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Recyclable Cu/C₃N₄ composite materials catalyzed homo- and cross-coupling of terminal alkynes under mild conditions

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1. Preparation and characterization of catalyst

The Cu/C₃N₄ catalyst was synthesized following the reported method.^{s1} Typically, melamide (2g) was uniformly mixed with copper(II) acetate (625mg). The resulting mixture was then heated to 550 °C with 2°C/min in a tube furnace under N₂ atmosphere and kept for 2 h. After cooling to room temperature, the final solid product (Cu-doped C₃N₄) was collected without further purification.

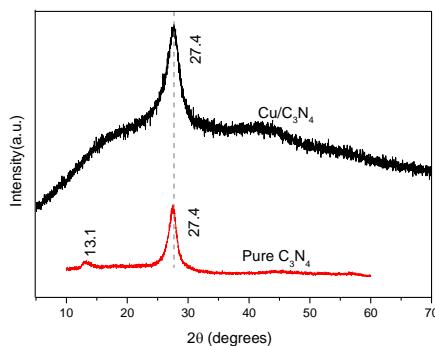


Figure S1. XRD patterns of pure C₃N₄ and Cu/C₃N₄.

Figure S1 shows the XRD patterns of pure C₃N₄ and 20% Cu/C₃N₄. It was found that the XRD pattern of 20% Cu/C₃N₄ was similar to pure C₃N₄. This result indicates that the structure of C₃N₄ remains unchanged when copper species were host by coordination with the N atom.^{s1}

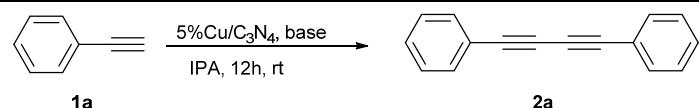
2. Experimental section

2.1 General information

All experiments were carried out under oxygen atmosphere. Flash column chromatography was performed over silica gel 200-300 mesh. ^1H NMR spectra were acquired by 400 MHz, and ^{13}C NMR spectra were acquired by 101 MHz. Compound **3g** and **3j** are unknown compounds and were characterized by m.p., ^1H & ^{13}C NMR, LR & HR MS. All of the known compounds described in the paper were characterized by comparing their ^1H & ^{13}C NMR to the previously reported data.

2.2 Condition optimization for the homo-coupling of phenylacetylene(**1a**)

Table S1 Screening bases for the homo-coupling of phenylacetylene catalyzed by 5% Cu/C₃N₄^a.



Entry	Base	Yield(%) ^b
1	None	0
2	K ₂ CO ₃	trace
3	NaHCO ₃	10
4	Na ₂ CO ₃	trace
5	Et ₃ N	15
6	NaOH	70
7	Py	trace
8	KOH	74
9 ^c	KOH	65

^a The reaction was carried out using **1a** (0.2 mmol) and base (2 eq) in the presence of catalyst (10 mol%) in IPA (0.5 mL) at rt under O₂. ^b Isolated yields. ^c KOH 1eq.

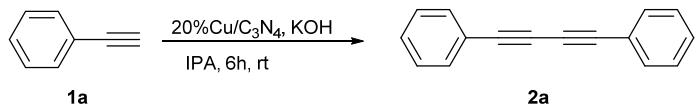
2.3 Condition optimization for the cross-coupling of phenylacetylene (**1a**) and *p*-Methoxyphenylacetylene (**1b**)

Table S2 Screening ratio for the cross-coupling of phenylacetylene and *p*-Methoxyphenylacetylene catalyzed by 20% Cu/C₃N₄^a.

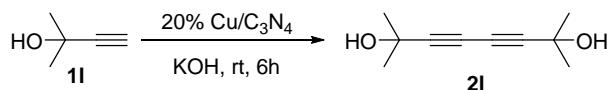
Entry	1b (mmol)	1a (mmol)	3a	2a Yield(%) ^b	2b Yield(%) ^c	2b Yield(%) ^d
				Yield(%) ^b	Yield(%) ^c	Yield(%) ^d
1	0.1	0.1	43 (0.043)	49 (0.025)	38 (0.019)	
2	0.1	0.2	60 (0.060)	59 (0.059)	38 (0.019)	
3	0.1	0.5	78 (0.078)	65 (0.163)	15 (0.011)	
4	0.5	0.1	65 (0.065)	30 (0.015)	61 (0.076)	
5 ^e	0.1	0.5	65 (0.065)	65 (0.163)	8 (0.008)	
6 ^f	0.1	0.5	trace	34 (0.084)	8 (0.008)	
7 ^g	0.1	0.5	trace	trace	trace	

^a The reaction was carried out using 20% Cu/C₃N₄ (10 mmol%) and KOH (2 eq) in IPA (0.5 mL) at rt under O₂; Isolated yield. ^b the numbers in the parentheses are amounts of **3a** (mmol). ^c Yields based on **1a**; the numbers in the parentheses are amounts of **2a** (mmol). ^d Yields based on **1b**; the numbers in the parentheses are amounts of **2b** (mmol). ^e With 4 equiv. of IPA. ^f Neat. ^g CH₃CN (0.5 mL) as solvent.

2.4 Typical procedure for the synthesis of symmetric 1,3-diyne

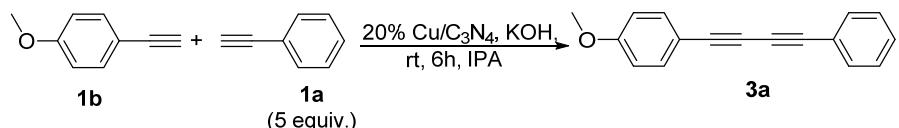


Phenylacetylene (**1a**, 0.2 mmol), 20% Cu/C₃N₄ (10 mol%), KOH (2 eq) and 0.5 mL of isopropanol (0.5 mL) were added into a 10 mL sealed tube under O₂. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 hours. Then, the reaction was stopped, and the reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (pure hexanes). Compound **2a** was obtained in 99% of yield.



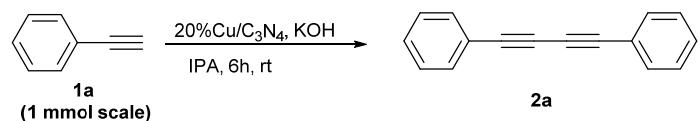
2-Methylbut-3-yn-2-ol (**1l**, 1 mmol), 20% Cu/C₃N₄ (10 mol%), KOH (2 eq) were added into a 10 mL sealed tube under O₂. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 hours. Then, the reaction was stopped, and the reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate=5:1). Compound **2l** was obtained in 55% of yield.

2.5 Typical procedure for the synthesis of unsymmetrical 1,3-diyne



Phenylacetylene (**1a**, 0.5 mmol), p-methoxyphenylacetylene (**1b**, 0.1 mmol), 20% Cu/C₃N₄ (10 mol%), KOH (2 eq) and 0.5 mL of isopropanol (0.5 mL) were added into a 10 mL sealed tube under O₂. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 hours. Then, the reaction was stopped, and the reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (pure hexanes). Compound **3a** was obtained in 78% of yield.

2.6 The experiments of catalyst recycle



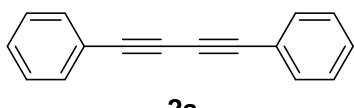
Phenylacetylene (**1a**, 1 mmol), 20% Cu/C₃N₄ (10 mol%), KOH (2 eq) and 2 mL of isopropanol (0.5 mL) were added into a 10 mL sealed tube under O₂. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 hours. After completion of the reaction, the catalyst was separated by centrifugation and washed by water and ether, and then, dried under vacuum at 60 °C. The recovered catalyst was reused for the next cycle with fresh starting materials and solvent.

Table S3. Recycling of the Cu/C₃N₄ catalyst^a

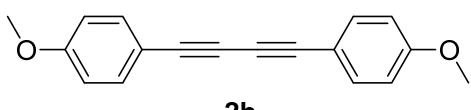
Run	Fresh	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Yield(%) ^b	98	97	98	97	93	91	91	92	93	92	91

^a The reaction was carried out using **1a** (1.0 mmol) and KOH (2eq) in the presence of 20% Cu/C₃N₄ (10mol%) in IPA (2 mL) at rt under O₂. ^b Isolated yields

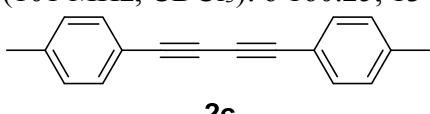
Characterization for compounds 2 & 3



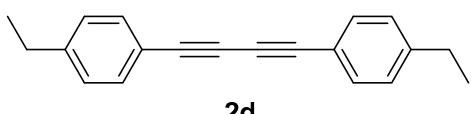
1,4-diphenyl buta-1,3-diyne (2a) ^{s2}: White solid; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.54-7.51 (m, 4 H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 6 H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 132.79, 129.09, 128.45, 121.82, 81.56, 73.92.



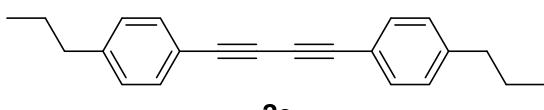
1,4-bis(p-methoxyphenyl)buta-1,3-diyne (2b) ^{s2}: White solid; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 4 H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4 H), 3.82 (s, 6 H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.25, 134.05, 114.14, 113.97, 81.32, 72.95, 55.35.



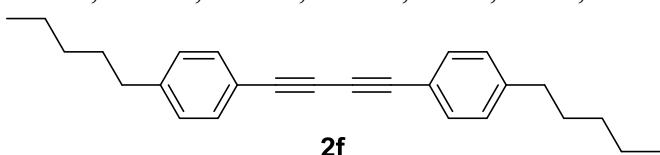
1,4-Bis(4-ethylphenyl)buta-1,3-diyne (2c) ^{s3}: White solid; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4 H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4 H), 2.36 (s, 6 H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.53, 132.43, 129.25, 118.84, 81.58, 73.48, 21.66.



1,4-Bis(4-ethylphenyl)buta-1,3-diyne (2d) ^{s2}: White solid; **¹H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4 H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4 H), 2.64 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4 H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 6 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl₃, 101 MHz) δ 145.67, 132.50, 128.03, 119.41, 81.58, 73.38, 28.93, 15.25.

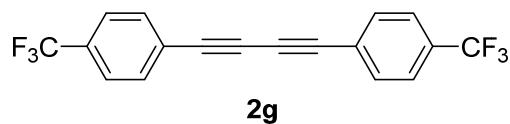


1,4-Bis(4-n-propylphenyl)buta-1,3-diyne (2e) ^{s2}: Yellow solid; **¹H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4 H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4 H), 2.59 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4 H), 1.68-1.59 (m, 4 H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl₃, 101 MHz) δ 144.24, 132.40, 128.62, 119.05, 81.58, 73.48, 38.05, 24.27, 13.76.

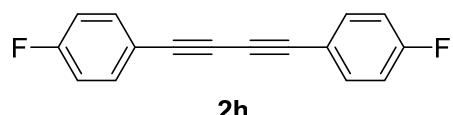


1,4-Bis(4-n-pentylphenyl)buta-1,3-diyne (2f) ^{s3}: Yellow solid; **¹H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4 H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4 H), 2.60 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4 H), 1.64-1.57 (m, 4 H), 1.32 (m, 8 H), 0.90-0.87 (m, 6 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl₃, 101 MHz) δ

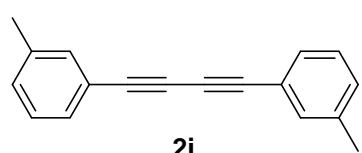
144.51, 132.42, 128.57, 119.05, 81.59, 73.48, 35.97, 31.44, 30.86, 22.51, 14.01.



1,4-Bis(4-trifluoromethyl)buta-1,3-diyne (2g)^{s4}: Yellow solid; **1H NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.63 (q, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 8 H); **^{13}C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): 132.83, 131.13 (q, $J = 33.0$ Hz), 125.48 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 123.70 (q, $J = 273.4$ Hz), 80.98, 75.65.



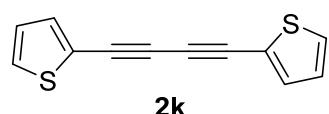
1,4-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)buta-1,3-diyne (2h)^{s2}: White solid; **1H NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.53-7.50 (m, 4 H), 7.04 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4 H); **^{13}C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz) δ 163.1, 134.57(d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 117.86 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 115.94 (d, $J = 22.2$ Hz), 80.46, 73.57.



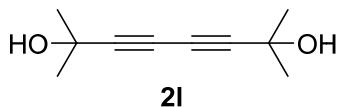
1,4-bis(m-methylphenyl)buta-1,3-diyne (2i)^{s2}: White solid. **1H NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.28-7.25 (m, 4 H), 7.17-7.10 (m, 4 H), 2.27 (s, 6 H); **^{13}C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 138.1, 133.0, 130.1, 129.6, 128.3, 121.7, 81.6, 73.7, 21.2.



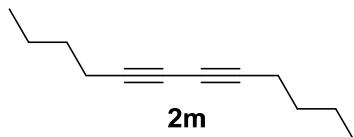
3,3'-(Buta-1,3-diyne-1,4-diyl)dibenzeneamine (2j)^{s2}: Yellow solid; **1H NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.11 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2 H), 6.93 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2 H), 6.82 (s, 2 H), 6.68 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 3.71 (s, 4 H); **^{13}C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 146.34, 129.41, 123.00, 122.51, 118.44, 116.30, 81.68, 73.42.



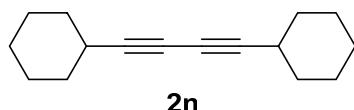
1,4-Bis(2-thienyl) buta-1,3-diyne (2i)^{s2}: Yellow solid; **1H NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.35-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 2H); **^{13}C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 134.41, 128.92, 127.22, 121.91, 77.83, 76.64.



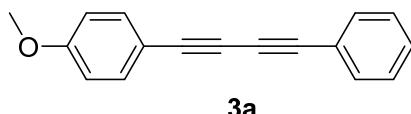
2,7-dimethyl octa-3,5-diyne-2,7-diol (2l) ^{s5}: Colorless liquid; **¹H NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 1.47 (s, 12 H), 1.36 (s, 2 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 83.99, 66.33, 65.59, 31.05.



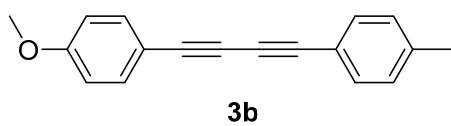
Dodeca-5,7-diyne (2m) ^{s2}: Yellow liquid; **¹H NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 2.18 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 4 H), 1.47-1.30 (m, 8 H), 0.83 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 77.49, 65.26, 30.41, 21.94, 18.90, 13.54.



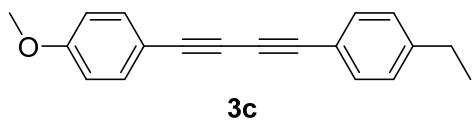
1,4-dicyclohexylbuta-1,3-diyne (2n) ^{s5}: Colorless liquid; **¹H NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 2.46-2.40 (m, 2 H), 1.81-1.77 (m, 4 H), 1.71-1.68 (m, 4 H), 1.49-1.41 (m, 6 H), 1.33-1.26 (m, 6 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 80.86, 64.08, 31.27, 28.48, 24.47, 23.77.



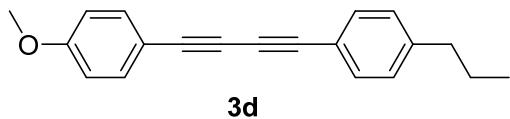
1-methoxy-4-(phenylbuta-1,3-dyn-1-yl) benzene (3a) ^{s2}: Colorless solid; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.52 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 3 H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.38, 134.13, 132.44, 129.02, 128.42, 122.03, 114.17, 113.72, 81.82, 81.03, 74.18, 72.74, 55.35.



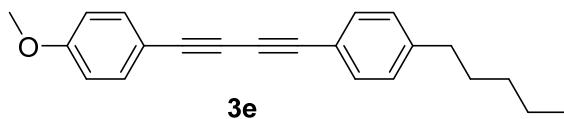
1-((4-methoxyphenyl)buta-1,3-dynyl)-4-methylbenzene (3b) ^{s2}: White solid; **¹H NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.39 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.06 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 6.78 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 2.29 (s, 3 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 160.30, 139.41, 134.09, 132.36, 129.21, 118.89, 114.08, 113.86, 81.46, 81.32, 73.52, 72.86, 55.35, 21.63.



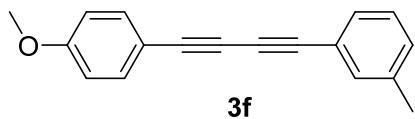
1-Ethyl-4-((4-methoxyphenyl)buta-1,3-diynyl)benzene (3c) ^{s2}: White solid; **¹H NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.45 (t, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 4 H), 7.16 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2 H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 2.66 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2 H), 1.25-1.21(m, 3 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 160.30, 145.67, 134.09, 132.46, 128.02, 119.11, 114.15, 113.86, 81.45, 81.36, 73.51, 72.89, 55.35, 28.92, 15.26.



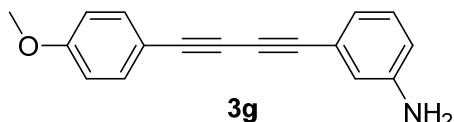
1-Propyl-4-((4-methoxyphenyl)buta-1,3-diynyl)benzene (3d) ^{s2}: Yellow solid; **¹H NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.48-7.42 (m, 4 H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 2.59 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2 H), 1.68-1.59 (m, 2 H), 0.93 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 160.33, 144.19, 134.12, 132.40, 128.65, 119.15, 114.18, 113.90, 81.49, 81.41, 73.57, 72.94, 55.38, 38.08, 24.31, 13.79.



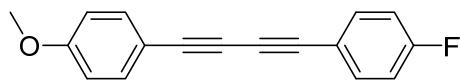
1-methoxy-4-((4-pentylphenyl)buta-1,3-diynyl)benzene (3e) ^{s6}: Yellow solid; **¹H NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.48-7.42 (m, 4 H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2 H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz 2 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 2.60 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2 H), 1.64-1.57 (m, 2 H), 1.36-1.31 (m, 4 H), 0.91-0.87 (m, 3 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz) δ 160.39, 144.48, 134.09, 132.38, 128.56, 119.07, 114.02, 81.42, 73.53, 72.91, 55.35, 35.97, 31.43, 30.86, 22.51, 14.07.



1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-(*m*-toluenyl)-buta-1,3-diyne (3f) ^{s7}: White solid; **¹H NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 7.47 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 2 H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101MHz): δ 160.34, 138.14, 134.12, 132.93, 129.99, 129.56, 128.31, 121.80, 114.16, 113.80, 81.61, 81.27, 73.81, 72.82, 55.35, 21.22.



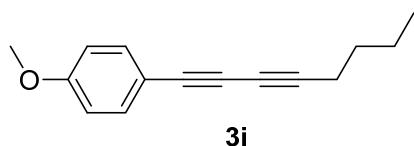
3-((4-methoxyphenyl)buta-1,3-diyne-1-yl)aniline (3g): Yellow solid; MP. 78-81 °C
¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 2 H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.87-6.82 (m, 3 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 3.70 (s, 2 H); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 101 MHz) δ 160.33, 146.28, 134.11, 129.35, 122.93, 122.64, 118.36, 116.13, 114.15, 1113.80, 81.52, 81.36, 73.52, 72.84, 55.35; MS (EI) m/z (%): 247(M⁺), 232, 205(100), 190, 149, 121. HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₃NO: 247.0997; found 247.0999.



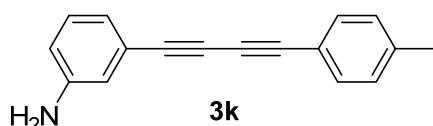
1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-buta-1,3-diyne (3h)^{s2}: White solid; ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.48 (m, 4 H), 7.03-7.00 (m, 2 H), 6.89-6.85 (m, 2 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ 162.93 (d, *J* = 250 Hz), 160.44, 134.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 134.15, 118.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 115.85 (d, *J* = 22 Hz), 114.2, 113.61, 81.82, 79.92, 73.96, 72.59, 55.36.



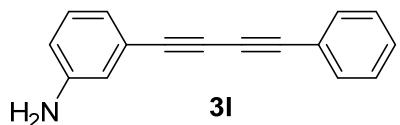
1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-(4-trifluorophenyl)-buta-1,3-diyne (3i)^{s8}: Yellow solid; ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.53 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 11.4 Hz, 4 H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 3.76 (s, 3 H); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ 160.68, 134.30, 132.64, 130.58 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 125.99 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz), 125.38 (dd, *J*₁ = 3.7 Hz, *J*₂ = 7.5 Hz), 123.82 (q, *J* = 273.3 Hz), 114.28, 113.28, 83.24, 79.36, 76.60, 72.36, 55.40.



1-(4-Methylphenyl)-1,3-octadiyne (3j)^{s9}: White liquid; ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 2.29 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 1.50-1.45 (m, 2 H), 1.42-1.33 (m, 2 H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ 160.06, 134.08, 114.07, 84.19, 74.85, 73.16, 65.22, 55.34, 30.38, 29.74, 21.98, 19.31, 13.57.



3-(p-tolylbuta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)aniline (3k): Yellow solid; MP. 105-107 °C. **¹H NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.41 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2 H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 3 H), 6.93 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 6.82 (s, 1 H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.68 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 3.70 (s, 2 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H); **¹³C NMR** (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 146.35, 139.60, 132.45, 129.41, 129.27, 122.98, 118.77, 118.42, 116.26, 81.65, 81.52, 73.47, 21.67; MS (EI) m/z (%): 231(M^+ , 100), 202, 163, 139, 115, 101, 88. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}$: 231.1048; found 231.1047.

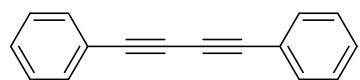


3-(phenylbuta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)aniline (3l)^{s10}: Yellow solid ; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.45 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 3 H), 7.04 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 6.86 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 6.76 (s, 1 H), 6.62 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 3.65 (s, 2 H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 145.29, 131.47, 128.37, 128.13, 127.41, 121.96, 121.40, 120.86, 117.38, 115.29, 80.91, 80.26, 73.02, 72.25.

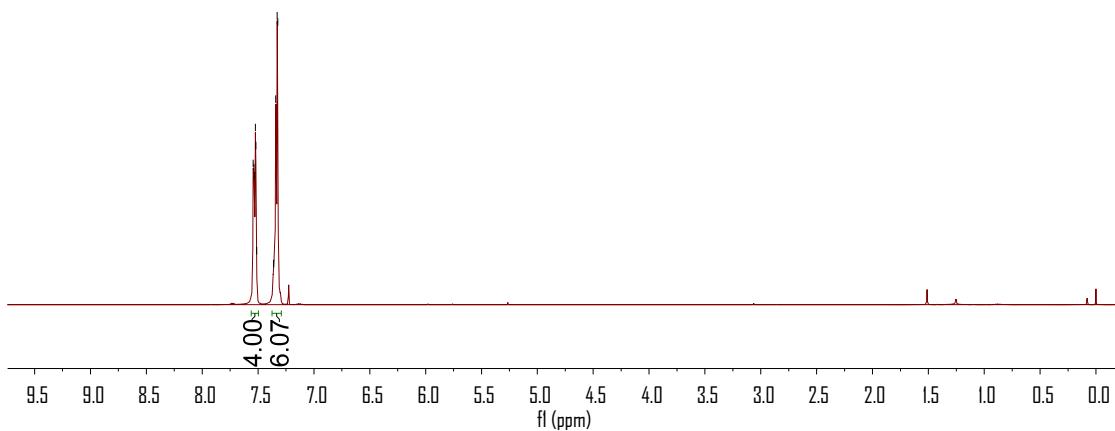
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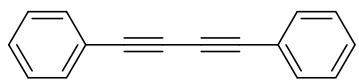


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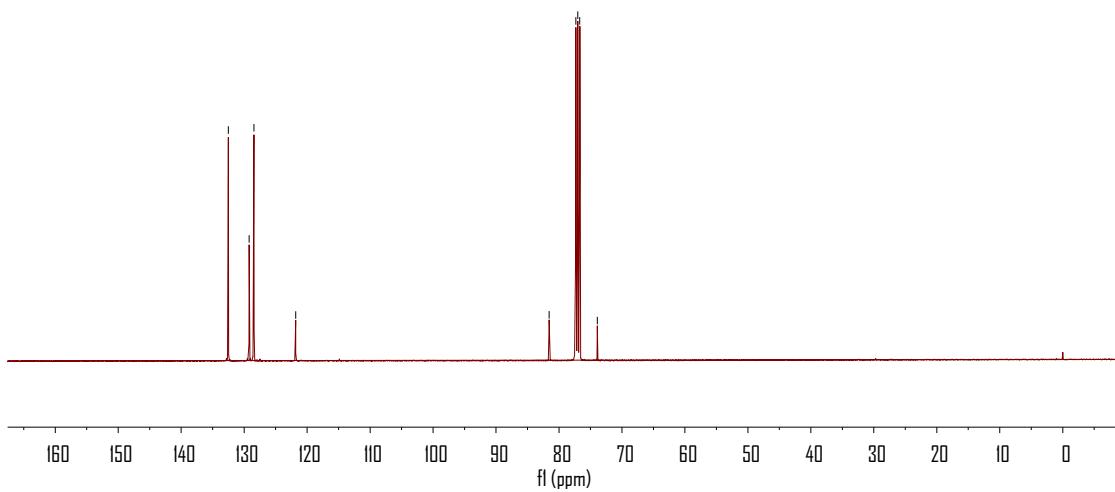


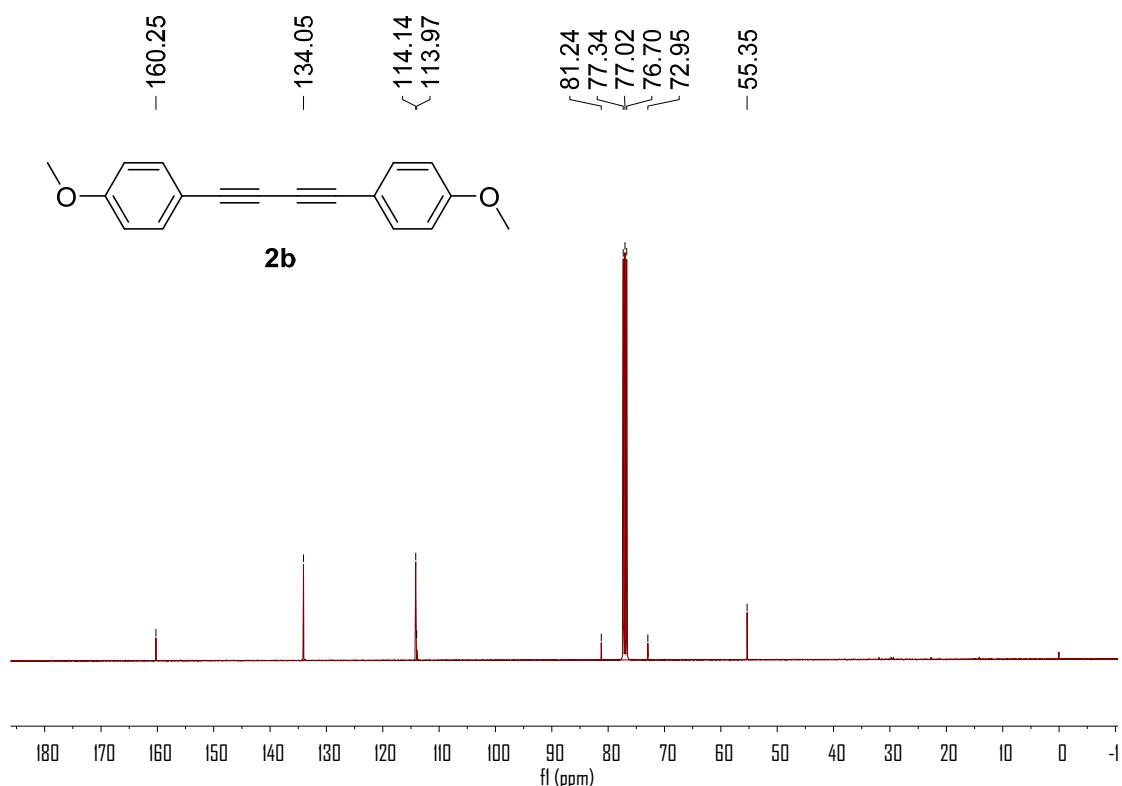
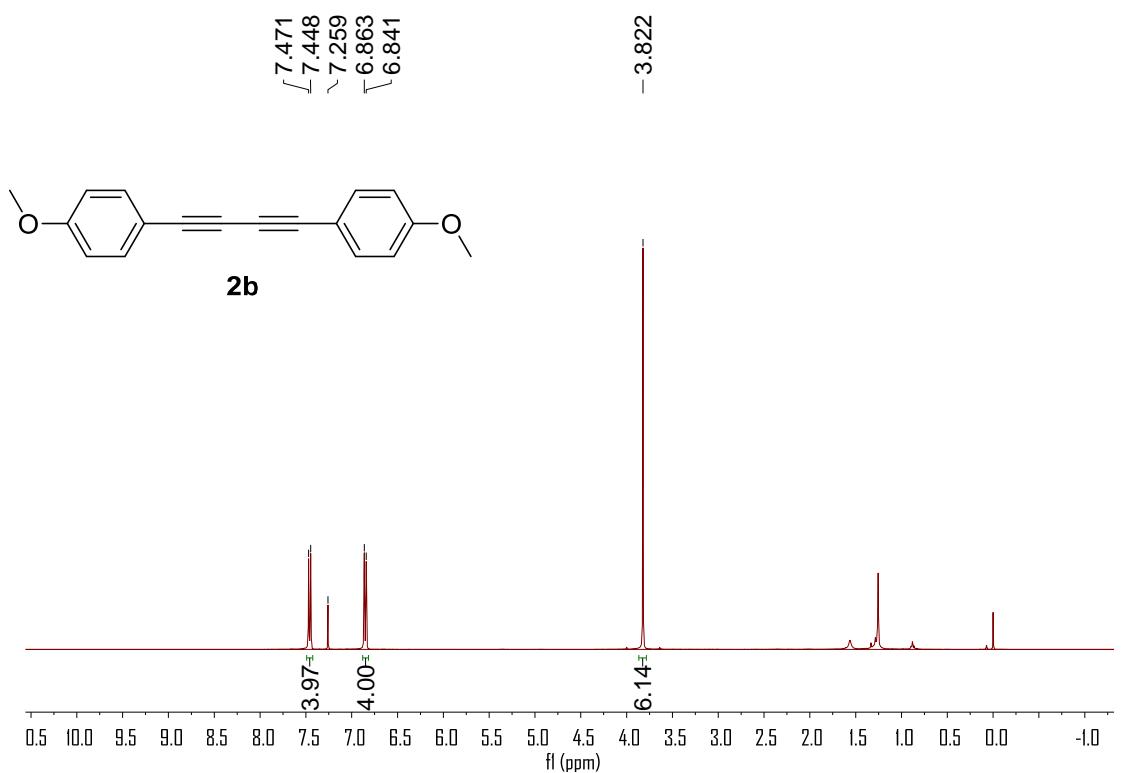
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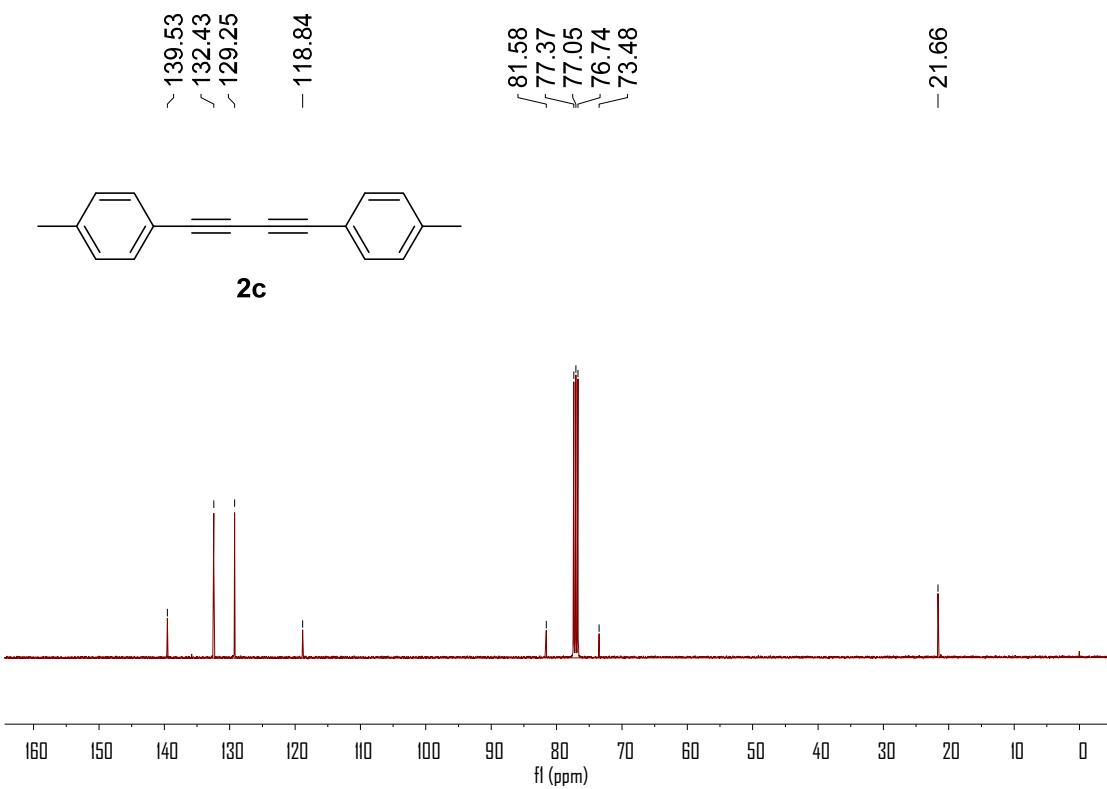
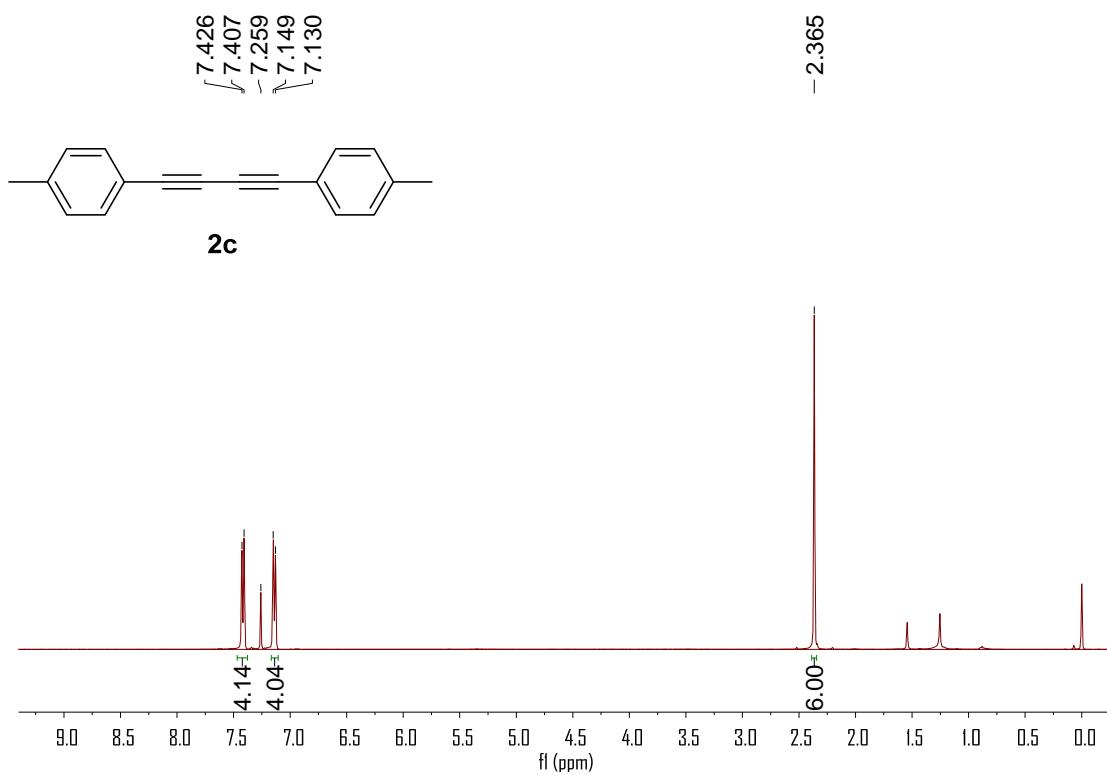
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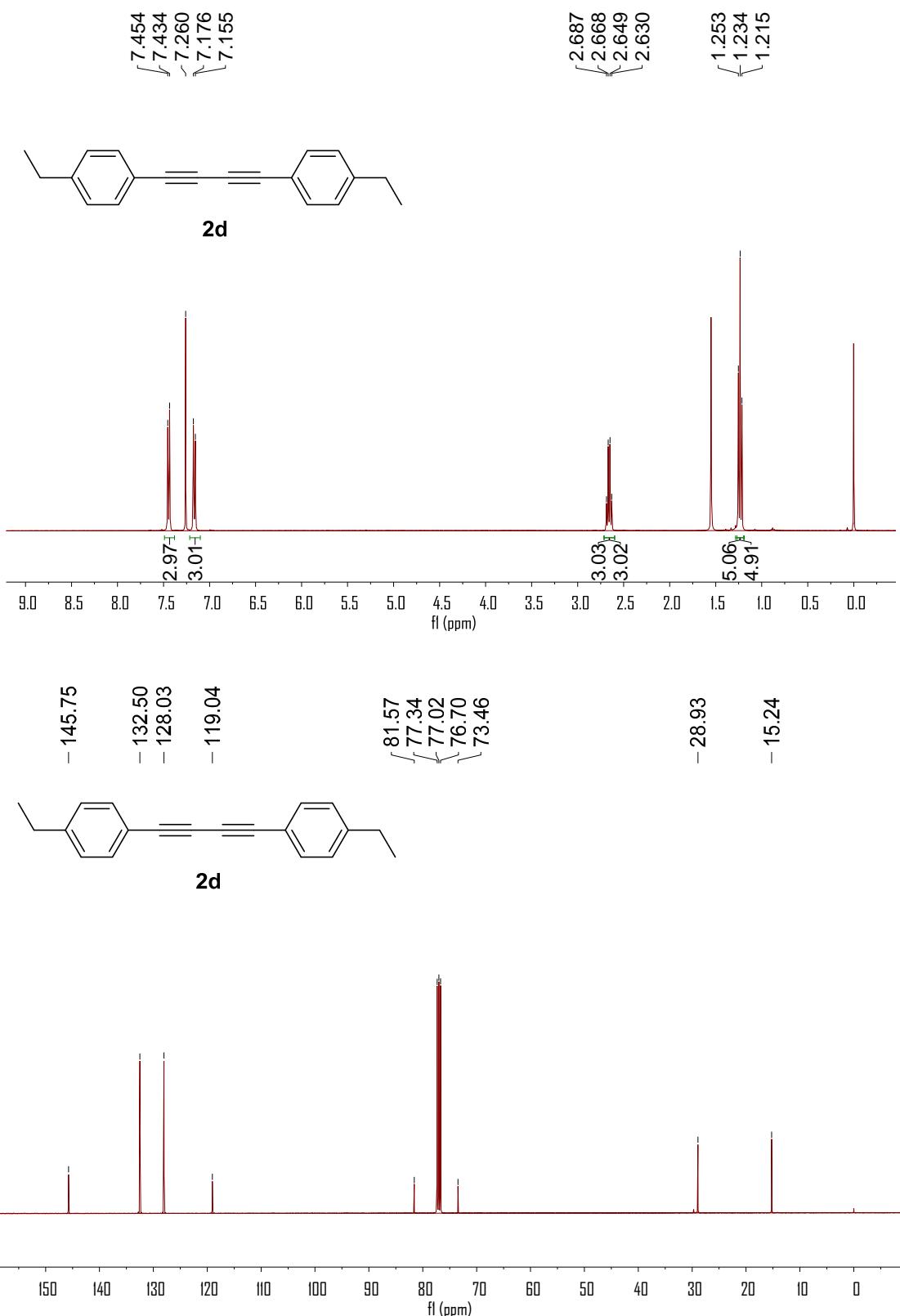


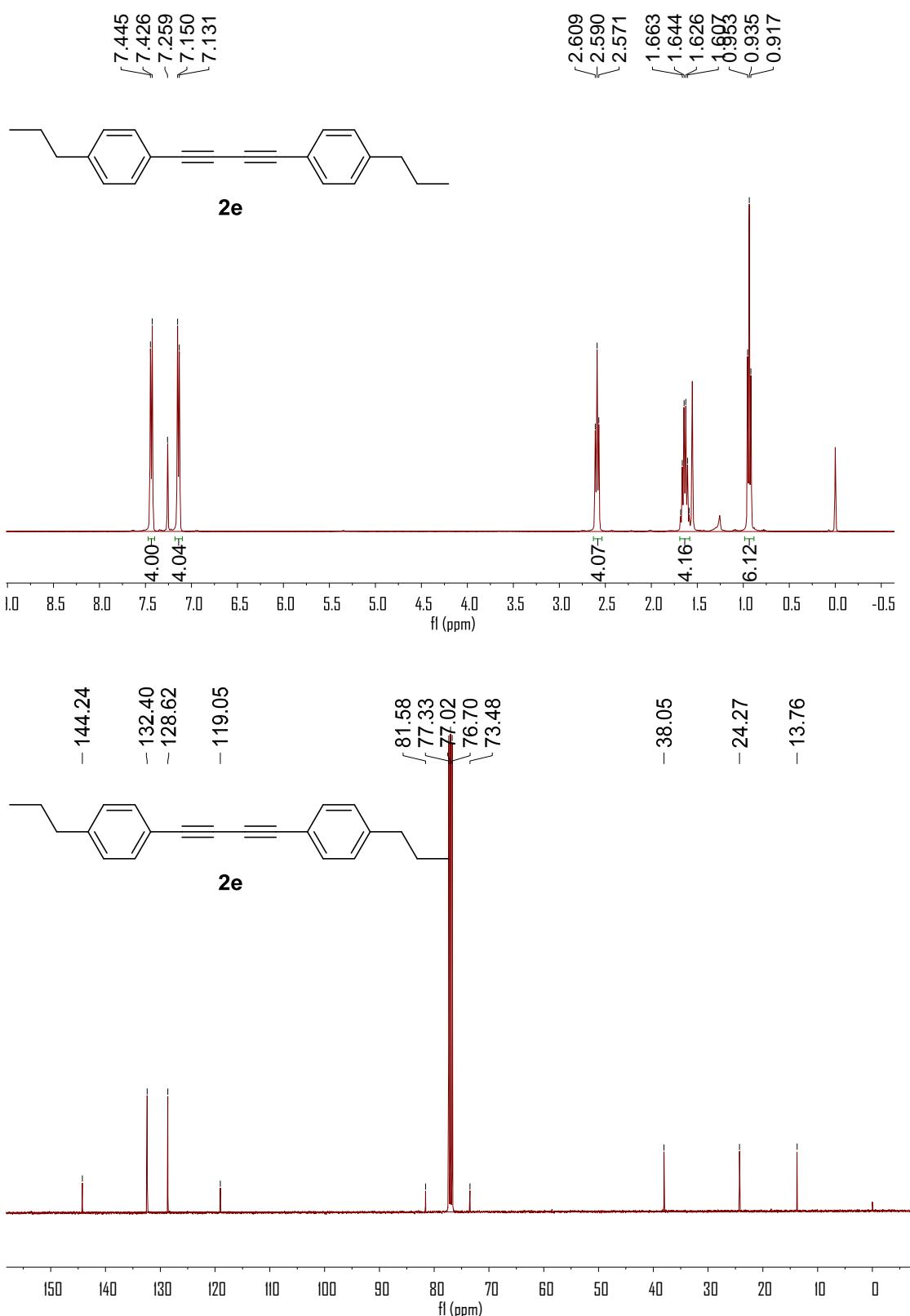
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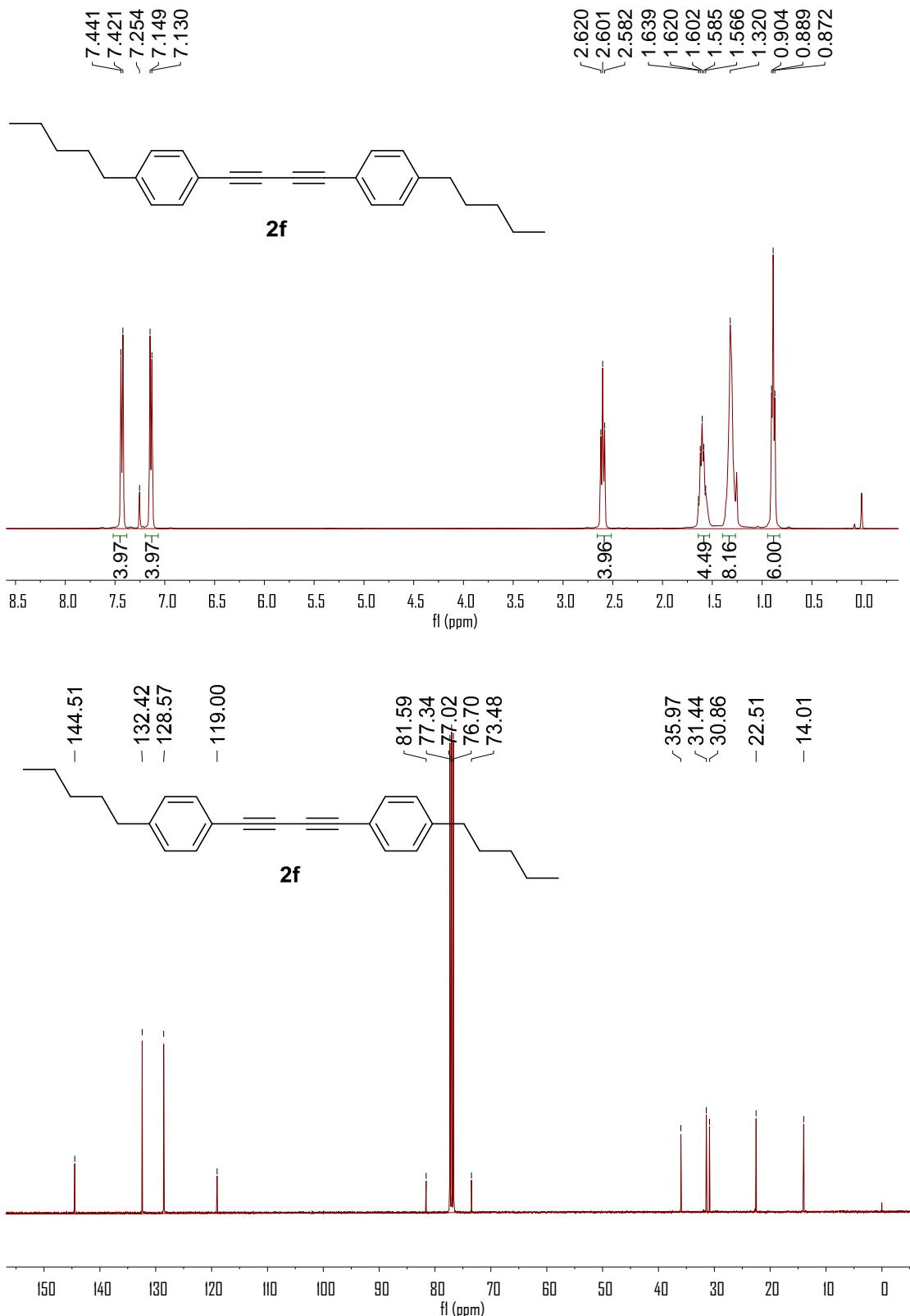


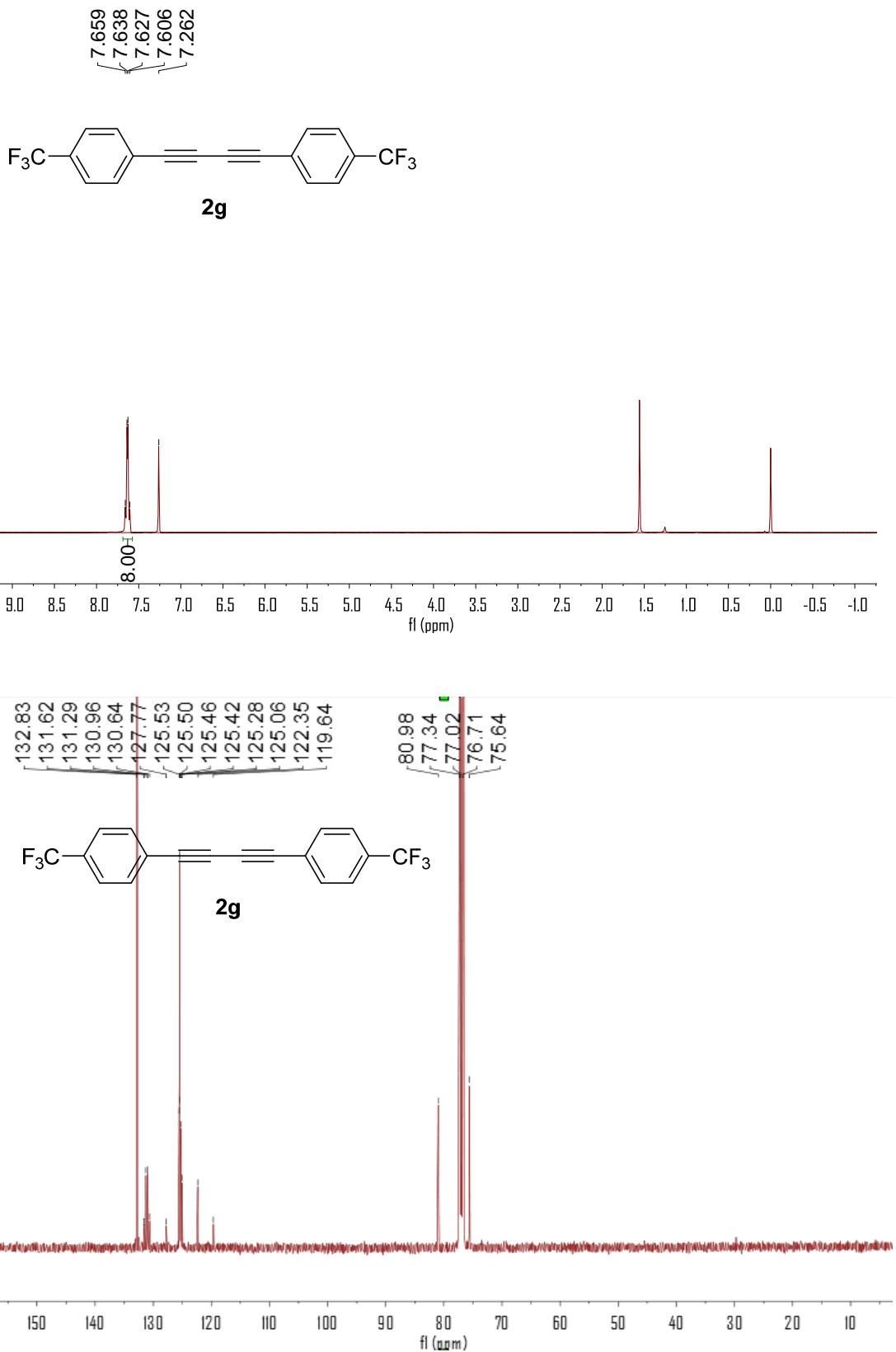


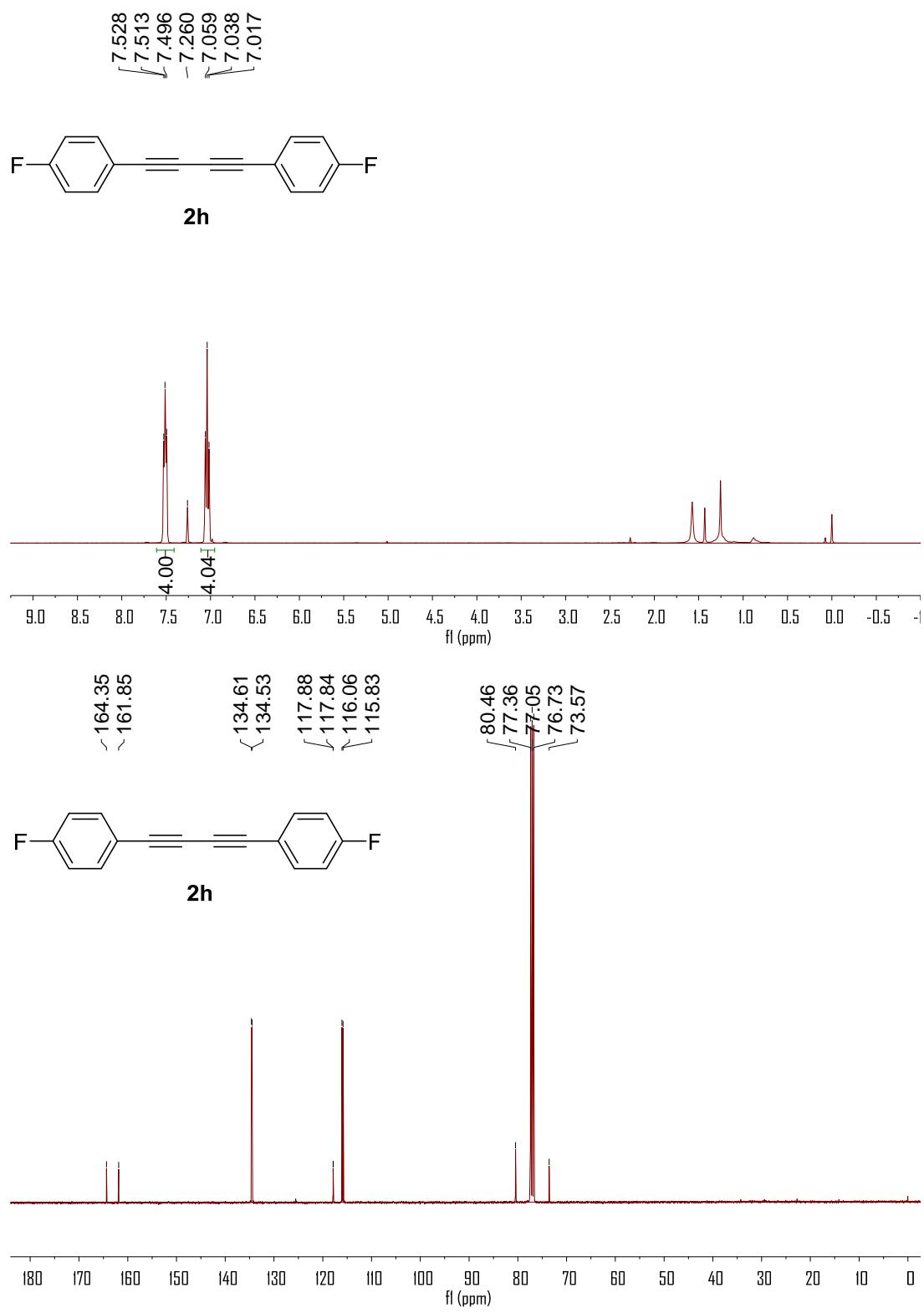


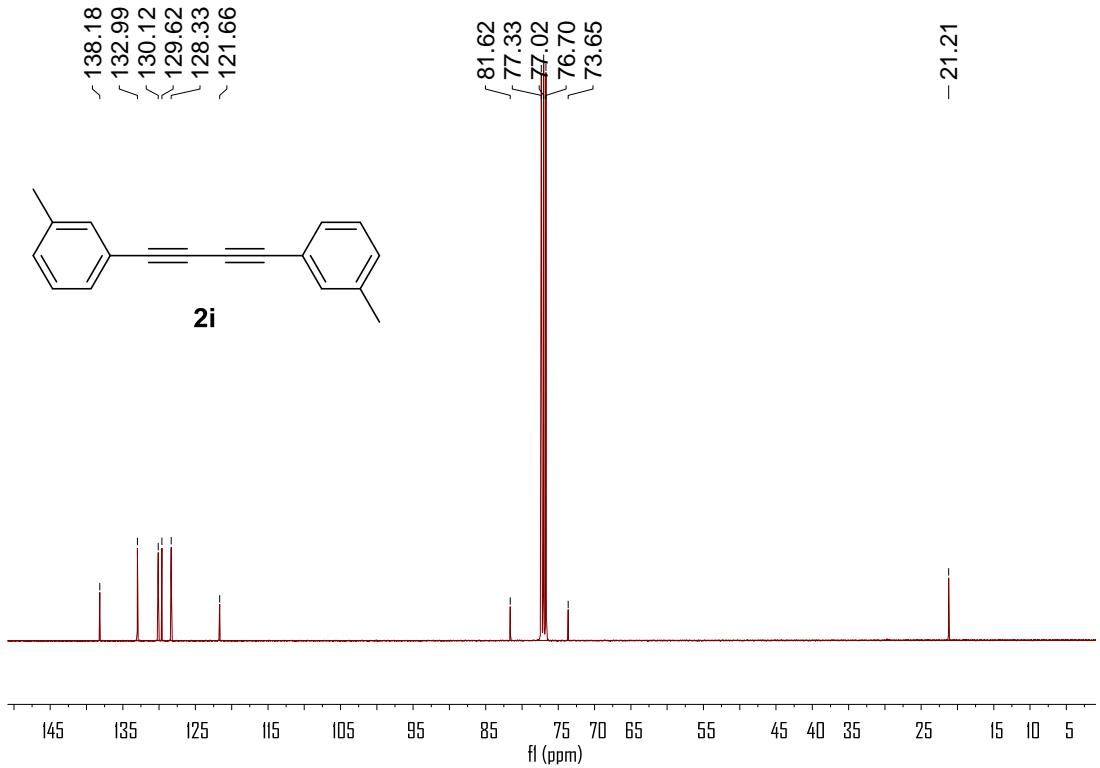
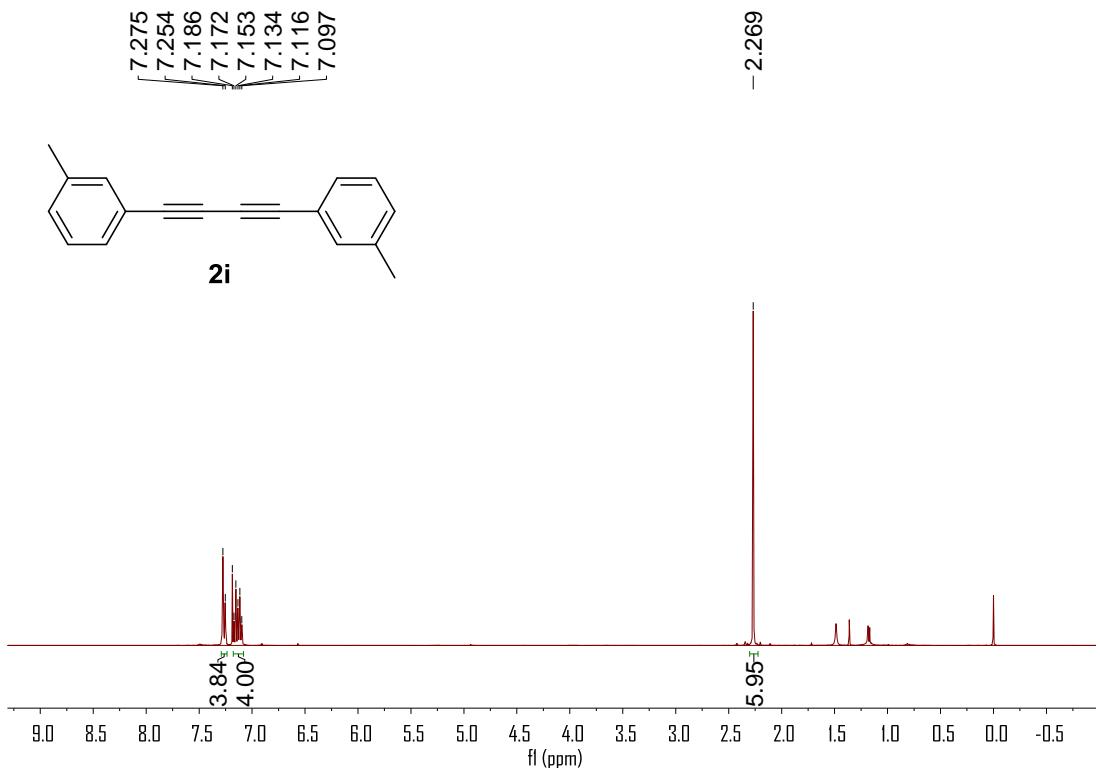


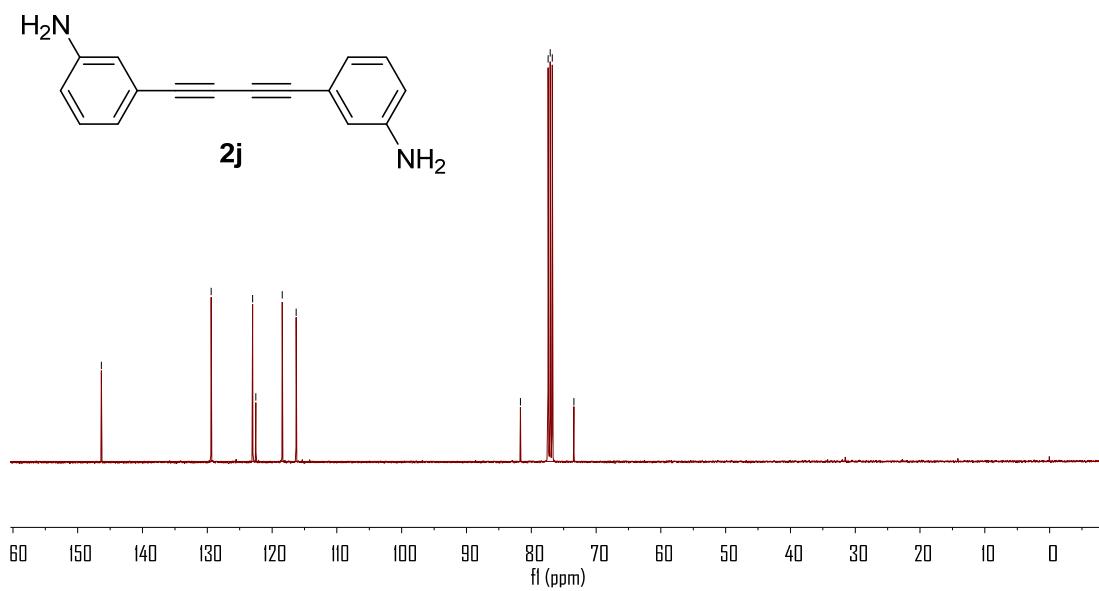
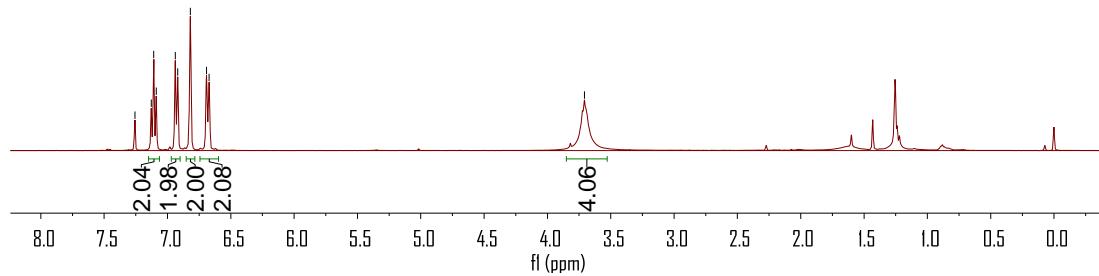
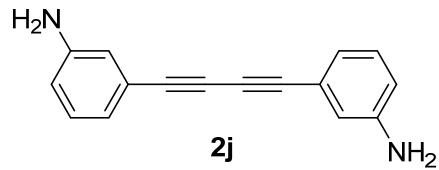




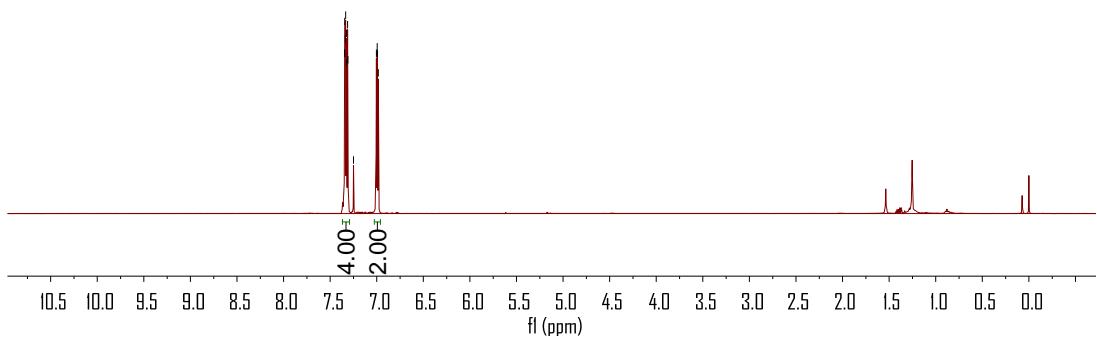
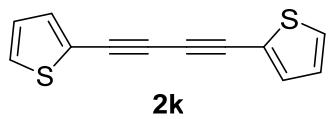








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