

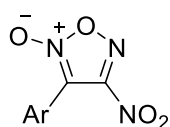
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1. General

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out in well cleaned glasswares with magnetic stirring. Operations were performed under an atmosphere of dry argon using Schlenk and vacuum techniques, unless otherwise noted. All starting materials were obtained from commercial sources or were synthesized using standard procedures. Melting points were measured on a Yanaco MP-500D and are not corrected. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR (400 and 100 MHz, respectively) were recorded on a Bruker Avance III HD 400 using TMS (0 ppm) and CDCl_3 (77.0 ppm) as an internal standard, respectively. The following abbreviations are used in connection with NMR; s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, sep = septet, and m = multiplet. Mass spectra were measured using a IsoleraTM Dalton Mass Detector (ESI), a JEOL JMS-T100LP (DART method, ambient ionization) and a Thermo Finnigan LCQ TRACE GC ULTRA (EI). Elemental analyses were carried out using Yanako CHN corder MT-5. Preparative column chromatography was performed using Kanto Chemical silica gel 60 N (spherical, neutral), Fuji Silysia BW-4:10MH silica gel or YMC_GEL Silica (6 nm I-40-63 μm). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on Merck 25 TLC silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ aluminium sheets. Pd/Fib was purchased from Wako Chemicals.

2. Synthesis and characterization data of 4-nitrofuroxans



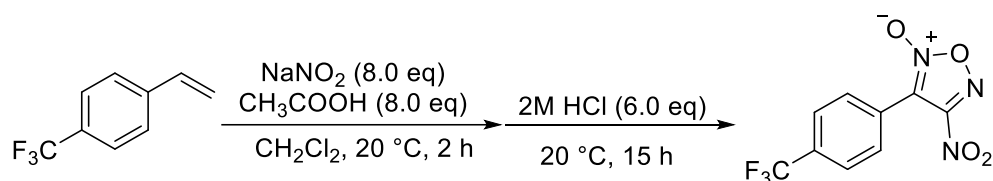
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1b: R = 4-MeOC₆H₄
1c: R = 4-FC₆H₄
1d: R = 4-CF₃C₆H₄

1e: R = 3-BrC₆H₄
1f: R = 2,4,6-Me₃C₆H₂
1g: R = 2,6-Cl₂C₆H₄
1h: R = *N*-Ts-indol-3-yl

1i: R = pyridin-2-yl
1j: R = *i*Pr
1k: R = ⁿC₅H₁₁
1l: R = ^cC₆H₁₁

3-Aryl-4-nitrofuroxans **1a–c** were synthesized according to a reported method.¹ 3-Alkyl-4-nitrofuroxans **1j–l** are known in the literatures² and were synthesized without modification from the corresponding α -alkyl acrylic acids and sodium nitrite.³ 3-Nitro-4-phenylfuroxan (**5**) was synthesized according to the literature.⁴

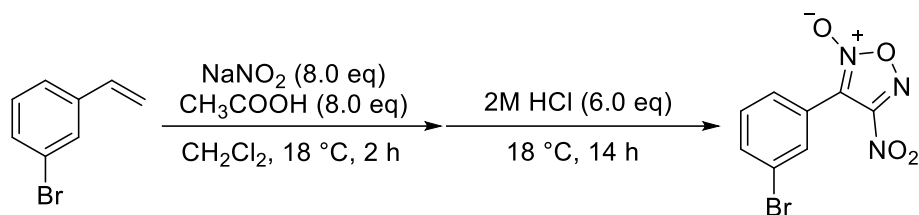
4-nitro-3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]furoxan (**1d**)



To a suspension of NaNO₂ (19.3 g, 279 mmol, 8 equiv) in a 0.2 M CH₂Cl₂ (174 mL) solution of 1-ethenyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (6.0 g, 34.9 mmol, 1 equiv) was added AcOH (16.0 mL, 279 mmol, 8 equiv) over 15 min at room temperature (rt) with mechanical stirring. Two hours after starting the AcOH addition, a 2 M solution of HCl (105 mL, 209 mmol, 6 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 h at rt, and then extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was washed twice with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexane/benzene = 3/1) to give 4-nitro-3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]furoxan (**1d**) (3.2 g, 11.8 mmol, 33% yield).

Mp 59.9–60.2 °C. IR (neat): 1627, 1579, 1559, 1530, 1499, 1410, 1365, 1319, 1299, 1276, 1114, 1066, 989, 840, 808, 768, 710, 596. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 157.6 (br), 133.7 (q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 129.5, 126.2 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.2 (q, *J* = 271.1 Hz), 123.2, 108.4 ppm. MS (EI): 275 (M), 229 (M – NO₂), 199 (M – N₂O₃), 171 (M – CN₂O₄), 169 (M – N₃O₄). Calcd for C₉H₄F₃N₃O₄: C, 39.3; H, 1.5; N, 15.3; found C, 39.4; H, 1.5; N, 15.1.

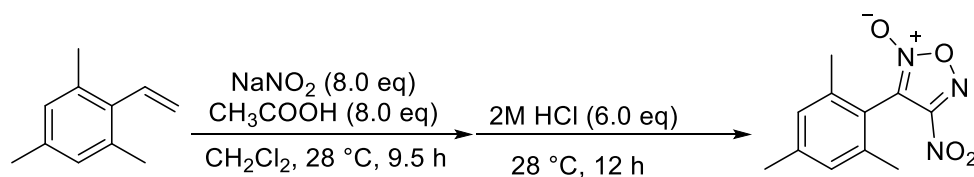
3-(3-bromophenyl)-4-nitrofuroxan (**1e**)



To a suspension of NaNO_2 (18.6 g, 269 mmol, 8 equiv) in a 0.2 M CH_2Cl_2 (168 mL) solution of 3-bromostyrene (6.2 g, 33.6 mmol, 1 equiv) was added AcOH (15.4 mL, 269 mmol, 8 equiv) over 10 min at rt. Two hours after starting the AcOH addition, a 2 M solution of HCl (100.9 mL, 201.8 mmol, 6 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 14 h at rt, and then extracted three times with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layer was washed twice with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO_3 , dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexane/benzene = 5/1) to give 3-(3-bromophenyl)-4-nitrofuroxan (**1e**) (3.6 g, 12.6 mmol, 37% yield).

Mp $66.1\text{--}66.3^\circ\text{C}$. IR (neat): 2359, 2341, 1621, 1556, 1506, 1476, 1446, 1361, 1289, 1258, 1130, 1070, 993, 882, 808, 788, 756, 733, 706, 674, 664 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 157.6 (br), 135.0, 131.5, 130.6, 127.5, 123.0, 121.2, 108.1. MS (EI): 181 ($\text{M} - \text{CN}_2\text{O}_4$). Calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_4$: C, 33.6; H, 1.4; N, 14.7; found C, 33.6; H, 1.4; N, 14.5.

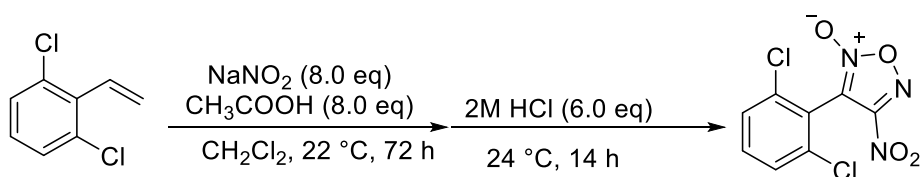
4-nitro-3-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)furoxan (**1f**)



To a suspension of NaNO_2 (7.5 g, 109 mmol, 8 equiv) in a 0.2 M CH_2Cl_2 (68 mL) solution of 2-ethenyl-1,3,5-trimethylbenzene (2 g, 13.7 mmol, 1 equiv) was added AcOH (6.3 mL, 109 mmol, 8 equiv) over 2.5 h at rt. 9.5 Hours after starting the AcOH addition, a 2 M solution of HCl (41 mL, 82 mmol, 6 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at rt, and then extracted five times with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layer was washed twice with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO_3 , dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexane/benzene = 5/1) to give 4-nitro-3-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)furoxan (**1f**) (1.0 g, 4.1 mmol, 30% yield).

Mp 62.1–62.5 °C. IR (neat): 2359, 2341, 1607, 1566, 1505, 1477, 1445, 1357, 1276, 1102, 1072, 985, 849, 837, 788, 759, 692, 673, 554. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.01 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 158.5 (br), 142.3, 138.4, 129.2, 115.8, 109.0, 21.3, 19.5 ppm. MS (EI): 249 (M), 219 (M – NO), 189 (M – N₂O₂), 145 (M – CN₂O₄). Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁N₃O₄: C, 53.0; H, 4.5; N, 16.9; found C, 53.3; H, 4.5; N, 16.5.

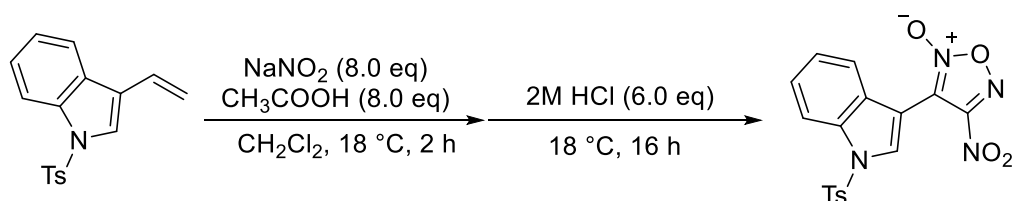
3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-nitrofuroxan (**1g**)



To a suspension of NaNO₂ (1.7 g, 24 mmol, 8 equiv) in a 0.2 M CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) solution of 1,3-dichloro-2-ethenylbenzene (519 mg, 3 mmol, 1 equiv) was added AcOH (1.4 mL, 24 mmol, 8 equiv) over 0.5 h at rt. 72 Hours after starting the AcOH addition, a 2 M solution of HCl (9 mL, 18 mmol, 6 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 14 h at rt, and then extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was washed twice with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexane/benzene = 5/1) to give 3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-nitrofuroxan (**1g**) (217 mg, 0.79 mmol, 26% yield).

Mp 120.9–121.1 °C. IR (neat): 2359, 2341, 1627, 1562, 1513, 1469, 1435, 1353, 1281, 1193, 1096, 1062, 982, 792, 772, 755, 703, 681, 668. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.56–7.50 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 157.5 (br), 136.5, 133.9, 128.6, 119.6, 106.8 ppm. MS (EI): 275 (M), 245 (M – NO), 215 (M – N₂O₂), 171 (M – CN₂O₄). Calcd for C₈H₃Cl₂N₃O₄: C, 34.8; H, 1.1; N, 15.2; found C, 35.2; H, 1.2; N, 15.0.

4-nitro-3-(*N*-tosylindol-3-yl)furoxan (**1h**)

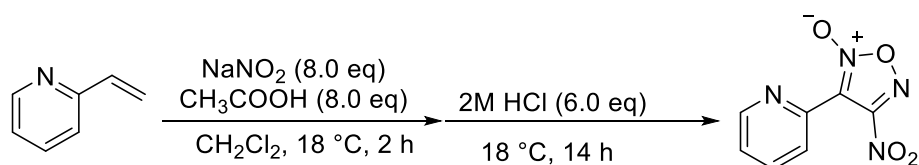


To a suspension of NaNO₂ (17.6 g, 255 mmol, 8 equiv) in a 0.2 M CH₂Cl₂ (159 mL) solution of 1,3-dichloro-2-ethenylbenzene (9.5 g, 31.9 mmol, 1 equiv) was added AcOH (14.6 mL, 255 mmol, 8 equiv) over 0.25 h at rt. 1.75 Hours after starting the AcOH addition, a 2 M solution of HCl (95.6

mL, 191.1 mmol, 6 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h at rt, and then extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was washed twice with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexane/benzene = 2/1) to give 4-nitro-3-(*N*-tosylindol-3-yl)furoxan (**1h**) (2.4 g, 5.94 mmol, 19% yield).

Mp 180.2–180.7 °C. IR (neat): 2360, 2341, 1627, 1560, 1499, 1478, 1449, 1374, 1297, 1189, 1173, 1143, 1121, 1092, 998, 812, 789, 760, 744, 701, 685, 659, 590, 576, 570. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.20 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.33–7.29 (m, 4H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 158.0 (br), 146.2, 134.4, 134.2, 130.3, 130.1, 127.2, 126.4, 126.0, 124.3, 120.8, 114.0, 105.6, 100.2, 21.7 ppm. MS (EI): 296 (*M* – CN₂O₄). Calcd for C₁₇H₁₂N₄O₆S: C, 51.0; H, 3.0; N, 14.0; found C, 51.4; H, 3.1; N, 13.7

4-nitro-3-(pyridin-2-yl)furoxan (**1i**)

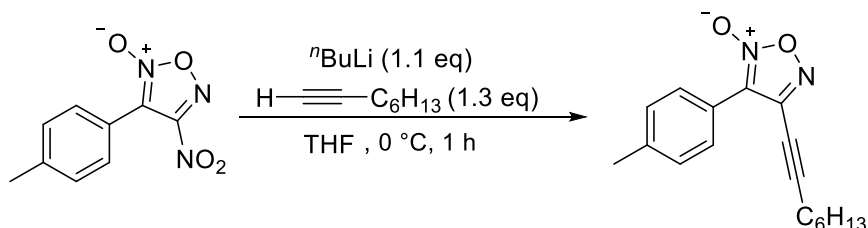


To a suspension of NaNO₂ (26.3 g, 380 mmol, 8 equiv) in a 0.2 M CH₂Cl₂ (143 mL) solution of 2-ethenylpyridine (5 g, 47.6 mmol, 1 equiv) was added AcOH (21.8 mL, 380 mmol, 8 equiv) over 0.5 h at rt. Two hours after starting the AcOH addition, a 2 M solution of HCl (143 mL, 285 mmol, 6 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 14 h at rt, and then extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was washed twice with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexane/AcOEt = 5/1) to give 4-nitro-3-(pyridin-2-yl)furoxan (**1i**) (4.7 g, 22.5 mmol, 47% yield).

Mp 69.1–69.7°C. IR (neat): 1620, 1583, 1557, 1506, 1469, 1420, 1374, 1323, 1278, 1154, 1090, 1064, 995, 984, 799, 781, 758, 741, 701, 621 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.67 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (dt, *J* = 1.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 158.1 (br), 150.5, 140.5, 137.5, 125.9, 122.2, 108.6. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₇H₅N₄O₄ [*M*+H]⁺, 209.0311. Found 209.0322.

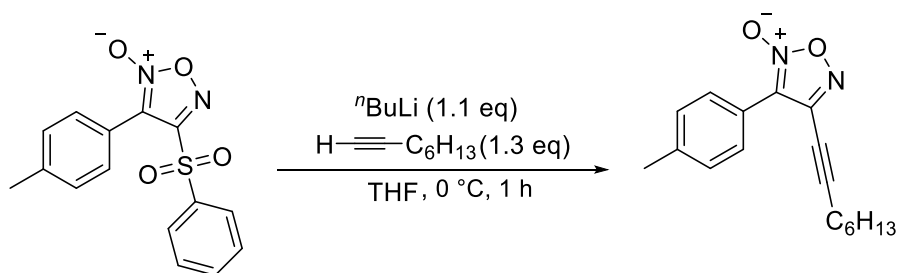
3. Synthesis and characterization data of 4-alkynyl furoxans

3-(4-methylphenyl)-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (**2a**)



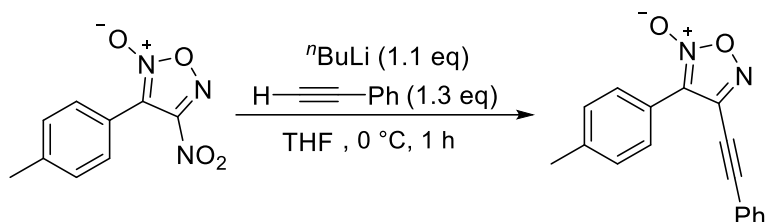
To a THF (20 mL) solution of oct-1-yne (0.87 mL, 5.9 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (3.2 mL, 5.0 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min at 0 °C, 3-(4-methylphenyl)-4-nitrofuroxan (1 g, 4.5 mmol) was added. After stirring for 1 h at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/EtOAc = 30/1) to give 3-(4-methylphenyl)-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (**2a**) (1.19 g, 4.2 mmol, 93% yield).

IR (neat): 2928, 2859, 2240, 1586, 1520, 1433, 1405, 1311, 1193, 1155, 1101, 983, 817, 786, 724, 694, 610 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.67 (quint, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.50–1.42 (m, 2H), 1.33–1.30 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 141.6, 141.2, 129.5, 126.8, 119.3, 114.3, 102.5, 67.9, 31.3, 28.6, 27.7, 22.5, 21.6, 19.6, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₂₁N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺, 285.1603. Found 285.1584.



To a THF (1 mL) solution of oct-1-yne (0.030 mL, 0.21 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.11 mL, 0.17 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min at 0 °C, 4-benzenesulfonyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan³ (50 mg, 0.16 mmol) was added. After stirring for 1 h at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to give 3-(4-methylphenyl)-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (**2a**) (25.1 mg, 0.088 mmol, 56% yield) along with unidentified byproducts.

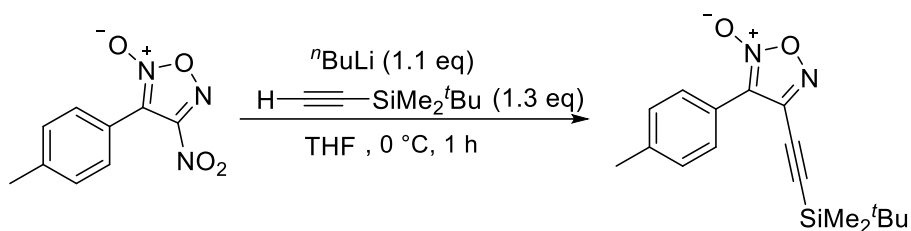
3-(4-methylphenyl)-4-(phenylethynyl)furoxan (**2b**)



To a THF (2 mL) solution of phenylacetylene (0.13 mL, 0.59 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.31 mL, 0.50 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min at 0 °C, 3-(4-methylphenyl)-4-nitrofuroxan (100 mg, 0.45 mmol) was added. After stirring for 1 h at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/benzene = 3/1) to give 3-(4-methylphenyl)-4-(phenylethynyl)furoxan (**2b**) (108 mg, 0.39 mmol, 87% yield).

Mp 96.2–96.9 °C. IR (neat): 2225, 1588, 1519, 1112, 1066, 977, 915, 835, 813, 775, 756, 689. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.62–7.60 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 141.5, 141.5, 132.1, 130.5, 129.7, 128.8, 126.8, 120.3, 119.2, 114.2, 99.4, 75.8, 21.6 ppm. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₁₃N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺, 277.0977. Found 277.0970.

4-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl]-3-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**2c**)

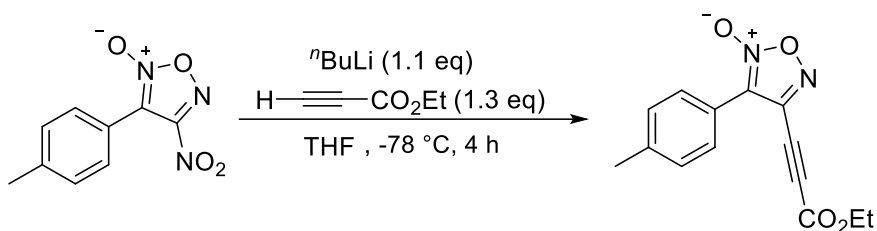


To a THF (2 mL) solution of (*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)acetylene (0.11 mL, 0.59 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.31 mL, 0.50 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min at 0 °C, 3-(4-methylphenyl)-4-nitrofuroxan (100 mg, 0.45 mmol) was added. After stirring for 1 h at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/EtOAc = 3/1) to give

4-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl]-3-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**2c**) (119 mg, 0.38 mmol, 84% yield).

Mp 92.8–92.9 °C. IR (neat): 2930, 2859, 1592, 1518, 1464, 1432, 1306, 1250, 1119, 1084, 982, 839, 814, 778, 742, 674 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 0.26 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 141.4, 141.0, 129.5, 126.7, 119.0, 114.0, 106.8, 90.9, 26.0, 21.5, 16.7, –5.2. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₂₃N₂O₂Si [M+H]⁺, 315.1529. Found 315.1559.

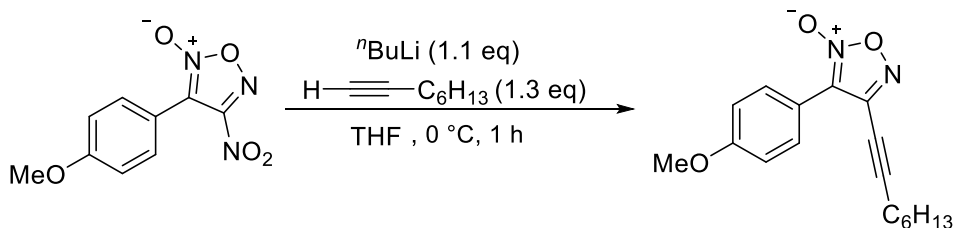
4-[(ethoxycarbonyl)ethynyl]-3-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**2d**)



To a THF (2 mL) solution of ethyl prop-2-ynoate (0.060 mL, 0.59 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.31 mL, 0.50 mmol) at –78 °C. After stirring for 30 min at –78 °C, 3-(4-methylphenyl)-4-nitrofuroxan (100 mg, 0.45 mmol) was added. After stirring for 4 h at –78 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/benzene = 3/1) to give 4-[(ethoxycarbonyl)ethynyl]-3-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**2d**) (20 mg, 0.072 mmol, 16% yield).

IR (neat): 2990, 2253, 1714, 1604, 1519, 1474, 1439, 1405, 1286, 1095, 1013, 987, 934, 830, 819, 713, 677 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 151.9, 142.0, 139.3, 129.9, 126.7, 118.1, 114.0, 88.4, 70.7, 63.2, 21.6, 13.9. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₃N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺, 273.0875. Found 273.0863.

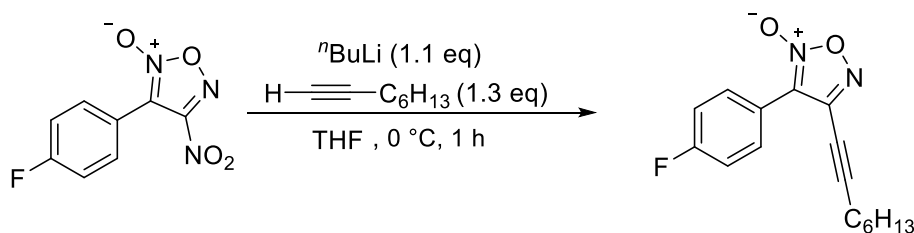
3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (**2e**)



To a THF (2 mL) solution of oct-1-yne (0.060 mL, 0.55 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.30 mL, 0.46 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min at 0 °C, 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-nitrofuroxan (100 mg, 0.42 mmol) was added. After stirring for 1 h at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/EtOAc = 50/1) to give 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (**2e**) (95.7 mg, 0.35 mmol, 76% yield).

IR (neat): 2930, 2860, 2360, 2238, 1586, 1517, 1483, 1438, 1406, 1318, 1304, 1239, 1164, 1103, 983, 837, 799, 727 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (quint, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.50–1.43 (m, 2H), 1.36–1.29 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.3, 141.5, 128.5, 114.3, 114.3, 114.2, 102.4, 68.0, 55.4, 31.3, 28.6, 27.7, 22.5, 19.6, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₂₁N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺, 301.1552. Found 301.1536.

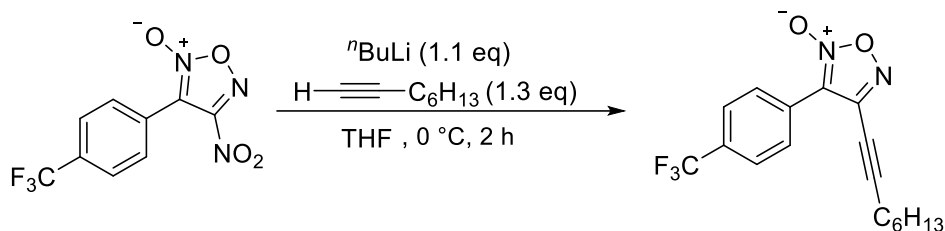
3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (**2f**)



To a THF (2 mL) solution of oct-1-yne (0.064 mL, 0.58 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.31 mL, 0.49 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min at 0 °C, 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-nitrofuroxan (100 mg, 0.44 mmol) was added. After stirring for 1 h at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to give 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (**2f**) (97.5 mg, 0.34 mmol, 76% yield).

IR (neat): 2930, 2856, 2245, 1597, 1434, 1306, 1265, 1245, 1036, 991, 891, 871, 860, 721, 655 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.19–8.14 (m, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (quint, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.49–1.42 (m, 2H), 1.34–1.30 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 163.7 (d, *J* = 251.7 Hz), 141.3, 129.2 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 118.4, 116.2 (d, *J* = 20.0 Hz), 102.9, 67.7, 31.2, 28.6, 27.6, 22.5, 19.6, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₁₆H₁₈FN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺, 289.1352. Found 289.1352.

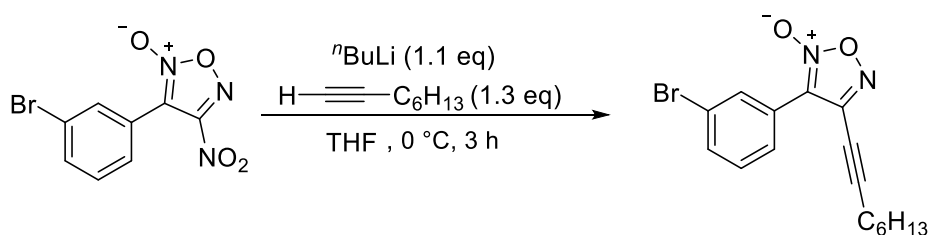
4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-3-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)furoxan (**2g**)



To a THF (2 mL) solution of oct-1-yne (0.070 mL, 0.47 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.31 mL, 0.40 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min at 0 °C, 4-nitro-3-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)furoxan (100 mg, 0.36 mmol) was added. After stirring for 2 h at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to give 4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-3-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)furoxan (**2g**) (98.4 mg, 0.29 mmol, 80% yield).

IR (neat): 2931, 2860, 2360, 2240, 1590, 1407, 1322, 1169, 1128, 1113, 1068, 844, 774, 596 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (quint, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.50–1.43 (m, 2H), 1.35–1.30 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 141.2, 132.4 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 127.2, 126.0, 125.8 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 123.5 (q, *J* = 270.8 Hz), 113.4, 103.4, 67.5, 31.2, 28.7, 27.6, 22.5, 19.6, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₁₈F₃N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺, 339.1320. Found 339.1320.

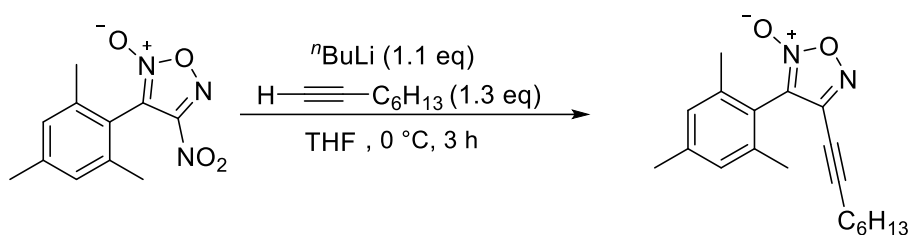
3-(3-bromophenyl)-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (**2h**)



To a THF (2 mL) solution of oct-1-yne (0.067 mL, 0.45 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.25 mL, 0.38 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min at 0 °C, 3-(3-bromophenyl)-4-nitrofuroxan (100 mg, 0.35 mmol) was added. After stirring for 1 h at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/ EtOAc = 10/1) to give (**2h**) (92.8 mg, 0.27 mmol, 76% yield).

IR (neat): 2927, 2860, 2241, 1587, 1562, 1488, 1429, 1415, 1393, 1314, 1301, 1155, 1107, 1076, 988, 879, 829, 785, 715, 676 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (quint, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.51–1.43 (m, 2H), 1.35–1.30 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 141.2, 133.8, 130.4, 129.6, 125.2, 124.3, 122.9, 113.1, 103.4, 67.5, 31.2, 28.7, 27.6, 22.5, 19.6, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 349.0552. Found 349.0578.

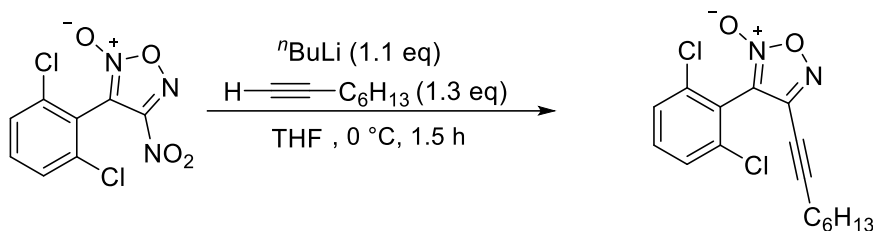
4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-3-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)furoxan (**2i**)



To a THF (2 mL) solution of oct-1-yne (0.063 mL, 0.57 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.27 mL, 0.44 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min at 0 °C, 4-nitro-3-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)furoxan (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) was added. After stirring for 3 h at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH_4Cl . The mixture was extracted three times with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/benzene = 3/1) to give 4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-3-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)furoxan (**2i**) (79.2 mg, 0.25 mmol, 63% yield).

IR (neat): 2927, 2859, 2247, 1739, 1595, 1496, 1496, 1406, 1378, 1306, 1240, 1149, 1090, 974, 944, 910, 852, 803, 732, 689, 558 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 6.96 (s, 2H), 2.35 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 6H), 1.49 (quint, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.29–1.16 (m, 6H), 0.86 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 143.6, 141.1, 138.7, 128.8, 117.6, 115.9, 102.1, 66.9, 31.2, 28.2, 27.5, 22.4, 21.3, 19.4, 19.4, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 313.1916. Found 313.1904.

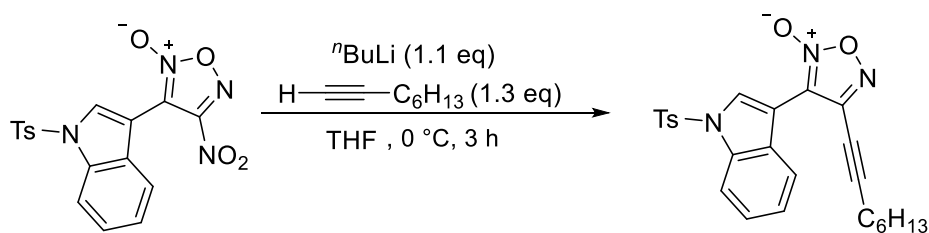
3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (2j)



To a THF (2 mL) solution of oct-1-yne (0.052 mL, 0.47 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.25 mL, 0.40 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min at 0 °C, 3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-nitrofuroxan (100 mg, 0.36 mmol) was added. After stirring for 1.5 h at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/benzene = 3/1) to give 3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (**2j**) (96.5 mg, 0.28 mmol, 79% yield).

IR (neat): 2927, 2857, 2359, 2242, 1587, 1562, 1488, 1429, 1393, 1314, 1301, 1155, 1107, 1076, 988, 879, 829, 786, 715, 699, 676 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.49–7.43 (m, 3H), 2.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.51 (quint, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.33–1.19 (m, 6H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 142.8, 136.9, 133.0, 128.4, 121.2, 113.6, 102.9, 66.2, 31.1, 28.2, 27.5, 22.5, 19.4, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₁₆H₁₇Cl₂N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺, 341.0638. Found 341.0613.

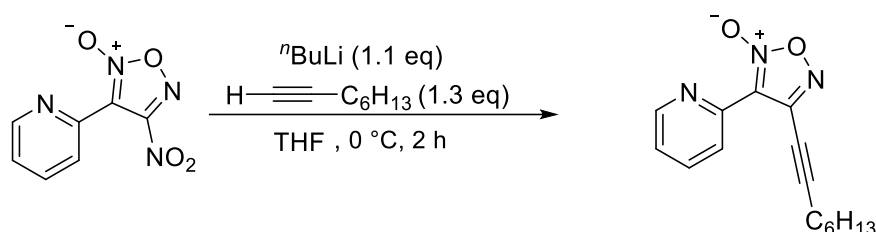
4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-3-(*N*-tosylindol-3-yl)furoxan (2k)



To a THF (2 mL) solution of oct-1-yne (0.048 mL, 0.32 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.18 mL, 0.27 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min at 0 °C, 4-nitro-3-(*N*-tosylindol-3-yl)furoxan (100 mg, 0.25 mmol) was added. After stirring for 6 h at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/ EtOAc = 3/1) to give 4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-3-(*N*-tosylindol-3-yl)furoxan (**2k**) (82.7 mg, 0.18 mmol, 72% yield).

Mp 95.1–95.3 °C. IR (neat): 2928, 2854, 2359, 2341, 2240, 1596, 1539, 1491, 1466, 1446, 1376, 1196, 1176, 1150, 1115, 1088, 993, 807, 748, 681, 659, 579, 566 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.28 (m, 3H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.65 (quint, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.45–1.37 (m, 2H), 1.30–1.26 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 145.9, 142.0, 134.6, 134.5, 130.2, 127.6, 127.1, 126.8, 125.7, 123.8, 122.5, 113.6, 112.1, 103.9, 103.5, 67.4, 31.2, 28.7, 27.6, 22.5, 21.7, 19.6, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₂₅H₂₆N₃O₄S [M+H]⁺, 464.1644. Found 464.1653.

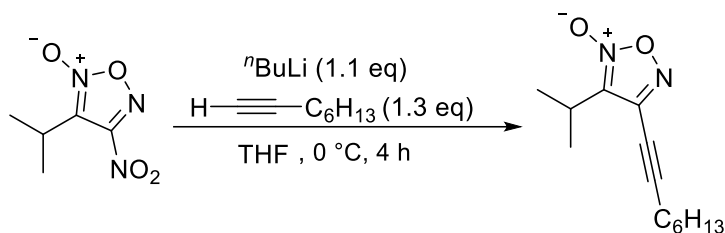
4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)furoxan (**2l**)



To a THF (2 mL) solution of oct-1-yne (0.092 mL, 0.63 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.34 mL, 0.53 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min at 0 °C, 4-nitro-3-(pyridin-2-yl)furoxan (100 mg, 0.48 mmol) was added. After stirring for 2 h at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/benzene = 5/1) to give 4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)furoxan (**2l**) (100 mg, 0.37 mmol, 77% yield).

IR (neat): 2955, 2923, 2854, 2240, 1707, 1596, 1569, 1467, 1427, 1377, 1341, 1285, 1260, 1184, 1083, 1002, 790, 741, 694, 618 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.77 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dt, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (quint, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.53–1.45 (m, 2H), 1.35–1.30 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 150.0, 143.1, 141.9, 136.9, 124.8, 122.5, 114.7, 102.1, 67.6, 31.3, 28.5, 27.7, 22.5, 19.7, 14.1. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₈N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺, 272.1399. Found 272.1401.

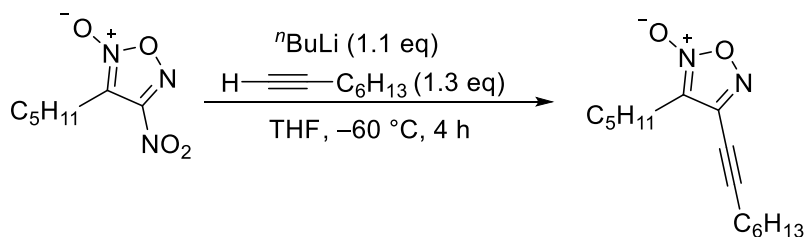
3-isopropyl-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (**2m**)



To a THF (2 mL) solution of oct-1-yne (0.083 mL, 0.75 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.40 mL, 0.64 mmol) at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. After stirring for 30 min at $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 3-isopropyl-4-nitrofuroxan (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) was added. After stirring for 4 h at $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH_4Cl . The mixture was extracted three times with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to give 3-isopropyl-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (**2m**) (121 mg, 0.51 mmol, 85% yield).

IR (neat): 2931, 2859, 2249, 1590, 1486, 1462, 1425, 1332, 1179, 1010, 812, 718 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 3.06 (sep, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.65 (quint, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.49–1.42 (m, 2H), 1.34 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.35–1.28 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 142.2, 119.7, 102.2, 66.8, 31.2, 28.6, 27.7, 24.4, 22.5, 19.5, 18.1, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 237.1603. Found 237.1630.

4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-3-pentylfuroxan (**2n**)

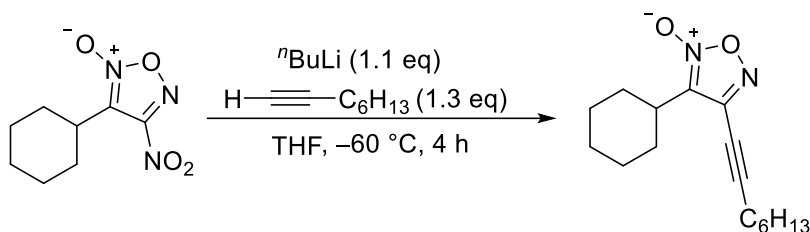


To a THF (2 mL) solution of oct-1-yne (0.082 mL, 0.75 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.41 mL, 0.65 mmol) at $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. After stirring for 30 min at $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 4-nitro-3-(pent-1-yl)furoxan (100 mg, 0.50 mmol) was added. After stirring for 4 h at $-60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH_4Cl . The mixture was extracted three times with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/benzene = 1/2) to give 4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-3-pentylfuroxan (**2n**) (98.5 mg, 0.37 mmol, 75% yield).

IR (neat): 3233, 2957, 2927, 2127, 1602, 1574, 1516, 1423, 1397, 1303, 1114, 981, 838, 815, 724, $703, 688\text{ cm}^{-1}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.56 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H),

1.70–1.61 (m, 4H), 1.49–1.30 (m, 10H), 0.91 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 143.3, 116.6, 102.3, 66.5, 31.2, 31.1, 28.5, 27.8, 25.0, 22.5, 22.4, 22.2, 19.5, 14.0, 13.8$. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 265.1916. Found 265.1904.

3-cyclohexyl-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-furoxan (**2o**)



To a THF (1 mL) solution of oct-1-yne (0.034 mL, 0.30 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.16 mL, 0.26 mmol) at -60 °C. After stirring for 30 min at -60 °C, 3-cyclohexyl-4-nitrofuroxan (50 mg, 0.23 mmol) was added. After stirring for 4 h at -60 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH_4Cl . The mixture was extracted three times with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/benzene = 1/2) to give 3-cyclohexyl-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-furoxan (**2o**) (50 mg, 0.18 mmol, 77% yield).

IR (neat): 2930, 2859, 2238, 1586, 1517, 1438, 1406, 1318, 1304, 1239, 1164, 1103, 983, 837 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 2.76\text{--}2.68$ (m, 1H), 2.51 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.88–1.73 (m, 7H), 1.66 (quint, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.51–1.43 (m, 2H), 1.37–1.23 (m, 7H), 0.91 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 142.4, 119.1, 102.1, 67.0, 33.8, 31.2, 28.6, 27.9, 27.7, 25.8, 25.4, 22.5, 19.5, 14.0$. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 277.1916 Found 277.1929.

4. Proposed mechanism for the formation of 4-butoxyfuroxan in the reaction of 4-nitrofuroxan with BuLi. (Scheme 1 in the main text)

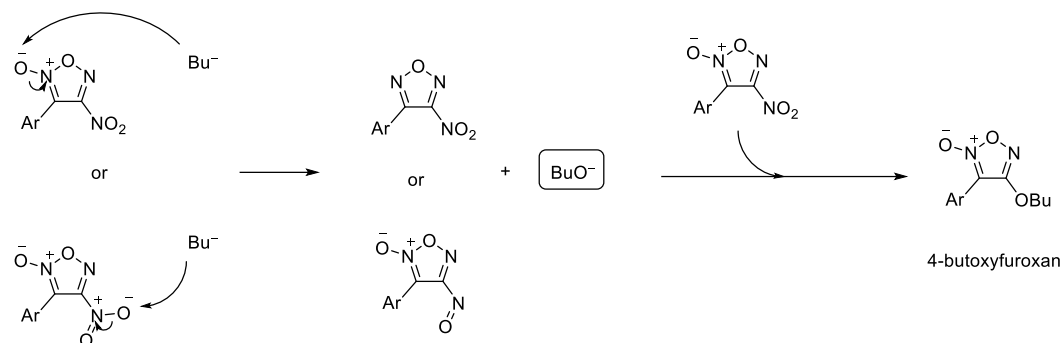


Figure S1. A butyl anion may be oxygenated by attacking either the external oxygen atom of the furoxan ring or one of the nitro group. Thus formed butoxy anion would react with another 4-nitrofuroxan to form 4-butoxyfuroxan.

5. UV-absorption spectra of 2a and 6a

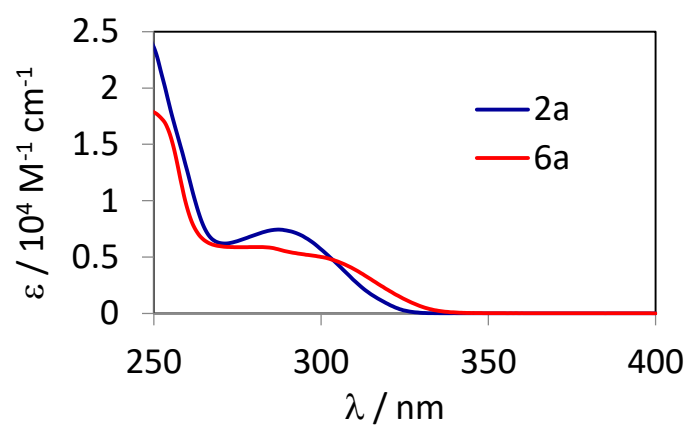


Figure S2.

6. Isomerization experiments and characterization data of 3-alkynyl furoxans

General procedure for thermal isomerization

A solution of 4-alkynylfuroxan (10 mg) in toluene (1 mL) was heated at 110 °C in a capped vial. The reaction progress was monitored by ^1H NMR analysis. Each sample for ^1H NMR analysis was prepared by dissolving in CDCl_3 or C_6D_6 the residue obtained by taking an aliquot of the reaction mixture followed by the evaporation of the solvent.

Furoxan isomers **2j** and **6j** showed no distinguishable peaks in ^1H NMR analysis, so the aliquot taken out of the reaction mixture was analyzed by HPLC (eluent: hexane, column: SIL-06 (60x250 mm)). The ratio of **2j** to **6j** was determined by absorbance at 277 nm, where both **2j** and **6j** has the same absorption coefficients.

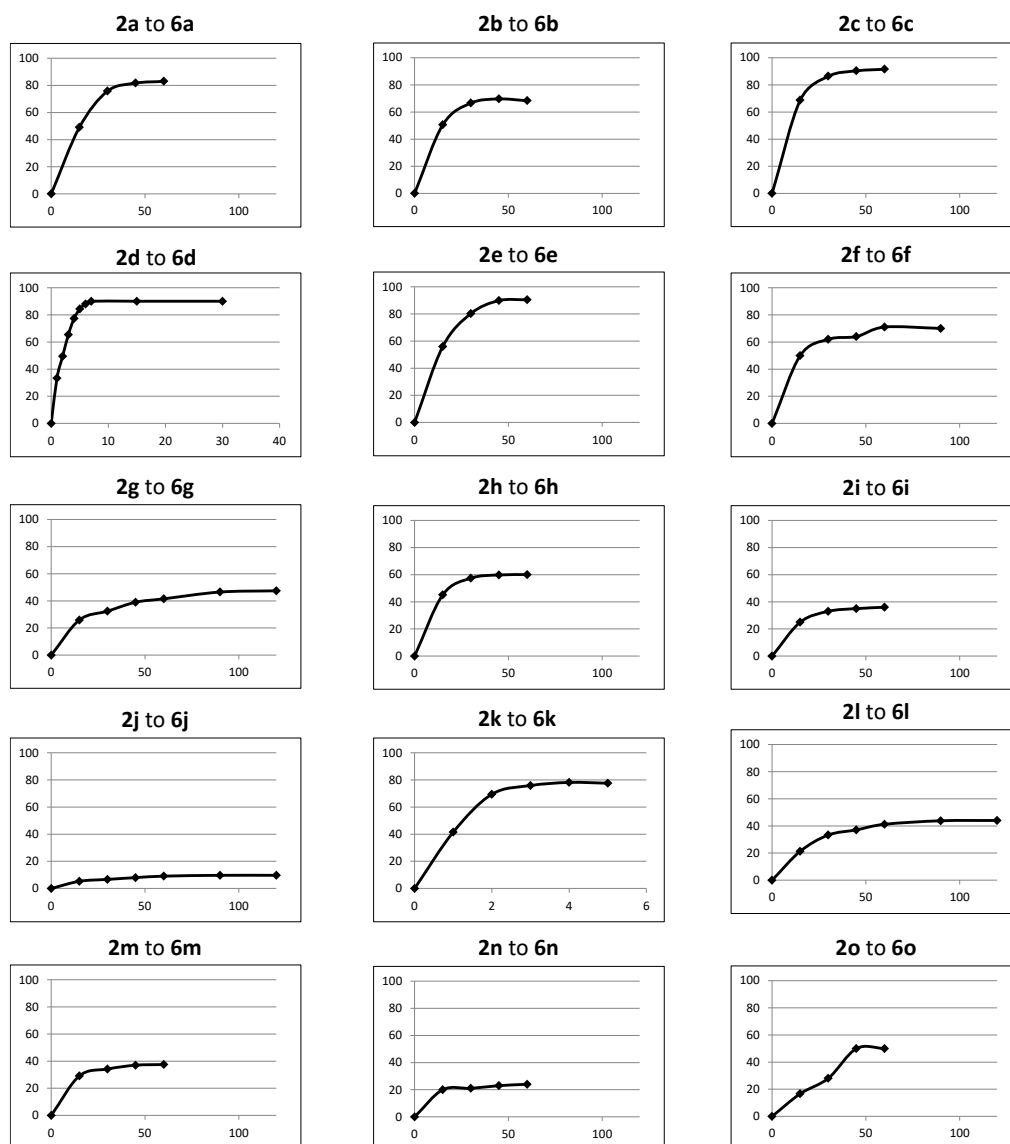


Figure S3. Thermal isomerization from 2 to 6.

General procedure for photochemical isomerization

A solution of 4-alkynylfuroxan (5 mg) in deaerated C_6D_6 (0.8 mL) was prepared in a Pyrex NMR tube. The solution was irradiated with 300- to 400-nm light (a 300W Xenon lamp, Asahi Spectra MAX-303 equipped with a 300- to 600-nm ultraviolet-visible module, and a combination of a 300-nm long-pass and 400-nm short-pass filters). The reaction progress was monitored by 1H NMR analysis (Figure S4). The ratio of 4- and 3-alkynylfuroxans was determined from the peak integration. The ratio of **2j** and **6j** was determined by HPLC analysis in the same manner as in case of thermal isomerization.

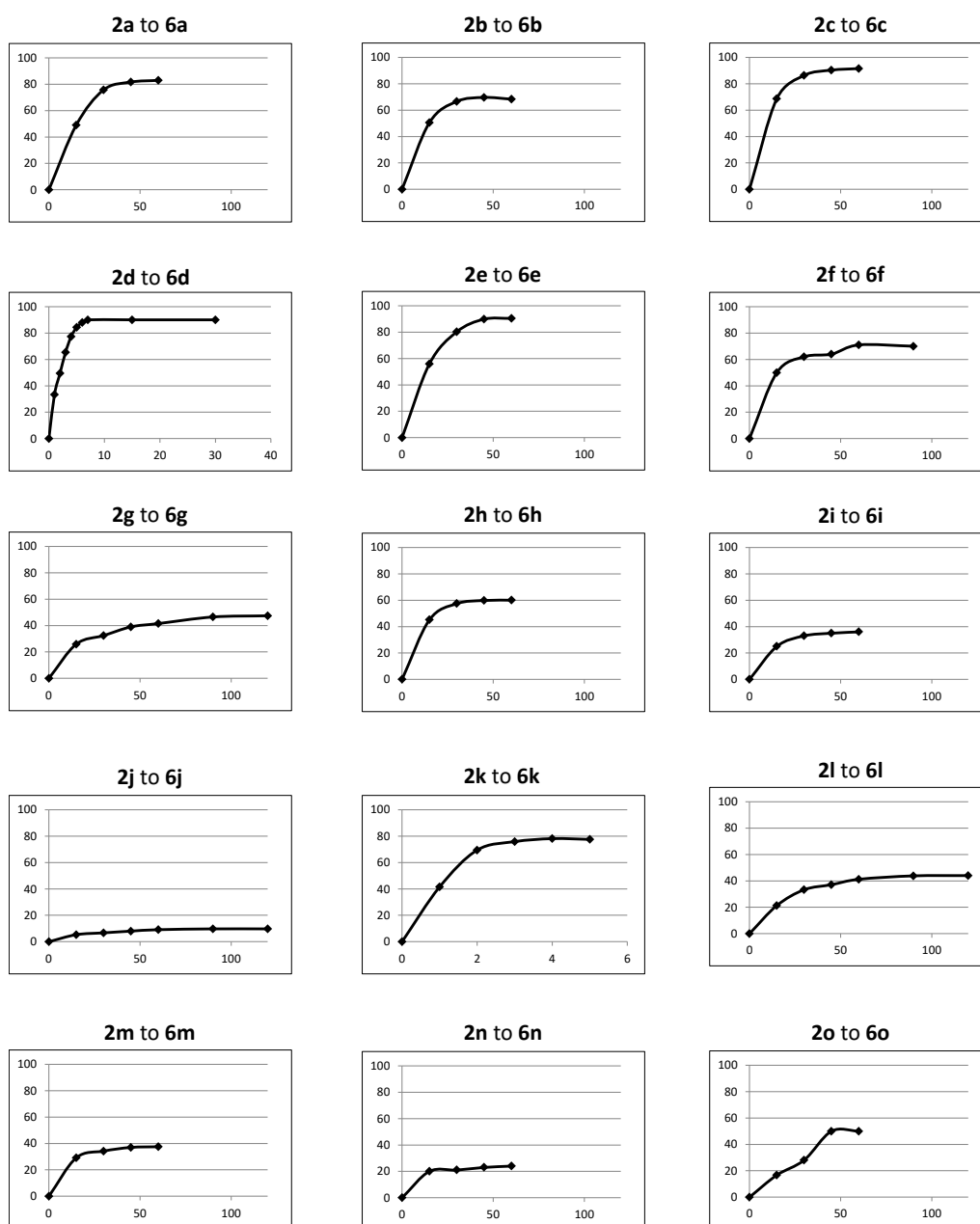
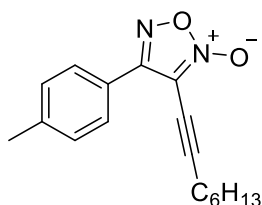


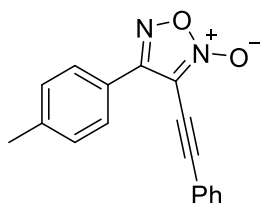
Figure S4. Photochemical isomerization from 2 to 6.

4-(4-methylphenyl)-3-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (6a)



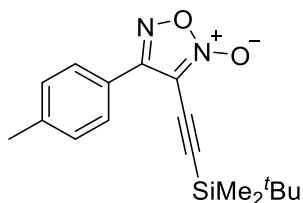
IR (neat): 2928, 2858, 2240, 1586, 1520, 1433, 1405, 1311, 1193, 1156, 1101, 983, 817, 786, 724 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.90 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.66 (quint, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.49–1.42 (m, 2H), 1.33–1.31 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 155.4, 141.9, 129.7, 126.9, 123.3, 108.3, 103.4, 64.0, 31.2, 28.6, 27.8, 22.5, 21.6, 20.1, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 285.1603. Found 285.1589.

4-(4-methylphenyl)-3-(phenylethynyl)furoxan (6b)



Mp 110.6–110.9 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR (neat): 2219, 1601, 1585, 1568, 1529, 1498, 1456, 1445, 1338, 1202, 1189, 1162, 1068, 1035, 1024, 999, 980, 944, 868, 815, 778, 749, 718, 684, 618, 578 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 155.3, 142.1, 131.9, 130.3, 129.8, 128.6, 126.9, 123.1, 120.5, 105.0, 103.3, 72.0, 21.6 ppm. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 277.0977. Found 277.0985.

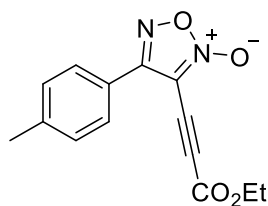
3-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl]-4-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (6c)



Mp 91.2–91.6 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR (neat): 2950, 2930, 2858, 1596, 1572, 1445, 1362, 1321, 1310, 1248, 1190, 1167, 1035, 1009, 981, 839, 776, 754, 715, 693, 675, 595, 576 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ

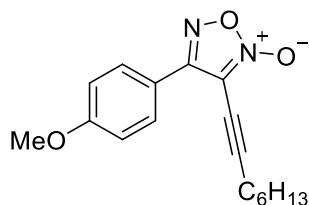
= 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.25 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 155.2, 142.1, 129.7, 126.9, 123.1, 113.0, 103.0, 87.1, 26.0, 21.6, 16.7, -5.1. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 315.1529. Found 315.1547.

3-[(ethoxycarbonyl)ethynyl]-4-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (6d)



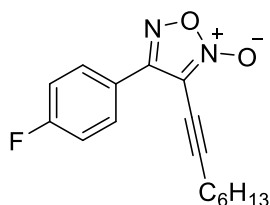
IR (neat): 2929, 2858, 2235, 1716, 1596, 1521, 1438, 1313, 1233, 1014, 817, 745, 713, 676, 625, 601, 559 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 155.3, 152.1, 142.7, 130.0, 126.9, 122.3, 101.4, 94.7, 67.9, 63.1, 21.6, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 273.0875. Found 273.0862.

4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (6e)



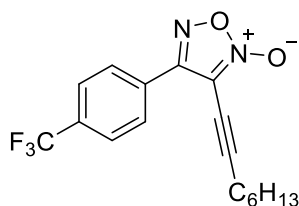
The isomers were not separable by chromatography; so only distinguishable peaks are provided for ^1H NMR analysis. IR (neat): 2930, 2859, 2236, 1601, 1585, 1517, 1456, 1407, 1332, 1236, 1160, 1103, 1080, 984, 838, 727, 602 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): (Distinguishable peaks) δ = 8.11 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.57 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 162.0, 155.0, 128.5, 118.5, 114.4, 108.2, 103.3, 64.1, 55.4, 31.2, 28.6, 27.7, 22.5, 20.1, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 301.1552. Found 301.1524.

4-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (6f)



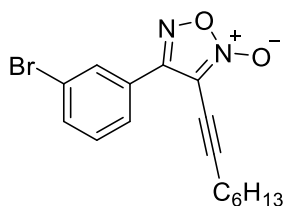
IR (neat): 2930, 2859, 2235, 1583, 1531, 1407, 1333, 1236, 1160, 1080, 984, 840, 727, 692, 602, 572 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.05–8.01 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (quint, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.48–1.42 (m, 2H), 1.33–1.30 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 164.5 (d, J = 251.5 Hz), 154.4, 129.1 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 122.3, 116.3 (d, J = 22 Hz), 108.6, 103.1, 63.8, 31.2, 28.5, 27.7, 22.5, 20.0, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 289.1352. Found 289.1356.

3-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)furoxan (6g)



IR (neat): 2931, 2860, 2360, 2236, 1599, 1581, 1461, 1406, 1321, 1169, 1129, 1114, 1067, 1019, 985, 847, 775, 698, 600 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (quint, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.49–1.42 (m, 2H), 1.35–1.30 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 154.2, 133.2 (q, J = 32.8), 129.6, 127.4, 126.0 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 123.6 (q, J = 270.8 Hz), 109.1, 103.0, 63.5, 31.2, 28.6, 27.7, 22.5, 20.1, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 339.1320. Found 339.1324.

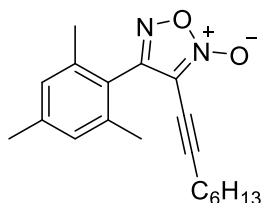
4-(3-bromophenyl)-3-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (6h)



IR (neat): 2927, 2857, 2235, 1594, 1566, 1474, 1448, 1330, 1302, 1165, 1074, 994, 883, 830, 789, 707, 678 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J =

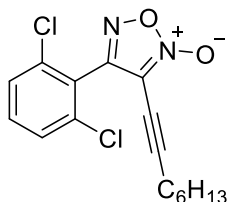
8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.69 (quint, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.50–1.42 (m, 2H), 1.33–1.30 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 154.0$, 134.4, 130.5, 129.9, 128.0, 125.4, 123.1, 109.1, 103.0, 63.5, 31.2, 28.6, 27.7, 22.5, 20.1, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 349.0552. Found 349.0546.

3-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-4-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)furoxan (6i)



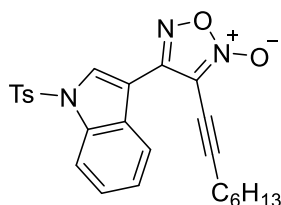
IR (neat): 2927, 2858, 2238, 1591, 1450, 1379, 1328, 1139, 1073, 981, 852, 802, 753 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 6.97$ (s, 2H), 2.36 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 6H), 1.48 (quint, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.26–1.18 (m, 6H), 0.86 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 157.4$, 140.6, 137.6, 128.6, 121.9, 107.3, 105.2, 100.0, 62.8, 31.1, 28.2, 27.6, 22.4, 21.3, 19.8, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 313.1916. Found 313.1949.

4-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-3-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (6j)



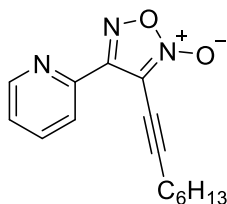
IR (neat): 2929, 2858, 2359, 2237, 1598, 1561, 1463, 1431, 1328, 1258, 1194, 1105, 1010, 983, 791, 749, 692 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.49$ –7.42 (m, 3H), 2.38 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.49 (quint, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.31–1.17 (m, 6H), 0.86 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 153.7$, 136.0, 132.6, 128.4, 124.5, 108.0, 86.1, 62.0, 31.1, 28.2, 27.5, 22.5, 19.8, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 339.0667. Found 339.0672.

3-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-4-(*N*-tosylindol-3-yl)furoxan (6k)



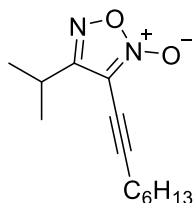
Mp 131.2-131.7°C. IR (neat): 2958, 2924, 2852, 2359, 2341, 2234, 1592, 1573, 1491, 1464, 1446, 1377, 1308, 1295, 1218, 1176, 1129, 1106, 996, 907, 750, 703, 661 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.49 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.79 (quint, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.55–1.52 (m, 2H), 1.39–1.34 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 150.8, 145.9, 134.6, 134.6, 130.2, 127.3, 127.0, 126.8, 126.1, 124.6, 122.8, 113.4, 109.4, 108.7, 102.4, 63.9, 31.2, 28.8, 27.9, 22.5, 21.7, 20.2, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₂₅H₂₆N₃O₄S [M+H]⁺, 464.1644. Found 464.1657.

3-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-4-(pyridin-2-yl)furoxan (6l)



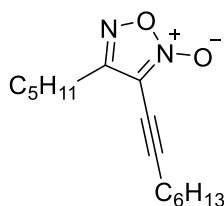
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4-isopropyl-3-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)furoxan (6m)



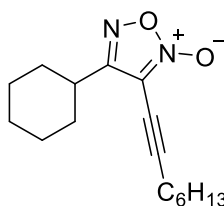
IR (neat): 2931, 2859, 2360, 2238, 1590, 1511, 1472, 1455, 1369, 1268, 1084, 1028, 971, 810, 731 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 3.04 (sep, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (quint, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.48–1.40 (m, 2H), 1.38 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.33–1.29 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 162.9, 107.8, 104.1, 63.0, 31.2, 28.5, 27.8, 27.2, 22.5, 19.9, 19.5, 14.0. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 237.1603. Found 237.1605.

3-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-4-pentylfuroxan (6n)



IR (neat): 2930, 2860, 2237, 1597, 1517, 1463, 1379, 1120, 1092, 1043, 968, 910, 829, 731, 650, 569 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.67 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.75 (quint, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (quint, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.47–1.26 (m, 10H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 158.6, 107.5, 104.6, 62.8, 31.2, 31.1, 28.5, 27.8, 26.0, 25.9, 22.5, 22.2, 19.9, 14.0, 13.8. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 265.1916. Found 265.1904.

4-cyclohexyl-3-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-furoxan (6o)

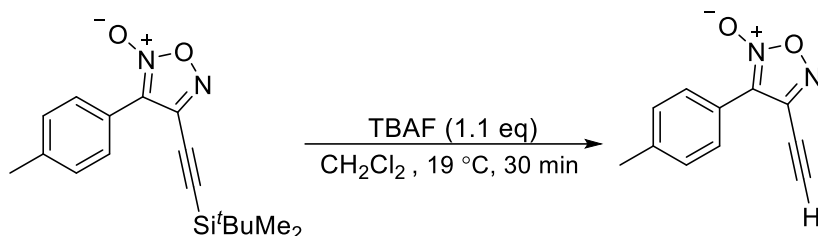


IR (neat): 2929, 2856, 2237, 1593, 1509, 1457, 1379, 1338, 1269, 1139, 1106, 1066, 993, 971, 892, 860, 798, 744, 675 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.75–2.67 (m, 1H), 2.52 (t, J = 7.2 Hz,

2H), 2.04–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.90–1.85 (m, 2H) 1.78–1.73 (m, 1H) 1.67–1.58 (m, 4H) 1.49–1.26 (m, 9H), 0.91 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 162.1, 107.7, 104.1, 63.2, 36.3, 31.2, 29.7, 28.5, 27.8, 25.7, 25.6, 22.5, 19.9, 14.0$. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 277.1916 Found 277.1889.

7. Derivatization of alkynyl furoxans

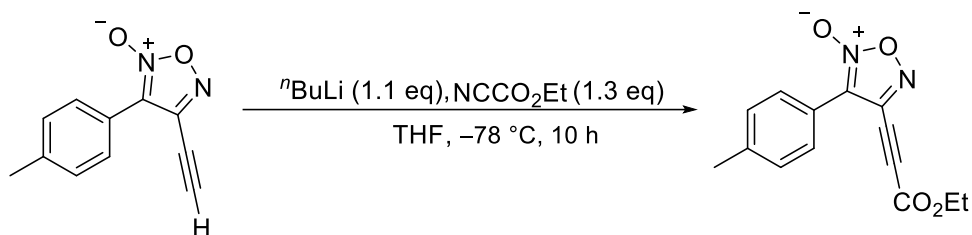
Synthesis of 4-ethynyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**7**) from **2c**



To a round-bottomed flask were added TBAF (1 M in THF, 0.21 mL, 0.21 mmol) and CH₂Cl₂ (1.3 mL). Then 4-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl]-3-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**2c**) (60 mg, 0.19 mmol) was added. After stirring for 30 min at rt, the reaction was quenched by the addition of water. The mixture was extracted five times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/benzene = 3/1) to give 4-ethynyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**7**) (37.8 mg, 0.19 mmol, 99% yield).

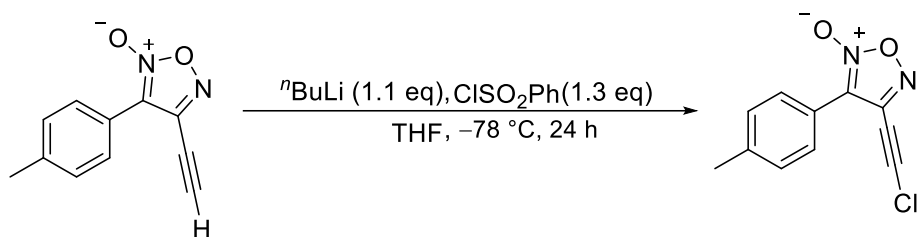
Mp 58.5–58.9 °C. IR (neat): 3234, 2923, 2127, 1915, 1574, 1516, 1428, 1396, 1302, 1114, 1071, 981, 838, 815, 724, 703 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 141.6, 140.4, 129.7, 126.8, 118.7, 114.2, 87.9, 70.4, 21.6. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₉N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺, 201.0664. Found 201.0651.

Synthesis of **2d** from **7**



To a THF (1 mL) solution of **7** (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.17 mL, 0.27 mmol) at -78 °C. After stirring for 15 min at -78 °C, ethyl cyanofomate (0.032 mL, 0.32 mmol) was added. After stirring for 10 h at -78 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted five times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/benzene = 1/1) to give **2d** (51.6 mg, 0.19 mmol, 76% yield).

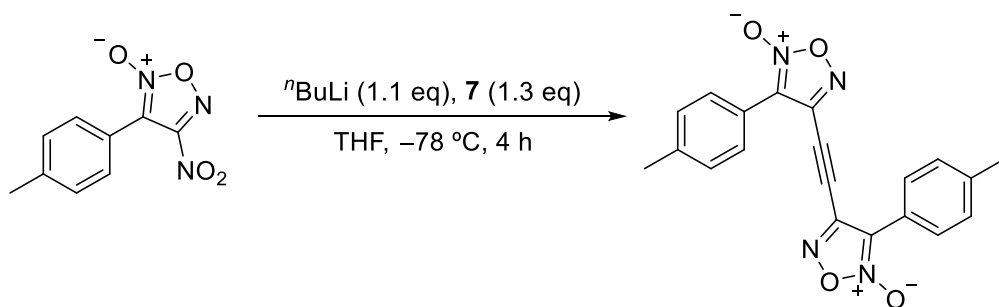
Synthesis of 4-(chloroethynyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**8**) from **7**



To a THF (1 mL) solution of **7** (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.16 mL, 0.26 mmol) at -78 °C. After stirring for 15 min at -78 °C, benzenesulfonyl chloride (0.041 mL, 0.31 mmol) was added. After stirring for 24 h at -78 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted five times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to give 4-(chloroethynyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**8**) (56.2 mg, 0.24 mmol, 92% yield).

Mp 49.2-49.4 °C. IR (neat): 2924, 2228, 1636, 1583, 1519, 1438, 1406, 1312, 1120, 1093, 983, 873, 818, 771, 719 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H) 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 141.7, 140.4, 129.8, 126.7, 118.7, 114.3, 79.8, 57.0, 21.6. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₁₁H₈ClN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺, 237.0245. Found 237.0255.

Synthesis of bis[4-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan-3-yl]acetylene (**9**) from **1a** and **7**

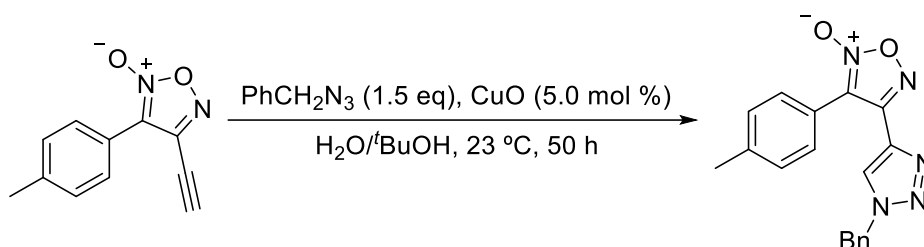


To a THF (1 mL) solution of **7** (117.7 mg, 0.59 mmol) was added 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (0.32 mL, 0.50 mmol) at -78 °C. After stirring for 15 min at -78 °C, **1a** (100 mg, 0.45 mmol) was added. After stirring for 4 h at -78 °C, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted five times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/benzene = 2/1) to give bis[4-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan-3-yl]acetylene (**9**) (134.5 mg, 0.36 mmol, 80% yield). The structure of **9** was unambiguously determined by X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis (CCDC 1520634).

Crystals of **9** suitable for XRD analysis were obtained by recrystallization from ClCH₂CH₂Cl-hexane using a vapor diffusion method.

Mp 165.1-165.7°C. IR (neat): 2930, 2856, 2360, 2236, 1594, 1524, 1439, 1400, 1328, 1316, 1303, 1260, 1114, 1099, 1072, 1032, 981, 815, 736, 679, 589 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H) 2.42 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 142.0, 139.7, 130.0, 126.7, 118.1, 113.8, 84.3, 21.6. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₁₅N₄O₄ [M+H]⁺, 375.1093. Found 375.1048.

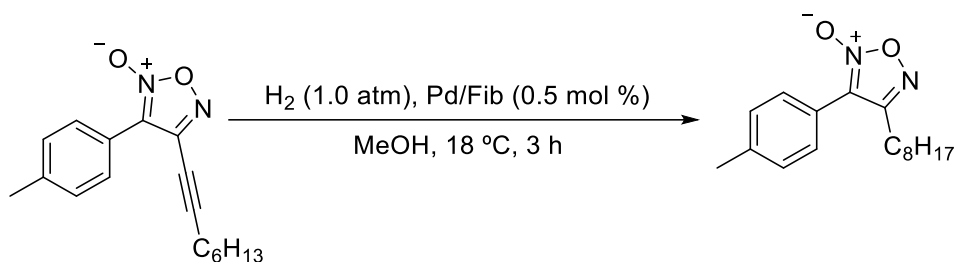
Synthesis of 4-(1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**10**) from **7**



To a H₂O:*t*BuOH (2:1) (1 mL) solution of **7** (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) was added CuO (1.0 mg, 0.012 mmol, 5.0 mol%) and PhCH₂N₃ (0.053 mL, 0.37 mmol). After stirring for 50 hours at rt, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to give 4-(1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**10**) (76.5 mg, 0.23 mmol, 92% yield). The structure of **10** was unambiguously determined by XRD analysis (CCDC 1521390). Crystals of **10** suitable for XRD analysis were obtained by recrystallization from ClCH₂CH₂Cl-hexane using a vapor diffusion method.

Mp 165.1-165.7°C. IR (neat): 3122, 2962, 2359, 1595, 1522, 1471, 1455, 1435, 1403, 1247, 1127, 1076, 1110, 981, 849, 782, 719, 658 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.26 (m, 4H), 5.60 (s, 2H) 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 148.8, 141.1, 136.1, 133.6, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.3, 123.9, 119.2, 114.3, 54.6, 21.5. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₁₈H₁₆N₅O₂ [M+H]⁺ 334.1304. Found 334.1322.

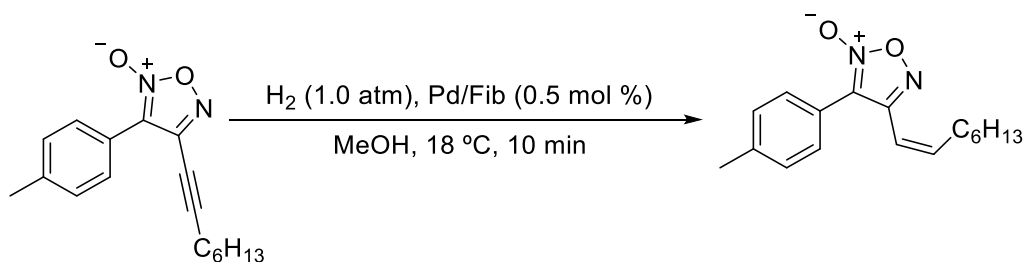
Synthesis of 3-(4-methylphenyl)-4-octylfuroxan (**11**) from **7**



To a MeOH (3 mL) solution of **2a** (50 mg, 0.18 mmol) was added Pd/Fib (5.0 mg, 0.00079 mmol, 0.5 mol%) under Ar. The atmosphere was exchanged from Ar to H₂. After stirring for 3 h at rt, the mixture was filtered by celite with MeOH and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to give 3-(4-methylphenyl)-4-octylfuroxan (**11**) (36.9 mg, 0.13 mmol, 73% yield).

IR (neat): 2924, 2854, 1584, 1522, 1504, 1446, 1404, 1190, 966, 842, 818, 733, 710 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.72 (quint, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.39–1.25 (m, 10H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 157.3, 140.8, 129.9, 127.5, 120.2, 114.9, 31.7, 29.0, 29.0, 29.0, 26.8, 26.3, 22.6, 21.5, 14.1. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for C₁₇H₂₅N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 289.1916. Found 289.1909.

Synthesis of 3-(4-methylphenyl)-4-[(1Z)-oct-1-en-1-yl]furoxan (**12**) from **7**

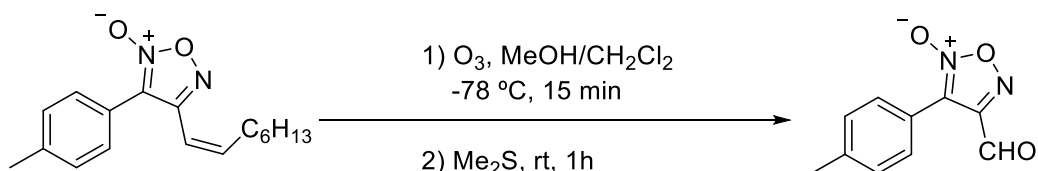


To a MeOH (3 mL) solution of **2a** (50 mg, 0.18 mmol) was added Pd/Fib (5.0 mg, 0.00079 mmol, 0.5 mol%) under Ar. The atmosphere was exchanged from Ar to H₂. After stirring for 10 min at rt, the mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to give 3-(4-methylphenyl)-4-[(1Z)-oct-1-en-1-yl]furoxan (**12**) (46.4 mg, 0.16 mmol, 92% yield).

IR (neat): 2956, 2924, 2856, 2360, 1584, 1520, 1447, 1393, 1116, 967, 839, 819, 720, 702 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.27–6.20 (m, 1H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.48 (quint, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.37–

1.27 (m, 6H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 153.2, 144.1, 140.9, 129.7, 127.9, 120.0, 114.3, 113.3, 31.6, 30.2, 29.0, 29.0, 22.6, 21.5, 14.1$. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 287.1760. Found 287.1792.

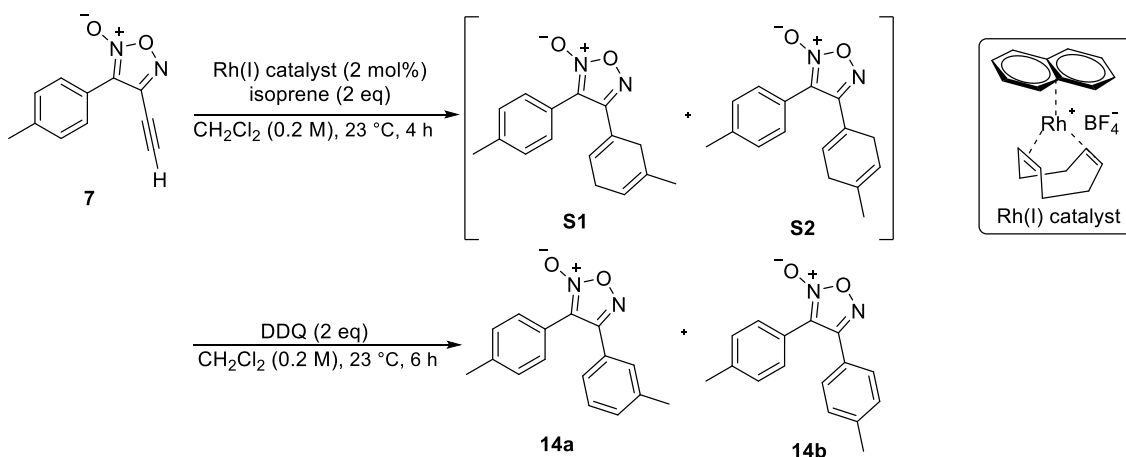
Synthesis of 4-formyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**13**) from **12**



O_3 was bubbled through a $\text{MeOH}:\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (3:7) (1 mL) solution of **12** (50 mg, 0.17 mmol) for 15 min at -78°C . After the solution was purged with Ar for 3 min to remove excess O_3 , dimethylsulfide (0.19 mL, 15.0 mmol) was added. After stirring for 1 h at rt, the mixture was washed three times with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO_3 . The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to give 4-formyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**13**) (28.6 mg, 0.14 mmol, 80% yield).

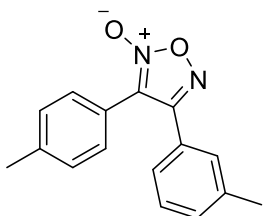
Mp $67.7\text{--}68.4^\circ\text{C}$. IR (neat): 1713, 1585, 1523, 1471, 1410, 1379, 1333, 1114, 1083, 993, 823, 758, 712, 642, 603 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 10.1$ (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 182.1, 153.9, 141.9, 129.6, 128.5, 117.7, 111.8, 21.6$. HRMS (DART); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 205.0613. Found 205.0625.

Synthesis of 4-(3-methylphenyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**14a**) and bis(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**14b**) from **7**

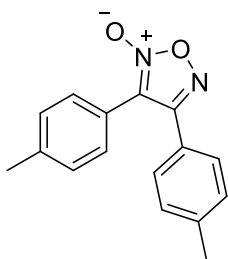


To a CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) solution of (naphthalene)Rh(cod)]BF₄ (3.9 mg, 0.010 mmol, 2 mol%) was added **7** (100 mg, 0.50 mmol) and isoprene (0.10 mL, 1.0 mmol) at rt. After stirring for 4 h at rt, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was passed through a pad of silica gel (eluent: hexane/EtOAc = 50/1) to give a mixture of **S1** and **S2** (116.6 mg, 87% yield).

To a C₆H₆ (5 mL) solution of a mixture of **S1** and **S2** (50 mg, 0.19 mmol) was added DDQ (63.5 mg, 0.28 mmol) at rt. After stirring for 6 h at rt, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to give a mixture of 4-(3-methylphenyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**14a**) and bis(4-methylphenyl)furoxan (**14b**) (48.1 mg, 0.18 mmol, 97% yield, **14a**:**14b** = 81:19).



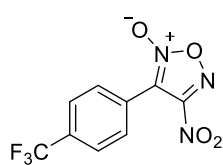
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): (Distinguishable peak) δ = 2.41 (s, 3H).

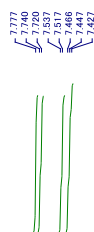
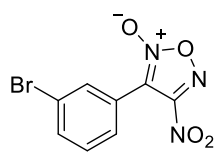
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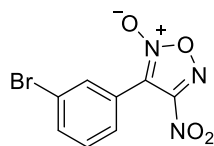
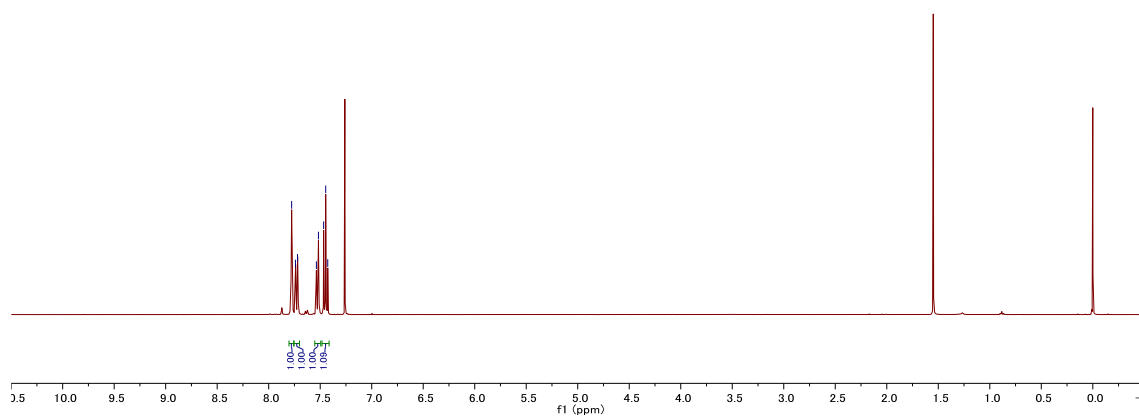


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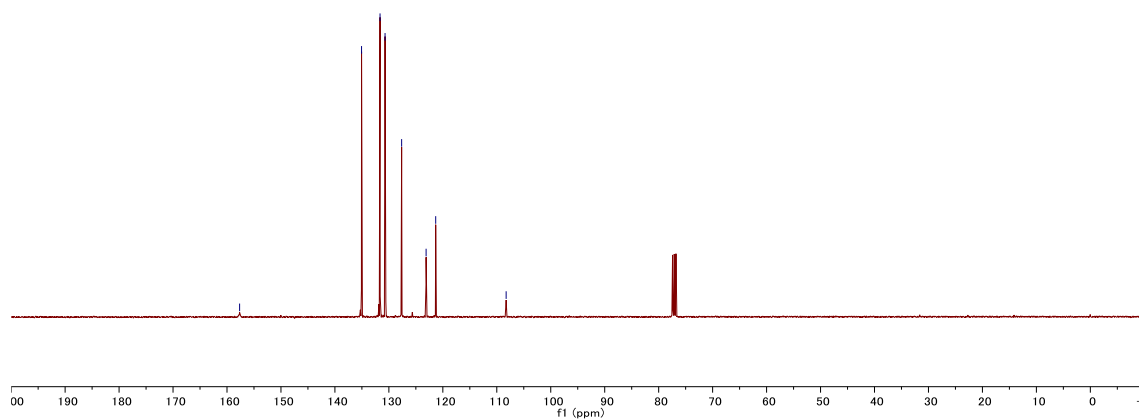
- Solvent:** A triplet for CDCl_3 at $\delta = 77$ ppm.
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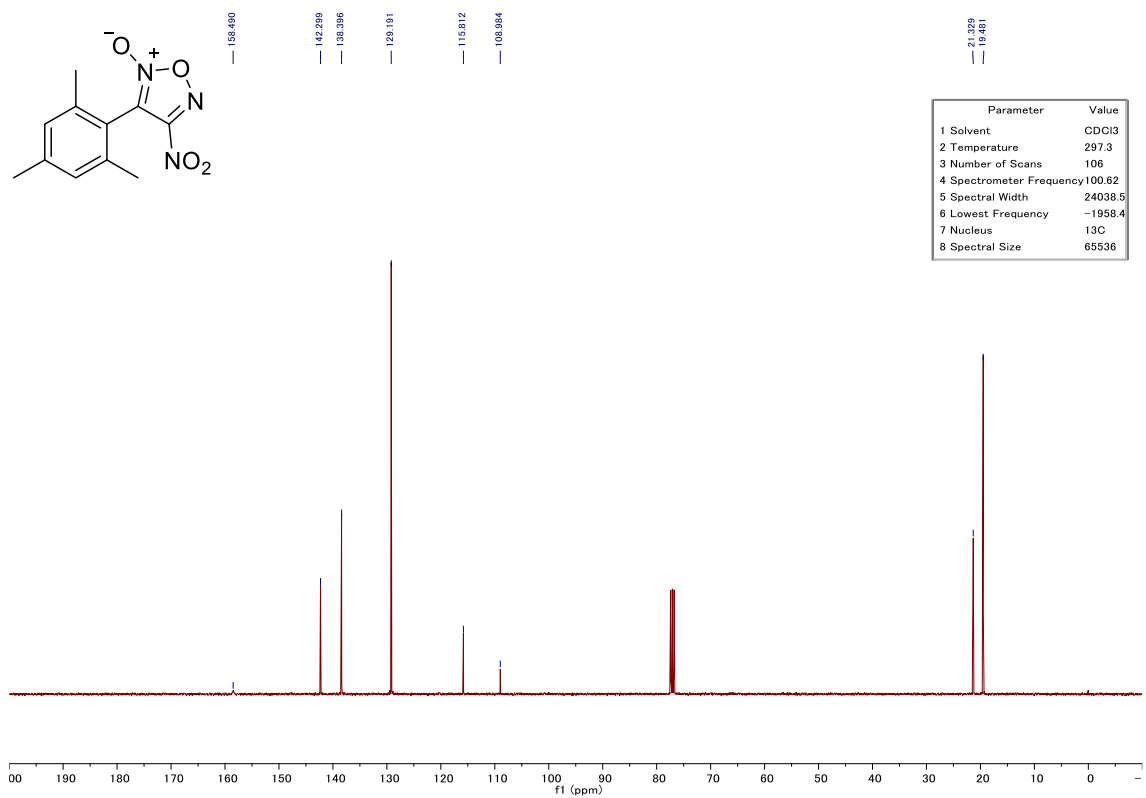
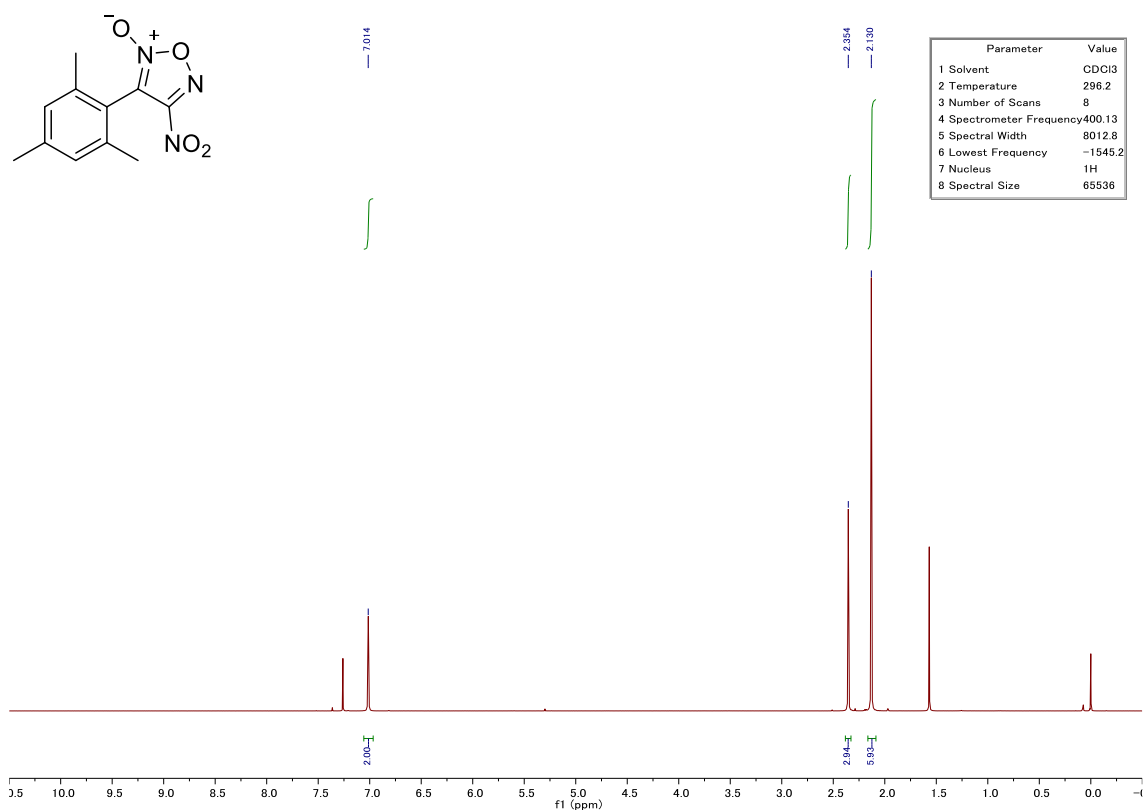


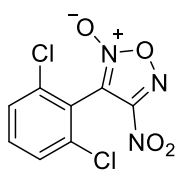
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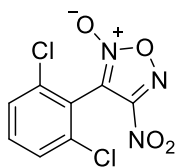
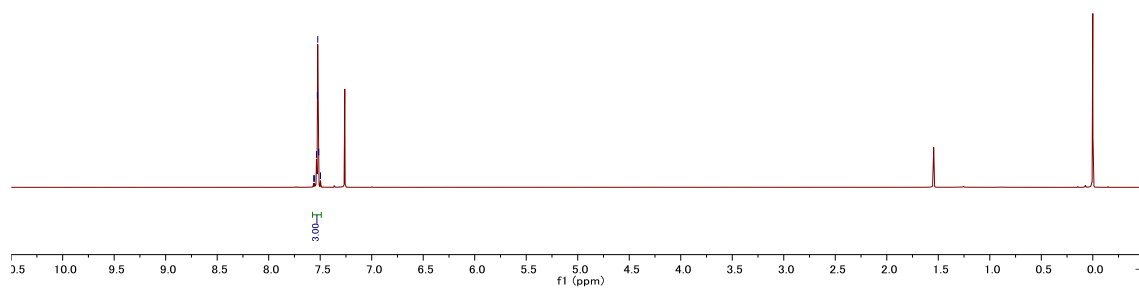






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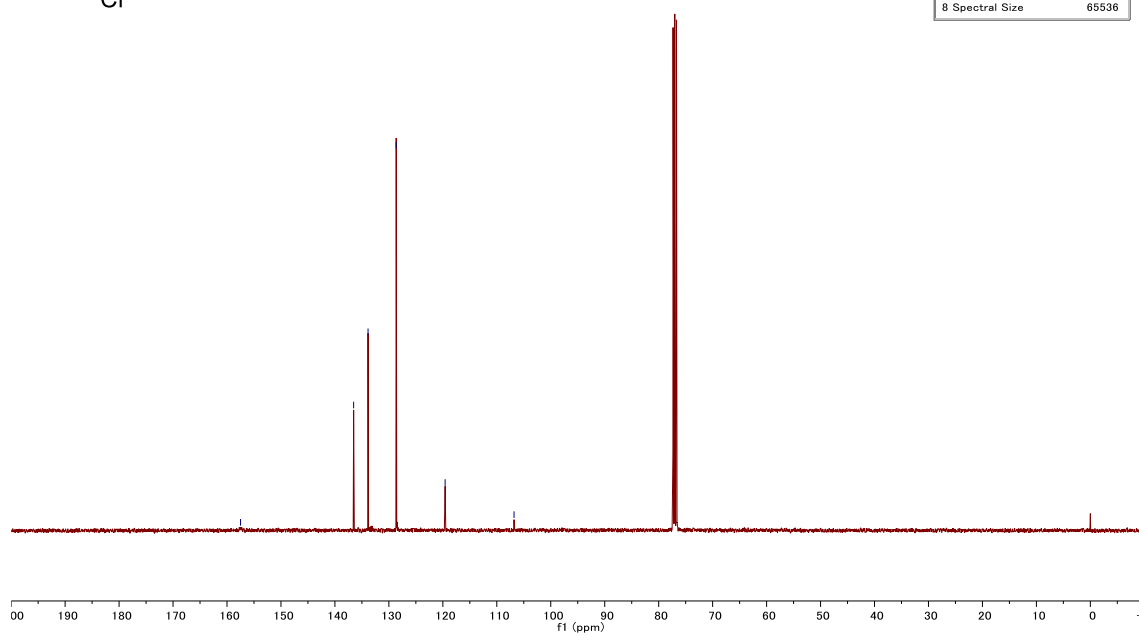
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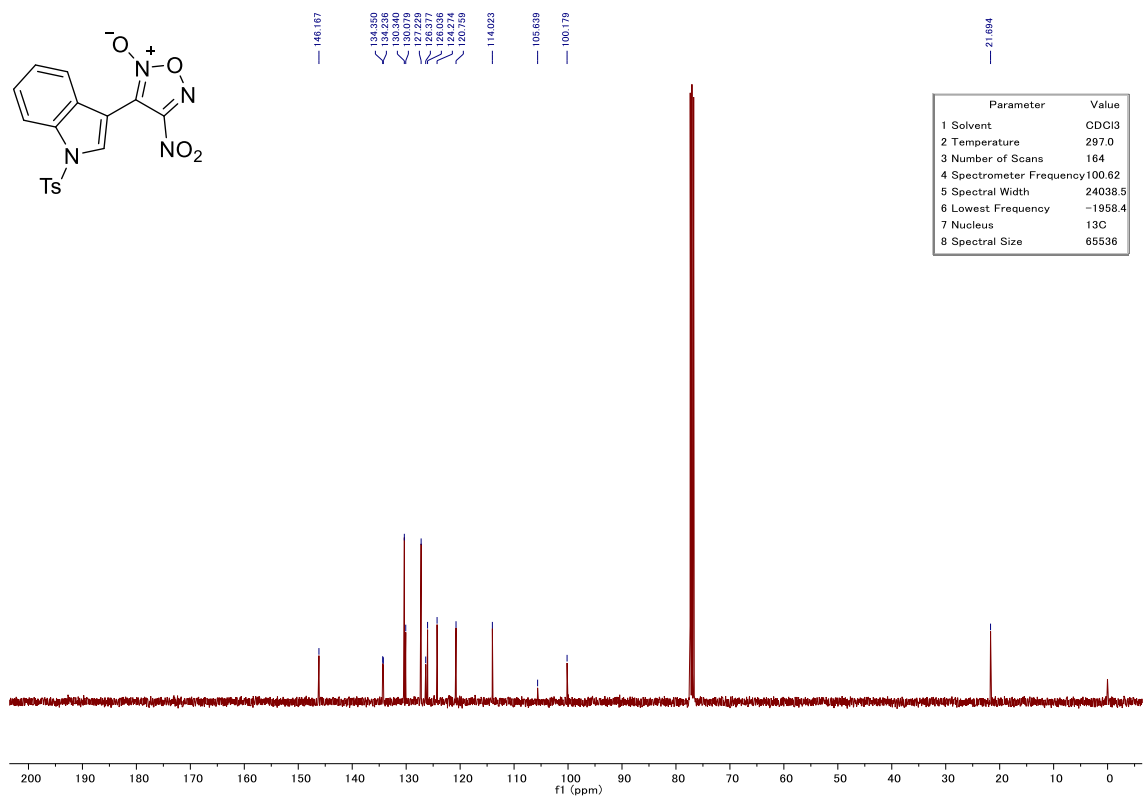
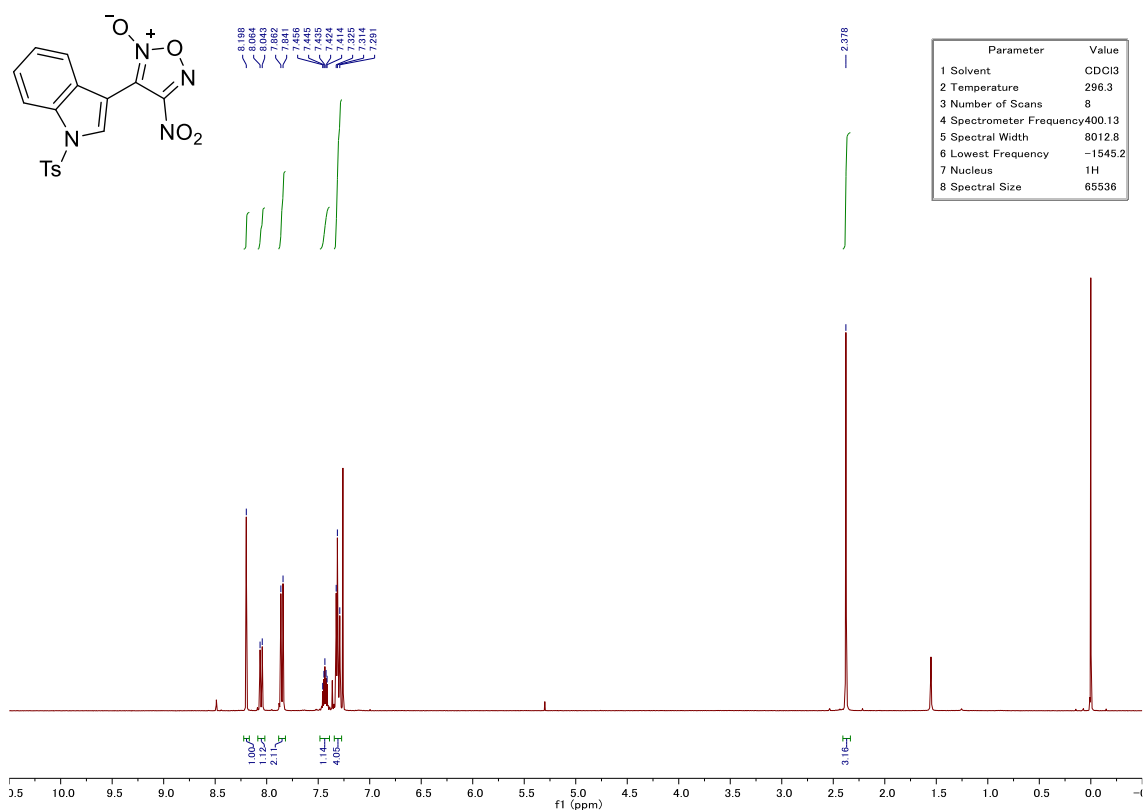
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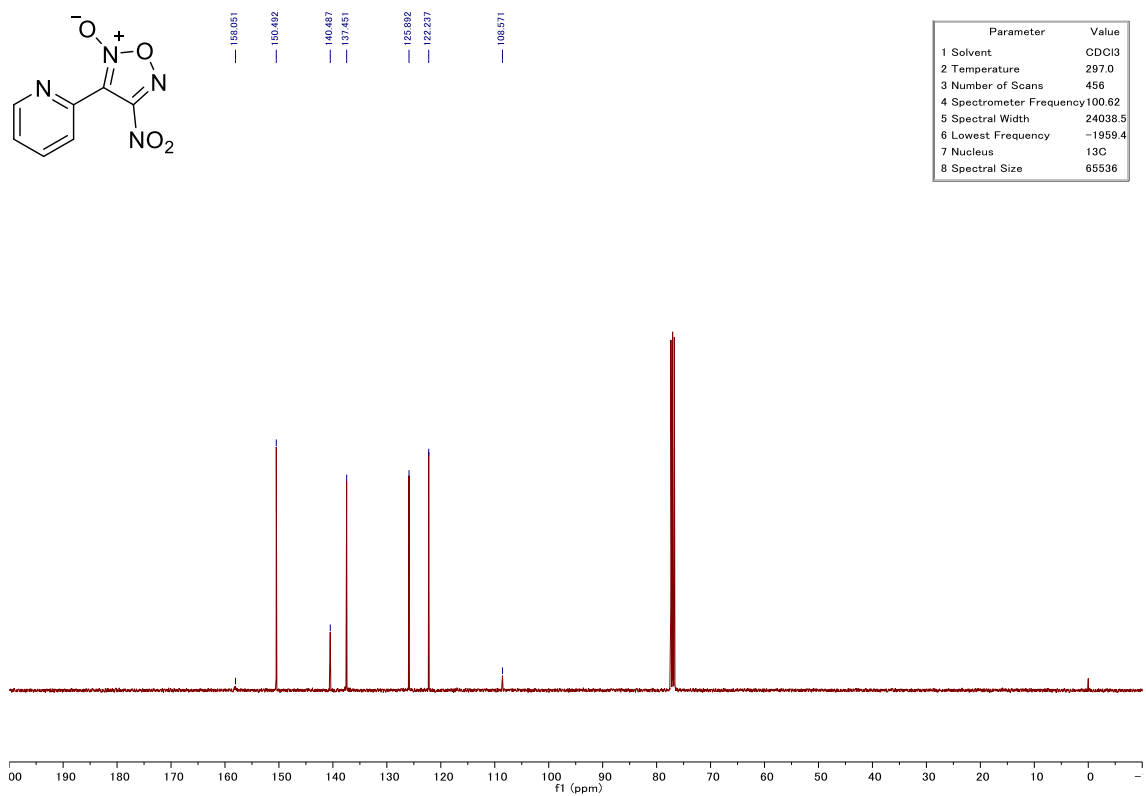
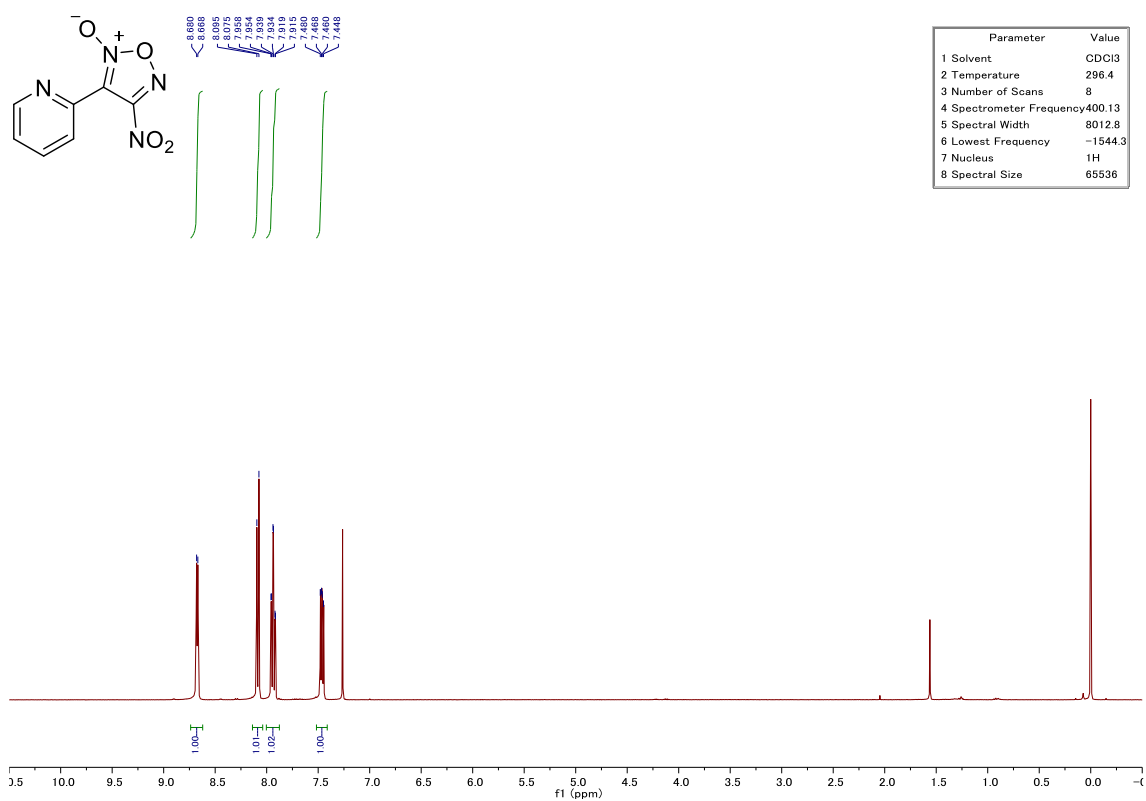
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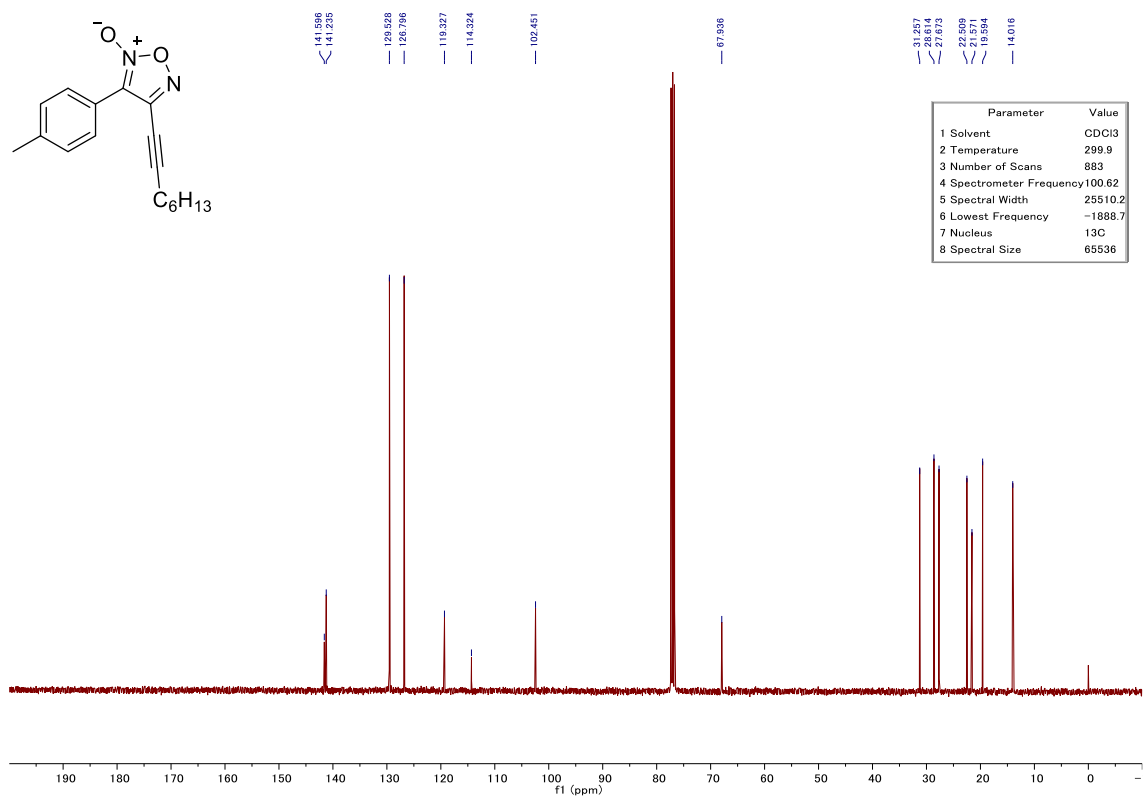
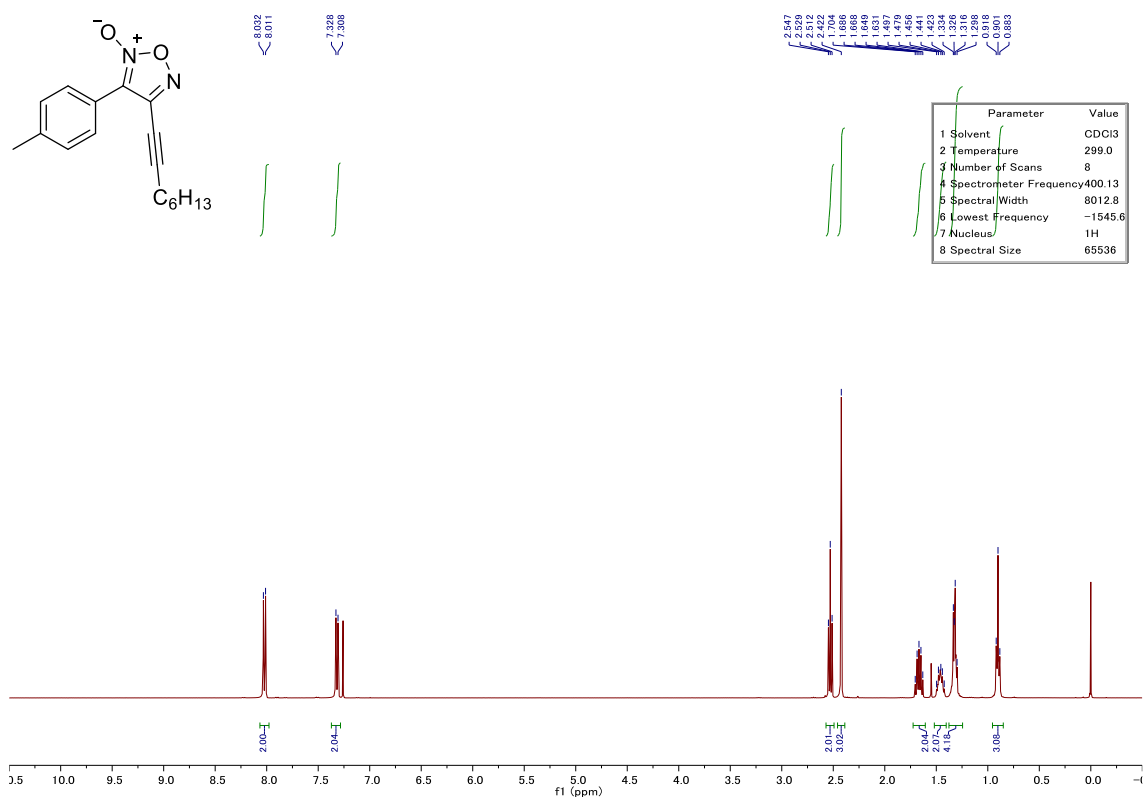
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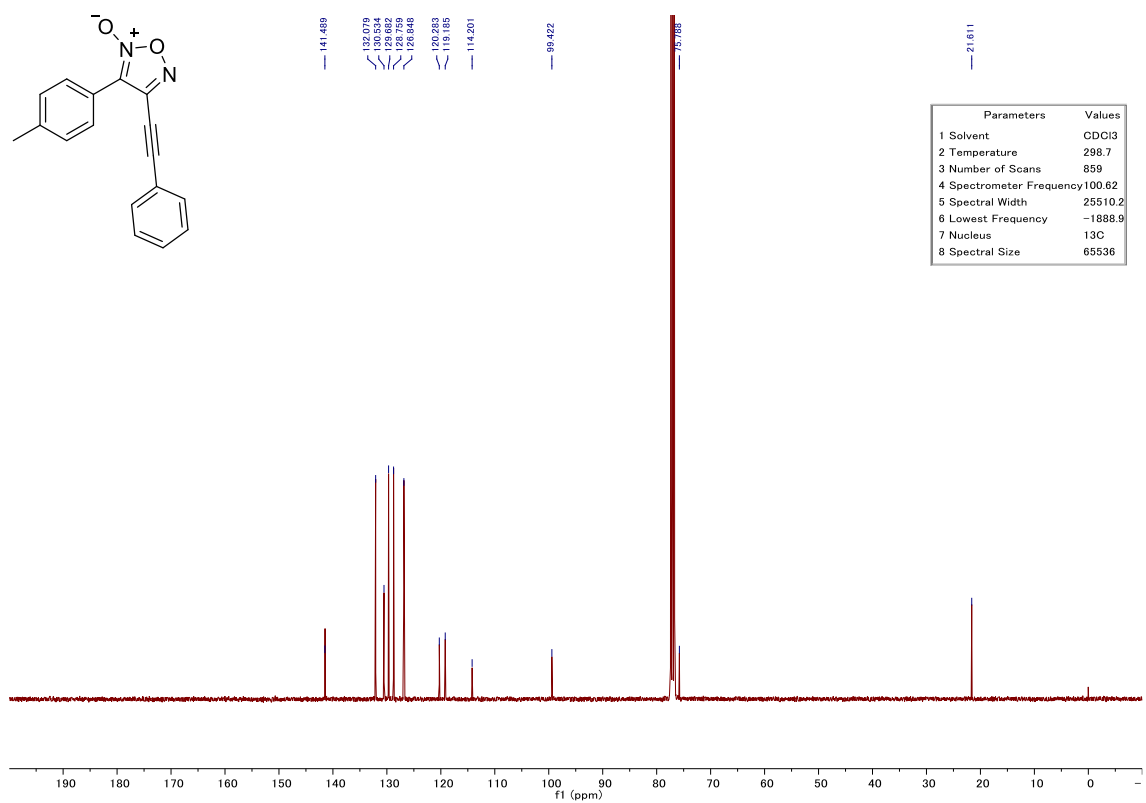
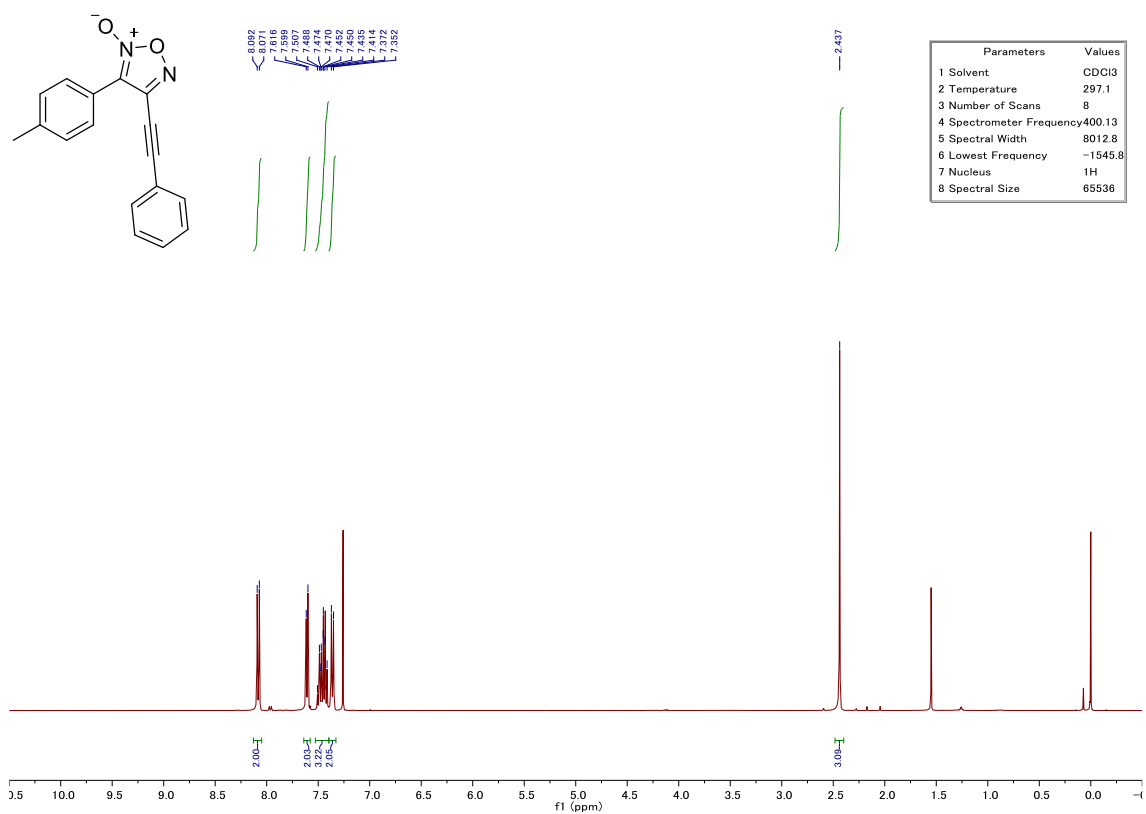
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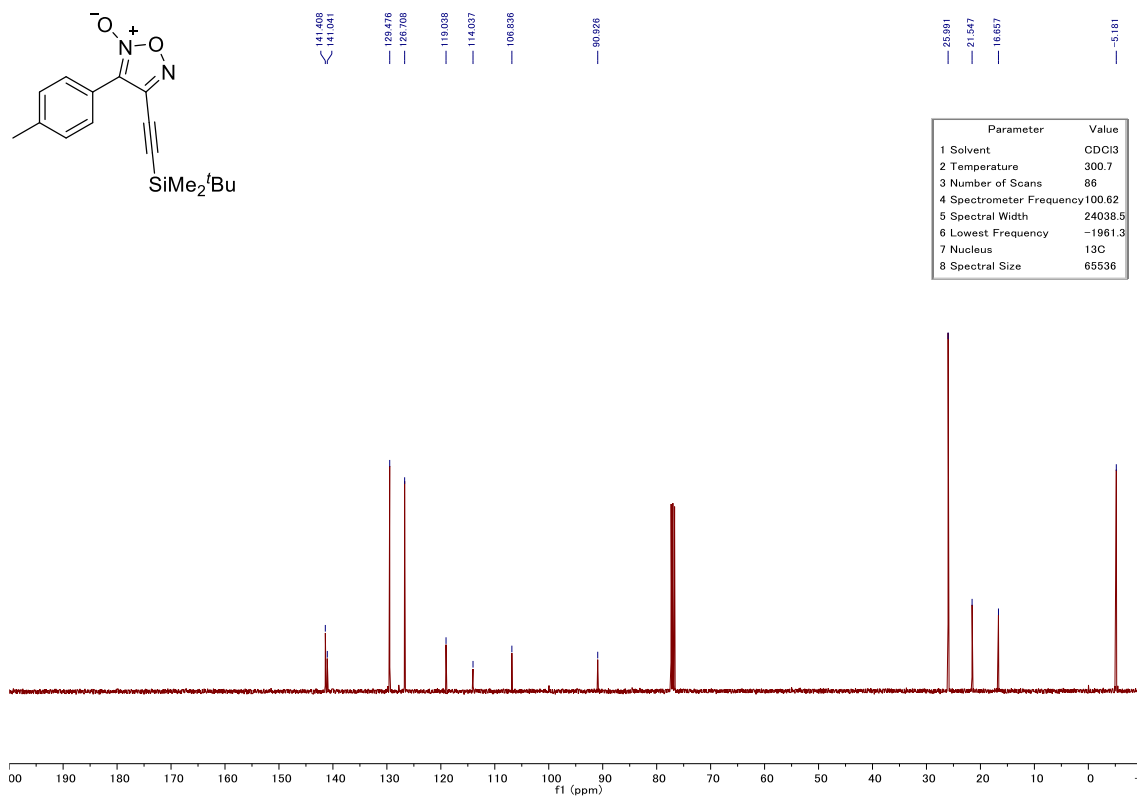
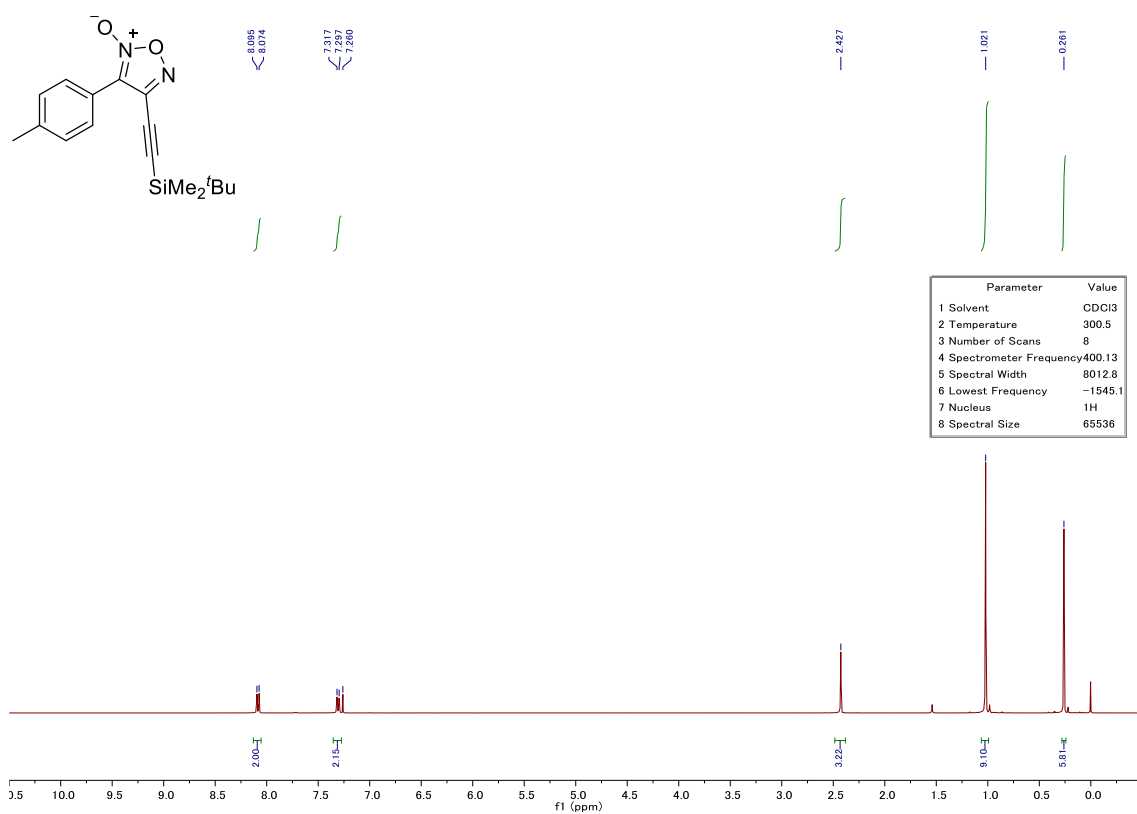


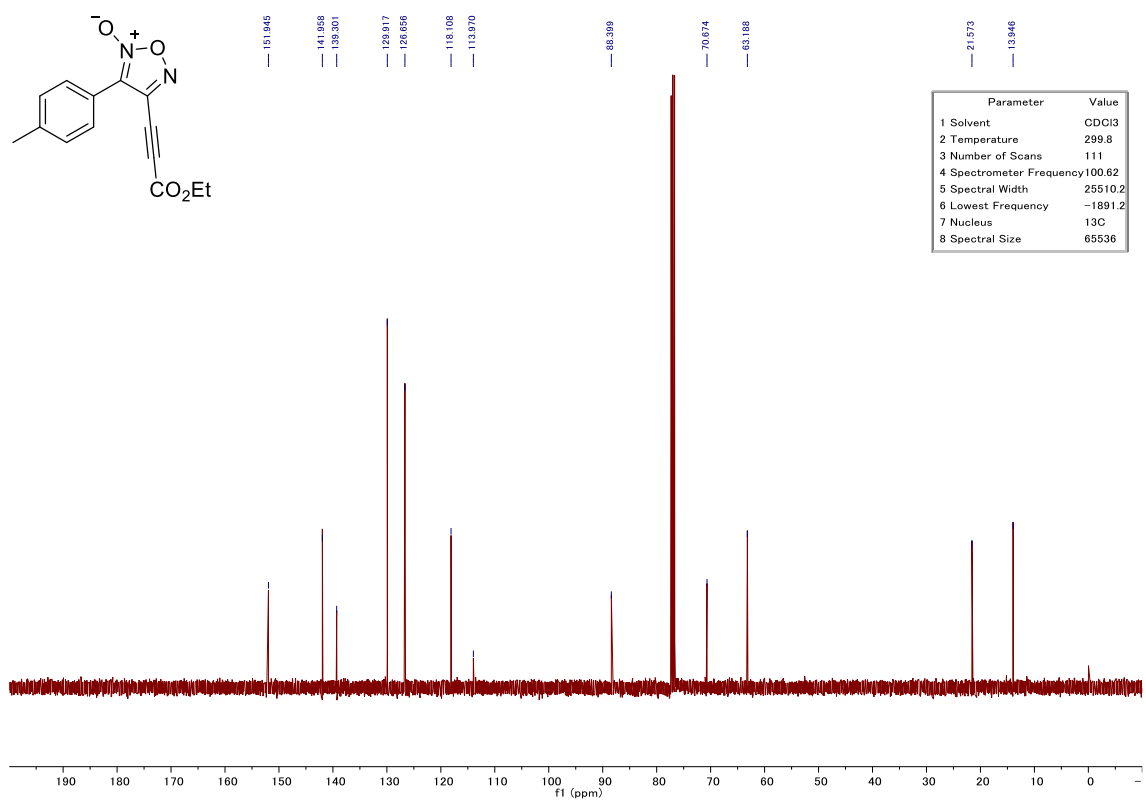
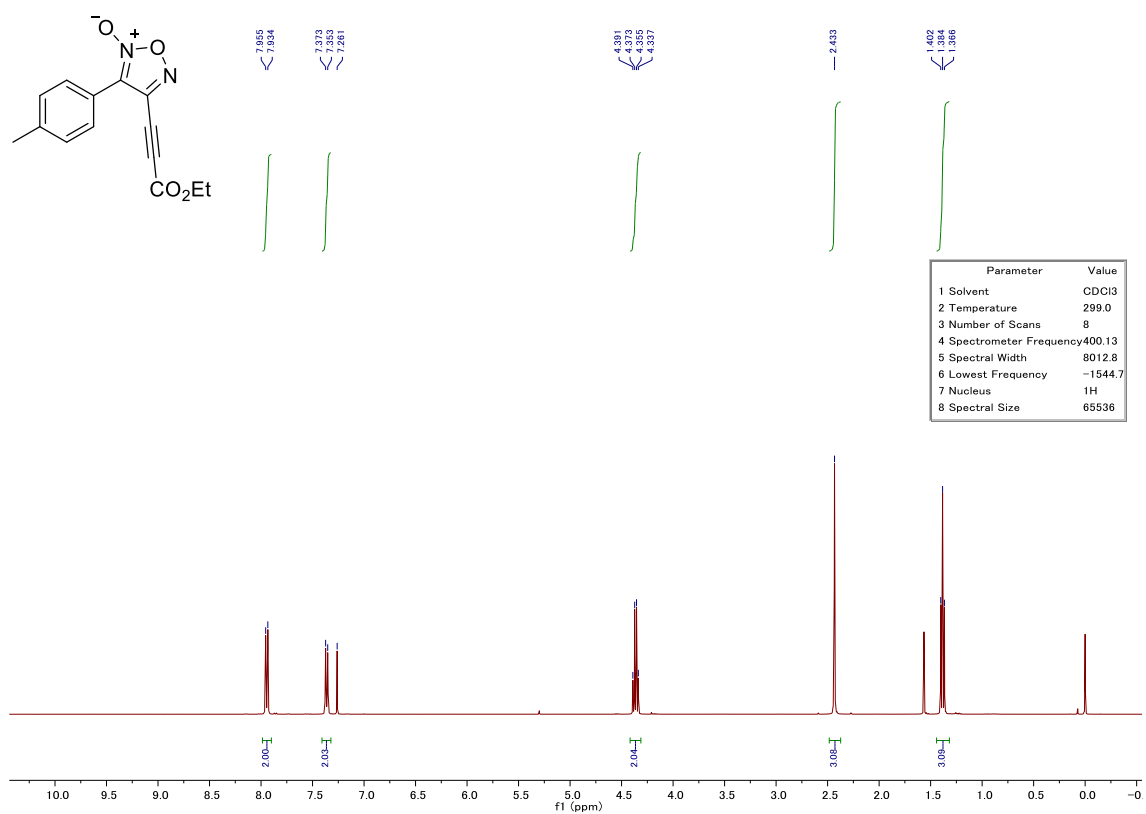


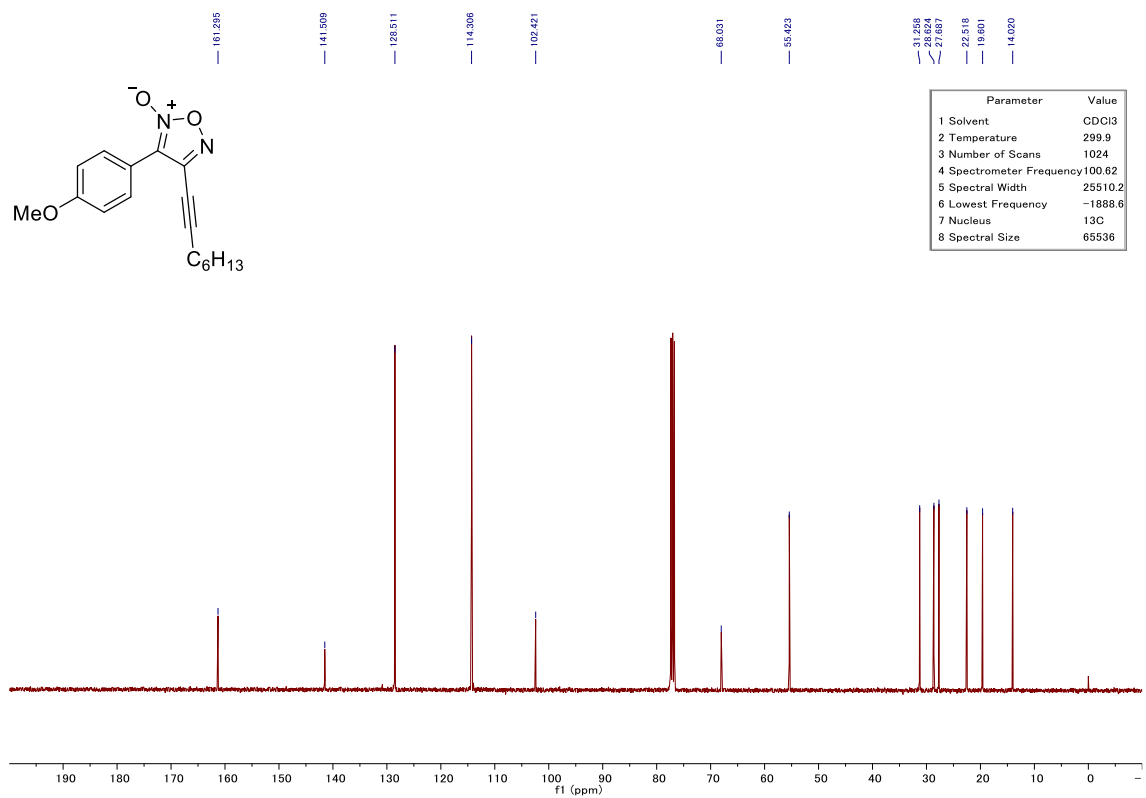
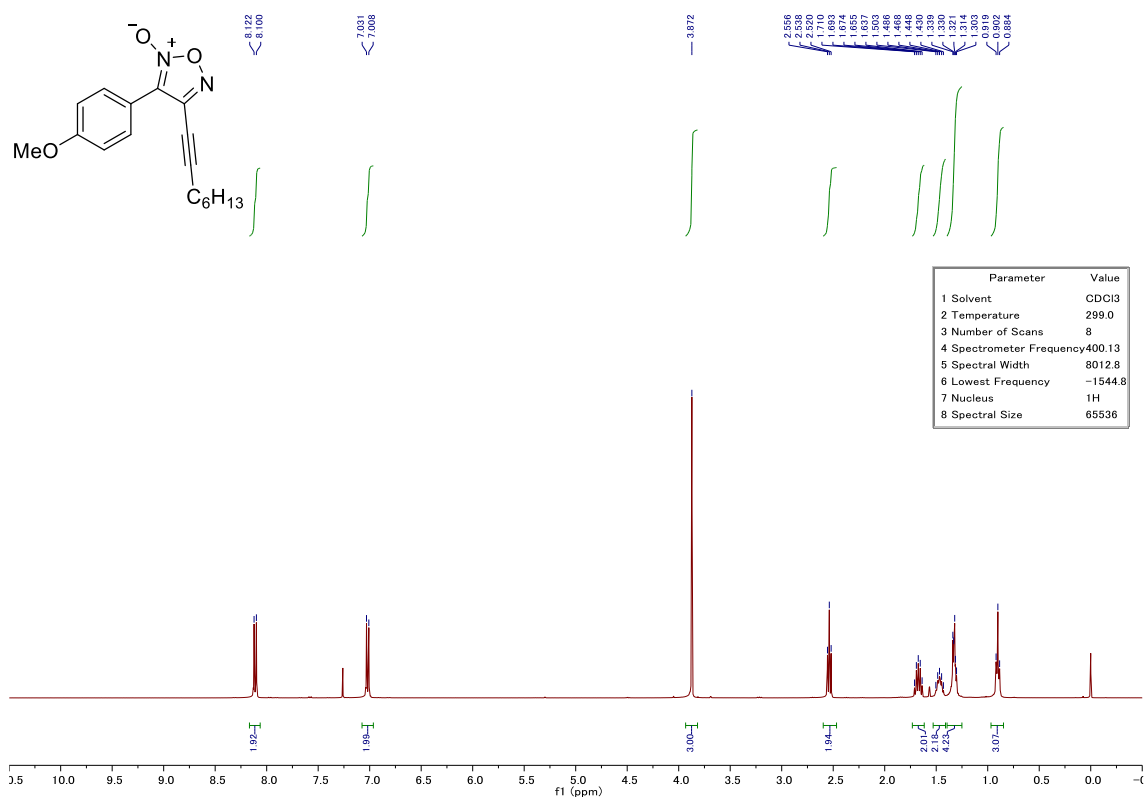


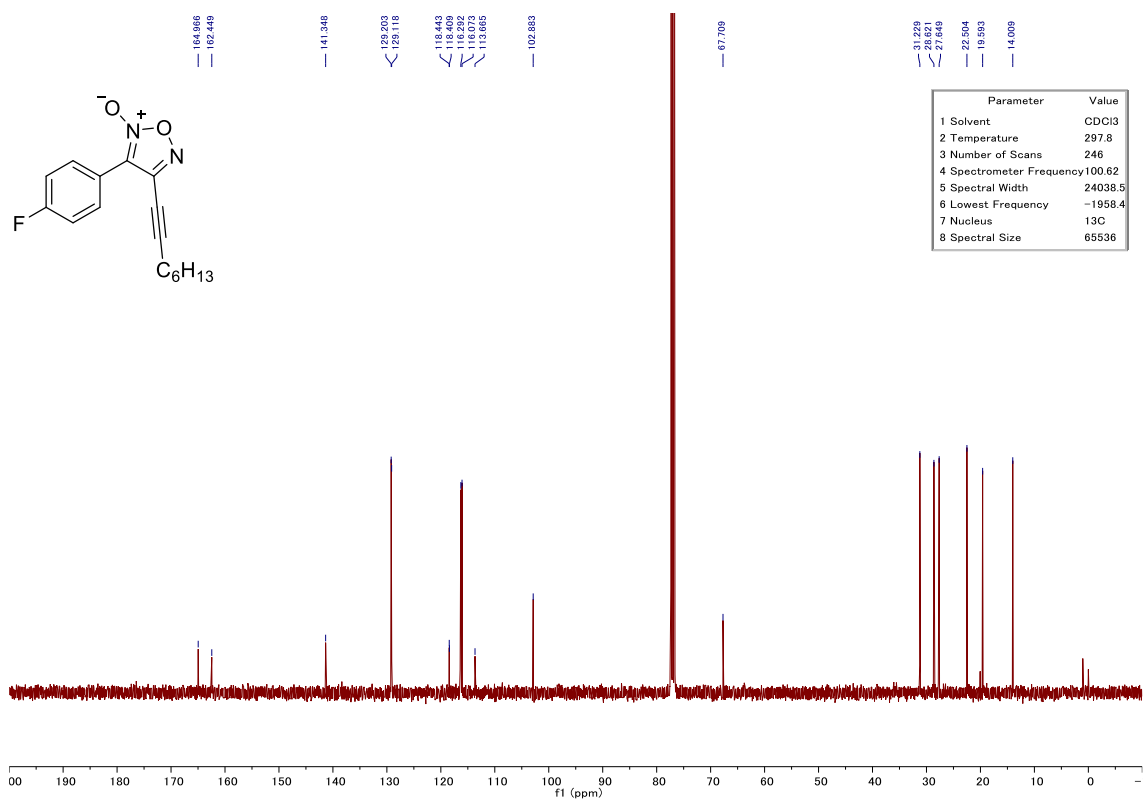
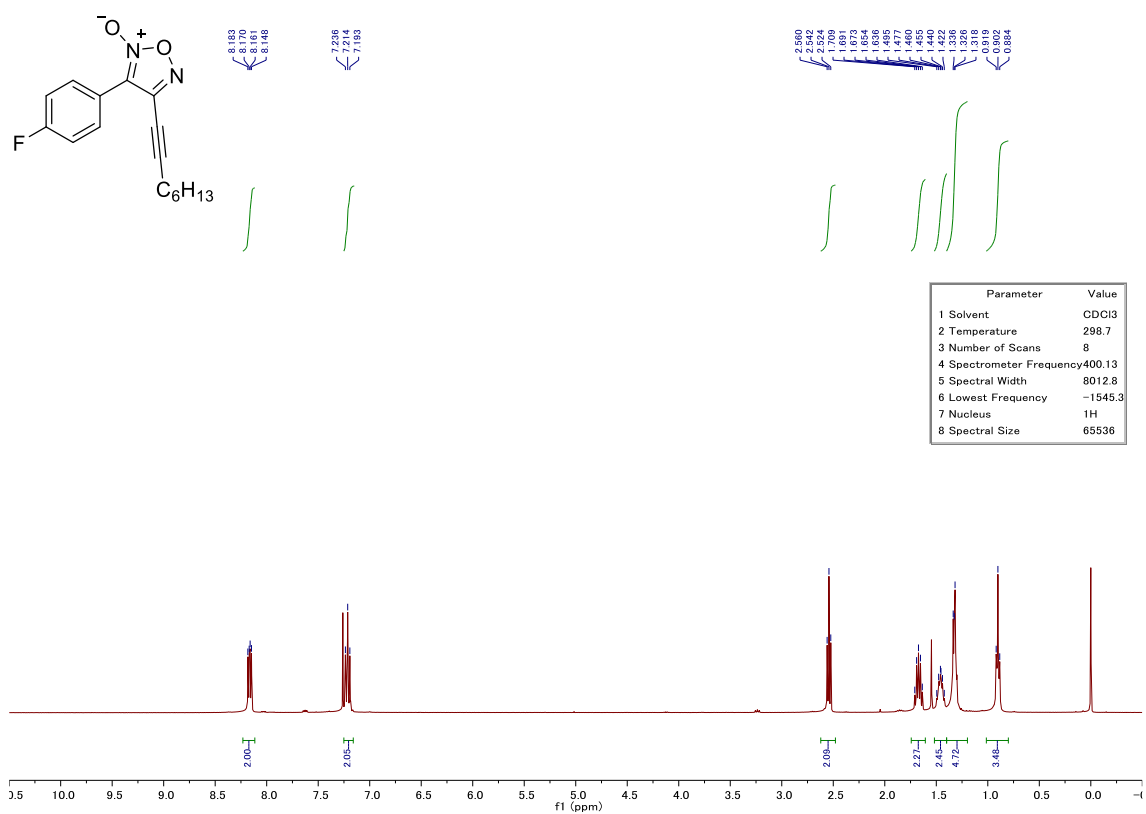


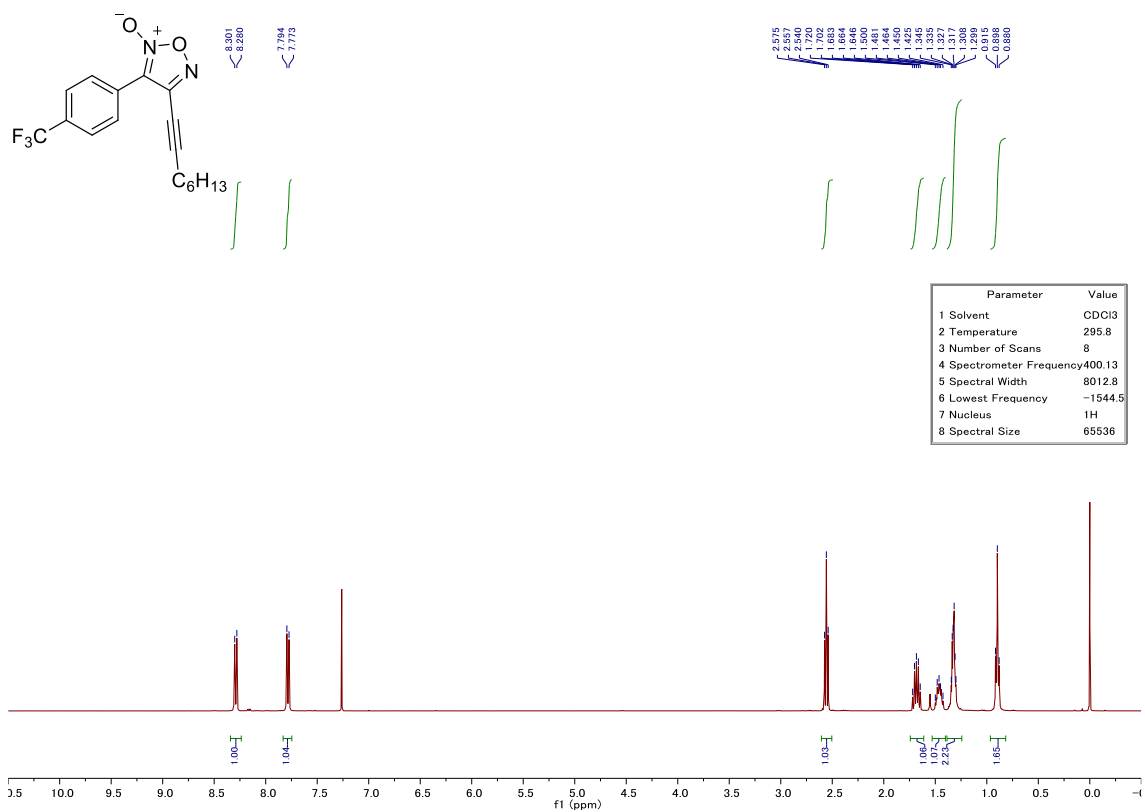


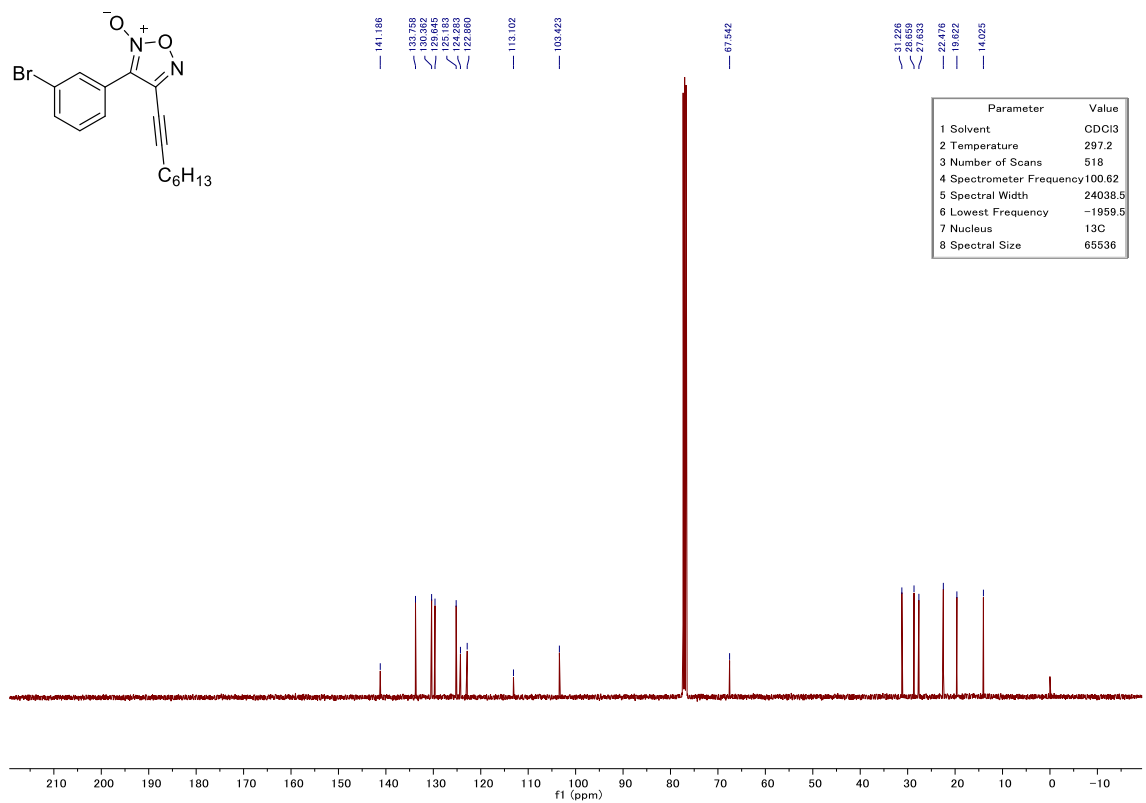
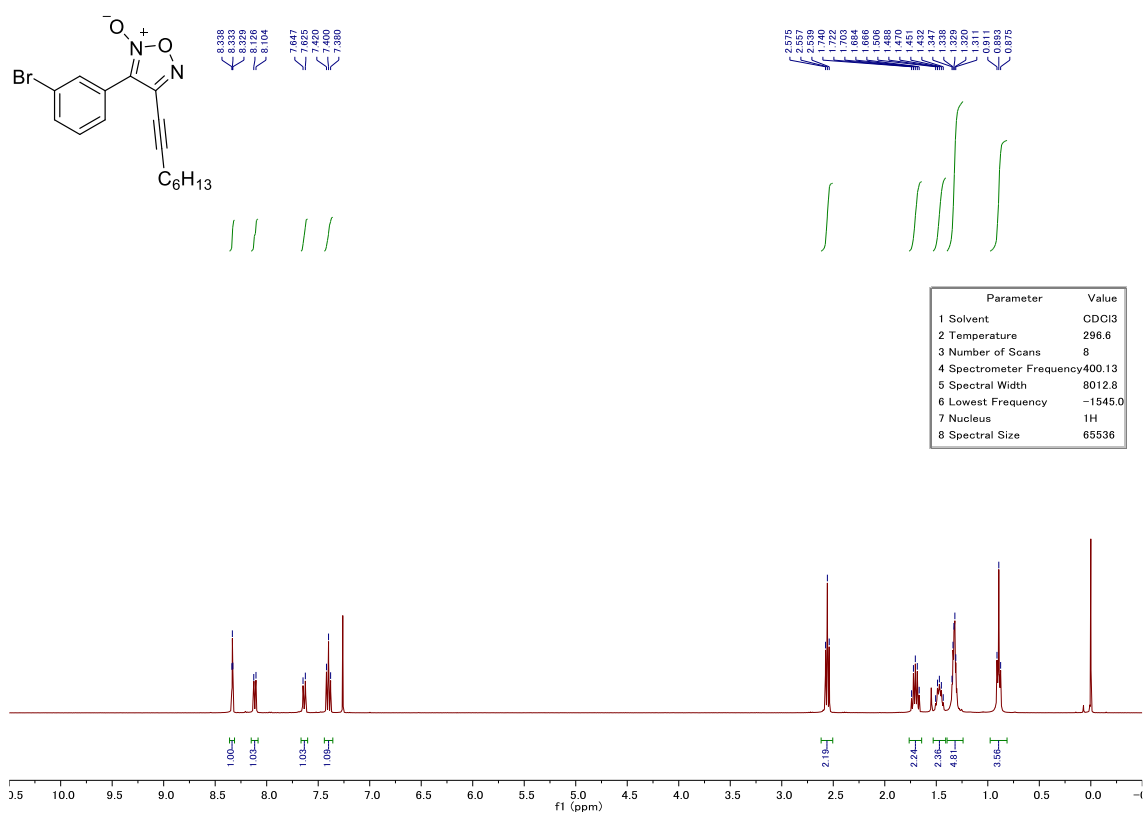


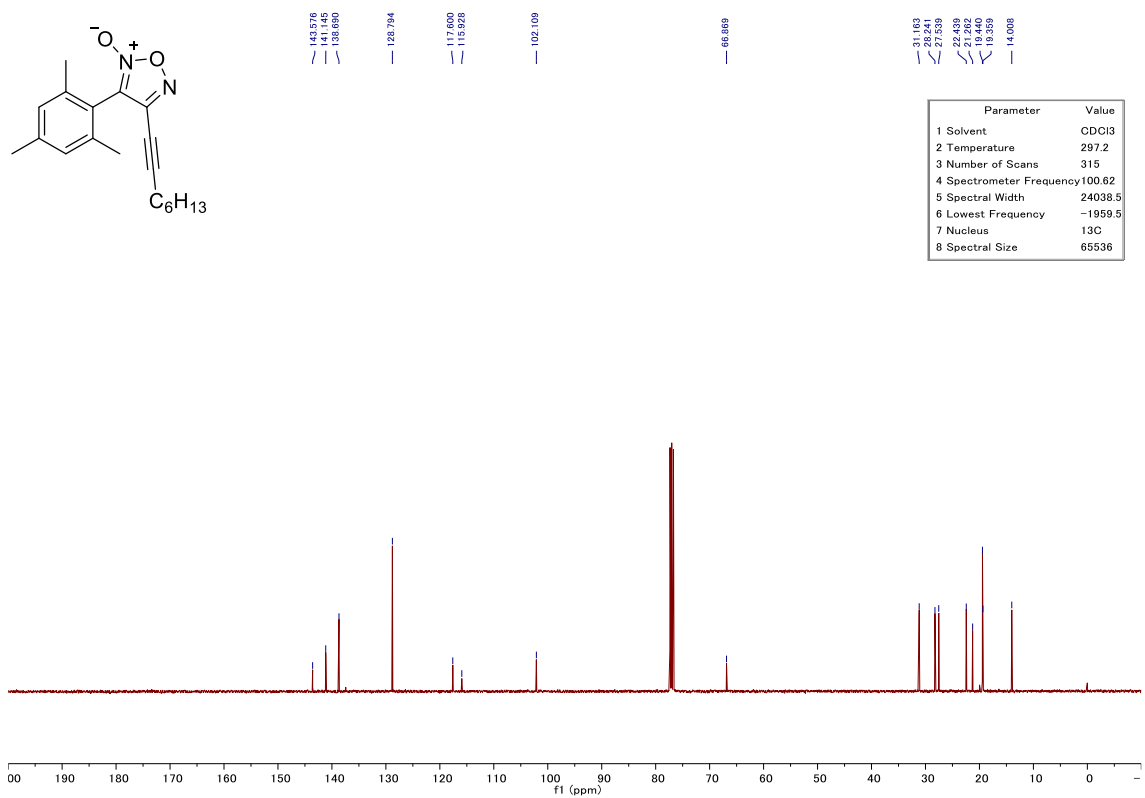
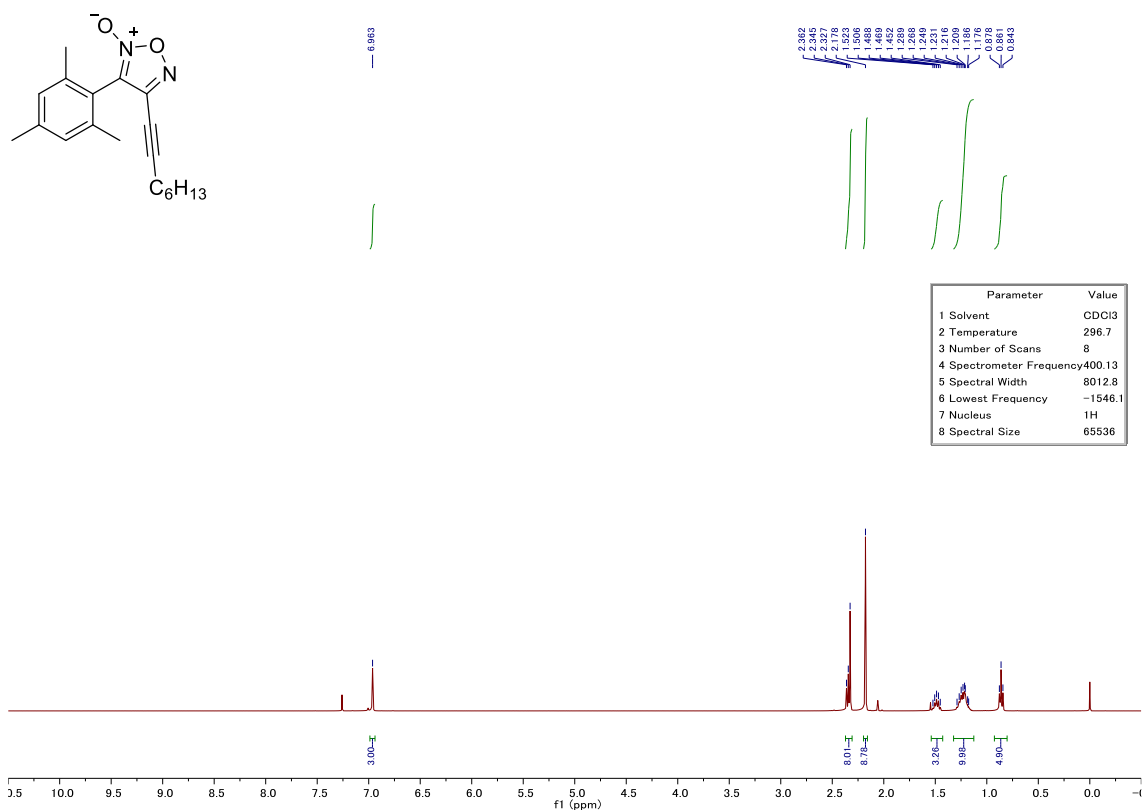


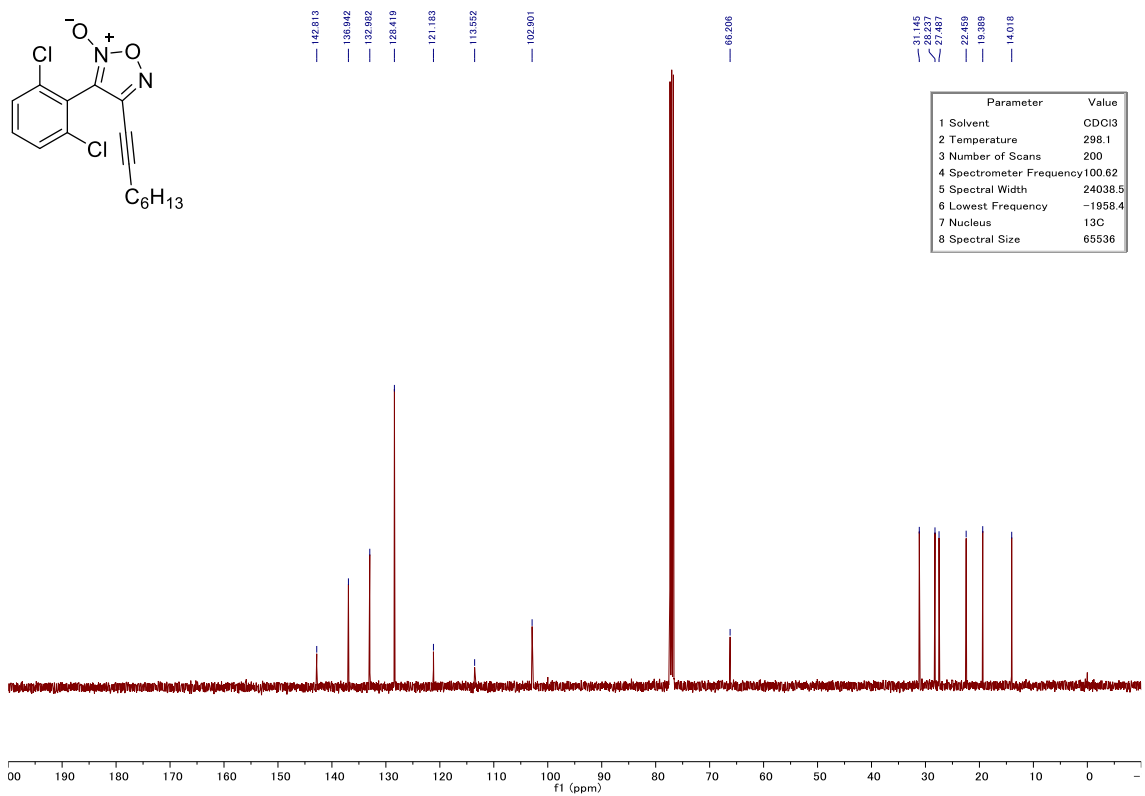
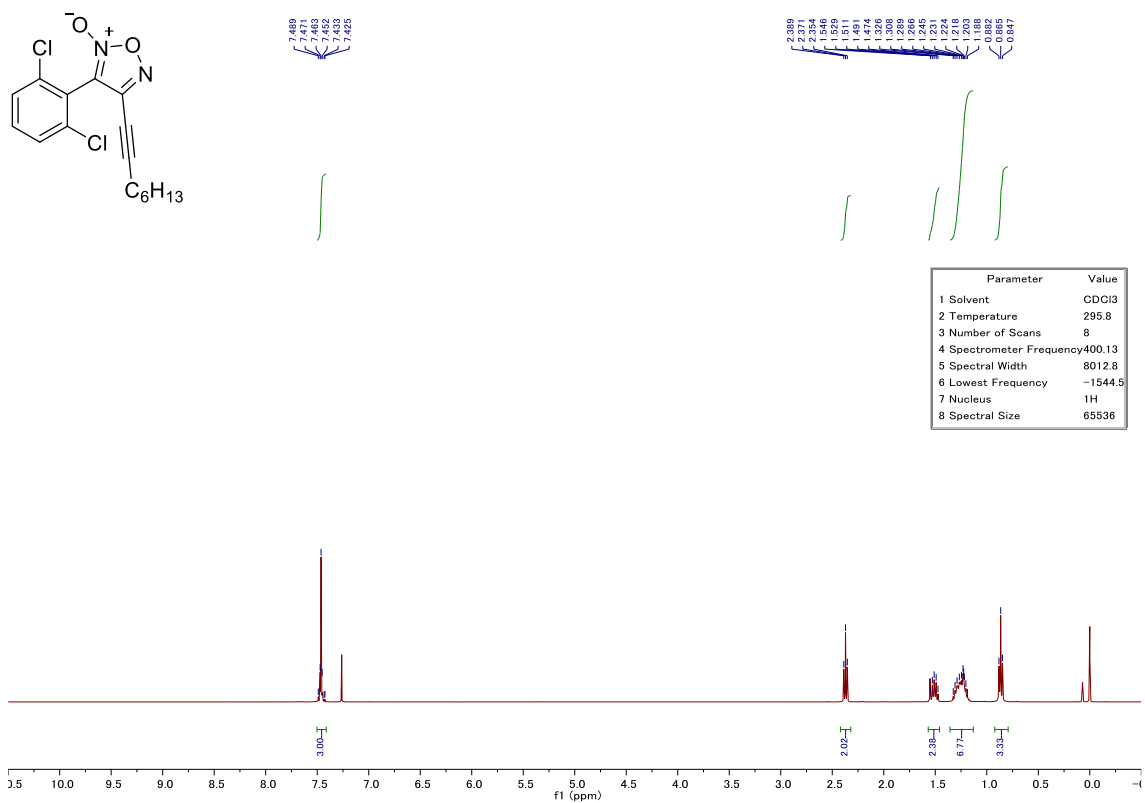


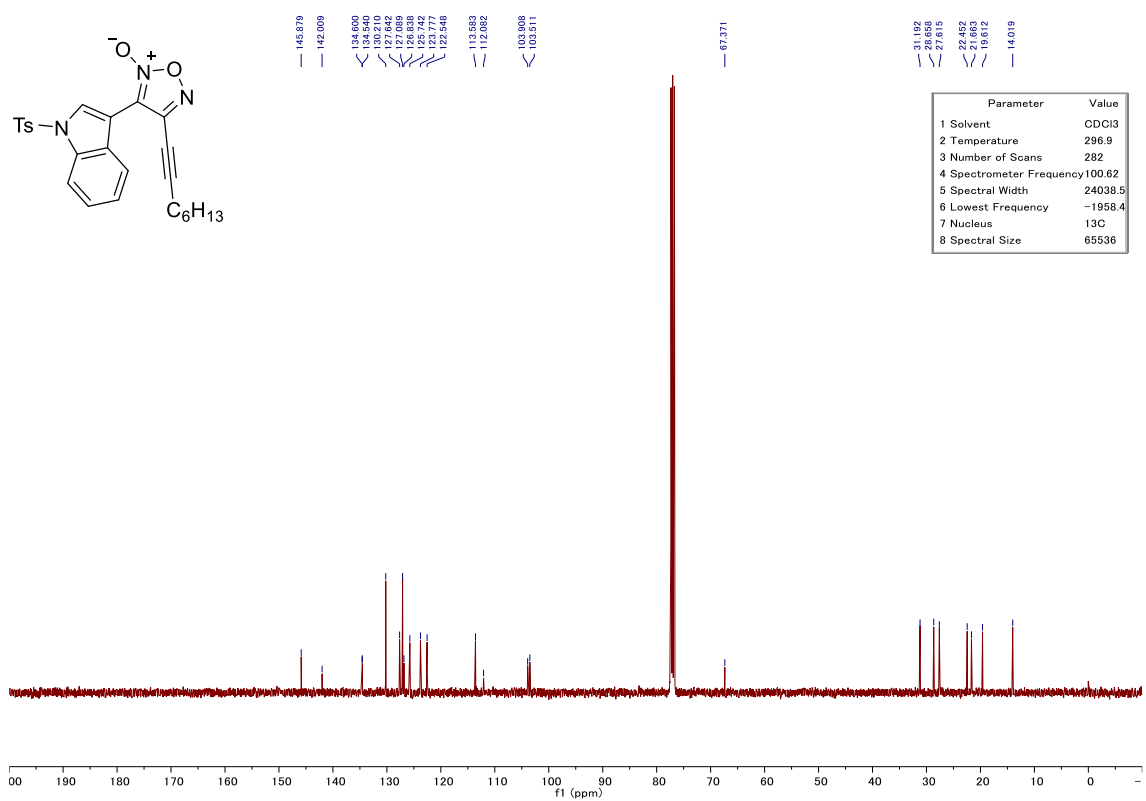
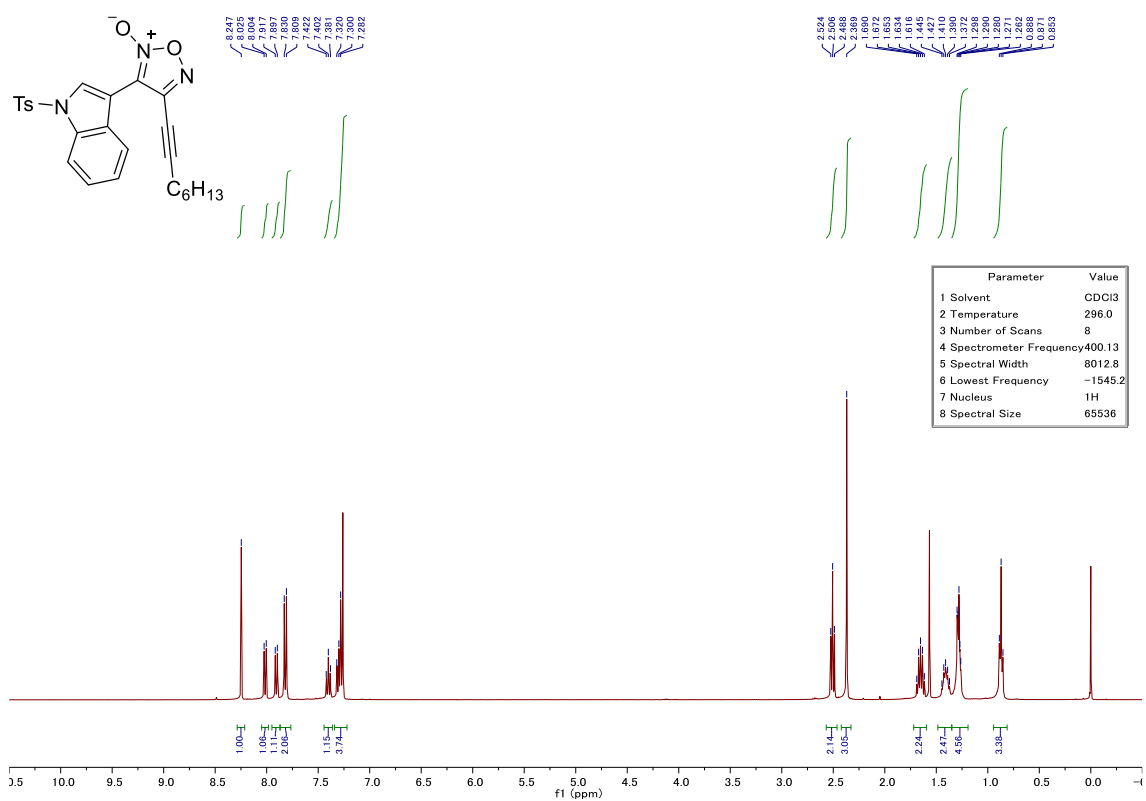


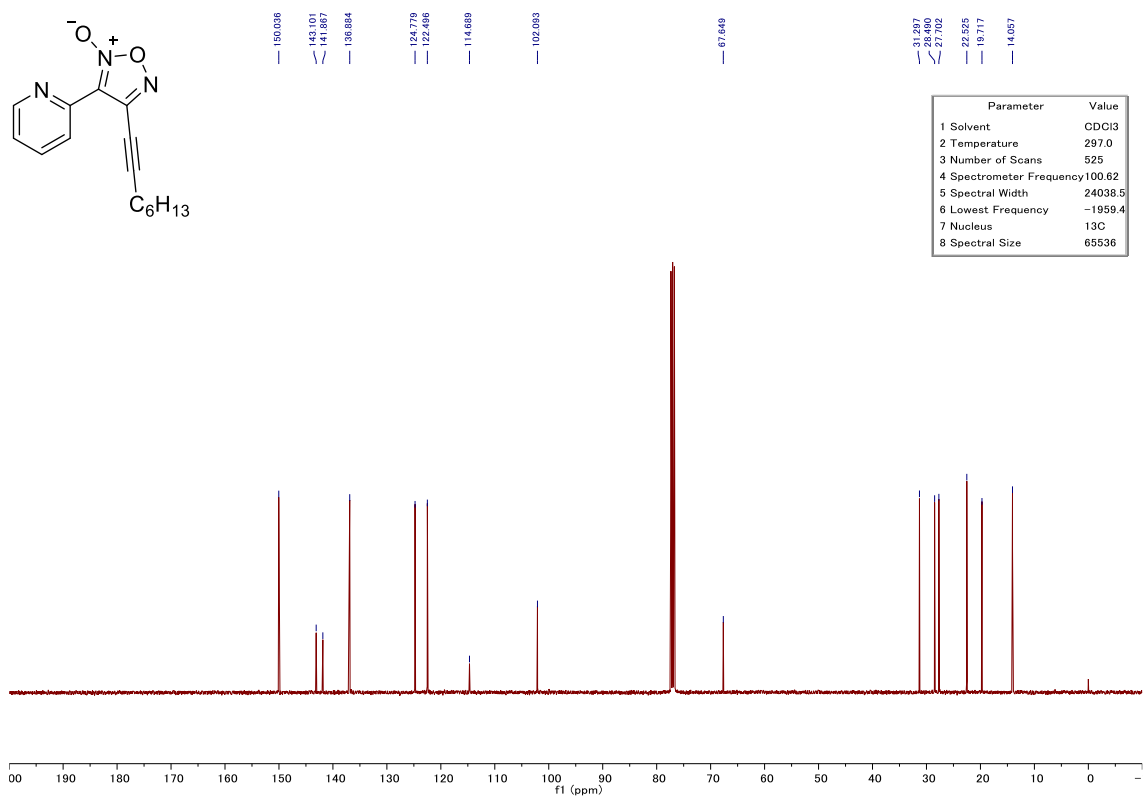
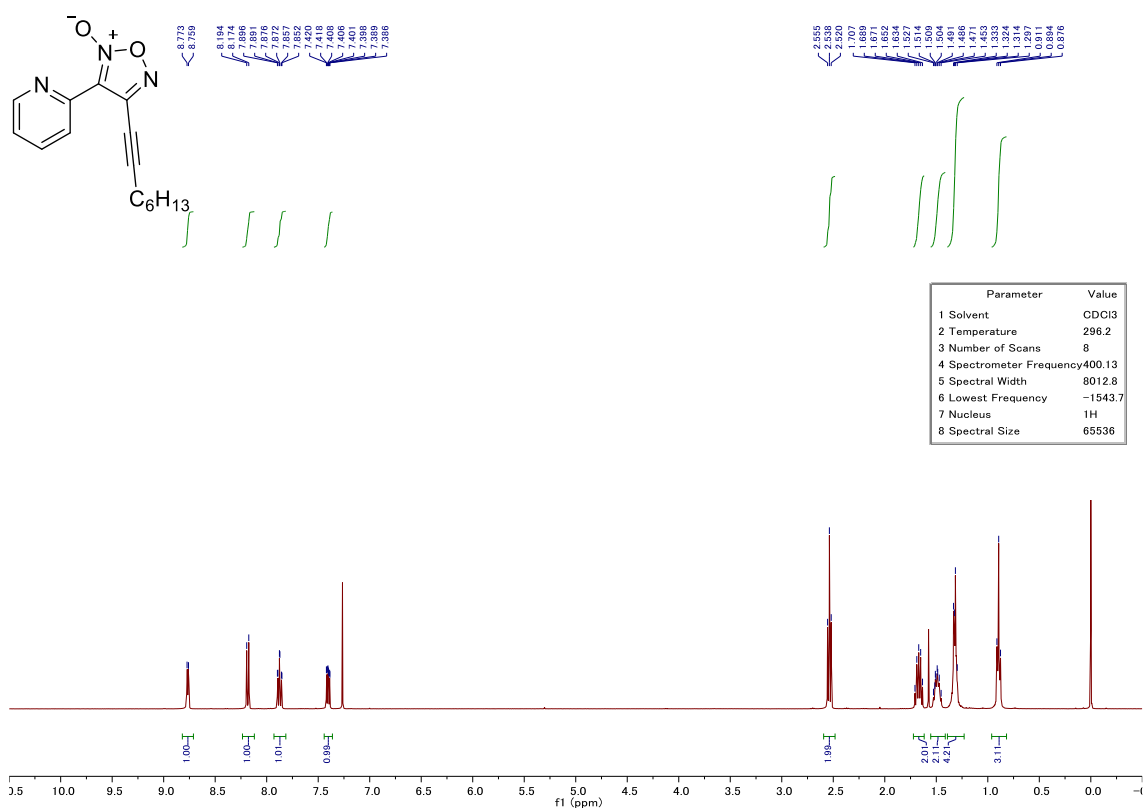


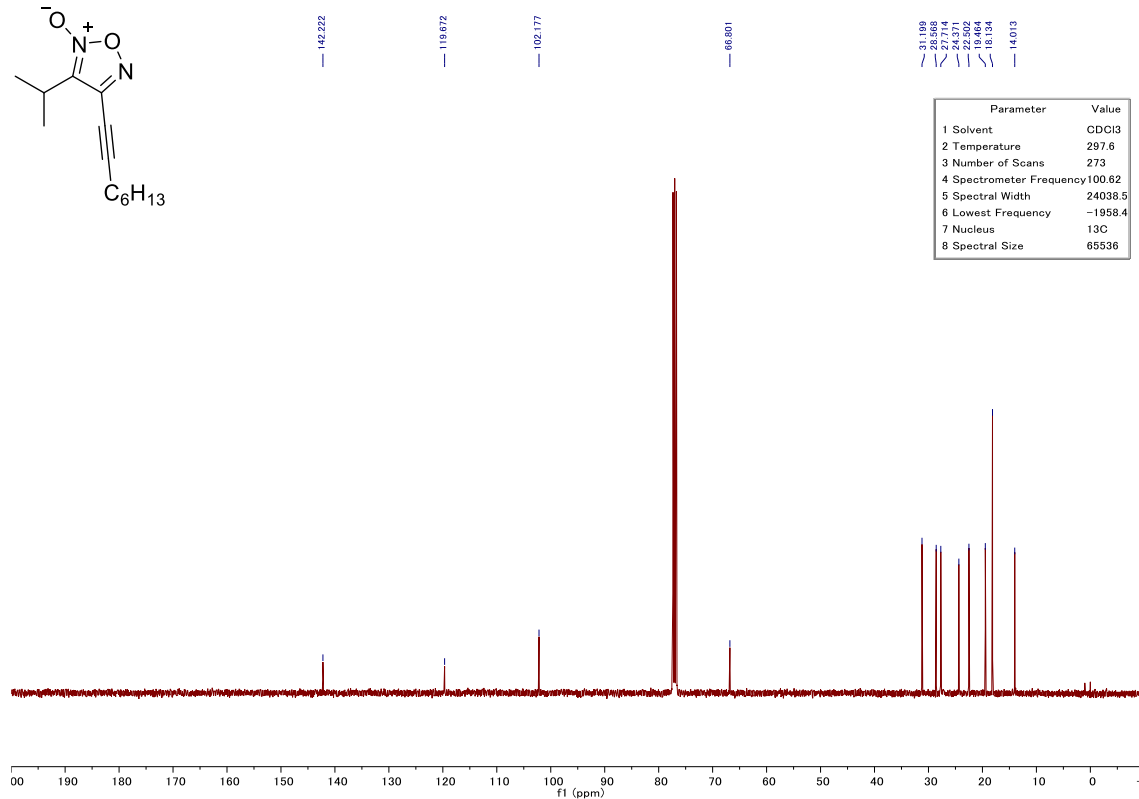
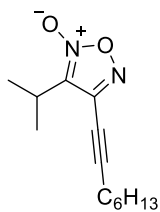
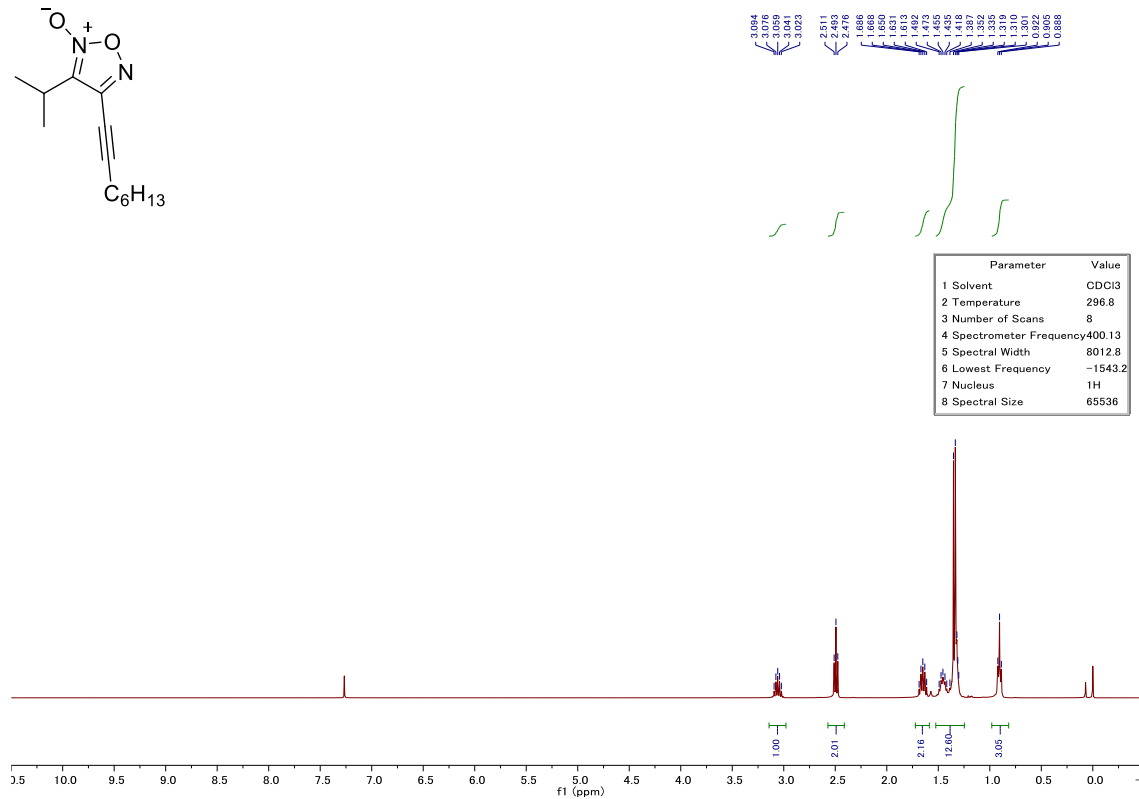
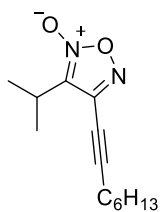


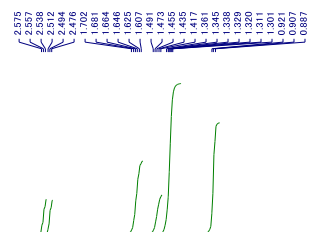
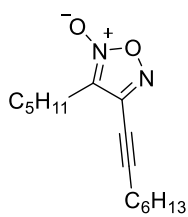




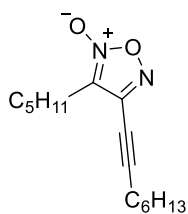
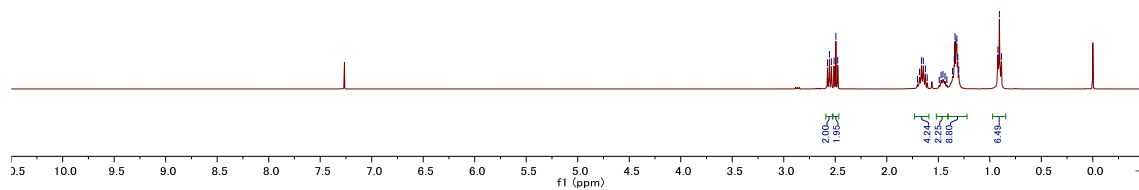




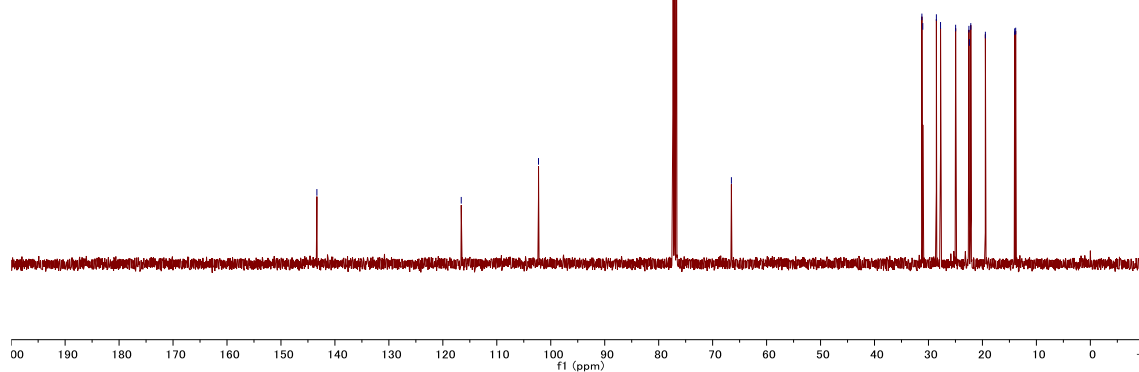


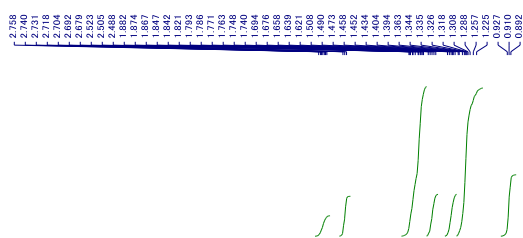
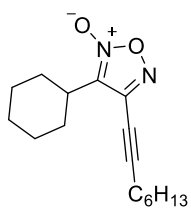


Parameter	Value
1 Solvent	CDCl3
2 Temperature	296.6
3 Number of Scans	8
4 Spectrometer Frequency	400.13
5 Spectral Width	8012.8
6 Lowest Frequency	-1543.5
7 Nucleus	1H
8 Spectral Size	65536

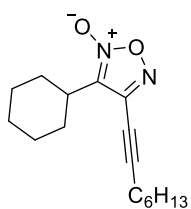
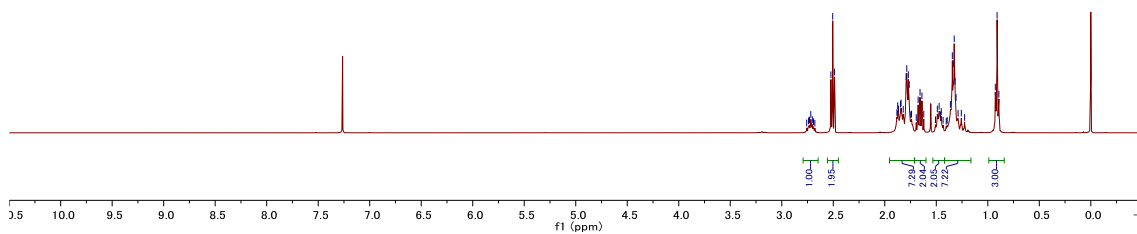


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7 Nucleus	13C
8 Spectral Size	65536

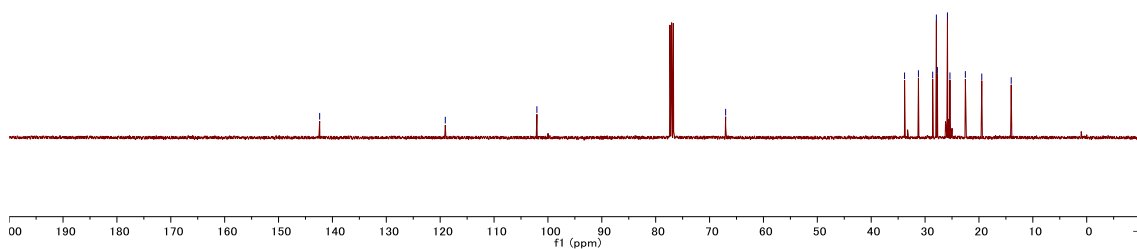


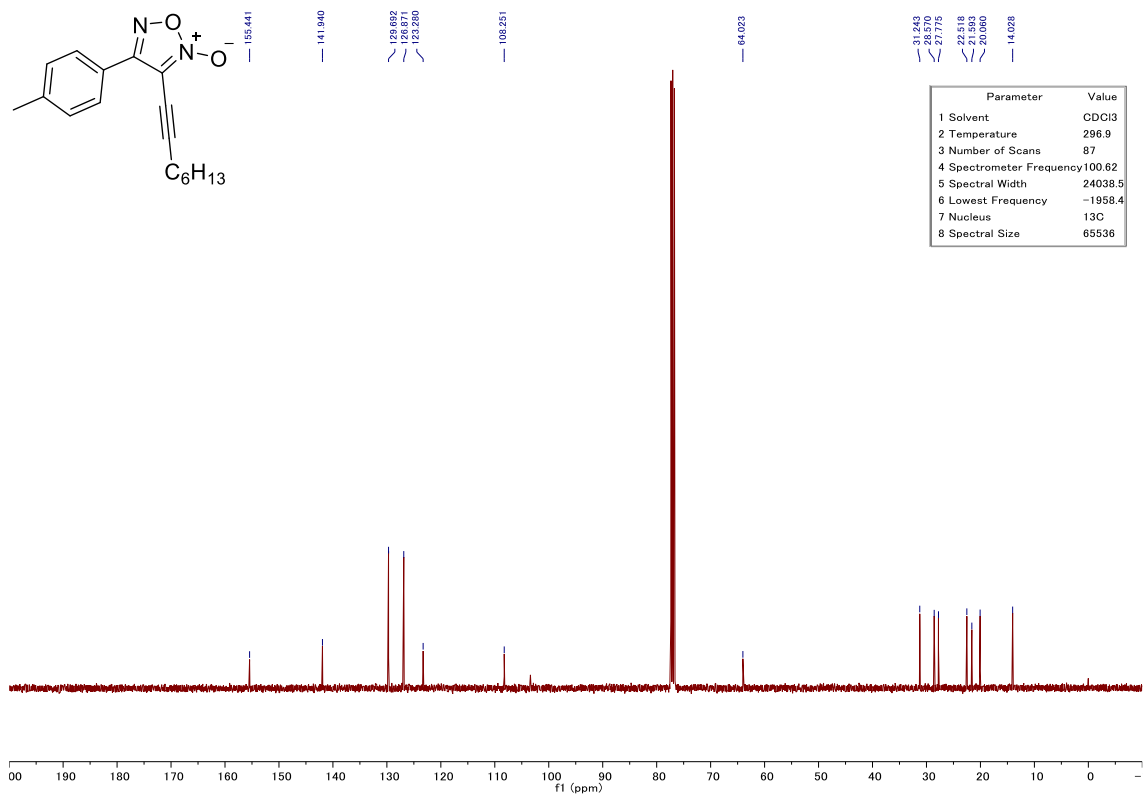
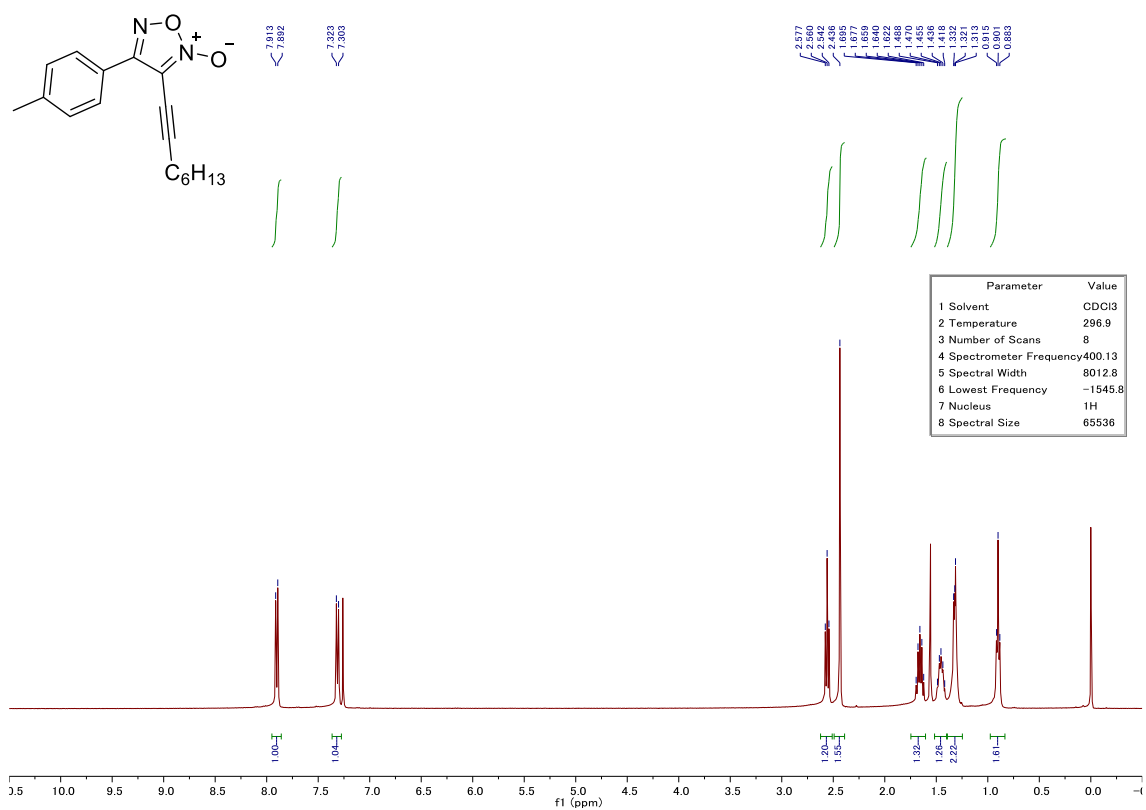


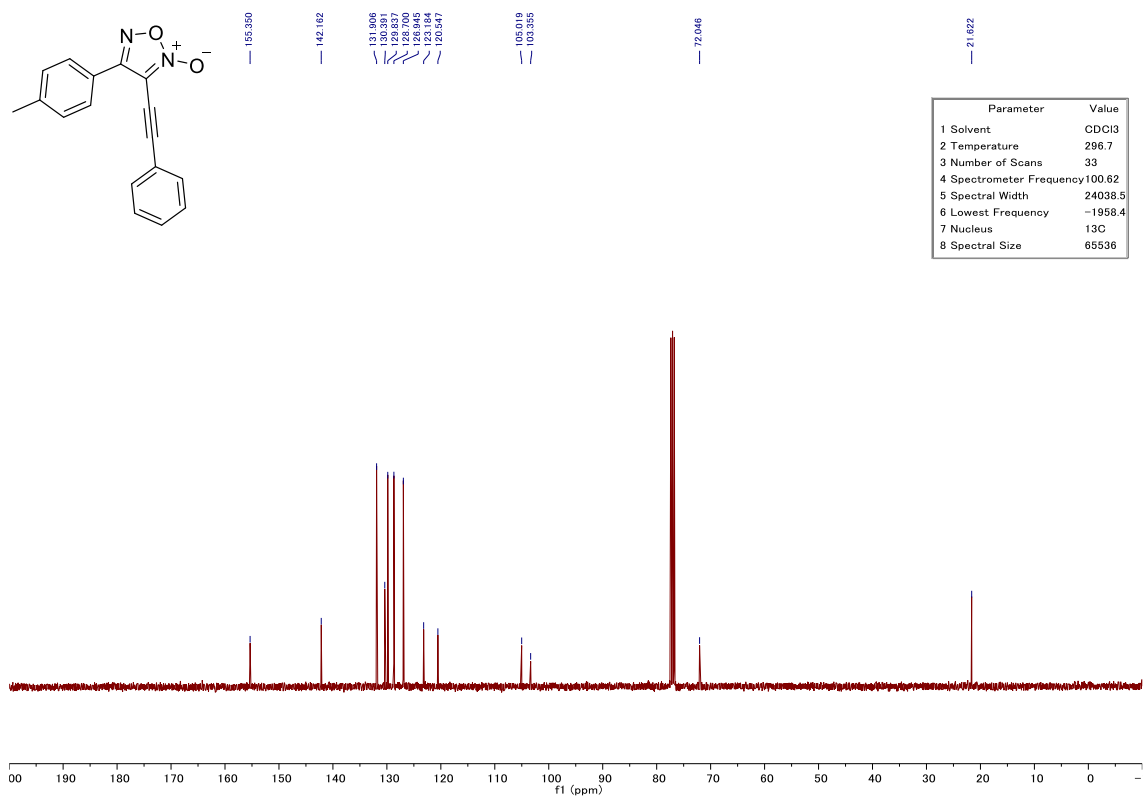
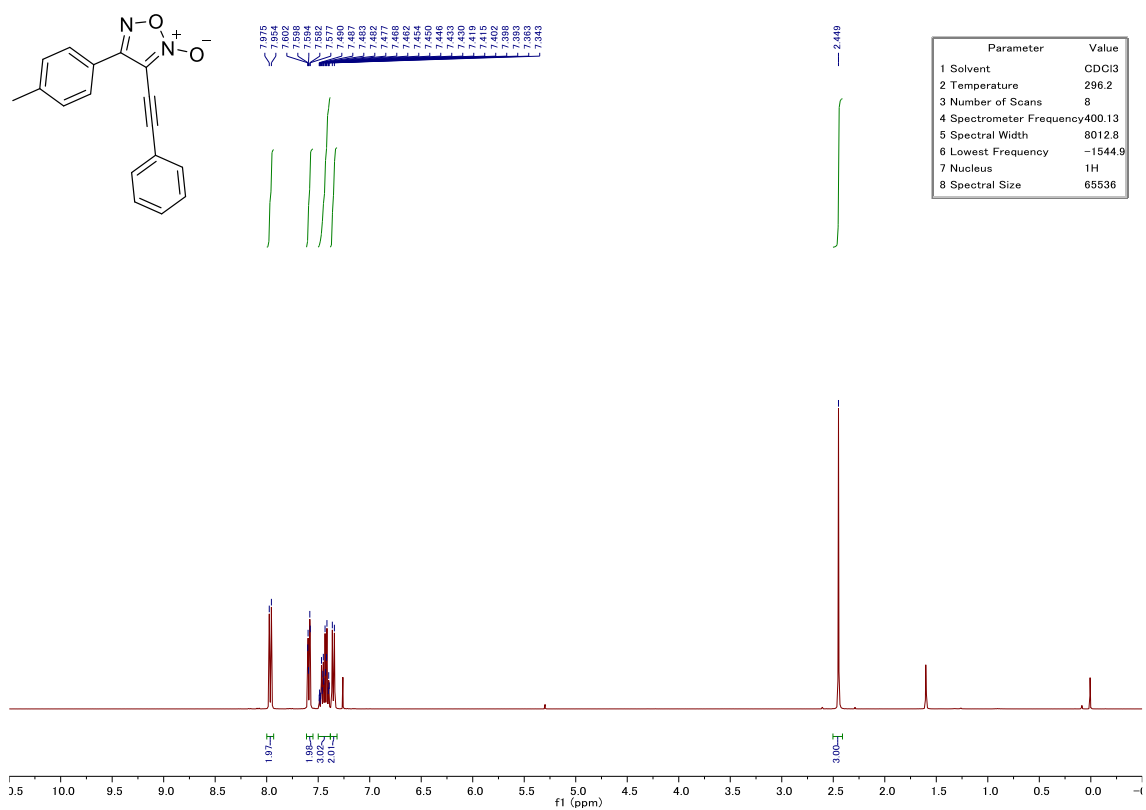
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5 Spectral Width	8012.8
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7 Nucleus	¹ H
8 Spectral Size	65536

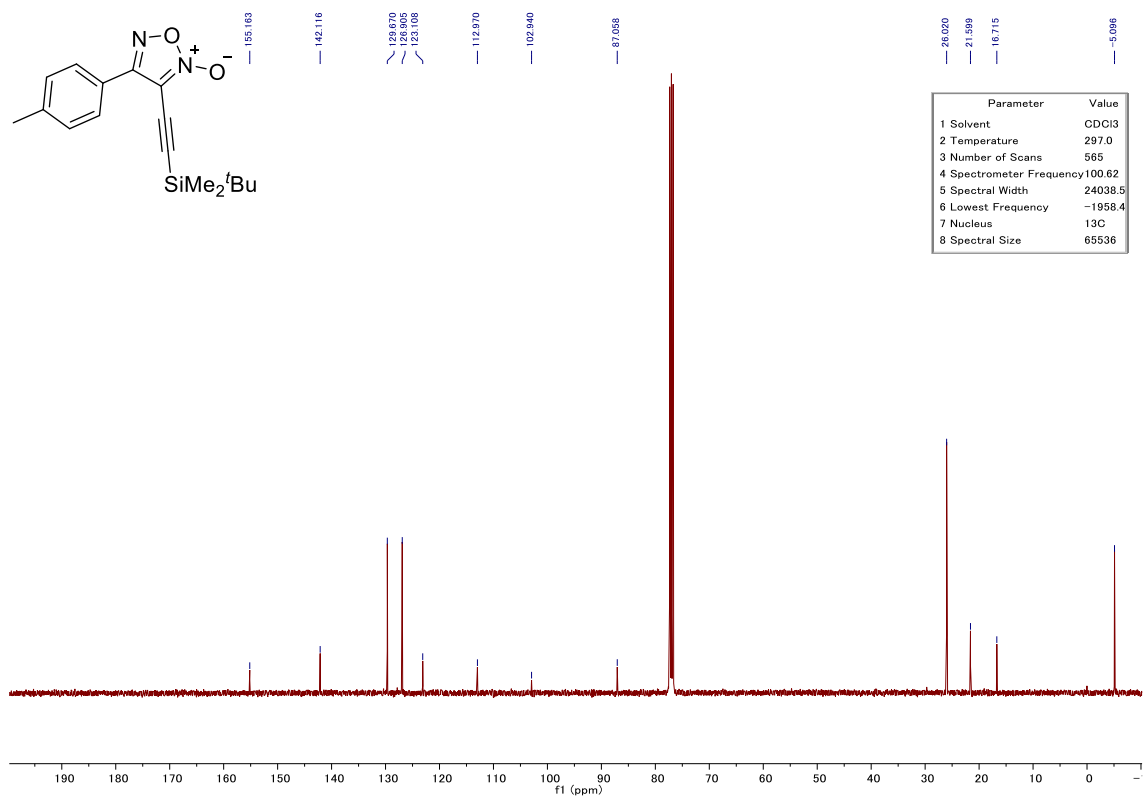
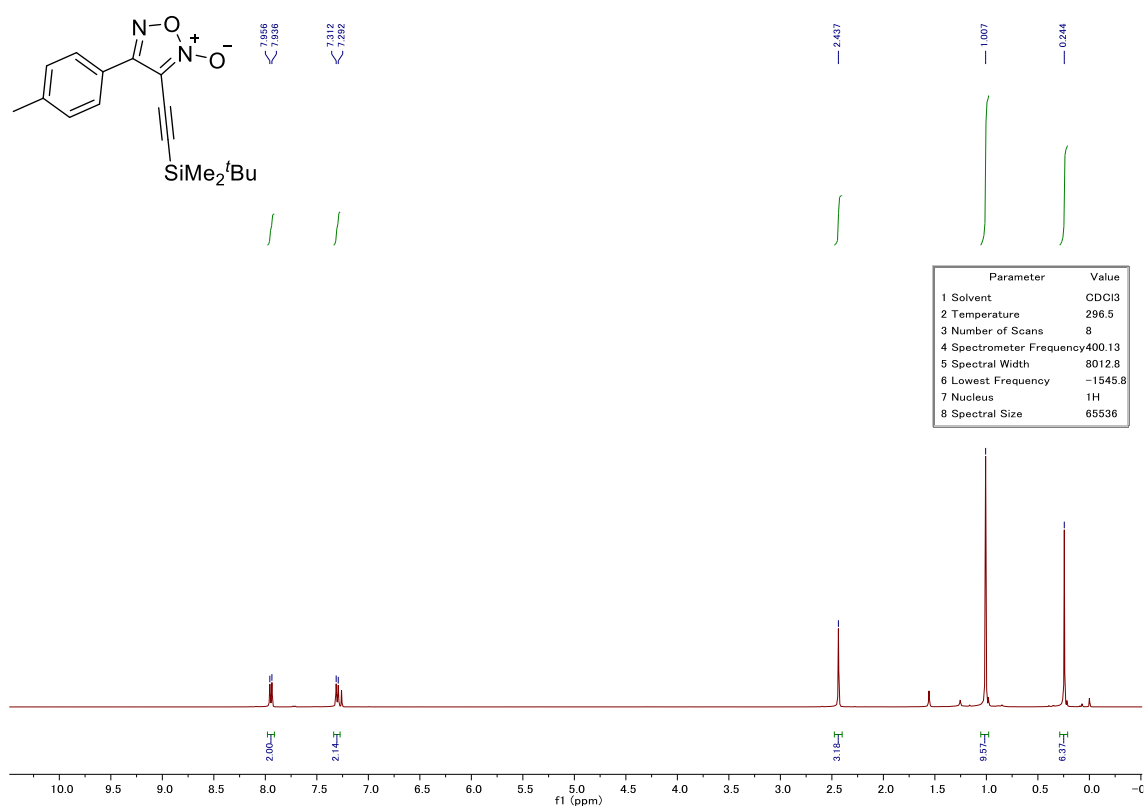


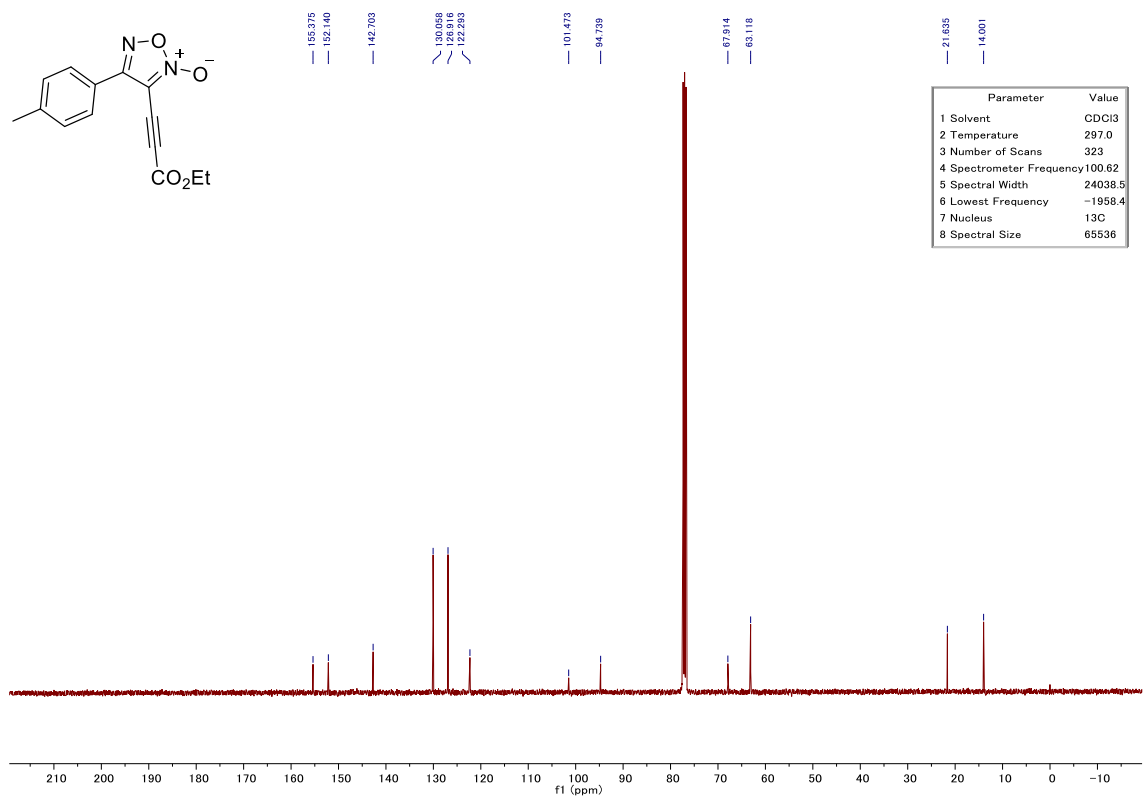
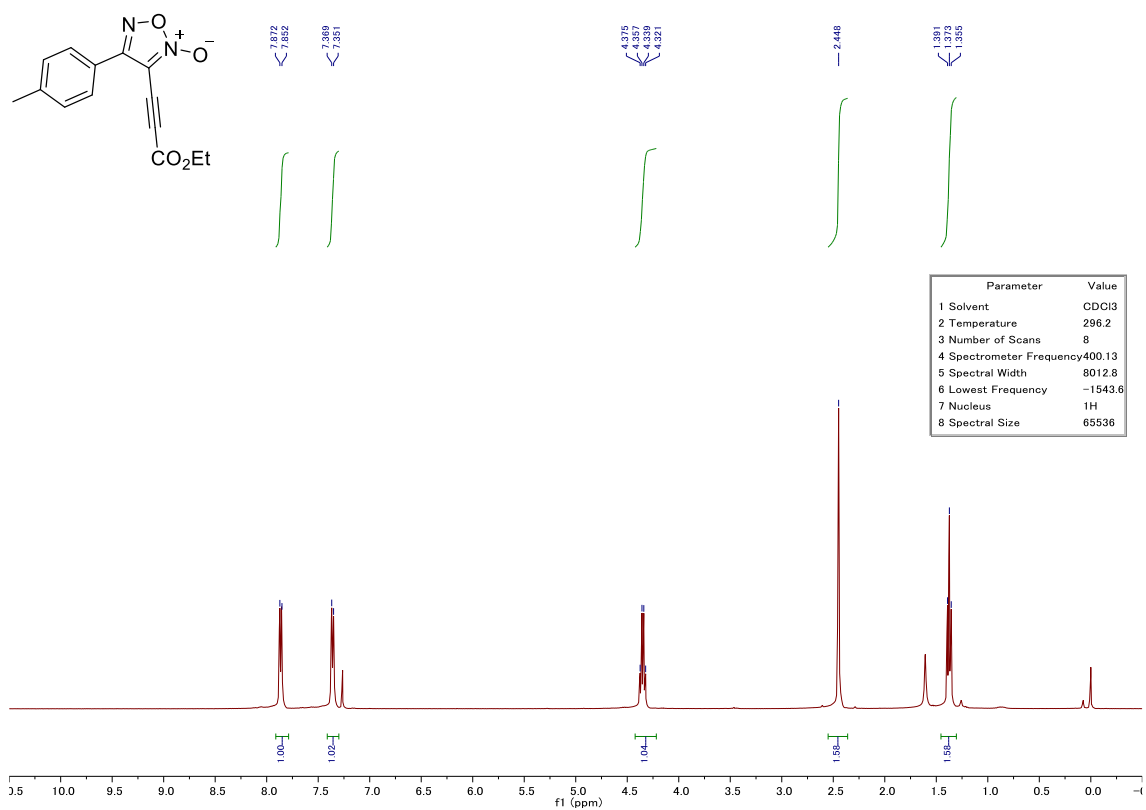
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2 Temperature	297.8
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7 Nucleus	¹³ C
8 Spectral Size	65536

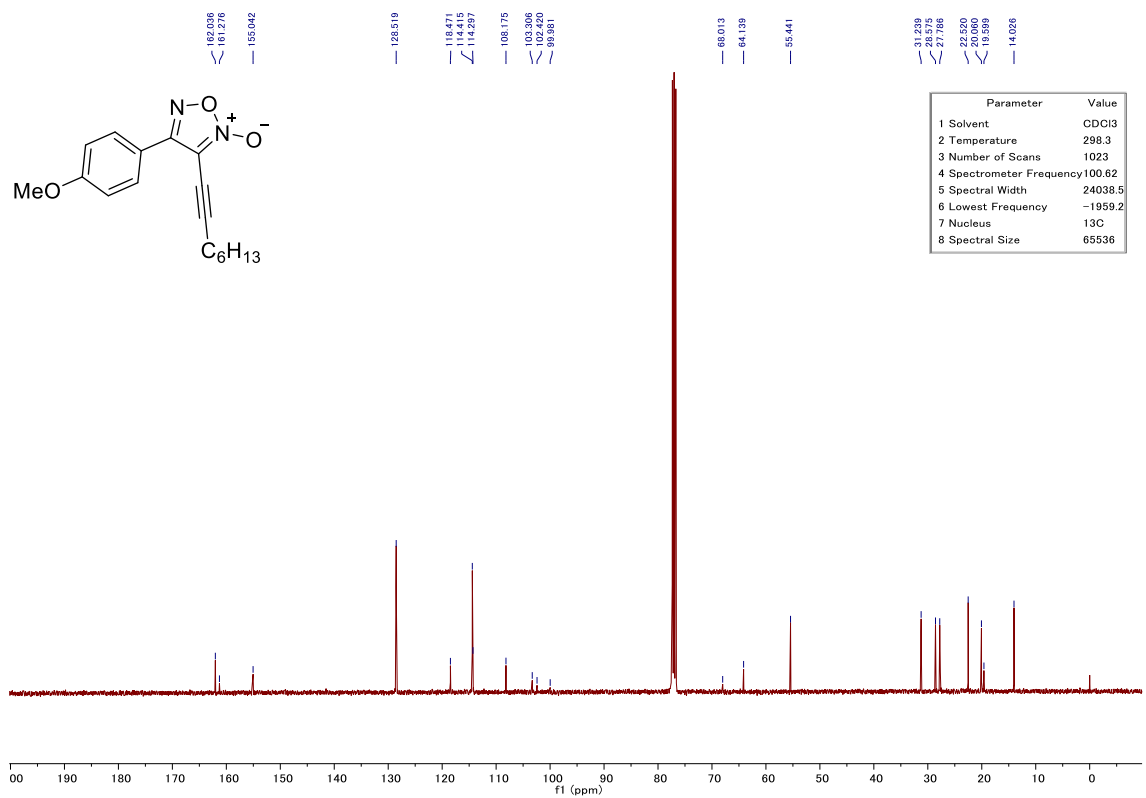
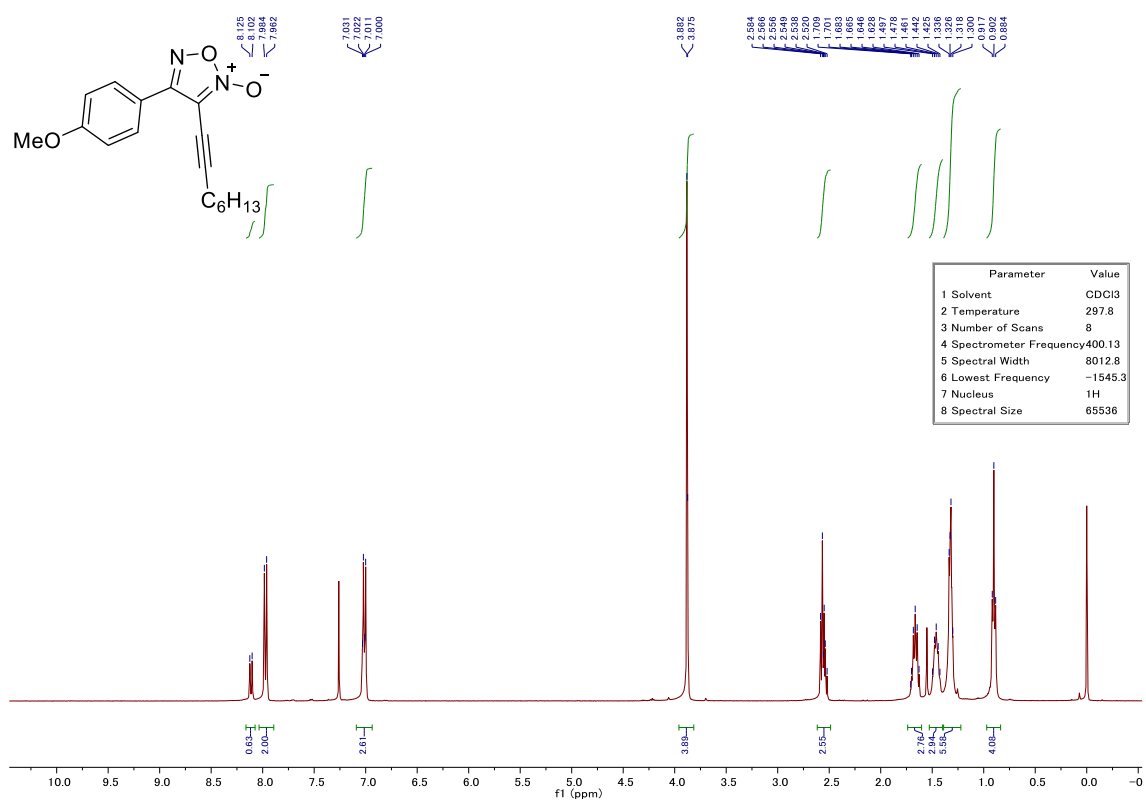


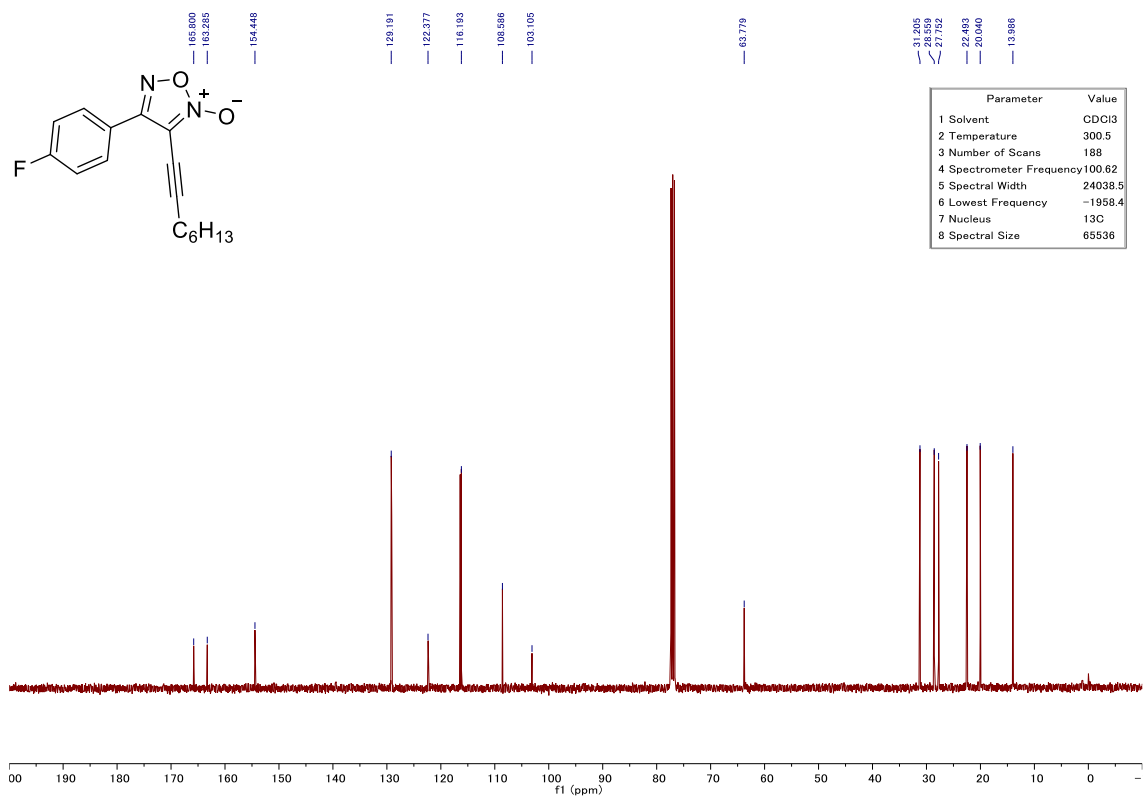
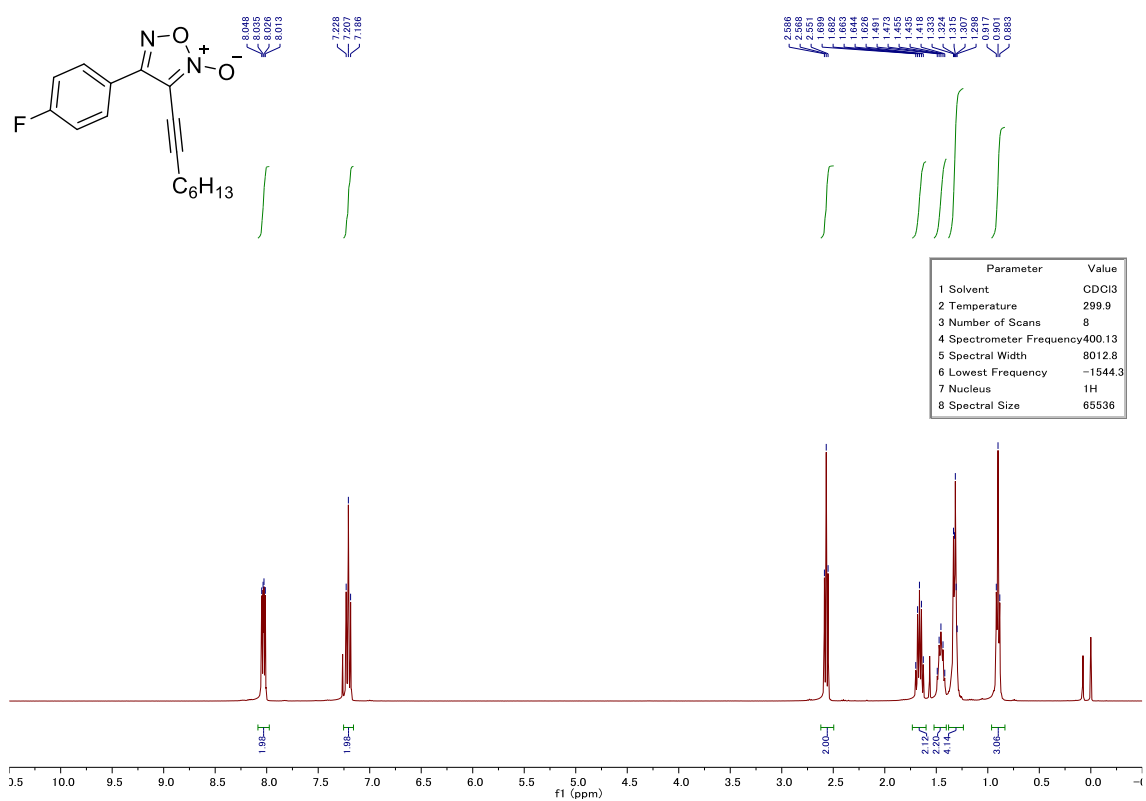


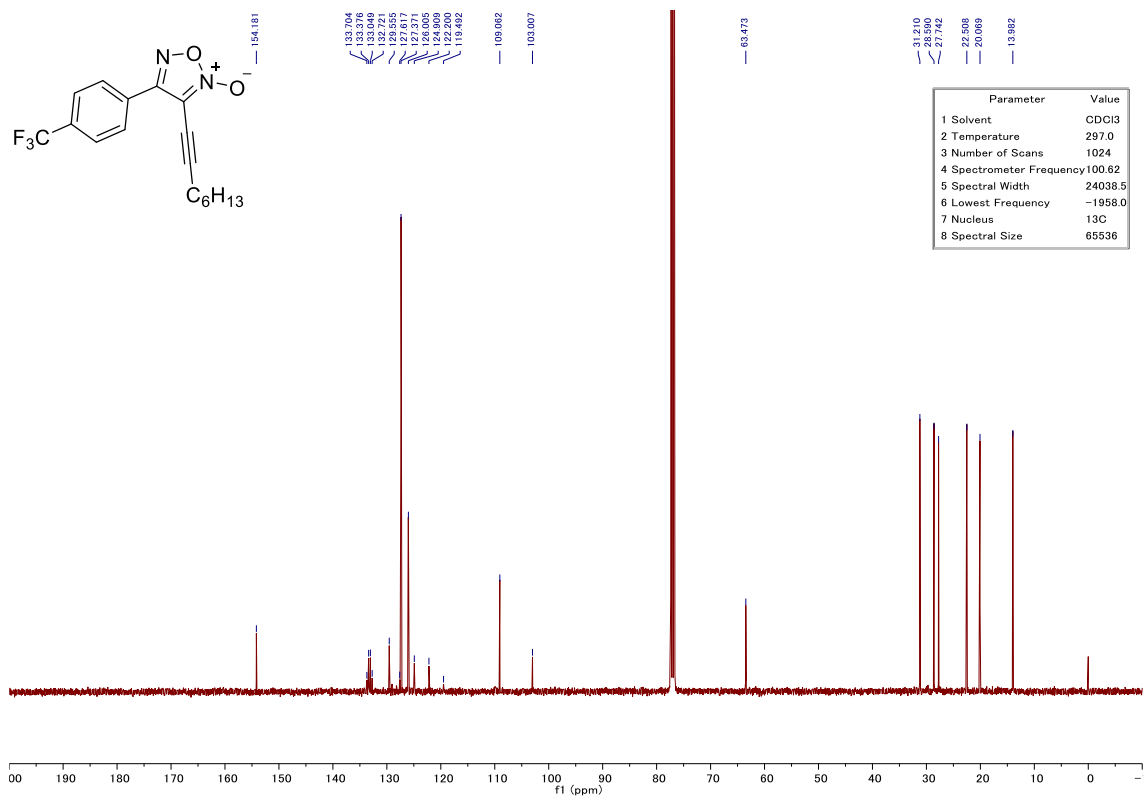
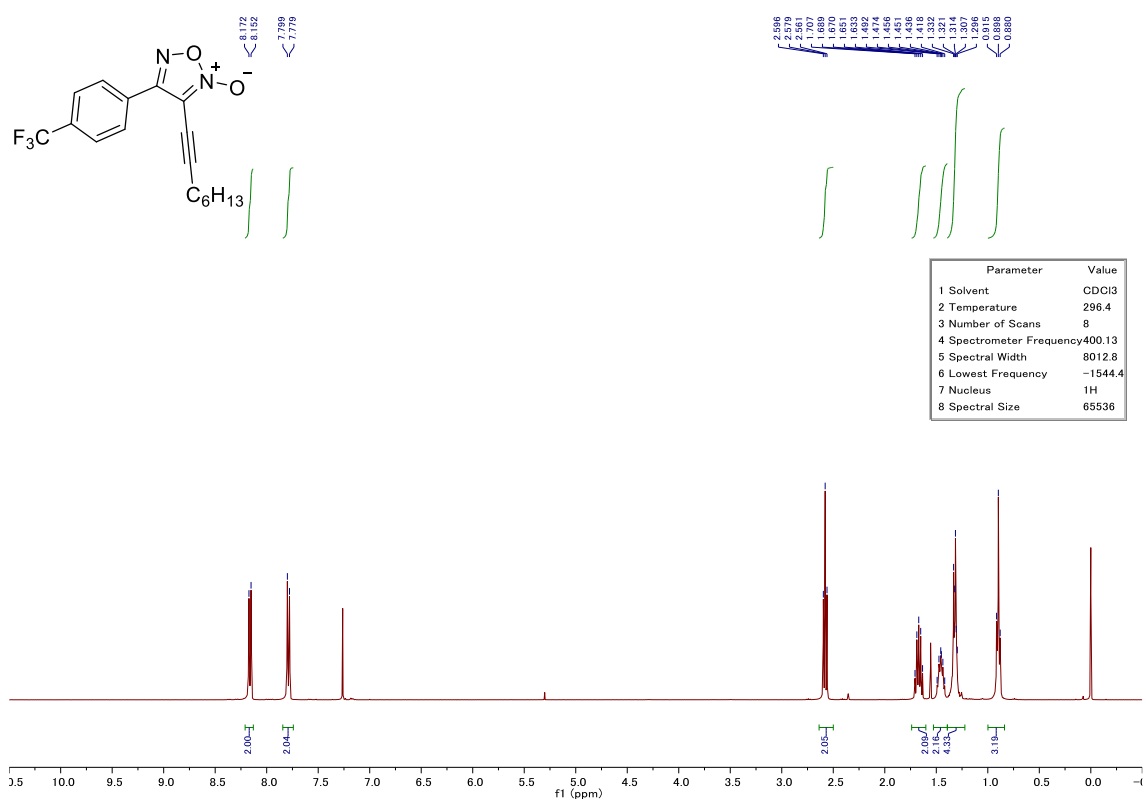


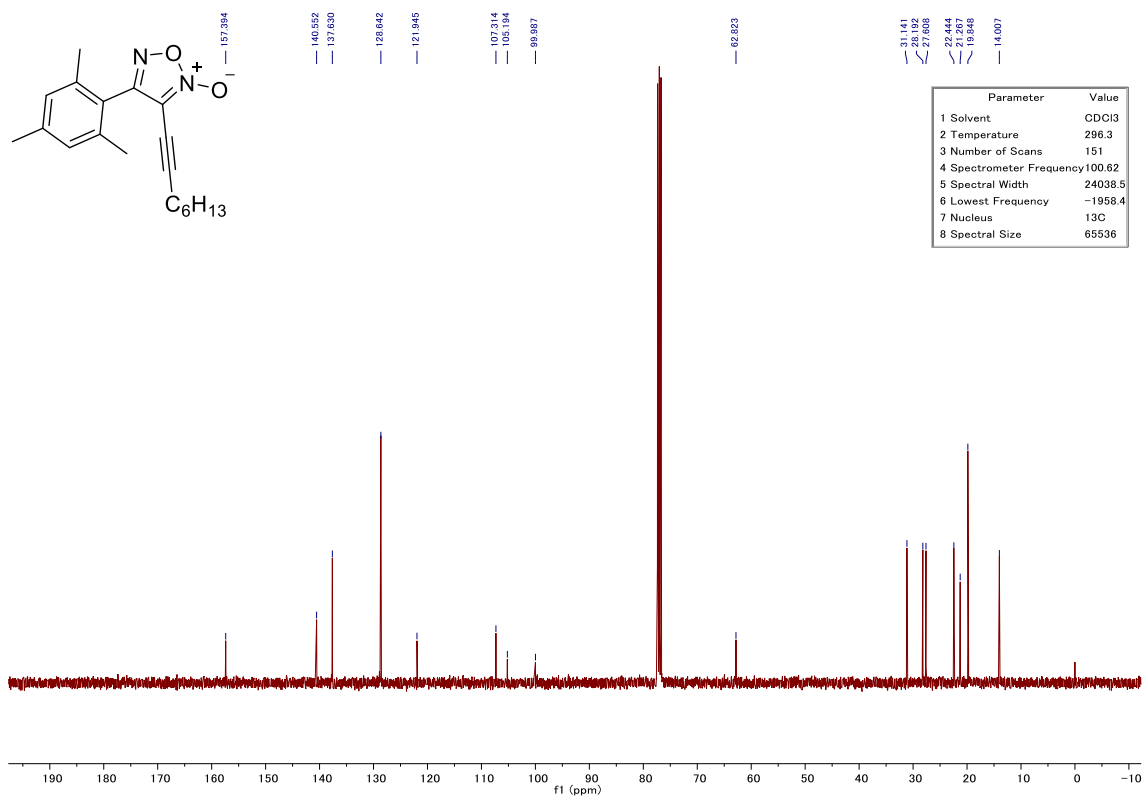
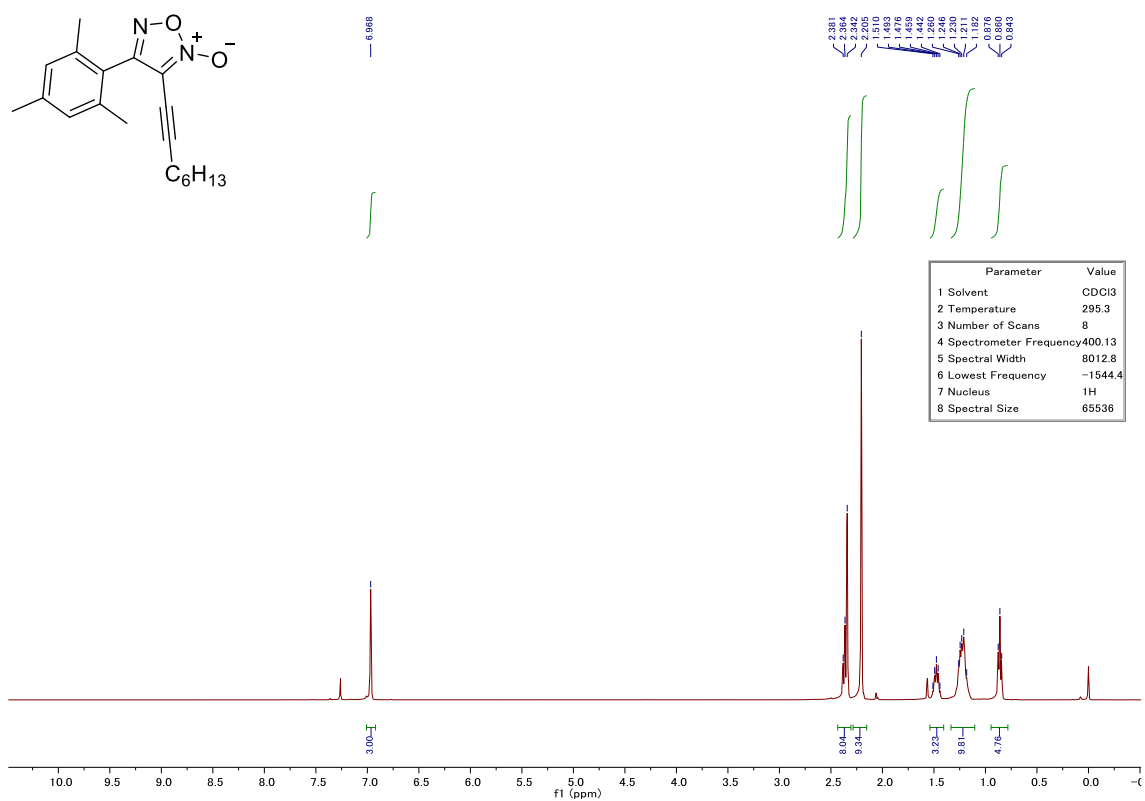


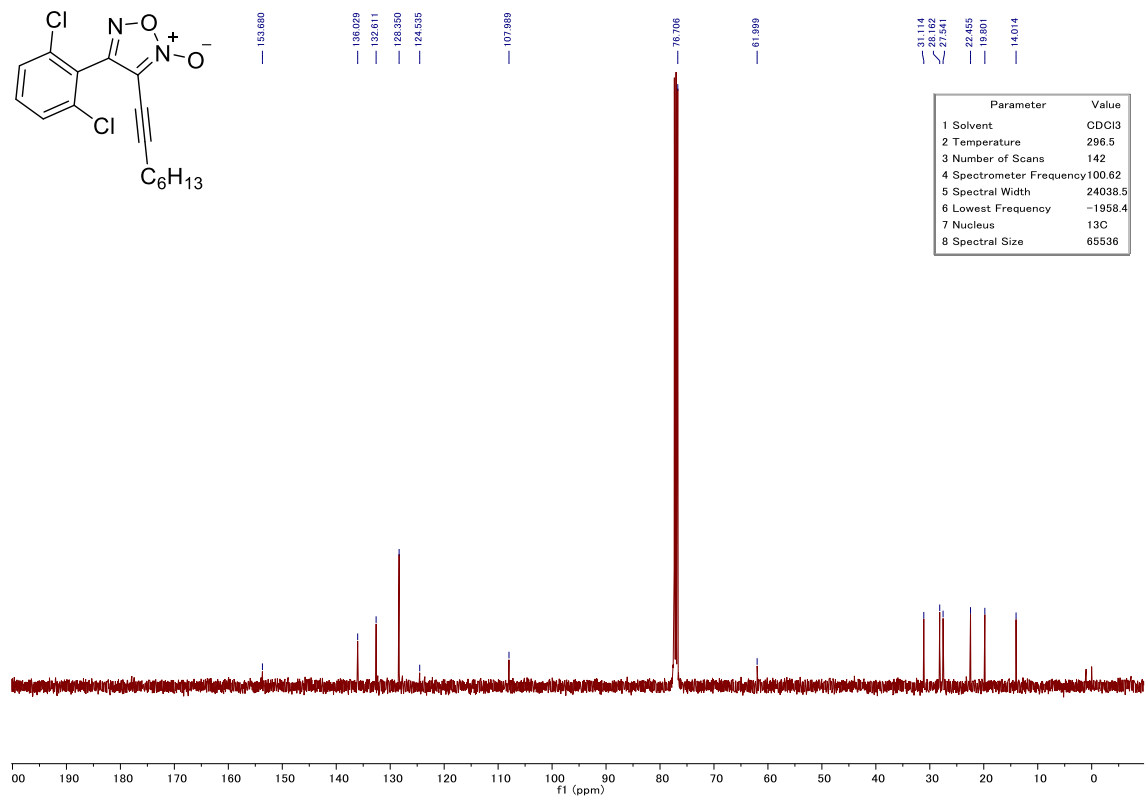
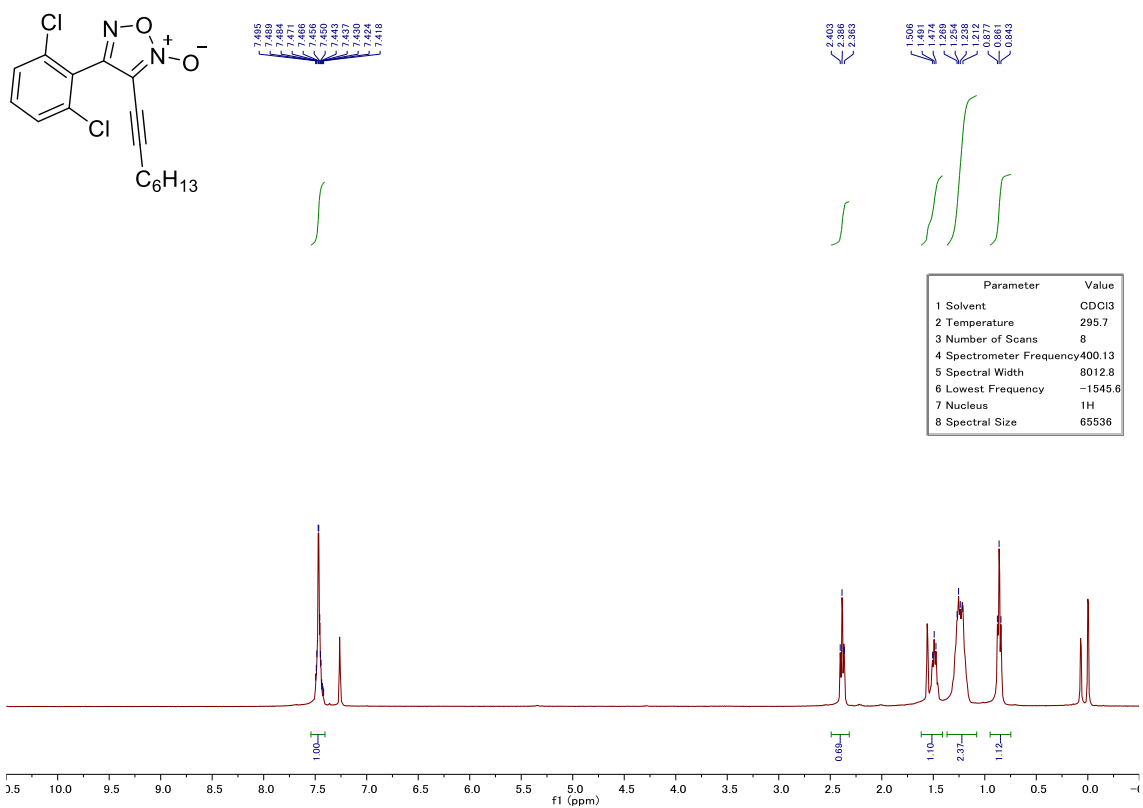


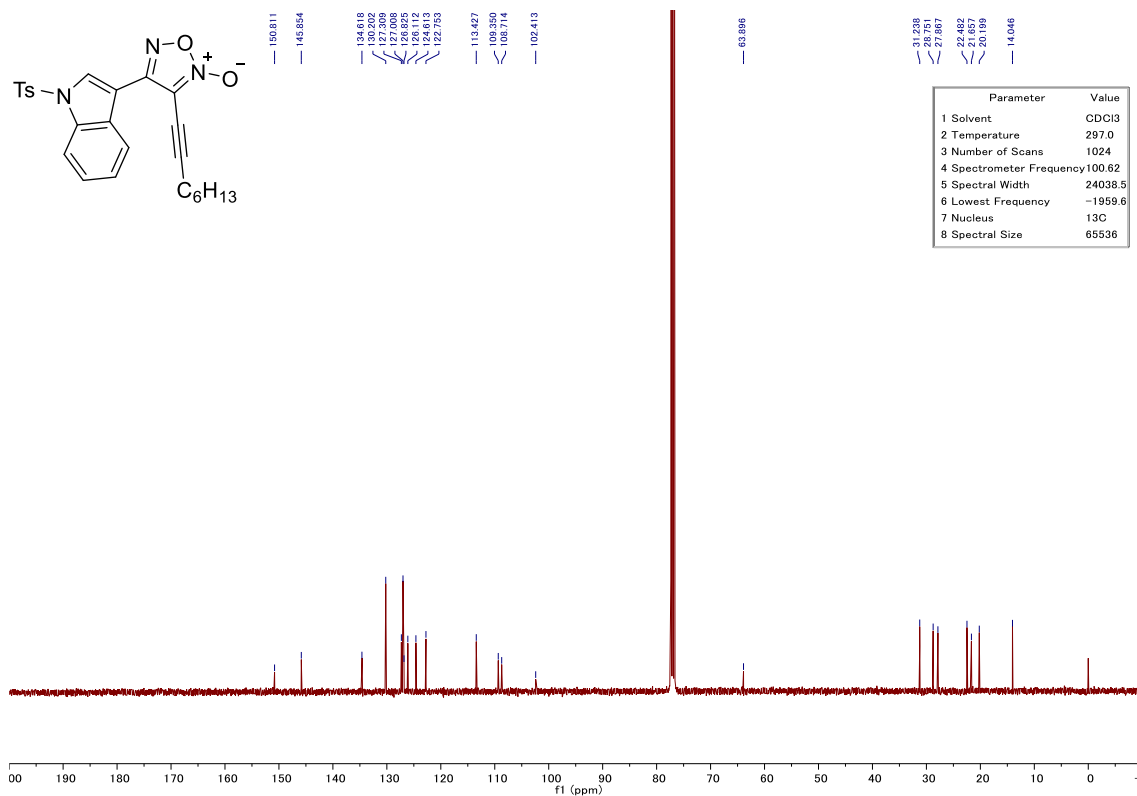


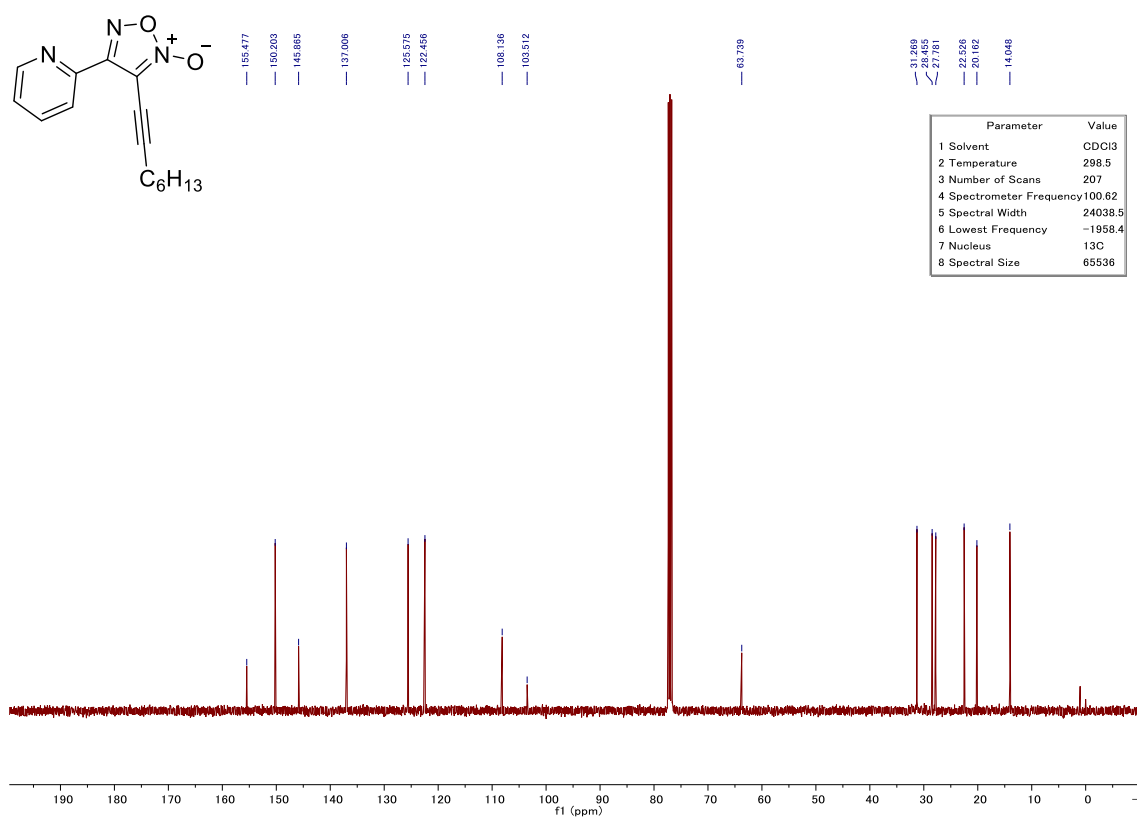
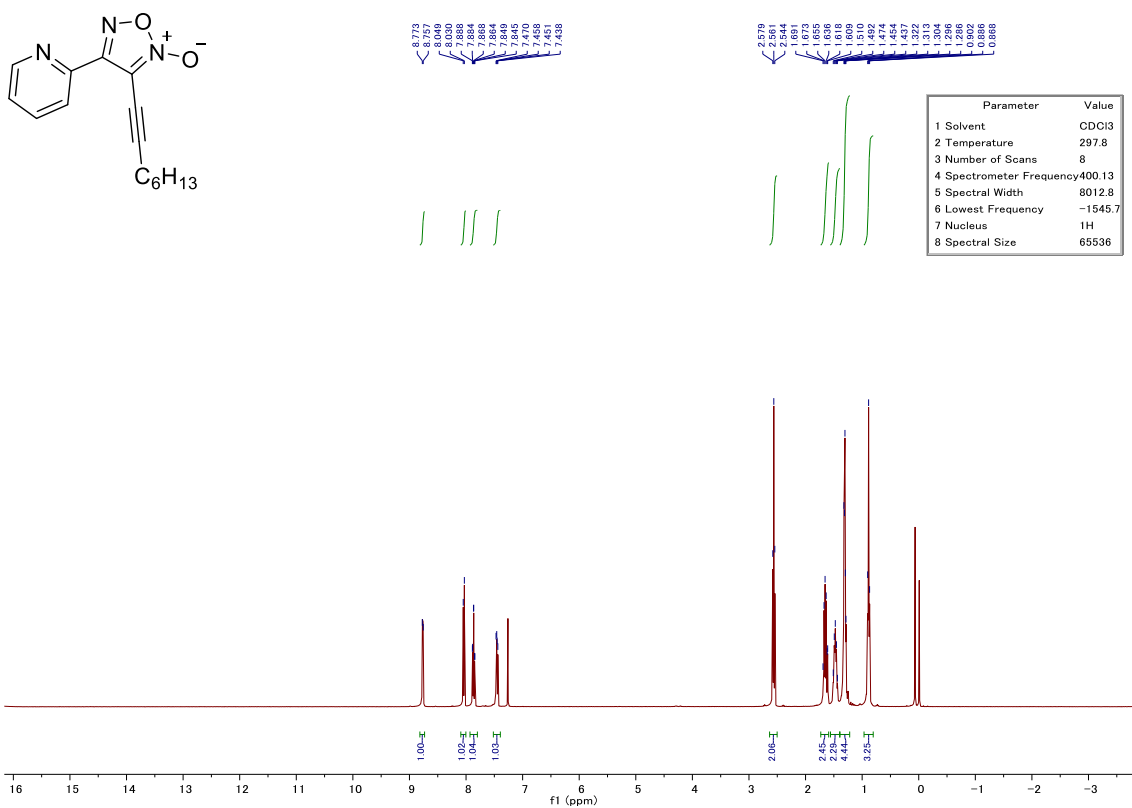


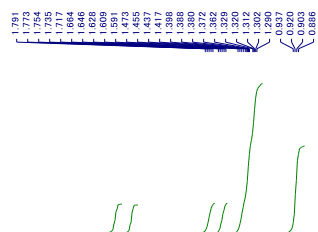




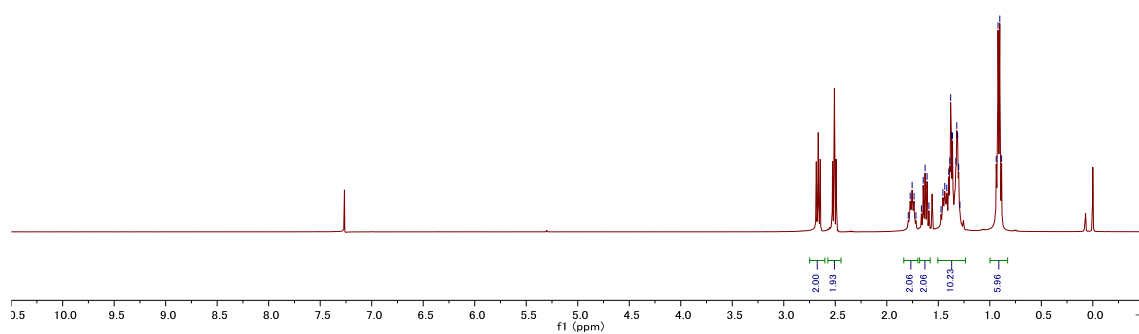








Parameter	Value
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2 Temperature	299.9
3 Number of Scans	8
4 Spectrometer Frequency	400.13
5 Spectral Width	8012.8
6 Lowest Frequency	-1543.5
7 Nucleus	¹ H
8 Spectral Size	65536



Parameter	Value
1 Solvent	CDCl ₃
2 Temperature	300.6
3 Number of Scans	377
4 Spectrometer Frequency	100.62
5 Spectral Width	24038.5
6 Lowest Frequency	-1958.4
7 Nucleus	¹³ C
8 Spectral Size	65536

