

# **Ytterbium(III)-Catalyzed Three-Component Reactions: Synthesis of 4-Organoselenium-quinolines and Application in Copper-Free Sonogashira Cross-coupling Reactions**

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## I. General Information.

### Materials and methods

All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere; all compounds were characterized by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, ESI-MS. Copies of the  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  spectra can be found at the end of the Supporting Information. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectra were obtained using a Bruker DPX 300 ( $^1\text{H}$  at 300 MHz and  $^{13}\text{C}$  at 75 MHz) instrument in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solvent. All  $^1\text{H}$  NMR experiments are reported in  $\delta$  units, parts per million (ppm), and were measured relative to the signals for TMS (0.00 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$ ), multiplicity, coupling constant (J) in Hertz and integrated intensity. Abbreviations to denote the multiplicity of a particular signal are: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quint (quintet), sex (sextet) and m (multiplet). All  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra are reported in ppm relative to deuterated-chloroform (77.23 ppm), unless otherwise stated, and all were obtained with  $^1\text{H}$  decoupling. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Shimadzu LCMS-IT-TOF ESI-TOF mass spectrometer. Reactions were monitored with the same mass spectrometer. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (230–400 mesh). Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) was performed using silica gel UV254, 0.20 mm thickness. FTIR data were obtained using an Agilent Technologies Cary 630. Melting points were obtained using a Buchi B-545 melting point apparatus.

Unless stated otherwise, commercial reagents were used without further purification. All reagents were weighed and handled in air at room temperature.

## II. Experimental Details and Characterization Data

**Synthesis of trimethylseleno alkynylsilane.** A solution of ethynyltrimethylsilane (1 mmol) in THF was added to a 5 mL, two-necked, dry flask under nitrogen atmosphere. The solution was cooled to -78 °C for the dropwise addition of *n*-butyl lithium. The solution was held at that temperature for one hour. Then the arylselenyl bromide (1 mmol) was slowly transferred to the flask (arylselenyl bromide via syringe diluted in THF) then allowed to reach room temperature, maintaining stirring for approximately 4 hours at that same temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with water and a saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution, the organic phase collected and

dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent removed in vacuum. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography.

*Trimethyl((phenylselanyl)ethynyl)silane (**a**)*. Orange oil (223 mg, 88%). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3062, 2959, 2900, 1579, 1479, 1441, 1251, 1069, 1024, 842, 761, 734, 689. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.52 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 0.20 (s, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 129.49 (3C), 128.80 (2C), 127.00, 111.49, 84.63, 0.00 (3C) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>SeSi (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 255.0108, found: 254.9929.

*((Benzylselanyl)ethynyl)trimethylsilane (**b**)*. Yellow oil (227.80 mg, 85%). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3030, 2959, 2898, 2088, 1497, 1456, 1251, 1181, 840, 760, 698. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 3H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 0.31 (s, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.43, 128.95 (2C), 128.41 (2C), 127.42, 109.19, 86.78, 32.78, 0.00 (3C) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>SeSi (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 269.0265, found: 269.0085.

*((4-methoxyphenylselanyl)ethynyl)trimethylsilane (**c**)*. Orange oil (235.70 mg, 83%). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2959, 2900, 2838, 2089, 1592, 1575, 1492, 1290, 1246, 1175, 1033, 843, 825, 760. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 0.03 (s, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.40, 131.52 (2C), 122.07, 115.32 (2C), 109.81, 85.77, 55.24, 0.00 (3C) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OSeSi (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 285.0215, found: 285.0035.

*Trimethyl(((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenylselanyl)ethynyl)trimethylsilane (**d**)*. Yellow oil (298.53 mg, 93%). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2963, 2095, 1603, 1402, 1322, 1166, 1123, 1106, 1074, 1015, 845, 825, 761. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 0.06 (s, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 133.23 (2C), 128.60 (2C), 126.47, 126.42, 126.36, 113.59, 82.81, 0.00 (3C) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>SeSi (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 322.9983, found: 322.9803.

*Trimethyl((o-tolylselanyl)ethynyl)silane (**e**)*. Yellow oil (198.30 mg, 74%). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3285, 3062, 2959, 2091, 1592, 1572, 1467, 1460, 1382, 1251, 856, 842, 745. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.71 (s, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 62.7 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 0.20 (s, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.74, 133.16 (2C), 129.24, 127.55, 126.75, 111.48, 84.64, 22.20, 0.00 (3C) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>SeSi (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 269.0265, found: 268.9615.

*Trimethyl((naphthalen-2-ylselanyl)ethynyl)silane (**f**)*. Brown solid (243.30 mg, 80%). Mp: 51–55 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3054, 2959, 2898, 2089, 1622, 1585, 1501, 1249, 819, 741. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.06 (s, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 0.40 (s, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 133.98, 132.23, 130.33, 128.94, 127.82, 127.79, 127.57, 127.06, 126.67, 126.29, 126.07, 125.69, 111.73, 84.72, 0.00 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>SeSi (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 305.0265, found: 305.0101.

*((6-methoxynaphthalen-2-ylselanyl)ethynyl)trimethylsilane (**g**)*. Yellow solid (267.20 mg, 80%). Mp: 58–62 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2959, 2840, 2088, 1622, 1587, 1499, 1387, 1264, 1251, 1212, 1030, 840, 760. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 0.31 (s, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.91, 133.59, 129.62, 128.68, 127.90, 127.29 (2C), 122.47, 119.51, 111.16, 105.87, 85.00, 55.29, 0.00 (3C) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>OSeSi (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 335.0371, found: 335.0137.

*((4-fluorophenylselanyl)ethynyl)trimethylsilane (**h**)*. Yellow oil (208.70 mg, 77%). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2959, 2091, 1587, 1488, 1251, 1229, 1160, 1015, 843, 823, 761. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 0.25 (s, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.08, 131.30, 131.20, 122.78, 116.96, 116.67, 111.45, 84.49, 0.00 (3C) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FSeSi (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 272.0015, found: 271.9843.

**Synthesis of Seleno alkynyl.** Into a 50 mL flask under nitrogen atmosphere containing a solution of the acetylenic selenide (1 mmol) in methanol (5 mL) was added potassium carbonate (1 mmol). Allowing the ambient temperature to react for one hour. The solution was then extracted with H<sub>2</sub>O and ethyl acetate, the organic phase collected and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvent removed in vacuum. The reaction residue was impregnated on silica submitted to column chromatography using flash silica.

*Ethynyl(phenylselane (**3a**)*. Yellow oil (161.11 mg, 89%). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3280, 3060, 2035, 1579, 1479, 1441, 1069, 1022, 734, 687. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 3.14 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ

129.68 (3C), 129.54 (2C), 127.45, 91.73, 64.73 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>Se (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 182.9714, found: 182.9534.

*Benzyl(ethynyl)selane (3b)*. Yellow oil (163.80 mg, 84%). IR  $\nu_{\max}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3278, 3028, 1495, 1454, 1181, 1069, 1032, 760. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.26 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 2.83 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.56, 129.09 (2C), 128.77 (2C), 127.77, 90.13, 66.28, 32.62 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>Se (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 196.9870, found: 197.0153.

*Ethynyl(4-methoxyphenyl)selane (3c)*. Orange oil (187.79 mg, 89%). IR  $\nu_{\max}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3278, 2836, 2034, 1590, 1575, 1490, 1462, 1290, 1244, 1175, 1030, 823. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.13 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.72, 132.44 (2C), 122.15, 115.47 (2C), 90.29, 65.88, 55.37 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>OSe (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 212.9819, found: 212.9471.

*Ethynyl(o-tolyl)selane (3d)*. Yellow oil (185.25 mg, 95%). IR  $\nu_{\max}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3278, 3060, 2974, 2920, 1592, 1572, 1458, 1382, 1033, 745. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.90 (s, 2H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.17 (s, 2H), 3.26 (s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.95, 130.44 (2C), 130.03, 127.40, 126.95, 91.79, 64.63, 21.17 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>Se (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 196.9870, found: 196.9658.

*Ethynyl(naphthalen-2-yl)selane (3e)*. White solid (161.70 mg, 70%). Mp: 116-119 °C. IR  $\nu_{\max}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3268, 3052, 1571, 1499, 1352, 1343, 1132, 988, 890, 858, 821, 739, 691. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 3H), 3.12 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 134.09, 132.46, 129.24, 128.35, 127.97, 127.32, 126.89, 126.84, 126.39, 124.91, 92.14, 64.96 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>Se (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 232.9870, found: 233.0046.

*Ethynyl(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)selane (3f)*. White solid (232.29 mg, 89%). Mp: 119-121 °C. IR  $\nu_{\max}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3257, 2970, 2939, 2114, 1620, 1262, 1212, 1164, 1028, 884, 855, 817. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.10 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.07, 133.78, 129.61 (2C), 128.79, 128.03, 121.47, 119.61, 105.88, 90.97,

65.02, 55.35 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>OSe (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 262.9976, found: 262.9438.

*Ethynyl(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)selane (3g).* Yellow oil (219.12 mg, 88%). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3300, 1603, 1402, 1322, 1164, 1104, 1074, 1015, 827, 691. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.54 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 133.05 (2C), 128.84 (2C), 126.25 (2C), 122.13, 93.10, 63.08 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>5</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Se (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 250.9588, found: 250.9408.

*Ethynyl(4-fluorophenyl)selane (3h).* Orange oil (167.16 mg, 84%). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3296, 2855, 1883, 1585, 1486, 1223, 1158, 1015, 821. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.44 (d,  $J$  = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 3.13(s, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.15, 135.02, 134.92, 125.79, 116.72, 116.43, 91.17, 84.73 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>5</sub>FSe (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 200.9619, found: 200.9081.

**Synthesis of Selenoquinolines.** In a two-necked flask, 25 mL, under nitrogen flow and mounted heating apparatus (reflux condenser and silicone oil bath) was added *p*-anisidine (1 mmol), The catalyst, Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (10 mol%), solvent CH<sub>3</sub>CN (5 ml), ethylglyoxalate (1 mmol), acetylenic selenide (1.2 mmol). All reactions were carried out under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction is quenched with extraction of ethyl acetate and NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, the organic phase collected and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvent removed in vacuum. The organic residue was impregnated on silica column chromatographed using flash silica.

*Ethyl 6-methoxy-4-(phenylselanyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (4a).* Yellow solid (367.03 mg, 69%). Mp: 118–123 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2987, 2972, 2929, 2836, 1709, 1620, 1501, 1225, 1022, 825, 745. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.18 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 4.44 (q,  $J$  = 7.0, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.39 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.19, 159.64, 144.97, 144.00, 143.03, 135.57 (2C), 132.97, 130.06 (3C), 129.21, 126.80, 123.40, 123.11, 103.38, 62.03, 55.71, 14.26 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Se (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 388.0453, found: 388.0273.

*Ethyl 4-(phenylselanyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (4b):* Yellow solid (89.25 mg, 25%). Mp: 97–99 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3358, 3054, 2980, 2929, 2905, 1717, 1689, 1495, 1441,

1369, 1311, 1195, 1147, 1110, 1022.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.29 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 2H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 4.44 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.39 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.10, 147.55, 147.39, 146.97, 136.29 (2C), 131.42, 130.47, 130.18, 129.59, 128.64 (3C), 126.01, 125.16, 121.59, 62.19, 14.21 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2\text{Se} (\text{M} + \text{H})^+$ : 358.0347, found: 357.9950.

*Ethyl 6-chloro-4-(phenylselanyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (4c).* Yellow solid (156.00 mg, 40%). Mp: 147–149 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3077, 3058, 2985, 2942, 2877, 1719, 1480, 1367, 1315, 1181, 832, 737, 693.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.22 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.70 (dd,  $J = 12.9, 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.47 (q,  $J = 7.0, 6.6$  Hz, 3H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 4.43 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.78, 147.54, 146.63, 145.42, 136.26 (2C), 134.87, 132.90, 131.50 (2C), 130.27 (2C), 129.76, 129.53, 124.30, 122.50, 62.28, 14.18 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}_2\text{Se} (\text{M} + \text{H})^+$ : 391.9957, found: 392.0070.

*Ethyl 6-bromo-4-(phenylselanyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (4d).* Yellow solid (151.90 mg, 35%), Mp: 133–136 °C, IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3054, 2939, 2983, 1715, 1479, 1367, 1311, 1181, 830, 817, 739, 691.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.21 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.39 (q,  $J = 6.9, 5.9$  Hz, 3H), 4.35 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.78, 147.63, 146.60, 145.62, 136.31(2C), 134.07, 132.93, 130.28(2C), 129.78, 127.63(2C), 125.73, 123.22, 122.43, 62.28, 14.18 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrNO}_2\text{Se} (\text{M} + \text{H})^+$ : 435.9452, found: 435.8030.

*Ethyl 6-hydroxy-4-(phenylselanyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (4e).* Yellow solid (149.20 mg, 40%). Mp: 191–193 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2920, 2851, 1723, 1631, 1505, 1322, 1274, 1222, 1113, 1022, 829, 745, 689.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.06 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 4.36 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.03, 157.68, 145.40, 143.74, 141.51, 135.90 (2C), 131.85, 130.87, 130.05(2C), 129.36, 126.22, 123.85, 122.08, 107.40, 62.18, 14.05 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3\text{Se} (\text{M} + \text{H})^+$ : 374.0296, found: 374.0500.

*Ethyl 8-chloro-4-(phenylselanyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (4f).* Yellow solid (117.00 mg, 30%). Mp: 144–146 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2982, 2926, 1728, 1689, 1594, 1525, 1441, 1369, 1298, 1194, 1156, 748, 735, 693. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (dt, *J* = 27.0, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 4.42 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.84, 148.45, 147.72, 143.57, 136.32(2C), 135.49, 130.64, 130.29(2C), 129.91, 129.79, 128.29, 125.82, 124.17, 122.25, 62.23, 14.11 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>Se (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 391.9957, found: 391.9300.

*Ethyl 6-methyl-4-(phenylselanyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (4g).* Yellow solid (204.05 mg, 55%). Mp: 119–121 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3058, 2926, 2983, 1737, 1493, 1441, 1216, 1240, 1175, 1112, 1032, 1024, 836, 819, 745, 689. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 19.2, 7.1 Hz, 3H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 4.42 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.16, 146.60, 146.23, 145.52, 139.13, 136.24 (2C), 132.77, 131.11, 130.11 (3C), 129.47, 128.81, 126.20, 124.08, 121.70, 62.03, 21.97, 14.22 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Se (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 372.0504, found: 371.9020.

*Ethyl 6-chloro-4-((6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)selanyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (4h).* White solid (188.40 mg, 40%). Mp: 189–192 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2985, 2965, 1721, 1628, 1315, 1261, 1210, 1184, 1028, 858, 836. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.22 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.69 (dq, *J* = 15.8, 7.7, 6.7 Hz, 4H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.00 (m, 3H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.82, 158.90, 147.55, 147.23, 145.37, 136.48, 134.93, 134.80, 132.97, 132.88, 131.47, 129.78, 129.48, 129.39, 128.80, 124.25, 122.25, 119.86, 119.66, 105.93, 62.21, 55.42, 14.08 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub>Se (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 472.0219, found: 471.9740.

*6-methoxy-2-phenyl-4-(phenylselanyl)quinoline (5b).* White solid (195.50 mg, 50%). Mp: 107–110 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3060, 2928, 2853, 1620, 1564, 1495, 1458, 1441, 1229, 1032, 823, 743, 693. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 3H), 7.47 – 7.32 (m, 8H), 3.91 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.01, 154.28, 143.86, 142.89, 139.30, 135.14 (3C), 131.82,

129.93 (2C), 128.76 (3C), 127.72 (3C), 127.19, 122.60, 121.62, 103.82, 55.62 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NOSe (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 392.0545, found: 392.0760.

*4-(6-methoxy-4-(phenylselanyl)quinolin-2-yl)phenol (5c).* Orange solid (244.20 mg, 60%). Mp: 196–199 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3010, 2932, 1607, 1572, 1499, 1238, 1181, 1035, 834, 745, 694. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (s, 2H), 6.78 – 6.74 (m, 3H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.10, 152.30, 142.45, 131.38, 130.75, 129.05 (2C), 128.40 (2C), 115.51(2C), 115.40 (2C), 115.15 (2C), 115.01(2C), 114.77(2C), 114.48 (2C), 55.90 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Se(M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 408.0504, found: 407.9070.

*6-methoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(phenylselanyl)quinolone (5d).* Yellow solid (273.65 mg, 65%) Mp: 90–93 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2952, 2916, 2838, 1609, 1512, 1493, 1452, 1441, 1251, 1229, 1175, 1032, 823, 743, 734, 691. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.95 (dd, *J* = 40.4, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.62, 158.86, 157.80, 142.64, 135.01 (2C), 131.78 (2C), 129.92 (2C), 128.83 (5C), 128.50, 122.43, 121.38, 114.17, 104.06 (2C), 55.29 (2C) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Se (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 422.0660, found: 422.0140.

*6-methoxy-4-(phenylselanyl)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)quinoline (5e).* Yellow solid (198.50 mg, 50%). Mp: 109–112 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2929, 2833, 1620, 1564, 1495, 1441, 1236, 1220, 1164, 1033, 825, 747, 694, 681, 674. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.46 – 7.30 (m, 6H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.87, 149.48, 144.98, 143.60, 142.79, 135.29 (2C), 131.40, 129.95 (4C), 128.92, 127.97, 127.91, 125.04, 122.54, 119.98, 104.02, 55.60 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NOSSe (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 398.0119, found: 397.8650.

*2-(furan-2-yl)-6-methoxy-4-(phenylselanyl)quinoline (5f).* Yellow oil (205.74 mg, 54%). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2933, 2833, 1620, 1512, 1233, 1033, 1013, 819, 737. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 3H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 5H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.97 (2C), 153.33, 143.72 (2C), 141.81, 135.11 (2C), 131.50, 129.92 (2C), 128.81, 128.13, 127.67, 122.63, 120.07, 112.05, 106.88, 104.18, 55.55 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Se (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 382.0347, found: 381.9290.

**2-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-6-methoxy-4-(phenylselanyl)quinoline (5g).** Yellow oil (161.58 mg, 58%). IR ν<sub>max</sub> cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3058, 2998, 2935, 2833, 1620, 1570, 1495, 1462, 1434, 1262, 1227, 1208, 1179, 1024, 827, 735, 693. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.72 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 6.93 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.00, 154.07, 153.38, 151.50, 143.90, 141.41, 135.64 (2C), 131.78, 129.76 (2C), 0128.71, 127.87, 127.65, 125.51, 122.06, 116.40, 116.03, 114.85, 113.07, 103.71, 56.07, 55.86, 55.61 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Se (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 452.0766, found: 452.0350.

**2-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-6-methoxy-4-(phenylselanyl)quinoline (5h).** Yellow solid (297.70 mg, 65%). Mp: 132-136 °C. IR ν<sub>max</sub> cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2970, 2937, 1620, 1560, 1493, 1428, 1404, 1229, 1032, 827, 789, 754, 739, 698, 668. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.30 (m, 8H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.61, 152.49, 143.52, 142.78, 138.37, 135.05 (2C), 134.79, 131.84, 129.89 (2C), 129.84, 128.78, 128.45, 128.21 (3C), 127.66, 125.02, 122.75, 103.88, 55.68 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NOSe (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 459.9775, found: 459.8510.

**2-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-6-methoxy-4-(phenylselanyl)quinoline (5i).** Yellow solid (188.55 mg, 45%). Mp: 125-127 °C. IR ν<sub>max</sub> cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3058, 2918, 2853, 1620, 1570, 1492, 1477, 1441, 1231, 1166, 1028, 925, 834, 775, 739, 693, 681. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.19 – 6.97 (m, 4H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.18, 157.00, 143.76, 142.91, 140.31, 136.00, 135.31, 131.67, 129.92(2C), 128.93, 127.95, 127.72, 127.68(3C), 125.07, 125.03, 122.45, 103.84, 103.80, 55.68, 20.29(2C) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NOSe (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 420.0867, found: 420.0410.

**4-(6-methoxy-4-((4-methoxyphenyl)selanyl)quinolin-2-yl)phenol (5j).** Yellow solid (174.80 mg, 40%). Mp: 187-191 °C. IR ν<sub>max</sub> cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3358, 2961, 2920, 2840, 1572, 1493, 1443, 1251, 1229, 1173, 1030, 825. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz,

1H), 7.61 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.34 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d,  $J$  = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.83, 157.81, 157.53, 154.76, 138.15(2C), 130.83, 129.07(2C), 128.54(2C), 122.70, 120.10, 116.72, 115.99, 115.94(2C), 115.51, 115.28, 114.86, 103.62, 55.78(2C) ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3\text{Se}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 438.0609, found: 438.0930.

*6-methoxy-2-(2-nitrophenyl)-4-(phenylselanyl)quinoline (5k).* Orange oil (152.60 mg, 35%). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2931, 2834, 1713, 1609, 1510, 1344, 1238, 1181, 1035, 823, 743.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.47 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 4H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.11, 159.37, 144.84, 143.79, 143.55, 140.70, 134.50 (3C), 132.63, 132.46, 130.31, 129.20, 128.61 (2C), 128.17, 125.47, 124.21, 123.66, 122.92, 103.12, 55.70 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Se}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 437.0405, found: 436.9470.

*Ethyl 4-(benzylselanyl)-6-methoxyquinoline-2-carboxylate (6b).* Yellow solid (240.60 mg, 60%). Mp: 95-99 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3438, 2931, 2838, 1706, 1618, 1497, 1322, 1274, 1227, 1117, 1020, 825, 698.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.24 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d,  $J$  = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 4.53 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.35, 159.59, 144.77, 142.96, 142.85, 132.97, 131.01, 129.08 (2C), 128.72 (2C), 127.52, 123.28, 122.82, 103.63, 62.12, 55.64, 31.18, 14.43. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3\text{Se}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 402.0609, found: 402.0209.

*Ethyl 6-methoxy-4-((4-methoxyphenyl)selanyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (6c).* Orange solid (200.16 mg, 48%). Mp: 139-143 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2961, 2937, 2838, 1709, 1512, 1492, 1229, 1248, 1171, 1108, 1026, 825.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.07 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.29, 160.89, 159.49, 145.75, 144.95, 142.78, 138.12 (3C), 132.86, 130.01, 123.23, 121.60, 115.86 (2C), 102.98, 61.93, 55.70, 55.34, 14.23 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4\text{Se}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 418.0558, found: 418.0900.

*Ethyl 6-methoxy-4-(*o*-tolylselanyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (6d).* Yellow solid (180.45 mg, 45%). Mp: 92-96 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2985, 2959, 2937, 2838, 1711, 1680, 1620, 1505, 1469, 1216, 1182, 1168, 1032, 823, 750. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 4.34 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.19, 159.60, 145.02, 143.83, 143.00, 142.21, 137.02, 132.97, 130.95, 130.47, 129.99, 127.43, 127.39, 123.31, 122.20, 103.29, 61.95, 55.69, 22.70, 14.23 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Se (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 402.0609, found: 402.0170.

*Ethyl 6-methoxy-4-(naphthalen-2-ylselanyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (6e).* Orange solid (174.80 mg, 40%). Mp: 124-128 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3105, 3052, 2987, 1739, 1706, 1613, 1469, 1372, 1220, 1195, 1104, 1020, 830, 814, 747. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.77 – 7.67 (m, 3H), 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.15, 159.72, 145.03, 143.10, 135.14, 134.14, 133.12, 132.97, 131.62, 130.57, 129.66, 127.92, 127.67, 127.12, 126.87, 124.22, 123.52, 123.43, 114.33, 103.54, 61.98, 55.70, 14.16 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Se, (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 438.0609 found: 438.0140.

*Ethyl 6-methoxy-4-((6-methoxynaphthalen-2-ylselanyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (6f).* Yellow solid (210.15 mg, 45%). Mp: 169-172 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2920, 2853, 1706, 1620, 1512, 1499, 1264, 1227, 1212, 1108, 1024, 827. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.11 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 4.28 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 6H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.19, 159.62, 158.71, 144.98, 144.69, 142.96, 135.66, 134.67, 132.88, 132.67, 130.38, 129.72, 129.27, 128.57, 123.36, 122.77, 120.71, 119.74, 105.91, 103.35, 61.94, 55.70, 55.39, 14.15 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Se (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 468.0715, found: 467.9210.

*Ethyl 6-methoxy-4-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenylselanyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (6g).* Yellow solid (204.75 mg, 45%). Mp: 132-135 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2972, 2836, 1736, 1682, 1618, 1501, 1324, 1223, 1164, 1026, 1017, 840, 823. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ

8.13 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.36 (dd,  $J = 9.3, 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.40 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.95, 160.09, 145.12, 143.45, 140.86, 133.82 (4C), 133.18 (2C), 130.93, 126.58, 126.52, 125.47, 123.68, 103.89, 62.17, 55.68, 14.23 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{Se}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 456.0327, found: 455.9150.

*Ethyl 4-((4-fluorophenyl)selanyl)-6-methoxyquinoline-2-carboxylate (6h).* Yellow solid (121.50 mg, 30%). Mp: 162–165 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm $^{-1}$ : 2976, 2939, 2840, 1732, 1616, 1581, 1486, 1462, 1223, 1216, 1112, 1024, 843, 830, 817.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.18 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.72 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.13 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.45 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.17, 161.91, 159.68, 144.98, 144.24, 142.96, 138.17, 138.09, 138.06, 133.00, 130.14, 123.41, 122.41, 117.61, 117.32, 103.10, 62.09, 55.72, 14.26 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNO}_3\text{Se}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ : 406.0359, found: 405.9900.

**Synthesis of Derivatives of Sonogashira Reaction.** In a two-necked flask, under nitrogen flow and mounted heating apparatus (reflux condenser and silicone oil bath) were added the oxazoline compounds (20 mol%), palladium chloride (10 mol%) and the solvent the compound 6-methoxy-4- (phenylselenyl) quinoline-2-carboxylate (1 mmol) was added after 15 minutes, then the compound 2-methylbut-3-yn-ol (2 mmol) and the base (2 mmol). The solution was stirred at 80 °C until the total consumption of the starting material (TLC) (24 hours). To the mixture was added saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The organic phase was dried with  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica.

*Ethyl 4-(3-hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-yn-1-yl)-6-methoxyquinoline-2-carboxylate (8a).* Orange solid (234.75 mg, 75%). Mp: 138–141 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm $^{-1}$ : 3367, 3326, 2980, 2929, 1717, 1620, 1479, 1372, 1272, 1227, 1112, 1017, 830.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.12 (t,  $J = 4.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 4.47 (q,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 6H), 1.41 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.11, 160.10, 145.16, 143.69, 132.75 (2C), 130.43, 128.57, 124.07, 123.44 (2C), 103.19,

65.82, 62.14, 55.53, 31.44 (2C), 14.37 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 314.1393, found: 314.1213.

*Ethyl 6-methoxy-4-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (8b).* Orange oil (147.15 mg, 45%). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2957, 2928, 2853, 1717, 1620, 1477, 1223, 1106, 1024, 845, 836. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.27 – 8.15 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 4.54 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.36 (s, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.29, 160.32, 145.31, 143.90, 135.75, 132.91, 128.79, 124.32, 123.79, 103.47, 100.41 (2C), 62.34, 55.69, 14.57, 0.00 (3C) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Si (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 328.1370, found: 328.0970.

*Ethyl 4-(3-hydroxyprop-1-yn-1-yl)-6-methoxyquinoline-2-carboxylate (8c).* Orange solid (151.05 mg, 53%). Mp: 130–133 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3324, 2976, 2933, 2851, 1711, 1620, 1477, 1439, 1371, 1223, 1110, 1022, 834, 730, 694. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.20 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 4.53 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 1H), 1.48 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.01, 160.11, 144.84, 134.50, 132.46, 129.20, 128.61, 124.21, 123.66, 103.12, 97.93, 66.90, 62.19, 55.70, 51.44, 14.35 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 286.1080, found: 286.1150.

*Ethyl 4-(4-hydroxybut-1-yn-1-yl)-6-methoxyquinoline-2-carboxylate (8d).* Orange solid (170.43 mg, 57%). Mp: 101–105 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3328, 2931, 2885, 2227, 1719, 1620, 1477, 1371, 1220, 1110, 1032, 845. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.15 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.98, 159.86, 144.58, 143.31, 132.15, 130.57, 129.49, 123.77, 123.49, 103.15, 98.53, 62.10, 60.84, 60.62, 55.58, 23.49, 14.32 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*, calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> (M + H)<sup>+</sup>: 300.1237, found: 300.087.

*Ethyl 6-methoxy-4-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (8e).* Brown solid (223.82 mg, 62%). Mp: 101–105 °C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3451, 2931, 2836, 2201, 1709, 1607, 1512, 1223, 1110, 1018, 832. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.29 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.56 (m, 4H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.55 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.49 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.26, 160.61, 160.00, 145.26, 143.78, 135.51, 133.52, 132.73, 130.31, 130.04,

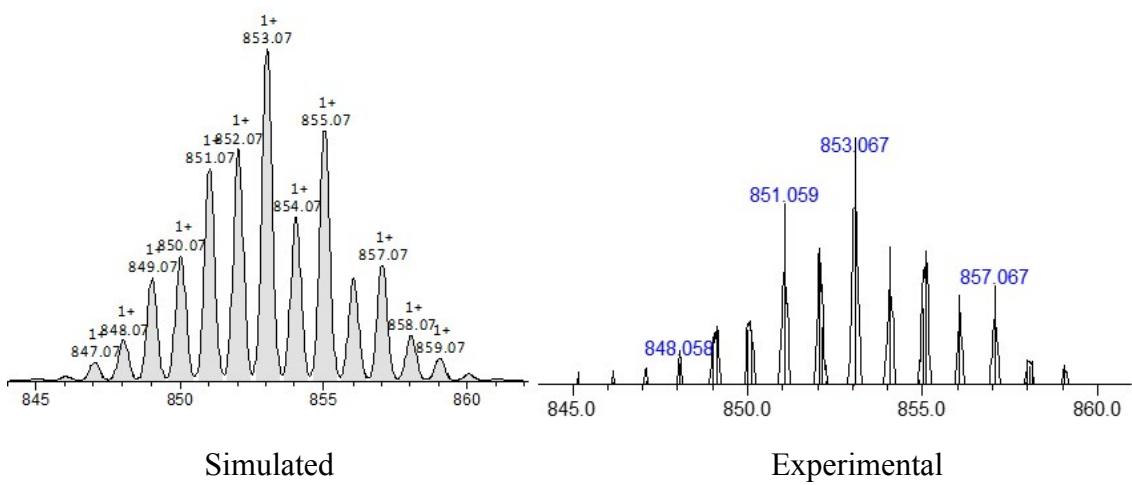
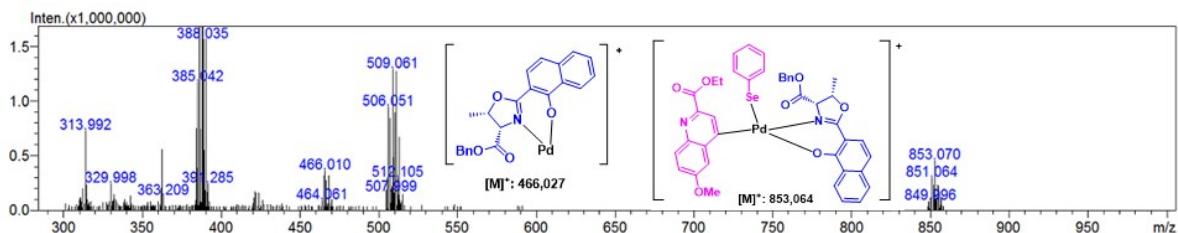
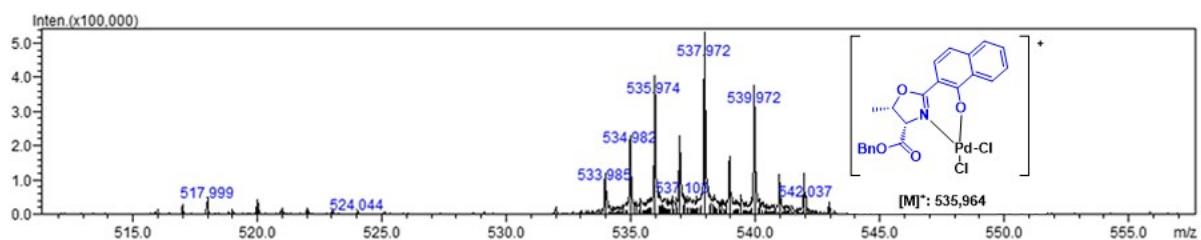
129.56, 123.72, 123.36, 114.34, 103.49, 99.68, 84.09, 76.59, 62.10, 55.61, 55.39, 14.39 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for  $C_{22}H_{19}NO_4$  ( $M + H$ ) $^+$ : 362.1393, found: 362.0950.

*Ethyl 4-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)-6-methoxyquinoline-2-carboxylate (8f).* Orange solid (171.05 mg, 55%). Mp: 52-55 °C. IR  $\nu_{max}$  cm $^{-1}$ : 2963, 2931, 2231, 1734, 1715, 1618, 1479, 1216, 1108, 1022, 851, 840.  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.17 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.54 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.62 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.70 (q,  $J = 7.4, 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.59 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.48 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H), 1.00 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  165.28, 159.90, 145.17, 143.68, 132.61, 130.77, 130.13, 123.99, 123.38, 103.32, 101.39, 62.07 (2C), 55.55, 30.56, 22.05, 19.48, 14.38, 13.60 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for  $C_{19}H_{21}NO_3$  ( $M + H$ ) $^+$ : 312.3828, found: 312.1760.

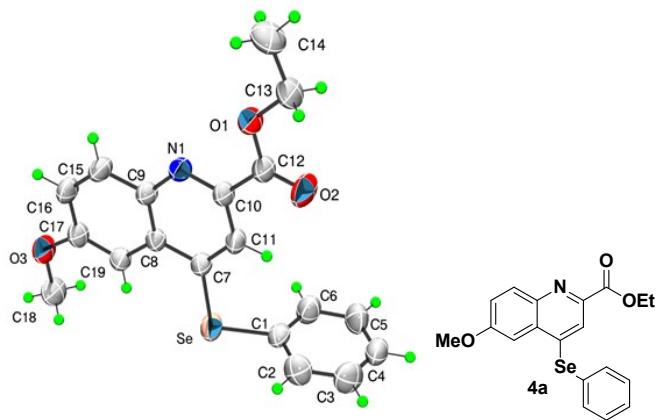
*Ethyl 4-((4-aminophenyl)ethynyl)-6-methoxyquinoline-2-carboxylate (8g).* Brown solid (221.44 mg, 64%). Mp: 154-159 °C. IR  $\nu_{max}$  cm $^{-1}$ : 3373, 2929, 2197, 1700, 1605, 1510, 1480, 1270, 1225, 1112, 1018, 836, 829.  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.26 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 6.69 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.55 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 1.49 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  165.33, 159.88, 147.90, 145.24, 143.75, 133.89, 133.49, 132.63, 130.29, 129.99, 123.42, 123.29, 114.74, 114.61, 111.10, 103.57, 100.95, 83.53, 62.06, 55.60, 14.39 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for  $C_{21}H_{18}N_2O_3$  ( $M + H$ ) $^+$ : 347.1396, found: 347.0980.

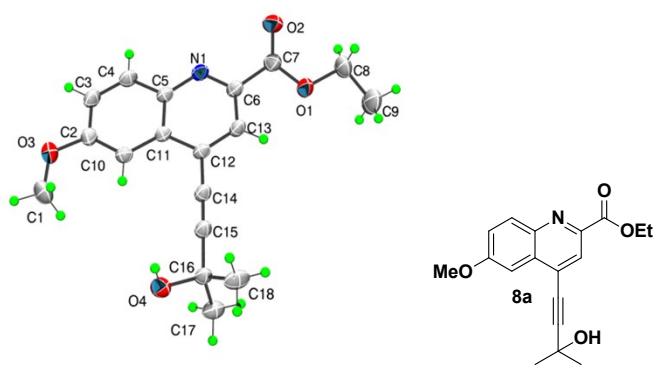
*Ethyl 6-methoxy-4-((2-nitrophenyl)ethynyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (8h).* Brown solid (142.88 mg, 38%). Mp: 143-146 °C. IR  $\nu_{max}$  cm $^{-1}$ : 2970, 2082, 1709, 1607, 1525, 1475, 1439, 1343, 1270, 1229, 1199, 1106, 1018, 856, 836, 788, 694.  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.35 (s, 1H), 8.18 (t,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.69 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.56 (q,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.10 (s, 3H), 1.50 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  165.09, 160.74, 149.37, 144.85, 143.86, 135.29, 133.26, 132.53, 130.64, 129.78, 127.90, 125.00, 124.61, 124.38, 117.73, 103.31, 93.56, 92.38, 62.21, 56.30, 14.41 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , calcd for  $C_{21}H_{16}N_2O_5$  ( $M + H$ ) $^+$ : 377.1138, found: 377.0958.

### III. Copies of high resolution (ESI-TOF) mass spectrometry spectra

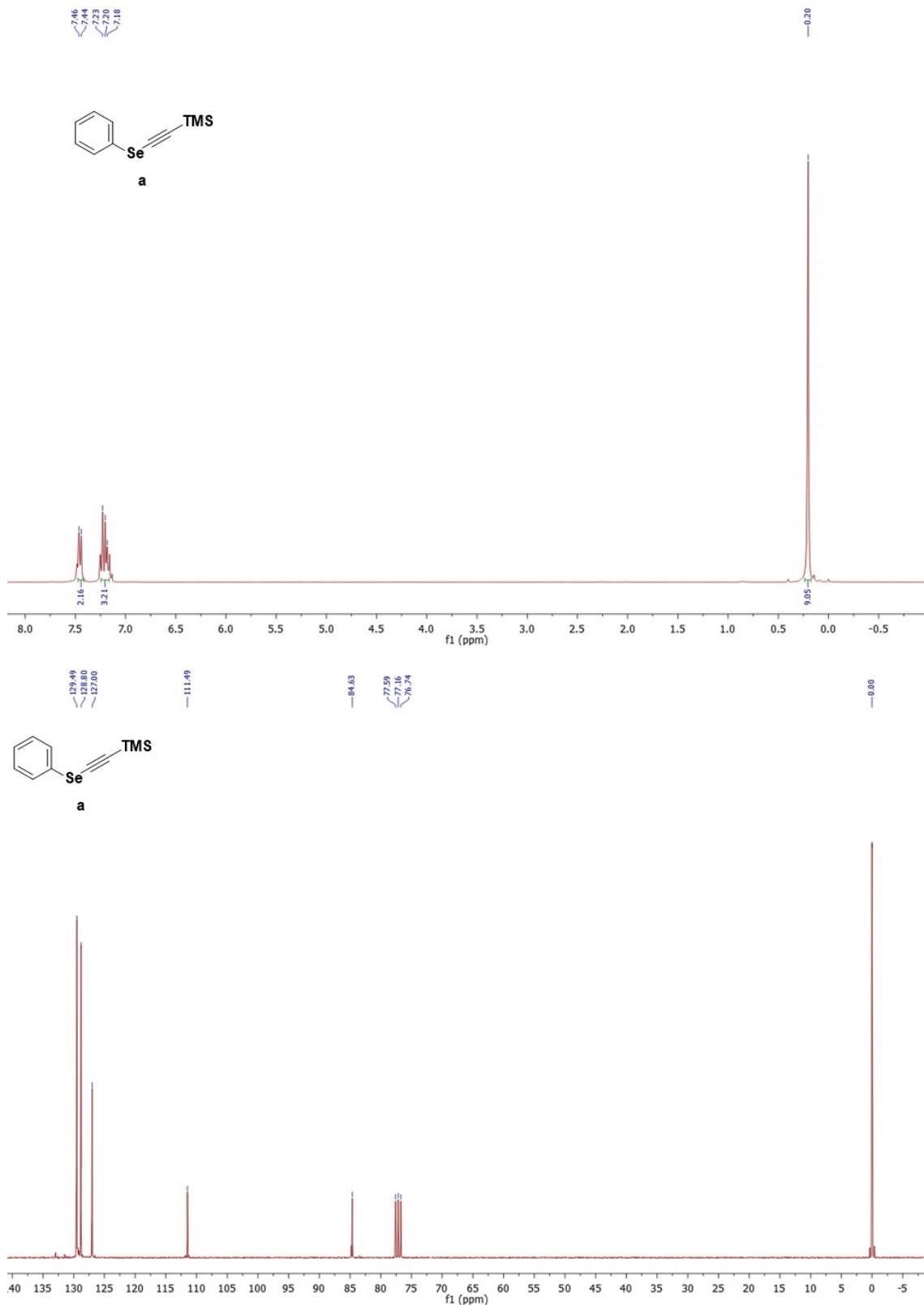


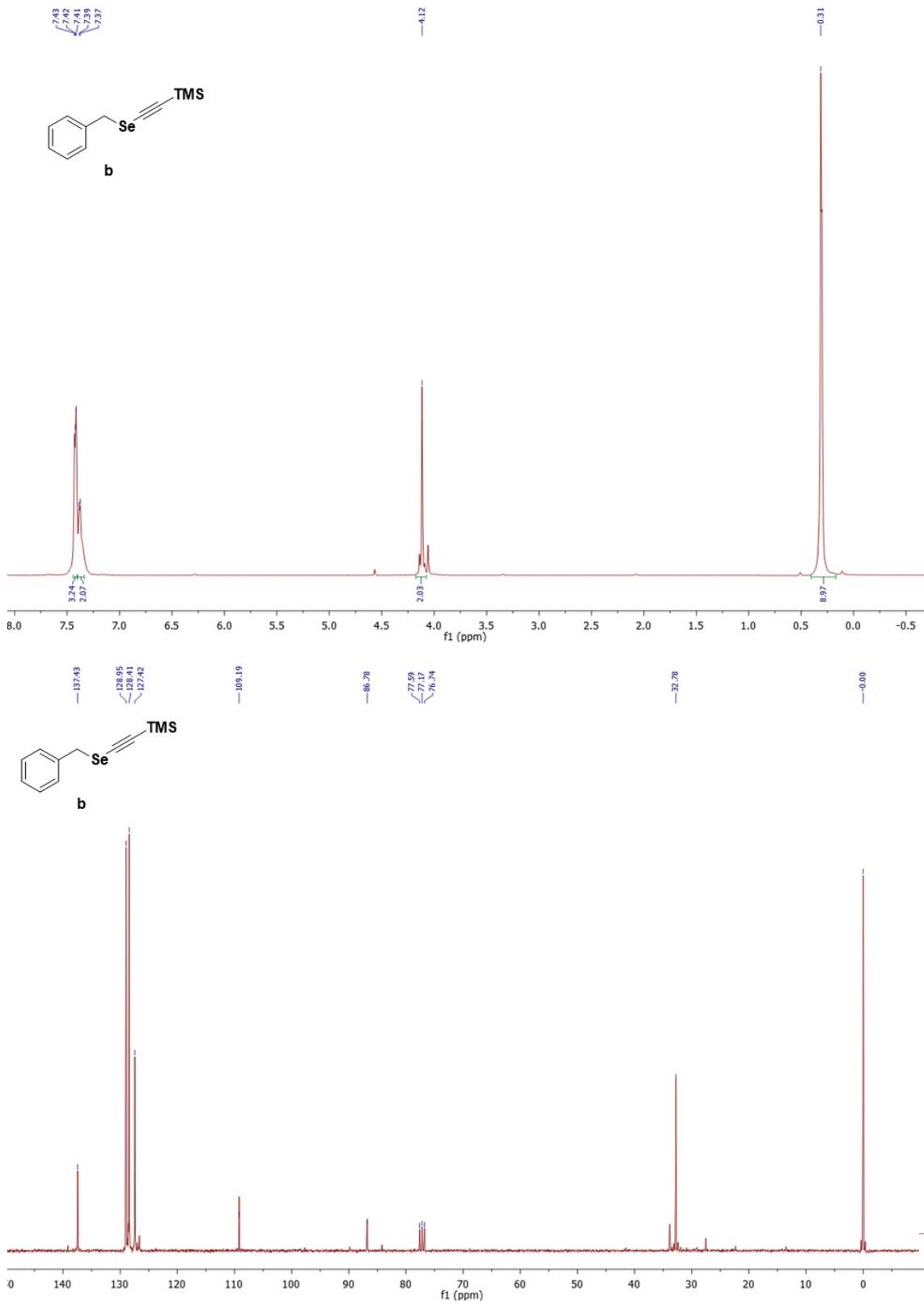
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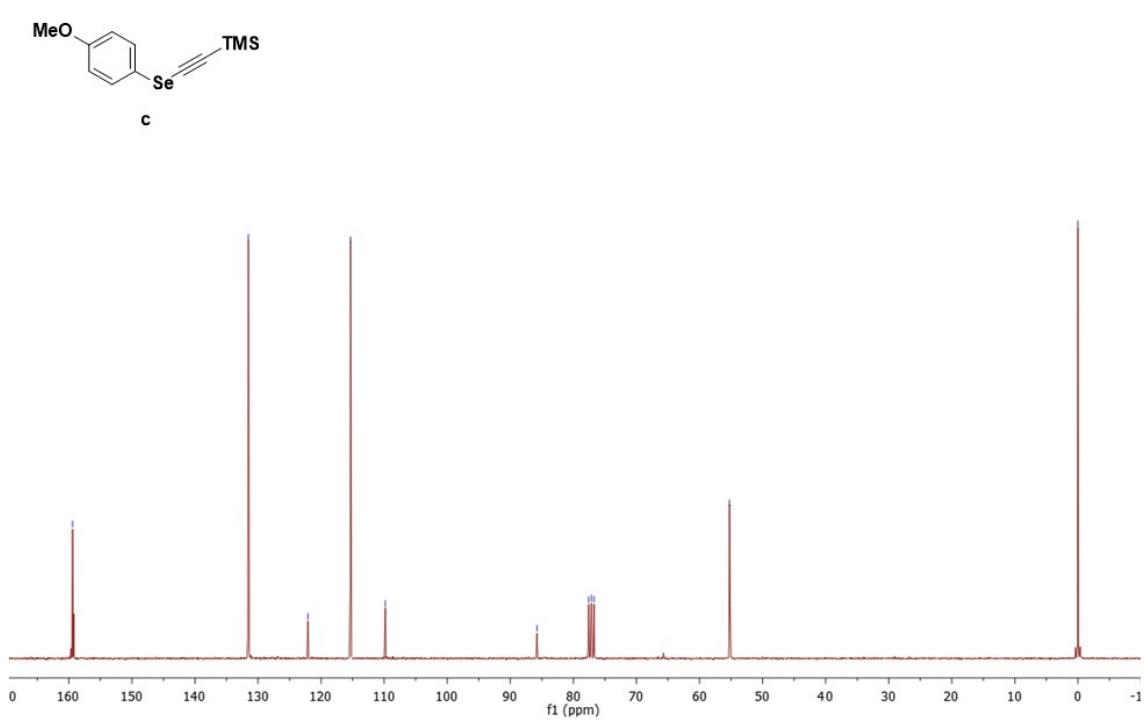
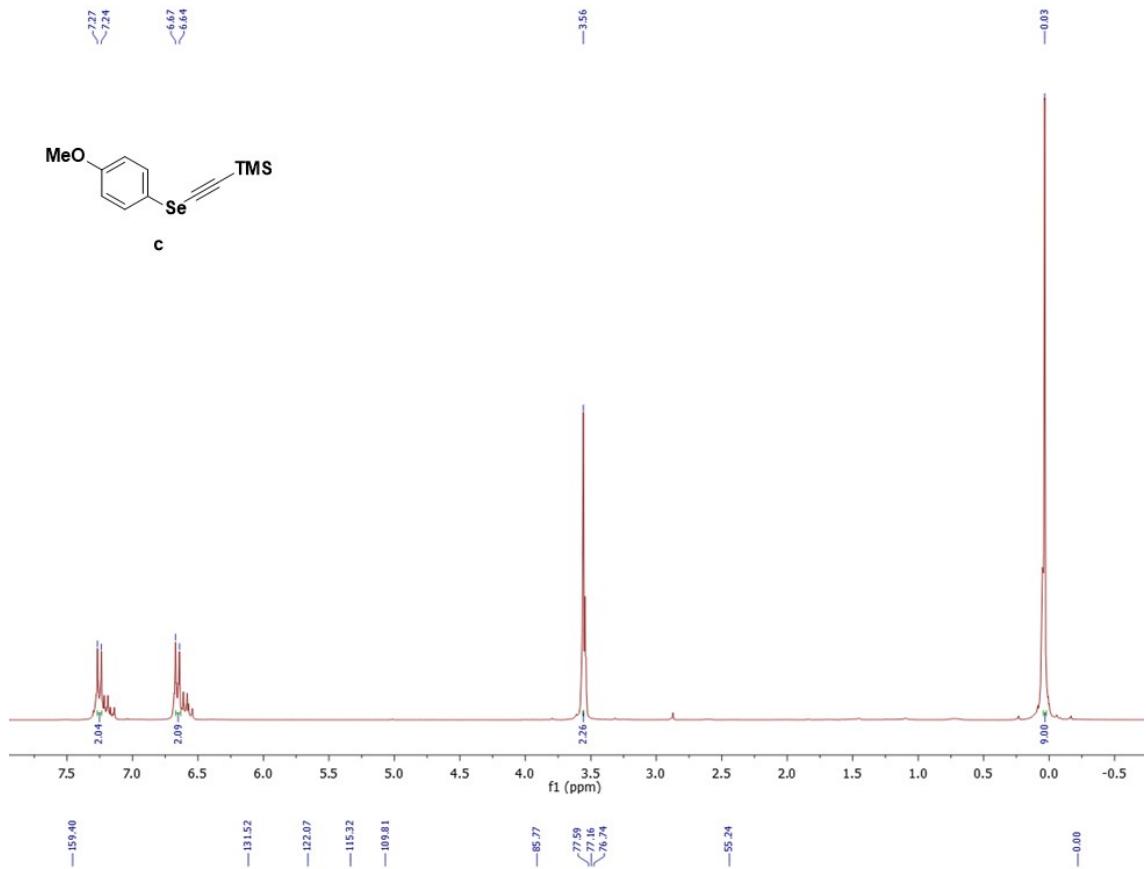


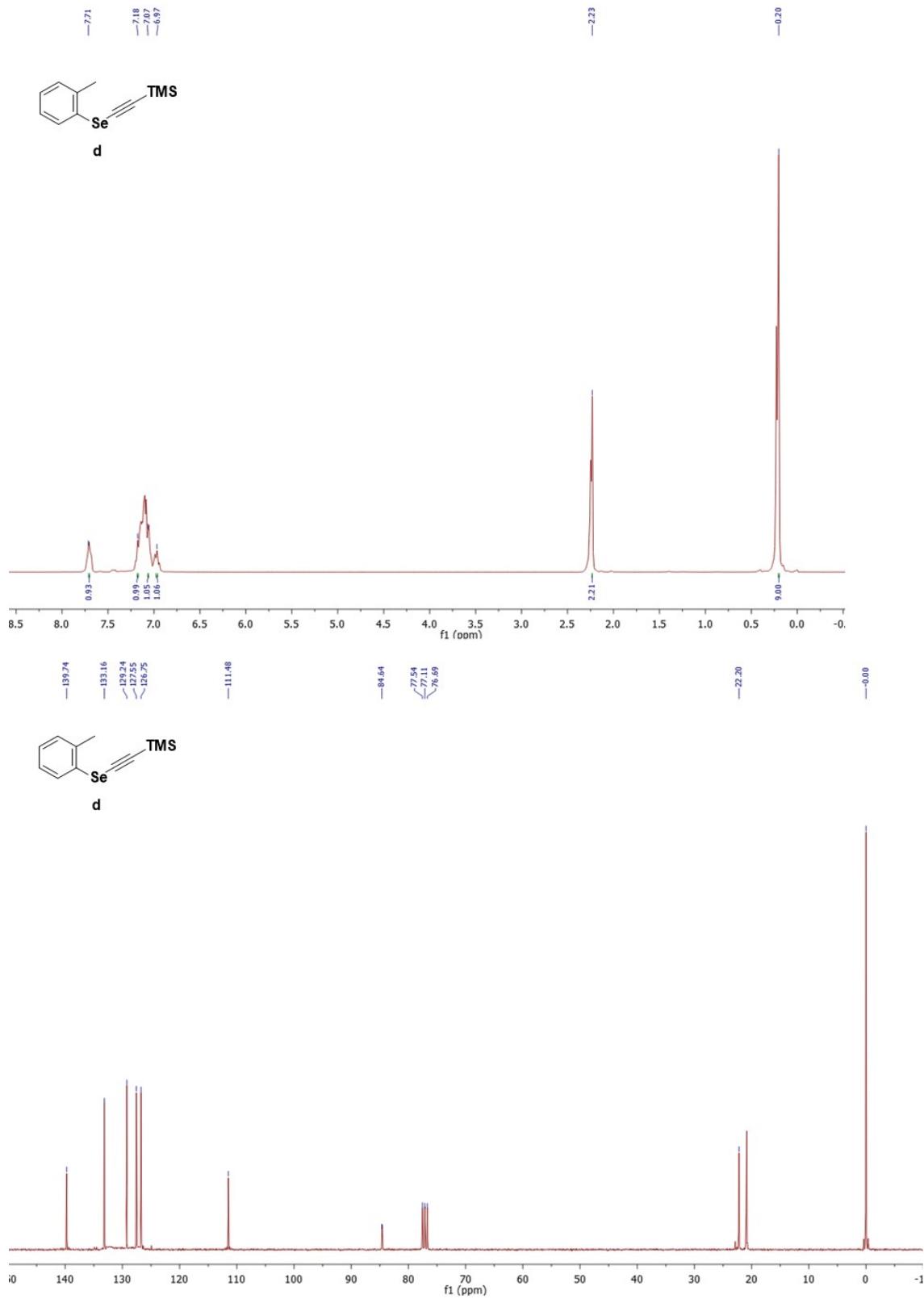


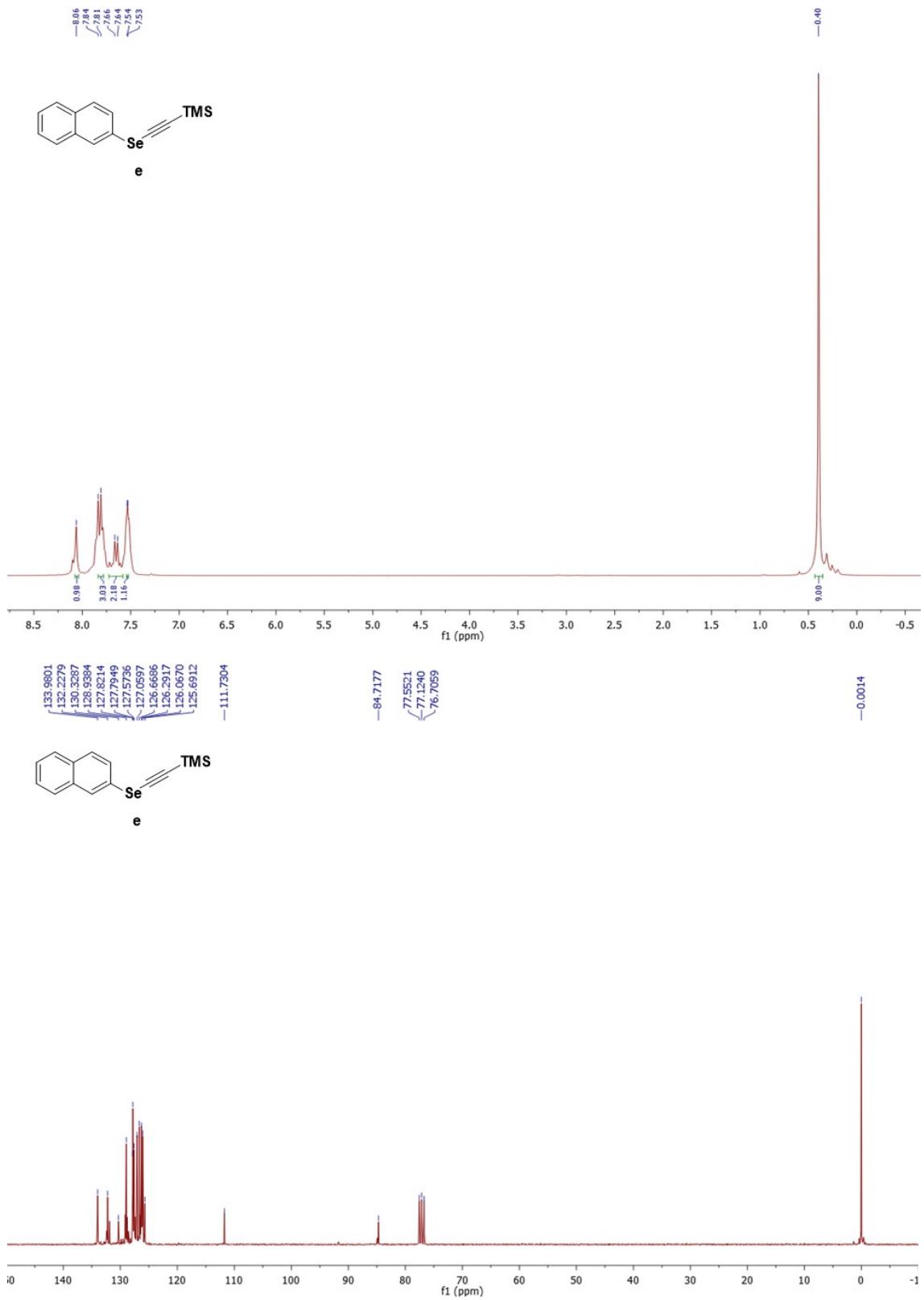
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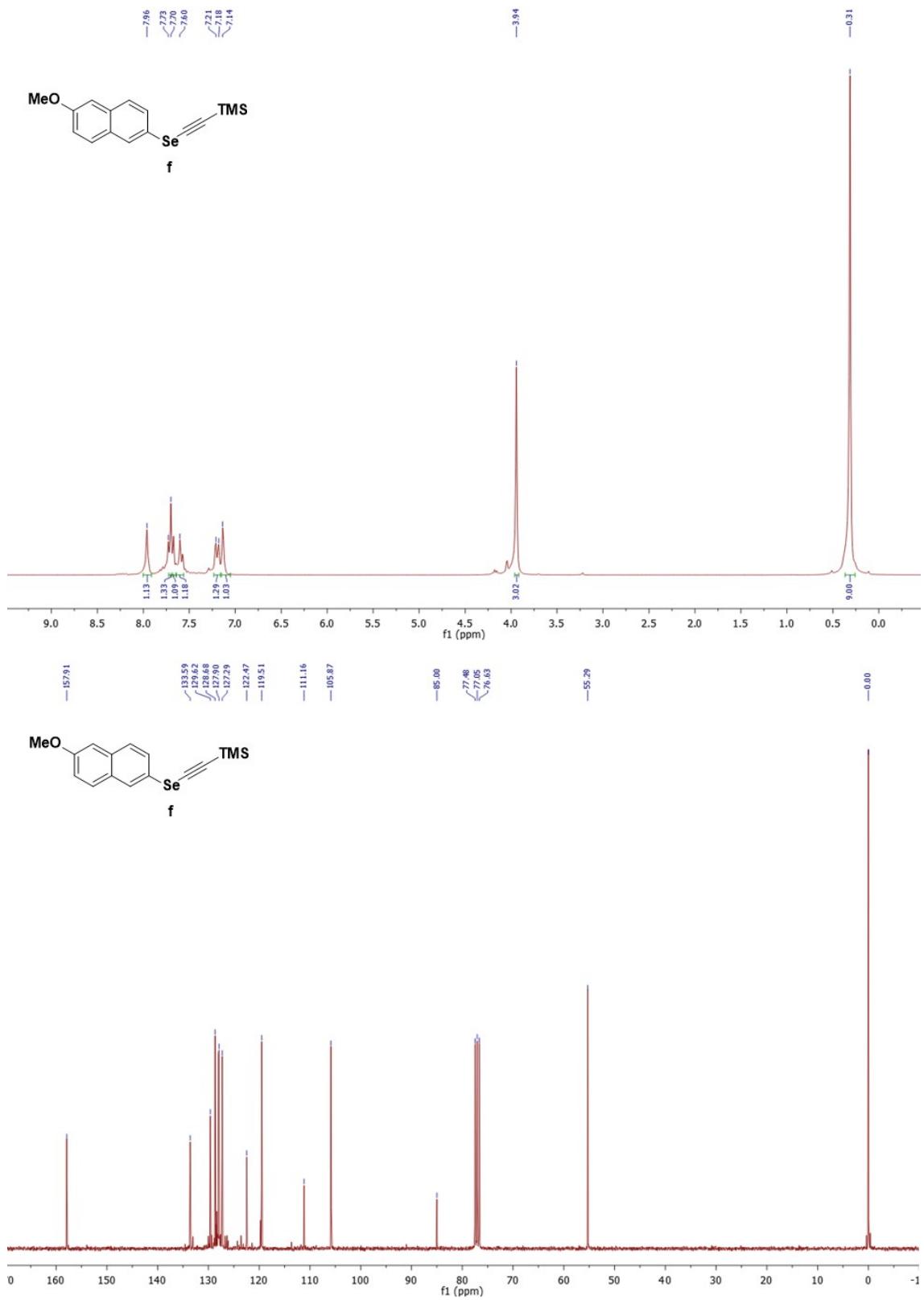


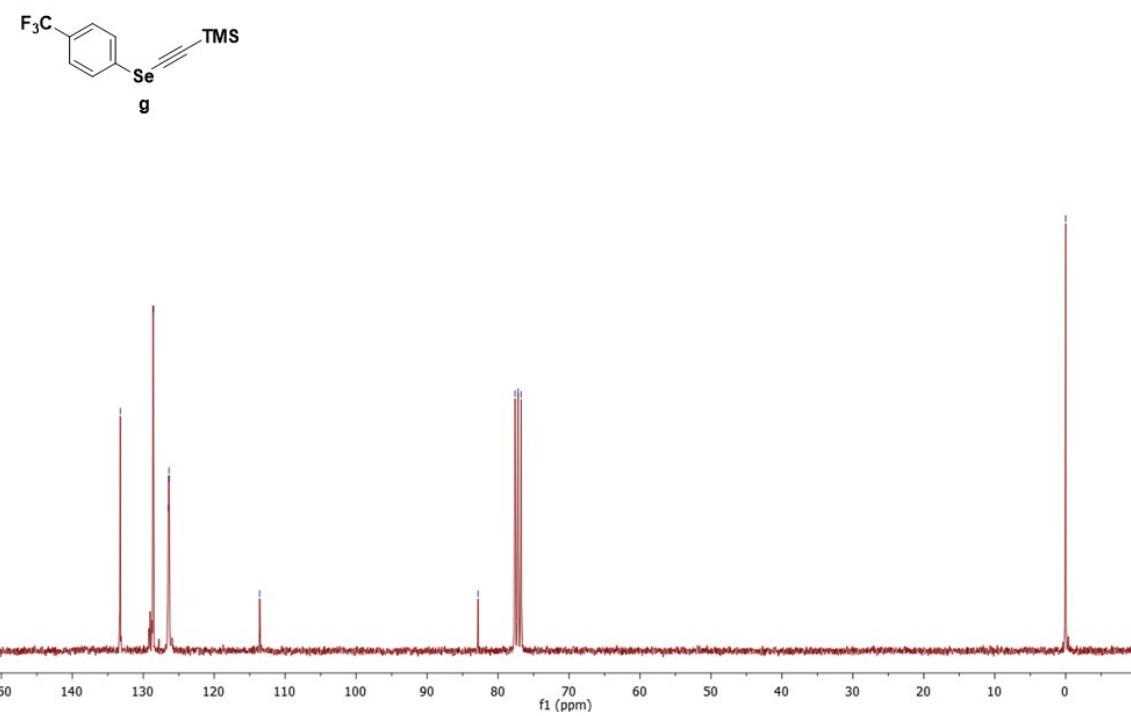
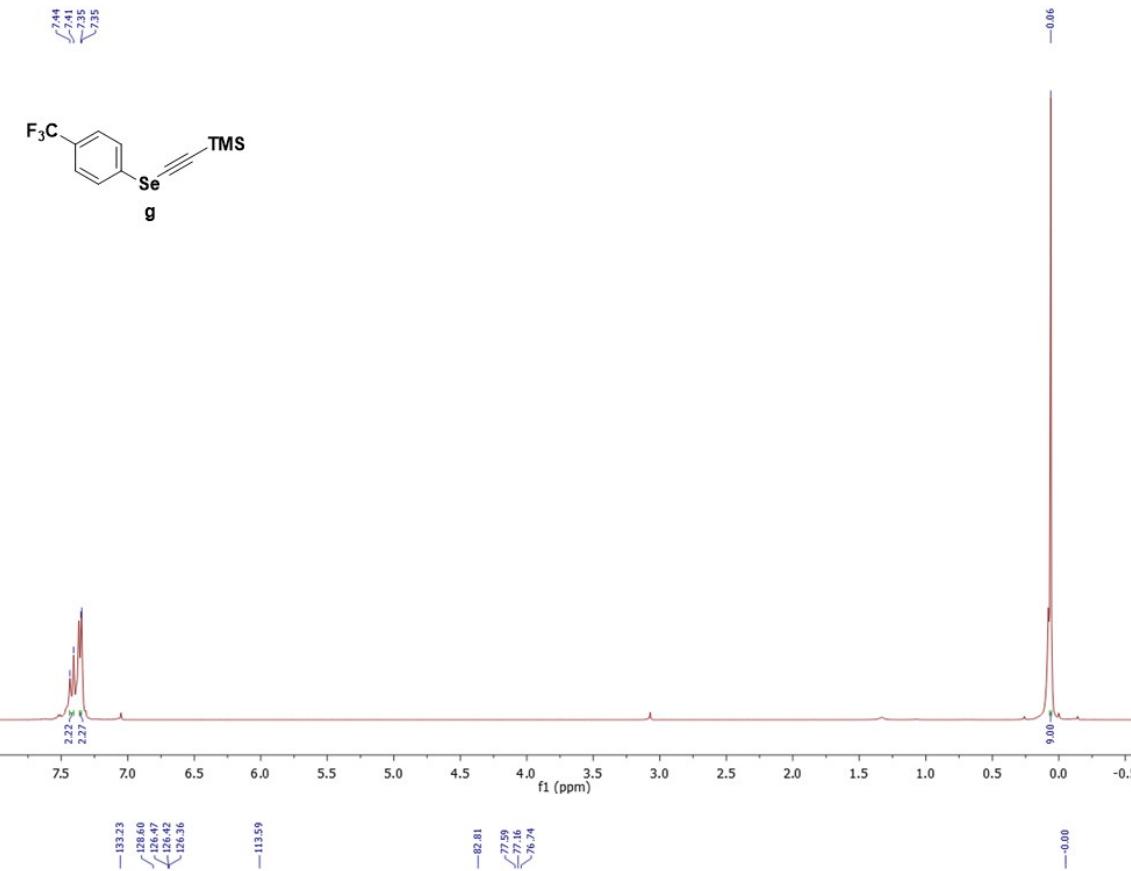


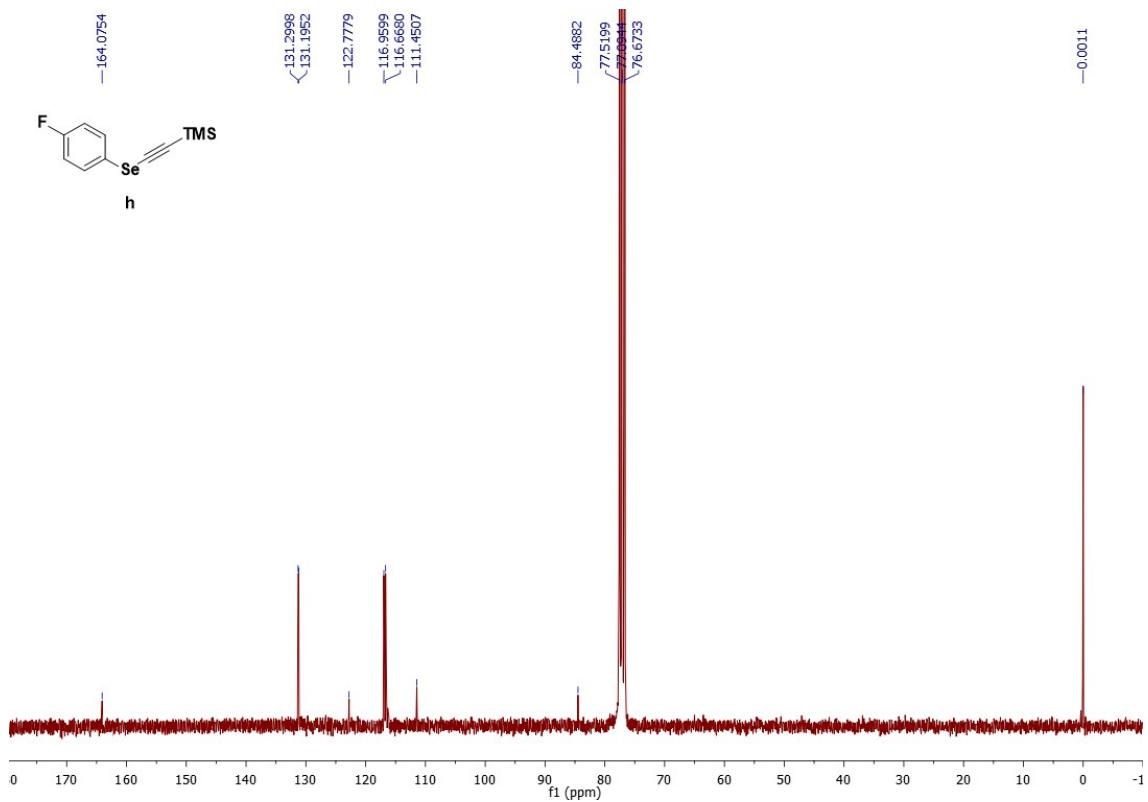
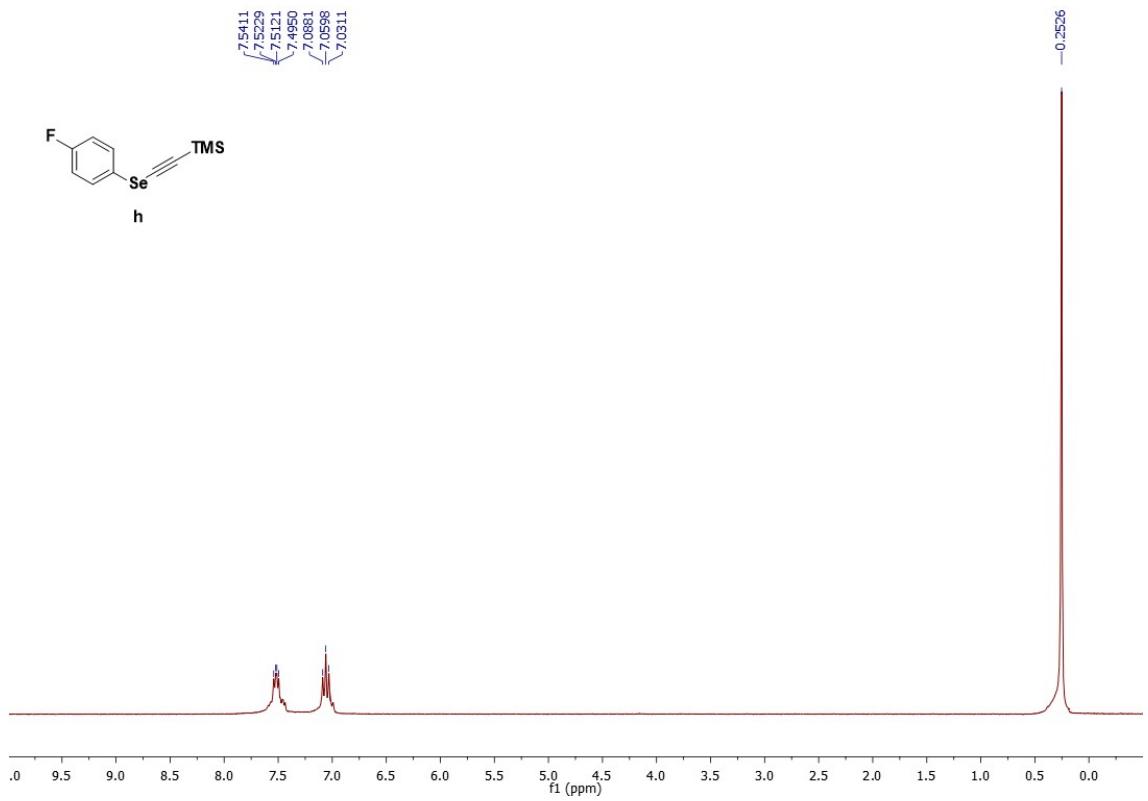


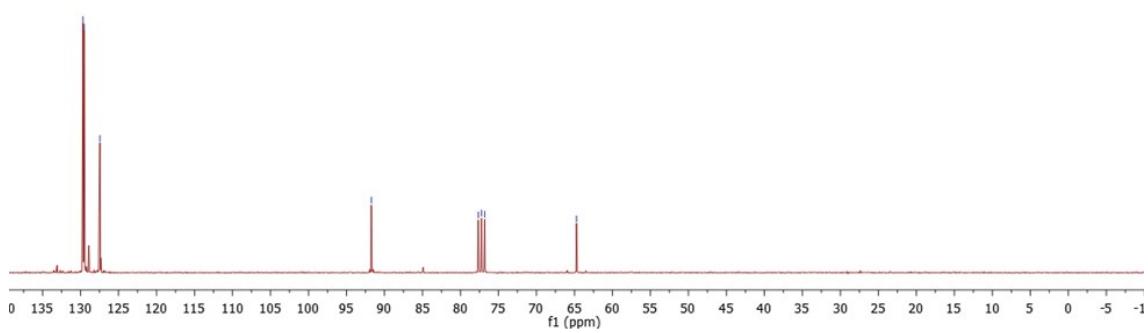
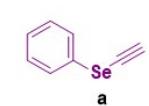
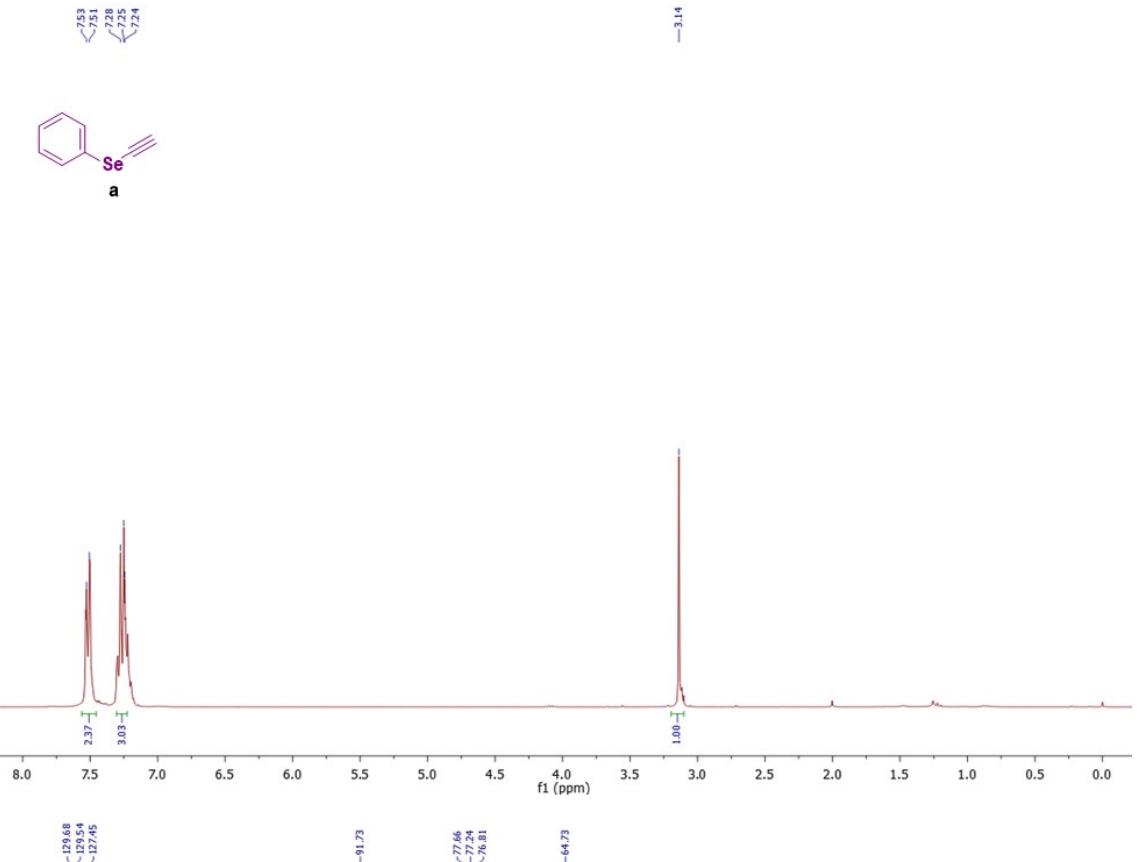


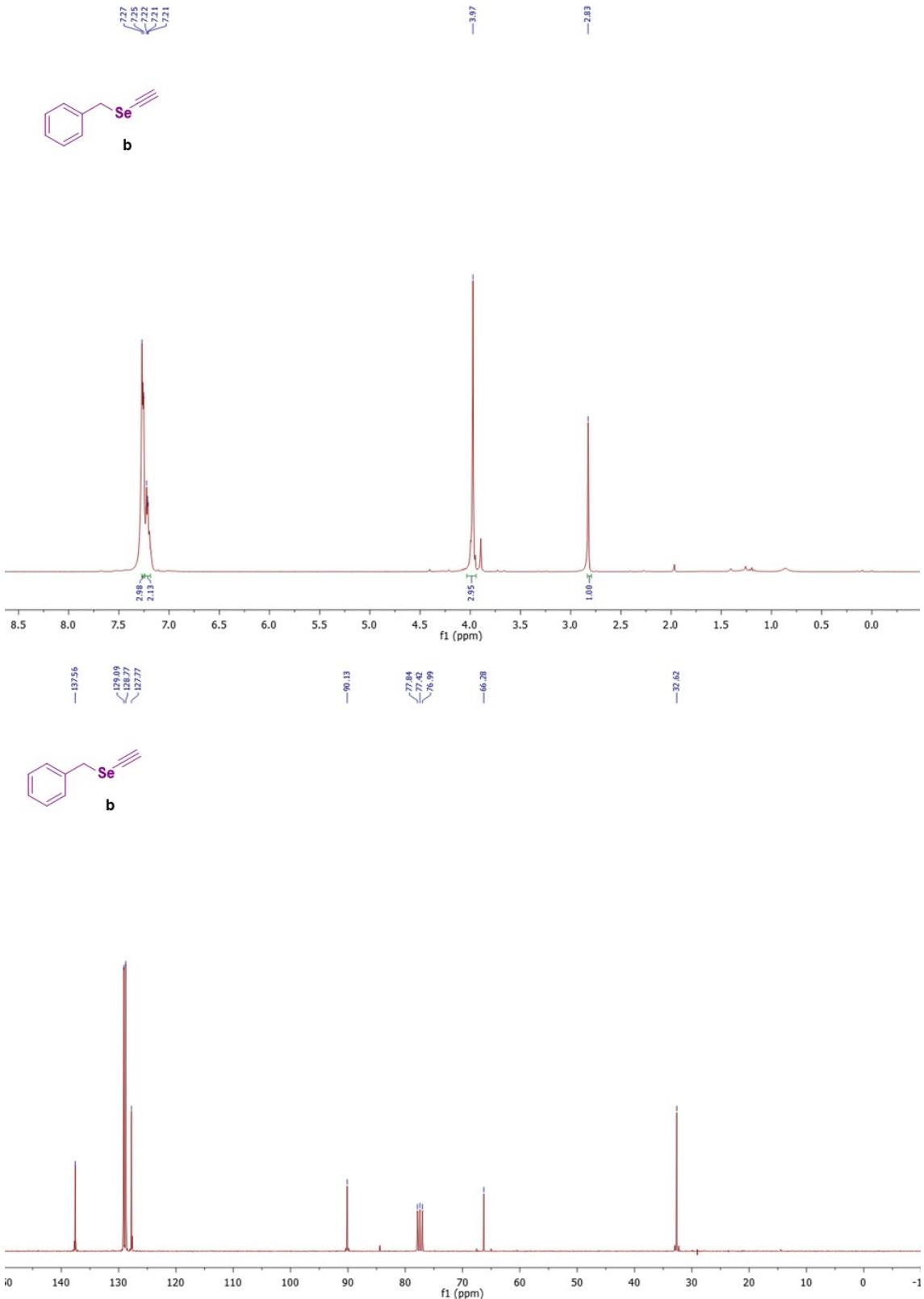


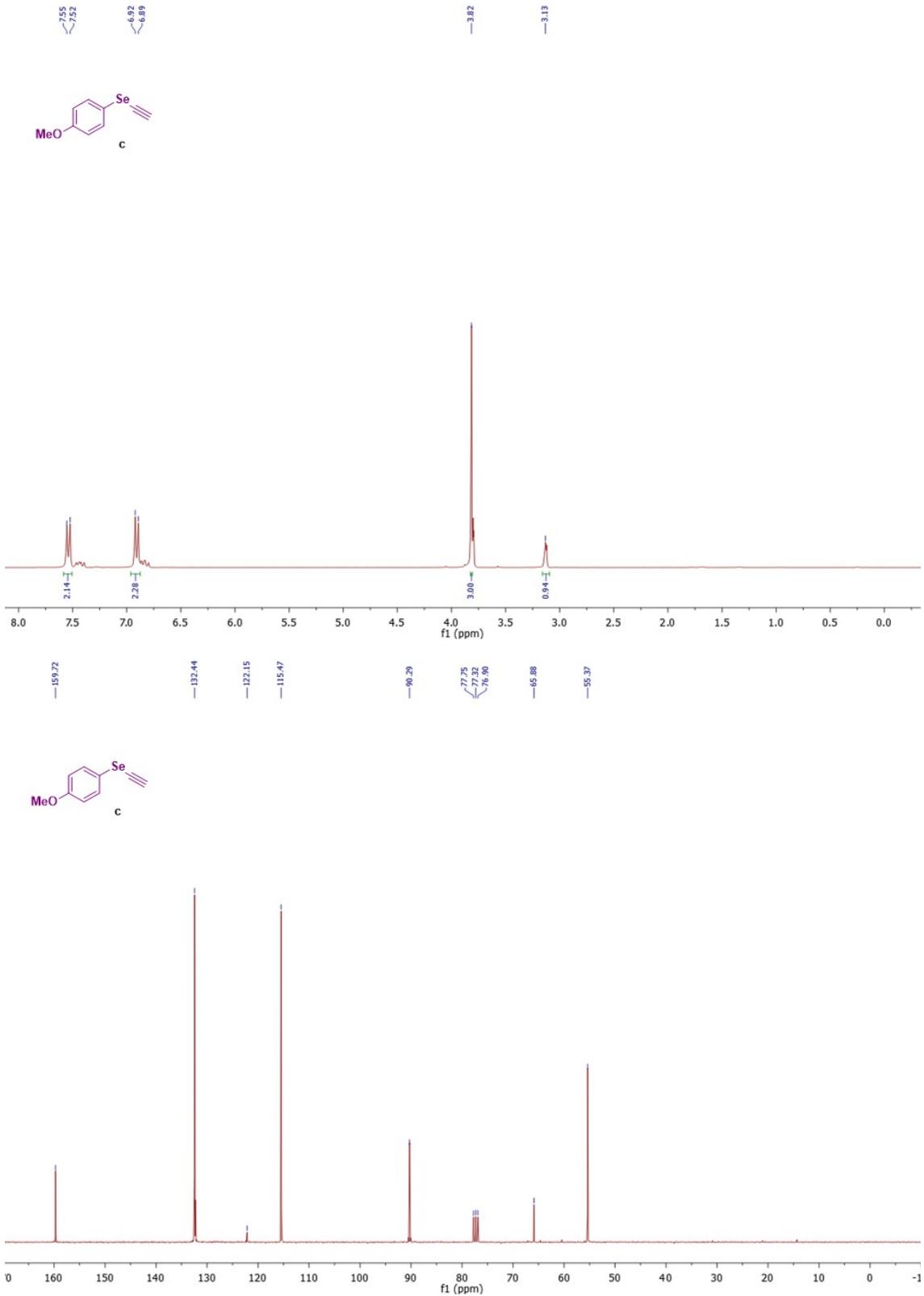










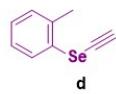


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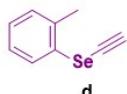
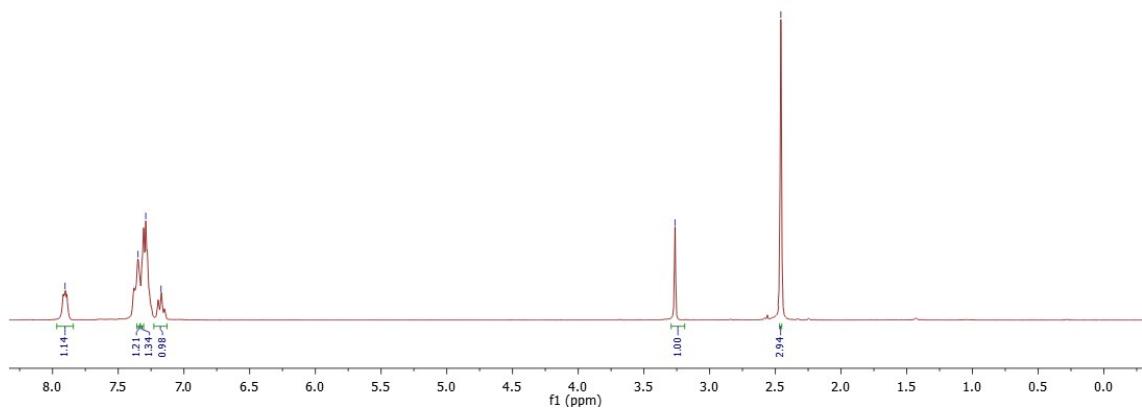
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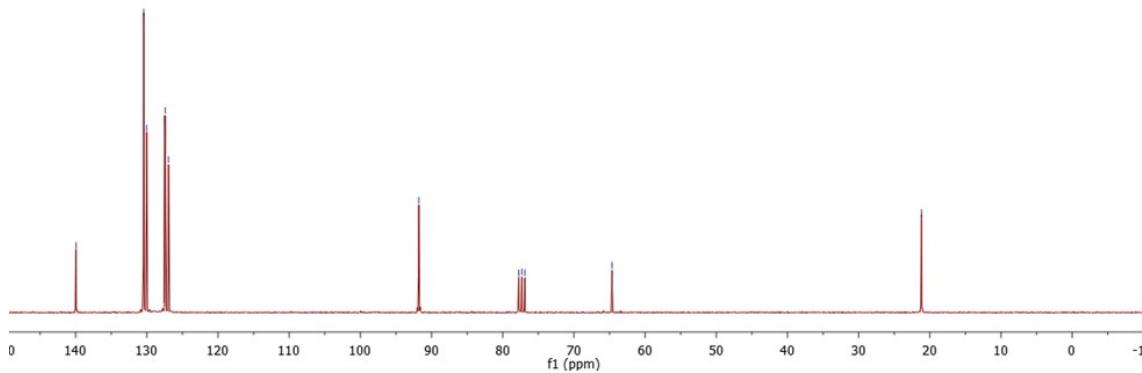
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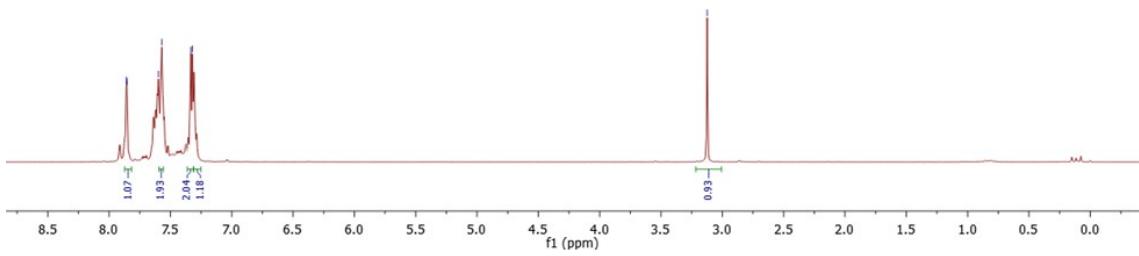
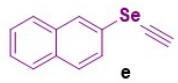


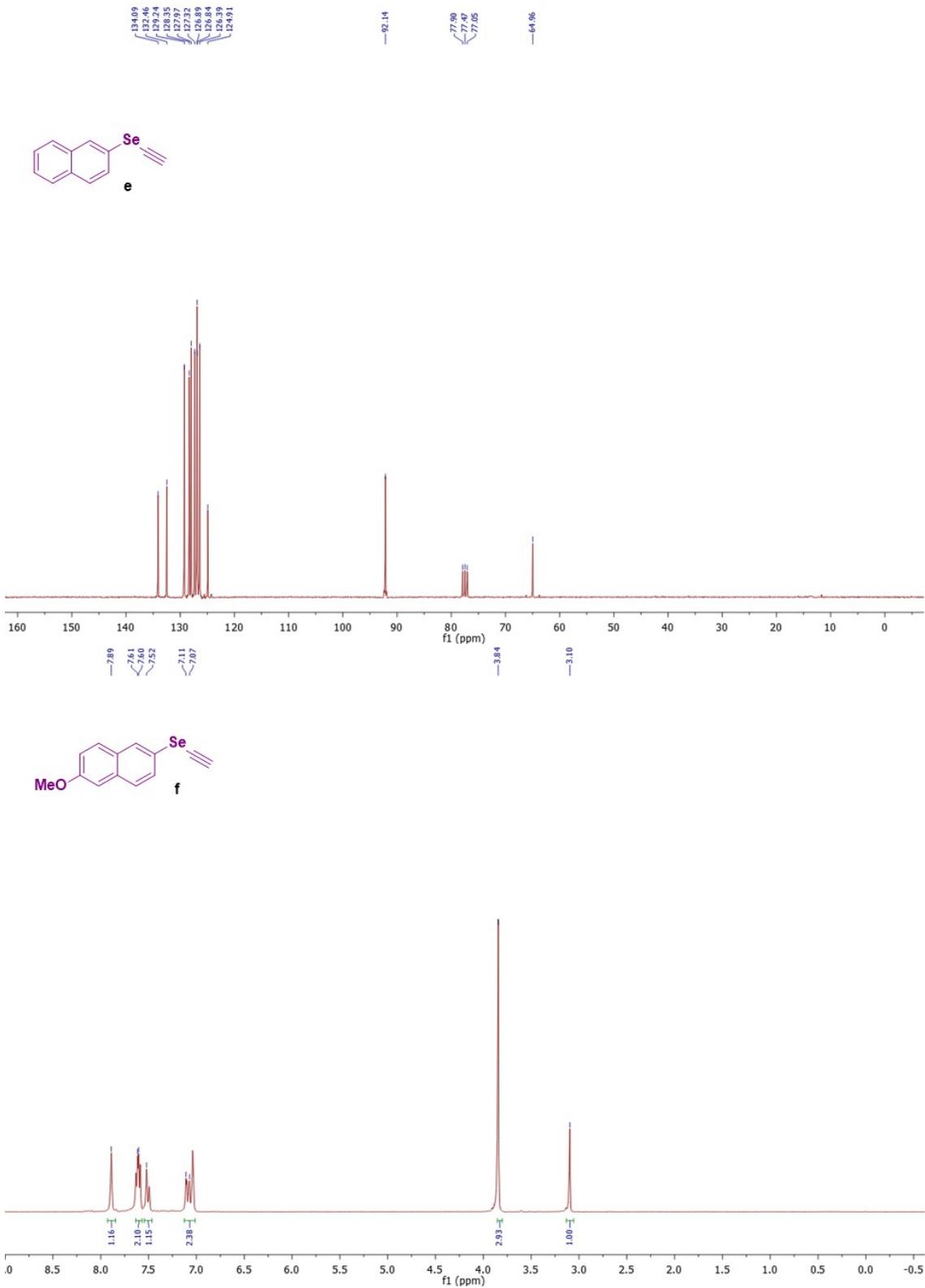
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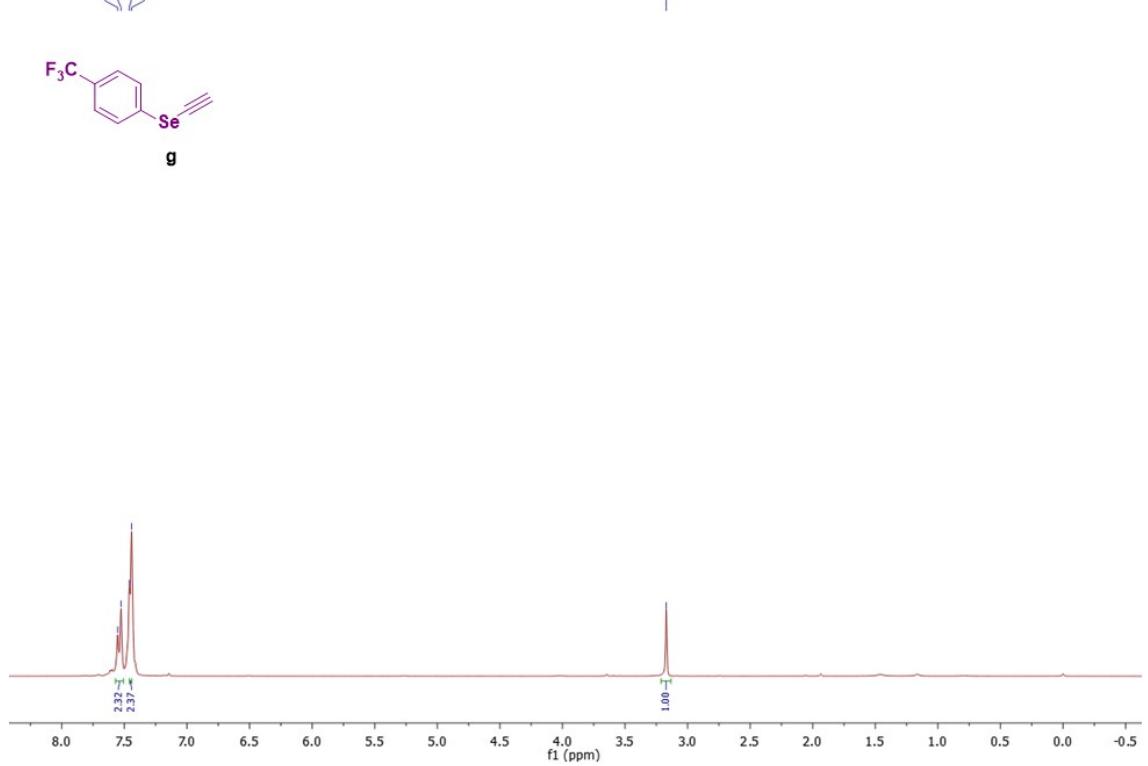
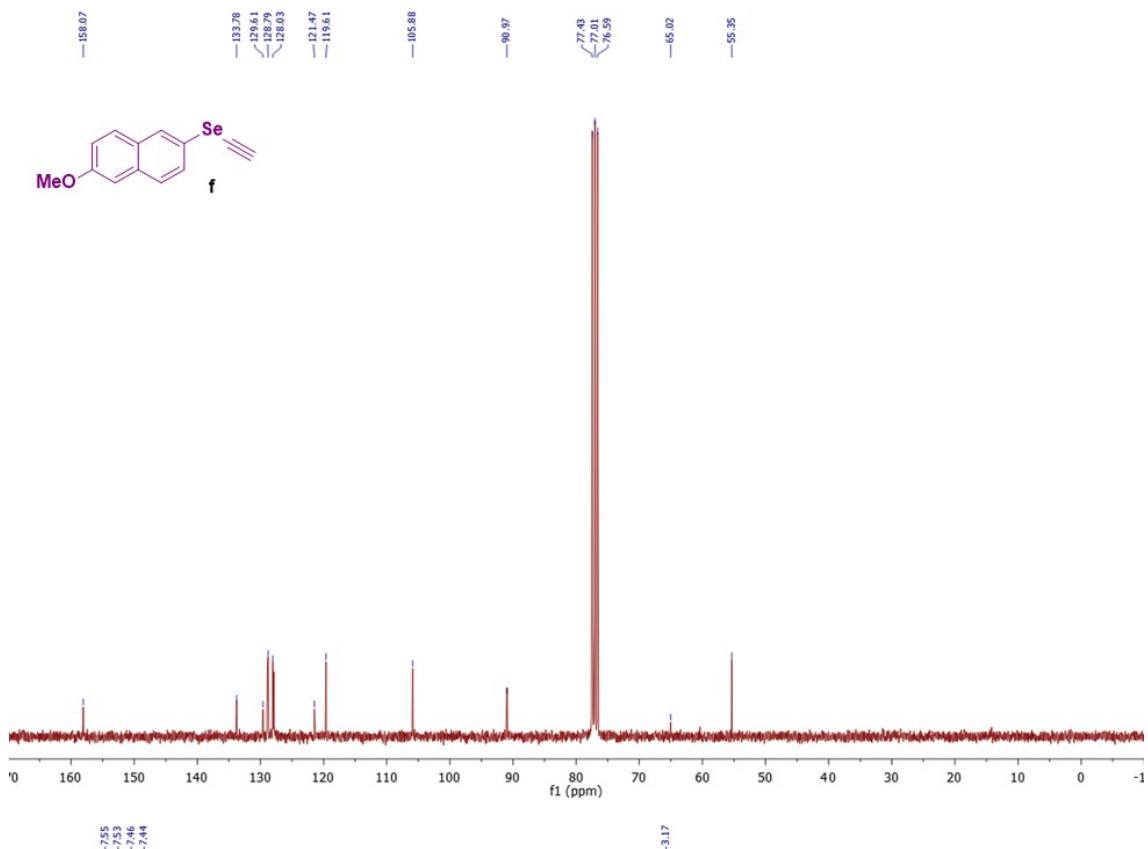


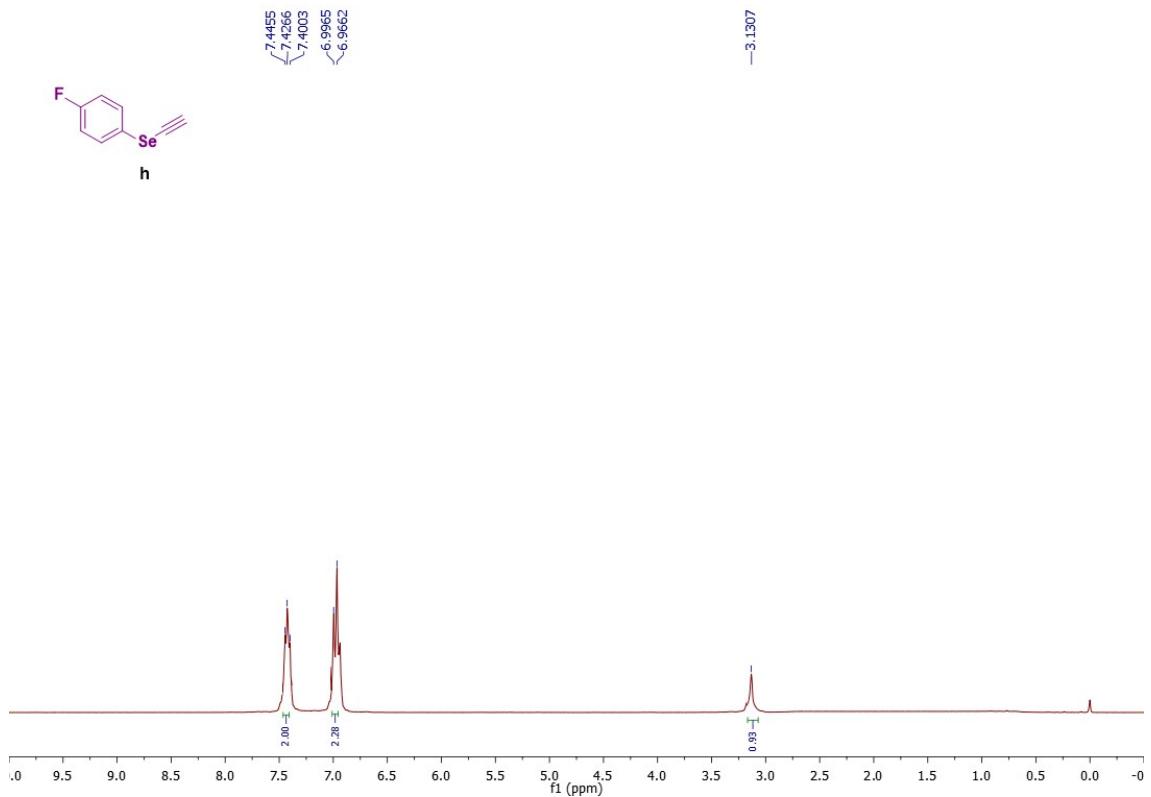
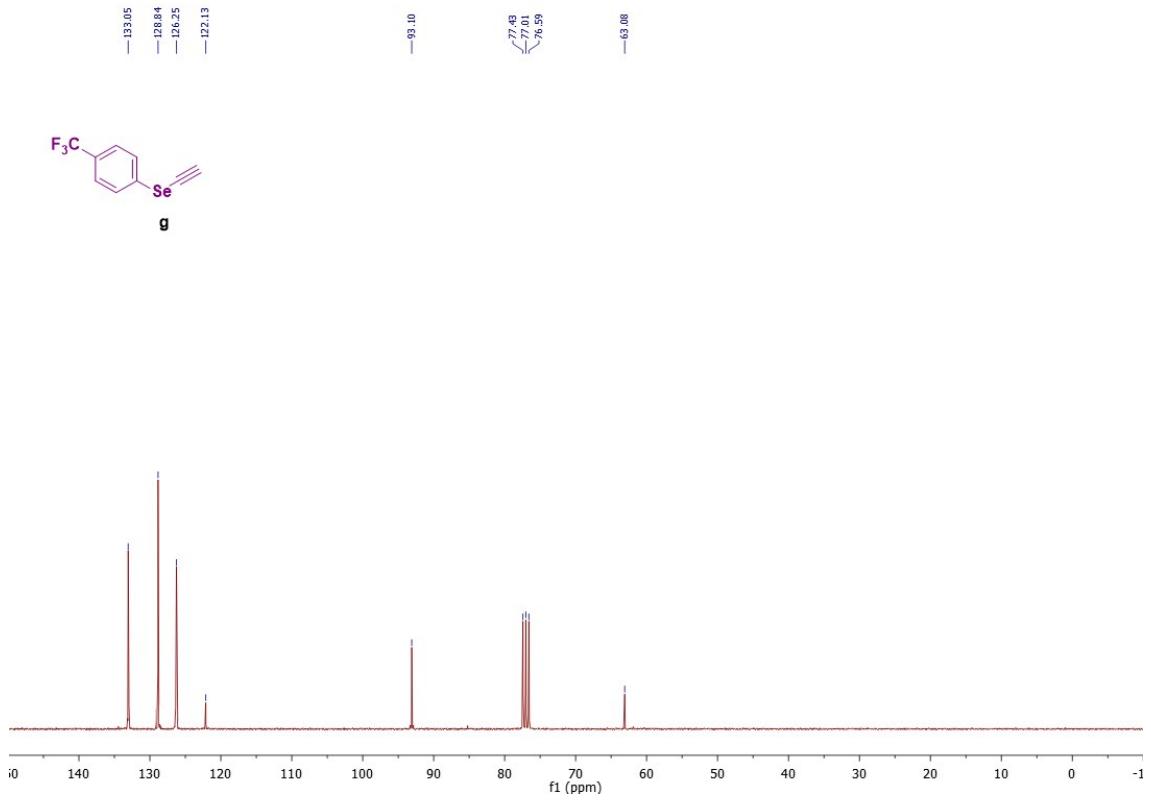
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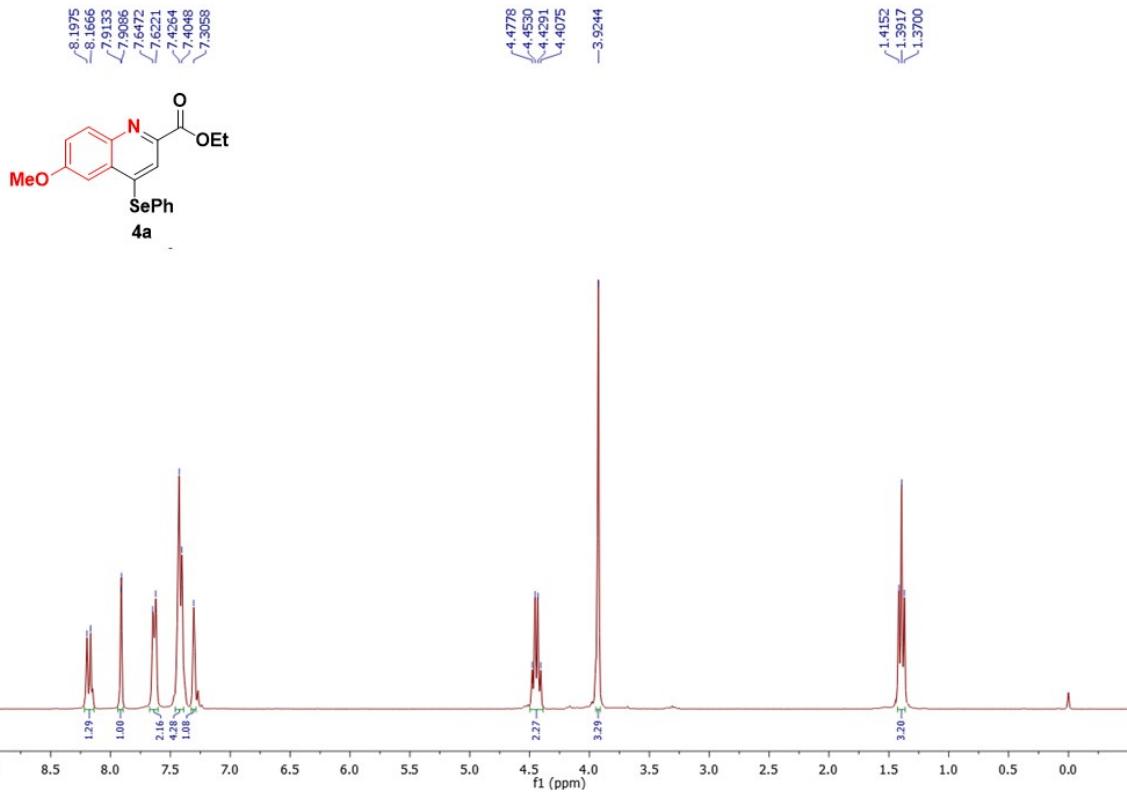
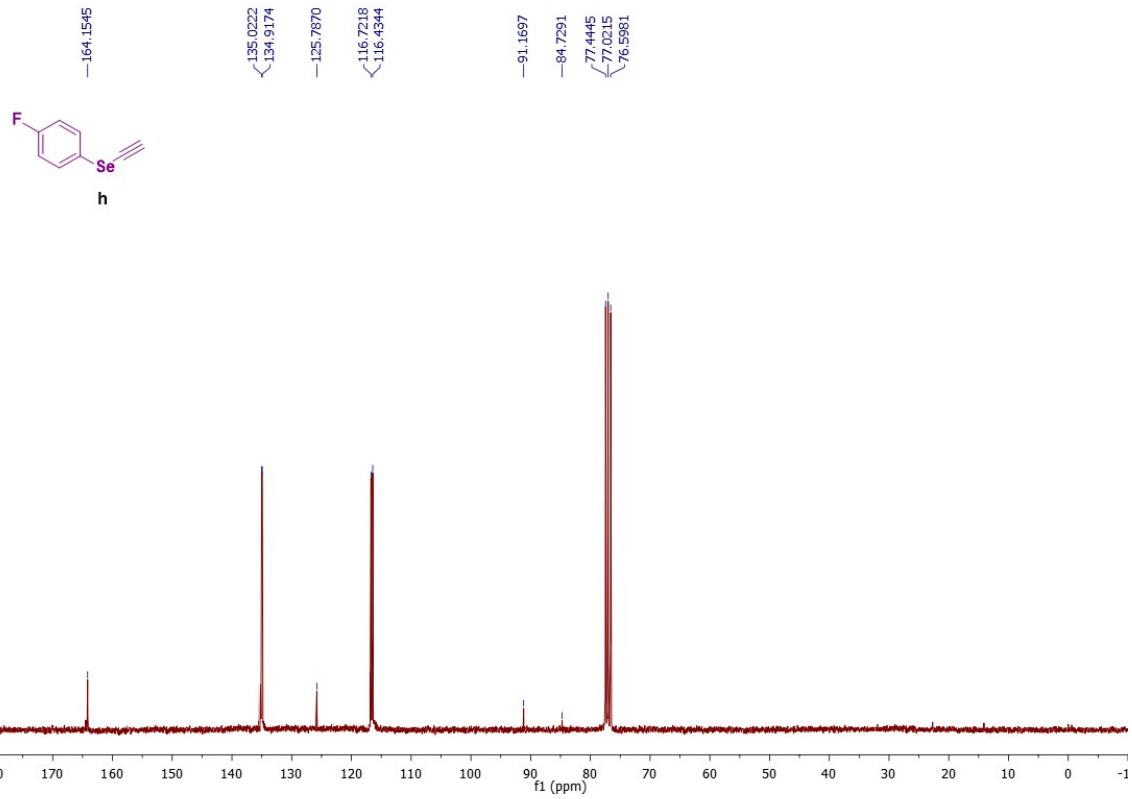


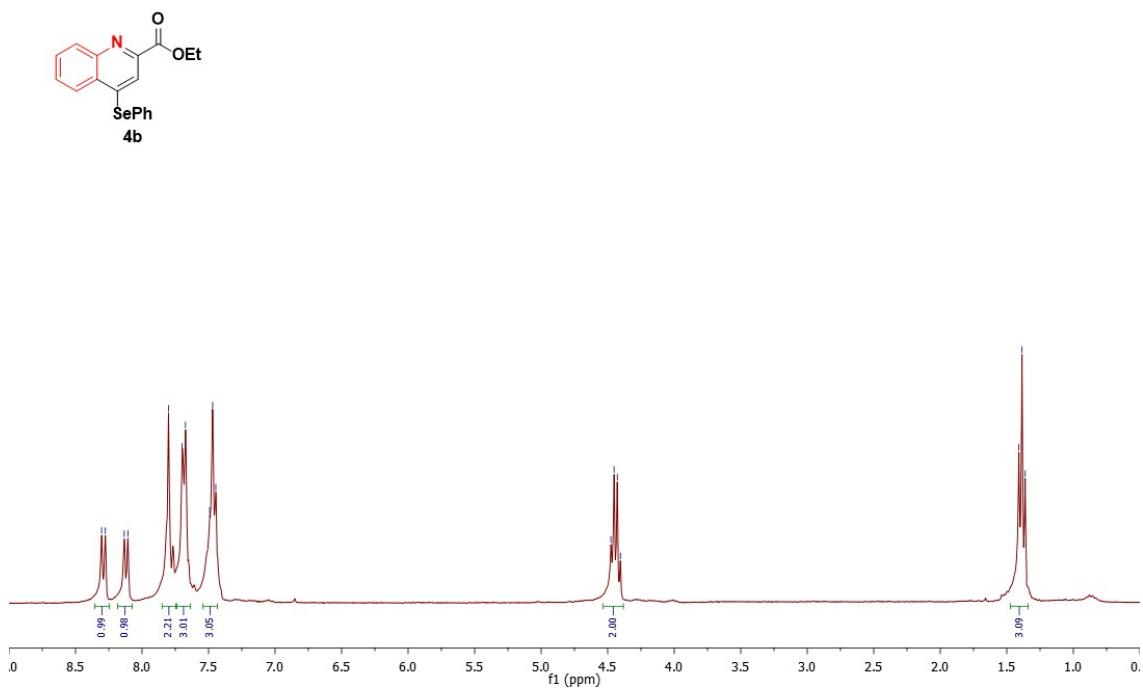
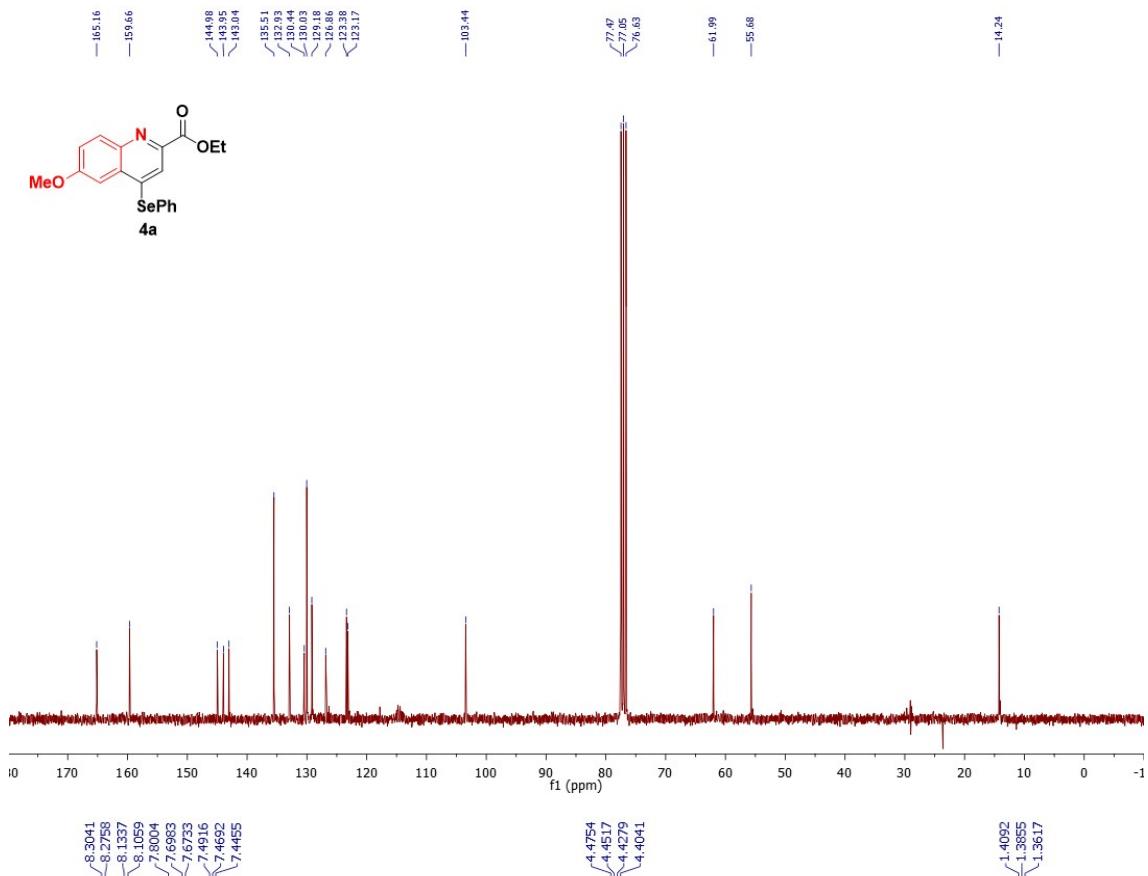


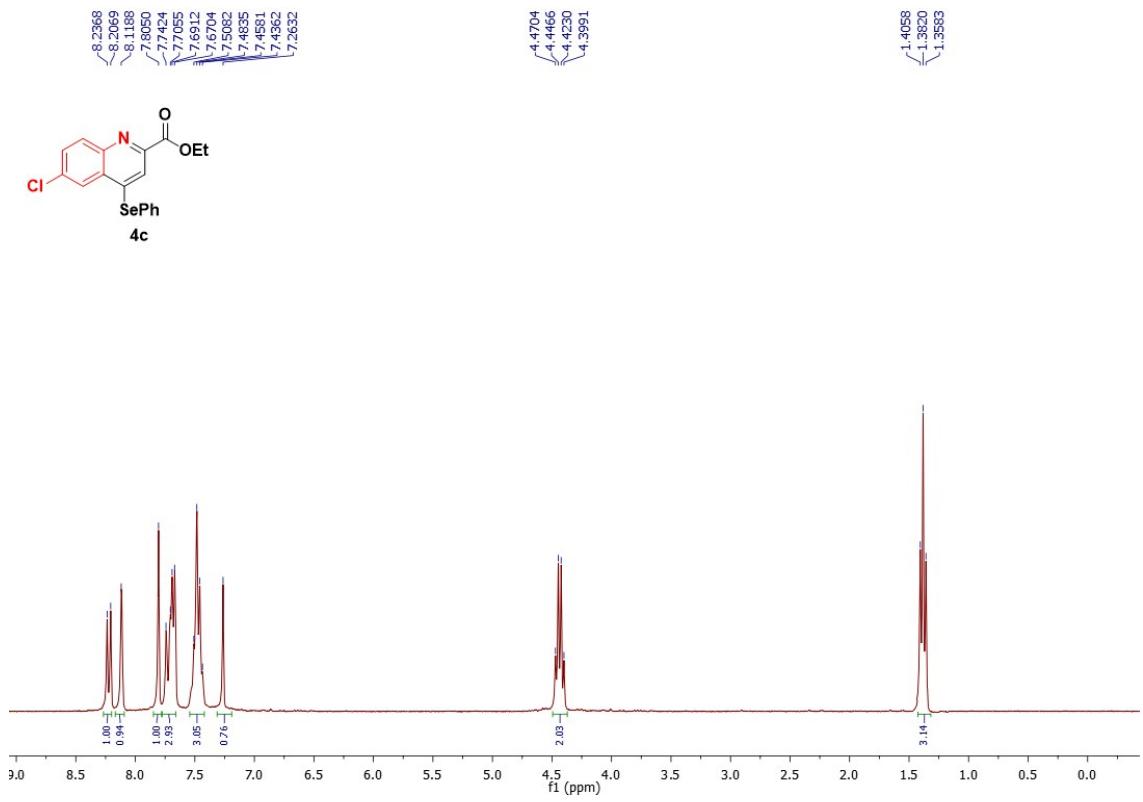
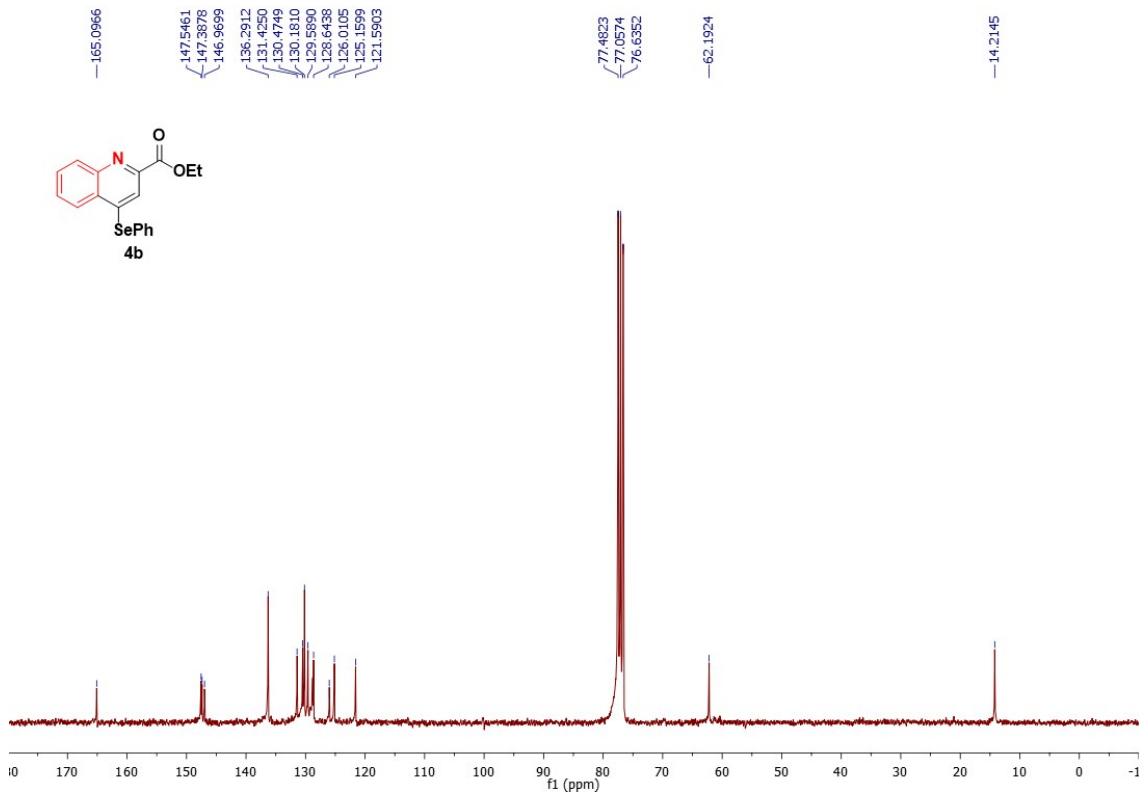


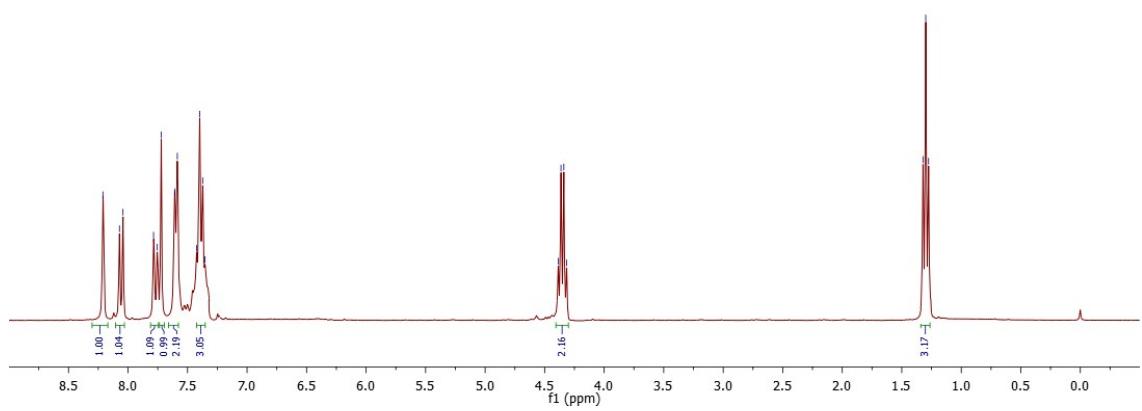
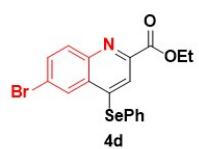
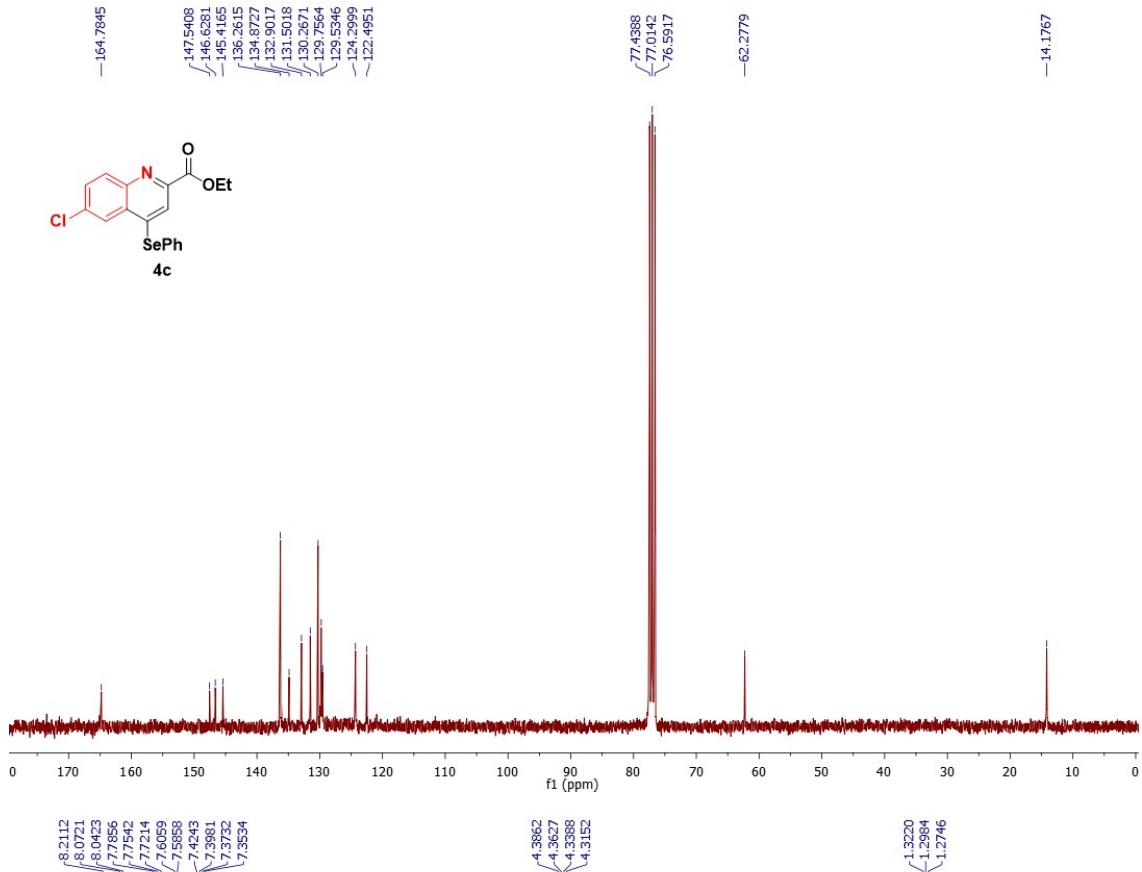


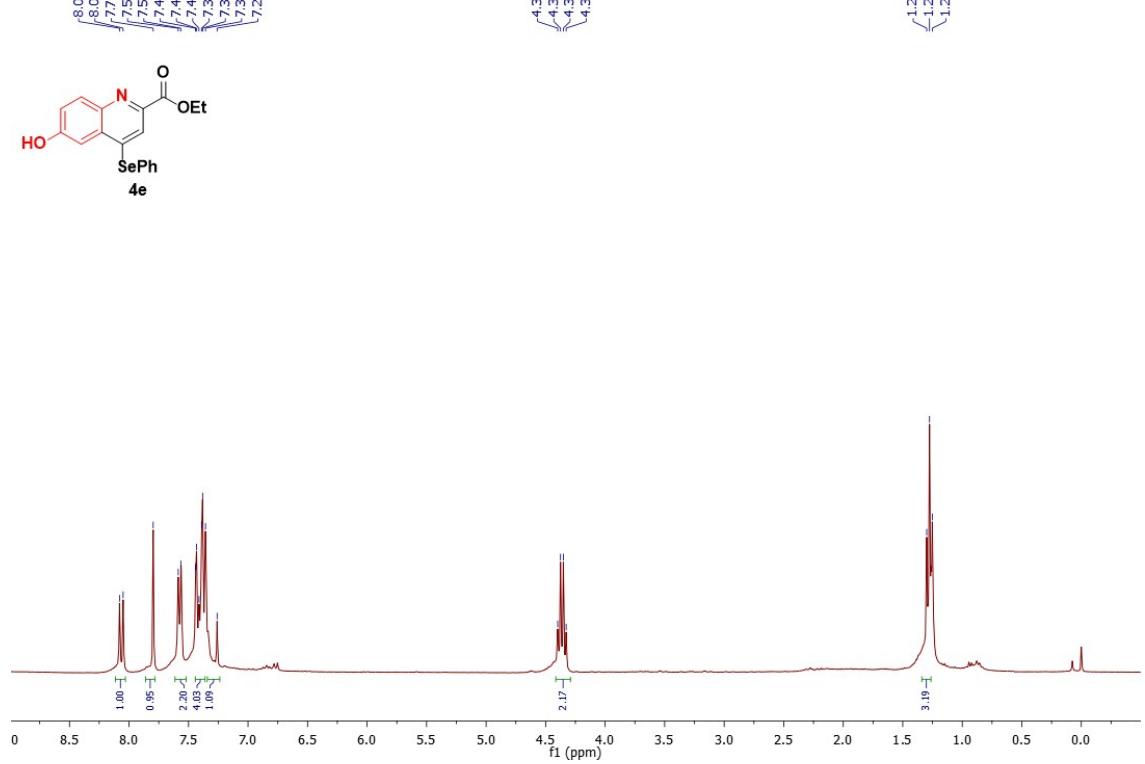
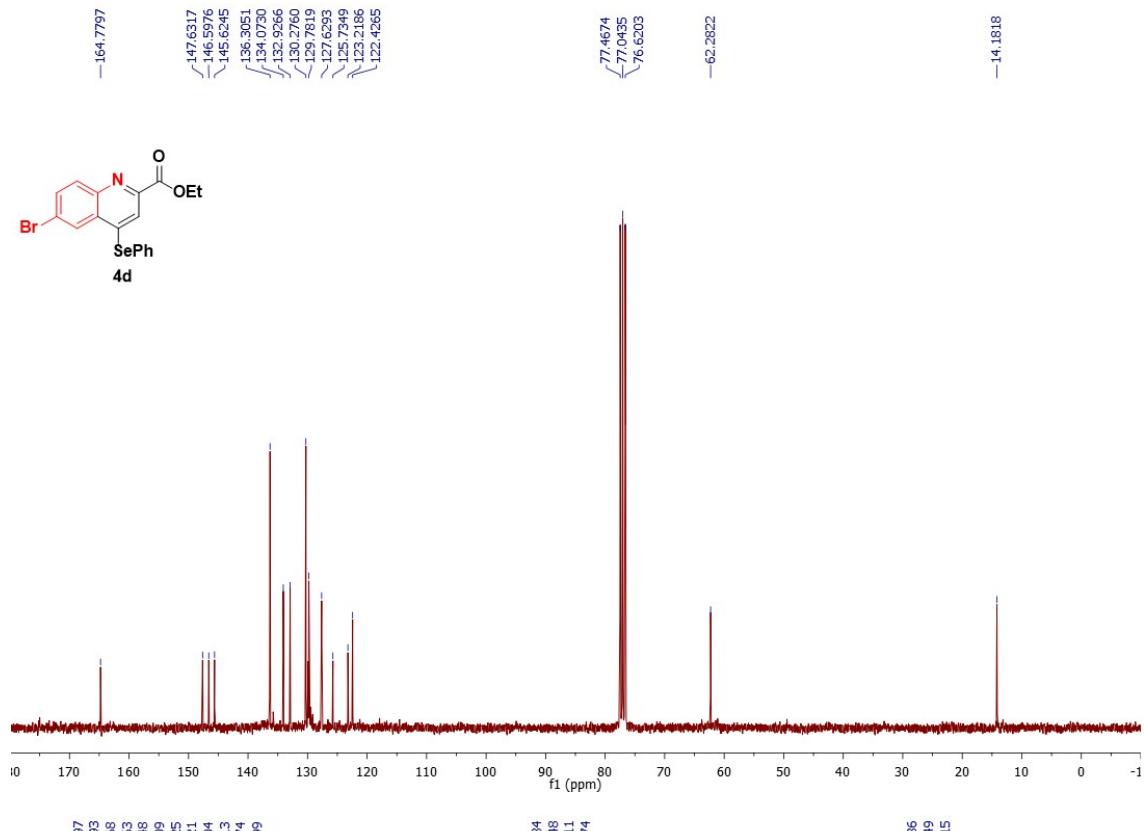


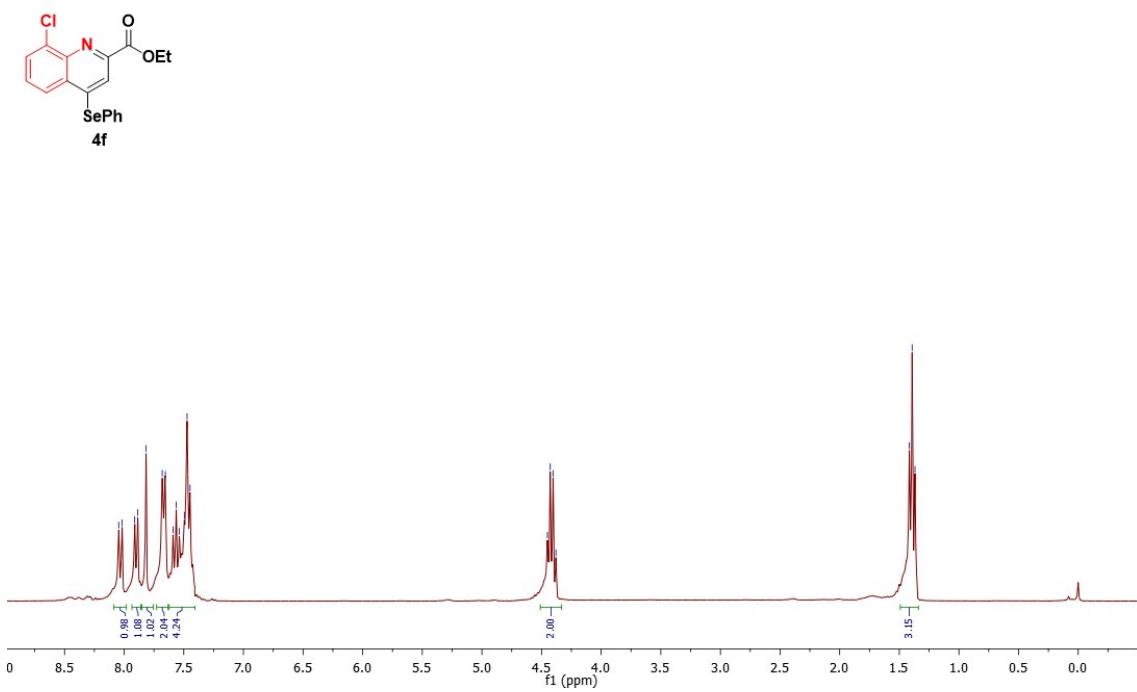
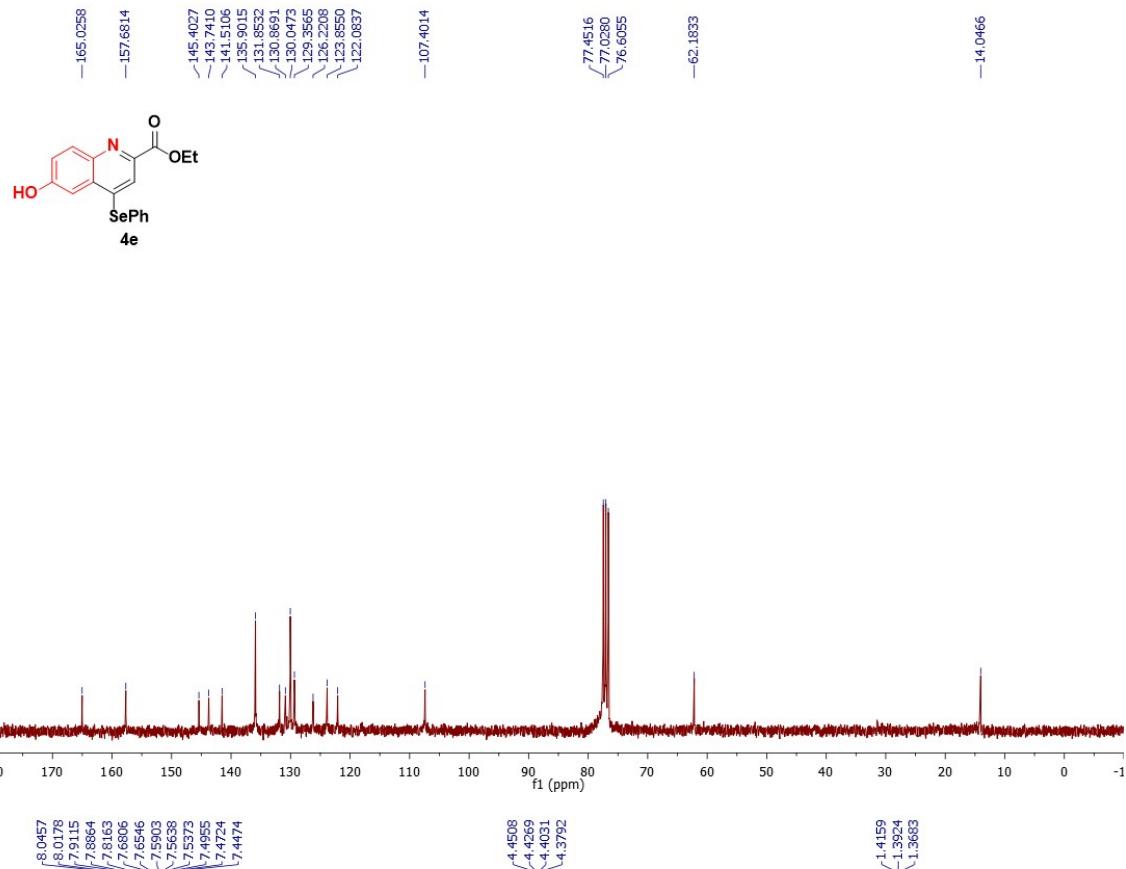


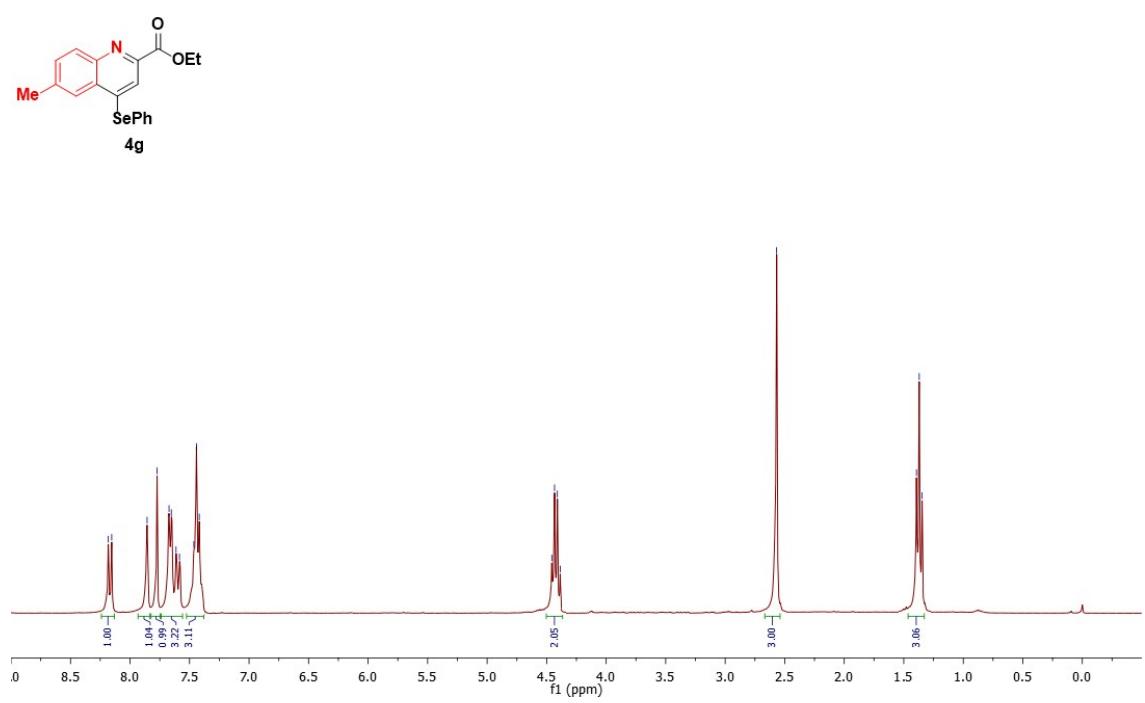
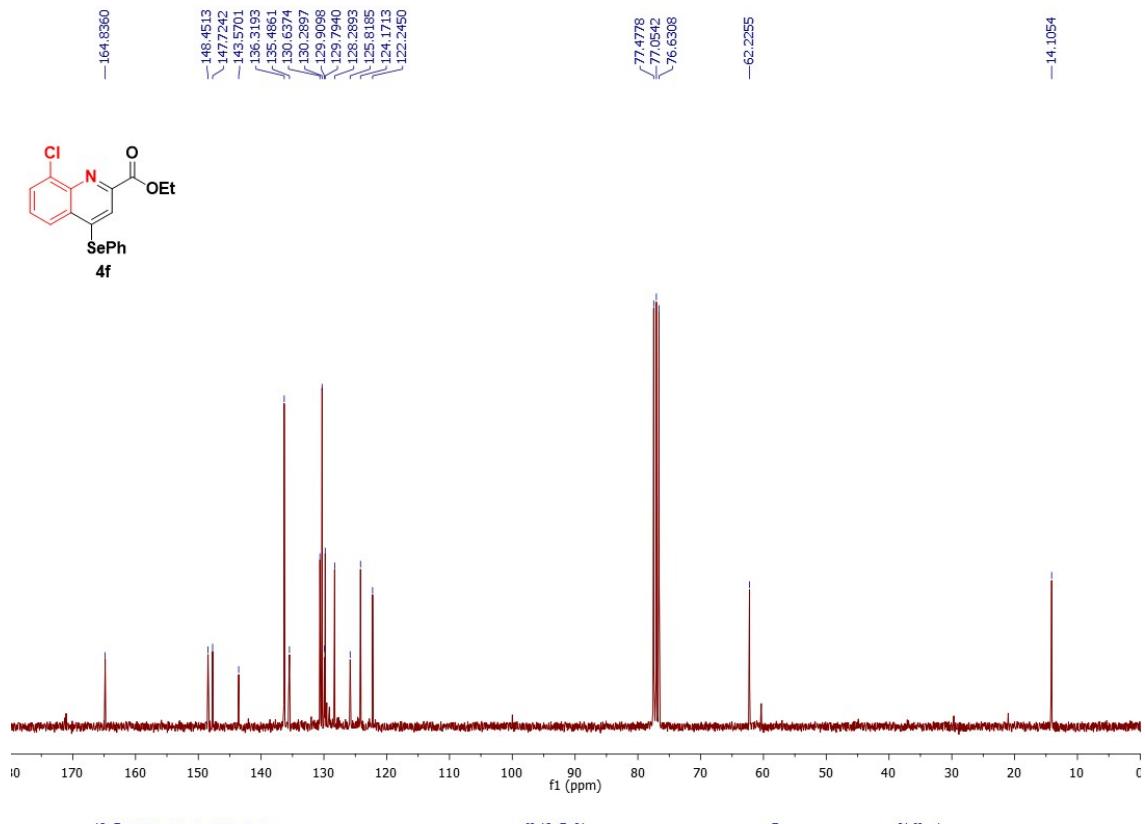


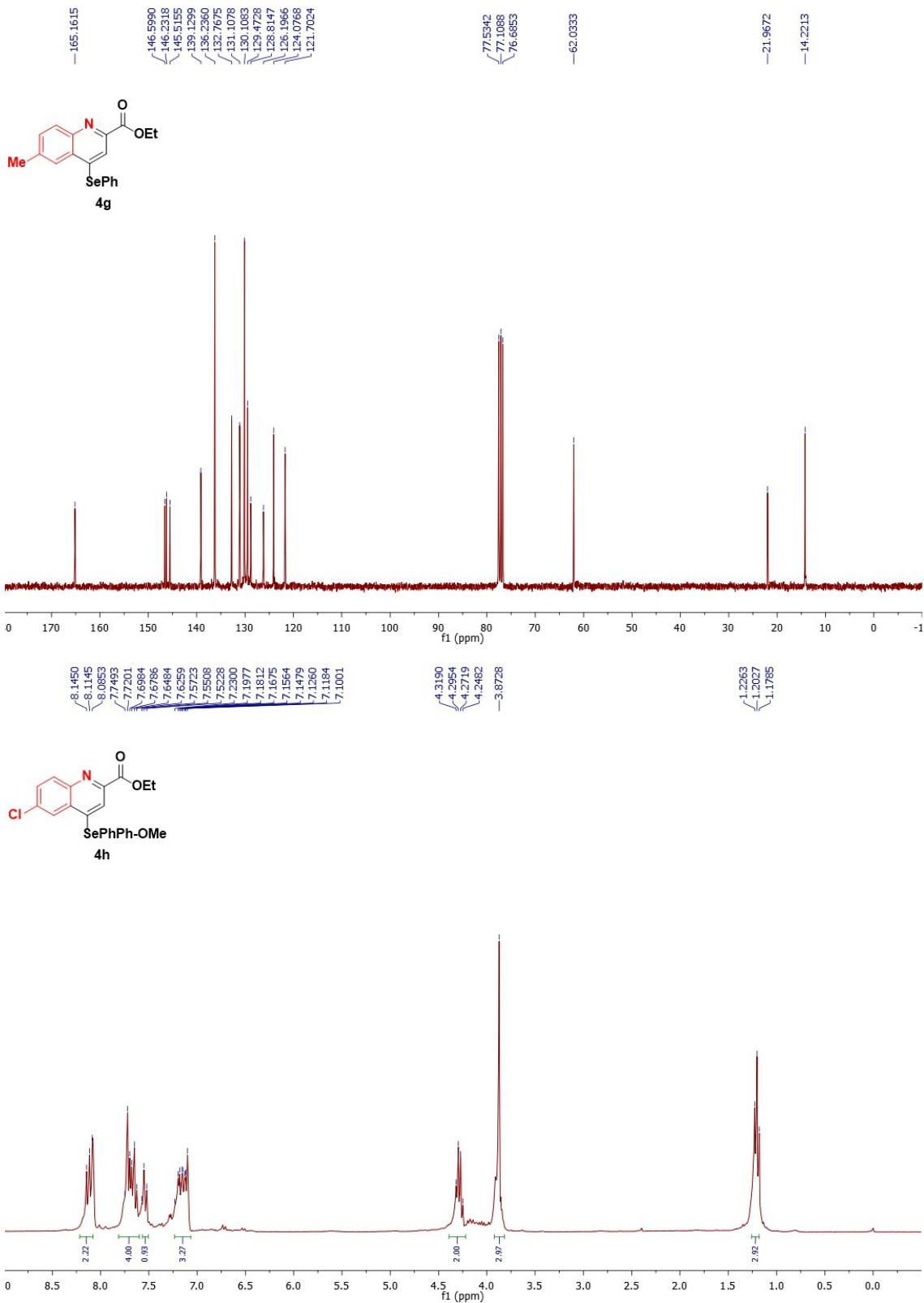


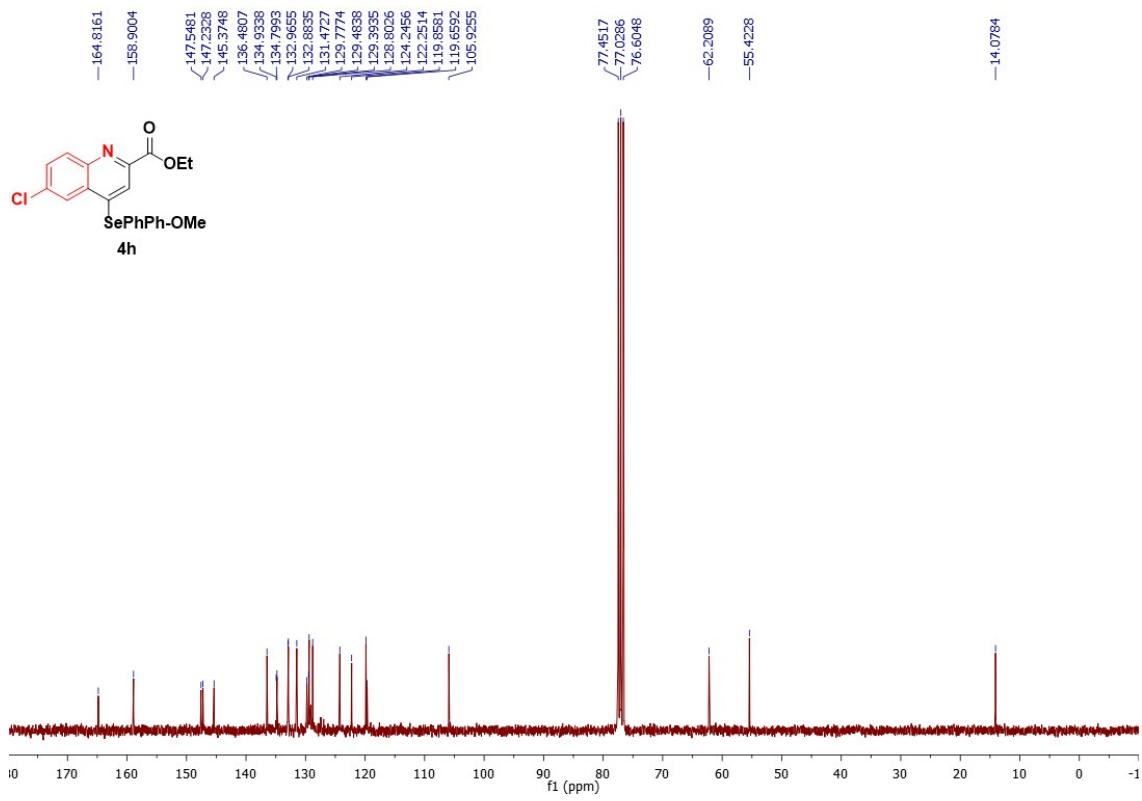


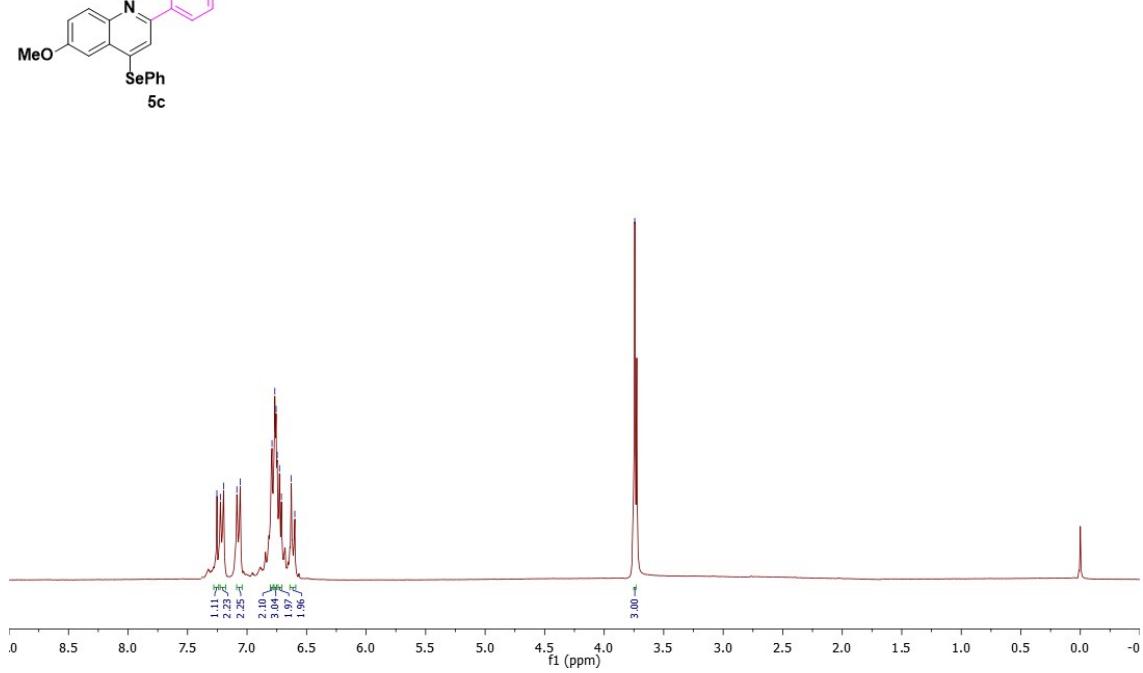
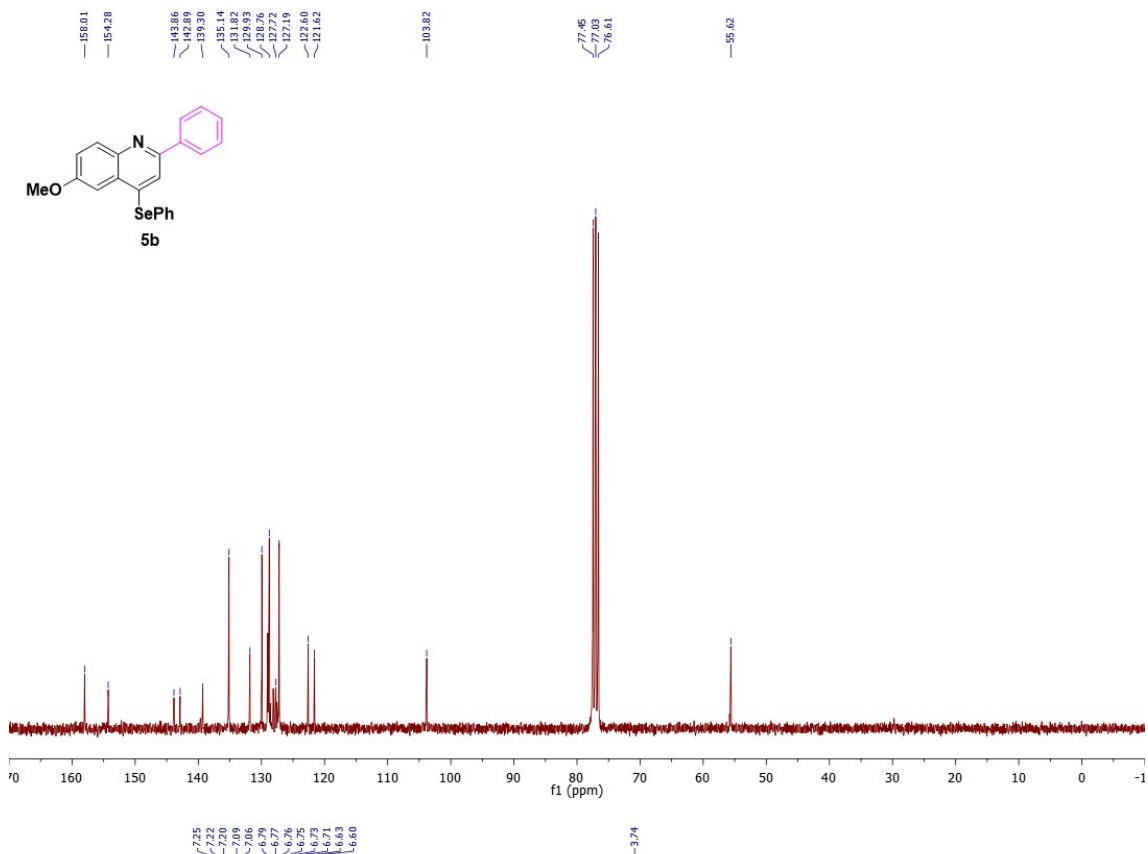


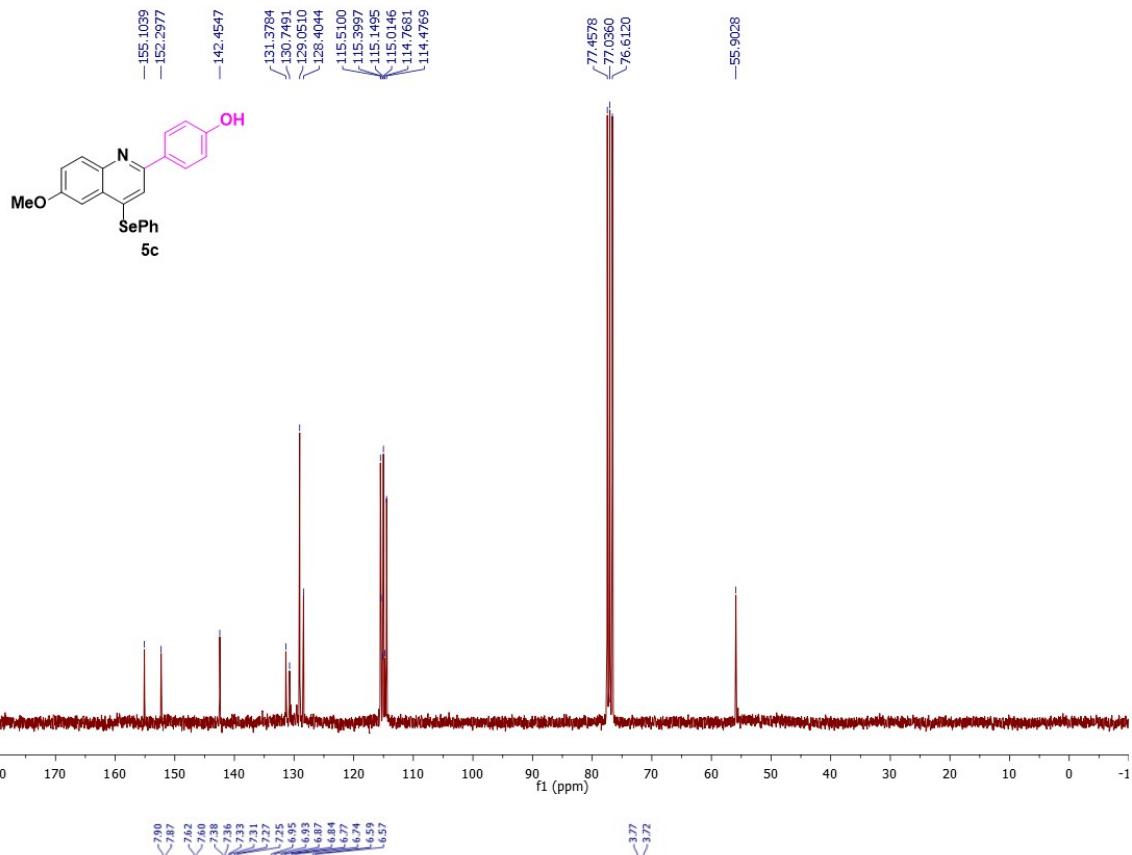


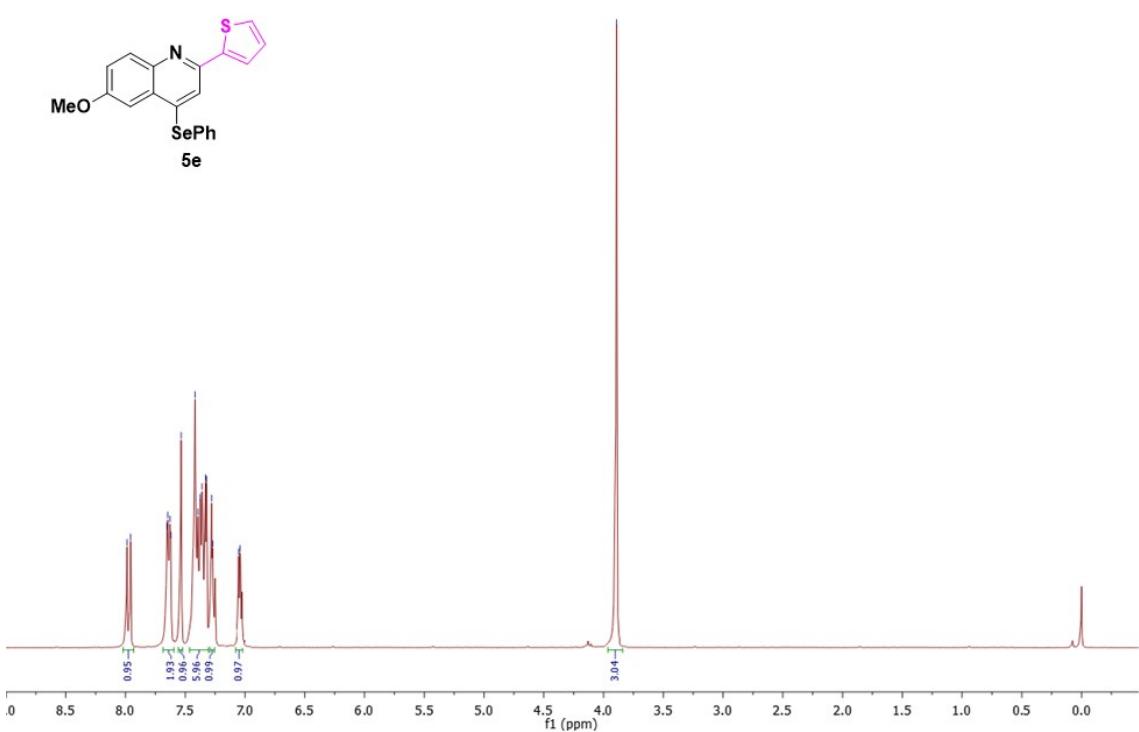
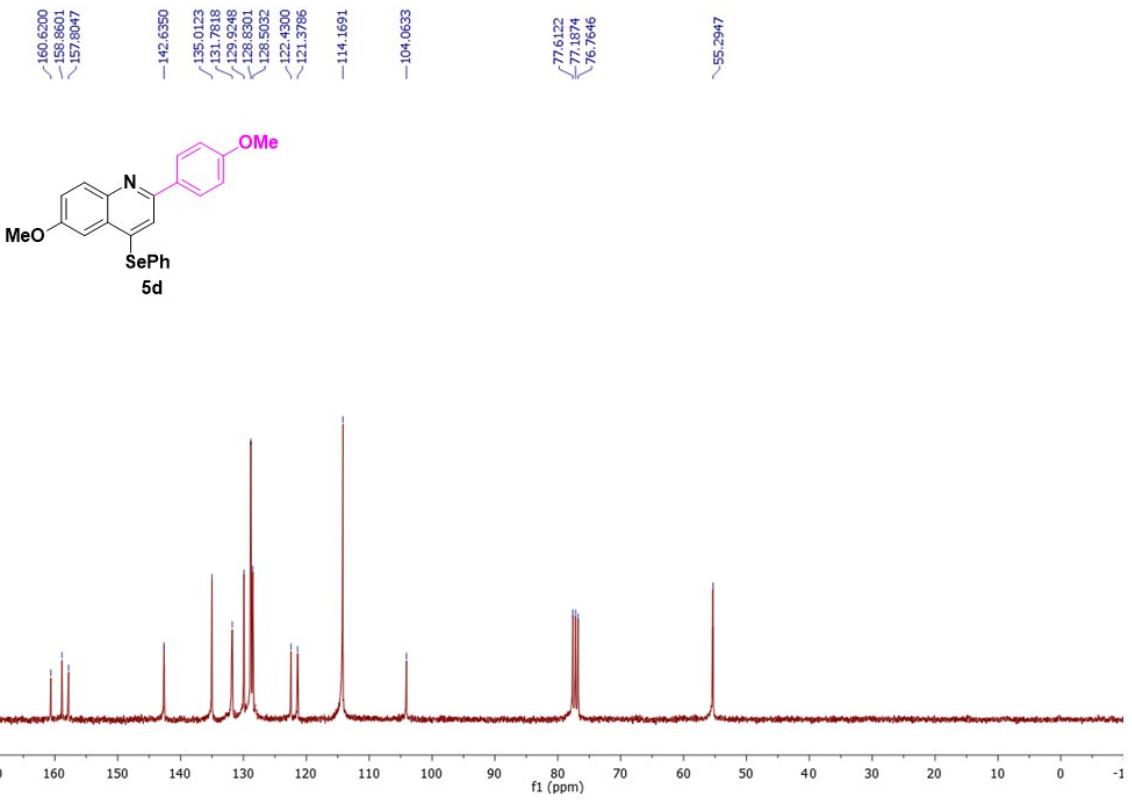


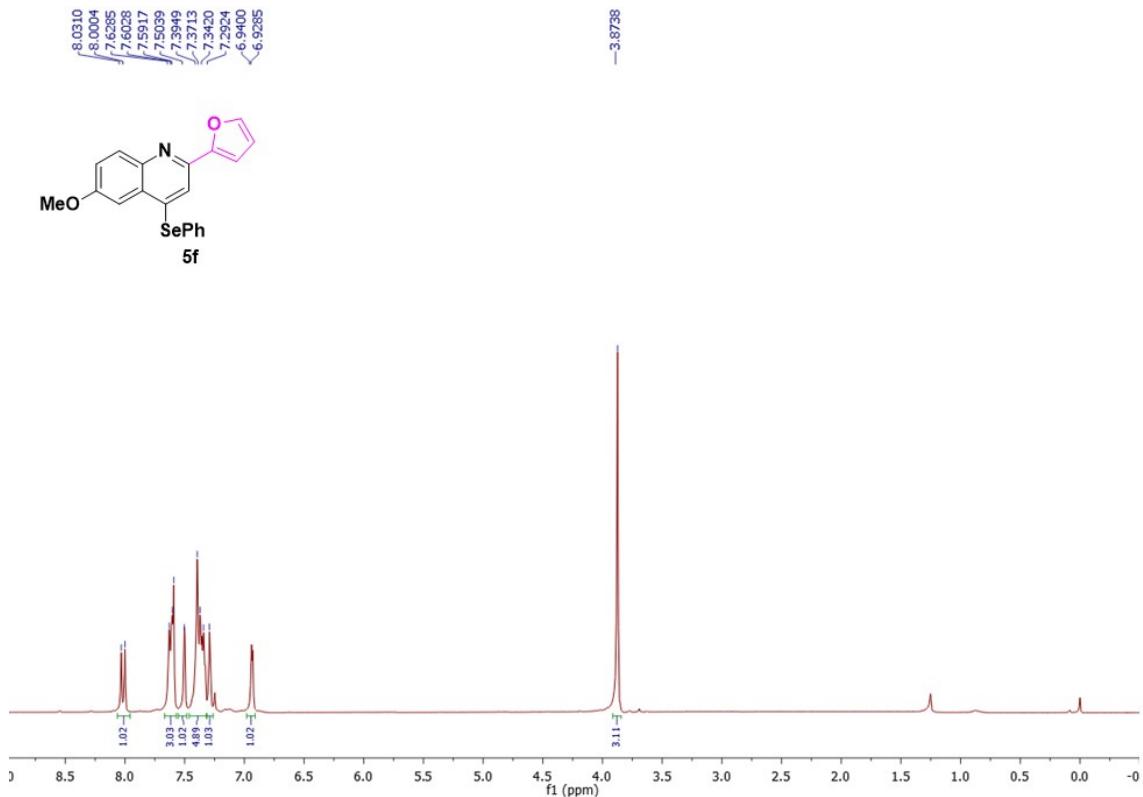
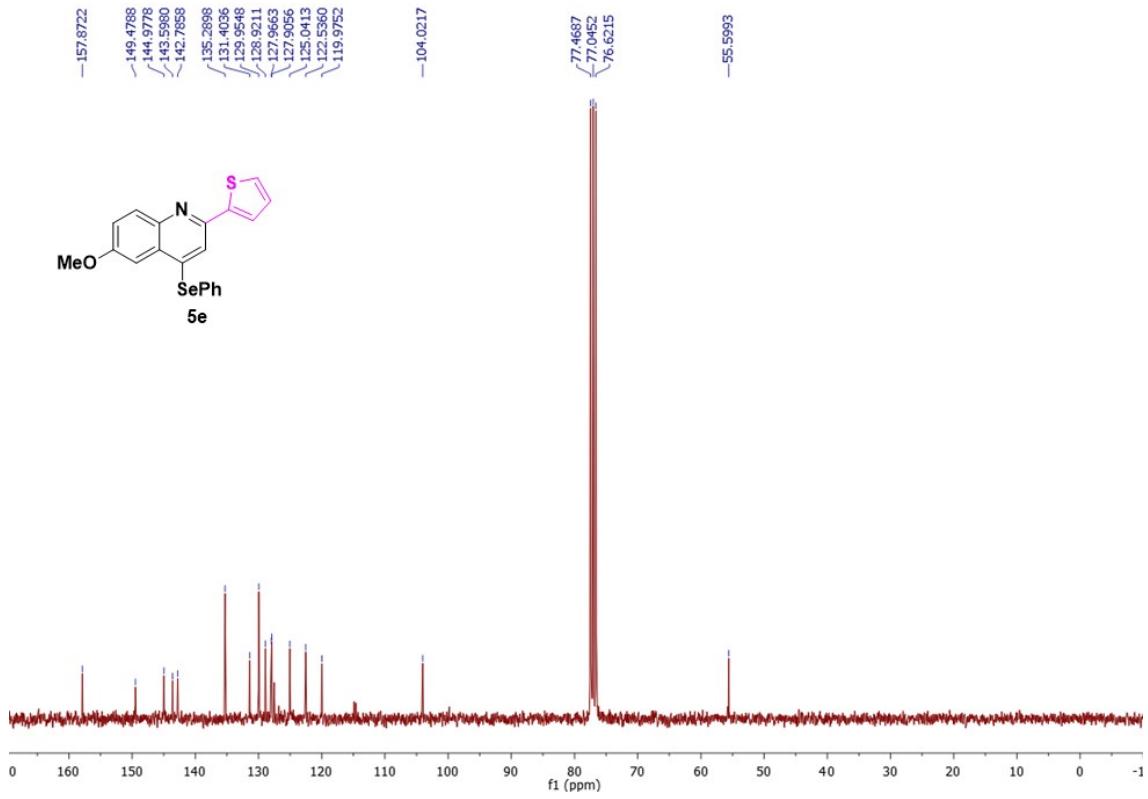


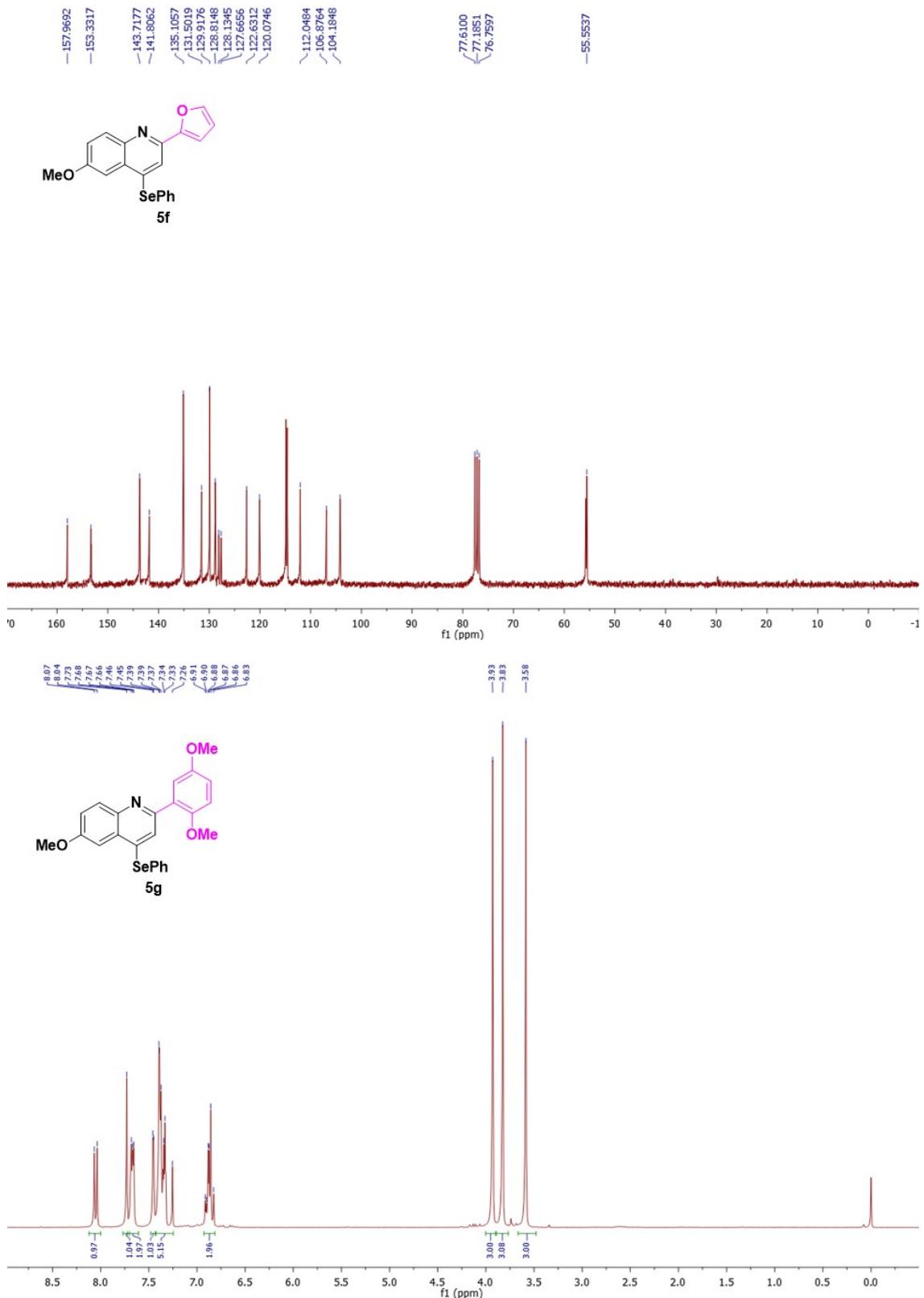












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