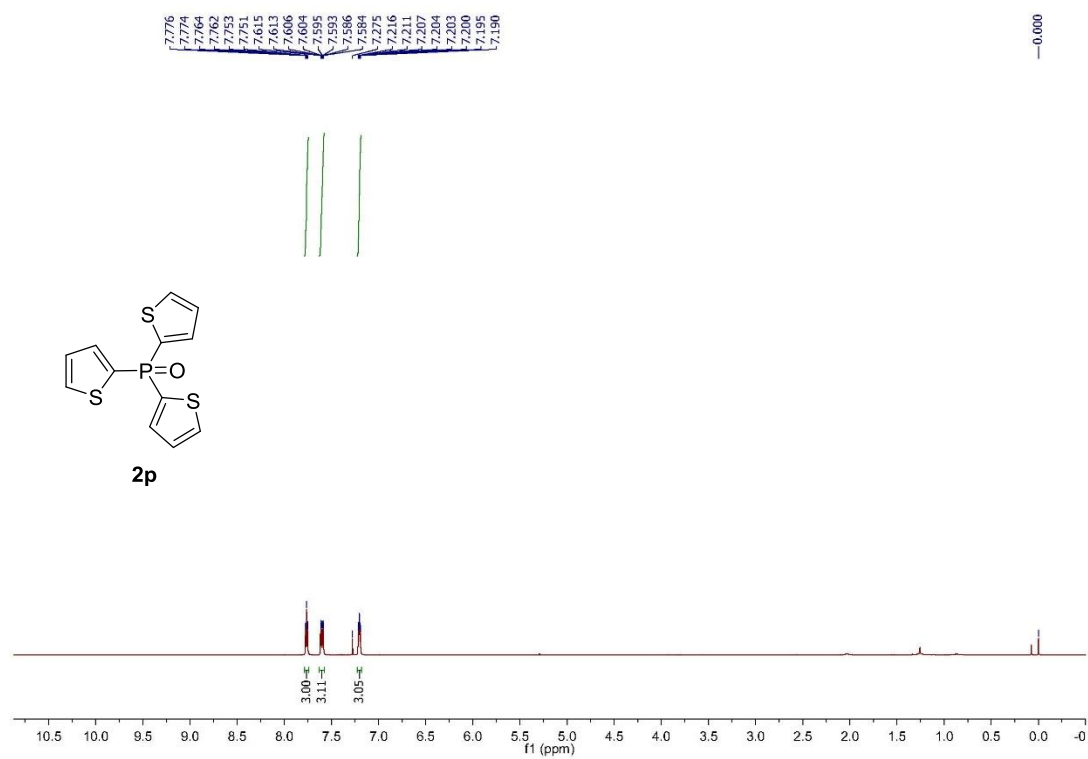
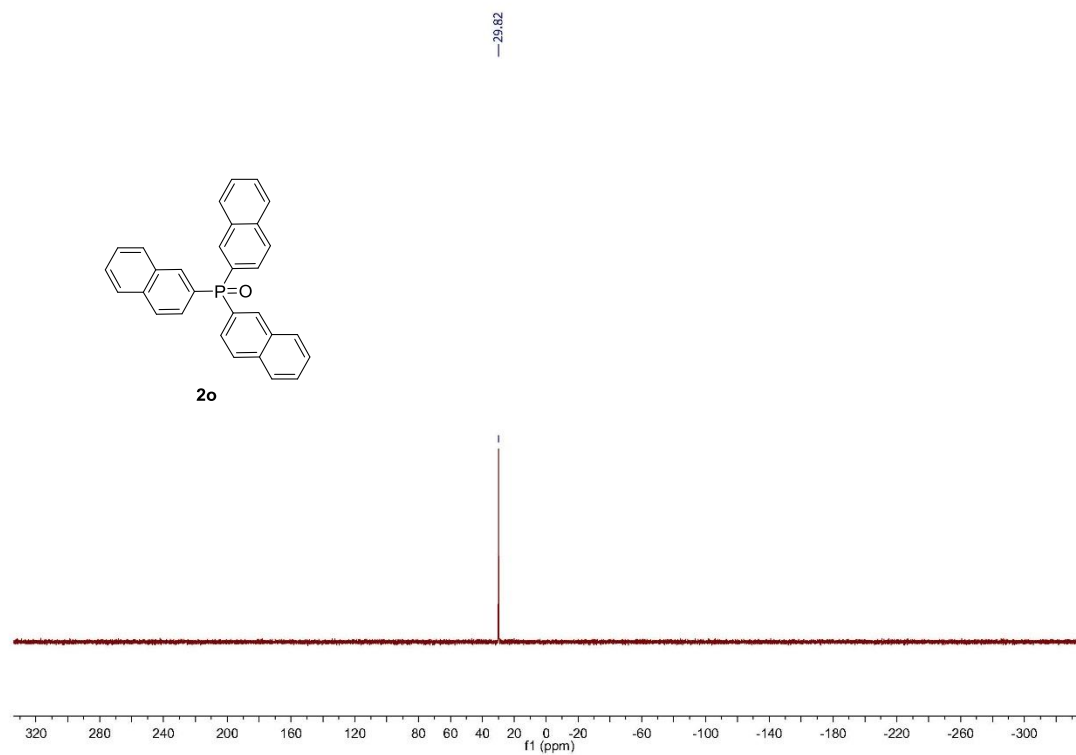


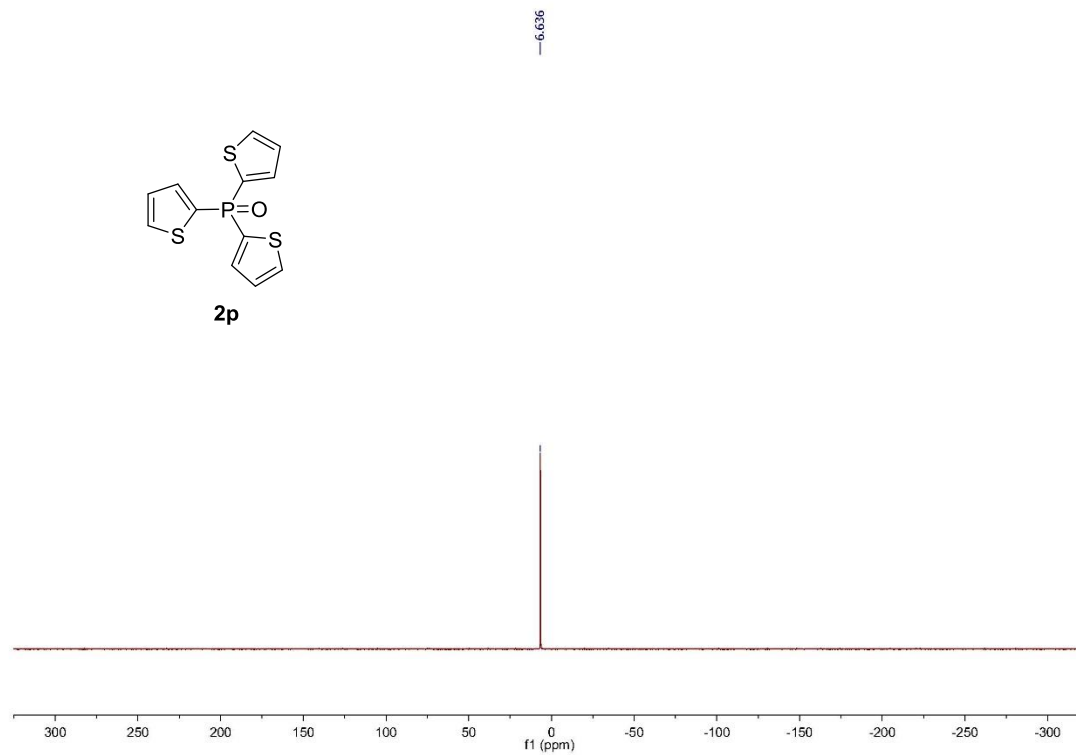
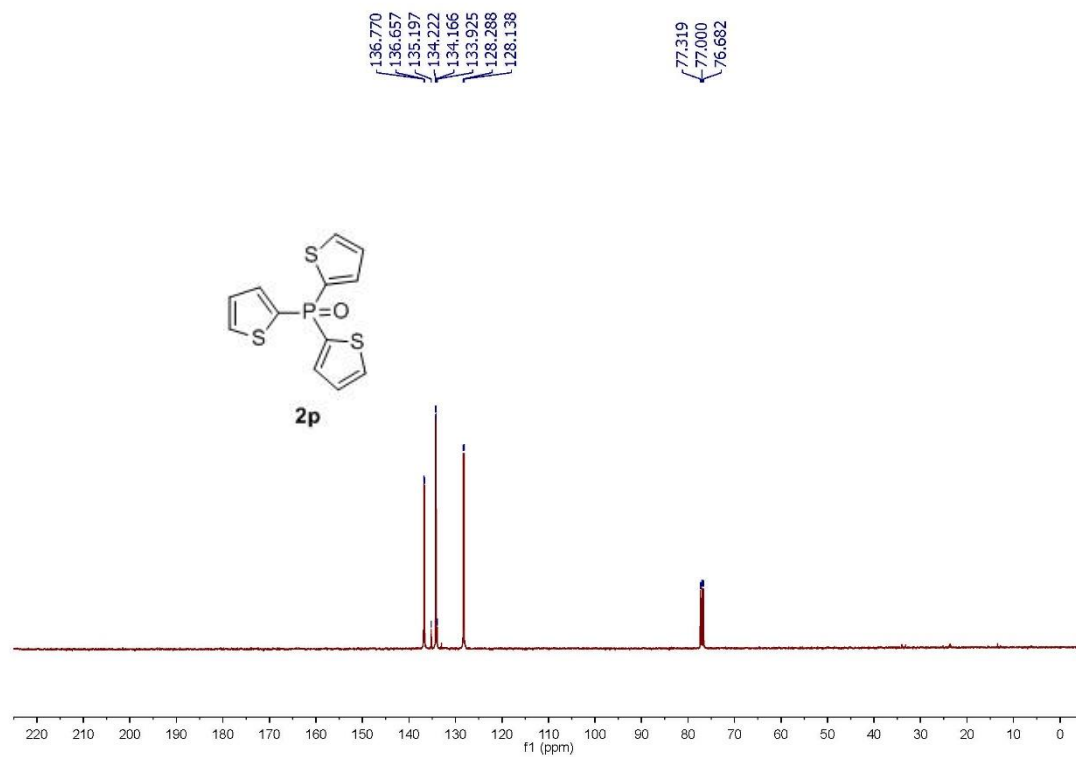












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