

## Electronic Supplementary Information

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### Carbazole-based BODIPYs with ethynyl substituents at the boron center: solid-state excimer fluorescence in the VIS/NIR region

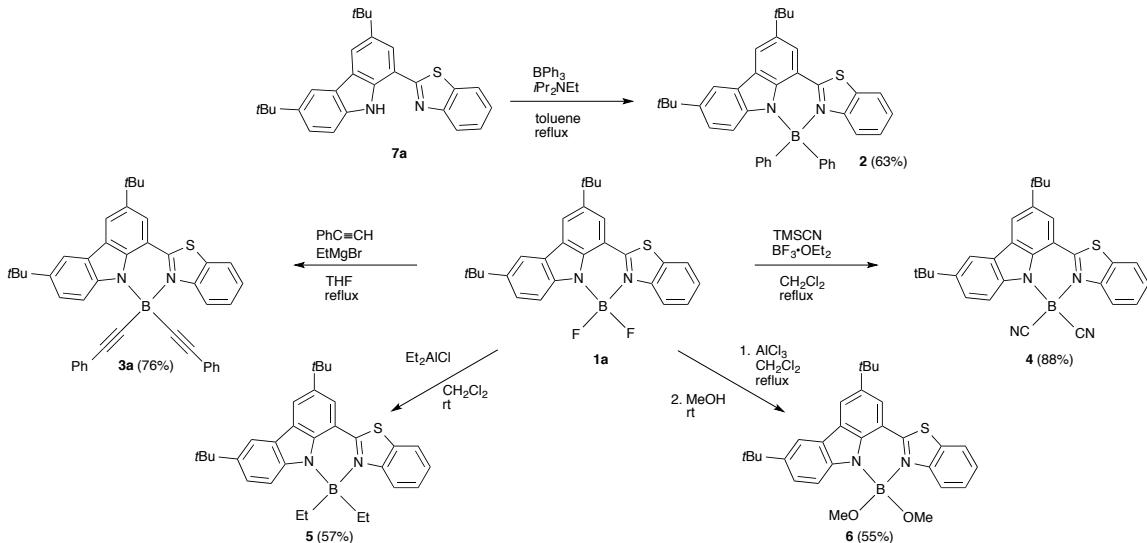
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## [A] Experimental Procedures and Compound Data



**Scheme S1** Synthesis of 2–6.

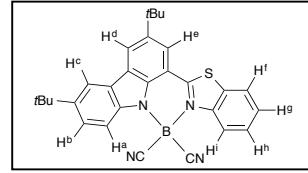
**Synthesis of 2.** A solution of **7a**<sup>[S1]</sup> (41.2 mg, 100  $\mu$ mol),  $BPh_3$  (93.0 mg, 384  $\mu$ mol), and  $iPr_2NEt$  (0.33 mL, 1.9 mmol) in dry toluene (2.0 mL) was heated at reflux for 48 h under  $N_2$ . After cooling to rt, the mixture was evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with  $CHCl_3$ /hexane to give **2** as an orange solid (36.2 mg, 62.8  $\mu$ mol, 63%).

$^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.34 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>d</sup>), 8.05 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>c</sup>), 7.81 (dd,  $J$  = 0.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>f</sup>), 7.73 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>e</sup>), 7.64 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>i</sup>), 7.46–7.43 (m, 4H, oPh), 7.34 (t,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>g</sup>), 7.25–7.16 (m, 8H, H<sup>b</sup>, H<sup>h</sup>, mPh, pPh), 6.78 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), 1.51 (s, 9H, tBu), and 1.38 ppm (s, 9H, tBu);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 168.85, 146.55, 143.79, 141.82, 141.09, 140.35, 133.95, 130.22, 127.65, 127.34, 126.65, 125.90, 125.40, 124.63, 124.40, 123.99, 122.53, 122.02, 119.41, 116.43, 114.21, 109.46, 35.00, 34.72, 32.15, and 32.08 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 576.2790. calcd for  $C_{39}H_{37}N_2B_1S_1$ : 576.2783 [ $M^-$ ]; UV/Vis ( $CH_2Cl_2$ )  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\varepsilon$ ) = 310 (9470), 339 (9300), and 505 nm (7520  $mol^{-1}dm^3cm^{-1}$ ).

**Synthesis of 3a.** To a solution of phenylacetylene (0.20 mL, 1.8 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was added  $EtMgBr$  (1 M in hexane, 2.0 mL, 2.0 mmol) under  $N_2$ , and the mixture was heated at 60 °C for 2 h. A solution of **1a**<sup>[S1]</sup> (54.8 mg, 119  $\mu$ mol) in dry THF (5.0 mL) was added, and the mixture was heated at reflux for 24 h. After cooling to rt, water was added, and organic products were extracted with  $CHCl_3$ . The extracts were dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with  $CHCl_3$ /hexane to give **3a** as an orange solid (56.3 mg, 90.1  $\mu$ mol, 76%).

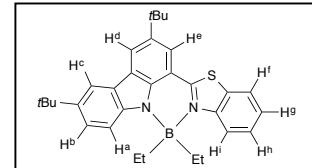
<sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 9.20 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>i</sup>), 8.34 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>d</sup>), 8.17 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), 8.14 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>c</sup>), 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>j</sup>), 7.73 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>b</sup>), 7.71 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>e</sup>), 7.65 (dd,  $J$  = 2.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>b</sup>), 7.55 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>g</sup>), 7.33–7.30 (m, 4H, oPh), 7.19–7.16 (m, 6H, mPh, pPh), 1.50 (s, 9H, tBu), and 1.49 ppm (s, 9H, tBu); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  = 167.48, 145.37, 142.58, 141.22, 138.49, 131.78, 129.83, 128.01, 127.65, 127.36, 126.64, 125.43, 125.05, 124.66, 123.98, 122.64, 121.90, 119.27, 116.62, 114.28, 108.08, 98.11, 35.02, 34.94, 32.24, and 32.15 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 624.2755. calcd for  $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_2\text{B}_1\text{S}_1$ : 624.2783 [ $M^-$ ]; UV/Vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\epsilon$ ) = 307 (14700), 329 (13600), and 499 nm (12500 mol<sup>-1</sup>dm<sup>3</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>).

**Synthesis of 4.** To a solution of **1a** (50.4 mg 110  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (7.0 mL) was added trimethylsilyl cyanide (0.27 mL, 2.2 mmol) and  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (0.14 mL, 1.1 mmol) under  $\text{N}_2$ , and the mixture was heated at reflux for 2 h. After cooling to rt, water was added, and the organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with  $\text{CHCl}_3$  to give **4** as an orange solid (45.7 mg, 96.4  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 88%).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 8.63 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>i</sup>), 8.42 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>d</sup>), 8.15 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>c</sup>), 8.02 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>f</sup>), 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), 7.87 (t,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>b</sup>), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>e</sup>), 7.74 (dd,  $J$  = 1.8, 8.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>b</sup>), 7.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>g</sup>), 1.51 (s, 9H, tBu), and 1.49 ppm (s, 9H, tBu); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 169.37, 144.99, 143.75, 143.16, 140.94, 137.82, 129.65, 128.98, 127.98, 127.11, 126.11, 125.97, 124.39, 122.83, 119.76, 119.68, 117.44, 112.72, 107.17, 35.21, 35.04, 32.06, and 31.96 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 474.2028. calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_4\text{B}_1\text{S}_1$ : 474.2049 [ $M^+$ ]; UV/Vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\epsilon$ ) = 304 (12200), 332 (14000), 343 (14000), and 490 nm (14600 mol<sup>-1</sup>dm<sup>3</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>).

**Synthesis of 5.** To a solution of **1a** (72.7 mg 163  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 mL) was added EtMgBr (1 M in hexane, 0.50 mL, 0.5 mmol) under  $\text{N}_2$ , and the mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min. Water was added, and organic products were extracted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . The extracts were dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{hexane}$  to give **5** as a red solid (23.4 mg, 50.4  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 31%).

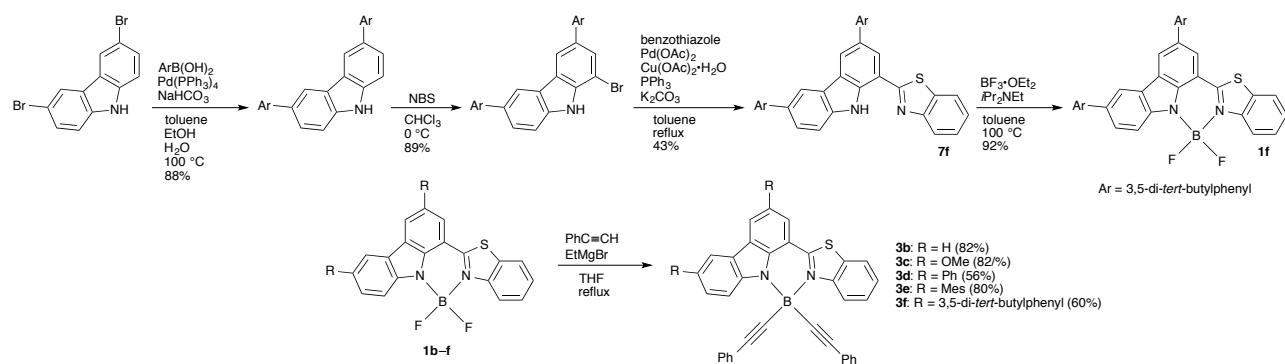


<sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>i</sup>), 8.26 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>d</sup>), 8.12 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>c</sup>), 7.89 (dd,  $J$  = 0.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>f</sup>), 7.70 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>e</sup>), 7.58 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>b</sup>), 7.51 (dd,  $J$  = 2.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>b</sup>), 7.49 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>g</sup>), 1.50 (s, 9H, tBu), 1.48 (s, 9H, tBu), 1.30 (q,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), and 0.37 ppm (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 6H,

$\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  = 169.16, 145.86, 142.30, 141.24, 140.73, 139.83, 130.05, 127.52, 126.13, 124.37, 124.28, 123.69, 122.31, 121.04, 119.35, 116.58, 113.59, 108.99, 34.87, 34.79, 32.21, 32.15, 14.83, and 9.65 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 480.2760. calcd for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_2\text{B}_1\text{S}_1$ : 480.2782 [ $M^-$ ]; UV/Vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\max} (\varepsilon)$  = 313 (22600), 331 (19500), and 515 nm (14100  $\text{mol}^{-1}\text{dm}^3\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

**Synthesis of 6.** A flask containing **1a** (52.0 mg, 113  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and  $\text{AlCl}_3$  (25.4 mg, 191  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was purged with  $\text{N}_2$ , charged with dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 mL), and heated at reflux for 10 min. After cooling to rt, dry  $\text{MeOH}$  (3.0 mL, 74 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min. the mixture was passed through basic alumina and evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with  $\text{CHCl}_3$  to give **6** as a yellow solid (29.9 mg, 61.8  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 55%).

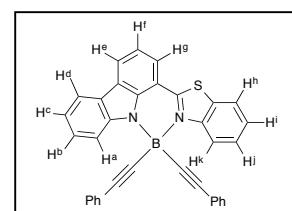
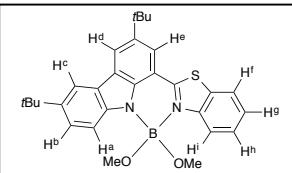
$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{i}}$ ), 8.39 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{d}}$ ), 8.14 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{c}}$ ), 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{a}}$ ), 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{f}}$ ), 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{e}}$ ), 7.64 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{h}}$ ), 7.60 (dd,  $J$  = 2.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{b}}$ ), 7.53 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{g}}$ ), 2.90 (s, 6H, OMe), 1.54 (s, 9H, *tBu*), and 1.49 ppm (s, 9H, *tBu*);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 168.85, 145.63, 143.16, 142.45, 141.52, 140.43, 129.75, 128.24, 126.59, 125.55, 125.13, 124.21, 123.72, 122.28, 121.85, 119.34, 116.60, 114.01, 108.70, 50.09, 35.08, 34.95, and 32.19 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 484.2352. calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{B}_1\text{S}_1$ : 484.2355 [ $M^+$ ]; UV/Vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\max} (\varepsilon)$  = 301 (14000), 324 (16800), and 462 nm (14800  $\text{mol}^{-1}\text{dm}^3\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).



**Scheme S2** Synthesis of **3b–f**.

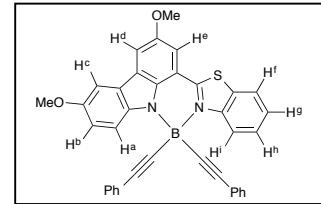
**Synthesis of 3b.** **3b** (Orange solid, 63.4 mg, 124  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 82%) was synthesized from **1b**<sup>[S1]</sup> (53.0 mg, 152  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) via a method similar to the synthesis of **3a**.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 9.23 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{k}}$ ), 8.33 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{a}}$ ), 8.27 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{e}}$ ), 8.14 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{d}}$ ), 7.94 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{h}}$ ), 7.76 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz,



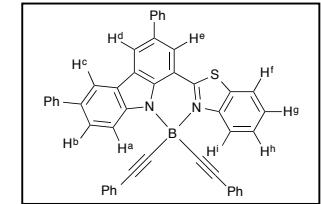
$1\text{H}, \text{H}^{\text{j}}$ ), 7.75 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{g}}$ ), 7.61 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{b}}$ ), 7.59 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{i}}$ ), 7.36–7.31 (m, 5H,  $\text{H}^{\text{c}}$ , *o*Ph), and 7.23–7.17 ppm (m, 7H,  $\text{H}^{\text{f}}$ , *m*Ph, *p*Ph);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta = 167.22, 145.23, 144.02, 139.33, 131.74, 129.92, 128.07, 127.75, 127.49, 126.84, 126.65, 125.15, 124.88, 124.25, 122.79, 122.65, 121.99, 120.65, 119.93, 118.01, 115.07, 108.98$ , and 98.37 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z = 512.1525$ . calcd for  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{B}_1\text{S}_1$ : 512.1530 [ $M^-$ ]; UV/Vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}} (\varepsilon) = 301$  (17000), 324 (15900), and 482 nm (14400  $\text{mol}^{-1}\text{dm}^3\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

**Synthesis of 3c.** **3c** (purple solid, 56.0 mg, 97.9  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 82%) was synthesized from **1c**<sup>[S1]</sup> (48.6 mg, 119  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) via a method similar to the synthesis of **3a**.



$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta = 9.20$  (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{j}}$ ), 8.19 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{a}}$ ), 7.84 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{f}}$ ), 7.79 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{d}}$ ), 7.73 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{h}}$ ), 7.54 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{c}}$ ), 7.51 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{g}}$ ), 7.35–7.33 (m, 4H, *o*Ph), 7.23 (dd,  $J = 2.2, 9.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{b}}$ ), 7.21–7.18 (m, 7H,  $\text{H}^{\text{e}}$ , *m*Ph, *p*Ph), 3.92 (s, 3H, OMe), and 3.86 ppm (s, 3H, OMe);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta = 166.51, 154.00, 152.48, 145.26, 139.66, 135.79, 131.72, 129.93, 128.09, 127.71, 127.48, 126.74, 125.69, 124.92, 124.22, 122.54, 121.98, 116.14, 115.48, 114.25, 108.62, 108.27, 103.58, 98.29, 56.80, and 56.18 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z = 572.1756$ . calcd for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{B}_1\text{S}_1$ : 572.1742 [ $M^-$ ]; UV/Vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}} (\varepsilon) = 319$  (16600), 348 (14400), and 534 nm (11600  $\text{mol}^{-1}\text{dm}^3\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).$

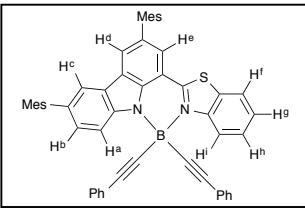
**Synthesis of 3d.** **3d** (red solid, 37.5 mg, 56.4  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 56%) was synthesized from **1d**<sup>[S1]</sup> (50.4 mg, 101  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) via a method similar to the synthesis of **3a**.



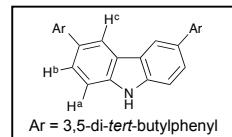
$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta = 9.24$  (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{j}}$ ), 8.49 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{d}}$ ), 8.39 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{a}}$ ), 8.34 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{c}}$ ), 7.91 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{f}}$ ), 7.88 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{e}}$ ), 7.87 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 8.4$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{b}}$ ), 7.78–7.74 (m, 3H,  $\text{H}^{\text{h}}$ , *o*Ph), 7.69 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H, *o*Ph), 7.55 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{g}}$ ), 7.51–7.46 (m, 4H, *m*Ph), 7.38–7.33 (m, 6H, *p*Ph, *o*Ph), and 7.23–7.18 ppm (m, 6H, *m*Ph, *p*Ph);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta = 167.05, 145.26, 143.98, 142.40, 141.23, 139.29, 133.50, 132.19, 131.77, 129.94, 129.09, 128.86, 128.12, 127.85, 127.57, 127.54, 127.31, 127.10, 126.95, 126.61, 126.55, 126.50, 125.86, 124.96, 124.82, 122.66, 122.08, 121.81, 119.34, 115.19, 109.26, and 98.54 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z = 665.2195$ . calcd for  $\text{C}_{47}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{B}_1\text{S}_1$ : 665.2225 [ $M+\text{H}$ ]<sup>+</sup>; UV/Vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}} (\varepsilon) = 255$  (55100), 311 (32900), and 503 nm (12400  $\text{mol}^{-1}\text{dm}^3\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).$

**Synthesis of 3e.** **3e** (Orange solid, 53.8 mg, 71.8  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 80%) was synthesized from **1e**<sup>[S1]</sup> (52.8 mg, 90.3  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) via a method similar to the synthesis of **3a**.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  = 9.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>i</sup>), 8.34 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), 7.98 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>d</sup>), 7.95 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>f</sup>), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>c</sup>), 7.77 (t,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>h</sup>), 7.59 (t,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>g</sup>), 7.54 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>e</sup>), 7.38–7.35 (m, 5H, H<sup>b</sup>, oPh), 7.21–7.19 (m, 6H, mPh, pPh), 7.03 (s, 2H, Mes), 7.00 (s, 2H, Mes), 2.38 (s, 3H, Me), 2.37 (s, 3H, Me), 2.114 (s, 6H, Me), and 2.108 ppm (s, 6H, Me);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  = 167.17, 145.34, 143.12, 140.02, 138.68, 138.59, 137.22, 136.94, 136.41, 132.75, 131.79, 130.97, 129.98, 128.63, 128.41, 128.14, 128.09, 127.82, 127.52, 126.93, 125.70, 124.90, 124.39, 123.41, 122.73, 122.01, 121.16, 114.88, 109.06, 98.44, 21.32, 21.25, and 21.22 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 748.3103. calcd for  $\text{C}_{53}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_2\text{B}_1\text{S}_1$ : 748.3087 [ $M]^+$ ; UV/Vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\varepsilon$ ) = 308 (17100), 330 (14600), and 496 nm (12900  $\text{mol}^{-1}\text{dm}^3\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

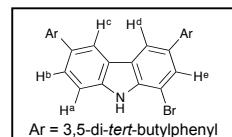


**Synthesis of 3,6-bis(3,5-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)carbazole.** A solution of 3,6-dibromocarbazole (825 mg, 2.54 mmol), 3,5-di-*tert*-butylphenylboronic acid (2.39 g, 10.2 mmol),  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (194 mg, 168  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), and  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (2.12 g, 25.2 mmol) in toluene/EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (18/12/12 mL) was degassed and heated at 100 °C for 12 h under  $\text{N}_2$ . After cooling to rt, organic products were extracted with EtOAc, and the extracts were passed through a silica gel column with EtOAc and evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ /hexane to give the desired product as a white solid (1.21 g, 2.24 mmol, 88%).



$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.43 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>c</sup>), 8.02 (s, 1H, NH), 7.77 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 8.4 Hz, 2H, H<sup>b</sup>), 7.65 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 4H, Ar), 7.55 (t,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.50 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), and 1.53 ppm (s, 36H, tBu);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 151.21, 141.74, 139.39, 134.68, 126.19, 124.01, 122.18, 120.90, 119.31, 110.95, 35.17, and 31.77 ppm. HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 544.3911. calcd for  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{50}\text{N}_1$ : 544.3938 [ $M+\text{H}]^+$ .

**Synthesis of 3,6-bis(3,5-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)-1-bromocarbazole.** To a solution of 3,6-bis(3,5-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)carbazole (1.10 g, 2.03 mmol) was added NBS (365 mg, 2.05 mmol) at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 3 h in the dark. The mixture was evaporated, and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ /hexane to give the desired product as a white solid (1.12 g, 1.80 mmol, 89%).



$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.42 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>c</sup>), 8.37 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>d</sup>), 8.35 (s, 1H, NH), 7.94 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>e</sup>), 7.84 (dd,  $J$  = 1.4, 8.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>b</sup>), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.59 (t,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.58 (t,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz,

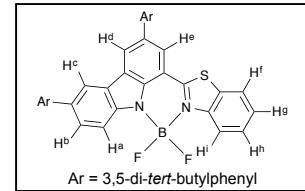
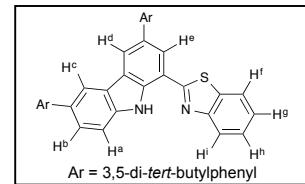
1H, Ar), 1.549 (s, 18H, *t*Bu), and 1.545 ppm (s, 18H, *t*Bu);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 151.39, 151.27, 141.47, 140.62, 139.00, 137.92, 136.25, 135.34, 128.05, 126.92, 125.18, 124.45, 122.16, 121.34, 121.06, 119.78, 118.47, 111.37, 104.41, 35.18, and 31.77 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 622.2889. calcd for  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{47}\text{N}_1\text{Br}_1$ : 622.2880 [ $M-\text{H}$ ]<sup>-</sup>.

**Synthesis of 7f.** A suspension of 3,6-bis(3,5-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)-1-bromocarbazole (1.09 g, 1.75 mmol), benzothiazole (0.58 mL, 5.4 mmol),  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (29.7 mg, 132  $\mu\text{mol}$ ),  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (73.2 mg, 366  $\mu\text{mol}$ ),  $\text{PPh}_3$  (248 mg, 946  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), and  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (521 mg, 3.78 mmol) in dry toluene (3.0 mL) was degassed and heated at reflux for 15 h under  $\text{N}_2$ . After the solvent was removed, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ /hexane to give **7f** as a yellow solid (511 mg, 755  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 43%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 11.05 (s, 1H, NH), 8.45 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>d</sup> or H<sup>e</sup>), 8.38 (s, 1H, H<sup>c</sup>), 8.23 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>f</sup> or H<sup>i</sup>), 8.16 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>d</sup> or H<sup>e</sup>), 7.97 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>f</sup> or H<sup>i</sup>), 7.78 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>b</sup>), 7.73 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.57–7.55 (m, 3H, H<sup>g</sup> or H<sup>h</sup>, and Ar), 7.52 (t,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.47 (t,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.45 (t,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>g</sup> or H<sup>h</sup>), 1.47 (s, 18H, *t*Bu), and 1.45 ppm (s, 18H, *t*Bu);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 168.04, 154.15, 151.50, 151.23, 141.64, 141.20, 139.76, 137.27, 135.05, 134.56, 133.90, 126.83, 126.53, 125.50, 125.42, 125.38, 123.43, 122.97, 122.43, 122.30, 122.19, 121.79, 121.38, 120.98, 119.52, 115.98, 111.71, 35.23, 35.18, and 31.78 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 675.3801. calcd for  $\text{C}_{47}\text{H}_{51}\text{N}_2\text{S}_1$ : 675.3778 [ $M-\text{H}$ ]<sup>-</sup>.

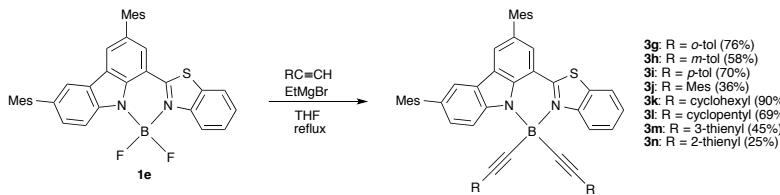
**Synthesis of 1f.** **7f** (536 mg, 792  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was dissolved in dry toluene (10 mL).  $i\text{Pr}_2\text{NEt}$  (1.0 mL, 5.8 mmol) and then  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$  (0.24 mL, 1.9 mmol) were added, and the mixture was heated at 100 °C for 1 h under  $\text{N}_2$ . After the solvents were removed, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ /hexane to give **1f** as a yellow solid (530 mg, 731  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 92%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.66 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>i</sup>), 8.56 (s, 1H, H<sup>d</sup>), 8.36 (s, 1H, H<sup>c</sup>), 8.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), 8.03 (s, 1H, H<sup>e</sup>), 7.94 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>f</sup>), 7.85 (dd,  $J$  = 1.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>b</sup>), 7.74 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>h</sup>), 7.59 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>g</sup>), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.54–7.53 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.47 (s, 1H, Ar), 1.46 (s, 18H, *t*Bu), and 1.44 ppm (s, 18H, *t*Bu);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 168.28, 151.70, 151.24, 144.36, 143.16, 141.60, 140.72, 139.99, 136.04, 134.80, 129.44, 128.84, 127.63, 127.28, 127.23, 126.10, 124.82, 122.45, 122.32, 122.24, 121.69, 121.06, 119.94, 114.46, 108.93, 35.24, 35.18, and 31.77 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 725.3881. calcd for  $\text{C}_{47}\text{H}_{52}\text{N}_2\text{S}_1\text{B}_1\text{F}_2$ : 725.3915 [ $M+\text{H}$ ]<sup>+</sup>; UV/Vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\varepsilon$ ) = 328 (21900), 341 (22100), and 470 nm (17400  $\text{mol}^{-1}\text{dm}^3\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).



**Synthesis of 3f.** **3f** (red solid, 60.5 mg, 71.8  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 60%) was synthesized from **1f** (82.0 mg, 113  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) via a method similar to the synthesis of **3a**.

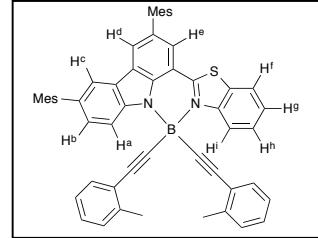
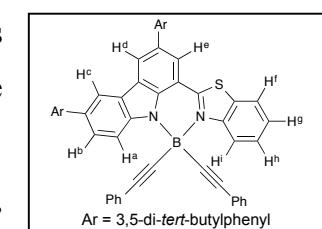
$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.26 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>i</sup>), 8.51 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>d</sup>), 8.39 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), 8.37 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>c</sup>), 7.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>f</sup>), 7.94 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>e</sup>), 7.86 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>b</sup>), 7.78 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>h</sup>), 7.60 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>g</sup>), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.51 (t,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.37–7.35 (m, 4H, oPh), 7.20–7.19 (m, 6H, mPh, pPh), 1.45 (s, 18H, tBu), and 1.44 ppm (s, 18H, tBu);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 167.20, 151.59, 151.11, 145.37, 143.87, 142.00, 141.07, 139.26, 134.97, 133.69, 131.80, 130.01, 128.08, 127.88, 127.51, 127.21, 127.01, 125.82, 124.90, 124.85, 122.74, 122.32, 122.13, 122.04, 121.45, 120.76, 119.57, 115.11, 109.14, 98.46, 35.23, 35.18, 31.79, and 31.77 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 889.4740. calcd for  $\text{C}_{63}\text{H}_{62}\text{N}_2\text{B}_1\text{S}_1$ : 889.4732 [ $M+\text{H}]^+$ ; UV/Vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\varepsilon$ ) = 306 (33000), 345 (18000), and 507 nm (12700  $\text{mol}^{-1}\text{dm}^3\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).



**Scheme S3** Synthesis of **3g–n**.

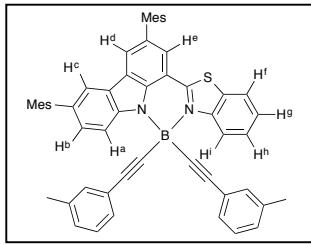
**Synthesis of 3g.** **3g** (red solid, 47.3 mg, 72.5  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 76%) was synthesized from **1e** (55.5 mg, 94.9  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) with 2-ethynyltoluene via a method similar to the synthesis of **3a**.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.31 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>i</sup>), 8.41 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), 8.00 (s, 1H, H<sup>d</sup>), 7.95 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>f</sup>), 7.86 (s, 1H, H<sup>c</sup>), 7.75 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>h</sup>), 7.60 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>g</sup>), 7.55 (s, 1H, H<sup>e</sup>), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>b</sup>), 7.29 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H, o-tolyl), 7.12–7.10 (m, 4H, o-tolyl), 7.04–7.01 (m, 6H, o-tolyl, Mes), 2.39 (s, 3H, Me), 2.38 (s, 9H, Me), 2.13 (s, 6H, Me), and 2.11 ppm (s, 6H, Me);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 167.23, 145.27, 143.05, 140.28, 140.04, 138.72, 138.60, 137.22, 136.98, 136.90, 136.42, 132.74, 131.92, 130.95, 129.96, 129.29, 128.67, 128.41, 128.21, 128.14, 127.69, 127.54, 126.95, 125.69, 125.30, 124.66, 124.38, 123.43, 122.92, 122.01, 121.11, 115.16, 109.06, 97.48, 21.28, 21.24, and 21.08 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 776.3429. calcd for  $\text{C}_{55}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_2\text{B}_1\text{S}_1$ : 776.3411 [ $M^-$ ]; UV/Vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\varepsilon$ ) = 308 (18600), 329 (15700), and 498 nm (12700  $\text{mol}^{-1}\text{dm}^3\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).



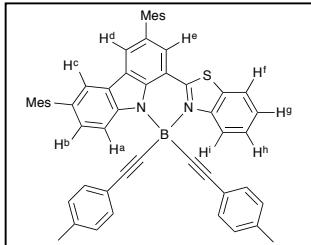
**Synthesis of 3h.** **3h** (Orange solid, 38.5 mg, 60.0  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 58%) was synthesized from **1e** (60.4 mg, 103  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) with 3-ethynyltoluene via a method similar to the synthesis of **3a**.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>i</sup>), 8.34 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), 7.98 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>d</sup>), 7.94 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>f</sup>), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>c</sup>), 7.77 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>h</sup>), 7.59 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>g</sup>), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>e</sup>), 7.37 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>b</sup>), 7.20 (s, 2H, *m*-tolyl), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H, *m*-tolyl), 7.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H, *m*-tolyl), 7.03 (s, 2H, Mes), 7.01 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H, *m*-tolyl), 7.00 (s, 2H, Mes), 2.38 (s, 3H, Me), 2.37 (s, 3H, Me), 2.24 (s, 6H, Me), 2.113 (s, 6H, Me), and 2.110 ppm (s, 6H, Me);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 167.14, 145.38, 143.15, 140.07, 138.71, 138.63, 137.69, 137.21, 136.97, 136.40, 132.68, 132.42, 130.92, 129.97, 128.85, 128.60, 128.40, 128.14, 128.00, 127.84, 126.90, 125.71, 124.74, 124.38, 123.37, 122.79, 121.96, 121.11, 114.97, 109.07, 98.54, 21.32, and 21.26 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 776.3424. calcd for  $\text{C}_{55}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_2\text{B}_1\text{S}_1$ : 776.3411 [ $M^-$ ]; UV/Vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\varepsilon$ ) = 308 (19000), 329 (15900), and 496 nm (13500  $\text{mol}^{-1}\text{dm}^3\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).



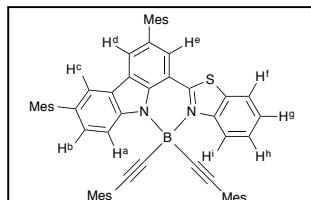
**Synthesis of 3i.** **3i** (Orange solid, 54.7 mg, 70.4  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 70%) was synthesized from **1e** (58.5 mg, 100  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) with 4-ethynyltoluene via a method similar to the synthesis of **3a**.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.26 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>i</sup>), 8.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), 7.98 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>d</sup>), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>f</sup>), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>c</sup>), 7.76 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>h</sup>), 7.57 (t,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>g</sup>), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H<sup>e</sup>), 7.37 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>b</sup>), 7.26 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 4H, *p*-tolyl), 7.03 (s, 2H, Mes), 7.01 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 4H, *p*-tolyl), 7.00 (s, 2H, Mes), 2.39 (s, 3H, Me), 2.37 (s, 3H, Me), 2.28 (s, 6H, Me), and 2.12 ppm (s, 12H, Me);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 167.08, 145.40, 143.16, 140.08, 138.70, 138.64, 137.43, 137.19, 136.96, 136.38, 132.65, 131.67, 130.88, 129.98, 128.84, 128.55, 128.40, 128.35, 128.13, 127.77, 126.87, 125.70, 124.37, 123.37, 122.84, 121.94, 121.90, 121.10, 114.97, 109.09, 98.51, 21.53, 21.33, 21.26, and 21.23 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 776.3418. calcd for  $\text{C}_{55}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_2\text{B}_1\text{S}_1$ : 776.3411 [ $M^-$ ]; UV/Vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\varepsilon$ ) = 308 (16500), 329 (16100), and 497 nm (13300  $\text{mol}^{-1}\text{dm}^3\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).



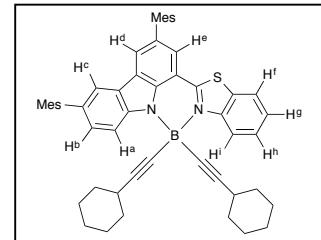
**Synthesis of 3j.** **3j** (Orange solid, 31.4 mg, 37.6  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 36%) was synthesized from **1e** (60.9 mg, 104  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) with 2-ethynyl-1,3,5-trimethylbenzene via a method similar to the synthesis of **3a**.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>i</sup>), 8.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), 7.98 (s, 1H, H<sup>d</sup>), 7.94 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>f</sup>), 7.83 (s, 1H, H<sup>c</sup>), 7.71 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>h</sup>), 7.58 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H,



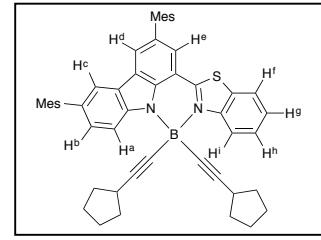
$\text{H}^{\text{g}}$ ), 7.54 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{e}}$ ), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{b}}$ ), 7.03 (s, 2H, Mes), 7.00 (s, 2H, Mes), 6.74 (s, 4H, Mes), 2.39 (s, 3H, Me), 2.37 (s, 3H, Me), 2.23 (s, 12H, Me), 2.20 (s, 6H, Me), 2.13 (s, 6H, Me), and 2.08 ppm (s, 6H, Me);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 167.15, 145.24, 142.99, 140.11, 138.74, 138.67, 137.19, 137.03, 136.88, 136.76, 136.40, 132.63, 130.80, 129.90, 128.65, 128.39, 128.12, 127.92, 127.38, 126.95, 125.66, 124.27, 123.39, 123.33, 121.90, 121.63, 120.93, 115.64, 109.06, 96.46, 21.35, 21.30, 21.22, and 21.11 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 832.4047. calcd for  $\text{C}_{59}\text{H}_{53}\text{N}_2\text{B}_1\text{S}_1$ : 832.4038 [ $M^-$ ]; UV/Vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\varepsilon$ ) = 308 (18400), 330 (15700), and 499 nm (12900  $\text{mol}^{-1}\text{dm}^3\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

**Synthesis of 3k.** **3k** (Orange solid, 105 mg, 138  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 90%) was synthesized from **1e** (89.5 mg, 153  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) with cyclohexylacetylene via a method similar to the synthesis of **3a**.



$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{j}}$ ), 8.26 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{a}}$ ), 7.94 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{d}}$ ), 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{f}}$ ), 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{c}}$ ), 7.68 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{h}}$ ), 7.53 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{g}}$ ), 7.47 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{e}}$ ), 7.31 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{b}}$ ), 7.02 (s, 2H, Mes), 6.99 (s, 2H, Mes), 2.44–2.37 (m, 2H, *c*-hex), 2.38 (s, 3H, Me), 2.37 (s, 3H, Me), 2.11 (s, 12H, Me), 1.75–1.67 (m, 8H, *c*-hex), 1.49–1.41 (m, 6H, *c*-hex), and 1.38–1.24 ppm (m, 6H, *c*-hex);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 166.72, 145.44, 143.14, 140.21, 138.78, 138.68, 137.09, 136.99, 136.94, 136.29, 132.24, 130.44, 130.01, 128.36, 128.26, 128.11, 127.88, 127.14, 126.65, 125.60, 124.27, 123.43, 123.16, 121.69, 120.89, 115.23, 109.12, 103.28, 32.96, 29.91, 26.27, 24.72, 21.25, and 21.22 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 760.4030. calcd for  $\text{C}_{53}\text{H}_{53}\text{N}_2\text{B}_1\text{S}_1$ : 760.4037 [ $M^-$ ]; UV/Vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\varepsilon$ ) = 309 (16500), 340 (16100), and 497 nm (13300  $\text{mol}^{-1}\text{dm}^3\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

**Synthesis of 3l.** **3l** (Orange solid, 51.4 mg, 70.1  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 69%) was synthesized from **1e** (59.2 mg, 101  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) with cyclopentylacetylene via a method similar to the synthesis of **3a**.

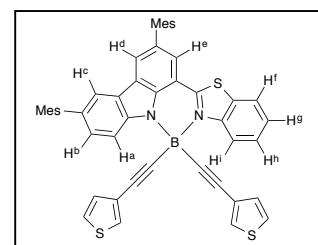


$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.11 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{j}}$ ), 8.19 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{a}}$ ), 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{d}}$ ), 7.89 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{f}}$ ), 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{c}}$ ), 7.69 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{h}}$ ), 7.54 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{g}}$ ), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{e}}$ ), 7.31 (dd,  $J$  = 1.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}^{\text{b}}$ ), 7.02 (s, 2H, Mes), 6.99 (s, 2H, Mes), 2.60 (quin,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H, *c*-pent), 2.38 (s, 3H, Me), 2.36 (s, 3H, Me), 2.10 (s, 6H, Me), 2.09 (s, 6H, Me), 1.79–1.75 (m, 4H, *c*-pent), and 1.67–1.44 ppm (m, 12H, *c*-pent);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 166.68, 145.47, 143.16, 140.21, 138.77, 138.66, 137.10, 137.00, 136.95, 136.30, 132.24, 130.44, 130.01, 128.36, 128.25, 128.12, 127.91, 127.17, 126.64, 125.57, 124.25, 123.27, 123.17, 121.69, 120.90, 115.10, 109.12, 103.48, 34.21, 34.17, 31.44, 24.95, 21.28,

21.25, and 21.22 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 732.3740. calcd for C<sub>51</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>2</sub>B<sub>1</sub>S<sub>1</sub>: 732.3724 [M]<sup>-</sup>; UV/Vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\varepsilon$ ) = 309 (16200), 338 (15900), and 496 nm (13600 mol<sup>-1</sup>dm<sup>3</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>).

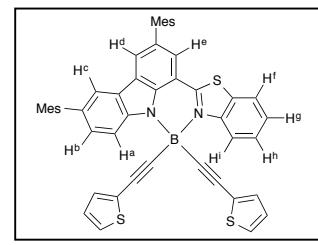
**Synthesis of 3m.** **3m** (Orange solid, 35.8 mg, 47.1  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 45%) was synthesized from **1e** (60.6 mg, 104  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) with 3-ethynylthiophene via a method similar to the synthesis of **3a**.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 9.20 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>i</sup>), 8.30 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>a</sup>), 7.98 (s, 1H, H<sup>d</sup>), 7.94 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sup>f</sup>), 7.84 (s, 1H, H<sup>c</sup>), 7.76 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>h</sup>), 7.58 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>g</sup>), 7.54 (s, 1H, H<sup>e</sup>), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H<sup>b</sup>), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 2H, thiophene), 7.15 (dd,  $J$  = 3.2, 5.2 Hz, 2H, thiophene), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 2H, thiophene), 7.03 (s, 2H, Mes), 7.00 (s, 2H, Mes), 2.39 (s, 3H, Me), 2.37 (s, 3H, Me), and 2.08 ppm (s, 12H, Me); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.14, 145.32, 143.08, 140.00, 138.65, 138.56, 137.23, 136.94, 136.42, 132.78, 131.00, 130.38, 129.97, 128.64, 128.41, 128.15, 127.93, 127.82, 126.92, 125.69, 124.74, 124.38, 124.00, 123.41, 122.67, 122.02, 121.16, 114.84, 109.04, 93.24, 21.33, and 21.24 ppm; HR-MS (APCI):  $m/z$  = 760.2244. calcd for C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>2</sub>B<sub>1</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 760.2226 [M]<sup>-</sup>; UV/Vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\varepsilon$ ) = 308 (19000), 329 (16500), and 496 nm (14000 mol<sup>-1</sup>dm<sup>3</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>).



**Synthesis of 3n.** **3n** (red solid, 19.4 mg, 25.5  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 25%) was synthesized from **1e** (59.0 mg, 101  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) with 2-ethynylthiophene via a method similar to the synthesis of **3a**.

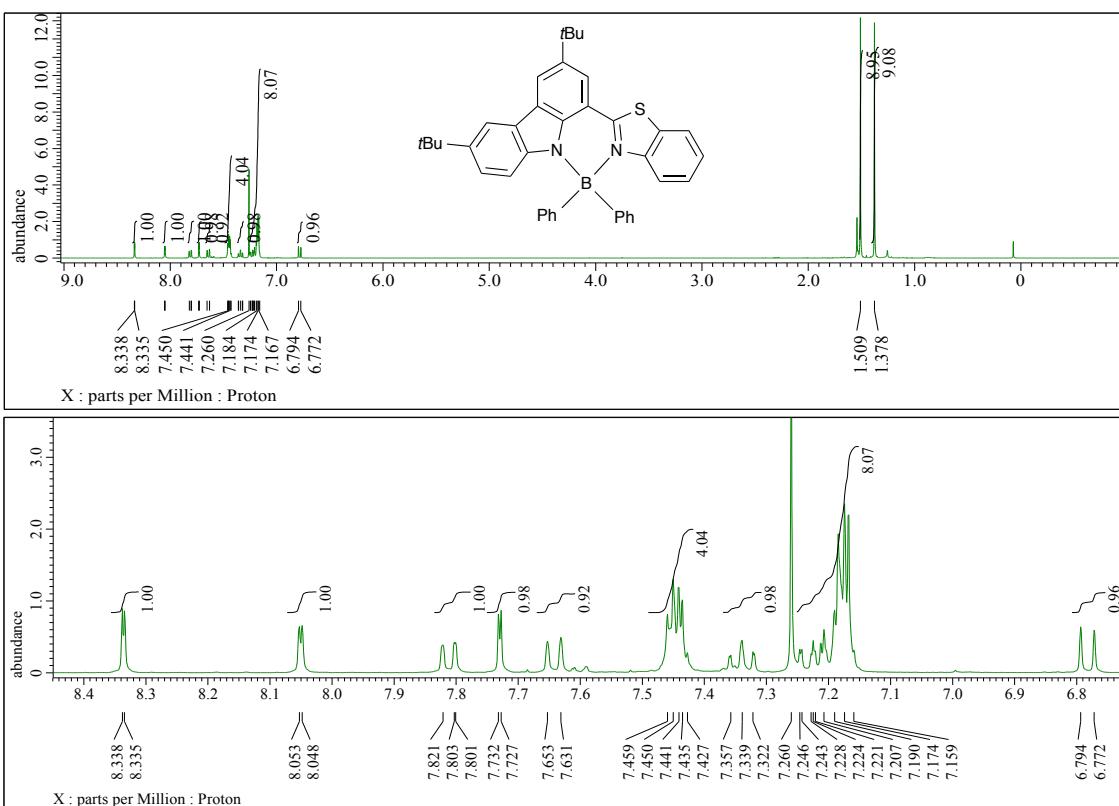
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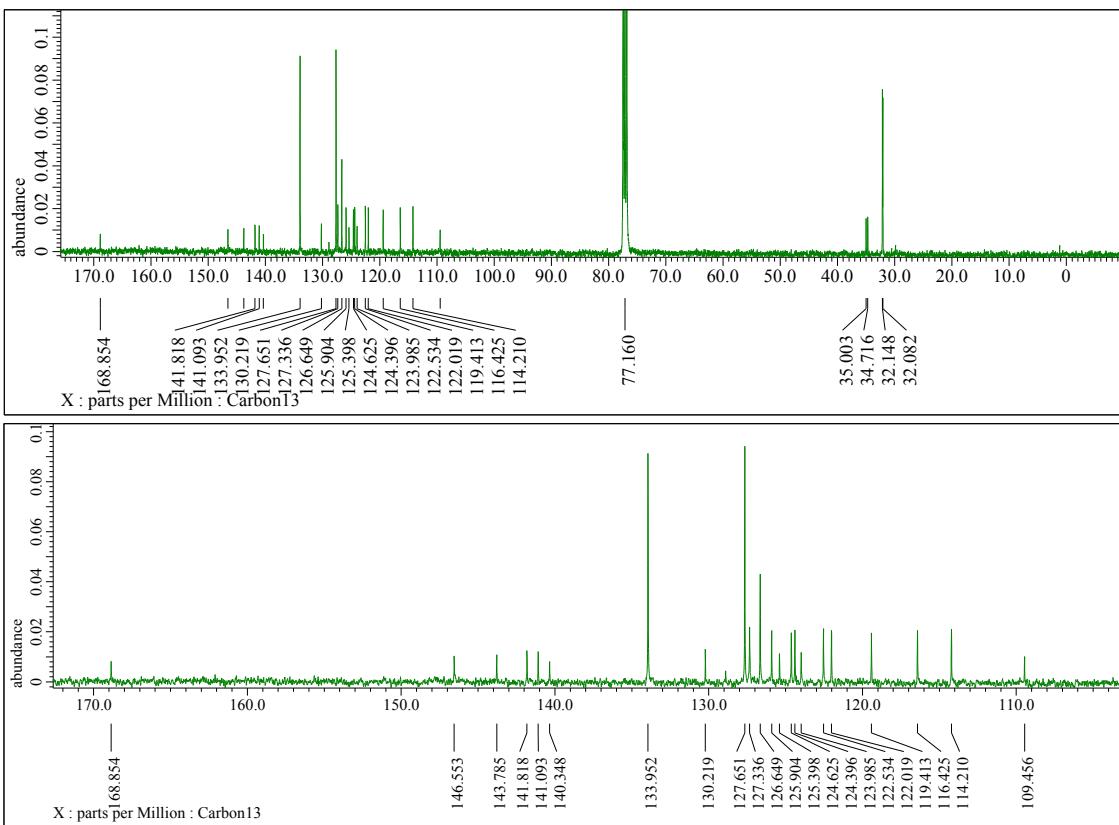
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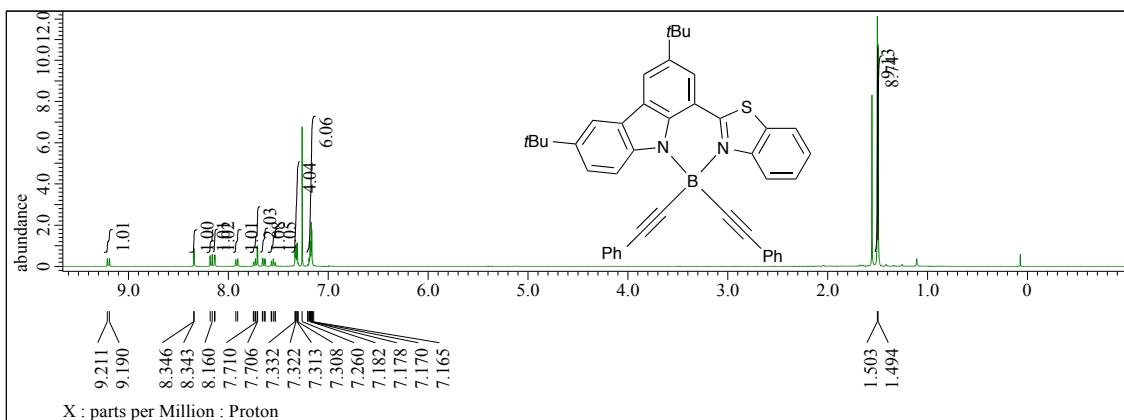
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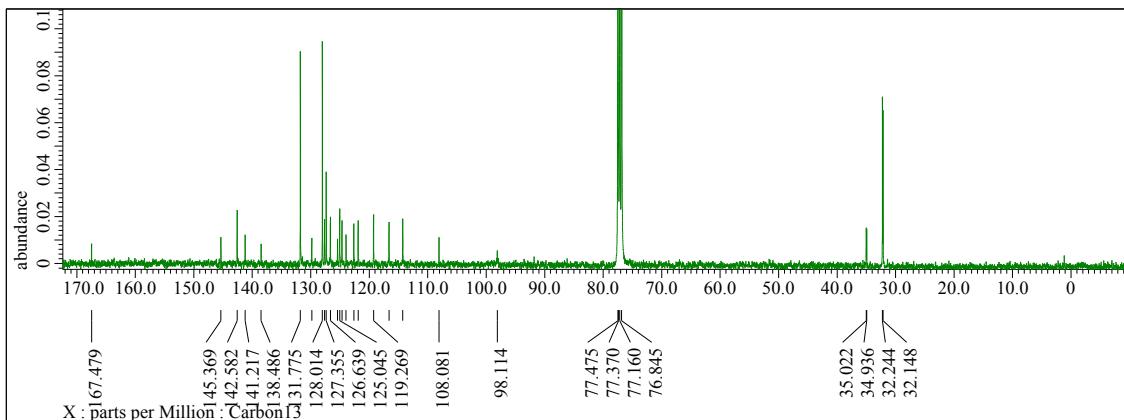
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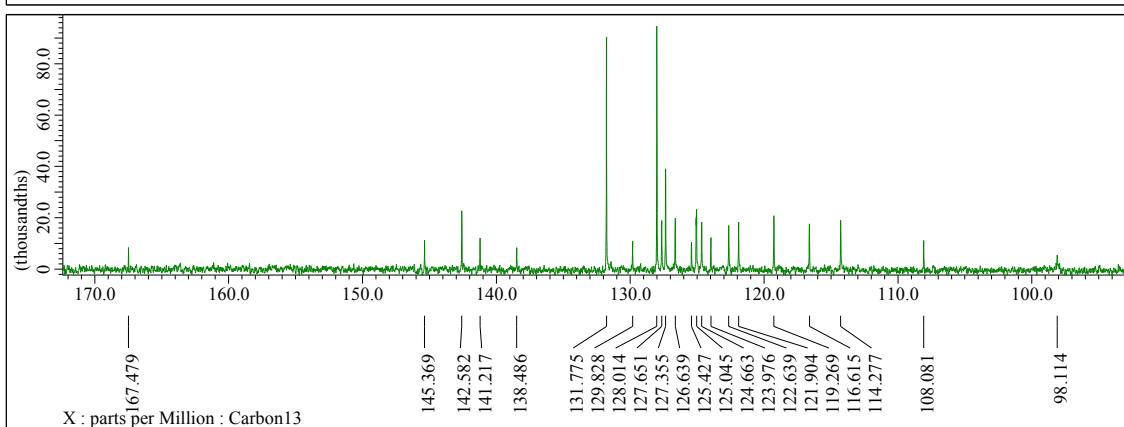
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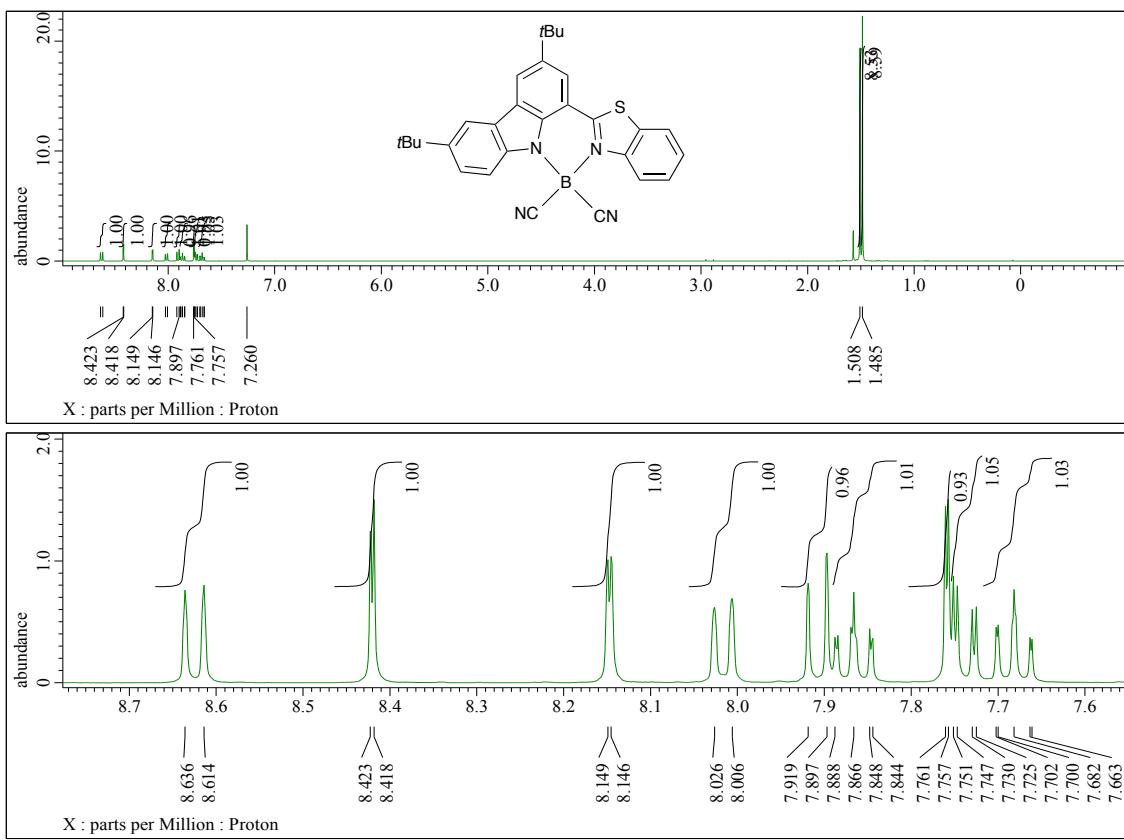
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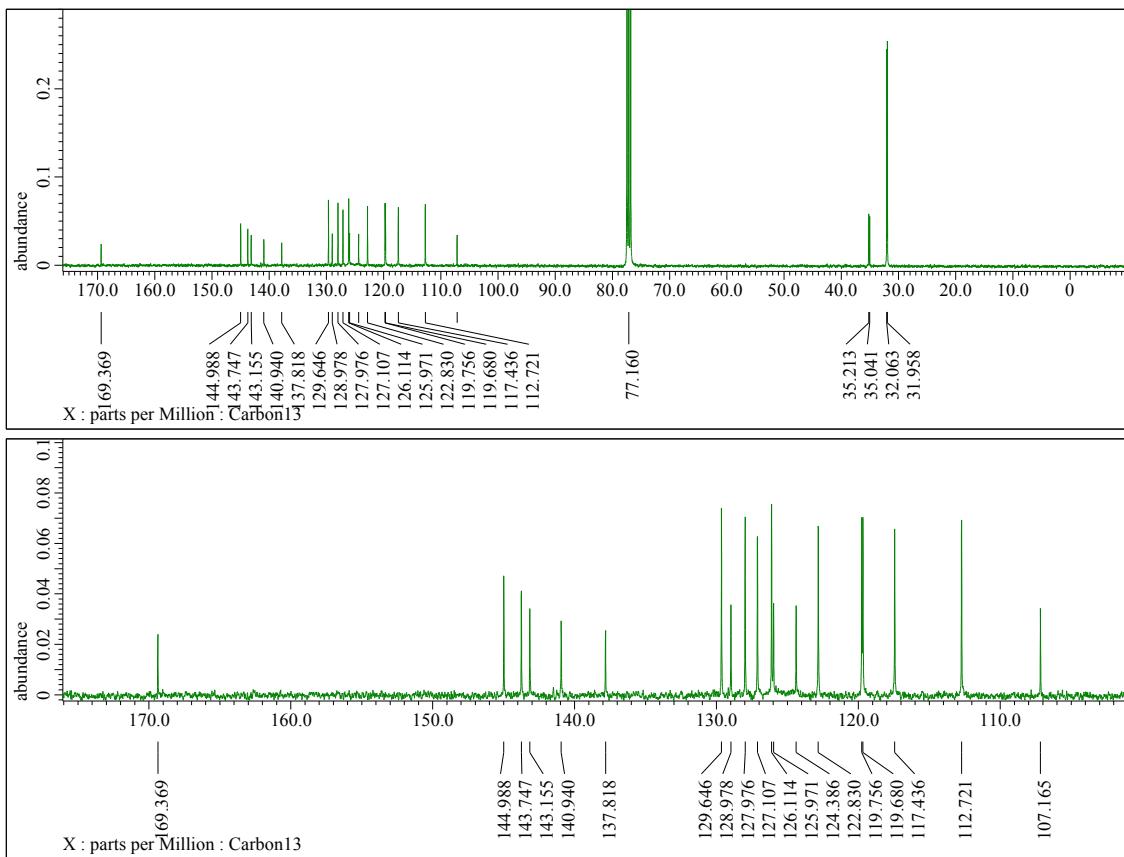
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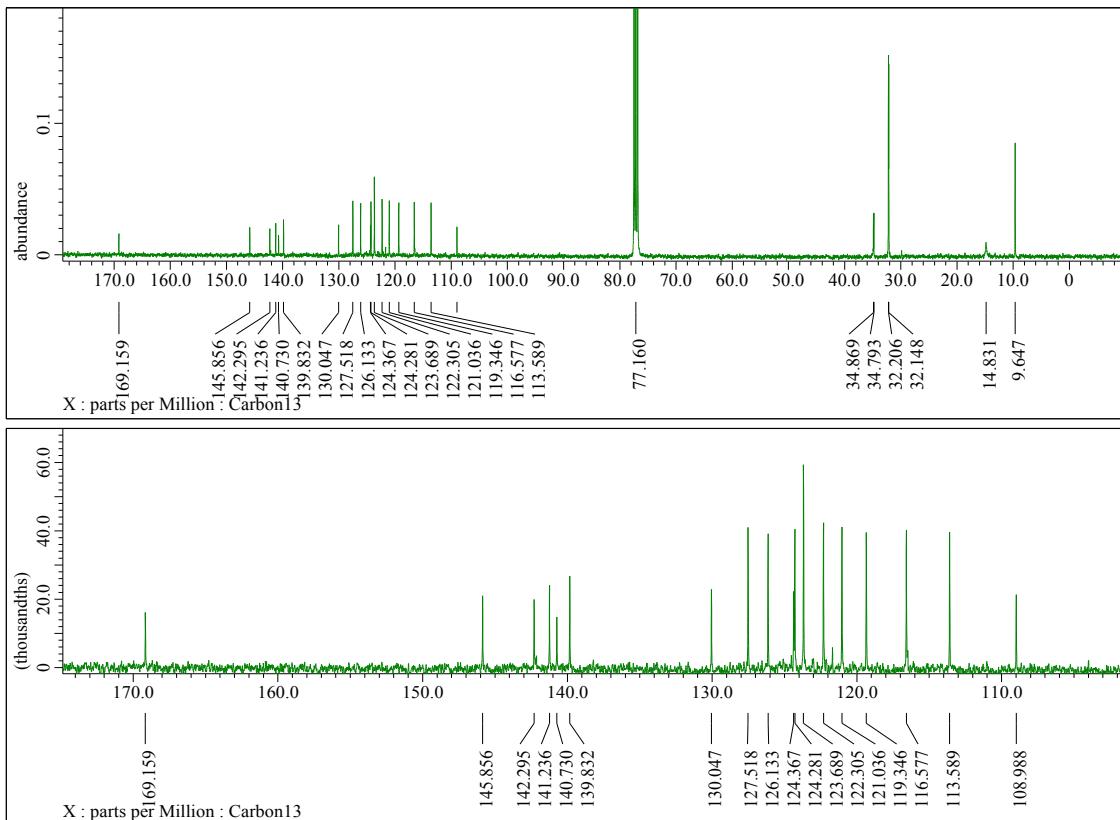
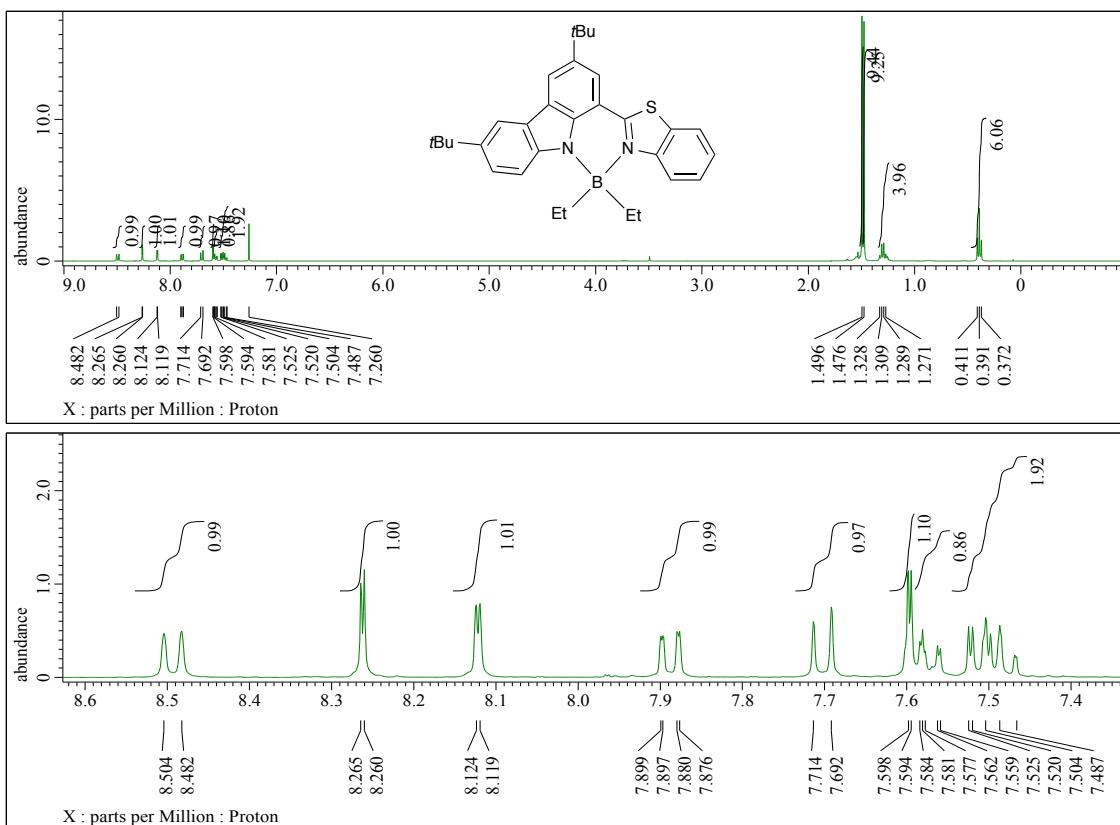
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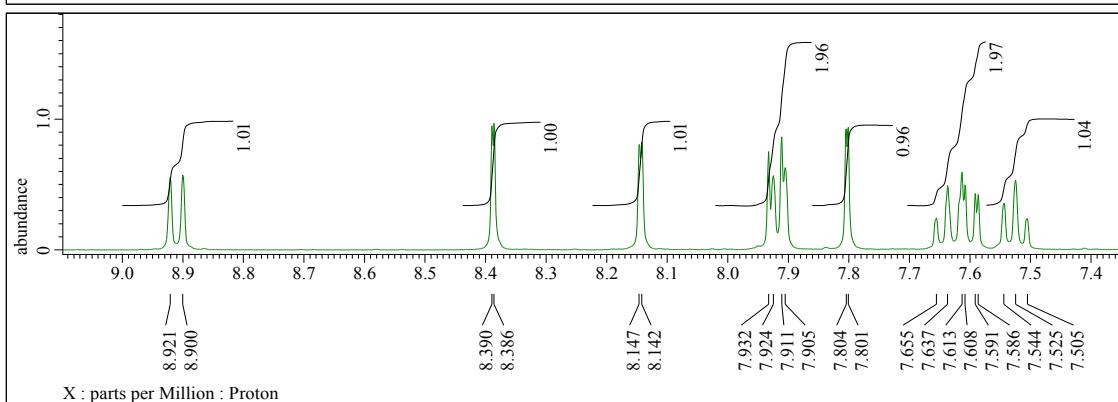
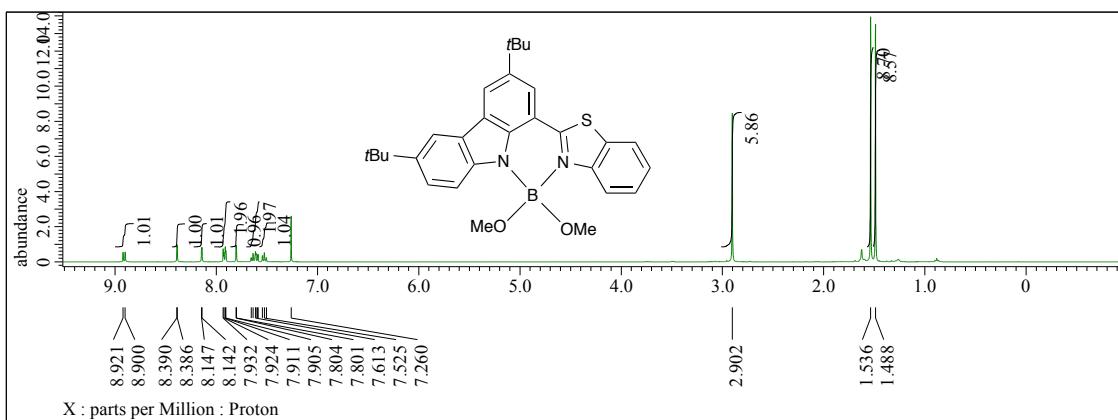


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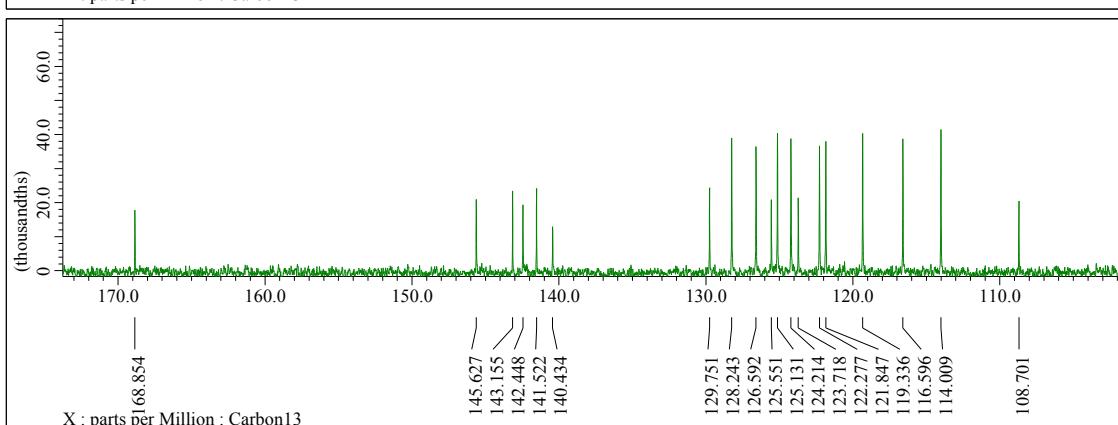
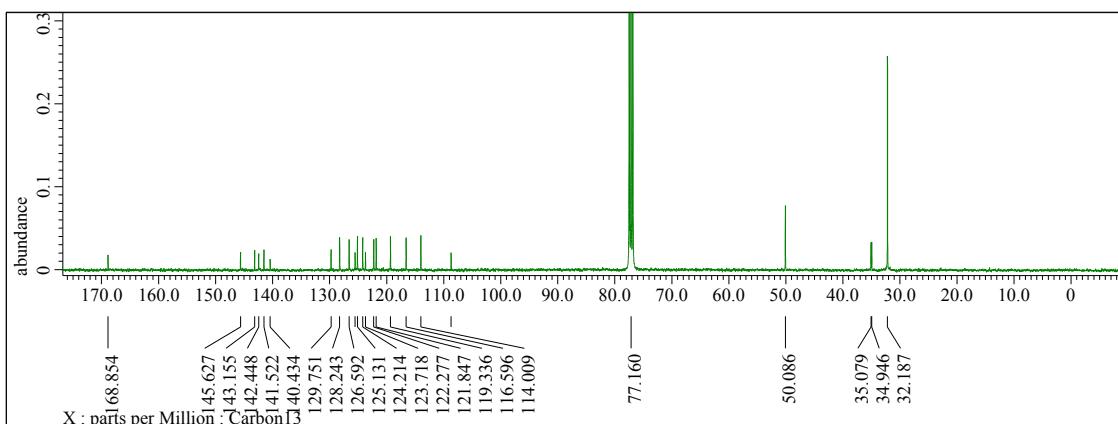


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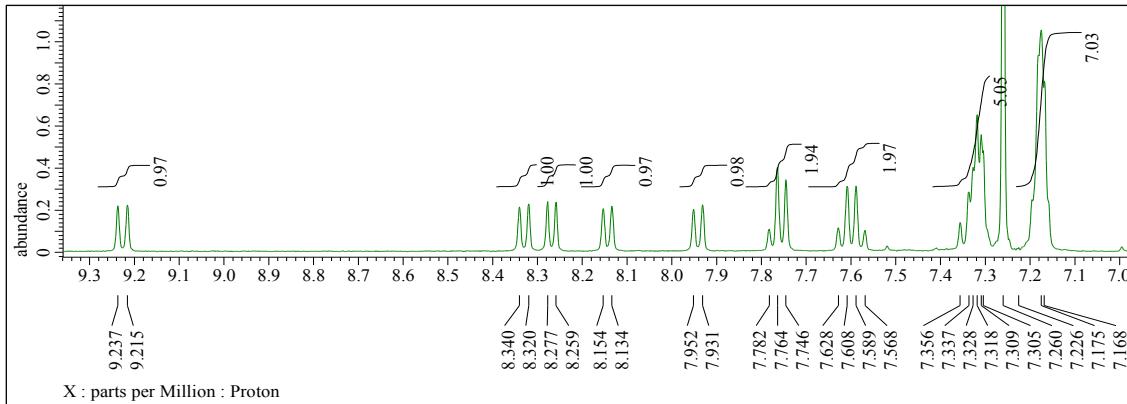
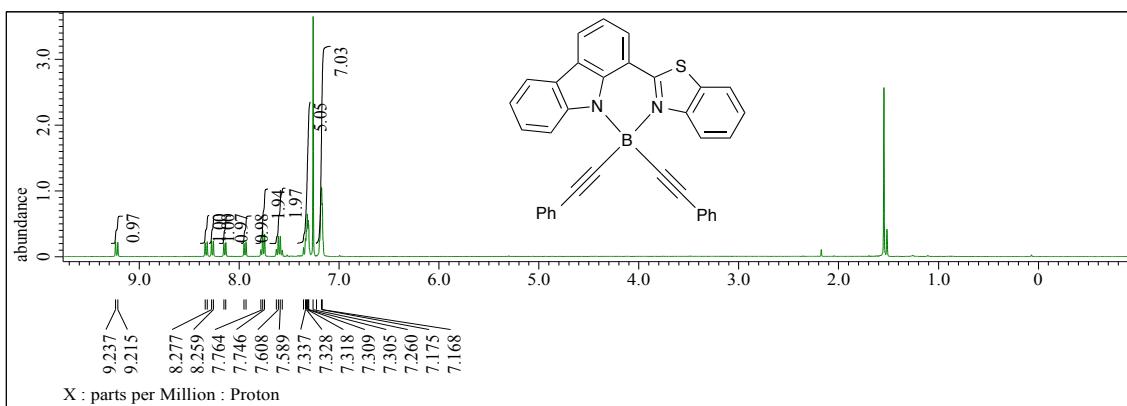




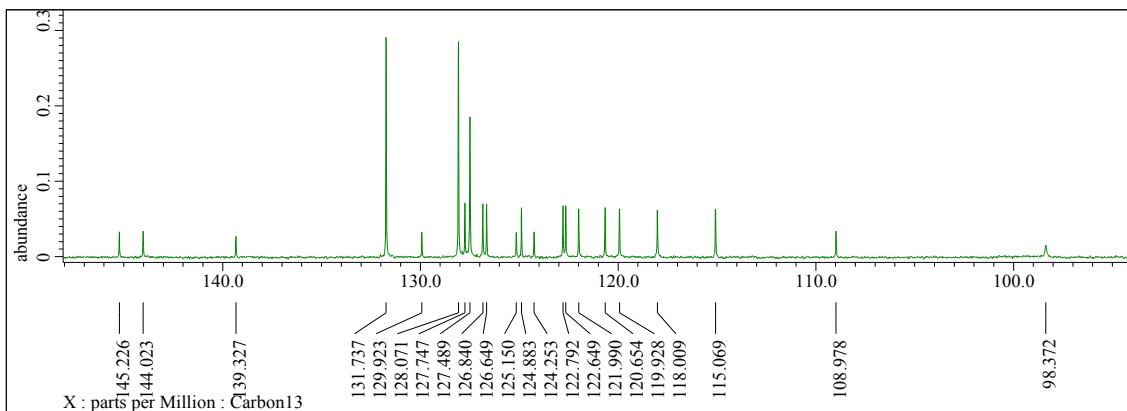
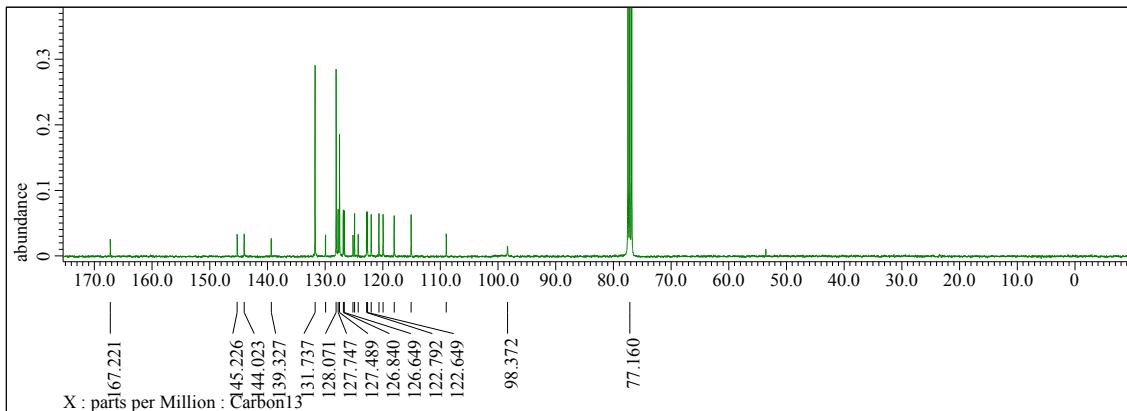
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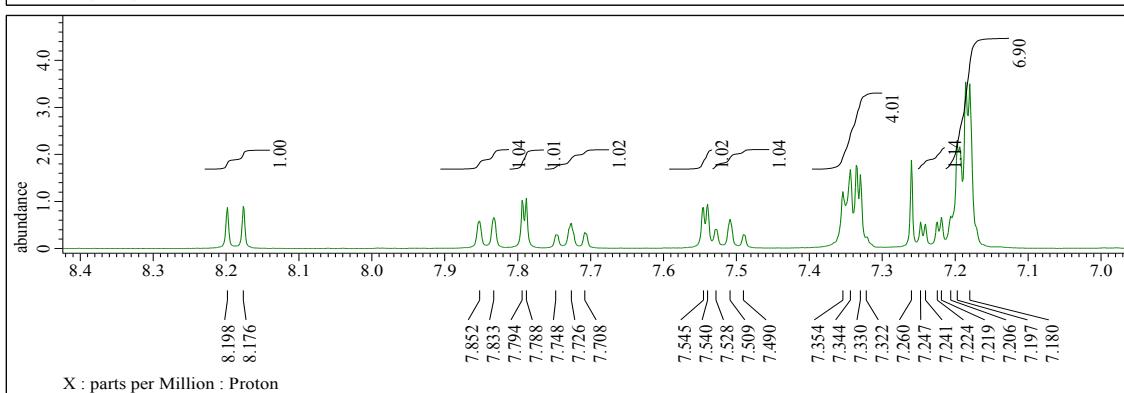
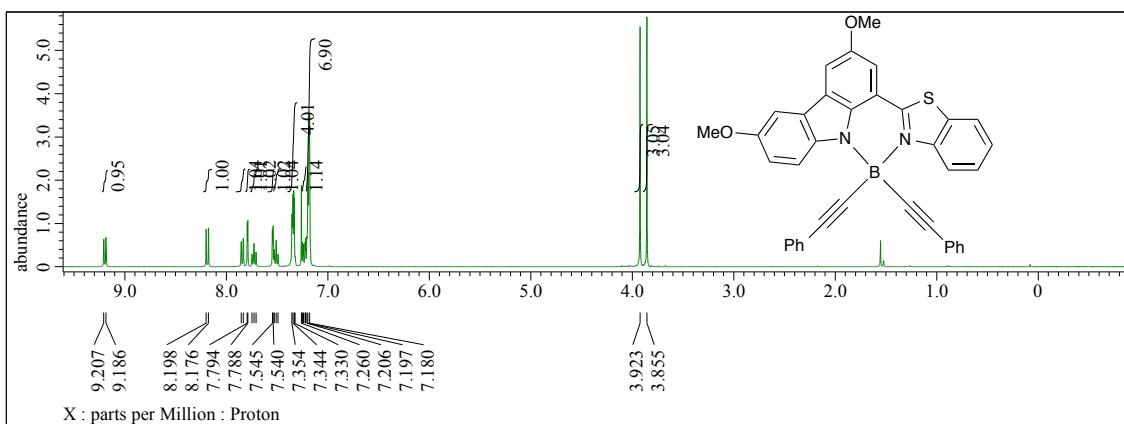
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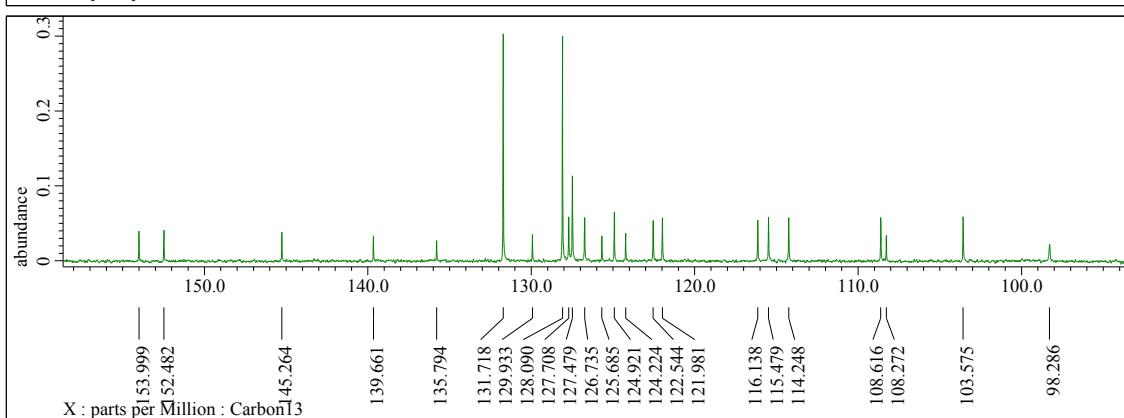
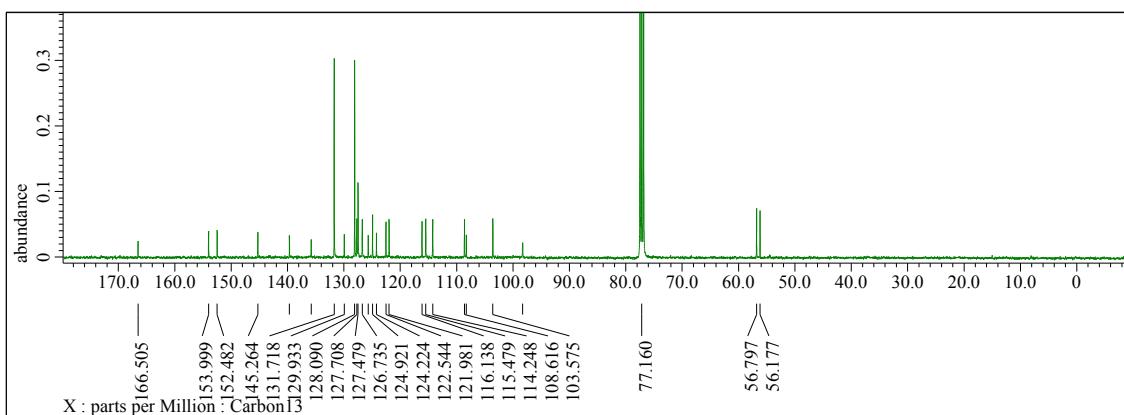
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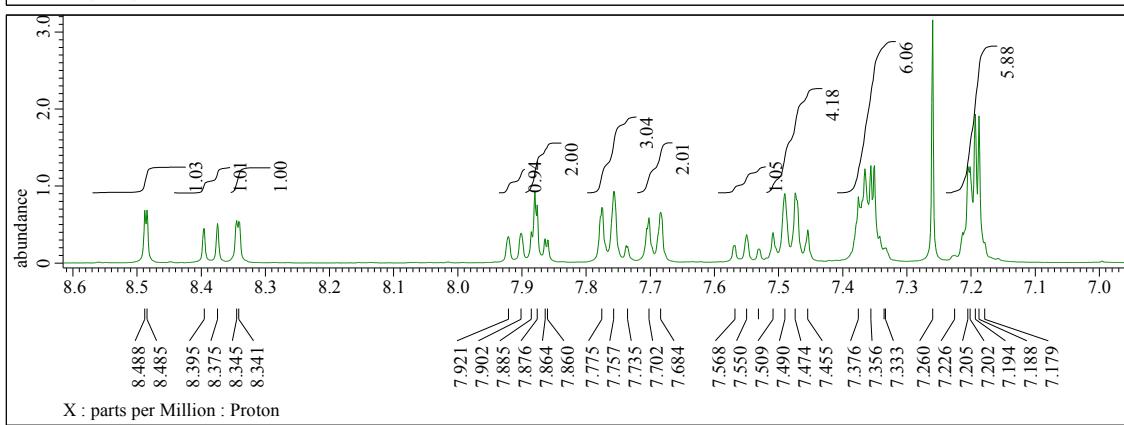
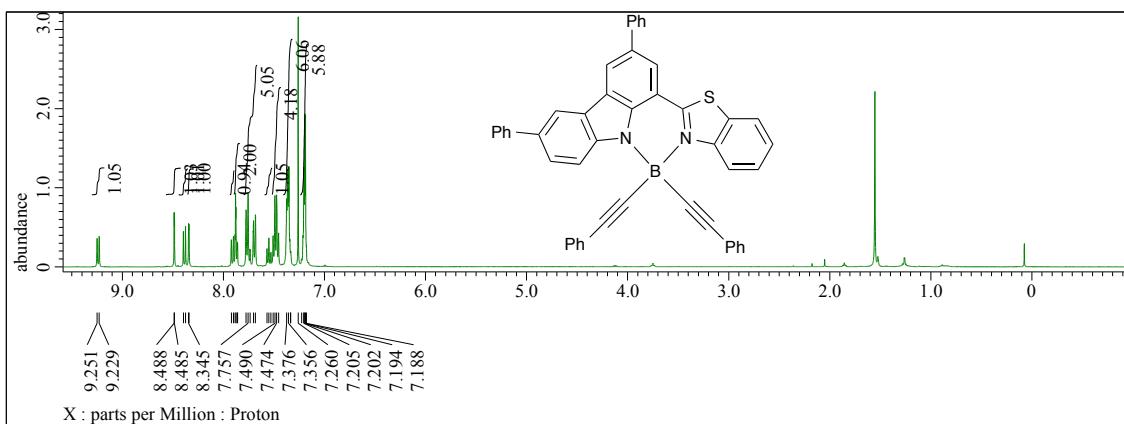
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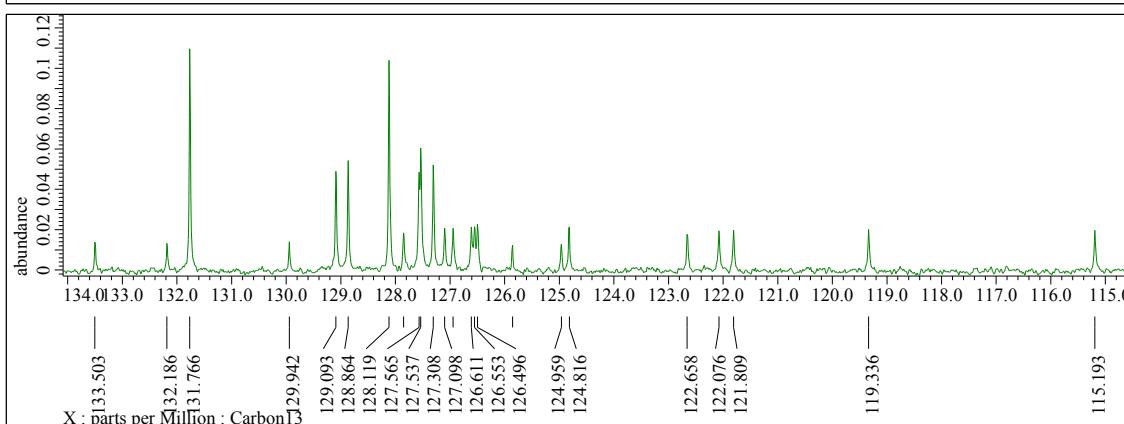
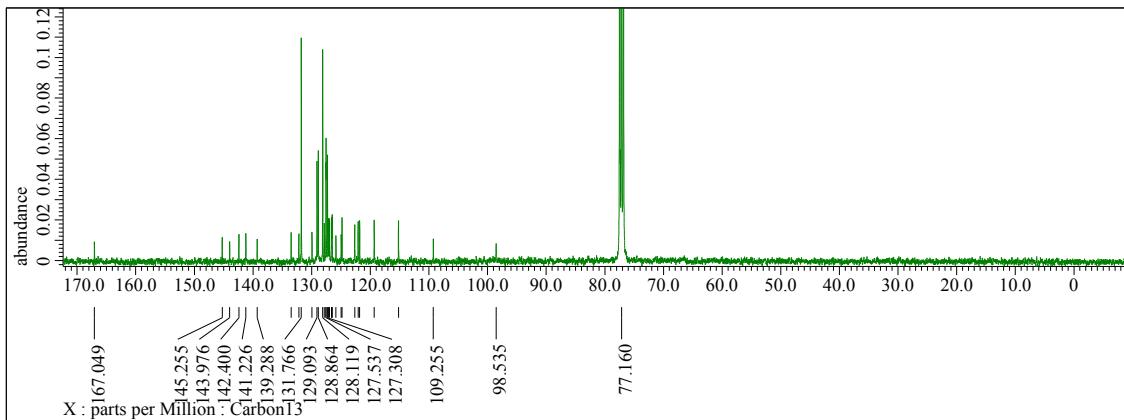
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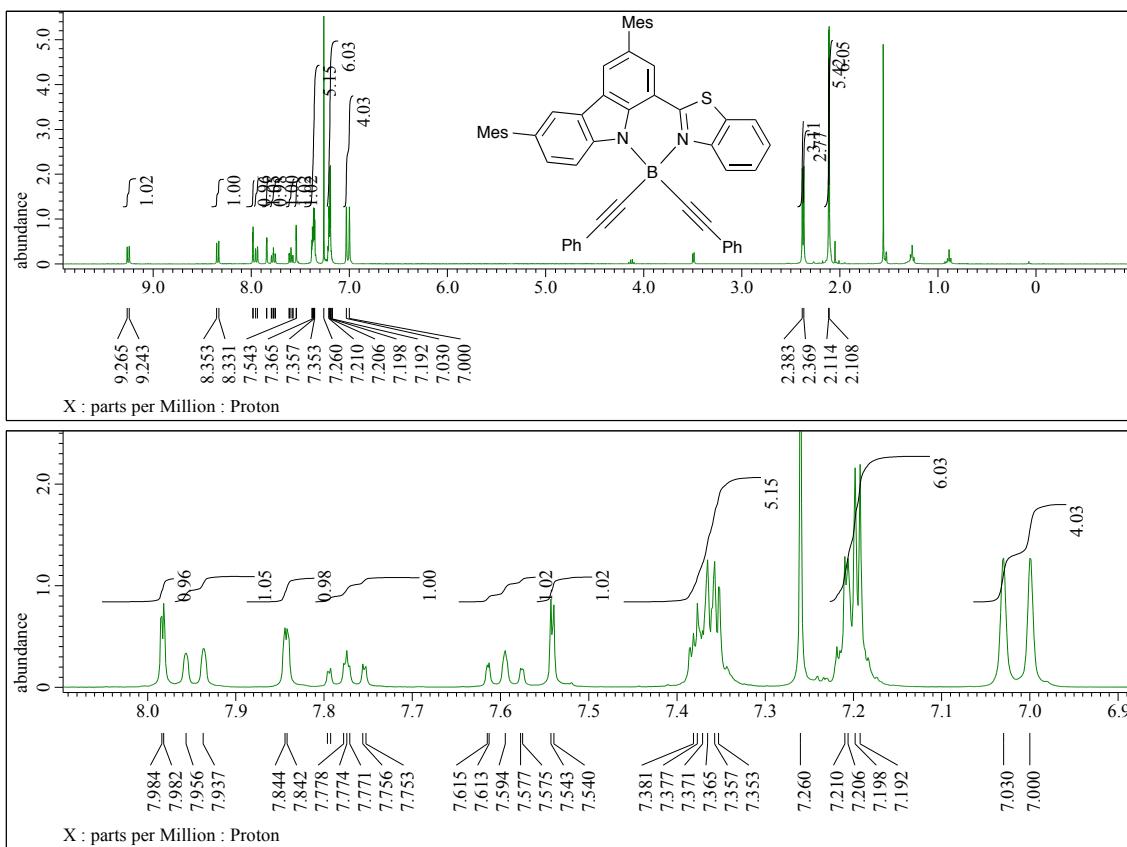
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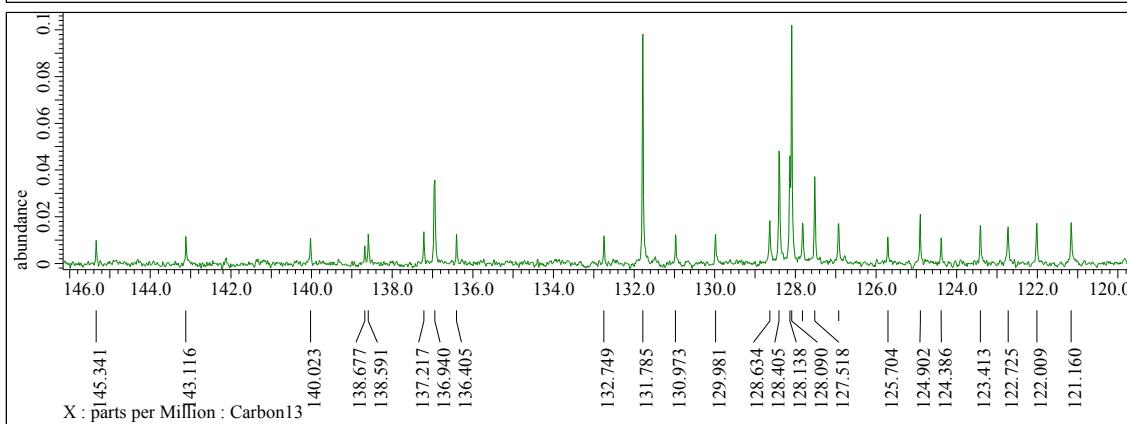
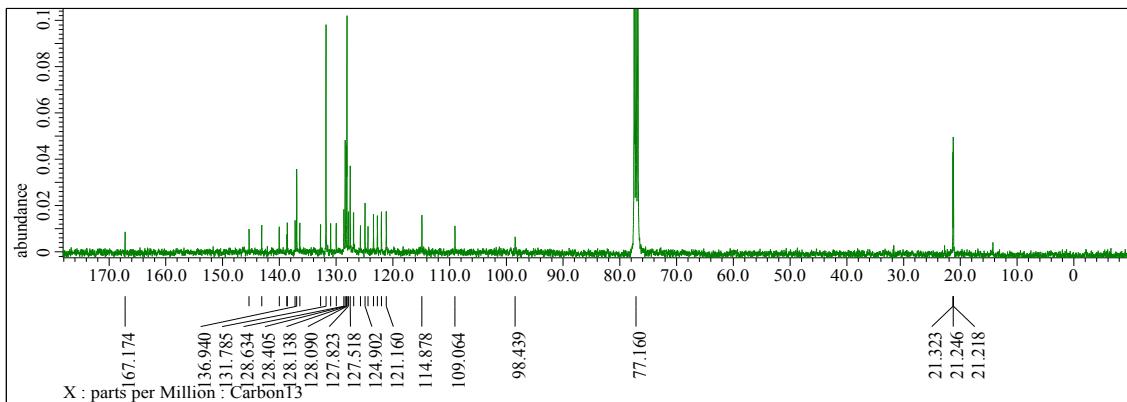
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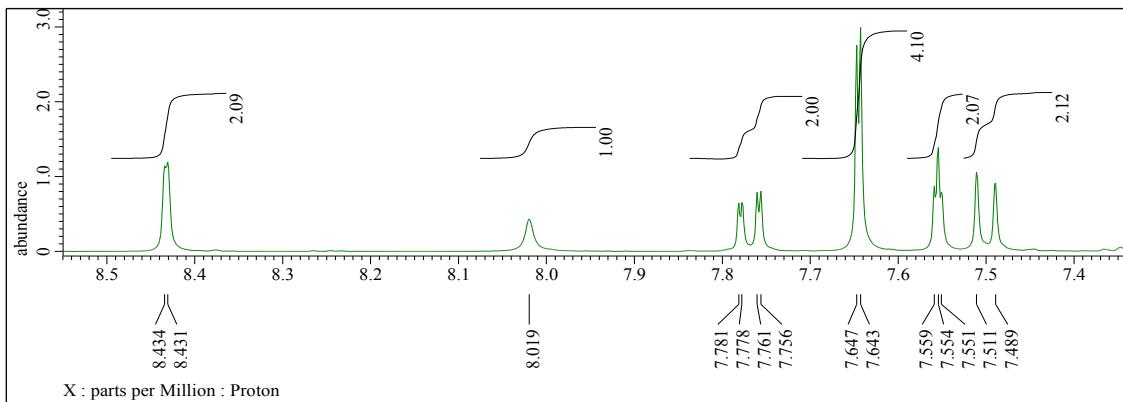
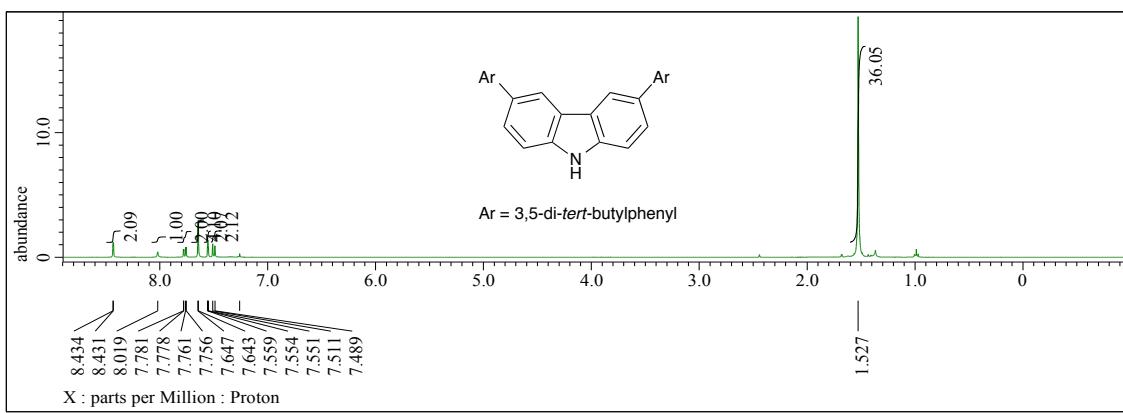
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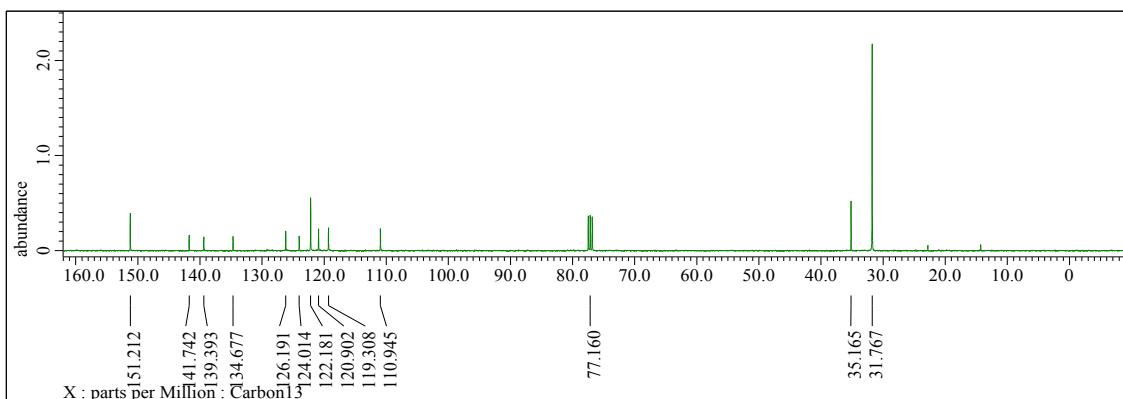
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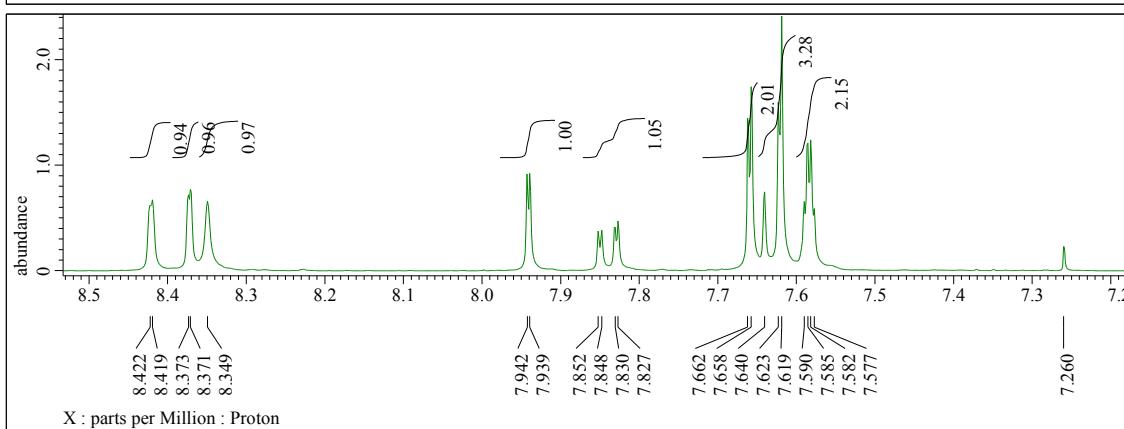
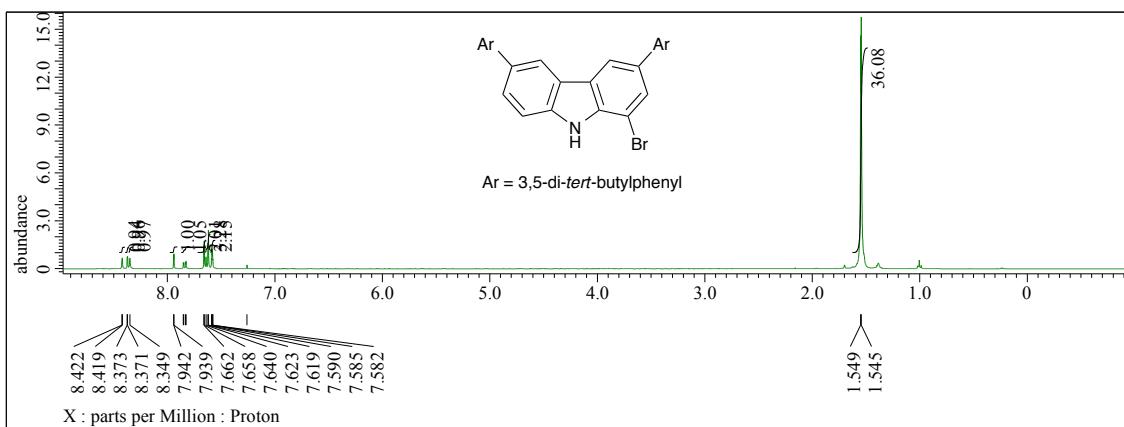
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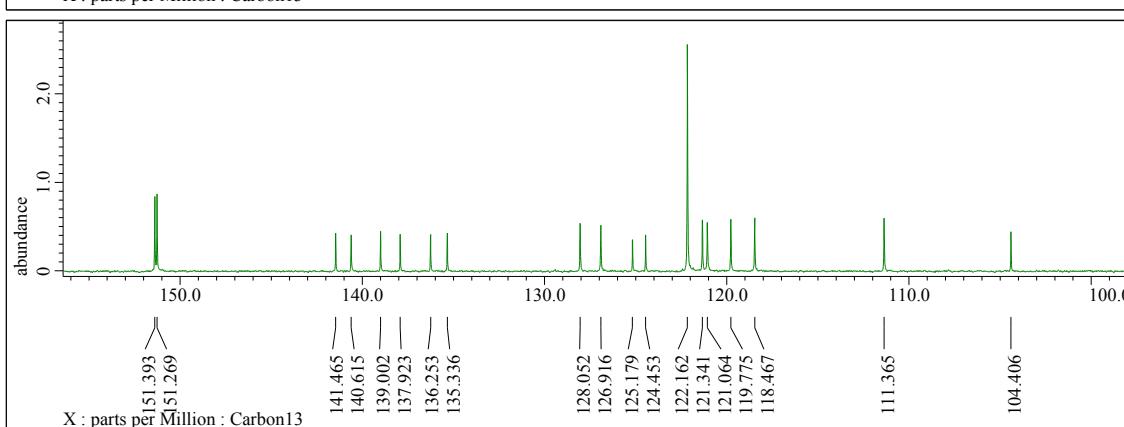
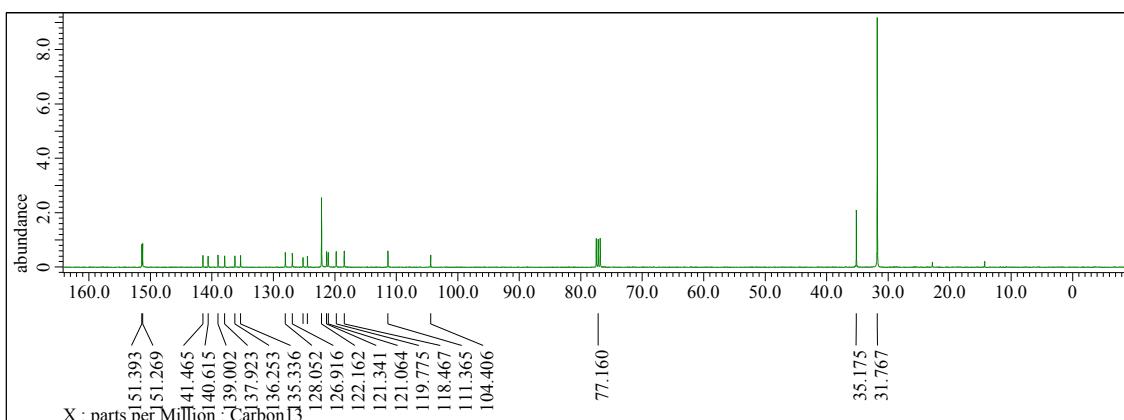
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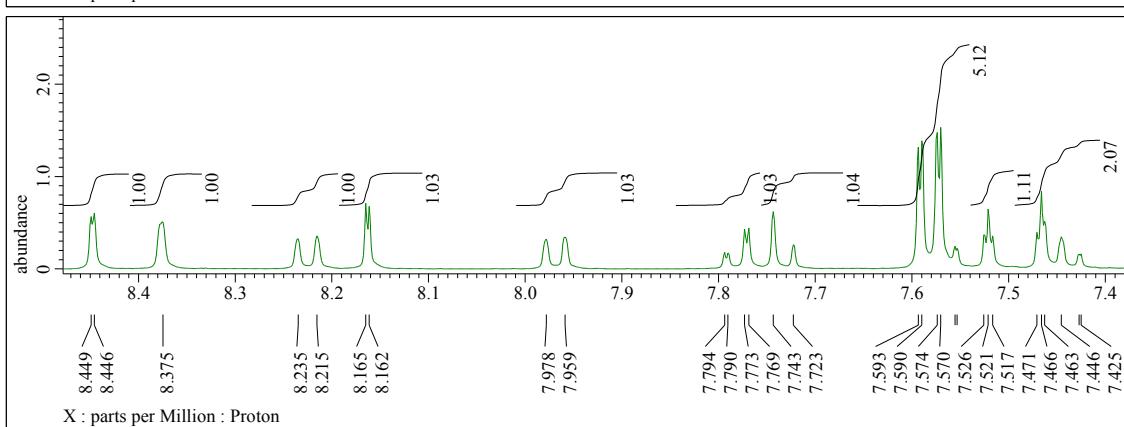
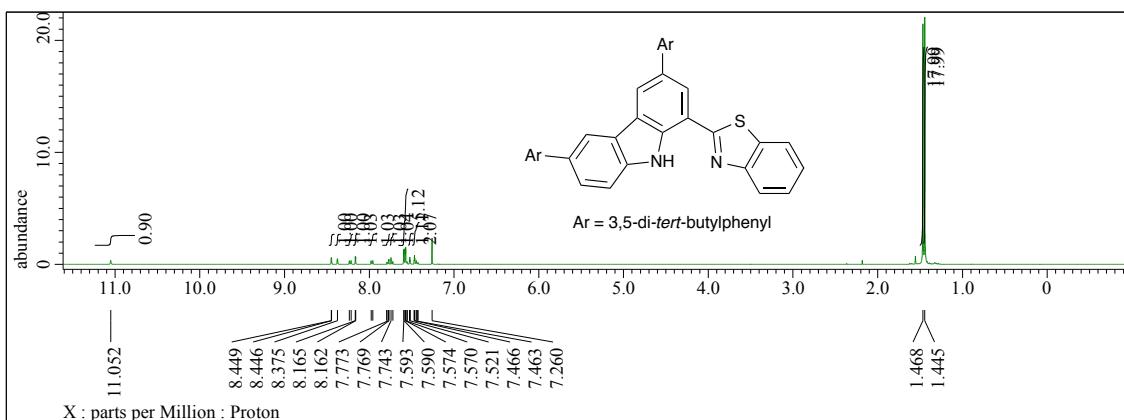
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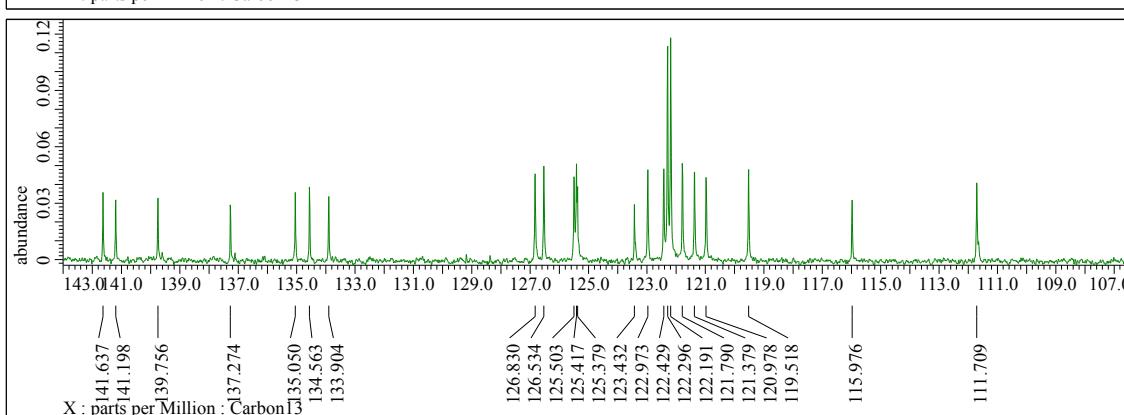
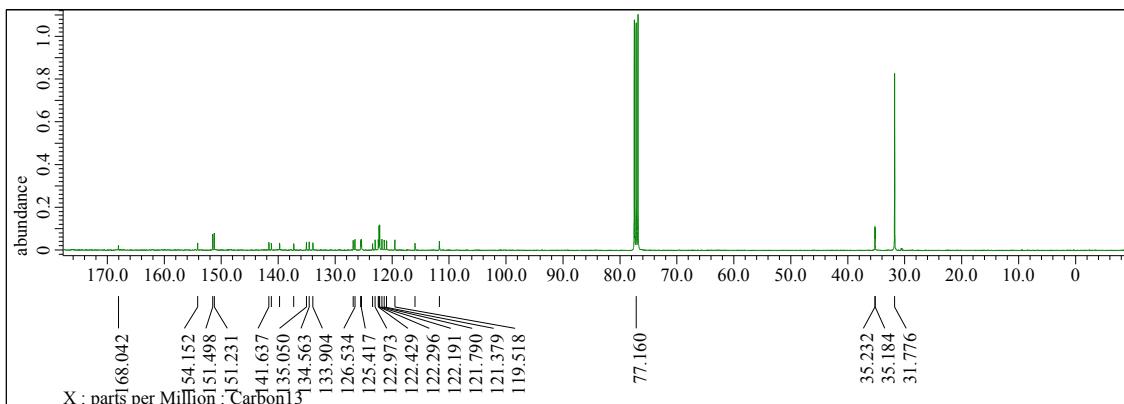
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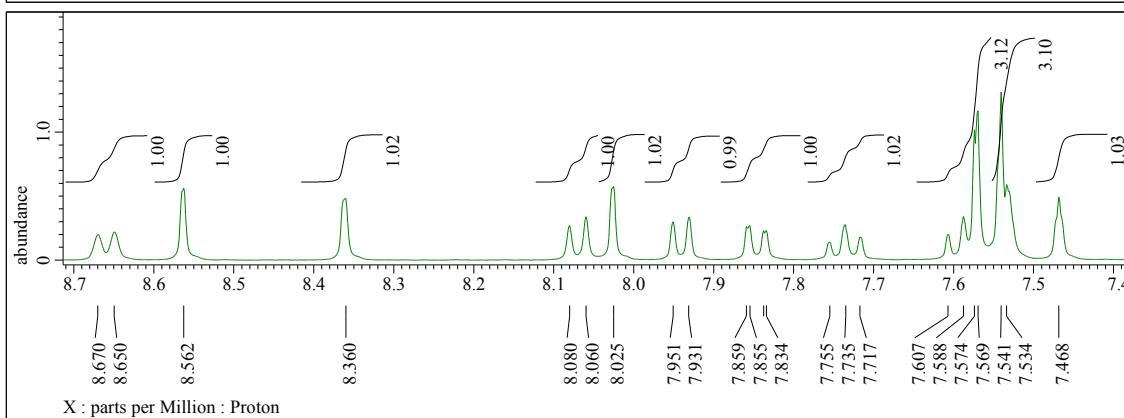
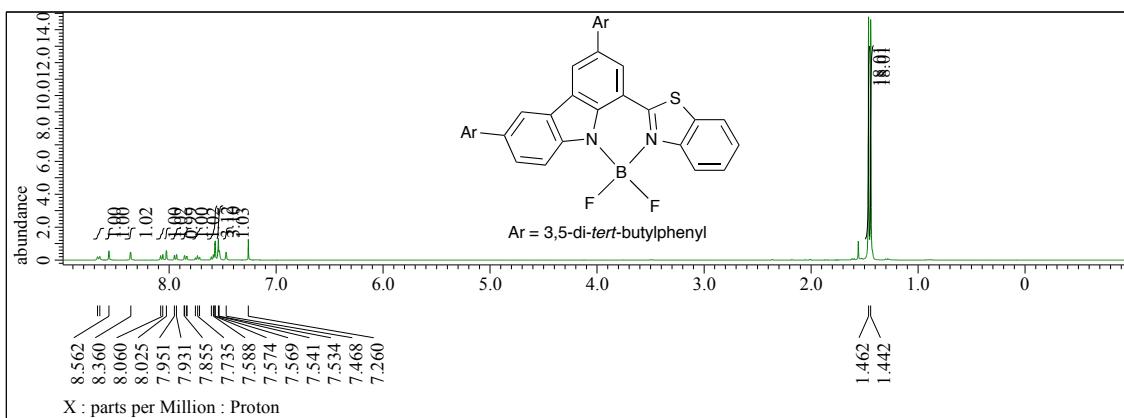
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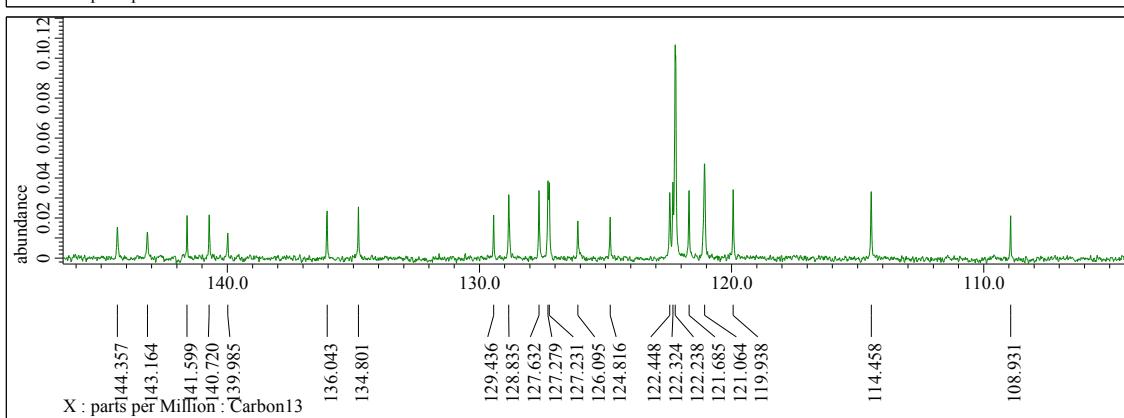
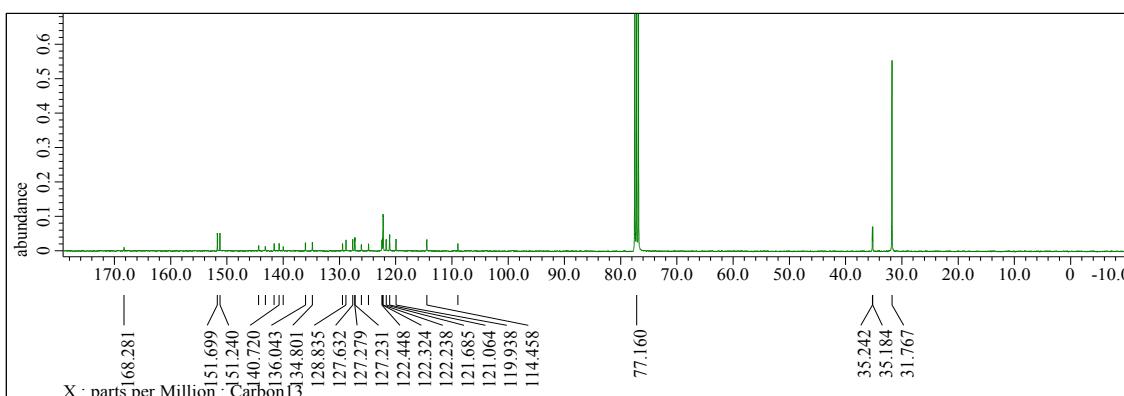
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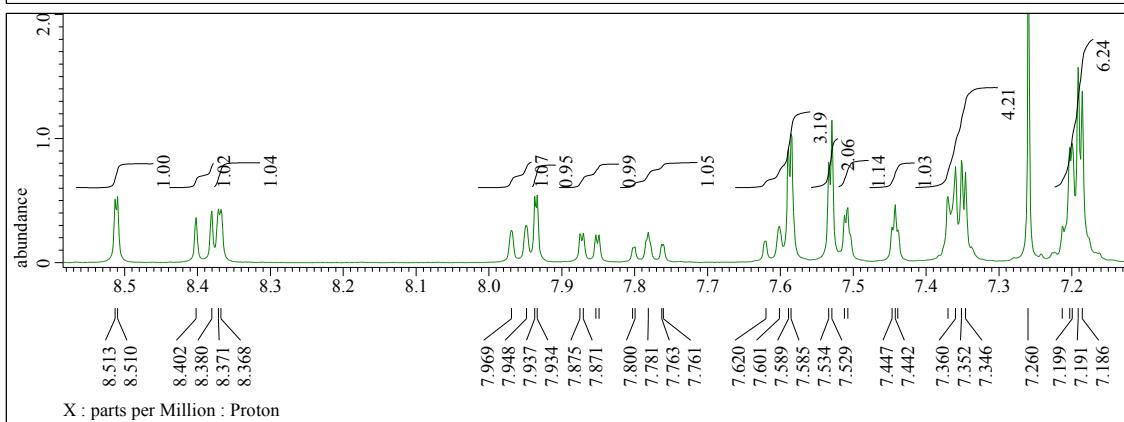
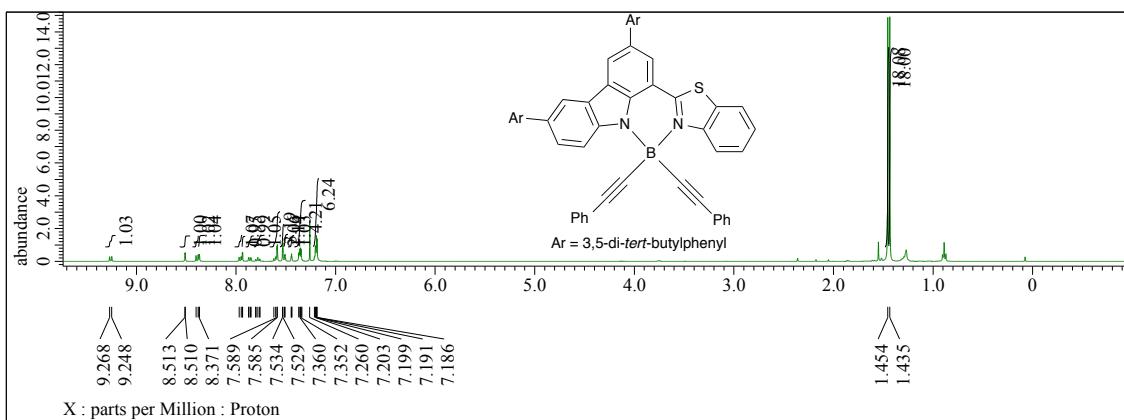
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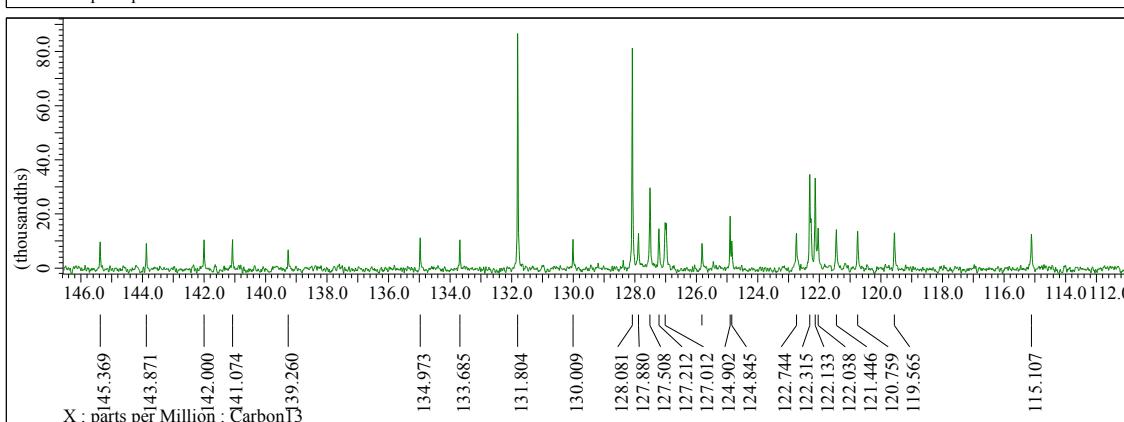
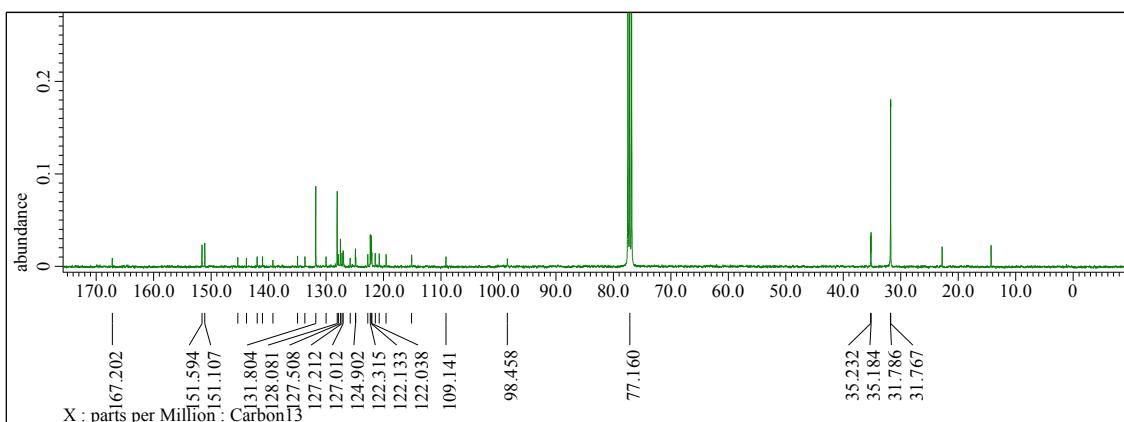
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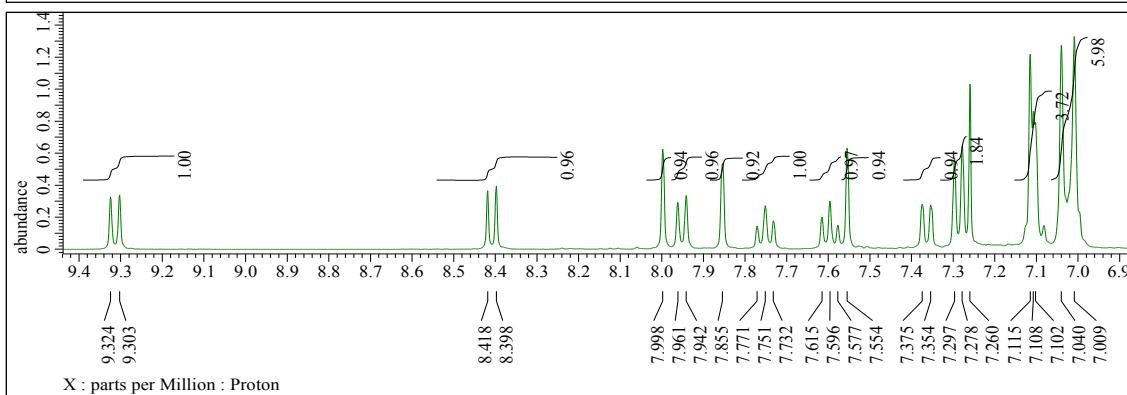
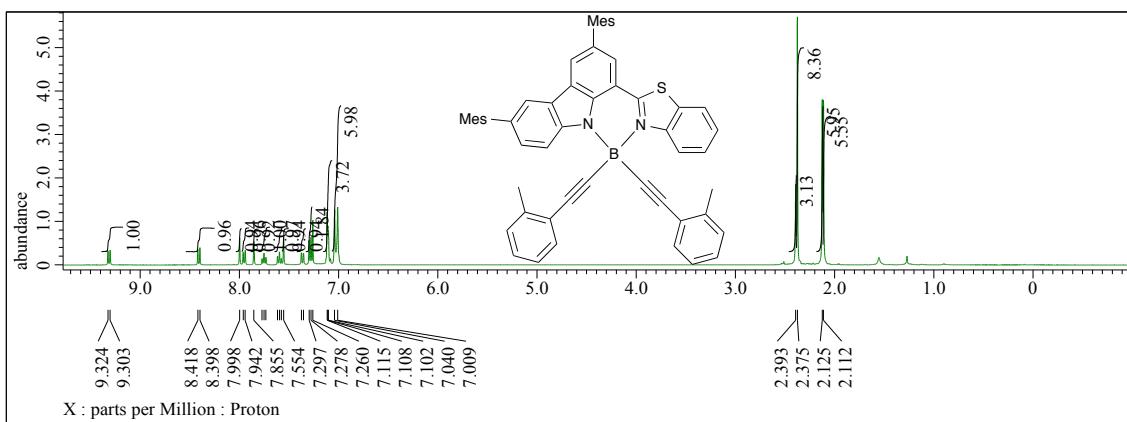
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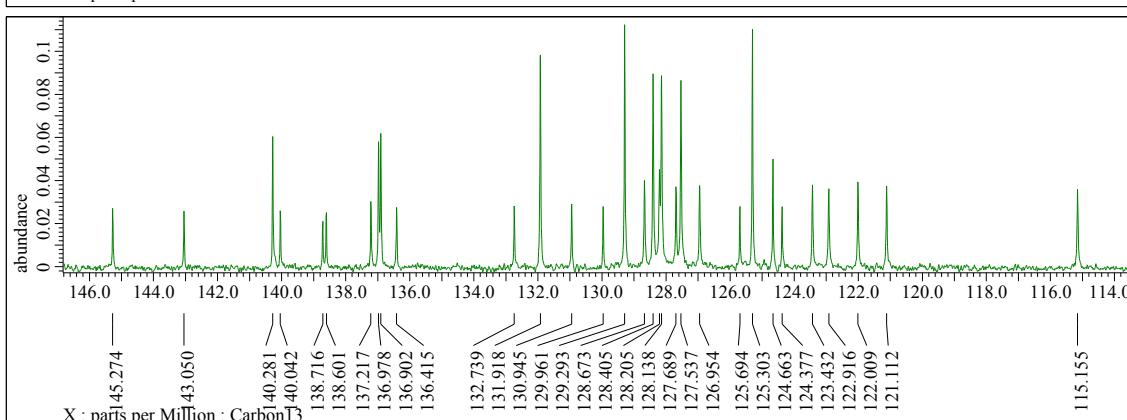
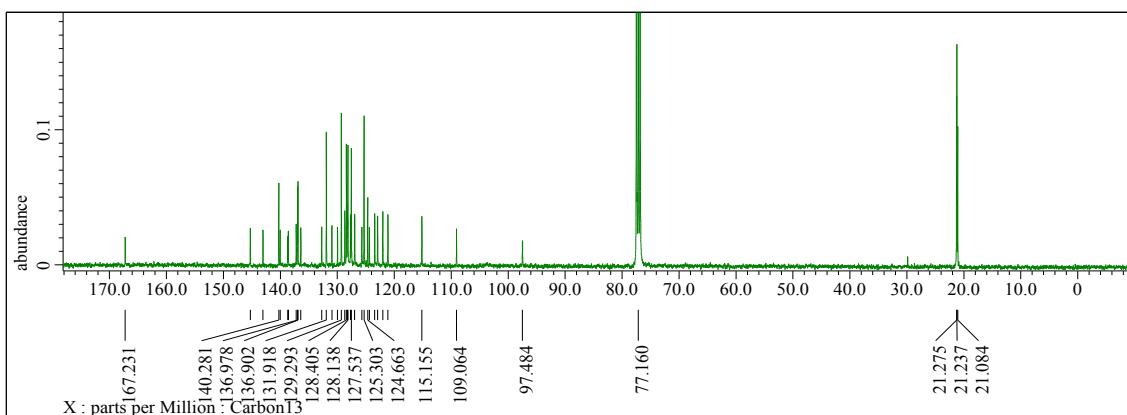
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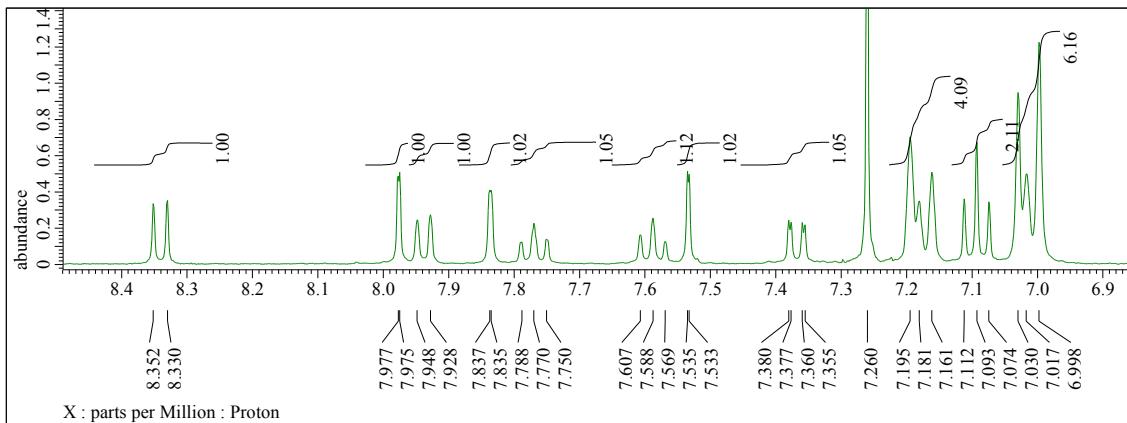
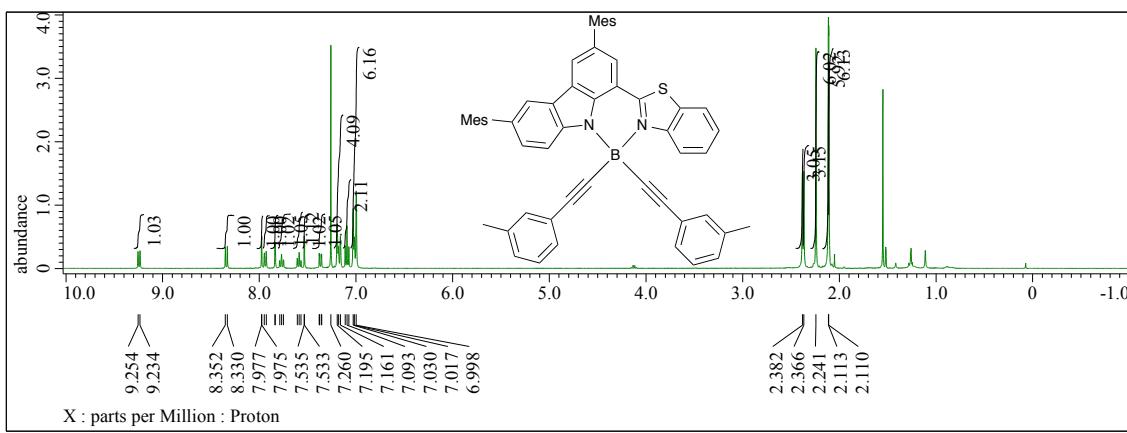
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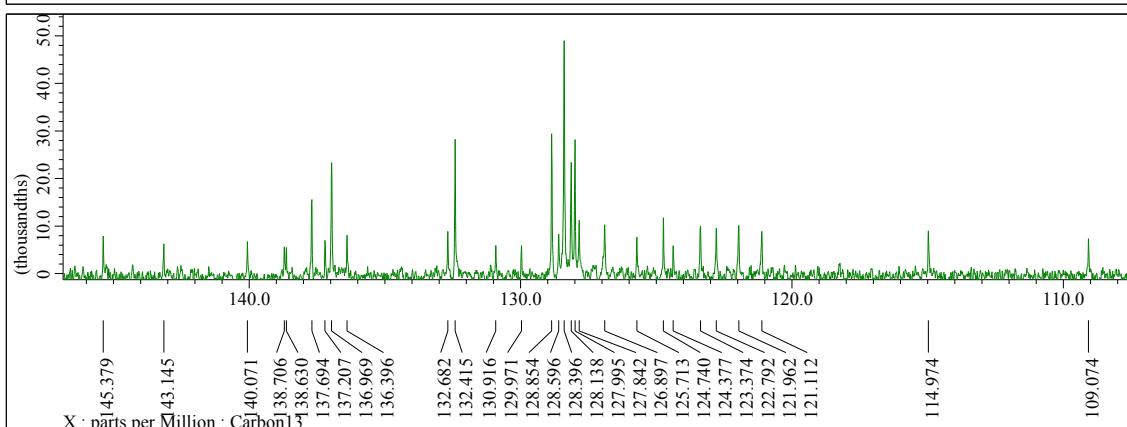
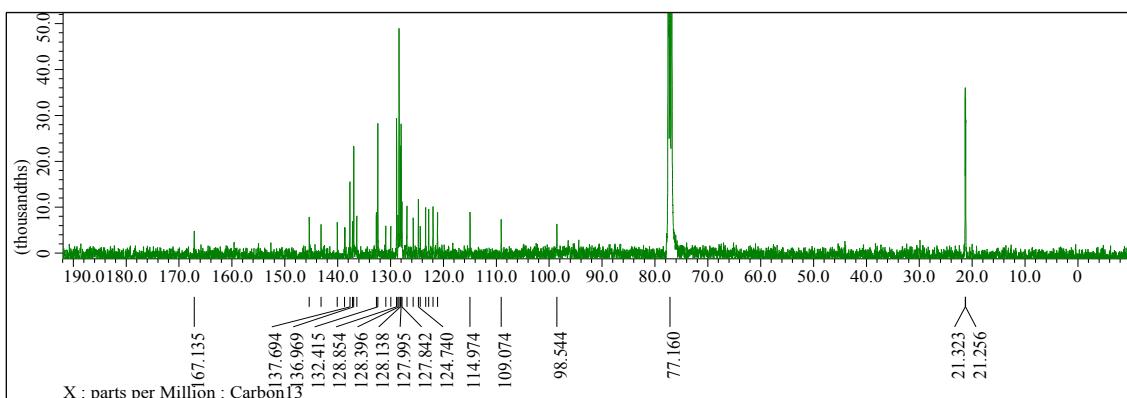
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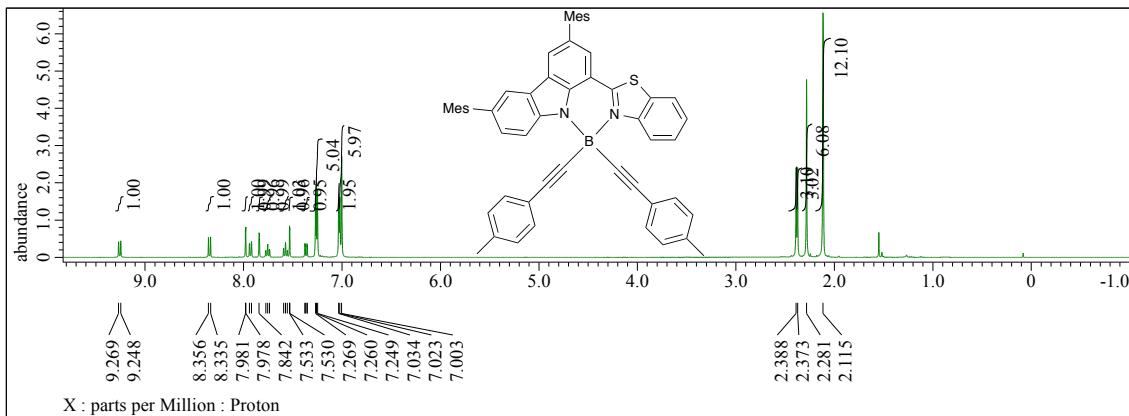
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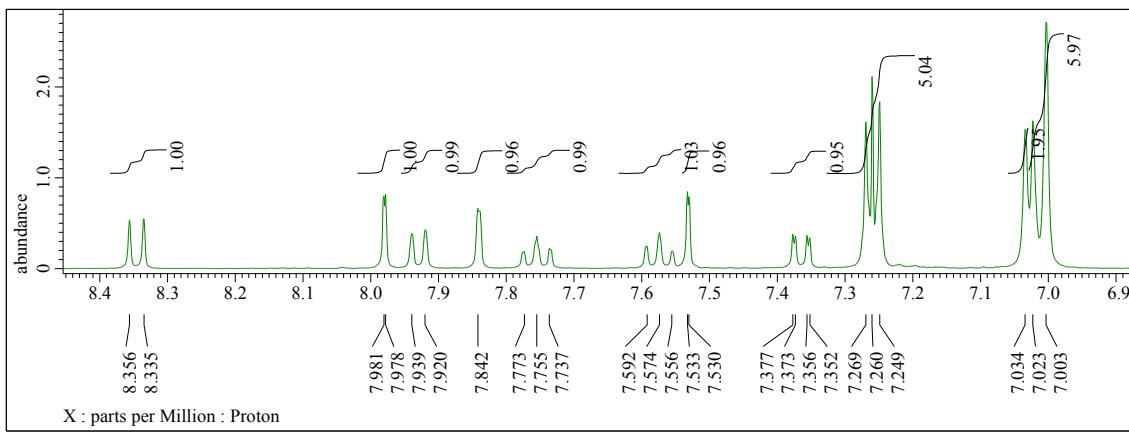
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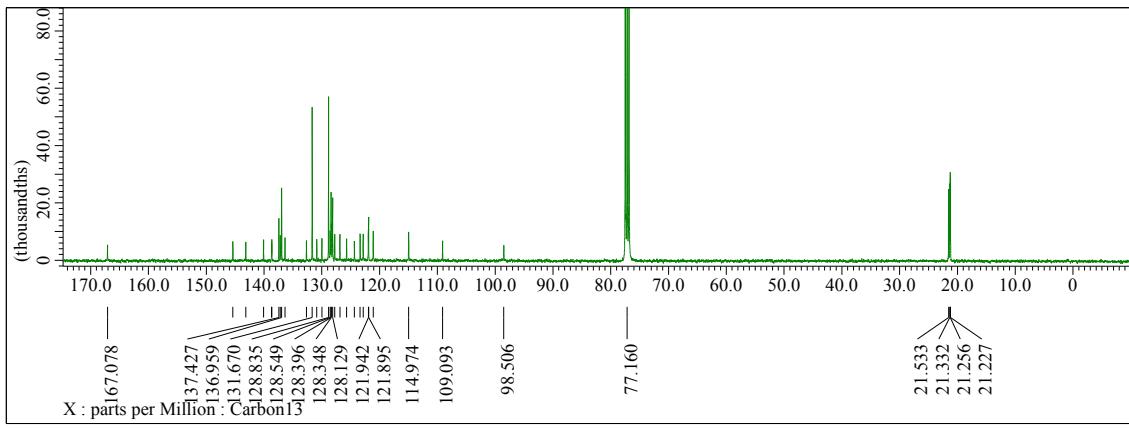


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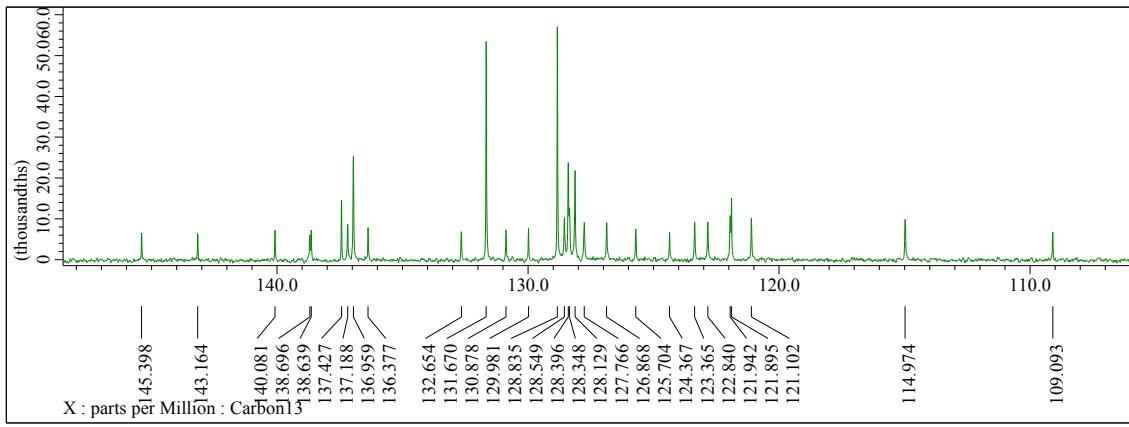


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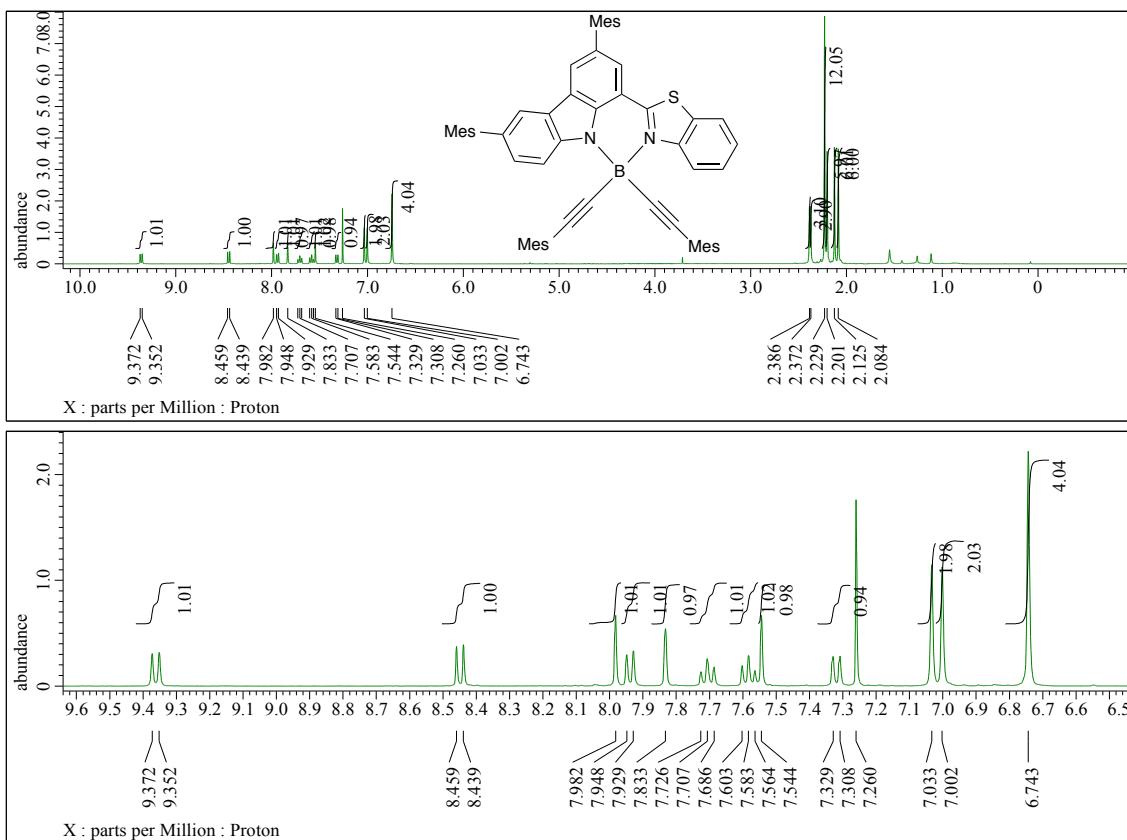


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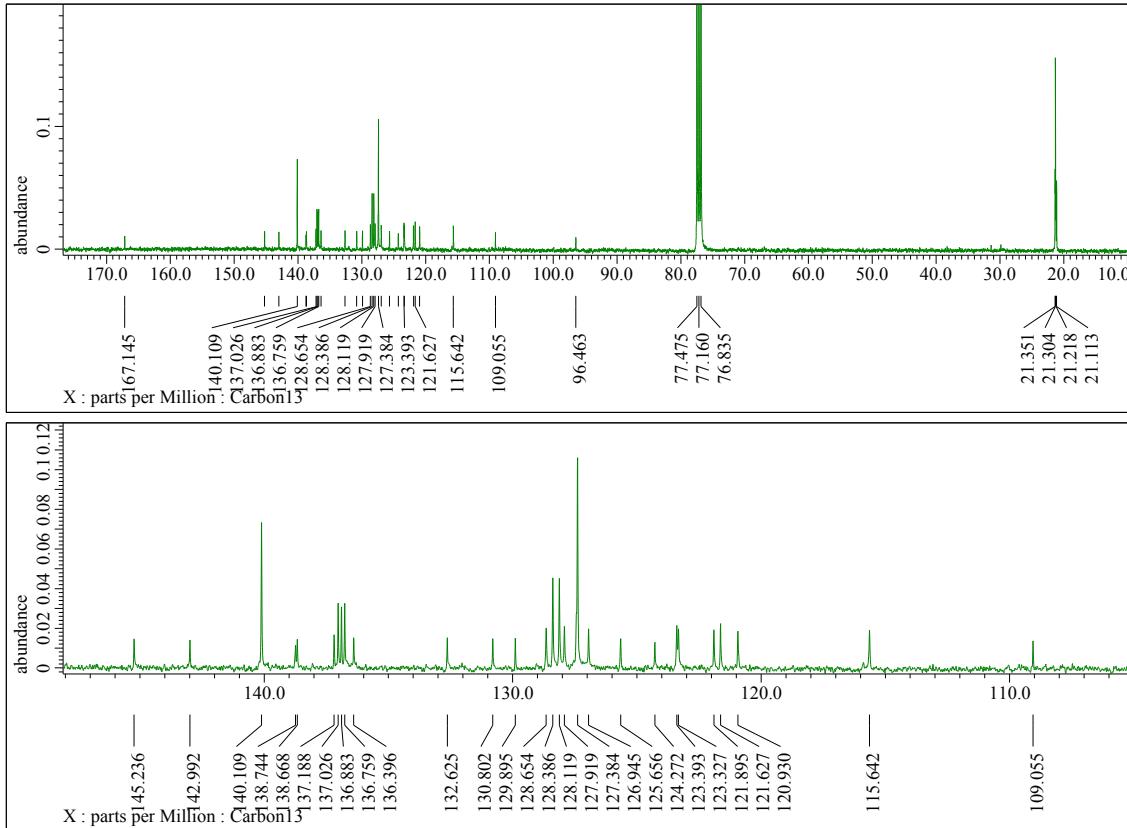


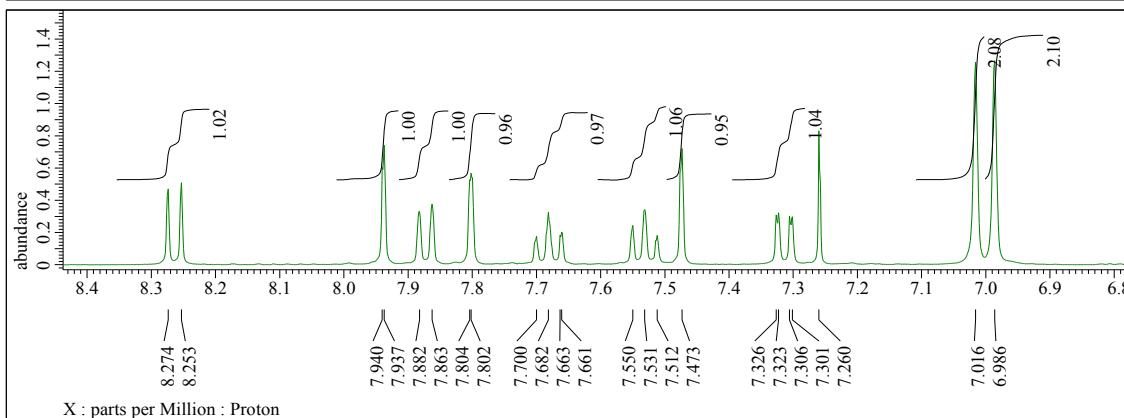
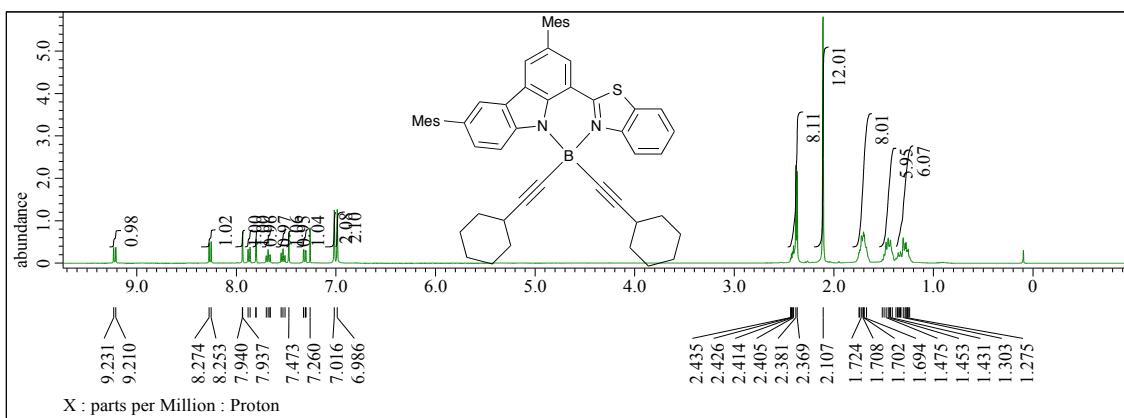
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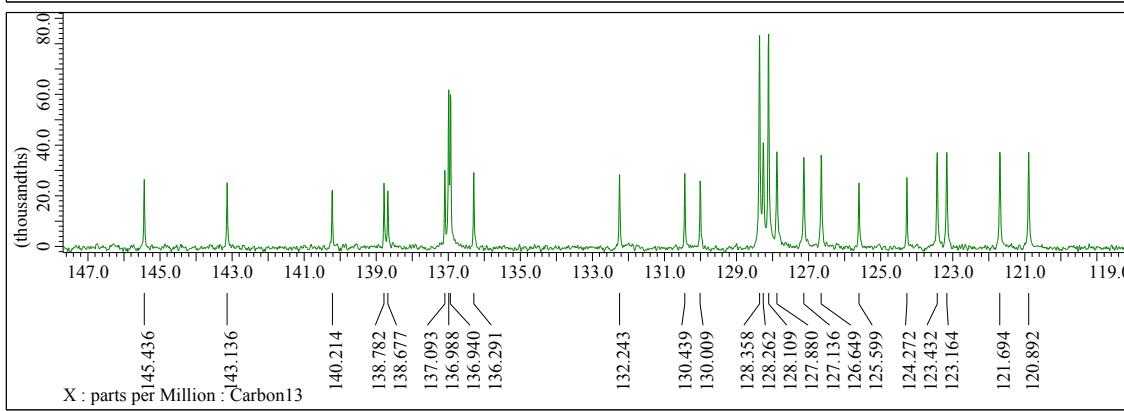
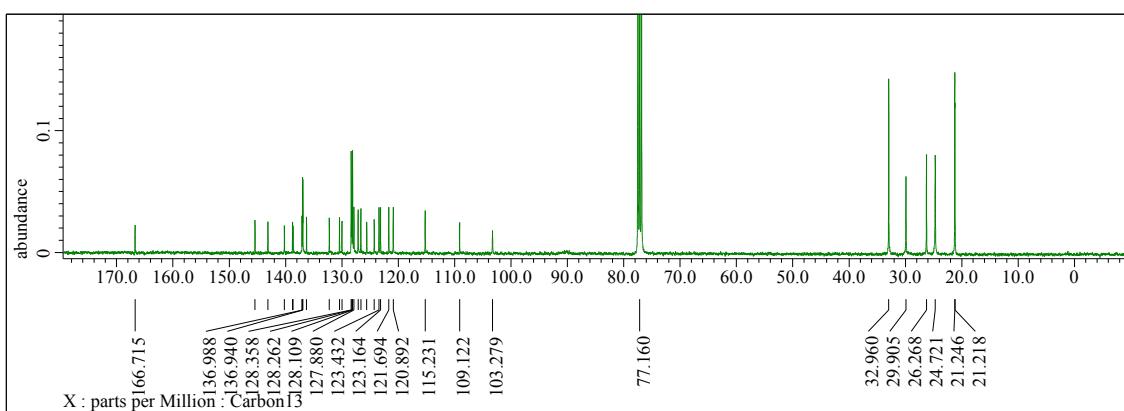


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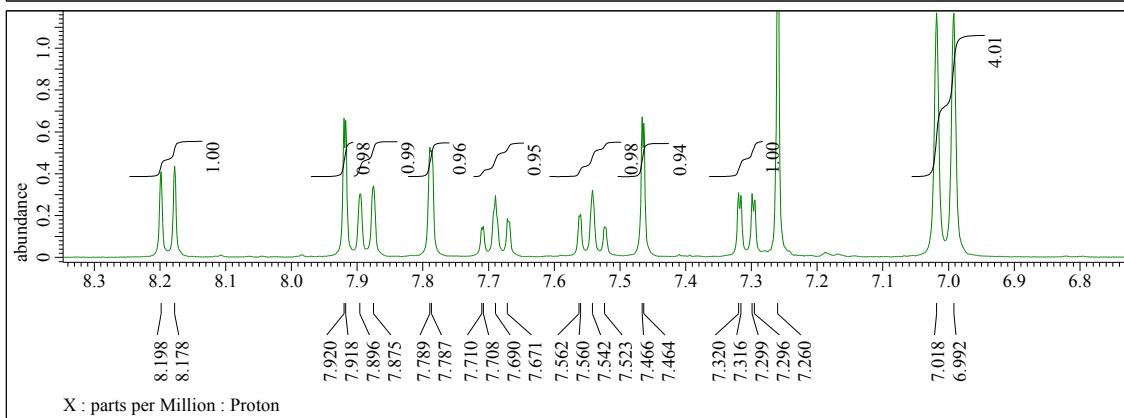
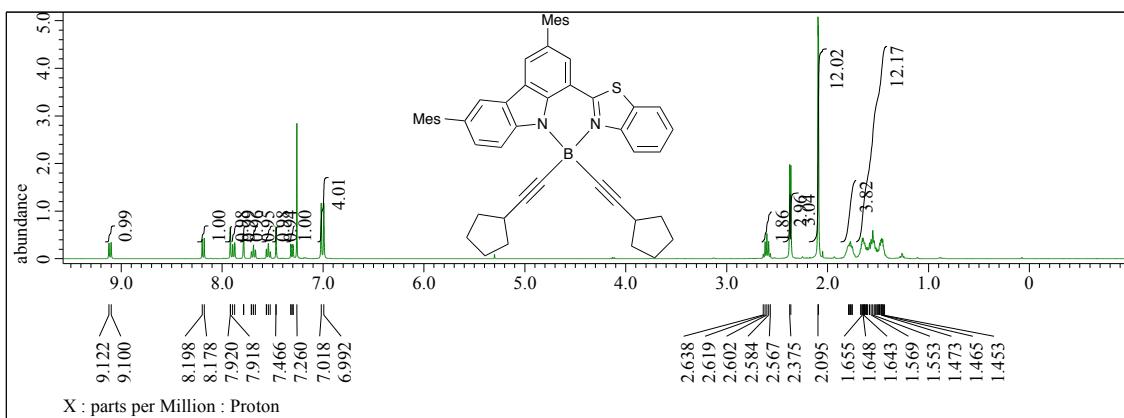




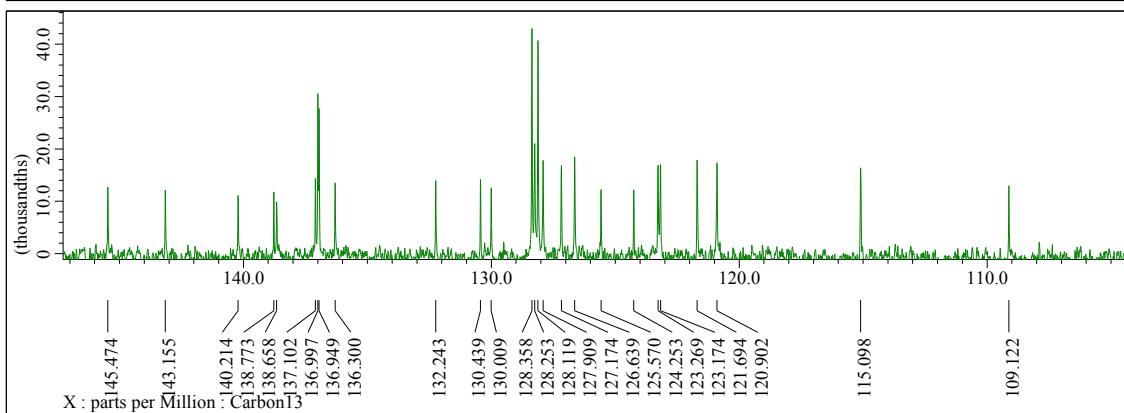
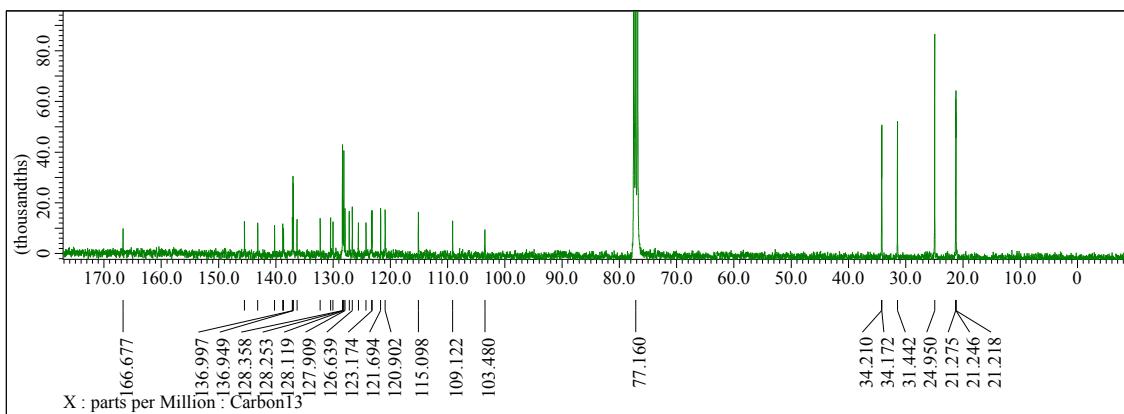
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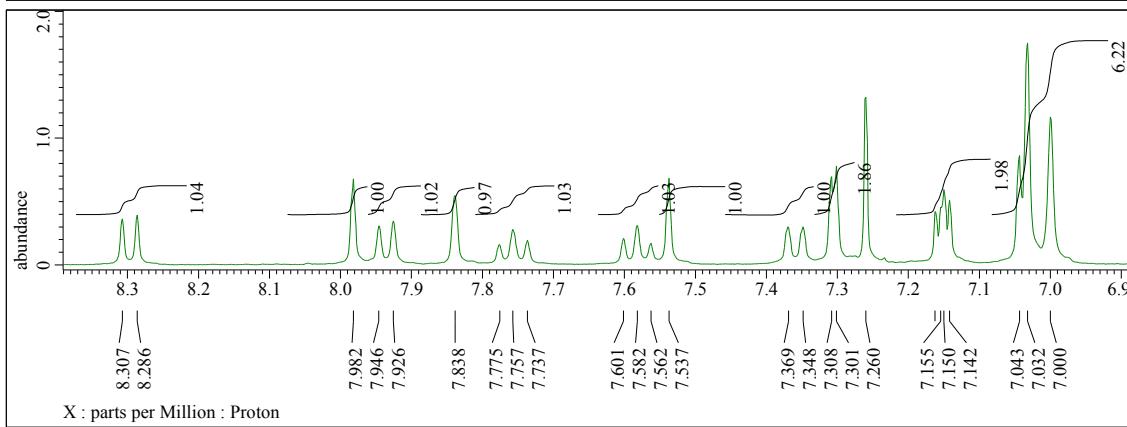
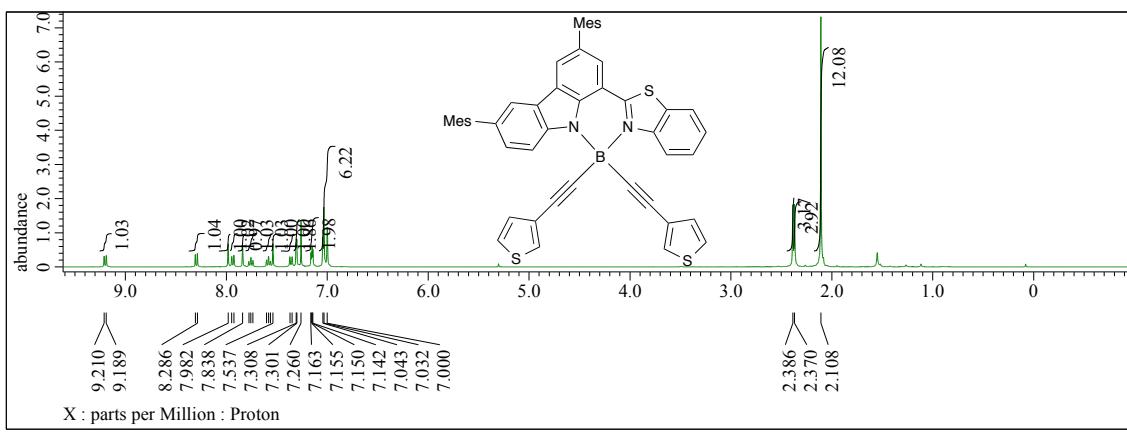
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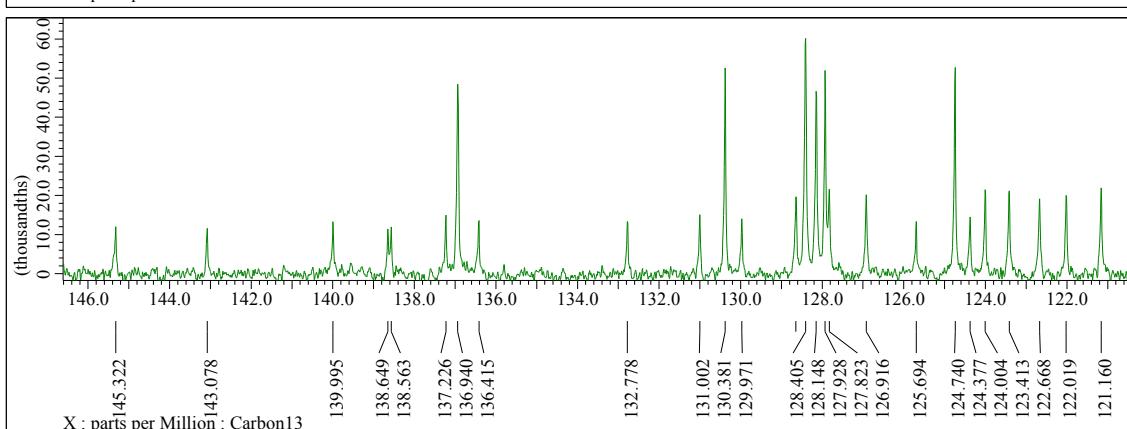
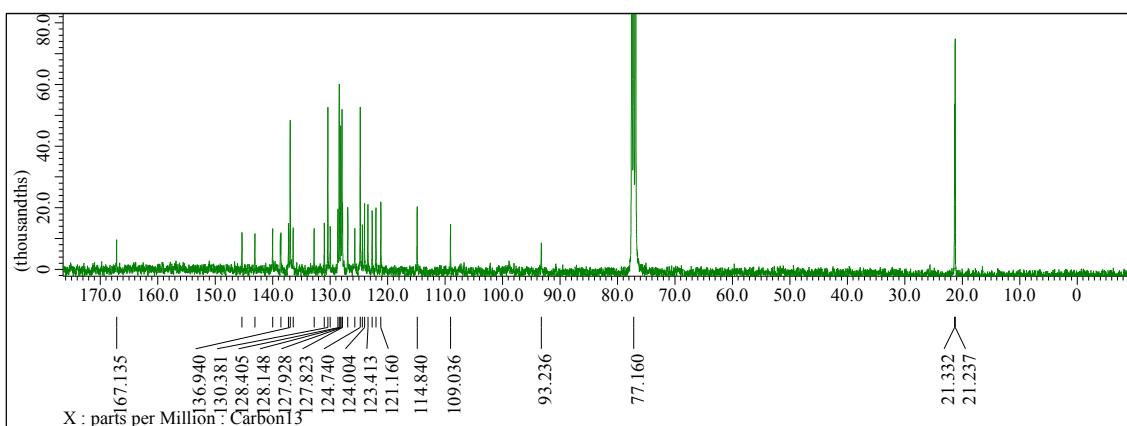
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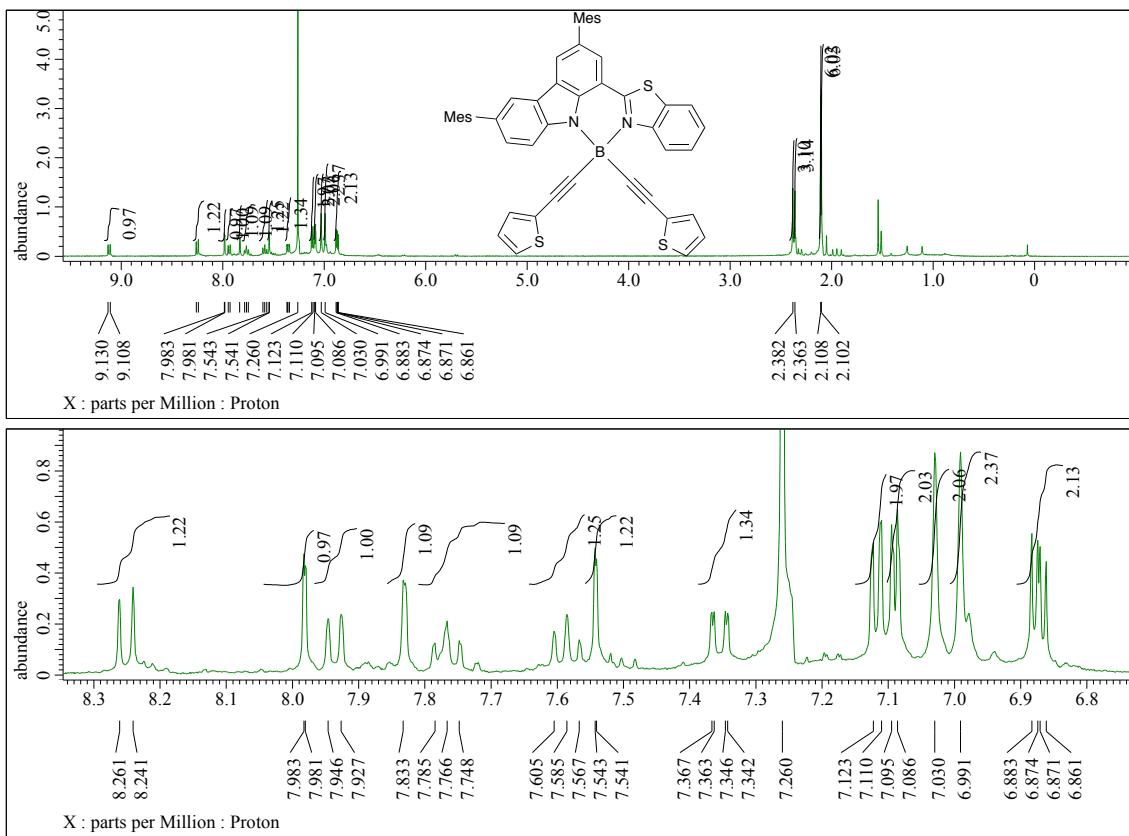
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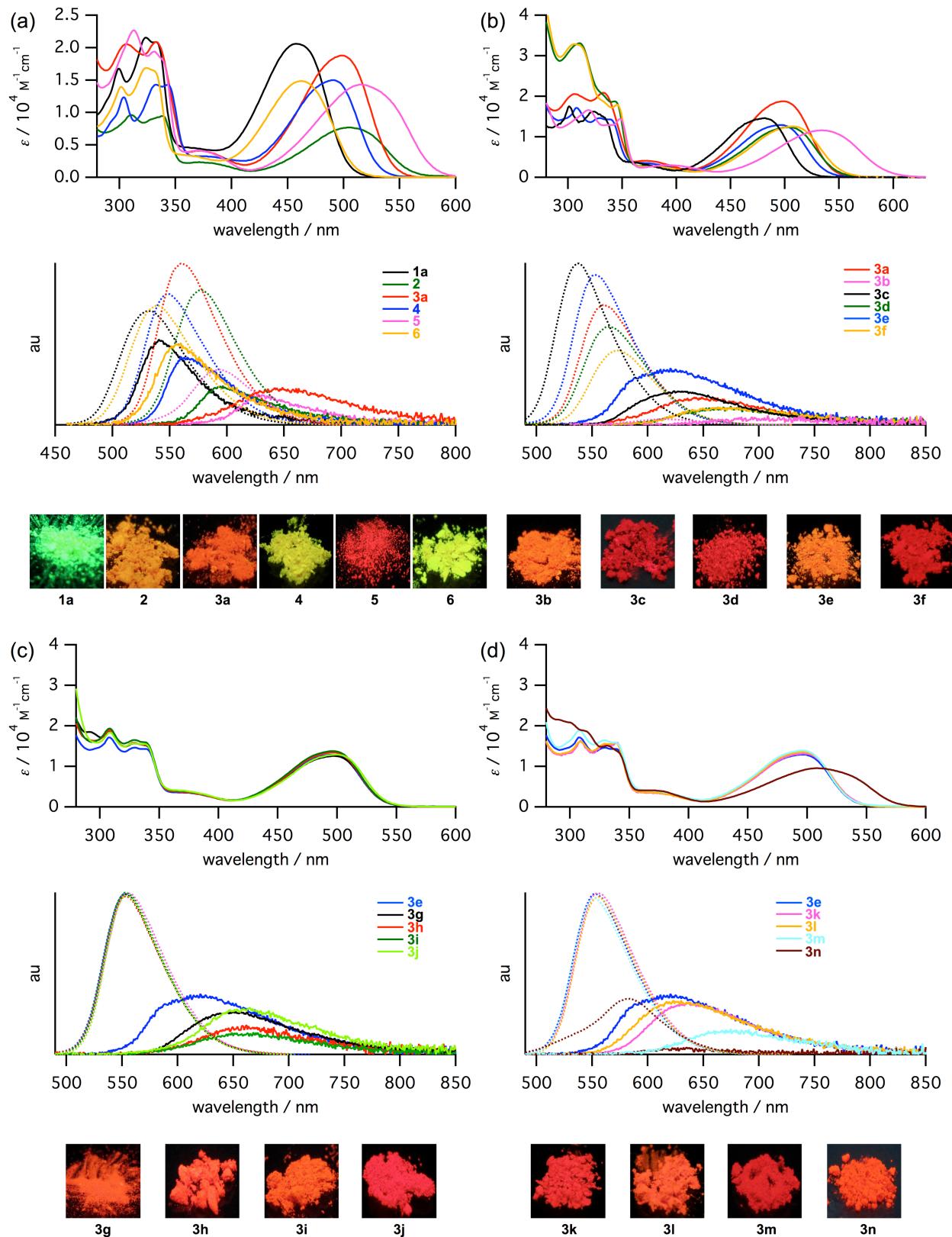


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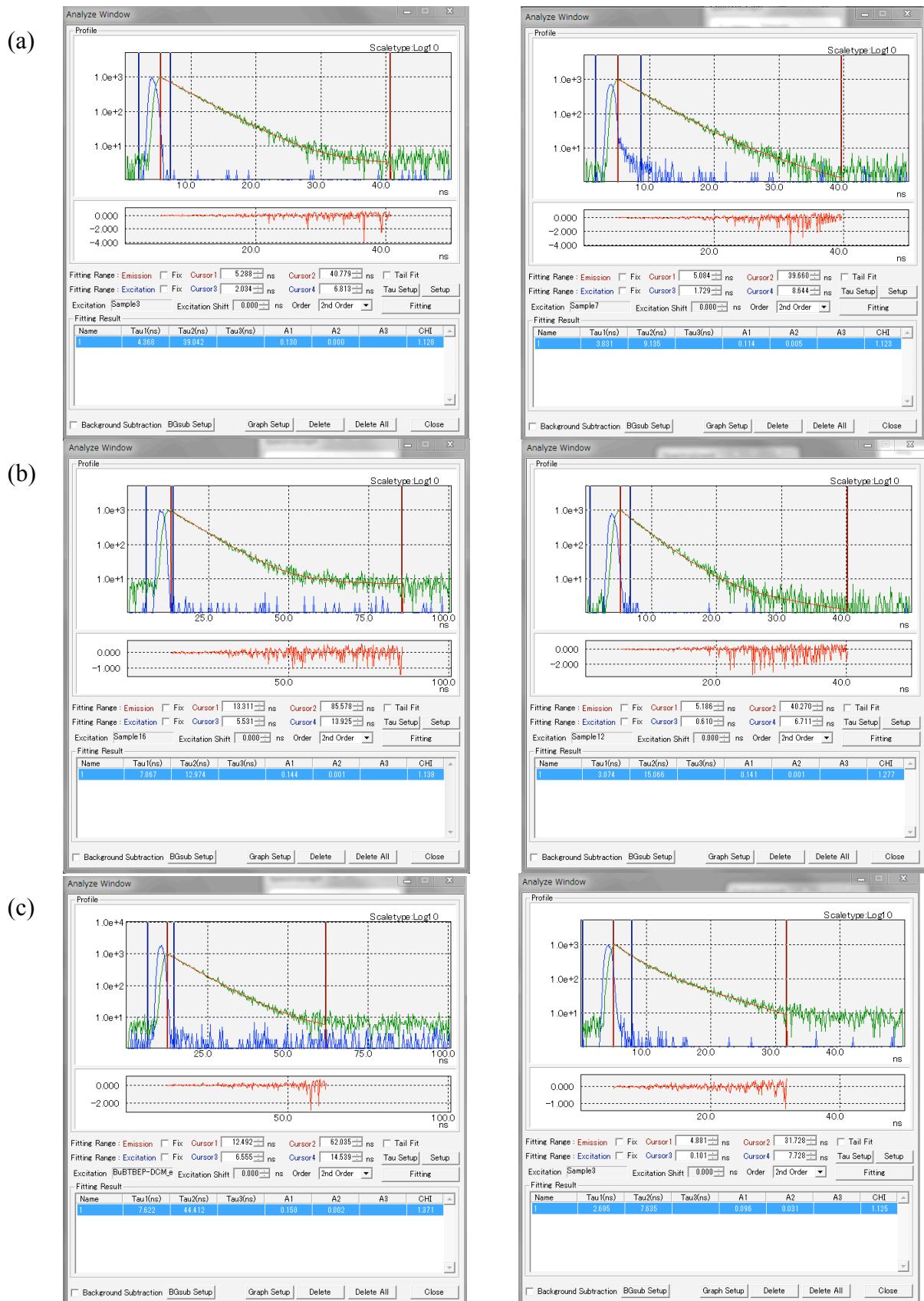
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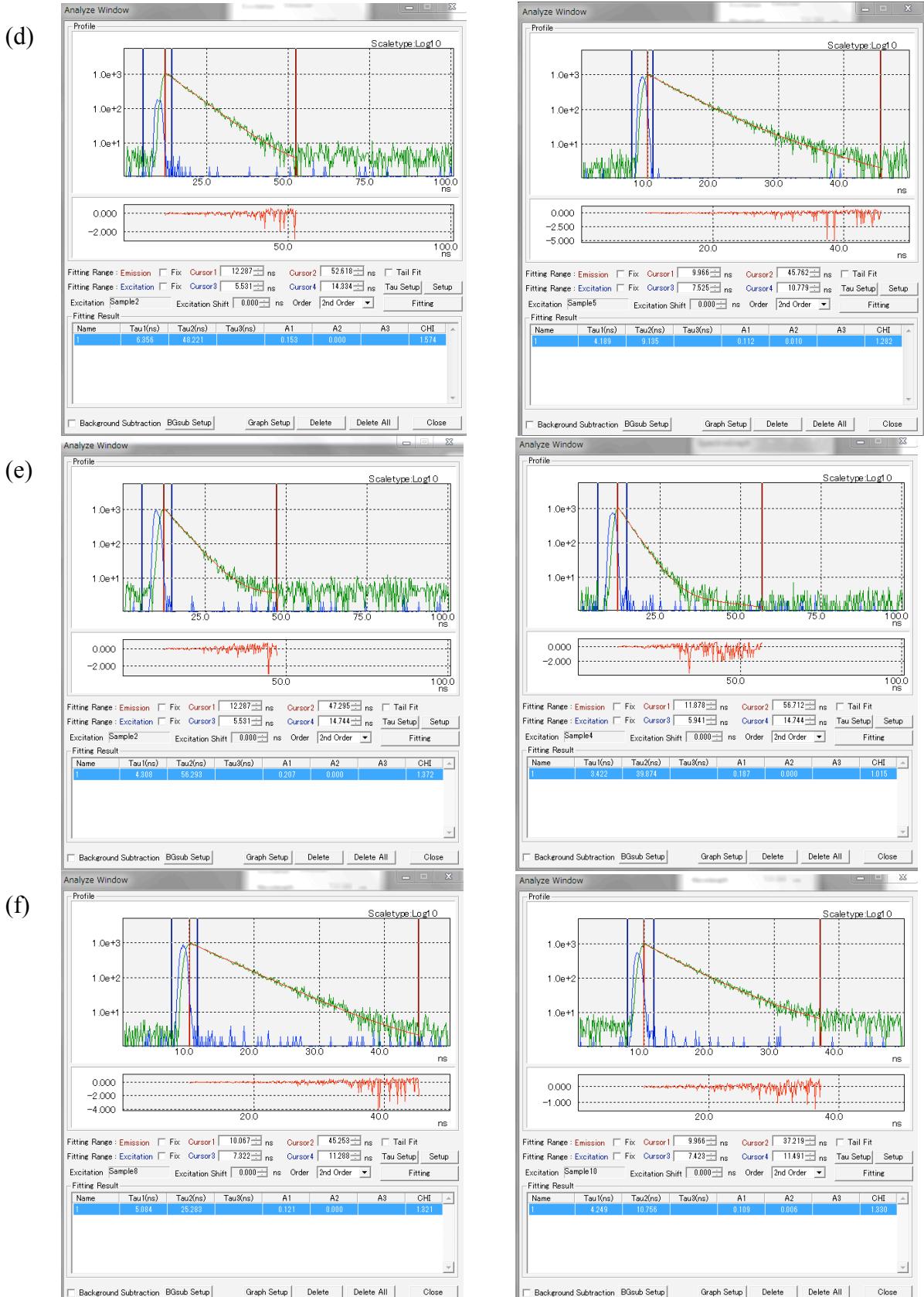
**[D] UV/vis Absorption and Fluorescence Spectra**



**Fig. S1** UV/vis absorption (in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) and fluorescence (in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ : dotted line, in the solid state: solid line) spectra of (a) 1–6, (b) 3a–f, (c) 3g–j and (d) 3k–n. Photographic images of the powdered compounds under black light ( $\lambda = 365$  nm) are shown.

## [E] Fluorescence Lifetime





**Fig. S2** Fluorescence decay analyses of (a) **1a**, (b) **2**, (c) **3a**, (d) **4**, (e) **5** and (f) **6** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (left) and in the solid state (right)

## [F] X-ray Crystal Structures

Single crystals of **2**, **3a**, **4**, **3b**, **3e** and **3f** were obtained by the vapor diffusion method (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane for **2** and **3b**, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/octane for **3a**, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH for **4** and **3e**, and CHCl<sub>3</sub>/hexane for **3f**). X-ray data at 93 K were taken on a Rigaku-Raxis-RAPID imaging plate system with Cu- $\text{K}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54187 \text{ \AA}$ ), and structures were processed and refined by CrystalStructure and Yadokari. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and the hydrogen atoms were calculated in ideal positions.

**Crystallographic data for 2:** formula: C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub>·C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>,  $M_w = 662.74$ , monoclinic, space group P2<sub>1</sub>/a,  $a = 10.337(2)$ ,  $b = 25.595(5)$ ,  $c = 14.097(3) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 97.574(5)^\circ$ ,  $V = 3697.2(13) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.191 \text{ gcm}^{-3}$ ,  $T = -180 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 23880 measured reflections, 6549 unique reflections ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0336$ ),  $R_1 = 0.0568$  ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ),  $wR_2 = 0.1593$  (all data), GOF = 1.048.

**Crystallographic data for 3a:** formula: C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub>·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $M_w = 709.54$ , triclinic, space group P-1,  $a = 12.213(4)$ ,  $b = 13.215(7)$ ,  $c = 13.236(9) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 119.751(18)$ ,  $\beta = 96.382(14)$ ,  $\gamma = 91.1942(13)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1836.0(17) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 2$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.283 \text{ gcm}^{-3}$ ,  $T = -180 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 22400 measured reflections, 5715 unique reflections ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0695$ ),  $R_1 = 0.0451$  ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ),  $wR_2 = 0.1261$  (all data), GOF = 1.056.

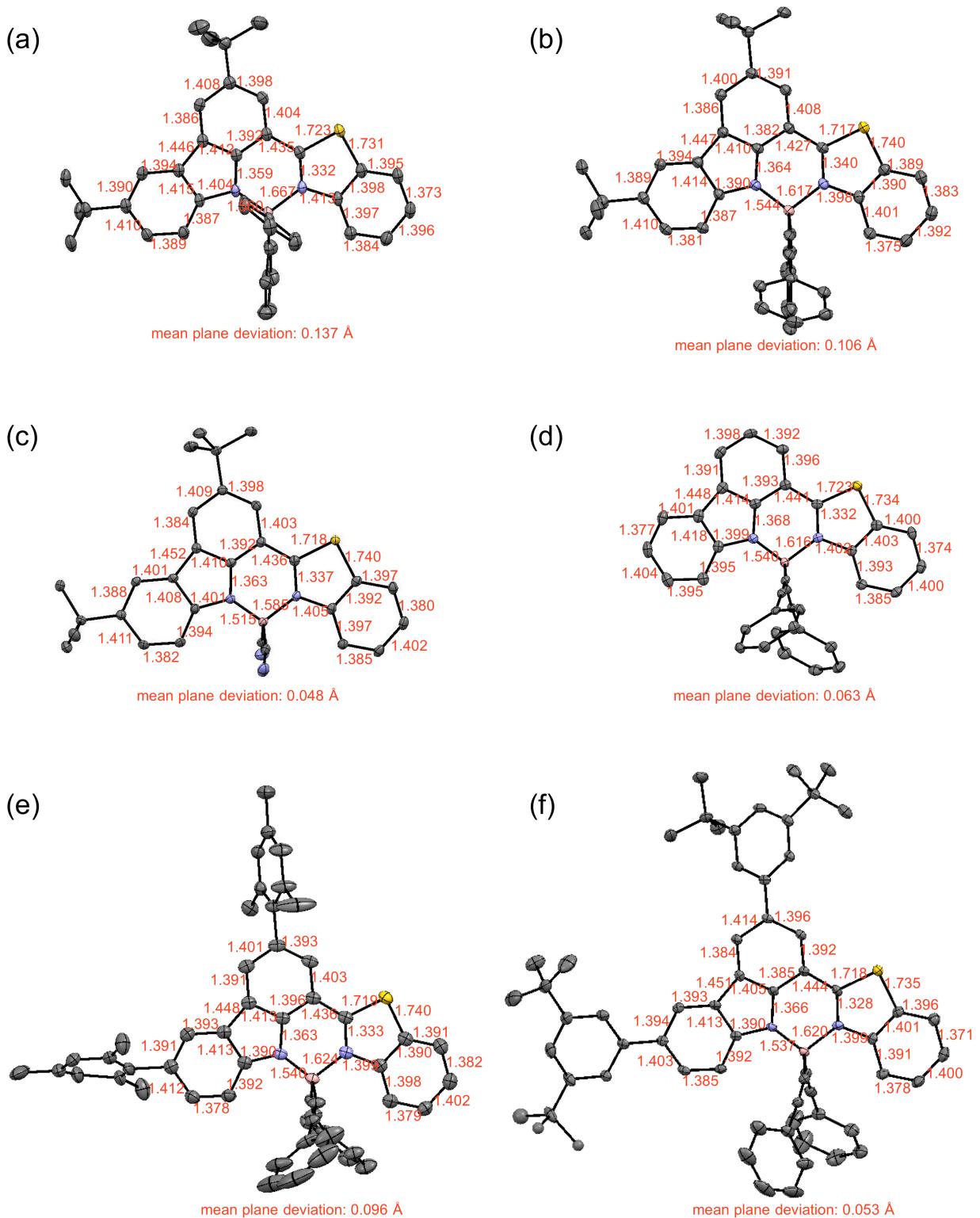
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**Crystallographic data for 3b:** formula: C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub>·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $M_w = 597.33$ , triclinic, space group P-1,  $a = 10.523(3)$ ,  $b = 11.578(3)$ ,  $c = 12.402(6) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 97.230(11)$ ,  $\beta = 102.026(15)$ ,  $\gamma = 100.544(3)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1431.6(9) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 2$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.386 \text{ gcm}^{-3}$ ,  $T = -180 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 17192 measured reflections, 4602 unique reflections ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0406$ ),  $R_1 = 0.0351$  ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ),  $wR_2 = 0.0929$  (all data), GOF = 1.051.

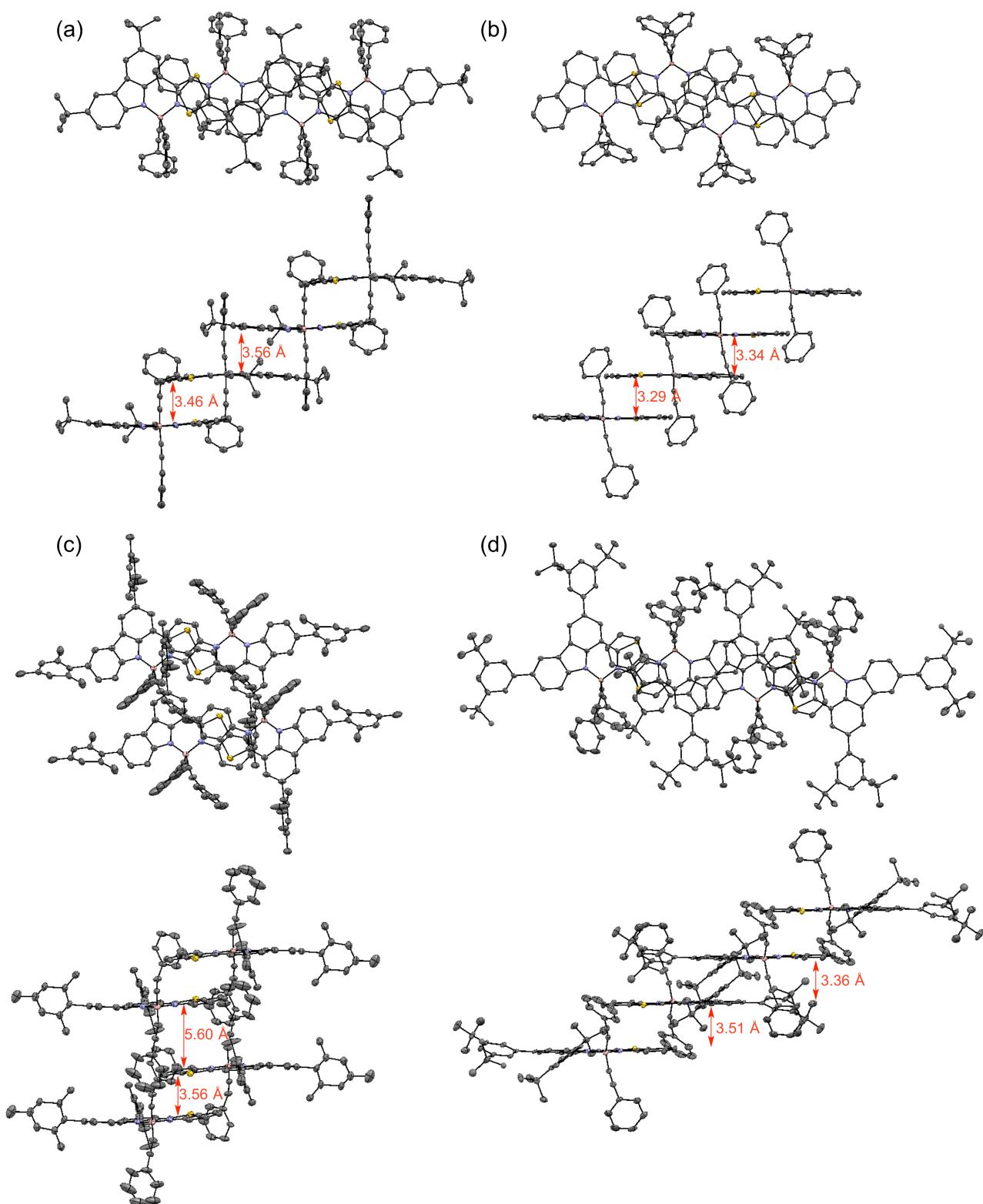
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**Crystallographic data for 3f:** formula: C<sub>63</sub>H<sub>61</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub>·2(CHCl<sub>3</sub>),  $M_w = 1127.74$ , triclinic, space group P-1,  $a = 11.908(4)$ ,  $b = 13.971(6)$ ,  $c = 17.856(7) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 100.643(12)$ ,  $\beta = 92.2079(10)$ ,  $\gamma = 92.499(16)^\circ$ ,  $V = 2913(2) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 2$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.286 \text{ gcm}^{-3}$ ,  $T = -180 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 35282 measured reflections, 9820 unique reflections ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0702$ ),  $R_1 = 0.0619$  ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ),  $wR_2 = 0.1859$  (all data), GOF = 1.009.

CCDC 1536630 (**2**), 1536632 (**3a**), 1536633 (**4**), 1536631 (**3b**), 1536634 (**3e**) and 1536635 (**3f**) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper.



**Fig. S3** Crystal structures of (a) **2**, (b) **3a**, (c) **4**, (d) **3b**, (e) **3e** and (f) **3f**. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Selected bond distances (Å) are shown. Mean plane deviations are calculated for the atoms excluding the peripheral substituents.



**Fig. S4** Crystal packing of (a) **3a**, (b) **3b**, (c) **3e** and (d) **3f**. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Intermolecular distances are shown between the mean planes of the molecules, excluding the peripheral substituents.