

Supporting Information

Alcohol-mediated direct dithioacetalization of alkynes with 2-chloro-1,3-dithiane for the synthesis of Markovnikov dithianes

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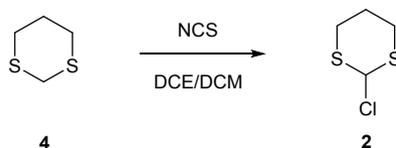
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1. General information

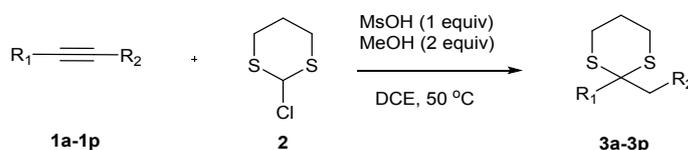
Analytical grade solvents and commercially available reagents were used as received. Unless otherwise noted, materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) employed glass 0.25 mm silica gel plates. Flash chromatography columns were generally performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh) in petroleum (bp. 60-90 °C) and reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silica gel GF254 plates with UV light to visualize the course of reaction. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data were recorded with Bruker 300 MHz or 400 MHz with tetramethylsilane as internal standard. ^{19}F NMR data was recorded with Bruker 400 MHz with tetramethylsilane as internal standard. All chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm and coupling constants (J) in Hz. All chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm and coupling constants (J) in Hz. All chemical shifts are reported relative to tetramethylsilane (0 ppm for ^1H) and CDCl_3 (77.00 ppm for ^{13}C), respectively. MS were measured on a HP-5988 spectrometer by direct inlet at 70 eV.

2. Experimental section

2.1 General procedure for the synthesis of Markovnikov dithianes

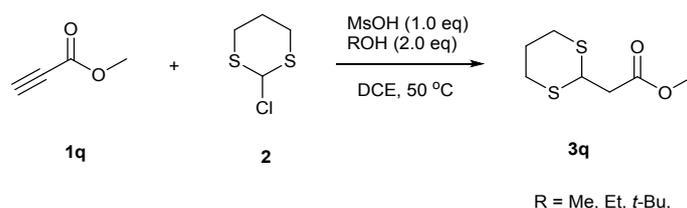


To a flame-dried 10 mL flask were sequentially added 1,3-dithiane **4** (300 mg, 2.5 mmol) and N-chlorosuccinimide (NCS) (400 mg, 3 mmol), 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE) or dichloromethane (DCM) (3 mL), after dissolved the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 40 mins. The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 2 h. Then the reaction mixture can be used directly for dithioacetalization with a variety of alkynes in DCE/DCM solutions. Alternatively, the reaction mixture in DCE can be used directly for the dithioacetalization in a one-pot procedure without purification.¹



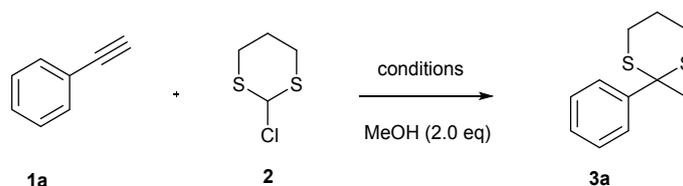
To a flame-dried 10 mL flask 2-chloro-1,3-dithiane **2** (31 mg, 0.2 mmol), **1a-1p** (0.18 mmol) and MsOH (19 mg, 0.2 mmol), MeOH (13 mg, 0.40 mmol) were added successively via syringe at room temperature. Reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 8-24 h until TLC analysis showed the reaction was completed. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and then purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum/ethyl acetate (EA/PE = 1: 50~2: 50) to yield the product **3a-3p**.

2.2 The synthesis of dithiane **3q**



To a flame-dried 10 mL flask 2-chloro-1,3-dithiane **2** (31 mg, 0.2 mmol), **1q** (15 mg, 0.18 mmol), MsOH (19 mg, 0.2 mmol), ROH (R = Me, Et, *t*-Bu; 0.40 mmol) were added successively via syringe at reaction temperature. Reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 12 h until TLC analysis showed the reaction was completed. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and then purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum/ethyl acetate (EA/PE = 2: 50) to yield the **3q** product.

2.3 Optimization of acid, and temperature



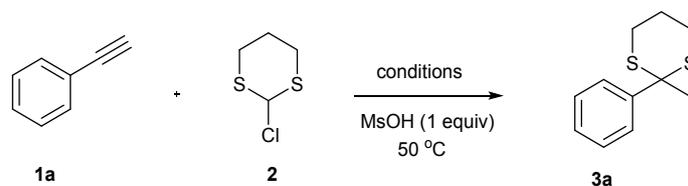
To a flame-dried 10 mL flask 2-chloro-1,3-dithiane **2** (31 mg, 0.2 mmol), **1a** (0.18 mmol), acid (*x* equiv) and MeOH (13mg, 0.40 mmol) were added successively via syringe at reaction temperature. Reaction mixture was stirred at 50~100 °C for 8-24 h until TLC analysis showed the reaction was completed. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and then purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum/ethyl acetate (EA/PE = 1: 50) to yield the **3a** product.

Table S1. Optimization of acid, and temperature

entry	acid (<i>x</i> equiv)	temp (°C)	time (h)	yield (%)
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1	HCl (1.0)	50	24	trace
2	HBF ₄ (1.0)	50	24	trace
3	BF ₃ Et ₂ O (1.0)	50	10	82
4	FeCl ₃ (0.2)	50	10	68
5	TsOH (1.0)	50	10	50
6	MsOH (1.0)	50	8	84
7	MsOH (0.2)	50	8	32
8	MsOH (0.6)	50	8	46
9	MsOH (0.8)	50	8	76
10	MsOH (2.0)	50	8	40
11	MsOH (1.0)	25	12	45
12	MsOH (1.0)	80	12	55
13	MsOH (1.0)	100	12	50
14	MsOH (0.8)	80	12	64
15	MsOH (0)	50	24	trace

2.4 Optimization of solvent and alcohol



To a flame-dried 10 mL flask 2-chloro-1,3-dithiane **2** (31 mg, 0.2 mmol), **1a** (0.18 mmol), MsOH (19 mg, 0.2 mmol) and MeOH (*x* equiv) were added successively via syringe at reaction temperature in solvent (2 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 8-24 h until TLC analysis showed the reaction was completed. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and then purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum/ethyl acetate (EA/PE = 1: 50) to yield the **3a** product.

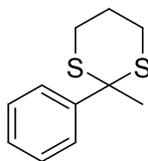
Table S2. Optimization of solvent and alcohol

entry	ROH(<i>x</i> equiv)	Solvent	yield (%)
1	H ₂ O	DCE	trace
2	MeOH (1.0)	DCE	76
3	MeOH (2.0)	DCE	84
4	MeOH (3.0)	DCE	69
5	C ₂ H ₅ OH (2.0)	DCE	82
6	<i>n</i> -PrOH (2.0)	DCE	80
7	<i>i</i> -PrOH (2.0)	DCE	32

8	<i>t</i> -BuOH (2.0)	DCE	56
9	MeOH (2.0)	DCM	79
10	MeOH (2.0)	THF	46
11	MeOH (2.0)	CH ₃ NO ₂	48

3. Characterization of synthesized compounds 3a-3q

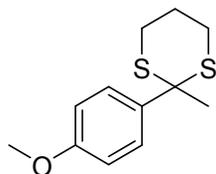
2-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-dithiane(3a)²



3a

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.75 – 2.65 (m, 4H), 1.97 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.78 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.6, 128.4, 127.6, 126.9, 53.8, 32.6, 27.9, 24.5.

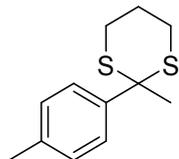
2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-1,3-dithiane(3b)³



3b

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.71 – 2.65 (m, 4H), 1.91 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.74 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.3, 135.5, 128.8, 113.5, 55.0, 53.2, 32.4, 27.9, 24.5.

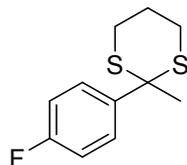
2-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-1,3-dithiane(3c)²



3c

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (m, 4H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.79 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.7, 136.7, 129.2, 127.6, 53.7, 32.7, 28.0, 24.7, 20.9.

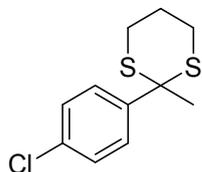
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3d

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.96 – 2.57 (m, 4H), 2.08 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.79 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 161.7 (d, *J* = 246.8 Hz), 139.5, 129.6 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 115.1 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 53.3, 32.8, 28.0, 24.5. **¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -116.0 (s, 1F).

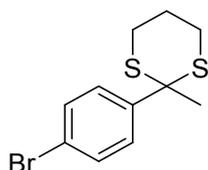
2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-1,3-dithiane(3e)²



3e

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.74 – 2.62 (m, 4H), 1.99 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.75 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 142.4, 132.7, 129.2, 128.4, 53.2, 32.6, 27.9, 24.3.

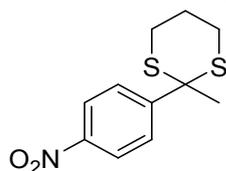
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3f

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.78 – 2.61 (m, 4H), 2.00 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.75 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 143.0, 131.5, 129.8, 121.1, 53.5, 32.8, 28.0, 24.4.

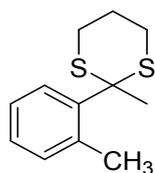
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3g

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 2.79 – 2.61 (m, 4H), 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.78 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 151.6, 146.7, 129.0, 123.7, 53.3, 32.7, 27.9, 24.1.

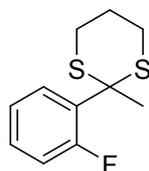
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3h

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 – 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 2.84 (m, 3H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 2.74 – 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.94 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 139.8, 137.6, 133.5, 129.2, 127.4, 125.5, 53.1, 29.4, 28.2, 24.4, 23.4.

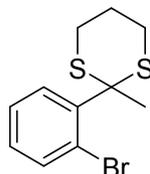
2-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-1,3-dithiane(3i)⁴



3i

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 2.89 – 2.72 (m, 4H), 2.06 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.95 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.7 (d, *J* = 250.5 Hz), 131.1 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 130.7 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 129.3 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 123.4 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 117.2 (d, *J* = 24.4 Hz), 50.1, 29.5, 28.4, 24.4. **¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -103.8 (s, 1F).

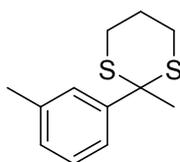
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3j

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 2.93 – 2.59 (m, 4H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.01 – 1.79 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 140.3, 136.8, 132.1, 128.6, 126.9, 122.5, 53.7, 28.8, 28.6, 24.2.

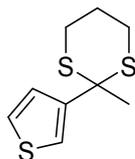
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3k

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 2.85 – 2.60 (m, 4H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.00 – 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.80 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 143.7, 138.1, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 124.7, 53.8, 32.6, 28.1, 24.7, 21.6.

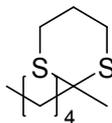
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3l

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 2.76 – 2.65 (m, 4H), 1.94 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.74 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 146.2, 127.6, 125.8, 123.3, 50.0, 32.1, 27.8, 24.6.

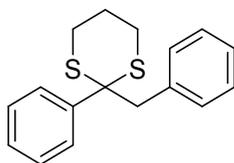
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3m

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.80 – 2.75 (m, 4H), 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.47 – 1.36 (m, 2H), 1.29 – 1.20 (m, 4H), 0.83 (m, 3H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 49.3, 41.7, 32.0, 27.7, 26.5, 25.4, 24.1, 22.5, 14.0.

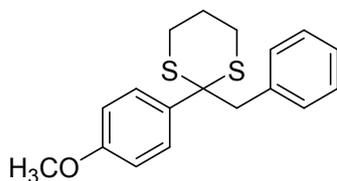
2-benzyl-2-phenyl-1,3-dithiane(3n)⁸



3n

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.05 – 6.94 (m, 3H), 6.66 – 6.58 (m, 2H), 3.17 (s, 2H), 2.58 – 2.50 (m, 4H), 1.83 – 1.75 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 140.3, 134.1, 130.7, 129.3, 128.1, 127.1, 126.8, 126.7, 59.6, 51.4, 27.3, 24.9.

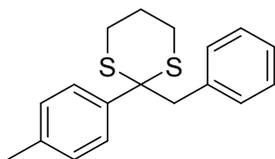
2-benzyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dithiane(3o)⁹



3o

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.02 (m, 3H), 6.78 – 6.62 (m, 4H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.16 (s, 2H), 2.61 – 2.46 (m, 4H), 1.89 – 1.76 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 158.3, 134.3, 132.2, 130.8, 130.7, 127.2, 126.7, 113.3, 59.2, 55.1, 51.5, 27.3, 25.0.

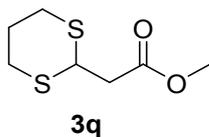
2-benzyl-2-(p-tolyl)-1,3-dithiane(3p)¹⁰



3p

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (m, 5H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.24 (s, 2H), 2.77 – 2.51 (m, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.96 – 1.83 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 137.3, 136.4, 134.3, 130.8, 129.3, 128.9, 127.2, 126.7, 59.5, 51.4, 27.4, 25.0, 20.9.

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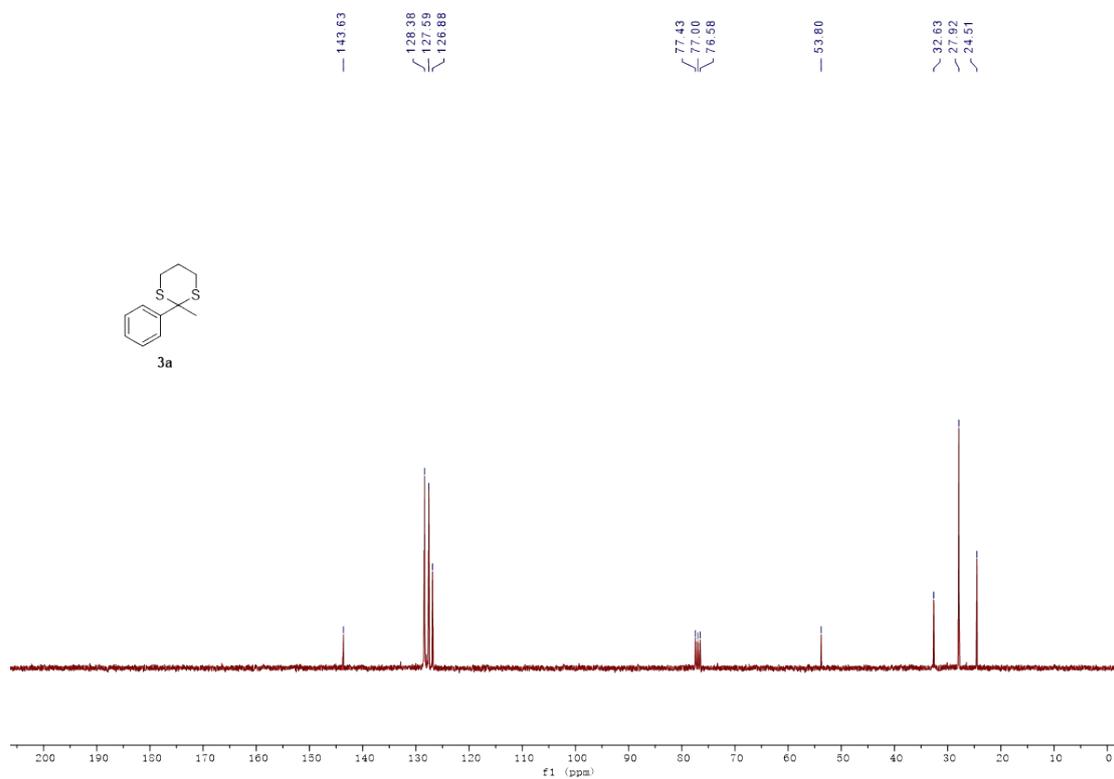
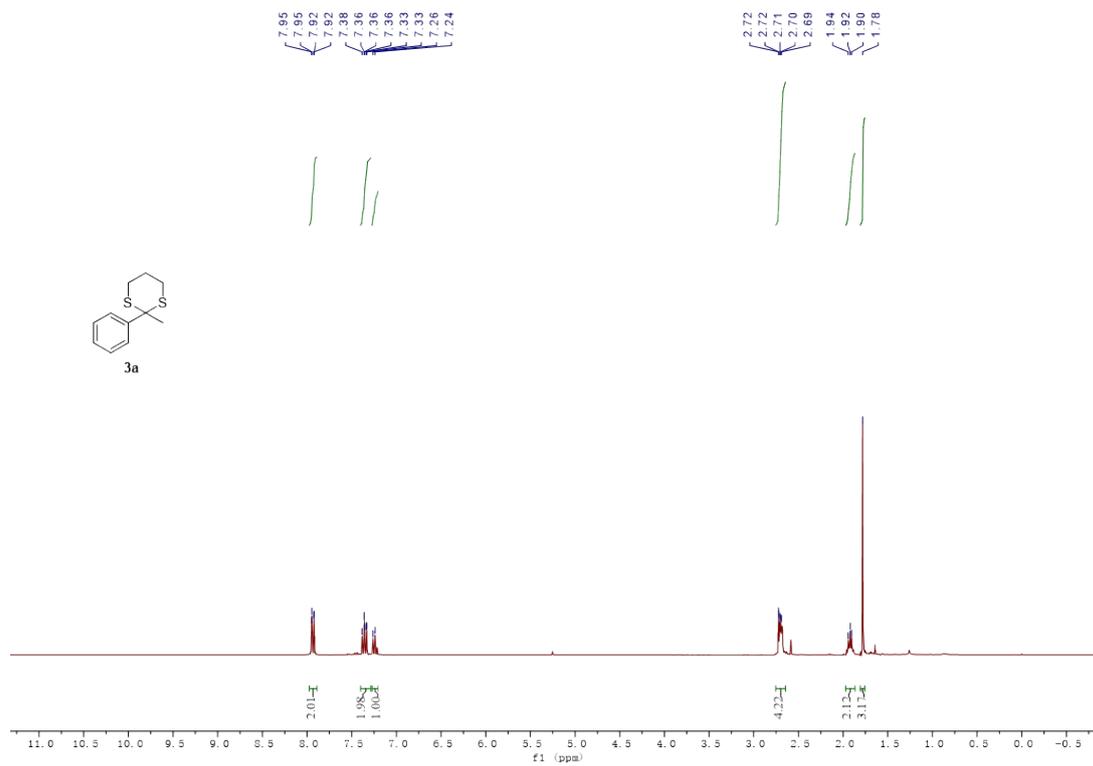


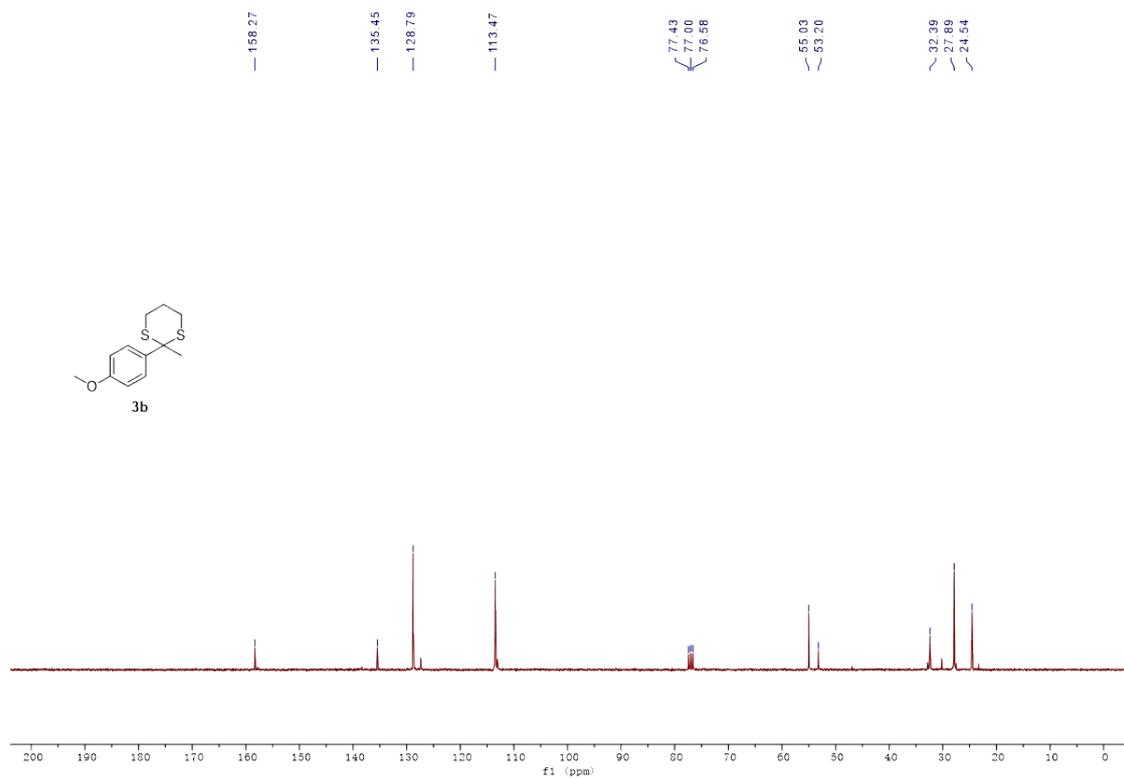
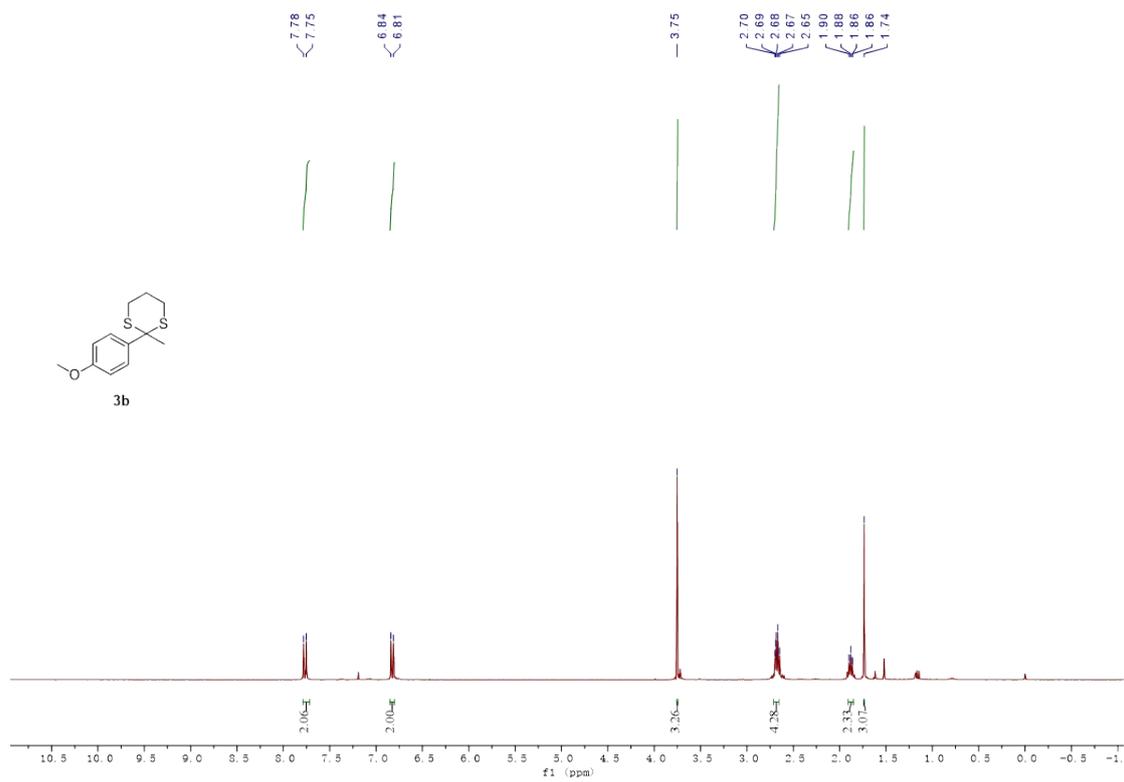
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.42 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.00 – 2.86 (m, 4H), 2.81 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.18 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.88 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 51.9, 41.6, 40.2, 29.3, 25.0.

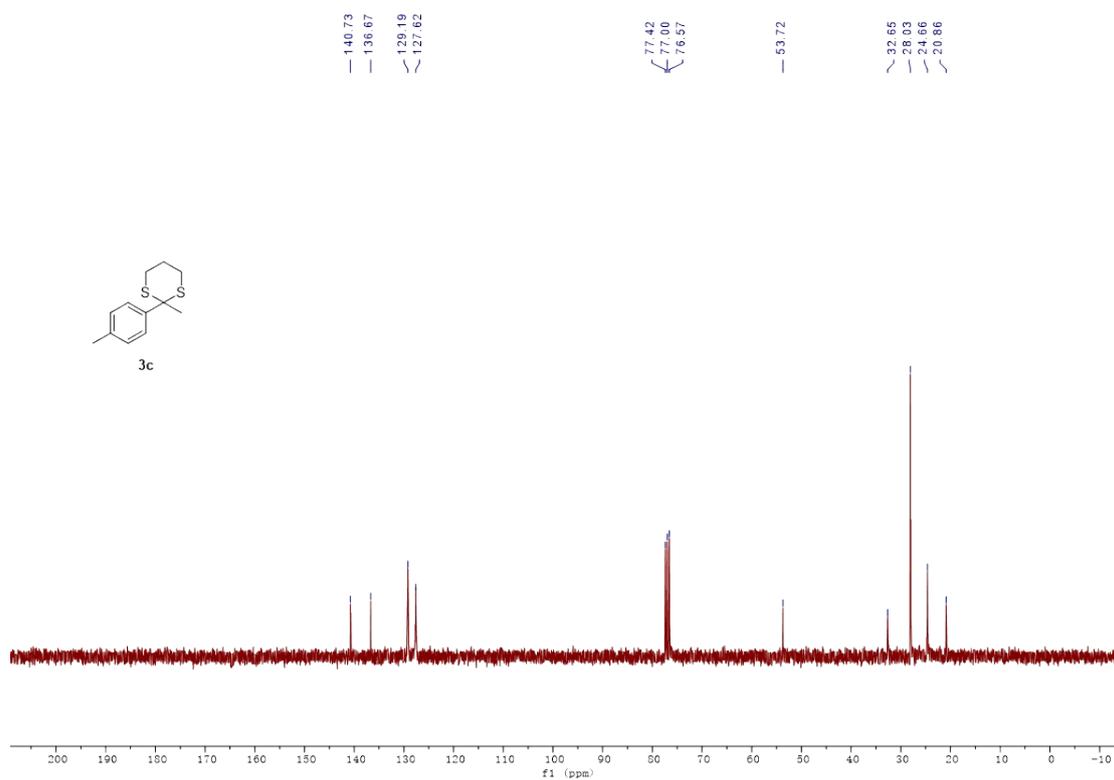
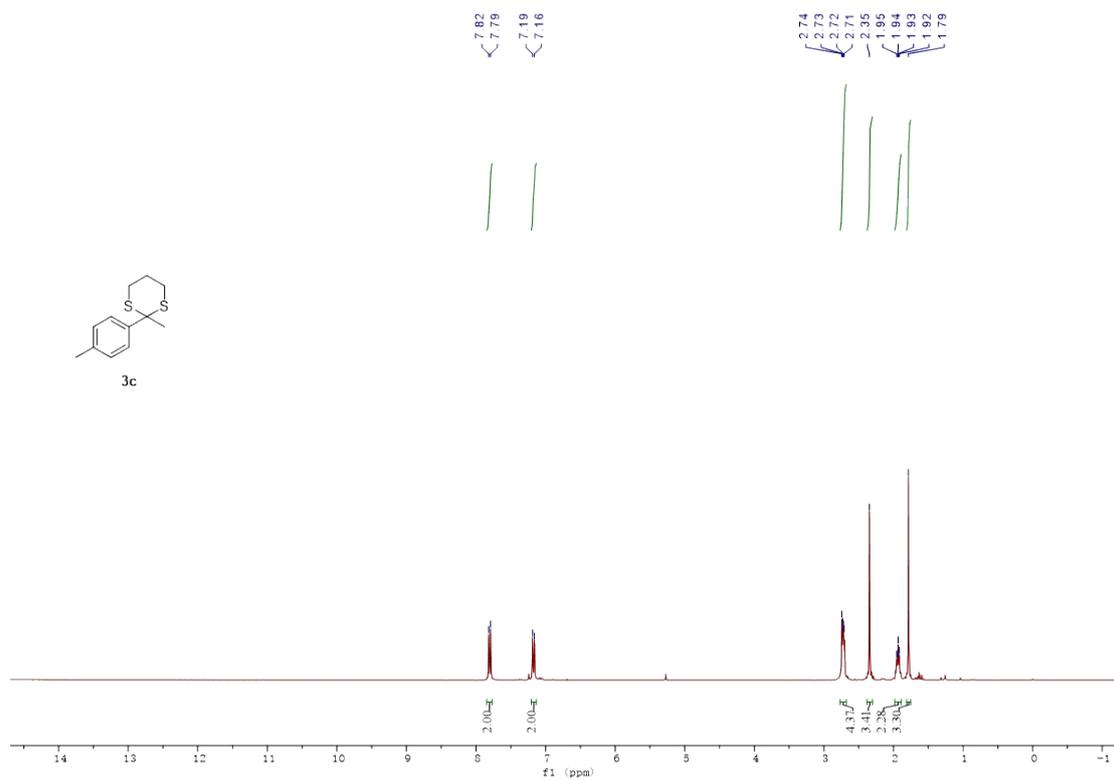
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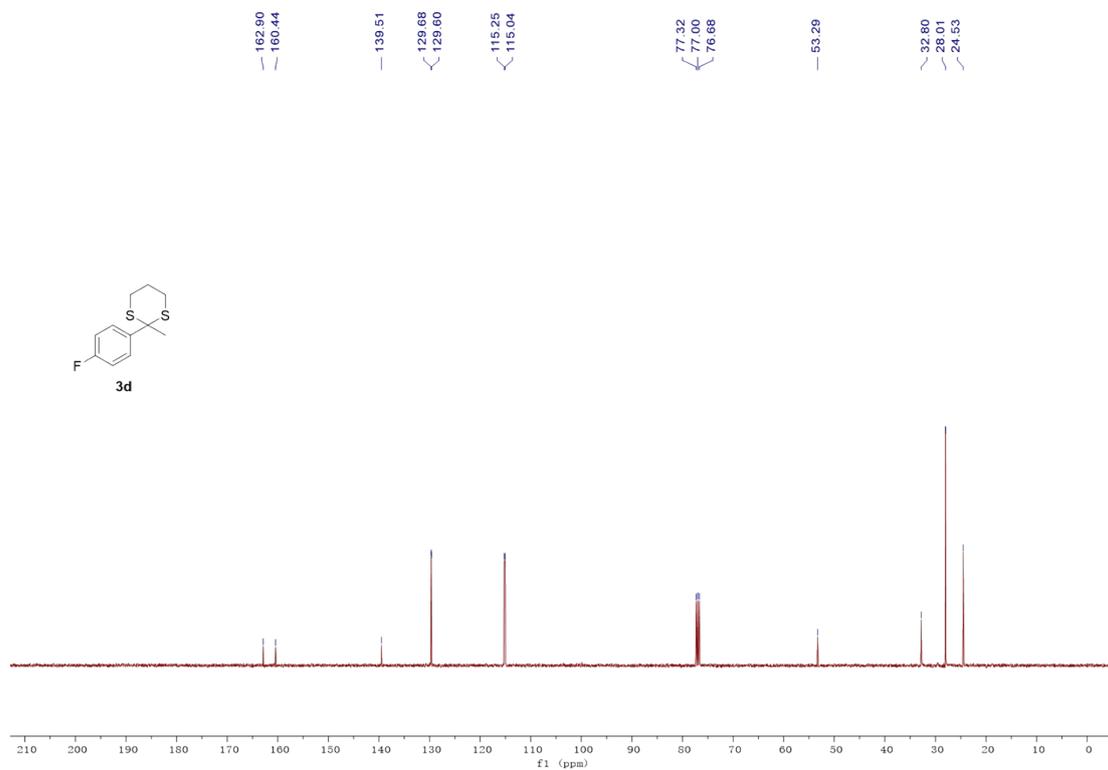
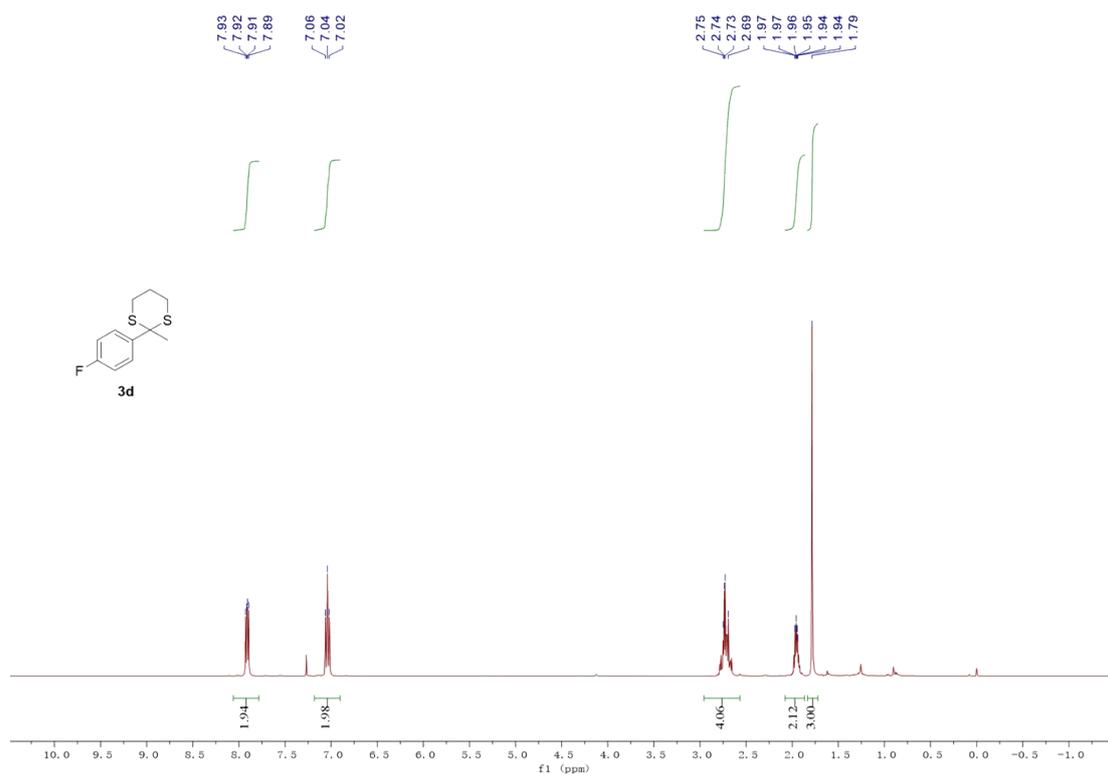
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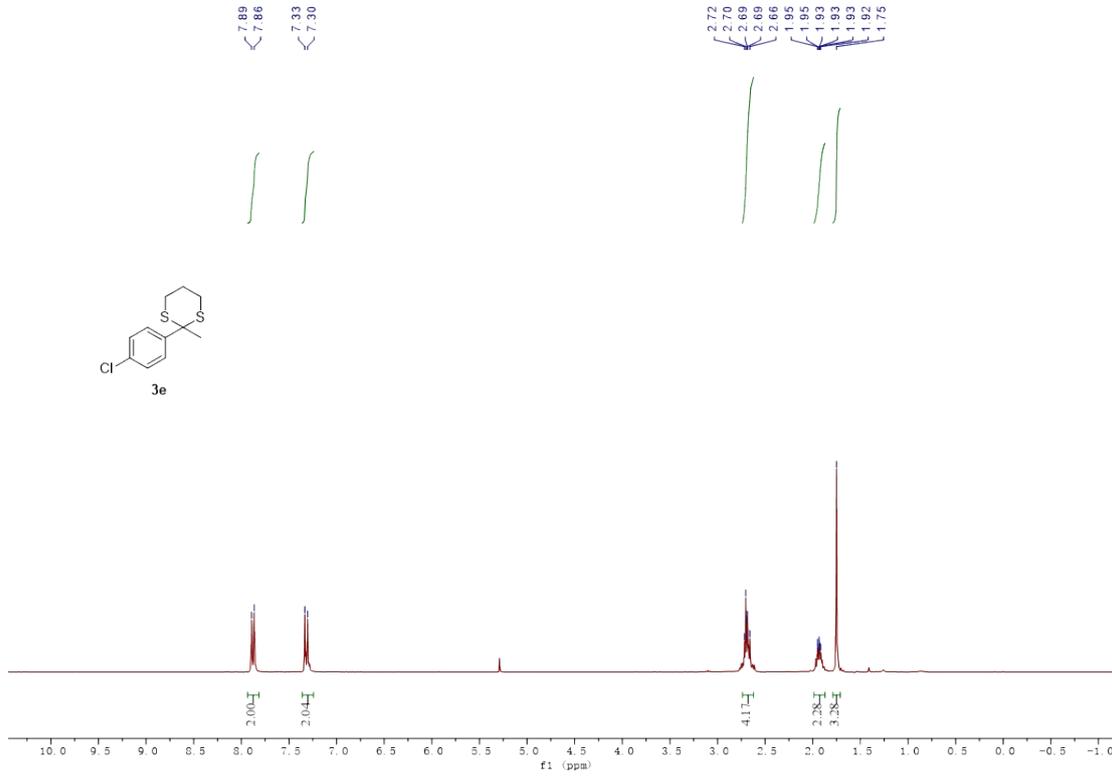
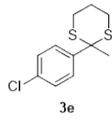
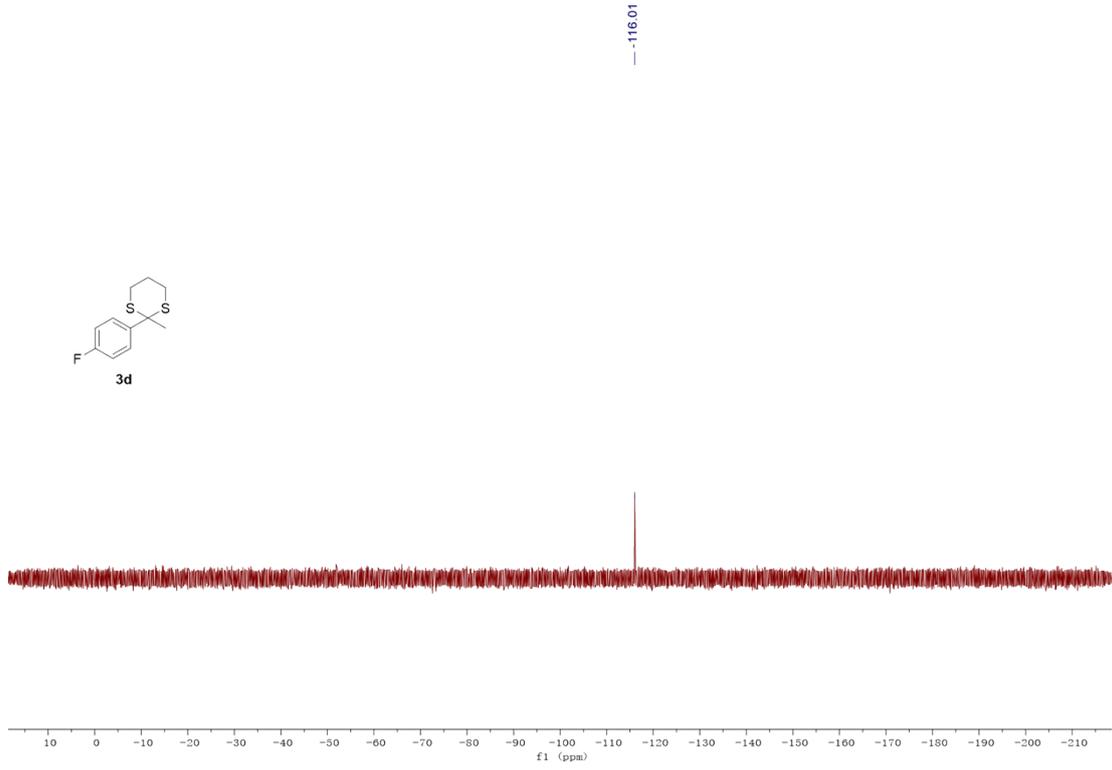
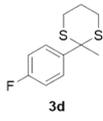
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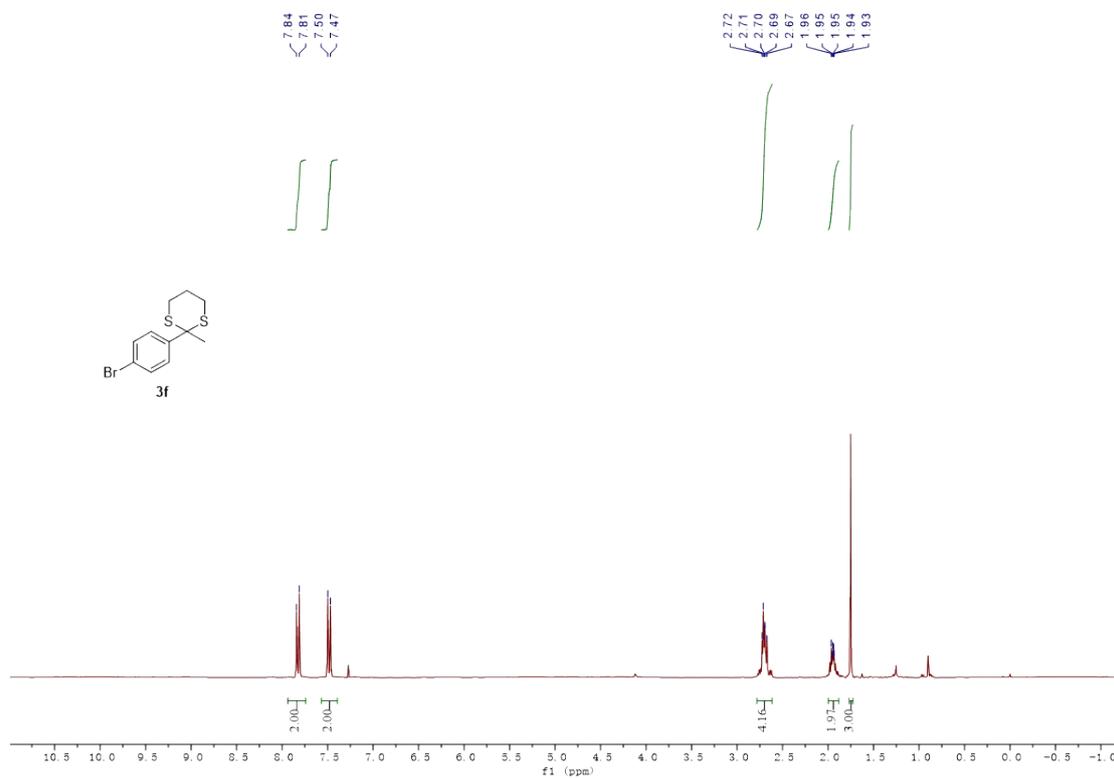
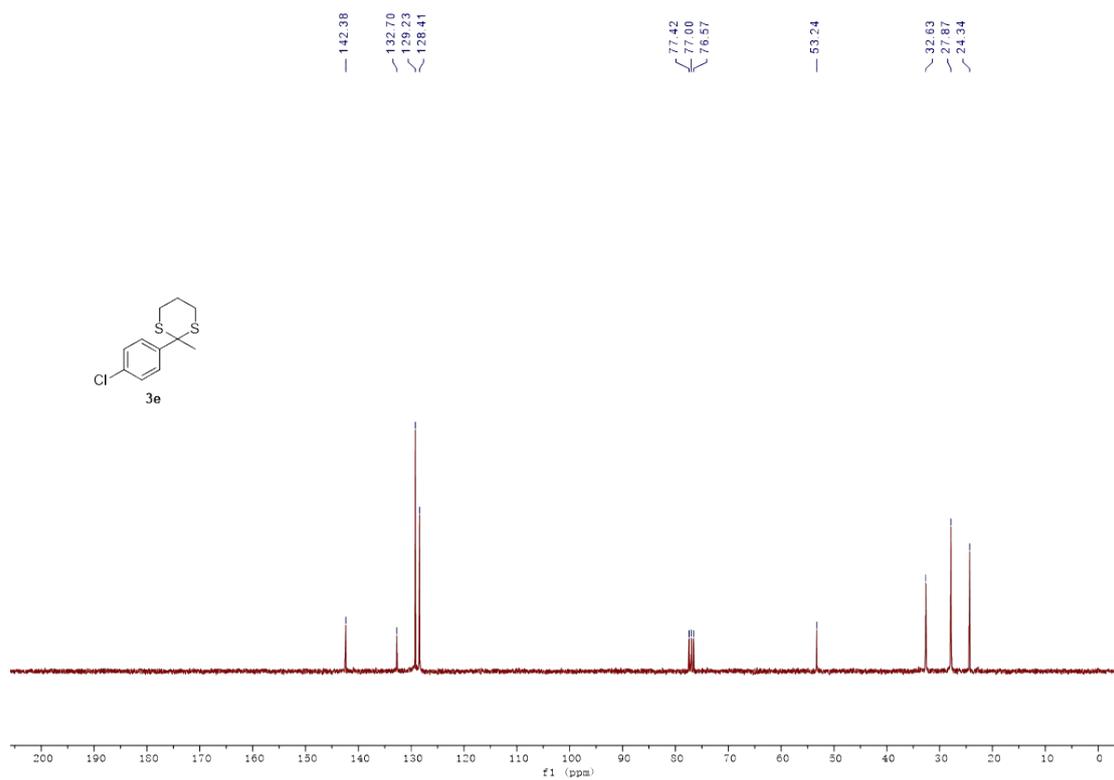


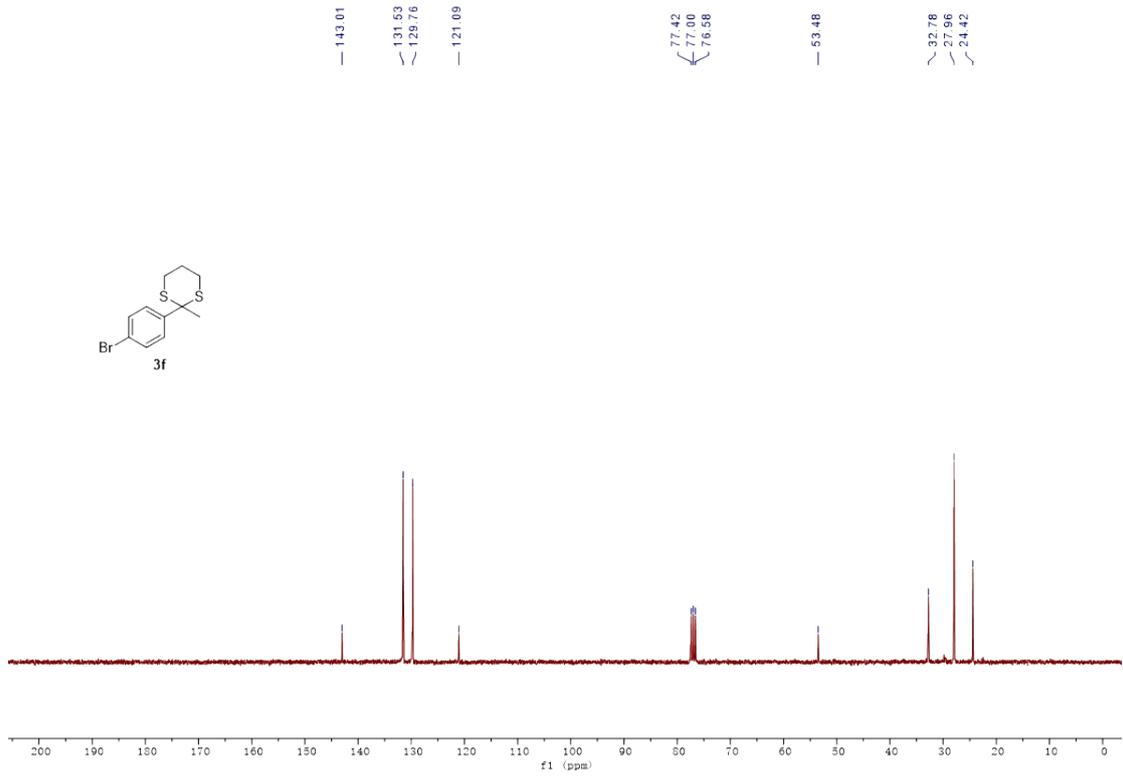
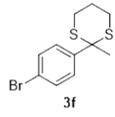












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