

Supporting Information for
Nickel-Catalyzed Cyclization of Alkyne-Nitriles with Organoboronic Acids Involving
***anti*-Carbometalation of Alkynes**

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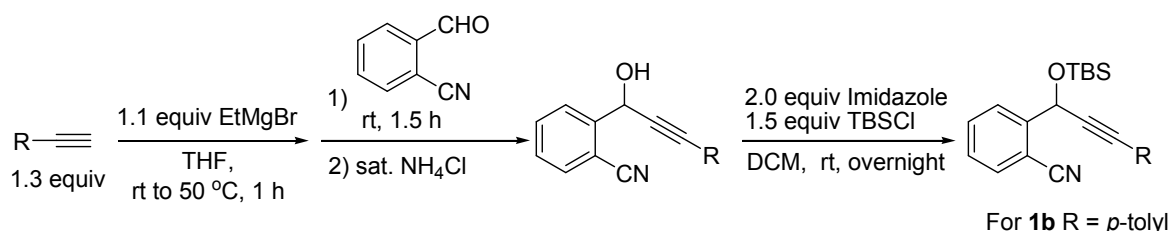
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General Methods. Unless noted, all reactions were carried out using standard Schlenk technique under an argon atmosphere or a dry box technique under a nitrogen atmosphere. Tetrahydrofuran and toluene were distilled from sodium and benzophenone, 1,4-dioxane

was distilled from sodium. EtMgBr (3.0 M solution in Et₂O) was purchased from J&K Chemical Company. All commercial reagents were used without further purification. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature in CDCl₃ (containing 0.03% TMS) solutions or C₆D₆ (containing 0.03% or 1% TMS) solutions on Varian or Agilent XL-400 MHz spectrometer. ¹H NMR spectra was recorded with tetramethylsilane (0.00 ppm) or solvent residual peak (CDCl₃: 7.26 ppm; C₆D₆: 7.16 ppm) as internal reference; ¹³C NMR spectra was recorded with CDCl₃ (77.00 ppm) or C₆D₆ (128.06 ppm) as internal reference. High-resolution mass spectra was obtained by using Waters Micromass GCT Premier, Agilent Technologies 6224 TOF LC/MS or Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ FT Ultra mass spectrometers. The IR spectra were measured on a Bruker Tensor 27 spectrometer. Single crystal X-ray diffraction data was collected at 273(2) K (for **2o**) and 130 K (for **3**) on a Bruker SMART diffractometer or a Bruker APEX-II diffractometer.

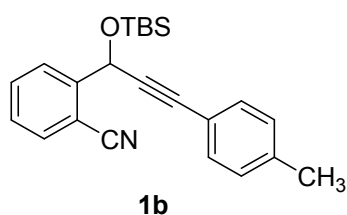
Synthesis of *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1**.^[1]

Typical procedure for the synthesis of 2-(1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(*p*-tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzonitrile (1b**).**

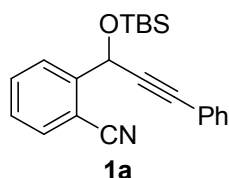


To a solution of 1-ethynyl-4-methylbenzene (755.0 mg, 6.5 mmol) in THF (15.0 mL) was added dropwise EtMgBr (1.8 mL, 3.0 M solution in Et₂O, 5.5 mmol) at room temperature under argon, then the mixture was stirred at 50 °C. After stirring for 1.0 h, 2-cyanobenzaldehyde (655.7 mg, 5.0 mmol) was added at room temperature, and then the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature until the reaction was completed as monitored by TLC (1.5 h). The resulting reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl solution, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure to afford the alcohol as an orange oil, which was used directly without further purification for the next step.

To a solution of the above crude alcohol in DCM (15.0 mL) were added imidazole (680.8 mg, 10.0 mmol) and TBSCl (1.13 g, 7.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature overnight, and saturated NH_4Cl solution was added. Then the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane, washed with water and brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1) to afford **1b** in 76% overall yield (1.38 g) as a colorless oil.

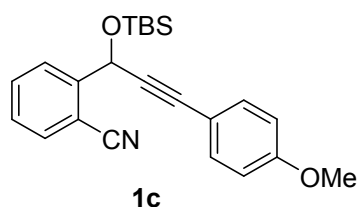


2-(1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(*p*-tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzonitrile (1b). ^1H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ 0.25 (s, 3H), 0.30 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.89 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ -4.97, -4.41, 18.22, 21.42, 25.73, 63.45, 86.89, 87.47, 110.44, 117.19, 119.23, 127.21, 128.14, 128.97, 131.45, 132.90, 133.01, 138.69, 145.39. IR (film): 3678, 2954, 2930, 2887, 2857, 2225, 1907, 1601, 1510, 1468, 1333, 1254, 1206, 1180, 1107, 1067, 1006, 984, 940, 838, 816, 777, 762, 683, 623 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{OSi}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$: 379.2200, found 379.2202.



2-(1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzonitrile (1a). (30 mmol scale. First step: To a solution of ethynylbenzene (36 mmol, 4.0 mL) in THF (100 mL) was added dropwise EtMgBr (3.0 M in diethyl ether, 33 mmol, 11 mL) at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.0 h, then 2-cyanobenzaldehyde (30 mmol, 3.93 g)

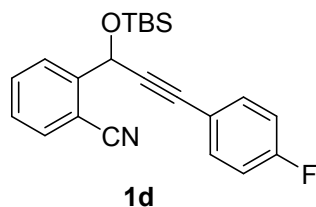
was added at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.5 h. Second step: DCM (100 mL), imidazole (60 mmol, 4.08 g), TBSCl (45 mmol, 6.78 g), stirred at room temperature overnight. Column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate =100:1) afforded the title product in 87% overall yield (9.03 g) as a light yellow oil. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ 0.26 (s, 3H), 0.31 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 9H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.41 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ -4.99, -4.44, 18.21, 25.71, 63.40, 86.67, 88.14, 110.41, 117.15, 122.26, 127.17, 128.17, 128.21, 128.53, 131.53, 132.91, 133.02, 145.25. The NMR data is in agreement with that previously reported.^[1]



2-(1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzonitrile

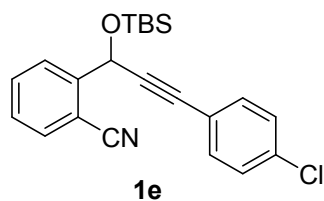
(1c). (5.0 mmol scale. First step: To a solution of 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (6.5 mmol, 859.0 mg) in THF (15.0 mL) was added dropwise EtMgBr (3.0 M in diethyl ether, 5.5 mmol, 1.8 mL) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 1.0 h, then 2-cyanobenzaldehyde (5 mmol, 655.7 mg) was added at room temperature and stirred for 1.5 h. Second step: DCM (15.0 mL), imidazole (10 mmol, 680.8 mg), TBSCl (7.5 mmol, 1.13 g), stirred at room temperature for 2.5 h. Column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded the title product in 77% overall yield (1.46 g) as a light yellow oil. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ 0.22 (s, 3H), 0.27 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.60-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ -4.96, -4.42, 18.22, 25.74, 55.19, 63.51, 86.75, 86.83, 110.44, 113.86, 114.42, 117.19, 127.19, 128.09, 132.90, 132.98, 133.03, 145.52, 159.79. IR (film): 2954, 2931, 2890, 2857, 2224, 1605, 1570, 1509, 1466, 1446, 1290, 1249, 1175, 1107, 1066, 1033, 1008, 984, 833, 777, 684,

670, 623 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$: 395.2149, found 395.2150.



2-(1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzonitrile (1d).

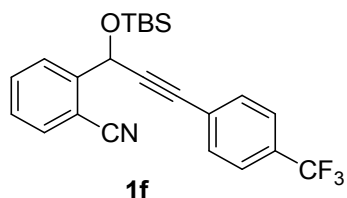
(5.0 mmol scale. First step: To a solution of 1-ethynyl-4-fluorobenzene (6.5 mmol, 0.75 mL) in THF (15.0 mL) was added dropwise EtMgBr (3.0 M in diethyl ether, 5.5 mmol, 1.8 mL) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 1.0 h, then 2-cyanobenzaldehyde (5 mmol, 655.7 mg) was added at room temperature and stirred for 2 h. Second step: DCM (15.0 mL), imidazole (10 mmol, 680.8 mg), TBSCl (7.5 mmol, 1.13 g), stirred at room temperature overnight. Column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 100:1) afforded the title product in 78% overall yield (1.43 g) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ 0.23 (s, 3H), 0.28 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 6.70 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.62-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ -4.99, -4.47, 18.23, 25.71, 63.36, 85.57, 87.90 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 110.37, 115.54 (d, J = 22.1 Hz), 117.14, 118.38 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 127.08, 128.22, 133.02 (d, J = 9.9 Hz), 133.52 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 145.24, 161.38, 163.87. IR (film): 3686, 3074, 2954, 2931, 2887, 2857, 2556, 2226, 2046, 1942, 1894, 1601, 1506, 1469, 1335, 1254, 1230, 1156, 1069, 1008, 984, 939, 835, 777, 762, 670, 623 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{FN}_2\text{OSi}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$: 383.1949, found 383.1950.



2-(1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzonitrile (1e).

(5.0 mmol scale. First step: To a solution of 1-chloro-4-ethynylbenzene (6 mmol, 819.5 mg)

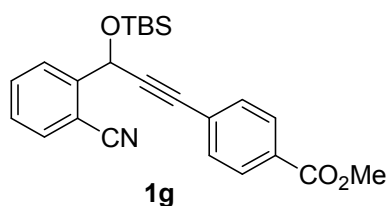
in THF 20.0 mL was added dropwise EtMgBr (3.0 M in diethyl ether, 5.5 mmol, 1.8 mL) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 1.0 h, then 2-cyanobenzaldehyde (5 mmol, 655.7 mg) was added at room temperature and stirred for 1.5 h. Second step: DCM (20.0 mL), imidazole (10 mmol, 680.8 mg), TBSCl (7.5 mmol, 1.13 g), stirred at room temperature for 3.5 h. Column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 100:1) afforded the title product in 68% overall yield (1.29 g) as a light yellow oil. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ 0.22 (s, 3H), 0.27 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (m, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ -5.00, -4.48, 18.21, 25.69, 63.34, 85.46, 89.14, 110.35, 117.10, 120.75, 127.07, 128.25, 128.56, 132.79, 132.96, 133.07, 134.61, 145.07. IR (film): 3679, 3073, 2954, 2931, 2888, 2857, 2711, 2364, 2226, 1941, 1903, 1596, 1488, 1468, 1396, 1330, 1254, 1206, 1069, 1012, 983, 831, 778, 759, 721, 674 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₈ClN₂OSi [M+NH₄]⁺: 399.1654, found 399.1655.



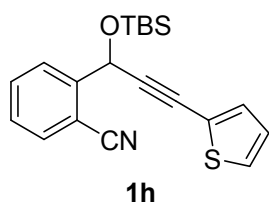
2-(1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-yn-1-

yl)benzonitrile (1f). (5.0 mmol scale. First step: To a solution of 1-ethynyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (6.5 mmol, 1.11 g) in THF (15.0 mL) was added dropwise EtMgBr (3.0 M in diethyl ether, 6 mmol, 2.0 mL) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 1.0 h, then 2-cyanobenzaldehyde (5 mmol, 655.7 mg) was added at room temperature and stirred for 3 h. Second step: DCM (15.0 mL), imidazole (10 mmol, 680.8 mg), TBSCl (7.5 mmol, 1.13 g), stirred at room temperature overnight. Column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: diethyl ether = 100:1) afforded the title product in 78% overall yield (1.62 g) as a light yellow oil, which can be solidified upon standing. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ 0.24 (s, 3H), 0.30 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 7.42 (td, *J* = 7.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 4H), 7.64-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J*

= 8.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ -5.04, -4.55, 18.20, 25.66, 63.33, 85.11 (q, J = 0.7 Hz), 90.63, 110.39, 117.05, 123.76 (q, J = 274.7 Hz), 125.15 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 126.09 (q, J = 1.6 Hz), 127.07, 128.36, 130.28 (q, J = 32.9 Hz), 131.84, 133.01, 133.12, 144.85. IR (film): 2955, 2933, 2890, 2859, 2225, 1614, 1468, 1404, 1320, 1282, 1254, 1162, 1119, 1048, 988, 885, 838, 778, 755, 721, 671, 633 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{28}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{OSi}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$: 433.1918, found 433.1918.

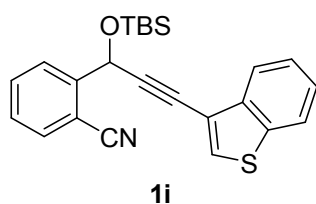


Methyl 4-(3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(2-cyanophenyl)prop-1-yn-1-yl)-benzoate (1g). In this case, alkynyl lithium was used instead of alkynyl magnesium bromide. (4.0 mmol scale. First step: To a solution of methyl 4-ethynylbenzoate (5.2 mmol, 833.0 mg) in THF (15.0 mL) was added dropwise LDA (2.0 M in THF, 4.8 mmol, 2.4 mL) at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 1.0 h, then 2-cyanobenzaldehyde (4 mmol, 524.5 mg) in THF (5 mL) was added at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. Second step: DCM (15.0 mL), imidazole (8 mmol, 544.6 mg), TBSCl (6 mmol, 904.0 mg), stirred at room temperature overnight. Column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 50:1) afforded the title product in 16% overall yield (260.5 mg) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ 0.22 (s, 3H), 0.28 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 7.42 (td, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ -4.99, -4.47, 18.24, 25.71, 52.21, 63.37, 85.75, 91.10, 110.38, 117.09, 126.94, 127.13, 128.34, 129.40, 129.84, 131.52, 133.01, 133.15, 144.95, 166.40. IR (film): 3681, 3554, 3431, 2953, 2888, 2857, 2365, 2226, 1936, 1724, 1605, 1468, 1437, 1405, 1275, 1177, 1107, 1069, 1016, 983, 836, 764, 719, 694, 673 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$: 423.2098, found 423.2098.



2-(1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzonitrile (1h).

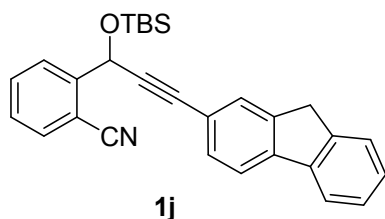
(5.0 mmol scale. First step: To a solution of 2-ethynylthiophene (6.5 mmol, 0.65 mL) in THF (20.0 mL) was added dropwise EtMgBr (3.0 M in diethyl ether, 5.5 mmol, 1.8 mL) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 1.0 h, then 2-cyanobenzaldehyde (5 mmol, 655.7 mg) was added at room temperature and stirred for 2 h. Second step: DCM (20.0 mL), imidazole (10 mmol, 680.8 mg), TBSCl (7.5 mol, 1.13 g), stirred at room temperature overnight. Column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 100:1) afforded the title product in 78% overall yield (1.37 g) as a brown oil. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ 0.21 (s, 3H), 0.27 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.40 (td, *J* = 7.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ -4.98, -4.47, 18.22, 25.72, 63.52, 80.17, 91.86, 110.42, 117.08, 122.11, 126.91, 127.30, 127.51, 128.30, 132.40, 132.91, 133.10, 144.92. IR (film): 2954, 2930, 2888, 2857, 2225, 1599, 1468, 1424, 1359, 1316, 1255, 1208, 1187, 1107, 1064, 1006, 943, 836, 777, 702, 628 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₇N₂OSSi [M+NH₄]⁺: 371.1608, found 371.1608.



2-(3-(Benzo[*b*]thiophen-3-yl)-1-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)prop-2-yn-1-

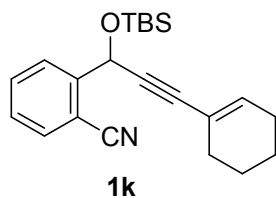
yl)benzonitrile (1i). (5.0 mmol scale. First step: To a solution of 3-ethynylbenzo[*b*]thiophene (7.8 mmol, 1.24 g), THF (15.0 mL) was added dropwise EtMgBr (3.0 M in diethyl ether, 6 mmol, 2.0 mL) was added at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 1.0 h, then 2-cyanobenzaldehyde (5 mmol, 655.7 mg) was added at room temperature and stirred for 2 h. Second step: DCM (15.0 mL), imidazole (10 mmol, 680.8 mg), TBSCl (7.5 mmol, 1.13 g), stirred at room temperature overnight.

Column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 100:1) afforded the title product in 78% overall yield (1.57 g) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ 0.27 (s, 3H), 0.33 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.65-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ -4.95, -4.40, 18.24, 25.73, 63.55, 80.51, 90.69, 110.36, 117.17, 117.38, 122.50, 122.94, 124.77, 125.01, 127.12, 128.25, 130.64, 132.95, 133.12, 138.66, 138.98, 145.33. IR (film): 3101, 3069, 2953, 2930, 2887, 2856, 2224, 1598, 1467, 1428, 1391, 1344, 1317, 1255, 1208, 1182, 1163, 1104, 1068, 1007, 938, 836, 778, 756, 730, 673, 629 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₉N₂OSSi [M+NH₄]⁺: 421.1764, found 421.1766.



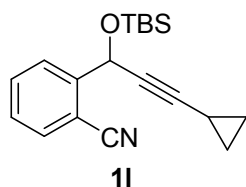
2-(1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(9*H*-fluoren-2-yl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzonitrile (1j). (4.0 mmol scale. First step: To a solution of 2-ethynyl-9*H*-fluorene (5.2 mmol, 989.0 mg), THF (15.0 mL) was added dropwise EtMgBr (3.0 M in diethyl ether, 4.8 mmol, 1.6 mL) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 1.0 h, then 2-cyanobenzaldehyde (4 mmol, 524.5 mg) was added at room temperature and stirred for 2 h. Second step: DCM (15.0 mL), imidazole (8 mmol, 544.6 mg), TBSCl (6 mmol, 904.0 mg), stirred at room temperature overnight. Column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 100:1) afforded the title product in 73% overall yield (1.28 g) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ 0.29 (s, 3H), 0.35 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 3.87 (s, 2H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 7.30 (td, *J* = 7.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.73 (m, 4H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ -4.93, -4.35, 18.26, 25.76, 36.61, 63.53, 87.43, 88.05, 110.43, 117.22, 119.63, 120.15, 120.26, 125.01, 126.83, 127.16, 127.19, 128.13, 128.15, 130.44, 132.94, 133.04, 140.87, 142.12, 143.03, 143.47, 145.43. IR (film): 3068, 3019, 2930, 2889, 2856, 2224, 1600, 1456, 1403, 1360, 1331, 1293, 1254,

1203, 1180, 1148, 1105, 1065, 1000, 951, 835, 762, 732, 690, 671, 647, 627 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{OSi}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$: 453.2357, found 453.2357.



2-(1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzonitrile

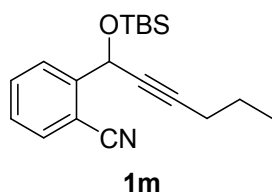
(1k). (5.0 mmol scale. First step: To a solution of 1-ethynylcyclohex-1-ene (6.5 mmol, 0.76 mL) in THF (15.0 mL) was added dropwise EtMgBr (3.0 M in diethyl ether, 5.5 mmol, 1.8 mL) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 1.0 h, then 2-cyanobenzaldehyde (5 mmol, 655.7 mg) was added at room temperature and stirred for 2 h. Second step: DCM (15.0 mL), imidazole (10 mmol, 680.8 mg), TBSCl (7.5 mmol, 1.13 g), stirred at room temperature overnight. Column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 100:1) afforded the title product in 86% overall yield (1.51 g) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ 0.19 (s, 3H), 0.23 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 1.54-1.63 (m, 4H), 2.05-2.12 (m, 4H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 6.09-6.11 (m, 1H), 7.37 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.80 (dd, J = 8.0, 0.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ -4.99, -4.39, 18.21, 21.36, 22.11, 25.52, 25.74, 28.74, 63.41, 85.46, 88.61, 110.40, 117.20, 119.97, 127.15, 127.99, 132.86, 132.94, 135.48, 145.72. IR (film): 2931, 2887, 2857, 2224, 1468, 1447, 1359, 1340, 1254, 1199, 1179, 1105, 1066, 1002, 934, 838, 776, 761, 721, 673 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{OSi}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$: 369.2357, found 369.2357.



2-(1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-cyclopropylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzonitrile (1l).

(5.0 mmol scale. First step: To a solution of ethynylcyclopropane (6.5 mmol, 0.60 mL) in THF (15.0 mL) was added dropwise EtMgBr (3.0 M in diethyl ether, 6 mmol, 2.0 mL) at room

temperature, and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 1.0 h, then 2-cyanobenzaldehyde (5 mmol, 655.7 mg) was added at room temperature and stirred for 2 h. Second step: DCM (15.0 mL), imidazole (10 mmol, 680.8 mg), TBSCl (7.5 mmol, 1.13 g), stirred at room temperature overnight. Column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 100:1) afforded the title product in 75% overall yield (1.17 g) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.20 (s, 3H), 0.67-0.71 (m, 2H), 0.72-0.78 (m, 2H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 1.21-1.28 (m, 1H), 5.70 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, *J* = 7.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ -5.06, -4.49, -0.53, 8.00, 8.02, 18.15, 25.69, 63.08, 74.46, 90.65, 110.26, 117.15, 126.97, 127.89, 132.77, 132.88, 145.89. IR (film): 3825, 3802, 3680, 3561, 3436, 3095, 3073, 3013, 2954, 2931, 2888, 2857, 2741, 2710, 2650, 2480, 2359, 2227, 2078, 1946, 1837, 1600, 1469, 1359, 1254, 1158, 1106, 1068, 1027, 939, 897, 837, 775, 709, 671, 624 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₉N₂OSi [M+NH₄]⁺: 329.2044, found 329.2044.

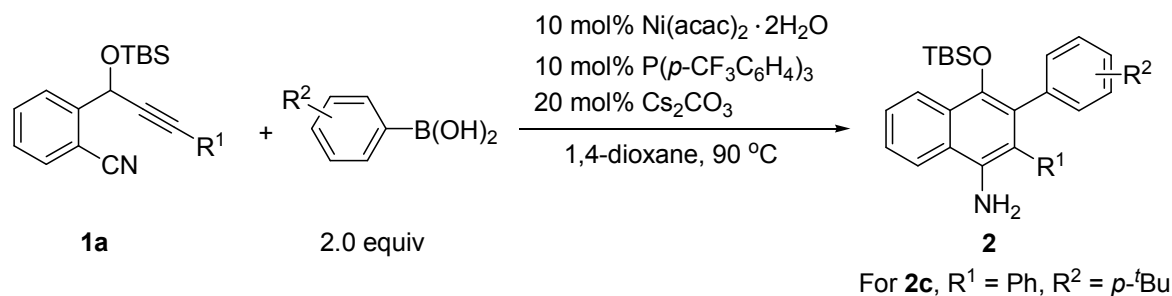


2-(1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)hex-2-yn-1-yl)benzonitrile (1m). (5.0 mmol scale. First step: To a solution of pent-1-yne (6 mmol, 0.60 mL) in THF (20.0 mL) was added dropwise EtMgBr (3.0 M in diethyl ether, 5.5 mmol, 1.8 mL) at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4.0 h, then 2-cyanobenzaldehyde (5 mmol, 655.7 mg) was added at 0 °C and stirred at room temperature for 3.5 h. Second step: DCM (20.0 mL), imidazole (10 mmol, 680.8 mg), TBSCl (7.5 mmol, 1.13 g), stirred at room temperature overnight. Column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 30:1) afforded the title product in 85% overall yield (1.33 g) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ 0.17 (s, 3H), 0.21 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.48-1.57 (m, 2H), 2.18 (td, *J* = 7.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 5.75 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ -5.07, -4.52, 13.43, 18.19, 20.71, 21.77, 25.70, 63.06, 79.51, 87.57,

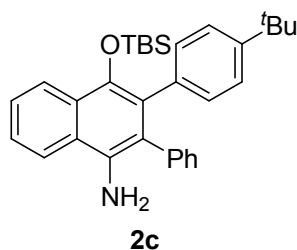
110.23, 117.19, 126.95, 127.90, 132.76, 132.92, 146.09. IR (film): 3071, 2941, 2862, 2283, 2229, 1940, 1600, 1464, 1332, 1256, 1209, 1139, 1060, 946, 842, 769, 717, 674 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{OSi}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$: 331.2200, found 331.2201.

Synthesis of 1-naphthylamines **2**.

Typical procedure for the synthesis of 1-naphthylamine **2c**.

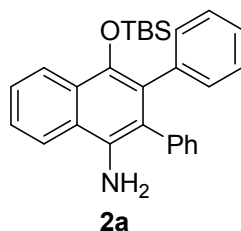


In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, $\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), $\text{P}(p\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)_3$ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs_2CO_3 (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg) and (4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)boronic acid (0.6 mmol, 106.8 mg) were added to an oven-dried screw-cap vial (volume: 4.0 mL), then 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were added. The vial cap was then securely fitted and sealed with electrical tape before the vial was removed from the glovebox. Then the vial was taken outside the glovebox and stirred at 90 $^\circ\text{C}$ in an oil-bath until the reaction was complete as monitored by TLC (4 h). After the mixture was cooled down to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through a short silica gel column and washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 15:1) to afford **2c** in 77% yield (111.7 mg) as a light yellow solid. M.p. = 175-176 $^\circ\text{C}$.

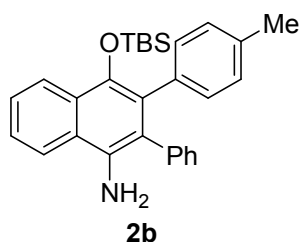


3-(4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)-4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine

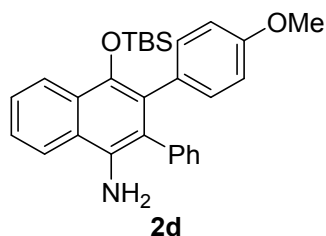
(2c). ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.26 (s, 6H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 1.16 (s, 9H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 6.90-6.93 (m, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.09-7.15 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (td, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.77, 18.92, 26.51, 31.43, 34.39, 121.97, 123.21, 124.35, 124.51, 124.78, 125.32, 125.47, 126.82, 128.53, 128.92, 129.05, 131.70, 132.60, 134.70, 135.93, 139.48, 141.31, 148.97. IR (neat): 3477, 3462, 3371, 3078, 3052, 3029, 2957, 2928, 2884, 2857, 1614, 1579, 1515, 1492, 1467, 1443, 1392, 1370, 1254, 1178, 1145, 1108, 1071, 1031, 899, 834, 813, 779, 757, 732, 703, 673 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₄₀NOSi [M+H]⁺: 482.2874, found 482.2868.



4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2,3-diphenylnaphthalen-1-amine (2a). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.015 mmol, 4.4 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.015 mmol, 7.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.03 mmol, 9.8 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 3 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 13:1) afforded the title product in 73% yield (92.7 mg) as a light yellow solid. M.p. = 183-184 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.27 (s, 6H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 6.92-6.95 (m, 2H), 7.01 (td, *J* = 7.2, 3.6 Hz, 4H), 7.08-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.71, 18.88, 26.46, 121.97, 123.10, 124.52, 124.87, 125.37, 125.58, 126.31, 126.83, 127.43, 128.57, 128.90, 129.05, 131.68, 132.93, 134.74, 138.93, 139.39, 141.14. IR (neat): 3451, 3371, 3074, 3052, 3033, 2951, 2928, 2884, 2855, 1608, 1579, 1491, 1469, 1444, 1388, 1370, 1257, 1177, 1144, 1069, 1029, 920, 894, 873, 843, 827, 813, 786, 758, 734, 697, 678, 659 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₃₂NOSi [M+H]⁺: 426.2248, found 426.2246.

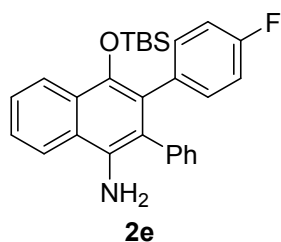


4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-phenyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)naphthalen-1-amine (2b). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.015 mmol, 4.4 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.015 mmol, 7.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.03 mmol, 9.8 mg), *p*-tolylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 81.6 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 8 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 20:1) afforded the title product in 73% yield (95.9 mg) as a light yellow solid. M.p. = 150-152 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.24 (s, 6H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.70, 18.90, 21.16, 26.49, 121.96, 123.28, 124.50, 124.80, 125.34, 125.48, 126.81, 128.20, 128.57, 128.94, 129.03, 131.71, 132.84, 134.72, 135.58, 135.93, 139.58, 141.22. IR (neat): 3454, 3374, 3075, 3051, 3024, 2925, 2855, 1954, 1900, 1608, 1468, 1442, 1371, 1256, 1178, 1071, 1028, 897, 829, 784, 760, 738, 722, 700, 675, 659 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₉H₃₄NOSi [M+H]⁺: 440.2404, found 440.2399.



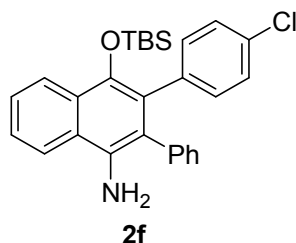
4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine (2d). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), (4-methoxyphenyl)boronic acid (0.6 mmol, 91.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 6 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography

on silica gel which was treated with petroleum ether/Et₃N = 1:1 and then petroleum ether before loading the sample (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 15:1) afforded the title product in 68% yield (93.2 mg) as a yellow solid. M.p. = 162-163 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.23 (s, 6H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.70, 18.89, 26.49, 54.58, 113.01, 121.96, 123.38, 124.47, 124.73, 125.35, 125.44, 126.81, 128.63, 128.74, 128.95, 131.06, 131.71, 133.93, 134.73, 139.62, 141.24, 158.51. IR (neat): 3458, 3378, 3073, 3035, 2951, 2928, 2886, 2856, 1605, 1568, 1512, 1465, 1445, 1417, 1372, 1285, 1243, 1173, 1143, 1073, 1028, 899, 831, 773, 759, 701, 673, 643 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₉H₃₄NO₂Si [M+H]⁺: 456.2353, found 456.2341.



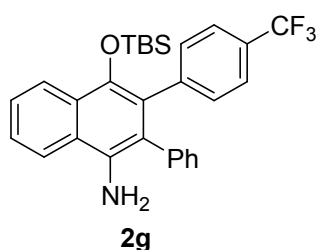
4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine (2e). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), (4-fluorophenyl)boronic acid (0.6 mmol, 84.0 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 5 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 13:1) afforded the title product in 68% yield (90.1 mg) as a light yellow solid. M.p. = 148-149 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.30 (s, 6H), 0.99 (s, 9H), 3.53 (bs, 2H), 6.67 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.92-6.98 (m, 1H), 7.01-7.04 (m, 6H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.72, 18.81, 26.35, 114.34 (d, *J* = 21 Hz), 121.95, 122.87, 124.45, 124.85, 125.46, 125.70, 126.97, 127.91, 128.66, 128.82, 131.61, 134.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 134.76, 134.82 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 139.16, 141.13, 161.80 (d, *J* = 245.4 Hz). IR (neat): 3458, 3377, 3077, 3055, 2949, 2928, 2888,

2855, 1604, 1510, 1469, 1443, 1371, 1258, 1220, 1182, 1154, 1073, 1029, 901, 832, 809, 780, 760, 740, 702, 676, 658 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₃₁FNOSi [M+H]⁺: 444.2153, found 444.2148.

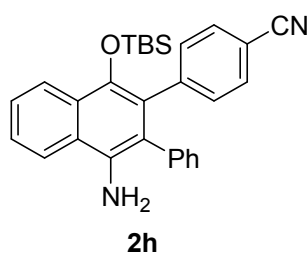


4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine (2f).

(0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), (4-chlorophenyl)boronic acid (0.6 mmol, 93.8 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 3 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 15:1) afforded the title product in 69% yield (95.4 mg) as a yellow solid. M.p. = 154-155 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.32 (s, 6H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 3.52 (s, 2H), 6.91-6.95 (m, 1H), 6.97-7.00 (m, 8H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.73, 18.79, 26.31, 121.94, 122.55, 124.45, 124.89, 125.50, 125.78, 127.08, 127.64, 127.69, 128.70, 128.79, 131.58, 132.33, 134.25, 134.82, 137.40, 138.96, 141.06. IR (neat): 3456, 3374, 3078, 3058, 2949, 2928, 2887, 2855, 1607, 1579, 1492, 1470, 1442, 1370, 1300, 1258, 1183, 1145, 1090, 1073, 1029, 1015, 901, 830, 782, 761, 739, 703, 675 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₃₁ClNOSi [M+H]⁺: 460.1858, found 460.1857.

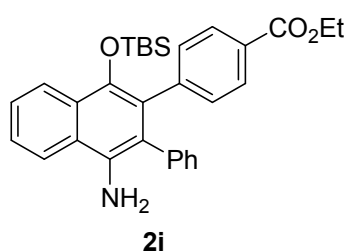


4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-phenyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)naphthalen-1-amine (2g). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), (4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)boronic acid (0.6 mmol, 114.0 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 4 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 15:1) afforded the title product in 76% yield (112.2 mg) as a yellow solid. M.p. = 160-161 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.36 (s, 6H), 0.94 (s, 9H), 3.53 (s, 2H), 6.88-6.93 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.97 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.81, 18.75, 26.20, 121.96, 122.21, 124.27 (q, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 124.50, 125.05, 125.08 (q, *J* = 272 Hz), 125.59, 126.00, 127.21, 127.58, 128.45 (q, *J* = 31.9 Hz), 128.71, 128.74, 131.53, 133.22, 134.90, 138.67, 141.12, 142.95 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz). IR (neat): 3453, 3373, 3075, 3055, 3021, 2949, 2927, 2884, 2855, 1608, 1492, 1444, 1408, 1390, 1371, 1325, 1258, 1170, 1122, 1065, 1017, 900, 838, 784, 761, 703, 677, 661 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₉H₃₁F₃NOSi [M+H]⁺: 494.2122, found 494.2117.

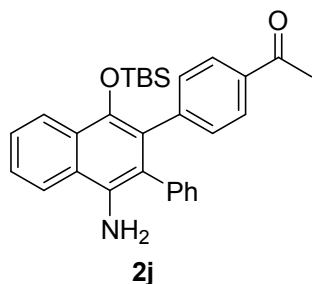


4-(4-Amino-1-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-phenylnaphthalen-2-yl)benzonitrile (2h). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), (4-cyanophenyl)boronic acid (0.6 mmol, 88.2 mg), tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 3 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 10:1) afforded the title product in 74% yield (100.2 mg) as a yellow solid. M.p. = 91-92 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.41 (s, 6H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 3.59 (bs, 2H), 6.90-7.01 (m, 9H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t,

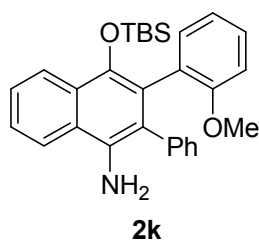
$J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -3.78, 18.71, 26.20, 110.23, 119.06, 121.73, 122.03, 124.43, 125.09, 125.68, 126.16, 127.21, 127.27, 128.64, 128.76, 130.91, 131.49, 133.39, 135.04, 138.51, 140.89, 143.71. IR (neat): 3456, 3378, 3077, 3050, 2953, 2930, 2890, 2857, 2361, 2226, 1952, 1924, 1735, 1705, 1606, 1578, 1497, 1467, 1441, 1374, 1305, 1254, 1176, 1146, 1074, 1012, 904, 837, 763, 703, 677, 641 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{OSi}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 451.2200, found 451.2206.



Ethyl 4-(4-amino-1-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-phenylnaphthalen-2-yl)benzoate (2i). (0.3 mmol scale, $\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), $\text{P}(p\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)_3$ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs_2CO_3 (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), (4-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl)boronic acid (0.6 mmol, 116.4 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 5 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 10:1) afforded the title product in 64% yield (96.0 mg) as a light yellow solid. M.p. = 150-151 °C. ^1H NMR(400 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -0.33 (s, 6H), 0.92 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 3.60 (bs, 2H), 4.01 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.88-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.97-7.04 (m, 4H), 7.26 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (td, $J = 8.4, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, $J = 6.8, 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 8.44 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -3.68, 14.17, 18.78, 26.30, 60.70, 122.01, 122.42, 124.51, 125.05, 125.52, 125.90, 127.13, 128.11, 128.71, 128.77, 128.79, 131.56, 133.01, 134.92, 138.93, 141.08, 143.97, 166.24. IR (neat): 3459, 3378, 3079, 3058, 2947, 2927, 2883, 2854, 1713, 1606, 1492, 1469, 1445, 1388, 1364, 1274, 1178, 1145, 1128, 1108, 1071, 1022, 900, 854, 841, 827, 813, 784, 761, 737, 706, 675, 658 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_3\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 498.2459, found 498.2461.

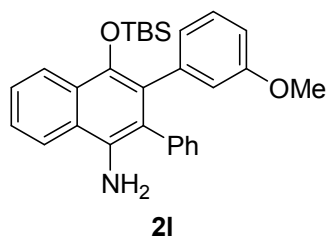


1-(4-(4-Amino-1-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-phenylnaphthalen-2-yl)phenyl)ethanone (2j). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), (4-acetylphenyl)boronic acid (0.6 mmol, 98.4 mg), tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 6 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 10:1) afforded the title product in 70% yield (97.7 mg) as a yellow solid. M.p. = 161-162 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.32 (s, 6H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 3.64 (bs, 2H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00-7.06 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.69, 18.80, 26.07, 26.31, 122.06, 122.28, 124.50, 125.05, 125.56, 125.95, 127.15, 127.45, 128.05, 128.74, 128.79, 131.59, 133.06, 135.03, 135.32, 139.00, 141.07, 143.98, 196.31. IR (neat): 3468, 3375, 3081, 3058, 3033, 2953, 2926, 2888, 2855, 1665, 1626, 1601, 1579, 1558, 1493, 1465, 1427, 1374, 1253, 1185, 1147, 1075, 1009, 955, 906, 839, 765, 728, 699, 672 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₃₄NO₂Si [M+H]⁺: 468.2353, found 468.2354.



4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine (2k). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol,

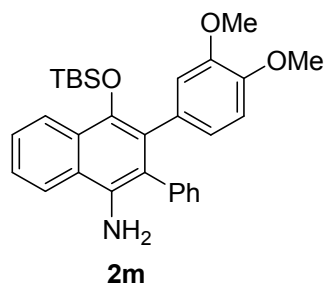
14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), (2-methoxyphenyl)boronic acid (0.6 mmol, 91.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 10 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 10:1) afforded the title product in 47% yield (64.7 mg) as a light yellow solid. M.p. = 159-160 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.26 (s, 3H), -0.06 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 3.54 (bs, 2H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94-7.00 (m, 4H), 7.09-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -4.34, -3.49, 18.79, 26.46, 54.11, 110.19, 119.88, 121.98, 124.10, 124.38, 125.05, 125.18, 125.34, 126.09, 126.57, 127.52, 127.97, 128.52, 128.92, 131.40, 131.48, 134.10, 139.58, 141.55, 157.36. IR (neat): 3441, 3375, 3053, 3026, 2952, 2929, 2890, 2855, 1608, 1580, 1494, 1463, 1436, 1374, 1298, 1246, 1180, 1148, 1115, 1072, 1028, 905, 829, 751, 701, 676 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₉H₃₄NO₂Si [M+H]⁺: 456.2353, found 456.2360.



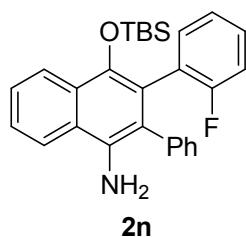
4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine

(2I). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), (3-methoxyphenyl)boronic acid (0.6 mmol, 91.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 7.5 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 13:1) afforded the title product in 75% yield (102.7 mg) as a yellow solid. M.p. = 159-160 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.21 (s, 6H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 2H), 6.61-6.64 (m, 1H), 6.87-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.96 (m, 2H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.69, 18.83, 26.46, 54.73, 112.67,

118.30, 121.97, 123.01, 124.52, 124.85, 125.40, 125.53, 125.61, 126.85, 128.33, 128.60, 128.90, 128.97, 131.58, 134.74, 139.48, 140.08, 141.12, 159.30. IR (neat): 3456, 3375, 3074, 3057, 2950, 2926, 2888, 2854, 1601, 1490, 1464, 1428, 1372, 1313, 1284, 1246, 1213, 1161, 1069, 1042, 1007, 935, 898, 838, 810, 775, 759, 737, 699, 677 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}_2\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 456.2353, found 456.2351.

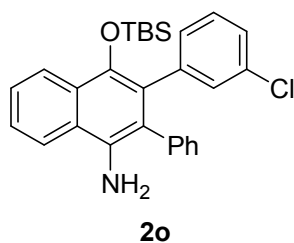


4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine (2m). (0.3 mmol scale, $\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), $\text{P}(p\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)_3$ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs_2CO_3 (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), (3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)boronic acid (0.6 mmol, 109.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 10.5 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate : dichloromethane = 15:1:1) afforded the title product in 65% yield (94.2 mg) as a yellow solid. M.p. = 188-189 $^\circ\text{C}$. ^1H NMR(400 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -0.20 (s, 6H), 1.06 (s, 9H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.59 (bs, 2H), 6.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -3.70, 18.87, 26.48, 55.38, 55.59, 111.13, 117.27, 121.97, 123.30, 124.49, 124.73, 125.41, 125.49, 125.50, 126.79, 128.63 (br), 128.96, 129.03, 131.19, 131.64 (br), 134.76, 139.81, 141.23, 148.62, 149.06. IR (neat): 3451, 3371, 3075, 2997, 2951, 2928, 2856, 1737, 1607, 1585, 1514, 1493, 1465, 1412, 1369, 1313, 1250, 1188, 1159, 1135, 1075, 1025, 944, 893, 864, 831, 780, 758, 703, 673 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_3\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 486.2459, found 486.2469.



4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine (2n).

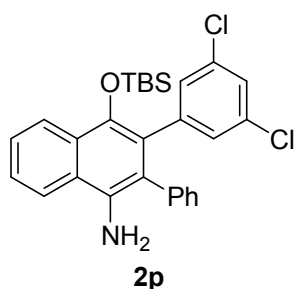
(0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), (2-fluorophenyl)boronic acid (0.6 mmol, 84.0 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 11 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel which was treated with petroleum ether/Et₃N = 1:1 and then petroleum ether before loading the sample (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 15:1) afforded the title product in 41% yield (54.5 mg) as a light yellow solid. M.p. = 192-193 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.21 (s, 3H), -0.19 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 3.51 (s, 2H), 6.66-6.72 (m, 2H), 6.74-6.79 (m, 1H), 6.92-7.07 (m, 4H), 7.12-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.99, -3.60, 18.75, 26.30, 115.43 (d, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 122.03, 123.18 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 123.39, 124.50, 125.32, 125.36, 125.79, 127.02, 127.18 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 128.20, 128.63, 128.67, 128.85 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 131.36, 134.58 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 134.65, 138.96, 141.83, 160.84 (d, *J* = 246.1 Hz). IR (neat): 3458, 3382, 3077, 3042, 2951, 2929, 2889, 2856, 1608, 1575, 1493, 1466, 1441, 1375, 1258, 1228, 1179, 1147, 1103, 1072, 1028, 902, 883, 828, 784, 755, 702, 677, 656 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₃₁FNOSi [M+H]⁺: 444.2153, found 444.2157.



4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine (2o).

(0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.015 mmol, 4.4 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.015 mmol, 7.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.03 mmol, 9.8 mg), (3-chlorophenyl)boronic acid (0.6 mmol, 93.8 mg), 1,4-

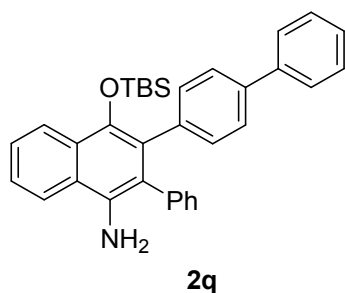
dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 3 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 15:1) afforded the title product in 68% yield (93.2 mg) as a light yellow solid. M.p. = 183-184 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.28 (bs, 6H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 3.51 (s, 2H), 6.68 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89-7.01 (m, 7H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.73, 18.73, 26.33, 121.95, 122.47, 124.51, 124.99, 125.52, 125.86, 126.38, 127.10, 127.53, 128.58, 128.770 (br), 128.774, 130.98, 131.56 (br), 133.10, 133.44, 134.85, 138.90, 140.84, 141.09. IR (neat): 3453, 3373, 3076, 3059, 2927, 2890, 2855, 1609, 1595, 1574, 1491, 1470, 1426, 1407, 1372, 1258, 1224, 1183, 1147, 1094, 1069, 1028, 1005, 914, 871, 844, 828, 810, 786, 775, 759, 722, 704, 678 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₃₁ClNOSi [M+H]⁺: 460.1858, found 460.1860.



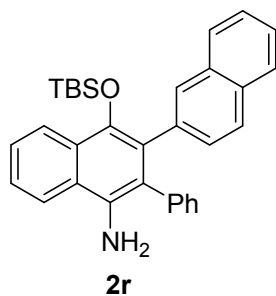
4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-2-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine

(2p). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), (3,5-dichlorophenyl)boronic acid (0.6 mmol, 114.5 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 2 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 15:1) afforded the title product in 65% yield (96.8 mg) as a light yellow solid. M.p. = 142-143 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.30 (s, 6H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 3.50 (bs, 2H), 6.95-6.98 (m, 4H), 7.00-7.03 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.79, 18.61, 26.22, 121.88, 121.97, 124.49, 125.10, 125.65, 126.12, 126.21, 126.37, 127.43, 128.65, 128.92, 131.38, 131.42, 134.00, 134.95, 138.40, 141.05, 142.06.

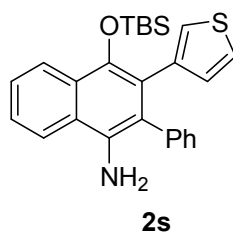
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3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine (2q). (0.3 mmol scale, $\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), $\text{P}(p\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)_3$ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs_2CO_3 (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 118.8 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 6 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 15:1) afforded the title product in 73% yield (109.3 mg) as a yellow solid. M.p. = 180-181 °C. ^1H NMR(400 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -0.24 (s, 6H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 6.95 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.12-7.16 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.37-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -3.69, 18.89, 26.44, 122.00, 122.96, 124.53, 124.89, 125.44, 125.66, 126.10, 126.96, 127.23, 127.27, 128.66, 128.93, 128.96, 131.74, 133.38, 134.83, 137.96, 139.06, 139.37, 141.22, 141.28. IR (neat): 3452, 3367, 3076, 3056, 3029, 2953, 2928, 2884, 2855, 1611, 1579, 1488, 1469, 1442, 1371, 1255, 1180, 1147, 1075, 1007, 904, 838, 778, 760, 730, 698, 676 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{36}\text{NOSi}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 502.2561, found 502.2562.

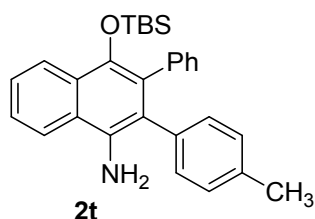


1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-phenyl-[2,2'-binaphthalen]-4-amine (2r). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), naphthalen-2-ylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 103.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 6 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 13:1) afforded the title product in 70% yield (100.5 mg) as a light yellow solid. M.p. = 160-161 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.46 (bs, 3H), -0.31 (bs, 3H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 3.59 (s, 2H), 6.81-7.01 (m, 3H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.72, 18.72, 26.33, 122.02, 123.08, 124.54, 124.95, 125.48, 125.69, 125.88, 125.96, 126.64, 126.92, 127.83, 128.17, 128.61 (br), 128.84, 128.99, 131.04, 131.74 (br), 132.14, 132.24, 133.45, 134.84, 136.36, 139.24, 141.36. IR (neat): 3455, 3374, 3078, 3056, 3023, 2949, 2928, 2893, 2855, 1607, 1579, 1493, 1468, 1443, 1414, 1375, 1338, 1257, 1219, 1200, 1170, 1142, 1125, 1070, 1029, 957, 911, 884, 855, 839, 825, 783, 760, 744, 701, 673, 631 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₃₄NOSi [M+H]⁺: 476.2404, found 476.2403.



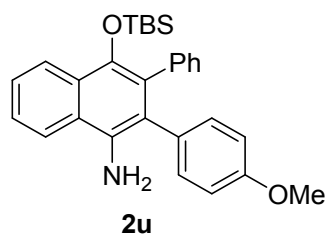
4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-phenyl-3-(thiophen-3-yl)naphthalen-1-amine (2s). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0

mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), thiophen-3-ylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 76.8 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 10 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 10:1) afforded the title product in 35% yield (44.9 mg) as a light yellow solid. M.p. = 177-178 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ -0.33 (s, 6H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 3.85 (bs, 2H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.86 (m, 1H), 8.18-8.21 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl₃, Me₄Si): δ -4.46, 18.54, 26.15, 121.12, 122.58, 123.30, 123.51, 124.12, 124.19, 125.09, 125.49, 126.82, 128.13, 128.41, 130.79, 131.25, 133.40, 137.94, 138.78, 141.50. IR (neat): 3463, 3376, 3080, 3054, 2951, 2928, 2888, 2855, 1741, 1611, 1575, 1491, 1467, 1440, 1374, 1256, 1206, 1162, 1072, 1005, 943, 895, 844, 826, 765, 706, 669 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₃₀NOSSi [M+H]⁺: 432.1812, found 432.1813.



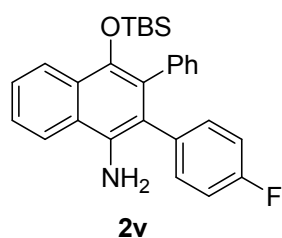
4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)naphthalen-1-amine (2t). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1b** (108.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 5 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 15:1) afforded the title product in 76% yield (100.3 mg) as a light yellow solid. M.p. = 189-191 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.25 (s, 6H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01-7.05 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.69, 18.89, 21.15, 26.48, 122.00, 123.16, 124.52, 124.91, 125.28, 125.53, 126.31, 127.44, 128.85, 129.20, 129.39, 131.56, 132.97, 134.93, 136.15, 136.36, 139.11, 141.15. IR (neat): 3458, 3375, 3078, 3057,

3026, 2951, 2928, 2890, 2856, 1609, 1581, 1512, 1495, 1467, 1439, 1374, 1309, 1256, 1178, 1142, 1072, 1026, 899, 832, 785, 758, 702, 671 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{34}\text{NOSi}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 440.2404, found 440.2409.



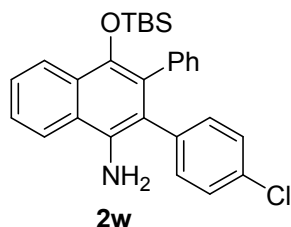
4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine

(2u). (0.3 mmol scale, $\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), $\text{P}(p\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)_3$ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs_2CO_3 (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1c** (113.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 4 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 8:1) afforded the title product in 69% yield (94.8 mg) as a yellow solid. M.p. = 216-217 $^\circ\text{C}$. ^1H NMR(400 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -0.25 (s, 6H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00-7.06 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -3.72, 18.89, 26.46, 54.56, 114.14, 121.98, 122.88, 124.53, 124.88, 125.28, 125.54, 126.29, 127.48, 128.85, 129.38, 131.23, 132.71, 132.97, 135.18, 139.15, 141.13, 158.72. IR (neat): 3459, 3377, 3076, 3024, 2999, 2951, 2929, 2890, 2854, 1741, 1605, 1513, 1495, 1464, 1437, 1370, 1305, 1284, 1251, 1172, 1146, 1072, 1033, 1005, 988, 926, 898, 876, 833, 784, 760, 703, 673, 654 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}_2\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 456.2353, found 456.2356.



4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine (2v).

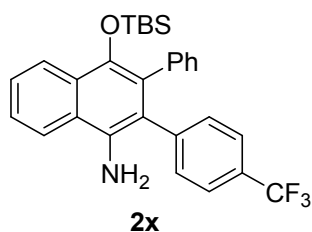
(0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1d** (109.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 4 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 20:1) afforded the title product in 76% yield (101.5 mg) as a yellow solid. M.p. = 173-174 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ - 0.25 (s, 6H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 3.47 (bs, 2H), 6.67 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.85-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.96 (m, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, *J* = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.72, 18.87, 26.43, 115.49 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 121.89, 121.90, 124.55, 124.79, 125.51, 125.68, 126.44, 127.51, 128.97, 129.01, 132.84, 133.29 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 134.83 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz), 135.08 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 138.75, 141.18, 161.94 (d, *J* = 245.7 Hz). IR (neat): 3463, 3377, 3073, 2953, 2930, 2890, 2857, 1953, 1903, 1731, 1697, 1606, 1506, 1467, 1435, 1371, 1292, 1255, 1221, 1176, 1153, 1071, 1031, 941, 899, 840, 781, 759, 701, 672, 650 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₃₁FNOSi [M+H]⁺: 444.2153, found 444.2159.



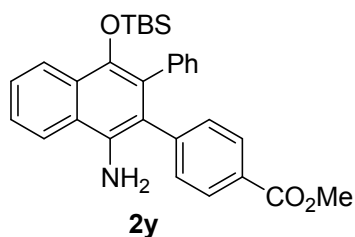
4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine (2w).

(0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1e** (114.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 4 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel which was treated with petroleum ether/Et₃N = 1:1 and then petroleum ether before loading the sample (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 20:1) afforded the title product in 61% yield (83.6 mg) as a light yellow solid. M.p. = 189-190 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.28 (s, 6H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 3.46 (bs, 2H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (t, *J* =

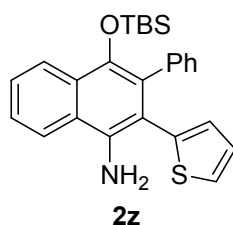
7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94-6.99 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.46 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -3.73, 18.86, 26.43, 121.61, 121.91, 124.53, 124.75, 125.59, 125.71, 126.55, 127.55, 128.74, 128.80, 128.99, 132.80, 132.82, 133.05, 134.68, 137.74, 138.55, 141.18. IR (neat): 3457, 3377, 3277, 3079, 3060, 3026, 2927, 2886, 2855, 1952, 1906, 1605, 1492, 1466, 1437, 1369, 1307, 1256, 1223, 1181, 1144, 1071, 1029, 1009, 896, 832, 786, 759, 699, 668 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{31}\text{ClNOSi}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 460.1858, found 460.1862.



4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-phenyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)naphthalen-1-amine (2x). (0.3 mmol scale, $\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), $\text{P}(p\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)_3$ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs_2CO_3 (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1f** (124.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 5.5 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 20:1) afforded the title product in 74% yield (109.0 mg) as a yellow solid. M.p. = 129-130 °C. ^1H NMR(400 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -0.28 (s, 6H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 3.38 (s, 2H), 6.87 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.96 (m, 4H), 7.09 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.48 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -3.75, 18.86, 26.40, 121.43, 121.84, 124.58, 124.75, 124.93 (q, $J = 272$ Hz), 125.39 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 125.78, 125.84, 126.68, 127.54, 128.50, 128.84 (q, $J = 32.4$ Hz), 129.15, 132.10, 132.75, 134.45, 138.30, 141.31, 143.36 (q, $J = 1.1$ Hz). IR (neat): 3459, 3376, 3066, 3035, 2952, 2931, 2893, 2858, 1931, 1711, 1613, 1583, 1496, 1467, 1441, 1374, 1322, 1255, 1158, 1125, 1067, 1016, 900, 839, 782, 758, 725, 701, 668, 637 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{31}\text{F}_3\text{NOSi}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 494.2122, found 494.2121.

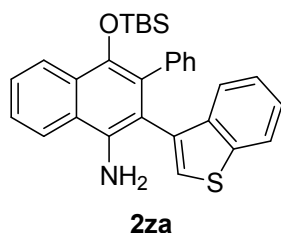


Methyl 4-(1-amino-4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-phenylnaphthalen-2-yl)benzoate (2y). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1g** (121.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 4.5 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 10:1) afforded the title product in 62% yield (89.3 mg) as a yellow solid. M.p. = 189-190 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.27 (s, 6H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.51 (bs, 2H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.72, 18.86, 26.42, 51.53, 121.95, 122.02, 124.55, 124.82, 125.65, 125.74, 126.59, 127.55, 128.59, 128.99, 129.09, 129.92, 131.78, 132.80, 134.51, 138.53, 141.22, 144.44, 166.47. IR (neat): 3460, 3380, 3075, 3035, 2950, 2927, 2886, 2854, 1936, 1724, 1605, 1495, 1465, 1437, 1371, 1276, 1186, 1143, 1105, 1071, 1017, 900, 829, 783, 759, 698, 668 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₃₄NO₃Si [M+H]⁺: 484.2302, found 484.2302.



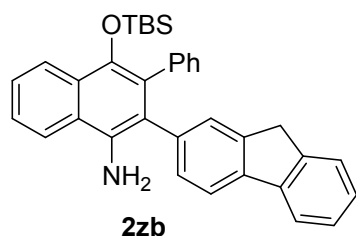
4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-phenyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)naphthalen-1-amine (2z). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1h** (106.1 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 4 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel

(eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 25:1) afforded the title product in 80% yield (103.1 mg) as a brown solid. M.p. = 197-198 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ - 0.27 (s, 6H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.73- 6.74 (m, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (td, *J* = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.69, 18.86, 26.43, 114.74, 122.10, 124.52, 125.64, 125.86, 126.63, 126.89, 126.91, 127.52, 129.25, 129.48, 129.74, 132.46, 137.02, 138.95, 140.41, 140.95. IR (neat): 3446, 3367, 3103, 3075, 3024, 2949, 2928, 2888, 2855, 1608, 1495, 1466, 1435, 1372, 1256, 1224, 1207, 1171, 1132, 1068, 1029, 1005, 939, 884, 836, 785, 759, 732, 693 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₃₀NOSSi [M+H]⁺: 432.1812, found 432.1816.



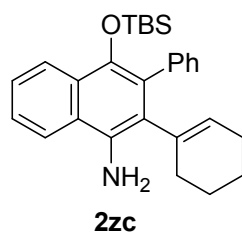
2-(Benzo[*b*]thiophen-3-yl)-4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine (2za). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1i** (121.1 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 4 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 30:1) afforded the title product in 74% yield (107.3 mg) as a yellow solid. M.p. = 165-166 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.32 (s, 3H), -0.20 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.82 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.00-7.09 (m, 4H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.56 (m, 4H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.85, -3.57, 18.88, 26.45, 115.92, 121.96, 122.88, 123.83, 124.49, 124.59, 124.64, 124.67, 125.62, 125.70, 126.53, 126.94, 127.36, 129.34, 129.94, 131.83 (br), 134.63, 136.33, 138.87, 139.48, 140.17, 141.01. IR (neat): 3456, 3370, 3107, 3061, 2955, 2928, 2888, 2855, 1729, 1613, 1581, 1495, 1465, 1432,

1373, 1313, 1282, 1253, 1215, 1169, 1113, 1070, 1029, 1010, 986, 939, 894, 833, 781, 756, 699, 668 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₃₂NOSSi [M+H]⁺: 482.1968, found 482.1970.

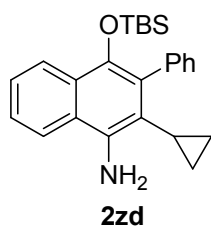


4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-(9*H*-fluoren-2-yl)-3-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine

(2zb). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1j** (130.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 4 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 30:1) afforded the title product in 70% yield (108.2 mg) as a yellow solid. M.p. = 230-231 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.23 (s, 6H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 3.37 (dd, *J* = 35.2, 22 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (bs, 2H), 6.87 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.70, -3.68, 18.90, 26.48, 36.85, 120.11, 120.22, 122.01, 123.50, 124.60, 124.95, 125.26, 125.38, 125.63, 126.39, 126.91, 127.04, 127.47, 128.30, 128.94, 129.21, 130.35, 132.97, 134.98, 137.81, 139.05, 140.57, 141.24, 141.89, 143.70, 143.72. IR (neat): 3659, 3645, 3435, 3360, 3071, 3043, 2929, 2856, 1954, 1901, 1806, 1741, 1608, 1494, 1464, 1372, 1307, 1254, 1192, 1133, 1070, 1030, 1004, 983, 931, 836, 785, 759, 738, 697, 637 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₃₆NOSi [M+H]⁺: 514.2561, found 514.2557.

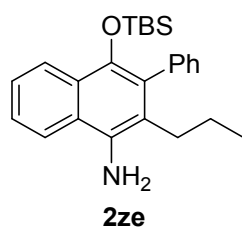


4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-cyclohexenyl-3-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine (2zc). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1k** (105.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 8 h. Purification of the crude product by thin layer chromatography on silica gel which was embellished with triethylamine first (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 25:1) afforded the title product in 35% yield (45.3 mg) as a light yellow solid. M.p. = 91-92 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.39 (s, 3H), -0.08 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 1.12-1.18 (m, 1H), 1.32-1.40 (m, 3H), 1.50-1.55 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.97 (m, 3H), 3.75 (bs, 2H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -3.94, -3.41, 18.87, 22.37, 23.26, 25.80, 26.44, 29.47, 122.14, 124.44, 124.96, 125.11, 125.33, 125.49, 126.68, 127.26 (br), 130.05, 132.87 (br), 133.57, 136.95, 139.09, 141.06. IR (film): 3439, 3358, 3059, 3031, 2926, 2892, 2855, 1946, 1600, 1494, 1465, 1436, 1412, 1374, 1309, 1252, 1220, 1171, 1137, 1069, 1032, 1006, 957, 924, 893, 843, 785, 759, 695, 669 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₃₆NOSi [M+H]⁺: 430.2561, found 430.2562.



4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-cyclopropyl-3-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine (2zd). (0.3 mmol scale, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1l** (93.4 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 6 h. Purification of the crude product by preparative TLC on silica gel which was treated with Et₃N before loading the sample (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 10:1) afforded the title product in 23% yield (26.4 mg) as a light yellow solid. M.p. = 155-156 °C. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -0.29 (s, 6H), 0.06-0.10 (m, 2H), 0.43-0.45 (m, 2H),

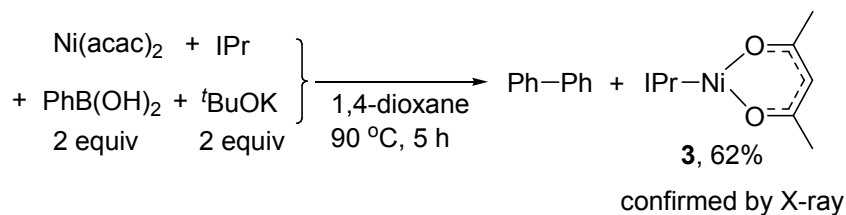
1.04 (s, 9H), 1.42-1.49 (m, 1H), 4.00 (bs, 2H), 7.16-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.26 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -3.74, 9.57, 11.80, 18.87, 26.49, 119.56, 121.26, 124.50, 124.53, 124.83, 125.21, 126.49, 127.61, 128.35, 130.79, 132.60, 137.83, 139.61, 140.56. IR (neat): 3451, 3375, 3075, 3037, 2995, 2952, 2928, 2888, 2855, 1949, 1805, 1717, 1607, 1496, 1466, 1375, 1311, 1255, 1220, 1193, 1166, 1125, 1075, 1029, 1006, 954, 906, 874, 827, 782, 755, 698, 655 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{32}\text{NOSi}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 390.2248, found 390.2249.



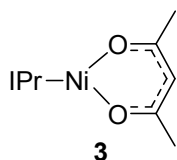
4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-phenyl-2-propylnaphthalen-1-amine (2ze). (0.3 mmol scale, $\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), $\text{P}(p\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)_3$ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs_2CO_3 (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1m** (94.1 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 °C for 3 h. Purification of the crude product by preparative TLC on silica gel which was treated with Et_3N before loading the sample (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 8:1) afforded the title product in 29% yield (34.6 mg) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR(400 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -0.21 (s, 6H), 0.70 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 1.41-1.51 (m, 2H), 2.43-2.47 (m, 2H), 3.13 (bs, 2H), 7.13-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.23 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -3.41, 14.52, 18.91, 22.40, 26.43, 31.58, 121.24, 121.31, 124.49, 124.51, 125.03, 125.27, 127.01, 127.70, 127.97, 130.19, 132.26, 134.56, 139.50, 141.29. IR (film): 3466, 3381, 3062, 2955, 2862, 1714, 1620, 1459, 1375, 1256, 1217, 1167, 1090, 1022, 952, 836, 769, 702 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{34}\text{NOSi}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 392.2404, found 392.2407.

Mechanistic studies.

Formation of IPrNi(acac) **3** using *t*BuOK as the base.



In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, Ni(acac)₂ (0.4 mmol, 102.8 mg), IPr (0.4 mmol, 155.4 mg), *t*-KOBu (0.8 mmol, 89.8 mg) and phenylboronic acid (0.8 mmol, 97.5 mg) were added to an oven-dried sealable tube, then 1,4-dioxane (10.0 mL) was added. The tube cap was then securely fitted and sealed with electrical tape before it was removed from the glovebox. Then the sealed tube was taken outside the glovebox and stirred at 90 °C in an oil-bath for 5 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature, then it was taken into the glovebox, filtered through a celite pad and washed with minimum amount of toluene. The solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure to afford a dark red solid. The crude product was further purified by recrystallization from hexane at -30 °C to give the complex **3** in 62% yield (136.3 mg) as a red crystal.

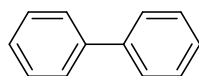


IPrNi(acac) **3**. ¹H NMR(400 MHz, C₆D₆, Me₄Si): δ -16.06 (br), -10.61 (br), 1.21 (d), 1.34 (d), 1.91 (br), 5.03 (br), 6.31 (br), 14.37 (br). HRMS (MALDI-FT-DHB) calcd for C₃₂H₄₃O₂N₂Ni [M]⁺: 545.2673, found 545.2683. Anal. calcd for C₃₂H₄₃O₂N₂Ni : C 70.34%, H 7.93%, N 5.13%; Found: C 70.30%, H 7.63%, N 5.38%.

In another experiment, biphenyl was isolated in 30% yield. The procedure was shown as follows:

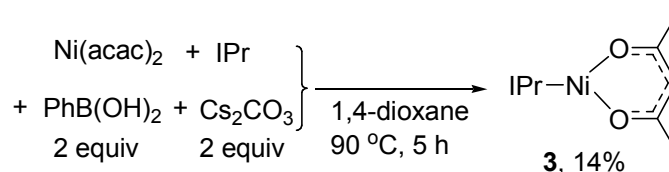
In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, Ni(acac)₂ (0.3 mmol, 77.1 mg), IPr (0.3 mmol, 116.6 mg), *t*-KOBu (0.6 mmol, 67.3 mg) and phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg) were added to an oven-dried sealable tube, then 1,4-dioxane (10.0 mL) was added. The tube cap

was then securely fitted and sealed with electrical tape before it was removed from the glovebox. Then the sealed tube was taken outside the glovebox and stirred at 90 °C in an oil-bath for 5 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature, it was filtered through a short silica gel column and washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure and the residue was purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 50:1) to afford the biphenyl in 30% yield (13.7 mg) as a white solid.



1,1'-Biphenyl. ^1H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ 7.35-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H) . ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ 127.15, 127.23, 128.73, 141.21. The NMR data is in agreement with that previously reported. ^[2]

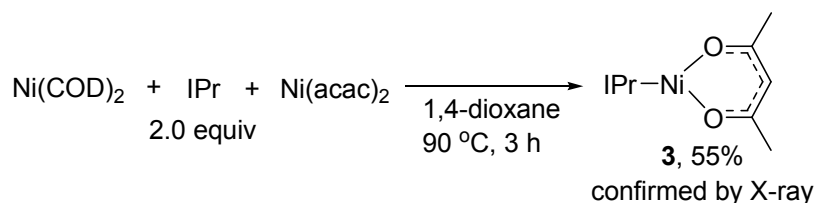
Formation of $\text{IPrNi}(\text{acac})$ **3** using Cs_2CO_3 as the base.



In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, $\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2$ (0.3 mmol, 77.1 mg), IPr (0.3 mmol, 116.6 mg), Cs_2CO_3 (0.6 mmol, 195.5 mg) and phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg) were added to an oven-dried sealable tube, then 1,4-dioxane (10.0 mL) was added. The tube cap was then securely fitted and sealed with electrical tape before it was removed from the glovebox. Then the sealed tube was taken outside the glovebox and stirred at 90 °C in an oil-bath for 5 h. In this case, a large amount of precipitate could be observed during the reaction process. After the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature, the tube was taken into the glovebox, filtered through a celite pad and washed with minimum amount of toluene. The solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure to afford an orange red solid. The crude product was further purified by recrystallization from hexane at -30 °C to give the complex **3** in 14% yield (23.0 mg) as a red crystal. The ^1H NMR of this compound is consistent with that reported by the above procedure using $t\text{BuOK}$ as the

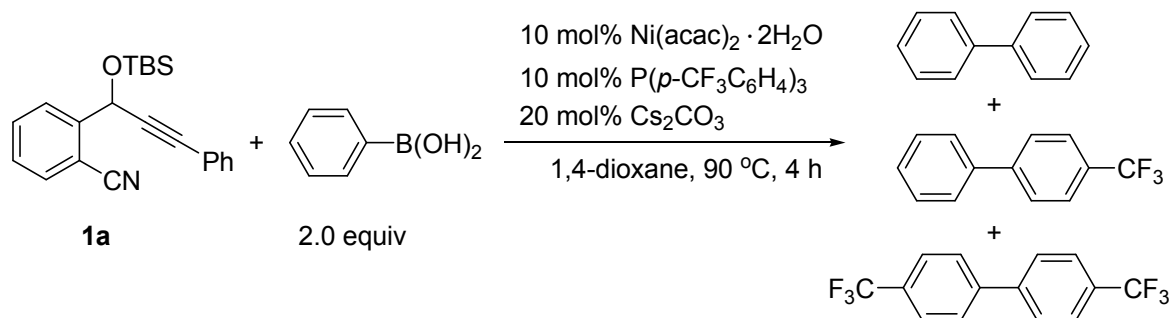
base. Furthermore, the structure of the complex **3** obtained by this method was also confirmed by X-ray crystallographic analysis.

Formation of IPrNi(acac) 3 through comproportionation reaction.



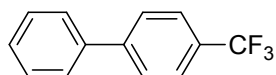
In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, Ni(cod)₂ (0.2 mmol, 55.0 mg), Ni(acac)₂ (0.2 mmol, 51.4 mg) and IPr (0.4 mmol, 155.4 mg) were added to an oven-dried sealable tube, then 1,4-dioxane (10.0 mL) was added. The tube cap was then securely fitted and sealed with electrical tape before it was removed from the glovebox. Then the sealed tube was taken outside the glovebox and stirred at 90 °C in an oil-bath for 3 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature, it was taken into the glovebox, filtered through a celite pad and washed with minimum amount of toluene. The solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure to afford a dark red solid. The crude product was further purified by recrystallization from hexane at -30 °C to give the complex **3** in 55% yield (119.9 mg) as a red crystal. The ¹H NMR of this compound is consistent with that reported by the above procedure using ^tBuOK as the base. Furthermore, the structure of the complex **3** obtained by this method was also confirmed by X-ray crystallographic analysis.

Detection of biphenyl derivatives in catalytic reaction with $P(p\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)_3$ as the ligand .

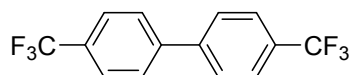


In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.1 mmol, 29.3 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.1 mmol, 46.6 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol, 65.2 mg) and phenylboronic acid (2.0 mmol,

243.9 mg) were added to an oven-dried sealable tube, then 1,4-dioxane (6.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (347.5 mg, 1.0 mmol) were added. The tube cap was then securely fitted and sealed with electrical tape before it was removed from the glovebox. Then the sealed tube was taken outside the glovebox and stirred at 90 °C in an oil-bath for 4 h. After the mixture was cooled down to room temperature, it was filtered through a short silica gel column and washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure and the residue was purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (eluent: *n*-pentane) to afford the biphenyl in 16% yield (2.4 mg), and a mixture of 4-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl and 4,4'-bis(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl (4.9 mg) as a white solid.



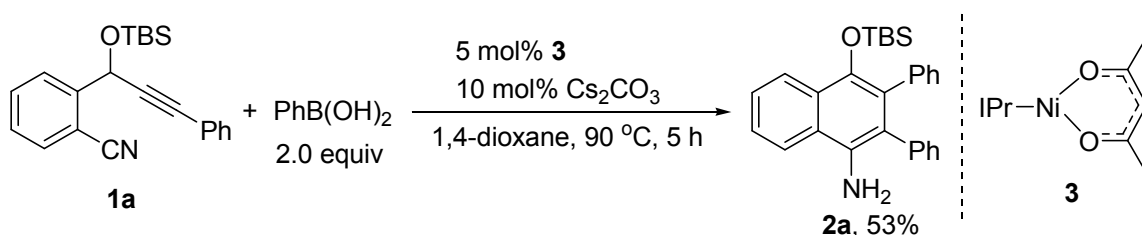
4-(Trifluoromethyl)biphenyl. ^1H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ 7.40-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.70 (br, 4H). HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 222.0656, found 222.0652. The ^1H NMR data is in agreement with that previously reported.^[3]



4,4'-Bis(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl. ^1H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H). HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_8\text{F}_6$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 290.0530, found 290.0522. The ^1H NMR data is in agreement with that previously reported.^[4]

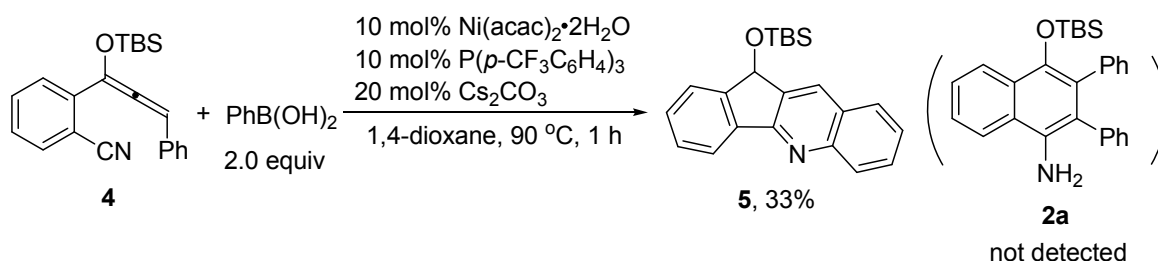
Without the ligand of $\text{P}(p\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)_3$, only biphenyl was observed in 48% yield (7.4 mg) as a white solid.

Transformation of **1a to **2a** using **IPrNi(acac) 3** as the catalyst.**



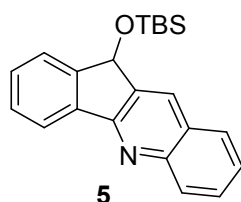
In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, IPrNi(acac) **3** (0.015 mmol, 8.2 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.03 mmol, 9.8 mg) and phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg) were added to an oven-dried screw-cap vial (volume: 4.0 mL), then 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were added. The vial cap was then securely fitted and sealed with electrical tape before the vial was removed from the glovebox. Then the vial was taken outside the glovebox and stirred at 90 °C in an oil-bath for 5 h. After the mixture was cooled down to room temperature, it was filtered through a short silica gel column and washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel which was treated with petroleum ether/Et₃N = 1:1 and then petroleum ether before loading the sample (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 15:1) to afford **2a** in 53% yield (67.4 mg) as a light yellow solid.

Exclude the possibility of allene **4** as the intermediate.



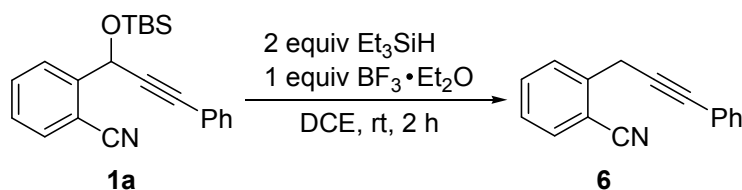
In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, Ni(acac)₂·2H₂O (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), P(*p*-CF₃C₆H₄)₃ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs₂CO₃ (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg) and phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg) were added to an oven-dried screw-cap vial (volume: 4.0 mL), then 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and allene **4**^[1] (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were added. The vial cap was then securely fitted and sealed with electrical tape before the vial was removed from the glovebox. Then the vial was taken outside the glovebox and stirred at 90 °C in an oil-bath for 1 h. After the mixture was cooled down to room temperature, it was filtered through a short silica gel

column and washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 25:1) to afford indeno[1,2-*b*]quinolone **5** in 33% yield (34.5 mg) as a light yellow solid, while the desired **2a** was not observed.



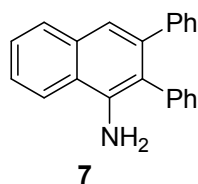
11-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-11*H*-indeno[1,2-*b*]quinoline (5**).** ^1H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ 0.18 (s, 3H), 0.20 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.63-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.71 (td, J = 6.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, J = 8.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.15-8.19 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ -3.71, -3.65, 18.12, 25.81, 73.09, 121.79, 125.34, 126.00, 127.56, 128.27, 129.14, 129.33, 129.45, 130.59, 131.68, 137.93, 139.04, 148.07, 148.83, 160.07. The NMR data is in agreement with that previously reported.^[1]

Synthesis of 2-(3-phenylprop-2-ynyl)benzonitrile (**6**).



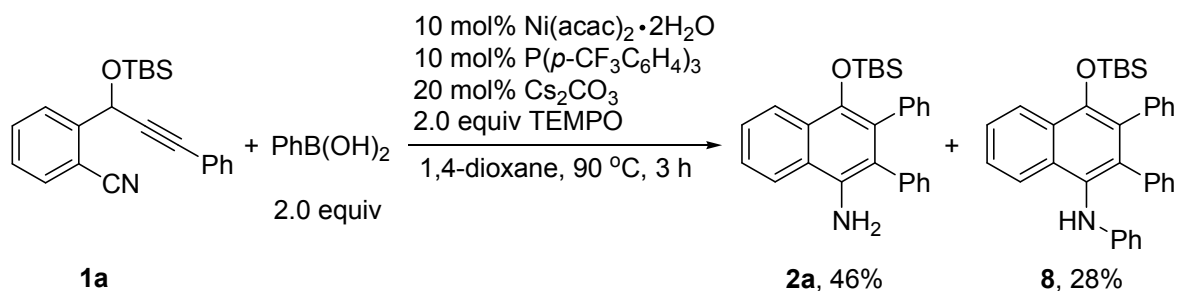
To a Schlenk tube were added **1a** (5.0 mmol, 1.74 g), dichloroethane (20.0 mL) and Et_3SiH (10.0 mmol, 1.6 mL). Then $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ was added dropwise at room temperature, and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 2 h. The resulting mixture was quenched with water, and extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine, and dried over Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 30:1) to afford **6** in 46% yield (494.5 mg) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ 4.06 (s, 2H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.61 (dt, J = 1.6, 7.6 Hz,

1H), 7.66 (dd, $J = 0.8$, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl_3 , Me_4Si): δ 24.62, 83.96, 84.82, 111.87, 117.36, 122.99, 127.30, 128.16, 128.25, 129.02, 131.64, 132.70, 133.10, 140.45. IR (film): 3062, 3031, 2224, 1599, 1489, 1450, 1442, 1412, 1330, 1207, 1093, 1070, 1029, 915, 754, 690 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 217.0891, found 217.0884.

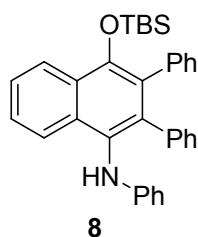


2,3-Diphenylnaphthalen-1-amine (7). Compound **7** was synthesized according to the typical procedure described for **2c**. (0.3 mmol scale, $\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), $\text{P}(p\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)_3$ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs_2CO_3 (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg), 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and 2-(3-phenylprop-2-ynyl)benzonitrile (**6**) (65.2 mg, 0.3 mmol) were stirred at 90 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 5 h. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 20:1) followed by twice preparative TLC on silica gel (which was treated with Et_3N before loading the sample) (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 20:1) afforded the title product in 10% yield (9.3 mg) as a yellow oil. A small amount of an unidentified byproduct (15.2 mg) was also obtained. ^1H NMR(400 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ 3.75 (s, 2H), 6.94-6.99 (m, 2H), 7.02-7.07 (m, 4H), 7.16-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.32 (dt, $J = 0.8$, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ 119.92, 121.58, 121.68, 123.38, 125.13, 126.38, 126.44, 127.03, 127.86, 128.81, 128.95, 130.28, 131.76, 134.16, 139.07, 140.10, 140.87, 142.92. IR (film): 3467, 3383, 3054, 2924, 1710, 1613, 1564, 1493, 1436, 1398, 1371, 1104, 1072, 1027, 912, 868, 839, 789, 766, 743, 700 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 296.1434, found 296.1436.

Reaction of **1a** in the presence of TEMPO.



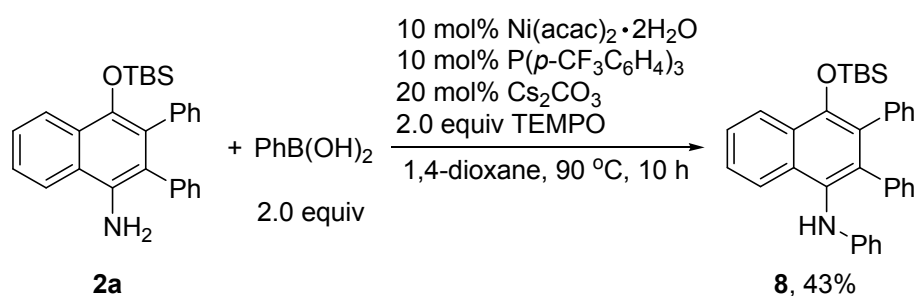
In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, $\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), $\text{P}(p\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)_3$ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs_2CO_3 (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg) and TEMPO (0.6 mmol, 93.8 mg) were added to an oven-dried screw-cap vial (volume: 4.0 mL), then 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and *o*-(cyano)phenyl propargyl ether **1a** (104.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) were added. The vial cap was then securely fitted and sealed with electrical tape before the vial was removed from the glovebox. Then the vial was taken outside the glovebox and stirred at 90 °C in an oil-bath for 3 h. After the mixture was cooled down to room temperature, it was filtered through a short silica gel column and washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 100:1 to 15:1 gradient) to afford **8** in 28% yield (41.7 mg) as a brown viscous oil and **2a** in 46% yield (58.5 mg) as a light yellow solid.



4-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-N,2,3-triphenyl-1-amine (8). ^1H NMR(400 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -0.24 (s, 6H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 6.44 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.70 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.85-7.02 (m, 10H), 7.21-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.43 (m, 1H), 8.23 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR(100 MHz, C_6D_6 , Me_4Si): δ -3.70, 18.91, 26.38, 114.95, 119.04, 124.27, 125.89, 126.07, 126.57, 126.94, 126.96, 127.61, 128.06, 129.18, 129.24, 129.46, 130.54, 130.69, 131.92, 132.87, 136.90, 138.40, 138.73, 146.92, 148.82. IR (film): 3393, 3053, 2955, 2928, 2857, 2360, 2342, 1716, 1601, 1568,

1496, 1472, 1447, 1436, 1370, 1304, 1259, 1219, 1168, 1085, 1072, 1030, 927, 907, 827, 813, 781, 765, 748, 697, 678, 669, 661 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{36}\text{NOSi}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 502.2561, found 502.2561.

Reaction of **2a** in the presence of TEMPO.



In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, $\text{Ni(acac)}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.03 mmol, 8.8 mg), $\text{P}(p\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)_3$ (0.03 mmol, 14.0 mg), Cs_2CO_3 (0.06 mmol, 19.5 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.6 mmol, 73.2 mg), TEMPO (0.6 mmol, 93.8 mg) and 4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2,3-diphenyl-1-naphthylamine **2a** (0.3 mmol, 127.7 mg) were added to an oven-dried screw-cap vial (volume: 4.0 mL), then 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) were added. The vial cap was then securely fitted and sealed with electrical tape before the vial was removed from the glovebox. Then the vial was taken outside the glovebox and stirred at 90 °C in an oil-bath for 10 h. After the mixture was cooled down to room temperature, it was filtered through a short silica gel column and washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 100:1) to afford **8** in 43% yield (64.7 mg) as a brown viscous oil.

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X-ray crystal structures

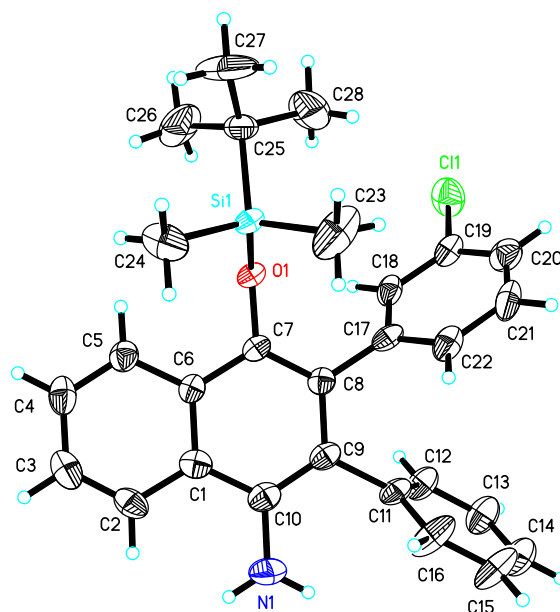


Figure 1. X-ray crystal structure of compound **2o**

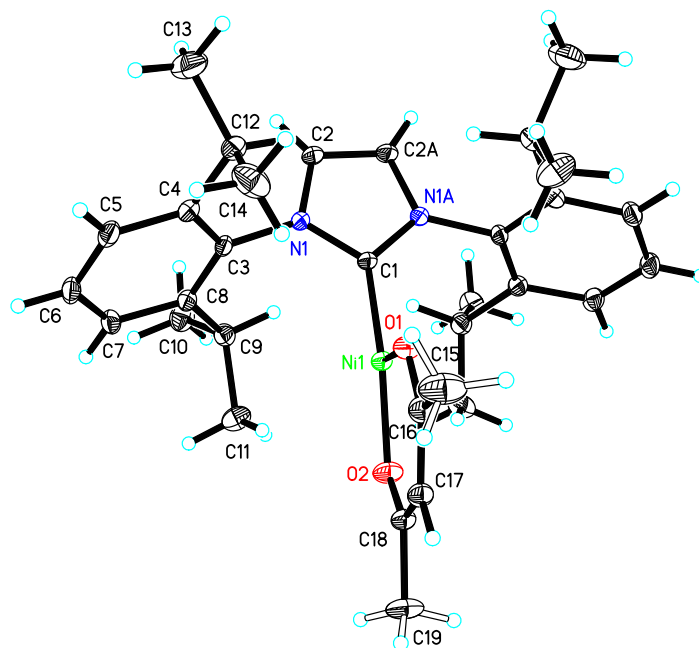
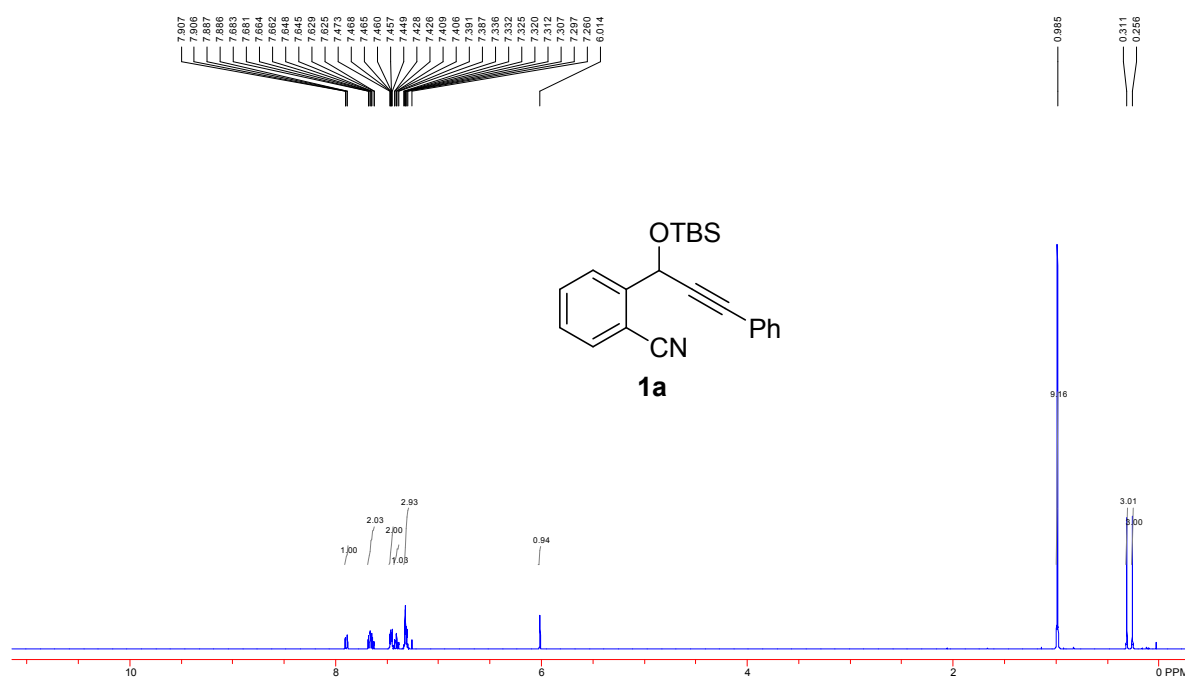
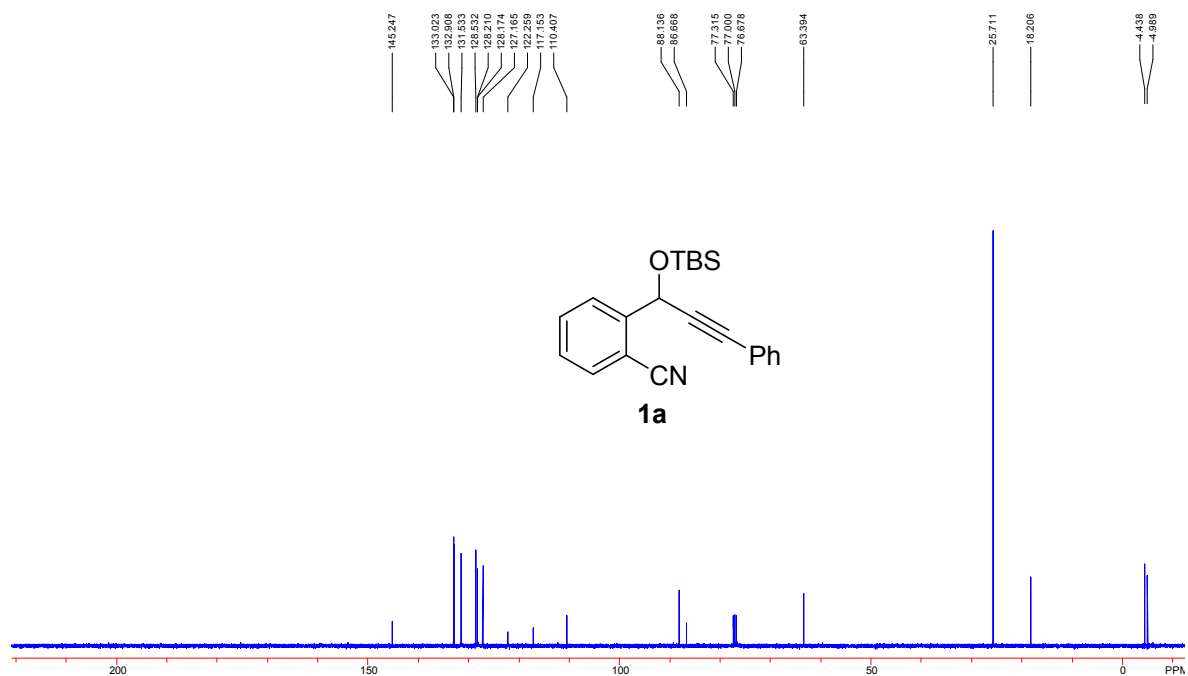


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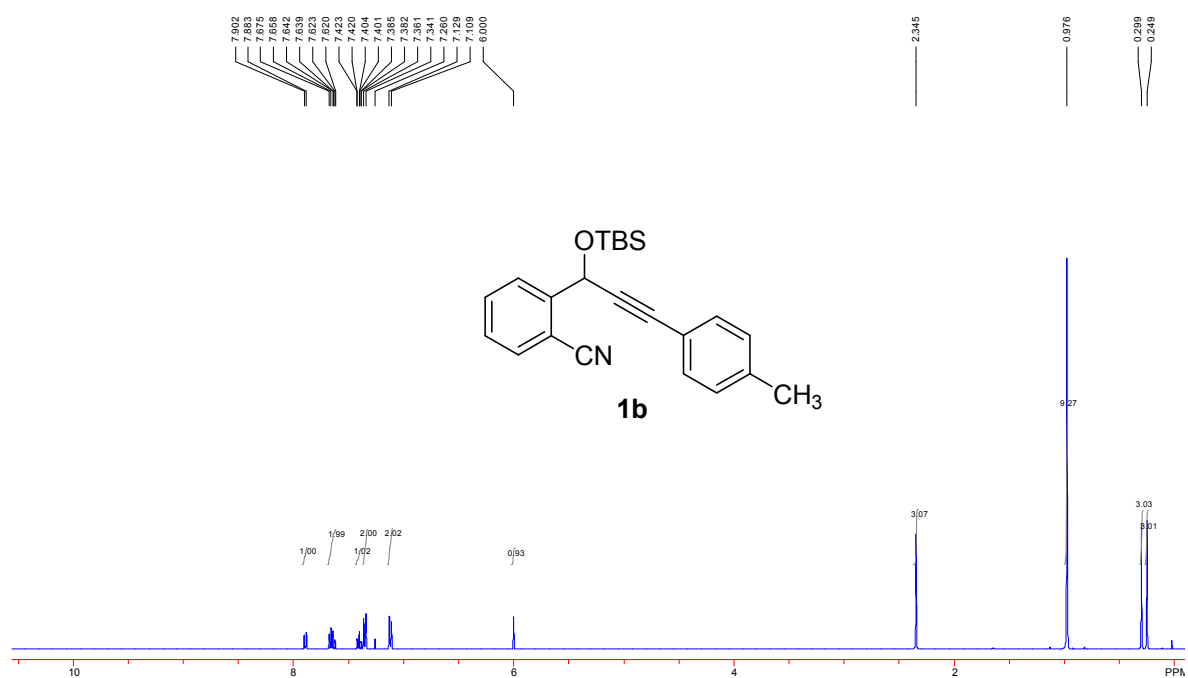
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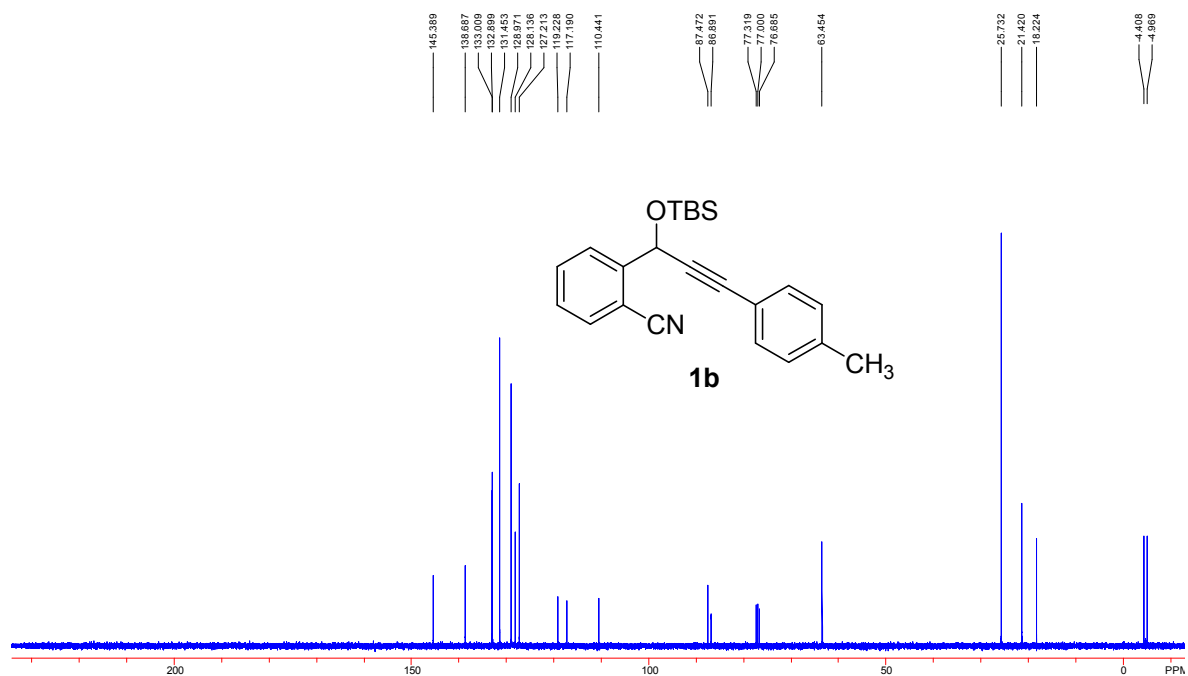
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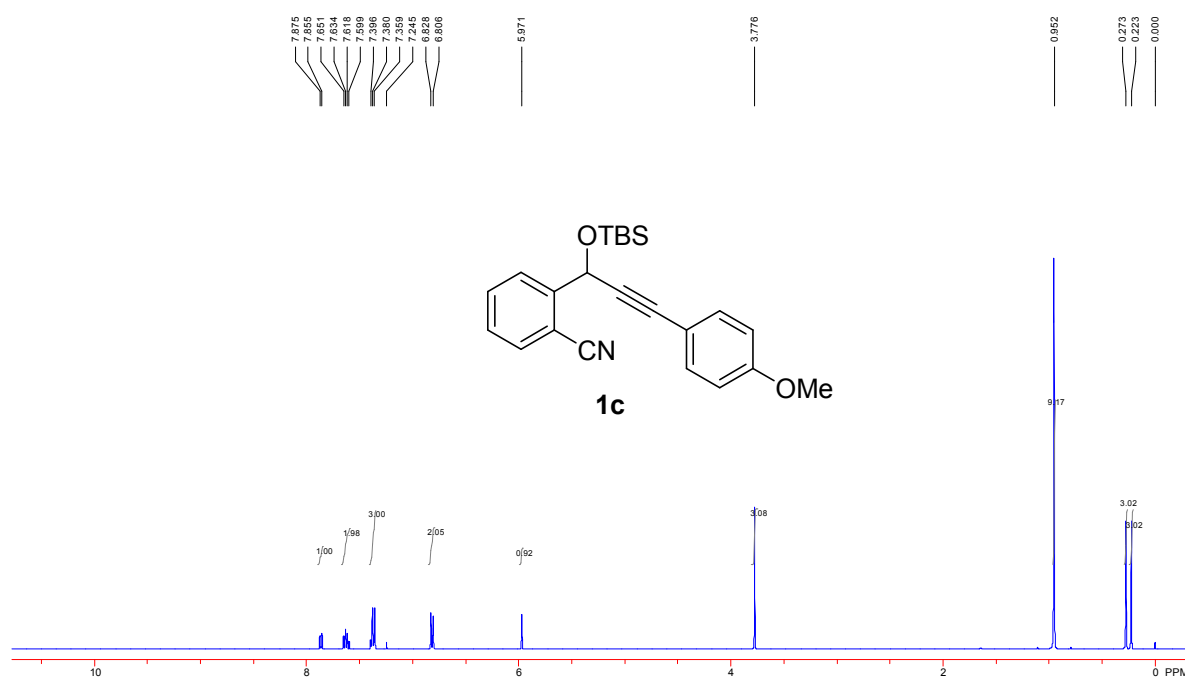
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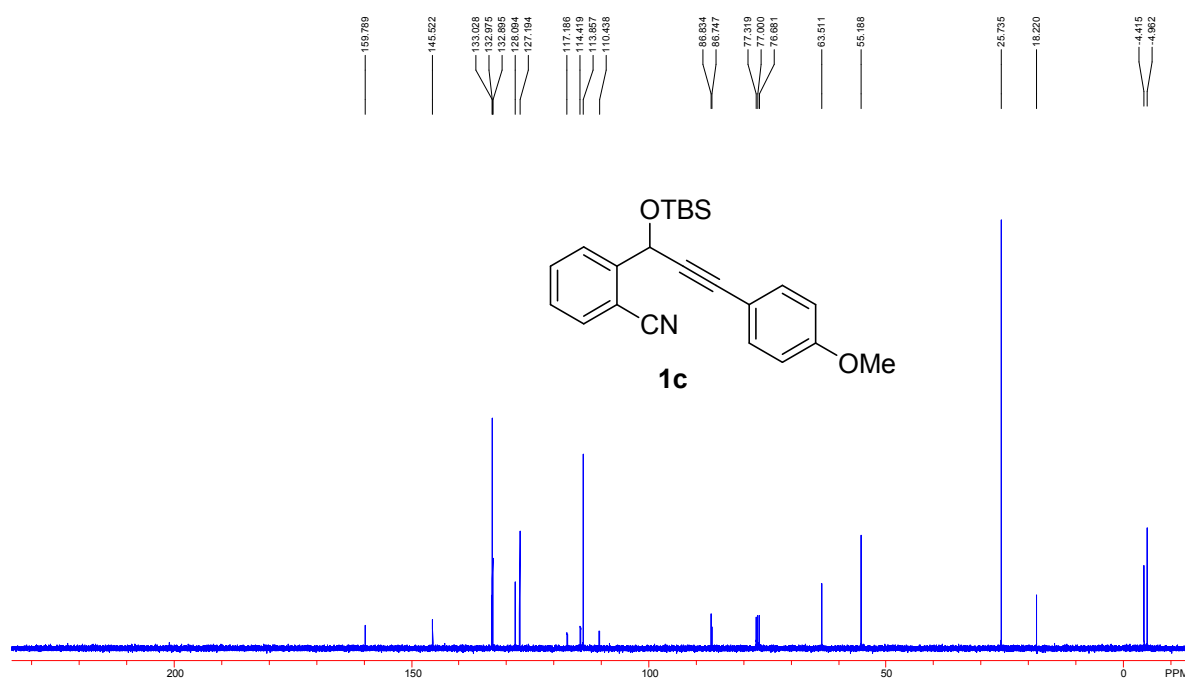
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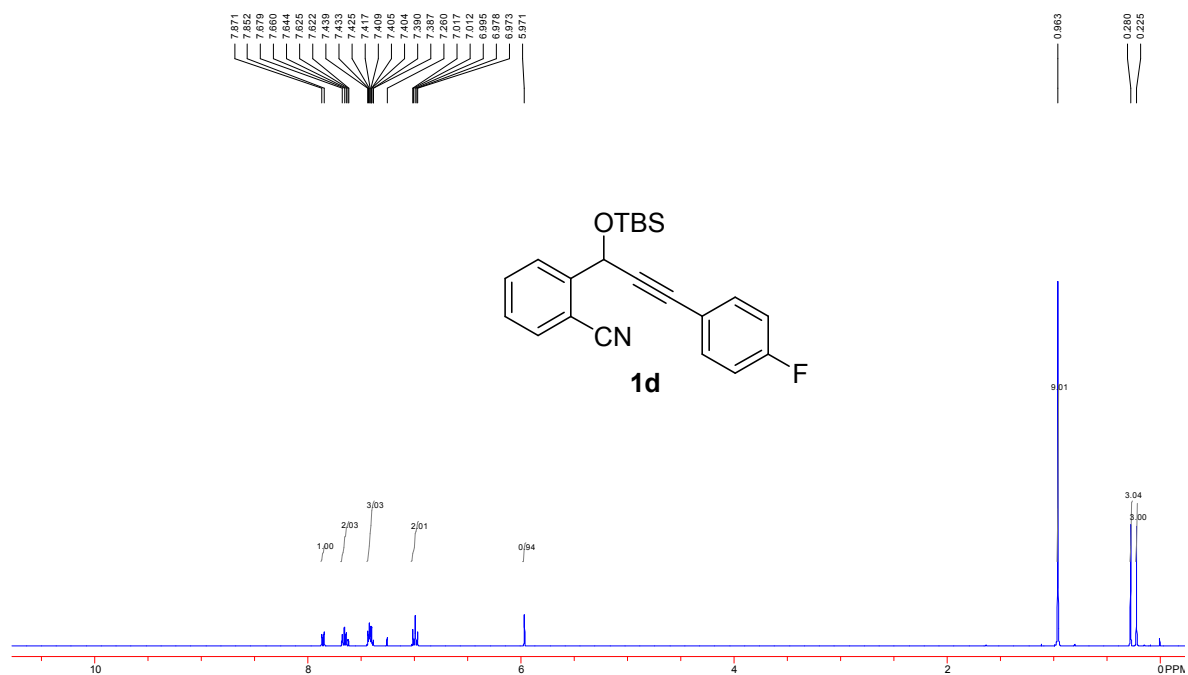
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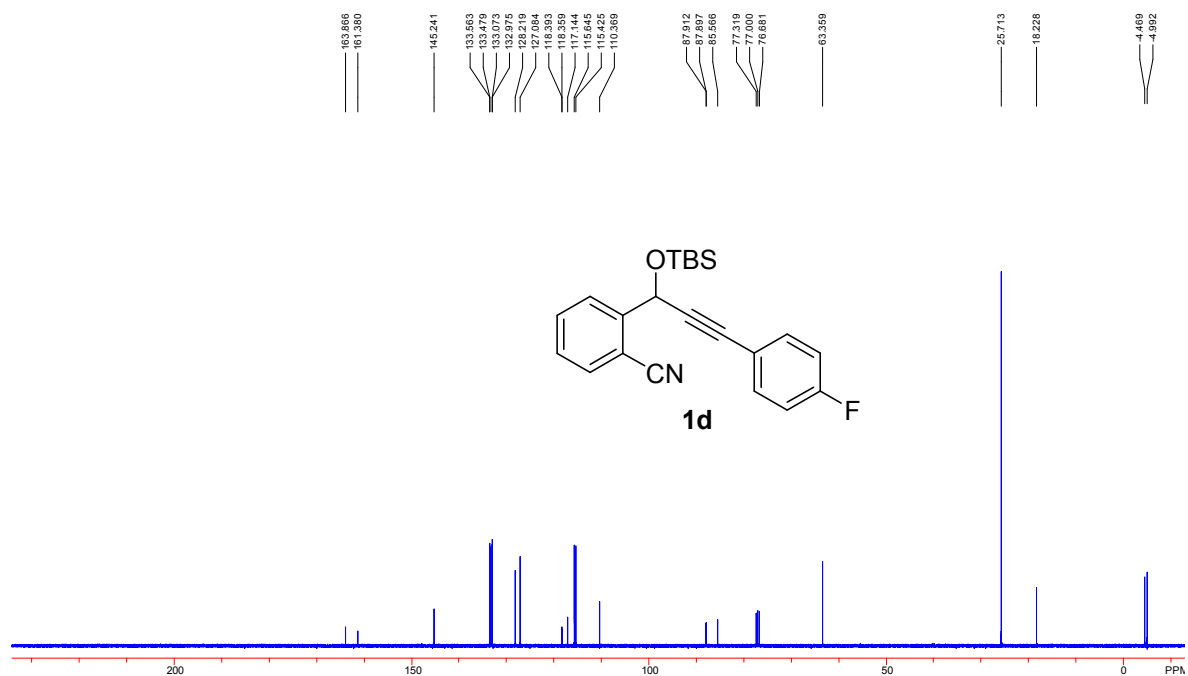
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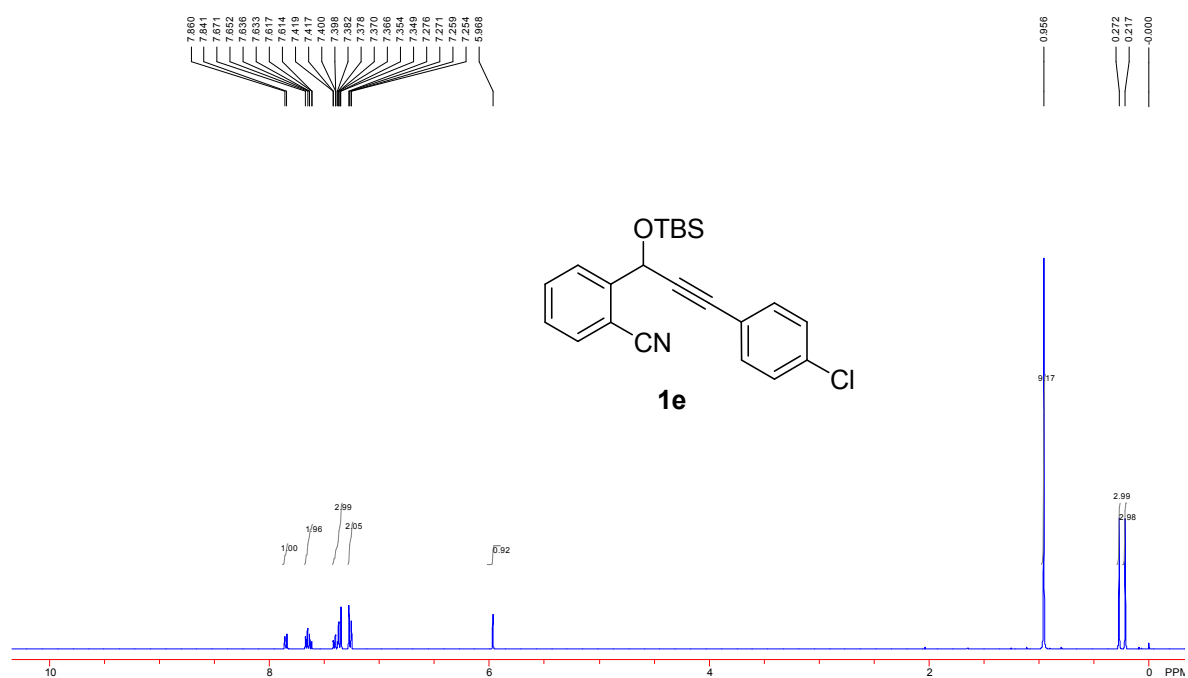
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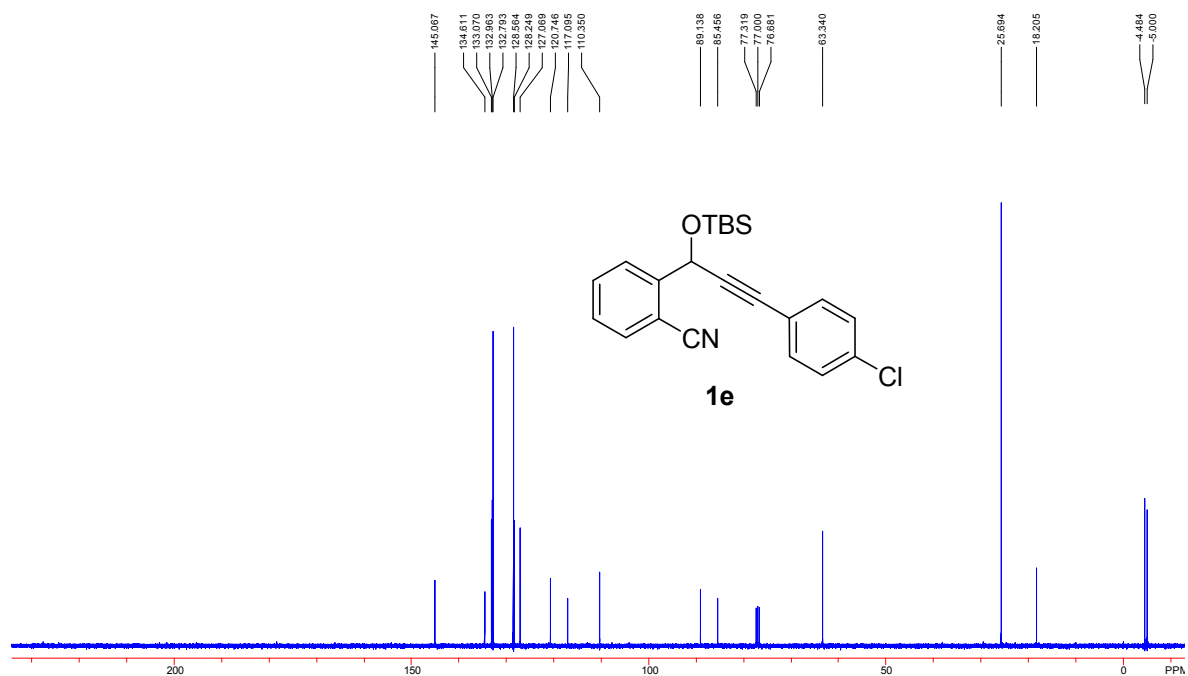
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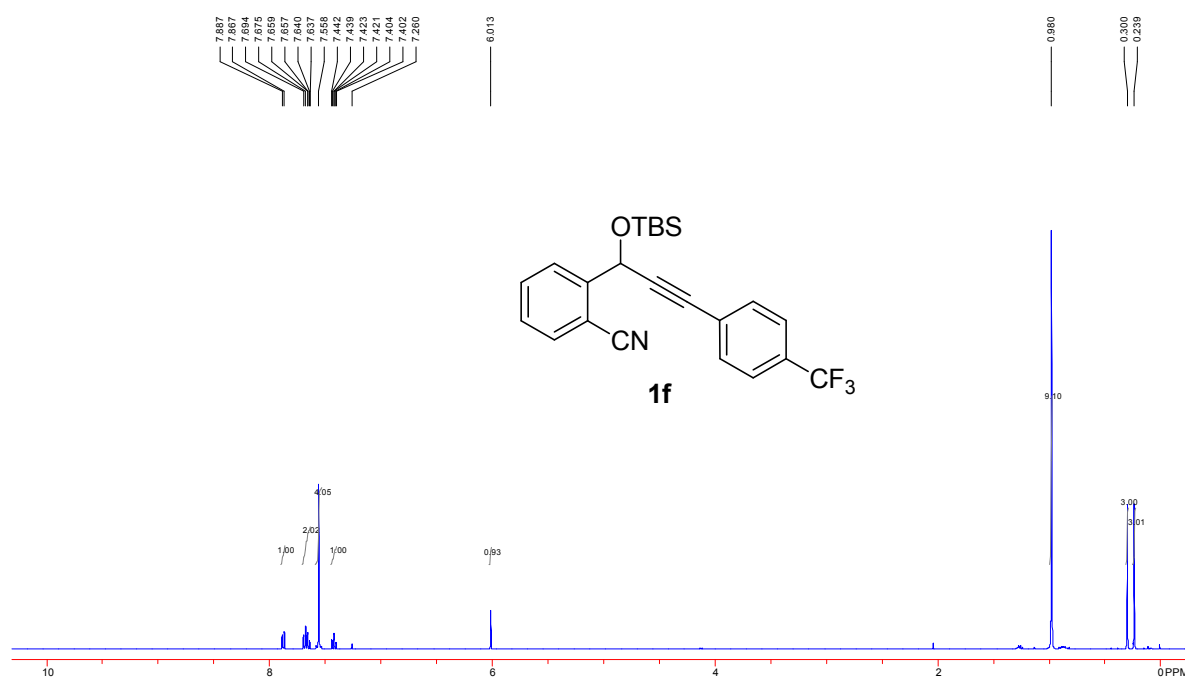
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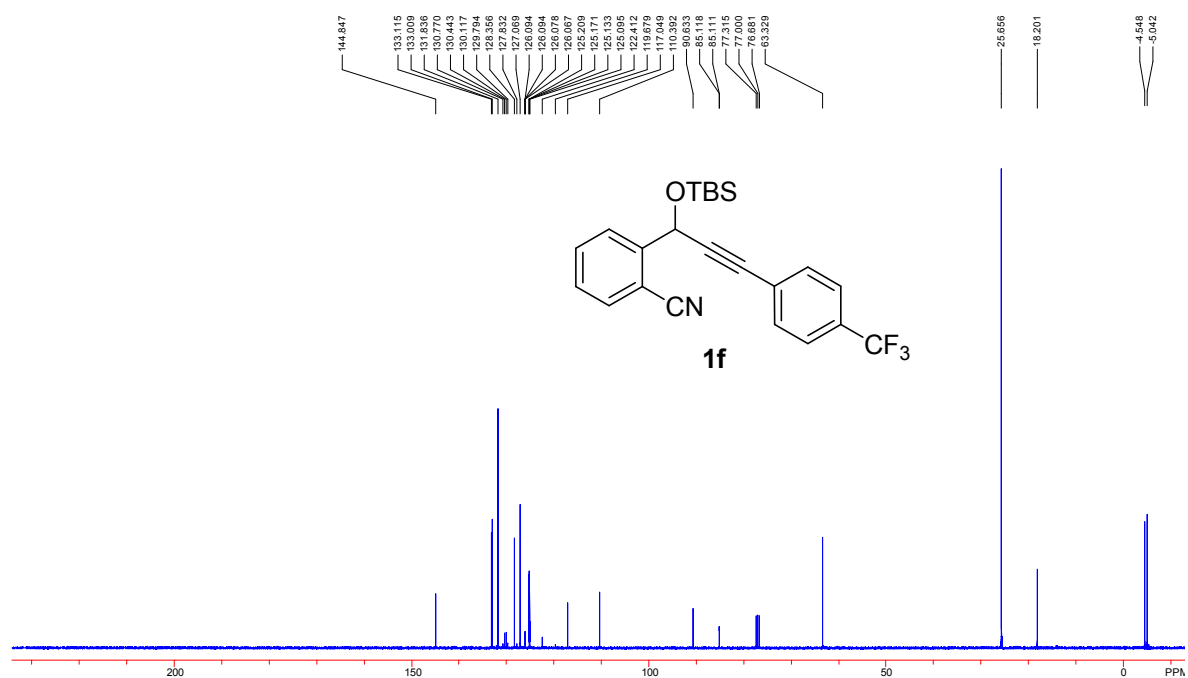
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Chemical structure of **1g** is shown above the spectrum. The structure is a 2-cyano-2-(4-methoxycarbonylphenyl)-3-(2-cyano-2-phenylethoxy)propan-1-yn-1-ol derivative, specifically 1-(2-cyano-2-phenylethoxy)-3-(4-methoxycarbonylphenyl)propan-1-yn-1-ol.

¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of **1g** is shown below the structure. The spectrum displays peaks corresponding to the protons in the molecule, with chemical shifts (ppm) and integrations indicated.

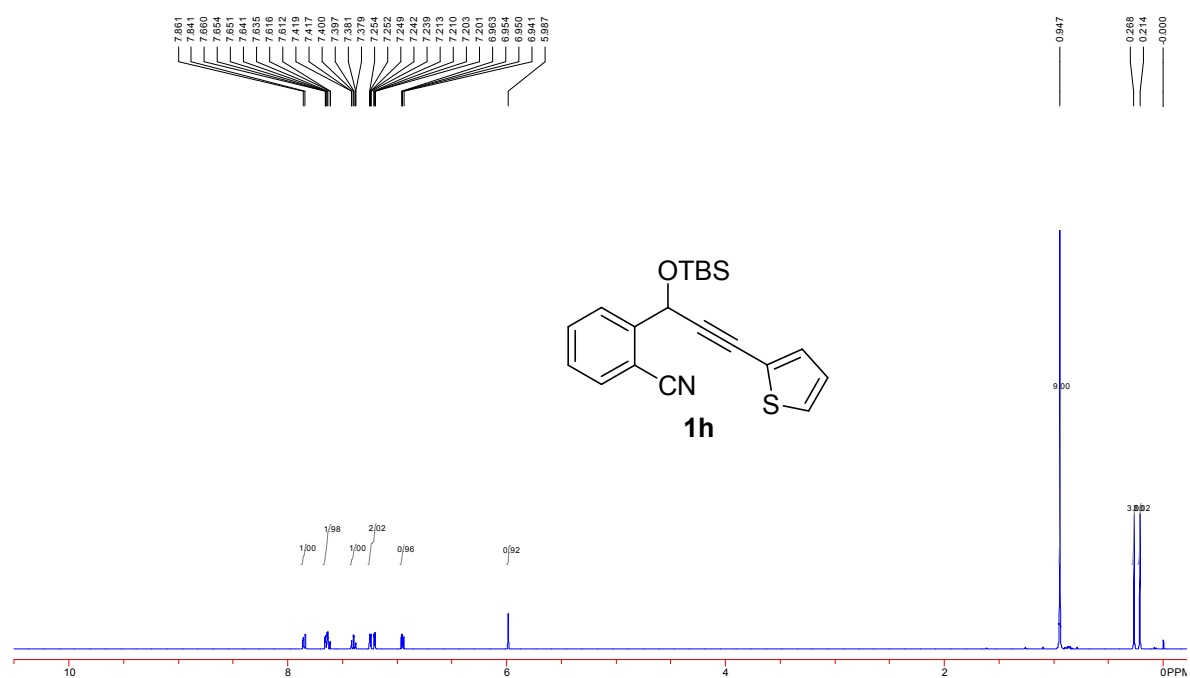
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Integrations: 0.91, 3.04, 3.91, 9.21.

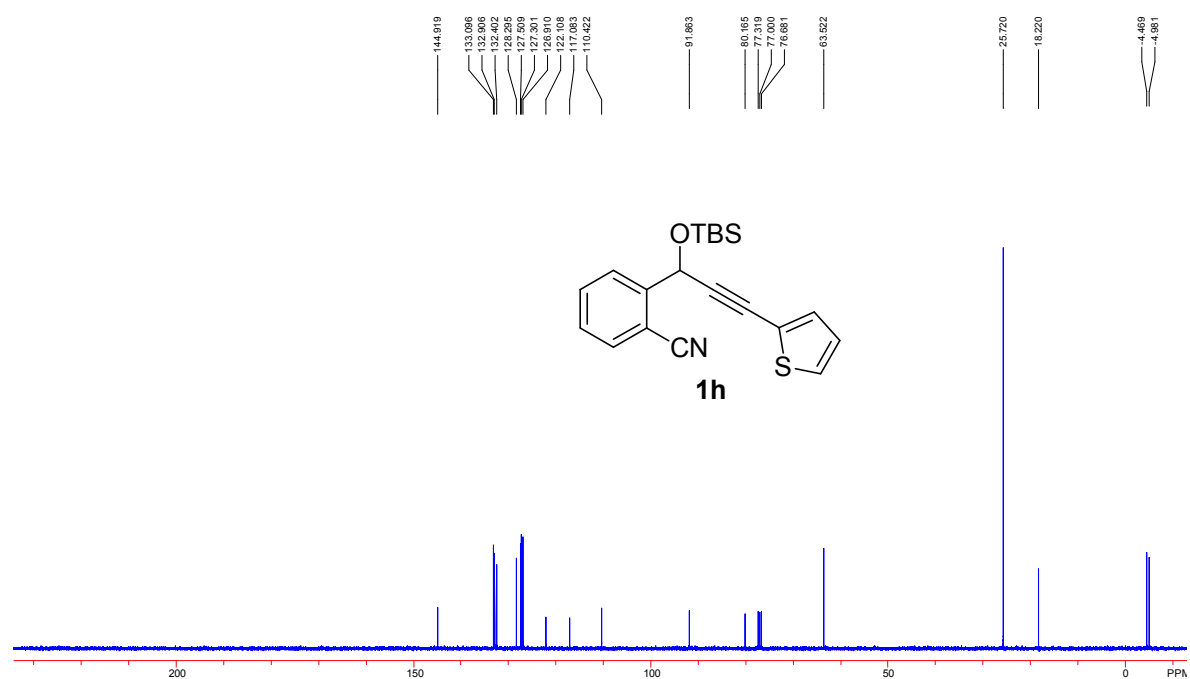
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¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of compound **1g**. The spectrum shows peaks at the following chemical shifts (ppm): 166.397, 144.953, 133.146, 133.009, 131.521, 129.844, 128.565, 128.340, 127.130, 126.944, 117.091, 110.377, 91.100, 85.752, 77.319, 77.000, 76.881, 63.367, 52.206, 25.705, 18.236, -4.472, and -4.985.

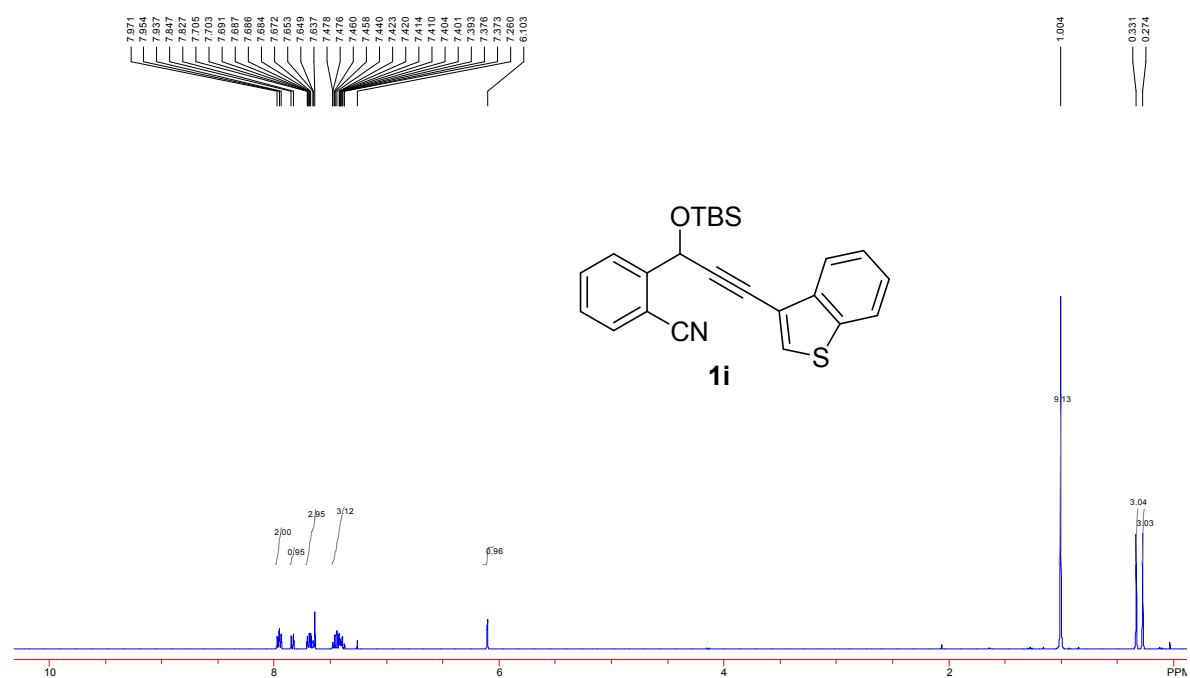
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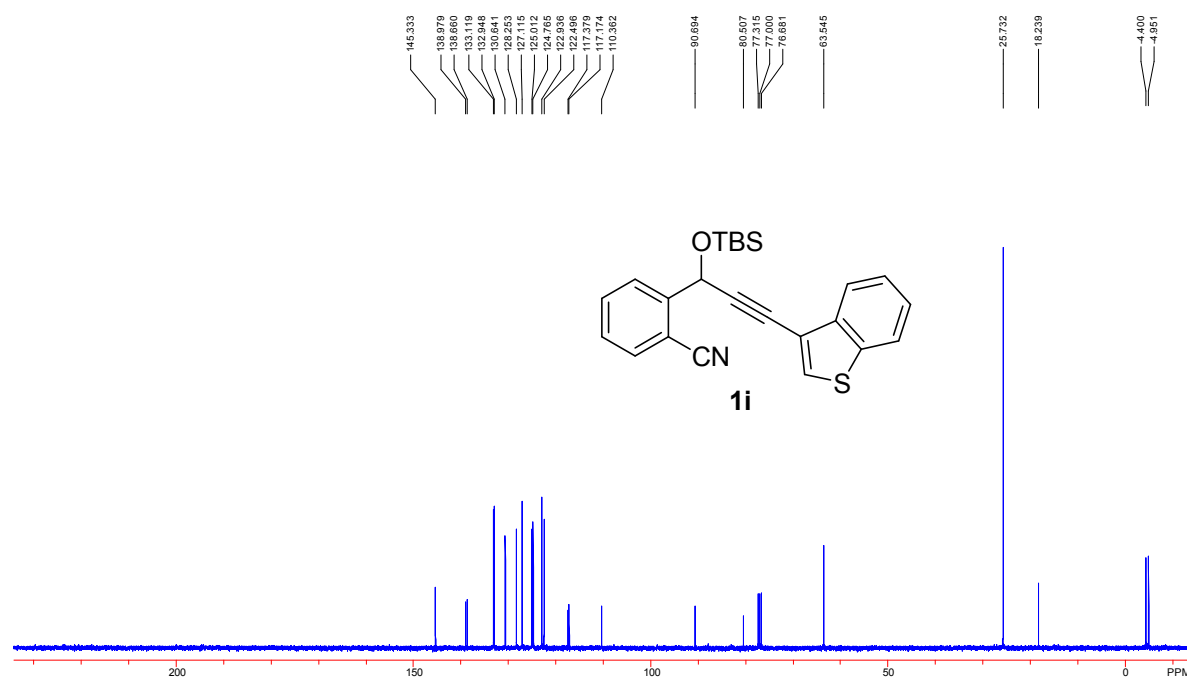
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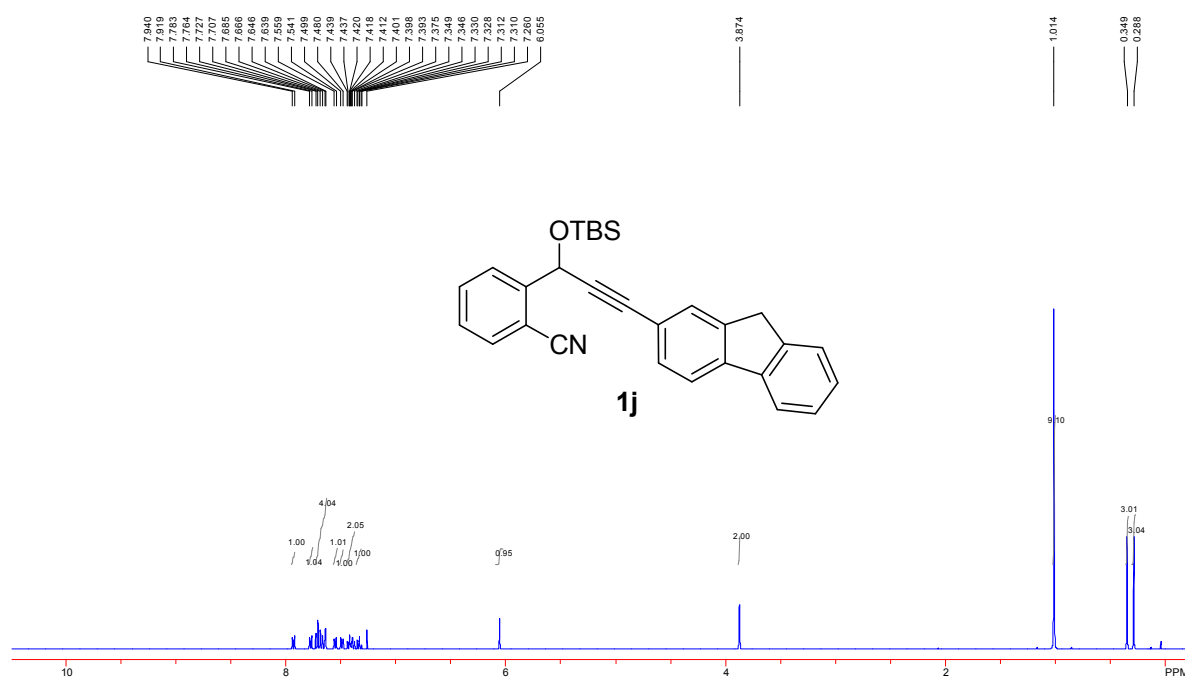
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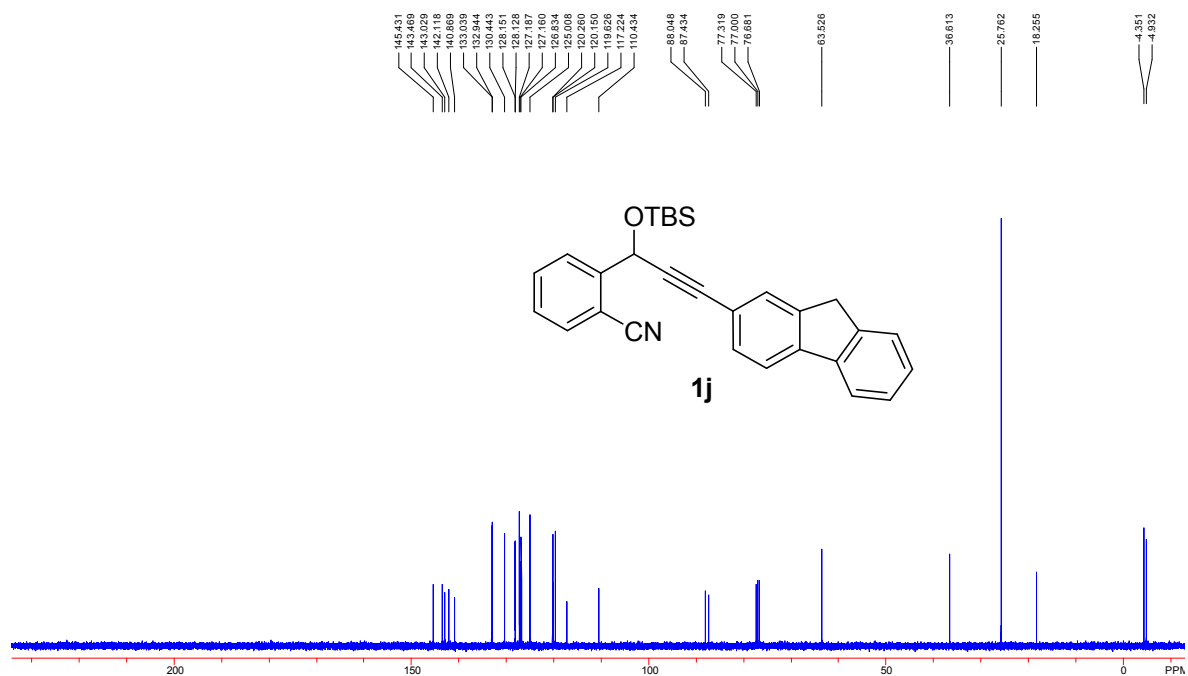
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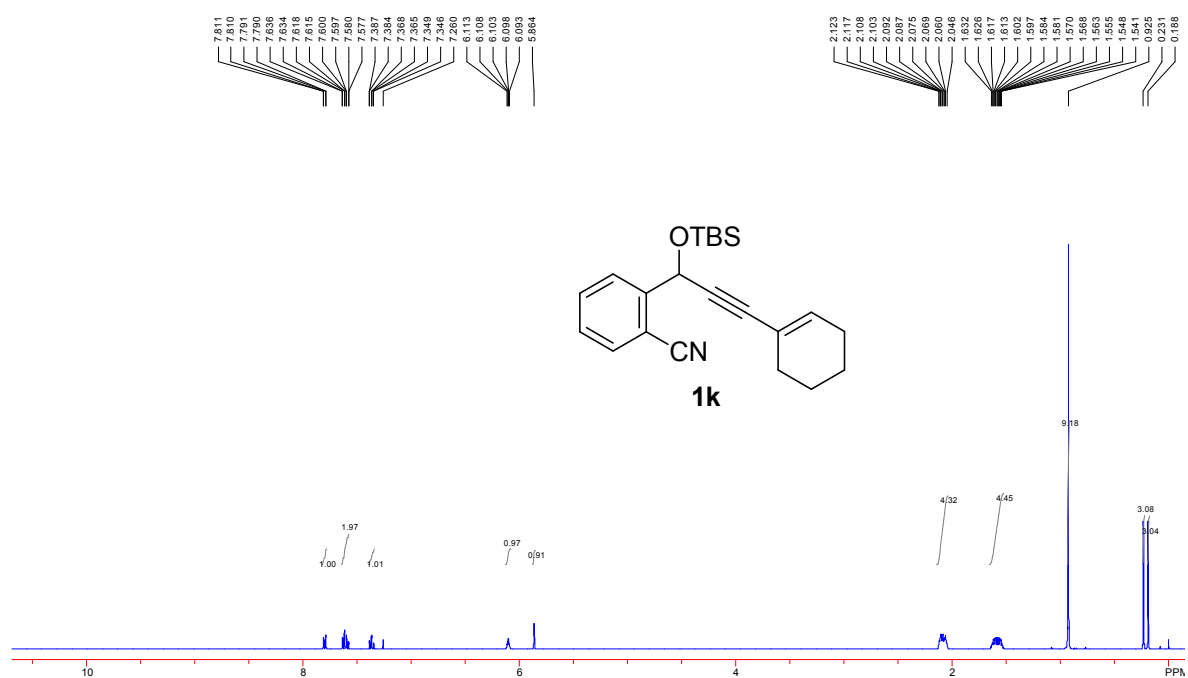
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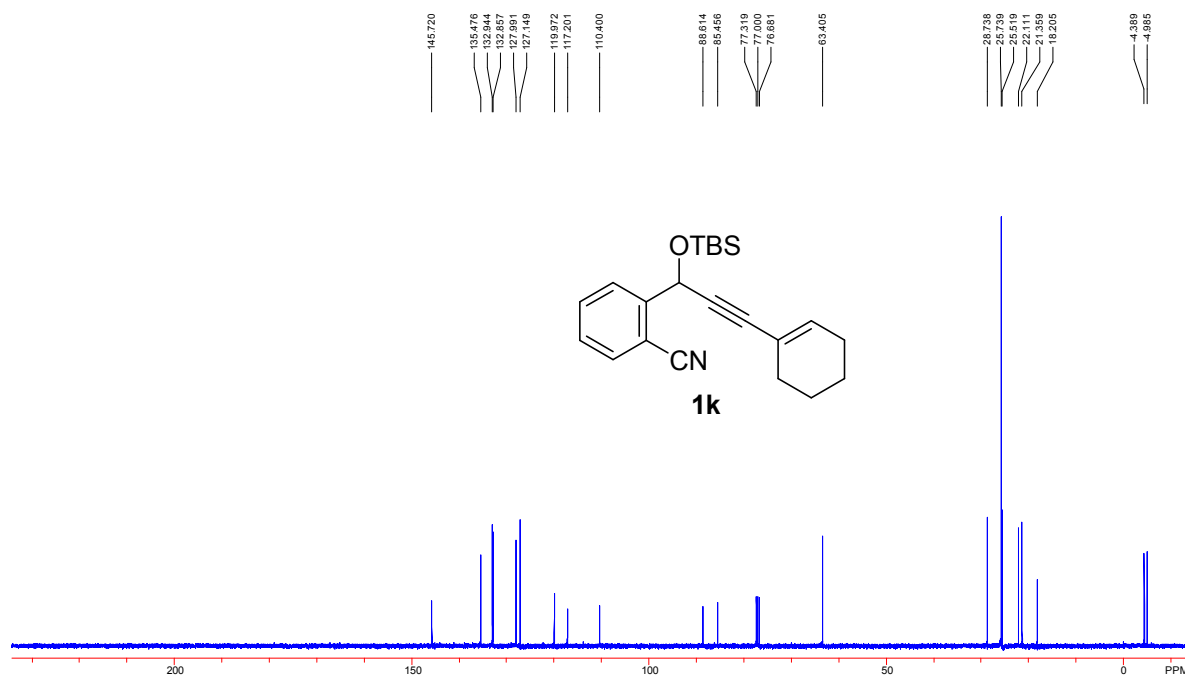
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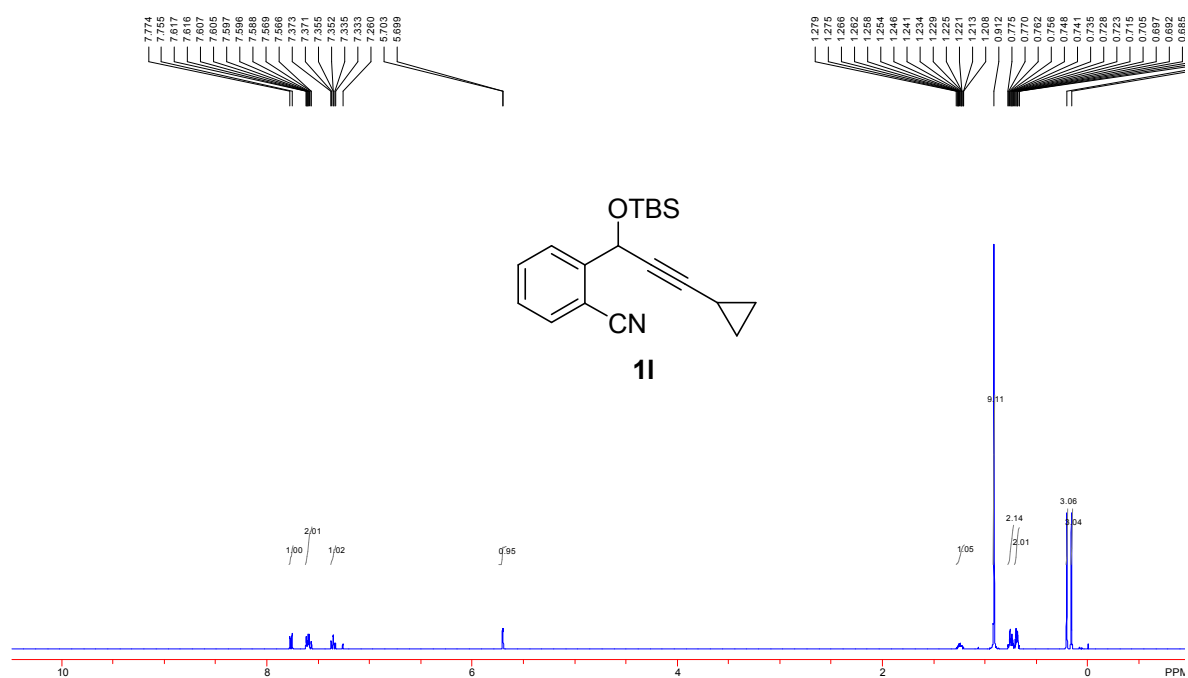
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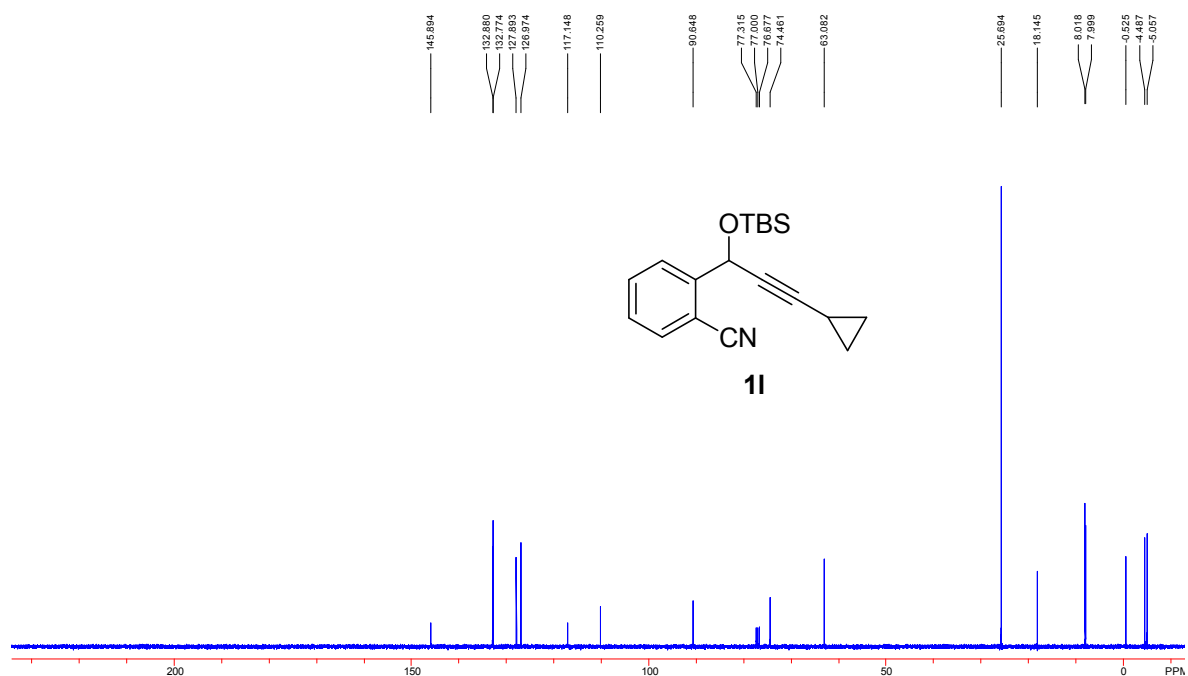
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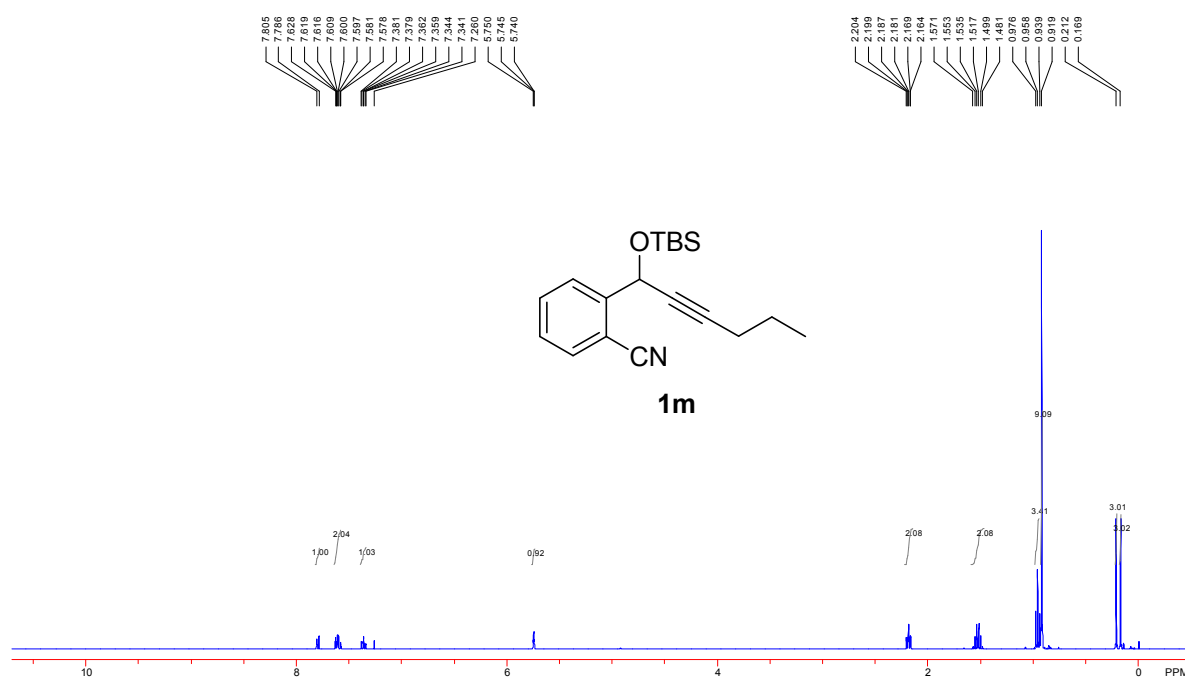
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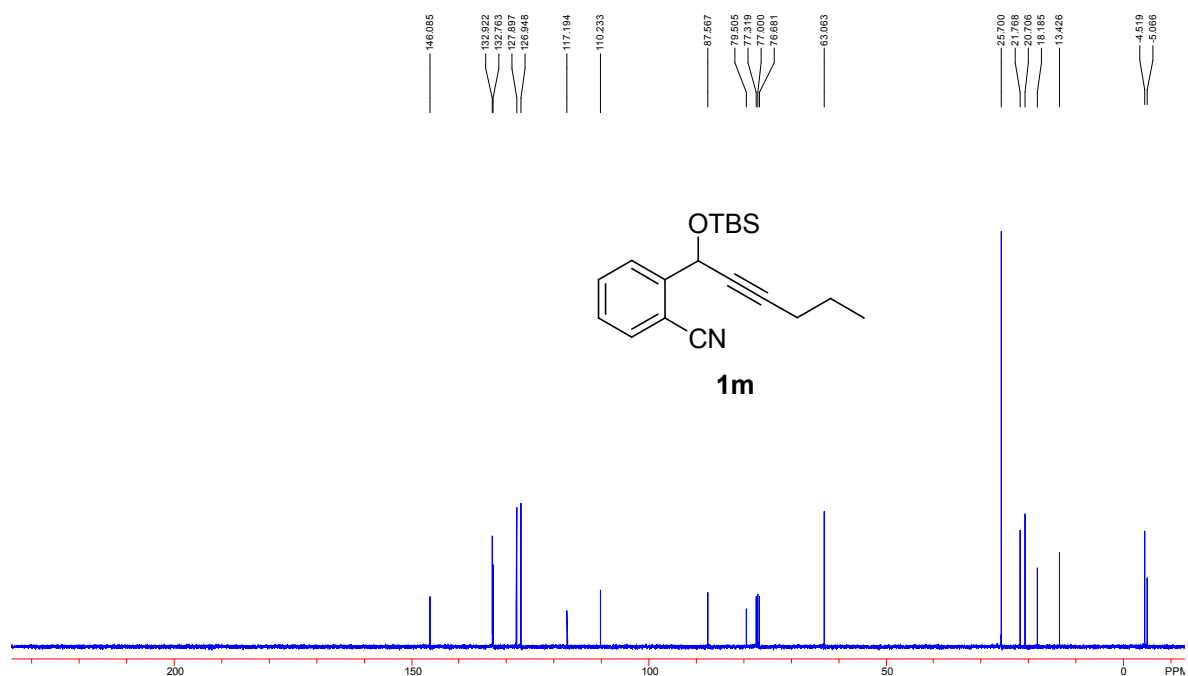
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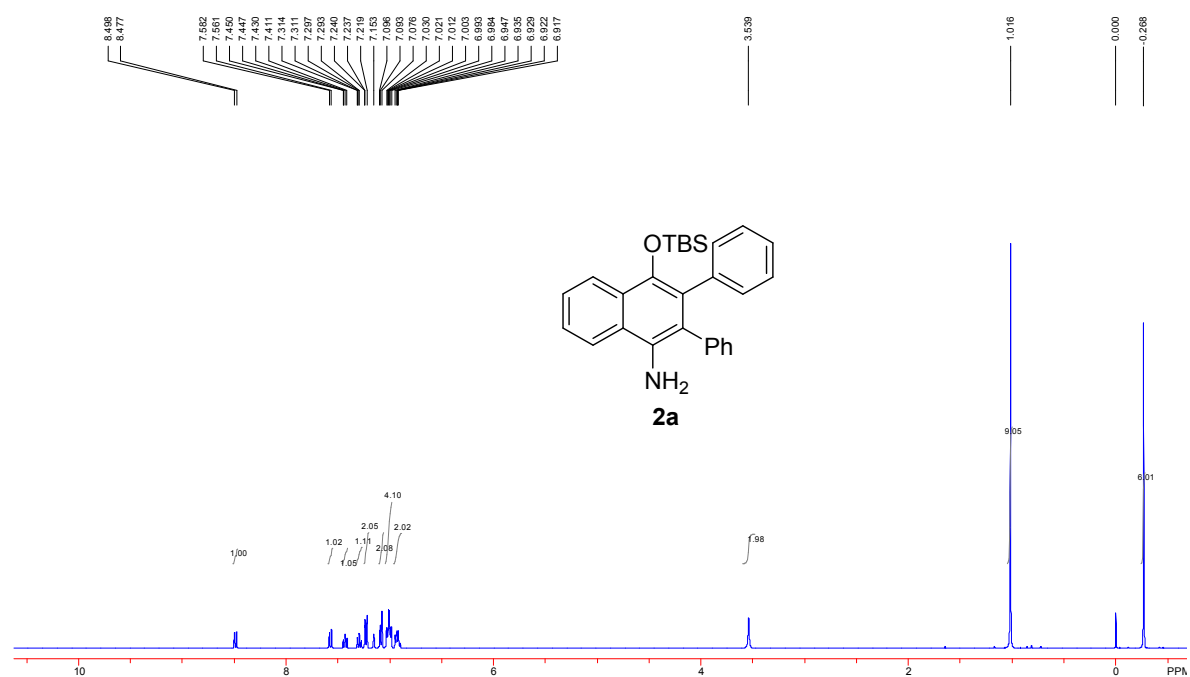
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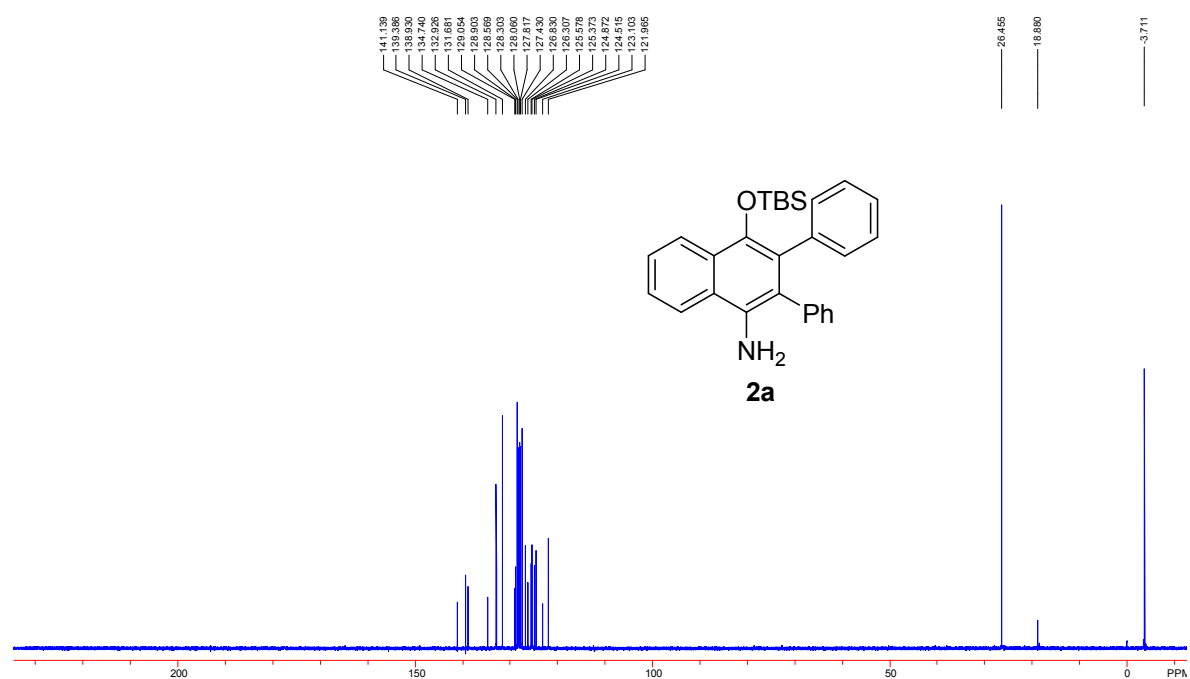
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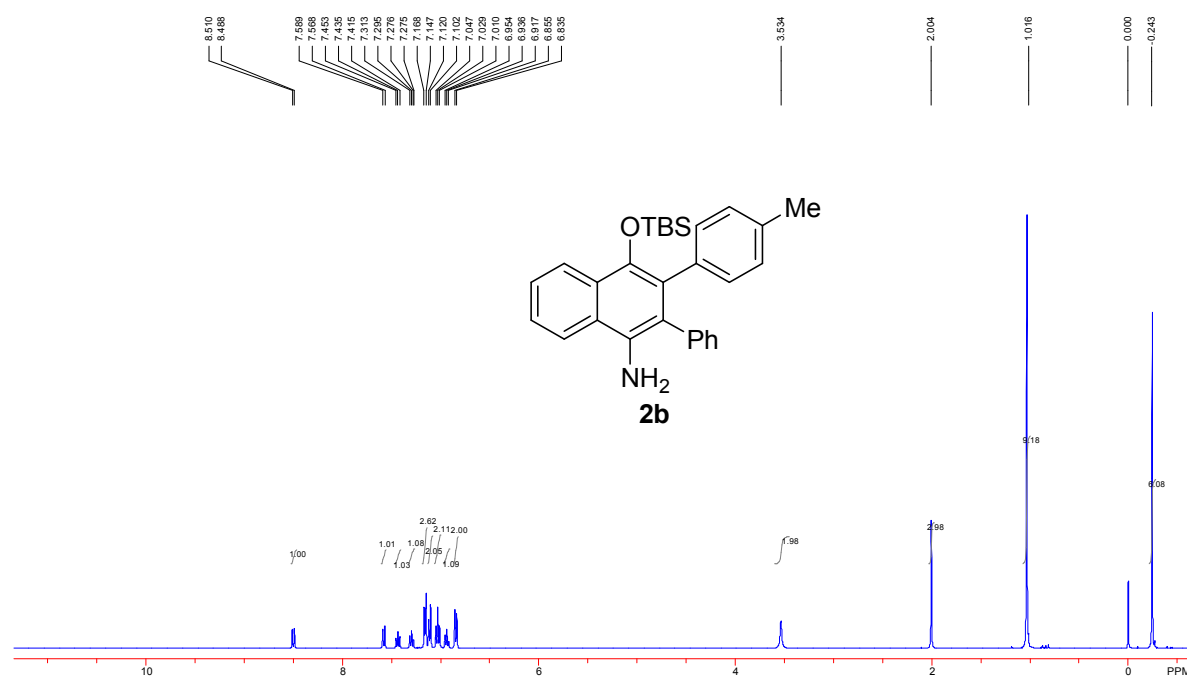
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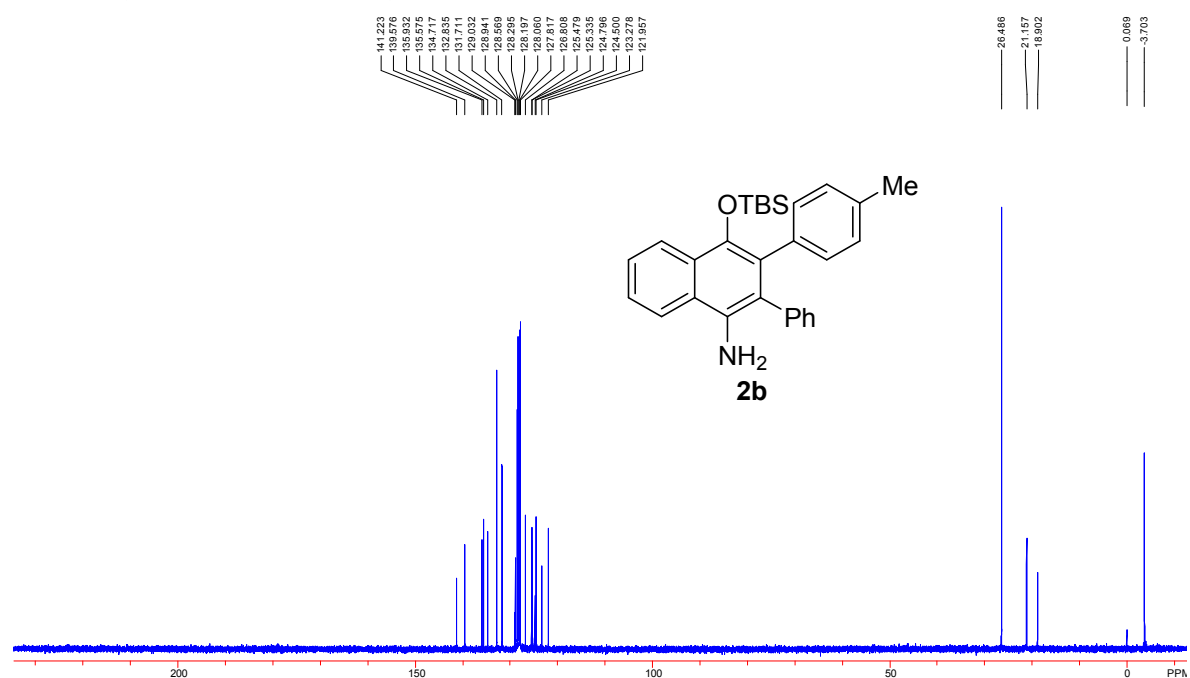
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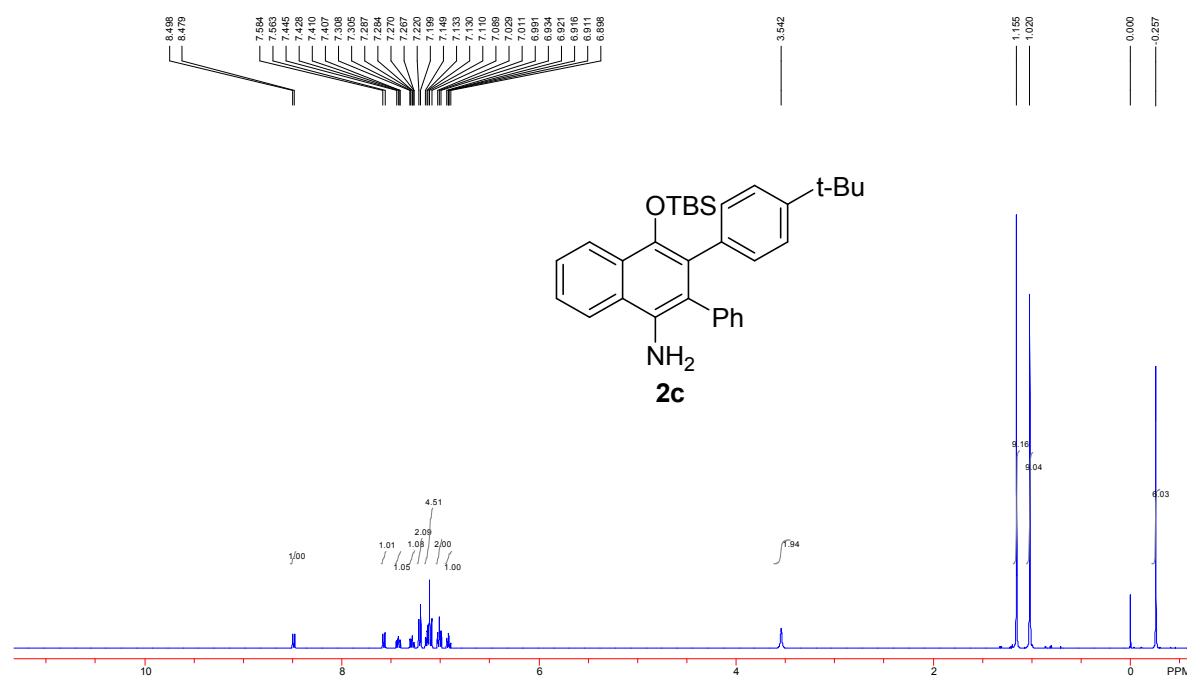
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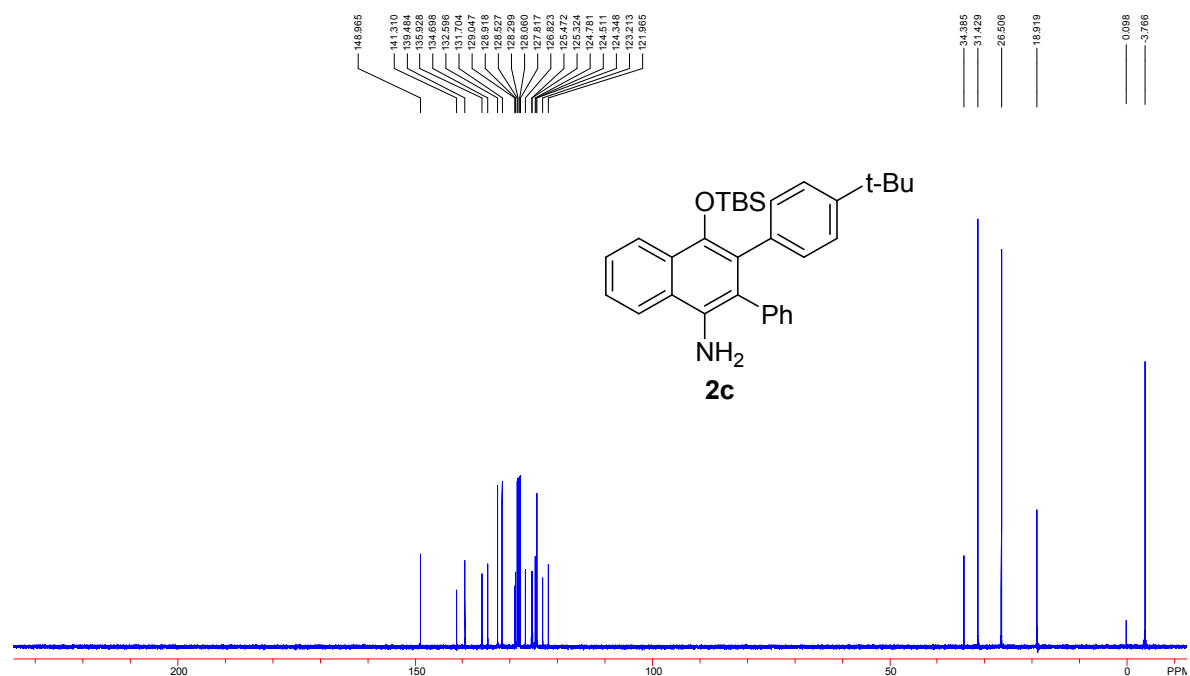
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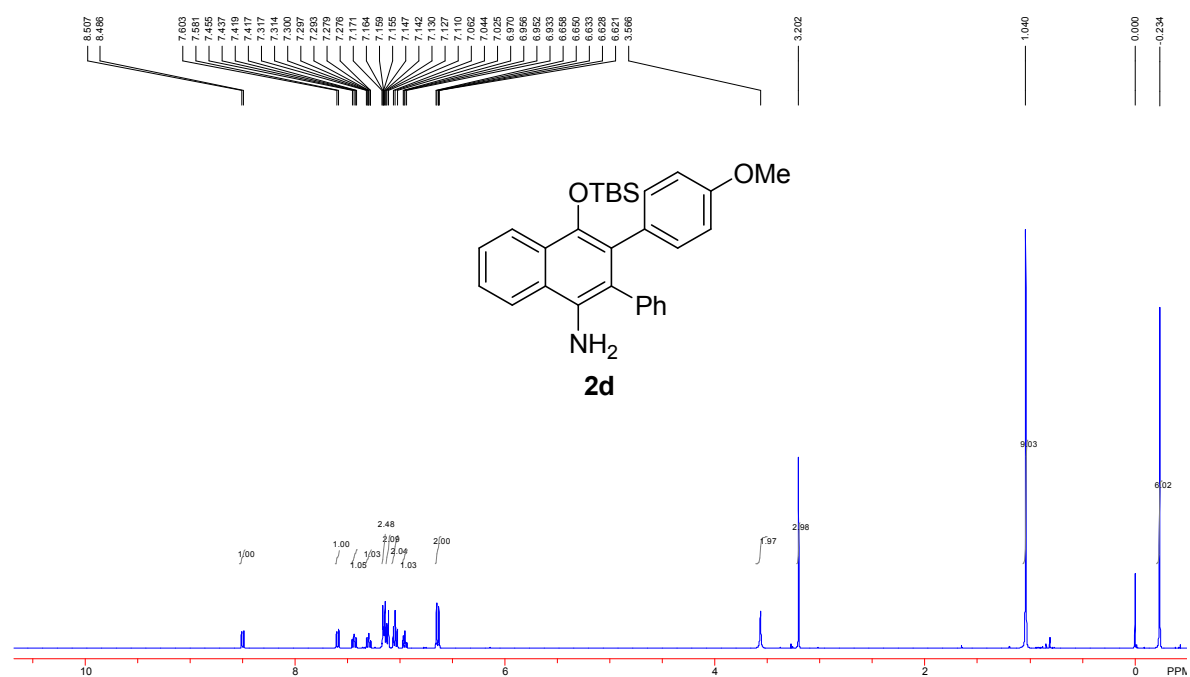
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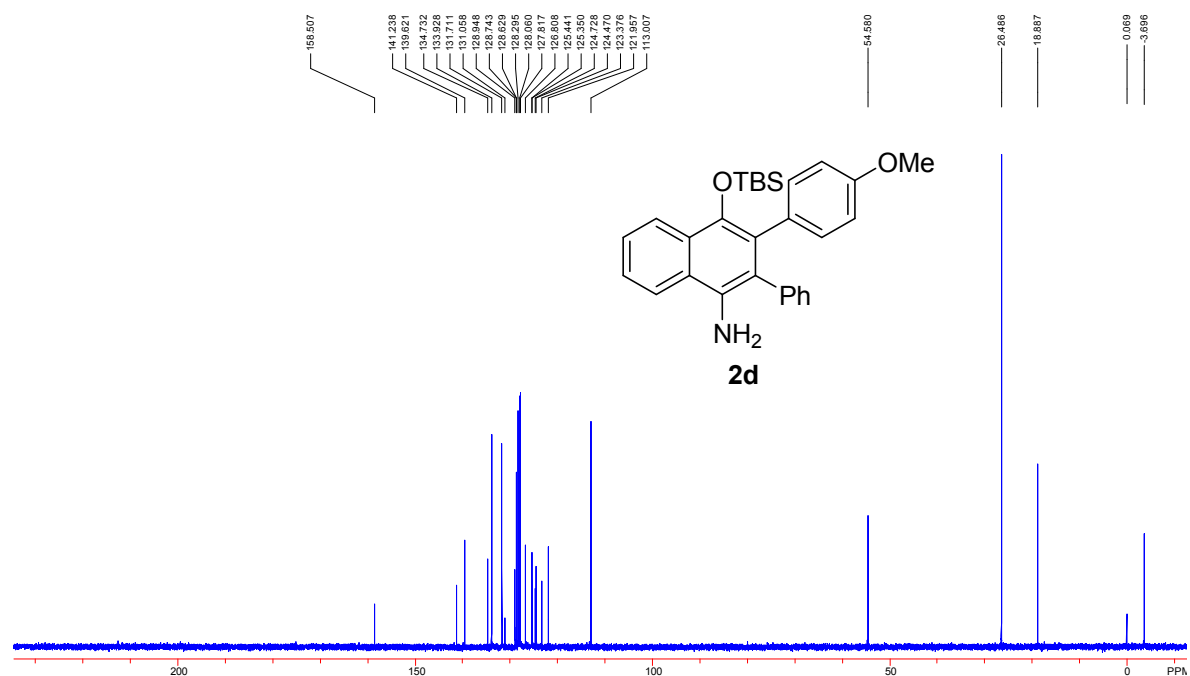
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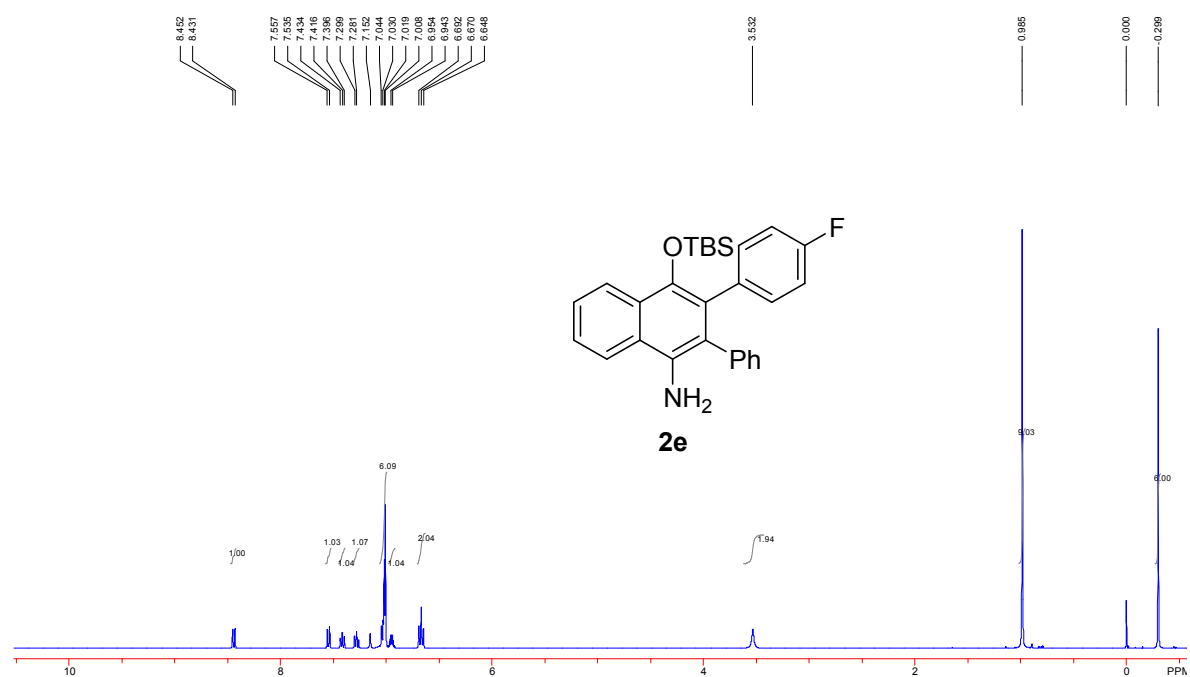
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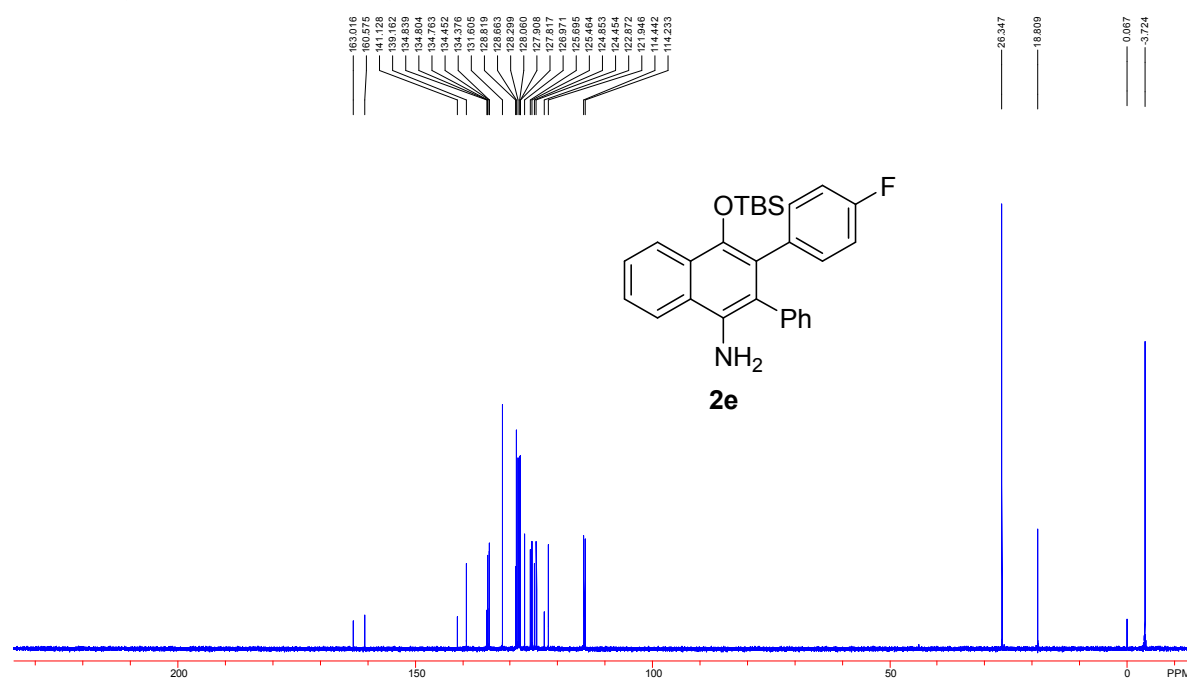
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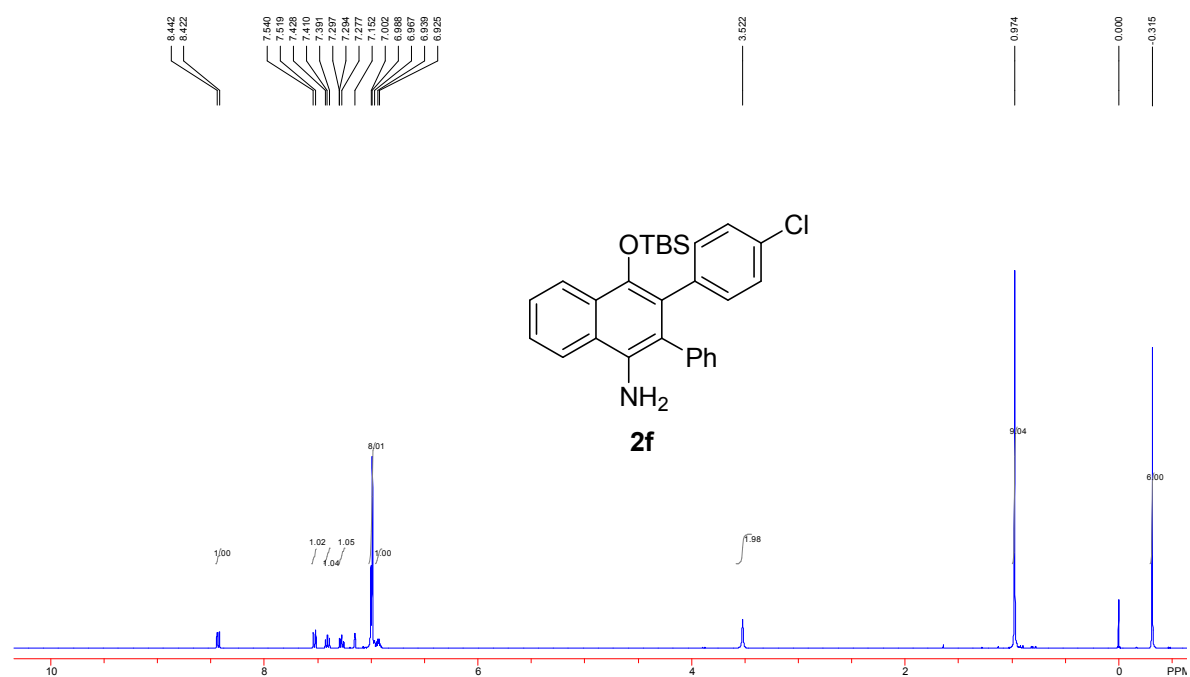
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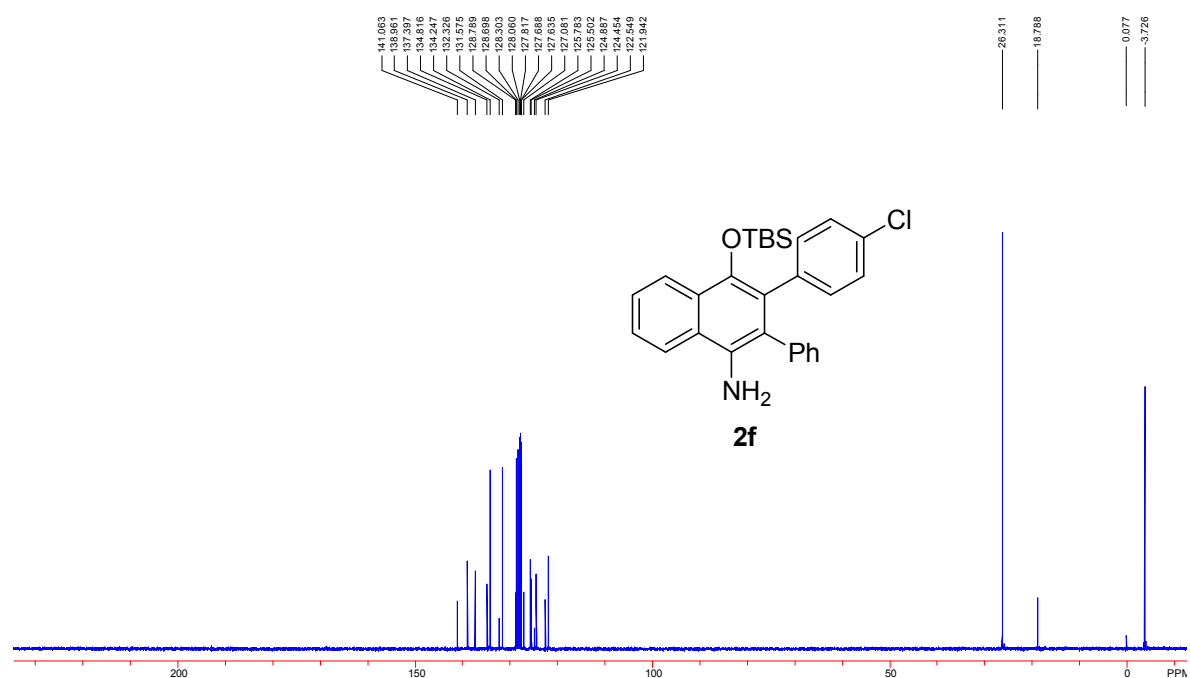
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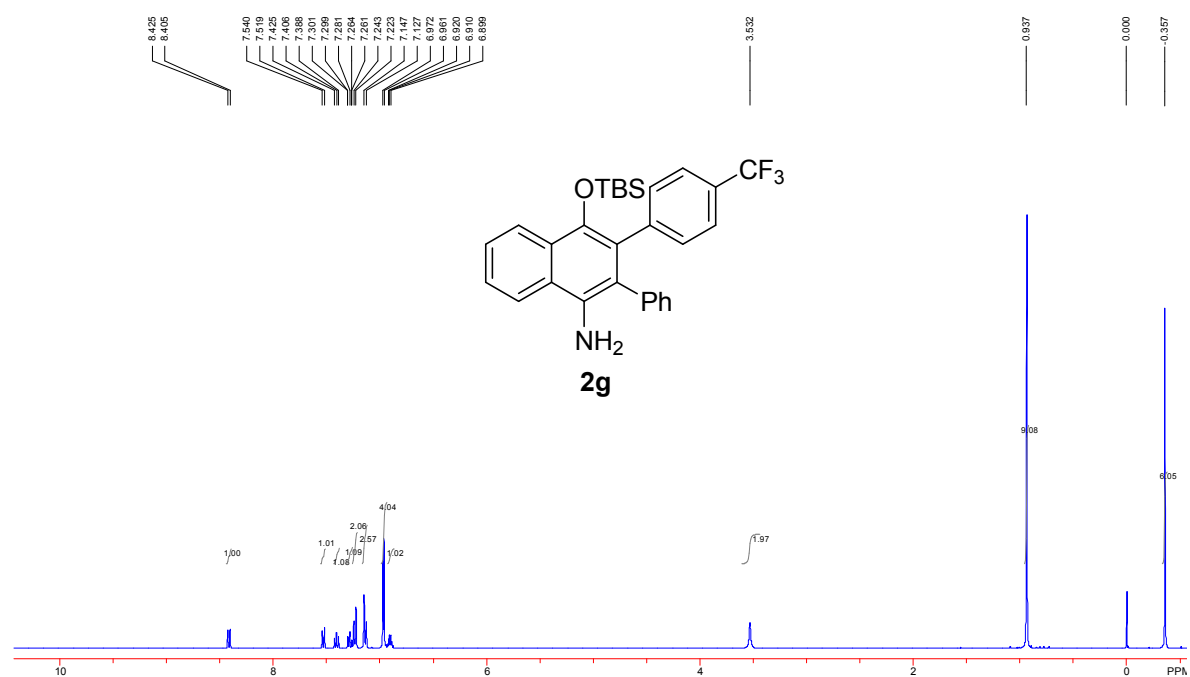
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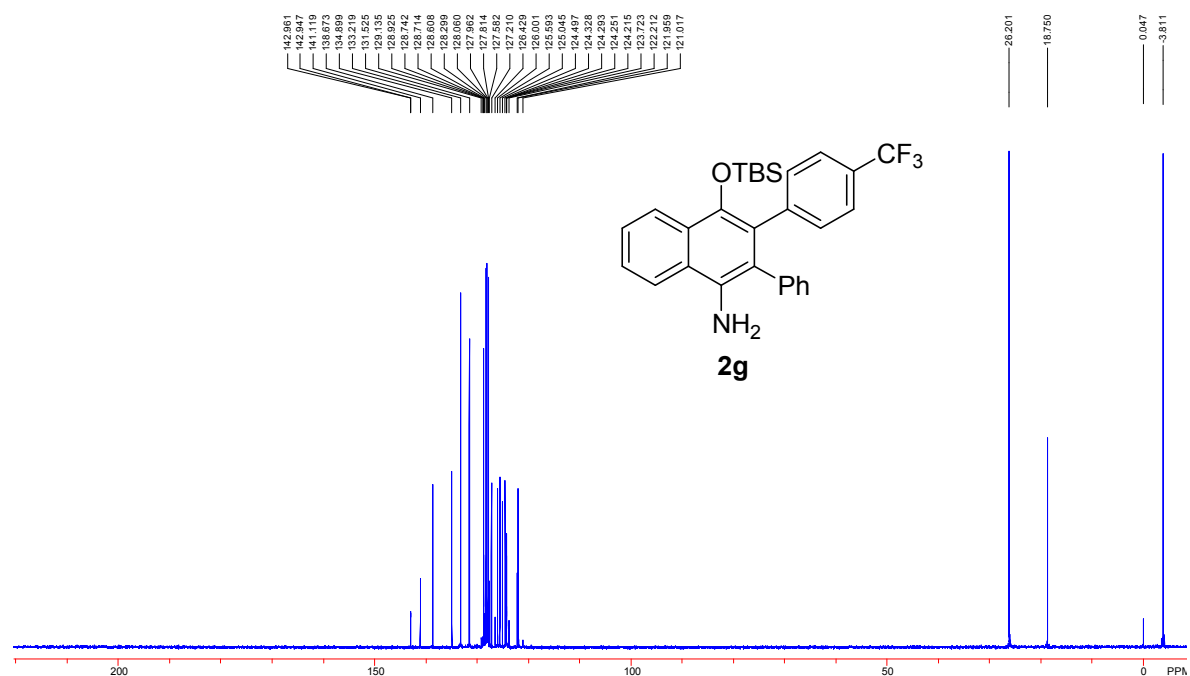
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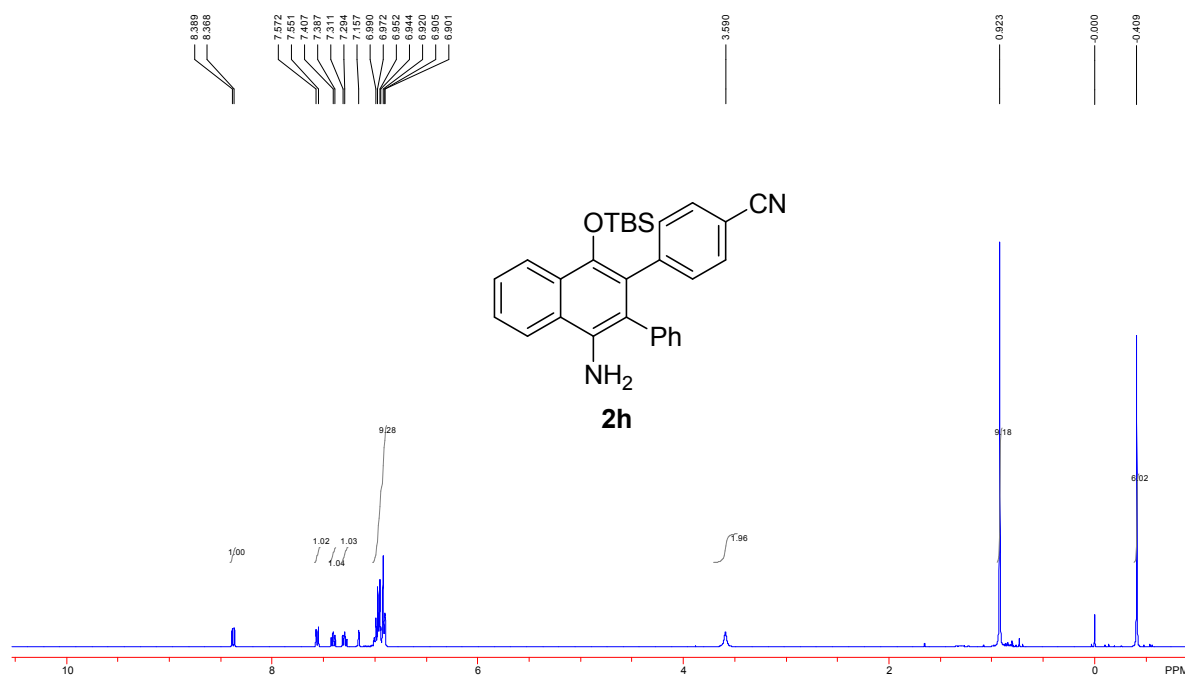
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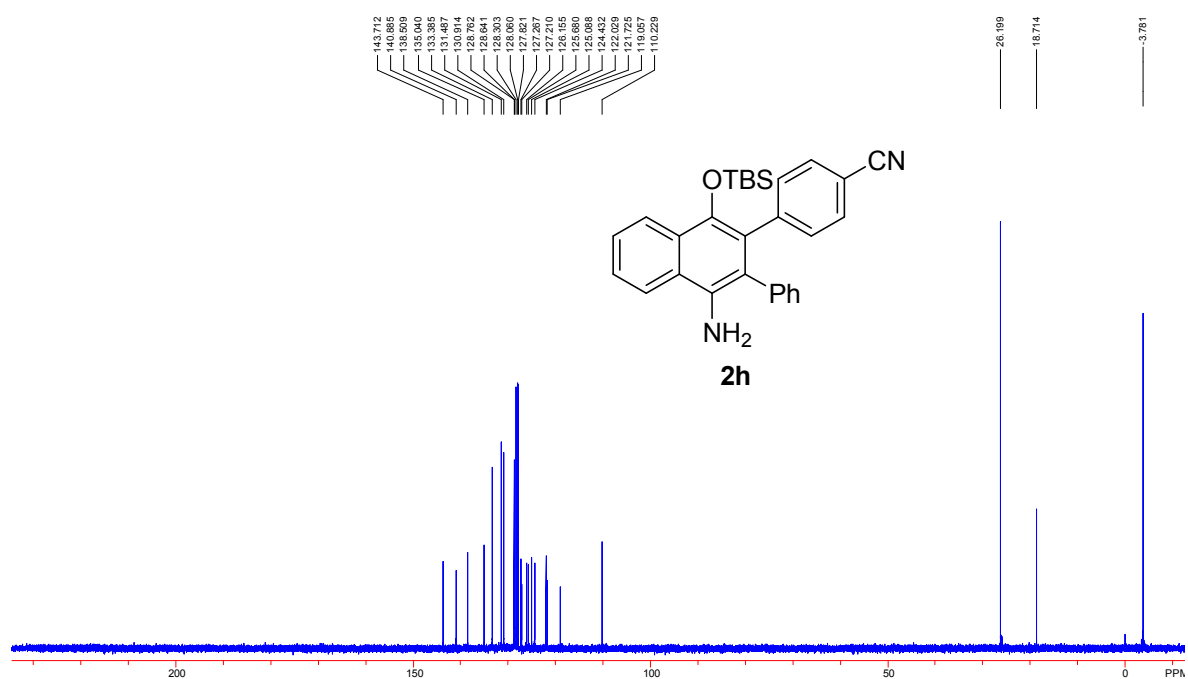
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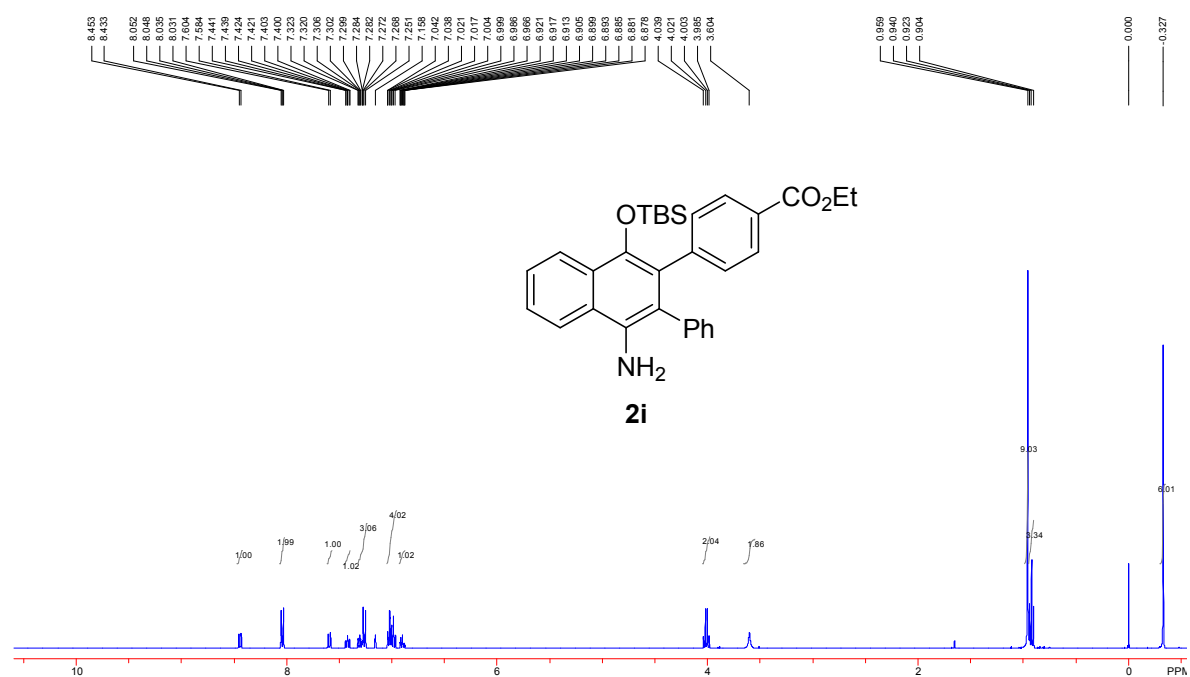
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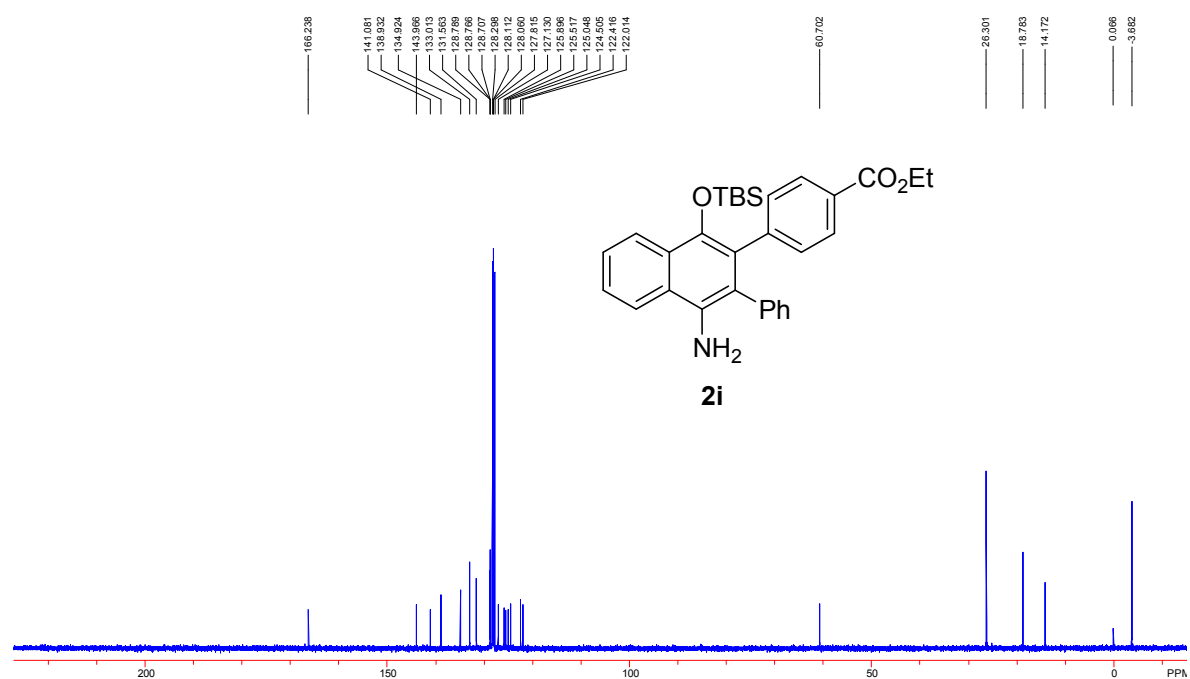
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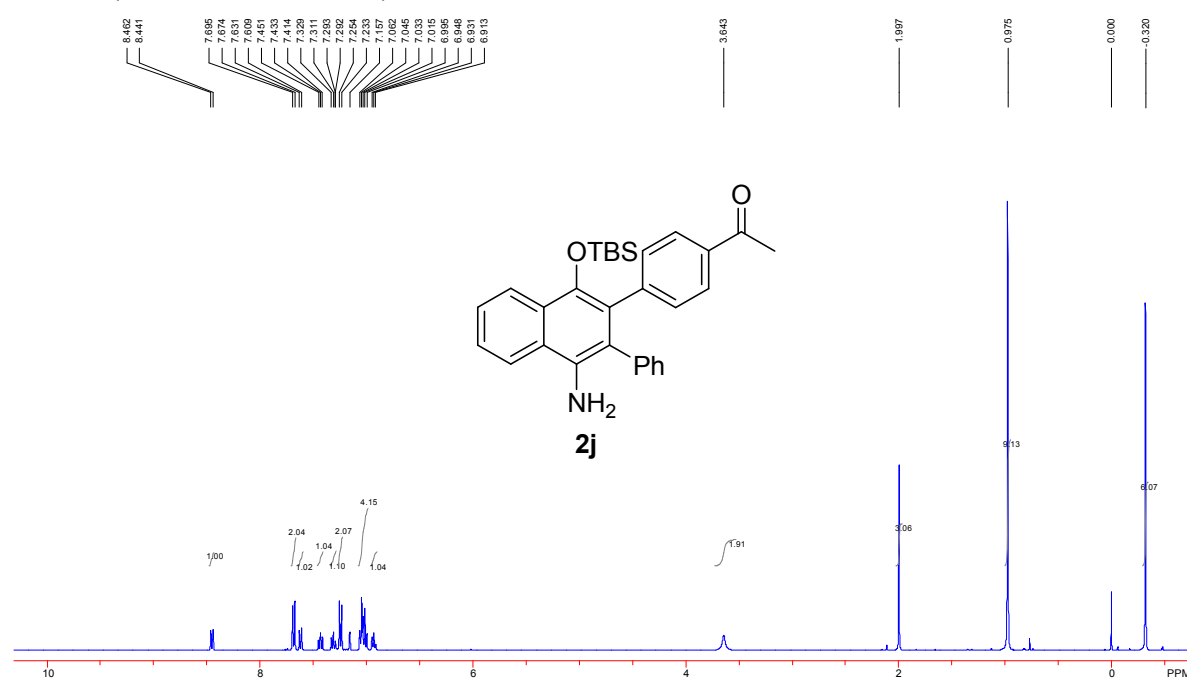
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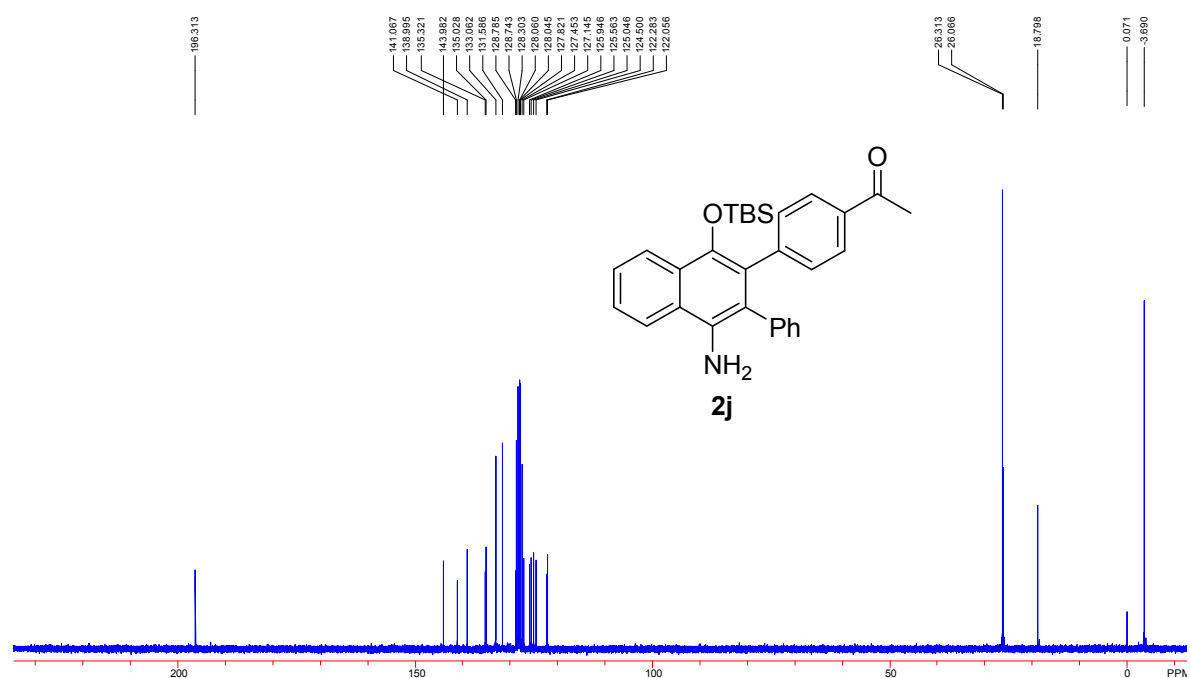
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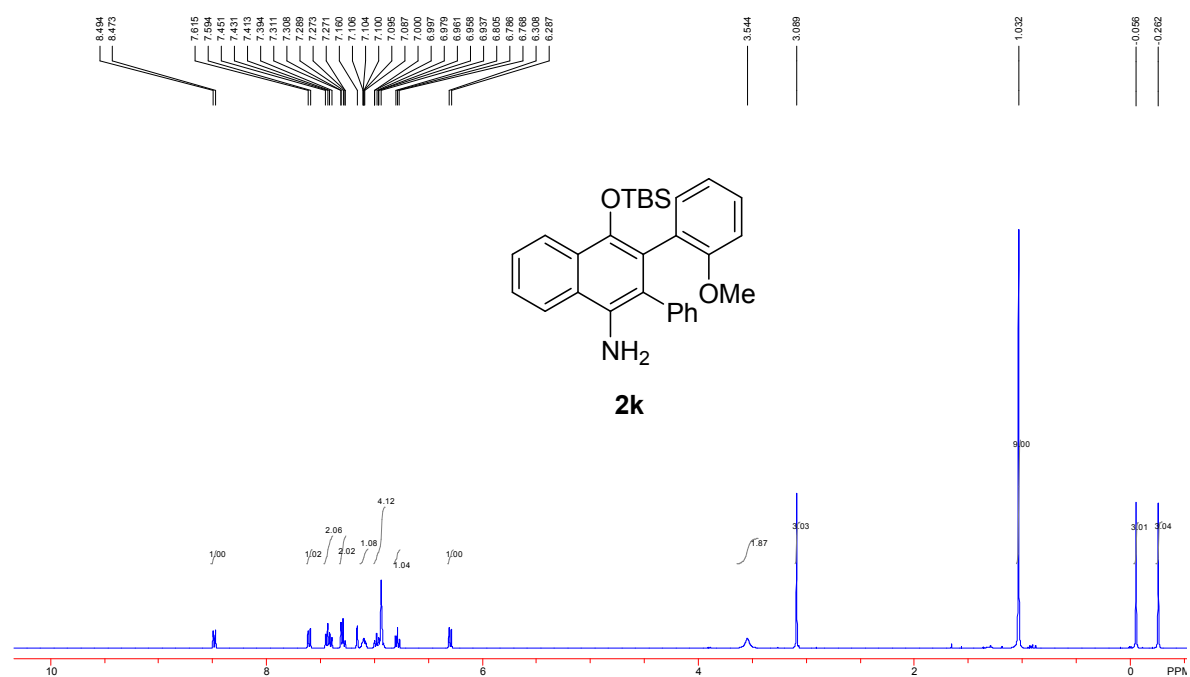
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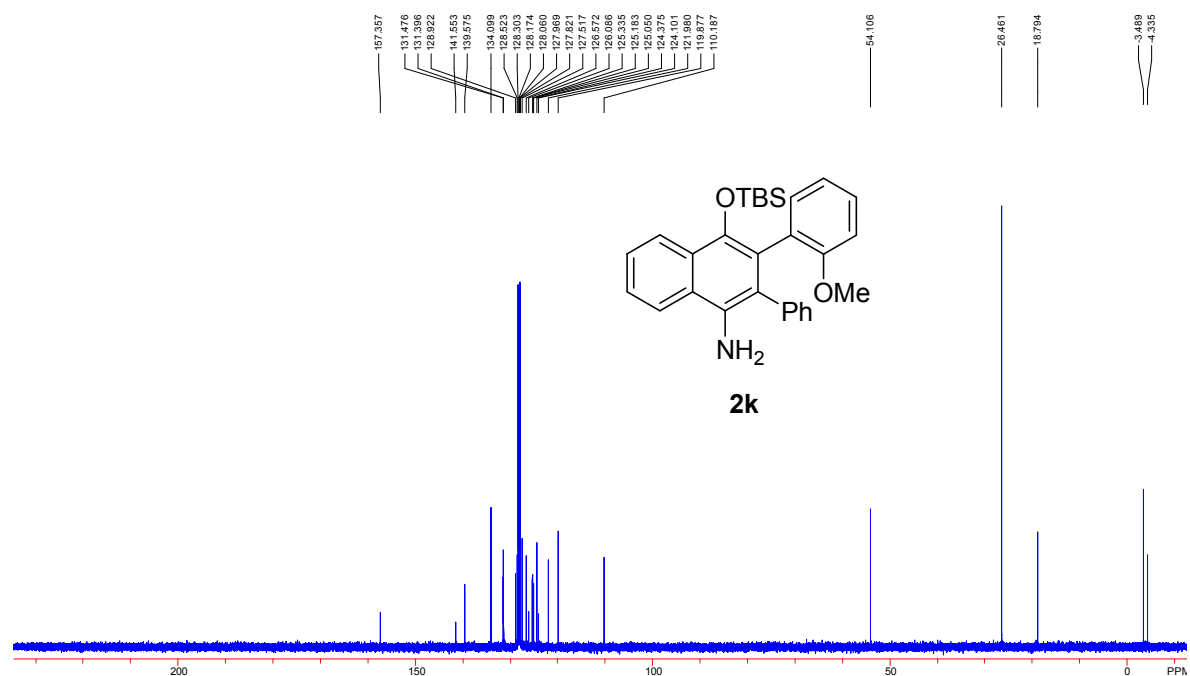
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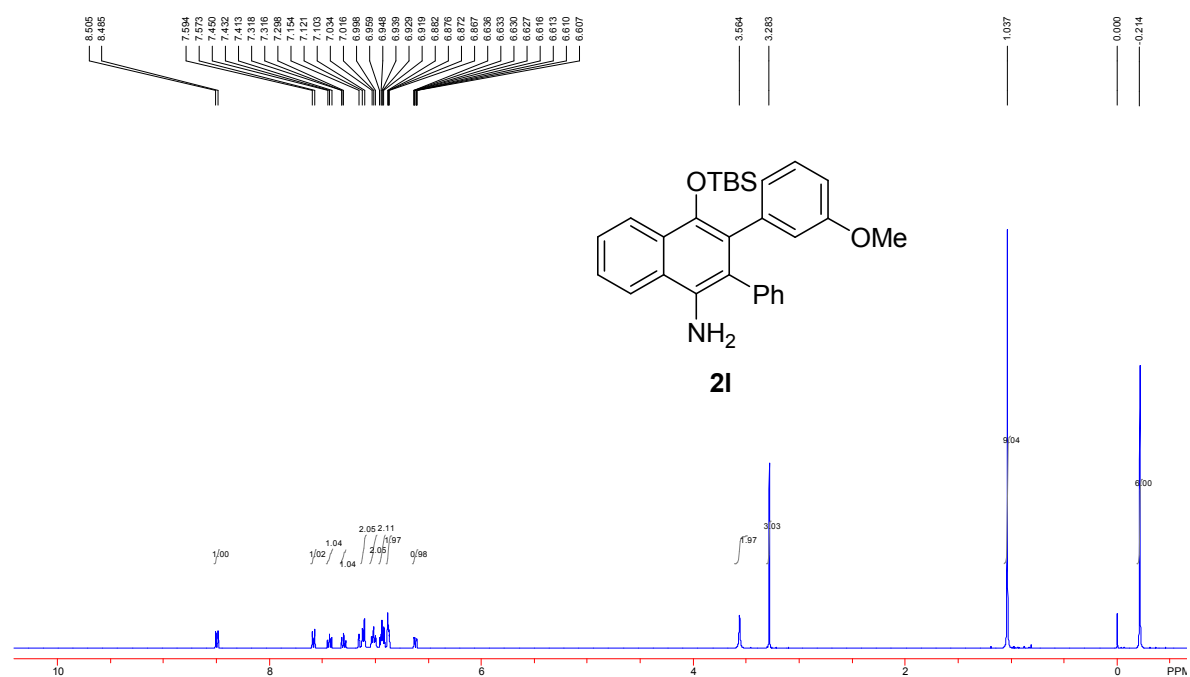
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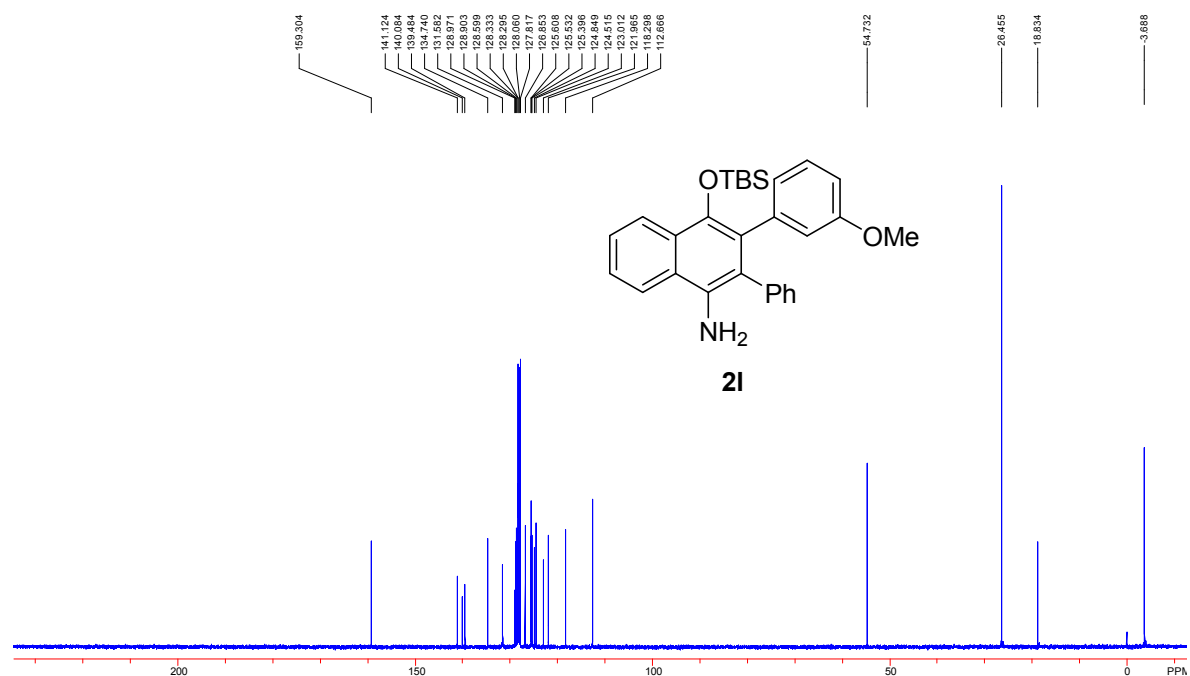
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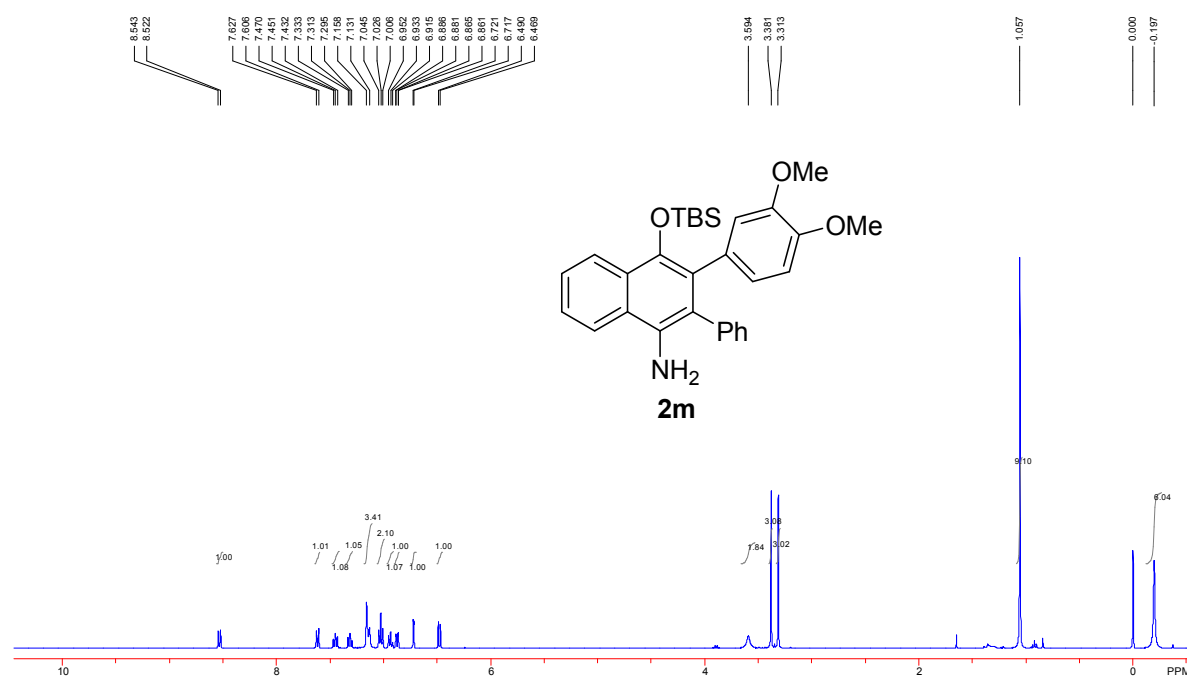
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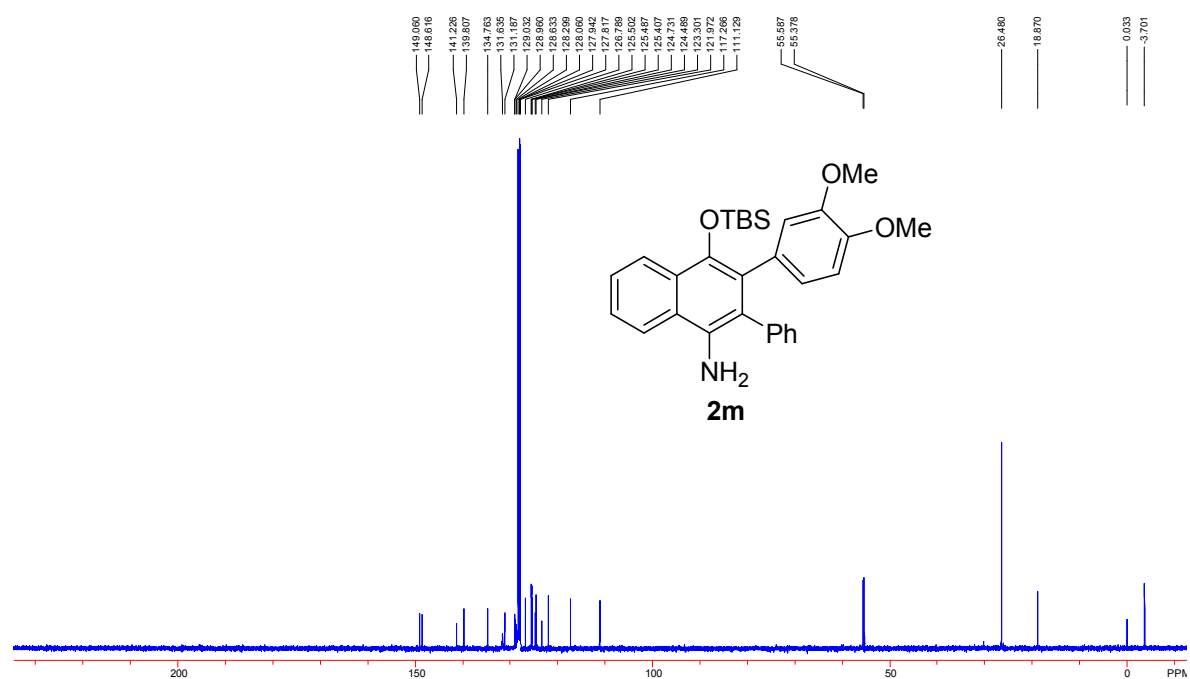
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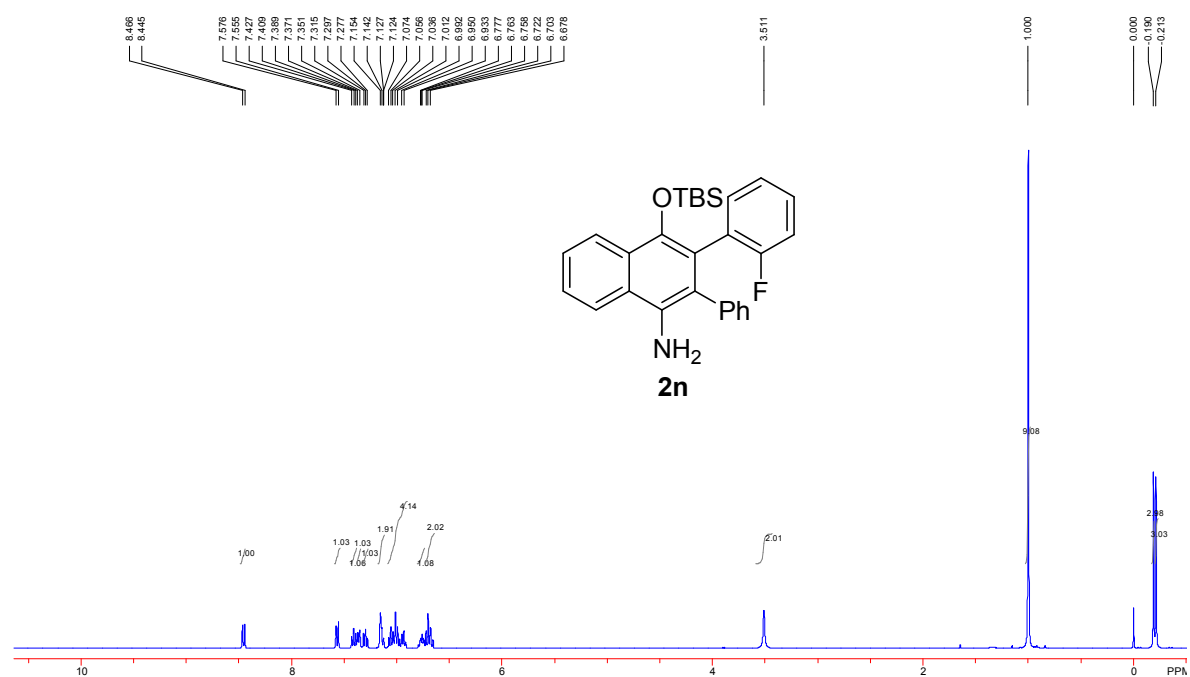
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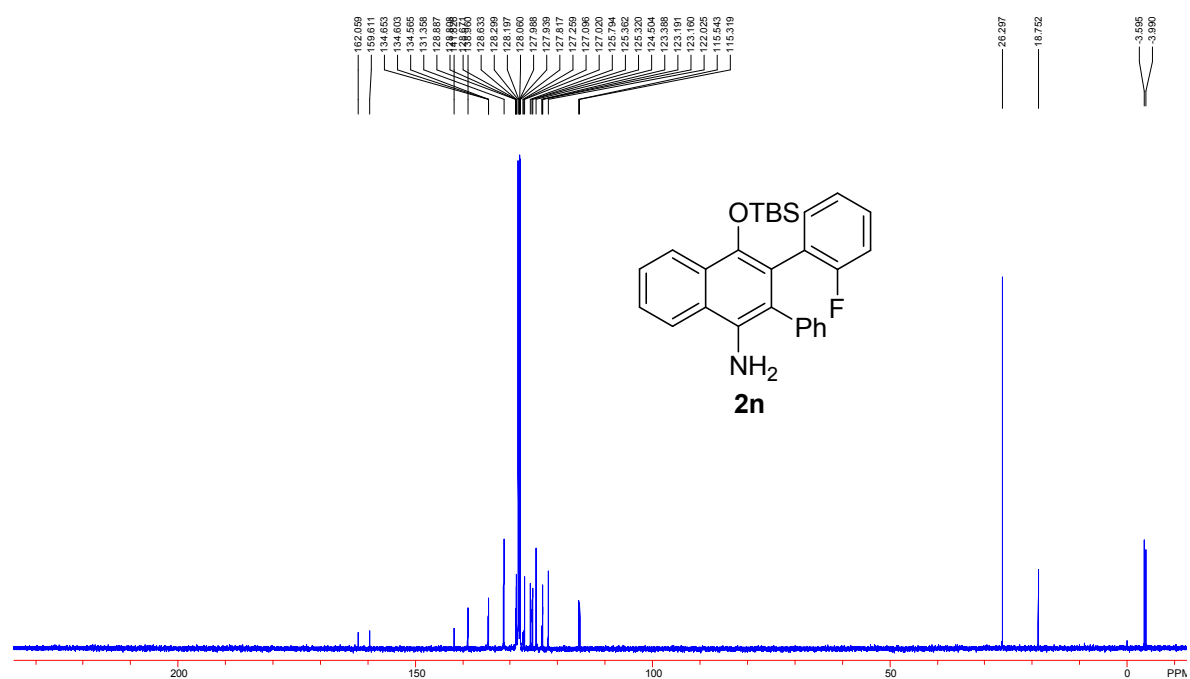
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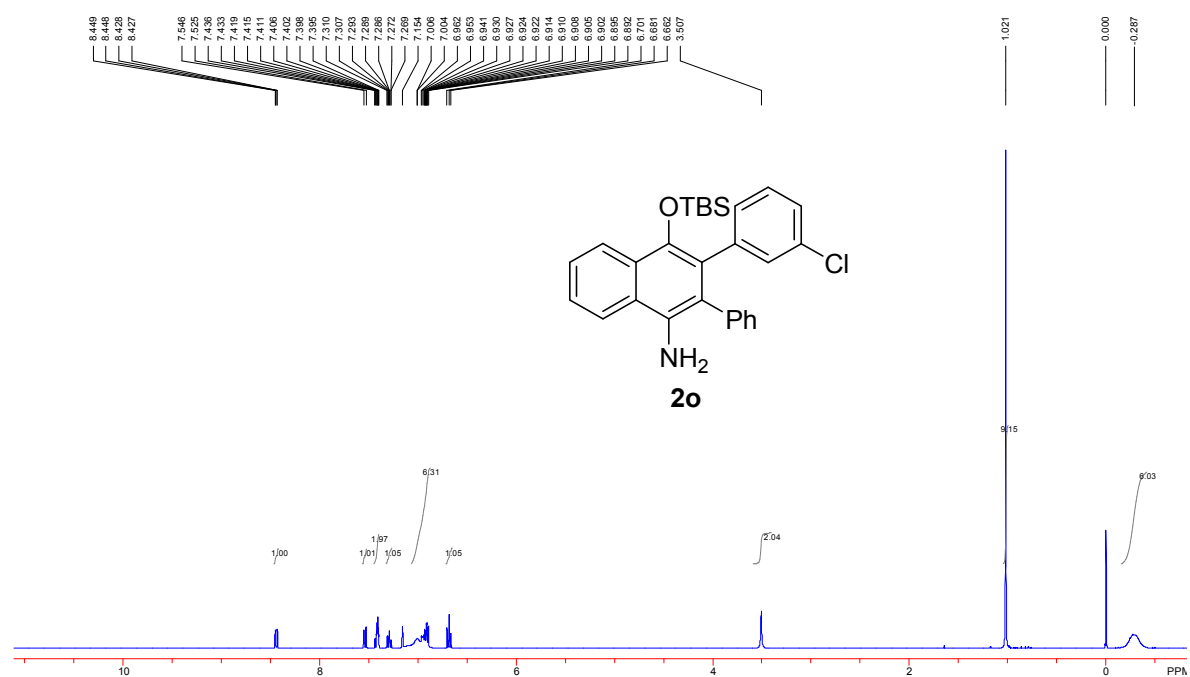
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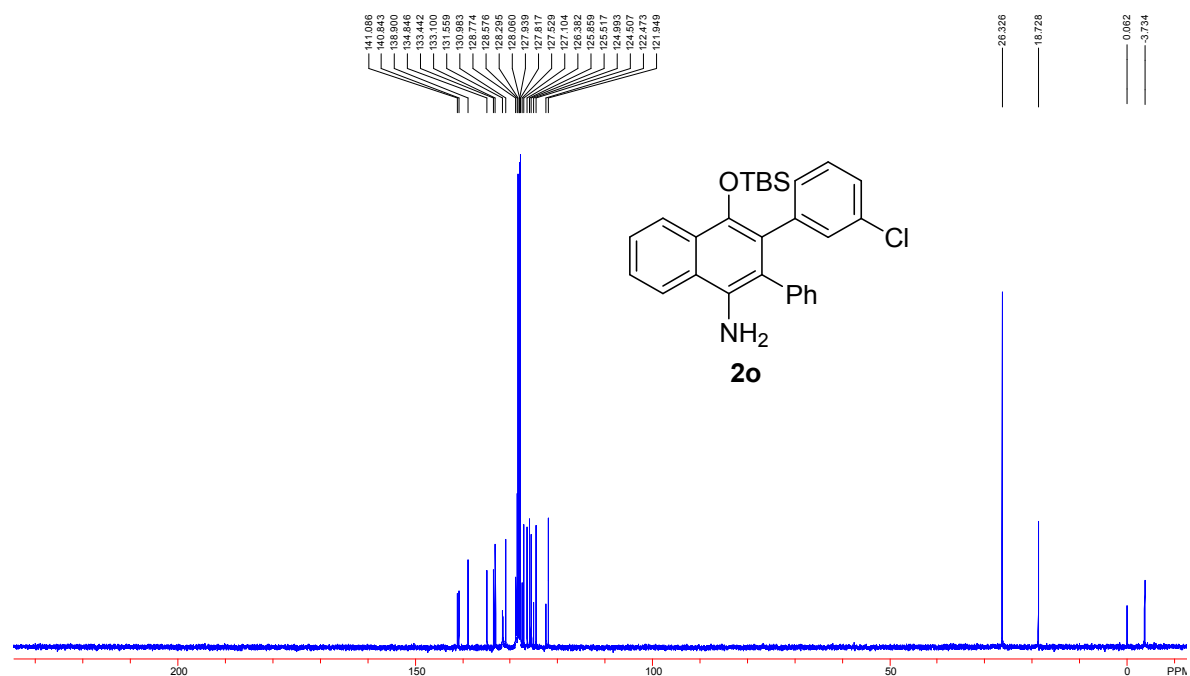
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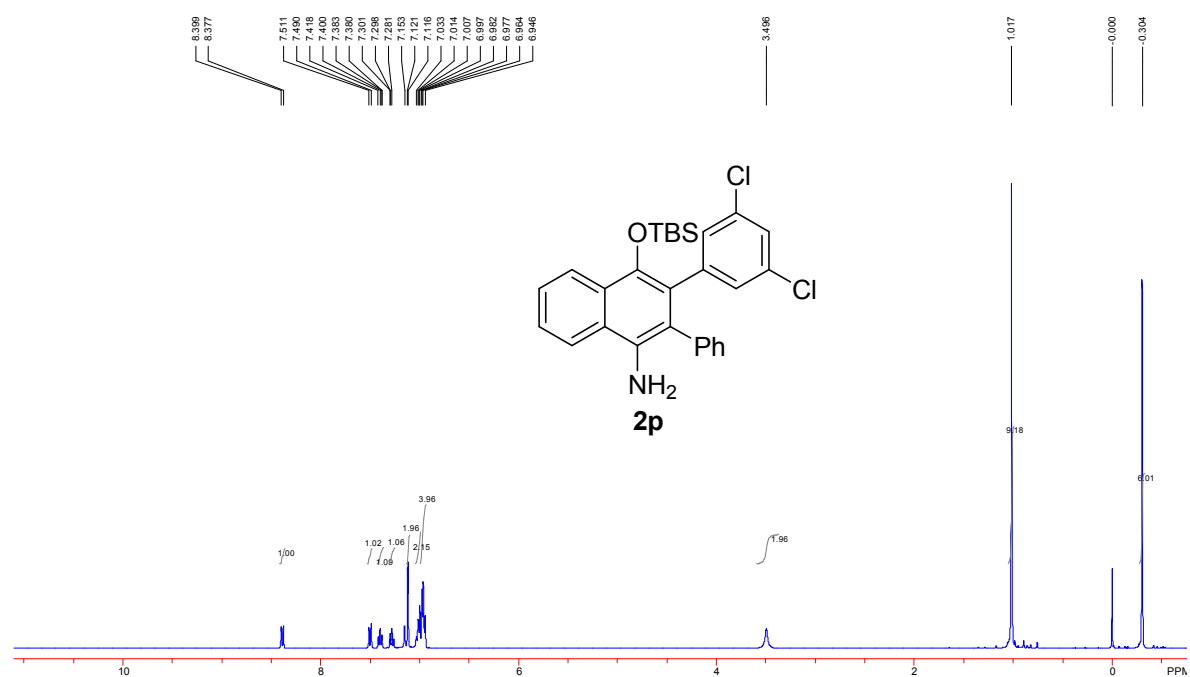
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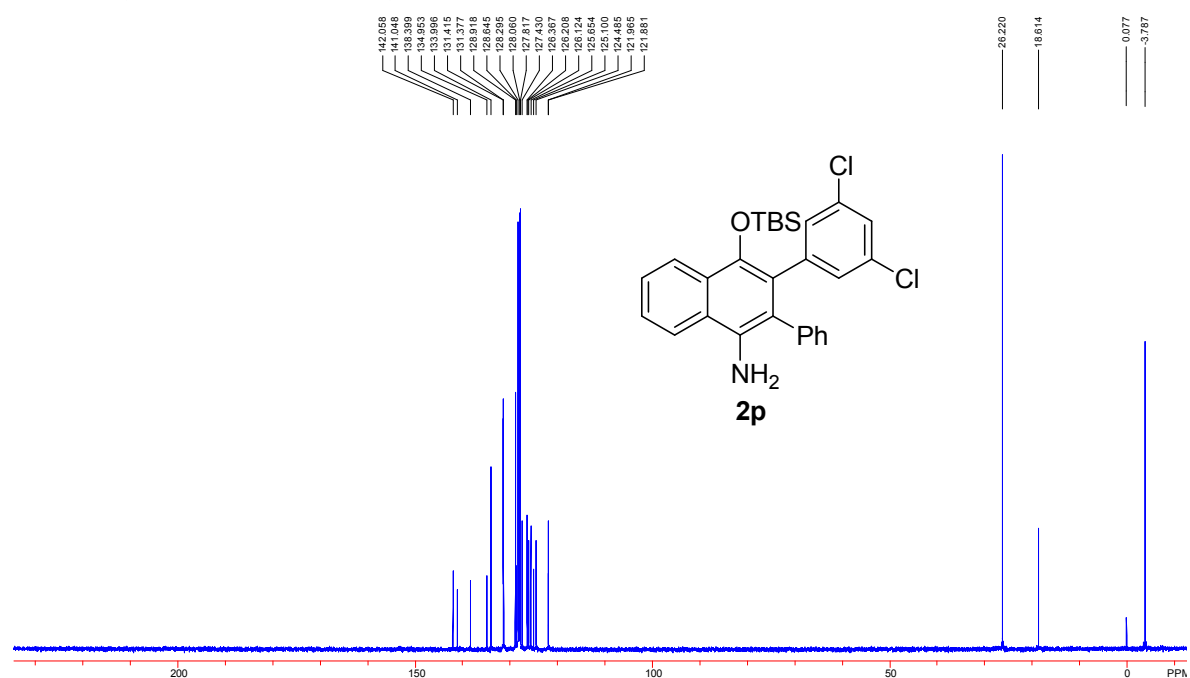
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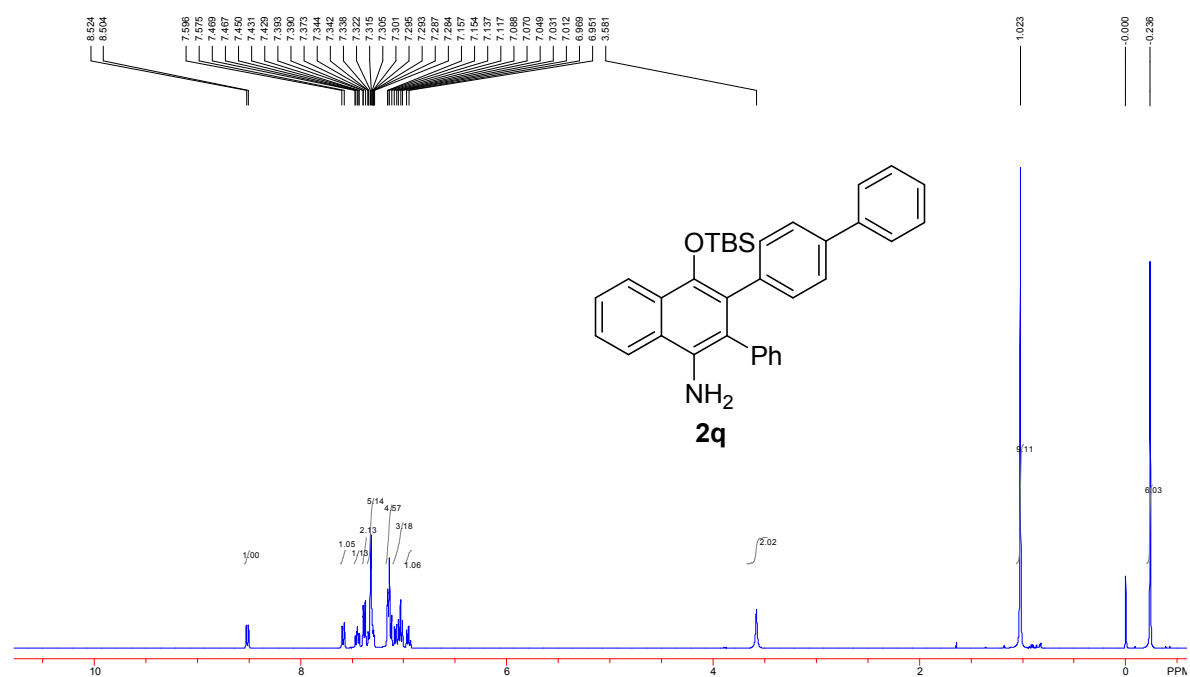
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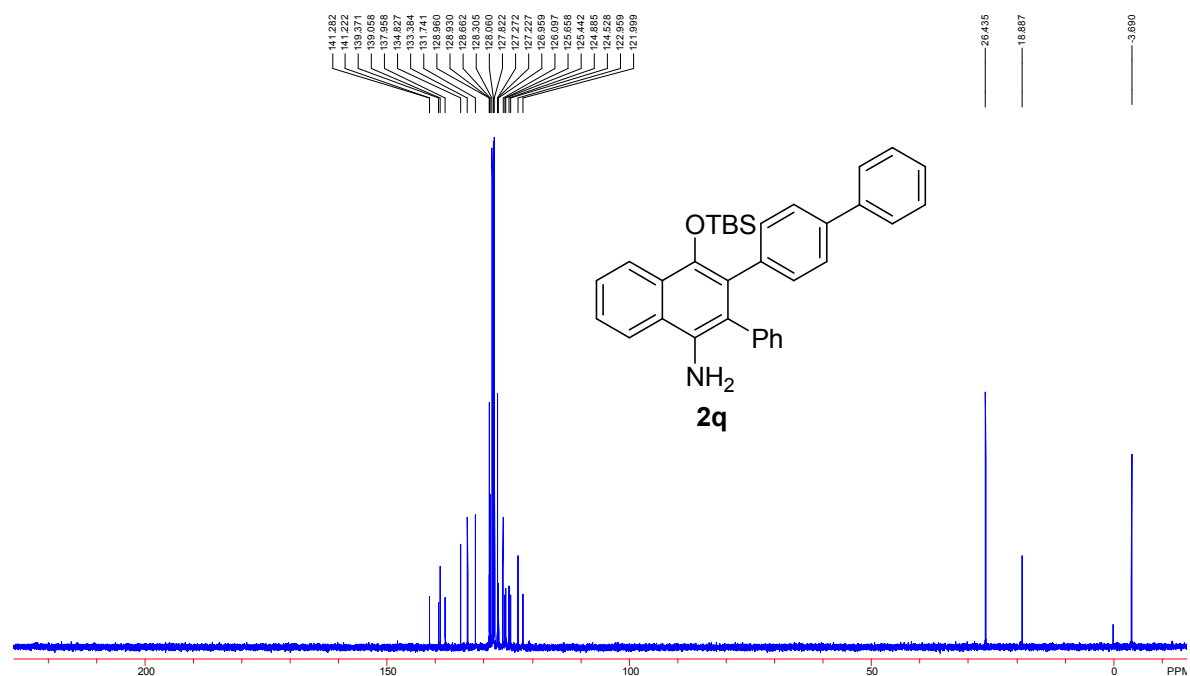
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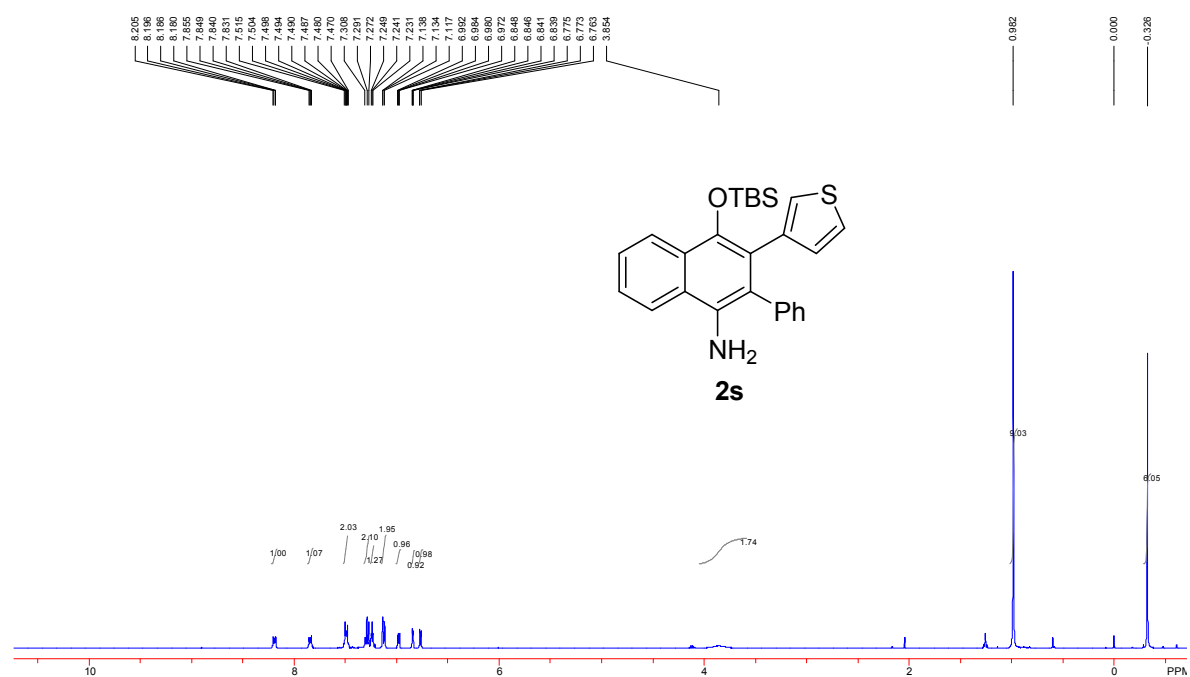


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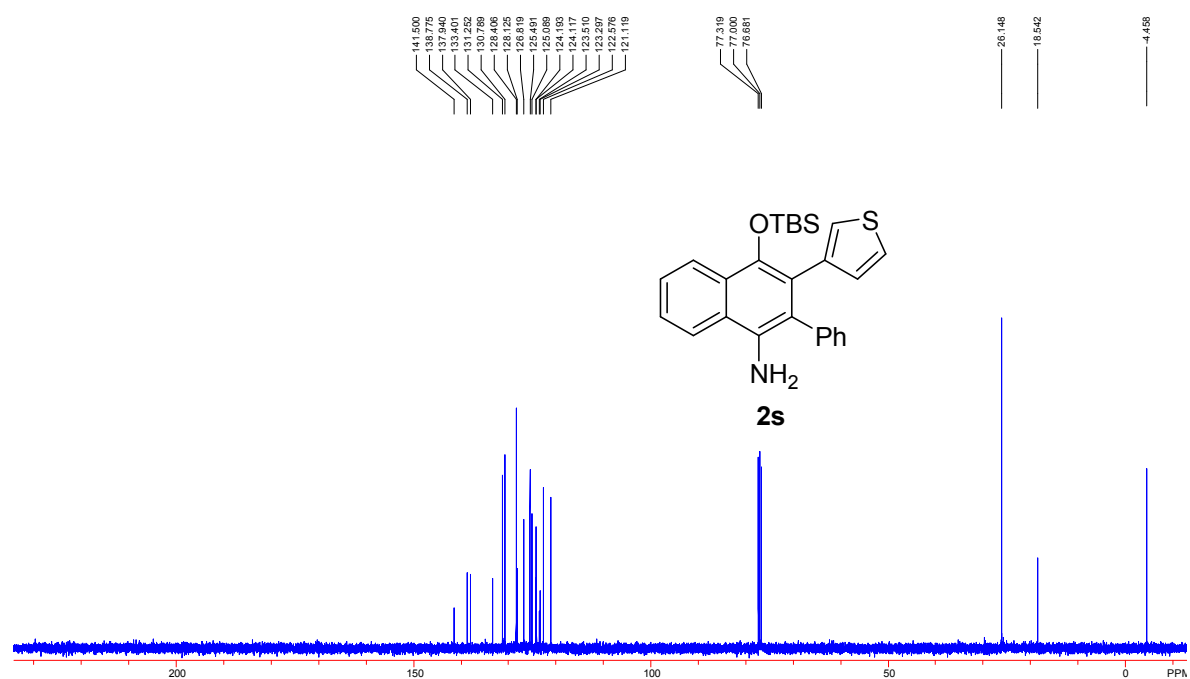


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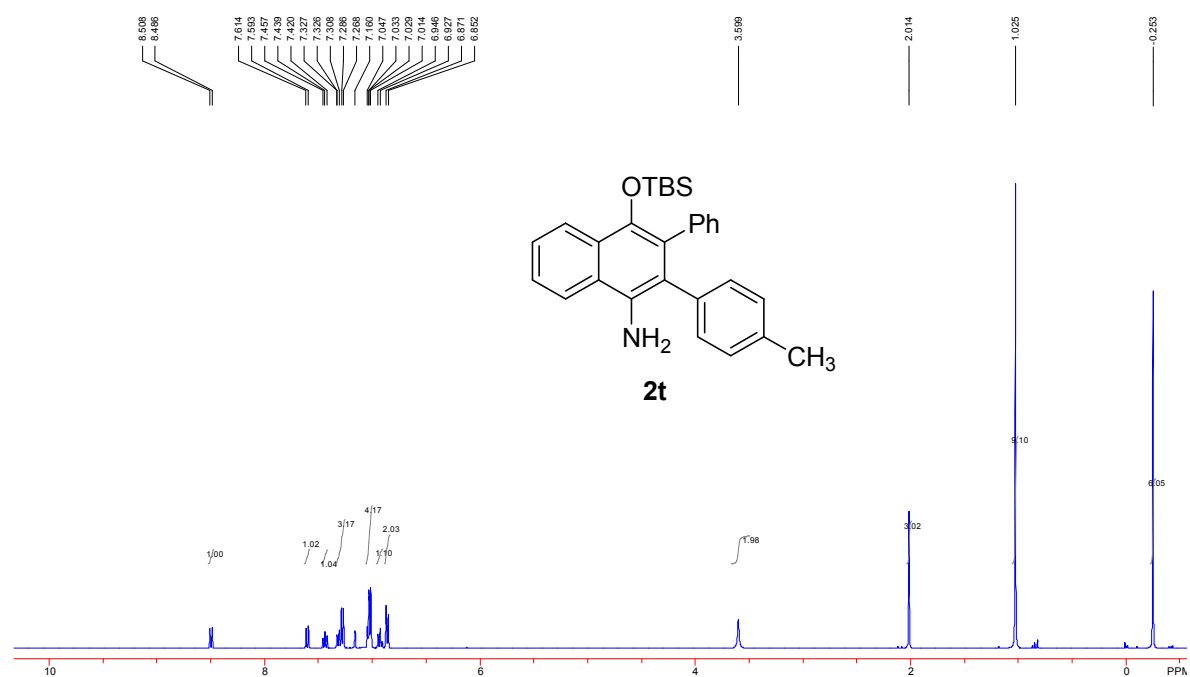
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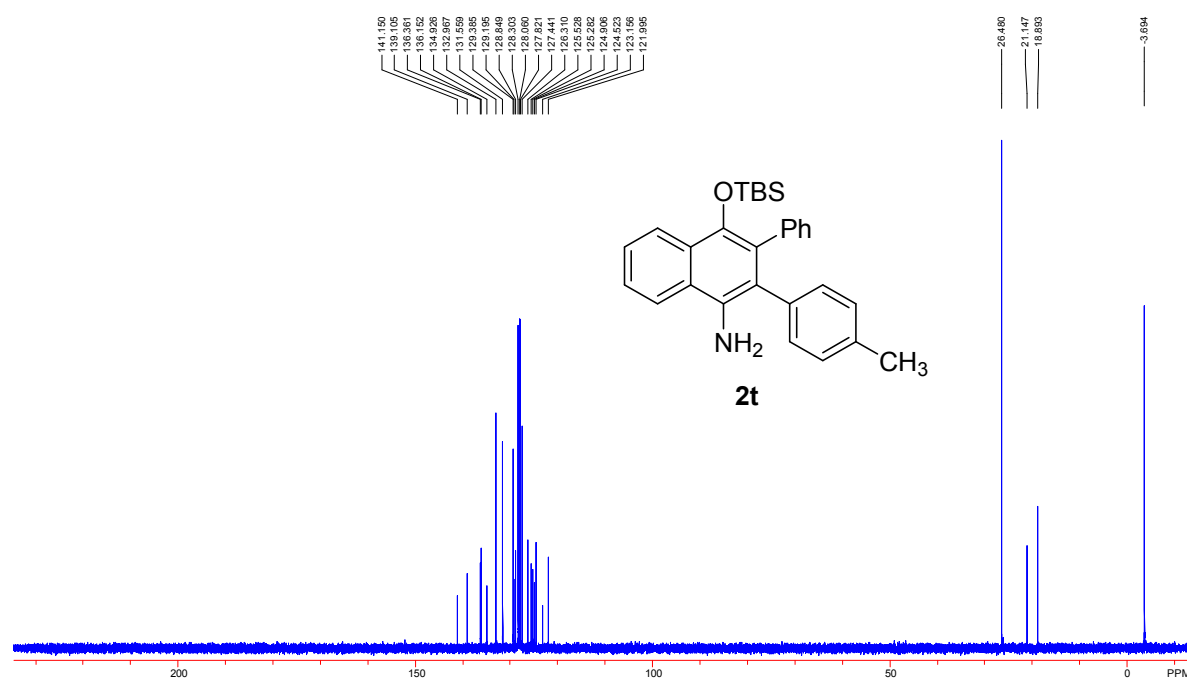
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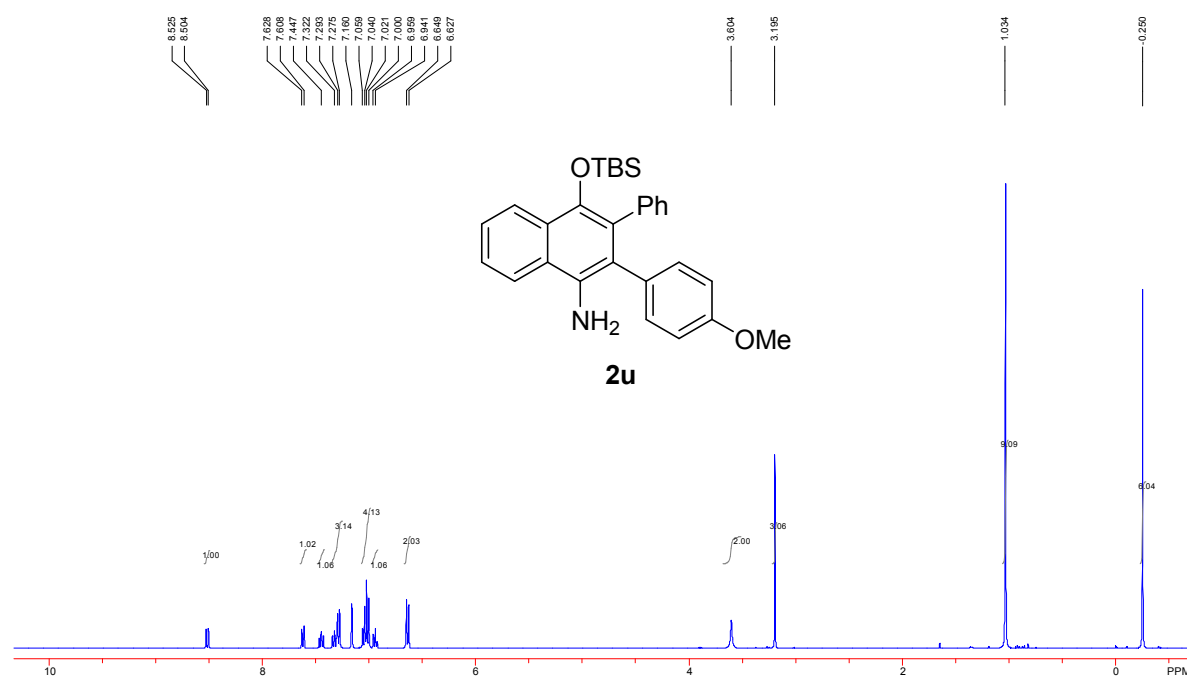
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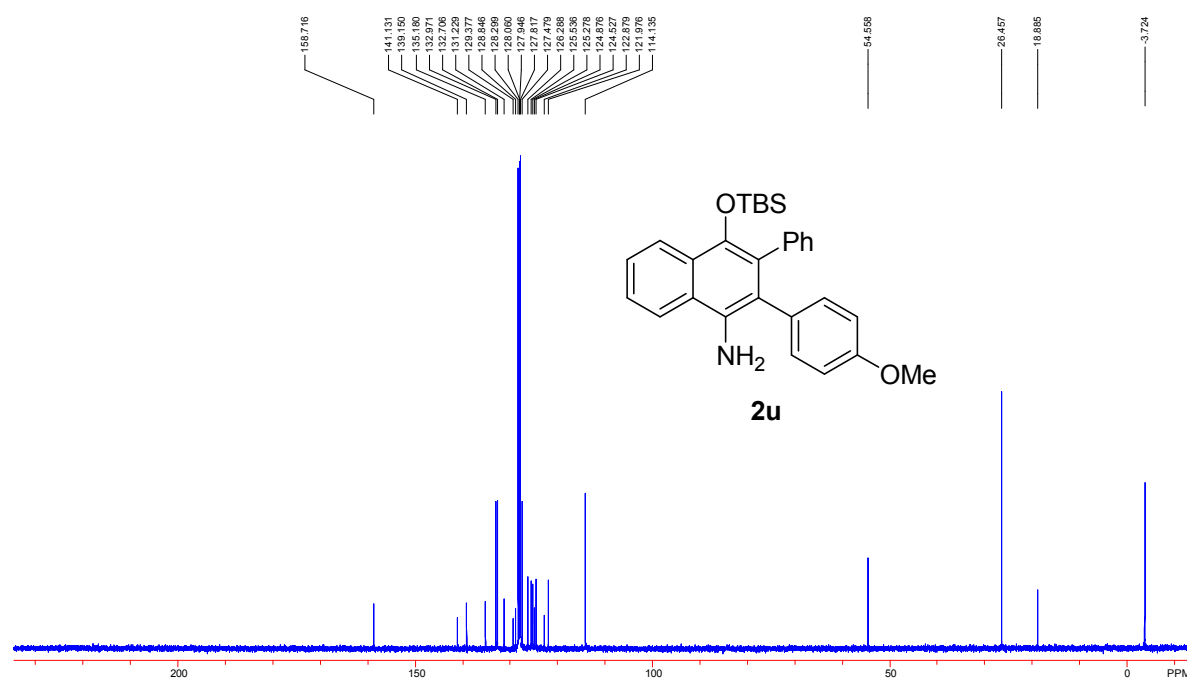
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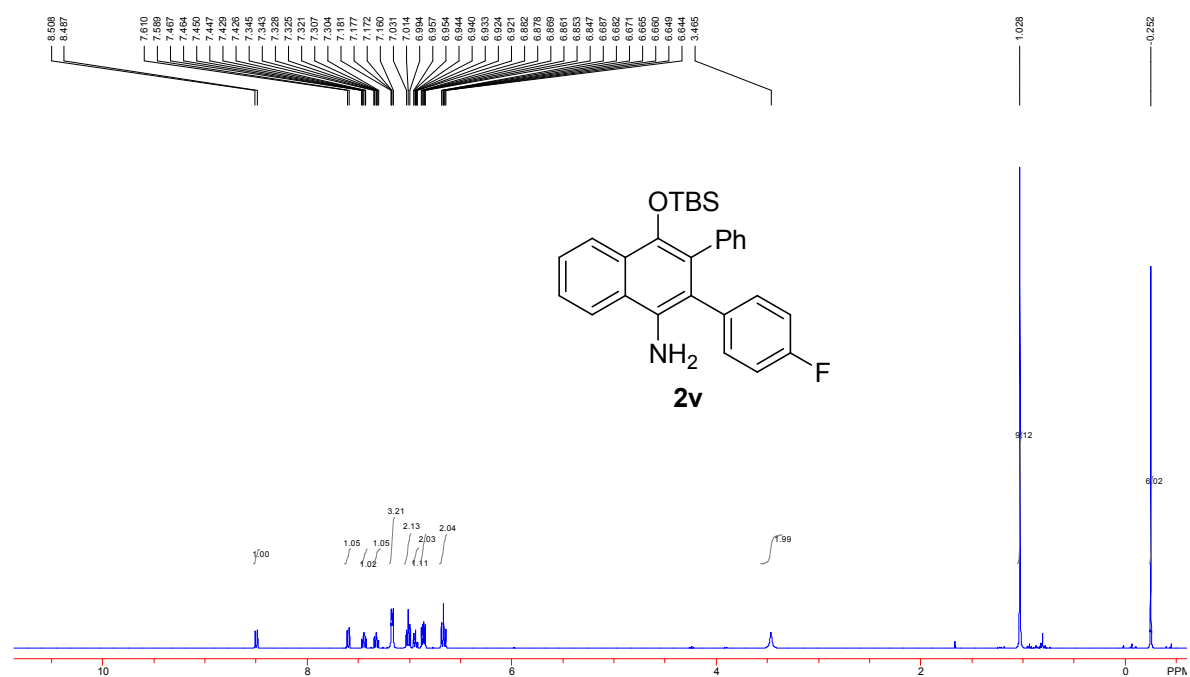
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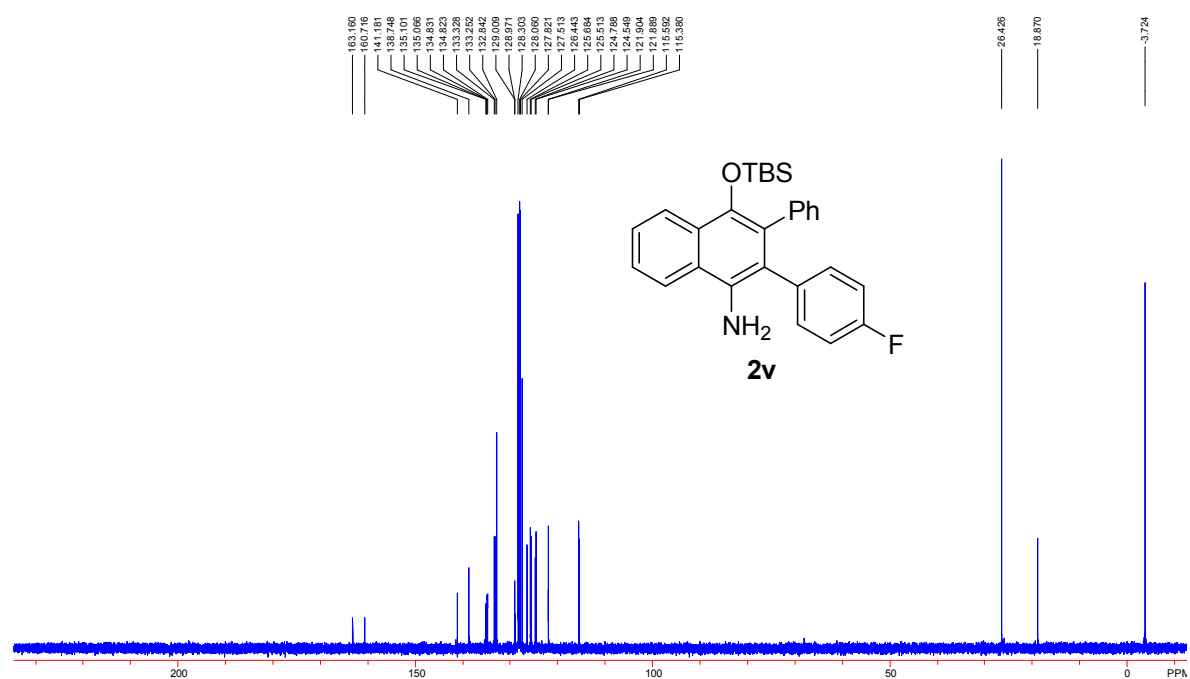
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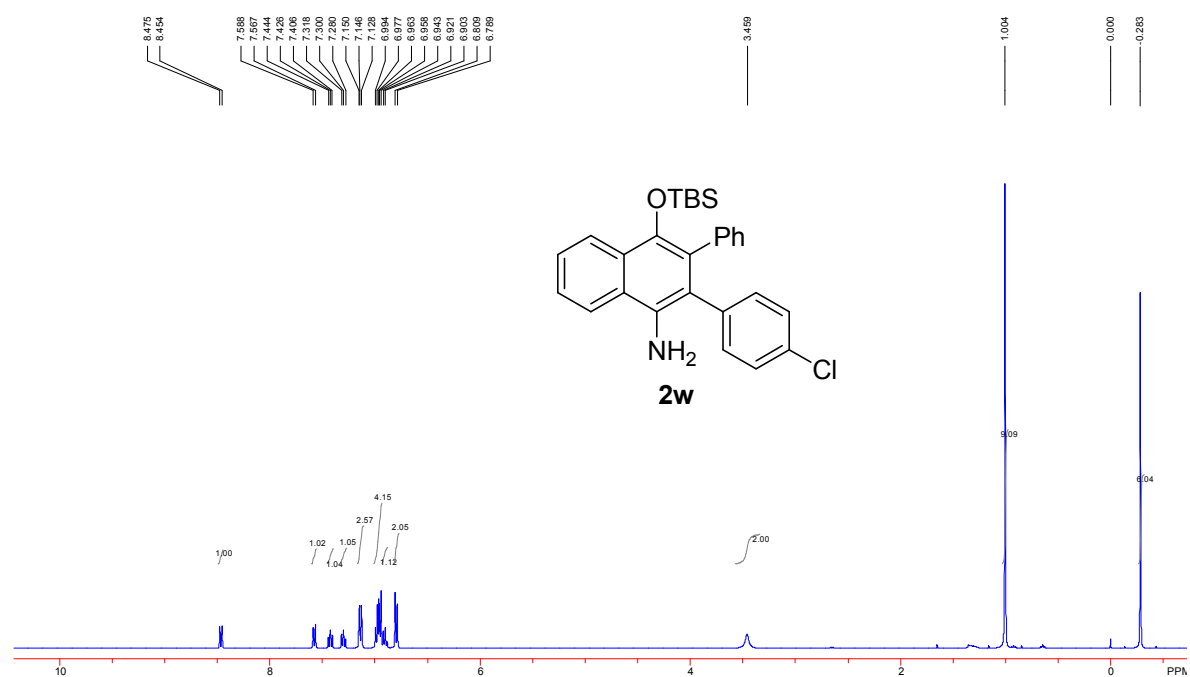
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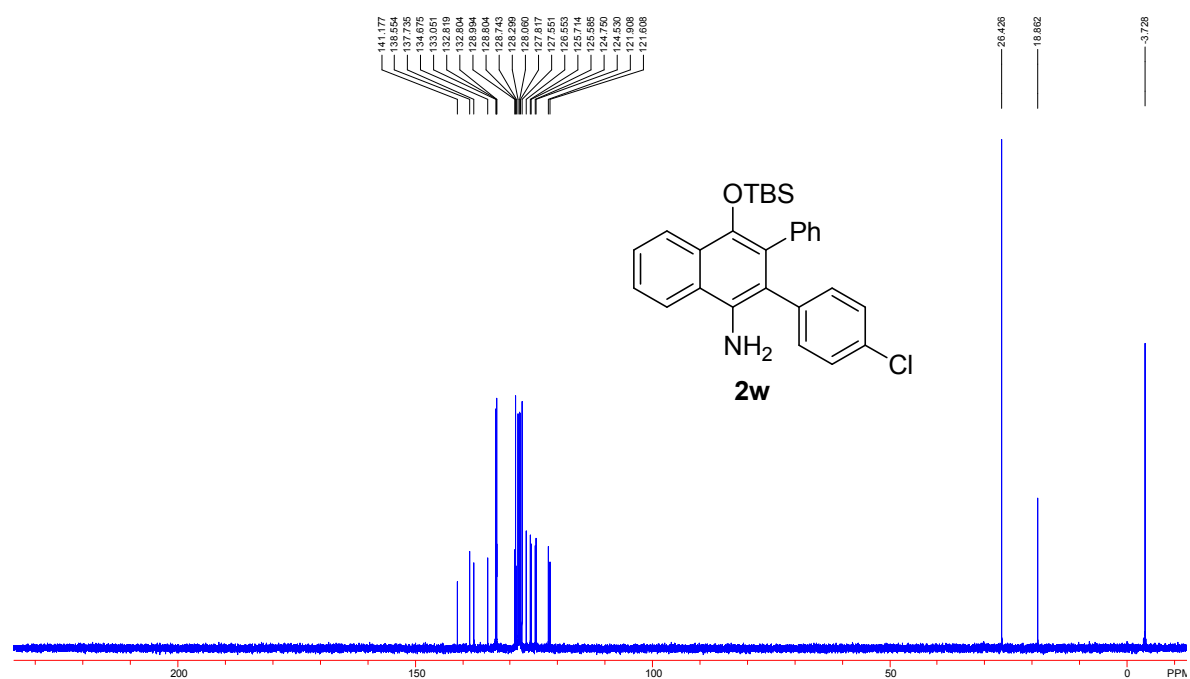
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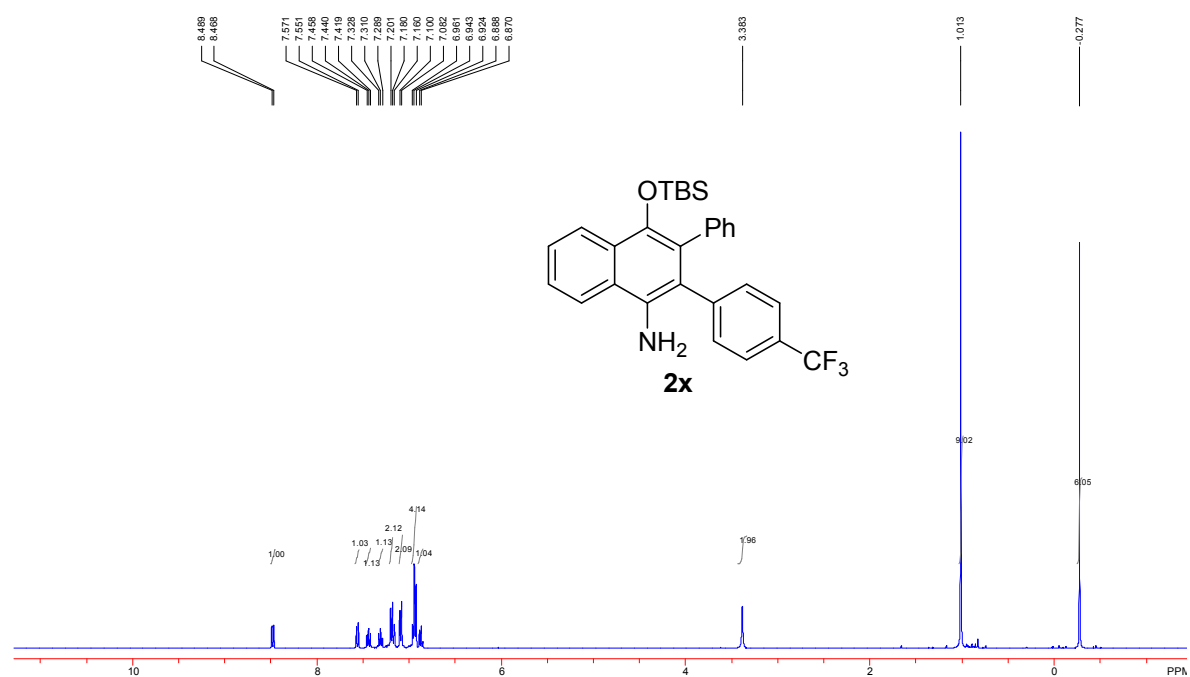
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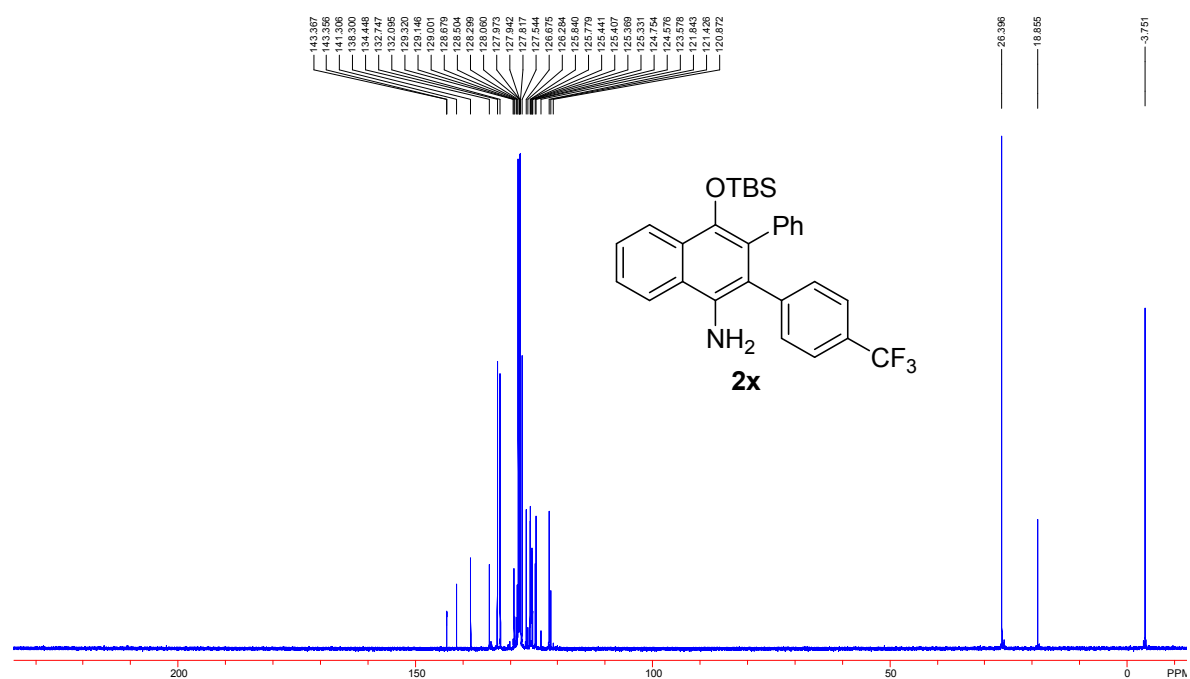
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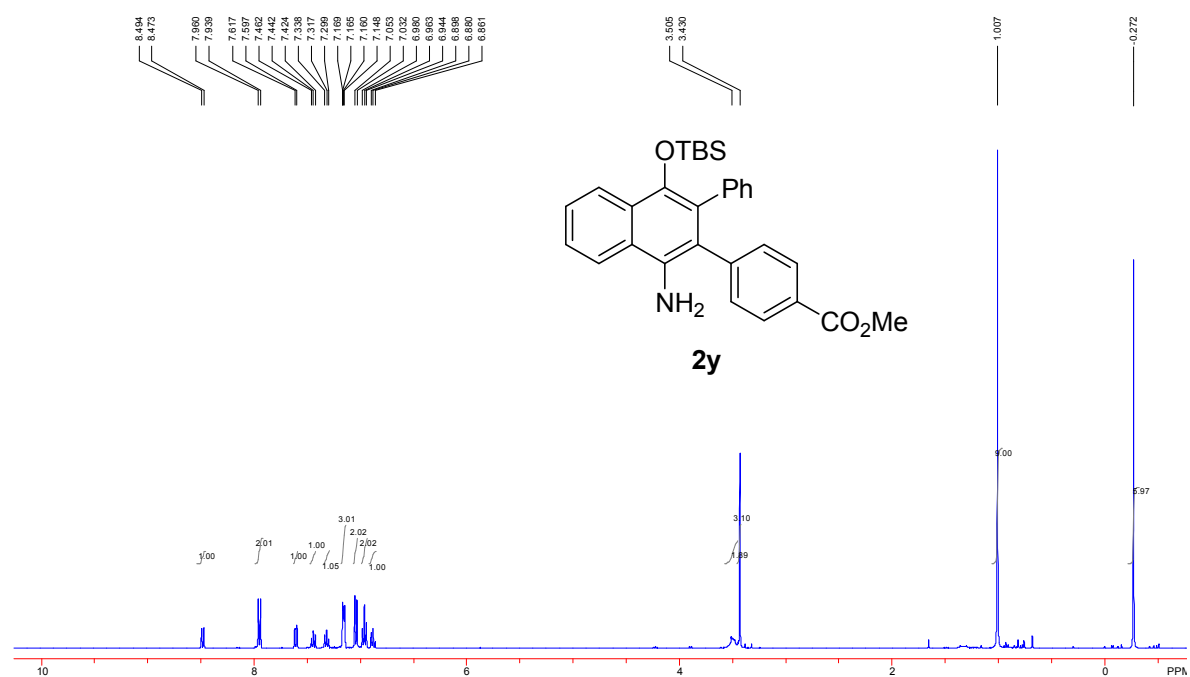
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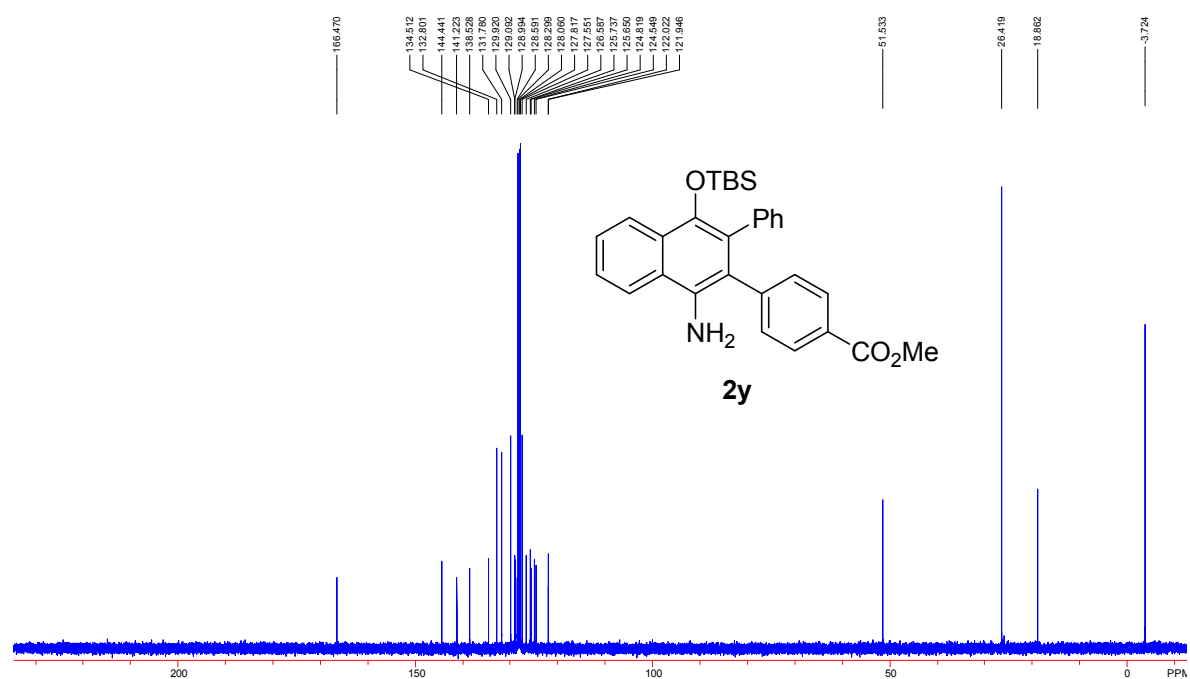
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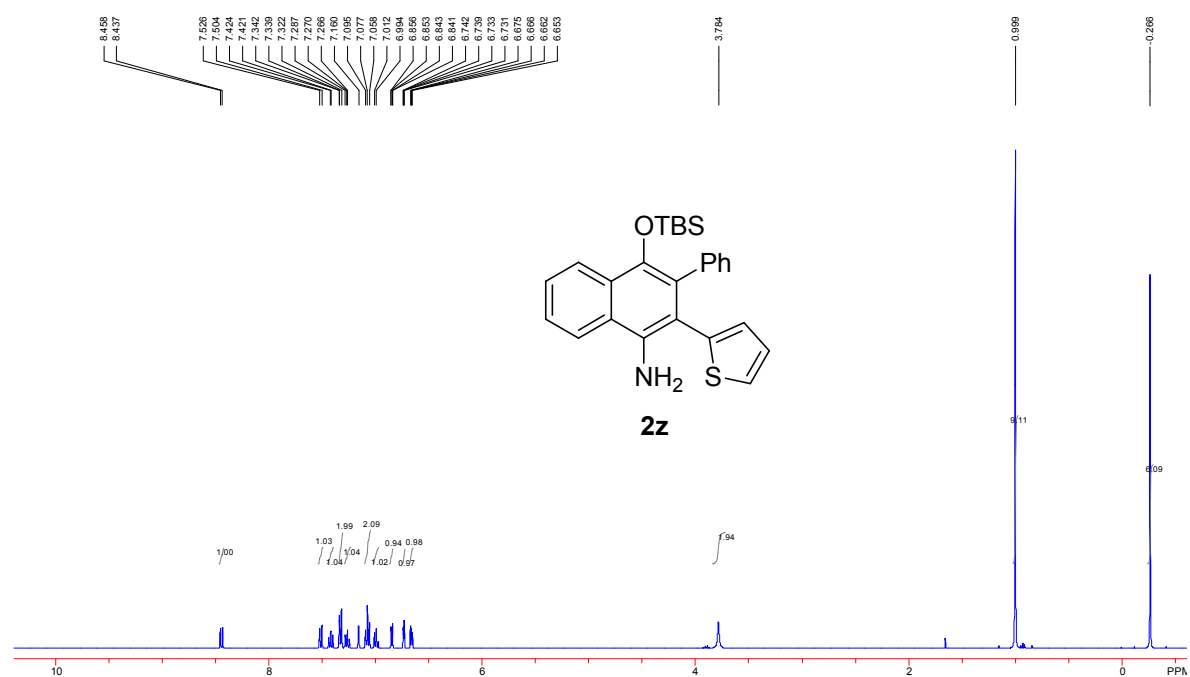
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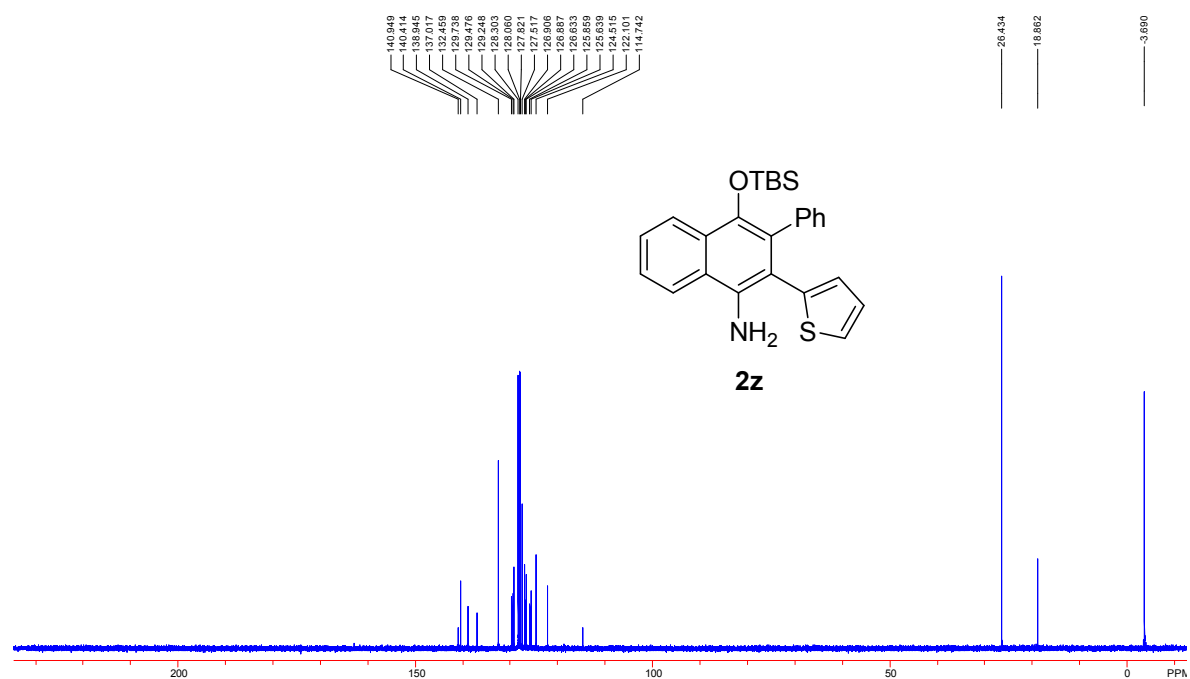
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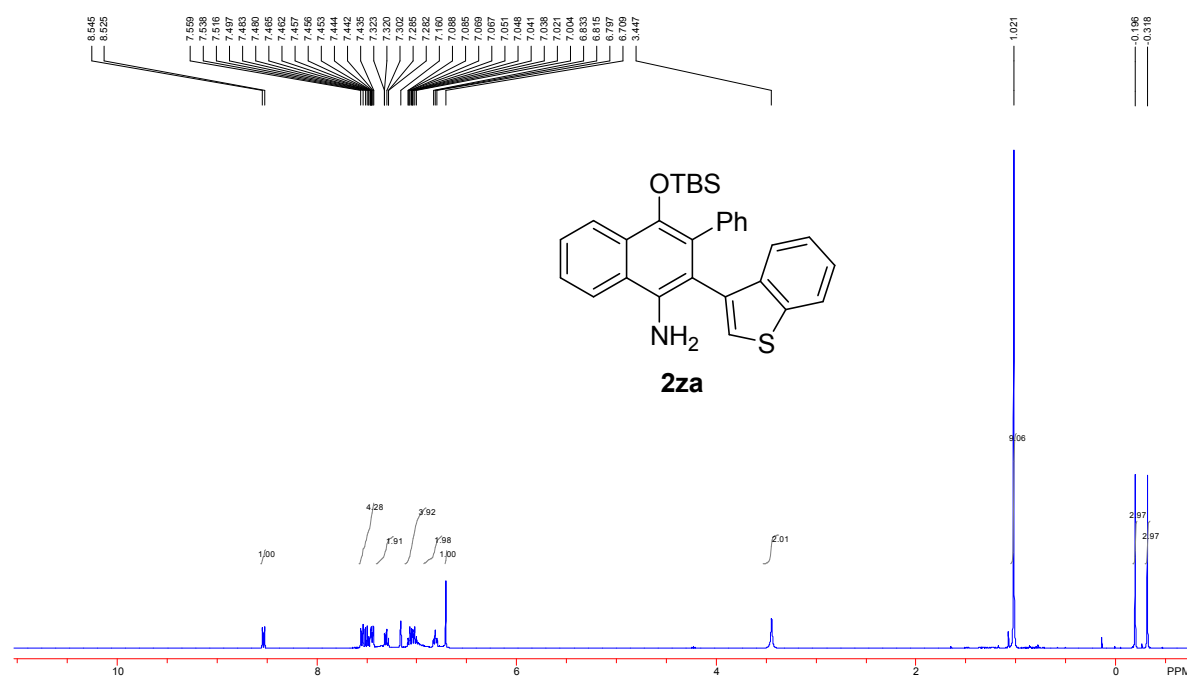
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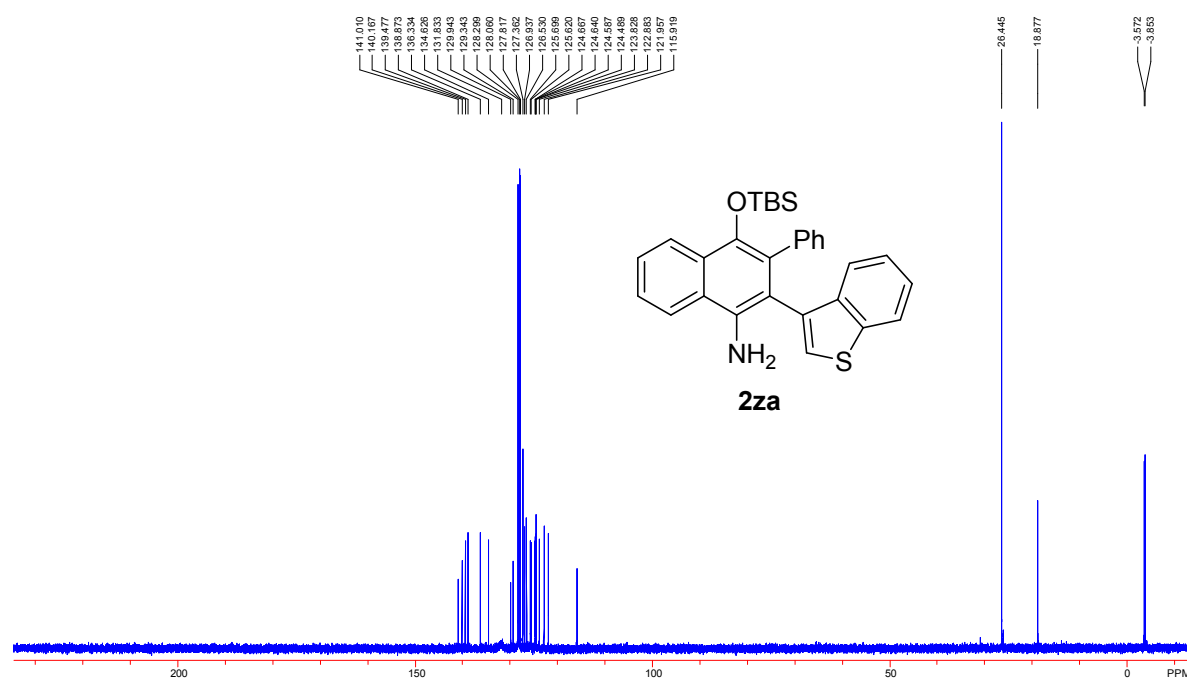
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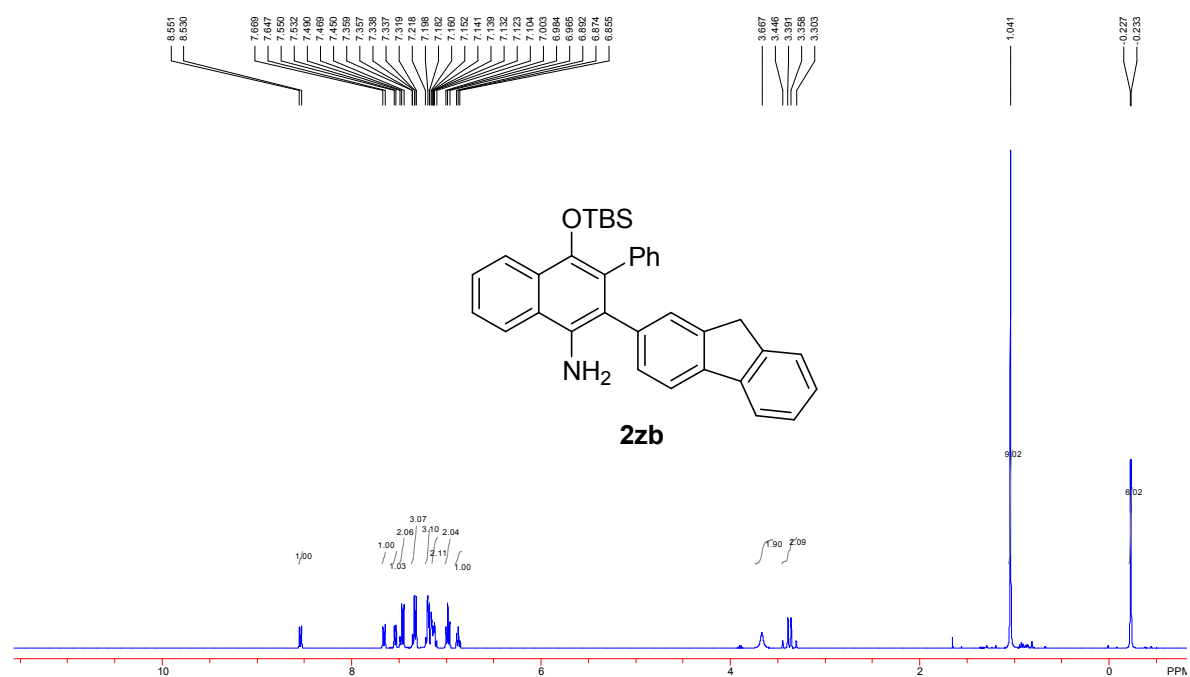
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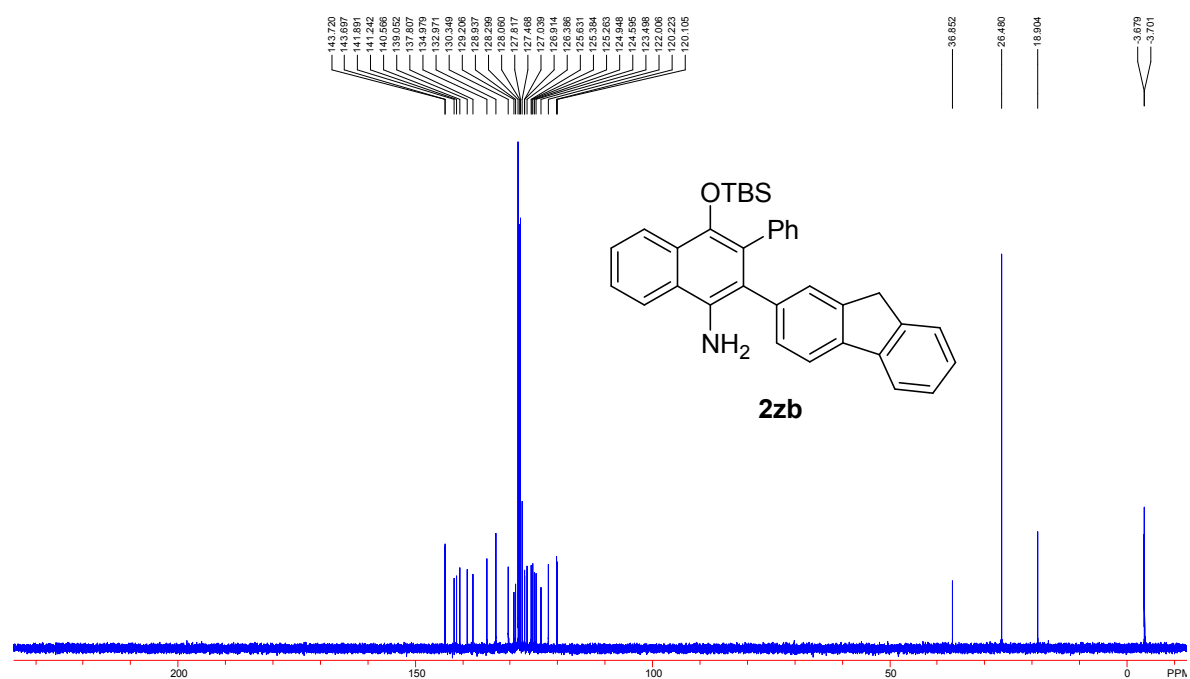
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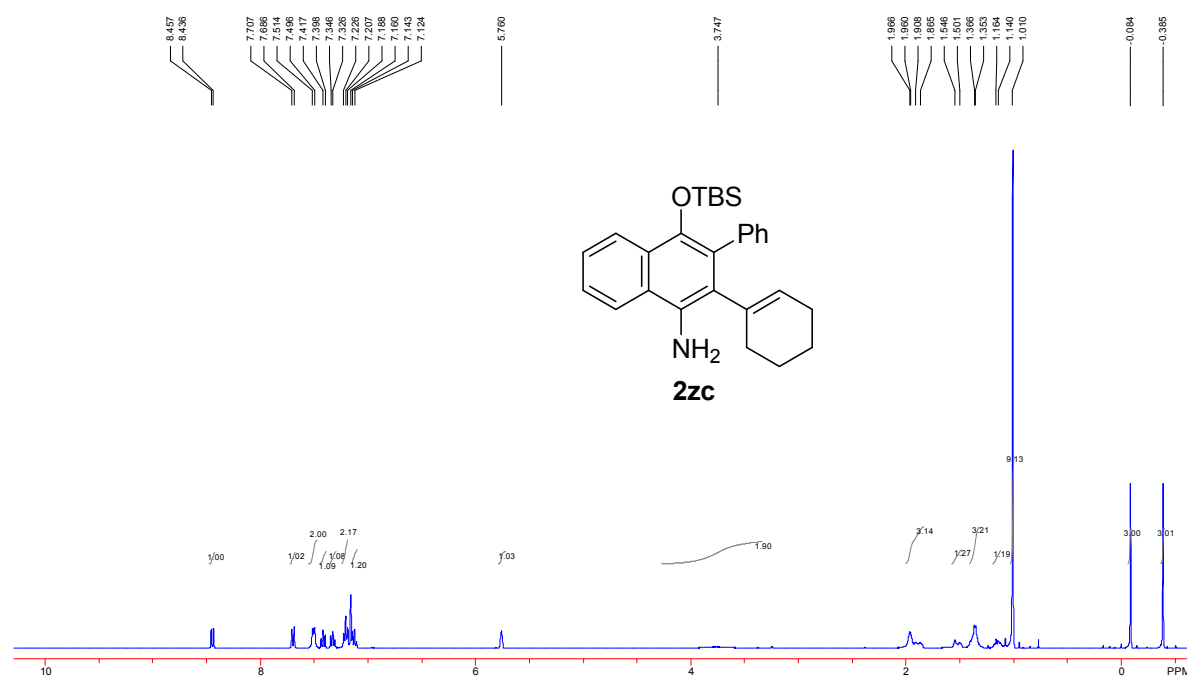
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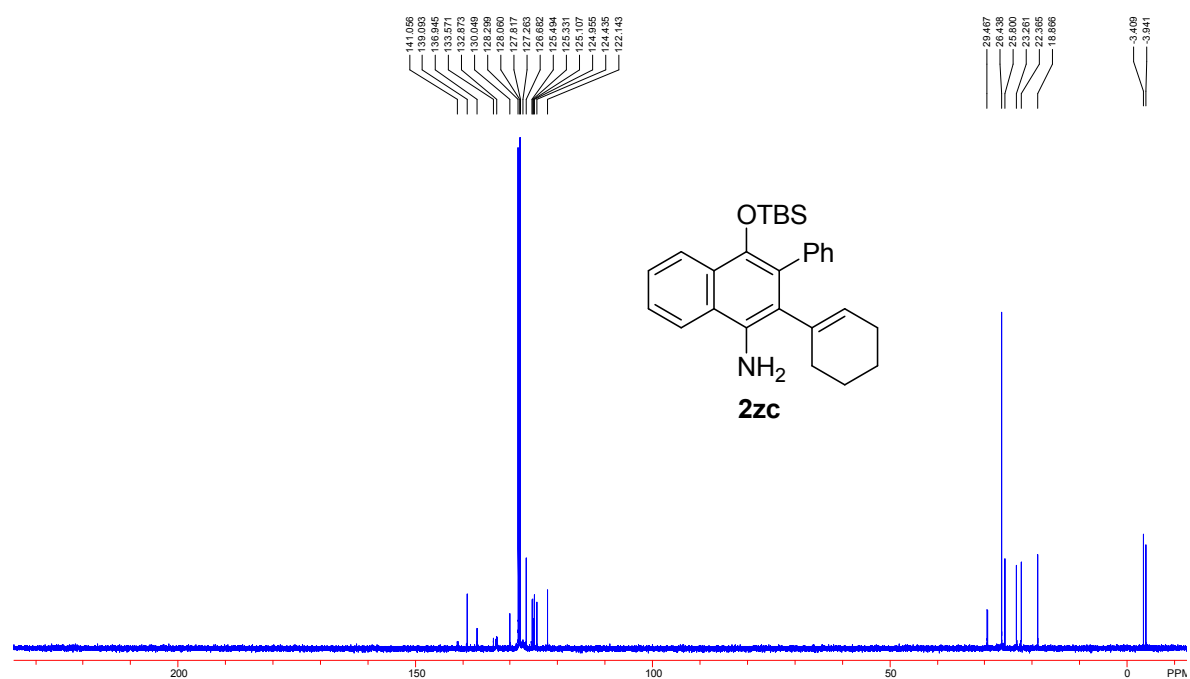
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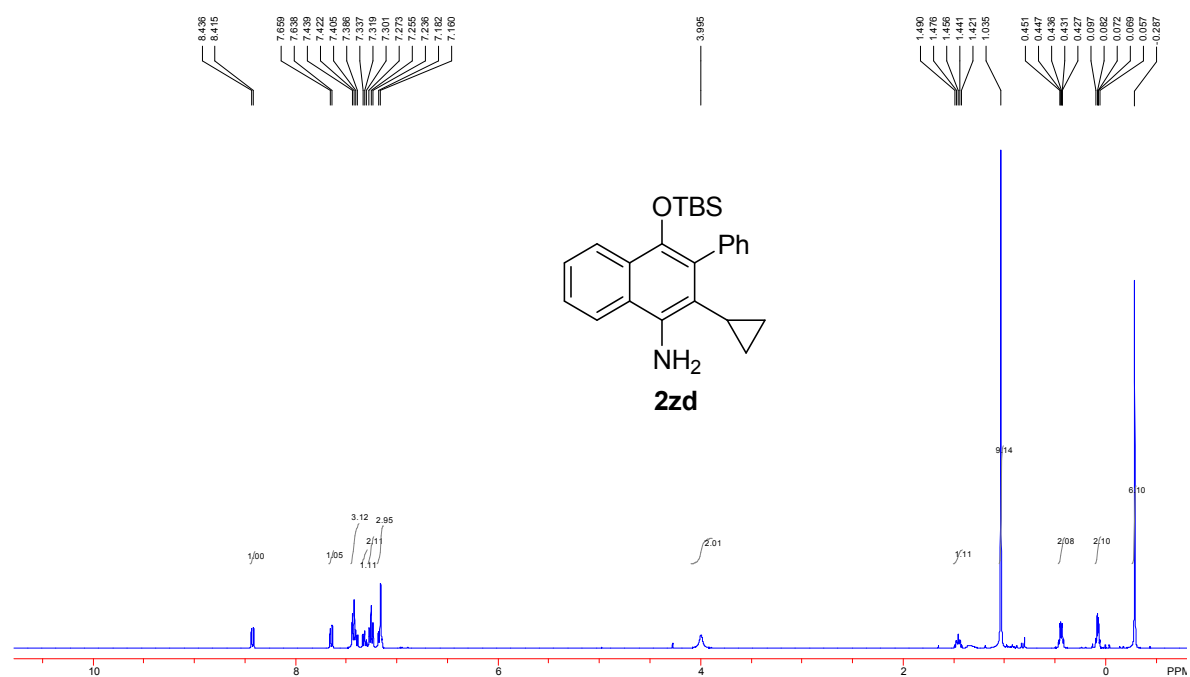
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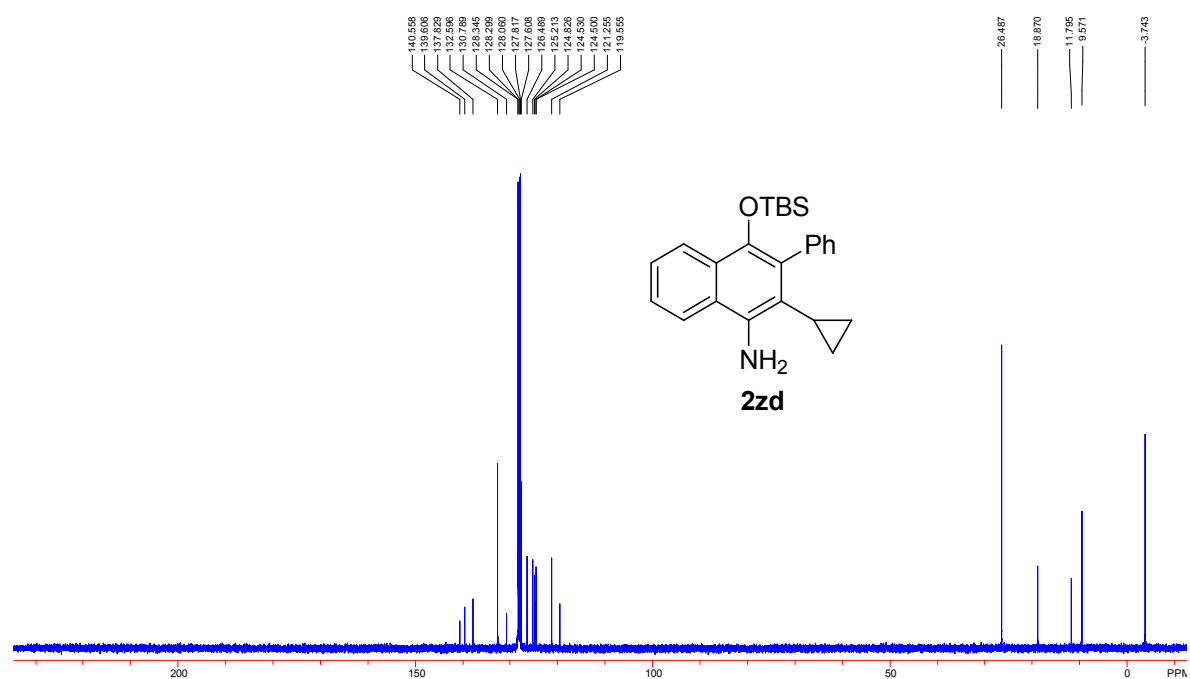
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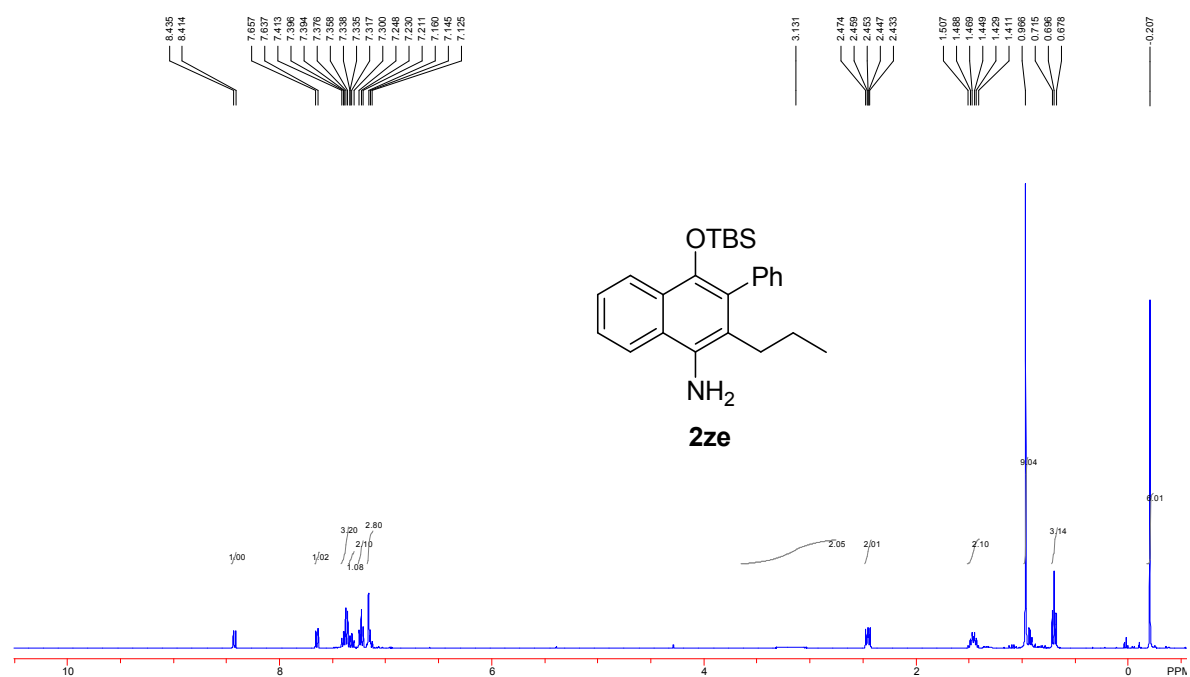
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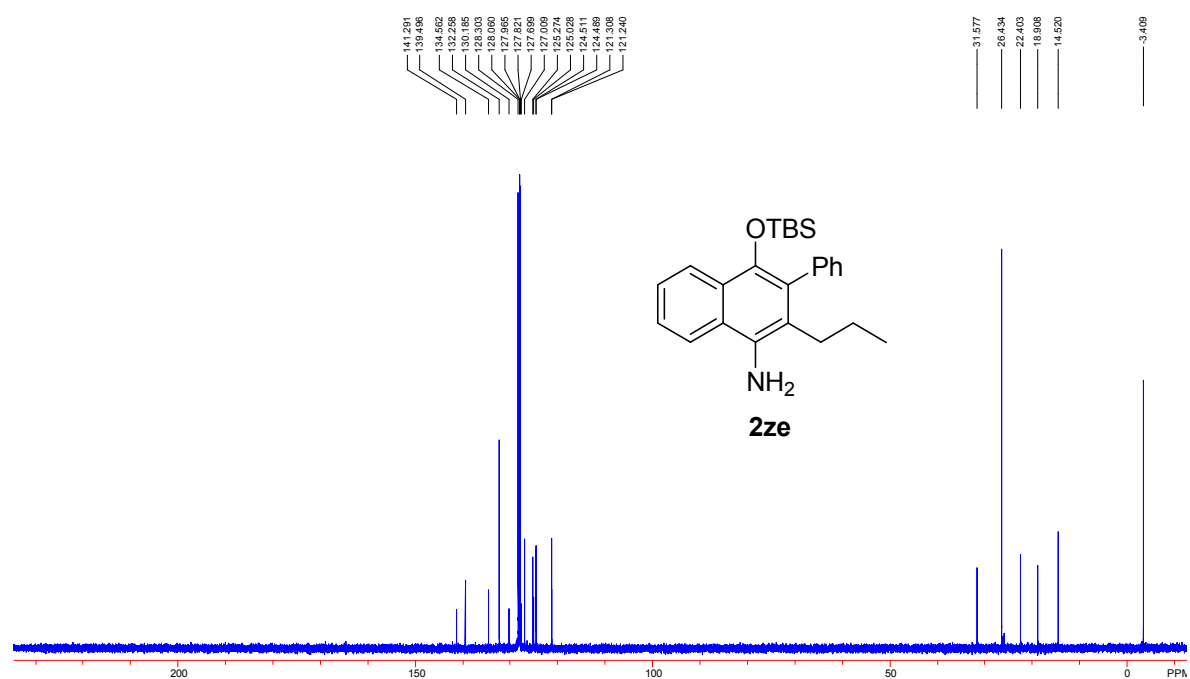
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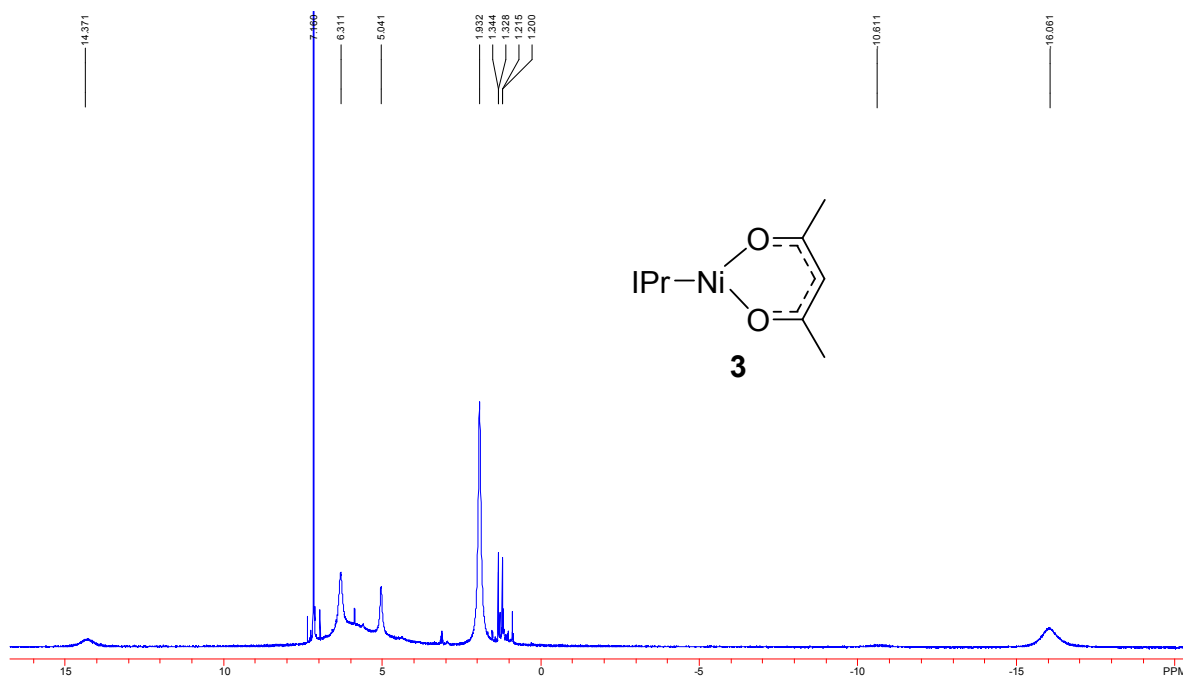
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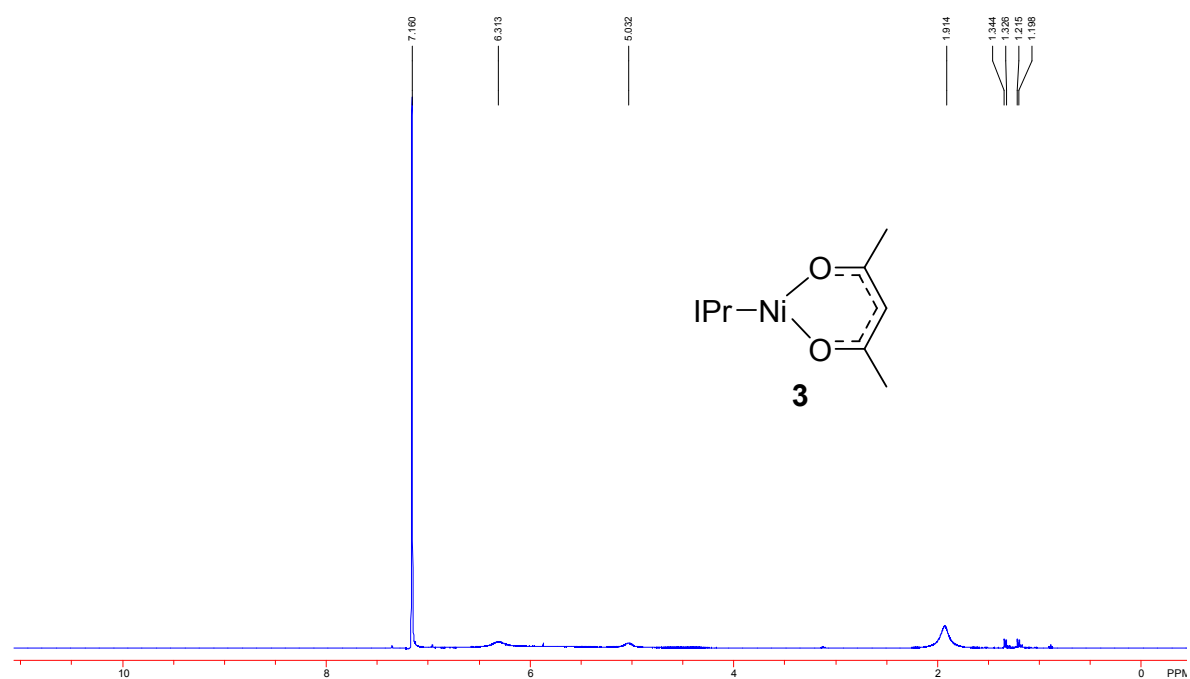
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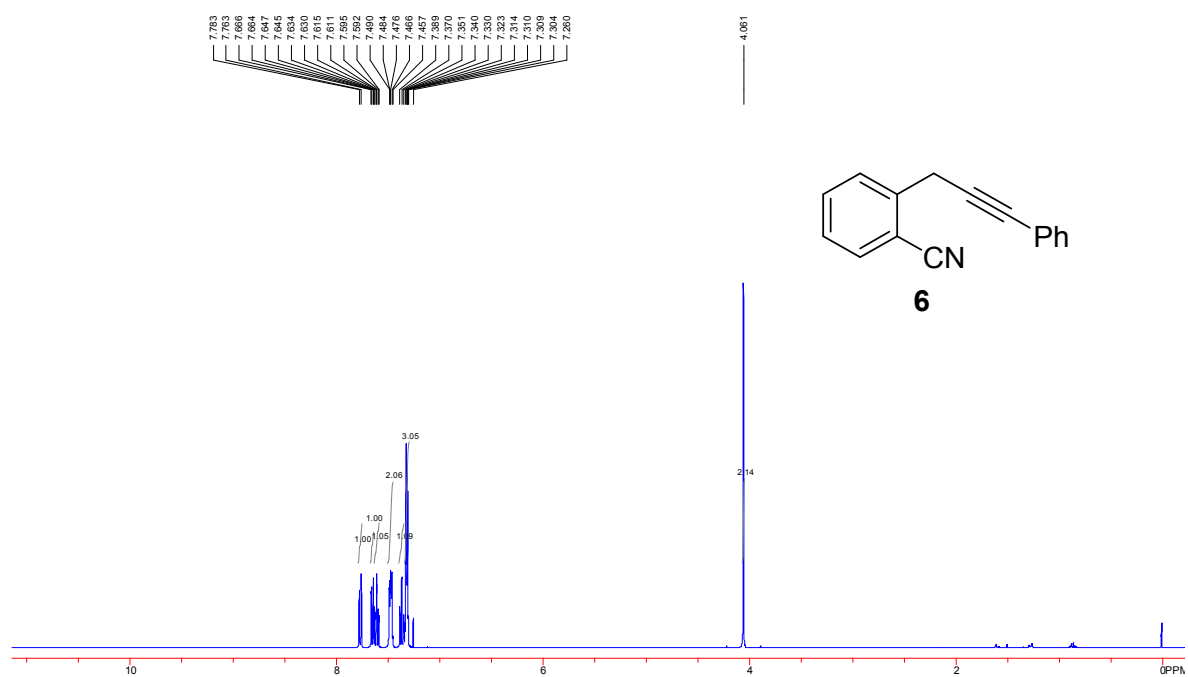
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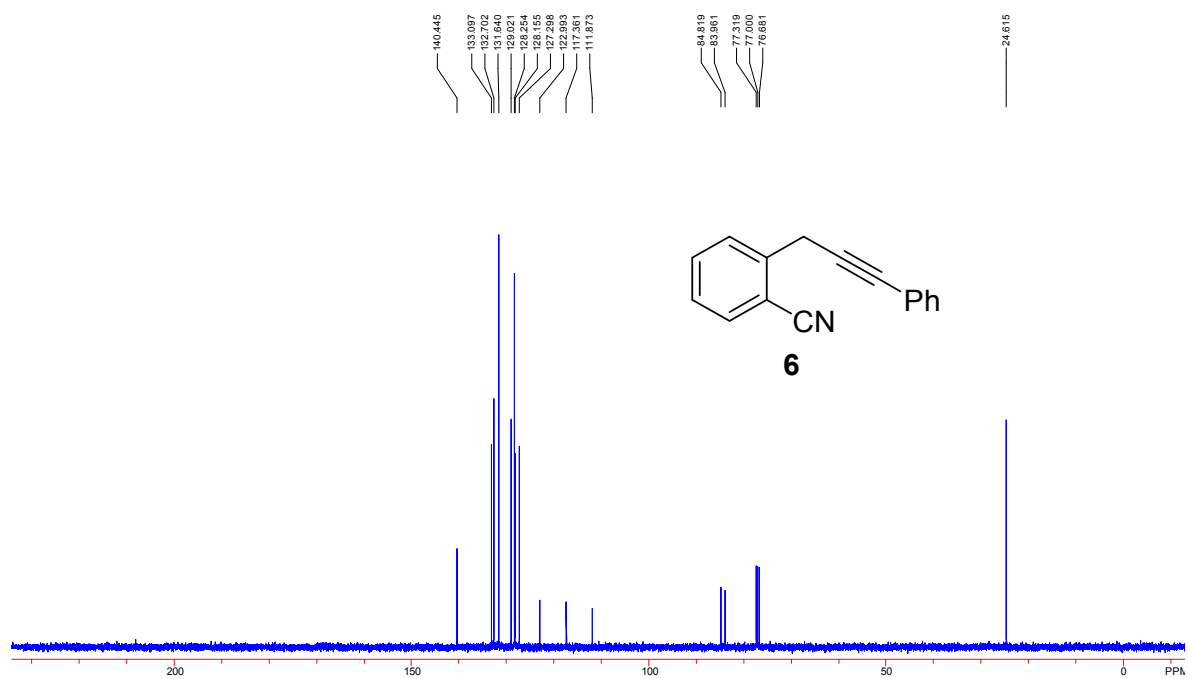
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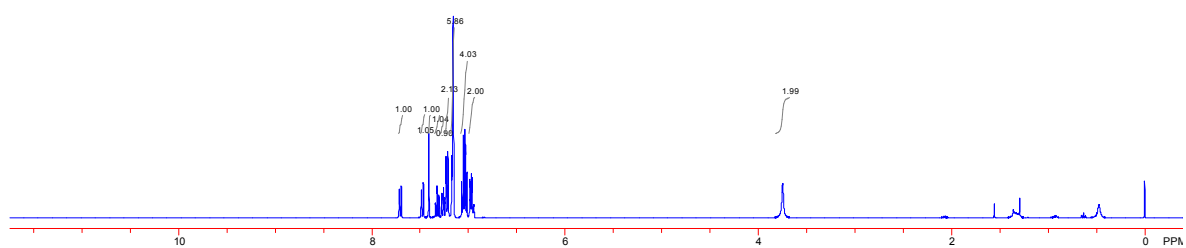
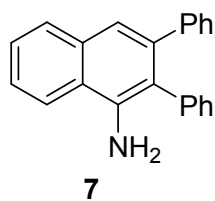
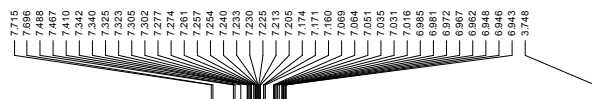
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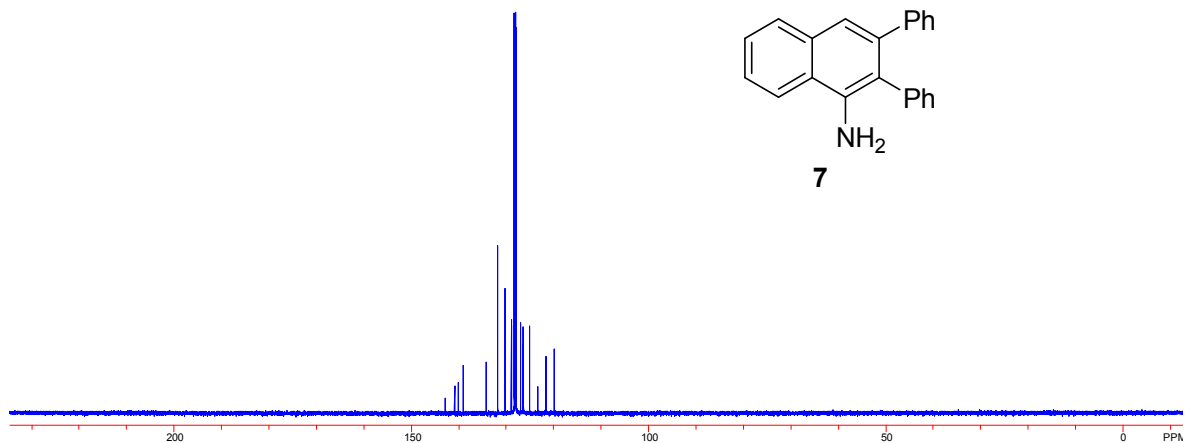
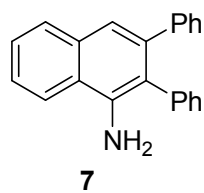
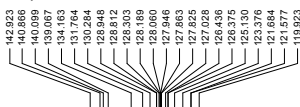
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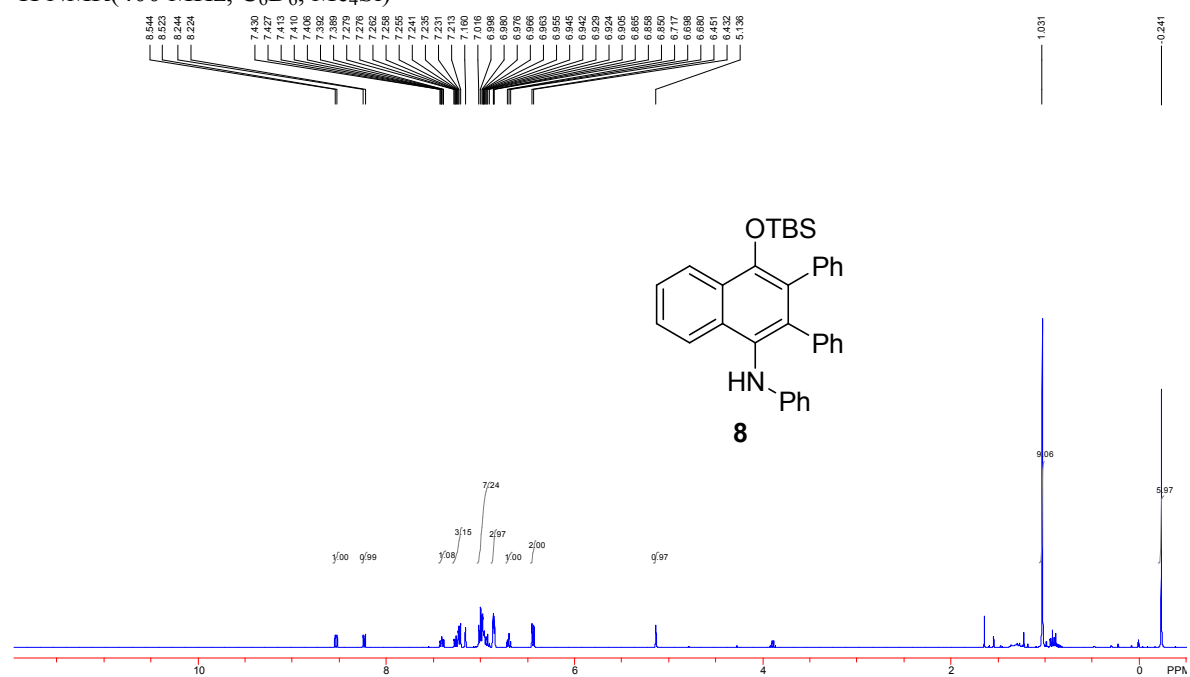
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