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Influence of D- π -A System Through Linked Unit of Double and Triple Bonds in Triarylene Bridge for Dye-Sensitised Solar Cells

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1. Experimental

4-(N-(naphthalen-1-yl)-N-phenylamino)benzaldehyde (2a)

To a solution of **1a** (3.0 g, 8.04 mmol) in THF at -78 °C was added dropwise n-BuLi (7.5 mL, 12.06 mmol, 1.6 M in hexane). The mixture was stirred for 1 h, then to it was added DMF (0.93 mL, 12.06 mmol). The reaction was stirred with a magnetic bar for 6 h, then was quenched by adding water, then was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. The product was purified by silica gel column chromatograph eluted with dichloromethane/hexane (1/1). Yellow solid of **2a** was obtained in 75% yield (1.95 g, 6.03 mmol). δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 9.80 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.89 (d, 1H, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 7.83 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 7.63 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 7.46-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.10 (t, 2H, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 6.89 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz). δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 190.3, 153.7, 146.2, 141.8, 135.2, 131.4, 130.8, 129.6, 128.6, 127.7, 127.5, 126.9, 126.4, 126.3, 124.8, 124.7, 123.6, 117.7. MS (FAB, 70 eV): m/z (relative intensity) 323 ((M+H)⁺, 100); HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₁₇NO: 323.1310, found 323.1313.

4-(bis(4-(hexyloxy)phenyl)amino)benzaldehyde (2b)

Compound **2b** was synthesized in a way similar to that of **2a**, giving a yellow solid in 78%. δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 9.76 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, 2H, $J = 8.08$ Hz), 7.13 (d, 4H, $J = 7.96$ Hz), 6.90 (d, 1H, $J = 7.96$ Hz), 6.86 (d, 2H, $J = 8.08$ Hz), 3.97 (t, 4H, $J = 6.04$ Hz), 1.79-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.37-1.49 (m, 12H), 0.93 (s, 6H). δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 190.2, 156.8, 154.0, 138.5, 131.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 116.6, 115.5, 115.4, 68.2, 31.5, 29.2, 25.7, 22.5, 14.0. MS (FAB, 70 eV): m/z (relative intensity) 473 ((M+H)⁺, 100); HRMS calcd for C₃₁H₃₉NO₃: 473.2930, found 473.2928.

(E)-4-(4-(naphthalen-1-yl(phenyl)amino)styryl)benzaldehyde (3a)

A mixture of CH₃PPh₃l (6.46 g, 15.98 mmol), and NaH (60%) (0.96 g, 23.97 mmol) was placed in a three-necked flask under a nitrogen atmosphere and was stirred at 0 °C for 1.5 h. Added **2a** (2.58 g, 7.99 mmol) to the mixture slowly by dropwise, the stirred at 40 °C for 0.5 h. After cooling, the reaction was quenched by adding water, and was extracted with methylene chloride. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated under vacuum. The product was purified by silica gel column chromatograph eluted with hexane to obtain the white solid intermediate. A mixture of the white solid intermediate, Pd(OAc)₂ (71 mg, 0.32 mmol), tri(o-tolyl)phosphine (192 mg, 0.64 mmol), and 4-bromobenzaldehyde (1.55 g, 8.37 mmol) in 15 mL dry triethylamine and 10 mL dry THF was placed in a three-necked flask under a nitrogen atmosphere and was stirred at 70 °C for 16 h. After cooling, the reaction was quenched by adding NaNH₄, and was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated under vacuum. The product was purified by silica gel column chromatograph eluted with EA/hexane (1/11). Orange solid of **3a** was obtained in 87% yield (2.95 g, 6.95 mmol). δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 9.99 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz),

7.86 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.82 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.62 (d, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.47-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 6.98-7.04 (m, 4H). δ_C (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 191.5, 148.8, 147.7, 143.9, 143.0, 135.3, 134.9, 131.8, 131.1, 130.2, 129.4, 129.2, 128.4, 127.8, 127.3, 126.8, 126.5, 126.3, 126.2, 124.9, 124.0, 122.8, 122.6, 120.7. MS (FAB, 70 eV): m/z (relative intensity) 425 (M^+ , 100); HRMS calcd for $C_{31}H_{23}NO$: 425.1774, found 425.4765.

(E)-4-(4-(bis(4-(hexyloxy)phenyl)amino)styryl)benzaldehyde (**3b**)

Compound **3b** was synthesized in a way similar to that of **3a**, giving an orange liquid in 87%. δ_H (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 9.96 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.62 (d, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.36 (d, 2H, $J = 8.72$ Hz), 7.20 (d, 1H, $J = 16.24$ Hz), 7.08 (d, 4H, $J = 8.88$ Hz), 6.97 (d, 1H, $J = 16.2$ Hz), 6.92 (d, 2H, $J = 8.64$ Hz), 6.85 (d, 4H, $J = 8.88$ Hz), 3.96 (t, 4H, $J = 6.52$ Hz), 1.76-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.47-1.50 (m, 4H), 1.35-1.39 (m, 8H), 0.93 (t, 6H, $J = 7.04$ Hz). δ_C (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 191.5, 155.8, 149.2, 144.2, 140.2, 134.8, 132.1, 130.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127, 126.5, 124.2, 119.7, 115.4, 68.3, 31.6, 29.4, 25.8, 22.6, 14.1. MS (FAB, 70 eV): m/z (relative intensity) 575 (M^+ , 100); HRMS calcd for $C_{39}H_{45}O_3N$: 575.3399, found 575.3399.

5-((*E*)-4-((*E*)-4-(naphthalen-1-yl(phenyl)amino)styryl)styryl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (**4a**)

Compound **4a** was synthesized in a way similar to that of **3a**, giving a red solid in 80%. δ_H (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 9.83 (s, 1H), 7.89 (t, 2H, $J = 9.6$ Hz), 7.77 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.63 (d, 1H, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 7.31-7.45 (m, 10H), 7.03-7.24 (m, 8H), 6.88-6.96 (m, 4H). δ_C (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 182.4, 152.6, 148.2, 147.9, 143.1, 141.4, 138.4, 137.1, 135.3, 134.6, 132.6, 131.1, 130.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 127.4, 127.2, 126.6, 126.4, 126.3, 126.1, 125.7, 124.7, 124.1, 122.5, 122.3, 121.1, 120.2, 117.7. MS (FAB, 70 eV): m/z (relative intensity) 533 (M^+ , 100); HRMS calcd for $C_{37}H_{27}NOS$: 533.1808, found 533.1807.

5-((*E*)-4-((*E*)-4-(bis(4-(hexyloxy)phenyl)amino)styryl)styryl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (**4b**)

Compound **4b** was synthesized in a way similar to that of **3a**, giving an orange solid in 85%. δ_H (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 9.88 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, 1H, $J = 3.92$ Hz), 7.53 (s, 4H), 7.37 (d, 2H, $J = 8.72$ Hz), 7.29 (d, 1H, $J = 16.12$ Hz), 7.18-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, 1H, $J = 16.32$ Hz), 7.08 (d, 4H, $J = 8.84$ Hz), 6.98 (d, 1H, $J = 16.32$ Hz), 6.88-6.91 (m, 6H), 3.97 (t, 4H, $J = 6.44$ Hz), 1.77-1.84 (m, 4H), 1.47-1.53 (m, 4H), 1.36-1.41 (m, 8H), 0.95 (t, 6H, $J = 6.92$ Hz). δ_C (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 182.4, 155.8, 152.3, 148.7, 141.5, 140.2, 138.5, 137.3, 134.6, 132.4, 129.0, 128.8, 127.2, 126.8, 126.6, 126.5, 124.8, 120.2, 119.7, 115.2, 68.3, 31.5, 29.2, 25.7, 22.6, 13.7. MS (FAB, 70 eV): m/z (relative intensity) 683 (M^+ , 100); HRMS calcd for $C_{45}H_{49}NO_3S$: 683.3433, found 683.3436.

4-((*E*)-4-((*E*)-4-(naphthalen-1-yl(phenyl)amino)styryl)styryl)benzaldehyde (**5a**)

Compound **5a** was synthesized in a way similar to that of **3a**, giving a red solid in 85%. δ_H (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 10.01 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, 1H, $J = 8.52$ Hz), 7.92 (d, 1H, $J = 8.36$ Hz), 7.89 (d, 2H, $J = 8.16$ Hz), 7.81 (d, 1H, $J = 8.24$ Hz), 7.67 (d, 1H, $J = 8.12$ Hz), 7.47-7.54 (m, 6H), 7.36-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.08-7.12 (m, 3H), 6.95-7.01 (m, 4H). δ_C (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 191.5, 148.2, 147.9, 143.5, 143.2, 138.0, 135.4, 135.3, 135.2, 131.8, 131.2, 130.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.4, 127.2, 126.8, 126.6,

126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 125.8, 124.7, 122.5, 122.2, 121.2. MS (ESI, 70 eV): m/z (relative intensity) 527 (M⁺, 100); HRMS calcd for C₃₉H₂₉NO: 527.2249, found 527.2252.

4-((E)-4-((E)-4-(bis(4-(hexyloxy)phenyl)amino)styryl)styryl)benzaldehyde (**5b**)

Compound **5b** was synthesized in a way similar to that of **3a**, giving a orange solid in 83%. δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 10.01 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.88 Hz), 7.66 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.84 Hz), 7.51 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.88 Hz), 7.36 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.24 Hz), 7.27 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.84 Hz), 7.14 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.72 Hz), 7.09 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.44 Hz), 6.86-6.98 (m, 7H), 3.97 (t, 4H, *J* = 6.28 Hz), 1.78-1.83 (m, 4H), 1.47-1.51 (m, 4H), 1.36-1.41 (m, 8H), 0.96 (t, 6H, *J* = 6.24 Hz). δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 191.5, 155.6, 148.6, 143.5, 140.4, 138.2, 135.2, 131.9, 130.2, 129.1, 129.0, 127.4, 127.3, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 126.5, 125.1, 120.1, 115.3, 68.2, 31.6, 29.3, 25.8, 22.6, 14.1. MS (ESI, 70 eV): m/z (relative intensity) 677 (M⁺, 100); HRMS calcd for C₄₇H₅₁NO₃: 677.3869, found 677.3860.

4-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde (**6**)

A mixture of 4-bromobenzaldehyde (3.52 g, 19 mmol), PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (267 mg, 0.38 mmol), and CuI (144 mg, 0.76 mmol) was placed in a three-necked flask with 25 mL trimethylamine under a nitrogen atmosphere, and stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. Added trimethylsilylacetylene (2.8 g, 28.6 mmol) to the mixture slowly by dropwise, the stirred at 50°C for 2 h. After cooling, the reaction was quenched by adding NaNH₄, and was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated under vacuum. The product was purified by silica gel column chromatograph eluted with EA/hexane (1/9). Yellow solid of **6** was obtained in 99% yield (3.79 g, 18.81 mmol). δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 10.01 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.16 Hz), 7.62 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.28 Hz), 0.28 (s, 9H). δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 191.3, 135.6, 132.4, 129.4, 129.3, 103.8, 99.0, 0.2. MS (FAB, 70 eV): m/z (relative intensity) 203 ((M+H)⁺, 100); HRMS calcd for C₁₂H₁₅OSi: 203.0892, found 203.0892.

4-((4-bromophenyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde (**7**)

A mixture of **6** (3.83 g, 19 mmol) in 15 mL THF and 25 mL methanol, added K₂CO₃ (1.3 g, 9.5 mmol) was placed in a three-necked flask and stirred at 25 °C. After 1 hr, the reaction was quenched by adding water, and was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated under vacuum, to obtain the intermediate. A mixture of the intermediate, CuI (144 mg, 0.76 mmol), PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (267 mg, 0.38 mmol), and 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene (5.6 g, 20 mmol) in 25 mL dry triethylamine and 10 mL dry THF was placed in a three-necked flask under a nitrogen atmosphere and was stirred at 70 °C for 2 h. After cooling, the reaction was quenched by adding NaNH₄, and was extracted with methylene chloride. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated under vacuum. The product was purified by silica gel column chromatograph eluted with EA/hexane (1/10). Yellow solid of **7** was obtained in 96% yield (5.16 g, 18.24 mmol). δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 10.0 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.28 Hz), 7.69 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.16 Hz), 7.54 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.43 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.52 Hz). δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 191.3, 135.6, 133.1, 132.1, 129.6,

129.2, 123.3, 121.4, 92.2, 89.5. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (relative intensity) 283 (M⁺, 100); HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₉BrO: 283.9837, found 283.9837.

5-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (8)

Compound **8** was synthesized in a way similar to that of **6**, giving a yellow solid in 98%. δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 9.86 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.92 Hz), 7.26 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.92 Hz), 0.28 (s, 9H). δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 182.4, 143.8, 135.7, 133.1, 132.5, 104.6, 96.4, 0.39. MS (FAB, 70 eV): m/z (relative intensity) 208 (M⁺, 100); HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₁₂OSSi: 208.0378, found 208.0382.

5-((4-bromophenyl)ethynyl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (9)

Compound **9** was synthesized in a way similar to that of **7**, giving a yellow solid in 96%. δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 9.9 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.88 Hz), 7.54 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.36 Hz), 7.42 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.36 Hz), 7.34 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.92 Hz), 7.28 (s, 2H). δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 182.3, 144.1, 135.9, 133.0, 132.7, 132.3, 131.8, 123.8, 120.8, 96.6, 83.0. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (relative intensity) 289 (M⁺, 100); HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₇BrOS: 289.9401, found 289.9398.

5-((4-((4-(naphthalen-1-yl(phenyl)amino)phenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)ethynyl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (10a)

Compound **10a** was synthesized according to the same procedure as that of **7**. Orange solid of **10a** was obtained in 80%. δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 9.85 (s, 1H), 7.87 (dd, 2H, *J* = 8.24, 3.0 Hz), 7.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.65 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.96 Hz), 7.43-7.48 (m, 6H), 7.28-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.21 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.32 Hz), 7.10 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.56 Hz), 6.99 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.32 Hz), 6.87 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8 Hz). δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 182.3, 148.8, 147.3, 143.9, 142.7, 135.9, 135.2, 132.6, 132.5, 131.5, 131.4, 131.0, 129.3, 128.4, 127.3, 126.9, 126.6, 126.3, 126.2, 124.8, 123.9, 123.2, 123.0, 120.9, 119.9, 114.4, 97.7, 92.6, 87.9, 83.5. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (relative intensity) 529 (M⁺, 100); HRMS calcd for C₃₇H₂₃NOS: 529.1495, found 529.1481.

5-((4-((4-(bis(4-(hexyloxy)phenyl)amino)phenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)ethynyl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (10b)

Compound **10b** was synthesized according to the same procedure as that of **7**. Orange solid of **10b** was obtained in 76%. δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 9.87 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.84 Hz), 7.48 (s, 4H), 7.26-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.64 Hz), 6.83 (d, 6H, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 3.9 (t, 4H, *J* = 6.52 Hz), 1.75-1.79 (m, 4H), 1.41-1.47 (m, 4H), 1.25-1.35 (m, 8H), 0.9 (t, 6H, *J* = 6.68 Hz). δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 182.3, 156.1, 149.2, 144, 139.8, 136, 132.8, 132.5, 132.5, 131.5, 131.4, 127.2, 125.1, 120.8, 118.8, 115.4, 113.1, 97.8, 93.1, 87.7, 83.5, 68.3, 31.6, 29.3, 25.7, 22.6, 14.0. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (relative intensity) 679 (M⁺, 100); HRMS calcd for C₄₅H₄₅NO₃S: 679.3120, found 679.3118.

4-((4-((4-(naphthalen-1-yl(phenyl)amino)phenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde (11a)

Compound **11a** was synthesized according to the same procedure as that of **7**. Yellow solid of **11a** was obtained in 82%. δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 10.04 (s, 1H), 7.88-7.93 (m, 4H), 7.82 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz),

7.69 (d, 2H, $J = 8.16$ Hz), 7.47-7.53 (m, 6H), 7.34-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.25 (d, 2H, $J = 7.48$ Hz), 7.15 (d, 2H, $J = 7.72$ Hz), 7.03 (t, 1H, $J = 7.28$ Hz), 6.93 (d, 2H, $J = 8.76$ Hz). δ_C (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 191.3, 148.8, 147.4, 142.7, 135.5, 135.3, 132.6, 132.0, 131.6, 131.4, 131.1, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.4, 127.3, 126.9, 126.6, 126.3, 126.2, 124.4, 124.0, 123.2, 123.0, 121.6, 119.9, 114.5, 93.2, 92.3, 90.0, 88.0. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (relative intensity) 523 (M^+ , 100); HRMS calcd for $C_{39}H_{25}NO$: 523.1936, found 523.1938.

4-((4-((4-(bis(4-(hexyloxy)phenyl)amino)phenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde (11b)

Compound **11b** was synthesized according to the same procedure as that of **7**. Yellow solid of **11b** was obtained in 85%. δ_H (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 10.04 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, 2H, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 7.69 (d, 2H, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 7.49-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.32 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.08 (d, 4H, $J = 8.96$ Hz), 6.86 (d, 6H, $J = 8.96$ Hz), 3.95 (t, 4H, $J = 6.52$ Hz), 1.76-1.83 (m, 4H), 1.45-1.50 (m, 4H), 1.35-1.38 (m, 8H), 0.94 (t, 6H, $J = 6.92$ Hz). δ_C (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 191.3, 156.0, 149.1, 139.8, 135.4, 132.4, 132.1, 131.6, 131.3, 129.6, 129.4, 127.2, 124.6, 121.5, 118.8, 115.3, 113.1, 93.3, 92.8, 90.0, 87.7, 68.2, 31.6, 29.3, 25.7, 22.6, 14.0. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (relative intensity) 673 (M^+ , 100); HRMS calcd for $C_{47}H_{47}NO_3$: 673.3556, found 673.3560.

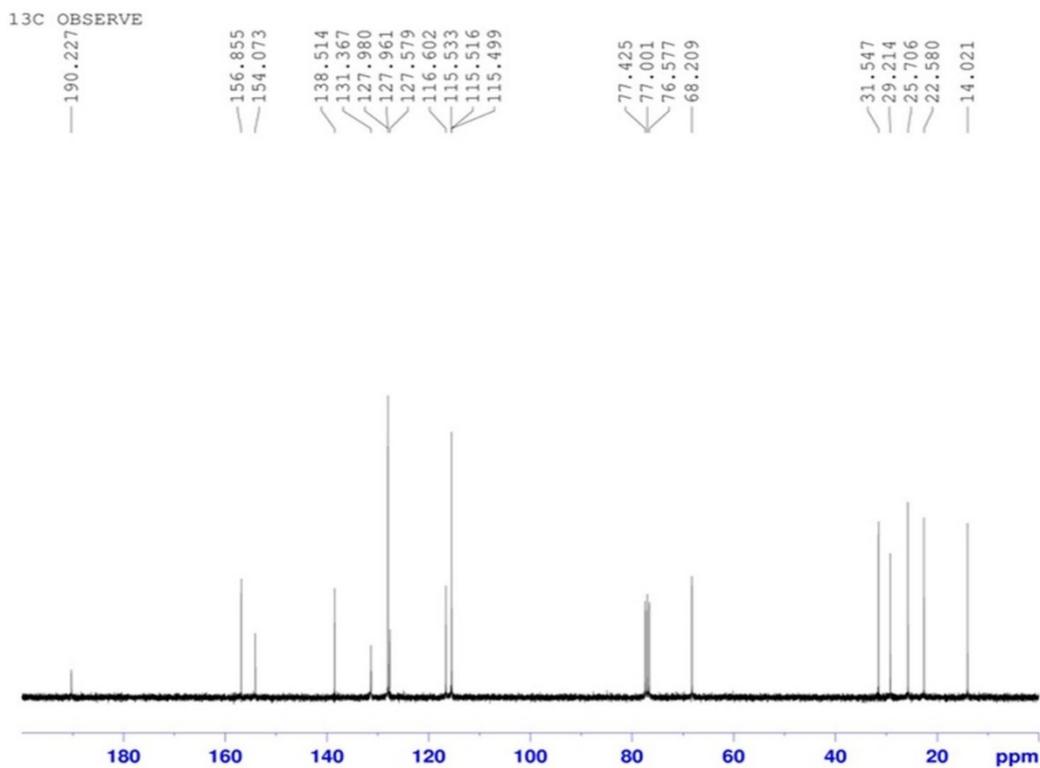
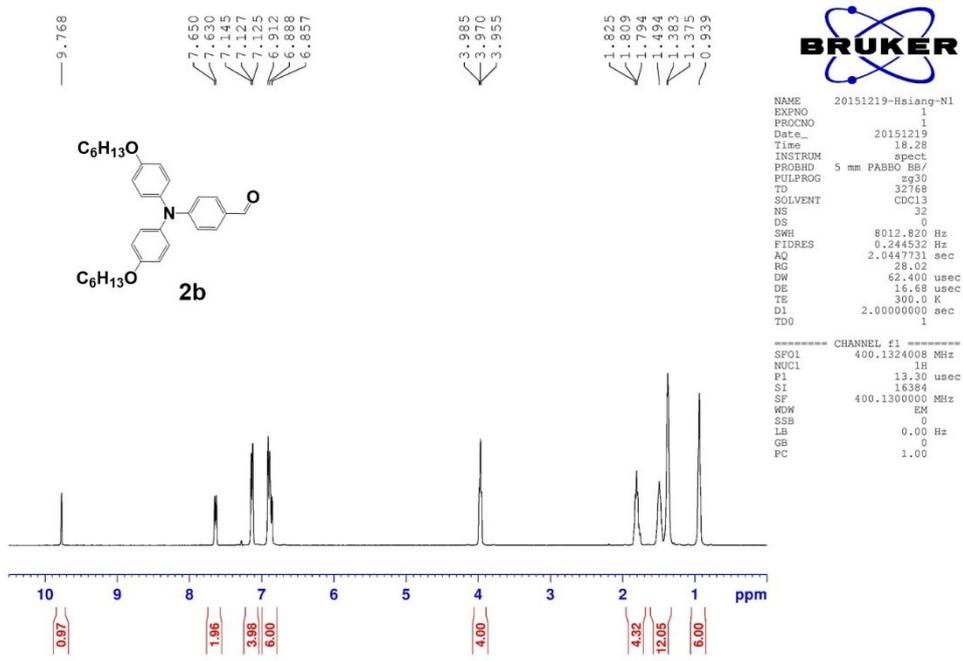


Fig. S2. ^1H NMR (upper) and ^{13}C NMR (lower) spectra of **2b** in CDCl_3 .

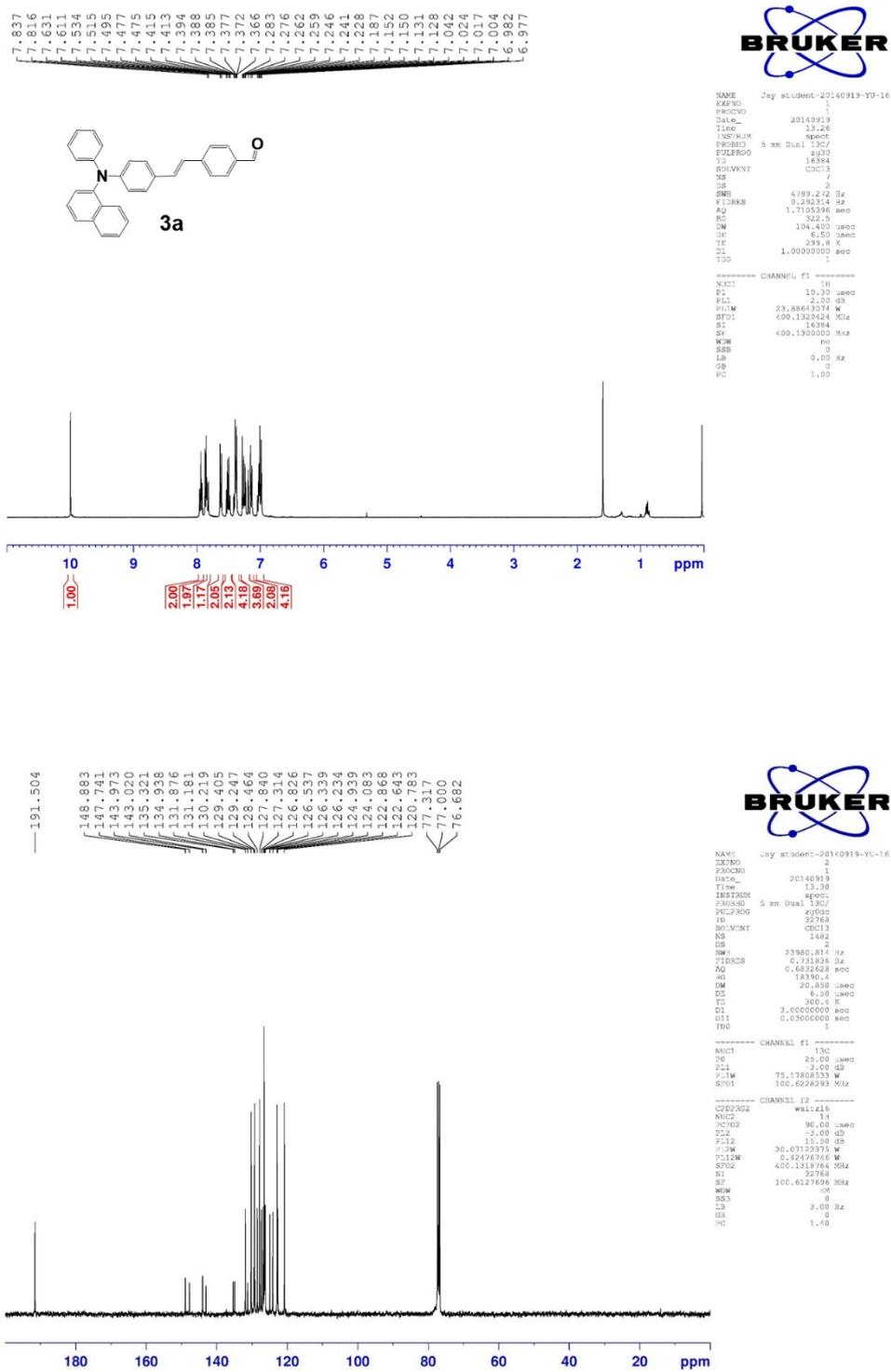


Fig. S3. ¹H NMR (upper) and ¹³C NMR (lower) spectra of **3a** in CDCl₃.

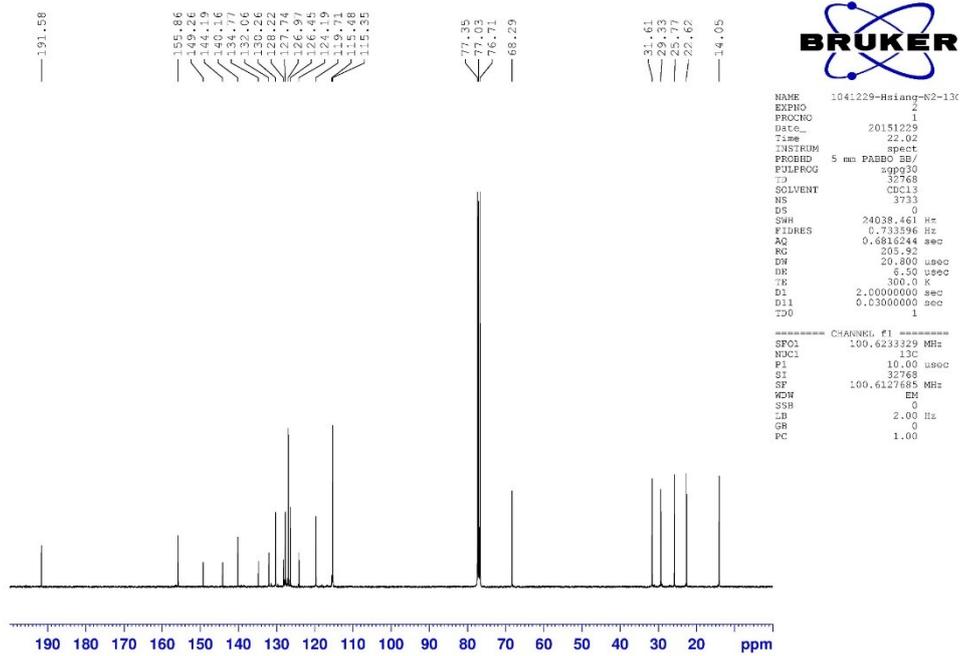
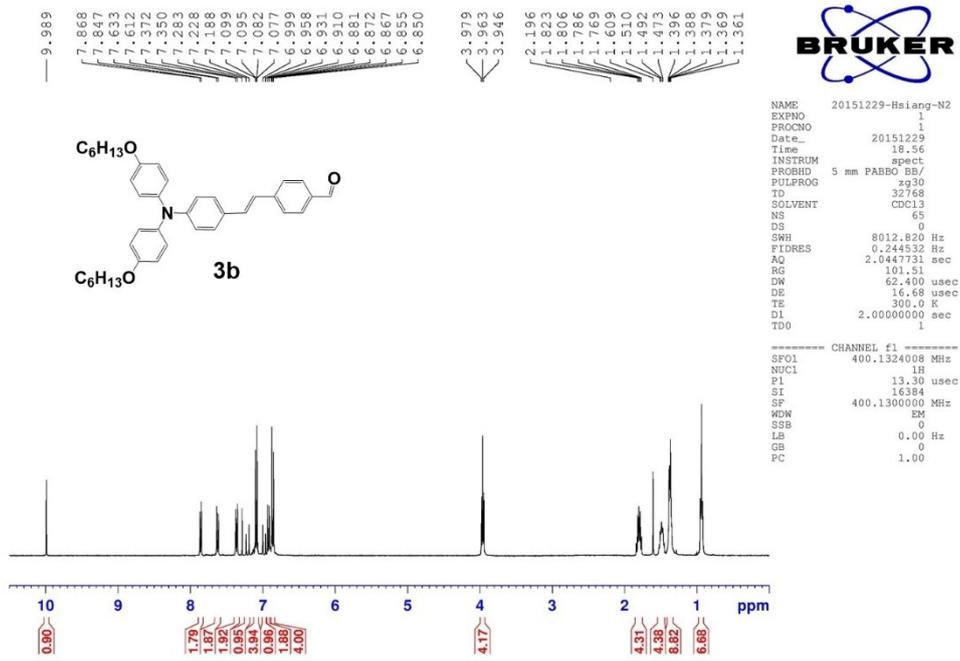


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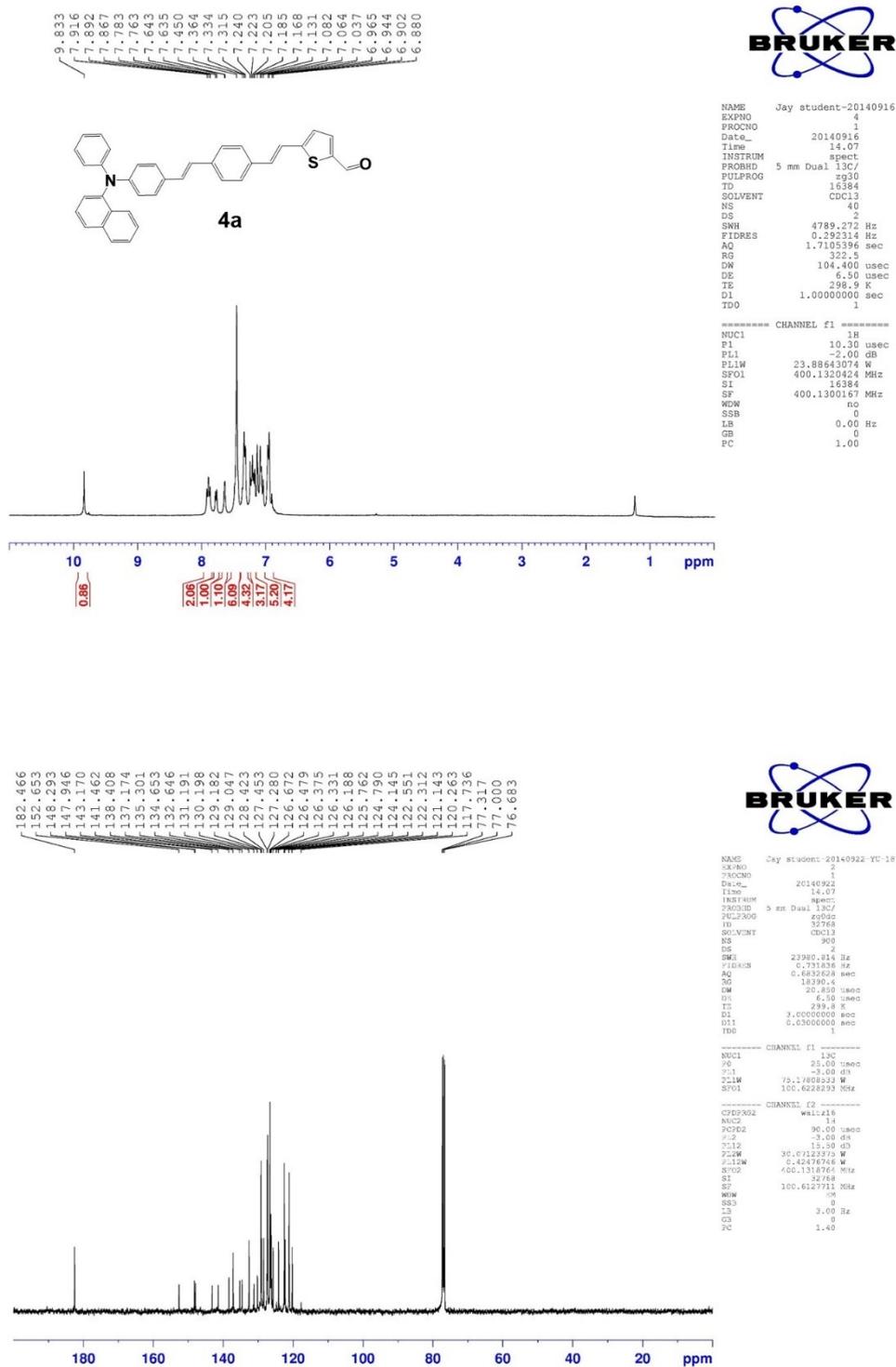


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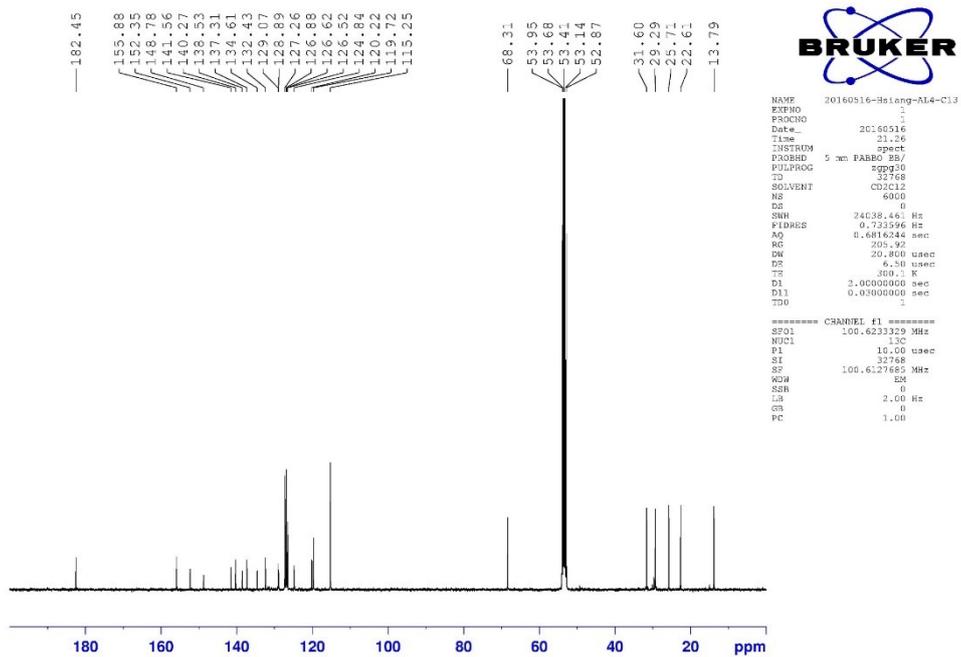
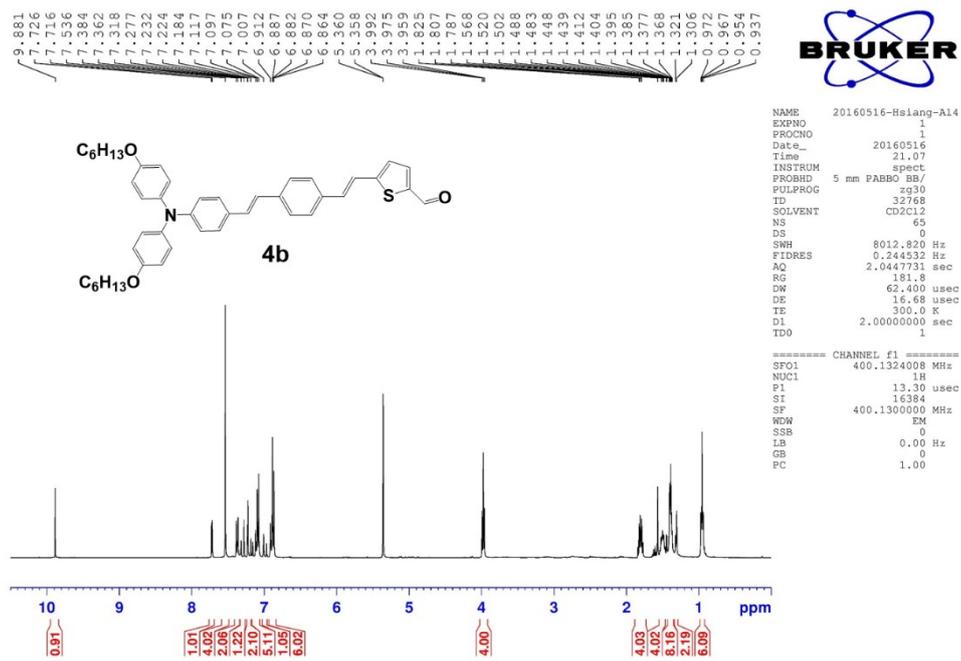


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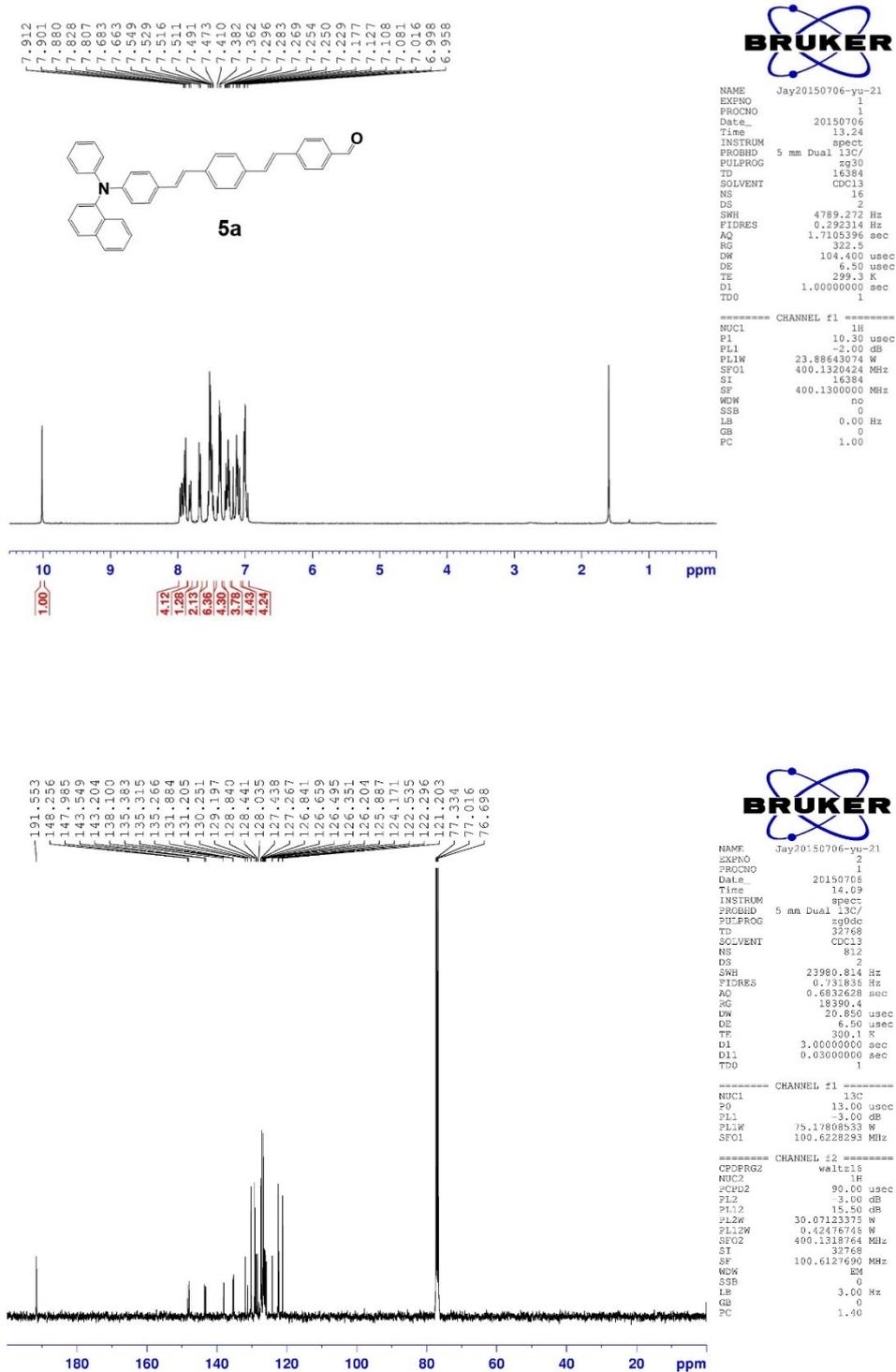


Fig. S7. ¹H NMR (upper) and ¹³C NMR (lower) spectra of **5a** in CDCl₃.

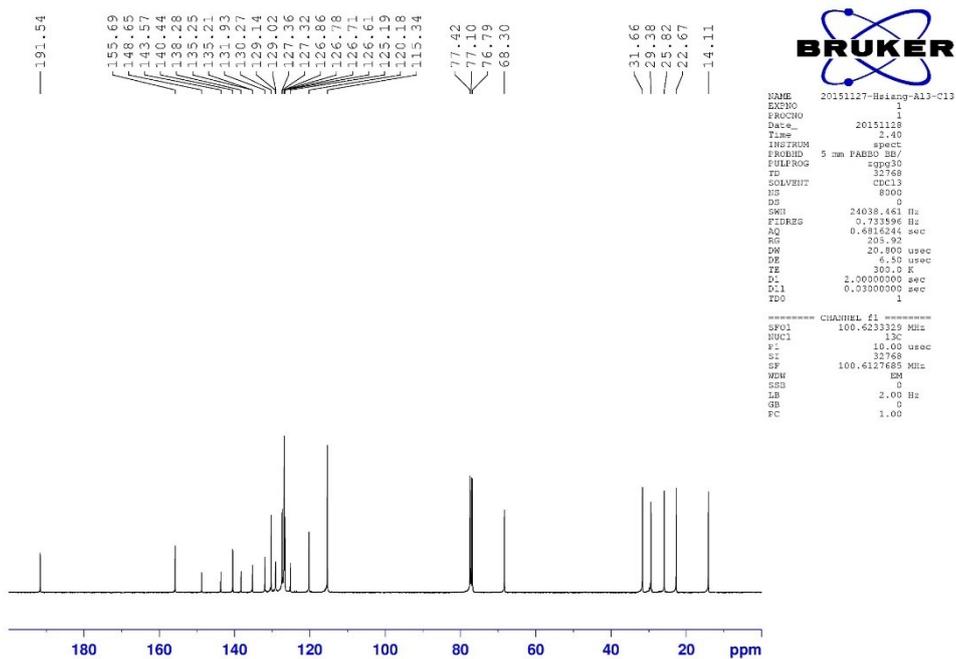
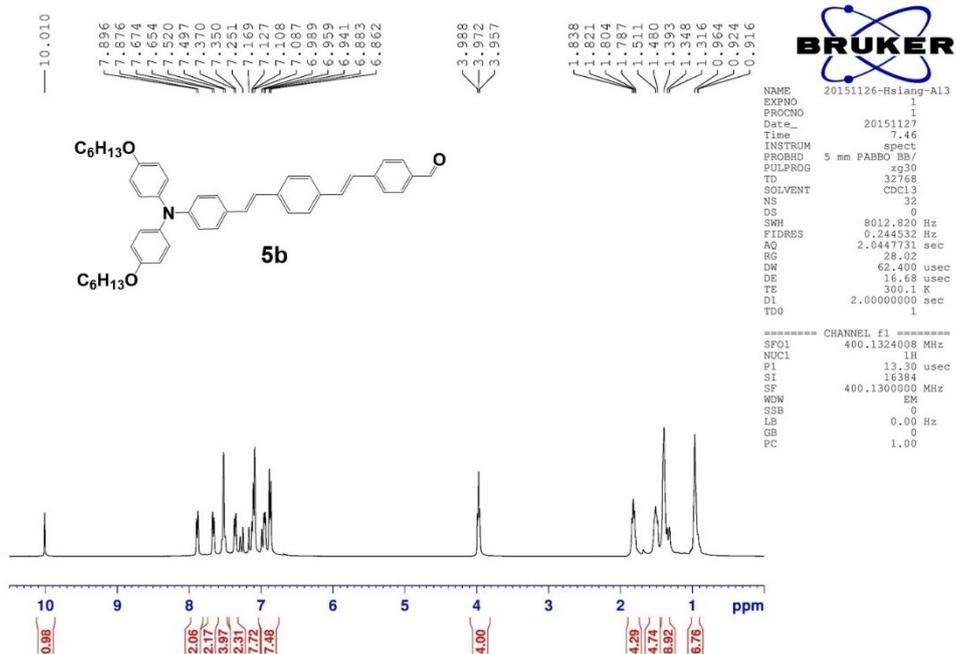


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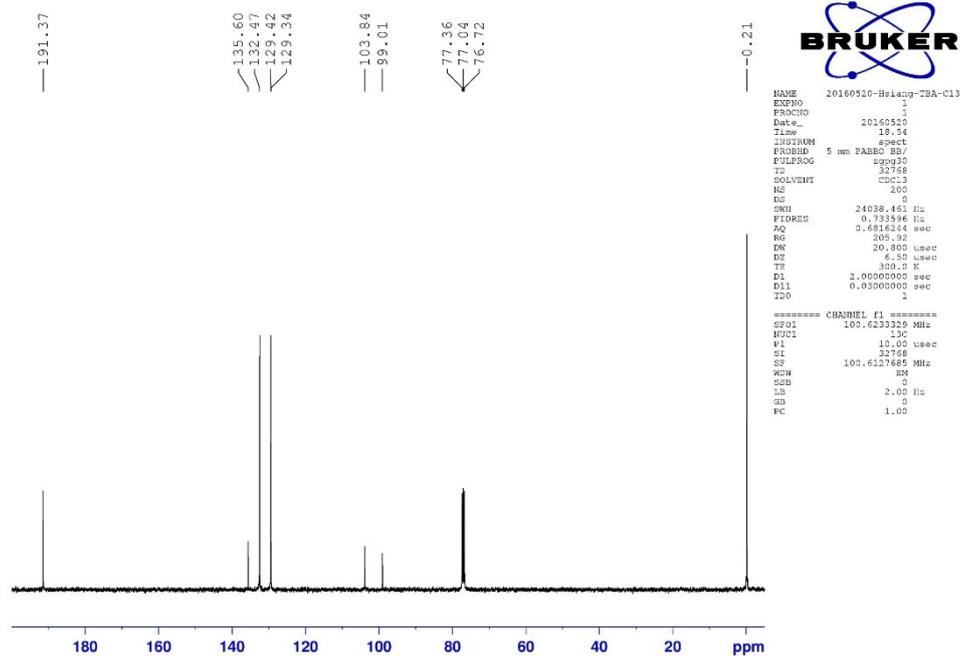
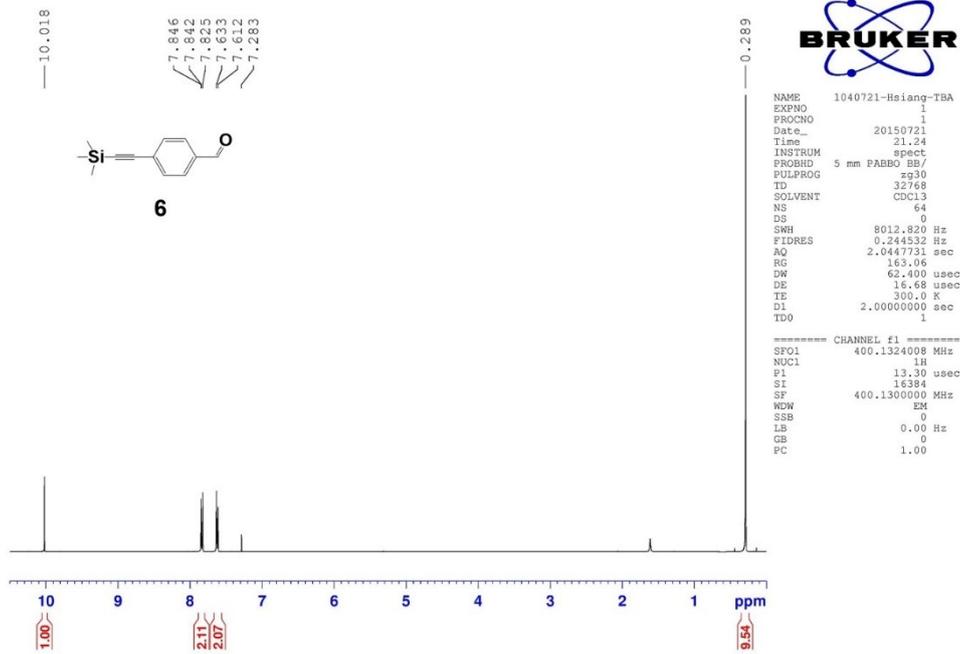


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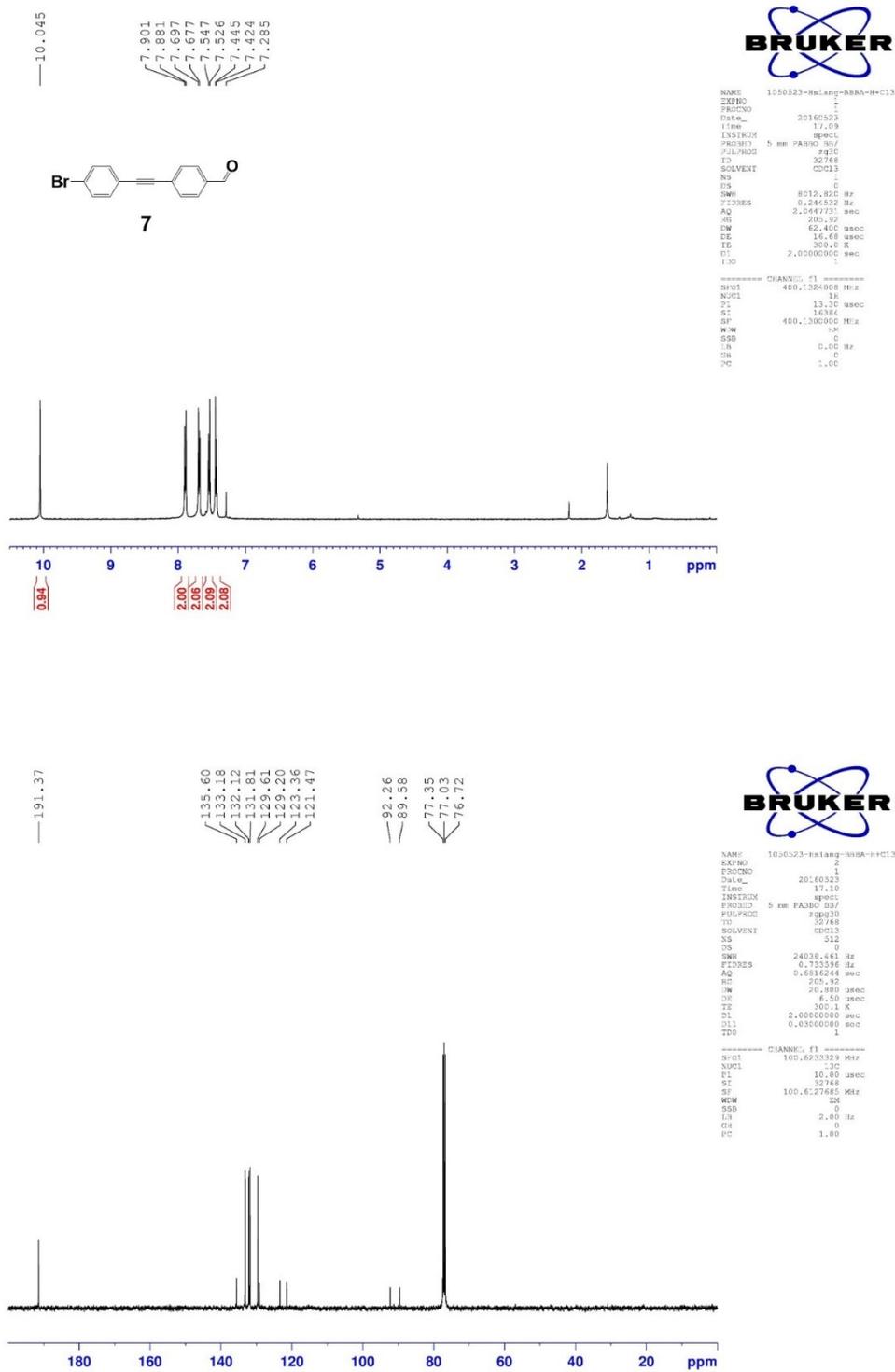


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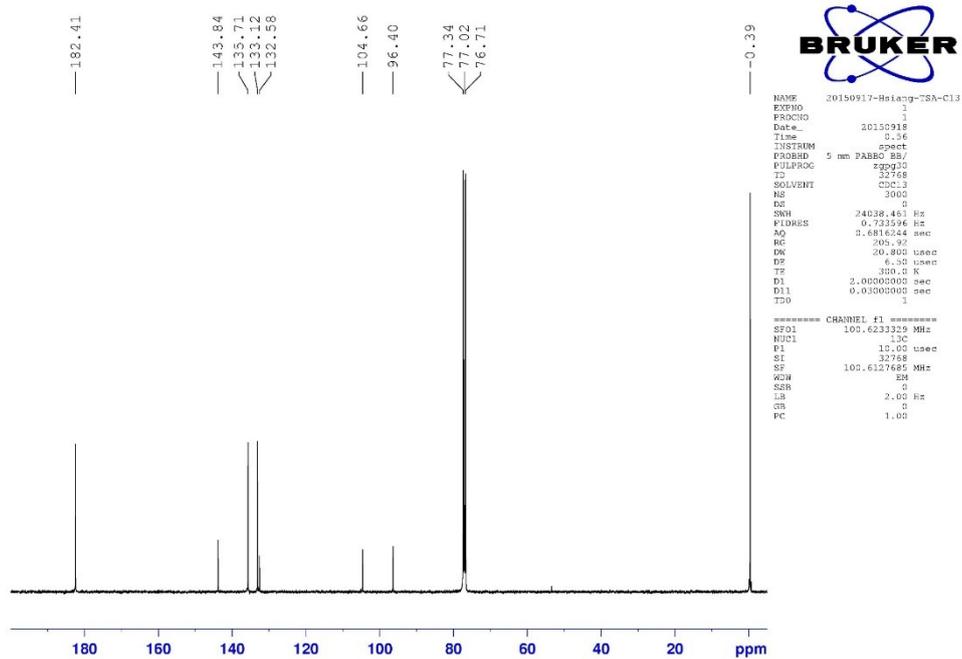
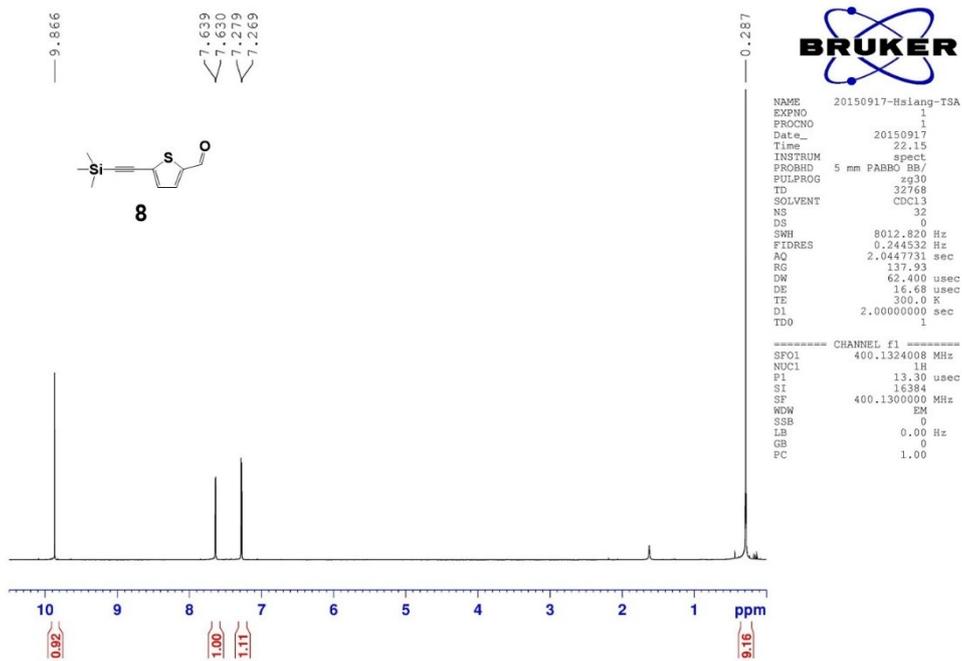
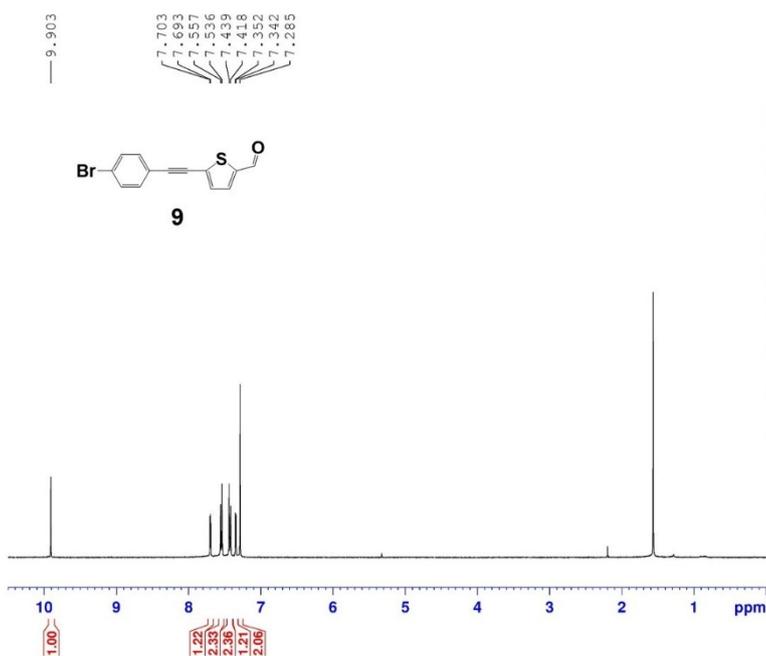


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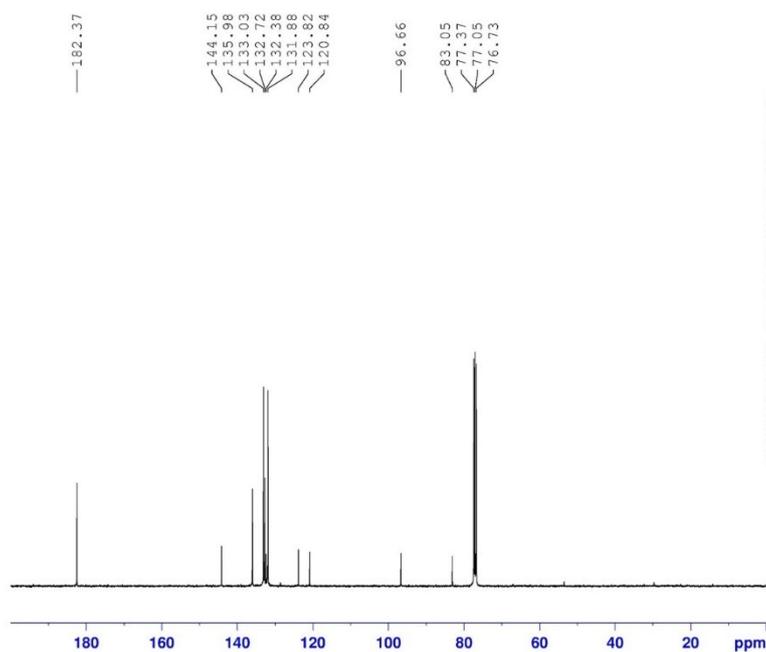


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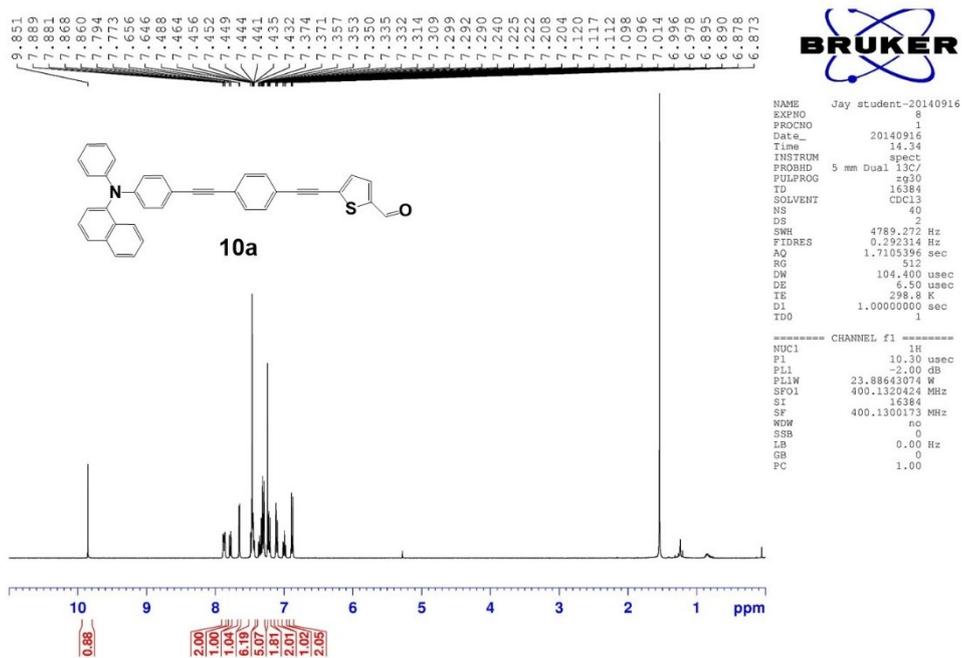
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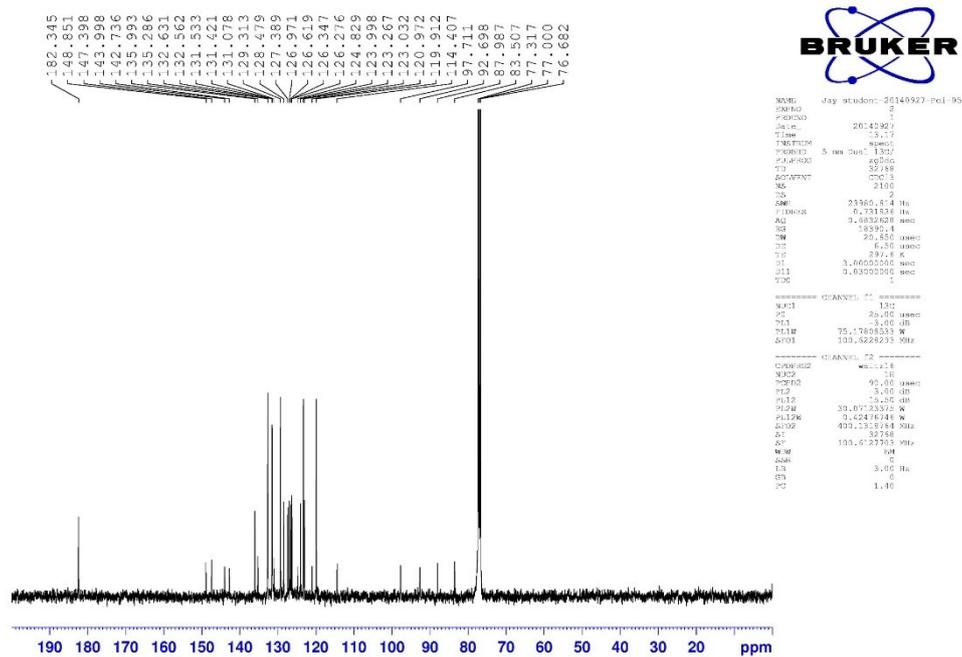
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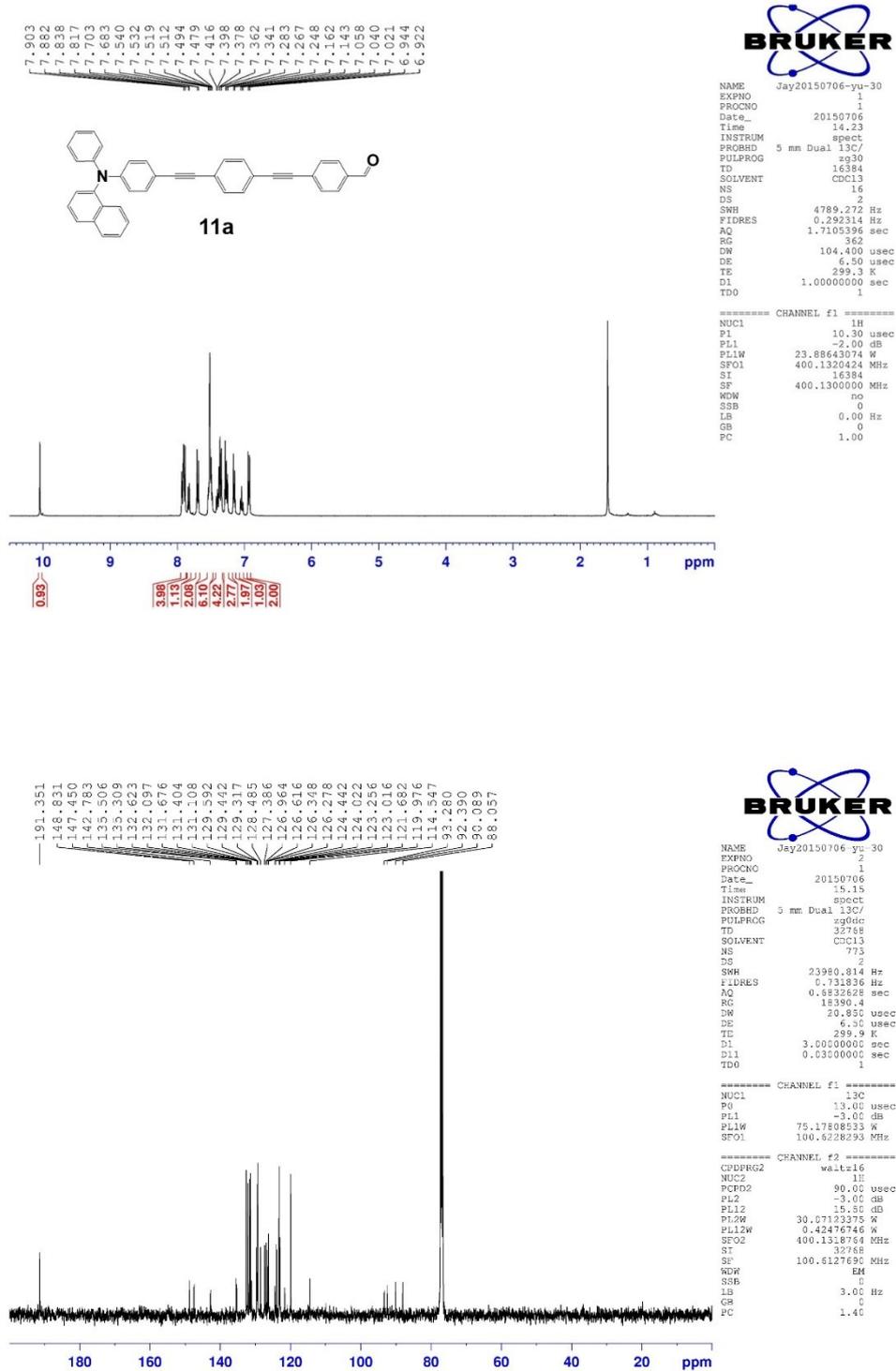


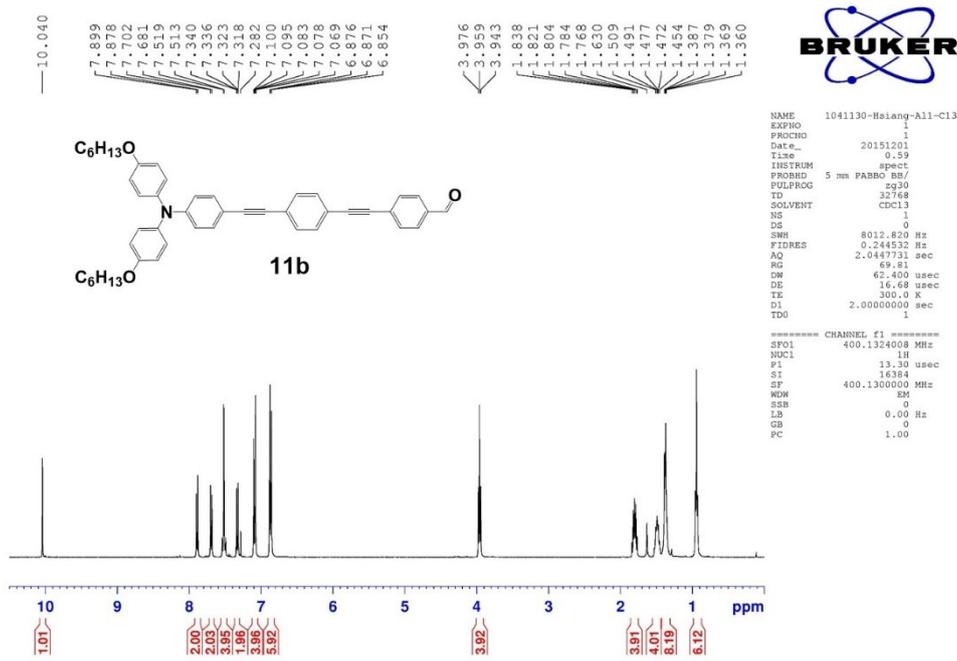
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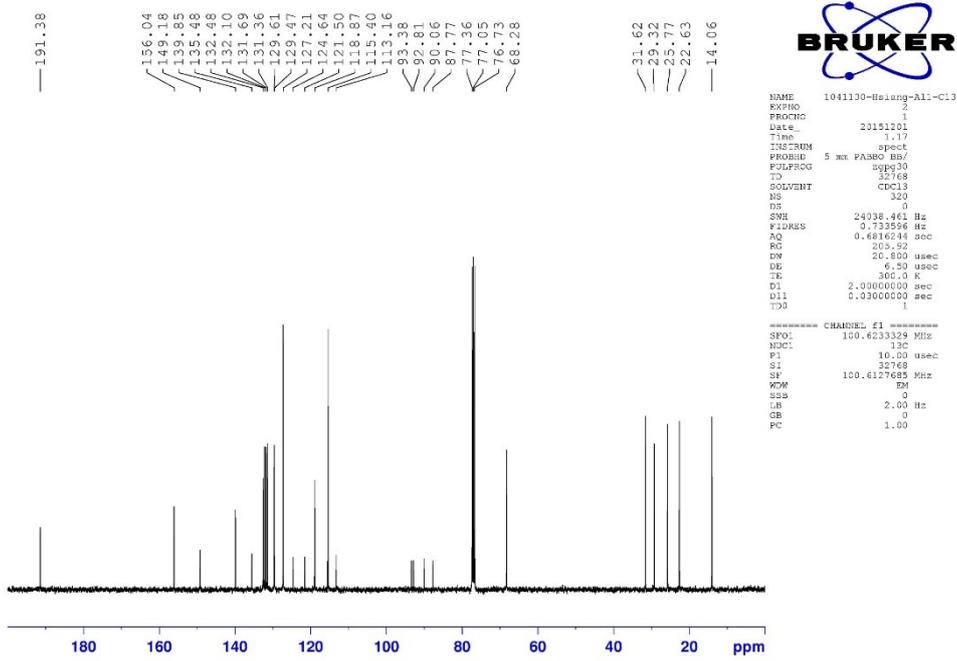




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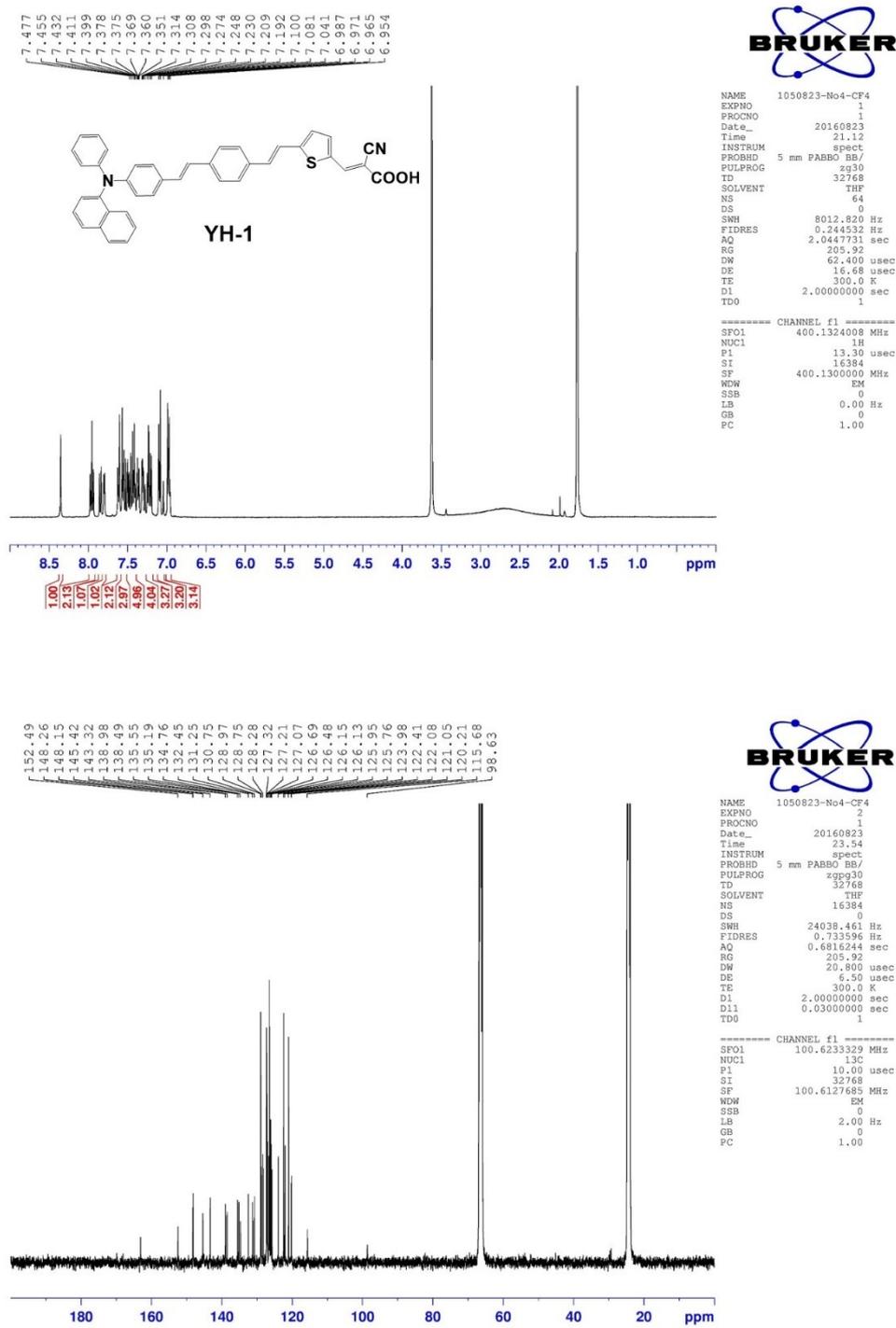


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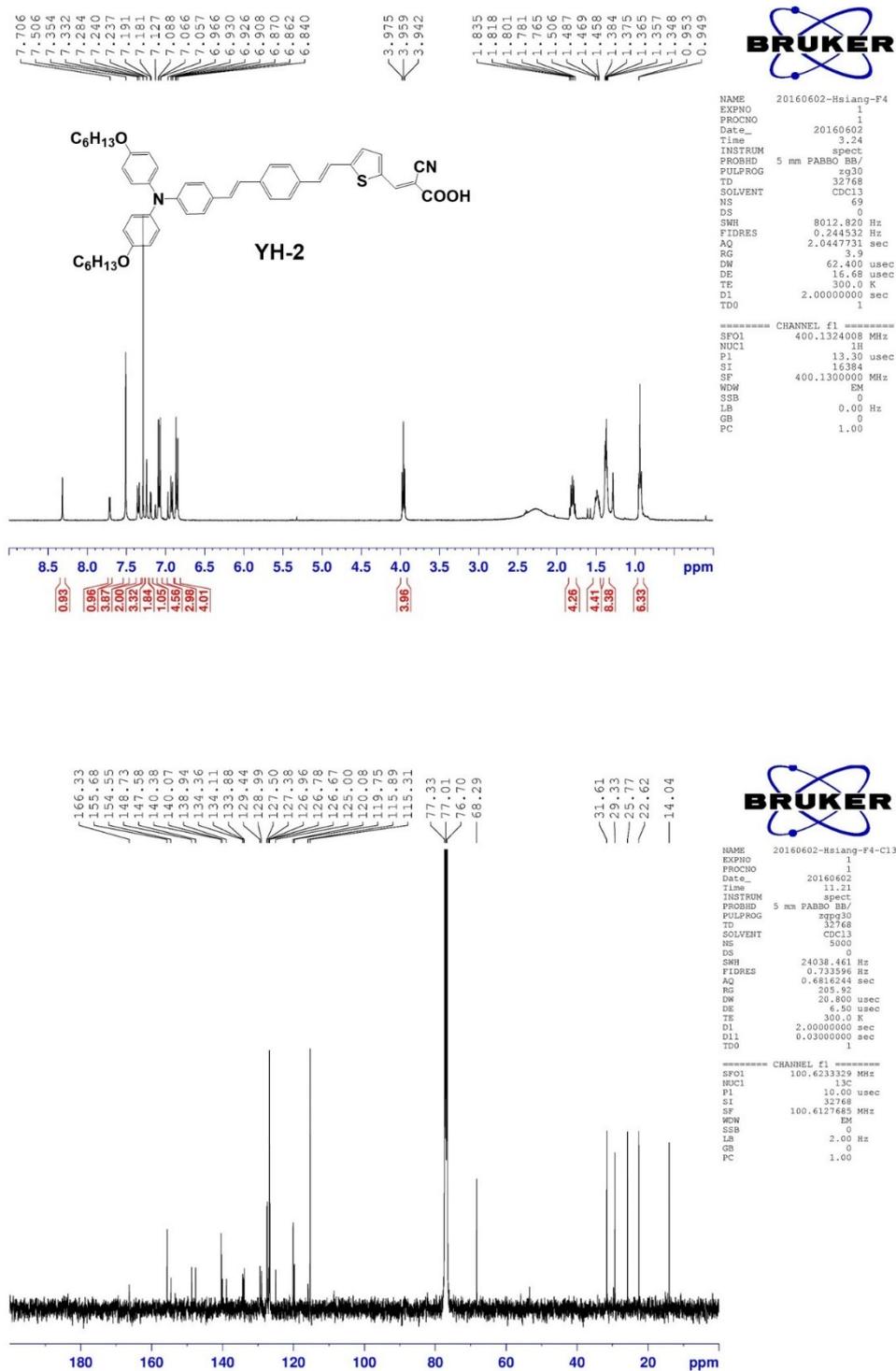
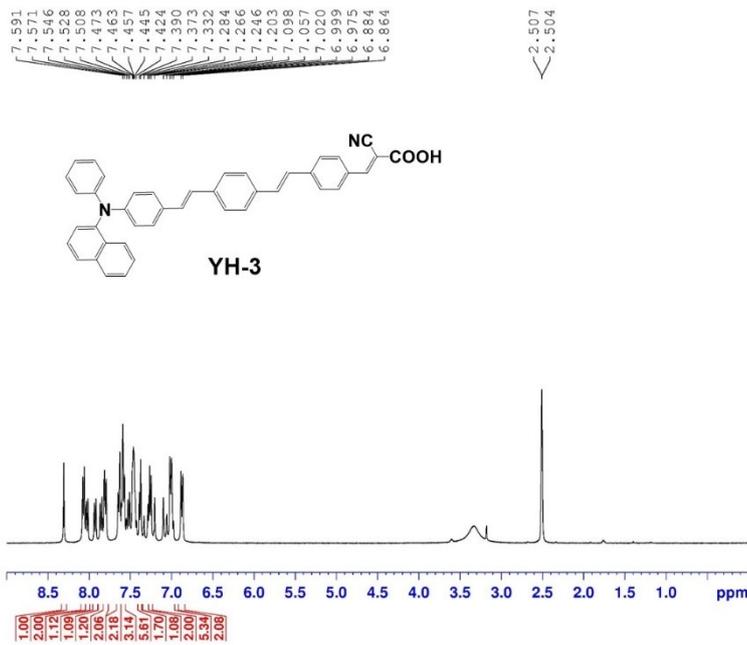


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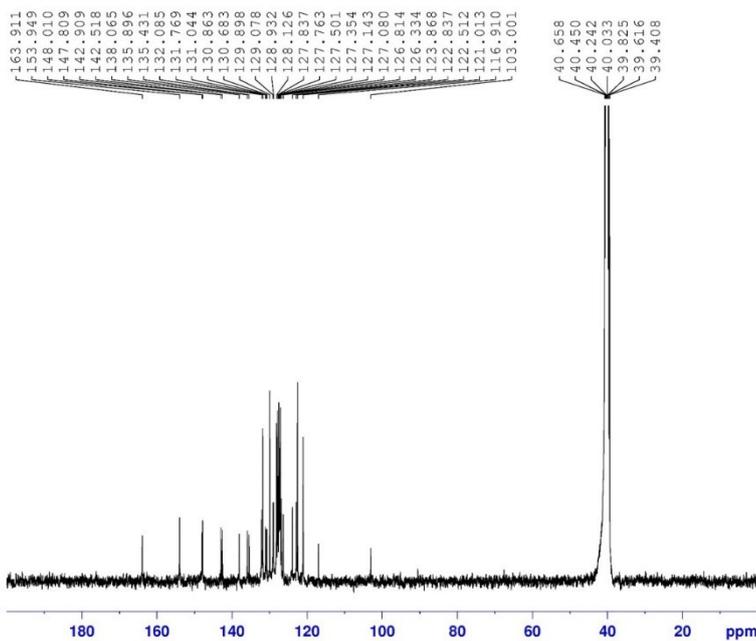


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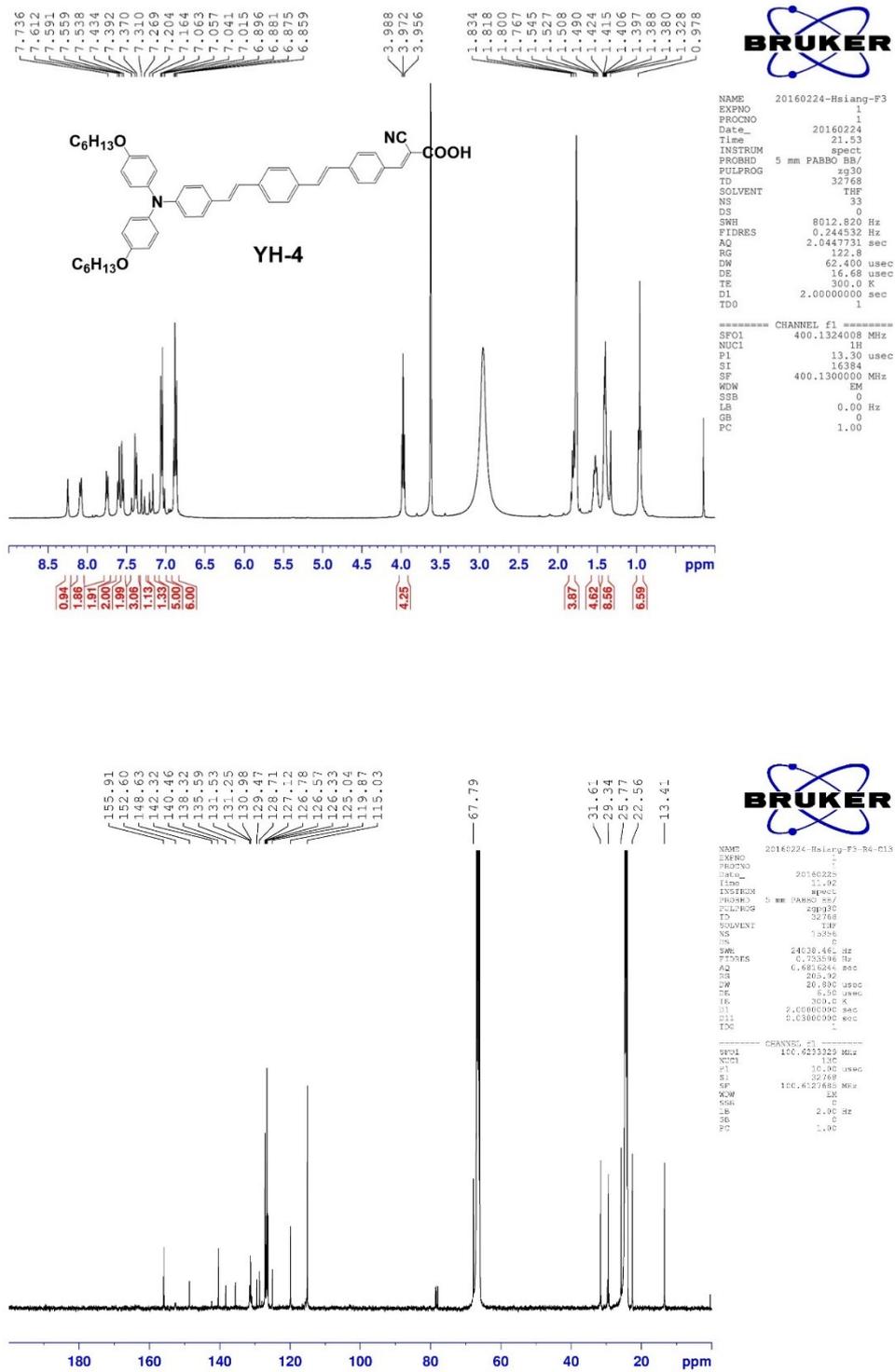


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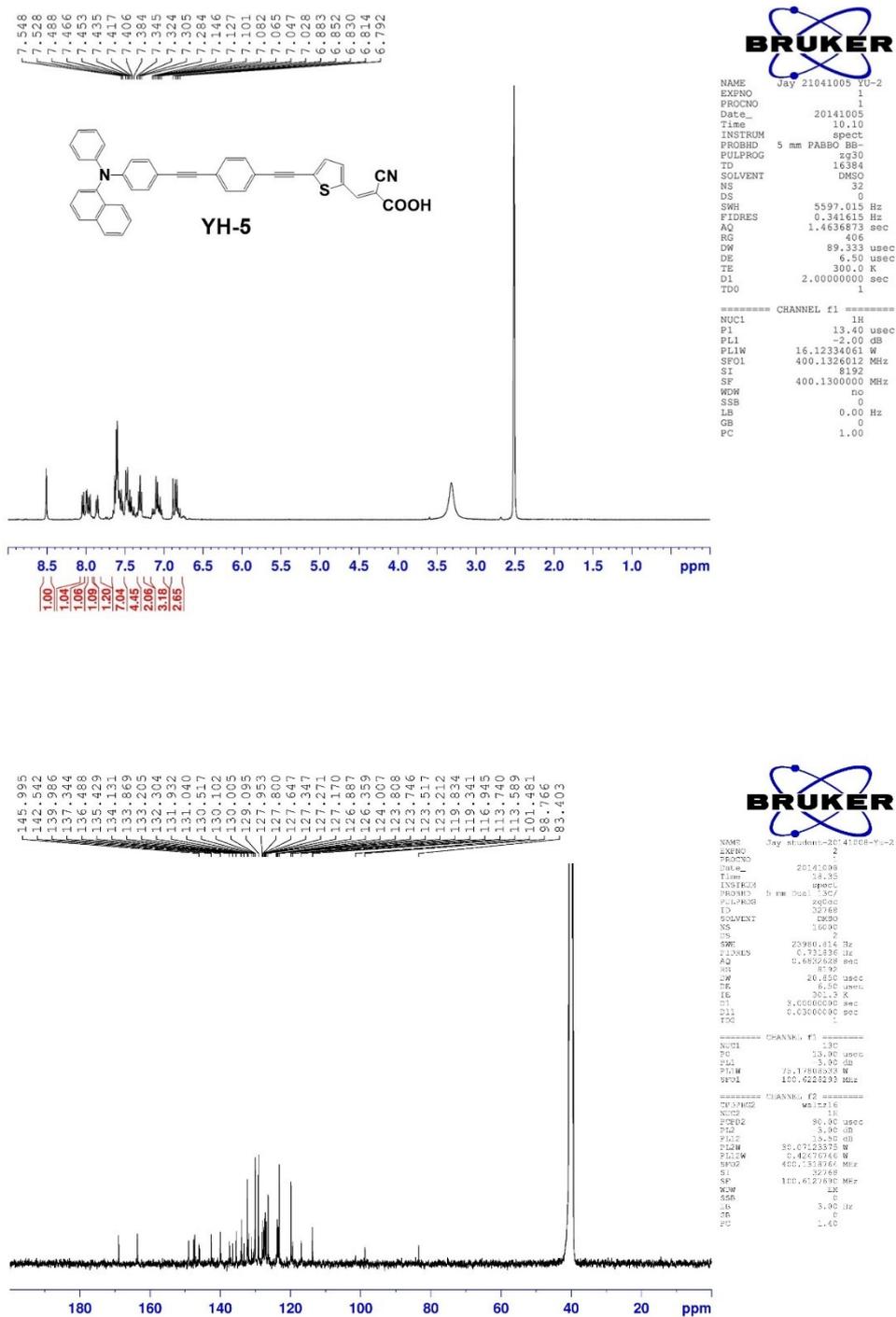


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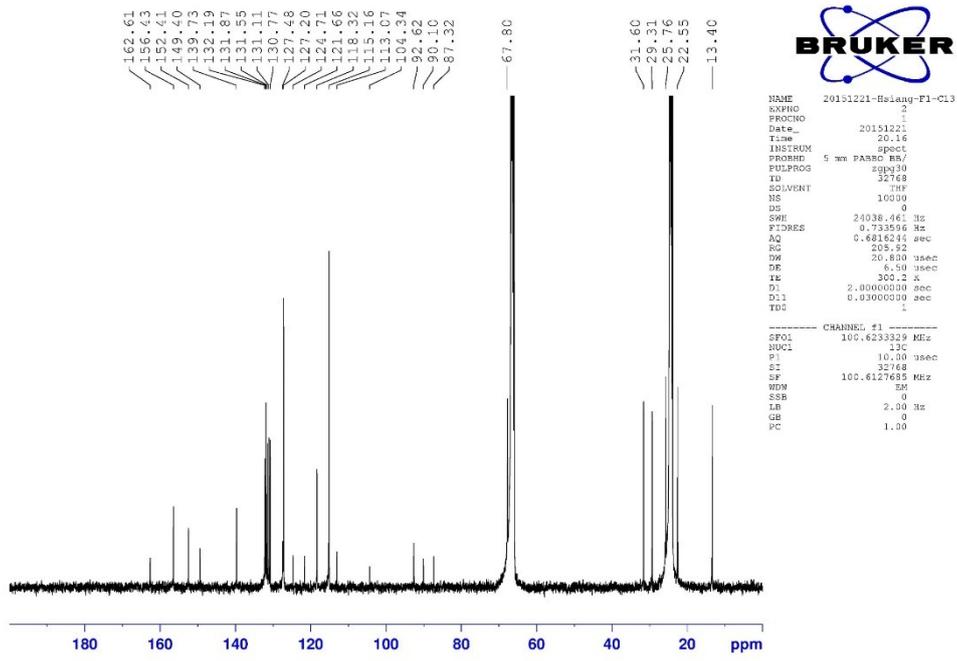
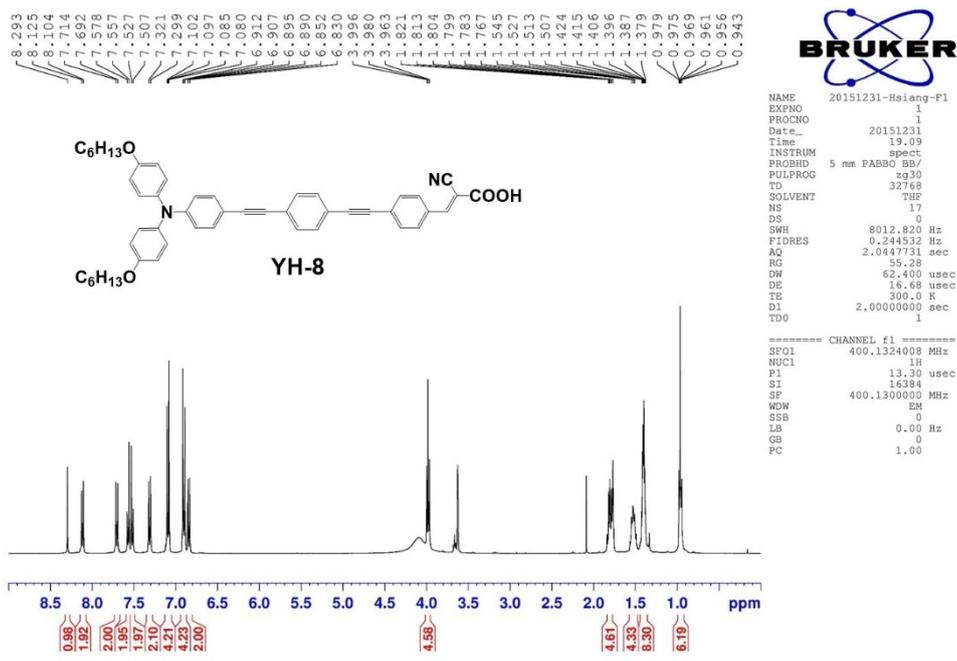


Fig. S24. ¹H NMR (upper) and ¹³C NMR (lower) spectra of YH-8 in THF-*d*₈.

3. Theoretical calculation

Table S1. Calculated Low-Lying Transition for YH-series dyes.

dye	state	excitation ^a	λ_{cal} (eV, nm)	f^b B3LYP/631G*	Dipole moment (D)
YH-1	S1	99.52% H→L	2.00(619)	0.9839	9.7556
	S2	91.33% H-1→L	2.67(464)	1.1343	
	S3	73.78% H→L+1	2.99(414)	0.3535	
YH-2	S1	99.82% H→L	1.79(690)	0.7963	12.7327
	S2	90.53% H-1→L	2.55(485)	1.3344	
	S3	81.61% H→L+1	2.86(432)	0.3619	
YH-3	S1	99.44% H→L	2.08(594)	0.9866	9.1217
	S2	84.29% H-1→L	2.79(444)	1.4641	
	S3	73.78% H→L+1	3.00(413)	0.2418	
YH-4	S1	99.76% H→L	1.87(663)	0.7843	11.6309
	S2	82.55% H-1→L	2.66(465)	1.6275	
	S3	78.65% H→L+1	2.88(430)	0.2222	
YH-5	S1	99.60% H→L	2.07(599)	0.7894	9.4898
	S2	90.61% H-1→L	2.78(445)	1.3396	
	S3	65.31% H→L+1	3.10(400)	0.3400	
YH-6	S1	99.84% H→L	1.83(674)	0.6143	12.7002
	S2	90.89% H-1→L	2.66(465)	1.4589	
	S3	83.10% H→L+1	2.98(415)	0.4660	
YH-7	S1	99.48% H→L	2.13(580)	0.7381	8.6785
	S2	86.37% H-1→L	2.88(430)	1.5242	
	S3	68.54% H→L+1	3.11(398)	0.2999	
YH-8	S1	99.78% H→L	1.89(653)	0.5754	11.5510
	S2	87.34% H-1→L	2.75(449)	1.5979	
	S3	83.42% H→L+1	3.00(412)	0.4224	

^aH=HOMO, L=LUMO, H+1=HOMO+1, L+1=LUMO+1, and L+2=LUMO+2. ^bOscillator strengths.

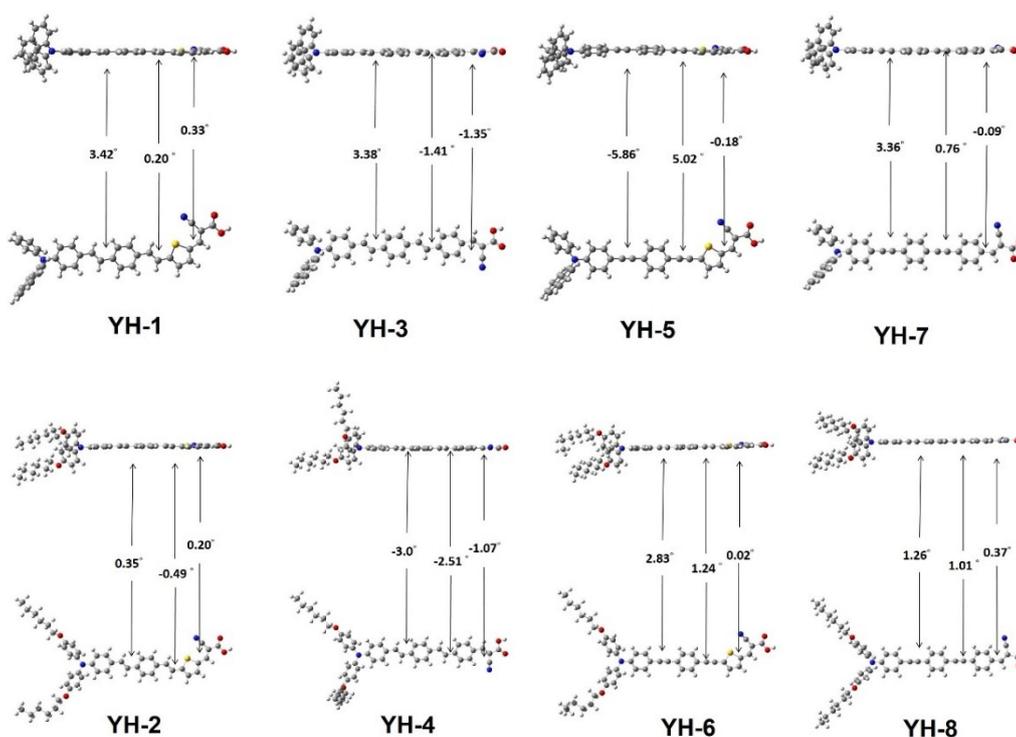


Fig. S25. Computed dihedral angles of YH-series dyes.

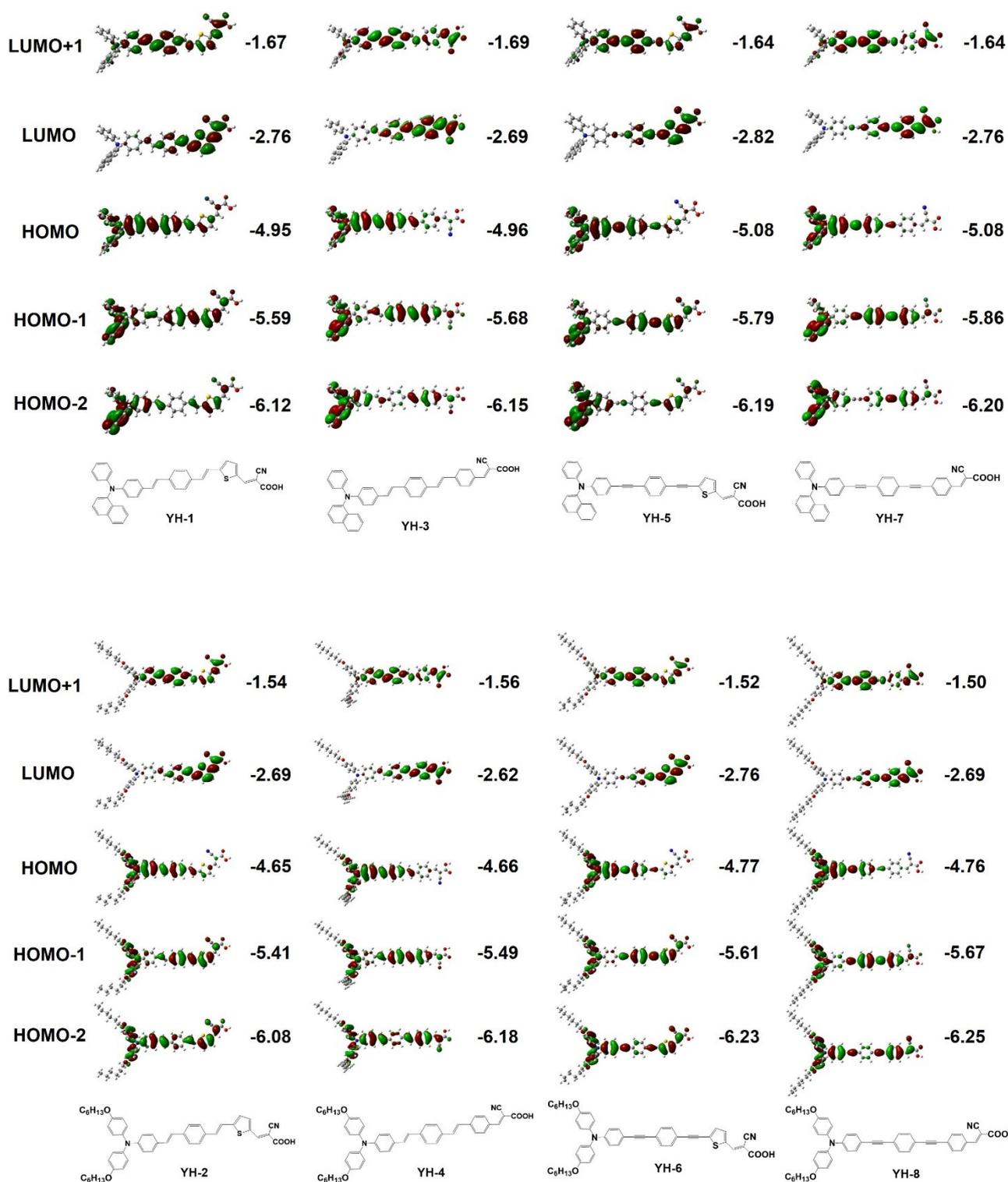


Fig. S26. Computed HOMO and LUMO energy levels and molecule orbitals of YH-series dyes.

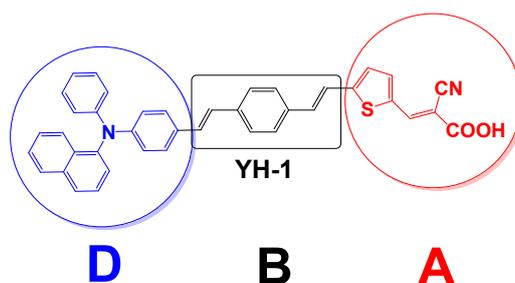


Table S2. Difference of Mulliken charges between ground state (S_0) and excited state (S_1), estimated by time dependent DFT/B3LYP model.

dye	state	D	B	A
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	S_2	0.300726	0.090514	-0.39124
YH-2	S_1	0.7468	-0.09424	-0.65256
	S_2	0.286464	0.146166	-0.43263
YH-3	S_1	0.65280	0.00761	-0.66041
	S_2	0.339736	0.141904	-0.48164
YH-4	S_1	0.74532	-0.0513	-0.69402
	S_2	0.34298	0.16679	-0.50977
YH-5	S_1	0.657632	0.009228	-0.66686
	S_2	0.17948	0.17254	-0.35202
YH-6	S_1	0.799354	-0.056344	-0.74301
	S_2	0.284356	0.220314	-0.50467
YH-7	S_1	0.71855	0.03329	-0.75184
	S_2	0.322709	0.226131	-0.54884
YH-8	S_1	0.75998	-0.01996	-0.77994
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Difference of Mulliken charge between ground state and excited state.

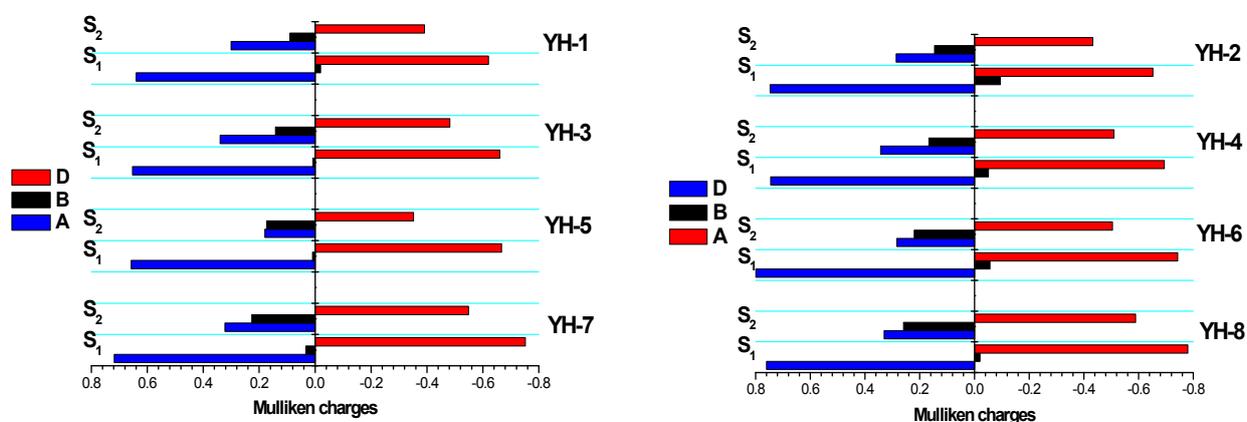


Fig. S27. Bar-chart plots for the difference of Mulliken charge listed in Table S2.

4. CV spectra and HOMO-LUMO level

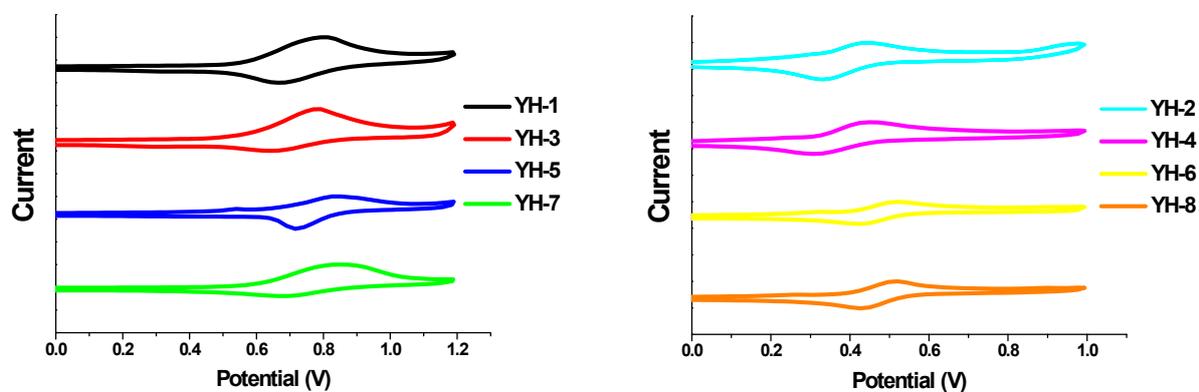


Fig. S28. Oxidative voltammograms of YH-series dyes.

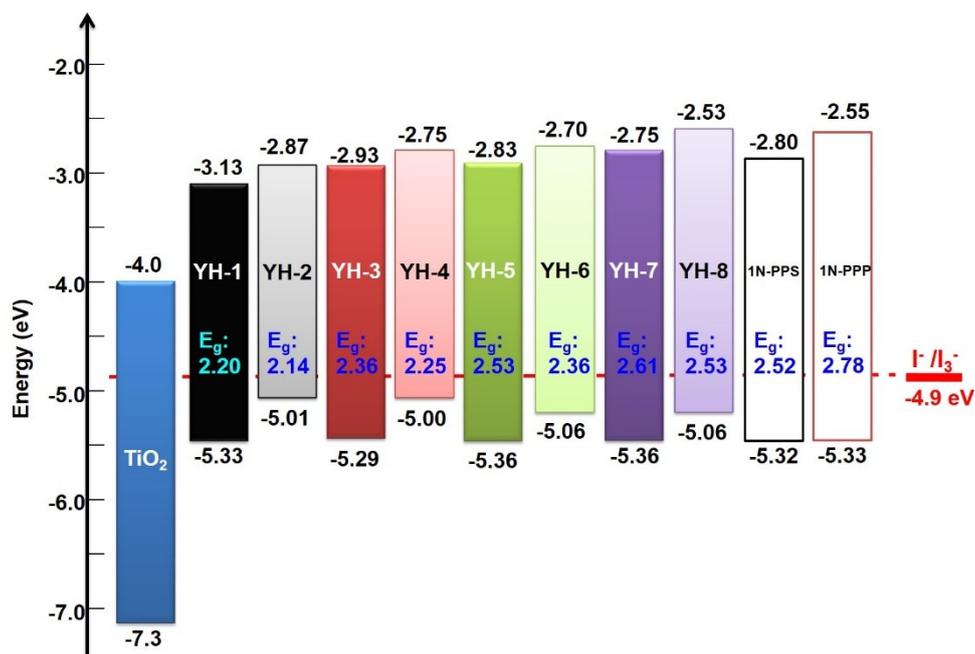


Fig. S29. HOMO - LUMO energy levels of YH-series dyes.

5. Improving efficiency of Photovoltaic parameters fabricated with /without DCA of YH-series dyes in DSSCs.

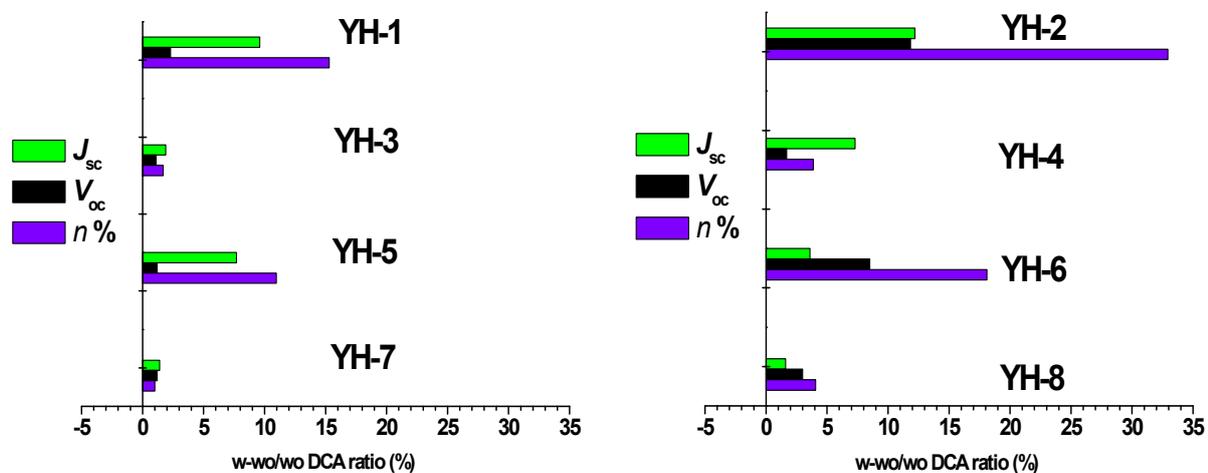


Fig. S30. Improving efficiency of Photovoltaic parameters fabricated with /without DCA of YH-series dyes in DSSCs.