

## Base-Catalysed [3+2] Cycloaddition of Propargylamines and Aldehydes to Substituted Furans

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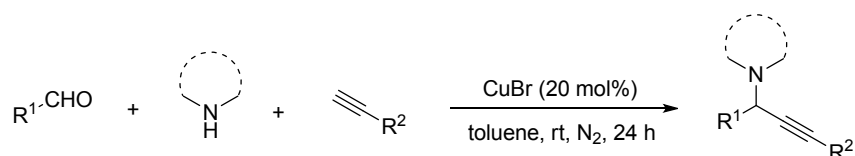
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## 1. General information:

Unless otherwise stated, all commercial materials and solvents were used directly without further purification.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz spectrometers, and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a 100 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts (in ppm) were referenced to tetramethylsilane ( $\delta = 0$  ppm) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as an internal standard at room temperature.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were obtained by using the same NMR spectrometers and were calibrated with  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $\delta = 77.00$  ppm). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were equipped with an ESI source and a TOF detector. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (70-230 mesh ASTM) using the reported eluents. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on  $4 \times 15$  cm plates with a layer thickness of 0.2 mm (silica gel 60 F254).

The A3-propargylamines were prepared according to the literatures.<sup>1</sup>



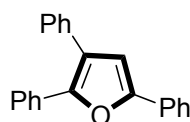
To a 25 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added amine (1.3 mmol), aldehyde (1.0 mmol), acetylene (1.3 mmol), copper (I) bromide (20 mol%) and toluene (5 mL). The mixture was degassed and backfilled with argon, and then stirred in room temperature for 24 h (monitored by TLC). The resulting reaction mixture was diluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 mL) and filtered through a thin pad of silica gel. The filter cake was washed with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , and the combined filtrate was concentrated in vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the corresponding A3-propargylamines **2**.

## 2. General procedure for synthesis of furans **3**:

A mixture of aldehydes **1** (0.25 mmol), propargylamines **2** (0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), and TBAOH (0.05 mmol, 0.2 equiv) in DMSO (1.25 mL) was stirred in room temperature (25 °C) under air atmosphere for 2 h (monitored by TLC). Then  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was added and the resultant was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined EtOAc extracts were dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated. Then solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE=1/100 to EtOAc/PE=1/10) to give furans **3**.

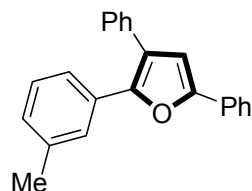
For **3aa** (gram-scale): A mixture of benzaldehyde **1a** (0.53g, 5 mmol), 2-(1,3-diphenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline **2a** (1.62g, 5 mmol, 1 equiv), and TBAOH (1 mmol, 0.2 equiv) in DMSO (12.5 mL) was stirred in room temperature (25 °C) under air atmosphere for 2 h (monitored by TLC). Then  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was added and the resultant was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined EtOAc extracts were dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated. Then solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by silicagel flash chromatography (EtOAc/PE=1/100) to give 2,3,5-triphenylfuran **3aa** in a 69% yield (1.02 g).

## 3. Characterization data for products:



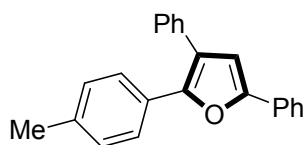
### 2,3,5-triphenylfuran **3aa**<sup>2</sup>

56.7 mg, 78% yield. White solid. Mp 91-93 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.74 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd,  $J$  = 17.8, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.32 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 6.77 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.5, 147.9, 134.3, 131.1, 130.5, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.5, 127.5, 127.3, 126.1, 124.5, 123.8, 109.4.



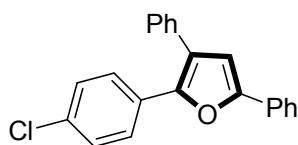
### 3,5-Diphenyl-2-(m-tolyl)furan **3ba**

57.2 mg, 74% yield. White solid. Mp 60-62 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.75 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.16 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.4, 148.1, 138.0, 134.3, 131.0, 130.6, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 127.2, 126.8, 124.4, 123.8, 123.4, 109.4, 21.5; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}$  ( $\text{MH}^+$ ) 311.1430, found 311.1426.



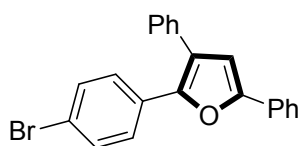
### 3,5-Diphenyl-2-(p-tolyl)furan **3ca**<sup>3</sup>

48.4 mg, 62% yield. White solid. Mp 108-110 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.40 (dd,  $J$  = 13.6, 7.1 Hz, 4H), 7.31 (dd,  $J$  = 14.9, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.2, 148.2, 137.4, 134.4, 130.6, 129.1, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.4, 127.2, 126.1, 123.8, 123.7, 109.3, 21.3.



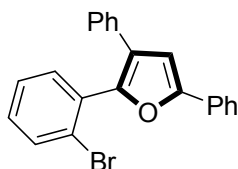
### 2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,5-diphenylfuran **3da**<sup>3</sup>

60.3 mg, 73% yield. White solid. Mp 100-102 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.30 (m, 10H), 6.84 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.8, 146.7, 134.0, 133.1, 130.3, 129.5, 128.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.6, 127.7, 127.5, 127.2, 125.0, 123.8, 109.6.



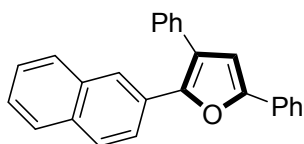
2-(4-Bromophenyl)-3,5-diphenylfuran **3ea**<sup>3</sup>

65.3 mg, 70% yield. White solid. Mp 103-105 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.74 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.32 (m, 11H), 7.29 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.9, 146.8, 134.0, 131.6, 130.3, 130.0, 128.8, 128.8, 128.6, 127.7, 127.5, 127.5, 125.2, 123.9, 121.3, 109.6.



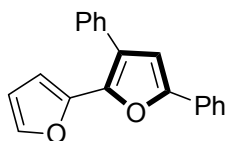
2-(2-Bromophenyl)-3,5-diphenylfuran **3fa**

60.1 mg, 64% yield. White solid. Mp 51-53 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.80 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 7.36 – 7.24 (m, 8H), 7.01 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.5, 147.2, 133.5, 133.3, 132.8, 132.6, 130.5, 130.2, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 125.7, 124.1, 123.9, 106.7; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrO}$  (MH<sup>+</sup>) 375.0379, found 375.0376.



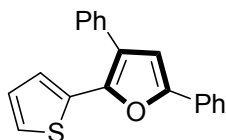
2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-3,5-diphenylfuran **3ga**

65.5 mg, 76% yield. White solid. Mp 110-112 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.12 (s, 1H), 7.77 (ddd,  $J$  = 19.6, 10.0, 5.5 Hz, 5H), 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.33 (m, 7H), 7.30 (td,  $J$  = 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 1.3 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.8, 148.0, 134.3, 133.4, 132.6, 130.5, 128.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 127.6, 127.4, 126.3, 126.1, 125.0, 124.9, 124.2, 123.9, 109.6; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}$  (MNa<sup>+</sup>) 369.1250, found 369.1252.



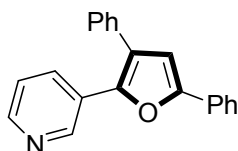
3,5-Diphenyl-2,2'-bifuran **3ha**

60.2 mg, 84% yield. Brown oil.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.55 (dd,  $J$  = 5.2, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.27 (dd,  $J$  = 10.5, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.63 – 6.50 (m, 1H), 6.42 (dd,  $J$  = 3.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.8, 146.2, 142.0, 140.4, 133.2, 130.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.7, 127.4, 124.6, 123.9, 111.3, 108.6, 107.3; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2$  (MH<sup>+</sup>) 287.1067, found 287.1071.



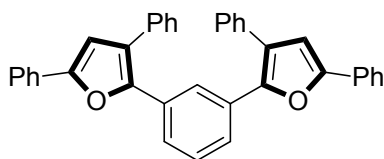
**3,5-Diphenyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)furan **3ia****

54.8 mg, 73% yield. Brown oil.  $R_f = 0.3$  (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.73 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.27 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.96 (dd,  $J = 4.9, 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.3, 143.9, 133.5, 133.1, 130.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 127.6, 127.3, 124.7, 124.2, 124.0, 123.8, 109.2; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{OS}$  ( $\text{MH}^+$ ) 303.0838, found 303.0834.



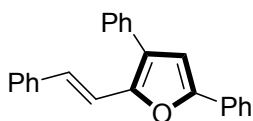
**3-(3,5-Diphenylfuran-2-yl)pyridine **3ja****

58.0 mg, 78% yield. White solid. Mp 105-107 °C.  $R_f = 0.4$  (EtOAc/PE = 1:10).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.86 (s, 1H), 8.50 – 8.41 (m, 1H), 7.88 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.76 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 1.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.42 (ddt,  $J = 12.6, 9.6, 4.8$  Hz, 6H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.21 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.6, 148.1, 147.1, 144.9, 133.5, 132.7, 130.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.3, 126.3, 123.9, 123.2, 109.5; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$  ( $\text{MH}^+$ ) 298.1226, found 298.1228.



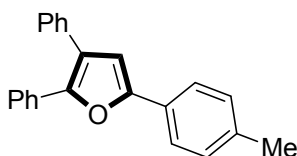
**1,3-Bis(3,5-diphenylfuran-2-yl)benzene **3kb****

45.2 mg, 35% yield. Pale yellow solid. Mp 117-119 °C.  $R_f = 0.3$  (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 4H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 6H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 10H), 7.28 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.20 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.5, 147.4, 134.2, 131.3, 130.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 128.4, 127.5, 127.3, 124.9, 124.9, 123.8, 123.4, 109.6; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2$  ( $\text{MH}^+$ ) 515.2006, found 515.2008.



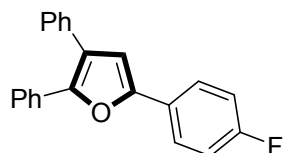
**3,5-Diphenyl-2-styrylfuran **3la****

27.8 mg, 35% yield. Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.4$  (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.84 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.48 (ddt,  $J = 15.4, 13.6, 4.8$  Hz, 8H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 16.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.9, 148.1, 137.3, 133.5, 130.4, 128.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 127.2, 126.9, 126.4, 124.0, 115.2, 108.1; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}$  ( $\text{MH}^+$ ) 323.1430, found 323.1426.



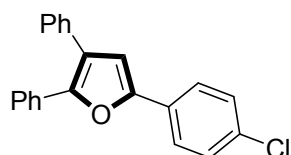
2,3-Diphenyl-5-(p-tolyl)furan **3af**<sup>3</sup>

51.8 mg, 67% yield. White solid. Mp 97-99 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.64 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dd,  $J$  = 15.2, 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.21 (t,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 3H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.8, 147.5, 137.4, 134.4, 131.2, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.3, 127.2, 126.1, 124.5, 123.8, 108.8, 21.3.



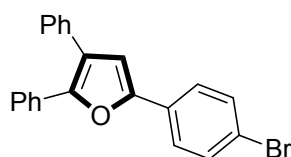
5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2,3-diphenylfuran **3ag**<sup>3</sup>

65.2 mg, 83% yield. White solid. Mp 85-87 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.59 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.10 (dd,  $J$  = 12.1, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.3 (d,  $J$  = 247.4 Hz), 151.7, 147.9, 134.2, 131.0, 128.7, 128.7, 128.4, 127.5 (d,  $J$  = 19.7 Hz), 126.9 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz), 126.1, 125.6, 125.5, 124.5, 115.8 (d,  $J$  = 21.9 Hz), 109.1.



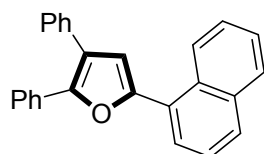
5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,3-diphenylfuran **3ah**<sup>3</sup>

75.1 mg, 91% yield. White solid. Mp 98-100 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.69 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.23 (m, 8H), 6.79 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.5, 148.2, 134.1, 133.1, 130.9, 129.0, 129.0, 128.7, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 127.4, 126.2, 125.0, 124.6, 109.9.



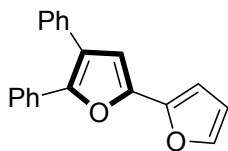
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61.8 mg, 66% yield. White solid. Mp 103-104 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.61 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.50 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.23 (m, 6H), 6.78 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.4, 148.2, 134.0, 131.9, 130.9, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.7, 127.4, 126.1, 125.2, 124.6, 121.2, 110.0.



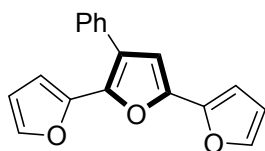
5-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-2,3-diphenylfuran **3aj**

51.9 mg, 60% yield. Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.4$  (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.57 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.66 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.41 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 6.91 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.2, 148.3, 134.4, 134.0, 131.1, 130.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.5, 127.3, 126.7, 126.2, 126.1, 126.0, 125.5, 125.4, 124.2, 113.7; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for ( $\text{MNa}^+$ ) 369.1250, found 369.1252.



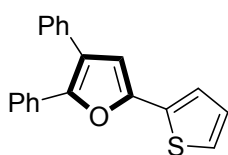
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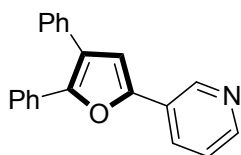
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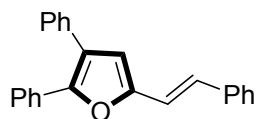
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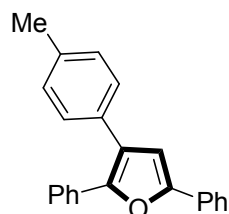
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59.6 mg, 80% yield. White solid. Mp 103-104 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:10).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.01 (s, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.23 (m, 7H), 6.88 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  149.5, 148.9, 148.2, 145.3, 133.7, 130.6, 130.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.8, 127.4, 126.5, 126.2, 124.5, 123.5, 110.7; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$  ( $\text{MH}^+$ ) 298.1226, found 298.1227.



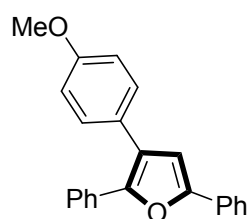
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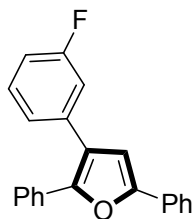
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46.0 mg, 59% yield. White solid. Mp 126-127 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.77 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 6.77 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.4, 147.7, 137.0, 131.3, 131.2, 130.6, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.4, 127.4, 126.0, 124.5, 123.8, 109.5, 21.2.



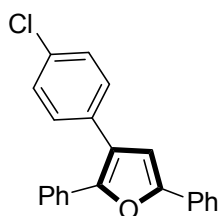
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53.2 mg, 65% yield. Colorless oil.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:20).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.61 (dd,  $J$  = 5.3, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 6.95 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.9, 152.4, 147.5, 131.2, 130.6, 129.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.4, 127.3, 126.6, 126.0, 124.2, 123.8, 114.1, 109.6, 55.2.



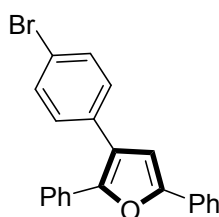
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65.2 mg, 83% yield. White solid. Mp 79-80 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (ddd,  $J$  = 25.7, 12.5, 4.6 Hz, 6H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.0 (d,  $J$  = 245.9 Hz), 152.8, 148.3, 136.5 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz), 130.7, 130.3, 130.1 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 128.8, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 126.3, 124.4 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz), 123.8, 123.3 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz), 115.5 (d,  $J$  = 21.8 Hz), 114.2 (d,  $J$  = 21.0 Hz), 109.0; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{FO}$  (MH $^+$ ) 315.1180, found 315.1176.



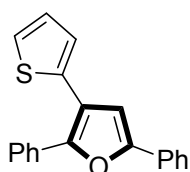
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50.4 mg, 61% yield. White solid. Mp 117-119 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.72 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dtd,  $J$  = 23.3, 15.4, 7.8 Hz, 10H), 6.73 (d,  $J$  = 0.7 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.7, 148.1, 133.1, 132.7, 130.8, 130.3, 129.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 127.6, 126.2, 123.8, 123.2, 109.0; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClO}$  (MH $^+$ ) 331.0884, found 331.0882.



3-(4-Bromophenyl)-2,5-diphenylfuran **3as**<sup>4</sup>

56.1 mg, 60% yield. White solid. Mp 119-121 °C.  $R_f$  = 0.4 (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.31 (m, 6H), 6.83 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.8, 148.0, 133.2, 131.8, 130.7, 130.3, 130.2, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 127.6, 126.2, 123.8, 123.2, 121.2, 108.9.



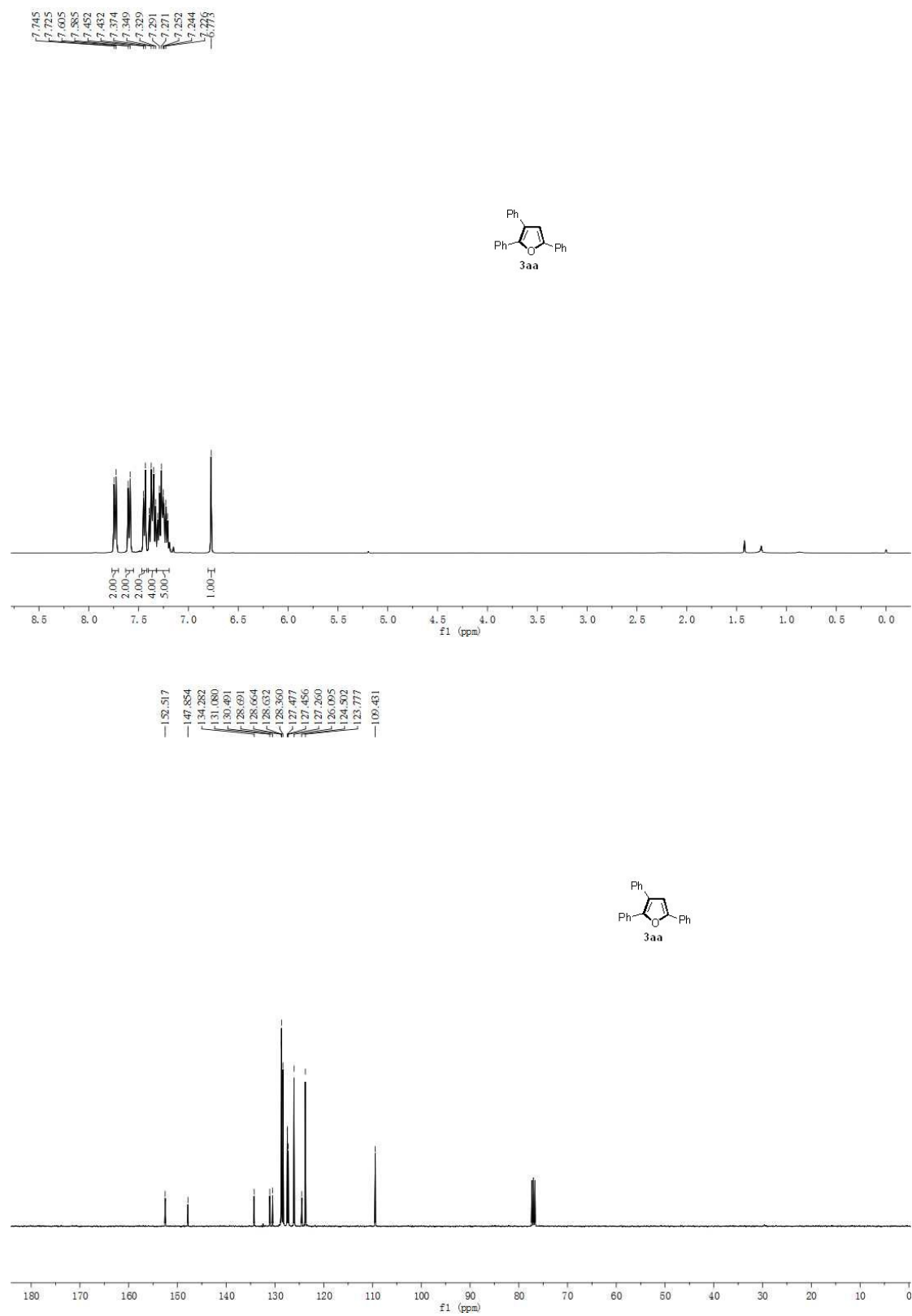
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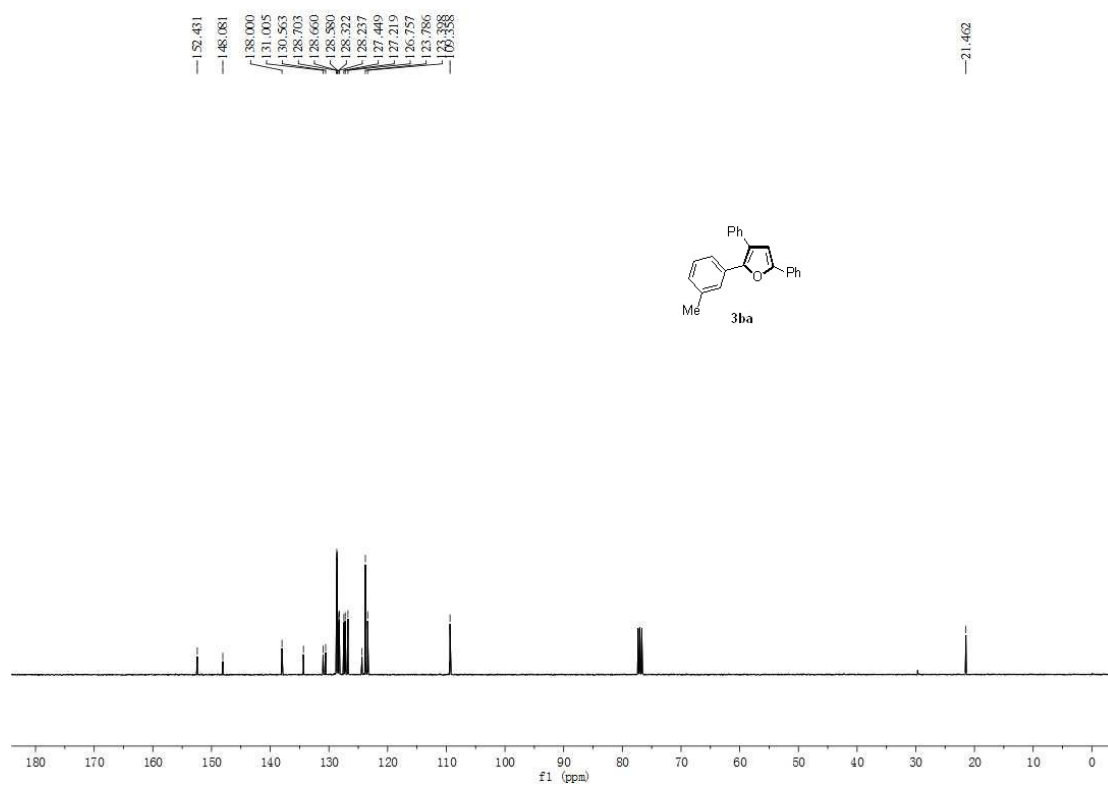
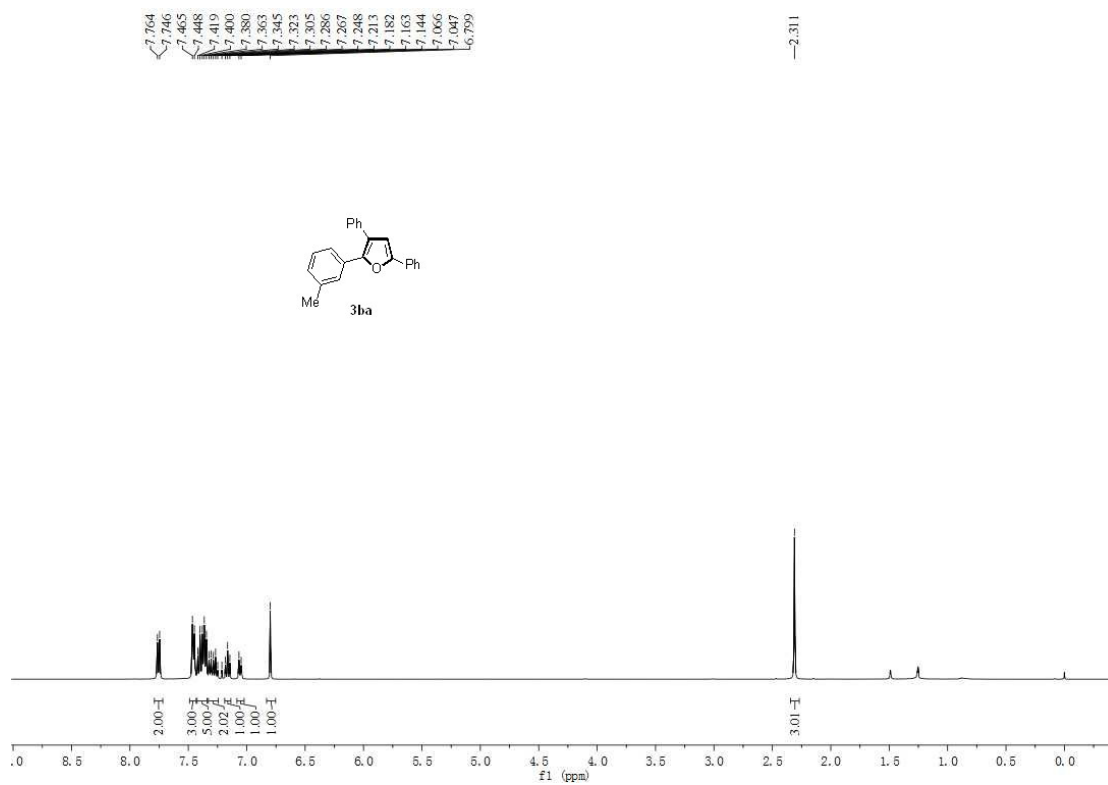
54.5 mg, 72% yield. Colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.4$  (EtOAc/PE = 1:100).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.83 – 7.74 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.20 (dd,  $J = 3.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd,  $J = 5.1, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.5, 148.5, 135.5, 130.7, 130.2, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 126.4, 126.0, 125.1, 123.9, 117.5, 109.6.

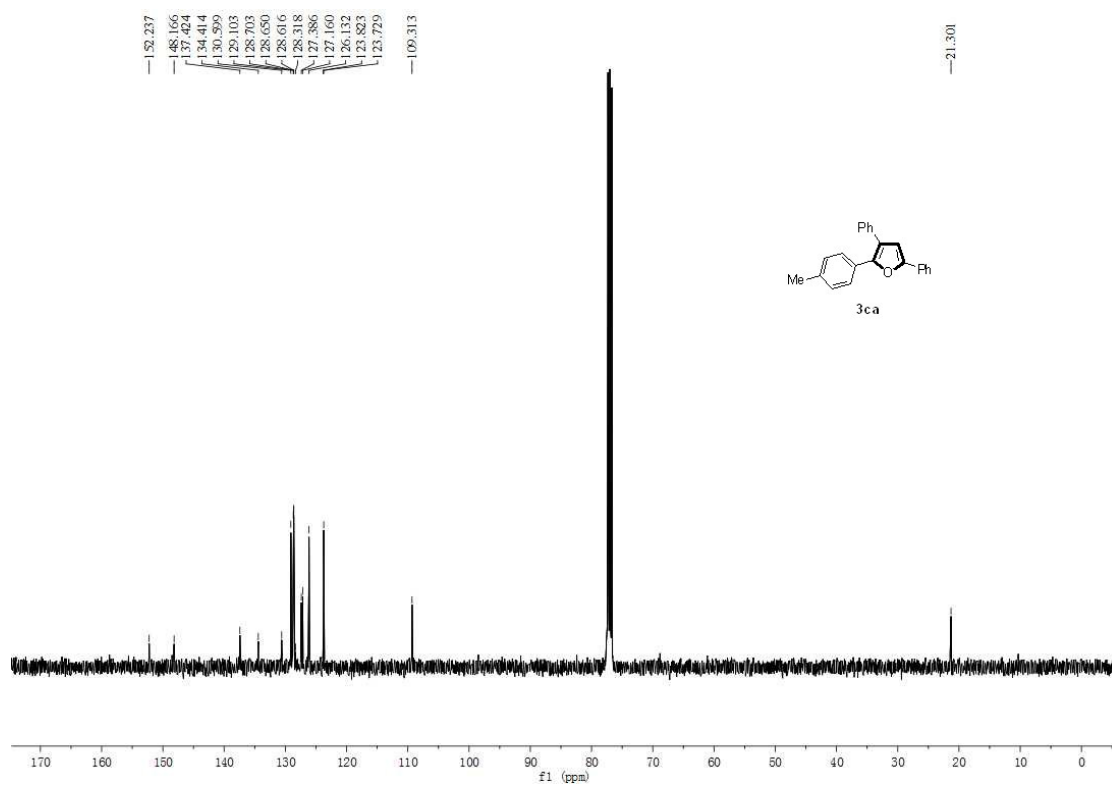
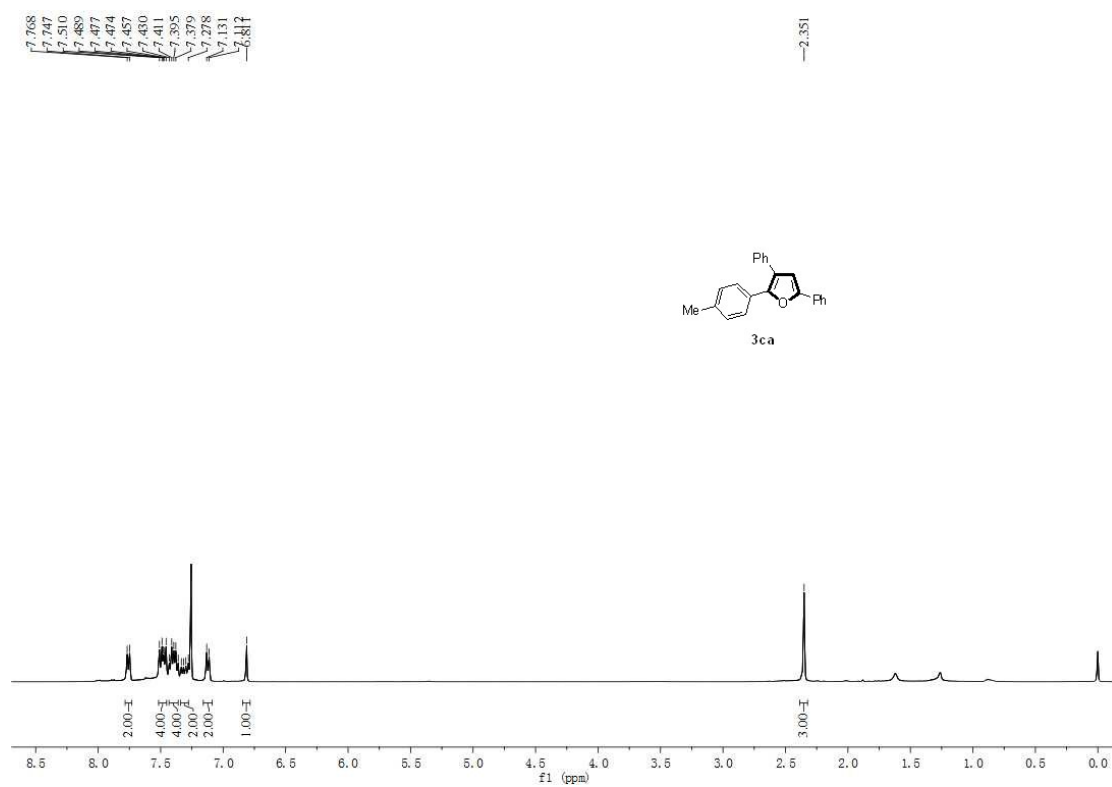
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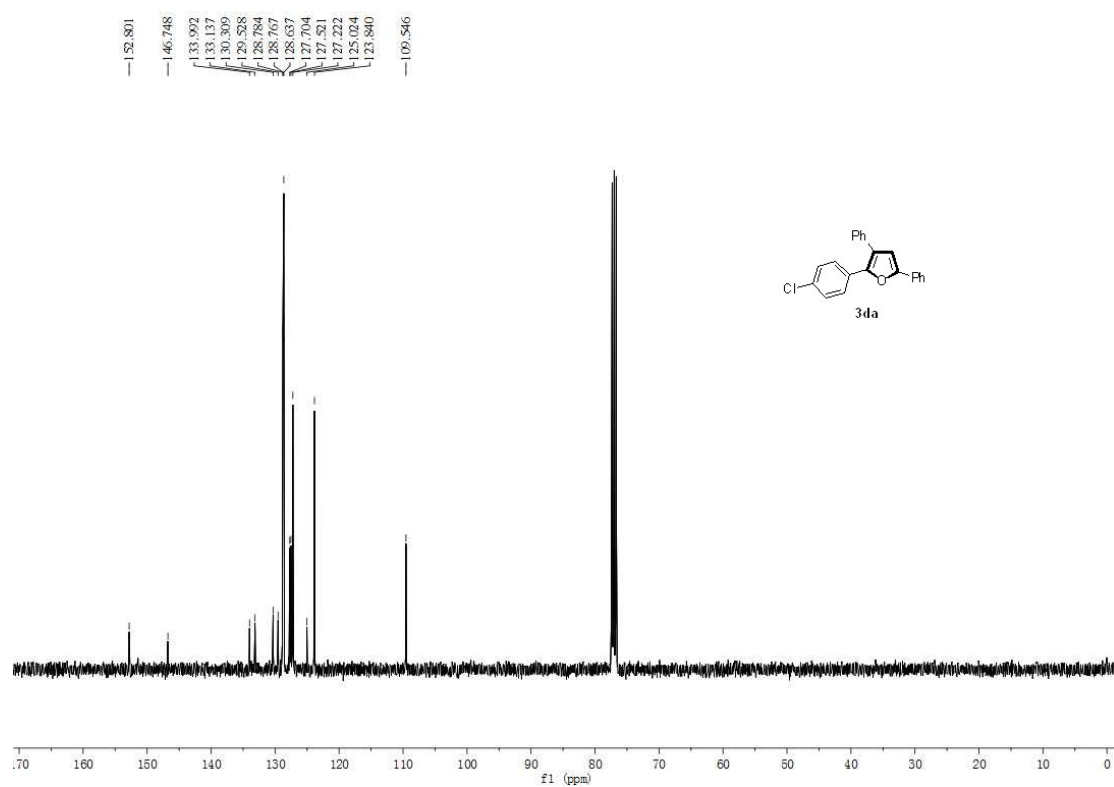
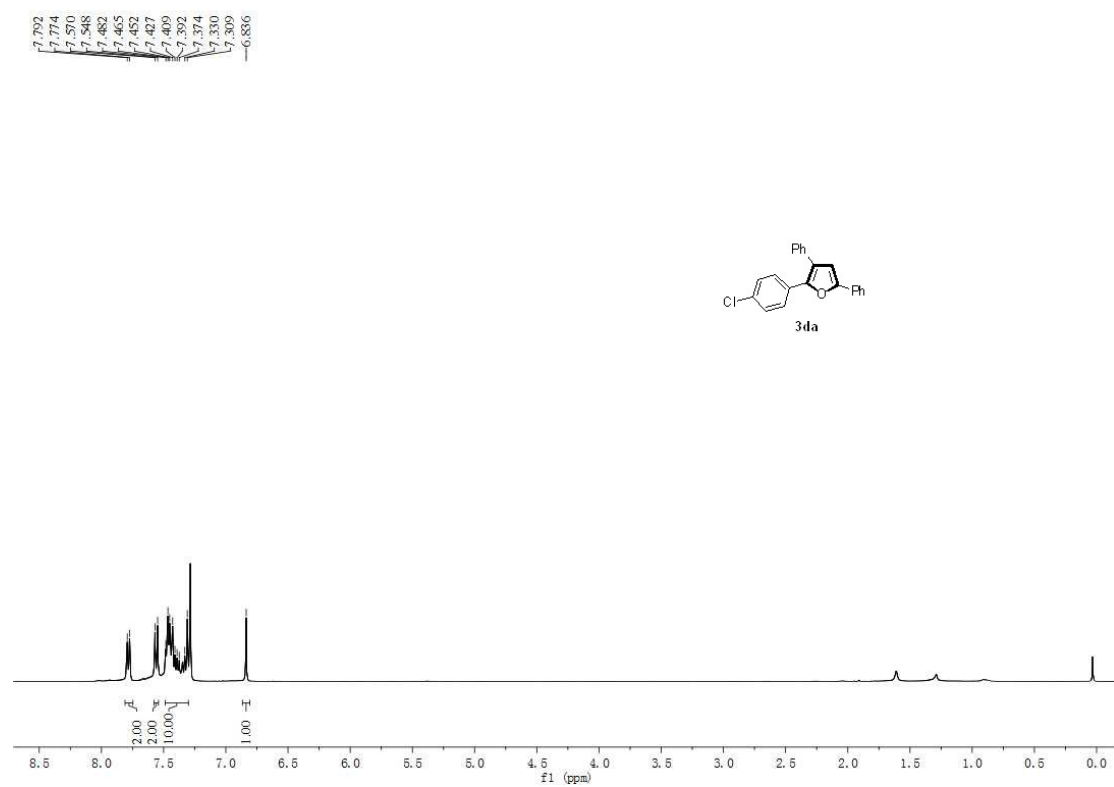
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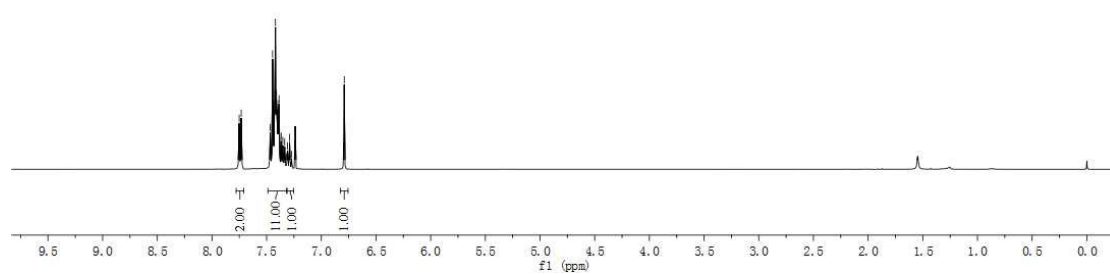
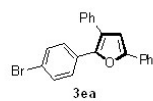




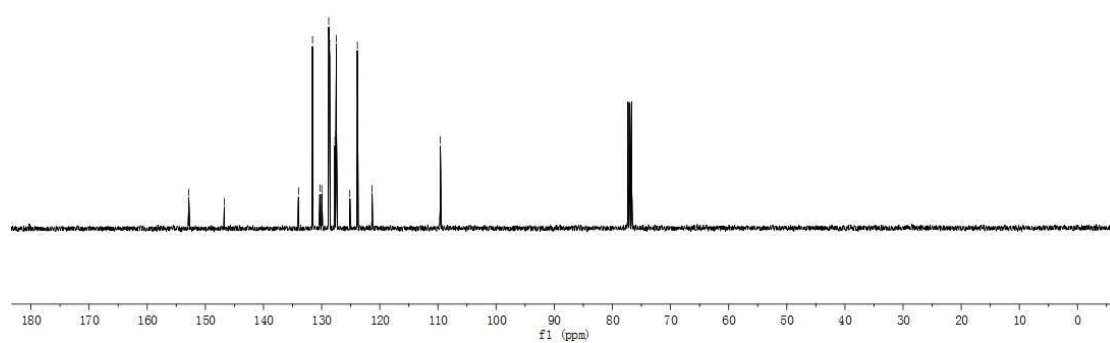
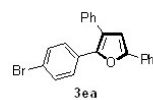


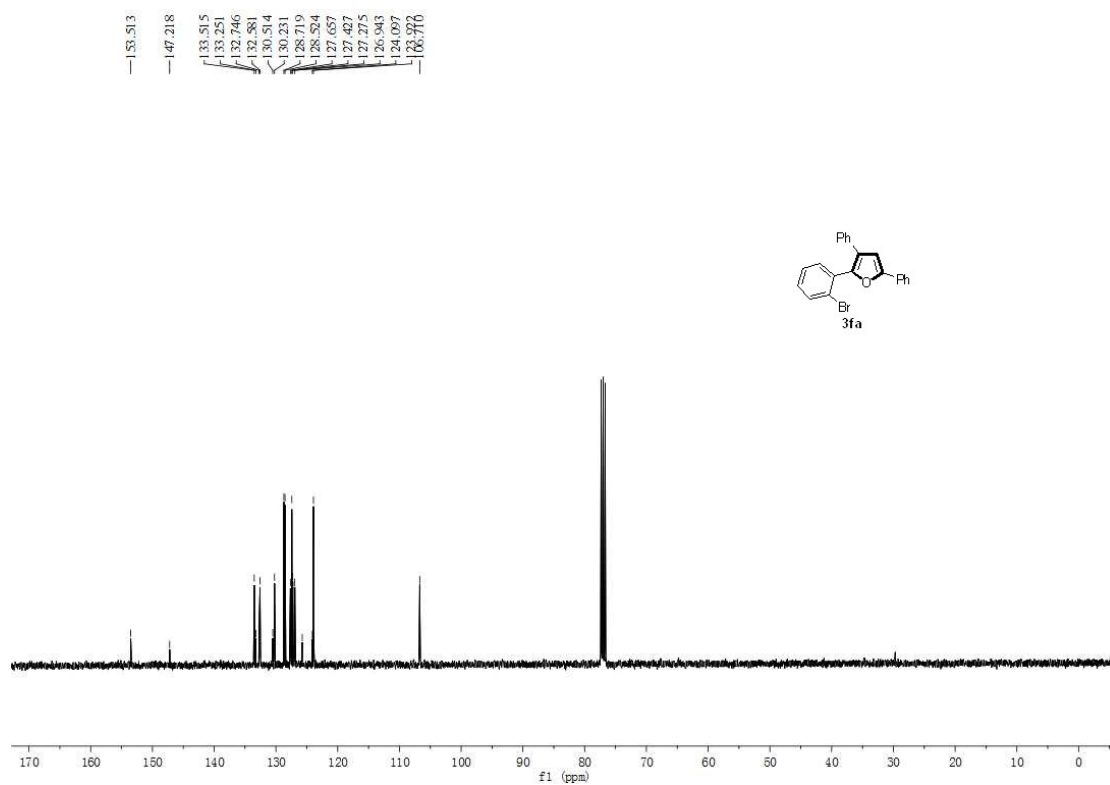
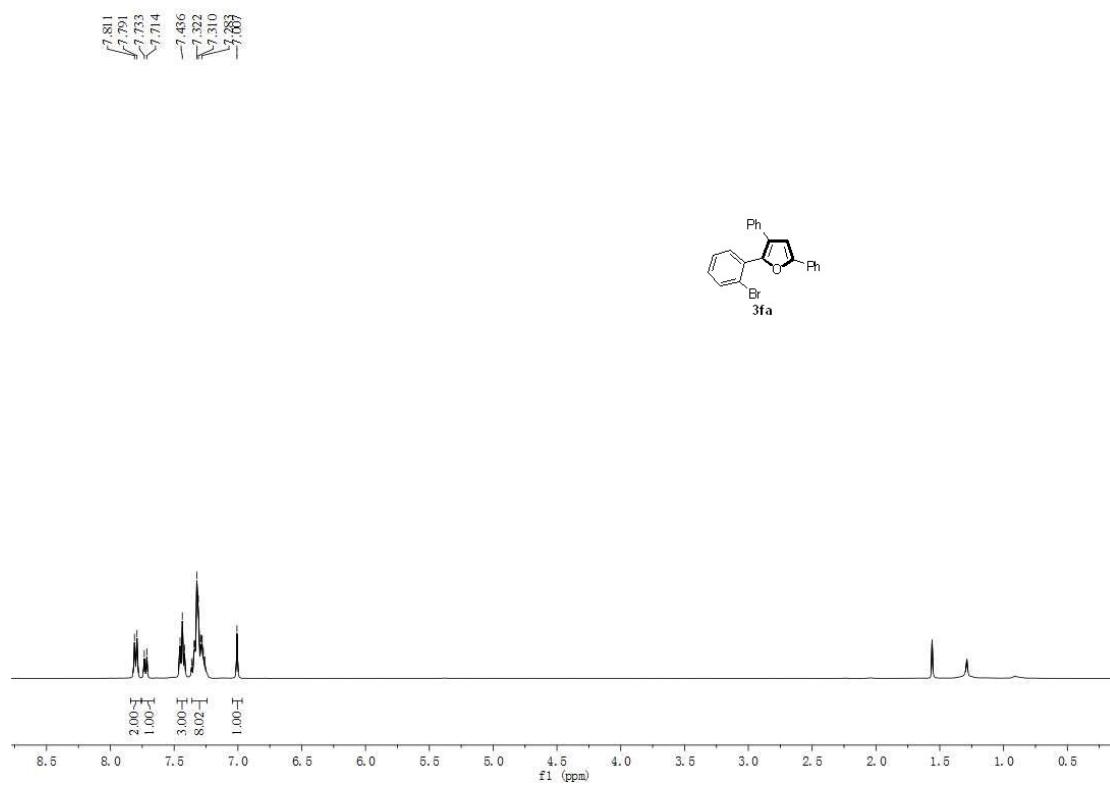


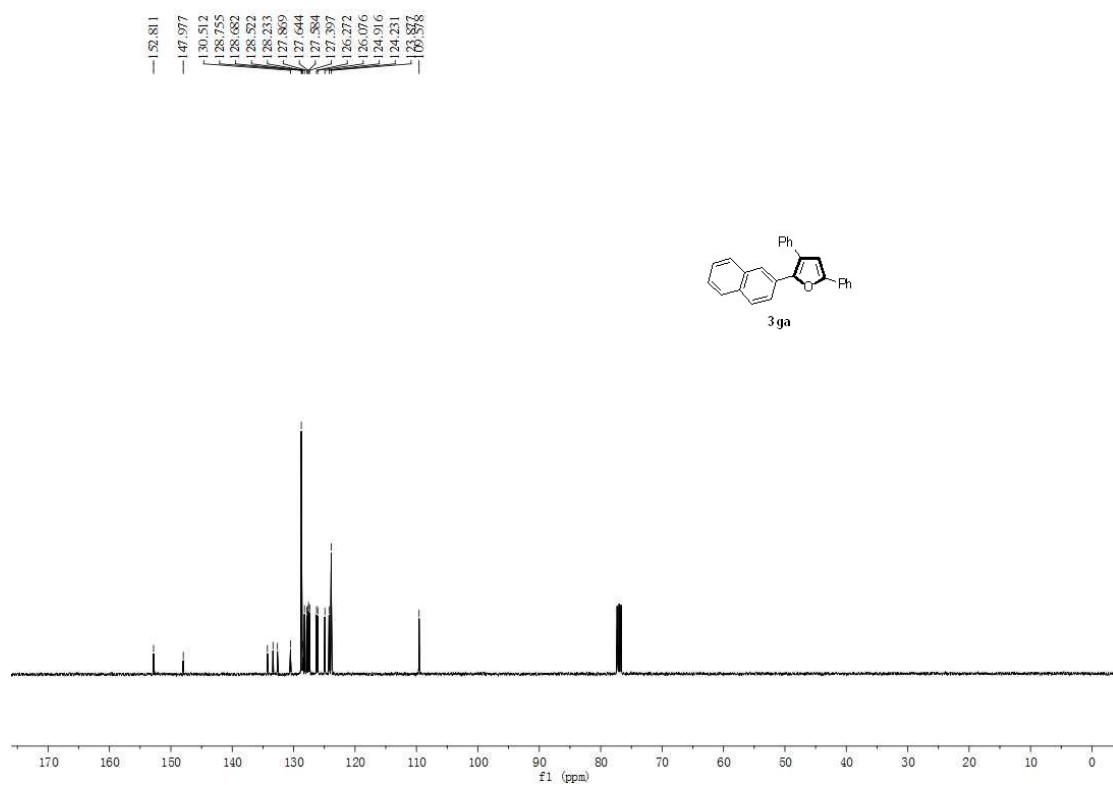
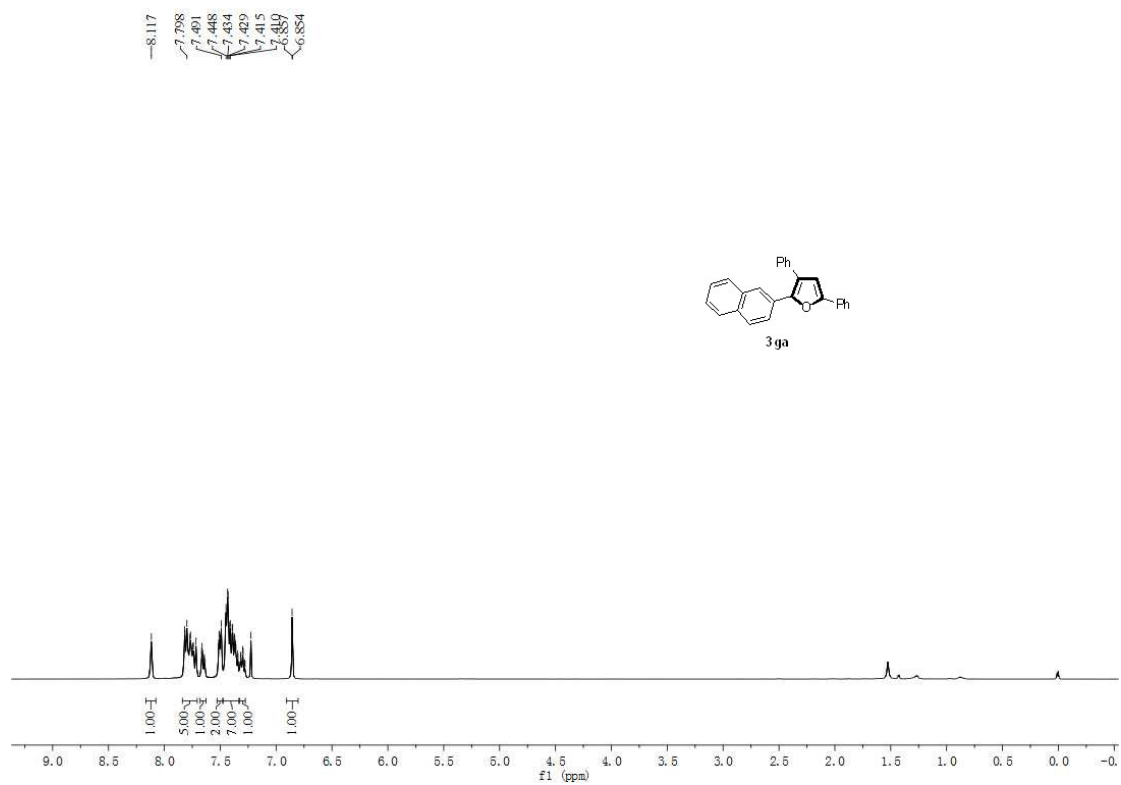
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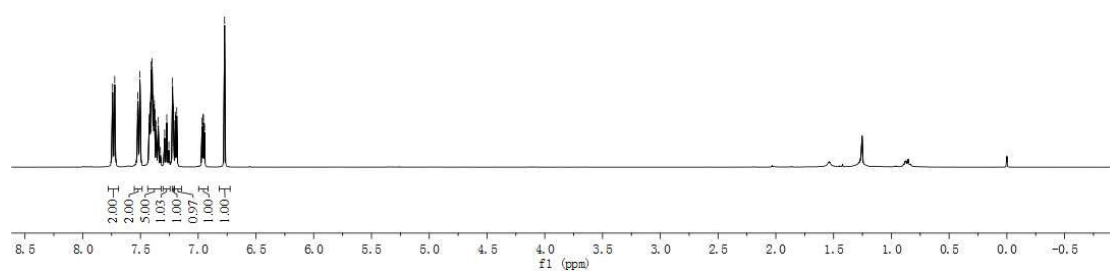
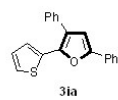




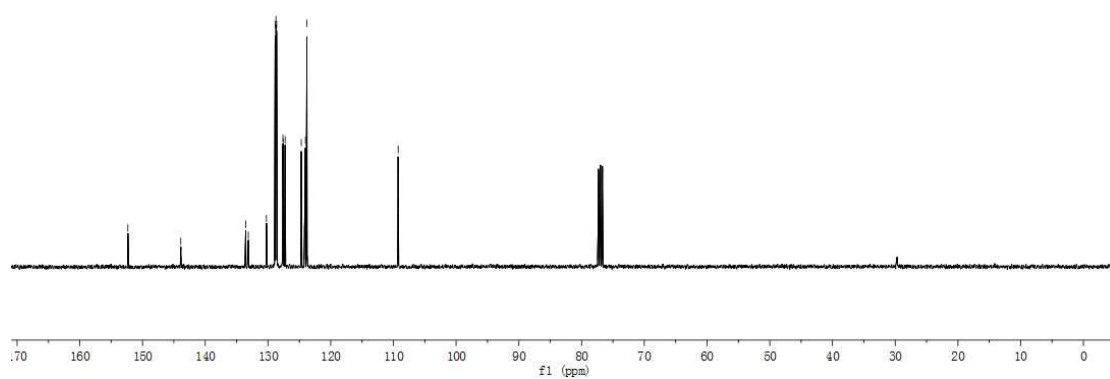
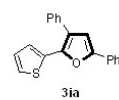


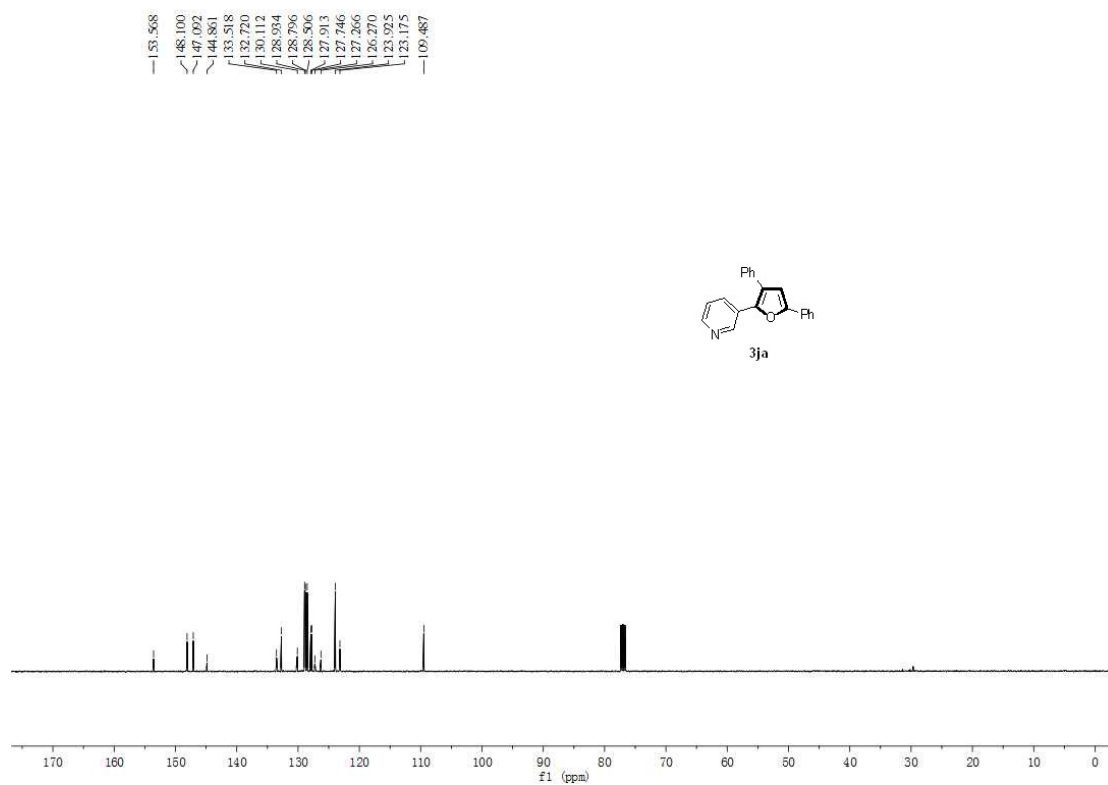
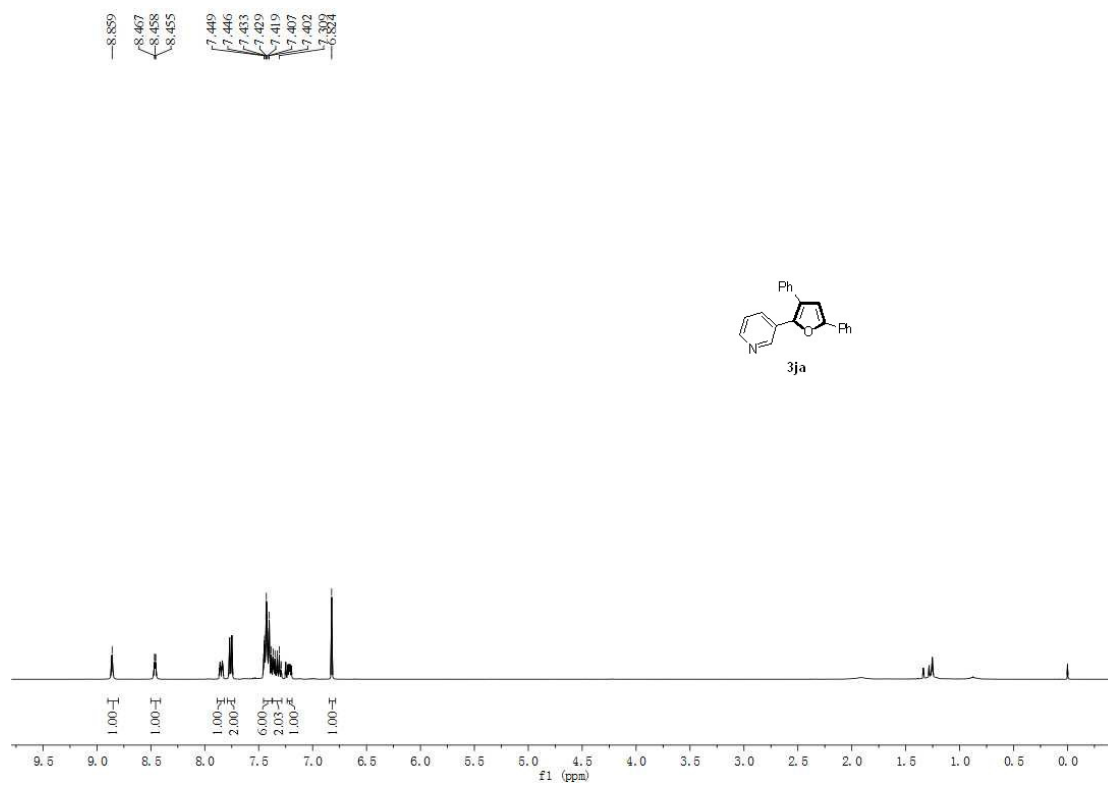


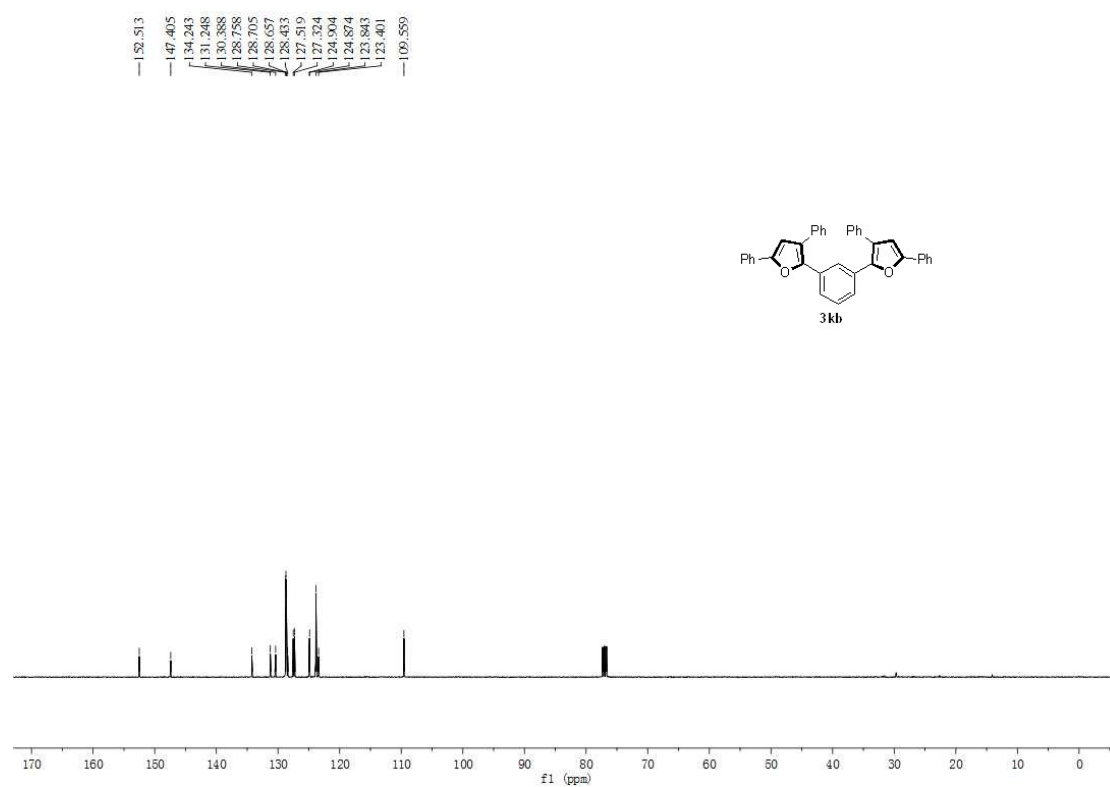
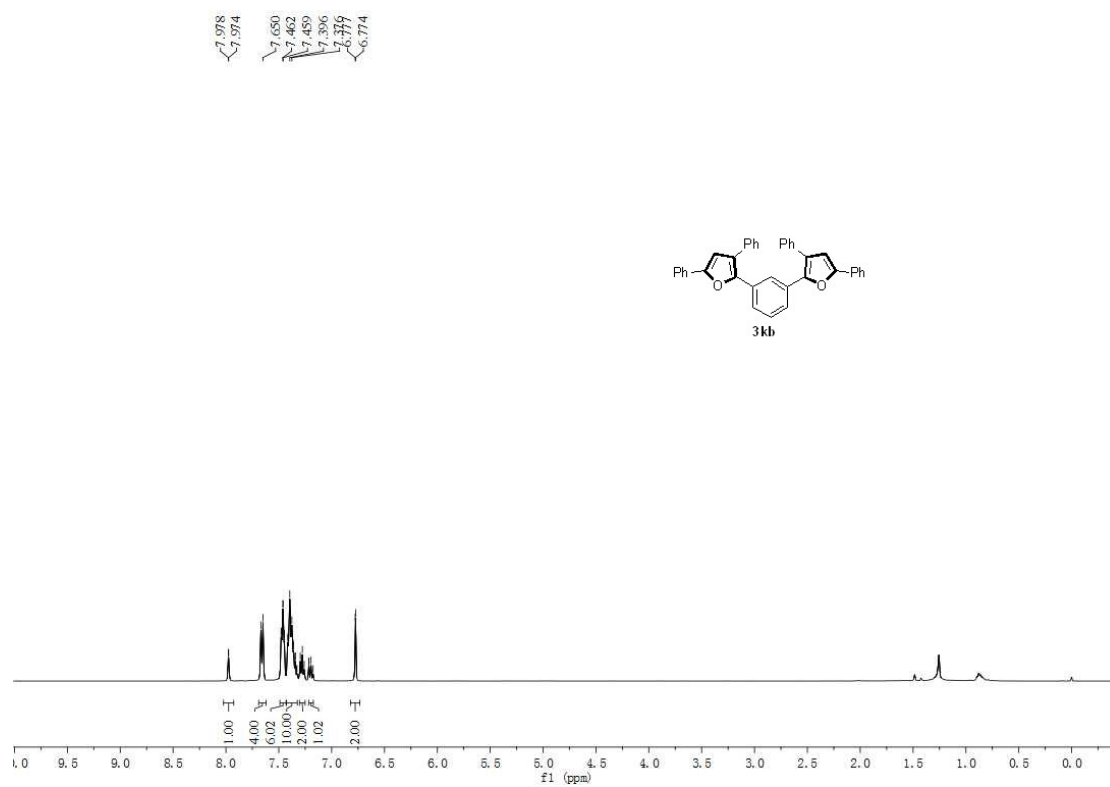
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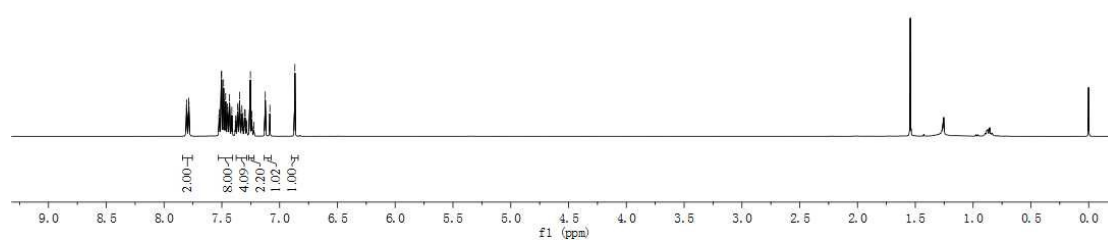
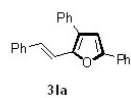
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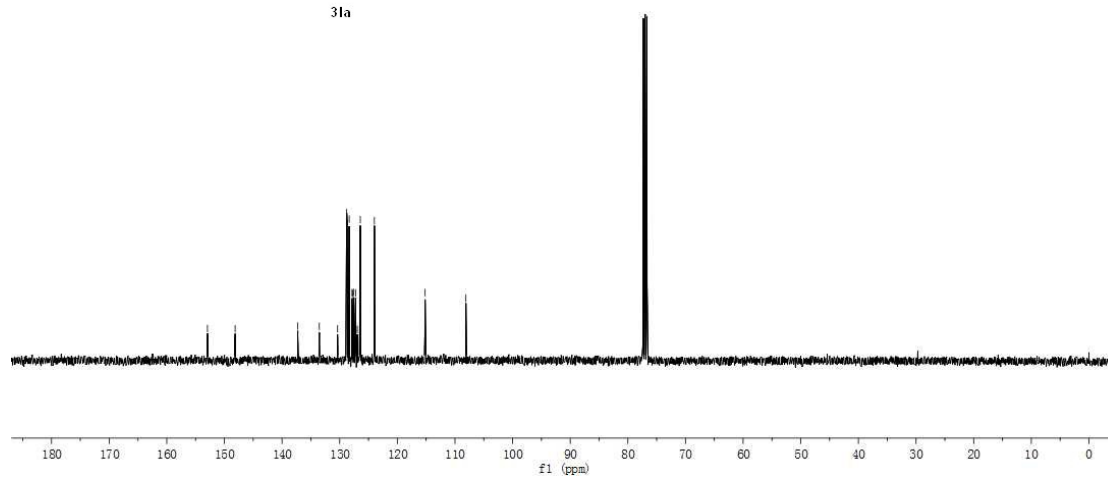
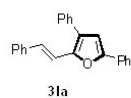


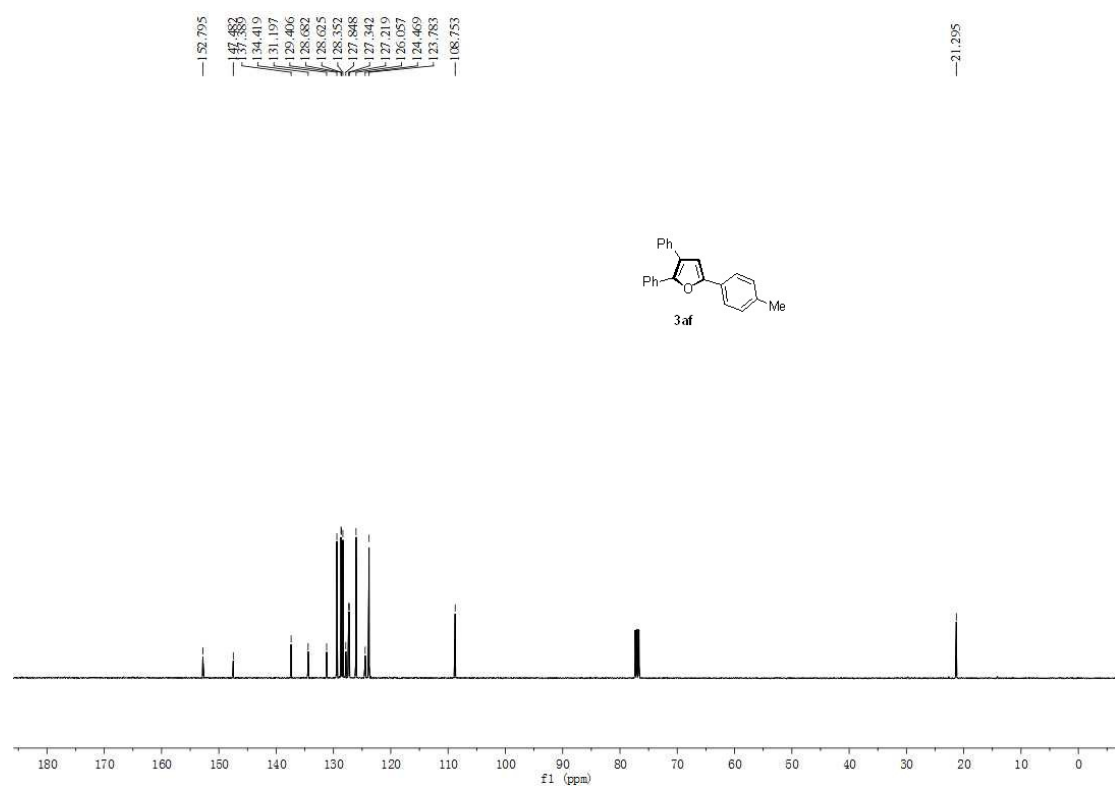
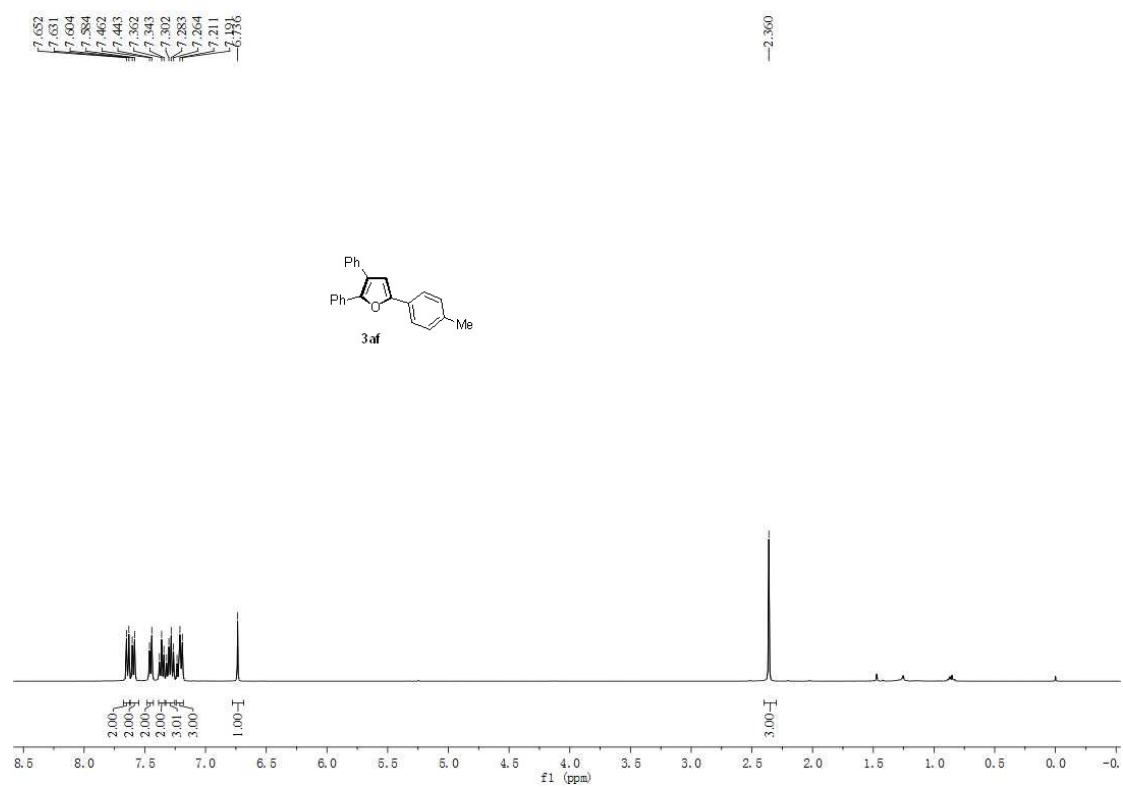


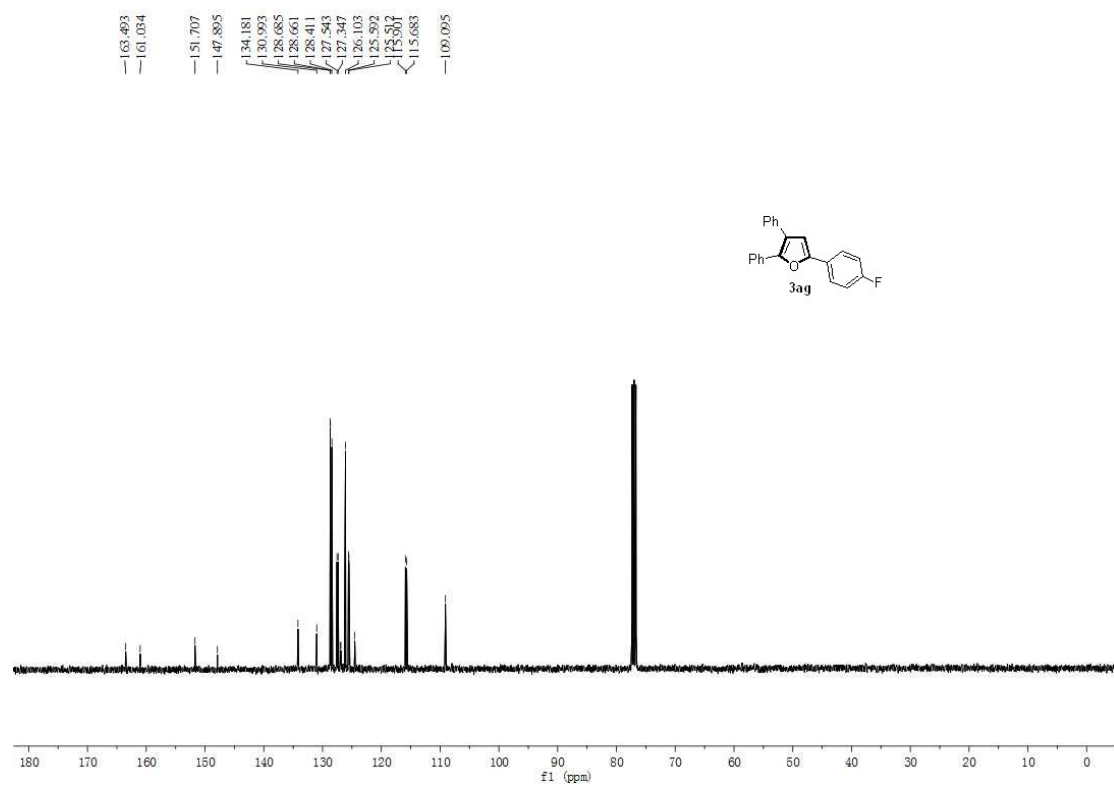
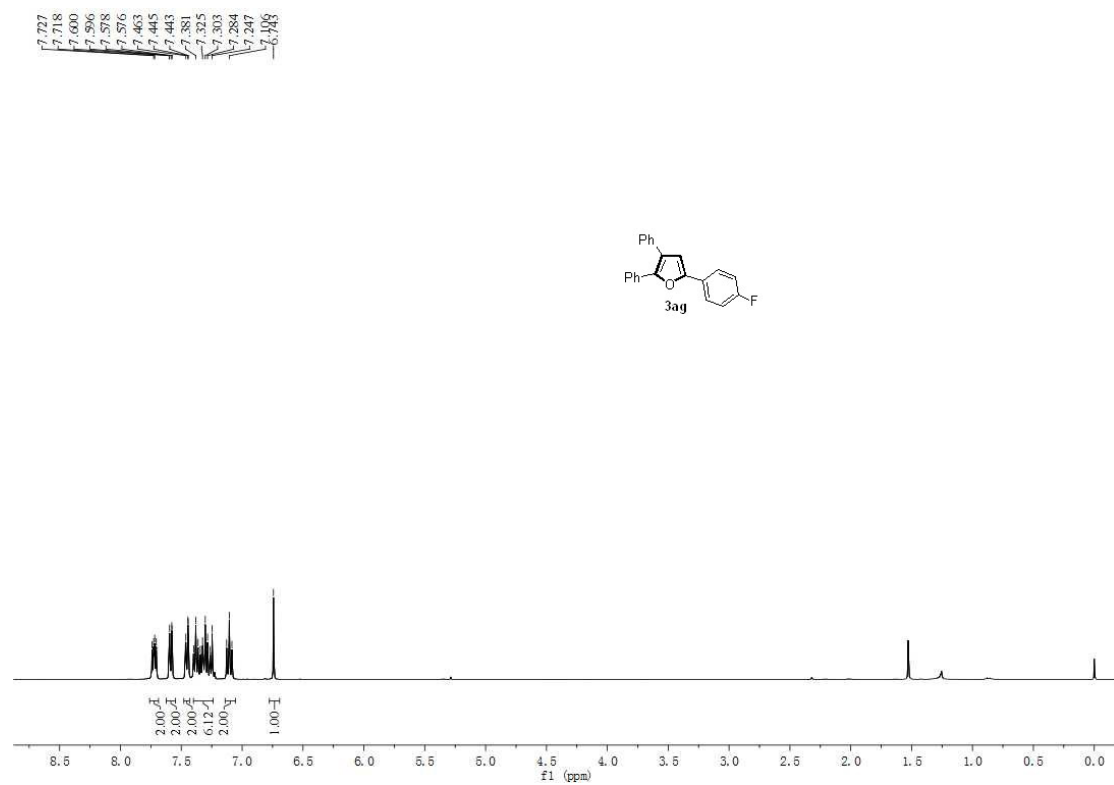
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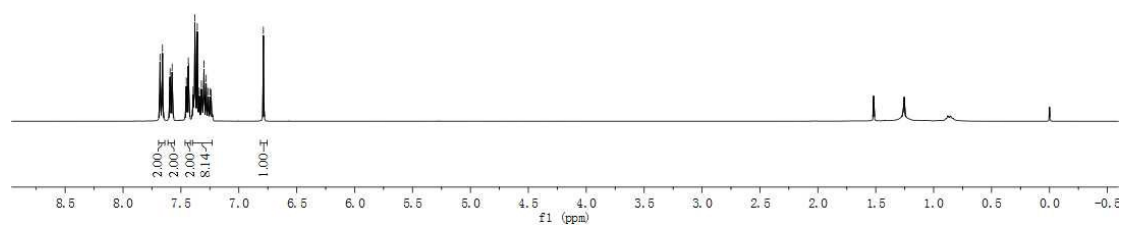
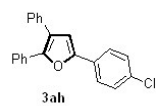
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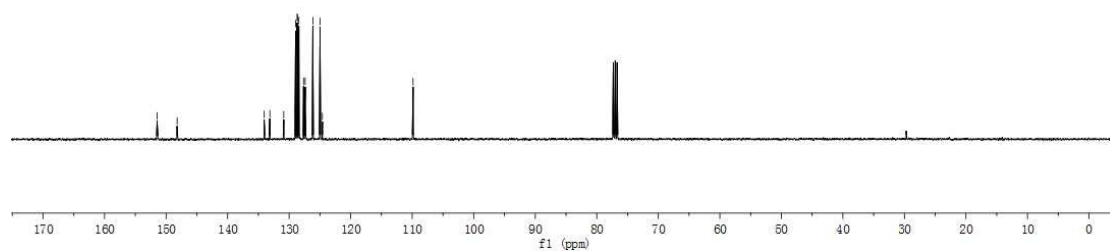
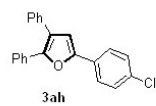


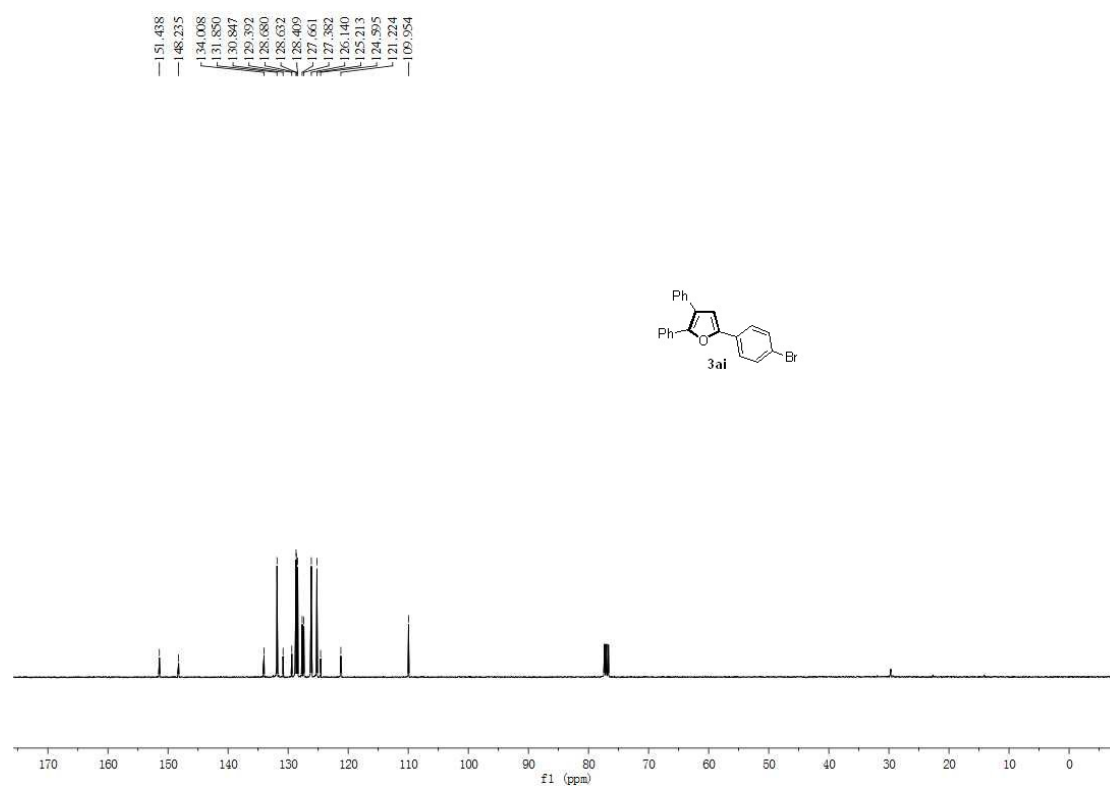
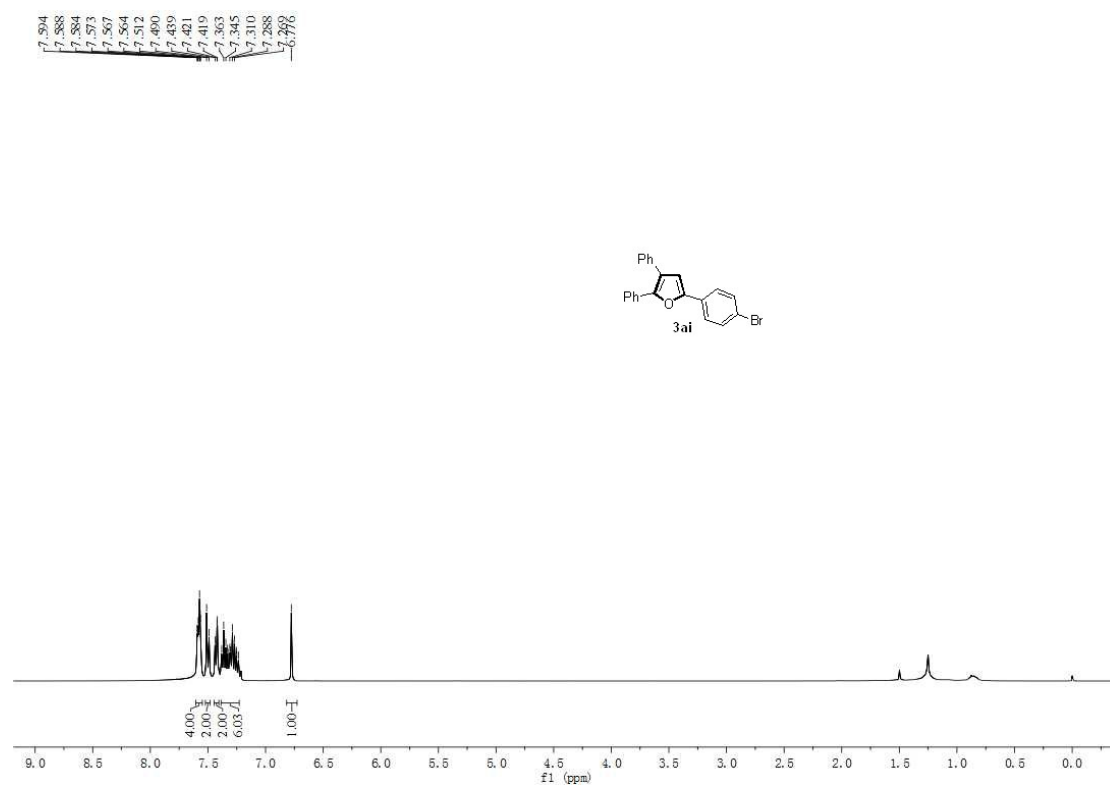


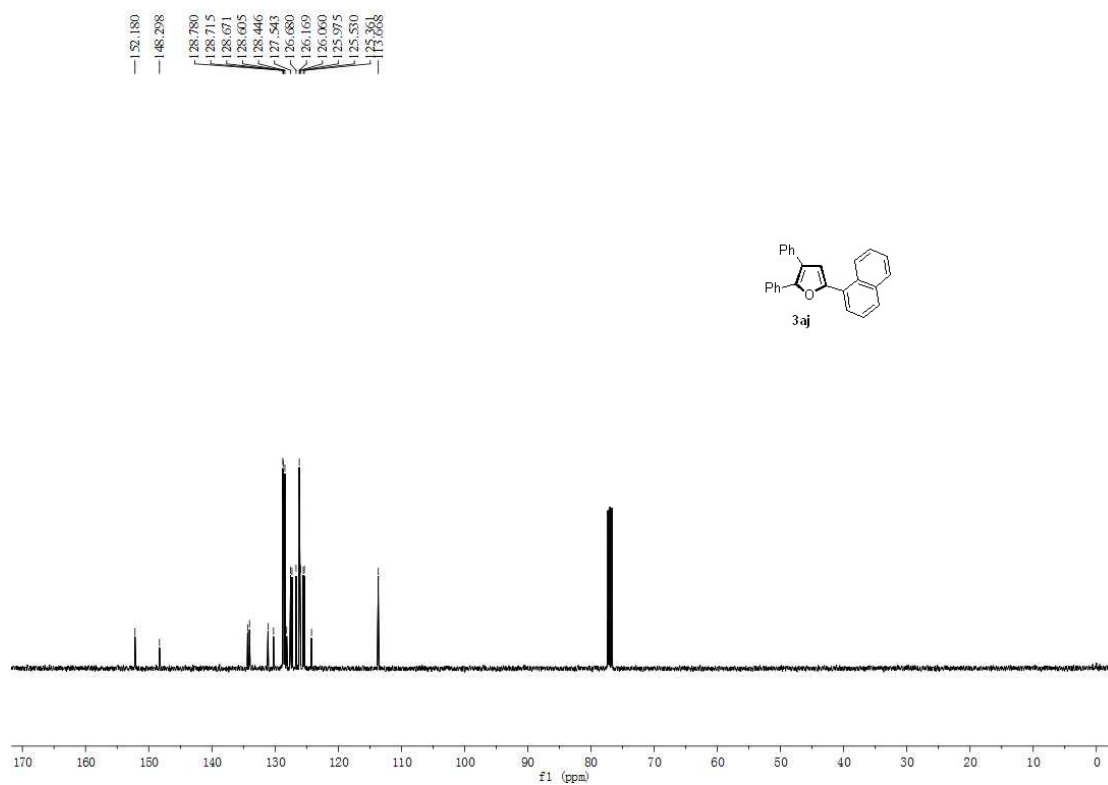
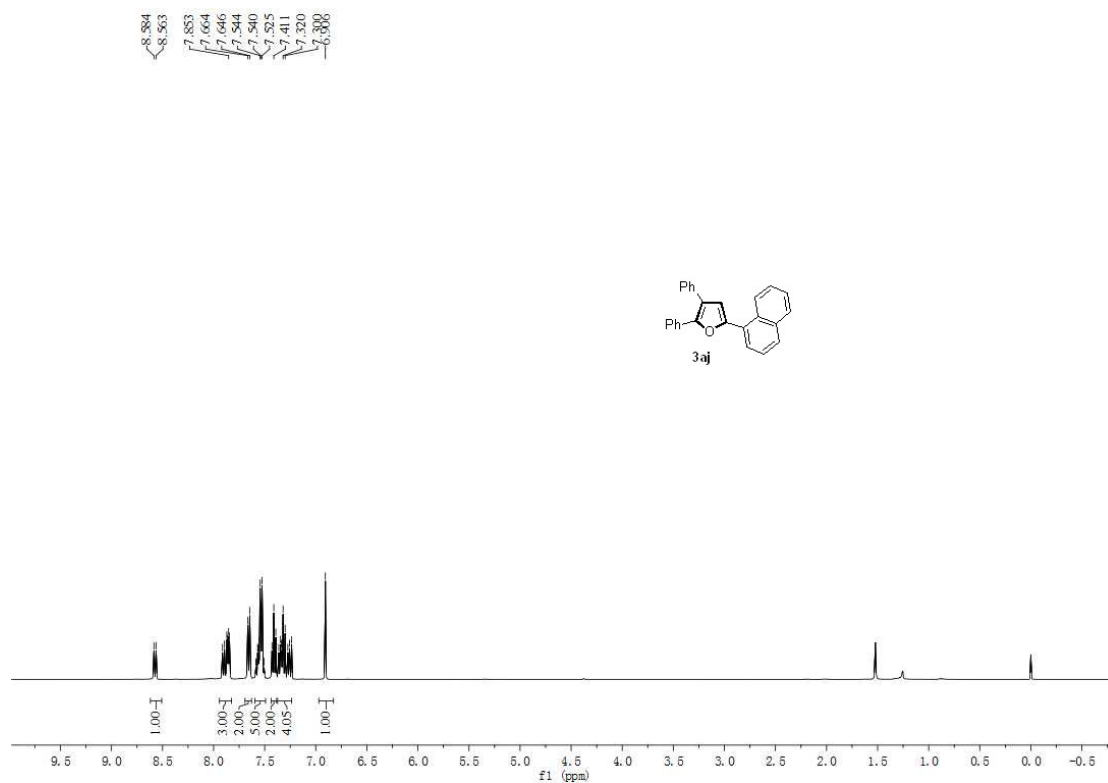
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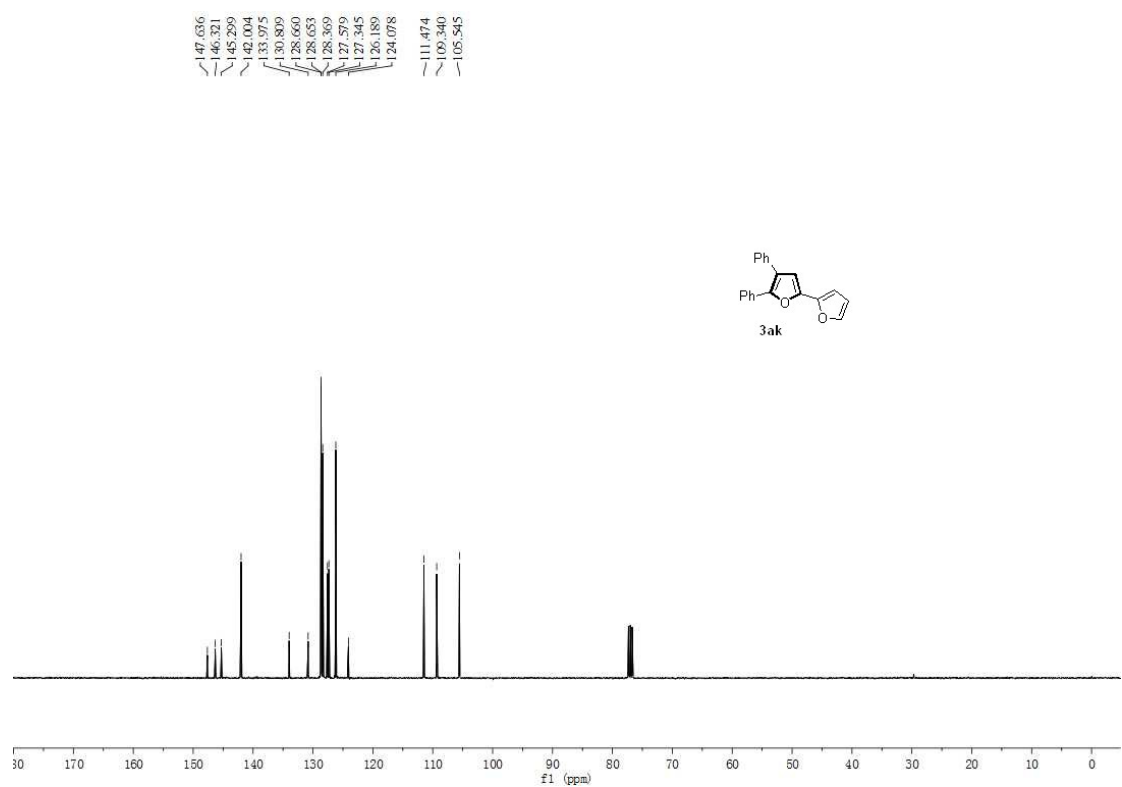
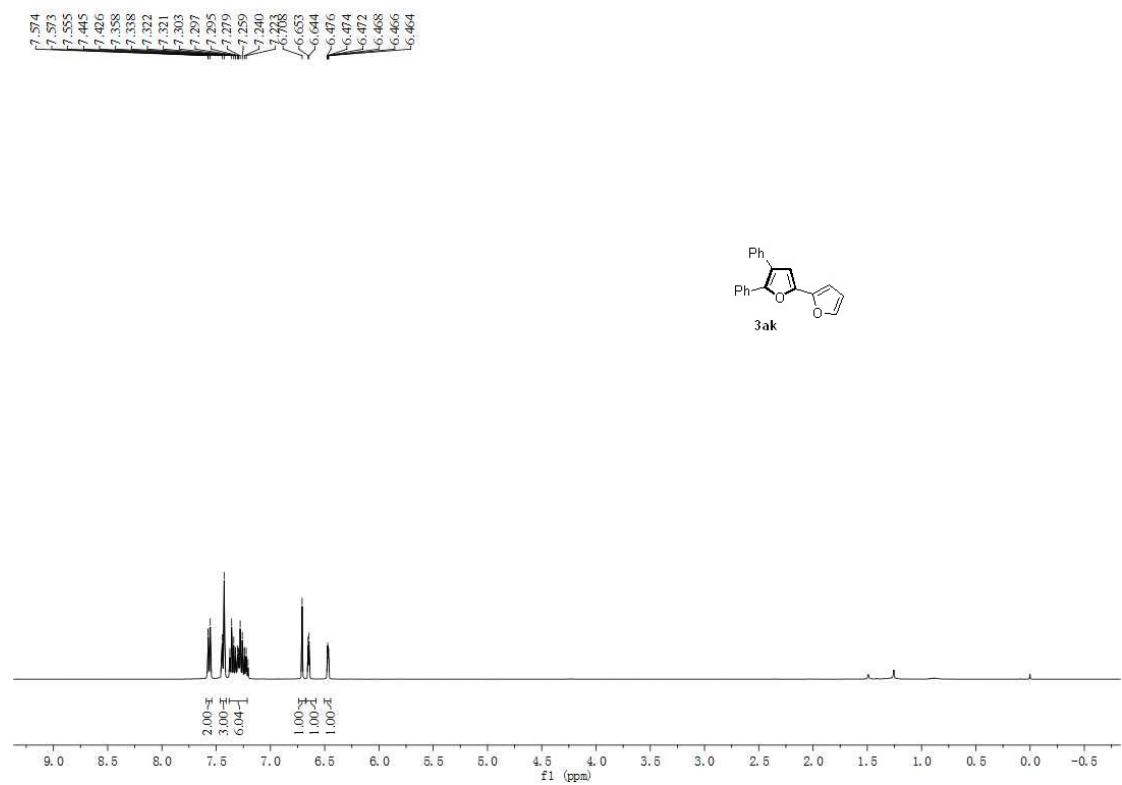


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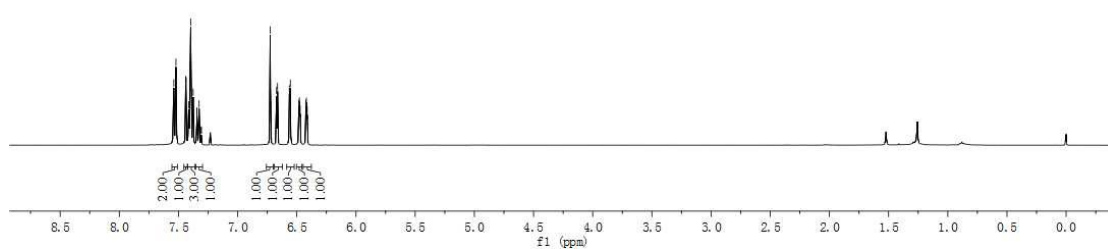
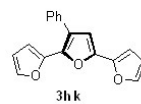




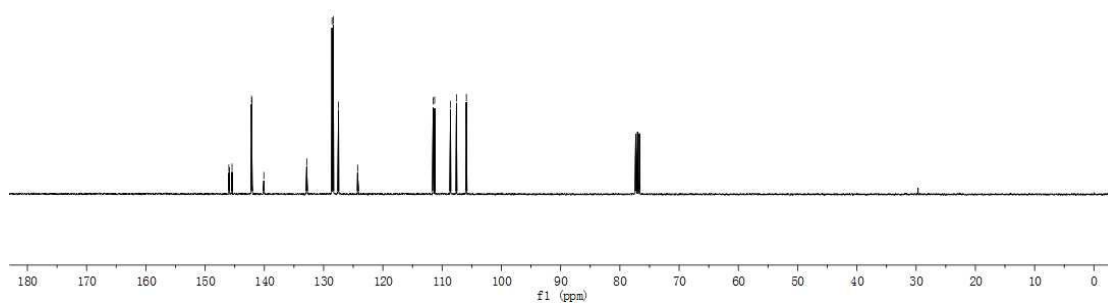
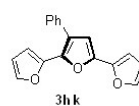


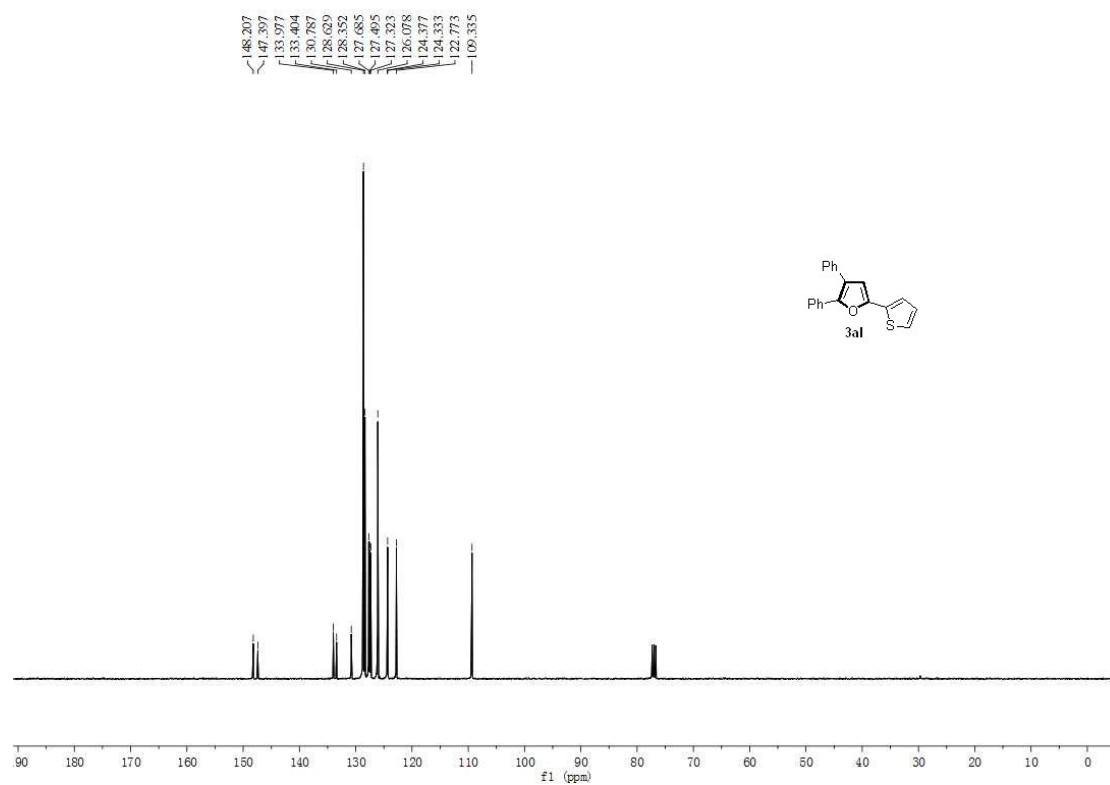
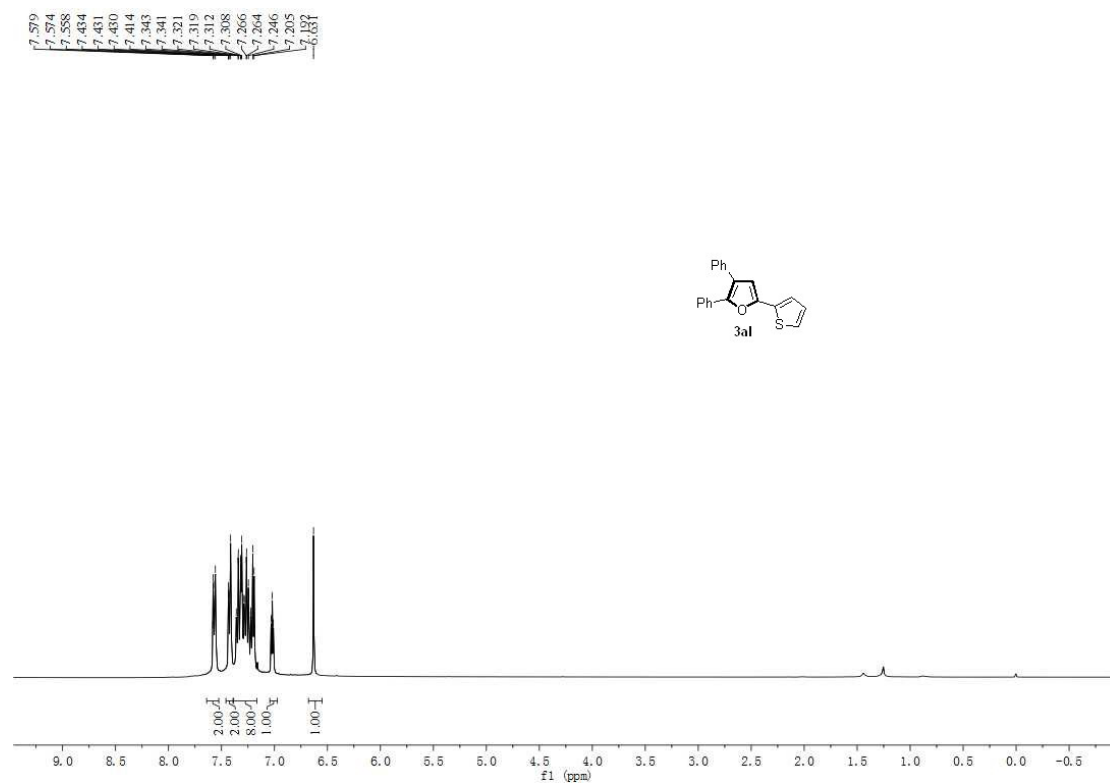


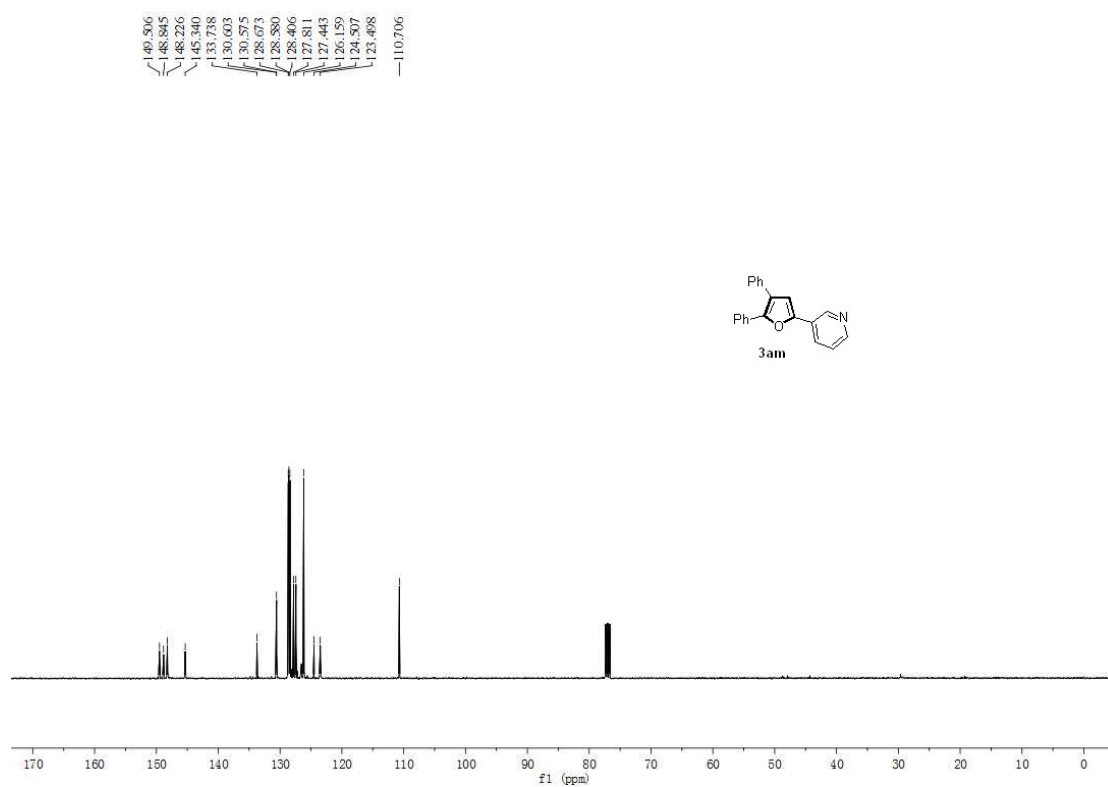
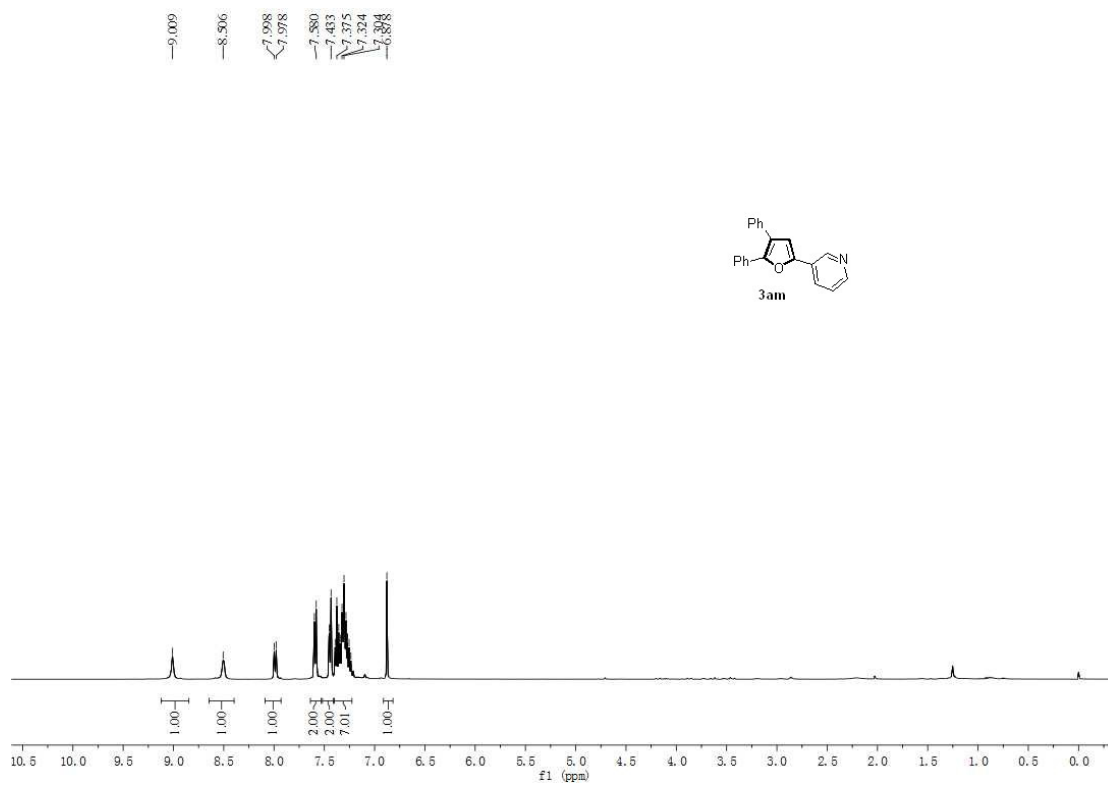
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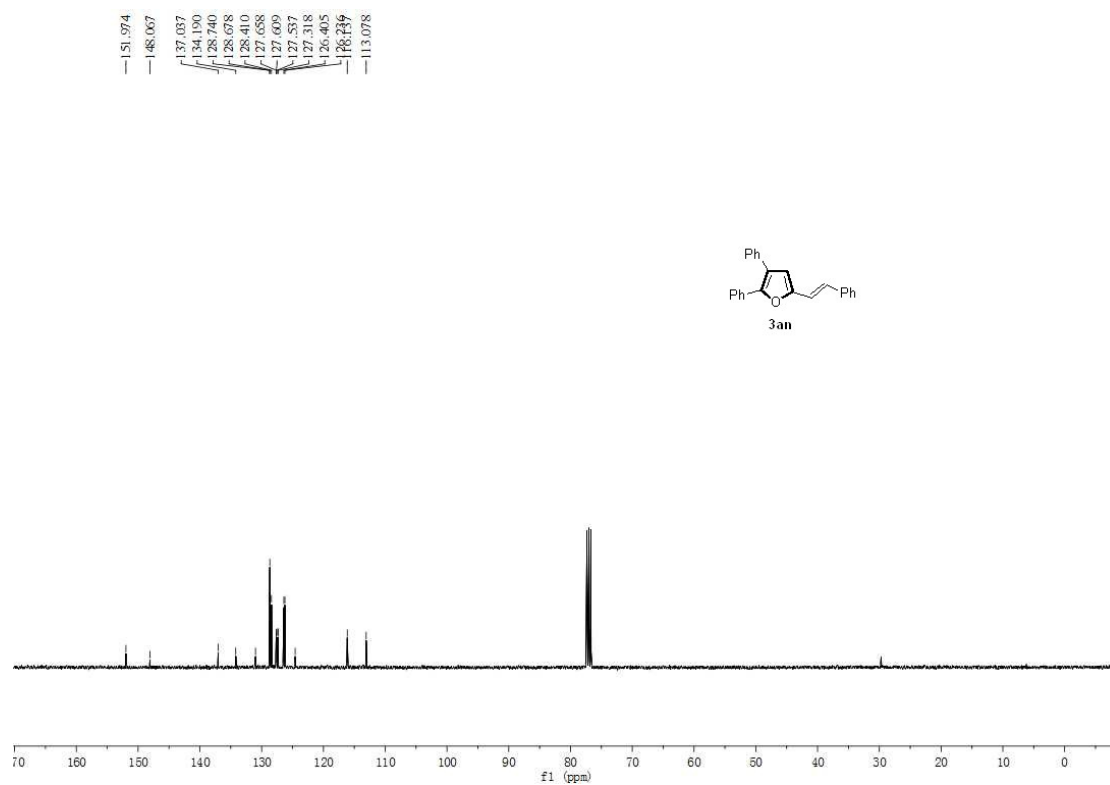
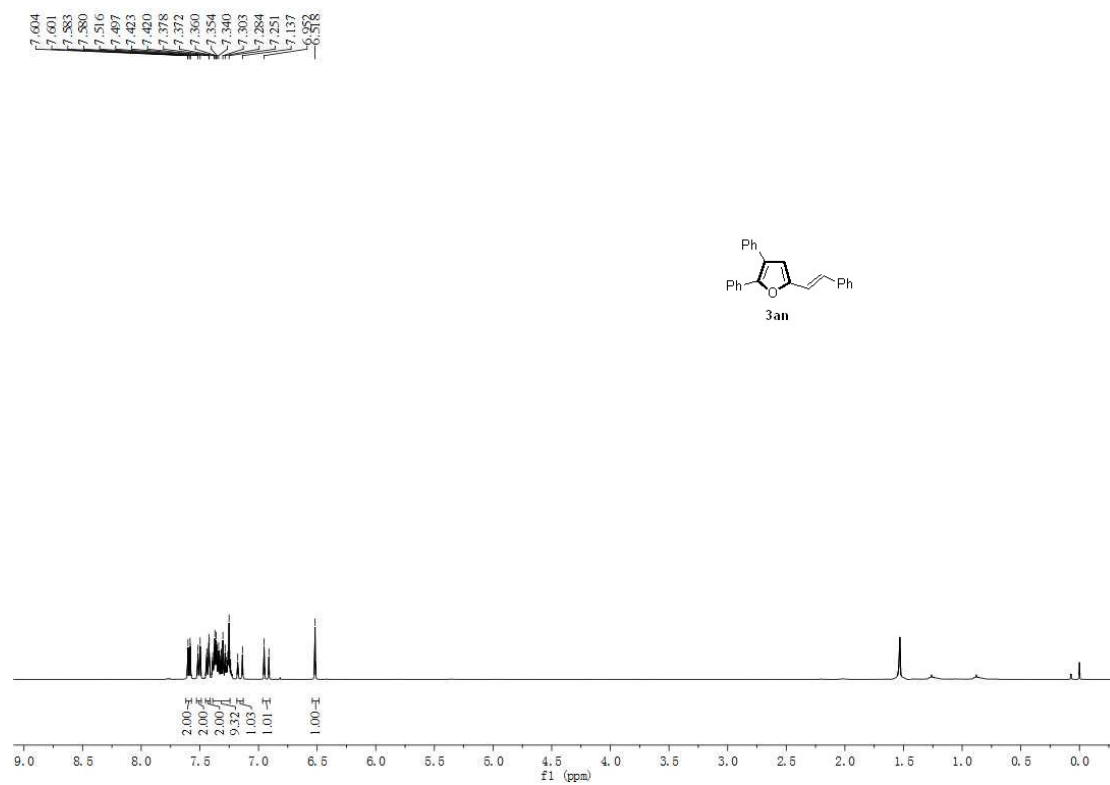


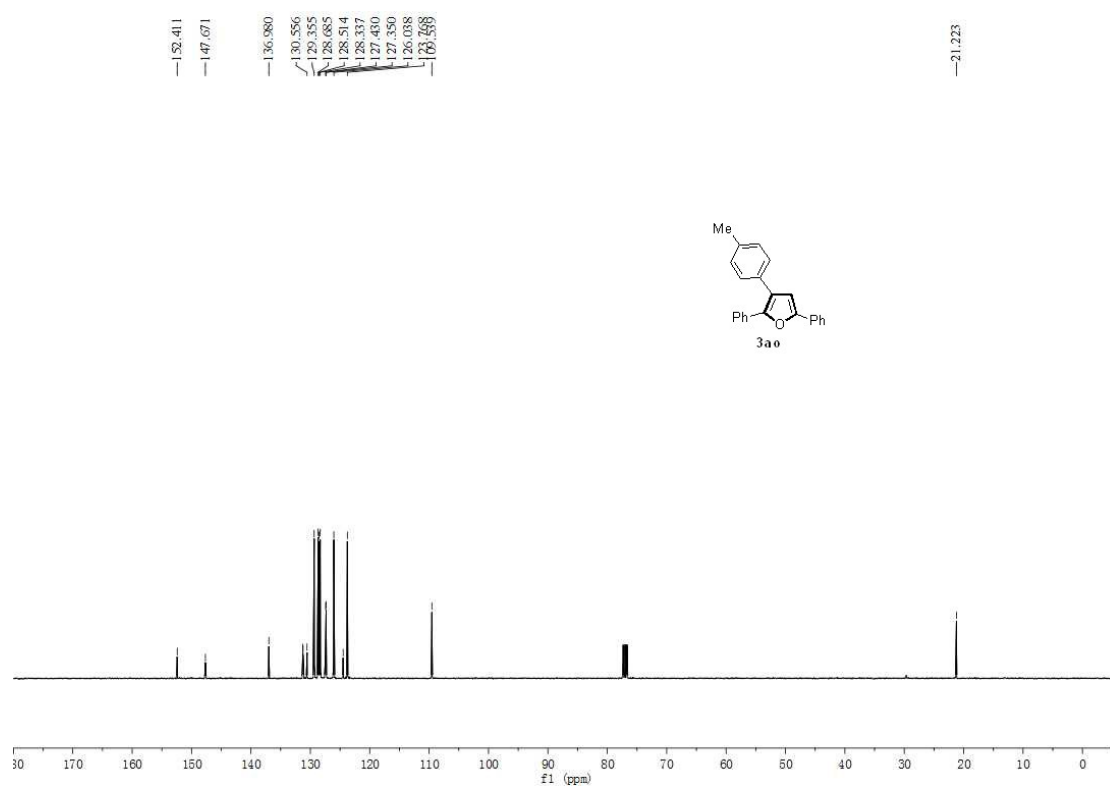
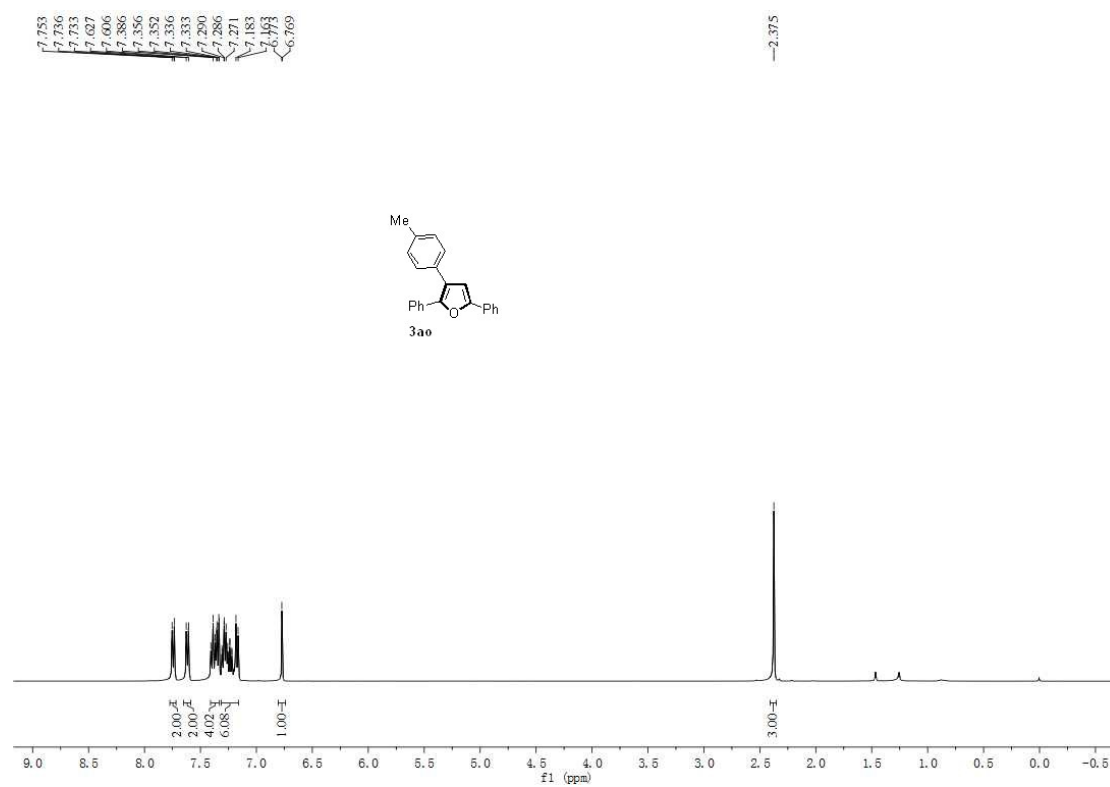
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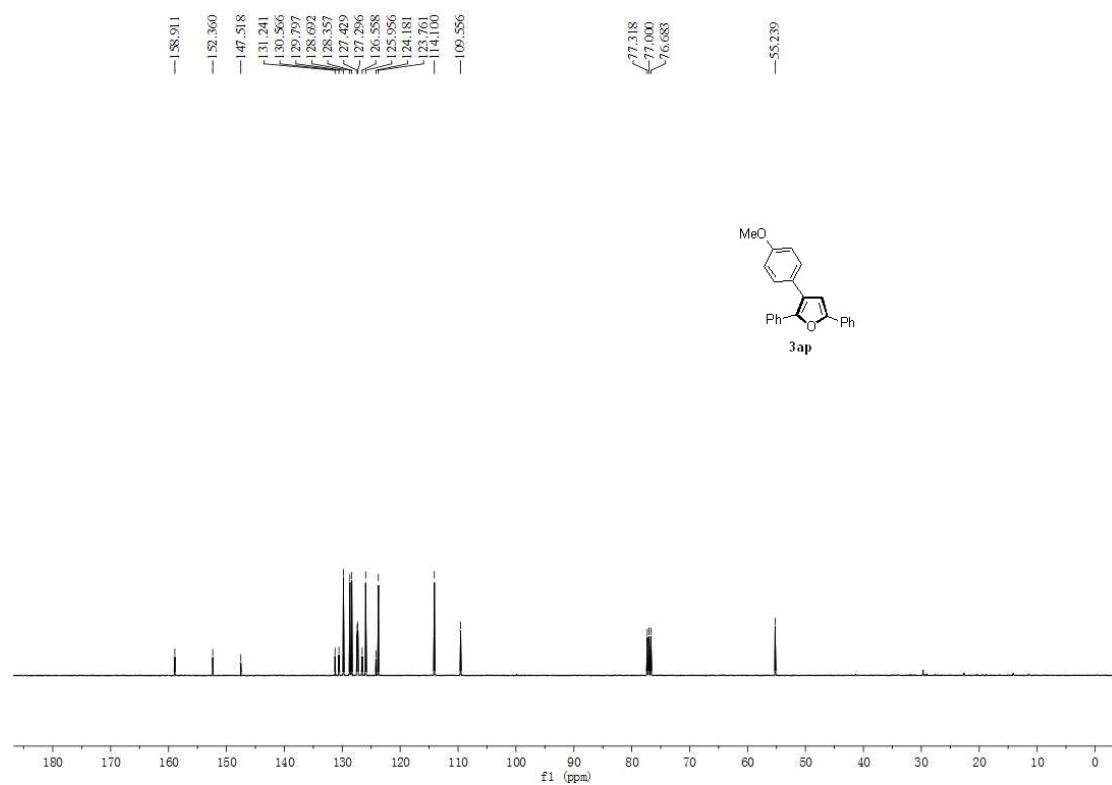
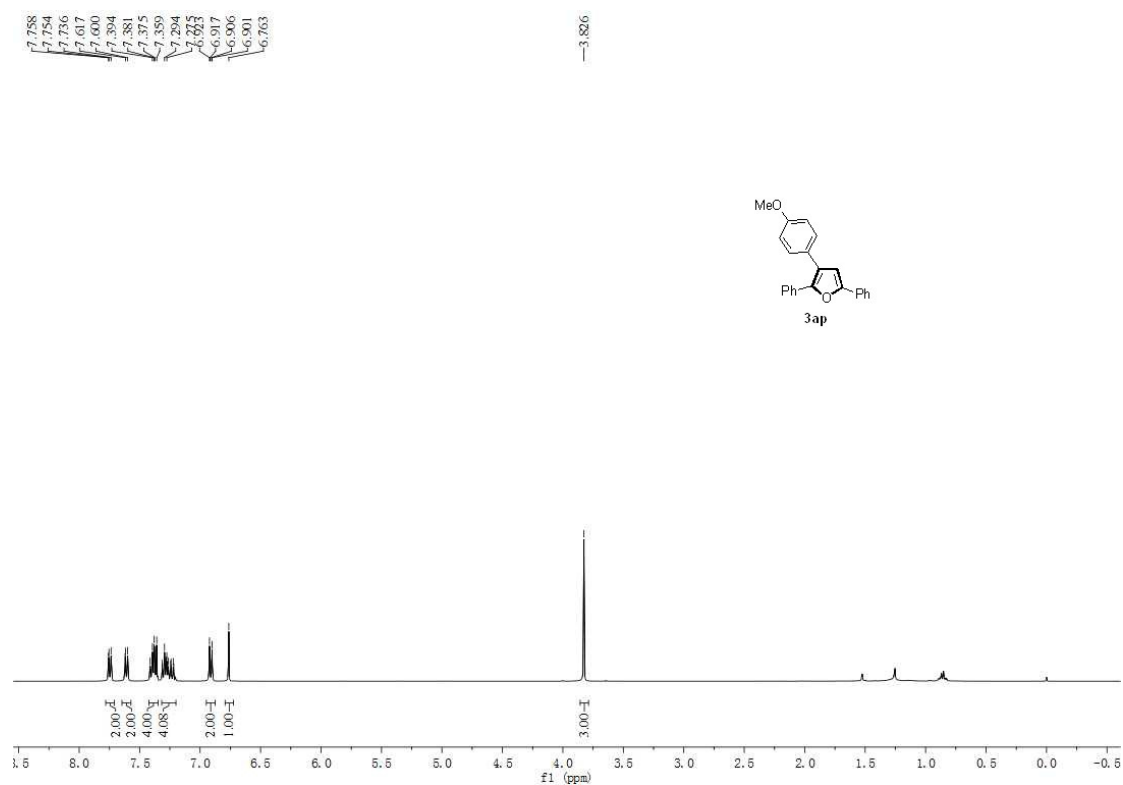


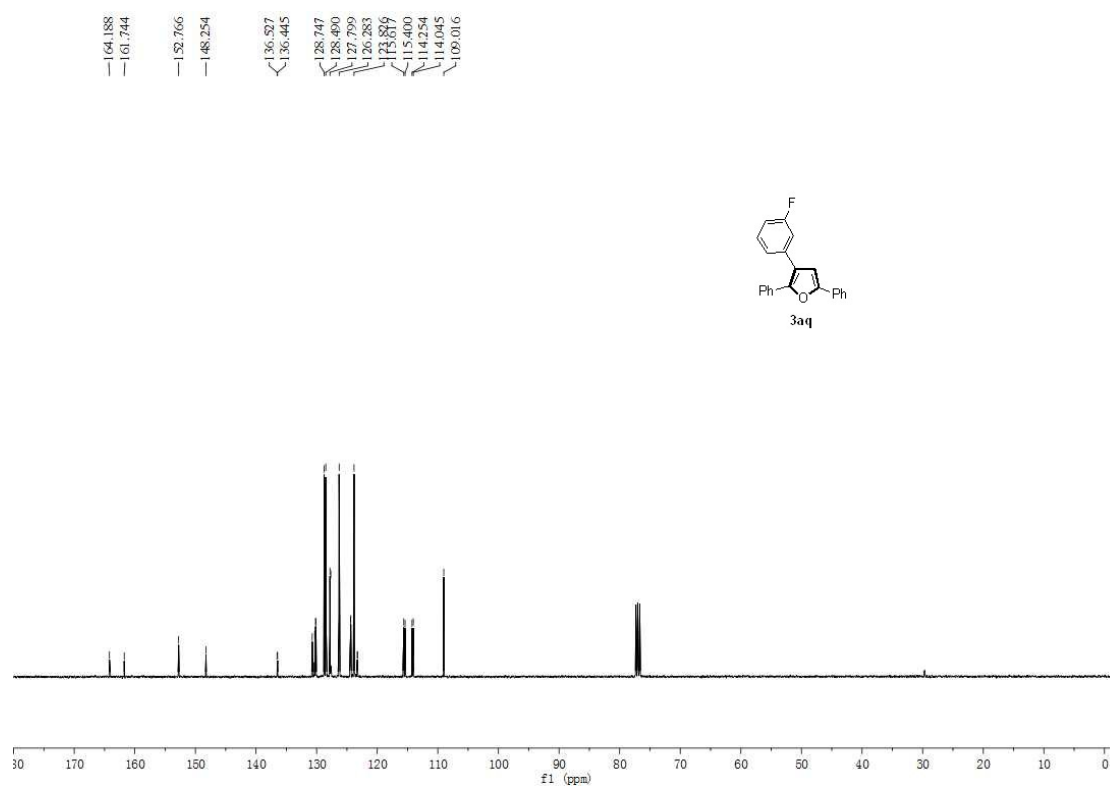
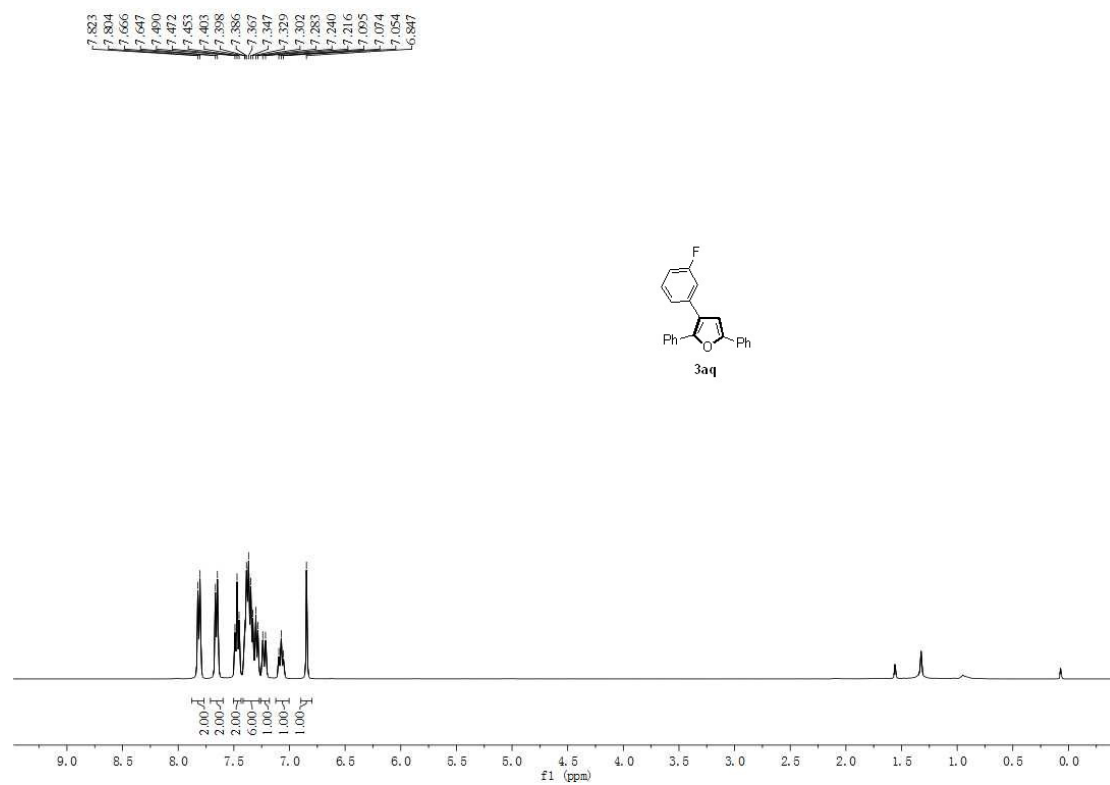


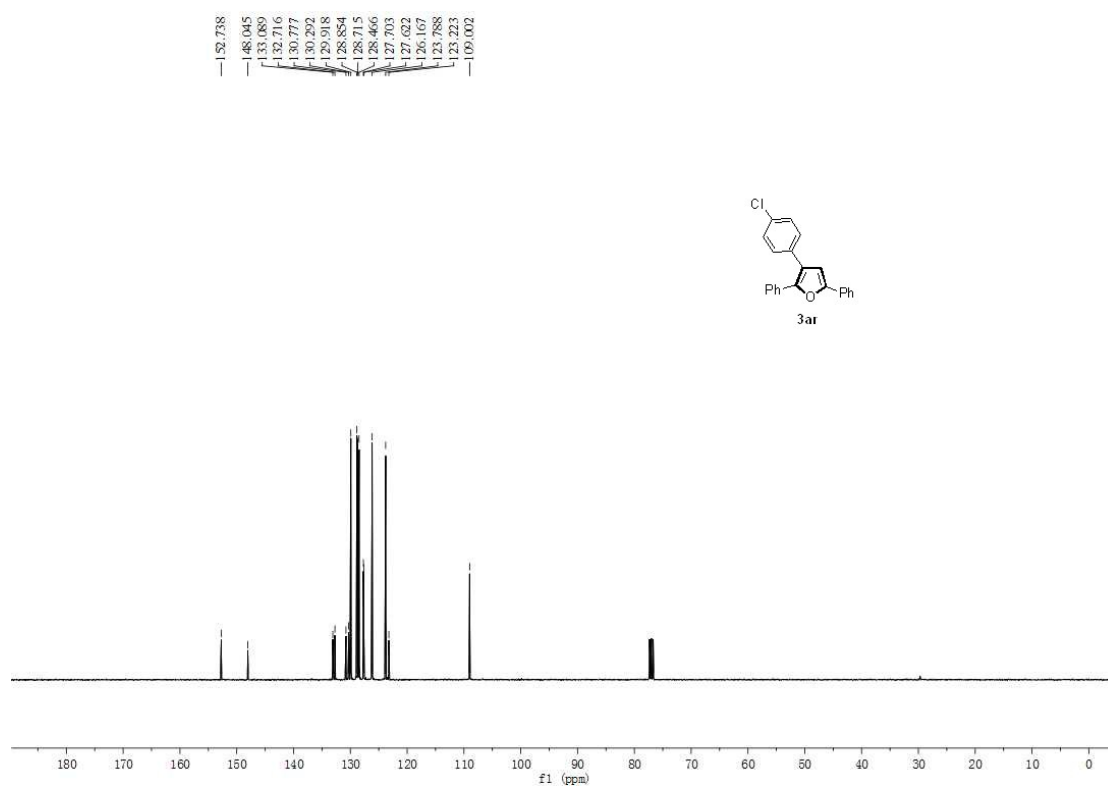
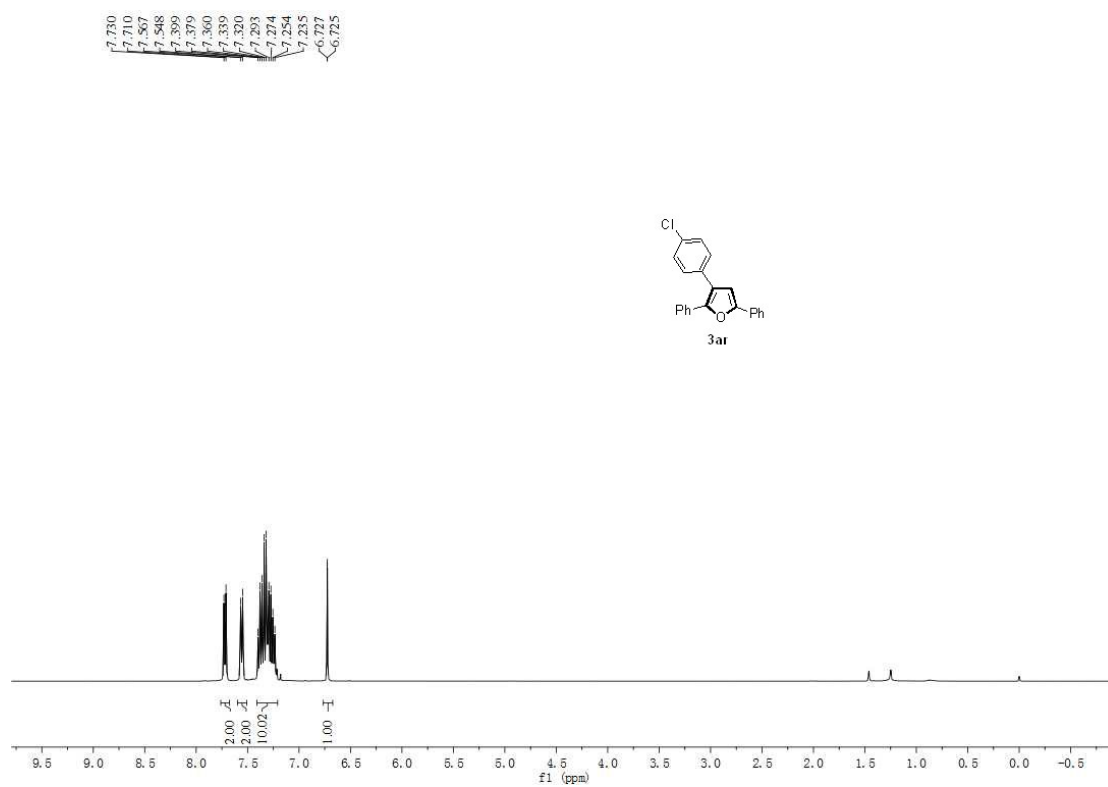


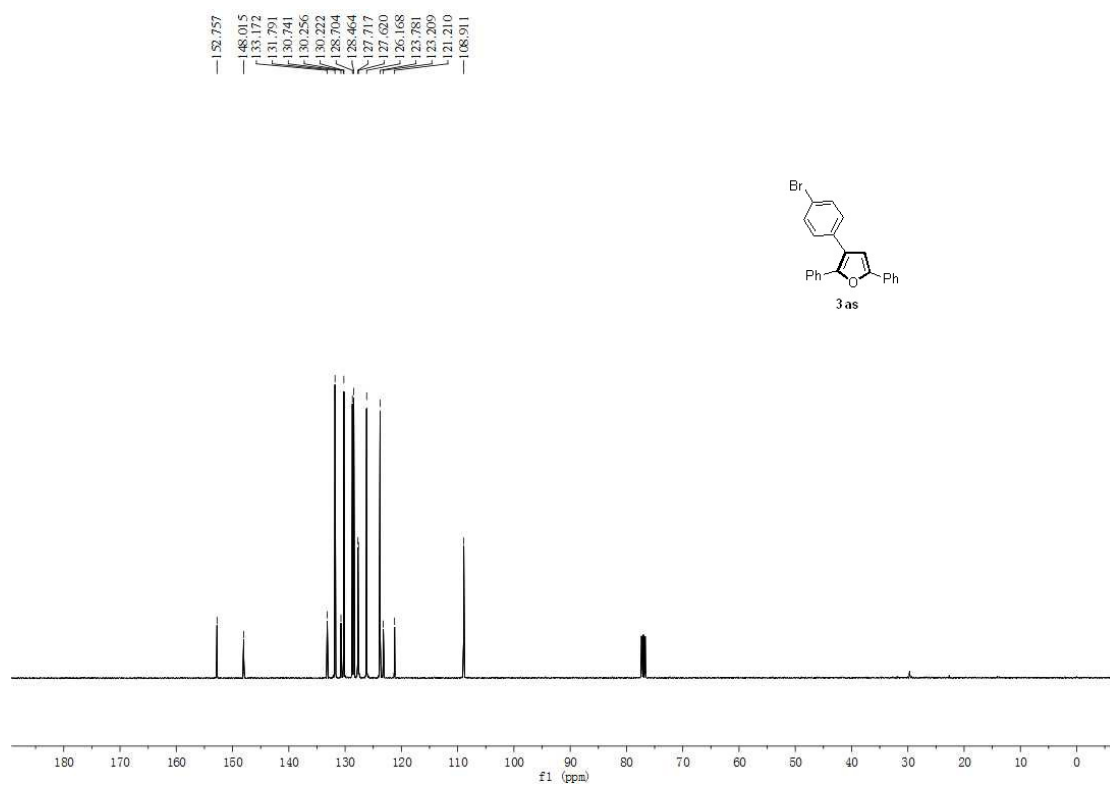
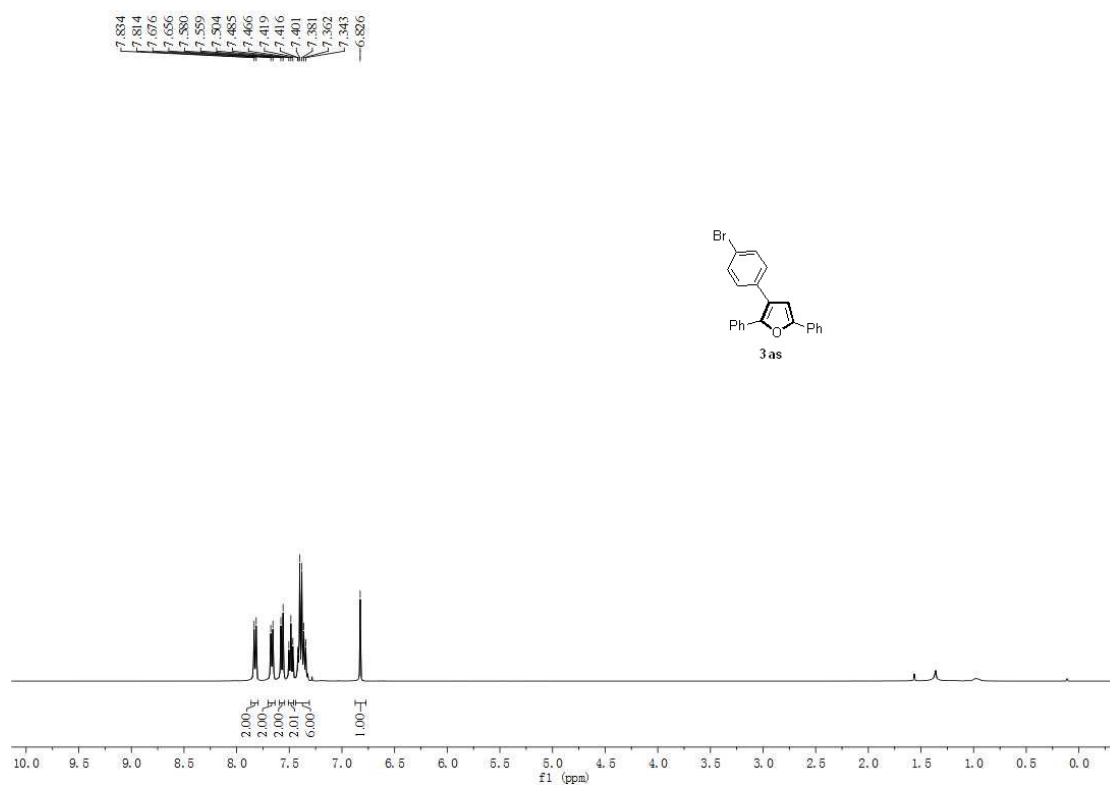




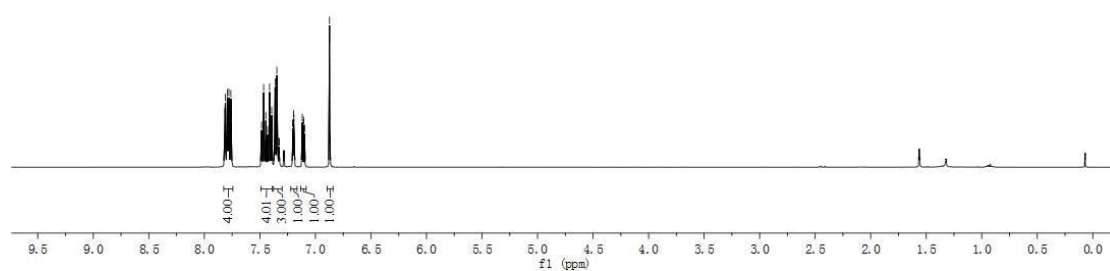
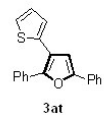








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